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## EDUCATION

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 2022 - PRESENT  
PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE  
Advisor: Michael Carbin  
Research Focus: Probabilistic Programming, Neurosymbolic AI

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES 2018 - 2022  
B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

COMPUTING RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (CRA) OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RE-SEARCHER AWARD HONORABLE MENTION 2022

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## INVITED TALKS

FLIP-HOISTING: A PROBABILISTIC PROGRAM OPTIMIZATION FOR EXACT INFERENCE 2021  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROBABILISTIC PROGRAMMING (PROBPROG)

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## CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

INFERENCE PLANS FOR HYBRID PARTICLE FILTERING 2025  
ELLIE Y. CHENG, ERIC ATKINSON, GUILLAUME BAUDART, LOUIS MANDEL, MICHAEL CARBIN  
*PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES (POPL)*  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.11283>

HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THIS TO YOU? AN EMPIRICAL STUDY OF DEEP NEURAL NET-  
WORK EXPLANATION METHODS 2020  
JEYA VIKRANTH JEYAKUMAR, JOSEPH NOOR, YU-HSI CHENG, LUIS GARCIA, AND MANI SRIVASTAVA  
*ADVANCES IN NEURAL INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS (NEURIPS)*

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## NON-ARCHIVAL PUBLICATIONS

VERIFYING PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES OF PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE 2023  
ERIC ATKINSON, ELLIE Y. CHENG, GUILLAUME BAUDART, LOUIS MANDEL, MICHAEL CARBIN  
*THE WORKSHOP ON VERIFICATION OF PROBABILISTIC PROGRAMS (VERIPROP)*  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.07355>

FLIP-HOISTING: A PROBABILISTIC PROGRAM OPTIMIZATION FOR EXACT INFERENCE 2021  
YU-HSI CHENG, STEVEN HOLTZEN, GUY VAN DEN BROECK, TODD MILLSTEIN  
*THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROBABILISTIC PROGRAMMING (PROBPROG)*  
<https://elliecheng.com/publications/ChengPROBPROG21.pdf>  
Extended draft: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.10284>

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## EXPERIENCE

BASIS AI JUN - AUG 2024  
RESEARCH INTERN

STRIPE JUN - SEP 2022  
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

META PLATFORMS SEP - DEC 2021  
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

META PLATFORMS JUN - SEP 2020  
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

STATISTICAL AND RELATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LAB, UCLA JAN 2020 - JUN 2022  
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

NETWORKED & EMBEDDED SYSTEMS LAB, UCLA OCT 2019 - SEP 2021  
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT