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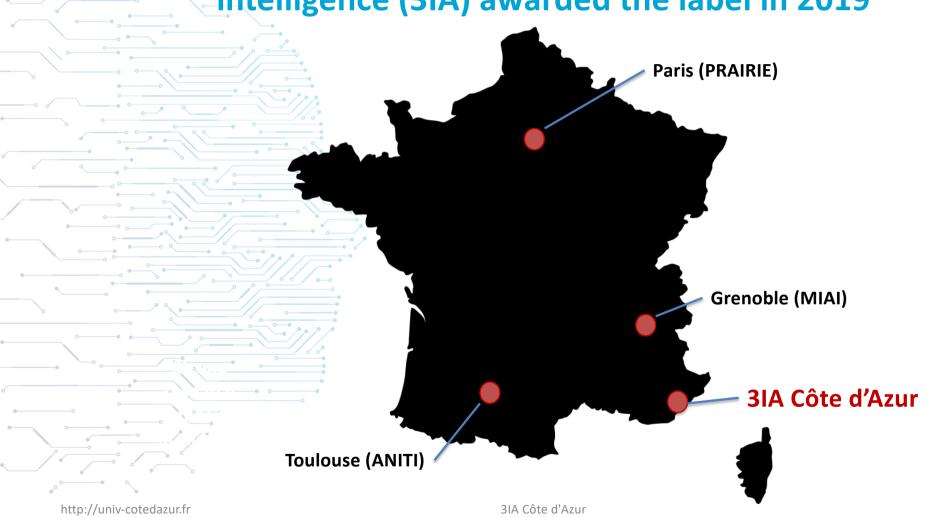








One of the four interdisciplinary institutes of artificial intelligence (3IA) awarded the label in 2019



An exceptional site for academic research

Over the last few years

31
ERC laureates

6
CNRS medals

3
Inria awards

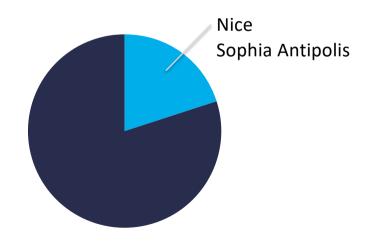
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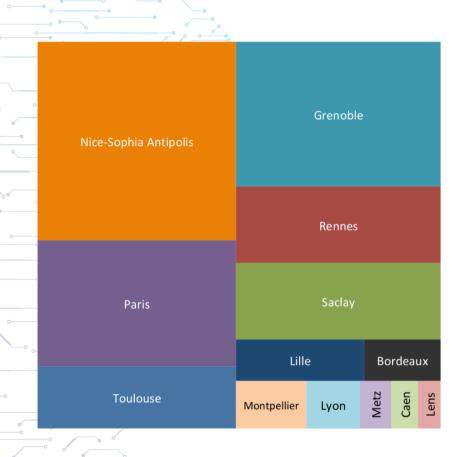
271
scientists in
28 research
groups

Weight of the French metropolises in the guide2research.com ranking

75 French scientists ranked including **20%** in Nice-Sophia Antipolis



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An exceptional site for innovation and private research

Sophia Antipolis: the largest technology park in Europe

2200+ companies

36000+ employees

4000 academic researchers

5500 students



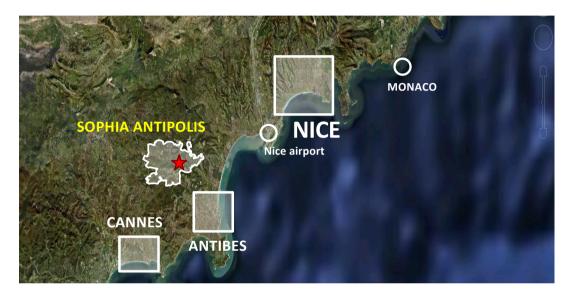
Research and development

Network and Information Technologies

Artificial Intelligence

Health, Chemistry, Biotechs

Smart territory, autonomous vehicles





...since 50 years

A long term strategy on Al...



Launched in June 2017, renewed in 2018 and 2019



Charles Bouveyron: Université Côte d'Azur-Inria "Data Science" chair holder since sept. 2017



Amadeus-Université Côte d'Azur strategic partnership covering collaborative research and continuing education focused on AI in July 2017



Open in Sept. 2018

A long term strategy on Al... (continued)

Université Laval-Université Côte d'Azur partnership on the Observatory on the societal impacts of AI in 2018

Parternship extended to Alpes-Maritimes department and Sophia Antipolis conurbation in March 2019



Meeting in Montreal with a recent Turing Award





Vision

Real-world AI with applications to



Health

(medicine & biology)



Smart

territories

A growing demand for versatile and interpretable Al

Axis 1: Core Elements of Al

Focus: develop "core AI" models and algorithms for real-world problems.

Statistical, machine and deep learning

- Unsupervised / self-supervised learning
- Learning with heterogeneous data
- Optimal transport and mean-field games
- Topological and geometrical data analysis

Knowledge representation and reasoning

- Combine machine learning with symbolic methods
- Web-based knowledge representation and processing
- Bridge unstructured, structured and semantic data
- Reason on complex heterogeneous dynamic networks

Constraint-aware Al

- Small data, active learning, approximate methods
- Distributed and federated AI / edge AI
- Online/real-time learning and decision
- Reasoning under and against uncertainty

Interpretable, explainable and trustable AI

- Traceable knowledge representation
- Ontology-based pruning and specialization
- Certified AI algorithms and data security
- Normalization and future legislation of AI

Axis 2: Al for Integrative Computational Medicine

Focus: Al for e-patient & e-medicine based on statistical, geometrical, biophysical, & semantic knowledge of anatomy, physiology & metabolism

Biophysics-based Al

- Learn biophysical parameters for quantitative diagnosis
- Predict evolution of pathologies & effect of therapies (digital twin)
- Data augmentation from biophysical simulation

Data-Driven Al

- Imaging and omics biomarkers (genetics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics) + lifestyle, behavior, etc. for patient selection
- Video Analytics & sensors for patient monitoring

Medical Data Management

- Medical Data Lab (Idex UCA)
- Health Data Hub, EDS APHP
- International databases
- Security, Privacy, GDPR
- With other 3IA institutes

Core Al issues: large inverse problems, fat & heterogeneous data, topological & geometrical data analysis, supervised/unsupervised/mixed-supervised/federated learning, explainable and traceable results, etc.

Axis 3: Computational Biology and Bio-Inspired AI

Focus: AI for the analysis of advanced biological data, to 1) reveal complex biological processes and 2) inspire innovative computational processes

Computational Biology

- Molecules: mining conformational spaces of huge dimension to reveal biological functions
- Networks: combine single cell atlases and interaction networks (protein, metabolic, genetic, signaling...) to reveal molecular pathways
- Cells/tissues:3D+t super-resolution/multispectral microscopy to reveal differentiation/development complexity
- Brain: neuron-to-brain integration to model brain activity & Computational Neurosciences

Bio-inspired Al

- Neuronal level: spiking models to better understand neuronal dynamics
- Cognition: neuronal dynamics for the analysis of learning/perception/action sequences
- Simulation/electronics: brain models to provide new neuromorphic-biomimetic algorithms/architectures

Core Al issues: Massive/high dim/heterogeneous data, complex dynamics networks, mean field theory, optimal transport, federated analysis, bridging unstructured and semantic data, unsupervised/self supervised/online/real-time learning, etc.

Axis 4: AI for Smart and Secure Territories

Focus: AI to deliver personalized services and resources to a wide range of active actors on multi-scale territories

Examples: energy distribution systems, multimodal & shared mobility, autonomous connected vehicles, collaborative robots in live environments, global pollution control, etc.

Modeling & Prediction:

4D urban modeling, predict & exploit user behaviors and preferences, anticipate and manage possible disasters

Secure components:

Enforce security, reliability, privacy, resilience, trust, acceptability

Optimization

- Local & Global optimization of systems of systems, with active users
- Account for diversity, heterogeneity, uncertainty, dynamics, preferences, etc.

Core Al issues: learning with heterogeneous/rare data & multiple objectives/preferences, real-time learning, reasoning on complex dynamic networks, security/quality of data, normalization and legislation of Al



















































































- Scientific excellence of the researchers
- In line with the Université Côte d'Azur dynamics
 - University Research School and interdisciplinarity
 - International cooperation
 - Innovation coordination
- Original education programme from high school to PhD
- Strong involvement of the companies
- Strong support of the local authorities
 Nice, Sophia Antipolis, Alpes-Maritimes, Région Sud

Main challenges: attractiveness and capacity to address the needs of the companies





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