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I am a professor at the UiT - The arctic university of Norway in Tromsø and at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim. My main interests within the field of cognitive neuroscience are mind wandering, non-invasive brain stimulation, decision making, pupillometry and selective attention. I am also interested in the development of methodological approaches in my field and enjoy computational methods, cognitive modeling, machine-learning and Bayesian statistics.

Education

Dr. phil. University of Frankfurt, Germany
PSYCHOLOGY 21.12.2011

- Thesis: 'Binding and Retrieval of Stimulus-Response Episodes in the Negative Priming Paradigm'
- Grade: Summa cum laude

B. Sc. Institute of Computer Science, University of Göttingen, Germany
COMPUTER SCIENCE 2005/07 - 2008/04

- Thesis: 'Single Trial Estimation and Timewarped Averaging of Event-Related Potentials'

Diploma Department of Psychology, University of Göttingen, Germany
PSYCHOLOGY 2005/07 - 2007/11

- Thesis: 'Negative Priming and Response-Relation: Behavioural and Electroencephalographic Correlates'

Student at the University of Oslo Oslo, Norway
PSYCHOLOGY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE 2004/08 - 2005/06

- Erasmus-Scholarship; studies of computer science and psychology

B. Sc. (equivalent) Department of Psychology, University of Göttingen, Germany
PSYCHOLOGY 2002/09 - 2004/07

- Thesis: 'An Adaptive Approach to Memory-Span Tasks'

High-School Diploma Alexander von Humboldt Gymnasium, Eberswalde, Germany
MAIN SUBJECTS PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS 2002/06

Employments

Professor II Trondheim, Norway
QUANTITATIVE METHODS 2021/03 - present

- Department of Psychology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim

Professor Tromsø, Norway
COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE 2020/09 - present

- Institute of Psychology, University of Tromsø, Tromsø

Associate Professor Tromsø, Norway
COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE 2014/04 - 2020/09

- Institute of Psychology, University of Tromsø, Tromsø

Post-Doctoral Researcher Amsterdam, The Netherlands
COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE 2013/04 - 03/2014

- Cognitive Science Center Amsterdam, Universiteit van Amsterdam
- Supervisor: Prof. Birte Forstmann

Post-Doctoral Researcher Göttingen, Germany
THEORETICAL NEUROSCIENCE 2012/09 - 2013/03

- Max-Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, Göttingen
- Supervisor: Prof. Robert Gütig

PhD-Student

Göttingen, Germany

COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

2008/10 - 2012/01

- Max-Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization, Göttingen
- Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB)
- Doctoral Program: Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience (PTCN)
- Supervisor: Prof. Marcus Hasselhorn

Guest Researcher

Göttingen, Germany

COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

2008/03 - 2008/09

- Max-Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization, Göttingen
- Project: cognitive modelling and data-mining (EEG)

Guest Researcher

Saarbrücken, Germany

COMPUTER GRAPHICS

2007/11 - 2008/02

- Max-Planck Institute for Informatics, Saarbrücken
- Project: optical modelling and psychophysics

Research Assistant

Göttingen, Germany

COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

2005/09 - 2007/10

- Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, Göttingen
- Project: cognitive modelling; psychophysical experiments

Student Assistant

Göttingen, Germany

PSYCHOLOGY

2003/09 - 2004/08

- Department for Developmental Psychology, University of Göttingen
- Duties: computer administration and development of experimental software

Publications

Books

- (76) Mehmetoglu, M. & Mittner, M. (2021). *Applied Statistics Using R*. SAGE. <https://tinyurl.com/svddmm>
- (75) Mehmetoglu, M. & Mittner, M. (2020). *Innføring i R for statistiske dataanalyser*. Universitetsforlaget. <https://tinyurl.com/wx4xbfpc>

Preprints

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Journal articles

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- (71) Alexandersen, A., Dahlberg, K., Csifcsák, G., & Mittner, M. (2025). Unravelling the Threads of Thought: Probing the Impact of Contextual Factors on Mind Wandering. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 131, 103870. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.concog.2025.103870>
- (70) Babiker, S., Luzzi, F., Mittner, M., & Csifcsák, G. (2025). The Interplay Between Experimental Heat Pain and Noninvasive Stimulation of the Medial Prefrontal Cortex on Reinforcement Learning With Manipulated Outcome Contingencies. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 61(7), e70089. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejn.70089>
- (69) Drevland, R. N., Aasen, S. R., Csifcsák, G., & Mittner, M. (2025). Reducing Mind Wandering Using Continuous Theta Burst Stimulation. *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation*, 100181. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.transm.2025.100181>
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- (67) Mittner, M. & Groot, J. M. (2025). A Novel Method for Modeling Tonic and Phasic Pupil Dynamics in Humans. *Behavior Research Methods*, 57(9), 233. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13428-025-02755-7>

- (66) Schultheiss, D. L., Turi, Z., Marmavula, S., Reinacher, P. C., Demerath, T., Straehle, J., Boedecker, J., Mittner, M., & Vlachos, A. (2025). Efficient Prospective Electric Field-Informed Localization of Motor Cortical Targets of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation. *Imaging Neuroscience*. <https://doi.org/10.1162/IMAG.a.1056>
- (65) Vékony, T., Farkas, B. C., Brezóczi, B., Mittner, M., Csifcsák, G., Simor, P., & Németh, D. (2025). Mind Wandering Enhances Statistical Learning. *iScience*, 28(2). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2024.111703>
- (64) Aasen, S. R., Drevland, R. N., Csifcsák, G., & Mittner, M. (2024). Increasing Mind Wandering with Accelerated Intermittent Theta Burst Stimulation over the Left Dorsolateral Prefrontal Cortex. *Neuropsychologia*, 204, 109008. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2024.109008>
- (63) Groot, J. M., Miletic, S., Isherwood, S. J., Tse, D. H. Y., Habli, S., Håberg, A. K., Bazin, P., Mittner, M., & Forstmann, B. U. (2024). A High-Resolution 7 Tesla Resting-State fMRI Dataset Optimized for Studying the Subcortex. *Data in Brief*.
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- (59) Kreis, I., Zhang, L., Mittner, M., Sylva, L., Lamm, C., & Pfuhl, G. (2023). Aberrant Uncertainty Processing Is Linked to Psychotic-like Experiences, Autistic Traits, and Is Reflected in Pupil Dilation during Probabilistic Learning. *Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience*. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13415-023-01088-2>
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- (56) Rasmussen, I. D., Mittner, M., Boayue, N. M., Csifcsák, G., & Aslaksen, P. M. (2023). Tracking the Current in the Alzheimer's Brain - Systematic Differences between Patients and Healthy Controls in the Electric Field Induced by tDCS. *Neuroimage: Reports*, 3(2), 100172. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ynirp.2023.100172>
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- (36) Hetland, A., Kjelstrup, E., Mittner, M., & Vittersø, J. (2019). The Thrill of Speedy Descents: A Pilot Study on Differences in Facially Expressed Online Emotions and Retrospective Measures of Emotions During a Downhill Mountain-Bike Descent. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00566>
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Grants and Scholarships

Research Grants

UiT Talent Infrastructure (4.6 million NOK, ≈ 420,000 EUR)	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COCAMAP: Cognitive causal mapping: Stimulation-based brain-mapping of cognitive functions • acquisition of a robotic system for cognitive causal mapping 	
MSCA-PF (host) (2.4 million NOK, ≈ 210,000 EUR)	2024/25 - 2026/27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling the flow of attention: Transition dynamics of attention and distraction across external and internal domains (MIND-FLOW) • 2 year post-doc project 	
UiT High Score/UiT Talent (3 million NOK, ≈ 350,000 EUR)	2024 - 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neural mechanisms of off-focus cognition • 3 year full-time post-doc project 	
HelseNord project PFP1237_15 (3 million NOK (≈ 350,000 EUR))	2015 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimizing transcranial direct current stimulation for treatment of chronic pain and depression • 3 year full-time post-doc project 	
PhD candidate from Health faculty, UiT	2016 - 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neural and computational correlates of mind wandering • 4 year PhD project 	

Personal Scholarships and Awards

Incentive grant (200k NOK, ≈ 18,000 EUR)	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awarded by the Faculty of Health for excellent grades in external applications 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awarded by the Faculty of Health for excellent grades in external applications 	
Research Prize	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research prize from the Institute for Psychology 	
GGNB Fellowship	2009/05 - 2012/01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time PhD Scholarship offered by Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB) 	
GGNB Bridging Fund Scholarship	2008/10 - 2008/12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship offered by Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB) 	
DFG Scholarship	2009/01 - 2009/04
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time Scholarship “Passungsverhältnisse schulischen Lernens: Verstehen und Optimieren” 	
Erasmus Scholarship	2004/07 - 2005/08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship for studies abroad 	

Presentations

Invited Presentations

Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting (CNS)	Boston, US
SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS	2025
Seminar series Max-Planck Institute for Human Development	Berlin, Germany
INVITED SEMINAR	2025
IMBIT seminar series, University of Freiburg	Freiburg, Germany
INVITED SEMINAR	2025
Institute du Cerveau	Paris, France

INVITED WORKSHOP LECTURER	2024
Network Modeling for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (NEMO-TMS)	Freiburg, Germany
INVITED PRESENTATION	2023
University of Oslo	Oslo, Norway
INVITED SYMPOSIUM	2023
International Conference on Cognitive Neuroscience (ICON)	Helsinki, Finland
INVITED PRESENTATION	2022
Laboratoire de Sciences Cognitives et Psycholinguistique, École Normale Supérieure	Paris, France
INVITED PRESENTATION	2022
Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM)	Online
INVITED PRESENTATION	2021
NRSN National Neuroscience Symposium	Norway
INVITED PRESENTATION	2021
fMRI 20-year Anniversary Seminar, University of Trondheim	Trondheim, Norway
INVITED PRESENTATION	2019
The Role of Neural Oscillations in Human Cognition (Summer School)	Uslar, Germany
INVITED PRESENTATION	2017
Mind-Wandering Symposium, University of Amsterdam	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
INVITED PRESENTATION	2016
International Conference on Cognitive Neuroscience (ICON)	Brisbane, Australia
INVITED PRESENTATION	2014

Supervision

Post-doctoral researchers

Sam Verschooren	“Controlling the flow of attention: Transition dynamics of attention and distraction across external and internal domains”	2025
Josephine Groot	“Neural mechanisms of off-focus cognition”	2024
Hema Nawani	“ADHD and mind-wandering” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák)	2020-2023
Gábor Csifcsák	“Optimizing transcranial direct current stimulation for treatment of chronic pain and depression”	2016-2019

PhD students

Steffen Rygg Aasen	“Executive functions and mind wandering” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák)	2024
Andreas Alexandersen	“Unraveling the cognitive and neural mechanisms of mind wandering using transcranial electric stimulation”	2023
Maren Angel Christensen	“Structural differences in brain structure after trauma: An analysis based on the HUNT study and the Tromsø Study”	2022
Malin Gullsvåg	“The relation between respiratory mechanisms and cognitive abilities in adolescence and adulthood” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Claudia Rodríguez-Aranda)	2020
Josephine Groot	“Neural mechanisms of off-focus cognition”	2018-2023
Nya Mehnwolo Boayue	“Neural and computational correlates of mind wandering”	2016-2020
Isabel Viola Kreis	“Too precise or too imprecise: which parameter is gone awry in autism and psychosis” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gerit Pfuhl)	2017-2021
Zsolt Turi	“Methodological and cognitive aspects of transcranial electrical stimulation” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Andrea Antal)	2011-2015
Wouter Boekel	“When the brain takes a break: Neural correlates of mind-wandering” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Birte Forstmann)	2013-2017

Research Line students (forskerlinje)

Almina Selimovic	“Through the lens of attention: Factors that systematically modulate pupil dilation” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Josephine Groot)	2025
Mathilde Aursand	“Being with the body: The impact of meditation on interoceptive attention” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Sam Verschooren)	2025

Ragnhild Drevland	“The effect of cTBS over the left AG on mind wandering” https://osf.io/vjsm7	2021-2024
Steffen Rygg Aasen	“The effect of iTBS over the left DLPFC on mind wandering” https://osf.io/txpu2	2021-2024
Samy Babiker	“Modulating loss of control using rTMS during chronic pain” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák) https://osf.io/r74uk	2021-2024
Andreas Alexandersen	“Investigating the relationship between executive control and mind-wandering using transcranial direct current stimulation”	2020-2022

Master students

Tim Cools	“Does mind wandering modulate the relationship between gaze and stimulus value?” https://osf.io/ca95r	2023-2024
Kjell Slupphaug	“Moderation and interaction effects in structural equation modeling” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Mehmet Mehmetoglu) https://modsem.org/	2023-2024
Ceylin Karayel	“Exploring the Link Between Mind-Wandering and Reinforcement Learning” https://osf.io/ca95r	2023-2024
Krister Karlsen	“Mind wandering and online experimentation” https://osf.io/wjvk2	2021-2022
Maren Christensen	“Volumetric changes in brain structures due to trauma”	2021-2022
Andreas Alexandersen	“The effect of transcranial direct current stimulation on the interplay between executive control, behavioral variability and mind wandering: A registered report” https://hdl.handle.net/10037/25274	2020-2022
Caroline Angen Ina Klakegg Anastasija Kuprejeva Eirik Melsæter	“The effect of chronic pain and loss of control on value-based decision making” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák)	2020-2021
Tarjei Hotvedt	“Intermittent absence of control during reinforcement learning interferes with Pavlovian bias in action selection” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák) https://osf.io/89mdr	2019
Are Svendsen	“Mindfulness and Psoriasis: A pilot study” https://munin.uit.no/handle/10037/15507	2016
Ida Marie Opdahl	“Eksistensiell dynamisk terapi på inneliggende pasienter - en eksplorerende studie av utfall og relasjonelle virkningsmekanismer” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Jørgen Sundby)	2014-2015
Ira Beckmann	“Wandering body, wandering mind? The relationship between bodily movement, creativity and mind-wandering” https://munin.uit.no/handle/10037/9143	2014-2015
	“Negatives Priming als Identifikations- oder Selektionsphänomen” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Jörg Behrendt)	2010

Professional students (Hovedoppgave)

Ida Jespersen Rønningsen Marcus Buvik Jostein Ilvær Andreas Thommesen Emilia Judeth Olsen Nora N. Holmboe Robert Taknes Tim Lockertsen	“The effect of excitatory and inhibitory TBS over the left AG on mind wandering” https://osf.io/x2vmt	2023
	“The effect of transcranial temporal interference stimulation (tTIS) on value-based decision making in healthy adults”	2022
	“Parafilia og selvregulering: En normeringsstudie” https://osf.io/sgk8v	2022
	“Psykologi i rettens tjeneste: Hvilke faktorer påvirker årsaksattribusjon i erstatningssaker for psykisk helseskade?” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Jørgen Sundby) https://munin.uit.no/handle/10037/21126	2020
Pål Ovanger Stensland	“The role of eye-movements and pupillometry in the representation of value in a reinforcement-learning context”	2021
Celina Jakobsen Joakim	“Klinikers vurdering mtp kjønn og ADHD utredninger” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Jørgen Sundby)	2021

Bachelor students

Christian Fossheim	“Moment-to-moment fluctuations in emotional valence and mind-wandering”	2015
Ingrid Marie Skjerstad	“The wandering mind of the long-distance runner”	2017
Anna Elfrida Vollsund	“Effectiveness of HD-tDCS on influencing executive control during mind wandering”	2018
Iselin Finn	https://osf.io/nm2sz/	
Kristian Østhagen Haukås	“The wandering mind of the long-distance runner”	2019
Aurora Vangen	“The effect of sleep-deprivation on mind-wandering: an EEG study” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák)	2021
Samy Babiker		
Sanna Sandell	https://osf.io/xq6wr	
Silje Haugan		
Steffen Rygg Aasen		
Emily Haga	“Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Efficacy in Depression - A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis”	2021
August Lullau	“Employment of mental effort and representation of environmental volatility during intermittent absence of control over rewards and losses under different feedback schedules” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák)	2020
Caroline Angen	https://osf.io/7wcej/	
Marlene Holdt	“Transcranial direct current stimulation above the medial prefrontal cortex facilitates decision-making following periods of low outcome controllability” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Gábor Csifcsák)	2018
Jorunn Bjørkøy	https://psyarxiv.com/rbeuz/	
Sarjo Kuyateh		
Håkon Reithe		

Exchange students and Interns

Stefan Weinhardt	“The effect of respiration on internal and externally directed attention” (co-supervisor, main supervisor: Sam Verschooren)	2025
	https://osf.io/xgjyr	
Thea Waldleben	“High-precision multi-session estimation of individual functional connectivity networks”	2025
Federica Luzzi	“The effect of transcranial temporal interference stimulation (tTIS) on value-based decision making”	2022
	https://osf.io/rc756	
Sven Wientjes	“Hidden Markov Models for estimating attentional focus”	2020
Terezia Sedlinska	“The impact of loss-of-control on system arbitration”	2019-2021
	https://osf.io/73huk	
Tabea Brödel	“Methods for blink detection in pupillometric data”	2021
Isabel Kreis	“The role of executive functions in mind wandering”	2016
	https://doi.org/10.1111/ejn.15049	
Carole Schmidt	“The role of executive functions in mind wandering”	2017
	https://doi.org/10.1111/ejn.15049	
Divyaratan Popli	“Eye-tracking and pupillometric correlates of mind wandering”	2013

Teaching

Lectures and supervision (University of Tromsø)

Tromsø, Norway

from 2014

Undergraduate

- Methods and Statistics III (PSY-1513)
- Methods and Statistics I (PSY-1511)
- Open Science (PSY-2901)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (PSY-2547, PSY-2553)
- Affective Neuroscience (PSY-2549)
- Biological Psychology (PSY-1004)
- Psychometrics (PSY-1504)
- Practical Course: Gerontopsychology (PSY-2543)
- Research Practical (PSY-1509/1510)
- Research skills for Master students (PSY-3900)
- Research communication (PSY-1702)

PhD Courses

- Quantitative Research Methods (HEL-8024)
- Applied Linear Regression (HEL-8030)

- Research Design and Statistics (PSY-8002)
- Quantitative Method in Clinical Health Research (HEL-8017)
- Informal reading club for PhD students and faculty: Bayesian statistics

Lectures and supervision (NTNU, Trondheim)

Trondheim, Norway

from 2021

Continuing Education and Professional Development

- Learning R for research and reporting: From basics to advanced applications (PSY6016)

PhD Courses

- Multivariate quantitative research methods (PSY8003)

Undergraduate

- Research Methods (PSY3100)
- Statistics and quantitative research methods (PSY2017)
- Research Design (PSY2022)

Lectures and supervision (University of Amsterdam)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

summer 2013

Master

- Introduction to Neuroscientific Methods and Brain Anatomy: lecture and practical on electroencephalography

Lectures and supervision (University of Göttingen)

Göttingen, Germany

GGNB Methods Course (introductory level)

- Introduction to Python Programming (A123) – winter term, 2011/2012
- Matlab and Python Programming (A109) – winter term, 2010/2011

Teaching Seminar

- Gestaltung von Lehr-Lernprozessen – summer term, 2010: Introductory seminar to the psychology of learning and teaching for students pursuing teaching certification

Service and Leadership

Appointments

Head of research, Institute of Psychology, UiT - The arctic university of Norway, Norway 2022--2024

Research group leader (RG Cognitive Neuroscience), Institute of Psychology, UiT - The arctic university of Norway, Norway 2022--

Selected advisorial and managerial activities

Management committee COST action CA24148 2025

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA24148/>

Reviewer Riksbankens Jubileumsfond RJ 2025

Review panel member, online course on 'Statistical research methods', Epigum (Sage Publications) 2024

European Research Council (reviewer for ERC Consolidator Grant, ECoG) 2024

Reviewer The French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) - ATIP - Avenir program 2022

Reviewer Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) - Vici Social Sciences and Humanities 2019

Advisor Hertie Foundation Project: Improvement of school education by neuroscientific research 2017

Professional development

Research group leader development program (University of Tromsø) 2021--2022

Program for young research leaders; joint program University of Oslo, University of Bergen, University of Trondheim, University of Tromsø - leadership, networking, financing, communication, strategy 2014--2015

<https://www.uib.no/psyfa/43678/program-yngre-forskningsledere>

Recording and Analysis of Eye-Movements, Cologne, Germany 2008

Computational Neuroscience at the Max-Planck-Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization 2005

Institutional Responsibilities

Selection committee for Associate professor in quantitative methods (University of Trondheim)	2022
Evaluation committee for evaluation of qualification for professorship (University of Tromsø)	2022
Head of the Research Ethics Committee at the Institute for Psychology (IPS-REC, University of Tromsø)	2022--2024
https://en.uit.no/research/ethics/ips	
Head of committee IPS Research forum (University of Tromsø)	2022--2024
Member of faculty-level PhD committee (University of Tromsø)	2022--2024
Head of selection committee for Associate professor in cognitive neuroscience (University of Bergen)	2021
Selection committee for PhD positions (University of Trondheim, University of Bergen, University of Helsinki)	2021
Evaluation committee for several PhD and post-doc positions (University of Tromsø)	2014--

Skills

Experimental Methods

fMRI, EEG/ERP, EOG, tDCS, TMS, eye-tracking, pupillometry

Programming Languages

Very Good: Python, R, C, C++, Matlab/Octave

Good: Perl, Java, SQL, PHP, Presentation

Moderate: F77, Assembler, Objective C, Bash, Javascript

Computing

Parallel Programming (MPI), GPU Programming (OpenGL), Unix/Linux Administration, LaTeX, HTML/CSS

Languages

German (native)

English (fluently written, read and spoken)

Norwegian (fluently written, read and spoken)

French (basic skills)

Dutch (basic skills)

Interests

running, skiing, judo, rock-climbing, hiking, table-tennis, football