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## Research Interests

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Spatial statistics, spatio-temporal statistics, non stationary spatial processes, large datasets, statistical software, algorithms for sparse matrices, ensemble Kalman filtering, fusing multiscale biodiversity data, statistical evaluation of climate model output.

## Professional Experience

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- 2016– Associate professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Zurich (UZH), Switzerland.
- 2014– Affiliate faculty member Department of Computational Science, UZH.
- 2009–2016 Assistant professor (tenure track) at the Department of Mathematics, UZH.
- 2005–2009 Assistant professor at the Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences, Colorado School of Mines (CSM), Golden, CO, USA.
- 2002–2005 Postdoctoral fellow at the Geophysical Statistics Project, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, CO, USA.
- 1998–2002 Research assistant at EPFL, Switzerland.

## Education

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- May 2017 Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) “Leadership und Governance an Hochschulen” at UZH.
- May 2002 Doctoral thesis at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL): *Aspects of Modern Geostatistics: Nonstationarity, Covariance Estimation and State-Space Decompositions*.  
Advisor Prof. Stephan Morgenthaler.  
Jury: Prof. Anthony C. Davison, EPFL, Prof. Jürg Hüsler, University of Bern, Dr. Richard Webster, Rothamsted Experimental Station.
- March 1998 Diploma in Mathematics at EPFL. Undergraduate thesis: *Spatial statistics: Point processes and multivariate measures*.
- July 1997 Certificate of Applied Mathematics Teaching (CESMA), EPFL.
- 1993–1998 Undergraduate studies at EPFL.
- July 1993 Scientific baccalaureate type C, College Spiritus Sanctus, Brig, Switzerland.
- June 1991 Graduation, North Kossuth High School, Iowa, USA.

## Grants

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- July 2020 PI: Gapfilling for ensemble postprocessing for high-impact events, Meteoschweiz (10/2020–12/2022, CHF230k).
- March 2020 Co-PI: TTF Statistics (joint with D. Van de Ville, EPFL) within the NCCR Evolving Language (6/2020–). PIs: B. Bickel (UZH), A.-L. Giraud (UniGE), K. Zuberbühler (UniNE).
- Dec. 2018 PI: Lernumgebung für den Statistik Unterricht (LESU), Lehrkredit UZH (01/2019–06/2020, CHF40k).
- Oct. 2017 PI: Disentangling evidence from huge multivariate space-time data from the earth sciences, SNSF 175529 (02/2018–, CHF487k).
- Jan. 2013 Co-PI: Assessing uncertainty in global change–biodiversity research using multi-scale Bayesian modelling, and, Detection and space-time modeling of biome transition zones Subproject within the URPP ‘Global Change and Biodiversity’ (1/2013–12/2016, CHF4’749k, and 1/2017–12/2020 and 1/2021–12/2024). PIs: M. Schaepman (RSL, UZH), O. Petchey (IEU, UZH), B. Schmid (IEU, UZH).
- Nov. 2012 Co-PI: R’Equip: Computing equipment, SNSF 144973 (05/2013–04/2014, CHF120k) + UZH matching. PI: J. Rosenthal (UZH).
- Oct. 2012 PI: Multivariate Modeling of Large Non-stationary Spatial and Spatio-temporal Climate Fields, SNSF 143282 (1/2013–12/2015, CHF212k).
- Jan. 2012 PI: Developing Bayesian Networks as a tool for Zoonotic Systems Epidemiology, SNSF 138562 (1/2012–7/2015, CHF194k).
- Oct. 2010 Co-PI: Development of Transmission Models for an Emergent Parasitic Zoonosis, SNSF 132482 (1/2011–6/2015, CHF360k). PI: P. Torgerson (Vetsuisse, UZH).
- March 2010 PI: Multivariate Non-stationary Spatial Mixed-effects Models for Intelligent, Continuous Compaction Control, SNSF 129782 (4/2010–3/2013, CHF155k).
- July 2009 Co-PI: Extraction of Layer Properties from Intelligent Compaction Data, NCHRP-145 (6/2009-12/2011, \$140k). PI: M. Mooney (CSM).
- Sept. 2006 PI: Non-stationary Spherical Processes to Synthesize Multimodel Climate Change Simulations, NSF-CMG DMS-0621118 (09/2006–09/2010, \$260k).
- Sept. 2003 Collaborator: Development of Spatio-Temporal and Multi-Resolution Methods for Detecting the Impact of Volcanic and Solar Forcings in Climate, NSF-CMG ATM-0327936 (09/2003–09/2006, \$300k). PI: P. Naveau (CU Boulder).

## Awards

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- June 2020 Nomination *Teacher of the Hour*, by students, initiated by the Center for University Teaching and Learning.
- Oct. 2007 *Nobel Peace Prize* as a contributing author to Chapter 10 (*Global Climate Projections*) of the Working Group I contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report: *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis* (among more than 800 contributing and 450 lead authors).
- April 1998 *Prix Jean Landry* to reward a scientific work with original research within all EPFL diploma theses.
- July 1997 *Prix de la Société vaudoise des ingénieurs et architectes* to reward the student with the best grade in the third year at EPFL.

- Sept. 1992      First Prize at European Community Contest For Young Scientists for the project *Graphthal Plants and Varieties of Trees*.
- April 1992      First Prize at *Schweizer Jugend forscht* for the project *Graphtale Pflanzen und Häufigkeit von Bäumen*.

### **Professional Memberships**

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Member of the American Statistical Association, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the International Environmetrics Society, the International Association of Mathematical Geology, the Swiss Statistical Society and the TeX Users Group.

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# Publications

## Refereed Journal Publications

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- 7 Kratzer, G., Lewis, F. I., Willi, B., Meli, M. L., Boretti, F. S., Hofmann-Lehmann, R., Torgerson, P., Furrer, R. and Hartnack, S. (2020). Bayesian Networks modeling applied to Feline Calicivirus infection among cats in Switzerland. *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, 7, 73.
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## Teaching Scripts

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# Teaching

## Teaching at UZH

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Spring 2021, 2019, 2016, 2015	Instructor for <i>Modeling Dependent Data</i> , STA330.
Spring 2021	Instructor for <i>Design of Experiments</i> , BME321, (joint with others).
Spring 2020, 2019	Instructor for <i>Analysis für Physik II</i> , MAT132.
Fall 2019, 2018, 2017	Instructor for <i>Good Statistical Practice: Computational Skills</i> , STA470.
Fall 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012	Instructor for <i>Likelihood Inference</i> , STA402 (since fall 2014 cross-listed as <i>Applied Mathematical Statistics</i> , MAT924).
Spring 2018	Instructor for <i>Stochastic Simulation</i> , MAT919. (cross-listed as STA111 <i>Stochastic Modellierung</i> )
Spring 2018, 2017	Instructor for <i>Introduction to Statistics</i> , STA120.
Fall 2017	Instructor for <i>Statistical Modeling</i> , STA121.
Spring 2017	Instructor for <i>Analysis of Longitudinal and Spatial Data</i> (joint with L. Held), STA330.
Spring 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Instructor for <i>Einführung in die Statistik</i> , STA120.
Spring 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Instructor for <i>Practical Bioinformatics</i> (joint with others), BIO334.
Fall 2015, 2014, 2013	Instructor for <i>Statistische Modellierung</i> , STA121.
Fall 2016, 2015	Instructor for <i>Stochastic Modeling</i> STA111.
Spring 2013	Instructor for <i>Applied Statistical Modeling</i> , STA220.
Spring 2012, 2011	Instructor for <i>Spatial Epidemiology</i> , STA429, STA430.
Fall 2011, 2010	Instructor for <i>Generalized Regression</i> , STA406, STA957.
Spring 2010	Instructor for <i>Applied Mathematical Statistics</i> , STA950.
Fall 2009	Instructor for <i>Spatial Statistics</i> , MAT912.

The lecture *Good Statistical Practice: Computational Skills* is a flipped classroom lecture with videos hosted on the MNF internal edX instance: [openedx.mnf.uzh.ch/courses/course-v1:UZH+STA470+HS2018/about](https://openedx.mnf.uzh.ch/courses/course-v1:UZH+STA470+HS2018/about) and videos placed on [tube.switch.ch/channels/5a20f23d](https://tube.switch.ch/channels/5a20f23d).

In 2014 Torsten Hothorn, Owen Petchey, Jan Seibert and myself have created the first online course in R, hosted on the MNF internal edX instance: [openedx.mnf.uzh.ch/courses/course-v1:UZH+multi\\_module+multi\\_date/about](https://openedx.mnf.uzh.ch/courses/course-v1:UZH+multi_module+multi_date/about). The content is structured in blocks, allowing to efficiently “build” further courses from the material (as has been done for STA260, BIO377,

ECO332 and several more).

Additionally, I organize on a regular basis research seminars: *Research Seminar on Statistics ETH/UZH* STA670, *Kolloquium über anwendungsorientierte Statistik* STA671, *Research Seminar in Applied Statistics* STA672; student seminars: *Epidemiology and Biostatistics Methods Seminar* STA880DP, *Biostatistics Journal Club* STA480, *Selected Topics in Statistics*, STA380, and reading classes *Statistics and Probability* STA291.

More over, I am ‘Modulverantwortlicher’ for *Einführung in die Wahrscheinlichkeit* STA110, *Research Practical in Biostatistics* STA491, *Statistical Consulting* STA490, *Analysis für die Naturwissenschaften* MAT182 and *Stochastik für die Naturwissenschaften* MAT183.

Modules STA4 $xy$  are within the Master Program in Biostatistics. The modules are open to students in mathematics as well.

Modules STA1 $xy$  are within the minor subject Applied Probability and Statistics.

Modules STA3 $xy$  are within the master and minor program (incl. mathematics). Modules STA $xyz$ DP are exclusively for PhD students. Several STA4 $xy$  modules have a STA4 $xy$ DP counterpart as well.

Modules STA2 $xy$  can be seen as service modules.

With group members we have completely redesigned the module ‘LTK Module 13E Basics Statistics for Animal Experimentation’, which is offered by us on a regular basis. Group members regularly contribute to other LTK modules.

## Teaching at CSM

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Fall 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	Instructor for <i>Introduction to Probability</i> , MACS434 and MATH334.
Spring 2008, 2009	Instructor for <i>Advanced Statistical Modelling</i> , MATH436/598.
Spring 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009	Instructor for <i>Introduction to Mathematical Statistics</i> , MACS435 and MATH335.
Summer 2008	Instructor for independent study <i>Statistical Methods for Environmental Epidemiology</i> , MATH599A.
Spring 2008	Instructor for independent study <i>Improvised Explosive Device Modeling with Inhomogeneous Spatio-Temporal Point Processes</i> , MATH599A.
Summer, Fall 2007	Instructor for independent studies <i>Introduction to Spatial Point Processes I/II</i> , MACS599A and MATH599A.
Spring 2007	Instructor for <i>Introduction to Applied Statistics</i> , MACS424/598.
Spring 2007	Instructor for <i>Senior Seminar II</i> , MACS462B.
Fall 2006	Instructor for independent study <i>R Programming Language</i> , MACS599B.



## Teaching at University of Colorado, Boulder

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Spring 2003	Instructor for <i>Statistical Methods</i> , APPM4570/5570.
Fall 2002	Teaching assistant <i>Differential Equations and Linear Algebra</i> , APPM2360.

## Teaching at EPFL and College Spiritus Sanctus

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March 2001	Instructor (joint with S. Morgenthaler and D. Kuonen) for <i>Probability and Statistics</i> given within the Postgraduate Cycle in Biomedical Engineering, LGM, EPFL.
June 2000, April 2001	Instructor (joint with S. Morgenthaler) for <i>Probability and Statistics</i> given within the Postgraduate Cycle in Risk and Security in Technical Systems, LMAF-DGM, EPFL.
March 2000, Nov. 2001	Instructor for <i>Probability and Statistics</i> given within the Postgraduate Cycle in Expertises of Real Estate, IREC-DA, EPFL.
June, Dec. 1999, April 2000	Instructor for two-day courses <i>Introduction to LaTeX</i> , Postformation, SIC, EPFL.
April, Oct. 1999, Feb., Oct. 2001	Instructor (joint with D. Kuonen) for two-day courses <i>Introduction to S-PLUS</i> , Postformation, DMA, EPFL.
1996–2002	Teaching assistant for undergraduate courses <i>Nonparametric and Robust Statistics</i> , <i>Nonlinear and generalized linear Models</i> , <i>Probability and Statistics I &amp; II</i> , and <i>Calculus III</i> , DMA, EPFL.
1993–1995	Substitute for lectures in mathematics and physics, College Spiritus Sanctus, Brig, Switzerland.

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# Mentoring

## Postdocs and Scientific Collaborators

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Bernadetta Tarigan	UZH, Oct. 2019 –
Zofia Baranczuk	UZH, March 2017 –
Servan Grüninger	UZH, Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020.
Dorothea Hug Peter	UZH, Mai 2018 – December 2019.
Florian Gerber	UZH, Oct. 2017 – Mai 2018.
Gian Marco Palamara	UZH, Mai 2016 – December 2016.
Clément Chevalier	UZH, October 2014 – January 2016.
David Masson	UZH, Mai 2014 – January 2016.
Julia Braun	UZH, July 2013 – December 2014.
Michaela Paul	UZH, January 2011 – January 2013.

## Ph.D. Students

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Servan Grüninger	2020–.
Michael Hediger	2020–.
Federico Blasi	2019–.
Roman Flury	2018–.
Jakob Dambon	(externally funded) 2017–, joint with Fabio Sigrist, HSLU.
Leila Schuh	2017–.
Gilles Kratzer	Ph.D., UZH, 2020.
Craig Wang	Ph.D., UZH, 2019.
Florian Gerber	Ph.D., UZH, 2017.
Marta Pittavino	Ph.D., UZH, 2016.
Steve Geinitz	Ph.D., UZH, 2013.
Daniel Heersink	Ph.D., UZH, 2013.

## Master Students

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Stefan Willi	Master student in mathematics, 2020–
Oliver John	Master student in biostatistics, 2020–
David Markwalder	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2020.
Audrey Yeo	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in spring 2020.
Uriah Daugaard	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in spring 2020.
Sandar Lim	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in fall 2019.
Josef Stocker	Master student in mathematics, graduated in fall 2019.
Jonas Fürstenberger	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2019.
Natacha Bodenhausen	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in fall 2019.
Tea Isler	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in spring 2018.

Cyntia Dukic	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2018.
Roman Fluri	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in fall 2017.
Pierre Häberli	Master student in mathematics, graduated in fall 2017.
Samuel Noll	Master student in mathematics, graduated in fall 2017.
Marco Schleiniger	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in fall 2017.
Christos Polysopoulos	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in fall 2017.
Servan Grüniger	Master student in biostatistics, Co-advising with Marcel Salathé, EPFL, graduated in fall 2017
Anja Fallegger	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2017
Thimo Schuster	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in spring 2017.
Andrea Meier	Master student in biostatistics, graduated in spring 2017.
Ursina Brunnhofer	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2017.
Craig Wang	Master student in statistics ETHZ, graduated in spring 2016.
Fabienne Herzog	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2016.
Carina Schneider	Master student in mathematics, graduated in spring 2016.
Sereina Graber	Master student in biostatistics, Co-advising with Karin Isler, AIM, UZH, graduated in fall 2015.
Linna Du	Master student in mathematics, UZH, graduated in fall 2015.
Carlos Ochoa	Master student in biostatistics, Co-advising with Rita Ghosh, WSL, ETH, graduated in fall 2015.
Kaspar Mösinger	MSc UZH in Mathematics, graduated in spring 2015.
Markus Hirschbühl	MSc UZH in Mathematics, graduated in spring 2015.
Gabrielle Moser	MSc UZH in Biostatistics, Co-advising with Rita Ghosh, WSL, ETH, graduated in fall 2014.
Sabine Güsewell	MSc UZH in Biostatistics, Co-advising with Barbara Pietragalla, MeteoSwiss, graduated in spring 2015.
Florian Gerber	MSc UZH in Biostatistics, graduated in spring 2013.
Stefan Purtschert	MSc UZH in Statistics, graduated in fall 2012.
Rebekka Schibli	MSc UZH in Statistics, Co-advising with M. Liniger, MeteoSwiss, graduated in fall 2011.

## Internships

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Various longer and shorter internships have been granted, notably, Abigail Sutton (08/2018–12/2018 part time), Jonas Fürstenberger (08/2018–09/2018 part time), Samuel Noll (11/2017–02/2018 full time), Kelly Reeve (03/2017–12/2017, part time), Mattia Mollinaro (1/2012–12/2016, full time), Craig Wang (10/2015–02/2016), Roman Flury (10/2015–02/2016), Severin Mösinger (12/2014–1/2015), Markus Hirschbühl (10/2014), Andrés Boldori (4/2010–12/2012, full time).

## Graduate Students at CSM

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The positions refer to their first job after graduation.

Ryan A. Ford      M.S., MACS, CSM, graduated in summer 2009. Software Engineer with Lockheed Martin, Denver, CO, USA.

Norman Facas      M.S., Engineering, CSM, Co-advising with M. Mooney, graduated in spring 2009. Senior Software Development Engineer with the MITRE Corporation in Colorado Springs, CO, USA.

Matthew Benigni      M.S., MACS, CSM, graduated in spring 2008. Major/Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy, Department of Mathematics, West Point, NY, USA.

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# Talks and Short Courses

## Invited Talks

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- Dec. 2019 *Interpolation for huge spatial datasets: theory, implementations and ideas.* Geneva School of Economics and Management, University of Geneva.
- June 2019 *Modeling and prediction of extreme events over networks.* Presentation for Workshop on "Causality and Extremes", EPFL.
- Jan. 2019 *Interpolation for huge spatial datasets: theory, implementations and ideas.* Department of Statistics, University of Uppsala, Sweden.
- Nov. 2018 *Imputing missing values in satellite data: From parametric to non-parametric approaches.* Institute for Geoinformatics, University of Münster, Germany.
- Sept. 2018 *Imputing missing values in satellite data: From parametric to non-parametric approaches.* Public University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain.
- July 2017 *Brute Force or Hand-waiving: Spatial Interpolation Approaches At Your Service.* 27th Annual Conference of The International Environmetrics Society joint with Biennial GRASPA Conference, Bergamo, Italy.
- July 2016 *Gapfillers for remotely sensed NDVI data.* 26th Annual Conference of The International Environmetrics Society, Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton, Edinburgh, UK.
- March 2015 *Multivariate spatial modeling for large datasets: backfitting, tapering and spam.* Department of Statistics and Operations Research, University of Vienna, Austria.
- Jan. 2015 *Multivariate spatial modeling for large datasets: backfitting, tapering and spam.* The First International Congress on Seismomatics, Valparaiso, Chile.
- Dec. 2014 *Solving computational problems in spatial statistics.* Institute of Computational Science, UZH.
- Nov. 2014 *Quick and dirty: how to (not so quickly) simulate  $G(M)RF$  with spam.* GRF-Sim workshop: Simulation of Gaussian and related Random Fields, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- Sept. 2014 *Spatial Models for Global Change and Biodiversity Research.* Keynote at Österreichische Statistiktage 2014, Innsbruck, Austria.
- Aug. 2014 *Tapering for Prediction of Multivariate Spatial Processes.* Invited presentation at the JSM 2014, Boston, USA.
- April 2014 *An asymptotic framework for multivariate tapering.* Department of Statistics, Kansas State University, USA.
- March 2014 *Extending tapering to multivariate spatial processes: concepts and illustrations.* Spatial Statistics for Environmental and Energy Challenges, KAUST, Saudi Arabia.
- Nov. 2013 *Using R to statistically solve an engineering problem.* Lunchveranstaltungen HS13, Informatikdienste UZH, Switzerland.

- Sept. 2013 *Statistical modeling of a former Arctic Ocean ice shelf complex using Antarctic analogies.* IAMG 2013, Madrid, Spain.
- May 2012 *Hierarchical framework for multivariate multi-model climate projections.* Climate and Environmental Physics, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- Oct. 2011 *Multivariate spatial modeling for large datasets.* Fall meeting 2011 of the Swiss Mathematical Society, ETHZ, Switzerland.
- Oct. 2011 *A spatial analysis of multivariate output from regional climate models.* Econometrics Department, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- Oct. 2011 *A spatial analysis of multivariate output from regional climate models.* Colloquium in honor of H. R. Künsch on the occasion of his 60th birthday, ETHZ, Switzerland.
- Aug. 2011 *Exploring and Visualizing Uncertainty in Multidimensional Spatial Random Fields.* Invited presentation at the JSM 2011, Miami Beach, USA.
- June 2011 *A Spatial Analysis of Multivariate Output from Regional Climate Models.* Journée Environnement et Exploration Numérique, AgroParisTech, Paris, France.
- Jan. 2011 *Hierarchical Framework for Multi-model Climate Projections.* Atelier Méthodes statistiques en météorologie et en changement climatique. CRM, Université de Montréal, Canada.
- Jan. 2010 *Bayesian Hierarchical Models for Climate Model Data.* Université Paris-Sud 11, France.
- Dec. 2009 *Spatial Model Fitting for Large Datasets with Illustrations in Climate and Microarray Problems.* Institute of Environmental Sciences, UZH, Switzerland.
- Nov. 2009 *Hierarchical Framework for Multi-model Climate Projections,* ZüKoSt: Seminar on Applied Statistics, Switzerland.
- Oct. 2009 *Climate Change: the Uncertainty of Certainty.* Swiss Statistics Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Oct. 2009 *Bayesian Hierarchical Models for Climate Model Data,* Second Trondheim Symposium in Statistics, Norway.
- Aug. 2009 *Combining Ensembles of Regional Climate Model Output.* Invited presentation at the JSM 2009, Washington DC, USA.
- Feb. 2009 *Aggregation-Cokriging: Prediction for Large Multivariate Spatial Datasets.* IAMCS-KAUST, Texas A&M, USA.
- Nov. 2008 *The Golden Guide to Spatial Prediction.* Mathematical and Computer Sciences Departmental Colloquia, CSM, Golden, USA.
- Oct. 2008 *Prediction for large multivariate spatial datasets.* Invited presentation at the Workshop on Environmetrics, 2008, Boulder, USA.
- Aug. 2008 *Estimation of High-dimensional Prior and Posterior Covariance Matrices in Kalman Filter Variants.* Invited presentation at the JSM 2008, Denver, USA.
- July 2008 *A Bayesian View of Climate Change: Assessing Uncertainties of General Circulation Model Projections.* Invited presentation at the WCPS 2008, Singapore.

- Feb. 2008 *Spatial Patterns of Probabilistic Temperature Change Projections from a Multivariate Bayesian Analysis.* 2nd Workshop on Climate Risk Assessment, JAMSTEC/FRCGC, Yokohama, Japan.
- Oct. 2007 *Spatial Model Fitting for Large Datasets with Illustrations in Climate and Microarray Problems.* Department of Statistics, University of Wyoming, Laramie, USA.
- July 2007 *Experiments on the Earth: Smoothing and spatial statistics for geophysical applications using fields.* Invited poster presentation joint with S. R. Sain and D. Nychka for JSM, 2007, Salt Lake City, USA.
- May 2007 *Spatial Patterns of Probabilistic Temperature Change Projections.* Workshop on the Application of Random Matrices Theory and Methods, SAMSI/IMAGE, NCAR, Boulder, USA.
- Feb. 2006 *Sparse Matrix Techniques for Interpolation of Large Environmental and Biological Datasets.* Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics, University of Colorado at Denver, USA.
- Sept. 2005 *A Small Statistical Contribution Towards a Global Picture.* Mathematical and Computer Sciences Departmental Colloquia, CSM, Golden, USA.
- June 2005 *Correlated Errors in Geophysical Applications.* Workshop on Computational and Mathematical Geoscience, CSM, Golden, USA.
- Oct. 2004 *Covariance Tapering for Interpolation of Large Spatial Datasets.* Department of Statistics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA.
- June 2004 *Ensembles in Numerical Weather Prediction and the Ensemble Kalman Filter.* INRS, Québec, Canada.
- April 2004 *Covariance Tapering for Interpolation of Large Spatial Datasets.* Department of Econometrics, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland.
- April 2004 *The Kalman Filter and its Application in Numerical Weather Prediction.* Institute of Geography, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland.
- July 2003 *Data Assimilation and the Ensemble Kalman Filter.* Chairs of Statistics, Institute of Mathematics, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Jan. 2003 *State-Space Decomposition of Geostatistical Processes.* Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA.
- Nov. 2002 *State-Space Decomposition of Geostatistical Processes.* Department of Statistics, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, USA.
- Oct. 2002 *Covariance Functions and Nonstationary Processes.* Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA.
- Feb. 2002 *Covariance Estimation of Geostatistical Data,* NCAR, Boulder, USA.
- Feb. 2002 *Nonstationarity in Geostatistical Modeling,* NCAR, Boulder, USA.
- Oct. 2001 *Représentation espace-état des processus spatiaux non stationnaires,* INRA, Avignon, France.

## Instructor of Short Courses

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- 2019– Several instances of one day short course *Basics Statistics for Animal Experimentation* (joint with S. Grüninger und B. Tarigan), LTK Module 13E, UZH.
- Nov. 2019 *Basic Statistics Done Right*, workshop contribution to a three day MD PhD Retreat, Kandersteg.
- Oct. 2015 *Statistik leicht gemacht* HS15.24 and HS15.24.2 two one-day events (Leiter Weiterbildung für Lehrpersonen an Maturitätsschulen).
- Jan. 2016
- 2013–2015 Several instances of two to four day short courses of *Introduction to R*, I-Math, UZH.
- Mai 2012 *Introduction to R* two day graduate/postgraduate short course at the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology, June 28–29, Stockholm University, Sweden.
- July 2009 *Summer School on Spatial Statistics* (joint with S. Bannerjee, D. Nychka and S. Sain). Sponsored by SAMSI, July 28–Aug. 1, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA.
- March 2009 *Estimating Curves and Surfaces from Environmental Data* (joint with D. Nychka and S. Sain). Sponsored by ENAR, March 15, San Antonio, USA.
- Oct. 2008 *Analysis of Spatially Correlated Environmental Data* (joint with D. Nychka and S. Sain). Sponsored by ENVR, Oct. 22, Boulder, USA.
- Aug. 2008 *The International Graduate Summer School on Statistics and Climate Modeling* (joint with D. Nychka, S. Sain and C. Tebaldi). Sponsored by PIMS/NCAR, Aug. 9–13, Boulder, USA.

## Conference Presentations

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- July 2019 *Scalable gapfilling in spatio-temporal remote sensing data*. Presentation at the JSM Denver, USA.
- June 2018 *Predicting missing values in spatio-temporal satellite data*, Presentation at IS-NPS2018, Salerno, Italy.
- March 2016 *Bayesian models for uncertainty quantification of Antarctic ice shelves*, Presentation at SIAM UQ16, April 5–8 2016, Lausanne.
- Oct. 2015 *Spatial relationship(s) between climatologies and changes in global vegetation activity*, International Workshop on Spatial Scaling of Earth's Biodiversity, October, 15–17 2015, UZH/Bouldern, CH.
- Dec. 2014 *An asymptotic framework for multivariate tapering*, Presentation at ERCIM 2014, December 6–8 2014, Pisa, Italy.
- June 2014 *Multivariate modelling and efficient estimation of Gaussian random fields with application to roller data*. Presentation and additional contributions at Pan-American Advanced Study Institute on Spatio-Temporal Statistics, 16–26 June 2014, Búzios, RJ, Brazil.



- June 2013 *Multivariate modelling and efficient estimation of Gaussian random fields with application to roller data.* Presentation at Spatial Statistics 2013, June 4–7, Ohio, USA.
- Mai 2012 *Dimension reduction for multivariate lattice data.* Presentation at The Second Workshop on Bayesian Inference for Latent Gaussian Models with Applications, May 30–June 1, 2012, Trondheim, Norway.
- Oct. 2006 *An Efficient Cokriging Approach Based on Canonical Correlation Analysis and Tapering and Estimation of High-dimensional Prior and Posterior Covariance Matrices in Kalman Filter Variants.* Poster presentations joint with M. G. Genton and T. Bengtsson at the conference *Multivariate Methods in Environmetrics*, Chicago, USA.
- Aug. 2006 *Spatial Patterns of Global Climate Change Fields.* Presentation at the JSM 2006, Seattle, USA.
- March 2006 *Covariance tapering for Interpolation of Large Spatial Datasets.* Presentation in the contributed session ‘Advances in Spatial and Temporal Modeling’. 2006 ENAR Spring Meeting, Tampa, USA.
- Oct. 2005 *Optimal Estimation of Cloud Drop Effective Radius.* Presentation at the Special Symposium ‘Combining Multiple Data Sources and Models to Create an Accurate, Global Scale Aerosol Picture’ at the 24th Annual AAAR Conference, Austin, USA.
- July, Aug. 2004 *Spatial Hierarchical Bayes Model for AOGCM Climate Projections.* Presentation at the Graybill Conference, Fort Collins, USA and at the JSM 2004, Toronto, Canada.
- Sept. 2001 *Observation-State Representation of Non Stationary Spatial Processes.* Presentation at the 12th EYSM, Jánska Dolina, Slovakia.
- July 2001 *Non Parametric Estimation within Decomposed Spatial Processes.* Presentation at the RSS, Glasgow, Scotland.
- April 2000 *On the Decomposition of Spatial Processes.* Presentation at the Interface 2000, New Orleans, USA.
- July 1999 *Covariance Estimation under Spatial Dependence.* Poster presentation at the 18th LASR Workshop, Leeds, England.
- Oct. 1998 *Principal Component Analysis of Lake Geneva Sediments.* Poster presentation at the Forth Annual Conference of the IAMG, Ischia, Italy.

## Contributions to Conference Presentations

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Selection of relevant contributions presented by coauthors.

- July 2017 *A Characterization of the Valid Parameter Space of Large Multivariate GMRFs.* Invited. Presented by M. Molinaro joint with M. R. Furrer) 27th Annual Conference of The International Environmetrics Society joint with Biennial GRASPA Conference, Bergamo, Italy.

- Dec 2016 *GC43B-1154: Linking Arctic plant biodiversity measurements with landscape heterogeneity*, Poster presentation, joint with F. Gerber, G. Schaepman-Strub and R. Furrer, 2016 Fall Meeting, AGU, San Francisco, USA.
- Dec 2015 *Linking Remotely Sensed Functional Diversity of Structural Traits to the Radiative Regime of a Temperate Mixed Forest*. Invited. Presented by F. D. Schneider, joint with F. D. Schneider, F. Morsdorf, R. Furrer, P. Moorcroft, B. Schmid, M. E. Schaepman in Session 8166, 2015 Fall Meeting, AGU, San Francisco, USA.
- July 2015 *Retrieval of canopy structure types for forest characterization using multi-temporal airborne laser scanning*. Presented by R. Leiterer joint with R. Leiterer, R. Furrer, M. E. Schaepman, F. Morsdorf at IGARSS 2015, Milan, Italy.
- Oct. 2014 *Towards uncertainty quantification in descriptions of ice shelves as key components of the global cryosphere*. Poster presentation joint with D. Masson, N. Kirchner, Reklam 2014, Berlin, Germany.
- May 2012 *Statistical modeling of a former Arctic Ocean ice shelf complex using Antarctic analogies*. Poster presentation joint with N. Kirchner, M. Jakobsson, H. J. Zwally and J. W. Robbins at APEX VI International Conference and Workshop, Oulu University at Oulanka Research Station, Finland.
- Sept. 2012 *Toward robust bias correction of regional precipitation simulations for hydrological modeling*. Poster presentation joint with N. Addor and J. Seibert, 11th International NCCR Climate Summer School 9–14 September 2012, Centro Stefano Franscini, Monte Verità, Ticino, Switzerland.
- Nov. 2010 *Can Statistics Explain Arctic Paleoglacial Extremes? A cross-polar ice shelf modeling approach*. Poster presentation joint with N. Kirchner, M. Jakobsson and H. J. Zwally at Bolin Centre for Climate Research Annual International Conference, Stockholm, Nov 2010
- Dec. 2010 *Ice Shelf Modeling: A Cross-Polar Bayesian Statistical Approach*. Poster presentation joint with N. Kirchner, M. Jakobsson and H. J. Zwally at 2010 Fall Meeting, AGU, San Francisco, USA.
- Oct. 2008 *Bayesian Multiscale Analysis of Images and Random Fields*. Poster presentation joint with L. Pasanen, L. Holmstrom and S. R. Sain at the Workshop on Environmetrics, 2008, Boulder, USA.
- April 2006 *Probabilistic Projections of Climate Change Fields from a Multivariate Bayesian Analysis of Climate Model Data*. Poster presentation joint with R. Knutti at the EGU General Assembly 2006, Vienna, Austria.
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# Professional Service

## Editorial Activities

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Editorial Board Member, *Spatial Statistics*, since 2015.

Associate Editor, *STAT*, since 2012.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, 2014–2015.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 2011–2015.

## Manuscript Reviews

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*Journal Articles:* Annals of Applied Statistics, Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Automation in Construction, Bayesian Analysis, Biometrical Journal, Climate Dynamics, Climate of the Past, Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods, Computational Geosciences, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, Environmental and Ecological Statistics, Environmetrics, International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation, Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Journal of Climate, Journal of Multivariate Statistics, Journal of Statistical Software, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series C, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Meteorologische Zeitschrift, Nature, Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics, Technometrics, Scandinavian Journal of Statistics, SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications, Spatial Statistics, Statistica Sinica, Statistics and Computing, Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation, and Water Resources Research.

*Book Proposals:* Springer, New York.

Various *Conference Proceedings* manuscripts.

## Grant Proposal Reviews

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United States National Science Foundation, National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, STARS Grants (University of Padova, Italy), Swiss National Science Foundation.

## Organization or committees of Conferences, Workshops and Sessions at large Conferences

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Committee: The 6th Swiss Conference on Data Science, June 14, 2019, Bern.

Committee: Spatial Statistics 2019: “Towards Spatial Data Science” July 10–13, 2019, Sitges, Spain.

Committee: Spatial Statistics 2017: “One World: One Health” July 4–7, 2017, Lancaster, UK.

Organization: International workshop “Scaling and estimation of Earth’s diversity” October 15–18, 2015, Zurich, Switzerland (joint with G. Schaepman-Strub and M. Schaepman).

Organization: International workshop “Bayesian Inference for Latent Gaussian Models with Applications, February 2–5, 2011, at the University of Zurich, Switzerland (joint with L. Held).

Topic-contributed session “Modern Nonparametric Statistics in Climate Science” for the Conference on Nonparametric Statistics and Statistical Learning, May 19–22, 2010, at the The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA.

Topic-contributed session “New Research in Spatial and Environmental Statistics” at the Joint Statistical Meetings, August 2–6, 2009, in Washington DC, USA.

Topic-contributed session “Climate, Weather, and Spatial-temporal Models” at the Joint Statistical Meetings, August 6–10, 2006, in Seattle, USA (joint with S. Sain).

Organization: 13th European Young Statistician Meeting, September 21–26, 2003, in Ovronnaz, Switzerland (joint with T. Gsponer, B. Fournier and E.-M. Restle).

## University Service

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Director of Studies (‘Studiendelegierter’) Department of Mathematics, since fall 2017.

Managing Director, [Master in Biostatistics](#), UZH, since 2011.

Member of steering committee, [University Research Priority Programme \(URPP\) on Global Change and Biodiversity \(GCB\)](#), since 2013.

‘Fachexperte’ evaluation of ‘Elitestudiengang #278’ Bayern.

Joint with Leo Held, responsible faculty member for the creation of the Master program in Biostatistics.

Responsible faculty member for the creation and coordination of the [minor in Applied Probability and Statistics](#).

Member of structured PhD programs ‘[Epidemiology and Biostatistics](#)’, and ‘[Ecology](#)’ (Life Sciences Graduate School Zurich), of ‘[Zurich Graduate School in Mathematics](#)’, and of ‘[Computational Science Zurich Graduate School](#)’.

Member of search committees of the following openings at the Institute of Mathematics, UZH: APNT in Quantitative Network Science (2019) lead; Professorships in applied mathematics (2012); APNT in mathematics (2012); Professorship in Probability (2010); lectureship in applied mathematics (2009). At the Institute of Plant Biology, UZH: APNT Evolution in Action (2015). At the Department of Geography, UZH: APNT Earth System Science (2016); APNT in Spatial Genomics (2018). At the Institute of Computational Science, UZH: Professorship in Computational Science (2018).

Several promotion and habilitation committees MNF, UZH.

Member of the MNF Committee on Sustainability (2015–); of the MNF MOOC Committee (2014–).

Regular, active participation on information events for external and internal participants (‘Science Info Days’, ‘Minor Days’, ‘Master Info Event’ etc.).

External examiner for ‘Lehrdiplom für Maturitätsschulen’, Institut für Gymnasial- und Berufspädagogik, since 2010, several candidates.

Member of the MNF Bachelor/Master Working Group, 2013–2016.

Member of admission committee, Master in Statistics, ETHZ, 2010–2017.

## Public Service

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Member of ‘Schulkommission, Kantonsschule Wiedikon Zürich (KWI)’ (since 2012).

‘Findungskommissionen’ Kantonsschule Wiedikon Zürich (KWI): Chemie fall 2017, Mathematik spring 2018, Biologie fall 2019.

External examiner for ‘Mündliche Maturitätsarbeiten’, (KWI, June 2013).

RPK Katholische Kirchengemeinde Illnau-Effretikon (since Mai 2019)

Mandate for ‘Weiterentwicklung des Biorisiko-Katasters’, Amt für Abfall, Wasser, Energie und Luft, Kanton Zürich (2012).

Contribution to ‘Junior Euler Society’ U18, theme ‘Statistik’ (2012).

Mandate for ‘Organische Schadstoffe für Kompost und Gärgut in der Schweiz’, Schweizerische Hochschule für Landwirtschaft, Zollikofen (2007).

## Ph.D. Thesis Committees

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Member of current Ph.D. thesis committees at UZH of the following students: Adrian Meyer, Department of Geography, (2021–); Liudmyla Feurstein, Psycholinguistics Laboratory, (2020–); Kyriakos Schwarz, Department of Quantitative Biomedicine, (2019–); Luisa Barbanti, Department of Biostatistics, (2019–); Helena Crowell, Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, (2019–); Sona Hunanyan, Department of Biostatistics, (2018–); Alexandra Strassmann, Department of Epidemiology, (2018–); Johannes Bracher, Department of Biostatistics, (2017–); Giulia Pateroster, Section of Epidemiology, VetSuisse, (2017–), head of committee; Frank Techel, Department of Geography and SLF, (2016–); Carla Escriba, Remote Sensing Laboratories, (2014–); Ni Ai, Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, (2014–);

Member of Ph.D. thesis committees of the following students: Kirsti Hakala, Hydrology and Climate, (2020); Janko Tackmann, Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, (2019); Manuela Ott, Department of Biostatistics, (2018); Mariamawit Ashenafi, Institute of Plant Biology; Fabian Daniel Schneider, Remote Sensing Laboratories, (2018); Belen Otero, Section of Epidemiology, VetSuisse, (2018); Manuela Brunner, Hydrology and Climate, (2018); Andrea Farnham, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute, (2017); Sereina Graber, Anthropological Institute & Museum, (2017); Xiaobei Zhou, Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, (2016); Fabien Mavrot, Section of Epidemiology, VetSuisse, (2016); Sebastian Meyer, Department of Biostatistics, (2016); Reik Leiterer, Remote Sensing Laboratories, (2016); Rafael Sauter, Department of Biostatistics, (2015); Wei Wei, Department of Biostatistics, (2015); Nans Addor, Hydrology and Climate, (2015); Nicolas Blöchliger, Institute of Biochemistry, (2015); David Fischer, Functional Genomics Center Zürich/Institute of Molecular Cancer Research, (2014); Daniel Sabanés Bové, Division of Biostatistics, (2014); Florian Marty, Institute of Molecular Cancer Research, (2013); Julia Braun, Division of Biostatistics, (2013).

Co-referee for Ph.D. project of Christophe Folly, Graduate School for Health Sciences, University of Bern, (2018–).

Co-referee for Ph.D. thesis ‘Facilitating Statistical Analysis of Large-Scale Satellite-Based Earth Observation Data’ of Marius Appel, Institute of Geoinformatics, University of Münster, Germany (2020).

Co-referee for Ph.D. thesis ‘Ensemble Kalman Filtering and Generalizations’ of Marco L. F. Frei, Department of Mathematics, ETHZ, (2013).

First opponent for Ph.D. thesis defense ‘Multivariate Gaussian Random Fields: The Stochastic Partial Differential Equation Approach’ of Xiangping Hu, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway (Aug. 2013).

External member for Ph.D. viva ‘Characterising and modelling time-varying rainfall extremes and climatic drivers’ of Mari Jones, School of Civil Engineering and Geoscience, Newcastle University, UK (June 2012).

First opponent for Ph.D. thesis defense ‘Assessment of the Ensemble Kalman Filter Sampling Error’ of Andrey Kovalenko, Department of Mathematics, University of Bergen, Norway (Jan. 2012).

### **Departmental and University Service at CSM**

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Member of thesis committees at CSM of the following students: Kristofer Davis, Ph.D., Geophysics, 2008; Fritz Krembs, M.S., Environmental Engineering, 2008; Ashlyn I. Hutchinson, Ph.D., Mathematical and Computer Sciences, 2009; Kari Macklin, M.S., Mathematical and Computer Sciences, 2010.

Member of search committees, Mathematical and Computer Sciences Department, CSM: Mathematical/Computer Science Education (2007, search #07-081040, chair Barb Moskal); Statistics (2008, search #08-081090 chair William Navidi).

Member of the graduate committee, Mathematical and Computer Sciences Department, CSM (fall 2007–spring 2009).

Colloquium chair at the Mathematical and Computer Sciences Department, CSM (fall 2006–spring 2009).

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