

# SHRISTI DAS BISWAS

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## Education

### Purdue University

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering; Advisor: Dr. Kaushik Roy

2021 – Present

GPA: 3.61/4.0

### Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology

B.Tech. in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering

2017 – 2021

GPA: 9.39 /10.0; (Department Rank-2/61)

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** Python, MATLAB, C, Git, Bash. **Tools:** Cadence Virtuoso, LTspice. **Frameworks:** Pytorch, Tensorflow, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

## Relevant Coursework

- Deep Learning (DL)
- Optimization for DL
- Advanced VLSI Design
- Reinforcement Learning
- DSA
- Intro to DL
- MOS VLSI Design
- Linear Algebra

## Research Experience

### C-BRIC Lab, Purdue University (Ph.D. Advisor: Dr. Kaushik Roy)

West Lafayette, Indiana

*Designed RSFormer, an approach to Recurring the Spike Transformer for Object Tracking*

2023 – Present

- Proposed a **multi-scale feature extraction backbone** to generate compact feature representation from event frames for downstream processing. Designed a **hierarchical transformer encoder** with **recurrent networks of spiking attention blocks** to obtain temporally-guided coarse and fine features fused using a lightweight MLP decoder for prediction.
- Achieved comparable performance to SOTA on event datasets 1Mpx and Gen1 with **up to 2× higher** parameter efficiency.

### C-BRIC Lab, Purdue University (Ph.D. Advisor: Dr. Kaushik Roy)

West Lafayette, Indiana

*Designed a Low-power Hybrid Approach to Learning Scene Segmentation using Event-Vision*

2021 – 2022

- Proposed HALSIE, a novel **SNN+ANN hybrid** spatio-temporal feature integration approach to learning segmentation by simultaneously leveraging image and event camera modalities, enabling **efficient multi-modal learning**.
- Outperformed SOTA semantic segmentation benchmarks on DDD-17, MVSEC and DSEC-Semantic datasets with **up to 33.23× higher** parameter efficiency and **20× lower** inference cost, suitable for resource-constrained edge applications.

### Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (Project Internship)

Shibpur, India

*Designed Automated Predictive Models for ADHD and ASD Diagnosis*

2019-2020

- Proposed a deep convolutional neural network model developed on **Tensorflow** framework to analyse and classify large **resting state fMRI datasets** for **ADHD and ASD diagnosis**.
- Achieved **up to 6% improvement** in accuracy on SOTA benchmarks within only 30 epochs of training. Our work has been communicated and is under review at the Journal of Neuroscience Methods, Elsevier

### Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (Research Internship)

Bombay, India

*Designing a PMO RRAM based Oscillatory Neural Network*

2020 – 2020

- Designed a PMO based RRAM device model. Investigated **DC and transient response** characterisations with a **VerilogA** model. Worked closely with the team in developing new strategies for using the device model in **array implementations**.
- Designed and analysed a novel **oscillatory neural network circuit** with the PMO RRAM device to achieve ultra-low power and high performance. Investigated effect of **C2C and D2D variability** on simulated oscillator circuit to improve its **signal-to-noise ratio** by **upto 2.43%**.

## Publications

- **S. Das Biswas, A. Kosta, K. Roy.** HALSIE - Hybrid Approach to Learning Segmentation by Simultaneously Exploiting Image and Event Modalities. **Accepted at WACV 2024, WiCV@ICCV 2023.** [\[Paper\]](#)
- **S. Das Biswas, R. Chakraborty, A. Pramanik.** A Brief Survey on Various Prediction Models for Detection of ADHD from Brain MRI Images. International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking (**ICDCN**), 2020. [\[Paper\]](#)
- **S. Das Biswas, R. Chakraborty, A. Pramanik.** On Prediction Models for the Detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder. International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Pattern Recognition (**CIPR**), 2020. [\[Paper\]](#)

## Projects

- Deep spoken keyword spotting system.
- Partitioning and layer assignment algorithm for TSV-aware 3D-IC structural planning.
- Gesture controlled virtual mouse with canny edge detection.
- Light monitoring plant care system with cloud-based data logging.
- Web-based temperature data logger for pharmaceutical companies with automated SMS and e-mail alerts.

## Achievements

- **Google CS Research Mentorship Program Scholar.** Recipient class of 2023b.
- **IEEE Women in Engineering Best Student/ Research Scholar Paper Award:** Presented at ICDCN 2020.
- **Indian Academy of Sciences Summer Research Fellowship Program 2020.**
- **Indian Youth Delegate to the People's Republic of China, 2019.** Organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and the Government of People's Republic of China.