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<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	<b>Application of Cognitive Models in Computer Vision</b> Active Event Perception in Videos; Visual Commonsense Reasoning; AI for X (Agriculture, Manufacturing, Healthcare)	
<b>TEACHING INTERESTS</b>	Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence, Pattern Recognition	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of South Florida</b> , Tampa, FL	Summer 2019
	Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering	
	Advisor: Dr. Sudeep Sarkar	
	Thesis: <i>Beyond Labels and Captions: Contextualizing Grounded Semantics for Explainable Visual Interpretation.</i>	
	<b>University of South Florida</b> , Tampa, FL	Fall 2015
	Master of Science, Management Information Systems	
	<b>Anna University</b> , Chennai, India	Spring 2013
	Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics & Communications Engineering	
	Advisor: Prof. Leena Jasmine	
	Thesis: <i>Real-time Data Acquisition for Production Report Generation</i>	
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Auburn University
	Aug 2023 - Present	Auburn, AL
	<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Oklahoma State University
	Aug 2019 - Aug 2023	Stillwater, OK
	<b>Applied Scientist Intern</b>	Amazon Go
	May 2018 - Aug 2018	Boston, MA
	<b>Programmer Analyst</b>	CTSI-Global
	Oct 2012 - November 2015	Chennai, India
	<b>Programmer Analyst Intern</b>	CTSI-Global
	Apr 2012 - Oct 2012	Chennai, India
<b>HONORS AND AWARDS</b>	IEEE Senior Member	2024
	Ginn Faculty Fellow, Auburn University	2024 - 2026
	NSF CAREER Award	2022
	Sigma Xi Full Member	2021
	Outstanding Reviewer at CVPR 2020 (Top 3.9% of reviewers)	2020
	Senior Fellow, USF NSF I-Corps	2019
	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
<b>STUDENTS' HONORS AND AWARDS</b>	John Lieb - Auburn University Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2025
	Carson Bulgin - Auburn University Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2024
	Udhav Ramachandran - Niblack Research Scholarship, OSU	2024
	Shubham Trehana and Udhav Ramachandran - Winner, OSU App Competition.	2023
	Sai Narayanan - J. Lindsay Oaks Best Student Molecular Biology Presentation	2022
	Sai Narayanan - J. Lindsay Oaks Best Student Molecular Biology Presentation	2021
	Sanjoy Kundu - Robberson Summer Dissertation Award, OSU	2021
<b>PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS</b>	<i>Note: In Computer Science, conferences are the primary publication venue over journal publications. They use double-blind reviewing and are equally or more selective than journals. CVPR, ECCV, MICCAI, ICPR, PAKDD, ICDM, WACV, VLSID,</i>	

and ISVLSI are the top computer vision, data mining, and IoT research conferences. Mentored student authors are underlined, and undergraduate mentees with \*. Publications after Auburn are marked with \*\*.

#### Book Chapters

- B1 Ramy Mounir, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Self-supervised Event Segmentation. Book Chapter in *Advanced Methods and Deep Learning in Computer Vision*. Elsevier Series on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition.
- B2 **Sathyanarayanan N. 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*.

#### Journal Papers

- J1 Huihui Zhang, Yuting Zhou, Shengfang Ma, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Enhancing Corn Yield Prediction: Optimizing Data Quality or Model Complexity?. *Smart Agricultural Technology*, 2024. (**Impact Factor:** 6.2)\*\*
- J2 V S S Bala Tripura Sathvika, Nagilla Anmisha, Vada Thanmayi, Suchetha M, Edwin Dhas D, Sehastrajit S\*, **Sathyanarayanan N Aakur**. Pipelined Structure in the Classification of Skin Lesions based on Alexnet CNN and SVM Model with Bi-sectional Texture Features. *IEEE Access*. (**Impact Factor:** 3.9) \*\*
- J3 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Vishalini R. Laguduva, Priyadhsrini Ramamurthy, Akhilesh Ramachandran. TEPI: Taxonomy-aware Embedding and Pseudo-Imaging for Scarcely-labeled Zero-shot Genome Classification. *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (J-BHI)*, 2024. (**Impact Factor:** 7.7) \*\*
- J4 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Leveraging Symbolic Knowledge Bases for Commonsense Natural Language Inference using Pattern Theory. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*, 2023. (**Impact Factor:** 24.3)
- J5 M Suchetha, Snehith Sankineni\*, Aanchal Saraswat\*, **Sathyanarayanan N Aakur**, S Sehastrajit\*, D Edwin Dhas. An Insight on Recent Advancements and Future Perspectives in Detection Techniques of Parkinsons Disease. *Evolutionary Intelligence*, 2023. (**Impact Factor:** 2.3)
- J6 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sanjoy Kundu, Nikhil Gunti. Knowledge Guided Learning: Towards Open Domain Egocentric Action Recognition with Zero Supervision. *Pattern Recognition Letters*, 2022. (**Impact Factor:** 5.1)
- J7 **Sathyanarayanan N. 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*.

#### Peer-reviewed Conference and Archival Workshop Papers

- C1 Sercan Aygun, Reeti Pradhananga, Shelby Williams, Li Chen, Yazhou Tu, Whitney Crow, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Nian-Feng Tzeng. Digital Twin-Aided Municipal Traffic Control. Simulation of Urban Mobility (SUMO) User Conference, 2025. \*\*
- C2 Shubham Trehan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Self-supervised Multi-actor Social Activity Understanding in Streaming Videos. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2024. \*\*
- C3 Sanjoy Kundu, Shubham Trehan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Discovering Novel Actions in an Open World with Object-Grounded Visual Commonsense Reasoning. European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2024. \*\*
- C4 Venkata Ragavendra Vavilthota, Ranjith Ramanathan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Capturing Temporal Components for Time Series Classification. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2024. \*\*

- C5 Shenyan Liang, Mauricio Pamplona Segundo, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar, Anuj Srivastava. Shape-Graph Matching Network (SGM-net): Registration of Shape Graphs Using Deep Networks. *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI) 2024. (Oral)\*\**
- C6 Shubham Trehan, Udhav Ramachandran\*, Ruth Scimeca, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. ProtoKD: Learning from Extremely Scarce Data for Parasite Ova Recognition. *IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2023 (Oral) \*\**
- C7 Sanjoy Kundu, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Iterative Scene Graph Generation with Generative Transformers. *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023.*
- C8 Shengfang Ma, Yuting Zhou, K. Colton Flynn, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Peanut Seed Germination Detection from Aerial Images. *IEEE Workshop on Applied Imagery and Pattern Recognition, 2022.*
- C9 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Learning Actor-centered Representations for Action Localization in Streaming Videos using Predictive Learning. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2022.*
- C10 Aditi Bal Basu, Ramy Mounir, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar, Anuj Srivastava. Time-Series Analysis of Video Graphs Using Joint Kalman Smoothing and Registration. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2022. (Oral)*
- C11 Priyadharsini Ramamurthy, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. ISD-QA: Iterative Distillation of Commonsense Knowledge from General Language Models for Unsupervised Question Answering. *International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR 2022) (Oral)*
- C12 Vishal Pallagani, Priyadharsini Ramamurthy, Vedant Khandelwal, Revathy Venkataramanan, Kausik Lakkaraju, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Biplav Srivastava. A Rich Recipe Representation as Plan to Support Expressive Multi-Modal Queries on Recipe Content and Preparation Process. ICAPS 2022 Workshop on Knowledge Engineering for Planning and Scheduling (KEPS), 2022
- C13 Shubham Trehan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Towards Active Vision for Action Localization with Reactive Control and Predictive Learning. *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2022.*
- C14 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sai Narayanan, Vineela Indla, Vennela Indla, Arunkumar Bagavathi, Akhilesh Ramachandran, and Vishalini Laguduva Ramnath. Metagenome2Vec: Building Contextualized Representations for Scalable Metagenome Analysis *International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM) Workshops, 2021. (Oral)*
- C15 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Arunkumar Bagavathi, Sai Narayanan, Vineela Indla, Akhilesh Ramachandran, Vishalini Laguduva Ramnath. MG-NET: Leveraging Pseudo-Imaging for Multi-Modal Metagenome Analysis. *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2021.*
- C16 Thanh Thieu, Ha Do, Thanh Duong, Shi Pu, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Saad Khan. LexDivPara: A measure of paraphrase quality with integrated sentential lexical complexity. *Intelligent Systems Conference (IntelliSys) 2021.*
- C17 Vineela Indla, Vennela Indla, Sai Narayanan, Akhilesh Ramachandran, Arunkumar Bagavathi, Vishalini Laguduva Ramnath, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Sim2Real for Metagenomes: Accelerating Animal Diagnostics with Adversarial Co-Training. *Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD-2021) (Oral)*
- C18 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Arunkumar Bagavathi. Unsupervised Gaze Prediction in Egocentric Videos by Energy-based Surprise Modeling. *International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications (VISAPP), 2021*

- C19 Sai Narayanan, Akhilesh Ramachandran, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Arunkumar Bagavathi. GRaDL: A Framework for Animal Genome Sequence Classification with Graph Representations and Deep Learning. *International Conference on Machine Learning Applications (ICMLA'20)*, 2020 (**Oral**)
- C20 Sanjoy Kundu, Nikhil Gunti, Bailey Hendrickson, Sunil More, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. Benchmark and Evaluation of Low Resource Object Detection in Biomedical Images. *IEEE Workshop on Applied Imagery and Pattern Recognition*, 2020
- C21 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Action Localization through Continual Predictive Learning. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020*.
- C22 Vishalini R. Laguduva, Shakil Mahmud, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Robert Karam, Srinivas Katkoori. Dissecting Convolutional Neural Networks for Efficient Implementation on Constrained Platforms. *IEEE International Conference on VLSI Design (VLSID)*, 2020. (**Oral**)
- C23 Vishalini R. Laguduva, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Srinivas Katkoori. Latent Space Modeling for Cloning Encrypted PUF-based Authentication. *IFIP International Internet of Things (IoT) Conference*, 2019. (**Oral**)
- C24 Vishalini R. Laguduva, Sheikh Ariful Islam, **Sathyanarayanan N. 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**).
- C25 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. A Perceptual Prediction Framework for Self Supervised Event Segmentation. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019.
- C26 **Sathyanarayanan N. 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 (WACV)*, 2019.
- C27 **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Daniel Sawyer\*, Sudeep Sarkar. Fine-grained Action Detection in Untrimmed Surveillance Videos *Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) Workshops*, 2019.
- C28 **Sathyanarayanan N. 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**).
- C29 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.
- C30 **Sathyanarayanan N. 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**).

**PEER  
REVIEWED  
ABSTRACTS**

- A1 Zhou Chen, Sanjoy Kundu, Harsimran Bhaweja, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. A Self-supervised Framework for Embodied Active Event Perception. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation Late Breaking Works*, 2025.\*\*
- A2 Ranjith Ramanathan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Anjana Suresh. Machine Learning Algorithms To Understand The Relationship Between Metabolite Profiles And Beef Redness. *Reciprocal Meat Conference (RMC) 2024*. \*\*
- A3 Sanjoy Kundu, Shubham Trehan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. ALGO: Object-Grounded Visual Commonsense Reasoning for Open-World Egocentric Action Recognition. *EgoVis Workshop at the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2024. \*\*

- A4 Sanjoy Kundu, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**. VOWL: Towards Video Understanding in an Open World. What is Next in Video Understanding? Workshop, IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2024. \*\*
- A5 Sai Narayanan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Akhilesh Ramachandran. Development and evaluation of MG2Vec: A Transformer Neural network for metagenomic shotgun sequencing-based BRD pathogen detection. AAVLD 2022. (**Best Student Presentation Award**).
- A6 Sai Narayanan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur** Narasimhan, Arun Kumar Bagavathi, Akhilesh Ramachandran. Development and evaluation of metagenome2Vec, a machine learning algorithm, for sequencing-based pathogen detection. AAVLD 2021. (**Best Student Presentation Award**).
- A7 Ranjith Ramanathan, **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Anjana Suresh, Frank Kiyimba, and Gretchen Mafi. (2021). Comparison of machine learning algorithms to identify metabolomics features for predictive modeling of beef color. *67th International Congress of Meat Science and Technology, 2021*.
- A8 **Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Event Segmentation in Streaming Videos without Labels using a Predictive Approach. *Learning from Unlabeled Videos Workshop, IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2019*.
- A9 **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Mithun Singh. Real-Time Data Acquisition System for Production Report Generation. *International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Advanced Manufacturing Research (ICCIAMR'13), 2013*.

## MENTORING

### Current

1. Sanjoy Kundu (Ph.D., Spring 2020 - Present)
2. Shubham Trehan (Ph.D., Fall 2020 - Present)
3. Disharee Bhowmick (Ph.D., Spring 2024 - Present)
4. Shanmukha Vellamchetti (Ph.D., Spring 2024 - Present)
5. Zhou Chen (Ph.D., Summer 2024 - Present)
6. Devesh Khandelwal (Ph.D., Summer 2024 - Present)
7. Akash Rao (AU, Ph.D., Spring 2025 - Present)
8. Yash Mahajan (Ph.D., co-advised with Dr. Karmaker, Summer 2024 - Present)
9. Carson Bulgin (AU, B.S. CS Fall 2023 - Present)
10. Joe Lin (AU, M.S. CS Summer 2025 - Present)
11. Beau Brechtel (AU, M.S. CS Summer 2025 - Present)
12. John Lieb (AU, B.S. CS Spring 2024 - Present)
13. Jacob Sprouse (AU, B.S. CS Spring 2025 - Present)
14. Dane Miller (AU, B.S. CS Spring 2025 - Present)
15. Cooper Niebuhr (AU, B.S. CS Spring 2025 - Present)

### Alumni

#### At Auburn University

1. Beau Brechtel (AU, B.S. CS Fall 2024 - Spring 2025)[*Next: MS CS, Auburn Univ.*]\*\*
2. Joe Lin (AU, B.S. CS Spring 2024 - Spring 2025)[*Next: MS CS, Auburn Univ.*]\*\*
3. Udhav Ramachandran (OSU, B.S. Fall 2022 - Spring 2025)\*\*
4. Chaitanya Garg (IIIT-Delhi, B.Eng., Spring 2024 - - Spring 2025)\*\*
5. Tanishq Jain (IIIT-Delhi, B.Eng., Spring 2024 - Spring 2025)\*\*
6. Sujay Jakka (AU, B.S. CS Fall 2024 - Spring 2025)\*\*

7. Amy Prieto (AU, B.S. CS Fall 2024 - Spring 2025)\*\*
8. Akash Rao (AU, M.S., Summer 2024 - Fall 2024) [*Next: Ph.D., Auburn Univ.*]\*\*
9. Jackson Young (AU, M.S., Summer 2024 - Fall 2024)[*Next: Data Scientist, Kansas City Chiefs*]\*\*
10. Charles Dunn (AU, M.S., Summer 2024 - Fall 2024)\*\*
11. S Sehastrajit (VIT Chennai, B.Eng., Fall 2023 - Summer 2024)\*\*
12. Zhou Chen (AU, M.S. Fall 2023 - Spring 2024) [*Next: Ph.D., Auburn Univ.*]\*\*
13. Chi-Jui Wu (AU, M.S. Spring 2024)\*\*
14. Elijah Parker (AU, B.S. CE Fall 2023 - Spring 2024) [*Next: Engineer, JHU Applied Physics Laboratory.*]\*\*
15. Shengfang Ma (OSU, M.S. Summer 2021 - Spring 2024) [*Next: SDE, OSU.*]\*\*
16. Venkata Ragavendra Vavilthota (OSU, M.S. Fall 2023) [*Next: Data Engineer, Wayfair.*]\*\*
17. Saathvika Ajith (High School Research Intern, Summer 2023)

#### **At Oklahoma State University**

1. Sai Narayanan (Ph.D. Molecular Biology, Fall 2019 - Fall 2022) [*Next: Pathology Resident, OADDL OSU.*]
2. Priyadarshini Ramamurthy (Ph.D., Fall 2020 - Summer 2023)[*Next: Ph.D., OSU.*]
3. Devyn Hubbard (B.S. Spring 2022 - Spring 2023; [*Next: B.S. at OSU.*])
4. Udhav Ramachandran (High School Intern Summer 2022), [*Next: B.S. at OSU.*]
5. Daniel Beaver (B.S. REU Summer 2022)
6. Deepthi Mikkilineni (M.S. Fall 2022)
7. Sriram Madepalli (M.S. Summer 2022; [*Next: SDE, Amazon*])
8. Swapna Darsi (M.S. Summer 2022; [*Next: Quality Assurance Analyst, Atlantic Casualty Insurance Co.*])
9. Ramya Mikkilineni (M.S. Summer 2022; [*Next: SDE, Samsung*])
10. Vineela Indla (M.S. Fall 2021; [*Next: SDE, Amazon*])
11. Yashwanth Peddaboina (M.S. Summer 2022; [*Next: SDE, Amazon*])
12. Trae Primm (B.S. REU Summer 2021)
13. Madison Rushing (B.S. REU Summer 2021)
14. Nikhil Gunti (M.S., Spring 2021) [*Next: Data Scientist, Concat Systems*]
15. Makenzie Terrell (B.S., Fall 2020 - Fall 2021)

#### **Before Oklahoma State University**

1. Gilbert Rotich (Ph.D. (USF), 2017-2019) [*Next: Ph.D. at USF, Tampa*]
2. Daniel Sawyer (B.S. (USF), 2016 - 2018) [*Next: Ph.D. at USF, Tampa*]
3. Subramanian Viswanathan (M.S. (USF), 2016 - 2017)[*Next: Goldman Sachs*]

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Instructor** Auburn University  
Fall 2023 - Present Auburn, AL  
Fall 2023,2024: COMP 5600/6600 Artificial Intelligence  
Spring 2024: COMP 5630/6630 Machine Learning  
Spring 2025: COMP 1100 The Power of AI: Fundamentals to Applications.

**Instructor** Oklahoma State University  
Fall 2019 - Summer 2023 Stillwater, OK  
Spring 2020-2023: CS 5323 Design and Implementation of Operating Systems II  
Fall 2020-2022: CS 4783/5783 Machine Learning

**Instructor** University of South Florida  
Summer 2017, Summer 2019 Tampa, FL  
Undergraduate Course: IT Programming Fundamentals

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of South Florida  
Summer 2017, Summer 2019 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 SERVICE

**Associate Editor:** IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L, Spring 2021-Spring 2024), Pattern Recognition (Spring 2024-Present)  
**Demo Chair.** IEEE/CVF CVPR 2024.  
**Area Chair/Senior Program Committee:** ACM Multimedia 2021, IEEE/CVF CVPR 2022-2025, NeurIPS 2023-2025, CODS-COMAD 2023-2024, IEEE/CVF WACV 2024-2025, BMVC 2024, ICML 2025  
**Funding Panels:** NSF IIS CHS (2020), NSF IIS RI (2023), NIH EITA (2025)  
**Track Chair:** DEEP-DIAL (AAAI-2021), Machine Learning for Graphs (ICMLA 2020), ICMLA 2020 (Computer Vision), Vision for Robotics (VISAPP 2021)  
**Organizer:** CONSTRAINT (Big Data 2024), DEEP-DIAL Workshop (AAAI-2021), Special Session on Machine Learning for Graphs (ICMLA 2020-2023), CS Colloquium (OK State, 2019-2023), AI Seminar (USF. Fall 2016 - Spring 2019)  
**Program Committee:** AAAI 2020, AAAI 2021, AAAI 2022  
**Reviewer:** IET Computer Vision, IEEE Access, Springer KAIS, WACV 2020, ICCV 2019, CVPR 2019, CVPR 2020, CRV 2020, ECCV 2020, WACV 2021, NeurIPS 2020, ACCV 2020, ICLR2021, CVPR2021, ICML 2021, NeurIPS 2021, ICCV 2021, WACV 2022, ICLR 2022, WACV 2023, WACV 2024, ICLR 2024, IEEE TIP, Pattern Recognition Letters, ICPR 2024, ECCV 2024  
**External Reviewer:** PLOS ONE, IROS 2017, CAIP 2017

## TALKS

- T1 **Invited Talk.** Active event perception for effective human-robot collaboration, 1st KAMTIC Manufacturing Technology Innovation Workshop. Spring 2025
- T2 **Invited Talk.** *Towards open world egocentric activity recognition from multimodal videos.* Area Chair Workshop, CVPR 2024. Summer 2024.\*\*
- T3 **Invited Talk.** *Towards Multimodal Open World Event Understanding with Neuro Symbolic Reasoning.* DMS Statistics and Data Science Seminar, Auburn University. Spring 2024. \*\*
- T4 **Invited Talk.** *Towards Multimodal Open World Event Understanding with Neuro Symbolic Reasoning.* WADLA 3.0, IIT-Sri City. Fall 2023. \*\*
- T5 **Invited Talk.** *Towards Multimodal Open World Event Understanding with*

*Neuro Symbolic Reasoning*. 7th Summer School on AI, IIT-Hyderabad. Summer 2023. \*\*

- T6 **Invited Talk**. *Representation Learning for Metagenomics: An Explorative Study*. INTERACT Symposium on One Health and One Medicine. Summer 2023. \*\*
- T7 **Invited Talk**. *Towards Open World Event Understanding with Neuro Symbolic Reasoning*. The University of Iowa. Spring 2023
- T8 **Invited Talk**. *Towards Multimodal Open World Event Understanding with Neuro Symbolic Reasoning*. Auburn University. Spring 2023
- T9 **Invited Talk**. *Towards Open World Event Understanding with Neuro Symbolic Reasoning*. The Washington University at St. Louis. Fall 2022
- T10 **Invited Talk**. *Towards Open World Visual Understanding with Neuro Symbolic Reasoning*. Mega AI series, Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL). Fall 2022
- T11 **Invited Talk**. *Towards Intelligent Agents with Open World Visual Understanding*. Collaborative Assistants for the Society (CASY 2020). Fall 2020
- T12 **Invited Talk**. *The Role of Commonsense Knowledge in Visual Understanding*. Oklahoma State University. Fall 2018
- T13 **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
- T14 **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
- T15 **Invited Talk**. *Leveraging ConceptNet to Reduce Training Requirements for Video Descriptions*, Seminar in AI, University of South Florida, Spring 2017.

## FUNDING

**Total Funding:** \$3,086,815 (**External**), \$187,000 (**Internal**). **My share:** \$1,082,814  
**Current**

1. *Collaborative Research: RI: Medium: Understanding Events from Streaming Video - Joint Deep and Graph Representations, Commonsense Priors, and Predictive Learning*, NSF CISE Core Program, \$285,126, **PI**.
2. *CAREER: Towards Causal Multi-Modal Understanding with Event Parontology and Active Perception*, National Science Foundation (NSF), \$514,186, **PI**
3. *AI-based approach to understand stress in low and high growth rate cattle*. US Department of Agriculture, \$999,078, **Co-PI**.
4. *The A3 Initiative: Advancing AI Literacy for Alabama's Students*. Alabama Commission on Higher Education, \$5,000. **Co-PI**.

## Past

1. *Identification of pile-up jets in the ATLAS experiment on an event-by-event basis*. US Department of Energy (DOE), \$224,547, **Co-PI**. Transferred to other co-PI.
2. *Deep Learning Computational Algorithms for Disease Diagnosis by Genome Sequence*, USDA National Animal Health Laboratory Network, \$158,136, **Co-PI**.
3. *REU Supplement: Collaborative Research: RI: Medium: Understanding Events from Streaming Video - Joint Deep and Graph Representations, Commonsense Priors, and Predictive Learning*, NSF CISE Core Program, \$7,920, **PI**
4. *GPU Server for Improving AI and Data Science Education*, OSU College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Student Technology Fee Request, \$25,000, **PI**
5. OSU College of Arts and Sciences Research (ASR) Program, \$12,000, **PI**
6. *Next Generation User Interfaces for Gateway Autonomous Operations*, NASA X-Hab Project, \$30,000, **Co-PI**



7. *Accelerating Research Discoveries with GPU-enabled Computing*, Oklahoma State University Core Facility Support Program, \$150,000, **Co-PI**.

**PROFESSIONAL** Available upon request.

## **REFERENCES**