



To Whom It May Concern,

I, the undersigned Srdan KITIC, research and development engineer of Orange Labs, France, provide this letter as a means of supporting the candidature of Stéphane KOMBO for the thesis position you have advertised.

I know Stéphane from the end-of-course internship he currently conducts in our team. The internship subject is devoted to enhancement of two sound source localization methods developed by the team, both in terms of code clarity and performance. We closely collaborated during the first (three-months-long) phase of the project, where he was required to translate a fairly ad hoc research code written in Matlab, into a clear and sustainable Python version of the program. This assumed a solid level of understanding of very narrow theoretical underpinnings of the algorithm, that Stéphane was capable of grasping despite being outside of his curriculum. He was not shy of asking for the advice whenever in a doubt, with concise and right on target questions. Moreover, the code he delivered is clear, well-thought and well-documented.

On a more personal note, Stéphane is a kind and amiable person, which made it easy to integrate him in the team.

All the aforementioned qualities lead to my impression that Stéphane KOMBO has the right capacity to be a successful doctoral candidate.

Rennes,
25/06/2018

Sincerely,
Srdan KITIC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Srdan", written over a horizontal line.