Jerrin Bright

3D Vision | Computer Graphics | Digital Humans

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Portfolio
Google Scholar in LinkedIn

Education

University of Waterloo

Ontario, Canada

MASc in Systems Design Engineering

Sep 2022 - Present

- Research: Monocular 3D Human Modeling and Analysis for Baseball Sports Analysis.
- Supervisor: Dr. John S Zelek.
- Group: Sports Analytics Research Group, Vision and Image Processing (VIP) Lab.
- Courses: Probabilistic Machine Learning, Graphical Deep Learning, Advanced and Statistical Image Processing.

Vellore Institute of Technology

MITACS Accelerate Research Intern

Chennai, India

BTech in Mechanical Engineering

Jul 2018 - Apr 2022

- Research: Autonomous UAV Navigation and Inspection for Precision Agriculture.
- Supervisor: Dr. Arockia Selvakumar.
- Courses: Mechatronics System Design, Machine Drawing, Instrumentation and Control Engineering, Complex Variables and Partial Differential Equations, Problem Solving and Object Oriented Programming.

Research Experiences

Baltimore Orioles

Maryland, USA

Sep 2022 - Present

- Implementing end-to-end player kinematics estimation and analysis for baseball players from broadcast videos.
- Built novel transformer and temporal convolution networks to reconstruct and analyze baseball players.
- Utilized cutting-edge techniques including Gaussian Splatting to synthesize novel viewpoint 3D sequences using motion data generated from diffusion models and human deformations from 3D human prior models.
- Supervisors: Mr. Sig Mejdal, Mr. Di Zou and Mr. James Hull.

Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore, India

Research Intern, Conjunction with Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Lab & ARTPARK

Jul 2021 - Apr 2022

- Developed autonomous navigation for UAVs in unstructured environments using visual and event sensor data.
- Implemented transformer-based depth estimation and MPC with barrier functions for efficient UAV navigation.
- Gained hands-on experience with Jetson boards, RealSense cameras, Turtlebot, DJI M600, and custom UAVs.
- Supervisors: Prof. Suresh Sundaram and Mr. Badrinarayanan Rangarajan.

McMaster University

Ontario, Canada

MITACS Globalink Research Intern, Robotics and Manufacturing Automation Lab

- Jul 2021 Sep 2021
- Analyzed manipulator behavior by simulating actions with sinusoidal torques and visualizing the resulting motion.
- Supervisor: Prof. Gary Bone.

Summer Research Intern, Edifice Lab

Arizona State University

Arizona, USA May 2021 - Jul 2021

Developed a digital environment capture system using laser scanning and photogrammetry.

Built and simulated a 4-DoF soft robotic manipulator using PyBullet and the SoMo toolkit.

- Fused sensor data into a unified 3D model for reliable visualization and analysis.
- Designed DL algorithms to automate environment analysis, providing valuable insights for builders and stewards.
- Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Czerniawsk.

Aero2Astro

Chennai, India

Oct 2020 - Apr 2021

Autonomous System Developer - Intern

Built ROS-based autonomous navigation for indoor environments using Visual-Inertial SLAM.

- Developed an odometry toolkit with ORB detector, FLANN matcher, RANSAC, Optical Flow, and PnP algorithms.
- Leveraged sensor fusion with Extended Kalman Filters to eliminate reliance on GPS, enhancing system reliability.
- Supervisor: Mr. Ted Solomom and Mr. Manikanta.

Yuan-Ze University

Taoyuan City, Taiwan

Apr 2020 - Jun 2020

- Project Research Intern, Speech and Image Processing Lab
 - Developed a robust smart parking system using deep learning for accurate vehicle detection and localization.
 - Employed semantic segmentation with convolutional conditional random field to enable reliable image recognition.
 - Supervisor: Prof. Wei-Tyng Hong.

Technical Skills

Programming Tools Python | C++ | Embedded System | HTML | CSS

ML & DL Tools PyTorch | TensorFlow | OpenCV | Matplotlib | NumPy | Keras

Autonomous Systems Tools
CAD & Analysis Tools
Operating System

AirSim | ArduPilot | SimulationX | Gazebo | RViz
Autodesk Fusion 360 | Dassault SolidWorks | Ansys
Ubuntu Linux | ROS | Raspbian OS | Windows

Reviewer Experience CVIS 2023 | IROS 2024 | CTIS 2024

Relevant Publications

PitcherNet: Powering the Moneyball Evolution in Baseball Video Analytics

IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (ORAL)

Distribution and Depth-Aware Transformers for 3D Human Mesh Recovery

21st International Conference on Robots and Vision (ORAL)

Domain-Guided Masked Autoencoders for Unique Player Identification

21st International Conference on Robots and Vision (ORAL)

Mitigating Motion Blur for Robust 3D Baseball Player Pose Modeling for Pitch Analysis

6th International ACM Workshop on Multimedia Content Analysis in Sports

Jersey Number Recognition using Keyframe Identification from Low-Resolution Broadcast Videos

6th International ACM Workshop on Multimedia Content Analysis in Sports

ME-CapsNet: A Multi-Enhanced Capsule Networks with Routing Mechanism

8th IEEE International Conference on Electronics, Computing & Communication Technologies

Optimization of quadcopter frame using generative design and comparison with DJI F450 frame

International Conference of Robotics, Intelligent Automation and Control Technologies

Teaching Experiences

SYDE 462 University of Waterloo Systems Design Capstone Project 2 Jan 2024 - Apr 2024 **SYDE 461** University of Waterloo Sep 2023 - Dec 2023 Systems Design Capstone Project 1 **BME 361** University of Waterloo Biomedical Engineering Design Jan 2023 - Apr 2023 **BME 101L** University of Waterloo Communications in Biomedical Engineering- Visualization Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

Scholarship

International Master's Award of Excellence, University of Waterloo, Canada Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Waterloo, Canada Globalink Graduate Fellow, MITACS, Canada

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Research Paper Award, RIACT International Conference, 2020

Best Outgoing Student, Atom Robotics, VIT Chennai, India, 2022

Top Ten Internationally, International Planetary Aerial Challenge, 2021

Runner-up, IEEE Hackathon on Autonomous Drone Applications, 2021

Best Club Award, Robotics Club, University Day 2021, VIT Chennai, India

Best Club Award, National Service Scheme, University Day 2022, VIT Chennai, India

Thesis

An End-to-End Autonomous UAV System in GPS-Denied and Unstructured Environments

- Built an autonomous UAV system for use in complex GPS-unfriendly scenarios like disaster zones/ confined spaces.
- Developed an imitation learning navigation system with policy learned from an offline data pipeline.
- Trained offline with a pipeline leveraging monocular depth, RRT path planning, and MPC for robust performance.
- Evaluated system reliability across various inspection tasks (forest fire, search & rescue), using SENet and YOLO.