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Expertise: Display, Optics, OLEDs, Laser and Vacuum Systems, Nanofabrication, Cryogenics, Programming

SUMMARY

- Researcher with **5+ years of academic experience** in cutting-edge experimental physics laboratories.
- Skillset of **optical systems**, RF circuits, **nanofab**, ion implantation and **automated instrument control**.

KEY PUBLICATIONS

- **Nanotube spin defects for omnidirectional magnetic field sensing***, Arxiv:2310.02709 2023
- **Quantum sensing and imaging with spin defects in hexagonal boron nitride***, Adv. In Phys. X 2023
- **Quantum sensing of paramagnetic spins in liquids with spin qubits in hBN**, ACS Photonics 2023
- **Nuclear spin polarization and control in hexagonal boron nitride**, Nature Materials 2022
- * indicates first author/equal contribution. Please use [Google Scholar](#) to find other publications.

INTERNSHIPS

- **Display Hardware Engineering Intern** *Apple Inc, Cupertino, California.* May '24-Aug '24
 - Working with the Display **Panel Process and Optics** team to **characterize OLED display** panels.
 - **Automated measurements** with spectroradiometers, color sensors to thermal shifts in luminance and color.
- **Visiting Student Researcher** *JPARC, Tokai, Japan.* Dec '17
 - Implemented **algorithms for tracking the trajectories** of cosmic rays to reduce spurious noisy signals.
- **Visiting Summer Student Researcher** *KEK, Tsukuba, Japan* May '17
 - Studied **Photomultiplier tubes** in **simulated experimental conditions** for the Muon g-2/EDM experiment.

EXPERIENCE

- **Quantum Sensing with Low Dimensional Materials** *PhD Thesis, Purdue University* Jan '21-Current
 - Research in **Quantum sensing of magnetic fields** via **laser-based measurements** of 2D and 1D materials.
 - Built a **high-vacuum ion implantation** machine for creating and studying solid state quantum defects.
 - Built a **Low-Temperature Vacuum Optical Measurement** setup to perform **cryogenic measurements**.
 - Built a **confocal microscopy system** with integrated **RF electronics** for **quantum sensing experiments**.
 - **Python** and **LabVIEW** programming to **automate combined laser and RF experiments**.
- **Graduate Data Science Researcher** *The Data Mine, Purdue University* Jan '24-Apr '24
 - Collaborated with **Howmet Aerospace** on developing an **ML model** to **identify manufacturing defects**.
 - Used **PyTorch** to build and test ML models and **improve anomaly detection accuracy**.
 - **Achieved 94% accuracy** compared to 87% accuracy for human experts.
- **Organic Semiconductor Imaging and Perovskite Solar Cell Fab.** *M.Tech Thesis, IITB* Jul '18-Aug '20
 - Performed **Matlab simulations** of charge transport in organic semiconductors to study **OLED efficiency**.
 - **Built an imaging** setup for thin film **organic semiconductors** to determine photoemitter orientation.
 - **Fabricated next-gen Perovskite Solar Cells** in a **clean room** environment using specialized equipment.
 - **Built** and deployed the **research group website** using Jekyll. [Link](#)

EDUCATION

- **PhD, Physics** *Purdue University, Indiana (GPA 3.91/4.0)* Jan '21-May '25
Advisor: Prof. Tongcang Li, Department of Physics and Department of ECE, Purdue University
- **B.Tech+M.Tech, Specialization: Nanoscience** *IIT Bombay (IITB), India* Jul '15-Aug '20
Advisor: Prof. Dinesh Kabra, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming:** Python, Machine Learning (PyTorch), MATLAB, LabView, LATEX, C++, Mathematica, Zemax OpticStudio, Comsol Multiphysics, KLayout, FPGA, git, github.
- **Experimental:** Display characterization, Laser systems, Optical system design, Optical Measurements (Room and Low-Temperature), Ion Implantation, Nanofabrication, RF circuits, Instrument Automation, AFM, SEM, FIB, Photolithography, Confocal Microscopy, High-Vacuum systems, 2-D materials.