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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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| **Verb Surgical** | 2019 - Present |
| **Data Scientist & Machine Learning Engineer** | Mountain View, CA |

• Worked with a multi-disciplinary team to develop surgical analytics software for a digital surgery platform.

• Improved model performance of more than 5x as measured by accuracy and recall by integrating a video frame data-filtering pipeline and a two-output transfer learning model with CNN and LSTM.

• Archived a real-time prediction by integrating the signal process methods.

• Leveraged knowledge in data science, machine learning, statistics, and model scalability.

**Technologies:** Python, R, Computer Vision, PyTorch, Unit-test, CNN, LSTM, VAE, Docker, etc..

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| **Nvidia Deep Learning Institute** | 2018 - Present |
| **University Ambassadors / Deep Learning Institute (DLI) Certified Instructor** |  |

• To deliver deep learning courses on Computer Vision, Multiple Data Type Analysis, Natural Language Processing, CUDA programming.

• Contents include: Image classification, Object Detection, Image Segmentation, Word Generation, Image and Video Captioning, Text Classification, Text Translation, etc.

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| **Dept. of Statistics, University of Kentucky** | 2017 - 2019 |
| **Research Collaborator** | Lexington, KY |

• Build a High-performance Cluster (HPC) simulation pipeline for the Mix-Gamma Model with R.

• Simulated data from different gamma distributions.

• Implemented unit-test, libraries, and workflow for experiments

**Technologies:** R, HPC, Slum, Bash, etc..

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| **Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Kentucky** | 2013 - 2019 |
| **Graduate Research Assistant** | Lexington, KY |

• Worked on the construction of Protein NMR Reference Correction and Protein NMR Deuteration Level Detection frameworks.

• Designed and implemented the corresponding software package (BaMORC) and web application.

• Created R package 'BMRBr' for easy download and processing of BMRB files.

**Technologies:** R, RStudio, Python, Shiny, Docker, etc..

**SKILLS**

**Skills:**

• Languages: Python, R, SAS, SQL, CUDA, C++, AWS, GCP, Shiny, Heroku, Git, Pytorch, TensorFlow.

• AI/DL/RL/ML Knowledge:

<https://nvidia.qwiklab.com/public_profiles/5521a192-c2e9-4899-9750-500959646159>

• GCP/AWS:

<https://qwiklabs.com/public_profiles/032b735c-3942-4f65-96e2-46bc821a884a>

**PROJECTS**

**SpeedLegal Legal Document Analyzer:**

• Building model using machine learning and rule-based approach to analyze legal documents

• Using Python, NLTK, PyTorch, and PDFminer API to build NLP models, used Flask, React, Docker, and QT to build front-end applications.

**Deep Learning for Cancer Classification with Gene Expression Data:**

• Built a deep learning model to classify cancer types.

• Accomplished a state-of-the-art performance as measured by the accuracy of >97% and the false positive/ negative rates of <0.2% by using transfer learning approach.  
• Used Python, TensorFlow, Deep Autoencoder (VAE), Scikit-learn.

**Parallelized Interactive Machine Learning on Autonomous Vehicles:**

• Used a driving game simulating environment to developed an interactive reinforcement learning model.

• Accomplished a faster model convergence rate as measured by the validation loss over epochs by integrating a human interactive reinforcement learning model.

• Used Python, Unreal Engine API, Convolution Neural Network, Deep Q-learning.

**Protein Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Reference Correction:**

• Built a statistical base model for an estimate of reference correcting values for protein.

• Implemented a Bayesian probabilistic framework to improve the model performance

• Surpassed the state-of-the-art performance as measured by reference error below +/- 0.22 ppm at 90% confidence interval. (State of the art is around 1ppm.)

• Used Python, R, Multi-processing Programming, Statistical Learning, Bayesian, etc.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

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| **University of Kentucky, Ph.D. Bioinformatics & MA Cert. Statistics** | Aug 2013 to Jun 2019 |

• **Courses include:** Statistical Analysis, Design & Analysis of Experiments, Computational Inference, Theory of Probability, Intro to Statistical Methods, Regression & Correlation, Statistical Inference, Clinical Trial, Survival and Life Testing, Linear Model & Experimental Design, Longitudinal Data Analysis, Analysis of Categorical Data.

• **Dissertation:** Automatic 13C Chemical Shift Reference Correction of Protein NMR Spectral Data Using Data Mining and Bayesian Statistical Modeling (<https://doi.org/10.13023/etd.2019.057>)

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| **University of Kentucky, (No-degree) Computer Science** | Aug 2016 to Jun 2019 |

• **Courses include:** Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Advanced Data Science, Interactive Machine Learning, Numerical Analysis, Calculus IV, and Linear Algebra.

**PUBLICATION**

**Papers:**

• Finite Mixture-of-Gamma Distributions: Estimation, Inference, and Model-Based Clustering, *Advances in Data Analysis and Classification, May 2019*

• Automatic 13C Chemical Shift Reference Correction for Unassigned Protein NMR Spectra, *Journal of Biomolecular NMR, Aug 2018*

• Parallelized Interactive Machine Learning on Autonomous Vehicles, *NAECON Dec 2018*

• Deep Learning by Doing: The Nvidia Deep Learning Institute, *Journal of Computational Science Education, Dec 2018*

• Pan-Cancer Epigenetic Biomarker Selection from Blood Sample Using SAS®, *MWSUG, Sep 2018*

**Packages:**

• BaMORC: Bayesian Model Optimized Reference Correction Method for Assigned and Unassigned Protein NMR Spectra, *CRAN, 2018*

• BMRBr: a package that helps R users to analyze data from BMRB data repo by simplifying the download procedure.

**Workshops:**

• CUDA Programming Workshop, *UK ACM 18*

• Deep Learning for Computer Vision Workshop, *UK ACM 19*

**Reward and Certification Highlights**

• SIAM International Conference on Data Mining Dissertation Travel Award (2018)

• MWSUG Conference Paper Scholarship (2018)

• Grow with Google Challenge Scholarship (2017/18)

• SC18 Paper Scholarship (2018)

• SAS Certified Clinical Trials Programmer, Statistical Business Analyst, Advanced Programmer

• Deeplearn.ai Certification Series (Coursera)

**Preferred Locations:** Flexible; currently located in San Francisco, CA

**Nationality:** Chinese