

# KAMAL GUPTA

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My long-term goal is to build intelligent agents that can *see* (through vision, audio, and other senses), *interact* (navigate and act in an environment), and *reason* (plan long-term actions from sparse rewards).

## EDUCATION

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### University of Maryland, College Park

Aug. 2018 - May 2023

Ph.D. in Computer Science (4.0/4.0), Kulkarni fellow, Dean's fellow, Outstanding GRA Award

*Advisors:* Larry Davis, Abhinav Shrivastava

*Thesis:* Learning and Composing Primitives for the Visual World

### Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Aug. 2007 - Dec. 2012

Bachelors + Masters in Electrical Engineering (8.6/10.0)

*Advisor:* Sanjiv Singh (Carnegie Mellon University)

*Thesis:* Pose Estimation for a Micro-Aerial Vehicle in GPS-denied environments

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Tesla Bot (Optimus)

May 2023 -

*Staff Machine Learning Scientist*

*Palo Alto, CA*

- Developing end-to-end training and eval pipelines for Imitation Learning and Reinforcement Learning for robot manipulation and navigation
- Improving task success rate and reliability of models for real-world deployment

### Google Research

May 2022 - Aug. 2022

*Research Intern (web)*

*Mountain View, CA (Remote)*

- 3D object reconstruction from in-the-wild Image Collections

### NVIDIA AI

May 2021 - Aug. 2021

*Research Intern*

*Santa Clara, CA (Remote)*

- Generative modeling of textured meshes

### Amazon AWS

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

*Research Intern (web)*

*Pasadena, CA*

- Generative modeling of layouts for diverse domains such as 3D objects, Wireframes, Documents, etc.

### NetraDyne

Mar. 2017 - Aug. 2018

*Staff Research Engineer*

*Bengaluru, India*

Netradyne provides ADAS devices for commercial vehicles. Led a team of 4 to ship

- Distracted (texting, eating, drinking etc.) + drowsy driving detection pipeline for driver safety
- DriverI Fleet Safety and Coaching Platform to ingest and analyze millions of driving miles

### Poolka Technologies

Apr. 2016 - Feb. 2017

*Cofounder, CTO*

*Bengaluru, India*

- Built [Fairi](#), a fashion assistant chatbot that provides clothing recommendations based on social media trends and users' existing wardrobe. (Pose estimation, Clothing segmentation, Graph Convolutions, Language Models)
- Selected for **Microsoft Bizspark** and **IBM Global Entrepreneur** Program (>\$20000 cloud credits per year)

### Big Data Labs, American Express

July 2013 - Mar. 2016

*Research Engineer, Risk & Information Management*

*Bengaluru, India*

- Large scale recommendation systems, Geometric deep learning on financial data.
- **Platinum Genius Medal** - Systems and methods for customized real time data delivery Dec. 2015
- **Trainer of the Quarter** - Hadoop course for >200 AmEx employees in NYC, Gurgaon, Bangalore Dec. 2014
- IMS Hackathon (Winner 2015, Runner-up 2014), RIM InnoVision Challenge (Runner-up 2013) 2013-2015

### Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

June 2011 - June 2012

*Research Intern*

*Pittsburgh, PA*

- Developed an approach to predict vineyard yields automatically and non-destructively with cameras ([web](#))
- Estimated global pose of MAV using stereo visual odometry fused with infrequent GPS measurements ([web](#))

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS

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Visit Google Scholar [tC3td8cAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=tC3td8cAAAAJ) for the complete list (\* denotes equal contribution)

- Measuring Style Similarity in Diffusion Models *ECCV* 2024 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
G. Somepalli, A. Gupta, **K. Gupta**, S. Palta, M. Goldblum, J. Geiping, A. Shrivastava, T. Goldstein
- EAGLES: Efficient Accelerated 3D Gaussians with Lightweight EncodingS *ECCV* 2024 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
S. Girish, **K. Gupta**, A. Shrivastava
- LEIA: Latent View-invariant Embeddings for Implicit 3D Articulation *ECCV* 2024 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
A. Swaminathan, A. Gupta, **K. Gupta**, SR Maiya, V. Agarwal, A. Shrivastava
- LiFT: A Surprisingly Simple Lightweight Feature Transform for Dense ViT Descriptors *ECCV* 2024 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
S. Suri\*, M. Walmer\*, **K. Gupta**, A. Shrivastava
- SHACIRA: Scalable HAsH-grid Compression for Implicit Neural Representations *ICCV* 2023 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
S. Girish, A. Shrivastava, **K. Gupta**
- Chop & Learn: Recognizing and Generating Object-State Compositions *ICCV* 2023 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
N. Saini, H. Wang, A. Swaminathan, V. Jayasundara, B. He, **K. Gupta**, A. Shrivastava
- ASIC: Aligning Sparse in-the-wild Image Collections *ICCV* 2023 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
**K. Gupta**, V. Jampani, C. Esteves, A. Shrivastava, A. Makadia, N. Snavely, A. Kar
- Teaching Matters: Investigating the Role of Supervision in Vision Transformers *CVPR* 2023 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
M. Walmer\*, S. Suri\*, **K. Gupta**, A. Shrivastava
- LilNetX: Lightweight Networks with EXtreme Compression & Structured Sparsification *ICLR* 2023 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
S. Girish, **K. Gupta**, S. Singh, A. Shrivastava
- Neural Space-Filling Curves *ECCV* 2022 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
H. Wang, **K. Gupta**, L. Davis, A. Shrivastava
- PatchGame: Learning to Signal Mid-level Patches in Referential Games *NeurIPS* 2021 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
**K. Gupta**, G. Somepalli, Anubhav, V. Jayasundara, M. Zwicker, A. Shrivastava
- LayoutTransformer: Layout Generation and Completion with Self-attention *ICCV* 2021 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
**K. Gupta**, J. Lazarow, A. Achille, L. Davis, V. Mahadevan, A. Shrivastava
- The Lottery Ticket Hypothesis for Object Recognition *CVPR* 2021 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
S. Girish\*, S. Maiya\*, **K. Gupta**, H. Chen, L. Davis, A. Shrivastava
- Improved Modeling of 3D Shapes with Multi-view Depth Maps *3DV* 2020 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
**K. Gupta**\*, S. Reddy\*, K. Shah\*, A. Shrivastava, M. Zwicker
- PatchVAE: Learning Local Latent Codes for Recognition *CVPR* 2020 [[web](#), [code](#)]  
**K. Gupta**, S. Singh, A. Shrivastava
- Applying Multi-Dimensional Variables to Determine Fraud *USPTO* 16/426826, 2019  
**K. Gupta**, V. Jain
- Systems and methods for Updating Fraud Detection Variable *USPTO* 15/258880, 2018  
**K. Gupta**, V. Jain
- Systems and methods for customized real time data delivery *USPTO* 14/961614, 2015  
S. Sanyal, S. Purkayastha, T. Choudhuri, A. Choudhary, V. Grover, M. Naeem, P. Mehta, **K. Gupta**, A. Agarwal

## VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES

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- **Graduate Student Mentor:** [CVPR Academy](#) for first-time CVPR attendees 2022
- **Co-organizer:** [SIGGRAPH RCD](#) mentorship program for Graphics graduate school applicants 2021
- **Instructor:** [AI4ALL](#) summer program for high school students 2020
- **Reviewer:** Computer Graphics - SIGGRAPH 2022, SIGGRAPH Asia 2023. Computer Vision - ECCV 2022. CVPR 2023, 2022\*, 2021. ICCV 2021. Machine Learning - NeurIPS 2022, 2023. ICLR 2022. (\* denotes Outstanding Reviewer Award)

## MISCELLANEOUS

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- Kulkarni Research Fellowship ([web](#)) 2020
- Dean's fellowship for outstanding academic achievement 2018-20
- **Coordinator:** [Robotics Club](#) IIT Delhi 2008-10
- Master's Research Scholarship by Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Govt. of India May 2011
- CBSE Merit Scholarship for All India Rank 38 (600,000 appeared) in AIEEE, now called JEE-Main 2007
- National top 1% (40,000 appeared) in Physics Olympiad and Chemistry Olympiad 2006
- National Talent Search Exam Scholarship by Govt. of India 2005