Varun Sundar

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Education University of Wisconsin Madison Jan 2021–Present

PhD candidate, Computer Science, GPA: 4.0/4.0.

Advised by Mohit Gupta.

Indian Institute of Technology Madras 2016–2020

B. Tech in Electrical Engineering, GPA: 9.67/10.0.

Experience Graduate Research Assistant 2021–Present

WISIONLab, University of Wisconsin-Madison. PI: Mohit Gupta.

Algorithms and applications for single photon devices.

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2019–2020

Computational Imaging Lab, Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

PI: Kaushik Mitra.

Data-driven algorithms for lensless image reconstruction.

Undergraduate Research Intern May-Aug 2019

Iris Vision Lab, University of Southern California.

PI: Ram Nevatia.

Attribute and object detection on partially annotated datasets.

Machine Learning Intern May-Aug 2018

Satellite Imaging Team, Hyperverge India. Mentor: Nikhil Naphade.

Robust asset detection from large-scale satellite data.

Publications A Live Demo of Single-Photon Imaging and Applications SIGGRAPH E-Tech 2024

S Jungerman*, V Sundar*, and M Gupta.

Best in show award.

Generalized Event Cameras CVPR 2024

V Sundar*, M Dutson*, A Ardelean, C Bruschini, E Chabron and M Gupta.

Patent filed.

SoDaCam: Software-defined Cameras via Single-Photon Imaging ICCV 2023

Oral presentation, 1.8% acceptance rate

V Sundar, A Ardelean, T Swedish, C Bruschini, E Chabron and M Gupta.

Provisional patent filed.

Seeing Photons in Color SIGGRAPH 2023

S Ma, V Sundar, P Mos, C Bruschini, E Chabron and M Gupta.

Single-Photon Structured Light CVPR 2022

V Sundar, S Ma, A Sankaranarayanan and M Gupta.

US Patent App. 17/807,656, 2023.

[Reprod.] Rigging the Lottery: Making All Tickets Winners Rescience C 2020

V Sundar and R Dwaraknath.

Towards Photorealistic Scene Reconstruction of Lensless Measurements TPAMI 2020

SS Khan*, **V Sundar***, V Boominathan, A Veeraraghavan and K Mitra.

Deep Atrous Guided Filter for UDC Image Restoration **V Sundar***, S Hegde*, D Kothandaraman and K Mitra.

Awards

SIGGRAPH 2024 Emerging Technologies Best in Show award.

and honors UW-Madison Summer Research Award, 2021.

Under Display Challenge, ECCV 2020: 2nd, 5th (P-OLED, T-OLED tracks).

Graduate Scholarship at UW Madison: fall 2021 and spring 2022.

IUSSTF-Viterbi REU at USC: one of 15 awardees among 1000+ applicants. Mentored by Ram Nevatia, summer 2019.

Talks and presentations

Imaging, One Photon at a Time

• SIGGRAPH E-Tech (demo and invited talk)

July 2024

Generalized Event Cameras

• CVPR (poster and demo), CVPR CCD workshop.

June 2024

• Camera Culture Group, MIT

April 2024

SoDaCam: Software-defined Cameras via Single-Photon Imaging

• ICCV (oral)	October 2023
• Sony Research	October 2023
• ICCP (poster and demo)	August 2023
• UW-Madison Research Symposium	April 2023

Single-Photon Structured Light

• Cruise AI	October 2022
• ICCP (spotlight, poster)	August 2022
• Sony Research	June, August 2022
• CVPR (poster), CVPR CCD	June 2022

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• Weights and Biases Salon

March 2021

Towards Photorealistic Scene Reconstruction of Lensless Measurements

• CVPR CCD June 2020

Additional

Reviewing: CVPR (2023, 2024), ICCV (2023), ECCV (2024), ML Reproducibility 2022, Nature Communications (2024).

Service: ICCP 2023 (social media chair).

Technical Skills: Python, C, C++, MATLAB (prog. languages); Numpy, Numba, Scipy, Taichi (scientific packages); Pytorch, Tensorflow and JAX (ML frameworks).

Misc: Teaching Assistant for Computer Vision (fall 2021, spring 2022) and Data Science (spring 2021) at UW-Madison.

^{*} denotes equal contribution.

References

Mohit Gupta, Associate Professor in CS, UW-Madison. Aswin Sankaranarayanan, Professor in EE, Carnegie Melon University. Kaushik Mitra, Assistant Professor in EE, IIT Madras.