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RESEARCH Application of Cognitive Models in C	Jomputer Vision
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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

CTSI-Global

Chennai, India

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

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

Programmer Analyst Intern Apr 2012 - Oct 2012

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS Sigma Xi Full Member 2021 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 2009 Best Student in Foreign Language - French, Leo Matriculation School

PEER REVIEWED **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. 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, 2021.
- 2. 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. Accepted, to appear.
- 3. 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). Accepted, to appear.
- 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
- 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.
- 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
- 7. Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur, Sudeep Sarkar. Action Localization through Continual Predictive Learning. European Conference on Computer Vision 2020. Accepted, to appear.
- 8. 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)
- 9. 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)
- 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].
- 12. Sathyanarayanan Aakur*, Daniel Sawyer*, Sudeep Sarkar. Fine-grained Action Detection in Untrimmed Surveillance Videos Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision Workshops, 2019.
- 13. 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].
- 14. **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].
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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].
- 17. **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]

- 18. **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]
- 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. Under Review.
- 2. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Abductive Reasoning as Self Supervision for Common Sense Question Answering. Under Review.
- 3. Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur, Sanjoy Kundu, Nikhil Gunti. Knowledge Guided Learning: Towards Open Domain Egocentric Action Recognition with Zero Supervision. Under Review at *Pattern Recognition Letters*.
- 4. **Sathyanarayanan Aakur**, Sudeep Sarkar. Self-supervised Object-centric Representations for Action Localization. Under Review.
- 5. Sathyanarayanan N. Aakur, Sai Narayanan, Vineela Indla, Arunkumar Bagavathi, Akhilesh Ramachandran, Vishalini Laguduva Ramnath. Metagenome2Vec: Tackling the Big Small Data Problem in Metagenome Analysis with Contextualized Representations. 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.
- 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. Student Fall 2019 Present)
- 2. Sanjoy Kundu (Ph.D. Student Spring 2020 Present)
- 3. Shubham Trehan (Ph.D. Student Fall 2020 Present)
- 4. Privadarshini Ramamurthy (Ph.D. Student Fall 2020 Present)
- 5. Vineela Indla (M.S. Student Fall 2020 Present)
- 6. Makenzie Terrell (B.S. Student Fall 2020 Present)
- 7. Gilbert Rotich (Ph.D. Student (USF), 2017-2019)
- 8. Daniel Sawyer (Undergraduate (USF), 2016 2018) [Now at: Ph.D. Program at University of South Florida]
- 9. 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

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

Spring 2016 - Spring 2019

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

PROFESSIONAL Area Chair: ACM Multimedia 2021, IEEE/CVF CVPR 2022

NSF Panels: IIS CHS (2020)

Track Chair: DEEP-DIAL (AAAI-2021), Machine Learning for Graphs (ICMLA

2020), ICMLA 2020 (Computer Vision), Vision for Robotics (VISAPP 2021)

Program Committee: AAAI 2020, AAAI 2021

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

ICLR2021, CVPR2021, ICML 2021, Springer KAIS, ICCV 2021 External Reviewer: PLOS ONE, IROS 2017, CAIP 2017

Organizer: DEEP-DIAL Workshop (AAAI-2021), Special Session on Machine Learning for Graphs (ICMLA 2020), AI Seminar (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 Towards Intelligent Agents with Open World Visual Understanding . Collaborative Assistants for the Society (CASY 2020). Fall 2020

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.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{PROFESSIONAL} & \textbf{Available upon request.} \\ \textbf{REFERENCES} & \end{array}$