Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2021–2025	*Ph.D. in **Astrophysics*** (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich)
2018–2021	*M.Sc.* in **Physics** (ETH Zürich)
2015–2018	*B.Sc.* in **Physics** (Universität Konstanz)

Experience

since 2025	*Lead Instrument Scientist* – LIFE Space Mission at **ETH Zürich** | *Website*
since 2025	*President* – Akademische Fluggruppe Zürich **(AFG)** | *Website*
2023–2025	*Vice-President* – Akademische Fluggruppe Zürich **(AFG)**
2021	*Co-Initiator* – **NAUTILUS** project | *Website*
2019–2020	*Board member* – Akademische Raumfahrt Initiative Schweiz **(ARIS)** | *Website*
2019	*Systems Engineer* – Sounding rocket **HEIDI** | *Website*

Teaching experience

2024	*Teaching assistant* – **Exoplanets** (ETH Zürich)
2021-2023	*Teaching assistant* – **Physics I**; 3 semesters (ETH Zürich)
since 2021	*Co-Initiator & Co-Organizer* – **Lecture Series: Space Research and Exploration**; 4 semesters (ETH Zürich)
2017	*Teaching assistant* – **Analysis I** (Universität Konstanz)

Poster presentations, talks, and workshops

09/2023	*Participation* – **LIFE science** workshop, FU Berlin, Germany
06/2023	*Invited participation* – **Breakthrough** Discuss, UC Santa Cruz, USA
06/2023	*Contributed Talk* – 242nd **AAS Meeting**, Albuquerque, USA (online)
11/2022	*Contributed Poster* – invited **KISS Workshop**, Caltech, USA
05/2022	*Contributed Talk & Poster* – **Exoplanets IV**, Las Vegas, USA
04/2022	*Contributed Talk* – JUnior Researchers' Assembly **(JURA III)**, Switzerland
09/2021	*Contributed Talk & Poster* – **EPSC 2021**, Online

Supervision

2026	*Master's Thesis* – **Nicolas Feuchthofen:** Finding Optimal Random Noise Error Budget Distributions for the LIFE Space Mission With Arbitrary Nulling and Noise Models
2026	*Semester Thesis* – **Mariasole Agazzi:** Optimal Rotation-Speed Regimes for Planet Detection in a LIFE-like Nulling Interferometer
2026	*Semester Thesis* – **Advait Dhingra:** The Effect of a Constrained Field-of-Regard on the Science Performance of the LIFE Space Mission
2025	*Semester Thesis* – **Nicolas Feuchthofen:** Constraining Stellar Contrast Requirements for the LIFE Space Mission using an Instrument Agnostic Approach
2024	*Master's Thesis* – **Tim Mosimann:** Inferring basic circumplanetary disk properties using JWST/MIRI photometry
2024	*Semester Thesis* – **Olivier Jungo:** Infrared Stellar Variability on Sub-Hour Timescale in the Context of Nulling Interferometry
2024	*Semester Thesis* – **Laura Ruther:** Analysis of noise confusion considering exoplanets observed by the LIFE mission
2023	*Master's Thesis* – **Vania Vincenzi:** Multi-planet systems in LIFE
2023	*Master's Thesis* (Co-supervision) – **Rick Röthlisberger:** HWO Meets LIFE: Synergies Between Future Exoplanet Direct Imaging Flagship Missions in Reflected Light and Thermal Emission
2023	*Master's Thesis* (Co-supervision) – **Caroline Strähl:** The role of technical requirements in signal extraction for nulling interferometry in the context of the LIFE mission
2023	*Semester Thesis* (Co-supervision) – **Mariasole Agazzi:** Optimisation LIFE array movements

2023	*Semester Thesis* (Co-supervision) – **Rick Röthlisberger:** Targeting the Most Wanted Exoplanets: How to Quantify Requirements for Observation of Specific Exoplanet Types Through LIFE
2023	*Semester Thesis* – **Marcellin Feasson:** The LIFE mission: from the search phase to the characterization phase
2022	*Semester Thesis* – **Lukas Felix:** A comparison of local zodiacal dust models for future use in the `LIFEsim` tool
2021	*Semester Thesis* – **Xavier Kervyn:** Impact of non-perfect nulls on the detectable population by the LIFE space mission
2021	*Semester Thesis* – **Fabio Holdener:** Implementation of Inclined Exozodi Dust Disks Into LIFEsim and Their Impact on LIFE's Capability to Detect Exoplanets
2021	*Semester Thesis* – **Andreas Küttel:** Imagining the Second Phase of the LIFE mission
2021	*Semester Thesis* – **Tanja Kaister:** Investigating Nearby Known Exoplanets With `LIFEsim`
2021	*Semester Thesis* – **Christoph Strähl:** Effects of time simulation on the signal in `LIFEsim`
2021	*Semester Thesis* – **Nicole Lehmann:** Influence of the baseline on the SNR of detected exoplanets

Scientific community service

2022–2023	*Reviewer* for **NASA** Review Panel
2022–2023	*Commissioning* of **VLT/ERIS** – Contributed to planning, execution, evaluation and documentation of HCI-mode commissioning
since 2021	*Developer* and maintainer of open-source package `LIFEsim`

Awards

2018	*VEUK Award* – outstanding Bachelor's degree (Universität Konstanz)

Awarded telescope time (selection)

2025	*Co-investigator* – PI: Gabriele Cugno; Circumplanetary disks; **MIRI: 60 h**
2025	*Co-investigator* – PI: Valentin Christiaens; Exoplanet direct imaging; **SPHERE: 4 h**
2024–2025	*Co-investigator* – PI: Markus Bonse; Exoplanet direct imaging; **ERIS: 50 h**
2024	*Principal investigator* – Exoplanet direct imaging; **ERIS: 3 h**

2024 *Co-investigator* – PI: Gabriele Cugno; Exoplanet direct imaging; **VISIR: 4 h**
2022 *Co-investigator* – PI: Anna Boehle; Exoplanet radial velocity; **ESPRESSO: 72 h**