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EMPLOYMENT

PickNik Consulting LLC , <i>Boulder, CO</i> Director of Research	9/2019–present
Rice University , <i>Houston, TX</i> Senior Research Scientist, Department of Computer Science	7/2016–present
Rice University , <i>Houston, TX</i> Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of Computer Science	7/2011–present
Rice University , <i>Houston, TX</i> Research Scientist, Department of Computer Science	3/2007–6/2016
Information Sciences Institute, USC , <i>Marina del Rey, CA</i> Computer Scientist, Polymorphic Robotics Lab	9/2005–2/2007
Rice University , <i>Houston, TX</i> Research Associate, Physical and Biological Computing Group , and Postdoctoral Fellow, W.M. Keck Center for Computational Biology	8/2002–8/2005
Carnegie Mellon University , <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i> Research Assistant, Manipulation Lab	9/1996–7/2002
University of California at Berkeley , <i>Berkeley, CA</i> Visiting Researcher, Berkeley Automation Sciences Lab	5/2001–8/2001
Leiden University , <i>Leiden, The Netherlands</i> Researcher, Centre for Science and Technology Studies	9/1995–8/1996
University of Twente , <i>Enschede, The Netherlands</i> Research Assistant, Parlevink Language Engineering Group	1/1995–8/1995
University of Texas , <i>Austin, TX</i> Visiting Researcher, Neural Nets Research Group	9/1993–12/1993

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University , <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i> Ph.D. in Computer Science Thesis title: Shape Reconstruction Using Active Tactile Sensors Thesis advisor: Professor Michael A. Erdmann	9/1996–8/2002
University of Twente , <i>Enschede, The Netherlands</i> M.S. in Computer Science Thesis title: Head-Corner Parsing Using Typed Feature Structures Thesis advisor: Dr. Rieks op den Akker	9/1990–8/1995

TEACHING

Rice University, Houston, TX

- Taught guest lectures for Algorithmic Robotics (COMP 450), Geometric Methods in Structural Computational Biology (COMP 470), and Biomedical Informatics (COMP 573), several semesters.
- Taught COMP 450, Algorithmic Robotics, Fall 2011.
- Developed a teaching module for motion planning, including a series of assignments and accompanying software (see p. 11).
- Developed and taught an advanced graduate class on control theory for motion planning (see <http://mmoll.rice.edu/control>), Spring 2004.
- Coordinated an introductory computational biology seminar, Summer 2003.
- Organized an introductory robotics seminar, Spring 2003.
- Organized a reading group on probabilistic motion planning techniques, Fall 2002.

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

- Taught guest lectures for Robotic Manipulation, Fall 2001.
- Served as teaching assistant for Robotic Manipulation (Fall 2000) and Computer Graphics (Fall 1998).
- Participated in several workshops organized by the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence: Overview of Student Motivation, Planning Effective Lectures, Working Well with Small Groups, video observation of a lecture, 1998–2000.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Bryce Willey, MS, *Combining Sampling and Optimizing in Robotic Path Planning*, Rice University, August 2018.

Zachary Kingston, MS, *A Unifying Framework for Constrained Sampling-Based Planning*, Rice University, November 2017.

Dave Coleman, PhD, *Methods for Improving Motion Planning Using Experience*, University of Colorado Boulder, December 2016.

Stephen Butler, MS, *General Algorithms for the Time-Optimal Trajectory Generation Problem*, Rice University, November 2016.

Ryan Luna, PhD, *Combining Discrete and Continuous Reasoning for Robot Motion Planning in Complex Domains*, Rice University, May 2016.

Devin Grady, PhD, *Motion Planning with Uncertain Information in Robotic Tasks*, Rice University, December 2013.

Jeffrey Chyan, MS, *Examining the Use of Homology Models in Predicting Kinase Binding Affinity*, Rice University, August 2013.

Ioan Şucan, PhD, *Motion Planning using Task Graphs for Mobile Manipulators*, Rice University, August 2011.

Devin Grady, MS, *Unsynchronized Distributed Motion Planning with Safety Guarantees under Second-Order Dynamics*, Rice University, April 2011.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Post-docs: Juan David Hernández Vega, Didier Devaurs, Dinler Antunes, Ankur Dhanik, Bryant Gipson, Nurit Haspel.

Graduate students: Bryce Willey, Zachary Kingston, Jayvee Abella, Stephen Butler, Martha Witick, Sarah Kim, Anastasia Novinskaya, Ryan Luna, Jeffrey Chyan, Devin Grady, Ioan Şucan, Drew Bryant, Harris Chiu, David Schwarz, Mili Shah.

Undergraduate students: Thomas Herring, Cary Jiang, Ljubica Vujović, Cannon Lewis, Colin Losey, Sujay Tadwalkar, Prudhvi Boyapalli, Konstantinos Varvarezos, Beck Chen, Caleb Voss, Riya Fukui, Elizabeth Fudge, Christopher Alme, Neal Ehardt, Ricardo Alvarez, Nick Zhu, Nick Bridle, Nicolas Feltman, Allison Heath.

Google Summer of Code students: Raghavender Sahdev (York University, Toronto, Canada, 2018), Dave Coleman (U. Colorado, 2014), Javier Gomez (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2014), Luis Torres (UNC Chapel Hill, 2013), Caleb Voss (Rice University, 2013).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Associate Editor for *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, 2017–present.
- Senior Member of the *IEEE*, 2013–present.
- Moderator for the *arXiv Robotics section*, 2016–2019.
- Review Manager for the 2014 Robotics Science and Systems (RSS) conference.
- Associate Editor for the *Conference Editorial Board* of the *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)* 2015, 2008–2013.
- Associate Editor for the *Conference Paper Review Board* of the *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)* 2011–2013, 2008.
- Co-organizer of the *Motion Planning for Mobile Manipulation Tutorial* at *ICRA* 2013.
- Co-organizer of the *Robot Motion Planning for Real Robots Tutorial* at *IROS* 2011.
- Co-organizer of the *Protein Structure, Kinematics, and Motion Planning Workshop* at the 2009 “Robotics: Science & Systems” conference.
- Main organizer of a *motion planning tutorial* at *IROS* 2008.
- Main organizer of the *Workshop on Self-Reconfigurable Modular Robots* at the 2006 “Robotics: Science & Systems” Conference.
- Member of the *IEEE Robotics & Automation Society Technical Committees* on (1) *Algorithms for Planning and Control of Robot Motion*, (2) *Software Engineering for Robotics and Automation*, and (3) *Networked Robotics*.
- Member of NSF review panels, 2015–2019.
- Program committee member for the following conferences:
 - Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (2018, 2016, 2010, 2008, 2004)
 - Intl. Joint Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2016
 - IEEE Intl. Conf. on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM) 2015
 - AAAI conference (2013, 2007, 2006),
 - “Robotics: Science and Systems” Conference (2020, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2005–2010)
 - IEEE/RSJ Intl. Conf. on Intelligent Robots and Systems (2006, 2005, 2001)
 - Workshop on Robotics Methods for Struct. and Dynamic Modeling of Molec. Systems (RMMS 2014)
 - Computational Structural Biology Workshop (CSBW 2013–2014).

- Referee for the following journals:
 - AI Communications
 - Algorithmica
 - Annual Review of Control, Robotics, and Autonomous Systems
 - Autonomous Robots
 - BMC Bioinformatics
 - Expert Opinion on Drug Discovery
 - IEEE/ACM Trans. on Comp. Biology and Bioinf.
 - IEEE Trans. on Robotics
 - IEEE Trans. on Automation Science and Eng.
 - IEEE Trans. on Human-Robot Interaction
 - IEEE Trans. on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, A
 - IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters
 - IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine
 - Intl. Journal of Computer Vision
 - Intl. Journal of Robotics Research
 - Intl. Journal of Mechatronics
 - Journal of Computational Biology
 - Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling
 - PLOS ONE
 - PLOS Computational Biology
 - Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics
 - Robotica
 - Robotics and Autonomous Systems
 - Theoretical Computer Science
 - Visual Computer
- Referee for the following conferences:
 - International Symposium on Robotics Research (ISRR 2017, 2019)
 - IEEE Intl. Conf. on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2016–2018, 2010–2014, 2007, 2002–2005)
 - IEEE/RSJ Intl. Conf. on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS 2018, 2016, 2012, 2009, 2005–2007, 2001)
 - Humanoids 2015
 - Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment Conf. (XSEDE 2013)
 - 13th International Conference on Ubiquitous Computing (UbiComp 2011)
 - Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2010)
 - American Control Conference (ACC 2010)
 - International Conference on Computational Systems Bioinformatics (CSB 2008, 2007)
 - SIGGRAPH (2007, 2006)
 - Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG 2004)
 - International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB 2012, 2003)
 - The Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Publications are available online at <http://mmoll.rice.edu/publications.html>.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [J36] R. Luna, **M. Moll**, J. M. Badger, and L. E. Kavraki. A scalable motion planner for high-dimensional kinematic systems. *Intl. J. of Robotics Research*, 2020. doi:[10.1177/0278364919890408](https://doi.org/10.1177/0278364919890408). To appear.
- [J35] S. M. Kim, M. I. Peña, **M. Moll**, G. N. Bennett, and L. E. Kavraki. Improving the organization and interactivity of metabolic pathfinding with precomputed pathways. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 2020. doi:[10.1186/s12859-019-3328-x](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-019-3328-x). To appear.
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- [J32] E. E. Litsa, M. I. Peña, **M. Moll**, G. Giannakopoulos, G. N. Bennett, and L. E. Kavraki. Machine learning guided atom mapping of metabolic reactions. *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling*, 59(3): 1121–1135, March 2019. doi:[10.1021/acs.jcim.8b00434](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jcim.8b00434).
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INVITED TALKS

- Texas System Day, Texas A&M, College Station, TX. April 5, 2019. *Toward Robot Autonomy: Tasks, Plans, and Policies*.
- Workshop on Automation, AI & Robotics, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX. March 27, 2019. *Robot Motion Planning: Challenges and Opportunities for Increasing Robot Autonomy*.
- First Summer School on Cognitive Robotics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. June 13, 2017. *Sampling-Based Motion Planning*.
- University of Houston at Clear Lake. September 7, 2016. *Motion Planning: From Robots to Molecules*.
- Intl. Conf. on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS) Summer School, King's College, London, UK. June 9, 2016. *Sampling-based motion planning and its combination with task planning*.
- University of Twente, the Netherlands. March 27, 2015. *Computing Robot Motion Plans from High-Level Specifications*.
- University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. March 26, 2015. *Computing Robot Motion Plans from High-Level Specifications*.
- University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. March 26, 2015. *Modeling Conformational Changes in Large Molecular Complexes*.
- Networking event for alumni of Dutch polytechnical universities, Houston, TX. November 21, 2014. *Motion Planning: From Robots to Molecules*.
- Workshop on Robotics Methods for Structural and Dynamic Modeling of Molecular Systems at the Robotics Science & Systems (RSS) conference, July 12, 2014. *Motion Planning for Large Molecular Complexes*.
- Open Source Software World Challenge Awards Day, Seoul, Korea. November 27, 2012. *The Open Motion Planning Library*.
- HPC Workshop, Rice University. October 1, 2008. *HPC for Computational Structural Biology*.
- Texas A&M University. November 16, 2007. *Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction for the Analysis of Protein Motion*.
- Information Sciences Institute, University of Southern California. May 21, 2005. *Manipulation and Shape Modeling for Robotics Applications*.

- Intl. Workshop on Motion Planning in Virtual Environments, Toulouse, France. January 8, 2005. *Applying Motion Planning Techniques to Molecular Docking*.
- Honda Research Institute, USA. December 13, 2004. *Manipulation and Shape Modeling for Robotics Applications*.
- NASA Johnson Space Center. April 7, 2004. *Shape Reconstruction Using Active Tactile Sensors*.
- NASA Ames Research Center. March 10, 2004. *Shape Reconstruction Using Active Tactile Sensors*.
- INRIA Sophia-Antipolis, France. December 20, 2002. *Nonprehensile Manipulation and Sensing*.
- Univ. of Mass. at Amherst. March 2, 2002. *Shape Reconstruction Using Active Tactile Sensors*.
- Texas A&M University. March 21, 2002. *Shape Reconstruction Using Active Tactile Sensors*.
- Johns Hopkins University. March 28, 2002. *Shape Reconstruction Using Active Tactile Sensors*.
- Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition Brain Bag Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University. November 25, 1996. *Convergence-Zone Episodic Memory: Analysis and Simulations*.
- Parallel Distributed Processing Group Meeting, Psychology Department, Carnegie Mellon University. November 15, 1996. *Convergence-Zone Episodic Memory: Analysis and Simulations*.

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- NSF IIS 1830549, 2018–2021, \$749,291. *Robotic Collaboration through Scalable Reactive Synthesis*.
- CPRIT RP170508, 2016–2019, \$900,000. *Structural modeling of peptide-HLA complexes presenting a melanoma-associated antigen for cross-reactivity assessment*.
- NSF CCF 1514372, 2015–2019, \$815,999. *Automating robot programming through constraint solving and motion planning*.
- NSF CCF 1423304, 2014–2017, \$458,128. *An Integrated Approach to Characterizing Conformational Changes of Large Proteins*.
- NSF IIS 1317849, 2013–2019, \$923,140. *Rethinking Motion Generation for Robots Operating in Human Workspaces*.
- NSF DBI 1262491, 2013–2019, \$694,873. *Mining Metabolic and Enzyme Databases for the Composition of Non-Canonical Pathways*.
- NSF DBI 0960612, 2010–2016, \$765,686. *A Toolbox for Large-Scale Analysis of Structural Molecular Data*.
- NSF DUE 0920721, 2009–2014, \$250,000. *Teaching robot motion planning through an integrated software environment*.
- DOD Army RDECOM W911NF-09-1-0383, 2009–2015, \$7,500,000. *Opportunistic Sensing*.
- NIH Ro1 GM078988, 2006–2010, \$717,796. *Dimensionality Reduction and Search for Analyzing Protein Structure*.

SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE

- **The Open Motion Planning Library** (<http://ompl.kavrakilab.org>): a library containing implementations of many motion planning algorithms, as well as a simple GUI. With Ioan Şucan and many other developers. Used inside the Robot Operating System (ROS) and several other robotics software packages. Winner of the 2012 Open Source Software World Challenge.
- **The DINC Server** (<http://dinc.kavrakilab.org>): a web server for incremental molecular docking of large ligands and peptides. This is joint work with Dinler Antunes, Didier Devaurs, Ankur Dhanik and several others.

- **LabelHash** (<http://labelhash.kavrakilab.org>): a system that, given a small 3D protein substructure, finds all substructures in a large collection of proteins that are geometrically and chemically similar to it. With [Drew Bryant](#).
- **MacPorts** (<http://www.macports.org>): maintainer of a number of scientific software ports for MacPorts, an Open Source package manager for macOS.