

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning, Data Mining, Time Series, Explainability, NLP, Machine Learning for Healthcare

EDUCATION

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA

PhD, Data Science 2021¹

MS, Data Science 2018

Advised by Elke Rundensteiner and Xiangnan Kong

SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY

BA, Applied Mathematics, minor in Biomathematics 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

2016-present

Research Assistant with Elke Rundensteiner and Xiangnan Kong

Machine learning and data mining for time series and text

Microsoft

2021

PhD Intern with Dipankar Ray

Detecting hate speech generated by large language models

UMass Medical School

2019

Research Intern with Jomol Matthew

Machine Learning to help doctors write better clinical trials faster

University of Arizona

2015

NSF REU Intern with Shirley Papuga

Modeling the effects of drought in the Sonoran desert via camera traps

GRANTS

NSF-III: Timely Classification for Actionable Predictions (Under Review)

PI: Elke Rundensteiner, Co-PI: Xiangnan Kong.

This grant proposal is written based on my research (KDD'19 and KDD'20) and I am responsible for 90% of the writing.

PUBLICATIONS

I have published in KDD, NeurIPS, AAAI, ACL, CIKM, ECML, IEEE BigData, HEALTHINF, and IEEE BHI.

REFEREED

1. *Recurrent Bayesian Classifier Chains for Exact Multi-label Classification.*
Walter Gerych, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Luke Buquicchio, Emmanuel Agu, Elke Rundensteiner.
Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2021 (26% acceptance rate).
2. *Energy-Efficient Models for High-Dimensional Spike Train Classification using Sparse Spiking Neural Networks.*
Hang Yin, John Boaz Lee, Xiangnan Kong, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Sihong Xie.
ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (**KDD**), 2021 (238/1541 = 15.4% acceptance rate).
3. *Semi-Supervised Knowledge Amalgamation for Sequence Classification.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2021 (1692/7911 = 20% acceptance rate).

¹expected in December

4. *Learning Saliency Maps to Explain Deep Time Series Classifiers.*
Prathyush Parvatharaju, Ramesh Doddaiyah, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Elke Rundensteiner.
ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2021 (271/1251 = 21% acceptance rate).
5. *Recurrent Halting Chain for Early Multi-label Classification.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2020 (216/1279 = 16.9% acceptance rate).
6. *Human Attention Maps for Text Classification: Do Humans and Neural Networks Focus on the Same Words?*
Cansu Sen, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Biao Yin, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2020 (571/2244 = 17.6% acceptance rate).
7. *Learning to Selectively Update State Neurons in Recurrent Networks.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2020 (18% acceptance rate).
8. *Learning Similarity-Preserving Word Meta-Embedding.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Cansu Sen, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData), 2020 (15.5% acceptance rate).
9. *Clinical Performance Evaluation of a Machine Learning System for Predicting Hospital-Acquired Clostridium Difficile Infection.*
Erin Teeple, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Cansu Sen, Kajal Claypool, Elke Rundensteiner.
International Conference on Health Informatics (HEALTHINF), 2020. 🏆 **Best Poster.**
10. *Adaptive-Halting Policy Network for Early Classification.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2019 (170/1200 = 14.2% acceptance rate).
11. *Patient-Level Classification of Clinical Note Sequences Guided by Attributed Hierarchical Attention.*
Cansu Sen, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData), 2019 (19.3% acceptance rate).
12. *Learning Temporal Relevance in Longitudinal Medical Notes.*
Cansu Sen, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData), 2019 (19.3% acceptance rate).
13. *Comparing General and Locally-Learned Word Embeddings for Clinical Text Mining.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Cansu Sen, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE International Conference on Biomedical and Health Informatics (BHI), 2019.
14. *Detecting MRSA Infections by Fusing Structured and Unstructured Electronic Health Record Data.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Elke Rundensteiner.
International Joint Conference on Biomedical Engineering Systems and Technologies (BIOSTEC), 2018.
15. *Early Prediction of MRSA Infections using Electronic Health Records.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Sarah Brownell, Erin Teeple, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
International Conference on Health Informatics (HEALTHINF), 2018. 🏆 **Best Student Paper runner up.**
16. *CREST - Risk Prediction for Clostridium Difficile Infection Using Multimodal Data Mining.*
Cansu Sen, **Thomas Hartvigsen**, Kajal Claypool, Elke Rundensteiner.
European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML), 2017.

IN-SUBMISSION

17. *Continuous-Time Attention Network for Irregularly-Sampled Time Series Classification.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.

18. *Early Classification of Irregular Time Series.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Walter Gerych, Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
19. *Knowledge Amalgamation for Multi-Label Classification via Label Dependency Transfer.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Thomas Hartvigsen, Walter Gerych, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
20. *Recovering The Propensity Score from Biased Positive Unlabeled Data.*
Walter Gerych, Thomas Hartvigsen, Emmanuel Agu, Elke Rundensteiner.
21. *SAIL: Recurrent Classifier Chains with Incomplete Labels.*
Walter Gerych, Thomas Hartvigsen, Emmanuel Agu, Elke Rundensteiner.
22. *SkipSNN: Efficiently Classifying Sparse and Noisy Spike Trains.*
Hang Yin, Xiangnan Kong, Liping Liu, Xin Dai, Thomas Hartvigsen.

SELECTED TALKS

Harvard University, invited <i>Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification</i> Host: Prof. Finale Doshi-Velez	Cambridge, MA 2020
Florida State University, invited <i>Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification</i> Host: Prof. Karen Works	Panama, FL 2020
The MITRE Corporation, invited <i>Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification</i>	Bedford, MA 2020
Computational Sustainability Doctoral Consortium <i>Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification</i>	Virtual Event 2020
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 3MT Competition <i>Early Classification of Clinical Time Series</i>	Worcester, MA 2020
University of Minnesota, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications <i>Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification</i>	Minneapolis, MN 2019
Northeastern University, New England Machine Learning Day <i>Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification</i> , poster	Boston, MA 2019
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Arts and Sciences Week, invited <i>Recurrent Models for Clinical Time Series</i>	Worcester, MA 2019

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

🏆 Best Poster, International Conference on Health Informatics	2020
CIKM Student Travel Award, ACM	2020
KDD Student Travel Award, NSF and ACM	2020
Graduate Student Travel Award (\$1000), WPI	2020
🏆 Outstanding Graduate Research Award, WPI	2019
🏆 Best Poster (\$500), Graduate Research Innovation and Exchange, WPI	2019
IMA Travel Award (\$500), University of Minnesota	2019
KDD Student Travel Award (\$500), NSF and ACM	2019
Graduate Student Travel Award (\$1000), WPI	2019
🏆 People's Choice Poster Award, Graduate Research Innovation and Exchange, WPI	2017
GAANN PhD Fellowship (Tuition Award + Annual Stipend), U.S. Dept. of Education	2016-2021

TEACHING/MENTORING

I have supervised two Masters Theses and eleven NSF-funded REU students.

Students Advised

- Prathyush Parvatharaju (MS Thesis), WPI

2019-2021

– Masters Thesis: <i>Learning Saliency Maps to Explain Deep Time Series Classifiers</i>	
• Ramesh Doddaiah (PhD student), WPI	2020-2021
• Aleksa Perucic (MS Thesis), WPI	2020
– Masters Thesis: <i>SIFT - A Deep Network for Irregular Multivariate Time Series</i>	
• Liubuo (Yuuna) Klindziuk (Undergraduate), Amherst College, NSF REU	2019
• Daniel Johnston (Undergraduate), Columbia University, NSF REU	2019
• Lolita Nazarov (Undergraduate), StonyBrook University, NSF REU	2019
• Julia Friend (Undergraduate), Oberlin College, NSF REU	2018
• Alex Hauck (Undergraduate), Valporaiso University, NSF REU	2018
• Sruthi Kurada, Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School, NSF REU	2018
• Sarah Brownell (Undergraduate), Simmons University, NSF REU	2017
• Sean Tocci (Undergraduate), UMass Dartmouth, NSF REU	2017
Developed and led workshop on Deep Learning with PyTorch for Undergrads, WPI.	2019

SERVICE

Program Committee: AAAI ('21, '22), CVPR ('21), ICCV ('21), ACL ('21), EMNLP ('21)	
External Reviewer: KDD ('18, '19, '20)	
Conference Volunteer: KDD ('19, '20, '21), NeurIPS ('20)	
Organized Deep Learning Reading Group, WPI	2019-2020
Graduate Student Advisory Council to the Dean of Arts & Sciences, WPI	2018-2020
Graduate Student Government Senate, WPI	2018
Data Science Graduate Student Council, WPI	2016-2019