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OBJECTIVE

I am an undergraduate researcher at the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and a **visiting student researcher** at the Graph and Geometric Learning Lab, **Yale University** under Professor **Rex Ying**. I graduated in April 2025 with a **Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering**. My specialization is in **Graph Neural Networks**, where I focus on both theoretical research and practical applications using real-world graph data. Currently, I am extensively exploring **self-supervised representation learning** and **Parameter Efficient Fine-Tuning** methods in LLMs.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Technology , Computer Science and Engineering, IIIT KOTTAYAM Dec 2021 - April 2025

CGPA

8.78/10.00

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Student Researcher February 2025 - Present
Graph and Geometric Learning Lab, Yale University

- Working towards the development of geometric foundation models under supervision of **Prof Rex Ying** and Menglin Yang.

Kotak AI Research Intern May 2024 - Present
VISTA Lab, Indian Institute of Science

- Funded by **Kotak AI ML Center** at **IISc** for 1 year to conduct research on **Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)** under the supervision of Prof. **Punit Rathore** (VISTA Lab, IISc).
- Focused on various aspects of GNNs, including **Spectral Graph Theory** and GNNs, **Graph Transformers**, Graph Diffusion, Unsupervised GNNs, Self-Supervised GNNs, Anomaly Detection and **Large Scale GNNs**.
- Presented “***BEST-GD: Beltrami Inspired Spectral Graph Diffusion***” at CyPhyss 2024, **IISc**. Ongoing projects includes a **public-sector** and a government-funded **graph research**.

Research Intern October 2023-January 2024
DISCOVER Lab, National Institute of Technology Suratkal , Karnataka

- Conducted in-depth research on **Federated Learning** under the supervision of Prof. Annappa B and Sachin DN at NITK, focusing on **data heterogeneity** and **Non-IID** challenges. Explored Personalised Federated Learning using Hypernetworks (ICML 2021) and submitted the algorithm to the **Flower** framework as part of the **Summer of Reproducibility**.
- Simultaneously started exploring research on **Graph Neural Networks**, addressing privacy-preserving aspects and challenges centralized training, culminating in my first first-author publication titled “***FedLSF: Federated Local Graph Learning via Specformers***,” accepted for **Oral Presentation** at the 20th **IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing in Smart Systems and the Internet of Things**, a core **B** conference.

Technical Developer Intern December 2022 to November 2023
RRR Gig Jobs

- **Technical Developer** and **DevOps engineer**, where I built **admin** and **backend** platforms for the company’s web.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

Topological Self-supervised Learning. (Under submission NeurIPS 2025).

Geometric learning to enhance foundational models. (Under submission NeurIPS 2025).

SSGNN: Simple Yet Effective Spectral Graph Neural Network: Ram Samarth B B, Rishabh Sabharwal, Sundeep P Chepuri, Punit Rathore. (Submitted to ICLR 2025).

STEAM: Squeeze and Transform Enhanced Attention Module: Rishabh Sabharwal*, Ram Samarth B B*, Parikshit S, Punit Rathore. ((AAAI 2025 phase 1 cleared), * - first authors).

FedLSF: Federated Local Graph Learning via Specformers: Ram Samarth B B, Annappa B, Sachin DN (20th IEEE DCOSS, Oral)

NPCI - IISc Anti Money Laundering Project on real time large scale **UPI** transactional data using **Temporal GNNs**: Working on developing large-scale Temporal GNNs for **anti-money laundering** on real-time UPI data, handling graphs worth **millions** of nodes. (Working from IISc's team).

Real Time Bangalore Traffic prediction using Spatio-Temporal GNNs: Explored, benchmarked, and developed **Spatio-Temporal GNNs** along with a team for real-time traffic flow prediction using highly **dynamic Bangalore traffic** data. This PoC secured funding from MoE for establishing the **AI Center of Sustainable Cities** at IISc.

Privacy-Preserved Stress Detection from Wearables using Federated Learning: Lekha CW, Ragesh GK, Ram Samarth B B, Kishan G.

Developed the Level 1 **baseline** in the **Flower Federated Learning** framework at the Flower's **Summer of Reproducibility**, successfully replicating **ICML 2021's pFedHN** paper .Here is the [code](#)

Kubernetes Stack Client - Developed a versatile **full-stack Kubernetes client** in **GoLang**, empowering developers with flexibility and enhancing **Helm** package management while enabling efficient **monitoring** with **Prometheus** and **Grafana** integration.[code](#)

PETORA- PETORA is an **Android Application** developed using **Java**, XML and **Firestore**. This app was developed by a team of four of us as a submission to solve one of the **UN goals** at the **Google Solution Challenge 2022**.This app is a one stop solution for dealing with the well-being of the pets.I contributed to the firestore backend(**authentication , storage**) along with the **navigation bars**. This is the [app](#) and here is my [contribution](#)

SKILLS

Coding Languages	Python, GoLang, Julia, C
Deep Learning Frameworks	PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric
Big Data	Hadoop, Apache-Spark, PySpark
Cloud and DevOps	Google Cloud Platform, YAML, Docker, Kubernetes, Git, Wandb

CERTIFICATION

Google Cloud Certified Cloud Digital Leader

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TALKS

Fortunate to have been selected to attend the **Google Deepmind Research Symposium 2025** held at Google, Bangalore, India.

Co-delivered an **in-person lecture** and led a **hands-on** session on **Graph Neural Networks**, from basics to **advanced** topics, as part of the **NPCI-IISc AML** project **alongside Professors** Punit Rathore, Sundeep S Chepuri (Content will be made public soon).

Led GDSC (as a **Technical Lead**) IIIT Kottayam's **Google Cloud** Career Practitioners Program 2022 and **Web Development Marathon**, conducting hands-on sessions on **cloud engineering**, TypeScript, and Angular, while mentoring students in the area of cloud computing.