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EDUCATION

Université de Montréal

Montréal, QC

Ph.D., Computer Science; advised by Dr. Bang Liu

Sep 2021 - May 2025

- investigating the representation of procedural knowledge using language models
- 4.3 GPA during first year as master's student
- switched from master's to doctoral program in August 2022

Brigham Young University

Provo, UT

B.S., Mathematics; Applied and Computational Mathematics Emphasis

Aug 2014 - Dec 2019

- Cum Laude (3.9 GPA); minor in computer science; concentration in linguistics
- **Senior project**: scored 76% accuracy on phoneme classification of the TIMIT corpus (research-style paper here)
- **Grant-funded research**: achieved 71% accuracy on a Basque morphology corpus with a recent VoCRF implementation

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cobalt Speech and Language

(remote) Provo, UT

speech scientist (full time)

Jan 2020 - Aug 2021

- Built an online training service in Go to manage parallel training of Kaldi models on sensitive live data
- Implemented state-of-the-art hyperparameter selection algorithms (learning rate range test; adaptive filtering) for online training
- Implemented MFCC extraction in Go while avoiding allocs and array bound checks

Emergent Trading

Chicago, IL

software developer (intern)

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Wrote fast market analysis code in C++ to track competitors on currency markets at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
- Designed and built an interactive tool to observe trades and prices in Brazilian currency futures using the Bokeh Python library

CamachoLab, Brigham Young University

Provo, UT

research assistant (part time)

Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

- Simulated field profiles of photonic chip components in TensorFlow using neural networks with resize convolutions
- Built SLURM_gen, a tool to automatically generate and manage simulated datasets in a high-performance computing environment
- Wrote custom resize-convolution layer to improve performance

Cobalt Speech and Language

(remote) Provo, UT

speech scientist (intern)

Apr 2018 - Nov 2018

• Improved model accuracy from 76% to 94% for autonomous drone recognition of air traffic control speech, using class-based (Thrax) language models

SKILLS

- languages: Python, Go, C++, Java, Dart, Bash, LATEX
- tools: PyTorch, TensorFlow, SLURM, Kaldi, git, scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, AWS, SQL, PySpark
- natural languages: native English, fluent Spanish, basic French