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CURRICULUM VITAE

Léonie Petitclerc was born on the 12th of July 1991 in Gatineau, Canada. Early on in her education, she developed a fascination for the sciences. In 2010, she went on to study Physics at the University of Montréal (UdeM), and in 2013 was awarded a bachelor's degree with a specialization in subatomic Physics and radiation-matter interactions. During that time, she took an introductory course to Medical Physics that sparked her interest for magnetic resonance imaging. She pursued her education as a master's student at the UdeM in the field of Medical Physics. She completed her master's degree in 2015 with the project "Using surgical clips in the tracking of liver tumors applied to CyberKnife SBRT treatments" in collaboration with the radiotherapy department of the University Medical Center of the UdeM (Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal – CHUM).

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Léonie maintained her interest for MRI but wanted to go deeper in her understanding of the modality by working on programming imaging sequences. She looked for opportunities for PhD projects and was attracted to the thriving MRI research community of the Netherlands. She began her doctoral degree at the C.J. Gorter MRI Center of the Leiden University Medical Center in 2017 under the supervision of Professor Matthias van Osch, with the goal of developing new arterial spin labeling techniques for water exchange imaging in the human brain. As of 2023 Léonie has moved back to Montréal and is looking to work as a Physics teacher at the collegiate level.

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