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Curriculum vitae

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Mathematical Interests

My research area is probability theory with connections to combinatorics. I mainly focus on the study of various random discrete structures such as random permutations, random walks, random trees and random planar maps. I am interested in their continuous and discrete limits and I look at universality phenomena. I introduced a new universal family of limiting permutons, called *skew Brownian permuton*, and explored its connections with Liouville quantum gravity. I also studied some polytopes arising from local limits of permutations.

Employment history

- 2021-present **Stanford University, Mathematics Department**, *Szegö Assistant Professor*, Stanford, California, USA.
 - 2017–2021 Universität Zürich, Institut für Mathematik, Ph.D. fellow and teaching assistant, Zürich, Switzerland.

Education

- 2017–2021 **Universität Zürich**, *Ph.D. in Mathematics (with distiction)*, Advisors: Valentin Féray and Mathilde Bouvel.
- 2016–2017 **Université Sorbonne Paris Cité (USPC)**, *M.Sc. in Mathematics (M2)*, Mathématiques fondamentales, Courses from Paris 6, Paris 7 and Paris 13, Advisor: Giambattista Giacomin. Final mark: *Très bien.*
- 2015–2018 **Università degli Studi di Padova**, *M.Sc. in Mathematics*, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Advisor: Paolo Dai Pra.

Final mark: 110/110 cum laude.

2012–2015 **Università degli Studi di Padova**, *B.Sc. in Mathematics*, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Advisor: Paolo Dai Pra.

Final mark: 110/110 cum laude.

Special Honors and Awards

- 2021 **Bernoulli Society New Researcher Award**, *Bernoulli Society*, It will be officially announced during the 42nd Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications 2022 in Wuhan, China, June 27-July 1 2022.
- 2021 **PhD thesis distiction**, Faculty of Science, University of Zurich, Distinction awarded for "the excellence of the PhD thesis, outstanding research contributions, and the clear expertise in the research domain of random permutations".
- 2018 **Certificate of merit**, *Municipality of Ponzano Veneto*.
- 2018 Major de la promotion 2017, Université Paris 13, Mention: Très bien.
- 2016 "MIEM USPC" Scholarships for International Students in France, Université Sorbonne Paris Cité.
- 2012 **"INdAM" fellowship**, *Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica "Francesco Severi"*. Top 5% over 420 candidates.
- 2012 International contests of Kavics Cup, Budapest, Fazekas Myhály Gimnázium. International Team Math Competition: Fourth place.
- 2011 & 2012 "Albo nazionale delle eccellenze", MIUR, http://www.indire.it/eccellenze.

2011 & 2012 **Italian Mathematical Olympiad**, *Italian Team Competition (more than 700 Italian high schools took part in the contest)*, "Gold medal, Maths Team Champions Italy" (2011), "Silver medal" (2012).

Grants

- 2020 **Forschungskredit (Candoc)**, Funding for promising young academics who would work on an excellent *Ph.D. thesis*, Approved amount: 14387 CHF.
- 2019 **GRC Travel Grant**, Funding for a research stay in the USA in the Spring 2020 (visit cancelled due to the covid pandemic), Approved amount: 1600 CHF.
- 2018 **GRC Grant**, Funding for the organitazion of the "Student workshop in permutation patterns 2019", Approved amount: 8150 CHF.

Research articles

Published/accepted articles

- 1. Local convergence for permutations and local limits for uniform ρ -avoiding permutations with $|\rho|=3$, J. Probab. Theory Relat. Fields 176.1-2 (2020), pp.449-531.
- 2. **Square permutations are typically rectangular**, *with Erik Slivken*, Ann. Appl. Probab. 30 (2020), no. 5, pp.2196–2233.
- 3. A decorated tree approach to random permutations in substitution-closed classes, with Mathilde Bouvel, Valentin Féray, and Benedikt Stufler, Electron. J. Probab. 25 (2020), paper no. 67, 52 pp.
- 4. The feasible region for consecutive patterns of permutations is a cycle polytope, with Raul Penaguiao, Algebraic Combinatorics 3(6) (2020), pp.1259–1282.
- 5. Almost square permutations are typically square, with Enrica Duchi and Erik Slivken, Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré Probab. Statist. 57(4): 1834-1856 (November 2021).
- 6. Asymptotic normality of consecutive patterns in permutations encoded by generating trees with one-dimensional labels, Random Structures and Algorithms 59 (2021), no. 3, 339-375.
- 8. Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations and bipolar orientations through coalescent-walk processes, with Mickaël Maazoun, Ann. Probab. (to appear), arXiv preprint:2008.09086 (2020).
- 9. Quenched law of large numbers and quenched central limit theorem for multi-player leagues with ergodic strengths, with Benedetta Cavalli, Ann. Appl. Probab. (to appear), arXiv preprint:2103.01320 (2021).

Preprints

- 10. The feasible region for consecutive patterns of pattern avoiding permutations, with Raul Penaguiao, arXiv preprint:2010.06273 (2020), submitted.
- 11. The permuton limit of strong-Baxter and semi-Baxter permutations is the skew Brownian permuton, arXiv preprint:2112.00159 (2021), submitted.
- 12. The skew Brownian permuton: a new universality class for random constrained permutations, arXiv preprint:2112.00156 (2021), submitted.

Published articles in conferences with proceedings

- 13. Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations through coalescent-walk processes, with Mickaël Maazoun, LIPIcs, Vol. 159, 7:1–7:18, AofA 2020.
- 14. The feasible region for consecutive patterns of permutations is a cycle polytope, with Raul Penaguiao, FPSAC 2020, Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire, 84B.30 (2020), 12 pp.

Organization of scientific meetings

- 03-05/2021 Swiss Graduate Seminar in Probability, Joint seminar of various swiss Universities, main organizer.
 - 06/2019 **Students workshop Permutation Patterns 2019**, *Universität Zürich*, main organizer.
 - 06/2019 Conference Permutation Patterns 2019, Universität Zürich, co-organizer.

Teaching activities

- 2021-present Main instructor for the following courses at Stanford University, Probability I, Stochastic calculus and Brownian motion, Discrete probabilistic methods.
 - Main duties for teaching assistants: preparing and teaching lectures, writing exercises and solutions, offer office hours to students, grading exams.
 - 2021 Math Teaching Workshop (4 days), Stanford University.

Aim of the workshop: (i) increase awareness of the challenges in teaching math to general undergraduates and of the student perspectives relevant to learning math at this level; (ii) highlight a variety of strategies to become more effective teachers of university-level math, as well as evidence supporting the value of these strategies; (iii) underscore the important role teaching plays in a professional mathematician's career development.

2017-2021 **Teaching assistant for the following courses at Universität Zürich**, Probability 1, Measure Theory, Combinatorics of Words, Programming (Python), Random Combinatorial Structures, Enumerative Combinatorics, Complex Analysis, Probability 2.

Main duties for teaching assistants: exercise sessions, presenting homework solutions, grading exams.

Recent selected talks*

*A complete list of talk is available at http://www.jacopoborga.com/talks/.

Invited talks in conferences

- 06/2022 **42nd Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications**, *Wuhan (China)*, "The skew Brownian permuton".
- 01/2022 **Workshop "Random Geometry"**, *CIRM, Marseille (France)*, "The skew Brownian permuton: a new universal limit for random constrained permutations and its connections with Liouville quantum gravity".
- 10/2020 **Workshop "Random Polymers and Networks"**, *IGESA*, *Iles de Porquerolles (France)*, "Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations and bipolar orientations through coalescent-walk processes".
- 10/2019 **Journées MathSTIC 2019**, *Université Paris 13, Paris (France)*, "Phase transition for almost square permutations".

Contributed talks in conferences

- 8th European congress of Mathematics, session *Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics*, *Portoroz (Slovenia)*, online, "Universal phenomena for random constrained permutations".
- 03/2021 ALÉA 2021, CIRM, Marseille (France), online, "Random permutations: A geometric point of view".
- 08/2020 **Bernoulli-IMS One World Symposium 2020**, online, "Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations and bipolar orientations through coalescent-walk processes".
- 07/2019 Random Trees and Graphs Summer School, CIRM, Marseille (France), "Square permutations are typically rectangular".
- 06/2019 **AofA 2019**, *CIRM*, *Marseille (France)*, "Local convergence for permutations: A Markov chain approach via generating trees".

Seminar talks

- 02/2022 **The University of British Columbia**, *British Columbia* (Canada), "The skew Brownian permuton".
- 02/2022 **UC Davis**, *California (USA)*, "The skew Brownian permuton".
- 11/2021 University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania (USA), "The skew Brownian permuton".
- 11/2021 **Dartmouth College in Hanover**, *New Hampshire (USA)*, "Local limits for permutations and generating trees".
- 11/2021 **The University of Chicago**, *Illinois (USA)*, "The skew Brownian permuton".
- 10/2021 ENS Lyon, Lyon (France), online, "The skew Brownian permuton".
- 01/2021 Stanford University, California (USA), online, "Random permutations: A geometric point of view".
- 10/2020 **MIT**, Boston (USA), online, "Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations and bipolar orientations through coalescent-walk processes".
- 04/2020 Bilkent University, Ankara (Turkey), online, "Phase transition for almost square permutations".

03/2020 **CUNY**, New York (USA), online, "Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations and bipolar orientations through coalescent-walk processes".

Mini courses

10/2020 **The limiting shape of random permutations: an introduction to permuton convergence**, *Nancy* (*France*), working group in probability theory, two lectures.

Reviewer activities

since 2019 **Reviewer for the following journals**, Probability Theory and Related Fields (1 paper), Journal of Combinatorial Theory - Series A (2 papers), Random Structures & Algorithms (2 papers), Pure Mathematics and Applications (1 paper), Algebra and Theoretical Computer Science (1 paper).

since 2021 Reviewer for the following conference, Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2021).

Other Work Experience

10/2008- Pizzaiolo, Pizzeria DA PINO, Via Roma 27, Ponzano Veneto (TV).

08/2016 Weekend job.

June-July **Children's entertainer**, Summer camp "Isola Del Sorriso", Via Mure 13/A, Ponzano Veneto (TV). 2014

Languages

Italiano Native speaker

English Fluent (C2)

Français Intermediate/Advanced (B2)

Deutsch Beginner (A1)

Interests and activities

Scout, tutoring math, guitar, cooking and bartending.