# **Gautham Krishna Gudur**

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#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

I am interested in building resource-efficient, data-centric, and human-centered machine learning systems.

Focus Areas: LLMs, Foundation Models, {Multi/Cross-modal, Continual, Active, Federated} Learning, Limited Supervision

Applications: Wearable Intelligence (inertial, acoustic, and health sensing), Ubiquitous Computing, Human Activity Recognition

### **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Aug 2023 – Present

**Ph.D.**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, **GPA:** 3.875/4.00

Advisors: Prof. Edison Thomaz, Prof. Joydeep Ghosh

Anna University (SSN College of Engineering), Chennai, India

**B.Tech.**, Information Technology

2013 - 2017

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS** [Conference/Journal/Workshop]

\* denotes equal contribution and joint lead authorship

[Citations: 271, h-index: 10, i-index: 10]

### Conference/Journal/Workshop

- E Farahmand, RR Azghan, NT Chatrudi, E Kim, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, E Thomaz, G Pedrielli, P Turaga, H Ghasemzadeh. AttenGluco: Multimodal Transformer-Based Blood Glucose Forecasting on Al-READI Dataset, **IEEE EMBC 2025**.
- V Lingam\*, A Tejaswi\*, A Vavre\*, A Shetty\*, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>\*, J Ghosh, A Dimakis, E Choi, A Bojchevski, S Sanghavi. SVFT: Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning with Singular Vectors, NeurIPS 2024.
   Abridged versions: NeurIPS 2024 FITML workshop; ICML 2024 WANT [Oral Presentation] and ES-FoMo workshops.
- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, E Thomaz. Dataset Distillation for Audio Classification: A Data-Efficient Alternative to Active Learning, NeurIPS 2024 – ENLSP workshop.
- G Tata\*, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>\*, G Chennupati, ME Khan. <u>Can Calibration Improve Sample Prioritization?</u>, <u>NeurIPS</u>
   2022 <u>HILL</u> and <u>HITY</u> workshops.
- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, R Raaghul, K Adithya, S Vasudevan. <u>Data-Efficient Automatic Model Selection in Unsupervised Anomaly Detection</u>, **IEEE ICMLA 2022**.
- Gautham Krishna Gudur, SK Perepu. Zero-Shot Federated Learning with New Classes for Audio, INTERSPEECH 2021.
   Abridged version: ICLR 2021 DPML and HAET workshops.
- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, SK Perepu. Resource-Constrained Federated Learning with Heterogeneous Labels and Models for Human Activity Recognition, IJCAI-PRICAI 2020 – DL-HAR and NeurIPS 2020 – MLMH workshops.
- A Ragav\*, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>\*. Bayesian Active Learning for Wearable Stress and Affect Detection, **NeurIPS 2020 –** MLMH workshop.
- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, BS Balaji, SK Perepu. Resource-Constrained Federated Learning with Heterogeneous Labels and Models, **KDD 2020 AloT** workshop.
- S Venkataramani, A Ramesh, SS Sundar, AK Jain, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, V Vijayaraghavan. A Dynamically Adaptive Movie Occupancy Forecasting System with Feature Optimization, **IEEE ICDM 2019 LMID** workshop.
- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, A Ramesh, R Srinivasan. A Vision-based Deep On-Device Intelligent Bus Stop Recognition System, ACM UbiComp 2019 – PURBA workshop.
- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, P Sundaramoorthy, V Umaashankar. ActiveHARNet: Towards On-Device Deep Bayesian Active Learning for Human Activity Recognition, **ACM MobiSys 2019 EMDL** workshop.
- P Sundaramoorthy, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, MR Moorthy, RN Bhandari, V Vijayaraghavan. HARNet: Towards On-Device Incremental Learning using Deep Ensembles on Constrained Devices, **ACM MobiSys 2018 – EMDL** workshop.
- <u>Gautham Krishna G</u>, KS Nathan, BY Kumar, AA Prabhu, A Kannan, V Vijayaraghavan. A Generic Multi-modal Dynamic Gesture Recognition System Using Machine Learning, **IEEE FICC 2018**.

### **Preprints**

- E Farahmand, RR Azghan, NT Chatrudi, VYA Baidoo, E Kim, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u> et al. GluMind: Multimodal Parallel Attention and Knowledge Retention for Robust Cross-Population Blood Glucose Forecasting Systems [Submitted].
- RR Azghan, <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, M Malu, E Thomaz, G Pedrielli, P Turaga, H Ghasemzadeh. CLAD-Net: Continual Activity Recognition in Multi-Sensor Wearable Systems [Submitted].

#### **PATENTS**

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

#### RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

### Nokia Bell Labs (Device Intelligence) – Research Intern

Cambridge, UK

Mentors: Dr. Soumyajit Chatterjee, Mohammad Malekzadeh, Fahim Kawsar

May 2025 – Present

• Improving foundation models for health-sensing tasks.

### The University of Texas at Austin – Graduate Research Assistant

Austin, TX

Advisors: Prof. Edison Thomaz, Prof. Joydeep Ghosh

Aug 2023 - Present

- Designed data-efficient continual learning methods to mitigate catastrophic forgetting in multi-sensor wearable human activity recognition (HAR) systems and multimodal cross-population blood glucose prediction.
- Reduced labeling costs up to 3000x using dataset distillation as an alternative to active learning for audio classification.
- Developed multimodal acoustic-motion feature alignment methods to enhance audio-based HAR.
- Proposed SVFT (Singular Vector guided Fine-Tuning) a Pareto-optimal PEFT technique [Mentor: Prof. Sujay Sanghavi].
- Enhanced uncertainty-aware Chain-of-Thought reasoning in LLMs [Mentor: Prof. Ying Ding].

## The University of Texas at Austin – Graduate Teaching Assistant

Austin, TX

Primary Instructor: Prof. Edison Thomaz

Jan 2025 - May 2025

- Designing and grading assignments for the *Human Signals* course (full-time and part-time offerings) with ~80 students.
- Mentoring students on final research projects, writing effective paper reviews, and delivering paper presentations.

### **Independent Research**

Dec 2018 – May 2023

- Analyzed the effect of calibration on prioritizing important samples during training [Mentor: Prof. Emtiyaz Khan, RIKEN].
- Designed zero-shot federated learning frameworks to handle new heterogeneous classes and models for audio sensing.
- Worked on Bayesian active learning for on-device human activity recognition (HAR) and wearable sensing tasks.

### Ericsson R&D, Global AI Accelerator (GAIA) - Data Scientist III

Chennai, India

Mentors: Dr. Shrihari Vasudevan, M J Prasath

Feb 2019 - Apr 2023

- Worked on ML for network intelligence and telecom, leading to multiple publications, patents, and Al-driven solutions.
- Contributed to 3GPP standardization for federated learning and multi-vendor model sharing; defined and positioned Ericsson's Al-Native design principles. Created spatiotemporal models for indoor building connectivity prediction with <5% error; enhanced mobility prediction of user devices in 5G Network Data Analytics Function (NWDAF).</li>
- Developed E-ADF an end-to-end unsupervised anomaly detection framework with data-efficient Bayesian model selection and dynamic threshold optimization with >60% reduction in data points.
- Created E-LangHub (Ericsson LLM Hub) with telco-rich data and SOTA models. Improved AIB (Automated Intelligent Knowledge Base) for customer symptoms using LLMs and active learning; worked on telco-specific language translation.
- Deployed an object detection system for infrastructure failures at cell sites, reducing field technician hours by over 20.

## SmartCardia (EPFL) - Machine Learning Engineer

Chennai, India

Mentor: Dr. Srinivasan Murali

May 2018 - Nov 2018

• Implemented gradient-boosted ensembles and LSTM models for regression and classification on imbalanced time-series wearable clinical data; engineered biomarker-driven features (sleep apnea, troponin, blood pressure, hemoglobin).

### Solarillion Foundation - Research Assistant

Chennai, India

Mentor: Vineeth Vijayaraghavan

Feb 2016 – May 2018

- Led the development of *HARNet* deep ensemble models for activity recognition with on-device incremental learning.
- Designed dynamic gesture recognition models with efficient feature engineering on a low-cost Raspberry Pi Zero (\$5).
- Deployed a movie occupancy predictor for a top Indian multiplex chain using tree-based models and branched LSTMs.

### SSN College of Engineering – Undergraduate Student Researcher

Chennai, India

Mentors: Prof. Bhalaji N, Prof. Srinivasan R

Feb 2015 - Mar 2017

- Developed a vision-based intelligent bus stop recognition system using CNNs; employed data augmentation and active learning strategies to ensure scalability and adaptability in dynamic Indian environments, achieving ~96% accuracy.
- Led an HCI research project Neurocinematics, to classify real-time cognitive responses of film viewers using EEG data.
- Evaluated routing protocol performance metrics on a Contiki testbed to select the optimal mote for two IoT scenarios.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- SVFT was selected for an oral presentation at the WANT workshop at ICML 2024.
- Graduate Ph.D. Fellowship from the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin
- Top 1 percentile in HackerRank Algorithms Domain Problem Solving (Advanced)
- Full financial registration grants to attend ICLR 2021, NeurIPS 2020, OxML 2020
- Our project AIB won Ericsson's Top Performance Competition 2020 in the Operational Excellence category
- Undergraduate research grant of INR 25,000 from SSN College of Engineering
- Winner of the GermEval Shared Task 1 Challenge (Subtask (a)), KONVENS 2019 in post-evaluation phase
- Certification of Merit for Grade A1 in all subjects in AISSE (CBSE 10th boards)

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Programming Languages & Tools:** Python, C++, HTML/CSS, Bash, SQL, JavaScript, Git, LaTeX, GCP, Docker, Arduino, Raspberry Pi **Libraries & Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Hugging Face Transformers, Keras, Numpy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, Docker, PySpark

### **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Summer School on Artificial Intelligence 2021, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Hyderabad (Virtual)
- Eastern European Machine Learning Summer Schools both EEML 2020 and EEML 2021 (Virtual)
  Presented ActiveHARNet (EEML '20); zero-shot federated learning and task-independent continual learning (EEML '21)
- Oxford Machine Learning Summer School, OxML 2020 (Virtual)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- **Program Committee/Reviewer:** UbiComp/ISWC 2025, ACM ICMI 2025, ICASSP 2025, ICML 2024 ES-FoMo workshop, ICLR 2021 DPML workshop, NeurIPS ML4H 2020 and ML4H 2019 workshops, KONVENS 2019 GermEval
- Mentored 11+ students in embedded ML assignments and research projects at Solarillion Foundation (Feb '17 May '18).
- Technical Reviewer of the book titled "Hands-On Meta Learning With Python"
- Event Organizer of "Data Nuggets" an inter-collegiate Data Science contest, Invente 2016, SSN College of Engineering

### **POSTERS AND EXTENDED ABSTRACTS**

- Uncertainty-Aware Chain-of-Thought Reasoning in Large Language Models, AI in Health Course Project.
- Adaptive Federated Learning in Conceptually Drifting Environments, Applied Machine Learning Course Project.
- Heterogeneous Zero-Shot Federated Learning with New Classes for On-Device Audio Classification, MobiUK 2021.
- Bayesian Active Learning for Wearable and Mobile Health, NeurIPS Europe meetup on Bayesian Deep Learning (BDL 2020).
- Handling Real-time Unlabeled Data in Activity Recognition using Deep Bayesian Active Learning and Data Programming,
   MobiUK 2019, University of Oxford.
- Neurocinematics: The Intelligent Review System, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Cognition, Brain and Computation (CBC 2015), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar.

### **SELECTED TALKS**

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

## **TECHNICAL COURSEWORK AND MOOCS**

- Relevant Coursework: Advanced CV, Generative Models in Machine Learning, Human Signals: Sensing/Analytics,
   Applied ML, Spoken Language Technologies, AI in Health, Statistical Methods I & II
- 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