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Employment

since 2019 Lecturer (Assistant Professor)

Department of Computer Science · University of Liverpool

2017–2019 Postdoctoral Fellow and Sessional Instructor

David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science · University of Waterloo

2012–2017 *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter* (research assistant)

Department of Computer Science · University of Kaiserslautern

Education ___

Dr. rer. nat. Department of Computer Science · University of Kaiserslautern · 2016

(equiv. to **Ph.D.**) Dissertation

Title: Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond: Analysis of Multiway Partitioning and Its Practical Potential

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Markus Nebel

2nd Reviewer: Prof. Robert Sedgewick (Princeton University) 3rd Reviewer: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Dietzfelbinger (TU Ilmenau)

M.Sc. Department of Computer Science · University of Kaiserslautern · 2012

B. Sc. Department of Computer Science · University of Kaiserslautern · 2010

Abitur Kurfürst-Ruprecht-Gymnasium · Neustadt a. d. Weinstraße · 2006

(equiv. to $\mathbf{A}\text{-levels}$)

Publications

NB: The convention in algorithms for author lists is in alphabetic order by last name.

Preprints and details at www.wild-inter.net/publications.
(Titles are clickable links).

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- [c20] Finding the saddlepoint faster than sorting
 Justin Dallant, Frederik Haagensen, Riko Jacob, László Kozma, and Sebastian Wild
 Symposium on Simplicity in Algorithms (SOSA) 2024
 to be presented
- [C19] Funnelselect: Cache-oblivious multiple selection
 Gerth Stølting Brodal and Sebastian Wild
 European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA) 2023
 I. L. Gørtz, M. Farach-Colton, S. Puglisi, G. Herman (eds): ESA 2023, LIPIcs 274, pp 25:1–25:17
- [C18] RNA secondary structures: from ab initio prediction to better compression, and back Evarista Onokpasa, Sebastian Wild, and Prudence W. H. Wong Data Compression Conference (DCC) 2023

 DCC 2023, IEEE, pp 278–287
- [C17] Multiway Powersort
 William Cawley Gelling, Markus Nebel, Benjamin Smith, and Sebastian Wild
 Symposium on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX) 2023
 ALENEX 2023, ACM, pp 190–200
- [C16] Randomized Communication and Implicit Graph Representations
 Nathaniel Harms, Sebastian Wild, and Viktor Zamaraev

 Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC) 2022

 STOC 2022, ACM, pp 1220–1233
- [C15] Towards the 5/6-Density Conjecture of Pinwheel Scheduling
 Leszek Gąsieniec, Benjamin Smith, and Sebastian Wild
 Symposium on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX) 2022
 C. A. Phillips and B. Speckmann (eds.): ALENEX 2022, pp 91–103
- [C14] Succinct Euler-Tour Trees
 Travis Gagie and Sebastian Wild
 Canadian Conference on Computational Geometry (CCCG) 2021
 M. He and D. Sheehy (eds.): CCCG 2021, pp 368–376
- [C13] Hypersuccinct Trees New universal tree source codes for optimal compressed tree data structures and range minima
 J. Ian Munro, Patrick K. Nicholson, Louisa Seelbach Benkner, and Sebastian Wild European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA) 2021
 P. Mutzel, R. Pagh, G. Herman (eds.): ESA 2021, LIPIcs 204, pp 70:1–70:18

[C12]	Lazy Search Trees
	Bryce Sandlund and Sebastian Wild
	Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS) 2020
	S. Irani (ed.): FOCS 2020, IEEE, pp 704–715

- [C11] Distance Oracles for Interval Graphs via Breadth-First Rank/Select in Succinct Trees
 Meng He, J. Ian Munro, Yakov Nekrich, Sebastian Wild, and Kaiyu Wu
 International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation (ISAAC) 2020
 Y. Cao, SW. Cheng, M. Li (eds.): ISAAC 2020, LIPIcs 181, pp 25:1–25:18
- [C10] Efficient Second-Order Shape-Constrained Function Fitting
 David Durfee, Yu Gao, Anup B. Rao, and Sebastian Wild
 Algorithms and Data Structures Symposium (WADS) 2019
 Z. Friggstad, JR. Sack, M. Salavatipour (eds.): WADS 2019, LNCS 11646, Springer, pp 395–408
 - [c9] Sesquickselect: One and a half pivots for cache-efficient selection
 Conrado Martínez, Markus E. Nebel, and Sebastian Wild
 Meeting on Analytic Algorithmics and Combinatorics (ANALCO) 2019
 M. Mishna and J.I. Munro (eds.): ANALCO 2019, SIAM, pp 54–66
 - [c8] Median-of-k Jumplists and Dangling-Min BSTs
 Markus E. Nebel, Elisabeth Neumann, and Sebastian Wild
 Meeting on Analytic Algorithmics and Combinatorics (ANALCO) 2019
 M. Mishna and J.I. Munro (eds.): ANALCO 2019, SIAM, pp 74–86
 - [c7] Nearly-Optimal Mergesorts: Fast, Practical Sorting Methods That Optimally Adapt to Existing Runs
 J. Ian Munro and Sebastian Wild
 European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA) 2018
 Y. Azar, H. Bast, G. Herman (eds.): ESA 2018, LIPIcs 112, pp 63:1-63:16
 - [c6] Average Cost of QuickXsort with Pivot Sampling
 Sebastian Wild
 International Conference on Probabilistic, Combinatorial and
 Asymptotic Methods for the Analysis of Algorithms (AofA) 2018
 MD. Ward, JA. Fill (eds.): AofA 2018, LIPIcs 110, pp 36:1–36:19
- [c5] Quicksort Is Optimal for Many Equal Keys
 Sebastian Wild
 Meeting on Analytic Algorithmics and Combinatorics (ANALCO) 2018
 M. Nebel, S. Wagner (eds.): ANALCO 2018, SIAM, pp 8–22
- [c4] Analysis of Branch Misses in Quicksort
 Conrado Martínez, Markus E. Nebel, and Sebastian Wild
 Meeting on Analytic Algorithmics and Combinatorics (ANALCO) 2015
 R. Sedgewick, MD. Ward (eds.): ANALCO 2015, SIAM, pp 114–128

- [c3] Pivot Sampling in Dual-Pivot Quicksort
 Markus E. Nebel and Sebastian Wild
 International Conference on Probabilistic, Combinatorial and
 Asymptotic Methods for the Analysis of Algorithms (AofA) 2014
 M. Bousquet-Mélou, M. Soria (eds.): DMTCS-HAL Proceedings Series, vol. BA, pp 325–338
- [c2] Engineering Java 7's Dual Pivot Quicksort Using MaLiJAN
 Sebastian Wild, Markus E. Nebel, Raphael Reitzig, and Ulrich Laube
 Meeting on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX) 2013
 P. Sanders, N. Zeh (eds.): ALENEX 2013, SIAM, pp 55–69
- [C1] Average Case Analysis of Java 7's Dual Pivot Quicksort
 Sebastian Wild and Markus E. Nebel
 European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA) 2012
 L. Epstein and P. Ferragina (eds.): ESA 2012, LNCS 7501, Springer, pp 825–836.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- [J9] A Simple and Fast Linear-Time Algorithm for Divisor Methods of Apportionment Raphael Reitzig and Sebastian Wild Mathematical Programming B, 2023
- [J8] Succinct Permutation Graphs
 Konstantinos Tsakalidis, Sebastian Wild, and Viktor Zamaraev
 Algorithmica 85, 2, pp 509–543, 2022
- [J7] *QuickXsort A Fast Sorting Scheme in Theory and Practice* Stefan Edelkamp, Armin Weiß, and Sebastian Wild *Algorithmica* 82, 3, pp 509–588, **2020**
- [J6] *Dual-pivot and beyond: The potential of multiway partitioning in quicksort*Sebastian Wild
 Distinguished Dissertations in *it Information Technology*, 60, 3, pp 173–177, **2018**
- [J5] Building Fences Straight and High: An Optimal Algorithm for Finding the Maximum Length You Can Cut k Times from Given Sticks
 Raphael Reitzig and Sebastian Wild
 Algorithmica 80, 11, pp 3365–3396, 2018
- [J4] Analysis of Pivot Sampling in Dual-Pivot Quicksort
 Markus E. Nebel, Sebastian Wild, and Conrado Martínez

 Algorithmica 75, 4, pp 632–683, 2016
- [J3] Analysis of Quickselect under Yaroslavskiy's Dual-Pivoting Algorithm Sebastian Wild, Markus E. Nebel, and Hosam Mahmoud Algorithmica 74, 1, pp 485–506, 2016
- [J2] Average Case and Distributional Analysis of Dual Pivot Quicksort Sebastian Wild, Markus E. Nebel, and Ralph Neininger ACM Transactions on Algorithms 11, 3, article 22, 2015

[J1] JAGUC – A Software Package for Environmental Diversity Analyses
 Markus E. Nebel, Sebastian Wild, Michael Holzhauser, Lars Hüttenberger,
 Raphael Reitzig, Matthias Sperber, and Thorsten Stoeck
 Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology 9, 6, pp 749–773, 2011

Textbooks

[B1] Entwurf und Analyse von Algorithmen
(Design and Analysis of Algorithms)

Markus Nebel and Sebastian Wild · Springer Vieweg · 2018

Theses

- Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond: Analysis of Multiway Partitioning and Its Practical Potential

 Dissertation University of Kaiserslautern 2016
- [T2] Java 7's Dual Pivot Quicksort

 Master's Thesis · University of Kaiserslautern · 2012
- [T1] An Earley-style Parser for Solving the RNA-RNA Interaction Problem Bachelor's Thesis · University of Kaiserslautern · 2010

Working Papers & Technical Reports

- [M4] A House Divided: Cooperation, Polarization, and the Power of Reputation Sebastian Wild, Phillip Keldenich, Jann Spiess, Maximilian Schlund, Jano Costard, Jonas Radbruch, Paul Stursberg, and Sándor Fekete · Research Square, In Review
- [M3] Dynamic Optimality Refuted For Tournament Heaps
 J. Ian Munro, Richard Peng, Sebastian Wild, and Lingyi Zhang
- [M2] Entropy Trees and Range-Minimum Queries In Optimal Average-Case Space J. Ian Munro, and Sebastian Wild
- [M1] A Practical and Worst-Case Efficient Algorithm for Divisor Methods of Apportionment Raphael Reitzig and Sebastian Wild

Other Publications

- [O2] Quicksort mit zwei Pivots und mehr · Sebastian Wild GI LNI Dissertations Band 17 – Ausgezeichnete Informatikdissertationen 2016
- [O1] Why is Dual-Pivot Quicksort Fast? · Sebastian Wild extended abstract for Theorietage 2015 (GI Workshop on Algorithms)

Awards and Honors

2023 Guild Awards 2023 – Teacher of the Year (Science & Engineering)
Prize awarded by the Guild of Students of University of Liverpool by nomination awarded to one academic in each of the three Faculties

- **GI** Dissertationspreis 2016 · [T3]

 Prize for best dissertation in computer science 2016 in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, jointly awarded by GI, SI, and OCG
- Nominated for *Distinguished Teaching Award* **2017** of *University of Kaiserslautern* for the design of the interactive course *Training für Programmierwettbewerbe*
- 2013 Preis des Freundeskreises der TU Kaiserslautern · [T2]

 Best Master's Thesis in the Department of Computer Science 2012
- **Best Paper Award** at the European Symposium on Algorithms 2012 · [C1]
- **2009–2012** Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation

Grants and Funding

Principal Investigator

- **New Investigator Award** Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Computing over Compressed Graph-Structured Data volume £ 519 180 (full economic cost)
- **Impact Accelerator Fund** for developing impact case *Improved Sorting Algorithms for programming libraries*funded by School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Computer Science,

 University of Liverpool · volume £ 16 000
 - **Visiting Fellowship** for hosting Gerth Stølting Brodal funded by Department of Computer Science, University of Liverpool 1 of 4 funded Visiting Fellows · volume £700
- **2021–2022** International Exchanges Program · The Royal Society

 Lazy Finger Search Trees

 travel grant for research visit to Kostas Tsichlas (Patras, Greece) · volume £2 900
- **2020–2023 PhD studentship** for Benjamin Smith funded by School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Computer Science, University of Liverpool · 1 of 2 studentships in the department · volume £ 59 076
 - **Workshop** Algorithmic and probabilistic aspects of space efficiency funded by London Mathematical Society, Department of Computer Science, and the EEECS School NeST Initiative of University of Liverpool · volume £940
 - **Travel Grant** for research visit to Markus Lohrey EEECS School NeST Initiative of University of Liverpool \cdot volume £940

Co-Investigator

2021–2022 International Exchanges Program · The Royal Society

Decomposition techniques for graphs classes of bounded width parameters and their applications PI Viktor Zamaraev; part of project team \cdot volume £ 12 000

Talks

Slides available at www.wild-inter.net/publications.

Invited Talks

- 2023 "Quicksort, Timsort, Powersort" · [c7], [c17]

 Warwick CS Colloquium · University of Warwick · 15 Nov. 2023
- "Quicksort, Timsort, Powersort"CS Lectures · IT University of Copenhagen · 9 Nov. 2023
- "Quicksort, Timsort, Powersort: Algorithmic ideas, engineering tricks, and trivia behind CPython's new sorting algorithm" · [c7], [c17]

 PyCon US 2023 · 22 Apr. 2023
- *Hypersuccinct Trees"

 International Conference on Probabilistic, Combinatorial and Asymptotic Methods for the Analysis of Algorithms (AofA) 2021 · 14 Jun. 2021
- "Quicksorts of the 21st Century"
 Workshop Verified software: tools and experiments · Special event celebrating quicksort's 60th birthday · Isaac Newton Institute · 7 Jun. 2021
- "Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond: An Analysis-of-Algorithms Perspective on Multiway Quicksort"

 Computability in Europe 2019 · Special Session Smoothed and Probabilistic Analysis of Algorithms

 Durham University · 17 Jul. 2019
- "Succinct Data Structures For Range Minimum Problems"
 NSF Center for Science of Information · Purdue University · 24 Oct. 2018
- "Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond"

 Annual SPP Meeting of the DFG Schwerpunktprogramm Algorithms for Big Data
 19 Oct. 2017
- **2016** "Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond"

 Research Seminar · Hasso-Plattner-Institut Potsdam · 6 Sep. 2016

Conference & Workshop Presentations

- 2023 "Funnelselect: Cache-Oblivious Multiple Selection' · [c19] ESA 2023 · 6 Sept. 2023
- "Quicksort, Timsort, Powersort"Dagstuhl Seminar 23 211 (Scalable Data Structures) · 22 May 2023
- **On the combinatorics of space-efficient data structures"

 **Banff International Research Station Workshop 22w5004*

 (Analytic and Probabilistic Combinatorics) · 15 Nov. 2022
- "Demystifying Neural Networks (and outreach during lockdown)" · tiny.cc/ai-course

 Creative Mathematical Science Communication 2022 · 20 Apr. 2022
- "Lazy Search Trees" · [C12]
 Dagstuhl Seminar 21 071 (Scalable Data Structures) · 16 Feb. 2021
- **Second-Order Shape-Constrained Function Fitting" · [C10] WADS 2019 · 6 Aug. 2019

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"Compressed Range-Minimum Queries: Average-Case Analysis of Search Trees Meets
2019
       Space-Efficient Data Structures" · [M2]
       AofA Meeting · 24 Jun. 2019
       "Entropy Trees & Range-Minimum Queries In Optimal Average-Case Space" · [M2]
2019
       Dagstuhl Seminar 19 051 (Data Structures for the Cloud and External Memory Data)
        28 Jan. 2019
       "Sesquickselect: One and a half pivots for cache-efficient selection" · [c9]
2019
       ANALCO Conference · 06 Jan. 2019
       "Nearly-optimal Mergesorts" · [c7]
2018
       ESA Conference · 20 Aug. 2018
       "Average Cost of QuickXsort with Pivot Sampling" • [c6]
2018
       AofA Conference · 28 June 2018
       "Quicksort Is Optimal for Many Equal Keys" • [c5]
2018
       ANALCO Conference · 8 Jan. 2018
       "Median-of-k Quicksort is optimal for many equal keys"
2017
       AofA Meeting · 19 June 2017
       "Quicksort with Equal Keys"
2016
       Dagstuhl Seminar 16 101 (Data Structures and Advanced Models of Computation on Big Data)
       7 March 2016
       "Why is Dual-Pivot Quicksort Fast?" · [O1]
2015
       GI Theorietage (Workshop) · 29 Sept. 2015
       "Analysis of Branch Misses in Quicksort" · [c4]
2015
       ANALCO Conference · 4 Jan. 2015
       "Pivot Sampling in Dual-Pivot Quicksort" • [c3]
2014
       AofA Conference · 16 June 2014
       "Dual-Pivot Quicksort – Asymmetries in Sorting"
2014
       Dagstuhl Seminar 14 091 (Data Structures and Advanced Models of Computation on Big Data)
        25 March 2014
       "Engineering Java 7's Dual Pivot Quicksort Using MALIJAN" · [c2]
2013
       ALENEX Conference · 7 Jan. 2013
       "Quickselect Under Yaroslavskiy's Dual-Pivoting Algorithm"
2013
       AofA Meeting · 28 May 2013
       "Java 7's Dual Pivot Quicksort"
2013
       FORMAT Workshop · 9 April 2013
       "Average Case Analysis of Java 7's Dual Pivot Quicksort" · [c1]
2012
       ESA Conference · 11 Sept. 2012
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Departmental & Seminar Talks

"Quicksort, Timsort, Powersort"

SSLC Distinguished Lecture Series · University of Liverpool · 17 Apr. 2023

2022	"Putting your graphs on a diet"
	Durham-Liverpool Synergy Networks Seminar · 27 Oct. 2022
2019	"Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond" \cdot University of Liverpool \cdot 10 Dec. 2019
2017	"Dual-Pivot Quicksort and Beyond" · University of Waterloo · 1 Nov. 2017
2015	"Dual-Pivot Quicksort" · University of Kaiserslautern · 24 Mar. 2015

Teaching Experience

Details on courses and teaching evaluations at www.wild-inter.net/teaching.

(Titles are clickable links).

Instructor of Record

Sole responsibility for module (give lectures, design assignments, take/design exams).

2024	Advances in Theoretical Computer Science (COMP 555) · postgraduate level
2023	Efficient Algorithmics (COMP 526) · postgraduate level
2023	Advances in Theoretical Computer Science (COMP 555) · postgraduate level
2022	Efficient Algorithmics (COMP 526) · postgraduate level
2022/23	Communicating Computer Science (COMP 335) · third-year undergraduate
2022	Applied Algorithmics (COMP 526) · postgraduate level
2021/22	Communicating Computer Science (COMP 335) · third-year undergraduate
2021	Applied Algorithmics (COMP 526) · postgraduate level
2020	Applied Algorithmics (COMP 526) · postgraduate level
2018	Data Structures and Data Management (CS 240) · undergraduate level
2017	Advanced Algorithmics: Strategies for Hard Problems · advanced postgraduate level
2017	Competitive Programming · undergraduate level
2016/17	Algorithms and Data Structures · undergraduate level, non-CS majors

Teaching Assistance

Responsible for tutorials (recruit student tutors, design assignments and exams, give exercise classes).

2015/16 2014	Introduction to the Mathematical Analysis of Algorithms (original title: Algorithm Engineering) · advanced postgraduate level
2013/14	Computational Biology I: Alignments and Sequencing advanced undergraduate level
2015/16 2014 2012/13	Computational Biology II: Signals, Phylogenetics and Structure Prediction postgraduate level
2014/15	Design and Analysis of Algorithms · intermediate undergraduate level

2013 *Combinatorial Algorithms: String Search, Compression, Networks, and Random Generation* · advanced undergraduate level

2013/14 *Proof Techniques* · tutorial at introductory undergraduate level **2012/13**

Student Tutor

(grade assignments, give exercise class).

Formal Foundations of Programming · Software Development I: Introduction to Programming · Software Development III: Concurrency and Parallel Programming

Supervised Students

PhD Students

2020–2024 Benjamin Smith

2021–2025 Eva Onokpasa

Selected Master's Theses

2021 William Cawley Gelling · Title: 4-way Peeksort & 4-way Powersort · [c17]

2020 Benjamin Smith · Title: *Exact Solutions for the Bamboo Garden Trimming Problem* · [C15]

Selected Bachelor's Theses

2016 Marvin Peterson · Title: Experimental View on Cache Behavior of Search Trees

2015 Elisabeth Neumann · Title: *Randomized Jumplists With Several Jump Pointers* · [c8]

Service

To Profession

Program AofA 2024 (Co-Chair)

committees SOFSEM 2023 · LATIN 2022 · AofA 2022 · ESA 2019 · ANALCO 2019 ·

ANALCO 2018

Reviews ACM Journal of Experimental Algorithmics · ACM Transactions on Algorithms ·

(journals) Algorithmica · Bulletin of Mathematical Biology ·

Combinatorics, Probability & Computing · Discrete Applied Mathematics ·

IEEE Transactions on Computers · Information Processing Letters ·

International Journal of Computer Mathematics · Journal of Experimental Algorithmics ·

Mathematical Programming · Mathematics in Computer Science ·

Software: Practice and Experience · The Computer Journal ·

Theoretical Computer Science ·

Stochastics (Intern. J. of Probability and Stochastic Processes)

Reviews ESA 2023 · MFCS 2023 · IWOCA 2023 · WABI 2022 · ICALP 2022 · SODA 2022 · SOSA 2022 · ISAAC 2021 · STACS 2021 · ESA 2021 · SoCG 2020 · SODA 2020 · SOFSEM 2020 · SPAA 2019 · SEA 2018 · WADS 2017 · SEA 2017 · ANALCO 2017 · A0fA 2016 · SWAT 2014 · ANALCO 2014 · ESA 2013

To Department

since 2022 Lead of the Recruitment, Outreach, and Public Relations group

of the School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Computer Science

University of Liverpool

since 2020 Coordinator of Outreach Activities of the Department of Computer Science

University of Liverpool

2012 – 2017 Representative of Scientific Employees in **Board of Examiners**

(Prüfungsausschuss) · TU Kaiserslautern

Additional Training

2023 Knowledge Transfer Training Programme
Skillfluence & The Academy, University of Liverpool

2020 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
Recognition of teaching experience through the ULTRA program
Advance HE & The Academy, University of Liverpool

2017 Teaching Development Seminar Series for Postdocs
Centre for Teaching Excellence, University of Waterloo · 6–10 Nov. 2017

2016 *Lehre 2.o – Lehren mit dem Internet*Workshop on including social media in teaching · 13 June 2016

2015 Meetings und Projektbesprechungen effizient und zielgerichtet leiten Workshop on how to effectively chair a group meeting · 9–10 April 2015

Nonacademic Work Experience

Java Developer marketmaker Software AG (since 2012 part of vwd Vereinigte Wirtschaftsdienste GmbH)

Jul 2010 – Apr 2012 in term breaks

Developed server components for a web-based financial market-data solution.

Languages _____

German native

English fluent

French elementary

Spanish elementary