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## Education

### École de Technologie Supérieure

May 2021 - Present

*Ph.D. Computer Science*

- Thesis on real-time elastodynamic simulation with cutting for virtual surgery. Co-supervised by professors [Sheldon Andrews](#) and [Paul G. Kry](#).

### École de Technologie Supérieure

May 2018 - Apr 2021

*B.Eng. Software Engineering*

- GPA: 4.0/4.3

## Experience

### Research Scientist

June 2021 - Mar 2022

*Symgery*

- Engineered a real-time surgical simulation framework including cutting in Unreal Engine.
- Improved soft body simulation stability in cut regions via a novel hybrid FEM-SPH coupling method.

### R&D Software Developer

May 2020 - Aug 2020

*Symgery*

- Enhanced visual fidelity of topologically changing geometry by extending a real-time GPU accelerated isosurface extraction algorithm.
- Integrated essential boundary conditions for reduced order FEM models in Unreal Engine.

### R&D Software Developer

Apr 2019 - Aug 2019

*PreVu3D*

- Orchestrated an end-to-end automated surface reconstruction pipeline to transform massive laser scanned point clouds to full-fledged refined 3D polygon meshes without manual intervention.
- Designed a large scale data storage mechanism in the cloud for efficient out-of-core point cloud streaming.

### Cloud Software Developer

Sep 2018 - Apr 2019

*Genetec*

- Developed a proof of concept cutting-edge microservices system for the migration of legacy cloud software components.
- Upgraded legacy cloud system monitoring tools, reducing on-call alerts by 20 %.

## Publications

### Generalized eXtended Finite Element Method for Deformable Cutting via Boolean Operations

Aug 2024

*Quoc-Minh Ton-That*, Paul G. Kry, Sheldon Andrews

<https://doi.org/10.1111/cgf.15184>

### Parallel Block Neo-Hookean XPBD using Graph Clustering

Nov 2022

*Quoc-Minh Ton-That*, Paul G. Kry, Sheldon Andrews

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cag.2022.10.009>

## Talks

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<b>Multiscale Vertex Block Descent</b>	November 2024
<i>The annual Quebec-Ontario pre-SIGGRAPH workshop, organized by and for the major East-Canadian computer graphics labs (GRAPHQUON 2024) at École de technologie supérieure, Quebec, Canada. <u>Best Presentation honourable mention</u></i>	
<b>Generalized eXtended Finite Element Method for Deformable Cutting via Boolean Operations</b>	Aug 2024
<i>The 23rd ACM SIGGRAPH / Eurographics Symposium on Computer Animation (SCA 2024) at McGill University, Montreal. <u>Best Paper award</u></i>	
<b>Generalized eXtended Finite Element Method for Deformable Cutting via Boolean Operations</b>	December 2023
<i>The annual pre-SIGGRAPH workshop, organized by Central-Canadian computer graphics labs in Quebec and Ontario (GRAPHQUON 2023) at University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. <u>Best Presentation</u></i>	
<b>Parallel Block Neo-Hookean XPBD using Graph Clustering</b>	Nov 2022
<i>The 15th annual ACM/SIGGRAPH conference on Motion, Interaction and Games (MIG 2022) at Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico. <u>Best Paper honourable mention</u></i>	
<b>Efficient Hybrid Coupling Method for Interactive Virtual Cutting</b>	Nov 2021
<i>The annual Ontario-Quebec pre-SIGGRAPH workshop, organized by Central-Canadian computer graphics labs (Tomatograph 2021) at University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.</i>	

## Awards

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<b>FRQNT Doctoral Scholarship</b>	2024 - 2028
<i>Fonds de recherche du Québec — 100 000 CAD</i>	
<b>NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's program</b>	2023 - 2024
<i>Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada — 17 500 CAD</i>	
<b>FRQNT Master's Scholarship</b>	2023 - 2024
<i>Fonds de recherche du Québec — 17 500 CAD</i>	
<b>Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship</b>	2021 - 2022
<i>Mitacs — 30 000 CAD</i>	
<b>Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>	2021 - 2023
<i>École de Technologie Supérieure — 40 000 CAD</i>	
<b>Undergraduate Honour List</b>	2021
<i>École de Technologie Supérieure</i>	
<b>Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>	2018
<i>TD Insurance Meloche Monnex — 2 000 CAD</i>	

## Teaching

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<b>MTI855 Game Physics</b>	May 2023 - Aug 2023
<i>Graduate course instructor — École de Technologie Supérieure</i>	

## Referee Service

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<b>ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (SIGGRAPH)</b>	2025
<b>Computers &amp; Graphics (C&amp;G)</b>	2025
<b>Computer Graphics Forum (CGF)</b>	2024
<b>ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG)</b>	2023

## Projects

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### Physics Based Animation Toolkit

[github](#) 

- Cross-platform C++ library of algorithms and data structures commonly used in computer graphics research on physically-based simulation with Python bindings.

## Skills

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**Languages:** C++, Python, C#

**Technologies:** CMake, Git, CUDA, Unreal Engine

**Methods:** Physically based simulation, Geometry processing, Numerical optimization, Matrix computations, Partial differential equations (PDEs), Parallel computing, Graph algorithms, Model reduction, Physics informed machine learning, Software engineering

## Hobbies

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Football, Weightlifting, Manga, Anime, Animals, Music