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## Education

- 2020–Present **Masters in Computer Science**, *MILA - Quebec AI Institute - University of Montreal*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2015–2020 **B.E.(Hons.) in Computer Science**, *Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani*, Pilani Campus, India, *CGPA 8.76/10*.
- 2015–2020 **M.Sc.(Hons.) in Economics**, *Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani*, Pilani Campus, India, *CGPA 8.76/10*.  
5 Year Dual Degree Program

## Software skills

- Expertise* Brain data analysis  
Machine learning : Deep reinforcement learning, Computer vision
- Languages* Professional: Python  
Intermediate: Java, C, Verilog
- Libraries* Pytorch, TensorFlow, Open-AI gym , Django

## Experience

- September'20–Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, *MILA - Quebec AI Institute and Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory*, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada.  
Dr. Karim Jerbi and Dr. Pierre Bellec
- Characterization of human brain activity under naturalistic stimulations for developing individual artificial neuronal models.
  - Data recorded while participants playing Shinobi 3 video game.
  - Training Reinforcement learning algorithms to play like the subjects, while exhibiting network dynamics similar to the brain data of subject.
- February'20–August'20 **Research Intern**, *Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab*, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada.  
Dr. Karim Jerbi
- Explored similarities between sleep and anaesthesia using EEG data.
  - Developed methods to domain transfer between sleep and anaesthesia using Domain adversarial neural networks.
  - Developed visualisation techniques using guided backpropagation/deepdream to extract brain features from the trained models.
- September'19–December'19 **Bachelor Thesis**, *Rationality Enhancement Group*, Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen, Germany.  
Dr. Falk Lieder
- Developing strategies robust to model-misspecification using Meta-level Reinforcement learning and Bayesian Inference.
  - Project details in Publication below.
- May'19–August'19 **MITACS Globalink Research Intern**, *Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab*, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada.  
Dr. Karim Jerbi
- Study of EEG sleep data using Convolutional neural networks.
  - Project details in Publication below.
- Jan'19–May'19 **Research Assistant**, *CSIR - Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute*, Pilani, India.  
Dr. J L Raheja
- Worked on control of Robot manipulator using Deep reinforcement learning techniques.

- June'18– **Research Intern**, *Computational Neuroscience lab, IIT- Madras*, Chennai, India.  
August'18 Prof. Dr. V Srinivasa Chakravarthy  
◦ Worked on Computational Neuro-modeling of Reinforcement learning in the brain.

## Minor Projects

- June'17 **Antartic weather data analysis.**  
◦ Analyzed temperature data with the Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average Model.  
◦ Forecast was also done based on the obtained model.  
[\[Project Report\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)
- July'17 **Facial recognition system using Convolutional Neural Network.**  
◦ Followed a three step approach: face detection, encoding and comparison.  
◦ Transfer Learning was used to generalize the model.  
[\[Code\]](#)
- Dec'16 **Stock Market Simulator.**  
◦ A trading platform built using Django, built for college technical fest  
◦ Server hosted on LAN, participants could register and trade with their mobile.  
[\[Code\]](#)

## Coursework

- Computer Science* Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition, Deep Reinforcement learning , Machine Learning, Data Structures and Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming
- Mathematics* Probability and Statistics, Econometric methods, Linear Algebra, Calculus

## Publications

- December'20 **Improving Human Decision-Making using Metalevel-RL and Bayesian Inference**, *Workshop on Challenges of Real World Reinforcement Learning, NeurIPS 2020.*
- June'20 **Leveraging Machine Learning to Automatically Derive Robust Planning Strategies from Biased Models of the Environment**, *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (p. 2405-2411), CogSci 2020.*  
[\[Paper\]](#) [\[Video\]](#)
- May'20 **Unraveling the neural signatures of dream recall in EEG: a deep learning approach**, *MAIS 2020.*  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Video\]](#)
- Sleep and Anesthesia: Exploring domain adversarial adaptation**, *To be submitted.*
- EEG sleep fingerprinting: subject identification with brain data**, *To be submitted.*

## Organisations

- Aug'15– **Association for Computing Machinery**, *BITS-Pilani Student Chapter*, Core Team.
- May'20 ◦ Chapter has been awarded the Best Student Chapter in India for 3 consecutive years with a recognition from ACM International.  
[\[Website\]](#)

## Awards/Achievements

- September'20 **Mitacs Graduate Fellowship Award.**
- February'20 **Mitacs Research Fellowship Award.**
- April'19 **Mitacs Globalink Scholarship.**
- June'15 **Jee Mains Exam - All India Rank-3320.**  
◦ 1.3 Million Students appeared for the exam