

# Raghav Chari

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## Citizenship

United States & Canada

## Education

Honors College, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2021–2025

- **B.S., Physics (Hons.)**
  - Thesis Advisor: Prof. Mike Guidry
- **B.A. College Scholars Honors: Philosophy of Physics & Astrophysics**
  - Thesis Advisors: Prof. Mariam Thalos (Philosophy) & Prof. Sean Lindsay (Astrophysics)

## Publications

**h-index** — As of June 3, 2024: 1, Total Publications: 7, Peer-Reviewed Journal Papers: 2

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## Refereed Journal Papers

- Miroshnichenko, A.S., **Chari, R.**, Danford, S., Prendergast, P., Aarnio, A.N., Andronov, I.L., Chinarova, L.L., Lytle, A., Amantayeva, A., Gabitova, I.A., *et al.* (2023). *Searching for Phase-Locked Variations of the Emission-Line Profiles in Binary Be Stars*. **Galaxies**, 11, 83. [[DOI:10.3390/galaxies11040083](https://doi.org/10.3390/galaxies11040083)].
- Lackey-Stewart, A., **Chari, R.**, Cole, A., Brey, N., K. G., Crowley, R., Guidry, M., and Endeve, . (2024). *Fast Explicit Solutions for Neutrino-Electron Scattering: Explicit Asymptotic Methods*. **Phys. Rev. D**, [[DOI:10.1103/PhysRevD.109.103019](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.109.103019)].

## B.S. Thesis

- **Raghav Chari** (2024). *Explicit Asymptotic Solutions of  $\nu_e + e^-$  Neutrino Networks for Large Sets of Partial Differential Equations in Core-Collapse Supernovae*. **Defended April 19, 2024**.

## B.A. Thesis

- **Raghav Chari** (2024). *Temporal Discontinuity in the Existentialist Perspective of Lived Time*. **Thesis in Progress**.

## First Author Conference Proceedings

- **Chari, R.**, et al. (2024). *Advancing Astrophysical Models through FENN: Algebraically Stabilized Explicit Integration for Neutrino Electron Scattering in Stellar Explosions and Mergers*. Bulletin of the AAS. [[Abstract](#)].
- **Chari, R.**, et al. (2023). *Neutrino Electron Scattering in Dense Astrophysical Environments: A New Frontier in Neutrino Transport*. Frontiers in Nuclear Astrophysics Book of Abstracts (pp. 22). [[Abstract](#)].

## Grants and Fellowships

Successfully secured **\$8,750** in research funding through the following grants and fellowships.

- *Enhancing Astrophysical Modeling: Integrating WEAKLIB with Fast Explicit Neutrino Networks for Advanced Large Scale Neutrino Electron Scattering*, Faculty Mentor: Prof. Mike Guidry, [Advanced Undergraduate Research Activity \(AURA\)](#), **\$1750**, 2024
- *New Approaches to Astrophysical Nucleosynthesis and Neutrino Transport*, Fellowship, Faculty Mentor: Prof. Mike Guidry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Department of Physics and Astronomy, **\$5500**, 2021
- Department of Undergraduate Research & Fellowships *Travel Grant* (x3), **\$1500**, 2023

Research Experience

**Research Assistant and Fellow, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN**  
*Professor Guidry & UT/ORNL Computational Astrophysics Group* September 2021 - Present

- Developed new computational algorithms for solving large sets of partial differential equations related to hydrodynamics, radiation transport, and thermonuclear reactions.
- Awarded the Department Summer Fellowship in 2022 and played a pivotal role in the development of "FENN," a computational framework.
- Awarded AURA grant Spring 2024 to integrate FENN with WEAKLIB for demonstrating scalability to sets of large Neutrino Networks for arbitrary  $\rho, T, Ye$ .

**Research Assistant, Duke University, Durham, NC**  
*Professor Kannawadi & LSST Collaboration* May 2024 - Present

- Summer Research internship under the mentorship of Dr. Arun Kannawadi research Dark Matter through Gravitational lensing.
- Working on python based pixel analysis code for the Rubin Observatory.

**Research Assistant, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA**  
*Dr. Oza Group* November 2022 - Present

- Formulated advanced computational models focusing on stellar pollution, accretion disk dynamics, and spallation reactions.
- Performed calculations using SERPENDS to innovate extended models for Black Hole Pollution dynamics.

**Research Assistant, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN**  
*Professor Thalos/Department of Philosophy* February 2023 - Present

- Conducted Philosophy research under the mentorship of Professor Mariam Thalos, primarily as it relates to the philosophy of physics.
- Working on a research project studying literature and investigating space (time) from a philosophical perspective.

**Research Assistant, The University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC**  
*Professor Miroshnichenko/UNCG Astrophysics Group* September 2020 - July 2023

- Conducted spectral analysis to scrutinize the binarity of Be stars, contributing to the detection of orbital periods.
- Used IRAF and python data analysis including leveraging NASA databases to model orbital periods and analyze data to contribute to overall mission.

Teaching Experience

**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

• Astronomy 151: Journey through the Solar System	<i>Springs 2023-2024, Falls 2022-2024</i>
• Astronomy 152: Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology	<i>Springs 2023-2024, Falls 2022-2024</i>
• Astronomy 153 Lab I	<i>Springs 2023-2024, Falls 2022-2024</i>
• Astronomy 154 Lab II	<i>Springs 2023-2024, Falls 2022-2024</i>
• Physics 221: Elements of Physics I	<i>Spring 2023</i>
• Physics 222: Elements of Physics II	<i>Spring 2023</i>

Professional Activities, Outreach, and Service

**People of Color in Physics, Founder and President** 2023–2024

- Established an inclusive initiative to amplify diverse voices in Physics, including meeting with Tennessee representatives to discuss diversity issues on the University level.
- Led efforts including the University of Tennessee hosting the National Society of Black Physicists Conference.

- University Provost Advisory Council2023–2024
- Selected by the Dean to serve on the University Provost Council and serve as the Representative of the College of Arts & Sciences on the University level. Council term is 2 years.
  - Emphasized on diversity in Science during my term and focusing university admissions on broader ranges of socio-economic status’s across Tennessee, with an emphasis on Science and Physics.

COMPUTER SKILLS

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Expert in C/C++. Proficient in Matlab, Python, Bash, Experience in HPC (Summit Supercomputer). Markup languages:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , HTML, CSS, Markdown. **Software**—Most contributions can be found at <https://github.com/Rchari1>. Author of **Fast Explicit Neutrino Networks (FENN)** (<https://github.com/Rchari1/FENN>).

Awards

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<b>2024 EURECA Achievement Award</b> , Undergraduate Research & Fellowships	<i>May 2024</i>
<b>SPS National Leadership Scholarship</b> , Society of Physics Students (AIP)	<i>May 2023</i>
<b>Outstanding First-Year Physics Student</b> , University of Tennessee, Knoxville	<i>May 2022</i>
<b>Robert Talley Physics Scholarship</b> , University of Tennessee, Knoxville	<i>August 2021</i>
<b>Tennessee Explore Scholarship</b> , University of Tennessee, Knoxville	<i>August 2021</i>
<b>Distinguished District Governor</b> , Key Club International	<i>May 2021</i>
<b>Eagle Scout</b> , Boy Scouts of America	<i>Oct 2020</i>