

# SHREYAS SUNIL GAIKWAD

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## EDUCATION

### University of Texas at Austin

*Ph.D. in Computational Science, Engineering, and Mathematics, GPA: 4.0/4.0*

*M.S. in Computational Science, Engineering, and Mathematics, GPA: 4.0/4.0*

**Austin, Texas**

*2020-2025*

*2019-2021*

### Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay

*B.Tech with Honors in Mechanical Engineering (Minor in Computer Science), GPA: 9.32/10.0*

**Mumbai, India**

*2015-2019*

## EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Research Assistant, UT Austin** *2020-Present*
  - Developed the adjoint and tangent linear models (equivalent to fast PDE-constrained backpropagation) for the ice sheet model SICOPOLIS by leveraging open-source **Automatic Differentiation** tools. [\[I\]](#)[\[2\]](#)
  - Developing a computational framework for **PDE-constrained Bayesian inversion** for ice-sheet models. [\[I\]](#)
  - Examining the similarities between adjoint models and **Explainable-AI techniques** (XAI) for deep learning emulators such as **Layerwise Relevance Propagation** (LRP) in the earth system context. [\[1\]](#)
  - Developing **deep learning emulators** to efficiently simulate seaice dynamics in ocean general circulation models.
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant, UT Austin** *Fall 2022*
  - Responsible for grading assignments, conducting office hours, and full lectures in the absence of the instructor.
- **Visiting Scholar, Argonne National Laboratory** *Summer 2022*
  - Interfaced **Enzyme** and **MPI** for a mountain glacier simulation in Julia.
  - Developed **first-ever open-source** data assimilation framework for ocean circulation model MITgcm, establishing an **alternative to proprietary software that costs ~\$20,000** per year per individual [\[II\]](#)

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **Machine Learning Applications in Geophysics** *Spring 2021*
  - Tested utility of **supervised and unsupervised deep learning** in real geophysical applications.
  - Developed pipeline to pick mudrocks from real wireline logs using ML algorithms, with **87% test accuracy**.
- **Physics-Informed Machine Learning** *Spring 2021*
  - Developed **fast neural network emulator** and data assimilator for a highly non-linear, diffusive glacier model.
- **Laplacian 2D Finite Difference (FD) Solver Application** *Fall 2020*
  - Features: OOP (C++), Solver (gauss, jacobi, PETSc), tests (bats, Travis CI, docker), 98% code coverage (lcov), 0% memory errors (valgrind), build (autotools), HPC env (SLURM), parser & logger (GRVY).

## OPEN-SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- I [SICOPOLIS-AD v2](#), open-source data assimilation framework for the ice sheet model SICOPOLIS.
- II [MITgcm-AD](#), open-source data assimilation framework for the general ocean circulation model MITgcm.
- III [ARGOVIS](#), OOP-style Python tools for community use in interactive plotting and binning of Argo data.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages	Python, Julia, C/C++, Fortran-77/90, MATLAB
HPC toolkit	OpenMP, MPI, CUDA, SLURM, git, docker, shell scripts, CI, autotools, valgrind, lcov, GRVY

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- President and Vice President, Austin Chapter of SIAM. *2021-2023*
- Recipient of Peter O'Donnell Graduate **fellowship worth \$24,000**. *2019*
- Ranked 509/1,500,000 (**99.97 percentile**) in nationwide university entrance exams, India. *2015*

## SELECT COURSEWORK

Data Science	Machine Learning, ML applications in Geophysics, Engineering Data Mining
Algorithms	Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, HPC, Functional Analysis, Data Structures & Algorithms
Modeling	Uncertainty Quantification in Modeling, Mathematical Modeling, Quantum & Statistical Mechanics

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Gaikwad, Shreyas Sunil et. al “SICOPOLIS-AD v2: Inverse modeling framework for ice sheet modeling”, (*AGU Fall Meeting 2022, SCAR-OSC 2022, ML for Polar Regions 2022, 24th EuroAD Workshop 2021*).
- Gaikwad, Shreyas Sunil et. al “MITgcm-AD: Open Source Inverse Modeling Framework for the oceans”, (*WCRP Workshop MIT 2023, 14th Joint Laboratory for Extreme Scale Computing (JLESC) Workshop 2022*).

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **SS Gaikwad** et. al “Examining parallels between adjoint models and Explainable AI (XAI) methods in an oceanic and glaciological context”, *In Preparation*.
2. **SS Gaikwad** et. al “SICOPOLIS-AD v2: tangent linear and adjoint modeling framework for ice sheet modeling enabled by Automatic Differentiation tool Tapenade.” *Journal of Open Source Software* 8, no. 83 (2023): 4679.