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About me

I am a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Mathematics of Stockholm University and I am currently working on first passage percolation and related models.

My research interests are mainly focused in the areas of probability theory and networks. They cover a broad range of topics, including complex networks, random graphs, random matrices, metastability, large deviations, interacting particle systems, Markov chains, queueing theory, wireless networks and machine learning. In particular, I have been working on metastability in wireless networks, spectra of random graphs and Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithms.

Research and work experiences

Postdoc positions

May 2021 - Postdoc at Stockholm University (Sweden)

Working on first passage percolation in the group of M. Deijfen

Visiting Postdoc at KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden)

Working on machine learning over networks in the group of C. Fischione

PhD

Sep 2016 - PhD in Mathematics at Leiden University (The Netherlands)

Oct 2020 Research in Probability Theory as a member of the NETWORKS program

Supervisors: F. den Hollander (Leiden University), S. Borst (Eindhoven University of Technology), F.R. Nardi (University of Florence)

Thesis: Wireless random-access networks and spectra of random graphs

Awards: Applied Probability Trust Prize 2020

Research visits

Jan 2020	Visiting R.S. Hazra and A. Chakrabarty, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata (In-
	dia)
Mar 2019	Visiting D. Yogeshwaran, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Bangalore (India)
Feb-Mar 2019	Visiting R.S. Hazra and A. Chakrabarty, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata (In-
	dia)
Jan-Feb 2018	Visiting R.S. Hazra and A. Chakrabarty, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata (In-
	dia)

Education

2013-2015 | MSc in Mathematics, University of Padova (Italy)

Final grade: 110/110

Thesis: The switch Markov chain for sampling irregular directed graphs

Jul-Nov 2015 | Exchange, University of New South Wales, Sydney (Australia)

Practicum Program: research exchange (4 months) under the supervision of C. Green-

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2013-2014 | Exchange, Stockholm University (Sweden)

Erasmus Program: study exchange (10 months), courses in Mathematics at Stockholm

University and KTH

2010-2013 | BSc in Mathematics, University of Padova (Italy)

Final grade: 102/110

Thesis: Exterior algebra and Grassmannians

2005-2010 | Scientific high school, G. Galilei, Verona (Italy)

Final grade: 100/100

Languages

Italian | Mother tongue

English Fluent Portuguese Good Spanish Basic

Publications

Journals

2022 M. Sfragara. Adding edge dynamics to wireless random-access networks, *Stochastic Models* 38(4), 545–581.

A. Chakrabarty, R.S. Hazra, F. den Hollander and M. Sfragara. Large deviation principle for the maximal eigenvalue of inhomogeneous Erdős-Rény random graphs, *Journal of Theoretical Probability*, https://doi.org/10.1007/s10959-021-01138-w.

A. Chakrabarty, R.S. Hazra, F. den Hollander and M. Sfragara. Spectra of adjacency and Laplacian matrices of inhomogeneous Erdős-Rényi random graphs, *Random Matrices: Theory and Applications* 10(01), 2150009.

2020 S. Borst, F. den Hollander, F.R. Nardi and M. Sfragara. Transition time asymptotics of queue-based activation protocols in random-access networks, *Stochastic Processes and Their Applications* 130(12), 7483–7517.

2018 C. Greenhill and M. Sfragara. The switch Markov chain for sampling irregular graphs and digraphs, *Theoretical Computer Science* 719, 1–20.

Submitted

- S. Borst, F. den Hollander, F.R. Nardi and M. Sfragara. Wireless random-access networks with bipartite interference graphs, [arXiv:2001.02841].
- M. Deijfen, R. van der Hofstad and M. Sfragara. The winner takes it all but one, [arXiv:2204.04125].

In preparation

- D. Ahlberg, M. Deijfen and M. Sfragara. Chaos, concentration and multiple valleys in first-passage percolation.
- D. Ahlberg, M. Deijfen and M. Sfragara. From stability to chaos in last passage percolation.

Outreach

2021	M.	Sfragara.	How	does	wireless	communication	work?,	The	Network	Pages
	(wi	vw.networkpd	iges.nl/	how-d	oes-wirele	ss-communication	n- $work$).			

2019 M. Maggioni and M. Sfragara. A glimpse into the Pre-University College, *Nieuw Archief voor Wiskunde* 5/20 nr. 4, 272–274.

Academic activities

Teaching

Spring 2023	Stochastic Processes and Simulation II, Stockholm University, teacher
Spring 2022	Stochastic Processes and Simulation II, Stockholm University, teacher
Fall 2019	Complex Networks, Leiden University, teaching assistant
Spring 2019	Mathematical Reasoning, Leiden University College, Den Haag, teacher
Spring 2018	Mathematical Reasoning, Leiden University College, Den Haag, teacher
Spring 2017	Path Large Deviations, University of Florence, lecture for PhD course
Spring 2017	Stochastic Processes, Leiden University (MasterMath), teaching assistant
Fall 2016	Probability and Statistics (for Life Science and Technology), Leiden University, teaching
	assistant
2014-2015	Mathematics (for Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry and Natural Sciences), University
	of Padova, teaching assistant

Supervision

Fall 2019	Emma de Rooij and Nina van Staalduine, "The Google PageRank algorithm", Pre-
	University College, Leiden
Spring 2019	Nienke van der Velden, "A randomized algorithm for bipartite wireless networks", BSc
	in Mathematics, Leiden University
Fall 2018	Aryan Rezaei and Tobias Lewerissa, "Markov chains, chessboards in \mathbb{R}^d and supermar-
	kets" (winners of the Jan Kijne-onderzoeksprijs), Pre-University College, Leiden

Organization

2021 - present	Matstat seminars, Department of Mathematics, Stockholm University
2019-2020	Leiden - Complex Networks - Network (LCN2) seminars, Leiden University

Referee

≥ 2021	Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series B
≥ 2019	Electronic Journal of Combinatorics

Invited talks

Jul 2023	29th Nordic Congress of Mathematicians with EMS, session on "Stochastic processes on random networks", Aalborg (Denmark)
Jan 2023	Probabilistic Midwinter Meeting, Umeå (Sweden)
Jul 2022	Workshop "Francesca Romana Nardi: A life in probability, building communities across
9 di 2022	Europe", Florence (Italy)
Jun 2022	Matstat seminar, Stockholm (Sweden)
May 2022	Seminar for the study trip of "De Leidsche Flesch", Stockholm (Sweden), organization
	and talk
May 2020	LUM Munich seminar, online via zoom, Munich (Germany)
Sep 2019	NETWORKS Workshop "Random Graphs, Counting and Sampling", Amsterdam (The
	Netherlands)
$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2019$	Second Italian Meeting on Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Salerno (Italy)
May 2019	NETWORKS Training Week, Doorn (The Netherlands)
$Mar\ 2019$	ISI Probability Seminar, Bangalore (India)
Feb 2019	ISI Probability Seminar, Kolkata (India)
$\mathrm{Jan}\ 2019$	Leiden - Complex Networks - Network (LCN2) Seminar, Leiden (The Netherlands)
$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2018$	Young European Queueing Theorists (YEQT) Workshop, Toulouse (France)
Oct 2018	NETWORKS Training Week, Asperen (The Netherlands)
$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2018$	Stochastic Processes and Applications (SPA) Conference, Gothenburg (Sweden)
$\mathrm{Apr}\ 2018$	Most Informal Probability Seminar (MIPS), Leiden (The Netherlands)
Jan 2018	ISI-NETWORKS Conference in Probability, Kolkata (India)
$\mathrm{May}\ 2017$	Most Informal Probability Seminar (MIPS), Leiden (The Netherlands)

Workshops and conferences

Jul 2022	Workshop "Francesca Romana Nardi: A life in probability, building communities across
	Europe", Florence (Italy)
$\mathrm{Apr}\ 2021$	KNAW Corona Webinar "Mathematics and Covid-19: social network modelling and
	the spread of infectious diseases", online via Zoom
Mar 2021	IUSTeC Webinar "Machine Learning. Introduzione e limiti dell'apprendimento automatico basato su reti neuronali", online via Zoom
Jan 2020	NETWORKS Matchmaking Event, Doorn (The Netherlands)
Nov 2019	Probability and Statistical Physics seminar, Florence (Italy)
Nov 2019	Stochastics Meeting Lunteren, Lunteren (The Netherlands)
$\mathrm{Sep}\ 2019$	NETWORKS Workshop "Random Graphs, Counting and Sampling", Amsterdam (The
	Netherlands)
Sep 2019	Summer School in Probability, Lisbon (Portugal)
Jun~2019	Second Italian Meeting on Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Salerno (Italy)
Jun~2019	Workshop "50 Years of Random Cluster Model", Leiden (The Netherlands)
Dec 2018	36th International Symposium on Computer Performance, Modeling, Measurements
D 0010	and Evaluation 2018 (IFIP Performance Conference), Toulouse (France)
Dec 2018	Young European Queueing Theorists (YEQT) Workshop, Toulouse (France)
Nov 2018	Probability and Statistical Physics seminar, Florence (Italy), helping with the organization.
Oct 2018	KNAW Symposium on Networks, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Jun 2018	Stochastic Processes and Applications (SPA) Conference, Gothenburg (Sweden)
Jun 2018	ISI-NETWORKS Workshop, Leiden (The Netherlands)
Apr 2018	Dutch Mathematical Congress (NMC), Veldhoven (The Netherlands)
Jan 2018	ISI-NETWORKS Conference in Probability, Kolkata (India)
Dec 2017	Workshop on "Network Models: Structure and Function", Oberwolfach (Germany),
G 2015	preparation of the final workshop report
Sep 2017	Stochastic Activity Month on "Random Graphs and Complex Networks", EURAN-
T 1 2015	DOM, Eindhoven (The Netherlands)
Jul 2017	Stochastic Processes and Applications (SPA) Conference, Moscow (Russia)
Apr 2017	Dutch Mathematical Congress (NMC), Utrecht (The Netherlands)
Feb 2017	STAR Workshop "Random Graphs", Utrecht (The Netherlands)
Dec 2016	Workshop "Guided tour: Random Media", EURANDOM, Eindhoven (The Netherlands)
Nov 2016	Stochastics Meeting Lunteren, Lunteren (The Netherlands)
$\mathrm{Sep}\ 2016$	Leiden - Complex Network - Network (LCN2) Day, Leiden (The Netherlands)