



# PAUL VIALARD

## Researcher in Computer Science and Machine Learning

### General Information

**Birth:** 12-14-1996 in Berlin, Germany

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**Languages:** French (C2 level), English (C1 level), German (A2 level)

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**GitHub:** <https://github.com/paulviallard/>

### Education

#### 2022 PhD in Computer Science (and Machine Learning)

Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

[PAC-Bayesian Bounds and Beyond: Self-Bounding Algorithms and New Perspectives on Generalization in Machine Learning](#)

Supervisors:

- Prof. Amaury Habrard, Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
- Dr. Pascal Germain, Assistant professor, Laval University, Canada
- Dr. Emilie Morvant, Assistant Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

Reviewers:

- Prof. Stéphane Canu, Professor, INSA Rouen, France
- Prof. Liva Ralaivola, VP Research, Criteo AI Lab, France

Examinator:

- Prof. Marc Tommasi, Professor, Université de Lille, Inria, France

President of the jury and Examinator:

- Prof. Rémi Gribonval, Senior Researcher, ENS Lyon, Inria, France

#### 2019 MSc. [Machine Learning and Data Mining](#) (*Master “Machine Learning and Data Mining” avec mention très bien*)

Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

[Interpreting Neural Networks as Majority Votes with the PAC-Bayesian Theory](#)

Supervisors:

- Dr. Rémi Emonet, Assistant Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
- Prof. Amaury Habrard, Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
- Dr. Emilie Morvant, Assistant Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

#### 2017 BSc. [Computer Science](#) (*Licence Informatique avec mention très bien*)

Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

#### 2014 French Baccalauréat of Science (*BAC S avec mention bien*)

Lycée Jacob Holtzer, Firminy, France

## Research Activities

### Work Experience

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| February 2023 -                | <b>Postdoctoral researcher</b><br><i>SIERRA Project-Team</i><br><i>Inria Paris, France</i><br>Supervisor: <a href="#">Dr. Umut Şimşekli</a>   |
| September 2019 - December 2022 | <b>Doctoral researcher</b><br><i>Data Intelligence Team</i><br><i>Hubert Curien Laboratory UMR CNRS 5516</i><br><i>Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France</i><br>Supervisors: Prof. Amaury Habrard, Dr. Pascal Germain, Dr. Emilie Morvant |
| February 2019 - June 2019      | <b>Research intern</b><br><i>Data Intelligence Team</i><br><i>Hubert Curien Laboratory UMR CNRS 5516</i><br><i>Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France</i><br>Supervisors: Prof. Amaury Habrard, Dr. Emilie Morvant and Dr. Rémi Emonet     |
| April 2018 - June 2018         | <b>Research intern</b><br><i>SNA-EPIS Laboratory EA 4607</i><br><i>Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France</i><br>Supervisors: Prof. Vincent Pichot and Prof. Jean-Claude Barthélémy  |

### Publications

#### Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Conference

1. **Learning via Wasserstein-Based High Probability Generalisation Bounds**  
**Paul Viallard**, Maxime Haddouche, Umut Şimşekli, Benjamin Guedj  
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), New Orleans, 2023  
([paper](#))
2. **Self-Bounding Majority Vote Learning Algorithms by the Direct Minimization of a Tight PAC-Bayesian C-Bound**  
**Paul Viallard**, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant  
European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases ([ECML-PKDD](#)), online, 2021  
([paper](#)) ([supplementary material](#)) ([source code](#))
3. **Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound**  
[Valentina Zantedeschi](#), **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Pascal Germain, [Benjamin Guedj](#)  
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems ([NeurIPS](#)), online, 2021  
([abstract](#)) ([paper](#)) ([supplementary material](#))
4. **A PAC-Bayes Analysis of Adversarial Robustness**  
**Paul Viallard**, Guillaume Vidot, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant  
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems ([NeurIPS](#)), online, 2021  
([abstract](#)) ([paper](#)) ([supplementary material](#)) ([source code](#))

## Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Journal

5. **A General Framework for the Practical Disintegration of PAC-Bayesian Bounds**  
**Paul Viallard**, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant  
Machine Learning Journal (and presented at ECML-PKDD 2023), 2023  
([paper](#)) ([source code](#))

## Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Workshop

6. **Interpreting Neural Networks as Majority Votes through the PAC-Bayesian Theory**  
**Paul Viallard**, Rémi Emonet, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant  
[NeurIPS 2019 Workshop on Machine Learning with guarantees](#), Vancouver, Canada, 2019  
([paper](#))

## Unpublished Research Reports

7. **Semi-Universal Adversarial Perturbations**  
Jordan Frecon, **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Gilles Gasso, Amaury Habrard, Stéphane Canu  
2023  
([paper](#))
8. **Generalization Bounds with Arbitrary Complexity Measures**  
**Paul Viallard**, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant, Valentina Zantedeschi  
2023  
([paper](#))

## Communications in Peer-Reviewed French Conference

9. **Bornes de généralisation : quand l'information mutuelle rencontre les bornes PAC-Bayésiennes et désintégrées**  
**Paul Viallard**  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), Strasbourg, 2023
10. **Intérêt des bornes désintégrées pour la généralisation avec des mesures de complexité**  
**Paul Viallard**, Rémi Emonet, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant, Valentina Zantedeschi  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), Vannes, 2022
11. **Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound**  
Valentina Zantedeschi, **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Pascal Germain, Benjamin Guedj  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), Vannes, 2022
12. **Apprentissage de Vote de Majorité par Minimisation d'une C-Borne**  
**Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Pascal Germain  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), online, 2021
13. **Dérandomisation des Bornes PAC-Bayésiennes**  
**Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Pascal Germain  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), online, 2021
14. **Une Analyse PAC-Bayésienne de la Robustesse Adversariale**  
Guillaume Vidot, **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), online, 2021
15. **Théorie PAC-Bayésienne pour l'apprentissage en deux étapes de réseaux de neurones**  
**Paul Viallard**, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant, Pascal Germain  
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique ([CAp](#)), online, 2020

## Talks

### Seminars

April 12th, 2023	<b>Complexity Measures in Generalization Bounds: New Results and Future Directions</b> Seminar of the OBELIX Team, Université Bretagne-Sud, Online
May 9th, 2022	<b>Towards a Practical Use of PAC-Bayesian Generalization Bounds for Learning</b> Seminar of the SIERRA Team, INRIA Paris, Paris, France
December 8th, 2021	<b>A PAC-Bayes Analysis of Adversarial Robustness</b> <b>Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound</b> NeurIPS21@Paris, Sorbonne University, Paris, France
November 16th, 2021	<b>Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound</b> TAUDoS Meeting, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
June 18th, 2021	<b>Majority Vote Learning in PAC-Bayesian Theory: State of the Art and Novelty</b> Signal Processing - Machine Learning Seminars, CNRS LIS, Aix-Marseille University, Online
October 27th, 2020	<b>Derandomization of PAC-Bayesian Bounds: A General Pointwise Approach</b> APRIORI Meeting, Online
July 1st, 2019	<b>Interpreting Neural Networks as Majority Votes with the PAC-Bayesian Theory</b> PhD Student Seminars, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
May 27th, 2019	<b>Interpreting neural networks as majority votes</b> APRIORI Meeting, Inria Paris, Paris, France

### Science Popularization

November 27th, 2020	<b>La pop culture dans l'oeil des expert-es !</b> Nuit Européenne des Chercheur·e·s 2020, <a href="#">YouTube</a>
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### Student Supervisions

April 2022 - July 2022	<b>Alexiane Fraisse</b> Random Fourier Features and Domain Adaptation Supervised with <a href="#">Dr. Guillaume Metzler</a> and Dr. Emilie Morvant
April 2021 - June 2021	<b>Luiza Dzhidzhavadze</b> A Multiclass C-Bound-Based Algorithm Supervised with Dr. Emilie Morvant
April 2021 - June 2021	<b>Himanshu Pandey</b> A Multiclass C-Bound-Based Algorithm Supervised with Dr. Emilie Morvant

### Participation in Research Projects

- European Research Council Starting Grant [DYNASTY](#) 101039676 - Project member (Postdoc funded by this project)
- ANR [PRAIRIE 3IA Institute](#) ANR-19-P3IA-0001 – Project member (Postdoc funded by this project)
- ANR [APRIORI](#) ANR-18-CE23-0015 – Project member (PhD funded by this project)
- ANR [TAUDoS](#) ANR-20-CE23-0020 – Project member

## Reviewing

2023	ICML 2023, NeurIPS 2023 Information and Inference: a Journal of the IMA
2022	ICML 2022
2021	ICML 2021, CAp 2021
2020	IDA 2020, ICML 2020

## Administrative Activities

2021	Member of CAp 2021's organization committee
May 2021 - January 2023	Board Member of the FIL (Fédération Informatique de Lyon)
May 2021 - January 2023	Board Member of the Hubert Curien Laboratory
January 2020 - November 2021	Secretary in the PhD students association of Saint-Etienne

## Teaching Activities (In French)

### 2021-2022

#### L2 INFORMATIQUE

Advanced programming in C	18h TP
Introduction to Operating Systems	5h CM / 10h TP

#### L2 INFORMATIQUE (POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS EN ALTERNANCE)

Introduction to debugging in C	2h CM / 2h TP
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#### L1 MATHÉMATIQUES-INFORMATIQUE-PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	6h CM
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### 2020-2021

#### L2 INFORMATIQUE

Advanced programming in C	18h TP
Introduction to Operating Systems	7h CM / 9h TD

#### L2 INFORMATIQUE (POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS EN ALTERNANCE)

Introduction to debugging in C	2h CM
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#### L1 MATHÉMATIQUES-INFORMATIQUE-PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	6h CM
Introduction to LaTeX	16h TP
Programming in Python	14h TP

### 2019-2020

#### L2 INFORMATIQUE

Advanced programming in C	36h TP
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L1 MATHÉMATIQUES-INFORMATIQUE-PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE

**Introduction to Artificial Intelligence**

**Introduction to LaTeX**

**Programming in Python**

4h CM

8h TP

14h TD