

Talk at Splinter Meeting

PhD Students Meeting

CAREER OF AN ASTROPHYSICIST - PLANNING, LUCK OR FORTUNE?

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After finishing my PhD in astrophysics I continued my scientific career with radiation gasdynamics simulations and later on changed from a user of high performance computers to supporting users on appropriate platforms. After a very successful design study and proposal for a Grid Computing Centre Karlsruhe in 2001, I was appointed project manager to develop, build and operate GridKa. In the following years our team participated in several German and European grid projects and grew from initially 8 to more than 30 staff. After a delegation to France and two further years leading a department for scientific computing at KIT I accepted the position of director of the computing centre at CAU Kiel. Based on my own CV and experience from numerous recruitments of personnel I will illustrate some corner points that may be important for own career development.