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EDUCATION

Master of Applied Science

Fall 2019 – Present

School of Biomedical Engineering; 86%

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Advisor: Prof. Rafeef Garbi

Bachelor of Engineering

Fall 2015 – Spring 2019

Department of Biomedical Engineering; 91%

SSN College of Engineering (SSNCE), Anna University, India

Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Geethanjali Balasubramanian

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Sept 2019 – Present

Biomedical Signal and Image Processing Laboratory, UBC

Advisor: Prof. Rafeef Garbi, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- I'm working on the development of AI-based techniques for automating the diagnosis of a neonatal orthopaedic disorder - developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) using 3D Ultrasound. Specifically, I'm focused on developing a diagnostic framework that provides uncertainty estimates of the deep-learning-based system to help improve the detectability of failure cases and reduce misdiagnosis rates.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sept 2020 – Apr 2021

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- ELEC 421: Digital Signal and Image Processing - Fall 2020
- ELEC 221: Signals and Systems - Spring 2021

Summer Research Intern

May 2019 – July 2019

Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre, IIT Madras, India

Advisor: Malay Shah

- Developed an automated cuff-based blood pressure measurement device using LabVIEW interface.
- Investigated quality control specifications required for an in-house developed medical device named *iQuant* - a point of care diagnostic instrument that reads quantitative test kits and provides numerical measurements including blood sugar, cholesterol level etc.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

July 2018 – Apr 2019

SSN College of Engineering, Anna University, India

Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Geethanjali Balasubramanian

- Investigated the dissemblance in cognitive activity in dyslexic children using EEG based brain connectivity studies.
- Calculated the weightage of various Brodmann cortical areas of the brain using relative power, coherence and phase delay of different frequency bands in EEG and visualized the interdependence of the same using derived correlation matrix.

Research Assistant

Nov 2017 – Dec 2017

National Institute of Technology, Raipur, India

Advisor: Prof. R. Periyasamy

- Developed a real-time hardware circuit to record the electroencephalogram signal of the brain and performed spectral analysis on the recorded signal using LabVIEW interface.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kannan, A., Hodgson, A., Mulpuri, K., & Garbi, R. (2021). Leveraging voxel-wise segmentation uncertainty to improve reliability in assessment of paediatric dysplasia of the hip. *International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery*, 16, 1121–1129. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11548-021-02389-y>
- Sushmitha, S., Devi, B. T., Mahesh, V., Geethanjali, B., Kannan, A., & Pavithran, P. G. (2021). Virtual Reality Therapy in Prolonging Attention Spans for ADHD. In *Advances in Biomedical Engineering and Technology*, Springer, Singapore, 391-400. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-6329-4_32
- Kannan, A., Hodgson, A., Mulpuri, K., & Garbi, R. (2020). Uncertainty Estimation for Assessment of 3D US Scan Adequacy and DDH Metric Reliability. In *Uncertainty for Safe Utilization of Machine Learning in Medical Imaging, and Graphs in Biomedical Image Analysis*, Springer, Cham, 97-105. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-60365-6_10
- Kannan, A., Pavithran, P. G., & Bagyaraj, S. (2020). Design and development of command prompt assist device for locked in syndrome patients. In *Smart Healthcare for Disease Diagnosis and Prevention*, 7-13. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-817913-0.00002-X>
- Pavithran, P. G., Kannan, A., Seshadri, N. G., Singh, B. K., Mahesh, V., & Geethanjali, B. (2019). Index of Theta/Alpha ratio to quantify visual-spatial attention in dyslexics using Electroencephalogram. In *2019 5th International Conference on Advanced Computing & Communication Systems (ICACCS)*, 417-422. <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICACCS.2019.8728482>

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Exploration of an Uncertainty Measure in CNNs used for Hip Dysplasia Diagnosis Jan 2020 – Apr 2020

- Proposed an uncertainty metric named DDH metric variance to quantify the model uncertainty associated with 3D U-Net that segments ilium, acetabulum and femoral head in a 3D ultrasound scan of neonatal hip.
- Implemented Monte-Carlo dropout sampling, a Bayesian-based approach, to quantify the model uncertainty of the deep neural network.

Real-time ECG Visualization and Interpretation using LabVIEW Jan 2018 – May 2018

- Developed a real-time LabVIEW-interfaced hardware circuit to measure and visualize ECG of the heart using a 3-way lead system with proper grounding.
- Transmitted recorded signals to mobile phones using telemetry system in LabVIEW to enable data sharing with a physician located elsewhere for further diagnosis.

RELEVANT COURSES

- **Graduate courses:** Machine Learning and Data Mining, Fundamentals of Visual Computing, Advanced Machine Learning Tools for Engineers.
- **Undergraduate courses:**
 - **Mathematics and Computer science courses:** Linear Algebra and Multivariate Calculus, Ordinary Differential Equation and Complex Variable Theory, Transforms and Partial Differential Equations, Probability and Random Processes, Fundamentals of Computer Programming, Object Oriented Programming and Data Structures, Analog and Digital Communication, Computer Networks.
 - **Core courses:** Signals and Systems, Control Systems, Microprocessor and Microcontroller, Principles of Digital Signal Processing, Pattern Recognition and Neural Networks, Digital Image Processing.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C, C++, Julia, MATLAB

Developer Tools: Git, VS Code, PyCharm

Software Packages: Pytorch, Tensorflow, L^AT_EX, LabVIEW, SPSS, Origin

Environments: Microsoft Windows, Linux

AWARDS AND HONORS

Awarded UBC International Tuition Award for two academic years: 2019-20 and 2020-21.	2019
Awarded Graduate Research Assistantship from Prof. Rafeef Garbi to carry out master's research at UBC.	2019
Awarded Medal of Honor from SSNCE for securing 2 nd rank among 948 candidates graduated in biomedical engineering program based on academic performance in the university examinations held during 2015-19.	2019
Received Undergraduate Merit Scholarship from SSNCE for three years under the category of exemplary and outstanding for the academic excellence carried out in the university examinations held during 2015-19.	2018
Selected amongst 12 out of 200 teams all over India to participate in the finale of Smart India Hackathon under medical devices theme organized by the Ministry of India.	2018
Received Undergraduate Research Grant (INR 25,000) from SSNCE to design and develop a command prompt assist device for locked-in syndrome patients.	2017