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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

Oct 2019 - till dated

Serre Lab, Brown University, USA

Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute (ANITI), France

Thesis: Exploring the role of self-attention in cognitive and computer vision architectures

Supervisor: Thomas Serre (Professor, Brown University, USA)

Erasmus Joint Masters

Sept 2017 - 2019

Computer **VI**sion and Ro**BO**Tics (VIBOT)

Semester 1: University of Bourgogne, France (CGPA: 15.1/20)

Semester 2: University of Girona, Spain (CGPA: 9/10)

Semester 3: Heriot-Watt University, UK (CGPA: 75.6/100)

Thesis: MU-Net: A deep learning model for teeth segmentation from panoramic X-ray images

Supervisor: Hugues Talbot (Professor, CentraleSupélec, France)

Bachelor of Technology (Hons.)

July 2009 - 2013

Electronics and Communication Engineering

LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur, India (CGPA: 7.89/10.00),

Thesis: Residue coding technique for video compression

Supervisor: A. K. Tiwari (Assoc. Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur, India)

AREA OF INTEREST

Artificial Intelligence, Computational Neuroscience, Visual reasoning, Computer Vision, Pattern Recognition, Medical Imaging, Machine Intelligence

PUBLICATIONS

Mohit Vaishnav, Remi Cadene, Andrea Alamia, Drew Linsley, Rufin VanRullen, Thomas Serre; “Understanding the Computational Demands Underlying Visual Reasoning.” *Neural Computation* 2022; 34 (5): 10751099. doi: https://doi.org/10.1162/neco_a_01485

Mohit Vaishnav, Thomas Fel, Ivan Felipe, Thomas Serre; “Conviformer: Convolutionally guided Vision Transformer.” *ArXiv* [abs//2208.08900](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.08900) (2022)

Mohit Vaishnav, Thomas Serre; “MAREO: Memory- and Attention- based visual REasoning.” *ArXiv* [abs/2206.04928](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.04928) (2022)

Aimen Zerroug, **Mohit Vaishnav**, Julien Colin, Sebastian Musslick, Thomas Serre; “A Benchmark for Compositional Visual Reasoning.” *In Proceedings of the Neural Information Processing Systems Track on Datasets and Benchmarks* [abs/2206.05379](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.05379) (2022)

Mohit Vaishnav, Binny Tewani and Anil Kumar Tiwari; “Residue coding technique for video compression”, 24th IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC) (2014), Snowbird, UT, USA, doi: [10.1109/DCC.2014.92](https://doi.org/10.1109/DCC.2014.92)

Mohit Vaishnav and Anil Kumar Tiwari; “Bin classification using temporal gradient estimation for lossless video coding”, 24th IEEE *Data Compression Conference (DCC)* (2014), Snowbird, UT, USA, doi: [10.1109/DCC.2014.93](https://doi.org/10.1109/DCC.2014.93)

Mohit Vaishnav, Dinesh Kumar Chobey, and Anil Kumar Tiwari; “Temporal Stationarity Based Prediction Method For Lossless Video Coding”. In Proceedings of the 2014 *Indian Conference on Computer Vision Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP)*. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 39, 16. <https://doi.org/10.1145/2683483.2683522>

Dinesh Kumar Chobey, **Mohit Vaishnav** and Anil Kumar Tiwari; “An optimal switched adaptive prediction method for lossless video coding”, 23rd IEEE *Data Compression Conference (DCC)* (2013), Snowbird, UT, USA, doi: [10.1109/DCC.2013.63](https://doi.org/10.1109/DCC.2013.63)

Mohit Vaishnav, Ashwani Sharma and Anil Kumar Tiwari; “A noble computationally efficient motion compensation method based on pixel by pixel prediction”, 21st IEEE *Data Compression Conference (DCC)* (2011), Snowbird, UT, USA, doi: [10.1109/DCC.2011.83](https://doi.org/10.1109/DCC.2011.83)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Taught *Basics of Introduction to Computer vision* at the Federal University of Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées, France 2021,'22
- Taught *Visual Reasoning in Computer Vision* at the Federal University of Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées, France 2021,'22
- Supervised 15 M1 students at Paul Sabatier University, France for the course *Initiation to research work (project) (EMINC2B2)*, 2021
- Teaching Assistant for Electronics lab at LNMIIT 2010

LEADERSHIP POSITION

- Elected as Student representative for *ANITI*, France 2020-22
- Elected Member of Senate, *Science and Tech. Council*, LNMIIT, India 2013
- Founder and Membership head, *IEEE Student branch*, LNMIIT, India 2012
- Founder and Organizer, Technical Festival *Plinth*, LNMIIT, India 2012

AWARDS

- 5th position on Kaggle competition *Herbarium 2021* 2022
- Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) fellowship towards completion of Ph.D. 2019-22
- Charpak Masters Scholarship from French Government 2017
- Santander Grant by University of Girona (Spain) 2017
- Erasmus+ Mobility Grant for Masters study abroad by European Commission 2017
- Bourgogne Regional Council Grant 2017
- Travel grant from Microsoft Research for Data Compression Conference 2011
- Selected in Govt. of India, National fellowship scheme, Kishor Vaigyanic Prot-sahan Yojna funded by DST, in Engineering stream 2010

COURSES

- Attended **Reinforcement Learning Virtual School**, organized by ANITI 2021
- Attended **Computational Neuroscience** course on Coursera 2021
- Attended **Computational Psychiatry** Course organized by the Translational Neuromodeling Unit, University of Zurich & ETH Zurich 2020
- Machine Learning course of Andrew Ng by Coursera 2018

EXPERIENCE

- Reviewer IEEE Transaction on Evolutionary Computation 2012, NeurIPS 2021, CVPR 2022, ICML 2022, ECCV 2022
- Masters Thesis with a Dental AI startup, **WeDiagnostiX**: Developed their **first working prototype** for the classification/understanding of maxillary structures from X-ray imaging using Deep learning, 2019
- Summer Internship at Quelia Systems Inc. and ESIEE Paris under the supervision of Professor Hugues Talbot, ESIEE Paris. Developed an algorithm to estimate vehicle tire wear using Computer Vision techniques (tread measurement) 2018
- Research Assistant in Ajman University, U.A.E. 2018
- Offshore working with Suspect Technologies Inc., a startup by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (*MIT*) Camera Culture Group members. 2016
- Contributed to **Kumbhathon** for innovating the Kumbha festival by MIT USA and developed an algorithm for “Abnormal Motion Detection” 2015
- Undergraduate Summer Research Internship at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore (India), under the supervision of Prof. K. R. Ramakrishnan and worked on 3D Video Synopsis: Capturing to Transmission 2012
- Undergraduate Summer Research Internship at Global Internship Program In Engineering Innovation And Design Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi (India), where I wrote a review on Compression Sensing. 2011
- Undergraduate Summer Research Internship at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jodhpur (India), under the supervision of Prof. A. K. Tiwari and worked on developing lossless Video compression techniques, 2010

CONFERENCE TALKS

- Ivan Felipe, Thomas Fel, Mohit Vaishnav, Peter Wilf, Thomas Serre, “Using Artificial Intelligence To Identify Fossil Angiosperm Leaves At Family Level”, *Geological Society of America*, Connects, Denver (USA) 2022
- Mohit Vaishnav, Thomas FEL, Ivan Felipe, Jacob A Rose, Peter Wilf, Thomas Serre, “Understanding how deep neural networks categorize living and fossil leaves”, *Botany* (virtual) 2021
- Ivan Felipe, Jacob A Rose, Thomas FEL, Mohit Vaishnav, Peter Wilf, Thomas Serre, “A deep-learning-based approach for automated fossil leaf identification”, *Botany* (virtual) 2021
- Computational models of visual reasoning at *Brown Unconference* 2021