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RESEARCH INTERESTS	• computational cognitive science • theoretical neuroscience • artificial neural networks	
EDUCATION	University of Southern California , Los Angeles, California USA <i>Viterbi School of Engineering</i> , M.S. in Computer Science, May 2017 Advisor: Yan Liu Stony Brook University , Stony Brook, New York USA <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> , B.S. in Physics, May 2015 Advisor: Axel Drees Honors Thesis: “ <i>Modeling a Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Heavy-ion Collisions</i> ” Honors and Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provost Award for Academic Excellence ($\sim 0.5\%$ of graduates chosen), 2015• Researcher of the Month (1 school-wide per month), 2014 Brooklyn Technical High School , Brooklyn, New York USA Diploma, Applied Physics, May 2011 Honors and Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• USA National Achievement Scholarship Finalist (top 5% nationally), 2011	
HONORS AND AWARDS	GEM Fellowship sponsored by IBM (declined)	2017
	ICLR Travel Award	2017
	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (Neuroscience)	2015
	HHMI Minority Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2014
	Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society (only 2nd year student inducted)	2013
	Scholar of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math	2012
	NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Scholar	2011
	Deans List	
INDUSTRY POSITIONS	Machine Learning Research Intern , <i>September 2017 - December 2017 (expected)</i> IBM Alamaden, San Jose, California USA Machine Learning Research Intern , <i>June 2017 - August 2017</i> VISA, Palo Alto, California USA	
CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS	Sanjay Purushotham*, Wilka Carvalho* , Yan Liu. “Variational Recurrent Adversarial Domain Adaptation” <i>In 5th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)</i> , 2017 Sanjay Purushotham*, Wilka Carvalho* , Yan Liu. “Variational Adversarial Deep Domain Adaptation for Health Care Time Series Analysis” <i>In 29th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems Workshop on Machine Learning for Healthcare (NIPS ML4HC)</i> , 2016 (Spotlight)	

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* implies equal contribution

Wilka Carvalho. “Modeling a Detection of internally reflected Cherenkov light (DIRC) Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions.” *State University of New York Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC)*, 2015

INVITED TALKS Machine Learning Lunch Seminar. University of Southern California. (April, 2017)

SYMPOSIUM
PRESENTATIONS “Variational Adversarial Deep Domain Adaptation for Healthcare Time Series.” *Southern California Machine Learning Symposium*. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, 2016. **Runner-up, best poster**

“Modeling a DIRC Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions.” *23rd Annual CSTEP Statewide Student Conference*. Bolton Landing, NY, 2015. **2nd place, physics and math**

“Modeling the Cognitive Process of Attributing Traits to Others.” *Summer Seminar Day*. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, 2014.

“Modeling Deep Brain Stimulation of Globus Palidus Internus.” *22nd Annual CSTEP Statewide Student Conference*. Bolton Landing, NY, 2014.

“Modeling a Detection of internally reflected Cherenkov light (DIRC) Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions.” *URECA Celebration of Undergraduate Research & Creativity*. Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, 2014.

“Modeling Deep Brain Stimulation of Globus Palidus Internus.” *Poster Symposium*. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2013.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Visa, Palo Alto, California USA

Visa Research, June 2017 - Present

Advisor: Jing Huang

Developed a deep learning model in Tensorflow that interfaced with the ParlAI natural language processing platform. The model employed variational inference and relational reasoning to infer and relate linguistic features in order to answer context-dependent questions.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California USA

Melady Lab, November 2015 - May 2017

Advisor: Yan Liu

Samsung and NSF funded project: “*Variational Adversarial Deep Domain Adaptation for Health Care Time Series Analysis*”. Built a neural network model in Theano that employed variational methods and adversarial training to perform domain adaptation on multivariate time-series. Proposed analyses used in publications to empirically verify that our model (a) performed domain adaptation by creating domain-invariant representations and (b) transferred temporal dependencies across domains.

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York USA

Heavy Ion Research Group, January 2013 - August 2015

Advisor: Axel Drees

DOE funded project: “*Modeling a Detection of internally reflected Cherenkov light Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions*”. Created a model for a DIRC particle detector and a corresponding Monte Carlo light simulator. Developed a pattern recognition algorithm that exploited physics, statistics, and geometry to identify particles from synthetic light data. Led software development of C++ libraries and programs

used for simulations and analyses.

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York USA
Computational Neuroscience Group, *Fall 2014*

Advisor: Giancarlo La Camera

NSF LSAMP funded project: “*Spectral Analysis of Rodent Neural Data*”. Performed spectral analyses on neural data to determine behavioral correlates of neural activity.

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California USA
Emotion and Social Cognition Laboratory, *Summer 2014*

Advisor: Ralph Adolphs

HHMI funded project: “*Modeling the Cognitive Process of Attributing Traits to Others*”. Developed a Trait Learning Task in which participants would learn about the distinguishing traits of other people by observing their behavior in various situations. Built a free, web-based, general-purpose platform existed to administer online psychology experiments with user-input contingent progression.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA
Neuromodulation Research and Technology Laboratory, *Summer 2013*

Advisor: Matthew Johnson

NIH funded project: “*Modeling Deep Brain Stimulation of Globus Pallidus Internus*”. Wrote a python script that interfaced with the neural network simulation environment, “Neuron”, to build a computational model of the network of neurons surrounding Globus Pallidus Internus, and simulated Deep Brain Stimulation and the resultant neural activity.

National Central University, Jhongli City, Taiwan
Turbulent Combustion Laboratory, *Summer 2012*

Advisor: Shenqyang Shy

Project: “*Empirical Analysis of Theories from Fluid Dynamics*”. Explored boundary layer conditions, and laminar and turbulent flow of fluids through pipes of varying cross-sections.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
Calculus Instructor, *Spring 2015*

Worked with two math professors to develop and teach a supplementary calculus curriculum that promoted minority representation in stem majors.

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
Educational Opportunity Program Personal Tutor, *Spring 2013 - Fall 2014*

Tutored marginalized students in introductory physics and math courses.

SERVICE

Student Volunteer, ICLR, 2017

OUTREACH

Research and Fellowships Week NSF Panel, Los Angeles, CA 2016
National Society of Black Engineers Grad Panel, Los Angeles, CA 2016
Graduate School External Fellowship Boot Camp, Los Angeles, CA 2016
Engineering Graduate Diversity Symposium, Los Angeles, CA 2015
Black Student Association: What it takes to go to Graduate School, Los Angeles, CA 2015
Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program Undergraduate Research Panel, Stony Brook, CA 2014

SKILLS

Deep learning software: Theano, TensorFlow, Keras
Neuroscience software: Neuron
Languages: Python, C++, C, Java
Operating systems: Unix, Linux, Windows

INTERESTS

• traveling • chess • software development • improvisational dance • deadpan humor