

Education

- 2018–present **Graduate Student**, *University of Pittsburgh*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
2013–2018 **Integrated MSc. in Physics**, *National Institute Of Science Education and Research (NISER)*, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.

Research Experience

- Ongoing **Master's Thesis**, *Guide- Dr. Nishikanta Khandai*, Reader, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India.
Title: Machine Learning Based Predictors for Galaxy Properties
- Development of a classification scheme for galaxies on the basis of their photometric and spectroscopic properties as obtained from the SDSS and ALFALFA surveys.
 - Devise predictors for galaxy properties like cold gas densities (HI) using Machine Learning.
 - Generalizing the above approach to devise predictors for galaxy properties which are unmeasurable due to observational constraints.
- May–August 2017 **Summer Internship as MITACS Globalink Research Fellow**, *Guide- Dr. Erik Rosolowsky*, Associate professor, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.
Title: Exploring the Star Formation Law using Machine Learning
- Worked on expanding the empirical Kennicutt-Schmidt Law (Star Formation Law) by including more variables to form a robust and nearly universal law.
 - Performed Machine learning based variable selection on a huge catalog of physical variables for galaxies provided by the EDGE-CALIFA survey.
 - Demonstrated that stellar surface density has equal contribution towards star formation as gas surface density.
(*manuscript currently under preparation for publication. Poster available [here](#)*)
- March–April 2017 **Research Based Laboratory Course Work**, *Guide: Dr. Ashok Mohapatra*, Reader, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India.
Title: Study of Geometric Phase using Classical Coupled Oscillators
- Co-developed an experimental setup to demonstrate the evolution of the states of a Quantum Mechanical two-level system using the analogy of classical coupled oscillators.
 - Developed a method to study and demonstrate the geometric phase associated with the cyclic dynamics of a classical system of coupled oscillators using the above mentioned setup.
 - The experimental setup can be used as a teaching tool aimed towards undergraduate students to illustrate the evolution of quantum mechanical two-level systems using classical analogies and has been incorporated in the undergraduate curriculum of NISER, Bhubaneswar, India.
(*Accepted for publication in the European Journal of Physics. Accepted manuscript available [here](#)*)

Ongoing from June 2016 **Summer Internship**, Guide- *Dr. Yashwant Gupta, Senior professor and Dean GMRT Observatory, NCRA-TIFR, Pune, India.*

Title: Pulsar and Transient search using the upgraded GMRT

- Worked on developing a fully real time radio transient detection pipeline for the uGMRT, which is currently in the final stages of testing.
- Developed tessellation scheme for optimum coverage of sky area for pulsar survey observations using the upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (uGMRT)
- Am responsible for planning and management (both at the observatory and remotely) of more than 125 hours of pulsar survey observations.
- Developed observation management software to automatically plan and keep track of observations for the ongoing all sky survey for pulsars and transients using the uGMRT.
- Actively involved in pulsar survey data reduction, analysis and verification of new pulsar candidates.

Publications and Poster Presentation

Publication **Study of Geometric Phase using Classical Coupled Oscillators**, *Sharba Bhattacharjee, Biprateep Dey and Ashok K. Mohapatra*, European Journal of Physics, 2018. Accepted manuscript available [here](#).

Poster Presentation **Exploring the Star Formation Law using Machine Learning**, *Biprateep Dey, Erik Rosolowsky and the EDGE-CALIFA Collaboration*, at the University of Alberta Undergraduate Research Symposium (manuscript currently under preparation for publication. Poster available [here](#)).

Fellowships and Achievements

2017 **MITACS Globalink research fellowship**, The fellowship is awarded to top ranking undergraduate students to conduct a fully funded 12 week research internship at a Canadian university.

2016 **Winner of quiz on optics and photonics**, at Conference on Optics and Photonics, Optical Society of America, NISER Students Chapter .

2014-Present **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) Fellow**, (*Translation: Young Scientist Encouragement Program*), Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, The fellowship is awarded to about 50 best students of sciences at the undergraduate level all over India. Secured an all India rank of 7.

December 2014 **Best Experiment Presentation**, at Astronomy Winter School conducted by NCRA-TIFR and IUCAA, Pune, India. Slides available [here](#) .

2013 **Best High School Student of the Year**, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Agartala, India.

Conferences and Workshops attended

2017 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Astronomical Society, May 30 to June 1, 2017, University of Alberta, Edmonton Canada.

Conference on Optics and Photonics Technology, November 25, 2016, Optical Society of America (OSA), NISER Students chapter, Bhubaneswar, India.

Science with uGMRT, June 15 to 17, 2016, National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA-TIFR), Pune, India.

Pulsar Observatory for Students Camp, *October 22 to 25 and December 27 to 30, 2015*, Ooty Radio Telescope, Radio Astronomy Centre, NCRA-TIFR, Ooty, Tamil Nadu, India.

Radio Astronomy Winter School, *December 22 to 31, 2014*, IUCAA and NCRA-TIFR, Pune, India.

National Science (Vijyoshi) Camp, *November 10 to 12, 2014*, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata.