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## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Low-dimensional topology, in particular braids, notions of positivity for them, and knot concordance.

#### EDUCATION

07/2019 - present	<b>PhD student</b> in Mathematics at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule
	Zürich (ETH Zürich), Zurich, Switzerland. Advisor: Peter Feller.
08/2016 - 02/2019	Master of Science in Mathematics at Universität Ulm (with distinc-
	tion, 1.0), Ulm, Germany. Thesis: Massey products and linking numbers.
08/2017 - 05/2018	Master of Science in Mathematics (GPA 4.0) at Syracuse University,
	Syracuse, NY, USA.
10/2012 - 08/2016	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (1.5) at Universität Ulm, Ulm,
	Germany. Thesis: Das Existenzproblem von Hurwitz.
09/2014 - 02/2015	Exchange semester at ETH Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland.
07/2012	Abitur (1.0) at Bertha-von-Suttner-Gymnasium, Neu-Ulm, Germany.

#### EMPLOYMENT

07/2019 - present	Teaching assistant at the Department of Mathematics, ETH Zürich,
	Zurich, Switzerland.
10/2013 - 04/2019	Teaching assistant at the Department of Mathematics and Economics,
	Universität Ulm, Ulm, Germany.
08/2017 - 05/2018	Teaching assistant at the Department of Mathematics, Syracuse Uni-
	versity, Syracuse, NY, USA.
02/2015 - 04/2015	Internship at UZWR (Scientific Computing Centre Ulm) in Ulm, Ger-
	many. Project work on fluid dynamics using numerical methods.

# PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

- 4. **3-braid knots with maximal 4-genus** (2023), with Sebastian Baader, Lukas Lewark, Filip Misev. Submitted. ArXiv:2303.11918.
- 3. Strongly quasipositive links are concordant to infinitely many strongly quasipositive links (2022). Submitted. ArXiv:2210.06612.
- 2. On the nonorientable four-ball genus of torus knots (2021), with Fraser Binns, Sungkyung Kang, and Jonathan Simone. Submitted. ArXiv:2108.03674.
- 1. The upsilon invariant at 1 of 3-braid knots (2021). Accepted for publication in Algebraic & Geometric Topology. ArXiv:2109.09187.

09/2023 (planned)	TBA, Swiss Knots, Universität Regensburg.
03/2023	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
,	quasipositive knots, The low dimensional workshop, Erdős Center, Alfréd
	Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest.
02/2023	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
1	quasipositive knots, Winter Braids XII, Tours.
01/2023	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
1	quasipositive knots, Low dimensional topology, Mathematisches
	Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach.
12/2022	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
1	<i>quasipositive knots</i> . Geometry and Topology Seminar. CIRGET, Univer-
	sité du Québec à Montréal, online.
11/2022	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
1	quasipositive knots. Paroles aux jeunes chercheuses et chercheurs en
	géométrie et dynamique, Orsay Mathematical Institute, Université Paris-
	Saclav.
10/2022	Slice knots - knot theory in dimension 4. Bern-Fribourg Graduate Semi-
1	nar, Universität Bern.
09/2022	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
1	quasipositive knots, Minisymposium Algebra and Low-Dimensional
	Topology, DMV Annual Meeting 2022, Freie Universität Berlin.
06/2022	Strongly quasipositive knots are concordant to infinitely many strongly
1	quasipositive knots, Surfaces in 4-manifolds, Le Croisic.
06/2022	Concordance and alternation numbers of positive 3-braid knots (and a
,	knot homology invariant), LKS-Seminar, Universität Regensburg.
05/2022	Slice knots - knot theory in dimension 4, Baby Geometri Seminar, Uni-
,	versità di Pisa and Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa.
05/2022	The alternation number and the Upsilon-invariant at 1 of positive 3-braid
,	knots, Caltech GT Seminar, Caltech, online.
05/2022	Concordance of positive 3-braid knots and a knot homology invariant,
	Oberseminar Geometrie, Université de Fribourg.
05/2022	The alternation number of positive 3-braid knots, Swiss-Mathematical-
	Society Doctoral Day 2022, Université de Fribourg.
04/2022	Slice knots - knot theory in dimension 4, Bernoullis Tafelrunde, Univer-
	sität Basel.
02/2022	The alternation number and the Upsilon-invariant at 1 of positive 3-braid
,	knots, Knot Online Seminar (K-OS), online.
11/2021	What is a slice knot?, Zurich Graduate Colloquium, ETH Zürich and
	Universität Zürich, Zurich.
09/2021	Concordance of positive braid knots, MATRIX-MFO Tandem Workshop:
	Invariants and Structures in Low-Dimensional Topology (hybrid meet-
	ing), Oberwolfach, short talk.
04/2021	The upsilon invariants and alternation numbers of positive 3-braid knots,
	AIM Research Community "4-Dimensional Topology", online, lightning
	talk.
04/2021	Positive 3-braid knots, their upsilon invariants and alternation numbers,
	Geometric Topology Grad and Postdoc Seminar (GT GAPS), online.

## AWARDS

2017	Fulbright Travel Grant.
2014 - 2017	Talanx Scholarship.
2013 - 2014	Deutschlandstipendium: Ulm University and Ernst & Young Foun-
	dation Scholarship.
2012 - 2013	Deutschlandstipendium: Ulm University and Rotary Club Ulm Schol-
	arship.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	ETH Zürich
Spring 2022	Course organizer for Analysis II (Civil/Geospatial/Environmental Engi-
	neering Bachelor).
Fall 2021	Course organizer for Analysis I (Civil/Geospatial/Environmental Engi-
	neering Bachelor).
09/2021	Certificate Learning to Teach. Programme for Doctoral Teaching Assis-
	tants at ETH Zürich. Course leader: Julia Kuark. Duration: 3 classroom
	days $+$ 12 hours of independent study.
Spring 2021	Course organizer for <i>Topology</i> .
Fall 2020	Course organizer for <i>Linear Algebra I</i> .
Spring 2020	Course organizer for Algebraic Topology II.
Fall 2019	Teaching assistant for <i>Complex Analysis</i> .
	Syracuse University
Spring 2018	Teaching assistant for <i>Calculus III</i> .
Fall 2017	Teaching assistant for <i>Calculus III</i> .
	Universität Ulm
Fall 2013 - Spring	Student teaching assistant for Analysis I-III, Linear Algebra I-II. Cor-
2019	rector, tutor in Mathlab and exercise group leader.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Elected member of the Nachdiplom Lectures Committee at the Depart- ment of Mathematics of FTH Zürich
Co-organizer of the Geometry Graduate Colloquium at ETH Zurich
(funded by the Zurich Graduate School in Mathematics).
Board member of the Association of the Mid-level Academic Faculty at
the Department of Mathematics (VMM) of ETH Zürich.
Work as a PhD Student, short talk at the MindPhair 2023 at ETH Zürich
(yearly job-fair for mathematicians, physicists and computational scien-
tists at ETH Zürich).
Co-organizer of the D-MATH (Post)Doctoral Welcome Day at ETH
Zürich.
Representative of the Mid-level Academic Faculty in the Department
Conference of the Department of Mathematics of ETH Zürich.
Work as a PhD Student, short talk at the MindPhair 2022 at ETH Zürich.

# **RESEARCH SEMESTER**

Participant in the "4-Dimensional Topology" AIM Online Research Community organized by Miriam Kuzbary, Maggie Miller, Juanita Pinzón-Caicedo and Hannah Schwartz in Spring 2021.