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Pioneer in far-reaching energy R&D and moonshots involving intelligent systems and machine learning in electrical power, renewable energy, smart buildings, smart grids, smart cities, and healthcare for over 20 years.

EDUCATION

B.S. Physics, University of Florida
M.S. Computer Science, University of Illinois

EXPERTISE

Skills: data science, machine learning, pattern recognition, forecasting, time series analysis, causal inference, geostatistics, exploratory data analysis, data mining, algorithms, data analysis, computer science, artificial intelligence, program management, programming, software engineering, mathematical modeling, simulations, high performance computing, software development, statistics, knowledge engineering, modeling, system architecture, research, R&D, project management, strategic planning, SQL, Lisp, Python, R, databases, strategic thinking, leadership, management, coherent optical processing, lasers, holography, sustainability, energy, power grids, smart grids, microgrids, smart cities, smart buildings and cleantech.

Special skills: Systems integration, expert and knowledge-based systems, machine learning including the interface between numerical and symbolic algorithms, parallel computing, pattern recognition applied to 4D seismic data, computer representations of complex scientific and engineering objects, visualization, distributed systems, and interoperability. Specialties are complex systems integration and intelligent computational reasoning that interacts with humans within large-scale systems

EXPERIENCE

**2019-2025 Department of Neurology, Columbia University Medical Center
Columbia University New York, New York
Senior Data Architect**

Employed as Senior Data Architect with the Department of Neurology at CUMC Columbia University. Involved in data engineering for the Thompson Project, a large-scale initiative to use multiple datasets to move the needle on neurodegenerative diseases, specifically Alzheimer's.

**2005-Present World Team Now, Malibu California.
VP & Director of Technical Strategy (nonprofit, volunteer)**

Serves as a board member, VP, and Director of Technical Strategy of the nonprofit environmental and social organization, World Team Now, and a partner in a related company, World Team-Building, LLC. Advise, leveraging 45+ years of expertise in science, technology, and energy, on big-picture technical matters and technical implementation decisions.

**2019-2019 Mediphore Inc
New York, New York
Senior Developer**

Virtualized the company's application and deployed it on development and production servers, and documented the steps. Installed a GitLab repository and Docker.

**2005-2017 Center for Computational Learning Systems,
Columbia University New York, New York
Senior Staff Associate**

Employed as Senior Staff Associate with the Center for Computational Learning Systems (CCLS) of Columbia University. Involved in far-reaching energy research and development involving intelligent systems in electrical power, renewable energy, smart buildings, smart grids, and smart cities. Involved in over 15+ industry-sponsored R&D projects resulting in a startup, CALM Energy, and licensing of patents.

Acted as Director of the Smart-X (Cites, Buildings, & Grids) group at CCLS. Projects included a reinforcement learning based microgrid controller for African villages, and optimal placement of inductive charging stations for electric buses. For Con Edison, recent projects included image processing using deep learning of thermal images to look for trouble in manholes and using causal inference and machine learning to produce a cost vs. benefit study of reliability improvement programs. As part of a partnership with the Rudin Management Company and Selex ES, the Smart-X group developed the machine learning based forecasting and recommendation capability for a commercial product, the Di-BOSS Smart Building Solution.

**1994-2005 Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory,
Columbia University, Palisades New York.
Senior Staff Associate, 4-D Group**

Worked as Senior Staff Associate in the 4-D Group at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. Focused on new business development within Roger Anderson's group at Lamont. Also worked on introducing machine learning concepts in asset management for power grids and the oil and gas industry.

Involved in a variety of computer science initiatives within industry consortia, including visualization, system integration, advanced computation, databases, and interoperability. Visualized portfolio management data and results for the industry-sponsored portfolio management consortium. Worked on pattern recognition methods for identifying and tracking changes in oil and gas reservoirs by making use of multiple seismic surveys shot over time. The culmination was the formation of vPatch Inc., which commercialized the groundbreaking technology the team developed, and before that, the licensing of the IP to 4D Technology Inc. and Baker Hughes.

2000-2002 CTO, vPatch Technologies Inc., Houston Texas.

Served as CTO for vPatch Technologies, Inc. during a leave of absence from Columbia. vPatch's business focus was to implement wired processes that connect business decision-making and hydrocarbon reservoirs in real time to enable the use of portfolio management, real options, EVA, and other modern techniques to plan and execute enterprise optimization.

1992-1994 BBN Laboratories Division, BBN Systems and Technologies Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts Scientist Applied Physics Department.

Readied the acoustic modeling system PRISM for NAVSEA, implemented in Lisp, for beta test. The goal of PRISM was to support engineering acoustics design. Also led the design and integration of image management and manipulation functions for an Army project called MIDAS. MIDAS integrated database technology with image analysis and acoustic modeling functions.

1982-1992 BBN Laboratories Division, BBN Systems and Technologies Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts Scientist, Intelligent Systems Department

Worked on several intelligent systems, expert systems, and machine learning applications and frameworks: the Steamer intelligent tutoring system; DesigNet, an intelligent CAD tool for designing packet switching networks and a tool for automated network management; the FLEX rule base system framework and applications of it, including a human factors simulation of radar operators, a wind shear adviser for pilots, and an expert system for audit selection for the IRS; teaching AI to clients; AI tools for parallel processors; a parallel rule base system for a manufacturing-process simulation/diagnostic demonstration; a machine learning framework called Beginner under internal funding; and the application of Beginner to relating biological indicators of rivers to their health.

Within the Speech Department, investigated methods using unsupervised clustering to automate the analysis of recorded conversations of ground-control to plane conversations, and was the systems integrator and implemented the GUI for the resulting demonstration system called Gister.

Previous work experience

Previous work experience

Included 6 years of part-time work in high school and college at the National Hurricane and Experimental Meteorology Laboratory, Coral Gables, Florida. Was a co-principle investigator on a study of the effect of cloud seeding on lightning.

HONORS

Member of the winning team of a GE Ecomagination Challenge Innovation Prize in 2010 to apply machine learning to optimize electric delivery truck charging schedules:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20170621062250/http://engineering.columbia.edu/smart-grid-project-wins-ge-grant>.

American Association of Artificial Intelligence certificate of recognition for the conference paper:

P. Gross, A. Boulanger, M. Arias, D. Waltz, P. Long, C. Lawson, R. Anderson, M. Koenig, M. Mastrocinque, W. Fairechio, J. Johnson, S. Lee, F. Doherty, and A. Kressner, "Predicting electricity distribution feeder failures using machine learning susceptibility analysis," in *Proceedings of the 21st National Conference on Artificial Intelligence - Volume 1*, 2006, pp. 1705–1711.

Three Special Achievement Awards from the National Hurricane and Experimental Meteorology Laboratory for accomplishments in programming and work on lightning.

Co-winner of the Max A. Eaton prize for the best student paper at the 11th Technical Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology.

ENTREPRENEURIAL

Co-founder and CTO of vPatch Inc to commercialize 4D seismic reservoir modeling software.
<http://tiger.aboulanger.com/web/vpatch/>

Co-founder and partner of CES Enterprise LLC. Incubator for advanced business/technology solutions for the Oil and Gas Industry <http://ces-enterprise.com/>

Co-founder CALM Energy Inc. startup from Columbia University Ventures.
<http://www.calmenergyinc.com/>

Co-founder and partner of World Team- Building, LLC to conduct the for-profit aspects of the World Team project <http://worldteamnow.org/blog/wtn-ev/>

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