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RESEARCH INTERESTS My research interests lie in developing computational imaging techniques for medical applications. I currently work on optical imaging systems that exploit the wave nature of light to extract information from the environment that a traditional camera cannot. The goal of my research is to develop a general theory for such systems and demonstrate their utility in critical imaging applications like medical imaging deep inside tissue and industrial fabrication. Going forward, I would like to pursue medicine and take these methods into clinical application in radiology.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Aug 2017 - present

PhD in Robotics (ongoing)

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Jul 2012 - Jun 2017

Dual Degree (Bachelor & Master of Technology), Electrical Engineering

Professional Positions

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2017 - present

Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Visiting PhD Student in Radiology

May 2019 - Aug 2019

Massachusetts General Hospital

Research Assistant

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

 ${\bf Undergraduate\ member}$

Aug 2013 - Aug 2017

IIT Bombay Mars Rover Team

Undergraduate member

Aug 2013 - Aug 2017

Krittika – Astronomy Club of IIT Bombay

Undergraduate member

Jan 2016 - Aug 2017

Vision, Graphics, Imaging & Learning (ViGIL) Lab, Department of Computer Science,

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Pandemic Safety Officer for COVID-19

April 2020 - present

Computational Imaging Lab, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS Interferometric Transmission Probing with Coded Mutual Intensity

ACM Transactions on Graphics, 2020

A. Kotwal, A. Levin and I. Gkioulekas

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS Signal Sensing and Reconstruction for a Novel Multi-Source Static Computed Tomography System

IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing, 2020

A. Kotwal, A. Cramer, D. Wu, K. Yang, W. Krull, I. Gkioulekas, R. Gupta

Designing constrained projections for compressed sensing: mean errors and anomalies with coherence IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing, 2018

D. Shah, A. Kotwal and A. V. Rajwade

Joint desmoking, specularity removal, and denoising of laparoscopy images via graphical models and

Bayesian inference

International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, 2017

A. Baid, A. Kotwal, R. Bhalodia, and S. Awate

Joint desmoking and denoising of laparoscopy images International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, 2016

A. Kotwal, R. Bhalodia and S. Awate

Field robotics, astrobiology and Mars analogue research on the Arkaroola Mars Robot Challenge

Australian Space Research Conference, 2014

Clarke, J. et al.

THESES Optimizing Sensing Matrices for Compressed Sensing

Master's Thesis, Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2012

A. Kotwal

INVITED TALKS AND "Interferometric Transmission Probing with Coded Mutual Intensity", ACM SIGGRAPH 2020 (talk)

— " —, ACM SIGGRAPH 2020 (poster presentation)

PRESENTATIONS — " —, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2020 (poster presentation)

— "—, International Conference on Computational Photography 2020 (poster presentation)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Teaching Assistant, 16-720 - Computer Vision

Carnegie Mellon University, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, 15-463 – Computational Photography

Carnegie Mellon University, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, EE708 – Information Theory Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, EE638 – Estimation and Identification

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant, CS736 – Algorithms for Medical Image Processing

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, CS663 – Digital Image Processing

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Fall 2015

Student Facilitator, Indian National Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad Program

AWARDS

Undergraduate Research Award for an outstanding Master's thesis, Indian Institute of Technology

Bombay, 2017

Represented India and won a gold medal at the 6th International Olympiad on Astronomy and

Astrophysics, Brazil, 2012

Represented India and won a bronze medal at the 5th International Earth Sciences Olympiad, Italy,

2011

Awarded KVPY Scholarship, 2011, by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India

for outstanding students interested in basic sciences

Professional Activities Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) (2020 - present)

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Other Citizenship: India

INFORMATION Languages: Marathi (native), English (fluent), Hindi (fluent)