Alex Saad-Falcon

Education

 Georgia Institute of Technology PhD in Machine Learning — Advisor: Justin Romberg – Focus in manifold optimization, compressed sensing, and low-rank approximation – Constructing an end-to-end radar simulator incorporating circuit and digital nonlinear effective 	Atlanta, GA Aug 2020–Present ects		
 Georgia Institute of Technology M.S. in Electrical Engineering, GPA: 4.0/4.0 – Concentration in digital signal processing with a graduate research assistantship 	Atlanta, GA Jan 2018–Dec 2018		
 Georgia Institute of Technology B.S. in Electrical Engineering, GPA: 4.0/4.0 – Undergraduate research in optics and generative machine learning models for music 	Atlanta, GA Aug 2014–Dec 2017		
Experience			
 Georgia Tech Research Institute Research Engineer at the Advanced Concepts Lab – Led software development on a \$22M project, creating code from hardware drivers to UI – Wrote algorithms in C++/Python to analyze electrodynamic interactions of molecules 	Atlanta, GA Jan 2019–May 2023		

– Designed a distributed job scheduler for optimizing machine learning architectures

XONE Technology

Embedded Software Engineer

- Developed VHDL and MATLAB for a product that uses Wi-Fi for location tracking
- Coded C++ serial device drivers for attitude and heading reference systems

Selected Publications

See more on Google Scholar

- 1. A. Saad-Falcon, C. Howard, J. Romberg, and K. Allen, "Level set methods for gradient-free optimization of metasurface arrays," Scientific Reports, vol. 14, no. 1, p. 16674, Jul. 2024, doi: 10.1038/s41598-024-67142-2.
- A. Saad-Falcon, B. Ancelin, and J. Romberg, "Subspace Tracking with Dynamical Models on the Grassmannian," in 2024 IEEE 13rd Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop (SAM), Corvallis, OR, USA: IEEE, Jul. 2024, pp. 1–5. doi: 10.1109/SAM60225.2024.10636434.
- 3. A. Saad-Falcon *et al.*, "Applying an electrostatic cross-correlation to the CFTR-ATP interaction," Apr. 2024, arXiv. doi: 10.48550/ARXIV.2404.09281.
- A. Saad-Falcon, Z. Zhang, D. Ryoo, J. Dee, R. S. Westafer, and J. C. Gumbart, "Extraction of Dielectric Permittivity from Atomistic Molecular Dynamics Simulations and Microwave Measurements," J. Phys. Chem. B, vol. 126, no. 40, pp. 8021–8029, Oct. 2022, doi: 10.1021/acs.jpcb.2c05260.

Santa Clara, CA

Apr 2018-Aug 2018

- A. Saad-Falcon *et al.*, "Abstraction and Acceleration of Tensor Processing for Element-Level Digital Arrays," in 2022 IEEE International Symposium on Phased Array Systems & Technology (PAST), Waltham, MA, USA: IEEE, Oct. 2022, pp. 01–08. doi: 10.1109/PAST49659.2022.9974995.
- B. Ancelin, A. Saad-Falcon, and J. Romberg, "Rapid Grassmannian Averaging with Chebyshev Polynomials," Oct. 2024, arXiv. doi: 10.48550/ARXIV.2410.08956.
- B. Ancelin, ..., A. Saad-Falcon, et al., "MANGO: Disentangled Image Transformation Manifolds with Grouped Operators," Sep. 2024, arXiv. doi: 10.48550/ARXIV.2409.09542.

Projects

See more on my website and GitHub

- VaseGen (Python, 2020) • Using GANs to reconstruct ancient vases
- Witness Protection (Python, 2018) • Applying face swap to protect witnesses in a live video
- BinBot (Python, 2020, private)
 Trading algorithm backtesting and paper/live deployment

Python, MATLAB, C/C++, VHDL, Java

Makefile, RPM, LaTeX

HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Flask

PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-Learn, Pandas

Git, CI/CD, Kubernetes, Docker, AWS, Azure

• MATLAB Particles (MATLAB, 2014) • Particle simulation under different force fields

SKILLS

- Programming:
- AI/ML:
- Development:
- Technical Tools:
- Web:

AWARDS

• Best Poster Award – CogniSense Annual Review	2024
• Best Poster Award – ML@GT Student Conference	2024
• Molecular Generation with Machine Learning (MOLGEN) – \$115k in internal research funding	2019 - 2023
• Principal Investigator – DARPA TRIAD (Tensors for Reprogrammable Intelligent Array Demonstrations)	2021 - 2022
• Graduate Research Assistant Award – given to 1 out of 200 research assistants	2018
• FinTech Hackathon Runner-Up – wireless close-range secure payment system	2017
• HackGSU Hackathon Finalist – virtual drumset using augmented reality and microcontrollers	2017
• Stamps President's Scholarship – 50 out of ~13,000 early action applicants	2014 - 2018

LEADERSHIP

•	Freelance Private Tutoring	Jun 2020–Jun 2023
	Ran private tutoring agency with eight concurrent students in multiple subjects	
•	Molecular Dynamics/Hardware Co-op Manager at the Georgia Tech Research Institute Directed co-op students in molecular dynamics simulations and radio frequency hardware	May 2020–May 2023
•	MOLGEN Co-op Manager at the Georgia Tech Research Institute Developed an ML crash course for multiple students and jointly created a codebase and paper	Jan 2020–May 2023
•	Stamps President's Scholarship Freshman Hosting and Mentoring Hosted scholarship candidates every year and provided freshman/sophomore mentorship	Feb 2015–Mar 2017