

# Shashank Bhushan

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## Education

- 2018–2022 **Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering**, University of Washington Seattle, USA, GPA- 3.88/4,  
Thesis:- *Using High-Resolution Satellite Observations to Understand Glacier Mass Balance and Dynamics in High-Mountain Asia.*  
Advisors:- Dr. David Shean
- 2013–2018 **5 Yr. Int. MSc. Tech. in Applied Geology**, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad, India, GPA- 9.13/10,  
Thesis:- *Investigating Mass Budget and surface dynamics of Himalayan Glaciers.*  
Advisor:- Dr. Tajdarul Syed

## Research Experience

- Sep 2018 – **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, USA. Advisor:- Dr. David Shean.  
ongoing  
- Developed and evaluated rigorous error estimates for regional scale geodetic glacier mass balance calculations (NASA HiMAT/NASA FINESST)  
- Led efforts for development of photogrammetric/DEM generation workflows from Planet imagery (Skysat and PlanetScope) (NASA Commercial Data Buy, NASA Stereo2SWE)  
- Assisted in implementing and testing of stereo workflow for high-resolution ( 0.5 m) panoramic (optical bar) cameras on board declassified US spy satellites. (NASA AIST)
- Jun 2020 – **Photogrammetry Intern**, Data Pipeline, Planet, San Francisco, USA.  
Sep 2020 Advisor:- Dr. Kelsey Jordahl, Antonio Martos.  
- Developed an automated pipeline for DEM production from SkySat imagery on Google Cloud.  
- Assisted in time-sensitive SkySat tasking  
- Led and assisted experiments involving photogrammetry with Planet data, global reference DEM evaluation.
- May – July **Research Intern**, Applied Physics Lab, University of Washington, Seattle, USA.  
2017 Advisors:- Dr. Anthony Arendt, Dr. David Shean  
- Processed high resolution WorldView/GeoEye and Cartosat-1 DEMs to produce elevation change and mass budget estimates for glaciers in Sikkim Himalayas as a part of the NASA High-Mountain Asia Project.  
- Mapped glacial lakes in the region and computed surface velocities for glaciers in the region.  
- Learnt to use the NASA ASP and open source libraries in Python and C for efficient and automated processing of satellite images.
- May – July **Research Intern**, Divecha Center for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.  
2016 Advisor:- Dr. Anil Kulkarni  
- Computed Mass Balance of Gangotri glacier from DEM differencing (SRTM and Cartosat-1).  
- Generated surface velocity, ice thickness, bed rock topography for Gangotri and delineated potential lake sites using remote sensing data.
- May – July **Research Intern**, Divecha Center for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.  
2015 Advisor:- Dr. Anil Kulkarni  
- Delineated glaciers in Western Himalayas by employing FCCs, NDSI, Band Ratios on Landsat imagery and ASTERGDEM-v2 to map ice divides.  
- Learnt to generate glacier surface velocity using COSI- CORR algorithm

## Achievements/Awards

- NASA** Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (NASA FINESST (2019-2022)).
- AGU** AGU Student Travel Grant to attend the 2017 AGU Fall Meeting, AGU Student Endowment Fund.

- SN Bose Fellowship** Awarded the prestigious SN Bose Fellowship by the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum to conduct research at the University of Washington, Seattle during the summer of 2017.
- AAPG** AAPG L. Austin Weeks Undergraduate Grant recipient for the academic years 2016 and 2017.
- EAGE** Travel Grant to attend the 78th EAGE Conference and Exhibition, EAGE Student Fund.
- INSPIRE** Recipient of Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE)-INSPIRE from DST, Govt. of India (2013-2018).
- IAS SRFP** Summer Research Fellowship, Indian Academy of Sciences, 2015.
- IIT JEE Advanced** Top 1 percentile out of 1.5 million students in Joint Entrance Exam, Advanced 2013.

## Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Jun 2021 D.H. Shugar, M. Jacquemart, D. Shean, **S. Bhushan**, K. Upadhyay, A. Sattar, et al. "*A massive rock and ice avalanche caused the 2021 disaster at Chamoli, Indian Himalaya*" in Science. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abh4455>.
- Jan 2021 **S. Bhushan**, D.E. Shean, O Alexandrov, S. Henderson "*Automated digital elevation model (DEM) generation from very-high-resolution Planet SkySat triplet stereo and video imagery*" in ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isprsjprs.2020.12.012>.
- Jan 2020 D.E. Shean, **S. Bhushan**, P. Montesano, D.R. Rounce, A.A. Arendt and B. Osmanoglu "*A systematic, regional assessment of High-mountain Asia glacier mass balance*" in Frontiers in Earth Sciences <https://doi.org/10.3389/feart.2019.00363>.
- Jun 2018 **S. Bhushan**, T.H. Syed, A.A. Arendt, A.V. Kulkarni and D. Sinha, "*Assessing controls on mass budget and surface velocity variations of glaciers in Western Himalaya*" in Scientific Reports <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-27014-y>.
- Dec 2017 **S. Bhushan**, T.H. Syed, A.V. Kulkarni, P. Gantayat and V. Agarwal, "*Quantifying Changes in the Gangotri Glacier of Central Himalaya: Evidence for Increasing Mass Loss and Decreasing Velocity*" in IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing (JSTARS) <https://doi.org/10.1109/JSTARS.2017.2771215>.

## Recent Publications in International Conferences

- Dec 2019 **S. Bhushan**, D.E. Shean, O. Alexandrov, S. Henderson, "Quantifying changes in dynamic Cryosphere using high resolution imagery: Automated tools for sensor correction, DEM generation and glacier velocity", AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Dec 2019 D.E. Shean, **S. Bhushan**, J.M Hu, O. Alexandrov, S. Henderson, J. Mayer, J. Lundquist, C. Heimstra, "Snow depth from sub-meter stereo satellite imagery", AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Dec 2019 F.A. Knuth, D.E. Shean, O. Alexandrov, **S. Bhushan**, "Historical Structure From Motion: Automated production of high-resolution DEMs from historical imagery for quantitative analysis of glacier and geomorphological change.", AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Dec 2017 **S. Bhushan**, D.E. Shean, U.K. Haritashya, A.A. Arendt, T.H. Syed and L. Setiawan, "Analysis of High Resolution Satellite imagery to assess Glacier Mass Balance and Lake Hazards in Sikkim Himalayas", AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA.

## Scientific Workshops and Training

- Jun 2019 IceSAT-2 Hackweek organised by eScience Institute, University of Washington
- Sep 2018 GeoHackWeek organised by eScience Institute, University of Washington
- June 2015 Training on Glaciers and Remote Sensing, IISc, Bangalore and University of Iceland

## Technical Skills and Memberships

- Coding** Python and Bash scripting
- Open Source** NASA Ames Stereo Pipeline, COLMAP, OpenSfM, GDAL, OGR, GSLIB, OpenCV, QGIS, Linux, Latex

**Proprietary Software** ArcGIS 10.2, Rolta Geomatica 15, Pix4D Mapper, ENVI 4.5, MS Office, Adobe Illustrator

**Membership** AGU, EAGE and AAPG, IACS Working Group on Debris-covered glaciers

**Github Profile** <https://github.com/ShashankBice>

**Review Services** Journal of Glaciology, Water Resources Research, Geophysical Research Letters, Polar Science