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

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 **ICTS-TIFR**, PhD in Physics 2018 - 2023
Mentor: Prof. Ajith Parameswaran
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**, USA 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

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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Conversation with ICTS Scientists Studying the Indian Monsoon, November 2019 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	Programming Languages - Python, C, C++, Shell Script Softwares - MATLAB, Mathematica Tools/Frameworks - L ^A T _E X, Git	
REFERENCES	Prof. Parameswaran Ajith International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Shivakote, Hesaraghatta-Hobli, Bengaluru, 560089, India. ajith@icts.res.in	Prof. Daniel E. Holz The University of Chicago, Michelson Center for Physics, Chicago, IL 60637, USA. holz@uchicago.edu
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PAPERS (SHORT AUTHORLIST)	20. Kanchan Soni, Aditya Vijaykumar , Sanjit Mitra <i>Assessing the potential of LIGO-India in resolving the Hubble Tension</i> Submitted to Nature Astronomy, arXiv:2409.11361 . 19. Avinash Tiwari, Aditya Vijaykumar , Shasvath J. Kapadia, Sourav Chatterjee, Giacomo Fragione <i>Profiling stellar environments of gravitational wave sources</i> Submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett., arXiv:2407.15117 .	

18. Alexandra G. Hanselman, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Maya Fishbach, Daniel E. Holz
Gravitational-wave dark siren cosmology systematics from galaxy weighting
Submitted to ApJ, [arXiv:2405.14818](#).
17. Sreejith Nair, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Sudipta Sarkar
Bounds on the charge of the graviton using gravitational wave observations
Accepted to JCAP, [arXiv:2405.05038](#).
16. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Alexandra G. Hanselman, Michael Zevin
Consistent eccentricities for gravitational wave astronomy: Resolving discrepancies between astrophysical simulations and waveform models
[ApJ 969 132](#), [arXiv:2402.07892](#).
15. Mukesh Kumar Singh, Shasvath J. Kapadia **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Parameswaran Ajith
Impact of higher harmonics of gravitational radiation on the population inference of binary black holes
[ApJ 971 23](#), [arXiv:2312.07376](#).
14. Kruthi Krishna, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Apratim Ganguly, *et al*
Accelerated parameter estimation in Bilby with relative binning
[arXiv:2312.06009](#).
13. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Maya Fishbach, Susmita Adhikari, Daniel E. Holz
Inferring host galaxy properties of LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA's black holes
[ApJ 972 157](#), [arXiv:2312.03316](#).
12. Divyajyoti, N.V. Krishnendu, Muhammed Saleem, Marta Colleoni, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, K.G. Arun, Chandra Kant Mishra
Effect of double spin-precession and higher harmonics on spin-induced quadrupole moment measurements
[Phys. Rev. D 109, 023016](#), [arXiv:2311.05506](#).
11. Avinash Tiwari, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Giacomo Fragione, Sourav Chatterjee
Accelerated binary black holes in globular clusters: forecasts and detectability in the era of space-based gravitational-wave detectors
[MNRAS, 527, 8586](#), [arXiv:2307.00930](#).
10. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Avinash Tiwari, Shasvath J. Kapadia, K.G. Arun, Parameswaran Ajith
Waltzing binaries: Probing line-of-sight acceleration of merging compact objects with gravitational waves
[ApJ 954 105](#), [arXiv:2302.09651](#).
In press: [Astrobites](#)
9. Adhrit Ravichandran, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Prayush Kumar
Rapid Identification and Classification of Eccentric Gravitational Wave Inspirals with Machine Learning
Submitted to *Physical Review D*, [arXiv:2302.00666](#).
8. Srashti Goyal, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Jose Maria Ezquiaga, Miguel Zumalacarregui
Probing lens-induced gravitational-wave birefringence as a test of general relativity
[Phys. Rev. D 108, 024052](#), [arXiv:2301.04826](#).
In press: [Astrobites](#)
7. Bikram Keshari Pradhan, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Debarati Chatterjee
Impact of updated Multipole Love and f-Love Universal Relations in context of Binary Neutron Stars
[Phys. Rev. D 107, 023010](#), [arXiv:2210.09425](#).

6. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Parameswaran Ajith
Can a binary neutron star merger in the vicinity of a supermassive black hole enable a detection of a post-merger gravitational wave signal?
MNRAS, 513, 3577, arXiv:2202.08673.
5. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Ajit Kumar Mehta, Apratim Ganguly
Detection and parameter estimation challenges of Type-II lensed binary black hole signals
Phys. Rev. D 108, 043036, arXiv:2202.06334.
4. Sumit Kumar, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Alexander H. Nitz
Detecting Baryon Acoustic Oscillations with third generation gravitational wave observatories,
ApJ 930 113, arXiv:2110.06152.
3. M. Saleem et al. (including **Aditya Vijaykumar**)
The Science Case for LIGO-India
Class. Quantum Grav. 39 025004, arXiv:2105.01716.
2. **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,
Phys. Rev. D 108, 103017, arXiv:2005.01111.
In press: [Astrobites](#).
1. **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, arXiv:2003.12832.
In press: [phys.org](#).

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AUTHORLIST,
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4. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations)
Tests of General Relativity with GWTC-3,
Accepted to *Physical Review D*, arXiv:2112.06861.
3. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations)
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.
2. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations)
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.
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.