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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## FORMAL EDUCATION

**Vordiplom (B.S.) Computer Science**, April 1999,  
Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany.

**Diplom (M.A.) Computer Science**, September 1999,  
Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany (advisor Günter Hotz)  
Thesis Topic: *Cedric - an automated geometric prover*

**Vordiplom (B.S.) Psychology**, July 2001  
Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany.

**Ph.D. Computer Science**, February 2003  
Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany (advisor Günter Hotz)  
Dissertation Topic: *The construction problem*

**Habilitation Psychology**, August 2013  
Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany  
Habilitation Topic: *Statistical Power, Power Equivalence, and Efficient Parameter Estimation in Structural Equation Modeling*

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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

**2016–present:** *Full Professor*, Department of Psychology, University of the Federal Defense Forces

**2011–2015:** *Assistant Professor*, Department of Psychology, University of Virginia

**2011–present:** *Faculty*, LIFE Academy; Joint graduate program of University of Virginia, University of Michigan, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Humboldt University, Free University of Berlin, and University of Zurich.

**2011–present:** *Visiting Scientist*, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Center for Lifespan Psychology, Berlin, Germany

**2006–2011:** *Research Scientist*, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Center for Lifespan Psychology, Berlin, Germany

**4/2009–5/2009:** *Visiting Scientist*, Department of Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology

**6/2008–7/2008:** *Visiting Scientist*, Department of Psychology, University of Virginia

**3/2008–5/2008:** *Visiting Scientist*, Department of Psychology, University of Southern California

**2002–2006:** *Postdoctorate Scientific Assistant*, Department of Mathematics, Saarland University

**2000–2002:** *Software Developer*, Mainz Academy of Sciences

**1997–2000:** *Software Developer*, ACS Informatik (Munich) and Dialogika (Saarbrücken)

**1996–1997:** *Civil Service*, Schneiderschere Kindergarten, Mölln

**1991–1997:** *Director and Founder*, Volunteer Day-Care Center, Mölln

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## PROFESSIONAL HONORS

**Inauguration Poster Competition 1st Price** (2011) from the President's Poster competition 2011 at the University of Virginia

**Best Paper Award** (2012) from the ECML-PKDD conference

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## EXTERNAL GRANT SUPPORT

**Travel and Research Advising** von Oertzen, Funded by Max Planck Society; Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Sesquicentennial Leave 2014 (total \$73,200), Summer 2015.

**OpenMx: Multipurpose Software for Statistical Modeling** S. M. Boker PI, Funded by the National Institutes of Health Roadmap Initiative (NIH 1R21DA024304-01); September 26, 2007 - August 31, 2012; \$1,095,362 Total Costs. Role: Developer Team Member

**SFB 378 - Resource-Adaptive Cognitive Processes** September 2003 - September 2006. Role: Member

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## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

Note: Italicized authors are current or former students.

Boker, S., Brick, T., **von Oertzen, T.**, Estabrook, R., Pritikin, J., Hunter, M., Maes, H., Neale, M. (in press): Maintained Individual Data Distributed Likelihood Estimation (MIDDLE). *Behavioral Research Methods*, 2015.

*Karch, J.*, Sander, M., **von Oertzen, T.**, *Brandmaier, A.*, Werkle-Bergner, M. (in press): Using within-subject pattern classification to understand lifespan age differences in oscillatory mechanisms of working memory selection and maintenance. *NeuroImage*, 2015.

*Brandmaier, A.*, **von Oertzen, T.**, Hertzog, C., Ghisletta, P., Lindenberger, U. (in press): LIFESPAN: A Tool for the Computer-Aided Design of Longitudinal Studies. *Frontiers*, 2015.

*Martin, D.*, **von Oertzen, T.**: Growth Mixture Modeling outperforms simpler Clustering Algorithms when detecting longitudinal heterogeneity, even with small sample sizes. *Structural Equation Modeling: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 22(2), pp. 264–275, 2015.

**von Oertzen, T.**, *Brandmaier, A.*, *Tsang, S.*: Structural Equation Modeling with *Onyx*. *Structural Equation Modeling: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 22(1), pp. 148–162, 2015.

**von Oertzen, T.**, Brick, T.: Efficient Hessian Computation Using Sparse Matrix Derivatives in RAM Notation. *Behavioral Research Methods*, Vol. 46(2), pp. 385–395, 2014.

**von Oertzen, T.**, *Brandmaier, A.*: Optimal Study Design with Identical Power: An Application of Power Equivalence to Latent Growth Curve Model. *Psychology and Aging*, Vol. 28, pp. 414–428, 2013.

*Brandmaier, A.*, **von Oertzen, T.**, McArdle, J., Lindenberger, U.: Structural Equation Model Trees. *Psychological Methods*, Vol. 18, pp. 71–86, 2013.

Sawade, C., Bickel, S., **von Oertzen, T.**, Scheffer, T., Landwehr, N.: Active Evaluation of Ranking Functions based on Graded Relevance. *Proceedings of the European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML 2012)*, 2012.

Wrzus, C., Riediger, M., Wagner, G., *Brandmaier, A.*, **von Oertzen, T.**, Müller, V.: A New Approach for Assessing Sleep Duration and Postures from Ambulatory Accelerometry. *PLoS One*, 7(10), 2012.

Bodirsky, M., Jonsson, P., **von Oertzen, T.** (in alphabetical order): Essential convexity and complexity of semi-algebraic constraints (Journal Version). *Journal of Logical Methods in Computer Science*, 8(4), 2012.

Völkle, M., Oud, J., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Maximum likelihood dynamic factor modeling for arbitrary N and T using SEM. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 19(3), pp. 329–350, 2012.

Bodirsky, M., Jonsson, P., **von Oertzen, T.** (in alphabetical order): Horn versus full first-order: complexity dichotomies in algebraic constraint satisfaction. *Journal of Logic and Computation*,

22(3), pp. 643–660, 2012.

Kleinspehn-Ammerlan, A., Riediger, M., Li, S.-C., Schmiedek, F., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Dyadic drumming across the lifespan reveals a zone of proximal development in Children. *Developmental Psychology*, 47, pp. 632-644, 2011.

Lindenberger, U., **von Oertzen, T.**, Ghisletta, P., Hertzog, C.: Cross-sectional age variance extraction: What's change got to do with it? *Psychology and Aging*, 26, pp. 34-47, 2011.

**von Oertzen, T.**, Hertzog, C., Lindenberger, U., Ghisletta, P.: The effect of multiple indicators on the power to detect interindividual differences in change. *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology*, Volume 63(3), pp. 627–646, 2010.

**von Oertzen, T.**: Power equivalence in structural equation modeling. *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology*, Vol. 63, pp. 257–272, 2010.

**von Oertzen, T.**, Boker, S.: Time delay embedding increases estimation precision of models of intraindividual variability. *Psychometrika*, Vol. 75(1), pp. 158–175, 2010.

Li, S.-C., Chicherio, C., Nyberg, L., **von Oertzen, T.**, Nagel, I., Papenberg, G., Sander, T., Heekeren, H., Lindenberger, U., Bäckman, L.: Ebbinghaus revisited: Influence of the BDNF Val66Met polymorphism on backward serial recall are modulated by human aging. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, Vol. 22, No. 10, p. 2164-2173, 2010.

Bodirsky, M., Jonsson, P., **von Oertzen, T.**, (in alphabetical order): Semi-linear program feasibility. *Proceedings of the International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 2009)*, pp. 79–90, 2009.

Bodirsky, M., Nordh, G., **von Oertzen, T.** (in alphabetical order): Integer programming with 2-variable equations and 1-variable inequalities. *Information Processing Letters*, 109(11), pp. 572-575, 2009.

Bodirsky, M., Chen, H., Kara, J., **von Oertzen, T.** (in alphabetical order): Maximal infinite-valued constraint languages. *Theoretical Computer Science*, Vol. 410(18), pp. 1684–1693, 2009

Nagel, I., Chicherio, C., Li, S.-C., **von Oertzen, T.**, Sander, T., Villringer, A., Heekeren, H., Bäckman, L., Lindenberger, U.: Human aging magnifies genetic effects on executive functioning and working memory. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 2, Article 1, 2008.

Müller, V., Brehmer, Y., **von Oertzen, T.**, Li, S.-C., Lindenberger, U.: Electrophysiological correlates of selective attention: A lifespan comparison. *BMC Neuroscience* 9, 2008.

Hertzog, C., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U., Ghisletta, P.: Evaluating the power of latent growth curve models to detect individual differences in change. *Structural Equation Modeling*, Vol. 15, pp. 541-563, 2008.

Brehmer, Y., S.-C. Li, B. Straube, G. Stoll, **von Oertzen, T.**, Müller, V., Lindenberger, U.: Comparing memory skill maintenance across the life span: Preservation in adults, increase in children. *Psychology and Aging*, 23.2, pp. 227-238, 2008.

*Czienkowski, P.*, Schellenbach, M., **von Oertzen, T.**: Feedback-controlled locomotion in virtual environments. Proceedings of NordiCHI08, October 2008.

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Brehmer, Y., S.-C. Li, Müller, V., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Memory plasticity across the lifespan: Uncovering childrens' latent potential. *Developmental Psychology*, 43(2), pp. 465-478, 2007.

Hertzog, C., Lindenberger, U., Ghisletta, P., **von Oertzen, T.**: On the power of multivariate latent growth curve models to detect correlated change. *Psychological Methods*, 11(3), pp. 244-252, 2006.

**von Oertzen, T.**: Exact computation of polynomial zeros expressible by square roots. Special Issue of *Algorithmica*, 46(1), pp. 119-136, September 2006.

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## BOOKS

**von Oertzen, T.**, *Brandmaier, A., Tsang, S.*:  $\Omega$ nyx 1.0 User Guide. to be found at  
<http://brandmaier.onyx.de/userguide.pdf>, 2014.

**von Oertzen, T.**: Statistical Power, Power Equivalence, and Efficient Parameter Estimation in Structural Equation Modeling. Habilitation Thesis, Humboldt University, Department of Psychology, 2013.

Boker, S., Neale, M., Maes, H., Wilde, M., Spiegel, M., Brick, T., Estabrook, R., Bates, T., Mehta, P., **von Oertzen, T.**, Gore, R., Hunter, M., *Hackett, D., Karch, J., Brandmaier, A.*: OpenMx 1.2.0-1919 User Guide. to be found at  
<http://openmx.psyc.virginia.edu/docs/OpenMx/latest/OpenMxUserGuide.pdf>, 2012.

**von Oertzen, T.**: Das Konstruktionsproblem [The construction problem]. Doctoral Thesis, Saarland University, Department of Computer Science, 2003.

**von Oertzen, T.**: Cedric - ein automatisches geometrisches Beweissystem [Cedric - an automatic geometric prover]. Diploma Thesis, Saarland University, Department of Computer Science, 1999.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**von Oertzen, T.**, *Brandmaier, A.*, *Tsang, S.* (in press): Using  $\Omega$ nyx. In Kruse et al., LIFE Report 2013, 2013.

*Brandmaier, A.*, **von Oertzen, T.**, McArdle, J., Lindenberger, U.: Exploratory Data Mining With Structural Equation Model Trees. In Ritschard, G. & McArdle, J. (Eds.), 2014.

**von Oertzen, T.**, Ghisletta, P., Lindenberger, U.: Simulating statistical power in latent growth curve modeling: A strategy for evaluating age-based changes in cognitive resources. In M. Crocker & J. Siekmann (Eds.), SFB 378 ('Resourcenadaptive Prozesse'), chap. 2.5, pp. 95–117. Springer, 2010.

Demaine, E., Demaine, M., Fleischer, R., Hearn, R., **von Oertzen, T.** (in alphabetical order): The complexity of dyson telescopes. In M.H. Albert & R.J. Nowakowski (Ed.): Games of no chance III, p. 271-284. Cambridge University Press, 2009

Lindenberger, U., **von Oertzen, T.**: Variability in cognitive aging: From taxonomy to theory. In F. I. M. Craik & E. Bialystok (Eds.): Lifespan cognition: Mechanisms of change. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Brehmer, Y., Müller, V., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Episodic memory in childhood and old age: The role of cortical coherence. In A. Mecklinger, H. D. Zimmer & U. Lindenberger (Eds.), Bound in memory: Insights from behavioral and neuropsychological studies (pp. 69-91), Shaker Verlag Aachen, 2004

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## SOFTWARE PUBLICATIONS

**von Oertzen, T.**, *Brandmaier, A.*, *Tsang, S.*: Onyx 1.0 User Guide. to be found at <http://brandmaier.onyx.de/userguide.pdf>, 2014.

Boker, S., Neale, M., Maes, H., Wilde, M., Spiegel, M., Brick, T., Estabrook, R., Bates, T., Mehta, P., **von Oertzen, T.**, Gore, R., Hunter, M., Hackett, D., Karch, J., *Brandmaier, A.*: OpenMx 1.2.0-1919 User Guide. to be found at <http://openmx.psyc.virginia.edu/docs/OpenMx/latest/OpenMxUserGuide.pdf>, 2012.

**von Oertzen, T.**: The Florence System, to be found at <http://florence.uni-saarland.de>, 2002.

## COMMENTS AND REVIEW ARTICLES

**von Oertzen, T.**, Schömer, E.: Über Cinderella - Eine Programmbeschreibung. [About Cinderella - a program description] DMV - Mitteilungen 3/2000, pp. 32 - 35, 2000.

**von Oertzen, T.**: Review of 'Parallel scientific computing' by Rob H. Bisseling for the Jahresbericht der DMV, 2005

**von Oertzen, T.**: Review of 'Introduction to parallel computing' by W.P. Petersen and P. Arbenz for the Jahresbericht der DMV, 2005

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## CONFERENCE PAPERS, COLLOQUIA, SYMPOSIA, and POSTERS

*Martin, D., von Oertzen, T., Rimm-Kaufmann, S.*: Efficiently Exploring Multilevel Data with Recursive Partitioning. Poster presented at the Conference of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE 2015), 2015.

*Schminkey, D., von Oertzen, T., Burnett, Bullock, S.* (2015): Paradoxical reactions: How the timing of stress and social support during pregnancy make a difference in birth outcomes, 2015 Prematurity Prevention Conference: Quality Improvement, Evidence and Practice, 2015.

*Schminkey, D., von Oertzen, T., Bullock, L.*: Adaptive reproduction: How timing of psychosocial stimulus affects birth outcome. Brain, Behavior and Immunity 40:E2, 2014.

*Schminkey, D., von Oertzen, T., Bullock, L.*: Timing impacts how prenatal psychosocial context affects birth outcomes. Proceedings of the 142nd APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, 2014.

*Martin, D., von Oertzen, T., Smyth, F., Melcher, T., & Mitrea, I.*: Implicit math gender stereotypes changing over time: An application of latent growth curve modeling. Poster presented at the 25th annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C., 2013

*Kim, B., von Oertzen, T.*: Adopting Support Vector Machines in Psychological Studies to Detect Group Differences. Poster presented at MathPsych 2012, Ohio, USA, 2012

Czienskowski, U., *Liske, N., von Oertzen, T.*, Kaczmarek, L., Galesic, M., Reips, U.: Response time measurement in the lab and on the web: A comparison. Paper presented at the XXIXth International Conference of Psychology, Berlin, Germany, 2008

Galesic, M., Reips, U., Kaczmarek, L., Czienskowski, U., *Liske, N., von Oertzen, T.*: Response time measurement in the lab and on the web: A comparison. Poster presented at the 10th Congress of the Swiss Society of Psychology, Zurich, Switzerland, 2007

Lindenberger, U., Brehmer, Y., Shing, Y.-L., Werkle-Bergner, M., Lövden, M., Müller, V., **von Oertzen, T.**, Li, S.-C.: Episodic memory across the lifespan: Plasticity and components. Conference Paper presented at Cognitive Aging Conference 'Expanding the horizon of aging research',

2005.

Brehmer, Y., Stoll, G., Bergner, S., Benoit, R., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Selection of high-imagery words for the study of episodic memory from middle childhood to old age. Saarland University, Technical Report, 2005.

Brehmer, Y., Müller, V., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Lifespan differences in upper limits of episodic learning: Middle childhood to old age. Poster presented at the 18th International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD) Meeting, Ghent, Belgium, 2004.

Brehmer, Y., Li, S.-C., **von Oertzen, T.**, Lindenberger, U.: Episodisches Lernen über die Lebensspanne: Mittlere Kindheit bis ins Hohe Alter [Episodic learning across the lifespan: Middle childhood to old age]. Paper presented at the 44th Congress of the German Foundation for Psychology, Göttingen, Germany, 2004.

## CLASSROOM TEACHING

**Quantitative Psychology for Graduate Students** Lecture at the University of Virginia. Fall 2015.

**Research Methods and Data Analysis II** Lecture at the University of Virginia. Spring 2015.

**Structural Equation Modeling** Lecture at the University of Virginia. Fall 2012.

**Mathematical Foundations of Psychology** Lecture at the University of Virginia. Spring 2012; Fall 2013.

**Multi Level Modeling** Lecture at the University of Virginia. Fall 2011; Spring 2013.

**Data Mining and Machine Learning** Lecture at the University of Virginia. Spring 2011; Spring 2012; Spring 2013.

**Machine Learning Applications in the Social Sciences** Lecture at Free University Berlin. Winter 2009/10.

**Computer Algebra** Lecture at Free University Berlin. Summer 2009

**Formal Statistical Modeling** Lecture at Free University Berlin. Winter 2007/08.

**Mathematics for Computer Scientist I** Lecture at Saarland University together with F. Schreyer. Winter 2005/06.

**Formal Models for Psychological Processes** Seminar at the Summer Academy of the German National Academic Foundation together with S.-C. Li and U. Lindenberger. Summer 2005

**Computer Algebra** Lecture at Saarland University together with F. Schreyer. Summer 2005.

**Symbolic Integration** Seminar at Saarland University together with S. Papadikis and F. Schreyer. Winter 2004/05.

**Linear Algebra in Computer Algebra** Lecture at Saarland University. Winter 2004/05.

**CAGD Systems** Seminar at Saarland University together with F. Schreyer. Summer 2004.

**Visualizing Space Curves** Practical Course at Saarland University together with A. Zeller. Summer 2004

**Algorithms for Univariate Polynomials** Lecture at Saarland University. Winter 2003/04.

**Quick Groebner Basis Computation with Flexible Polynomial Representations** Practical Course at Saarland University together with A. Zeller. Summer 2003.

**Algorithms for Multivariate Polynomials and Geometric Applications** Seminar at Saarland University together with G. Hotz, W. Decker, F. Schreyer, and T. Gärtner. Summer 2002.

## WORKSHOPS

**Structural Equation Modeling with  $\Omega$ nyx** Institut für Qualitätsentwicklung im Bildungswesen, Berlin, Germany; December 2012.

**Structural Equation Modeling with  $\Omega$ nyx** University of Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland; December 2012.

**What You always Wanted to know About Statistics** Max Planck Institute for Human Development, April 2006

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## MENTORING

### Bachelor Thesis Direction

- Christoph Barbian, 2005

### Diploma Thesis Direction

- Florian Schilling, 2012
- Julian Karch, 2012
- Paul Czienkowski, 2010
- Michael Beckmann, 2008

### Master's Thesis/Predissertation Direction and Co-Direction

- Michael Joe Meyer (in progress)
- Dan Martin, 2013
- Bommae Kim, 2013

### Ph.D. Dissertation Direction and Co-Direction

- Bommae Kim (in progress)
- Dan Martin, 2015
- Siny Tsang, 2015
- Donna Schminkey, 2013
- Andreas Brandmaier, 2012

### Distinguished Major Direction

- Cailey Fitzgerald, 2014

## AD HOC REVIEWER

**Journals:** Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Numerical Algorithms, American Psychologist, Biological Psychology, British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology, International Journal of Artificial Intelligence Tools, Psychological Methods, Psychological Science, Scandinavian Journal of Organizational Psychology, Developmental Psychology

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## PAST AND CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Society (APS), German National Academic Foundation (SDV), Mainzer Akademie der Wissenschaft (Coworker), Sonderforschungsbereich Resource-Adaptive Cognitive Processes (SFB378), German Society for Psychology (DGP)