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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 at the Tergar Institute in Nepal 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

Present Sep 2023	Course in Philosophy and Meditation Tergar Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Head Teacher: Mingyur Rinpoche. Project: Communicating Emptiness. The course will continue on-site between mid-September and mid-December 2024.
Feb 2020 Sep 2016	MSc in Communication Systems 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 Dec 2023 Co-Founder and CTO

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 Mar 2019 Research Intern

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 Apr 2020 Teaching assistance in the courses MICRO-310/11: Signals and Systems I/II

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

Other skills: During my academic years, I developed valuable presentation, writ-

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

Languages

Mother tongue: Portuguese
Professional (C1): English
Advanced (B2): Spanish
Conversational (B1): French

The publications can be consulted here.

Publications: Science

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- [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.