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## Research Publications and Conference Proceedings

- Singh, A. K., **Utkarsh** et al. (2024). Interplay of plasmonics and strain for hexagonal boron nitride emission engineering. arXiv: 2401.11428 [physics.optics]
- **Utkarsh**, Singh, A. K., & Kumar, A. (2024). Interplay of plasmonics and strain on room-temperature SPEs in few-layer hBN. In *SPIE Photonics West 2024 oral presentation*. (in press), San Francisco, California, U.S.
- **Utkarsh**, Singh, A. K., & Kumar, A. (2023). Plasmonic enhancement of strain-activated room-temperature SPEs in hBN monolayer. In XXII International Workshop on Physics of Semiconductor Devices 2023, IIT Madras, India.
- Katla, V., **Utkarsh** et al. (2020). An Approach to Star Tracker Design for Nano-Satellite Applications. In *National Conference on Small Satellite Technology and Applications*, Trivandrum, India.
- Prasad, A., Prajapati, S., **Utkarsh**, & Badhe, V. (2023). Design and development of a sentence construction game for deaf and hard of hearing (dhh) users: A qualitative usability study.

## **Education**

2019 – Present

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

8.63/10 GPA

B. Tech. - M. Tech. Dual Degree, Engineering Physics with a specialization in Nanoscience

## **Research Experience**

- Pulsed Echo Measurements for the Quantum Spin Liquid phase in 1T − TaS₂(May '23 Aug '23)Guide: Prof. Kimberly ModicTQM, IST Autria
  - Studied the **theoretical signatures of QSL** phase relevant to Pulsed Echo measurements in 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub>
  - Implemented the **Plasma Focused Ion Beam** technique to structure  $O(10\mu m)$  size lamellae in Si
  - Successfully simulated and verified the propagation of RF sound waves in a cubic Si crystal implementing a single ZnO transducer as the transmitter and reciever and producing associated electrical signals
  - Worked towards realising shear wave ZnO transducers deploying RF magnetron sputtering
  - Deployed and optimised **polishing** and **tape-exfoliation** techniques on 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub> to obtain smooth crystal surfaces for high quality sputtering of **ZnO transducers**
  - Learnt and performed **Laue diffraction** to devise the crystallographic planes for polishing, and also learnt about high frequency **RF probes** for **low temperature high field measurements**
- Monolithic hBN Quantum Emitter Cavity System for Lasing
  Guide: Prof. Anshuman Kumar

  LOQM Lab, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay
  - Studied possible cavity structures fabricated in monolithic hBN and methods to generate quantum emitters, further optimised oxygen plasma-induced defect generation in hBN multilayers
  - Performed **FDTD simulations** and **mode analysis** to optimise the hBN ring resonator parameters
  - Optimised ring resonator fabrication recipe in a  $Ga^+$  FIB, successfully fabricating  $O(\mu m)$  sized rings with observable whispering gallery modes in visible spectra confirmed with  $\mu$  PL measurements
  - Set up an **automated confocal setup** for  $\mathbf{g^2}(\tau)$  and **photoluminescence** mapping performing photoluminescence and autocorrelation mapping and spectrum analysis for the cavity and quantum emitters
- Josephson Effects and Topological Superconductors: Simulations & Review(Jan '23 May '23)Guide: Prof. Bhaskaran MuralidharanCNQT, IIT Bombay
  - Studied the BCS formalism of superconductivity to understand the AC and DC josephson effects
  - Reviewed the literature on **Majorana Zero Modes** and the **Kitaev model**, ultimately studying the implementation of MZMs on a **Rashba Nanowire** in proximity to an s-wave superconductor with a B-field
  - Studied quantum transport and applied the formalism of NEGF to simulate S-N-S and S-I-S Josephson Junctions and thus understanding the  $2\pi$  and  $4\pi$  Josephson effects in relation to topological superconductors

- Arbitrary Waveform Generation for Si-Quantum Dot Qubit Control (May '22 Jan '23)
  Guide: Prof. Suddhasatta Mahapatra Q-Si Lab, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay
  - Lead a team of three, developed **QCoDeS** drivers to control an **Arbitrary Waveform Generator**, a **Vector Signal Generator**, and associated equipment to engineer **RF pulses** for quantum control of spin qubits
  - Performed I-V measurements on **Si-MOSFET Hall probes** for quality check of dopant implantation, oxide integrity, ohmic contacts, etc. in the fabricated heterostructures
  - Studied the working of a **dry dilution refrigerator**, to be used for low-temperature experiments
  - Studied sensing and measurement techniques used for **quantum control** of quantum dots based spin qubits in silicon heterostructures
- ▶ Plasmonic Nanoantennas for Strain Engineering of SPEs in 2D hBN(Jul '22 Dec '23)Guide: Prof. Anshuman KumarLOQM Lab, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay
  - Performed literature review of the properties and theoretical understanding of SPEs in hBN.
  - Prepared monolayer samples of hBN with tape exfoliation and integrated them with EBL fabricated plasmonic nanostructures via a PDMS assisted dry transfer method
  - Analysed hBN samples via Raman Spectroscopy confirming the presence of monolayers. Analysed the PL map of monolayer hBN over the nanostructures and studied the surface topography with AFM
  - Contributed to setup in-house PL mapping, imaging, and  $\mathbf{g}^{(2)}$  and lifetime measurements
  - Performed FDTD simulations for plasmonic nanoantennas on Si substrate with and without hBN
- Entanglement Entropy in Coupled Harmonic Oscillator Systems
  Guide: Prof. Shankaranarayanan S

  Department of Physics, IIT Bombay
  - Studied the **zero-mode divergence** in entanglement entropy in a coupled harmonic oscillator and worked on understanding the contribution of high energy eigenstates to the divergence of entanglement entropy
  - Studied the relation between zero-mode divergence and **space-time curvature** and the **EUP**
- Quantum Many-Body simulations with Machine Learning(May '21 − Feb '22)Guide: Prof. Nilmani MathurDepartment of Theoretical Physics, TIFR
  - Conducted literature survey on the applications of **Tensor Networks** and implementation of **MPS** and **PEPS** as numerical ansatz for approximating interesting quantum many-body wave-functions
  - Implemented **importance sampling** in Monte Carlo for the **2-D Ising model** and **classical XY model** with the **Metropolis** and **Wolff cluster** algorithms and analysed the thermodynamic properties
  - Implemented a restricted Boltzmann machine to generate Monte Carlo samples for the 2-D Ising model
  - Learnt about the **inaccuracies in generative machine learning methods** for simulating the phase transitions of the Ising and the XY models

### **Scholastic Achievements**

- Awarded the **Chanakya Postgraduate Fellowship** for pursuing Master's research by I-HUB QTF
- Sanctioned a **grant** of **INR 220,000** (~ **2,600 \$)** for presenting at SPIE Photonics West 2024
  - Selected for the ISTernship Summer Program at IST Austria among 40 awardees worldwide
  - Selected for the MITACS Globalink Research Internship among 1100 awardees worldwide
- Secured All India Rank 22 in National Entrance Screening Test among 60,000 candidates

  - Achieved **99.10** percentile in **JEE Advanced** among 2,45,000 eligible candidates
  - Achieved **99.74** percentile in **JEE Main** out of 1.2 million candidates

### **Projects**

- Optical Investigation of Shape and Size-controlled Silver Nanoparticles

  Guide: Prof. Mohd. Aslam

  Department of Physics, IIT Bombay
  - Prepared **Ag nanoparticles** using the **Polyol method** for better control on the particle size
  - Characterised the **surface plasmon absorption** in Ag NPs using **UV-Vis spectroscopy**
  - Learnt PVD, AFM and SEM for further extension of the project and characterization of the sample

#### ■ Gamma-ray Spectroscopy | Instrumentation Subsystem | GLEE | IITBSSP

(Feb '21 - Nov '21)

A global mission that aims to conduct science and test technology on the surface of the moon using chipsats

- Conducted extensive literature survey on the Lunar radiation environment and related missions
- Analysed possibilities for onboard detection of **alpha particles**, **neutrons** and  $X/\gamma$ -rays using **PIN diodes**, **SDDs**, **SiPMs**, **CMOS** and **CCD** detectors given the stringent power and space requirements of LunaSats
- Designed a small, low-powered gamma-ray spectroscopy system for the 5 × 5 cm<sup>2</sup> chip with PIN diodes
  and devised the testing, simulation, and calibration plan, incorporating the various possible effects of radiation
  on the circuit and guided two students in the design and simulation phase

#### ■ Lens Module | Instrumentation Subsystem | STADS | IITBSSP

(Feb '20 - July '20)

A CubeSat-compatible Star Tracker-based Attitude Determination System to be tested onboard the PS4-OP

- Devised requirements for compatible lens systems based on bench-marked performance criteria
- Designed, simulated and analysed various multiple and single-lens systems in Zemax OpticStudio

#### Higher moments of transverse momentum in p-p collisions

(Oct '20 - Dec '20)

Guide: Prof. Sadhana Dash

Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

- Applied the data analysis framework ROOT developed by CERN to analyse over two million events generated using PYTHIA 8 for p-p collisions at 13 TeV center of mass energy
- Confirmed **positive skewness** via higher moments of transverse momentum for various multiplicities

#### Transverse Spinning of Unpolarised Light

(Jan '21 - Apr '21)

Guide: Prof. Anshuman Kumar

Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

- Studied the formulation of **evanescent waves** and **Gaussian beams** generated by unpolarised sources
- Confirmed the existence of the transverse spin angular momentum from respective coherency matrices
- Reproduced the **spin angular momentum density plots** for a Gaussian beam

#### Coherent State Representation of Photons

(May '22)

Guide: Prof. Urjit Yajnik

Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

- Derived the coherent states for a harmonic oscillator and the **vacuum distribution** for a scalar field with the corresponding creation and annihilation operators
- Related the **plane-wave photon state** with the coherent state representation of the quantum field

#### Piano Man : Portable Piano on a Glove

(Sep '21 - Oct '21)

Guide: Prof. Varun Bhalerao

Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

- Implemented a position based note selection algorithm on an Arduino Uno using an U/S sensor
- Integrated an LCD display, along with an ROM to read-write the sequence of notes being played

## **Positions of Responsibility**

#### Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

Spring '24

#### General Physics Lab

• Responsible for assisting students with the **Fresnel's biprism experiment**, clearing conceptual doubts, testing their understanding and grading lab reports

Autumn '23

#### Analog Electronics Lab

Responsible for assisting students with weekly assignments, clearing conceptual doubts, debugging circuits and grading lab assignments

Autumn '20

#### Quantum Physics and Applications

• Conducted tutorial and doubt clearing sessions, weekly tests, and graded answer books of 40+ undergraduate freshmen

#### Student Satellite Team, IIT Bombay

May - Nov '21

- Subsystem Head | Instrumentation Subsystem
  - Guided a 14-member inter-system team towards best instrument integration practices
  - Executed **three-step recruitment process** to short-list and mentor **8 students** from **50+ applicants** by evaluating their technical ability, practical approach and teamwork

## **Skills**

**Programming** C++, Matlab, Python - (PIPython, QCoDeS, NumPy, Matplotlib, pandas), VHDL, Arduino IDE

**Software** Mathematica, COMSOL, Ansys- Lumerical FDTD, ROOT, Qiskit, LTSpice, OriginLab, Quartus

**Experimental** Xe and Ga Plasma Focused Ion Beam and SEM, Laue diffraction, Dillution Refrigerator

**Experience** Photoluminescence spectroscopy, Photon Correlation Study, Laser alignment,

Raman Spectroscopy, Atomic Force Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy,

Physical Vapor Deposition, UV-Vis Spectroscopy

#### **Courses**

**Physics** Quantum Mechanics I and II, Quantum Transport, Semiconductor Physics,

Quantum Information and Computing, Methods in Material Characterisation,

Nanoscience: Introduction to Fabrication, Atomic and Molecular Physics, Statistical Physics,

Electromagnetic Theory, Photonics, Introduction to Condensed Matter Physics

Mathematics Calculus, Linear Algebra, Real Analysis, Introduction to Numerical Analysis,

Complex Analysis, Differential Equations

**Labs** Nanoscience Characterisation Techniques, Solid State and Nuclear Physics, Optics and Spectroscopy,

Analog Circuits, Op-amp Circuits, Digital Electronics, Microprocessors

## **Extracurricular**

Social service

- Received a **special mention** for exemplary volunteering work under the department of **Sustainable Social Development**, **NSS**, **IIT Bombay** completing **80**+ hours of social work
- Visited SNJB College, Nashik representing Department of Sustainable Social Development, NSS and interacted with the students and professors and demonstrated experiments to school students

Workshops

- Completed **Quantum Computing Workshop** organised by MnP Club IIT Bombay
- Completed **Astrophysics Workshop** organised by Krittika: The Astronomy Club and Techfest
- Completed Learner's Space's **Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modelling** bootcamp organised by Maths and Physics club IIT Bombay as a part of the Technical Summer School

## References

Prof. Anshuman Kumar

Laboratory of Optics of Quantum Materials (LOQM) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Prof. Kimberly Modic

Thermodynamics of Quantum Materials (TQM) Institute of Science and Technology Austria

Prof. Suddhasatta Mahapatra

Silicon Quantum Computing Lab (Q-Si Lab) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay



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Roll Number:

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Academic Unit:

Engineering Physics

Name of the Student:

Utkarsh

Discipline/Specialization:

Nanoscience

Programme:

Dual Degree (Dual Degree Programme)

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#### General Information

The medium of instruction at the Institute is English.

Course credits and grade: Each academic course is associated with a credit which is an indicator of its relative academic weight in calculating the academic performance. A two-letter grade is awarded to students on the basis of their performance in examinations and assignments of a specific course. The letter grades have numerical equivalents on a 0-10 scale as given below.

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FF: Fail, FR: Fail and repeat, W: Withdrawn, DX: Insufficient attendance, AU: Satisfactory performance in an audit course, PP: Pass, NP: Not Pass. The minimum passing grade in a course is DD. The grade AP is awarded to students with exceptional performance in core courses of a programme. Numerical equivalents of letter grades are referred to as grade points.

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Performance Indicators: The performance of a student in a semester is given by a number called the Semester Performance Index (SPI), which is the weighted average of the earned grade points in the courses during the semester.

If a student has courses with credits  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,...,  $C_n$ , with grade points of  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,...,  $G_n$  respectively, then

Semester Credits =  $C_1 + C_2 + ... + C_n$ . Semester Grade Points =  $C_1G_1 + C_2G_2 + ... + C_nG_n$ . SPI = Semester Grade Points ÷ Semester Credits.

Cumulative Performance Index (CPI) is the weighted average of the grade points in the courses in all semesters. The indices SPI and CPI are calculated upto two decimal places.

\*The project grades are included for calculation of overall CPI which is shown in the CPI (Overall),

Courses are tagged as MA: Mandatory (Core/Elective), MI: Minor, HO: Honours, AL: Additional Learning, AU: Audit

- Each degree programme has mandatory credits consisting of core courses, elective courses, and non credit courses. These courses are tagged as MA.
- For calculation of SPI and CPI, grades obtained only in mandatory courses (MA) are considered.
- Students can supplement the learning experience by crediting additional courses. Credits earned in these courses, when appropriate, can earn additional credentials either in the form of "Honours" (HO) in the chosen discipline or "Minor" (MI) in another discipline or both.
- "Honours" is not indicative of proficiency, and can be earned by completing the additional prescribed set of advanced core and elective courses in the chosen discipline. "Minor" can be earned by completing the prescribed set of courses in a discipline other than the chosen discipline. Additional courses that are not used for earning "Honours" or "Minor" are tagged as "Additional Learning" (AL).
- The AU is awarded based on satisfactory attendance and fulfilling the minimum requirements as set by the course instructor. It carries no grade points and does not figure in SPI or CPI calculations.
- PP or NP is awarded in some credit courses that are not earmarked with a letter grade. Correspondingly, PP/NP does not carry a grade point.
- O-IITB is/are the Course(s) completed by a student outside IIT Bombay (NPTEL/ Swayam). These course(s) contribute towards the completion of credits for a
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The Institute does not award any class or division. Notionally, the CPI may be multiplied by a factor of 10 to obtain a numerical percentage.

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