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## Work Experience

- 2018 - present **Deepmind, London, UK**, Research scientist.  
Working on computer vision and machine learning with Andrew Zisserman.
- Autumn 2017 **Deepmind, London, UK**, Research internship.  
Working on computer vision and machine learning with Andrew Zisserman.
- Summer 2014 **Oxford University, Oxford, UK**, Research internship.  
"Face alignment and its applications". Advised by Andrew Zisserman (Visual Geometry Group).
- Summer 2013 **MIT, Cambridge, USA**, Research internship.  
"Explorations of porosity in fibers".  
Advised by Yoel Fink ([fibers@mit](mailto:fibers@mit)). Grand Prize for a research internship awarded by the École polytechnique.

## Education

- 2014-2018 **École normale supérieure, Paris, France**, PhD.  
PhD in machine learning and computer vision at Inria.  
Structured learning from video and natural language.  
Advised by Simon Lacoste-Julien, Josef Sivic and Ivan Laptev (Sierra and Willow teams).
- 2013-2014 **ENS Cachan and Télécom Paris Tech, Paris, France**, MSc.  
Master's degree in mathematics, computer vision and machine learning (MVA).  
Obtained with highest honors.
- 2010-2013 **École polytechnique, Palaiseau, France**, Diplôme de l'École polytechnique.  
Training in applied mathematics, physics and computer science (EE program).

## Publications

- Antoine Miech\*, Dimitri Zhukov\*, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac**, Makarand Tapaswi, Ivan Laptev, Josef Sivic. HowTo100M: Learning a Text-Video Embedding by Watching Hundred Million Narrated Video Clips. *Technical Report* \*equal contribution
- Jonathan Uesato\*, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac\***, Po-Sen Huang\*, Rober Stanforth, Alhussein Fawzi, Pushmeet Kohli. Are Labels Required for Improving Adversarial Robustness? *Technical Report* \*equal contribution
- Jean-Baptiste Alayrac\***, Joao Carreira\*, Andrew Zisserman. The Visual Centrifuge: Model-Free Layered Video Representations.. In *Proc. CVPR 2019*. (oral) \*equal contribution
- Dmitry Zhukov, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac**, David Fouhey, Gokberk Cinbis, Ivan Laptev and Josef Sivic. Cross-task weakly supervised learning from instructional videos. In *Proc. CVPR 2019*.
- Guilhem Chéron\*, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac\***, Ivan Laptev and Cordelia Schmid. A flexible model for training action localization with varying levels of supervision. In *Proc. NeurIPS 2019*. \*equal contribution
- Rémi Leblond\*, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac\***, Anton Osokin and Simon Lacoste-Julien. SeaRnn: Training RNNs with Global-Local Losses. In *Proc. ICLR 2018*. \*equal contribution
- Jean-Baptiste Alayrac**, Piotr Bojanowski, Nishant Agrawal, Ivan Laptev, Josef Sivic and Simon Lacoste-Julien. Learning from narrated instruction videos. In *TPAMI 2017*.
- Jean-Baptiste Alayrac**, Ivan Laptev, Josef Sivic and Simon Lacoste-Julien. Joint Discovery of Object States and Manipulation Actions. In *Proc. ICCV 2017*.
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- Jean-Baptiste Alayrac**, Piotr Bojanowski, Nishant Agrawal, Ivan Laptev, Josef Sivic and Simon Lacoste-Julien. Unsupervised learning from narrated instruction videos. In *Proc. CVPR 2016*. (oral)
- Anton Osokin\*, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac\***, Isabella Lukaszewitz, Puneet K. Dokania and Simon Lacoste-Julien. Minding the Gaps for Block Frank-Wolfe Optimization of Structured SVMs. In *Proc. ICML 2016*. \*equal contribution
- Benjamin Grena, **Jean-Baptiste Alayrac**, Etgar Levy, Alexander M Stolyarov, John D Joannopoulos, Yoel Fink. Thermally-drawn fibers with spatially-selective porous domains. In *Nature Communications*. 2017

## Supervision, Teaching and Scientific mediation

- 2017-Present **École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France**, Co-supervisor.  
Co-supervising Dmitry Zhukov for MSc and PhD with Josef Sivic and Ivan Laptev.
- 2017 **Inria, Paris, France**, Main developer of the “Apprenti Illustrateur”.  
Designed the “Apprenti Illustrateur”, a sketch recognizer aimed at explaining machine learning to kids, and used for several exhibitions including the “Palais de la Découverte”, the “Salon Culture et Jeux Mathématique”, and at EPFL.
- 2015-2017 **École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France**, Teaching assistant.  
“Introduction to statistical machine learning”.  
Taught with Simon Lacoste-Julien, Jean-Philippe Vert and Francis Bach.
- 2014-2016 **Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France**, Math teaching assistant.  
“Analyse et algèbre pour les sciences”, “Calcul matriciel” and “Algèbre bilinéaire et géométrie”.

## Programming languages

Matlab, Python, Tensorflow.

## Miscellaneous

- Languages French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (conversationnal).  
Sports Rock climbing, Hiking