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I am a Ph.D. graduate from the National University of Singapore (NUS). My research interests lie at the intersection of generative AI models and interaction design for audio signals. I am passionate about bridging the gap between technology and creativity by designing and implementing intelligent interactive tools.

I also have ~15 years of software engineering experience. I have built and architected solutions for financial institutions such as Credit Suisse and Lehman Brothers and consulting organizations such as Cappemini and Oliver Wyman.

I co-founded the Women Who Code (WWCode) network in Singapore, a platform and community for women and underrepresented groups in technology to stay connected and advance our careers.

EDUCATION

2020 – 2024 **Ph.D.**, Department of Communications and New Media, **National University of Singapore**, **Singapore** 2000 – 2004 **Bachelor of Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering**, University of Pune, **India**

PUBLICATIONS

- Kamath, P., Gupta, C., & Nanayakkara, S. MorphFader: Enabling Fine-grained Controllable Morphing with Text-to-Audio Models. In Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), pp. 1-5, 2025. <u>Demo Link</u>.
- Kamath, P., Gupta, C., Wyse, L., Nanayakkara, S. Example-Based Framework for Perceptually Guided Audio Texture Generation. In IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing (IEEE TASLP), vol. 32, pp. 2555-2565, 2024. <u>Demo Link</u>.
- Kamath, P., Morreale, Fabio., Wei, Y., Nanayakkara, S. Sound Designer-Generative AI Interactions: Towards Designing
 Creative Support Tools for Professional Sound Designers. In Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in
 Computing Systems (CHI). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 730, 1–17, 2024. Demo Link.
- **Kamath, P.**, Li, Z., Gupta, C., Jaidka, K., Nanayakkara, S., & Wyse, L. Evaluating Descriptive Quality of AI-Generated Audio Using Image-Schemas. In Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on **Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI)**. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 621–632, 2023. <u>Demo Link</u>.
- Gupta, C.*, Kamath, P.*, Wei, Y., Li, Z., Nanayakkara, S., Wyse, L. Towards Controllable Audio Texture Morphing. In Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), Rhodes Island, Greece, pp. 1-5, 2023. <u>Demo Link</u>.
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- Gupta, C., Wei, Y., Gong, Z., **Kamath, P.**, Li, Z., Wyse, L. Parameter sensitivity of deep feature-based evaluation metrics for audio textures. In Proceedings of 23rd **International Society for Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR)**, pp. 462-468, 2022.
- Wyse, L., Kamath, P., & Gupta, C. Sound Model Factory: An Integrated System Architecture for Generative Audio Modelling. In International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Music, Sound, Art, and Design (Part of EvoStar) (pp. 308-322). Springer, Cham. 2022.
- Gupta, C., Kamath, P., Wyse, L. Signal Representations for Synthesizing Audio Textures with Generative Adversarial Networks. In Proceedings of 18th Sound and Music Computing Conference (SMC). 2021.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Deep Learning Architectures: Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN; such as Progressive GANs and StyleGANs), Latent Diffusion Models (Text-to-Audio Models), and Transformers. Experience training GANs and Transformers from scratch. **Data/AI:** Python, PyTorch, Sklearn, Pandas, Numpy, Scipy, Librosa, Streamlit.

Middle Tier & DB: Java, Spring Framework, Spring Boot, Kafka, Hibernate, Elastic Search, Coherence, Hazelcast, SQL. *Javascript*: Node.js, Vue.js, Highcharts, Tensorflow.js, JQuery, Bootstrap.

Cloud/Infrastructure: Amazon Web Services (AWS Certified Solutions Architect), Docker, Linux, Unix shell scripting.

INVITED TALKS

- (Invited Seminar) September'24: Presented at a Hearing Seminar at CCRMA at Stanford University. Link.
- (Invited Talk) *March'23*: NUS School of Computing <u>Women in Technology forum</u> on International Women's Day.

AWARDS

- Ranked 3rd in the DCASE Task 7 Foley Sound Synthesis Challenge in 2023
- "Special Recognition for Outstanding Review" at CHI'24, CHI'25, and UIST'24
- Best Paper Award at gCON'20, Department of Communications and New Media, FASS, NUS
- Gary Marsden Travel Award awarded by ACM SIGCHI, to present my paper at IUI'23 in Sydney

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

2025 – 2025 Senior Solutions Architect, NVIDIA AI Technology Center, NVIDIA, Singapore

- Applied AI Research Scientist for NVIDIA's collaborations with industry & higher educational institutions in Singapore.
- Industry collaborations include fine-tuning vision language models for nutrition estimation, summarization, and optical character recognition.
- Industry advisor for 2 PhD students at the SITxNVIDIA Joint Centre (SNAIC) Singapore.

2024 - 2024 Research Scientist, Augmented Human Lab/Center for Holistic Inquiry into Lifelong Learning

 Designed and implemented AI algorithms for lecture video summarization and audio-based touch or haptic signal design.

2019 -2020 Lead Software Engineer, Oliver Wyman Digital

- Architected and developed financial and trading solutions for Oliver Wyman's clients in the banking and mining sectors.

2017 – 2020 Director, Women Who Code Singapore

- Co-founded the Women Who Code (WWCode) network in Singapore in January 2017, a platform for women and underrepresented groups in technology to stay connected and advance their careers.
- Designed workshops, hackathons, and talks/panels for the WWCode community.

2016 - 2018 Engineering Manager (Vice President), Client Technology Solutions at Credit Suisse, Singapore

- Built and managed up to 30 member-sized software engineering teams in India and Mexico to develop products such as Client Enablement (CET), Research Readership capture, and Access. Architected data pipelines using Apache Kafka and Elastic Search.
- Conceptualized product solutions and drove end-user conversations in the Asia Pacific Region.

2012 - 2015 Team Lead (Assistant Vice President), Client Technology Solutions at Credit Suisse, Singapore

- Responsible for design, architecture, technology selection, and development of eChannel Platform (ECP/'one bank' Platform), a multi-tiered front-end content aggregation framework hosting CSPlus
- Designed and conducted experiments for distributed caching technologies to select Hazelcast as the best alternative caching strategy to replace Coherence

2010 - 2012 Senior Developer, Client Technology Solutions at Credit Suisse, Singapore

- Developed ECP, a front-end content aggregation framework, as a micro-service-driven multi-tiered enterprise application. Built and managed a 15-member offshore team in India

2008 – 2010 Developer, Derivatives IT at Credit Suisse, Singapore

 Developed a trade matching tool, used to match Credit Default Swaps using Drools for rules management and JBPM for workflow management

2008 – 2008 Developer at Lehman Brothers, India

- Lead developer for Sales Opportunity Management system and Client Relationship Management.

2004 – 2008 Developer at Capgemini, India

- Developed and maintained applications using the Vignette application portal

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022 – 2022 **Graduate Tutor** (IS3251 Principles of Technology Entrepreneurship), **Department of Information Systems & Analytics (School of Computing, NUS)** (Semester 1, 22/23)

2020 – 2022 Research Assistant, Art & Creativity Lab, Department of Communications & New Media (NUS)

SERVICE

- Member of Sustainability Organization at CHI'24
- Reviewer for ICASSP'25, IJCNN'25, CHI'25, CHI'24, UIST'24, DAFx'23, ICIS'23, JNMR.
- Chairperson and Tech. Director at **gCON'21**: FASS CNM Flagship Graduate Conference.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & CAUSES

Volunteer **Engineers.sg** (2018–2021); Mentor **Junior Dev SG** (2018 – 2019); TechLead **TechLadies Bootcamp#6** (2020); Developer Relations **YOW! Conferences & Depth First Workshops and Conferences** (2018 – 2019);

PERSONAL DETAILS Citizenship: Singapore

Other Interests: Generative Art/Math Art; Painter in Oils;