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Research Positions

2022-Present **Postdoctoral fellow**, *Rochester Institute of Technology*, Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, Supervisor: Dr. Richard O'Shaughnessy.

Education

2016-22 **Ph.D.**, *University of Notre Dame*, Physics, Dissertation title "Relativistic Matter in Neutron Star Mergers and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis", Advisor: Prof. Grant Mathews.

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

2022 - **Surrogate modeling for kilonovae and parameter estimation for GW170817**

present Collaborators: M. Ristic^[1], Dr. R. O'Shaughnessy^[1], Dr. R. Wollaeger^[2], Dr. O. Korobkin^[2], Dr. E. Chase^[2], Dr. C. Fryer^[2], Dr. C. Fontes^[2], A. Yelikar^[1]

[1] Rochester Institute of Technology, [2] Los Alamos National Lab.

We generated a library of Gaussian process based surrogate models for kilonovae light curves for a broad collection of neutron star merger outflow ejecta. Using these parameter estimation of the ejecta from both GW- and EM- approaches.

2022 - **Equation of State support in RIFT**

present Collaborators: Dr. Jocelyn Read, Dr. Leslie Wade, and Dr. Richard O'Shaughnessy

[1] California State U - Fullerton, [2] Kenyon College, [3] Rochester Institute of Technology.

We are implementing nuclear equation of state (EOS) support for EOS parameter inference with the rapid parameter inference code RIFT for future neutron star merger observations.

2019 - 2022 **Neutron star mergers and the nuclear equation of state**

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 Quark-Hadron crossover equations of state using Einstein Toolkit and LORENE, and analyze the power spectral density of the resultant gravitational wave to obtain signatures of quark matter state.

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.

2015 **Stability of non-relativistic magnetized astrophysical jets**

Collaborators: Prof. Dinshaw Balsara, Dr. Jinho Kim & 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

- [12] "Surrogate light curve models for kilonovae with comprehensive wind ejecta outflows and parameter estimation for AT2017gfo", **A. Kedia**, M. Ristic, R. O'Shaughnessy, A.B. Yelikar, R.T. Wollaeger, et al., [2211.04363 \[astro-ph.HE\] \(2022\)](#), (Submitted to *Physical Review*).
- [11] "Binary neutron star mergers as a probe of quark-hadron crossover equations of state", **A. Kedia**, H.I. Kim, I.-S. Suh, G.J. Mathews, [Phys. Rev. D 106, 103027 \(2022\)](#)
- [10] Y. Zlochower, S.R. Brandt*,...*, **A. Kedia***, et al. (2022, May 31). The Einstein Toolkit (Version: [The "Riemann" release, ET_2022_05](#)). (*=co-second authors)
- [9] "Binary neutron star mergers of quark matter based nuclear equations of state", **A. Kedia**, G.J. Mathews, H.I. Kim, I.-S. Suh, [EPJ Web of Conferences 260, 11004 \(2022\)](#)
- [8] "Distribution function of nuclei from e^\pm scattering in the presence of a strong primordial magnetic field", M. Kusakabe, **A. Kedia**, G.J. Mathews, N. Sasankan, [Phys. Rev. D 104, 123534 \(2021\)](#)
- [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*,...*, **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**, et al, [JPS Conf. Proc. 31, 011033 \(2020\)](#), [Mem. S.A.It. Vol. 91, 29-34 \(2020\)](#)
- [2] S.R. Brandt, B. Brendal*,...*, **A. Kedia***, 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

- April 2023 "Neutron star merger ejecta estimation with kilonova light curve surrogates" at the APS April Meeting, Minneapolis.
- June 2022 "Neutron star merger gravitational waves for quark matter equation of state" at the North American Einstein Toolkit Workshop, University of Idaho (Hybrid).

- April 2022 "Postmerger evolution of neutron star mergers as a probe of quark matter equation of state" at the APS April Meeting, New York City.
- November 2021 "Neutron star mergers of quark matter based equations of state" at the Midwest Relativity meeting, UIUC (Hybrid).
- October 2021 "Binary neutron star mergers of quark matter based equations of state" at the APS - DNP Fall meeting (Virtual).
- 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 North American Einstein Toolkit Workshop (Virtual).
- July 2021 "Binary neutron star mergers of quark matter based equations of state." at the 16th Marcel Grossmann meeting (Virtual).
- April 2021 "Binary neutron star mergers and the nuclear equations of state." at APS April Meeting (Virtual).
- April 2021 Poster titled "Monte-Carlo simulations of multi-specie relativistic thermalization for Big bang nucleosynthesis." at APS April Meeting (Virtual).
- November 2020 "Monte-Carlo simulations of multi-specie relativistic thermalization and Analysis of Boltzmann Equation for Big bang nucleosynthesis" at APS-DNP Fall meeting (Virtual).
- October 2020 "Full GR simulations of Neutron star binaries at large separations" at Midwest Relativity Meeting (Virtual).
- September 2020 "Relativistic thermodynamics in Big Bang Nucleosynthesis" at U Notre Dame Astrophysics Seminar. (Virtual)**(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 Azarquiel School of Astronomy.
- Nov 2016 Poster titled "Probing homogeneity of the Cosmos using Quasars" at GPS Annual Conference.

--- Awards, Grants and Scholarships

- April 2022 Funding awarded by American Physical Society (APS)-Division of Gravitational Physics (DGRAV) and Division of Astrophysics (DAP) to present at APS April meeting (\$300×2).
- October 2021 Downes Memorial Award of Notre Dame to present at the APS - DNP meeting (\$100).
- June 2021 A recipient of the Center of Research Computing Graduate Award for Computational Science and Visualization 2021 (\$1000 and a plaque) at Notre Dame.
- April 2021 Funding awarded by APS-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 Azarquel 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).

Professional memberships

- 2022-present LIGO Scientific Collaboration
- 2018-present American Physical Society

Services and Outreach

- 2022 Popular science magazine *New Scientist* published an article on my Ph.D. research paper Phys. Rev. D 106, 103027 (2022). Article: K. Padavic-Callaghan, "Gravitational waves could reveal the existence of quark matter", *New Scientist*, Issue 3411 (2022), [newscientist.com/article/2344898-gravitational-waves-could-reveal-the-existence-of-quark-matter/](https://www.newscientist.com/article/2344898-gravitational-waves-could-reveal-the-existence-of-quark-matter/).
- 2020-present Active member of the Einstein Toolkit community, and contributor to the the May 2022 release "[Riemann](#)", the May 2021 release "[Lorentz](#)", and the May 2020 release "[Turing](#)".
- 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.
 - General Relativity for Prof. Mathews (April 2021)
 - Engineering Physics I for Prof. Howk (Feb 2019) (x2)
 - Math Methods for Physics II for Prof. Vural (March 2018)
 - Elementary Cosmology for Prof. Jessop (Jan 2017)

- 2016-present Teaching Assistant in the Physics department for:
- Special and General Relativity (spring 19, 20, 21)
 - Graduate Classical Mechanics (fall 18)
 - Particles and Cosmology (spring 18)
 - Descriptive Astronomy (fall 17)
 - Elementary Cosmology (fall 17, 21)
 - Physics 1 : Mechanics course Lead tutor (fall 19)
 - Physics 1 : Mechanics course tutor (summer 17, 18, spring 20, fall 21)
 - Physics 1 : Mechanics lab for pre-med students (fall 16, spring 18)
 - Physics 2 : Electromagnetism course tutor (summer 18, fall 18, 20 spring 19), 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, Ubuntu (Linux) (primarily via WSL lately) and Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

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

--- Workshops and Conferences attended

- Sept. 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)