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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015 - present **Research Assistant in Intelligent Robotics**, *University of Huddersfield*.
- 2011 - 2014 **Ph.D. thesis**, *Onera Toulouse*,  
Landmark-based planning problems decomposition  
Development of a planner for autonomous system. This planner computes action sequences yielding to the expected goal using a combination of forward state space search and a higher level landmark-based search.
- Feb. - July 2011 **Internship**, *Onera Toulouse*,  
Comparative study of genetic algorithms and integer linear programs for ground movements optimization in airports.
- June - August 2010 **Internship**, *LAAS, CNRS research unit*,  
Development of a labeled Hamiltonian cycle solver using local branching and branch-and-cut methods, and CPLEX as a linear program solver.
- July 2009 **Internship**, *SIA 12, software engineering company*,  
Design and development of a management software under WinDev.

## EDUCATION

- 2011 - 2014 **Ph.D. thesis**, *Onera Toulouse*.
- 2010 - 2011 **Research M.Sc specialized in Artificial Intelligence**, *Université Paul Sabatier*.
- 2008 - 2011 **Master's degree in Computer Engineering**, *INSA Toulouse*.
- Jan. - June 2010 **Study abroad**, *Linköping's university (Sweden)*.
- 2006 - 2008 **Intensive studies in mathematics and physics**, *Polytech'Nice-Sophia*.

## SKILLS

- Languages Java, C++, Ada, C, Python, PHP, xHTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bash
- Databases SQL, HyperFile, XQuery
- OS GNU/Linux, Xen, Windows
- French Mother tongue
- English Fluent (895/990 at TOEIC - 2009)
- Others Deutsch, Chinese, Swedish: beginner

## PERSONAL INTEREST

- 2014 Yanta - Development of an interactive notebook taking web-application (with an internal command shell)
- 2010 TacOS - Development of an operating system for x86 based computers
- 2009 Tutor of a first year student group at INSA de Toulouse
- 2004 - 2006 President of a computer science club
- Contest France-IOI training (2006), Prologian finalist (2006), Cod'INSA finalist (2009)
- Sports Squash, Climbing, Volleyball

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## REFERENCES

- Onera Vincent Vidal, research scientist - Ph.D. thesis supervisor  
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- Onera Guillaume Infantes, research scientist - Ph.D. thesis supervisor  
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- LAAS Nicolas Jozefowicz, associate professor - internship supervisor  
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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Décomposition des problèmes de planification de tâches basée sur les landmarks

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Simon Vernhes. “Décomposition des problèmes de planification de tâches basée sur les landmarks”. PhD thesis. Université de Toulouse, 2014.

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### Segmentation de problèmes de planification de tâches à l’aide de landmarks

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Simon Vernhes. “Segmentation de problèmes de planification de tâches à l’aide de landmarks”. [http://vernhes.eu/bib/pdf/memoire\\_mithese.pdf](http://vernhes.eu/bib/pdf/memoire_mithese.pdf). Mid-term doctoral thesis — under the supervision of Guillaume Infantes, Gérard Verfaillie and Vincent Vidal.

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### Problem Splitting using Heuristic Search in Landmark Orderings

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Simon Vernhes, Guillaume Infantes, and Vincent Vidal. “Problem Splitting using Heuristic Search in Landmark Orderings”. In: *Proceedings of the 23rd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-2013)*. Beijing, China: AAAI Press, Aug. 2013.

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### Landmark-based Meta Best-First Search Algorithm

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Simon Vernhes, Guillaume Infantes, and Vincent Vidal. *Landmark-based Meta Best-First Search Algorithm*. Presentation in the Congrès des doctorants EDSYS 2013. Best paper award. May 2013.

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### Landmark-based Meta Best-First Search Algorithm: First Parallelization Attempt and Evaluation

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Simon Vernhes, Guillaume Infantes, and Vincent Vidal. “Landmark-based Meta Best-First Search Algorithm: First Parallelization Attempt and Evaluation”. In: *Proceedings of the 5th ICAPS Workshop on Heuristics and Search for Domain-independent Planning (HSDIP-2013)*. Rome, Italy, June 2013, pp. 44–52.

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### The Landmark-based Meta Best-First Search Algorithm for Classical Planning

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Simon Vernhes, Guillaume Infantes, and Vincent Vidal. “The Landmark-based Meta Best-First Search Algorithm for Classical Planning”. In: *Proceedings of the 5th European Starting AI Researcher Symposium (STAIRS-2012)*. Vol. 241. Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications. Montpellier, France: IOS Press, Aug. 2012, pp. 336–347.

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### Parallel AI Planning on the SCC

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Vincent Vidal, Simon Vernhes, and Guillaume Infantes. “Parallel AI Planning on the SCC”. In: *Proceedings of the 4th Symposium of the Many-core Applications Research Community (MARC-2011)*. Best paper award. Potsdam, Germany: Hasso-Plattner-Institute Press, Dec. 2011, pp. 15–20.