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Viterbi School of Engineering
University of Southern California

Fall 2019

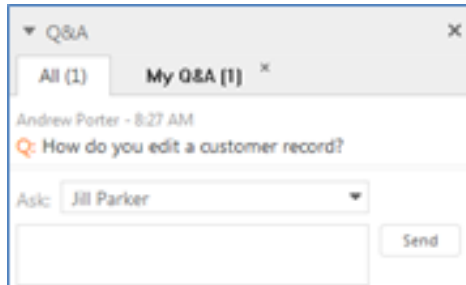
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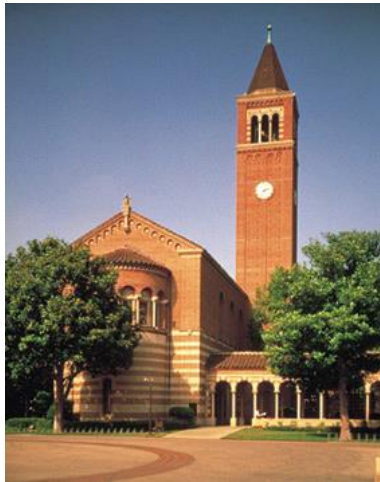
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Today's Program

- University of Southern California
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- Graduate Programs in Petroleum Engineering
 - Program Overview
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- DEN@Viterbi
- Tuition & Fees
- Q&A



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



The University of Southern California



- Oldest Private University in the western U.S.
 - Founded in 1880
- 47,500 Students
 - 20,000 Undergraduates | 27,500 Graduates
- 4,451 Full-time Faculty
- Diverse Student Population
- Located in Los Angeles

Viterbi School at a Glance



Academic Departments

- 8 Academic Departments

Faculty

- 188 tenure-track faculty
- 16 Full-time, TT NAE Members (30 Total)
- 70+ NSF CAREER, National & Presidential Young Investigator

Student Populations (Fall 2018)

- 2,767 Undergraduate
- 5,922 Graduate students

Research

- Leader in funded research
- 35+ Research Centers
- More than \$207M in research expenditures annually

USC Engineering: Points of Distinction



- International Reputation for Excellence
- The Trojan Family Network: 77,000+ (engineers) strong
- Unique engineering programs available:
Online, on site & on campus
- Complete range of programs
 - Doctoral, Masters and Bachelors
 - Graduate Certificates
 - Short Courses
 - Custom Programs

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Best Engineering Graduate Schools

- **Top 10 Ranked Graduate Engineering Program**

Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs

- **Ranked #1 Online Graduate Computer Information Technology Program (Computer Science)**
- **Ranked #2 Online Graduate Engineering Programs**

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- **Ranked #1 Online Graduate Computer Information Technology Program (Computer Science) for Veterans**
- **Ranked #2 Online Graduate Engineering Programs for Veterans**

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Best Petroleum Engineering Programs

Ranked in 2019, part of [Best Engineering Schools](#)

Petroleum engineers are charged with discovering the best ways to extract oil and gas from underground deposits. These are the top graduate schools for petroleum engineering. Each school's score reflects its average rating on a scale from 1 (marginal) to 5 (outstanding), based on a survey of academics at peer institutions. [Read the methodology »](#)

For full rankings, GRE scores and student debt data, sign up for the [U.S. News Engineering School Compass](#).



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PROGRAM RANKINGS

Engineering

Petroleum Engineerir

SCHOOL NAME

southern california

University of Southern California (Viterbi)
Los Angeles, CA
#8 in Petroleum Engineering Programs
#9 in Best Engineering Schools
The Andrew and Erna Viterbi School of Engineering at University of Southern California (Viterbi) has an application... [READ MORE »](#)


ENGINEERING SCHOOL DATA


TUITION (MASTER'S)


ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)

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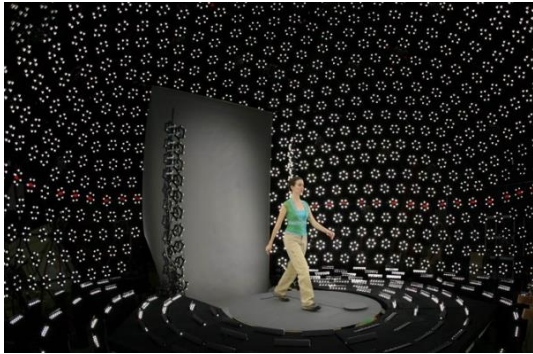
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The Viterbi School of Engineering: A Leader in Research

Viterbi School is a consistent leader in funded research in the U.S.



Institute for Creative Technologies



Biomimetic Microelectronic Systems Engineering Research Center



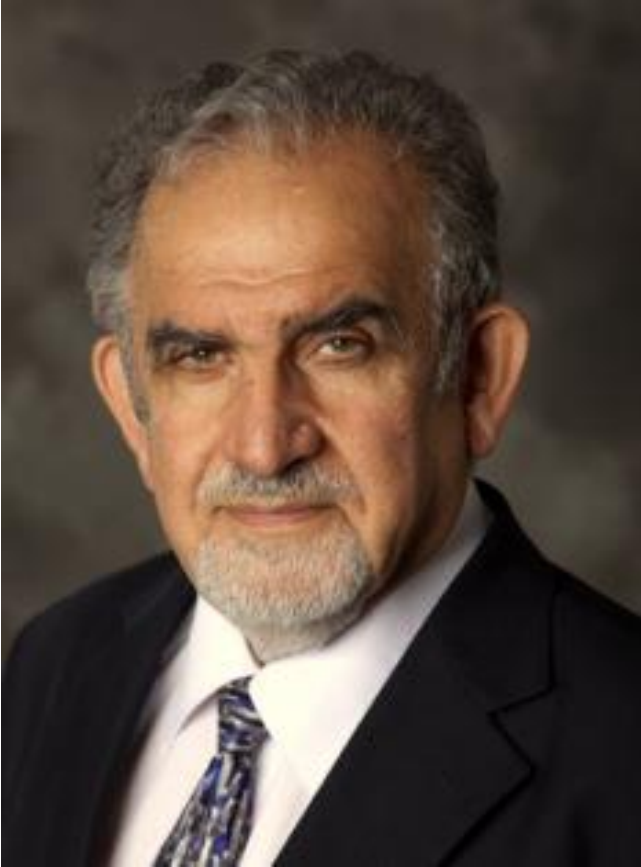
National Center for Metropolitan Transportation Research



CREATE Homeland Security Center

- Highly interdisciplinary research environment
- Diverse research areas such as robotics, software engineering, sensor networks, vision sciences, automated construction and photonics
- Over 35 research centers
- Industrial partnerships and collaboration

Meet Professor Iraj Ershaghi









Dr. Iraj Ershaghi

- Director of Petroleum Engineering
- Executive Director of the Chevron-USC Center for Interactive Smart Oilfield Technologies (CiSoft)
- Executive Director of UKC (USC-KOC) Center for Research and Education
- National Academy of Engineering Member

What Petroleum Engineering Graduate Programs are Offered by USC?

Petroleum Engineering: Program Offerings

- MS in Petroleum Engineering 
- MS in Petroleum Engineering (Geoscience Technologies) 
- MS in Petroleum Engineering (Smart Oilfield Technologies) 
- MS in Petroleum Engineering / MS in Engineering Management (Dual Degree) 

- Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Engineering (Smart Oilfield Technologies) 
- Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Engineering (Unconventional Resources) 



Available online via DEN@Viterbi

MS in Petroleum Engineering – Program Details

 Available online via DEN@Viterbi

Program Requirements: 30-32 units selected under the direction of the student's adviser

Required Courses (19 units)

- PTE 507 | Engineering and Economic Evaluation of Subsurface Reservoirs (3 units)
- PTE 508 | Numerical Simulation of Subsurface Flow and Transport Processes (3 units)
- PTE 517 | Testing of Wells and Aquifers (3 units)
- PTE 531 | Enhanced Oil and Gas Recovery (4 units)
- PTE 555 | Well Completion, Stimulation, and Damage Control (3 units)
- PTE 582 | Fluid Flow and Transport Processes in Porous Media (3 units)

Elective Courses (9 units)

See MS in Petroleum Engineering program page for a complete list of elective courses

<https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/programs/masters/msprograms/petroleum-engineering/ms-petroleum-engineering/>

MS in Petroleum Engineering (Geoscience Technologies) – Program Details

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Program Requirements: 35 units

Required Courses (19 units)

- PTE 507 | Engineering and Economic Evaluation of Subsurface Reservoirs (3 units)
- PTE 508 | Numerical Simulation of Subsurface Flow and Transport Processes (3 units)
- PTE 517 | Testing of Wells and Aquifers (3 units)
- PTE 531 | Enhanced Oil and Gas Recovery (4 units)
- PTE 555 | Well Completion, Stimulation, and Damage Control (3 units)
- PTE 582 | Fluid Flow and Transport Processes in Porous Media (3 units)

Take 4 out of 5 Courses Shown Below (12-13 units)

- PTE 502 | Advanced Reservoir Characterization (3 units)
- PTE 503 | Technology of Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources Development (3 units)
- PTE 504 | Geophysics for Petroleum Engineers (3 units)
- PTE 505 | Inverse Modeling for Dynamic Data Integration (3 units)
- PTE 572L | Applied Geostatistical Modeling for Subsurface Characterization (4 units)

Elective Courses (4 units)

MS in Petroleum Engineering (Smart Oilfield Technologies) – Program Details

 Available online via DEN@Viterbi

Program Requirements: 35 units

Required Courses (31 units)

- PTE 507 | Engineering and Economic Evaluation of Subsurface Reservoirs (3 units)
- PTE 508 | Numerical Simulation of Subsurface Flow and Transport Processes (3 units)
- PTE 517 | Testing of Wells and Aquifers (3 units)
- PTE 531 | Enhanced Oil and Gas Recovery (4 units)
- PTE 555 | Well Completion, Stimulation, and Damage Control (3 units)
- PTE 582 | Fluid Flow and Transport Processes in Porous Media (3 units)
- PTE 586 | Intelligent and Collaborative Oilfield Systems Characterization and Management (3 units)
- PTE 587 | Smart Completions, Oilfield Sensors and Sensor Technology (3 units)
- PTE 588 | Smart Oilfield Data Mining (3 units)
- PTE 589 | Advanced Oilfield Operations with Remote Immersive Visualization and Control (3 units)

Elective Courses (4 units)

See the program page for a complete list of elective courses
<https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/programs/masters/msprograms/petroleum-engineering/ms-pte-smart-oilfield-tech/>

MS in Petroleum Engineering/ Engineering Management (Dual Program) – Program Details

 Available online via DEN@Viterbi

Program Requirements: 45 units

Required Courses (37 units from PTE and ISE combined)

- PTE 507 | Engineering and Economic Evaluation of Subsurface Reservoirs (3 units)
- PTE 508 | Numerical Simulation of Subsurface Flow and Transport Processes (3 units)
- PTE 517 | Testing of Wells and Aquifers (3 units)
- PTE 531 | Enhanced Oil and Gas Recovery (4 units)
- PTE 555 | Well Completion, Stimulation, and Damage Control (3 units)
- PTE 582 | Fluid Flow and Transport Processes in Porous Media (3 units)
- ISE 500 | Statistics for Engineering Managers (3 units)
- ISE 514 | Advanced Production Planning and Scheduling (3 units)
- ISE 515 | Engineering Project Management (3 units)
- ISE 544 | Management of Engineering Teams (3 units)
- ISE 561 | Economic Analysis of Engineering Projects (3 units)
- ISE 566 | Financial Accounting Analysis for Engineering (3 units)

Elective Courses (9 units)

Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Engineering (Smart Oilfield Technologies) – Program Details

 Available online via DEN@Viterbi

Program Requirements: 12 units

Required Courses (6 units)

- PTE 586 | Intelligent and Collaborative Oilfield Systems Characterization and Management (3 units)
- PTE 588 | Smart Oilfield Data Mining (3 units)

Additional courses – choose two (6 units)

- PTE 519 | Integrated Physical and Cyber Security for Oil and Gas Operations (3 units)
- PTE 587 | Smart Completions, Oilfield Sensors and Sensor Technology (3 units)
- PTE 589 | Advanced Oilfield Operations with Remote Immersive Visualization and Control (3 units)

Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Engineering (Unconventional Resources) – Program Details

 Available online via DEN@Viterbi

Program Requirements: 12 units

Required Courses (12 units)

- PTE 502 | Advanced Reservoir Characterization (3 units)
- PTE 503 | Technology of Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources Development (3 units)
- PTE 504 | Geophysics for Petroleum Engineers (3 units)
- PTE 572L | Applied Geostatistical Modeling for Subsurface Characterization (4 units)
or
- PTE 591 | Petroleum Geochemistry (3 units)

**Where are USC Viterbi
Petroleum Engineering
alumni working?**

Where Our Alumni Are Working

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS DO?

WHAT DO OUR GRADUATES DO?



**Can a student pursue a
Petroleum Engineering
graduate program online?**

Course Delivery Methods



Methods of Course Delivery

- **On-campus, full time**
 - 3 classes per semester
 - 1.5 – 2 years to complete
- **Online delivery via DEN@Viterbi**
 - 1-2 classes per semester
 - 2.5 – 3 years to complete degree

How DEN@Viterbi Works

The Viterbi School of Engineering uses a state-of-the-art, proprietary web-based delivery system that enables students from around the world to access classes live or on-demand.

DEN@Viterbi Students:

- View the same lectures as on-campus students, with fresh content every semester
- Participate in highly interactive discussions with professors and peers
- Submit homework electronically
- Take exams at proctored testing centers near their home or work (or at USC if in the Los Angeles area)

DEN@Viterbi Overview

	DEN@Viterbi Student	On-Campus Student
Program Admission	USC Graduate Application & required materials	USC Graduate Application & required materials
Weekly Course Lectures	Online with Interactivity	On USC's Campus
Online Course Archives (Lectures & Course Documents)	✓	✓ *
Assignments	Submit electronically according to course deadlines	Submit during lecture or lab according to course deadlines
Exams	Proctored location	USC's campus
Courses per Semester (Average)	1-2	3-4
Degree Completion Requirements	27-37 units with a 3.0 GPA or above	27-37 units with a 3.0 GPA or above
USC Diploma (No Distinction)	✓	✓

*DEN@Viterbi Sections Only

DEN@Viterbi's E-Learning System



DEN@Viterbi Classroom

DEN@Viterbi's E-Learning System

The interface displays a video player with the following components and annotations:

- Breadcrumbs for easy navigation:** A path at the top showing "Table of Contents > Week 4 > Lecture Video 09/13/2017".
- Bookmark needed content areas:** A bookmark icon in the top right navigation bar.
- Navigate to the next item or previous:** Previous and next navigation arrows in the top right.
- Pull-out tab for easy weekly content access:** A tab on the left side of the video player.
- Player controls include play/pause, and forward/rewind 30 seconds:** A control bar at the bottom of the video player showing a progress bar and playback buttons.
- Stream in HD, SD, or on your mobile device:** Buttons at the bottom left for "Play HD (1.5MB)", "Play SD (750KB)", and "Android / IOS".

The video content shows a hand-drawn diagram of a cylinder with radius r and height z , and the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \nabla^2 u$$
$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

DEN@Viterbi's E-Learning System

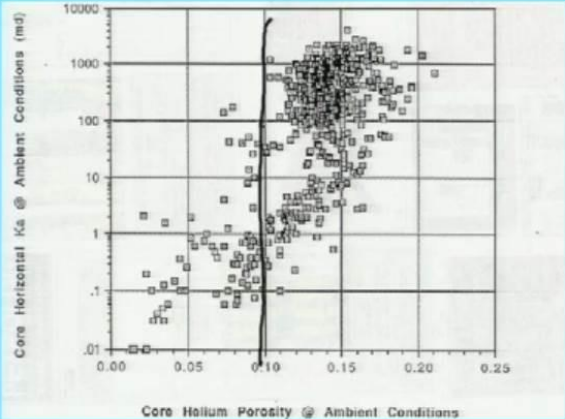
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Helium Porosity vs. Air Permeability



Core Helium Porosity @ Ambient Conditions

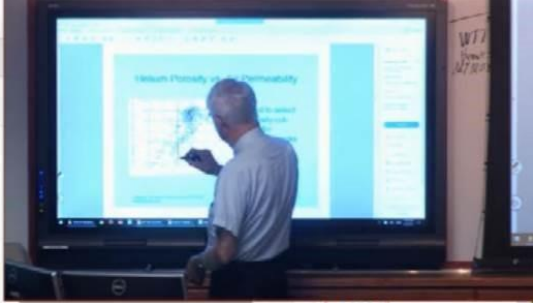
Core Horizontal Ka @ Ambient Conditions

- Used to select porosity cut-offs, for reservoir rocks.
- Based on permeability values.

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PTE-461: Fall 2017 Section 3: Petrophysics

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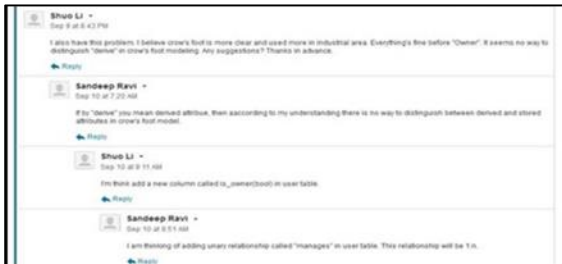
Student Interactivity & Group Meetings



- All DEN@Viterbi students are provided access to their own meeting rooms which can be used for several purposes:
 - Enable video communication (web and mobile)
 - Integrate phone conferencing
 - Integrate fixed room IP video systems
 - Desktop sharing
 - Set up meetings with faculty, teaching assistants and peers



- Call in during live lectures
- Participate in live chats and threaded discussion boards



Question: Is there any difference between earning a Master's degree on campus vs. via DEN@Viterbi?

Answer: NO. DEN@Viterbi is a delivery method. Students adhere to the:

- Same Admission Criteria
- Same Curriculum
- Same Exams and Homework
- Same Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements

Therefore...

You earn the same diploma whether you earn the degree on-campus or online through DEN@Viterbi.

What are the Application Requirements and Tuition & Fees?

Application Criteria for Graduate Programs

Each program has unique application requirements – please be sure to review specific information for your program(s) of interest:

<https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/programs/masters/msprograms/petroleum-engineering/>

General Application Criteria

- An undergraduate degree in Petroleum Engineering (or other engineering, math or hard science with assigned deficiencies) from a regionally accredited college or university
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is recommended (*not required*)
- Satisfactory scores on the general portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test that are less than five years old
- Resume/CV (Required)
- Personal Statement (Required)
- Letters of Recommendation (3 Required)
- TOEFL (International Applicants)

Application Deadlines

Application Deadlines

Fall 2020

- Deadline to submit all required materials: January 15, 2020*
- Deadline for Scholarship Consideration (on-campus only): December 15, 2019

Spring 2021

- Deadline to submit all required materials: September 15, 2020*
- Deadline for Scholarship Consideration (on-campus only): August 31, 2020

** A deadline extension for DEN@Viterbi applicants may be available. Please email DEN@Viterbi.usc.edu for more information.*

Helpful Links:

List of DEN@Viterbi Programs
<http://viterbi.usc.edu/DENDegrees>

USC Graduate Application:
<https://usc.liaisoncas.com>

DEN@Viterbi Additional Information

Limited Status

- Allows strong candidates with an undergraduate degree in engineering, math or a hard science from a regionally accredited institution with a *cumulative GPA of at least 3.0* (on a 4.0 scale) to begin coursework before formal admission.
- Courses (*maximum of 12 units*) can be applied toward degree program if admitted but *Limited Status does not guarantee formal admission*.
- Get Started this Spring 2020 - completing your DEN@Viterbi Profile: viterbi.usc.edu/DENProfile

Employer Reimbursement Deferment

Students supported by a company can defer payment of up to 90% of tuition until after the semester is over.

Program Eligibility

- Your employer reimburses you for tuition at the end of each term.
- Your student account is current.

Program Participation Requirements (required every semester prior to the settlement deadline each term)

- Complete and submit deferment application
- Pay 10% of tuition, 100% of all fees and a \$100 application fee
- Sign and submit promissory note packet to uscsfs@usc.edu

For additional information: <https://sfs.usc.edu/payment/employer-reimbursement/>

Tuition & Fees (2019-2020)

Example of tuition and fees for a DEN@Viterbi Student

PER-COURSE FEES	Unit Cost	Tuition for 3-Unit Course	Tuition for 4-Unit Course
Tuition for 500/600 level course	\$2,075	\$6,225	\$8,300

PER-SEMESTER FEES	Cost	Total per semester
Engineering Access Fee	\$35	\$35
Norman Topping Student Aid Fund	\$8	\$8

** Additional fees include textbooks (\$150 - 200) and exam proctoring fees (\$40 - 100)*

DEN@Viterbi Scholarship

Merit-based scholarships awarded to outstanding students pursuing a master's program fully online via DEN@Viterbi

Scholarship Details

- Partial scholarships ranging from 1-4 units of tuition are available for students pursuing a Viterbi master's program fully online and who receive partial or no tuition reimbursement funds from their employer.
- Funding provided during awarded academic year. Applicants can reapply each year for future scholarship consideration.
- For information on future DEN@Viterbi Scholarship options, please email DEN@Viterbi.usc.edu.

More Information & Application:

<http://viterbi.usc.edu/gradscholarships>

Chevron-USC Partnership Fellowships

Chevron Corporation awards competitive fellowships to outstanding incoming Master's students.

Scholarship Details

- **Award Amount:** \$25,000 (paid over multiple years) and continual contact with Chevron executives, with opportunities for future internships and employment
- **Eligibility:** Must be a new or PDP (progressive degree program), full-time, residential (on-campus) Master's student. Two scholarships awarded to students in the MS in Petroleum Engineering (Smart Oilfield Technologies), and one to a student in either the MS in Chemical Engineering, MS in Materials Science or MS in Materials Engineering (two elective courses in Petroleum Engineering must be taken).
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.3 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or its territories.

More Information & How to Apply:

<http://viterbi.usc.edu/gradscholarships>

Getting Started

For those interested in taking classes on campus:

- Visit USC campus
- Start your application: <https://gradadm.usc.edu/apply/>

For those interested in taking classes online via DEN@Viterbi:

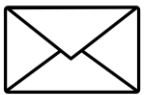
- Start your application: <https://gradadm.usc.edu/apply/> -or-
- Start as a Limited Status Student as early as Spring 2020
Complete the DEN@Viterbi Profile: viterbi.usc.edu/denprofile

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