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EDUCATION

The University of Manchester

Sep 2021 – Jun 2025 | Manchester, UK Machine Learning Computer Vision

BSc(Hons) Artificial Intelligence with Industrial Experience

- 1st year: 90% grade, ranked 2nd/486 first-year CS students, Golden Anniversary and Netcraft awards.
- 2nd year: 86% grade (First-Class Honours), attending <u>Prof. Tim Cootes'</u> Computer Vision reading group.
- Summer schools: Oxford ML(2023), Cambridge AI in healthcare(2022), EEML(2022).
- Selected courses: Machine Learning, Probability, Knowledge-Based AI, Visual Computing, Data Science.

Grigore Moisil Theoretical High School

Sep 2017 – Jun 2021 | Timisoara, Romania Algorithms Data Structures Mathematics

Computer Science and Mathematics

- Romanian Baccalaureate with 10/10 in Mathematics and in Informatics; Quantum Computing course by IBM.
- National Olympiad in Mathematics (**Bronze** in 2021) and Informatics (2021, qualified 9th in 2020, **Bronze** in 2018).

EMPLOYMENT

FiveAI - acquired by Bosch

Jun 2023 – Jun 2024 | Cambridge, UK

Research Engineer Intern

Autonomous Driving Multimodality Explainability PyTorch

- Published a paper [1] on multimodal fusion for 3D object detection in autonomous driving.
- Implented explainability techniques, demonstrating enhanced complementarity between modalities.

Rayscape

Jul 2021 – Jun 2023 | remote, part-time

Research Engineer

Medical imaging Domain generalization Segmentation PyTorch

- Reduced the out-of-domain gap in multi-label chest X-ray classification by 32% for two covariate shifts [2].
- Improved the metrics of a **nodule malignancy classification** algorithm by 3% using Vision Transformers.
- Developed a **CE-marked algorithm** for segmenting nodules on lung CT scans that has helped **radiologists from** over 100 medical institutions fare better at diagnosing lung cancer by providing precise measurements.
- Implemented a segmentation refinement mechanism that halved the previous error of the predicted measurements.

Rayscape

Mar 2020 – Sep 2020 | Timisoara, Romania Medical imaging Classification PyTorch

Machine Learning Intern

- Developed an algorithm for detecting intracranial haemorrhages which sped up the triaging process.
- Built models for lung segmentation, pathology classification and foreign objects detection on chest X-ray scans.

PROJECTS

Manchester University Data Science Society

Jun 2022 - Present

- As a workshops executive, I am teaching an introductory course on Medical Image Analysis using CNNs.
- Prepared a Jupyter Notebook consisting of a PyTorch pipeline used to train an organ classification model.

Citadel European Datathon

Apr 2023

Analysed 1.8 million traffic stops in Philadelphia to identify racial disparities in policing, using Plotly and Pandas.

SaferWalk – first-year team project

Oct 2021 - May 2022

• Improved Flask API throughput by 4x, predicting safer pedestrian routes, using an optimised implementation of A*.

Climate Hack.AI – ranked 6th/25 top universities in UK, US and Canada.

Jan 2022 - March 2022

• Developed a video generation model for predicting solar photovoltaic power production using satellite images.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Gunn J, Lenyk Z, Sharma A, Donati A, **Buburuzan A**, Redford J, Mueller R, "Lift-Attend-Splat: Bird's-eye-view camera-lidar fusion using transformers" in arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.14919, 2023.
- [2] Bercean B*, **Buburuzan A***, Birhala A, Avramescu C, Tenescu A, Marcu M, "Breaking Down Covariate Shift on Pneumothorax Chest X-Ray Classification" in *International Workshop on Uncertainty for Safe Utilization of Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MICCAI UNSURE)*, 2023.
- [3] Bercean B, **Buburuzan A**, Birhala A, Tenescu A, Avramescu C, Costachescu D, Marcu M, "Revised Set Prediction Matching for Chest X-ray Pathology Detection with Transformers" in *IEEE SMC Conference*, 2023.
- [4] Bercean B, Birhala A, Ardelean P, Barbulescu I, Benta M, Rasadean C, Costachescu D, Avramescu C, Tenescu A, Iarca S, **Buburuzan A**, Marcu M, Birsasteanu F, "Evidence of a cognitive bias in the quantification of COVID-19 with CT: an artificial intelligence randomised clinical trial" in *Nature Scientific Reports*, 2023.

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