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## Research Interests

Short summary: Computer Vision and Machine Learning. Core interests: Multimodal Learning (Audio-Visual & Vision-Language), Inference-time Learning, Continual Learning, Representation Learning.

## Education

- 2023-Present **PhD in Computer Science**, *The University of Texas at Dallas*, Richardson, USA, 3.85/4.0  
Advisor: Dr. Yunhui Guo; **Expected graduation: 05/27**; Research Focus: Multimodal Learning and Generation, Data-Efficient Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Machine Learning.
- 2021-2023 **MS in Electrical Engineering**, *University of Southern California (USC)*, Los Angeles, USA, 3.85/4.0  
Track: Machine Learning and Data Science.
- 2016-2020 **BTech in Electrical and Electronics Engineering**, *International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT)*, Bhubaneswar, India, 8.32/10, Thesis: 9.85/10.0  
Thesis: *Acoustic-to-articulatory inversion of dysarthric speech by using cross-corpus acoustic-articulatory data.*

## Experiences

- May'25- **Dolby Laboratories**, Sunnyvale, USA  
Aug'25 *PhD Research Intern* — Sight Experiences Lab (Advanced Technology Group)  
○ Proposed a novel model-agnostic inference-time framework for robust continual audio-visual learning.
- Aug'23- **Data-Efficient Intelligent Learning Lab**, *UTD*, Richardson, USA  
*Research Assistant* — Advisor: Dr. Yunhui Guo  
○ Working on training-free alignment of diffusion models to target distributions.  
○ Designed efficient test-time domain adaptation methods to enhance robustness to out-of-distribution data. [NeurIPS'25, ICCV 2025, AAAI'25 Oral]
- May'22- **USC's Mark and Mary Stevens Neuroimaging and Informatics Institute**, *Neuro Imaging Computing Research*, Los Angeles, USA  
July'23 *Student Researcher* — Advisor: Dr. Yonggang Shi  
○ Developed a tool to perform automatic tractography of the brainstem using d-MRI images.  
○ Leveraged image registration and label fusion methods to automatically generate the anatomical ROIs.
- Dec'21- **Signal Analysis and Interpretation Lab (SAIL)**, *USC*, Los Angeles, USA  
Dec'22 *Student Researcher* — Advisor: Dr. Shrikanth (Shri) Narayanan  
○ Speaker recognition from rt-MRI videos, based on an unsupervised disentanglement representation learning scheme.

Dec'19- **Signal Processing and Interpretation (SPIRE) Lab**, *Indian Institute of Science*  
Sep'20 (*IISc*), Bengaluru, India

*Student Researcher* — Advisor: Dr. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh

- Studied acoustic-to-articulatory inversion (AAI) for dysarthric speech at low-resource data conditions involving Indian languages, using joint learning and multi-task training. [ICASSP'21]
- Conditioned the jointly-trained AAI model with x-vectors to study its benefits on the AAI performance of dysarthric subjects.

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## Publications/Preprints

- 1 **AVROBUSTBENCH: Benchmarking the Robustness of Audio-Visual Recognition Models at Test-Time**  
**Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Saksham Singh Kushwaha, Baoming Zhang, Adrian Rodriguez, Songtao Wei, Yapeng Tian, and Yunhui Guo.  
*NeurIPS Datasets & Benchmarks Track 2025*  
[Paper][Code][Datasets][Project][Demo]
- 2 **BATCLIP: Bimodal Online Test-Time Adaptation for CLIP**  
**Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Baoming Zhang, Leonid Karlinsky, Rogerio Feris, and Yunhui Guo.  
*ICCV 2025*  
[Paper][Code][Project][Presentation]
- 3 **SELECT: A Submodular Approach for Active LiDAR Semantic Segmentation**  
Ruiyu Mao, **Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Xulong Tang, and Yunhui Guo.  
*[Under Review]*
- 4 **PALM: Pushing Adaptive Learning Rate Mechanisms for Continual Test-Time Adaptation**  
**Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Baoming Zhang, and Yunhui Guo.  
*AAAI 2025 (Oral)*  
[Paper][Code][Project][Presentation]
- 5 **Variational Diffusion Unlearning: A Variational Inference Framework for Unlearning in Diffusion Models**  
Subhodip Panda, MS Varun, Shreyans Jain, **Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, and Prathosh AP.  
*NeurIPS Safe Generative AI Workshop 2024*  
[Paper]
- 6 **STONE: A Submodular Optimization Framework for Active 3D Object Detection**  
Ruiyu Mao, **Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Rishabh K Iyer, and Yunhui Guo.  
*NeurIPS 2024*  
[Paper][Code]
- 7 **Not Just Change the Labels, Learn the Features: Watermarking Deep Neural Networks with Multi-View Data**  
Yuxuan Li, **Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, and Yunhui Guo.  
*ECCV 2024*  
[Paper] [Code]

- 8 **Acoustic-to-articulatory inversion for dysarthric speech: Are pre-trained self-supervised representations favorable?**  
**Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Krishna Kamal Adidam, Shoumik Nandi, and Ajitesh Srivastava.  
*ICASSP Self-supervision in Audio, Speech, and Beyond Workshop 2024*  
 [Paper] [Poster]
- 9 **Acoustic-to-articulatory inversion for dysarthric speech by using cross-corpus acoustic-articulatory data**  
**Sarthak Kumar Maharana**, Aravind Illa, Renuka Mannem, Yamini Belur, Preetie Shetty, Veeramani Preethish Kumar, Seena Vengalil, Kiran Polavarapu, Nalini Atchayaram, and Prasanta Kumar Ghosh.  
*ICASSP 2021*  
 [Paper] [Poster] [Talk]

## Selected Projects

- Oct'22- **Understanding Multi-Modal Speaker Recognition via Disentangled Representation Learning**, USC  
 Dec'22
- Presented an adversarial invariance approach to address multimodal speaker recognition, robust to various sources of variability present in videos and speech. [Code], [Report]
- Nov'22- **Understanding Linguistic Patterns for Text-Based Speaker Classification**,  
 Dec'22 USC
- Studied various text feature extraction methodologies using pre-trained models and classification algorithms and compared them to build a computationally efficient system targeted for text-based speaker classification. [Code], [Report]
- Apr'22- **The Effect of Conditioning of Trigonometric Transformations of Dates with**  
 May'22 **Meteorological Data in Forest Fires Prediction: An Experimental Study**, USC
- Studied the effects of conditioning a trigonometric transformation of dates with meteorological data, that would aid in predicting the occurrence of forest fires in Algeria. [Code]
- Jan'19- **Single Image Haze Removal using Dark Channel Prior**, IIIT-Bh  
 Mar'19
- The dark channel is based on the following observation relating to outdoor images: In most of the non-sky patches, at least a certain color channel has at least one dark channel i.e. it has low intensities tending to zero.
  - Redesigned an algorithm regarding this. [Link].

## Skills

- Languages *Advanced*: Python, MATLAB; *Familiar*: C++, Java, Bash
- ML Libraries *Advanced*: PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow; *Intermediate*: OpenCV, scikit-learn
- Softwares *Intermediate*: RStudio, ITK-SNAP, BrainSuite
- Others Git,  $\LaTeX$ ; OS: Unix, Windows

## Talks

### **BATCLIP: Bimodal Online Test-Time Adaptation for CLIP**

1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Multimodal Continual Learning, ICCV 2025

### **PALM: Pushing Adaptive Learning Rate Mechanisms for Continual Test-Time Adaptation**

AAAI'25 (Oral)

### **Acoustic-to-articulatory inversion of dysarthric speech by using cross-corpus acoustic-articulatory data**

ICASSP'21

## Teaching Experience

Aug'23- **Artificial Intelligence, Operating Systems**, *Teaching Assistant*, UTD — Developing course materials, grading assignments, and holding doubt-clearing sessions.  
Dec'23

Jan'22- **A Computational Introduction to Deep Learning**, *Grader and Mentor*, USC —  
May'22 Grading assignments, holding office hours, monitoring online forums, and project grading.

## Academic Service

### **Workshop Organizer**

○ 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Multimodal Continual Learning, ICCV'25

○ 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Test-Time Adaptation: Putting Updates to the Test!, ICML'25

### **Invited Reviewer**

○ CVPR'25, ICLR'25, NeurIPS-W'24, BMVC'24, CVPR-W'24, ECCV'24, AAAI'24.

## Volunteer Work

May'24- **UTD CS K-12 Outreach Program**: Served as a mentor to 5 high school students  
Jul'24 to conduct research projects.

Aug'23- **CORD.ai** — Helping build CORD.ai, an AI research community, as a research advisor and volunteer.

Oct'21- **USC IEEE Graduate Society** — Attended group meetings, strengthened academic  
May'23 and social growth of the members, and hosted workshops.

Aug'20- **PyCon India 2020** — Content writer for social media handles, helped the promotions  
Oct'20 team, and created virtual swags.

Jul'18- **International Association of Engineers (IAENG)** — Student member.

## Awards

2025 **Travel grant**, Scholarship offered by the IEEE/CVF society to present at ICCV 2025.

2024 **Oxford Summer School in Machine Learning 2024**, Accepted to the MLx Representation Learning and Generative AI track

2023 **Computer Science PhD Fellowship**, The University of Texas at Dallas

- 2020 **Governing Body Merit Scholarship**, Award of INR 15k, *Academic year: 2019-2020*, IIIT-Bh
- 2019 **Dean's List** [\[Link\]](#), IIIT-Bh
- 2019 **Summer Research Fellowship**, *Indian Academy of Sciences (10% selection rate)* [\[Link\]](#)