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#### **Research Interests**

Method: Robustness, Generalization, Trustworthy Machine Learning, Multimodal learning, Explainable Al. Applications: Joint modeling of medical images (chest-X-rays or 2D mammograms) and reports for lung diseases (e.g., pneumonia) and breast cancer predictions.

#### **Education**

**Boston University** 

Doctor of Philosophy, Electrical Engineering

Advisor(s): Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich

University of Pittsburgh (Transferred to BU)

Doctor of Philosophy, Intelligent Systems Advisor(s): Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich

**Carnegie Mellon University** 

PCHE Cross registered student

Courses: Foundations of Causation and Machine Learning (PHI 80625) and Visual Learning and Recognition (RI 16824)

Master of Science, Computer Science, 3.88/4.00

Advisor: Dr. Mattia Prosperi

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Jan 2023 - Dec 2026 (Expected)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

Aug 2021 - Dec 2022

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

Aug 2021 - Dec 2022

Gainesville, Florida, USA

Aug 2019 - May 2021

## **Publications**

**University of Florida** 

#### Preprint...

[P1] LADDER: Language Driven Slice Discovery and Error Rectification Shantanu Ghosh, Rayan Syed, Chenyu Wang, Clare B. Poynton, Kayhan Batmanghelich [Paper] [Code]

# Conference Proceedings

[C6] Mammo-CLIP: A Vision Language Foundation Model to Enhance Data Efficiency and Robustness in Mammography

Shantanu Ghosh, Clare B. Poynton, Shyam Visweswaran, Kayhan Batmanghelich International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2024. (Early accept, top 11%) [Project] [Paper] [Code]

[C5] Distilling BlackBox to Interpretable models for Efficient Transfer Learning

**Shantanu Ghosh**, Ke Yu, Kayhan Batmanghelich

International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2023. (Early accept, top 14%) [Project] [Paper] [Code]

[C4] Dividing and Conquering a BlackBox to a Mixture of Interpretable Models: Route, Interpret, Repeat

Shantanu Ghosh, Ke Yu, Forough Arabshahi, Kayhan Batmanghelich International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023. [Project] [Paper] [Code]

[C3] DR-VIDAL - Doubly Robust Variational Information-theoretic Deep Adversarial Learning for Counterfactual Prediction and Treatment Effect Estimation

Shantanu Ghosh, Zheng Feng, Jiang Bian, Kevin Butler, Mattia Prosperi American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium, 2022 (Oral). [Paper] [Code]

- [C2] Anatomy-Guided Weakly-Supervised Abnormality Localization in Chest X-rays
  Ke Yu, Shantanu Ghosh, Zhexiong Liu, Christopher Deible, Kayhan Batmanghelich
  International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2022.
  [Paper] [Code]
- [C1] Causal AI with Real World Data: Do Statins Protect From Alzheimer's Disease Onset? Mattia Prosperi, Shantanu Ghosh, Zhaoyi Chen, Marco Salemi, Tianchen Lyu, Jiang Bian International Conference on Medical and Health Informatics (ICMHI), 2021. [Paper]

Journal Articles

- [J3] Anatomy-specific Progression Classification in Chest Radiographs via Weakly-Supervised Learning Ke Yu, Shantanu Ghosh, Zhexiong Liu, Clare Poynton, Christopher Deible, Kayhan Batmanghelich Radiology: Artificial Intelligence (RAD: AI), 2024 [Paper] [Code].
- [J2] Propensity Score Synthetic Augmentation Matching using Generative Adversarial Networks (PSSAM-GAN)

**Shantanu Ghosh**, Christina Boucher, Jiang Bian, Mattia Prosperi Journal of Computer Methods and Programs in Bio-medicine Update, 2021. **[Paper] [Code]** 

[J1] Deep Propensity Network using a Sparse Autoencoder for Estimation of Treatment Effects Shantanu Ghosh, Jiang Bian, Yi Guo, Mattia Prosperi

Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA), 2021. [Paper] [Code]

Peer reviewed workshops.....

- [W3] Distributionally robust self-supervised learning for tabular data Shantanu Ghosh, Tiankang Xie, Mikhail Kuznetsov Table Representation Learning Workshop (TRL), NeurIPS, 2024. [Paper]
- [W2] Tackling Shortcut Learning in Deep Neural Networks: An Iterative Approach with Interpretable Models
  Shantanu Ghosh, Ke Yu, Forough Arabshahi, Kayhan Batmanghelich
  Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance and Stability (SCIS), ICML, 2023. [Paper] [Poster]
- [W1] Bridging the Gap: From Post Hoc Explanations to Inherently Interpretable Models for Medical Imaging

**Shantanu Ghosh**, Ke Yu, Forough Arabshahi, Kayhan Batmanghelich Workshop on Interpretable Machine Learning in Healthcare (IMLH), ICML, 2023. [Paper] [Poster]

## **Research Experience**

#### Boston University.....

**Graduate Research Assistant** 

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Jan 2023 – Present

Batman Lab

o Advisor(s): Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich

- o Research Area: Explainable Al; Computer Vision; Medical Imaging.
- o Currently developing a slice discovery and mitigation algorithm using vision language (VLM) models and LLMs to reason and fix classifier's mistakes.
- o Developed the first vision language foundation model for 2D mammograms. (Early) Accepted at MICCAI, 2024
- o Applied the mixture of interpretable models to (1) eliminate the class imbalance problem and (2) enable efficient transfer learning to an unseen domain with limited training data. (Early) Accepted at MICCAI, 2023.

University of Pittsburgh

**Graduate Student Researcher** *Batman Lab* 

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

- o Advisor(s): Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich, Dr. Forough Arabshahi
- o Research Area: Explainable AI; Computer Vision; Medical Imaging.
- Introduced an iterative algorithm to carve out a mixture of interpretable models from a Blackbox, each specializing in a
  different subset of data to provide instance-specific First-order logic-based explanations using human-understandable
  concepts. Also, our method detected and removed the shortcuts, enhancing robustness. Accepted at ICML, 2023.
- Localized Pneumonia and Pneumothorax from MIMIC-CXR dataset by leveraging the anatomical landmarks (weak labels) using the Stanford RadGraph NLP pipleline. Accepted at MICCAI, 2022.
- Investigated why lottery ticket hypothesis works using: Concept activation vectors (TCAV) and Grad-CAM.
   [Code] [Report]

## University of Florida.

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Gainesville, Florida, USA

Mar 2021 - Jul 2021

Florida Institute for Cybersecurity (FICS) Research

- o Advisor(s): Dr. Mattia Prosperi, Dr. Kevin Butler
- o Research Area: Causal Inference, Deep Learning.
- o Developed a novel deep learning framework to (1) generate the counterfactual outcomes based on treatment using a Generative Adversarial Network with **information-theoretic** regularization; (2) utilized the counterfactual outcomes to estimate the individual treatment effect (ITE) using **doubly robust optimization** for faster convergence. **Accepted at AMIA Symposium (Oral)**, 2022.

#### University of Florida.....

#### Research Assistant

Gainesville, Florida, USA

Jan 2020 - Feb 2021

Data Intelligence Systems Lab (DISL)

- o Advisor(s): Dr. Mattia Prosperi, Dr. Jiang Bian
- Research Area: Causal Inference, Deep Learning.
- Designed a novel algorithm using a Generative Adversarial Network to generate synthetic treated samples to remove imbalance within an observational dataset for Propensity score matching. Accepted at Computer Methods and Programs in Bio-medicine Update.
- Developed a sparse autoencoder to reduce the dimensionality of the covariates of the patients to calculate the Propensity score in an efficient way to estimate the average treatment effect (ATE) of the treatment. Accepted at JAMIA.

## **Industry Experience**

Amazon.....

NYC, New York, USA

#### **Applied Scientist II Intern**

AWS, Security Analytics and Al Research (SAAR). Mentor: Dr. Mikhail Kuznetsov Jun 2024 – Sep 2024

 Developed a framework to learn robust representations to fix systematic errors in pre-trained self-supervised models for tabular data. Publication at TRL@NeurIPS 2024. Patent under-review.

#### Lexmark International India Pvt Ltd

#### Software Engineering Professional II

Kolkata, India

Oct 2016 - Jul 2019

Developed the ISP component of the product Publishing Platform for Retail (PPR).

## Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt Ltd.....

**Associate, Projects** 

Kolkata, India

Mar 2013 - Sep 2016

Developed WCF web services in the Contract First Approach using Service Oriented Architecture.

#### **Skills**

- Languages. Python, C/C++, Java, C#/.Net, Javascript, HTML/CSS
- Machine Learning. TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn
- Web Development. Angular, Node.js, WCF
- o Database. MySQL, Oracle 9i/10g, MS SQL Server, DB2

## **Graduate Courses**

Fundamentals of Machine Learning
 Machine Learning
 Advanced Machine Learning
 Visual Learning and Recognition
 Mathematics for Intelligent Systems
 Fundamentals of Probability
 Numerical Optimization
 Analysis of Algorithms
 Advanced Data Structures

#### **Honors & Awards**

- Received the Achievement Award of 4500 USD during the admission of graduate studies in the University of Florida in Fall 2019.
- o Received the Star Employee award in Q4, 2013 and Q4, 2015 in Cognizant Technology Solutions.

#### **Academic Service**

#### Journal Review

Medical Image Analysis (MedIA), Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA), Journal of Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine (CMPB), Biometrical Journal, Information Fusion

## Conference Review

ICLR (2024, 2025), AAAI (2024, 2025), AISTATS (2025), NeurIPS (2023, 2024), MICCAI (2024), CVPR (2024), CLeaR (2024), ACM BCB (2022)

## Workshop Review

GenAl4Health@NeurIPS (2024), CRL@NeurIPS (2023), SCIS@ICML (2023), IMLH@ICML (2023)

## **Teaching Experience**

- Introduction to Software Engineering (EC 327) Fall 2023
- Deep Learning (EC 523) Fall 2024

## **Student Mentoring**

- o Rayan Syed, Undergraduate Student, Boston University
- o Abhishek Varshney, Masters Student, Boston University
- Akshat Gurbuxani, Masters Student, Boston University

#### **Talks**

- DR-VIDAL for Counterfactual Prediction and Treatment Effect Estimation, Oral Talk, AMIA 2022 Annual Symposium, Nov 2022 [Talk] [Slides]
- o Divide and Conquer: Carving Out Concept-based Models out of BlackBox for More Efficient Transfer Learning
  - Fall ISP AI Forum, University of Pittsburgh, Nov 2023 [Talk] [Slides]
  - MedAl Group, Stanford University, Oct 2024 [Talk] [Slides]