# Ankit Ranjan

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Univertsity of Oxford

Oxford, UK

Bachelor of Arts in Neuroscience; Average Prelims Mark: 74

Oct. 2017 -

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Camera Culture Group, MIT Media Lab

Cambridge, MA

Jun. 2019 -

Visiting Student

Reconstruction in Scattering Media: I helped use a linear model of light transport through scattering media to reconstruct a target in a medium with unknown optical properties. (Manuscript submitted)

Variational Optimization: Variational Optimization is a gradient descent method which uses gradients estimated from perturbations around the current parameter value. I worked on a library for Variational Optimization and applying variational optimization to the reconstruction of a target in a scattering medium.

Monte Carlo Simulations: Monte Carlo Simulations of photon transport are used to model how light moves in a scattering medium. I optimized a Monte Carlo Renderer by implementing next event estimation and weighting photon absorption.

#### Oxford Functional Neurosurgery Group

Oxford, UK

Undergraduate Researcher

Jan. 2019 -

**DRG Stimulation**: Studied the effects of Dorsal Root Ganglion stimulation on proprioception in human patients. Also analyzing the relationship between local field potentials recorded from the DRG and gait.

**Prosthetic Communication**: Developed a laser diode communication mechanism to allow communication between an implanted neural interface and a prosthetic.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Retool San Francisco, CA

Software Development Intern

Jul. 2018 - Sept. 2018

Retool is a tool to make building internal tools much faster. I worked as a full-stack developer and the first employee of the YC-backed startup, helping with a successful startup launch.

Emerson Collective Palo Alto, CA

Developer Mar. 2017 - Oct. 2017

At Emerson Collective, I developed a project-management tool, Vortex, to source data from various databases and create presentation-ready visuals for execitives.

Coda Palo Alto, CA

Sofrware Development Intern

Sept. 2014 - Aug. 2015

I worked on the backend infrastructure to manage documents with multiple concurrent users and built a rendering script to create thumbnails for documents.

Metanautix Palo Alto, CA

Sofrware Development Intern

Jun. 2014 - Aug. 2014

I used the product to cluster users based on their software use for a client with 1M+ customers.

#### Publications

Maeda, T., **Ranjan, A.**, & Raskar, R. (2019). Towards Calibration-Free Imaging through Dense, Volumetric Scattering with Differential Diffusion Approximation Model. *In Review*.

### Programming Skills

Languages: Python, Javascript, C++ (GPU), SQL, Java, Lisp

Technologies: Docker, CUDA, TensorFlow, JAX