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Curriculum Lattes

Aerospace Engineer (B.S.) and Physics Master's student (M.S.) with 4+ years of experience in software development and AI/ML. Proven expertise in building and deploying C++ and Python-based systems for simulation, data processing, and quantitative analysis. Deeply skilled in AI/ML model development, including Deep Learning for complex physical systems.

Education

- 2024 – Present **Master of Physics**, *Aeronautics Institute of Technology (ITA)*, São José dos Campos, Brazil
Focus: Developing Deep Learning models to predict nanoscale material properties by combining sparse experimental (sSNOM) data with physical models.
- 2020 – 2024 **Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering**, *Aeronautics Institute of Technology (ITA)*, São José dos Campos, Brazil, GPA: 8.9/10.0

Experience

- Feb 2025 – Present **GNC Researcher**, *Institute of Advanced Studies (IEAv)*, São José dos Campos, Brazil
- Designed and developed a high-fidelity 6DOF simulation environment in C++ for rockets and hypersonic vehicles, focusing on hypersonic aerodynamic model analysis and flight envelope validation.
 - Co-designed and deployed a team development server (Ubuntu LTS) with Gitea (Git) and Samba, improving version control and shared data access for research.
 - Leading development in C/C++ and Python within a collaborative Git-based workflow, managing complex codebases for simulation and analysis.
- Jul 2025 – Present **Freelance Quantitative Developer**, *Confidential Client*, Remote
- Designed and developed a full-stack quantitative analysis platform, using Python for backend logic and Dash for the interactive frontend.
 - Engineered the data architecture, implementing a SQLite3 database for efficient local data management, storage, and querying.
 - Built a robust data ingestion pipeline to consume, process, and store financial data from the Ivolatility API.
- Apr 2023 – Dez 2024 **Intern, Volatility Table**, *Legacy Capital*, São Paulo, Brazil
- Designed, developed, and maintained full-stack data processing and quantitative analysis tools using Python (Pandas, SQLAlchemy, Dash), Flask, and JavaScript (AG Grid).
 - Engineered and optimized data ingestion pipelines and complex SQL queries for a high-frequency volatility database.
 - Developed and evaluated quantitative trading strategies using time-series algorithms and rigorous backtesting frameworks; performed parameter optimization to enhance model performance.
 - Owned and refactored a legacy Python library, implementing design patterns to improve maintainability and extensibility for the quantitative research team.
 - Managed CI/CD pipelines and deployment using Git and Azure DevOps in a high-stakes, deadline-driven environment.

- Apr 2024 – **Intern, ITA Space Center (CEI)**, São José dos Campos, Brazil
- Sep 2024
 - Developed a Python library for processing and ingesting binary CCSDS space packets, enabling real-time telemetry analysis for the Sports Satellite Mission.
 - Built a telemetry data dashboard using the library, for rapid issue debugging and system monitoring.
 - Designed the initial software architecture for a CRUD application to manage the mission's satellite database.
- Sep 2022 – **Scientific Initiation (PIBIC) Scholarship**, *Aeronautics Institute of Technology (ITA)*, São José dos Campos, Brazil
- Sep 2023
 - Conducted computational physics research, implementing numerical models with Python (SciPy) to simulate quantum photon emissions and plasmon-polariton interactions.

Key AI/ML Project (MS Thesis)

- 2024 – Present **Deep Learning for sSNOM Data Analysis**
 Developing and evaluating novel Deep Learning models (e.g., CNNs, Transformers) to interpret and predict nanoscale material properties from sparse sSNOM data. This research bridges physical models with advanced ML concepts to analyze complex, high-dimensional datasets.

Technical Skills

- AI/ML Deep Learning, ML Model Development & Evaluation, Quantitative Modeling, Data Processing, Optimization, Pandas, NumPy, SciPy, MatLab
- Programming Python, C/C++ (Advanced); SQL (Advanced); Go, HTML, CSS, VBA (Basic)
- Developer Tools Git, Git Flow, Linux, Azure DevOps, Gitea, Docker, Samba
- Engineering Fluid Simulation (SU2, GMSH), 6DOF Modeling, CCSDS Standards

Languages

- English C2 Level (Certified)
- Portuguese Native