

Romain ILBERT

PhD Candidate Graduated from ENSAE and Ecole Polytechnique

WORK EXPERIENCE

PhD in Representation Learning For Time Series

From 12/2021 to 04/2025 PARIS DESCARTES UNIVERSITY & HUAWEI - PARIS AREA
Fixed-Term Contract and PhD supervised by Ievgen Redko and Themis Palpanas

- **Lead and developer of SAMformer:** a lightweight state-of-the-art sharpness-aware transformer-based forecasting model, including studies on rank, entropy, and sharpness in attention mechanisms, *Oral at ICML 2024*
- **Analyzing Multi-Task Regression via Random Matrix Theory**, *Spotlight at NeurIPS 2024*
- **Enhancing Multivariate Time Series Forecasting via Multi-Task Learning and Random Matrix Theory**, *NeurIPS Workshop: Time Series in the Age of Large Models*
- **Data Augmentation for Multivariate Time Series Classification**, *ICDE workshop (A*)*
- **Adversarial Machine Learning for Time Series Forecasting**, *ACM CCS workshop (A*)*
- **Foundation Models for Multivariate Time Series Classification** (Under review)

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

From 05/2021 to 11/2021 SNCF - LA DEFENSE
Data Science internship in Time Series Forecasting

- Crafted a model to predict train ticket sales across thousands of stations in France, achieving a national average MAPE of 10%, 92 days before train departures. Contributed to its national deployment.
- Used Microsoft Azure virtual machines and Jenkins for efficient model deployment
- Performed extensive SQL queries on large-scale datasets

Machine Learning Research Intern

From 06/2020 to 10/2020 CNRS - PALAISEAU
Research Internship in Computational Finance and Energy Markets

- Developed a quantitative strategy for maximizing wind energy producers' profits in intraday electricity markets
- Utilized TensorFlow and Stochastic Calculus to solve complex partial differential equations modeling optimal trading strategies
- Explored the Universal Approximation Theorem to apply neural network solutions

Quantitative Research Intern

From 06/2019 to 08/2019 ROTHSCHILD & CO - MONACO
Internship in Quantitative Finance and Portfolio Management

- Developed a quantitative model that achieved a 3.13-fold net performance increase over the Euro Stoxx 50 when backtested across the past 20 years
- Use of financial software (Facstet, Bloomberg) for data manipulation

EDUCATION

2018-2021 ENSAE Paris and Ecole Polytechnique – Palaiseau
France

• **Master in Data Science at Ecole Polytechnique**

Deep Learning, Reinforcement learning, Statistical Learning, Computer Vision, Auction and matching, Recommendation systems, NLP, Hackathon with Carrefour, Data Camp Astrophysics Project

• **Master in Data Science and Statistical Learning at ENSAE**

Advanced Optimization, Optimal Transport, Compressed Sensing, Online Learning, GPU Programming (in C), Statistics (in R)

Applied statistics project with Banque de France : Co-clustering and PCR algorithm with missing data for the identification of underlying states of an economic and financial system

2016-2018 Lycée Masséna - Nice
France

• **Classe préparatoire aux grandes écoles ECS1 - ECS2**

Mathematics, Computer Science, Economics, Geopolitics, English, Spanish, Philosophy, History & Geography, General Culture (HEC Maths 20/20, Essec Maths 20/20, Edhec Maths 20/20)

2014-2016 Lycée Masséna - Nice
France

• **Classe préparatoire aux grandes écoles MPSI - MP**

Mathematics, Physics, Computer science, Philosophy, English, Spanish option

OTHER EXPERIENCES

- **Reviewed papers for ICML 2024**
- **Treasurer at KryptoSphère ENSAE (Crypto currency Association)**
 - Coding in Solidity
- **Member of the ENSAE theater association**
- **Mathematics Tutor (3 students in CPGE)**



28 years old – french student



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NANTERRE - FRANCE

SKILLS

Mathematics

Statistical Learning, Statistics, Optimization, Linear Algebra, Probabilities, Topology

Python

PyTorch, Tensorflow, Cuda, Numpy, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, Scipy, Keras, GPU Cluster Utilization, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Hugging Face Transformers

Finance

Stochastic calculus, Arbitrage, Binomial and Black-Scholes models, Pricing, Replications of derivatives, Options, Portfolio Management, Trading, Quantitative Models

Microsoft Office, Overleaf, Git, Coding in Solidity

LANGUAGES

• **French** Native Speaker

• **English** C1

• **Spanish** B2

INTEREST

Sports

- Soccer
- Volley
- Table Tennis
- Gym

Travels

Music

- Drums
- Rock

• **Theater, Chess, Poems author**