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INTERESTS Predictive Learning for Active Event Perception in Videos; Commonsense Reasoning

for Visual Understanding; Contextual Models of Memory for Event Perception

**TEACHING INTERESTS**  Image/Video processing, Computer Vision, Introduction to Programming, Data Structures, Pattern Recognition

**EDUCATION** University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Summer 2019

Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Sudeep Sarkar

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL Fall 2015

Master of Science, Management Information Systems

Anna University, Chennai, India Spring 2013

Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics & Communications Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Leena Jasmine

Thesis: Real-time Data Acquisition for Production Report Generation

## PROFESSIONAL Assistant Professor **EXPERIENCE**

Aug 2019 - Present

Oklahoma State University

Stillwater, OK

Applied Scientist Intern Amazon Go May 2018 - Aug 2018 Boston, MA

CTSI-Global Programmer Analyst Oct 2012 - November 2015 Chennai, India

Programmer Analyst Intern CTSI-Global Apr 2012 - Oct 2012 Chennai, India

# ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Reviewer at CVPR 2020 (Top 3.9% of reviewers) 2020 Senior Fellow, USF NSF I-Corps 2019 Oral Presentation, Conference on Computer Vision and Robotic Vision 2017 Outstanding Contribution to the Company, CTSI-Global 2015 Best Student Project Award, Velammal Engineering College 2010 Best Student in Foreign Language - French, Leo Matriculation School 2009

# PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur, Sudeep Sarkar. Action Localization through Continual Predictive Learning. European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020. Accepted, to appear.
- 2. 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. (Oral)
- 3. Vishalini R. Laguduva, Sathyanarayanan Aakur, Srinivas Katkoori. Latent Space Modeling for Cloning Encrypted PUF-based Authentication. IFIP International Internet of Things (IoT) Conference, 2019. (Oral)
- 4. 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).
- Sathyanarayanan Aakur, Sudeep Sarkar. A Perceptual Prediction Framework for Self Supervised Event Segmentation. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision* and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2019. [pdf].
- Sathyanarayanan Aakur\*, Daniel Sawyer\*, Sudeep Sarkar. Fine-grained Action Detection in Untrimmed Surveillance Videos Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision Workshops, 2019.
- 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].
- 8. 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].
- 9. 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
- 10. 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].
- 11. **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]
- 12. **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]
- 13. 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

- Kenneth Malmberg\*, Sathyanarayanan Aakur\*, Sudeep Sarkar. A Bayesian Network Model of the Reinstatement of Autobiographical Context. Under Review.
- 2. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Abductive Reasoning as Self Supervision for Common Sense Question Answering. Under Review.
- 3. **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Arunkumar Bagavathi. Unsupervised Gaze Prediction by Energy-based Surprise Modeling. Under Review.

# TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 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.
- 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. Nikhil Gunti (M.S. Fall 2019 Present)
- 2. Sanjoy Kundu (Ph.D. Spring 2020 Present)
- 3. Shubham Trehan (Ph.D. Fall 2020 Present)
- 4. Daniel Sawyer (Undergraduate (USF), 2016 2018) [Now at: Ph.D. Program at University of South Florida]
- 5. Subramanian Viswanathan (Master's (USF), Fall 2016 Spring 2017)[First Job: Goldman Sachs

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### Instructor

Oklahoma State University

Spring 2020 - Present

Stillwater, OK

Spring 2020: CS 5323 Design and Implementation of Operating Systems II

Fall 2020: CS 4783/5783 Machine Learning

Instructor

University of South Florida

Summer 2017, Summer 2019

Tampa, FL

Undergraduate Course: IT Programming Fundamentals

Student Evaluation: 4.0/5.0

Spring 2016 - Spring 2019

# Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

Spring 2019: Computer Vision (Graduate)

Spring 2017 - Summer 2019: USF I-Corps Sessions (NSF Lean Business Canvas Course) Spring 2017: Biometrics (Graduate), IT Data Structures/Algorithms (Undergraduate) Fall 2016: IT Data Structures (Undergraduate), Computational Geometry (Undergraduate)

Spring 2016: Automata Theory/Formal Languages (Undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL NSF Panels: IIS CHS (2020)

SERVICE

Track Chair: Machine Learning for Graphs (ICMLA 2020)

Program Committee: AAAI 2020

Reviewer: IET Computer Vision, WACV 2020, ICCV 2019, CVPR 2019, CVPR 2020, CRV 2020, ECCV 2020, WACV 2021, NeurIPS 2020, ACCV 2020, IEEE Access

External Reviewer: PLOS ONE, IROS 2017, CAIP 2017

Organizer: Special Session on Machine Learning for Graphs (ICMLA 2020), AI Sem-

inar (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.

PROFESSIONAL Available upon request. REFERENCES