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## Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay

Research Interests – Control Systems, Autonomous robotics, Embedded systems

#### Education

2015 – Present	<u>Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay</u> , Mumbai
	B.Tech in Electrical Engineering, Minor in Systems and Control Engineering,
	CPI <b>- 9.41/10.0</b>
2013 – 2015	Intermediate/+2, S N Trusts Central School, Kerala, Percentage – 97.8
2012 – 2013	Matriculation, S N Trusts Central School, Kerala, CGPA – 10.00

## **Major Projects**

• Coverage Control of multi-agent robotic systems | Prof. Sukumar Srikant Nov 2016 - Present

- Working on the control of decentralised autonomous mobile robots
- Simulated the behaviour in a known environment as the control law and communication graph of each agent is varied
- Working on convergence and stability analysis of the system.
- Simulation of Spiral RF inductors | Prof. Dipankar Saha

Apr - June 2016

- Studied and simulated Spiral RF inductors in the micron scale using MATLAB and Comsol Multiphysics.
- Achieved a 95% agreement between simulation and experiment.
- Isolated the chief cause of deviation from ideal behaviour by analysing the Smith chart.
- Explored new models which were found have better characteristics than conventional ones by simulation.
- Worked on the extraction of S parameter of RF waveguides, as a function of the frequency of operation.
- Matsya, Autonomous Underwater Vehicle | AUV-IITB

Oct 2015-Oct 2016

International RoboSub, AUVSI & US Office of Naval Research

Part of a 30 member team aimed at developing unmanned AUVs. The team came second in the world at the international Robosub competition 2016, San Diego, California.

- Developed a DC DC Boost Converter for boosting the battery voltage, enabling the use of more powerful actuators.
- Designed a motor driver module which is 80% cheaper and 200% as powerful as the commercially available ones.
- Implemented hot-swapping of batteries. Provided an additional layer of protection for the onboard computer in case of primary battery failure.
- Developed the water seepage sensor to detect leakages during run time.

#### • Plasma Speakers | Institute Technical Summer Project

Apr 2016

- Designed a Plasma speaker, which uses a flyback transformer to generate a pulsed high voltage spark, frequency modulated by an audio signal.
- Generates frequency modulated pulses in spark temperature, creating pressure waves perceived as sound.

#### • Air Conditioner Control unit

Feb 2016

- Designed a device to optimise the number of working ACs in a room with more than one unit and ensure the load is distributed evenly, as per the requirement of hostel study rooms.
- Prototype approved and will be deployed across 16 hostels in the institute.

• Path Finder bot Dec 2015

- Built an autonomous path finding bot using Arduino microcontroller.
- Developed a suitable localisation and control algorithm.

### Scholastic Achievements

- Secured All India Rank 69 in IIT JEE 2015 among 1.35 million candidates for admission to IITs.
- Secured International Rank 31 in the 17<sup>th</sup> National Science Olympiad Competition.
- Secured National Rank 11 in the National Level Science Talent Search Examination-2015.
- Secured International Rank 136 in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Mathematics Olympiad Competition.

## **Scholarships**

- Kishore Vygyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) awarded by Department of Science and Technology for promotion of basic Sciences among high school students to ~250 students in the country - 2015
- National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) awarded by the National Council for Educational Research and Training to ~1000 students in the country – 2013

# Positions of Responsibility

Convener, Maths and Physics Club, IIT Bombay.

2015 - present

- Part of a team of 8 members aimed at fostering enthusiasm in mathematics and physics, tending to a community of 400 – 500 and an outreach of over 5000 online.
- Organised several institute-wide quizzes and events to promote interest in the fundamental sciences.
- Conducted group discussions on various topics like EPR paradox, arrow's theorem, Maxwell's demon, etc.
- Organised lab visits to labs in and around IIT Bombay.

#### • Technical Mentor, XLR8 2016

Aug 2016

 Mentored twelve freshmen for the XLR8 competition, an institute-wide wireless car design and racing competition, with the participation of over 500 freshmen.

## **Technical Skills**

**Programming Languages** : C++, MATLAB, python

**CAD Software** : Eagle, Altium, SolidWorks, AutoCAD

Simulation Software : Comsol Multiphysics

Other software : Atmel studio, Arduino IDE, HTML, CSS

## **Extracurricular Activities**

• Completed a two-semester long course on playing the Keyboard.

- Participated in 'Gesture Control using MATLAB' workshop, TechFest 2015.
- Built a line follower using an AVR microcontroller, implemented the **PID control loop**.
- Gave a talk on **Control loops** and the **PID algorithm** for the Robotics club, IIT Bombay.
- Successfully completed the Summer of Science initiative under an experienced senior mentor, on Cosmology under the Maths and Physics Club. <u>Report</u>
- Secured third prize in Electric Jhatka General Championship by the Electronics club, an institute-wide circuit design competition.