

CAREER PROFILE

Machine learning engineer with four years experience leveraging cutting-edge research to automate vegetable harvesting in greenhouse throughout Europe. Always looking for new opportunities to learn, I am particularly interested in computer vision with application in the real world.

EXPERIENCES

Lead Machine Learning Engineer2016 - Present
Xihelm, London

I lead the team building the brain of the next greenhouse harvesting robots.

- Weekly review of the latest research in robotics / computer vision (2D/3D).
- Design and implement complex data pipeline to ensure our robots are continuously learning from their own experiences.
- Design and train neural networks on a wide range of modalities (image/depth/pointcloud) to solve a large array of tasks required by a complex greenhouse environment (from instance segmentation in 2D/3D to grasp pose estimation and safety evaluation).
- Develop and maintain robot performance dashboards which inform weekly planning.
- Maintain and continuously improve the software stack (ROS/docker).

Data Science fellow2016 - 2016
Pivigo/Royal Mail, London

Highly competitive workshop helping scientists over five weeks to transition to Data Science through business lectures and a concrete project with a data-driven company.

- I work in a team of 4, referring directly to the head of the Royal Mail data science team, to provide a reliable forecast for each mail type arriving in each delivery office in the U.K.
- Using an ensemble of statistical methods, we were able to decrease the forecast error by 35% over 2016 compared to the model currently in use in the company, ultimately leading to a better allocation of resources over the network

PhD in Geophysics2012 - 2015
Université Diderot, Paris

Detection of solidified magma chambers in the lunar crust through numerical simulations and data exploration.

- Successfully used machine learning and statistics, in combination with a Python library I have written, to process and interpret gigabytes of data from the lunar surface and deliver a one-year project as part of the NASA's GRAIL mission science team.
- Produce efficient pipelines, written in python, to process and visualize gigabytes of data resulting from hundreds of numerical simulations of cooling magma flows.
- Develop excellent communication skills, both in writing by publishing 3 papers in major scientific journals, and speaking, presenting my work in 3 oral awarded presentations in leading international conferences.

Teaching assistant - undergraduate level2012 - 2016
IPGP/Université Diderot, Paris

- Mathematics - Linear algebra, ODE, PDE, Fourier series, Fourier transform.
- Physics - Mechanics, Experimental Physics.
- Programming - Python.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

python - pytorch numpy pandas seaborn sklearn scipy	
ROS	
toolchain - docker gcp aws git sql	
Javascript HTML5 CSS	
C++	

SIDE PROJECTS / COMPETITIONS

Clog Loss Advance Alzheimer's Research with Stall Catchers competition - Detect clogged blood vessels in mouse brains from short video sequences. By training a network based on the SlowFast architecture, I finished in the top 2% of competitors.

Safe Aging with SPHERE competition - Predicting actual activity from noisy sensor data - Using an ensemble of xgboost and neural network models, I finished in the top 2% of competitors.

Geocolab - Abstract recommendation system for the largest geoscience meeting in the world simplifying the meeting experience and facilitating networking in the community. Flask backend and frontend using Bootstrap. Recommendation based on a LSA representation of 25,000 abstracts.

From Fog Nets to Neural Nets competition. - Predict the yield of DSH's fog nets for every day during an evaluation period. Using an ensemble of recurrent neural networks (LSTM) and auto-regressive models (ARIMA), I was able to finish in the top 5% of the leaderboard.

INTERNATIONAL PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Elastic-plated gravity current with temperature-dependent viscosity.
Thorey, C., Michaut, C.
Journal of Fluid Mechanics.
- Gravitational signatures of lunar floor-fractured craters.
Thorey, C., Michaut, C., Wieczorek, M.A.
Earth and Planetary Science Letters 1–40.
- A model for the dynamics of crater-centered intrusion - Application to lunar floor-fractured craters.
Thorey, C., Michaut, C.
J. Geophys. Res. Planets 119, 286–312
- Magmatic intrusions and deglaciation at mid-latitude in the northern plains of Mars.
Thorey, C., Michaut, C.
Icarus 225, 602–613.



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EDUCATION

PhD in Geophysics - Planetary Sciences

IPGP/Université Diderot (Paris)
2012 - 2015

Masters Degree in Theoretical Physics

Ecole Normale Supérieure (Lyon)
2010 - 2012

LANGUAGES

French (Native)

English (Professional)

Spanish (Professional)

INTERESTS

Running

Climbing

Cooking