



I am an independent and fast learner passioned by Reinforcement Learning and its potential to positively impact society. I highly value **teaching** and **sharing knowledge** as a part-time Lecturer and a writer (TDS). On the long term, I aspire to pursue a **Ph.D.** and become a **Research Scientist** in the industry.

# **EDUCATION** [formatted transcript]

Diplôme Grandes Écoles, EPF - Ecole d'ingénieur·e·s 03/2019 - 07/2023 Montpellier, France

Expected to graduate with First-Class Honours (Mention Très Bien)

Ranked 9/149 (6%)

**MSc Average: 16.92 (84.6%) BSc Average: 13.47 (67.4%)** 

French National Baccalauréat, Scientific Section, Lycée Privé Nevers 09/2015 - 07/2018

Obtained with **High Honours** (Mention Bien)

Montpellier, France

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## **Academic Appointments**

09/2023 - 01/2024 Part-time Lecturer (Professeur Vacataire), EPF - Ecole d'ingénieur · e · s Montpellier, France

Course: Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Responsibilites: Module Leader, Module Lecturer, Exam-Setting for a class of 25 MSc students Curriculum (15h):

• Introduction to NLP and Preprocessing Pipelines

- · Word Embeddings and Text Similarity
- Vectorization Methods and Machine Learning for NLP
- Sequence-to-Sequence Deep Learning Models

## **Industry**

06/2022 - 07/2022

02/2023 - 07/2023 Data Scientist (Master thesis), BMW Group Munich, Germany

Fabrègues, France

Master Thesis Title: "Time Series Based Anomaly Detection For Fleet Connectivity" Grade: 20/20 (100%)

Designed and implemented an Anomaly Detection Algorithm based on Time Series derived Features

- Reduced the anomaly detection window from days to minutes and channel dependency from two channels to one.
- · Discovered a method enabling lost data quantification for all anomalies, leading to the creation of a new KPI for stakeholders.
- Deployed a proof-of-concept using Amazon Web Services and PySpark.

Implemented a Time Series Forecasting Model using Meta's NeuralProphet (Triebe, 2021)

• Allowed to predict the expected number of user connections for the following day with an average error of 1%.

Data Scientist (Remote Student Job), CEWE Stiftung & Co. KGaA

Building an Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis Pipeline

- Designed and implemented an NLP pipeline combining topic extraction and sentiment analysis of customer reviews.
- · Applied the pipeline to analyze and gain insights from customer feedback in French and German.

07/2021 - 01/2022 Data Scientist (Bachelor thesis), CEWE Stiftung & Co. KGaA Oldenburg, Germany

Bachelor Thesis Title: "Multilingual Text Classification using Transformers" Grade: 17.67/20 (88.4%)

BERT Model with Transfer Learning

- Fine-tuned an XLM-RoBERTa (Goyal, 2020) model using Transfer Learning techniques on 110.000 documents.
- Implemented Temperature Scaling (Guo, 2017) to produce calibrated probability outputs, enabling uncertainty estimation.
- Achieved an F1-score of 93% across 14 classes in 3 languages (German, English and French).
- Deployed an active learning web application to facilitate efficient data labeling and model training.

Ryan Pégoud: Curriculum Vitae

### INDEPENDENT STUDY

09/2023 - 01/2024

## **Independent Study Semester** (preparation for MSc applications)

Montpellier, France

### • Studying Probabilistic Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning and Mathematics:

- · References:
  - Probabilistic Machine Learning: An Introduction, Keving P. Murphy, MIT Press, 2022
  - Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction (Second Edition), Richard S. Sutton and Andrew G. Barto, MIT Press, 2018
  - Mathematics for Machine Learning, Marc Peter, Cambridge University Press, 2020

## • Maintaining a Machine Learning Blog:

- · Published:
  - A Gentle Introduction To Deep Reinforcement Learning in JAX

- code: 🚺 article: 👊
- Guided implementation of DQN with uniform Replay Buffer, solving Cartpole in about a second
- Published on Towards Data Science, selected as part of the "Getting Started" section (over 2000 reads within the first 3 days)
- Temporal-Difference Learning and the importance of exploration: An illustrated guide code: article: Comparative study of several model-free and model-based RL algorithms (Q-learning, Dyna-Q, Dyna-Q+) outlining the importance of continuous exploration in environments with sparse rewards.
  - Published on Towards Data Science, selected as part of the "Editors' picks" and "Data Science and ML: Must-reads" sections (2000 reads within the first week)
- Vectorize and Parallelize RL Environments with JAX: Q-learning at the Speed of Light \*\forall code: \*\ \mathbb{Q} \) article:
  - Implemented a parallelized version of Q-Learning on a vectorized environment, achieving a speed of 1.5 million steps per second across 30 parallel agents on a single CPU
  - Published on Towards Data Science
- Litterature Study: Multi-Agent RL and Open-Ended Learning Methods
  - Papers:
    - MAESTRO: Open-Ended Environment Design for Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, Mikayel Samvelyan (UCL DARK, META AI) et al., 2023
    - Prioritized Level Replay, Minqi Jiang, Edward Grefenstette, Tim Rocktaschel (UCL DARK), 2021
  - Theses:
    - Deep Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, Jakob N. Foerster (University Of Oxford), 2018
    - Learning Curriculain Open-Ended Worlds, Minqi Jiang (UCL DARK), 2023
- Regular Attendance to ML and RL Seminars:
  - ML Collective: "Deep Learning: Classics And Trends" (weekly paper reviews and discussions)
  - University of Maryland Multi Agent RL Reading Group: (weekly seminars)

### LANGUAGES

- French: Native
- German: Intermediate (two 6-months internships in Munich and Oldenburg)
- English: Fluent (Toefl: 107/120, Toeic: 975/990)
- Spanish: Intermediate (6 years, throughout middle and high school)

#### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

- Guitar (electric & acoustic): 6 years
  - Regularly publish original instrumental pieces on social media
  - Played 4 concerts within first 3 years of practice
- Singing: 3 years
- Computer-assisted music production: 3 years

- Rollerskating: 10 years, competed in the FISE Montpellier 2016 (International Extreme Sports Festival, ~500 000 visitors per year)
- Boxing & Muay Thai: 2 years
- Other hobbies: chess, calisthenics, running