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Education

Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence — **Abu-Dhabi**, UAE
Ph.D. *Probabilistic ML* `Prof. Martin Takáč & Prof. Eric Moulines` — *Aug. 2023 - Jun. 2027*

Skoltech — **Moscow**, RU
M.Sc. *in Information Systems and Technology, GPA: 3.95/4.00* — *Sept. 2018 - Jul. 2020*

University of Turkish Aeronautical Association — **Ankara**, TR
B.Sc. *in Mechatronics Engineering, GPA: 3.35/4.00* — *Sept. 2013 - Jul. 2018*

Work Experience

OpenCV.org - Computer Vision Engineer — **Remote**
Stack: *C/C++, Python, Pytorch, CUDA/cuDNN, OpenCL, CMake, ONNX* — *Mar. 2022 - Mar. 2025*

- `OpenCV Library Development and Maintenance` : Enhanced **OpenCV DNN module** by implementing **unsupported graph engine functionality** and **layers** in `C++`. Contributed to supporting dynamism in the graph engine, enabling support for **LLMs** and networks with **dynamic inputs**. **Maintained** and **optimized** the library for **robust performance and reliability**.
- **Efficient Object Detection Model Porting**: Developed and deployed a **high-performance object detection model** (**¿30 fps**) optimized for **object tracking**. Designed **parallelized NN layers** and a **full detection pipeline** in `C`, utilizing **quantization** to deploy the model on a resource-constrained chip with only **1.5MB RAM**.
- **Memory-Efficient Raw Bayer Image Representation**: Converted **sRGB image datasets** to **synthetic raw Bayer representations** to enhance **memory efficiency**. Trained and validated detection models on **raw Bayer images**, achieving a **2x memory efficiency boost** on **low-power chips** by **eliminating traditional ISP preprocessing**.

O.Vision - Applied Computer Vision Researcher — **Saint Petersburg**, RU
Stack: *C++, Python, Pytorch, TensorRT, CUDA* — *Jan. 2021 - Mar. 2022*

- **Image Quality Assessment (IQA) for Face Recognition**: Designed an **image quality assessment model** tailored for **face recognition**, achieving up to a **2% improvement in Acc@ZeroFP** at a 20% rejection rate. Enabled **reliable device usage** in **challenging environments** for face recognition.
- **Face Recognition Validation Protocols**: Developed **validation protocols** for **face recognition** systems, incorporating **IQA model rejections**. Ensured **comprehensive evaluation of IQA** and **RUE model performance**.
- **Noise-Robust Face Detection**: Built **fast, noise-robust, multi-domain face detection models**. Optimized **deployment on edge devices** through `int8` **quantization** and integrated the model into **production systems** using `TensorRT` and `C++`.
- **Model Deployment and Maintenance**: Converted all developed models to `TensorRT` to accelerate inference on NVIDIA Jetson Nano. Created libraries using TensorRT and `Pytorch` frameworks for streamlined deployment via `pip`, simplifying workflows for production engineers.

NeurodataLab LLC - Research Data Scientist — **Moscow**, RU
Stack: *Python, Pytorch, Sklearn, TVM* — *Apr. 2020 - Sept. 2020*

- **Ad Recall Prediction Models**: Developed models to predict ad recall using facial emotion analysis, ad media coverage, and ad metadata. Designed and implemented a data preprocessing pipeline for ad recall prediction from scratch. Co-authored a research paper on ad recall prediction.

Publications & Articles

2026	CVPR	**Guess and Guide Zero-Shot Diffusion Guidance** *und. review*
2026	ICLR	**Y-shaped Generative Flows** *und. review*
2026	ICLR	**Curriculum-Augmented GFlowNets For mRNA Sequence Generation** *und. review*
2025	CVPR	**All Languages Matter: Evaluating LMMs on Culturally Diverse 100 Languages**
2024	BMVC	**Extract More from Less**
2023		**Getting the Hang of OpenCV's Inner Workings with ChatGPT**
2021		**A Recipe to Train Object Detection Models**
2020		**Multimodal Ad Recall Prediction Based on Viewer's and Ad Features**
2020	IAC	**Automated Remote Sensing Forest Inventory Using Satellite Imagery**
2019		**Camera Trajectory Estimation**

Teaching Experience

2025 Fall	**Probabilistic Graphical Models** - with Prof. Le Song

Achievements

2025	MenaML **winter school by** **DeepMind** - selected 1% applicants
2023	**Full Ph.D. Scholarship Ph.D. at** **MBZUAI** - Ranked **10'th** globally in AI
2020	**Competed** **SMILES**, selected 10% applicants. Certificate
	Graduated with High Honors from Skoltech
2018	**Prestigious Full M.Sc. Scholarship** at Skoltech, selected from 3k+ (<1 %)
	Graduated with Honors from UTAA
2013	**Full Scholarship** for B.Sc. at UTAA

Tools

Strong	Python ∘ Pytorch ∘ C/C++ ∘ OpenCV ∘ Vim ❤
Moderate	CUDA/cuDNN ∘ SQL ∘ Docker ∘ TensorRT ∘ CMake ∘ ONNX
Familiar	TensorFlow ∘ Keras ∘ mxnet ∘ HTML ∘ Jekyll ∘ Flask ∘ TVM ∘ JAVA ∘ OpenCL

Skills & Interest

Strong	**Computer Vision** ∘ **Bayesian Inference** ∘ **Gen Modeling** ∘ **Math & Statistics**
Moderate	∘ GNNs ∘ NLP ∘ RL ∘ Generative Flow Nets ∘ Optimal Transport