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Education

PhD in Computer Science - ETH University

Zurich, SWITZERLAND

ETH AI Center - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

Explainability techniques for Graph Neural Networks

MSc in Environmental Sciences – ETH University Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, SWITZERLAND 2019–2020

2021-2024

Main coursework includes Climate Policy, Quantitative Policy Analysis and Modelling, Power market, Carbon mitigation, Geospatial Data Management and Analysis - Additional courses in CS: Statistical Learning Theory,

Design of Parallel and High-Performance Computing MSc in Computer Science – Ecole Polytechnique

Palaiseau, FRANCE

One of France's top universities for science and engineering

2016-2019

Main coursework includes Computer Science, Applied Mathematics, Economy, Physics

GPA: 3,81

Preparatory Program - Lycée Henri IV

Paris, FRANCE

Intensive undergraduate-level curriculum in advanced Mathematics and Physics, leading to competitive entrance examinations to the Grandes Ecoles

2014-2016

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High School Baccalaureate in sciences – Lycée Henri IV

Paris, FRANCE

Awarded with highest honors

2014

Research Work

Master Thesis ETH Zurich

OneForest: Towards a Global Species Dataset

June 2020-January 2021

Use Graph Neural Networks based on message passing with cross-graph attention and Optimal Transport with Sinkhorn distance for link prediction Python/Pytorch environments

Scientific Project Columbia University

Prediction of Probability Distributions for Fires extent with Mixture Density Networks March–August 2019

Development of a Deep Learning program that predicts parameters to a probability distribution that reflects the distribution of burned areas in Western United States. Python/TensorFlow environments

Scientific Project Ecole Polytechnique

Detection of Luronium Natans with Machine Learning

September 2017–March 2018

Development of a Machine Learning program embedded in a drone, that allows for detection of endemic plants. *Matlab/Python/TensorFlow environments*

Research Project Ecole Polytechnique

KeysOfSucces, typing tutor online

November-December 2017

Implementing a Web Page to teach online fast typing. HTTP/Javascript/PHP/CSS

Undergraduate project

Lycée Henri IV

Paper Recycling

September 2015-June 2016

Paired work on the improvement of the chemical process of paper recycling and on the development of computer simulations of paper balls' movement in a centrifuge.

Internship Experience

Facebook AI Center

Paris, FRANCE

Research Internship
Learning to increase the decoding accuracy for efficient vector indexing.

Technology and Innovation Center, DAIKIN

Osaka, JAPAN

Assistant Engineer Internship

June-September 2018

May-September 2021

- Implemented a program to predict Power consumption of Air-conditioning systems
- Developed thermodynamical models for thermal transfers in a Building
- o Optimized the empirical and theoretical Loads of AC systems to predict building's specific parameters

Python environment

Sino-French Institute of Nuclear Engineering and Technology

Zhuhai, CHINA

October 2016-May 2017 Teaching Assistant

Gave tutorials in physics and mathematics to Chinese students in their final year of bachelor degree.

French Armed Forces - Officer Cadet

La Creuse, FRANCE

Leadership training

September-October 2016

Part of Polytechnique's first year curriculum

Tante Emma Laden Grocery Store Internship in Sales and Management

Paris. FRANCE

February 2011

Computer skills

Intermediate: LaTeX, HTML/CSS/PHP, OpenOffice, Linux, OpenCV

Advanced: Python, R, C/C++, JAVA, MATLAB

Languages

Fluent: French, English, German (C1)

Intermediate: Spanish, Japanese

Interests

- Swimming - Hiking

Publication – Honors

Vancouver, Canada Scientific Paper

AAAI Conference in Artificial Intelligence - AI for Social Impact Track

February 2022

Reducing the Overestimation of Forest Carbon with Deep Learning and Aerial Imagery

Proposal San Diego, USA

KDD 2020 Conference - Fragile Earth Workshop

August 2020

OneForest: Towards a Global Species Dataset by Fusing Remote Sensing and Citizen Science Data with Graph Neural **Networks**

Scientific Paper

Published in the review Geophysical Research Letters

August 2019

Learning Fires: How Neural Networks are used to parametrize conditional distribution of Extreme Events

Scientific Paper

Published in the internal review of DAIKIN Ind.

August 2018

Optimization of Building Parameters by Matching Empirical and Theoretical AC Heat Loads: First Steps with Regression Machine Learning and Curve Fitting

Concours General of French and Latin

Paris, FRANCE

A national competition reserved to 12th grade students

May 2014