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#### **EDUCATION**

### The University of Manchester

Sep 2021 – Jun 2025 | Manchester, UK

BSc(Hons) Artificial Intelligence with Industrial Experience

Machine Learning Computer Vision

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- 1st year: 90% grade, ranked 2nd/486 first-year CS students, Golden Anniversary and Netcraft awards.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year: **86%** grade (First-Class Honours)
- Summer schools: Oxford ML (2023), Cambridge AI in healthcare (2022), EEML (2022).
- Selected courses: Machine Learning, Probability, Knowledge-Based AI, Visual Computing, Data Science.

#### Grigore Moisil Theoretical High School

Sep 2017 – Jun 2021 | Timisoara, Romania Algorithms Data Structures Mathematics

Computer Science and Mathematics

- Valedictorian; Romanian Baccalaureate with 10/10 in Mathematics, Informatics; IBM Quantum Computing course.
- National Olympiad in Mathematics (Bronze in 2021) and Informatics (2021, qualified 9<sup>th</sup> in 2020, Bronze in 2018).

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### FiveAI – acquired by Bosch

Jun 2023 – Jun 2024 | Cambridge, UK

Research Engineer Intern

Autonomous Driving Multimodal learning Explainability PyTorch

- Co-authored a paper [1] on multimodal fusion for 3D object detection in autonomous driving.
- $\bullet \ \ \text{Implemented } \textbf{explainability techniques}, \ \text{demonstrating enhanced complementarity between modalities}.$

Rayscape

Jul 2021 – Jun 2023 | remote, part-time

Research Engineer

Medical imaging Domain generalization Segmentation PyTorch

- Reduced the out-of-domain gap in multi-label chest X-ray classification by 32% for two covariate shifts [2].
- Improved the metrics of a **nodule malignancy classification** algorithm by 3% using Vision Transformers.
- Developed a **CE-marked algorithm** for segmenting nodules on lung CT scans that has helped **radiologists from** over 100 medical institutions fare better at diagnosing lung cancer by providing precise measurements.
- Implemented a segmentation refinement mechanism that halved the previous error of the predicted measurements.

Rayscape

Mar 2020 – Sep 2020 | Timisoara, Romania

Machine Learning Intern

Medical imaging Classification Object detection PyTorch

- Developed an algorithm for detecting intracranial haemorrhages which sped up the triaging process.
- Built models for lung segmentation, pathology classification and foreign object detection on chest X-ray scans.

#### **PROJECTS**

# Manchester University Data Science Society

Jun 2022 - Present

• Workshop executive teaching an introductory <u>course</u> on Computer Vision for medical image analysis.

# Citadel European Datathon

Apr 2023

• Analysed 1.8 million traffic stops in Philadelphia to identify racial disparities in policing, using Plotly and Pandas.

# <u>SaferWalk</u> – first-year team project

Oct 2021 - May 2022

• Improved Flask API throughput by 4x, predicting safer pedestrian routes, using an optimised implementation of A\*.

Climate Hack.AI – ranked 6<sup>th</sup>/25 top universities in UK, US and Canada.

Jan 2022 - March 2022

• Developed a video generation model for predicting solar photovoltaic power production using satellite images.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] Gunn J, Lenyk Z, Sharma A, Donati A, **Buburuzan A**, Redford J, Mueller R, "Lift-Attend-Splat: Bird's-eye-view camera-lidar fusion using transformers" in arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.14919, 2023.
- [2] Bercean B\*, **Buburuzan A\***, Birhala A, Avramescu C, Tenescu A, Marcu M, "Breaking Down Covariate Shift on Pneumothorax Chest X-Ray Classification" in *International Workshop on Uncertainty for Safe Utilization of Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MICCAI UNSURE)*, 2023.
- [3] Bercean B, **Buburuzan A**, Birhala A, Tenescu A, Avramescu C, Costachescu D, Marcu M, "Revised Set Prediction Matching for Chest X-ray Pathology Detection with Transformers" in *IEEE SMC Conference*, 2023.
- [4] Bercean B, Birhala A, Ardelean P, Barbulescu I, Benta M, Rasadean C, Costachescu D, Avramescu C, Tenescu A, Iarca S, **Buburuzan A**, Marcu M, Birsasteanu F, "Evidence of a cognitive bias in the quantification of COVID-19 with CT: an artificial intelligence randomised clinical trial" in *Nature Scientific Reports*, 2023.

<sup>\*</sup>Equal contribution.