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## Education

- 1992 – 1999 **Diploma studies;** Department of Electrical Engineering, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, Degree: Dipl.-Ing
- 2000 – 2001 **Master studies:** Communication Research Lab (CRL), Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Sciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Degree: Ms.-Eng. – *With distinction*
- 2001 – 2005 **Doctorate research:** Signal Theory Group, Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Sciences, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, Degree: Dr.-Ing. – *With distinction*
- Doctorate Advisor: Prof. Johann Böhme

## Experience

- 2001 – 2005 Research Assistant, Signal Processing Group, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 2005 – 2007 Research Engineer for digital signal processing, FAG Industrial Services GmbH (enterprise of the Schaeffler-Group), Aachen, Germany [<http://www.fis-services.de>]
- 2007 – 2009 Head of Signal Processing Section, mimoOn GmbH, Duisburg, Germany (today ComAgility) [<http://www.mimoOn.de>]
- 2010 – 2013 Assistant Professor (W1) for Robust Signal Processing, Communication Systems Group, Darmstadt University of Technology, Darmstadt, Germany
- 2013 – now Full Professor (W3), Head of Communication Systems Group, TU Darmstadt, Germany

## Research Interests

- Sensor array and statistical signal processing
- Multiuser MIMO communication networks
- Optimization methods
- Graph and distributed signal processing
- Model-aided machine learning

## Awards and honors

- 2023 Co-author of the paper that received the Best Student Paper Award (2nd place) at the 2023 IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing (IEEE CAMSAP 2023), Los Sueños, Costa Rica, 2023.
- 2015 Co-author of the paper (<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7051831>) that received the Best Paper Award at the 19-th ITG International Workshop on Smart Antennas (WSA 2015), Ilmenau, Germany, 2015.

- 2014 Co-author of the paper (doi:10.1109/SAM.2014.6882328) that received the Best Student Paper Award (3rd place) at the Eight IEEE Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop, A Coruña, Spain, 2014.
- 2010 Co-author of the paper (doi:10.4108/icst.crowncom.2011.245766) that received the Best Paper Award at the 5th International ICST Conference on Cognitive, Radio Oriented Wireless Networks (CrownCom 2011), Cannes, France, 2011.
- 2006 Young Author Best Paper Award 2005 (doi:10.1109/TSP.2002.801929), Signal Processing Society, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 2002.
- 2006 Heinrich-Kost-Price 2006, Gesellschaft der Freunde der Ruhr-Universität Bochum.
- 2003 ITG Preis 2003, Verband der Elektrotechnik Elektronik Informationstechnik (VDE).
- 2001 Outstanding Thesis Research Award, McMaster University.

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## Academic activities

- Technical Committees IEEE Technical Committee (TC) member “Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing” (2012 – 2017), IEEE TC member “Signal Processing Theory and Methods” (since 2021), Member of the EURASIP Technical Area Committee (TAC) “Signal Processing for Multisensor Systems” (since 2016), Vice-chair (2019 – 2021), Chair (2022 – now), EURASIP TAC member “Signal Processing for Communications and Networking” (2016 – 2018), EURASIP TAC member “Theoretical and Methodological Trends in Signal Processing” (2021 – 2023).
- Conferences Technical Co-Chair EUSIPCO 2019, Technical Co-Chair IEEE SAM 2014, Technical Area Chair Asilomar Conference 2012, Technical Area Chair Asilomar Conference 2020, Finance Chair IEEE SPAWC 2013, Finance Chair IEEE CAMSAP 2015, Co-Organizer STATOS workshops 2013 (Darmstadt), 2015 (Budapest), 2018 (Rome), 2022 (Belgrade).
- Editorial Boards Editorial board member IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (2012 – 2016), Senior Area Editor IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing (2019 – now), Editorial Board member EURASIP Signal Processing (since 2011, 2nd term), Subject Editor since 2024.
- Guest Editor of the IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, Special Issue: Array Signal Processing for Angular Models in Massive MIMO Communications (F. Gao, Z. Tian, E. G. Larsson, M. Pesavento and S. Jin), 2019 [<https://doi.org/10.1109/JSTSP.2019.2938880>].
- Section Editor Academic Press Library in Signal Processing, Volume 7: Array, Radar and Communications Engineering (R. Chellappa and S. Theodoridis), Section 3: Sensor Array Processing (M. Pesavento), 2018, ISBN: 9780128118887.
- Lead Guest Editor EURASIP Signal Processing Special Issue: Advances in Sensor Array Processing in Memory of Alex B. Gershman (M. Pesavento, Y.I. Abramovich, F. Gini, N. Sidiropoulos, A.M. Zoubir), 2013, [<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sigpro.2013.07.003>].
- Guest Editor of the EURASIP Journal on Advances in Signal Processing, Special Issue: Advances in Two-Dimensional Angle-of-Arrival Processing for Localization and Communications (L. Mailaender, S. Affes, M. Juntti, M. Pesavento), 2011 [<https://doi.org/10.1186/1687-6180-2011-94>].

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## Conference organization

- Financial Chair 14th IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances for Wireless Communication (IEEE SPAWC'2013), June 16-19, 2013, Darmstadt.

Technical Track “Array Processing and Statistical Signal Processing” at the Asilomar Conference  
Area Chair on Signals, Systems and Computers, Nov. 2012, Pacific Grove, CA, USA.

Technical Track “Array Processing and Multisensor Systems” at the Asilomar Conference on  
Area Chair Signals, Systems and Computers, Nov. 2020, Pacific Grove, CA, USA.

Technical 8th IEEE Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop (IEEE SAM),  
Co-Chair June 2014, A Coruña, Spain.

Finance IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive  
Chair Processing (IEEE CAMSAP), Dec, 2015, Cancun, Mexico.

Technical 27th European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO), Sept. 2019, Coruña, Spain.  
Co-Chair

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## Talks and Tutorials

Keynote Symposium on “New trends in signal processing with applications” at the Montenegrin  
Speaker Academy of Sciences and Arts, June 2024.

Tutorial IEEE SAM 2020: “Four Decades of Array Signal Processing Research: An Optimization  
Speaker Relaxation Technique Perspective”, M. Pesavento, M. Trinh-Hoang, M. Viberg, (slides).

Tutorial EUSIPCO 2020: “Four Decades of Array Signal Processing Research: An Optimization  
Speaker Relaxation Technique Perspective”, M. Pesavento, M. Trinh-Hoang, M. Viberg, (slides).

Tutorial EUSIPCO 2017: “Exploiting structure and pseudo-convexity in iterative parallel  
Speaker optimization algorithms for real-time and large scale applications”, M. Pesavento, Y.  
Yang, (slides).

Tutorial IEEE ICASSP 2015: “Mixed-integer programming in signal processing and communi-  
Speaker cations”, M. Pesavento, Y. Cheng, M.E. Pforch, (slides).

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## Doctorates ongoing

Debre, Kaleb Topic: “Signal processing methods for MIMO radar systems” (since 2022)

Schnol, Topic: “Deep unfolding methods for signal processing and communications” (since 2021)  
Lukas

Müller, Topic: “Low-rank calibration and imaging techniques of over-the-air ultrasound arrays”  
Raphael (since 2020)

Patak, Topic: “Distributed AI in mobile network architectures for systems beyond 5G” (since  
Priynanka 2019)

Fan, Yufan Topic: “Distributed signal processing and optimization” (since 2019)

Liu. Tianyi Topic: “Successive convex approximation techniques for signal processing and commu-  
nications” (since 2018)

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## Doctorates graduated

Taleb, Dima Topic: “General rank transmit beamforming methods for multicasting net-  
works.”(defended 2023-07-24, Co-referee: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Haardt)

Schenck, Title: “Development and Performance Analysis of Direction-of-Arrival Estimators”  
David (defended 2022-06-07, Co-referee: Dr. Xavier Mestre)

Trinh-Hoang, Title: “Partial Relaxation: A Computationally Efficient Direction-of-Arrival Estimation  
Minh Framework” (defended 2020-04-30, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Mats Viberg)

- Nikolay, Fabio Title: “Graph Learning Methods for Genetic Interaction Networks” (defended 2019-11-25, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Monica Bugallo)
- Hegde, Ganapati Title: “Energy-Efficient and Robust Hybrid Analog-Digital Precoding for Massive MIMO Systems” (defended 2019-10-22, Co-referee: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christos Masouros)
- Bahlke, Florian Title: “Optimization Methods for Heterogeneous Wireless Communication Networks: Planning, Configuration and Operation” (defended 2019-01-30, Co-referee: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Eduard A. Jorswieck)
- Steffens, Christian Title: “Compact Formulations for Sparse Reconstruction in Fully and Partly Calibrated Sensor Arrays” (defended 2017-09-25, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Marc Pfetsch)
- Suleiman, Wassim Title: “Decentralized Direction of Arrival Estimation” (defended 2017-09-02, Co-referee: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Abdelhak Zoubir)
- Ramos, Oscar Title: “Cooperative Resource Allocation in Wireless Communication Networks” (defended 2017-07-18, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Constantinos B. Papadias)
- Zhang, Xin Title: “MIMO Radar DOD/DOA Estimation and Performance Analysis in the Presence of SIRP Clutter” (defended 2016-08-17, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Mohammed Nabil El Korso)
- Wen, Xin Title: “Higher-rank Transmit Beamforming Using Space Time Block Coding” (defended 2016-02-12, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Anthony Man-Cho So)
- Ciochina, Dana Title: “Multiuser Downlink Beamforming Techniques for Cognitive Radio Networks” (defended 2015-12-02, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Dirk T. M. Slock)
- Bornhorst, Nils Title: “Energy-Efficient Distributed Multicast Beamforming Using Iterative Second-Order Cone Programming” (defended 2014-12-12, Co-referee: Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Haardt)
- Schad, Adrian Title: “Advanced Relaying Methods for One-Way and Two-Way Communication” (defended 2014-10-29, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Sergiy A. Vorobyov)
- Cheng, Yong Title: “Joint Downlink Beamforming and Discrete Resource Allocation Using Mixed-Integer Programming” (defended 2013-12-13, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Stefan Ulbrich)
- Wajid, Imran Title: “Robust Algorithms for Downlink Beamforming in the Conventional and Cognitive Radio Networks with Erroneous Channel State Information” (defended 2012-10-15, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Erik G. Larsson)
- Abdelkader, Ahmed Title: “Multicast and Relay Beamforming in Wireless Multi-User Networks” (defended 2012-07-02, Co-referee: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Abdelhak Zoubir)
- Samadi, Nima Title: “Advanced Blind Signal Processing for MIMO Communications” (defended 2012-05-31, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Shahram Shahbazpanahi)
- Alabed, Samer Title: “Computationally Efficient Spatial and Cooperative Diversity Techniques for Wireless Communication Networks” (defended 2012-05-08, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Ing. Babak Khalaj)
- Li, Liang Title: “Transmit and Multiuser Diversity Techniques in Wireless Communications” (defended 2012-05-02, Co-referee: Prof. Dr. Constantinos B. Papadias)
- Parvazi, Pouyan Title: “Sensor Array Processing In Difficult And Non-Idealistic Conditions” (defended 2012-01-18, Co-referee: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christoph F. Mecklenbräuker)

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## Lectures

- 2009 – 2015 Information Theory I (Point-to-Point), Bachelor, 5 Credit Points (Lecture 3h + Tutorial 1h), winter-term
- 2009 – now Information Theory II (Networks), Master, 4 Credit Points (Lecture 2h + Tutorial 1h), summer term
- 2010 – 2022 MIMO Communications and Space-Time-Coding, Master, 4 Credit Points (Lecture 2h + Tutorial 1h), winter-term
- 2013 – now Deterministic Signals and Systems, Bachelor, 7 Credit Points (Lecture 3h + Tutorial 2h), winter-term
- 2014 – now Convex Optimization in Signal Processing and Communications, Master, 5 Credit Points (Lecture 2h + Tutorial 1h + Course Project), summer term
- 2017 – now Sensor Array Processing and Adaptive Beamforming, Master, 4 Credit Points (Lecture 2h + Tutorial 1h), summer term
- 2019 – now Matrix Analysis and Computations, Master, 5 Credit Points (Lecture 3h + Tutorial 1h), summer term
- 2020 – now Graph Signal Processing, Learning and Optimization, Master 5 CP (Lecture 3h + Tutorial 1h), winter term