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## Applied Mathematics and Computer Science – Paris (MIA – Paris)

### Mission and objectives

Joint Unit Research (JRU) MIA-Paris gathers statisticians and computer scientists specialized in modeling, statistical and computational learning for biology, ecology, environment, agronomy, and agri-food. Their skills cover statistical inference methods (complex models, latent models, Bayesian inference, learning, model selection...), and algorithmic methods (generalization, domain transfer, knowledge representation).

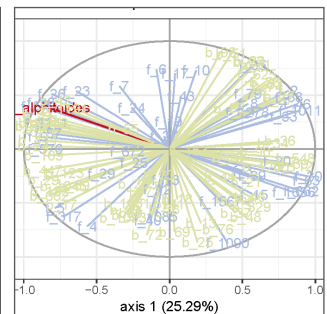
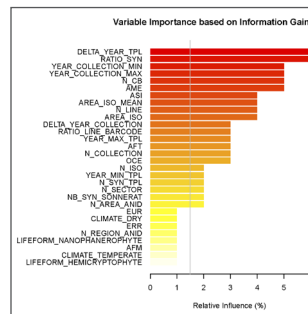
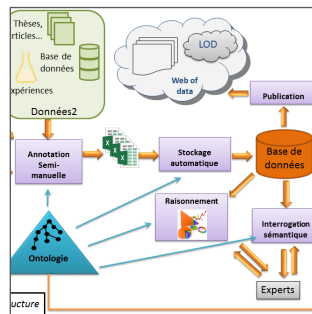
The unit develops statistical and computational methods that are generic or motivated by specific questions in life sciences. Its activities are based on a good knowledge of the target disciplines: ecology, environment, agri-food, molecular biology, and systems biology.

### Management

Liliane BEL, head  
Julien CHIQUET, deputy head

### Key figures

- 28 researchers and teacher-researchers
- 9 PhD and post-doctoral students
- 2 engineers
- 4 techniciens et administrative staff



MIA-Paris is constituted by two teams:

- SOLstIS (Modeling and Statistical Learning for the Environment and Life Sciences),
- EkINocs (Expert Knowledge Interactive modelING and learnING for understandING and decision making in dINamic Complex Systems).



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Systems Modelling

Topic

## Research

- Study climatic, ecological, and environmental risks and develop statistical methods to address questions in these domains with increasingly complex data and structures.
- Develop and disseminate statistical modelling and learning methods to analyze data from metagenomics, genetics, and metabolomics.
- Enable the exploitation of data from multiple and heterogeneous sources, even on streams, based on an informed choice of multi-scale semantic representations, to contribute to the enhancement of expert knowledge, in the field of life sciences and food.

## Collaboration

JRU MIA-Paris develops multiple collaborations with mathematics, statistics, and computer science research laboratories, at the regional level (MaIAGE, Lamme, LMO), mainly in Paris-Saclay within the framework of the FMJH foundation but also in Ile-de-France (MAP5, LPSM), at the national level (universities of Toulouse, Montpellier, Rennes, Strasbourg, ENS Lyon) and at the international level (Imperial College, Tokyo University, Duke University) to name a few.

The unit maintains close relations with laboratories of biology, ecology, environment, agribusiness in relation to the applications dealt with: IJPB, GQE, IPS2, LSCE in Paris-Saclay, MNHN, Pasteur, Institut Curie.

Partnerships with private companies such as Sanofi, EdF, Orange, Danone are regularly Established through Cifre theses.

## Teaching

The unit's lecturer-researchers provide basic training and specialization in statistics and computer science for AgroParisTech engineers, in particular managing the Information Decision by Learning Analysis (IODAA) specialty. The researchers and lecturer-researchers are involved in several master's programs at the University of Paris-Saclay, including Mathematics for Life Sciences (MSV), Bioinformatics and Ecology and Biodiversity Evolution, and regularly organize training sessions in statistical modelling for several doctoral schools.



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