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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focus on using multimodal neuroimaging (structural/diffusion/functional MRI, amyloid-PET, tau-PET) to identify early biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease and model its preclinical progression. Building on this, I aim to integrate emerging fluid biomarkers—including plasma proteomics and multi-omics data—with advanced analytics to improve early diagnosis, risk prediction, and personalized therapies. Additionally, I am interested in machine learning-driven fusion of multimodal datasets to advance translational research in neurodegenerative diseases and biomarker-guided clinical trials.

## EDUCATION

2020-now	PhD in Neuroscience, McGill University Supervisor: Dr. Sylvia Villeneuve
2017-2020	M.Sc. in Bioengineering, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China Supervisor: Dr. Yuanchao Zhang
2012-2016	B.Eng. in Electronic & information engineering, Nanyang Institute of Technology

## PUBLICATIONS

*In preparation / Preprints / Under Review / Submitted*

1. **Qiu T**, Liu ZQ, Gallego-Rudolf J, Edde M, Valcourt Caron A, Zhang Y, Soucy JP, Spreng RN, Pichet Binette A, Descoteaux M, Villeneuve S, for the PREVENT-AD Research Group. (2025) Tracking structural changes in preclinical and prodromal Alzheimer's disease: insights from amyloid-beta pathology. (*In preparation*)

2. Gallego Rudolf J, **Qiu T**, Javanray M, Wiesman A, St-Onge F, Fajardo-Valdez A, Baillet S, Villeneuve S, PREVENT-AD Research Group. (2025) Functional and structural connectivity patterns predict longitudinal tau spreading in asymptomatic individuals expressing A $\beta$  pathology. (*In preparation*)
3. Yakoub Y, **Qiu T**, Villeneuve S, Pichet Binette A, ADNI Foundation for the FNIH Biomarkers Consortium. (2025) *Head-to-head comparison of longitudinal plasma assays in relation to longitudinal amyloid pathology in Alzheimer's disease.* (*In preparation*)
4. Jin X, Wang X, Zheng D, Yuan P, Li J, **Qiu T**, Zhang H, Chen Y, Zhang J, Wu F, Liu Q, Grecucci A, Zhang Y, Wang J, Yi X, Palaniyappan L, Braden BB. (2025) Disrupted glucose metabolism covariance network in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. (*Submitted to Neurology*).

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5. **Qiu T**, Liu ZQ, Rheault F, Legarreta JH, Caron AV, St-Onge F, et al. (2024) Structural white matter properties and cognitive resilience to tau pathology. *Alzheimer's & Dementia* <https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.13776>
6. Xiao D, Li J, Ren Z, Dai M, Jiang Y, **Qiu T**, Zhang H, Chen Y, Zhang Y, Zhang Y, Palaniyappan L, for the Frontotemporal Lobar Degeneration Neuroimaging Initiative. (2024) Association of cortical morphology, white matter hyperintensity, and glymphatic function in frontotemporal dementia variants. *Alzheimer's & Dementia* <https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.14158>
7. **Qiu T**, Zhang Y, Tang X, Liu X, Wang Y, Zhou C, Luo C, Zhang J. (2019) Precentral degeneration and cerebellar compensation in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: a multimodal MRI analysis. *Human Brain Mapping* <https://doi.org/10.1002/hbm.24609>
8. Zhang Y, **Qiu T**, Yuan X, Zhang J, Wang Y, Zhang N, Zhou C, Luo C, Zhang J. (2019) Abnormal topological organization of structural covariance networks in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. *NeuroImage: Clinical* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nicl.2018.101619>
9. Zhang Y, Yi X, Gao J, Li L, Liu L, **Qiu T**, Zhang J, Zhang Y, Liao W. (2019) Chemotherapy potentially facilitated the occurrence of radiation encephalopathy in patients with nasopharyngeal carcinoma following radiotherapy: a multimodal magnetic resonance imaging study. *Frontiers in Oncology* <https://doi.org/10.3389/fonc.2019.00567>

10. Zhang YM, Qu M, Yi X, Zhuo P, Tang J, Chen X, Zhou G, Hu P, **Qiu T**, Xing W, Mao Y, Chen B, Wu J, Zhang Y, Liao W. (2019) Sensorimotor and pain-related alterations of the gray matter and white matter in type 2 diabetic patients with peripheral neuropathy. Human Brain Mapping <https://doi.org/10.1002/hbm.24834>

## CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

### *First-author*

1. **Qiu T**, Liu Z-Q, Gallego Rudolf J, Edde M, Valcourt Caron A, Zhang Y, Soucy J-P, Spreng RN, Descoteaux M, Villeneuve S. (2025) *Unraveling the impact of amyloid- $\beta$  and tau pathology on brain structure and cognitive function during preclinical and prodromal Alzheimer's disease*. Human Amyloid Imaging conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico (**oral**).
2. **Qiu T**, Liu Z-Q, Rheault F, Valcourt-Caron A, Legarreta JH, St-Onge F, Strikwerda-Brown C, Pichet Binette A, Spreng RN, Descoteaux M, Villeneuve S, for the PREVENT-AD Research Group. (2023) The role of white matter in cognitive resilience to pathology in individuals at risk of AD. 29th Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping. Montreal, Canada.
3. **Qiu T**, Rheault F, Soucy J-P, Spreng RN, Pichet Binette A, Descoteaux M, Villeneuve S, for the PREVENT-AD Research Group. (2023) *Amyloid and tau pathology are associated with white matter properties in cognitively unimpaired older adults at risk of AD dementia*. Alzheimer's Association International Conference. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
4. **Qiu T**, Zhen-Qi Liu, Cherie Strikwerda-Brown, Frédéric St-Onge, Alexa Pichet-Binette, Maxime Descoteaux, Sylvia Villeneuve. Diffusion MRI subnetwork efficiency is associated with cognitive resilience to AD pathology in cognitively unimpaired older adults at risk of AD dementia. AAIC 2022, 31st June – 4th August 2022 (San Diego, USA)
5. **Qiu T**, Zhen-Qi Liu, Cherie Strikwerda-Brown, Frédéric St-Onge, Alexa Pichet-Binette, Maxime Descoteaux, Sylvia Villeneuve. Diffusion MRI subnetwork properties are associated with cognitive resilience to AD pathology in cognitively unimpaired older adults at risk of AD dementia, QBIN-RBIQ Scientific Research Day, 2nd June 2022 (Sherbrooke, Canada)
6. **Qiu T**, et al., The role of structural network in cognitive resilience to AD pathology in preclinical AD. Neuropsychology Day, 16th May 2022 (Montreal, Canada).

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8. **Qiu T**, et al., The role of structural network efficiency in cognitive resilience to AD pathology in cognitively unimpaired older adults at risk of AD dementia. Douglas Research Blitz, 25th Feb 2022(Montreal, Canada).

#### *Contributed (selected)*

9. Yakoub Y, **Qiu T**, Villeneuve S, Pichet Binette A, ADNI Foundation for the FNIH Biomarkers Consortium. (2025) Head-to-head comparison of longitudinal plasma assays in relation to longitudinal amyloid pathology in Alzheimer's disease. Human Amyloid Imaging conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico(**oral**).
10. Fajardo Valdez A, **Qiu T**, Gallego Rudolf J, Javanray M, Villeneuve S. (2025) *The impact of spatial smoothing on the accuracy of Centiloid thresholds*. Human Amyloid Imaging conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
11. Gallego Rudolf J, **Qiu T**, Javanray M, Wiesman A, St-Onge F, Fajardo-Valdez A, Baillet S, Villeneuve S, PREVENT-AD Research Group. (2025) *Functional and structural connectivity patterns predict longitudinal tau spreading in asymptomatic individuals expressing A $\beta$  pathology*. Human Amyloid Imaging conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
12. Garrone A, Yakoub Y, Fajardo Valdez A, **Qiu T**, Metz A, Dadar M, Ourry V, Villeneuve S, for the PREVENT-AD Research Group. (2025) *Assessing the relationship between neuropsychiatric symptoms, amyloid and tau pathology, and white matter hyperintensity volume across sexes in preclinical Alzheimer's disease*. Human Amyloid Imaging conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS 🏆☀️

2025	Travel award, <i>USD 600</i> , Human Amyloid Conference
2025	CSC scholarship, <i>CAD 26400</i> , China Scholarship Council
2024	CSC scholarship, <i>CAD 26400</i> , China Scholarship Council
2023	QBIN travel fellowship, <i>CAD 500</i> , Quebec Bio-Imaging Network
2023	CSC scholarship, <i>CAD 26400</i> , China Scholarship Council
2022	HBHL's Graduate Student Fellowship (PhD's), <i>CAD 15000</i> , Healthy Brains, Healthy Lives, McGill University

- 2022 CSC scholarship, CAD 26400, China Scholarship Council
- 2021 QBIN Recruitment Scholarship, CAD 8000, Quebec Bio-Imaging Network
- 2021 CSC scholarship, CAD 26400, China Scholarship Council
- 2020 Outstanding graduate in University of Electronic Science and Technology of China
- 2018 National Scholarship, CNY 20000, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China
- 2018 First Class Excellent Student Scholarship, CNY 10000, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China
- 2017 Third Class Excellent Student Scholarship, CNY 4000, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China
- 2015 Second prize in National English Competition for College Students
- 2014 National Encouragement Scholarship, CNY 5000, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China
- 2014 Second prize in National Industrial Automation Challenge of University Students of the Siemens Cup
- 2013 National Encouragement Scholarship, CNY 5000, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### *additional training*

- 2024 IPN retreat- Symposium B: Multimodal neuroimaging biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease (co-chairs)
- 2022 four-months research visit at the Sherbrook Connectivity Imaging Lab, University of Sherbrooke, supervised by Dr. Maxime Descoteaux
- 2022 Neuromatch Academy – 3 weeks training on Computational Neuroscience Course (coursework and projects certificate received)
- 2022 GSAN R Programming Workshops Series

- 2022 HBHL coding club
- 2021 MAIN EDUCATIONAL SESSION (Montreal, in person)
- 2021 IPN Summer School-Advanced analytics for neuroscience
- 2019 FSL Beijing Course -Five days' training about FMRIB Software Library

#### *Invited talks*

2024 IPN retreat- Symposium B: Multimodal neuroimaging biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease  
*Title: Unraveling the impact of amyloid- $\beta$  and tau pathology on brain structure and cognitive function during preclinical and prodromal Alzheimer's disease*

2023 McGill-UESTC NEURO-BME RESEARCH DAY (1st edition)  
*Title: The Role of White Matter in Alzheimer's Disease: A focus on the preclinical stage*

2023 HBHL Trainee Get-Together  
*Title: The Role of White Matter in Cognitive Resilience to AD pathology*

#### *Paper reviewed*

1. When does Alzheimer's disease start? Robust estimates based on longitudinal A $\beta$ -amyloid-PET in three large international cohorts. The Lancet Neurology (co-reviewed with Dr. Sylvia Villeneuve; 2024)

## SKILLS

Software Proficiency:  
Python, R, MATLAB, Linux (basic command-line operations)

## MEDIA

2023 [Fellow Features](#) McGill University