1 Current Preprints

 Maria Bresich, Günther Raidl, Caspian Coleman, Pascal Welke, Steffen Limmer (2025): Search Space Reduction Through Machine Learning for the Electric Autonomous Dial-A-Ride Problem

International Conference on Machine Learning, Optimization, and Data Science (LOD)

(accepted w/ minor revision)
[conference]

2. Fouad Alkhoury, Sebastian Buschjäger, Pascal Welke (2025):

Splitting Stump Forests: Tree Ensemble Compression for Edge Devices (Extended Version)

Machine Learning

(accepted w/ minor revision in a special issue on Discovery Science)

3. Masahiro Negishi, Thomas Gärtner, Pascal Welke (2025):

WILTing Trees: Interpreting the Distance Between MPNN Embeddings International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) (accepted as a poster presentation)

[pdf][poster][code][reviews][arxiv][conference]

2 Publications

- 4. Veronica Lachi*, Alice Moallemy-Oureh*, Andreas Roth*, Pascal Welke* (2025): Expressive Pooling for Graph Neural Networks
 Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)
 [pdf][video][code][reviews][journal]
- 5. Dario Antweiler, Jan Pablo Burgard, Marc Harmening, Nicole Marheineke, Andre Schmeißer, Raimund Wegener, Pascal Welke (2025):

A Regression-Based Predictive Model Hierarchy for Nonwoven Tensile Strength Inference

Informed Machine Learning
[pdf][code][doi][book]

6. Franka Bause*, Fabian Jogl*, Patrick Indri, Tamara Drucks, David Penz, Nils Morten Kriege, Thomas Gärtner, Pascal Welke, Maximilian Thiessen (2025):

Maximally Expressive GNNs for Outerplanar Graphs

Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)

[pdf][poster][slides][video][code][reviews][journal]

7. Raffaele Paolino*, Sohir Maskey*, Pascal Welke, Gitta Kutyniok (2024): Weisfeiler and Leman Go Loopy: A New Hierarchy for Graph Representational Learning Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) (accepted as oral presentation)

[pdf][poster][slides][video][code][reviews][arxiv][conference]

8. Alexander Pluska, Pascal Welke, Thomas Gärtner, Sagar Malhotra (2024): Logical Distillation of Graph Neural Networks

International Conference on Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR) (honorable mention award at the Special Track on Reasoning, Learning, and Decision Making)

[pdf][poster][slides][code][doi][arxiv][conference]

9. Fouad Alkhoury, Pascal Welke (2024):

Splitting Stump Forests: Tree Ensemble Compression for Edge Devices International Conference on Discovery Science (DS) (Best Student Paper Award)

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10. Sebastian Müller, Vanessa Toborek, Katharina Beckh, Matthias Jakobs, Christian Bauckhage, Pascal Welke (2023):

An Empirical Evaluation of the Rashomon Effect in Explainable Machine Learning European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECMLPKDD)

[pdf][code][doi][arxiv][conference]

11. Pascal Welke*, Maximilian Thiessen*, Fabian Jogl, Thomas Gärtner (2023): Expectation-Complete Graph Representations with Homomorphisms International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) [pdf][poster][slides][video][code][reviews][arxiv][conference]

12. Ramsés J. Sánchez, Lukas Conrads, Pascal Welke, Kostadin Cvejoski, César Ojeda (2023):

Hidden Schema Networks

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) [pdf][poster][slides][code][doi][arxiv][bibtex][conference]

13. Vanessa Toborek, Moritz Busch, Malte Boßert, Christian Bauckhage, Pascal Welke (2023):

A New Aligned Simple German Corpus

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) [pdf][poster][code][doi][arxiv][bibtex][conference]

14. Karishma Mohiuddin, Mirza Ariful Alam, Mirza Mohtashim Alam, Pascal Welke, Michael Martin, Jens Lehmann, Sahar Vahdati (2023):

Retention Is All You Need

International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) [doi][arxiv][bibtex][conference]

15. Katharina Beckh, Sebastian Müller, Matthias Jakobs, Vanessa Toborek, Hanxiao Tan, Raphael Fischer, Pascal Welke, Sebastian Houben, Laura von Rüden (2023):
Harnessing Prior Knowledge for Explainable Machine Learning: An Overview

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IEEE Conference on Secure and Trustworthy Machine Learning (SatML) [pdf][video][doi][reviews][arxiv][bibtex][conference]
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16. Till Hendrik Schulz, Tamás Horváth, Pascal Welke, Stefan Wrobel (2022):

A generalized Weisfeiler-Lehman graph kernel

Machine Learning (111)

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17. Dario Antweiler, Marc Harmening, Nicole Marheineke, Andre Schmeißer, Raimund Wegener, Pascal Welke (2022):

Machine learning framework to predict nonwoven material properties from fiber graph representations

Software Impacts (14)

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18. Dario Antweiler, Marc Harmening, Nicole Marheineke, Andre Schmeißer, Raimund Wegener, Pascal Welke (2022):

Graph-Based Tensile Strength Approximation of Random Nonwoven Materials by Interpretable Regression

Machine Learning with Applications (8)

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19. Till Hendrik Schulz, Pascal Welke, Stefan Wrobel (2022):

Graph Filtration Kernels

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

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20. Richard Palme, Pascal Welke (2022):

Frequent Generalized Subgraph Mining via Graph Edit Distances
IoT Streams for Predictive Maintenance (IoTStreams@ECMLPKDD)
[pdf][slides][code][doi][bibtex][workshop]

21. Janis Kalofolias, Pascal Welke, Jilles Vreeken (2021):

SUSAN: The Structural Similarity Random Walk Kernel

SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)

[pdf][slides][video][code][doi][bibtex][conference]

22. Pascal Welke (2020):

Efficient Frequent Subgraph Mining in Transactional Databases International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)

[pdf][slides][video][doi][bibtex][conference]

23. Pascal Welke, Fouad Alkhoury, Christian Bauckhage, Stefan Wrobel (2020): Decision Snippet Features

International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)

[pdf][slides][video][code][doi][bibtex][conference]

24. Pascal Welke, Florian Seiffarth, Michael Kamp, Stefan Wrobel (2020):

HOPS: Probabilistic Subtree Mining for Small and Large Graphs

SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)

[pdf][slides][video][code][doi][bibtex][conference]

25. Alexander Mehler, Wahed Hemati, Pascal Welke, Maxim Konca, Tolga Uslu (2020): Multiple Texts as a Limiting Factor in Online Learning: Quantifying (Dis-)similarities of Knowledge Networks across Languages Frontiers in Education | Digital Education [pdf][doi][arxiv][bibtex][journal]

26. Pascal Welke, Tamás Horváth, Stefan Wrobel (2019): Probabilistic and Exact Frequent Subtree Mining in Graphs Beyond Forests Machine Learning (108) [pdf][doi][bibtex][journal]

27. Pascal Welke, Tamás Horváth, Stefan Wrobel (2018): Probabilistic Frequent Subtrees for Efficient Graph Classification and retrieval Machine Learning (107) [pdf][doi][bibtex][journal]

28. Till Hendrik Schulz, Tamás Horváth, Pascal Welke, Stefan Wrobel (2018): Mining Tree Patterns with Partially Injective Homomorphisms European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECMLPKDD) [pdf][slides][doi][bibtex][conference]

29. Pascal Welke, Alexander Markowetz, Torsten Suel, Maria Christoforaki (2016): Three-hop Distance Estimation in Social Graphs IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData) [pdf][slides][doi][bibtex][conference]

30. Pascal Welke, Tamás Horváth, Stefan Wrobel (2016): Min-Hashing for Probabilistic Frequent Subtree Feature Spaces International Conference on Discovery Science (DS) [pdf][poster][slides][doi][bibtex][conference]

31. Katrin Ullrich, Jennifer Mack, Pascal Welke (2016):
Ligand Affinity Prediction with Multi-pattern Kernels
International Conference on Discovery Science (DS)
[pdf][slides][doi][bibtex][conference]

32. Pascal Welke, Ionut Andone, Konrad Blaszkiewicz, Alexander Markowetz (2016): Differentiating Smartphone Users by App Usage International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing (UbiComp) [pdf][slides][doi][bibtex][conference]

33. Pascal Welke, Tamás Horváth, Stefan Wrobel (2015): Probabilistic Frequent Subtree Kernels New Frontiers in Mining Complex Patterns (NFMCP@ECMLPKDD) [pdf][slides][doi][bibtex][workshop]

34. Pascal Welke, Tamás Horváth, Stefan Wrobel (2014): On the Complexity of Frequent Subtree Mining in Very Simple Structures International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming (ILP) [pdf][slides][doi][bibtex][conference] 35. Anne-Kathrin Mahlein, Till Rumpf, Pascal Welke, Heinz-Wilhelm Dehne, Ulrike Steiner, Erich-Christian Oerke (2013):

Development of Spectral Indices for Detecting and Identifying Plant Diseases Remote Sensing of Environment (128) [doi][journal]

3 Books

36. Michael Kamp et al. (2021):

Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases - International Workshops of ECML PKDD 2021, Virtual Event, September 13-17, 2021, Proceedings, Part I [doi][bibtex][workshop proceedings]

37. Michael Kamp et al. (2021):

Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases - International Workshops of ECML PKDD 2021, Virtual Event, September 13-17, 2021, Proceedings, Part II [doi][bibtex][workshop proceedings]

38. Daniel Trabold, Pascal Welke, Nico Piatkowski (2020):

Proceedings of the Conference "Lernen, Wissen, Daten, Analysen", Online, September 9-11, 2020 [bibtex][proceedings]

39. Pascal Welke (2019):

Efficient Frequent Subtree Mining Beyond Forests Dissertations in Artificial Intelligence (348) [pdf][slides][code][bibtex][book]

4 Nonarchival Peer Reviewed Venues

40. Masahiro Negishi, Thomas Gärtner, Pascal Welke (2025):
WILTing Trees: Interpreting the Distance Between MPNN Embeddings
International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci)
(extended abstract)
[pdf][code][conference]

41. Fabian Jogl, Pascal Welke, Thomas Gärtner (2024):

Is Expressivity Essential for the Predictive Performance of Graph Neural Networks?

Workshop on Scientific Methods for Understanding Deep Learning (SciForDL@ NeurIPS)

(accepted as poster presentation)

[pdf][poster][code][reviews][workshop]

42. Raffaele Paolino*, Sohir Maskey*, Pascal Welke, Gitta Kutyniok (2024):
Weisfeiler and Leman Go Loopy: A New Hierarchy for Graph Representational Learn-

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Bridging the Gap Between Practice and Theory in Deep Learning (BGPT@ICLR)
    [pdf][poster][code][reviews][arxiv][workshop]
43. Alexander Pluska, Pascal Welke, Thomas Gärtner, Sagar Malhotra (2024):
    Logical Distillation of Graph Neural Networks
    Mechanistic Interpretability Workshop (MI@ICML)
    [pdf][poster][code][arxiv][workshop]
44. Veronica Lachi*, Alice Moallemy-Oureh*, Andreas Roth*, Pascal Welke* (2023):
    Graph Pooling Provably Improves Expressivity
    New Frontiers in Graph Learning (GLFrontiers@NeurIPS)
    [pdf][poster][reviews][workshop]
45. Franka Bause*, Fabian Jogl*, Patrick Indri, Tamara Drucks, David Penz, Nils Morten
    Kriege, Thomas Gärtner, Pascal Welke, Maximilian Thiessen (2023):
    Maximally Expressive GNNs for Outerplanar Graphs
    New Frontiers in Graph Learning (GLFrontiers@NeurIPS)
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46. Franka Bause*, Fabian Jogl*, Pascal Welke, Maximilian Thiessen (2023):
    Maximally Expressive GNNs for Outerplanar Graphs
    Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG)
    (Extended Abstract)
    [pdf][poster][code][reviews][conference]
47. Andrei Dragos Brasoveanu, Fabian Jogl, Pascal Welke, Maximilian Thiessen (2023):
    Extending Graph Neural Networks with Global Features
    Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG)
    (Extended Abstract)
    [pdf][poster][code][reviews][conference]
48. Maximilian Thiessen*, Pascal Welke*, Thomas Gärtner (2022):
    Expectation Complete Graph Representations using Graph Homomorphisms
    New Frontiers in Graph Learning Workshop (GLFrontiers@NeurIPS)
    [pdf][poster][code][reviews][workshop]
49. Pascal Welke*, Maximilian Thiessen*, Thomas Gärtner (2022):
    Expectation Complete Graph Representations using Graph Homomorphisms
    Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG)
    [pdf][poster][code][reviews][conference]
50. Dario Antweiler, Pascal Welke (2020):
    Temporal Graph Analysis for Outbreak Pattern Detection in COVID-19 Contact Trac-
    ing Networks
    Machine Learning in Public Health Workshop (MLPH@NeurIPS)
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51. Till Hendrik Schulz, Pascal Welke (2018):

On the Necessity of Graph Kernel Baselines

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52. Pascal Welke (2017):

Simple Necessary Conditions for the Existence of a Hamiltonian Path with Applications to Cactus Graphs

Computer Science Conference for University of Bonn Students (CSCUBS) [pdf][arxiv][bibtex][workshop]