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## Education

2017-2021 **BSc in Applied Mathematics and Physics**, GPA 4.86/5.00.

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology,  
Phystech School of Applied Mathematics and Informatics

**Key subjects** Calculus, Linear Algebra, Optimization, Computational Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Parallel Programming

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## Work experience & research


**Computed Tomography** 09.2020-Present Acceleration of FBP algorithm for CT | [Smart Engines](#)  
Goal: acceleration of the convolution of two discrete functions as the first step of Filtered Back Projection algorithm with the help of IIR filters.


**Image Processing** 07.2020-09.2020 [Accuracy of neural network denoising of images depending on training set size](#)   
In co-authorship with Researcher Anton Grigoryev. IITP RAS ([the lab](#)).  
Reported on the ITaS'20 [conference](#) and [published](#) in "Sensory Systems" [Journal](#).


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## Class projects


**Computer Vision** [Image Captioning with Attention](#)  | A part of MIPT Deep Learning course  
Pretrained VGG19 for building feature vectors for each image and LSTM with attention stacked on top of that for generating captions.

**Image Processing** [Weighted Neural Style Transfer](#)  | A part of MIPT Deep Learning course  
A modification of classic style transfer (Gatys et al., 2016). Segmentation of people and skin for stylizing people less than background but more than their skin.

**Web Dev** [Segmentation of people](#)  | A part of MIPT Computer Networks course | [DEMO](#)  
A web demo with Django in backend for people segmentation from portraits using pretrained neural network with ResNext50 encoder and U-net decoder.

**NLP** [NER](#)  | A part of MIPT Natural Language Processing course  
Named Entity Recognition with Bi-LSTM for Twitter data.

**Optimization** [SPAG](#)  | A part of MIPT Optimization course | [poster](#)  
Statistically Preconditioned Accelerated Gradient Method for Distributed Optimization (according to Back, Bubeck) was implemented and analyzed on the RCV dataset.

**Data Science** [SMOTE](#)  | Supervisor Junior Researcher Artem Borzov at [IITP](#)  
Synthetic minority oversampling technique for imbalanced classification problem compared with other techniques on Phoneme and Mammography datasets.

**C/C++** [Tic-tac-toe](#)  | A part of MIPT CS course  
Client-server console game with TCP sockets.

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## Scholarships and Awards

2020-2021 Increased State Academic Scholarship Award for achievements in educational activity

2018-2019 Phystech Foundation Scholarship Award for top-ranked students of MIPT

2017 Awarded with Presidential Diploma for the most excellent (top-100) students of Moldova

2015-2017 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in national Olympiads in Maths, Chemistry, Physics in Moldova

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## Computer Skills

**Programming Tools** Python (pytorch, numpy, scipy, pandas, matplotlib, sklearn), C, SQL  
Jupyter Notebook, Linux, git, ssh, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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## Languages

English (Fluent), Romanian (Fluent) and Russian (Native)