5 Conclusion

My time in Europe was both memorable and productive. I expect to have lasting research contacts from many of the activities I participated in along the way. An unexpected, but welcomed, benefit of this experience was getting to know my fellow IGERT colleagues. We had a lot of fun together, learning and exploring.

Figure 50: A medieval styled shop sign in Salzburg, Austria. Look closely and you’ll recognize the business.

There were some language barrier issues in Germany, sometimes making it difficult or impossible to participate. I also had difficulty getting in contact with professors at TUM, which prevented me from making a stronger connection with the university. The IGSSE forum was a great experience and I’d like to thank TUM and Dr. Liedl for inviting the IGERT students.

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Figure 51: View of the city of Salzburg in Austria, as seen from the 11th century Hohensalzburg Castle. Salzburg was the birthplace and family home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

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