

PERSONAL STATEMENT

About Me

Motivated and business-oriented researcher & software engineer with solid experience in 3D modeling, large-scale visualization, physically based rendering, neuroinformatics, computational biology, medical imaging and high performance computing. This comes with a proven track record in innovating and adapting business-driven ideas and transferring them into efficient, maintainable and scalable software solutions with powerful applications in industry and academia with 14 years of experience. Working in collaboration with multiple cross-functional teams with diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds to converge to the most optimum solution. PhD in Neuroscience from the Blue Brain Project at the École Polytechnique Fédéral de Lausanne (EPFL) with ambitions to simulate the mouse brain on supercomputers. AgilePM certificted.

EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

07.2011 – Present	$Senior\ Visualization\ Research\ Engineer\ (Current) \cdot \textit{Blue}\ \textit{Brain}\ \textit{Project} \cdot \textit{EPFL} \cdot \textit{Geneva} \cdot \textit{Switzerland}$
01.2013 - 10.2013	Software Engineer · Coursera EPFL · Lausanne · Switzerland
03.2010 - 07.2010	$Software\ Engineer\ (Visualization)\cdot Biomedical\ Group\cdot Symbyo\ Technologies\ (360imaging)\cdot Cairo\cdot Egypt$
07.2009 – 07.2010	$Instructor\ (Visualization\ \&\ HPC)\cdot National\ Institute\ of\ Laser\ Advanced\ Sciences\ (NILES)\cdot Cairo\cdot Egypt$
09.2009 - 02.2010	Biomedical Software Engineer · International Biomedical Engineering (IBE) Technologies · Cairo · Egypt

- EDUCATION

09.2012 - 09.2017	Ph.D. In Silico Neuroscience · Blue Brain Project · EPFL · Lausanne · Switzerland
09.2009 - 05.2012	$M.Sc.\ Biomedical\ Engineering\ \cdot Biomedical\ Engineering\ Department\ \cdot Cairo\ University\ \cdot Cairo\ \cdot Egypt$
09.2004 — 05.2009	B.Sc. Biomedical Engineering · Biomedical Engineering Department · Cairo University · Cairo · Egypt

- INTERESTS

Visualization	Scientific visualization \cdot Immersive visualization \cdot VR \cdot Distributed and scalable volume visualization
Rendering	$Physically-based\ Monte\ Carlo\ volume\ rendering\ \cdot\ Rendering\ highly\ scattering\ heterogeneous\ fluorescent\ media$
Neuroinformatics	Neuronal, astroglial and vascular reconstruction, visualization and analysis
HPC	GPU computing (GPGPU) \cdot Heterogeneous computing \cdot Parallel and distributed computing
Computational	Reconstruction of high fidelity watertight polygonal meshes
Geometry	High quality and high performance 3D/4D real-time volume reconstruction for medical data (CT, MRI and
Medical Imaging	Ultrasound) · Digitally reconstructed radiograph generation with k-space volume rendering

- TECHNICAL

Software Process	Agile · Scrum · CI/CD · Jira · Git · GitLab · Doxygen
Github	github.com/marwan-abdellah
Programming	C/C++ 14, 17, 20 · Python · C# · Unix Shell · OOP · Design Patterns · TDD
Libraries	$STL \cdot Qt \cdot Boost \cdot Eigen \cdot GLM$
Visualization	$Unreal\ Engine\cdot Unity\cdot OpenSceneGraph\cdot OpenCV\cdot VTK\cdot OpenGL$
3D	Blender (scripting with Python) \cdot Maya (including MEL scripting) \cdot 3DSMax
Rendering	PBRT · LuxRender · Mitsuba
HPC	CUDA · OpenCL · OpenMP · SLURM
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Web Development HTML · CSS · JavaScript
Scientific Packages MATLAB · Octave

Design & Web Gimp · Keynote · Inkscape Typography LATEX Microsoft Office

SELECTED PROJECTS

2022 - Present Effective Skeletonization of Neuronal-Glial-Vascular (NGV) Structures

Reconstruction of high quality morphological skeletons of neuroscientific models from segmented data including

neurons, astroglial cells and large scale vascular networks.

2018 - Present RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGH FIDELITY POLYGONAL MESH MODELS OF NEUROSCIENTIFIC DATA

> Reconstruction of accurate and watertight mesh models of neuroscientific structures including neurons, glial cells and blood vessels from point clouds acquired from optical microscopes and non-watertight meshes or volumetric

stacks obtained by electron microscopes.

SIMULATION OF OPTICAL MICROSCOPY IMAGING WITH MONTE CARLO RENDERING 2013 — 2021

Simulation of the imaging pipelines in multiple optical microscopy techniques including brightfield and light sheet

fluorescence microscopy.

OPTICALLY PLAUSIBLE RECONSTRUCTION OF VOLUMETRIC MODELS OF NEURONAL MORPHOLOGIES 2016 — 2020

Automated reconstruction of accurate volumetric models of neocortical neuronal morphologies obtained from

optical microscopes.

Parallel Rendering of Large Scale Volumes on Distributed Heterogeneous Computing 2015 - 2016

PLATFORMS

OpenCL-based, distributed rendering engine for visualizing large scale volumes on parallel multi-GPU remote

machines.

Physically-based Rendering of Highly Scattering Fluorescent Brain Models 2015 - 2017

A novel rendering model for simulating light interaction with highly scattering fluorescent models based on a

physically-plausible basis.

MAJOR OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

2017 — Present *Ultraliser**

NeuroMorphoVis* · VessMorphoVis* 2016 - Present

2015 - 2016 Livre

2011 - 2012Equalizer

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

CERTIFICATION

09.2023 AGILEPM® FOUNDATION

APMG International

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

07.2023 - Present Member

Venturelab

Member 05.2015 - Present

International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)

04.2015 - Present Member

The European Association of Computer Graphics (Eurographics)

01.2010 - Present Member

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)

01.2010 - Present Member

IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS)

02.2015 — Present Member

IEEE Engineering Computer Society

PERSONAL

Residence Crissier · Vaud · Switzerland - Permit C

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Languages English — Fluent · French — Very Good (B1 FIDE, B2 Berlitz) · Arabic — Mothertongue

Publications All the publications are available at marwan-abdellah.com/publications.html.

Recommendations Recommendations are available upon request.