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Curriculum vitae

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My primary research interest is **string theory** (especially the AdS/CFT correspondence). I am also interested in conformal field theories (CFTs), quantum information theory, and cosmology.

Education

2019–Present **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)**

B.Tech in Engineering Physics

CPI-9.16/10

Pursuing **Honors** in Physics and a **Minor** in Mathematics.

Papers/Preprints

K. Sreeman Reddy, "A timelike entangled island at the initial singularity in a JT FLRW ($\Lambda > 0$) universe," [arXiv:2211.14893](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.14893) [hep-th]

Key Projects

Aug 2022– **AdS/CFT correspondence and the information paradox**

Present *Supervisor:* [Prof. Pichai Ramadevi](#), Dept. of Physics, IIT Bombay

- Studied the AdS/CFT correspondence (with a focus on black hole thermodynamics) from a textbook by Năstase.
- Studied several review articles related to the holographic entanglement entropy.
- Read recent papers on the resolution of the information paradox using the Island prescription.
- After reading recent papers on islands in de Sitter spacetimes, started working on a related research problem.

May–July **Quantum Raychaudhuri Equation and its applications to cosmology**

2022 *Supervisor:* [Prof. Saurya Das](#), Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, University of Lethbridge, Canada

- Studied a semi-classical gravity theory obtained by replacing classical geodesics in the Raychaudhuri equation with Bohmian trajectories.
- Studied a cosmological model within this theory where both dark matter and dark energy are unified into a dark Bose-Einstein condensate.
- Implemented a special case of this theory in CLASS and estimated the cosmological parameters by doing Monte Carlo sampling in Cobaya using Planck 2018 data to find out whether this model can explain the Hubble tension.

Jun–Nov **Black hole information paradox**

2021 *Supervisor:* [Prof. Vikram Rantala](#), Dept. of Physics, IIT Bombay

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- Studied quantum scalar field theory in curved spacetime and how it compares with QFT in flat space-time.
- Reviewed the four laws of black hole mechanics and their similarity with thermodynamics and Penrose process in a Kerr black hole.
- Studied **Unruh effect** which explains that the vacuum state of a Minkowski observer will be a thermal state as observed by a Rindler observer and how entanglement between the left and right Rindler wedges prevents a firewall at the Rindler horizon.
- Studied **Hawking radiation**, the conditions under which a black hole can be in stable or unstable equilibrium.
- Assuming that the evaporation is unitary, studied the characteristics of **Page curve** using the **Page theorem**.

Academic Achievements

- 2022 Selected to the **Mitacs Globalink Research Internship Award** for a 12-week fully funded research internship in Canada
- 2019 Achieved **All India Rank 100** in IIT JEE Advanced among 200,000+ candidates
- 2019 Achieved **All India Rank 236** in IIT JEE Mains among 1,000,000+ candidates
- 2018 Was selected to the **Vijyoshi camp 2018** at IISc Bangalore through the KVPY-2017 exam conducted by the Department of Science and Technology

Other Projects

Apr 2022 **Higgs mechanism**

Supervisor: [Prof. Urjit Yajnik](#), Dept. of Physics, IIT Bombay

Course Project

- Studied how abelian and non-abelian gauge bosons can become massive using a mechanism inspired from spontaneous symmetry breaking but the gauge symmetry is not broken.
- Studied how the theory is renormalizable even after gauge bosons acquire mass through Higgs mechanism using R_ξ gauges.

Nov-Dec **Category theory applications in physics**

2020 Supervisor: [Prof. Vikram Rentala](#), Dept. of Physics, IIT Bombay

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- Studied basic concepts of category theory like functors, natural transformations, monoidal categories.
- Studied axiomatization of physical systems using strict monoidal categories.
- Investigated **FdHilb** category and studied **no-cloning**, **no-deleting theorems** in categorical quantum mechanics.

Mar-Apr **One-dimensional photonic bound states in the continuum**

2021 Supervisor: [Prof. Anshuman Kumar](#), Dept. of Physics, IIT Bombay

Course Project

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- Studied bound states in the continuum (BICs) which emerge due to precise destructive interference of waves for an electron in an one-dimensional quantum well under an external magnetic field.
- Using the correspondence between the spin states of the above electron model and the polarisation states of an one dimensional photonic system made up of an anisotropic layer conjugated with a 1D photonic crystals consisting of alternating layers, found BICs for the photonic system.
- Calculated numerical values and generated graphs of several quantities such as transmittance, reflectance, Q factor, wave function using python for both the electron model and the photonic model.

Nov-Dec **Covid-19 analysis using a modified SEIR model**

2020 Supervisor: [Prof. Amitabha Nandi](#), Dept. of Physics, IIT Bombay

Course Project

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- Studied the normal Susceptible-Exposed-Infected-Recovered (SEIR) model. Later used a modified model to incorporate the fact that asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic individuals play a significant role in the transmission of Covid-19.
- Generated different projections for India under different intervention parameters.
- By varying intervention parameters in the modified model we concluded that testing-quarantining is more efficient in controlling the pandemic than lockdowns.

April 2020 **Special and General Relativity**

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Guide: [Summer of Science mentor under Maths and Physics Club, IIT Bombay](#)

- Studied the principles of relativity. Started with Special Relativity and then read the mathematical prerequisites for General Relativity.
- Studied General Relativity till Schwarzschild metric and analyzed the properties of Schwarzschild black holes in Schwarzschild coordinates and Eddington–Finkelstein coordinates.

July 2020 **Orbit Determination**

Guide: [Krittika summer projects mentor under Krittika Astronomy club of IIT Bombay](#)

- Learnt basic numerical computing, converting between Altazimuth, Equatorial and Ecliptic Coordinates.
- Wrote code in Python which takes the right ascension and declination at 3 points of an orbit as inputs and outputs the orbital elements and ephemeris for the required time interval.

Technical Skills

Languages Python, C++, SageMath, wxMaxima, Julia, Wolfram Language, Maple, HTML, Markdown

Packages NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, CLASS, Cobaya, SageManifolds, GRTensorIII, ROOT

Other \LaTeX , Git, Jekyll, SolidWorks, AutoCAD

Key courses

- Physics General Relativity, Elementary Particle Physics, Special Topics in Elementary Particle Physics, Specialized Topics in QFT and Beyond Standard Model Physics, Group Theory Methods, Quantum Mechanics I, Quantum Mechanics II, Quantum Mechanics III (relativistic quantum mechanics), Special Relativity, Electricity & Magnetism, Classical Mechanics, Statistical Physics, Thermal Physics, Introduction to Condensed Matter Physics, Nonlinear Dynamics
- Maths Complex Analysis, General Topology, Real Analysis, Basic Algebra, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations
- Other Computer Programming and Utilization, Philosophy

Positions of Responsibility

Teaching Assistant

- Nov 2020 *MA 109 - Calculus I, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT Bombay*
- Jan 2021 [URL](#)
- Responsible for conducting tutorial sessions every week for a batch of 40 students throughout the course and helping them clear conceptual doubts.
 - Corrected all their answer sheets. Made solutions to questions every week for students. Apart from the tutorial sessions solved all their doubts throughout the course through online messaging.
- June 2020 **Convener**, *Krittika, The Astronomy club of IIT Bombay, Institute Tech Council*
- May 2021
- Part of a team of 10, responsible for organising several institute-wide events such as lectures, workshops, group discussions, projects, interactive online activities including quizzes and trivia to foster enthusiasm in Astronomy and Cosmology in the institute.
 - Helped in conducting the Krittika Python Tutorials, a novel initiative through which nearly 2000 students got an opportunity to learn basic astronomy and coding.
 - Worked as a facilitator for the project Orbit Determination in Krittika Summer Projects. Helped 6 students to complete their project.

Extracurriculars

- 2020-Present **Physics Stack Exchange**
- [Kasi Reddy Sreeman Reddy](#)
- Reached over 20,000 people and earned over 1,450 reputation on Physics Stack Exchange.