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Research interests

I work in the broad field of data management, and more precisely my research interests focus on heterogeneous and/or multimodal data, data integration systems, and data exploration. Recently, I also added Federated Learning to my research interests. The projects that I worked on have always been part of multidisciplinary contexts, including urban planning, journalism, and health, and have been exemplified on large, complex, and often real-world data.



Academic positions

2025 - now	Assistant Professor INSA Lyon & LIRIS (FR)
2024 - 2025	Postdoctoral researcher Politecnico di Milano (IT)
2021 - 2024	PhD student Institut Polytechnique de Paris & Inria Saclay (FR)
2020 - 2020	Master intern LIRIS (FR)
2018 - 2018	Bachelor intern LIRIS (FR)



Education

2021 - 2024	PhD degree Institut Polytechnique de Paris
2018 - 2020	Master's degree Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
2015 - 2018	Bachelor's degree Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1



Research visits

Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse (Oct. 2025 (2 days))



Awards

PhD thesis award (Oct. 2024)



Research projects

BETTER: real-world health-data distributed analytics research platform (Apr. 2024 – July 2025), CONNECTIONSTUDIO: user data exploration of heterogeneous data (March 2023 – March 2024), PATHWAYS: find interesting entity-to-entity paths in heterogeneous data (May 2022 – March 2024), ABSTRA: Entity-Relationship summaries from semi-structured data (Jan. 2021 – March 2024), PREDIHOOD: supervised prediction of the environment of neighborhoods (Feb. 2020 – July 2020), GEOALIGN: matching and merging geographic entities (Jan. 2019 – June 2019), VIZLIRIS: recommending and clustering French neighborhoods (May 2018 – July 2018),



Research software and tools

I-ETL (Apr. 2024 – July 2025), ConnectionStudio (March 2023 – March 2024), PathWays (May 2022 – March 2024), Abstra (Jan. 2021 – March 2024), Predihood (Feb. 2020 – July 2020), GeoAlign (Jan. 2019 – June 2019), VizLIRIS (May 2018 – July 2018)



Working groups

Commission égalité & parité femme-homme (Nov. 2025 – now), Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Apr. 2023 – now), FAIRification of genomic annotations (Dec. 2024 – now)



Publications

My complete list of publications is available on my [ORCID record](#).



Professional service

Member of conference organization committees: tual Modeling for Life Sciences [CMLS – A]: 2025

Member of conference program committees: an Conference on Advances in Databases and Information Systems [ADBIS – C]: 2026, 2025, ational Conference on Data Engineering* [ICDE – A*]: 2025 (review only), ence on Innovative Data systems Research* [CIDR – A]: 2023 (review only), ing DataBase Technology* [EDBT – A]: 2023 (review only), ation Systems and AI for Life Sciences [iSAILS – A]: 2025, ational Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering [CaiSE - A]: 2025 (review only), ational Conference on Web Engineering* [ICWE – B]: 2021 (review only), ational Conference on Advances in Databases, Knowledge, and Data Applications [DBKDA – N/A]: 2025, stion de Données – Principes, Technologies et Applications [BDA – N/A]: 2025 (demonstrations only),

Journal reviewer: ience [Q1]: 2025, oinformatics [Q1]: 2025, l of Data and Information Quality [JDIQ – Q2]: 2025, ers, Materials and Continua [CMC – Q2]: 2025, l of Open Source Software [JOSS – N/A]: 2025, ne [Q1]: 2024, dical informatics and Decision Making [Q1]: 2024, ific Reports [Q1]: 2024,



Institutional responsibilities

2025 - now	DRIM webpage maintainer main maintainer
2024 - 2025	LinkedIn page maintainer main maintainer
2023 - 2024	PhD representative main representative
2021 - 2024	Team seminar organizer main organizer
2021 - 2021	Internship application website contributor active contributor



Talks

My complete list of talks on my [ZENODO record](#).



Teaching responsibilities

Recurring courses: ISN1: informatique et société numérique (fall, INSA Lyon, engineer 1st year, in French), SOL: systèmes et outils logiciels (fall, INSA Lyon, engineer 1st year, in French),

Involvement in teaching teams: ISN2: new project topic, ISN2: network module redesign, CGA: member of the Animation and Management Committee (Comité de Gestion et d'Animation),

Previous courses: CSE203: CS project (spring 2024, Ecole Polytechnique, bachelor 2nd year, in English), CSE204: Machine Learning (spring 2023, Ecole Polytechnique, bachelor 2nd year, in English), INF411: bases de programmation et d'algorithmique (fall 2022, Ecole Polytechnique, engineer 2nd year, in French), INF371: mécanismes de la programmation orientée objet (spring 2022, Ecole Polytechnique, engineer 1st year, in French),



Advising

Master students: Ahmed Bel Hadj Youssef on "Construction automatique de domaines dans les data meshes" (fall 2025, INSA Lyon, engineer 5th year), Antoine Gauquier on "Path exploration of ConnectionLens graphs" (summer 2022, IMT Nord-Europe, master 1st year),

Bachelor students: Shay Pripstein on "Target data acquisition in open repositories" (winter 2023, École Polytechnique, bachelor 3rd year), Tudor Enache on "From simple to property graphs" (winter 2023, École Polytechnique, bachelor 3rd year), Nikola Dobricic on "Graph queries for abstractions" (summer 2023, Ecole Polytechnique, bachelor 2nd year), Jia-Jean Law on "Optimization of entity-to-entity data paths" (winter 2022, Ecole Polytechnique, bachelor 3rd year),