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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 co-founded 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, ethics, and social systems. 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.

Having started traveling at a young age, I've been fortunate to have explored more than 30 countries. I speak Portuguese and English fluently, have a conversational level of Spanish, and I can get by in French.

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.

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

May 2024 – Sep 2024
Independent IT Consultant
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 – Jan 2024
Co-Founder and CTO
Radiobooks, Lisbon, Portugal

Subject: Converting books into audiobooks automatically using Artificial Intelligence.
- Designed and built an app for revising AI-generated audio.
- Tech stack: Python, FastAPI, MongoDB, Pytest, Docker, GitHub Actions, Codecov, Fly.io, AWS S3, and Better Stack.

Sep 2021 – Apr 2020
Research and Teaching Assistant
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 Assistant in the Courses 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 – Apr 2020
Supervision of Master Semester Projects
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, English (professional), Spanish (advanced), French (conversational).

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.