Felix Grezes

WORK EXPERIENCE

NASA | Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing Specialist, 2021-Present, New York, NY

Designed, trained and evaluated machine learning models that expand the NASA / Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's Astrophysics Data System services with automatic classification and labeling capabilities.

Organized and ran community challenges for the Workshop for Artificial intelligence for Scientific Publications, building and curating novel tasks, datasets and baselines. Work done in Python with Huggingface.

Apple | Machine Learning Engineer, Siri Speech team, Summer 2018, Cheltenham, UK

R&D of binary neural network architectures for speech keyword detection on low power devices. Demonstrated feasibility of binary weights for high accuracy, low resource models by reducing required memory size by 50%. Work done in Python and Keras/TensorFlow using Oracle Grid Engine.

AT&T | Research Scientist, Data Science and AI Research Lab, Summer 2017, New York, NY

R&D of generative adversarial networks (GANs) over text data, improving response speed for an adaptive dialog assistant system. Generated tailored answers to customer queries, significantly reducing average speed of answer and handle time for care agents. Work done in Python and Keras/TensorFlow using Hadoop.

Hunter | Adjunct Lecturer, Hunter College, 2016-2021, New York, NY

Teaching of advanced algorithms and data structures, their design and analysis. Supervision of programming project for CS majors and minors. Conception and creation of course syllabus, materials, and examinations. Mentored undergraduates and helped prepare them for the workforce.

CUNY Research Assistant, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, 2012-2022, New York, NY Collaborated with Pr. Michael Mandel at the Brooklyn College Speech Lab on adversarial attacks and defenses

Collaborated with Pr. Michael Mandel at the Brooklyn College Speech Lab on adversarial attacks and defenses of neural networks, and the use of recurrent neural networks for audio source separation.

Collaborated with Pr. Andrew Rosenberg at the Queens College speech lab on the use of reservoir networks and prosodic information for conflict detection and NLP. Performed sentiment analysis on user discussions on Reddit. Work done in PyTorch with CUDA backend.

CNRS | Research Engineer, Institution de la Vision, Fall 2011, Paris, France

Conception and implementation of a rat brain model for research on the neural bases of active exploratory behavior in rats. Validated the hypothesis by improving the neural network model's performances by evolution and genetic algorithm. Work done in C++ using the SFERES framework.

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- Ph.D. Doctorate in Computer Science at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York, NY Focus on neural network theory applied to speech, reservoir and adversarial networks Member of the IGERT *From Data to Solutions* program of Columbia University
- M.S. | Master's Degree in Computer Science from Sorbonne Université, France Specialized in Artificial Intelligence and Decision Theory
- B.S. | Bachelor's in Math and Computer Science, from Sorbonne Université, France

Bilingual English/French

SELECTED WORKS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 INDUS: Effective and Efficient Language Models for Scientific Applications
 Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in NLP: Industry Track
- 2024 Enriching a Time-Domain Astrophysics Corpus with Named Entity, Coreference and Astrophysical Relationship Annotations

Proceedings of the 2024 International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation

- 2023 Function of Citation in Astrophysics Literature (FOCAL): Findings of the Shared Task Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Information Extraction from Scientific Publications
- 2023 Experimenting with Large Language Models and vector embeddings in NASA SciX
- 2022 Improving astroBERT using Semantic Textual Similarity
 Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems 2022
- 2022 Overview of the First Shared Task on Detecting Entities in the Astrophysics Literature (DEAL)
 Proceedings of the first Workshop on Information Extraction from Scientific Publications

SELECTED WORKS & PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

2022	Finite Gaussian Neurons: Defending against adversarial attacks by making neural networks say "I don't know" Ph.D. thesis presented to the CUNY Graduate Center Computer Science Program
2021	Building astroBERT, a Language Model for Astronomy & Astrophysics Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems XXXI
2018	Enhancement of Spatial Clustering-based Time-frequency Masks using LSTM Neural Nets
2018	Improved MVDR Beamforming Using LSTM Speech Models to Clean Spatial Clustering Masks
2017	Combining Spatial Clustering with LSTM Speech Models for Multichannel Speech Enhancement Presented at the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Student Colloquium on Speech, Language and Learning
2016	Linguistically-Motivated Features for Language Recognition
2015	Speech Lab @ Queens College: Language Recognition Evaluation 2015 Part of the 2015 NIST Language Recognition Evaluation Plan
2014	Reservoir Computing: A New Paradigm for Neural Networks: A Survey Second Examination of the CUNY Graduate Center Computer Science Program
2013	Let Me Finish: Automatic Conflict Detection Using Speaker Overlap Proceedings - InterSpeech 2013
2012	Exploratory Behaviour Depends on Multisensory Integration during Spatial Learning Artificial Neural Networks and Machine Learning - ICANN 2012