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# **EDUCATION**

# PHD | COMPUTER SCIENCE UC Berkeley | Fall 2017-Present

- Major Area: Learning
- Minor 1: Statistics
- Minor 2: Comp. Neuroscience
- Advised by Bin Yu & Jack Gallant

# **BS** | Computer Science & Math

University of Virginia | May 2017

- Conc. in Probability/Statistics
- Graduated with high distinction

# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational neuroscience Computer vision Interpretability

# **COURSEWORK**

#### **COMPUTATION**

Computer vision Learning theory Machine learning Structure learning Algorithms Artificial intelligence Deep learning seminar Neural network models Visual neuroscience Neurobiology Cognitive science seminar Deep learning in graphics Theory of computation Program & data representation Information retrieval Software dev. L& II

### **MATHEMATICS**

Statistical models
Optimization
Probability, statistics
Linear algebra
Real analysis
Linear models
Stochastic processes
Chaos theory I & II
Multivariate calculus
Discrete mathematics
Differential equations
Abstract algebra

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### BERKELEY B. YU RESEARCH LAB | AI RESEARCHER

Fall 2017 - Present

- Applying statistical learning techniques to model neural data
- Fitting and interpreting neural spiking data with 3D convolutional neural networks

## FACEBOOK | COMPUTER VISION INTERN

Summer 2017

- Worked on deep learning for semantic segmentation of satellite imagery
- Developed autoencoders for unsupervised layer-wise pretraining
- Implemented CRFs for segmentation post-processing

# UVA Y. QI RESEARCH LAB | ML RESEARCHER

Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

- Contributed to development of novel weighted- $\ell_1$ , multi-task Gaussian graphical models
- Developed learning for sparse graphical models across several tasks
- Applied novel graphical models to functional brain connectivity

#### HHMI S.TURAGA RESEARCH LAB | ML RESEARCHER

Summer 2015, Winter 2015, Summer 2016

- Implemented and extended novel watershed algorithms for neural image segmentation performance evaluation
- Contributed to GPU CNN implementation using fork of Caffe with malis training objective
- Set up distributed mllib implementation to run in parallel on compute cluster using Apache Spark

# UVA W.LEVY RESEARCH LAB | COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCHER

Jan 2015 - Fall 2016

- Simulated stochastic neurons to determine mutual information, variability, energy efficiency, and threshold
- Visualized and analyzed data in Matlab, Python, calculated mutual information in Mathematica
- Simulated stochastic gating of sodium channels via NEURON software
- Performed background research to determine parameters for simulation

#### HHMI SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING | RESEARCH INTERN

Summer 2014

- Simulated extracellular neural recordings via Neurocube Matlab scripts
- Simulated intracellular neural firing via NEURON software package
- Visualized action potential firing in Matlab

# **RESEARCH INNOVATIONS INC.** | WEB DEV / ANDROID INTERN Summer 2013 - Spring 2014

- Developed web application to simultaneously coordinate different tasks
- Developed Android app to increase data storage capacity of QR Codes

# SKILLS

#### **LANGUAGES**

Experienced

Python • Java • Matlab • LATEX

Proficient

R • C++ • C • Android • Mathematica Familiar

Scala • Javascript • Django

#### **MACHINE LEARNING**

Frameworks

Tensorflow • Scikit-learn • Keras •

Mllib • Caffe

Algorithms

CNNs • Graphical Models • RFs

#### **GENERAL**

Software

Photoshop • NEURON

OS

Linux • Mac • Windows

**IDEs** 

IntelliJ • PyCharm • Eclipse • Vim

Collaboration

Slack • Github • Markdown

Languages

English • Spanish • Hindi

#### **ANDROID**

Activity Lifecycle • UI Design • Graphics

#### **WEB**

Basic Languages • Django • Mapping

# PAPERS / POSTERS

### Published/Accepted

- Morel, Singh, & Levy, 2018: "Linearized synaptic integration at no extra cost" Journal of Computational Neuroscience
- Singh, Wang, & Qi, 2017: "A weighted- $\ell_1$ , multi-task graphical model with applications to heterogeneous brain connectivity" NIPS 2017 Workshop on Advances in Modeling and Learning Interactions from Complex Data  $^{\bullet}$
- Singh & Levy, 2017: "A consensus layer V pyramidal neuron can sustain interpulse-interval coding" PLOS One. %

#### **Under Review**

• Funke, Tschopp, Grisaitis, Sheridan, Singh, Saalfeld, & Turaga, 2017: "A Deep Structured Learning Approach Towards Automating Connectome Reconstruction from 3D Electron Micrographs" AAAI 2018 %

#### Posters / Talks

- Singh, 2017: "A novel machine-learning algorithm for uncovering brain connections underlying autism" UVA Undergraduate Research & Design Symposium, Winner in Design Category %
- Singh, 2017: "Uncovering brain connections underlying autism via graphical models" Tom Tom Founder's Machine Learning Conference %
- Singh, 2017: "Complexity leads to simplicity: Investigating neural linearization via biophysical simulations" UVA Undergraduate Research & Design Symposium Semifinalist in Research Category (1 of 6 undergraduates)
- Singh, Hewitt, & Turaga, 2015: "Optimizing random forest image segmentation for connectomics" Janelia Undergraduate Scholar Poster Session %

#### In Preparation

- Levy lab: "Neural computation at the thermal limit" %
- Levy lab: "Action potential velocity optimization via biophysical simulation"

# **AWARDS**

UVA Rader Research Award	2017
Raven Honor Society	2016-2017
ICPC Regional Qualification	2014, 2015, 2016
1st Place Microsoft Code Competition	2016
3rd Place Google Games UVA	2017
2nd Place APT Puzzle Competition	2017
Intermediate Honors	2016
Dean's List	2014-2017

# **FUNDING AWARDS**

Graduate Student Researcher Appointment	2018
EECS Departmental Fellowship	2017
Vidya Balvantrai Shelat Fund Award	2016
Rodman Scholar	2014-2017

# **OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

APDA, PF Debate	2010-2017
Indian Student Association	2014-2017
Madison House Volunteering (Computer Literacy)	2014-2017
IM Basketball, Soccer	2015-2017
Chinmava Mission Volunteering	2010-2014

