

Dr. Tim Adler

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 06.2023 – **Senior data & applied scientist**, *hema.to GmbH, Germany*
- Developed a deep classifier in TensorFlow predicting new leukemia types based on flow cytometry data and deployed it to production
 - Unified our inference setup with ONNX, substantially shrinking service image size and codebase
 - Implemented the CI/CD pipeline for all our production models as GitHub Actions
 - Supported the backend team by adding 2-factor authentication to our login endpoint
- 04.2018 – 04.2023 **Machine learning researcher**, *Division of Intelligent Medical Systems, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Germany*
- Developed an unsupervised deep learning model in PyTorch based on out-of-distribution detection to estimate human tissue oxygenation and validated the model in a patient study
 - Developed a framework to explore the well-posedness of inverse problems empirically using normalizing flows and validated the approach in the multispectral and photoacoustic medical imaging domain
 - Led the endoscopy team (2020 – 2023) consisting of 4 – 7 Ph. D. students
- 10.2012 – 02.2017 **Teaching & research assistant**, *Heidelberg University, Germany*
- Teaching assistant for multiple lectures in the mathematics bachelor and master degree program
 - Evaluation of remotely sensed nitrogen oxides data for car emission measurements
- 01.2015 – 05.2015 **Lecturer**, *Introduction to ordinary differential equations*, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA*
- Independent conception of the course schedule, homework, tests, and grades
- 03.2012 – 09.2014 **Reviewer for the German accreditation system for university degree programs**
- Reviewer for mathematics, physics, and computer science programs throughout Germany

Education

- 04.2018 – 12.2022 **Computer Science (Dr. rer. nat.)**, *Heidelberg University, Germany*, Thesis: Uncertainty quantification in biophotonic imaging using invertible neural networks
Final grade: summa cum laude
- 02.2014 – 12.2017 **Mathematics (M. Sc.)**, *Heidelberg University, Germany*, Thesis: A boundary map to the Roller boundary of a CAT(0) cube complex
Final grade: 1.0 (best: 1.0, worst passing: 4.0)
- 10.2010 – 05.2016 **Physics (B. Sc.)**, *Heidelberg University, Germany*, Thesis: Further improvement of a NO to NO₂ converter for CE-DOAS measurements
Final grade: 1.1 (best: 1.0, worst passing: 4.0)
- 08.2014 – 05.2015 **Exchange Graduate Student**, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA*
- 10.2011 – 02.2014 **Mathematics (B. Sc.)**, *Heidelberg University, Germany*, Thesis: Uniformization of compact Riemann surfaces
Final grade: 1.0 (best: 1.0, worst passing: 4.0)
- 09.2001 – 07.2010 **Abitur**, *Hartmanni-Gymnasium Eppingen, Germany*
Final grade: 1.0 (best: 1.0, worst passing: 4.0)

Relevant technical skills

- Programming Python (strong), C++, R, Bash, Zsh (all advanced), Go, SQL (all basic)
- Frameworks PyTorch, Lightning, scikit-learn (all strong), TensorFlow, Hugging Face, ONNX (all advanced), FastAPI (basic)
- Tools git, \LaTeX , Ansible (all strong), GitHub Actions, Docker, GCP, ZenML, Prometheus, Grafana (all advanced), AWS, Terraform, Terragrunt (all basic)
- OS Linux, in particular Debianoids (strong)

Scholarships

- 2018 – 2022 **Helmholtz International Graduate School for Cancer Research**, *Scholarship*
- 2013 – 2017 **German Academic Scholarship Foundation (GASF)**, *Scholarship*
- 2015 **Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation**, *Participation in the 3rd Heidelberg Laureate Forum*
- 2014 **Fulbright Commission**, *Travel grant*

Extracurricular activities

- 2023 – 2024 **Akademie danach**, *Germany*
- Yearly retreat for Alumnx of the GASF (participant-organized program)
 - My workshop contributions: Statistical fallacies & paradoxes (2023), Geolocation of image data (2024)
- 2010 – 2021 **NoName e. V.**, *Heidelberg, Germany*
- Local Unix user group with weekly presentations
 - Presented topics: bias-variance tradeoff, ML ethics, elliptic curves, and security of MIFARE Classic key cards
- 2010 – 2017 **Student representation**, *Heidelberg University, Germany*
- Member of diverse boards of academic administration (e. g. senate, faculty board, etc.)
 - Administrator for the student representatives' servers

Language skills

German (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), Spanish (beginner)

Hobbies

Pen-and-Paper Roleplaying Games, Guitar play & Choir singing
Yoga, Hiking, Spinning, Paragliding

First author publications

Leonardo Ayala* and Tim J Adler* et al. “Spectral imaging enables contrast agent-free real-time ischemia monitoring in laparoscopic surgery”. In: *Science Advances* 9.10 (2023), eadd6778.

Tim J Adler* and Jan-Hinrich Nölke* et al. “Application-driven Validation of Posteriors in Inverse Problems”. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2309.09764* (2023).

Tim J Adler et al. “Out of distribution detection for intra-operative functional imaging”. In: *Uncertainty for Safe Utilization of Machine Learning in Medical Imaging and Clinical Image-Based Procedures*. Springer, 2019, pp. 75–82.

Tim J Adler et al. “Uncertainty handling in intra-operative multispectral imaging with invertible neural networks”. In: *Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL)*. 2019.

Tim J Adler et al. “Uncertainty-aware performance assessment of optical imaging modalities with invertible neural networks”. In: *International journal of computer assisted radiology and surgery* 14.6 (2019), pp. 997–1007.

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