

# Charlotte MORISSETTE

## Masters Student in Computer Science

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## EDUCATION

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| Present<br>Sept. 2023  | <b>Masters of Science - Thesis, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada</b><br>Degree : Computer Science<br>Thesis Topic : Tactile Sensing and Foundation Models for Robot Manipulation.<br>Supervisor : Gregory Dudek<br>CGPA : 4.00/4.00 |
| May 2023<br>Sept. 2019 | <b>Bachelor of Science, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada</b><br>Degree : Honours Computer Science & Biology, Minor in Statistics<br>CGPA : 3.79/4.00  |

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| May 2025<br>Sept. 2024  | <b>Teaching Assistant, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada</b><br>➢ TA for COMP462 & COMP561, Computational Biology Methods and COMP421, Database System<br>➢ TA for COMP421, Database System  |
| Aug. 2023<br>May 2022   | <b>Research Intern, SAMSUNG AI CENTRE, Montréal, Canada</b><br>➢ Multimodal tactile sensors (working on software and hardware)<br>➢ Human-Robot Interaction<br>➢ Zero-shot transfer in reinforcement learning using hypernetworks<br>➢ Contact shape estimation using visual-tactile sensors |
| Aug. 2021<br>Sept. 2020 | <b>Research Assistant, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada</b><br>➢ Volunteer research position in Joseph Vybiral's lab at McGill University<br>➢ Neural network classification with limited training data and Research on image inpainting  |

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Abyaneh, A., **Morissette, C.**, Danesh, M., Houssaini, A., Meger, D., Dudek, G. and Lin, H. 2025. "Contractive diffusion policies : Robust action diffusion via contractive sampling with differential equations." In *Review at International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2026*.
- 2025 Wen, S., Meriaux, E., Guzmán, M.S., **Morissette, C.**, Si, C., Baghi, B. and Dudek, G., "Scalable Aerial GNSS Localization for Marine Robots". In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Robots in the Wild Workshop 2025*.
- 2024 Jilani, A., Hogan, F.R., **Morissette, C.**, Dudek, G., Jenkin, M. and Siddiqi, K. 2024. "Visual-Tactile Inference of 2.5D Object Shape from Marker Texture". In *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, presented at ICRA 2025*.
- 2023 Rezaei-Shoshtari, S., **Morissette, C.**, Hogan, F.R., Dudek, G. and Meger, D., 2023. "Hypernetworks for Zero-shot Transfer in Reinforcement Learning". In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (Vol. 37)*.
- 2022 **Morissette, C.**, Baghi, B.H., Hogan, F.R. and Dudek, G., 2022. "A Study of Human-Robot Handover through Human-Human Object Transfer". In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, Human in the Loop Learning (HiLL) Workshop (NeurIPS) 2022*.

## PATENTS

- 2024 Jilani, A., Hogan, F.R., **Morissette, C.**, Dudek, G., Jenkin, M. and Siddiqi, K. "Optical tactile sensor and method for estimating shape from touch". United States Patent US 18,378,447. United States Patent and Trademark Office. 19 Sept. 2024
- 2024 Rezaei-Shoshtari, S., **Morissette, C.**, Hogan, F.R., Dudek, G. and Meger, D. "Hypernetworks for Zero-shot Transfer in Reinforcement Learning". United States Patent US 18,385,696. United States Patent and Trademark Office. 20 Juin. 2024

## SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 –Present Fonds de Recherche du Quebec - Nature et Technologies (FRQ-NT) Award.
- 2023 AAAI-23 Student Scholarship
- 2020 –2021 Faculty Of Science Scholarships, Top 5% of the Faculty

## SKILLS

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| Programming                 | Python, Java, C++, C, C#, MATLAB         |
| Machine Learning Frameworks | PyTorch, TensorFlow                      |
| Platforms                   | ROS, Docker                              |
| Robotic Software            | Mujoco, Bullet, MoveIt, OpenCV           |
| Other Software              | onShape, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Robotics
- Haptics/Manipulation/Tactile Sensing
- Human-Robot Interactions
- Representation Learning
- Reinforcement Learning
- Robot Learning
- Foundation Models for Robot Learning
- Biomechanics

## RELEVANT COURSES

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| COMP 514 - Applied Robotics, McGill                  | COMP 765 - Intelligent Robotics, McGill             |
| COMP 550 - Natural Language Processing, McGill       | COMP 417 - Robotics and Intelligent Systems, McGill |
| COMP 551 - Applied Machine Learning, McGill          | COMP 424 - Artificial Intelligence, McGill          |
| COMP 558 - Fundamentals of Computer Vision, McGill   | IFT 6135B - Representation Learning, UdeM           |
| Coursera - Neural Networks & Deep Learning, Coursera |   |

## SELECT PROJECTS

### MODALITY FUSION FOR VLA MODELS

2025

- Collaboration with NVIDIA Research.
- Developed a tactile-augmented VLA model.
- Examined application of pre-trained tactile representation.

### VISUAL-TACTILE INFERENCE OF 2.5D OBJECT SHAPE FROM MARKER TEXTURE

2024

#### Paper

- Developed a contact shape estimation approach for visual-tactile sensors.
- Created a 2.5D Shape from Marker Texture algorithm

### HYPERZERO

2023

#### Paper SAIC-MONTREAL/hyperzero

- Developed a framework that allows for approximating RL solutions by learning the mapping between the MDP specifics and the near-optimal policy.
- Created the method HyperZero using hypernetworks for zero-shot transfer.

### CONTEXTUAL CONTROL SUITE

2023

#### SAIC-MONTREAL/contextual-dm-control

- Built upon DeepMind control suite & allowed dynamics/rewards changes

### A STUDY OF HUMAN-ROBOT HANDOVER THROUGH HUMAN-HUMAN OBJECT TRANSFER

2022

#### Paper

- Investigated changes in handover behaviour when transferring hazardous objects.
- Designed and adapted a version of the See-Through-vour-Skin (STS) visuotactile sensor.

## LANGUAGES

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| French  | Native/First Language |
| English | Native/First Language |

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Present<br>May 2024    | <b>Volunteer, PSSAR NETWORK : SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS AT RISK, Montréal, Canada</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Match students with professors and graduate programs in Canada.</li><li>➢ Assist with graduate school applications.</li></ul>                     |
| Jan. 2024<br>Jun. 2022 | <b>Volunteer, WOMEN IN AI &amp; ROBOTICS, Montréal, Canada</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Core member of the Women in AI and Robotics (WAIR) group.</li><li>➢ Helped found the WAIR Youth Group.</li><li>➢ Organized &amp; Participated in Robotics Hackathons.</li></ul> |
| Feb. 2023              | <b>Session Chair, AAAI CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, Washington DC, USA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Chaired two sessions on <i>ML : Deep Neural Architectures</i> during 2023 conference</li></ul>  |