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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

SN Bhatt Fellow

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

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

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 binary neutron star 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	• 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	• 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	• 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.	
	• Mediator for the Contagion Exhibition , Science Gallery Bengaluru, April-July 2021.	
	• 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 :	
	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	
TECHNICAL SKILLS	Programming Languages - Python, C, C++, Shell Script	
	Softwares - MATLAB, Mathematica	
	Tools/Frameworks - L ^A T _E X, Git	
SCORES AND AWARDS	• 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
1. Prof. Parameswaran Ajith, ICTS – ajith@icts.res.in
 2. Prof. Daniel Holz, The University of Chicago – holz@uchicago.edu
 3. Prof. Maya Fishbach, CITA – fishbach@cita.utoronto.ca
 4. Dr. Shasvath Kapadia, IUCAA – shasvath.kapadia@icts.res.in
 5. Prof. Bangalore S Sathyaprakash, Pennsylvania State University – bss25@psu.edu
 6. Prof. Bala Iyer, ICTS – bala.iyer@icts.res.in

PAPERS
(SHORT
AUTHORLIST)

16. **Aditya Vijaykumar**, Alexandra G. Hanselman, Michael Zevin
Consistent eccentricities for gravitational wave astronomy: Resolving discrepancies between astrophysical simulations and waveform models
To be submitted to Open Journal of Astrophysics, [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
Submitted to ApJ, [arXiv:2312.07376](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.07376).
14. Kruthi Krishna, **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
Submitted to ApJL, [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
Accepted to Phys. Rev. D, [arXiv:2311.05506](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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
Accepted to *Physical Review D*, [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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SUBSTANTIAL
CONTRIBUTION)

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](#).