Vikram Voleti

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Education

Mila, University of Montreal, Canada — *Fall 2018 - present (anticipated Aug 2023)*
PhD in Computer Science — *Supervisor*: Prof. Christopher Pal, CIFAR AI Chair — (A) 4.0 / 4.3

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, India — *2009 - 2014*
Dual Degree (B.Tech. (H) + M.Tech.) in Electrical Engineering with Master's specialization in Instrumentation and Signal Processing — 8.44 / 10

Research

Deep learning for image, video, 3D: Video Prediction/Generation with Score-based Diffusion models [1]; 3D human pose estimation and inverse kinematics [3]; Image generation with Continuous Normalizing flows [4]; Video prediction with Neural ODEs [10]; 3D object generation using radiance fields

Research Experience

Meta (formerly **Facebook**), Menlo Park, USA — Research Intern — *Aug-Dec 2022*
- *Team*: AI for Metaverse (AI4RL); *Supervisors*: Dr. Yashar Mehdad, Dr. Barlas Oguz
- Research on denoising diffusion models for video and 3D object generation

Unity Technologies, Canada — MITACS Research Intern — *Oct 2021 - Aug 2022*
- *Team*: Deep Pose, Unity Labs; *Supervisor*: Dr. Boris Oreshkin
- 3D human pose estimation and inverse kinematics from videos, published at SIGGRAPH Asia [3]

Google, Mountain View, USA — Research Intern — *Sep-Dec 2019*
- *Team*: Google AI Perception, *Supervisors*: Dr. Bryan Seybold, Dr. Sourish Chaudhuri
- Research on multimodal semi-supervised Active Speaker Detection in videos

IIIT Hyderabad, India — Research Fellow; *Supervisor*: Prof. C. V. Jawahar — *May 2017 - Aug 2018*
- Synthesized educational videos in regional Indian languages by generating lips from audio
- Full paper published at ICASSP 2019 [11], short paper published at CVPR 2018 Workshop

Other Experience

Reviewer — CVPR 2022, ACML 2021, NeurIPS 2021, ICCV 2021, CVPR 2021 (***Outstanding Reviewer***), ICLR 2020, NeurIPS 2020, ICML 2020, NeurIPS 2019, workshops

Organizer — **ICCV 2021** - Differentiable 3D Vision and Graphics workshop — *Feb-Oct 2021*
OWCV 2021 (Canadian Computer Vision workshop), Canada — *Feb-Apr 2021*
GRAPHQUON 2020 (Canadian Computer Graphics workshop), Canada — *Oct-Dec 2020*

Blue Lion Labs, Canada — AI Advisor — *Oct 2020 - present*

University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada — Teaching Assistant — *Sep 2019, Sep-Dec 2020*
- Fundamentals of Machine Learning (IFT 6390) by Prof. Ioannis Mitliagkas

NextAI - Toronto, Canada — AI Scientist in Residence — *Mar-Sep 2020*
- Consultant for multiple early-stage startups on machine learning and AI

IVADO/Mila Deep Learning School, Montreal, Canada — Teaching Assistant — *Sep 2019*

NextAI - Montreal, Canada — Scientist in Residence (AI Consultant for early-stage startups) — *Apr-Sep 2019*

Playment, Bengaluru, India — Computer Vision Consultant — *Jan-Jun 2018*
- Worked on semantic segmentation models for autonomous driving

TalentSprint, Hyderabad, India — Mentor, Foundations of AI & ML (inaugural program) — *Jan-May 2018*
- Designed and presented tutorials on machine learning, and mentored industry professionals

Research Papers (Select)

[1] "MCVD: Masked Conditional Video Diffusion for Prediction, Generation, and Interpolation", **V. Voleti**, A. Jolicoeur-Martineau, C. Pal - *NeurIPS 2022* [arXiv]

[2] "Score-based Denoising Diffusion with Non-Isotropic Gaussian Noise Models", **V. Voleti**, C. Pal, A. Oberman - *NeurIPS 2022 Workshop* [arXiv]

[3] "SMPL-IK: Learned Morphology-Aware Inverse Kinematics for AI Driven Artistic Workflows", **V. Voleti**, B. N. Oreshkin, F. Bocquelet, F. G. Harvey, L. Ménard, C. Pal - *SIGGRAPH Asia 2022* [arXiv]

[4] "Multi-Resolution Continuous Normalizing Flows", **V. Voleti**, C. Finlay, A. Oberman, C. Pal - [arXiv]

[5] "FairCal : Fairness Calibration for Face Verification", T. Salvador, S. Cairns, **V. Voleti**, N. Marshall, A. Oberman - *ICLR 2022* [arXiv]

[6] "Generative Models of Brain Dynamics", M. Ramezanian-Panahi, G. Abrevaya, JC. Gagnon-Audet, **V. Voleti**, I. Rish, G. Dumas - *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence (journal)* [arXiv]

[7] "Improving Continuous Normalizing Flows using a Multi-Resolution Framework", **V. Voleti**, C. Finlay, A. Oberman, C. Pal - *ICML 2021 Workshop*

[8] "gradSim: Differentiable simulation for system identification and visuomotor control" , K. M. Jatavallabhula, M. Macklin, F. Golemo, **V. Voleti**, L. Petrini, M. Weiss, B. Considine, J. Parent-Lévesque, K. Xie, K. Erleben, L. Paull, F. Shkurti, D. Nowrouzezahrai, S. Fidler - *ICLR 2021* [arXiv]

[9] "Learning to Combine Top-Down and Bottom-Up Signals in RNNs with Attention over Modules", S. Mittal, A. Lamb, A. Goyal, **V. Voleti**, M. Shanahan, G. Lajoie, M. Mozer, Y. Bengio - *ICML 2020* [arXiv]

[10] "Simple Video Generation using Neural ODEs", **V. Voleti**, D. Kanaa, S. E. Kahou, C. Pal - *NeurIPS 2019 Workshop* [arXiv]

[11] "Cross-Language Speech Dependent Lip-Synchronization", **V. Voleti**, A. Jha, V. P. Namboodiri, C. V. Jawahar - *ICASSP 2019* [pdf]

Awards

Outstanding Reviewer at CVPR 2021 — *May 2021*
Microsoft Diversity Award for Doctoral Research, $6,000 — *Dec 2020*
MITACS Accelerate Research Internship, $30,000 — *Oct 2020*
University of Montreal entrance scholarship, $37,000 — *Sep 2018*

Talks & Other Efforts

- "MVCD: Masked Conditional Video Diffusion" — NeurIPS 2022, New Orleans, USA [slides] — *Dec 2022*
- "SMPL-IK: Learned Morphology-Aware Inverse Kinematics for AI Driven Artistic Workflows" — SIGGRAPH Asia, Diagu, South Korea [slides, video] — *Dec 2022*
- "Normalizing flows" — Learning Representations (course), University of Montreal, Canada — *Nov 2022*
- "Score-based Denoising Diffusion Models - a tutorial" — Mila, Canada [slides, video] — *Sep 2022*
- "Solving Video Tasks using Denoising Diffusion Models" — Samsung Toronto, Canada [slides] — *Aug 2022*
- "Denoising Diffusion GANs" — Mila, Canada [slides] — *Feb 2022*
- "Score-based Generative Models with SDEs" — Mila, Canada [slides] — *Feb 2021*
- "Continuous Normalizing Flows" — Mila, Canada [slides] — *Sep 2020*
- "GANs: the story so far" — Summer Symposium on AI Research, India [slides, video] — *Jul 2020*
- "A brief tutorial on Neural ODEs" — Mila, Canada [slides, video] — *Jul 2020*
- "Mathematics of Neural ODEs" — University of Guelph, Canada [slides] — *Apr 2020*
- "Simple Video Generation using Neural ODEs" — IIIT Hyderabad, India [slides] — *Jan 2020*
- Tutorial on "GANs" — AI for Social Good Summer Lab, Montreal — *May 2019*
- "Image de-fencing using RGB-D data" — MPI Informatics, Saarbrücken, Germany [slides] — *Feb 2018*
- "Intuition behind LSTMs" at IIIT Hyderabad, India [slides] — *Feb 2018*
- "Mathematics of back-propagation" — GreyOrange Robotics, and IIIT-Hyderabad, India [slides] — *Aug 2017*
- Attended summer schools on Computer Vision and Machine Learning at IIIT-Hyderabad — *Jul 2017*
  - Rewarded full fee waiver, stood 3rd and 4th in respective schools out of 120+ participants
- Qualified JEE 2009 by IIT at 99.7 percentile, with All India Rank of 1330 (out of 384,977) — *Apr 2009*

Work Experience

GreyOrange Robotics, Gurgaon, India — Image Processing Engineer — *Feb 2016 - May 2017*
- Developed computer vision module for video processing in real time for warehouse automation

Airbus, Bengaluru, India — Associate Engineer — *Jul 2014 - Feb 2016*
- Avionics software development and integration following standard avionics coding guidelines (DO-178B)

Thesis Projects

Supervisor: Prof. Rajiv Sahay, Electrical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur, India

Master's thesis — "De-fencing of Images using RGB-D Data" — *2013 - 2014*
- Elimination of fence-like occlusions, and inpainting of images using RGB-D data
- Nominated for Best Project Award among three departments, research work published at ICAPR 2015

Bachelor's thesis — "Identification of Bilabial Lip Closures in Audio and Video" — *2012 - 2013*
- Measurement of synchronization between audio and video using bilabial cues in both modes

Past Research Internships

KU Leuven, Belgium — *Supervisor*: Prof. Ingrid Verbauwhede, ESAT — *Summer 2013*
- Designed arithmetic operations using Carry-Free Logic, simulated circuits in Xilinx

IIT Kharagpur, India — *Supervisor*: Prof. Aurobinda Routray, Electrical Engineering — *Summer 2012*
- Made a gesture recognition program in MATLAB using Hidden Markov Models

Imperial College, UK — *Supervisor*: Prof. Peter Cheung, Electrical & Electronics — *Summer 2011*
- Measured the relative power consumption among the LookUp Tables (LUTs) of an FPGA

Skills

C/C++, CUDA, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Jax, Keras, MATLAB, OpenCV, Python, PyTorch, Tensorflow