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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Statistical Inference, Epidemiology, Complex Networks, Complex Systems

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- *University of Vermont*, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics* 2021–
- *Université Laval*, Professeur Associé Département de Physique 2020–
- *University of Vermont*, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science 2020–2021
- *University of Michigan*, Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Complex Systems 2018–2020
- *Université Laval*, Research Assistant, Group of Prof. Louis. J. Dubé 2012–2018

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Physics*, Université Laval 2014–2018
- *Thesis title*: Inférence et réseaux complexes[†]
 - *Advisors*: Louis J. Dubé and Patrick Desrosiers
- M.Sc. in Physics*, Université Laval 2012–2014
- *Thesis title*: De la détection de la structure communautaire des réseaux complexes[‡]
 - *Advisors*: Louis J. Dubé
- B.Sc. in Physics*, Theoretical Physics major, Université Laval 2009–2012

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Fellowships and Scholarships

- *Postdoctoral Fellowship in Studying Complex Systems*, James S. MacDonnell Foundation (**\$200 000**) 2017
- *Doctoral Research Scholarship*, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et Technologies (**\$60 000**) 2014

Grants

- *OVPR Express Grant*, University of Vermont (**\$3000**, PI) 2021
- *YRNCS Bridge Grant*, Young Researcher Network On Complex Systems (**€1000**, PI) 2016

Awards

- *FOSS Award*, 2021 Mining Software Repositories Conference 2021
- *Zachary Karate Club Club* award 2021
- *Best oral presentation award*, NERCCS 2020 2020
- *Board of Honour* (Highest overall mark award by all committee members), Ph.D thesis, Université Laval 2018
- *Concours d'expression scientifique Pierre Amiot*, Physics Department, Université Laval 2016

*Secondary appointment with: Vermont Complex Systems Center, Larner College of Medicine, Department of Computer Science

[†]Inference and complex networks

[‡]Of community structure detection on complex networks

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals (27)

27. Spatial epidemiology and adaptive targeted sampling to manage the Chagas disease vector *Triatoma dimidiata* 2022
B. K. M. Case, **J.-G. Young**, D. Penados, L. Hébert-Dufresne, and L. Stevens
PLOS Negl. Trop. Dis. 16, e0010436
26. Impact and dynamics of hate and counter speech online 2022
J. Garland, K. Ghazi-Zahedi, **J.-G. Young**, L. Hébert-Dufresne and M. Galesic
EPJ Data Sci. 11, 3
25. Clustering of heterogeneous populations of networks 2022
J.-G. Young, A. Kirkley and M. E. J. Newman
Phys. Rev. E 105, 014312
24. Reconstruction of plant–pollinator networks from observational data 2021
J.-G. Young, F. S. Valdovinos and M. E. J. Newman
Nat. Commun. 12, 3911
23. Hypergraph reconstruction from network data[§] 2021
J.-G. Young, G. Petri and T. P. Peixoto
Commun. Phys. 4, 135
22. A clarified typology of core-periphery structure in networks 2021
R. J. Gallagher, **J.-G. Young** and B. Foucault Welles
Sci. Adv. 7, eabc9800
21. Bayesian inference of network structure from unreliable data 2021
J.-G. Young, G. T. Cantwell and M. E. J. Newman
J. Complex. Netw. 8, cnaa046
20. Inference, model selection, and the combinatorics for growing trees 2021
G. T. Cantwell, G. St-Onge and **J.-G. Young**
Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 038301
19. Networks beyond pairwise interactions: structure and dynamics (*review*) 2020
F. Battiston, G. Cencetti, I. Iacopini, V. Latora, M. Lucas, A. Patania, **J.-G. Young** and G. Petri
Phys. Rep. 874
18. Improved mutual information measure for classification and community detection 2020
M. E. J. Newman, G. T. Cantwell and **J.-G. Young**
Phys. Rev. E 101, 042304
17. Macroscopic patterns of interacting contagions are indistinguishable from social reinforcement 2020
L. Hébert-Dufresne, S. V. Scarpino and **J.-G. Young**
Nat. Phys. 16, 426
16. Phase transition in the recoverability of network history 2019
J.-G. Young, G. St-Onge, E. Laurence, C. Murphy, L. Hébert-Dufresne and P. Desrosiers
Phys. Rev. X 9, 041056
15. Efficient sampling of spreading processes on complex networks using a composition and rejection algorithm 2019
G. St-Onge, **J.-G. Young**, L. Hébert-Dufresne and L. J. Dubé
Comput. Phys. Commun. 240, 30
14. Universality of the stochastic block model 2018
J.-G. Young, G. St-Onge, P. Desrosiers and L.J.Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 98, 032309
13. Exact analytical solution of irreversible binary dynamics on networks 2018
E. Laurence, **J.-G. Young**, S. Melnik and L.J.Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 97, 032302

[§]Appears in the Focus Collection on Higher-order Interaction Networks

12. Phase transition of the susceptible-infected-susceptible dynamics on time-varying configuration model networks 2018
G. St-Onge, **J.-G. Young**, E. Laurence, C. Murphy and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 97, 022305
11. Construction of and efficient sampling from the simplicial configuration model 2017
J.-G. Young, G. Petri, F. Vaccarino and A. Patania
Phys. Rev. E 96, 032312
10. Strategic tradeoffs in competitor dynamics on adaptive networks 2017
L. Hébert-Dufresne, A. Allard, P.-A. Noël, **J.-G. Young**, and E. Libby
Sci. Rep. 7, 7576
9. Finite size analysis of the detectability limit of the stochastic block model 2017
J.-G. Young, P. Desrosiers, L. Hébert-Dufresne, E. Laurence and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 95, 062304
8. Growing networks of overlapping communities with internal structure 2016
J.-G. Young, L. Hébert-Dufresne, A. Allard and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 94, 022317
7. Constrained growth of complex scale-independent systems [¶] 2016
L. Hébert-Dufresne, A. Allard, **J.-G. Young** and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 93, 032304
6. Complex networks as an emerging property of hierarchical preferential attachment 2015
L. Hébert-Dufresne, E. Laurence, A. Allard, **J.-G. Young** and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 92, 062809
5. General and exact approach to percolation on random graphs 2015
A. Allard, L. Hébert-Dufresne, **J.-G. Young** and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 92, 062807
4. A shadowing problem in the detection of overlapping communities 2015
J.-G. Young, A. Allard, L. Hébert-Dufresne and L. J. Dubé
PLOS ONE 10, e0140133
3. Coexistence of phases and the observability of random graphs [¶] 2014
A. Allard, L. Hébert-Dufresne, **J.-G. Young** and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 89, 022801
2. Percolation on random networks with arbitrary k -core structure 2013
L. Hébert-Dufresne, A. Allard, **J.-G. Young** and L. J. Dubé
Phys. Rev. E 88, 062820
1. Global efficiency of local immunization on complex networks 2013
L. Hébert-Dufresne, A. Allard, **J.-G. Young** and L. J. Dubé
Sci. Rep. 3, 2171

Peer-reviewed conference proceeding (5)

5. Cutting through the noise to infer autonomous system topology 2022
K. G. Leyba, J. J. Daymude, **J.-G. Young**, M. E. J. Newman, J. Rexford and S. Forrest
INFOCOM 2022, Proceedings of the 2022 IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications, pp. 1609–1618.
4. The OCEAN mailing list data set: Network analysis spanning mailing lists and code repositories 2022
M. Warrick, S. F. Rosenblatt, **J.-G. Young**, L. Hébert-Dufresne and J. P. Bagrow
MSR 2022, Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories
3. Which contributions count? Analysis of attribution in open source 2021
J.-G. Young, A. Casari, K. McLaughlin, M. Z. Trujillo, L. Hébert-Dufresne and J. P. Bagrow
MSR 2021, Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories
2. Countering hate on social media: Large scale classification of hate and counter speech 2020
J. Garland, K. Ghazi-Zahedi, **J.-G. Young**, L. Hébert-Dufresne and M. Galesic
ACL 2020, Proceedings of the Fourth Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms, pp. 102–112.

[¶]Editors' suggestion

1. [Connected graphs with a given degree sequence: Efficient sampling, correlations, community detection and robustness](#) 2020
 J. Ring IV, **J.-G. Young** and L. Hébert-Dufresne.
 NetSci-X 2020, Proceedings of NetSci-X 2020: Sixth International Winter School and Conference on Network Science, pp. 33–47.

Other edited works (2)

2. [Book review: Advances in Network Clustering and Blockmodeling](#) 2022
J.-G. Young
 J. Soc. Struct. 23, 47
1. [Open source ecosystems need equitable credit across contributions](#) 2021
 A. Casari, K. McLaughlin, M. Z. Trujillo, **J.-G. Young**, J. P. Bagrow and L. Hébert-Dufresne
 Nat. Comput. Sci. 1, 2

Preprints in submission (7)

- [Opposing responses to scarcity emerge from functionally unique sociality drivers](#)
 A. B. Kao, A. K. Hund, F. P. Santos, **J.-G. Young**, D. Bhat, J. Garland, R. A. Oomen and H. F. McCreery
 Based on: bioRxiv:2020/994343
 Under review, *Am. Nat.*
- [The network epidemiology of an Ebola epidemic](#)
 L. Hébert-Dufresne, **J.-G. Young**, J. Bedson, L. Skrip, D. Pedi, M. F. Jalloh, B. Raulier, O. Lapointe-Gagné, A. Jambai, A. Allard and B. Althouse
 arXiv:2111.08686
 Under review, *Nature*
- [Latent network models to account for noisy, multiply-reported social network data](#)
 C. De Bacco, M. Contisciani, J. Cardoso-Silva, H. Safdari, D. Theuerkauf, T. Sweet, **J.-G. Young**, J. Koster, C. Ross, R. McElreath, D. Redhead, E. A. Power
 arXiv:2112.11396
 Under review, *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*
- [The promise of trans-species coexpression analysis in studying the coevolution and ecology of host-parasite interactions.](#)
 A. Hund, P. Tiffin, **J.-G. Young**, and D. Bolnick
 arXiv:2206.12711
 Submitted, *Evolution*
- [Hypergraph reconstruction from noisy data](#)
 S. Lizotte, **J.-G. Young**, and A. Allard
 arXiv:2208.06503
 Submitted, *Communication Physics*.
- [Network Onion Divergence: Network representation and comparison using nested configuration models with fixed connectivity, correlation and centrality pattern](#)
 L. Hébert-Dufresne, **J.-G. Young**, A. Daniels and A. Allard
 arXiv:2204.08444
- [Compressing network populations with modal networks reveals structural diversity](#)
 A. Kirkley, A. Rojas, M. Rosvall, and **J.-G. Young**
 arXiv:2209.13827

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Instructor

- STAT-330: *Bayesian Statistics* F2021, F2022
- STAT-395: *Statistical Network Analysis* S2021

Schools and guest lectures

- CSYS/CS 302: Modeling Complex Systems, University of Vermont, Burlington VT , 2020, 2021
- CNWW2020: Complex Networks Winter Workshop, Québec, Canada 2020

- CRM Summer School: Spectral Theory and Applications, Québec, Canada 2016

Supervision

- Postdoctoral fellows:
 - ◊ Nicholas W. Landry, University of Vermont 2022–
- Ph.D. students:
 - ◊ Simon Lizotte, Université Laval (co-direction with Antoine Allard) 2022–
 - ◊ A. Daniels, University of Vermont 2022–
 - ◊ Jonathan St-Onge, University of Vermont 2022–
 - ◊ Nicholas J. Robert, University of Vermont 2021–
 - ◊ B. K. M. Case, University of Vermont 2021–
- Master’s students:
 - ◊ Erik Weis, University of Vermont 2021–
 - ◊ Frederick Hall, University of Vermont 2021–
 - ◊ Simon Lizotte, Université Laval (co-direction with Antoine Allard) 2020–2022
- Undergraduate students:
 - ◊ Trevor Blanchard (Honors Thesis), University of Vermont AY 22/23

INVITED TALKS AND SELECTED CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- “*Uncertain Network Science*” 2021–2022
 - ▷ Channing Network Science Seminar, Boston MA, USA (invited seminar)
 - ▷ NERCCS 2022 conference, Buffalo, NY, USA (invited plenary)
 - ▷ University of Vermont — Seminar in Mechanical Engineering, Burlington VT, USA (invited seminar)
 - ▷ Central European University, Department of Network and Data Science (invited seminar)
- “*Which contributions count? Analysis of attribution in open source*” 2021
MSR2021, online (talk)
- “*Inference with growing networks*” 2021
CNWW2020, online (invited talk)
- “*Bayesian approaches to network epidemiology*” 2020
HONS 2020, online (invited talk)
- “*Paper Unwind: Network archaeology*” 2020
School of the NERCCS 2020 conference, Buffalo, NY, USA (invited talk)
- “*Efficient and fully bayesian inference of complex networks from noisy data*” 2019–2020
 - ▷ Indiana University — CNETS, Bloomington, IN, USA (invited seminar)
 - ▷ Université Laval — CIMMUL, Québec, QC, Canada (invited seminar)
 - ▷ Netsci-X 2020, Tokyo, Japan (talk)
 - ▷ NERCCS 2020, Buffalo, NY, USA (talk, best presentation award)
 - ▷ University of Michigan — Jacobs Lab (UMSI), Ann Arbor MI, USA (invited seminar)
 - ▷ Indiana University — Betzel Lab, Bloomington, IN, USA (invited seminar)
 - ▷ Netsci 2020, online (talk)
- “*Compression of treelike complex networks using layered configuration models*” 2019
Netsci 2019, Burlington, VT, USA (talk)
- “*Bayesian inference of effective contagion models from population level data*” 2019
SINM 2019, Burlington, VT, USA (talk)
- “*Universality of the stochastic block model*” 2019
SYNS Warm-up Event 2019, Burlington, VT, USA (invited talk)
- “*The statistical physics of inference for Complex Networks*” 2018
Department of Physics Colloquium Oakland University, Rochester, MI, USA (invited seminar)
- “*Network archaeology: phase transition in the recoverability of network history*” 2018
 - ▷ Univeristy of Colorado Boulder — StatOptML seminar, Boulder, CO, USA (invited seminar)

- ▷ Univeristy of Vermont — Vermont Complex Systems Center, Burlington, VT, USA (invited seminar)
- ▷ Netsci 2018, Paris, France (talk)
- ▷ Sentinel North 2018 Annual Meeting, Québec, Canada (plenary)
- ▷ Univeristy of Bath — Centre for Networks and Collective Behaviour, Bath, UK (invited seminar)
- ▷ Connected Past 2018, Oxford, UK (talk)
- *“Construction of and efficient sampling from the simplicial configuration model”* 2017
 - ▷ HONS 2017, Indianapolis, IN, USA (invited talk)
 - ▷ Indiana University — School of Informatics, Bloomington, IN, USA (invited seminar)
 - ▷ University of Michigan — Center for the Study of Complex Systems, Ann Arbor, MI, USA (invited talk)
- *“Statistical mechanics of mesoscopic structure extraction”* 2017
 - ▷ Netsci 2017, Indianapolis, IN, USA (talk)
- *“Finite size analysis of the detectability limit of the stochastic block model”* 2016
 - ▷ Netsci 2016, Seoul, Korea (lightning talk)
 - ▷ SINM 2016, Seoul, Korea (talk)
 - ▷ ISI Foundation, Torino, Italy (invited seminar)
- *“Structural preferential attachment: scale-free benchmark for overlapping community detection algorithms”* 2015
 - ▷ Netsci 2015, Zaragoza, Spain (poster)
- *“Structural preferential attachment of community structure and its relation to Dunbar’s number”* 2014
 - ▷ Netsci 2014, Berkeley, CA, USA (talk)
- *“Complex networks are an emerging property of hierarchical preferential attachment”¹¹* 2014
 - ▷ NetSci 2014 Science, Berkeley, CA, USA (poster)
- *“Local and global solutions to community detection: when resolution matters”* 2013
 - ▷ NetSci 2013, Copenhagen, Denmark (poster)

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Organizer

- *Satellite location organizer (UVM), NERCCS 2022* 2022
- *Organizer, SINM (Statistical Inference for Network Models)* 2021, 2022
- *Organizer, SIAM DS 21 Mini-Symposium on Dynamics in Higher-Order Networks, online* 2021
- *Co-director, CNWW2021, Complex Networks Winter Workshop, Québec, Canada* 2021
- *Program co-chair, First OpenNetSci Hackathon, Burlington VT, USA* 2019
- *Adjacent Activities Committee, NetSci 2019, Burlington VT, USA* 2019

Service

- *AUR Maintainer, Several python packages* ongoing
- *Contributor, Several open-source projects* ongoing
- *Seminar chair, STAT@UVM* 2022–
- *Seminar chair, Vermont Complex Systems Center* 2021–
- *Board member, Student Investment Fund, Université Laval* 2013–2016
- *Technical Director, Coupe de Science (Science Cup), Université Laval* 2011–2014
- *Technical Director, Festival de Sciences et Génies (Science and Engineering Festival)* 2010–2012

Reviewer

- *Grants: Panelist, NSF, IIS Division (2019).*
- *Journals (27): Science Advances, SIAM Review, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review X, Psychological Methods, PLOS Computational Biology, Physical Review E, Physical Review Research, EPJ Data Science, Scientific Data, Cambridge Elements, EPL, Journal of Open Source Software, Journal of Physics: Complexity, Journal of Physics A, Scientific Reports, Palgrave Communications, PLOS ONE, Journal of Complex Networks, Physics Letter A, Chaos Solitons & Fractals, Entropy, Network Science, Animal Behaviour, Applied Network Science, Journal of Computational Science, Chaos.*

¹¹ Outstanding poster award

Program committee

- Northeast Regional Conference on Complex Systems (NERCCS) 2020, 2021, 2022
- International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci) 2019, 2020
- SIAM Workshop on Network Science (SIAM NS) 2018, 2020

SELECTED SOFTWARE

(Complete list available online)

- Bayesian inference of networks from noisy data (stan)
- Bayesian inference of effective contagion models from population level data (stan)
- Reconstruction of plant–pollinator networks from observational data (stan + python)
- Sequential MC sampler for Network Archaeology (python + C++)
- MCMC sampler for the Simplicial Configuration Model (C++)
- MCMC sampler for the Stochastic Block Model (C++)
- Structural Preferential Attachment community detection benchmark (C++)

VARIA**Selected media coverage**

- *“A selection of 2020’s highlighted research.”* Nature 2021
- *“To find the right network model, compare all possible histories.”* Phys.org 2021
- *“Fighting Hate Speech with AI & Social Science,”* Complexity Podcast 2020
- *“How you talk about coronavirus actually impacts its spread,”* cnet 2020
- *“Neue Studie zeigt Wirksamkeit von Gegenrede im Netz,”* netzpolitik.org 2020
- *“When coronavirus is not alone,”* Phys.org 2020
- *“The shape of randomness.”* Physics Central 2017
- *“What algae can tell us about political strategy.”* Phys.org 2017
- *“L’univers complexe de Jean-Gabriel Young.”* Le Soleil (French) 2017