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Charlemont Grant Report

Recipient Name:	Dr Michael Fop
Discipline:	Sciences
Amount and year awarded:	€1,500 in 2019
Title of Project:	Sparse multivariate regression methods for high-dimensional heterogeneous data



Summary of findings:	The project addressed three sources of complexity often encountered in data analysis: observations arising from heterogeneous populations, highdimensionality and feature selection, correlation and dependence structure. The main outcome of the project has been the development of a statistical modelling framework based on mixtures-of-experts which merges sparse multiviariate regression and graphical modelling. This resulted in a general and flexible framework for regression, clustering and sparse modeling of heterogeneous high-dimensional correlated data. The principal impact is the methodological advancement of the state of the art of association and clustering models for complex high-dimensional data. Application to functional and spectrometry data is underway and provisional results are promising.
Plans for continuing collaboration:	The collaboration will continue as future work is planned in order to extend the methodology to non standard data, i.e. mixed type data arising from multiple sources.
Publication plans:	One scientific article is in preparation. Extensions of the methodology are planned and these may give rise to other scientific articles.



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International dissemination:	The work is planned to be presented at a relevant conference during summer 2020 (Working Group on Model-based Clustering, Athens, Greece).
National dissemination:	The work is planned to be presented at the annual conference of the Irish Statistical Association (May 2020).