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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia USA

M.S., Computational Science & Engineering — *Expected Dec 2019*
Specialization area: Machine Learning, Application area: Cosmology

B.S., Computer Science (Threads: Intelligence, Modeling-Simulation) — *May 2018*
B.S., Physics
Thesis: *"Analysis of Uncertainty in Machine Learned Density Functionals"*
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Medford

EXPERIENCE

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA USA

Technical Scholar, Physics Division — *Aug 2017 - present*
Intern, Data Science Summer Institute — *May 2017 - Aug 2017*
Advisor: Dr. Michael Schneider
Project: Hierarchical Probabilistic Inference of Cosmic Shear & Intrinsic Galaxy Properties
Used MCMC techniques to determine cosmic shear and galaxy morphology (for LSST)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA USA

Gravity Group, Center for Relativistic Astrophysics — *Aug 2018 - present*
Advisor: Dr. Deirdre Shoemaker
Project: Modeling surrogate neutron star merger waveforms through Gaussian Processes

Medford Group, School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering — *Jan 2017 - present*
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Medford
Project: Determination of Exchange Correlation Functionals through Deep Learning
Using ensembles of neural networks to build surrogate density functionals

Graduate Teaching Assistant, College of Computing — *Aug 2018 - present*
Supervisor: Dr. Richard Peng
Teaching Assistant for Senior Level CS 4510 - Automata & Complexity Course

Otte Lab, Center for Relativistic Astrophysics — *Jan 2016 - May 2018*
Advisor: Dr. A. Nepomuk Otte
Project: Segmented Schwarzschild-Couder Telescope Model for GrOptics ray tracing package
Added telescope model to GrOptics, written in C++(with CERN ROOT)

Data Driven Education, Center for 21st Century Universities — Aug 2015 - May 2018
Advisor: Dr. Robert Kadel, Dr. Amanda Madden
Project: Inferring student success predictors from Georgia Tech MOOC data

Wolfram Research, Boston, MA USA

Wolfram Mentorship Program — *Nov 2016 - Jan 2017*[1]
Wolfram Summer School — *June 2016- July 2016*[2]
Advisors:[1]Dr. Todd Rowland, [2]Dr. Giorgia Fortuna
Project: Classifying Cellular Automata using Machine Learning

Honors and Awards

- Datmo Applied Machine Learning Fellowship, December 2017
- Amazon Web Services Research Grant ($8000), September 2017 (Advisor: Dr. Madden)
- President's Undergraduate Research Award: Fall 2017, Fall 2016
- Fellow, Data Science Summer Institute, LLNL, Summer 2017
- Student Travel Awards: JupyterCon 2017 (NYC), WSSSPE 2016 (Manchester, UK)
- Top 10 percentile in Indian National Astronomy Olympiad, 2012

Outreach and Leadership

Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Georgia Tech *Sept 2018 - Present*
Representing Computational Science & Engineering in the Student Government Association.

Reviewer, President's Undergraduate Research Award (PURA) *May 2018 - Present*
Reviewed Physics and CS research proposals for the Fall 2018 PURA.

Co-founder, Bitcoin@Tech, Georgia Tech's Bitcoin Club *Aug 2014 - May 2015*

Computer Skills

Python (NumPy, SciPy, SymPy, Pandas, PyMC3, Tensorflow, Keras),
C++, Mathematica, Matlab, LaTeX, HTML/CSS, Arduino Processing

Publications

Shah, K., & Schneider, M. D., "HIERARCHICAL PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE OF MULTIVARIATE GALAXY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR WIDE-FIELD OPTICAL IMAGING SURVEYS" MANUSCRIPT IN PREP

Research Products

Machine Learning approaches to Density Functional Theory
Link: http://www.github.com/karanprime/surrogate_functionals

GrOptics Telescope Package
Link: http://www.github.com/groptics/GrOptics (branch "karan")

Cellular Automata Classification through Machine Learning
Link: http://www.github.com/karanprime/mlforca

Selected Academic Projects

Modeling human migration as an N-body problem (For CX 4230 Simulations)
Link: http://www.github.com/karanprime/MigrationSimulator

Cellular Automata Simulator (For PHYS 3226 Computation Physics)
Link: http://www.github.com/karanprime/Cellular-Automata-Project

Sunset Observation Project (For PHYS 2021 The Solar System)
Link: http://www.karan.sh/projects/sunset

Supplemental Experience

Analyst and Developer, Cryptomen.com - Startup *July 2014 - Feb 2015*
Part of a five-person startup that raised $47,000 in cryptocurrency investment.

Student Assistant, Center for Non Linear Science, GT *Jan 2015 - Aug 2015*
Supervisor: Dr. Predrag Cvitanovic
Assisted Dr. Cvitanovic in producing video lectures and maintaining website for a MOOC on chaos theory (Link: http://chaosbook.org)

Misc

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