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Education

2008-2012 Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Warsaw
Research areas: fixed parameter tractability, approximation algorithms,
exact exponential algorithms.
Thesis advisor: Łukasz Kowalik (kowalik@mimuw.edu.pl).
Thesis *Cut&Count technique for graph connectivity problems parameterized by treewidth*.

2003-2008 M.Sc. in Computer Science, University of Warsaw
M.Sc. Thesis *New algorithms solving the Bandwidth problem*
Thesis co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk.
Thesis advisor: Łukasz Kowalik.

Positions

10/2012-currently assistant professor at the Institute of Informatics, University of Warsaw
01/2012-10/2012 post-doc at IDSIA, University of Lugano, Switzerland
07/2011-12/2011 research assistant at the University of Maryland, College Park, USA
01/2008-12/2008 half-time software engineer in Advanced Digital Broadcast Poland (Research & Development), Warsaw, Poland
07/2007-09/2007 summer internship, Google, Mountain View, USA
07/2006-09/2006 summer internship, NVIDIA, Santa Clara, USA

Program committees

- 2014 9th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2014) - **co-chair**
- 2014 25th ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2014)
- 2012 7th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2012)

Awards

- 2013 Prime Minister award for PhD thesis
- 2012 Witold Lipski Prize for Young Researchers in Computer Science
- 2012 Best student paper award for *On group feedback vertex set parameterized by the size of the cutset* (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk) at the 38th Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG 2012)
- 2012 Best student paper award for *Deterministic Parameterized Connected Vertex Cover* at the 13th Scandinavian Symposium and Workshops on Algorithm Theory (SWAT 2012)
- 2011, 2012 „START” scholarship, given by Foundation for Polish Science
- 2010 „Doktoraty dla Mazowsza” scholarship
- 2009 „Nowoczesny Uniwersytet” scholarship
- 2008 M.Sc. thesis (co-author Marcin Pilipczuk) was awarded the first prize in the 25th Contest of the Polish Information Processing Society for the best M.Sc. thesis in computer science
- 2008 Best student paper award for *Faster Exact Bandwidth* (co-author Marcin Pilipczuk) at the 34th Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG 2008)
- 2004–2008 Ministry of Education scholarship (2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2007/2008)

Programming competitions

- 2010 Google Code Jam 2010 – 5th place
- 2009 TopCoder Open Finals 2009 – 3rd place
- 2007 World Finals of the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest – 1st place
- 2004–2007 Central European Regional Contest of ACM ICPC: 2004 – 2nd place, 2005 – 2nd place, 2006 – 1st place, 2007 – 1st place
- 2005 Google Code Jam 2005 – 1st place

Invited talks

- 2013 UiB Winter School, Ustaoset, Norway
2013 8th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation - IPEC 2013 (tutorial)
2013 Workshop on Quantum and Classical Complexity, Riga, Latvia
2011 Treewidth Workshop, Bergen, Norway

Researcher in grants

- 2013–Present Foundation for Polish Science grant HOMING PLUS/2012-6/2 *Approximation and parameterized local search algorithms*, coordinator: Marek Cygan
- 2013–Present Grant no. 2012/05/D/ST6/03214 *Parameterized algorithms in graph problems and permutation pattern matching*, coordinator: Marek Cygan
- 2011–2013 Grant no. N206 567140 *Parameterized complexity and exponential algorithms*, coordinator: Łukasz Kowalik
- 2011–2013 Grant no. N206 567940 *Stochastic online algorithms*, coordinator: Marcin Mucha
- 2010–2012 Grant no. N206 491238 *Moderately exponential time exact and approximation algorithms*, coordinator: Krzysztof Diks
- 2009–2011 Grant no. N206 355636 *Approximation algorithms with limited resources*, coordinator: Piotr Sankowski
- 2008–2009 Polish-Slovenian bilateral project *Graph colorings and their applications*, coordinator: Łukasz Kowalik
- 2007–2009 Grant no. N206 005 32/0807, *New techniques in graph algorithms: exact algorithms for NP-hard problems, sparse graphs and their applications*, coordinator: Łukasz Kowalik

Journal publications

1. *Steiner Forest Orientation Problems*, (co-authors: Guy Kortsarz, Zeev Nutov), SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, 2013, to appear.
Extended abstract: *Steiner Forest Orientation Problems*, (co-authors: Guy Kortsarz, Zeev Nutov), 20th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7501, 361-372.
2. *Subset Feedback Vertex Set is Fixed-Parameter Tractable*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, 27(1), 2013, 290-309.
Extended abstract: *Subset Feedback Vertex Set is Fixed-Parameter Tractable*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), Automata, Languages and Programming - 38th International Colloquium (ICALP 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 6755, 449-461.
3. *On Multiway Cut parameterized above lower bounds*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), ACM Transactions on Computation Theory (TOCT), 5(1): 3, 2013.
Extended abstract: *On Multiway Cut parameterized above lower bounds*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), 6th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 7112, 1-12.

4. *Parameterized complexity of Eulerian deletion problems*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Dániel Marx, Michał Pilipczuk, Ildiko Schlotter), *Algorithmica*, to appear.
 Extended abstract: *Parameterized complexity of Eulerian deletion problems*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Dániel Marx, Michał Pilipczuk, Ildiko Schlotter), 37th International Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 6986, 131-142.
5. *Scheduling partially ordered jobs faster than 2^n* , (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), *Algorithmica*, to appear.
 Extended abstract: *Scheduling partially ordered jobs faster than 2^n* , (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), 19th European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 6942, 299-210.
6. *Split Vertex Deletion meets Vertex Cover: New fixed-parameter and exact exponential-time algorithms*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), *Information Processing Letters* 113(5-6), 2013, 179-182.
7. *A bound on the number of perfect matchings in klee-graphs*. *Discrete Mathematics* (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Riste Škrekovski), *Discrete Mathematics & Theoretical Computer Science*, 15(1), 2013, 37-54.
8. *A Polynomial Algorithm for 3-Compatible Coloring and the Stubborn List Partition Problem (The Stubborn Problem Is Stubborn No More)* (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), *SIAM Journal on Computing* 41(4), 2012, 815-828.
 Extended abstract: *The Stubborn Problem is stubborn no more (a polynomial algorithm for 3-compatible colouring and the stubborn list partition problem)*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), *ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2011)*. Proceedings, 1666-1674.
9. *Improved FPT algorithm and quadratic kernel for Pathwidth One Vertex Deletion*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), *Algorithmica*, 64(1), 2012, 170-188.
 Extended abstract: *Improved FPT algorithm and quadratic kernel for Pathwidth One Vertex Deletion*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), *International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2010)*, Proceedings, LNCS 6478, 95-106.
10. *On the Inequality between Radius and Randic Index for Graphs*, (co-authors: Michał Pilipczuk, Riste Škrekovski), *MATCH Communications in Mathematical and in Computer Science Chemistry*, 67(2), 2012.
11. *Bandwidth and Distortion revisited*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, 160(4-5), 2012, 494-504.
12. *Kernelization hardness of connectivity problems in d -degenerate graphs*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 160(15), 2131-2141, 2012.
 Extended abstract: *Kernelization hardness of connectivity problems in d -degenerate graphs*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), 36th International Workshop on Graph Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG 2010). Proceedings, LNCS 6410, 147-158.
13. *Channel Assignment via Fast Zeta Transform*, (co-author: Łukasz Kowalik), *Information Processing Letters* 2011, 111 (15), 727-730.
14. *Dominating Set is Fixed Parameter Tractable in Claw-free Graphs*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Geevarghese Philip, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk) *Theoretical Computer Science* 412(50):6982-7000, 2011.

15. *Relation between Randić index and average distance of trees*, (co-authors: Michał Pilipczuk, Riste Škrekovski), MATCH, Communications in Mathematical and in Computer Science Chemistry, 66(2) (2011).
16. *Even Faster Exact Bandwidth*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), ACM Transactions on Algorithms, 8(1), 2012.
Extended abstract: *Faster Exact Bandwidth*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), 34th Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG 2008), Proceedings, LNCS 5344, 101-109.
17. *A Planar Linear Arboricity Conjecture*, (co-authors: Jian-Feng Hou, Łukasz Kowalik, Borut Luzar, Jian-Liang Wu) Journal of Graph Theory 69(4), 2012, 403-425.
Extended abstract: *A Planar Linear Arboricity Conjecture*, (co-authors: Łukasz Kowalik, Borut Luzar), Algorithms and Complexity, 7th International Conference (CIAC 2010). Proceedings, LNCS 6078, 204-216.
18. *Breaking the 2^n -barrier for Irredundance: Two lines of attack*, (co-authors: Daniel Binkele-Raible, Ljiljana Brankovic, Marcin Pilipczuk, Henning Fernau, Joachim Kneis, Dieter Kratsch, Alexander Langer, Mathieu Liedloff, Peter Rossmanith, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), Journal of Discrete Algorithms 9(3): 214-230, 2011.
Extended abstract: *Irredundant set faster than $O(2^n)$* , (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), Algorithms and Complexity, 7th International Conference (CIAC 2010). Proceedings, LNCS 6078, 288-298.
19. *Capacitated domination faster than $O(2^n)$* , (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), Information Processing Letters 111(23-24):1099-1103, 2011.
Extended abstract: *Capacitated domination faster than $O(2^n)$* , (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), 12th Scandinavian Symposium and Workshops on Algorithm Theory (SWAT 2010). Proceedings, LNCS 6139, 74- 80.
20. *Exact and Approximate Bandwidth*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), Theoretical Computer Science 411 (2010), 3701-3713.
Extended abstract: *Exact and Approximate Bandwidth*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), Automata, Languages and Programming, 36th International Colloquium (ICALP 2009). Proceedings, Part I, LNCS 5555, 304-315.
21. *Exponential-Time Approximation of Weighted Set Cover*, (co-authors: Łukasz Kowalik, Mateusz Wykucz), Information Processing Letters, 109, 2009, 957-961,

Conference publications (without journal version)

22. *Improved approximation for 3-dimensional matching via bounded pathwidth local search*, to appear in 54th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2013).
23. *The planar directed k -Vertex-Disjoint Paths problem is fixed parameter tractable*, (co-authors: Dániel Marx, Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk), to appear in 54th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2013).
24. *Online Knapsack Revisited*, (co-author: Łukasz Jeż), to appear in 11th Workshop on Approximation and Online Algorithms (WAOA 2013).

25. *Tight Kernel Bounds for Problems on Graphs with Small Degeneracy - (Extended Abstract)*, (co-authors: Fabrizio Grandoni, Danny Hermelin), 21st Annual European Symposium on Algorithm (ESA 2013), Proceedings, 361-372.
26. *Fast Hamiltonicity checking via bases of perfect matchings*, (co-authors: Stefan Kratsch, Jesper Nederlof), 45th ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing (STOC 2013), Proceedings, 301-310.
27. *Known algorithms for Edge Clique Cover are probably optimal*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk), ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2013), Proceedings, 1044-1053.
28. *How to Sell Hyperedges: The Hypermatching Assignment Problem*, (co-authors: Fabrizio Grandoni, Monaldo Mastrolili), ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2013), Proceedings, 342-351.
29. *Deterministic Single Exponential Time Algorithms for Connectivity Problems Parameterized by Treewidth*, (co-authors: Hans Bodlaender, Stefan Kratsch, Jesper Nederlof), Automata, Languages and Programming - 40th International Colloquium (ICALP 2013), Proceedings, 196-207.
30. *Faster exponential-time algorithms in graphs of bounded average degree*, (co-author: Marcin Pilipczuk), Automata, Languages and Programming - 40th International Colloquium (ICALP 2013), Proceedings, 364-375.
31. *Catch them if you can: how to serve impatient users*, (co-authors: Matthias Englert, Anupam Gupta, Marcin Mucha, Piotr Sankowski), Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS 2013), Proceedings, 485-494.
32. *On Pairwise Spanners*, (co-authors: Fabrizio Grandoni, Telikepalli Kavitha), 30th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS 2013), Proceedings, LIPIcs 20, 209-220.
33. *Designing FPT algorithms for cut problems using randomized contractions*, (co-authors: Rajesh Chitnis, Mohammadtaghi Hajiaghayi, Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk), 53rd Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2012), Proceedings, 460-469.
34. *LP Rounding for k -Centers with Non-uniform Hard Capacities*, (co-authors: Mohammadtaghi Hajiaghayi, Samir Khuller), 53rd Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2012), Proceedings, 273-282.
35. *Algorithmic Applications of Baur-Strassen's Theorem: Shortest Cycles, Diameter and Matchings*, (co-authors: Harold N. Gabow, Piotr Sankowski), 53rd Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2012), Proceedings, 531-540.
36. *Directed Subset Feedback Vertex Set is Fixed-Parameter Tractable*, (co-authors: Rajesh Chitnis, Mohammadtaghi Hajiaghayi, Dániel Marx), Automata, Languages and Programming - 39th International Colloquium (ICALP 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7391, 230-241.
37. *Clique cover and graph separation: New incompressibility results*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Stefan Kratsch, Michał Pilipczuk, Magnus Wahlström), Automata, Languages and Programming - 39th International Colloquium (ICALP 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7391, 254-265.
38. *A Path-Decomposition Theorem with Applications to Pricing and Covering on Trees*, (co-authors: Fabrizio Grandoni, Stefano Leonardi, Marcin Pilipczuk, Piotr Sankowski), 20th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7501, 349-360.

39. *Sitting Closer to Friends Than Enemies, Revisited*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science 2012 - 37th International Symposium (MFCS 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7464, 296-307.
40. *On Problems as Hard as CNF-Sat* (co-authors: Holger Dell, Daniel Lokshtanov, Dániel Marx, Jesper Nederlof, Yoshio Okamoto, Ramamohan Paturi, Saket Saurabh, Magnus Wahlstrom) 27th Conference on Computational Complexity (CCC 2012). Proceedings, 74-84.
41. *Solving the 2-Disjoint Connected Subgraphs problem faster than 2^n* , (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Michał Pilipczuk, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), Theoretical Informatics - 10th Latin American Symposium (LATIN 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7256, 195-206.
42. *Deterministic parameterized connected vertex cover*, 13th Scandinavian Symposium and Workshops on Algorithm Theory (SWAT 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7357, 95-106.
43. *On group feedback vertex set parameterized by the size of the cutset*, (co-authors Marcin Pilipczuk i Michał Pilipczuk), 38th Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG 2012). Proceedings, LNCS 7551, 194-205.
44. *Solving connectivity problems parameterized by treewidth in single exponential time*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Jesper Nederlof, Michał Pilipczuk, Johan M.M. van Rooij, Jakub Wojtaszczyk), 52nd Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2011). Proceedings, 150-150.
45. *Parameterized Complexity of Firefighting Revisited*, (co-authors: Fedor Fomin, Erik Jan Van Leeuwen), 6th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 7112, 13-26.
46. *On the hardness of losing width*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Daniel Lokshtanov, Michał Pilipczuk, Saket Saurabh), 6th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 7112, 159-168.
47. *On cutwidth parameterized by vertex cover*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Daniel Lokshtanov, Michał Pilipczuk, Saket Saurabh), 6th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2011). Proceedings, LNCS 7112, 246-258.
48. *Polynomial-Time Approximation Algorithms for Weighted LCS Problem*, (co-authors: Marcin Kubica, Jakub Radoszewski, Wojciech Rytter, Tomasz Waleń) 22nd Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2011). Proceedings, LNCS, 6661, 455-466.
49. *Approximation algorithms for union and intersection covering problems*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Fabrizio Grandoni, Stefano Leonardi, Marcin Mucha, Piotr Sankowski), Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS 2011). Proceedings, 28-40.
50. *Algorithms for Three Versions of the Shortest Common Superstring Problem*, (co-authors: Maxime Crochemore, Costas S. Iliopoulos, Marcin Kubica, Jakub Radoszewski, Wojciech Rytter, Tomasz Waleń), Combinatorial Pattern Matching, 21st Annual Symposium (CPM 2010). Proceedings, LNCS 6129, 299-309.
51. *Fast Approximation in Subspaces by Doubling Metric Decomposition*, (co-authors: Marcin Pilipczuk, Łukasz Kowalik, Marcin Mucha, Piotr Sankowski), 18th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2010). Proceedings, LNCS 6346, 72-83.

Short research visits (1-3 weeks)

- 08.2012 Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA SZTAKI), Budapest, Hungary, Scientific collaboration with Dániel Marx
- 10.2011 Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA, Scientific collaboration with Anupam Gupta and Krzysztof Onak
- 05.2011 University of Bergen, Norway, Scientific collaboration with Fedor Fomin
- 03.2011 University of Bergen, Norway, Scientific collaboration with Fedor Fomin
- 09.2010 La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Scientific collaboration with Stefano Leonardi and Fabrizio Grandoni
- 05.2010 University in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Scientific collaboration with Riste Škrekovski
- 03.2010 La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Scientific collaboration with Stefano Leonardi and Fabrizio Grandoni
- 09.2009 La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Scientific collaboration with Stefano Leonardi and Fabrizio Grandoni
- 03.2009 University in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Scientific collaboration with Riste Škrekovski