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Personal

• Born on June 29, 1987 in Cologne.

• German citizen.

Research Interests

- Geometric topology: low dimensional topology, experimental mathematics, knot theory, 3-manifolds, smooth 4-manifolds, Dehn surgery, open books, Kirby calculus, Lefschetz fibrations, trisections and Heegaard splittings.
- **Differential topology:** contact and symplectic geometry, Legendrian and transverse knot theory, Engel structures, Morse theory, hyperbolic geometry.

Publications

Submitted articles:

- (19) M. Kegel, N. Manikandan, L. Mousseau, and M. Silvero, Khovanov homology of positive links and of L-space knots, arXiv:2304.13613, 25 pages, submitted to Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.
- (18) M. Kegel and F. Schmäschke, Trisecting a 4-dimensional book into three chapters, arXiv:2304.12250, 29 pages, submitted to Geom. Dedicata.

Articles accepted for publication:

- (17) R. Casals, J. Etnyre, and M. Kegel, Stein traces and characterizing slopes, 39 pages, to appear in Math. Ann.
- (16) J. Etnyre, M. Kegel, and S. Onaran, Contact surgery numbers, 57 pages, to appear in J. Symplectic Geom.
- (15) M. Kegel, Non-isotopic transverse tori in Engel manifolds, arXiv:2205.04853, 10 pages, to appear in Rev. Mat. Iberoamericana.
- (14) F. Ayaz, M. Kegel, and K. Mohnke, *The classification of surfaces via normal curves*, to appear in *Jahresber. Dtsch. Math.-Ver.*, 12 pages.
- (13) K. Baker and M. Kegel, Census L-space knots are braid positive, except for one that is not, to appear in Algebr. Geom. Topol., 45 pages.
- (12) C. Anderson, K. Baker, X. Gao, M. Kegel, K. Le, K. Miller, S. Onaran, G. Sangston, S. Tripp, A. Wood, and A. Wright, *L-space knots with tunnel number* >1 by experiment, to appear in Exp. Math., 19 pages.

Published articles:

- (11) M. Kegel and S. Onaran, Contact surgery graphs, Bull. Aust. Math. Soc., 107 (2023), 146–157.
- (10) S. Durst, M. Kegel, and J. Licata, Rotation numbers and the Euler class in open books, Michigan Math. J., 70 (2021), 869–888.
- (9) M. Kegel and C. Lange, A Boothby-Wang theorem for Besse contact manifolds, Arnold Math. J., 7 (2021), 225–241.
- (8) S. Durst, H. Geiges, J. Gonzalo, and M. Kegel, *Parallelisability of 3-manifolds via surgery*, Expo. Math., **38** (2020), 131–137.
- (7) M. Kegel, J. Schneider, and K. Zehmisch, Symplectic dynamics and the 3-sphere, Israel J. Math., 235 (2020), 245–254.
- (6) S. Durst, H. Geiges, and M. Kegel, Handle homology of manifolds, Topology Appl., 256 (2019), 113–127.
- (5) M. Kegel, Cosmetic contact surgeries along transverse knots and the knot complement problem, Topology Appl., **256** (2019), 46–59.
- (4) S. Durst and M. Kegel, Computing rotation numbers in open books, J. Gökova Geom. Topol. GGT 12 (2018), 71–92.
- (3) M. Kegel, The Legendrian knot complement problem, J. Knot Theory Ramifications, 27 (2018), 1850067, 36 pages.
- S. Durst and M. Kegel, Computing rotation and self-linking numbers in contact surgery diagrams, Acta Math. Hungar. 150 (2016), 524–540.
 Erratum, Acta Math. Hungar. 153 (2017), 537.
- (1) S. Durst, M. Kegel, and M. Klukas, Computing the Thurston–Bennequin invariant in open books, Acta Math. Hungar. 150 (2016), 441–455.

Other documents

Non-refereed contributions:

- (5) M. Kegel and M. Silvero, Khovanov homology of positive knots, ICERM Highlights (2023), 3 pages.
- (4) M. Kegel, J. Licata, and A. Ray, *Discussions on knot theory in general 3-manifolds*, Oberwolfach Reports **42** (2021), 4 pages.

Theses:

- (3) M. Kegel, Legendrian knots in surgery diagrams and the knot complement problem, Doktorarbeit (Ph.D. thesis), Universität zu Köln, (January 2017), 123 pages.
- (2) M. Kegel, Symplektisches Füllen von Torusbündeln (Symplectic Fillings of Torus Bundles), Masterarbeit (Master thesis), Universität zu Köln (August 2014), 176 pages.
- (1) M. Kegel, Kontakt-Dehn-Chirurgie entlang Legendre-Knoten (Contact Dehn Surgery along Legendrian Knots), Bachelorarbeit (Bachelor thesis), Universität zu Köln (September 2011), 61 pages.

Employment

- September 2023 March 2024: Substitute professorship at the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg.
- July 2023 August 2026: Postdoc at the Humboldt University Berlin in the working group of Prof. Chris Wendl.
- February 2019 June 2023: Visiting lecturer (Gastdozent) at the Humboldt University Berlin in the working group of Prof. Chris Wendl.
- August 2018 January 2019: BMS substitute professor at the Humboldt University Berlin in the working group of Prof. Chris Wendl.
- July 2015 July 2018: Teaching assistant (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the University of Cologne in the working group of Prof. Hansjörg Geiges.

Fellowships and Grants

- February May 2022: Semester program on braids at ICERM, Brown University, Providence.
- August 2020: Oberwolfach research fellow for one month at the MFO (Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach).
- August 2018 January 2019: BMS substitute professor at the Humboldt University Berlin via the Berlin mathematical school.
- September 2014 June 2015: Fellow of the DFG (German Research Foundation) Graduiertenkolleg 1269 "Global Structures in Geometry and Analysis" at the University of Cologne.

Education

- January 2017: Ph.D. in mathematics (Dr. rer. nat.) at University of Cologne, "Legendrian knots in surgery diagrams and the knot complement problem", 123 pages, Advisor: Prof. Hansjörg Geiges, Grade: magna cum laude (1,0).
- August 2014: Master in mathematics (M.Sc.) (Minor: physics) at University of Cologne, Grade: sehr gut (1,1),

"Symplektisches Füllen von Torusbündeln" (Symplectic Filling of Torus Bundles), 176 pages, Thesis advisor: Prof. Hansjörg Geiges,

Thesis grade: 1,0.

- September 2011: Bachelor in mathematics (B.Sc.) (Minor: physics) at University of Cologne Grade: sehr gut (1,3),
 - "Kontakt-Dehn-Chirurgie entlang Legendre-Knoten" (Contact Dehn Surgery along Legendrian Knots), 61 pages,

Thesis advisor: Prof. Hansjörg Geiges,

Thesis grade: 1,0.

• June 2007: Allgemeine Hochschulreife at Gymnasium Köln Nippes.

Research Talks

Invited talks:

- (30) TBA, February 2024, CAST Conference on contact and symplectic topology, University of Bochum (Germany), planned.
- (29) TBA, November 2023, Dutch Differential Topology and Geometry seminar, Utrecht (Netherlands), planned.
- (28) Characterizing and non-characterizing knots by 3-manifolds, September 2023, Conference on low-dimensional topology, TIFR Mumbai (India), planned.
- (27) Minicourse on 4-manifolds and Kirby calculus (3 lectures), September 2023, Summer school on low-dimensional topology, IISER Pune (India), planned.
- (26) Characterizing and non-characterizing knots by 3-manifolds, September 2023, Swiss Knots, Conference on knot theory and low dimensional topology in Switzerland, University of Regensburg (Germany), planned.
- (25) Khovanov homology of positive links and of L-space knots, May 2023, University of Trieste (Italy).
- (24) The search for exotic knot traces, March 2023, Seminar of Algebra, University of Seville (Spain).
- (23) The search for alternating and quasi-alternating surgeries, November 2022, Oberseminar Geometrische Analysis, University of Regensburg (Germany).
- (22) Stein traces, October 2022, BACH-Seminar, University of Cologne (Germany).
- (21) Transverse tori in Engel manifolds, October 2022, Symplectic Topology Seminar, University of Cologne (Germany).
- (20) The search for alternating and quasi-alternating surgeries, September 2022, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn (Germany).
- (19) Non-isotopic transverse tori in Engel manifolds, July 2022, Geometry seminar, University of Munich (Germany).
- (18) Stein traces, May 2022, Freemath seminar (online).
- (17) The search for alternating and quasi-alternating surgeries, March 2022, Computational seminar for the semester program on braids at ICERM, Brown University, Providence (United States).
- (16) Stein traces, February 2022, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States).
- (15) Census L-space knots are braid positive, except for one that is not, February 2022, Braids in representation theory and algebraic combinatorics, ICERM, Brown University, Providence (United States).
- (14) Stein traces, January 2022, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (online).
- (13) Characterizing slopes for Legendrian knots, July 2020, Minisymposium: Geometric analysis and low-dimensional topology at 8th European congress of mathematicians, Portoroz (online).
- (12) Contact surgery numbers, January 2021, Workshop on 3-dimensional contact topology, Ankara (online).
- (11) Characterizing slopes for Legendrian knots, January 2021, Göttingen topology and geometry seminar (online).
- (10) Contact surgery numbers, April 2020, Regensburg working group (online).

- (9) Constructing symplectic structures from Engel manifolds, December 2019, Symplectic geometry seminar Heidelberg (Germany).
- (8) Morse structures on open books and the Euler class of contact structures, December 2019, Geometry Seminar Heidelberg (Germany).
- (7) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, May 2018, Symplectix Seminar Paris (France).
- (6) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, January 2018, Hauptseminar Symplektische Geometrie, Universität Heidelberg (Germany).
- (5) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, January 2018, Berlin-Hamburg Seminar zur symplektischen Geometrie, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany).
- (4) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, December 2017, Oberseminar Topologie, Bergische Universität Wuppertal (Germany).
- (3) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, October 2017, Oberseminar Symplektische Geometrie, Westfälische Wilhelms Universität Münster (Germany).
- (2) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, June 2017, Geometry seminar, University of Munich (Germany).
- (1) The Legendrian knot complement problem, June 2016, LKS-Seminar, University Regensburg (Germany).

Contributed talks:

- (10) Census L-space knots are braid positive, except for one that is not, February 2023, Winterbraids XII, Tours (France).
- (9) Khovanov homology of positive fibered links and L-space knots, January 2023, Workshop on morphisms in low-dimensional topology, Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach (MFO), Oberwolfach (Germany).
- (8) Open books on 4-manifolds, June 2022, Conference on surfaces in 4-manifolds, Le Croisic (France).
- (7) Stein traces, March 2022, Braids in Symplectic and Algebraic Geometry, ICERM, Brown University, Providence (United States).
- (6) Algorithms with fibered links and closures of positive braids, March 2022, Post Doc/Graduate Student Seminar for the semester program on braids at ICERM, Brown University, Providence (United States).
- (5) Contact surgery numbers, April 2020, Trends in low dimensional topology (online).
- (4) Taut foliations and tight contact structures (2 talks), October 2019, Workshop on Foliations, Regensburg (Germany).
- (3) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, February 2018, Winter Braids VIII, CIRM, Marseille (France).
- (2) Lagrangian projections in contact 3-manifolds, September 2017, SFB Retreat 2017, Tagungszentrum Maria in der Aue (Germany).
- (1) The knot complement problem for Legendrian and transverse knots, October 2016, Conference on 4-manifolds and knot concordance, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn (Germany).

Local seminar talks:

- (19) Transverse tori in Engel manifolds, October 2022, Symplectic geometry seminar, Humboldt University Berlin.
- (18) Stein traces, November 2021, Symplectic geometry seminar, Humboldt University Berlin.
- (17) Heegaard Floer homology and the isomorphism with embedded contact homology I Introduction to Heegaard Floer homology and Lipshitz's cylindrical reformulation, February 2021, Symplectic geometry seminar, Humboldt University Berlin.
- (16) Surgery along Chekanov's knots, July 2020, Symplectic geometry seminar, Humboldt University Berlin.
- (15) Open questions about open books, April 2019, Symplectic geometry seminar, Humboldt University Berlin.
- (14) Parallelizability of 3-manifolds via surgery (2 talks), October 2018, Symplectic geometry seminar, Humboldt University Berlin.
- (13) Unit tangent bundles of orbifolds, October 2017, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (12) Normal curves on surfaces, May 2017, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (11) Legendrian knots in surgery diagrams and the knot complement problem, January 2017, Disputation, University of Cologne.
- (10) Contact cabling, July 2016, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (9) Complements of transverse knots, April 2016, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (8) Surgery descriptions of Legendrian knots, April 2016, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (7) Orbifolds and coverings, January 2016, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (6) Computation of the Thurston–Bennequin invariant in surgery diagrams, October 2015, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (5) Legendrian knots and their complements, July 2015, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (4) Stable Hamiltonian structures, April 2015, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (3) Symplectic fillability of torus bundles, October 2014, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (2) The topology of Lefschetz fibrations (2 talks), October 2014, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.
- (1) Contact surgery along Legendrian links (2 talks), June 2011, Symplectic topology seminar, University of Cologne.

Research stays

- March 2023: University Seville, Spain, 1 week. Host: Marithania Silvero
- October 2022: University of Cologne, Germany, 1 week. Host: Hanjörg Geiges
- September 2022: University of Vienna, Austria, 1 week. Host: Vera Vértesi

- **September 2022:** *Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik*, Bonn, Germany, 1 week. Host: Arunima Ray
- March 2022: University of Miami, USA, 1 week. Host: Kenneth L. Baker
- February April 2022: *ICERM*, *Brown University*, Providence, USA, 3 months. As part of the semester program on "Braids".
- August 2020: Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, Germany, 1 month. As Oberwolfach research fellow.
- February 2018: CIRM, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Marseille, France, 2 weeks. For participating in the conferences "Winter Braids VIII" and "Knotted Embeddings in Dimension 3 and 4".
- November 2017: Westfälische Wilhelms Universität Münster, Germany, 3 days. Host: Kai Zehmisch

Organization of research events

- 17 November 2023 Berlin-Brandenburg Workshop II: Knot Theory and its Applications, Freie Universität Berlin (together with T. Andriamanalina and J. Spreer).
- 14 July 2023 Berlin-Brandenburg Workshop: Knot Theory and its Applications, Humboldt University Berlin (together with C.-S. Hsueh and N. Manikandan).
- **September 2022:** *DMV-Jahrestagung 2022*, Section S06: Topology and Geometry, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany). Organizer (together with N. Bottman, M. Land, and L. Lewark).
- Summer 2021 2023 Student research seminar on the SnapPy census knots, weekly research seminar for students, Humboldt University Berlin.

Teaching

Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg:

- Winter term 2023/24: Lecture "Contact geometry" (weekly 4 hours lecture + 2 hours exercise session).
- Winter term 2023/24: Seminar on hyperbolic knot theory (weekly 2 hours).
- Winter term 2023/24: RTG-Lecture "Handling the Poincaré conjecture" (2 hours lecture every other week).

Humboldt University Berlin:

- Summer term 2023: Seminar on hyperbolic knot theory (weekly 2 hours, in total: 28 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2022/23: Lecture "Differential Geometry I: Curves and surfaces" (weekly 4 hours lecture, in total: 64 hours teaching).
- Summer term 2022: Exercise session for "Differential Geometry II" (weekly 2 hours, in total: 28 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2021/22: Lecture "Topology II" (weekly 4 hours lecture, in total: 64 hours teaching).
- Summer 2021 Student research seminar on the SnapPy census knots, weekly research seminar for students. (Research seminar for students, no official teaching, but weekly meetings.)

- Summer term 2021: Lecture "4-Manifolds and Kirby calculus" (weekly 2 hours lecture + 1 hour exercise session, in total: 42 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2020/21: Lecture "Topology II" (weekly 4 hours lecture + 2 hours exercise session, in total: 96 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2020/21: "Seminar on selected topics in algebraic and differential topology" (weekly 2 hours, in total: 32 hours teaching).
- Summer term 2020: Lecture "Topology of 3-Manifolds" (weekly 2 hours lecture + 1 hour exercise session, in total: 42 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2019/20: Lecture "Topology II" (weekly 4 hours lecture + 2 hours exercise session, in total: 96 hours teaching).
- Summer term 2019: Lecture "Topologie I" (weekly 4 hours lecture + 2 hours exercise session, in total: 84 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2018/19: "Seminar zur Differentialtopologie" (weekly 2 hours, in total: 32 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2018/19: Exercise session for the lecture "Geometrie" by Prof. Klaus Mohnke (weekly 2 hours, in total: 32 hours teaching).

University of Cologne:

- Summer term 2018: Lecture "Kirby-Kalkül" (weekly 2 hours lecture + 2 hours exercise session, in total: 56 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2017/18: Teaching Assistant for the lecture "Elementare Differentialgeometrie" by Prof. Silvia Sabatini.
- Summer term 2017: Teaching Assistant and exercise session for the lecture "Topologie" by Prof. Hansjörg Geiges (weekly 2 hours, in total: 30 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2016/17: Teaching Assistant and exercise session for the lecture "Symplectic Geometry" by Dr. Milena Pabiniak (weekly 2 hours, in total: 30 hours teaching).
- Summer term 2016: Teaching Assistant and exercise session for the lecture "Differential Geometry" by Dr. Milena Pabiniak (weekly 2 hours, in total: 30 hours teaching).
- Winter term 2015/16: Teaching Assistant for "Seminar über Topologie" by Prof. Hansjörg Geiges (weekly 2 hours, in total: 30 hours teaching).
- 2010–2014: Tutor for mathematical lectures, including Mathematics I and II, Differential Equations, Complex Analysis, Geometry of Celestial Mechanics, Topology and Dynamical Systems, Surfaces and Elementary Differential Geometry (weekly 2-4 hours).
- 2008–2011: Teacher training for mathematics and physics at University of Cologne, including courses in pedagogy and concerning the principles of teaching mathematics and physics.
- September 2009: Internship at Erich Kästner-Gymnasium Köln Niehl, 2 weeks.

Supervised Ph.D. theses:

• Chun-Sheng Hsueh, Humboldt University Berlin, September 2023 – September 2026, with funding from the Claussen-Simon-foundation.

Supervised master theses:

- Chun-Sheng Hsueh: Kirby diagrams of 4-dimensional open books, 2023, Humboldt University Berlin.
- David Suchodoll: The Thurston–Bennequin invariant in branched covers, 2022, Humboldt University Berlin.

Supervised Bachelor theses:

- Annika Thiele: Algorithmic detections of fibered and positiv knots, in progress, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Luis Kristic: Hyperbolic knot theory and the A-polynomial, 2023, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Frank Selensky: Chern classes of high dimensional contact structures via open books, 2023, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Léo Mousseau: Algorithms for computing the slice 4-genus and the unknotting number, 2023, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Pau Punset: Fibered links and orientations, 2023, Universidad de Barcelona (as external supervisor).
- Fetih Ayaz: Classification of surfaces via normal curves, 2021, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Max Huneshagen, Das HOMFLYPT-Polynom, 2020, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Léo Duc, Regular homotopy classes of Legendrian immersions, 2019, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Paulina Bock de Barillas, Der Satz von Whitney-Graustein, ein klassischer und ein kontaktgeometrischer Beweis, 2019, Humboldt University Berlin.
- Bernhard Albach, Reidemeisterbewegungen von Legendre-, transversalen und glatten Verschlingungen, 2018, (supervised together with Hansjörg Geiges), University of Cologne.

Supervised final projects for the lecture Kirby-Kalkül (SS 2018):

- Bernhard Albach, Blätterungen von 3-Manniqfaltigkeiten, University of Cologne.
- Franziska Frede, Nicht-destabilisierbare Heegaard-Zerlegungen, University of Cologne.
- Konstantin Müller, Heegaard- und Henkelzerlegungen von 3-Mannigfaltigkeiten mit Rand, University of Cologne.
- Laura Maria Poreschack, Homologie und Henkelzerlegungen, University of Cologne.
- Lennart Struth, *Hakens Lemma*, University of Cologne.

Service

- Reviewer for MathSciNet and Zentralblatt MATH.
- Referee and quick opinions for Bulletin of the Australian Mathematical Society, Bulletin of the Brazilian Mathematical Society, Bulletin of the London Mathematical Society, Canadian Mathematical Bulletin, International Mathematics Research Notices, Journal of Symplectic Geometry, Proceedings of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society, and Topology and its Applications.

(Co-)Organization

- Winter term 2021/22 and Summer term 2022: Learning Seminar: Proof of the topological Poincaré conjecture in dimension 4, following the book *The disk embedding theorem* edited by S. Behren, B. Kalmár, M. Kim, M. Powell, A. Ray, Humboldt University Berlin.
- 19–20 October 2017: The stabilisation height of fibre surfaces, Lecture series by Filip Misev, University of Cologne.
- Winter term 2017/18: Learning Seminar: Computational Topology, following the book *Computational Topology* by H. Edelsbrunner and J. Harer, University of Cologne.
- 17–19 March 2017: Morse Structures on Open Books, Lecture series by Joan Licata, University of Cologne.
- **Summer term 16:** Learning Seminar: Cobordism theory, following the lecture notes *Notes on Cobordism* by H. Miller, University of Cologne.
- Winter term 2015/16: Contact topology graduate student seminar, University of Cologne.
- Summer term 2015: Contact topology graduate student seminar, University of Cologne.
- Summer term 2015: Fellow Seminar of the Graduiertenkollege 2015, University of Cologne.
- Winter term 2014/15: Fellow Seminar of the Graduiertenkollege 2014, University of Cologne.
- Summer term 2014: Learning Seminar: Algebraic Geometry, following the book *Algebraic Geometry* by R. Hartshorne, University of Cologne.
- Winter term 2013/14: Learning Seminar: Kirby calculus, following part 2 of 4-Manifolds and Kirby Calculus by R. Gompf and A. Stipsicz, University of Cologne.
- Summer term 2013: Learning Seminar: Characteristic classes II, following the book *Characteristic Classes* by J. Milnor and J. Stasheff, University of Cologne.
- Winter term 2012/13: Learning Seminar: Characteristic classes I, following the book *Characteristic Classes* by J. Milnor and J. Stasheff, University of Cologne.

Languages

- German
- English

Berlin, August 23, 2023