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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO

Ph.D. in Machine Learning and Scientific Computing, Advisor: Jed Brown

2019-Current

M.S. in Applied Mathematics

2019-2022

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

B.A. in Economics and International Studies

2009 - 2013

 Capstone: "Analyzing the Impact of Growth in a Time of Debt on the Public Discourse on Austerity with Document Similarity Methods"

GRE: 170 Verbal/169 Quantitative/5.5 Writing

 $COURSEWORK: {\it Statistical Learning, Machine Learning, Theoretical Machine Learning, Deep Lear$

Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Parallel Programming, Deterministic Optimization,

Cvx Optimization, Online Cvx Optimization, Numerical PDEs, Computational Bayesian Statistics

Work Experience

Flatiron Institute, New York, NY, Research Analyst

6/2023-Current

 Explores large-scale machine learning methods for computational physics as part of Polymathic AI collaboration.

University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO, Research Assistant

8/2019-6/2024

- Performs research at the intersection of Machine Learning and Scientific Computing. Current projects focus on (1) integrating prior knowledge in the form of ODEs/PDEs, conservation laws, and invariances into scientific deep learning methods to improve data efficiency and extrapolation capabilities and (2) developing improved optimization methods for scientific machine learning.

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Berkeley, CA, Graduate Researcher

5/2022-1/2023

— Examined the failure scenarios in deep learning based global weather models from the perspective of numerical methods and spectral analysis. Identified several key modes of failure and developed architectural improvements to address them resulting in significantly more stable forecasts enabling architectures originally designed for medium-range forecasts (10 days) to be used coherently for seasonal forecasts (3 months) or longer without significant computational cost increases.

Argonne National Lab, Lemont, IL, Givens Associate

5/2020-7/2020

- Developed multi-device RL-based framework for learning to optimize in mixed-precision in JAX.

Ayasdi, Menlo Park, CA, Data Scientist

11/2016-7/2019

- Designed and implemented Machine Learning and Topological Data Analysis pipelines for healthcare,
 government, and financial services clients using both Ayasdi software and the scientific Python ecosystem.
- Collaborated with product and engineering teams in research and development capacity to develop new platfom capabilities and prioritize candidate features for development.
- Developed an improved optimization framework for a non-convex unsupervised learning problem that exploited
 the structure of the problem to reduce run-time of a widely used software component to a quarter of the original
 execution time.

Eccella, New York, NY, Senior Consultant

2/2015-11/2016

- Architected large scale data integration projects involving 30+ heterogeneous systems and multiple business organizations from scoping through design, development, testing, and production support.

 Developed automation tools in Python and Java to integrate with enterprise ETL platforms in order to reduce development time on certain data flow mappings by approximately 80%.

Siemens Healthcare, Malvern, PA, Consultant

7/2013-2/2015

- Implemented custom C# solutions to tailor software to specific customer needs, particularly with regard to Health Information Exchange integration and cross-enterprise secure messaging.
- Completed more than twenty projects as a lead consultant within first year including managing product betas
 at multiple hospitals working closely with engineering team to identify potential defects and enable clients to hit
 Meaningful Use metrics with minimal disruption of existing workflows.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] S. Golkar, M. Pettee, M. Eickenberg, A. Bietti, M. Cranmer, G. Krawezik, F. Lanusse, M. McCabe, R. Ohana, L. Parker, B. R.-S. Blancard, T. Tesileanu, K. Cho, and S. Ho, Xval: A continuous number encoding for large language models, 2023. arXiv: 2310.02989 [stat.ML].
- [2] F. Lanusse, L. Parker, S. Golkar, M. Cranmer, A. Bietti, M. Eickenberg, G. Krawezik, M. McCabe, R. Ohana, M. Pettee, B. R.-S. Blancard, T. Tesileanu, K. Cho, and S. Ho, *Astroclip: Cross-modal pre-training for astronomical foundation models*, 2023. arXiv: 2310.03024 [astro-ph.IM].
- [3] M. McCabe, B. R.-S. Blancard, L. H. Parker, R. Ohana, M. Cranmer, A. Bietti, M. Eickenberg, S. Golkar, G. Krawezik, F. Lanusse, M. Pettee, T. Tesileanu, K. Cho, and S. Ho, *Multiple physics pretraining for physical surrogate models*, 2023. arXiv: 2310.02994 [cs.LG].
- [4] M. McCabe, P. Harrington, S. Subramanian, and J. Brown, Towards stability of autoregressive neural operators, 2023. arXiv: 2306.10619 [cs.LG].
- [5] R. Koki, A. Sheehan, E. Bradley, **M. McCabe**, and J. Brown, "Improving deep learning seismic arrival pickers using wavelet transforms", in *Fall Meeting 2022*, AGU, 2022.
- [6] R. Koki, J. Stewart, C. Kumler, and M. McCabe, "A deep learning approach for detection, semantic segmentation and density classification of smoke in satellite imagery", in *Fall Meeting 2022*, AGU, 2022.
- [7] M. McCabe and J. Brown, "Learning to assimilate in chaotic dynamical systems", in *Thirty-Fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2021.
- [8] M. McCabe and J. Brown, "Using Differentiable Physics for Self-Supervised Assimilation of Chaotic Dynamical Systems", presented at the 2020 Workshop on Differentiable Vision, Graphics, and Physics in Machine Learning at NeurIPS, 2020.
- [9] M. McCabe, Mapper Comparison with Wasserstein Metrics, 2018. arXiv: 1812.06232 [cs.CG].

Presentations

• Data Science in the Healthcare Industry at Colorado State University

CSU Data Science Seminar

February 2020

• Graph Neural Networks in the Physical Sciences at University of Colorado Boulder CU Optimization and ML Seminar

November 2019

• Fine-grained Segmentation for Population Risk at HIMSS 2018 HIMSS Solutions Lab

March 2018

TEACHING

• Graduate Student Staff at University of Colorado Boulder Data Science Projects (4831/7000) Fall 2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, SQL, C++, Java, Scala, Matlab

Frameworks: PyTorch, JAX, TensorFlow, SciPy Ecosystem, Spark Databases: Oracle, MySQL, MS SQL Server, SQLite, Postgres, HDFS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• CU Boulder CS Early Career Professional Development Fellowship	2019
Ayasdi "Flare" Performance Award	2018
• Ayasdi "Hero" Recognition	2017
• Eccella "Eccelarator" Performance Award	2015
• Siemens "You Answered" Recognition	2014
• Nominated for Guetzkow Prize for Outstanding Senior Research Paper in International Studies	2013
• Design Award for Engineering Design and Communication	2009
• Siemens Foundation Merit Scholarship	2009-2013

SERVICE

• Reviewer at NeurIPS 2021	Summer 2021
• CU Boulder Numerical Computing Reading Group Coordinator	2020–Current
• CU Boulder CS Department Peer Mentor	2020–Current
• CU Boulder CS Department Application Feedback Mentor	Fall 2020, 2021
• Volunteer at NeurIPS 2020	Winter 2020
• Volunteer at ICML 2020	Summer 2020
• Volunteer at ICLR 2020	Spring 2020