

Thomas Jiralerspong

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Education

University of Montreal/Mila – Co-supervised by Prof. Yoshua Bengio & Prof. Doina Precup

Master's of Science – Computer Science (Thesis)

Sep 2023 – Present

Awards: NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship (17 500\$), University of Montreal Discovery Master's Recruitment Scholarship (5 000\$)

McGill University

Bachelor of Science – Honours Computer Science – 4.0/4.0 GPA

Sep 2020 – Apr 2023

Awards: J. W. McConnell Major Entrance Scholarship (9 000\$), McGill Mobility Bursary for Exchanges (6 000\$)

Research Experience

Waabi

Research Intern – Toronto, Ontario

PyTorch, Python

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

Project: Realistic and controllable probabilistic traffic simulation using variational autoencoders

Mila/McGill University – Supervised by Prof. Blake Richards

Undergraduate Researcher – Montreal, Quebec

PyTorch, Python

Sep 2022 – Aug 2023

Project: Contrastive learning to discover important states for reinforcement learning in sparse reward environments

Mila/McGill University – Supervised by Prof. Doina Precup

Undergraduate Researcher – Montreal, Quebec

TensorFlow, Python

Jan 2022 – Aug 2023

Project: Model-based reinforcement learning with affordance aware tree-search planning directly from pixels

Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Machine Learning Research Intern – Toronto, Ontario

Python

Sep 2022 – Dec 2022

Project: Model-based reinforcement learning for HVAC control

Project X – Machine Learning Research Competition

Co-Leader of McGill's Team

PyTorch, Python

Jun 2021 – Feb 2022

Project: Deep offline conservative reinforcement learning for mechanical ventilation treatment

McGill University – Supervised by Prof. Christian Genest

Collegiate Researcher – Montreal, Quebec

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Jan 2020 – May 2020

Project: ARIMA models to model the evolution of arctic ice extent

Publications

Towards Safe Mechanical Ventilation Treatment Using Deep Offline Reinforcement Learning

F. Kondrup*, **T. Jiralerspong***, E. Lau*, N. de Lara, J. Shkrob, M.D. Tran, D. Precup, S. Basu.

AAAI 2023

A Comparison of Classical and Deep Reinforcement Learning Methods for HVAC Control

M. Wang, J. Willes, **T. Jiralerspong**, M. Moezzi

UIC 2023

Contrastive Introspection (ConSpec) to Rapidly Identify Invariant Prototypes for Success in RL

C. Sun, W. Yang, B. Alsbury-Nealy, **T. Jiralerspong**, Y. Bengio, B. Richards

(Submitted) NeurIPS 2023

Deep Conservative Reinforcement Learning for Personalization of Mechanical Ventilation Treatment

F. Kondrup*, **T. Jiralerspong***, E. Lau*, N. de Lara, J. Shkrob, M.D. Tran, D. Precup, S. Basu

RLDM 2022

Network Analysis of the iNaturalist Citizen Science Community

Y. Liu* & **T. Jiralerspong***

Preprint 2022

Modelling the Evolution of Arctic Sea Ice Extent

X. Fan*, **T. Jiralerspong***, K. Zhu*, B. Nasri, C. Genest

Preprint 2020

*Equal Contribution

Software Development Experience

Amazon Web Services (AWS) – S3 Team

Software Development Engineer Intern – Vancouver, British Columbia

Python, JavaScript

May 2022 – Jul 2022

Square Enix

Software Development Intern – Montreal, Quebec

C#

May 2021 – Aug 2021

Expedia Group

Software Development Intern – Montreal, Quebec

JavaScript, TypeScript, React

Jun 2019 – Aug 2019

Projects

Rainbow Q-Learning in Jelly-Bean World

2022

Generating Music Using a LSTM Network with Attention

2020