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# EXPLICABILITY CAUSALITY

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# DATAIA PARIS-SACLAY INSTITUTE

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Located within the **Paris-Saclay University** (12<sup>th</sup> Shanghai ranking), 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

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DATAIA members

47

laboratories  
partners

800

full-time  
researchers

10

IA chairs out of  
40 national

30

IA theses

450

PhD students  
per year



The Industrial Affiliation Plan (PAI) 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.
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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 & PROGRAM

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The main objectives of this D2C are focusing on aspects of causality, from predictive models to causal ones.

- 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 Michèle 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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## Solving discrimination and regression problems, studying causal relationships

**Isabelle Guyon** (Université Paris-Saclay, LRI)  
Support Vector Machines (SVM), statistical data analysis, pattern recognition, statistical learning automation



## Counterfactual inference to estimate treatment effects

**Blaise Hanczar** (Evry University, IBISC)  
Deep learning, supervised learning, prediction systems, performance evaluation



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

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



## Causale inference in information theory and statistics

**Pablo Piantanida** (CentraleSupélec, L2S)  
Deep learning, information representation, inference mechanisms

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## Causal modelling & Machine learning

**Michèle Sebag** (CNRS, Université Paris-Saclay, LRI)

Inference and learning, symbolic and numerical approaches to AI



## Identification of causal factors/variables in a model

**Myriam Tami** (CentraleSupélec, MICS)

Modeling, machine learning, complex and heterogeneous data



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

**Bertrand Thirion** (Inria, Neurospin)

Statistical modeling and machine learning applied to brain imaging data

# DATAIA CLUB PAI COMPANIES

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GE Healthcare

## Elements of causality to understand predictions from medical images

Nicolas Gogin - Deep learning and image analytics  
Jorge Hernandez Londono - Staff Software Engineer

**GROUPE  
RENAULT**

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

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  
Franck Auge - Translational sciences, Bioinformatics  
Caroline Cohen - Strategy and Business Lead Europe  
Paolo Piro - Clinical Data Sciences  
Bernard Sébastien - Clinical Modeling and Evidence Integration

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Departement Molecular Design Sciences  
Hervé Minoux - In-Silico Science activity  
Bruno Filoche - Compounds Data-Science activity

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moved by you

Charles Hebert - Director of R&D Data Driven Program



# GUEST COMPANIES

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Number of criteria for estimating strong causality towards more in-depth models

Yannick Grelot



Using causal models to value companies

Delphine Monti



Causal inference and treatment/  
action estimation solution

Jean-Yves Gerardy  
Léo Dreyfus-Schmidt

# INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

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