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ABSTRACT

With endless enthusiasm about interactivity and miniature wearables, I love to explore new technologies... I am deeply curious and always open for collaborations.

Keywords

HCI, Miniature Embedded Systems, Manufacturing, eTextiles, 3d [Position | Motion | Touch] Sensing, [Ultra] Low Power, Wearables, Haptics, Arts & Science, Human Augmentation...

RESEARCH

Selected Publications (more details: honnet.eu/#Academic)

- UIST 2025: FiberCircuits: A Miniaturization Framework To Manufacture Fibers That Embed Integrated Circuits
- UIST 2024: PortaChrome: A Portable Contact Light Source for Integrated Re-Programmable Multi-Color Textures
- UIST 2023: MagKnitic: Machine-knitted Passive and Interactive Haptics Textiles with Integrated Binary Sensing
- IEEE ICRA 2023: Laser-Etching Flexible Sensors for Robotic Touch Recognition
- UIST 2023: FibeRobo: Fabricating 4D Fiber Interfaces by Continuous Drawing of Temperature Tunable Liquid Crystal Elastomers
- AHs 2022: A Framework For Designing Augmented Human-Flora Interaction
- UIST 2021: MetaSense: Integrating Sensing Capabilities into Mechanical Metamaterial
- IEEE AeroSpace 2021: Feeling Through Spacesuits: Application of Space-Resilient E-Textiles to Enable Haptic Feedback on Pressurized Extravehicular Suits
- CHI 2020: PolySense: Augmenting Textiles with Electrical Functionality using In-Situ Polymerization
- UIST 2020: Sonoflex: Embroidered Speakers Without Permanent Magnets
- TEI 2019: Optimizing Pressure Matrices: Interdigitation and Interpolation Methods for Continuous Position Input
- AH 2018: HIVE Tracker: a tiny, low-cost, and scalable device for sub-millimetric 3D positioning
- NIME 2017: Designing a Multi-Touch eTextile for Music Performances
- LM 2016: Developing an Ecosystem for Interactive Electronic Implants

EXPERIENCE

2022: Samsung Research, USA

Human-Computer Interactions & Embedded systems, Intern Think Tank Team: Touch Sensing, Haptics, Wearables...

2019-2020: MIT - NeuroGEARS

Human-Computer Interactions, Embedded systems Deployed as visiting scientist in the Media Lab. 3D positioning, Wearables...

2017-2019: Sorbonne University / CNRS, France

Research Associate/Affiliate - Embedded systems
"Situated Analysis of HCIs in Smart Environments"

2016-2017: Carpe Noctem, International

Research Engineering, Mentor

- Consulting about embedded systems, wearables, IOT and manufacturing in China, France, etc.
- Visiting Researcher in UK, Denmark, Singapore, Portugal
- Mentoring/teaching in grad schools, incubators...

2014-2016: Tangible Display, USA / France / China

Co-founder - Research & Development Engineer

- Helped companies exploring various interactive solutions for their project (ex: Google Soli)
- Designed interactive systems (hardware+software) with RFID, touch screens, depth cameras, eTextiles, wearable or IoT sensors such as the "Twiz": a BLE motion sensor with embedded 9 DoF fusion.

2012-2013: Sifteo, USA

Embedded Systems Engineer & InterHacktivist

- Firmware and software: user interface (sound, graphics...), battery management, simulator, graphics controller...
- Experimental interactive projects: gestures recognition, music control, audio communication system...

2010-2011: Sigma Designs - USA

Research & Development Engineer, Trainee

Google's VP8 Video Decoder Porting on Custom Processor:

- Firmware: memory management and execution acceleration
- Hardware instruction customization for specific purposes such as arithmetic decoding or binary tree decoding

2008: Telecom ParisTech EE Research Labs - France

Research & Development Engineer, Trainee
Evaluation of combinatorial components reliability using
FPGA for massively parallel simulation of fault injection.

2007: Brunel University EE Research Labs - UK

Research & Development Engineer, Trainee
Signal Restoration experimentations & Universal Software
Radio Peripheral modules implementations.

EDUCATION

2020-2026: MIT, USA

PhD Program @ Media Lab + CSAIL

(Master: fast tracked - GPA: 5.0/5.0)

Responsive Environments + HCI Engineering

Extracurricular: Kick Boxing + Brazilian jiu-jitsu

2011: Telecom ParisTech (IPP), France

★ 1st French Engineering school (Industry ranking)

Master 2 - with honors (Diplome d'ingenieur)

Computer Sciences: Embedded Systems & Robotics, New

Media, Systems On Chip, Security

Extracurricular: Robotics, Savate (French boxing)

2009: Sorbonne University (ex-UPMC), France

★ 1st French university (Research ranking)

Master 1 - with honors (Maitrise)

EECS with emphasis on Digital Electronics

Extracurricular: Jujitsu, Sambo, Computer Science tutoring

for students with disabilities

2007: Brunel University, UK

Bachelor - with honors

EECS with emphasis on Digital Signal Processing

Extracurricular: Judo, Thai Boxing

LANGUAGES

- French: ILR Level 5 Native proficiency
- English: ILR Level 4 Full professional proficiency
- Spanish: ILR Level 3 Professional working proficiency

DISTINCTIONS. AWARDS...

- 2025: Amazon Fellowship
- 2024: MIT Fast Company Innovation Award
- 2023: MIT MPP grant for photovoltaic textiles
- 2022: MIT ML Nagashima Fellowship
- 2021: MetaSense Wildcard Prize by Hack-a-Day (HaD)
- 2020: PolySense Wildcard Prize by HaD
- 2020: Selected for the Open Lab with Google Arts
- 2019: NYU-ITP "instigator" fellowship
- 2019: HiveTracker Connected World: Best Project (HaD)
- 2018: HiveTracker HCI Prize (HaD)
- 2017: French government research grant (CIR)
- 2015: Google Soli alpha development fellow
- 2015: Forbes featured my project Twiz!
- 2014: 1st place at Bernyapp factory contest, SF, CA
- 2009: Besse Foundation Fellow (until 2011)
- 2005: Kenpokan France champion 80 Kg category
- 1997: DMC DJ championship (Fr): 8th final 2nd youngest

EXTRA

[Meta]Reviewing

- UIST: User Interface Systems and Technologies
- CHI: Human Factors in Computing Systems
- TEI: Tangible Embedded & Embodied Interaction
- NIME: New Interfaces for Musical Expression

Mentoring / Teaching

- What? IoT, Wearables, Interaction, Music Tech...
- Where? Engineering Schools, Tech-Art Labs, Incubators...

Collectives

- DataPaulette (DataPaulette.org): wearable / textile hackerspace core member
- Noisebridge (Noisebridge.org): hackerspace teachings electronics
- Cumbia Rockers Allstars (Gatos Negros Prod.):
 DJ in Cumbia-Fusion groups
- Telecom Robotics (telecom-robotics.org): Robotics competition society

Art-Science Residencies & Exhibitions

- Austria 2020: ARS Electronica Topographie Digitale exhibition
- US MA 2018: MIT Media Lab research residency about wearables & music (gave birth to SonoFlex)
- Singapore 2016: Media Lab Lasalle visiting researcher: see Digital Oxymorons publication.
- Denmark 2015: Copenhagen University, Human-Centred Computing visiting researcher: body-ui.eu
- France 2015: Fructus Animalis art against programmed obsolescence: project.honnet.eu/fructus-animalis
- Singapore 2014: Growell explored wild animals cameratrap, DIY farm robotics...
- Colombia 2012: Plataforma Bogota (Interactive Art Lab): project.honnet.eu/Resbala, etc.

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