



MARS

Models, Algorithms, Computers and Systems



Series of Talks
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Start: 3 pm

Location: Lecture room 414, 1st floor
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Mathematics



Computer Science

MARS – Models, Algorithms, Computers, and Systems

Modern high tech research in science and technology requires to a great extent an interdisciplinary approach. This applies particularly to wide areas of the methodological sciences mathematics and computer science, where generally one or more aspects of a chain of consecutive closely interlocked fields of research are considered. These start with a mathematical model, continue with algorithmic problems and finally cover aspects of the implementation on computers or high performance computing environments and therefore also issues on the efficiency of computer systems.

MARS is a doctoral programme at the Doctorate School PLUS (DSP Programme), which is organized by the departments of mathematics and computer sciences of the Paris Lodron University Salzburg. Its objective is to educate doctoral students in the research fields models, algorithms, computers, and systems and also to achieve new insights and research findings especially with regard to the inter-dependency of these fields of research. The focus will be on important topics relevant for the Salzburg research site. MARS fields of research form particularly from a methodological point a cohesive and closely linked line of research and cover a wide spectrum of scientific interests.

Joint activities constitute the structured doctoral program in MARS. These include seminars with external guest speakers, one day workshops with external guests and multi day retreats away from the university, as well as summer schools on the topics of MARS.

Program

January 29, 2026
Thursday, 15:00-15:45
Lecture room 414, 1st floor

Curve shortening flow - old and new
Peter Topping (University of Warwick)

The curve shortening flow evolves an embedded curve in the plane (say) in order to reduce its length as quickly as possible. It is simple to visualise for non-experts and yet hosts a beautiful and often surprising theory. It is a great model for other geometric flows such as Ricci flow and yet is useful in applications in its own right.

I plan to survey some of what is known, focussing on recent work. The talk should be accessible to a general mathematician.

Coming...

The next series starts in summer semester 2026

