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

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

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 – MPIA, 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 open 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

SOC for .Astronomy 13 (Madrid, Spain)

2024

SOC for .Astronomy 12 (New York, NY, USA)	2023
Reviewer for A&A, 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

HTML/CSS: intermediate

ADQL/SQL: basic

Languages

English: native speaker **German:** intermediate