Joaquim Campos



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In Brief

I am an engineer specializing in artificial intelligence, signal processing, and Python development. I consult with businesses looking to integrate AI into their operations and offer provide Python development services. Additionally, I provide independent, technology-driven assessments to help companies identify system-wide challenges and implement practical, effective solutions. Previously, I conducted academic research in deep learning, learning theory, and video compression. I also cofounded Radiobooks, a project that leverages AI text-to-speech technology to make more books acessible in audio format.

Highlights:

- Published seven papers with over 400 citations in top-tier venues, and holds three patents.
- Contributed to the development of pioneering methods in neural compression.
- Designed novel algorithms for learning the activation functions of a neural network.
- Created the "Deep Splines" PyTorch package.
- Co-Founded Radiobooks—a startup powered by AI text-to-speech technology.
- Built the back-end of a complex text-to-speech app.

Education

Feb 2020 | MSc in Communication Systems

Sep 2016 | EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland

School: School of Computer and Communication Sciences. Specialization: Signal processing and artificial intelligence.

Master's thesis: Higher-Order Regularization Methods for Supervised Learning.

Grade: 5.67/6.00 — Ranking: 2nd/31.

Jul 2016 | BSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sep 2013 Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

School: Instituto Superior Técnico.

Grade: 16.4/20.00.

Present | Course in Philosophy and Meditation Sep 2023 | Tergar Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal

> Head Teacher: Mingyur Rinpoche. Project: Communicating Emptiness.

The course will continue on-site between mid-September and mid-December 2025.

Work experience

May 2024

IT Strategy Consultant

Sep 2024

Germano de Sousa, Lisbon, Portugal

Subject: Independent operations and technology assessment.

- Conducted an independent evaluation to help the company identify challenges and implement effective solutions across diverse areas such as data analytics and project management.
- Delivered monthly presentations to top management.
- The project concluded with the preparation of a Request for Proposal.

Aug 2022

Co-Founder and CTO

Jan 2024

Radiobooks, Lisbon, Portugal

Subject: Converting books into audiobooks automatically using Artificial Intelligence.

- Designed and built an app for revising Al-generated audio.
- Tech stack: Python, FastAPI, MongoDB, Pytest, Docker, GitHub Actions, Codecov, Fly.io, AWS S3, and Better Stack.

Sep 2021

Research and Teaching Assistant

Apr 2020

Biomedical Imaging Group, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland

Subject: Supervised Learning with Sparsity-Promoting Regularization.

- Developed a novel framework to learn the activation functions of a neural network;
- Designed a spline-based supervised learning method which constructs piecewise-linear models with few regions (sparse).

Aug 2018

Research Intern

Mar 2019

Disney Research Studios, Zurich, Switzerland

Subject: Image and Video Compression using Deep Learning.

- Developed the first content-adaptive neural image compression scheme;
- Aided in the construction of a state-of-the-art neural video compression framework.

Teaching experience

Sep 2021

Teaching Assistant in the Courses Signals and Systems I & II

Apr 2020

EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland

Taught by Prof. Michael Unser to the Life Sciences and Microenginneering sections.

Sep 2021

Supervision of Master Semester Projects

Apr 2020

EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Lausanne, Switzerland

Co-supervisor of two Master semester projects on lipschitz-constrained GANs.

Skills

Expertise:

Theoretical and practical aspects of machine learning, deep learning, and signal

processing; Python development.

DevOps:

Python, C, FastAPI, Pytest, PyTorch, CI/CD, Bash, Linux, MongoDB, Docker, Git,

Github Actions, Codecov, AWS, Fly.io, Better Stack.

Languages:

Portuguese, English (professional), Spanish (advanced), French (conversational).

Links to the publications can be found here.

Publications: Science

- [1] A. Goujon, J. Campos, and M. Unser, "Stable parameterization of continuous and piecewise-linear functions," *Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis*, vol. 67, p. 101581, Nov. 2023.
- [2] S. Aziznejad, J. Campos, and M. Unser, "Measuring Complexity of Learning Schemes Using Hessian-Schatten Total Variation," *SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science*, vol. 5, no. 2, pp. 422–445, Jun. 2023.
- [3] J. Campos, S. Aziznejad, and M. Unser, "Learning of Continuous and Piecewise-Linear Functions With Hessian Total-Variation Regularization," *IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing*, vol. 3, pp. 36–48, Dec. 2021.
- [4] P. Bohra, J. Campos, H. Gupta, S. Aziznejad, and M. Unser, "Learning Activation Functions in Deep (Spline) Neural Networks," *IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing*, vol. 1, pp. 295–309, Nov. 2020.
- [5] S. Aziznejad, H. Gupta, J. Campos, and M. Unser, "Deep Neural Networks With Trainable Activations and Controlled Lipschitz Constant," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 68, pp. 4688–4699, Aug. 2020.
- [6] A. Djelouah, J. Campos, S. Schaub-Meyer, and C. Schroers, "Neural Inter-Frame Compression for Video Coding," in *Proceedings of the Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, Oct. 2019.
- [7] J. Campos, S. Meierhans, A. Djelouah, and C. Schroers, "Content Adaptive Optimization for Neural Image Compression," in *Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops*, Jun. 2019.

Publications: Philosophy

- [1] J. Campos, "Mahayana Buddhist Ethics: Deontological, Virtue-Based or Consequentialist? An Optimization Theory Perspective," Work-in-Progress.
- [2] J. Campos, "On the Wrongness of Killing Non-Human Animals," Course Thesis, École Polytéchnique Fédérale de Lausanne, May 2018.

Patents

- [1] C. Schroers, S. Meierhans, J. Campos, J. Mcphillen, A. Djelouah, E. Varis Doggett, S. Labrozzi, and Y. Xue, "Content Adaptive Optimization for Neural Data Compression," US Patent 11,057,634, Nov., 2020.
- [2] C. Schroers, J. Campos, A. Djelouah, Y. Xue, E. Varis Doggett, J. Mcphillen, and S. Labrozzi, "Systems and Methods for Reconstructing Frames," US Patent 10,972,749, Mar., 2021.
- [3] C. Schroers, J. Campos, A. Djelouah, Y. Xue, E. Varis Doggett, J. Mcphillen, and S. Labrozzi, "Systems and Methods for Generating a Latent Space Residual," US Patent 11,012,718, Mar., 2021.