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Education

August 2022 – Present University of Massachusetts Boston | Boston, US

PhD in Biophysics

CPI: **3.93** (on a 4-point scale)

Aug 2017 - May 2022 Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal | Bhopal, India

B.S.- M.S. Dual Degree in Biological Sciences

CPI: **9.04** (on a 10-point scale)

Research Experience

August 2022 – Present Kao Lab, UMB

PhD student

Supervised by Dr. Albert Kao, Department of Biology, University of Massachusetts Boston

Project Understanding impact of changing leadership on individual error corrections and decision-making in homing pigeons.

May 2021 - May 2022 CEBP Lab, IISER Bhopal

Masters Thesis Researcher

Supervised by Dr. Rati Sharma (Co-PI), Department of Chemistry, IISER Bhopal.

Project 1 Deep Learning methods for accurate detection and tracking for behavioral studies in C. elegans.

Used current state-of-the-art Deep Learning models (YOLO & StrongSORT) for developing a robust, accurate, and real-time worm tracker.

Project 2 Simulating coupled Viral-T cell population dynamics driven by fractional Gaussian noise.

- Used the Euler-Maruyama method to simulate coupled viral and T cell population dynamics driven by fractional Gaussian noise.

May 2019 - July 2019 CEBP Lab, IISER Bhopal

Summer Research Student

Project Analyzing the effect of Extrinsic Noise on mRNA translation.

- Analyzed the effects of Extrinsic Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Noise on mRNA Residence Time using a Python 3 based implementation of the EXTRANDE algorithm and running Monte-Carlo Simulations on a Non-Equilibrium Statistical Mechanics TASEP model.

Personal Projects

May 2020 – June 2020 Built an educational Epidemic Simulator based on the SIRD model of infection spread.

The project was aimed at making people aware of benefits of social distancing, proper

sanitization, better quarantine centers and demonstrate risks of pandemics on older population of the society.

April 2020 – May 2020 Implemented a version of Craig Reynold's famous Boid algorithm with quadtree optimization and peripheral vision features.

Teaching Experience

Sept - Dec 2023 BIOL-347 Animal Behavior Lab

- Teaching Assistant for the undergraduate Animal Behavior Lab at UMass Boston, Fall 2023.

Workshops, Conference talks & Presentations

- August 2023 Participant of the Gordon Research Conference (GRC) on Collective Behavior, Newry, Maine
- March 2022 Poster presentation at the Interactions Symposium organized by Dept. of Chemistry IISER Bhopal.

Poster Title: Deep Learning methods for accurate detection and tracking for behavioral studies in C. elegans

- Dec 2021 Participant of the ICTP-ICTS Winter School on Quantitative Systems Biology
- Dec 2019 Poster presentation at the Indian Rheological Society 13^{th} International Conference on Complex Fluids and Soft Matter (CompFlu 2019).

Poster Title: Analyzing effects of Extrinsic Noise on mRNA translation

Publications

1. Deep-Worm-Tracker: Deep Learning Methods for Accurate Detection and Tracking for Behavioral Studies in *C. elegans*

Shoubhik Chandan Banerjee, Khursheed Ahmad Khan, and Rati Sharma Applied Animal Behaviour Science 2023 DOI: 10.1016/j.applanim.2023.106024

2. Persistent Correlation in Cellular Noise Determines Longevity of Viral Infections

Abhilasha Batra, Shoubhik Chandan Banerjee, and Rati Sharma The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters 2022 DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c01875

Computational Skills

o Programming Languages

R, Python, C, p5.js

Public Outreach & Volunteer Work

Nov 2023- May 2024 Sci-Pie Committee UMass Boston

- Organizing committee member of the Environmental Biology (EB) grad student led forum for discussing scientific research and problems in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

2020 Counseling Cell IISERB

Peer Counselor

- Volunteered to help students with academic, emotional, and behavioral problems as a peer counselor.

2019 Student Development Council IISERB

Student Mentor

- Enrolled in guiding freshmen under the 'Friends of Freshers (FOF)' team.

2019 Model United Nations (MUN) IISERB

Student Volunteer

- Monitored the smooth flow of events for the MUN conference as a student volunteer.

2018 Vijyoshi (National Science Camp)

- Participant of the prestigious Vijyoshi (National Science Camp) organized jointly by KVPY, INSPIRE & IISERB.