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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



11/2023 - Present, Predoctorale Student, Huawei Noah's Ark Lab, Paris, France.
Fundamental research on transformers, transfer learning, 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



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] Romain Ilbert*, **Ambroise Odonnat***, et al. [Unlocking the Potential of Transformers in Time Series Forecasting with Sharpness-Aware Minimization and Channel-Wise Attention](#). Preprint, 2024.
- [2] Renchunzi Xie, **Ambroise Odonnat**, et al. [Characterising Gradients for Unsupervised Accuracy Estimation under Distribution Shift](#). Preprint, 2024.
- [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] **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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, *École des Ponts ParisTech*, 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

Prof. Sylvain Baillet. BIC, Montréal Neurological Institute, McGill University * sylvain.baillet@mcgill.ca

Julien Bruno. Research Engineer, Air France - KLM * jubruno@airfrance.fr

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