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My research topics are statistics related to graph-structured data. During my thesis, I developed and studied tools for multi-scale graph comparisons based on heat diffusion and topological data analysis. The statistical guarantees obtained on these objects ensure the asymptotic validity of two-sample tests. Implementing these methods allowed me to confront them with more applied problems, particularly in the context of machine learning and neural network classifiers. Now, as a post-doc, I am working on graph inference via compressive learning methods.

Statistics | Graphs | Topological data analysis | Compressive learning

Academic Positions

2023- *Post-doc,* ENS de Lyon (LIP) and Inria (Ockham).
On compressive learning and graph data.
Advisors : Rémi Gribonval and Paulo Gonçalves.

Studies

2019-2022 *Ph.D,* Université Paris-Saclay and Inria Saclay, France.
Statistical foundations of topological data analysis for graph-structured data.
Supervision : Frédéric Chazal and Pascal Massart.

2015-2019 *Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay.*
- 2019 *Graduated from ENS Paris Saclay,* France
- 2018 *MSc in Probability and Statistics,* Université Paris-Saclay, France

2012-2015 *Preparatory classes,* Lycée Faidherbe, Lille, France

Publications

Preprints

2023 *Eve, Adam and the Preferential Attachment Tree.* A. Contat, N. Curien, P. Lacroix, E.L., V. Rivoirard.
arxiv:2303.04752

Publications

2021 *Heat diffusion distance processes : a statistically founded method to analyze graph data sets.* Accepted in *J. of Applied and Computational Topology*.
arxiv:2109.13213

Awards

2021 *Winner of a Math-Company challenge (AMIES).* With O. Hacquard and V. Lebovici.
Reconstruction of trajectories from noisy real life 3D detection of people.
Challenge AMIES

Talks

Jan. 2023 **Meeting of the EcoNet project**, Campus Agro Paris-Saclay, France.
Statistical comparison of graph structured data.

Jan. 2023 **Workshop on Random Geometry**, CIRM, Luminy, France.
Finding Adam in the nearest-neighbor tree.

Nov. 2022 **working group of the Probability-Statistics team**, LMO, Orsay.
Testing SBM vs Erdös-Renyi, [article]. With Leonardo Martins-Bianco and Zacharie Naulet.

June 2022 **Journées de Statistique de la SFdS**, Lyon, France.
Analyse statistique de graphes, via des processus de diffusion de la chaleur.

June 2022 **Machine Learning and Signal Processing Seminar**, ENS, Lyon.
Heat diffusion distance processes for graphs and their application to distribution shift detection.

June 2022 **Celeste team's seminar**, LMO, Orsay.
Heat diffusion distance processes for graphs, application to distribution shift detection.

May 2022 **working group of the Probability-Statistics team**, LMO, Orsay, France.
Presenting *Density estimation from unweighted k-nearest neighbor graphs,* [article].
With Alice Contat and Nicolas Curien.

May 2022 **Datashape team seminar**, Porquerolles, France.
Detecting distribution shifts using activation graphs from neural networks

Mar. 2022 **working group of the Probability-Statistics team**, LMO, Orsay, France.
Presenting *Identifying the deviator.* arxiv:2203.03744

Dec. 2021 **Forum des Jeunes Mathématicien.ne.s**, Besançon, France.
Statistical analysis of graph structured data, via heat diffusion processes.

Oct. 2021 **Colloque Jeunes Probabilistes et Statisticiens**, Ile d'Oléron, France
Statistical analysis of graph structured data, via heat diffusion processes.

Oct. 2021 **working group of the Probability-Statistics team**, LMO, Orsay, France.
Presenting *Finding Adam in random growing trees.* arxiv:1411.3317

Oct. 2021 **Datashape seminar**, INRIA Saclay, France.
Statistical analysis of graph structured data, via heat diffusion processes.

Mar. 2021 **Vulgarization seminar for Ph.D. students**, Université Paris-Saclay, France.
Gaussian approximations for random functions.

Research Activities

Editorial Activities

May 2023 *Review of a communication proposal,* 2023 edition of the *GRETSI* conference,
Special session : *Graph Learning and Learning with Graphs*.

Research Internships

October 2018 -July 2019 | **Pre-doctoral Year, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.**
- Probabilistic and statistical studies of topological features for random graph analysis, in the context of Neuro-science.

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April 2018 -July 2018 | **Master internship, INRIA-Saclay, Palaiseau, France**
- Development of anomaly detection methods based on tools and features from topological data analysis.

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April 2017 -July 2017 | **Master (1st year) internship, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada**
› Bio-Informatics : unsupervised clustering on tuberculosis genomic data.
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January 2016 -June 2016 | **Internship, ENS Paris-Saclay, Cachan, France**
› Numerical Hydrology : modeling water flow on elevation grids.
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Teaching

At IUT d'Orsay

2019-2022 *Modélisation* (linear algebra, diagonalization, Python practicals)
2020-2022 *Probabilités/Statistiques* (usual discrete and continuous distributions, approximation theorems, central limit theorem, estimators, statistical tests)
2019-2020 *Mathématiques Discrètes* (logic, linear algebra basics)

Others

May 2023 *What does it mean to be a researcher in math ?* A. Ribot High-School, Saint-Omer, France. Presentation's content : studies, some fields of research (in statistics), a typical day/week.
Jan 2021 *Scientific mediation,* with la Maison d'Initiation et de Sensibilisation aux Sciences. Construction and animation of "science/society" debate sessions for high-school students.
2017-2018 *Mentoring,* three students from the Villebon-Charpak institute, Orsay, France.

Skills

Code and IT

› Python Github R
› GUDHI (Python library for TDA)
› LaTex ipe

Languages

French ●●●●●
English ●●●●○
German ●○○○○

Interests

› Climbing
› Hiking, skiing, paragliding.
› Music, photography.