

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in Bayesian learning, deep learning, and mathematical optimization for robotics. Currently, I am researching sparse Gaussian processes to address crucial problems in robotics, such as generating explainable DNN predictions, sensor placement, multi-robot informative path planning, and robot motion planning.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Bayesian Sensor Placement and Informative Path Planning** May 2020—
Researching approaches for efficient sensor placement and informative path planning in continuous and discrete domains. My current approach is at least an order of magnitude faster than the prior SOTA, thereby enabling real-time deployment on resource-constrained robots
- Explaining, Justifying, and Quantifying Uncertainty of DNNs (Internship at GE Aerospace)** May 2023—Aug 2023
Developed a low size, weight, and power (SWaP)-optimized Bayesian approach to explain black-box pre-trained DNN predictions
- Pose Estimation and Action Recognition with mmWave Radar Devices** May 2019—May 2020
Analyzed and developed deep learning algorithms for pose estimation and action recognition from mmWave radar data
- User Recognition with WiFi Routers and mmWave Radar Devices** May 2019—May 2020
Pioneered deep learning algorithms for gait-based user recognition with WiFi routers and mmWave radars
- Real-time Depth Estimation from Monocular Images** Jan 2017—Dec 2017
Studied, implemented, and deployed deep learning methods for real-time depth estimation from monocular images in autonomous underwater and aerial drones
- Autonomous Indoor Environment Mapping Drone (Team)** Aug 2015—May 2016
Developed path planning and object avoidance algorithms for an indoor environment mapping aerial drone

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Kalvik Jakkala** and Srinivas Akella. “Multi-Robot Informative Path Planning from Regression with Sparse Gaussian Processes”. In: *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, ICRA*. IEEE, 2024. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/IPP>.
- [2] **Kalvik Jakkala** and Srinivas Akella. “Bayesian Sensor Placement for Multi-source Localization of Viruses in Wastewater Networks”. Manuscript submitted for publication. 2023. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/wastewater>.
- [3] **Kalvik Jakkala** and Srinivas Akella. “Efficient Sensor Placement from Regression with Sparse Gaussian Processes in Continuous and Discrete Spaces”. Manuscript submitted for publication. 2023. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/SGP-SP>.
- [4] Ekkasit Pinyoanuntapong, Ayman Ali, **Kalvik Jakkala**, Pu Wang, Minwoo Lee, Qucheng Peng, Chen Chen, and Zhi Sun. “GaitSADA: Self-Aligned Domain Adaptation for mmWave Gait Recognition”. In: *20th International Conference on Mobile Ad Hoc and Smart Systems, MASS*. IEEE, 2023. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/SADA>.
- [5] **Kalvik Jakkala** and Srinivas Akella. “Probabilistic Gas Leak Rate Estimation Using Submodular Function Maximization With Routing Constraints”. In: *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, RA-L* (2022). URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/gas-leak-estimation>.
- [6] **Kalvik Jakkala**. “Deep Gaussian Processes: A Survey”. In: *CoRR* abs/2106.12135 (2021). URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/DGP>.
- [7] Prabhu Janakaraj, **Kalvik Jakkala**, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Zhi Sun, Pu Wang, and Minwoo Lee. “STAR: Simultaneous Tracking and Recognition through Millimeter Waves and Deep Learning”. In: *12th IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference, WMNC*. IEEE, 2019. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/STAR>.
- [8] **Kalvik Jakkala**, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Zhi Sun, Pu Wang, and Zhuo Cheng. “Deep CSI Learning for Gait Biometric Sensing and Recognition”. In: *Third International Balkan Conference on Communications and Networking, BalkanCom*. 2019. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/CSI>.
- [9] Akarsh Pokkunuru, **Kalvik Jakkala**, Arupjyoti Bhuyan, Pu Wang, and Zhi Sun. “NeuralWave: Gait-Based User Identification Through Commodity WiFi and Deep Learning”. In: *44th Annual Conference of the Industrial Electronics Society, IECON*. IEEE, 2018. URL: <https://itskalvik.github.io/publications/Neuralwave>.

SKILLS

Libraries: Tensorflow, PyTorch, OpenCV, Robot Operating System (ROS), Pyro, GPFlow, Numpy, Jax

Languages: Python, C/C++, Matlab, Bash Scripting

Platforms: Linux, Docker, OpenStack, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Slurm

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)

Jan 2021—

Taught and mentored graduate students in the following courses

- Machine Learning (ITCS8156)
- Algorithms & Data Structures (ITCS8114)
- Optimization for Machine Learning and Data Science (ITCS8010)

B.S. Teaching Fellow (Wichita State University)

Aug 2016—May 2018

Co-instructed, graded, and tutored undergraduate students in the following programming classes

- Object-oriented programming (CS311)
- Data structures (CS300)
- Introductory C++ programming (CS211)

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Charlotte (PhD)

Aug 2018—

- Computer Science, Machine Learning

University of North Carolina at Charlotte (MSc)

Aug 2018—May 2021

- Computer Science, concentration in AI, Robotics, and Gaming
- Cumulative GPA: 4.00

Wichita State University (BSc)

Aug 2014—May 2018

- Computer Science, minor in Mathematics
- Cumulative GPA: 3.45

ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

Reviewer

Jan 2022—

- Reviewer for IEEE ICRA and IEEE IROS conferences

UNC Charlotte GSSF Grant Recipient

May 2022

- Awarded the UNC Charlotte Graduate School's Summer Fellowship (GSSF) grant

Deans 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

- Helped to manage the local chapter of ACM and organized educational events on campus

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

Aug 2015—Dec 2016

- Helped to manage the local chapter of IEEE and organized educational events on campus