

Emily L. Hunt – Curriculum Vitae

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Research Profile

Astronomer with interests in machine learning and statistics. Highly skilled programmer with 10+ years of programming experience. During my Ph.D., I used Gaia data and various machine learning techniques to create the largest ever catalogue of star clusters in the Milky Way. I am looking to work on applications of machine learning to large astronomical datasets such as Gaia, Vera Rubin, and JWST surveys.

Education & Employment

2025, Postdoc, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Germany

2023-2024, 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

Talk , Bridging Scales – Matera, Italy	(upcoming) 2025
Invited talk , EAS (SS45) – Cork, Ireland	2025
Talk , EAS (S1) – Cork, Ireland	2025
Colloquium – ARI, Heidelberg, Germany	2025
Talk , Heidelberg-Harvard Star Formation Workshop – Heidelberg, Germany	2024
Seminar , Stars seminar – Geneva, Switzerland	2024
Talk , MW Methods Workshop – Ringberg, Germany	2024
Invited review , EAS (SS33) – Padova, Italy	2024
Talk , EAS (S4) – Padova, Italy	2024
Invited talk , SFML2024 – Budapest, Hungary	2024
Colloquium – University of Vienna, Austria	2024
Talk , From star clusters to field populations – Florence, Italy	2023
Seminar , CEFCA – Teruel, Spain (online)	2023
Talk , .Astronomy 12 – Flatiron Institute, New York, NY, USA	2023
Colloquium , Königstuhl Colloquium – MPA, Heidelberg, Germany	2023
Talk , National Astronomy Meeting – Coventry, England, UK	2022
Invited talk , EAS (SS34) – Valencia, Spain	2022
Talk , EAS (SS24) – Valencia, Spain	2022

Talk , EAS (SS15) – Valencia, Spain	2022
Talk , LGBTQ+ STEMinar – University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK	2022
Seminar , Galaxy group – ARI, Heidelberg, Germany	2021
Seminar , Astronomy group – University of Hertfordshire, England, UK	2021
Talk , Star Clusters: The Gaia Revolution	2021
Invited talk , EAS (SS32) – Leiden, Netherlands	2021
Talk , EAS (S15) – Leiden, Netherlands	2021
Seminar , SFB 881 – Heidelberg, Germany	2021
Seminar , Gaia group – University of Vienna, Austria	2021
Seminar , Astronomy group – University of Bath, England, UK	2020
Seminar , Milky Way group – MPIA, Heidelberg, Germany	2020

Open-source software

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
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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

Workshops Attended

.Astronomy 13 – ESAC, Madrid, Spain	2024
.Astronomy 12 – Flatiron institute, New York, NY, USA	2023
CZS school on Scientific Machine Learning – Heidelberg, Germany	2023
GaiaUnlimited Community Workshop – Heidelberg, Germany	2022
..Astronomy – online	2020

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