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## Profile summary

10+ years providing analytics and R&D in pre-clinical research (drug repurposing, pharmacogenetics), pharma commercial analytics (portfolio optimization, patient health risk modeling, personalized recommendation engines) and software product development (Bodylogical, a mathematical simulation based product for modeling patient health).

### Pharma Commercial Analytics

- NLP, Knowledge graphs and AI-based recommender engines for Healthcare professionals, scaled to billions of data points on cloud infrastructure
- Statistical models for predicting disease progression and prognostic markers for multiple therapeutic areas based on longitudinal patient data and claims data

### Mathematical Modeling

- Simulations using ODEs to predict early onset of diseases from claims data
- Generating automated personalized lifestyle management recommendations based on patient wellness data
- Cloud based software development to scale to millions of users

### Pre-clinical and Life Science Research

- Pharmacogenetics analysis for predicting impact of SNPs on the mechanism of action of drug and efficacy for an antidepressant drug and gastrointestinal disease drug.
- Developed software platform for drug repurposing, deployed for multiple clients (press releases with Takeda and Astellas).
  - ◆ Graph theory and NLP based algorithms for predicting new disease indications from drug-target-disease networks.
- Developed ML algorithm for improving protein-protein interaction detection accuracy that shows good correlation with experimental data.
- Developed computational methods for understanding protein dynamics and allostery further used in predicting impact of drug resistance mutations in oncology (published two papers)

## Education

### Indian Institute of Science / PhD in Computational Biology

July 2006 - October 2012, Bangalore, India

- Thesis title: Functionally interacting proteins: analyses and prediction
  - ◆ Development of approaches towards improving remote homology detection based methods for function annotation of proteins, this led to enhanced coverage of function prediction for proteins from genomes with high sequence divergence.
  - ◆ Leveraging large scale high throughput experimental data along with bioinformatics algorithms to predict functionally interacting proteins. Predicted associations showed high correlation with experimentally known interactions and further led to identification of novel function annotations for proteins.

## **Indian Institute of Science / Masters in Life Sciences**

July 2003 - July 2006, Bangalore, India

## **Delhi University / Bachelor's in Biochemistry**

July 2000- July 2003, Delhi, India

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## **Experience**

### **Director, Data Science AI Innovation and Execution, Novartis**

March 2020 - Present

- Led the building of an enterprise wide knowledge graph by linking vast arrays of disparate data sources.
  - ◆ Instrumental in creating the next generation platform for engaging health care professionals. Platform leverages connected data from the knowledge graph, along with deep learning techniques like Graph convolutional networks to learn the graph representation and further use this in generating personalized recommendation.
  - ◆ Using knowledge graphs to build an Amazon like marketplace within Novartis by connecting products and their properties with user buying behavior. Built a product recommendation engine based on buying preferences and product attributes, useful towards nudging users to products with greater value proposition.
  - ◆ Deployed a scalable underlying graph architecture combining both OLAP and OLTP features to enhance the performance of the graph database with increasing amounts of data.
- Using deep learning to orchestrate multi-channel marketing for oncology products
  - ◆ Using recurrent neural networks like LSTMs to learn the underlying impact of multiple channels on the overall sales of drugs.
  - ◆ Combining the above mentioned channel attribution model with evolutionary algorithms to obtain optimal promotion recommendations
- Developed statistical predictive model as a virtual endpoint for clinical trial
  - ◆ Using longitudinal patient data to build statistical models for early diagnosis and potentially help in reducing the duration of clinical trials.
- Leading the development of a data driven platform leveraging advance data science approaches for evaluating pharma drug portfolio.
  - ◆ Developed a simulation platform to evaluate the entire multi-dimensional drug portfolio by integrating financial evaluation with advanced analytics and visualizations.
  - ◆ Time series analysis of the portfolio, evaluate impact of timeline perturbations.
  - ◆ Multi-objective optimization of conflicting trade-offs to select optimal projects to achieve business goals using several optimization algorithms such as genetic algorithms

### **Senior Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers**

February 2018- January 2020

- Managed a team of 6 data scientists and engineers to deliver solutions using mathematical modeling for multiple clients including Pharma and Payers.
  - ◆ Utilize mathematical models depicting human metabolic processes to evaluate health outcomes and impact of lifestyle on disease progression and drug effectiveness.
- Established simulation based algorithms to transform healthcare data ('big data') to high accuracy mechanistic predictive models.
- Integrated simulation modeling with real world data obtained from medical claims and electronic health records for US insurance clients.
- Developed a statistical model for identifying COPD burden using disease comorbidity network from medical claims data.

## **GVKBio Pvt Ltd/ Scientist, Manager of Algorithm Development Team**

February 2015 - September 2016

- Applied chem-informatics and network biology to predict drug off-targets using adverse events data.
- Developed algorithm that shows enrichment of approved drug combinations with high confidence (50% of approved combinations show up in the top 10% of data (manuscript under preparation).
- Managed a team of 4 scientists and delivered 5 algorithms for drug repurposing.
- Developed Big Data visualization/analysis engine for integrated analysis of 'omics' data.
- Generation of *in silico* platform for pharmacogenomics analysis of SNPs, with special emphasis on non-coding SNPs. Developed approach led to accurate annotation of function of 30 non-coding SNPs in two different therapeutic areas.
- Developed a drug and disease phenotype map for aiding new target identification and drug repurposing

## **Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, University of Michigan /**

Postdoc

December 2016- January 2018

- Re-designed protein-protein interaction interfaces using computational biophysical methods,
- Specifically applied on oncogenic protein Ras and its interacting partners.

Experimental validation using high-throughput assays to measure stability and binding affinities..

## **Department of Biochemistry, University of Georgia / Postdoc**

November 2012- December 2014

- Performed computational and experimental analysis of structural mechanisms of allostery in protein kinases.
- Found a unique tyrosine kinase sequence signature that allosterically controls the dynamics of ATP binding pocket and catalytic efficiency.
- Performed MD simulation analysis to predict three residues affecting ATP site dynamics and three rescue mutations.
- Using experimental thermal stability and enzyme kinetics validated the effect of MD-predicted changes in protein dynamics on enzyme regulation and function, especially drug and ATP binding kinetics.
- Identified regulatory regions in Cyclic nucleotide binding proteins of eukaryotic pathogens using Bayesian evolutionary analysis.

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## **Skills**

### **Computational**

- Graph databases and knowledge graphs, Graph based deep learning
- Network algorithms
- Time series modeling using deep learning
- Statistical modeling using machine learning and deep learning, especially with patient longitudinal data.
- Expert in Perl and Python programming.
- Proficiency in statistical analysis using Scipy, Matlab and R
- Well versed with databases and tools in computational biology (high dimensional data)
- Expertise in BigQuery, SQL and SPARK databases
- Monte carlo simulation and other simulation techniques in biophysics
- Generating data visualization using d3 and other dashboarding tools

### **Experimental**

- Standard molecular biology work, PCR, Gene construct generation, site-directed mutagenesis etc.

- Heterologous protein expression and purification.
- Enzyme kinetics using fluorescence and coupled enzyme assays.
- High throughput thermal stability assays for protein stability measurements and ligand binding assays.

## Publications

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