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- *Languages* Russian(native) • English(native fluency) • French(B1)

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## Professional Activities

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- Software Engineer** 2017 Sep - Current
- CERN - European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland*
- **Large Scale HEP Data Processing** with Apache Spark. Implemented a Data Source for CERN's ROOT data format. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTMdkSmwOKc>
  - **Heterogeneous data processing for CMS Experiment**. Ported CPU-based algorithms to run on Nvidia GPUs
  - **Employing HPC resources** for HEP data processing. Software distribution and configuration
- Group Lead - CMS Hadron Calorimeter Data Quality Monitoring Group** 2014-2017
- CERN - European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland*
- Designed and Implemented Critical **Data-driven Quality Control Applications**
  - Responsible for Data Certification Process - Validating the Usability of Collected Data by Physics Analyses
- Deputy Coordinator - CMS Hadron Calorimeter Operations Group** 2015-2016
- CMS - Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment @CERN, Geneva, Switzerland*
- "CMS 2015 Achievement Award"
  - Responsible for Operational Aspects of all the Components of the **Calorimeter** System
  - Coordination  $\Rightarrow$  Installation  $\Rightarrow$  Debugging  $\Rightarrow$  DataTaking  $\Rightarrow$  Status Report  $\Rightarrow$  Collaboration  $\Rightarrow$  Training Newcomers
- Graduate Research Assistant** 2014-Current
- CMS Experiment @CERN, Geneva, Switzerland • The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA*
- **Big Data** Analyses, e.g. **Higgs Boson** Searches
  - Design, construction and analysis of **Monte Carlo** Simulations of Particle Detectors using **Geant4**
  - Data Analysis and Operations Support for **Fermilab** T-1041 "CMS Forward Calorimetry R&D" Experiment

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## Education

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- PhD in Physics** 2012-2017
- The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA*
- Thesis Title, "Search for the Standard Model Higgs Boson in the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decay channel in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV in CMS, Calibration of CMS Hadron Forward Calorimeter and Simulations of Modern Calorimeter Systems"
- BA Physics and Mathematics; Cum Laude** 2009-2012
- Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, USA*
- **Minor in Computer Science**
  - Dean's List Spring 2010 & Fall 2010
- Department of Cybernetics** 2008-2009
- Moscow Engineering Physics Institute, Moscow, Russia*

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# Programming Skills

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## Languages/etc - Experienced

*C/C++/STL/Boost/OpenMP/MPI/tbb/CUDA/pthreads/OpenCL/SYCL • Scala • Python • SQL • bash*

## Languages/etc - Familiar

*asm • Java • Go • Rust • php • Exilir/Erlang*

## Version Control

*git/mercurcy*

## Big Data

*Apache Spark/MapReduce • HDFS • ROOT • TensorFlow/Keras/Scikit-Learn/Graphlab*

## Hardware Design/FPGAs - Familiar

*Verilog/HLS • Xilinx Vivado/Cadence Xcelium*

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# Publications & Presentations

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- “HEP Data Processing with Apache Spark”  
“Spark Summit”, London, Oct. 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTMdkSmwOKc>
- “Integrating ROOT I/O with Apache Spark”  
“ROOT Users’ Workshop”, Sarajevo, Sep 2018, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/697389/contributions/3102790/attachments/>
- “spark-root: ROOT I/O for JVM and Applications for Apache Spark”  
“ROOT I/O Workshop”, CERN, Feb 2017
- “10B NMR Powder Pattern Optimized for Distribution of the Quadrupole Parameters”  
“Borate 2011: 7th International Conference on Borate Glasses, Crystals and Melts” Halifax, NS Canada
- A.M. Sirunyan, ..., V. Khristenko et al., “Search for the Higgs Boson Decaying to Two Muons in Proton-Proton Collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV”, Physical Review Letters, 14 January 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.122.021801>
- V. Khristenko et al., “SpectraFit: A New Program to Simulate and Fit Distributed 10B Powder Patterns: Application to Symmetric Trigonal Borons.”, Phys. Chem. Glasses: Eur. J. Glass Sci Technol. B, June 2012, 53 (3), 121-127.
- U. Akgun, ..., V. Khristenko et al., “Characterization of 1800 Hamamatsu R7600-M4PMTs for CMS HF Calorimeter upgrade”, Journal of Instrumentation, 2014 JINST 9 T06005
- M. Dettmann, ..., V. Khristenko et al., accepted for publication, “Radiation Hard Plastic Scintillators for a New Generation of Particle Detectors”, JINST\_023P\_0716
- U. Akgun, ..., V. Khristenko et al., “Quartz Plate Calorimeter Prototype with Wavelength Shifting Fibers”, Journal of Instrumentation, JINST 002P 0412, 2012
- A. Albayrak-Yetkin, ..., V. Khristenko “Secondary Emission Calorimetry: Fast and Radiation-Hard”, Snowmass White Paper, arXiv: 1307.8051.

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# Athletic Activities

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## Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach

2013-2014

*The University of Iowa Hawkeyes Men’s Tennis Team, NCAA Division 1*

## Student Athlete

2009-2012

*Coe College, Varsity Men’s Tennis Team, NCAA Division 3*

- IIAC Team Champion (2012)
- NCAA Regionally Ranked in Singles (2011, 2012)
- IIAC All-Conference (2009, 2011, 2012)
- IIAC Conference Champion (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Team Captain (2011, 2012)