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DHEERAJ KHANNA

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EDUCATION

MASc in Systems Design Engineering, University of Waterloo, Canada B.Tech in Electronics and Communication, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, India Sep 2022 — Mar 2025 Aug 2016 — Sep 2020

SKILLS

Languages & Platforms Python, C++, C, Linux, Git, Docker, SSH, CI/CD

Frameworks & Libraries PyTorch, LibTorch, CUDA, TensorFlow, Keras, ONNX, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV, Pillow,

Jupyter Notebook, Plotly, Seaborn, Matplotlib, Weights & Biases

Technologies Perception, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Object Detection, Segmentation **Hardware** VLP-16 LiDAR, FLIR Pointgrey Cameras, Raspberry Pi 3B, Arduino, NVIDIA Jetson

WORK EXPERIENCE

Computer Vision Researcher | VIP Lab, University of Waterloo; ATS Automation | Supervisor: Prof. John Zelek

Jan 2023 — Present

- Leading research on Visual Place Recognition (VPR) for aerial imagery; exploring transformer-based, cross-view, and multimodal architectures (e.g., CNNs, DINOv2, ViTs) to extract robust features for UAV-based geo-localization.
- Designed a novel prediction model integrating Mamba state-space model and self-attention mechanisms with advanced data association strategies and YOLO-X for real-time multi-object tracking, achieving 3-7% improvement over other methods on complex motion scenarios.
- Created a novel automatic bounding box annotation pipeline for videos with multiple objects using Point Tracking, Segment Anything, and YOLO-v8, achieving the annotation speed of 10 FPS. (View Paper)
- Developed and containerized a multi-object tracking pipeline to estimate velocities of hundreds of assembly parts in a high-throughput industrial setting, enhancing production efficiency and enabling scalable deployment.

Computer Vision Research Engineer | LENS Corporation, India

Feb 2022 — May 2022

- Migrated a latent fingerprint extraction and matching pipeline from Python to C++ using Libtorch to enable faster GPU and CPU-based deployment, optimizing performance and reducing latency.
- Programmed custom signal processing functions, including Fourier Transforms and Gabor Filtering, in C++ from scratch to process fingerprint data, overcoming constraints in existing matrix and signal processing C++ libraries.

Perception Research Engineer | Autonomous Vehicle Project, IIIT Delhi, India | Supervisor: Dr. Saket Anand

Oct 2020 — Feb 2022

- Built and deployed a multi-sensor calibration system integrating 2 FLIR Pointgrey cameras and 3 VLP-16 LiDARs using a checkerboard target; implemented LiDAR-LiDAR alignment with Iterative Closest Point (ICP), achieving < 4° rotational and <10 cm translational error across modalities using surface normal and Euclidean metrics.
- Developed and optimized a real-time lane detection pipeline in C++ and TorchScript; projected lane boundaries onto HD maps to identify driveable regions, maintaining 12+ FPS on NVIDIA Jetson Xavier. (View Project)

Research Intern | Microsoft Research India | Supervisor: Dr. Akshay Nambi

Feb 2020 — Sep 2020

Redesigned and scaled the Automated Driver License Testing (ALT) project for Regional Transport Offices (RTO) across India. The scaling led
to the deployment of the project in <u>10+ cities</u> in India with 99% accuracy in automated driving test results. (*View Project*)

PROJECTS

Image Enhancement and Object Detection in Rainy Weather Conditions | Deep Learning, GANs, PyTorch

Jan 2023 — Apr 2023

• Implemented deep learning models for image enhancement in rainy weather, integrating GAN-based denoising with morphological transformations and optimized loss functions, improving visual clarity by increasing PSNR by 5.8%.

Multi-Sensor Calibration and Sensor Fusion for Autonomous vehicle | Photogrammetry, ROS, Sensors (View Project) Oct 2020 — Feb 202

- Created an automated calibration pipeline using ROS for synchronized data capture from multiple sensors; applied RANSAC and DBSCAN for point cloud filtering and visualized alignment in RViz.
- Refined sensor pose estimates using Linear Algebra, 3D geometry, and Statistical ML techniques; integrated calibrated outputs into the autonomous vehicle's perception stack to support tasks like lane detection, HD map projection, and real-time localization.

RecipeDB | Pandas, Data Visualizations (View Project)

Jun 2019 — Sep 2

• Curated and integrated recipe data from 7 online sources, performed multi-level statistical analysis across 22 regions, and programmed interactive visualizations using Pandas, Matplotlib, and Plotly to present insights on regional dietary and nutritional patterns.

PUBLICATIONS

- SportMamba: Adaptive Non-Linear Multi-Object Tracking with State Space Models for Team Sports, IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW-2025). (View Paper)
- Attention-Mamba for Multi-Object Tracking, Conference on Robots and Vision (CRV), 2025. (View Paper)
- POPCat: Propagation of Particles for Complex Annotation Tasks, Conference on Robots and Vision (CRV), 2024. (View paper)
- Recipedb: A resource for exploring recipes, Database Journal (Oxford), pp. baaa077, Nov 2020. (View Paper)
- NTIRE 2019 Challenge on Video Super-Resolution: Methods and Results, Co-author of team paper, IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW-2019). (View paper)