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## Education

### Heriot-Watt University

Edinburgh, UK

PHD DEGREE IN ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICS

Jan. 2021 - Sep. 2024

- **Thesis Title:** Empirical Bayesian image restoration by Langevin sampling with total variation and denoising diffusion priors.
- **Supervisor:** Prof. Marcelo Pereyra, MACS Director of Research | Maxwell Institute for Mathematical Sciences & School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences (MACS) Heriot-Watt University, UK
- **Co-supervisor:** Prof. Jean-François Giovannelli, Groupe Signal et Image - IMS Université de Bordeaux, France

### African Masters in Machine Intelligence (AMMI)

Kigali, Rwanda

MASTERS DEGREE IN MACHINE INTELLIGENCE

Oct. 2019 - Dec. 2020

- **Thesis Title:** Empirical Bayesian estimation for semi-blind inverse problems: Application to deblurring image with a Gaussian kernel
  - **Supervisor:** Prof. Marcelo Pereyra, MACS Director of Research | Maxwell Institute for Mathematical Sciences & School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences (MACS) Heriot-Watt University, UK
- Recipient of the Facebook and Google Scholarship*

### African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)

Limbe, Cameroon

MASTERS DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL MATHEMATICS

Aug. 2017 - Feb. 2019

- **Thesis:** Design and Implementation of the database management system for the Cameroonian Chamber of Commerce (CCIMA).
  - **Supervisor:** Professor Massimo Marchiori, University of Padova, Italy
- Recipient of MasterCard foundation Scholarship*

### University of Dschang

Dschang, Cameroon

MASTERS DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS

Nor. 2015 - Sep. 2017

- **Thesis:** Modeling, analyzing, and simulation of cabbage's nematode: Pultella Xylostella.
- **Supervisor:** Professor Berge Tsanou, University of Dschang, Cameroon

### University of Dschang

Dschang, Cameroon

BACHELORS DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

Oct. 2012 - Sep. 2015

## Conferences and Workshops

### Workshop on Bayesian methods and uncertainty quantification

Edinburgh, UK

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** EMPIRICAL BAYESIAN IMAGE RESTORATION BY LANGEVIN SAMPLING WITH A DENOISING DIFFUSION IMPLICIT PRIOR

September 2024

### Imaging inverse problems and generating model: sparsity and robustness versus expressivity

Edinburgh, UK

**POSTER:** EMPIRICAL BAYESIAN IMAGE RESTORATION BY LANGEVIN SAMPLING WITH A DENOISING DIFFUSION IMPLICIT PRIOR

January 2024

## 11th Applied Inverse Problems Conference

Göttingen, Germany

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** MAXIMUM MARGINAL LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION OF REGULARISATION PARAMETERS IN PLUG & PLAY BAYESIAN ESTIMATION: APPLICATION TO NON-BLIND AND SEMI-BLIND IMAGE DECONVOLUTION

September 2023

## Post-graduate Researchers in Inverse Problems, Machine Learning, and Optimization (PRIMO) workshop

Trieste, Italy

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** EMPIRICAL BAYESIAN ESTIMATION FOR SEMI-BLIND INVERSE PROBLEMS: APPLICATION TO IMAGE DEBLURRING WITH TOTAL VARIATION REGULARISATION

May 2023

## Bayesian Plug and Play Workshop

Paris, France

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** REGULARISE PLUG & PLAY METHOD FOR LARGE-SCALE BAYESIAN INFERENCE: APPLICATION TO NON-BLIND AND SEMI-BLIND IMAGE DEBLURRING PROBLEMS

December 2022

## Image Uncertainty Quantification (IUQ) Workshop

Göttingen, Denmark

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** EMPIRICAL BAYESIAN ESTIMATION FOR SEMI-BLIND INVERSE PROBLEMS: APPLICATION TO IMAGE DEBLURRING WITH TOTAL VARIATION REGULARISATION

September 2022

## SIAM Conference

Germany

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** EMPIRICAL BAYESIAN ESTIMATION FOR SEMI-BLIND INVERSE PROBLEMS: APPLICATION TO IMAGE DEBLURRING WITH TOTAL VARIATION REGULARISATION

May 2022

## 3rd IMA Conference on Inverse Problems from Theory to Application

Edinburgh, UK

**CONTRIBUTED TALK:** EMPIRICAL BAYESIAN ESTIMATION FOR SEMI-BLIND INVERSE PROBLEMS: APPLICATION TO IMAGE DEBLURRING WITH TOTAL VARIATION REGULARISATION

May 2022

## Experience

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### Rwanda Energy Group (REG)- LKMP

Kigali, Rwanda

CLIMATE CHANGE (INTERN)

Jun. 2019 - Oct. 2019

### Chamber of Commerce, Industry Mines and Crafts (CCIMA)

Douala, Cameroon

WEB DESIGNER AND DATABASE MANAGEMENT (INTERN)

Jun. 2018 - Dec. 2018

## Online Certificate

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**Enterprise Design Thinking Practitioner**, IMB

Feb. 2019

**Reinforcement Learning for Trading Strategies by New York Institute of Finance & Google Cloud on Coursera**, Coursera

Mar 27, 2020

**Fundamentals of Machine Learning in Finance**, Coursera

Feb 13, 2020

**Convolutional Neural Networks**, Coursera

Jul, 2023

## Online Courses

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**Data Structures & Algorithms in Python**, Udacity

Nov. 2019

**Version Control with Git**, Udacity

Nov. 2019

**Introduction to Data Analysis**, Udacity

Nov. 2019

## Skills

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## Computer Skills

PYTHON, JAVA SCRIPT, MICROSOFT WINDOWS, MATLAB, R.

## Languages

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*English,*  
*French,*

*Excellent*  
*Mother tongue*

## Hobbies

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READING, FOOTBALL, FITNESS

## Papers

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### Marginal likelihood estimation in semi-blind image deconvolution: A stochastic approximation approach

*SIAM journal*

C. K. MBAKAM, MARCELO PEREYRA, J.-F. GIOVANNELLI

*Dec. 2023*

### Do Bayesian imaging methods report trustworthy probabilities?

*SIAM journal, under review*

D. Y. W. THONG, C. K. MBAKAM AND M. PEREYRA

*May 2024*

### Empirical Bayesian image restoration by Langevin sampling with a denoising diffusion implicit prior

*Journal of Mathematical imaging and vision, under review*

C. K. MBAKAM, MARCELO PEREYRA, J.-F. GIOVANNELLI

*September 2024*