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### Publications

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- Senapati, T., **Karnad, A.K.** & Senapati, K. Phase biasing of a Josephson junction using Rashba–Edelstein effect. **Nature Communications** 14, 7415 (2023)

### Relevant Work Experience

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- 2024-      FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM JÜLICH, Jülich:  
            *Research / Quantum Software Engineer*  
            Worked on Quantum computer (QPU) and HPC integration. Infrastructure to access QPUs including authentication.
- 2022-24    MPI FOR THE STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS OF MATTER, Hamburg:  
            *Research Software Engineer.*  
            Worked on **Computational Scientific support**, massively parallel **HPC codes** and **HPC infrastructure** maintenance (hardware and software), Linux system administration, managed CI/CD infrastructure, contributed to the **development of python packages** like: Postopus - POSTprocessing of OctoPUS simulations; mpsd-software-manager. Supported scientists in creating open-source, reproducible scientific simulations.

### Skills

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**Instrumentation:** • Photolithography • DC Magnetron sputtering • Physical Property Measurement System (DCR and VSM) • **SEM, FIB** and GIS

**Computational:** • **Python** (pyVISA, pytest, numpy, pandas, xarray, scipy, plotting libraries) • Shell (bash, zsh, nu) • Git • LabVIEW • LTspice • Docker •  $\text{\LaTeX}$  • 3D CAD modeling (Onshape, Fusion 360) • PCB Design (Eagle CAD) • **Matlab** • JavaScript • C++ • Illustrations (Inkscape, Blender) • CI/CD (Gitlab CI, buildbot, Github CI)

### Education

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- 2022      BITS - PILANI UNIVERSITY, INDIA  
            *Int. MSc. Physics and B.E Electronics and Instrumentation (Dual Major) CGPA - 7.71 / 10.0*
- 2017      VVS GJ PU COLLEGE, MYSORE - CLASS 12<sup>th</sup>  
            *KSEB Board. Marks : Physics - 100%, Chemistry - 96 %, Mathematics 99%*
- 2015      DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL - CLASS 10<sup>th</sup>  
            *CBSE Board. 9.8/10 CGPA*

### Honors and Awards

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- 2023      2nd place, Kühne+Nagel and Google hackathon: Created AutoQuote, an AI service that automatically replies to customer email with a price quote for shipment requests.

2023	2nd place, ADLIFE hackathon: Created an LLM based solution to classify statements in a medical guidelines into diagnostic, therapeutic, warning remarks.
2023	1st place, Rad-Daten-Hackathon: worked on comfytikes.de an app to suggest optimal saddle height for your bike using image detection.
2022	1st place, COMPAR EU hackathon: Created an AI-based solution for a data platform which helps patients manage their serious chronic illness.
2019	National top 30 in NGPE-19 exam (Graduate physics exam with 11372 candidates).
2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> place in Open CBR Hackathon <i>organised by University of Leeds</i> .
2018	Awarded Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) 2017 <b>Fellowship by Govt. of India</b> .
2018	Offered Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) 2017 Scholarship by <i>Govt. of India</i> .
2016	Awarded ISCA Travel award by <i>Infosys Foundation</i> .
2014-16	Participated in 103 <sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress held at Mysore, India (2016); IRIS science fair organised by <i>Intel</i> at Delhi, India (2016); Rashtriya Kishore Vaigyanik Sammelan of 102 <sup>nd</sup> Indian Science Congress held at Mumbai, India (2015); 41 <sup>st</sup> Jawaharlal Nehru National Science Exhibition at Chandigarh (2014) (Presenting the device stated as "A Novel Stove Stand").

## Projects and Experiences

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### Past Projects

- **Studying the effect of high spin orbit coupling material in Josephson Junctions**, at *Superconductivity lab, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India*.
- **Design of a cryogenic probe for transport measurements at Superconductivity lab**, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India.
- Design and Simulation of Battery Management System Algorithms for Electric Vehicle Applications. *Kaynes Technology India Pvt Limited, Mysore, India*.
- Simulation of IR seeker missiles and its counter measure in *Defence Avionics Research Establishment - DRDO, Bangalore, India*.
- GrayBlock Power: Decentralized financing of energy projects via smart contracts written on public blockchains. (Worked as software developer and project coordinator)
- Team Imitato: Designing an exosuit to control a humanoid that can be beneficial in reaching in-accessible and non-human conditions. (Worked as Electronics, Communication and Haptics Control head)
- A Novel Stove Stand: Designed and built a contraption to harness electricity (about 20W) from the otherwise wasted heat energy produced while burning LPG gas for cooking. It also reduced the cooking time.
- Past electronics team member of **Hyperloop India** and **Project Kratos**.

For more completed projects visit my web page, [ashwinschronicles.github.io](https://ashwinschronicles.github.io)

## Ongoing Projects

- **comfybikes.de**: A simple and smart app that helps you find the optimal saddle height for your bike using image detection techniques.
- **Mechanistic interpret-ability of Neural networks**: reverse-engineering neural networks from the learned weights down to human-interpretable algorithm.

## Relevant Coursework

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PHYSICS : • Quantum Mechanics I&II • **Non-Linear Dynamics** • **Solid State Physics** • **Atomic and molecular Physics** • Nuclear and Particle Physics • **Quantum Information and Computing** • **Quantum Information Theory** • Electromagnetic theory I&II • Classical Mechanics • Statistical Mechanics

ELECTRONICS : • **Analog and Digital VLSI design** • Microelectronics • Microprocessors and interfacing • Digital circuits • Electric Machines • Signals and Systems • Control Systems • Digital Image Processing • Modern Control Systems • **Transducers and measurement techniques** • **Electronics instruments & instrumentation technology** • Object Oriented Programming

## List of Referees

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