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## Education

**PhD in Statistics**, UNIVERSITY OF A CORUÑA, A Coruña, Spain. Cum Laude Mention, International Mention, and Extraordinary Doctoral Award.

**Master's Degree in Big Data Analytics (MBI)**, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, Madrid, Spain.

**Master's Degree in Statistical Techniques**, UNIVERSITY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

**Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics**, UNIVERSITY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

## Work Experience

Sept 2023 – Present **Postdoctoral Fellow**, KING ABDULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KAUST), Thuwal, Saudi Arabia.

- Development of statistical methods for time series clustering, forecasting, and modeling, with a focus on solving important environmental problems.
- Participation at several conferences and collaboration with international universities.
- Supervision of PhD students.
- Teaching of undergraduate and graduate courses and seminars.

May 2020 – **PhD Candidate**, UNIVERSITY OF A CORUÑA, A Coruña, Spain.

- Jul 2023
- Construction of machine learning procedures for time series, including clustering, classification, outlier detection and forecasting algorithms, among others.
  - Development of software packages implementing several data mining methods for time series.
  - Participation at several conferences and collaboration with international universities through research stays.
  - Teaching of graduate seminars.

Jan 2021 – **Instructor**, EUROPEAN CENTER FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (CEMP), A Coruña, Spain.

- Dec 2021
- Content creator for courses in Statistics.

Jun 2019 – **Data Scientist**, ESTRELLA GALICIA, A Coruña, Spain.

- Feb 2020
- Development and implementation of new forecasting models, resulting in increased company productivity and efficiency.
  - Collaboration with management to prioritize reporting needs and deliver analysis and insights on key performance indicators, such as gross profit and warehouse efficiency by product.
  - Analysis and processing of complex datasets using advanced querying, visualization and sophisticated tools.

- Before 2019 **Online Poker Player**, POKERSTARS, Remote.  
 (part-time)
- *Sit & Go* specialist.
  - Pokerstars status: *Supernova*. I achieved this position, the second best status for professional online players, after 1 (sabbatical) year of part-time dedication to online poker.
  - Verified total net earnings (winnings – losses – taxes) of +\$60,000 (US dollars) with a sample size of more than 300,000 *Sit & Go* tournaments played.

## Academic Theses

*New methodological contributions in statistical learning for time series* (PhD thesis). Grade: Summa cum laude. Supervised by Professor José Antonio Vilar Fernández.

*Development of a web application for computer vision using deep learning techniques* (master thesis, Big Data Analytics). Grade: Summa cum laude. Supervised by José Javier Ruiz Cobo and Luis Fernández Ortega.

*Sales forecast using machine learning techniques* (master thesis, Statistical Techniques). Grade: Summa cum laude. Supervised by Professor Alberto Rodríguez Casal and Jorge López Muñiz.

*Statistical tools for treating data of double stars in the astrometric Gaia Mission* (bachelor thesis). Grade: Summa cum laude. Supervised by Professor César Andrés Sánchez Sellero and Professor Josefina Ling Ling.

## Languages

Spanish **Native Speaker**

English **Certificate of Proficiency in English, University of Cambridge (C2)**

French **Intermediate Level**

Portuguese **Intermediate Level**

## Journal Papers

- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Sun, Y. (2025). Forecasting time series collections via fuzzy clustering. Under review in *Fuzzy Sets and Systems* (second review round).
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Vilar, J. A. (2025). Clustering locally stationary time series using quantile autocorrelations. Under review in *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* (second review round).
- 2025 Ma, Z., **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Ombao, H. (2025). ROBCPCA: A robust multivariate time series clustering method based on common principal component analysis. Accepted for publication in *Journal of Classification*.
- 2025 Ma, Z., **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Ombao, H. (2025). FCPA: Fuzzy clustering of high-dimensional time series based on common principal component analysis. *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*, 187, 109552.
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Sun, Y. (2025). Lag selection in feature-based clustering of time series. *Knowledge-Based Systems*, 329(A), 114258.
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Vilar, J. A. (2025). Improving the prediction accuracy of statistical models: A new hierarchical clustering approach. *Statistics and Computing*, 35, 168.
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Montero-Manso, P., & Vilar, J. A. (2025). Time series clustering based on prediction accuracy of global forecasting models. *Knowledge-Based Systems*, 323, 113649.
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Shang, H. L. (2025). Dependence-based fuzzy clustering of functional time series. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 1-24.
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Crujeiras, R. M. (2025). Fuzzy clustering of circular time series with applications to wind data. *Environmetrics*, 36(2), e2902.

- 2024 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2024). Analyzing categorical time series with the R package *ctsfeatures*. *Journal of Computational Science*, 76, 102233.
- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Weiss, C. H., & Vilar, J. A. (2023). Two novel distances for ordinal time series and their application to fuzzy clustering. *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, 468, 108590.
- 2023 Trigo-Tasende, N., et al. (2023). Wastewater early warning system for SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks and variants in a Coruña, Spain. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 30, 79315-79334.
- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2023). Ordinal Time Series Analysis with the R Package *otsfeatures*. *Mathematics*, 11(11), 2565.
- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2023). Machine learning for multivariate time series with the R package *mlmts*. *Neurocomputing*, 150, 55-82.
- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Vilar, J. A., & D'Urso, P. (2023). Hard and soft clustering of categorical time series based on two novel distances with an application to biological sequences. *Information Sciences*, 624, 467-492.
- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2022). The bootstrap for testing the equality of two multivariate time series with an application to financial markets. *Information Sciences*, 616, 255-275.
- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, D'Urso, P., Vilar J. A., & Lafuente-Rego, B. (2022). Quantile-based fuzzy C-means clustering of multivariate time series: Robust techniques. *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*, 150, 55-82.
- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Vilar, J. A., & D'Urso, P. (2022). Quantile-based fuzzy clustering of multivariate time series in the frequency domain. *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, 443(B), 115-154.
- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, D'Urso, P., Vilar J. A., & Lafuente-Rego, B. (2021). Spatial weighted robust clustering of multivariate time series based on quantile dependence with an application to mobility during COVID-19 pandemic. *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems*, 30(9), 3990-4004.
- 2022 Vallejo, Juan A., et al. (2022). Modeling the number of people infected with SARS-COV-2 from wastewater viral load in Northwest Spain. *Science of The Total Environment*, 811, 152334.
- 2021 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2021). F4: An All-Purpose Tool for Multivariate Time Series Classification. *Mathematics*, 9(23), 3051.
- 2021 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2021). Outlier detection for multivariate time series: A functional data approach. *Knowledge-Based Systems*, 233, 107527.
- 2021 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2021). Quantile cross-spectral density: A novel and effective tool for clustering multivariate time series. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 185, 115677.
- 2020 **Oriona, A. L.**, Ling, J. F., & Sellero, C. S. (2020). Photocenter Shift Effect in Double Stars of Gaia DR2 Database. *Acta Astronomica*, 70(1), 19-32.

## Submitted Papers and Works in Progress

- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Sun, Y. (2025). Amortized neural clustering of time series based on statistical features. In preparation.
- 2025 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Shang, H. L. (2025). Nonlinear tests for functional time series based on the functional quantile autocorrelation. In preparation.
- 2025 Ma, Z., **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Ombao, H. (2025). Robust fuzzy clustering for high-dimensional multivariate time series with outlier detection. Submitted.
- 2025 Ma, Z., **López-Oriona, Á.**, Sun, Y., & Ombao, H. (2025). Improving forecasts in high-dimensional multivariate time series through fuzzy clustering. A robust approach. In preparation.

## Book Chapters

- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Montero-Manso, P., & Vilar, J. A. (2023). Clustering of Time Series Based on Forecasting Performance of Global Models. *Advanced Analytics and Learning on Temporal Data: 7th ECML PKDD Workshop, AALTD 2022, Grenoble, France, September 19–23, 2022, Revised Selected Papers*, (pp. 18-33). Springer International Publishing.
- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Vilar, J. A., & D'Urso, P. (2023). Unsupervised Classification of Categorical Time Series Through Innovative Distances. *17th Conference of the International Federation of Classification Societies, IFCS 2022, Porto, Portugal, July 19–23, 2022*, (pp. 233-241). Springer International Publishing.

## Conference Papers

- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2022). The Bootstrap for Testing the Equality of Two Multivariate Stochastic Processes with an Application to Financial Markets. *Engineering Proceedings*, 18(1), 38.
- 2021 **López-Oriona, Á.**, D'Urso, P., Vilar J. A., & Lafuente-Rego, B. (2021). Robust Methods for Soft Clustering of Multidimensional Time Series. *Engineering Proceedings*, 7(1), 60.

## Conference Proceedings

- 2023 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Weiss, C. H., & Vilar, J. A. (2023), *Fuzzy Clustering Of Ordinal Time Series Based On Two Novel Distances*. 5th International Conference on Statistics: Theory and Applications (ICSTA 2023), London, United Kingdom, 03-05 August 2023. [https://avestia.com/ICSTA2023\\_Proceedings/files/paper/ICSTA\\_110.pdf](https://avestia.com/ICSTA2023_Proceedings/files/paper/ICSTA_110.pdf).
- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2022), *Machine Learning for Multivariate Time Series with the R Package mlmts*. Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM 2022), Washington, D.C., USA, 06-11 August 2022. [ww2.amstat.org/meetings/Proceedings/index.cfm](http://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/Proceedings/index.cfm).
- 2022 **López-Oriona, Á.**, Vilar, J. A., & D'Urso, P. (2022), *Unsupervised Classification of Categorical Time Series through Innovative Distances*. 4th International Conference on Statistics: Theory and Applications (ICSTA 2022), Prague, Czech Republic, 28-30 July 2022. [https://avestia.com/ICSTA2022\\_Proceedings/files/paper/ICSTA\\_111.pdf](https://avestia.com/ICSTA2022_Proceedings/files/paper/ICSTA_111.pdf).
- 2021 **López-Oriona, Á.**, D'Urso, P., Vilar, J. A., & Lafuente-Rego, B. (2021), *Spatial weighted robust clustering of multivariate time series based on quantile dependence with an application to mobility during COVID-19 pandemic*. 13th International Workshop on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (WILF 2021), Vietri sul Mare, Italy, 20-22 December 2021. <http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-3074/paper07.pdf>.
- 2021 **López-Oriona, Á.**, & Vilar, J. A. (2021), *An effective tool for clustering multivariate time series with an application to financial markets*. XV Galician Conference on Statistics and Operations Research (SGAPEIO 2021), Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 04-06 November 2021. <http://xvcongreso.sgapeio.es/descargas/actas-xvSGAPEIO.pdf>.

## Conference Oral Presentations

- 2025 8th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2025), Tokyo, Japan: *Clustering locally stationary time series using quantile autocorrelations*.
- 2024 26th International Conference on Computational Statistics (COMPSTAT 2024), Giessen, Germany: *Fuzzy clustering of circular time series based on a new dependence measure with applications to wind data*.
- 2024 7th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2024), Beijing, China: *Fuzzy clustering of circular time series based on a novel distance with an application to wind data*.
- 2023 Australian Statistical Conference (ASC 2023), Wollongong, Australia: *Fuzzy clustering of circular time series based on a novel distance with an application to wind data*.

- 2023 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM 2023), Toronto, Canada: *Fuzzy clustering of ordinal time series based on two novel distances with financial applications*.
- 2023 5th International Conference on Statistics: Theory and Applications (ICSTA 2023), London, United Kingdom: *Fuzzy clustering of ordinal time series based on two novel distances*.
- 2023 9th International Conference on Time Series and Forecasting (ITISE 2023), Gran Canaria, Spain: *Clustering of time series based on forecasting performance of global models*.
- 2023 9th International Conference on Time Series and Forecasting (ITISE 2023), Gran Canaria, Spain: *Machine learning for multivariate time series with the R package **mlmts***.
- 2022 15th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2022), London, United Kingdom: *Time series clustering based on prediction accuracy of global forecasting models*.
- 2022 International Conference on Mathematics, Computational Sciences and Statistics (ICoMCoS 2022), Surabaya, Indonesia: *The bootstrap for testing the equality of two multivariate stochastic processes with an application to financial markets*.
- 2022 International Conference on Mathematics, Computational Sciences and Statistics (ICoMCoS 2022), Surabaya, Indonesia: *Unsupervised learning of temporal data based on global prediction models*.
- 2022 7th Workshop on Advanced Analytics and Learning on Temporal Data (AALTD 2022), Grenoble, France: *Time series clustering based on prediction accuracy of global forecasting models*.
- 2022 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM 2022), Washington, D.C., USA: *Machine learning for multivariate time series with the R package **mlmts***.
- 2022 4th International Conference on Statistics: Theory and Applications (ICSTA 2022), Prague, Czech Republic: *Unsupervised classification of categorical time series through innovative distances*.
- 2022 17th Conference of the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS 2022), Porto, Portugal: *Unsupervised classification of categorical time series through innovative distances*.
- 2022 8th International Conference on Time Series and Forecasting (ITISE 2022), Gran Canaria, Spain: *The bootstrap for testing the equality of two multivariate stochastic processes with an application to financial markets*.
- 2022 XXIII International Symposium of Mathematical Methods Applied to Sciences (SIMMAC 2022), San José, Costa Rica: *Quantile-based fuzzy clustering of multivariate time series in the frequency domain*.
- 2022 11th Conference of the Asian Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC-ARS 2022), Kyoto, Japan: *Soft clustering of multidimensional time series*.
- 2021 13th International Workshop on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (WILF 2021), Vietri sul Mare, Italy: *Spatial weighted robust clustering of multidimensional time series based on quantile dependence with an application to mobility during COVID-19 pandemic*.
- 2021 14th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2021), London, United Kingdom: *Spatial weighted robust clustering of multivariate time series with an application to COVID-19 pandemic*.
- 2021 XV Galician Conference on Statistics and Operations Research (SGAPEIO 2021), Santiago de Compostela, Spain: *An effective tool for clustering multivariate time series with an application to financial markets*.
- 2021 13th International Conference on Fuzzy Computation Theory and Applications (FCTA 2021), Virtual: *Fuzzy clustering of multivariate time series based on quantile dependence*.
- 2021 XXV Congress of the Portuguese Statistical Society (SPE 2021), Évora, Portugal: *Quantile-based fuzzy C-means clustering of multivariate time series: Robust techniques*.

- 2021 4th XoveTIC Conference for young researchers (XoveTIC 2021), A Coruña, Spain: *Quantile-based fuzzy C-means clustering of multivariate time series: Robust techniques*.
- 2021 7th International Conference on Time Series and Forecasting (ITISE 2021), Gran Canaria, Spain: *F4: An all-purpose tool for multivariate time series classification*.
- 2020 13th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2020), London, United Kingdom: *A novel structure-based approach for multivariate time series clustering*.

## Conference Poster Presentations

- 2025 The KAUST 2025 Workshop on Statistics, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia: *Amortized neural clustering of time series based on statistical features*.
- 2024 The KAUST 2024 Workshop on Statistics, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia: *Dependence-based fuzzy clustering of functional time series*.
- 2023 The KAUST 2023 Workshop on Statistics, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia: *Time series clustering based on prediction accuracy of global forecasting models*.
- 2021 5th International Workshop on Functional and Operatorial Statistics (IWFOS 2021), Brno, Czech Republic: *Outlier detection for multivariate time series: a functional data approach*.

## Conference Contributions as Coauthor

- 2025 8th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2025), Tokyo, Japan: *FCPCA: Fuzzy clustering of high-dimensional MTS based on common principal component analysis with robust extensions*. Speaker: Ziling Ma.
- 2025 24th International Conference on Robust Statistics (ICORS 2025), Stresa, Italy: *Fuzzy clustering of multivariate time series based on common principal component analysis with robust extensions*. Speaker: Ziling Ma.
- 2022 17th Conference of the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS 2022), Porto, Portugal: *Clusters based on prediction accuracy of global forecasting models*. Speaker: Pablo Montero-Manso.
- 2022 42nd International Symposium on Forecasting (ISF 2022), Oxford, United Kingdom: *Improving the forecasting accuracy of global models/cross-learning in large datasets by finding clusters of similar time series*. Speaker: Pablo Montero-Manso.
- 2022 32nd European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID 2022), Lisbon, Portugal: *COVIDBENS: wastewater-based epidemiology to monitor COVID-19 pandemic and to predict new outbreaks in A Coruña (NW Spain)*. Speaker: Margarita Poza Domínguez.

## Conference Organizations

- 2025 8th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2025), Tokyo, Japan. Organizer of Session EO147, entitled *Statistical learning for time series*.
- 2024 7th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2024), Beijing, China. Organizer of Session EO317, entitled *Clustering and classification for time series*.

## Seminars and Short Courses

- 2024 Practical tutorial for the Biostatistics Group, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Thuwal, Saudi Arabia: *Building R packages. From the first steps to CRAN submission*. Invited by Professor Hernando Ombao.
- 2024 Academic seminar for the Sequence Analysis Association (SAA), Stony Brook University, New York, USA: *Analyzing categorical time series with the R package ctsfeatures*. Invited by Professor Tim Liao.

- 2024 Academic seminar for the Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Sciences and Engineering (CEMSE) Division, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Thuwal, Saudi Arabia: *Fuzzy clustering of circular time series based on a new distance with applications to wind data*. Invited by Professor Paula Moraga.
- 2023 PhD defence. University of A Coruña, A Coruña, Spain: *New methodological contributions in statistical learning for time series*.
- 2023 PhD pre-defence seminar. University of A Coruña, A Coruña, Spain.
- 2022 Academic seminar for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg, Germany: *Clustering of categorical time series through innovative distances*. Invited by Professor Christian H. Weiss.
- 2022 PhD follow-up seminar. University of A Coruña, A Coruña, Spain.
- 2022 Academic seminar for the Discipline of Business Analytics, the University of Sydney, Business School, Sydney, Australia: *Time series clustering based on prediction accuracy of global forecasting models*. Invited by Lecturer Pablo Montero-Manso.
- 2021 PhD follow-up seminar. University of A Coruña, A Coruña, Spain.

## Advising and Mentoring

### PhD advisees

- Aug 2023 - Present Ziling Ma, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). *Robust and fuzzy methods for high-dimensional time series clustering and forecasting*. Co-advised with Professor Ying Sun (KAUST) and Professor Hernando Ombao (KAUST).

## Teaching

**Teaching Assistant**, EUROPEAN CENTER FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (CEMP), A Coruña, Spain.

- Course *Introduction to Statistics* (2020/2021). Master's degree in Biostatistics.

## Software

**R package mlmts:** López-Oriona, Á., & Vilar, J. A. mlmts: Machine Learning Algorithms for Multivariate Time Series, r package version 1.1.2 (2024). URL <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=mlmts>.

**R package ctsfeatures:** López-Oriona, Á., & Vilar, J. A. ctsfeatures: Analyzing Categorical Time Series, r package version 1.2.2 (2024). URL <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=ctsfeatures>.

**R package otsfeatures:** López-Oriona, Á., & Vilar, J. A. otsfeatures: Ordinal Time Series Analysis, r package version 1.0.0 (2023). URL <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=otsfeatures>.

## Research Stays

### PhD stays

- 2023 Lancaster University. Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Lancaster, United Kingdom.
- One-month research stay working on clustering of nonstationary time series under the supervision of lecturer Carolina Euan (from 10/06/2023 to 10/07/2023).

- 2022 Helmut Schmidt University. Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Hamburg, Germany.
- Three-month research stay working on data mining for ordinal time series under the supervision of professor Christian H. Weiss (from 20/09/2022 to 20/12/2022).
- 2022 The University of Sydney, Business School. Discipline of Business Analytics. Sydney, Australia.
- Three-month research stay working on time series clustering and forecasting under the supervision of lecturer Pablo Montero-Manso (from 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2022).
- 2021 Sapienza University of Rome, Faculty of Statistics. Department of Social and Economic Sciences. Rome, Italy.
- Three-month research stay working on fuzzy clustering of multivariate time series under the supervision of professor Pierpaolo D'Urso (from 05/05/2021 to 05/08/2021).

## Courses and Workshops

*Multivariable Calculus.* Instructor: Dr. Julian Grossmann, Self-employed mathematician (formerly Hamburg University of Technology, Hamburg, Germany).

*Measure Theory.* Instructor: Dr. Julian Grossmann, Self-employed mathematician (formerly Hamburg University of Technology, Hamburg, Germany).

*Fundamentals of Probability.* Instructors: Professor John Tsitsiklis and Professor Patrick Jaillet, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, United States.

*Neural Methods for Amortised Inference.* Instructor: Professor Andrew Zammit Mangion, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia.

*Data Analysis on the Sphere.* Instructor: Professor Zubair Khalid, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan.

*An Introduction to Hidden Markov Models.* Instructor: Professor Francesco Lagona, University Roma Tre, Rome, Italy.

## Awards and Honors

- 2024 Extraordinary Doctoral Award by the University of A Coruña (UDC) for the most outstanding PhD thesis defended during the academic year 2022-2023 in the fields of Computer Science and Mathematics.
- 2022 Award by the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS) for the best work presented by a PhD student at the 17th Conference of the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS 2022).
- 2021 Young researcher grant awarded by the European Society for Fuzzy Logic and Technology (EUSFLAT) for the best work presented by a PhD student at the 13th International Workshop on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (WILF 2021).
- 2020 Award by the company *International Business Machines* (IBM) for the development of the most accurate Deep Learning model in the 1st IBM Competition of Computer Vision held in the European University of Madrid.
- 2020 Award (shared with many colleagues) by the Royal Galician Academy of Sciences (RAGC) for the development of a project (called COVIDBENS) for analyzing and monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the area of A Coruña.
- 2019 Merit award for academic achievements in Master's Degree at the University of Santiago de Compostela.

## Grants

- 2023 Competitive grant for a research stay at Lancaster University awarded by the Research Center for Information and Communication Technologies (CITIC) of the University of A Coruña.
- 2022 Competitive grant for a research stay at the Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg awarded by the company Inditex in collaboration with the University of A Coruña.
- 2022 Competitive grant for a research stay at the University of Sydney awarded by the Research Center for Information and Communication Technologies (CITIC) of the University of A Coruña.
- 2021 Competitive grant for a research stay at Sapienza University of Rome awarded by the Xunta de Galicia.
- 2020 Competitive grant for PhD students (2020-2023) awarded by the Xunta de Galicia.
- 2020 Competitive grant for PhD students (2020-2022) awarded by the Center for Information and Communications Technology Research (CITIC) of the University of A Coruña.

## Research Projects

- 01/09/2024 **Statistical inference using flexible methods for complex data: theory and applications.**  
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• Granting institution: Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation.
- 31/08/2027  
• Duration: 3 years.  
• Amount: €237,500.  
• Principal investigators: Mario Francisco Fernández and Ricardo Cao Abad.  
• Code: PID2023-147127OB-I00.
- 20/09/2023 **Research methods for environmental statistics.**  
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• Granting institution: King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST).
- 19/09/2026  
• Duration: 3 years.  
• Amount: Private.  
• Principal investigator: Ying Sun.  
• Code: BAS/1/1655-01-01.
- 01/09/2021 **Flexible statistical methods in data science for complex and big data: theory and applications.**  
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• Granting institution: Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation.  
• Duration: 3 years.  
• Amount: €435,500.  
• Principal investigators: Ricardo Cao Abad and Juan Manuel Vilar Fernández.  
• Code: PID2020-113578RB-I00.

## Referee of the Following Journals

- *Advances in Data Analysis and Classification* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Annals of Operations Research* (2 reviewed manuscripts).
- *Artificial Intelligence Review* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Computational Statistics* (2 reviewed manuscripts).

- *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Expert Systems with Applications* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Fuzzy Sets and Systems* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *IEEE Access* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Information Sciences* (2 reviewed manuscripts).
- *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Journal of Applied Statistics* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Pattern Recognition* (1 reviewed manuscript).
- *Spatial Statistics* (2 reviewed manuscripts).
- *Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment* (1 reviewed manuscript).