

Curriculum Vitae



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Education

03/2021 – today **Universität Potsdam**, Potsdam
 Ph.D. in Mathematics, Phase II student at the **Berlin Mathematical School**
 Provisional title: Framework Mechanisms and Algebraic Geometry

07/2023 – 08/2023 Research Stay at the **Fields Institute**, Toronto
 in the context of the Focus Program on Geometric Constraint Systems

04/2018 – 12/2020 **Freie Universität**, Berlin
 M.Sc. in Mathematics (grade 1.1)
 Thesis: Generalized PCA for Algebraic Varieties (grade 1.0)

10/2014 - 03/2018 **Freie Universität**, Berlin
 B.Sc. in Mathematics (grade 1.2)
 Minor: Computer Science
 Thesis: Galois Groups and Fundamental Groups on Riemann Surfaces (grade 1.0)

08/2017 - 12/2017 Erasmus semester abroad at **Universitetet i Oslo**

08/2004 - 06/2013 **Otto Hahn Europaschule**, Hanau
 Abitur (grade 1.3)

Professional Experience

03/2021 – today **Research Assistant**
 Universität Potsdam, Germany
 • Managing the research group's website via the CMS Typo3
 • Lecturer for *Mathematical Problem Solving* and *Algorithmic Algebraic Geometry*

05/2018 – 02/2021 **Student Assistant**
 Fraunhofer-Institut FOKUS, Berlin, Germany
 • Programming of features for early warning systems using Java/-Script
 • Design of a machine learning model for geospatial applications

08/2013 – 08/2014 **Federal Voluntary Service (Bundesfreiwilligendienst)**
 Deutscher Turner-Bund e.V., Frankfurt a.M., Germany

Publications

2023, Preprint *Robust Geometric Modeling of 3-periodic Tensegrity Frameworks using Riemannian Optimization* (with M. Evans). See [arXiv:2303.13140](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.13140)

2023, Preprint *Computing Euclidean distance and maximum likelihood retraction maps for constrained optimization* (with A. Heaton). See [arXiv 2206.14106](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.14106)

Presentations

09/2023, Poster	<i>Riemannian Optimization and Algebraic Varieties – a Contradiction?</i> Conference on Applied Algebra, Universität Osnabrück.
08/2023, Talk	<i>Riemannian Optimization on Embedded Manifolds Using Homotopy Continuation". Workshop on Constraint Systems: Distance Geometry, Structured Polynomials, Matrix Completion and Kinematics</i> , Fields Institute, Toronto.
07/2023, Talk	<i>A Tetrahedral Tensegrity Model for Filament Packings</i> . Workshop on Geometric Constraints: Materials, Graphs and Matroids, Rigidity and Packings, Fields Institute, Toronto.
09/2022, Poster	<i>Towards a Robust Tensegrity Model for the Mechanics of Filament Packings</i> . The Interdisciplinary World of Tangling conference, Potsdam, Germany.
12/2020, Talk	<i>Generalized Principal Component Analysis for Algebraic Varieties</i> . Facets of Complexity: Monday Lecture and Colloquium, TU Berlin.

Software Projects

2023	DisorderedPointClusters.jl: Simulations for minimum energy point configurations.
2022	HomotopyOpt.jl: Riemannian optimization package for polynomial constraints.
2021	Implicit3DPlotting.jl: Plotting implicit space curves and surfaces.
2020	LearnVanishingIdeal.jl: Numerically derives Polynomials describing a point cloud.

Teaching

04/2022 – 09/2022	Lecturer in Mathematisches Problemlösen
02/2020	Tutor of Computeralgebra
04/2018 – 09/2018	Mentor of Linear Algebra for Computer Scientists
04/2016 – 09/2017	Tutor of Computer-oriented Mathematics II and Mathematics for Geoscientists I and II

Awards

2018	Prize of the Berlin Mathematical Association for outstanding achievements in the bachelor's degree
2013	Book Prize of the German Physical Association for extraordinary achievements in the Abitur.

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