

# VINCENT DIVOL

Courant Instructor & CDS Faculty Fellow

## IN SHORT

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Courant Instructor - CDS Faculty Fellow** 2021 - 2023  
*Courant Institute for Mathematical Science - Center for Data Science, New York University*

## EDUCATION

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**Université Paris-Saclay and Inria Saclay** 2018 - 2021  
Ph.D. Thesis, *Contributions to geometric inference on manifolds and to the statistical study of persistence diagrams*  
under the supervision of Frédéric Chazal et Pascal Massart

**Université Paris-Saclay** 2017  
Master in probability and statistics, *obtained with highest honors*  
Master thesis, *Weak laws of large numbers on persistence diagrams*  
under the supervision of Wolfgang Polonik, at UC Davis, California

**Sorbonne Université** 2015  
Bachelor of mathematics, *obtained with highest honors*

**École Normale Supérieure de Paris** 2014 - 2018  
Admission after two years of intensive preparation for a nationwide competitive exam

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PREPRINTS

- **A short proof on the rate of convergence of the empirical measure for the Wasserstein distance**

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Density estimation on manifolds: an optimal transport approach**, to appear in *Probability Theory and Related Fields*, 2022
- **Minimax adaptive estimation in manifold inference**  
*Electronic Journal of Statistics*, 2021
- **Estimation and quantization of expected persistence diagrams**  
collaboration with Théo Lacombe, *International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2021
- **Understanding the topology and the geometry of the space of persistence diagrams via optimal partial transport**  
collaboration with Théo Lacombe, *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology*, 2020
- **On the choice of weight functions for linear representations of persistence diagrams**  
collaboration with Wolfgang Polonik, *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology*, 2019
- **The density of the expected persistence diagram and its kernel-based estimation**  
collaboration with Frédéric Chazal, *Journal of Computational Geometry, Special Issue of Selected Papers from SoCG 2018* (top  $\sim 15\%$  papers from SoCG '18)

## TALKS

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A star (★) indicates a talk given at an international conferences.

**CDS seminar - New York University**, 2021, *Quantifying the topology of datasets using Topological Data Analysis*

**Journées MAS**, 2021, *Summarizing the topology of complex datasets with (expected) persistence diagrams*

(★) **ICML**, 2021, *Estimation and quantization of expected persistence diagrams*

**Stochastic Analysis Seminar - Universität Leipzig**, 2021, *Empirical measures and Wasserstein distances - a minimax approach*

**Séminaire Palaisien**, 2021, *Density estimation on manifolds: an optimal transport approach*

**Séminaire Maths Appli - Université de Nantes**, 2020, *Density estimation on manifolds: an optimal transport approach*

**Séminaire Parisien de Statistiques**, 2020, *Density estimation on shapes*

(★) **Young Research Forum, SoCG**, 2020, *Understanding the space of persistence diagrams*

(★) **Algebraic Topology: Methods, Computation, and Science**, 2020, *Structure of the space of persistence diagrams*

**Séminaire SPOC - Institut Mathématiques de Bourgogne**, 2020, *Adaptive estimation in manifold inference*

**Rouen Probability Meeting**, 2019, *Adaptive estimation in manifold inference*

**Saint-Flour Probability Summer School**, 2019, *Minimax manifold estimation*

**9th Biennale of the SMAI**, 2019, *Minimax estimation in manifold inference*

**Journées Young Statistician and Probabilists** , 2019, *Introduction to Topological Data Analysis*

(★) **SoCG**, 2018, *The density of the expected persistence diagram and its kernel-based estimation*

**Journées Françaises de Statistiques**, 2018, *Introduction to Topological Data Analysis*

**Journées de Géométrie Algorithmique**, 2017, *Laws of large numbers on persistence diagrams*

**Junior Conference on Data Science and Engineering**, 2017, *Laws of large numbers on persistence diagrams*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### INSTRUCTOR

- **Discrete Mathematics**, undergraduate course, Fall 2021
- **Mathematical Tools for Data Science**, graduate course, Spring 2022

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- **Statistics**, 2020, 2021
- **Business mathematics**, 2018, 2019

I also have organized a research seminar for MSc. students majoring in Machine Learning in Fall 2020.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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I coorganize in Spring 2022 the Math and Data (*MaD*) seminar at the Center for Data Science, New York University.

I have reviewed articles for the following journals and conferences:

- **Electronic Journal of Statistics**
- **Discrete and Computational Geometry**
- **Journal of Applied and Computational Geometry**
- **Foundations of Computational Mathematics**
- **Symposium of Computational Geometry (SoCG)**
- **NeurIPS**

- **ICLR**
- **AISTATS**