

# D2C

## DATAIA CLUB CONNECTION

# EXPLICABILITY CAUSALITY

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# Systematic and the « Data Science & Artificial Intelligence » Hub

Systematic, the European DeepTech cluster, brings together an efficient ecosystem with over 900 members. It enables its members to come together around technological and/or business-oriented topics.



Its «Data Science & Artificial Intelligence» technology hub brings together more than 160 academic partners, SMEs and large corporations around the following seven priority themes :

- **Trusted AI**
- **Evaluation of AI systems**
- **Learning algorithms**
- **Causality versus correlation**
- **Hybrid AI**
- **Data for AI**
- **Embedded AI**

# The DATAIA Paris-Saclay Institute

Located within the Paris Saclay University (16th in the Shanghai ranking, 1st in mathematics), it is the first French ecosystem in data sciences, AI and their societal impacts.

## MISSION

To bring together multidisciplinary expertise and boost the collective strength of its partners in the Paris-Saclay cluster with the aim of combining big data and AI technologies with social sciences and humanities for an AI at the service of humans.

## IN FIGURES



12

academic members



42

partner laboratories



1200

professors-researchers



10

IA Chairs out of 40 national



18

research projects launched



450

PhD Students

## Industrial Affiliation Plan (PAI)

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The Industrial Affiliation Plan (IAP) aims to boost the collective strength of the Institute's academic ecosystem and its industrial members. The services offered in response to the respective needs expressed include:

- Joint actions to support research;
- Sharing of experiences and collective needs;
- Facilitated access to recruitment;
- Access to training, seminars, workshops, etc.;
- Implementation of dedicated events (hackathons, challenges, etc.);
- Access to working places to increase exchanges.

## DATAIA Club Connection (D2C)

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The D2C system aims:

- **Upstream**, to present the priority research issues and to match them with the problems of industry;
- **Downstream**, to monitor contacts and opportunities for collaboration identified until they are set up and launched.

It is part of the ambition to facilitate the establishment of several levels of collaboration and create a constructive dynamic:

1. Expertise / Student projects / Internships
2. Research collaborations / CIFRE theses
3. Joint laboratories / Joint teams
4. Multi-partner chairs

# Objectives and program

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The main objectives of the D2C «*Causality*» to be addressed focus on aspects of causality - from predictive models to causal models:

- Common definition to make clear the difference with explainability issues;
- Why: what some can do and not others;
- How to build a causal model.

**2pm - 2:05pm**

Introduction by Bertrand Braunschweig - Inria Director and President of the DS&AI Systematic Hub

**2:05pm - 3:05pm**

State of the art by Michele Sebag (CNRS, Université Paris-Saclay, LRI) «Causal modelling & machine learning» and Julie Josse (Inria, CMAP) «*Causal effects treatments theory*»

**3:05pm - 3:45pm**

Pitch: points of view of researchers and industrialists - research angles, needs, issues

**3:45pm - 4:45pm**

Brainstorming: collective construction of topics of general and shared interest

**4:45pm - 5:45pm**

Deepening in small committees in order to identify topics for bilateral projects

**5:45pm - 5:50pm**

Conclusion and action plan

# DATAIA researchers

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## Causal modelling & Machine learning



**Michèle Sebag** (CNRS, Université Paris-Saclay, LRI)  
*Research: inference and learning, symbolic and numerical approaches to AI.*

## How to estimate a causal effect from observational data?



**Julie Josse** (Inria, CMAP)  
*Research: missing data, causal inference, estimation of heterogeneous intervention effects, personalized medicine*

## Causal inference in information theory and statistics



**Pablo Piantanida** (CentraleSupélec, L2S)  
*Research: deep learning, information representation, inference mechanisms*

## Identification of causal factors/variables in a model



**Myriam Tami** (CentraleSupélec, MICS)  
*Research: modeling, machine learning, complex and heterogeneous data*

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## Causal inference from a statistical perspective: estimation and model selection



**Bertrand Thirion** (Inria, Neurospin)

*Research:* statistical modeling and machine learning applied to brain imaging data

## Counterfactual inference to estimate treatment effects



**Blaise Hanczar** (Evry University, IBISC)

*Research:* deep learning, supervised learning, prediction systems, performance evaluation

## Solving discrimination and regression problems, studying causal relationships



**Isabelle Guyon** (Université Paris-Saclay, LRI)

*Research:* Support Vector Machines (SVM), statistical data analysis, pattern recognition, statistical learning automation



# DATAIA Club PAI Companies

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## Elements of causality to understand predictions from medical images



GE Healthcare

**Nicolas Gogin** - Deep learning and image analytics

**Jorge Hernandez Londono** - Staff Software Engineer

## Interpretation of car crash calculation results, search for root causes

**GROUPE  
RENAULT**

**Yves Tourbier** - Optimization and decision support expert

**Benoit Laussat** - PhD Student

## Causal inference to inform Model Based Clinical Drug Development

### **Departement R&D Digital and Data Sciences**

**SANOFI**



**Franck Auge** - Translational sciences, Bioinformatics

**Caroline Cohen** - Strategy and Business Lead Europe

**Paolo Piro** - Clinical Data Sciences

**Bernard Sebastien** - Clinical Modeling and Evidence Integration

### **Departement Molecular Design Sciences**

**Hervé Minoux** - In-Silico Science activity

**Bruno Filoche** - Compounds Data-Science activity



**Charles Hebert** - Director of R&D Data Driven Program

## Institutional partners

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