



Cédric Travelletti

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Personal Information

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Education

- 2018-2023 **PhD** in Statistics [summa cum laude, Oeschger prize] University of Bern
Machine learning for the natural sciences. Thesis: *"Efficient Gaussian process updating under linear operator data for uncertainty reduction on implicit sets in Bayesian inverse problems"*
- 2014-2016 **M.Sc.** ETH in Physics with Honors [Grade: 5.75/6] ETH Zürich
(Emphasis in theoretical physics)
- 2011-2014 **B.Sc.** ETH in Physics [Grade: 5.17/6] ETH Zürich

Professional Experience

- Nov.2023 - present **EPFL, Mathematics for Materials Modelling research group** Lausanne, Switzerland
Postdoctoral Researcher. *Leveraging Bayesian optimization to design new materials. Quantifying uncertainties in quantum chemistry simulations (DFT). Contributor to the open source DFT code DFTK.jl.*
- Jun.2023 - Sep.2023 **Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research** Bern, Switzerland
Research scientist. *Developing distributed computing based approaches for estimation of large covariance matrices in paleoclimate reconstruction problems.*
- Nov.2018 - Jun.2023 **Idiap Research Institute / University of Bern** Bern, Switzerland
PHD Student. *Teaching assistant for master-level lectures and continuing education program. Learning manager for the "Master AI" program. Supervision of master theses, Scientific adviser in multidisciplinary collaborations.*
- Apr.2018 - Oct.2018 **Deloitte** Zürich, Switzerland
Quantitative Risk Consultant: Build credit risk models. Perform data munging/cleaning for banks. Developed and implemented a derivative pricing tool based on Monte Carlo methods.
- Mar. - Dec. 2017 **SwissRe** Zürich, Switzerland
Temp. Employee: Machine learning for satellite imagery, real-time traffic analytics, simulation of flood on a global scale (parallel + distributed computing). Linux sysadmin tasks, IT support.
- 2016 - 2023 **Lycée Collège de la Planta, CO d'Ayent** Sion, Switzerland
Substitute Teacher

Open Source Projects

- DFTK.jl** contributor
Contributor to the Julia quantum chemistry package DFTK.
- DIESEL** author
Author of the DIESEL Python package for distributed estimation of covariance matrices.

Academic Projects and Teaching

Master AI: Learning Manager

IDIAP / UniDistance

Created and taught e-learning content (Jupyter notebooks) for "Foundations in statistics for artificial intelligence".
<https://www.master-ai.ch/>

Research Visits

Cornell, NTNTU Trondheim

1 month visit at Cornell University, working on cost-effective path-planning for data collection in inverse problems.

1 month visit at NTNU Trondheim, developing algorithms for autonomous underwater sampling.

Interdisciplinary Collaborations

Responsible for collaboration with Oeschger Center: Large-scale Kalman filtering for paleoclimate reconstruction.

Reviewing Activities

Reviewer for peer-reviewed journals and conferences: *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, *Mathematical Geosciences*, *Water Resources Research*, *AISTATS 2022*

Technical and scientific skills

<i>Machine Learning / Statistics:</i>	Bayesian Learning, Active Learning, Large-scale Inverse Problems, Bayesian Optimization, Kernel Methods, Computational Statistics, Classical Statistics, Probability Theory.
<i>Mathematics:</i>	Real and Complex Analysis, Commutative Algebra, Group/Representation Theory, Algebraic Topology, Differential Geometry, Functional Analysis.
<i>Theoretical Physics:</i>	General Relativity, Quantum Field Theory, Statistical Physics, Quantum Information Theory, String Theory.
<i>Experimental/Applied Physics:</i>	Laboratory work, Data Analysis, Quantum Information Processing, Laser Physics, Astrophysics.
<i>IT:</i>	Julia Python, git, C, C++, R, Matlab, Mathematica, Linux/Bash, SQL, PyTorch, Docker Cloud Computing (Azure, GoogleCloud), High Performance Computing Satellite image processing (GoogleEarthEngine).

Languages

French	native language
German	professional working proficiency
English	full professional proficiency
Italian	basic written comprehension

Publications and Selected Talks

1. T. O. FOSSUM, C. TRAVELLETTI, J. EIDSVIK, D. GINSBOURGER, AND K. RAJAN, *Learning excursion sets of vector-valued Gaussian random fields for autonomous ocean sampling*, The Annals of Applied Statistics, 15 (2021), pp. 597 – 618
2. C. TRAVELLETTI, D. GINSBOURGER, AND N. LINDE, *Uncertainty quantification and experimental design for large-scale linear inverse problems under gaussian process priors*, SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification, 11 (2023), pp. 168–198
3. C. TRAVELLETTI AND D. GINSBOURGER, *Disintegration of gaussian measures for sequential assimilation of linear operator data*. arXiv 2207.13581 (Under review for EJS), 2022
4. C. TRAVELLETTI, *End to end gp-based inversion of a mass density field from gravimetric measurements*. SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification, https://meetings.siam.org/sess/dsp_talk.cfm?p=119544, 2022
5. ———, *Universal inversion: a framework for infusing expert knowledge in bayesian inverse problems*. SIAM conference on Computational Science and Engineering, https://meetings.siam.org/sess/dsp_talk.cfm?p=124918, 2023