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Personal information

Date of birth 10/30/1980
Place of birth Kempten (Germany)
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Main research interests

- Entropy and information measures for networked control systems
- Hyperbolic theory of dynamical and control systems
- Analysis and control of large-scale systems

Employment history

Since 5/2019 **Scientific employee**, *Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany)*, Institute of Informatics, Research group of Prof. Majid Zamani.

1/2015–4/2019 **Scientific employee**, *University of Passau (Germany)*, Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics, Chair of Dynamical Systems.

2/2014–10/2014 **Research scholar**, *New York University (USA)*, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Financed by a DFG fellowship.

2/2012–1/2014 **Scientific employee**, *University of Augsburg (Germany)*, Mathematical Institute, Chair of Applied Analysis.

9/2011–12/2011 **FAPESP Fellow**, *University of Campinas (Brasil)*, Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Financed by a FAPESP grant.

11/2006–8/2011 **Scientific employee**, *University of Augsburg (Germany)*, Mathematical Institute, Chair of Applied Analysis.

Education and scientific career

5/2013–10/2014 **Venia Legendi**, *Habilitation in mathematics at the University of Augsburg*, Date of the habilitation certificate: 10/29/2014, Title of the habilitation thesis: Invariance Entropy for Deterministic Control Systems - An Introduction (Lecture Notes in Mathematics 2089. Berlin: Springer 2013).

- 10/2006–
5/2009 **Dr. rer. nat.**, *Doctorate at the Chair of Applied Analysis, Mathematical Institute of the University of Augsburg*, Date of doctoral defense: 11/17/2009; Grade: magna cum laude (1.0), Title of the thesis: Invariance Entropy for Control Systems.
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Fritz Colonius; Second referee: Prof. Dr. Uwe Helmke
- 10/2001–
9/2006 **Dipl.-Math.**, *Studies of mathematics with physics as a minor subject at the University of Augsburg*, Diploma in mathematics on 9/29/2006 with grade 1.4, Title of the diploma thesis: Nachweis topologischer Konjugiertheit mittels Fixpunktmethoden (Analysis of Topological Conjugacy via Fixed Point Methods).
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Fritz Colonius; Second referee: Prof. Dr. Jost Eschenburg

Teaching experience

University of Passau

2018/19 WS	Lecturing	<i>Analysis II</i>
2018 SS	Seminar	<i>The data-rate theorem</i>
2017/18 WS	Lecturing	<i>Fundamentals of dynamical systems</i>
2017 SS	Lecturing	<i>Dynamical systems</i>
2016/17 WS	Tutoring	<i>Mathematical systems theory</i>
2016/17 WS	Tutoring	<i>Linear algebra I</i>
2016 SS	Co-organization of a seminar and lecturing	<i>Control of stochastic systems</i>
2016 SS	Lecturing	<i>Ordinary differential equations</i>
2015/16 WS	Lecturing	<i>Symbolic dynamics and coding</i>
2015 SS	Tutoring	<i>Fundamentals of dynamical systems</i>
2015 SS	Tutoring	<i>Analysis I</i>

University of Augsburg

2013/14 SS	Lecturing	<i>Dynamical systems</i>
2013 SS	Co-organization of a seminar and supervision	<i>Special topics in ordinary differential equations</i>
2012/13 WS	Tutoring	<i>Representation theory of compact Lie groups</i>
2011 SS	Administration of the tutorials	<i>Numerical mathematics II</i>
2010 SS	Tutoring	<i>Differential forms in algebraic topology</i>
2009/10 WS	Tutoring	<i>Ordinary differential equations</i>
2007/08 WS	Tutoring and administration of the tutorials	<i>Linear algebra II</i>
2007 SS	Administration of the tutorials	<i>Linear algebra I</i>
2006/07 WS	Tutoring	<i>Riemannian geometry</i>
2004/05 WS	Tutoring	<i>Analysis III</i>
2004 SS	Tutoring	<i>Complex analysis</i>

Research stays

- 9/2018 **Kingston (Canada)**, *Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Queen's University*, Research visit, on invitation of Prof. Serdar Yüksel.

- 10/2016 **Kingston (Canada)**, *Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Queen's University*, Research visit, on invitation of Prof. Serdar Yüksel.
- 7/2014 **Bonn (Germany)**, *Guest at the Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik*, Participation in the activity 'Dynamics and Numbers', on invitation of Prof. Sergiy Kolyada.
- 2/2014–
10/2014 **New York (USA)**, *Visiting scholar at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University*, Guest at the chair of Prof. Lai-Sang Young.
- 9/2013 **Louvain-la-neuve (Belgium)**, *University Catholique de Louvain, Louvain la-neuve*, Guest of Prof. Jean-Charles Delvenne.
- 9/2011–
12/2011 **Campinas (Brasil)**, *University of Campinas*, Guest at the chair of Prof. Luiz San Martin.
- 8/2010 **Campinas and Maringá (Brasil)**, *University of Campinas and University of Maringá*, Guest at the chairs of Prof. Luiz San Martin (Campinas) and Prof. Alexandre Santana (Maringá).

Fellowships and grants

- 2015 **DAAD Travel grant for visiting international conferences**, 789,00 Euro.
- 2014 **DFG Fellowship KA 3893/1-1**, *Title of the project: Entropy of nonautonomous dynamical systems*, 24.889,95 Euro (2.765,55 Euro per month).
- 2014 **Fellowship of the Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik Bonn**, 1.150,00 Euro.
- 2011 **FAPESP Grant 11/03140-2**, *Title of the project: Invariance entropy of control systems on flag manifolds and homogeneous spaces*, Application together with Prof. Luiz San Martin, 21.333,60 Real (5.333,40 Real per month).
- 5/2007–
1/2014 **DFG Grants Co 124/17-1 and 17-2**, *within the DFG Priority Programme 1305 'Control theory of digitally networked systems' (except for the period from Sept. to Dec. 2011)*, Co-author of the proposals, Lead applicant: Prof. Dr. Fritz Colonius.

Invited talks

- 3/23/2021 **Control of chaos with minimal information transfer**, *DynamIC Seminar, Imperial College London*, London, Great Britain.
- 12/7/2020 **Remote state estimation: a variational formulation for the data-rate limit**, *Oberseminar Dynamische Systeme, University of Passau*, Passau, Germany.
- 10/3/2018 **Stabilization of nonlinear stochastic dynamical systems under information constraints: A geometric approach**, *Allerton Conference 2018*, Urbana-Champaign (USA).
- 9/28/2018 **Robust estimation under information constraints for deterministic non-linear systems**, *Queen's University, Control Seminar*, Kingston (Canada).
- 9/13/2017 **Towards a hyperbolic theory of control**, *19th ÖMG Congress and Annual DMV Meeting*, Salzburg (Austria).
- 8/29/2017 **Nonlinear control under communication constraints – results and challenges**, *Colloquium talk at the Institute for Systems Theory and Automatic Control; University of Stuttgart*, Stuttgart (Germany).

- 6/7/2017 **Entropy of nonautonomous dynamical systems**, *International Conference on Differential & Difference Equations and Applications 2017*, Amadora (Portugal).
- 5/22/2017 **Practical realization of control under minimal data rate requirements**, *TUM Workshop on Inf. and Comm. Theory in Control Systems*, München (Germany).
- 10/7/2016 **Towards a hyperbolic theory of control**, *Queen's University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium*, Kingston (Canada).
- 7/3/2016 **Hyperbolic mixing sets in control-affine systems**, *11th AIMS Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications*, Orlando, Florida (USA).
- 1/22/2015 **Entropy for control problems and random escape rates**, *BIRS Workshop on Random Dynamical Systems and Multiplicative Ergodic Theorems*, Banff (Canada).
- 11/18/2014 **Minimal data rates and entropy for digitally networked control systems**, *Dynamical Systems Seminar*, University of Passau (Germany).
- 7/16/2014 **Minimal data rates and entropy for control problems**, *Lecture at the activity 'Dynamics and Numbers'*, *Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik*, Bonn (Germany).
- 9/20/2013 **Entropy in control theory and nonautonomous dynamics**, *Lecture at the Workshop on Complexity and Dimension Theory of Skew Product Systems (2nd workshop of the DFG scientific network 'Product Dynamics and Multifractal Analysis')*, *Erwin-Schrödinger-Institut*, Wien (Austria).
- 9/3/2013 **Minimal data rates and entropy for control problems**, *Seminar talk at the University of Louvain*, Louvain-la-neuve (Belgium).
- 7/22/2013 **Minimal data rates and entropy for control problems**, *Seminar talk at the Technical University München*, München (Germany).
- 7/11/2013 **Entropy for nonautonomous dynamical systems**, *Seminar talk at the Technical University Dresden*, Dresden (Germany).
- 10/2/2010 **New estimates for invariance entropy**, *International workshop 'The Dynamics of Control'*, Irsee (Germany).
- 8/13/2010 **Lower bounds for invariance entropy**, *Seminar talk*, *University of Maringá*, Maringá (Brasil).

Contributed talks

- 3/3/2021 **Remote state estimation: a variational formulation for the data-rate limit**, *GMA Fachausschuss 1.50; Online workshop*.
- 3/7/2018 **A general connection between channel capacity and dynamical entropy**, *Oberwolfach Mini-Workshop 'Entropy, information and control'*, Oberwolfach (Germany).
- 3/6/2018 **Tutorial talk on invariance entropy**, *Oberwolfach Mini-Workshop 'Entropy, information and control'*, Oberwolfach (Germany).
- 1/25/2018 **Partially hyperbolic sets for control-affine systems**, *Dynamical Systems Seminar*, University of Passau (Germany).
- 12/12/2017 **State estimation, entropy and Lyapunov exponents**, *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2017)*, Melbourne (Australia).

- 7/7/2017 **The elegance of mathematical proofs (Die Eleganz mathematischer Beweise)**, *Uni Live Day, University of Passau, Passau (Germany)*.
- 6/27/2017 **Metric and topological entropy bounds on state estimation for stochastic non-linear systems**, *2017 IEEE Intern. Symp. on Inf. Theory, Aachen (Germany)*.
- 2/8/2017 **Towards a uniformly hyperbolic control theory**, *Dynamical Systems Seminar, University of Passau (Germany)*.
- 1/9/2017 **Towards a uniformly hyperbolic control theory**, *Differential Equations Seminar, University of Augsburg (Germany)*.
- 12/14/2016 **Invariance and stationarity in non-linear networked control: deterministic and stochastic formulations**, *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2016), Las Vegas (USA)*.
- 10/13/2016 **State estimation under communication constraints**, *Dynamics Seminar at the Courant Institute, New York (USA)*.
- 7/8/2015 **Minimal data rates and entropy in digitally networked systems**, *SIAM Conference on Control & Its Applications, Paris (France)*.
- 3/27/2015 **Minimal data rates and entropy in digitally networked systems**, *GAMM 86th Annual Scientific Conference, Lecce (Italy)*.
- 11/4/2015 **Entropy for nonautonomous dynamical systems**, *Dynamical Systems Seminar, University of Passau (Germany)*.
- 5/14/2014 **Minimal data rates and entropy for control problems. Part II**, *Dynamics Seminar at the Courant Institute, New York (USA)*.
- 5/2/2014 **Minimal data rates and entropy for control problems. Part I**, *Dynamics Seminar at the Courant Institute, New York (USA)*.
- 2/21/2014 **A short introduction to control theory. Part II**, *Dynamics Seminar at the Courant Institute, New York (USA)*.
- 2/14/2014 **A short introduction to control theory. Part I**, *Dynamics Seminar at the Courant Institute, New York, (USA)*.
- 9/24/2013 **Minimal data rates and entropy**, *Closing workshop of the DFG Priority Programme 1305, Koblenz (Germany)*.
- 5/7/2013 **Minimal data rates and entropy for control problems**, *Habilitation lecture, University of Augsburg (Germany)*.
- 2/19/2012 **Invariance entropy of control sets**, *Workshop 'Information and control' of the DFG Priority Programme 1305, University of Augsburg (Germany)*.
- 10/21/2011 **Invariance entropy**, *Dynamics Seminar, University of Campinas (Brasil)*.
- 6/6/2011 **Methods for estimating invariance entropy (part 2)**, *Entropy workgroup, University of Augsburg (Germany)*.
- 5/16/2011 **Methods for estimating invariance entropy (part 1)**, *Entropy workgroup, University of Augsburg (Germany)*.
- 4/19/2011 **Invariance entropy**, *GAMM 82nd Annual Scientific Conference, Graz (Austria)*.
- 2/10/2011 **Information measures and invariance for networked control systems**, *Workshop of the DFG Priority Programme 1305, Bochum (Germany)*.

- 1/20/2011 **Dynamical systems and chaos**, *Adult education center (Volkshochschule)*, Kempten (Germany).
- 11/11/2010 **Topological conjugacy of real projective flows**, *Differential Equations Seminar*, University of Augsburg (Germany).
- 8/13/2010 **Lower bounds for invariance entropy**, *Dynamics Seminar*, University of Campinas (Brasil).
- 12/14/2009 **Invariance entropy and escape rates**, *Differential Equations Seminar*, University of Augsburg (Germany).
- 11/7/2009 **Invariance entropy of control systems**, *Workshop 'Mathematical Analysis of Nonlinear Problems'*, Oberwolfach (Germany).
- 10/9/2009 **Information measures and invariance for networked control systems**, *Colloquium of the DFG Priority Programme 1305*, Bochum (Germany).
- 2/18/2009 **Invariance entropy**, *Workshop of DFG Priority Programme 1305*, University of Augsburg (Germany).
- 6/20/2008 **Invariance entropy for control systems**, *Workshop of the DFG Priority Programme 1305*, Würzburg (Germany).
- 5/29/2008 **Invariance entropy**, *Workshop 'Set-oriented Numerics in Control Theory' of the DFG Priority Programme 1305*, Bayreuth (Germany).
- 2/13/2008 **Invariance entropy for control systems**, *Elgersburg Workshop in collaboration with the GAMM committee 'Dynamics and Control Theory'*, Elgersburg (Germany).
- 9/19/2007 **Lipschitz conjugacy of linear flows**, *International Conference 'Dynamical Methods and Mathematical Modelling'*, Valladolid (Spain).
- 5/3/2007 **Lipschitz conjugacy of linear flows**, *Differential Equations Seminar*, University of Augsburg (Germany).
- 5/15/2006 **Analysis of topological conjugacy via fixed point methods**, *Differential Equations Seminar*, University of Augsburg (Germany).

Work as a reviewer for peer-reviewed scientific journals

- Ergodic Theory Dynam. Systems
- J. Difference Equ. Appl.
- Entropy
- Math. Control Signals Systems
- IEEE Trans. Automat. Control
- Automatica
- Topol. Methods Nonlinear Anal.
- Bull. Aust. Math. Soc.
- Dyn. Syst.
- Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst. A
- Chaos Solitons Fractals
- IMA J. Math. Control Inform.
- J. Dyn. Control Syst.
- Systems Control Lett.
- Math. Phys. Anal. Geom.
- Topology Appl.
- Appl. Math J. Chinese Univ.
- J. Math. Phys.

Further scientific activities

- 2021 Conception and organization of the Online Seminar on the Interaction of Control and Information (co-organizers: Prof. S. Yüksel, Prof. M. Franceschetti, Prof. A.S. Matveev)
- 2019–2020 Joint supervision of a PhD student with Prof. Majid Zamani (Computer Science Department, University of Colorado Boulder and Computer Science Department, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany)
- 2018–2020 Joint supervision of a master thesis with Prof. Serdar Yüksel (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada); day of defence: Dec 4, 2020
- 2019 Organization of the Special Session 'Entropy, Information and Control 1' at the IEEE Information Theory Workshop 2019, Visby, Gotland, Sweden
- 2018 Guest Editor of the Special Issue 'Entropy in Networked Control' for the journal Entropy
- 2018 Organization of the Oberwolfach Mini-Workshop 'Entropy, Information and Control' (co-organizers: Fritz Colonius, Girish Nair, Tomasz Downarowicz)
- 2017 Successful application for the visit of Prof. Adriano Da Silva (University of Campinas, Campinas, Brasil) as a guest scientist at the University of Passau
- 2016–2018 Work as a regular reviewer for Mathematical Reviews
- 2016 Co-organization of the session 'Entropy in Information and Control' with Prof. Serdar Yüksel (Queen's University, Kingston) at the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2016), Las Vegas (USA)
- 2015/16 Successful application for the visit of Prof. Serdar Yüksel (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada) as a guest scientist at the University of Passau
- 2013–2015 Work as a regular reviewer for the Zentralblatt der Mathematik (ZMATH)
- 2013 Member of the appointment committee for the W1 Junior Professorship in Mathematics 'Analysis with relations to stochastics' (University of Augsburg)
- 2010/11 Participation in the 14th internet seminar 'Infinite-dimensional Linear Systems Theory', organized by Birgit Jacob and Hans Zwart

Administrative activities

- 10/2017–today Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science (Univ. Passau)
- 10/2017–today Member of the Representative Council for the Academic and Artistic Staff (Univ. Passau)

Language skills

- German Mother tongue
- English Fluently
- Portuguese Basics

Programming and software skills

- Windows and Linux standard programs
- HTML, \LaTeX , Maple, Matlab, C, C++

Munich, March 25, 2021