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# Curriculum Vitae

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

born April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1991, in Groß-Gerau, Germany

## PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS

University of Münster  
Medical Machine Learning Lab  
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## EDUCATION

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2019 – present	<b>Doctoral Studies Medical Sciences (rer. medic.)</b> Thesis: <i>“Uncovering Brain-Behavior Relationships using Canonical Correlation Analysis”</i> supervised by Prof. Dr. Tim Hahn, Prof. Dr. Dr. Udo Dannlowski and Prof. Dr. Andre Karch at the University of Münster, Germany
2018 – 2023	<b>Doctoral Studies Psychology (rer. nat.), summa cum laude</b> PhD thesis: <i>“Towards Precision Psychiatry: From Univariate to Multivariate Biomarkers of Major Depressive Disorder”</i> supervised by Prof. Dr. Tim Hahn, Prof. Dr. Dr. Udo Dannlowski and Prof. Dr. Niko Busch at the University of Münster, Germany
2018 – 2023	<b>PhD Program of the Otto Creutzfeldt Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience</b> Secondary, faculty-spanning education in the field of Cognitive and Behavioral Neurosciences
2014 - 2016	<b>M. Sc. Psychology, University of Frankfurt, Ø1.0</b> Cognitive Neuroscience Major, Clinical Psychology Minor Master’s thesis: <i>“Learning Hierarchical Feature Representations in the Brain: A Deep Learning Approach to Resting-State fMRI Analyses”</i> (1.0) supervised by Prof. Dr. Tim Hahn and Prof. Dr. Sabine Windmann, University of Frankfurt, Germany
2011 - 2014	<b>B. Sc. Psychology, University of Frankfurt, Ø1.3</b> Bachelor’s thesis: <i>“Facial width-to-height ratio differs by social rank across organizations, countries, and value systems”</i> (1.0) supervised by Prof. Dr. Tim Hahn and Prof. Dr. Sabine Windmann
2010	<b>A-Levels, Prälat-Diehl-Schule, Groß-Gerau</b>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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2023 – present	<b>Post-Doc, University of Münster</b> at the Institute for Translational Psychiatry (Prof. Dr. Dr. Udo Dannlowski) and the Medical Machine Learning Lab (Prof. Dr. Tim Hahn)
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- 2018 – 2023      **Research Associate (PhD), University of Münster**  
at the Institute for Translational Psychiatry (Prof. Dr. Dr. Udo Dannlowski) and the Medical Machine Learning Lab (Prof. Dr. Tim Hahn), University of Münster
- 01/2020 – 04/2020      **Research Stay at University College London**  
Research project on "*Canonical Correlation Analysis and Partial Least Squares Regression for Brain-Behavior Associations*" funded by the DAAD, supervised by Prof. Dr. Janaina Mourão-Miranda, Machine Learning and Neuroimaging Lab, University College London, UK
- 2017      **Post-Graduate Research Project at University of Frankfurt**  
Research project on "*Genome-Based Prediction of Lithium Response in Patients with Bipolar Disorder*" funded by the Fraunhofer Institute IME and the Department of Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy, University Hospital Frankfurt, Germany
- 02/2016 – 04/2016      **Internship at University of Glasgow**  
Project on "*Robust Estimation using Bayesian Statistics for Group Comparisons*", ERASMUS funded, supervised by Dr. Guillaume Rousselet, University of Glasgow, UK

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

- since 2024      Member **Otto-Creutzfeldt-Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience**
- 2024      **Invited speaker**, Sino-German Frontiers of Science Symposium of the Alexander von **Humboldt Foundation** and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Shanghai)
- since 2023      Member of the **expert panel on AI** of the University Hospital Münster
- since 2019      **Reviewer** for scientific journals (American Journal of Psychiatry, Depression and Anxiety, Scientific Reports, Neuroimage, Human Brain Mapping, Cognitive Therapy and Research, Frontiers in Psychiatry)

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND COMPETITIVE FUNDS

- 2022      **Paper of the Month** (Medical Faculty, University of Münster)  
für die Publikation "*Quantifying Deviations of Brain Structure and Function in Major Depressive Disorder Across Neuroimaging Modalities*" in **JAMA Psychiatry**
- 2022      **Merit Award of the Organization of Human Brain Mapping**  
or an exceptional abstract submitted at the Annual Meeting of the OHBM 2022 in Glasgow, UK (2000 \$)
- 2020      **Stipend of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**  
financing research stay at University College London, UK (3083 €)
- 2019      **Congress travel scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**  
financing the congress participation of the OHBM 2019, Rome, Italy
- 2018      **Congress travel scholarship FAZIT**  
financing the congress participation of the OHBM 2018, Singapore, Singapore (1000 €)

## PUBLICATION RECORD AND SKILLS

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<b>Bibliometry</b>	Publications: 55 First authorship publications: 11 h-Index <sup>1</sup> : 20 i10-Index <sup>1</sup> : 32 Number of citations <sup>1</sup> : 1479
<b>Methods</b>	Machine Learning, Bayesian Statistics, sMRI (SPM, CAT12), resting-state fMRI (CONN-Toolbox), Diffusion Tensor Imaging (CATO Toolbox), Polygenic Risk Scores (PLINK), SPSS
<b>Programming Languages</b>	Python, MATLAB, R, Bash, HTML, CSS
<b>Research Focus</b>	Machine Learning, Precision Psychiatry, Artificial Intelligence, Dynamical Systems Theory, Bayesian Statistics, Normative Modeling, Affective Disorders, Resting-State fMRI
<b>Languages</b>	German – native speaker English – fluent (C1)

<sup>1</sup>as derived from <https://scholar.google.de> on November 14th, 2024

## TEACHING

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SS 23	Research Questions and Methods of Translational Neuroscientific Research of Emotional Disorders (Psychology, Medicine), University of Münster
SS 23	Machine Learning in Medicine (Medicine), University of Münster
WS 20/21	Machine Learning in Medicine (Medicine), University of Münster
WS 20/21	MRI Research in Psychiatry – From Basics to Statistical Analyses (Psychology, Medicine), University of Münster
WS 19/20	Introduction to Machine Learning (Psychology), University of Münster
SS 19	Introduction to Machine Learning (Psychology), University of Münster
SS 19	Neuropsychological Disorders of Cognitive Processes (Psychology), University of Münster

## SCIENTIFIC TALKS

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10-2024	<b>Precision Psychotherapy – Signatures, Predictions, &amp; Clinical Utility</b> Symposium on <b>AI and mental health care, Humboldt University, Berlin</b> <i>“Neuroimaging Biomarkers of Major Depressive Disorder – A Precision Psychiatry Perspective”</i>
05-2023	<b>Diversity Week – Unfaire Algorithmen? Wie Künstliche Intelligenz diskriminieren kann und welche Sicherheitsmaßnahmen es braucht, University of Münster, Germany</b> <i>“From Bench(mark) to Bedside – Maschinelles Lernen und KI in der Medizin”</i>
09-2022	<b>Seminar on “Neuroscientific Advances in Psychiatry”, ETH Zurich, Swiss</b> <i>“More alike than different: Univariate and Multivariate Neuroimaging Markers for Major Depression”</i>
08-2022	<b>Gillan Lab, Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience, Dublin, UK</b> <i>“More Alike Than Different - Univariate and Multivariate Neuroimaging Markers for Major Depression”</i>
12-2021	<b>Computational Psychiatry &amp; Computational Psychosomatics Seminar, TNU Zurich, Swiss</b> <i>“Machine Learning in Affective Disorders: Tools, Theory, and Translation”</i>

- 09-2021                    **Annual Retreat of the Otto Creutzfeldt Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, University of Münster, Germany**  
*"More alike than different: The striking similarity of MDD patients and healthy controls"*
- 06-2020                    **Annual Retreat of the Otto Creutzfeldt Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, University of Münster, Germany**  
*"Multivariate Brain-Behavior Associations in Major Depression"*
- 05-2017                    **2nd Rhine-Main Neuroimaging Retreat, Hohensolms, Germany**  
*"Multivariate Predictive Models in Psychiatry and Neuroscience – Promises, Problems, Perspectives"*

Münster, November 8th, 2024