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Employment

BANK OF ENGLAND

Economist (London, UK)

Postgraduate Intern (London, UK) 06/2017-08/2017

University of Edinburgh

Teaching Assistant (part-time) (Edinburgh, UK)

2016-2017

2018-2020

Education

Delft University of Technology

Ph.D. Computer Science 2021-2025

Published research on Counterfactual Explanations, Predictive Uncertainty Quantification and Mechanistic Interpretability in top-tier venues: ICML, AAAI, IEEE SaTML.

Supervised multiple bachelor's and master's theses as well as software projects on related research topics.

Frequently invited as speaker at organizations including The Alan Turing Institute, The Bank of England, De Nederlandsche Bank, Verbond van Verzekeraars.

Founded and maintained Taija, an open-source software organization for Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence in Julia. Presented at JuliaCon Global for three consecutive years.

Mentored first-time open-source contributors as part of Google Summer of Code and Julia Season of Contributions.

BARCELONA SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (BSE)

Master's Degree in Data Science, GPA 8.67/10

2020-2021

Dissertation: Deep Vector Autoregression for Macroeconomic Data (9.5) Relevant modules: Machine Learning (9.0), Reinforcement Learning (10.0)

Master's Degree in Economics and Finance, GPA 9.03/10 (top student)

2017-2018

Dissertation: Option Pricing in the Heston Stochastic Volatility Model (10.0) Relevant modules: Financial Econometrics (10.0), Pricing Financial Derivatives (9.3)

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Master of Arts with Honours in Economics, First Class (among top three students)

2013-2017

Dissertation: Can misguided monetary policy explain the European housing bubble? (82%)

Honours modules: Economics of Financial Markets (86%), Adv. Mathematical Economics (79%), Behavioural Economics (71%), Economics of Asymmetric Information (74%)

Publications

Altmeyer, P., Demetriou, A. M., Bartlett, A., & Liem, C. C. (2024). Position: Stop making unscientific AGI performance claims. International Conference on Machine Learning, 1222–1242. https://proceedings.mlr.press/v235/altmeyer24a.html

- Altmeyer, P., Farmanbar, M., Deursen, A. van, & Liem, C. C. S. (2024). Faithful Model Explanations through Energy-Constrained Conformal Counterfactuals. *Proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 38, 10829–10837. https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v38i10.28956
- Hengst, F., Wolter, R., Altmeyer, P., & Kaygan, A. (2024). Conformal intent classification and clarification for fast and accurate intent recognition. *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: NAACL 2024*, 2412–2432. https://doi.org/10.18653/v1/2024.findings-naacl.156
- Agustí, M., Costa, I. V.-Q., & Altmeyer, P. (2023). Deep vector autoregression for macroeconomic data. *IFC Bulletins Chapters*, 59. https://www.bis.org/ifc/publ/ifcb59_39.pdf
- Altmeyer, P., Angela, G., Buszydlik, A., Dobiczek, K., Deursen, A. van, & Liem, C. C. (2023). Endogenous macrodynamics in algorithmic recourse. 2023 IEEE Conference on Secure and Trustworthy Machine Learning (SaTML), 418–431. https://doi.org/10.1109/satml54575.2023.00036
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Technical Reports

- Altmeyer, P., Boneva, L., Kinston, R., Saha, S., & Stoja, E. (2023). *Yield curve sensitivity to investor positioning around economic shocks* (Bank of England Working Papers No. 1029). Bank of England. https://doi.org/None
- Altmeyer, P., Grapendal, J. D., Pravosud, M., & Quintana, G. D. (2018). *Option pricing in the heston stochastic volatility model: An empirical evaluation* [Master's thesis]. http://hdl.handle.net/10230/35862
- Altmeyer, P. (2017). *Can misguided monetary policy explain the european housing bubble?* https://thevoice.bse.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/can-misguided-monetary-policy-explain-the-european-housing-bubble-patrick-altmeyer.pdf

Preprints

Buszydlik, A., Altmeyer, P., Liem, C. C., & Dobbe, R. (2024). *Grounding and validation of algorithmic recourse in real-world contexts: A systematized literature review.* https://openreview.net/pdf?id=oEmyoy5H5P

Supervision

Master's Students

- Buszydlik, A. (2024). Finding recourse for algorithmic recourse. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:be47ad5a-5a4b-457c-b214-3 5c6c78cae36
- Dobiczek, K. (2024). Natural language counterfactual explanations in financial text classification. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:66730110-d296-4a57-b382-e9a6cc0a4aa5
- Radder, M. E. (2024). A counterfactual-based evaluation framework for machine learning models that use gene expression data. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:4cf92f8f-2a4c-43e8-9746-2ff33ca65de5
- Zagorac, I. (2024). A study on counterfactual explanations. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:6e2c240c-03c6-4e0e-af2c-5d257e77c7c

BACHELOR'S STUDENTS

- Appachi Senthilkumar, R. (2024). Are neural networks robust to gradient-based adversaries also more explainable? Evidence from counterfactuals. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:47786bb4-ae24-4972-94a0-1bd18d756486
- Iscan, I. (2024). Advancing explainability in black-box models. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:e50c1cae-d579-405a-9089-86a 0ca925086
- Nikolov, D. (2024). How does predictive uncertainty quantification correlate with the plausibility of counterfactual explanations. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:b0ecc3fe-4454-4c44-a624-5d335d108634
- Pezzali, G. (2024). Do joint energy-based models produce more plausible counterfactual explanations? https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:afe2d50d-f4b3-403f-b0e7-a0b8ede96bb0
- Yücel, A. F. (2024). Metrics to ascertain the plausibility and faithfulness of counterfactual explanations. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:d80b688c-b0f6-4c88-a0a2-891d738f25d4
- Angela, G. (2023). *Endogenous macrodynamics in algorithmic recourse*. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:5023154a-53c6-44c a-9d09-1670ba0ded31

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Dobiczek, K. (2022). *Quantifying the endogenous domain and model shifts induced by the CLUE recourse generator*. https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:6a249d72-9e1e-4e81-abdc-463260c7d1bc

Software

Altmeyer, P., caterino, pasquale, Ardman, M., sb, Ionescu, A., Makarov, I., Cazacu, A., eeeerrw, Farmanbar, M., & Monticone, P. (2024). *Julia Trustworthy AI/Laplace Redux. jl: vi.i.i* (Version vi.i.i). Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13758044

Altmeyer, P., Farmanbar, M., Waczak, J., Isbarov, J., Monticone, P., pricklypointer, & Huijzer, R. (2024). *Julia Trustworthy AI/Conformal Prediction. jl: vo.i.i.* (Version vo.i.i.). Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12799930

Skills

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Dutch (intermediate) Programming: Julia, R, Python, MATLAB, C++, SQL, git, Bash, Quarto, LaTeX

Selected Awards & Honours

Ist Prize Winner of ING Experiment Week. (2023)
2nd Prize Winner of JuliaCon Pluto Notebook Competition. (2023)
3rd Price Winner of Novartis Datathon. (2020)
Full scholarship for master's in data science awarded jointly by Bank of England and BSE. (2020)
Full scholarship for master's in economics and finance awarded BSE. (2017)
Edinburgh University School of Economics Joint Prize for the best performance in Economics. (2017)
School of Economics Prize for academic excellence in Economics. (2014)

References

Available upon request.