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Research Interests

Predictive Model Building, Algorithm Design, Healthcare Analytics, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Sparse Optimization, Medical Imaging, Simulation modeling

Professional Experience

2019 – Present **Scientist, Philips North America, Cambridge, MA, USA**
Research: Design, develop and evaluate first-of-kind data analytics solutions to provide real time diagnostics using cutting-edge technologies

Educational Qualifications

2012 – 2017 **Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, University of California, Merced, USA**
Thesis: Nonconvex Sparse Recovery Methods
Advisor: Prof. Roummel F. Marcia

2006 – 2010 **B.Sc. (Special) Degree in Mathematics, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ), Sri Lanka**
GPA: 3.50, First Class Honors

2005 – 2008 **B.Sc. (Hons) Degree in Information Technology, Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT), Sri Lanka**
GPA: 3.68, First Class Honors

1996 – 2004 **Ananda College, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka**
Passed G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination (2001) with 10 'A's,
Completed G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination (2004) in Mathematics

Postdoctoral Training

2017 – 2019 **Postdoctoral Research Associate, PRISMA^P Lab, Department of Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA**
Analytic Core Lead: Building predictive models, real time systems.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **L. Adhikari** and R. Marcia, *Nonconvex relaxation for Poisson intensity reconstruction*, Proceedings of the 2015 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing, 2015.
2. **L. Adhikari**, D. Zhu, C. Li, and R. Marcia, *Nonconvex reconstruction for low-dimensional fluorescence molecular tomographic Poisson observations*, Proceedings of the 2015 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing, 2015.
3. **L. Adhikari** and R. Marcia, *p -th power total variation regularization in photon-limited imaging via iterative reweighting*, Proceedings of the 2015 European Signal Processing Conference, 2015.
4. A. Orkusyan, **L. Adhikari**, J. Valenzuela and R. Marcia, *Analysis of p -norm regularized subproblem minimization for sparse photon-limited image recovery*, Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing, 2016.
5. **L. Adhikari**, A. Kim and R. Marcia, *Sparse reconstruction for fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy with Poisson noise*, Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing, 2016.
6. **L. Adhikari**, A. Kim and R. Marcia, *Nonconvex sparse Poisson intensity reconstruction for time-dependent bioluminescence tomography*, Proceedings of the 2016 International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications, 2016.
7. **L. Adhikari**, J. B. Erway, R. Marcia and R. J. Plemmons, *Trust-region methods for nonconvex sparse recovery optimization*, Proceedings of the 2016 International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications, 2016.
8. **L. Adhikari** and R. Marcia, *Bounded sparse photon-limited image recovery*, Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing, 2016.
9. M. Banuelos, R. Almanza, **L. Adhikari**, R. Marcia and S. Sindi, *Constrained variant detection with SPaRC: Sparsity, Parental Relatedness, and Coverage*, Proceedings of the International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, 2016.
10. M. Banuelos, R. Almanza, **L. Adhikari**, R. Marcia and S. Sindi, *Sparse genomic structural variant detection: exploiting parent-child relatedness for signal recovery*, Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE Workshop on Statistical Signal Processing, 2016.
11. M. Banuelos, R. Almanza, **L. Adhikari**, S. Sindi and R. Marcia, *Sparse signal recovery methods for variant detection in next-generation sequence data*, Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing, 2016.
12. M. Banuelos, **L. Adhikari**, R. Almanza, A. Fujikawa, J. Sahag, K. Sanderson, M. Spence, S. Sindi and R. Marcia, *Sparse diploid spatial biosignal recovery for genomic variation detection*, Proceedings of the 2017 IEEE International Symposium on Medical Measurements and Apps, 2017.
13. M. Banuelos, **L. Adhikari**, R. Almanza, A. Fujikawa, J. Sahag, K. Sanderson, M. Spence, S. Sindi and R. Marcia, *Nonconvex regularization for sparse genomic variant signal detection*, Proceedings of the 2017 IEEE International Symposium on Medical Measurements and Applications, 2017.

14. F. Wen, **L. Adhikari**, L. Piu, R. Marcia, P.Liu and R. Qiu, *Nonconvex regularization based sparse recovery and demixing with application to color image inpainting*, IEEE Access Journal, 5, pp. 11513-11527, 2017.
15. M. Banuelos, R. Almanza, **L. Adhikari**, S. Sindi, and R. Marcia, *Biomedical signal recovery: Genomic variant detection in family lineages*, Proceedings of 2017 IEEE 5th Portuguese Meeting on Bioengineering, 2017.
16. **L. Adhikari**, J. Erway, S. Lockhart, and R. Marcia, *Limited memory trust-region methods for sparse relaxation*, Proceedings of SPIE: Wavelets and Sparsity XVII, 2017.
17. **L. Adhikari**, R. Baikejiang, O. DeGuchy, and R. Marcia, *Non-convex Shannon entropy for photon-limited imaging*, Proceedings of SPIE: Wavelets and Sparsity XVII, 2017.
18. O. DeGuchy, **L. Adhikari**, A. Kim, and R. Marcia, *Photon-limited fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy signal recovery with known bounds*, Proceedings of 2017 IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing, 2017.
19. **L. Adhikari**, *Non-convex sparse optimization for photon-limited imaging*, Proceedings of M.Sc./Ph.D. Forum in the 2017 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2017
20. **L. Adhikari**, T. Ozrazgat-Baslanti, M. Ruppert, R.W.M.A. Madushani, S. Paliwal, H. Hashemighouchani, F. Zheng, M. Tao, J.M. Lopes, X. Li, P. Rashidi and A. Bihorac, Improved predictive models for acute kidney injury with IDEA: Intraoperative Data Embedded Analytics. PloS one, 14(4), p.e0214904, 2019.
21. B. Shickel, T.J. Loftus, **L. Adhikari**, T. Ozrazgat-Baslanti, A. Bihorac, and P. Rashidi, DeepSOFA: A Continuous Acuity Score for Critically Ill Patients using Clinically Interpretable Deep Learning. Nature Scientific reports, 9(1), p.1879, 2019.
22. A. I. Wong, H. Kim, M. Charpignon, E. Mireles-Cabodevila, L. Carvalho, E. Monares-Zepeda, R. W. M. A. Madushani, **L. Adhikari**, Ryan D. Kindle, M. E. Lough, L. A. Celi, Analysis of the ventilator associated condition (VAC) in large open ICU datasets, 2020 [submitted]

Selected Presentations

1. *Introduction to the mathematics of medical imaging*, Applied Math Optimization Seminar at UC Merced, **Merced, CA, USA** on Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2014.
2. *Nonconvex optimization for photon-limited imaging*, SAMPLE talk at UC Merced SIAM student chapter, **Merced, CA, USA** on March 18, 2015.
3. *Nonconvex relaxation for photon-limited sparse optimization*, SAMPLE talk at UC Merced SIAM student chapter, **Merced, CA, USA** on July 8, 2015.
4. *Nonconvex relaxation for photon-limited sparse optimization*, International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP 2015), **Pittsburgh, USA** on July 16, 2015.
5. *p-th power total variation regularization in photon-limited imaging via iterative reweighting*, European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO 2015), **Nice, France** on Sep 03, 2015.

6. *Nonconvex reconstruction for low-dimensional fluorescence molecular tomographic Poisson observations*, SAMPLE talk at UC Merced SIAM student chapter, **CA, USA** on Sep 23, 2015.
7. *Nonconvex reconstruction for low-dimensional fluorescence molecular tomographic Poisson observations*, 2015 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP 2015), **Quebec City, Canada** on Sep 29, 2015.
8. *Time-independent and time-dependent fluorescence optical tomography*, Applied Math Optimization Seminar at UC Merced, **Merced, CA, USA** on Nov 16, 2015.
9. *Nonconvex relaxation for Poisson intensity reconstruction*, Central Valley SIAM Regional Conference at UC Merced, **Merced, CA, USA** on April 29, 2016.
10. *Fluorescence-lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM) with Poisson noise*, Applied Math Optimization Seminar at UC Merced, **Merced, CA, USA** on May 11, 2016.
11. *Analysis of p -norm regularized subproblem minimization for sparse photon-limited image recovery*, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2016), **Shanghai, China** on March 22, 2016.
12. *Limited-memory trust-region methods for sparse reconstruction*, International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT 2016), **Tokyo, Japan** on August 8, 2016.
13. *Bounded sparse photon-limited image recovery*, IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP 2016), **Phoenix, Arizona, USA** on September 28, 2016.
14. *Nonconvex sparse Poisson intensity reconstruction for time-dependent bioluminescence tomography*, International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications (ISITA 2016), **Monterey, CA, USA** on November 1, 2016.
15. *Trust-region methods for nonconvex sparse recovery optimization*, International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications (ISITA 2016), **Monterey, CA, USA** on November 1, 2016.
16. *Sparse reconstruction for fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy with Poisson noise*, IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing (GlobalSIP), **Washington, DC, USA** on December 8, 2016.
17. *Non-convex sparse optimization for photon-limited imaging*, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), **New Orleans, LA, USA** on March 6, 2017
18. *Improved predictive models for acute kidney injury using intraoperative physiological data*, 2017 Celebration of Research, Department of Medicine, University of Florida, **Gainesville, FL, USA** on October 12, 2017
19. *Improved predictive models for acute kidney injury with IDEAs: Intraoperative Data Embedded Analytics*, 5th International Conference on Computational Biomedicine, **Gainesville, FL, USA** on February 8, 2018
20. *Machine learning for acute kidney injury with IDEAs: Intraoperative Data Embedded Analytics*, 2018 Symposium on Data Science & Statistics, **Reston, VA, USA** on May 17, 2018
21. *Predicting hypoxemia trend in critical care patients*, Artificial Intelligence /Machine Learning Symposium, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/ Harvard Medical School, **Boston, MA, USA** on Feb 27, 2020

Work Experiences

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| 2016 Summer | Industrial Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Workshop at Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI), NCSU, NC |
| 2014 - 2016 | Graduate Student Researcher at Applied Mathematics, UC Merced in Spring 2014 and Summer 2014, 2015, 2016 |
| 2012 - 2015 | Teaching Assistant at Applied Mathematics, UC Merced Calculus 1 – Fall 2012, Math 32: Probability and Statistics – Spring 2013, Mathematical Methods for Optimization – Fall 2013, Introduction to Linear Algebra & Differential Eq. – Fall 2014, Numerical Analysis I – Spring 2015 |
| 2011 Sep - 2012 April | Computer Technology Instructor at Department of Mathematics, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka Computer Programming (C++), Visiting Lecturer to conduct Mathematics Lab session, Faculty of Medical Sciences, USJ, Sri Lanka |
| 2010 Sep – 2011 Aug | Instructor at Department of Mathematics , University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka Calculus I/II, Numerical Methods I/II, Abstract Algebra, Optimization 1, Applicable Mathematics |
| 2009 | Underwent one-month training at Ansell Lanka (Pvt) Ltd , Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Sri Lanka |

Mentoring Experiences

- Mentoring **OPS-staff members of Prisma^P lab**, Department of Medicine, University of Florida on data preprocessing, predictive model building and real time systems, Fall 2017 to Winter 2019
- Mentoring Sabyasachi Bandyopadhyay, **PhD student**, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Florida, Fall 2017 to Winter 2019
- Mentored participants in **Sparse Optimization** for the **Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) ARCHIMEDES** program at UC Merced, Summer, 2016
- Mentored Joanna Valenzuela in **MATLAB programming and medical imaging** for the **Undergraduate Research and Mentoring (URM)** program, 2014
- Mentored participants in **Medical Imaging** for the **Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) ARCHIMEDES** program at UC Merced, Summer, 2014

Project Experiences

- *Title: **Clinical operational research***: A project to design and implement predictive models to reduce unnecessary bed occupancy and improve hospital throughput. Tools: Python 3, PySpark, Simulation modeling, 2019-present.
- *Title: **Improving CDC definition of Ventilator Associated Condition***: A datathon project at the Critical Care Congress 2020 – SCCM, working with several data scientist and clinicians, 2020.
- *Title: **Predicting Hypoxemia Trend in Critical Care Patients***: A machine learning model to predict the hypoxemia trend within the first 24 hours following the start of mechanical ventilation using the last 24 hours of electronic medical records – demographics, vitals, laboratory, etc., MIT group project 2019 - present.
- *Title: **MySurgeryRisk***: The world's first intelligent perioperative real time risk prediction system, Apache Spark, Kafka, Python, Cassandra, 2017-2019.
- *Title: **Dynamic postoperative complication prediction using deep learning***, Tools: Python 3, Keras, TensorFlow, 2018.
- *Title: Improved Predictive Models for Acute Kidney Injury with **IDEAs: Intraoperative Data Embedded Analytics***, Tools: Python 2.7, R, SAS, 2017 to 2019
- Designed and implemented **7 novel sparsity-promoting algorithms** with applications to medical imaging and signal processing during the PhD program using Matlab, 2012-2017.
- *Title: **Inverting for Near Shore Bathymetry from Surface Wave Properties***. IMSM 2016 program group project at NCSU with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers using Matlab, Git, 2016.
- *Title: **Fourier Transform based Image Reconstruction using Filtered Back-Projection Formula***. Numerical Analysis course project using Matlab at UC Merced.
- *Title: **Discrete Image Reconstruction using Parallel Beam Geometry***. Scientific Computing course project using C++ at UC Merced and UC Berkeley.
- *Title: **Apartment Complex Surveillance Investigator***: an innovative system to ensure security of an apartment complex using wireless technology with a group of five members. Selected for the National Best Quality Software Awards Competition. 4th year group project at SLIIT, 2008.
- *Title: **Student Attendance System*** for SLIIT. The project was implemented using C#.Net 2005 and Microsoft Access. 3rd Year group project at SLIIT, 2007.

- **Title: Hotel Reservation and Management System.** This system was developed using C#.net, ASP.net and SQL Server 2000. 2nd year group project at SLIIT, 2006.
- **Title: Face Recognition using Eigenfaces and Fisherfaces.** This tool was developed using image processing techniques in MATLAB® 7.6 and C#.net. Final year project in USJ, 2009 - 2010.
- **Title: Study of Management Practices in a Real-World Organization:** Hatton National Bank, Sri Lanka

Fellowships and Awards

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| 2017 January | SIAM Student Travel Award for SIAM Conference on Optimization |
| 2017 Spring | School of Natural Sciences Dean's Distinguished Scholars Fellowship 2017, UC Merced |
| 2016 October | Student Travel Fellowship, U.S. NSF |
| 2016 Summer | Summer Research Fellowship, Applied Mathematics, UC Merced |
| 2016 Spring | Applied Mathematics Research Travel Fellowship, UC Merced |
| 2016 | Artist of the Year (Photography) – 2nd Place, Bobcat Art Show, UC Merced |
| 2015 Spring | Applied Mathematics Research Travel Fellowship, UC Merced |
| 2015 – 2016 | Graduate Student Opportunity Program Fellowship, UC Merced |
| 2012 | Fulbright Opportunity Grant Scholarship, US – Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission |
| 2005 – 2009 | Five Scholarships in recognition of superior academic performance during B.Sc. (Hons) Degree in IT |

Certification

- HL7 FHIR Fundamentals by Health Level Seven International on 2018.
- Introduction to Bioconductor in R by Harvard University through edX. Certificate earned on 2018.
- Neural Networks for Machine Learning by University of Toronto on Coursera. Certificate earned on 2017.
- PC Hardware, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, 2004.

Professional Memberships

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| 2018 - Present | American Statistical Association (ASA), Member |
| 2015 - Present | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Member |
| 2018 - 2019 | National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), Affiliate Individual Member |
| 2016 - 2017 | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), SPS Member |

2015 - 2017 Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), Student Member

Reviewer for

- Applied Sciences Journal
- Algorithms Journal
- Entropy Journal
- IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics
- PLOS ONE Journal
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (as a PhD candidate)
- IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (as a PhD candidate)
- IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (as a PhD candidate)

Symposium Co-Organizer

"Nonconvex Optimization for Imaging Analysis", May 22, 2017. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Conference on Optimization, Vancouver, Canada.

Extra Curricula Activities

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| 2009 | Student Exhibition Committee Member, 50th Anniversary Exhibition of University of Sri Jayewardenepura. |
| 2004 | Committee Member of the Ananda College Mathematics Society and Chemistry Club. |
| 2002 – 2003 | Assistant Secretary of the Ananda College Electronics Society. |