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EDUCATION

IMPRS MMFD, University of Tübingen

Integrated M.Sc/Ph.D Programme in Neural and Behavioural Sciences

Tübingen, Germany

Oct. 2022 -

Ashoka University

PG Diploma in Advanced Studies and Research in Computer Science; CGPA 3.44/4.0

Sonipat, India

Aug. 2021 - May 2022

Neuromatch Academy

Interactive Track, Computational Neuroscience Summer School

Los Angeles, USA Aug. 2020

Ashoka University

Sonipat, India

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Minor in Biology; CGPA: 3.58/4.0

Aug. 2018 - May 2021

TOOLS AND FRAMEWORKS

• Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, R, Apps Script

- Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow for Machine Learning; C#/.NET for Windows app development.
- Other Tools: GitHub, Selenium, Excel/G-Sheets, LATEX, GIMP.

Research Experience

Single Molecule Biophysics, Haldar Lab, Ashoka University

Sonipat, India

Software Development Intern, Supervised by Dr. Debayan Gupta & Dr. Shubhasis Haldar

Dec. 2019 - May 2022

- Building and improving covalent magnetic tweezers and associated software(s) for week-long single molecule force-clamp experiments.
- Learnt protein extraction and purification methods over Summer, 2020.

Neuroethology Lab, Ashoka University

Undergraduate Research Assistant to Dr. Bittu K Rajaraman

Sonipat, India

Sep. 2018 - May 2022

- Studying call pattern generation and production in Orthopterans using a mixture of simulations, electrophysiological and behavioral exploration, to develop circuit models.
- Assisting senior graduate students in conducting and designing behavioral assays.
- Experienced in field work and animal maintenance.
- Created a spike-sorting pipeline using SpikeInterface for two-channel neural data from electrophysiological explorations on bushcrickets.

Work Experience and Internships

Alumni Relations Office, Ashoka University

 $Website \ \ \ Database \ \ Administrator$

Sonipat, India

Mar. 2021 - Jan. 2022

- Manager of alumni databases and the alumni web portal, with 1500+ active users.
- Supervised interns over summer 2021 to clean data and expand existing database by scraping 980+ LinkedIn profiles to collect and organize data on all existing alumni into the largest, most comprehensive database in the history of the university.

The Neuroscience Outreach Network

Princeton, NJ, USA

Community Outreach & Content Coordinator

Aug. 2020 - Jan. 2021

- o Project aimed at enabling access to education in neuroscience to students in underserved communities around the world.
- Tailored virtual/classroom lessons and material for individual grade levels.

DiverseNeuro.org Multiple locations, India Co-Founder Jun. 2020

- o A collaborative research venture between IISER Pune and Ashoka University
- Study on the international academic demographic in neuroscience, aimed at informing inclusive policy-making in academia.

PROJECTS

- Capstone Project Incorporation of Deep Probabilistic Models into Data Compression (Monsoon 2021): Project under the supervision of Dr. Mahavir Jhawar and Dr. Subhashish Banerjee, on methods to incorporate deep latent variable models into source coding for image and video data compression; special focus on Asymmetrical Numeral Systems; implemented the t-ANS codec from scratch in Python.
- Classifier Rules for the Majority Problem (Spring 2021): Simulated all elementary automata, studied its statistical mechanics and applications in solving the majority problem (a density classification task), both theoretically and as a proposed model to explain the less understood phenomenon of stomatal patchiness.
- Efficient Face-Mask Detection for Syndromic Surveillance (Monsoon 2020): Built an efficient face-mask detection tool suitable for cheap computation such as on mobile phones, webcams or CCTV cameras, so as to allow for real-time feedback into disease dynamics models.
- Prediction of Erroneous Decision Making (Summer 2020): Decoded neural data from Steinmetz, et. al, 2019, to predict erroneous decision making in trained mice. Used a GLM to predict whether the performance of trained mice that performed well in an 2-AUC experimental paradigm was affected by previous erroneous decisions. Project mentor: Dr. Adrien Peyrache, McGill University.
- Modelling Call Pattern Generation in Bushcrickets (Spring 2019): Exploratory project on call pattern generation in crickets and mechanistic models of neurons, particularly the Morris-Lecar 2-neuron model.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- Dept. of Computer Science, Ashoka University
 - Theory of Computation (Spring 2022), Dr. Soumyottam Chatterjee; Class size: 25; Student Feedback : 4.5/5; Tasks: holding weekly office hours, setting and grading all assignments.
 - Introduction to Machine Learning (Monsoon 2021), Dr. Subhashish Banerjee; Class size: 68; Student Feedback: 4.43/5; Tasks: holding weekly office hours, setting and grading all assignments, facilitating data collection for Ashoka's Faces Dataset.
 - Algorithms Design and Analysis (Spring 2020), Dr. Subhash Bhalla; Class Size: 70; Student Feedback: 4.46/5; Tasks: holding weekly office hours, setting and grading all assignments.

Teaching Assistant

- Summer School, Neuromatch Academy (Online)
 - Deep Learning Course (Summer 2021), Content by various professors from around the globe; Led 7-14 international UGs and Ph.Ds selected to participate in the *Interactive Track* of the programme; Led daily discussion sessions, taught deep learning tools from ground up on PyTorch, provided support to complete projects.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Fully funded M.Sc in Neural and Behavioural Sciences, MPI for Biological Cybernetics
- $\bullet~100\%$ Scholarship on Tuition and Residence, Ashoka University
- Merit Award for Enriching Campus Culture in 2019, as President of Vistaar, Ashoka University
- Merit Award for Enriching Campus Culture in 2018, as a columnist for Kalinga Magazine, Ashoka University

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Advisor, Women in Computing Society

Ashoka University

Sep. 2021 - Jan. 2022

- Head, WiCS Workshop Weekends; Member since 2018.
- o Led 2 WiCS Annual Cryptic Hunts, our flagship event.

Student Representative, Dept. of Computer Science

Academic Advisory Board, Ashoka University

Sep. 2020 - May 2021

- Selected by the Head of Department, Dept. of Computer Science.
- $\circ~$ Served as primary coordinator for all student–department communication.

President, Vistaar

The Music Society, Ashoka University

- Sep. 2019 Jan. 2020
- Implemented structural and policy-based changes that revived the society and allowed it to develop into a inclusive creative space for all types of musicians.
- Organized 10+ events and oversaw 4+ performing teams