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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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*I research systems that enable new interactions for observing and creating sound.*

**Keywords:** machine listening, human computer interaction, machine learning, audio, music, crowd-sourcing, creativity support tools, music information retrieval, digital signal processing

## EDUCATION

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| <b>Northwestern University</b> , Evanston, IL<br>Ph.D., Computer Science<br>Dissertation: Supporting Novice Communication of Audio Concepts for Audio Production Tools<br>Committee: Bryan Pardo (advisor), Darren Gergle, Doug Downey | 2016 |
| <b>Stanford University</b> , Stanford, CA<br>M.A., Music Science and Technology<br>Advisor: Julius O. Smith III  | 2007 |
| <b>Northwestern University</b> , Evanston, IL<br>B.Mus., Music Technology (with Honors)<br>Certificate in Sound Design<br>Advisor: Gary Kendall  | 2004 |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Research Assistant Professor</b><br>New York University, New York, NY<br>Department of Computer Science and Engineering  | January 2019 – present         |
| <b>Research Scientist</b><br>New York University, New York, NY<br>Center for Urban Science and Progress   | January 2019 – present         |
| <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b><br>New York University, New York, NY<br>Music and Audio Research Laboratory<br>P.I.: Juan Pablo Bello  | September 2016 – December 2018 |
| <b>Research Assistant</b><br>Northwestern University, Evanston, IL<br>Interactive Audio Lab<br>Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science<br>P.I.: Bryan Pardo | September 2009 – August 2016   |

**Research Intern**

February 2015 – May 2015

Adobe Research, San Francisco, CA  
Creative Technologies Lab  
Mentors: Gautham Mysore and Matt Hoffman

**Visiting Student Researcher**

February 2013 – November 2013

Queen Mary University of London, London, UK  
Center for Digital Music  
Department of Electronic Engineering  
Hosts: Josh Reiss and Andrew McPherson

**Digital Signal Processing Engineer**

September 2007 – August 2009

PacketVideo, Palatine, IL

**Audio Post Production Engineer**

November 2005 – May 2006

Big House Audio, Chicago, IL

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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|  |      |
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| Northwestern University Terminal Year Fellowship         | 2016 |
| ACM CHI Best Paper Award Honorable Mention               | 2015 |
| ACM Multimedia Best Demo Award                           | 2014 |
| National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship | 2011 |
| Helen and Robert Piros Fellowship                        | 2009 |

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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Pardo, B., Cartwright, M., Seetharaman, P., Kim, B. Learning to Build Natural Audio Production Interfaces. In *Arts*, vol. 8(3), 110, 2019

McFee, B., Kim, J.W., Cartwright, M., Salamon, J., Bittner, R., Bello, J.P. Open-Source Practices for Music Signal Processing Research: Recommendations for Transparent, Sustainable, and Reproducible Audio Research. In *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*, vol. 36(1), 2019.

Lostanlen, V., Salamon, J., Cartwright, M., McFee, B., Farnsworth, A., Kelling, S., Bello, J.P. Per-Channel Energy Normalization: Why and How. In *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, vol. 26(1), 2019.

Cartwright, M., Seals, A., Salamon, J., Williams, A., Mikloska, S., MacConnell, D., Law, E., Bello, J.P., Nov, O. Seeing Sound: Investigating the Effects of Visualizations and Complexity on Crowdsourced Audio Annotations. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, vol. 1(2): *Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing 2017*, 2017.

**REFEREED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS**

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- Cartwright, M., Mendez, A.E.M., Cramer, J., Lostanlen, V., Dove, G., Wu, H., Salamon, J., Nov, O., Bello, J.P. SONYC Urban Sound Tagging (SONYC-UST): A Multilabel Dataset from an Urban Acoustic Sensor Network. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Detection and Classification of Acoustic Scenes and Events (DCASE)*, 2019.
- Cartwright, M., Cramer, J., Salamon, J., Bello, J.P. TriCycle: Audio Representation Learning from Sensor Network Data Using Self-Supervision. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Workshop on Applications of Signal Processing to Audio and Acoustics (WASPAA)*, 2019.
- Cohen-Hadria, A., Cartwright, M., McFee, B., Bello, J.P. Voice Anonymization in Urban Sound Recordings. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)*, 2019.
- Mendez, A.E.M., Cartwright, M., Bello, J.P. Machine-Crowd-Expert Model for Increasing User Engagement and Annotation Quality. In *Proceedings of the ACM CHI Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA)*, 2019.
- Kumari, S., Roy, D., Cartwright, M., Bello, J.P., Arora, A. EdgeL3: Compressing L3-Net for Mote Scale Urban Noise Monitoring. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Parallel AI and Systems for the Edge (PAISE)*, 2019.
- Wang, Y., Mendez, A.E.M., Cartwright, M., Bello, J.P. Active Learning for Efficient Audio Annotation and Classification with a Large Amount of Unlabeled Data. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2019.
- Cartwright, M., Dove, G., Mendez, A.E.M., Bello, J.P., Nov, O. Crowdsourcing Multi-label Audio Annotation Tasks with Citizen Scientists. In *Proceedings of ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)*, 2019.
- Cartwright, M., Bello, J.P. Increasing Drum Transcription Vocabulary Using Data Synthesis. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Digital Audio Effects (DAFx)*, 2018.
- Cartwright, M., Salamon, J., Seals, A., Nov, O., Bello, J.P. Investigating the Effect of Sound-Event Loudness on Crowdsourced Audio Annotations. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2018.
- Cartwright, M., Pardo, B., Mysore, G. Crowdsourced Pairwise-Comparison for Source Separation Evaluation. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2018.
- Salamon, J., MacConnell, D., Cartwright, M., Li, P., Bello, J.P. Scaper: A Library for Soundscape Synthesis and Augmentation. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Workshop on Applications of Signal Processing to Audio and Acoustics (WASPAA)*, 2017.
- Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. The Moving Target in Creative Interactive Machine Learning. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Human Centred Machine Learning (HCML)* at the Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2016.
- Brewer, R., Cartwright, M., Karp, A., Pardo, B., Piper, A.M. An Approach to Audio-Only Editing for Visually Impaired Seniors. In *Proceedings of the ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility (ASSETS)*, 2016.
- Cartwright, M., Pardo, B., Mysore, G., Hoffman, M. Fast and Easy Crowdsourced Perceptual Audio Evaluation. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2016.
- Ford, J., Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. MixViz: A Tool to Visualize Masking in Audio Mixes. In *Proceedings of the 139th International Audio Engineering Society Convention (AES)*, 2015.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. VocalSketch: Vocally Imitating Audio Concepts. In *Proceedings of ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)*, 2015. **Best Paper Award Honorable Mention**

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. SynthAssist: An Audio Synthesizer Programmed With Vocal Imitation. In *Proceedings of the ACM International Conference on Multimedia (ACM MM)*, 2014. **Best Demo Award**

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. SynthAssist: Querying an Audio Synthesizer by Vocal Imitation. In *Proceedings of New Instruments for Musical Expression (NIME)*, 2014.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Translating Sound Adjectives by Collectively Teaching Abstract Representations. In *Proceedings of the Collective Intelligence Conference*, 2014.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B., Reiss, J. Mixploration: Rethinking the Audio Mixer Interface. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI)*, 2014.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Social-EQ: Crowdsourcing an Equalization Descriptor Map. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR)*, 2013.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Novelty Measures as Cues for Temporal Salience in Audio Similarity. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Music Information Retrieval with User-Centered and Multimodal Strategies (MIRUM)* at the ACM International Conference on Multimedia (ACM-MM), 2012.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Building a Music Search Database Using Human Computation. In *Proceedings of the Sound and Music Computing Conference (SMC)*, 2012.

Cartwright, M., Raffi, Z., Han, J., Pardo, B. Making Searchable Melodies: Human vs. Machine. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Human Computation (HCOMP)* at the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2011.

Huq, A., Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Crowdsourcing a Real-World On-Line Query By Humming System. In *Proceedings of the Sound and Music Computing Conference (SMC)*, 2010.

Cartwright, M., Jones, M., Terasawa, H. Rage in Conjunction with the Machine. In *Proceedings of New Instruments for Musical Expression (NIME)*, 2007.

## NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Audio Production with Intelligent Machines. Presented at Workshop on *Collaborating with Intelligent Machines: Interfaces for Creative Sound*, ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2015.

Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. Interactive Learning for Creativity Support in Music Production. Presented at Workshop on *Semi-Automated Creativity*, ACM Creativity and Cognition, 2011.

## PATENTS

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Cartwright, M., Pardo, B. "Systems, Methods, and Apparatus to Search Audio Synthesizers using Vocal Imitation," U.S. Patent 20160133240, filed October 27, 2015, and issued May 12, 2016.

## INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS

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|---|--------------------|
| New York University Center for Data Science Seminar<br>“Building a Machine-Listening System to Monitor, Analyze, and Mitigate Urban Noise Pollution”            | February 6, 2019   |
| Audio Engineering Society Latin American Conference Keynote<br>“Building a Machine-Listening System to Monitor, Analyze, and Mitigate Urban Noise Pollution”    | September 24, 2018 |
| Cornell Tech<br>“Crowdsourcing Audio Annotations”   | May 11, 2018       |
| University of Victoria<br>“Human-Centered Audio Processing”   | March 8, 2018      |
| Midwest Music and Audio Day (MMAD)<br>“A Study on Best Practices for Crowdsourced Annotation of Sound Events”   | June 23, 2017      |
| Workshop on Cross-Disciplinary and Multi-Cultural Perspectives on Musical Rhythm and Improvisation III, NYU Abu Dhabi<br>“Towards Data-Driven Models of Rhythm” | March 21, 2017     |
| New York University Music and Audio Research Lab (MARL) Seminar<br>“Give me a <ka-CHUNK>’: Rethinking the Interaction Paradigm of Audio Production Tools”       | October 20, 2016   |
| University of Washington DUB Seminar<br>“Give me a <ka-CHUNK>’: Rethinking the Interaction Paradigm of Audio Production Tools”                                  | June 1, 2016       |
| University of Toronto<br>“Give me a <ka-CHUNK>’: Rethinking the Interaction Paradigm of Audio Production Tools”   | April 7, 2016      |
| University of Illinois at Chicago<br>“Give me a <ka-CHUNK>’: Rethinking the Interaction Paradigm of Audio Production Tools”                                     | March 2, 2016      |
| Bay Innovative Signal Hackers (BISH) Bash<br>“Crowdsourced Audio Quality Evaluation”  | September 17, 2015 |
| KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)<br>“Natural Communication and Exploration in Audio Production Interfaces”                            | April 24, 2015     |
| Birmingham City University<br>“Natural Communication and Exploration in Audio Production Interfaces”  | August 6, 2014     |
| Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique (IRCAM)<br>“Natural Communication and Exploration in Audio Production Interfaces”                      | July 4, 2014       |
| Midwest Music Information Retrieval Gathering (MMIRG)<br>“SynthAssist: Querying a Synthesizer Using Vocal Imitation”  | June 14, 2014      |
| Telecom Paristech<br>“Building a Personalized Audio Equalizer Interface”  | June 13, 2013      |

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Conference Organization

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| General Co-Chair, Workshop on Detection and Classification of Acoustic Scenes and Events | 2019       |
| Local Organizing Committee, Midwest Music Information Retrieval Gathering                | 2011, 2014 |

### Challenge Organization

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|---|-----------|
| Task Organizer, IEEE AASP Challenge on Detection and Classification | 2019–2020 |
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### Journal Reviewer

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| IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing | 2010–2012, 2014, 2019 |
| Journal of the Audio Engineering Society                   | 2019                  |
| Applied Sciences   | 2019                  |
| Acta Acustica united with Acustica                         | 2019                  |
| IEEE Transactions on Multimedia                            | 2018–2019             |
| IEEE Signal Processing Magazine                            | 2018                  |
| ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems        | 2017                  |
| Journal on Multimodal User Interfaces                      | 2016                  |
| IEEE Signal Processing Letters                             | 2015                  |
| Information Retrieval                                      | 2011                  |

### Conference Program Committee / Reviewer

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|---|----------------------|
| IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing               | 2014–2020            |
| Workshop on Detection and Classification of Acoustic Scenes and Events                  | 2018–2019            |
| ACM IUI Workshop on Intelligent Music Interfaces for Listening and Creation             | 2018–2019            |
| ACM International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces                             | 2019                 |
| ACM SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems                             | 2014, 2016, 2019     |
| ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing              | 2018                 |
| International Conference on Digital Audio Effects                                       | 2018                 |
| International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference                        | 2009–2010, 2012–2018 |
| ACM International Conference on Multimedia  | 2013–2016            |
| ACM International Conference on Tangible, Embedded and Embodied Interaction             | 2016                 |
| IEEE Workshop on Applications of Signal Processing to Audio and Acoustics               | 2015                 |
| International Computer Music Conference   | 2012                 |
| International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services | 2011                 |
| IEEE International Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing                             | 2010                 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|   |      |
|---|------|
| Teaching Assistant, EECS-352 Machine Perception of Audio and Music<br>Northwestern University                   | 2015 |
| Teaching Assistant, DSGN 395-20 Data as Art<br>Northwestern University / School of the Art Institute of Chicago | 2014 |
| Teaching Assistant, EECS-349 Machine Learning<br>Northwestern University  | 2012 |
| Teaching Assistant, EECS-348 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence<br>Northwestern University                 | 2011 |

## STUDENT MENTORSHIP

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|  |           |
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| Sangeeta Kumari, Doctoral, Ohio State University       | 2018–2019 |
| Yu Wang, Doctoral, New York University                 | 2018–2019 |
| Jason Cramer, Doctoral, New York University            | 2018–2019 |
| Ana Elisa Mendez Mendez, Doctoral, New York University | 2017–2019 |
| Alice Cohen-Hadria, Doctoral, IRCAM                    | 2019      |
| Bianca Brusco, Masters, New York University            | 2018–2019 |

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| Marin Hyatt, High School Senior, New York University ARISE                  | 2019      |
| Center for Data Science capstone project, New York University               | 2019      |
| Center for Urban Science and Progress capstone project, New York University | 2019      |
| Gregory Reardon, Masters, New York University                               | 2018      |
| Giordan Escalona, High School Junior, New York University ARISE             | 2018      |
| Ariadna Paltis, High School Junior, New York University ARISE               | 2017      |
| Naomi Horsford, High School Senior, New York University ARISE               | 2017      |
| Ayanna Seals, Doctoral, New York University                                 | 2016–2017 |
| Aaron Karp, Undergraduate Junior, Northwestern University                   | 2016      |
| Jonathan Ford, Masters Student, Northwestern University                     | 2015      |
| David Sumber, Undergraduate Senior, Northwestern University                 | 2012      |

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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| <b>Stanford University</b> , Stanford, CA | July 2007 |
| Summer Institute for Entrepreneurship     |           |
| Graduate School of Business               |           |

## PRESS AND INTERVIEWS

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|---|-------------------|
| Big Picture Science   | January 20, 2020  |
| “The ears have it—Noise: noxious or necessary?”   |                   |
| NPR Here and Now  | May 29, 2019      |
| “Noise is New York City’s biggest civic complaint. Researchers are trying to help turn it down” |                   |
| The New Yorker  | May 6, 2019       |
| “Is noise pollution the next big public-health crisis?”   |                   |
| Gizmodo   | March 11, 2019    |
| “You can help train AI to pinpoint NYCs noisiest neighborhoods in an effort to shut them up”    |                   |
| The Verge   | March 10, 2019    |
| “Help fight noise pollution by identifying these sound clips collected from urban sensors”      |                   |
| NBC 4 New York  | March 6, 2019     |
| “NYU Project Could Help Alleviate NYC Noise Pollution”  |                   |
| AM New York   | March 5, 2019     |
| “Think you know the sounds of the city? Noise pollution experts needed”                         |                   |
| Metro   | February 28, 2019 |
| “You can help researchers curb NYC noise pollution as a citizen scientist”                      |                   |
| MIT Technology Review   | July 23, 2010     |
| “Query-by-Humming Musical Search Engine Launched”   |                   |

## MUSICAL DISCOGRAPHY

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|   |      |
|---|------|
| “Piñata” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label                  | 2012 |
| “Piñata (single)” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label         | 2012 |
| “So Many Lemons (single)” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label | 2009 |

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| “Paperwork” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label                              | 2008 |
| - New York Times “Critic’s Choice” (September, 2008)                           |      |
| “Africa Just Wants To Have Fun (7-inch)” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label | 2008 |
| “Apple or a Gun (7-inch)” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label                | 2006 |
| “Beautiful Seizure” with <i>volcano!</i> , The Leaf Label                      | 2005 |
| - DrownedInSound.com’s #2 Album of the Year (2006)                             |      |
| “Chicago Union Station” with <i>Cartwright, Moorefield, Weeter</i>             | 2004 |
| - Organised Sound DVD, Cambridge University Press (2004)                       |      |
| - International Computer Music Conference DVD (2004)                           |      |

## CONFERENCE / FESTIVAL PRESENTATION OF COMPOSITIONS

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|  |      |
|--|------|
| “Six Corners” by <i>Cartwright, Moorefield, Weeter</i>           |      |
| - Third Practice   | 2006 |
| - New Music Northwestern Festival                                | 2005 |
| “Chicago Union Station” by <i>Cartwright, Moorefield, Weeter</i> |      |
| - Electronic Music Midwest                                       | 2005 |
| - Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States        | 2005 |
| - International Computer Music Conference                        | 2004 |

## SELECTED MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

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|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <i>volcano!</i> at Daytrotter.com, Rock Island, IL                            | December 7, 2012  |
| <i>volcano!</i> at WBEZ’s 848, Chicago, IL                                    | June 12, 2012     |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Millenium Park, Chicago, IL                                | May 31, 2010      |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Tabula Rasa, Moscow, Russia                                | April 29, 2009    |
| <i>volcano!</i> at SWN Festival, Cardiff, UK                                  | November 24, 2008 |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Botanique, Brussels, Belgium                               | November 5, 2008  |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Interzona, Verona, Italy                                   | October 25, 2008  |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Radio RAI (Italian National Radio), Bolzano, Italy         | October 23, 2008  |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Lido, Berlin, Germany                                      | October 21, 2008  |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, Canada                       | August 25, 2006   |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Villette Sonique Festival, Paris, France                   | June 24, 2006     |
| <i>volcano!</i> at Huw Stephens Session (BBC Radio 1), London, UK             | June 27, 2006     |
| <i>volcano!</i> at SXSW, Austin, TX   | March 17, 2006    |
| <i>Cartwright, Moorefield, Weeter</i> at New Music Northwestern, Evanston, IL | May 22, 2005      |

## REFERENCES

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| Juan P. Bello, Professor at New York University       | jpbello@nyu.edu          |
| Bryan Pardo, Professor at Northwestern University     | pardo@northwestern.edu   |
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| Gautham Mysore, Principal Scientist at Adobe Research | gmysore@adobe.com        |



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