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EDUCATION

Computational Statistics and Machine Learning MSc. UCL, LONDON, ENGLAND
09/2024 – 09/2025

(Set to start on the 23rd of September 2024.)

Diplôme Grandes Écoles EPF - ECOLE D'INGÉNIEURS, MONTPELLIER, FRANCE
03/2019 – 07/2023

Graduated with **First-Class Honours** (*Mention Très Bien*)

- Ranked 9/149 (6%)
- MSc Average: 16.92 (84.6%)
- BSc Average: 13.47 (67.4%)

French National Baccalauréat, Scientific Section LYCÉE NEVERS, MONTPELLIER, FRANCE
09/2015 – 07/2018

Obtained with **High Honours** (Mention Bien)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer (Professeur Vacataire) EPF - ECOLE D'INGÉNIEURS, MONTPELLIER, FRANCE
09/2023 – 01/2024

Course: Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Responsibilities: Module Leader, Module Lecturer, Exam-Setting for a class of 25 MSc students

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist (Master thesis) BMW, MUNICH, GERMANY
02/2023 – 07/2023

Master Thesis Title: “Time Series Based Anomaly Detection For Fleet Connectivity”

Grade: 20/20 (100%)

Data Scientist (Remote Student Job) CEWE STIFTUNG & CO. KGAA, FABRÈGUES, FRANCE
06/2022 - 07/2022

Topic: Creation of an aspect-based sentiment analysis pipeline for multilingual customer feedback analysis

Data Scientist (Bachelor thesis) CEWE STIFTUNG & CO. KGAA, OLDENBURG, GERMANY
07/2021 - 01/2022

Bachelor Thesis Title: “Multilingual Text Classification using Transformers”

Grade: 17.67/20 (88.4%)

PUBLICATIONS

WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS

1. **Ryan Pégoud**, Thibault Lahire. “Idea: Better Gradient Steps for Deep On-Policy Reinforcement Learning.” *Aligning Reinforcement Learning Experimentalists and Theorists Workshop at the International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2024. Vienna, Austria.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- **Rainbow: The Colorful Evolution of Deep Q-Networks**
Published on July 13, 2024 · In Towards Data Science
- **A Practical Guide to Proximal Policy Optimization in JAX**
Published on May 1, 2024 · In Towards Data Science
- **A Gentle Introduction to Deep Reinforcement Learning in JAX**
Published on Nov 21, 2023 · In Towards Data Science
- **Implementing a Transformer Encoder from Scratch with JAX and Haiku**
Published on Nov 7, 2023 · In Towards Data Science (*Editor's picks*)
- **Vectorize and Parallelize RL Environments with JAX: Q-learning at the Speed of Light**
Published on Oct 15, 2023 · In Towards Data Science
- **Temporal-Difference Learning and the importance of exploration: An illustrated guide**
Published on Sep 23, 2023 · In Towards Data Science (*Editor's picks, Data Science and ML: Must-Reads*)

OPEN-SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

SYLLABUS: SYNCHRONIZED CURRICULUM LEARNING FOR RL AGENTS

- Implementation of learning curricula over co-players in multiagent games:
 - Self-Play, *Tesauro, 1995*
 - Fictitious Self-Play, *Heinrich et al., 2015*
 - Prioritized Fictitious Self-Play, *Vinyals et al., 2019*

STOIX: DISTRIBUTED SINGLE-AGENT REINFORCEMENT LEARNING END-TO-END IN JAX

- Implementation of Rainbow DQN (*Hessel et al. 2017*).
- Creation of a documentation website.

LANGUAGES

- **French:** Native
- **English:** Fluent (Toeff: 107/120, Toeic: 975/990)
- **German:** Intermediate (two 6-month internships in Munich and Oldenburg)
- **Spanish:** Intermediate (6 years, throughout middle and high school)