# Flemming Kondrup

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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Enhancing the safety, reasoning, and sample efficiency of autonomous Agents in complex environments by integrating LLMs and VLMs, with a focus on robust decision-making and generalization in web-based settings.
- Developing agentic systems for healthcare that prioritize safety, robustness under uncertainty, and efficient learning in data-constrained environments, with a focus on reliable decision-making and real-world applicability.

#### **EDUCATION**

## PhD in Quantitative Life Science, Mila & McGill University, 4.00/4.00

2022-current

Supervisory: Dr. Doina Precup

Advisory: Dr. Joelle Pineau, Dr. Lars Grant

## Bachelor of Science, McGill University, 3.77/4.00

2018-2022

First-Class Honours Distinction in Biological, Biomedical and Life Science Program

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Dialogue, Montreal, Canada

January – April 2025

Machine Learning Intern (mentor: Alexis Smirnov)

- Led the successful deployment of Generative Vision-Language Models (VLMs) in production to automate patient photo verification for telemedicine, boosting classification accuracy by 17% and streamlining the intake process.
- Developed an LLM-powered symptom intake system, reducing patient input time, improving member experience and streamlining the matching process with healthcare professionals.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Royal Victoria Hospital, MUHC, Montreal, Canada

May – August 2021

Research Intern (mentor: Peter Metrakos)

Leveraged immune cell computational analyses to uncover immunotherapy targets in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, driving innovation in liver cancer treatment strategies.

## McGill University, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Montreal, Canada

Feb - May 2021

Research Intern (mentor: David Junker)

Developed and applied nanotechnology-driven microfluidic platforms for high-throughput isolation of circulating tumor cells, integrating computational analysis to identify key diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers.

#### Royal Victoria Hospital, MUHC, Montreal, Canada

Sept 2020 - April 2021

Research Intern (mentor: Peter Metrakos)

Performed immunohistochemical profiling of Hepatocellular Carcinoma to identify cellular markers and elucidate tumor microenvironment dynamics.

#### **AWARDS**

Fonds de Recherche du Québec (FRQ) - Doctoral	\$100,000 CAD
Fonds de Recherche du Québec (FRQ) - Masters	\$40,000 CAD
Winner of the 2021 ProjectX Aritificial Intelligence Competition – Clinical Practice Cohort	\$25,000 CAD
McGill Quantitative Life Science Stipend Award	\$21,000 CAD
Mitacs Accelerate Scholarship (Winter 2025)	\$15,000 CAD
Recipient of the Schull-Yang International Experience Award Scholarship	\$7,000 CAD
1st place, McGill Quantitative Life Science 3MT Summer Competition 2023-24	
1st place, McGill Quantitative Life Science 3MT Winter Competition 2023-24	
Dean's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research List Distinction	
NOTABLE COURSEWORK	

McGill: Applied Machine Learning (COMP551, 4.0/4.0), Data Science (COMP598, 4.0/4.0), Reinforcement Learning (COMP579, 4.0/4.0), Foundations of Quantitative Life Sciences (QLSC600, 4.0/4.0), AI in Medicine (EXSU500, in progress)

Mila: Representation Learning (IFT6135, 4.0/4.0), Towards AGI: Scaling, Alignment and Emergent Behaviors (IFT6760A, audited)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## Journal Publications

## Transferrable Model-Based Reinforcement Learning for Personalized Insulin Therapy

## Machine learning outperforms the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale in predicting need for early critical care

L. Grant, M. Diagne, R. Aroutiunian, D. Hopkins, T. Bai, <u>Flemming Kondrup</u>, G. Clark Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine

#### The Deep Fascia and its Role in Chronic Pain and Pathological Conditions

Flemming Kondrup, Nathaly Gaudreault, Gabriel Venne

Clinical Anatomy

#### Characterizing the interplay between angiogenic and immunoreactive factors of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

A Kapelanski-Lamoureux, A Lazaris, Flemming Kondrup, T Mayer, S K Petrillo, L Krzywon, P Metrakos

Submitted

## Conference Publications

## Cracking the Code of Action: A Generative Approach to Affordances for Reinforcement Learning

L. Cherif\*, Flemming Kondrup\*, D. Venuto, A. Anand, K. Khetarpal, D. Precup

Submitted

## Towards Safe Mechanical Ventilation Treatment Using Deep Offline Reinforcement Learning

Flemming Kondrup\*, T. Jiralerspong\*, E. Lau\*, N. de Lara, J. Shkrob, M.D. Tran, D. Precup, S. Basu

AAAI 2023

# Conference Abstracts & Workshops

## Cracking the Code of Action: A Generative Approach to Affordances for Reinforcement Learning

L. Cherif, Flemming Kondrup\*, D. Venuto, A. Anand, K. Khetarpal, D. Precup

ICLR 2025

#### Forecaster: Towards Temporally Abstract Tree-Search Planning from Pixels

<u>Flemming Kondrup\*</u>, T. Jiralerspong\*, D. Precup, K. Khetarpal

NeurIPS 2023

# Deep Conservative Reinforcement Learning for Personalization of Mechanical Ventilation Treatment

<u>Flemming Kondrup</u>, T. Jiralerspong, E. Lau, N. de Lara, J. Shkrob, M.D. Tran, D. Precup, S. Basu

RLDM 2022

#### The implication of Deep Fascia in chronic pain and common MSK-related pathological conditions

<u>Flemming Kondrup</u>, Nathaly Gaudreault, Gabriel Venne

Fascia Research Congress 2022

#### Characterizing the Interplay between Angiogenic and Immunoactive Factors of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

A. Kapelanski-Lamoureux, Flemming Kondrup, L. Krzywon, S. Petrillo, A. Lazaris, P. Metrakos

Canadian Liver Meeting 2022

# Personalizing Mechanical Ventilation using Deep Conservative Reinforcement Learning

Flemming Kondrup, Elaine Lau, Thomas Jiralerspong, Jacob Shkrob, My Duc Tran, Nathan de Lara, Sumana Basu

UofT A.I. Conference 2022

## Hepatitis as a predictor of CD4+ Cell Infiltration in Hepatocellular Carcinoma tumors

Flemming Kondrup, Audrey Kapelanski-Lamoureux, Stephanie Petrillo, Anthoula Lazaris, Peter Metrakos

MUHC Cancer Research 2022

## Characterizing the Interplay between Angiogenic and Immunoactive Factors of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

A. Kapelanski-Lamoureux, *Flemming Kondrup*, S. Petrillo, T. Mayer, A. Lazaris, P. Metrakos

Canadian Liver Meeting 2021

# LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

#### Executive Director of the McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT)

March 2023 – April 2024

• Led a 70+ member emergency response team, managed a \$100K+ CAD annual budget, and acted as the primary liaison with McGill administration and government agencies.

## Training Coordinator of the McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT)

March 2022 – April 2023

• Designed and led medical emergency response training programs, evaluations, and mentorship.

#### Emergency Medical Responder of the McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT)

Sept. 2019 – August 2025

• Delivered 2,000+ hours of emergency medical care as a certified first responder.

## Team Captain of the McGill Team in the 2021 ProjectX AI Competition

*Sept 2021 – Feb 2022* 

• Led a 6-member team against 20+ teams across North America, achieving first place with a \$25,000 award.

#### **INVITED TALKS & MEDIA**

<sup>&</sup>quot;Six McGill undergrads win UofT international artificial intelligence competition" The McGill Tribune

<sup>&</sup>quot;Applying Reinforcement Learning to improve Healthcare" McGill AI Club Learnathon 2022

<sup>&</sup>quot;Undergrad team uses machine learning to create a better hospital ventilator" McGill Reporter

<sup>&</sup>quot;The implication of the Deep Fascia in Chronic Pain and Pathological Conditions" University of Padova