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Professional Experience

2023- **Postdoctoral researcher**, *KTH*, Stockholm, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), Division of Decision and Control Systems (DCS) Supervisor: Alexandre Proutière.

Education

2020-2023 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, *INRIA Paris*, *ENS and Aix-Marseille Université* Supervisors: Laurent Massoulié and Charles Bordenave.

2018-2019 Master in Mathematics, ENS Lyon

2016-2020 Student at Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon

Publications and Preprints

Preprints

- [1] Bastien Dubail, Stefan Stojanovic, and Alexandre Proutière. Shift before you learn: Enabling low-rank representations in reinforcement learning. Accepted as Spotlight at NeurIPS 2025. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.05193.
- [2] Bastien Dubail. Cutoff for mixtures of permuted Markov chains: general case. 2024. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.03415.
- [3] Bastien Dubail. Cutoff for mixtures of permuted Markov chains: reversible case. 2024. In revision in *Annals of Applied Probability*. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.03937.

Journal papers

- [4] Bastien Dubail and Laurent Massoulié. Accelerating abelian random walks with hyperbolic dynamics. *Probab. Theory Relat. Fields*, 184(3-4):939–968, 2022. doi: 10.1007/s00440-022-01128-x.
- [5] Charles Bordenave and Bastien Dubail. Markovian linearization of random walks on groups. *Int. Math. Res. Not.*, 2023(11):9185–9220, 2023. doi:10.1093/imrn/rnac045.

Teaching

Tutorials given at Université Paris-Cité (2020-2023)

Fall 2022 Probability, Master's degree (1st year)

Spring 2022 Analysis, Maths-Social Sciences bachelor's degree (1st year)

Fall 2021 Analysis, CS-Maths bachelor's degree (2nd year)

Spring 2021 Analysis, Maths-Social Sciences bachelor's degree (1st year)

Supervision of math projects, Maths-Social Sciences bachelor's degree (1st year)

Fall 2020 Tutoring for bachelor students

Talks, Seminars, Workshops

- 2025 INFORMS Applied Probability Society conference, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, June 30 July 03
- 2025 Conference "Mixing Times between Probability, Computer Science and Statistical Physics", ICTP, Trieste, May 05-09

- 2024 Stochastic Networks Conference, KTH, Stockholm, July 01-05
- 2023 Workshop YEP XVIII: "Spectra of random graphs and related combinatorial problems", Eurandom, Eindhoven, Mar. 27-31
- 2021 Workshop "The Cutoff phenomenon for Finite Markov Chains", Oberwolfach, Nov. 21-27

Workshop "On Future Synergies for Stochastic and Learning Algorithm", CIRM, Marseille, Sep. 27 - Oct. 01

2020 Strukturtheorie Seminar, TU Graz (virtual), Dec. 17

Workshop "Spectra, Algorithms and Random Walks on Random Networks", CIRM, Marseille, Jan. 13-17

Previous Research Experience

Research internships

- 2020 The linearization trick for random walks on finitely generated groups, Institut de Mathématiques de Marseille, CMI Marseille, under the supervision of Charles Bordenave
- 2019-2020 **Mixing times for graph dynamics**, *INRIA*, Paris, under the supervision of Laurent Massoulié
 - 2019 The cutoff phenomenon and random walks on groups, Institut de Mathématiques de Marseille, CMI Marseille, under the supervision of Charles Bordenave
 - 2018 **Invasion percolation**, *University of British Columbia*, Vancouver, BC, under the supervision of Omer Angel
 - 2017 Weil's conjectures, Institut Elie Cartan de Lorraine, Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy, under the supervision of Damien Mégy

Outreach

- 2022 Participation to Fête de la Science (annual nationwide event for promotion of science)
- 2018 Participation to Maths à Lyon (activities organised in high schools and middle schools of Lyon to promote mathematics)

Language Skills

French Native

English Fluent

Swedish Basic

Computer Skills

Programming Python

Other LaTeX