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Summary

Ph.D. candidate specializing in Deep Learning and Computer Vision, with expertise in PyTorch, Transformers, NeRFs, and Diffusion Models. Strong publication record in top-tier venues and hands-on experience in applied AI through industry internships. Passionate about building real-world solutions using Vision, LLMs, and Agentic AI.

Education

Iowa State University

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering **GPA: 3.85/4.00**

Co-advised by Dr. Adarsh Krishnamurthy and Dr. Anwesha Sarkar

Honors: Graduate Research Excellence Award May 2024

Ames, Iowa

Jan 2021 – Aug 2025

Iowa State University

MS (thesis), Electrical Engineering **GPA: 3.70/4.00**

Co-advised by Dr. Soumik Sarkar and Dr. Adarsh Krishnamurthy

Ames, Iowa

Aug 2018 – May 2021

Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI)

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics Engineering **GPA: 7.50/10.00**

Mumbai, India

Aug 2014 – May 2018

Technical Skills

Programming: Python, Matlab, C++, C#, Unity, LaTeX

AI Frameworks: PyTorch, Pytorch-Lightning, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, HuggingFace, Langchain

Publications

1. A. Biswas, **J. Rade**, S. Sarkar, A. Krishnamurthy, A. Sarkar; "AI-Enabled Defect Classification in AFM Images with Conversational LLM-Based User Guidance", Under process.
2. N. Masud, **J. Rade**, Md. H. Hassan, A. Krishnamurthy, A. Sarkar; "Machine learning approaches for improving atomic force microscopy instrumentation and data analytics", **Frontiers in Physics**, 2024. [[article](#)]
3. **J. Rade**, E. Herron, S. Sarkar, A. Sarkar, A. Krishnamurthy, "3D Reconstruction of Protein Structures from Multi-view AFM Images using Neural Radiance Fields (NeRFs)", Deep Learning for Geometric Computing (DLGC) Workshop, **CVPR 2024**. [[article](#)]
4. E. Herron, **J. Rade**, A. Jignasu, B. Ganapathysubramanian, A. Balu, S. Sarkar, A. Krishnamurthy, "Latent Diffusion Models for Structural Component Design", Computer-Aided Design 2024, **CAD 2024**. [[article](#)]
5. **J. Rade**, A. Jignasu, E. Herron, A. Corpuz, B. Ganapathysubramanian, S. Sarkar, A. Balu, A. Krishnamurthy, "Deep Learning-based 3D Multigrid Topology Optimization of Manufacturable Designs", **EAAI 2023**. [[article](#)]
6. **J. Rade**, S. Sarkar, A. Sarkar, A. Krishnamurthy, "3D Reconstruction of Protein Complex Structures Using Synthesized Multi-View AFM Images", Machine Learning for Structural Biology (MLSB) Workshop, **NeurIPS 2022**. [[article](#)]
7. **J. Rade**, J. Zhang, S. Sarkar, A. Krishnamurthy, J. Ren, A. Sarkar, "Deep Learning for Live Cell Shape Detection and Automated AFM Navigation", Volume 9, Article No. 522, **Bioengineering Journal 2022**. [[article](#)]
8. **J. Rade**, A. Balu, E. Herron, A. Jignasu, S. Botelho, S. Adavani, S. Sarkar, B. Ganapathysubramanian, A. Krishnamurthy, "Multigrid Distributed Deep CNNs for Structural Topology Optimization", AI for Design and Manufacturing (ADAM) Workshop, **AAAI 2022**. [[article](#)]
9. E. Herron, A. Jignasu, **J. Rade**, X. Lee, A. Balu, A. Krishnamurthy, S. Sarkar, "Fast Unsupervised Generative Design for Structural Topology Optimization", AI for Design and Manufacturing (ADAM) Workshop, **AAAI 2022**. [[article](#)]
10. **J. Rade**, J. Zhang, S. Sarkar, A. Krishnamurthy, J. Ren, A. Sarkar, "AI Guided Measurement of Live Cells Using AFM", Modeling, Estimation and Control Conference, **MECC 2021**.
11. **J. Rade**, A. Balu, E. Herron, J. Pathak, R. Ranade, S. Sarkar, and A. Krishnamurthy, "Algorithmically-Consistent Deep Learning Frameworks for Structural Topology Optimization", Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence 106, 104483, **EAAI 2021**. [[article](#)]
12. **J. Rade**, "Deep Learning Frameworks for Structural Topology Optimization", Graduate Theses and Dissertations, Iowa State University, 18592, 2021. [[thesis](#)]

Work Experience

Computer Vision Intern at BAYER, Chesterfield, MO

May 2023 – Aug 2023

- Achieved **92%** segmentation accuracy for insect detection using a **Transformer-based Neural Network**.
- Designed a **transfer learning** pipeline for accurate segmentation using as few as 50 unseen samples.
- Engineered a model monitoring framework for data drift detection in deployed models, ensuring stable performance.

Machine Learning Intern at ANSYS, Canonsburg, PA

Aug 2019 – Aug 2020

- Accelerated Structural Topology Optimization by **39×** using **U-Net and U-SE-ResNet** architectures.
- Developed **CNN and CNN-LSTM** architectures for 2D and 3D geometries using **Keras** and **PyTorch**.
- Scaled the data generation by integrating **Python** with ANSYS Mechanical, enhancing automation and efficiency.
- Delivered the talk on the **Introduction to Machine Learning** as part of Learning Series at ANSYS.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Jan 2019 – Present

1. AI-AFM Assisted Structure Prediction of Protein and Protein Complexes

- Developing novel view synthesis methods for **3D NeRF** reconstruction of protein structure using **Diffusion Models**.
- Designed a **GPU-accelerated** Virtual AFM utilizing **volume rendering** for efficient synthetic data generation.
- Generated a **large-scale synthetic dataset** of multi-view AFM images for over 550,000 3D protein structures.

2. Cell Shape and Defect Detection in AFM Microscopic Images

- Created an **LLM-powered** user interface to guide users in identifying and resolving defects in AFM images.
- Analyzed zero-shot performance of **Vision-Language Models (VLMs)**, including **GPT-4o**, **Gemini**, and **LLaVA**, for cell shape classification.
- Leveraged **transfer learning** to enhance **YOLOv3-based object detection** for cell shape detection in AFM images, achieving a **43%** accuracy improvement.
- Achieved up to **60×** speed improvement in AFM scanning probe traversal using intelligent vision-based navigation over manual navigation.

3. Deep Learning for High-resolution 3D Structural Topology Optimization

- Designed and implemented a **PSP-U-Net** architecture in **Keras** for Structural Topology Optimization.
- Developed an efficient and scalable multigrid-style training for **high-resolution** ($128 \times 128 \times 128$) **3D** structures.
- Achieved **5×** training speedup at high-resolution by leveraging distributed training with multi-node, multi-GPU setup.

4. Deep Learning for Structural Topology Optimization

- Designed a framework of multiple **3D CNNs** to perform end-to-end topology optimization.
- Created a dataset of 60K high-resolution ($128 \times 128 \times 128$) 3D voxelized structures and accelerated the generation pipeline using **GNU parallel**.

Talks and Posters

1. "AI-AFM Assisted Structure Prediction of Protein Complexes.", NVIDIA GPU Technology Conference, **NVIDIA GTC 2025**.
2. "Deep Learning for 3D Protein Structure Prediction from AFM Images." Biomedical Engineering Society, **BMES 2024**.
3. "Multigrid Deep Learning for 3D Structural Topology Optimization." 17th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, **USNCCM 2023**.
4. "Virtual AFM: Generating Synthetic 2D Multi-view Images from 3D Protein Structure." Biomedical Engineering Society, **BMES 2022**.
5. "Deep Learning Guided Navigation of Live Cells for AFM." Workshop on Scientific Machine Learning: Foundations and Applications at, **TrAC, Iowa State University 2022**.
6. "Deep Learning Accelerated Topology Optimization." NVIDIA GPU Technology Conference, **NVIDIA GTC 2021**.
7. "Physics Aware Machine Learning for Structural Topology Optimization." 16th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, **USNCCM 2021**.
8. "Deep learning frameworks for structural topology optimization." Mechanistic Machine Learning and Digital Twins for Computational Science, Engineering and Technology, **MMLDT 2021**.

Relevant Coursework

Deep Learning, Digital Signal Processing, Data Analytics, Machine Vision, GPU Computing, Computer Graphics

Leadership And Awards

1. Recipient of **Graduate Research Excellence Award** at Iowa State University May 2024.
2. **General Manager** at Technovanza'16 (Annual Technical Festival of VJTI).[\[website\]](#)
3. Awarded with **Foundation for Excellence (FFE) Scholarship** which covered four years of undergrad tuition fees.