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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Date of Birth: 12.08.1981  
Place of Birth: Berlin, Germany  
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## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Topics:** Stellar spectroscopy, stellar winds, stellar atmospheres, nebular physics, late stages of massive star evolution (luminous blue variables, yellow hypergiants, red and blue supergiants), variable massive stars, supernova impostors, supernova progenitors.

**Objectives:** Evolutionary stages of evolved massive stars, stellar variabilities and instabilities, nature of high mass-loss episodes.

**Methods:** Ultra-violet to mid-infrared spectroscopy, photometry, and interferometry. Analysis of the stellar parameters, variabilities, large-scale morphologies, small-scale structures, velocities, kinematic ages, current mass-loss geometries, abundances, electronic densities, ionization fractions, and dust production.

## **EDUCATION**

- 08/2007-06/2011**      **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA — Ph.D., Astrophysics**  
Exploring and Modeling High-excitation Emission in the Ejecta and the Wind of Eta Carinae (advisor: Prof. Kris Davidson).
- 09/2004-06/2005**      **University of Granada, Granada, Spain — Physics**  
Erasmus Programme.
- 10/2001-07/2007**      **Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany — Diploma in Physics (equiv. to M.Sc.)**  
Multiplicity of Tight Ultra Low Mass Systems (advisor: Dr. Eike Guenther).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 05/2015-PRESENT**      **Staff astronomer, European Southern Observatory (ESO), Santiago, Chile**  
Functional duties on Paranal (105 days per year). UT2/UT3 night support astronomer.
- Experience as instrument scientist:
- X-shooter instrument scientist (since 2015)
  - ESPRESSO instrument scientist backup (since 2016)
  - VISIR instrument scientist backup (2015-2016)
  - VIMOS instrument scientist (2015)
- Other Objectives:
- General Operations Coordinator (since 2018)
  - Project scientist of an observation preparation software in development encompassing all ESO instruments (since 2017)
  - UT2 telescope coordinator (2015-2017)
  - Training of staff
- 09/2011-04/2015**      **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, European Southern Observatory (ESO), Santiago, Chile**  
Functional duties on Paranal (80 days per year). UT2/UT3 night support astronomer, X-shooter fellow, General Operation Group member. Participated in X-shooter commissionings of new modes and telescope moves. Training of staff.
- 01/2008-06/2011**      **Research Assistant, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA**  
Modification of specific reduction and analysis software for HST STIS data developed by the Eta Carinae Treasury Project Team. Developed a program for the use of spectra affected by atmospheric differential refraction.
- 08/2007-12/2008**      **Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA**  
Taught laboratory section of an introductory astronomy course.
- 04/2003-03/2004**      **Teaching Assistant, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany**  
Graded coursework and exams of an experimental physics course.
- 07/2002-01/2003**      **Paid Internship, Fraunhofer IOF (Institute of Applied Optics and Precision Engineering), Jena, Germany**  
Conducted experiments in precision engineering. Setting up and equipping an optical laboratory.
- 07/2004-08/2004**      **Internship, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany**  
Spectroscopic analysis of data obtained during the 2004 Venus-Transit with the 0.9m telescope of the University of Jena.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES & OUTREACH

- 09/2017-11/2017**      **Bachelor thesis advisor**  
Robert Kavanagh (Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, Ireland); thesis work performed at ESO Chile)

- 06/2017**                    **SOC member**  
Eta Carinae, LBVs, and Supernova Impostors, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2015-2018**                **Member of the fellowship and studentship selection committee, ESO, Santiago, Chile**
- 2014-PRESENT**         **Referee for ApJ, A&A, MNRAS**
- 08/2013-04/2015**      **Student Mentor**  
Matthew Shultz (Ph.D. student at ESO Chile).
- 11/2012-10/2014**      **Colloquium Organizer, ESO, Santiago, Chile**
- 11/2012**                 **LOC member**  
ESO Workshop on Ecology of Blue Straggler Stars, Santiago, Chile
- 08/2007-06/2011**     **Public Outreach, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA**  
Presentations and night sky viewing events to audiences of all ages on a monthly basis. Involved with the NASA sponsored "Universe in the Park" program and with hosting weekly public sky viewing nights at the University of Minnesota Department of Astronomy.
- 07/2006-07/2007**     **Public Outreach, Karl Schwarzschild Observatory, Tautenburg, Germany**  
Public observatory tours on a weekly basis.

## HONORS

- 2010-2011**                **Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**  
Awarded \$22,500 by the Graduate School at The University of Minnesota, USA, to support dissertation research.
- 01/2010**                 **Nagoya University Global COE Program in Physics Fellowship**  
Support for a three weeks science stay at Nagoya University, Japan.
- 2004-2005**                **Erasmus Scholarship**  
Support for one academic year at the University of Granada, Spain.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (good), Dutch (basic).

**Computer:** FORTRAN; C; Python; AWK; SED; LaTeX; HTML/CSS; Mac OS X; Unix; experience in data reduction with IRAF, IDL, and amdlib; extensive experience with ESO pipelines (esorex, gasgano, reflex) reducing and analyzing X-shooter, MUSE, ESPRESSO, VISIR, FORS2, CRIRES, UVES, FLAMES, ISAAC, HAWKI, SINFONI data; plasma simulation code CLOUDY; radiative transfer code CMFGEN.

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Summary: refereed articles = 36 (12 as first author since 2008), h-index = 16

1. *The cataclysmic variable QZ Lib: a period bouncer*, A. F. Pala, L. Schmidtbreick, C. Tappert, B. T. Gänsicke, **A. Mehner** 2018, MNRAS, 481, 2523
2. *Short-term variability and mass loss in Be stars. IV. Two groups of closely spaced, approximately equidistant frequencies in three decades of space photometry of  $\nu$  Puppis (B7-8 IIIe)*, D. Baade, et al (**A. Mehner** one of 16 co-authors) 2018, A&A, 620, 145
3. *The supermassive black hole coincident with the luminous transient ASASSN-15lh*, T. Kruehler, et al (**A. Mehner** one of 14 co-authors) 2018, A&A, 610, 14
4. *Cosmic evolution and metal aversion in super-luminous supernova host galaxies*, S. Schulze, T. Krühler, G. Leloudas, J. Gorosabel, **A. Mehner**, et al. 2018, MNRAS, 473, 1258
5. *Stellar parameters of Be stars observed with X-shooter*, A. Shokry, Th. Rivinius, **A. Mehner**, et al. 2018, A&A, 609, 108
6. *The MUSE view of the host galaxy of GRB 100316D*, L. Izzo, C.C. Thöne, S. Schulze, **A. Mehner**, et al. 2017, MNRAS, 472, 4480
7. *Spectroscopic and photometric oscillatory envelope variability during the S Doradus outburst of the Luminous Blue Variable R71*, **A. Mehner**, D. Baade, J.H. Groh, et al. 2017, A&A, 608, 124
8. *Multi-messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger*, B.P. Abbott et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 3674 co-authors) 2017, ApJ, 848, 12
9. *Dissecting a SN impostor's circumstellar medium: MUSEing about the SHAPE of  $\eta$  Car's outer ejecta*, **A. Mehner**, W. Steffen, J.H. Groh, F.P.A. Vogt, D. Baade, H.M.J. Boffin, K. Davidson, W.J. de Wit, R.M. Humphreys, C. Martayan, R.D. Oudmaijer, T. Rivinius, F. Selman, 2016, A&A, 595, 120
10. *VLTI-AMBER velocity-resolved aperture-synthesis imaging of  $\eta$  Carinae with a spectral resolution of 12 000. Studies of the primary star wind and innermost wind-wind collision zone*, G. Weigelt, et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 28 co-authors), 2016, A&A, 594, 106
11. *450 d of Type II SN 2013ej in optical and near-infrared*, F. Yuan et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 33 co-authors), 2016, MNRAS, 461, 2003
12. *The LBV HR Car has a partner: Discovery of a companion with the VLTI*, H.M.J. Boffin, T. Rivinius, A. Merand, **A. Mehner**, J.-B. LeBouquin, D. Pourbaix, W.J. de Wit, C. Martayan, S. Guieu, 2016, A&A, 593, 90
13. *Interacting supernovae and supernova impostors. LSQ13zm: an outburst heralds the death of a massive star*, L. Tartaglia et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 39 co-authors), 2016, MNRAS, 459, 1039
14. *Short-term variability and mass loss in Be stars I. BRITe satellite photometry of  $\eta$  and  $\mu$  Centauri*, D. Baade et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 15 co-authors), 2016, A&A, 588, 56
15. *Luminous blue variables: An imaging perspective on their binarity and near environment*, C. Martayan, A. Lobel, D. Baade, **A. Mehner**, and 17 coauthors, 2016, A&A, 587, 115
16. *VLTI/MUSE discovers a jet from the evolved B[e] star MWC 137*, **A. Mehner**, W.J. de Wit, J.H. Groh, R.D. Oudmaijer, D. Baade, T. Rivinius, F. Selman, H.M.J. Boffin, C. Martayan 2016, A&A, 585, 81

17. *Identification of dusty massive stars in star-forming dwarf irregular galaxies in the Local Group with mid-IR photometry*, N. E. Britavskiy, A. Z. Bonanos, **A. Mehner**, M.L. Boyer, K.B.W. McQuinn, 2015, A&A, 584, 33
18. *Eta Carinae's 2014.6 Spectroscopic event: Clues to the long-term recovery from its Great Eruption*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, F. M. Walter, D. Baade, W. J. de Wit, J. C. Martin, K. Ishibashi, T. Rivinius, C. Martayan, M. T. Ruiz, K. Weis 2015, A&A, 578, 122
19. *Spectroscopy of superluminous supernova host galaxies. A preference of hydrogen-poor events for extreme emission line galaxies*, G. Leloudas, S. Schulze, T. Kruehler, J. Gorosabel, **A. Mehner**, and 13 coauthors, 2015, MNRAS, 449, 917
20. *Eta Carinae's 2014.6 Spectroscopic Event: The Extraordinary He II and N II Features*, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, R. M. Humphreys, J. C. Martin, K. Ishibashi, 2015, ApJ, 801L, 15
21. *The three-dimensional structure of the Eta Carinae Homunculus*, W. Steffen, M. Teodoro, T. I. Madura, J. H. Groh, T. R. Gull, **A. Mehner**, M. F. Corcoran, A. Damineli, K. Hamaguchi, 2014, MNRAS 442, 3316
22. *Near-Infrared Evidence for a Sudden Temperature Increase in Eta Carinae*, **A. Mehner**, K. Ishibashi, P. Whitelock, T. Nagayama, M. Feast, F. van Wyk, W.J. de Wit, 2014, A&A, 564, 14
23. *A new technique of discovering red supergiants in nearby galaxies with mid-IR photometry*, N. E. Britavskiy, A. Z. Bonanos, **A. Mehner**, D. Garcia-Alvarez, J. L. Prieto, N. I. Morrell, 2014, A&A, 562, 75
24. *Possible astrometric discovery of a substellar companion to the closest binary brown dwarf system WISE J104915.57-531906.1*, H. M. J. Boffin, D. Pourbaix, K. Muzic, V. D. Ivanov, R. Kurtev, Y. Beletsky, **A. Mehner**, J. P. Berger, J. H. Girard, D. Mawet, 2014, A&A, 561, 4
25. *Unexpected Ionization Structure in Eta Carinae's "Weigelt Knots"*, G. N. Remmen, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, 2013, ApJ, 773, 27
26. *Broad-band Spectroscopy of the Ongoing Large Eruption of the Luminous Blue Variable R71*, **A. Mehner**, D. Baade, T. Rivinius, D. J. Lennon, C. Martayan, O. Stahl, O., S Stefl, 2013, A&A, 555, 116
27. *Characterization of the Nearby L/T Binary Brown Dwarf WISE J104915.57-531906.1 at 2 Parsecs from the Sun*, A. Y. Kniazev, P. Vaisanen, K. Muzic, **A. Mehner**, H. M. J. Boffin, R. Kurtev, C. Melo, V. D. Ivanov, J. Girard, D. Mawet, and 15 co-authors, 2013, ApJ, 770, 124
28. *Galaxy counterparts of intervening high-z sub-DLAs/DLAs and MgII absorbers towards gamma-ray bursts*, S. Schulze, J. P. U. Fynbo, B. Milvang-Jensen, A. Rossi, P. Jakobsson, C. Ledoux, A. De Cia, T. Kruehler, **A. Mehner**, and 13 co-authors, 2012, A&A, 546, 20
29. *Secular Changes in Eta Carinae's Wind 1998-2011*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, K. Ishibashi, J. C. Martin, M. T. Ruiz, F. M. Walter, 2012, ApJ, 751, 73
30. *Critical Differences and Clues in Eta Car's 2009 Event*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, J. C. Martin, R. M. Humphreys, K. Ishibashi, G. J. Ferland, 2011, ApJ, 740, 80
31. *N II  $\lambda$ 5668-5712 Absorption, a New Class of Spectral Features in Eta Carinae*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, G. J. Ferland, 2011, ApJ, 737, 70
32. *A Sea Change in Eta Carinae*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, J. C. Martin, K. Ishibashi, G. J. Ferland, N. Walborn, 2010, ApJL, 717, 22

33. *Mid-cycle Changes in Eta Carinae*, J. C. Martin, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, **A. Mehner**, 2010, AJ, 139, 2056
34. *High-excitation Emission Lines Near Eta Carinae and Its Likely Companion Star*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, G. J. Ferland, R. M. Humphreys, 2010, ApJ, 710, 729
35. *Short-term Spectroscopic Monitoring of Two Cool Dwarfs with Strong Magnetic Fields*, E. W. Guenther, M. R. Zapatero Osorio, **A. Mehner**, E. L. Martín, 2009, A&A, 498, 281

## OTHERS

1. *The 2018 Census of Luminous Blue Variables in the Local Group*, N. Richardson, **A. Mehner**, 2018, RNAAS, 2, 121
2. *Science Verification for the VISIR Upgrade*, D. Asmus, M. van den Ancker, V. Ivanov, H.-U. Käufl, F. Kerber, B. Leibundgut, **A. Mehner**, Y. Momany, E. Pantin, K.R.W. Tristram, 2016, Msng, 164, 14

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. *BRITening up the Be Phenomenon*, D. Baade, et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 16 co-authors) 2017, 2018pas8.conf...69B
2. *Changes in the Near-UV Spectrum of eta Car 2002 - 2015*, J. C. Martin, K. Davidson, K. Ishibashi, R. M. Humphreys, **A. Mehner**, 2018, AAS Meeting #231, #341.04 (poster)
3. *Not so lonely: The LBV binary HR Car*, T. Rivinius,, H.M.J. Boffin, A. Merand, **A. Mehner**, et al. 2017, IAUS, 329, 440 (poster)
4. *MUSEing about the SHAPE of eta Car's outer ejecta*, **A. Mehner**, W. Steffen, J. Groh, et al. 2017, IAUS, 329, 423 (poster)
5. *X-Shooter: The First of the VLT Second Generation Instruments*, **A. Mehner** 2017, 2017 ESO Calibration Workshop, 2017sgvi.confE..28M (oral)
6. *Pulsations and outbursts in Be stars: Small differences - big impacts*, D. Baade, et al. (**A. Mehner** one of 15 co-authors) 2016, Proc. 2nd BRITE-Constellation Science Conference: 'small satellites - big science', Innsbruck, Aug. 2016, 2017sbcs.conf..196B (oral)
7. *The Jet from MWC 137 Points at a Supergiant B[e] Star in a Binary*, **A. Mehner**, W.J. de Wit, J.H. Groh, et al. 2017, ASPC, 508, 267 (oral)
8. *Modeling and Observations of Massive Binaries with the B[e] Phenomenon*, A. Lobel, C. Martayan, **A. Mehner**, J.H. Groh 2017, ASPC, 508, 245 (oral)
9. *Near IR observations of η Car: Reaching its critical rotation?*, K. Ishibashi, **A. Mehner**, T. Nagayama, 2016, JPhCS, 728, 7 (oral)
10. *Recovery from a Giant Eruption: The Case of Eta Car*, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, J.C. Martin, R.M. Humphreys, 2016, AAS Meeting #227, #345.24 (poster)
11. *The Rapid Brightening of Eta Carinae*, J.C. Martin, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, R.M. Humphreys, 2016, AAS Meeting #227, #345.23 (poster)
12. *Imaging and Spectroscopy of The Massive Binaries MWC 314 and HD 168625*, A. Lobel, C. Martayan, D. Baade, **A. Mehner**, J.H. Groh, 2015, EAS Publications Series, Vol. 71-72, 169-171 (poster)

13. *Luminous Blue Variables, Cool Hypergiants, and Supernova Impostors: The Role of Episodic Mass Loss*, **A. Mehner**, W.J. de Wit, D. Baade, H.M.J. Boffin, K. Davidson, J.H. Groh, R.M. Humphreys, C. Martayan, R.D. Oudmaijer, T. Rivinius, F. Selman, W. Steffen 2015, EAS Publications Series, Vol. 71-72, 49-51 (poster)
14. *Identification of red supergiants in the Local Group with mid-IR photometry*, N. Britavskiy, A. Bonanos, **A. Mehner**, 2015, IAUGA, 2245786B (poster)
15. *Binariness of the LBV HR Car*, T. Rivinius, H.M.J. Boffin, W.J. de Wit, **A. Mehner**, C. Martayan, S. Guieu, J.B. Le Bouquin, 2014, New Windows on Massive Stars: Asteroseismology, Interferometry and Spectropolarimetry (poster)
16. *OHANA: Eta Carinae's Variability in the Near-IR*, **A. Mehner**, W.J. de Wit, T. Rivinius, and the Paranal VLTI group, 2014, New Windows on Massive Stars: Asteroseismology, Interferometry and Spectropolarimetry (poster)
17. *Luminous Infrared Sources in the Local Group: Identifying the Missing Links in Massive Star Evolution*, N. Britavskiy, A. Bonanos, **A. Mehner**, 2014, New Windows on Massive Stars: Asteroseismology, Interferometry and Spectropolarimetry (poster)
18. *Eta Carinae's change of state: First new HST/NUV data since 2010, and the first new FUV since 2004*, J. C. Martin, **A. Mehner**, K. Ishibashi, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, 2014, AAS Meeting #223, #151.09 (poster)
19. *The Current Eruption of the LBV R71: Very Large and Very Cool*, **A. Mehner**, D. Baade, T. Rivinius, D. J. Lennon, C. Martayan, O. Stahl, S. Štefl, 2013, Massive Stars: From  $\alpha$  to  $\Omega$ , Rhodos, Greece, 2013msao.confE.168M (poster)
20. *The geometry and dynamics of mass-loss at milli-arcsecond scales of massive stars in transition*, W.J. de Wit, H. Wheelwright, R. D. Oudmaijer, **A. Mehner**, 2013, Massive Stars: From  $\alpha$  to  $\Omega$ , Rhodos, Greece, 2013msao.confE.146D (poster)
21. *A New Technique for Identifying Red Supergiants in the Local Group*, N. Britavskiy, A. Bonanos, **A. Mehner**, D. Garcia, J. Prieto, 2013, Massive Stars: From  $\alpha$  to  $\Omega$ , Rhodos, Greece, 2013msao.confE.112B (oral contribution)
22. *On the Binariness of LBV Stars*, Martayan et al. (**Mehner**: 18th co-author), 2012, ASP Conf. Proc., 464, 293 (oral contribution)
23. *Exploring and Modeling the High-excitation Emission in the Ejecta and Wind of Eta Carinae*, **A. Mehner**, 2011, AAS Meeting #217, #232.04 (oral contribution)
24. *Tracking Eta Car Through the 2009.0 Event*, J. C. Martin, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, K. Ishibashi, G. Ferland, 2011, AAS Meeting #217, #154.12 (poster)
25. *High Excitation Emission Lines in the Close Environment of Eta Carinae*, **A. Mehner**, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, 2009, AAS Meeting #214, #428.03 (poster)
26. *Fresh Clues in Eta Carinae's 2009.0 Event*, K. Davidson, J. C. Martin, R. M. Humphreys, **A. Mehner**, K. Ishibashi, G. Ferland, F. Hamann, 2009, AAS Meeting #214, #428.11 (poster)

## OTHER ORAL AND POSTER CONTRIBUTIONS

1. *Spectroscopic and photometric oscillatory envelope variability during the S Doradus outburst of the Luminous Blue Variable R71*, **A. Mehner**, 2018, Massive Stars and Supernovae, Bariloche, Argentina (poster contribution)

2. *The impact of binarity on the LBV phenomenon*, **A. Mehner**, 2017, The IMPACT of BINARIES on STELLAR EVOLUTION, ESO Garching (poster contribution)
3. *Eta Carinae: The outer ejecta*, **A. Mehner**, 2017, Eta Carinae, LBVs, and Supernova Impostors, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA (oral contribution)
4. *X-shooter: the first of the VLT second generation instruments*, **A. Mehner**, 2017, 2017 ESO Calibration Workshop: the second generation VLT instruments and friends, ESO Santiago, Chile (oral contribution)
5. *The Binary Nature of the LBV HR Car*, H.M.J. Boffin, T. Rivinius, J.-B. LeBouquin, W.J de Wit, **A. Mehner**, C. Martayan, S. Guieu, 2015, Stellar End Products: the low mass - high mass connection, ESO Garching, Germany (poster contribution)
6. *Doppler tomography studies of the dwarf nova QZ Lib*, L. Schmidtbreick, C. Tappert, B. Gänsicke, **A. Mehner**, 2014, HIRES 2014: "Astronomy at high angular resolution - a cross-disciplinary approach", ESO Garching, Germany (poster contribution)
7. *The Potential eta Car like Binarity of the LBV HR Car*, T. Rivinius, H.M.J. Boffin, W.J. de Wit, **A. Mehner**, C. Martayan, S. Guieu, J.B. Le Bouquin, 2014, HIRES 2014: "Astronomy at high angular resolution - a cross-disciplinary approach", ESO Garching, Germany (poster contribution)
8. *Improving the Observational Upper HR Diagram - Luminous Blue Variables in the LMC and SMC*, 2014, Journal Club, Geneva Observatory, Geneva, Switzerland (oral contribution)
9. *The SUSHIES Project - Revealing the Nature of Superluminous Supernovae through their Host Galaxies*, Schulze et al. (**Mehner**: 6th co-author), 2014, Supernovae in the Local Universe: Celebrating 10,000 Days of Supernova 1987A, Coffs Harbour, Australia (poster)
10. *The 2014.5 Periastron Passage of Eta Carinae*, 2014, Seminar, Geneva Observatory, Geneva, Switzerland (oral contribution)
11. *The Current Eruption of the LBV R71: Very Large and Very Cool*, 2013, Hot Star Group Meeting, ESO Vitacura, Santiago de Chile, Chile (oral contribution)
12. *Monitoring the Variabilities of Evolved Massive Stars*, 2013, UC Observatory Science Day, Centro de Astro-Ingeniera, Universidad Catolica, Santiago de Chile, Chile (oral contribution)
13. *R71 and an outburst with a distinction*, **A. Mehner**, D. Baade, T. Rivinius, D. J. Lennon, C. Martayan, O. Stahl, S. Stefl, 2013, ESO workshop on The Deaths of Stars and the Lives of Galaxies, Santiago, Chile (poster)
14. *Eta Carinae: The recovery of a supernova impostor*, **A. Mehner**, K. Ishibashi, W.J. de Wit, T. Nagayama, 2013, ESO workshop on The Deaths of Stars and the Lives of Galaxies, Santiago, Chile (poster)
15. *Monitoring the Outburst of the Luminous Blue Variable R71 with X-shooter*, **A. Mehner**, D. Baade, O. Stahl, T. Rivinius, C. Martayan, S. Stefl, 2012, A Workshop on Outstanding Problems in Massive Star Research - The Final Stages, St. Paul, MN, USA (poster)
16. *JHK Photometry of Eta Carinae with IRSF/SIRIUS - Another Evidence for the Decreasing Wind Hypothesis*, **A. Mehner**, K. Ishibashi, T. Nagayama, 2012, A Workshop on Outstanding Problems in Massive Star Research - The Final Stages, St. Paul, MN, USA (poster)
17. *Eta Carinae and Its Company*, 2012, Star Cluster Group Meeting, ESO Vitacura, Santiago de Chile, Chile (oral contribution)



18. *Eta Carinae and the SN Impostors*, 2012, SN club, Universidad de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile (oral contribution)
19. *The Variability of Eta Carinae with Respect to its Companion*, 2012, ESO workshop “Variability at different evolutionary stages of binary stars”, ESO Vitacura, Santiago de Chile, Chile (oral contribution)
20. *Eta Carinae’s Long-term Recovery from its Great Eruption in the 1850s*, 2011, ESO Fellows Days, ESO Vitacura, Santiago de Chile, Chile (oral contribution)
21. *Eta Carinae’s Long-term Recovery from its Great Eruption and the 2009 Event*, 2011, IAA Seminar, Athens, Greece (oral contribution)
22. *High-excitation Emission in the Ejecta and Wind of Eta Carinae*, **A. Mehner**, 2011, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Research Showcase, University of Minnesota, MN, USA (poster)
23. *Variations of High-excitation Emission Lines in Eta Carinae*, 2010, Global-COE Workshop on Eta Carinae and its Surrounding Media, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan (oral contribution)

## CIRCULARS AND TELEGRAMS

1. ATel #6515 (2014), *Discovery and Classification of 8 SNe from the Dark Energy Survey*, M. Smith+
2. ATel #6448 (2014), *Eta Car’s spectroscopic event compared to 2009*, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, R.M. Humphreys, J.C. Martin
3. ATel #6408 (2014), *Eta Car’s spectroscopic event begins to differ from 2009*, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, R.M. Humphreys, K. Ishibashi, J.C. Martin
4. ATel #6368 (2014), *eta Carinae - Caught in Transition to the Photometric Minimum*, R.M. Humphreys, J.C. Martin, **A. Mehner**, K. Ishibashi, K. Davidson
5. IAU Circ., 9094, 1 (2009), *Brightening of the central star in eta Carinae - star now accounts for half of the light seen in the Homunculus nebulae compared to less than 10% before 1995*, K. Davidson, **A. Mehner**, J. C. Martin
6. IAU Circ., 9012, 1 (2009), *High rate of decline in STMAG magnitudes at 250 nm during eta Carinae’s 2009 event*, K. Davidson, J. C. Martin, R. M. Humphreys, **A. Mehner**
7. IAU Circ., 8961, 1 (2008), *Appearance of He II 4687 in the spectrum of eta Carinae - the first definite sign of the 2009 spectroscopic event*, J. C. Martin, K. Davidson, R. M. Humphreys, **A. Mehner**, F. Hamann, G. Ferland, K. Ishibashi

## AWARDED TELESCOPE TIME

### Eta Carinae

- 2017 **PI**, VLT VISIR, 101.D-0077(A,B), Paranal, Chile — 8h
- 2014 Col (PI Ishibashi), IRSF SIRIUS, SAAO, South Africa — 7n
- 2013 **PI**, HST/STIS, GO 13377, GO 13789 — 11 orbits in Cycle 21/22 (2013-2015)  
**PI**, VLT UVES, 592.D-0047(A,B,C,D), Paranal, Chile — 21h in P92-P95 (2013-2015)  
**PI**, IRSF SIRIUS, SAAO, South Africa — 7n  
Col (PI Ruiz), REM, CN2013A-104, LCO, CHILE — 12h
- 2012 **PI**, Pucheros on the ESO-50 cm telescope, Observatorio UC, Chile — 6n  
**PI**, VLT UVES 089.D-0024, Paranal, Chile — 1.5h  
Col (PI Ishibashi), IRSF SIRIUS, SAAO, South Africa — 7n
- 2011 Col (PI Ruiz), Irénée du Pont B&C, Las Campanas, Chile — 6n

### Evolved massive stars (LBVs, RSGs, WR stars, sg[Be], Hypergiants, SN impostors)

- 2018 **PI**, VLT X-shooter, 5103.D-0004(A,B,C,D), Paranal, Chile — 3.2h (2018-2020)  
Col (PI Bartlett), VLT X-shooter, 103.D-0439, Paranal, Chile — 2h  
Col (PI Vogt), VLT MUSE, 0102.C-0589, Paranal, Chile — 4h  
Col (PI Bartlett), VLT X-shooter, 2101.D-5040, Paranal, Chile — 20h
- 2017 Col (PI Sanchez), VLT GRAVITY 0101.D-0692, Paranal, Chile — 6h  
Col (PI Bartlett), VLT X-shooter, 0101.D-0441, Paranal, Chile — 20h  
Col (PI Boffin), VLT GRAVITY and PIONIER, 0100.D-0194, Paranal, Chile — 16h  
**PI**, VLT VISIR, 0100.D-0014, Paranal, Chile — 9h
- 2016 Col (PI Kaminski), VLT X-shooter, 099.D-0010, Paranal, Chile — 6n  
**PI**, VLT X-shooter, 598.D-0005(A,B,C,D), Paranal, Chile — 3.2h (2016-2018)  
**PI**, VLT VISIR, 098.D-0071, Paranal, Chile — 12.5h
- 2015 **PI**, VLT X-shooter, 096.D-0006, Paranal, Chile — 0.8h  
**PI**, VLT X-shooter, 096.D-0047, Paranal, Chile — 11h  
Col (PI Boffin), VLT PIONIER, 596.D-0335, Paranal, Chile — 4.6n  
Col (PI Baade), VLT X-shooter, 096.D-0043(A,B,C), Paranal, Chile — 1.2h  
Col (PI Britavskiy), VLT FORS2, 095.D-0313, Paranal, Chile — 2.7h
- 2014 Col (PI Tappert), FEROS, CN2014B-31, La Silla, Chile — 3n  
Col (PI Schulze), REM, CN2014B-24, LCO, Chile — 25h  
**PI**, VLT MUSE, 094.D-0215, Paranal, Chile — 9h  
Col (PI Baade), VLT X-shooter, 094.D-0266, Paranal, Chile — 1.2h  
Col (PI Boffin), VLT PIONIER, 094.D-0069, Paranal, Chile — 0.25n  
Col (PI Lagadec), ALMA, cycle 2, Chile — 2.1h  
Col (PI Schulze), REM, CN2014A-23, LCO, Chile — 40h  
Col (PI Baade), VLT X-shooter, 093.D-0579, Paranal, Chile — 0.8h
- 2013 **PI**, VLT FLAMES, 091.D-0015, Paranal, Chile — 6h  
**PI**, VLT FORS2, 091.D-0010, Paranal, Chile — 3.4h  
Col (PI Schulze), REM, CN2013B-6, LCO, Chile — 30h  
Col (PI Baade), VLT X-shooter, 092.D-0024, Paranal, Chile — 1.2h  
Col (PI de Wit), VLT AMBER, 092.D-0289, Paranal, Chile — 45h  
Col (PI Rivinius), VLT MIDI, 092.D-0306, Paranal, Chile — 1n  
Col (PI Baade), VLT X-shooter, 091.D-0116, Paranal, Chile — 0.8h
- 2012 **PI**, VLT FORS2, 090.D-009, Paranal, Chile — 11h  
Col (PI Baade), VLT X-shooter, DDT 289.D-5040, Paranal, Chile — 1h

## Massive Stars

- 2014 Col (PI Martayan), VLT X-shooter, 093.D-0415, Paranal, Chile — 89h  
Col (PI Shultz), VLT X-shooter, 093.D-0448, Paranal, Chile — 7.2h

## GRBs

- 2016 Col (PI de Ugarte Postigo), NOEMA, W16EL — 17h  
Col (PI Kim), ALMA Cycle 4, 2016.1.00862.T — 8.1h  
Col (PI de Ugarte Postigo), IRAM NOEMA, S16CR — 24h
- 2015 Col (PI Schulze), ALMA Cycle 3, 2015.1.01558.T — 24h

## Supernovae

- 2018 Col (PI KERZENDORF), VLT X-shooter, 2101.D-5040, Paranal, Chile — 7h
- 2015 Col (PI Kim), VLT MUSE, 097.D-1054, Paranal, Chile — 18h  
Col (PI Schulze), VLT MUSE, 096.D-0786, Paranal, Chile — 24h  
Col (PI Schulze), REM, LCO, Chile — 32n  
Col (PI Thoene), VLT VIMOS, 095.B-0702, Paranal, Chile — 15h  
Col (PI Schulze), Magellan BAADE, LCO, Chile — 0.5n
- 2014 Col (PI Schulze), VLT X-shooter, 094.D-0926, Paranal, Chile — 11.3h  
Col (PI Leloudas), VLT X-shooter, 093.D-0867, Paranal, Chile — 5.5h
- 2013 Col (PI Schulze), Magellan BAADE, CN2013B-70, LCO, Chile — 0.5n  
Col (PI Bauer), REM, FT2013A-24, LCO, Chile — 50h  
Col (PI Schulze), Magellan BAADE, CN2013A-195, LCO, Chile — 1n  
Col (PI Leloudas), VLT FORS2/HAWKI/X-shooter, 091.D-0734, Paranal, Chile — 1.5n  
Col (PI Leloudas), VLT ISAAC, 290.D-5139, Paranal, Chile — 3.5h

## Planetary Nebulae

- 2014 Col (PI Guzman-Ramirez), VLT UVES, 093.D-0290, Paranal, Chile — 31.2h

## Novae

- 2018 Col (PI Gromadzki), VLT X-shooter, VISIR, 2100.D-5051, Paranal, Chile — 20h

## Brown dwarfs

- 2017 Col (PI Caceres), NTT SOFI, 101.C-0519, La Silla, Chile — 2n
- 2014 Col (PI Boffin), VLT FORS2, 593.C-0314(A,B,C, D), Paranal, Chile — 32h in P93-P96 (2014-2016)
- 2013 Col (PI Boffin), VLT FORS2, 291.C-5004, Paranal, Chile — 4.5h
- 2006 Col (PI Guenther), NTT SOFI and 3.6m EFOSC2, 078.C-0161, La Silla, Chile — 2n  
Col (PI Guenther), 2.2m MAGIC, Calar Alto, Spain — 3n

## **OBSERVING EXPERIENCE**

<b>VLT, Paranal, Chile</b>	<b>~600n (2011-2018)</b> Day and night support astronomer, shift coordinator. Supporting UT2/UT3 night time operations (ESPRESSO, UVES, FLAMES, X-shooter, SPHERE, VISIR, VIMOS, ISAAC).
<b>IRSF, SAAO, South Africa</b>	<b>14n (2012, 2013)</b> Near-infrared photometry with SIRIUS of evolved massive stars.
<b>La Silla, Chile</b>	<b>2n (2006)</b> Spectroscopy with SOFI and EFOSC2 of brown dwarfs. <b>3n (2016)</b> FEROS, GROND, WFI at the 2.2m telescope.
<b>Calar Alto, Spain</b>	<b>3n (2006)</b> Spectroscopy with MAGIC of brown dwarfs.
<b>2m telescope, Karl Schwarzschild Observatory, Tautenburg, Germany</b>	<b>~14n (2006, 2007)</b> Observations for the Tautenburg Extrasolar Planets Survey.
<b>0.9m telescope, Großschwabhausen, Germany</b>	<b>1d (2004)</b> Solar observations of the Venus-Transit.