# Mikael Henaff

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Education: Ph.D in Computer Science, September 2018

Courant Institute, New York University

Advisor: Yann LeCun

Master of Science in Mathematics, September 2011

Courant Institute, New York University

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, May 2008

University of Texas, Austin

Work Experience: Postdoctoral Researcher

Microsoft Research, New York City

Teaching Assistant (Deep Learning)

New York University

Research Intern Summer 2014, 2015, 2016

Facebook Al Research (mentors: Jason Weston, Arthur Szlam, Yann LeCun)

Scientific Programmer

Summer 2011 to Summer 2013

Fall 2018-Present

Spring 2018

Center for Health Informatics and Bioinformatics, NYU Langone Medical Center

**Mathematics Tutor** 

September 2006 to May 2008

University of Texas Learning Center

### **Publications:**

- K. Brantley, W. Sun, M. Henaff. "Disagreement-Regularized Imitation Learning," International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2020. (spotlight)
- M. Henaff. "Explicit Explore-Exploit Algorithms in Continuous State Spaces," Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2019.
- M. Henaff\*, A. Canziani\*, Y. LeCun. "Model-Predictive Policy Learning with Uncertainty Regularization for Driving in Dense Traffic," *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2019. (\*equal contribution)
- M. Henaff, J. Weston, A. Szlam, A. Bordes, Y. LeCun. "Tracking the World State with Recurrent Entity Networks," *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2017.
- M. Henaff, A. Szlam, Y. LeCun. "Recurrent Orthogonal Networks and Long-Memory Tasks," *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2016.
- A. Statnikov, S. Ma, M. Henaff, N. Lytkin, E. Efstathiadis, E. Peskin, C. Aliferis.
  "Ultra-Scalable and Efficient Methods for Hybrid Observational and Experimental Local Causal Pathway Discovery," *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2016.
- A. Choromanska, M. Henaff, M. Mathieu, G. Ben Arous, Y. LeCun. "The Loss Surfaces of Multilayer Networks," *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence* and Statistics (AISTATS), 2015.
- M. Mathieu, M. Henaff, Y. LeCun. "Fast Training of Convolutional Networks through FFTs," *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2014.

- B. Ray, **M. Henaff**, S. Ma, E. Efstathiadis, E. Peskin, M. Picone, T. Poli, C. Aliferis, A. Statnikov. "Information content and analysis methods for multi-modal high-throughput biomedical data,", *Nature Scientific Reports*, 2014.
- A. Statnikov, A. Alekseyenko, M. Henaff, Z. Li, M. Blaser, C. Aliferis. "Microbiomic Signatures of Psoriasis: Feasibility and Methodology Comparison," *Nature Scientific Reports*, 2013.
- A. Statnikov, M. Henaff, V. Narendra, K. Konganti, Z. Li, L. Yang, Z. Pei, M. Blaser, C. Aliferis, A. Alekseyenko. "A Comprehensive Evaluation of Multicategory Classification Methods for Microbiomic Data," *Microbiome*, 2013.
- A. Statnikov, M. Henaff, N. Lytkin, C. Aliferis. "New Methods for Separating Causes from Effects in Genomics Data," BMC Genomics, 2012.
- M. Henaff, K. Jarrett, K. Kavukcuoglu, Y. LeCun. "Unsupervised Learning of Sparse Features for Scalable Audio Classification," *International Society for Music Informa*tion Retrieval Conference (ISMIR), 2011.

#### **Invited Talks:**

- Microsoft Research Redmond, August 2018. "Learning Predictive Models of the Environment Under Uncertainty"
- UMass Amherst, March 2017. "Tracking the World State with Recurrent Entity Networks"
- Cornell Tech, March 2017. "Tracking the World State with Recurrent Entity Networks"
- Columbia University, December 2011. "Unsupervised Learning of Sparse Features for Scalable Audio Classification"
- NYU Music and Audio Research Lab, October 2011. "Unsupervised Learning of Sparse Features for Scalable Audio Classification"

# **Honors and Awards:**

- MacCracken Graduate Fellowship, New York University, 2013-2018.
- Best Student Paper Award, ISMIR 2011.

### **Academic Service:**

Reviewer for ICLR (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), ICML (2017, 2018, 2019), NeurIPS (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), AISTATS (2016), JMLR (2015), ISMIR (2012, 2014).

## Computer Skills:

- Languages: Python/PyTorch, Lua/LuaTorch, MATLAB, R, Bash.
- Software: Git, LaTeX, PBS, Slurm.

Other Interests:

Electronic music production, contemporary art, rock climbing.

Languages:

Fluent in English and French.