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## PhD Student – Controllable human motion synthesis

**Summary** I am a ELLIS PhD student at the École des Ponts (ENPC) in the computer vision team IMAGINE (LIGM, École des Ponts, Univ Gustave Eiffel, CNRS) and at the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems (MPI) in the Perceiving Systems department. I am advised by both Gül Varol (ENPC) and Michael J. Black (MPI). My PhD topic is to generate realistic and diverse human body motion in a controllable way (given labels or text instructions). I am interested in a lot of area of research, from optimal transport, kernel methods to image processing, computer vision and human motions.

## Positions

**2020 – present : PhD student, LIGM (ENPC) - Perceiving Systems (MPI)**

**Subject:** Controllable human motion synthesis via generative models

**Advisors:** Gül Varol and Michael J. Black

**Location:** France/Germany

**2019 - 2020 : Research Intern, RIKEN AIP, University of Kyoto**

9 months

**Subject:** Machine learning and optimal transport

**Advisor:** Makoto Yamada

**Location:** Japan

**2019 : Research Intern, DxO Labs**

6 months

**Subject:** Semantic segmentation and image matting

**Advisor:** Wolf Hauser

**Location:** France

**2018 : Research Intern, Carnegie Mellon University**

5 months

**Subject:** Object tracking in videos

**Advisor:** Martial Hebert

**Location:** United States

**2017 : Research Intern, LIF**

2 months

**Subject:** Correction strategy for natural language parser

**Advisor:** Alexis Nasr

**Location:** France

## Education

**2016 - 2020 : École Normale Supérieure (ENS) Paris-Saclay, MSc**

Paris, France

Research engineering school, theoretical and applied computer science

**2018 - 2019 : ENS Paris-Saclay, Master 2**

Paris, France

Master MVA: machine learning and computer vision

**2017 - 2018 : ENS Paris-Saclay, Master 1**

Paris, France

Master of research in theoretical computer science (MPRI)

**2016 - 2017 : Diderot University, Bachelor degree**

Paris, France

Theoretical computer science

**2014 - 2016 : Lycée Masséna**

Nice, France

Preparation course for exams to enter French engineering schools

**2011 - 2014 : Lycée Saint-Louis**

Gignac-la-Nerthe, France

High School Diploma (Baccalauréat) with highest honours, specialised in Sciences

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## Research Experience

### Publications

- **2022, arXiv** : **Mathis Petrovich**, Michael J. Black, Gül Varol  
*TEMOS: Generating diverse human motions from textual descriptions.*
- **2021, ICCV** : **Mathis Petrovich**, Michael J. Black, Gül Varol  
*ACTOR: Action-Conditioned 3D Human Motion Synthesis with Transformer VAE.*
- **2022, ECML** : **Mathis Petrovich\***, Chao Liang\*, Ryoma Sato, Yanbin Liu, Yao-Hung Hubert Tsai, Linchao Zhu, Yi Yang, Ruslan Salakhutdinov, Makoto Yamada  
*FROT: Feature Robust Optimal Transport for High-dimensional Data.*
- **2020, MLCB** : Dinesh Singh, Héctor Climente-González, **Mathis Petrovich**, Eiryo Kawakami, Makoto Yamada  
*FsNet: Feature Selection Network on High-dimensional Biological Data.*
- **2020, arXiv** : **Mathis Petrovich**, Makoto Yamada  
*FALL: Fast local linear regression with anchor regularization.*
- **2020, ICMW** : Abhishek Goswami, **Mathis Petrovich**, Wolf Hauser, Frederic Dufaux  
*Tone Mapping Operators: Progressing Towards Semantic-Awareness.*

### Reviewing

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI) 2022
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2022
- Computers & Graphics 2021

### Teaching

- 2021 - 2022 : ENS Paris-Saclay, *Teaching Assistant*, M2 (Master MVA)  
Object recognition and computer vision (RecVis)
- 2020 - 2021 : ENPC, *Course Instructor*, L3 (Bachelor)  
C++ teaching

### Open-source repositories

🐙 [Mathux/TEMOS](#)

115 ★ 3 🌟

🐙 [Mathux/ACTOR](#)

202 ★ 27 🌟

🐙 [Mathux/FROT](#)

🐙 [Mathux/FALL](#)

## Talks in Conferences and Invited Talk

🗣️ oral 🎓 tutorial 🖼️ poster

### 2022

- 🗣️ **MPI, Germany**, PS seminar  
*TEMOS: Generating diverse human motions from textual descriptions.*
- 🎓 **ENPC Retreat**, La Turballe, France, tutorial  
Tips and tricks for PhD Students
- 🗣️ **A3SI, France**, PhD students' seminar  
*TEMOS: Generating diverse human motions from textual descriptions.*

### 2021

- 🖼️ **ICCV**, Virtual, poster  
*ACTOR: Action-Conditioned 3D Human Motion Synthesis with Transformer VAE.*
- 🖼️ **ELLIS Doctoral Symposium**, Germany, poster  
*ACTOR: Action-Conditioned 3D Human Motion Synthesis with Transformer VAE.*
- 🗣️ **Riken AIP, Kyoto University**, Virtual, invited talk  
*ACTOR: Action-Conditioned 3D Human Motion Synthesis with Transformer VAE.*
- 🗣️ **MSTIC doctoral school**, Virtual, Doctoral day  
*ACTOR: Action-Conditioned 3D Human Motion Synthesis with Transformer VAE.*

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## Skills, Interests and Personal






### Machine learning

- Deep learning
- Generative models
- Human body models
- Optimal transport
- Local linear regression




### Computer skills

-  Python
-  C++
-  OCaml
-  slurm (working on a cluster)
-  ssh (working on a server)
-  Git
-  Linux
-   $\text{\LaTeX}$
-  Blender

### Deep Learning Stack

-  PyTorch
-  PyTorch Lightning
-  Hydra
-  TensorBoard
-  Weights & Biases

### Languages

-  **French:** Native speaker
-  **English:** C1 Level (IELTS Band 7)
-  **German:** Basic Level

### International experience

- **2022-2023:**  Tübingen, Germany
- **2019-2020:**  Kyoto, Japan
- **2018:**  Pittsburgh, US

### Personal interests

- Rubik's cube
- Magic tricks
- Hiking
- Home automation

### Soft skills

- Fast Learner
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Curious
- Creative