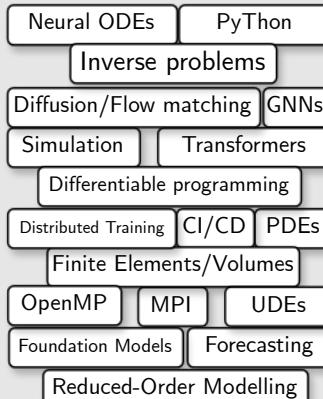


# ABOUT ME

I am a proactive researcher building production-ready machine learning systems for simulation, prediction, and optimization problems. My commitment to applying this to solve real-world challenges is reflected in my research, teaching, outreach, and my hobbies.

## SKILLS



**Interpersonal:** Teamwork, cross-cultural communication (fluent in 4 languages).

**Work ethic:** Rigour, adaptability, efficiency in dynamic and fast-paced environments.

## TOOLS



## RESEARCH INTERESTS

### Model Adaptation

- Meta-learning, few-shot learning
- Out-of-distribution generalisation
- Test-time training, in-context learning

### Production Machine Learning

- Computer Vision, Pattern Recognition
- Time-series and language modelling
- Generative AI and foundation models

### AI for Science

- Physics-Informed AI for solving PDEs
- Surrogate modelling of complex systems
- Differentiable programming at scale

## LANGUAGES

English	●●●●
French	●●●●
Japanese	●●●○○
Spanish	●●○○○

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## RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

### Machine Learning Researcher | AMII, University of Alberta | Edmonton, CA

November 2025 — Present

- Accelerating in-context learning for scientific machine learning, digital twins, and world models
- Advised by Dr Bahareh Tollooshams

### Teaching Assistant | University of Bristol | Bristol, UK

January 2022 — September 2025

- Collaborated with faculty across multiple departments to support 200+ students in AI, HPC, Computer Architecture, and Cloud Computing courses
- Nominated for the Bristol Teaching Awards for excellent lecture quality and student impact

### Data Science Internship | SLB (Schlumberger) | Abingdon, UK

June 2024 — September 2024

- Scaled Graph Neural Network (GNN) inputs by 10X, enabling production-scale modelling of large-scale PDE systems
- Implemented novel JAX GNN layers using Jraph, and achieved 2X speedup compared to PyTorch's PyG
- Achieved zero-shot super-resolution and transfer learning from small to large graphs for reservoir simulation

### PhD Summer Projects | HPC Research Group & Bristol Robotics Lab. | Bristol, UK

May 2022 — August 2022

- Extensively explored path planning and stable grasping under disturbance within Mujoco
- Integrated differentiable physics simulators (NVIDIA WARP, MuJoCo MJX) for robotic control and spatial simulation
- Accelerated algebraic multigrid solvers by using GNNs, benchmarking across DGL, PyG, and Jraph frameworks

### MSc Internship | Jacques-Louis Lions Laboratory (Sorbonne University) | Paris, FR

February 2021 — July 2021

- Developed physics-based generative models for complex, non-linear dynamical systems, simulating ice floe fracture using mass-spring-damper (MSD) systems and the Francfort-Marigo model
- Developed an interactive software for MSD percussion and fracture simulation using Python's Flask
- Led to my MSc thesis "Fracturing of ice floes by impact in a granular mode", supervised by Prof Stéphane Labbé

### MSc Internship | Research Institute Mathématiques Avancées (IRMA) | Strasbourg, FR

June 2020 — August 2020

- Addressed an inverse problem using a VNet architecture for the supervised reconstruction of a domain's density, with the radiative transfer equation (RTE) solved via a Finite Volume scheme to generate data.

## EDUCATION

### PhD in Machine Learning (Interactive AI) | University of Bristol | Bristol, UK

September 2021 — February 2026 (Anticipated)

- Developing efficient meta-learning algorithms and foundation models for out-of-distribution generalisation in sequential data
- Building production-ready implementations in PyTorch and JAX, achieving 10X speedups through optimised kernels
- Published 4+ first-author papers at top-tier venues (ICLR, CoLLAs, SuperComputing)

### MSc in Applied Mathematics (CSMI) | University of Strasbourg | Strasbourg, FR

September 2019 — September 2021

- Modelisation, simulation, and optimisation of physical systems on high-performance computing clusters
- Theoretical and practical analysis of partial differential equations, signal processing, and deep learning
- Completed the degree with exceptional distinction (FR: 18.1/20 — Excellent, UK: 1st, US: 4.0)

### BSc in Mathematics | Aix-Marseille University | Marseille, FR

November 2017 — July 2019

- Strong accent on statistics, algebra, advanced calculus, and numerical analysis; achieved with 15.25/20

### Associate degree in Mechatronics | Oshima College of Technology | Oshima, JP

April 2017 — June 2019

- Intensive training focusing on mechanical, electrical, and computer science engineering
- Assembly languages for the CASL and CASL II machines

### Associate degree in Computer Science | University of the People | Pasadena, USA

January 2017 — April 2019

- Theoretical and applied computer science followed by web and software development projects
- Assembly language and low-level computer architecture

# OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERING

## Outreach Ambassador, Widening Participation Tutor

University of Bristol | Bristol, UK  
September 2022 — Present

I lead the CodeMakers initiative to foster curiosity in young students with after-school programming activities. We also deliver STEM sessions to aspiring UoB students.

## Volunteer Private Instructor

ExamStar | Bristol, UK  
September 2022 — July 2024

Affordable mathematics lessons for primary and secondary school pupils via Zoom and MS Teams.

## Volunteer Language Tutor

UoB Global Lounge | Bristol, UK  
September 2022 — December 2022

Bi-weekly position as a French language tutor at the Global Lounge's Language Café.

## Volunteer Staff

University of Bristol | Bristol, UK  
September 2022

I worked aboard the SS Great Britain to set up and evaluate exhibitions for the FUTURES Festival of Discovery.

## Private Instructor

Complétude | Strasbourg, FR  
January 2020 — January 2021

Weekly monitoring of high school students in mathematics and computer science with group tutoring during holidays.

# TRAINING & CERTIFICATES

## **AWS Machine Learning Foundations 2022**

Udacity — October 2022

## **React Front to Back 2022**

Packt — September 2022

## **Deploying a Model for Inference at Production Scale**

NVIDIA — August 2022

## **Introduction to Higher Education (HE) Teaching**

UoB — January 2022

## **Electrotechnique I**

EPFL — December 2015

# SERVICES

## **Reviewer for ICLR'25'26**

## **Top Reviewer for ICML'25**

## **Reviewer for NeurIPS'25**

## **Reviewer for TMLR**

## **Reviewer for EuroPAR'24**

**Associate degree in Maths. and Phys. Sci. | Polytechnique (NASEY) | Yaoundé, CMR**  
September 2014 — April 2017

- First two years (MSP) consisting of mathematics and physics common core subjects
- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of more than 4,000 candidates in the national entrance exam

**GCE A Levels | Gov. Bilingual High School B'da | Bamenda, CMR**

September 2007 — July 2014

- Série C, with 15.65/20 (mention "Bien")

# RECENT PROJECTS

## In-Context Learning of Time Series (September 2025)

- Led a team of two to develop a competitive entry for the Mitsui Challenge (Kaggle), achieving high-accuracy forecasts of commodity prices under volatile market conditions
- Engineered and untangled time-lagged financial time series to uncover predictive dependencies and empirically test the Efficient Market Hypothesis

## WARP for Weight-Space Learning (June 2025)

- Assembled a team of PhDs and postdocs from UK, France, and the USA to redefined test-time sequence modelling
- Led to the preprint "Weight-Space Linear Recurrent Neural Networks"
- Code: <https://github.com/ddrous/warp>

## MJ-Warp for Robotics Simulation (May 2025)

- Exploring automatic differentiation and gradient-free generalisation in-simulation with the open-source MuJoCo Warp
- Ongoing project (code available soon)

# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

## **Language Models Do Not Embed Numbers Continuously**

A Davies, RD Njoyem, N Ajmeri, T Silva Filho

AAAI 2026 Student Abstract & Poster Program (2026)

## **Towards Foundational Models for Dynamical System Reconstruction: Hierarchical Meta-Learning via Mixture of Experts**

RD Njoyem, G Stevens, A Sahota, DAW Barton, T Deakin

SCOPE Workshop @ ICLR 2025

## **Neural Context Flows for Meta-Learning of Dynamical Systems**

RD Njoyem, DAW Barton, T Deakin

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2025

## **Reevaluating Meta-Learning Optimization Algorithms Through Contextual Self-Modulation**

RD Njoyem, DAW Barton, T Deakin

Conference on Lifelong Learning Agents (CoLLAs) 2025

## **A comparison of mesh-free differentiable programming and data-driven strategies for optimal control under PDE constraints**

RD Njoyem, DAW Barton, T Deakin

SuperComputing (SC) 2023 Workshop on AI4S

# SELECTED PREPRINTS

## **Weight-Space Linear Recurrent Neural Networks**

RD Njoyem, N Keshtmand, I Tsayem, DAW Barton, T Deakin

arXiv Preprint (2025)

## **FLEX: Feature Importance from Layered Counterfactual Explanations**

N Keshtmand, RD Njoyem, J Clark,

(2025)

## **Learning to Learn Sequential Dynamics**

RD Njoyem

(2025)

# OTHER SERVICES & RESPONSABILITIES

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- **24-25th June 2025** — I co-organised the Joint UKRI CDT Conference in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning & Advanced Computing / Interactive Artificial Intelligence / Practice-Oriented Artificial Intelligence
- **26-27th March 2024** — I co-organised The Interactive AI Spring Research Conference

## TALKS

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- (10 June 2025, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK) **Workshop on Scientific Machine Learning in the Faculty of Engineering** — "Weight-Space Linear Recurrent Neural Networks"
- (13 Feb 2025, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK) **EPS Seminar Series + Engineering Design Society** — "Neural Context Flows for Meta-Learning of Dynamical Systems"
- (13 Nov 2024, Institute of Physics, London, UK) **2nd workshop on Physics Enhancing Machine Learning in Applied Mechanics** — "Differentiable Programming for Mesh-Free Fluid Control"
- (10 Mar 2023, CMU Africa, Kigali, Rwanda) **Graduate Degree Student Seminar** — "Emerging Techniques and Applications of Graph Neural Networks"

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- **Financial Assistance** by CRM (May 2025) — Assistance for all expenses to attend the Mathematical Foundations of Data Science thematic programme at the CRM in Montréal.
- **Financial Assistance** by ICLR (March 2025) — Funding for registration, travel, and accommodation to present multiple research papers at ICLR'25 in Singapore.
- **CDT Studentship** by UK Research and Innovation (June 2021) — Fully-funded scholarship to pursue a PhD within the Interactive AI CDT at the University of Bristol.
- **MEXT (Monbukagakusho)** by The Japanese Government (November 2016) — For this prestigious international scholarship, I was the only one chosen amongst hundreds of candidates.
- **Fondation Hoffmann** by University of the People (April 2017 & April 2018) — Scholarship granted (and renewed) to fully support assessment fees.
- **Excellence Award** by The President of the Republic of Cameroon (July 2015 & July 2016) — Prize awarded for two consecutive years for my outstanding accomplishments at Polytechnique Yaoundé.
- **Excellence Award** by PKFokam Institute of Technology (July 2014) — For my fourth place at the PKFokam Excellence national mathematical olympiad.
- **Excellence Award** by Les Brasseries du Cameroun (October 2014) — Grant awarded to the best student at the GCE A-level in every region of Cameroon.

## REFERENCES

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## HOBBIES & PERSONAL SKILLS

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**Video games and coding:** Fan and designer;  
**Cinema and music:** Composition, documentary movies;  
**Football:** Regular practice at the amateur level;  
**Traveling:** Loves visiting the farthest corners of Earth;  
**Languages:** English & French (*native*), Japanese (*proficient*), Spanish (*basic*).