

# Testimony from an alumni (senior)

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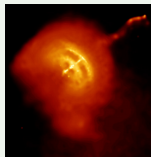


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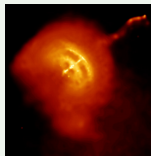


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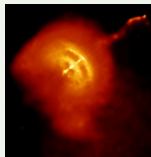


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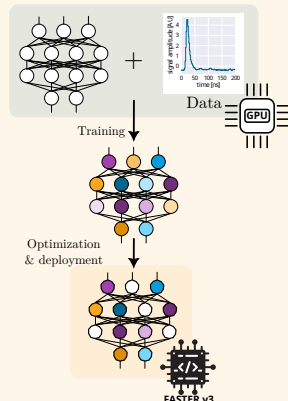
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## Research engineer at CNRS (2025–present)

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- Target role: AI engineer (data scientist)
- Skill building:
  - Self-study (books, online courses)
  - Volunteering and side projects
- Interview preparation:
  - Focus on transferable skills, not just the PhD topic
  - Practice coding exercises and technical/scientific questions

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