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## EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

*Ph.D/M.S in Computational Science and Engineering*

Aug 2019 – Dec 2025 (expected)

Atlanta, Georgia

Presbyterian College

*BS in Economics - 3.95/4.00*

July 2016– May 2019

Clinton, South Carolina

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, Matlab, R, C++, JavaScript, SQL

**Developer Tools:** VS Code, Jupyter, Git, Linux, GitHub

**Platforms:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, Gurobi, Hadoop, Spark, DBeaver, PostgreSQL

**Algorithms:** Numerical algorithms, Graph theory, Linear/integer/convex/online (full & Bandits) optimization, Linear/nonlinear systems, Random algorithms

**Machine Learning:** Variational generative models, Score-based diffusion models, Physics-informed machine learning, Text mining, Deep-learning-based time-series forecast, Medical image analysis.

**Operation Research:** Network Modeling/planning/optimization/resilience, Market demand/price forecast

## INTERNSHIP

Tesla

*Data Scientist, Charging Data and Modeling*

Sep 2023 – Dec 2023

Palo Alto, California

- Automated the analysis of charging-related KPIs time series to identify market entry date, price effective/promotion dates for countries using PySpark and SQL.
- Designed and implemented a new matching weekday logic to shift historical energy demand with scaling to forecast daily energy demand over the years. **Accuracy improved by 30% in holiday demand forecasts.**
- Designed and implemented a novel yearly jumps detection algorithm for energy forecast validation. Utilized the Fisher discriminant ratio as the optimization objective of the changepoint detection model. Designed a statistical test to check jump candidates by the  $p$ -value and optimize the threshold using the AUC-ROC curve. **The evaluation shows precision improved by 10% while maintaining recall over 80%**
- Tech:** PySpark, SQL, Pandas, Scikit-learn, Numpy, Scipy

Berkeley Lab

*Research Scientist, Building Technology Area*

May 2023 – Aug 2023

Berkeley, California

- Researched a Meta-learning-based framework for learning representative time series models to describe indoor thermal dynamics of residential buildings using Ecobee data [1].
- Developed and implemented a meta-learning algorithm, Reptile, with flexible model selections and objectives.
- Experimented the framework with various recurrent neural network models. Results show (1) **the cost of training a personalized model from the meta-model is significantly reduced**, (2) **The representative (meta) model can describe the physics of similar residential buildings.**
- Tech:** PyTorch, Scikit-learn

## PROJECTS

Reverse Network Diffusion [↗](#) | PyTorch, Gurobi

May 2024 - present

- Source-robust reconstruction of an epidemic (network diffusion process) with online noise [2].
- Network diffusion constrained variational generative models for inferring dynamical brain connectomes under neurodegeneration [3], given time-series of tau and A-beta biomarkers.
- Score-based stochastic network diffusion models for connectomes dynamics under neurodegeneration

Confirmation Augmented Bayesian Topics Models [4] [↗](#) | Scipy, Numpy, Twitter-API-V2 2021 - 2022

- Design a data augmentation and online algorithm for Bayesian inferencing probabilistic topic models.
- Clusters are augmented by a confidence score linked to the presence of interested topics
- Evaluation on linking tweets and Waze (Community Traffic App) show significant improvement in clustering of traffic-related topics

Empirical WiFi Networks [5] [↗](#) | NetworkX, PySpark, Mesa, Multiprocessing

2020 - 2021

- Develop, maintain, and optimize data pipeline to process campus's WiFi data to networks
- Develop agent-based simulation for modeling Covid-19 spreading on campus with hyperparameters optimization framework
- Evaluation of various lock-down policies.

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