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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Science

PhD in Computational and Data Sciences

Bangalore, India Oct 2020 – Present

Email: ghanshyamc@iisc.ac.in

National Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Technology (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering

Raipur, India July 2016 – July 2020

Honors and Awards

• Winner: National HPC Hackathon 2021. (Awarded AWS credits worth 10K USD) Organised by Intel India and AWS in association with Govt. of India.

• Empower Program: Awarded research funding from Kotak-IISc AI ML Center.

FELLOWSHIPS

- Intel India Research Fellowship 2023-24
- RECOMB 2023 Travel Fellowship

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

• Genome Research 2024

Haplotype-aware Sequence Alignment to Pangenome Graphs. **Ghanshyam Chandra**, Daniel Gibney and Chirag Jain. Genome Research. doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.15.566493 (in press, RECOMB'24 extended version)

• AMB 2024

Co-linear Chaining on Pangenome Graphs.

Jyotshna Rajput, **Ghanshyam Chandra** and Chirag Jain. Algorithms for Molecular Biology. doi.org/10.1186/s13015-024-00250-w (Invited paper, WABI'23 extended version)

• JCB 2023

Gap-Sensitive Co-Linear Chaining Algorithms for Acyclic Pangenome Graphs. **Ghanshyam Chandra** and Chirag Jain. Journal of Computational Biology. doi.org/10.1089/cmb.2023.0186 (Invited paper, RECOMB'23 extended version)

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

• RECOMB 2025

Integer programming framework for pangenome-based genome inference.

Ghanshyam Chandra, Md Helal Hossen, Stephan Scholz, Alexander T Dilthey, Daniel Gibney and Chirag Jain. International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology. (acceptance rate: 16%) doi.org/10.1101/2024.10.27.620212

• RECOMB 2024

Haplotype-aware Sequence-to-Graph Alignment.

Ghanshyam Chandra, Daniel Gibney and Chirag Jain. International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology. (acceptance rate: 16%) doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.15.566493

• WABI 2023

Co-linear Chaining on Pangenome Graphs.

Jyotshna Rajput, **Ghanshyam Chandra** and Chirag Jain. 23rd International Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2023). doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.WABI.2023.12

• RECOMB 2023

Sequence to Graph Alignment Using Gap-Sensitive Co-linear Chaining. **Ghanshyam Chandra** and Chirag Jain. International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology. (acceptance rate: 20%) doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-29119-7_4

Preprints

Accelerating whole-genome alignment in the age of complete genome assemblies.
 Ghanshyam Chandra, Md Vasimuddin, Sanchit Misra and Chirag Jain. (under review) doi.org/10.1101/2024.11.25.6253281

Teaching and Mentoring

• Teaching assistant for DS295: Parallel Programming (DS295) 2024

Talks

- Scalable Algorithms for Genome Inference and Pattern Matching on Pangenome Graphs. Parallel Computing Lab, Intel Labs Bangalore 2024, Bangalore, India.
- Haplotype-aware Sequence-to-Graph Alignment. RECOMB 2024, MIT, USA.
- Accelerating Whole-Genome Alignment using Parallel Chaining Algorithm. RECOMB-Seq 2024, MIT, USA.
- Scalable Algorithms for Genome-aware Sequence-to-Graph Alignment. EECS Symposium 2024, IISc Bangalore, India.
- Why Use Human Genome Graphs as a Reference? Insights into Scalable Genome Graph Algorithms. IEEE IISc CS&CIS/HKN Mu Xi Deep Tech Outreach Seminar Series 2024, Bangalore, India.
- Sequence to Graph Alignment using Gap-Sensitive Co-linear Chaining. RECOMB 2023, Istanbul, Turkey.
- A Scalable Algorithm for Sequence to Graph Alignment. EECS Symposium 2023, IISc Bangalore, India.

POSTER PRESENTATION

- Minichain: A New Method for Pangenome Graph Construction.
 Ghanshyam Chandra and Chirag Jain. RECOMB Satellite Conference on Biological Sequence Analysis.
 RECOMB-Seq 2023, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Scaling Sequence to DAG Alignment with Parameterized Gap-Sensitive Co-linear Chaining Algorithms.
 Ghanshyam Chandra and Chirag Jain. IEEE International Conference on High Performance Computing, Data, and Analytics. HiPC 2022, Bangalore, India.

SKILLS

- Languages: C, C++, Python, CUDA, JavaScript, HTML
- ML Frameworks: PyTorch, ScikitLearn
- Parallel Computing Frameworks: OpenMP, OpenACC, MPI
- Optimization Frameworks: Gurobi Optimizer

SOFTWARE DEVELOPED

- Minichain: Genome-aware long reads or phased contigs aligner to acyclic pangenome graphs.
- PanAligner: Long reads aligner to cyclic pangenome graphs.
- mm2-plus: Fast long-read and whole-genome aligner.
- PHI: Scalable tool for pangenome-based haplotype imputation.

Media Coverage

• New algorithms advance genomic equity and personalised medicine. Covered by: *Times of India, Indian Institute of Science* [Link]

ACADEMIC SERVICE

• PC member & Reviewer: AccMLBio (ICML 2024)