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Portfolio Highlights

A comprehensive outline of milestone professional achievements is available as supplementary documents - namely a detailed slides and spreadsheet collection. In the slides, the reader's attention is invited to the original algorithmic contributions as well as the innovative ideas in the field of AI/ML which carry a potential for future progress and accomplishment in that field. Below, just the more recent and most significant milestones are listed.


| Year | Project | Notes, Technology | Field(s) | Team |
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| 2025 | Generative Neural Network Model of Colour Recognition, Registration and Decision Making using Constructive Geometry and the DAN integrative neural architecture | Matlab, Novel Neural Network Architecture that practically does not require pre-training | AI/ML, Neural Networks, Complex Neural Dynamics Modeling and Simulation | GRSNC U.Montreal |
| 2025 | Automated Confluence Documentation Pages generation and update through scheduled Jenkins ELT pipelines | python, Java, MySQL | Retrieval-augmented Intelligent Big-Data Acquisition and Processing | Plusgrade |
| 2025 | AI Agents and LLMs | python, Java, ChatGPT, Gemini, Amazon-Q, Hugging Face (Certificate) | Retrieval-augmented Intelligent Big-Data Acquisition and Processing | Plusgrade |
| 2021 | The Russian-Dolls Ideas Package toward more practical and more observable DNN model creation and exploitation | python, ONNX, neuron | AI/ML, DNNs, Complex Multidimensional Data Modeling | Zetane |
| 2021 | Complex Multidimensional AI/ML Model Data Unpacking and Visualization - Colour Rendering of Model | python, C/C++, ONNX, neuron, Keras/Tensorflow, CUDA | AI/ML, DNNs, Complex Multidimensional Data Visualization | Zetane |

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| | Tensors, complete with a multi-dimensions explorer UI | | | |
| 2020 | Airbus A3xx flight simulators Corporate Big Data Post-processing | python, Perl | Retrieval-augmented Intelligent Big-Data Acquisition and Processing | CAE Airbus A3xx Sim Products |
| 2018 | Advanced Functional QA Object-Oriented Test API to the Aurora Airport Traffic Simulator | C/C++ | Dynamic Systems Simulation | Adacel ATM and ATC products, (contract) |
| 2017 | Processing histology slice-stacks toward 3D anatomical Localisation and Reconstruction of electrode path and recording sites in rodent S1 Brain cortices (primary somatosensory) | python, Matlab, Original Image Registration Data Pipelines - based on sets of landmark points and contour identification | Retrieval-augmented Image Registration Computer Vision and Object Recognition | McGill University the Neuro |
| 2017 | Object Recognition, 3D Spatial Localization, Registration and Motion Tracking in 2D video streaming using Checkerboard-based Calibration, Parametric Systems Identification and Optimization (Maximum-cliques) | python, C/C++, Matlab, OpenCV | Retrieval-augmented Image Registration Computer Vision and Object Recognition | MTL.AI |
| 2017 | Business Prediction - based on Generative Modeling of Banking customers behaviour and its motivation | python, Matlab | Retrieval-augmented Intelligent Big-Data Acquisition and Processing | Brainergy.AI |
| 2016 | Art Style Transfer | python, Keras/Tensorflow | AI/ML, Neural Networks, Modeling and Simulation | the Neuro, McGill University |
| 2015 | Doctorate (PhD) in Biomedical Engineering | Computational Neuroscience | AI/ML, Neural Networks, Complex Neural Dynamics Modeling and Simulation | Polytechnique Montreal, Vienna Technical University |
| 2007 | An Integrative Perspective in Modeling neural activity - the Brain as a Predictor-Corrector applying Dynamic-attractor Neural Networks (DAN) | Matlab, Novel Neural Network Architecture that practically does not require pre-training | AI/ML, Neural Networks, Complex Neural Dynamics Modeling and Simulation | GRSNC U.Montreal |

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| 2006 | Statistical analysis of synergy patterns in motor cortex and muscles activity, related to walking and obstacle clearing; Identification the neural synergies in gait control | SPSS, Matlab, Original Associative Clustering Algorithm ; original Neural Network Models and their optimal parameter estimation - with Prof. Dr Schittkowski - a world authority in Optimization Algorithms | AI/ML, Neural Networks, Complex Neural Dynamics Modeling and Simulation | GRSNC U.Montreal; Prof. Dr Schittkowski - U. Bayreuth Germany |
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Key Engineering Industry Expertise Assets

| Level | Domain | Exposure/Projects | Technology |
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| Expert 10+ years | AI/ML; Neural Networks; Modeling; Original RNN achitecture | Vast experience with various models: Formulation, Optimization, Training and Use of most classic and current architectures Projects: Computer vision, Pattern recognition and classification, Art-style transfer (*2) Neural network dynamics in the rodent (*1, *2), primate and human brain (*1). | Keras/Tensorflow (*2), PyTorch, C/C++ (*1, *2) Advanced python3 and Matlab use Notes: (*1) Original model architecture contributions - see Publications (*2) Including use of the McGill Guillimin super-comp clusters |
| Expert 10+ years | Data Science; Operations-Research; Numerical algorithms; System dynamics and business modeling | Advanced Statistics (ANOVA, Stochastic control), Data Modeling and Mining (*5a); Real-time tensor visualization in an ML model is particularly interesting (*5b); Numerical Algorithms and Operations Research: Ever since graduate studies in Bulgaria have been passionate about advanced Algorithms (*5) and Numerical Optimization and Numerical Calculus (*6, *7) Insider knowledge of multiple de-facto standard libraries (*7) and of RDBMS's and SQL (*8) | Advanced C/C++, python3 and Matlab use Notes: (*5a) including use of advanced data visualization in multiple dimensions to facilitate the creation and interpretation of the data modeling and mining results; (*5b) with Zetane (*6) Skills and knowledge just revalidated and updated through diligent Coursera coursework and certification (*7) e.g. Comsol, CPLEX, scipy, numpy, LINPACK, UNCMIN, NAG (*8) incl. dialects such as MySQL |

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| Expert 10+ years | Software Engineering | <p>Master a vast number of Programming Languages (*9) Prototyping (*10) and Development Frameworks (*11a) Projects: (some key ones) # Full-stack and back-end web cloud computing and data processing (*11b) # Optimal and Real-time Control; Robotics (*12a) # Automated Big Data processing (*12b) # Mentoring and Specialized Courses (*12c) # Original Neural and AI/ML architectures implementations # Facilitation layers for specialized uses of standard tools (*5b, *7) # Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition and Classification # Image stacks registration</p> | <p>Github, Atlassian/Bitbucket/Jira, AWS, Jenkins, Kanban, Agile</p> <p>Notes: (*9) including (but not limited to) C/C++, python, C#, Java, javascript, regex, Perl, awk, R, Ada, Cobol, Pascal, Visual Basic, SQL, Fortran (all the way to the 2023 update to the language), etc etc. (*10) Matlab, unix shell and MS scripting, (*11a) e.g. Visual Studio, vscode, PyCharm, IntelliJ (*11b) e.g. Docker, AWS, Spring Boot (*12a) with Prof Kalaska at UdM, with Iguana Robotics (IL, USA) (*12b) Implementation of real-time control, automated backend services and data (ELT and ETL) pipelines; e.g. neurophysiology and aerospace real-time data acquisition, full-stack integration testing, Jenkins B&T pipelines etc. (*12c) with TU Sofia, IBM Bulgaria, U.Montreal, Polytechnique Montreal, CAE, ORS etc</p> |
| Advanced 7+ years | Quality Assurance (QA) | <p>Frameworks for QA: # Unit Tests Collections (*3a) # Standalone and integrated local backend services runs and debugging (*3a) # Integration Testing (*3a) # QA and Test-driven development (*12c) # AI-assisted QA (*3a, *4) # Use of additional tools to elucidate and reproduce complex and esp. unexpected behaviours (*3c)</p> | <p>XTrace - with the CAE flight simulators QA Splunk, Datadog, Selenium - with Plusgrade See also (*12b)</p> <p>Notes: (*3a) for specific validations and resolving issues (*3b) for full-stack Testing (*4) Experience integrating AI assistants within IDE's - e.g. PyCharm, IntelliJ (*3c) with the CAE AP community elucidated the erratic behaviour of an AP system due to the deviating stats of simulated GPS signal - using standalone dynamic simulation</p> |
| Advanced 5+ years | AI Agents use | <p>Frameworks for: # Enterprise-wide Confluence Documentation (*3) Collection created with the help of advanced python-based code-based automated Confluence page(s) generation # AI-assisted new application code generation and QA (*4)</p> | <p> Hugging Face Certified: AI Agents Fundamentals</p> <p>Advanced python3 and Java using AI agents: Google Gemini, Amazon Q, Microsoft Copilot, ChatGPT etc.</p> <p>Notes: (*3d) for Airline Taxes Development and Auditing Reference Documentation (*4) Experience integrating AI assistants within IDE's - e.g. PyCharm, IntelliJ</p> |

Work Experience



Plusgrade Inc., Montreal (Quebec)

Software Engineer, August 2022 – August 2025

- Designed and implemented back-end software for data-logic analysis and performance-related data persistence using advanced, object-oriented Java and the Spring Boot framework.
- Developed and deployed service code for inventory management and third-party payment providers, utilizing Docker and various scripting languages.
- Served as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in international airline passenger duties, taxes, and fees, applying this domain knowledge to enhance product compliance.



ORS / Comet Inc., Montreal (Quebec)

Software Developer / Data Scientist, December 2021 – July 2022 (Contract)

- Contract - with main objective to develop a framework for real-time control of a plasma generator
- Developed advanced, object-oriented algorithmic code in Python and C++ to support the company's data science and visualization platforms.
- Applied data science methodologies using libraries like pandas and scikit-learn to process and visualize data.



ZETANE SYSTEMS Zetane Systems Inc., Montreal (Quebec)

ML/AI Engineer, September 2020 – November 2021 (Contract)

- Contributed to the development of cutting-edge real-time visualization tools for deep neural network tensors.
- Collaborated with advanced teams at IBM and Microsoft to provide efficient and seamless access to core visualization tools.



CAE Inc., Montreal (Quebec)

Controls Systems and QA Engineer, July 2018 – September 2020 (Contract)

- Automated real-time testing and certification of closed-loop, Software-in-the-Loop (SIL) systems for the Airbus A3xx vehicle simulation.
- Mastered tools for real-time aircraft identification data acquisition and matching, directly contributing to the rigorous testing and certification process of flight simulators.



Adacel Inc. - Aviation and Aerospace Component Manufacturing

Software Engineer, January 2018 – July 2018 (Contract)

- Designed and implemented software enhancements for real-time system-test automation, supporting Air Traffic Management (ATM) and Air-Tower Control (ATC) product lines.
- Developed advanced, original Object-Oriented (OO) code in C/C++ to create QA automation tools.



Montreal Neurological Institute & Hospital, McGill University

Postdoctoral Fellow, January 2014 – December 2017

- Experience with image processing: Used and refined biomedical imaging algorithms for the registration of MRI image stacks, ensuring precise alignment for analysis.
- Experience with advanced modeling and algorithms, leveraging tools such as TensorFlow and Keras, model conversions and optimization tools
- Experience porting code between languages and from research level code in Matlab or Python to real-time and highly-parallel and high-performance (aka super-computing) C/C++ code
- Familiarity with commonly used libraries: e.g. OpenCV, scipy, numpy.



Polytechnique Montréal - Dept. Biomedical Engineering

Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering and Computational Neuroscience, May 2009 - Jan 2015

- Conducted multi-scale computational modeling from the microscopic to the mesoscopic level, demonstrating expertise in analyzing complex systems.



UNIVERSITÉ de MONTRÉAL

Research Associate (Member SGPPUM), October 1999 – April 2009

- Authored or co-authored 15+ original publications in high-impact, peer-reviewed journals.
- Contributed key scientific findings that advanced the understanding of motor neurophysiology and the brain's synergistic control of movement.

CAE

CAE Inc., Montreal (Quebec)

Energy Control Systems - Controls and OR Engineer, August 1996 – December 1999

- Implemented turn-key Energy Management Systems with smart SCADA-based real-time energy-distribution control.
- The system optimizer utilized large-scale MIP formulations and the CPLEX library, ensuring grid stability and preventing costly power outages.



IBM Bulgaria, Sofia (Bulgaria) - IBM Services

Project Manager, December 1992 – August 1996

- Project manager for midrange systems - AS-OS/400, RS-AIX/6000
- National Language support and standards; Technical writing and mentoring
- Pioneered the IBM BG National Education Center from the ground up, reconciling the high-cost training model with a fledgling post-totalitarian market.
- Transformed the center from a one-person operation into a robust enterprise by recruiting and directing a team of technical instructors.

Education

Coursera

Business-Analysis-Oriented Optimization and Operations Research, 2024 - 2025

Polytechnique MONTRÉAL

PhD, Biomedical Engineering and Computational Neuroscience, 2009 - 2015
(R&D focus)

- Graduate Degree in Biomedical Engineering

TU Sofia - Faculty of Automation

M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (Automation/Control System Engineering), 1989 - 1992

- Graduate Degree in Electrical Engineering

Selected Publications

- **From Squid to Mammals with the HH Model through the Na_v Channels' Half-Activation-Voltage Parameter**
 - Nedialko I. Krouchev, F. Rattay, M. Sawan, A. Vinet. *PLoS ONE* 10(12), 2015.
 - *This research demonstrates the application of **non-linear dynamics theory** to understand and model **complex biological systems**.
- **Energy-Optimal Electrical-Stimulation Pulses Shaped by the Least-Action Principle**
 - Nedialko I. Krouchev, S. M. Danner, A. Vinet, F. Rattay, M. Sawan. *PLoS ONE* 9(3), 2014.
 - *This paper uses **optimization** and physical principles to analyze and **improve complex bio-systems**.
- **Motor cortical regulation of sparse synergies during precision walking**
 - Nedialko Krouchev, Trevor Drew. *Frontiers in computational neuroscience* 7, 2013.
 - *This paper explores **motor control and coordination in complex biological systems**.
- **Motor control in a meta-network with attractor dynamics**
 - N. I. Krouchev, J. F. Kalaska. *Progress in Brain Research* 165, 2007.
 - *This research demonstrates the application of **non-linear dynamics theory** to understand and model **complex neural networks**.
- **Sequential activation of muscle synergies during locomotion in the intact cat as revealed by cluster analysis and direct decomposition**
 - N. Krouchev, J. F. Kalaska, T. Drew. *Journal of neurophysiology* 96 (4), 2006.
 - *This work contributed key scientific findings about the **brain's synergistic control of movement** in complex biological systems.
- **Context-dependent anticipation of different task dynamics: rapid recall of appropriate motor skills using visual cues**
 - N. I. Krouchev, J. F. Kalaska. *Journal of Neurophysiology* 89(2), 2003.
 - *This research provided insights into the **encoding of motor skills** and the brain's ability to adapt to new tasks, a key area of **motor neurophysiology**.