

Benjamin Gallusser

Machine Learning Enthusiast



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Coding skills

👍👍👍 Python
👍👍 C++, C
👍 Java, Matlab, JS

ML: Pytorch, Tensorflow
web: Django, Typo3

Personal info

date of birth
03 Apr 1993

nationalities
CH, GER, USA

languages
native 🇩🇪
fluent 🇬🇧 & 🇪🇸
proficient 🇫🇷
intermediate 🇮🇹

interests
creating & playing music
complex board games
traveling by bicycle
competitive sports

Education

ETH Zürich – M.Sc. Computer Science

2016 – 2019

GPA: 5.2 *on a scale from 6 (excellent) to 1 (failure)*
Focus areas: Deep Learning, NLP, Computer Vision
Master's thesis at HHMI Janelia, USA

TU München – B.Sc. Informatics

2012 – 2016

GPA: 1.7 *on a scale from 1 (excellent) to 5 (failure)*
Student exchange (two semesters) at Universidad Austral de Chile

Gymnasium Penzberg – German high school diploma (Abitur)

2011

GPA: 1.0 *on a scale from 1 (excellent) to 6 (failure)*

Selected academic projects

- **Graph Neural Networks** 📄 (Master's thesis, with Jan Funke) for supervoxel agglomeration in a 3d neuron reconstruction pipeline, working with terabytes of microscopy images
- Single-core **high performance implementation** 📄 of Latent Dirichlet Allocation in C (11x speedup compared to the author's C implementation)
- **Generative Adversarial Networks** 📄 for document style transfer, using Machine Learning to apply any existing layout to a PDF document without manual algorithm configuration
- **Chatbot** 📄 capable of conducting a casual conversation, trained on movie conversational data based on seq2seq and MMI cost function
- **Deep Learning** 📄 (Bachelor's thesis) for Recognition of Protein Domains from Contact Maps, simplifying a step in a protein structure prediction pipeline
- **Sentiment Classification** 📄 of Tweets using an LSTM network (87% accuracy)

Work experience

McKinsey & Company – Data Science Consulting Intern

Nov'18 – Feb'19

- developed a scalable algorithm to extract target events for predictive maintenance of medical diagnostic equipment deployed around the globe
- guided a team of client data engineers to optimize an industrial aluminum plant
- overhauled technical material and programming tutorials for a one-week Advanced Analytics capability building program

ETH Zürich – Teaching Assistant for Advanced Machine Learning

Oct'17 – Jul'19

- created and held large tutorial sessions (~100 participants) for the CS Master's courses Natural Language Understanding and Advanced Machine Learning
- supervised student projects in Natural Language Understanding, such as language modeling and story completion

Institute for Machine Learning, ETH Zürich – Research Assistant

Nov'16 – Mar'18

- collaborated on sleep stage classification based on CNN and HMM with accuracy comparable to human experts, published in PLOS Computational Biology 📄
- designed, developed and administered the web service 📄 for performing GPU-accelerated inference on large sleep signals uploaded by various hospital research labs

Datamints GmbH – Back-end developer (internship)

Jul'13 – Oct'13

- developed internal project status presentation software for weekly team meetings
- side project: implemented Chrome add-on to combine online search with searching the company's knowledge base