

# VISHAL SUNDER

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Automatic Speech Recognition, Speech Understanding

## EDUCATION

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### PhD in Computer Science

The Ohio State University

Advisor: Dr. Eric Fosler-Lussier

*August 2019 - Present*

*Overall CPI: 3.9/4.00*

### Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi

*May 2016*

*Overall CPI: 8.35/10*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Research Associate

The Ohio State University

Speech and Language Technologies Lab

*Present*

### Research Intern

IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, USA

Speech Technologies group

*May 2022 - August 2022*

### Research Intern

IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, USA

Speech Technologies group

*May 2021 - August 2021*

### Research Engineer

TCS Research, New Delhi, India

Deep Learning and Artificial Intelligence group

*July 2016 - July 2019*

## PUBLICATIONS

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**V. Sunder**, B. Karrolla, E. Fosler-Lussier. End-to-End real time tracking of children's reading with pointer network. Under review at *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2024

**V. Sunder**, E. Fosler-Lussier, S. Thomas, HKJ. Kuo, B. Kingsbury. ConvKT: Conversation-Level Knowledge Transfer for Context Aware End-to-End Spoken Language Understanding. *INTERSPEECH-2023*. [Paper]

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L. Venkatasubramaniam\*, **V. Sunder\***, E. Fosler-Lussier. End-to-End word-level disfluency detection and classification in children's reading assessment. *ICASSP-2023*. [Paper] [Code]

K. R Maicher, A. Stiff, M. Scholl, M. White, E. Fosler-Lussier, W. Schuler, P. Serai, **V. Sunder**, H. Forrestal, L. Mendella, M. Adib, C. Bratton, K. Lee, D. R. Danforth. Artificial intelligence in virtual standardized patients: Combining natural language understanding and rule based dialogue management to improve conversational fidelity. *Medical Teacher*, Volume 45. [Paper]

**V. Sunder**, E. Fosler-Lussier, S. Thomas, HKJ. Kuo, B. Kingsbury. Tokenwise Contrastive Pretraining for Finer Speech-to-BERT Alignment in End-to-End Speech-to-Intent Systems. *INTERSPEECH-2022*. [Paper] [Code]

**V. Sunder**, S. Thomas, HKJ. Kuo, J. Ganhotra, B. Kingsbury, E. Fosler-Lussier. Towards End-to-End Integration of Dialog History for Improved Spoken Language Understanding. *ICASSP-2022*. [Paper]

P. Serai, **V. Sunder**, E. Fosler-Lussier. Hallucination of speech recognition errors with sequence to sequence learning. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing*. [Paper]

**V. Sunder**, P. Serai, E. Fosler-Lussier. Building an ASR Error Robust Spoken Virtual Patient System in a Highly Class-Imbalanced Scenario Without Speech Data. *Preprint*. [Paper]

**V. Sunder**, E. Fosler-Lussier. Handling Class Imbalance in Low-Resource Dialogue Systems by Combining Few-Shot Classification and Interpolation. *ICASSP 2021*. [Paper] [Code]

**V. Sunder**, A. Srinivasan, L. Vig, G. Shroff, R. Rahul: One-shot information extraction from document images using neuro-deductive program synthesis. *NeSy workshop, IJCAI 2019*. [Paper]

G. Gupta, **V. Sunder**, R. Prasad, G. Shroff. CRESA: A Deep Learning Approach to Competing Risk Recurrent Event Survival Analysis. *PAKDD-2019*. [Paper]

**V. Sunder**, L. Vig, A. Chatterjee, G. Shroff. Prosocial or Selfish? Agents with different behaviors for Contract Negotiation using Reinforcement Learning. *ACAN workshop, IJCAI 2018*. [Paper]

**V. Sunder**, M. Yadav, L. Vig, G. Shroff. Information Bottleneck Inspired Method for Chat Text Segmentation. *IJCNLP 2017*. [Paper]

## PATENTS

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**V. Sunder**, L. Vig, A. Chatterjee, G. Shroff. Method and system for performing negotiation task using reinforcement learning agents. *US Patent 11,521,281*. [Link]

S. Thomas, **V. Sunder**, H.K Kuo, B. Kingsbury, E. Fosler-Lussier, G. Saon. Textual knowledge transfer for speech recognition and understanding. *Applied US Patent 18/310,598*

S. Thomas, **V. Sunder**, H.K Kuo, J. Ganhotra, B. Kingsbury, E. Fosler-Lussier. End-to-End integration of dialog history for spoken language understanding. *Applied US Patent 17/665,441*

## SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### The Virtual Patient project @ OSU [May 2020 - April 2021]

- Developed a novel pairwise training framework for handling long-tailed class imbalance issue in a domain specific question classification dataset.
- Built an ASR error robust NLU system by utilizing an ASR error simulation framework.
- Work published at ICASSP-2021 and the TASLP journal.

### Robust end-to-end speech understanding @ OSU & IBM Research [May 2021 - present]

- Built a fully end-to-end speech understanding system to integrate dialog history in speech form.
- Designed a learning paradigm to align acoustic and LLM embeddings at the token level.
- Ongoing work on integrating speech encoders and LLM layers to facilitate end-to-end learning.
- Work published at ICASSP-2022, INTERSPEECH-2022, ICASSP-2023, INTERSPEECH-2023.

### Deep Learning models for children's reading assessment @ OSU [May 2022 - present]

- Built an end-to-end disfluency detection and classification system for children read speech using a novel hierarchical training framework.
- Built an end-to-end real-time tracking system for children read speech using pointer networks.
- Work published at ICASSP-2023.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, **DL frameworks:** PyTorch, **Other tools:** MATLAB, LATEX

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Reviewer - ICLR 2023