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About Me

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 English *Fluent*

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Working Experience

Since December 2025 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)*
Postdoctoral in the *Institut de Recherche en Informatique et Systèmes Aléatoires (IRISA)*, under the mentorship of Léa Pilette, Marc Macé, and Anatole Lécuyer. (Rennes, France)

July 2023 to August 2025 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** *Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Harvard Medical School*
Postdoctoral in the Dystonia and Speech Motor Control laboratory, under the supervision of Prof. Kristina Symonion, M.D., Dr.med. (Boston, USA)

Oct 2019 to Jan 2023 **PhD** *CRISTAL, Université de Lille*
PhD in the CRISTAL BCI team, under the joint supervision of Prof. François Cabestaing and José Rouillard. Duration: 39 months. Defended: 6th of December 2022 (Lille, France)

March to May 2022 **Research Mobility** *Institute of Psychology, Universität Würzburg*
Three-month research project with Prof. Andrea Kübler on tactile stimulations-based BCI and various EEG hardware: standard EEG and around the ear EEG. Mobility grant MOBLILEX (Würzburg, Germany).

February to July 2019 **Research Internship** *INRIA Rennes - Bretagne Atalante*
Internship for my master thesis in the HYBRID research team under the direction of Hakim Si-Mohammed, Ferran Argelaguet and Anatole Lécuyer (Rennes, France). The internship studied the feasibility of controlling a brain-computer interface using steady-state visually-evoked potentials via visuospatial attention dissociated from gaze.

May to August 2018 **Research Internship** *Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems*
Internship in the Empirical Inference department under the direction of Moritz Grosse-Wentrup and Atalanti Mastakouri (Tuebingen, Germany). The internship focused on post-stroke motor rehabilitation through the use of virtual reality.

May to August 2017 **Research Internship** *INRIA Rennes - Bretagne Atalante*
Internship in the HYBRID research team under the direction of Anatole Lécuyer and Hakim Si-Mohammed (Rennes, France). The internship studied the feasibility of integrating brain-computer interfaces with augmented reality and designing command spaces for interaction.

Teaching at the *Faculté des Sciences et Technologies - Université de Lille*

2020 – 2022 **Computer Science - Lab Sessions** 32 hours
Introduction to Algorithmic and C Programming for students in 2nd year of the Bachelor Degree *Électronique, Électrotechnique et Automatique*

2020 – 2022 **Mathematics - Lab Sessions** 52.5 hours
Linear Algebra on MATLAB for students in 3rd year of the Bachelor Degree *Électronique, Électrotechnique et Automatique*

2020 – 2022 **Signals and Systems - Lab Sessions** 38 hours
Introduction to Signal Processing on MATLAB for students in 1st year of the Master Degree *Automatique et Systèmes Électriques*

Administrative Activity

2020 – 2022 **Representative of the PhD students of my doctoral school** *Graduate School MADIS*
Member of the organising committee of the DDay 2020 & 2022: Information day for PhD students.

Awards and Grant

Janvier 2026 **CNRS Postdoctoral Tremplin Funding**
Internal CNRS funding program as part of the Dialog 2026 campaign


March 2025 **BCI Meeting Student Award**
Award granted by the Young Talent Committee of the BCI Society for their 11th International Congress in Banff, Canada, from June 2 to 5, 2025

June 2024 **PhD Thesis Award IFRATH 2023**
PhD Thesis award from the Federative Research Institute on Assistive Technologies for People with Disabilities (or l'Institut Fédératif de Recherche sur les Aides Techniques pour Personnes Handicapées, in French).

December 2021 **Grant MOBLILEX (MOBilité – LILle – EXcellence)**
Mobility grant from the University of Lille awarded to carry out a 3-month research stay at the Institute of Psychology, Universität Würzburg, under supervision of Prof. Dr. Andrea Kübler during the third and final year of my PhD.

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Peer-Reviewed Publications

International Journal

- 2024 **Impact of Audio-Visual Complexity on Symptomatology of Laryngeal Dystonia: A Virtual Reality Study**
Jimmy Petit, Stefan K. Ehrlich, Garrett Tougas, Jacob M. Bernstein, Nicole E. Buie and Kristina Simonyan
The Laryngoscope
DOI: 10.1002/lary.31800
- 2021 **EEG-based Brain-Computer Interfaces exploiting Steady-State Somatosensory-Evoked Potentials: A Literature Review**
Jimmy Petit, José Rouillard and François Cabestaing
Journal of Neural Engineering, IOP Publishing
DOI: 10.1088/1741-2552/ac2fc4
- 2018 **Towards BCI-based Interfaces for Augmented Reality: Feasibility, Design and Evaluation**
Hakim Si-Mohammed, Jimmy Petit, Camille Jeunet, Ferran Arge-laguet, Fabien Spindler, Andéol Évain, Nicolas Roussel, Géry Casiez, and Anatole Lécuyer
IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics
DOI: 10.1109/TVCG.2018.2873737

in preparation

- **Enhancing rhythmic finger kinesthetic motor imagery for EEG-based BCI through passive movement calibration.**
T. Lefevre, J. Petit, K. Won, M. J-M Macé, A. Lécuyer and L. Pillette
- **Toward EEG Neurofeedback Training using Thermal Imagery.**
T. Lefevre, E. Savalle, J. Petit, M. J-M. Macé, A. Lécuyer, L. Pillette
- **Double-blind Sham-Controlled Personalised Closed-Loop Neurofeedback Brain-Computer Interface for Treatment of Laryngeal Dystonia**
J. Petit, S. K. Ehrlich, G. Tougas, J. M. Bernstein, N. E. Buie and K. Simonyan
- **Effects of Selective Attention on SSSEP Using Around-the-Ear and Standard EEG**
J. Petit, J. Rouillard, F. Cabestaing, A. Kübler and M. Eidel
- **Kinaesthetic Motor Imagery for Selective Amplitude Modulation of SSSEP by Somatosensory Gating**
J. Petit, J. Rouillard and F. Cabestaing
- **Amplitude Estimation of Sinusoidal Components in EEG-based BCIs**
J. Petit, J. Rouillard and F. Cabestaing

International Conference (In Proceedings) – Poster & Oral Presentation

- 3 June 2025, **Adaptive Closed-Loop Neurofeedback Brain-Computer Interface for Treatment of Laryngeal Dystonia**
Banff, Canada
Jimmy Petit, Stefan K. Ehrlich, Garrett Tougas, Jacob M. Bernstein, Nicole E. Buie and Kristina Simonyan
2025 BCI Meeting (Selected for Oral Presentation and Poster, presented by Nyah Kshatriya) DOI: 10.3217/978-3-99161-050-2-061
- 30 Sept. 2024, **Impact of Surrounding Audio-Visual Complexity on Symptomatology of Laryngeal Dystonia: A Virtual Reality Study**
Philadelphia, USA
Jimmy Petit, Stefan K. Ehrlich, Garrett Tougas, Jacob M. Bernstein, Nicole E. Buie and Kristina Simonyan
2024 International Congress of Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society – <https://www.mdsabstracts.org/abstract/> – (Poster)
- 11 Sept. 2024, Graz, Austria **Recording the SSSEP with the cEEGrid**
Jimmy Petit, Matthias Eidel[†], José Rouillard, and Andrea Kübler
9th Graz Brain-Computer Interface Conference 2024. [†]: speaker
DOI: 10.3217/978-3-99161-014-4-021
- 2022 **Design and study of two applications controlled by a Brain-Computer Interface exploiting Steady-State Somatosensory-Evoked Potentials.**
Jimmy Petit, José Rouillard and François Cabestaing
International Conference on Human Interaction & Emerging Technologies – IHET 2022
DOI: 10.54941/ahfe1002787

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National Conference – Poster, Oral Presentation & Invited Seminar

- 28 Jan. 2026 **Adaptive User-Centred Brain-Computer Interface**
J. Petit. Invited Seminar, POTIOC team, Inria
- 15 Apr. 2025 **Adaptive Closed-Loop Neurofeedback BCI for Treatment of Laryngeal Dystonia**
J. Petit. Invited Seminar, BrainGate, Harvard and MGB
- Juin 2025 **Recording Steady-State Somatosensory-Evoked Potentials with the cEEGrid Compact EEG**
J. Petit, J. Rouillard, F. Cabestaing, A. Kübler, and M. Eidelf
Psychology and the Brain 50th Annual Conference, Würzburg, Germany (Poster, †: presented by)
- 2022 ***Vers des interfaces cerveau-ordinateur exploitant la somesthésie***
Jimmy Petit, José Rouillard and François Cabestaing
Réunion d'Automne IFRATH (Oral Presentation)
- 2022 **Somatosensory Gating for an SSSEP-based BCI**
Jimmy Petit, José Rouillard and François Cabestaing
Journée CORTICO 2022 (HAL: hal-03651273)
- 2020 **Towards Brain-Computer Interfaces based on Steady-State Somatosensory-Evoked Potentials**
Jimmy Petit, José Rouillard and François Cabestaing
Journée CORTICO 2020 (HAL: hal-03034713)

Education

- 2017 – 2019 **Master's degree of Science in Computer Science (SIF)** *Université de Rennes 1*
The SIF master offers a wide choice of courses from various active research domains in Computer Science.
- 2016 – 2019 **Magisterium of Computer Science and Telecommunication** *École Normale Supérieure de Rennes*
Education focused on research through projects in groups, lectures, seminars, article reading sessions, visits of laboratories, etc.
- 2013 – 2016 **Bachelor's degree of Science in Computer Science** *Université de Rennes 1*
"Research & Innovation" learning.

Other Training and Expertise

- July 2023 ***MGBE HRA Good Clinical Practice (GCP) E6R2 On Demand*** *Mass General Brigham*
The content provides learners with international ethical and scientific quality standards for the design, conduct, data collection, and dissemination of human research studies, ensuring that the rights, safety, and well-being of participants are protected and that clinical trial data are credible and verifiable. Certification is valid for 3 years.
- July 2023 ***MGBE HRA Clinical Research Boot Camp On Demand*** *Mass General Brigham*
Training on the ethical and regulatory aspects of conducting research involving human participants. Certification is valid for 3 years.

English assessment

April 2018 TOEIC: 895 points *École Normale Supérieure de Rennes*

Computer skills

Alphabetical order

C/C++/C# CSS git HTML Java/Scala L^AT_EX
MATLAB OCaml Python R Scheme

Libraries and Softwares

ggplot2 MNE NumPy Panda Scikit-learn
BCPy2000 OpenVibe Unity

Education-related tools

CUDA Hadoop Kubernetes MySQL Neo4j OpenMP

17th of Febuary, 2026

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