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Education

Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen Nürnberg

Oct 2024 – March 2026

M.Sc. Mathematics, Digital Humanities

- **Thesis:** Universal Coefficients for Homology of Ample Groupoids
- **Topics:** Algebraic Topology, Tensor Categories, Homological Algebra

Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen Nürnberg

Oct 2021 – Sept 2024

B.Sc. Mathematics, Computer Science

- **Thesis:** Algebraic and Topological Persistence
- **Topics:** Applied Topology, Persistent Homology

Universität Regensburg

April 2015 – March 2018

M.A. Information Science

- **Thesis:** Deep Learning Estimation of Absorbed Radiation Dose for Nuclear Medicine Diagnostics
- **Topics:** Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Matrix Factorization

Universität Regensburg

Oct 2012 – March 2015

B.A. German Philology, Italian Philology, Media Informatics, Information Science

- **Thesis:** Development of a Punctuation Platform with Linguistic Modules for Information Retrieval
- **Topics:** Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, Electronic Corpora

Universität Regensburg

Oct 2012 – April 2013

Studienbegleitende IT-Ausbildung

Albertus-Magnus-Gymnasium Regensburg

Sept 2004 – May 2012

Abitur

Experience

Student Assistant

Erlangen

Algebra and Geometry

April 2023 – March 2026

Applied Analysis

Applied Mathematics

Representation Theory and Operator Algebras

Representation Theory and Mathematical Physics

- 2026, 2023 Tutor in Topology
- 2026, 2024 Tutor in Analysis 3
- 2025 Tutor in Mathematics for Engineers A4 (stochastic)
- 2025 Tutor in Analysis 2
- 2024 Tutor in Topology and Applications
- 2024 Tutor in Linear Algebra 1
- Lecture on the Tietze Extension Theorem
- Lecturer for mathematical proof sessions
- Lecturer for exercise sessions
- Supervision and correction of written exams

Tutor

Erlangen

Private

Jan 2024 – Dez 2025

Preparation for

- mathematics, 2 students, undergraduate studies
- computer science, 1 student, undergraduate studies

- chemical and biological engineering, 1 student, undergraduate studies
- physics, 1 student, undergraduate studies
- Abitur, 13 students, bavarian Gymnasium
- secondary school, 2 students, bavarian Mittelschule
- secondary school, 3 students, bavarian Realschule
- elementary school, 1 student, bavarian Grundschule

Werkstudent

Corscience GmbH & Co. KG

Erlangen

Aug 2021 – Aug 2022

- Deep convolutional networks trained on multiple GPUs for automatic detection of calibration spikes in ECG data; achieved an accuracy of over ninety-nine percent on ten-fold cross validation with a data set of about one million real world samples tested with sigma five significance, which is state of the art
- Residual networks for detection of ECG curves in documents; achieved an IOU of approximately ninety-eight percent on ten-fold cross validation with a data set of about ten million artificially enlarged samples using generative neural networks tested with sigma three significance, which is state of the art
- Image segmentation using matrix factorisation techniques to isolate ECG curves. Achieved an IOU of approximately ninety-nine percent tested with sigma six significance, which is state of the art

Staff Applied Research Scientist

Siemens Energy AG

Erlangen

Sept 2018 – Dez 2021

Chair for Evolutionary Data Management

- Development of a novel interpolation technique based on the topology of power plant signals to augment reliably data for large scale machine learning training. Validation was performed using theoretical guarantees and practical tests involving handwriting and signals from four different power plants. This novel method has been published at the International Workshop on Combinatorial Image Analysis. The code is open source: Package SIML [🔗](#) [📄](#).
- A novel technique has been developed to estimate roughly the number of parameters in hidden-layer neural networks for signal data. The results were presented at the International Conference on Pattern Recognition. These results have been validated using tailored toy datasets and real power plant signals from a total of four different power plants. Therefore, the technique can be scaled up for big data. Cost savings from reducing training time and current have been estimated to 25.000€ per year. The neural networks achieved close-to-perfect accuracy in classifying the signal data. The code is open source: Package NTOPL [🔗](#) [📄](#).
- These results were then used to train a classifier for the KKS (Kraftwerkskennzeichensystem). The aim was to classify each stage of the power plant's hierarchical labelling system down to the level of a sensor. First, the data was enriched using reliable Voronoi interpolation. We then used this estimate to create a trainable, tractable neural network. Finally, we designed a neural network that takes preprocessed signals and their Betti zero and Betti one curves as input. We achieved an accuracy of over 93% for the coarsest KKS stage and up to 54% for the physical entity using data from four power plants over multiple years. These results have been published in the proceedings of the European Conference on Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases. The code is open source: Package Twirlflake [🔗](#) [📄](#).
- Correction of written exams
- Assistance in oral exams
- Preparation and execution of electronic exams
- Participation in the data science program
- Supervision and execution of
 1. 2021 lecture on Knowledge Discovery in Databases (evaluation Ø1.56)
 2. 2020 seminar on Persistent Homology in Data Analytics
 3. 2020 seminar on Topological Data Analysis (evaluation Ø1.14)
 4. 2019, 2020, 2021 exercises in Process Oriented Information Systems (evaluation Ø1.18)
 5. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 seminar on New Technologies in Data Management
 6. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 exercises in Computer Science for Engineers
 7. 2018 exercises in Conceptual Modeling
- Supervision of theses:

1. M.Sc. Sauerhammer (2021): A Classification Dashboard for Sensor Signals from Power Plants
 2. M.Sc. Seidel (2020): Classification of Microbes using Time Series Gas Sensor Array Data
 3. M.Sc. Siddiqui (2020): Extraction of Fetal and Maternal Heart-beats from ECG Signals
 4. B.Sc. Hahn (2021): Classification of Sensor Signals from Power Plants
 5. B.Sc. Schäfer (2021): Learning Validation Models from Sensors of a Power Plant
- Programming with CUDA v.11.0, Tensorflow 2.4, CuDNN v.8.0.4. in Python v.3.8 and v.3.9
 - Operating systems: Ubuntu 20.04, Solus 4, Archlinux 5.11, Windows 11

Data Scientist

mb Support GmbH

Regensburg

June 2015 – March 2018

- Industrial document-digitization pipeline for mass paper-pile scanning; scanning-street engineering; one-percent character-error-rate OCR via Google Cloud Vision and custom recurrent neural networks; ergonomic user-interface integration for Openviva C2; Industrial scanning throughput benchmark: capacity for approximately sixty million documents in continuous operation
- Asterisk telecommunication-API integration into Openviva C2 with ergonomic design, roughly five thousand lines of PL/SQL and Python
- Statistical data and market analysis with deep neural and convolutional networks and regression methods

Research Assistant

Chair for German Linguistics

Universität Regensburg

Oct 2013 – Sept 2015

- Proofreading of books and papers
- Correction of exams
- Organisation of conferences
- Maintenance of the university website
- Implementation of a scientific social network featuring a custom JavaScript-written search engine for real-time online usage, comprising approximately a thousand lines of code

Chef

Apostelkeller

Regensburg

Sept 2012 – Dez 2015

- Cooking with menu for up to 140 guests
- Waitressing
- Stock management

Service Staff

Trademarketing Service GmbH

Regensburg

Nov 2012 – Mai 2015

- Goods management, receipt and ordering.

Translator

Anatol GmbH & Co. KG

Regensburg

Oct 2012 – Aug 2014

- Translation between Italian – German – Polish – English

Volunteer

Alten- und Pflegeheim St. Josef












Regensburg

Aug 2010





Publications

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| Homological Time Series Analysis of Sensor Signals from Power Plants. <i>Luciano Melodia</i> , Richard Lenz 10.1007/978-3-030-93736-2_22 ↗ | 2021 |
| Estimate of the Neural Network Dimension Using Algebraic Topology and Lie Theory. <i>Luciano Melodia</i> , Richard Lenz 10.1007/978-3-030-68821-9_2 ↗ | 2021 |
| Persistent Homology as a Stopping Criterion for Voronoi Interpolation. <i>Luciano Melodia</i> , Richard Lenz 10.1007/978-3-030-51002-2_3 ↗ | 2020 |

Conferences

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| Learning on Graphs, LOG  | 2022-24 |
| ◦ Reviewer, Program Committee | |
| Advances in Databases, Knowledge, and Data Applications  | 2020-24 |
| ◦ Reviewer, Program Committee | |
| Geometrical and Topological Representation Learning, Workshop at ICLR  | 2022 |
| ◦ Reviewer, Program Committee | |
| International Conference on Pattern Recognition  | 2021 |
| ◦ Author, full paper | |
| International Workshop on Combinatorial Image Analysis  | 2020 |
| ◦ Author, full paper | |
| International Conference on Practical Mathematical Discourse  | 2020 |
| ◦ Guest talk, Introduction to Persistent Homology | |
| Topological Data Analysis and Beyond, Workshop at NeuRIPS  | 2020 |
| ◦ Reviewer, Program Committee | |
| Symposium on Principles of Database Systems, SIGMOD/PODS  | 2020 |
| European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases, ECML/PKDD  | 2019-2020 |
| ◦ Author, full paper | |
| Sprachmanagement & Orthografie  | 2015 |
| Destandardisierung und Standardvarietät  | 2013 |
| ◦ Author, full paper | |

Awards, Grants and Service

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| Top Reviewer Award from Learning on Graphs  | 2024 |
| Oskar-Karl-Forster Scholarship Fellow  | 2024 |
| Student Representative for the Department of Mathematics at Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg | 2024 |
| Member of the Gesellschaft für Informatik e.V.  | 2019-20 |
| Member of the Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning Group  | 2017-18 |
| Student Representative for the Department of Language, Literature and Cultural Sciences at Universität Regensburg | 2016 |

Addendum

Programming: Python, Rust, C++

Web Technologies: HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, PHP

Typesetting: L^AT_EX

Operating Systems: Arch Linux, Ubuntu, Mac OS, Windows

Languages: German native, English C2, Italian C2, Polish B2, Spanish A2

Sports: Boxing, Muay Thai, Weng Chun, Table Tennis

Hobbies: Cooking, Novels

References

- Prof. Dr. Catherine Meusburger  *2024-26*
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◦ Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
◦ Professor for Representation Theory and Mathematical Physics
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- Prof. Dr. Kang Li  *2022-26*
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◦ Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
◦ Professor for Representation Theory and Operator Algebras
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- Prof. Dr. Richard Lenz  *2018-21*
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◦ Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
◦ Professor for Evolutionary Data Management
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- Prof. Dr. em. Elmar Lang  *2018-21*
◦ Department of Biophysics
◦ Universität Regensburg
◦ Professor for Computational Intelligence
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- Prof. Dr. Paul Rössler  *2013-16*
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