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EDUCATION

Ph.D.:   **New York University, USA**   2021 - 2026
Cognition & Perception, Department of Psychology
Advisor: Denis Pelli

B.E.:   **Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, India**   2017 - 2021
Electronics and Communication Engineering

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2021 - present: New York University
Graduate Student Researcher. Supervisors: Denis Pelli
Neural-network models of the speed-accuracy tradeoff in human object recognition.

2020 - 2021:   **Harvard University & Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
Research Intern. Supervisors: Samuel Gershman, Pedro Tsividis
Human-level reinforcement learning through theory-based modeling, exploration and planning.

2020:   **Center for Computational Brain Research (CCBR), Indian Institute of Technology Madras**
Senior Thesis. Supervisor: Partha Mitra, Jaikishan Jayakumar
Automated detection of neuroanatomical features in gigapixel histological images using deep learning.

2019 - 2020:   **Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, BITS Pilani**
Undergraduate Researcher. Supervisor: Veeky Baths
Deep learning for visual reconstruction from spoken word representations;
Review on reinforcement learning and its connections with neuroscience and psychology.

2019   **Biologically Inspired Neural Network (BINN) Labs, BITS Pilani**
Undergraduate Researcher. Supervisor: Basabdatta Sen Bhattacharya
Simulating LGN response to background irradiance using spiking neural networks on SpiNNaker.

2019   **GeNN Team, University of Sussex & International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility (INCF)**
Google Summer of Code Intern. Supervisors: James Knight, Thomas Nowotny
Deep learning in spiking neural networks using GPU-enabled neural networks (GeNN).

2019   **LetsTransport**
Summer Intern. Supervisor: Nilay Sahu
Optimizing database querying and file upload speeds from a native Android application.

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

PREPRINTS

1. **Subramanian, A.**, Price, S., Sizikova, E., Kumbhar, O., Majaj, N. J., Pelli, D. G. (2022). SATBench: Benchmarking the speed-accuracy tradeoff in object recognition by humans and dynamic neural networks. *arXiv*.

PUBLICATIONS

2. Turner, J. P., Knight, J. C., **Subramanian, A.**, & Nowotny, T. (2022). mlGeNN: accelerating SNN inference using GPU-enabled neural networks. *Neuromorphic Computing and Engineering*, *2*(2), 024002.
3. **Subramanian, A.**, Chitlangia, S., & Baths, V. (2022). Reinforcement learning and its connections with neuroscience and psychology. *Neural Networks*, *145*, 271-287.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. **Subramanian, A.**, Price, S., Sizikova, E., Kumbhar, O., Majaj, N., Pelli, D. G. (2022). Benchmarking dynamic neural-network models of the human speed-accuracy tradeoff. *Vision Science Society (VSS) Meeting*, St. Pete Beach, USA.
2. **Subramanian, A.**, Patil, R., Baths, V. (2019). Word2Brain2Image. Visual Reconstruction from Spoken Word Representations. *Annual Conference of the Association for Cognitive Science in India (ACCS)*, Goa, India.

TALKS

1. **Subramanian, A.** (2020). Word2Brain2Image: A data-driven approach towards understanding representations in the brain. *Round table track: Data issues in Cognitive Neuroscience*, International CCCP Symposium. Virtual.
2. **Subramanian, A.** (2019). Open Source Development and Google Summer of Code. *Technology Incubator Programme Seminar*, BITS Pilani, Goa, India.

AWARDS

2021:	MacCracken Fellowship for doctoral studies, New York University.
2019:	Matic Bounty Prize, InOut Hackathon, Bangalore, India.
2018:	Literacy and Cognition Project research award, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics.
2015:	National Talent Search Scholarship, Government of India.

TEACHING AND OPEN-SOURCE

2020:	**Co-creator,** *GenRL*
	Open-source library for reproducible, generalizable reinforcement learning
2019:	**Project Mentor**, *Learning to play games with deep reinforcement learning*
	Technology Incubator Programme, BITS Pilani Goa, India
2018:	**Course Instructor**, *Deep Learning*
	Technology Incubator Programme, BITS Pilani Goa, India
2018:	**Teaching Assistant,** *Computer Programming (CS F111)*
	BITS Pilani, Goa, India

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2022:	Reviewer, NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks Track
	External Reviewer, ECML-PKDD
2020:	Co-organizer, Summer Symposium on AI Research (SAiDL and APPCAIR, BITS Pilani Goa)

MEMBERSHIP

2021 - present	Member, Vision Science Society
2018 - present	Core Member, Society for Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning (SAiDL)
2017 - 2021	Member, BITS Pilani Goa Tennis Team
2013 - 2017	Captain, National Public School Tennis Team
	Captain, National Public School Table Tennis Team

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming:	Python, C++, Java, C, MATLAB
Frameworks:	PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Flask
Tools:	GCP, Travis CI, Docker, Slurm, LaTeX, Git, DialogFlow, Android Studio, MongoDB
Operating Systems:	Mac OS, Linux, Windows

OTHER EDUCATION

Summer courses:	Google Research India AI Summer School - Computer Vision track (2020)
	Reinforcement Learning, Indian Institute of Technology Madras (2018)

Online courses: Machine Learning (Stanford, Coursera)
Deep Learning for Computer Vision (Stanford)
Deep Learning Specialization (deeplearning.ai, Coursera)