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Machine Learning Research with Practical Impact.

## Experience

- 2018–Present **Google Brain**, *Mountain View, CA*, Machine Learning Research.  
Language Modeling, Machine Translation, Speech Separation.  
Manager: Douglas Eck.
- 2014–2018 **Facebook AI Research**, *Menlo Park, CA*, Machine Learning Research.  
Language Modeling, Machine Translation.  
Manager: Ronan Collobert.
- 2012–2014 **Microsoft Research**, *Redmond, WA*, Machine Learning Research.  
Interactive Machine Learning, Machine Teaching, Active Learning.  
Manager: Patrice Simard.
- 2008–2011 **NEC Labs**, *Princeton, NJ*, Machine Learning Research.  
Deep Supervised Learning for Image Segmentation, Learning Text Representation, Learning to Rank.  
Advisor: Léon Bottou.
- 2007 **Google Research**, *Mountain View, CA*, Internship in Machine Learning Research.  
Image Retrieval, Spoken Keyword Spotting.  
Advisor: Samy Bengio.

## Education

- 2003–2008 **EPFL**, *Lausanne, Switzerland*, PhD in Machine Learning.  
Machine Learning for Information Retrieval, Learning to Rank.  
Advisor: Samy Bengio
- 2002–2003 **Eurecom Institute**, *Sophia Antipolis, France*, Msc in Telecommunications.  
Specialization in Speech Processing, Graduated with Hitachi Distinction (Best thesis project).  
Advisor: Christian Wellekens
- 2000–2003 **ENST Bretagne**, *Brest, France*, Bsc in Telecom Engineering.  
Graduated with rank 19 of 214.

## Notable Projects and Achievements

- Present Natural translation, reliable evaluation for machine translation of high accuracy languages, with Google Translate.
- 2016 – 2018 Improving neural machine translation at Facebook AI Research, part of the team winning WMT Benchmark for English–German, English–Russian in 2018.
- 2007 & 2012 Helping deploy my thesis work on image retrieval to improve image search at Google Search (2007, with Samy Bengio) & Microsoft Bing (2012, with Mikhail Parakhin).

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## Workshops, Tutorials, Courses

- 2016 **ICML'16 Neural Nets Back to The Future**, Linking pioneer research with current work, co-organizer with John Platt, Leon Bottou and Tomas Mikolov..
- 2014 **NIPS'14 Workshop on Learning Semantics**, Learning representation & reasoning, co-organizer with Cedric Archambeau, Antoine Bordes, Leon Bottou and Chris Burges..
- 2011 **Machine Learning for Rankings**, Graduate teaching part of Berkeley/Info 290, UC Berkeley School of Information..
- 2006 **NIPS'06 Workshop on Learning to Compare Examples**, Metric & distance learning, co-organizer with S. Bengio..

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## Open Source & Resources

- 2016–2018 **Fairseq**, Torch library for sequence transduction with Myle Ott, Sergey Edunov, Alexei Baevski, Angela Fan, Sam Gross, Nathan Ng and Michael Auli, <https://github.com/facebookresearch/fairseq> .
- 2016 **WikiBio**, Biography dataset for structured data to text with Remi Lebret and Michael Auli, <https://github.com/rlebret/wikipedia-biography-dataset> .
- 2008 **PAMIR**, C++ image retrieval library with Samy Bengio, <https://www.idiap.ch/archive/pamir> .

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## Advised Students

- 2019–Present **Dan Iter**, Selection of training data for model adaptation.
- 2018–Present **Daphne Ippolito**, Language modeling for creative story generation.
  - 2020 **Kelly Marchisio**, Supervised vs unsupervised machine translation styles.
  - 2019 **Parker Riley**, Translationese and naturalness in machine translation.
- 2016–2018 **Angela Fan**, Machine translation and language modeling.
  - 2015 **Rémi Lebret**, Fact-to-text generation.
  - 2015 **Wenlin Chen**, Large-scale language modeling.
  - 2012 **Xiaoxiao Shi**, Gradient boosting consensus.
  - 2011 **Hugo Penedones**, Object classification with 3D pose information at training time.

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## Languages

English Fluent  
French Native

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Upon request.

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## Publications

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Markus Freitag, George Foster, David Grangier, Viresh Ratnakar, Qijun Tan, and Wolfgang

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Neil Zeghidour and David Grangier. Wavesplit: End-to-end speech separation by speaker clustering. *IEEE ACM Transaction on Audio Speech and Language Processing (TASLP)*, 2021.

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Dan Iter and David Grangier. On the complementarity of data selection and fine tuning for domain adaptation. *arXiv*, (2109.07591), 2021.

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Daphne Ippolito, David Grangier, Douglas Eck, and Chris Callison-Burch. Towards better storylines with sentence-level language models. In *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2020.

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- Dario Pavllo, Christoph Feichtenhofer, David Grangier, and Michael Auli. 3d human pose estimation in video with temporal convolutions and semi-supervised training. In *CVPR*, pages 7753–7762. Computer Vision Foundation / IEEE, 2019.
- Myle Ott, Sergey Edunov, Alexei Baevski, Angela Fan, Sam Gross, Nathan Ng, David Grangier, and Michael Auli. fairseq: A fast, extensible toolkit for sequence modeling. In *NAACL-HLT (Demonstrations)*, pages 48–53. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2019.
- Isaac Caswell, Ciprian Chelba, and David Grangier. Tagged back-translation. In *WMT (1)*, pages 53–63. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2019.
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