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AI for Science

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EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology

B.S., Computer Science, Information + Data Science (Minor)

Current GPA: 4.1/4

Pasadena, California

2021 – Present

Thesis: "Generalizable and Robust Equivariant Diffusion to Solve Inverse Problems"

Advised by Dr. Bahareh Tolooshams and Professor Anima Anandkumar

EXPERIENCE

Computational Cameras Lab (Bouman Lab), Caltech

Undergraduate Researcher, *Advised by Brandon Zhao and Diego Royo*

Pasadena, California

Sept 2024–**Present**

- Reconstructing dark matter maps from poorly sampled astronomical data using a multi-modal variational diffusion model
- Achieved high fidelity reconstructions compared to CAMELS simulations

Anima AI + Science Lab (Anandkumar Lab), Caltech

Undergraduate Researcher, *Advised by Dr. Bahareh Tolooshams*

Pasadena, California

Sept 2023–**Present**

- Using neural operators to reduce acquisition time in Functional Ultrasound Imaging (fUS) for use in Brain Machine Interfaces
- Built and trained diffusion models for better recovery of signal from measurement in fUS and MRI
- Filtered and denoised datasets for frame-to-frame learning. Generated synthetic data

Allen Institute for Brain Sciences

Arthur Rock SURF Fellow, *Advised by Dr. Mariano Gabitto*

Seattle, Washington

Jun 2024–Oct 2024

- Leveraging lightweight transformer architectures to learn cellular representations of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) states
- Achieved state of the art performance on celltype annotation task (94% accuracy on RNA-Seq data alone)
- Preparing paper for submission.

ARCL Lab (Chung Lab), Caltech

Aerospace Corporation SURF Fellow, *Advised by Dr. Ben Riviere and John Lathrop*

Pasadena, California

Jan 2023–Aug 2023

- Built an autonomous testbed and controller for development of planning algorithms
- Developed control and planning algorithms for the Indy Autonomous Racing Challenge

AIMS Lab (Lee Lab), Paul G. Allen School, University of Washington

William H. and Helen Lang SURF Fellow, *Advised by Dr. Nicasia Beebe-Wang*

Seattle, Washington

Jul 2022–Sept 2022

- Implemented Explainable AI (XAI) techniques to learn relationships between gene expression data and AD neuropathology
- Resulting model exhibited a general improvement in prediction of AD neuropathology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/TALKS

EquiReg: Equivariance Regularized Diffusion for Inverse Problems

Bahareh Tolooshams*, **Aditi Chandrashekar***, Rayhan Zirvi*, Abbas Mammadov, Jiachen Yao, Chuwei Wang, and Anima Anandkumar

Submitted to NeurIPS 2025

VARS-fUSI: Variable Sampling for Fast and Efficient Functional Ultrasound Imaging using Neural Operators

Bahareh Tolooshams, Lydia Lin, Thierry Callier, Jiayun Wang, Sanvi Pal, **Aditi Chandrashekar**, Claire Rabut, Zongyi Li, Chase Blagden, Sumner Norman, Kamyar Azizzadenesheli, Charles Liu, Mikhail G. Shapiro, Richard A. Andersen, and Anima Anandkumar
Submitted to Nature Communications

A Unified Model for Compressed Sensing MRI Across Undersampling Patterns

Armeet Singh Jatyani, Jiayun Wang, Aditi Chandrashekar, Zihui Wu, Miguel Liu-Schiaffini, Bahareh Tolooshams, Anima Anandkumar
CVPR 2025

Learning Biologically Meaningful Cellular Representations using Transformer Architectures

Aditi Chandrashekar, Mariano Gabitto
Poster, *SURF Seminar at Caltech/ Accepted at ISCB-LATAM SolBio CCBCOL, 2024*

TabVI: Leveraging Lightweight Transformer Architectures to Learn Biologically Meaningful Cellular Representations

Aditi Chandrashekar, Rohan Gala, Andreas Tjörnberg, Saniya Khullar, Grace Huynh, Mariano Gabitto
In preparation.

Building an Autonomous Testbed for Motion Planning Algorithms on a modified RC Car

Aditi Chandrashekar, John Lathrop, Ben Rivière, Soon-Jo Chung
Talk, *SURF Seminar at Caltech, 2023*

Feature Selection using Explainable AI to Refine Associations between Prominent Genes and Alzheimer’s Disease Neuropathology

Aditi Chandrashekar, Nicasia Beebe-Wang, Su-In Lee
Talk, *SURF Seminar at Caltech, 2022*

AWARDS

- 2024 Arthur Rock SURF Fellowship
 El Segundo Defense Tech Hackathon, Accepted
- 2023 Aerospace Corporation SURF Fellowship
- 2022 William H. and Helen Lang SURF Fellowship
- 2021 George P. Mayhew Scholarship
 Regeneron ISEF Finalist

TEACHING

- 2024 SPRING-PRESENT Caltech CS 179 (GPU Programming) Teaching Assistant
- 2022-2023 WINTER Caltech CS 2 (Data Structures) Teaching Assistant
- 2022-PRESENT Caltech Peer Academic Coach (Calculus, Linear Algebra, Computer Science)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.