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Researcher in Computer Science and Machine Learning

General Information

Birth: 12-14-1996 in Berlin, Germany

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Education

2022 PhD in Computer Science (and Machine Learning)

Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

[PAC-Bayesian Bounds and Beyond: Self-Bounding Algorithms and New Perspectives on Generalization in Machine Learning](#)

Supervisors:

- Prof. Amaury Habrard, Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
- Dr. Pascal Germain, Assistant professor, Laval University, Canada
- Dr. Emilie Morvant, Assistant Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

Reviewers:

- Prof. Stéphane Canu, Professor, INSA Rouen, France
- Prof. Liva Ralaivola, VP Research, Criteo AI Lab, France

Examinator:

- Prof. Marc Tommasi, Professor, Université de Lille, Inria, France

President of the jury and Examinator:

- Prof. Rémi Gribonval, Senior Researcher, ENS Lyon, Inria, France

2019 MSc. [Machine Learning and Data Mining](#) (*Master “Machine Learning and Data Mining” avec mention très bien*)

Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

[Interpreting Neural Networks as Majority Votes with the PAC-Bayesian Theory](#)

Supervisors:

- Dr. Rémi Emonet, Assistant Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
- Prof. Amaury Habrard, Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
- Dr. Emilie Morvant, Assistant Professor, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

2017 BSc. [Computer Science](#) (*Licence Informatique avec mention très bien*)

Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

2014 French Baccalauréat of Science (*BAC S avec mention bien*)

Lycée Jacob Holtzer, Firminy, France

Research Activities

Work Experience

- February 2023 - **Postdoctoral researcher**
SIERRA Project-Team
Inria Paris, France
Supervisor: [Dr. Umut Şimşekli](#)
- September 2019 - December 2022 **Doctoral researcher**
Data Intelligence Team
Hubert Curien Laboratory UMR CNRS 5516
Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
Supervisors: Prof. Amaury Habrard, Dr. Pascal Germain, Dr. Emilie Morvant
- February 2019 - June 2019 **Research intern**
Data Intelligence Team
Hubert Curien Laboratory UMR CNRS 5516
Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
Supervisors: Prof. Amaury Habrard, Dr. Emilie Morvant and Dr. Rémi Emonet
- April 2018 - June 2018 **Research intern**
SNA-EPIS Laboratory EA 4607
Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France
Supervisors: Prof. Vincent Pichot and Prof. Jean-Claude Barthélémy

Publications

Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Conference

1. **Self-Bounding Majority Vote Learning Algorithms by the Direct Minimization of a Tight PAC-Bayesian C-Bound**
Paul Viallard, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant
European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases ([ECML-PKDD](#)), online, 2021
([paper](#)) ([supplementary material](#)) ([source code](#))
2. **Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound**
[Valentina Zantedeschi](#), **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Pascal Germain, [Benjamin Guedj](#)
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems ([NeurIPS](#)), online, 2021
([abstract](#)) ([paper](#)) ([supplementary material](#))
3. **A PAC-Bayes Analysis of Adversarial Robustness**
Paul Viallard, Guillaume Vidot, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems ([NeurIPS](#)), online, 2021
([abstract](#)) ([paper](#)) ([supplementary material](#)) ([source code](#))

Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Workshop

4. **Interpreting Neural Networks as Majority Votes through the PAC-Bayesian Theory**
Paul Viallard, Rémi Emonet, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant
[NeurIPS 2019 Workshop on Machine Learning with guarantees](#), Vancouver, Canada, 2019
([paper](#))

Communications in Peer-Reviewed French Conference

5. **Intérêt des bornes désintégrées pour la généralisation avec des mesures de complexité**
Paul Viallard, Rémi Emonet, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant, Valentina Zantedeschi
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp), Vannes, 2022
6. **Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound**
Valentina Zantedeschi, **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Pascal Germain, Benjamin Guedj
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp), Vannes, 2022
7. **Apprentissage de Vote de Majorité par Minimisation d'une C-Borne**
Paul Viallard, Emilie Morvant, Pascal Germain
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp), online, 2021
8. **Dérandomisation des Bornes PAC-Bayésiennes**
Paul Viallard, Emilie Morvant, Pascal Germain
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp), online, 2021
9. **Une Analyse PAC-Bayésienne de la Robustesse Adversariale**
Guillaume Vidot, **Paul Viallard**, Emilie Morvant
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp), online, 2021
10. **Théorie PAC-Bayésienne pour l'apprentissage en deux étapes de réseaux de neurones**
Paul Viallard, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant, Pascal Germain
Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp), online, 2020

Unpublished Research Reports

11. **A General Framework for the Disintegration of PAC-Bayesian Bounds**
Paul Viallard, Pascal Germain, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant
2022
12. **Generalization Bounds with Arbitrary Complexity Measures**
Paul Viallard, Rémi Emonet, Amaury Habrard, Emilie Morvant, Valentina Zantedeschi
2022

Talks

Seminars

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| December 8th, 2021 | A PAC-Bayes Analysis of Adversarial Robustness Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound NeurIPS21@Paris, Sorbonne University, Paris, France |
| November 16th, 2021 | Learning Stochastic Majority Votes by Minimizing a PAC-Bayes Generalization Bound TAUDoS Meeting, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France |
| June 18th, 2021 | Majority Vote Learning in PAC-Bayesian Theory: State of the Art and Novelty Signal Processing - Machine Learning Seminars, CNRS LIS, Aix-Marseille University, online |
| October 27th, 2020 | Derandomization of PAC-Bayesian Bounds: A General Pointwise Approach APRIORI Meeting, online |

July 1st, 2019 **Interpreting Neural Networks as Majority Votes with the PAC-Bayesian Theory**
PhD Student Seminars, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Etienne, France

May 27th, 2019 **Interpreting neural networks as majority votes**
APRIORI Meeting, Inria Paris, Paris, France

Science Popularization

November 27th, 2020 **La pop culture dans l'oeil des expert-es !**
Nuit Européenne des Chercheur-e-s 2020, [YouTube](#)

Student Supervisions

April 2022 - July 2022 **Alexiane Fraise**
Random Fourier Features and Domain Adaptation
Supervised with [Dr. Guillaume Metzler](#) and Dr. Emilie Morvant

April 2021 - June 2021 **Luiza Dzhidzhavadze**
A Multiclass C-Bound-Based Algorithm
Supervised with Dr. Emilie Morvant

April 2021 - June 2021 **Himanshu Pandey**
A Multiclass C-Bound-Based Algorithm
Supervised with Dr. Emilie Morvant

Participation in Research Projects

- ANR [APRIORI](#) ANR-18-CE23-0015 – Project member
- ANR [TAUDoS](#) ANR-20-CE23-0020 – Project member

Reviewing

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| 2022 | ICML 2022 |
| 2021 | ICML 2021, CAP 2021 |
| 2020 | IDA 2020, ICML 2020 |

Administrative Activities

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| Since May 2021 | Board Member of the FIL (Fédération Informatique de Lyon) |
| May 2021 - January 2023 | Board Member of the Hubert Curien Laboratory |
| January 2020 - November 2021 | Secretary in the PhD students association of Saint-Etienne |

Teaching Activities (In French)

2021-2022

L2 INFORMATIQUE

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| Advanced programming in C | 18h TP |
| Introduction to Operating Systems | 5h CM / 10h TP |

L2 INFORMATIQUE (POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS EN ALTERNANCE)

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| Introduction to debugging in C | 2h CM / 2h TP |
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L1 MATHÉMATIQUES-INFORMATIQUE-PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

6h CM

2020-2021

L2 INFORMATIQUE

Advanced programming in C

18h TP

Introduction to Operating Systems

7h CM / 9h TD

L2 INFORMATIQUE (POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS EN ALTERNANCE)

Introduction to debugging in C

2h CM

L1 MATHÉMATIQUES-INFORMATIQUE-PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

6h CM

Introduction to LaTeX

16h TP

Programming in Python

14h TP

2019-2020

L2 INFORMATIQUE

Advanced programming in C

36h TP

L1 MATHÉMATIQUES-INFORMATIQUE-PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

4h CM

Introduction to LaTeX

8h TP

Programming in Python

14h TD