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EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science

Fall 2021 - (Ongoing)

Mila and Intelligence and Data Institute (IID), Laval University, Quebec, Canada

MSc. in Machine Learning

2018 - 2019

AIMS African Master's of Machine Intelligence, Kigali, Rwanda

Taught by international experts, a Master's program funded by Facebook and Google,

<u>Link Complete list of courses</u> (ML Fundamentals, Computer Vision, NLP, etc.)

MSc. in Mathematical Sciences

2016 - 2017

African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Limbe, Cameroon

Msc. in Computer Engineering

2011 - 2016

Ecole Polytechnique Yaoundé, Cameroon

Other: Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS), London 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. <u>A Layer Selection Approach to Test Time Adaptation</u>, Sahoo, S., ElAraby, M., **Ngnawe**, J., Pequignot, Y., Precioso, F., & Gagné, C. (**AAAI 2025**.)
- Detecting Brittle Decisions for Free: Leveraging Margin Consistency in Deep Robust Classifiers, Ngnawé, J., Sahoo, S., Pequignot, Y., Precioso, F., & Gagné, C. (NeurIPS 2024).
- 3. Robustmix: Improving Robustness by Regularizing the Frequency Bias of Deep Networks. Ngnawe, J., Njifon, M. A., Heek, J., & Dauphin, Y. (NeurlPS 2022 Workshop on Distribution Shifts).
- 4. <u>Scalable Inference with Distributed Gaussian Processes using the Wasserstein Barycenter.</u>

 Ngnawé, J., Deisenroth, M. (Master's project)
- 5. <u>k-Clustering Problem-Application to a Field Technician Allocation Optimization Problem.</u> **Ngnawé, J**, Zacko, E., Wandji, N., Ndjinga, M. (Master's project)

AI/ML EXPERIENCE

Google Al resident Google Brain Team Accra, Ghana

Oct 2019 - Sep 2021

- Development of robust methods for deep neural networks
- Compression of deep neural networks by quantization and pruning

AI/ML SKILLS

ML Frameworks Pytorch, Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn

MLOps Tools Git/Github, Weight&Biases, Docker, Ray, Slurm, Google Cloud Platform

Other Distributed Training, Supervised Fine-tuning, VLMs/LLMs Adversarial Evaluation

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Software Developer, Bolloré Africa Logistics, Port of Douala, Cameroon

Feb - Aug 2016

- Automation and Analysis of the Review of Access Rights to the Information System
- Detection of abnormal access rights

<u>Tools, Languages and Methods:</u> Talend Open Studio, Qlikview, C#, ASP.Net, Microsoft SQL Server, Visual Studio, UML/Merise, BPMN 2.0, PMI Methodology

- Website development
- Fuel consumption prediction projects
- Studies for the creation of a startup incubator (Business plan)
- Industrial Maintenance (Refinery) of the Honeywell Experion System
- IT Support

<u>Tools, Languages and Methods:</u> HTML5/CSS3/JavaScript/JQuery/JQueryUI/Ajax/PHP, MySQL, Méthodologie PMI, Business Model Canvas

Freelance Software Developer

2017-2018

- Digitization of administrative procedures for various ministries in Cameroon,
- Development and maintenance of WordPress plugins (WooCommerce)

<u>Tools, Languages and Methods:</u> Electronic Document Management (EDM)/Electronic Archiving (<u>MARCH RM</u>), PHP/Woocommerce, MySQL Workbench, Microsoft Access, Git/Gitlab/Github, Java, Netbeans, SCRUM

Talks

Panelist, "AI Regulation & Fairness in the Generative AI Era." Black In AI Workshop at Neurips 2024

"Detecting Brittle Decisions for Free" Kmer Al June 2024, Galsen Al January 2025

Keynote speaker, "Robustness in AI" <u>Deep Learning IndabaX-Cameroon</u> Dec. 27, 2022 Host at Kmer AI Talks

Reviews

IEEE Transactions on Image Processing

Algorithmic Fairness through the Lens of Causality and Robustness @NeurIPS 2021

Algorithmic Fairness through the Lens of Causality and Privacy @NeurIPS 2022

Algorithmic Fairness through the Lens of Time @NeurIPS 2023

Algorithmic Fairness through the Lens of Metrics and Evaluation @NeurIPS 2024

Montreal Al Symposium 2022, 2024

Black in Al Workshop @NeurlPS 2022, 2023, 2024

Deep Learning Indaba, Pan-African Machine Learning Conference, 2023

Leadership and Event Organization

Organizing committee of <u>Interpolate workshop @Neurips2022</u>: First Workshop on Interpolation Regularizers and Beyond.

Co-organizer of a Machine Learning Projects Competition (MLPC) 2020, 2021, 2022 Polytechnique Yaoundé

Co-organizer of a two (02) week introductory course in Machine Learning September 2019 Polytechnique Yaoundé

Co-organizer of the first Deep Learning IndabaX Rwanda, Machine Learning and Al conference April 2019, Kigali, Rwanda

Co-Founder Kmer-AI, an association for promoting and vulgarizing AI and Machine Learning in Cameroon. Since 2020