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Research interests: Complex Networks, Dynamical Systems, Bayesian Inference, Contagions

Education

Degrees

Ph.D. in Physics, Université Laval — 2018–2021 (expected)

- Advisors: Antoine Allard and Laurent Hébert-Dufresne (co-advisor)
- Thesis title: *Contagion dynamics on complex networks: beyond pairwise interactions*

M.Sc. in Physics, Université Laval — 2015–2017

- Advisor: Louis J. Dubé
- Thesis title: *Propagation dynamics on random networks: characterization of the phase transition*
- **Honor board mention: Highest grade attributed unanimously by the jury**

B.Sc. in Physics, Theoretical physics concentration, Université Laval — 2012–2015

- **Governor General's Academic Medal: Highest academic standing, B.Sc. degree** — 2016

Summer and winter schools

- Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe (NM), USA — 2018
- Complex Networks Winter Workshop, Québec (QC), Canada — 2018

Scholarships and honors

Graduate research scholarships

- NSERC: Doctoral Scholarship – Alexander Graham Bell Canada ($105 000) — Jan. 2018–Dec. 2020
- FRQNT: Doctoral Scholarship* ($60 000) — Jan. 2018–Dec. 2020
- NSERC: Master Scholarship – Alexander Graham Bell Canada ($17 500) — Sept. 2015–Aug. 2016
- FRQNT: Master Scholarship ($30 000) — Sept. 2015–Aug. 2017
- Desjardins Foundation: Master Scholarship* ($3 000) — Oct. 2015

Internship research grants

- FRQNT: International Internship Program ($7 500) — 2020
- NSERC: Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements ($6 000) — 2019
- NSERC: Undergraduate Student Research Award ($4 500, Awarded 3 times) — 2013, 2014, 2015

*Awarded but declined

Other awards

- Best oral presentation, Fourth Northeast Regional Conference on Complex Systems 2021
- *Concours d'expression scientifique Pierre Amiot*[†] (3rd place), Université Laval 2017
- Student merit award–Direction mention, Université Laval 2015
- Pedagogue of the year, Physics Students Association, Université Laval 2014

Publications and patents

Articles published or accepted in a peer-reviewed journal

15. *Universal nonlinear infection kernel from heterogeneous exposure on higher-order networks*
G. St-Onge, H. Sun, A. Allard, L. Hébert-Dufresne, G. Bianconi
Phys. Rev. Lett. (accepted)

14. *Social Confinement and Mesoscopic Localization of Epidemics on Networks*
G. St-Onge, V. Thibeault, A. Allard, L. J. Dubé, L. Hébert-Dufresne 2021
Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 098301

13. *Master equation analysis of mesoscopic localization in contagion dynamics on higher-order networks*
G. St-Onge, V. Thibeault, A. Allard, L. J. Dubé, L. Hébert-Dufresne 2021
Phys. Rev. E **103**, 032301

12. *Inference, Model Selection, and the Combinatorics of Growing Trees*
G. T. Cantwell, **G. St-Onge**, J.-G. Young 2021
Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 038301

11. *Localization, epidemic transitions, and unpredictability of multistrain epidemics with an underlying genotype network*
B. J. M. Blake, **G. St-Onge**, L. Hébert-Dufresne 2021
PLOS Comput. Biol. **17**, e1008606

10. *Threefold way to the dimension reduction of dynamics on networks: an application to synchronization*
V. Thibeault, **G. St-Onge**, L. J. Dubé, P. Desrosiers 2020
Phys. Rev. Research **2**, 043215

9. *Network comparison and the within-ensemble graph distance*
H. Hartle, B. Klein, S. McCabe, A. Daniels, **G. St-Onge**, C. Murphy, L. Hébert-Dufresne 2020
Proc. Math. Phys. Eng. Sci. **476**, 20190744

8. *Thresholding normally distributed data creates complex networks*
G. T. Cantwell, Y. Liu, B. F. Maier, A. C. Schwarze, C. A. Serván, J. Snyder, **G. St-Onge** 2020
Phys. Rev. E **101**, 062302

7. *Phase transition in the recoverability of network history*
J.-G. Young, **G. St-Onge**, E. Laurence, C. Murphy, L. Hébert-Dufresne, P. Desrosiers 2019
Phys. Rev. X **9**, 041056

6. *Efficient sampling of spreading processes on complex networks using a composition and rejection algorithm*
G. St-Onge, J.-G. Young, L. Hébert-Dufresne, L. J. Dubé 2019
Comput. Phys. Commun. **240**, 30

5. *Universality of the stochastic block model*
J.-G. Young, **G. St-Onge**, P. Desrosiers, L. J. Dubé 2018
Phys. Rev. E **98**, 032309

4. *Phase transition of the susceptible-infected-susceptible dynamics on time-varying configuration model networks*
G. St-Onge, J.-G. Young, E. Laurence, C. Murphy, L. J. Dubé 2018
Phys. Rev. E **97**, 022305

3. *Geometric evolution of complex networks with degree correlations*
C. Murphy, A. Allard, E. Laurence, **G. St-Onge**, L. J. Dubé 2018
Phys. Rev. E **97**, 032309

2. *Exact vectorial model for nonparaxial focusing by arbitrary axisymmetric surfaces*
D. Panneton, **G. St-Onge**, M. Piché, S. Thibault 2016
J. Opt. Soc. Am. **33**, 801

1. *Needles of light produced with a spherical mirror*
D. Panneton, **G. St-Onge**, M. Piché, S. Thibault 2015
Opt. Lett. **4**, 419

[†]Scientific communication prize

Preprints

- *Influential groups for seeding and sustaining hypergraph contagions*
  G. St-Onge, I. Iacopini, V. Latora, A. Barrat, G. Petri, A. Allard, L. Hébert-Dufresne
  arXiv:2105.07092
- *Detecting structural perturbations from time series with deep learning*
  E. Laurence, C. Murphy, **G. St-Onge**, X. Roy-Pomerleau, V. Thibeault
  arXiv:2006.05232

Patents

- *Hybrid nanocomposite materials, laser scanning system and use thereof in volumetric image projection*, 2017
  C. Allen, S. Thibault, A. Talbot-Lanciault, P. Blais, **G. St-Onge**, P. Desaulniers
  CA Patent No. 2983656

Other research experiences

Internships

Vermont Complex System Center, Burlington (VT), USA

- **Visiting graduate student**, group of Prof. Laurent Hébert-Dufresne 2019-2020
  Project: *Temporal reconstruction of networks with message-passing*

Université Laval, Québec (QC), Canada

- **Undergraduate research assistant**, group of Prof. Louis J. Dubé 2015
  Project: *Statistical physics of complex networks*
- **Undergraduate research assistant**, group of Prof. Michel Piché 2014
  Project: *Highly focused laser beam modeling*
- **Undergraduate research assistant**, group of Prof. Claudine Allen 2013
  Project: *Development of an optical system for biodetection*

Workshops

- *Detecting structural perturbations from time series*, Université Laval, Québec (QC), Canada 2019
- *Network Reconstruction & Graph Distances*, Northeastern University, Boston (MA), USA 2019
- *Network Archaeology*, Université Laval, Québec (QC), Canada 2016

Teaching

- PHY-3500: *Computational Physics*, teaching assistant 2016, 2018
  Tasks: guidance for student projects, marking
- PHY-3000: *Statistical Physics*, teaching assistant 2016–2018, 2020
  Tasks: lectures, marking

Conference contributions and invited lectures

- *Bursty exposure on higher-order networks leads to nonlinear infection kernels*
  G. St-Onge, H. Sun, A. Allard, L. Hebert-Dufresne and G. Bianconi
  - Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, Bloomington (IN), USA 2021
  - SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (DS21), Portland (OR), USA 2021
  - Fourth Northeast Regional Conference on Complex Systems, Buffalo (NY), USA 🏆 (best talk) 2021
- *Influence maximization in simplicial contagion*
  G. St-Onge, I. Iacopini, G. Petri, A. Barrat, V. Latora and L. Hebert-Dufresne 2020
  14th International School and Conference on Network Science, Rome, Italy
- *Localization, bistability and optimal seeding of contagions on higher-order networks*
  G. St-Onge, A. Allard, L. Hébert-Dufresne 2020
  Artificial Life Conference, Montreal (QC), Canada

- *Mesoscopic localization of spreading processes on networks*
  G. St-Onge, V. Thibeault, L. Hébert-Dufresne, L. J. Dubé 2019
  14th International School and Conference on Network Science, Burlington (VT), USA

- *SIS dynamics on time-varying random networks*
  G. St-Onge, J.-G. Young, E. Laurence, C. Murphy, L. J. Dubé 2017
  Institute for Disease Modeling, Seattle (WA), USA

- *Susceptible-infected-susceptible dynamics on the rewired configuration model*
  G. St-Onge, J.-G. Young, E. Laurence, C. Murphy, L. J. Dubé 2017
  12th International School and Conference on Network Science, Indianapolis (IN), USA

- *Co-evolution of Growth and Dynamics on Network*
  G. St-Onge, E. Laurence, C. Murphy, J.-G. Young and L. J. Dubé 2016
  11th International School and Conference on Network Science, Seoul, Republic of Korea

- *Modeling ultra-sharp needles of light using vector diffraction theory*
  G. St-Onge, D. Panneton, M. Piché, S. Thibault 2014
  50th Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference, Kingston (ON), Canada

Service and leadership

Projects liaison: Complex Networks Winter Workshop 2019

Session chair

- Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, S14 – Epidemiology 2021
- SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (DS21), CP4 – Dynamics 2021

Journal referee

- Nature Communications
- PLOS Computational Biology
- Scientific Reports
- Journal of Complex Networks
- Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science
- New Journal of Physics
- IMA Journal of Applied Mathematics

Mentoring

- Internship mentor for an undergraduate student research 2018
- Mentor for Physique mathématique III (undergraduate course) 2014
- Mentor for Physique mathématique I, II (undergraduate courses) 2013

Volunteering

- La Coupe de Science (youth science contest) 2016
- Festival de Sciences et Génies (science festival) 2015
- Les Jeux photoniques (youth science contest) 2012–2014

Miscellaneous

Media coverage

- *To find the right network model, compare all possible histories*, Phys.org 2021
- *How large a gathering is too large during the coronavirus pandemic?*, Science News 2020

Computer skills

Programming languages and tools: C++, Python, Bash, CSS, HTML, LaTeX, Linux, Git, Jupyter Notebook, Pybind11

Selected packages (open-source):

- **SamplableSet**: implementation of sets which can be randomly sampled efficiently (C++/Python)
- **spreading_CR**: stochastic simulation algorithm for contagion processes (C++/Python)
- **fasttr**: uniform sampler for the temporal reconstruction of growing trees (C++/Python)

Languages

- French–native speaker
- English–fluent (spoken and written); $117/120$ on the TOEFL test
- German–elementary