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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research goal is to build natural language processing systems that can reason in an efficient, robust, and interpretable manner.

Major Interests: Reasoning, Post-Training, Reward Modeling, Self-Supervised Learning.

Other Interests: Compositional Learning, Robustness, Explainability.

EDUCATION

Present	The University of North Carolina, CHAPEL HILL, USA
Aug 2021	<i>Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Mohit Bansal</i> Concentration: Natural Language Processing
May 2021	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, MAHARASHTRA, India
August 2016	Bachelor + Master of Technology, Major: Electrical Engineering GPA: 9.66/10 Minor: Computer Science and Engineering

EXPERIENCE

Aug 2025	Google DeepMind, SEATTLE, US
May 2025	<i>Student Researcher Advisors: Pete Shaw, Kenton Lee, Mandar Joshi</i> › Developing metrics to evaluate and measure the utility of chain-of-thought rationales
Aug 2024	Fundamental AI Research Labs, Meta, NEW YORK CITY, US
May 2024	<i>Research Scientist Intern Advisors: Jason Weston, Maryam Fazel-Zarandi</i> › Enabling LLMs to learn to reason in an iterative and unsupervised manner
Aug 2023	Allen Institute of Artificial Intelligence (AI2), SEATTLE, US
May 2023	<i>Research Intern Advisors: Tushar Khot, Ashish Sabharwal, Peter Clark</i> › Designed an adaptive task decomposition framework for LLM agents on interactive tasks
Aug 2022	Adobe Research, SAN JOSE (REMOTE), US
May 2022	<i>Research Scientist Intern (NLP) Advisors: Trung Bui, David Yoon, Franck Dernoncourt</i> › Developed a challenging benchmark on extracting question-answer pairs from meeting transcripts

PUBLICATIONS

2025 Archiki Prasad, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Justin Chih-Yao Chen, Zaid Khan, Mohit Bansal “Learning to Generate Unit Tests for Automated Debugging” In Proceedings of the Second Conference of Language Modeling (**COLM 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2025 Archiki Prasad, Weizhe Yuan, Richard Yuanzhe Pang, Jing Xu, Maryam Fazel-Zarandi, Mohit Bansal, Sainbayar Sukhbaatar, Jason Weston, Jane Yu “Self-Consistency Preference Optimization” In Proceedings of the forty-second International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2025 Swarnadeep Saha, Archiki Prasad, Justin Chih-Yao Chen, Peter Hase, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal “System-1.x: Learning to Balance Fast and Slow Planning with Language Models” In Proceedings of the thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2025 Duy Nguyen*, Archiki Prasad*, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal “LASER: Learning to Adaptively Select Reward Models with Multi-Armed Bandits” In Proceedings of the Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2025 Han Wang, Archiki Prasad, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal “Retrieval-Augmented Generation with Conflicting Evidence” In Proceedings of the Second Conference of Language Modeling (**COLM 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2025 Han Wang, Archiki Prasad, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal “ADACAD: Adaptively Decoding to Balance Conflicts between Contextual and Parametric Knowledge” In Proceedings of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**NAACL 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2024 Elias Stengel-Eskin*, Archiki Prasad*, Mohit Bansal “REGAL: Refactoring Programs to Discover Generalizable Abstractions” In Proceedings of the forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2024**) [[PDF](#)]

2024 Archiki Prasad, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal “Rephrase, Augment, Reason: Visual Grounding of Questions for Vision-Language Models” In Proceedings of the twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR 2024**) [[PDF](#)]

2024 Archiki Prasad, Alexander Koller, Mareike Hartmann, Peter Clark, Ashish Sabharwal, Mohit Bansal, Tushar Khot “ADAPT: As-Needed Decomposition and Planning with Language Models” In Findings of Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**Findings of NAACL 2024**) [[PDF](#)]

2024 Han Wang*, **Archiki Prasad***, Elias Stengel-Eskin*, Mohit Bansal “Soft Self-Consistency Improves Language Model Agents” In Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2024**) [[PDF](#)]

2024 Justin Chih-Yao Chen, **Archiki Prasad**, Swarnadeep Saha, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal “MAGICoRE: Multi-Agent, Iterative, Coarse-to-Fine Refinement for Reasoning” In Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP 2025**) [[PDF](#)]

2023 **Archiki Prasad**, Swarnadeep Saha, Xiang Zhou, Mohit Bansal “RECEVAL: Evaluating Reasoning Chains via Correctness and Informativeness” In Proceedings of Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP 2023**) [[PDF](#)]

2023 **Archiki Prasad**, Trung Bui, Seunghyun Yoon, Hanieh Deilamsalehy, Franck Dernoncourt, Mohit Bansal “MEETINGQA: Extractive Question-Answering on Meeting Transcripts” In Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2023**) [[PDF](#)]

2023 **Archiki Prasad**, Peter Hase, Xiang Zhou, Mohit Bansal “GRIPS: Gradient-free, Edit-based Instruction Search for Prompting Large Language Models” In Proceedings of the Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**EACL 2023**) [[PDF](#)]

2021 **Archiki Prasad***, Mohammad Ali Rehan*, Shreya Pathak*, Preethi Jyothi “The Effectiveness of Intermediate-Task Training for Code-Switched Natural Language Understanding” In Proceedings of the Workshop on Multilingual Representation Learning (**MRL 2021**) at **EMNLP 2021** [[PDF](#)] ([Best Paper Honorable Mention](#))

2021 **Archiki Prasad**, Preethi Jyothi, Rajbabu Velmurugan “An Investigation of End-to-End Models for Robust Speech Recognition” In Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (**ICASSP 2021**) [[PDF](#)]

2021 **Archiki Prasad**, Vishal Jain, Sharayu Moharir “Decentralized Age-of-Information Bandits” In Proceedings of the IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference (**WCNC 2021**) [[PDF](#)]

2020 **Archiki Prasad**, Preethi Jyothi “How Accents Confound: Probing for Accent Information in End-to-End Speech Recognition Systems” In Proceedings of the 2020 Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2020**) [[PDF](#)]

2020 Ayush Chauhan, **Archiki Prasad**, Parth Gupta, Amireddy Prashanth Reddy, Shiv Kumar Saini “Time Series Forecasting for Cold-Start Items by Learning from Related Items using Memory Networks” In Companion Proceedings of the Web Conference 2020 (**WWW 2020**) [[PDF](#)]

PATENTS

2022 Ayush Chauhan, Shiv Kumar Saini, Parth Gupta, **Archiki Prasad**, Amireddy Prashanth Reddy, and Ritwick Chaudhry “Key-value memory network for predicting time-series metrics of target entities” US Patent and Trademarks Office 2022 | Adobe Inc. [[US11501107](#)]

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of the **2025 Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD fellowship**, awarded to 21 students worldwide, with full funding for up to 2 years
- IIT Bombay Institute Academic Prize for outstanding performance in the academic year 2019-20
- Secured an all India rank of 144 in JEE-Main 2016 out of roughly 10 million applicants.
- Amongst top 1.2% of all selected candidates (200,000) JEE-Advance 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Conference Reviewer**
- ICLR 2024-2026
 - ACL 2022-2025, EMNLP 2021-2025, NAACL 2022-2025 (ACL Rolling Review)
 - ICML, COLT, NeurIPS, AAAI 2025

REFERENCES

- [Mohit Bansal](#), John R. Louise S. Parker Professor of CS, UNC Chapel Hill.
- [Jason Weston](#), Senior Director Research Scientist, FAIR, Meta, NYC.
- [Tushar Khot](#), Member of Technical Staff, Microsoft AI, Seattle.