

EDUCATION

Year	Institute	Qualification
2024 – present (Expected 06/2026)	Stanford University (CA, United States)	M.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Depth in Energy Systems)
2018-2022	Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar (Odisha, India)	B. Tech. in Mechanical Engineering

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

EFFICIENT BATTERY THERMAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR EV

2021-2022 | Final year B. Tech. thesis project | Supervisor: Dr. B. R. Pattabhi

- The project was aimed at *improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the battery thermal management system* by reducing the *cell capacity degradation caused due to temperature effects*.
- An **air-cooled cylindrical battery pack** was considered for this purpose and different **cell arrangements and flow patterns** were studied *to reduce the temperature variation across the cells and the peak cell temperature*.
- The degradation studies were done through **numerical simulations** in **COMSOL** software. For this, a **coupled 1-D electrochemical and 2-D thermal model of the battery pack** was used for the numerical simulations. This was further *coupled* with a **capacity fade model** to account for *cell capacity degradation*.
- A *tapered cell arrangement of 26650 type of Li-ion cells* was found to have the best overall performance.
- The work was published in a paper titled **“Design of lithium-ion battery packs for two-wheeled electric vehicles”** in the **“Energy Storage”** journal having an *impact factor of 3.2*.
- The project work was also nominated for the *“Best Thesis Award”* in my batch at IIT Bhubaneswar.

MACRO-SCALE DESIGN ASPECTS OF EV BATTERY PACK

2021 | Summer research internship project | Supervisor: Dr. Sundararajan Natarajan (IIT Madras) and Dr. B. R. Pattabhi (IIT Bhubaneswar)

- Performed preliminary battery pack design calculations* by initially developing a system of equations in **EXCEL** and later implementing it in a **MATLAB app** for a better GUI experience. The app can also be used to *analyse the effect of critical battery pack design parameters on the performance of the battery pack*.
- Wrote **MATLAB code** for *generating data for single cell current variation with time based on the adopted vehicle velocity profile* by using a simple **vehicle dynamics equation**. This was used as an input to the microscale numerical simulation of cell discharge done by the other group member.

TECHNICAL SKILLS SolidWorks • ANSYS • COMSOL • Arduino • Python • MATLAB • Cantera

WORK EXPERIENCE

THERMAX LTD. | Graduate Engineer Trainee | August 2022 – July 2024

- Gained practical experience in areas of **mathematical modelling, manufacturing process, product troubleshooting, failure analysis and commissioning** related to a **boiler** and **thermic fluid heater**.
- Performed tasks such as **boiler furnace modelling** in EXCEL using **stirred reactor** and **plug flow models, data driven modelling of boiler** in EXCEL, *tracking a boiler unit on factory shop floor stage-wise end-to-end and suggesting points for manufacturing process improvement and automation*, site visit & subsequent report generation for **Residual Life Analysis (RLA)** and **Root Cause Analysis (RCA)** activities.
- Lead a team project involving **standardisation of the design and techno-commercial offering of a biomass-fired thermal oil heater**. Activities involved include *P&ID study, grate sizing & BOP/auxiliary equipment sizing, layouting and thermal & pressure drop simulations*. Have used **DIN 4754** and **BS 845** standards for *maximum film temperature and efficiency calculations*.
- The project led to a **7.4% reduction in total weight** and a **10.2% decrease in total footprint area** as compared to the previous design.
- As part of the project, I developed a simplified **thermal model** of the **APH, Economizer** and **MPA furnace** in **EXCEL** with **VBA automation** *to iteratively design the heater, and validated it with existing data*. The model provided *inlet/outlet temperature values* within **2%, 6% and 10% error** in APH, Economizer and MPA furnace respectively.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Associated with the **robotics society** and **music society** (*as a drummer*) at IIT Bhubaneswar (2018-2022).
- Held the position of **Student Placement Coordinator** (2022) and *coordinated with various internal and external stakeholders* such as institute's placement cell, company recruiters and students for ensuring a smooth placement process.
- *Participated and lead* a team of 4 members in the **annual e-yantra robotics competition** (eYRC 2019-2020) organized by IIT Bombay.
- Achieved **5th rank** out of 82 participants in the **GrabCAD shop challenge** (2020) held online on the GrabCAD community website. The challenge involved *designing an innovative product which can be 3d printed*; have made a *2-in-1 mechanical hand blender cum egg beater*, and have submitted CAD files along with a stress analysis report. **SolidWorks** and **ANSYS** was used for CAD modelling and analysis.
- Achieved **2nd rank** in the *eastern fusion group music competition* – **“Sargam”** organized as a part of Spring Fest 2020 at IIT Kharagpur.