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Lausanne, Switzerland

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Mumbai, India

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Research Interests

Information and coding theory and its applications to security, learning and communication

Education

EPFL, Ph.D. in Computer and Communication Sciences

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Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering

With Honors in Electrical Engineering and Minor in Mathematics; CGPA: 9.60/10

Selected Publications

see /publications or for full list

Conference proceedings

- A. Nagle*, A. G.*, M. Bondaschi, M. Gastpar, A. V. Makkuva[†], and H. Kim[†], "Fundamental limits of prompt compression: A rate-distortion framework for black-box language models," in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (to appear), vol. 37, 2024 🔼 [Also **oral** (top 4 of 58) at ICML TF2M '24]
- · A. V. Makkuva*, M. Bondaschi*, C. Ekbote, A. G., A. Nagle, H. Kim, and M. Gastpar, "Local to global: Learning dynamics and effect of initialization for transformers," in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (to appear), vol. 37, 2024 🔼 [Also at ICML TF2M '24]
- F. Z. Faizal, A. G., M. K. Hanawal, and N. Karamchandani, "ICQ: A quantization scheme for best-arm identification over bitconstrained channels," in International Symposium on Modeling and Optimization in Mobile, Ad Hoc, and Wireless Networks (WiOpt), 2023 🔼

Awards and Academic Achievements

• Grade 6.0 (exceptional performance, over 95%) in five courses at EPFL	[2022–present]
• IITB Institute Academic Prize for being the second-best academic performer in the EE department	[2020-21]
• IITB Undergraduate Research Award (URA01) for work in radar signal processing	[2020]
• AP grades (top 2%) in Digital Communications, Data Analysis at IITB	[2021, 2019]
• Urvish Medh Memorial Prize for being the highest-ranked student in the EE department at IITB	[2018]
• All-India Ranks of 43 in JEE (Advanced) and 55 in JEE (Main)	[2018]
• Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) fellowship from IISc following an All-India Rank of 35	[2016]

Teaching, Mentoring and Service	
• Reviewer for conferences and workshops: ICML NCW '23, ISIT '24	[2023–present]
• Teaching Assistant for Principles of Digital Communications, Information Theory and Coding at EPFL	[2022–present]
• RAMP Mentor for EPFL PhD applicants, EPIC buddy for admitted PhD students at EPFL	[2023–present]
• Summer of Science mentor at IITB for signal processing, coding theory, information theory, probability	[2020-24]
• Teaching Assistant for undergraduate calculus and electromagnetism courses at IITB (4 times)	[2019–22]
• Institute Student Mentor for first-year undergraduates at IITB	[2021-22]
• Class Representative for the 2018–22 B.Tech. in EE batch at IITB	[2018–19]