

SUSHRUT THORAT

CONTACT INFORMATION	EMAIL: sushrut.thorat94@gmail.com WEBPAGE: sushrutthorat.com GITHUB: novelmartis OTHER INFO: G-Scholar , Full-CV
GOAL	Building resource-constrained artificial agents that can learn and function in the wild.
ACADEMIC TRAJECTORY	Postdoc in Machine Learning <i>Ongoing</i> <i>Institute of Cognitive Science, Osnabrück University, Germany</i> Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience <i>November, 2022</i> Donders Centre for Cognition, Radboud University, The Netherlands M.Sc. (with honors) in Cognitive Neuroscience <i>July, 2017</i> Center for Mind/Brain Sciences (CIMEC), University of Trento, Italy B.Tech. in Engineering Physics <i>August, 2015</i> Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay (IIT-B), India
TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY	Programming languages: Python, MATLAB, Javascript Machine learning frameworks: TensorFlow, PyTorch, MatConvNet Experimentation frameworks: PsychToolbox, jsPsych, Pavlovia Neuro-imaging: fMRI (data acquisition and analysis), EEG (data analysis)
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	<p><u>Thorat S</u>, Quek GL, Peelen MV (2022). Statistical learning of distractor co-occurrences facilitates visual search. <i>Journal of Vision</i> 22(10):2.</p> <p><u>Thorat S</u>, Peelen MV (2022). Body shape as a visual feature: evidence from spatially-global attentional modulation in human visual cortex. <i>NeuroImage</i>: 119207.</p> <p><u>Thorat S*</u>, Aldegheri G*, Kietzmann TC (2021). Category-orthogonal object features guide information processing in recurrent neural networks trained for object categorization. <i>Shared Visual Representations in Human & Machine Intelligence Workshop @ NeurIPS</i>. *equal contribution.</p> <p><u>Thorat S</u>, Proklova D, Peelen MV (2019). The nature of the animacy organization in human ventral temporal cortex. <i>eLife</i> 8: e47142.</p> <p><u>Thorat S</u>, van Gerven MAJ, Peelen MV (2018). The functional role of cue-driven feature-based feedback in object recognition. <i>Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN)</i>.</p> <p><u>Thorat S</u>, Choudhari V (2016). Implementing a Reverse Dictionary, based on word definitions, using a Node-Graph Architecture. <i>Proceedings of COLING 2016, the 26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics: Technical Papers</i>: 2797-2806.</p>
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Voted best poster/short-pitch, among 15 posters, in the 'Perception, Action, and Control' theme at the annual Donders Poster Session (2020)– Recipient of the Abstract Award, awarded to 5 of the 57 accepted abstracts at the Rovereto Workshop on Concepts, Actions and Objects (2017).– Ranked 721 among 450,000 students in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE, 2011) conducted towards admission to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).
REVIEWER	SVRHM'22, Memory & Cognition'22, eLife'20, Monk Prayogshala'19, CCN'19
SUPERVISION	Supervised 7 undergraduates and 1 masters student during their thesis projects.