# VILÉM ZOUHAR

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#### **EDUCATION**



#### ETH Zürich

2022-present

PhD in Computer Science in Mrinmaya Sachan's lab

Thesis & focus TBD



# Saarland University + Groningen University

(2 years) 2020 - 2022

MSc. in Language Science and Technology (funded scholarship)

Double degree programme

Thesis Shrinking Knowledge Base Size: Dimension Reduction, Splitting & Filtering



## Charles University in Prague

(3 years) 2017 - 2020

BSc. in Computer Science (+ graduate-level classes) Specialization in Computational linguistics

Thesis Enabling Outbound Machine Translation

# TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

**Programming** Python, JS/TS, Rust, C/C++, R

**Toolkits** PyTorch, Scikit, Numpy, Huggingface,

Marian NMT, Matplotlib

Misc. Linux (long-term user, GPU cluster etc),

visualization, typesetting (pandoc, LaTeX)

Czech Native

**English** C2 (*iBT TOEFL 118/120*)

German B2 (in development)

Others bits of random languages

(linguistic curiosity)

## **TEACHING**

Neural Networks Implementation and Application class (tutor)

Statistical Natural Language Processing class (tutor)

winter semester 2021

summer semester 2021

- University of Saarland (Germany)
- Weekly tutorials for students
- Preparation of the SNLP class material, NN class material and the final exam
- Designing and grading weekly assignments and the final project

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Spoken Language Systems group (student research assistant)

(14 months) 2021-2022

- University of Saarland (Germany)
- Information retrieval efficiency through dimensionality reduction (code)
- Language modelling with an external source of information

Institute of Formal and Applied Linguistics (student research assistant)

(3 years) 2019-2022

- Charles University (Czech Republic)
- Machine translation related projects
- Bergamot project (in-browser MT)
- Psycholinguistic project consultation
- Miscellaneous research tasks

Previo (intern software dev)

(3 months) summer 2018

- Development of multilayer CMS using JS, PHP, Zend and MySQL

BIM Project (intern software dev)

(3 months) summer 2017

- Development of plugins for the ArchiCAD suite with C++/Boost and C#

Web development 2015-2017

- Participation in several commercial website projects using the PHP/JS/HTML/CSS stack

SELECTED ACADEMIC PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS	Google Scholar
Knowledge Base Index Compression via Dimensionality and Precision Reduction Vilém Zouhar, Marius Mosbach, Miaoran Zhang, Dietrich Klakow	ACL Spa-NLP 2022
EMMT: A simultaneous eye-tracking, 4-electrode EEG and audio corpus for multi-	-modal
reading and translation scenarios	In review
Sunit Bhattacharya, Věra Kloudová, Vilém Zouhar, Ondřej Bojar	
Neural Machine Translation Quality and Post-Editing Performance Vilém Zouhar, Ondřej Bojar, Martin Popel, Aleš Tamchyna	EMNLP 2021
Providing Backtranslation Improves Users Confidence in MT, Not Quality Vilém Zouhar, Michal Novák, Matúš Žilinec, Ondřej Bojar, Mateo Obregón, Robin L. Hill, Frédéric Blain, Marina Fomicheva, Lucia Specia, Lisa Yankovskaya	NAACL 2021
Artefact Retrieval: Overview of NLP Models with Knowledge Base Access Vilém Zouhar, Marius Mosbach, Debanjali Biswas, Dietrich Klakow	AKBC CSKB 2021
Sampling and Filtering of Neural Machine Translation Distillation Data Vilém Zouhar	NAACL SRW 2021
Leveraging Neural Machine Translation for Word Alignment Vilém Zouhar, Daria Pylypenko	PBML 116
WMT20 Document-Level Markable Error Exploration Vilém Zouhar, Tereza Vojtěchová, Ondřej Bojar	WMT20
Extending Ptakopět for MT User Interaction Experiments Vilém Zouhar, Michal Novák	PBML 115
Outbound Translation User Interface Ptakopet: A Pilot Study Vilém Zouhar, Ondřej Bojar	LREC 2020
A Collection of Machine Learning Excercises	2018/2019
50 pages of ML tasks in R; full version available per request (used as teaching material) Awarded Student Faculty Grant at MFF Charles University	,
ACADEMIC MISC.	
CSRR: Workshop on Commonsense Representation and Reasoning (organizer)	ACL 2022
Department of Formal and Applied Linguistics  - NER Presentation at NKÚ (supreme audit office)  - Department presentation at Open Days  - ELITR project coordination at a hackathon UniHack	2019-2022
MachineTranslate.org: open guide to machine translation (contributor)	2021-present
Smaller projects - Pandemic Crisis Communication: Automatic Classification of Interviews With Experts	2021

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- Pandemic Crisis Communication: Automatic Classification of Interviews With Experts	2021
- Fact Learning with Adaptive Color Palette: Effect of Stimuli-Independent Hints	2021
- Hyperparameters of RNN Architectures: for POS Tagging using Surface-Level BERT Embeddings	2021
- Deep Molecule: Quantitative Structure-Property Relationships	2021
- SlowAlign: IBM model-based word aligned with extra features and heuristics	2020
- SlowAlign Displayer: Quick online word-alignment visualization tool	2020
- MosQEto: Machine translation quality estimation data synthesis	2019

 $\hbox{- Other small projects either for convenience, out of professional interest, or as a hobby, hosted at $\operatorname{GitHub}$ }$ 

# **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Academic senate

- Member of the Academic Senate at Charles University Faculty of Mathematics and Physics

- Participation in Faculty meetings, communicating with students, introductory summer camp

Game jams

- Several games programmed and presented in limited time, mostly Ludum Dare

Kasiopea

- Organization of Kasiopea, an annual coding competition for talented high school students

Electric guitar

2018-2020

2015-present

- Random Strum Pattern Generator