

EDUCATION

Ph.D. CMInDS, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, GPA: 8.76/10.00

July 2022–

Bachelor of Technology ECE, Vishwakarma Institute of Information Technology, GPA: 9.29/10.00

June 2022

BACHELOR'S THESIS

Extraction of Refractive Index from Optically Thin Samples

(At TIFR Mumbai) Jan 2022 — June 2022

- Responsible for designing an optimization algorithm to predict the refractive index of unknown materials using Terahertz Time Domain Spectroscopy.
- Implemented multiple optimization algorithms such as Dual Annealing, SHGO, Newton Raphson, etc
- Provided a full-fledged Python library that can be used for educational as well as research purposes

PAPERS IN-REVIEW/ ONGOING WORKS

- Gharat, S.**, Karamchandani, N. and Nair J, Optimal LLM Identification through Human Feedback: A cost-aware dueling bandit approach to identify the optimal LLM with a fixed confidence (Ongoing)
- Gharat, S.**, Yadav, A., Karamchandani, N. and Nair J, Representative Arm Identification: A fixed confidence approach to identify cluster representatives, ICASSP 2025

WORKSHOP PAPERS

- Gharat, S.**, Borthakur, A. and Bhatta, G. Gamma Ray AGNs: Estimating Redshifts and Blazar Classification using traditional Neural Networks with smart initialization and self-supervised learning. NeurIPS ML4PS 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- Mistry, P., Prasad, A., Maity, M., Pathak, K, **Gharat, S.**, Lekkas, G., Bhattarai, S., Kumar, D., Lissauer, J., Twicken, J., et. al. VaTEST III: Validation of 8 Potential Super-Earths from TESS Data. Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia
- Bhatta, G., **Gharat, S.**, Borthakur, A. and Kumar, A. Gamma-ray Blazar Classification using Machine Learning with Advanced Weight Initialization and Self-Supervised Learning Techniques. Monthly Notices of Royal Astronomical Society
- Gharat, S.**, Borthakur, A. and Bhatta, G. Estimation of redshift and associated uncertainty of Fermi/LAT extra-galactic sources with Deep Learning. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 527(3), pp.6198–6210
- Gharat, S.**, Bose, B., Borthakur, A. and Mazumder R., 2022. An Image Processing approach to identify solar plages observed at 393.37 nm by the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory. RAS Techniques and Instruments, 2(1), pp.393-397
- Mistry, P., Pathak, K., Prasad, A., Lekkas, G., Bhattarai, S., **Gharat, S.**, Maity, M., Kumar, D., Collins, K.A., Schwarz, R.P. et. al 2023. VaTEST. II. Statistical Validation of 11 TESS-detected Exoplanets Orbiting K-type Stars. The Astronomical Journal, 166(1), p.9.
- Pininti, V.R., Bhatta, G., Paul, S., Kumar, A., Rajgor, A., Barnwal, R. and **Gharat, S.**, 2023. Exploring short-term optical variability of blazars using TESS. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 518(1), pp.1459-1471.
- Gharat, S.** and Dandawate, Y., 2022. Galaxy classification: a deep learning approach for classifying Sloan Digital Sky Survey images. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 511(4), pp.5120-5124.
- Kulkarni, J.S., Cengiz, K. and **Gharat, S.**, 2021, March. Compact C-slot microstrip-fed planar antenna for wireless devices. In 2021 International Conference on Emerging Smart Computing and Informatics (ESCI) pp. 651-654. IEEE. .

RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

- Incoming Research Intern, Adobe** May 2025–August 2025
Host: Dr. Soumyabrata Pal
- Student Researcher, Google DeepMind** October 2024–March 2025
Host: Dr. Aparna Taneja
- Research Assistant, TIFR Mumbai** August 2021–June 2022
Host: Prof. Shriganesh Prabhu

INVITED TALKS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- **Estimating Redshifts of gamma-ray AGNs and Blazar Classification using Neural Networks with smart initialization and self-supervised learning**
IAU-IAA Astrostatistics and Astroinformatics seminars (Invited Talk)
- **Representative Arm Identification: A fixed confidence approach to identify cluster representatives**
Graduate Forum, IndoML 2024 (Poster Presentation)
ACM Pingala Interactions in Computing 2024 (Poster Presentation)
Research Week with Google 2024 (Poster Presentation)

OTHER DETAILS

- In collaboration with
 - Validation of Transiting Exoplanets using Statistical Tools (VaTEST)
 - LOFAR2.0 Ultra Deep Observation (LUDO)
 - Artificial Intelligence for Astronomy (AI4Astro)
- Peer Reviewer
 - AAMAS 2025
 - IEEE Transactions on Information Theory
 - Physica Scripta
 - NeurIPS ML4PS (2023, 2024)
 - Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences
 - Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation
 - Classical and Quantum Gravity
- Prestigious Schools and Interactions
 - PhD Clinic at ACM CODS COMAD (Among 30 PhD students from India)
 - Research Week with Google 2024
 - ACM Pingala Interactions in Computing 2024 (Among 45 international researchers either pursuing Ph.D. or graduated after 2019)
 - Radio Astronomy Winter School 2020 (Among 40 students out of 1500+)
- Kaggle
 - Ranked 79 among 2175 teams in "LLM Prompt Recovery" Challenge (Silver Medal)
- PhD conversion rate (100%)
Received offers from
 - Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science, IIT Bombay
 - Yardi School of AI, IIT Delhi
 - Department of Space Science and Astronomy, IIT Kanpur
 - Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Gandhinagar