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Research interest

My research interests lie primarily (a) at the interface between probabilistic graphical models and cognitive sciences (b) at the intersection of optimization, machine learning and statistics.

Education

2016–2018 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology.**

Master of Science in *Operations Research*. Advised by Prof. Rahul Mazumder. Research areas: *Optimization, Machine Learning, Statistics*. Coursework includes: *Linear Optimization, Statistical Learning, Dynamic Programming* and *Bayesian Modeling*. GPA: 5.0/5.0.

2013–2016 **École Polytechnique.**

France's premiere university for science and engineering. Master in *Probability, Statistics and Finance*. Coursework includes: *CS* and *Economics*. Ranked in the top 5% of the class. GPA: 3.96/4.

2011–2013 **Lycée Sainte-Geneviève, Preparatory program.**

Intensive two-year preparation program. *Maths, CS and Physics* track. GPA: 3.98/4.

Publications

Journal Articles

15. Learning attention-controllable border-ownership for objectness inference and binding. [\[PDF\]](#)
Submitted, 2021. **A. Dedieu**, R. Rikhye, M. Lázaro-Gredilla, D. George.
14. A detailed mathematical theory of thalamic and cortical microcircuits based on inference in a generative vision model. [\[PDF\]](#)
Submitted, 2021. D. George, M. Lázaro-Gredilla, W. Lehrach, **A. Dedieu**, G. Zhou.
13. Solving L1-regularized SVMs and related linear programs: Revisiting the effectiveness of Column and Constraint Generation. [\[PDF\]](#)
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), to appear, 2022. **A. Dedieu**, R. Mazumder, H. Wang.
12. Subset Selection with Shrinkage: Sparse Linear Modeling when the SNR is low. [\[PDF\]](#)
Operations Research, to appear, 2022. R. Mazumder, P. Radchenko, **A. Dedieu**.
11. Learning Sparse Classifiers: Continuous and Mixed Integer Optimization Perspectives. [\[PDF\]](#)
JMLR, 2021. **A. Dedieu**, H. Hazimeh, R. Mazumder.
10. Clone-structured graph representations enable flexible learning and vicarious evaluation of cognitive maps. [\[PDF\]](#)
Nature Communications, 2021 D. George, R. Rikhye, N. Gothoskar, J. Guntupalli, **A. Dedieu**, M. Lázaro-Gredilla.

Thesis

9. Sparse learning: statistical and optimization perspectives. [\[PDF\]](#)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2018. **A. Dedieu**.

Conference Articles

8. Graphical Models with Attention for Context-Specific Independence and an Application to Perceptual Grouping. *Submitted, 2022.* G. Zhou, W. Lehrach, **A. Dedieu**, M. Lázaro-Gredilla. [\[PDF\]](#)
7. Perturb-and-max-product: Sampling and learning in discrete energy-based models. [\[PDF\]](#)
Neural Information Processing Systems, 2021. M. Lázaro-Gredilla, **A. Dedieu**, D. George
6. Improved error rates for sparse (group) learning with Lipschitz loss functions. [\[PDF\]](#)
Submitted, 2021. **A. Dedieu**.
5. Sample-Efficient L0-L2 Constrained Structure Learning of Sparse Ising Models. [\[PDF\]](#)
Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021. **A. Dedieu**, M. Lázaro-Gredilla, D. George

4. Query Training: Learning a Worse Model to Infer Better Marginals in Undirected Graphical Models with Hidden Variables. [\[PDF\]](#)
AAAI, 2021. M. Lázaro-Gredilla, W. Lehrach, N. Gothoskar, G. Zhou, **A. Dedieu**, D. George.
3. Learning higher-order sequential structure with cloned HMMs. [\[PDF\]](#)
A. Dedieu, N. Gothoskar, S. Swingle, W. Lehrach, M. Lázaro-Gredilla, D. George.
2. Error bounds for sparse classifiers in high-dimensions. [\[PDF\]](#)
Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, 2019. **A. Dedieu**.
1. Hierarchical Modeling and Shrinkage for User Session Length Prediction in Media Streaming. [\[PDF\]](#)
Conference on Information and Knowledge Management, 2018. **A. Dedieu**, R. Mazumder, Z. Zhu, H. Vahabi.

Work Experience

- 2021– **Senior Research Scientist**, *Vicarious AI*, SAN FRANCISCO.
- 2018–2021 **Researcher**, *Vicarious AI*, SAN FRANCISCO.
- Created a pipeline for box detection with Recursive Cortical Networks (RCNs), used 1M+ times in production.
 - Creating novel computational algorithms to improve the internal cutting-edge RCN vision model performance. Findings led to 40% gains in speed and accuracy on robots.
 - Building new biologically-inspired probabilistic graphical models for central machine learning problems. Findings published in top journals/conferences.
- 2017–2018 **Graduate Student Researcher**, *Pandora - MIT*, BOSTON.
- 9-month research project, advised by Prof. Mazumder (MIT) and Zhu (Pandora).
 - Predicted user session length through a new hierarchical Bayesian modeling framework.
- 2016 **Equity Derivative Structurer**, *Société Générale*, PARIS.
- 6-month internship. Built a machine learning pricer for structured products. Reached 0.2% MAE.
- 2013–2014 **Teacher Assistant and Examiner**, *Jiao Tong University*, SHANGHAI.
- 6-month internship. Mentored top Chinese undergraduate students enrolled in a French Preparatory program.

Google scholar

Number of citations (as of December 2, 2021): 98. H index: 5. [\[Profile\]](#)

Presentations

- Feb. 2021 Sample-Efficient L0-L2 Constrained Structure Learning of Sparse Ising Models. [\[Talk\]](#) .
Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence
- April 2019 Error bounds for sparse classifiers in high-dimensions.
Artificial Intelligence and Statistics
- Sept. 2018 Hierarchical Modeling and Shrinkage for User Session Length Prediction in Media Streaming .
Conference on Information and Knowledge Management
- May 2018 Sparse learning: statistical and optimization perspectives.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- April 2018 Hybrid Column-and-Constraint Generation for large-scale sparse Support Vector Machines.
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Patents

US patent US2021/0125030A1, issued April 29, 2021. [\[Link\]](#)

Method and system for query training. M. Lázaro-Gredilla, W. Lehrach, N. Gothoskar, G. Zhou, A. Dedieu, D. George.

Technical skills and Languages

Computing PYTHON, R, C++, SQL, GitHub

Languages **French**: mother tongue. **English**: fluent. **Spanish**: fluent. **Chinese**: two years

Personal interests

Sports Tennis ten years (captain of a Ecole Polytechnique team), rugby and football (competitions).

Travel China, Russia, Japan, Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru, Cuba, Mexico, Eastern and Southern Europe.