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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D. in Computer Science, Computer Science Department; Advisor: Chris Donahue

Pittsburgh, PA

2025 - Present

Northwestern University

B.S in Computer Science, 2nd Major in Music Technology, Minor in Sound Design

Evanston, IL

2021 - 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CMU Generative Creativity (G-CLef) Lab

Graduate Researcher; Advisor: Dr. Chris Donahue

Carnegie Mellon University

August 2025 - Present

- Work in automatic music transcription: collecting data and training models for multi-task transcription setups.
- Created **MulTTiPop**, an evaluation dataset for multitrack music transcription on commercial pop music.
- Future work in exploring creative workflows that integrate machine learning techniques, musicians' artistic visions, and music consumers' perceptions of machine-assisted music.

Interactive Audio Lab

Undergraduate Researcher; Advisor: Dr. Bryan Pardo

Northwestern University

April 2022 - June 2025

- Developed **HARP**, an editor for remote-hosted audio generation and analysis machine learning models in C++ and JUCE.
- Created interface and implementation to attribute generative music to melodically and timbrally similar songs in training data using audio embeddings.
- Implemented experiments and evaluated **ProMoNet** for fine-grain speech editing.
- Detected emphasized words in speech (**Emphases**) using pitch estimation, phoneme alignment, PyTorch convolutional and transformer neural networks.
- Implemented and evaluated pitch estimation neural networks (**PENN**) on speech and music datasets using PyTorch and Tensorboard.

TIDAL Lab

Summer Intern; Advisor: Dr. Michael Horn

Northwestern University

June 2023 - August 2023

- Taught Python via music composition and creation over Zoom and in person to students ages 10-18 using TunePad.
- Implemented digital audio workspace features into TunePad using Dart and JavaScript.

Globus Labs AI Team

Computer Science Research Aide; Advisors: Dr. Ian Foster, Dr. Ben Blaiszik

Argonne National Laboratory

August 2021 - August 2022

- Adapted framework for Convolutional Neural Networks to segment oxygen-evolution electrocatalysis video data.
- Implemented ML code for high performance computing, including the Argonne Theta supercomputer.
- Documented implementations of machine learning frameworks for use by materials scientists.

Materials Data Facility

Research Intern; Advisor: Dr. Ben Blaiszik

The University of Chicago

June 2020 - August 2021

- Achieved 5000x speedup on classification of dendrite segmentation imagery via 3D convolutional neural networks.
- Advised creation of Northwestern University materials science course module (MAT_SCI 395-6) on applying neural networks to materials data. Coursework includes Jupyter notebooks hosted on Google Colab.
- Organized and plotted cyclic voltammetry data using Pandas and Matplotlib.
- Applied SIFT, SURF, and other computer vision methods to electron microscopy data.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **N. Pruyne**, B. Stoler, W. Chen, C.-y. Huang, S. Watanabe, and C. Donahue, "Multtipop: A multitrack transcription dataset for pop music," *arXiv preprint arXiv:2607.08756*, 2026.
- [2] F. Cwitkowitz, C. Benetatos, Q. Deng, H. Yu, **N. Pruyne**, P. O'Reilly, H. F. Garcia, Z. Duan, and B. Pardo, "Harp 3.0: Generalizing i/o and api support for machine learning in digital audio workstations," NeurIPS 2025 Workshop on AI for Music, 2025.

- [3] P. O'Reilly, J. Barnett, H. F. Garcia, A. Chu, **N. Pruyne**, P. Seetharaman, and B. Pardo, "The rhythm in anything: Audio-prompted drums generation with masked language modeling," *arXiv preprint arXiv:2509.15625*, 2025.
- [4] C. Benetatos, F. Cwitkowitz, **N. Pruyne**, H. F. Garcia, P. O'Reilly, Z. Duan, and B. Pardo, "Harp 2.0: Expanding hosted, asynchronous, remote processing for deep learning in the daw," in *ISMIR 2024 Late Breaking Demos*, 2024.
- [5] M. Morrison, C. Churchwell, **N. Pruyne**, and B. Pardo, "Fine-grained and interpretable neural speech editing," in *INTERSPEECH 2024*, 2024.
- [6] M. Morrison, P. Pawar, **N. Pruyne**, J. Cole, and B. Pardo, "Crowdsourced and automatic speech prominence estimation," in *2024 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pp. 12281–12285, 2024.
- [7] J. R. Lake, S. Rufer, J. James, **N. Pruyne**, A. Scourtas, M. Schwarting, A. Ambadkar, I. Foster, B. Blaiszik, and K. K. Varanasi, "Machine learning-guided discovery of gas evolving electrode bubble inactivation," *Nanoscale*, 2024.
- [8] M. Morrison, C. Hsieh, **N. Pruyne**, and B. Pardo, "Cross-domain neural pitch and periodicity estimation," in *arXiv preprint arXiv:2301.12258*, 2023.
- [9] J. James, **N. Pruyne**, T. Stan, M. Schwarting, J. Yeom, S. Hong, P. Voorhees, B. Blaiszik, and I. Foster, "Segmentation of tomography datasets using 3d convolutional neural networks," *Computational Materials Science*, vol. 216, p. 111847, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

- [1] **N. Pruyne** and B. Pardo, "Allowing attribution for generative music models," in *Northwestern Undergraduate Research Showcase 2024*, October 2024.
- [2] S. Rufer, J. Lake, A. Scourtas, J. James, **N. Pruyne**, M. Schwarting, B. Blaiszik, and K. Varanasi, "Machine learning guided interrogation of gas evolving electrode catalyst activity," in *MRS 2022: AI for Characterization*, August 2022.
- [3] T. Stan, **N. Pruyne**, J. James, M. Schwarting, J. Yeom, P. Voorhees, B. Blaiszik, and I. Foster, "Analysis of in-situ x-ray tomography datasets of dendritic solidification using 2d and 3d machine learning algorithms," in *TMS 2022: Advanced Real Time Imaging Symposium*, February 2022.

EDUCATIONAL MODULES

- [1] T. Stan, J. James, **N. Pruyne**, M. Schwarting, J. Yeom, P. Voorhees, B. J. Blaiszik, I. Foster, and J. D. Emery, "Machine learning in materials science: Image analysis using convolutional neural networks in matchn," Nov 2021. Available on nanoHUB.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CS 352: Machine Perception of Music and Audio <i>Peer Mentor, Dr. Bryan Pardo</i>	Northwestern University <i>Spring 2025</i>
CS 449: Deep Learning <i>Peer Mentor, Dr. Bryan Pardo</i>	Northwestern University <i>Spring 2024, Winter 2025</i>
CS 354: Computer System Security <i>Peer Mentor, Dr. Yan Chen</i>	Northwestern University <i>Winter 2024</i>

AWARDS & HONORS

Northwestern Computer Science Outstanding Senior	2025
Robert and Barbara Feldmann Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2024
Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society	2023
National Merit Scholarship	2020 - 2021

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Songwriters Association at Northwestern

Northwestern University

*Co-President**2022 - 2025*

- Plan, promote, and run student music festivals, band showcases, guest speaker events, and student-written and produced original music compilations.
- Create environment for student musicians and songwriters to share and improve their work through feedback sessions, music production workshops, and band formation events.

Electronic Music Composition/Production*2016 - Present*