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Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science mainly working on RNA Design problem with decompositions and structural motifs. The project consists of designable secondary structure enumeration and RNA Design tool development. The defence will be held at 15th December. My research interest is to apply computer science or mathematics methods on biological problems.

## EXPERIENCE

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- Since 2019 **Joint Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science**  
*Local Decomposition In RNA Structural Design*  
AMIBio, LIX, École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France  
School of Computer Science, McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
Co-supervised by Yann Ponty & Jérôme Waldispühl
- 2018 **Visiting intern**  
*Gene selection with network based a priori*  
BCI team at CEA Grenoble, France  
Supervised by Laurent Guyon
- 2017–2018 **M2 in Bioinformatics (AMI2B)**  
University of Paris-Saclay, Orsay, France
- 2017 **Visiting Intern**  
*Model-based clustering on Tuberculosis strains during an outbreak*  
Simom Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada  
Co-supervised by Cedric Chauve & Leonid Chindelevitch
- 2014–2018 **Cycle d'ingénieur**  
École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France  
*Bioinformatics, Computer Science, Math Application*
- 2012–2014 **Classe préparatoire aux grandes écoles (CPGE)**  
Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris, France.  
*Mathematic, Physics, Computer Science*
- Until 2012 Secondary education in Taiwan.

## PUBLICATION

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- 2021 [Yao H-T](#), Waldispühl, J., Ponty, Y., & Will, S. Taming Disruptive Base Pairs to Reconcile Positive and Negative Structural Design of RNA. RECOMB 2021 - 25th International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology.
- 2020 Ponty, Y., Hammer, S., [Yao H-T](#), & Will, S. Advanced design of structural RNAs using RNARedPrint. In E. Picardi (Ed.), RNA Bioinformatics.
- 2020 Sarrazin-Gendron, R., [Yao H-T](#), Reinharz, V., Oliver, C. G., Ponty, Y., & Waldispühl, J. Stochastic Sampling of Structural Contexts Improves the Scalability and Accuracy of RNA 3D Modules Identification. RECOMB 2020 - 24th Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology.
- 2019 [Yao H-T](#), Chauve, C., Regnier, M., & Ponty, Y. Exponentially few RNA structures are designable. ACM-BCB 2019 - 10th ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics, 289–298.
- 2017 Feijao P, [Yao H-T](#) et al. *MentaLiST - A fast MLST caller for large MLST schemes*. Microbial Genomics. doi:10.1099/mgen.0.000146

## TALKS

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Aug 2021 RECOMB'21, Online

Mar 2021 ALÉA2021 (theoretical computer science, discrete mathematics seminar), Online  
Feb 2021 TBI Winterseminar'21, Online  
Feb 2020 TBI Winterseminar'20, Bled  
Sep 2019 ACM-BCB'19 (bioinformatics conference), Niagara Falls, New York  
Nov 2018 International Conference on Systems Biology, Lyon (**Contributed**)

## POSTERS

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Sep 2019 RiboClub'19, Sherbrooke, Québec

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2020 Teaching assistant (36h), *INF442 Algorithms data analysis in C++*, École Polytechnique  
2020 Teaching assistant (24h), *CSE103 Introduction to Algorithms*, École Polytechnique  
Fall 2019 Teaching assistant (80h), *COMP251 Algorithms and Data Structures*, McGill University

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

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2020 Review for RECOMB'21  
since 2020 Development of RNAPOND, RNA negative design tool using positive design approach  
since 2020 Maintenance & deployment of Infrared, A generic C++/Python hybrid library for FPT Boltzmann sampling.  
since 2019 Development of BayesPairing 2, RNA 3D modules identification in sequence and alignments

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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Jan 2018 Project competition Meet-U 2018 (on protein docking) — First Prize  
Jan 2011 Taiwan International Science Fair — Fourth Prize in zoology.

## SKILLS

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Languages Mandarin (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Korean (basic),  
Japanese (basic)  
Programming C++, OCaml, Python3, Java, R, Julia  
Web Dev HTML, CSS, php, SQL, JavaScript, AngularJS, Django, Ocsigen  
Software COQ, SCILAB  
Other Git, Linux, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## REFERENCES

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- \* Yann Ponty – [yann.ponty@lix.polytechnique.fr](mailto:yann.ponty@lix.polytechnique.fr)  
Research faculty – École Polytechnique – Computer Science Department
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Professor – McGill University – School of Computer Science
- \* Laurent Guyon – [laurent.guyon@cea.fr](mailto:laurent.guyon@cea.fr)  
Research faculty – CEA – Laboratory of Cancer and Infection
- \* Cedric Chauve – [cedric.chauve@sfu.ca](mailto:cedric.chauve@sfu.ca)  
Professor – Simon Fraser University – Department of Mathematics