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EDUCATION

University of Rochester

Rochester, NY

B.S. in Biomedical Engineering

September 2018 – May 2022

- **Honors and Scholarships:** NAE Grand Challenges Scholar Program, International Baccalaureate Scholarship, Jesse L. Rosenberger Prize, Dean's List
- **Selected Courses:** Medical Imaging, Digital Image Processing with Python, MATLAB for BME

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard-MIT-MGH (Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging)

Boston, MA

Research Intern

May 2021 – Nov 2021

- Designed and trained a physics-based unsupervised deep learning model for 4-dimensional tensor estimation for Diffusion Tensor Imaging in TensorFlow; Outperformed runtime of conventional computation technique (linear least squares) by over an order of magnitude (runtime improved from 16.76s to 0.96s); Network performance was high fidelity at an SSIM of 0.93 and PSNR of 39.2 dB
- Created a noise reduction method for MR imaging; designed and trained a deep learning model (CNN) using TensorFlow; Achieved 33% improvement in SNR (signal-to-noise ratio)
- Awarded competitive stipend

Advanced Physiological Optics Laboratory

Rochester, NY

Research Assistant, Yoon Lab

August 2020 – January 2021

- Researched non-contact optical methods to measure the human cornea's mechanical properties *in vivo* by exploiting the phenomenon of Brillouin scattering.

University of Rochester Medical Center

Rochester, NY

Research Assistant, Lee Lab

April 2019 – May 2021

- Designed and manufactured devices used in research experiments, saved the lab >\$15,000
- Used MATLAB to analyze mechanical loads on mice during ACL rupture (*Summer 2020*)
- Independently investigated calcium activation of Piezo channels in knee cartilage (*Summer 2019*)

PUBLICATIONS

Can, NY, Tian, Q, Bilgic, B. (2021). Physics-based unsupervised deep learning for rapid DTI tensor estimation, *ISMRM Diffusion Study Group*. (submitted, acceptance pending)

Kotelsky, A, Anissa, E, **Can, NY**, Proctor, A, Mannava, S, Prösche, C, Lee, W. (2021). Effect of knee joint loading on chondrocyte mechano-vulnerability and severity of posttraumatic osteoarthritis induced by ACL-injury in mice. *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage*. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.16.448294> (currently in peer review)

Kotelsky, A, Proctor, A, Anissa, E, **Can, NY**, Mannava, S, Lee, W. (2021). Unilateral and bilateral ACL injuries exhibit distinct vulnerability of chondrocytes to injurious mechanical forces, *ORS 2021 Annual Meeting*.

Kotelsky, A, Proctor, A, Anissa, E, **Can, NY**, Mannava, S, Lee, W. (2020). Unilateral and bilateral ACL injuries exhibit distinct sensitivity of chondrocytes to injurious impact loading, *Center for Musculoskeletal Research 10th Annual Symposium*.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Force Gauge Device for Research Application

<https://github.com/ncan33/STIF-2019>

Designed a device that measures the amount of force applied during ACL injury on mice. The device has contributed to academic publications. Access technical report for device [here](#).

Physics-Based Unsupervised Deep Learning in TensorFlow<https://tinyurl.com/u7h3987m>

35-layer 3-D convolutional neural network for rapid DTI tensor estimation.

Confocal Microscope Imaging Platform<https://tinyurl.com/3mcuws34>

Designed and 3D printed a part that fulfilled the design need for a platform that allows greater spatial translation in the x and y directions during imaging in the confocal microscope.

Computational Analysis of Laser Spectrum<https://github.com/ncan33/matlabHighFinesse>

Acquired a large dataset of laser spectra using optical methods. Using MATLAB, wrote an automated algorithm that converts raw ASCII output into an easy to analyze data structure. Processed the signal using Fourier transform and destructive interference.

LEADERSHIP**Team Captain**, University of Rochester Varsity Rowing

Sep 2018 – Aug 2020

- Acted as a liaison between coaches and 50 athletes; promoted a positive and competitive team atmosphere

Head Teaching Assistant (TA), University of Rochester

Aug 2020 – present

- Led a team of 11 teaching assistants for a biomedical engineering class

Committee Chair, International Model United Nations of Alkmaar

May 2017 – June 2017

- Chair at a 2017 Model UN conference in the Netherlands; led a committee of 60 Model UN delegates

SKILLS

Software Proficiency:	Solidworks, Creo (Pro/ENGINEER), MATLAB, LaTeX, FEBio, ImageJ
Communication Skills:	Competed in World Debate Championships
Languages:	English (Bilingual Proficiency), Turkish (Native Speaker)
Programming Languages:	Python, C/C++, Git, bash
Technical Skills:	CAD, 3D Printing, Arduino, FEM/FEA, Keras/TensorFlow (machine learning)