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Education

- Present **Ph.D. Candidate**, *University of Notre Dame*, Physics, Expected graduation 2021.
- 2016-20 **M.S.**, *University of Notre Dame*, Physics.
- 2012-16 **B.Tech.**, *Indian Institute of Technology Bombay*, Engineering Physics with Honors.
Exchange Semester - Spring 2015 at *University of Toronto*.

Research Experience

- 2019 - **Neutron star mergers and the nuclear equation of state**
present Collaborators: Prof. Grant Mathews^[1], Dr. Hee Il Kim^[2], & Dr. In-Saeng Suh^[1]
[1] University of Notre Dame, [2] Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea.
We perform binary neutron star merger simulations with a Quark-Hadron crossover equation of state and gravitational wave analysis using Einstein Toolkit and LORENE.
- 2017 - 2020 **Multicomponent relativistic thermalization during big bang nucleosynthesis**
Collaborators: Prof. Grant Mathews^[1], Dr. Nishanth Sasankan^[1], & Prof. Motohiko Kusakabe^[2]
[1] University of Notre Dame, [2] Beihang University, Beijing, China.
 - We constructed a Monte-Carlo simulation that replicates the thermalization process for relativistic multicomponent mixtures in full three-dimensions to achieve the equilibrium distribution computationally.
 - The simulation codes have been made publicly available on github.com/AtulKedia93/Multicomponent_relativistic_thermalization.
- 2014 - 2016 **Scales to cosmic homogeneity with multiple tracers**
Collaborators: Prof. Subhabrata Majumdar & Dr. Prakash Sarkar
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India
We performed multifractal analysis of multiple tracers of the cosmos namely main galaxy, LRG and quasar samples to test cosmic homogeneity and to identify the scale of transition to homogeneity.
- Summer 2015 **Stability of non-relativistic magnetized astrophysical jets**
Collaborators: Prof. Dinshaw Balsara, Dr. Jinho Kim and Dr. Sudip Garain
University of Notre Dame, United States
We studied the non-relativistic MagnetoHydrodynamics(MHD) equations numerically and a astrophysical jets with and without magnetic fields.

Research publications

- [7] "Simulations of multicomponent relativistic thermalization", **A. Kedia**, N. Sasankan, G.J. Mathews, M. Kusakabe, [Phys. Rev. E 103, 032101 \(2021\)](#)
- [6] "Conformally flat, quasi-circular numerical simulations of the gravitational wave chirp from binary neutron star merger GW170817", G.J. Mathews, I.S. Suh, N.Q. Lan, **A. Kedia**, [2103.05082 \[gr-qc\] \(2021\)](#)

- [5] Z. Etienne, S.R. Brandt*, P. Diener*, W. E. Gabella*, M. Gracia-Linares*, R. Haas*, **A. Kedia***, et al. (2021, May 31). The Einstein Toolkit (Version: [The "Lorentz" release, ET_2021_05](#)). (*=co-second authors)
- [4] "Analysis of the multicomponent relativistic Boltzmann equation for electron scattering in big bang nucleosynthesis", N. Sasankan, **A. Kedia**, M. Kusakabe, G.J. Mathews, [Phys. Rev. D 101, 123532 \(2020\)](#)
- [3] "Cosmological solutions to the Lithium problem", G.J. Mathews, **A. Kedia**, N. Sasankan, M. Kusakabe, Y. Luo, T. Kajino, D.G. Yamazaki, T. Makki, M.El Eid, [JPS Conf. Proc. 31, 011033 \(2020\)](#), [Mem. S.A.It. Vol. 91, 29-34 \(2020\)](#)
- [2] S.R. Brandt, B. Brendal*, W. E. Gabella*, R. Haas*, B. Karakaş*, **A. Kedia***, S.G. Rosofsky*, A.P. Schaffarczyk*, et al. (2020, May 30). The Einstein Toolkit (Version: [The "Turing" release, ET_2020_05](#)). (*=co-second authors)
- [1] "The many scales to cosmic homogeneity: Use of multiple tracers from the SDSS", P. Sarkar, S. Majumdar, B. Pandey, **A. Kedia**, S. Sarkar, [1611.07915 \[astro-ph.CO\] \(2016\)](#)

--- Talks and Presentations

- July 2021 "Binary neutron star initial data creation using LORENE" at the North American Einstein Toolkit Workshop (Virtual). **(invited)**
- July 2021 "Binary neutron star mergers of quark matter based equations of state." at the 16th Marcel Grossmann meeting.
- April 2021 "Binary neutron star mergers and the nuclear equations of state." at APS April Meeting.
- April 2021 Poster titled "Monte-Carlo simulations of multi-specie relativistic thermalization for Big bang nucleosynthesis." at APS April Meeting.
- November 2020 "Monte-Carlo simulations of multi-specie relativistic thermalization and Analysis of Boltzmann Equation for Big bang nucleosynthesis" at APS-DNP Fall meeting.
- October 2020 "Full GR simulations of Neutron star binaries at large separations" at Midwest Relativity Meeting.
- September 2020 "Relativistic thermodynamics in Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at U Notre Dame Astrophysics Seminar. **(invited)**
- April 2019 "Relativistic electron scattering and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at APS April Meeting.
- Dec 2018 Poster titled "Relativistic particle scattering and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at College of Science and Engineering - Joint Annual Meeting 2018.
- Oct 2018 "Relativistic particle scattering and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at the Biophysics group led by Prof. Vural at iCeNSA, University of Notre Dame. **(invited)**
- Oct 2018 "Relativistic particle scattering and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at Interplay between Particle and Astroparticle physics 2018 hosted by University of Cincinnati.
- April 2018 Poster titled "Proton distribution function during Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at APS April Meeting.
- June 2017 "Probing homogeneity of the Cosmos using Quasars" at Fourth Azarquel School of Astronomy.
- Nov 2016 Poster titled "Probing homogeneity of the Cosmos using Quasars" at GPS Annual Conference.

--- Awards, Grants and Scholarships

- June 2021 A recipient of the Center of Research Computing Graduate Award for Computational Science and Visualization 2021 (\$1000 and a plaque), the **most prestigious pre-defense award** at Notre Dame.

- April 2021 Funding awarded by American Physical Society (APS)-Division of Astrophysics (DAP) to present at APS April meeting (\$110).
- April 2021 Funding awarded by Graduate Student Union (GSU) of University of Notre Dame to present at APS April meeting (\$149).
- April 2020 Funding awarded by GSU to attend APS April meeting (\$500).
- April 2019 Funding awarded by APS-DAP to present at APS April meeting (\$500).
- April 2019 Funding awarded by GSU to present at APS April meeting (\$350).
- May 2018 Full funding support from organizers to attend Neutron Star Merger summer school at FRIB, Michigan State University.
- April 2018 Funding awarded by APS-Division of Nuclear Physics to present at APS April meeting (\$400).
- Sept 2017 Full funding support from organizers to attend Midwest Theory Get-Together at Argonne National Laboratory.
- July 2017 Partial Funding support from organizers to attend National Nuclear Physics Summer School at University of Colorado Boulder (registration, accommodation, and meals).
- June 2017 Partial Funding support from organizers to attend Fourth Azarquiel School of Astronomy, on Nuclear Astrophysics and Astroparticle physics at Sicily, Italy (registration, accommodation, and meals).
- October 2014 Full tuition scholarship to attend University of Toronto as a semester exchange for spring 2015(\approx \$14000).

--- Services and Outreach

- 2020-present Active member of the Einstein Toolkit community, and contributor to the May 2020 release "[Turing](#)" and the May 2021 release "[Lorentz](#)".
 - 2020 Session Chair for the session on "Physics of Neutron Stars and Black Holes" at the Midwest Relativity Meeting 2020.
 - 2020 Core-member of the Local Organizing Committee for the [Midwest Relativity Meeting 2020](#).
- 2019-20 Physics Department Representative at the Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame.
- 2017-18 Graduate International Students committee member at the Physics Department, University of Notre Dame.
- March 2017, Judge for high school and elementary school students' physics projects at the Northern Indiana Regional Science & Engineering Fair(NIRSEF).
- 2016-18 Volunteer for Our Universe Revealed events and Stargazing events at the University of Notre Dame.

--- Teaching Experience

- Summer 2019 Instructor of Record for Physics 2 Electromagnetism labs at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Indiana University South Bend.
- 2017-2021 Delivered five lectures as part of Teaching Practicum for graduate students at Notre Dame.
 - o General Relativity for Prof. Mathews (April 2021)
 - o Engineering Physics I for Prof. Howk (Feb 2019)
 - o Math Methods for Physics II for Prof. Vural (March 2018)
 - o Elementary Cosmology for Prof. Jessop (Jan 2017)

- 2016-present Teaching Assistant in the Physics department for:
- Special and General Relativity (spring 19, spring 20, spring 21)
 - Graduate Classical Mechanics (fall 18)
 - Particles and Cosmology (spring 18)
 - Descriptive Astronomy (fall 17)
 - Elementary Cosmology (fall 17)
 - Physics 1 : Mechanics course Lead tutor (fall 19)
 - Physics 1 : Mechanics course tutor (summer 17, 18, spring 20)
 - Physics 1 : Mechanics lab for pre-med students (fall 16, spring 18)
 - Physics 2 : Electromagnetism course tutor (summer 18, fall 18, spring 19, fall 20),
received Course Instructor Feedback composite score of upto 5.0/5.0.
 - Physics 2 : Electromagnetism lab for pre-med students (spring 17, summer 17)
 - Physics 2 : Electromagnetism lab for engineering students (fall 20)
- 2015 Teaching Assistant for online course on Engineering physics by IIT Bombay and *Teach 10k Teachers* for physics teachers at engineering colleges in India.

--- Skill Set

Softwares :- Einstein Toolkit, LORENE, MATLAB, Mathematica, and \LaTeX .

Programming Languages :- Python, C, C++, and Arduino.

Operating Systems :- Windows and Ubuntu(Linux).

Languages :- Fluent in English and Hindi. Novice in French, German, and Bengali.

--- Workshops and Conferences attended

- September 2020 ICERM : Advances and Challenges in Computational Relativity (Virtual).
- August 2020 North American Einstein Toolkit Workshop (Virtual).
- July 2020 FRIB Theory Alliance Summer school: Dense matter in Astrophysics (Virtual).
- May 2020 LIGO - Virgo Collaboration Gravitational Wave Open Data Workshop 3 (Virtual).
- October 2019 Midwest Relativity Meeting at GVSU, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- June 2019 Einstein Toolkit North American Workshop at RIT, Rochester, NY.
- May 2018 Neutron Star Merger summer school at FRIB, Michigan State University with funding support from organizers.
- Sept 2017 Midwest Theory Get-Together at Argonne National Laboratory.
- Sept 2017 Chemical Evolution of the Universe, GMT community science meeting at Tarrytown, New York.
- July 2017 National Nuclear Physics Summer School at University of Colorado Boulder.
- July 2017 ICTP-SAIFR School on Open Problems in Cosmology at Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Did not attend)