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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



11/2023 - Present, Research Scientist, Huawei Noah's Ark Lab, Paris, France. Fundamental research on transformers, distribution shifts, and time series.

Outcome: Preprint on a novel transformer architecture for time series forecasting and preprint on unsupervised accuracy estimation under distribution shifts.

Supervisors: Dr. Ievgen Redko



04/2023 - 09/2023, Research Intern, Huawei Noah's Ark Lab, Paris, France. Studied failures of common self-training methods under distribution shifts and proposed a novel confidence measure to improve them.

Outcome: Paper accepted as a poster to AISTATS 2024 in Valencia.

Supervisors: Dr. Vasilii Feofanov, Dr. Ievgen Redko and Prof. Gabriel Peyré



01/2022 - 07/2022, Research Intern, Polytechnique Montréal, Montréal, Canada. Developed a Deep Learning pipeline to detect epileptic spikes on MEG and EEG data. Outcome: Oral presentation and Best Flash Talk Award at the QBIN Conference.

Supervisors: Prof. Julien Cohen-Adad and Prof. Sylvain Baillet



07/2021 - 01/2022, Research Intern, Air France-KLM, Paris, France.

Developed a Dynamic Pricing model for tickets and built a passenger simulation (PODS) to evaluate its performance.

Supervisors: Julien Bruno and Antoine Winckels

EDUCATION

écolenormale supérieure paris-saclay 2022 - 2023, M.Sc Degree MVA, ENS Paris-Saclay, Paris, France.

World's leading university in Mathematics. GPA: 4.0/4.0. Main courses: Convex, Distributed & Large-Scale Optimisation, Optimal Transport, Generative Models, Kernel Methods, Graphs in Machine Learning, Graph Neural Networks, Object Recognition, RL, Sequential Learning, Speech & NLP. Advisor: Prof. Gabriel Peyré. Mention: Summa Cum Laude.



2019 - 2023, Engineer's Degree, École des Ponts ParisTech, Paris, France. Top-tier French engineering school. GPA: 3.9/4.0. Main courses: Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Operations Research, Optimisation, Programming, Statistics, Stochastic.

Advisor: Dr. Guillaume Dalle. Mention: Summa Cum Laude.



2017 - 2019, Preparatory Classes (CPGE), Lycée Henri IV, Paris, France. Top-tier French Preparatory Classes. Main courses: Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Renchunzi Xie*, **Ambroise Odonnat***, Vasilii Feofanov et al. MANO: Exploiting Matrix Norm for Unsupervised Accuracy Estimation Under Distribution Shifts. Preprint, 2024.
- [2] Romain Ilbert*, **Ambroise Odonnat***, Vasilii Feofanov et al. SAMformer: Unlocking the Potential of Transformers in Time Series Forecasting with Sharpness-Aware Minimization and Channel-Wise Attention. Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024, Vienna, Austria. **Oral** (top 5%).
- [3] Ambroise Odonnat, Vasilii Feofanov, and Ievgen Redko. Leveraging Ensemble Diversity for Robust Self-Training in the presence of Sample Selection Bias. Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2024, Valencia, Spain.
- [4] Renchunzi Xie, Ambroise Odonnat, Vasilii Feofanov et al. Characterising Gradients for Unsupervised Accuracy Estimation under Distribution Shift. Preprint, 2024.
- [5] Ambroise Odonnat, ..., Sylvain Baillet, Roy W. Dudley, and Julien Cohen-Adad. Detection of interictal epileptiform discharges on EEG and MEG. QBIN Conference 2022. Best Flash Talk.

TALKS



Machine Learning & Signal Processing, ENS Lyon, March 2024.

Leveraging Ensemble Diversity for Robust Self-Training in the presence of Sample Selection Bias. Presentation page here.



QBIN Scientific Day, University of Sherbrooke, June 2022.

Detection of interictal epileptiform discharges on EEG and MEG. Slides here.

Best Flash Talk Award

GRANTS & AWARDS





2022 - 2023, Chair Saint-Gobain/ École des Ponts ParisTech, Merit Scholarship. **Total amount**: €5k



2022, Tanenbaum Open Science Institute (TOSI), McGill University, Research Grant. Grant to promote Open Science for the project "An open-source software to automatically detect epileptic spikes on EEG and MEG signals with AI" at the NeuroPoly Lab.

Total amount: \$15k CAD



2022, Quebec Bio-Imaging Network (QBIN), Best Flash Talk Award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ICML 2024, Reviewer.

CAP 2024, Reviewer.

IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering 2024, Reviewer.

^{*}Equal contribution

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Maths Examiner, HEC-ESSEC competitive entrance exam, 2024.

Teaching Assistant, École des Ponts Paris Tech, Machine Learning, 2024.

Mathematics and Physics Tutor, High School and Preparatory Classes, 2019-2021

PROJECTS

Optimal Transport Kernel Embedding for Sets. Report - Github.

Protein Cellular Component Ontology Prediction. Report - Github.

Boundary Loss for Ultrasound Segmentation. Report - Github.

Differential Privacy in Reinforcement Learning. Report - Github.

Kaggle Bird Classification. Report - Github.

Deep Learning Homography Estimation. Report.

SKILLS

Technical Skills Python, Pytorch, Git, C++, Julia, R

Soft Skills Communication, Curiosity, Autonomy, Adaptability, Team-work

Languages French (Native), English (C1), German (B2)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Concours Général Latin-French translation (2017): most prestigious French academic competition Model of the United Nations in Rome (2015): Speech towards the General Assembly ~ 2000 persons Sport: Fencing (10 years), Football and Volleyball University Team, Climbing

REFERENCES

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