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## Areas of Specialization

Machine Learning with Graphs (Graph Kernels, Graph Neural Networks), Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization, Graph Algorithms

#### **Current Position**

 $\textbf{2015-present} \ \textit{PhD} \ \textit{Student/Research} \ \textit{Associate}, \ \text{TU} \ \text{Dortmund} \ \text{University}, \ \text{within the Collaborative}$ 

Research Center SFB 876 (Expected graduation: End of 2019)

1-3/2018 Research stay at Stanford University, staying with Jure Leskovec

## **Education**

1997–2007 University Entrance Qualification, Erzbischöfliches St.-Angela-Gymnasium, Wipperfürth

2008–2012 B. Sc. in Computer Science, TU Dortmund University

2012–2015 M. Sc. in Computer Science, TU Dortmund University, Final Grade: 1.0 (best possible

grade)

### **Publications**

#### **Conference Papers**

2019 Christopher Morris, Martin Ritzert, Matthias Fey, William L. Hamilton, Jan Eric Lenssen,

Gaurav Rattan, Martin Grohe,

Weisfeiler and Leman Go Neural: Higher-order Graph Neural Networks,

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2019

2018 Rex Ying, Jiaxuan You, Christopher Morris, Xiang Ren, William L. Hamilton, Jure

Leskovec,

Hierarchical Graph Representation Learning with Differentiable Pooling,

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2018, spotlight presentation, and KDD Deep Learning Day 2018

Nils M. Kriege, Christopher Morris, Anja Rey, Christian Sohler, A Property Testing Framework for the Theoretical Expressivity of Graph Kernels, International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2018

2017 Christopher Morris, Kristian Kersting, Petra Mutzel,

Glocalized Weisfeiler-Lehman Graph Kernels: Global-Local Feature Maps of Graphs, IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM) 2017, Full paper

Christopher Morris, Nils M. Kriege,

Recent Advances in Kernel-Based Graph Classification,

European Conference on Machine Learning & Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD) 2017

2016 Christopher Morris, Nils M. Kriege, Kristian Kersting, Petra Mutzel,

Faster Kernels for Graphs with Continuous Attributes via Hashing,

IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM) 2016

### **Journal Articles**

2019 Nils M. Kriege, Fredrik D. Johansson, Christopher Morris,

A Survey on Graph Kernels,

Accepted for publication in Applied Network Science

(https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.11835)

Nils M. Kriege, Marion Neumann, Christopher Morris, Kristian Kersting, Petra Mutzel, A Unifying View of Explicit and Implicit Feature Maps for Structured Data: Systematic Studies of Graph Kernels,

Accepted for publication in Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery

(https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.00676)

2017 Fritz Bökler, Mathias Ehrgott, Christopher Morris, Petra Mutzel,

Output-sensitive Complexity of Multiobjective Combinatorial Optimization,

Journal of Multicriteria Decision Analysis, 2017

#### **Preprints**

2019 Christopher Morris, Petra Mutzel,

Towards a practical k-dimensional Weisfeiler-Leman algorithm,

(https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.01543)

### **Invited Talks**

Talk at NEC Research, Heidelberg, Graph Classification: Kernel and Neural Approaches
Talk at Stanford, SNAP, Learning Higher-order Graph Embeddings: Theory and Practice
Talk at RWTH Aachen, Chair of Logic and the Theory of Discrete Systems, Graph Classification: Kernels and Beyond

## **Teaching**

Supervised eight bachelor and master thesis, one intern

SS 2019 Proseminar Graph Algorithms

WS 2017/18 Seminar Algorithm Engineering

SS 2017 Seminar Algorithm Engineering

WS 2016/17 Student project group Algorithm Engineering for Graph Data Mining

Seminar Algorithms Unplugged

SS 2016 Seminar Algorithm Engineering

Seminar Graph Mining

WS 2015/16 Seminar Algorithm Engineering

As a student Programming tutorials for engineering students,

Teaching assistant for a course on theoretical computer science

# Service to the Profession

Reviewer for ISAAC 2018, ESA 2018, WALCOM 2017, IJCAI 2019, NeurIPS 2019, ALENEX 2019, AAAI 2020, ACM TKDD

Program committee member for Representation Learning on Graphs and Manifolds (ICLR 2019 Workshop)

Program committee member for Learning and Reasoning with Graph-Structured Data (ICML 2019 Workshop)

Program committee member for *Graph Representation Learning* (NeurIPS 2019 Workshop)

Member of the appeal commission for the professorship Data Mining (2017)

# Computational Skills

Python, C++,  $\mbox{\sc IMT}_{\mbox{\sc EX}}X,$  Scikit-learn, NumPy, PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric

# Referees

Prof. Petra Mutzel Chair of Algorithm Engineering, Department of Computer Science, TU Dortmund University petra.mutzel@udo.edu

Prof. Kristian Kersting Machine Learning Group, Department of Computer Science, TU Darmstadt kersting@cs.tu-darmstadt.de

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