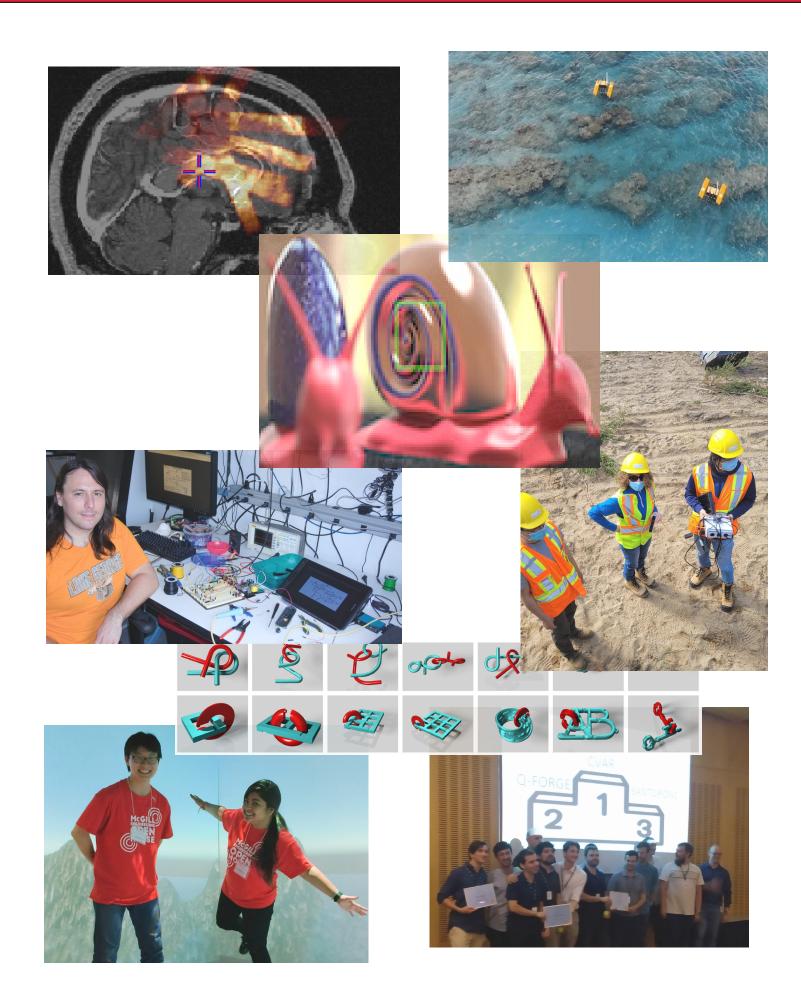


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# Message from the Director

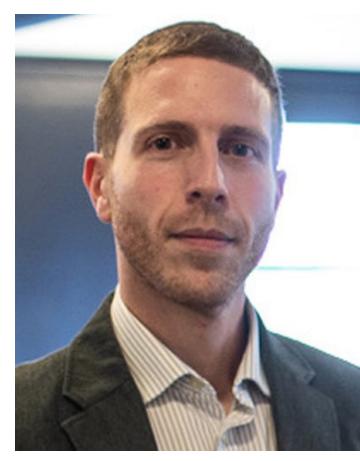
The last academic year was witness main and MacDonald campuses for largeto a cautiously optimistic return to oncampus teaching and research activities, with a momentum that we hope to carry faculty and departmental leadership, on through the next academic year. Here, as well as with the Office of the Vice-I was happy to witness a similar return to research activities at CIM and am excited for the more comprehensive return that awaits us in the fall.

Following closely behind our fall return, on-campus colloquia and social events at and restocking projects for labs in our CIM will rekindle our sense of community in a manner sorely missed during the age of Zoom. I'm especially keen to finally meet those Associate and Full CIM members we had the pleasure of onboarding (albeit remotely) during the course of the pandemic.

This coming year will bring with it a suite of important financial and infrastructural bring movement in this regard. initiatives. Building atop of the support we garnered across the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering, we will I am thrilled to congratulate Chelsea continue to pursue an ambitious growth Rogers, our Head of Communications, project targeting candidate spaces on the on her forthcoming maternity leave.

scale robotics, AI and systems research. Here, we are working in cadence with Principal (Research and Innovation), to mount a compelling and competitive portfolio for the next Canada Foundation for Innovation infrastructure competition. We are pairing this medium-term plan with targeted short-term renewal projects, including ongoing clean-out main McConnell wing, as well as more intricate local infrastructure projects (e.g., cooling, ventilation and furniture). As with our CFI initiative, these projects could not have come to fruition without the unwavering support of leadership and staff in our two Faculties.

Speaking of staff, 2022 - 2023 will also



CIM Director Derek Nowrouzezarai

We will undoubtedly miss her cheerful database coordination normally handled presence during this time and - on by Jan. behalf of the CIM members and staff we wish her a pleasant and fulfilling leave. I want to commend Chelsea's efforts Finally, the Centre's recently-minted on establishing our new website, our Industrial Liaison Program was fully beautiful new logo and centre branding, deployed during 2021 - 2022 and we as well as the newsletters we have have now been solicited by a half-dozen happily grown accustomed to receiving potential industrial partners. We hope to during the pandemic. Congratulations to onboard many of these candidates to the you and your (growing) family, Chelsea! program in the coming calendar years.

In a similar light, Nick Wilson, our IT I want to join our staff in welcoming you Specialist, has recently decided to all back to campus, and I look forward to pursue a new career outside of CIM and running into you in our hallways and our McGill. Nick has supported the Centre's on-campus events. operations for many years and - since the unexpected absence of our IT Lead, Jan Binder – he has also grown to meet those

leadership tasks otherwise managed by Jan. Nick will be missed, and we mirror his excitement for the many new adventures that await him along his evolving career journey. Nick will remain at the Centre in a part-time capacity as we work to hire new IT staff to continue delivering tailored IT services to our community. Best of luck with the next chapter in your career, Nick: we'll be cheering for you by the sidelines!

During these transitions, Marlene will continue to lead the administrative, financial and operational portfolio of the Centre, as we grow our coordination with Faculty administration while continuing to pursue IT hiring initiatives. Marlene has continued to work diligently in support of themanyaforementioned operational and planning exercises, including overseeing resource management, and helping with shouldering much of the facility-facing

# **Centre Governance**

Day-to-day operation of the Centre's activities, management of its finances, allocation of space and other resources, are carried out by the Centre's Director, assisted by the Centre support staff.

The Centre is advised by the Centre's Board, which meets yearly to review the Centre's activities and budget, and to provide guidance on strategic planning.

#### 2021 Board Members

Derek Nowrouzezahrai – Centre Director, Board Chair

James Nicell – Dean, Faculty of Engineering

**Bruce Lennox** – Dean, Faculty of Science

Christopher Manfredi – Provost & Vice Principal, Academic

Martha Crago – Vice Principal, Research and Innovation

**Gregory Dudek** – Centre Member

Frank Ferrie – Centre Member

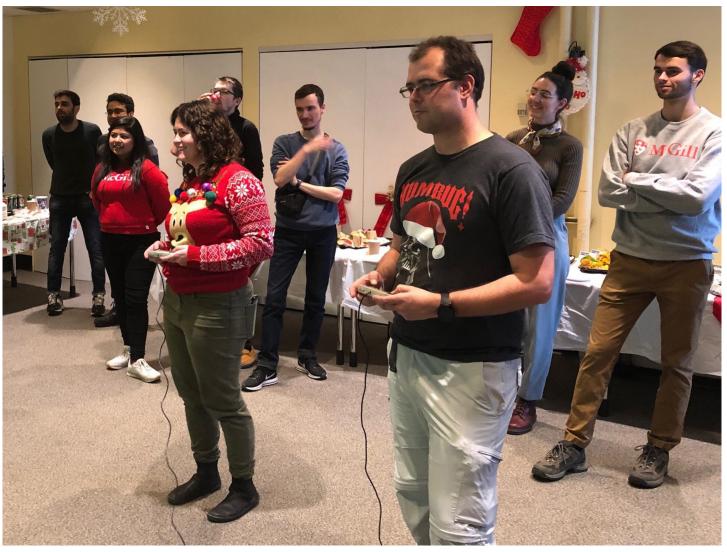
Kaleem Siddigi – Alternate Centre Member

**Pierre Breton** – External Member, Executive Vice President, KWI Polymers

Mohamad Afsari – Graduate Student

#### Support Staff

Marlene Gray – CIM Manager **Jan Binder** – Systems Manager (on leave) Nick Wilson – Systems Administrator **Chelsea Rogers** – Communications Associate



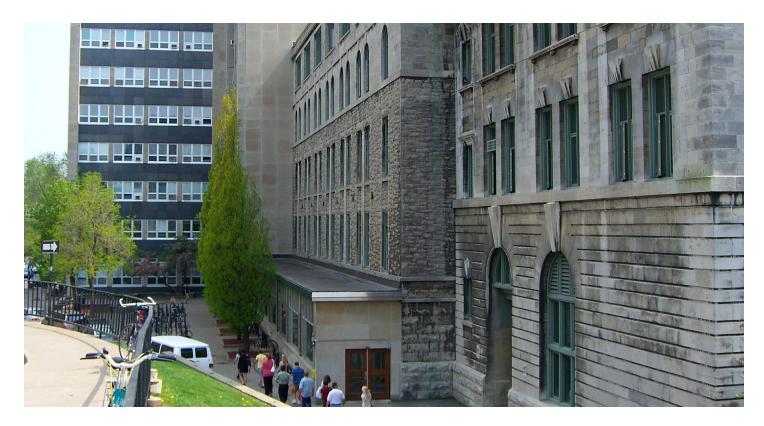
Chelsea and Nick engaged in a fierce tetris battle at the holiday team building event

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# **Overview of Centre**

The McGillCentre for Intelligent Machines (CIM) is a multidisciplinary, interdepartmental, inter-faculty research group formed in 1985 to facilitate and promote research on intelligent systems and provide an enriched mentoring and training environment for graduate students studying in the field of robotics and intelligent systems.





For more than three decades, CIM has The Centre is comprised of 26 full been a pioneering force in cross- members from both the Faculties of Engineering and Science – the disciplinary research. The Centre is primarily located in contiguous space Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Department of Mechanical where labs and student offices are shared. Engineering and the School of Computer CIM's membership and students have Science. CIM also has associate members beenuniversallyrecognizedovertheyears for their highest standards of excellence representing a diversity of research - exceptional scientific achievements collaborations, such as within the Faculty and outstanding contributions to society of Medicine, the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Montreal Neurological Institute. and industry. Intelligent systems and machines are capable of adapting their behaviour by sensing and interpreting their environment, making decisions and The Centre is home to a diverse plans, and then carrying out those plans population of researchers: in addition to using physical actions. the 26 full members, at the end of 2021

the centre boasted a complement more than 300 graduate students, post-docs The members of CIM seek to advance the and undergraduate students, as well as state of knowledge in such domains as visiting scholars, research assistants and robotics, artificial intelligence, computer associates from various disciplines. vision, medical imaging, haptics, systems and control, computer animation and machine and reinforcement learning.

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# **Full Members**

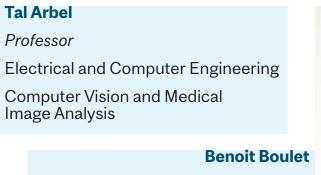


Derek Nowrouzezahrai Associate Professor, Centre Director **Electrical and Computer Engineering** Computer Graphics

**Jorge Angeles** Emeritus Professor Mechanical Engineering Robotics and Mechanisms







Professor **Electrical and Computer Engineering** Systems and Control







**Peter Caines** 

Distinguished James McGill Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering Systems and Control



**Jeremy Cooperstock** Professor Human-Computer Interaction

**Frank Ferrie** Professor **Computer Vision** 

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**James Clark** Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering **Computer Vision** 



Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Gregory Dudek** Distinguished James McGill Professor School of Computer Science Robotics and Computer Vision



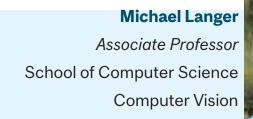
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jozsef Kovecses Professor Mechanical Engineering Robotics and Aerospace Systems





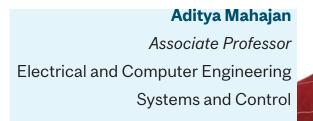
**Paul Kry** Associate Professor School of Computer Science **Computer Graphics** 







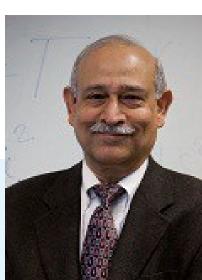
**Martin Levine Emeritus Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering Computer Vision** 





**David Meger** Assistant Professor School of Computer Science **Robotics and Computer Vision** 

Arun Misra Professor Mechanical Engineering Dynamics and Control







Hannah Michalska Associate Professor Mechanical Engineering Systems and Control

**Joelle Pineau** Scholar Machine Learning

**Kaleem Siddiqi** Professor School of Computer Science Analysis

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**Meyer Nahon** Professor Department Chair Mechanical Engineering Robotics and Aerospace Systems



Associate Professor, William Dawson

School of Computer Science

**Inna Sharf** Professor Mechanical Engineering Robotics and Aersopace Systems



Computer Vision and Medical Image

#### Paul Zsombor-Murray

Associate Professor (Post-Retirement) Mechanical Engineering Robotics and Mechanisms



#### CIM is pleased to welcome four new Full members



**Hsiu-Chin Lin** 

Engineering

Prof. Hsiu-Chin Lin is joining CIM as a Full member. Her research is in the fields of robotics and machine learning for motor control. Prof. Lin's research interests focus on enabling robots to assist humans in everyday activities by studying motion-based control, optimization, and robot motion especially for robot arms and quadruped robots.

#### Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Prof. AJung Moon is the director of the McGill Responsible Autonomy & Intelligent System Ethics (RAISE) lab and is joining CIM as a Full member. Prof. Moon investigates how robots and Al systems influence the way people move, behave, and make decisions in order to inform how autonomous intelligent systems can be designed and deployed more responsibly.

#### Warren Gross

Engineering

Prof. Warren Gross is joining CIM as a Full member, following many years as an Associate Member. He is currently the Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, McGill University. His research interests are in the design and implementation of signal processing systems and custom computer architectures.

#### **James Richard Forbes**

#### William Dawson Scholar, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Prof. James Richard Forbes is joining CIM as a Full member, following many years as an Associate Member. His reserach group is the DECAR systems group which conducts fundamental and applied research on state estimation (navigation), guidance, and control. Problems in air, ground, marine, space, and manipulator robotics are of particular interest to the DECAR systems group.

# **Associate Members**

Adamchuk, Viacheslav – Associate Professor, Bioresource Engineering, McGill University Armandfard, Narges – Assistant Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering, McGill University

**Cecere, Renzo** – Associate Professor, Cardiac Surgery (RVH), McGill University

**Cheung, Jackie Chi Kit** – Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill University

**Collins, Louis** – Professor, Biomedical Engineering, McGill University

**Dimitrakopoulos, Roussos** – Professor, Mining Engineering, McGill University

Hamann, Marco – Professor, Math/Informatics, Dresden University of Applied Sciences

Hayward, Vincent – Professor, ISIR, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris France

Husty, Manfred – Professor, Geometry and CAD, University of Innsbruck, Austria

Liu, Xue – Associate Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill University

**Mongrain, Rosaire** – Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, McGill University

**Panangaden, Prakash** – Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill University

**Pike, Bruce** – Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary

**Precup, Doina** – Associate Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill University **Zhao, Yaoyao Fiona** – Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, McGill University



#### Welcome to our newest Associate member, Fiona Zhao

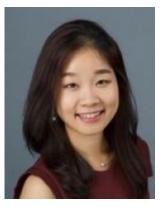
Department of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Zhao's research interests lie predominantly in manufacturing information technologies for the integration of design, manufacturing processes, and sustainability assessment.

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#### School of Computer Science & Department of Electrical and Computer

#### **AJung Moon**



#### James McGill Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer





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# Seminars

Name	University	Location	Title
François Pomerleau	Université Laval	Canada	Résultats de la première participation canadienne au prestigieux DARPA Subterranean Challenge
Mehran Mesbahi	University of Washington	USA	First Order Methods for Control Synthesis
Fatemeh Zand	HEC Montreal	Canada	Impacts of government direct limitation on pricing, greening activities and recycling management in an online to offline closed loop supply chain
Ricardo D. Ribeiro	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (CEMSE-KAUST)	Saudi Arabia	MFG Price Models with Common Noise
Naci Saldi	Özyegin University	Turkey	A Topology for Policies in Stochastic Teams and Existence of Optimal Policies
Joelle Pineau et al.	McGill University	Canada	Homecoming: Al and the Future of Public Policy
Silvère Bonnabel	University of New Caledonia and Mines ParisTech	France	Geometric Filtering and Autonomous Navigation
Nima Akbarzadeh	McGill University	Canada	Restless Bandits: Indexability, Whittle Index Computation and Learning

Jayakumar Subramanian	Media and Data Science Research Lab at Adobe	India	Two Reinforcement Learning Problems from Healthcare and Generative Social Science
Peter M. Kort	Tiburg University	Netherlands	Double marginalization and external financing: Capacity investment under uncertainty
Mohamad Kazem Shirani Faradonbeh	University of Georgia	USA	Adaptive Linear-Quadratic Regulators
Artem Sedakov	Saint Petersburg State University	Russia	A model of river pollution as a dynamic game with network externalities
Ping Sun	Saint Petersburg State University	Russia	Stable networks and dynamic network formation with group partitioning
Margaret P. Chapman	University of Toronto	Canada	Risk-Sensitive Safety Analysis via Conditional Value-at-Risk
Arka Mukherjee	HEC Montreal	Canada	The impact of product recall on advertising decisions and firm profit while envisioning crisis or being hazard myopic
Jesús Marín Solano	Universitat de Barcelona	Spain	Groundwater extraction for irrigation purposes: The case of asymmetric players
Vivek Borkar	IIT Bombay	India	Graph-constrained dynamic choice
Ratul Lahkar	Ashoka University	India	Affirmative action in large population contests
Xiao Huang	Concordia University	Canada	Buyer direct financing under supplier disruption risk
Margarida Carvalho	Université de Montréal	Canada	Interdiction games on graphs
Catherine Laporte	Ecole de technologie supérieure	Canada	Ultrasound imaging: let's talk
Philip Paré	Purdue University	USA	Epidemic Spread with Transportation Modeling, Inference, and Control
Guiomar Martín- Herrán	Universidad de Valladolid	Spain	Investment in cleaner technologies in a transboundary pollution dynamic game. A numerical investigation

Nathalie Ayi	Sorbonne University (Paris)	France	Mean-field and Graph Limits for Collective Dynamics Models with Time-varying Weights	ł
Doina Precup	McGill University	Canada	Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Reason	N
Alessandra Buratto	University of Padova	Italy	Optimal adaptation of lockdown measures upon the introduction of a COVID-19 vaccination campaign	
Prashant G. Mehta	University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	USA	What is the Lagrangian for Nonlinear Filtering?	F
Jafar Chaab	HEC Montreal	Canada	Dynamic pricing and advertising in the presence of strategic consumers and social contagion: A mean-field game approach	T T F
Kai Cui	Technical University of Darmstadt	Gemany	Approximately Solving Mean Field Games via Entropy-Regularized Deep Reinforcement Learning	
Anna Jaskiewicz	Wroclaw University of Science and Technology	Poland	Quasi-hyperbolic discounting in Markov decision processes	
Jun Liu	University of Waterloo	Canada	Formal Methods for Nonlinear Control: A Robustness Perspective	F
Marc G. Bellemare	Google Brain in Montreal	Canada	Autonomous navigation of stratospheric balloons using reinforcement learning	, A
Alexander L. Fradkov and Boris R. Andrievskii			Synchronization and State Estimation of Nonlinear Physical Systems under Communication Constraints	F
Jr-Shin Li	Washington University in St. Louis	USA	Control of Inhomogeneous Dynamic Ensembles	F
Michèle Breton	HEC Montreal	Canada	The impact of safety covenants in syndicated loan agreements	
Marie Laclau	HEC Paris	France	Robust communication on networks	F   V
Katerina Stankova	Maastricht University	Netherlands	Improving treatment of metastatic cancer through game theory	
Fabio Coppini	,	France	Weakly Interacting Particles on Dense Graph Sequences	F

Kaiqing Zhang	University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	USA	Provable reinforcement learning for multi-agent and robust control systems
Maxime Descoteaux	Sherbrooke University	Canada	A journey on your brain highways: diffusion MRI and connectomics of the future
Joao Saude	Systems and Robotics Institute in Lisbon	Portugal	Mean-field Games Models of Price Formation
Régis Chenavaz	KEDGE Business School	France	Advertising, goodwill, and the Veblen effect
Dengwang Tang	University of Michigan	USA	Dynamic Games among Teams with Asymmetric Information
Pegah Rokh Foroz	University of Tehran, Iran, and ETH Zurich, Switzerland	Iran & Switzerland	Incentive mechanism design using linear matrix inequality approach
Dena Firoozi	HEC Montreal	Canada	LQG Mean Field Games with a Major Agent: Nash Certainty Equivalence versus Probabilistic Approach
Massimiliano Ferrara	Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria	Italy	Fuzzy fractional-order model of the novel coronavirus: The impact of delay strategies on the pandemic dynamics model with nonlinear incidence rate
Asuman Ozdaglar	MIT	USA	Analysis and Interventions in Large Network Games
Fouad El Ouardighi	ESSEC Business School	France	Control of an epidemic with endogenous treatment capability under popular discontent and social fatigue
Rabih Salhab	Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS), MIT	USA	Social Learning under Behavioral Assumptions
Florian Wagener	University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	All symmetric equilibria in differential games with public goods
James Richard Forbes	McGill University	Canada	Optimal Control of Quadrotors on the Matrix Lie Group of Double Direct Isometries SE_2(3)

# Awards

Prof. Tal Arbel is a current Canada CIFAR Al Chair, MILA, awarded by the Canada CIFAR Al Chairs Program, January 1, 2020 (ends on January 1, 2025).

Members of the Probabilistic Vision Group led by Prof. Tal Arbel received a Best Paper Award for their work: B. Nichyporuk. J. Cardinell, J. Szeto, R. Mehta, D.L. Arnold, S.Tsaftaris and T. Arbel, "Cohort Bias Adaptation in Federated Datasets for Lesion Segmentation", In Proceedings of the 3rd MICCAI Workshop on Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer (DART) held in conjunction with the 24th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI 2021), held virtually (Strasbourg, France), September 2021. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Springer, Vol. 12968, pp. 101-111, 2021. The team was awarded an Nvidia RTX 3090 GPU.

Prof . Arbel won an Audience Award for Best Short Oral Presentation for "Common limitations of performance metrics in biomedical image analysis" at the 4th M. Shalaby, C. C. Cossette, J. L. Ny, and J. R. Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep

Learning (MIDL 2021), held virtually from Lubeck, Germany on July 7-9, 2021. The authors were A. Reinke, M. Eisenmann, M. Dietlinde Tizabi, C. H. Sudre, T. Radsch, M. Antonelli, T. Arbel, S. Bakas, M. J. Cardoso, V. Cheplygina, K. Farahani, B. Glocker, D. Heckmann-Natzel, F. Isensee, P. Jannin, C. E. Kahn, J. Kleesiek, T. Kurc, M. Kozubek, B. A. Landman, G. Litjens, K. Maier-Hein, B. Menze, H. Maller, J. Petersen, M. Reyes, N. Rieke, B. Stieltjes, R. M. Summers, S. A. Tsaftaris, B. van Ginneken, A. Kopp-Schneider, P. Jager, and L. Maier-Hein.

Professor Peter Caines continues to hold the following honors: FRSC, FIEEE (Life Fellow), FIMA (UK), FSIAM, FCIAR, FIFAC.

Members of the Dynamics Estimation Control of Aerospace and Robotic (DECAR) Systems Group, led by Prof. James Richard Forbes, won best student paper award finalist (1 of 4 finalists) at the International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) for the paper:

Forbes, "Cascaded Filtering Using the Sign Point Transformation," IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, vol. 6, no. 3, pp. 475 4765, 2021. Jointly accepted to ICRA.

The Ph.D. thesis of Prof. Jozsef Kovecses student Albert Peiret won the Lagrange Award of IFToMM Springer's Multibo System Dynamics journal. It was presented at Eccomas Thematic Conference Multibody Dynamics, Dec. 12-15, 2021.

Prof. Kovecses received the Medal of t Czech Technical University (CTU Meda in 2021. The in-person presentation of the Medal was planned for Oct. 2021, but was not able to attend the ceremony Prague that time. Another ceremony will scheduled for this year.

One of Prof. Kovecses's papers published in 2020 ranked among the top 10 pape of the ASME Journal of Computational and Nonlinear Dynamics for 2020-2021.

Prof. Moon also organized an open source Prof. Aditya Mahajan was a keynote Speaker roboethics competition API that allows at the 5th International Conference on anyone with basic coding skills to implement Information Systems and Computer ethical design of a simulated robot. Networks (ICSON'21) in Oct 2021.

Prof. Meyer Nahon has a Google Scholar Prof. Mahajan presented an invited h-index of 41, total citations >6000 - among Departmental Seminar in Electrical and the highest in the Department of Mechanical Computer Engineering at the University of Engineering. Waterloo in June 2021. He also presented an invited Departmental Seminar in Computer and Software Engineering at Polytechnique Prof. Derek Nowrouzezahrai was an Montreal in June 2021.

ma Ind	Prof. Mahajan gave the following invited seminars and conference papers:
58-	Invited Workshop Seminar on Reinforcement Learning and stochastic control of queues at WiOpt in Oct 2021.
es's nge ody	Invited Workshop Seminar on Workshop on mean-field games on networks at the Fields Institute in Oct 2021
ted on	Invited Workshop Seminar on Workshop on Agents behavior in combinatorial game theory, CRM, Nov 2021
the	Invited Workshop Seminar, Machine Learning and mean-field games, Nov 2021
lal) the he	Invited Conference Paper, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, Dec 2021
in be	Invited Conference Paper, IEEE Indian Control Conference, Dec 2021
ned ers and	Prof. AJung Moon was interviewed for a podcast by RedHat. Saron Yitbarek on Dec 1, 2021. The topic was "Robot Revolution" on the podcast Command Line Heroes.
	Prof. Moon also organized an open source

honourary headline speaker at the Toronto consultations with the Mila community, the Geometry Colloquium - Season 3, Session Mila Scientific Council, and Mila industrial 10 (November 26, 2021).

Prof. Nowrouzezahrai was an invited showcase panelist at the Conseil Québécois du Commerce de Détail's TAG conference on the future of retail and artificial intelligence on November 3, 2021.

Prof. Nowrouzezahrai presented a spotlight Prof. Joelle Pineau received an outstanding paper "Regularized Inverse Reinforcement Paper Award at ACL 2021 (top international Learning" by Jeon, W., Su, C., Barde, P., Doan, T., Nowrouzezahrai, D. and Pineau for "Unnatural language inference", K Sinha, J. published in the 9th International Conference on Learning Representations, ICLR 2021.

Prof. Nowrouzezahrai was promoted to the Creative Destruction Lab's Scientist panel in their Supply Chain stream.

He is the first full-time tenure-track faculty member from the Faculty of Engineering to be appointed as a Core Academic Faculty member in the Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute (Mila).

Prof. Nowrouzezahrai is also the first fulltime tenure-track faculty member from the Faculty of Engineering to be elected to the Scientific Council of the Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute (Mila).

He was selected by leadership at the Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute -- after broader

partners -- to serve as the university-facing organizer (in coordination with an industryfacing organizer) of this year's Mila TechAide Charity Conference. This conference has historically garnered significant and broad attendance and attention, having raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the TechAide charitable foundation.

conferenceforNaturalLanguageProcessing) P Parthasarathi, J Pineau, and A Williams. K. Sinha and P. Parthasarathi are PhD students under her supervision at McGill.

Prof. Kaleem Siddigi received an NSERC Discovery Accelerator Supplement (DAS) for 04/2018 - 03/2021, for his research on "Diffusion and Geometry in Biological Tissue". He is the principal investigator and this is his second DAS.

Associate Prof. Member Prakash Panangaden was named Milner Lecturer, Distinguished Lecture Series, at the U. of Edinburgh.

Prof. Panangaden was also elected Fellow of the Association of Computing Machinery.

Prof. Panangaden won a best paper award at the Ninth Conference on Algebra and Coalgebra in Computer Science (CALCO), in Salzburg, Austria, 2021 for the paper by G. Bacci, R. Mardare, P. Panangaden, and G. Plotkin. "Tensor of Quantitative Equational Theories."

# **Industrial Partnerships**

The Industrial Affiliates Program provides companies with access to students for recruiting purposes as well as a way to keep up-to-date on the exciting research going on in the Centre. Industry partners are invited to CIM's Student Research Showcase events and a CV bank is being developed to facilitate the recruitment of students.

The following companies are among those who have partnered with CIM as industrial affiliates or have collaborated with CIM researchers on research projects or contracts.

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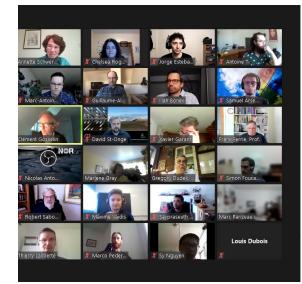
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# REPARTI



The regroupement REPARTI - Systèmes members and over 400 students and postcyberphysiques et intelligence machine doctoral researchers. The McGill node of matérialisée (Cyberphysical Systems and REPARTI is represented by 17 members Embedded Machine Intelligence) (April 2019 from the McGill Centre for Intelligent - March 2025) is a \$2.9M inter-institutional, Machines (CIM). The members of the McGill interdisciplinary collaborative venture node collaborate in grants and contracts comprised of six Quebec institutions, 50 valued in excess of \$5M annually. This



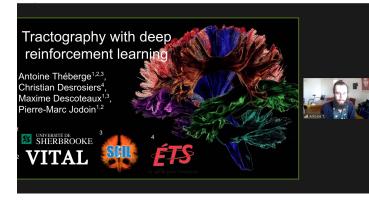
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FRQNT regroupement is a primary funding source for the McGill Centre for Intelligent machines.

The institutions participating in REPARTI are: Precarn, and the FQRNT Réseau QERRAnet. Université Laval (host institution), McGill University, Université de Sherbrooke, École The long and productive relationship Polytechnique, Université de Montréal, and established between the McGill Centre for École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS). Intelligent Machines (CIM) and the Quebec government through the former FCAR Supported by the Quebec government's Centre de recherche programme.

Fonds de recherche Nature et technologies (FQRNT), this regroupement stratégique builds on some unique precedents:

The historical and concrete partnership that developed over the past 25 years





#### between prominent researchers in U. Laval and McGill (CIM) as a result of the NSERC National Centres of Excellence program, the interuniversity-industrial consortium IRIS-

- The regroupement REPARTI has been renewed twice, in 2013 and 2019, to continue a long tradition of excellence in research.





# **Funding Sources**



An important source of funding is the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). This federal funding includes a wide variety of programs such as Discovery Grants, Engage Grants, Collaborative Research and Development Grants among others. Some programs include industrial contracts which allow researchers to work with companies to solve existing problems or innovate to create new technologies.



Provincial programs also play in important role. In addition to funding REPARTI, the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Nature et technologies (FRQNT) also provides funding to individual CIM members for their research activities. Several members are part of other Regroupement Strategiques including GERAD and CIRMMT, which gather researchers from many institutions to further common research goals within certain thematic areas.



MITACS is an innovative program that pairs companies with students seeking research experience. It provides funding for projects that enable companies to hire post-secondary students who gain real-world experience and help solve industry challenges.





The NCRN network management is hosted by McGill and CIM, with CIM member Greg Dudek serving as scientific director. CIM members Inna Sharf and David Meger are also part of the NCRN.





The NSERC Canadian Robotics Network (NCRN) is a Canada-wide network which brings together academic, government, and industrial researchers in the area of field robotics, to develop the science and technologies to eventually allow teams of heterogeneous robots (on land, in the air, on the surface of or under water) to work collaboratively in outdoor environments, and to communicate critical information to humans who operate them or

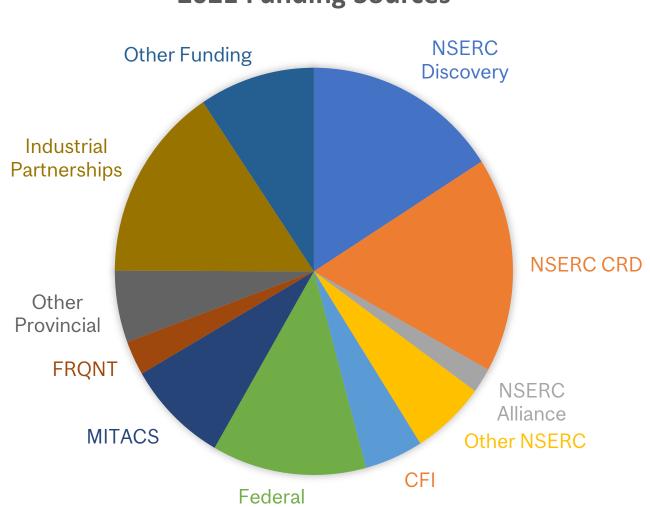
# Funding

CIM receives funding from a variety of sources including federal and provincial grants as well as industrial grants and research contracts. A significant part of funding comes from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) which includes Discovery Grants, Alliance Grants, Collaborative Research and Development grants and Industrial Research Chairs. Provincial funding comes from the Fonds de Recherche du Quebec - Nature et Technologies (FRQNT) and other agencies.

CIM has formed research partnerships with numerious companies who support research projects through grants, research contracts and partnerships with federal and provincial agencies. As a result, CIM is able to carry out cutting-edge research that advances scientific knowledge and creates the technologies of the future.

Grant	Total Funding	2021 Amount
NSERC Discovery	\$5,865,200	\$1,169,325
NSERC CRD	\$4,395,431	\$1,253,602
NSERC Alliance	\$351,471	\$145,736
Other NSERC	\$2,004,696	\$442,196
CFI	\$1,206,184	\$349,171
Federal	\$1,600,265	\$919,852
MITACS	\$1,290,000	\$610,000
FRQNT	\$539,106	\$200,658
Other Provincial	\$1,007,347	\$418,675
Industrial	\$3,808,243	\$1,140,538
Partnerships		
Other Funding	\$2,343,796	\$689,861
Total	\$24,411,738	\$7,339,614
Infrastructure Funds	Total Funding	2021 Amount
REPARTI	\$2,880,000	\$158,000
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Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society (CAIMS), June 23rd, 2021

P. E. Caines, "Optimal Execution Problems in Single and Networked Markets: a Mean Field Game Formulation." The Financial Mathematics/ Engineering Seminar Series, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, June 16th 2021.

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#### Cooperstock, Jeremy

J. Cooperstock, "Using smartphones to answer 'What's around me?,' 'Am I crossing the street safely?' and 'Where's the entrance?'," Accessible Coding Demonstrations for Youth with Visual Impairment, Science Odyssey 2021, May 1, 2021.

#### Kövecses, Jozsef

J. Kövecses, "Modelling, Slip Decomposition and State Estimation for Rovers," presented at the Machine-Ground Interaction Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, online, Sep. 21, 2021.

J. Kövecses, "Co-Simulation of Multibody Systems With Contact Using Reduced Interface Models," presented in the spotlight session of the ASME Journal of Computational and Nonlinear Dynamics at the 2021 ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conferences, online, August 19, 2021.

J. Kövecses, "Simulation Aspects and Challenge for Space Robotic Systems," plenary talk at the IE 21st International Symposium on Computation Intelligence and Informatics (CINTI 2021), Novemb 18-20, 2021.

#### Kry, Paul

P. Kry, "Advice on Writing and Style for Comput Science Students," Tomatograph, University Toronto, 4 December 2021.

P. Kry, "Artistic Aerial Robots," IEEE Ottawa Sectio AGM Keynote Presentation, 26 November 2021.

#### Lin, Hsiu-Chin

H.-C. Lin, Invited Speaker, Conference on Roboti and Vision.

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#### Meger, David

D. Meger, "McGill Robotics," Invited talk at t NSERC Canadian Robotics Network "Struggle Success" workshop. Dec 13th, 2021.

D. Meger. "Five Sense Robotics." Invited video presentation at the Facebook Al Research "Future of Tactile Sensing" workshop. Nov 15th, 2021.

D. Meger, "Intelligent Robotics via Accurate Software Simulation." Invited talk at the CM Labs Vortex A. Mahajan, "Robustness and sample complexity of model-based MARL for general-sum Markov games," Workshop on Agents behavior in combinatorial game theory, Centre de recherches mathématiques (CRM), Montréal, QC, Canada, Nov 2021.

Day. June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. D. Meger, "Autonomous Driving via Multimodal Learning," Invited talk at the NSERC Canadian Robotics Network Annual General Meeting. May 18th. 2021. A. Mahajan, "Learning to control networked-coupled

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and Computer Networks (ISCON), Oct 2021.

A. Mahajan, "Reinforcement learning in stationary mean-field games," Machine learning and meanfield games, Virtual, Nov 2021.

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A. Moon. "Ethical Design of Intelligent Machines." Meet McGill Event, Canada. May 2021.

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A. Moon. "Killer Robots 101." Mila Al Governance Reading Group, Montreal, Canada, May 2021.

A. Moon. "Robots & AI Ethics." McGill AI Learnathon, Montreal, Canada. March 2021.

A. Moon. Panelist, McGill TechWeek Engineering Faculty Panel, Montreal, Canada. January 2021.

A. Moon. Moderator, Workshop, IEEE/RSJ IROS Workshop on the Roles of Robotics in Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. October 2021.

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#### Nowrouzezahrai, Derek

D. Nowrouzezahrai. "Differentiable Physics: computer graphics as an inductive bias." Invited Talk at the 2021 Mila TechAide Conference. April 2021.

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#### Pineau, Joelle

J. Pineau "Building Reproducible, Reusable, and Robust Deep Reinforcement Learning Systems," Keynote talk at Women in Data Science conference.

J. Pineau. "Safe and Sound Reinforcement Learning," Keynote talk at ALT conference. March 2021.

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J. Pineau. "What makes for an interesting RL problem?" Invited talk. NeurIPS 2021 workshop on Ecological Theory of RL. Dec 2021.

J. Pineau. Invited talk at CIFAR's Reinforcement Learning Summer School.

J. Pineau. "Building Reproducible, Reusable, and Robust Deep Reinforcement Learning Systems," Invited talk at UT Austin. Feb 2021.

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#### Sharf, Inna

I. Sharf. "Path Planning Problems for Timber-Harvesting Machinery", Ben-Gurion University, Israel, invited speaker, ABC Robotics Seminar, virtual, April 26, 2021.

I. Sharf. "Towards Greater Autonomy of Timber-Harvesting Machinery", CMLabs, Montreal, invited speaker, virtual, May 6, 2021.

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#### Siddigi, Kaleem

K. Siddigi. "Seeing through the heart," International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshop on Medical Computer Vision. June 2021.

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#### **Contributed Presentation:**

K. Siddigi. "Mini-batch graphs for robust image classification". Presented by Vineet Jain at the British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), November 2021.

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#### Adamchuk, Viacheslav

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# Associate Invited Talks

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P. Panangaden. "From bisimulation to representation learning," The Milner Lecture, University of Edinburgh, 30<sup>th</sup>, September 2021.

P. Panangaden. "Representation learning via metrics," University of Bologna, June 2021.

P. Panangaden. "Distributional analysis of samplingbased RL algorithms," Max Planck Institute, May 2021.

#### Precup, Doina

D. Precup. "Building Al Agents With Reinforcement Learning," 34<sup>th</sup> Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, May 2021.

#### Fiona, Yaoyao Zhao

Y.F. Zhao. "Design for Additive Manufacturing from pure complexity to multi-functionality," Invited department seminar at Mechanical Engineering Department in University of Connecticut, October 15,2021

Y.F. Zhao. "Design for Additive Manufacturing from pure complexity to multi-functionality," Invited seminar at Xerox PARC (Palo Alto Research Center), October 26, 2021.

Y.F. Zhao. "Opportunities and Challenges in Design for Additive Manufacturing: From Lattice Structures to Multi-functionalities," Invited keynote in the

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Y.F. Zhao. "A Novel Solidification Microstructure

SimulationMethodforMetalAdditiveManufacturing,"

Invited keynote in 14th Pacific Rim Conference on Ceramic and Glass Technology, December 13-16,

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