# Martin Ethier

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### EXPERIENCE

### **OTTO** Motors

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

- Developed a warehouse simulation pipeline using Unity with C# to procedurally generate perception data
- Trained YOLOv7 forklift detection models using PyTorch to evaluate the simulation's sim2real performance
- Achieved a 20% increase in mAP over the COCO pre-trained baseline by pre-training on the simulation dataset

## **DarwinAI**

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

- Trained a U-Net with PyTorch to segment weld defects on an X-Ray image dataset containing only 10 high-resolution images
- Achieved 50% test IoU by experimenting with training schemes and developing novel data extraction methods
- Led the development of an automatic model training pipeline using PyTorch, Kubeflow, MLflow, and DVC

## Huawei Technologies Canada

Perception Research Intern

- Designed experiments to improve LiDAR object detection models using both PyTorch and TensorFlow
- Led the development of a LiDAR semantic segmentation labeling web app that uses JavaScript with Three.js

## **P&P** Optica

Imaging Software Developer Intern

- Trained SVMs and CNNs to classify the freshness in vegetables given hyperspectral image data using Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow
- Reduced data labeling time by 40% by creating an ROI masking tool using spectral filtering and OpenCV

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Evaluating and Improving Neural Rendering In The Extrapolation Regime For AV Simulation Work In Progress MASc Thesis

- Designed and collected a multi-sensor autonomous driving dataset to provide quantitative evaluation for neural rendering methods outside the training trajectory
- Developed tools using ROS and OpenCV to assist with the calibration of the camera and LiDAR sensors
- Evaluated multiple SOTA NeRF and 3D Gaussian Splatting based models as baselines
- Trained multi-view latent diffusion models with PyTorch to supervise neural rendering methods, improving their performance in the extrapolation regime

#### FJMP: Factorized Joint Multi-Agent Motion Prediction over Learned Interaction Graphs CVPR 2023 Conference Publication

- Researched joint motion prediction using graph neural networks (GNNs) and interaction graphs, achieving SOTA performance on the INTERACTION dataset
- Experimented with various GNN-based architectures to encode agent trajectories and HD map data

#### Sim-to-Real Domain Adaptation for Lane Detection and Classification in Autonomous Driving IV 2022 Conference Publication

- Researched methods to perform zero-shot sim2real domain adaptation for lane detection
- Created a randomly generated synthetic lane detection dataset using the CARLA simulator
- Achieved 80% zero-shot transfer detection accuracy on the TuSimple dataset by integrating GAN-based domain adaptation methods with SOTA lane detection models

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Jan. 2020 - Apr. 2020, Sep. 2020 - Dec. 2020

Toronto, ON

Waterloo, ON May 2019 - Aug. 2019

May 2022 - Aug. 2022

Kitchener, ON

Waterloo, ON

May 2021 - Aug. 2021

## End-to-End Planning Using Deep Learning

- Trained a neural network using PyTorch to do end-to-end motion planning on the comma2k19 dataset
- Generated future path labels using a Kalman filter and addressed dataset imbalance with a custom path curvature metric
- Designed a neural network using RegNets and GRUs to predict the path given a video input, achieving a test MAE of 0.3 meters over 2 second trajectories

## Comma Calibration Challenge

- Implemented a monocular visual odometry pipeline using OpenCV to estimate the relative pose between the mounted camera and the ego vehicle
- Improved pose estimation of the odometry pipeline by 35% by filtering out moving points with a DeepLabV3+ semantic segmentation model trained on the comma10k dataset using PyTorch

## Computer Vision Team Lead

- Led a team developing autonomous mobile robot perception software using C++ with ROS and OpenCV
- Wrote software to detect and classify traffic signs, lane lines, and stop lines utilizing classical computer vision methods such as Haar cascade classification, Canny edge detection, and the Hough transform

### Skills

Languages: Python, C++, C#, MATLAB, C, CUDA, JavaScript Frameworks: PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas, ROS, VTK, Three.js Tools: Git, Unity, CARLA, Docker, Kubeflow, DVC, MLflow, Bash, Linux

### Education

| University of Waterloo                                                                       |          | Waterloo       | , ON    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|
| MASc in Electrical and Computer Engineering; GPA: 3.9/4.0                                    | Sep.     | 2022 – Aug.    | 2024    |
| BASc in Mechatronics Engineering; GPA: 3.9/4.0                                               | Sep.     | 2016 – Apr.    | 2022    |
| External Coursework: Deep Learning Specialization (Coursera), Introduction to Self-Driving ( | Cars (Co | oursera), Arti | ificial |
| Intelligence for Robotics (Udacity)                                                          |          |                |         |

## Projects

Personal Project

UW Robotics Team

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