# Research Engineer

## **EDUCATION**

2018-2021	CERC Data Science for Decision Making, under supervision of Andrea Lodi, Mila, Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute, under co-supervision of Yoshua Bengio, École polytechnique de Montréal – Ph.D. in machine learning for combinatorial optimization.
2016-2018	<ul> <li>CERC Data Science for Decision Making, under supervision of Andrea Lodi,</li> <li>École polytechnique de Montréal – M.Sc. in machine learning and operations research. Ungraduated: accelerated transition to Ph.D.</li> <li>Optimization of sensors placement on a railroad network.</li> <li>Prediction of adverse events for healthcare patients.</li> </ul>
2013-2016	<b>l'X, École polytechnique</b> , Paris – France's leading university for high-level scientific studies. M.Sc. in Data Science: Machine learning, statistics, operations research, computer vision, computer science and applied mathematics.
2011-2013	<b>Lycée Blaise Pascal</b> , Orsay – Two year intensive program in mathematics and physics in preparation for competitive examinations to the French Grandes écoles for scientific studies.
2010-2011	<b>Lycée Blaise Pascal</b> , Orsay – Scientific Baccalauréat: French secondary school diploma, awarded with Very High Honors (mention Très Bien).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2021 Oct-Present	<ul> <li>Independent Contractor, Montréal.</li> <li>CERC Data Science for Decision, École polytechnique de Montréal – Library lead developer.</li> <li>Outils en francisation pour le Québec de demain, Université de Montréal – Optimization consultant.</li> </ul>
2016 Mar-Aug	<b>VoyagePrive.com</b> , Aix en Provence – Data Science internship.  Built a generic distributed workflow tool for large data processing using Spark and the Apache ecosystem, and worked on member clustering and predictive marketing modelling.
2015	<b>École Polytechnique</b> , Paris – Kès: student body officer awarded <i>Outstanding Investment</i> by the School Director.
2015 July-Aug	<b>Crédit-Agricole</b> , Singapore – Two-month summer internship in Database management. Projects involved database testing and sampling tools.
2014 Jan-Apr	<b>RSMA army centre</b> , Saint-Pierre, Réunion Island – Second lieutenant supervisor in a military training centre for young adults in social and professional difficulty.
2013	Saint Cyr, Coëtquidan – Three months military training for young officers.

#### MAIN OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

**Ecole** – creator and lead developper: Designed and developed the software architecture, added C++ to Python bindings (PyBind11), setup documentation, hybrid packaging (shared libraries, CMake, Scikit-Build, setuptools, Conda), continuous testing and deployment (Github Actions, Docker, pre-commit, twine).

**Xtensor**: Implemented weighted random sampling (with and without replacement), added documentation cross references.

Feb 2019

Aug 2018

#### ARTICLES

**Ecole: A Library for Learning Inside MILP Solvers.** Prouvost A., Dumouchelle J., Gasse M., Chételat, D., & Lodi A. (2020). Under review in *INFORMS Journal of Computing*.

Ecole: A Gym-like Library for Machine Learning in Combinatorial Optimization Solver. Prouvost A., Dumouchelle J., Scavuzzo L, Gasse M., Chételat, D., & Lodi A. (2020). NeurIPS Learning Meets Combinatorial Algorithm Workshop.

Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization: a Methodological Tour d'Horizon. Bengio, Y., Lodi, A. & Prouvost, A. (2020). European Journal of Operations Research.

Adverse Event Prediction by Telemonitoring and Deep Learning. Prouvost, A., Lodi, A., Rousseau, L.-M., & Valle, J. (2019). *Health Care Systems Engineering* conference.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Feb 2021 Recent Advances in Integrating Machine Learning and Combinatorial Optimization -Khalil E. B., Lodi A., Dilkina B., Chételat D., Gasse M., Prouvost A., Zarpellon G., Charlin L., Online tutorial in AAAI. Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization - Khalil E. B., Chételat D., Gasse M., Jan 2021 Prouvost A., Zarpellon G., Charlin L., Lodi A. Online tutorial in IJCAI 2020. Dec 2020 Ecole: A Gym-like Library for Machine Learning in Combinatorial Optimization Solvers Online poster in NeurIPS LMCA Workshop. Nov 2020 Ecole: A Library for Learning Inside MILP Solvers – INFORMS, Online session presentation. Oct 2019 **Learning to select cutting planes in MILP** – INFORMS, Seattle session presentation. July 2019 **Learning a Cutting Plane Selection Policy** – Student poster at the MIP Workshop. Using reinforcement learning and graph neural networks for combinatorial optimization. May 2019 Adverse Event Prediction by Telemonitoring and Deep Learning – Health Care Systems Engineering, Montreal. May 2019 Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization - Optimization days, IVADO session, Montréal.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Methodology of Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization - Student talk at

Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization – ElementAi, Montréal.

CERMICS Operations Research and Machine Learning summer school

2021 **NeurIPS Machine Learning for Combinatorial Optimization Competition** – Co-organiser & Library support.

### **TEACHING**

2018-2020	<b>Tutorials</b> – Interactive presentations given to research groups. Git ( <u>Gerad</u> ), PyTorch ( <u>Gerad</u> , <u>Mila</u> , <u>NextAi</u> ), Python packaging ( <u>Gerad</u> ).
2017 Sep-Dec	<b>École polytechnique de Montréal</b> – Teaching assistant for the implementation of operations research algorithms course MTH6412B (graduate course).
2014-2015	Lycée Blaise Pascal, Orsay – Teaching assistant in preparatory school. Performed oral examination of students during their weekly test.

# PRIZES AND AWARDS

2019-2023	<b>IVADO excellence Ph.D. scholarship</b> – Competitive 25'000CAD/year Ph.D. scholarship renewable for four years.	
2013-2016	<b>Excellence scholarship</b> − €10'000/year scholarship paid by l'X, École polytechnique for four year	
2016	<b>Outstanding investment</b> as a student body officer, awarded by the school director of l'X, École polytechnique.	
2014-2015	Finalist in the Scientific Team Project Awards in l'X, École Polytechnique.	

## LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Languages	French (mother tongue) - English	(fluent) - Spanish (limited)

Programming Python, C/C++

Machine Learning PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn, Theano, Tensorflow

Computer Skills Python C++ extensions and packaging, Cython, Virtual Env, Pytest, Linux, Web,

Databases, Git, Make/CMake, Docker.

# **OUTSIDE INTERESTS**

**Sport** Cycling, Long distance running, Climbing, Scuba diving

Music Trumpet (7 years) – Grade 5 of British Royal Academy of Music