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**CONFIGURATION AND RESULTS
MANAGEMENT WITH MLFLOW, HYDRA
ET POUTYNE**

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OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESENTATION

- Introduce configuration and results management tools.
- Developing good practices.
- Improve your productivity.

VOTRE CONFÉRENCIER



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- Introduced to reproducible research in 2016 (R Markdown et **git**)
- Participation in REPROLANG of the LREC conference [Garneau et al., 2020]
- Active member in the development of a library to facilitate reproducibility (**Poutyne** ↗*)

ON THE MENU



Configuration management



Results management

The Management of a Project

MANAGEMENT OF CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS

```
001    @experiment.config
002    def config() :
003        seed = 42
004        num_runs = 10
005        iteration = 0
006        source_language = "en"
007        target_language = "de"
008        src_input = "path" # The input source embeddings
009        trg_input = "2e path" # The input target embeddings
010        other_input = "3e path" # Commentaire pas clair
    :
395     $n^{th}$  parameters
```

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RESULTS MANAGEMENT



- res_1.txt
- res_2.txt
- res_3.txt
- res_4.txt
- res_5_good.txt
- res_5.txt
- res_6_fix_a.txt
- ⋮
- n^{th} results file

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The Solutions

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Facilitates experimentation

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Scalable

HYDRA 



Open source and MIT
license



YAML structured
configuration files



Hierarchical
configuration files



Configurations
sweeper

STRUCTURED CONFIGURATION

```
conf
├── config.yaml
├── dataset
│   ├── canadian.yaml
│   └── netherlands.yaml
├── embeddings
│   └── fast_text.yaml
├── model
│   ├── bi_lstm_bidirectionnal.yaml
│   ├── bi_lstm.yaml
│   ├── lstm_bidirectionnal.yaml
│   └── lstm.yaml
├── optimizer
│   ├── adam.yaml
│   └── SGD.yaml
```

HIERARCHICAL CONFIGURATION

data_loader :

batch_size : 2048

setting :

seed : 42

device : "cuda:0"

defaults :

- optimizer : SGD

- model : bi_lstm

- dataset : canadian

- embeddings : fast_text

trainer :

num_epochs : 1

patience : 30

HIERARCHICAL CONFIGURATION

optimizer : SGD

```
optimizer :  
  lr : 0.1  
  type : sgd
```


EXAMPLE

```
@hydra.main(config_path='conf/config.yaml')  
def main(cfg):  
    lr = cfg.optimizer.lr #0.1
```

CONFIGURATIONS SWEEPER

```
python main.py -multirun task=1,2,3,4,5
```

```
python main.py -m 'main.x=int(interval(-5, 5))' 'main.y=int(interval(-5, 10))'
```

BONUS!

- Automatic and customizable logging
- Parametric instantiation

```
model :  
  _target_ : models.LSTMNetwork  
  hidden_state_dim : 300  
  num_hidden_layer : 2  
  dropout : 0.4
```

EXAMPLE

```
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
@hydra.main(config_path='conf/config.yaml')
def main(cfg) :
    log.info("Init of the training")
    :
    network = instantiate(cfg.model)
```

NEGATIVE POINT

```
hydra.utils.get_original_cwd()
```

ON THE MENU



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RESULTS MANAGEMENT



Simple to use

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Experimental logging

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Experimental logging



Quick visualization of
experiments

MLFLOW TRACKING *



Open source and
Apache 2.0 license



Automatic logging



Simple visualization



Integration with
Poutyne

AUTOMATIC LOGGING

- Code version (**git**)*
- Training timestamp
- Training success/failure
- Computer configuration
- User

SIMPLE VISUALIZATION

```
mlflow server -p 5000 -h 127.0.0.1 --backend-store-uri file:///absolute/path
```

SIMPLE VISUALIZATION

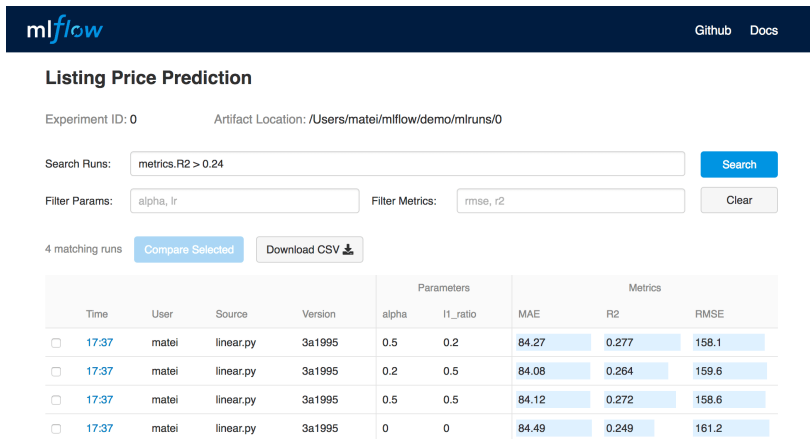


Figure 1 – Introducing MLflow : an Open Source Machine Learning Platform *

SIMPLE VISUALIZATION

- Sorting on experiments
- Research of experiments
- Queries on results
- Export of results
- Visualization of metrics

INTEGRATION WITH **POUTYNE** *

The "basic" version involves manual logging

- configuration parameters,
- metrics at each step and iteration,
- the version of the code.

INTÉGRATION AVEC **POUTYNE** *

The solution, [MLFlowWriter](#), a callback allowing to journalize

- semi-automatically the configuration parameters,
- automatically the metrics at each step and iteration,
- automatically the version of the code,
- manually a model,
- automatically test metrics during a test phase.

EXAMPLE

```
@hydra.main(config_path='conf/config.yaml')
def main(cfg) :
    :
    mlflow_logger = MLFlowLogger(experiment_name="experiment")
    mlflow_logger.log_config_params(config_params=cfg)
    :
    mlflow_logger.log_model()
```

NEGATIVE POINT

The documentation is not always easy to navigate.

What's next?

PRÉSENTATION DES RÉSULTATS



Automatic generation of tables





Dynamic report



Iterations of experiments

TO GO FURTHER (IN ORDER)

- Training status notification **Notif** *
- **Continuous Machine Learning (CML)** *

QUESTIONS




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**THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING!**



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