Rishikanth Chandrasekaran, PhD

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Education

2017-Exp 07/24	PhD in Computer Science, University of California, San Diego.
2016-2017	MSc in Computer Engineering, Columbia University, New York.
2011-2015	BE in Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Anna University, India.

Scholastic Achievements

2022	Best Demo Award SenSys	2016	Google Research Pilot Award
2017	Best Paper Runner Up <i>BuildSy</i> s	2016	Best Dev Tool Award HackRU
2017	Best Poster Award BuildSys	2014	Best Poster Award MIT IoT
2017	Best use of AWS HackRU	2014	Winner MIT IoT Hackathon
2016	Best Demo Runner Up S <i>enSy</i> s		

Industry Internships

Summer 2021	Research Intern ARM Research, Austin Developed Deep Learning models to predict malicious code using hardware performance counters. Assisted in developing methods for identifying models polluted by data poisoning attacks, using Hyperdimensional Computing.
Summer 2018	Research Intern Huawei Research, Santa Clara Designed Fast Machine Learning algorithms for inertial activity recognition using smartphone. Provided optimized implementation for real-time activity recognition on smartphones. Implementation was integrated into Huawei smartphones.

Research Experience

2017-Present	PhD Candidate SEELab University of California, San Diego
	Thesis: Pioneering Compute Efficiency for Deep Learning using Hyperdimensional Computing
	Designed and implemented hybrid ML architectures using Deep Learning and Hyperdimensional
	Computing for efficient learning.
	Proposed novel methods for Federated Learning for efficient intelligence on the edge with $22 \times$ improved efficiency.
	Developed novel architectures for large scale text classification that are 200 $ imes$ smaller.
	Built sparse hierarchical deep learning models for activity recognition for efficient inference on edge.
2016-2017	Graduate Research Assistant Intelligent and Connected Systems Lab Columbia University
	Built custom headphones for pedestrian safety using Machine Learning to warn users of approaching vehicles.
	Implemented an energy footprinting system to provide occupants personalized actionable real-time insights into their energy usage
	Deployed a building sensor network, backend and a dashboard for providing real-time insights on personal energy consumption
2013-2015	Undergraduate Research Assistant Solarillion Foundation, India
	Implemented a 10\$ Intelligent Prepaid Energy Meter, which monitored consumption and provided recommendations to save
	Developed a 5\$ Gesture Recognition Glove, using custom designed flex sensors reducing cost by 100x

AI Skillset

Deep LearningFederated LearningTime Series ForecastingText ClassificationImage ClassificationComputer Vision

Hyperdimensional Computing TinyML Bayesian Methods

Dev Skillset

Python	Kubernetes	Svelte	Go
PyTorch	Bash	PySpark	Flask
Jax	Tensorflow	Git	CI/CD
С	Embedded Systems	Docker	HTML/CSS

Publications

2024	Multi-Model Inference Composition of Hyperdimensional Computing Ensembles. ICCD 2024 (Under Review).		
2024	R Chandrasekaran; F Ponzina; V Wang; S Minowada; S Sharma; T Rosing.		
2024	A Neuro-Symbolic Architecture for Efficient Classification using Hyperdimensional Computing. ISLPED 2024 (Under Review). R Chandrasekaran; T Rosing.		
2023	Federated Hyperdimensional Computing . ACM Transactions on Internet of Things (Under Review) Preprint: 10.48550/arXiv.2312.15966. K Ergun; R Chandrasekaran; T Rosing.		
2023	Multi-Label Classification with Hyperdimensional Representations. IEEE Access Journal DOI: 10.1109/ACCESS.2023.3299881. R Chandrasekaran; F Asgareinjad; J Morris; T Rosing.		
2022	Fhdnn: Communication Efficient and Robust Federated Learning for AIoT networks . Proceedings of the 59th ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference DOI: 10.1145/3489517.3530394. R Chandrasekaran; K Ergun; J Lee; D Nanjunda, J Kang, T Rosing.		
2022	Hdnn-pim: Efficient in memory design of hyperdimensional computing with feature extraction. Proceedings of the Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI DOI: 10.1145/3526241.3530331. A Dutta, S Gupta, B Khaleghi, R Chandrasekaran, W Xu, T Rosing.		
2021	A drone-based system for intelligent and autonomous homes.		
	Proceedings of the 19th ACM Conference on Embedded Networked Sensor Systems DOI: 10.1145/3485730.3492881.		
2019	S Ala, R Chandrasekaran, Y Liu, C Yang, TS Rosing, A Shang		
2013	Proceedings of the 17th ACM Conference on Embedded Networked Sensor Systems DOI: 10.1145/3362743.3362963. R Chandrasekaran, Y Guo, A Thomas, M Menarini, M Ostertag, T Rosing		
2018	A Scalable System for Apportionment and Tracking of Energy Footprints in Commercial Buildings. ACM Transaction on Sensor Networks (TSON) DOI: 10.1145/3218582. P Wei, X Chen, J Vega, S Xia, R Chandrasekaran, X Jiang		
2018	PAWS: A Wearable Acoustic System for Pedestrian Safety. IEEE/ACM Third International Conference on Internet-of-Things Design and Implementation (IoTDI) DOI: 10.1109/IoTDI.2018.00031. D de Godov, B Islam, S Xia, MT Islam, R Chandrasekaran, YC Chen, S Nirion, P Kinget, X Jiang		
2017	ePrints a real-time and scalable system for fair apportionment and tracking of personal energy footprints		
	in commercial buildings ACM International Conference on Systems for Energy-Efficient Built Environments (BuildSys) DOI: 10.1145/3137133.3137150		

P Wei, X Chen, J Vega, S Xia, R Chandrasekaran, X Jiang

2016 Adaptive and Personalized Energy Saving Suggestions for Occupants in Smart Buildings ACM International Conference on Systems for Energy-Efficient Built Environments (BuildSys) DOI: 10.1145/2993422.2996412

P Wei, X Chen, R Chandrasekaran, F Song, X Jiang

- 2016 **SEUS: A Wearable Multi-Channel Acoustic Headset Platform to Improve Pedestrian Safety** ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys) DOI: 10.1145/2994551.2996547 R Chandrasekaran, D de Godoy, S Xia, MT Islam, B Islam, S Nirjon, P Kinget, X Jiang
- 2016 **Personal energy footprint in shared building environment** International Conference on Information Processing in Sensor Networks (IPSN) DOI: 10.1145/2993422.2996412 P Wei, X Chen, R Chandrasekaran, F Song, X Jiang
- 2014 **Low-cost intelligent gesture recognition engine for audio-vocally impaired individuals** Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC) DOI: 10.1109/GHTC.2014.6970349 C Rishikanth, H Sekar, G Rajagopal, R Rajesh, V Vijayaraghavan

Teaching

CSE 255	Data Mining and Analytics
CSE 151	Intro to A.I. Stats Approach
CSE 150A	AI: Probabilistic Models
CSE 152A	Intro to Computer Vision
CSE 101	Design and Analysis of Algorithm
W4701	Artificial Intelligence
E4764	Intelligent and Connected Systems