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Education

2012-2016 PhD in Bioinformatics, Mines ParisTech/Institut Curie, Paris, France.

Supervisor: Dr. Jean-Philippe Vert.

Dissertation: Deciphering splicing with sparse regression techniques from high-throughput RNA sequencing.

2012 Master of Science in Probability and Statistics, University Paris 7, Paris, France.

Obtained with the highest honors.

2008-2012 Bachelor of Science in Geosciences, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France.

Work Experience

Since 2016 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Computational Oncology, MSKCC, New York, USA. Laboratory of Dr. Elli Papaemmanuil.

Classification, prognosis and clonal evolution of myelodysplastic syndromes.

2012-2016 PhD Student in Bioinformatics, CBIO, Mines ParisTech/Institut Curie, Paris, France.

2011 Research Assistant in Statistics, LSCE, CEA, Saclay, France.

2009 Research Assistant in Geosciences, CAOS, NYU, New York, USA.

Awards & Honors

- 2021 MSK Society Scholar Prize.
- 2020 Top 10 MSK Cancer Science Breakthroughs of 2020.
- 2019 ASH Abstract Achievement Award.
- 2016 Excellent Shotgun Communication Award at the 1st International Conference in Splicing.

Fellowships & Grants

- 2020 EvansMDS Young Investigator Award.
- 2017 Recipient of the François Wallace Monahan Fellowship.
- 2012 **PhD Scholarship**, Ecole Normale Supérieure.

Student Supervision

- 2020 Emile Cohen. Master student at *École des Ponts ParisTech*. Pan-cancer evaluation of *TP53* alterations.
- 2020 Lily Monnier. Master student at *CentraleSupélec*. Development of prognosis models for MDS.
- 2019 Araxe Sarian. Master student at *Mines ParisTech*.
 Allelic state of *TP53* mutations in MDS and AML.
- 2019 Philippe Pinel. Master student at *Mines ParisTech*. Molecular classification of MDS patients.
- 2018 Pierre Guilmin. Master student at *Mines ParisTech*. Supervised learning for somatic variant classification.

- 2017 Yoann Pradat. Master student at *Mines ParisTech*. Integration of clinical and molecular data for AML prognosis modelling.
- 2014 Ingrid Vallée. Master student at *Paris Descartes University*.

 Study of BRCA1 splice variants with targeted RNA-sequencing.

Other Research Activities

- Peer Review Blood, Leukemia Research, Nucleic Acids Research, Bioinformatics, BMC Bioinformatics, Annals of Applied Statistics, Frontiers in Genetics.
 - Challenge 2013 NIEHS-NCATS-UNC DREAM Toxicogenetics Challenge (2nd place). 2020 CTD-squared BeatAML DREAM Challenge (4th place).
- Conference Program Committee, International Society for Computational Biology ISMB/ECCB, 2017-2019.
 - Visit Huber Group, EMBL Heidelberg, May 2015. Predicting in vitro drug responses on CLL cell lines.

Selected Communications

- 06/2021 TP53 in myeloid disease: implication of allelic state for genome stability and disease evolution. 2021 EHA Annual Meeting. Invited talk.
- 12/2020 Population genomics and personalized prognosis in myelodysplastic syndromes. *European Bioconductor Meeting 2020.* Invited keynote.
- 12/2019 Implication of *TP53* allelic state for genome stability, clinical presentation and outcomes in myelodysplastic syndromes. *2019 ASH Annual Meeting*. Selected talk.
- 12/2018 Mutational impact on diagnostic and prognostic evaluation of myelodysplastic syndromes. 2018 ASH MDS Symposium. Invited talk.
- 09/2016 A time- and cost-effective clinical diagnosis tool to quantify abnormal splicing from targeted single-gene RNA-seq. *Splicing 2016 conference*. Selected talk.
- 12/2014 A convex formulation for joint RNA isoform detection and quantification from multiple RNA-seq samples. *NIPS 14 workshop on computational biology*. Selected talk.
- 11/2013 Kernel bilinear regression for toxicogenetics. *RECOMB/ISCB 13 conference with DREAM challenges*. Invited talk.
- 12/2012 Efficient sparse method for RNA isoforms identification and quantification from RNA-seq data with network flows. *NIPS 12 workshop on computational biology*. Selected talk.

Publications

- T Gao, R Ptashkin, KL Bolton, ..., E Bernard, ..., SM Devlin, E Papaemmanuil. Interplay between chromosomal alterations and gene mutations shapes the evolutionary trajectory of clonal hematopoiesis. Nat Commun, 12, 338, 2021.
- KL Bolton, RN Ptashkin, T Gao, ..., **E Bernard**, ..., A Zehir, E Papaemmanuil. Cancer therapy shapes the fitness landscape of clonal hematopoiesis. *Nat Genet*, 52, 1219–1226, 2020.
- **E Bernard**, Y Nannya, RP Hasserjian et al. Implications of *TP53* allelic state for genome stability, clinical presentation and outcomes in myelodysplastic syndromes. *Nat Med*, 26, 1549–1556, 2020.
- EH Rustad, K Misund, **E Bernard** et al. Stability and uniqueness of clonal immunoglobulin CDR3 sequences for MRD tracking in multiple myeloma. *Am J Hematol*, 94:1364-1373, 2019.
- E Lamprianidou, E Zoulia, **E Bernard** et al. Multifaceted modes of action of azacytidine: a riddle wrapped up in an enigma. *Leuk. Lymphoma*, 60:13, 3277-3281, 2019.
- o A Kazachenka, GR Young, ..., E Bernard, E Papaemmanuil, I Kotsianidis, G Kassiotis. Epigenetic therapy

- of myelodysplastic syndromes connects to cellular differentiation independently of endogenous retroelement derepression. *Genome Med*, 11, 86, 2019.
- J-L Plouhinec, S Medina-Ruiz, C Borday, E Bernard et al. A molecular atlas of the developing ectoderm defines neural, neural crest, placode and nonneural progenitor identity in vertebrates. *PLOS Biol*, 15(10):e2004045, 2017.
- E Bernard, Y Jiao, E Scornet, V Stoven, T Walter, J-P Vert. Kernel multitask regression for toxicogenetics. *Mol Inform*, 36, 1700053, 2017.
- F Eduati, LM Mangravite, ..., **E Bernard**, ..., Y Xie, J Saez-Rodriguez. Prediction of human population responses to toxic compounds by a collaborative competition. *Nat Biotechnol*, 33, 933-940, 2015.
- **E Bernard**, L Jacob, J Mairal, E Viara, J-P Vert. A convex formulation for joint RNA isoform detection and quantification from multiple RNA-seq samples. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 16, 262, 2015.
- **E Bernard**, L Jacob, J Mairal, J-P Vert. Efficient RNA isoform identification and quantification from RNA-seq data with network flows. *Bioinformatics*, 30(17), 2447-2455, 2014.
- **E Bernard**, P Naveau, M Vrac, O Mestre. Clustering of maxima: spatial dependencies among heavy rainfall in france. *Journal of Climate*, 26(20), 7929-7937, 2013.
- KS Smith and E Bernard. Geostrophic turbulence near rapid changes in stratification. *Physics of Fluids*, 25, 046601, 2013.