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# Synthetic biology circuits can respond within seconds

Synthetic biology offers a way to engineer cells to perform novel functions, such as glowing with fluorescent light when they detect a certain chemical. Usually, this is done by altering cells so they express genes that can be triggered by a certain input.

However, there is often a long lag time between an event such as detecting a molecule and the resulting output, because of the time required for cells to transcribe and translate the necessary genes. MIT synthetic biologists have now developed an alternative approach to designing such circuits, which relies exclusively on fast, reversible protein-protein interactions. This means that there's no waiting for genes to be transcribed or translated into proteins, so circuits can be turned on much faster -- within seconds.

"We now have a methodology for designing protein interactions that occur at a very fast timescale, which no one has been able to develop systematically. We're getting to the point of being able to engineer any function at timescales of a few seconds or less," says Deepak Mishra, a research associate in MIT's Department of Biological Engineering and the lead author of the new study.

This kind of circuit could be useful for creating environmental sensors or diagnostics that could reveal disease states or imminent events such as a heart attack, the researchers say.

Ron Weiss, a professor of biological engineering and of electrical engineering and computer science, is the senior author of the study, which appears today in Science. Other authors include Tristan Bepler, a former MIT postdoc; Bonnie Berger, the Simons Professor of Mathematics and head of the Computation and Biology group in MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory; Brian Teague, an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin; and Jim Broach, chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

#### **Protein interactions**

Inside living cells, protein-protein interactions are essential steps in many signaling pathways, including those involved in immune cell activation and responses to hormones or other signals. Many of these interactions involve one protein activating or deactivating another by adding or removing chemical groups called phosphates.

In this study, the researchers used yeast cells to host their circuit and created a network of 14 proteins from species including yeast, bacteria, plants, and humans. The researchers modified these proteins so they could regulate each other in the network to yield a signal in response to a particular event.

Their network, the first synthetic circuit to consist solely of phosphorylation / dephosphorylation proteinprotein interactions, is designed as a toggle switch -- a circuit that can quickly and reversibly switch between two stable states, allowing it to "remember" a specific event such as exposure to a certain chemical. In this case, the target is sorbitol, a sugar alcohol found in many fruits.

Once sorbitol is detected, the cell stores a memory of the exposure, in the form of a fluorescent protein localized in the nucleus. This memory is also passed on to future cell generations. The circuit can also be reset by exposing it to a different molecule, in this case, a chemical called isopentenyl adenine.

These networks can also be programmed to perform other functions in response to an input. To demonstrate this, the researchers also designed a circuit that shuts down cells' ability to divide after sorbitol is detected.

By using large arrays of these cells, the researchers can create ultrasensitive sensors that respond to concentrations of the target molecule as low as parts per billion. And because of the fast protein-protein interactions, the signal can be triggered in as little as one second. With traditional synthetic circuits, it could take hours or even days to see the output.

#### **Complicated networks**

The toggle network that the researchers designed in this study is larger and more complex than most synthetic circuits that have been previously designed. Once they built it, the researchers wondered if any similar networks might exist in living cells. Using a computational model that they designed, they discovered six naturally occurring, complicated toggle networks in yeast that had never been seen before.

"We wouldn't think to look for those because they're not intuitive. They're not necessarily optimal or elegant, but we did find multiple examples of such toggle switch behaviors," Weiss says. "This is a new, engineered-inspired approach to discovering regulatory networks in biological systems."

The researchers now hope to use their protein-based circuits to develop sensors that could be used to detect environmental pollutants. Another potential application is deploying custom protein networks within mammalian cells that could act as diagnostic sensors within the human body to detect abnormal hormone or blood sugar levels. In the longer term, Weiss envisions designing circuits that could be programmed into human cells to report drug overdoses or an imminent heart attack.

The research was funded by the Siebel Scholars Award, an Eni-MIT Energy Research Fellowship, the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies through the U.S. Army Research Office, a SynBERC grant from the National Science Foundation, and the Center for Integrated Synthetic Biology through the National Institutes of Health.

Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology www.sciencedaily.com

#### **Expert Lecture/Seminars/Courses/Industrial Visits Organized**

 Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering in collaboration with IETE Nashik Sub-Center Organizes Webinar to Celebrate World Telecom and Information Society Day on "Role of Electronics Engineers in Digital Transformation" By, Mr. Renjith. C. V. on 24th May 2021.



 Webinar was organized in collaboration with IETE Nashik Sub-Center on "Electric Vehicles" by Bhavisha Kalani, Vice President- Business development, AIESEC, Nashik on 25th May 2021



 Webinar was organized in collaboration with IETE Nashik Sub-Center on "Opportunities and Career Path For Electronics & Telecommunication Engineer" by Mr. Jagdish Ugale, Manager R&D Department, TAS POWERTEK Pvt. Ltd. on 29th May 2021



 Webinar was organized in collaboration with IETE Nashik Sub-Center on "Applications of MATLAB for Engineering Students by MathWorks" by Dr. Prasad Lad, Customer Success Engineer, Mathworks and Mr. Nikhil Sonawane, Education Technical Evangelist, Mathworks on 18th June 2021.



 Webinar was organized in collaboration with IETE Nashik Sub-Center on "Online Motivational talk" by Er.Pravin Panchagnula, Country Head Manufacturing, Microsoft Corporation India Pvt, Ltd. on 19th June 2021.



#### **Industrial Training / Seminar/Workshop done by Staff**

 Mr. P. J. Mondhe has participated in workshop on "Research Metrics" conducted by Center Of Publication Ethics of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar has participated in workshop on "Outcome Based Education and National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)" conducted by G. S. Mandal's MIT, Aurangabad & Mastersoft ERP solutions Nagpur on 14th and 15th May 2021.



 Dr. K. S. Holkar has participated in FDP on "Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Incubation" organized by Udyovardhini, Nashik from 17th to 31st May 2021.



 Dr. K. S. Holkar has participated in One Week Induction/Refresher Program on "Introduction to MOODLE for Teaching Leaning Process" organized by K. K. Wagh Polytechnic, Nashik from 17th to 22nd May 2021.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar has participated in workshop on "OBE Concepts & Implementation and Digital Preparedness for NBA" organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell(IQAC), Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Aurangabad on 29th May 2021.



 Mrs. K. Nirmalakumari has successfully completed one week online Faculty Development Program on "Artificial Intelligence" organized by department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Dr. D Y Patil School of Engineering from 24th May 2021 to 28th May 2021



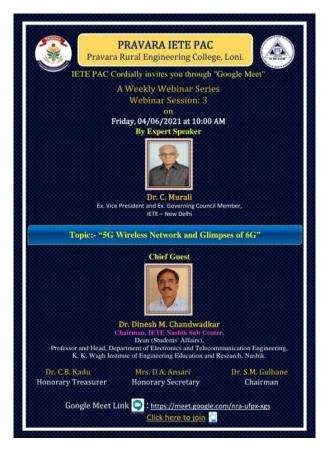
 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar has attended a One Week Short-Term Training Program on "Modern Tools for Electronic Circuit Design and Signal Processing Applications" approved by Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), organized by Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering during 01/06/2021 to 06/06/2021



 Dr. Kailas S. Holkar has participated & completed successfully AICTE Training And Learning (ATAL) Academy Online Elementary FDP on "Design Thinking" from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Gyan Ganga Institute of Technology and Sciences.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar invited as Chief Guest at PREC IETE PAC Pravara Rural Engineering College, Loni for the webinar on "5G Wireless Network and Glimpses of 6G" on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar and Dr. S. A. Patil (Ugale) has attended webinar on "5G Wireless Network and Glimpses of 6G" organized by PREC IETE PAC Pravara Rural Engineering College, Loni on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



• Dr. K. S. Holkar has participated in FDP on "Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)" organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering, SKIT, Jaipur 7th to 11th June 2021.



• Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar has attended a webinar on Webinar on "Is it too early to start research in 6G, Research trends in 'Beyond 5G' and '6G' Technologies" on 13th June 2021.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chandwadkar and Dr. S. A. Patil (Ugale) has attended workshop on "Towards Holistic Development" based on guidelines of NEP-2020 organized by Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Pimpri, pune from 15th to 19th June 2021.



Mr. D. D. Khartad have attended workshop on "System Design Using Vivado Design Suite and Zynq-7000 SoC" organized by School of Electrical Engineering, MIT Academy of Engineering, Alandi, Pune from 16th to 20th June 2021.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chnadwadkar has contributed as a Session Chair for Digital System Track at "ePGPEX-2021" organized by Board of Studies (E&TC), in association with Amrutvahni College of Engineering, Sangamner on 18th June 2021.



 Mr. P. J. Mondhe has voluntarily contributed as reviewer of papers in the track "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning" for ICCICT-2021 organized by Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, Mumbai from 25th to 27th June 2021.



Prof. Dr Dinesh M Chandwadkar has participated in One week Faculty Development Program
on "Interactive Teaching Learning Strategies With Affective & Cognitive Approach (ITLS)"
organized by Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering at PVG's COET &
GKPIM, Pune from 21st to 25th June 2021.



 Prof. Dr. D. M. Chnadwadkar has attended one day online national symposium on "Technology Vision: 2035 and Education Perspective" organized by Thakur College of Engineering and Technology, Mumbai on 26th June 2021.



## **Coursera Certification by Staff**















































• Staff has completed various courses on coursera.

Sr.	Name of Staff	Course Title	
No.	Member		
1.	Prof. Dr. D. M.	Exploring Emerging Technologies for Lifelong Learning	
''	Chandwadkar	and Success	
2.	Chanawaaka	Communication in the 21st Century Workplace	
3.	Dr. K. S. Holkar	Improving Math Engagement with Prodigy	
4.	Di. R. G. Hollar	Introduction to Cloud Identity	
5.	Mrs. S. P. Munot	Brain Tumor Classification Using Keras	
6.	(Bhabad)	Build a Full Website using WordPress	
7.	Dr. S. A. Patil	Exploring Emerging Technologies for Lifelong Learning	
''	(Ugale)	and Success	
8.		Communication in the 21st Century Workplace	
9.		Initiation to a google drive	
10.	Dr. S. S. Morade	Teaching with Peer Review Using Eduflow	
11.		Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides	
12.		How To Create a Website in a Weekend! (Project-	
12.	Mr. R. R. Khinde	Centered Course)	
13.		Create Charts and Dashboard using Google Sheets	

14.		Improve Efficiency in Asana for Project Managers		
15.	Mr. V. R. Takate	Organisational behaviour: Know your people		
16.	IVII. V. IX. TANALE	Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python)		
	Mrs. M. P. Joshi			
17.		Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides		
18.		The Science of Well-Being		
19.		Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides		
20.	Mrs. V. R. Lele	Analyze Data using Pivot Tables, Crosstabs in Google		
		Sheets		
21.		Build an Interactive Worksheet in Google Slides		
22.		Create Training Videos with Powtoon		
23.	Mrs. D. C. Shimpi	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)		
24.	Wild. D. O. Orimipi	Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides		
25.	Mrs. R. V. Chothe	Initiation à Google Drive		
26.	Mrs. S. A. Karpe (Shinde)	Build a Full Website using WordPress		
27.		AWS S3 Basics		
28.	Mr. K. S. Navale	Computer Vision - Image Basics with OpenCV and Python		
29.	1	Getting Started with AWS Machine Learning		
30.	Mrs. S. V. Shelke	Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides		
31.	Wis. S. V. Sheike	Introduction to programming with MATLAB		
32.	Mrs. A. H.	Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides		
33.	Dhangare	Communication in the 21st Century Workplace		
34.	Mr. D. D. Khartad	Initiation à Google Drive		
35.	Mrs. P. P. Patil	The Science of well being		
36.	Mr. C. C. Davisia	Improving Math Engagement with Prodigy		
37.	Mr. S. S. Dongare	Supply Chain Excellence		
00		Speak English Professionally: In Person, Online & On the		
38.		Phone		
39.	1	Initiation à Google Drive		
40.	Mr. P. J. Mondhe	Machine Learning Pipelines with Azure ML Studio		
41.	-	Engaging and Assessing Students with Plickers		
42.	-	Using Google Forms for Student Success		
43.	Mrs. K. Nirmala	Improving Math Engagement with Prodigy		
44.	Kumari	VLSI CAD PartII: Layout		

45.		Speak English Professionally: In Person, Online & On the	
45.		Phone	
46.	Mr. S. A. Zalte	Initiation à Google Drive	
47.	Ms. J. R. Shinde Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides		
48.	Ms. Rohini Daund	Write professional emails in English	
49.	Wio. Romin Baaria	Self-Awareness and the Effective Leader	
50.	Rupali M. Jadhav	Cloud Computing Basics (Cloud 101)	
51.	Trapair IVI. Gadriav	Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides	
52.		Introduction to programming with MATLAB	
53.	Keshav R. Dhikale	Tracking Student Growth using Google Slides	
54.		Improving Math Engagement with Prodigy	

# **Udemy Courses Developed by Staff**

• Staff has developed and uploaded different courses on Udemy platform

Sr. No.	Name of Staff	Name of Course	Link
1.	Mr. R. R. Khinde	Basics of computer networking & Fault finding	https://www.udemy.com/course/computer- networking-and-fault- finding/learn/lecture/26092586?start=0#content
2.	Mrs. V. R. Lele	Features of OOP	https://www.udemy.com/course/features-of- oop/?referralCode=00812CCAF717E86AE496
3.	M.P.Joshi	Wireless Technologies for IoT	https://www.udemy.com/course/draft/4068926/? referralCode=71D2510B7C331B721F97
4.	D. C. Shimpi	Spread spectrum techniques	https://www.udemy.com/course/spread- spectrum- techniques/?referralCode=0EAE902675D70E5 C87D7
5.	Rupali Vilas Chothe	Pyhton programming:Basics and Hands on	https://www.udemy.com/course/python-programming-handson/?referralCode=9BEE9A513E1FD1499 4E2
6.	Smita Shinde	Artificial Intelligence	https://www.udemy.com/join/login- popup/?next=/home/teaching/test-video
7.	Mr. N. M Bhujbal	Fundamentals of sensor interfacing	https://www.udemy.com/course/fundamentals- of-sensor- interfacing/?referralCode=30BB4D2F0690A84D AC4A
8.	A.H.Dhangare	Design and simulate circuit in Tinkercad software	https://www.udemy.com/course/draft/3981784/learn/lecture/26658710#overview
9.	K.S.Navale	Introduction to	https://www.udemy.com/share/104FPwAEYddF

		Python Programming	pRRHQF/https://www.udemy.com/share/104FPwAEYddFpRRHQF/
10.	Puja Patil	Implementation of different Modulation techniques using Matlab	https://www.udemy.com/course/implementation -of-various-modulation-techniques-using- matlab/?referralCode=8D955BA0B8B7F029C2 FC
11.	P J Mondhe	Decoding Cellular Communication	https://www.udemy.com/course/decoding- cellular- communication/?referralCode=28FD2EA94AFB 5201DC5F
12.	Kaithi Nirmalakumari	Hardware Description Languages for Logic Design	https://www.udemy.com/course/draft/4071514/? referralCode=C675D333A96230E21381

## **Coursera Courses By Students**

Students have completed various courses on coursera.

Sr. No	Name of Student	Class	Course Name
1.	Ganore Vaishnavi Rajendra	FE	Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python)
2.	Bhoye Priyanka Rajesh		Engineering Project Management: Scope, Time and Cost Management
3.	Shrivastava Aditi	SE	C for Everyone: Programming Fundamentals
4.	Navneet		Custom Reports in Google Analytics









# **Students Placement for AY 2020-21**

Sr. No.	Name of the Student placed	Name of the Employer	Package (LPA)
1.	Neha Rajesh Kinge	Fin IQ	8.00
Pritam Jitendra Khairnar		Fin IQ	8.00
3.	Vrushali Shashikant Digholkar	Fin IQ	7.00
4.	Kadlag Gayatri Kiran	Capgemini	3.80
5.	Patil Aishwarya Shivaji	Capgemini	3.80
6.	Aditya Chintamani Aradhye	Capgemini	3.80
7.	Aditya Prakash Ghaywat	Capgemini	3.80
8.	Kavita Pundlik Gore	Capgemini Infosys	3.80 3.50
9.	Rajeev Nityanand Bhat	Capgemini	3.80
10.	Arya Aniket	Birlasoft India Pvt. Ltd	3.60
10.	7 ii ya 7 ii ii iot	TCS	3.36
11.	Bhadane Shruti Vijaykant	TCS	3.36
12.	Arindam Nag	TCS	3.36
13.	Atharv Shimpi	TCS	3.36
14.	Farhan Alam	TCS	3.36
15.	Sakshat Erande	TCS	3.36
16.	Kinge Prathamesh Rangnath	TCS	3.36
17.	Mali Adarsh Pitambar	TCS	3.36
18.	Pawar Neha Ravindra	TCS	3.36
		Hexaware technologies	3.36
19.	Thanekar Nimish Vinod	TCS	3.36
		Accenture	7.00
20.	Bacchav Prajakta Vasant	Accenture	7.00
21.	Shubham Patil	TCS	3.36
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22.	Saurabh Sopan Shinde	Persistent	4.51
22.	Saurabii Sopari Stillide	Systems	4.51
23.	Sayali Abhiman Aher	Persistent Systems	4.51
		Persistent	
24.	Kartiki Khairnar	Systems	4.51
25.	Nishank Jawale	Persistent	4.51
25.	TVISITATIK JAWATE	Systems	7.51
26.	Prajakta Kubhakarna	Persistent	4.51
07		Systems	4.50
27.	Beri Omkar Suhas	Persistent	4.50
	Bon Gillian Gallag	Mahindra & Mahindra	3.60
		Persistent	
28.	Hrishikesh Vinod Mahajan	Systems	4.51
20.	Tilislikesii viilou waliajali	Wipro	3.50
29.	Garima Mishra	Wipro	3.50
30.	Akshada Patel	Infosys	3.50
31.	Krishna Kulkarni	Infosys	3.50
32.	Prajwal Wagh	Infosys	3.50
33.	Vanshika Manwani	Infosys	3.50
	_	Infosys	3.50
34.	Ani Singh	Perennial	4.20
		Systems Infosys	3.50
35.	Kudhekar Vaishnavi Narayan	Mahindra &	3.30
		Mahindra	3.00
36.	Avhad Amruta Machhindra	Mahindra &	3.00
50.	Avriad Arridia Macrimilara	Mahindra	3.00
37.	Pekhale Jayesh Sanjay	Mahindra & Mahindra	3.00
		Mahindra &	
38.	Khan Saher Shakeel	Mahindra	3.00
		Yotta Network	
39.	Gaikwad Anjali Mothabhau	Services Pvt.	3.80
		Ltd., Mumbai	
40.	Snehal Sunil Joshi	Face	3.06
41.	Mehetre Anushka Pradip	Qspider	2.00
42.	Mahak Kamlesh Jain	Qspider	2.00
43.	Mahale Shubham Dattu	NCDEX	4.20

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