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Profile

Dr Deepak Venkateshvaran is an emerging global leader in nanoscale science and technology. He holds a University Research Fellowship from the Royal Society, the UK's National Academy of Sciences, which independently funds his research with an endowment of over £1.3 million as of 2023. Dr Venkateshvaran is based at the Cavendish Laboratory of the University of Cambridge and leads a research group working on new energy harvesting technologies and novel nanoscale measurement techniques. In addition, he holds a joint appointment at Selwyn College Cambridge, where he is a Fellow, College Lecturer and Director of Studies in Physics. Dr Venkateshvaran has published in high profile scientific journals such as Nature, Nature Communications and Nature Electronics, and has delivered over 25 invited and contributed talks at prominent international scientific conferences and at leading research institutes in Europe, Japan, and North America. Dr Venkateshvaran holds a PhD degree in Physics from the University of Cambridge and a Master degree from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

Employment

01/2021 –	Principal Investigator (Royal Society University Research Fellow) Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom
10/2018 –	College Lecturer in Physics Selwyn College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
10/2017 –	Director of Studies in Physics Selwyn College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
10/2015 – 09/2018	Isaac Newton Trust Teaching Fellow Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
07/2014 – 12/2020	Research Associate (Funded through a European Research Council Synergy Grant 2014-2020) Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom
10/2008 – 10/2010	Staff Scientist (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) Walther-Meissner-Institute, Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Garching, Germany

Education

10/2010 – 05/2014	PhD in Physics , Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge [fully funded through a scholarship] Cambridge, United Kingdom
08/2006 – 08/2008	Master of Technology in Solid State Technology , Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, India CGPA: 9.17/10.00; graduated top of class
06/2004 – 06/2006	Master of Science in Physics , Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning Prasanthi Nilayam, India CGPA: 5.00/5.00; graduated top of class

Top 5 Peer-Reviewed Publications + Publishing Summary Statement

1. Illia Dobryden, V. V. Korolkov... & Deepak Venkateshvaran*, **Nature Communications** **13**, 3076 (2022)
2. Shu-Jen Wang, Deepak Venkateshvaran* et al., **Nature Electronics** **2**, 98-107 (2019)
3. Deepak Venkateshvaran et al., **Nature** **515**, 384–388 (2014)
4. Deepak Venkateshvaran et al., **APL Materials** **2**, 032102 (2014)
5. Deepak Venkateshvaran et al., **Physical Review B** **79**, 134405 (2009)

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Over 30 impactful publications with over 1850 citations including 5 papers in Nature Publishing Group Journals. Reviewer for manuscripts submitted to AAAS, Nature Publishing Group, AIP, Elsevier, MDPI and RSC.



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Grants for Academic Research (independently raised 1.25 million British pounds in the last three years)

1. Royal Society University Research Fellowship (URF): £722,621
2. Royal Society Enhancement Expenses 2023, 2024 and 2025: £297,758
3. Royal Society Enhancement Expenses 2021/2022 and 2022/2023: £243,828
4. Royal Society Research Grant 2021: £24,948
5. Selwyn College Travel Grants: £ 5000

6. Isaac Newton Trust Teaching Fellowship: £ 15000
7. Microsoft Grant to attend the Lindau Nobel Laureates Physics Meeting 2012: £ 5000
8. Fitzwilliam College Travel Grants: £ 1000
9. Full Overseas PhD Scholarship from Cambridge Commonwealth Trusts: £ 75,000
10. IIT-DAAD Scholarship: € 10,000
11. IIT Madras Teaching Fellowship: £ 1000

Major Fellowships and Awards

United Kingdom

- 2018 – Fellowship, Selwyn College, Cambridge
- 2017 – 2018 Bye Fellowship, Selwyn College, Cambridge
- 2016 – 2018 Isaac Newton Trust Teaching Fellowship, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
- 2015 – 2018 Bye Fellowship, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
- 2013 Lundgren Research Award, University of Cambridge
- 2012 UK/India representative at the 62nd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting for Physics [one of four students from the UK]
- 2012 Fitzwilliam College Senior Scholarship
- 2010 – 2013 Cambridge International Student Scholarship [Fully funded international PhD scholarship at Cambridge University]

Germany

- 2008 Wilhelm und Heraeus-Stiftung Fellowship [travel grant to attend the DPG Tagungen 2008]
- 2007 – 2008 Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Fellowship

India

- 2008 Institute Merit Prize and Medal, Indian Institute of Technology Madras [excellence in postgraduate studies]
- 2006 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Fellowship (CSIR-UGC JRF NET)
- 2006 – 2007 Indian Institute of Technology Half Time Teaching Assistantship
- 2006 Rank 56/4904 in all India Graduate Admission Test in Engineering (GATE) for Physics
- 2006 Dr. G Venkataraman Gold Medal, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning [excellence in postgraduate studies]
- 2005 Indian Academy of Sciences Summer Research Fellowship

Academic Community Service

- Panel Member – Graduate Funding Committee at the Cavendish Laboratory that decides funding for PhD applicants (2023)
- Selection Committee Member – Henslow Research Fellowship at Cambridge University (2022)
- Selection Committee Member – Trevelyan Research Associates at Selwyn College, Cambridge University (2019)
- Selection Committee Member – Gavin Boyle Fellowship in Cosmology and Exoplanetary Research at Cambridge University (2019)
- Selection Committee Member – Henslow Research Fellowship at Cambridge University (2018)
- Selection Committee Member – Master of Advanced Study (MAST) in Physics at Cambridge University (2018 – now)
- Referee – Welsh Government's Ser Cymru II Rising Stars Fellowship for projects worth over 1 million British pounds (2017)
- Assessor – Undergraduate, Masters and PhD theses at Cambridge University (2014 – now)

Organisation, Leadership and Laboratory Management

- 10/2021 – 10/2022 Setup a new nanomechanics laboratory facility at the University of Cambridge
- 01/2021 – present Organised research seminars on nanomechanics between Cambridge Uni, ULB Belgium and KTH Stockholm
- 10/2018 – present Trustee, Selwyn College, Cambridge
- 02/2017 – present Organised and conducted interviews for potential post-doctoral candidates at the Cavendish Laboratory.
- 11/2014 – present Organiser of regular videoconferences and bi-annual meetings between academic partners from four European countries working on a 10-million-euro Synergy Grant of the European Research Council.
- 11/2014 – present Delivered talks on organic electronics to the general public of all age groups.
- 11/2014 – present Trained and supervised multiple Master and PhD projects at the University of Cambridge.
- 11/2014 – 11/2015 Worked alongside research scientists from Hitachi Cambridge Laboratories to set up a Spintronics Laboratory.

Management Training – Innovation and the Business of Science

- 02/2023 – Introduction to Management* – Imperial College Business School Executive Education
- 03/2023 – Leadership Effectiveness* – Imperial College Business School Executive Education
- 03/2023 – Royal Society Science Policy Primer – Introduction to Government Policy and Science based Decision Making

*Course fully funded by the Royal Society

Talks

Delivered over 15 contributed and invited talks at major global conferences such as MRS Boston, SPIE San Diego, Spintech 5 Krakow, JPS Osaka and SpinOS Halle. Delivered over 10 invited seminars at world class institutions such as KTH Stockholm, University of Tokyo, TU Delft, TU Munich, Durham University, Queen Mary University, and the Jozef Stefan Institute.

Teaching

I've taught parts of the undergraduate courses within the Part 1B, Part II and Part III NST Physical Sciences at Cambridge University. I've also supervised master thesis projects, doctoral projects, and postdoctoral projects within the Physics department.

Other Salient Academic Contributions

My PhD work at the Cavendish Laboratory (2010 – 2014) spun out multiple new projects that were recently completed or are currently ongoing. Over 10 PhDs and Postdocs were hired at the Cavendish Laboratory based on the outcomes of my PhD in thermoelectrics.

Noteworthy Extracurricular Interest

Music

I have played the Indian Tabla for over 30 years and have made contributions to three studio-recorded music CDs. I've also composed scores for modern art films that premiered in the UK, performed with a Celtic Harpist, a Japanese Tsugaru Shamisen player, and a Flamenco Guitarist. I routinely deliver outreach talks that showcase the physics of the Tabla to broad spectrum audiences.

Longer Publications List

Below are my top 20 peer-reviewed journal publications on thermoelectric energy harvesting, flexible electronics, and novel nanoscale mechanics. These are publications in which I was a major contributor. The complete list of my publications can be found on [Google Scholar](#).

1. **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Wolfgang Kaiser, Andrea Boger, Matthias Althammer, M. S. Ramachandra Rao, Sebastian T. B. Goennenwein, Matthias Opel, Rudolf Gross
Universal scaling behavior of the anomalous Hall effect in $\text{Fe}_{3-x}\text{Zn}_x\text{O}_4$
Physical Review B 78, 092405 (2008)
2. **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Matthias Althammer, Andrea Nielson, Stephan Gepraegs, M. S. Ramachandra Rao, Sebastian T. B. Goennenwein, Matthias Opel, Rudolf Gross
Epitaxial $\text{Fe}_{3-x}\text{Zn}_x\text{O}_4$ thin films: A spintronic material with tunable electrical and magnetic properties
Physical Review B 79, 134405 (2009)
3. Auke Jisk Kronemeijer, Vincenzo Pecunia, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Aditya Sadhanala, John Moriarty, Monika Szumilo, Henning Sirringhaus
Two-dimensional carrier distribution in top gate polymer field-effect transistors: Correlation between width of density of states and Urbach energy
Advanced Materials 26, 728 (2014)
4. **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Auke Jisk Kronemeijer, John Moriarty, David Emin, Henning Sirringhaus
Field-effect modulated Seebeck coefficient in organic polymers using a microfabricated on-chip architecture
APL Materials 2, 032102 (2014)
5. **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Mark Nikolka, Aditya Sadhanala, Vincent Lemaure, Mateusz Zelazny, Michal Kepa, Michael Hurhangee, Auke Jisk Kronemeijer, Vincenzo Pecunia, Iyad Nasrallah, Igor Romanov, Katharina Broch, Ian McCulloch, David Emin, Yoann Olivier, Jerome Cornil, David Beljonne, Henning Sirringhaus
Approaching disorder-free transport in high mobility conjugated polymers
Nature 515, 384 (2014)
6. Mathias Gruber, Seok-Heon Jung, Sam Schott, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Auke Jisk Kronemeijer, Jens Wenzel

- Andreasen, Christopher R McNeill, Wallace W. H. Wong, Munazza Shahid, Martin Heeney, Jin-Kyun Lee, Henning Sirringhaus
Enabling high-mobility, ambipolar charge-transport in a DPP-Benzotriazole copolymer by side-chain engineering
Chemical Science **6**, 6949 (2015)
7. C. N. Warwick, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Henning Sirringhaus
Accurate on-chip measurement of the Seebeck coefficient of high mobility small molecule organic semiconductors
APL Materials **3**, 096104 (2015)
 8. Gueorgui O. Nikiforov, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Sebastian Mooser, Aurelie Meneau, Thomas Strobel, Auke Kronemeijer, Lang Jiang, Mi Jung Lee, Henning Sirringhaus
Current-induced Joule heating and electrical field effects in low temperature measurements on TIPS pentacene thin film transistors
Advanced Electronic Materials **2**, 1600163 (2016)
 9. Riccardo Di Pietro, Iyad Nasrallah, Joshua Carpenter, Eliot Gann, Lisa Sophie Kölln, Lars Thomsen, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Kathryn O'Hara, Aditya Sadhanala, Michael Chabinyk, Christopher R. McNeill, Antonio Facchetti, Harald Ade, Henning Sirringhaus, Dieter Neher
Coulomb enhanced charge transport in semicrystalline polymer semiconductors
Advanced Functional Materials **26**, 8011 (2016)
 10. Katharina Broch*†, **Deepak Venkateshvaran***†, Vincent Lemaure, Yoann Olivier, David Beljonne, Mateusz Zelazny, Iyad Nasrallah, David J Harkin, Martin Statz, Riccardo Di Pietro, Auke Jisk Kronemeijer, Henning Sirringhaus
Measurements of Ambipolar Seebeck Coefficients in High-Mobility Diketopyrrolopyrrole Donor–Acceptor Copolymers
Advanced Electronic Materials **3**, 1700225 (2017) *joint first authors, †corresponding authors
 11. M Statz, **D Venkateshvaran**, X Jiao, S Schott, CR McNeill, D Emin, H Sirringhaus, R Di Pietro
On the manifestation of electron-electron interactions in the thermoelectric response of semicrystalline conjugated polymers with low energetic disorder
Communications Physics (Nature Publishing Group) **1**, 16 (2018)
 12. E. Pfitzner, X. Hu, H. W. Schumacher, A. Hoehl, **D. Venkateshvaran**, M. Cubukcu, J.-W. Liao, S. Auffret, J. Heberle, J. Wunderlich, B. Kästner
Near-field magneto-caloritronic nanoscopy on ferromagnetic nanostructures
AIP Advances **8**, 125329 (2018)
 13. Keehoon Kang, Sam Schott, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Katharina Broch, Guillaume Schweicher, David Harkin, Cameron Jellett, Christian Nielsen, Iain McCulloch, Henning Sirringhaus
Investigation of the Thermoelectric Response in Conducting Polymers Doped by Solid-State Diffusion
Materials Today Physics **8**, 112 (2019)
 14. Shu-Jen Wang*, **Deepak Venkateshvaran***†, M. R. Mahani, Uday Chopra, Erik R. McNellis, Riccardo Di Pietro, Sam Schott, Angela Wittmann, Guillaume Schweicher, Murat Cubukcu, Keehoon Kang, Remington Carey, Thomas J. Wagner, Janis N. M. Siebrecht, Daniel P. G. H. Wong, Ian E. Jacobs, Razan O. Aboljadayel,

- Adrian Ionescu, Sergei A. Egorov, Sebasitan Mueller, Olga Zadvorna, Piotr Skalski, Cameron Jellett, Mark Little, Adam Marks, Iain McCulloch, Joerg Wunderlich, Jairo Sinova, Henning Sirringhaus†
Long spin diffusion lengths in doped conjugated polymers due to enhanced exchange coupling
Nature Electronics 2, 98 (2019) *joint first authors, †corresponding authors
15. Mark Nikolka, Katharina Broch, John Armitage, David Hanifi, Peer J. Nowack, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Aditya Sadhanala, Jan Saska, Mark Mascal, SeokHeon Jung, Jin-Kyun Lee, Iain McCulloch, Alberto Salleo, Henning Sirringhaus
High-mobility, trap-free space charge limited currents in low-disorder conjugated polymers enabled by small molecular additives
Nature Communications 10, 2122 (2019)
 16. Guillaume Schweicher, Michael T. Ruggiero, Gabriele D'Avino, David J. Harkin, Katharina Broch, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Guoming Liu, Audrey Richard, Christian Ruzié, Jeff Armstrong, Alan R. Kennedy, Kenneth Shankland, Kazuo Takimiya, Yves H. Geerts, J. Axel Zeitler, Simone Fratini, Henning Sirringhaus
Accurate, mode-resolved mapping of electron-phonon coupling for the rational design of high mobility molecular semiconductors
Advanced Materials 31, 1902407 (2019)
 17. Georg Ulrich, Emanuel Pfitzner, Arne Hoehl, Jung-Wei Liao, Olga Zadvorna, Guillaume Schweicher, Henning Sirringhaus, Joachim Heberle, Bernd Kästner, Jörg Wunderlich, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**
Thermoelectric nanospectroscopy for the imaging of molecular fingerprints
Nanophotonics 9(14), 4347 (2020)
 18. Piotr Skalski, Olga Zadvorna, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**, Henning Sirringhaus
Distinguishing spin pumping from spin rectification in lateral spin pumping device architectures based on doped organic semiconductors
Physical Review Materials 6, 024601 (2022)
 19. Vishal Panchal, Illia Dobryden, Ude D. Hangen, Dimitrios Simatos, Leszek J. Spalek, Ian E. Jacobs, Guillaume Schweicher, Per M. Claesson, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**†
Mechanical Properties of Organic Electronic Polymers on the Nanoscale
Advanced Electronic Materials 8, 2101019 (2022) †corresponding author
 20. Illia Dobryden, Vladimir V. Korolkov, Vincent Lemaure, Matthew Waldrip, Hio-Ieng Un, Dimitrios Simatos, Leszek J. Spalek, Oana D. Jurchescu, Yoann Olivier, Per M. Claesson, **Deepak Venkateshvaran**†
Dynamic self-stabilization in the electronic and nanomechanical properties of an organic polymer semiconductor
Nature Communications 13, 3076 (2022) †corresponding author