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Curriculum Vitae

Technische Universität München
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| Sep. 2015 - today | Privatdozent
Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität München |
| Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2015 | Visiting Assistant Professor
University of California, Davis |
| Oct. 2013 – Mar. 2014 | Acting Associate Professor
Institute for Mathematical Optimization
Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität Braunschweig |
| Jan. 2013 – Sep. 2013,
April 2014 – July 2014 | Akademischer Rat
Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität München |
| April 2012 – July 2013 | Leader of Research and Development Project ‘ArborChange’
Project of the Bavarian State Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and Forests for the optimization of the cost-effective structure of forestry regions |
| Jan. 2011 – Mar. 2012 | Postdoctoral Research Associate
Chair for Applied Geometry and Discrete Mathematics
Prof. Dr. Peter Gritzmann
Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität München |
| Mar. 2007 – Dec. 2010 | Research and Teaching Assistant
Chair for Applied Geometry and Discrete Mathematics
Prof. Dr. Peter Gritzmann
Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität München |
| July 2004 – Aug. 2004 | Scientific Internship at Axxom Software AG |
| Sep. 2003 – Mar. 2007 | Teaching Assistant in Computer Science and Mathematics |
| July 2001 – Nov. 2001 | Military Service at the Luftwaffe Roth |

ACADEMIC DEGREES

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| May 2015 | Habilitation
‘Data Analysis through Polyhedral Theory’
Technische Universität München |
| Dec. 2010 | Dr. rer. nat. in Mathematics
‘A Combinatorial Optimization Approach to Constrained Clustering’ |

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Peter Gritzmann, Technische Universität München
Grade: summa cum laude

- Mar. 2007 **Diploma in Mathematics**
Diploma in Computer Science
‘Nearly Optimal Algorithms on Minimum Spanning Trees’
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ernst Mayr, Technische Universität München
- July 2003 **Vordiplom** in Mathematics
Vordiplom in Computer Science
Universität Augsburg
- July 2001 **Abitur** (A-Levels)
Justus-von-Liebig-Gymnasium Neusäß
Grade: 1.0 (~0.8) / A+
Skipped seventh grade

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Feb. 2014 **Feodor Lynen Research Scholarship** and **Humboldt Fellowship**
‘Data Analysis through the Geometry of Transportation Polytopes’
Host: Prof. Dr. Jesús De Loera, University of California Davis
- July 2013 **European Excellence in Practice Award 2013**
‘Geometric clustering for the consolidation of farm- and woodland’
Joint work with Prof. Dr. Andreas Brieden, Prof. Dr. Peter Gritzmann.
Awarded by EURO, the Association of the European Operational Research
Societies within IFORS
- April 2012 – July 2013 **Research and Development Project ‘ArborChange’**
Project of the Bavarian State Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and
Forests for the optimization of the cost-effective structure of forestry
regions
- Mar. 2009 **Expert Report**
‘Automatic routing of harvest machines in the simulation of the virtual
forest’ for the Chair for Forest Work Science and Applied Computer
Science, Technische Universität München
- 2011 – 2015 **Research Visits and Invited Talks**
University of Edinburgh
University of California Los Angeles
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)
Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa
University of California Davis
Max-Planck Institute Tübingen
Technische Universität Dortmund
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
Universität Hamburg

FULL BIBLIOGRAPHY

JOURNAL PAPERS

- E. Anderes, S. Borgwardt, and J. Miller (2015) *Discrete Wasserstein Barycenters: Optimal Transport for Discrete Data*. Available on arxiv: 1507.07218
- S. Borgwardt, A. Brieden, and P. Gritzmann (2015) *Geometrisches Clustering: Mathematik für die Flurverbesserung (Geometric clustering: Mathematics for land improvement)*. **Mitteilungen der DMV** 23/2015, pp. 82-90 (including front cover of journal)
- S. Borgwardt, S. Onn (2015) *Efficient solutions for weight-balanced partitioning problems*. Available on arxiv: 1503.06877
- S. Borgwardt, J. De Loera, E. Finhold, and J. Miller (2015) *The Hierarchy of Circuit Diameters for Transportation Polytopes*. **Discrete Applied Mathematics**, accepted. Available on arxiv: 1411.1701
- S. Borgwardt, J. De Loera, E. Finhold (2014) *Edges vs Circuits: a Hierarchy of Diameters in Polyhedra*. Available on arxiv: 1409.7638
- S. Borgwardt, E. Finhold, and R. Hemmecke (2014) *On the circuit diameter of dual transportation polyhedra*. **SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics** 29:1, pp. 113-121
- S. Borgwardt (2014) *On Soft Power Diagrams*. **Mathematical Modelling and Algorithms in Operations Research** 14:2, pp. 173-196
- S. Borgwardt, E. Finhold, and R. Hemmecke (2015) *Quadratic diameter bounds for dual network flow polyhedra*. in minor revision for **Mathematical Programming**. Available on arXiv: 1408.4184
- S. Borgwardt, S. Schaffner, M. Suda (2014) *Geometrische Kennzahlen für die forstfachliche Bewertung der Zersplitterung von Privatwaldarealen (Geometric measures for the assessment of fragmentation of private forest areas)*. **Forstarchiv** 06/14, pp. 188-196
- S. Borgwardt, A. Brieden, and P. Gritzmann (2014) *Geometric clustering for the consolidation of farmland and woodland*. **Mathematical Intelligencer** 36:2, pp. 37-44 (including front cover of journal)
- S. Borgwardt, F. Schmiedl (2014) *Threshold-based preprocessing for approximating the weighted dense k -subgraph problem*. **European Journal of Operational Research** 234, pp. 631-640
- S. Borgwardt, A. Brieden, and P. Gritzmann (2014) *A balanced k -means algorithm for weighted point sets*. Available on arXiv:1307.4004
- S. Borgwardt, A. Brieden, and P. Gritzmann (2013) *Mathematics in Agriculture and Forestry: Geometric Clustering for Land Consolidation*. **IFORS news**, Dec. 2013
- S. Borgwardt (2013) *On the Diameter of Partition Polytopes and Vertex-Disjoint Cycle Cover*. **Mathematical Programming**, Series A 141:1, pp. 1-20
- S. Borgwardt, A. Brieden, and P. Gritzmann (2011) *Constrained Minimum- k -Star Clustering and its application to the consolidation of farmland*. **Operational Research** 11:1, pp. 1-17

IN PREPARATION

S. Borgwardt, A. Brieden, and P. Gritzmann (2015) *On gravity polytopes and the facility location problem*.

S. Borgwardt, J. De Loera, and B. Moazzez (2015) *Circuit linear programming*

S. Borgwardt, J. De Loera, E. Finhold, T. Stephen, and T. Yusun (2015) *On the Circuit Diameter Conjecture*

TECHNICAL, EXPERT AND SOFTWARE REPORTS

S. Borgwardt, A. Malkis, and Y. Nagashima (2014) *On the Diameter of Multithreaded Programs: The Basic Case*. Technical report

S. Borgwardt (2013) *Das Programm ArborTec – ArborChange mit ArborEval und ArborOpt*. Public report for the software engineered in project ArborChange of the Bavarian State Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and Forests. www-m9.ma.tum.de/foswiki/pub/Projekte/VLE/ArborTec.pdf

K. Borgwardt, S. Borgwardt, A. Feragen, N. Shervashidze (2011) *Balanced kernel k-means for comparing large graphs with landmarks*. Technical report

S. Borgwardt, P. Gritzmann (2009) *Automatisches Routing der Erntemaschinen in der Holzerntesimulation des Virtuellen Walds*. Expert report for the Lehrstuhl für Forstliche Arbeitswissenschaft und Angewandte Informatik, Technische Universität München

THESES

Steffen Borgwardt (2015) *Data Analysis through Polyhedral Theory*, Habilitation thesis

Steffen Borgwardt (2010) *A Combinatorial Optimization Approach to Constrained Clustering*, Ph.D. thesis

Steffen Borgwardt (2007) *Nearly Optimal Algorithms on Minimum Spanning Trees*, diploma thesis in computer science and diploma thesis in mathematics

TEACHING

2014 – 2015 UC Davis TU München	<i>Introduction to Discrete Mathematics</i> , TU München, Lecture <i>Linear Algebra</i> , UC Davis, Lecture <i>Mathematics and Computers</i> , UC Davis, Lecture
2013 – 2014 TU Braunschweig TU München ISM München	<i>Linear Optimization</i> , TU Braunschweig, Lecture <i>Discrete Optimization</i> , TU Braunschweig, Lecture <i>Computational Complexity in Optimization</i> , TU München, Lead TA <i>Game Theory 1</i> , TU München, Seminar <i>Game Theory 2</i> , TU München, Seminar <i>Mathematics 1</i> , Int. School of Management München, Lecture
2007 – 2013 TU München	<i>Algebraic and Geometric Techniques for Optimization</i> , Lead TA <i>Discrete Mathematics in Data Analysis</i> , Seminar <i>Combinatorial Optimization</i> , Lead TA <i>Mathematical Methods for the Business Sciences 2</i> , TA <i>Applied Discrete Mathematics</i> , Lead TA <i>Selected Topics from Combinatorial Optimization</i> , Seminar <i>Mathematics 2 for Electrical Engineering</i> , TA <i>Mathematics 1 for Electrical Engineering</i> , TA <i>Optimization 3</i> , Lead TA <i>Optimization 2</i> , Lead TA and Programming Course <i>Optimization 1</i> , Lead TA and Programming Course

SUPERVISED BACHELOR AND MASTER THESES

2013 – 2015	<i>On the computation of optimal soft power diagrams</i> , Alexander Kampmeier <i>l_p-norm Voronoi diagrams</i> , Michael Heptner <i>Support vector machines and the kernel trick</i> , Philipp Fröhlich <i>On the best number of clusters</i> , Gabriel Anzer
2011 – 2012	<i>Norm maximization over gravity polytopes</i> , Andrej Winokurow <i>Hierarchical clustering</i> , Philipp Krenz <i>Clustering with instance-level constraints</i> , Christoph Bolkart <i>Zellzerlegungen und Least-Squares Assignments für die aquatische Ökologie</i> , Martin Zach
2008 – 2010	<i>Hierarchische Clustering-Verfahren</i> , Gabriel Guckenbiehl <i>Cluster categorization of sediments in aquatic ecology</i> , Jakob Engel <i>Packing and covering of scaled polytopal unit balls</i> , Felix Schmiendl <i>Shaped partitioning</i> , Andreas Lechner <i>Clusterings, Voronoi diagrams and separability</i> , Martin Meinel

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2015	Moderation for the 26 th undergraduate student conference, UC Davis
2014	Organizing committee of the Colloquium in Honor of the 60 th Birthday of Peter Gritzmann Organizing committee of the ECCO-CO 2014 – European Chapter on Combinatorial Optimization IFORS 2014, Barcelona, organizer of stream ‘Geometric Clustering’

- 2013 EURO 2013, Rome, organizer of stream ‘Geometric Clustering’
- Since 2012 Reviewer for journals and organizations such as
American Mathematical Society, NSA Mathematical Sciences Program
National Science Foundation
Mathematical Programming
ACM Transactions on Algorithms
Discrete Optimization
Optimization Methods and Software
Mathematical Modelling and Algorithms in Operations Research
Discrete Applied Mathematics
(and about 10 more)

INVITED TALKS AND RESEARCH VISITS

- 2015 DMV-Jahrestagung 2015, Hamburg
- ISMP 2015, Pittsburgh
- Workshop ‘Paths, Pivots, and Practice: The Power of Optimization’,
Montreal
- Research visit to UC Los Angeles, May 2015
invited by Prof. Dr. Igor Pak
Lecture ‘Edges vs. Circuits’
- 2014 Research visit to the Universität Hamburg, May 2014,
invited by Prof. Dr. Ulrike von Luxburg
Lecture ‘Geometrisches Clustering für die Flurbereinigung’
- IFORS 2014, Barcelona, organization of stream ‘Geometric Clustering’
- Research visit to the Technion, Haifa, April 2014,
invited by Prof. Dr. Shmuel Onn
Lecture ‘Geometric Clustering for Land Consolidation’
- 2013 Research visit to the University of California, Davis, Aug. 2013,
invited by Prof. Dr. Jesús De Loera
Lecture series ‘On the Geometry of Constrained Clustering’
- EURO 2013, Rome, organization of stream ‘Geometric Clustering’
- 2012 ISMP 2012, Berlin
- EURO 2012, Vilnius, co-organization of stream and talk
- ECCO 2012, Antalya
- 2011 Research visit to the Max-Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems,
Tübingen, Oct. 2011,
invited by Prof. Dr. Bernhard Schölkopf
Lecture ‘Gravity Polytopes and Power Diagrams’

- 2010 EURO 2010, Lissabon
DMV-Jahrestagung 2010, München
- 2009 Euro 2009, Bonn

PARTICIPATION IN INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOPS

- 2015 Bay Area Optimization Meeting, UC Berkeley
- 2014 AMS 2014 Fall Western Sectional Meeting, San Francisco
Workshop on ‚Algorithmic Spectral Graph Theory‘
Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, UC Berkeley
- 2012 - 2013 Nine interdisciplinary workshops for project ‚Arborchange‘
- 2012 Workshop on ‚Möglichkeiten und Grenzen von Softwareunterstützung in der forstlichen Beratung bei besitzzersplitterten Ausgangssituationen‘, Amt für ländliche Entwicklung und Forsten Schweinfurt, invited talk
- 2010 Workshop on ‚Grundlagen und aktuelle Ansätze der Touren- und Fahrtenplanung mit extern verursachten Unterbrechungen‘, Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, co-organization and invited talk
- 2009 Kickoff-Meeting Synbreed – Synergistic Plant and Animal Breeding, Network of excellence for interdisciplinary, genome based research in plant and animal breeding, Freising
13. Forstlicher Unternehmertag des Clusters Holz und Forst Bayern, Freising
11. Münchner Tage der Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung, on ‚Gebot der Stunde: (Neue) Wertschöpfung im ländlichen Raum, Zweckoptimismus oder reale Chance?‘, München
- 2008 Block course on ‚Complexity of Geometric Problems‘, part of the graduate school ‚Methods for Discrete Structures‘, FU Berlin