

# Aditya Vijaykumar

aditya@utoronto.ca • Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA) • [Website](#) • [NASA ADS](#)

EMPLOYMENT	CITA Postdoctoral Fellow <b>Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA), Toronto</b>	Sep 2023 - Present
	Graduate Student <b>International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru</b>	Aug 2018 - Aug 2023
	Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow <b>Department of Physics, The University of Chicago</b>	Aug 2022 - Mar 2023
EDUCATION	<b>International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru</b> PhD in Physics. Mentor: Prof. Ajith Parameswaran. Thesis Title: <i>Exploring gravity, astrophysics, and cosmology with gravitational waves</i>	2018 - 2023
	<b>Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani</b> M.Sc. (Hons.) Physics and B.E. (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering	2013 - 2018
GRANTS AND AWARDS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Justice Oak Award for Outstanding thesis in Astronomy 2024</b>, Astronomical Society of India (ASI)</li><li>2. <b>V. V. Narlikar Best Thesis Award 2024</b>, Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation (IAGRG)</li><li>3. <b>Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship 2022</b>, US Department of State and Government of India</li><li>4. <b>Co-PI, IndiaBioscience Outreach Grant 2022</b>, <i>Communicating Science Through Theatre</i>, (100,000 INR)</li><li>5. <b>Graduate Fellowship 2018-2023</b>, ICTS-TIFR</li><li>6. <b>S.N. Bhatt Memorial Excellence Fellowship 2018</b>, ICTS-TIFR</li><li>7. <b>Summer Research Fellowship 2016</b>, Indian Academy of Sciences</li><li>8. <b>INSPIRE-DST Scholarship for Higher Education 2013-2018</b>, Government of India</li></ol>	
PUBLICATION SUMMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">NASA-ADS Library</a></li><li>• <b>25 short-author list papers</b>, including <b>18 as first/second author</b>.</li><li>• <b>6 LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration papers</b> with significant contributions, including <b>1 as chair of the paper writing team</b></li></ul>	
TALKS SUMMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>9 invited conference talks</b></li><li>• <b>20 seminars</b></li><li>• <b>10 contributed talks</b></li></ul>	
SELECTED SERVICE	<p><b>LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper writing team chair for the GWTC-4.0 populations paper</li><li>• Parameter estimation study team lead for the GW231123 massive binary black hole</li><li>• Developer of <code>bilby</code> and <code>bilby_pipe</code> software packages</li><li>• Eccentric parameter estimation taskforce member</li><li>• Low-latency parameter estimation expert rota</li><li>• Elected postdoctoral member, LIGO Academic Advisory Committee (LAAC)</li></ul>	
	<p><b>Journal Referee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nature • Physical Review D • Astrophysical Journal Letters • Astrophysical Journal • Machine Learning: Science and Technology</li></ul>	

INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gravitational Wave Physics and Astrophysics Workshop, Atlanta</li> <li>2. The Lifecycle of Stellar Black Holes, KITP, Santa Barbara</li> <li>3. Future of Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru</li> <li>4. European Physical Society Conference on High Energy Physics, Marseille (virtual)</li> <li>5. Scientific Machine Learning in Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICERM, Providence</li> <li>6. Lyman Break Galaxies Workshop, Toronto</li> <li>7. PAX Meeting, London, UK (panelist)</li> <li>8. The Quest for Precision Gravitational-wave Cosmology, KICP, Chicago</li> <li>9. Second Chennai Symposium on Gravitation and Cosmology, Chennai (virtual)</li> </ol>	December 2025 November 2025 October 2025 July 2025 June 2025 May 2025 July 2024 September 2022 February 2022
LIST OF SEMINARS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weinberg Institute Seminar, UT Austin</li> <li>2. Astrophysics and Relativity Seminar, ICTS</li> <li>3. TAPIR Seminar, Caltech</li> <li>4. Seminar, UCLA</li> <li>5. IGC seminar, Penn State University</li> <li>6. Gravitational wave seminar, IUCAA</li> <li>7. Gravity Exploration Institute seminar, Cardiff University</li> <li>8. CIERA seminar, Northwestern University</li> <li>9. GRAPPA seminar, University of Amsterdam</li> <li>10. Strong seminar, Niels Bohr Institute</li> <li>11. CITA Seminar, University of Toronto</li> <li>12. TASTY Seminar, University of Toronto</li> <li>13. IUCAA gravitational wave seminar, Pune</li> <li>14. Physics seminar, IISER Pune</li> <li>15. Physics seminar, IIT Gandhinagar</li> <li>16. Gravitational wave seminar, Seoul National University (virtual)</li> <li>17. IGC seminar, Penn State University</li> <li>18. Lorentz Institute seminar, Leiden (virtual)</li> <li>19. IUCAA gravitational wave seminar, Pune</li> <li>20. Albert Einstein Institute seminar, Hannover</li> </ol>	November 2025 July 2025 March 2025 March 2025 October 2024 August 2024 July 2024 June 2024 May 2024 April 2024 January 2024 January 2024 July 2023 July 2023 June 2023 October 2022 August 2022 June 2020 September 2019 July 2019
CONTRIBUTED TALKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. APS Meeting, Anaheim, CA</li> <li>2. Midwest Relativity Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI</li> <li>3. CASCA Meeting, Toronto</li> <li>4. Gravitational waves: A new ear on the chemistry of galaxies, Leiden</li> <li>5. Globular Clusters and their Tidal Tails, Toronto</li> <li>6. Joint CITA-PI Gravitational waves meeting</li> <li>7. Pune-Mumbai Cosmology Meeting</li> <li>8. ICTS In-house Symposium, Bengaluru</li> <li>9. International Conference on Gravitation &amp; Cosmology, Mohali</li> <li>10. GR22 and Amaldi13, Valencia</li> </ol>	March 2025 November 2024 June 2024 April 2024 May 2024 October 2023 August 2023 February 2020 December 2019 July 2019
MENTORSHIP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sarah Han (University of Toronto)</li> <li>2. Cissy Kuang (University of Toronto)</li> <li>3. Ben Stadel (University of Alberta)</li> <li>4. Neha Sharma (ICTS, Bengaluru)</li> <li>5. Avinash Tiwari (IUCAA, Pune)</li> <li>6. Kaustubh Gupta (IISER, Pune → Swinburne University)</li> <li>7. Adhrit Ravichandran (IIT Roorkee → UMass Dartmouth)</li> <li>8. Kruthi Krishna (IISc → Radboud University)</li> <li>9. Harsh Narola (IISER, Tirupati → Utrecht University)</li> </ol>	May 2025 - Present May 2025 - Present May 2024 - Present Oct 2023 - Present May 2023 - Present May 2022 - May 2023 Sep 2021 - Aug 2022 Sep 2020 - Aug 2021 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

- Interactive session with school students, The Academy School, Pune, August 2025.
- Talk on gravitational-wave astronomy, ASX Symposium, University of Toronto, March 2025.
- Talk on gravitational-wave astronomy, University of Toronto Undergraduate Astronomy Union Seminar, November 2024.
- 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

## REFERENCES

1. Prof. Maya Fishbach, CITA, [fishbach@cita.utoronto.ca](mailto:fishbach@cita.utoronto.ca)
2. Prof. Parameswaran Ajith, ICTS-TIFR, [ajith@icts.res.in](mailto:ajith@icts.res.in)
3. Prof. Daniel E. Holz, The University of Chicago, [holz@uchicago.edu](mailto:holz@uchicago.edu)
4. Prof. Benjamin Farr, University of Oregon, [bfarr@uoregon.edu](mailto:bfarr@uoregon.edu)
5. Prof. Shasvath J. Kapadia, IUCAA, [shasvath.kapadia@iucaa.in](mailto:shasvath.kapadia@iucaa.in)

## PAPERS (SHORT AUTHORLIST)

- \* denotes joint first-author papers, † denotes student supervised.
27. N.V. Krishnendu, Tamara Evstafyeva, **\*Aditya Vijaykumar**, William E. East et al.  
*Implications of GW2410II for rotating exotic compact objects*  
Submitted to PRL, [arXiv:2511.17341](https://arxiv.org/abs/2511.17341).
  26. Madison VanWyngarden, Maya Fishbach, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Alexandra G. Guerrero, Daniel E. Holz  
*How Low Can You Go: Constraining the Effects of Catalog Incompleteness on Dark Siren Cosmology*  
Submitted to ApJ, [arXiv:2511.04786](https://arxiv.org/abs/2511.04786).
  25. Hui Tong et al. (including **Aditya Vijaykumar**)  
*Evidence of the pair instability gap in the distribution of black hole masses*  
Submitted to Nature, [arXiv:2509.04151](https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.04151).

24. Colm Talbot et al. (including **Aditya Vijaykumar**)  
*Inference with finite time series II: the window strikes back*  
Submitted to CQG, [arXiv:2508.11091](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.11091).
23. Avinash Tiwari, Prolay Chanda, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Susmita Adhikari, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Basudeb Dasgupta  
*Profiling Dark Matter Spikes with Gravitational Waves from Accelerated Binaries*  
Submitted to PRL, [arXiv:2508.03803](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.03803).
22. Andris Doroszmai, Isobel M. Romero-Shaw, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Silvia Toonen, et al.  
*Hierarchical Triples vs. Globular Clusters: Binary black hole merger eccentricity distributions compete and evolve with redshift*  
Submitted to MNRAS, [arXiv:2507.23212](https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.23212).
21. <sup>†</sup>Avinash Tiwari, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Shrobana Ghosh, Alex B. Nielsen  
*A pipeline to search for signatures of line-of-sight acceleration in gravitational wave signals produced by compact binary coalescences*  
Submitted to PRD, [arXiv:2506.22272](https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.22272).
20. Kanchan Soni, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Sanjit Mitra  
*Assessing the potential of LIGO-India in resolving the Hubble Tension*  
Submitted to CQG, [arXiv:2409.11361](https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.11361).
19. <sup>†</sup>Avinash Tiwari, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Sourav Chatterjee, Giacomo Fragione  
*Profiling stellar environments of gravitational wave sources*  
Phys. Rev. D 112, 084034, [arXiv:2407.15117](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.15117).
18. Alexandra G. Hanselman, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Maya Fishbach, Daniel E. Holz  
*Gravitational-wave dark siren cosmology systematics from galaxy weighting*  
ApJ 979 9, [arXiv:2405.14818](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.14818).
17. Sreejith Nair, <sup>\*</sup>**Aditya Vijaykumar**, Sudipta Sarkar  
*Bounds on the charge of the graviton using gravitational wave observations*  
JCAP 11 (2024) 004, [arXiv:2405.05038](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.05038).
16. <sup>\*</sup>**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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.07376).
14. <sup>†</sup>Kruthi Krishna, <sup>\*</sup>**Aditya Vijaykumar**, Apratim Ganguly, et al  
*Accelerated parameter estimation in Bilby with relative binning*  
[arXiv:2312.06009](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.05506).
11. <sup>†</sup>Avinash Tiwari, <sup>\*</sup>**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](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.00930).

10. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, <sup>†</sup>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. <sup>†</sup>Adhrit Ravichandran, **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Shasvath J. Kapadia, Prayush Kumar  
*Rapid Identification and Classification of Eccentric Gravitational Wave Inspirals with Machine Learning*  
Submitted to PRD, 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, Javed Rana, V. Gayathri, \***Aditya Vijaykumar** et al.  
*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.*

PAPERS (LONG  
AUTHORLIST,  
WITH  
SUBSTANTIAL  
CONTRIBUTION)

9. Abac et al. (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, and KAGRA Collaborations)  
*GW<sub>241011</sub> and GW<sub>241110</sub>: Exploring Binary Formation and Fundamental Physics with Asymmetric, High-spin Black Hole Coalescences*,  
*ApJL*, arXiv:2510.26931.
8. Abac et al. (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, and KAGRA Collaborations)  
*Upper Limits on the Isotropic Gravitational-Wave Background from the first part of LIGO, Virgo, and KAGRA's fourth Observing Run*,  
arXiv:2508.20721.
7. Abac et al. (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, and KAGRA Collaborations) [Paper Writing Team Lead]  
*GWTC-4.0: Population Properties of Merging Compact Binaries*,  
arXiv:2508.18083.

6. Abac et al. (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, and KAGRA Collaborations)  
*GWTC-4.0: Updating the Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalog with Observations from the First Part of the Fourth LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Observing Run*,  
[arXiv:2508.18082](#).
5. Abac et al. (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, and KAGRA Collaborations)  
*GW231123: a Binary Black Hole Merger with Total Mass  $190\text{--}265 M_{\odot}$* ,  
[arXiv:2507.08219](#).
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](#).