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# Training

• PhD in Electrical Engineering, Université Laval, 2005.

Thesis: Algorithmes évolutionnaires appliqués à la reconnaissance des formes et à la conception optique. Committee: Marc Parizeau (supervisor), Denis Laurendeau, Robert Sabourin, and Marc Schoenauer.

• B.Eng. in Computer Engineering, Université Laval, 2000.

# Professional Experience

- Director, Institute Intelligence and Data, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), since 2019.
- Full Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), since 2018.
- Deputy Director, Big Data Research Centre, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 2018-2019.
- Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 2013–2018.
- Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 2008–2013.
- Research Analyst, Research and Development Department, MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. (Vancouver, BC, Canada), 2007–2008.
- Consultant, Informatique WGZ Inc. (Québec, QC, Canada), 2006–2007.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Information Systems Institute, University of Lausanne (Switzerland), 2006.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, TAO Team, INRIA Saclay-Île-de-France (Orsay, France), 2005–2006.
- Lecturer, Computer Science and Software Engineering Department, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 2005.
- Unix/Linux Systems Administrator, Computer Vision and Systems Laboratory, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 2001–2004.
- **Teaching Assistant**, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 2000–2003.
- Consultant, Red Queen Capital Management Inc. (Dallas, TX, USA), 2003.
- Research Assistant, Computer Vision and Systems Laboratory, Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada), 1998–2000.

# Professionnal Affiliations

• Full professor at the Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department of Université Laval

- Director of the Institute Intelligence and Data (IID) of Université Laval
- Canada-CIFAR AI Chair
- Associate member to Mila
- Member of the Computer Vision and Systems Laboratory (CVSL)
- Member of the Centre de recherche en Robotique, Vision et Intelligence Machine (CeRVIM) of Université Laval
- Board member of the Big Data Research Centre (BDRC) of Université Laval
- Member of the REPARTI (cyber-physical systems) strategic cluster of the FRQNT
- Member of the UNIQUE (neuroscience and AI) strategic cluster of the FRQNT
- Member of the VITAM (sustainable health) research centre of the FRQS
- Researcher-member of the Observatoire international sur les impacts sociétaux de l'IA et du numérique (OBVIA)

# Teaching

- GIF-4001/GIF-7005 Introduction to Machine Learning, F2009, F2010, F2011, W2013, W2014, F2016, F2017, F2018, F2019, F2020.
- GIF-3004 Real-Time Embedded Systems, W2017, W2018, W2019, W2020.
- GIF-3000 Computer Architecture, F2010, F2011, F2012, F2013, F2016.
- GEL-3005 Design IV (synthesis), F2008, W2010, A2011, A2014.
- GEL-1001 Design I (methodology), W2009, W2010, W2011.
- IFT-19968 Algorithms for the Engineer II, W2009.
- IFT-18254 Distributed Computer Systems, W2005.

# Supervision

## PhD Students (on-going)

- Benjamin Léger, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, since 2020
- Nour Elhouda Dhiab, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (supervisor: Jean Côté), since 2019
- Arman Afrasiyabi, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Jean-François Lalonde), since 2017
- Changjian Shui, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Boyu Wang, Western Ontario), since
- Mahdieh Abbasi, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Denis Laurendeau), since 2015
- Marc-André Gardner, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (supervisor: Jean-François Lalonde), since 2014
- Sophie Baillargeon, Ph.D. in Mathematics (specialization in Statistic) (supervisor: Thierry Duchesne), since 2014

#### Master's Students with Thesis (on-going)

• Colin Panter, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (supervisor: Flavie Lavoie-Cardinal), since 2020

- Cyril Blanc, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Jean-François Lalonde), since 2020
- Catherine Bouchard, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Flavie Lavoie-Cardinal), since 2019
- Ali Assafiri, M.Sc. in Geomatic Sciences (supervisor: Sylvie Daniel), since 2019
- Mohamed Abderrahmen Abid, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, since 2019
- Sébastien De Blois, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, since 2018
- Hugo Siqueira Gomes, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, since 2018
- Ba Diep Nguyen, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Daniel Reinharz), since 2018
- Alexandre Hains, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, since 2018
- Gabriel Leclerc, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Flavie Lavoie-Cardinal), since 2017
- Louis-Émile Robitaille, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisors : Audrey Durand and Flavie Lavoie-Cardinal), since 2017

# PhD Students (completed)

- Karol Lina Lopez, A Machine Learning Approach for the Smart Charging of Electric Vehicles, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, 2019
- Julien-Charles Lévesque, Bayesian Hyperparameter Optimization: Overfitting, Ensembles and Conditional Spaces, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Robert Sabourin, ÉTS Montréal), 2018
- Audrey Durand, Déclinaisons de bandits et leurs applications, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Joelle Pineau, McGill), 2017
- Ahmed Najjar, Forage de données de banques administratives en santé, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Daniel Reinharz), 2017
- Vahab Akbarzadeh, Spatio-Temporal Coverage Optimization of Sensor Networks, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Marc Parizeau), 2016
- Zahra Toony, Extracting Structured Models From Raw Scans of Manufactured Objects: A Step Towards Embedded Intelligent Handheld 3D Scanning, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (supervisor: Denis Laurendeau), 2015
- François-Michel De Rainville, Placement interactif de capteurs mobiles dans des environnements tridimensionnels non convexes, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Denis Laurendeau), 2015
- Meysam Argany, Development of a GIS-based method for sensor network deployment and coverage optimization, Ph.D. in Geomatic Sciences (supervisor: Mir Abolfazl Mostafavi), 2015
- Darwin Brochero, Hydroinformatics and diversity in hydrological ensemble prediction systems, Ph.D. in Water Engineering (supervisor: François Anctil), 2013

#### Master's Students with Thesis (completed)

- El Mehdi Megder, Approches basées sur l'apprentissage automatique pour l'anticipation de la qualité d'usinage de pièces métalliques, M.Sc. in Computer Science (supervisor: Jonathan Gaudreault), 2020
- Marc-André Gardner, Contrôle de la croissance de la taille des individus en programmation génétique, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Marc Parizeau), 2014
- Kevin Tanguy, Modélisation et optimisation de la recharge bidirectionnelle de véhicules électriques : application à la régulation électrique d'un complexe immobilier, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Maxime Dubois), 2013
- Audrey Durand, Simulation et apprentissage Monte-Carlo de stratégies d'intervention en santé publique, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (cosupervisor: Daniel Reinharz), 2011

• François-Michel De Rainville, Design d'expérimentation interactif : Aide à la compréhension de systèmes complexes, M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (supervisor: Denis Laurendeau), 2010

#### Research Assistants

- Ruoyu Liu, Computer Science Artificial Intelligence M.Sc. Student, May to December 2020.
- Catherine Villeneuve, Mathematics Computer Science B.Sc. Student, May to August 2019.
- Keven Voyer, Computer Science Artificial Intelligence M.Sc. Student, May to August 2019.
- Philippe-André Luneau, Mathematics Computer Science B.Sc. Student, September to December 2018.
- Jonathan Marek, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, May to December 2017.
- Louis-Émile Robitaille, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, May to August 2016.
- Jean-Alexandre Beaumont, Software Engineering B.Eng. Student, May to August 2016.
- Diane Fournier, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, January 2013 to December 2014.
- Antoine Bois, Electrical Engineering B.Eng. Student, May 2012 to April 2013.
- Marc-André Gardner, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, May 2009 to April 2012.
- Carl Poirier, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, May 2010 to April 2011.
- Émile Papillon-Corbeil, Physic Engineering B.Eng. Student, May 2011 to July 2011.
- Camille Besse, Computer Science PhD Student, June 2010 to August 2010.
- Majid Mallis, Mathematics and Computer Science B.Sc. Student, January 2009 to December 2009.
- Alexandre Boily, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, May 2009 to August 2010.
- Audrey Durand, Computer Engineering B.Eng. Student, August 2008 to April 2009.

#### Postdoctoral Fellows

- Fatemeh Gholi Zadeh Kharrat (cosupervisor: Caroline Sirois), since January 2020.
- Ihsen Hedhli, since January 2018.
- Azadeh Sadat Mozafari, November 2017 to October 2019.
- Farkhondeh Kiaee, January to December 2016.
- Matthew Walker, June 2009 to June 2011.
- Albert Hung-Ren Ko, February to October 2010.

### Research Professionals

- Diane Fournier, Laboratoire de simulation du dépistage génétique, technical supervision, January to August 2015.
- Thierry Moszkowicz, Computer Vision and Systems Laboratory, supervision at 50%, June 2014 to January 2015.
- Xavier Douville, Laboratoire de simulation du dépistage génétique, technical supervision, October 2011 to September 2012.
- Sylvain Comtois, Computer Vision and Systems Laboratory, supervision at 50%, June 2010 to June 2014.
- Julien-Charles Lévesque, Computer Vision and Systems Laboratory, January to May 2011.

• Mathieu Gagnon, Laboratoire de simulation du dépistage génétique, technical supervision, September 2009 to August 2011.

#### Visiting Interns

- Guillaume Camus, Electronic and Computer Engineering undergraduate student, ENSEA, Cergy-Pontoise, France, November 2019 to February 2020.
- Steeven Janny, Master 1 student in Electronic, Electric and Automatic, ENS Paris-Saclay, France, May to August 2018.
- Luis Enrique Güitrón, Computer Engineering undergraduate student, Technologico de Monterrey, Santa Fe Campus, Mexico, May to August 2018.
- Sai Krishna Kalyan, Data Mining and Knowledge Management MSc student, Université Lumière (Lyon 2), France and Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, March to August 2017.
- Yosha Tomar, Electronics and Electrical Engineering undergraduate student, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India, May to July 2017.
- **Thibault Parpaite**, Computer Science undergraduate student at University of Bordeaux, France, May to August 2016.
- Farkhondeh Kiaee, Electrical Engineering PhD student at Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Tehran, Iran, May 2014 to November 2015.
- Ludovic Arnold, Computer Science PhD student at Université Paris-Sud (Paris XI), Orsay, France, Mars to September 2011.
- Bibhash Kumar Jha, Mathematics and Computer Science B.Sc. student at Indian Institute of Technology of Kharagpur, India, May to July 2010.
- Juan Luis Jimenez Laredo, Computer Engineering PhD student at the University of Granada, Spain, October to November 2008.

#### Visiting Researcher

• Hamid Boubertakh, University of Jijel, Algeria, October to November 2010; September to October 2011; May 2012.

#### Research Grants and Contracts

Operating Grants obtained as Main Applicant

ullet Canada-CIFAR AI Chair

CIFAR 500 000 \$ / 5 years (2019–2024)

• Deep Learning with Little Labelled Data

Discovery Grant (individual), NSERC  $205\,000\,$  / 5 years (2019–2024)

• DRIFTERS: Deep Radar Interpretation For Tracking and Enhancement of Raw Signal

Collaborative Research and Development Grant, NSERC Partner: Thales Canada

 $259\,566\$$  / 3 years (2019–2022)

• Novel Approaches for Practical Machine Learning

PROMPT-Québec

Partenaire: E Machine Learning and Thales Canada 411 500 \$ / 3 years (2017–2020).

• Novel Approaches for Practical Machine Learning

Accelerate (cluster of 45 units), Mitacs

Partner: E Machine Learning 600 000 \$ / 3 years (2016–2020)

• Intelligence artificielle appliquée pour l'analyse, l'optimisation et l'innovation

Accelerate (cluster of 14 units), Mitacs

Parters: Axes Networks, Can-Explore, Co-Operators, Coveo, Desjardins Assurances Générales, Bentley Canada

186 667 \$ / 1 year (2019)

• Assessment of deep learning for analyzing radar signals in maritime environment

Accelerate (3 units), Mitacs Partner: Thales Canada 45 000 \$ / 1 year (2019)

• Adaptive Learning Methods for Deeply Embedded Devices

Discovery Grant (individual), NSERC 195 000 \$ / 5 years (2014–2019)

• Personalized Recommendations for a Social Network of Photographers

Engage Grant (individual), NSERC

Partner: 500px

24 926 \$ / 6 months (2016)

• Sélection de méthodes pour la recommandation personnalisée de documents

Engage Grant (individual), NSERC

Partner: Coveo

24 984 \$ / 6 months (2016)

• Improving Models for User-Specific State Assessment: A Realtime Querying and Learning Technique

Accelerate (1 unit), Mitacs Partner: Thales Canada 15 000 \$ / 6 months (2015–2016)

• Analyse de données massives provenant de médias sociaux

Accelerate (1 unit), Mitacs Partner: Thales Canada 15 000 \$ / 6 months (2015)

• Modèle d'évaluation de l'état des transformateurs pour la pérennité et la maintenance

Accelerate (2 units), Mitacs Partner: Hydro-Québec 30 000 \$ / 6 months (2015)

• Intelligence machine pour la prédiction de l'état de transformateurs de haute tension

Engage Grant (individual), NSERC

Partner: Hydro-Québec

24 992 \$ / 6 months (2014–2015)

• Smartphone Application for Electric and Conventional Vehicles Data Collection

Engage Grant (individual), NSERC

Partner: Thales Canada

24 987 \$ / 6 months (2014–2015)

• Enabling Autonomic Computing with Computational Intelligence

Discovery Grant (individual), NSERC 110 000 \$ / 5 years (2009–2014)

• Installation et essai d'une borne de recharge supportant la technologie "vehicle-to-grid" (V2G)

Programme de recherche en partenariat contribuant à la réduction et la séquestration des gaz à effet de serre (team project), FQRNT  $250\,000\,$  / 3 years (2010–2013)

• Integrating Developmental Genetic Programming and Terrain Analysis Techniques in GIS-based Sensor Placement Systems

Strategic Industrial Initiative (team project), GEOIDE NCE  $270\,000\,$  / 2 years (2010–2012) +  $25\,000\,$  from MDA Systems Ltd

• Apprentissage à grande échelle parallèle pour supercalculateurs

New University Researchers Start Up Program (individual), FQRNT  $40\,000\,$  / 2 years (2009–2011) +  $19\,709\,$  for equipment (2009–2010)

### Operating Grants obtained as Co-applicant

• Déterminer la qualité de la polypharmacie chez les aînés: une approche basée sur l'intelligence artificielle

Collaborative Health Research Projects, CIHR and NSERC Main applicant: Caroline Sirois  $1\,207\,610\,$  / 3 years (2020–2023)

• Re-penser la découvrabilité, ou comment garantir l'accès à des contenus culturels canadiens dans l'environnement numérique

Insight Grants, SSHRC
Main applicant: Véronique Guèvremont

294 172\$ / 3 years (2020–2023)

 Mettre l'IA au service de la diversité des expressions culturelles: une exploration des conditions à remplir pour que les algorithmes de recommandation favorisent la découvrabilité des oeuvres littéraires québécoises dans l'environnement numérique

Appel à projets innovants (2019-2022) - Volet 1, OBVIA Main applicant: Véronique Guèvremont  $159\,469\$$  / 3 years (2019–2022)

• Predicting population risk of suicide using health administrative data

New Frontiers in Research Fund - Exploration Main applicant: JianLi Wang 250 000 \$ / 2 years (2020–2022)

• Suivi de la qualité de la pratique de l'électroconvulsivothérapie au Québec basé sur le recueil de données médico-administratives, cliniques et socio-démographiques en contexte réel

Données de recherche en contexte réel - Partenariat Innovation-Québec-JANSSEN, FRQS Main applicant: Alain Lesage  $245\,044\,\$\ /\ 2$  years (2019–2021)

• DEpendable and Explainable Learning in Aerospace

Collaborative Research and Development Grant, NSERC Partners: Thales, Bell Helicopter, CAE, Bombardier, CRIAQ

Main applicants: François Laviolette and Guilano Antoniol  $5\,905\,512\,\$\ /\ 5$  years (2019–2024)

• REPARTI - Systèmes cyberphysiques et intelligence machine matérialisée

Strategic Clusters, FRQNT Main applicant: Clément Gosselin 2888000\$ / 6 years (2019–2025)

• Machine learning for the insurance industry: predictive models, fraud detection, and fairness

Collaborative Research and Development Grant, NSERC

Partner: SSQ Assurance

Main applicant: Mario Marchand  $652\,175\$$  / 5 years (2019–2024)

• Big data analytics in insurance

Collaborative Research and Development Grant, NSERC

Partner: Intact Financial Corporation Main applicant: François Laviolette 2 413 040 \$ / 5 years (2018–2023)

 Nouvelles approches pour le pilotage d'un atelier d'usinage de pièces métalliques de précision basées sur les données

Collaborative Research and Development Grant, NSERC

Partner: APN

Main applicant: Jonathan Gaudreault

230 700 \$ / 5 years (2017–2022)

• PEGASUS-2 - PErsonalized Genomics for prenatal Abnormalities Screening USing maternal blood: Towards First Tier Screening and Beyond

Large-scale Applied Research Project Competition, Genome Canada

Main applicants: François Rousseau and Sylvie Langlois

10801250 \$ / 4 years (2018–2022)

• Union Neurosciences et Intelligence Artificielle Québec (UNIQUE)

Strategic Clusters, FRQNT Main applicant: Karim Jerbi 600 000 \$ / 2 years (2019–2021)

• E-Community Health and Toxicity

Accelerate (cluster of 118 units), Mitacs

Partners: Two Hat Security Main applicant: Richard Khoury 1693333\$ / 3 years (2017–2021)

• BRITE: Bus RapId Transit systEm

Collaborative Research and Development Grant, NSERC

Partners: Thales Canada, LeddarTech Main applicant: Denis Laurendeau 426 910 \$\( / \) 3 years (2017–2020)

• Sécurité urbaine: entraînement, soutien opérationnel, protection des infrastructures et analyses prédic-

Accelerate (cluster of 42 units), Mitacs Partners: Thales Canada, UMANX Main applicant: Sébastien Tremblay

560000\$ / 3 years (2017–2019)

• Regroupement stratégique pour l'Étude des Environnements PARTagés Intelligents répartis

Strategic Clusters, FRQNT

Main applicant: Denis Laurendeau 2 150 000 \$ / 6 years (2013–2019)

• Solutions intelligentes pour l'efficience et la fluidité urbaine

Accelerate (cluster of 51 units), Mitacs

Partners: Thales Canada, Parc technologique du Québec Métropolitain, and Cascades

Main applicant: Sébastien Tremblay  $680\,000\,\$$  / 3 years (2015–2018)

• Convergence d'intelligence géospatiale pour l'innovation

Appui aux réseaux d'innovation, FRQNT Main applicant: Mir Abolfazl Mostafavi 300000\$ / 3 years (2013–2016)

• Simulating cost-effectiveness of screening strategies for preeclampsia risk in pregnant women

Operating Grant, CIHR

Main applicants: Daniel Reinharz and Yves Giguère

91 266 \$ / 2 years (2013–2014)

• Simulation du coût/efficacité et du coût/utilité du dépistage des gènes de prédisposition au cancer du sein

Recherches sur les services de santé, FRQS

Main applicant: François Rousseau  $105\,268\,$  / 2 years (2012–2014)

• LSD – Laboratoire de Simulation du Dépistage génétique

Operating Grant, CIHR

Main applicant: Daniel Reinharz 517 233 \$ / 5 years (2008–2013)

• Regroupement stratégique pour l'Étude des Environnements PARTagés Intelligents répartis

Strategic Cluster, FQRNT

Main applicant: Denis Laurendeau 2 100 000 \$ / 6 years (2006–2013)

• Infrastructure for Wide Market Adoption of PHEV

AUTO21 NCE

Main applicants: Maxime Dubois (2009–2011) and Éric Bibeau (2011–2012)  $246\,000\,$  / 3 years (2009–2012)

• Simulating the Cost/Effectiveness of Screening Strategies for Cystic Fibrosis

Operating Grant, CIHR

Main applicants: Daniel Reinharz and Patrick Daigneault  $63\,815\,\$$  / 1 year (2011)

• La simulation comme outil d'évaluation de la pertinence et du retour sur l'investissement des activités en santé publique au Québec

Action concertée, FQRSC Main applicant: Daniel Reinharz 177708\$ / 3 years (2008–2011)

#### Research Contracts

• Intégration de techniques de Programmation Génétique et d'Analyse de Terrain dans un Système de Placement de Capteurs

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Defence R&D Canada – Valcartier (RDDC Valcartier)
24 900 $ / 1 year (2012)
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• Development of Multiobjective Optimization Techniques for Sensor Network Layout

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Defence R&D Canada – Valcartier (RDDC Valcartier) 138 121 \ / 2 years (2009–2011)
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# Scholarships

- FQRNT (Québec): Postdoctoral Research Scholarship (30 000 \$/year), 2005–2006.
- ERCIM (Europe): Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme (50000 \$/year approx.), 2005–2006.
- NSERC (Canada): Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (21000 \$/year), 2003–2005.
- FQRNT (Québec): Doctoral Research Scholarship (20000 \$/year, declined), 2002–2005.
- NSERC (Canada): Postgraduate Scholarships-Master's (17300 \$/year), 2001–2003.
- FCAR (Québec): Master's Research Scholarship (15000 \$/year, declined 2nd year), 2000–2002.
- Fondation Bechtel du Canada (500\$), 1999.
- NSERC (Canada): Undergraduate Student Research Award (4000\$), 1999.

#### Awards

- Canadian AI 2020 Best Paper for Toward adversarial robustness by diversity in an ensemble of specialized deep neural networks
- GECCO 2009 Best Paper, Real-World Application track, for Optimizing Low-Discrepancy Sequences with an Evolutionary Algorithm.
- GECCO 2002 Best Paper, Evolvable Hardware track, for Lens System Design and Re-Engineering with Evolutionary Algorithms.

#### Professional Associations

- Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ), Engineer-in-Training (E.I.T.) between 2000 and 2011, Engineer (Eng.) since 2011.
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), member since 2008.
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), professional member since 2010.

### Software

- DEAP: Distributed Evolutionary Algorithms in Python. Open source software available at https://github.com/deap/deap.
- SCHNAPS: Generic Population-based Simulator for Public Health. Open source software available at https://github.com/audurand/schnaps.
- Open BEAGLE: A Generic C++ Evolutionary Computation Framework. Open source software available at https://github.com/chgagne/beagle.

• BEAGLE Puppy: A Minimalist GP Library in C++. Open source software available at http://beagle.gel.ulaval.ca/puppy.

# Scientific Events Organization

- Co-organizer, Rendez-vous IA Québec, Québec, QC, 2018–2019.
- Publicity chair, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO) 2014, Vancouver, BC, 2014.
- Responsible, Section 200 (Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering), Scientific Committee of the 80th Congress of the Acfas (French-speaking Association for the Advancement of Knowledge), Montreal, QC, 2012.
- Co-organizer, Evolutionary Art Competition, GECCO 2009–2012
- Organizer, Undergraduate Student Workshop, GECCO 2011, Dublin, Ireland, 2011.
- Competitions chair, GECCO 2010, Portland, OR, 2010.
- Local chair, GECCO 2009, Montreal, QC, 2009.
- Sponsors chair, High Performance Computing Symposium (HPCS), Québec, QC, 2008.

### Committee

#### International Committee

• Executive Board, ACM Special Interest Group on Evolutionary Computation (SIGEVO), since 2017.

#### National Committee

• National Resources Allocation Committee, Compute Canada, 2009–2013, 2017.

#### Reviewer for Granting Agencies

- External reviewer, Discovery Grants, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Canada, 9 applications reviewed, 2010, 2015, 2017 2020.
- External reviewer, Accelerate, Mitacs, Canada, 5 applications reviewed, 2011, 2013, 2016–2017, 2019, 2020.
- External reviewer, Strategic Partnership Grants, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Canada, 1 application reviewed, 2016.
- External reviewer, Agence nationale de la recherche (ANR), France, 1 application reviewed, 2015.
- External reviewer, College and Community Innovation Program, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Canada, 1 application reviewed, 2013.

# Program Committees of Scientific Journals

- Editorial Committee, Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines, since 2013.
- Guest Editor, International Journal of Arts and Technology (IJART), special section, 2011.
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation, 2009–2013, 2016–2017.
- Reviewer, Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines, 2007, 2009, 2012–2014, 2016.
- Reviewer, IET Electrical Systems in Transportation, 2016.
- Reviewer, Water, 2015.

- Reviewer, Applied Soft Computing, 2010–2014.
- Reviewer, European Journal on Operation Research, 2014.
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, 2013.
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics, 2013.
- Reviewer, Information Fusion, 2008, 2011, 2013.
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, Part B, 2007, 2011.
- Reviewer, Neural Computing and Applications, 2011.
- Reviewer, Computational Intelligence, 2010.
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, 2008.
- Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2008.
- Reviewer, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, 2005.
- Reviewer, Journal of Heuristics, 2004.

#### Program Committees of Scientific Conferences

- Track co-chair, Digital Entertainment Technology and Art track, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation COnference (GECCO), 2011.
- Senior reviewer, International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2019.
- Reviewer, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2016–2020.
- Reviewer, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2018–2020.
- Reviewer, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2018–2020.
- Reviewer, Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), 2019, 2020.
- Reviewer, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation COnference (GECCO), 2003–2010, 2013–2014, 2016–2020.
- Reviewer, European Conference on Genetic Programming (EuroGP), 2006–2011, 2013–2014, 2016–2017, 2019.
- Reviewer, Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM), 2017, 2019.
- Reviewer, International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2007, 2018.
- Reviewer, Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE), 2018.
- Reviewer, European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI), 2016.
- Reviewer, Digital Intelligence (DI), 2016.
- Reviewer, IEEE Vehicle Power and Propulsion Conference (VPPC), 2016.
- Reviewer, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2015–2016.
- Reviewer, IEEE International Conference on Distributed Smart Cameras (ICDSC), 2013.
- Reviewer, IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (IEEE-CEC), 2006, 2008–2011.
- Reviewer, Artificial Evolution (EA), 2009, 2011, 2013.
- Reviewer, Canadian Conference on Computer and Robotic Vision (CRV), 2009.
- Reviewer, International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR), 2007.

#### Local Committees

• Graduate programs committee, Computer Science and Software Engineering Department, since 2018.

• Graduate programs committee, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, since 2017.

- Respondant for Computer Engineering, table des répondants pour l'accréditation des programmes de génie, Université Laval, 2017–2018.
- Undergraduate programs committee, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, 2010-2018.
- Working group on transportation electrification, Institut Technologies de l'information et société, 2014.
- Secretary of the assembly, Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, 2008–2011.
- President of the working group on microprocessor teaching, undergraduate programs committee, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department, 2008–2009.

## **Publications**

Accepted or Published papers in Peer-reviewed Scientific Journals

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