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Supervised Phd Theses

The following list contains some of the PhD theses that have been supervised by me during my time at the University of Saarland, Saarbruecken and at the ETH Zurich.

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