

# Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp

## Curriculum Vitae

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Advancing medicine through data-driven approaches.

### First Author Nature Medicine Publication:

Developed a predictive model using smartwatch data to identify Parkinson's seven years before clinical diagnosis in the general population, outperforming existing markers.

### Proficient with a diverse range of data:

Completed projects using data from genetics, biospecimen, brain imaging, digital sensors, clinical assessments, and EHRs.

### Rapid Research Output:

Authored five first-author articles and contributed to three additional publications within three years.

## Education

- 01/04/2021–04/25/2024 **Ph.D. passed without corrections, Cardiff University,**  
Thesis: "Addressing Parkinson's Disease Risk Analysis, Early Diagnosis, Progression, and Stratification using Data-Driven Approaches in Deeply Phenotyped Cohorts" *Prof. Dr. Caleb Webber & Dr. Cynthia Sandor,*  
Biomarkers, Machine Learning, High Performance Computing
- initiated projects on digital biomarkers leading to three publications
  - compared risk prediction models based on biological, clinical, and digital data
  - performed longitudinal data analysis with mixed models and assessed prognostic value
  - conducted quantitative comparison of data-driven Parkinson's disease subtypes
- 10/01/2018–11/06/2020 **Cognitive Science M.Sc. first-class, University of Tübingen,**  
Thesis: "Building a trajectory model of cognitive and motor aging: exploring predictors in large-scale, longitudinal data of elderly using machine learning techniques" *Prof. Dr. Philipp Berens & Dr. Fabian Sinz,*  
Statistical and Probabilistic Machine Learning, Computational Psychiatry, Data Literacy
- 10/01/2015–09/26/2018 **Cognitive Science B.Sc. first-class, University of Osnabrück,**  
Thesis: "Analyzing event-related potentials in 8-channel EEG data using machine learning methods" *Prof. Dr. Gordon Pipa & M.Sc. Olivera Stojanovic,*  
Linear Algebra, Statistics, Algorithms and Data Structures, Neurobiology, Neuropsychology
- 10/01/2017–02/28/2018 Semester abroad with Erasmus at KU Leuven, Belgium.

## Achievements

- Awards
- runner-up for PGR student of the year 2023
  - best talk award at UKDRI PD ECR meeting 2023
  - runner-up for research proposal at UCL biomarker course 2022
  - Master's thesis nominated for ILW Förderpreis 2020/21

- Engagement
- invited talk at Parkinson's awareness Day 2023 and Wales RIG 2024
  - newspaper and radio interviews including BBC news
  - participated in Neurohack 2022 with a project on dementia diagnosis

## Skills

- Programming python (pandas, scikit-learn, pytorch), R (lme4, brms), Matlab (SPM), git, bash
- Domain Knowledge Parkinson's disease, digital health technologies
- Data Handling digital sensors, brain imaging, genetics, electronic health records

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## Experience

- 09/03/2024–today **Postdoctoral Scholar**, *UCSF: Bakar Computational Health Sciences Institute*  
electronic medical records, real-world evidence
- 07/01/2024–08/02/2024 **Research Associate**, *Imperial College London: Translational Machine Intelligence Lab*  
digital risk score for Parkinson's disease, large language model for scientific publications
- 01/15/2024–06/30/2024 **Research Assistant**, *Imperial College London: Translational Machine Intelligence Lab*  
digital risk score for Parkinson's disease, digital monitoring of non-motor symptoms
- 10/01/2019–04/30/2020 **Laboratory Internship**, *University of Tübingen: NeuroMADLAB*  
performed a mega-analysis of resting-state fMRI data for depression classification.
- 03/01/2019–03/01/2020 **Research Assistant**, *University of Tübingen: Methods of Machine Learning*  
prepared L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>Xscripts for two courses.
- 10/01/2016–04/01/2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Osnabrück: Department of Computer Science*  
tutored the course Algorithms and Data Structures.

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## Publications

### Peer-reviewed Journals

1. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Neil A Harrison, Kathryn J Peall, Cynthia Sandor, "Wearable movement-tracking data identify Parkinson's disease years before clinical diagnosis", *Nature Medicine* (2023), Springer Science and Business Media LLC. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-023-02440-2>.
2. Joshua Stevenson-Hoare, **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Cynthia Sandor, John Hardy, Valentina Escott-Price, "New cases of dementia are rising in elderly populations in Wales", *Journal of the Neurological Sciences* (2023), Elsevier BV. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jns.2023.120715>.
3. Cynthia Sandor, Stephanie Millin, Andrew Dahl, **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Michael Lawton, Leon Hubbard, Nabila Rahman, Nigel Williams, Yoav Ben-Shlomo, Donald G. Grosset, Michele T. Hu, Jonathan Marchini, Caleb Webber, "Universal clinical Parkinson's disease axes identify a major influence of neuroinflammation", *Genome Medicine* (2022), Springer Science and Business Media LLC. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13073-022-01132-9>.
4. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Nabila Rahman, Jimena Monzón-Sandoval, Cynthia Sandor, "Deep phenotyping for precision medicine in Parkinson's disease", *Disease Models & Mechanisms* (2022), The Company of Biologists. <https://doi.org/10.1242/dmm.049376>.
5. Claire L. MacIver, Grace Bailey, Pedro Luque Laguna, Megan E. Wadon, **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Cynthia Sandor, Derek K. Jones, Chantal M. W. Tax, Kathryn J. Peall, "Macro- and micro-structural insights into primary dystonia: a UK Biobank study", *Journal of Neurology* (2023), Springer Science and Business Media LLC. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00415-023-12086-2>.

### Pre-prints

1. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Neil A. Harrison, Kathryn J. Peall, Cynthia Sandor, "Digital markers from smartwatch data relate to non-motor clinical examinations of Parkinson's disease", *medRxiv* (2023), 10.1101/2023.09.12.23295406.
2. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Kathryn J. Peall, Neil A. Harrison, Valentina Escott-Price, Cynthia Sandor, "Leveraging long-term smartwatch data to inform Parkinson's disease progression, subtypes, and risk", *medRxiv* (2023), 10.1101/2023.09.13.23295404.
3. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Stefanie Lerche, ..., Kathrin Brockmann, Fabian H Sinz, "Machine learning-based personalized composite score dissects risk and protective factors for cognitive and motor function in elderly", *medRxiv* (2022), . <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.11.18.22282498>.

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## Conferences

### Conference Talks

1. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, "Early detection and monitoring of Parkinson's disease", *UKDRI PD ECR meeting* (2023). Best talk award.
2. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, "Seeing Parkinson's disease coming", *Connectome* (2022). Invited talk.

## Conference Posters

1. Marirena Bafaloukou, **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Cynthia Sandor, Ramin Nilforooshan, Payam Barnaghi, "Predicting incident dementia in the UK Biobank with smartwatches", *Alzheimer's Association International Conference* (2024).
2. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Neil A Harrison, Kathryn J Peall, Valentina Escott-Price, Payam Barnaghi, Cynthia Sandor, "Identifying diverse agitation profiles in dementia: Insights from longitudinal in-home monitoring data", *Alzheimer's Association International Conference* (2024).
3. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Neil A Harrison, Kathryn J Peall, Cynthia Sandor, "Seeing Parkinson's disease coming", *Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Biological Data Science conference* (2022).
4. **Ann-Kathrin Schalkamp**, Cynthia Sandor, "Genetics of Parkinson's disease: clinical diagnosis vs molecular imaging", *European Society of Human Genetics Conference* (2022).

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## References

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