

DR. CORNELIUS FRITZ

Curriculum Vitae

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Statistics, Pennsylvania State University	2023 - today
Interim Professor for Data Science (representation of a vacant professorship) Department of Statistics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2022 - 2023
Research Assistant Department of Statistics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2019 - 2022
Tutor Department of Statistics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2018 - 2019
Graduate Assistant Department of Statistics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2016 - 2018
Undergraduate Assistant Department of Statistics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2015 - 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Statistics (summa cum laude, with distinction) Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2019 - 2022
M.Sc. in Statistics Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2016 - 2018
M.Sc. in Statistics, Visiting Student Universidad Complutense de Madrid	2018
B.S. in Statistics with a minor in Sociology Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	2013 - 2016

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	Native
English	Fluent
Spanish	Intermediate

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses

- Sampling Theory (2022, Lecturer, undergraduate level)
- Applied Statistical Projects (2022, Lecturer and Supervisor, undergraduate level)
- Statistical Inference 2 (2020 and 2021, Teaching Assistant, graduate level)

- Statistical Inference 1 (2019 and 2020, Teaching Assistant, graduate level)
- Introduction to Statistical Software (R course) (2019, Lecturer, undergraduate level)
- Generalized Regression Models (2018 and 2019, Tutor, undergraduate level)

Seminars

- Modeling under Dependence (2022, graduate level)
- Statistical Modeling of Political Networks (2022, graduate level)
- Statistical Analysis of Social Networks (2021, graduate level)
- Complex Networks (2020, graduate level)

Tutorials

- A Connected World: Data Analysis for Real-World Network Data, day-long Workshop in Munich, December 2022 & July 2023

Supervision

- Daniel Seussler (Master Thesis on “*Identification of Health Risk Factors in Developing Countries using Intrinsic Model Selection Approaches*”, LMU Munich, 2023)
- Marc Schalberger (Master Thesis “*Exponential Random Graph Models for Signed Networks: Implementation and Application*”, LMU Munich, 2023)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Postdoc Travel Award - Pennsylvania State University 2023

To travel to the CMStatistics conference 2023, which will be carried out in Berlin in December 2023, I was awarded a postdoc travel award of \$500 by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

Best Dissertation Award - Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich 2023

The Munich University Association awarded me the Best Dissertation Award (Promotionsförderpreis 2023) for my dissertation entitled “Statistical Approaches to Dynamic Networks in Society”, defended on July 27, 2022, and written under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Göran Kauermann. This award is only given to two LMU graduates per year in the college of mathematics, computer science, physics, and statistics.

Munich Center for Machine Learning (MCML) Certificate 2023

The MCML certificate was awarded to me for completing the MCML Ph.D. Program. I participated in the organizing committee of three conferences (DAGSTAT 2019, COSTNET COVID-19, and COSTNET 2020) and presented at various internal events within the MCML and the German AI Centers.

Best Poster Award - DAGSTAT 2022

Awarded for the poster “*Modelling large and dynamically growing bipartite networks - A case study in patent data*” presented at the DAGSTAT conference by Giacomo De Nicola, March 28-Apr 1, 2022, Hamburg, Germany

Core-member - CAS Focus Group on Policies for the Prevention of Conflict 2022

Led by Paul W. Thurner and Uwe Sunde, this focus group from the Center of Advanced Studies at the LMU organizes workshops and fosters interdisciplinary research to study conflict data.

Member - LMU Mentoring Program 2022

The mentoring program supports young scientists (doctoral students and postdocs) on their way to an academic career. Funds acquired through this program allowed me to visit collaborators in the United States and participate in international conferences.

Best Master Thesis Award - Department of Statistics, LMU 2019

Awarded for my master thesis “*Dynamic Social Network Models for Time-Stamped Data*” written under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Göran Kauermann.

GRANTS

Walter Benjamin Stipend 2023, PI 86,525 EUR (\approx 92.352 USD)

My application for the Walter Benjamin Fellowship from the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG) has been accepted, and I will be staying at Pennsylvania State University and ETH Zürich, Switzerland, beginning in September 2023.

RESEARCH

Publications under Review

- [18] Fritz, C., Mehrl, M., Thurner, P. W., & Kauermann, G. (2023+). Exponential random graph models for dynamic signed networks: An application to international relations [Minor Revision at Political Analysis]. *arXiv*. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2205.13411>
- [17] Fritz, C., Dworschak, C., & Mehrl, M. (2023+). Predicting uncertainty in stages: Using a semi-parametric hierarchical hurdle model for predicting distributions of conflict fatalities [Under Review].
- [16] Kook, L., Schiele, P., Kolb, C., Dold, D., Arpogaus, M., Fritz, C., Baumann, P., Kopper, P., Pielok, T., Dorigatti, E., & Rügamer, D. (2023+). Can inverse conditional flows serve as a substitute for distributional regression model in statistics? [Under Review].

Publications in Print

- [15] De Nicola, G., Fritz, C., Mehrl, M., & Kauermann, G. (2023). Dependence matters: Statistical models to identify the drivers of tie formation in economic networks. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 215, 351–363. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2023.09.021>
- [14] Fritz, C., De Nicola, G., Günther, F., Rügamer, D., Rave, M., Schneble, M., Bender, A., Weigert, M., Brinks, R., Hoyer, A., Berger, U., Küchenhoff, H., & Kauermann, G. (2023). Challenges in interpreting epidemiological surveillance data - Experiences from Germany. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 3. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2022.2126482>
- [13] Schweinberger, M., & Fritz, C. (2023). Discussion of “A tale of two datasets: Representativeness and generalisability of inference for samples of networks” by Pavel N. Krivitsky, Pietro Coletti, and Niel Hens. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, (OnlineFirst), 1–5. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.2023.2223680>
- [12] Fritz, C., De Nicola, G., Kevorg, S., Harhoff, D., & Kauermann, G. (2023). Modelling the large and dynamically growing bipartite network of german patents and inventors. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series A (Statistics in Society)*, 186(3), 557–576. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrsssa/qnad009>

- [11] Rügamer, D., Kolb, C., Fritz, C., Pfisterer, F., Bischl, B., Shen, R., Bukas, C., de Andrade e Sousa, L. B., Thalmeier, D., Baumann, P., Klein, N., & Müller, C. L. (2023). Deepregression: A flexible neural network framework for semi-structured deep distributional regression. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 105(2), 1–31. <https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v105.i02>
- [10] Fritz, C., Mehrl, M., Thurner, P. W., & Kauermann, G. (2023). All that glitters is not gold: Relational events models with spurious events. *Network Science*, 11(Special Issue 2). <https://doi.org/10.1017/nws.2022.22>
- [9] Fritz, C., De Nicola, G., Rave, M., Weigert, M., Berger, U., Küchenhoff, H., & Kauermann, G. (2022). Statistical modelling of COVID-19 data: Putting generalised additive models to work. *Statistical Modelling, (OnlineFirst)*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1471082X221124628>
- [8] Fritz, C., Dorigatti, E., & Rügamer, D. (2022). Combining graph neural networks and spatio-temporal disease models to predict COVID-19 cases in Germany. *Scientific Reports*, 3930(12), 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-07757-5>
- [7] Fritz, C., & Kauermann, G. (2022). On the interplay of regional mobility, social connectedness, and the spread of COVID-19 in Germany. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series A (Statistics in Society)*, 185(1), 400–424. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rssa.12753>
- [6] Fritz, C., Mehrl, M., Thurner, P. W., & Kauermann, G. (2021). The role of governmental weapons procurements in forecasting monthly fatalities in intrastate conflicts: A semiparametric hierarchical hurdle model. *International Interactions*, 48(4), 778–799. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2022.1993210>
- [5] Fritz, C., Thurner, P. W., & Kauermann, G. (2021). Separable and semiparametric network-based counting processes applied to the international combat aircraft trades. *Network Science*, 9(3), 291–311. <https://doi.org/10.1017/nws.2021.9>
- [4] Fritz, C., Lebacher, M., & Kauermann, G. (2020). Tempus volat, hora fugit: A survey of tie-oriented dynamic network models in discrete and continuous time. *Statistica Neerlandica*, 74(3), 275–299. <https://doi.org/10.1111/stan.12198>

Miscellaneous Publications

- [3] Kauermann, G., & Fritz, C. (2022). Analyse von Netzwerkdaten (english translation: Analysis of network data). In B. Wawrzyniak & M. Herter (Eds.), *Neue Dimensionen in Data Science* (pp. 151–161). Wichmann.
- [2] Berger, U., Fritz, C., & Kauermann, G. (2022). Reihentestungen an Schulen können die Dunkelziffer von COVID-19 Infektionen unter Schülern signifikant senken (english translation: Mandatory testing in schools can significantly reduce underreporting of COVID-19 infections among students with in-class teaching compared to home schooling). *Das Gesundheitswesen*, 84(6), 495–502. <https://doi.org/10.1055/a-1813-9778>
- [1] Baumann, S. A., Fritz, C., & Mueller, R. S. (2020). Food antigen-specific ige in dogs with suspected food hypersensitivity. *Tierärztliche Praxis. Ausgabe K, Kleintiere/Heimtiere*, 48(6), 395–402. <https://doi.org/10.1055/a-1274-9210>

Theses

- Statistical Approaches to Dynamic Networks in Society. Dissertation, LMU Munich (2022)
- Dynamic Social Network Models for Time-Stamped Data. Master Thesis, LMU Munich (2018)
- Explorative Datenvisualisierung mit Shiny in R (in English: Explorative data visualization with

Shiny in R). Bachelor Thesis, LMU Munich (2016)

Software

- **ergm.sign**: R package on GitHub to estimate, simulate, and assess the fit of Signed Exponential Random Graph Models.
- **ergm.patent**: R package on GitHub implementing pairwise covariate effects possible for use in **ergm**.
- **intervisu**: R package on GitHub which was the main contribution of my Bachelor thesis implementing explorative data analysis by means of interactive Shiny apps.

Seminar Talks (mm-dd-yyyy)

- **01-30-2024 (Dublin, IR)**: Predicting uncertainty in stages: Using a semiparametric hierarchical hurdle model for predicting distributions of conflict fatalities. *Colloquium at the PaCE: Patterns of Conflict Emergence Group at Trinity College Dublin*
- **02-23-2024 (Pittsburgh, US)**: A Generalization of GLMs for Studying Relationships among Attributes under Network Interference. *Seminar at the Department of Statistics, University of Pittsburgh*
- **07-25-2023 (Zurich, CH)**: Analyzing Durational Event Data. *Colloquium at the Social Networks Lab at ETH Zurich*
- **07-13-2023 (Munich, DE)**: Challenges in modern statistical network analysis. *Colloquium at LMU Munich*
- **04-05-2023 (Seattle, US)**: Exponential Random Graph Models for Dynamic Signed Networks: An Application to International Relations. *Colloquium at the Computational Demography Working Group at the University of Washington*
- **12-12-2022 (Dublin, IR)**: Statistical Approaches to Dynamic Networks in Society (**Invited Talk**). *Statistics Seminar*
- **06-10-2022 (Zurich, CH)**: Statistical Approaches to Dynamic Networks: From Discrete to Continuous Observations. *Colloquium at the Social Networks Lab at ETH Zurich*
- **06-06-2022 (Lugano, CH)**: Statistical Approaches to Dynamic Networks: From Discrete to Continuous Observations. *Colloquium USI Lugano*

Conference Talks (mm-dd-yyyy)

- **12-16-2023 (Berlin, DE)**: A Scalable Statistical Platform for Learning from Discrete and Dependent Attribute and Network Data Generalizing GLMs (**Invited Talk**). *CMStatistics 2023*
- **08-08-2023 (Toronto, CA)**: Analyzing Durational Event Data. *JSM 2023*
- **09-27-2022 (London, UK)**: All that Glitters is not Gold: Relational Events Models with Spurious Events (**Invited Talk**). *CMStatistics 2022*
- **09-27-2022 (Leipzig, DE)**: Statistical Approaches to Dynamic Networks: From Discrete to Continuous Observations (**Invited Talk**). *Workshop Statistical Methods on Networks*
- **09-21-2022 (Münster, DE)**: Exponential Random Graph Models for Dynamic Signed Networks/ An Application to International Relations. *Statistische Woche*

- **09-19-2022 (Münster, DE):** All that Glitters is not Gold: Relational Events Models with Spurious Events. *DStatG Nachwuchsworkshop*
- **09-15-2022 (London, UK):** Exponential Random Graph Models for Dynamic Signed Networks: An Application to International Relations. *EUSN2022 - European Conference on Social Networks*
- **03-29-2022 (Hamburg, DE):** All that Glitters is not Gold: Relational Events Models with Spurious Events. *DAGSTAT 2022*
- **11-26-2021 (Online):** Networks \neq Networks (**Invited Talk**). *Center for Advanced Studies LMU: AI and Uncertainty*
- **10-08-2020 (Online):** The Role of Governmental Weapons Procurements in Forecasting Monthly Fatalities in Intrastate Conflicts: A Semiparametric Hierarchical Hurdle Model. *ViEWS Workshop*
- **09-24-2020 (Online):** Tempus Volat, Hora Fugit - A Survey of Tie-Oriented Dynamic Network Models in Discrete and Continuous Time. *COSTNET 2020*
- **6-10-2020 (Online):** Regional Mobility, Social Connectedness, and the Spread of COVID-19 in Germany. *COSTNET COVID-19 Conference*
- **09-14-2020 (Online):** A Counting Processes-based Model for the Analysis of the International Arms Trade Network from 1950 to 2017. *Sunbelt Virtual Conference*
- **10-10-2019 (Bilbao, ES):** A Counting Processes-based Model for the Analysis of the International Arms Trade Network from 1950 to 2017. *COSTNET19 Conference*
- **09-11-2019 (Zurich, CH):** A Counting Processes-based Model for the Analysis of the International Arms Trade Network from 1950 to 2017. *EUSN2019 - European Conference on Social Networks*
- **9-8-2019 (Zurich, CH):** Tempus Volat, Hora Fugit - A Survey of Tie-Oriented Dynamic Network Models in Discrete and Continuous Time. *Satellite meeting on Relational Event Model: EUSN2019 - European Conference on Social Networks*

Service as a reviewer of research papers

Reviewed for (in alphabetical order): AStA Advances in Statistical Analysis, Computational Statistics & Data Analysis, European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD), Journal of Biomedical Informatics, Journal of Open Source Software, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series A, B, C), Journal of Statistical Software, Nature Human Behavior, Network Science, Science Advances, PLOS ONE

Professional memberships

Member of the German Statistical Society (Deutsche Statistische Gesellschaft) and American Statistical Association.

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