

Eleni Tzirita Zacharatou

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 2013 - 2019 **Ph.D. in Computer Science**, *École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)*.
Thesis Efficient Query Processing for Spatial and Temporal Data Exploration
Advisor Prof. Anastasia Ailamaki
- 2007 - 2013 **Diploma in Electrical & Computer Engineering**, *National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)*.
Thesis Automatic Music Transcription
Advisor Prof. Petros Maragos
GPA 9.06/10

Research Experience

- 10/2019-now **Senior Researcher**, *TU Berlin*, Germany.
◦ Member of the Database Systems and Information Management (DIMA) group
◦ Supervisor: Prof. Volker Markl
- 09/2013- **Research Assistant**, *EPFL*, Switzerland.
08/2019 ◦ Member of the Data-Intensive Applications and Systems (DIAS) laboratory
◦ Research on spatial and temporal data management for exploratory applications
- 07/2016- **Visiting Scholar**, *NYU*, USA.
10/2016 ◦ Member of the Visualization, Imaging and Data Analysis (VIDA) Research Center
◦ Project: Real-Time Spatial Aggregation using GPU Rasterization
◦ Supervisors: Prof. Juliana Freire and Dr. Harish Doraiswamy
- 01/2013- **Research Intern**, *EPFL*, Switzerland.
08/2013 ◦ Member of the Data-Intensive Applications and Systems (DIAS) laboratory
◦ Project: Efficient Time Series Bitmap Indexing through Quadtree-based Compression
◦ Supervisors: Prof. Anastasia Ailamaki and Dr. Thomas Heinis

Awards and Honors

- 2021 BIFOLD Junior Fellowship.
- 2018 Best Demonstration Award, ACM SIGMOD Conference.
- 2016 ExploreDB Workshop (co-located with SIGMOD/PODS) Travel Award.
- 2006 Distinction in the 1st (Thales) and 2nd (Euclid) round of the math competition for high school students by the Hellenic Mathematical Society.

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Publications

Conferences

- BiDS 2021 A. de Wall, B. Deiseroth, **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, J.-A. Quiané-Ruiz, B. Demir, V. Markl, Agora-EO: A Unified Ecosystem for Earth Observation – A Vision For Boosting EO Data Literacy –, *European Conference on Big Data from Space, Virtual Event, 2021*.
- EDBT 2021 C. Winter, A. Kipf, C. Anneser, **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, T. Neumann, A. Kemper, GeoBlocks: A Query-Cache Accelerated Data Structure for Spatial Aggregation over Polygons, *24th International Conference on Extending Database Technology, Virtual Event, 2021*.
- BTW 2021 Elena Beatriz Ouro Paz, **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, V. Markl, Towards Resilient Data Management for the Internet of Moving Things, *19. Fachtagung für Datenbanksysteme für Business, Technologie und Web, Virtual Event, 2021*.
- CIDR 2021 **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, A. Kipf, I. Sabek, V. Pandey, H. Doraiswamy, V. Markl, The Case for Distance-Bounded Spatial Approximations, *11th International Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research, Virtual Event, 2021*.
- EDBT 2020 A. Kipf, H. Lang, V. Pandey, R.A. Persa, C. Anneser, **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, H. Doraiswamy, P. Boncz, T. Neumann, A. Kemper, Adaptive Main-Memory Indexing for High-Performance Point-Polygon Joins, *23rd International Conference on Extending Database Technology, Virtual Event, 2020*.
- SIGSPATIAL 2019 **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, D. Sidlauskas, F. Tauheed, T. Heinis, and A. Ailamaki, Efficient Bundled Spatial Range Queries, *27th International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 2019*.
- VLDB 2018 **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, H. Doraiswamy, A. Ailamaki, C. Silva and J. Freire, GPU Rasterization for Real-Time Spatial Aggregation over Arbitrary Polygons, *44th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2018*.
- ICDE 2018 D. Sidlauskas, S. Chester, **E. Tzirita Zacharatou** and A. Ailamaki, Improving Spatial Data Processing by Clipping Minimum Bounding Boxes, *34th International Conference on Data Engineering, Paris, France, 2018*.
- SSDBM 2015 **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, F. Tauheed, T. Heinis and A. Ailamaki, RUBIK: Efficient Threshold Queries on Massive Time Series, *27th International Conference on Scientific and Statistical Database Management, San Diego, California, USA, 2015*.
- ECESCON 2013 **E. Tzirita Zacharatou** and P. Maragos, Signal Processing Methods for Automatic Transcription of Piano Music, *6th Annual Conference of Students of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Athens, Greece, 2013*.

Demonstrations

- SIGMOD 2018 H. Doraiswamy, **E. Tzirita Zacharatou**, F. Miranda, M. Lage, A. Ailamaki, C. Silva and J. Freire, Interactive Visual Exploration of Spatio-Temporal Urban Data Sets using Urbane, *International Conference on Management of Data, Houston, Texas, USA, 2018*. **Best Demonstration Award**.

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Workshops

- VLIoT 2021 X. Chatziliadis, **E. Tziritza Zacharatou**, S. Zeuch, and V. Markl, Monitoring of Stream Processing Engines Beyond the Cloud: an Overview, *International Workshop on Very Large Internet of Things, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2021*.
- VLIoT 2020 S. Zeuch, **E. Tziritza Zacharatou**, S. Zhang, X. Chatziliadis, A. Chaudhary, B. Del Monte, D. Giouroukis, P. M. Grulich, A. Ziehn, and V. Markl, NebulaStream: Complex Analytics Beyond the Cloud, *International Workshop on Very Large Internet of Things, Virtual Event, 2020*.
- ExploreDB 2016 M. Pavlovic, **E. Tziritza Zacharatou**, D. Sidlauskas, T. Heinis and A. Ailamaki, Space Odyssey - Efficient Exploration of Scientific Data, *3rd International Workshop on Exploratory Search in Databases and the Web, San Francisco, USA, 2016*.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- 09/2021 **Agora-EO: A Unified Ecosystem for Earth Observation**, Monthly Research Meeting, Department of Geo-information Processing, University of Twente.
- 08/2021 **Spatio-temporal Data System Online Panel**, VLDB, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 01/2021 **The Case for Distance-Bounded Spatial Approximations**, CIDR, Virtual Event.
- 11/2019 **Efficient Bundled Spatial Range Queries**, SIGSPATIAL, Chicago, USA.
- 08/2019 **Efficient Query Processing for Spatial and Temporal Data Exploration**, Public Defense, EPFL, Switzerland.
- 07/2019 **GPU Rasterization for Real-Time Spatial Aggregation over Arbitrary Polygons**, HDMS, Athens, Greece.
- 02/2019 **Interactive and Exploratory Spatio-Temporal Data Analytics**, DIMA Research Seminar, TU Berlin, Germany.
- 08/2018 **GPU Rasterization for Real-Time Spatial Aggregation over Arbitrary Polygons**, VLDB, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 06/2018 **Interactive Exploration of Urban Data with GPUs**, Short Presentation, IC Research Day, EPFL, Switzerland.
- 04/2018 **Improving Spatial Data Processing by Clipping Minimum Bounding Boxes**, ICDE, Paris, France.
- 06/2017 **Real-Time Spatial Aggregation using GPU Rasterization**, EcoCloud Annual Event, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 09/2016 **Indexing the brain**, Data Science Lunch Talk, NYU Center for Data Science, New York, USA.
- 06/2015 **RUBIK: Efficient Threshold Queries on Massive Time Series**, SSDBM, San Diego, USA.

Community Service

- Co-chair** BOSS Workshop 2020 (in conjunction with VLDB)

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Proceeding Chair DEBS 2022

Program Committee SIGMOD 2023 (Research Track), VLDB 2022 (Research Track), SIGMOD 2022 (Research Track), EDBT 2022 (Research Track), AIMLSystems 2021, SIGMOD 2021 (Industrial Track), CIKM 2018 (Short Research Papers Track)

Reviewer Big Data Research Journal (2022), The VLDB Journal (2021), Knowledge and Information Systems (KAIS) Journal (2021)

External Reviewer CIDR 2022, SIGMOD 2021 (Research Track), CIDR 2021, ICDE 2017 (Research Track)

Session Chair VLDB 2021 (Research Track), VLDB 2020 (Demo Track)

University Committees Member of the faculty search committee for a full professorship position (W3) in “Big Data Engineering” at TU Berlin

Mentorship

Ongoing Xenofon Chatziliadis (PhD Candidate)
Primary Supervisor: Prof. Volker Markl. Co-supervision with Dr. Steffen Zeuch.

Ongoing Martin Kiefer (PhD Candidate)
Primary Supervisor: Prof. Volker Markl.

Ongoing Laert Nuhu (Master Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis A Benchmark for Spatial Workloads: Combining Vector and Raster Data and Queries

Ongoing Pablo Alberto Osinaga Arze (Master Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis Enabling Moving Range Queries in Stream Processing Systems

Spring 2021 Iva Mihajlovska (Master Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis Tree-Based Bitmap Index Compression

Spring 2021 Marcellus Prama Saputra (Bachelor Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis In-Place Updates in Tree-Encoded Bitmaps

Fall 2020 Robin Papke (Master Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis Mobility-Aware Acquisition of Fog Resources for the Internet of Things

Spring 2020 Elena Beatriz Ouro Paz (Master Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis Towards Resilient Data Management for the Internet of Moving Things

Spring 2020 Carlos E. Muniz Cuza (Master Thesis at TU Berlin)
Thesis Stochastic Traffic Speed Estimation using Spatio-Temporal Graph Convolutional Neural Networks
Joint thesis with Aalborg University (Prof. Nguyen Thi Thao Ho, Prof. Torben Bach Pedersen, Prof. Bin Yang).

Fall 2018 Vlad Mihaescu (2nd year Master’s at EPFL)
Project Evaluating range queries on interval and range encoded time series data with RUBIK

Summer 2018 Maria Ilina (Summer Intern at EPFL)
Project Efficient bitmap indexing via partitioning, reordering and compression

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- Summer 2018 Parand Alizadeh (Summer Intern at EPFL)
 Project Devising a density-driven packing strategy for efficient spatial data access
- Summer 2015 Chenxi Sun (Summer Intern at EPFL)
 Project Benchmarking Spatial Queries in PostGIS

Teaching Activities

Term	Institute	Course Name	Role
Fall 2021/2022, Spring 2021	TUB	DBPRA: Datenbankpraktikum (Practical course on databases)	Primary Instructor
Fall 2020/2021	TUB	AIM-3: Advanced Information Management 3 – Scalable Data Science: Systems & Methods	Co-instructor
Fall 2020/2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019/2020	TUB	BDASEM: Big Data Analytics Seminar	Teaching Assistant
Spring 2020	TUB	BDAPRO: Big Data Analytics Project	Project Mentor
Fall 2019/2020	TUB	DBSEM: Foundations of Database Systems Seminar	Teaching Assistant
Fall 2018/2019, Spring 2014	EPFL	Information, Computation, Communication	Teaching Assistant
Spring 2018, Spring 2017	EPFL	Database Systems	Teaching Assistant
Fall 2017/2018	EPFL	Programming I (in C)	Teaching Assistant
Spring 2016	EPFL	Probability and Statistics	Teaching Assistant
Fall 2015/2016	EPFL	Computer Architecture	Teaching Assistant
Spring 2015	EPFL	Introduction to Database Sys- tems	Teaching Assistant
Fall 2014/2015	EPFL	Introduction to Object Oriented Programming (in Java)	Teaching Assistant

References

Provided upon request.

Languages

Greek (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), German (Intermediate)

In The News

- 2021 *Advancing Big Data Analytics: Post-Doctoral Research*, DataTalksClub Podcast.
- 2021 *BIFOLD welcomes the first six junior fellows*, BIFOLD News.
- 2018 *Student-teacher Duo from EPFL Wins Best Demonstration Award at SIGMOD 2018*, Ecocloud News.

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2018 *Tandon Team Takes Home Top Honors at Association for Computing Machinery Conference*, Tandon School of Engineering News.

█ Extracurricular

I enjoy playing music - alone or in groups.

I have formally studied the piano, the violin, and music theory.

2010 Piano Teaching Diploma (Ptychio), Grade Excellent, Athenaeum Conservatory

2005 Classical Harmony Diploma (Ptychio), Heraklion Conservatory

1996 - 2009 Studies in violin, Heraklion Conservatory & Athenaeum Conservatory

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