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Education

Ph.D. Biological Sciences, 2013–present (thesis to be submitted in Dec. 2018)

M.Sc. Biological Sciences, 2012 (accelerated transition to Ph.D. in 2013)

University of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada

Thesis: Molecular communication between male and female gametophytes and reproductive barriers in wild potatoes (*Solanum* sect. *Petota*).

Advisor: Prof. Daniel P. Matton

B.Sc. Biology, international program, 2011

Pierre & Marie Curie University (UPMC), Paris, France: years 1 and 2

University of Montreal (UdeM), Montreal, QC, Canada: year 3

Research experience

🔬 Molecular biology </> Bioinformatics

- Canada** | **Ph.D. Project, 2013–present.** Prof. D. P. Matton, University of Montreal.
- 🔬 DNA/RNA techniques. Cloning. Protein expression and purification.
 - 🔬 Plant cell culture. Pollen tube guidance assays. Microfluidics.
 - 🔬 Microscopy: epifluorescence, confocal, SEM, TEM.
 - </> Python and R programming. Development of the sequence search tool KAPPA.
 - </> Transcriptomics: RNA-seq assemblies. Microarray analysis. DGE. Annotation.
 - </> Proteomics: LC-MS data analysis. Secretomics. Label-free protein quantification.
- Sweden** | **International collaboration, 2016–present.** Dr. Johan Edqvist, Linköping University.
- 🔬 Protein expression and purification in *Pichia pastoris*.
 - </> Development of a nsLTP prediction tool and a plant nsLTP database.
- Japan** | **JSPS Summer Program, June–Aug. 2016.** Prof. T. Higashiyama, Nagoya University.
- 🔬 Development of microfluidic devices for pollen tube guidance assays.
 - 🔬 Introduction to 2-photon confocal microscopy.
- USA** | **International internship, Apr.–May 2014.** Prof. W. J. Swanson, University of Washington.
- </> Variant calling (GATK).
 - </> Molecular evolution and positive selection analysis (codeml).
- Argentina** | **Botanical transect, Apr.–May 2012.** Dr. F. Chiarini, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.
- 🔬 Collection of potato individuals in the Andes cordillera.

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Research experience (continued)

🔬 Molecular biology </> Bioinformatics

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| Canada | Summer internship , Jan.–Aug. 2011. Prof. D. P. Matton, University of Montreal.
🔬 Molecular cloning. Biolistics. Epifluorescence and confocal microscopy. |
| France | Undergraduate summer internship , Jul.–Jun. 2010. Prof. C. Bailly, CNRS/UPMC, Paris.
🔬 Seed dormancy and germination biology. |
| | Short-term introductory internship , Jan. 2009. Prof. C. Bowler, CNRS/ENS, Paris.
🔬 Protein electrophoresis. Immunoprecipitation. Western Blotting. |

Extra training

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| Bioinformatics | Online Bioinformatics Specialization , 2016–2018 UC San Diego, on Coursera
• 6 different courses and a final project: Certificate H528Q2K9KYB6 |
| Python/R | Online Courses in Bioinformatics , 2016 Johns Hopkins University, on Coursera
• <i>Python for Genomic Data Science</i> : Certificate XHKWDB4XD7
• <i>Introduction to Genomic Technologies</i> : Certificate U88T89XKR2
• <i>R Programming</i> : Certificate X8NKEQAUU4 |
| Sequence annotation | International seminar in automated functional protein annotation , 2012
BLAST2GO, University of California, Davis, CA, USA |

Publications

*Equal contributions

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| Published | <p>Salminen TA, Eklund DM, Joly V, Blomqvist K, Matton DP and Edqvist J. (2018). Deciphering the evolution and development of the cuticle by studying lipid transfer proteins in mosses and liverworts. <i>Plants</i>, 7(1), 6. DOI: 10.3390/plants7010006</p> <p>Joly V and Matton DP. (2015). KAPPA, a simple algorithm for the discovery and clustering of proteins defined by a key amino acid pattern. <i>Bioinformatics</i>, 31(11), 1716–1723. DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btv047</p> <p>Liu Y*, Joly V*, Dorion S, Rivoal J and Matton DP. (2015). The plant ovule secretome: a different view toward pollen-pistil interactions. <i>Journal of Proteome Research</i>, 14(11):4763–75. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jproteome.5b00618</p> <p>Lafleur É*, Kapfer C*, Joly V, Liu Y, Tebbji F et al. (2015). The ScFRK1 MAPK kinase kinase (MAPKKK) from <i>Solanum chacoense</i> is involved in embryo sac and pollen development. <i>Journal of Experimental Botany</i>, 66(7), 1833–1843. DOI: 10.1093/jxb/eru524</p> |
| In preparation | <p>Joly V*, Liu Y* and Matton DP. <i>Solanum chacoense</i> ovule transcriptome reveals developmentally regulated transcripts during female gametophyte genesis and maturation. To be submitted in Aug. 2018.</p> <p>Joly V*, Tebbji F*, Nantel A and Matton DP. Pollination type recognition from a distance by the ovary is revealed by a global transcriptomic analysis. To be submitted in Aug. 2018.</p> |

Oral presentations

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- 2017 | ★ **Joly V**, Viallet C, Liu Y, Zaro A, Ceriotti F and Matton DP. *Deciphering species-specific pollen tube guidance in Solanum*. CSPB Eastern Regional Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada, Nov. 24th–25th 2017.
Joly V, Viallet C, Liu Y and Matton DP. *Reproductive cysteine-rich proteins: key players in Solanum speciation?* Plant Biology 2017, Honolulu, HI, USA, June 23rd–28th 2017.
- 2016 | **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Deciphering potatoes' words of love*. Invited speaker, Institute for Transformative bio-Molecules (ITbM), Nagoya University, Japan, July 13th 2016.
- 2015 | ★ **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Plants' secret words of love: rapid evolution of pollen–pistil recognition proteins drives reproductive isolation of wild potatoes*. Botany 2015, Edmonton, AB, Canada, July 26th–29th 2015.
Joly V and Matton DP. *Sex among wild potatoes: ladies wear the pants*. Invited speaker, Centre for Structural and Functional Genomics, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada, July 16th 2015.
- 2014 | **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Cell-cell communication between gametophytes and reproductive isolation in wild potatoes*. Invited speaker, Dept. of Genome Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, Apr. 24th 2014.
- 2013 | ★ **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Comment éviter les liaisons dangereuses : secrets d'alcôve des pommes de terre*. Journées du Centre SÈVE, Wendake, QC, Canada, Nov. 7th–8th 2013.
Joly V and Matton DP. *Species-specificity of pollen-pistil interactions in wild potatoes*. Invited speaker, Institute of Genetics, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China, Oct. 24th 2013.
★ **Joly V**, Liu Y and Matton DP. *Divergence des protéines reproductives et maintien des barrières de spéciation chez les pommes de terre sauvages*. 23^e Symposium des Sciences biologiques, University of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada, Mar. 21st 2013.

Poster presentations

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- 2018 | **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Long-distance relationships: how the ovary perceives different pollination types at a distance*. Plant Biology 2018, Montreal, QC, Canada, July 14th–18th 2018.
- 2016 | ★ **Joly V**, Liu Y, Dorion S, Rivoal J and Matton DP. *Ovule secretomics reveal the importance of post-transcriptional regulation of reproductive proteins*. Plant Reproduction 2016, Tucson, AZ, USA, March 18th–23rd 2016.
★ **Joly V** and Matton DP. *KAPPA: exploring -omics data to detect and cluster cysteine-rich proteins*. [same conference as above]
- 2015 | ★ **Joly V** and Matton DP. *KAPPA: meeting the challenge of proteome-wide detection and clustering of cysteine-rich proteins*. High Performance Computing Symposium HPCS 2015, Montreal, QC, Canada, June 17th–19th 2015.
- 2013 | **Joly V**, Liu Y and Matton DP. *Interspecific divergence of reproductive proteins: the keystone of species-specific fertilization in wild potatoes?* 10th Solanaceae Conference (SOL 2013), Beijing, China, Oct. 13th–17th 2013.
Joly V and Matton DP. *Speciation genes in pollen-pistil interactions*. 9th Canadian Plant Genomics Workshop, Halifax, NS, Canada, Aug. 12th–15th 2013.

Other presentations

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- 2018 | **Joly V** and Matton DP*. *Pre-zygotic barriers in inter-specific crosses: a leading role for small cysteine-rich protein attractant in wild potatoes species ?* Plant Biology 2018, Montreal, QC, Canada, July 14th-18th 2018.
- 2017 | **Joly V** and Matton DP*. *Pollination type recognition from a distance by the ovary is revealed by a global transcriptomic analysis.* 5th International Symposium on Plant Signaling and Behavior, Matsue, Japan, June 26th – July 1st 2017.
- 2013 | Liu Y*, Bai F, **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Identification of female gametophyte-specific CRPs and isolation of pollen tube guidance attractant(s) in solanaceous species.* Journées du Centre SÈVE, Wendake, QC, Canada, Nov. 7th–8th 2013.
 Tebbji F, **Joly V** and Matton DP*. *Pollination type recognition from a distance by the ovary is revealed by a global transcriptomic analysis.* 10th Solanaceae Conference (SOL 2013), Beijing, China, Oct. 13th–17th 2013.
 Liu Y*, **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Isolation and characterization of the pollen tube attractant from Solanum chacoense.* 10th Solanaceae Conference (SOL 2013), Beijing, China, Oct. 13th–17th 2013.
- 2011 | Daigle C*, **Joly V** and Matton DP. *Discovering new MAPK signalling cascades involved in plant reproduction using co-expression analyses and deep transcriptomic sequencing of ovule and pollen tubes.* 7th Canadian Plant Genomics Workshop, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada, Aug. 22nd–25th 2011.

Teaching

Plant physiology	Chief teaching assistant, 2013–present Teaching assistant, 2011–2012 Plant physiology labs, Prof. Jean Rivoal, University of Montreal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching load: 140 hours per session, about 70 students • Weekly sessions including a lecture (0:45) and a practical session (2:30) • Supervision of 1–2 teaching assistants
Molecular biology	Teaching assistant, 2014–2016 Molecular biology labs, Prof. D. P. Matton, University of Montreal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching load: 110 hours per session, 10-20 students
Supervision	Supervisor for international graduate interns, 2015–present Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP) at the University of Montreal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Ph.D./M.Sc. students supervised so far, for 6-month internships Supervisor for undergraduate summer interns, 2012–present Summer course “Initiation to research” (BIO2091), University of Montreal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 undergraduate interns supervised so far, for 1 to 4-month projects

Scholarships and Awards

★ Major scholarship

- 2018 | **Jacques-Rousseau Travel Scholarship**
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 800
- 2017 | ★ **Hydro-Québec Excellence Scholarship**
Hydro-Québec (national electricity company), CAD 25,000
Scholarship for Finishing Ph.D. Students (BEFD)
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Montreal, CAD 8,400
Jacques-Rousseau Travel Scholarship
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 1,500
Travel Scholarship (*Bourse d'appui à la diffusion des résultats de recherche*)
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Montreal, CAD 500
Honorable mention for a student oral presentation
CSPB Eastern Regional Meeting
- 2016 | ★ **Hydro-Québec Excellence Scholarship**
Hydro-Québec (national electricity company), CAD 25,000
★ **MITACS Globalink Award / JSPS Summer Program**
MITACS/Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, JPY 550,000
★ **Ph.D. Scholarship from the Government of Québec**
Fonds Québécois de Recherche – Nature et Technologies, CAD 13,333
Best Graduate Student Poster Award
Frontiers in Plant Reproduction Biology, *Plant Reproduction 2016* Conference, USD 300
Jacques-Rousseau Travel Scholarship
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 1,500
PARSECS Travel Scholarship
FAÉCUM, University of Montreal, CAD 400
- 2015 | ★ **Catherine-Frédette Excellence Scholarship in Biological Sciences and Neurology**
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Montreal, CAD 5,000
FBSB Ph.D. Scholarship from the Dept. of Biological Sciences
University of Montreal, CAD 1,500
President's Award for the Best Student Oral Presentation
Canadian Society of Plant Biologists (CSPB), Botany 2015 Conference, CAD 500
Best Student Poster Award
Compute Canada, High Performance Computing Symposium HPCS 2015, CAD 500
G.-H. Duff Travel Scholarship
Canadian Society of Plant Biologists (CSPB), CAD 340
Jacques-Rousseau Travel Scholarship
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 775
★ **Excellence Scholarship from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**
University of Montreal, CAD 3,000
- 2014 | **Pehr-Kalm Scholarship**
Montreal Botanical Garden, CAD 2,000
★ **Travel Scholarship for International Interns**
Government of Quebec (FRQNT) – Centre SÈVE, CAD 3,815

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Scholarships and Awards (continued)

★ Major scholarship

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| 2014 | Jacques-Rousseau Travel Scholarship
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 1,769 |
| 2013 | ★ Marie-Victorin Excellence Scholarship
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 3,000
Best Oral Presentation Award
Journées du Centre SÈVE, CAD 300
Jacques-Rousseau Travel Scholarship
Plant Biology Research Institute, University of Montreal, CAD 850
Best Oral Presentation Award
Symposium of Biological Sciences, University of Montreal, CAD 100 |
| 2012 | FBSB M.Sc. Scholarship from the Dept. of Biological Sciences
University of Montreal, CAD 1,200
★ Scholarship for Accelerated M.Sc.-to-Ph.D. Transition
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Montreal, CAD 14,000 |
| 2011 | Travel Scholarship for Student Exchange in Canada
French Ministry of Research (CROUS), EUR 1,600
PIL Excellence Scholarship for Student Exchange in Canada
Pierre & Marie Curie University (Paris VI), EUR 1,500
AMIÉ Travel Scholarship for Student Exchange in Canada
French Regional Authority (<i>Conseil régional</i>), EUR 2,800
Campus'Trotter Scholarship for Student Exchange in Canada
French Local Authority (<i>Conseil général</i>), EUR 700 |
| 2010 | Best B.Sc. Student in the Dept. of Biology
Pierre & Marie Curie University (UPMC), after the June 2010 final exams |
| 2008 | ★ Excellence Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies
French Ministry of Research (CROUS), EUR 5,400 |

Service

Societies	American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) , 2016–present Canadian Society of Plant Biologists (CSPB) , 2014–present International Association of Sexual Plant Reproduction Research (IASPRR) , 2015–present Quebec Biological Association (ABQ) , 2013–2018 French Botanical Society (SBF) , 2010–2011
Students' associations	Naturalist Students' Association <i>Timarcha</i> , 2010–2011 Pierre & Marie Curie University (UPMC), Paris, France Environmental Committee <i>Éco-école</i> , 2006–2008 Lycée Saint-Sauveur (≈ high school), Redon, France

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Service (continued)

Volunteering	<p>Volunteer French teacher for newcomers to Canada, 2015–2016 Community Center <i>The House of Friendship</i>, Montreal, QC, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3-hour lessons every week with 10-20 students <p>Contributor to various online projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writer and translator for <i>Wikipedia</i> (biology-related articles), 2008–present• Volunteer cartographer for <i>OpenStreetMap</i>, 2015–present• Herbarium digitalization for the Paris National Museum of Natural History (Project "<i>Les Herbonautes</i>"), 2015
Communication	<p>Radio interview for the science popularization program <i>Les années lumière</i> on Radio-Canada. Broadcasted on Apr. 24th 2016.</p> <p>Popularization article written for <i>L'ARN messenger</i>, online biology students' journal at the University of Montreal. Published on Dec. 19th 2014.</p>

Other skills

Languages	<p>French, mother tongue</p> <p>English, fluent</p> <p>Spanish, fluent</p> <p>Italian, intermediate</p> <p>Japanese, beginner</p>
Computing	<p>Programming: Python and R. Bases in C and Perl.</p> <p>Web: HTML/CSS, Jekyll.</p> <p>Operating systems: Linux (<i>Ubuntu</i>, <i>Fedora</i>, <i>CentOS</i>), Mac OS X, Windows.</p> <p>Bioinformatics: assemblers (<i>Trinity</i>, <i>CLC</i>, etc.); read aligners (<i>Bowtie</i>, <i>TopHat</i>, etc.); sequence search and alignment tools (<i>BLAST</i>, etc.); annotators (<i>BLAST2GO</i>, <i>PFAMscan</i>, <i>SignalP</i>, etc.)</p> <p>Office software: \LaTeX, <i>LibreOffice/OpenOffice</i>, <i>Microsoft Office</i></p> <p>Image processing: <i>GIMP</i>, <i>Inkscape</i>, <i>ImageJ</i>, <i>Adobe Photoshop</i>, <i>Cytoscape</i> ; <i>AxioVision</i> (Zeiss microscope steering program)</p>