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Education

- Jan, 2021 – Present ● **Ph.D. in Computer Science**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA.
Advised by: [Dr. Berkay Aydin](#)
- Jan, 2021 – Aug, 2024 ● **M.S in Computer Science**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA.
Advised by: [Dr. Berkay Aydin](#)
- Nov, 2013 – Aug, 2017 ● **B.E. Computer Engineering**, Tribhuvan University, IOE, ERC, Dharan, Nepal.

Research Interests

Explainable Deep Learning Predictive Modeling Space weather Forecasting Continual Learning

Work Experience

Research Experience

- Jan, 2021 – Present ● **Research Assistant**, [Data Mining Lab](#), Georgia State University.
Leading a project on developing deep learning-based models for solar flare prediction and developing novel techniques in computer science to solve the problems in solar physics and space weather forecasting applications.
- Jun, 2024 – Aug, 2024 ● **Scientific Researcher**, [Frontier Development Lab](#), Trillium Technologies in partnership with NASA, Google Cloud, and NVIDIA.
Leading machine learning and continual learning aspects of a state-of-the-art project on developing data-driven solution to predict geomagnetic perturbations at ground stations.
- May, 2019 – Dec, 2020 ● **Research Project Coordinator**, Research and Innovation Unit, HCOE.
Supervised research-oriented projects of undergraduate students in computer and electronics engineering, Tribhuvan University, Himalaya College of Engineering (HCOE), Lalitpur, Nepal.

Teaching Experience

- Jan, 2024 – Apr, 2024 ● **Instructor/Teaching Fellow**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA.
★ Spring 2024, CSC 4780/6780 & DSCI 4780, undergraduate & graduate students, Fundamentals of Data Science.
- Apr, 2020 – Dec, 2020 ● **Lecturer**, Tribhuvan University, Himalaya College of Engineering, Nepal.
★ Spring 2020, BCT Juniors, Artificial Intelligence.
★ Spring 2020, BEX Sophomores, Discrete Mathematics.

Work Experience (continued)

- Apr, 2018 – Mar, 2020 ● **Assistant Lecturer**, Tribhuvan University, Himalaya College of Engineering.
★ Fall 2019, B.Sc. CSIT Juniors, Artificial Intelligence.
★ Fall 2019, BCE Freshmen, Computer Programming.
★ Spring 2019, BCT Juniors, Artificial Intelligence.
★ Spring 2019, BEX Sophomores, Discrete Mathematics.
★ Fall 2018, BCE Freshmen, Computer Programming.
★ Spring 2018, BEX Sophomores, Discrete Mathematics.
★ Spring 2018, BCT Sophomores, Numerical Methods.
- Sept, 2018 – Dec, 2020 ● **Instructor / Co-founder**, [Line Academy](#), [Kupondole](#), Lalitpur, Nepal.
★ Computer Programming in C and Fortran
- Dec, 2017 – Apr, 2018 ● **Part-time Instructor**, Tribhuvan University, KEC, Kalimati, Lalitpur, Nepal.
★ Fall 2017, BCT Freshmen, Computer Programming.

Publications

Journal Articles

- 1 K. Whitman, R. Egeland, I. G. Richardson, ..., **C. Pandey**, and et al., “Review of solar energetic particle models,” *Advances in Space Research*, Aug. 2023. [DOI: 10.1016/j.asr.2022.08.006](#).
- 2 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, R. A. Angryk, M. K. Georgoulis, and B. Aydin, “Towards coupling full-disk and active region-based flare prediction for operational space weather forecasting,” *Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences*, vol. 9, Aug. 2022. [DOI: 10.3389/fspas.2022.897301](#).

Conference Proceedings

- 1 **C. Pandey**, T. Adeyeha, J. Hong, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, “Advancing solar flare prediction using deep learning with active region patches,” in *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Applied Data Science Track*, Springer Nature Switzerland, 2024, pp. 50–65, ISBN: 9783031703812. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-70381-2_4](#).
- 2 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, J. Hong, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, “Embedding ordinality to binary loss function for improving solar flare forecasting,” in *2024 IEEE 11th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, IEEE, 2024. [DOI: 10.48550/ARXIV.2408.11768](#).
- 3 **C. Pandey**, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, “Unveiling the potential of deep learning models for solar flare prediction in near-limb regions,” in *2023 International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA)*, IEEE, Dec. 2023. [DOI: 10.1109/icmla58977.2023.00103](#).
- 4 J. Hong, **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, and B. Aydin, “An innovative solar flare metadata collection for space weather analytics,” in *2023 International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA)*, Dec. 2023, pp. 408–413. [DOI: 10.1109/ICMLA58977.2023.00063](#).
- 5 J. Hong, A. Ji, **C. Pandey**, and B. Aydin, “Enhancing solar flare prediction with innovative data-driven labels,” in *2023 IEEE 5th International Conference on Cognitive Machine Intelligence (CogMI)*, IEEE, Nov. 2023. [DOI: 10.1109/cogmi58952.2023.00035](#).
- 6 **C. Pandey**, R. A. Angryk, M. K. Georgoulis, and B. Aydin, “Explainable deep learning-based solar flare prediction with post hoc attention for operational forecasting,” in *Discovery Science*, Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, Oct. 2023, pp. 567–581. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-45275-8_38](#).
- 7 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, T. Nandakumar, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, “Exploring deep learning for full-disk solar flare prediction with empirical insights from guided grad-cam explanations,” in *2023 IEEE 10th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, IEEE, Oct. 2023. [DOI: 10.1109/dsaa60987.2023.10302639](#).

- 8 **C. Pandey**, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Explaining full-disk deep learning model for solar flare prediction using attribution methods," in *European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases: ADS Track, ECML PKDD*, Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, Sep. 2023, pp. 72–89. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-43430-3_5](#).
- 9 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Towards interpretable solar flare prediction with attention-based deep neural networks," in *2023 IEEE Sixth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Engineering (AIKE)*, IEEE, Sep. 2023. [DOI: 10.1109/aike59827.2023.00021](#).
- 10 J. Hong, A. Ji, **C. Pandey**, and B. Aydin, "Beyond traditional flare forecasting: A data-driven labeling approach for high-fidelity predictions," in *Big Data Analytics and Knowledge Discovery*, Springer Nature Switzerland, Aug. 2023, pp. 380–385. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-39831-5_34](#).
- 11 **C. Pandey**, R. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Deep neural networks based solar flare prediction using compressed full-disk line-of-sight magnetograms," in *Information Management and Big Data*, Springer International Publishing, 2022, pp. 380–396. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-04447-2_26](#).
- 12 **C. Pandey**, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Solar flare forecasting with deep neural networks using compressed full-disk HMI magnetograms," in *2021 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data)*, IEEE, Dec. 2021, pp. 1725–1730. [DOI: 10.1109/bigdata52589.2021.9671322](#).

Posters

- 1 **C. Pandey**, T. Adeyeha, T. Nandakumar, A. Rafal, and B. Aydin, *Insights into deep learning-based full-disk solar flare prediction with post hoc explanation and evaluation*, 2023, EarthCube 2023 - A Geoscience and Cyberinfrastructure Workshop. [DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.34673.97124](#).
- 2 **C. Pandey**, M. K. Georgoulis, B. Aydin, R. A. Angryk, and A. Ji, *Exploring heuristics in full-disk aggregation from individual active region prediction of solar flares*, Jul. 2022, p. 3457. [DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.34673.97124](#).
- 3 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, R. Angryk, and B. Aydin, *Training and Deployment of Predictive Models for Space Weather Forecasting: An Application on Full-disk and Active Region-based Flare Prediction*, Dec. 2021, AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts, SH55A–1825. [URL: https://agu2021fallmeeting-agu.ipostersessions.com/Default.aspx?s=5F-7A-C4-11-FE-CA-94-F0-F0-DF-63-FE-6F-17-3E-99](#).

Technical Skills

Programming Language	● Python, C, C++, and MATLAB.
Databases	● MySQL and PostgreSQL.
Web Development	● HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Django.
Libraries and Framework	● Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn, Pytorch, Tensorflow, and Keras.
Tools and Environment	● Git, Github, L ^A T _E X, Docker, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), and HPCE.

Awards and Certifications

Awards and Achievements

Jun 03–07, 2024	● NSF Travel Grant , 11 th Community Coordinated Modeling Center (CCMC), NASA, Community Workshop 2024.
Jun 27–28, 2023	● Early-career Travel Award , EarthCube 2023, Building Upon the EarthCube Community: A Geoscience and Cyberinfrastructure Workshop.
May, 2021– Aug, 2022	● Second Century Initiative (2CI), University Doctoral Fellowship , Georgia State University.

Awards and Certifications (continued)

- Jul, 2016 – Jun, 2017 ● **4th Committee President**, Association of Computer Engineering Students (ACES), Purwanchal Campus, Dharan, Nepal.
- Nov, 2013 – Aug, 2017 ● **Full Governmental Scholarship on Merit**, Bachelors in Computer Engineering at Tribhuvan University, Institute of Engineering, Dharan, Nepal.

Certifications

- Jul 14, 2020 ● Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Coursera. [\[certificate\]](#).
- Oct 2, 2020 ● Improving Deep Neural Networks: Hyperparameter tuning, Regularization and Optimization. [\[certificate\]](#).
- Oct 19, 2020 ● Structuring Machine Learning Projects, Coursera. [\[certificate\]](#).
- Mar 18, 2021 ● Research Administrators Conduct of Research Course 1, CITI Program. [\[certificate\]](#).

Service to Profession

- 2024 ● **Session Chair**, Application Track, 11th IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA), 2024.
- **Reviewer**, Astronomy and Computing, Journal, 2024.
- **Program Committee Member**, 27th International Conference on Discovery Science (DS), 2024.
- **Reviewer**, 27th International Conference on Discovery Science (DS), 2024.
- **Reviewer**, 23rd International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2024.
- **External Reviewer**, 27th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2024.
- 2023 ● **Reviewer**, 22nd International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2023.
- **Session Chair**, Session 21B, 22nd International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2023.

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