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RESEARCH & INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Texas at Austin [Advisor: Prof. Edison Thomaz]

Aug 2023 – Present Austin, TX, USA

- Working on efficient and human-centric machine learning.
- Developing *continual sparse learning* techniques to alleviate *catastrophic forgetting* in resource-constrained settings.
- Enabling efficient Open-Vocabulary Object Detection using VLMs.

Independent Research

Dec 2018 – Present

- Analyzing the effect of *simplicity bias in curriculum learning* settings.
- Leveraging explainable components of deep neural networks to aid in *curriculum learning* and *subset selection*.
- Analyzed the *effect of calibration on sample prioritization* in deep neural networks, thereby accelerating training [Mentored by Prof. Emteyaz Khan].
- Developed *zero-shot federated learning* frameworks to handle new heterogeneous classes and models for mobile and audio sensing tasks.
- Worked on *deep Bayesian active learning* for on-device mobile sensing; currently incorporating *adaptive acquisition*.

Data Scientist III

ERICSSON R&D - GLOBAL AI ACCELERATOR (GAIA)

Feb 2019 – Apr 2023 Chennai, India

- Incorporated machine learning for network intelligence in telecom resulting in multiple publications, patents, and deployed products. [Mentors: Dr. Shrihari Vasudevan and M J Prasath (Director)]
- Telecom:** Contributed to 3GPP standardization for multi-vendor model sharing and *Federated Learning*; positioned Ericsson's AI-Native design principles. Created spatiotemporal models for predicting indoor building connectivity; improved mobility prediction of user devices in Network Data Analytics Function (5G NWDAF) using *Bayesian Contextual Bandits*.
- Created *E-ADF [Ericsson Blog]* – an end-to-end unsupervised anomaly detection framework with data-efficient Bayesian model selection and dynamic threshold optimization.
- Successfully delivered *iSite (Intelligent Site Acceptance)* – a set of tasks for object detection of physical infrastructure failures at cell-sites, thereby replacing field technicians; handled detection of blurred images.
- Created *E-LangHub (Ericsson NLP Hub)* with telco-rich data, state-of-the-art models, services. Improved capabilities of *AIB (Automated Intelligent Knowledge Base)* from customer symptoms using LLMs and active learning; worked on telco-specific language translation.

Machine Learning Engineer

SMARTCARDIA (EPFL) [Mentor: Dr. Srinivasan Murali]

May 2018 – Nov 2018 Chennai, India (Remote)

- Developed *gradient-boosted ensembles* and *LSTM models* for regression, classification tasks to provide unique insights into patients' health.
- Engineered features from imbalanced time-series clinical data with *biomarkers* like sleep apnea, troponin, haemoglobin, blood pressure.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Efficient Deep Learning Data-Centric AI
Continual Learning Limited Supervision
Active Learning Sparse Learning
Federated Learning LLMs/VLMs
Bayesian Deep Learning Robust Learning
Ubiquitous Computing Human-Centric ML
Mobile/Audio Sensing Activity Recognition

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

University of Texas at Austin

Aug 2023-2028 Austin, TX

Advisor: Prof. Edison Thomaz

Coursework

- Advanced Computer Vision
- Applied Machine Learning

B.Tech in Information Technology

Anna University [SSN College of Engineering]

Grad. Apr 2017 Chennai, India

Mentors: Prof. Srinivasan R and Bhalaji N

Thesis: Intelligent Bus Stop Recognition

SUMMER SCHOOLS

5th Summer School on Artificial Intelligence (2021)

Aug 2021 IIIT Hyderabad (Virtual)

Computer Vision and Machine Learning.

Eastern European Machine Learning Summer School (EEML 2020 & 2021)

Jul 2020 & 2021 Eastern Europe (Virtual)

Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning.

- Presented *ActiveHARNet* at EEML '20, *Zero-shot Federated Learning* at EEML '21.
- Presented task-independent continual learning at unconference sessions.

Oxford Machine Learning Summer School (OxML 2020)

Aug 2020 Oxford, UK (Virtual)

Deep Learning and Healthcare.

Research & Teaching Assistant

SOLARILLION FOUNDATION [Mentor: Vineeth Vijayaraghavan]

📅 Feb 2016 – May 2018

📍 Chennai, India

- Led a team of four to develop **HARNet** – a set of *deep learning ensemble models* for HAR on edge devices capable of incremental model updation.
- Led a team of five to design user-independent ML approaches for *dynamic gesture recognition* on a low-cost *Raspberry Pi Zero* (\$5).
- Deployed a **Movie Occupancy Prediction** engine by engineering adaptive behavioral features of the crowd using tree-based ensemble models and branched LSTMs for a *top 3 Indian movie multiplex chain*.
- *Mentored over 11 students* in embedded machine learning, and in their assignments and research project.

Undergraduate Student Researcher

SSN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING [Advisors: Dr. Bhalaji N and Dr. Srinivasan R]

📅 Feb 2015 – Mar 2017

📍 Chennai, India

- Developed a vision-based **Intelligent Bus Stop Recognition System** using CNNs. Used data augmentation and active learning strategies to handle scalability and adaptability to dynamic Indian environments.
- Led a team to work on a funded HCI research project – *Neurocinematics*, to classify real-time cognitive responses of film viewers from EEG.
- Worked on choosing the best-suited mote for two IoT scenarios, by analyzing their *RPL performance* metrics on a *Contiki test bed*.

PUBLICATIONS

🌸 Conference/Journal/Workshop [Citations: 165]

- Tata Ganesh*, **Gautham Krishna Gudur***, Gopinath Chennupati, Mohammad Emtiyaz Khan, *Can Calibration Improve Sample Prioritization?*, **NeurIPS 2022** - Human in the Loop Learning (HILL '22) & Has It Trained Yet? (HITY '22) workshops.
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Raaghul R, Adithya K, Shrihari Vasudevan, *Data-Efficient Automatic Model Selection in Unsupervised Anomaly Detection*, **IEEE ICMLA 2022** [Oral Presentation].
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Satheesh Kumar Perepu, *Zero-Shot Federated Learning with New Classes for Audio Classification*, **Interspeech 2021**.
Abridged versions: ICLR 2021 - Distributed and Private Machine Learning (DPML '21) & Hardware Aware Efficient Training (HAET '21) workshops. Also presented at **EEML 2021**.
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Satheesh Kumar Perepu, *Resource- Constrained Federated Learning with Heterogeneous Labels and Models for Human Activity Recognition*, **IJCAI-PRICAI 2020** - Workshop on Deep Learning for Human Activity Recognition (DL-HAR '20) [Oral Presentation].
Abridged version: NeurIPS 2020 - Machine Learning for Mobile Health Workshop (MLMH '20).
- Abhijith Ragav*, **Gautham Krishna Gudur***, *Bayesian Active Learning for Wearable Stress and Affect Detection*, **NeurIPS 2020** - Machine Learning for Mobile Health Workshop (MLMH '20).
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Bala Shyamala Balaji, Perepu Satheesh Kumar, *Resource-Constrained Federated Learning with Heterogeneous Labels and Models*, **ACM KDD 2020** - 3rd International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT '20).
- Sundararaman Venkataramani, Ateendra Ramesh, Sharan Sundar S, Aashish Kumar Jain, **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Vineeth Vijayaraghavan, *A Dynamically Adaptive Movie Occupancy Forecasting System with Feature Optimization*, **IEEE ICDM 2019** - Workshop on Learning and Mining with Industrial Data (LMID '19) [Oral Presentation].

*Equal Contribution

PATENTS

- *Federated Learning using Heterogeneous Labels*, WO2022013879A1.
- *Distributed Machine Learning with New Labels using Heterogeneous Label Distribution*, WO2022162677A1.
- *System and Method for Approach Recommendation with Threshold Optimization in Unsupervised Anomaly Detection*, WO2023166515A1.

SERVICES

- **Program Committee Member/Reviewer**
 - **ICLR 2021** - Distributed and Private Machine Learning Workshop (DPML)
 - **NeurIPS** - Machine Learning for Health Workshop (ML4H 2020, ML4H 2019)
 - **KONVENS 2019** - GermEval '19
- Technical Reviewer of the book titled "Hands-On Meta Learning With Python"
- Event Organizer of "Data Nuggets" – a Data Science event, Invente 2016
- Mentor at IEEE B. Tech. Student Branch – *Python Programming for Underrepresented*
- Member at National Service Scheme (NSS)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Graduate Ph.D. Fellowship** from Cockrell School of Engineering at UT Austin
- AIB (Automated Intelligent knowledge Base) won **Ericsson's Top Performance Competition 2020** in Operational Excellence category
- **Top 1 percentile in HackerRank** (Algorithms Domain/Problem Solving - Advanced)
- *Full financial registration grants* to attend ICLR 2021, NeurIPS 2020, OxML 2020
- Undergraduate *research grant* of **INR 25,000** from SSN College of Engineering
- **Winner of GermEval Shared Task 1 Challenge** (Subtask (a)), KONVENS 2019 in post-evaluation phase
- Top 10 percentile in 42nd National Mathematics Talent Competitions
- **Certification of Merit for Grade A1 in all subjects** in AISSE (CBSE 10th boards)
- Completed all 10 levels of UCMAS Mental Arithmetic (Abacus)

- Raghavan A K, Venkatesh Umaashankar, **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, *Label Frequency Transformation for Multi-Label Multi-Class Text Classification*, **KONVENS 2019** (GermEval '19).
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Ateendra Ramesh, Srinivasan R, *A Vision-based Deep On-Device Intelligent Bus Stop Recognition System*, **ACM UbiComp 2019** - 8th International Workshop on Pervasive Urban Applications (**PURBA '19**) [Oral Presentation].
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy, Venkatesh Umaashankar, *ActiveHARNet: Towards On-Device Deep Bayesian Active Learning for Human Activity Recognition*, **ACM MobiSys 2019** - 3rd International Workshop on Embedded and Mobile Deep Learning (**EMDL '19**) [Oral Presentation]. Also presented at **EEML 2020**.
- Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy, **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Manav Rajiv Moorthy, R Nidhi Bhandari, Vineeth Vijayaraghavan, *HARNet: Towards On-Device Incremental Learning using Deep Ensembles on Constrained Devices*, **ACM MobiSys 2018** - 2nd International Workshop on Embedded and Mobile Deep Learning (**EMDL '18**) [Oral Presentation].
- **Gautham Krishna G**, Karthik Subramanian Nathan, Yogesh Kumar B, Ankith A Prabhu, Ajay Kannan, Vineeth Vijayaraghavan, *A Generic Multi-modal Dynamic Gesture Recognition System Using Machine Learning*, **IEEE Future for Information and Communication Conference (FICC 2018)** [Oral Presentation].
- **Gautham Krishna G**, Krishna G, Bhalaji N, *Electroencephalography Based Analysis of Emotions Among Indian Film Viewers*, Springer, International Conference on Advanced Informatics for Computing Research (**ICAICR 2017**).
- **G Gautham Krishna**, G Krishna, N Bhalaji, *Analysis of Routing Protocol for Low-power and Lossy Networks in IoT Real Time Applications*, Procedia Computer Science, Elsevier, **ICRTCSE 2016**.

Poster/Extended Abstract

- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Satheesh Kumar Perepu, *Heterogeneous Zero-Shot Federated Learning with New Classes for On-Device Audio Classification*, **MobiUK 2021**.
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Abhijith Ragav, Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy, Venkatesh Umaashankar, *Bayesian Active Learning for Wearable and Mobile Health*, **NeurIPS Europe** meetup on Bayesian Deep Learning (**BDL 2020**).
- **Gautham Krishna Gudur**, Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy, Venkatesh Umaashankar, *Handling Real-time Unlabeled Data in Activity Recognition using Deep Bayesian Active Learning and Data Programming*, **MobiUK 2019**, University of Oxford.
- N Bhalaji, G Krishna, **G Gautham Krishna**, *Neurocinematics: The Intelligent Review System*, 3rd International Conference on Cognition, Brain and Computation (**CBC 2015**), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar.

TALKS

- *Machine Learning and Ubiquitous Computing* [June 2022, SSN College of Engineering]
- *Heterogeneous Zero-Shot Federated Learning with New Classes for On-Device Audio Classification* [July 2021, MobiUK 2021]
- *Telecom-Specific Language Translation using GCP* [May 2021, Ericsson/Google Cloud Day]
- *Resource-Constrained Machine Learning for Ubiquitous Computing Applications* [Sept 2020, Flipped by GAIUS]

SKILLS

Programming

Expert Python C/C++
 Intermediate Java SQL HTML/CSS
 JavaScript Bash
 Basic Android R

Hardware & Software

LaTeX Git Arduino Raspberry Pi

Tools & Frameworks

NumPy Scikit-learn PyTorch
 TensorFlow Keras OpenCV
 Docker MATLAB PySpark GCP

MOOCS

- **HackerRank | Problem Solving**
 Advanced Intermediate Basic
- **University of Washington | Coursera**
 Machine Learning Specialization (4 courses)
 A Case Study Approach Regression
 Classification Clustering & Retrieval
- **NRU HSE | Coursera**
 Bayesian Methods for Machine Learning
- **Stanford University | Coursera**
 Machine Learning
- **UC San Diego | Coursera**
 Algorithmic Toolbox Data Structures
- **John Hopkins University | Coursera**
 R Programming
- **Stanford University** - CS231n