

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Time-Domain Astrophysics
- Supernova Cosmology
- Astroinformatics
- Data Science in Astronomy

EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Science Education Research Bhopal Integrated BS-MS in Physics, CPI: 8.94*/10	Bhopal, India 2017–2022 (expected)
HSC Maharashtra Board - 12th Grade Overall: 86.0%, Computer Science: 99%	Thane, India 2017
ICSE Board - 10th Grade Overall: 95.83%, Computer Applications: 100%	Thane, India 2015

PROJECTS

MS Thesis: Comparison of Distances for Light Curve Classification <i>Advisors: Prof. Ajit Kembhavi, Prof. Ashish Mahabal and Prof. Sukanta Panda</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Working on finding the most optimum distance metric to optimally classify light curves– Proposal: Click here	IUCAA & Caltech July 2021 –Present
Light Curve Feature Extraction <i>Advisor: Dr. Johann-Cohen Tanugi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Working on new deep learning algorithms to extract features from light curves– Collaborating as part of the Cosmostatistics Initiative (COIN) on the REcommendation System for SPECTroscopic follow-up (RESSPECT)	Laboratoire de Physique de Clermont May 2021 –Present
Star - Galaxy - QSO Image Classification <i>Advisors: Prof. Ajit Kembhavi, Dr. Kaushal Sharma and Dr. Vivek M</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Used machine learning for photometric classification of compact images from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey as galaxies, stars or quasars on the basis of their images in five observational bands– Combined deep convnets along with traditional machine learning algorithms– Developed a program for automated FITS retrieval, stacking, centering and cropping of SDSS objects across 5 passbands	IUCAA, Pune Aug. 2020 –Feb. 2021
Photometric Classification of Simulated LSST Light Curves <i>Course Project for DSE 301: Artificial Intelligence and its Scientific Applications</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Worked on a solution for the PLAsTiCC Challenge by implementing an ensemble of deep learning models to classify the time series data of the astronomical object– Stacked ensemble of GRU and Dense networks was trained on 7878 samples, and achieved an accuracy of 76.2% on a test set consisting of over 2.5 million samples– Report: arxiv.org/abs/2006.12333 Code Repository: github.com/siddharthchaini/Astronomical-Classification-PLASTICC	IISER Bhopal Feb. 2020 –June 2020
Thermodynamic Properties of Ice - A Monte Carlo Study <i>Course Project for PHY 312: Numerical Methods and Programming</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Implemented a Monte Carlo algorithm to calculate the residual entropy of a two-dimensional lattice model of ice at various temperatures, and identify a phase transition	IISER Bhopal May 2020 –June 2020

- Report: [Click here](#)
Code Repository: github.com/siddharthchaini/ColdAsIce

Authorship Identification

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Course Project for HSS 322: Computational Linguistics

Nov. 2019

- Implemented an algorithm to identify the author of an unknown text by analyzing the characteristic n-gram frequencies of the author, similar to K-Nearest Neighbours
- Report: [Click here](#)
Code Repository: github.com/siddharthchaini/AuthID

POSITIONS

- **Head of the Student Research Group** at IISER Bhopal Astronomy Club Aug. 2020 – Present
In charge of data analysis - image reduction and photometry
- **Teaching assistant, Lab assistant and Grader** at IISER Bhopal Jan. 2019 – May 2019
ECS 102 – Introduction to Programming

RELEVANT COURSES

Physics and Astronomy

Cosmology, General Relativity, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Quantum Information & Computing, Quantum Mechanics, Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics, Computational Physics, Numerical Methods, Electrodynamics and Special Relativity, etc.

Mathematics

Probability and Statistics, Linear Algebra, Calculus, etc.

Other

Data Science and Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Programming, Computational Linguistics, Atmospheric Science, Evolution of the Earth, etc.

Summer School

[Summer School in Statistics for Astronomers](#)

Online Courses

[Data Driven Astronomy](#), [TensorFlow Specialisation](#), [Applied Machine Learning](#), [Algorithms by Stanford](#)

Note: These are only a subset of all courses. A full list of courses with their certificates and gradesheets can be found [here](#).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C, C++, Java, Wolfram Language, HTML, SQL, \LaTeX , Assembly Language, Bash

Software: Mathematica, SAOImage DS9

Developer Tools: Git, VS Code

Libraries: Astropy, NumPy, Keras, TensorFlow, pandas, scikit-learn, Selenium, matplotlib, qiskit

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Academic:

- DST Inspire Fellow
- Governor's Gold Medal awardee, Hiranandani Foundation School, Thane
- Topped in Computer Applications, ICSE Board, 2015

Sports:

- Runner-up in football at Sangharsh 2019, IISER Bhopal's Annual Sports Fest
- Runner-up in football at Hiranandani Estate's Rotary Tournament in 2012 and 2013

Other:

- Winner of Codeplay 2019, IISER Bhopal's annual hackathon
- Winner of Model Solvay Conference 2018 at IISER Bhopal - Physics