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

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

High School - St. Vincent's High School, Pune (Maharashtra HSC) - 94.27% 2011 - 2013 Secondary School - Rosary High School, Pune (Maharashtra SSC) - 93.27% 1999 - 2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE **Project Student** 

International Centre for Theorectical Sciences (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru, India

Mentored by Prof. P. Ajith and Dr. Sumit Kumar

January 2018 - Present

Cosmology using Binary Black Hole Mergers - We attempt to understand how the distribution of binary black hole mergers in future detections can be used to constrain cosmology using correlation functions and the power spectrum of these mergers.

## 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

Complexity in context of Locality, Entanglement and Quantum Gravity - We aim to extract lessons for quantum gravity by studying the interplay of entanglement and locality in a few physical systems. We reviewed the various conjectures on complexity and related concepts, and attempted calculating complexity for different field theories.

#### Summer Research Intern

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

Mentored by Prof. Raghunathan Srianand

May 2016 - July 2016

Analysis of Quasar Absorption Lines from SDSS Photometric Data - Using photometric data of quasars with absorbers in their line of sight taken from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), we used some image processing techniques such as stacking to establish a correspondence between the results already obtained from the spectral data also taken from SDSS. We used some statistical methods to establish this result.

#### Summer Research Intern

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

Mentored by Prof. Yashwant Gupta

May 2015 - July 2015

Testing and Debugging the Transient Detection Pipeline of GMRT - Squashed crucial bugs and tested the transient pipeline using test data from known and reliable transient sources such as pulsars. Also reviewed key concepts of radio astronomy and pulsar astrophysics in the process.

SELECTED PROJECTS

# Gauge Theory in Particle Physics

Mentored by Prof. Biswanath Layek, BITS Pilani

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

A brief introduction to gauge theory and its applications in particle physics. We started off by studying gauges, their properties, and usage, and went on to apply these concepts to electromagnetism, QED, QCD and some other cases.

# **Entanglement Production in Coupled Chaotic Systems**

Mentored by Prof. J N Bandyopadhyay and Prof. Tapomoy G Sarkar, BITS Pilani Aug 2016 - June 2017 A computational study of chaotic properties of a coupled chaotic system. We considered a coupled top, and using some approximation methods to the Hamiltonian, found the chaotic properties within some parameter ranges. A statistical analysis of the properties followed, with results.

#### **Black Holes**

Mentored by Prof. Tapomoy G Sarkar, BITS Pilani

Jan 2017 - June 2017

An in-depth study on black holes and their various aspects. Starting with a review of black holes with

different metrics, we also conducted a brief review of naked singularities and paths to quantum gravity. We also revised a fair bit of general relativity in the process.

## Relevant Courses

Classical Mechanics, Electromagnetic Theory, Quantum Mechanics, Mathematical Methods in Physics, Statistical Mechanics, Computational Physics, Particle Physics, General Theory of Relativity and Cosmology (did not credit), Quantum Field Theory (did not credit), Introductory Astronomy and Astrophysics

## CONFERENCES SCHOOLS AND TALKS

- CONFERENCES, ICTS Summer School on Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, July 2017
  - Presented a paper titled Gravitational Lensing from Orbiting Binary at APOGEE 2017, BITS Pilani
  - IISc Journal Club talk titled Teleportation Through the Wormhole, based on arXiv:1707.04354

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages - Python, C, C++, Shell Script Softwares - MATLAB, Maple Tools/Frameworks - IAT<sub>F</sub>X, Git

#### SCORES AND AWARDS

- Scored 960/990 on the Subject GRE in Physics, October 2017
- 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
- 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