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

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

Robust asset detection from large-scale satellite data.

Publications Quanta Computer Vision

XRDS Crossroads, 2025

V Sundar and M Gupta.

Invited article.

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.

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 ECCV Workshops, 2020 **V Sundar***, S Hegde*, D Kothandaraman and K Mitra.

Awards and honors

SIGGRAPH 2024 Emerging Technologies Best in Show award.

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

UW-Madison CS Research Fair (poster)
SIGGRAPH E-Tech (demo and invited talk)
October 2024
July 2024

Generalized Event Cameras

| • Sony Research | October 2024 |
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| • CVPR (poster and demo), CVPR CCD workshop. | June 2024 |
| • Camera Culture Group, MIT | April 2024 |
| • IIT Madras | December 2024 |

SoDaCam: Software-defined Cameras via Single-Photon Imaging

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

Single-Photon Structured Light

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

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

• Weights and Biases Salon March 2021

Towards Photorealistic Scene Reconstruction of Lensless Measurements

• CVPR CCD June 2020

^{*} denotes equal contribution.

Additional Reviewing: CVPR (2023, 2024, 2025), ICCV (2023), ECCV (2024), ML Reproducibil-

ity 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.

References

Mohit Gupta, Aswin Sankaranarayanan, Kaushik Mitra,

Associate Professor in CS, Professor in EE, Assistant Professor in EE,

UW-Madison. Carnegie Melon University. IIT Madras.