

# BHANU TEJA GULLAPALLI

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## CURRENT POSITION

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard University**

Jul '24 - Now

*Center for Research on Computation and Society*

Mentor : [Prof. Susan Murphy](#)

Working on designing Reinforcement Learning (RL) algorithms for mobile health clinical trials.

## EDUCATION

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**University of California San Diego**

Sept '22 - Jun'24

*PhD in Data Science (advised by [Prof. Tauhidur Rahman](#))*

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst** (transferred to UCSD)

Sept '18 - Sep '22

*PhD in Computer Science (advised by [Prof. Tauhidur Rahman](#))*

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Feb '17 - Sept '18

*MS in Computer Science*

**Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati**

July '11 - May '15

*Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science*

## PAPERS

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- Opioid Misuse Detection with Temporal Fusion-Based Deep Learning for Multivariate Cognitive and Psychophysiological Data  
**Gullapalli, B.T., Luo, Y., Rahman, T., and Garland, E.L**  
(*Awaiting Decision, Addiction*)
- A Framework for Extracting Heart Rate Variability Features from Earbud-PPG for Stress Detection  
**Gullapalli, B.T., Nathan, V., Rahman, M.D., Kaung, J., and Gao, J**  
**EMBC'24**
- Pharmacokinetics-Informed Neural Network for Predicting Opioid Administration Moments with Wearable Sensors  
**Gullapalli, B.T., Garland, E.L., Carreiro, S., Chapman, B. P., and Rahman, T**  
**IAAI 2024**
- Zoom-Based Mindfulness-Oriented Recovery Enhancement Plus Just-in-Time Mindfulness Practice Triggered by Wearable Sensors for Opioid Craving and Chronic Pain  
*Garland, E.L., **Gullapalli, B.T.**, Prince, K. C., Hanley, Adam W., Sanyer, M., Tuomenoksa, M., and Rahman, T*  
**Mindfulness 2023**
- Impact of individual and treatment characteristics on wearable sensor-based digital biomarkers of opioid use  
*Chapman, B. P., **Gullapalli, B.T.**, Rahman, T., Smelson, D., Boyer, E.W., and Carreiro, S*  
**npj Digital Medicine 2022**
- OpiTrack: A Wearable-based Clinical Opioid Use Tracker with Temporal Convolutional Attention Networks  
**Gullapalli, B.T., Carreiro, S., Chapman, B. P., Ganesan, D., Sjoquist, J., and Rahman, T**  
**UBICOMP 2021**

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<sup>1</sup>Use URL [bhanutejagullapalli.github.io](https://bhanutejagullapalli.github.io) in case hyperlinks don't work

- Joint prediction of cocaine craving and euphoria using structured prediction energy networks  
**Gullapalli, B.T., Angarita, G.A., Ganesan, D., and Rahman, T**  
**MOBISYS 2021 WORKSHOP**
- On-body Sensing of Cocaine Craving, Euphoria and Drug-Seeking Behavior Using Cardiac and Respiratory Signals  
**Gullapalli, B.T., Natarajan, A., Angarita, G.A., Malison, R.T., Ganesan, D., and Rahman, T**  
**UBICOMP 2019**
- A new hierarchical clustering algorithm to identify non-overlapping like-minded communities  
*Deepak, T.S., Adhya, H., Kejriwal, S., Gullapalli, B.T. and Shannigrahi, S*  
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## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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**Optum AI labs** Jun '23 -Sept '23  
*Built continuous and passive estimation of risk in Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) subjects using Continuous Glucose Monitoring data. The estimation is then used in a sampling-based algorithm to design and deliver mobile interventions.*

**Samsung Research America, Digital Health Lab** May '22 - Sep '22  
*Designed a framework to extract heart-rate variability features from Samsung's digital health devices. Detecting stress using this proposed framework on human subjects with reference sensors undergoing validated stressor tasks.*

**Samsung R&D Institute, Bangalore, India** Jul '15 - Dec '16  
*Worked in the Video Editor team of Samsung Camera. Primarily worked on Samsungs Video Editor (Pro/Lite), highlight player, Slow Motion. Developed and implemented theme mode in Video Editor Pro which assists the user in creating stories on Samsung Galaxy S8.* Bangalore, India

**Samsung R&D Institute, Bangalore, India** May '14 - Aug '14  
*Developed a simulation of OLSR (Optimized Link State Routing) Protocol for Tizen OS. Added APIs which extended the functionalities from the Android.* Bangalore, India

## COURSEWORK

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**Key Courses:** Advanced Natural Language Processing, Advanced Machine Learning, Machine Learning, Machine Learning Theory, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Algorithms, Advanced Information Assurance, Research Methods in Empirical Computer Science, Data Science, Ethics, & Society.

## TECHNOLOGY & SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, Java, Android, C/C++, HTML

**Tools & Frameworks:** Deep learning with Pytorch, Python Machine learning stack (Numpy/scipy, Scikit-Learn, Statsmodels), Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- My doctoral research received the Bouchet Scholars honorable mention award in 2024.
- My research is supported by Optum AI grant “Predictive Analytics for Opioid Use Disorder Risk with Multimodal Wearable Signals”.
- My work contributed to my advisor’s Google Research Scholar Program award, “Personalized AI/ML Framework for Modeling Opioid Addiction with Wearable and Smartphone Sensor Data”
- [Press Coverage](#) of our work to fight opioid epidemic with wearable signals.

- Accepted to Yale's Innovation to Impact program
- My work on opioids has contributed to National science foundation (NSF) smart and connected health grant (\$1.1 Million) in 2021 titled *"Collaborative Research: SCH: Psychophysiological sensing to enhance mindfulness-based interventions for self-regulation of opioid cravings"*
- Won the first prize at Samsung R&D Institute Bangalore tech-fair for developing a location-based filter for Samsung video editor.
- Received Spot Award in Samsung R&D Institute Bangalore for providing innovative solutions and exceptional coding skills.
- Listed among top 0.3% students of 0.5 million appearing in [Joint Entrance Exam, IIT-JEE](#) 2011
- Secured 961 rank in All India Engineering Entrance Exam ([AIEEE](#)) 2011 taken by 1.2 million people