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RESEARCH INTERESTS Gravitational Wave Astronomy and Astrophysics, Tests of General Relativity and Cosmology, Scientific Computing

EMPLOYMENT CITA Postdoctoral Fellow

Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA), Toronto

Independent research fellowship

Sep 2023 - Present

Member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration

Graduate Student

International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru

Mentored by Prof. Parameswaran Ajith

Aug 2018 - Aug 2023

Member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and the LIGO-India Scientific Collaboration

Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow

Department of Physics, The University of Chicago

Mentored by Prof. Daniel Holz

Aug 2022 - Mar 2023

EDUCATION

International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru

Research Scholar and Graduate Student in Physics

2018 - 2023

Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani

M.Sc. (Hons.) Physics and B.E. (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering

2013 - 2018

SEMINARS AND TALKS

- *Probing host environments of gravitational-wave sources* at **CITA**, January 2024 (Invited talk)
- *Accelerating binaries and their gravitational-wave signatures* at **TASTY, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Toronto**, January 2024 (Invited talk)
- *Accelerating gravitational wave sources* at **Joint CITA-PI Gravitational waves meeting**, October 2023 (Contributed talk)
- *Fast Likelihood Evaluation with Relative Binning* at **IUCAA, Pune**, July 2023 (Invited seminar)
- *Testing General Relativity with Gravitational Waves: Opportunities and Challenges* at **IIT-Gandhinagar**, June 2023 (Invited seminar)
- *Fast Likelihood Evaluation with Relative Binning* at **Seoul National University**, October 2022 (Invited online seminar)
- *Standard Sirens and Large Scale Structure* at **The Quest for Precision Gravitational-wave Cosmology, The University of Chicago**, September 2022 (Invited Talk)
- *Gravitational-wave probes of astrophysics and cosmology: Large Scale Clustering and Lensing* at **IGC, Pennsylvania State University**, August 2022 (Invited Seminar)
- *Constraints on the time variation of the gravitational constant using gravitational-wave observations* at **Second Chennai Symposium on Gravitation and Cosmology**, February 2022 (Invited online Seminar)
- *Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations* at **Instituut-Lorentz for Theoretical Physics, Leiden University**, June 2020 (Invited online seminar)

- *Constraints on Black Hole Mimickers using GWTC-1* at **ICTS In-house Symposium**, February 2020 (Contributed Poster)
- *Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations* at **ICTS In-house Symposium**, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, February 2020 (Contributed Talk)
- *Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations* at **International Conference on Gravitation & Cosmology**, IISER, Mohali, India, December, 2019 (Contributed Talk)
- *Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations* at **The Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA)**, Pune, India, September 2019 (Invited Talk)
- *Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations* at **Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics**, Hannover, Germany, June 2019 (Invited Talk)
- *Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations* at **GR22 and Amaldi13**, Valencia, Spain, July 2019 (Contributed Talk)
- *Gravitational Lensing from Orbiting Binary* at the **Paper Presentation competition of APOGEE 2017**, BITS Pilani, India (*Contributed Talk, First runner-up*)

TEACHING

- Instructor and organizer, **LIGO-Virgo Collaboration Gravitational-Wave Open Data Workshop #5 and #6** at ICTS.
- Tutor for the **Numerical Relativity** graduate course, ICTS, Jan-April 2022.
- Co-organizer and tutor, **ICTS Workshop on Parameter Estimation with bilby**, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, August 2020 (Online)
- Tutor, **Light and Beyond—Summer Course for Undergraduate Students** by Prof. **Rajaram Nityananda**, June 2020 (Online)
- Tutor, **LIGO-Virgo Collaboration Gravitational-Wave Open Data Workshop #3**, May 2020 (Online)
- Tutor for the following mini-courses, **ICTS Summer Schools on Gravitational Wave Astronomy**, ICTS, Bengaluru, India:
 1. *Compact binary evolution, rates and population modelling*, June 2022.
 2. *Astrophysical Stochastic GW Foreground*, July 2021.
 3. *Numerical Hydrodynamics*, May 2020.
 4. *Advanced General Relativity*, July 2019.

MENTORSHIP

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| • Kaustubh Gupta (IISER, Pune) | May 2022 - <i>Present</i> |
| • Adhrit Ravichandran (IIT Roorkee → UMass Dartmouth) | Sep 2021 - Aug 2022 |
| • Kruthi Krishna (IISc → Radboud University) | Sep 2020 - Aug 2021 |
| • Harsh Narola (IISER, Tirupati → Utrecht University) | Sep 2020 - Aug 2021 |

OTHER CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester Participant, Advances in Computational Relativity, ICERM, Brown University, USA. September 2020 - December 2020 (Online) • Participant, Discussion Meeting - Astrophysics of Supermassive Black Holes, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, December 2019 • Participant, Discussion Meeting - Future of Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, August 2019 • Participant, ICTS Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, July 2017, July 2018, July 2019, May 2020, July 2021, May 2022.
OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-PI of the <i>IndiaBioscience Outreach Grant</i> to communicate science using stage theatre. • Panelist at the <i>Bengaluru: The Astronomy City</i>, a Q&A event organized for National Science Day, February 2022. • Moderated a discussion with Prof. Smitha Vishveshwara on her collaborative science theatre project <i>Quantum Voyages</i> as a part of Cosmic Zoom Online Exhibition, April 2021 • Articles on the ICTS blog: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Conversation with ICTS Scientists Studying the Indian Monsoon, November 2019 2. Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, November 2019 • Talk titled <i>The Whats, Whys and Hows of Gravitational-wave Astronomy</i>, BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru, November 2019 • Talk titled <i>Gravitational Waves - A New Tool for Cosmology!</i> at Vigyan Samagam, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Bengaluru, India, August 2019
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>Programming Languages - Python, C, C++, Shell Script</p> <p>Softwares - MATLAB, Mathematica</p> <p>Tools/Frameworks - L^AT_EX, Git</p>
SCORES AND AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship 2023 (Host Institution: The University of Chicago) • ICTS Graduate Fellowship 2018-2023 • Secured all-India rank 21 in the Joint Entrance Screening Test (JEST), 2018 for admission into Physics PhD programmes in India • Awarded the ICTS S.N. Bhatt Memorial Excellence Fellowship, 2018 • Scored 960/990 on the Subject GRE in Physics, October 2017 • Selected for the Summer Research Fellowship of the Indian Academy of Sciences in 2016 • Recipient of the INSPIRE-DST Scholarship for Higher Education for the period 2013 to 2018

REFERENCES

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