

October 8

Session 3: The value of mathematical theory for small data real-world applications

Chair: Carsten Dormann

- 08:30 - 09:00 **Sonja Greven, Berlin**
Fusing deep learning and statistics towards understanding structured biomedical data
- 09:00 - 09:30 **Axel Munk, Göttingen**
Statistical optimal transport meets life sciences
- 09:30 - 09:45 **Carola Heinzl & Lennart Purucker, Freiburg**
Improving machine learning for small genetic data using mathematical statistics

09:45 - 10:15 Coffee break

- 10:15 - 10:45 **Angelika Rohde, Freiburg**
Nonparametric maximum likelihood estimation of monotone binary regression models under weak feature impact

- 10:45 - 11:30 **Panel Discussion**
Axel Munk, Angelika Rohde, Sonja Greven, Maren Hackenberg, Holger Dette, Jens Timmer

11:40 - 12:45 **Poster Pitch Tour #3**

12:15 - 13:00 Lunch break

Session 4: Navigating similarity & uncertainty - statistical approaches for robust predictions and inferences in the small data setting

Chair: Anna Köttgen

- 13:00 - 13:30 **Arnoldo Frigessi, Oslo**
Learning the differential equation of the tumour density of one breast cancer patient

- 13:30 - 14:00 **Jan Gorodkin, Copenhagen**
Analysis of CRISPR data and prediction for design of gene editing experiments

- 14:00 - 14:15 **Nana-Adjoa Kwarteng, Freiburg**
Network meta-regression

14:15 - 14:30 Coffee break

- 14:30 - 15:00 **Harald Binder, Freiburg**
The vision of *SmallData*

- 15:00 - 15:45 **Panel Discussion**
Arnoldo Frigessi, Jan Gorodkin, Nadine Binder, Johannes Hertel, Adriani Nikolakopoulou

- 15:45 - 16:00 **Harald Binder, Freiburg**
Wrap up and poster prize

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October 7

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening Remarks and Welcome Addresses**
Harald Binder, Speaker of the CRC 1597 *SmallData*
Stefan Rensing, Vice Rector for Research and Innovation at the University of Freiburg
Lutz Hein, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Freiburg
Frederik Wenz, Chief Medical Director and Chairman of the Board of the Medical Center - University of Freiburg

Session 1: Hurdles in transferring AI techniques into real-world applications
Chair: Harald Binder

09:30 - 10:00 **Rodolphe Thiébaud, Bordeaux**
Integrating gene expression from whole blood into dynamical systems: illustration with a mechanistic model of the antibody response to COVID vaccination

10:00 - 10:30 **Sonja Schimmler, Berlin**
A national research data infrastructure for data science and artificial intelligence

10:30 - 10:45 **Masako Kaufmann, Freiburg**
Development of CRISPerT, a novel deep learning-based tool enabling efficient and safe application of CRISPR-Cas

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 11:45 **Anna Köttgen, Freiburg**
From population studies to modeling of human metabolism - and back

11:45 - 12:30 **Panel Discussion**
Lisa McShane, Matthias Mau, Rodolphe Thiébaud, Sonja Schimmler, Lutz Hein, Eleni Papakonstantinou

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

13:00 - 14:15 **Poster Pitch Tour #1**

Session 2: Data driven modelling versus scientific discovery and expert knowledge
Chair: Nadine Binder

14:30 - 15:00 **Jan Hasenauer, Bonn**
Sparse clinical data: a call for population-level models

15:00 - 15:30 **Thomas Brox, Freiburg**
No free lunch: why small data tasks require big data models

15:30 - 15:45 **Jelena Bratulić, Freiburg**
What matters for in-context learning: a balancing act of look-up mechanism and in-weight learning

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 - 16:45 **Frank Hutter, Freiburg**
TabPFN v2, a foundation model for small tabular data

16:45 - 17:30 **Panel Discussion**
Jan Hasenauer, Thomas Brox, Frank Hutter, Hannah Bast, Noor Awad, Tanja Vogel

17:30 - 19:00 Canapés

17:45 - 19:00 **Poster Pitch Tour #2**

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| 101 | Behrens, M | Identifying data similarity across subgroups and sites |
| 102 | Kober, N | Similarity weights in the nonparametric maximum likelihood estimator |
| | Bellerino, G | Limit theorems for Markov processes |
| 103 | Schlosser, A Farhadizadeh, M | Bias-corrected maximum likelihood estimation of parametric competing risk models for small data |
| 104 | Lange, Z | Identifying best practice treatment strategies by incorporating information from similar healthcare pathways |
| 105 | Schächter, C | Analysis of treatment effects despite switches in measurement instruments by combining variational autoencoders with mixed effects models |
| 106 | Tambe-Ndonfack, F | Advanced filtering theory and the Zakai equation for jump-diffusion stochastic processes |
| 108 | Secen, E | Dissecting the molecular basis of monogenic neurodevelopmental disorders |
| 109 | Jobson Pargeter, W | CRISPerT: A transformer-based model for CRISPR-Cas off-target prediction |
| 111 | Böhm, S | CoordConformer: Decoding heterogeneous EEG datasets using transformers |
| 112 | Hog, J | Meta-learning population-based methods for reinforcement learning |
| 113 | Raum, H | Dynamic integration of process models and neural networks to improve predictive performance in ecology |
| 114 | Habenicht, H | Similarity evaluation of training vs test data and the potential of process knowledge |
| 115 | Karakioulaki, M | A systematic review and metanalysis for inflammation parameters in dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa |
| 116 | Yang, H | Calibrating representations of expert knowledge with patient data in latent spaces for synthetic trajectories |
| 118 | Bratulić, J | Taxonomy-aware continual semantic segmentation in hyperbolic spaces for open-world perception |
| 119 | Walter, S | SPARQL knowledge graph question answering over Wikidata via constrained language modeling |
| 120 | Ging, S | Image-text representation learning |
| 121 | Arnold, P | Comparing the performance of open and close sourced Large Language Models for automatic CAD-RADS 2.0 classification from cardiac computer tomography radiology reports |
| 122 | Fässler, D Huang, C | Methodologies to improve the scope and accuracy of whole-body models of human metabolism |
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| 123 | Scherer, N | Coupling of metabolomics and exome sequencing reveals graded effects of rare damaging heterozygous variants on gene function and human traits and diseases |
| 124 | Hoffman, L | Being certain of uncertainty |
| 126 | Mesuere, G | Locally stationary hidden Markov models |
| 128 | Müller, J | Efficacy of psychotherapy, pharmacotherapy, or their combination in chronic depression: a systematic review and network meta-analysis using aggregated and individual patient data |
| 129 | Neubrand, N | 1000+ synthetic benchmark problems for parameter estimation in dynamic modelling |
| 130 | Kord, Y | Enhancing SNLS optimisation via deep reinforcement learning for adaptive tolerance setting |
| 131 | Hasan, M | Generating optimal small datasets for efficient offline reinforcement learning training |
| 132 | Zhang, B | Exploration cocktail: automating exploration in reinforcement learning |

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| 133 | Zabërgja, G | Empirical assessment of paradigms in tabular classification |
| 134 | Purucker, L | Applying a foundation model to small tabular data |
| 135 | Kabus, F Hackenberg, M | An end-to-end modeling approach for capturing spatiotemporal patterns in two-photon imaging data |
| e102 | Döhler, S | Small data meets high dimensions: some approaches from multiple testing |
| e103 | O'Brien, T | Challenges of small data in biomedical and environmental research |
| e104 | Moringen, A | A meta unit for co-constructing a computational scaffold model to guide human motor learning |
| e106 | Wendland, P | OptAB - an optimal antibiotic selection framework for sepsis patients with artificial intelligence |
| e107 | Dümpelmann, M | Denoising of low dimensional EEG data with deep learning for improved seizure detection |
| e108 | Krutzylo, A | Forward-forward optimization in small data |
| e109 | Brunn, N | Similarity-based refinement of single-cell interactions |
| e110 | Rollin, J | Prediction of cell lineage trajectories by integration of small single-cell RNA datasets into a large reference dataset |
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| e112 | Brombacher, E | Characterizing the omics landscape based on 10,000+ datasets |
| e111 | Mahendra, M | Convex space learning for tabular synthetic data generation |
| e116 | Umesh, C | Preserving logical and functional dependencies in synthetic tabular data |
| e115 | Archer, L | Uncertainty in clinical risk prediction: perspectives and approaches |
| e113 | Legha, A | Uncertainty-based sequential sample size calculations for developing clinical prediction models using regression or machine learning methods |
| e117 | Pierre Paul, D | Speeding up the clinical studies with biomarker-based enrichment |
| e119 | Schneider, J | Multimodal outcomes in N-of-1 trials: deep-learning based effect estimates in a small data study design |
| e118 | Papakonstantinou, E | Multidimensional investigation of response to treatment with inhaled corticosteroids in COPD patients: insights from the HISTORIC study |
| e123 | Lang, T | AI & statistics in preclinical research and development |
| e121 | Bonetti, M | Two small-sample problems in optimal and exact inference |
| e114 | Eggert, A | When only small data is available in livestock research |
| e122 | Farhadyar, K | Impact of different longitudinal data representations on transformer performance in small data applications |
| e124 | Bodden, D | Allocation bias in group sequential designs |
| e125 | Schoenen, S | Quantifying the impact of allocation bias in randomised clinical trials with multi-component endpoints |
| e126 | Bordoloi, R | Multivariate functional linear discriminant analysis of partially-observed time series |