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<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	<b>Application of Cognitive Models in Computer Vision</b> Predictive Learning for Active Event Segmentation in Videos; Explainable models for video interpretations; Contextual Models of Memory for video summarization	
<b>TEACHING INTERESTS</b>	Image/Video processing, Computer Vision, Introduction to Programming, Data Structures, Pattern Recognition	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of South Florida</b> , Tampa, FL <i>Ph.D.</i> , Computer Science and Engineering Advisor: Dr. Sudeep Sarkar <b>University of South Florida</b> , Tampa, FL <i>Master of Science</i> , Management Information Systems <b>Anna University</b> , Chennai, India <i>Bachelor of Engineering</i> , Electronics & Communications Engineering Advisor: Prof. Leena Jasmine Thesis: Real-time Data Acquisition for Production Report Generation	Summer 2019   Fall 2015  Spring 2013
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Aug 2019 - Present  <b>Applied Scientist Intern</b> May 2018 - Aug 2018  <b>Programmer Analyst</b> Oct 2012 - November 2015  <b>Programmer Analyst Intern</b> Apr 2012 - Oct 2012	Oklahoma State University Stillwater, OK  Amazon Go Boston, MA  CTSI-Global Chennai, India  CTSI-Global Chennai, India
<b>RESEARCH EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Applied Scientist Intern</b> May 2018 - Aug 2018 Mentor: Dr. Mirko Ristivojevic  <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> May 2017 - Present Advisor: Dr. Sudeep Sarkar  <b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b> Jan 2010 - July 2010 Advisor: Dr. Srinivasan Devashankar	Amazon Go Boston, MA  University of South Florida Tampa, FL  Velammal Engineering College Chennai, India
<b>ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS</b>	Senior Fellow, USF NSF I-Corps Oral Presentation, Conference on Computer Vision and Robotic Vision Outstanding Contribution to the Company, CTSI-Global Best Student Project Award, Velammal Engineering College Best Student in Foreign Language - French, Leo Matriculation School	<b>2019</b> <b>2017</b> <b>2015</b> <b>2010</b> <b>2009</b>

**PEER  
REVIEWED  
PUBLICATIONS**

1. Vishalini R. Laguduva, Shakil Mahmud, **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Robert Karam, Srinivas Katkoori. Dissecting Convolutional Neural Networks for Efficient Implementation on Constrained Platforms. *IEEE International Conference on VLSI Design (VLSID)*, 2020.
2. Vishalini R. Laguduva, **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Srinivas Katkoori. Latent Space Modeling for Cloning Encrypted PUF-based Authentication. *IFIP International Internet of Things (IoT) Conference*, 2019.
3. Vishalini R. Laguduva, Sheikh Ariful Islam, **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Srinivas Katkoori and Robert Karam. Machine Learning based IoT Edge Node Security Attack and Countermeasures *IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI (ISVLSI)*, 2019. (*oral*).
4. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. A Perceptual Prediction Framework for Self Supervised Event Segmentation. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019. [pdf].
5. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur\***, Daniel Sawyer\*, Sudeep Sarkar. Fine-grained Action Detection in Untrimmed Surveillance Videos *Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision Workshops*, 2019.
6. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Fillipe DM de Souza, Sudeep Sarkar. Going Deeper with Semantics: Exploiting Semantic Contextualization for Interpretation of Human Activity in Videos. *Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*, 2019. [pdf].
7. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Fillipe DM de Souza, Sudeep Sarkar. Generating Open World Descriptions of Video using Commonsense Knowledge in a Pattern Theory Framework. *Quarterly of Applied Mathematics*. [pdf].
8. Gilbert Rotich\*, **Sathyanarayanan Aakur\***, Rodrigo Minetto, Mauricio Segundo, Sudeep Sarkar. Using semantic relationships among objects for geospatial land use classification. *IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition Workshop*, 2018.
9. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Fillipe DM de Souza, Sudeep Sarkar. On the Inherent Explainability of Pattern Theory-based Video Event Interpretations. Book Chapter, *Explainable and Interpretable Models in Computer Vision and Machine Learning in the Springer Series on Challenges in Machine Learning*. [pdf].
10. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Fillipe DM de Souza, Sudeep Sarkar. Inherently Explainable Model for Video Activity Recognition *AAAI Workshop On Reasoning and Learning for Human-Machine Dialogues*, 2018 (*oral*). [pdf]
11. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Fillipe DM de Souza, Sudeep Sarkar. Towards a Knowledge-based Approach to Video Comprehension. In *Conference on Computer and Robot Vision (CRV)*, 2017 (*oral*). [pdf]
12. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Mithun Singh. Real Time Data Acquisition System for Production Report Generation. In *International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Advanced Manufacturing Research (ICCIAMR)*, 2013.

**PUBLICATIONS  
UNDER  
REVIEW**

1. Kenneth Malmberg\*, **Sathyanarayanan Aakur\***, Sudeep Sarkar. A Bayesian Network Model of the Reinstatement of Autobiographical Context. In Submission.
2. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Abductive Reasoning as Self Supervision for Common Sense Question Answering. Under Review.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

1. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Daniel Sawyer, Michal Balazia, Sudeep Sarkar. An Examination of Proposal-based Approaches to Fine-grained Activity Detection in Untrimmed Surveillance Videos *Proceedings of TRECVID 2018, NIST, USA, 2018*.
2. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Michael Goltz, Alanould Alsalam. An Automated Jigsaw Puzzle Solver using Local and Global Discriminant Features. *University of South Florida (USF), 2016*.
3. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**. An Evaluation of Methodologies for Predicting the Forest Cover Type via Visual Features. *University of South Florida (USF), 2014*.

## MENTORING

1. Daniel Sawyer (Undergraduate, 2016 - 2018)  
Mentored on deep learning for action and object recognition in videos. [*Now at: Ph.D. Program at University of South Florida*]
2. Subramanian Viswanathan (Master's, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017)  
Mentored on parallelization and high performance computing for computing inherent privacy of very large social graphs ( $10^6$  nodes). [*Now at: Goldman Sachs*]

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of South Florida  
Spring 2019 Tampa, FL  
Graduate Course: Computer Vision

**Instructional Assistant** University of South Florida  
Spring 2017 - Present Tampa, FL  
USF I-Corps Sessions: NSF Lean Business Canvas Course

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of South Florida  
Spring 2017 Tampa, FL  
Graduate Course: Biometrics  
Undergraduate Course: IT Data Structures/Algorithms

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of South Florida  
Fall 2016 Tampa, FL  
Undergraduate Course: IT Data Structures  
Undergraduate Course: Computational Geometry

**Instructor** University of South Florida  
Summer 2017 Tampa, FL  
Undergraduate Course: IT Programming Fundamentals  
Student Evaluation: 4.13/5.0

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of South Florida  
Spring 2016 Tampa, FL  
Undergraduate Course: Automata Theory/Formal Languages

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Program Committee** AAAI 2020  
**Reviewer** WACV 2020, ICCV 2019, CVPR 2019, IEEE Access  
**External Reviewer:** PLOS ONE, IROS 2017, CAIP 2017  
**Organizational Assistant:** Computer Vision / AI Seminar series, University of South Florida. Fall 2016 - Spring 2019  
**Co-Organizer:** Robotics Competition, INNOWIZ Symposium 2012-2013, Velammal Engineering College  
**Web Chair:** INNOWIZ Symposium 2012-2013, Velammal Engineering College

## TALKS

**Invited Talk** *The Role of Commonsense Knowledge in Visual Understanding*. Oklahoma State University. Fall 2018

**Invited Talk** with *Dr. Sudeep Sarkar*. *Going Deeper with Semantics: Exploiting Semantic Contextualization for Interpretation of Human Activity in Videos*. Technical Seminar Series, Statistical Shape Analysis & Modeling Group, Florida State University. Fall 2018

**Invited Talk** with *Dr. Sudeep Sarkar*. *Video Event Understanding with Pattern Theory*. Robotics Technical Seminar Series, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of South Florida. Spring 2018

**Invited Talk** *Leveraging ConceptNet to Reduce Training Requirements for Video Descriptions*, Seminar in AI, University of South Florida, Spring 2017.

**TECHNICAL  
SKILLS**

**Languages:** Python; C++;C

**Machine Learning Frameworks:** TensorFlow; CUDA

**Big Data:** MapReduce; Hive; Pig

**PROFESSIONAL  
REFERENCES**

Available upon request.