

Eric Nilsson | Curriculum vitæ

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Born: April 1, 1997, Arvika, Sweden

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Education

Chalmers University of Technology

Ph.D. Physics (*Ongoing*)

Gothenburg, Sweden

2021-2026

Funded by the Area of Advance Nano (former Excellence Initiative Nano).

Topic(s): Holographic models for strongly correlated electron systems and unconventional transport in 2D materials.

Supervisor: Prof. Ulf Gran.

Planned defense date: June 11, 2026

Licentiate thesis: *Electron Transport and Collective Modes in Fermi and non-Fermi Liquids*. Defended April 2024.

[Link to thesis.](#)

Visiting Ph.D. student with Prof. Koenraad Schalm at Leiden University, Sep-Dec 2024.

Chalmers University of Technology

M. Sc. Physics

Gothenburg, Sweden

2019-2021

Average grade: 5.0/5.0. Thesis: *Surface plasmon polaritons in strongly correlated media*.

Supervisor: Prof. Ulf Gran. [Link to thesis.](#)

Chalmers University of Technology

B.Sc. Engineering Physics

Gothenburg, Sweden

2016-2019

Average grade: 4.87/5.0. Thesis: *Simulating Many-Particle Systems on an Emulated Quantum Computer*. Supervisors: Profs. Christian Forssén and Andreas Ekström. [Link to thesis \(in Swedish\)](#).

Awards

CBA Poster Prize

2025

Prize for best poster at the yearly Community Building Nano at Chalmers University of Technology. Received 10 000 SEK in travel money.

Excellence Initiative Nano Excellence Ph.D. student

2021

Allows for freely chosen research within in the field of Nanoscience at Chalmers. Chosen as one of three out of more than 300 applicants.

Guldärnan award for best T.A.

2018, 2021

Received the prize for best Teaching Assistant (twice) by the students at the Engineering Physics and Engineering Mathematics programs at Chalmers.

Teaching experience

Department of Physics

Chalmers

Supervision

2024

Main supervisor of M.Sc. student Eli Ismailov. Thesis: *Fermi Surfaces of Holographic Metals*. [Link to thesis.](#)

Department of Physics

Chalmers

Supervision

2024

Main supervisor for a group of six B.Sc. students doing a thesis on holographic methods in condensed matter physics.

[Link to thesis \(in Swedish\)](#).

Department of Physics

Chalmers

Lecturing

2022-

I give half of the lectures and is responsible for all admin in the String Theory course (FFM485) offered by the M.Sc. Physics program.

Department of Physics

Chalmers

Teaching Assistant

2021-

Teaching assistant (weekly exercise classes; grading) in Mechanics I (FFM516) and II (TIF375) at the Engineering Physics program.

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Teaching Assistant

Part-time and Amanuensis teaching assistant positions for courses in Analysis (1D and multi-variable), Linear Algebra and Statistics taught at the Engineering Physics and Engineering Mathematics programs.

Chalmers

2017, 2019-2020

Conferences attended

SCGP, Stony Brook University

Black holes and strongly coupled thermal dynamics

Stony Brook, New York, USA

2025

KITP, UCSB

Quantum Matter with and without Quasiparticles

Santa Barbara, California, USA

2023

NORDITA

Recent Developments in Strongly-Correlated Quantum Matter

Stockholm, Sweden

2022

Schools attended

NORDITA

Quantum Connections

Stockholm, Sweden

2023

Broad topic summer school with several Nobel laureates.

Grants received

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

General announcement for physics ("Stiftelsen Hierta Retzius fond för vetenskaplig forskning")

2024

24 400 SEK. Funded travel to the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

General announcement for physics ("Stiftelsen Olof Ahlöfs fond")

2022

23 100 SEK. Funded travel to KITP.

Talks given

Leiden University

"Quantum critical theories in periodic potentials: Toward Holographic EMT"

Quantum matter group seminar

2025-12-08

Chalmers University of Technology

"Holographic Effective Medium Theory"

Nano SmallTalk

2025-12-01

Chalmers University of Technology

"Quantum critical theories in periodic potentials: Toward Holographic EMT"

SHP seminar

2025-11-07

Solbergagymnasiet

"Från rostig koppar till svarta hål"

Popular science presentation to high school students

2025-10-07

Leiden University

"Nonequilibrium relaxation and odd-even effect in 2D Fermi liquids"

Quantum matter group seminar

2024-09-25

Chalmers

"Holographic Models for Plasmons in Strange Metals"

Quantum Materials seminar

2022-11-30

Chalmers University of Technology

"Electromagnetic response in strongly correlated media"

SHP seminar

2022-06-10

Languages

Swedish: Native

English: Advanced

Fluent, 8.5/9.0 IELTS

Spanish: Intermediate

Intermediate reading comprehension, simple communication

Computer skills

Basic: Git

Intermediate: Linux, C, Python, MATLAB, Bash

Advanced: L^AT_EX, Wolfram Mathematica

Refereed journal articles

Nilsson, Eric, Ulf Gran, and Johannes Hofmann (Oct. 2025). "Nonequilibrium Relaxation and Odd-Even Effect in Finite-Temperature Electron Gases". In: **Physical Review X** 15.4, p. 041007. [arXiv:2405.03635](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.03635).

Preprints

Gran, Ulf, Eric Nilsson, and Johannes Hofmann (Dec. 2023). "Shear Viscosity in Interacting Two-Dimensional Fermi Liquids". [arXiv:2312.09977](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.09977).

Nilsson, Eric and Koenraad Schalm (Dec. 2025). "Quantum Critical Theories in a Periodic Potential: Strange Metallic Thermoelectric and Magnetotransport". [arXiv:2512.19480](https://arxiv.org/abs/2512.19480).

Theses

Nilsson, Eric (2021). "[Surface Plasmon Polaritons in Strongly Correlated Media](#)". M.Sc. thesis. Chalmers University of Technology.

Nilsson, Eric (2024). "[Electron Transport and Collective Modes in Fermi and Non-Fermi Liquids](#)". Licentiate thesis. Chalmers University of Technology.