

# Peter Xenopoulos

## Experience

### Research Scientist, NVIDIA

*January 2023 - Present*

Working at the intersection of artificial intelligence and video games.

### Head of Quantitative Research, Novig

*January 2023 - Present*

Led engineering and research efforts to provide scalable and accurate sports simulations at sub-second latency to price NFL, MLB, NBA, and NCAA markets. Delivered robust, cloud-based streaming and model deployment solutions that simultaneously power tens of thousands of betting markets.

### Data Scientist, Product Analytics, Facebook

*May 2021 - August 2021 (Internship)*

Analyzed speech recognition models and user field test data for an augmented reality product. The analysis revealed structural fairness concerns for critical demographics and product usage environments.

### Data Scientist, Big League Advantage

*May 2019 - August 2019 (Internship)*

Created and deployed an end-to-end college football prediction system (preprocessing, modeling, deployment) for main markets in under 3 months, which guided profitable bets. Continued as a consultant to work on baseball player valuation.

## Education

### Ph.D., Computer Science, New York University

*August 2018 - December 2022, Advised by Claudio Silva, Thesis: [Data Mining for Esports](#)*

Awards: Pearl Brownstein Doctoral Research Award, Deborah Rosenthal, M.D. Outstanding Qualls Performance Award

### B.A., Mathematics & Economics (Double Major), Pomona College

*August 2014 - May 2018*

Awards: Distinction in Mathematics Thesis

## Projects

For a list of published academic works, visit [peterxeno.com](http://peterxeno.com) or see below.

### Awpy | [awpycs.com](http://awpycs.com), 300+ Github Stars & 17,000+ installs

I created the Awpy library in Python, which is used to parse, analyze, and visualize Counter-Strike game replay files. Hundreds, including professional esports teams, use it regularly. I also manage a small team of developers that maintains Awpy.

### ESTA | [github.com/pnxenopoulos/esta](https://github.com/pnxenopoulos/esta)

I created the Esports Trajectories and Actions (ESTA) open-source dataset that provides rich player position and event data for over 1,500 professional Counter-Strike game replays.

## Skills

**Programming:** Python, Rust, JavaScript, R, SQL, Git, Github Actions, CI/CD, Docker, AWS/GCP

**Technical:** Graph/Convolutional neural networks, CNNs, Machine learning interpretability, Tree-based methods

# Selected Publications

## Conference

- **Xenopoulos, P.**, Rulff, J., Nonato, L. G., Barr, B., & Silva, C. (2022). *Calibrate: Interactive Analysis of Probabilistic Model Output*. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 29(1), 853-863.
- **Xenopoulos, P.**, Freeman, W. R., & Silva, C. (2022, April). *Analyzing the Differences between Professional and Amateur Esports through Win Probability*. In Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference 2022 (pp. 3418-3427).
- **Xenopoulos, P.**, & Silva, C. (2021, December). *Graph Neural Networks to Predict Sports Outcomes*. In 2021 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data) (pp. 1757-1763). IEEE.
- **Xenopoulos, P.**, Doraiswamy, H., & Silva, C. (2020, December). *Valuing Player Actions in Counter-Strike: Global Offensive*. In 2020 IEEE international conference on big data (big data) (pp. 1283-1292). IEEE.

## Journal

- **Xenopoulos, P.**, Rulff, J., & Silva, C. (2022). *ggViz: Accelerating Large-Scale Esports Game Analysis*. Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction, 6(CHI PLAY), 1-22.

## Workshop

- **[Keynote] Xenopoulos, P.**, Chan, G., Doraiswamy, H., Nonato, L. G., Barr, B., & Silva, C. (2022, November). *GALE: Globally Assessing Local Explanations*. In Topological, Algebraic and Geometric Learning Workshops 2022 (pp. 322-331). PMLR.
- **Xenopoulos, P.**, Coelho, B. & Silva, C. (2022, November). *Optimal Team Economic Decisions in Counter-Strike*. In AI for Sports Analytics Workshop 2021. IJCAI.
- Petri, G., Stanley, M., Hon, A., Dong, A., **Xenopoulos, P.**, & Silva, C. (2022, November). *Bandit Modeling of Map Selection in Counter-Strike: Global Offensive*. In AI for Sports Analytics Workshop 2021. IJCAI.

## Preprint

- Hogan-Hennessy, S., **Xenopoulos, P.**, & Silva, C. (2022, October). *Market Interventions in a Large Scale Virtual Economy*.
- **Xenopoulos, P.**, & Silva, C. (2022, April). *ESTA: An Esports Trajectory and Action Dataset*.