# Gijs van Houtum

Computer vision engineer / Applied scientist

### Summary

- 6+ years experienced applied research scientist in computer vision solutions for industrial applications
- History of leading successful machine learning/computer vision industry projects(5 companies).
- PhD candidate in computer vision focused on data-efficient adaptive deep learning models.
- MSc in control theory with thesis work on ML-based automated camera calibration using structured light.
- Specialized in semi-supervised video object segmentation deep learning based computer vision models using industrial sensors
- Winner of multiple grants for innovative ML collaboration with industry partners.
- Inventor of patented (PCT/CA2022/050956) active learning algorithm that reduces data annotation need by >70%



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Magna International (Headquarters)

- R&D of adaptive vision-based deep learning defect detection and instance segmentation models for Laser-based metal additive manufacturing process. Work includes a novel coaxial camera solution, data acquisition/experiments, data annotation protocol, data training pipeline, model validation and visualization. Developed with Tensorflow, Python, OpenCV, ONNX, Linux
- Lead, train and supervise a team of 5+ people (domain experts/operators, Masters students) in sensor selection, data acquisition, data annotation, coding.
- Project has the potential to make this type of manufacturing the new standard and replace the classical welding robots in all of Magna's car manufacturing plants.

#### Entrepreneur, Market researcher

Lab2Market & Velocity Incubator UpStart Program

- Lab2Market Grant won leading to a 10 week program on market research.
  Discovered the potential of adaptive machine vision solutions for the automotive, medical and aerospace industry. Interviewed 30+ companies.
- UpStart Grant won for my innovative work on adaptive vision-based models leading to a 12 Week program to bring my work to market. Networking with potential customers and investors.

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Retinex

 Project lead in developing machine learning solutions for melt-pool segmentation in laser powder-fed DED using in-situ vision-based (IR+VIS) process monitoring



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> Jan 2023 - TBD Aurora, Canada

Sep 2021 - April 2023 Waterloo, Canada

Jan 2021 - May 2021 Waterloo, Canada

- Lead, train and supervise a team of 5 people (domain experts, operators and students) in experimental design, data acquisition and annotation.
- R&D of hybrid deep learning image segmentation and classification model (only segments an image if classified correctly), data acquisition experiments, data annotation protocol, data training pipeline, model validation and visualization.
   Validation accuracy of 91% with added robustness, developed using Tensorflow, Python, OpenCV, ONNX, Linux

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The Fraunhofer Innovation Platform for Advanced Manufacturing

- Project lead in developing a machine learning solution for iterative process parameter optimization in LPBF laser powder bed additive manufacturing processes.
- Close collaboration with Aeronamic B.V. (EOS M280) and Additive Industries for data acquisition and solution application.
- R&D of iterative layer-wise process parameter optimization using vision-based deep learning and particle swarm optimization.

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Xiris Automation

- Project lead in developing machine learning solutions for vision-based melt-pool segmentation in laser-powder DED.
- Lead a team of 10+ people (domain experts/operators) in data acquisition and annotation (10000 images in 6 months).
- R&D of hybrid deep learning image segmentation and classification model (only segments an image if classified correctly)
- R&D of data acquisition experiments, data annotation protocol, data training pipeline, model validation and visualization. Validation accuracy of 86% with added robustness.
- Developed using Tensorflow, Python, OpenCV, ONNX, Linux

#### Graduate researcher, Camera calibration, Computer vision

Multi-Scale Additive Manufacturing Laboratory

- R&D of machine learning based computer vision models that automatically calibrate cameras using structured light (laser).
- Developed interactive GUI desktop application able to record videos and calibrate cameras automatically using a line laser with Qt, Tensorflow, Python, OpenCV, Linux

#### Associate researcher, Computer vision

Multi-Scale Additive Manufacturing Laboratory

- R&D of machine learning based computer vision models.
- Software development for data-related tasks using C/C++, OpenCV, Python, Tensorflow

#### Intern, Computer vision

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Sep 2020 - Jan 2021 Enschede, Netherlands

Nov 2019 - Sep 2020

Burlington, Canada

Mar 2018 - Feb 2019 Waterloo, Canada

Jan 2017 - Mar 2018

Waterloo, Canada

Sep 2016 - Dec 2016 Waterloo, Canada

# R&D of fast quadratic programming algorithm for application in Tokamak fusion reactors (ITER). Intern, Researcher Sep 2012 - Feb 2013 Damen Schelde Naval Shipbuilding Vissingen, Netherlands Structural eigenmode identification of naval vessels based on multi-source accelerometer sensor data. Education PhD, Al & Machine Learning University of Waterloo | GPA: 9.4/10 Thesis: Data-efficient machine learning in additive manufacturing MSc, Systems & Control

**MSc, Systems & Control** *Eindhoven University of Technology | GPA: 7.9/10 (With distinction)* Final Thesis: Machine learning based camera calibration for additive manufacturing Pre-master Thesis: Fast Quadratic Programming for Tokamak Fusion Reactors

#### **BEng**, Dynamics

Intern, Mathematical optimization

Control Systems Technology Center

Avans University of Applied Sciences Final Thesis: Damping modelling in SIGMA class naval vessels Minor: System dynamics and control theory

#### Pre-university

Cobbenhagen College

2002 - 2008 Tilburg, Netherlands

Breda, Netherlands

Eindhoven, Netherlands

Sep 2009 - March 2013

Feb 2015 - Aug 2016

Eindhoven, Netherlands

# Awards

•	Winner of the UpStart velocity incubator program	2023
•	1st place America Makes AMNOW challenge	2022
•	Winner of the Lab2Market E-Accelerate grant	2021
•	Winner of Women in STEM grant	2020
•	Winner of the NSERC HIAM Exchange program grant	2020

# Skills

- Programming: Python(12+ years), C/C++, Matlab, Latex
- Libraries: Tensorflow, Pytorch, OpenCV, QT, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Numpy, Scipy
- OS: Linux(12+ years primarily), Windows(when necessary)
- Languages: Dutch (Native), English (Full Professional), German

# Publications

[1] G. J. J. van Houtum and M. L. Vlasea, "Active learning via adaptive weighted uncertainty sampling applied to additive manufacturing", *Additive Manufacturing*, vol. 48, p. 102411, 2021.