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A Boltzmann Brain

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Education

New York University
Ph.D. Cognition & Perception
Advisor: Dr. Clayton Curtis

Sept 2021 - ongoing

Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER) Tirupati
B.S. - M.S. Dual Degree Biology (w/ minor in Physics)
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Nandini Rajamani

May 2021

Publications

Dake M., Rajamani N. (in prep). Inter and intra species similarities and differences using acoustic analysis of *Funambulus* squirrels of the Indian subcontinent.

Dake M., Curtis C. E. (2024). Perturbing human V1 degrades the fidelity of visual working memory. *bioRxiv*.

Posters

Dake M., Curtis C. E. Do perturbations to visual cortex impact working memory?; In *Society for Neuroscience (SfN)*, Washington D.C., USA (2023)

Khare S., Chopra S., Grover H., Vohra T., Mahmood U., Jatwani K., Kaushik D., Pandey A., Bhardwaj S., Tanwar A., Singh J., Shekhar C., **Dake M.**, Krishnamoorthy K., Kumar K. Li-Koff: To Detect and Degrade N-Nitrosamines; In *Giant Jamboree (iGEM)*, Boston, USA (2020)

Amar I., Avadhani K., Bajaj M., Balasubramanian D., Bhagat S., Chutani N., **Dake M.**, Khatri U., Krishna N., Jacob M., Mal S., Mohapatra O., Pal A., Saha D., Tripathy B., Mukherjee R., Rao B.J. CoCa coli: probiotic immunotherapy against colon cancer; In *Giant Jamboree (iGEM)*, Boston, USA (2019)

Conference & Workshop Talks

Dake M., Curtis C. E. Perturbing human V1 degrades the fidelity of visual working memory; In *Working Memory Symposium (Virtual)*, (2024)

Fellowships & Awards

2021 - present	MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University
2020	Indian Biological Engineering Competition (iBEC) 2020 Grant: Team mentor for International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Manav Rachna Institute
2019	Indian Biological Engineering Competition (iBEC) 2019 Grant and Gold Medal at Giant Jamboree, Boston: Student Team Leader for International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) IISER_Tirupati
2016 - 2021	Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) Fellowship, DST India
2015	Pune Regional Winner and 5th at National Level for Indian National Brain Bee (INBB)

Undergrad Internships

2019	EEG and MRS Analysis for underpinning neural correlates of attentional blink <i>Advisor: Dr. Sridharan Devarajan, IISc Bangalore</i>
2018	Isolation and characterization of neurons and glia from goat hippocampal culture <i>Advisor: Dr. Vasudharani Devanathan, IISER Tirupati</i>
2018	Identifying differentially expressing tumor suppressor genes in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> wing and haltere imaginal discs <i>Advisor: Prof. L S Shashidara, IISER Pune</i>
2018	RNA Origami (Square) using in-vitro replication and transcription <i>Advisor: Dr. Ashwani Sharma, IISER Tirupati</i>
2017	Head direction cell model for rodents with Internal Updating Mechanism <i>Advisor: Dr. Collins Assisi, IISER Pune</i>

Teaching

2023	Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience with Dr. Clayton Curtis, NYU
2023	Teaching Assistant for Linear Systems with Dr. Larry Maloney, NYU
2020 - 2021	Statistics Tutor at Chegg India
2019 - 2020	Biology Tutor at Sanfoundry, Sanfoundry's Global Learning Initiative
2019 - 2021	Biology Tutor at Chegg India

Mentoring

2024 - present	Adwita Joglekar, BS-MS Student, IISER Pune
2024 - present	Malavika B, BS-MS Student, IISER Tirupati
2023 - 24	Jacob Serfaty, Masters Student, NYU
2023 - 24	Yuyang Xu, Undergraduate Student, NYU
2020	iGEM Team, Manav Rachna Institute
2020 - 21	Kunal Gokhale, Research Assitant, IISER Tirupati
2020 - 21	Madhurika Abhyankar, Research Assistant, IISER Tirupati
2020 - 21	Dilshad Kannian, Research Assitant, IISER Tirupati

In Real World

2023	Website Coordinator for Climatedmatch Academy 2023
2023	Student organizer for PhD Cognition and Perception 2023 Open House, NYU
2016 - 2020	Co-ordinator at Bio wissen (Biology Club), IISER Tirupati
2017	Co-ordinator at Shemushi (Quiz Club), IISER Tirupati
2016	Rural education volunteer at Disha, Student Outreach Club, IISER Pune