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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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<b>Morphology</b>	Word-based theories, paradigmatic structure, the inflection-derivation continuum, defectiveness, truncation.
<b>Language and Cognition</b>	The structure of the mental lexicon, frequency effects, language and memory, language-based synaesthesia.
<b>Language and Society</b>	Gender-inclusive writing, identity construction, prescriptivism and language use.
<b>Language Documentation</b>	Computational methods in fieldwork.

## EDUCATION

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**Université Paris Cité** 2019 - Present

PhD in Language Sciences. Thesis: *Taking paradigms seriously: applying a paradigmatic framework to human linguistic behaviour*

**University of Cambridge** 2018

MPhil in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics. Thesis: *Faux-pacity: an analogical reanalysis of phonological opacity and evidence in favour* High Distinction

**University of Cambridge** 2017

BA in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics. Dissertation: *Nasals are the colour of the morning sky: synaesthetic correlates of phonological distinctive features* First Class Honours

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Maria Copot** and Olivier Bonami (submitted). Behavioural evidence for implicative paradigmatic relations. Submitted to *The Mental Lexicon*.

**Maria Copot**, Timothee Mickus and Olivier Bonami (accepted). Idiosyncratic frequency as a measure of derivation vs. inflection. In *Journal of Language Modeling*.

**Maria Copot**, Sara Court, Noah Diewald, Stephanie Antetomaso, and Micha Elsner (2022) A word-and-paradigm workflow for fieldwork annotation. In *Proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on the Use of Computational Methods in the Study of Endangered Languages*, pages 159–169, Dublin, Ireland. Association for Computational Linguistics.

## In preparation

**Maria Copot** and Andrea D. Sims (in prep). Defectiveness in French as a product of prescriptivism.

**Maria Copot** and Olivier Bonami (in prep). Baseless derivation: the behavioural reality of derivational paradigms.

Giacomo Bignardi and **Maria Copot** (in prep). Do children ‘conserve’ or ‘estimate’ quantities in Piaget’s conservation task? A systematic review and metanalysis.

## TALKS

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### Invited

**Maria Copot** (2022). A behavioural perspective on paradigmatic structure in inflection and derivation. Surrey Morphology Group. University of Surrey. Surrey, UK.

**Maria Copot** (2021). The impact of form predictability and frequency on the internal organisation of the mental lexicon. Synners (Syntax and Semantics Group). The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH, USA.

**Maria Copot** and Olivier Bonami (2020). Is defectiveness that surprising? The influence of paradigmatic predictability on token frequency. Feast and Famine project workshop. Online.

### Conference talks

**Maria Copot**, Ninoh Agostinho Da Silva, Ahmed Beji, Arno Watiez and Olivier Bonami (2023). Forthcoming. Truncation as a source of uninflectedness in French verbs. 45 Jahrestagung der Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft. Universität zu Köln, Germany.

Sara Court, **Maria Copot**, Noah Diewald, Stephanie Antetomaso and Micha Elsner (2022). A community-centered workflow for morphological annotation. Language Documentation and Archiving. Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences. Berlin, Germany.

**Maria Copot** and Andrea D. Sims (2022). Defectiveness as a product of prescriptivism: a behavioural study. 20th International Morphology Meeting. Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics. Budapest, Hungary.

**Maria Copot** and Olivier Bonami (2022). Behavioural evidence on the interplay of form predictability and cell frequency. 20th International Morphology Meeting. Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics. Budapest, Hungary.

**Maria Copot**, Sara Court, Noah Diewald, Stephanie Antetomaso and Micha Elsner (2021). A word-and-paradigm workflow for fieldwork annotation. Fifth Workshop on the Use of Computational Methods in the Study of Endangered Languages, workshop at the Association for Computational Linguistics. Dublin, Ireland.

**Maria Copot** and Olivier Bonami (2021). Spare us the surprise: the interplay of paradigmatic predictability and frequency. 3rd International Symposium of Morphology. Online.

**Maria Copot**, Timothee Mickus and Olivier Bonami (2021). Striking out on one’s own – idiosyncratic frequency as a measure of inflection vs derivation. Paradigmatic Morphology 2. Université Bordeaux Montaigne. Bordeaux, France.

**Maria Copot** (2019). Metatheoretical issues on opacity and implications for modeling. Workshop on computational models of morpho(phono)logy. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom.

**Maria Copot** (2018). Fauxpacity: a functionalist reanalysis of phonological opacity. Study Association for Linguistics in Leiden. University of Leiden. Leiden, Netherlands.

**Maria Copot** (2017) Nasals are the colour of the morning sky: evidence for phonological features from synaesthesia. Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain. Cambridge, United Kingdom.

## Internal

**Maria Copot** and Andrea D. Sims (2022). That icky feeling: the role of linguistic prescriptivism in speakers' experience of defectiveness. LingLunch. Université Paris Cité.

**Maria Copot** (2021). Experimentally prodding at the mental lexicon: the case study of surprisal. Séminaire doctoral SFL-LLF. Online.

**Maria Copot** (2021). Acquiring morphological generalisations: evidence from artificial language learning. Séminaire de linguistique expérimentale. Online.

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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<b>The Ohio State University</b> <i>Local Advisor: Andrea D. Sims</i> Visiting Scholar	2021
<b>Digital IELTS</b> <i>English language courses, AI-based pronunciation feedback</i> Course creator	2018-2020

## TEACHING

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<b>Introduction to Morphology</b> Instructor of record	Université Paris Cité 2021-2022
<b>Introduction to Morphology</b> Instructor of record	Université Paris Cité 2020-2021
<b>Aspects of Word Meaning</b> Co-Instructor	Universiteit Utrecht 2020-2021
<b>Introduction to Morphology</b> Instructor of record	Université Paris Cité 2019-2020
<b>Advanced Morphology</b> Teaching Assistant	University of Cambridge 2018-2019
<b>Introduction to Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology</b> Teaching Assistant	University of Cambridge 2018-2019

## SUPERVISION

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<b>Aafje Kapteijns, Marieke Maas</b> <i>Assigning Morphological Meaning to Zipfian Input: an Artificial Language Experiment</i> Masters project supervisor	Universiteit Utrecht 2021-2022
<b>Ninoh Agostinho Da Silva, Ahmed Beji, Arno Watiez</b> <i>Automatic Recognition of Truncated Forms in Text</i> Masters project supervisor	Université Paris Cité 2021-2022
<b>Firas Chalali, Thomas Gaudry</b> <i>Algorithmic Extraction of Truncated Forms in Text (data extraction and annotation)</i> Internship supervisor	Université Paris Cité 2021-2022
<b>Cassandre Despujols, Clara Hirst</b> <i>The Structure of Derivational Paradigms (experiment creation)</i> Internship supervisor	Université Paris Cité 2021-2022
<b>Julie Bauné, Alice Bruguier</b> <i>Predictability in Inflectional Paradigms (experiment creation)</i> Internship supervisor	Université Paris Cité 2020-2021
<b>Alice Pellet, Cindy Pereira, Arno Watiez</b> <i>The Interaction between Truncation and Paradigm Structure (data collection and annotation)</i> Internship supervisor	Université Paris Cité 2019-2020

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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### Fellowships

Initiative d'Excellence (IdEx) International PhD Fellowship PhD contract, September 2019–February 2023	€79.000
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### Grants

Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle Travel Grant, September 2022	€550
Demonext Project Travel Grant, July 2022	€210
Demonext Project Salary to fund two internships, May 2022	€500
Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle Travel Grant, April 2022	€930

LabEx EFL Typology and Dynamics of Linguistic Systems Travel Grant, March 2022	€1.000
Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle Travel Grant, March 2021	€800
LabEx EFL Mobility Fund Travel Grant, January 2020	\$7.065
Tizard Fund at Churchill College, University of Cambridge Travel Fund, May 2017	£172

## AWARDS

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**Scholar of Churchill College, University of Cambridge**  
Award for academic achievements in undergraduate examinations

## SERVICE

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<b>Doctoral School Committee</b> Graduate student representative	Université Paris Cité 2020-Present
<b>Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle Committee</b> Graduate student representative	Université Paris Cité 2019-2021
<b>School of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics</b> Undergraduate admissions interviewer	University of Cambridge 2017-2019
<b>Athena SWANN committee for gender equality</b> Student representative	University of Cambridge 2017-2018
<b>School of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics</b> Graduate student representative	University of Cambridge 2017-2018
<b>School of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics</b> Undergraduate student representative	University of Cambridge 2015-2017
<b>Churchill College</b> International Students representative	University of Cambridge 2016-2017

## EVENTS ORGANISED

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<b>PhD Seminar of the Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle</b> Co-organiser & Founder	Université Paris Cité 2019-2021
<b>Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing</b> Organising committee member	Université Paris Cité 2021

**Bayesian statistics reading group**  
Organiser

Université Paris Cité  
2020-2021

**International Symposium of Morphology**  
Organising committee member

Université Paris Cité  
2019

**Computational Models of Morpho(phono)logy**  
Programme committee member

University of Cambridge  
2019

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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<b>General</b>	Microsoft Package, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Programming &amp; Statistics</b>	Python, JavaScript, HTML, R, SPSS, statistical modeling (bayesian and frequentist)
<b>Data Collection</b>	Praat, PsychoPy, Ibex, PCIBex, Eyetracking

## LANGUAGES

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<b>Native</b>	Romanian, Italian, English
<b>Fluent</b>	French, Spanish
<b>Learning</b>	Swedish, Portuguese