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EDUCATION

University of Copenhagen

📍 Copenhagen, Denmark

📅 Awarded in 2021

Politecnico di Milano

📍 Milan, Italy

📅 Awarded in 2017

Politecnico di Milano

📍 Milan, Italy

📅 Awarded in 2014

Ph.D. in Statistics

Doctoral Thesis: *Quantile Regression for Scalar and Functional Clustered Data and Data Analysis with Phase-Amplitude Separation*

Supervisors: Prof. Helle Sørensen and Prof. Ana-Maria Staicu (North Carolina State University)

M.Sc. in Mathematical Engineering, Specialization in Applied Statistics

Master's Thesis: *A Nonparametric Local Method for Inference on Functional Time Series and Its Application to Bike Sharing Data*

Supervisors: Prof. Simone Vantini, Prof. Alessia Pini, Prof. Helle Sørensen (University of Copenhagen)

Grade: 108/110

B.Sc. in Mathematical Engineering

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

📍 Mexico City, Mexico

📅 Aug 1, 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor C (Tenure-Track)

Department of Statistics

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

📍 Lausanne, Switzerland

📅 Oct 1, 2021 – May 31, 2024

Postdoctoral Researcher

Statistical Data Science Laboratory, Department of Mathematics

University of Copenhagen

📍 Copenhagen, Denmark

📅 Aug 1, 2021 – Aug 31, 2021

Research Assistant

Section of Statistics and Probability Theory, Department of Mathematical Sciences

LONG-TERM RESEARCH VISITS

University of Copenhagen

📍 Copenhagen, Denmark

📅 Sep 2023

Visiting Researcher

Guest of Prof. Martin Bladt, Department of Mathematical Sciences

Columbia University

📍 New York, NY, USA

📅 Oct 2019 – Dec 2019

Visiting Researcher

Visiting student under Prof. Todd R. Ogden, Department of Biostatistics

North Carolina State University

📍 Raleigh, NC, USA

📅 May 2018, Oct 2018

Visiting Researcher

Visiting student under Prof. Ana-Maria Staicu, Department of Statistics

University of Copenhagen

📍 Copenhagen, Denmark

📅 Mar 2017 – Jun 2017

Visiting Researcher

Master's visiting student under Prof. Helle Sørensen, Department of Mathematical Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

Published or Submitted

- M. L. Battagliola, H. Sørensen, A. Tolver, and A.-M. Staicu.
A Bias-Adjusted Estimator in Quantile Regression for Clustered Data.
Econometrics and Statistics, Volume 23, Pages 165–186, 2022.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecosta.2021.07.003>
- M. L. Battagliola, H. Sørensen, A. Tolver, and A.-M. Staicu.
Quantile Regression for Longitudinal Functional Data with Application to Feed Intake of Lactating Sows.
Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics, 2024.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13253-024-00601-5>
- M. L. Battagliola and S. C. Olhede.
A New Class of Realistic Spatio-Temporal Processes with Advection and Their Simulation.
Preprint, 2023.
Submitted to *Environmetrics*.
Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.02756>
- M. L. Battagliola and M. Bladt.
Extremile Scalar-on-Function Regression.
Preprint, 2024.
Submitted to *Canadian Journal of Statistics*.
Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.20817>
- H. Albrecher, M. L. Battagliola, M. Bladt, A. J. A. Müller, and T. Swierczynski.
Flood Occurrence in the European Alps: A Generalized Additive Mixed Model Approach Based on Lake Sediments of the last 1500 Years.
Preprint, 2024.
Submitted to *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*.
Available at <https://www.researchgate.net>
- Y. Fahmy, M. L. Battagliola, and J. Guinness
Estimating Velocity Vector Fields Using Transport Gaussian Processes.
Preprint, 2025.
Submitted to *JASA: Theory and Methods*.
Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.10898>
- M. L. Battagliola and J. O. Bauer.
Localized Functional Principal Component Analysis based on Covariance Structure.
Preprint, 2025.
Submitted to *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*.
Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.02836>

In Progress

- M. L. Battagliola, S. Zhang, and R. T. Ogden.
Functional Modeling of Learning and Memory Dynamics in Cognitive Disorders (Expected submission: November 2025).
- M. L. Battagliola, S. Elipot, J. P. Grainger, and S. C. Olhede.
Isotropic Spectral Estimation Applied to Oceanic Currents Velocities (Expected submission: December 2025).
- M. L. Battagliola and O. Angtuncio.
Principal Component Analysis on Connected Graphs: An Approach from Spanning Trees.
- M. L. Battagliola and M. Bladt.
General Sampling of Copulas with Dirichlet Processes.
- M. L. Battagliola, O. Peralta, and J. Yslas.
Thinning and Thickening Discrete Phase-Type Counts.
- M. L. Battagliola and J. Yslas.
Anomaly Detection for Functional Data.

Software Contributions

R Package

LauraBattagliola/ExtrFunReg: ExtrFunReg package (v0.0.2), 2024.

Available at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11400425>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate courses are indicated with *.

Lecturer

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Lecturing, tutoring and grading

2025-2026 *Simulation*
2024-2025 *Applied Statistics III - Multivariate Methods* (2 times)
2024-2025 *Applied Statistics II - Linear Models* (3 times)

Teaching Assistant

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Tutoring and grading

2023-2024 *Probability and Statistics II*
2022-2023 *Statistics for Data Science**
2021-2022 *Linear Models*

University of Copenhagen

Lecturing, tutoring and grading

2018-2021 *Regression** (4 times)
2019-2020 *Graphical Models**

SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

Students of whom I am or was main supervisor are indicated with *. The concluded projects are indicated with †

Ph.D. Students

- **Alaric Müller**[†] (University of Lausanne) on paper *Flood Occurrence in the European Alps: A Generalized Additive Mixed Model Approach Based on Lake Sediments of the last 1500 Years.* .
- **Youssef Fahmy**[†] (Cornell University) on paper *Estimating Velocity Vector Fields Using Transport Gaussian Processes.*

Master's Students

- **Sonia Mancera**^{*,†} (ITAM) on thesis *Detection of the "Hit the Wall" Phenomenon in Marathon Records via Change Point Analysis.*
- **Shizhe Zhang** (Columbia University) on paper *Functional Modeling of Learning and Memory Dynamics in Cognitive Disorders* .
- **Zineb Agnaou**^{*,†} (EPFL) on semester project *Stock Trading: Prediction of Auction Volumes.*
- **Qayis Beji**^{*,†} (EPFL) on thesis *Spline-Based Estimation for Spectra of Isotropic Random Fields..*

Bachelor's Students

- **Armando Sanchez Lopez**^{*} on thesis *Simulation of Space and Space-Time Processes using Bayesian Nonparametric Methods.*
 - **Raymundo Luna Peña**^{*,†} on thesis *Analysis of the Yearly Evolution of PM2.5 over the Continental US.*
 - **Guillermo Arana**^{*} on thesis *Supervised and Unsupervised Classification Methods for Functional Data.*
 - **Monika Stoilova**^{*,†} on semester project *Bootstrap Methods for Time Series.*
 - **Valentin Piquerez**^{*,†} on semester project *Exploring Bootstrap Methods for Stationary Time Series.*
 - **Salya Diallo**^{*,†} on semester project *Exploring Representation and Analysis of Functional Data.*
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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- Prof. Hansjörg Albrecher, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
 - Dr. Osvaldo Angtuncio, CIMAT, Mexico
 - Prof. Jan O. Bauer, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - Prof. Martin Bladt, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Prof. Shane Elipot, University of Miami, USA
 - Dr. Jake Grainger, EPFL, Switzerland
 - Prof. Joseph Guinness, Washington University in St. Louis, USA
 - Prof. Todd R. Ogden, Columbia University, USA
 - Prof. Sofia C. Olhede, EPFL, Switzerland
 - Prof. Oscar Peralta, ITAM, Mexico
 - Prof. Helle Sørensen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Prof. Ana-Maria Staicu, North Carolina State University, USA
 - Prof. Jorge Yslas, University of Liverpool, UK
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PRESENTATIONS

- *Extremile Scalar-on-Function Regression with Application to Climate Scenarios*. Presentation to the Institute for Financial and Actuarial Mathematics, Liverpool, October 2025.
 - *Functional Modeling of Learning and Memory Dynamics in Cognitive Disorders*. Presentation to the Functional Data Analysis Unit at Columbia University, New York, September 2025.
 - *Localized Functional Principal Component Analysis and Identification of Compactly-Supported Functional Processes*. Invited talk at CIMAT, Guanajuato, February 2025.
 - *Extremile Scalar-on-Function Regression with Application to Climate Scenarios*. Invited talk at CMStatistics 2024, London, December 2024.
 - *Flexible and Efficient Simulation of Spatio-Temporal Processes with Advection*. Contributed talk at Joint Statistical Meetings, Toronto, August 2023.
 - *Flexible and Efficient Simulation of Spatio-Temporal Processes with Advection*. Invited talk at CNRS-Imperial Workshop on Waves and Imaging, London, March 2023.
 - *Quantile Regression for Longitudinal Functional Data with Application to Feed Intake of Lactating Sows*. Invited talk at CMStatistics 2022, London, December 2022.
 - *Modeling Learning Curves of Mice*. Presentation to the Functional Data Analysis Unit at Columbia University, New York, December 2019.
 - *A Bias-Adjusted Estimator in Quantile Regression for Clustered Data*. Presentation to the Functional Data Analysis Unit at Columbia University, New York, October 2019.
 - *Quantile Regression for Longitudinal Data*. Presentation to the Section of Statistics and Probability at the University of Copenhagen, November 2018.
 - *Quantile Regression for Longitudinal Data*. Poster session at Data Science Summer School, Paris, June 2018.
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COORDINATION OF ACADEMIC VISITS

- Prof. Jan O. Bauer (ITAM, November 2024)
 - Dr. Osvaldo Angtuncio (ITAM, October 2025)
 - Prof. Jorge Yslas (ITAM, November 2025)
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GRANTS AND FUNDING

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

📍 Lausanne, Switzerland

📅 2023

Bernoulli Center for Fundamental Studies Grant

Amount: CHF 23,000

Purpose: Funding for the *Discrete Random Structures Workshop* (<https://drs23.epfl.ch/workshop-on-discrete-random-structures/>)

Role: Organizer with Dr. Anda Skeja (Uppsala University)

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Canadian Journal of Statistics

Biostatistics

Scandinavian Journal of Statistics

Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Full Professional Proficiency
 - **Italian:** Native Speaker
 - **Spanish:** Professional Competence
 - **Danish:** Elementary Proficiency
 - **French:** Elementary Proficiency
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SOFTWARE SKILLS

R

Python

C/C++

Matlab
