

# Armand Gissler

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Research

- (currently) **PhD in applied mathematics**, *Inria & CMAP, École polytechnique*, supervised by Anne Auger and Nikolaus Hansen  
Oct. 2021–  
Convergence analysis of Evolution Strategies with Covariance Matrix Adaptation (CMA-ES)
- Oct. 2020–**Pre-doctoral research internship**, *McGill University, Montreal*, supervised by T. Hoheisel  
June 2021  
A note on the  $K$ -epigraph.
- April–August 2020 **Research internship (M2)**, *Inria Saclay - CMAP École Polytechnique*, supervised by A. Auger  
Influence of a line search and of the learning rate on the convergence of Evolution Strategies.
- April–August 2019 **Research internship (M1)**, *Maxwell Institute for Mathematical Sciences, University of Edinburgh*, supervised by L. Szpruch  
Mean-field stochastic control : Studies of mean-field games, stochastic optimization under McKean-Vlasov dynamics, Markovian controls depending only on the law of the process.
- Feb.–June 2018 **Initiation to research internship (L3)**, *Centre de Mathématiques et de leurs Applications (CMLA), ENS Cachan*, supervised by A. Durmus  
Studies of non-reversible discrete-time Markov chain : efficiency of MCMC methods, theoretical and numerical comparison of non-reversible MCMC algorithm with the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm and the Gibbs sampler.

### Studies

- Sept. 2019–**Master's degree 2nd year (M2) - Mathematics, Vision, Learning**, *École normale supérieure (ENS) Paris-Saclay*  
August 2020  
Computational Optimal Transport, Computational Statistics, Convex Optimization, Large-Scale Optimization, Mathematical Methods for Neurosciences, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Geometry and shapes, Biostatistics, Geometrical approaches in statistics, Bayesian machine learning
- Sept. 2018–**Master's degree 1st year (M1) - Mathematics**, *ENS Paris-Saclay, Université Paris-Saclay, École polytechnique*  
August 2019  
Algebra, Analysis, Probabilities, Geometry, Statistics, Optimization, Stochastic processes, Images, Networks
- Sept. 2017–**Bachelor's degree 3rd year (L3) - Mathematics**, *ENS Paris-Saclay*  
August 2018  
Algebra, Differential calculus, Measure theory, Hilbert and Fourier analysis, Complex analysis, ODE numerical analysis, PDE numerical approximation, Probabilities, Quantum mechanics
- Sept. 2015–**Preparatory class - Mathematics, Physics, Engineering science (MPSI-MP)**, *Lycée Michelet, Vanves*, (equivalent to first two years of a Bachelor's degree)  
August 2017  
Mathematics (algebra, analysis, probabilities), Physics (mechanics, thermodynamics, optics, electromagnetism), Chemistry, Engineering science, Computer science, Philosophy, English

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## Scientific publications

### Preprints

- Feb. 2024 **On the irreducibility and convergence of a class of nonsmooth nonlinear state-space models on manifolds**, Armand Gissler, Alain Durmus and Anne Auger, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2402.06447.pdf/>

### Journal articles

- April 2024 **Asymptotic estimations of a perturbed symmetric eigenproblem**, *Applied Mathematics Letters*, Armand Gissler, Anne Auger and Nikolaus Hansen, <https://inria.hal.science/hal-04386103v1/document/>
- Sept. 2023 **A note on the  $K$ -epigraph**, *Optimization*, Armand Gissler and Tim Hoheisel, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2107.00117.pdf/>
- Oct. 2021 **Scaling-invariant functions versus positively homogeneous functions**, *Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications (JOTA)*, Cheikh Touré, Armand Gissler, Anne Auger and Nikolaus Hansen, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.03755/>

### Conference proceedings

- July 2023 **Evaluation of the impact of various modifications to CMA-ES that facilitate its theoretical analysis**, *GECCO 2023*, Armand Gissler, [https://hal.science/hal-04089923/file/evaluation2023author\\_version.pdf/](https://hal.science/hal-04089923/file/evaluation2023author_version.pdf/)
- July 2022 **Learning Rate Adaptation by Line Search in Evolution Strategies with Recombination**, *GECCO 2022*, Armand Gissler, Anne Auger and Nikolaus Hansen, <https://inria.hal.science/hal-03644404/document/>

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## Conferences and Seminars

- July 2024 **ISMP 2024**, *Convergence analysis of CMA-ES*
- July 2024 **Dagstuhl seminar Theory of Randomized Optimization Heuristics**, *Convergence proof of CMA-ES - Analysis of underlying Markov chains*
- Apr. 2024 **CMA-ES PhD students seminar**, *Convergence analysis of evolution strategies with covariance matrix adaptation*
- Oct. 2023 **JPS 2023**, *Irreducibility and convergence of nonlinear state-space models*
- Sept. 2023 **CJC-MA 2023**, *Convergence of CMA-ES*
- July 2023 **BBOB Workshop (GECCO 2023)**, *Evaluation of the impact of various modifications to CMA-ES that facilitate its theoretical analysis*
- June 2023 **SIAM OP23**, *Convergence Analysis of Evolution Strategies with Covariance Matrix Adaptation (CMA-ES) via Markov Chain Stability Analysis*
- July 2022 **GECCO 2022**, *Learning Rate Adaptation by Line Search in Evolution Strategies with Recombination*
- Feb. 2022 **Theory of Randomized Optimization Heuristics (Dagstuhl Seminar 22081)**, *State-dependent drift condition for stability of Markov chains*, Editorial assistant

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## Teaching

- 2021–2024 **Teaching assistant**, *Bachelor of Science*, École polytechnique  
LAB 102: How to write mathematics

- 2017–2018 **Oral examinations**, *Lycée Michelet*, Vanves  
Two hours oral interrogations every week of mathematics of groups of three students
- 2017–2018 **Tutoring**, *Institut Villebon-Charpak*, Université Paris-Sud  
Tutoring in mathematics and physics for two students in bachelor first year

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### Laboratory life

- 2022–2024 **CMAP & CMLS PhD students seminar**, Co-organizer
- 2022–2024 **Laboratory life commission member**, *CMAP*