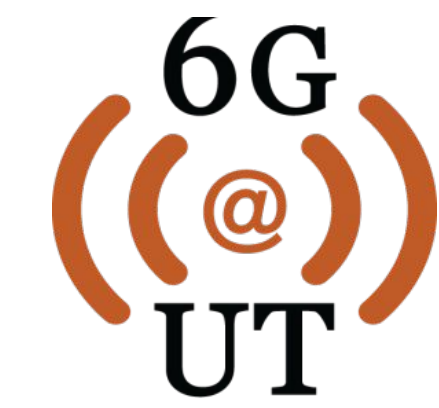


# Dataset Distillation for Audio Classification: A Data-Efficient Alternative to Active Learning

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## Problem Statement and Motivation

- Audio classification often require large labeled datasets.  
Problems –
  - Computationally expensive to train
  - Storage demands on resource-constrained devices
- Active Learning:** reduce labeling efforts by selecting the most informative samples  
Problem – still requires thousands of audio segments from oracle (user)

What if we use Dataset Distillation (DD) as an alternative strategy to active learning?

## Proposed Data Distillation Approach

- Synthesize *compact, high-fidelity data summaries* to reduce labeled data requirements for audio classification
- We use the RFAD method which employs random feature approximation, with principles from Neural network Gaussian processes (NNGP) and kernel regression
- Baseline active learning acquisition functions –
  - Max Entropy
  - Variation Ratios
  - Random
  - Bayesian Active Learning by Disagreement (BALD)

## Experiments and Results

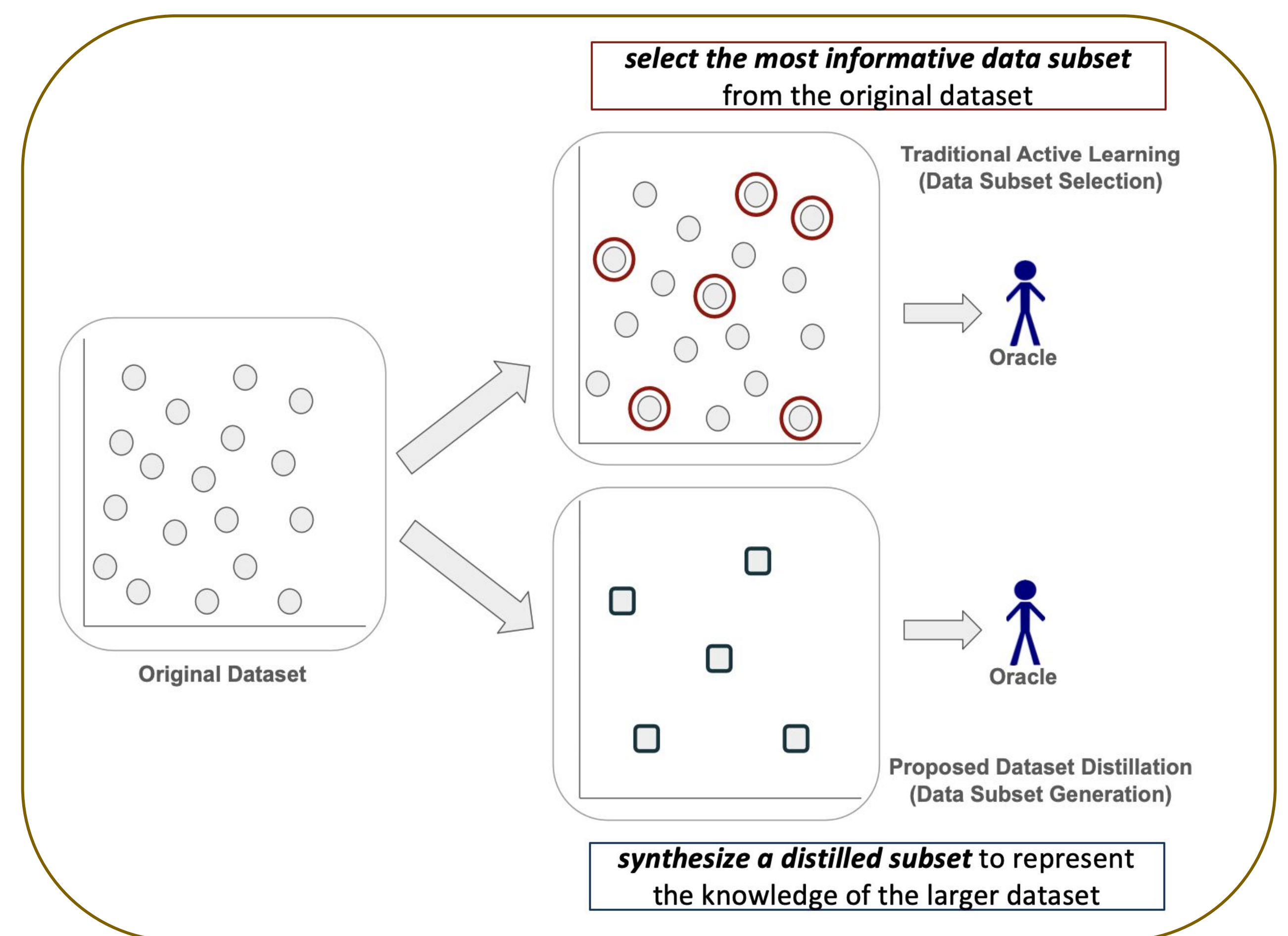
Table 1: Comparison of test classification accuracy vs % of training samples for baseline methods and our proposed approach across all three datasets using a ResNet-18 model.

Method	Google Speech Commands		UrbanSound8K		ESC-50	
	% Samples	Accuracy	% Samples	Accuracy	% Samples	Accuracy
<b>Total Training Data</b>	100%	89.92	100%	79.27	100%	69.36
<b>Max Entropy</b>	60%	72.2	60%	62.15	60%	50.2
	40%	69.6	40%	57.45	40%	45.12
	30%	65.1	30%	53.36	30%	41.25
	20%	57.25	20%	45.18	20%	36.75
	0.029%	9.15	0.063%	7.56	0.15%	5.12
<b>Variation Ratios</b>	60%	73.36	60%	63.02	60%	51.25
	40%	70.85	40%	58.75	40%	45.36
	30%	65.3	30%	54.12	30%	41.58
	20%	58.72	20%	46.78	20%	36.24
	0.029%	9.24	0.063%	7.15	0.15%	5.84
<b>BALD</b>	60%	73.15	60%	63.12	60%	50.95
	40%	70.5	40%	58.95	40%	44.78
	30%	65.1	30%	54.08	30%	40.75
	20%	58.55	20%	46.42	20%	35.16
	0.029%	9.38	0.063%	7.39	0.15%	5.5
<b>Random</b>	60%	73.15	60%	62.87	60%	50.67
	40%	70.25	40%	59.08	40%	44.95
	30%	65.36	30%	54.45	30%	39.25
	20%	58.48	20%	46.92	20%	33.18
	0.029%	9.27	0.063%	7.72	0.15%	4.95
<b>Proposed Method</b>	0.029%	72.24	0.063%	61.67	0.15%	49.65
	0.017%	61.13	0.038%	50.24	0.09%	31.25
	0.012%	51.68	0.025%	37.85	0.0625%	17.96

Number of Audio Samples per Class (AS/C)

Google Speech Commands		UrbanSound8K		ESC-50	
% Samples	AS/C	% Samples	AS/C	% Samples	AS/C
0.029%	50	0.063%	50	0.15%	5
0.017%	30	0.038%	30	0.09%	3
0.012%	20	0.025%	20	0.0625%	2

**Upto ~3000x reduction in audio samples while offering competitive performance**



Algorithm 1 Our Proposed Approach

**Input.** Training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ , Initial coreset  $\mathcal{C} = \{(x'_i, y'_i)\}_{i=1}^M$ , Number of random networks  $N$ , Output dimension of random networks  $M$ , Regularization parameter  $\lambda$ , Learning rate  $\eta$

**while** not converged **do**  
 Sample a batch  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{D}$   
 Initialize  $N$  random neural networks  $\{f_{\theta_i}\}_{i=1}^N$   
**for** each  $x \in \mathcal{B}$  **do**  
     Compute random features  $\Phi(x)$   
**end for**  
**for** each  $x' \in \mathcal{C}$  **do**  
     Compute random features  $\Phi(x')$   
**end for**  
 Compute kernel matrices  $K_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{C}}$  and  $K_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}}$   
 Calculate predicted labels for the batch:  $\hat{y}_{\mathcal{B}} = K_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{C}}(K_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}} + \lambda I)^{-1}y_{\mathcal{C}}$   
 Compute loss:  $\mathcal{L} = \|\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{B}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\mathcal{B}}\|^2$   
 Update coreset using gradient descent:  $\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} - \eta \nabla_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{L}$   
**end while**  
**Ensure:** Distilled coreset  $\mathcal{C}$

Table 2: Comparison of test classification accuracy vs % of training samples for baseline methods and our proposed approach across all three datasets using a 4-layer CNN model.

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	% Samples	Accuracy	% Samples	Accuracy	% Samples	Accuracy
<b>Total Training Data</b>	100%	87.45	100%	77.24	100%	67.62
<b>Max Entropy</b>	60%	69.92	60%	59.36	60%	48.56
	40%	66.25	40%	53.15	40%	44.78
	30%	63.55	30%	50.65	30%	39.05
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	40%	66.18	40%	53.15	40%	43.85
	30%	62.67	30%	49.33	30%	38.75
	20%	56.25	20%	42.95	20%	33.48
	0.029%	8.35	0.063%	6.04	0.15%	4.3
<b>Random</b>	60%	70.67	60%	59.27	60%	48.05
	40%	67.05	40%	52.92	40%	44.72
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Few other DD methods like –

- Data Condensation with Gradient Matching
- Differentiable Siamese Augmentation