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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

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)Reader (tenure-track)School of Mathematics(Aug 2025- Present)

Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences

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

Postdoctoral Researcher
(2023- 2025)

Universität Heidelberg
Research Station Geometry and Dynamics

Postdoctoral Researcher
(2021- 2023)

Mentor: Beatrice Pozzetti

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Ph.D. (2016- 2021)

Dissertation: Rank one phenomena in convex projective geometry

Advisor: Ralf Spatzier

Indian Statistical InstituteM. Math (2014-2016)Thesis: Non-commutative Geometry of Baumslag-Solitar group BS(1,-1)P.C.Panser Gold Medal

Jadavpur UniversityBachelor of Science (2011-2014)Mathematics (Honours)University Gold Medal

PUBLICATIONS

1. Morse properties in convex projective geometry.

Joint with Theodore Weisman.

Advances in Mathematics (to appear, 59 pages).

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

ArXiv 2203.16596

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Algebraic and Geometric Topology (to appear, 31 pages).

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

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 2104.05056

Groups, Geometry, and Dynamics 18 (2024), no. 4, 1145–1183 (39 pages).

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

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 2009.05191

Journal of Topology (2024) Volume 17 Issue 2 (56 pages).

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5. Rank-one Hilbert geometries. Geometry & Topology 29:3 (2025) 1171-1235 (65 pages).

ArXiv 1912.13013

6. Convex co-compact actions of relatively hyperbolic groups. Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1910.08885

Geometry & Topology 27:2 (2023) 417-511 (95 pages).

7. A flat torus theorem for convex co-compact actions of projective linear groups. Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1907.03277

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

PREPRINTS

8. 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

9. Rigidity of compact rank one symmetric spaces.

Joint with Chris Connell, Thang Nguyen, and Ralf Spatzier.

Submitted (15 pages).

ArXiv 2406.00558

OTHER WRITINGS

 $Preliminaries \ on \ dynamics \ on \ geometrically \ finite \ hyperbolic \ manifolds.$

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

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

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

Talks

Mini-courses

Mini-course (3-part, 4.5 hours) at the conference *Groups and Rigidity Around Zimmer Program* Sept. 2023 (GRAZP Conference), Ventotene, titled "Actions of lattices on boundaries"

Lecture series (3-part, 3 hours) titled "Convex Projective Structures", Indian Statistical Dec. 2022 Institute - Kolkata, India

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Conference Talks

Manifolds and Groups in Bologna III, Bologna	April 2025
Geometry at Infinity SPP 2026, MPI-MIS Leipzig	April 2025
Actions of large groups, geometric structures, and the Zimmer program: Workshop as part of the thematic trimester on Zimmer program, Institut Henri Poincare (IHP) Paris	June 2024
Arbeitsgemeinschaft: Thin Groups and Super-strong Approximation, Oberwolfach	Oct. 2021
Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology Conference (NCNGT) (virtual talk)	June 2020

INVITED SEMINAR TALKS

May Planck Institute for Methametics in the Sciences (Leipzig)	March 2025
Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences (Leipzig)	March 2025
University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg	Nov. 2024
Universitá di Bologna, Italy	Oct. 2024
Colloquium, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, India	April 2024
Groups and dynamics seminar, Univ. of Texas-Austin	Feb. 2024
Geometry seminar, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	Jan. 2024
Geometric group theory seminar, Ohio State Univ.	Jan. 2024
Geometry seminar, University of Michigan	Jan. 2024
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
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

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

• Young Researchers' Workshop (20 years of Anosov representation), October 2024

Place: Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences, Leipzig

Mentoring a graduate student for the talk entitled "Convex Projective Manifolds" as part of the workshop; see website.

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

Place: University of Michigan.

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 and lectures on the Poincareé conjecture aimed at the general public. Workshops were organized for school students.

Role: Worked in the team that created the website (aimed at explaining the Poincare conjecture to the public) and helped with the rest of the aspects of the event organization.

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

Event: A webinar was targeted towards young students with a goal towards motivating them for mathematics and research.

Role: Acted as a resource person and gave a talk at a webinar organized by University of Calcutta on December 2021.

SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION

Referee/Opinion reviews

Mathematische Zeitschrift; Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici; Journal of Topology; Geometriae Dedicata; Annales de l'Institut Fourier.

Organization

Differential Geometry seminar (Heidelberg University)

Student Geometry/ Topology seminar (University of Michigan)

Student Dynamics seminar (University of Michigan)

January 2019 - April 2020

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