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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, {Continual, Active, Federated, Self-supervised} Learning, Time-Series for Health Applications: Multimodal Sensing (health, inertial, acoustic, wearable), 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. Joydeep Ghosh, Prof. Edison Thomaz

Anna University, Chennai, India

2013 - 2017

B.Tech., Information Technology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS [Conference/Journal/Workshop]

* denotes equal contribution and joint lead authorship

[Citations: 292, 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 HILL** 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.

Preprints

- <u>Gautham Krishna Gudur</u>, M Malu, RR Azghan, A Rayas, P Turaga, H Ghasemzadeh, E Thomaz, G Pedrielli. Partition the Latent: Efficient Continual Learning with Unsupervised Partitions for Audio Classification [Submitted].
- 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].

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin – Graduate Research Assistant

Advisors: Prof. Joydeep Ghosh, Prof. Edison Thomaz

Austin, TX Aug 2023 – Present

- Proposed SVFT (Singular Vector guided Fine-Tuning) a Pareto-optimal PEFT technique [Mentor: Prof. Sujay Sanghavi].
- Reduced labeling costs up to 3000x using dataset distillation as an alternative to active learning for audio classification.
- Developed acoustic-motion feature alignment methods using contrastive methods to enhance audio-based HAR.
- Designed continual learning methods with unsupervised partitioning of latent representation for audio classification, multi-sensor HAR, and cross-population glucose prediction.
- Enhanced uncertainty-aware Chain-of-Thought reasoning in LLMs [Mentor: Prof. Ying Ding].

The University of Texas at Austin – Graduate Teaching Assistant

Primary Instructors: Prof. Joydeep Ghosh, Prof. Edison Thomaz

Austin, TX Jan 2025 – Present

- Designed and graded assignments and exams for Deep Learning (~50 students) and Human Signals (~80 students).
- Mentored students on designing quizzes, paper reviews, presentations, and course projects.

Nokia Bell Labs – Research Intern (Device Intelligence team)

Cambridge, UK

Mentors: Soumyajit Chatterjee, Mohammad Malekzadeh, Fahim Kawsar

May 2025 - Aug 2025

• Improving foundation models for health-sensing tasks. Submitted a patent. A paper to be submitted soon.

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: 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 on federated learning and multi-vendor model sharing; defined Ericsson's Al-Native design principles. Built spatiotemporal connectivity models (<5% error) and mobility models in 5G NWDAF.
- Built E-ADF, an unsupervised anomaly detection framework with Bayesian model selection and dynamic thresholds.
- Created E-LangHub (Ericsson LLM Hub) with telco-rich data and SOTA models; enhanced customer-symptom models using LLMs, active learning, and 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

Mentor: Srinivasan Murali

Chennai, India

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.
- Mentored 10+ students in embedded ML assignments and research projects at Solarillion Foundation (Feb '17 May '18).

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.

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 on 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" a Data Science contest at Invente 2016, SSN College of Engineering

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.

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 in the Algorithms Domain Problem Solving (Advanced)
- Full financial registration grants to attend ICLR 2021, NeurIPS 2020, and OxML 2020
- 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 the post-evaluation phase
- Certification of Merit for Grade A1 in all subjects in AISSE (CBSE 10th boards)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, HTML/CSS, Bash, SQL, JavaScript

Tools: Git, LaTeX, Docker, GCP, Arduino, Raspberry Pi

Libraries & Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Hugging Face Transformers, Keras, Numpy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, PySpark

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 5th 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)

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, 3rd International Conference on Cognition, Brain and Computation (CBC 2015), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar.

SELECTED TALKS

- Resource-efficient Machine Learning 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

Generative Models in ML, Deep Learning, Advanced CV, Statistical Methods I & II, Applied ML, AI in Health, Spoken Language Technologies, Human Signals: Sensing/Analytics, ML on Real World Networks, Fine-Tuning LLMs

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