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## **Education**

University of Maryland, College Park

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Specialization: Bio-inspired Computer Vision and Learning for Robotics Advisors: Prof. Yiannis Aloimonos and Dr. Cornelia Fermüller Aug 2017 – May 2022 (Expected)

## University of Maryland, College Park

Master of Engineering, Robotics,

Aug 2015 - May 2017

Visvesvaraya Technological University, India

Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics & Communication,

Sep 2010 - Jun 2014

#### **Research Interests**

Computer Vision, Robotics and Machine Learning, involving object detection and tracking, 3D perception (visual odometry, optical flow estimation, SLAM, SfM) and self-supervised deep learning

#### Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, MATLAB
- Software Frameworks: Deep Learning (PyTorch, TensorFlow, Caffe), Robotics (ROS), Vision (OpenCV, PCL, Kornia), Simulators (Blender, Unity)
- o Hands-on experience with Event cameras (Samsung, Prophesee, iniLabs), Intel Quadcopter, Rethink Baxter Robot

# **Papers Under Review or Preparation**

- SpikeMS: Deep Spiking Neural Network for Motion Segmentation
  - **Parameshwara, C. M.\***, Li, S.\*, Sanket, N. J., Evanusa, M. S., Fermüller, C., & Aloimonos, Y. [*under review in IEEE/RSJ Int. Conf. Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2021](\* equal contribution)
- o EVPropNet: Detecting Drones By Finding Propellers For Mid-Air Landing And Following
  - Sanket, N. J., Singh, C. D., **Parameshwara, C. M.**, Fermüller, C., de Croon, G.C.H.E., & Aloimonos, Y. [*under review in Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, 2021]
- o NudgeSeg: Zero-Shot Object Segmentation by Repeated Physical Interaction
- Singh, C. D.\*, Sanket, N. J.\*, **Parameshwara, C. M.**, Fermüller, C., & Aloimonos, Y. [*under review in IEEE/RSJ Int. Conf. Intelligent Robots and Systems* (*IROS*), 2021](\* equal contribution)
- EgoMotionNet: Self-Supervised Learning of Ego-Motion using Spatio-Temporal Gradients
- **Parameshwara, C. M.,** Fermüller, C., & Aloimonos, Y. [manuscript in preparation]

#### **Publications**

- o 0-MMS: Zero-Shot Multi-Motion Segmentation With A Monocular Event Camera
  - **Parameshwara, C. M.**, Sanket, N. J., Singh, C. D., Fermüller, C., & Aloimonos, Y. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2021 | video | paper | code |
- o EVDodgeNet: Deep Dynamic Obstacle Dodging with Event Cameras
  - **Parameshwara, C. M.\***, Sanket, N. J.\*, Singh, C. D., Kuruttukulam, A., Fermüller, C., Scaramuzza, D., & Aloimonos, Y. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation(ICRA)*, 2020 (\* equal contribution) | video | paper | code |
- Event-based Moving Object Detection and Tracking
  - Mitrokhin, A., Fermuller, C., **Parameshwara, C. M.**, & Aloimonos, Y. *IEEE/RSJ Int. Conf. Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2018 | video | paper | code |
- Automated Mouse Behavior Recognition using VGG Features and LSTM Networks
- Kramida, G., Aloimonos, Y., **Parameshwara, C. M.**, Fermuller, C., Francis, N. A., & Kanold, P. *In Visual Observation and Analysis of Vertebrate And Insect Behavior Workshop (VAIB)*, 2016 | paper |

# **Professional Experience**

o Graduate Research Assistant, Perception & Robotics Group, University of Maryland

Aug 2017 – Present

- Developing optimization and deep learning algorithms for event-based cameras to solve motion perception tasks (moving object detection, ego-motion estimation, optical flow estimation, SLAM, SfM)
- o Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland Responsibilities: guest lectures, office hours, grading, conducting discussion sessions

Aug 2018 – Present

- CMSC733 (Geometric Computer Vision), CMSC426 (Computer Vision)
- **Research Intern**, Neurala Inc., Boston

*Jun* 2019 – *Aug* 2019

- Implemented custom deep learning layers for Lifelong Deep Neural Networks (L-DNN) and Few-Shot Learning in the context of object detection and recognition tasks
- Software Engineering Intern, Robot Training Academy Inc.(RTA), College Park

Sep 2016 – Dec 2016

- Developed hand gesture tracking software for Human-Robot interaction in household environments
- o Software Engineer, Bosch, India

*Aug* 2014 – *Aug* 2015

- Developed and integrated vehicle software (AUTOSAR) modules into Bosch Engine Control Unit (ECU) and tested the functionalities in Hardware-in-the-loop testing bench
- Research Intern, Indian Institute of Science, India

*Jul* 2013 – *Aug* 2013

- Analyzed mathematical models for finding information channel capacity in energy harvesting source

### **Presentations**

Insights into the Early Motion Pathway

Parameshwara, C. M.\*, Burner, L. S.\*, & Fermüller, C., Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Engineering Workshop, Telluride, CO, 2020 (\* equal contribution)

Motion Segmentation with Event Cameras

Parameshwara, C. M. & Fermüller, C., Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Engineering Workshop, Telluride, CO, 2018

Portable Assisted Mobility Device Challenge

Parameshwara, C. M., Murthy, V. S., Narasimha L., Srinivasa A. D., & Vajram R., PACE Global Annual Forum, Turin, Italy, 2014

#### **Awards**

 Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park May 2020

Ministry of Human Resources Development Scholarship, Government of India, India

Aug 2010 - May 2014

Summer Research Fellowship, Indian Science Academies, India

Aug 2013

o Collaborative Innovation Challenge Finalist (1 of 3), PACE Global Annual Forum, Pasadena, CA

Jul 2013

# **Volunteering Experience**

 Reviewer Jan 2020 - Present

- IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L)
- International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)

 Research Mentor Aug 2017 – Present

- Mentored three undergraduate and two graduate students in designing computer vision research projects and teaching methodologies at Perception & Robotics Group, University of Maryland
- o Representative, Graduate Student Government, University of Maryland

Aug 2020 – Present

- Representive of Neuroscience and Cognitive Science (NACS) in Graduate Student Government (GSG) and also a member of GSG Budget & Finance Committee
- Workshop Staff, Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Engineering Workshop

*Jun 2018 – Jul 2018* 

- Volunteered in 3-weeks hands-on workshop on neuromorphic engineering with neuroscience and engineering researchers at Telluride, CO