

PHD CANDIDATE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AT UIUC

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Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urbana-Champaign, USA

PHD in CS, Outstanding Graduate Award (Advisors: Saurabh Gupta & David Forsyth)

August 2021 - Ongoing

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Roorkee, India

BACHELORS IN EE & CS (DEPARTMENT GOLD MEDAL & INSTITUTE BRONZE MEDAL)

July 2014 - May 2018

Publications

- Prakash, Lundell, Andreychuk, Forsyth, Gupta*, Sawhney*. How Do I Do That? Synthesizing 3D Hand Motion and Contacts for Everyday Interactions. CVPR'25 Highlight
- Prakash, Tu, Chang, Gupta. 3D Hand Pose Estimation in Everyday Egocentric Images. ECCV'24
- Prakash, Gupta, Gupta. Mitigating Perspective Distortion-induced Shape Ambiguity in Image Crops. ECCV'24
- Prakash, Chang, Jin, Tu, Gupta. 3D Reconstruction of Objects in Hands without Real World 3D Supervision. ECCV'24
- Fan, Ohkawa, Yang, ..., **Prakash**, Gupta, ..., Yao. Benchmarks and Challenges in Pose Estimation for Egocentric Hand Interactions with Objects. *ECCV'24*
- Chang, **Prakash**, Gupta. Look Ma, No Hands! Agent-Environment Factorization of Egocentric Videos. *NeurIPS*'23
- Prakash, Chang, Jin, Gupta. Learning Hand-Held Object Reconstruction from In-The-Wild Videos. arXiv'23
- Chitta, Prakash, Jaeger, Yu, Renz, Geiger. TransFuser: Imitation with Transformer-Based Sensor Fusion for Autonomous Driving. TPAMI'22
- Prakash*, Chitta*, Geiger. Multi-Modal Fusion Transformer for End-to-End Autonomous Driving. CVPR'21
- Chitta*, Prakash*, Geiger. NEAT: Neural Attention Fields for End-to-End Autonomous Driving. ICCV'21
- **Prakash**, Behl*, Ohn-Bar*, Chitta, Geiger. Exploring Data Aggregation in Policy Learning for Vision-based Urban Autonomous Driving. *CVPR'20*
- Ohn-Bar, **Prakash**, Behl, Chitta, Geiger. Learning Situational Driving. CVPR'20
- Behl*, Chitta*, **Prakash**, Ohn-Bar, Geiger. Label Efficient Visual Abstractions for Autonomous Driving. *IROS'20*
- Poursaeed*, Yang*, Prakash*, Fang, Jiang, Hariharan, Belongie. Deep Fundamental Matrix Estimation without Correspondences. GMDL Workshop, ECCV'18
- Kundu*, Ganeshan*, Rahul*, **Prakash**, Babu. iSPA-Net: Iterative Semantic Pose Alignment Network. ACMMM'18
- Recommendation System Based on Individualized Privacy Settings. US Patent 10817618B2

Research Experience

Research Intern | Microsoft Spatial AI Lab

Redmond, USA

3D Generative Models for Hand-Object Interactions | Supervisors: Harpreet Sawhney & Ben Lundell

May 2024 - August 2024

- Exploring 3D affordance-based representation learning for hand-object interactions
- Extending VQVAE models for generating hand-object motions in diverse settings with unknown 3D objects

Research Assistant | Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

Tübingen, Germany

Imitation Learning for End-to-End Driving in Simulation | Supervisors: Andreas Geiger & Eshed Ohn-Bar

April 2019 - May 2021

- Incorporating attention in imitation learning for multi-modal and interpretable representations for autonomous driving
- Improving data distribution in policy learning using on-policy (DAgger, SMILe, RAIL) and off-policy (DART) techniques

Global Resident | NAVER AI Research

Seoul, South Korea

MACHINE READING COMPREHENSION | MANAGER: JUNG-WOO HA

August 2018 - February 2019

· Exploring learnable graph based structures for learning long range dependencies and improving interpretability in transformers

Remote Collaboration | Cornell Tech

DEEP FUNDAMENTAL MATRIX ESTIMATION | SUPERVISOR: OMID POURSAEED

April 2018 - September 2018

· Incorporating positional features, disparity maps & differentiable reconstruction modules in neural networks for epipolar geometry

Research Intern | Indian Institute of Science

Bengaluru, India

3D OBJECT POSE ESTIMATION | SUPERVISORS: JOGENDRA NATH KUNDU & R. VENKATESH BABU

December 2017 - March 2018

· Employed siamese architecture (UCN) with iterative error feedback for predicting 3D poses & learning semantic correspondences

Research Intern | Adobe Research

Bengaluru, India

PRIVACY AWARE RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS | SUPERVISOR: BY IFTIKHAR AHAMATH BURHANUDDIN

May 2017 - July 2017

· Explored differential privacy in matrix factorization, SVD, KNN, Q-learning, back propagation in LSTMs

Talks

- Hands in Action in the AVG Reading Group at University of Tübingen (October 2024)
- Hands in Action in the Microsoft Research Seminar (September 2024)
- Understanding Hand-Object Interactions in the Wild at the Microsoft Spatial AI Lab (June 2024)
- Robot Learning by Understanding Videos in the Action and Perception course at U Michigan (Winter 2023-24)
- Reducing Scale Ambiguity due to Data Augmentation at Understanding Hands in Action Workshop (ICCV 2023)
- Learning Hand-Held Object Reconstruction from In-the-Wild Videos at CV4Metaverse Workshop (ICCV 2023)
- Neural Attention Fields for End-to-End Autonomous Driving at Transformers for Vision Workshop (CVPR 2022)
- Incorporating Attention in Imitation Learning at ML for Autonomous Driving Workshop (NeurIPS 2020)

Service

- Co-organizer for How to Stand Out in the Crowd? Workshop at CVPR 2025
- Co-organizer for CV 20/20: A Retrospective Vision Workshop at CVPR 2024
- Co-organizer for Vision Lunch, External Speaker Series & Allerton Vision Workshop at UIUC (Fall 2022 Ongoing)
- Reviewer for CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, TPAMI, 3DV, IROS, IV (2020 Ongoing)
- Teaching Assistant for Learning-based Robotics Course by Saurabh Gupta at UIUC (Fall 2022)
- Teaching Assistant for Deep Learning Course by Andreas Geiger at Uni-Tübingen (Winter 2020/2021)
- Technical support for DAGM German Conference on Patter Recognition 2020
- Coordinator at Vision and Language Group at IIT Roorkee (August 2017 May 2018)
- Mentor as part of Student Mentorship Program at IIT Roorkee (October 2016 May 2018)
- Project Manager at Artifical Intelligence and Electronics Society at IIT Roorkee (July 2016 March 2017)
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Electrical Engineering at IIT Roorkee (January 2017 April 2017)

Awards

- C.W. Gear Outstanding Graduate Award, Siebel School of Computing & Data Science UIUC
- Selected for Doctoral Consortium at CVPR 2025
- Outstanding Reviewer for NeurIPS 2023, ECCV 2024, CVPR 2025
- Ranked 2nd in the Consistent Motion Reconstruction Challenge at the Hands@ICCV'23 Workshop
- Selected for NVIDIA Academic Hardware Grant Program 2022
- Ranked 2nd in the 2020 CARLA Autonomous Driving Challenge at ML4AD@NeurIPS'20 Workshop
- Institute Bronze Medal 2018 for Academic Excellence in B.Tech programme IIT Roorkee
- Department Gold Medal 2018 in B.Tech Electrical Engineering IIT Roorkee
- K. D. Goyal and K. Goyal Certificate of Trust Prize 2018 for securing highest CGPA IIT Roorkee
- Indian Academy of Science Summer Research Fellowship 2016
- R. S. Jain and S. D. Jain Certificate of Trust Prize 2015 for securing highest CGPA IIT Roorkee

References

· Andreas Geiger. Professor, University of Tübingen

• Saurabh Gupta. Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

David Forsyth. Professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

• Eshed Ohn-Bar. Assistant Professor, Boston University

• Harpreet Sawhney. Sr. Principal Applied Scientist, Amazon Robotics

• Benjamin Lundell. Principal Research Scientist, Microsoft

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