

# Margaux Zaffran

Third year PhD Student  
in statistics (applied mathematics)

Palaiseau, France  
27 years old  
French nationality



## Education

- Nov. 2020 **INRIA, PhD Student in statistics.** Palaiseau, France  
- current Distribution-free uncertainty quantification for machine learning algorithms.  
Application to forecasting short-term electricity market prices.  
Supervised by [Aymeric Dieuleveut](#) (Ecole Polytechnique) and [Julie Josse](#) (INRIA).
- 2019-2020 **Ecole Polytechnique, MSc Data Sciences, double degree.** Palaiseau, France  
  - Statistical learning theory, generalization properties, bootstrap and resampling methods
  - Online learning and aggregation, reinforcement learning, deep learning
  - Optimal transport, probabilistic graphical models, extreme values, Bayesian learningAverage grade: 17.7/20.
- 2016-2020 **ENSTA Paris, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, engineering track.** Palaiseau, France  
Simulation and Mathematical Engineering track, Optimization and Data Sciences specialization.  
  - Statistics: statistical modeling, linear and non-linear time series
  - Optimization: Markov decision process, large systems, proximal methodsRanked in the top 5% of the first year class (common core, 150 students).
- 2014-2016 **Lycée Louis-Le-Grand, Mathematics and Physics, classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles.** Paris, France
- 2014 **Lycée Marseilleveyre, French scientific Baccalauréat and Spanish Bachillerato.** Marseille, France  
Spanish international section, 11 weekly hours of literature and history of the Spanish-speaking world.

## Professional activities

- Nov. 2020 **Research engineer (PhD contract), Electricité De France (EDF) R&D.** Palaiseau, France  
- current Forecasting short-term electricity market prices with uncertainty quantification.  
Supervised by [Olivier Féron](#) and [Yannig Goude](#).

## Teaching and supervision

- 2022 **MSc Student Supervision, EDF R&D, 5 months.** Palaiseau, France  
Grégoire Dutot (MVA) MSc thesis: probabilistic electricity price forecasting, towards extreme events.
- 2022 **Teaching Assistant, Université Paris Dauphine - PSL, 2nd year of the MSc Digital Economics.** Paris, France  
- current Practical session on Electricity Price Forecasting for the Business Cases class.
- 2021 **Teaching Assistant, ENSTA Paris, 3rd year of BSc and 1st year of MSc.** Palaiseau, France  
- current
  - Linear time series, 1st year of MSc (15h/year)
  - Introduction to probability, 3rd year of BSc (15h/year)
  - Introduction to statistics (estimators, confidence intervals, tests), 3rd year of BSc (15h/year)

## Internships and visiting stays

- August to **Visiting research student, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.** Haifa, Israel  
Oct. 2022 Collaboration with [Yaniv Romano](#).
- April to **Research intern, Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement.** Gif-sur-Yvette, France  
Oct. 2020 Clustering of extreme rainfall by coupling machine learning algorithms and Kullback-Leibler divergence.  
Supervised by [Philippe Naveau](#).
- March to **Research engineer intern, General Electric Healthcare.** Buc, France  
Aug. 2019 Predicting user (*i.e. medical doctor*) preferences of an image review software by machine learning.
- Sep. 2018 **Research engineer intern, Data Innovation Lab, EDF R&D.** Palaiseau, France  
to Mar. 2019 Developed machine learning methods to drive a nuclear unit.
- May to **Research intern, School of Mathematics Research, University of Bristol.** Bristol, United Kingdom  
Aug. 2018 Worked on quantile regression: optimal bandwidth for smoothing the pinball loss w.r.t. coefficients mean squared error.  
Supervised by [Matteo Fasiolo](#) and [Simon N. Wood](#).

## Grants and awards

- 2022 **Laureate for France of the Séphora Berrebi Scholarship for Women in Advanced Mathematics**, *Association Séphora Berrebi*, 2k€.  
Jury members: Maria J. Esteban (president), Bo'az Klartag, Laurent Lafforgue, Erwan Le Pennec, Mathieu Rosenbaum, Sylvia Serfaty, Mikhail Sodin, Ofer Zeitouni.
- 2022 **Junior scientific visibility**, *FMJH and LMH*, 2.3k€.  
Funding the research stay at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.
- 2022 **Best MSc thesis project**, *ENSTA Paris*, 2k€.  
Awarding the research internship at the Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement (MSc thesis).  
Popularized pitch in front of more than 1000 people at Folies Bergères (Paris).
- 2018 **Excellence research scholarship**, *Université Paris-Saclay*, 1.8k€.  
Funding the research internship at the University of Bristol.
- 2014 **First prize**, *National Physics Olympiad*.  
Research project in a team of 3, supervised by our physics teacher Claude Torregrosa, on a topic we have chosen.  
Written report and oral presentations in front of two scientific juries.  
One-day presentation at the Palais de la Découverte (Paris) in front of their public visitors (children, neophytes, etc).

## Scientific activities

### Research papers

- In progress **Adaptive probabilistic forecasting of French electricity spot prices in 2021** *Working paper*  
G. Dutot, **M. Zaffran**, O. Féron, Y. Goude
- 2023 **Conformal Prediction with Missing Values** *40th International Conference on Machine Learning*  
**M. Zaffran**, A. Dieuleveut, J. Josse, Y. Romano
- 2022 **Adaptive Conformal Predictions for Time Series** *39th International Conference on Machine Learning*  
**M. Zaffran**, O. Féron, Y. Goude, J. Josse, A. Dieuleveut
- 2021 **qgam: Bayesian non-parametric quantile regression modelling in R** *Journal of Statistical Software*  
M. Fasiolo, S. N. Wood, **M. Zaffran**, R. Nedellec, Y. Goude
- 2020 **Fast calibrated additive quantile regression** *Journal of the American Statistical Association*  
M. Fasiolo, S. N. Wood, **M. Zaffran**, R. Nedellec, Y. Goude
- 2020 **On the Wiener optical method to study molecular diffusion in liquids** *American Journal of Physics*  
J.M. Roussel, M. Gailhanou, A. Larrivé, L. Montero, **M. Zaffran**, C. Torregrosa

### Research tutorials

- Sep. 2023 **ENBIS Annual European Conference**, Valencia, Spain *Invited to give a half-day course*  
April 2023 **MASPIN days**, Besançon, France *Half-day course*

### Research talks

#### Conferences

- July 2023 **54th French Statistical Days**, Brussels, Belgium *Invited*  
July 2022 **DFUQ ICML Worskhop**, Baltimore, US *Spotlight*  
July 2022 **39th International Conference on Machine Learning**, Baltimore, US (recording link)  
June 2022 **Mathematical Methods for Modern Statistics 3**, Marseille, France  
June 2022 **53th French Statistical Days**, Lyon, France  
June 2021 **52nd French Statistical Days**, Online

#### Seminars

- Aug. 2023 **Madeleine Udell's group meeting**, Stanford, US  
June 2023 **INRIA Saclay - MIND seminar**, Palaiseau, France *Invited*  
May 2023 **EPFL - Swiss Data Science Center**, Lausanne, Switzerland

Mar. 2023	<b>INRIA Causality and Missing Data Seminar</b> , Online	
Feb. 2023	<b>Sorbonne Université - LPSM PhD Students seminar</b> , Paris, France	<i>Invited</i>
Feb. 2023	<b>AgroParisTech/INRAE - MIA seminar</b> , Palaiseau, France	<i>Invited</i>
Mar. 2022	<b>International Seminar on Distribution-Free Statistics</b> , online (recording link)	<i>Invited</i>
Nov. 2021	<b>INRIA Causality and Missing Data Seminar</b> , Online	
April 2021	<b>Machine Learning Journal Club</b> , Online	

#### 10+ talks with an internal audience:

- 2 Causality and Missing Data Seminars, *INRIA*
- 3 SIMPAS Group Meeting, *CMAP, École Polytechnique*
- 1 PhD Student Seminar, *CMAP, École Polytechnique*
- 5 Group Meetings, *EDF R&D*
- 2 Group Meetings, *Technion - Israel Institute of Technology*

## Research posters

July 2023	<b>International Conference on Machine Learning</b> , Honolulu, US
June 2023	<b>Foundations of Computational Mathematics</b> , Paris, France
April 2023	<b>StatLearn workshop</b> , Montpellier, France
Dec. 2022	<b>International Conference on Statistics and Data Science</b> , Florence, Italy
July 2022	<b>DFUQ ICML Workshop</b> , Baltimore, USA
July 2022	<b>39th International Conference on Machine Learning</b> , Baltimore, US
Sep. 2021	<b>FiME days</b> , Palaiseau, France

## Reviewing

Reviewer for the *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics* (JBES), *AISTATS 2023* (among the 10% top reviewers).

## Involvement

2023-now	<b>Co-founder and co-organizer</b> , <i>Aymeric Dieuleveut's group meetings</i> .
2022-now	<b>President (2023-now), vice-president (2022-2023)</b> , <i>The Young Statisticians, SFdS (French Statistical Society)</i> . Organizing the 11th Young Statisticians and Probabilists day. Organizing the Youth Activities at the French Statistical Days (JdS).
2022	<b>Volunteer</b> , <i>The Young Statisticians, SFdS (French Statistical Society)</i> . Helping for the organization of the Youth Activities at the French Statistical Days (JdS).
2022-now	<b>Volunteer</b> , <i>Femmes et mathématiques, Animath</i> , <a href="https://filles-et-maths.fr/">https://filles-et-maths.fr/</a> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker during various speed-meetings with high-school girls</li> <li>• Interviewee for a video for high school science teachers and young girls</li> </ul>
2021-now	<b>Elected member</b> , <i>parity and diversity committee, CMAP, Ecole Polytechnique</i> .
2020-2021	<b>Member</b> , <i>Machine Learning Journal Club, CMAP, Ecole Polytechnique</i> .
2016-2018	<b>Project leader (2018) &amp; member (2017)</b> , <i>RISE<sup>2</sup> (Rencontres Innovation et Sciences des Étudiants de l'ENSTA Paris)</i> . Event bringing together companies, researchers and start-ups. Keynote speakers: Cédric Villani (2017), Étienne Klein (2018).
2016-2017	<b>Treasurer</b> , <i>GraviTation (ENSTA Paris science association)</i> .