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EDUCATION

- Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER-BPR), Berhampur, Odisha, India
 - BS-MS (Dual Degree) Physics Major; CPI: 8.5 (July 2019 July 2024)
 - * **Courses:** Classical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics, Advanced Quantum Mechanics, Mathematical Physics, Introduction to Statistics, Thermal Physics, Data Science, Machine Learning and Deep Learning, Electrodynamics, Condensed Matter Physics, Introduction to Semiconductor Physics, Astrophysics, Atomic and Nuclear Physics, Physics of the strongly interacting matter produced in relativistic heavy ion collisions, Numerical Methods and Programming.
 - * The Bachelor of Science program started from July 2019 to July 2022 [6 semesters], and now the master's program is going on from July 2022 to July 2024 [4 semesters].
- Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir, Neelakantha Nagar, Berhampur, Berhampur, Odisha, India
 - Class 12th [Higher Secondary Education]; Percentage Obtained: 79 (August 2016 August 2018)
 - The one-year gap after higher secondary education is for the preparation for different entrance exams.
- Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir, Khurda, Khurda, Odisha, India
 - Class 10th Board Examination; Percentage Obtained: 92.5 (August 2008 August 2016)

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I am a graduate who completed a five-year BS-MS program at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur. I have a keen interest in atomic and nuclear physics, machine learning, deep learning, computational physics and neuroscience. I possess strong analytical and computational skills, with experience working in a research environment. Currently, I am working on different aspects of computational physics.

Skills Summary

- Computer Languages: Python, C++, ROOT(Cern), Matlab
- Platforms: Linux, Windows, Arduino
- Soft Skills: Writing, Time Management
- Natural Languages: English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Odia

Experience

• Master's Thesis at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur (offline)

- Dissertation (June 2023 July 2024)
 - * Measurement of Charged K* in Au Au collision at RHIC Beam Energy Scan
 - Under the Supervision of Dr. Md. Nasim, I have successfully completed my master's thesis in the field of heavy-ion collision. I encompassed the mass, width, and invariant yields of the $K^{*\pm}$ meson, decay channel $(K^{*\pm} \rightarrow K_S^0 + \pi^{\pm})$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6$ GeV and 14.5 GeV. Additionally, we present the average transverse momentum $\langle p_T \rangle$ of $K^{*\pm}$ and compare it with other hadrons in the rapidity window of (-0.5 < y < 0.5). Furthermore, we illustrate the resonance-to-non-resonance ratio as a function of centrality to investigate the effects of rescattering and regeneration.

• Summer Research Intern at Indian Institute of Physics (IOPB), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (offline and remote)

- Student-Intern (May 2022 Jan 2023)
 - * Particle detection and Implementation of the different algorithms in the field of High Energy Physics using deep learning and artificial neural networks.
 - Under the supervision of Dr. Aruna Kumar Nayak and the direction of Sanu Varghese, I successfully finished my internship in differentiating signals and backgrounds utilizing deep learning and artificial neural networks. To distinguish between background and signal data, I worked mostly on the particle collision dataset (synthetic data), which was produced using Monte Carlo simulation tools. I experimented with the data set with several models like Convolution Neural Network(CNN) 1D and 2D, Dense Neural Network(DNN) with different layers to check the efficiency of models.

• Summer Research Intern at Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT INDORE) (Remote)

- Student Intern (June 2021 July 2021)
 - * "Space weather prediction using Machine Learning and A.I." under Dr. Saurabh Das. (With certification)
 - In this internship program, I have studied the sun, solar flares, Coronal Mass Emission, solar winds, airglow and aurora and used some data sets from the satellites, which consisted of pictures of the sun in different wavelengths and some time-lapse of it, which was further refined using machine learning and Python coding to know about the coronary mass emission (CME), solar flare and high energy pulse emission. Then, predict the space weather using this data.

PROJECTS

- Comparative Analysis of Neural Network Architectures in Solving the Schrödinger Equation (Quantum Harmonic Oscillator): In this project, we explore the fascinating world of neural networks through the lens of physics. By comparing the performance of a standard Neural Network (NNN) with a Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN), we aim to solve the Schrödinger equation and predict wave functions with greater accuracy. The PINN incorporates physics-based laws directly into its learning process, giving it an edge over the NNN, which lacks such domain-specific insights. This project showcases how blending artificial intelligence with the laws of physics opens new doors to solving complex problems. Plus, it's fun watching the PINN correct the NNN like a teacher grading homework!
 Project link: GITHUB LINK.
- Auto Hyper-Parameter Tuning Model In Image Classification: This project focuses on a model where hyperparameters are automatically tuned to optimize performance. The best model, after tuning, is then evaluated on the test data to determine its accuracy and overall performance for image classification(InProgress). Project link: GITHUB LINK.
- **Measurement of Phi-meson Production in Au-Au collision** @200 **GeV in AMPT model**: This project investigates the production of phi mesons in gold-gold (Au-Au) collisions at an energy of 200 GeV, utilizing the AMPT (A Multi-Phase Transport) model. The focus is on understanding the conditions under which phi mesons are produced in a high-energy nuclear environment, which is critical for studying the properties of the quark-gluon plasma. Project link: GITHUB LINK.
- Analysis of Simple Pendulum Motion Using Numerical and Manual Methods: This project aims to explore the dynamics of simple pendulum motion by implementing numerical methods to solve the governing differential equations and comparing the results with analytical solutions.
 Project link: GITHUB LINK.
- Deep Learning applications on Particle Physics (HEP) (Keras, PyTorch, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Python): This project explores the application of various deep learning techniques to analyze high-energy physics datasets, focusing on jet classification and tagging. Utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), the project implements models to differentiate jet constituents and images based on particle features and internal structures. It leverages datasets provided by Maurizio Pierinim and employs frameworks such as TensorFlow and Keras for model development. Key components include dataset preparation, model architecture, training, evaluation, and performance analysis, contributing to enhanced understanding of jet dynamics and classification in particle physics. Project link: GITHUB LINK.
- **RootBasics (HEP) (C++, ROOT-CERN, High Energy Physics)**: This project will teach you the basics of ROOT. I have utilized the C++ programming language and the ROOT framework to work on some basic ideas in this project. These ideas include drawing simple histograms and graphs with and without error bars, defining trees, adding trees to a root file, and reading the contents of a root file. Reading through this project, one may learn the fundamentals of working with root files and creating a histogram and graph from data files. Project link: GITHUB LINK.

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

- **29 june 2024**: Completed a introductory course on machine learning and deep learning offered by Stanford University in coursera platform .
- 21 November 2021: Attended IASC (International Astronomical Search Collaboration) organized by NASA.
- **3 April 2021**: Participated in a workshop on Data and Cosmology at IIT Madras during "Research Scholar Day 2021" and used satellite data to understand the cosmos.
- 15 January 2021: Participated in a workshop on satellites and Geo-sensing by IIRS and ISRO.
- **15 January 2020**: Participated in a robotics program and gained hands-on experience with the Arduino-UNO board at IISER Berhampur, Odisha.
- 5 January 2020: Attended a workshop on Radio Astronomy and Hubble Data Processing at IISER Berhampur.
- May 2020 August 2020: Completed a basic track on A.I. at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

• February 2019 - May 2020: Completed a course on nuclear engineering at National Research Nuclear University ME Phi (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute).

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

- An introduction to electromagnetic shielding and shielding cables Link: Article Link.
- An introduction to squeezed states in quantum mechanics Link: Presentation Link.
- A brief introduction to dark matter and dark energy Link: Article Link.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Pathani Samantha Mathematics Scholarship award September 2016
- Awarded for acquiring highest mark in class 10th August 2016
- Awarded National Rural Talent Scholarship (NRTS) award May 2014