George Stein, Ph.D.

Machine Learning Specialist



SUMMARY

5+ years experience adapting and advancing deep learning techniques to solve applied problems at scale. 10+ years in high performance computing, data analysis, and visualization. Highly adept at extracting insights from large datasets.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory,

Berkeley, CA

Sept. 2019-Present

Postdoctoral Scholar, Machine Learning

- Compiled a dataset of 100 million galaxy images and utilized multi-node GPU-accelerated systems to develop and train convolutional neural networks. | *PyTorch*
- Implemented self-supervised pre-training to learn from unlabelled data and increase the efficiency of human labeling efforts by over 160%.
- Created and deployed an image retrieval web app built upon 50 million image embeddings. | Streamlit
- Principal investigator of data science proposal awarded 12k NVIDIA DGX A100 node-hours and 200TB storage.

University of California, Berkeley,

Berkeley, CA

Postdoctoral Scholar, Machine Learning

Sept. 2019–Present

- Designed a new anomaly detection method and applied it to win a blind anomaly detection challenge by detecting and characterizing an anomaly occurring in only 0.08% of 1 million events.
- Built a Neural Network emulator to replace the calculation of costly physical models, achieving 1000x speed-up. | JAX
- Developed a deep generative model for high-dimensional time series data and performed probabilistic data reconstruction to constrain physical parameters. | *TensorFlow*

Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics,

Toronto, Canada

Graduate Researcher, High Performance Computing

Sept. 2014-Aug. 2019

• Constructed a pipeline for generating simulated observations of our universe on high performance computing systems, achieving 100x speed-up, and integrated them into production workflows. | *Fortran*

SELECTED INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Segmentation of Satellite Imagery

Nov. 2021-March 2022

- Trained an ensemble of segmentation models to identify cloud cover in satellite imagery as part of a popular data science competition, finishing in the top 3% of 850 participants. | *Pytorch-Lightning*
- Leveraged public APIs to increase public dataset size 10-fold, and designed a custom set of physically motivated augmentations that nearly eliminated overfitting.

ML-in-cosmology

Dec. 2018-Present

• Curator of a comprehensive archive of ML applications to the study of cosmology, with over 250 stars on GitHub.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Toronto, Canada

Ph.D., Astrophysics

Sept. 2014-Aug. 2019

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, Canada

B.Sc. (Honours), Physics and Astronomy, with distinction

Sept. 2010–May 2014

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python (advanced), Fortran (experienced), C (familiar).

Frameworks/Packages: Proficient in PyTorch, TensorFlow, PyTorch-Lightning, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, Pandas, Jupyter Notebook, Git, and Streamlit. Familiar with JAX, SQL, CSS, HTML, TensorFlow Probability, Pyro, and NumPyro.

Machine Learning Experience: Advanced: Convolutional Neural Networks, Self-supervised learning, Generative modeling, Probabilistic sampling, Dimensionality reduction & Clustering (Autoencoders, TSNE, UMAP, k-NN), etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Lead author of 7 publications in machine learning and cosmology. Presented research at 50+ venues.

Full publication list and additional projects available at georgestein.github.io