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Third-Year Ph.D. Candidate, School of Computer and Communication Sciences, EPFL ↗

Research Interests

Information and coding theory; applications of probability to **security**, **learning** and **communication**

Education

EPFL, *Ph.D. in Computer and Communication Sciences*   *Lausanne, Switzerland*
Advisor: Prof. Emre Telatar   Sep. 2022–Present

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, *B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering*   *Mumbai, India*
With Honors in Electrical Engineering and Minor in Mathematics; CGPA: *9.60/10*   Jul. 2018–May 2022

Industry Experience

Texas Instruments (India), *Internship, System Engineer*   *Bangalore, India*
Evaluation and reduction of nonlinearities in baseband models of power amplifiers   May 2021–Jul. 2021

Selected Publications

see 🌐/publications or 🎓 for full list (*, † denote equal contribution)

Preprints

- **A.G.**, S. Shamai, and E. Telatar, *On entropy-constrained Gaussian channel capacity via the moment problem*, 2025 ↗

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 *The Thirty-Eighth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2024 ↗   [Also **oral** (top 4 of 58) at ICML TF2M 2024]

- 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 *The Thirty-Eighth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2024 ↗   [Also poster at ICML TF2M 2024]

Awards and Academic Achievements

- Grade 6/6 (95%+) in six graduate-level 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]*

Skills

- Programming languages and tools: Python (NumPy, SciPy, PyTorch), Jupyter, Matlab, C++, LaTeX, Git
- Languages: English, Malayalam, Hindi (fluent); French (B1)

Teaching, Mentoring and Service

- Reviewer for conferences and workshops: ISIT 2024, ICML NCW 2023   *[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]*