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A Data Science Startup - Let It Wave's Meandering Adventure, and its Duller Sisters

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In 2001, Stéphane Mallat founded Let It Wave with three of its students. The startup went through a fast-paced series of transformations, turning from its initial consulting activities to an ambitious fabless in consumer electronics for HDTV. A semi-success, the company is a good case study of a startup that originated from academic research

This talk is the story of Let It Wave from its origins, Le Pennec's thesis on bandlets, to its acquisition in 2008. As this adventure turned me into a serial entrepreneur rather than an academic, I will also briefly present the duller and wiser Lixoft, another company originating from research in statistics for clinical studies, and more recent projects stemming from data science.

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