

JWGFVR+ECCC+WGNE scientific workshop
Verification of AI-models in Operational Centers
Wednesday and Thursday 22-23 October, 2025

Logistic information for in-person attendees

Meeting Location:

Salle des vents (meeting room 107)
Canadian Meteorological Center (CMC)
2121 Transcanada hwy (Dorval)
H9P 1J3, Canada



Note: all ECCC building are government facilities and have a **security screening** at entrance. **You must have a personal ID with photo**, to be shown/left with security during your visit (e.g. a driving license), otherwise you cannot access the building.

Overarching workshop agenda

Note that the agenda refers to local Montreal time (UTC-4h)

Wednesday 9:00-12:00	<i>Session 1: Novel verification approaches for AI-model – presentations followed by Q&A</i>	
lunch		Sushi (no host)
Wednesday 13:00-16:00	<i>Session 2: Verification practices in operational centers – presentations followed by Q&A</i>	
Thursday 9:00-12:00	<i>Session 3: AI verification in operational practices – presentations followed by Q&A</i>	
lunch		Les 3 Brasseurs (no host)
Thursday 14:00-15:00	<i>Wrap-up discussion – outline WP-MIP verification activities</i>	

The detailed scientific program is available on the workshop website:
<https://hpfx.collab.science.gc.ca/~bca851/VerAlops2025/index.html>

Transport

From/to YUL airport

- The Pierre-Elliott Trudeau (YUL) International Airport is located on the island of Montreal. Montreal downtown can be reached from the airport either or by taxi (most convenient, approximately 50\$-60\$), or via the bus 747 for 11.00\$. Schedule and ticket informations are available at: [Buses | Aeroports De Montreal](#)
- The CMC is located near the Pierre-Elliott Trudeau (YUL) International Airport. It takes approximately 20' by taxi to go from the CMC to the airport, on minor traffic roads. For departure, shared taxi rides can be arranged at the CMC on Thursday afternoon, at the reception desk. There is no convenient public transport from the CMC to the airport.

In Montreal

Montreal is served by a dense network of buses and four metro-lines. The metro is the most convenient / fastest transport within Montreal, since not affected by the traffic. The orange line pass through the Plateau Mont Royal (metro stops Mont-Royal and Laurier), downtown and near the Old Port (metro stops Champ-de-Mars, Place-d'armes and Square Victoria), as well as Cote-Vertu (terminal of the bus 215, which arrives at the CMC). The high-frequency bus 55 runs along Boulevard St. Laurent, and connects also the Mile end and Plateau Mont Royal quarters with Downtown Montreal.

Schedules for the metro and buses can be found on the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) web site: [STM | Société de transport de Montréal](#) . Tickets can be purchased at any metro station, on the bus you need exact change, 10-passage forfeits and three-day tickets are the most convenient if planning to take the public transports often.

From / to CMC

The CMC is located in the outskirts of Montreal. It can be reached from Montreal either or by taxi (most convenient, approximately 50\$-60\$ from downtown), or by the bus 215, from metro station Côte-Vertu (orange line). The time schedule of the bus 215 is available on the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) website: [STM 215 bus - Montréal](#). The CMC stop is Deacon-St-Regis.

Some suggested accommodations

Air BnB: <https://www.airbnb.ca/>

There are several options of AirBnB ranging from 150\$ to 300\$. Suggested locations for AirBnB are the Mile End and the Plateau Mont Royal, Old Montreal and the Old port, Downtown Montreal West, near the Montreal museum of fine arts (see map).

Hotels at walking distance from the CMC (range around 150-200\$ / night):

Home 2 Suites by Hilton, 1855 Rte Transcanadienne, Dorval, Quebec, H9P 1J1, Canada

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/yulmdht-home2-suites-montreal-dorval/>

Microtel Inn & Suites Wyndham, 1695 Rte Transcanadienne Nord, Dorval, QC, H9P1J1, Canada

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/microtel/dorval-quebec/microtel-inn-and-suites-montreal-airport-dorval-qc/overview>

Hotels In the Old Port (range around 250\$ / night):

Hotel St.Paul, 355 McGill St, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 2E8, <https://hotelstpaul.com/en/>

Hôtel Uville Montréal, 204 Pl. d'Youville, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 2B4, Canada

<https://uvillehotelmontreal.com/>

LHotel, 262 Rue Saint-Jacques, Montréal, QC, H2Y 1L9, Canada

<https://www.lhotelmontreal.com/en>

Hotel Bonaparte, 447 Saint Francois Xavier St, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 2T1, Canada

<https://bonaparte.com/fr/>

Hotel William Grey, 421 R. Saint-Vincent, Montréal, QC H2Y 3A4, Canada

<https://hotelwilliamgray.com>

Some suggested lunch and dinner venues:

Lunch or Dinner near CMC:

3 Brasseurs, 46-A Brunswick blvd, Pointe-Claire, QC, H9B 2L3, Canada. +1(514)-370-5590

<https://www.3brasseurs.ca/fr/trouver-un-3-brasseurs/pointe-claire>

Aikawa Sushi, 3237 Sources Blvd #34c, Dollard-Des Ormeaux, Quebec H9B 1Z6, Canada.

+1 (514) 684-4333 aikawasushi.order-online.ai

Dinner in the Old Port:

Holder, 407 McGill St, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 2G3, Canada. +1(514)849-0333

<https://restaurantholder.com/>

La Modavie (jazz bar), 1 Saint-Paul St W, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 1Y6, Canada. +1(514)287-

9582 <https://modavie.com/en/>

Mignon (steak house), 101 Saint-Paul St W, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 1Z5, Canada.

+1(514)844-9663 <https://mignonsteak.com/>

Jardin Nelson (terrace restaurant), 407 Pl. Jacques-Cartier, Montréal, QC H2Y 1G9,

Canada. +1(514)861-5731 <https://jardinnelson.com/>

Brunch or dinner in Mile End:

Les Enfants Terribles (French bistro), 1257 Bernard Ave, Outremont, Quebec H2V 3P6,

Canada. +1(514)759-9918 <https://www.jesuisunenfantterrible.com/restaurants/outremont>

Montreal – MAP and overarching information



Recommended areas for **accommodation** are **Montreal Downtown** near "the Montreal museum of fine arts" (between McGill and Guy Concordia metro) and the **Old Port** (near the Basilica of Notre Dame, between the river, rue St. Antoine and Rue McGill / metro Square Victoria). An accommodation near a metro-station of the **orange line** enables access to public transport to CMC (**bus 215 from the metro terminal Cote-Vertu**). There are several **restaurant options** on the **Plateau** along rue **Mont Royal**, and in the **Mile End** (ave du Parc, ave St. Laurent, rue Bernard, rue Laurier), further than at the **Old Port**. Montreal is overall a safe city, but we suggest **avoiding the Gare Central – Bonaventure metro-station and the Berri-UQAM square and bus station**.

Tourism - Suggested visits:

Walk around Old Montreal: Place d'Youville, La Place Royale, Basilique de Notre Dame, rue St. Paul and place Jacques-Cartier + Hotel de Ville (Town Hall), the Marche Bon-secours, Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, the Old Port clock tower.



Musée de Pointe-à-Callière (<https://pacmusee.qc.ca/en/>): one block from the DDB building – this Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History tells the origins of Montreal (... and Canada too). It takes from 2 to 6 hours to visit the whole museum.

McGill campus and the RedPath Museum (<https://www.mcgill.ca/redpath/>; Natural History); Kondiaronk Belvedere (overlooking downtown Montreal skyline) at the top of Mont Royal (1h hike from McGill campus, access from Rue Peel Grand Staircase).

Dining - in the evenings: the old port offers several restaurants. The Plateau Mont-Royal (rue Mont-Royal and rue Laurier, as well as St.Laurent and ave du Parc) and the Mile End (between rue Bernard and rue Fairmont, around ave. du Parc) offer a vast choice of restaurants and cafés in a vibrant atmosphere “Montrealaise”: brush-up your French! Remember to grab a freshly backed bagel from Fairmont or St.Viateurs bagels.

Suggested plane readings – Canadian / Montreal’s writers:

Farley Mowat: *Never cry wolf*, *Lost in the Barren*, ... and many more

Mordecai Richler: *Barney’s Version*, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*