# Curriculum Vitæ

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#### Personal Information

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#### Education

• University of California, Santa Barbara MS Mechanical Engineering Santa Barbara, CA Dec 2014

- Thesis: Experimental apparatus for the study of Faraday waves on time-varying domains

• Northwestern University Physics PhD Candidate

Evanston, IL Sep 2010–Mar 2012

• University of California, Santa Barbara
BS Mechanical Engineering

Santa Barbara, CA Jun 2010

• University of California, Santa Barbara BS Physics

Santa Barbara, CA Jun 2010

- Thesis: Experimental and theoretical study of pattern identification in physical systems with circular symmetry

### **Awards and Honors**

- Graduated with honor in both undergraduate degrees, cumulative GPA: 3.7/4.0
- Dean's List 11/12 quarters
- Member: Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society

### Skills

Languages: Python, SQL

Machine Learning: scikit-learn, TensorFlow

Data: Spark, Hadoop, Postgres

Dev Tools: Jupyter Notebooks, Bash, Git, Sublime Text

Python Stack: Pandas, matplotlib, SQLAlchemy

### Work Experience

• Allstate

Data Scientist

Menlo Park, CA

Jul 2016-Present

- Guide and support ongoing partnership with the Stanford Intelligent Systems Laboratory
- Prepare internal datasets for business analysts
- Ad hoc scripting, analysis, and problem solving

• Startup.ML

Machine Learning Fellow

San Francisco, CA Dec 2015–Apr 2016

- Developed a production FinTech data pipeline for currency trading using industry-standard machine learning methods
- Investigating how Reinforcement Learning can be leveraged for improved algorithmic trading

#### • Harold Washington College

Chicago, IL

Adjunct Faculty

Feb 2015-May 2015

- Gave 2 lectures a week for a descriptive astronomy course
- Incorporated the latest discoveries in astronomy and the new Cosmos into my lessons
- Presented topics in Astrophysics and Cosmology at the level of the general public and explained concepts without relying on mathematical or scientific constructs

## • University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

Teaching Assistant

Dec 2012–Jun 2014

- Introduced machining concepts on the mill and lathe to students in the engineering machine shop
- Supervised students as they built parts for the class project with zero accidents

### • Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Teaching Assistant

Sept 2010-Mar 2012

- Prepared quizzes and held office hours to answer questions one-on-one for introductory physics

### **Projects**

• Kaggle May 2015–Jul 2016

 Coded a deep residual convolution network in Keras/TensorFlow for multi-label classification for the Yelp Kaggle competition

### • Master's Thesis: Faraday Waves

Santa Barbara, CA

Krechetnikov Fluid Physics Lab

Dec 2013-Jun 2014

- Designed and built a new experiment to study the surface patterns of vibrating containers of water (Faraday waves)
- Incorporated a recent image processing technique for cheap 3D high speed mm-resolution measurement over a surface area of  $225\,\mathrm{cm}^2$
- Sourced \$20k in lab equipment including a Labworks 75lb shaker, 2 accelerometers, and 2 Parker actuators all interfacing with a NI PCIe DAQ and LabVIEW VI running on a dedicated computer
- Designed a bespoke experimental apparatus using SolidWorks to study Faraday Waves and produced a set of engineering drawings, validation tests, and documentation as part of my thesis
- Personally fabricated a prototype in the college machine shop and had the final design parts CNC machined

#### • X-Ray Microscopy

Argonne National Lab

Bionanoprobe, Advanced Photon Source, Sector 21

Nov 2011

 Measured the thermal drift of the optics stage of the BioNanoProbe using simple image correlation with Matlab

#### • Arctic Sea Ice Modeling

Northwestern University

Prof. Mary Silber, Dept. of Applied Mathematics

Sep 2011-Jan 2012

 Derived from first principles and coded arctic sea ice models in Matlab for the study of climate change

#### • Programmable Flow Generator

Goleta, CA

 $LaunchPoint\ Technologies$ 

Sep 2009-Jun 2010

Contributed modeling expertise on team of fellow engineering students working on a fluidic loop

#### • Bachelor's Thesis: Drop Splash Experiment

Santa Barbara, CA

Krechetnikov Fluid Physics Lab, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering

Jul 2009-Oct 2010

- Investigated the physics of splashes that occur when a liquid droplet impacts a wetted surface

- Performed stereo triangulation in MATLAB, reduced the the 3D data, and searched for patterns using my theory of pattern identification
- Published a peer-reviewed article<sup>3</sup> on the experimental and theoretical advances I developed that may have solved a 100-year puzzle in fluid dynamics

### • Transient Optical Sky Survey Lubin Lab, Dept. of Physics

Santa Barbara, CA Sep 2008–Jun 2009

- Collaborated on the MATLAB/C data pipeline that processed 1GB of images per night

### **Publications**

- 1. B. Wulfe, S. Chintakindi, S.C. Choi, R. Hartong-Redden, A. Kodali, M.. Kochenderfer. *Real-time Prediction of Intermediate-Horizon Automotive Collision*. CoRR. 2018.
- 2. R. Hartong-Redden. Experimental apparatus for the study of Farady waves on time-dependent domains. Master's thesis, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2014.
- 3. E. Hadjiyska, G. Hughes, P. Lubin, S. Taylor, R. Hartong-Redden, and J. Zierten. *The transient optical sky survey data pipeline*. New Astronomy, 2013.
- 4. R. Hartong-Redden and R. Krechetnikov. Pattern identification in systems with S(1) symmetry. Physical Review E, 2011.
- R. Hartong-Redden and R. Krechetnikov. Experimental and theoretical study of pattern identification in physical systems on circular domains. Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics, 2010.
- 6. R. Hartong-Redden. Experimental and theoretical study of pattern identification in systems with O(2) symmetry. Bachelor's thesis, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2010.