

*Curriculum Vitæ*  
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EDUCATION

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in Space Sciences & Scientific Computing | UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 2017 - 21  
*Topic:* Sources of Ionospheric Conductance - Balance and Impact  
*Advisors:* Prof. Daniel T. Welling & Prof. Michael W. Liemohn  
*Present Status:* Candidate

MASTER OF SCIENCE in Aerospace Engineering | UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 2016 - 18  
*Specialization:* Gas Dynamics

BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY in Aerospace Engineering | PUNJAB ENGINEERING COLLEGE 2012 - 16  
*Specialization:* Aerodynamics & Gas Propulsion

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Student Research Assistant**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2017 - Present  
Funded through the *NASA Earth and Space Sciences Fellowship (2018 - 21)*.

**Visiting Research Scholar**, University of Texas at Arlington Summer 2019  
Funded through the *Rackham Research Grant Fellowship (2019)*.

**Research Assistant**, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh 2013 - 16

**Visiting Summer Scholar**, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore Spring 2015

**Exchange Research Student**, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Winter 2015

**Summer Intern**, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Spring 2014

**Research Intern**, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay 2013 - 14

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Grading Assistant**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2017 - 2018  
Gas Dynamics (225) | Aerospace Engineering | *Course Instructor:* Prof. Mirko Gamba (Winter 2017)  
Adv. Fluid Mechanics (551) | Climate & Space Sciences | *Course Instructor:* Prof. R Paul Drake (Fall 2018)  
Adv. Fluid Mechanics (551) | Climate & Space Sciences | *Course Instructor:* Prof. Jeremy Bassis (Fall 2019)

**Teaching Assistant**, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh 2015 - 2016  
Aerospace Propulsion (215) | Aerospace Engineering | *Course Instructor:* Prof. T. K. Jindal (Winter)  
Propulsion & Materials Lab (217) | Aerospace Engineering | *Course Instructor:* Prof. T. K. Jindal (Fall)

**Teaching Aide**, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay Winter 2015  
Introduction to Aircraft Design | Aerospace Engineering | *Course Instructor:* Prof. R. S. Pant

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HONOURS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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NASA EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES FELLOWSHIP 2018 - 21

RACKHAM RESEARCH GRANT FELLOWSHIP (PRE-CANDIDATE) 2019

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE OF PLASMA SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING FELLOWSHIP 2018

UCAR/NASA-LWS HELIOPHYSICS SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2018

NASA CCMC STUDENT RESEARCH CONTEST WINNER 2017

SILVER MEDALIST in *Aerospace Engineering (equiv. to summa cum laude)* 2016

INSTITUTE COLOUR OF PUNJAB ENGINEERING COLLEGE 2016

ICICI TRINITY AWARD CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION 2014

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## OUTREACH & SERVICE

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### LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

2019 - Present Student Representative for NSF Geospace Environment Modeling (GEM) Workshop  
2019 - Present Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) Steward for Climate & Space, University of Michigan.  
2018 - Present Peer Mentorship Organizing Committee Member, Climate & Space, University of Michigan.  
2019 - 20 Campus Lead of University of Michigan to the Indian Embassy in the USA.  
2017 - 18 Secretary of the Indian Student Association (ISA) at the University of Michigan.

### AFFILIATIONS

2017 - Present American Geophysical Union  
2013 - Present American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  
2012 - Present Aeronautical Society of India

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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LANGUAGES	Python 2/3, FORTRAN 90, C/C++, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MATLAB
OPERATING SYSTEMS	Linux, Windows, Mac
SOFTWARE	IDL, TecPlot, ANSYS, CATIA, Gambit, FLUENT, Microsoft Office, SWMF

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## PUBLICATIONS

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**Mukhopadhyay, A.** et al. (2020) "Global Driving of Auroral Conductance Balance of Sources", in prep, *Journal of Geophysical Research - Space Physics*.

Liemohn et al. (**Mukhopadhyay, A.**), (2020) "RMSE is Not Enough: Guidelines to Robust Data-Model Comparisons for Magnetospheric Physics", under review in *Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics*.

**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Welling, D. T., Liemohn, M. W., Ridley, A. J., Chakrabarty S. and Anderson, B. J., (2020) "Conductance Model for Extreme Events - Impact of Auroral Conductance on Space Weather Forecasts", under review in *Space Weather*. DOI:10.1002/essoar.10503207.1. arXiv:abs/2008.12276

**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Welling, D. T., Liemohn, M. W. and Jia, X., (2020) "Statistical Comparison of Magnetopause Distances and CPCP Estimations from Global MHD Models", to be submitted in *Frontiers of Astronomy and Space Physics*. Preprint available: DOI:doi:10.1002/essoar.10502157.1.

**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, van der Holst, B. and Landi, E., (2017) "Numerical Modeling of the Lower Corona during the Total Solar Eclipse of 2010 July 11", *Master's Directive Study Report*. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.4003116.

Sharma, N., **Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Sharma, V., Mukund, M. and Pant, R. S., (2014) "Design and Field Trials of Payload Recovery Device for Tethered Aerostats", *Innovative Design, Analysis and Development Practices in Aerospace and Automotive Engineering Proceedings*, 79 - 84. Springer AG. DOI:10.1007/978-81-322-1871-5\_12

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## SELECTED TALKS & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Welling, D. T., Burleigh, M., Liemohn, M. W., Ridley, A., Zou, S., Anderson, B., Vandegriff, E., Connor, H., and Gjerloev, J., (2020) "Global Driving of Auroral Conductance - Impacts and Numerical Considerations", IEMIT Focus Group Session, *Virtual Geospace Environment Modeling (V-GEM) Workshop* (Held Online due to COVID-19; [Link](#)).

**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Welling, D. T., Liemohn, M. W. and Ridley, A. (2020) "A Study in Skill: Improving dB/dt Forecasts with Advanced Conductance Models", *17th Space Weather Conference at Annual Meeting of American Meteorological Society*, Boston, MA. [Awarded Best Student Talk](#).

**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Welling, D. T., Burleigh, M., Liemohn, M. W. and Ridley, A. (2019) "Estimating Auroral Conductance in Global MHD Models", *Monday Science Telecon* (online), hosted by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. [Invited Talk](#).

**Mukhopadhyay, A.**, Welling, D. T., Ridley, A., Liemohn, M. W. and Burleigh, M., (2019) "Identifying Sources of Auroral Conductance in Global MHD Models", *Geospace Environment Modeling Conference*, Santa Fe, NM. [Awarded Best Poster](#).