# Joaquim Campos

## Personal data

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## In Brief

I am an engineer and researcher specializing in signal processing and artificial intelligence, as well as a Python developer. In academia, my focus has been on deep learning, learning theory, image and video compression, and inverse problems. Additionally, I am Co-Founder of Radiobooks, a startup that assists independent authors and self-learners in automatically converting their books into audiobooks using AI. Through this venture, I have gained knowledge in product development and Python DevOps.

#### Highlights:

- 7 publications with over 300 citations in top-tier venues, and 3 patents.
- Contributed to the development of pioneering methods in neural compression.
- Crafted novel algorithms for learning the activation functions of a neural network.
- Created the "Deep Splines" PyTorch package.
- Co-Founded Radiobooks—a startup that makes AI text-to-speech technology.
- Built the back-end of a complex text-to-speech app.

Please note that I will be attending a course in philosophy and meditation between mid-September and mid-December in both 2024 and 2025. As a result, I will be available to work from now until the beginning of the course and then again three months later.

#### Education

Feb 2020

**MSc in Communication Systems** 

Sep 2016

EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland

School: School of Computer and Communication Sciences. Specialization: signal processing and artificial intelligence.

Master's thesis: Higher-Order Regularization Methods for Supervised Learning.

Grade: 5.67/6.00 — Ranking: 2nd/31.

Jul 2016 Sep 2013 BSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

School: Instituto Superior Técnico.

Grade: 16.4/20.00.

# Work experience

Aug 2022

Co-Founder and CTO

Dec 2023

Radiobooks, Lisbon, Portugal

Subject: Converting books into audiobooks automatically using Artificial Intelligence.

- Designed and built an app for revising Al-generated audio.
- Tech stack: Python, FastAPI, MongoDB, Pytest, Docker, GitHub Actions, Codecov, Fly.io, AWS S3, and Better Stack.

Sep 2021

Research and Teaching Assistant

Apr 2020

Biomedical Imaging Group, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland

Subject: Supervised Learning with Sparsity-Promoting Regularization.

- Developed a novel framework to learn the activation functions of a neural network;
- Designed a spline-based supervised learning method which constructs piecewise-linear models with few regions (sparse).

Aug 2018

Research Intern

Mar 2019

Disney Research Studios, Zurich, Switzerland

Subject: Image and Video Compression using Deep Learning.

- Developed the first content-adaptive neural image compression scheme;
- Aided in the construction of a state-of-the-art neural video compression framework.

# Teaching experience

Sep 2021

Teaching Assistant in the Courses Signals and Systems I & II

Apr 2020

EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland Taught by Prof. Michael Unser to the Life Sciences and Microenginneering sections.

Sep 2021

**Supervision of Master Semester Projects** 

Apr 2020

EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland

Co-supervisor of two Master semester projects on lipschitz-constrained GANs.

# **Skills**

Expertise:

Theoretical and practical aspects of machine learning, deep learning, and signal

processing; Python development.

DevOps:

Python, C, FastAPI, Pytest, PyTorch, CI/CD, Bash, Linux, MongoDB, Docker, Github

Actions, Codecov, AWS, Fly.io, Better Stack

Languages:

Portuguese (native), English (professional), Spanish (advanced), French (conver-

sational).

Other skills:

During my academic years, I developed valuable presentation, writing, and teach-

ing skills, much of which I owe to Prof. Michael Unser.

The publications can be consulted here.

## **Publications: Science**

- [1] A. Goujon, J. Campos, and M. Unser, "Stable parameterization of continuous and piecewise-linear functions," *Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis*, vol. 67, p. 101581, Nov. 2023.
- [2] S. Aziznejad, J. Campos, and M. Unser, "Measuring Complexity of Learning Schemes Using Hessian-Schatten Total Variation," *SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science*, vol. 5, no. 2, pp. 422–445, Jun. 2023.
- [3] J. Campos, S. Aziznejad, and M. Unser, "Learning of Continuous and Piecewise-Linear Functions With Hessian Total-Variation Regularization," *IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing*, vol. 3, pp. 36–48, Dec. 2021.
- [4] P. Bohra, J. Campos, H. Gupta, S. Aziznejad, and M. Unser, "Learning Activation Functions in Deep (Spline) Neural Networks," *IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing*, vol. 1, pp. 295–309, Nov. 2020.
- [5] S. Aziznejad, H. Gupta, J. Campos, and M. Unser, "Deep Neural Networks With Trainable Activations and Controlled Lipschitz Constant," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 68, pp. 4688–4699, Aug. 2020.
- [6] A. Djelouah, J. Campos, S. Schaub-Meyer, and C. Schroers, "Neural Inter-Frame Compression for Video Coding," in *Proceedings of the Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, Oct. 2019.
- [7] J. Campos, S. Meierhans, A. Djelouah, and C. Schroers, "Content Adaptive Optimization for Neural Image Compression," in *Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops*, Jun. 2019.

# Publications: Philosophy

- [1] J. Campos, "Mahayana Buddhist Ethics: Deontological, Virtue-Based or Consequentialist? An Optimization Theory Perspective," Work-in-Progress.
- [2] J. Campos, "On the Wrongness of Killing Non-Human Animals," Course Thesis, École Polytéchnique Fédérale de Lausanne, May 2018.

# **Patents**

- [1] C. Schroers, S. Meierhans, J. Campos, J. Mcphillen, A. Djelouah, E. Varis Doggett, S. Labrozzi, and Y. Xue, "Content Adaptive Optimization for Neural Data Compression," US Patent 11,057,634, Nov., 2020.
- [2] C. Schroers, J. Campos, A. Djelouah, Y. Xue, E. Varis Doggett, J. Mcphillen, and S. Labrozzi, "Systems and Methods for Reconstructing Frames," US Patent 10,972,749, Mar., 2021.
- [3] C. Schroers, J. Campos, A. Djelouah, Y. Xue, E. Varis Doggett, J. Mcphillen, and S. Labrozzi, "Systems and Methods for Generating a Latent Space Residual," US Patent 11,012,718, Mar., 2021.