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In Brief

I am an engineer specializing in artificial intelligence, signal processing, and Python development. I consult with businesses looking to integrate AI into their operations and offer provide Python development services. Additionally, I provide independent, technology-driven assessments to help companies identify system-wide challenges and implement practical, effective solutions. Previously, I conducted academic research in deep learning, learning theory, and video compression. I also cofounded Radiobooks, a project that leverages AI text-to-speech technology to make more books acessible in audio format.

Outside the scope of my scientific expertise, I dedicate my time to exploring philosophy, psychology, meditation, and ethics. I find joy in tackling problems holistically, drawing inspiration from both ancient and modern wisdom, and considering the entire pipeline from philosophical and scientific inquiry to practical application. I appreciate engaging in thoughtful discussions, being exposed to different points of view, and—when suitable—sharing the little I know with others.

Education

Course in Philosophy and Meditation Present Sep 2023

Tergar Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal

Head Teacher: Mingyur Rinpoche. Project: Communicating Emptiness.

The course will continue on-site between mid-September and mid-December 2025.

Feb 2020 **MSc in Communication Systems**

EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland Sep 2016

> 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 BSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sep 2013 Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

School: Instituto Superior Técnico.

Grade: 16.4/20.00.

Language Skills

Portuguese, English (professional), Spanish (advanced), French (conversational).

Work experience

May 2024

Independent IT Consultant

Sep 2024

Germano de Sousa, Lisbon, Portugal

Subject: Independent operations and technology assessment.

- Conducted an independent evaluation to help the company identify challenges and implement effective solutions across diverse areas such as data analytics and project management.
- Delivered monthly presentations to top management.
- The project concluded with the preparation of a Request for Proposal.

Aug 2022

Co-Founder and CTO

Jan 2024

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.

Volunteering

- In 2022, I spent one month teaching science, English, and mathematics to elementary and middle school students at Sammena School in Arusha, Tanzania.
- Since 2021, I have been volunteering with CASA whenever I am in Lisbon. The goal of this organization is to help alleviate the suffering of people experiencing homelessness.

Links to the publications can be found 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.