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Short Bio

Sebastian Lapuschkin received the Ph.D. degree with distinction from the Berlin Institute of Technology in 2018 for his pioneering contributions to the field of Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) and interpretable machine learning. From 2007 to 2013 he studied computer science (B. Sc. and M. Sc.) at the Berlin Institute of Technology, with a focus on software engineering and machine learning.

Since 2021, he is the Head of the Explainable Artificial Intelligence at Fraunhofer Heinrich Hertz Institute (HHI) in Berlin.

He is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Hugo-Geiger-Prize for outstanding doctoral achievement and the 2020 Pattern Recognition Best Paper Award.

His work is focused on pushing the boundaries of XAI, e.g. for achieving human-understandable explanations, and towards the effective utilization of interpretable feedback for the improvement of machine learning systems and data. Further research interests include efficient machine learning and data analysis, as well as data and algorithm visualization.

Professional Experience

Fraunhofer Heinrich-Hertz-Institute

Head of Explainable Artificial Intelligence

Research Group Leadership and direction of XAI research
(current number of staff: 2 PostDocs, 12 PhD researchers & 11 student research assistants).

BERLIN, GERMANY
Jan '21 – today

Tenured Researcher

PostDoc research position in the Machine Learning Group at Fraunhofer HHI.

Jan '19 – Dec '20

Research Associate

Founding member of the Machine Learning Group at Fraunhofer HHI.

Oct '14 – Dec '18

Berlin Institute of Technology

Research Associate

Supervision by Prof. Dr. Klaus-Robert Müller and Prof. Dr. Alexander Binder.

BERLIN, GERMANY
Sep '13 – Sep '14

Student Research- & Teaching Assistant

Research assistant to Prof. Dr. Alexander Binder at the machine learning group at TU Berlin.

Oct '11 – Aug '13

Teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. Klaus-Robert Müller, Prof. Dr. Dr. Franz Király, Dr. Irene Dowding (née Winkler) and Dr. Daniel Bartz.

Student Teaching Assistant

Teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. Marc Alexa, Prof. Dr. Odej Kao and Prof. Dr. Oliver Brock.

Oct '09 – Sep '11

Education

Berlin Institute of Technology

PhD in Machine Learning (with distinction / “summa cum laude”)

Thesis: “Opening the machine learning black box with Layer-wise Relevance Propagation”

Supervision headed by Prof. Dr. Klaus-Robert Müller.

BERLIN, GERMANY
2013 – 2018

Master of Science in Computer Science

Focus on machine learning, computer vision and large scale data analysis.

2010 – 2013

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Focus on algorithms and software development

2007 – 2010

Deutschhaus-Gymnasium

Abitur (pre-university secondary education)

WÜRZBURG, GERMANY
1998 – 2007

Teaching

Teaching and teaching support of 13 university courses since 2010

Supervision & Guidance

Collaboration with and supervision of 2 PostDocs, 20 PhD Students,
17 Master's Students, 1 Bachelor's Student and 4 Guest Researchers since 2017

Third-Party Funded Research Projects

6 third-party funded research projects acquired and managed since 2018

Awards

Stanford Top 2% Scientist Worldwide 2022 (2023)

Best Short Paper Award (2023)

Stanford Top 2% Scientist Worldwide 2021 (2022)

Pattern Recognition Best Paper Award and Pattern Recognition Medal (2020)

Hugo-Geiger-Prize (2019, 1st place)

Freunde des HHI (2019)

ERCIM (2019, finalist)

Best Paper Award (2016)

Patents

Method and System for Simulating an Optical Image of a Photonic and/or Electronic Device

Pruning and/or Quantizing Machine Learning Predictors

Relevance Score Assignment for Artificial Neural Networks

Talks & Lectures

Over 30 invited talks and individual lectures held since 2017.
Excludes teaching activities and internal/confidential events.

Publications

Summary of Scientific Impact

	All	Since 2018
# Publications	62	47
# Citations	12927	12447
h-index	30	29
i10-index	43	43

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24 Journal Papers in eg. Nature Machine Intelligence, Nature Communications, Information Fusion, Pattern Recognition, Scientific Reports, Journal of Machine Learning Research and others.

23 Conference Papers in Proc. of eg. MICCAI, AAAI, CVPR, NeurIPS, ICIP, ICML, ICPR and others.

4 Book Chapters published.

11 Preprints published.