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## Current position

*Senior Research Scientist*, Google, Machine Perception

## Previous experience

2016-2018	<i>Software Engineer</i> , Google, Mountain View, CA.
2015-2016	<i>Postdoc</i> , Disney Research, Boston
2009-2015	<i>Research Associate</i> , Laboratory of Atomic and Solid-State Physics (LASSP), Cornell
2015	<i>Research Intern</i> , Google, Mountain View, CA.
2014	<i>Research Intern</i> , Disney Research, Boston.

## Areas of specialization

Information Theory & Deep Learning • Physics • Machine Learning • Python Programming

## Education

2015	PhD in Physics, Cornell with Jim Sethna
2013	MSc in Physics, Cornell
2009	BSc in Physics, California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

## Publications & talks

- 2020c WR Morningstar, C Ham, AG Gallagher, B Lakshminarayanan, AA Alemi, JV Dillon “Density of States Estimation for Out-of-Distribution Detection”, arXiv:2006.09273
- 2020b DS Karls, M Bierbaum, AA Alemi, RS Elliot, JP Sethna, EB Tadmor “The OpenKIM Processing Pipeline: A Cloud-Based Automatic Materials Property Computation Engine”, *ChemPhys* arXiv:2002.05380
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- 2019b B Poole, S Ozair, A van den Oord, AA Alemi, G Tucker, “On Variational Bounds of Mutual Information”, *ICML 2019* arXiv:1905.06922
- 2019a CB Clement, M Bierbaum, KP O’Keefe, AA Alemi, “On the Use of ArXiv as a Dataset”, *ICLR 2019 workshop RLGM* arXiv:1905.00075
- 2018f AA Alemi, JV Dillon, I Fischer, “Uncertainty in the Variational Information Bottleneck”, *UAI 2018 workshop on Uncertainty in Deep Learning, contributed oral* arXiv:1807.00906
- 2018e AA Alemi, I Fischer, “TherML: Thermodynamics of Machine Learning”, *ICML 2018 Workshop, contributed oral*.
- 2018d AA Alemi, I Fischer, “GILBO: One Metric to Measure Them All”, *NIPS 2018 Spotlight* arXiv:1802.04874
- 2018c JV Dillon, I Langmore, D Tran, E Brevdo, S Vasudevan, D Moore, B Patton, A Alemi, M Hoffman, RA Saurous, “TensorFlow Distributions”, *arXiv:1711.10604*
- 2018b S Abu-El-Haija, B Perozzi, R Al-Rfou, A Alemi, “Watch your step: Learning graph embeddings through attention”, *NIPS 2018 Poster* arXiv:1710.09599
- 2018a AA Alemi, B Poole, I Fischer, JV Dillon, RA Saurous, K Murphy, “Fixing a Broken ELBO”, *Talk ICML 2018* arXiv:1711.00464
- 2017e LX Hayden, AA Alemi, PH Gimparg, JP Sethna, “Jeffrey’s prior sampling of deep sigmoidal networks”, *arXiv: 1705.10589*
- 2017d K Fragkiadaki, J Huang, A Alemi, S Vijayanarasimhan, S Ricco, R Sukthankar, “Motion Prediction Under Multimodality with Conditional Stochastic Networks” *arXiv: 1705.02082*
- 2017c M Bierbaum, BD Leahy, AA Alemi, I Cohen, JP Sethna, “Light Microscopy at Maximal Prediction”, *PRX* 7 (4), 041007, arXiv: 1702.07336
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- 2017 AA Alemi, I Fischer, JV Dillon, KP Murphy, “Deep Variational Information Bottleneck”, *ICLR 2017*, arXiv: 1612.00410
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- 2015b AA Alemi, M Bierbaum, CR Myers, JP Sethna, “The Statistical Mechanics of Zombies”, *Oral Presentation APS March Meeting 2015*
- 2015a AA Alemi, M Bierbaum, CR Myers, JP Sethna, “You Can Run, You Can Hide: The Epidemiology and Statistical Mechanics of Zombies”, arXiv: 1503.01104. *Phys Rev E* 92. 052801
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- 2013a PY Huang, S Kurasch, JS Alden, A Shekhawat, AA Alemi, PL McEuen, JP Sethna, UTE Kaiser, DA Muller, “Imaging Atomic Rearrangements in Two-Dimensional Silica Glass: Watching Silica’s Dance”, *Science* 342, 6155 p224-227
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