

# Sirisha Rambhatla

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## Experience

**Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engg., University of Minnesota** **Minneapolis, MN**  
*Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Jarvis Haupt, Ph.D* *2014–present, 2011–12*  
Research in area of statistical signal processing and machine learning.

**Robins Kaplan L.L.P.** **Minneapolis, MN**  
*Science Advisor* *March 2013- July 2014*  
Assist attorneys in strategizing for various technical issues involved in Technology Licensing and Intellectual Property (IP) Litigation.

**Ativa Medical Inc.** **St. Paul, MN**  
*Engineering Intern (R&D)* *Jun–Oct 2012 and Jun–Aug 2011*  
Develop signal and data processing tools for flow-cytometric time-series data to analyze the performance of blood diagnostics product.

## Education

**University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** **Minneapolis, MN**  
*Ph.D. Student (Electrical Engineering), 3.8* *Sep 2014–present*  
*Relevant Coursework:* Tensor Decompositions, Machine Learning, Adaptive Digital Signal Processing, Optimization Theory, Detection and Estimation, Collaborative and Social Computing  
*Awards/Honors:* E. Bruce Lee Memorial Fellowship for Academic Year 2014-15.  
National Science Foundation (NSF) Travel Award (GlobalSIP 2016).

**University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** **Minneapolis, MN**  
*M.S. Electrical Engineering, 3.7* *Dec 2012*  
*Relevant Coursework:* Introduction to Nonlinear Optimization, Multirate and Multiscale Signal Processing, Image Processing and Applications, Robust Control System Design, Robotics, Linear Systems and Optimal Control, Probability and Stochastic Processes.  
*Awards/Honors:* Selected for the SciTechsperience internship program organized by Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA).

**College of Engineering Roorkee** **Roorkee, India**  
*B.Tech (Hons.), Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering, 81.4%* *May 2010*  
*Awards/Honors:* Placed third in the merit list.  
Proficiency Award for Academic Excellence for session 2009-2010.  
Proficiency Award for Academic Excellence for session 2006-2007.

## Master's Thesis

**Title: Semi-Blind Source Separation via Sparse Approximation and Online Dictionary Learning**

**Advisor:** Prof. Jarvis Haupt Ph.D., Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engg., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

**Description:** Analyze the single channel semi-blind source separation problem with appli-

cations to electro-shock law enforcement devices, image and video data analysis.

## Skills

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**Programming Languages and Tools:** C, C++, Python, MATLAB/Simulink and Mathematica.

**Embedded programming:** dsPIC, ATMEGA16/32, MPLAB and Eclipse IDE.

## Relevant Projects

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### **TensorMap: Lidar based Topological Map and Localization via Tensor Decompositions**

*Tensor Decompositions Course Project*

*May 2016*

Develop a Tucker-3 decomposition based technique to learn topological maps for LIDAR data which compresses the map about 8300 times as compared to the full LIDAR scan.

### **Error in Variables Model for Calibration of Echo Planar Imaging (MRI)**

*Optimization Theory Course Project*

*May 2015*

Develop a technique to counter the calibration problem encountered in echo planar imaging by using the errors in variables model, posing the problem as an elastic net.

### **Geometric Wavelets : Concepts & Applications**

*Multirate and Multiscale Signal Processing Course Group Project*

*May 2012*

Implement and compare the performance of Geometric Wavelets for applications in image denoising, inpainting and classification with other state-of-the-art techniques.

### **Blind Compressed Sensing with Global Measurements**

*Nonlinear Optimization Course Project*

*Dec 2011*

Develop a novel formulation for the Blind Compressed Sensing setting (sparse basis unknown both in sampling and reconstruction stages) for sparse signal reconstruction with global samples.

## Technical Service

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- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics (T-II) 2017
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (T-SP) 2016
- Reviewer, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP) 2016
- Reviewer, International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2016
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (T-SP) 2015
- Reviewer, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP) 2015
- Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (T-SP) 2014

## Workshops

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‘Sparsity and Computation’ organized by Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, May 2011.

## Publications

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[1] S. Rambhatla and J. Haupt. Semi-Blind Source Separation via Sparse Representations and Online Dictionary Learning. *In Proceedings of the 47th Asilomar Conference on Signals Systems and Computers*, 2013.

[2] S. Rambhatla, X. Li, and J. Haupt. A dictionary based generalization of robust pca. In

2016 IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing (GlobalSIP), pages 1315–1319, Dec 2016.

[3] S. Rambhatla, X. Li, and J. Haupt. Target-based hyperspectral demixing via generalized robust pca. In *Asilomar Conference on Signals Systems and Computers*. Submitted, 2017.

[4] S. Rambhatla, D. Xiao, J. Haupt, and N. Sidiropoulos. A provable method for sparse CPD/PARAFAC tensor decomposition. In *Asilomar Conference on Signals Systems and Computers*. In preparation, 2017.

[5] S. Rambhatla and J. Haupt. Provable matrix completion under sparse factor model. In preparation, 2017.

[6] S. Rambhatla, X. Li, and J. Haupt. A dictionary based generalization of robust pca with applications. *Journal in preparation*, 2017.