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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on the intersection of Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing. I am interested text generation, multilinguality, and enabling models to learn with limited supervision by leveraging prior knowledge from unlabeled data.

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate

2019 - Present

University of Edinburgh (ILCC), UK

· My PhD topic is low-resource machine translation (MT). I have worked on semi-supervised and multilingual MT, improving parameter efficiency, scaling, and (non-parametric) retrieval.

MSc in Advanced Computing and Informatics Systems

2017

University of Piraeus, Greece (GPA 9.46/10)

· I worked on sentiment analysis & designed a model that ranked *1st* at Semeval 2017 Task4.

BSc in Computer Science

2014

University of Piraeus, Greece

WORK EXPERIENCE

External Research Collaborator

Jan 2022 - Apr 2022

Meta AI (FAIR) at Menlo Park, CA, USA (remote)

· I resumed and concluded my internship project that was accepted to EMNLP 2022 (oral).

Research Scientist Intern

Sep 2021 - Dec 2021

Meta AI (FAIR) at Menlo Park, CA, USA (remote)

· I worked on parameter-efficient (massively) multilingual translation using hyper-networks.

Applied Scientist Intern

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Amazon Research at Palo Alto, CA, USA (remote)

· I worked on figurative language translation that led to a publication (EACL 2023).

Software Engineer

Apr 2014 - Jan 2016

Profile Systems and Software S.A., Athens, Greece

· Profile develops software for the Banking, FinTech & Investment Management industries.

· I developed **Axia**, Profile's cloud-based solution for wealth management.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

(see full list in
[Google Scholar](#))

Christos Baziotis, Prashant Mathur, and Eva Hasler. "Automatic Evaluation and Analysis of Idioms in Neural Machine Translation". EACL 2023. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Christos Baziotis, Mikel Artetxe, James Cross, and Shruti Bhosale. "Multilingual Machine Translation with Hyper-Adapters". EMNLP 2022 (oral). [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Christos Baziotis, Ivan Titov, Alexandra Birch, and Barry Haddow. "Exploring Unsupervised Pretraining Objectives for Machine Translation". ACL 2021 (Findings). [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Christos Baziotis, Barry Haddow, and Alexandra Birch. "Language Model Prior for Low-Resource Neural Machine Translation". EMNLP 2020. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Christos Baziotis, Ion Androutsopoulos, Ioannis Konstas, and Alexandros Potamianos. "SEQ³: Differentiable Sequence-to-Sequence-to-Sequence Autoencoder for Unsupervised Abstractive Sentence Compression". NAACL 2019 (oral). [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Alexandra Chronopoulou, **Christos Baziotis**, and Alexandros Potamianos. “An Embarrassingly Simple Approach for Transfer Learning from Pretrained Language Models”. NAACL 2019 (**oral**). [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Katerina Margatina, **Christos Baziotis**, and Alexandros Potamianos. “Attention-based Conditioning Methods for External Knowledge Integration”. ACL 2019. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Christos Baziotis, Nikos Athanasiou, Alexandra Chronopoulou, Athanasia Kolovou, Georgios Paraskevopoulos, Nikolaos Ellinas, Shrikanth Narayanan, and Alexandros Potamianos. “NTUA-SLP at SemEval-2018 Task 1: Predicting Affective Content in Tweets with Deep Attentive RNNs and Transfer Learning”. SemEval (NAACL) 2018 — **1st place at Task1E**. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Christos Baziotis, Nikos Pelekis, and Christos Doukeridis. “DataStories at SemEval-2017 Task 4: Deep LSTM with Attention for Message-level and Topic-based Sentiment Analysis”. SemEval (ACL) 2017 — **1st place at Task4A**. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teacher Assistant

Jan 2022 - May 2022

University of Edinburgh (ILCC), UK

· I designed and organized the labs, tutorials, and assignments for the M.Sc. course “Natural Language Understanding, Generation, and Machine Translation”.

Research Assistant

2017 - 2019

National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece

· I did research in text generation and transfer learning that led to several publications

· I worked as Teacher Assistant in Speech and Language Processing course

· I was the leader of the NTUA-SLP Team for SemEval 2018, and we achieved top-scoring results at Tasks 1, 2, 3

Research Assistant

2017 - 2019

Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (ICCS), Athens, Greece

I worked at the project “**BabyRobot**: Child-Robot Communication and Collaboration”:

· Object Recognition, for enabling the robots to identify children’s workspace.

· Speech Emotion Recognition, for tracking children’s emotions.

· Text Affect Recognition, for monitoring children’s affective state (ASR transcripts).

COMPETITIONS

Before my PhD I participated in several shared tasks and achieved top-scoring results:

· 1st place in Semeval 2017, Task4A “Sentiment Analysis in Twitter”

· 1st place in Semeval 2018, Task1E “Affect in Tweets”

· 1st place in BioCreative VI Precision Medicine Track, “Document Triage Task”

· 2nd place in Semeval 2017 Task4 [B, C, D] (*Sentiment Analysis*), Semeval 2017 Task6A (*Humor*), Semeval 2018 Task2 (*Emoji Prediction*), Semeval 2018 Task3 (*Irony Detection*)

OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS

ekphrasis (600+ stars in GitHub)

Text processing tool, targeted at social media texts (e.g. Twitter)

NeAt-Vision (240+ stars in GitHub)

Visualization of the behaviour of NLP deep-learning models (attention, predictions, etc.)

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Proficient: Python (machine learning stack; PyTorch, NumPy/SciPy, scikit-learn), JavaScript (front-end stack; AngularJS, VueJS)

Familiar: Java, C/C++, SQL, RegEx, Linux Shell