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 Transient with IceCube and ZTF*"
Research Advisor: A. Franckowiak
Graded "*Summa cum laude*" (with 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

- Development of novel reconstruction method for heavy cosmic rays detected by IACTs, using direct Cherenkov light
- Estimates of performance for simulated CTA geometries

Academic Career

Nov. 2021 – Present

Postdoctoral Scholar in Astronomy,
California Institute of Technology
Research Advisor: M. M. Kasliwal

- ZTF follow-up of neutrino/gravitational wave/GRB events
- WINTER data analysis and multi-messenger follow-up

Selected Talks

13th July 2021

Invited Plenary Highlight Talk, 38th International Cosmic Ray Conference (ICRC), Berlin, DE
"*A tidal disruption event coincident with a high-energy neutrino*"

29TH JUNE 2021	INVITED TALK, European Astronomical Society, Leiden, NL "*Neutrinos from tidal disruption events*"
16TH JUNE 2021	INVITED TALK, LIGO-GRITTS seminar, Pasadena/Cambridge, USA "*A tidal disruption event coincident with a high-energy neutrino*"
10TH DEC. 2020	INVITED TALK, Cosmic Rays and Neutrinos in the Multi-Messenger Era, Paris, FR "*Neutrinos from tidal disruption events*"
14TH OCT. 2020	INVITED TALK, ASTRON Astrolunch, Dwingeloo, NL "*A high-energy neutrino coincident with a tidal disruption event*"
25TH AUG. 2020	INVITED TALK, NASA GSFC ASD Colloquium, Greenbelt, USA "*A high-energy neutrino coincident with a tidal disruption event*"
5TH JUNE 2020	INVITED TALK, DESY Astroparticle Seminar, Zeuthen, DE "*A high-energy neutrino coincident with a tidal disruption event*"
26TH OCT. 2019	INVITED TALK, PAHEN Conference, Berlin, DE "*Neutrinos from optical transients with IceCube*"
30TH JULY 2018	INVITED TALK, ESO Thirty Minute Talk, Santiago, CL "*ZTF and the AMPEL Broker: Providing a realtime public astronomy survey*"

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONOURS

26TH MAR 2021	Winner of the *IceCube Impact Award*, IceCube Spring 2021 Collaboration Meeting
2ND JULY 2020	Winner of first session poster competition, Neutrino 2020 Conference
16TH OCT 2019	Winner of the annual DESY Science Slam, DESY Hamburg
21ST NOV 2018	Winner of the annual Zeuthen Science Slam, DESY Zeuthen

SELECTED TELESCOPE TIME AWARDED

OCT. 2020 – MAR. 2021	Australia Telescope Compact Array Program (Co-I) *Radio emission from stellar tidal disruption flares*
SEP. 2020 – FEB. 2021	Gran Telescopio Canarias Program (Co-I) *Spectroscopic classification of potential neutrino counterparts identified by ZTF*
JUNE 2020 – PRESENT	Very Large Array Program (PI) *VLA observations to establish the neutrino counterpart to a giant AGN flare*

Supervision, Teaching and Outreach

Oct. 2019 – Oct. 2020	Supervision of master's degree student: J. Necker *Search for high-energy neutrinos from core-collapse supernovae*
Sep. 2019 – Sep. 2020	Supervision of master's degree student: R. Naab *The next-generation Optical Follow-Up (OFU) program for IceCube*
Oct 2018 – Aug. 2019	Supervision of bachelor's degree student: A. Vagts *Investigation of the TXS 0506+056 neutrino spectrum*

June 2018 – July 2019	Teaching Assistant: *Experimental Astroparticle Physics* (2 semesters)

Oct. 2018 – Nov. 2019	Volunteer: *International Cosmic Day* (2 years)
June 2018 – June 2019	Volunteer: *Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft* (2 years)
March 2018	Organiser: *IceCube Masterclass*

Additional Information

Collaboration Membership	WINTER, ZTF, GROWTH, LSST-TVSSC
Programming Skills:	Python, LaTeX, Bash (Advanced)
Language Skills:	English (Native Speaker), German (Advanced - C1)

Selected Publications (*peer-reviewed)

2021 S. van Velzen et al., *Establishing accretion flares from massive black holes as a major source of high-energy neutrinos*, (submitted)
Development of statistical analysis and interpretation

S. Reusch et al., *The candidate tidal disruption event AT2019fdr coincident with a high-energy neutrino*, (submitted)
Realtime follow-up and data analysis, statistical analysis, contributed radio data

*R. Stein et al., *A tidal disruption event neutrino coincident with a high-energy neutrino* 2021, Nat Astron 5, 510-518
Developed analysis framework, led follow-up program, modelling, statistical analysis

*S. van Velzen et al., *Seventeen Tidal Disruption Events from the First Half of ZTF Survey Observations: Entering a New Era of Population Studies* 2021, ApJ, 908, 4
Technical implementation of filtering and analysis pipeline, code development

2020 *M. M. Kasliwal et al., *Kilonova Luminosity Function Constraints based on Zwicky Transient Facility searches for 13 Neutron Star Mergers* 2020, ApJ, 905, 145
Developed one of three analysis frameworks, realtime follow-up and data analysis

*V. Paliya et al., *Multi-Frequency Observations of the Candidate Neutrino Emitting Blazar BZB J0955+3551* 2020, ApJ, 902, 29
Statistical analysis of chance coincidence probability, led neutrino data analysis

*A. Franckowiak et al., *Patterns in the multi-wavelength behaviour of candidate neutrino blazars* 2020, ApJ, 893, 162
Contributed to the discussion and interpretation of neutrino correlation

2019 R. Stein for the IceCube Collaboration, *Search for Neutrinos from Populations of Optical Transients*, PoS(ICRC2019)1016
Developed likelihood analysis code, TDE catalogue compilation, data analysis

Selected Software

2020 R. Stein et al., *NuZTF*, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4048335
Python code for ZTF data analysis, built using the AMPEL framework. Primarily used for neutrino, gravitational wave and gamma-ray burst searches.

R. Stein et al., *Flarestack*, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.3619383
Likelihood analysis python code for neutrino data analysis, as well as for neutrino population and cosmology calculations