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What I found useful during my PhD

A major topic, plus side quests

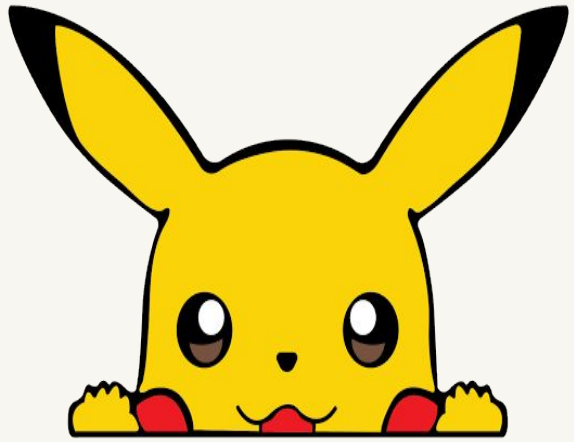
A clear research identity, with room for curiosity
and interdisciplinary projects

Conferences and talk

The talk introduces your work.
The conversations build relationships.

Standing out

People remember a personal touch.
In my case: Pikachus.



Minor:: do not panic when in shortage of time… like these slides :)

How I got my postdoc

“I did almost nothing.”

Conferences had already done most of the work, applying was a formality

Conference networking

Repeated conversations made a real difference.

The supervisor relationship

Trust and a good working relationship matter.
She/he will be your first ally in finding your next position!

The biggest lesson I learned: the value of “no”

NO

A rejection does not make you a failure

Maybe the rejected paper really needed some polishing, and it will be the best student paper award in the next conference!

The rejection to a postdoc or a tenure track position means you were not the right candidate for that specific university at that specific time, not that you were not a good candidate at all!

Use the feedback and improve what you can.
Then move on without overthinking it.

What I wish I had learned

Grant writing

Making the case for why
a project deserves support

“Different venues, different audiences”

The framing has to change
with the people reading it.

I wish I had practised selling the idea for grants as much as explaining the science in papers… but I am working on it :)