# ROBERT STEIN

CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal Data

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: London | 10 June 1995

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## EDUCATION

July 2017 – Nov. 2021

PhD in Experimental Physics,

Humboldt University of Berlin / DESY Zeuthen

Thesis: "Search for Multi-Messenger Transients with IceCube and ZTF"

Research Advisor: A. FRANCKOWIAK

Graded "Summa cum laude" (with the highest distinction)

• Cross-correlation of neutrinos with multi-wavelength catalogues

- Led response to neutrino alerts as the IceCube realtime shifter
- ZTF follow-up of neutrino/gravitational wave/GRB events

SEP. 2013 – June 2017 MSci in Physics with a Year In Europe,

Imperial College London / University of Hamburg

Thesis: "Reconstruction of Charge Number of Heavy Cosmic Rays using Cherenkov Light"

Research Advisor: D. HORNS (University of Hamburg)

Graduated with First Class Honours

#### Academic Career

Nov. 2021 – Present Postdoctoral Scholar in ASTRONOMY,

California Institute of Technology

Mentor: M. M. Kasliwal

- ZTF follow-up of neutrino/gravitational wave/GRB events
- WINTER data analysis and multi-messenger follow-up
- Development of TDE photometric classifier: tdescore

### SELECTED TALKS

 $24^{\mathrm{TH}}$  May 2023

INVITED TALK, Caltech Astronomy Colloquium, Pasadena, USA

"Chasing Ghosts: Searching for Electromagnetic Counterparts to High-Energy Neutrinos"

 $20^{\text{TH}}$  Mar 2023

Invited Plenary Talk,  $86^{\rm th}$  Annual DPG Meeting (Matter & Cosmos), Dresden, DE

"Black Holes, Shredded Stars and Cosmic Neutrinos"

1<sup>ST</sup> Nov. 2022 | INVITED TALK, PSU GAPP Seminar, State College, USA "Search for electromagnetic counterparts to high-energy neutrinos"  $27^{\text{TH}}$  Oct. 2022INVITED TALK, Cornell SMBH Workshop, Ithaca, USA "Neutrinos and TDEs" INVITED TALK, 18<sup>th</sup> Vulcano Workshop on Frontier Objects in Astro- $29^{\text{TH}}$  Sep. 2022physics and Particle Physics, Elba, IT "A tidal disruption event coincident with a high-energy neutrino"  $16^{\text{TH}}$  Sep. 2022INVITED TALK, DESY Astroparticle Seminar, Zeuthen, DE "WINTER: a new IR telescope for time-domain and multi-messenger science"  $14^{\text{TH}}$  Sep. 2022 INVITED TALK, IR Astronomy in Antarctica Workshop, FR "High-energy neutrinos and Tidal Disruption Events"  $19^{\text{TH}}$  Aug. 2022INVITED TALK, UMD Seminar, College Park, USA "Neutrino Follow-up with the Zwicky Transient Facility" INVITED PLENARY HIGHLIGHT TALK, 38th International Cosmic Ray  $13^{\text{TH}}$  July 2021Conference (ICRC), Berlin, DE "A tidal disruption event coincident with a high-energy neutrino"  $6^{\text{TH}}$  July 2021 INVITED TALK, AIRUB science seminar, Bochum, DE "Neutrinos from shredded stars"  $29^{\text{th}}$  June 2021INVITED TALK, European Astronomical Society, Leiden, NL "Neutrinos from tidal disruption events"  $16^{\text{TH}}$  June 2021INVITED TALK, LIGO-GRITTS seminar, Pasadena/Cambridge, USA  $"A\ tidal\ disruption\ event\ coincident\ with\ a\ high-energy\ neutrino"$  $10^{\text{TH}}$  Dec. 2020 INVITED TALK, Cosmic Rays and Neutrinos in the Multi-Messenger Era, Paris, FR "Neutrinos from tidal disruption events"  $14^{\text{TH}}$  Oct. 2020 INVITED TALK, ASTRON Astrolunch, Dwingeloo, NL "A high-energy neutrino coincident with a tidal disruption event"  $25^{\text{TH}}$  Aug. 2020INVITED TALK, NASA GSFC ASD Colloquium, Greenbelt, USA "A high-energy neutrino coincident with a tidal disruption event" 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 | INVITED TALK, DESY Astroparticle Seminar, Zeuthen, DE "A high-energy neutrino coincident with a tidal disruption event" 26<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2019 INVITED TALK, PAHEN Conference, Berlin, DE "Neutrinos from optical transients with IceCube" INVITED TALK, ESO Thirty Minute Talk, Santiago, CL  $30^{\text{TH}}$  July 2018"ZTF and the AMPEL Broker: Providing a realtime public astronomy survey"

## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONOURS

$11^{\text{TH}} \text{ May } 2023 \mid$	Winner of the Global Neutrino Network (GNN) Thesis Prize
$22^{\rm ND}$ Mar $2023$	Winner of the DPG (German Physical Society) Dissertation Prize for the Matter and Cosmos division, DPG Annual Meeting, Dresden
$26^{\text{th}}$ Mar $2021$	Winner of the $IceCube\ Impact\ Award$ , IceCube Spring 2021 Meeting
$2^{\rm ND}$ July $2020$	Winner of first session poster competition, Neutrino 2020 Conference
$16^{\text{th}}$ Oct 2019	Winner of the annual DESY Science Slam, DESY Hamburg
21 <sup>ST</sup> Nov 2018	Winner of the annual Zeuthen Science Slam, DESY Zeuthen

# SELECTED TELESCOPE TIME AWARDED (PI ONLY)

Palomar P48 + P60 Program (PI) - 18 hours, 1 semester $Uncovering\ the\ dustiest\ transients\ with\ ZTF\ and\ WINTER$
Gemini Program (PI) - 6 hours, 2 semesters Spectroscopic Classification of Candidate Neutrino Sources
Keck Observatory Program (PI) - 16 hours, 2 semesters $Candidate\ Neutrino\ Sources$
Very Large Array Program (PI) - 6 hours, DDT $VLA$ observations to establish the neutrino counterpart to a giant $AGN$ flare
Approved Swift ToOs Various ToO requests

### SELECTED PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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2021 - | Journal Referee
PRESENT | ApJ, MNRAS

Nov. 2021 - | Proposal Referee and TAC Member
PRESENT | JCMT (referee), Gemini (referee), Caltech Palomar/Keck (TAC)

Aug. 2023 - | LOC / SOC Member
PRESENT | ZTF Collaboration Meeting, Caltech-LANL TDA Workshop

MAY 2022 - | ZTF AGN/TDE Working Group Chair
Aug. 2023 |

Nov. 2022 - | ZTF MMA Working Group Co-Convenor
PRESENT | ZTF MMA Working Group Co-Convenor
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## SUPERVISION, TEACHING AND OUTREACH

Jun. 2023 – Supervision of high-school students for summer research projects: July 2023   A. Drake, S. Sutanto, N. Lam	
Jun. 2022 – Supervision of summer undergraduate research fellow: L. Yang August 2022   Hunting for Kilonovae with ZTF and SkyPortal	
Oct. 2019 –   Supervision of master's degree student: J. Necker Oct. 2020   Search for high-energy neutrinos from core-collapse supernovae	
Sep. 2019 –   Supervision of master's degree student: R. Naab Sep. 2020   The next-generation Optical Follow-Up (OFU) program for IceCube	
OCT 2018 – Supervision of bachelor's degree student: A. VAGTS Aug. 2019   Investigation of the TXS $0506+056$ neutrino spectrum	
$\left. \begin{array}{c c} \text{July 2022 -} \\ \text{July 2023} \end{array} \right  \text{ Lecturer: } Annual \ ZTF \ Summer \ School \ (2 \ \text{years}) \end{array}$	
$\begin{array}{c c} {\rm June~2018~-~ ~Teaching~Assistant:~\it Experimental~Astroparticle~\it Physics~(2~semesters)} \end{array}$	
Aug. 2023   Presenter: Astronomy on Tap	
$\left. \begin{array}{c c} \text{OCT. 2018} - \\ \text{Nov. 2019} \end{array} \right  \hspace{0.1cm} \text{Volunteer: } International Cosmic Day (2 years) \end{array}$	
$\begin{array}{c c} \hbox{\tt JUNE 2018-} \\ \hbox{\tt JUNE 2019} \end{array} \middle   \hbox{\tt Volunteer: } \textit{Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft (2 years)} \\ \\ \end{array}$	
March 2018   Organiser: IceCube Masterclass	

## Additional Information

 ${\bf Collaboration\ Membership}\quad {\bf WINTER,\ ZTF,\ GROWTH,\ LSST-TVSSC}$ 

Language Skills: English (Native Speaker), German (Advanced - C1)

Observing Experience: Keck: LRIS, NIRES, DEIMOS (7.5 nights)

Palomar: WIRC, DBSP, TSpec (12 nights)

La Silla: NTT (8 nights)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (\*PEER-REVIEWED)

2023 Neutrino Follow-Up with the Zwicky Transient Facility

\*R. Stein Et al., MNRAS, Volume 521, Issue 4

Constraining High-energy Neutrino Emission from Supernovae with IceCube

\*IceCube Collaboration, ApJL 949 L12

- R. Stein as one of three credited authors

tdescore: An Accurate Photometric Classifier for Tidal Disruption Events R. Stein Et al. (under internal ZTF review)

The power of good fortune: limits on the astrophysical neutrino flux using GRB221009A

**R. Stein** (in prep.)

Establishing accretion flares from massive black holes as a major source of highenergy neutrinos

S. VAN VELZEN, R. Stein ET AL., (submitted)

A data reduction pipeline for WINTER using the mirar framework R. Stein ET AL. (in prep.)

**2022** ASAS-SN follow-up of IceCube high-energy neutrino alerts

\*J. NECKER, T. DE JAEGAR, R. Stein ET AL., MNRAS, Volume 516, Issue 2

The candidate tidal disruption event AT2019fdr coincident with a high-energy neutrino

\*S. Reusch, R. Stein et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 221101

2021 Tidal Disruption Events and High-Energy Neutrinos

**R. Stein**, PoS(ICRC2021)009

A tidal disruption event neutrino coincident with a high-energy neutrino \*R. Stein et al., 2021, Nat Astron 5, 510-518

2020 Kilonova Luminosity Function Constraints based on Zwicky Transient Facility searches for 13 Neutron Star Mergers

\*M. M. Kasliwal, S. Anand, T. Ahumada R. Stein et al., ApJ, 905, 145

2019 Search for Neutrinos from Populations of Optical Transients

R. Stein for the IceCube Collaboration, PoS(ICRC2019)1016

#### Selected Software

2023 R. Stein et al., Mirar

Photometric reduction code, used for WINTER, SEDmV2 and DREAMS.

**2020** R. Stein ET AL., NuZTF, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4048335 ZTF MMA analysis code, used for neutrino, GW and GRB searches.

R. Stein ET Al., Flarestack, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.3619383 Likelihood analysis code for neutrino correlation studies