#### **Aspiring PI Info:**

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#### **Research interests**

I am generally interested in the synergy between formal methods and heuristic approaches. My focus is on:

- Empowering formal methods to address complex real-world problems
- Conversely, enhancing heuristic approaches by integrating the lessons from formal methods.

# **Current Project(s)**

I work on several formal-method-related projects across different domains:

- Computer Engineering: Statistical model checking for evaluation of computer architectures.
- Autonomous Planning: Logic-guided safe reinforcement learning in contested environments.
- Data Mining: Logic-infused deep learning for spatiotemporal data analysis.

# **Project Idea(s)**

- Idea: Formal verification/falsification of learningenabled autonomy
- Impact on society/Who will benefit:
  - Enhanced interpretability
  - Guaranteed real-world safety
  - Alignment with human values
- Possible transition to practice:
  - Autonomous driving
  - Robotics/Embodied AI
- Education and Outreach:
  - Hands-on system building
  - Collaborative student teamwork
- Quantify impacts if possible
  - Application-based benchmarking
  - Adoption by academia and industry

# Possible collaborators sought

- Theorem proving
- Machine learning
- Robotics, data science

