João Loula

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EDUCATION

MSc in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay 2017-

Ingénieur Polytechnicien in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science (BSc and MSc equivalent)

École Polytechnique

2015-2017

BSc in Electrical Engineering (interrupted to attend École Polytechnique) Universidade de São Paulo 2013-2014

PUBLICA-TIONS

Tsividis, P.A., Loula, J., Burga, J., Pouncy, T., Gershman, S. J., Tenenbaum, J. B. Human Learning of Video Games. NIPS Workshop on Cognitively Informed Artificial Intelligence (Spotlight Talk), 2017.

Loula, J., Thirion, B., Varoquaux, G. Decoding fMRI activity in the time domain improves classification performance. NeuroImage, 2017.

Huntenburg, J. M., Abraham, A., Loula, J., Liem, F., Dadi, K., Varoquaux, G. Loading and plotting of cortical surface representations in Nilearn. Research Ideas and Outcomes, 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2017

- Supervisors: Samuel Gershman, Joshua Tenenbaum
 - Work on human-level learning in Atari-like games, learning theories from gameplay and using them to plan in a model-based manner.
 - Paper selected for Spotlight Talk at NIPS workshop
 - Journal publication in progress

Parietal Team, Inria

2016

Supervisors: Bertrand Thirion and Gaël Varoquaux

- Developed and implemented a novel approach to decoding fMRI data in the time domain using machine learning.
 - Published paper
 - Created a toolbox for algorithm implementation
- Contributed actively to Nilearn, the team's open-source package for machine learning on brain data (Parietal is the creator of many high-profile open-source projects, notably Scikit-learn and Joblib).

Mathematical Neuroscience Team, Collège de France 2015-2016 Supervisor: Jonathan Touboul

- Performed analysis and mathematical modeling of orientation map data in the cat early visual cortex.
- Implemented an Artificial Neural Network to model early visual cortex structure.

TALKS	Nilearn Tutorial,	Brainhack	Vienna	2016
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AWARDS Eiffel Excellence Scholarship 2015-2017

TEACHING English Tutor, École Polytechnique de Paris 2015-2016 **EXPERIENCE** Linear Algebra Review Classes Universidade de São Paulo 2014

OTHER Technical blog containing neuroscience, machine-learning and math projects:

joaoloula.github.io; Code: github.com/joaoloula

TECHNOLOGY Programming Languages: Python, R, C++, MATLAB

SUMMARY Others: Unix, Git, LATEX