

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2008 - 2013 Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of New Brunswick
Advisors: Dr. Mae Seto and Dr. Howard Li
Thesis Title: "Robust Online Adaptive Sensor-Driven Survey Planning for Single and Multiple Autonomous Vehicles"

2007 - 2008 M.Sc., Electrical and Computer Engineering (Not Completed)
University of New Brunswick
Advisor: Dr. Liuchen Chang
Note: Fast-tracked to Ph.D. Results were published in [J17].

2001 - 2004 B.Sc., Computer Engineering
McGill University

Professional Appointments

2023 - present Associate Professor - Université de Montréal

2023 - present Member of the [Courtois Institute](#)

2021 - present Core Academic Member of the Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute ([Mila](#))

2017 - present Director and President (since 2019) - [Duckietown Foundation](#)

2020 - present Chief Science and Education Officer - Duckietown Engineering

2017 - 2023 Assistant Professor - Université de Montréal

2017 - 2021 Associate Academic Member of the Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute ([Mila](#))

2017 - 2021 Faculty Fellow - Element AI

2015 - 2017 Research Scientist - MIT (MIT/CSAIL Driverless car project technical lead)

2013 - 2015 Postdoctoral Associate - MIT (Marine robotics group)

Teaching Experience

2018-23 Université de Montréal IFT2245 Systèmes d'exploitation (Operating Systems) - Lecturer

2017-22 Université de Montréal IFT6757 Autonomous Vehicles (a.k.a. "Duckietown") - Developer and lecturer

Spring 2016 MIT 2.166 Autonomous Vehicles (a.k.a. “Duckietown”) - Developer and lecturer
 Spring 2014-15 MIT 2.680 Marine Vehicle Autonomy - Teaching assistant

Advisory Experience

Leadership:

2017-present Founding member of the Montreal Robotics and Embodied AI Lab ([REAL](#))
 2017-present Founding member of the [Duckietown Project](#)
 2015-17 Lead of a team of postdoctoral associates, graduate students, and engineers for the Toyota Research Institute funded CSAIL autonomous car project ([J8](#),[C28](#),[C29](#),[C30](#),[C32](#),[C33](#))
 2013-14 Co-led the MIT RobotX team that won 1st place at the inaugural RobotX competition in Singapore in Oct. 2014 ([C41](#)).

Mentor / Advising Graduate Students and Postdocs:

(degree, location, advising status) indicated for each person followed by project title if available

2023 - present Samer Nashed (Postdoc, Montreal, advisor)
 2023 - present Luke Rowe (PhD, Montreal, co-advisor with Chris Pal) - Multi-agent trajectory prediction for autonomous driving
 2023 - present Sacha Morin (PhD, Montreal, co-advisor with Guy Wolf) [[C4](#)][[C11](#)] [[C2](#)]
 2023 - present Charlie Gauthier (PhD, Montreal, co-advisor with Glen Berseth)
 2023 - present Miguel Saavedra-Ruiz (PhD, Montreal, advisor)
 2023 - present Ria Arora (MSc, Montreal, co-advisor with Guy Wolf) - Applications of the harmonic filter [[W1](#)][[J19](#)]
 2022 - present Mahtab Sandhu (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Continual object detection
 2022 - 2023 Steven Parkison (Postdoc, Montreal, advisor) - Harmonic filter [[W1](#)][[J19](#)]
 2022 - present Kaustubh Mani (PhD, Montreal, advisor) - Risk-aware exploration in RL
 2021 - present Alihusein Kuwajerwala (MSc, Montreal, advisor) Learning vision-language representations for robotics [[C5](#)] [[C2](#)]
 2021 - 2023 Miguel Saavedra-Ruiz (MSc, Montreal, advisor) Self-supervised learning for visual navigations [[C4](#)][[C11](#)][[J19](#)]
 2020 - 2022 Charlie Gauthier (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Fearful goal generation for robust policy learning [[W3](#)]
 2020 - present Mostafa Elaraby (PhD, Montreal, advisor) - Detecting distributional shift and its application to online interactive imitation learning [[W4](#)][[C57](#)]
 2020 - 2023 Dishank Bansal (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Uncertainty-aware object SLAM
 2021 - 2022 Ali Harakeh (Postdoc, Montreal, advisor) - Uncertainty quantification for learning-based robotics [[C9](#)] [[C6](#)]
 2020 - 2021 Anthony Courchesne (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - A framework for evaluating the usefulness of proxy environments [[C16](#)]
 2019 - 2022 Florian Golemo (Postdoc, Montreal, co-advisor with Chris Pal) [[W2](#)]
 2019 - present Zhen Liu (PhD, Montreal, co-advisor with Yoshua Bengio) [[C15](#)][[C17](#)][[C10](#)][[C7](#)]
 2019 - 2021 Rey Reza Wiyatno (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Topological navigation [[J2](#)]
 2019 - 2021 Dhavit Bhatt (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Probabilistic object detection [[W9](#)][[C12](#)]
 2018 - 2023 Vincent Mai (PhD, Montreal, advisor) - Uncertainty for efficient reinforcement learning [[C13](#)][[W8](#)][[C1](#)]

2018 - 2023	Ruixiang Zhang (PhD, Montreal, co-advisor with Yoshua Bengio) - Learning controllable and generalizable representations with generative models [C24][C23][C8]
2018 - present	Manfred Diaz (PhD, Montreal, advisor) - Generalization in Reinforcement Learning [W7][W5]
2018 - 2022	J. Krishna Murthy (PhD, Montreal, advisor) - Differentiable World Programs [C25][C20][C14]
2019 - 2020	Bhairav Mehta (MSc, Montreal, co-advisor with Chris Pal) - Sim2real transfer [C26][W13]
2018 - 2020	Gunshi Gupta (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Look-ahead meta-Learning [C22]
2017 - 2020	Nithin Visisth (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Task Decomposition using skills
2017 - 2020	Breandan Considine (MSc, Montreal, co-advisor with Michalis Famelis) - Programming tools for intelligent systems with a case study in autonomous robotics [C18] [C15]
2017 - 2019	Sai Krishna Gottipati (MSc, Montreal, advisor) - Learning map representations for active SLAM [C5]
2016 - 2020	Teddy Ort (PhD, MIT, mentor) - "Maplite" - Autonomous vehicle navigation without dense maps [C29] [J3]
2017-18	Manfred Diaz (MSc, Concordia, co-advisor with Thomas Fevens) - Interactive and Uncertainty-aware Imitation Learning: Theory and Applications [C19]
2017	Veronica Lane (MEng MIT, mentor) - Obstacle Detection and Tracking in an Urban Environment Using 3D LiDAR and a Mobileye 560
2017	Bethany LaPenta (MEng MIT, advisor) - The Ducklingbot – a Self-Driving Robot on a Pi Zero
2014-16	Beipeng Mu (MEng MIT, mentor) - Task-driven Navigation and Mapping with Resource Constraints [J9][C35][C36][C40]
2013-15	Ross Finman (Ph.D. MIT, mentor) - 3D object-based mapping [W22][W23]
2013-15	Janille Maragh (MSc MIT, mentor) - Cooperative localization of AUVs

Mentor / Advisor Undergraduate Students:

2023 - 2023	Aditya Agarwal (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Robotics vision-language representations
2023 - 2023	Bipasha Sen (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Robotics vision-language representations
2022 - 2023	Atharva Chandak (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Continual object detection
2022 - 2023	Van Nam Vu (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Open-set object detection
2020 - 2021	Kaustubh Mani (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Probabilistic object detection [W9][C12]
2021 - 2021	Nikhil Keetha (intern, Montreal, advisor) - GradSLAM
2020	Charlie Gauthier (intern, Montreal, advisor) - NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)
2019 - 2020	Waleed Khamies (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Inverse variance weighting for reinforcement learning
2019 - 2020	Dishank Bansal (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Probabilistic object detection
2019 - 2020	Amrut Sarangi (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Intention prediction for autonomous driving
2019 - 2020	Mark Van der Merwe (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Dense semantic completion
2019 - 2019	Rohan Raj (intern, Montreal, advisor)
2019 - 2019	Sharath Chandra (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Residual self-play for RL [W12]
2018 - 2019	Dhaivat Bhatt (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Probabilistic object detection
2018	Zihan Wang (intern, Montreal, co-advisor with Yoshua Bengio) - Domain adversarial transfer [C27]

2018	Bhairav Mehta (intern, Montreal, co-advisor with Chris Pal) - Active domain randomization
2018	Sarthak Sharma (intern, Montreal, advisor) - Deep visual odometry
2018	Homanga Bharadhwaj (intern, Montreal, co-advisor with Yoshua Bengio) - Domain adversarial transfer [C27]
2018	Adam Sigal (intern, Montreal, advisor) - IVADO Undergraduate Research Scholarship
2018	Abdelhakim Qbaich (intern, Montreal, advisor) - NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)
2016 - 2017	Alexander Amini (Undergrad, MIT, mentor) - Distributed end-to-end deep learning for autonomous driving [C28]
2016 - 2017	Tom Yan (Undergrad, MIT, advisor) - Road segmentation with deep learning
2016	Chandon Subedi (Undergrad, MIT, advisor) - Autonomous Duckiebot detection
2014 - 2015	Ernesto Ramirez (Undergrad, MIT, advisor) - Multi-robot mapping with turtlebots
2012	Denise Sweet (Undergrad, UNB, mentor) - Fusing RGB and thermal imagery
2011	Scott Mallais (Undergrad, UNB, mentor) - Underwater acoustic communications
2010	Yao Kok and Shang Yang (Undergrad, UNB, mentor) - Hexagon cell decomposition for convex polygons
2009	Derek McKay (Undergrad, UNB, mentor) - Domestic electric water heater modeling

Funded Grants

- [G1] “Generalization and Planning in Robotics.” *NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI)*. Co-Principal Investigator with Glen Berseth. 2024. \$ 150 000.
- [G2] “Learning Actionable and Semantic Representations that Enable Autonomous Mobile Robots to Complete Complex Tasks.” *NSERC Discovery Grant*. Principal Investigator. April 2024 - March 2029. \$205 000.
- [G3] “Deep neural network uncertainty estimation for safe integration into autonomous driving autonomy systems.” NSERC Alliance (ALLRP 580895 – 22) with Denso. May 2023 - May 2025. \$160 800
- [G4] “Continual Few-shot Learning for Autonomous Robots.” Samsung. Co-Principal investigator with Glen Berseth. Aug. 2022 - Aug. 2023. \$56 000.
- [G5] “Developing General Purpose Robots for Planning in Unstructured Environments.” Mila internal funding - Program P2-V5 - Technology Maturation Work with Glen Berseth. Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2024. \$450 000.
- [G6] “Self-supervised representation learning for autonomous driving perception.” Samsung. Co-Principal investigator with Derek Nowrouzezahrai. \$60 000.
- [G7] Fonds d’urgence pour la continuité de la recherche au Canada. Dec. 2020. \$5602.
- [G8] Samsung-Mila Partnership. Co-Principal investigator with Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Ioannis Mitliagkas, Simon Lacoste-Julien, Guillaume Lajoie, Laurent Charlin, Jian Tang, Jackie Cheung, and Will Hamilton. Sept. 2020 - Sept. 2025. Total value \$4 466 700 split evenly amongst Co-PIs.
- [G9] “Differentiable perception, graphics, and optimization for weakly supervised 3D perception.” *IVADO Fundamental Research Grant*. Co-Principal investigator with James Forbes and Derek Nowrouzezahrai. Sept. 2020 - Sept. 2022. Total Value \$224 598.

- [G10] “Modeling Embodied Agents with Koopman Embeddings.” *CIFAR Catalyst program*. Co-Principal investigator with James Forbes. Sept. 2020 - Sept. 2021. Total value \$50 000. [Press release](#).
- [G11] “Learning Representations from Physical Interaction.” *Microsoft Research*. Co-Principal investigator with Devon Hjelm, Mihai Jalobeanu, Yonatan Bisk, Florian Golemo and Aaron Courville. May 2020 - May 2022. Total value \$112 000.
- [G12] “Exploiting Experiences and Priors in Semantic Visual Navigation.” *Mitacs Accelerate*. Principal investigator. Partner organization Element AI. June 2020 - Dec. 2020. Total value \$30 000.
- [G13] “DEEL - DEpendable & Explainable Learning” *CRIAQ DEEL – NSERC*. Co-Principal investigator and Leader for theme “Robustness”. Jan. 2020 - Jan. 2025. Total value \$5 905 510. \$465 056 allocated to University of Montreal.
- [G14] Canadian CIFAR AI Chair. 2019 - 2024. Total value \$1 050 000.
- [G15] “Unified Hardware Evaluation with Pyrobot and Duckietown” *Facebook PyRobot: Democratizing Robotics*. Principal investigator. Oct. 2019. In-kind contribution of a LoCoBot (value = \$5000 USD).
- [G16] “Uncertainty estimation of perceptual tasks for autonomous vehicles.” Denso research collaboration. Principal Investigator. 2019-2021. Total value \$280 000.
- [G17] NSERC Discovery Launch Supplement (DGECR). 2018-19. Total value \$12 500.
- [G18] “Teaching Robots How to Build Maps with Deep Reinforcement Learning.” *Fonds de recherche nature et technologies Québec (FRQNT) – Établissement de nouveaux chercheurs et de nouvelles chercheuses universitaires*. 2018-2020. Total value \$50 800.
- [G19] “Learning Representations for Autonomous Mobile Robotics to Enable Complex Tasks.” *NSERC Discovery Grant*. Principal investigator. 2018-2023. Total value \$140 000.
- [G20] “Autonomous Mobile Robotics” *Canadian Foundation for Innovation*. Principal investigator. 2018-2023. Total value \$372 230.
- [G21] “Next Generation Deep Learning: from pattern recognition to AI - Lifelong SLAM for Indoor and Autonomous Vehicle Navigation” *Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology*. Co-Principal investigator with Yoshua Bengio (lead PI), Aaron Courville, Pascal Vincent, Christopher Pal, Simon Lacoste-Julien, and Laurent Charlin. 2018- 2021. Total value for entire project \$1 650 000. \$300 000 allocated to Liam Paull.
- [G22] “Resource Constrained Cooperative Underwater Localization and Mapping.” *Office of Naval Research*. 2016. Co-written with Prof. John J. Leonard.

Publications

NB: Lead student’s academic advisor is typically listed last.

Graduate Thesis

- [T1] “Robust Online Adaptive Sensor-Driven Survey Planning for Single and Multiple Autonomous Underwater Vehicles.” University of New Brunswick. November 2013.

Book Chapters

- [B1] **Liam Paull**, Mae Seto, Sajad Saeedi, John Leonard. “Navigation for Underwater Vehicles” in *Encyclopedia of Robotics*. Springer 2018.
- [B2] **Liam Paull**, Sajad Saeedi, Howard Li. “Path Planning for Autonomous Underwater Vehicles.” in *Autonomy for Marine Robots*. Springer 2012. Editor: Dr. Mae Seto. p177-224.
- [B3] Mae Seto, **Liam Paull**, Sajad Saeedi. “Introduction to Autonomy for Marine Robots.” in *Autonomy for Marine Robots*. Springer 2012. Editor: Dr. Mae Seto. p1-46.

Journal Articles

- [J1] Vincent Mai, Philippe Maisonneuve, Tianyu Zhang, Hadi Nekoei, **Liam Paull**, Antoine Lesage-Landry. “Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning for Fast-Timescale Demand Response of Residential Loads”. *Machine Learning*. 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10994-023-06460-4>.
- [J2] Rey Reza Wiyatno, Anqi Xu, **Liam Paull**. “Lifelong Topological Visual Navigation”. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*. vol. 7, no. 4, p9271-9278, Oct. 2022.
- [J3] Teddy Ort, Krishna Murthy, Rohan Banerjee, Sai Krishna Gottipati, Dhaivat Bhatt, Igor Gilitschenski, **Liam Paull**, Daniela Rus. “Maplite: Autonomous Intersection Navigation without a Detailed Prior Map.” *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*. vol. 5, no. 2, p556-563, April 2020. **Winner of 2020 IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters Best Paper Award.**
- [J4] Julian Zilly, Jacopo Tani, Breandan Considine, Bhairav Mehta, Andrea F Daniele, Manfred Diaz, Gianmarco Bernasconi, Claudio Ruch, Jan Hakenberg, Florian Golemo, A Kirsten Bowser, Matthew R Walter, Ruslan Hristov, Sunil Mallya, Emilio Frazzoli, Andrea Censi, **Liam Paull**. “The AI Driving Olympics at NeurIPS 2018” *Springer NeurIPS 2018 competition proceedings*. p37-68. 2020.
- [J5] Sai Krishna, Keehong Seo, Dhaivat Bhatt, Vincent Mai, Krishna Murthy, **Liam Paull**. “Deep Active Localization”. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*. vol. 4, no. 4, p4394-4401, Oct. 2019.
- [J6] Vincent Mai, Mina Kamel, Matthias Krebs, Andreas Schaffner, Daniel Meier, **Liam Paull**, Roland Siegwart. “Local Positioning System Using UWB Range Measurements for an Unmanned Blimp.” *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*. vol. 3, no. 4, p2971-2978. Oct. 2018.
- [J7] **Liam Paull**, Mae Seto, John J. Leonard, Howard Li. “Probabilistic Cooperative Mobile Robot Area Coverage and its Application to Autonomous Seabed Mapping.” *International Journal of Robotics Research*. 37(1). p21-45. 2018.
- [J8] Wilko Schwarting, Javier Alonso-Mora, **Liam Paull**, Sertac Karaman, Daniela Rus. “Safe Nonlinear Trajectory Generation for Parallel Autonomy with a Dynamic Vehicle Model.” *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. vol. 19, no. 9, p2994-3008. 2018.
- [J9] Beipeng Mu, **Liam Paull**, Aliakbar Agha-Mohammadi, John J. Leonard, Jonathan P. How. “Two-Stage Focused Inference for Resource-Constrained Collision-Averse Navigation.” *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*. 33(1). p124-140. 2017.
- [J10] **Liam Paull**, Carl Thibault, Amr Nagaty, Howard Li. “Sensor-Driven Area Coverage for an Autonomous Fixed-Wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.” *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*. 44(9). p1605-1618. 2014.

- [J11] **Liam Paull**, Sajad Saeedi, Mae Seto, Howard Li. “AUV Navigation and Localization - A Review.” *IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering*. 39(1). p131-149. 2014.
- [J12] Sajad Saeedi, **Liam Paull**, Michael Trentini, and Howard Li. “Group Mapping: A Topological Approach to Map Merging for Multiple Robots.” *IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine*. 21(2). p60-72. 2014.
- [J13] Sajad Saeedi, **Liam Paull**, Michael Trentini, Mae Seto and Howard Li. “Map Merging for Multiple Robots Using Hough Peak Matching.” *Robots and Autonomous Systems*. 62(10). p1408-1424. 2014.
- [J14] Sajad Saeedi, **Liam Paull**, Michael Trentini, and Howard Li. “Map Merging for Multiple Robot Simultaneous Localization and Mapping.” *International Journal of Robotics and Automation*. 30(2). p149-157. 2014.
- [J15] **Liam Paull**, Sajad Saeedi, Mae Seto, Howard Li. “Sensor-Driven Online Coverage Planning for Autonomous Underwater Vehicles.” *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*. 18(6). p1827-1838. 2013.
- [J16] Sajad Saeedi, **Liam Paull**, Mike Trentini, Howard Li. “Neural Network-based Multiple Robot Simultaneous Localization and Mapping”. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*. 22(12), p2376-2387. 2012.
- [J17] **Liam Paull**, Howard Li, Liuchen Chang. “A Novel Domestic Electric Water Heater Model for a Multi-Objective Demand Side Management Program.” *Electric Power Systems Research*. 80(12), p1446-1451. 2010.
- [J18] Howard Li, **Liam Paull**, Yevgen Biletskiy, Simon Yang. “Document Classification Using Information Theory and a fast Back-Propagation Neural Network.” *Intelligent Automation and Soft Computing*. 16(1), p25-38. 2010.

Refereed Conference Publications

- [C1] Mostafa ElAraby, Ali Harakeh, **Liam Paull**. “BACS: Background Aware Continual Semantic Segmentation”. *IEEE Conference on Robots and Vision*. 2024. Accepted.
- [C2] Qiao Gu, Alihusein Kuwajerwala, Sacha Morin, Krishna Murthy Jatavallabhula, Bipasha Sen, Aditya Agarwal, Corban Rivera, William Paul, Kirsty Ellis, Rama Chellappa, Chuang Gan, Celso Miguel de Melo, Joshua B Tenenbaum, Antonio Torralba, Florian Shkurti, **Liam Paull**. “ConceptGraphs: Open-Vocabulary 3D Scene Graphs for Perception and Planning”. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2024. Accepted. [project page](#).
- [C3] Zhen Liu, Yao Feng, Yuliang Xiu, Weiyang Liu, **Liam Paull**, Michael J. Black, Bernhard Schölkopf. “Ghost on the Shell: An Expressive Representation of General 3D Shapes”. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2024. **Accepted for Oral Presentation (top 1.2%)**.
- [C4] Sacha Morin, Miguel Saavedra-Ruiz, **Liam Paull**. “One-4-All: Neural Potential Fields for Embodied Navigation”. *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*. 2023. [project page](#).
- [C5] Krishna Murthy Jatavallabhula, Alihusein Kuwajerwala, Qiao Gu, Mohd Omama, Tao Chen, Shuang Li, Ganesh Iyer, Soroush Saryazdi, Nikhil Keetha, Ayush Tewari, Joshua B Tenenbaum, Celso Miguel de Melo, Madhava Krishna, **Liam Paull**, Florian Shkurti, Antonio Torralba. “Conceptfusion: Open-set multimodal 3D mapping”. *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*. 2023. [project page](#).

- [C6] Anas Mahmoud, Jordan SK Hu, Tianshu Kuai, Ali Harakeh, **Liam Paull**, Steven L Waslander. “Self-Supervised Image-to-Point Distillation via Semantically Tolerant Contrastive Loss”. *IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR)*. 2023.
- [C7] Zhen Liu, Yao Feng, Michael J. Black, Derek Nowrouzezahrai, **Liam Paull**, Weiyang Liu. “MeshDiffusion: Score-based Generative 3D Mesh Modeling”. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2023. **notable-top-25%**. [project page](#).
- [C8] Ruixiang Zhang, Tong Che, Boris Ivanovic, Renhao Wang, Marco Pavone, Yoshua Bengio, **Liam Paull**. “Robust and Controllable Object-Centric Learning through Energy-based Models”. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2023.
- [C9] Ali Harakeh, Jordan Sir Kwang Hu, Naiqing Guan, Steven L. Waslander, **Liam Paull**. “Estimating Regression Predictive Distributions with Sample Networks”. *Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. 2023.
- [C10] Weiyang Liu, Zhen Liu, **Liam Paull**, Adrian Weller, Bernhard Schölkopf. “Structural Causal 3D Reconstruction”. *European Conference on Computer Vision*. 2022.
- [C11] Miguel Saavedra-Ruiz, Sasha Morin, **Liam Paull**. “Monocular Robot Navigation with Self-Supervised Pretrained Vision Transformers”. *19th Conference on Robots and Vision*. 2022.
- [C12] Dhairat Bhatt, Dishank Bansal, Kaustubh Mani, Hanju Lee, Krishna Murthy Jatavallabhula, **Liam Paull**. “f-Cal: Variational calibration of aleatoric uncertainty in neural regression”. *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2022. [project page](#).
- [C13] Vincent Mai, Kaustubh Mani, **Liam Paull**. “Sample Efficient Deep Reinforcement Learning via Uncertainty Estimation”. *The Tenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2022. **Presented as spotlight**. [project page](#).
- [C14] Christopher Agia, Krishna Murthy Jatavallabhula, Mohamed Khodeir, Ondrej Miksik, Vibhav Vineet, Mustafa Mukadam, **Liam Paull**, Florian Shkurti. “Taskography: Evaluating robot task planning over large 3D scene graphs”. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*. 2022. [project page](#).
- [C15] Weiyang Liu, Zhen Liu, Hanchen Wang, **Liam Paull**, Bernhard Schölkopf, Adrian Weller. “Iterative Teaching by Label Synthesis”. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2021. **Presented as spotlight**.
- [C16] Anthony Courchesne, Andrea Censi, **Liam Paull**. “On Assessing the Usefulness of Proxy Domains for Developing and Evaluating Embodied Agents”. *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*. 2021.
- [C17] Weiyang Liu, Rongmei Lin, Zhen Liu, James M Rehg, **Liam Paull**, Li Xiong, Le Song, Adrian Weller. “Orthogonal over-parameterized training”. *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*. 2021.
- [C18] Philippe Laferrière, Samuel Laferrière, Steven Dahdah, James Richard Forbes, **Liam Paull**. “Deep Koopman Representation for Control over Images (DKRCI)”. *18th Conference on Robots and Vision (CRV)*. 2021.
- [C19] Manfred Diaz, Thomas Fevens, **Liam Paull**. “Uncertainty-Aware Policy Sampling and Mixing for Safe Interactive Imitation Learning”. *18th Conference on Robots and Vision (CRV)*. 2021.
- [C20] J. Krishna Murthy, Miles Macklin, Florian Golemo, Vikram Voleti, Linda Petrini, Martin Weiss, Breandan Considine, Jérôme Parent-Lévesque, Kevin Xie, Kenny Erleben, **Liam Paull**, Florian

- Shkurti, Derek Nowrouzezahrai, Sanja Fidler. “gradSim: Differentiable simulation for system identification and visuomotor control”. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2021. [project page](#).
- [C21] Jacopo Tani, Andrea F Daniele, Gianmarco Bernasconi, Amaury Camus, Aleksandar Petrov, Anthony Courchesne, Bhairav Mehta, Rohit Suri, Tomasz Zaluska, Matthew R Walter, Emilio Frazzoli, **Liam Paull**, Andrea Censi. “Integrated Benchmarking and Design for Reproducible and Accessible Evaluation of Robotic Agents”. *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*. 2020. [project page](#).
- [C22] Gunshi Gupta, Karmesh Yadav, **Liam Paull**. “La-MAML: Look-ahead Meta Learning for Continual Learning”. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2020. [project page](#). **Accepted for oral presentation (top 1.1%)**.
- [C23] Tong Che, Ruixiang Zhang, Jascha Sohl-Dickstein, Hugo Larochelle, **Liam Paull**, Yuan Cao, Yoshua Bengio. “Your GAN is Secretly an Energy-based Model and You Should Use Discriminator Driven Latent Sampling”. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2020.
- [C24] Zijun Zhang, Ruixiang Zhang, Zongpeng Li, Yoshua Bengio, **Liam Paull**. “Perceptual Generative Autoencoders”. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. 2020.
- [C25] Krishna Murthy Jatavallabhula, Ginesh Iyer, **Liam Paull**. “ ∇ SLAM: Dense SLAM meets Automatic Differentiation.” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2020. [project page](#).
- [C26] Bhairav Mehta, Manfred Diaz, Florian Golemo, Christopher J Pal, **Liam Paull**. “Active Domain Randomization”. *Conference on Robot Learning*. 2019.
- [C27] Homanga Bharadhwaj, Zihan Wang, Yoshua Bengio, **Liam Paull**. “A Data-Efficient Framework for Training and Sim-to-Real Transfer of Navigation Policies.” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2019.
- [C28] Alexander Amini, **Liam Paull**, Thomas Balch, Sertac Karaman, Daniela Rus. “Learning Steering Bounds for Parallel Autonomous Systems” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2018.
- [C29] Teddy Ort, **Liam Paull**, Daniela Rus. “Autonomous Vehicle Navigation in Rural Environments without Detailed Prior Maps.” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2018.
- [C30] Guy Rosman, **Liam Paull**, Daniela Rus. “Hybrid Control and Learning with Coresets for Autonomous Vehicles” *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*. 2017.
- [C31] **Liam Paull**, Jacopo Tani, Heejin Ahn, Javier Alonso-Mora, Luca Carlone, Michal Cap, Yu Fan Chen, Changhyun Choi, Jeff Dusek, Daniel Hoehener, Shih-Yuan Liu, Michael Novitzky, Igor Franzoni Okuyama, Jason Pazis, Guy Rosman, Valerio Varricchio, Hsueh-Cheng Wang, Dmitry Yershov, Hang Zhao, Michael Benjamin, Christopher Carr, Maria Zuber, Sertac Karaman, Emilio Frazzoli, Domitilla Del Vecchio, Daniela Rus, Jonathan How, John Leonard, Andrea Censi. “Duckietown: an Open, Inexpensive and Flexible Platform for Autonomy Education and Research” *IEEE Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2017.
- [C32] Wilko Schwarting, Javier Alonso-Mora, **Liam Paull**, Sertac Karaman, Daniela Rus “Parallel Autonomy in Automated Vehicles: Trajectory Generation with Real-time Obstacle Avoidance and Human Input Optimization” *IEEE Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2017.

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- [C55] **Liam Paull**, Howard Li, Liuchen Chang. “The development of a fuzzy neural system for load forecasting.” *Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE)*. p. 923-926. 2008.

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- [W9] Dhairat Bhatt, Dishank Bansal, Gunshi Gupta, Hanju Lee, Krishna Murthy Jatavallabhula, **Liam Paull**. “Probabilistic Object Detection: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities”. *ICML Workshop on AI for Autonomous Driving*. 2020. [project page](#).
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- [W12] Raparthy, Sharath Chandra; Mehta, Bhairav J; Golemo, Florian; **Liam Paull**. “Generating Automatic Curricula via Self-Supervised Active Domain Randomization.” *ICLR 2020 Workshop on Beyond “Tabula Rasa” in Reinforcement Learning (BeTR-RL)*.
- [W13] Mehta, Bhairav J; Deleu, Tristan; Raparthy, Sharath Chandra; Pal, Chris J; **Liam Paull**. “Curriculum for Gradient-Based Meta-Learners.” *ICLR 2020 workshop on Beyond “Tabula Rasa” in Reinforcement Learning (BeTR-RL)*.
- [W14] Andrea Censi, **Liam Paull**, Jacopo Tani, Matthew R. Walter. “The AI Driving Olympics: An Accessible Robot Learning Benchmark.” *NeurIPS 2019 workshop on Machine Learning Competitions for All (CiML 2019)*. Accepted for oral.
- [W15] Breandan M Considine, Michalis Famelis, **Liam Paull**. “Kotlin ∇ : A Shape Safe eDSL for Differentiable Functional Programming.” *NeurIPS 2019 workshop on Program Transformations*. Accepted as Poster.
- [W16] Zijun Zhang, Ruixiang Zhang, Zongpeng Li, Yoshua Bengio, **Liam Paull**. “Perceptual Generative Autoencoders.” *ICLR Workshop on Deep Generative Models for Highly Structured Data*. 2019.
- [W17] Bhairav Mehta, Manfred Diaz, Florian Golemo, Christopher Pal, **Liam Paull**. “Active Domain Randomization” *The 4th Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making*. 2019.
- [W18] Breandan Considine, Ruslan Hristov, **Liam Paull**. “Duckietown: Software Infrastructure for Autonomous Robotics.” *IROS 2018 Workshop: Automating Robot Experiments*. 2018.
- [W19] Andrea Censi, **Liam Paull**, Jacopo Tani, Thomas Ackermann, Oscar Beijbom, Berabi Berkai, Gianmarco Bernasconi, Anne Kirsten Bowser, Simon Bing, Pin-Wei David Chen, Yu-Chen Chen,

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- [W20] Ganesh Iyer, J. Krishna Murthy, Gunshi Gupta, K. Madhava Krishna, **Liam Paull**. “Geometric Consistency for Self-Supervised End-to-End Visual Odometry” *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition 1st International Workshop on Deep Learning for Visual SLAM*. 2018. [project page](#).
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- [W22] Ross Finman, **Liam Paull**, John Leonard. “Toward Object-based Place Recognition in Dense RGB-D Maps.” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) Workshop on Place Recognition in Changing Environments*. 2015.
- [W23] Ross Finman, Thomas Whelan, **Liam Paull**, John Leonard. “Physical Words for Place Recognition in RGB-D Maps.” *International Conference on Robotics and Automation Workshop on Place Recognition in Changing Environments*. 2014.

Manuscripts Preprints and Submissions

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- [J20] Manfred Diaz, **Liam Paull**, Andrea Tacchetti. “Rethinking Teacher-Student Curriculum Learning through the Cooperative Mechanics of Experience”. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*. Under Review.
- [C56] Luke Rowe, Roger Girgis, Anthony Gosselin, Bruno Carrez, Florian Golemo, Felix Heide, **Liam Paull**, Christopher Pal. “CtRL-Sim: Reactive and Controllable Driving Agents with Offline Reinforcement Learning.” *Reinforcement Learning Conference*. 2024. Submitted
- [C57] Mostafa ElAraby, Sabyasachi Sahoo, Yann Batiste Pequignot, Paul Novello, **Liam Paull**. “GROOD: GRAdient-aware Out-Of-Distribution detection in interpolated manifolds”. *European Conference on Computer Vision*. 2024. Submitted.

Academic Services

Conference / Challenges / Workshops Organized

- Driving SMARTS (NeurIPS) 2022 - led by Amir Rasouli
- The AI Driving Olympics VI live competition at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2021
- IROS 2021 Workshop on Evaluating the Broader Impacts of Self-Driving Cars

- IJCAI 2021 Reinforcement Learning for Intelligent Transportation Systems (RL4ITS) Workshop
- NeurIPS 2020 Workshop on Differentiable Computer Vision, Graphics, and Physics in Machine Learning
- IROS 2020 Workshop on Benchmarking Progress in Autonomous Driving (Deferred from ICRA 2020 due to COVID-19)
- The AI Driving Olympics V live competition at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2020
- The AI Driving Olympics IV live competition at the International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2020 (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- The AI Driving Olympics III live competition at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2019
- The AI Driving Olympics II live competition at the International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2019
- The AI Driving Olympics I live competition at the Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2018
- RSS 2016 Workshop organizer: Geometry and Beyond - Representations, Physics, and Scene Understanding for Robotics
- ICRA 2016 Workshop organizer: Marine Robot Navigation and Localization
- Northeastern Robotics Colloquium 2015 co-organizer
- MOOS-DAWG 2015 co-organizer

Grant Review Services

- IVADO Postdoctoral Scholarship Award selection committee 2020
- NSERC Discovery Grant reviewer 2019-2022
- Canadian Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund reviewer 2019, 2021
- IVADO Fundamental Research Grant selection committee 2017
- NSERC Mitacs Accelerate reviewer 2017-2022
- NSF Ocean Technology and Interdisciplinary Coordination Program reviewer 2016

Conference Program / Editorial Committees

- Program Committee: CIFAR DLRL Summer School 2021 and 2023
- General Chair: CS-CAN / CRV / CANAI (2023) led by Dave Meger
- Area Chair: Robotics: Science and Systems (2023)
- Editor: IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS 2022-2023)
- Program Chair: IEEE Conference on Computer and Robot Vision (CRV) 2020 and 2021
- Area Chair: International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2021
- Area Chair: Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2019
- Associate Editor: IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems IROS 2017-19
- Associate Editor: Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) 2017-22
- Associate Editor: IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2016

- Program Committee: Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2020-21
- Program Committee: Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2022
- Program Committee: Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2015-18
- Program Committee: IEEE Conference on Computer and Robot Vision (CRV) 2018-19

Selected Journals and Conferences Reviewed

- Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)
- IEEE Transactions on {Robotics, Neural Networks and Learning Systems, Controls Systems Technology, Cybernetics, Aerospace and Electronic Systems}
- International Journal of Robotics Research
- Journal of Field Robotics
- IEEE Control Systems Magazine
- Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics
- IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)
- Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)

Graduate Thesis Committees (not including own graduate students)

- Jean-François Tremblay “Active robot perception in the deep learning age.” Doctoral Thesis Proposal Committee. McGill University. 2023.
- Lea Demeule “Deep Learning on Signals: Discretization Invariance, Lossless Compression and Nonuniform Compression.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2023.
- Pascal Archambault “Co-Simulation for Controlled Environment Agriculture.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2023.
- David Bertoin “Representations for generalization in Reinforcement Learning.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. ISAE-Supaero. 2023.
- Tong Che “Contributions to Generative Models and Their Applications.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2022.
- Rishabh Agarwal “Towards Deep Reinforcement Learning for the Real World.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2022.
- Pierre-Andre Brousseau “A Self-Supervised Permutation Approach to the Stereo Matching Problem.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2021.
- Joshua Arvind Holla “On the Off-Dynamic approach to Reinforcement Learning.” Masters Thesis Evaluator. McGill. 2021.
- Nitarshan Rajkumar “Self-Supervision for Data Interpretability in Image Classification and Sample Efficiency in Reinforcement Learning.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2021.
- Akilesh Badrinaaraayanan “Continuous Coordination As a Realistic Scenario for Lifelong Learning.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2021.
- Tristan Sylvain “Locality and Compositionality in Representation Learning for Complex Visual Tasks.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2021.

- Roger Girgis “Exploring the utility of attention in multi-agent interactions and future prediction.” Predoc Exam. Ecole Polytechnique. 2021.
- Pravish Sainath “Modeling functional brain activity of human working memory using deep recurrent neural networks.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2020.
- Seyed Ehsan Marjani Bajestani “Event-Based Mobile Robot Perception aided by Structured Light.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. Ecole Polytechnique. 2020.
- Jean-Gabriel Simard “Learned Image Compression for Machine Visual Perception.” Masters Thesis Committee. Ecole Polytechnique. 2020.
- Marie-Eve Malette-Campeau “Estimating the probability of a fleet vehicle accident: A deep learning approach using Conditional Variational Auto-Encoders.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2020.
- Bhargav Kanuparthi “Towards Better Understanding and Improving Optimization in Recurrent Neural Networks.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2020.
- Erick Raelijohn “Vérification des patrons temporels d’utilisation d’API sans exécution du code: une approche et un outil.” Master Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2020.
- Mohammad Amini “An Empirical Analysis of Model-based Deep Reinforcement Learning.” Masters Thesis Evaluator. McGill. 2020.
- Manouchehr Zadahmad Jafarlou “Domain Specific Version Control Systems.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2020.
- Jae Hyun Lim “Embodied Generative Agents.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2019.
- Alexandre Piche “Online Planning and Probabilistic Inference in Deep Reinforcement Learning.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2019.
- Yaroslav Ganin “Natural Image Processing and Synthesis Using Deep Learning.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2019.
- Philip Paquette “No Press Diplomacy.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2019.
- Saizheng Zhang “Recurrent Neural Models and Related Problems in Natural Language Processing.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2019.
- Sanjay Thakur “Uncertainty Aware Behavioral Cloning using Bayesian Neural Networks.” Masters Thesis Evaluator. McGill. 2019.
- Asma Ben Khedher “Analyse visuelle et cérébrale de l’état cognitif d’un apprenant.” Doctoral Thesis Committee 2019.
- Guillaume Alain “Auto-Encoders, Distributed Training and Information Representation in Deep Neural Network.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2019.
- Navpreet Kaur “Modelling and Reasoning with Software Product Lines with Design Choices.” Masters Thesis Committee. DIRO. 2019.
- Tong Che “Generative Adversarial Networks and Few-shot Learning.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2019.
- Marcel Kaufman “Symbiotic Human and Multi-Robot Planetary Exploration Systems.” Predoc Exam. Ecole Polytechnique. 2019.
- Arnaud Shoentgen “Tools for Liquid Control in Computer Graphics.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2018
- Kyle Kastner “Sequential Decision Modeling In Uncertain Conditions.” Predoc Exam. DIRO. 2018
- Andre Phu-van Nguyen “Méthodes d’inspection automatique d’infrastructure par robot mobile.” Masters Thesis Committee. Ecole Polytechnique. 2017.
- Beipeng Mu “Task-driven Navigation and Mapping with Resource Constraints.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. MIT. 2016.

- Matthew Graham “Robust Bayesian state estimation and mapping.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. MIT. 2015.
- Theodore Steiner “Utility-based map reduction for ground and flight vehicle navigation.” Doctoral Thesis Committee. MIT. 2015.

Other Committees and Service

- Member of the Courtois Institute Management Committee (2023-present)
- Member of DEEL Scientific Committee 2021-present
- CIFAR Deep Learning Reinforcement Learning Summer School Program Committee 2021, 2023
- DIRO Faculty Recruitment Committee 2020-present
- Presenter at Séjour informatique (undergraduate recruiting event) 2018, 2019
- DIRO Student Recruitment Committee 2017-2020
- MIT EECS Graduate Admissions Committee 2017

Outreach

2021	Parlons IA
2020	Mount Pleasant elementary
2019	Selwyn House high school career day
2019-2020	Hudson CodeClub
2019	Robotics Week - Our Lady of Peace elementary
2018	Let's Talk Science - Canada2067

Recent Invited Talks and Panels

06/2023	NSERC Canadian Robotics Network (NCRN) Annual General Meeting
06/2023	Mila Robotics Summer School
07/2022	RSS Workshop on Robot Learning in the Cloud
06/2022	CMU RISS RoboLaunch
06/2022	Technical Committee on Verification of Autonomous Systems monthly webinar
05/2022	Robohub Podcast
12/2021	Deep RL Workshop at NeurIPS 2021. “The AI Driving Olympics.”
06/2021	Canadian Mathematical Society 75+1 Anniversary Summer Meeting. “Training Robots in Simulators.”
05/2021	MobiliT.ai “Quantifying Uncertainty in Deep Learning Based Perception Systems.”
03/2021	IVADO Cafe Scientifique.
12/2020	Reinforcement Learning Algorithms & Applications Virtual Seminar Series [video]
11/2020	iMLSE. “Robotics, Deep Learning, and Software 2.0.”
08/2020	Workshop on Benchmarking in Robotics
06/2020	Mila Tea Talk. “Some Challenges for Efficiently Deploying Robots in Unstructured Environments.”
04/2020	NCRN Distal Fellows Web Seminar
05/2019	Computer and Robot Vision Conference Keynote
04/2019	Sommet Immobilier de Montreal panel on AI
04/2019	Rendez-vous IA Québec Keynote

10/2018	DIRO Alumni Keynote
06/2018	Element AI, Toronto
05/2018	Honeywell Symposium Keynote Address, Atlanta
04/2018	Fourth IEEE Research Boost, Montreal
04/2018	Google Brain, Montreal
01/2018	Université de Laval, Quebec City
12/2017	McGill University SOCS Colloquium
04/2017	University of Massachusetts Boston MassIntelligence Conference
04/2017	University of Toronto Department of Computer Science
04/2017	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mechanical Engineering Special Seminar
02/2017	MIT Technology Conference Moderator
01/2017	Stanford University Workshop on Human-Centric AI for Intelligent Machines

Media Coverage

- Learn to Program Self-Driving Cars (and Help Duckies Commute) With Duckietown - IEEE Spectrum (Aug 20, 2018)
- La Fondation canadienne pour l'innovation annonce un nouvel appui pour la recherche à l'UdeM - U de M Nouvelles (April 11, 2018)
- Une ville de canards pour tester les véhicules - La Presse + (April, 8, 2018)
- En voiture, les canards! - U de M nouvelles (April 4, 2018)
- Why MIT's Duckietown uses adorable rubber toys to research self-driving cars - Boston.com (June 2, 2016)
- A tiny town of rubber ducks is laying the groundwork for the next generation of self-driving cars - Quartz (April 29, 2016)
- Meet the self-driving rubber duckie taxis of Duckietown - Popular Science (April 20, 2016)
- Self-driving cars, meet rubber duckies - CSAIL News (April 20, 2016)

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