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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Probability theory, in particular Liouville quantum gravity, Schramm-Loewner evolutions, random planar maps, and statistical mechanics.

EMPLOYMENT

Institute for Theoretical Studies, ETH Zürich, Switzerland.

Junior Fellow, 9/2018-12/2020 or 9/2018-8/2021 (current position)

Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, USA.

Associate Professor, from 1/2021 or 9/2021 (future position)

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Ph.D. in Mathematics, 6/2018

- Thesis: Cardy embedding of random planar maps and a KPZ formula for mated
- Advisor: Scott Sheffield

University of Oslo, Norway

M.S. in Applied Mathematics, 12/2010

- Thesis: Portfolio optimization in a jump-diffusion market with durability and local substitution: A penalty approximation of a singular control problem
- Advisor: Kenneth Karlsen

University of Oslo, Norway

B.S. in Mathematics and Computational Science, 6/2008

Oxford University, United Kingdom

Visiting Student in Mathematics, 9/2006-6/2007

PUBLICATIONS

Mating of trees for random planar maps and Liouville quantum gravity: a survey, with E. Gwynne and X. Sun. To appear in Panoramas et Syntheses.

Gravitational allocation for uniform points on the sphere, with Y. Peres and A. Zhai. To appear in Annals of Probability.

An almost sure KPZ relation for SLE and Brownian motion, with E. Gwynne and J. Miller. Annals of Probability, 2020.

A mating-of-trees approach to graph distances in random planar maps, with E. Gwynne and X. Sun. Probability Theory and Related Fields, 2020.

 $Scaling\ limits\ of\ the\ Schelling\ model,$ with S. Sheffield. Probability Theory and Related Fields, 2020.

Lower bounds for trace reconstruction, with R. Lyons. Annals of Applied Probability, 2020.

Liouville quantum gravity with central charge in (1,25): a probabilistic approach, with E. Gwynne, J. Pfeffer, and G. Remy. Communications in Mathematical Physics, 2020.

Communication cost of consensus for nodes with limited memory, with G. Fanti, Y. Peres, and G. Ranade. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS), 2020.

Dimension transformation formula for conformal maps into the complement of an SLE curve, with E. Gwynne and J. Miller. Probability Theory and Related Fields, 2019.

How round are the complementary components of planar Brownian motion? with S. Naçu, Y. Peres, and T. S. Salisbury. Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincaré, 2019.

SLE as a mating of trees in Euclidean geometry, with X. Sun. Communications in Mathematical Physics, 2018.

A distance exponent for Liouville quantum gravity, with E. Gwynne and X. Sun. Probability Theory and Related Fields, 2018.

Gravitational allocation on the sphere, with Y. Peres and A. Zhai. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS), 2018.

Negative moments for Gaussian multiplicative chaos on fractal sets, with C. Garban, A. Sepulveda, and X. Sun. Electronic Communications in Probability, 2018.

Sparse exchangeable graphs and their limits via graphon processes, with C. Borgs, J. T. Chayes, and H. Cohn. Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), 2018.

Trace reconstruction with varying deletion probabilities, with L. Hartung and Y. Peres. Analytic Algorithmics and Combinatorics (ANALCO), 2018.

Subpolynomial trace reconstruction for random strings and arbitrary deletion probability, with R. Pemantle and Y. Peres. Conference On Learning Theory (COLT), 2018.

Brownian motion correlation in the peanosphere for kappa>8, with E. Gwynne, J. Miller, and X. Sun. Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincaré, 2017.

ARXIV PREPRINTS

Scaling limit of large triangulations of polygons, with M. Albenque and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1910.04946.

Joint scaling limit of site percolation on random triangulations in the metric and peanosphere sense, with E. Gwynne and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1905.06757.

Liouville dynamical percolation, with C. Garban, A. Sepúlveda, and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1905.06940.

Conformal welding for critical Liouville quantum gravity, with E. Powell. ArXiv e-prints, 1812.11808.

Percolation on triangulations: a bijective path to Liouville quantum gravity, with O. Bernardi and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1807.01684.

Natural parametrization of percolation interface and pivotal points, with X. Li and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1804.07286.

Minkowski content of Brownian cut points, with G. Lawler, X. Li, and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1803.10613.

Joint scaling limit of a bipolar-oriented triangulation and its dual in the peanosphere sense, with E. Gwynne and X. Sun. ArXiv e-prints, 1603.01194.

EMPLOYMENT (NON-ACADEMIC)

Statkraft, Energy Market Analyst and Graduate Trainee, Norway, Germany, Belgium, and Brazil, 8/2010-6/2013. Modelling and analysis of the European, Asian and South-American power markets, trading, risk analysis.

Internships

Microsoft Research, Summer Intern, Redmond, WA, 6/2017-8/2017 and 6/2018-8/2018. Trace reconstruction, gravitational allocation, and consensus protocols.

Microsoft Research, Consulting Researcher, Redmond, WA, 7/2016-1/2017 (8 weeks). Planar Brownian motion and gravitational allocation.

Microsoft Research, Summer Intern, Cambridge, MA, 6/2015-8/2015. Theory of graphons for sparse graphs.

Sintef, Summer Intern, Oslo, Norway, 6/2009-8/2009. Vehicle routing optimization problems and heuristic algorithms for the travelling salesman problem.

CERN, Technical Student, Geneva, Switzerland, 7/2008-12/2008. Simulation of ion beams in the LHC (Large Hadron Collider).

Simula Research Laboratory, Summer Intern, Oslo, Norway, 6/2007-8/2007. Numerical methods for mathematical modelling of heart cells.

Norwegian Defense Research Establishment, Horten, Norway, 6/2006-8/2006. Models for underwater transmission of sound with applications to mine sweepers.

Honors and	2020	Bernoulli Society New Researcher Award
Awards	2019	SwissMAP Innovator Prize
	6/2014-10/20	O17 Scholarship from the Norwegian Research Council
	6/2014-8/201	14 Ida M. Green Scholarship from MIT
	2010	McKinsey award for academic results and extracurricular activities
	2005	International Mathematical Olympiad, Honourable mention
	2005	Norwegian Mathematical Olympiad, first place
Talks	8/2021	Invited Session, Bernoulli-IMS World Congress Prob. & Stat., Seoul
	1/2021	Developments in the Mathematical Sciences, Max Planck Leipzig
	12/2020	Stochastic Analysis Seminar, Imperial College (virtual)
	11/2020	Mathematics Colloquium, University of British-Columbia (virtual)
	11/2020	Probability and Math Physics Seminar, Chicago (virtual)
	10/2020	Discrete Maths and Probability Seminar, Oxford (virtual)
	10/2020	AMS sectional meeting (virtual)
	9/2020	Seminar, Max Planck Institute, Leipzig
	8/2020	Bernoulli-IMS One World Symposium (virtual)
	8/2020	Open Online Probability School: SLE mini course (virtual)
	4/2020	One World Probability Seminar (virtual)
	2/2020	Statistical Physics Conference, Diablerets, Switzerland
	2/2020	Theory Seminar, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
	12/2019	Mathematical Physics and Analysis Seminar, IAS, Princeton

11/2019	Probability Seminar, University of Münster, Germany
11/2019	Probability Seminar, RUHR-University Bochum, Germany
9/2019	6th SwissMAP General Meeting, Villars-sur-Ollons, Switzerland
8/2019	12th Math Society of Japan, Seasonal Institute, Fukuoka, Japan
6/2019	Probability Seminar, TU Berlin
6/2019	Probability and quantum field theory, Porquerolles, France
6/2019	Dynamics of Random Processes school, SLE mini course, Montreal
5/2019	Probability Seminar, University of Warwick, UK
4/2019	Graduate Seminar, NYU Shanghai, China
4/2019	Probability Seminar, NYU Shanghai, China
3/2019	Random Walks and Polymers Workshop, Tourtour, France
2/2019	Special Seminar, Columbia University
2/2019	Mathematics Department Colloquium, New York University
1/2019	Probability Seminar, Columbia University
1/2019	Analysis and Geometry of Random Shapes, IPAM, UCLA
12/2018	Amir Dembo's birthday conference, Stanford
12/2018	French Math Society State of Research: Stat. Mech., IHP, Paris
12/2018	Combinatorics Seminar, Paris Nord
11/2018	Probability Seminar, Marseille, France
11/2018	ITS Fellows Seminar, Zürich, Switzerland
10/2018	Reading group on Yang-Mills, ETH Zürich
10/2018	Analysis, Probability and Math Physics Seminar, IST Austria
10/2018	Probability Seminar, ETH Zürich
8/2018	Theory Lunch, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
8/2018	Theory Lunch, Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA
7/2018	Random Geometry Followup Conference, Cambridge, UK
7/2018	COLT, Stockholm, Sweden
7/2018	IMS Annual Meeting on Probability and Statistics, Lithuania
4/2018	AMS Sectional Meeting, Northeastern University
2/2018	Mathematics Department Colloquium, Stanford University
2/2018	Probability Seminar, Berkeley
12/2017	Workshop on Log-Correlated Random Fields, Columbia University
11/2017	Probability Reading Group, ETH Zürich
11/2017	Probability Seminar, ENS Lyon
11/2017	Probability Seminar, Stanford University
11/2017	Analysis Seminar, Stony Brook
$\frac{10}{2017}$	Topics in Probability Seminar, Princeton University
7/2017	Theory Lunch, Microsoft Research, Redmond
5/2017	Discrete Math Seminar, Brown Pure Math Creducte Student Seminar (Pure grass) MIT
4/2017 $4/2017$	Pure Math Graduate Student Seminar (Pumagrass), MIT
$\frac{4}{2017}$ $\frac{4}{2017}$	Probability Seminar, MIT AMS Sectional Meeting, Indiana University
$\frac{4}{2017}$ $\frac{3}{2017}$	Probability Seminar, Harvard
$\frac{3}{2017}$ $\frac{3}{2017}$	SLE, GFF and LQG Conference, Columbia University
$\frac{3}{2017}$ $\frac{3}{2017}$	WINRS Conference, Brown
$\frac{3}{2017}$	AMS Grad Student Conference, Analysis and Probability, Brown
$\frac{2}{2017}$	Probability Seminar, University of Chicago
$\frac{2}{2017}$ $\frac{1}{2017}$	Probability Seminar, Penn/Temple Universities
1/2017 $1/2017$	Probability Seminar, University of Washington
$\frac{1}{2017}$ $\frac{11}{2016}$	Probability Seminar, Cornell
8/2016	Big Data Conference, Harvard
6/2016	Recent developments in SLE, Mittag-Leffler, Sweden
$\frac{0}{2016}$	Probability Seminar, Toronto University
$\frac{2}{2016}$	Rainwater Analysis Seminar, University of Washington
3/2015	Probability Seminar, Cambridge University
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Teaching

Supervision of reading course for ETH master student (Valeria Ambrosio) on Liouville quantum gravity and imaginary geometry (2019)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Multivariable Calculus; Probability and Random Variables (2016-17)

University of Oslo: Modelling and Computations; Linear Optimization; Differential equations (2007-10)

Referee

ALEA (quick opinion)

Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincare

Annales Henri Lebesgue Annals of Applied Probability Annals of Probability

Communications in Mathematical Physics

Duke

Electronic Journal of Probability

FOCS Inventiones

Journal of Combinatorial Theory A Journal of Statistical Physics Journal of Theoretical Probability Letters in Mathematical Physics Probability Theory and Related Fields Random Structures and Algorithms

STOC SODA

Transactions of the AMS (quick opinion)

(Co-)organizer

2021	Session on Random planar geometries at Bernoulli-IMS World
	Congress in Probability and Statistics, Seoul
2020-	Online seminar series, Random Geometry and Statistical Mechanics
2020	Working group at ETH Zürich about Liouville quantum gravity
2018-20	ETH Zürich probability lunch
2014	MIT pure mathematics graduate student seminar