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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 a Bayesian inversion framework for the ice sheet model SICOPOLIS by leveraging open-source **Automatic Differentiation** tools to perform back-propagation in a Fortran-based numerical model. [1][3]
- Developing a novel feature importance method for Artificial Neural Networks using **XAI** method Layerwise Relevance Propagation using **Keras** to validate insights from deep learning against oceanic mechanisms. [1]
- Developing deep learning emulators using **Keras** to efficiently simulate seaice dynamics in ocean models.

### Visiting Scholar, Argonne National Laboratory

Summer 2022

- Interfaced **Automatic Differentiation** and **MPI**-based parallelism for a mountain glacier simulation in Julia.
- Developed **first-ever open-source** Bayesian inversion framework for ocean circulation model MITgcm, establishing an **alternative to proprietary software that costs ~\$14,000** per year per individual [1][2]

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Machine Learning Applications in Geophysics

Spring 2021

- Developed CNNs in **Keras** for earthquake detection using data from stations, with **96% validation accuracy**.
- Developed U-Nets in **Keras** for seismic faults detection through image segmentation, with **97% test accuracy**.
- Leveraged Autoencoders in **Keras** to aid clustering through dimensional reduction into the latent space.
- Built pipeline to pick mudrocks from real wireline logs using ML algorithms, with **87% test accuracy**.

### Physics-Informed Machine Learning

Spring 2021

- Trained a Deep Neural Network in **PyTorch** to emulate a partial differential equation (PDE) based glacier model by leveraging **higher-order derivatives of the PyTorch computational graph**.
- Enriched the framework using an expanded computational graph to infer unknown PDE parameters.

### 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 (Keras, PyTorch), 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 Society of Industrial & Applied Mathematics (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

## INVITED TALKS

- SS Gaikwad et. al** "Computational Science to enable Digital Twins of the Oceans",  
*6th SIAM Texas-Louisiana Sectional Meeting (SIAM TX-LA) 2023*.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- SS Gaikwad et. al** "Pairing Neural Networks with Adjoints for Flexible Investigation and Robust Attribution of Ocean Variability." *In preparation for submission to Geophysical Research Letters (2024)*.
- SS Gaikwad et. al** "MITgcm-AD v2: tangent linear and adjoint modeling framework for the oceans and atmosphere enabled by the Automatic Differentiation tool Tapenade." *Preprint on arXiv, submitted to JLESC-FGCS (2024)*.
- 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*.