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About me

I am a **PhD student at EPFL** working under the supervision of Prof. Pascal Frossard. My current research focuses on **understanding deep learning** by studying the complex interactions between datasets, architectures and optimization.

Education

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| Nov 2018 - (Nov 2022) | PhD. Machine Learning Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, EPFL (Switzerland) |
| Sep 2016 - Aug 2018 | MSc. Electrical Engineering (<i>Best graduate</i>) Delft University of Technology, TU Delft (Netherlands) |
| Sep 2011 - Jun 2015 | BSc. Telecommunications Engineering (<i>Best graduate</i>) Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, UPM (Spain) |

Research experience

Doctoral assistant at EPFL

Nov 2018 - (Nov 2022) *Lausanne, Switzerland*

Studying the **inductive bias** of deep learning and how it affects its generalization and robustness properties. My research has already provided insights to improve **adversarial defenses**, **out-of-distribution generalization**, and to understand the **role of architecture in deep learning**.

Master thesis at TU Delft

Nov 2017 - Aug 2018 *Delft, Netherlands*

Introduced a novel algorithm based on submodular optimization to sample tensor data and reconstruct it with near-optimal guarantees. Applications to point cloud compression and recommender systems.

Research Intern at Philips Healthcare Research

Jul 2017 - Oct 2017 *Hamburg, Germany*

Developed self-supervised deep learning algorithms for representation learning and medical image reconstruction of fetal ultrasounds and CT scans.

Research Assistant at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Jul 2015 - Jul 2016 *Madrid, Spain*

Pioneered the use of 3D rendering techniques from computer graphics to simulate radar scattering from the human skin at the THz band.

Software skills

DL frameworks: JAX, PyTorch, Tensorflow
Languages: Python, C, Java, Matlab, Javascript.
Misc: Git, Docker, Linux

Languages

Spanish: ●●●●● English: ●●●●●
German: ●●●○○ French: ●●●○○
Dutch: ●○○○○

Awards

2018 **National Award for Excellence in Academic Performance** by Government of Spain
2018 **Best graduate** by TU Delft (~1000 students)
2016 **“La Caixa” Postgraduate Fellowship** by La Caixa Foundation (~45,000\$)
2015 **Best graduate** by Universidad Politecnica de Madrid (~800 students)
Other competitive grants (~18,000\$)

Featured publications

GOJ, A. Modas, S.M. Moosavi-Dezfooli and P. Frossard. **“Optimism in the face of adversity: Understanding and improving deep learning through adversarial robustness”**. *Proceedings of the IEEE*. February 2021

GOJ, A. Modas, S.M. Moosavi-Dezfooli and P. Frossard. **“Neural Anisotropy Directions”**. In *Advances of Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020)*, December 2020

GOJ, A. Modas, S.M. Moosavi-Dezfooli and P. Frossard. **“Hold me tight! Influence of discriminative features on deep network boundaries”**. In *Advances of Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020)*, December 2020

GOJ, A. Modas, S.M. Moosavi-Dezfooli and P. Frossard. **“Redundant features can hurt robustness to distribution shifts”**. In *Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning Workshop (ICML 2020)*, July 2020

C. Vignac, GOJ, and P. Frossard. **“On the choice of graph neural network architectures”**. In *IEEE International Conference in Audio, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2020)*, May 2020

GOJ, M. El Gheche, E. Simou and P. Frossard. **“Forward-backward splitting for optimal transport based problems”**. In *IEEE International Conference in Audio, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2020)*, May 2020

GOJ, M. El Gheche, E. Simou and P. Frossard. **“CDOT: Continuous domain adaptation using optimal transport”**. In *Optimal Transport Workshop (NeurIPS 2019)*, December 2019

GOJ, M. Coutino, S.P. Chepuri and G. Leus. **“Sparse sampling for inverse problems with tensors”**. *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, June 2019

Student supervision

Gizem Yucee (Graduate intern), *On the inductive bias of implicit neural networks*, Spring 2021
Itamar Salazar Franco (Graduate intern), *Adversarial Robustness and NADs*, Fall 2020
Mariam Hakobyam (Semester project), *On the role of architecture on NADs*, Fall 2020
Maja Stamenkovic (Semester project), *Transferring inductive biases*, Fall 2020
Johannes Ruether (MSc. Thesis), *On the geometry of adversarial robustness*, Spring 2020
Julien Heitmann (Semester project), *Weight subspace dynamics*, Fall 2019
Manuel Faysse (Semester project), *Time-varying graph neural networks*, Fall 2019

Teaching experience

Machine learning (MSc. course)
A network tour of data science (MSc. course)
Computational optimal transport (PhD. course)

Personal interests

Climbing, running, hiking, skiing, cooking and photography.