Emily L. Hunt – Curriculum Vitae

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Education & Employment

2025-29, Postdoc, University of Vienna, Austria

2025-25, Postdoc, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Germany

2023-24, Postdoc, Heidelberg University, Germany

Ph.D. 2023, Heidelberg University, Germany

Thesis: "Improving the census of open clusters in the Milky Way with data from Gaia" Advisor: S. Reffert

M.Phys. 2019, University of Bath, United Kingdom

Thesis: "Inference of photometric galaxy redshifts with a mixture density network"

Advisor: S. Wuyts

Selected Presentations

Colloquium – University of Vienna, Austria	2024
Talk, .Astronomy 12 - Flatiron Institute, New York, NY, USA	2023
Colloquium, Königstuhl Colloquium – MPIA, Heidelberg, Germany	2023
Invited talk, EAS (SS34) - Valencia, Spain	2022
Invited talk, EAS (S32) - Leiden, Netherlands	2021

Open-source software (7)

Bluesky Astronomy feeds – lead developer of astronomy community feeds on Bluesky social network, which are used daily by hundreds of astronomers to interact ocelot – lead developer of an upcoming star cluster analysis Python package

Teaching & Supervision

Machine learning*, MWGaia Dr. Schl., University of Coimbra, Portugal	2024
Astronomy Lab Course, Heidelberg University	2021
Introduction to Astronomy I, Heidelberg University	2020
Co-supervisor of MSc student, Heidelberg University	2020-2021

^{* =} as a primary lecturer

Awards

Ernst Patzer Award for an excellent publication (press release) €2000 - 2023 **University of Bath IMI Undergraduate Research Internship** £2000 - 2018

Selected Outreach

Invited talk – OUTer SPACE, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy	2023
Interviewed for article - Space.com	2021
Interviewed for article - Thrillist.com	2020
Radio interview – Deutschlandfunk (public radio) & Neue Zürcher Zeitung	2020

Meeting organization & service

Co-Chair at EAS 2025: Symposium S3 (Cork, Ireland)	2025
SOC for Roman Galactic Plane Survey Workshop (online)	2025
SOC for .Astronomy 13 (Madrid, Spain)	2024
SOC for .Astronomy 12 (New York, NY, USA)	2023
Reviewer for A&A, AJ, MNRAS	ongoing

Relevant expertise

Programming languages

Python: expert (e.g. numpy, tensorflow, emcee) **JavaScript:** intermediate (Svelte, SvelteKit)

C/C++: intermediate

Java: basic

Tools and scripting languages

Git/GitHub: expert LaTeX: expert

ADQL/SQL: expert

HTML/CSS: intermediate

Languages

English: native speaker **German:** intermediate

Publications

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First author

- 4. **Emily L. Hunt**, Tristan Cantat-Gaudin, Friedrich Anders *et al.* (2025). "The completeness of the open cluster census towards the Galactic anticentre". A&A, 699, A273
- 3. **Emily L. Hunt** and Sabine Reffert (2024). "Improving the open cluster census. III. Using cluster masses, radii, and dynamics to create a cleaned open cluster catalogue". A&A, 686, A42 (77 citations)
- Emily L. Hunt and Sabine Reffert (2023). "Improving the open cluster census. II. An all-sky cluster catalogue with Gaia DR3". A&A, 673, A114 (208 citations)
- Emily L. Hunt and Sabine Reffert (2021). "Improving the open cluster census. I. Comparison of clustering algorithms applied to Gaia DR2 data". A&A, 646, A104 (104 citations)

Co-author

- 5. Alexis L. Quintana, **Emily L. Hunt**, and Hanna Parul (2025). "How many stars form in compact clusters in the local Milky Way?". A&A, accepted
- 4. Richard I. Anderson and **Emily L. Hunt** (2025). "A birds-eye view of stellar evolution through populations of variable stars in Galactic open clusters". A&A, 700, L13
- 3. Sebastian Ratzenböck, João Alves, **Emily L. Hunt** *et. al* (2025). "Toward the fabric of the Milky Way: I. The density of disk streams from a local 250³ pc³ volume". A&A, 694, A307
- Dane Spaeth, Sabine Reffert, Emily L. Hunt et. al (2024). "Non-radial oscillations mimicking a brown dwarf orbiting the cluster giant NGC 4349 No. 127". A&A, 689, A91
 - (2 citations)
- Cameren Swiggum et. al (incl. Emily L. Hunt) (2024). "Most nearby young star clusters formed in three massive complexes". Nature, 661, 8019, p.49-53 (13 citations)