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## Education and Experience

### Postdoctoral Researcher

Tucson, AZ, USA

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

since 2022

Study planetary habitability in the context of planet formation and exoplanet demographics  
Inform next-generation exoplanet missions via statistical hypothesis testing  
Contribute to a scalable solution for atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> removal

### PhD (Dr. rer. nat.) in Astronomy

Heidelberg, Germany

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY/UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG

2017 – 2021

Thesis: *The Architectures of Planetary Systems: Population Synthesis Meets Observations*  
Advisors: Thomas Henning, Hubert Klahr  
Fellow of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for Astronomy and Cosmic Physics

### Master of Science (MSc) in Nuclear, Particle and Astrophysics

Munich, Germany

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH

2013 – 2017

Thesis @European Southern Observatory (ESO): *Irregular Variability in Kepler Photometry*  
Discovered and characterized a new exoplanet candidate

### Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Physics

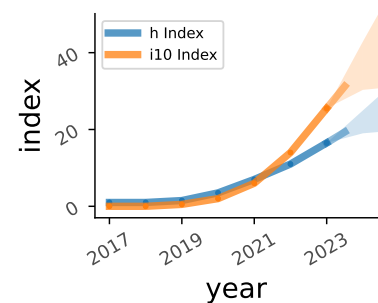
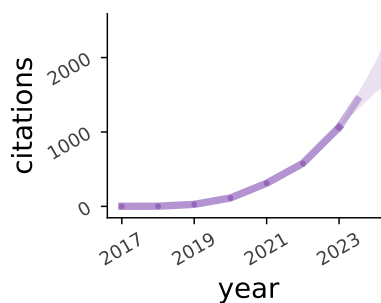
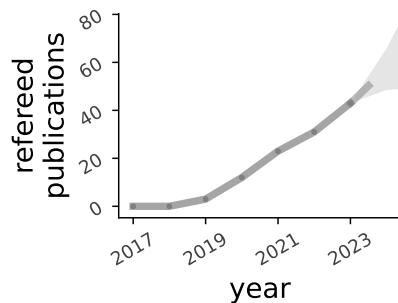
Munich, Germany

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH

2010 – 2013

Thesis @Max-Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics: *Alignment and Calibration of the X-Ray Telescope  $\mu$ ROS*

## Metrics



## Teaching, Leadership, and Outreach

### Founder: Space Night Augsburg

Augsburg

Initiated science communication and charity event (>100 in-person participants)

since Mar. 2024

### Guest lecturer: Astrobiology

University of Arizona

Held a lecture on rocky planet habitability

Apr. 2024

### Popular science article: Kleine M-Sterne überraschen mit Gasriesen

*Sterne und Weltraum* (printed circulation: 16'000)

Authored popular science article on giant planets around M dwarfs (in German)

Aug. 2022

### Guest lecturer: Introduction to Space Travel

University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria Steyr

Held a lecture on Solar System formation

Nov. 2021

### Research Advisor

MPIA Heidelberg

Designed and guided Bachelor project (Antonia Seifert, Uni Heidelberg)

Primary advisor for summer project (Dang Pham, Cornell. See [paper](#))

Jul. 2019 – Jul. 2021

### Team Lead: EDEN Transit Survey

MPIA Heidelberg/University of Arizona

Coordinated a team of 14 observers; managed ~180 nights (CAHA 1.23m)

Jun. 2018 – Jan. 2021

### Teaching Assistant: Numerical Methods Block Course

Heidelberg University

Held lectures and tutorials on numerical methods for BSc/MSc students

Feb. 2018, Feb. 2020

**Author: Q&A feature**

Wrote a short article about planet formation around Population III stars

[All About Space Magazine](#)

Nov. 2019

**Invited Speaker: Student Information Day**

Advised senior grade students on perspectives in the natural sciences

[Berufsbildungsschule Technik, Augsburg](#)

Apr. 2017

**Team Lead: MOVE II Cubesat**

Head of communications and ground control; successful launch in Dec. 2018

[Scientific Workgroup for Rocketry and Spaceflight](#)

Jan. 2011 – Apr. 2015

**Tutor: Math Prep Course for Physics Students**

Taught 30 first year students in mathematical concepts in physics

[Technical University of Munich](#)

Sep. 2011

## Selected Presentations

**Centre for Origin and Prevalence of Life Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[ETH Zürich](#)

Aug. 2024

**Center for Integrative Planetary Science (CIPS) Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[UC Berkeley \(virtual\)](#)

Mar. 2024

**Density Matters Ringberg Meeting**

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALK

[Ringberg Castle](#)

Feb. 2024

**Exoplanet Team Meeting**

INVITED SEMINAR

[Universitäts-Sternwarte München, LMU](#)

Feb. 2024

**Stellar Coffee and Planetary Tea**

INVITED SEMINAR

[ESO Garching](#)

Feb. 2024

**TOP Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur, Nice](#)

Feb. 2024

**ROCKE-3D Journal Club**

INVITED SEMINAR

[NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies \(virtual\)](#)

Dec. 2023

**ISM Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[University of Groningen](#)

Jul. 2023

**Institutsseminar**

INVITED COLLOQUIUM

[DLR Berlin](#)

Jul. 2023

**Origins Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[University of Arizona](#)

May 2023

**AstroBio23: Oxygen in Planetary Biospheres**

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALK

[Green Bank Observatory](#)

May 2023

**ET Science Seminar Series**

INVITED SEMINAR

[Shanghai Astronomical Observatory \(virtual\)](#)

Jan. 2023

**Forming and Exploring Habitable Worlds**

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALK

[University of Edinburgh](#)

Nov. 2022

**JPL Astrophysics Luncheon Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[NASA JPL \(virtual\)](#)

Apr. 2022

**Königstuhl Colloquium**

INVITED COLLOQUIUM

[MPIA \(virtual\)](#)

Jun. 2021

**MIT Exoplanet Tea**

INVITED SEMINAR

[MIT Kavli Institute \(virtual\)](#)

Nov. 2020

**Exoplanet Demographics Conference**

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALK

[NExSci, IPAC/Caltech \(virtual\)](#)

Nov. 2020

**CfA Stars & Planets Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[Harvard & Smithsonian \(CfA\) \(virtual\)](#)

Nov. 2020

**Institute Colloquium**

INVITED COLLOQUIUM

[Tautenburg Observatory](#)

Jun. 2019

**Japanese-German Meeting on Exoplanets and Planet Formation**

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALK

[Edesheim](#)

Sep. 2018

**Ad Valvas Seminar**

INVITED SEMINAR

[KU Leuven](#)

Jul. 2018

## Community Services

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2023	<b>Speaker: “How to PhD”</b> , Lunch with a Steward Scientist	University of Arizona
2023	<b>Reviewer for a graduate research fellowship (New Frontiers Initiative)</b> , NSF/University of Illinois	
2023	<b>EDEN Science Workshop: SOC+LOC</b> , Organized an international conference	virtual
2022	<b>Subject-matter expert panelist for a research program review</b> , NASA	
since 2022	<b>Lead developer of the python package <a href="#">arxiv-scan</a></b> , personalized literature recommendations	
since 2021	<b>Journal Referee</b> , Astronomy & Astrophysics, The Astrophysical Journal Supp. Series	
2021	<b>Science Data Officer for a Mars analog mission</b> , Austrian Space Forum	Innsbruck/Negev
2017–2021	<b>PhD Student Representative</b> , Intl. Max Planck Research School	Heidelberg
2017–2021	<b>Fellowship Selection Board</b> , Intl. Max Planck Research School	Heidelberg
2020	<b>Co-organized Climate Hackathon</b> , Scientists for Future	virtual
2019	<b>MPIA Half Marathon Fundraise</b> , Raised 2000+ EUR for rare disease research (Milly’s Mission)	Heidelberg
2019	<b>HGSFP Winter School: SOC+LOC</b> , Co-organized a winter school for 60 participants	Obergurgl
2018	<b>Japanese-German Meeting on Planet Formation: SOC+LOC</b> , Co-organized an international workshop	Edesheim

## Observing Experience

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### Accepted PI proposal:

31 nights **2.2 m MPG/ESO telescope** [La Silla Observatory](#)

### Observations:

18 nights **1.23 m telescope** [Calar Alto Observatory](#)  
13 nights **2.2 m MPG/ESO telescope** [La Silla Observatory](#)  
12 nights **61” Kuiper telescope** [Mount Bigelow Observatory](#)  
8 nights **1.8 m Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope** [Mount Graham International Observatory](#)  
4 nights **1.22 m telescope** [Asiago Astrophysical Observatory](#)  
2 nights **1.8 m telescope** [Asiago Astrophysical Observatory](#)  
1 night **92 cm telescope** [Asiago Astrophysical Observatory](#)

## Publications

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refereed: 51 — first author: 5 — citations: 1434 — h-index: 22 (2024-09-25) — [ads search](#)

### Lead Author

- 5 **Schlecker, M.**; Apai, D.; Lichtenberg, T. *et al.*, *Bioverse: The Habitable Zone Inner Edge Discontinuity as an Imprint of Runaway Greenhouse Climates on Exoplanet Demographics*, PSJ, 5, 3, 2024 ([arXiv:2309.04518](#))
- 4 **Schlecker, M.**; Burn, R.; Sabotta, S. *et al.*, *RV-detected planets around M dwarfs: Challenges for core accretion models*, A&A, 664, 2022 ([arXiv:2205.12971](#))
- 3 **Schlecker, M.**; Pham, D.; Burn, R. *et al.*, *The New Generation Planetary Population Synthesis (NGPPS). V. Predetermination of planet types in global core accretion models*, A&A, 656, 2021 ([arXiv:2104.11750](#))
- 2 **Schlecker, M.**; Mordasini, C.; Emsenhuber, A. *et al.*, *The New Generation Planetary Population Synthesis (NGPPS). III. Warm super-Earths and cold Jupiters: a weak occurrence correlation, but with a strong architecture-composition link*, A&A, 656, 2021 ([arXiv:2007.05563](#))
- 1 **Schlecker, M.**; Kossakowski, D.; Brahm, R. *et al.*, *A Highly Eccentric Warm Jupiter Orbiting TIC 237913194*, AJ, 160, 275, 2020 ([arXiv:2010.03570](#))

### Co-Author

- 46 Mallorquín, M. *et al.*, *Revisiting the dynamical masses of the transiting planets in the young AU Mic system: Potential AU Mic b inflation at 20 Myr*, A&A, 689, 2024 ([arXiv:2407.16461](#))

- 45 Gill, S. et al., *Correction to: TOI-2447 b / NGTS-29 b: a 69-day Saturn around a Solar analogue*, MNRAS, 533, 109, 2024 ([arXiv:2405.07367](#))
- 44 Gill, S. et al., *TOI-2447 b / NGTS-29 b: a 69-day Saturn around a Solar analogue*, MNRAS, 532, 1444, 2024
- 43 Kuzuhara, M. et al., *Gliese 12 b: A Temperate Earth-sized Planet at 12 pc Ideal for Atmospheric Transmission Spectroscopy*, ApJ, 967, 2024 ([arXiv:2405.14708](#))
- 42 Goffo, E. et al., *TOI-4438 b: a transiting mini-Neptune amenable to atmospheric characterization*, A&A, 685, 2024 ([arXiv:2403.09833](#))
- 41 Murgas, F. et al., *Wolf 327b: A new member of the pack of ultra-short-period super-Earths around M dwarfs*, A&A, 684, 2024 ([arXiv:2401.12150](#))
- 40 Jones, M. I. et al., *A long-period transiting substellar companion in the super-Jupiters to brown dwarfs mass regime and a prototypical warm-Jupiter detected by TESS*, A&A, 683, 2024 ([arXiv:2401.09657](#))
- 39 Mallorquín, M. et al., *TOI-1801 b: A temperate mini-Neptune around a young M0.5 dwarf*, A&A, 680, 2023 ([arXiv:2310.10244](#))
- 38 Desgrange, C. et al., *Planetary system architectures with low-mass inner planets. Direct imaging exploration of mature systems beyond 1 au*, A&A, 680, 2023 ([arXiv:2310.06035](#))
- 37 Eberhardt, J. et al., *Three Warm Jupiters around Solar-analog Stars Detected with TESS*, AJ, 166, 271, 2023 ([arXiv:2402.17592](#))
- 36 Hobson, M. J. et al., *TOI-199 b: A Well-characterized 100 day Transiting Warm Giant Planet with TTVs Seen from Antarctica*, AJ, 166, 201, 2023 ([arXiv:2309.14915](#))
- 35 Palte, E. et al., *GJ 806 (TOI-4481): A bright nearby multi-planetary system with a transiting hot low-density super-Earth*, A&A, 678, 2023 ([arXiv:2301.06873](#))
- 34 Murgas, F. et al., *Two super-Earths at the edge of the habitable zone of the nearby M dwarf TOI-2095*, A&A, 677, 2023 ([arXiv:2304.09220](#))
- 33 Gupta, A. F. et al., *A High-Eccentricity Warm Jupiter Orbiting TOI-4127*, AJ, 165, 234, 2023 ([arXiv:2303.14570](#))
- 32 Brahm, R. et al., *Three Long-period Transiting Giant Planets from TESS*, AJ, 165, 227, 2023 ([arXiv:2304.02139](#))
- 31 Trifonov, T. et al., *TOI-2525 b and c: A Pair of Massive Warm Giant Planets with Strong Transit Timing Variations Revealed by TESS*, AJ, 165, 179, 2023 ([arXiv:2302.05694](#))
- 30 Dietrich, J.; Apai, D.; **Schlecker, M.** et al., *EDEN Survey: Small Transiting Planet Detection Limits and Constraints on the Occurrence Rates of Planets around Late-M Dwarfs within 15 pc*, AJ, 165, 149, 2023 ([arXiv:2302.04138](#))
- 29 Ribas, I. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Guaranteed time observations Data Release 1 (2016-2020)*, A&A, 670, 2023 ([arXiv:2302.10528](#))
- 28 Kossakowski, D. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Wolf 1069 b: Earth-mass planet in the habitable zone of a nearby, very low-mass star*, A&A, 670, 2023 ([arXiv:2301.02477](#))
- 27 Chaturvedi, P. et al., *TOI-1468: A system of two transiting planets, a super-Earth and a mini-Neptune, on opposite sides of the radius valley*, A&A, 666, 2022 ([arXiv:2208.10351](#))
- 26 Ulmer-Moll, S. et al., *Two long-period transiting exoplanets on eccentric orbits: NGTS-20 b (TOI-5152 b) and TOI-5153 b*, A&A, 666, 2022 ([arXiv:2207.03911](#))
- 25 Luque, R. et al., *The HD 260655 system: Two rocky worlds transiting a bright M dwarf at 10 pc*, A&A, 664, 2022 ([arXiv:2204.10261](#))

- 24 Mollière, P. et al., *Interpreting the Atmospheric Composition of Exoplanets: Sensitivity to Planet Formation Assumptions*, ApJ, 934, 74, 2022 (arXiv:2204.13714)
- 23 Kemmer, J. et al., *Discovery and mass measurement of the hot, transiting, Earth-sized planet, GJ 3929 b*, A&A, 659, 2022 (arXiv:2202.00970)
- 22 Espinoza, N. et al., *A Transiting, Temperate Mini-Neptune Orbiting the M Dwarf TOI-1759 Unveiled by TESS*, AJ, 163, 133, 2022 (arXiv:2202.01240)
- 21 González-Álvarez, E. et al., *A multi-planetary system orbiting the early-M dwarf TOI-1238*, A&A, 658, 2022 (arXiv:2111.14602)
- 20 Kossakowski, D. et al., *TOI-1201 b: A mini-Neptune transiting a bright and moderately young M dwarf*, A&A, 656, 2021 (arXiv:2109.09346)
- 19 Burn, R.; **Schlecker, M.**; Mordasini, C. et al., *The New Generation Planetary Population Synthesis (NGPPS). IV. Planetary systems around low-mass stars*, A&A, 656, 2021 (arXiv:2105.04596)
- 18 Trifonov, T. et al., *A Pair of Warm Giant Planets near the 2:1 Mean Motion Resonance around the K-dwarf Star TOI-2202*, AJ, 162, 283, 2021 (arXiv:2108.05323)
- 17 Sabotta, S.; **Schlecker, M.**; Chaturvedi, P. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Planet occurrence rates from a subsample of 71 stars*, A&A, 653, 2021 (arXiv:2107.03802)
- 16 Lin, C. et al., *EDEN: Flare Activity of the Nearby Exoplanet-hosting M Dwarf Wolf 359 Based on K2 and EDEN Light Curves*, AJ, 162, 11, 2021
- 15 Amado, P. J. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Two terrestrial planets orbiting G 264-012 and one terrestrial planet orbiting Gl 393*, A&A, 650, 2021 (arXiv:2105.13785)
- 14 Hobson, M. J. et al., *A Transiting Warm Giant Planet around the Young Active Star TOI-201*, AJ, 161, 235, 2021 (arXiv:2103.02685)
- 13 Addison, B. C. et al., *TOI-257b (HD 19916b): a warm sub-saturn orbiting an evolved F-type star*, MNRAS, 502, 3704, 2021 (arXiv:2001.07345)
- 12 Dreizler, S. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. LP 714-47 b (TOI 442.01): populating the Neptune desert*, A&A, 644, 2020 (arXiv:2011.01716)
- 11 Stock, S. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Three temperate-to-warm super-Earths*, A&A, 643, 2020 (arXiv:2010.00474)
- 10 Brahm, R. et al., *TOI-481 b and TOI-892 b: Two Long-period Hot Jupiters from the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite*, AJ, 160, 235, 2020 (arXiv:2009.08881)
- 9 Kemmer, J. et al., *Discovery of a hot, transiting, Earth-sized planet and a second temperate, non-transiting planet around the M4 dwarf GJ 3473 (TOI-488)*, A&A, 642, 2020 (arXiv:2009.10432)
- 8 Nowak, G. et al., *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs. Two planets on opposite sides of the radius gap transiting the nearby M dwarf LTT 3780*, A&A, 642, 2020 (arXiv:2003.01140)
- 7 Jahnke, K. et al., *An astronomical institute's perspective on meeting the challenges of the climate crisis*, Nature Astronomy, 4, 812, 2020 (arXiv:2009.11307)
- 6 Bluhm, P. et al., *Precise mass and radius of a transiting super-Earth planet orbiting the M dwarf TOI-1235: a planet in the radius gap?*, A&A, 639, 2020 (arXiv:2004.06218)
- 5 Gibbs, A. et al., *EDEN: Sensitivity Analysis and Transiting Planet Detection Limits for Nearby Late Red Dwarfs*, AJ, 159, 169, 2020 (arXiv:2002.10017)

- 4 Espinoza, N. et al., *HD 213885b: a transiting 1-d-period super-Earth with an Earth-like composition around a bright ( $V = 7.9$ ) star unveiled by TESS*, MNRAS, 491, 2982, 2020 ([arXiv:1903.07694](#))
- 3 Kossakowski, D. et al., *TOI-150b and TOI-163b: two transiting hot Jupiters, one eccentric and one inflated, revealed by TESS near and at the edge of the JWST CVZ*, MNRAS, 490, 1094, 2019 ([arXiv:1906.09866](#))
- 2 Morales, J. C. et al., *A giant exoplanet orbiting a very-low-mass star challenges planet formation models*, Science, 365, 1441, 2019 ([arXiv:1909.12174](#))
- 1 Luque, R. et al., *Planetary system around the nearby M dwarf GJ 357 including a transiting, hot, Earth-sized planet optimal for atmospheric characterization*, A&A, 628, 2019 ([arXiv:1904.12818](#))

## Preprints & Other

- 6 Carleo, I. et al., *Mass determination of two Jupiter-sized planets orbiting slightly evolved stars: TOI-2420 b and TOI-2485 b*, ArXiv, 2024 ([arXiv:2408.05612](#))
- 5 Hardegree-Ullman, K. K. et al., *Bioverse: GMT and ELT Direct Imaging and High-Resolution Spectroscopy Assessment – Surveying Exo-Earth  $O_2$  and Testing the Habitable Zone Oxygen Hypothesis*, ArXiv, 2024 ([arXiv:2405.11423](#))
- 4 **Schlecker, M.**, *The architectures of planetary systems: Population synthesis meets observations*, Ph.D. Thesis, 2021
- 3 **Schlecker, M.**, *lcps: Light curve pre-selection*, Astrophysics Source Code Library, 2018
- 2 **Schlecker, M.**, *Irregular Variability in Kepler Photometry*, Master's Thesis, 2016
- 1 Tiedemann, L. et al., *The development of the  $\mu$ ROSIE X-ray telescope*, SPIE, 8859, 885905, 2013