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## Education

- 2018 – Ongoing | **Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science and Computational Mathematics**  
Area of Research: **Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning/ AutoML**  
Advisor: Prof. Ph.D. André Carlos P. L. F. de Carvalho  
*University of São Paulo, São Carlos/SP, Brazil*
- 2021 - Ongoing | **MBA in Project Management**  
*University of São Paulo, São Paulo/SP, Brazil*
- 2013 - 2018 | **BSc in Computer Science**  
with an inter-university exchange, University of Porto, Portugal  
*University of São Paulo, São Carlos/SP, Brazil*

## Work Experience

- 2018 - Ongoing | **Research Assistant**  
*University of São Paulo, São Carlos/SP, Brazil*
- Research and develop AutoML techniques for end-to-end machine learning pipeline design. Develop the meta-feature extractor package (pymfe) and AutoML packages with automated testing and documentation. Collaborate in research and development to Center of Mathematical Sciences Applied to Industry (CEMEAI) at USP. Assist in teaching and managing undergraduate students in research. Collaborate with national and international researchers.
- 2020 - Ongoing | **Tutor of MBA in Data Science**  
*CEMEAI, University of São Paulo, São Carlos/SP, Brazil*
- Assist in teaching data science, statistics, machine learning, neural networks and deep architectures, massively parallel processing for data analysis, and other related courses. Support students in learning and applying data science in real-world scenarios. Prepare and revise material for teaching.
- 2017 | **Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
*University of São Paulo, São Carlos/SP, Brazil*
- Developed and analyzed a meta-learning system (AutoML) to recommend machine learning algorithms for cancer diagnosis using gene expression data.
- 2016 | **Visiting Researcher**  
*Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering, Technology and Science (INESC TEC), Porto, Portugal*
- Developed and analyzed a meta-learning system (AutoML) for recommending suitable machine learning algorithms for multiple domains.
- 2015 - 2016 | **Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
*University of São Paulo, São Carlos/SP, Brazil*
- Developed and analyzed machine learning models for cancer diagnosis by using gene expression data.

## Technical Skills

- Programming languages** | *Advanced:* Python | *Intermediate:* R, Java, C/C++ | *Basic:* Matlab, Octave, Javascript
- Machine learning skills** | Data cleansing and collecting, Data visualization, Exploratory data analysis, Supervised learning (classification, regression, and multi-target), Unsupervised learning (clustering), Automated machine learning (AutoML), Meta-learning, Transfer learning, Few-shot learning, Recommendation system
- Data Science Tools** | scikit-learn, imbalanced-learn, tensorflow/keras, statsmodels, scipy, mlr, caret, numpy, pandas, plotly, seaborn, matplotlib, ggplot2, river, and others
- Courses** | Big Data Analysis with Scala and Spark (learning)
- Others** | Git, Linux, pytest, Docker, SQL, MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, Jupyter

## Awards

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- 2018 | Undergraduate with Honors Award in Computer Science. *GPA*: 9.2/10
- 2013-2017 | Five outstanding student awards for students with the highest GPA during the academic year.
- 2016 | Exchange Scholarship International Cooperation Office (AUCANI)

## Language Skills

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PORTUGUESE: Native  
ENGLISH: Professional working proficiency  
SPANISH: Limited working proficiency

## Research Interests

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Machine Learning • Automated Machine Learning (AutoML) • Neural Architecture Search (NAS) • Meta-learning • Optimization for Machine Learning • Computational Mathematics • Bioinformatics

## Recent Relevant Publications

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- 2020 | **Alcobaça, E.**, Siqueira, F., Rivolli, A., Garcia, L. P., Oliva, J. T., & de Carvalho, A. C. P. L. F. (2020). *MFE: Towards reproducible meta-feature extraction*. **Journal of Machine Learning Research**, 21(111), 1-5.
- 2020 | **Alcobaça, E.**, Mastelini, S. M., Botari, T., Pimentel, B. A., Cassar, D. R., de Carvalho, A. C. P. L. F., & Zanotto, E. D. (2020). *Explainable Machine Learning Algorithms For Predicting Glass Transition Temperatures*. **Acta Materialia**, 188, 92-100.
- 2019 | Mantovani, R. G., Rossi, A. L., **Alcobaça, E.**, Vanschoren, J., & de Carvalho, A. C. P. L. F. (2019). *A meta-learning recommender system for hyperparameter tuning: predicting when tuning improves SVM classifiers*. **Information Sciences**.
- 2018 | **Alcobaça, E.**, Mantovani, R. G., Rossi, A. L., & de Carvalho, A. C. P. L. F. (2018, October). *Dimensionality Reduction for the Algorithm Recommendation Problem*. In 2018 **7th Brazilian Conference on Intelligent Systems (BRACIS)** (pp. 318-323). IEEE.

## Other Activities

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### Teaching Assistant:

- 2021 | *Neural Networks and Deep Architectures*, MBA course, University of São Paulo  
*Massively Parallel Processing for Data Analysis*, MBA course, University of São Paulo  
*Time Series*, MBA course, University of São Paulo  
*Machine Learning*, MBA course, University of São Paulo  
*Statistics for Data Science*, MBA course, University of São Paulo  
*Introduction to Data Science*, MBA course, University of São Paulo  
*Programming to Data Science*, MBA course, University of São Paulo
- 2020 | *Machine Learning*, MBA course, University of São Paulo
- 2019 | *Undergraduate Project I (SCCo293)*, Bachelor's degree, University of São Paulo
- 2019 | *Introduction to Computer Science II (SCCo201)*, Bachelor's degree, University of São Paulo

### Relevant Machine Learning Tool Developed:

- pymfe** | *Python meta-feature extraction package*.  
Published in the *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*  
Github: <https://github.com/ealcobaca/pymfe>  
Open Source software