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## EDUCATION

**Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Ph.D. Candidate**

*01/2021 – Present*

Electrical and Computer Engineering

G.P.A.: 4.0/4.0

**Thesis Topic:** Artificial Intelligence for Continuous Health Monitoring

**Core courses:** Supervised Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Machine Vision, Detection and Estimation Theory, Convex Optimization

**Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, M.Sc.**

*09/2018 – 01/2021*

Electrical and Computer Engineering

G.P.A.: 4.0/4.0

**Thesis:** Data-driven Methodologies for Cuff-less Blood Pressure Estimation

**Core courses:** Digital Signal and Filters, System Analysis, Data Structure and Algorithms, Software Engineering

**University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, B.Sc.**

*09/2015 – 06/2018*

Mechanical Design and Automation

G.P.A.: 3.88/4.0

**Core courses:** Signals and Systems, Theoretical Mechanics, Mechanics of Materials, CAD/CAE Technology

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## EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant**

*09/2019 – Present*

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

**Supervisor:** Prof. Laleh Najafizadeh

- **End-to-end Deep Learning-Based Cuff-less Blood Pressure Estimation**
  - Developed and released **PulseDB**, the first multi-protocol cleaned dataset for benchmarking cuff-less BP estimation methods (available on <https://github.com/pulselabteam/PulseDB>)
  - Developed novel automatic, fully data-driven AI-based blood pressure estimation methods requiring only photoplethysmogram (PPG) signal as input
  - Developed methods to enable transfer learning of pre-trained deep convolutional networks for blood pressure estimation
  - Developed methods for converting 1-D physiological signals into images
  - Developed blood pressure estimation models via long-short-term-memory (LSTM) and various deep convolutional networks (CNN)
- **Pulse Wave Velocity Model-Based Cuff-less Blood Pressure Estimation**
  - Developed robust blood pressure estimation methods requiring electrocardiogram (ECG) and photoplethysmogram (PPG) as inputs
  - Developed and released GUI and API, named **PulseLab**, as the first comprehensive toolbox that enables users to analyze PPG and ECG signals and optimize the blood-pressure estimation models (available on <https://github.com/pulselabteam/pulselab>)
  - Studied and utilized linear and non-linear regression, multiple linear regression, ridge regression, correlation analysis, Bland-Altman analysis, and signal quality index (SQI) assessment for feature-based physiological signal interpretation using machine learning methods

## Teaching Assistant

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

**Courses:** Analog & Digital Electronics

Fall 2021, Fall 2022

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## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL & CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

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- **W. Wang**, P. Mohseni, K. L. Kilgore and L. Najafizadeh, "PulseDB: A large, cleaned dataset based on MIMIC-III and VitalDB for benchmarking cuff-less blood pressure estimation methods," *Frontiers in Digital Health*, vol. 4, 2023.
- **W. Wang** and L. Najafizadeh, "Imaging physiological signals," *56th Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2022, pp. 465–469. (**invited**)
- **W. Wang**, P. Mohseni, K. L. Kilgore and L. Najafizadeh, "Cuff-less blood pressure estimation from photoplethysmography via visibility graph and transfer learning," *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*, vol. 26, no. 5, pp. 2075–2085, May 2022. (**selected as feature article**)
- **W. Wang**, F. Marefat, P. Mohseni, K. Kilgore and L. Najafizadeh, "The effects of filtering PPG signal on pulse arrival time-systolic blood pressure correlation," *44th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, 2022, pp. 674–677.
- **W. Wang**, C. A. Delianides, D. B. Green, P. Mohseni, K. L. Kilgore, and L. Najafizadeh, "Systolic blood pressure estimation via photoplethysmography features-an animal study," *Optical Tomography and Spectroscopy*, 2022, Optica Publishing Group, p. JM3A. 6.
- **W. Wang**, P. Mohseni, K. Kilgore, and L. Najafizadeh, "Cuff-less blood pressure estimation via small convolutional neural networks," *43rd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC)*, 2021, pp. 1031–1034.
- **W. Wang**, P. Mohseni, K. Kilgore, and L. Najafizadeh, "PulseLab: An integrated and expandable toolbox for pulse wave velocity-based blood pressure estimation," *43rd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC)*, 2021, pp. 5654–5657.
- **W. Wang**, L. Zhu, F. Marefat, P. Mohseni, K. Kilgore, and L. Najafizadeh, "Photoplethysmography-based blood pressure estimation using deep learning," *54th Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2020, pp. 945–949.

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## PATENT

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- **W. Wang** and L. Najafizadeh, "Computer-based platforms and systems configured for blood pressure estimation from photoplethysmography via visibility graph and transfer learning and methods of use thereof", US20230148879A1

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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- **Reviewer**

IEEE Biomedical Circuits and Systems Conference (BIOCAS)

2021 - 2023

IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society Conference (EMBC)

2022 - 2023

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## SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS

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- **Convex Optimization:** Experimental Comparisons of Convergence Robustness Between First Order Adaptive Learning Rate Optimizers  
Spring 2021

- **Introduction to Deep Learning:** Implementation of AdaBoost on LeNet-5 *Spring 2021*
  - **Data Structure and Algorithms:** Solving Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Routing Problem Using Lee's and Hadlock's Maze Routing Algorithm *Spring 2019*
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## AWARDS

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- Rutgers ECE Teaching Assistant Award *May 2023*
  - Rutgers ECE Student Development Award *May 2022*
  - People's Scholarship of China (Undergraduate, Annual, top 10%) *December 2017 & 2018*
  - National Scholarship of China (Undergraduate, Annual, top 5%) *November 2016*
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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- MATLAB® (script & GUI orientated)
- Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, NumPy)
- C++
- AutoCAD®