# **BENJAMIN GUTTERIDGE**

## **EDUCATION**

University of Oxford (2021-2026): DPhil in Engineering Science (Machine Learning)

- Selected for Centre for Doctoral Training in Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems (AIMS) CDT), competitive PhD programme in AI and machine learning, funded by UKRI EPSRC.
- Specialising in graph ML—specifically graph rewiring, long-range interactions—and LLMs.
- University of Oxford (2017-2021): MEng Engineering Science (Information Engineering)
- First Class with ≥82% for Machine Vision, Robotics, Control and Mathematics modules.
- Recipient of Academic Scholarship.
- A-Levels (2017): A\*A\*A\*A | GCSEs (2015): 10 A\*s, 2As

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Deep Learning Summer Intern, QuantCo, London Jun-Aug 2024, Jul-Sep 2025 [UPCOMING]

- Internal research project investigating LLM reasoning over long-context documents; prompt engineering and fine-tuning with noisy, multimodal long document (~30+ pages) data.

#### Visiting Data Scientist, BCG X, London

- Data science/consulting internship. Worked on the 'Pathfinder' flight schedule optimiser for British Airways. Software engineering and data science in Python, working with front-end developers to implement user-controlled constraints and new features in the backend.

#### Spring into Quant Finance, G-Research

- Selected for Spring Insights programme with training in ML, data science and finance.

#### HumBug Project, Machine Learning Research Group, Oxford

- Project using ML and neural networks (NNs) to detect and classify disease-carrying mosquito species from recordings of their 'buzz' taken on inexpensive smartphones in developing countries.
- Developed voice activity detection and removal system for recordings; tested convolutional NNs and Gaussian mixture models, achieving 97% speech removal with 75% mosquito/noise preservation.
- Developed and tested benchmark models for mosquito audio dataset paper, accepted with oral presentation at NeurIPS 2021. Used Bayesian/residual NNs on time-series data, achieving ROC/PR AUC scores 0.93/0.9 for mosquito event detection and 92.7/71.6 for multi-species classification.

#### Intern, QinetiQ, Malvern

- Awarded student scholarship; undertook two summer internships in RF, Secure Networks and Comms.
- Worked with team developing Counter-UAV radar system; projects in MATLAB.

ML Project Leader, Engineers Without Borders Oxford	Sep 2020 – Jun 2021
STEP UP Ambassador, New College, Oxford Access & Outreach Dept.	Nov 2017 – Jun 2020

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Bamberger, J.\*, Gutteridge, B.\*, le Roux, S.\*, Dong, X., Bronstein, M.: "On Measuring Long-Range Interactions in Graph Neural Networks" (2025). International Conference on Machine Learning 2025. (\* equal contribution.)

Gutteridge, B., Jackson, M. T., Kukurin, T., Dong, X.: "Judge a Book by Its Cover: Investigating Multi-Modal LLMs for Multi-Page Handwritten Document Transcription" (2024). Under review, NeurIPS 2025. Presented at the AAAI-25 Workshop on Document Understanding and Intelligence, 2025.

Gutteridge, B., Dong, X., Bronstein, M., and Di Giovanni, F.: "DRew: Dynamically Rewired Message Passing with Delay" (2023). International Conference on Machine Learning 2023. Presented at the Learning on Graphs and Geometry (LoGG) and G-Research ML Seminar series.

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**Apr 2023** 

#### Jul-Sep 2018, Jun-Sep 2019

Jun-Aug 2020, Aug-Sep 2021