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Summary

I am a **Postdoctoral Researcher** at Polytechnique Montréal, affiliated to the MAGI Department and the Scale-AI Chair held by Professor Thibaut Vidal. I have completed a PhD at INRIA and INSA Rennes under the supervision of Cédric Herzet, Clément Elvira and Ayşe-Nur Arslan. My research mainly focuses on **mixed-integer and convex optimization problems** related to Machine Learning and Signal Processing applications. My PhD was related to the development of efficient algorithms to address ℓ_0 -norm problems and my Postdoc is interests in interplays between Operation Research and Machine Learning.

Education and Positions

2025 - Now	Postdoctoral Researcher Institute : Polytechnique Montréal (Scale-AI Chair), Canada Topic : Interplays between Operation Research and Machine Learning Advisor : Thibaut Vidal
2021 - 2024	PhD Student Institute : INRIA (SimSMART) and INSA Rennes (MA Department), France Topic : Branch-and-bound algorithms for ℓ_0 -regularized problems Advisors : Cédric Herzet, Clément Elvira, Ayşe-Nur Arslan Examiners : Jérôme Malick, Nicolas Gillis, Joseph Salmon, Amélie Lambert
2020 - 2021	Research Program Student Institute : IRMAR, France Topic : Stochastic models for Kidney Exchange Programs Advisor : Jérémy Omer
2019 - 2020	Research Program Student Institute : IRMAR, France Topic : Screening methods for ℓ_1 -regularized problems Advisor : Cédric Herzet
2016 - 2021	Engineering Student (MSc equivalent) Institute : INSA Rennes, France Specialty : Applied Mathematics

Diplomas

- 2025, MCF Qualification – CNU Section 26 Applied Mathematics
- 2025, MCF Qualification – CNU Section 61 Signal Processing
- 2024, PhD in Applied Mathematics from INSA Rennes
- 2021, Engineering degree (MSc equivalent) in Applied Mathematics from INSA Rennes

Awards

- IVADO 2025 **R3I Research grant recipient with Thibaut Vidal.** This [IVADO](#) grant aims at supporting research to integrate and improve modern optimization and machine learning methods to improve the efficiency and resilience of supply chains and mobility systems, while reducing their environmental footprint. The jury was composed of Emma Frejinger, Erick Delage, Jean-François Cordeau, Yossiri Adulyasak.
- ROADEF 2023 **Best student paper.** This prize is awarded at the [ROADEF](#) annual congress and rewards a doctoral student for an original academic or industrial contribution. The evaluation covers both the content of the paper and the oral during the congress. The jury was composed of Come Bissuel, Julien Darlay, Alexandre Gondran, Nacima Labadie, Amélie Lambert, Sébastien Martin, Dimitri Watel, Sandra Ngueveu and Odile Bellenguez.
- SMAI-MODE 2022 **Best poster award.** This prize is awarded by the [SMAI-MODE](#) group and rewards the best poster during the SMAI-MODE days. The jury was composed of Jean-Bernard Lasserre, Nouredine Igbida, Thibault Liard, Simone Naldi and Olivier Prot.

Publications

In Preparation

- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “A generic Branch-and-Bound framework for ℓ_0 -regularized problems”. To be submitted soon.
- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “**E10ps**: An exact L0-regularized problem solver”. To be submitted soon.

International Conference Papers

- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, Clément Elvira, and Ayşe-Nur Arslan. “A new Branch-and-Bound pruning framework for ℓ_0 -regularized problems”. In *Forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. PMLR. 2024.
- Théo Guyard, Gilles Monnoyer, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “Safe peeling for ℓ_0 -regularized least-squares”. In *European Conference on Signal Processing (EUSIPCO)*. IEEE. 2023.
- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “Node-screening tests for ℓ_0 -penalized least-squares problem”. In *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*. IEEE. 2022.
- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “Screen & Relax: Accelerating the resolution of Elastic-net by safe identification of the solution support”. In *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*. IEEE. 2022.

National Conference Papers

- Théo Guyard, Gilles Monnoyer, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “Peeling pour le problème des moindres carrés avec régularisation ℓ_0 ”. In *Groupe de Recherche et d’Etudes de Traitement du Signal et des Images (GRETSI)*. 2023.
- Théo Guyard. “An efficient solver for ℓ_0 -penalized sparse problems”. In *Congrès de la Société Française de Recherche Opérationnelle et d’Aide à la Décision (ROADEF)*. 2023.
- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, Clément Elvira, and Ayşe-Nur Arslan. “Node-screening pour le problème des moindres carrés avec pénalité ℓ_0 ”. In *Groupe de Recherche et d’Etudes de Traitement du Signal et des Images (GRETSI)*. 2022.
- Théo Guyard, Cédric Herzet, and Clément Elvira. “Screen & Relax: Accélérer la résolution du problème "Elastic-Net" par identification du support de la solution”. In *Groupe de Recherche et d’Etudes de Traitement du Signal et des Images (GRETSI)*. 2022.

Theses and Technical Reports

- Théo Guyard. “Branch-and-Bound algorithms for ℓ_0 -regularized problems”. *PhD thesis*. 2024.
- Théo Guyard. “Acceleration methods for ℓ_0 and ℓ_1 problems”. *Engineering thesis*. 2021.
- Théo Guyard. “Stochastic models for kidney exchange programs”. *Research thesis*. 2020.

Presentations

- 2025, March 6. “Optimization methods for L0-norm problems”, *CIRRELT seminar*, Montréal, Canada.
- 2024, December 9. “Solving L0-norm problems via mixed-integer optimization”, *IMAG team seminar*, Montpellier, France.
- 2024, November 27. “Branch-and-Bound algorithms for L0-regularized problems”, *PhD Defense*, Rennes, France.
- 2024, September 16. “Toward stronger relaxations for L0-regularized problems”, *GdR IASIS Workshop*, Institut Henri Poincaré, France.
- 2024, July 24. “A new Branch-and-Bound pruning framework for L0-regularized problems”, *ICML*, Vienna, Austria.
- 2024, March 28. “A generic Branch-and-Bound for L0-penalized problems”, *SMAI-MODE days*, Lyon, France.
- 2024, March 28. “Screen-and-Relax for sparse support identification”, *SMAI-MODE days*, Lyon, France.
- 2024, March 18. “Discrete optimization methods for L0-norm problems”, *Journées Doctorants en Statistiques*, Rennes, France.
- 2024, March 7. “Mixed-integer optimization methods for sparse problems”, *LS2N seminar*, Nantes, France.
- 2023, November 29. “Screen & Relax for sparse support identification”, *PGMO days*, Paris-Saclay, France.
- 2023, November 29. “Safe peeling for L0-penalized problems”, *PGMO days*, Paris-Saclay, France.
- 2023, October 19. “Solving L0-norm problems via mixed-integer optimization”, *INRIA EDGE team seminar*, Bordeaux, France.
- 2023, October 10. “Solving L0-norm problems via mixed-integer optimization”, *INRIA SODA and MIND team seminar*, Paris-Saclay, France.

- 2023, September 9. “Peeling for L0-regularized least-squares”, *EUSIPCO*, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2023, August 30. “Peeling for L0-regularized least-squares”, *GRETSI*, Grenoble, France.
- 2023, May 2. “Unifying Branch-and-Bound approaches to solve L0-penalized problems”, *SIAM Conference on Optimization*, Seattle, USA.
- 2023, February 21. “An efficient solver for L0-penalized sparse problems”, *ROADEF*, Rennes, France.
- 2023, February 17. “The latest report from the CNRS ethics committee: Integrating environmental issues into the conduct of research”, *IRMAR Science and Ethic seminar*, Rennes, France.
- 2022, November 30. “Discrete optimization methods for L0-penalized sparse problems”, *PGMO days*, Paris-Saclay, France.
- 2022, September 30. “Resilience in signal processing and AI”, *IRMAR Science and Ethic seminar*, Rennes, France.
- 2022, September 8. “Node-screening pour le problème des moindres carrés avec pénalité L0”, *GRETSI*, Nancy, France.
- 2022, September 8. “Accélérer la résolution de l’Elastic-Net par identification du support de la solution”, *GRETSI*, Nancy, France.
- 2022, June 1. “Node-screening tests for the L0-penalized least-squares problem”, *SMAI-MODE days*, Limoges, France.
- 2022, May 8. “Node-screening tests for the L0-penalized least-squares problem”, *ICASSP*, Singapore.
- 2022, May 8. “Screen & Relax: Accelerating the resolution of Elastic-Net by safe identification of the solution support”, *ICASSP*, Singapore.

Softwares

Projects as Maintainer

- exprun** Python toolbox to automatize pipelines for reproducible experiments. The package is available on **pypi** under MIT license.
- e10ps** Python toolbox to solve L0-regularized problems via flexible and numerically efficient methods. The package is available on **pypi** under AGPL-v3 license.
- libsvmdata** Simple tool to fetch **libsvm** datasets to Julia. The package is available on **juliapackages** under MIT license.

Projects as Contributor

- benchopt** Benchmarking suite for optimization algorithms built for simplicity, transparency, and reproducibility. The package is available on **pypi** under BSD-3 license.
- l0learn** Efficient algorithms for L0-regularized learning. It is built for simplicity, transparency, and reproducibility. The package is available on **cran** and **pypi**.
- libsvmdata** A python util to fetch datasets from the **libsvm** website. The package is available on **pypi** under BSD-3 license.

Scientific Duties

Program Chair for: ECAI 2025.

Journal Reviews for: JOTA, IEEE Signal Processing Letters.

Teaching

Courses

- 2023 - 2024 ENSAI, Computer Science Department. *UE 1-07: Optimization and numerical methods*. Service: TP (12h equivalent TD) for MSc students.
- 2023 - 2024 INSA Rennes, Applied Mathematics Department. *DMA06-OD: Discrete optimization*. Service: TP/TD/Project (10h equivalent TD) for MSc students.
- 2023 - 2024 INSA Rennes, Applied Mathematics Department. *DMA09-PARCI: Sparse models and methods*. Service: CM/TP/TD (13h equivalent TD) for MSc students.
- 2022 - 2023 INSA Rennes, Applied Mathematics Department. *DMA06-OD: Discrete optimization*. Service: TP/TD/Project (10h equivalent TD) for MSc students.
- 2022 - 2023 INSA Rennes, Applied Mathematics Department. *DMA09-PARCI: Sparse models and methods*. Service: CM/TP/TD (11h equivalent TD) for MSc students.
- 2021 - 2022 INSA Rennes, Engineering Department. *STP-03: Linear Algebra*. Service: TD (36h equivalent TD) for BSc students.

Dissemination

- 2022 MathC2+ masterclasses lecturer for high-school students (12h equivalent TD).

Supervision

- 2025 Lucas Langlade (ENPC) – Master internship at Polytechnique Montréal