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Research Interests

My research brings a data- and measurement-driven approach to the study of the Internet's state, health, resilience, and performance, as well as to the enhancement of Web privacy.

Appointments

Technical University of Berlin (TU Berlin), Germany

Professor and Chair, Internet Measurement and Analysis (IMA) group; School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, February 2017 - present

Research in the areas of Internet Measurement, Internet Security, Internet Routing, Internet Traffic Management, Content Distribution, Internet Policy, Web Analytics, Web Privacy.

Acting Chair, Internet Network Architectures (INET) group, August 2019 - April 2021

Berlin Institute for the Foundations of Learning and Data (BIFOLD), Germany

Principal Investigator and Fellow, September 2017 - present
Research on Big Data Analytics for the Internet, the Web, and Cybersecurity.

Max Planck Institute for Informatics, Germany

Associated Researcher, December 2019 - present
Research on Internet Analytics.

Akamai Technologies, Cambridge, MA, USA

Research Collaborator, Custom Analytics group, August 2014 - present
I have collaborated with a group of researchers, interns, and engineers of Akamai to assess the state and health of the Internet by developing novel data analytics methods to process and extract knowledge from massive CDN server logs.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA

Research Affiliate, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, August 2017 - August 2018
Research Affiliate, MIT Internet Policy Research Initiative, October 2015 - August 2018
Marie Curie Fellow, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, August 2014 - August 2017
I worked with an interdisciplinary team on measurement-driven Internet policymaking.

Deutsche Telekom Laboratories, Berlin, Germany

Senior Researcher, Strategic Research group, October 2008 - July 2014
(also affiliated with the INET group at TU Berlin) *I helped in shaping Deutsche Telekom's strategy in the area of Content Delivery Networks and co-founding a Deutsche Telekom spinoff (BENOCS GmbH) in the area of ISP-CDN Collaboration and Internet Analytics.*

Telefónica Research, Barcelona, Spain

Research Intern, Internet Systems and Networking group, January-May 2008
I worked on bulk data transfers and was one of the first members of the research team that designed the Telefonica CDN.

Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science, **Boston University**, USA 2003-2008 (awarded Jan. 2009)
Dissertation Title: “*Overlay Network Creation and Maintenance with Selfish Users*”
Dissertation Committee: Azer Bestavros, Nikolaos Laoutaris, and John W. Byers.

Diploma in Computer Engineering, **Technical University of Crete**, Greece October 2002
Thesis Title: “*TCP Performance over the UMTS Network*”.
Advisor: Michael Paterakis

Honors and Awards

- 2021: **Communications of the ACM Research Highlight** [2]
- 2021: **IEEE Senior Member**
- 2020: **ACM Senior Member**
- 2020: **IETF/IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize** for [12]
- 2019: **Best of ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review (CCR)** for [16]
- 2019: **IETF/IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize** for [19]
- 2019: **Best paper award in ACM CoNEXT** for [12]
- 2018: **Best paper award in ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC)** for [18]
- 2017: **Best paper award in IEEE INFOCOM** for [23]
- 2016: **Best paper award in ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC)** for [26]
- 2015: **Best paper award in ACM CoNEXT** for [28]
- 2015: **European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant Award**
- 2013: **Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship**
- 2011: **Best paper award in ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC)** for [48]
- 2006 and 2007: **Honorable Mention Award from the Center for Information and Systems Engineering, Boston University Science and Engineering Research Symposium.**
- 2006 and 2007: **2nd place Research Award. Boston University Computer Science Research Day.**
- 2003: **1st ERICSSON Award of Excellence in Telecommunications** for Best Diploma thesis.
- 1998-2001: **Annual academic excellence awards from Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE), Greek State Fellowships Foundation (IKY), Greek Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Paidia Foundation.**

Memberships

Internet Society, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communications (SIGCOMM), USENIX Association, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Research Summary

Detection and Mitigation of Cyberattacks: We develop algorithms and techniques to detect and analyze critical Internet infrastructure failures [21] and the Internet’s behavior under stress [2, 7] towards understanding and mitigating evolving threats in an increasingly complex Internet ecosystem. We also infer attack mitigation strategies by Internet stakeholders [22] and efficiently mitigate Tbps-level attacks [17]. In the process, we uncover vulnerabilities in the global routing system [19, 8], investigate the propagation of software updates in end-user devices such as smartphones [5] and study privacy and security issues of deployed IoT devices [6] and programmable networks [3].

Web Privacy: We perform a large-scale study to assess the compliance of ad and tracking services with the recently implemented European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), concerning the physical location of the servers and the sensitive topics that they track [18]. We also develop classifiers to identify sensitive Websites in the Web [4]. This work is a collaboration with IMDEA Networks, the Data Transparency Lab, and BENOCS (2018-present).

Internet Sustainability: We perform a data-driven analysis and system design towards a more sustainable Internet in light of the ever-increasing traffic demand and competitiveness in the Internet ecosystem. We also develop and evaluate algorithms for incremental and sustainable upgrades of ISP networks [15, 23] and innovative use of in-network storage [25], as well as a multi-discipline analysis of the forces that shape Internet content delivery [1, 24] and the Network Neutrality debate [11]. This study is a collaboration with MIT, Max Planck Institute for Informatics, Akamai, DE-CIX, Yale University, Trinity College Dublin, Naval Postgraduate School, IJ, University of Strasbourg, University of Freiburg, and RIPE NCC. (2017-present, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/ResolutioNet>).

Internet and Content Delivery Analytics: We develop novel and scalable techniques to assess the state [26] and health of the Internet and to improve content delivery in a rapidly changing Internet [34, 31, 27]. We push the envelope in Internet measurement by relying on and analyzing massive datasets collected at both public and private vantage points [32, 35, 36, 37, 34, 9, 20] and introduce new techniques to map peering interconnections to the level of a single building [28]. We also exploit the distributed platform of a large content delivery network, composed of thousands of servers around the globe, to assess the performance characteristics of the Internet’s core [29]. We investigate the cost-performance tradeoffs the different interconnection service offerings that are available to networks in today’s Internet in one and the same colocation facility would go a long way towards putting this debate on scientifically solid foundations [27, 30]. In the process, we designed a fully decentralized, open-source analytics system for network traffic data that relies on smart partitioning storage schemes to support fast join algorithms and efficient execution of filtering queries [33]. We report on the IPv4 active address space evolution during the last eight years and we provide new insights on the activity patterns at different time granularities for individual IPs that have the potential to have significant implications on Internet governance, measurement practice, network management and security, and content delivery alike [26]. We also summarize our experience and best practices for reproducibility [16]. This work is a collaboration with MIT, Akamai, DE-CIX, Deutsche Telekom, NIKSUN, CAIDA, and NEC (2014–2017, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/CDN-H>)

ISP-CDN Collaboration: We develop and operate systems [12] to enable the collaboration between ISPs and CDNs. We design and evaluate a service provided by an ISP, called *PaDIS*, to improve end-users experience based on the network information and end-user location available to an ISP, as well as server and path diversity information gathered by an ISP [52, 51]. We also introduce *Content-aware Traffic Engineering* (CaTE) which dynamically adapts server selection for CDNized content by utilizing server and path diversity and without changing routing [47, 46]. Moreover, we show how to enable CDN and ISP collaboration, with our *NetPaaS* prototype, in light of recent CDN-ISP alliances and advances in network function virtualization. Our results show that CDN-ISP Collaboration leads to a win-win situation for both parties and improves end-user experience [31, 44, 41, 45] and has the potential to reduce energy consumption [54]. This project

is a collaboration with Deutsche Telekom and Akamai. **A spin-off of Deutsche Telekom (BENOCS) was founded to commercialize the results the project and the awarded patents.** (2009–2016, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/Collaboration>)

Content Cartography and DNS: We propose a lightweight and fully automated approach to discover hosting infrastructures based only on DNS measurements and BGP routing table snapshots [48]. Our classification enables us to derive content-centric AS rankings that complement existing AS rankings and sheds light on recent observations about shifts in interdomain traffic and the AS topology. We also show that recent DNS extensions unveil operational practices of their adopters and we develop an automated system to perform network and caching analytics based on collected measurements [40]. In a parallel effort we undertake a large scale study to assess DNS performance in the wild and we highlight the implications of DNS deployment to end-users, ISPs and applications [53]. We also show that a significant part of Internet traffic is back-office traffic to support the ever-increasing complexity of Web applications [36] and that traceroutes can be a proxy for network traffic estimation [37]. This project is a collaboration with Deutsche Telekom, Akamai, ETH Zurich, and AT&T Labs-Research. (2009–2016, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/Cartography>)

IXP Data Analysis: Large Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) are responsible for exchanging tens of Petabytes of data daily but unfortunately have received very little attention from the research community. We have established a pioneer research project to assess the importance of IXPs for today’s Internet ecosystem [43, 34]. Our measurement results show that large IXPs are unique vantage points to get an excellent visibility of the global Internet, observe trends in content delivery [39] and application mix [32]. We also shed light on the usage and operation of route servers at IXPs [35]. This project is collaboration with DE-CIX. (2012–2016, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/IXP>)

Bulk Transfers on the Internet: We design and evaluate scheduling algorithms, some assisted by network-attached storage, to transfer delay tolerant bulk data over the Internet with the most cost effective way [42, 56]. Moreover, we investigate the effect of in-node storage on end-to-end delay [49]. We also investigate the performance trade-offs between sending data to a central location for processing and in-situ data processing [10, 13, 14]. In an earlier study we evaluated the robustness of memory-reduced routers in the presence of aggressive high speed transport protocols for bulk data transfers [68]. This project is a collaboration with Telefonica Research and Northeastern University. (2003-2005, 2008-present, see also: <http://hermes.tid.es>)

Selfish Neighbor Selection: We re-examine the problem of overlay network creation, taking into consideration the existence of selfish overlay nodes. We develop a general game-theoretic framework that provides a unified approach to modeling neighbor selection procedures on behalf of selfish nodes [50, 61]. To capitalize on the substantial performance improvement of best response wirings for overlay nodes, we design, deploy and evaluate, EGOIST, a selfish neighbor selection inspired prototype [58]. We also show the benefits selfish neighbor selection may offers to applications, e.g. swarming applications [55, 59]. This project was a collaboration with Harvard University and Eurecom. (2006-2013, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/SNS>).

Distributed Facility Location: We design and evaluate distributed algorithms for scalable and efficient service deployment and migration offered by network, application and cloud providers [38, 62]. This project was a collaboration with Telefonica Research and University of Athens. (2006-2013, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/DFL>).

Distributed Selfish Caching: We studied resource allocation and sharing issues where the exposed resource is the storage of each (selfish) node, and the nodes cooperate using on-line caching algorithms.

We identified the causes and implications of mistreatment in distributed caching groups [63, 65], and we designed a novel framework to mitigating mistreatment in such groups [64, 66]. (2005-2007, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/DSC>).

A Stable Election Protocol for clustered heterogeneous wireless sensor networks: We designed and evaluated distributed leader election protocols to prolong the lifetime of heterogeneous wireless networks [69]. (2003-2004, see also: <http://www.smaragdakis.net/research/SEP>)

A Large Deviations approach to Statistical Traffic Anomaly Detection: We developed a Large Deviations framework to rigorously identify, in real-time, Network Anomalies by assessing deviations of empirical measures in computer networks [57, 67]. (2004-2008)

List of Publications

Bibliometrics: 4,700 citations, h-index: 33, i10-index: 52

- [1] Petros Gigs, Matt Calder, Lefteris Manassakis, George Nomikos, Vasileios Kotronis, Xenofontas Dimitropoulos, Ethan Katz-Bassett, and Georgios Smaragdakis. Seven Years in the Life of Hypergiants' Off-Nets. In *Proceedings of ACM SIGCOMM 2021*, Virtual Event, August 2021.
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List of Patents

Eight patents awarded; six transferred to Deutsche Telekom AG and one to Telefónica SA in chronological order; [external link](#):

1. “Distributed and Timely Network Flow Summarization at Scale”, A. Fedldmann, S. Saidi, G. Smaragdakis, and D. Foucard, (WO2019233567, US506520937)
2. * “Method and System for Controlling Data Communication within a Network”, I. Poese, B. Frank, G. Smaragdakis, and A. Feldmann, (EP2385656, WO2011138033, CN102934396, US2013159509).
3. * “System and Method of Processing DNS Request and DNS Reply”, I. Poese, B. Frank, G. Smaragdakis, and A. Feldmann, (EP2426894)
4. * “Collaboration Between an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and a Content Distribution System as well as Among Plural ISP”, I. Poese, B. Frank, G. Smaragdakis, A. Feldmann, and S. Uhlig, (EP2495940, US2012226734)
5. * “Network Traffic Engineering”, B. Frank, G. Smaragdakis, I. Poese, A. Feldmann, and S. Uhlig, (EP2512105, US2012314575)
6. “System for assigning an energy consumer to an energy provider”, S. Schmid, A. Fedmann, and G. Smaragdakis, (EP2775446)
7. “System for Assigning a Goods Consumer to a Goods Provider”, S. Schmid, A. Fedmann, and G. Smaragdakis, (EP2787471, WO2014161895, US2016034849)
8. “A Method for Transferring TByte Sized Delay Tolerant Bulk Data Using Unutilized but Already Paid for Capacity of Commercial Internet Service Providers”, N. Laoutaris, P. P. Rodriguez, G. Smaragdakis, and R. Sundaram, (EP2315414, UY32962, AR078739).

*** Patents 2, 3, 4, and 5 used for the foundation of a Deutsche Telekom spin-off (BENOCS GmbH), for which I had an executive role from the initial idea to incubation to launching.**

Research Funding

Budget: €5,650,000 total, €2,830,000 as PI

- *H2020-ERC-2015-StG-679158 (European Research Council Starting Grant Award)* “ResolutioNet. Resolving the Tussle in the Internet: Mapping, Architecture, and Policy Making”. Role: Principal Investigator. Budget: €1,500,000. Duration: 2017-2023 (72 months).
- *German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)* “Berlin Institute for the Foundations of Learning and Data (BIFOLD)”. Role: Principal Investigator. Budget: €5,500,000 (group’s budget: €317,000). Duration: 2018-2021 (36 months).
- *Farsight Security, Inc.* “Research Grant”. Role: Principal Investigator. Contribution: 50,000 USD. Duration: 2021-2022 (12 months).
- *TU Berlin Internal Strategic Funding.* Role: Principal Investigator. Budget: €14,000. Duration: 2019-2020 (3 months).
- *FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IOF-628441 (EU Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship for Career Development):* “CDN-H: Improving Performance and Cost of Content Delivery in a Hyperconnected World”. Role: Principal Investigator. Budget: €349,000. Duration: 2014-2017 (36 months). Hosts: David Clark (MIT) and Anja Feldmann (TUB).
- *FP7-ICT-2011-8-317858 (EU STREP Project):* “BigFoot: Big Data Analytics of Digital Footprints”. Budget: €3,540,000 (TUB Budget: €717,000). Duration: 2012-2015 (36 months). Co-PIs: Pietro Michiardi and Marko Vukolic (Eurecom), Anastasia Ailamaki (EPFL), Anja Feldmann (TUB), Olivier Thonnard (Symantec), Filip Gluszak (GridPocket). **The project received the European Star Award**
- *IKYDA (Germany-Greece Scholar Exchange Program Sponsored by DAAD and IKY):* “Optimal Management of Storage in Communication Networks and Cloud Systems”. Budget: €10,000. Duration: 2012-2013 (24 months). Co-PI: I. Koutsopoulos (U. Thessaly).
- *Telekom Innovation Laboratories:* “Content Distribution Networks: Strategic Research Activities”, support for PhD and MSc students, and research hardware. €150,000. Duration: 2010-2014.
- *Deutsche Telekom Laboratories Strategic Research Project:* “Overclouds: Building Overlays on top of Clouds”. Budget: €40,000. Duration: 2009-2010 (24 months).
- I participated in the NSF Project (1413905): “NeTS: Large: Collaborative Research: Mapping Interconnection in the Internet: Colocation, Connectivity and Congestion” PIs: David Clark (MIT), kc Claffy (CAIDA/UCSD). Duration: 2014-2017 (36 months).
- I participated in the EU Project CHANGE (FP7-ICT-257422). PIs: Mark Handley (UCL, UK), Olivier Bonaventure (UCL, Belgium), Laurent Mathy (Lancaster University), Anja Feldmann (TU Berlin), Costin Raiciu (Politechnica University, Bucharest), Luigi Rizzo (University of Pisa), Peter Feil (Deutsche Telekom), Felipe Huici (NEC), Adam Kapovits (Eurescom). Duration: 2009-2013 (40 months).

Professional Service

Award Committees

ACM Internet Measurement Conference Best Paper Award committee member 2019.

Technical Program Chair

Weizenbaum Institute workshop on Web and Internet Policy 2020,

ACM SIGCOMM 2020 workshop on Network Application Integration/CoDesign (NAI) 2020; steering committee NAI 2021
ACM CoNEXT 2020 Student Workshop,
ACM CoNEXT 2019,
PAM 2018

Technical Program Committee Member

ACM IMC (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2011),
ACM CoNEXT (2021, 2020, 2018),
ACM EdgeSys 2021,
IEEE INFOCOM 2019,
ACM HotNets 2018,
ACM SIGCOMM 2013,
ACM SIGCOMM workshop on Secure and Programmable Network Infrastructure (SPIN) 2021, 2020,
ACM SIGCOMM workshop on Technologies, Applications, and Uses of a Responsible Internet (TAURIN) 2021,
PAM (2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016),
TMA (2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012),
IEEE LCN 2021,
ACM ICN 2019,
IEEE ICNP (2019, 2017, 2015),
ITC (2017),
SWFAN 2016,
ACM SIGCOMM 2016 posters and demos session,
ACM CoNEXT Student Workshop (2014, 2011, 2009),
EWSDN (2015, 2014, 2013),
IEEE P2P 2012,
IEEE IPDPS 2012 PhD forum,
DCPerf 2012,
ACM SIGMETRICS 2010 (Shadow),
IEEE Globecom 2009,
ACM Simplex (2010, 2009),
SSS 2009,
ACM CoNEXT 2008 (Shadow).

Organizing Committee

PAM 2021 (Publication Chair),
TMA 2020 (General Chair),
ACM CoNEXT 2020 (Student Workshop Chair),
ACM SIGMETRICS 2018 (Publication Chair),
ACM CoNEXT 2016 (Publication Chair),
ACM SIGCOMM 2015 (Publication Chair),
ACM SIGCOMM 2011 (Registration Chair),
ACM IMC 2011 (General Chair),
IEEE AOC 2010 (Publicity Chair),
IEEE HotWeb 2006 (Publication Chair),
IEEE ICNP 2005 (Web Administrator),
PAM 2005 (Local Arrangements Chair),
IEEE ASWN 2004 (Publication Chair).

Reviewer of:

IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking,
ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review,
ACM Computing Surveys,
IEEE Transactions on Services Computing,
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems,
IEEE Transactions Network and Service Management,
IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications,
IEEE Internet Computing,
IEEE Communications Magazine,
IEEE Network,
Elsevier Journal of Computer Networks,
Elsevier Information Processing Letters,
Elsevier Journal of Computer Communications,
Elsevier Ad Hoc Networks,
Telecommunication Systems Journal,
International Journal of Sensor Networks,
Journal of Communications and Networks,
ACM IMC (2013, 2010, 2009),
ACM CoNEXT 2009,
ACM SIGMETRICS (2012, 2008, 2007),
ACM PODC 2008,
ACM Multimedia 2004,
IEEE INFOCOM (2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005),
IEEE ICNP (2005, 2004),
IEEE WCNC 2013,
IEEE e-Energy 2011,
IEEE IPDPS 2010,
IEEE Global Internet Symposium 2007,
IEEE ICDCS (2003),
IEEE ICC (2005, 2004),
IEEE RTSS 2004,
IEEE PIMRC 2005,
Euro-Par 2012.

Proposal Reviewer for:

- French National Research Agency - ANR (2018, 2015)
- Greek National Fellowship Program ARISTEIA II (2014)

Contributing Expert of the EU Roadmap for Advanced Cloud Technologies under Horizon 2020.

Invited Talks and Keynotes

Panelist: “Communications Networks and the COVID-19 Pandemic” TPRC 48 (February 19, 2021).

“The Lockdown Effect: Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Internet Traffic”, Weizenbaum Institute (November 25, 2020).

“Data-driven Cybersecurity”, TU Delft (November 9, 2020)

“CONNECT 2.0: A Vision for CONNECT”, Trinity College – CONNECT (October 15, 2020)

“The Fragile Internet: Assessing the Internet’s Critical Infrastructure and Protocol Resilience”, TU Delft (June 2, 2020).

“Loopholes For Circumventing Network Neutrality”, 30th ITS European Conference – Panel on Network Neutrality (June 18, 2019).

“The Fragile Internet: Assessing the Internet’s Critical Infrastructure and Protocol Resilience”, TU Berlin (May 22, 2019).

“Networking and Policy: Mind the Gap”, 11th IMDEA Networks Institute Annual Workshop (May 20, 2019).

“Networking + X”, Keynote at CoNEXT 2018 PhD Student Workshop (December 4, 2018),

“Deep Dive into BGP Communities”, Columbia University - Systems and Networks seminar (September 6, 2018), SIGCOMM 2018 ERC Networking Symposium (August 24, 2018).

“The Measurement Lens: How to Understand and Improve the Internet”, ECE Summer School, Technical University of Crete, Chania (July 23, 2018).

“Shedding Light on the Internet’s Critical Peering Infrastructure Outages”, Network Traffic Measurement and Analysis Conference (TMA) 2018 Experts Summit (June 26, 2018).

“Inferring BGP Blackholing Activity in the Internet”, Measurement and Analysis for Protocols Research Group (maprg) at IETF-101 (March 20, 2018).

“Understanding and Improving the Resilience of the Internet using the Measurement Lens”, Max Planck Institute for Informatics, (December 18, 2017).

“Detecting Peering Infrastructure Outages in the Wild”, Yale University, (October 5, 2017); Trinity College Dublin, (October 3, 2017).

“The Evolving Internet Market and the Role of Coordination”, 50th Freiburger Verkehrsseminar: The Future of the Internet - Innovation, Integration and Sustainability, University of Freiburg (7/2017).

“Mapping Peering Interconnections to a Facility”, The 6th Workshop on Internet Economics (WIE 2015), University of California San Diego/CAIDA (12/2015)

“Identifying and measuring points of congestion”, MIT Communications Futures Program (10/2015).

“Internet Exchange Points and the Internet”, Yale University (3/2015), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (10/2014); Akamai Technologies (10/2014).

“Improving Performance and Cost of Content Delivery in a Hyperconnected World”, The 5th Workshop on Internet Economics (WIE 2014), University of California San Diego/CAIDA (12/2014).

“Enabling CDN-ISP Collaboration”, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (09/2014); Plenary Talk at RIPE 67 (10/2013); University of Athens (06/2013); OTE Labs (06/2013).

“How to Explore a Few Thousand Middleboxes in Your Free Time” (09/2013), NEC Labs Europe.

“Pushing CDN-ISP Collaboration to the Limit”, University of Wisconsin at Madison (04/2013).

“On-demand Service Deployment in Microdatacenters”, Université catholique de Louvain (10/2012); Lab-Open workshop on Telekom Cloud, Berlin (05/2012); Technische Universität Berlin (04/2012).

“Big Data and Networks: Mind the Gap”, Institut Eurécom (10/2012).

“NetPaaS: Network Platform as a Service”, Telekom Innovation Laboratories, Berlin (08/2012).

“Web Content Cartography”, King’s College – University of London (06/2012); University College London (03/2012).

“Content-aware Traffic Engineering”, Athens University of Economics and Business (05/2013); University College London (06/2012); Universitatea Politehnica Bucuresti (05/2012); Boston University (07/2011); LabsOpen workshop on Network Architecture and Optimization, Berlin (08/2010).

“ISP-Applications Collaboration”, CloudS workshop, Sydney (11/2010).

“ORACLE: An ISP-P2P Collaboration System”, University of Athens (03/2009).

“Selfish Overlay Network Formation: Resource Allocation Strategies and Implications to Protocol Design”, Technische Universität München (12/2009), Centre Tecnològic de Telecomunicacions de Catalunya (04/2008); Deutsche Telekom Laboratories Berlin (03/2008); Telefónica Research Barcelona (03/2008); Boston University (12/2007).

“Resource Allocation Strategies for Scalable Content Delivery on the Internet”, Boston University (10/2007).

“The Selfish Neighbor Selection Problem In Overlay Networks”, University of Athens (07/2007).

“A Large Deviations Approach to statistical Traffic Anomaly Detection”, Boston University (02/2006).

Mentoring

Post-doctoral Research:

Habib Mostafaei (from Roma Tre University, Italy), BIFOLD Researcher.

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Matthias Rost (from TU Berlin) → Cloud Optimization Developer at SAP, Germany.

Vasileios Giotsas (from CAIDA/UC San Diego, US), → Lecturer, Lancaster University, UK.

Nikolaos Chatzis (from TU Berlin), → Senior Performance Engineer, Akamai.

PhD Dissertations:

Said Jawad Saidi (Max Planck Institute for Informatics, [expected 2021])

Taha Albakour (TU Berlin, [expected 2024])

Selim Ozcan (Einstein Center Digital Future Fellow, [expected 2025])

Niklas Semmler (TU Berlin, PhD 2021), “Data-driven Transfer Optimizations for Big Data in the Industrial Internet of Things”, → SAP, Germany.

Apoorv Shukla (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Runtime Verification of Programmable Networks”, → Senior Networks Researcher in Cloud, Huawei Munich, Germany.

Christoph Dietzel (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Improving the Resilience Capabilities of Internet Infrastructures”, → Global Head of Products & Research, DE-CIX, Germany.

Costas Iordanou (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Crowdsourcing as a Guardian of Transparency, Privacy, and Anti-Discrimination in a Personalized Web”, → Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Informatics, Germany.

Thomas Krenc (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Revisiting the Interplay of Inter-Domain Traffic and Routing Policies” → Post-doctoral researcher, Naval Postgraduate School, USA.

Obi Akonjang (TU Berlin, PhD 2018), “ISP Traffic Management via Flow Optimization”

Philipp Richter (TU Berlin, PhD 2017), “Empirical Analysis of the Effects and the Mitigation of IPv4 Address Exhaustion”, → Postdoctoral Associate, MIT CSAIL, → Senior Research Scientist, Akamai.

Enric Pujol (TU Berlin, PhD 2016), “Web content delivery, monetization, and search: back-office and advertisement traffic on the Internet”, → Data Scientist, BENOCS, Berlin, Germany.

Benjamin Frank (TU Berlin, PhD 2013), “Dynamic Deployment of Content Delivery Infrastructures using Network Cloud Resources” → SAP, Germany.

Ingmar Poese (TU Berlin, PhD 2013), “Towards Informed and Collaborative Content Delivery”, → CTO, BENOCS, Berlin, Germany.

George Iosifidis (University of Thessaly; primary advisor: Prof. Iordanis Koutsopoulos, PhD 2012), “Spectrum and Storage Capacity Management Using Network Economics and Optimization Methods” → Researcher, CERTH-Greece → Researcher, Yale University → Assistant Professor, Trinity College - University of Dublin → Assistant Professor, TU Delft.

Bernhard Ager (TU Berlin, PhD 2011), “Impact of Locality in Content Distribution” → Researcher, ETH Zürich → Google, Switzerland.

External PhD Committees:

Moritz Christian Müller (University of Twente, the Netherlands, PhD 2021), “Making DNSSEC Future Proof”.

Mattijs Jonker (University of Twente, the Netherlands, PhD 2019), “DDoS Mitigation a Measurement-Based Approach” → Assistant Professor, University of Twente, the Netherlands .

Chair of PhD Committees:

Kashyap Thimmaraju (TU Berlin, PhD 2020), “From Threat to Solutions in Datacenter Networks”.

Theresa Enghardt (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Informed Access Network Selection to Improve Application Performance”

Christian Donner (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Bayesian inference of inhomogeneous point process models: Methodological advances and modelling of neuronal spiking data”.

Thomas Krenc (TU Berlin, PhD 2019), “Revisiting the Interplay of Inter-Domain Traffic and Routing Policies”.

MSc Theses:

Kamil Balitzki (TU Berlin, MSc [expected Summer 2021]),

Max Franke (TU Berlin, MSc [expected Fall 2021]),

Nikhil Singh (TU Berlin, MSc 2021, “End-to-end available bandwidth measurement in P4”),

Sergiu-Adrian Lazar-Angelescu (TU Berlin, MSc 2020, “Optimizing Online Meeting Strategies in Social Environments”, co-supervisor with Aristides Gionis, KTH, Sweden),

Taha Albakour (TU Berlin, MSc 2020, “Towards a Methodology for Router Fingerprinting”, co-supervisor with Rob Beverly, NPS, USA),

Preethi Ramachandran (TU Berlin, MSc 2020, “A Longitudinal Study of the Robots Exclusion Standard”),

Marcin Bosk (TU Berlin, MSc 2020, “Evaluating the Benefits of Network Slicing for QoE-awareness in 5G Networks”),

Kevin Nico Hudemann (TU Berlin, MSc 2020, “P4 Verification with Machine Learning”),

Bashar Otoum (TU Berlin, MSc 2020, “Investigating BGP Attribute-based Attacks”),

Ferdows Shahryar (TU Berlin, MSc 2019, “Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment of Internet Registries”),

Alexander Hardt (Naval Postgraduate School, US, MSc 2019, “Characterizing BGP Community Irregularities Towards an Anomaly Detection Engine”, 2nd reader, co-supervisor with Rob Beverly, NPS, USA),

Siva Rajendran (TU Berlin, MSc 2019, “Measurement and Analysis of Web Traffic Interception by Man-in-the-Middle Attacks”),

Zsolt Vagi (TU Berlin, MSc 2019, “Towards verifying P4 programs”),

Lars Prehn (TU Berlin, MSc 2018, “Re-evaluating the AS-level Multi-Tier Model in the Era of Internet Flattening”, 2nd reader),

Jinji Shen (TU Berlin, MSc 2014, “Measuring the Indirect Prefix Delegations using Public Routing Information”),

Boxuan Li (TU Berlin, MSc 2014, “Measurement and Analysis of SoShare Hybrid Server-P2P System”),

Florian Streibelt (TU Berlin, MSc 2013, “Evaluating EDNS-client-subnet Extension in the Wild”),

Pinar Acar (TU Berlin, MSc 2013, “Comparing IPv4 and IPv6 Performance in the Wild”),

Alexander Kordecki (TU Berlin, MSc 2013, “Network Traffic Measurement of Data-intensive Computing Architectures”),

Jun Jiang (TU Berlin, MSc 2013, “Improving Video Streaming Applications with ISP-assisted Server Selection”),

Thomas Krenc (TU Berlin, MSc 2012, “Measurement and Characterization of Content Distribution in BitTorrent”),

Benjamin Frank (TU München, MSc 2009, “Developing Efficient Ranking Algorithms for the Oracle Service”),

Ingmar Poesche (TU Berlin, Diplom 2009, “The Oracle Server: Implementation and Performance Evaluation”),

Vassilis Lekakis (FORTH-ICS/University of Crete, MSc 2009, “The EGOIST Overlay Routing System”).

MSc Projects:

Klara Schmitt (TU Berlin 2018, “User Agent Measurement”).

Thomas Krenc (TU Berlin 2012, “Measurement and Characterization of Video Streaming Architectures”).

Thomas Krenc, Tobias Jacobowitz, Sebastian Garn (TU Berlin 2011, “Season: A Dynamic Load Balancer for Virtual Environment”).

Bachelor Theses:

Leonard Becker (TU Berlin, BSc 2021, “Visibility of Large Scale Outages on the Control Plane”)

Matthias Götze (TU Berlin, BSc 2021, “Measuring Web Cookies in Government Websites”)

Stefan Wahl (TU Berlin, BSc, 2020, “Evaluation of Path Validation Towards BGP NEXT-HOP”)

Lily Hügerich (TU Berlin, BSc 2020, “Characterizing P4 Programs for Patchability”)

Jan Pommerening (TU Berlin, BSc 2018, “Measuring Authorized Digital Sellers of Popular Websites”)

Thomas Krenc (TU Berlin, BSc 2010, “Demographic Measurement of Popular BitTorrent Swarms”)

Teaching Experience

Instructor for:

Internet Measurements (TU Berlin; Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2014, Spring 2013),

Internet Measurements Seminar (TU Berlin; Spring 2020),

Internet Routing Seminar (TU Berlin; Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017),

Network Algorithms (TU Berlin; Fall 2017).

Teaching Fellow for:

Fundamentals of Computing Systems (BU CS 350; Spring 2007),

Introduction to Data Structures (BU CS 112; Spring 2005),

Quantitative Methods for Information Systems (BU MET CS 546; Summer 2005),

Introduction to Computers (BU CS 101; Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2004).

Junior Researcher Experience

– *Research and Teaching Fellow* September 2003 – September 2008
Boston University, Computer Science Department, Web and Internetworking Group.

– *Affiliated Researcher* July - August 2006
University of Athens, Department of Informatics and Telecommunications.

– *Affiliated Researcher* April - August 2003
Greek National Center for Scientific Research, Institute of Informatics and Telecommunications.

– *Undergraduate Affiliated Student* September 2001 - August 2002
Technical University of Crete, Electronic and Computer Engineering Department, Information and Computer Networks Laboratory.

– *Telecommunications Engineer internship* August - September 2002
Value Added Services, NOKIA Networks, NOKIA Hellas.

– *Software Developer internship* September 2001 - February 2002
Technical University of Crete, Electronic and Computer Engineering Department, Laboratory of Distributed Multimedia, Information Systems and Applications.

– *Programmer internship* August - September 1999, August 2001
Social Security Institute, Greece.

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