

# Cédric Févotte

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## Current position

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since 2007 **CNRS researcher** (permanent position), with the following successive affiliations:  
2016- **Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse (IRIT)**  
*CNRS & Université de Toulouse*  
2013–2016 **Laboratoire Lagrange**, Nice  
*CNRS, Observatoire de la Côte d’Azur & Université Nice Sophia Antipolis*  
2007–2012 **Laboratoire Traitement et Communication de l’Information (LTCI)**, Paris  
*CNRS & Télécom ParisTech*

**Directeur de Recherche** (equivalent of Professor) since 2015.

## Current affiliations

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- Member of the Signal & Communications (SC) group of IRIT
- Member of the machine learning group of Labex CIMI (Toulouse maths & computer science initiative)
- Member of ANITI (Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute)
- Member of IPAL (CNRS International Research Laboratory on Artificial Intelligence, Singapore)
- Member of ELLIS (European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems)

## Previous positions

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2007 **Research associate** at **Télécom ParisTech**, Paris (*8 months*)  
Post-doctoral position with the European network of excellence K-Space (Knowledge space of semantic inference for automatic annotation and retrieval of multimedia content).

2006–2007 **Research engineer** at **Mist-Technologies**, Paris (*10 months*)  
(startup company which became *Audionamix*). Development of sound source separation technology for mono to 3D surround sound remastering.

2003–2006 **Research associate** at **Cambridge University Engineering Department**, UK  
Post-doctoral position in the Signal Processing Laboratory with the European network HASSIP (Harmonic analysis and statistics for signal and image processing).

## Education

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2014 **Habilitation à diriger des recherches** obtained from *Université Nice Sophia Antipolis*  
French qualification required to be the principal supervisor of a PhD student.

2000–2003 **Thèse de doctorat** (PhD) in signal processing  
**Institut de Recherche en Comm. et Cybernétique de Nantes (IRCCyN)**  
*CNRS, École Centrale, École des Mines & Université de Nantes, France*

1999–2000 **DEA** (MSc) in control and computer science. *École Centrale de Nantes.*

1997–2000 **Studies in electrical engineering** (MEng). *École Centrale de Nantes.*

## Visiting positions

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2012 **Visiting scientist** at **Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories**, Cambridge, Massachusetts (*3 months*)

Short stays at *National University of Singapore* (2022, 2019, 2018), *University of Oxford* (2019), *Boğaziçi University* (Istanbul, 2012, 2010), *University of Maribor* (Slovenia, 2002).

## Research interests

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*Statistical signal processing & machine learning*, with particular interests in *matrix factorisation*, *representation learning*, *source separation* and *recommender systems*. Statistical estimation, Bayesian inference, optimisation, Markov-chain Monte Carlo, variational approximations, optimal transport, latent variable models, independent component analysis, sparsity, time-frequency representations.

## Distinctions

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2022	Elevated to IEEE Fellow
2021	IEEE Signal Processing Society Outstanding Editorial Board Member Award
2019	CNRS Senior Executives training programme
2015	European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant ( <a href="http://projectfactory.irit.fr/">http://projectfactory.irit.fr/</a> )
2014	IEEE Signal Processing Society Best Paper Award (with Alexey Ozerov) ICASSP Best Student Paper Award (awarded to Dennis Sun)
2012	CNRS <i>Prime d'Excellence Scientifique</i>
2009	ANR (the French research funding agency) Young Researcher Grant

## Selected professional service

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### International

since 2018	Member of scientific advisory board <i>Acoustics Research Institute</i> , Vienna.
2018 – 2022	Senior Area Editor, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing.
2019	Co-general chair SPARS 2019, Toulouse.
2014–2018	Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions of Signal Processing.
2012–2017	Member of IEEE technical committee Machine Learning for Signal Processing.

### National

since 2019	Member of steering committee <i>Centre International de Mathématiques et d'Informatique de Toulouse</i> (CIMI, funded under the ANR <i>Laboratoire d'Excellence</i> program).
since 2021	Member of IRT scientific advisory board ( <i>Comité Stratégique Recherche</i> ).
2017–2020	Member of IRT steering committee ( <i>Conseil de Laboratoire</i> ).
2015–2018	Member of ANR scientific committees (evaluation and ranking of grant applications).
2009–2017	Member of GdR ISIS steering committee (CNRS-funded French network for Information, Signal, Images & Vision, with ~3000 members), in charge of the PhD students network.
2013–2015	Member of French PhD award committee for best thesis in signal & image processing.
2011–2012	Member of LTCI steering committee ( <i>Conseil de Laboratoire</i> ).
2010	Scientific director of 5th French summer school on signal & image processing, Peyresq.
2008	Contributor of national report on administrative simplification in research units.

## Publications

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**36 journal papers** (many IEEE Signal Processing Society journals, 2 Journal of Machine Learning Research, 2 Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, 2 Neural Computation, etc.)

**80 peer-reviewed conference papers** (including 32 IEEE, 4 NeurIPS, 2 ICML, 1 EMCL-PKDD, 1 UAI, 4 ISMIR)

**5 book chapters**

**Google Scholar profile:** *h*-index 39, +10,000 citations

<http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=kAWEUqOAAAAJ&hl>

**Full publication list:** <https://www.irit.fr/~Cedric.Fevotte/publications.html>

## Selected recent talks

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- Recent advances in nonnegative matrix factorization. Tutorial at *IEEE ICASSP*, Singapore, 2022. <https://www.irit.fr/~Cedric.Fevotte/talks/icassp2022.pdf>
- Temporal models with low-rank spectrogram. Keynote at the *IEEE Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing*, 2018. [https://www.irit.fr/~Cedric.Fevotte/talks/keynote\\_mlsp2018.pdf](https://www.irit.fr/~Cedric.Fevotte/talks/keynote_mlsp2018.pdf)