

# ARNAB LAHIRY (M.S., PHYSICS)

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER (PHYSICS | COMPUTER SCIENCE)

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## INTRODUCTION

I have extensive experience bridging scientific research and advanced computation. Proficient in handling **large, complex datasets**, **data preprocessing**, **statistical modelling**, and **machine and deep learning pipelines** for scientific insight. I design and implement **scalable algorithms**, **numerical models**, and **distributed / high-performance computing solutions**. A proven **collaborative team player**, I combine **rigorous coding practices**, **rapid learning**, and **creative problem-solving** to deliver high-impact results. Leveraging **strong oral and written communication** and **data-visualisation skills** to drive cross-disciplinary projects.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Programming:** Python (Primary), C, C++, FORTRAN, MATLAB

**Machine Learning / AI:** PyTorch, PyG, Lightning, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-Learn, vLLM, Jax, Optuna, Captum

**Numerical / Scientific Computing:** NumPy, Astropy, SciPy, h5py, Pandas, SymPy, Cython, PyWavelets

**Visualization:** Matplotlib, Seaborn, Corner, Plotly, PyVista

**Collaboration & Tools:** Git, GitHub, GitLab, Jupyter, VSCode, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MS Office, HPC (SLURM), HTML5, CSS3

**Operating Systems:** Linux (Ubuntu, Debian), macOS, iOS, iPadOS, Android, Windows

**Statistical Techniques:** Bayesian inference & optimisation, Gaussian processes, time series analysis, simulation-based inference

## EDUCATION

**University of Crete**

*Ph.D. in Physics*

Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Nov 2023 – Present

**Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati**

*B.S. - M.S. Dual Degree in Physics*

Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India

Aug 2018 – Jul 2023

## CORE EXPERIENCES AND PROJECTS

**Doctoral Researcher**

*Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas (FORTH), Crete, GR*

Nov 2023 – Present

*Institutes of Computer Science & Astrophysics*

**Visiting Doctoral Researcher at LCS, Département d'Astrophysique, UMR AIM, IRFU,**

*Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives (CEA) Paris-Saclay, FR*

- Built scalable **3D spectral datacube** and **multi-dimensional dataset** pipelines from **theoretical physical models** of galaxies, **FITS** and **HDF5** sources for AI workflows.
- Developed an **iterative 2D–1D wavelet-based algorithm** using **multiresolution feature engineering** for 3D signal denoising.
- Designed and trained a **3D U-Net** with **local convolutions**, **skip connections**, and **anisotropic multiscale learning** to denoise 3D galaxy datacubes, achieving **>95% intensity conservation** and **3–6 $\sigma$  signal-to-noise improvement**.
- Implemented **fully connected** and **1D CNN** architectures for feature inference from galaxy spectra, evaluated via **RMSE metrics** and cross-model consistency checks.
- Created modular **data ingestion, scaling, and normalization pipelines** ensuring reproducible, high-quality preprocessing.

**Masters Research Intern**

*Flatiron Institute, Simons Foundation, NY, USA*

May 2022 – May 2023

*Center for Computational Astrophysics (CCA)*

- Applied **2D CNNs and Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)** for parameter inference on simulated cosmological image datasets.
- Built efficient **data preprocessing pipelines** with **log-scaling, Z-score normalization, and parameter standardization**.
- Designed and tuned **CNN architectures** with **batch normalization, dropout, learning rate scheduling**, and **custom log-scaled loss functions, hyperparameters optimised** using the Bayesian Tree-structured Parzen Estimator (**TPE Sampler**)
- Implemented **multi-layer message-passing GNNs** on graph-structured data linking galaxies and dark matter haloes.
- Applied **interpretability algorithms** (Saliency, Integrated Gradients, Gradient SHAP) to quantify feature importance.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- “Interpreting Cosmological Information from Neural Networks in the Hydrodynamic Universe” accepted by the *Astrophysical Journal* (2025) [[arXiv preprint](#)].
- “Deep and Sparse Denoising Benchmarks for Spectral Data Cubes of High-z Galaxies: From Simulations to ALMA Observations” submitted to *Astronomy & Astrophysics* (2025).

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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## TEACHING, WORKSHOPS, AND COMMUNICATION

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### Astrostatistics Summer School - Crete

Heraklion, Crete, GR

Teaching Assistant

16–20 June 2025

- Assisted in lectures on classical and Bayesian statistics, optimisation methods, MCMC, Gaussian processes, clustering, deep learning, simulation-based inference, GPU parallelisation.

### CODE / ASTRO Software Development Workshop

Evanston, IL, USA

Participant | Contributor

4–8 August 2025

- Learned GitFlow, astronomical software development, Python package building, PyPI deployment, and documentation
- Contributed group project on developing an end-to-end software package, version control in GitHub, deployment and hosting on PyPi [[GitHub Repository](#)]

### TITAN Astroinformatics Group, FORTH

Heraklion, GR | Paris, FR

Member | Contributor

- Presented research in multidisciplinary collaboration meetings

### Relevant Conferences

Participant | Contributor

- UniversAI: Exploring the Universe with Artificial Intelligence [2–6 June 2025] Athens, GR
- ML4ASTRO2: Machine Learning for Astrophysics – 2nd Edition [8–12 July 2024] Catania, IT
- COSMO21: Statistical Challenges in 21st Century Cosmology [20–24 May 2024] Chania, GR

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**Nationality:** Indian      **Date of Birth:** 28 March 2001      **Languages:** English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Bengali (Native)

**Hobbies:** Sports (Badminton, Tennis, Padel), Art (Sketching, Painting, Digital Art), Backpacking, Photography, Cooking, Reading