

# Bharathkumar “Tiny” Ramachandra

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## SUMMARY

Researcher in computer vision and machine learning, mathematically inclined and interested in applied computer vision research. Ability to explain complex concepts in a precise and concise manner. Thrives in a collaborative small-lab environment that actively supports self-education.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Computer Vision Scientist at Wrnch Inc.

*Mar 2020 - present*

### Computer Vision Research Intern at Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs

*Summers 2018, 2019 | with Michael Jones*

- Developed a new benchmark dataset, new evaluation protocol and baseline algorithms for video anomaly detection hoping to nudge research in a more meaningful direction.
- Developed a novel video anomaly detection algorithm that learns a metric with a Siamese CNN from source datasets and uses it to subsequently score video patches in a target dataset.
- Generalized the Siamese CNN approach to process data across multiple scales using region proposals, Spatial Pyramid Pooling and a “margin” metric loss.

### Data Science Intern at Samsung Research America

*Summer 2017 | with Rui Chen*

- Built a logistic regression pipeline on Spark to predict attributes of users based on historical Samsung Mobile Pay transaction information, to be used to provide personalized user experiences.
- Debugged an issue with AI assistant Bixby’s Deep Natural Language Processing unit.

## EDUCATION

### Ph.D. in Computer Science | Aug 2014 – Dec 2019 | GPA 4.0

North Carolina State University | *with Ranga Raju Vatsavai*

- Dissertation on ‘Anomaly Detection in Videos’.
- Wrote the most comprehensive survey on Video Anomaly Detection to-date.
- Reproduced code for papers that proposed convolutional auto-encoders to perform video anomaly detection using TensorFlow. [30+ ★s, 10+ forks on GitHub](#)
- Collaborated in projects on video action recognition, semi-supervised image classification, remote sensing change detection, multi-modal image classification and image manifold estimation.
- Relevant coursework: Visual Sensing, Advanced Machine Learning, Spatial and Temporal Data Mining, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Advanced Spatial Statistics, Design and Analysis of Algorithms.

### B.E. (Hons.) in Computer Science | 2010 – 2014 | GPA: 3.51

Birla Institute of Technology and Science - Pilani, Dubai

## PROJECTS ([GitHub](#))

- Implemented manifold-aware density estimator using Python, Manifold Parzen Windows, which outperforms the naïve Parzen Windows estimator.

- Implemented the G-means clustering algorithm using R, that can automatically pick an optimal number of clusters in a domain independent fashion.
- Parallelized Gaussian process regression on GPUs using CUDA dynamic parallelism.
- Augmented a sparse point-cloud mapping library, ORB-SLAM2, to perform real-time SLAM using thermal sensors for energy audits of buildings.
- Performed highly optimized large-scale distributed training and classification of satellite imagery in the US using deep networks on the latest Intel Xeon CPUs.

## TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

Python; TensorFlow; PyTorch; OpenCV; Scikit-learn; Matlab; R; C++; CUDA C; Apache Spark; QGIS.

## SERVICE

- Reviewer: WACV ['20], ICDM ['19], KDD['18], PKDD ['19], SDM ['20, '19, '18], PAKDD ['18], SSTDM ['17], SSTDM ['16, '17], ACM GIS ['17], AAAI ['19].
- Program Committee: SSTDM '19 (at ICDM '19).

## AWARDS

- WACV 2020 PhD consortium travel award.
- Best paper award at ICCS 2016.
- NCSU College of Engineering student travel award 2016.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS ([GOOGLE SCHOLAR](#))

- **Ramachandra, B.**, & Jones, M. (2020). Street Scene: A new dataset and evaluation protocol for video anomaly detection. In *The IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision* (pp. 2569-2578).
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Jones, M., & Vatsavai, R. (2020). Learning a distance function with a Siamese network to localize anomalies in videos. In *The IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision* (pp. 2598-2607).
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Dutton, B., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2019). Estimating a Manifold from a Tangent Bundle Learner. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1906.07661*.
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Gadiraju, K. K., Vatsavai, R. R., Kaiser, D. P., & Karnowski, T. P. (2016). Detecting extreme events in gridded climate data. *Procedia Computer Science*, 80, 2397-2401. **(Best Paper Award)**
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Dutton, B., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2019). Anomalous cluster detection in spatiotemporal meteorological fields. *Statistical Analysis and Data Mining: The ASA Data Science Journal*, 12(2), 88-100.
- Chen, Z., **Ramachandra, B.**, Wu, T., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2018). Relational Long Short-Term Memory for Video Action Recognition. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.07059*.
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Nawathe, P., Monroe, J., Han, K., Ham, Y., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2018). Real-Time Energy Audit of Built Environments: Simultaneous Localization and Thermal Mapping. *Journal of Infrastructure Systems*, 24(3), 04018013.
- Chen, Z., Vatsavai, R. R., **Ramachandra, B.**, Zhang, Q., Singh, N., & Sukumar, S. (2016, December). Scalable nearest neighbor based hierarchical change detection framework for crop monitoring. In *2016 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data)* (pp. 1309-1314). IEEE.