

# Aditya Vijaykumar

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**RESEARCH SUMMARY** I work on a broad spectrum of topics in gravitational-wave astronomy, spanning astrophysics, cosmology, fundamental physics, and data analysis. Recently, my work has focused on investigating the environments that nurture the formation and evolution of compact object binaries, and their role as probes of the cosmos.

**EMPLOYMENT** **CITA Postdoctoral Fellow** Sep 2023 - *Present*  
**Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA), Toronto**  
**Graduate Student** Aug 2018 - Aug 2023  
**International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru**  
**Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow** Aug 2022 - Mar 2023  
**Department of Physics, The University of Chicago**

**EDUCATION** **International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru** 2018 - 2023  
PhD in Physics. Mentor: Prof. Ajith Parameswaran.  
Thesis Title: *Exploring gravity, astrophysics, and cosmology with gravitational waves*  
**Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani** 2013 - 2018  
M.Sc. (Hons.) Physics and B.E. (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering

**AWARDS**

1. **Justice Oak Award for Outstanding thesis in Astronomy 2024**, Astronomical Society of India (ASI)
2. **V. V. Narlikar Best Thesis Award 2024**, Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation (IAGRG)
3. **Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship 2022**, US Department of State and Government of India
4. **Graduate Fellowship 2018-2023**, ICTS-TIFR
5. **S.N. Bhatt Memorial Excellence Fellowship 2018**, ICTS-TIFR
6. **Summer Research Fellowship 2016**, Indian Academy of Sciences
7. **INSPIRE-DST Scholarship for Higher Education 2013-2018**, Government of India

**PUBLICATION** [NASA-ADS Link](#)

**LIBRARY**

**SEMINARS**

- Seminar at Caltech March 2025
- Seminar at UCLA March 2025
- IGC seminar, Penn State University October 2024
- IUCAA gravitational wave seminar August 2024
- Gravity Exploration Institute seminar, Cardiff University July 2024
- CIERA seminar, Northwestern University June 2024
- GRAPPA seminar, University of Amsterdam May 2024
- Strong seminar, Niels Bohr Institute April 2024
- CITA Seminar, University of Toronto January 2024

	• TASTY Seminar, University of Toronto	January 2024
	• IUCAA gravitational wave seminar, Pune	July 2023
	• Physics seminar, IISER Pune	July 2023
	• Physics seminar, IIT Gandhinagar	June 2023
	• Gravitational wave seminar, Seoul National University (virtual)	October 2022
	• IGC seminar, Penn State University	August 2022
	• Lorentz Institute seminar, Leiden (virtual)	June 2020
	• IUCAA gravitational wave seminar, Pune	September 2019
	• Albert Einstein Institute seminar, Hannover	July 2019
CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS	• APS Meeting, Anaheim, CA	March 2025
	• Midwest Relativity Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI	November 2024
	• PAX Meeting, London, UK (panelist)	July 2024
	• CASCA Meeting, Toronto	June 2024
	• Gravitational waves: A new ear on the chemistry of galaxies, Leiden	April 2024.
	• Globular Clusters and their Tidal Tails, Toronto	May 2024
	• Joint CITA-PI Gravitational waves meeting	October 2023
	• Pune-Mumbai Cosmology Meeting	August 2023
	• The Quest for Precision Gravitational-wave Cosmology, KICP, Chicago	September 2022
	• Second Chennai Symposium on Gravitation and Cosmology, Chennai (virtual)	February 2022
	• Advances in Computational Relativity, ICERM, Brown University (virtual)	September 2020
	• ICTS In-house Symposium, Bengaluru	February 2020
	• Astrophysics of Supermassive Black Holes, ICTS, Bengaluru	December 2019
	• International Conference on Gravitation & Cosmology, Mohali	December 2019
	• Future of Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru	August 2019
	• GR22 and Amaldi13, Valencia	July 2019
MENTORSHIP	• Ben Stadel (University of Alberta)	May 2024 - <i>Present</i>
	• Kaustubh Gupta (IISER, Pune)	May 2022 - May 2023
	• 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

## 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.

## OUTREACH

- Co-PI of the *IndiaBioscience Outreach Grant* to communicate science using stage theatre.
- Panelist at the *Bengaluru: The Astronomy City*, a Q&A event organized for **National Science Day**, February 2022.
- Mediator for the **Contagion Exhibition**, Science Gallery Bengaluru, April-July 2021.
- 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
- Biweekly interactive outreach sessions in rural primary schools, 2019

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

**Programming Languages** - Python, C, C++, Shell Script  
**Softwares** - MATLAB, Mathematica  
**Tools/Frameworks** - L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Git

## REFERENCES

Prof. Maya Fishbach

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