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CAREER PROFILE

Ph.D. candidate in Computer Vision at KAUST, under the supervision of Professor Bernard Ghanem. Experience in neural rendering, 3D reconstruction, 3D-based recognition tasks, and diffusion models. Skilled at structuring all stages of research projects, from ideation and experimentation to writing with a proven track record of publications in top-tier conferences. Successful in performing in intense environments and cross-culture collaborations.

EDUCATION

2020 - 2024	Ph.D.	Electrical and Computer Engineering — KAUST	(GPA: 4.0/4.0)
2017 - 2018	M.Sc.	Biomedical Engineering — Universidad de los Andes	(GPA: 4.6/5.0)
2013 - 2016	B.E.	Electronics Engineering — Universidad de los Andes	(GPA: 4.07/5.0)

Work Experience

Research Intern — Adobe Inc.

Worked on 3D Scene Editing task using diffusion models (ControlNet) and NeRF representations. Supervised by Kalyan Sunkavalli (Principal Research Scientist).

Research Intern — KAUST

Worked on adversarial attacks for point clouds. Paper published at ECCV. Supervised by Professor Bernard Ghanem at the Image and Video Understanding Lab.

Research Intern — University of Southern California

Worked with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, researching automated image segmentation methods to analyze the vulnerability of human organs. Initiated, wrote, and delivered a review on biomedical image segmentation. Supervised by Autumn Kulaga at the Institute for Creative Technologies.

Computer Vision Engineer — Barbara & Frick

Structured the first stage of a project for leveraging state-of-the-art algorithms for detecting, counting, and recognizing grocery items.

Teaching Assistant — Universidad de los Andes

Developed supplementary material to course lectures, designed lab activities, provided feedback on course projects, and participated in student evaluations. Courses: Introduction to Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Circuit Fundamentals, IT in Organizations, and Ironman Technology.

Selected Publications

- Jinjie Mai, Wenxuan Zhu, Sara Rojas, Jesus Zarzar, Abdullah Hamdi, Guocheng Qian, Bing Li, Silvio Giancola, and Bernard Ghanem (2024). "TrackNeRF: Bundle Adjusting NeRF from Sparse and Noisy Views via Feature Tracks". In: **ECCV**.
- Sara Rojas, Julien Philip, Kai Zhang, Sai Bi, Fujun Luan, Bernard Ghanem, and Kalyan Sunkavalli (2024). "DATENeRF: Depth-Aware Text-based Editing of NeRFs". In: ECCV.
- Sara Rojas, Jesus Zarzar, Juan C. Perez, Artsiom Sanakoyeu, Ali Thabet, Albert Pumarola, and Bernard Ghanem (2023). "Re-ReND: Real-time Rendering of NeRFs across Devices". In: ICCV.
- Jesus Zarzar^{*}, Sara Rojas^{*}, Silvio Giancola, and Bernard Ghanem (2022). "SegNeRF: 3D Part Segmentation with Neural Radiance Fields". In: ArXiv:2211.11215.
- Abdullah Hamdi, Sara Rojas, Ali Thabet, and Bernard Ghanem (2020). "AdvPC: Transferable Adversarial Perturbations on 3d Point Clouds". In: ECCV.

Skills and Interests

Software Skills: Python, Tensorflow, PyTorch, MATLAB, and GLSL

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Professional Working Proficiency)

Interests: Wall and rock climbing, reading non-fiction books, gyming and travelling.

May 2019 - Jun 2019

Jul 2017 - Jun 2019

May 2023 - Sep 2023

Jul 2019 - Dec 2019

Jun 2018 - Aug 2018