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EDUCATION

- Ph.D in Civil Engineering** (Intelligent Systems) 2020 (expected)
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
Dissertation: Statistical Learning Approaches for the Control of Stormwater Systems
Advisor: Dr.Branko Kerkez
- M.Sc.Eng. in Civil Engineering** (Intelligent Systems) 2017
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
- B.Tech. (distinction) in Civil Engineering** 2015
Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham, Coimbatore, India

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Research Assistant** 2016–
Real-time Water Systems Lab, University of Michigan
Development of algorithms, simulation tools, and open source hardware solutions for monitoring and control of stormwater networks.
- Research Assistant** 2015
Love Biotechnology Group, University of Michigan
Characterization of influent and calibration of process model for Detroit's waste water treatment plant.
- Research Assistant** 2014
Department of Chemical Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham
Aided in the design, construction, and monitoring of a vertical flow constructed wetland.

AWARDS

- Grand prize winner, LIFT Intelligent Water Systems Challenge 2018
- Academic Excellence, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham 2013, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

1. Sara P. Rimer, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Sara C. Troutman, Gregory Ewing,

- Jeffrey M. Sadler, Jonathan L. Goodall, Ruben Kertesz, Jon M. Hathaway, and Branko Kerkez. *pystorms: a simulation sandbox for the design and evaluation of stormwater control algorithms*. *Environmental Modelling and Software*, 2020 (in preparation, [extended abstract](#))
2. **Mullapudi, Abhiram** and Branko Kerkez. Bayesian optimization for shaping the response of stormwater networks. *Water Research X*, 2020 (in preparation, [poster](#))
 3. **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Matthew Lewis, Cyndee Gruden, and Branko Kerkez. Deep reinforcement learning for the real time control of stormwater systems. *Advances in Water Resources*, 2020 (in review, [pre-print](#))
 4. Matthew D. Bartos, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, and Sara C. Troutman. [rrcf: Implementation of the Robust Random Cut Forest algorithm for anomaly detection on streams](#). *The Journal of Open Source Software*, 4:1336, 2019
 5. **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Matthew D. Bartos, Brandon P. Wong, and Branko Kerkez. [Shaping Streamflow Using a Real-Time Stormwater Control Network](#). *Sensors*, 18(7):2259, Jul 2018
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4. Sara C. Troutman, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Sara P. Rimer, and Branko Kerkez. A benchmarking framework for evaluating the performance of control algorithms in smart stormwater networks. CCWI, September 2019
5. Sara P. Rimer, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Sara C. Troutman, and Branko Kerkez. A benchmarking framework for smart stormwater systems. EWRI, June 2019
6. Sara C. Troutman, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Gregory Ewing, Branko Kerkez, Wendy Barrott, and Christopher Nastally. Open-storm detroit dynamics. Water at Michigan, June 2019

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8. **Mullapudi, Abhiram** and Branko Kerkez. Bayesian optimization for control of stormwater networks. MICDE, May 2019
9. Gregory Ewing, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Sara C. Troutman, Branko Kerkez, Wendy Barrott, and Christopher Nastally. Lift smartwater challenge : Open-storm detroit dynamics. Weftec, October 2018
10. **Mullapudi, Abhiram** and Branko Kerkez. Autonomous control of urban storm water networks using reinforcement learning. HIC, July 2018
11. Branko Kerkez, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Matthew D Bartos, and Brandon P. Wong. Characterizing a controllable urban watershed. HIC, July 2018
12. **Mullapudi, Abhiram** and Branko Kerkez. Deep reinforcement learning based autonomous storm water networks. EWRI, June 2018
13. Branko Kerkez, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, Matthew D Bartos, and Brandon P. Wong. Results from the real-time control of an urban watershed: coordinating outflows to shape flows and water quality. EWRI, June 2018
14. Sara P. Rimer, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, and Branko Kerkez. Using Agent-Based Modeling to Enhance System-Level Real-time Control of Urban Stormwater Systems. (AGU), December 2017
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19. Branko Kerkez, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, and Brandon P. Wong. An optimization and simulation framework for smart stormwater systems. EWRI, May 2017
20. Branko Kerkez, **Mullapudi, Abhiram**, and Brandon P. Wong. Toward city-scale water quality control: building a theory for smart stormwater systems. AGU, December 2016

PROGRAMMING AND SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING

- Proficient programmer in Python, MATLAB, C/C++, OpenMP, CUDA, \LaTeX , and bash.
- **Machine Learning Stack:** Experienced in using TensorFlow, PyTorch, GpyOpt for training large scale machine learning models in high performance clusters.
- **Embedded Systems:** Developer of Open-Storm's [perfect-cell](#), an open source operating system for environmental monitoring. Experienced in using EAGLE and Cypress modules for designing customized hardware.
- **Cloud Computing:** Experienced in using cloud computing services (AWS, Google cloud, and Azure) for creating backends for streaming data from IoT devices.
- **Stormwater Modeling:** Creator of [pystorms](#), an open source python library for the design and evaluation of stormwater control algorithms. Contributor to Open Water Analytics's [SWMM](#) and [pyswmm](#), the industry standard for modeling stormwater systems.
- Contributor to [rrcf](#), an open source implementation of an unsupervised learning algorithm for anomaly detection in live streaming data.

WORKSHOPS

CUAHSI Open Source Urban Hydrology Sensor Bootcamp 2017, 2019

Co-organized and led a three day workshop on the use open-storm's sensing stack for the monitoring and control of stormwater systems.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Reviewer for the following academic journals:
 - Journal of Hydrology
 - Water Science and Technology
- Member of International Water Association's working group on real time control of urban drainage systems.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2018 LIFT Challenge: [Grand Prize Winner](#)
- NSF Science Nation: [Smart stormwater solutions for aging infrastructure](#)

References

Available on request.