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Education

University of Toronto – St-George (Trinity College) Toronto, Ontario, CA

Bachelor of Science – Computer Science Specialist (COOP), and Molecular Genetics Major *Aug. 2023 – May 2027*

- Entrance awards: **C. David Naylor Scholar for Leadership** ($20k) & **Arts and Science Scholar** ($7.5k)
- High School Activities: **Student Council President**, **Publication Director of *Le Manifeste* and *The Last Word*** (total 160+ pages), **BrébeufHx Vice-President & MariHacks Organizer** (800+ participants).

Experience

Computer Vision Researcher with Prof. Babak Taati February 2024 – Present

NSERC and KITE Computer Vision Lab (University of Toronto) *Toronto, Ontario, CA*

- From **image-by-image** to **video** 2D human pose detection through **VideoMamba and InfiniAttention**.
- Experimented with VideoMamba and Vision Transformers **encoders** for **SMPL mesh recovery** and **keypoints coordinates regression** from heatmaps. Added an InfiniAttention **backbone** for videos (32 frames).
- **Pretrained** the image backbone on MS-COCO pose (136K frames) & **trained** the Infini-Attention video backone on JHMDB (10K frames) and FreeMan (11M frames) resulting in SOTA accuracy for noisy videos. Github

Machine Learning Engineer July 2024 – Present

Kadist *(Remote) – San Francisco, California, US*

- Deployed rsonart.com, an art gallery chat web application with vision and audio capacities for **Kadist**.
- Implemented Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) with history-aware & ensemble retrieval, rerank and FAISS.
- Generated embeddings of **308768 artists** and **2851 artworks** webscraped from ArtFacts, Kadist and E-flux.
- Hosted a Flask (Gunicorn/Nginx) backend, a NEXT.JS frontend and Google login + Firebase for user data.

Dry Lab Machine Learning Team Member April 2024 – Present

PlasmidAI - Internationally Genetically Engineering Machine (UToronto Team) *Toronto, Ontario, CA*

- **Awards**: **Top 10 global** projects (against 500+ projects) & **Winner of Best Model**. IGEM Wiki
- Worked on plasmidai (largest open-source ML toolkit for plasmid foundation models) with Prof. Michael Garton
- Fine-tuned Evo (a Striped-Hyena genome model) to generate plasmid sequences with antibacterial resistance.

Machine Learning Researcher with Prof. Houari Sahraoui October 2022 – September 2023

DIRO (University of Montreal) *Dallas, Texas and Montreal, Quebec*

- Represented **Team Canada (top 12 projects national)** at **ISEF** 2023 (**10 awards – $15k+** at all levels).
- Developed and benchmarked **computer vision architectures** to translate American Sign Language to English.
- Model architectures trained include Fine-tuned Resnet + CNNs / LSTM + MLP, to translate **25 gestures**.

Projects

Red Handed – MakeUofT (2^{nd} for Qualcomm and Flow ($1200)) February 2024

- Integrated **3 vision** models to detect drowsiness (Tensorflow, MediaPipe & OpenCV – 95% accuracy).
- 3D printed design of slapping machine that tracks and adjusts to nose height for optimal slapping. Devpost

Re.Live – UofTHacks 11 (Cohere 1^{rst} Prize ($1500)) January 2024

- Integrated a **diffusion model – DDPM** model to produce videos of people from static images dancing!
- Integrated **Cohere RAG** to search a database of 100 songs with the user's mood. Frontend in **React**. Devpost

SpaCey – UTRA (Best use of Flow & Starknet ($1000)) January 2024

- Implemented MediaPipe hand-tracking through **3 different hand signals** to control a bluetooth rover. Devpost

DriveSense – HackTheNorth (Winning Finalist Project) September 2023

- Mobile app to assist drivers with **vision models** for car plates, traffic lights and road signs (PyTorch). Devpost

AIBERT – Science Fair ($1000 in various awards) September 2021 – May 2022

- Natural Language Processing (BERT, Naive Bayes & LSTM) with 10000 messages for bilingual spam detection.
- Implemented PostgreSQL database (1 million numbers), Flutter mobile app & Flask backend. Github

Technical Skills

Lanuguages Spoken: French (Native), English (Native), Mandarin (Fluent), Spanish (Proficient)
Programming Languages: C/C++, Python, R, Java, SQL, Dart (Flutter), JavaScript, HTML/CSS
ML/DS Tools: Torch, CUDA, DDP, Lightning, Tensorflow, OpenCV, Pandas, Numpy, Compute Canada (slurm)
Other Tools: Linux, Docker, Tmux/Vim/VSCode, Git/GitHub, Flask/DJango, React, MongoDB/Postgres