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## 1 **Positions**

- 2016 Research Director (DR1), Algorithms-Biology-Structure, Inria Sophia Antipolis.  
2007– Group leader, Algorithms-Biology-Structure, Inria Sophia Antipolis.  
2006 Research Director (DR2), Geometrica group, Inria Sophia Antipolis.  
2000 Tenured researcher and CR1 promotion, Prisme group, Inria Sophia Antipolis.  
1998-00 Researcher (CR2) in the Prisme group, Inria Sophia Antipolis.

## 2 **Education**

- 2006 *Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches*, University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. Title: « Computational Geometry and Topology: Concepts, Algorithms, Applications. »  
1998 Post-Doc at Inria Sophia Antipolis, France, Prisme project. (Head: Jean-Daniel Boissonnat.)  
1997 Post-Doc at Inria Rocquencourt, France, Algorithms project. Head: Philippe Flajolet.  
1995-96 National Service, Robotics Laboratory, Stanford University (USA), with a financial support from Matra Datavision (France). Head: Jean-Claude Latombe.  
1996-97,93-95 PhD in Theoretical Computer Science, University of Paris VII. Title: « Structures de données hiérarchiques non récursives et problèmes de proximité » Advisor: Claude Puech. Grade: Lab: iMAGIS-IMAG (Grenoble, France). Congratulations of the Committee.  
1991-92 Diplôme d'Études Approfondies in Computer Science at the École Normale Supérieure, École Polytechnique and University of Paris VII in (Paris, France). With distinction.  
1989-92 Institut National Agronomique Paris-Grignon (Paris, France), the most selective engineering high school in biological and mathematical sciences.  
1987-89 A two years examination preparation for high schools in biological and mathematical sciences.  
1987 *Baccalauréat* in Science, with distinction.

## 3 **Visiting positions**

*Indian Institute of Technology of Kanpur*, N Rama Rao Professor in CSE, Jan.-Feb. 01.

*Stanford University*, Robotics Lab. From the 03/01/95 to the 05/31/96. Visiting scholar.

## 4 **Supervision of students and postdocs**

### Postdocs.

- D. Mazaurec, January 2015 - September 2015. PhD in Computer Science.  
Topic: *Comparing biomolecular energy landscapes*.  
Publications: [18, 74].  
*Early job*: research scientist at Inria, ABS project-team.
- N. Malod-Dognin, July 2010 - June 2012. PhD in Computer Science.  
Topic: *Modeling and comparing protein binding patches*.  
Publications: [68, 49].  
*Early job*: post-doctoral research associate, department of computing, Imperial College London.
- S. Loriot, December 2008 - November 2009. PhD in Computer Science.  
Topic: *Robust software for molecular modeling*.  
Publications: [73, 26, 46].  
*Early job*: software engineer with the Geometry factory (<http://geometryfactory.com/>).

- B. Bouvier, November 2006 - April 2008, PhD in Biophysics.  
Topic: *Modeling the flexibility of proteins*.  
Publication: [8].  
*Early job*: research scientist at CNRS.
- F. Proust, November 2004 - October 2005, PhD in Biochemistry.  
Topic: *Modeling protein - protein interfaces*.  
Publication: [34].  
*Early job*: software engineer with La banque postale.

#### PhD students: ongoing.

- M. Simsir, 2018-20. *Structural modeling of multidrug resistance transporters in cancer* NB: co-advised with I. Mus-Veteau, IPMC/CNRS.
- D. Bulavka, 2018-20. *Modeling macro-molecular motions*
- R. Tetley, 2014-18. *Functional annotations of proteins based on mixed sequence-structure analysis*
- A. Chevallier, 2015-18. *Sampling energy landscapes*

#### PhD students: suspended.

- C. Roth, 2010-. . . . *Biomolecular energy landscapes: sampling and characterization*  
Publications: [18, 52] Status of the thesis, as of December 2015: suspended for startup creation.

#### PhD students: defended.

- S. Marillet, 2013-16. *Modeling the antibody response: from the structure of immunoglobulins - antigen complexes to the clonal complexity of heavy chain repertoires*  
Thesis is co-advised with P. Boudinot (INRA Jouy-en-Josas). Committee: P. Bates (Francis Crick Institute, reviewer), A. Bonvin (Utrecht University, reviewer), D. Housset (CEA), V. Braud (CNRS), P. Boudinot (INRA), F. Cazals (Inria). Publications: [50, 51, 43].  
*Early job*: research engineer at the Poitiers CHU Hospital.
- A. Lhéritier, 2011-15. *Nonparametric methods for learning and detecting multivariate statistical dissimilarity* Committee: G. Seroussi (Univ. de la République, Uruguay), P. Grünwald, CWI, Netherland), G. Obozinski Chercheur (Ecole des Ponts ParisTech), V. Zarzoso (Univ. de Nice Sophia Antipolis), F. Cazals (Inria).  
Publications: [66, 45].  
*Early job*: data scientist with Amadeus (<http://www.amadeus.com>).
- D. Agarwal, 2011-15. *Topics in mass spectrometry based structure determination* Committee: P. Barran (Univ. Manchester), R. Andonin (Univ. Rennes), J. Chamot-Rooke (Inst. Pasteur Paris), G. Bernot (Univ. Nice), F. Cazals (Inria Sophia Antipolis).  
Publications: [4, 53, 76].  
*Early job*: postdoc at the Harvard Medical school.
- T. Dreyfus, 2008-10. *Assessing the Reconstruction of Macro-molecular Assemblies: the Example of the Nuclear Pore Complex* Committee: J. Giesen (Jena Univ., Germany), P. Schultz (IGBMC Strasbourg/CNRS), G. Bernot (Univ. of Nice, France), J-D. Boissonnat (Inria Sophia Antipolis), A. Denise (Univ. of Orsay), F. Rey (CNRS, Inst. Pasteur Paris, French Academy of Sciences), F. Cazals (Inria Sophia Antipolis).  
Publications: [63, 40, 19].  
*Early job*: research engineer at Inria.

- S. Lorient, 2005-08. *Arrangements of Circles on a Sphere: Algorithms and Applications to molecular models represented by union of balls* Co-advised with F. Chazal. Committee: R. Lavery (CNRS, France), J. Snoeyink (UNC, USA), J. Maddocks (EPFL, Switzerland), R. Roussarie (Univ. Bourgogne, France), F. Chazal (Inria Saclay), F. Cazals (Inria Sophia Antipolis).  
Publications: [67, 10, 29, 48].  
*Early job*: software engineer with the Geometry factory (<http://geometryfactory.com/>).
- M. Pouget, 2002-05. *Geometry of surfaces: from the estimation of local differential quantities to the robust extraction of global differential features* Committee: N. Ayache (Inria), P. Giblin (Liverpool), J.-M. Morvan (Lyon), S. Petijean (Inria Nancy), K. Polthier (Berlin), J.-P. Thirion (Quantificare), F. Cazals (Inria, advisor).  
Publications: [32, 31, 81, 21, 22].  
*Early job*: research scientist with Inria.

### Master students.

- T. O'Donnell, summer 2018. *Structural modeling of FMRP dimers in solution.*
- N. Gayraud, summer 2015. *Detecting secondary structure elements in cryo electron microscopy maps, with applications to coarse grain model reconstruction.*
- R. Tetley, Master in computer science, ENS Lyon, summer 2014. *Beyond rigid structural alignments, with applications in structural virology.*
- T. Dreyfus, Master in Bioinformatics from the Univ. of Orsay - Paris XI, summer 2008. *Reconstructing large macro-molecular assemblies.*
- S. Lorient, Master intern from Univ. of Bourgogne at Dijon, summer 2005. *Exact arrangements of circles on spheres.*  
Publication: [67]
- J. Flototto, Master intern from Univ. Nice Sophia Antipolis, summer 1999. *Automatic drawing of similar molecules.*  
Publication: [57]

### Summer interns.

- P. Shah, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2011. *Geometric optimization problems for collections of balls.*  
Publication: [20].
- A. Bansal, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2010. *On the Morphology of Protein Binding Patches.*  
Publication: [49].
- H. Kanhere, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2009. *On the volume of unions of balls.*  
Publication: [26].
- N. Shah, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2009. *Geometric optimization algorithms for collections of balls.*  
Publication: [20]. (Curriculum: PhD student, Carnegie Mellon Univ.)
- A. Ramdas, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2008. *Landmark based dimensionality reduction.*
- S. Sachdeva, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2007. *Selection of diverse conformational ensembles.*  
Publication: [48].  
(Curriculum: PhD student, Princeton Univ.)

- A. Parameswaran, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2006. *Robust construction of the extended three-dimensional flow complex*.  
Publication: [69].  
(Curriculum: PhD thesis, Stanford Univ; Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign)
- C. Karande, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2005. *Partial combinatorial shape matching*.  
Publications: [27, 28]  
(Curriculum: PhD thesis at Georgia Tech. Now with Google research.)
- P. Agrawal, intern from IIT Bombay, summer 2004. *Partial shape matching*.  
(Curriculum: PhD thesis at Stanford Univ.)
- K. Chaudhuri and S. Saha, interns from IIT Kanpur, summer 2001. *Local Approximation of Triangulated Surfaces*. (Curriculum: K. Chaudhuri, PhD at Berkeley Univ.; Prof. at UCSD)
- S. Srivastava, intern from IIT Kanpur, summer 2000. From triangulated surfaces to primitive surfaces.  
(Curriculum: PhD, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst.)

## 5 Courses, schools, conferences

### 5.1 Courses

#### Master program coordination

- 2009-11, Program coordinator of the **Master of Science in Computational Biology**, Univ. of Nice Sophia Antipolis (<http://www.computationalbiology.eu>). Together with Pierre Kornprobst (Inria Sophia), we launched and administrated for two years this international master program.

#### Courses taught: current courses

Regular courses:

- 2014–... , *Foundations of Geometric Methods in Data Analysis* (<ftp://ftp-sop.inria.fr/abs/fcazals/classes/centrale-G0uDA.html>), Data Sciences Program, Department of Applied Mathematics, Ecole Centrale Paris (<http://cvn.ecp.fr/teaching/data-sciences/>). Course taught with S. Oudot, from Inria Saclay (12h each).
- 2009–2016, *Algorithmic problems in computational structural biology*, University of Nice - Sophia Antipolis, Master of Science in Computational Biology, FC (24h).

Mini-courses:

- Nearest Neighbors Algorithms in Euclidean and Metric Spaces: Algorithms and Data Structures, F. Cazals. Winter school Computational Geometry and Topology for Data Analysis, Inria Sophia Antipolis, January 2017.
- Algorithms for characterizing and comparing samplings of potential energy surfaces, F. Cazals and C. Robert. Winter School Algorithms in Structural Bio-informatics, Cargese, December 2015.
- Geometric methods in data analysis, F. Cazals and S. Oudot. Summer School Biomedical Image Analysis Summer, Paris, July 6-10, 2015.
- Modeling Contacts in Macro-molecular assemblies: from Inference to Assessment, F. Cazals. Winter School Algorithms in Structural Bio-informatics, Inria Sophia Antipolis, December 2014.

- Analyzing conformational landscapes, with applications to the design of collective coordinates, F. Cazals and C. Robert. Winter School Algorithms in Structural Bio-informatics, Toulouse, November 2013.
- Modeling Macro-Molecular Complexes and Assemblies, F. Cazals. Athens University – invited Mini-course, May 2013.
- Modeling protein complexes and assemblies with Voronoi diagrams, F. Cazals. Winter School Algorithms in Structural Bio-informatics, Inria Sophia Antipolis, December 2012. Web: <http://www-sop.inria.fr/manifestations/algoSB/>.

### Courses taught: past courses (last five years)

- 2010-2014, *Geometric and topological modeling with applications in biophysics*, Ecole Centrale Paris, Master degree in applied mathematics. FC (24h).
- 2007-10, *Algorithmic Problems in Structural Biology*, Orsay University. FC (12h), J. Janin, Orsay (6h) and C. Robert, CNRS (6h). NB: This course was offered to students from 3 masters: *Bioinformatique*, *Mathématiques*, *Innovation Thérapeutique*.

## 5.2 Conferences and workshops

### 5.2.1 Summer / Winter schools

**Winter school Algorithms in Structural Biology.** Together with J. Cortés (LAAS/CNRS, Toulouse), and C. Robert (IBPC/CNRS, Paris), we launched and have been organizing the the Winter Schools series *Algorithms in Structural Bio-informatics*. These schools are meant to train PhD students and post-docs on advanced algorithmic techniques in structural biology. The series goes as follows:

- 2015: Cargèse: focus on *Sampling bio-molecular systems*. Web: <http://algosb.galaxy.ibpc.fr/>
- 2014, Inria Sophia: focus on *Modeling large macromolecular assemblies*. Web: <http://algosb2014.inria.fr>
- 2013, Toulouse: focus on *Modeling the flexibility of proteins*. Web: <http://algosb.sciencesconf.org/>
- 2012, Inria Sophia: focus on *Modeling protein - protein interactions*. Web: <http://www-sop.inria.fr/manifestations/algoSB/>

High profile classes are offered, and the series encounters a frank success: for the previous editions, ~ 40 attendees from top labs around the world participated.

**Statistical Learning Theory: a Short Course, by P. Grünwald.** In June 2013, I organized in Sophia-Antipolis a minicourse on statistical learning theory, a topic of interest for six project teams from Inria Sophia. The details can be found at <https://team.inria.fr/abs/statistical-learning-theory-a-short-course/>.

### 5.2.2 Conferences

**Energy Landscapes 2016.** In 2016, together with J. Cortés (LAAS/CNRS, Toulouse), and C. Robert (IBPC/CNRS, Paris), we organize the international conference on *Energy Landscapes* (<http://eland2016.inria.fr/>), the premier meeting for scientists (physicists, chemical physicists, bio-physicists, biologists, computer scientists) working on the problem of computing (potential, free) energies for bio-molecular systems.

The previous editions were organized in Durham, UK (2014; <https://www.dur.ac.uk/soft.matter/events/energylandscapes/>), Telluride, US (2013, 2015; <http://www.telluridescience.org/meetings/workshop-details?wid=547>), and Obergurgl, Austria (2012, <http://www.esf.org/?id=9134>).

**ALGO 2013.** I have been a member of the organization committee of the premier federated conference on algorithm in Europe, ALGO'2013 (<http://algo2013.inria.fr>). The venue involved seven international conferences, for circa 450 attendees.

## 6 Publications

## 7 Books

- [1] F. Cazals and P. Kornprobst, editors. *Modeling in Computational Biology and Medicine: A Multidisciplinary Endeavor*. Springer, 2013.

## 8 Thesis

- [2] F. Cazals. *Structures de données hiérarchiques non recursives et problèmes de proximité*. Phd thesis (thèse de doctorat), Univ. Paris VII, France, 1997.
- [3] F. Cazals. *Computational Geometry and Topology: Concepts, Algorithms, Applications*. Habilitation, Univ. Nice Sophia Antipolis, France, 2006.

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## 13 Recent invited talks

- *Understanding scoring/energy landscapes: a tale of local minima and density of states*, Meet-U: when proteins meet each other, January 2018, Paris.
- *Beyond two-sample-tests: localizing data discrepancies in high-dimensional spaces*, NIPS workshop of Topological Data Analysis, Los Angeles, December 2017.
- *Modèles géométriques pour la prédiction des interactions macro-moléculaires*, seminar for the course *Géométrie algorithmique Données, Modèles, Programmes*, by Jean-Daniel Boissonnat, Chaire d’informatique et sciences numériques, Collège de France, March 2017.
- *Modeling in structural bioinformatics: the tryptic structure - dynamics - function*, GDR Bioinformatique moléculaire, Paris, November 2017.
- *Energy landscapes: sampling, analysis*, Structural biology meets biophysics, Obernai. December 2016.
- *Modeling energy landscapes of biomolecular systems*, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan. September 2016.
- *Energy landscapes: sampling, analysis, and comparison*, Energy Landscapes Workshop, Porquerolles. July 2016.
- *Novel structural parameters of IG-Ag complexes yield a quantitative description of interaction specificity and binding affinity*, Structural Aspects of Infectious Disease, Cambridge, UK, August 2016.
- *Improved understanding of protein dynamics via energy landscape sampling, analysis, and comparison*, TSRC on protein dynamics. Les Houches, March 2016.
- *Energy Landscapes: Sampling, Analysis, and Comparison*, Max-Planck Institute for Solid State Research, Stuttgart, Germany. November 2015.
- *Beyond Two-sample-tests: Localizing Data Discrepancies in High-dimensional Spaces* GUDHI workshop on topological data analysis, Porquerolles, France. October 2015.
- *Exploring and modeling energy landscapes*, University Chemical Laboratories, Cambridge University, UK. February 2015.
- *Modeling Noisy Data, with Applications in Structural Biology*, University of Athens, May 2013.
- *Stoichiometry Determination for Mass-spectrometry Data in Structural Proteomics*, Meeting of the French Biophysical Society, Grenoble, France, 2012.
- *Multiscale Analysis of Energy Landscapes based on Discrete Morse-Smale Decompositions and Bifurcations Diagrams*, Energy Landscapes Workshop (Conference from the European Science Foundation), Obergurgl, Austria, July 2012.
- *Modeling Noisy Data : Towards a Generic Framework Coupling Morse Theory and Persistence Theory*, Google Technical Talk, Google, CA, March 2012. YouTube video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbQT0uHZnc>
- *Assessing the stability of protein complexes within large assemblies: the example of the Nuclear Pore Complex*:
  - Workshop on *Computational Challenges in Structural Biology*, Strasbourg, France, 2012.
  - International Biophysical Congress, Beijing, China, November 2011.

- Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, November 2011.
- Theoretical approaches for the genomes and the proteins, Laboratoire de Physique Theorique (LAPTH), Annecy, September 2011.
- EMBO Symposium on Molecular Perspectives on Protein-Protein Interactions, Sant Feliu de Guixols, Spain, November 2010.
- XXIIeme Congrès de la Société Française de Biophysique, La-Colle-sur-Loup, September 2010.
- *Mining biophysical properties through the prism of geometry: how do forces constrain macro-molecular morphology?*, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, October 2011.
- *Balls, sticks, triangles and molecules*, closing workshop of the ANR Triangles, Sophia-Antipolis, December 2010.
- *Analyzing Sampled Energy Landscapes with Applications to the Design of Collective Coordinates*, CECAM workshop on the Dynamics and Thermodynamics of Biomolecular Recognition, Ecole Polytechnique, France, May 2011.
- *Geometric Models for the Description of 3D Molecular Systems*, Energy Landscapes Workshop, Chemnitz, June 2010.
- *Geometric Models for the Description of High-dimensional Point Cloud Data*, Energy Landscapes Workshop, Chemnitz, June 2010.
- *Modeling the interface of protein - protein complexes: shelling the Voronoi interface reveals patterns of composition, residue conservation, and water dynamics*, IBMC Strasbourg, Architecture et reactivite de l'ARN, May 2010.
- *Modeling water traffic at protein interfaces: from Voronoi models to (simple) percolation on lattices*, Ecole Normale Supérieure, groupe de travail Probabilités et Statistiques, April 2010.
- *Geometric techniques for the inference and the assessment of macro-molecular complexes*, IGBMC Strasbourg, September 2009.
- *Geometric representations of protein complexes and assemblies: an excursion across scales*, NIH Bethesda, NIH - Inria meeting, June 2009.
- *Models and algorithms for the description of macro-molecular interactions*, Workshop Industry Challenges in Geometric Modeling, CAD, and Simulation; Darmsstadt, March 2009.
- *When Geometry meets biophysics: description of protein-protein interfaces, and selection of diverse conformational ensembles*, Sanofi-Aventis, research seminar, 12/08.
- *On the Characterization of Diverse Conformational Ensembles, with Applications to Flexible Docking*; Approximation, Modélisation Géométrique et Applications, CIRM Marseille, 11/08.
- *Modeling protein - protein interactions: the geometry of active residues and the selection of conformers*; IRISA, Rennes, 05/2008.
- *Protein folding: energy landscapes, spectral analysis, and Morse theory*; Journées de Dynamique Non Linéaire, Marseille; 01/08.
- *Describing protein-protein and atomic environments: a geometric perspective*; (i) Dpts of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmaceutical Chemistry (SALILAB), UCSF, 11/07; (ii) Dpt of Structural Biology, Stanford Univ.; 11/07; (iii) Séminaire Mathématiques Appliquées à la Génomique: Modèles et Algorithmes, Marseille, 01/08; (iv ) Université de Nice, séminaire du Dpt de Mathématiques, 01/08.
- Colloquium *Les avancées françaises en sciences de l'information présentées par leurs auteurs*, French Academy of Sciences; 2007.
- *Modèles pour la description de la structure des protéines: de la géométrie à la bio-physique en passant par les statistiques*; Bioinformatique, modélisation des systèmes biologiques Journées 2007, ACI-IMPBIO & GDR BIM; 10/07.
- *Geometric and topological inference in the non linear realm: on the importance of singularity theory*; Non-Linear Computational Geometry, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, Univ. of Minnesota; 06/07.
- *Geometry and topology for structural molecular modeling: erroneous judgments and (moderately) high hopes*; Bioinformatics: algorithms, structures and statistics, Workshop of the LIX, Ecole Polytechnique, France; 12/05.
- *Modeling interfaces of macro-molecular complexes*; Visualization of Large Biomolecular Complexes Workshop, La Jolla; 09/05.

## 14 Scientific responsibilities

### 14.1 Program committees

– Applied Geometry, Computer Graphics, Geometry Processing:

- Symposium On Geometry Processing: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Shape Modeling International: 2016
- Geometric Modeling and processing: 2012
- Computer Graphics International: 2013
- SIAM Conference on Geometric and Physical Modeling: 2011
- ACM Symposium on Solid and Physical Modeling: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012
- Symposium on Solid and Physical Modeling: 2016, 2017, 2018
- Symposium On Point Based Graphics: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008
- New Advances in Shape Analysis and GEometric Modeling: 2007
- International Symposium on 3D Data Processing, Visualization, and Transmission: 2008

– Computational Biology and Computational Structural Biology:

- Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), PC member of Protein Interactions & Molecular Networks: 2016, 2017, 2018.
- ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology and Biomedical Informatics (ACM BCB): 2013, 2014, 2017
- IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and BioEngineering: 2018
- IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology: 2012
- International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016
- Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics: 2013
- JOBIM: 2017

### 14.2 PhD Thesis and habilitation committees

- Julien Ogor, ENSTA Bretagne, May 2018. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Design of algorithms for the automatic characterization of marine dune morphology and dynamics*. Advisor: B. Zerr.
- Rodrigo Dorantes-Gilardi, University of Lyon, April 2018. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Bio-Mathematical aspects of the plasticity of proteins*. Advisors: L. Vuillon and C. Lesieur.
- Clément Viricel, University of Toulouse, December 2017. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Contributions au développement d'outils computationnels de design de protéines : méthodes et algorithmes de comptage avec garantie*. Advisors: T. Schiex and S. Barbe.
- Huaxiong Ding, University of Lyon, December 2016. Committee member. *Combining 2D facial Texture and 3D face morphology for estimating people soft biometrics: gender, facial expression* Advisors: Liming Chen and Jean-Marie Morvan.
- Mathilde Le Boudic-Jamin, University of Rennes 1, December 2015. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Similarités et divergences, globales et locales, entre structures protéiques*. Advisor: R. Andonov.
- Nathan Desdouits, University Pierre et Marie Curie / Institut Pasteur Paris, May 2015. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Concepts et méthodes d'analyse numérique de la dynamique des cavités au sein des protéines applications à l'élaboration de stratégies novatrices d'inhibition*. Advisors: Michael Nilges and Arnaud Blondel.
- Petr Popov, University of Grenoble, January 2015. Committee member. *New methods for the prediction of protein - protein interactions at the structural level*. Advisor: Sergei Grudinin.

- Didier Devaurs, University of Toulouse, October 2014. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Extensions of Sampling-based Approaches to Path Planning in Complex Cost Spaces: Applications to Robotics and Structural Biology*. Advisor: Juan Cortés.
- Juan Cortés, University of Toulouse, April 2014. Rapporteur on the Habilitation thesis *Algorithmics of motion: from robotics, through structural biology, towards atomic-scale CAD*.
- Dave Ritchie, University of Nancy, April 2011. Rapporteur on the Habilitation thesis *High performance algorithms for molecular shape recognition*.
- Duc Thanh Le, University of Toulouse, October 2010. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *(Dis)assembly path planning for complex objects and applications to structural biology*. Advisors: T. Siméon and J. Cortés.
- Noel Malod-Dognin, University of Rennes, January 2010. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Protein structure comparison : From Contact Map Overlap Maximisation to Distance-Based Alignment Search Tool*. Advisor: R. Andonov.
- Mathias Carlen, EPFL, January 2010. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Computation and Visualization of Ideal Knot Shapes*. Advisor: J. Maddocks.
- Benjamin Schwarz, University of Strasbourg, September 2009. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Application de la théorie des formes- $\alpha$  pour la caractérisation de la surface et des poches de macromolécules biologiques*. Advisor: J-M. Wurtz.
- Adrien Saladin, University of Paris VII, May 2009. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Macromolecular docking. Applications to RecA filament*. Advisors: Chantal Prévost and Marting Zacharias.
- Christine Martin, University of Orsay, December 2008. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Sélection immersive et guidée par des motifs géométriques spécifiques de sites d'intérêt pour l'amarrage protéine - protéine*. Advisor: A. Cornuéjols.
- Julie Bernauer, University of Orsay, April 2006. Rapporteur on the PhD thesis *Utilisation de la tessellation de Voronoi pour l'étude des complexes protéine-protéine*. Advisors: J. Janin, A. Poupon.
- Cédric Chappuis, UTC Compiègne, 2003. Examiner on the PhD thesis *Optimisation inverse de maillages surfaciques de pièces mécaniques par interpolation diffuse*. Advisor: A. Rassineux.

## 15 Services

### 15.1 Expertise - consulting

- 2017-... President of the *Comité de suivi doctoral*, Inria Sophia Antipolis.
- 2010-... Member of the steering committee of the *GDR Bioinformatique Moléculaire*, for the *Structure and macro-molecular interactions* theme.
- 2017-... Co-chair, with Yann Ponty, of the working group / groupe de travail (*GT MASIM - Méthodes Algorithmiques pour les Structures et Interactions Macromoléculaires*, within the *GDR de Bioinformatique Moléculaire* (GDR BIM, <http://www.gdr-bim.cnrs.fr/>).
- 2012. Rapporteur for the European Science Foundation, for the conference on Energy Landscapes ( <http://www.esf.org/conferences/12382> ).
- 2004-07. Member of the Inria *Comité d'Orientation Scientifique et Technologique, Actions Incitatives*, COST-AI —the Inria Scientific Steering Committee.
- 2001-06. Member of the *commission of specialists*, section 25/26 —Mathematics. Steering committee of the Mathematics Dpt of the Bourgogne University, France.
- 2016. Expert for the *Italian Research and University Evaluation Agency (ANVUR)*.
- 2013. *European Commission* Panel expert for the 7th Framework Programme 7, Information and Communication Technologies / Future and Emerging Technologies (FET Open).
- 2004,2011. Evaluator for the Austrian Science Foundation —discipline: Applied Geometry.
- 2011-12. Member of the scientific committee of the exposition *Leonard de Vinci: la Nature et l'Invention*, Cité des Sciences, Paris.

## 15.2 Review duties

**Journals, CS.** ACM Transactions on Graphics, SIAM Journal on Computing, Computational Geometry Theory and Applications, IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation, IEEE Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Algorithmica, J. Algorithms, Medical Image Analysis, Foundations of Computational Mathematics.

**Journals, Computational (Structural) Biology.** ACM/IEEE Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics. BMC Systems Biology. BMC Bioinformatics. Journal of Computational Chemistry. Journal of Mathematical Biology. Journal of immunology. Nucleic Acids Research. Neurocomputing. Proteins: Structure, Function, Bioinformatics.

**Conferences, CS.** ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry, ACM Symposium on Solid Modeling, Eurographics, Symp. Theoretical Aspects of Comp. Sc., Graphics Interface, Computer Graphics Forum, IEEE Visualization, Symp. on Geom. Processing, Symp. on Point Based Graphics, Siggraph, European Symp. on Algorithms, Computer Graphics International.

**Conferences, Computational Biology.** International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics.

## 16 Funding

### 16.1 Applied geometry

2010-13. EU ICT FET open project: *Computational Geometric Learning*, in collaboration with Jena Univ. (coordinator: J. Giesen), Inria (Geometrica Sophia, Geometrica Saclay, ABS), Tech. Univ. of Dortmund, Tel Aviv Univ., Nat. Univ. of Athens, Univ. of Groningen, ETH Zürich, Freie Univ. Berlin.

2010-12. ANR *Geometric Inference and Geometric Approximation*. Coordinator: F. Chazal, Inria Geometrica - Saclay.

2006-09. ACI Jeunes Chercheurs *Geometry Topology Algorithms*. With F. Chazal (Univ. Dijon), D. Attali (CNRS Grenoble), M. Pocchiola (ENS Ulm).

2005-07. FET Open project *Algorithms for Complex Shapes with certified topology and numerics*, FP6 IST-006413. Project involving Univ. Groningen, ETH Zurich, Freie Univ. Berlin, Inria, MPI Saarebrücken, Univ. Athens, Tel Aviv Univ., Geometry Factory.

2001-04. FET Open European project *Effective Computational Geometry for Curves and Surfaces*. Project involving Univ. Groningen, ETH Zurich, Freie Univ. Berlin, Inria, MPI Saarebrücken, Tel Aviv Univ.

1998-2000. Program *Factory for the future*, funded by AFIRST (Association Franco-Israélienne pour la recherche scientifique et technologique). With D. Halperin and M. Sharir (Tel Aviv Univ.).

### 16.2 Molecular modeling

2012-13. PEPS CNRS/INSERM/Inria. *Novel approaches to characterizing energy landscapes for flexible macromolecular systems in biology*. With C. Robert, from Inst. Biologie Physico-chimique/CNRS, Paris.

2012-13. PEPS CNRS/INSERM/Inria. *Modeling Large Protein Assemblies with Toleranced Models*. With V. Doye, from Inst. Jacques Monod, Paris.

2007-08. France-Stanford center for Interdisciplinary Studies. *Developments of Geometric Methods and Algorithms for the study of macro molecular assemblies*. With M. Levitt, Dpt of Structural Biology, Stanford Univ.

2006-07. Inria Collaborative Research Action. *Revisiting the Flexibility of Proteins*. With M. Nilges (Inst. Pasteur, Paris), and J. Giesen (ETH Zurich).

2003-04. Inria Collaborative Research Action, *Protein-Protein Docking*. With B. Maignet (CNRS Nancy) and X. Cavin (Inria Nancy).

1999-2000. Research contract with Elf-Sanofi-Synthélabo —P.I. The contract was geared towards the development of novel algorithms to report and draw similar molecules —for the drug industry.



## 17 Software

### 17.1 The Structural Bioinformatics Library

In 2015, I released an ambitious software library, the Structural Bioinformatics Library, developed with Tom Dreyfus, a previous PhD student of mine. The SBL is described in the following paper [17], and can be accessed at <http://sbl.inria.fr>.

### 17.2 Software development until 2014

In the sequel, we only list the software which is not part of the Structural Bioinformatics Library.

**2006; Jet\_fitting\_3** C++ CGAL package to estimate the differential properties of a smooth discretized surface. With M. Pouget. Integrated to CGAL <http://www.cgal.org>. Publications: [32, 33]

**2006; Ridges\_3** C++ CGAL package to estimate the curves of extremal curvature of a smooth discretized surface. With M. Pouget. Integrated to CGAL <http://www.cgal.org>. Publication: [81]

**2001; Nuages-pc** A C++ program reconstructing surfaces from unorganized point clouds. 20,000 lines of code. Purchased by Dassault Systèmes for the CATIA CAD system after a six month evaluation against the market solutions. Integrated to CATIA v-5. Publications: [5, 6]

**1997; Module in Combstruct** *Maple* module performing asymptotics of rational fractions with rational coefficients for the *Combstruct* library. Project Algorithms, Inria Rocquencourt.

## 18 Personal interests

- Currently: triathlon, biking (road and mountain biking), mountaineering (rock climbing, mountaineering, randonnee skiing).
- Formerly: soccer, horse riding.