

Eric Gullichsen

Research, engineering and entrepreneurship: early artificial intelligence, immersive media, cyberculture, Pacific networking and industrial automation.

Overview

Eric Alexander Gullichsen is a computer scientist, programmer and technology entrepreneur whose career has moved through several emerging fields: cryptanalysis and artificial intelligence in the early 1980s; hypertext and neural networks before the Web; low-cost virtual reality and interactive photographic imaging in the 1990s; early NVIDIA graphics work; and Internet infrastructure in the Kingdom of Tonga. His writing with Timothy Leary also contributed to the early literature of cyberculture, while his later engineering includes geodesic distillation equipment and automation for Waiheke Whisky in New Zealand and experimental phased-array ultrasound systems. [1, 4, 16, 18, 21, 28, 38–40, 43–46]

His best documented contributions are practical as well as conceptual. With Ernest Chang he demonstrated backpropagation-based handwriting recognition at ICNN 1987, led development of the PlaneText hypertext system at MCC, worked on Autodesk's early Cyberspace project, co-founded Sense8 and helped develop its WorldToolKit software, created the photographic virtual-reality technology known as VTV, participated in Tonga's progression from dial-up messaging services to a permanent Internet link and an international domain registry, and designed distillation equipment and wrote factory-control software for Waiheke Whisky. [3–6, 8, 17, 24, 39, 40] Crown Prince Tupouto'a appointed him technology adviser to Tonga's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defense; in 2006 he received the Order of the Crown of Tonga at Commander rank for services to the Crown. [18, 19, 47]

Cryptanalysis, expert systems and early neural networks

Gullichsen received an M.Sc. in Computer Science from the University of British Columbia in May 1983. His thesis, **"Bidirectional Heuristic Search and Spectral S-Box Simplification for the Cryptanalysis of the NBS Data Encryption Standard,"** addressed heuristic search and components of DES cryptanalysis. It is the earliest substantial academic work identified in the sources for this profile. [1]

At the University of Victoria's Laboratory for Computer Enhanced Cognition, he collaborated with Ernest Chang on a Prolog-based architectural design system informed by Christopher Alexander's *Pattern Language*. Their **"Generative Design in Architecture Using an Expert System"** appeared in the Graphics Interface 1985 proceedings and in *The Visual Computer*. The project explored the generation of three-dimensional forms from interacting design rules, combining logic programming with geometric representation. The original conference paper appeared in *Graphics Interface 1985*, pp.

425–433 (DOI: 10.20380/GI1985.61), and an expanded journal version appeared in *The Visual Computer* 1(3), pp. 161–168 (DOI: 10.1007/BF01910018). [2, 33, 34]

Heuristic digital-circuit simulation in PROLOG

A separate 1985 journal article, **“Heuristic Circuit Simulation Using PROLOG,”** appeared in *Integration, the VLSI Journal*, volume 3, issue 4, pp. 283–318 (DOI: 10.1016/0167-9260(85)90015-X). In this work Gullichsen represented electronic gates and hierarchical circuits as logical predicates, then applied theorem proving and constraint-satisfaction heuristics to simulation problems, including backward reasoning for fault isolation. The paper also considered how the technique could support implementations of Roth’s D-algorithm for digital-circuit test generation. This adds an important engineering dimension to his early AI research: symbolic reasoning was applied to the operation and diagnosis of real digital circuitry. [35]

ICNN 1987: backpropagation and handwritten-letter recognition

In 1987, Gullichsen and Ernest Chang co-authored **“Pattern Classification by Neural Network: An Experimental System for Icon Recognition”**, presented at the first IEEE International Conference on Neural Networks (ICNN) in San Diego and published in its proceedings, Volume IV, pp. 725–732. The paper described a working multilayer neural network trained by backpropagation to recognize handwritten capital letters—an early practical application of the method to visual pattern recognition. [5]

The system converted 16×16 input images into a 7×7 representation and fed 49 inputs through a fully connected network with 26 hidden units and 26 outputs, one output per letter. Its experimental training material consisted of four mouse-drawn examples of each of the 26 capital letters. The authors reported 2,534 backpropagation training updates, taking approximately 15 minutes in their implementation. They also discussed the possibility of investigating a trained network’s decision regions rather than treating it as an entirely opaque classifier. [5]

This 1987 research is historically significant as a documented working application of backpropagation to handwritten-character recognition during the field’s early experimental revival. The Gullichsen–Chang paper reported a demonstration system rather than a modern benchmark, with no separately measured held-out recognition rate or confusion matrix. [5]

MCC: logic programming and hypertext

Gullichsen subsequently worked at Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC), the Austin research consortium formed by U.S. computer companies. His 1985 technical report **“BiggerTalk: Object-Oriented Prolog”** (MCC STP-125-85) and the 1986 **“The PlaneText Book”** (MCC STP-333-86, with Dilip D’Souza, Pat Lincoln and colleagues) reflect parallel interests in knowledge representation and user interfaces. The latter was cited in subsequent ACM hypertext literature. [4, 37]

At MCC he led development of PlaneText, an early hypertext system for Unix and Sun workstations. As described in Jeffrey Conklin’s influential survey of hypertext, PlaneText treated ordinary Unix files as

document nodes and maintained link information separately. Existing source files, electronic mail and other text could therefore be cross-linked without first being imported into a wholly separate document repository. A contemporary Ars Electronica biography identified PlaneText as the first software product released by MCC's Software Technology Program to consortium members. [3, 4]

The system belongs to the pre-Web history of hypertext: it addressed practical problems of navigating interconnected information before Web browsers and URLs provided a broadly standardized solution. [3]

Other research and conference writing

The early publication record also includes **"Artificial Realities Through Cyber-Quantum Technology,"** presented at the Second Annual User-System Interface Conference in Austin in February 1987 (pp. 155–161). The conference-paper citation, preserved in a specialist hypertext bibliography, documents Gullichsen's interest in artificial realities before his later Autodesk and Sense8 work. The full text has not been examined for this biography, so no additional technical claims about it are made. [36]

These peer-reviewed journal and conference publications, together with MCC technical reports, document distinct strands of work in cryptanalysis, hardware reasoning, rule-based design, connectionist pattern recognition, hypertext and artificial realities. [1, 2, 5, 33–37, 42]

Advanced Decision Systems: boundary logic and parallel deduction

In 1987, Gullichsen undertook consulting work with William Bricken at Advanced Decision Systems (ADS), a Mountain View, California artificial-intelligence research and development firm. ADS worked on knowledge-based reasoning, expert systems and decision-support technology, including U.S. defense-funded AI research. Their collaboration examined how the distinction calculus in G. Spencer-Brown's *Laws of Form* could provide a foundation for an alternative logic-deduction system. [48, 49]

The resulting Losp parallel deduction engine represented logical expressions as nested boundaries and applied local transformation rules for inference, rather than relying exclusively on conventional serial symbolic proof procedures. The prototype was implemented in Prolog on an Intel hypercube parallel computer; Bricken reports that the system was demonstrated on a 16-node Intel hypercube at the 1987 International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI). A contemporaneous ADS technical report by Bricken and Gullichsen was titled "A Boundary Logic Tutorial with the Losp Parallel Deduction Engine." [49, 51]

Bricken and Gullichsen subsequently published the work as "An Introduction to Boundary Logic with the Losp Deductive Engine," in *Future Computing Systems*, volume 2, number 4 (1989), pp. 1–77. The project is an early example of implementing formal logical deduction using asynchronous parallel computation and provides a further link between Gullichsen's research in logic programming and his later work on experimental computing architectures. [50, 51]

Autodesk and the early commercial VR movement

In 1988 Gullichsen joined Autodesk's investigation of interactive three-dimensional environments, formally the Cyberspace Project and informally Cyberia. He became a principal programmer and early project leader. The group included William and Meredith Bricken, Patrice Gelband, Eric Lyons and other Autodesk colleagues. The objective was to move immersive simulation out of specialized laboratories and toward hardware affordable to smaller engineering and development organizations. [6]

In the late 1980s, many immersive systems relied on costly specialized graphics computers, trackers and head-mounted displays. Autodesk explored how to make a programmable VR system operate on less expensive computing platforms. Gullichsen's involvement covered software and hardware, and introduced collaborations that continued through the next decade. [4, 6]

Sense8 and WorldToolKit

After Autodesk changed the direction of the Cyberspace project, Gullichsen and Patrice Gelband co-founded Sense8 Corporation in 1990. Gullichsen served as its founding president. The company's defining product was WorldToolKit (WTK), a cross-platform C/C++ software toolkit for constructing interactive three-dimensional and virtual-reality applications. [4, 7, 8]

WTK supplied developers with a higher-level interface to 3-D scene management, viewpoint control, user interaction and hardware devices, including trackers, stereoscopic displays and input peripherals. Rather than requiring an application to be rewritten for each display or tracking system, the toolkit separated much of the device integration from application logic. It supported systems from PCs and workstations to more elaborate immersive installations. [7, 8]

Applications were developed in architectural visualization, engineering, training and scientific research. One particularly well documented use was MarsMap, an interactive three-dimensional model of the Mars Pathfinder landing site. A NASA team used the WorldToolKit libraries to render Martian terrain from imaging and telemetry data and assist mission planning and scientific analysis; a contemporaneous 1997 report describes the planned use, while a 1998 technical paper describes the implemented system. [9, 10]

Sense8 also appeared in industrial virtual-reality development, including work associated with BMW's research center. Engineering Animation, Inc. acquired Sense8 in 1998. [11, 12]

VTV: navigating photographic worlds

Beginning in 1993, Gullichsen developed VTV (Virtual TV) through another venture, Warp Ltd. VTV pursued a complementary approach to the polygon-based virtual environments of WorldToolKit: capture the actual visual world with wide-angle photography or video, then compute a perspective-correct view that responded interactively to the user's viewing direction. [16, 17]

The first experiments used 220-degree fisheye still photographs taken through a Nikon 6 mm lens. The technical obstacle was turning the distorted source image into a conventional changing viewport

quickly enough for smooth navigation on contemporary personal computers. Gullichsen implemented fixed-point biquadratic texture mapping, substituting integer arithmetic and precomputed terms for more costly floating-point transformations. [17]

VTV was subsequently extended to moving imagery. Working with David McCutchen, who had constructed a dodecahedral arrangement of 11 video cameras, Gullichsen combined camera recordings into a full-surround moving panorama. Image alignment, soft masking and seam blending were performed offline; the resulting surround video could then be explored interactively by changing the rendered view. [17]

Warp developed and offered a VTV Toolkit for third-party developers, demonstrated the technology at trade shows and licensed the software to a limited number of customers. A 1995 demonstration CD and a later webcam implementation on an SGI Indigo illustrate the progression from photographic stills to prerecorded surround video and networked cameras. The platform did not become a mass-market standard, but it anticipated some of the interaction techniques now familiar from panoramic video and immersive photographic media. [17]

The associated patents name Gullichsen and Susan Wyshynski as inventors and trace back to an application filed on May 27, 1994. They cover wide-angle image dewarping and perspective correction, including U.S. Patents 5,796,426, 6,005,611, 6,346,967 and 7,042,497, and the reissue RE43,490 of the last patent. [16, 17]

Early NVIDIA advisory work

A related strand of Gullichsen's graphics work brought him into contact with NVIDIA during the company's first years. Gullichsen has described a 1993 invitation from Jensen Huang to join NVIDIA's Technical Advisory Board, following a demonstration of his biquadratic texture-mapping technique to NVIDIA's founders. Reporting based on correspondence he later released places his advisory relationship from September 1993 to April 1996. [13, 14]

NVIDIA's first graphics chip, the NV1, pursued a quadratic-surface approach rather than the triangle-based pipeline that later became dominant. Gullichsen's association with NVIDIA belongs to this early period of experimentation in real-time graphics. [13, 14]

In 2026 he publicly disputed NVIDIA's historical treatment of part of an early stock-option grant. In his account, the grant was for 25,000 options, of which he exercised 15,625 after the company advised that the balance had not vested. He argues that the executed option agreement provided a different vesting schedule. The issue has received press coverage, but it is a disputed claim, not a judicial finding of liability or an established amount owed. [13, 14]

The Vallejo and Bay Area cyberculture

From 1990 until 2023, according to his own account, Gullichsen lived aboard the S.S. Vallejo, a historic ferry converted into a Sausalito houseboat. The vessel had previously been associated with painter Jean Varda, Gordon Onslow Ford and the philosopher Alan Watts, and was part of the Bay Area's

longstanding artistic and intellectual community. Contemporary accounts in *TIME* and the *Los Angeles Times* describe the Vallejo as both home and a setting for his technology ventures. [18, 19, 20]

Writing with Timothy Leary: cyberculture and speculative futures

In the late 1980s, Gullichsen collaborated as a writer with psychologist and counterculture figure **Timothy Leary**, exploring the technological and philosophical consequences of personal computing, artificial intelligence and electronic communication. Their collaboration produced articles as well as unpublished book manuscripts. These works are best understood as contributions to the speculative cyberculture of their period, not as empirical demonstrations of the futures they envisioned. [21, 43–46]

The Cybernetic Society and The Cybernauts, 1987–1988

A surviving excerpt titled “Huxley, Hesse and the Cybernetic Society” is explicitly credited to Leary and Gullichsen and presented as part of their unpublished 1987 manuscript, *The Cybernetic Society*. Its discussion of Aldous Huxley and Hermann Hesse interprets *The Glass Bead Game* as an imaginative anticipation of digital thought-processing, artificial intelligence and an emerging information society. [45]

The New York Public Library’s finding aid for the Timothy Leary papers independently records 1987–1988 drafts of **The Cybernauts: From Modern Alchemy to the New Renaissance**, specifically naming Timothy Leary and Eric Gullichsen as the authors. The archive documents a sustained joint book project. [46]

Reality Hackers and the 1994 Chaos & Cyber Culture anthology

In 1988 the two collaborated on “**Load and Run High-tech Paganism - Digital Polytheism**”, published in *Reality Hackers*, the Bay Area magazine that later evolved into *Mondo 2000*. Drawing analogies between software commands, symbolic systems, magic and ritual, the essay portrayed programmers as contemporary alchemists who could invoke and transform worlds through computation. [21, 43, 44]

Leary’s 1994 book **Chaos & Cyber Culture** (Ronin Publishing) explicitly credits Gullichsen as co-author of two chapters: “Common-Sense Alternatives to Involuntary Death” (section VII.1) and “High-Tech Paganism” (section VIII.4). The former examines personal autonomy, mortality, cryonics and hypothetical postbiological forms of existence; its speculative proposals are historical ideas, not established medical or scientific capabilities. [43, 44]

Within “Common-Sense Alternatives to Involuntary Death,” the book separately labels a passage “**Cybernetic Methods for Attaining Immortality (Artificial Life ‘in Silico’), by Eric Gullichsen.**” The passage considers whether human personality and cognition might eventually be implemented in computer-based systems. This is distinguishable from the surrounding jointly credited chapter because the book explicitly attributes that subsection to Gullichsen alone. [43, 44]

Alongside these writings, Gullichsen participated in public discussions of virtual reality and cyberspace with figures including **John Perry Barlow**, and contributed a VR resource guide to *Mondo*

2000. His published and unpublished work with Leary provides a literary and philosophical counterpart to his experimental computer systems. [22, 23, 43–46]

Connecting Tonga: from fax and UUCP to a permanent IP link

Gullichsen's Internet infrastructure work in the Kingdom of Tonga began before the country had a permanent Internet connection. In a detailed firsthand account supplied for this biography, he describes high international telephone charges, unreliable links to the outer islands and the improvised communications systems he built with local collaborators during the mid-1990s. [24]

Tongan government appointment and royal honour

During the mid-1990s, Crown Prince Tupouto'a, later King George Tupou V, appointed Gullichsen as technology adviser to the Kingdom of Tonga's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defense. A 1999 TIME profile describes his work for the ministry, including government email systems and air-surveillance infrastructure; other contemporary reporting discusses communications work associated with Tongan diplomatic missions. [18, 19]

In 2006, Gullichsen received the Royal Order of the Crown of Tonga at the rank of Commander for services to the Crown.

TESS and dial-up electronic mail

Around 1994, he established TESS, the Tongan Electronic Secretary Service, using modems and interconnected fax servers to carry documents between Vava'u and Tongatapu and onward through a machine in Sausalito. The arrangement used Telebit Trailblazer modems, regular international dial-up calls and store-and-forward delivery to route faxes at much lower cost than conventional international calls. The service's name reflected the restrictions on unlicensed telecommunications businesses. [24]

The same intermittent connections could carry UUCP electronic mail. Gullichsen describes establishing a public email café on Tongatapu equipped with NCD X-terminals, making low-cost electronic messages accessible to local users. [24]

DNS in 1996; the first permanent connection in January 1997

The **.to** country-code domain was delegated to Gullichsen in 1995, and by April 1996 he had reported operational domain-name servers and plans for a 64 kb/s satellite Internet link. This contemporary record documents the engineering preparations before the permanent connection was operational. [25, 26]

January 1997 marked the first successful ping over Tonga's permanent IP connection. Working with Eric Lyons and the telecommunications operator Cable & Wireless, and encouraged by Crown Prince Tupouto'a, the team installed servers and a Cisco 2501 router at the operator's C-band earth station. The initial satellite circuit provided 64 kb/s of capacity. This was Tonga's first IP connection. [24, 25]

To extend connectivity beyond the earth station, Gullichsen established a 768 kb/s HDSL link over existing copper pairs to Tonga's Reserve Bank building, followed by a roughly 6 km line-of-sight, 2.4

GHz frequency-hopping wireless link to the Crown Prince’s villa. These details convey the nature of the work: practical system integration and last-mile networking, not simply administration of domain names. [24]

Tonic and commercialization of the .to domain

Gullichsen and Eric Lyons subsequently developed Tonic (Tonga Network Information Center) to register and operate .to Internet domain names. In June 1997, .to registrations were marketed internationally, without the local-residency requirements imposed by some other country-code registries. The English word “to” lent the suffix commercial appeal as part of memorable addresses. Contemporary press reports describe registrations offered for approximately US\$100 per name and a rapidly growing registry. [27, 28, 29]

A September 1998 *San Francisco Chronicle/SFGate* profile reported more than 7,000 registered .to domains and described Gullichsen’s work as a technology adviser in Tonga. The work combined a public infrastructure dimension—DNS, email and the satellite connection—with the commercial operation of a country-code registry. [29]

Historical administration should not be confused with the current registry: the IANA delegation record identifies today’s responsible contacts and operations separately from Gullichsen’s 1990s role. [30]

Waiheke Whisky: geodesic stills and distillery automation

Gullichsen is an owner of Waiheke Whisky, a small producer of single-malt whisky on Waiheke Island, New Zealand. His involvement extends beyond investment: the distillery’s own accounts describe his direct contribution to equipment design, construction and software engineering. The engineering work is documented on the company website. [38, 39, 40]

Design and construction of the original V.I.T.R.I.O.L. stills

For the distillery’s original production equipment, Gullichsen designed and helped build its distinctive geodesic copper pot stills, known as V.I.T.R.I.O.L. 1 and 2. Instead of simply reproducing a conventional rounded copper vessel, the design used faceted, flat copper panels and geometry intended to provide extensive copper contact and promote reflux during distillation. The team first tested the concept with a paper model; the individual copper panels were then cut with a water jet, bent, riveted and welded to form the vessels. Photographs and captions published by Waiheke Whisky identify Gullichsen assembling the base of the original spirit still. [39]

The stills’ form was an engineering choice as well as a visual signature. The company explains that greater exposure to copper can help reduce undesirable sulfur compounds in the spirit, while the shape encourages reflux. The original electrically heated stills were later supplemented or succeeded by much larger equipment constructed in Scotland by Speyside Copper Works, with a 3,000-liter wash still and a 2,500-liter spirit still whose geodesic shoulders retained elements of the original concept. [39, 41]

Python/Qt automation for the new distillery

Gullichsen also wrote the Python/Qt factory-automation and human-machine-interface software used to control the new distillery. A Waiheke Whisky technical article published in October 2022 explains the division of work: Mark Izzard designed the HMI screens while Gullichsen wrote the code. The system was developed as a custom alternative to proprietary industrial automation, with Raspberry Pi computers, Ethernet-connected IO-Link masters and field sensors and actuators. It supports operational monitoring and control of the brewhouse and stills, including temperatures, volumes, pumps, valves and other process equipment, together with remote status and alarms. [40]

This distillery work combines industrial design, fabrication, process control and software integration, and offers a more recent example of the practical engineering approach evident throughout Gullichsen's career. [38–41]

Later experimental research

In later years Gullichsen founded Pataphysics Research, which has described the construction of a 48-channel, computer-steered phased-array ultrasound system for experimental transcranial neuromodulation. The project's published descriptions include FPGA-based phase control, power electronics, electrical isolation and three-dimensional targeting software. He discussed this work with Douglas Rushkoff on the *Team Human* podcast in 2019. [31, 32]

This is best characterized as an experimental engineering and research effort, not an established clinical treatment. It nevertheless continues a recurring theme in Gullichsen's career: building computational interfaces through which people can navigate information, synthetic environments, photographic spaces or, in this case, investigate physical interaction with the nervous system. [31, 32]

Summary

Gullichsen's career is notable less for a single all-encompassing invention than for sustained, hands-on work across several distinct technical transitions. The 1987 neural-network prototype provides an early example of implemented pattern-recognition research; PlaneText contributed to the practical pre-Web hypertext tradition; Sense8 helped bring VR software into commercial engineering use; VTV demonstrated interactive navigation of photographic panoramas with limited computing power; the Tonga projects joined networking infrastructure to an early international Internet-registry business; and Waiheke Whisky drew on his design and automation skills in a physical production environment. His collaboration with Timothy Leary also gave a written expression to the cultural and philosophical possibilities he associated with computing. [3, 5, 8, 17, 21, 24, 35, 39, 40, 43–46]

These projects were carried out with collaborators and within larger technological movements. Their significance can be stated without attributing the invention of neural-network character recognition, commercial virtual reality, immersive video or the Internet to any one participant. What connects them is a repeated willingness to build functional systems while the relevant technology was still young. [4, 5, 9, 17, 24]

Selected chronology

1983	M.Sc., Computer Science, University of British Columbia; DES cryptanalysis thesis. [1]
1985	Heuristic circuit simulation in PROLOG; architectural expert-system papers; BiggerTalk. [2, 33–35, 37]
1986–87	PlaneText and early artificial-realities research and conference writing. [3, 36, 37]
1987	ICNN paper with Ernest Chang: a working backpropagation recognizer for handwritten capital letters (Proceedings, vol. IV, pp. 725–732). [5]
1987	Advanced Decision Systems: parallel deduction with William Bricken using boundary logic; 16-node Intel hypercube demonstration at IJCAI 1987. [49–51]
1987–88	With Timothy Leary, unpublished cyberculture manuscripts; 1988 Reality Hackers collaboration. [21, 45, 46]
1988–90	Autodesk Cyberspace/Cyberia and early commercial virtual reality. [6]
1990	Co-founds Sense8; WorldToolKit development. [4, 7]
1993–97	VTV photographic VR, dewarping, full-surround video and Warp patents. [16, 17]
1993–96	Adviser to NVIDIA during its first graphics-chip generation. [13, 14]
1994	Two credited co-authored chapters with Timothy Leary in Chaos & Cyber Culture; separately attributed Gullichsen passage. [43, 44]
1994–96	TESS dial-up fax service, UUCP email, .to domain delegation and DNS. [24, 25, 26]
Mid-1990s	Appointed by Crown Prince Tupouto'a as technology adviser to Tonga's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defense. [18, 19]
Jan. 1997	Tonga permanent satellite IP connection and first successful ping. [24]
1997–98	Tonic international .to registry; Sense8 acquired by Engineering Animation. [12, 27, 29]
2006	Received the Royal Order of the Crown of Tonga, Commander rank, for services to the Crown
2010s–2020s	Waiheke Whisky: geodesic copper stills and distillery engineering; Pataphysics Research. [31, 32, 38, 39]
2022 onward	Python/Qt software for the new Waiheke Whisky distillery automation and HMI. [40]
2026	Public account of disputed historical NVIDIA stock-option vesting. [13, 14]

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