## Lehrstuhl für

INFORMATIK I

## Exakte Algorithmen

Lecture 9.2 Reductions and the $W[t]$ Hierarchy

> Based on: [Parameterized Algorithms: §13]
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