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PRIMARY RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- design industry-aware ${\it optimization}~\&~{\it control}$ strategies for renewable-based power grids
- build trustworthy machine learning tools for safety-critical engineering applications
- develop $\ensuremath{\textit{data-driven modeling}}$ techniques for the power & energy sectors

EDUCATION

 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering 	Cambridge, MA Aug. 2016 - Feb. 2021			
 Inesis: Inference, Estimation, and Prediction for Stable Operation of No Supervisors: Luca Daniel (advisor), Kotysta Turitsyn (co-advisor) and Pe 	Supervisors: Luca Daniel (advisor), Kotysta Turitsyn (co-advisor) and Petr Vorobev			
 University of Vermont (UVM) Master of Science (MS) in Electrical Engineering Thesis: Using Real Time Statistical Data to Improve Voltage Stability in Supervisor: Paul Hines (advisor) 	Burlington, VT June 2015 - Aug. 2016 Power Systems			
 University of Vermont (UVM) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Electrical Engineering Graduated Magna Cum Laude with 3.94/4.00 GPA; Minor in Mathematic PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES 	Burlington, VT <i>Aug. 2011 - June 2015</i> s			
Assistant Drafessor (Tanura Track)	Purlington Vormont			
Electrical and Biomedical Engineering Department at UVM	Sept. 2023 - Present			
 Postdoctoral Researcher: Electric Power Systems Group Wind and Energy Systems Department at DTU Funded as a Marie Curie postdoctoral fellow in DTU's Center for Electric Developed optimization-based tools for generating machine learning perfort Used neural networks to learn and replace intractable constraints in optimization 	Lyngby, Denmark <i>Feb. 2021 - Aug. 2023</i> Power and Energy rmance guarantees ization problems			
 Graduate Research Assistant: Computational Prototyping Group EECS Department at MIT Applied uncertainty quantification and model order reduction to complex Developed power system state estimation and dynamical inference solvers Advised by Dr. Luca Daniel 	Cambridge, MA <i>Jan. 2019 - Jan. 2021</i> power systems			
 Graduate Research Assistant: Energy, Controls and Mechanics Group Mechanical Engineering Department at MIT Investigated the propagation of forced oscillations in electrical power syste Characterized the stability of various energy networks (e.g. natural gas pig microgrids) using novel simulation and energy function analysis techniques Advised by Dr. Kostya Turitsyn 	Cambridge, MA <i>Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2018</i> em networks peline systems, s			
 Graduate Resident Advisor (GRA) Live-in Mentor for Undergraduates at MIT Supported 40 undergraduate students as a live-in resource on a residential 	Cambridge, MA <i>Aug. 2017 - Jan. 2021</i> I hall			

· Resolved interpersonal conflict, built community, and acted as a mental health resource

Research Assistant: Energy and Complexity Research Group

Electrical Engineering Department at UVM

- $^{\circ}\,$ Explored the statistical warning signs of voltage instability in transmission networks
- · Constructed reactive power controller which used PMU data statistics as a feedback signal
- · Performed data sanitation and organization in a DOE-sponsored demand response study
- Advised by Dr. Paul Hines

LORD Microstrain

Electrical Engineering Intern

- · Developed software in LabVIEW for calibrating wireless sensor nodes and networks
- $\circ\,$ Performed sensor prototype assembly and wireless packet transmission testing

Academic Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Power Systems (TPWRS)
- IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid (TSG)
- Transactions on Control of Network Systems (TCNS)
- IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM)
- IEEE Power Engineering Letters
- IEEE Control System Letters
- Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)
- Journal of Modern Power Systems and Clean Energy (MPCE)
- IEEE Transactions on Components, Packaging and Manufacturing Technology
- IET Generation, Transmission & Distribution
- American Control Conference (ACC)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Electric Energy System Analysis (EE5310) Burington, VT Instructor for PhD/MS-level power engineering course (1x) F23 Course topics: numerical methods, economic dispatch, optimization, power flow solver techniques, network modeling, graph theory Introduction to Electric Power Systems (31730) Lyngby, Denmark Co-Instructor for MS-level course with 70+ students (2x)F21, F22 · Course topics: power flows, transformers, transmission line modeling, symmetrical faults • Student evaluation grade: 4.8/5.0 (F21) Introduction to Electrical Energy Systems (EE113) Burlington, VT S14, S15, S16 Graduate/Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (3x) Course topics: complex power, phasors, generators and motors (synchronous and induction) · Facilitated 10 power lab exercises related to power, electrical generators and non-ideal transformers Linear Circuit Analysis Lab 1 (EE81) Burlington, VT Graduate Teaching Assistant (1x) F15 · Course topics: RLC components, op-Amps, digital-to-analog converters, RLC transient response · Facilitated circuit lab exercises using oscilloscopes, passive RLC components, and op-Amps

ACADEMIC MENTORSHIP OF STUDENTS

Formal Thesis Supervision

- Mr. Muhammad Adeel Arif (UVM). PhD supervisor. 2023-Present.
 - Thesis topic: Reinforcement Learning and Power System Dynamics.
- Ms. Saba Rafiei (UVM). PhD supervisor. 2023-Present.
 - Thesis topic: GPU Accelerated Model Verification and Optimization.
- Mr. Omid Mokhtari (UVM). Primary PhD supervisor (Co-supervisor: Mads Almassalkhi). 2023-Present.

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Williston, VT

Burlington, VT

Jan 2014 - Aug. 2016

Summer 2013 and 2014

2015-Present

- Thesis topic: Network compression and nodal aggregation.
- Mr. Valdemar Søgaard (DTU). MSc thesis co-supervisor (with Jalal Kazempour, Yannick Werner). 2023. · Thesis: "Neural network constrained gas flow optimization model."
- Mr. Matias Kühnau (DTU). MSc thesis co-supervisor (with MINES Paris). 2023.
 - Thesis: "Resilient prescriptive analytics against missing data for power systems applications."
- Mr. Eric Planas Parra (DTU). MSc thesis co-supervisor (Konrad Sundsgaard, Kutay Bölat, and Guangya Yang). 2023.
 - Thesis: "Data enrichment strategies for AI based reliability assessment of distribution grid components."
- Mr. Esben Møller Madsen (DTU). MSc thesis co-supervisor (with Siemens Mobility). 2023.
 - Thesis: "Analysis, testing and dimensioning of the Siemens Sitras PCI inverter for regenerative breaking power recovery in the power supply system of the Danish S-tog in Copenhagen."
- Mr. Kristoffer Erbo Kjær (DTU). BS thesis supervisor. 2023.
 - Thesis: "Designing an adaptive electromagnetic transient simulation solver."
- Mr. Emil Priess Nielsen (DTU). BS thesis supervisor. 2023.
 - Thesis: "Analysis of prosumer energy solutions through mathematical optimization."
- Mr. Markus Hvid Monin (DTU). BS thesis co-supervisor (with Haris Ziras). Thesis: "Opportunities for Distributed Slack Power Flow Modelling in Power System Operation."
- Mr. Sulav Ghimire (Skoltech). External MSc thesis reviewer.
 - · Thesis: "Dynamics and Stability of Inverter Dominated Low Inertia Power Grids."

Project or Study Supervision

- Mr. Jack Colby (UVM). Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Supervisor. 2023-Present.
 - · Project topic: Modeling, simulation, and optimization of renewable-saturated power systems using the Julia programming language.
- Mr. Ignasi Ventura Nadal (DTU). Special Project Supervisor. 2022-2023.
 - · Project topic: Optimization-based data collection from nonlinear power flow models. Two resulting publications: C8.,C4..

FUNDED PROJECTS

"TRUST-ML: An Optimization-based Platform for Building Trust in ML Models" Lyngby, Denmark Award size: €230.774 Awarded: June. 2022

- Awarded a two year Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship for my project "TRUST-ML", which proposed using convex optimization tools for building trust in machine learning models used in power system applications; proposal evaluation score: 100/100.
- Project supervisors: Spyros Chatzivasileiadis (DTU), Shie Mannor (Technion), Erling Andersen (MOSEK), and Edoardo Simioni (Ørsted)
- Project number 101066991 TRUST-ML (HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01)

"Stability and Control of DC Microgrid System"

Award size: \$20.000

- Co-author of this \$20,000 travel grant, along with PIs Luca Daniel and Pekik Argo Dahono
- $\circ\,$ Selected for funding by the MIT Indonesia Seed Fund. The grant was submitted with Indonesian collaborators for developing and testing decentralized microgrid control strategies for islanded DC microgrid networks.

"PMU Data Analytics Platform for Load Model and Oscillation Source ID"

Award size: \$150,000

- · Co-author of this \$150,000 research grant, along with PIs Kostya Turitsyn and Luca Daniel
- Selected for funding by the MIT Energy Initiative Seed Fund. The grant funding subsequently supported my research on forced oscillations and model identification for multiple years.

Cambridge, MA

Awarded: Feb, 2020

Cambridge, MA

Awarded: March, 2017

- J1. *S. Chevalier and S. Chatzivasileiadis, "Global Performance Guarantees for Neural Network Models of AC Power Flow." Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Neural Network and Learning Systems, 2023. ArXiv e-print: 2211.07125v2.
- J2. A. Pandey, M.R. Almassalkhi, and S. Chevalier, "Large-Scale Grid Optimization: the Workhorse of Future Grid Computations." Curr Sustainable Renewable Energy Rep 10, 139–153 (2023). https://doi.org/10.1007/s40518-023-00213-6.
- J3. A. Kody[†], S. Chevalier[†], S. Chatzivasileiadis, and D. Molzahn, "Modeling the AC power flow equations with optimally compact neural networks: Application to unit commitment," Electric Power Systems Research, vol. 213, p. 108282, 2022. ArXiv e-print: 2110.11269. ([†] denotes equal contribution).
- J4. N. Müller, S. Chevalier, C. Heinrich, K. Heussen, and C. Ziras, "Uncertainty quantification in LV state estimation under high shares of flexible resources," Electric Power Systems Research, vol. 212, p. 108479, 2022. ArXiv e-print: 2110.04174.
- J5. S. Chevalier, L. Schenato and L. Daniel, "Accelerated Probabilistic Power Flow in Electrical Distribution Networks via Model Order Reduction and Neumann Series Expansion," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2021, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2021.3120911.
- J6. S. Chevalier, F. M. Ibanez, K. Cavanagh, K. Turitsyn, L. Daniel and P. Vorobev, "Network Topology Invariant Stability Certificates for DC Microgrids with Arbitrary Load Dynamics," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2021, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2021.3110803.
- J7. **S. Chevalier** and D. Wu, "Dynamic Linepack Depletion Models for Natural Gas Pipeline Networks," in Applied Mathematical Modelling, vol. 94, pp. 169-186, 2021, doi: 10.1016/j.apm.2020.12.022
- J8. T. Bradde, S. Chevalier, M. De Stefano, S. Grivet-Talocia, and L. Daniel, "Handling Initial Conditions in Vector Fitting for Real Time Modeling of Power System Dynamics," in Energies, vol. 14, no. 14, 2021, doi: 10.3390/en14092471
- J9. S. Chevalier, P. Vorobev and K. Turitsyn, "A Passivity Interpretation of Energy-Based Forced Oscillation Source Location Methods," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 35, no. 5, pp. 3588-3602, Sept. 2020, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2020.2973070.
- J10. D. Wu, P. Vorobev, S. Chevalier and K. Turitsyn, "Modulated Oscillations of Synchronous Machine Nonlinear Dynamics With Saturation," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 35, no. 4, pp. 2915-2925, July 2020, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2019.2958707.
- J11. S. Chevalier, P. Vorobev and K. Turitsyn, "A Bayesian Approach to Forced Oscillation Source Location Given Uncertain Generator Parameters," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 34, no. 2, pp. 1641-1649, March 2019, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2018.2879222.
- J12. S. Chevalier, P. Vorobev and K. Turitsyn, "Using Effective Generator Impedance for Forced Oscillation Source Location," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 33, no. 6, pp. 6264-6277, Nov. 2018, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2018.2834229.
- J13. **S. Chevalier** and P. D. H. Hines, "Mitigating the Risk of Voltage Collapse Using Statistical Measures From PMU Data," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 34, no. 1, pp. 120-128, Jan. 2019, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2018.2866484.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS [*UNDER REVIEW]

- C1. ***S. Chevalier** and R. Parker, "Towards Perturbation-Induced Static Pivoting on GPU-Based Linear Solvers." **Submitted** to the 2024 IEEE PES General Meeting (PESGM). ArXiv e-print: 2311.11833.
- C2. ***S. Chevalier**, "A Parallelized, Adam-Based Solver for Reserve and Security Constrained AC Unit Commitment." **Submitted** to the 2024 Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC). ArXiv e-print: 2310.06650.
- C3. **S. Chevalier**, I. Murzakhanov, and S. Chatzivasileiadis, "GPU-Accelerated Verification of Machine Learning Models for Power Systems." **Accepted** for publication at the 2024 Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. ArXiv e-print: 2306.10617. **Best paper award nomination.**

- C4. I. Nadal and S. Chevalier, "Scalable Bilevel Optimization for Generating Maximally Representative OPF Datasets." Accepted at the 2023 IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conference - Europe (ISGT Europe). ArXiv e-print: 2304.10912.
- C5. M. Kuhnau, A. Stratigakos, S. Camal, S. Chevalier, and G. Kariniotakis, "Resilient Feature-driven Trading of Renewable Energy with Missing Data." Accepted at the 2023 IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conference - Europe (ISGT Europe). HAL e-print: hal-04104548.
- C6. V. Dvorkin, S. Chevalier and S. Chatzivasileiadis, "Emission-Aware Optimization of Gas Networks: Input-Convex Neural Network Approach," Accepted at the 2022 NeurIPS ClimateAI workshop. ArXiv e-print: 2209.08645.
- C7. S. Chevalier and M. R. Almassalkhi, "Towards Optimal Kron-based Reduction Of Networks (Opti-KRON) for the Electric Power Grid," 2022 IEEE 61st Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Cancun, Mexico, 2022, pp. 5713-5718, doi: 10.1109/CDC51059.2022.9992730. ArXiv e-print: 2204.05554.
- C8. I. Nadal and S. Chevalier, "Optimization-Based Exploration of the Feasible Power Flow Space for Rapid Data Collection," 2022 IEEE International Conference on Communications, Control, and Computing Technologies for Smart Grids (SmartGridComm), pp. 347-352. IEEE, 2022. ArXiv e-print: 2206.12214. Best Paper Award.
- C9. J. Stiasny, **S. Chevalier**, R. Nellikkath, B. Sævarsson, and S. Chatzivasileiadis, "Closing the Loop: A Framework for Trustworthy Machine Learning in Power Systems," at the 2022 Bulk Power Systems Dynamics and Control Symposia (IREP). ArXiv e-print: 2203.07505.
- C10. S. Chevalier, J. Stiasny, and S. Chatzivasileiadis, "Accelerating Dynamical System Simulations with Contracting and Physics-Projected Neural-Newton Solvers," in Proceedings of The 4th Annual Learning for Dynamics and Control Conference, Jun. 2022, vol. 168, pp. 803–816. ArXiv e-print: 2106.02543.
- C11. J. Stiasny, S. Chevalier, and S. Chatzivasileiadis, "Learning without Data: Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Fast Time-Domain Simulation," in 2021 IEEE International Conference on Communications, Control, and Computing Technologies for Smart Grids (SmartGridComm), 2021, pp. 438–443. ArXiv e-print: 2106.15987.
- C12. S. Chevalier, L. Schenato, and L. Daniel, "Accelerated Probabilistic State Estimation in Distribution Grids via Model Order Reduction," in 2021 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM), 2021, pp. 1–5. ArXiv e-print: 2011.05397.
- C13. A. Mikhalev, A. Emchinov, S. Chevalier, Y. Maximov and P. Vorobev, "A Bayesian Framework for Power System Components Identification," 2020 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM), Montreal, QC, Canada, 2020, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/PESGM41954.2020.9281790.
- C14. S. Chevalier, P. Vorobev, K. Turitsyn, B. Wang and S. Maslennikov, "Using Passivity Theory to Interpret the Dissipating Energy Flow Method," 2019 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM), Atlanta, GA, USA, 2019, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/PESGM40551.2019.8974116.
- C15. P. Vorobev, S. Chevalier and K. Turitsyn, "Decentralized stability rules for microgrids," 2019 American Control Conference (ACC), Philadelphia, PA, USA, 2019, pp. 2596-2601, doi: 10.23919/ACC.2019.8815214.
- C16. S. Chevalier and P. D. H. Hines, "Identifying system-wide early warning signs of instability in stochastic power systems," 2016 IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM), Boston, MA, 2016, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/PESGM.2016.7741815.

THESES

- T1. **S. Chevalier**, "Inference, estimation, and prediction for stable operation of modern electric power systems. PhD Dissertation. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2021.
- T2. **S. Chevalier**, "Using real time statistical data to improve long term voltage stability in stochastic power systems." MS Dissertation. University of Vermont, 2016.

Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

October, 2023	INFORMS (<i>Presenter: Phoenix Convention Center</i>) Presented on my Grid Optimization (GO) Challenger solver C2.
May, 2023	Network of European Data Scientists (NeEDS) (Invited seminar presenter at the Copenhagen Business School)
	Presented on Global Performance Guarantees for NN Models of AC Power Flow J1.
March, 2023	ETH Power System Lab (Invited Presenter at Group Meeting) Presented on Global Performance Guarantees for NN Models of AC Power Flow J1.
October, 2022	HVDC Colloquium (<i>Participant: DTU</i>) Attended one day of the annual European HVDC colloquium hosted at DTU Risø campus.
June, 2022	Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC) (<i>Participant & Presenter: U. Porto</i>) Presented our conference paper on Unit Commitment J3.
June, 2022	Learning 4 Dynamics and Control (L4DC) (<i>Participant & Presenter: Stanford</i>) Presented (poster) our conference paper on neural-Newton solvers C10
October, 2021	INFORMS (Session Organizer and Participant: Virtual) Co-organized and co-hosted a two-part INFORMS session, entitled, "Managing Uncertainty and Scarcity in Energy Systems: Parts I and II."
September, 2021	DTU Teaching Lab: Module 1 (<i>Participant: Lyngby, Denmark</i>) Intensive week-long teaching workshop. Topics: inductive teaching, student-focused teaching, alignment of learning objective and learning activities. Workshop culminated with mock lecture and 40 minutes of professional feedback.
September, 2021	NREL's Resilient Autonomous Energy Systems (Participant: Virtual) Selected to attend the two-day workshop hosted by NREL.
July, 2021	Power and Energy Society GM (<i>Participant & Presenter: Virtual</i>) Virtually presented our PESGM conference publication on state estimation C12.
December, 2020	Invited Talk: Los Alamos National Lab (<i>Virtual Presentation</i>) Delivered a talk at the LANL Advanced Network Science Initiative seminar series. Talk title: "Tales from Numerical Linear Algebra: Accelerating Probabilistic Power Flow in Electrical Distribution Networks."
November, 2020	Invited Talk: UVM EBE Graduate Seminar Series (<i>Virtual Presentation</i>) Delivered a talk at the UVM Electrical and Biomedical Engineering (EBE) graduate seminar series. Talk title: "Tales from Numerical Linear Algebra: Accelerating Probabilistic Power Flow in Electrical Distribution Networks."
August, 2019	Power and Energy Society GM (<i>Participant & Presenter: Atlanta, GA</i>) Presented (poster) my conference paper C14. Presented (verbal) my journal paper J11.
December, 2018	Invited Talk: Skoltech Center for Energy Science and Technology (<i>Moscow, Russia</i>) Delivered a talk entitled, "Locating the Sources of Forced Oscillations in Power Grids."
August, 2018	Power and Energy Society GM (<i>Participant: Portland, OR</i>) Attended half-day tutorial workshops on (i) modeling doubly-fed induction generators and controllers for wind turbine applications and (ii) power quality considerations for distributed resource integration.
January, 2017	Los Alamos Grid Science School (<i>Participant & Presenter: Santa Fe, NM</i>) Selected to attend the week-long LANL grid science school. Presented my MS work (poster presentation) on the statistical signs of voltage collapse.
July, 2016	Power and Energy Society GM (Participant & Presenter: Boston, MA)

Presented a poster on my conference paper C16. Attended a full-day industry-focused workshop regarding forced oscillations in transmission systems.

RELEVANT SKILLS

- **Programming Tools:** MATLAB, Python, Julia, PyTorch, Flux, PowerModels.jl, optimization solvers (Gurobi, MOSEK, CVXPY, IPOPT, etc.), C, PowerWorld, Power System Analysis Toolbox (PSAT), OpenDSS, MATPower, LabVIEW, PSpice, Arduino, LaTeX, PSS/E (novice)
- Mathematical Tools: linear algebra, differential equations, inverse problem theory, Bayesian inversion, power system and circuit analysis, applied optimization, control theory, mechanical dynamics, electromagnetics, model order reduction, numerical simulation, statistics, stochastic processes, uncertainty quantification, neural networks, machine learning
- Interpersonal Skills: Strong written and oral communication skills; active listening skills; trained in Restorative Practices (RP); extensive coaching and mentoring experiences in a diversity of contexts

HONORS AND AWARDS

- * Young Professional Engineer of the Year (2023) for the Green Mountain section of the IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES)
- * Best paper nominee at the 2024 Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences; awarded for paper C3.
- * Best student paper award at the IEEE Smart Grid Comm 2022 Conference; awarded for paper C8.
- * America East Presidential Scholar Recipient (2015)
- * Senior Electrical Engineering Award: Atwater-Kent Award for Excellence of Judgment and Understanding of the Principles of Electrical Engineering (2015)
- * Elected Captain: UVM Varsity (Division 1) Track & Field Team (2014-2015)
- * Tau Beta Pi Honor Society Inductee (2014)
- * American Public Power Association Scholarship (2014)
- * Recipient of the Richard A. Swenson Endowed Scholarship (2013 2014)
- * Sophomore Electrical Engineering Award: Excellence and Greatest Promise (2013)
- * Recipient of the Vermont Scholar's Award Scholarship (2011-2014)

OTHER LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

•	 Veritas' Graduate School Mentorship Program Mentor for Undergraduate Students Actively mentored and prepared undergraduate students from top US schools (Yale, UC Duke, etc.) for applying to PhD programs 	Cambridge, MA <i>2020-2021</i> Berkeley,
•	Electricity Student Research Group Weekly Research Luncheon Organizer • Organized and facilitated a weekly research luncheon through the MIT Energy Initiative	Cambridge, MA 2017-2019
•	MIT's Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers (GAME) Student Council Officer • Organized departmental athletic (intramural sports) and social activities	Cambridge, MA 2017-2019
•	 UVM Track & Field Athletic Team Member & Captain Four year member of the UVM NCAA Division 1 Varsity Track Team (Pole Vault) Elected team captain senior year 	Burlington, VT <i>2011-2015</i>