

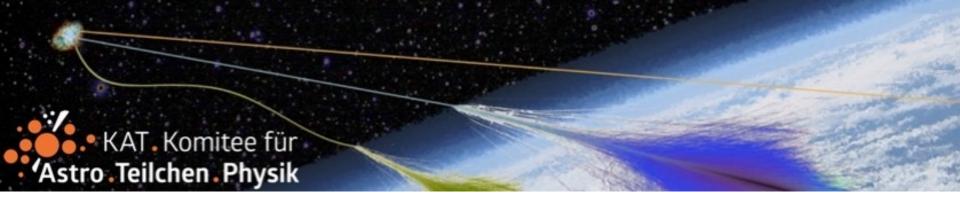


Report from KAT

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News from KAT

Reminder: KAT composition



KAT members and deputies (2022-2025) for the nine topical constituencies:

Constituency	Elected member	Deputy
Dark Matter	Manfred Lindner	Federica Petricca
Neutrino properties	Kathrin Valerius (Dep. Chair)	Stefan Schönert
Low-energy v astrophysics	Achim Stahl	Michael Wurm
Cosmic rays	Markus Roth	Michael Schmelling
Gamma-ray astronomy	Stefan Funk	David Berge
High-energy v astrophysics	Uli Katz (Chair)	Marek Kowalski
Nuclear astrophysics	Uwe Oberlack	Daniel Bemmerer
Gravitational waves	Michèle Heurs	Harald Lück
Theory	Walter Winter	Michael Klasen

Plus *ex-officio* members from other committees, in particular:

J. Haller (DPG FV Teilchenphysik), J. Wilms (RdS), W. Nörtershäuser (KHuK)

News: Liaisons and envoys

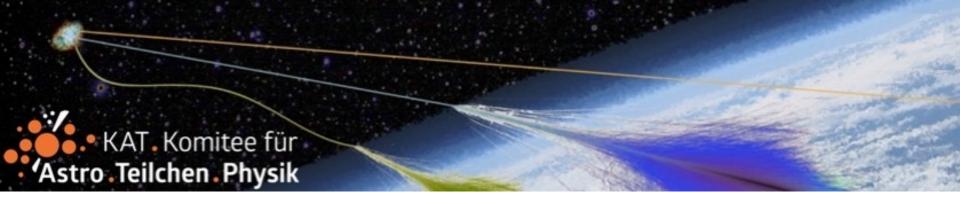


- Change in yHEP representatives:
 Leonel Morejon (U Wuppertal) & Srijan Sehgal (U Wuppertal)
- New DZA liaison officer in KAT: Michèle Heurs (U Hannover)
- KAT envoy to KHuK:
 Kathrin Valerius (KIT) → Daniel Bemmerer (HZDR)



deputy envoy:
Uwe Oberlack (U Mainz)





Strategy process 2023/24

KAT strategy update



Current status:

- KAT has a working paper for 3-year period, adapted to and updated for the ErUM-Pro funding cycles, but no long-term strategy covering ~10 years
- RdS has a 10-year "Denkschrift" which needs an update
- DZA should be included in long-term strategy for both RdS & KAT

Plan:

- Prepare two separate documents (closely coordinated) which are suitable for dissemination to policy makers & stakeholders
- Ideally, these should be released back-to-back

Tentative (ambitious) timeline:

- Draft in spring/summer, release by end of 2024 (e.g. presentation at the next Annual Meeting)
- Prepare both German and English version





KAT strategy update



Present status: bottom-up collection of inputs

- Project fact sheets to describe ongoing projects and future projects/project ideas
- Key science questions to document what are our driving science objectives
- ~60 submissions received so far
 - → discussed at Annual KAT Meeting 2023
- A nice picture of Astroparticle Physics in Germany is emerging — collection ongoing

(Some) open questions:

- Prioritization of large-scale projects?
- Need to discuss how/whether to include projects like DUNE or ESS v beam.
- How will cooperation with neighbouring fields develop? Will researchers be able to move between fields? → neutrinos, axions, astronomy, GWs, ...

Next steps: initiate coordination board and writing groups; implement RdS connection and link to DZA; KAT community meeting (spring/summer 2024)



The four big astroparticle projects



- DARWIN/XLZD: DM and more
 - → Sensitivity down to neutrino fog
 - → Invest: 45 M€ detector + 135 M€ Xenon
 - → Expected German contribution 45 M€
- IceCube-Gen2: Cosmic neutrinos and more
 - → Unique discovery potential
 - → 500 M\$ (US accounting), ~150 M\$ invest
 - → Project strongly depends on NSF funding
 - → Expected German contribution 40 M€ in-kind
- LEGEND-1000: 0νββ
 - \rightarrow Prioritised over other $0v\beta\beta$ projects by DOE
 - → Likely hosted by LNGS
 - → Expected German contribution: 25 M€
- Einstein Telescope: Gravitational waves
 - → Overall invest 1.7 B€
 - → Site as yet undecided
 - → German contribution site-dependent, ~450 M€?

National roadmap process for RIs will be re-opened, now as a prioritization process

— threshold still unclear

KAT strategy update

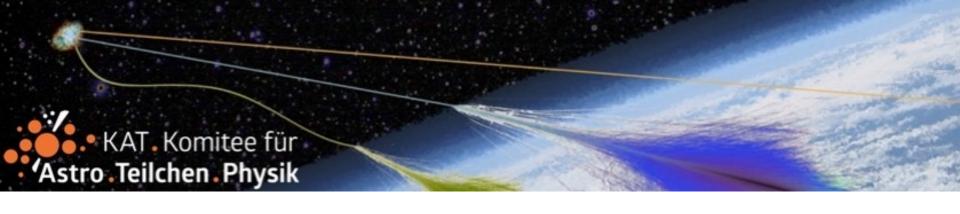


General topics / overarching questions:

- Multi-messenger studies
 - Include RdS and KAT
 - MM workshop planned for March 2024 in Görlitz (discuss science, strategy, cooperation, funding opportunities, ...)
- Theory
- Data management, software, and computing
- Knowledge transfer
- Sustainability
- Diversity and early-career support
- Ethics

• ...

Procedures and cross-coordination with RdS to be set up



Developments: DZA, ErUM-Data ...

DZA: Taking shape





12 persons forming Steering Group of DZA in the pre-founding phase

KAT Meeting 2023 Bad Honnef 30.11.23

• Innovative governance model (under discussion: gGmbH with federal government and Free State of Saxony as co-owners, plus independent supervisory board) From Michèle Heurs

DZA: Taking shape



Key pilot projects and academic appointments (2023-2025)

Projects

- Purchasing 2 additional Meerkat+ antennas as in-kind contribution towards Meerkat+ and later SKAO and development of the African VLBI leg. Telescope control station in Görlitz with OHB.
- Data sciences at TU Dresden, focusing on large (<1 PB) data objects and real-time algorithms for noise suppression and data compression.
- Cryogenic silicon mirrors and high reflectivity coatings for the Einstein Telescope.
- Development of fast NIR array detectors, possibly from organic materials and characterisation of CMOS detectors for astronomy

Academic Appointments at TU Dresden and creation of a technical astrophysics master program

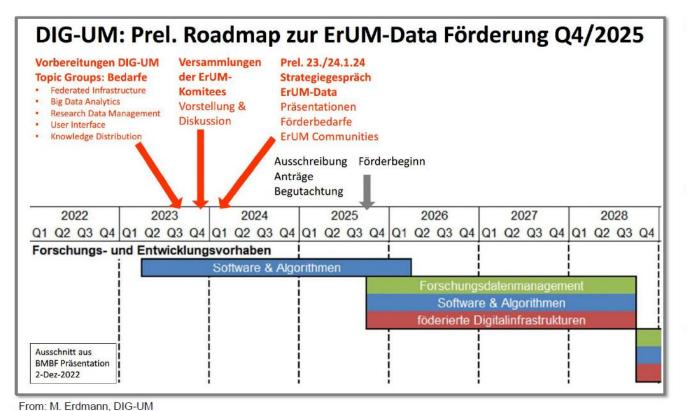
- Three astrophysics professorships (radio astronomy, cosmology, astro technology)
- One informatics and data science professorship
- One data intensive microelectronics/sensoric professorship
- Possibly one additional astrophysics professor jointly appointed with Univ. Wroclav (and Prague?)

From Michèle Heurs

ErUM-Data: Upcoming call (1)



Preparation of next funding round



- "classical" BMBF strategy discussion with the community for input to the call in Jan 2024
- Presentations of Topic Groups with input from Communities (e.g. KAT!)
- Invitation to the meeting also for PUNCH4NFDI and DAPHNE

From Andreas Haungs

ErUM-Data: Upcoming call (2)



Ideas for joint proposals from

KHuK+KAT?

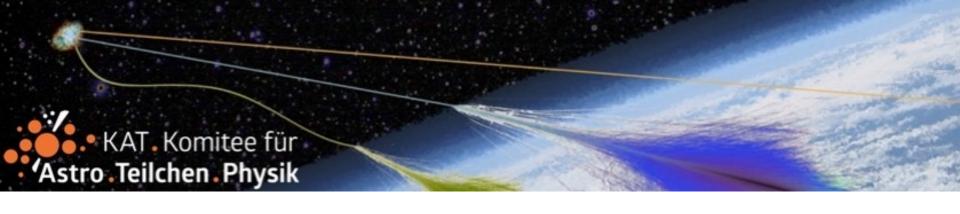
KAT in the ErUM-Data Strategy Discussion

- Strategy Meeting will happen on 23+24 January 2024
 - Call for projects probably end 2024 / begin 2025
 - Already known: projects should be <u>community overarching</u>, and industry involvement is welcome --- to which amount is subject of discussion
- ➤ Main input for the strategy meeting is by the DIG-UM Topical Groups
 - Topic Groups: Federated Infrastructures; Big Data Analytics; Resarch Data Management; User Interface; Knowledge Distribution
 - ➤ Via the communities (KAT, KET, KHuK, RDS, etc. [and NFDI: PUNCH & DAPHNE])
- Call will be for 3 areas:
 - Software and Algorithms (round 2)
 - Research Data Management (for the first time)
 - > Federated Digital Infrastructures (experience from pilot project?)

From Andreas Haungs

KHuK Annual Meeting, 7-8 Dec. 2023

K. Valerius: Report from KAT



Upcoming events

MM workshop, Görlitz, 26+27 March 2024



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Subject: Save the date: Multimessenger Workshop March 26 and 27, 2024 in Görlitz

Dear colleagues,

the 'Deutsches Zentrum für Astrophysik (DZA)' together with the 'Rat deutscher Sternwarten (RdS) and 'Komitee für Astroteilchenphysik (KAT)' will host a workshop on multimessenger-astrophysics in Görlitz during March 26 and 27, 2024.

The workshop will review the current status of multimessenger astrophysics, concentrating on projects with significant contributions from the RdS and KAT communities and advance discussions on medium-term and long-term perspectives and opportunities.

The workshop will be hosted in Görlitz, home of the new DZA.

Further information will be communicated shortly.

Best regards,

G. Hasinger, U. Katz, M. Kramer, K. Valerius, S.Walch-Gassner, S.Wagner (SOC)

K. Henjes-Kunst (LOC, Chair)

DPG meeting, Karlsruhe, 4-8 March 2028



- This year : Only particle physics division
- Schedule a bit more relaxed than in previous years
- Plenary / invited / invited topical talks have been decided, invitations have been sent or will be sent soon
- Symposium "Future" (with ET/LISA presentation)
- Good share of astroparticle presentations





Thank you and all the best for 2024!

