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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Geometric structures on manifolds, moduli spaces, and group actions preserving geometric structures

- Discrete subgroups of Lie groups
- Non-positive curvature and geometric group theory
- Local and global rigidity of group actions on compact manifolds (e.g. boundaries)

EMPLOYMENT

Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences

Division: Geometry, Groups, and Dynamics (led by Anna Wienhard)

Postdoctoral Researcher (October 2023- Present)

 $Postdoctoral\ Researcher$

Universität Heidelberg

Mentor: Beatrice Pozzetti

Research Station Geometry and Dynamics

(2021- 2023)

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ph.D. (2016- 2021)

Dissertation: Rank one phenomena in convex projective geometry

Advisor: Ralf Spatzier

Indian Statistical Institute

M. Math (2014-2016)

Thesis: Non-commutative Geometry of Baumslag-Solitar group BS(1,-1)

P.C.Panser Gold Medal

Jadavpur University

Mathematics (Honours)

Bachelor of Science (2011-2014) University Gold Medal

Publications and Preprints

1. A flat torus theorem for convex co-compact actions of projective linear groups.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1907.03277 Posted on 07.07.2019

Journal of the London Mathematical Society (2021) Vol 3 Issue 2 470-489 (19 pages).

2. Convex co-compact actions of relatively hyperbolic groups.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1910.08885 Posted on 20.10.2019

Geometry & Topology 27 (2023) 417-511 (95 pages).

3. Rank-one Hilbert geometries.

To appear in **Geometry & Topology** (34 pages).

ArXiv 1912.13013

Posted on 30.12.2019

4. Convex co-compact representations of 3-manifold groups.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 2009.05191 Posted on 11.09.2020

Second revision submitted, under consideration at **Journal of Topology** (40 pages).

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5. Convex co-compact groups with one dimensional boundary faces.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Second revision submitted, under consideration at Groups, Geometry, and Dynamics (24 pages).

6. The structure of relatively hyperbolic groups in convex real projective geometry.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Submitted (31 pages).

ArXiv 2203.16596 Posted on 30.03.2022

7. Boundary actions of lattices and C^0 local semi-rigidity. Joint with Chris Connell, Thang Nguyen, and Ralf Spatzier. Submitted (61 pages).

ArXiv 2303.00543 Posted on 01.03.2023

OTHER WRITINGS

Preliminaries on dynamics on geometrically finite hyperbolic manifolds.

Oberwolfach Report No. 50/2021, pages 2732-2734.

Arbeitsgemeinschaft (Thin groups and Super-approximation), October 2021.

PROJECTS IN PREPARATION

- 1. Morse boundaries in convex projective geometry. Joint with Theodore Weisman.
- 2. Relatively Anosov representations, Geometric Finiteness, and Convex Projective Structures. Joint with Feng Zhu.

Talks

Mini-courses	
Mini-course (3-part, 4.5 hours) at the conference Groups and Rigidity Around Zimmer Program (GRAZP Conference), Ventotene, titled "Actions of lattices on boundaries"	Sept. 2023
Lecture series (3-part, 3 hours) titled "Convex Projective Structures", Indian Statistical Institute - Kolkata, India	Dec. 2022
Conferences	
Arbeitsgemeinschaft: Thin Groups and Super-strong Approximation, Oberwolfach	Oct. 2021
Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology Conference (NCNGT) (virtual talk)	June 2020
Invited Seminar Talks	
Geometry seminar, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India	March 2023
Seminar, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bangalore, India	March 2023
Colloquium, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, India	March 2023
Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Mumbai, Mumbai, India	March 2023
Geometriy seminar, Florida State University	Nov. 2022
Geometric Analysis seminar, IIT Mumbai, India	Nov. 2022
Ergodic Theory seminar, Institut de Recherche Mathematique de Rennes IRMAR, Rennes	May 2022

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Colloquium, Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata, India	Dec. 2021
Young Researcher's Meeting of the GDR Platon, CIRM - Marseille	Nov. 2021
Topology and Geometric Group Theory Seminar, Ohio State University	Nov. 2021
Geometry Seminar, University of Virginia	$March\ 2021$
Geometry Seminar, Indiana University Bloomington	Dec. 2020
McGill Geometric Group Theory Seminar, McGill University	Nov. 2020
MSRI, Random and Arithmetic Structures in Topology (virtual semester)	Nov. 2020
Topology Seminar, University of Texas, Austin	Nov. 2019
Indian Statistical institute, Kolkata, India	Jan. 2019
Indian Statistical institute, Kolkata, India	July 2017

RESEARCH VISITS

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai	March 2023
Institut de Recherche Mathematique de Rennes (IRMAR), Rennes	May 2022
Louisiana State Univeristy	March 2020
University of Texas - Austin	November 2019

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan	2020-2021
Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan	2020
Mathematics Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2019
Mathematics Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2018
Alice Weber Glover in Math Scholarship, University of Michigan	2017
P. C. Panser Gold Medal, Indian Statistical Institute, India	2017
Kishore Vaigynaik Protsahan Yojana, Govt. of India	2010-2016
Masters' scholarship, National Board of Higher Mathematics, India	2014
University Gold Medal, Jadavpur University, India	2014

Teaching

At Universität Heidelberg and as the primary instructor:

Matrix Groups (Course webpage) Summer 2023

At the University of Michigan and as the primary instructor:

Math 115 Differential Calculus	Fall 2019
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Fall 2018
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Winter 2018
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Fall 2017
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Winter 2017
Math 105 Pre-calculus	Fall 2016

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MENTORING

Laboratory of Geometry - LoG(M), University of Michigan (January-April 2020)

Project: Entropy degeneration of ideal projective pants

Co-mentored a group of three undergraduate students, alongside two faculty mentors Harrison Bray and Giuseppe Martone. Helped run lectures and discussion sessions. Contributed in the discussion sessions on the computational/coding component of the project.

OUTREACH

• Celebrating the Poincaré Conjecture (Millenium Prize Problems Mathfest, Heidelberg University, July 2022)

<u>Event</u>: A set of public events, lectures, and workshops on the Poincareé conjecture aimed at high school students.

<u>Role</u>: Worked in the team that created the website (aimed at explaining the Poincare conjecture to the public) and helped with the workshops and organization.

• Public webinar titled **Hyperbolic Geometry and Beyond - An Algebraic and Dynamical Perspective** (Department of Applied Mathematics, Calcutta University, December 2021)

Event: A webinar for undergraduate students, often from underprivileged backgrounds, with the goal to motivate them for mathematics research.

Role: Acted as a resource person, gave a talk at the webinar, participated in an interaction session with the students.

SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION

Reviewer/Quick Opinions

Mathematische Zeitschrift, Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici

Organization (Heidelberg University)

Differential Geometry seminar (co-organizer)

October 2021 - July 2023

Organization (University of Michigan)

Learning seminar ("Super-rigidity of higher rank lattices")	February - June 2020
Learning seminar ("Benoist's work on convex divisible sets")	February - April 2019
Student Geometry/ Topology seminar (co-organizer)	January 2019 - April 2020
Student Dynamics seminar (co-organizer)	January 2019 - April 2020

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