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EXPERTISE	Deep learning for image, video, 3D: expert at machine learning research and development; experienced in leading multiple projects collaborating with international partners in industry and academia. Projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video prediction/generation using denoising diffusion models [1], deriving non-isotropic diffusion models [2]• Text to 3D using dreamfusion, NeRF, DM Tet; 3D human pose estimation and inverse kinematics [3]• Image generation using normalizing flows [4][9]; video generation using Neural ODEs [13], GANs [15][16]• Contributed to projects on 4D generation, simulation [10], fairness/uncertainty [5], federated learning [6]		
EDUCATION	<div><div>Mila, University of Montreal, Canada</div><div><i>Sep 2018 - present (Aug 2023)</i></div><div>Ph.D. in Computer Science — <i>Supervisor:</i> Prof. Christopher Pal</div><div>Conditional generative models for image, 3D animation, video [1][2][3][9][13]</div></div> <div><div>Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, India</div><div><i>2009 - 2014</i></div><div>Dual Degree (B.Tech. (Honours) + M.Tech.) in Electrical Engineering with Master's specialization in Instrumentation and Signal Processing [17]</div></div>		
WORK EXPERIENCE	<div><div>Stability AI, Canada (Remote) — Research Scientist</div><div><i>Apr 2023 - present</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading AI research and development on generating 3D objects, images, videos from text</div></div> <div><div>Meta (formerly Facebook), Menlo Park, USA — Research Intern</div><div><i>Aug 2022 - Feb 2023</i></div><div><i>Team:</i> AI for Metaverse (AI4RL); <i>Supervisors:</i> Dr. Yashar Mehdad, Dr. Barlas Oguz</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led the technology development for generating 3D objects, videos from text; dreamfusion, NeRF• Applied expertise at neural graphics for 3D rendering; implemented hands-on in PyTorch• International AI team; technology transitioned into a Meta end product, and adopted by other Meta teams</div></div> <div><div>Unity Technologies, Montreal, Canada — (MITACS) Research Intern</div><div><i>Oct 2021 - Aug 2022</i></div><div><i>Team:</i> Deep Pose, Unity Labs; <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. Boris Oreshkin</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built AI-assisted animation workflow for user-editable 3D characters; trained novel 3D human pose prior• Published at SIGGRAPH Asia [3], incorporated technology into a Unity product</div></div> <div><div>Google, Mountain View, USA — Research Intern</div><div><i>Sep-Dec 2019</i></div><div><i>Team:</i> Google AI Perception; <i>Supervisors:</i> Dr. Bryan Seybold, Dr. Sourish Chaudhuri</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigated the scope of deep semi-supervised learning for active speaker detection in video• Hands-on implementation in TensorFlow; collaborated with TPU team for coding Neural ODE in Jax/Flax</div></div> <div><div>IIIT Hyderabad, India — Research Fellow; <i>Supervisor:</i> Prof. C. V. Jawahar</div><div><i>May 2017 - Aug 2018</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synthesized educational videos in regional Indian languages by generating lips from audio• Developed automated pipeline to create large-scale audio-video dataset• Full paper published at ICASSP 2019 [15], short paper published at CVPR 2018 Workshop [16]</div></div> <div><div>GreyOrange Robotics, Gurugram, India — Image Processing Engineer</div><div><i>Feb 2016 - May 2017</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed computer vision solutions for embedded robotics in real time in C++/Python• Solely responsible for code development, testing of video processing module, camera drivers, server</div></div> <div><div>Airbus, Bengaluru, India — Associate Engineer</div><div><i>Jul 2014 - Feb 2016</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avionics software development following standard avionics coding guidelines (DO-178B)</div></div> <tr><td>OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</td><td><div><div>Blue Lion Labs, Canada — AI Advisor</div><div><i>Oct 2020 - present</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide technical guidance and mentorship on the design and development of AI/ML systems• Mentored co-op students and interns, published research papers from work led by them [6][8]</div></div><div><div>NextAI, Canada — AI Scientist-in-Residence</div><div><i>Apr-Sep 2019, Mar-Sep 2020</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided scientific and technical support to start-ups selected in yearly co-hort of NextAI accelerator</div></div><div><div>Playment, Bengaluru, India — Computer Vision Consultant</div><div><i>Jan-Jun 2018</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided technical guidance on semantic segmentation models for autonomous driving</div></div><div><div>TalentSprint, Hyderabad, India — Mentor, Foundations of AI & ML (inaugural program)</div><div><i>Jan-May 2018</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and delivered tutorials on machine learning, and provided mentorship to industry professionals</div></div></td></tr>	OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<div><div>Blue Lion Labs, Canada — AI Advisor</div><div><i>Oct 2020 - present</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide technical guidance and mentorship on the design and development of AI/ML systems• Mentored co-op students and interns, published research papers from work led by them [6][8]</div></div> <div><div>NextAI, Canada — AI Scientist-in-Residence</div><div><i>Apr-Sep 2019, Mar-Sep 2020</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided scientific and technical support to start-ups selected in yearly co-hort of NextAI accelerator</div></div> <div><div>Playment, Bengaluru, India — Computer Vision Consultant</div><div><i>Jan-Jun 2018</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided technical guidance on semantic segmentation models for autonomous driving</div></div> <div><div>TalentSprint, Hyderabad, India — Mentor, Foundations of AI & ML (inaugural program)</div><div><i>Jan-May 2018</i></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and delivered tutorials on machine learning, and provided mentorship to industry professionals</div></div>
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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
	IIIT Hyderabad merit scholarship for summer school, \$1,000	Jul 2017
SERVICE	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
	Reviewer — Journal on Computer Vision and Image Understanding, CVPR 2022, ACML 2021, NeurIPS 2021, ICCV 2021, CVPR 2021 (<i>Outstanding Reviewer</i>), ICLR 2020, NeurIPS 2020, ICML 2020, NeurIPS 2019, CCAI @ ICLR 2020, CCAI @ NeurIPS 2019, LLD @ ICLR 2019	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of Montreal , Montreal, Canada — Guest Lecturer	Nov 2022
	• Representation Learning (IFT 6135) by Prof. Aishwarya Agrawal	
	University of Montreal , Montreal, Canada — Teaching Assistant	Sep-Dec 2020
	• Fundamentals of Machine Learning (IFT 6390) by Prof. Ioannis Mitliagkas	
	Summer Symposium on AI Research , India — Guest Speaker	Jul 2020
	University of Montreal , Montreal, Canada — Teaching Assistant	Sep 2019
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	IVADO/Mila Deep Learning School , Montreal, Canada — Teaching Assistant	Sep 2019
	AI for Social Good Summer Lab , Montreal, Canada — Lecturer	May 2019
	TalentSprint , Hyderabad, India — Mentor, Foundations of AI & ML (inaugural program)	Jan-May 2018
	• Designed and presented tutorials on machine learning, and mentored industry professionals	
PAST INTERNSHIPS	KU Leuven , Belgium — <i>Supervisor</i> : Prof. Ingrid Verbauwhede, ESAT	Summer 2013
	• Designed and implemented carry-free arithmetic operations in Verilog; simulated circuits in Xilinx	
	IIT Kharagpur , India — <i>Supervisor</i> : Prof. Aurobinda Routray, Electrical Engineering	Summer 2012
	• Made a gesture recognition program in MATLAB using Hidden Markov Models	
	Imperial College , UK — <i>Supervisor</i> : Prof. Peter Cheung, Electrical & Electronics	Summer 2011
	• Circuits and Systems Research Group; measured intra-die power variation in sub-nm FPGAs	
SKILLS	C/C++, CUDA, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Jax, Keras, L ^A T _E X, MATLAB, OpenCV, OS X, Python, PyTorch, R, Shell, SLURM, Tensorflow, Ubuntu, Verilog, Windows	
	Deep learning, computer vision, machine learning, research and development, generative modeling, NeRF, score-based diffusion models, normalizing flows, Neural ODEs, GANs, Transformers, large-scale training, image generation, video prediction, 3D pose estimation, 3D rendering, text-to-image, text-to-3D, text-to-4D	
TALKS	• “Diffusion models for solving video tasks” — INRIA , France [slides]	Feb 2023
	• “MCVD: 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, Daegu, 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
	• “MCVD: Masked Conditional Video Diffusion” — Mila, Canada	May 2022
	• “Denoising Diffusion GANs” — Mila, Canada [slides]	Feb 2022
	• “Training GANs by Solving ODEs” — Mila, Canada [slides]	Apr 2021
	• “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

- “BigGAN” — Mila, University of Montreal, Canada [slides] Oct 2018
- “Image de-fencing using RGB-D data” — MPI Informatics, Saarbrücken, Germany [slides] Feb 2018
- “Intuition behind LSTMs” — IIIT Hyderabad, India [slides] Feb 2018
- Tutorial on “Back-propagation” — IIIT-Hyderabad, India [slides] Aug 2017
- “Mathematics of back-propagation” — GreyOrange Robotics, India [slides] Feb 2017

THESIS PROJECTS

Supervisor: Prof. Chris Pal, Polytechnique Montreal, Canada

Doctoral thesis — “Conditional Generative Modeling for Image, 3D Animation, and Video” [1][2][3][9][13] **2023**

- Image generation using Multi-Resolution Continuous Normalizing Flows, Non-Isotropic Denoising Diffusion
- 3D animation using neural inverse kinematics with 3D human pose prior
- Video prediction using Neural ODEs, video prediction/generation/interpolation using Masked Conditional Video Diffusion models

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

Master’s thesis — “De-fencing of Images using RGB-D Data” [17] **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” **2013**

- Measurement of synchronization between audio and video using bilabial cues in both modes

RESEARCH PAPERS (SELECT)



- [1] *NeurIPS 2022* - “MCVD: Masked Conditional Video Diffusion for Prediction, Generation, and Interpolation”, **V. Voleti**, A. Jolicoeur-Martineau, C. Pal [arXiv]
- [2] *NeurIPS 2022 Workshop* - “Score-based Denoising Diffusion with Non-Isotropic Gaussian Noise Models”, **V. Voleti**, C. Pal, A. Oberman [arXiv]
- [3] *SIGGRAPH Asia 2022* - “SMPL-IK: Learned Morphology-Aware Inverse Kinematics for AI-Driven Artistic Workflows”, **V. Voleti**, B. N. Oreshkin, F. Bocquet, F. G. Harvey, L. Ménard, C. Pal [arXiv]
- [4] *Submitted to a journal* - “Multi-Resolution Continuous Normalizing Flows”, **V. Voleti**, C. Finlay, A. Oberman, C. Pal [arXiv]
- [5] *ICLR 2022* - “FairCal : Fairness Calibration for Face Verification”, T. Salvador, S. Cairns, **V. Voleti**, N. Marshall, A. Oberman [arXiv]
- [6] *CVIS 2022 (Oral)* - “Plankton-FL: Exploration of Federated Learning for Privacy-Preserving Training of Deep Neural Networks for Phytoplankton Classification”, D. Zhang, **V. Voleti**, A. Wong, J. Deglint
- [7] *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence (journal)* - “Generative Models of Brain Dynamics”, M. Ramezani-Panahi, G. Abrevaya, J.C. Gagnon-Audet, **V. Voleti**, I. Rish, G. Dumas [arXiv]
- [8] *FSS at AAAI 2022* - “Towards Generating Large Synthetic Phytoplankton Datasets for Efficient Monitoring of Harmful Algal Blooms”, N. Bamra, **V. Voleti**, A. Wong, J. Deglint [arXiv]
- [9] *ICML 2021 Workshop* - “Improving Continuous Normalizing Flows using a Multi-Resolution Framework”, **V. Voleti**, C. Finlay, A. Oberman, C. Pal
- [10] *ICLR 2021* - “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 [arXiv]
- [11] *MLSys 2021* - “Accounting for Variance in Machine Learning Benchmarks”, X. Bouthillier, P. Delaunay, M. Bronzi, A. Trofimov, B. Nichyporuk, J. Szeto, N. Sepah, E. Raff, K. Madan, **V. Voleti**, S. E. Kahou, V. Michalski, D. Serdyuk, T. Arbel, C. Pal, G. Varoquaux, P. Vincent [arXiv]
- [12] *ICML 2020* - “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 [arXiv]
- [13] *NeurIPS 2019 Workshop* - “Simple Video Generation using Neural ODEs”, **V. Voleti**, D. Kanaa, S. E. Kahou, C. Pal [arXiv]
- [14] *ICML 2019 Workshop* - “Comparing Normalization in Conditional Computation Tasks”, V. Michalski, **V. Voleti**, S. E. Kahou, A. Oritz, P. Vincent, C. Pal, D. Precup [arXiv]
- [15] *ICASSP 2019* - “Cross-Language Speech Dependent Lip-Synchronization”, **V. Voleti**, A. Jha, V. P. Namboodiri, C. V. Jawahar [pdf]
- [16] *CVPR 2018 Workshop* - “Lip-Synchronization for Dubbed Instructional Videos”, **V. Voleti**, A. Jha, V. P. Namboodiri, C. V. Jawahar (FIVER) [pdf]
- [17] *ICAPR 2015* - “A Multimodal Approach for Image De-fencing and Depth Inpainting”, S. Jonna, **V. Voleti**, R. R. Sahay, and M. S. Kankanhalli [pdf, IEEE]