

# Sriram Gopalakrishnan

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## EDUCATION

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- **University of Waterloo** Waterloo, Canada  
Physics Ph.D. (Quantum Information) September 2020 - present
- **IIT Madras** Chennai, India  
B.Tech. in Engineering Physics Aug 2016 - May 2020

## PROJECTS

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- **Constrained Optimization in CVX** Jan - Apr 2019  
EE5121: Convex Optimization
  - Used the CVX module in MATLAB to solve three practically relevant optimization problems:
    - \* Recovering a Piecewise Constant signal from a noisy measurement
    - \* Resource limited revenue maximization
    - \* Low-rank matrix completion
- **The Tent Map** Jan - Apr 2019  
PH5500: Dynamical Systems
  - Surveyed literature on the application of chaotic tent maps in image encryption
  - Studied the periodicity and chaos of the 1D Tent Map in Mathematica
- **Quantum capacity of channels with small environment** Jan - Apr 2019  
PH5842: Advanced Topics in QCQI
  - Surveyed literature on the Quantum Capacity of extremal qubit channels
  - Studied the regime in which simple closed form expressions for the Quantum Capacity can be obtained

## PAST EMPLOYMENT

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- **IIT Madras** Chennai, India  
Thesis: Vector 3D FEM for electromagnetic scattering [\[pdf\]](#) Aug 2019 - Present  
Advisor: [Dr. U Khankhoje](#) [Electromagnetics Group](#)
  - Modeled and developed a vector finite element method for electromagnetic scattering in C++
  - The software will be used further research on inverse scattering problems
- **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)** Mumbai, India  
Superconducting Qubits May - Jun 2019  
Advisor: [Dr. R Vijay](#) [QuMaC Lab](#)
  - Optimized the design of a novel circular bus cavity for maximal inter-qubit coupling
  - Studied the theories of Circuit QED and Microwave Engineering
  - Awarded *Best Project* in Condensed Matter Physics [\[slides\]](#)
- **Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education** Mumbai, India  
Quantum Dots and quantum many-body theory Dec 2018 - Dec 2019  
Advisor: [Dr. P Pathak](#)
  - Examined the effect of a modified boundary condition on the energy levels of a semiconducting QD
  - Studied variational approaches to solving many-electron systems, including Hartree-Fock and DFT

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Landau Quantization of a circular Quantum Dot using the BenDaniel-Duke boundary condition**  
Sriram Gopalakrishnan, Sayak Biswas, Shivam Handa  
*Superlattices and Microstructures* (2020) [[pdf](#)] [[DOI](#)]

## SKILLS

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- **Programming Languages:** C++, Python
- **Scientific Packages:** MATLAB, Mathematica,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , COMSOL

## COURSEWORK

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- **Physics (undergrad):** Classical Mechanics, Electrodynamics, Statistical Physics, Quantum Mechanics
- **Physics (grad):** Quantum Information, Dynamical Systems, Stochastic Processes, Advanced Stat Mech
- **Mathematics:** Multi-variable Calculus, Probability, Convex Optimization
- **Electrical Engineering:** Signal Processing, Circuit theory, Analog Systems, Communication Systems

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- [VSRP](#) Scholar, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research 2019
- [NIUS](#) Scholar, Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education 2018
- Provisional [KVPY](#) Fellow, DST, Government of India (*Rank: 291 of 50,000+ participants*) 2016

## UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- **Department Legislator, Engineering Physics** Feb 2019 - Present
  - Organized an session to list a plethora of research internship opportunities relevant to the department
  - Member of the Student Legislative Council (SLC), addressing issues of general interest at IIT Madras
- **National Service Scheme, IIT Madras** Aug 2016 - Apr 2017
  - Taught mathematics to middle and high school students at Suyam Charitable Trust, Vyasarpadi
  - Participated in multiple collection drives within the IIT Madras campus