

# Kalvik Jakkala

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## Research interests

- Gaussian processes
- Bayesian learning
- Deep learning
- Informative path planning and sensor placement

## Education

### PhD in Computer Science

University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte

Advised by: Professor Srinivas Akella

### MSc in Computer Science

University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte

Concentration in AI, Robotics, and  
Gaming

GPA: 4.00

### BSc in Computer Science

Wichita State University

Minor in Mathematics

GPA: 3.45

## Activities/Awards

### Dean's Honor Roll

May 2018, May 2017, Dec 2016, Dec  
2014

*Recognized for outstanding academic  
performance by the Dean's office*

### Vice President, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Aug 2015—Dec 2016

*Managed the local chapter of ACM and  
organized educational events on  
campus*

### Vice President, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE)

Aug 2015—Dec 2016

*Managed the local chapter of IEEE and  
organized educational events on  
campus*

## Skills

Linux, AWS, Microsoft Azure, GCP,  
Slurm, Python, C/C++, Matlab, SQL,  
Bash Scripting, Tensorflow, PyTorch,  
OpenCV, ROS, SciPy, Pandas, Open  
MPI, Numpy, Pyro, PyMC3, GPflow

## Publications

Kalvik Jakkala and Srinivas Akella.

### Bayesian Sensor Placement for Multi-source Localization of Viruses in Wastewater Networks.

*Manuscript submitted for publication, 2022.*

Kalvik Jakkala and Srinivas Akella.

### Probabilistic Gas Leak Rate Estimation using Submodular Function Maximization with Routing Constraints.

*IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), IEEE International  
Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2022.*

Kalvik Jakkala.

### Deep Gaussian Processes: A Survey.

*arXiv, 2021.*

Kalvik Jakkala, Chen Chen, Minwoo Lee, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Zhi Sun,  
and Pu Wang.

### Spatio-Temporal Domain Adaptation for Gait Based User Recognition from Radar Data.

*Preprint, 2020.*

Prabhu Janakaraj, Kalvik Jakkala, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Zhi Sun, Pu  
Wang, and Minwoo Lee.

### STAR: Simultaneous Tracking and Recognition Through Millimeter Waves and Deep Learning.

*12th IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference (WMNC), 2019.*

Kalvik Jakkala, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Zhi Sun, and Pu Wang.

### Deep CSI Learning for Gait Recognition At-Scale.

*Third International Balkan Conference on Communications and Networking  
(BalkanCom), 2019.*

Akarsh Pokkunuru, Kalvik Jakkala, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Pu Wang, and  
Zhi Sun.

### NeuralWave:Gait-based User Identification through Commodity WiFi and Deep Learning.

*Proc. of 44th Annual Conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society  
(IECON), 2018.*

## Research

### Pose Estimation and Action Recognition with mmWave Radar Devices

May 2019—May 2020

Analysed and developed deep learning algorithms for pose estimation and  
action recognition from 76-80 GHz band devices

### Real-time Depth Estimation from Monocular Images

Jan 2017—Dec 2017

Studied and deployed deep learning methods for real-time depth estimation  
from monocular images in autonomous underwater and aerial drones

### Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (Team-Leader)

May 2016—May 2018

Designed, built, programmed, and tested a complete 6DOF capable  
underwater vehicle from scratch (Nvidia Jetson SoC)

### Autonomous Indoor Environment Mapping Drone (Team)

Aug 2015—May 2016

Worked on path planning and object avoidance algorithms for a quad-copter  
capable of indoor environment mapping (Pixhawk, Raspberry Pi SoC)

## Teaching

### Teaching Assistant

- Graduate Machine Learning course
- Graduate Algorithms & Data Structures course
- Undergraduate Object-oriented Programming course
- Undergraduate Data structures course
- Undergraduate Introductory C++ programming course