## Aditya Vijaykumar

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Reserach Interests Gravitational Wave Astronomy and Astrophysics, Tests of General Relativity and Cosmology, Scientific Computing

EDUCATION

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

Research Scholar and Graduate Student in Physics

2018 - Present

Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani

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

2013 - 2018

EMPLOYMENT Graduate Student

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

Mentored by Prof. Parameswaran Ajith

Aug 2018 - Present

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

Summer Research Intern

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

Mentored by Prof. Parameswaran Ajith

May 2018 - July 2018

Topic - Cosmological Large-scale Structure probes using gravitational-wave observations

Visiting Student (Masters Thesis)

Centre for High Energy Physics (CHEP), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, India

Mentored by Prof. Chethan Krishnan

July 2017 - April 2018

Topic - Complexity in context of Locality, Entanglement and Quantum Gravity

Summer Research Intern

The Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, India

Mentored by Prof. Raghunathan Srianand

May 2016 - July 2016

Topic - Analysis of Quasar Absorption Lines from SDSS Photometric Data

Summer Research Intern

The National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA-TIFR), Pune, India

Mentored by Prof. Yashwant Gupta

May 2015 - July 2015

Topic - Testing the fast transient detection pipeline of the GMRT

Teaching

- Participant and Tutor for the Astrophysical Stochastic GW Foreground mini-course, ICTS Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, July 2021 (Online)
- 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)
- Participant and Tutor for the Numerical Hydrodynamics mini-course, ICTS Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, May-June 2020 (Online)
- Participant and Tutor for the Advanced General Relativity mini-course, ICTS Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, July 2019

MENTORSHIP

• Kruthi Krishna (IISc  $\rightarrow$  Radboud University)

Sep 2020 - Present

• Harsh Narola (IISER, Tirupati → Utrecht University)

Sep 2020 - Present

#### Papers

7. Sumit Kumar, Aditya Vijaykumar, Alexander H. Nitz Detecting Baryon Acoustic Oscillations with third generation gravitational wave observatories, Submitted to The Astrophysical Journal, arXiv:2110.06152.

6. Saleem et al. (including Aditya Vijaykumar) The Science Case for LIGO-India Submitted to Classical and Quantum Gravity, arXiv:2105.01716.

5. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, including Aditya Vijaykumar) Tests of General Relativity with Binary Black Holes from the second LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalog.

Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) 12, 122002, arXiv:2010.14529.

4. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, including Aditya Vijaykumar) GWTC-2: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the First Half of the Third Observing Run.

Phys. Rev. X 11 (2021) 021053, arXiv:2010.14527.

3. Aditya Vijaykumar, M. V. S. Saketh, Sumit Kumar, Parameswaran Ajith, Tirthankar Roy Choudhury

Probing the large scale structure using gravitational wave observations of binary black holes, Submitted to *Physical Review Letters*, arXiv:2005.01111. In press: Astrobites.

2. Aditya Vijaykumar, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Parameswaran Ajith

Constraints on the time variation of the gravitational constant using gravitational wave observations of binary neutron stars,

Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 141104 (2021), arXiv:2003.12832.

In press: phys.org.

1. P. Virtanen et al. (including Aditya Vijaykumar as SciPy 1.0 Contributor) SciPy 1.0-Fundamental Algorithms for Scientific Computing in Python, Nat Methods 17, 261–272 (2020), arXiv:1907.10121.

### Talks

- Seminars and Probing Large Scale Structure using Binary Black Hole Observations at Instituut-Lorentz for Theoretical Physics, Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands, June 2020 (Online Invited Seminar)
  - Constraints on Black Hole Mimickers using GWTC-1 at ICTS In-house Symposium, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, 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)

# OTHER CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

- Semester Participant, Advances in Computational Relativity, ICERM, Brown University, USA. September 2020 December 2020 (Online)
- AND MEETINGS 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 2018
  - Participant, ICTS Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, July 2017

#### OUTREACH

- Moderated a discussion with Prof. Smitha Vishveshwara on her collaborative science theatre project Quantum Voyages as a part of Cosmic Zoom Online Exhibition, April 2021
- Articles on the **ICTS** blog:
  - 1. A Conversation with ICTS Scientists Studying the Indian Monsoon, November 2019
  - 2. Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, November 2019
- Talk titled *The Whats, Whys and Hows of Gravitational-wave Astronomy*, **BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru**, November 2019
- Talk titled *Gravitational Waves A New Tool for Cosmology!* at **Vigyan Samagam**, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Bengaluru, India, August 2019

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages - Python, C, C++, Shell Script Softwares - MATLAB, Mathematica Tools/Frameworks - LATEX, Git

#### Scores and Awards

- 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
- Recepient of the INSPIRE-DST Scholarship for Higher Education for the period 2013 to 2018

#### References

- Prof. Parameswaran Ajith, ICTS ajith@icts.res.in
- Dr. Shasvath Kapadia, ICTS shasvath.kapadia@icts.res.in
- Dr. Sumit Kumar, AEI Hannover sumit.kumar@aei.mpg.de
- Prof. Bala Iyer, ICTS bala.iyer@icts.res.in