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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 **Compressive Recovery of Sparse Precision Matrices.** T. Vayer, E.L., R. Gribonval, P. Gonçalves.
[arxiv:2311.04673](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.04673)

Publications

2023 **Eve, Adam and the Preferential Attachment Tree.** A. Contat, N. Curien, P. Lacroix, E.L., V. Rivoirard.
Accepted in *Probability Theory and Related Fields*
[arxiv:2303.04752](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.04752)

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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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

- Nov. 2023 **MIA Workshop : Dimension reduction for learning and visualization**, ENS de Lyon, France.
Compressive recovery of sparse precision matrices.
- Mai 2023 **Seminar of the DATA department**, LJK, Grenoble, France.
Statistical comparison of graph-structured data and its application to distribution shift detection.
- 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 Erdős-Renyi, [\[article\]](#). With L. Martins-Bianco and Z. 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 A. Contat and N. 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*.

Organization of scientific events

- Sept. 2023 *participation in the organization of the IXXI day : Frugality and machine learning*.
[Event page](#)

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. @ kathryn.hess@epfl.ch
April 2018 -July 2018	Master internship, INRIA-SACLAY, Palaiseau, France > Development of anomaly detection methods based on tools and features from topological data analysis. @ frederic.chazal@inria.fr
April 2017 -July 2017	Master (1st year) internship, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, Vancouver, Canada > Bio-Informatics : unsupervised clustering on tuberculosis genomic data. @ cedric.chauve@sfu.ca @ leonid@sfu.ca
January 2016 -June 2016	Internship, ENS PARIS-SACLAY, Cachan, France > Numerical Hydrology : modeling water flow on elevation grids. @ moreljeanmichel@gmail.com @ marc.lebrun.ik@gmail.com



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.