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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

- 1978 - Master Degree (with honors),  
Byelorussian State University (Minsk, Belarus).  
Thesis title: Commutators in central simple  
algebras over local fields.  
Supervisor: V. Platonov
- 1983 - Candidate Degree (first Ph.D. in the former USSR),  
Institute of Mathematics (Minsk, Belarus).  
Thesis title: Birational properties of linear  
algebraic groups.  
Supervisor: V. Platonov.
- 1991 - Doctorate Degree (second Ph.D. in the former USSR,  
equivalent to Habilitation in Germany),  
Institute of Mathematics (Minsk, Belarus)  
Thesis title: Local-global principles in the theory of  
linear algebraic groups.

## **Academic Positions Held**

- 2003 - Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences,  
University of Alberta
- 2003 Visiting Professor, Münster University (Germany)
- 2002 Visiting Professor, EPFL (Lausanne, Switzerland)
- 2001- 2002 Visiting Professor, ETH (Zürich, Switzerland)
- 1998 - 2000 Research Fellow, SFB 343 “Diskrete Strukturen  
in der Mathematik”, Bielefeld University  
(Bielefeld, Germany)
- 1996 - 1998 Research Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt  
Foundation, Bielefeld University, (Germany)
- 1992 - 1998 Leading Research Fellow, Institute of  
Mathematics (Minsk, Belarus)
- 1988 - 1992 Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Mathematics  
(Minsk, Belarus)
- 1986 - 1987 Research Fellow, Institute of Mathematics  
(Minsk, Belarus)
- 1978 - 1985 Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Mathematics  
(Minsk, Belarus)

## **Awards and Distinctions**

- 2004 - Canada Research Chair T1 in algebra.
- 1996 - Research Grant from Alexander von Humboldt  
Foundation.
- 1990 - Prize of the Department of Mathematics of the Academy  
Sciences of the USSR for the proof of the Hasse principle  
for groups of type  $E_8$ .

## Research Interests

Some topics I have worked on are the following:

- $R$ -equivalence and birational properties of algebraic group varieties;
- Description of normal subgroups in the groups of rational points of algebraic groups;
- Arithmetic subgroups and lattices; classification of minimal nonuniform lattices of higher real rank;
- Galois cohomology of linear algebraic groups and the Hasse principle;
- Cohomological invariants;
- The weak approximation property;
- Varieties of representations of finitely generated groups;
- $G$ -torsors;
- Motives of projective homogeneous varieties;
- Zero cycles on projective homogeneous varieties;
- Essential dimensions of algebraic groups.

## Current Research Grants

- PIMS Collaborative Research Grant 2005 – 2008
- Canada Research Chair 2004 – 2018
- NSERC 2007 – 2017

## Thesis Supervised

U. Yahorau	Ph.D.	Conjugacy Problems for Cartan subalgebras in infinite dimensional Lie algebras	2014
A. Babic	Ph.D.	Lower bounds for essential dimensions of algebraic groups in the characteristic 2 case.	2013
A. Ondrus	Ph.D.	Classification of minimal anisotropic groups of higher real rank.	2010
L. Timoshenko	Ph.D.	$R$ -equivalence and rationality of algebraic groups	1999
A. Ryzjkov	Ph.D.	Classification of maximal arithmetic subgroups	1997

## Postdoctoral Fellows

V. Petrov	Bielefeld	2007–2009
S. Cai (PIMS Postdoctoral Fellow)	UCLA	2006–2007
B. Calmes	University Paris 7	2005–2006

## Publications

[50] V. Chernousov, P. Gille, A. Pianzola, Generalized Onsager Algebras and Grothendieck's dessins d'enfants, to appear in Mathematical Research Letters.

[49] V. Chernousov, P. Gille, A. Pianzola, Conjugacy theorems for loop reductive group schemes and Lie algebras, Bulletin of Mathematical Science, 4 (2014), 281-324.

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