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Research
Interests

Highly interested in computational astrophysics and cosmology. Currently studying galaxy and halo formation. Also worked on GWs, stellar evolution and radio astronomy.

Education

Bachelor of Technology in Engineering Physics

Aug. 2018 - May 2022

Delhi Technological University, New Delhi, India - Overall GPA: 7.43/10 | Major GPA: 9.14/10

Awards and Honors

Member - DU IoE grant for establishing radio astronomy lab (INR 300,000)	2021
Special mention by DeepAI for novel work in super-resolution	2021
Scipy and PyData Global Impact scholar	2021
AWS Machine Learning and Intel edge AI scholarship	2020

Publications

Sachin Venkatesh, T., Srivastava, R., Bhatt, P., Tyagi, P., & Singh, R. (2021). 'A comparative study of various Deep Learning techniques for spatio-temporal Super-Resolution reconstruction of Forced Isotropic Turbulent flows', IMECE2021-69923, invited extension in progress for Physics of Fluids

Sachin Venkatesh, T. (2021). 'Coupling and recoupling of binaries in chaotic three body systems'. Communications of the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory, 68, 121-124.

Research Experiences

Peering into the Radio Universe - DU IoE project Nov'21 - Present Delhi University Mentored by Dr. T.R.Seshadri

- Working on the establishment of a radio astronomy lab at DU as a student member for both research and outreach purposes. Currently fabricating different antennae and related electronic circuits to learn more about the Sun and Jupiter.

Student Associate, NANOStars and PSC NANOGrav

Oct'21 - Present

Mentored by Dr. Megan DeCesar

- Using pulsar and timing data data collected by telescopes like GBT, Arceibo etc. and analyzing them to look for new pulsars and learn more about their characteristics and other important properties.

Research Intern

May'21 - August'21 (halted)

Center for Computational Astrophysics, FI Mentored by Dr. L Y Aaron Yung

- Studied dark matter halos and their properties from IllustrisTNG dark run. Tried to implement ML algorithms on merger trees to detect self-similarity across branches. (Other mentors - Dr. Rachel Somerville, Dr. Chirag Modi)

Student Researcher, Fluid Mechanics group

Feb'21 - May'22

Delhi Technological University

Mentored by Dr. R.K.Singh

- Recent project: Super-resolution reconstruction of turbulent flows with machine learning to upscale the resolution of an image or a video and enable us to reconstruct high-fidelity images from LR data.

Study of QGP and its properties using heavy-ion collisions Feb'21 - Mar'21 Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Russia Mentored by Dr. Krystian Roslon

- Generation and analysis of heavy-ion collisions events like pPb and Au-Au using the MC generator - Therminator 2 to study Quark-Gluon Plasma and its properties using pion and kaon pairs

Modeling dust scattering and halos using GALEX data May'20 - Jan'21 Mentored by Dr. Javant Murthy Indian Institute for Astrophysics

- Studied on the evolution and nucleosysthesis of O and B type stars and the effect of cosmic dust on scattering and star formation rates. Also worked on analysis of halos around bright stars and deriving inferences from them.

SWAN Antenna Design Challenge

Jun'20 - Sep'20

Mentored by Dr. T.R.Seshadri IUCAA, India

- Designed and developed a novel broadband dual polarization antenna element suitable for astronomical observations at low radio frequencies for the SWAN initiative.

Fractals, chaos and their applications

August'20

International Science Engagement Challenge

Mentored by Andrés López Moreno

- Worked on an interdisciplinary project bridging key concepts of mathematics and physics like the relation between fractals, the Mandelbrot set and chaos theory. Simulated and classified stable and chaotic three body systems on MATLAB and python.

Talks and Posters 'Deep Learning techniques for spatio-temporal Super-Resolution reconstruction and how they can be extended to astronomy and astrophysics' [Talk]

- International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition, ASME

November 2021

- The Canadian Astro-Particle Physics Summer Student Talk, SNOLAB & Queen's University, Canada

August 2021

'Measure of biases in higher order precessing waveforms' [Poster] October 2021 NANOGrav Fall science meeting

'A study of Chaos in planar three body systems' [Poster]

Presision, Presidency University

September 2020

Relevant Coursework

Curriculum: Classical and Quantum Mechanics, Electromagnetism, Statistical Mechanics and Condensed Matter Physics, Optics, Numerical and Computational methods, Atomic and Molecular Physics, Semiconductor Devices, Quantum Computing, Microwave Engineering, Laser and Instrumentation, Cosmology and Astrophysics

MOOCS: AstroTech, Data-driven Astronomy, Introduction into General Theory of Relativity, Statistical Mechanics: Algorithms and Computations, Particle Physics, Machine Learning

Skills

- Programming languages: Python, IDL/GDL, C++
- Operating systems: Linux, Windows, HPC architectures, CUDA
- Software: LaTeX, ds9, Git, COMSOL, MATLAB

Conferences and Workshops

 PyData Global 2021 Scipy 2021 EAS 2021 [Volunteer] ESCAPE Summer School on Data Science for Astronomy, Astropacle and Particle Physics ESFRI - European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures Sokendai Asia winter school NAO, Japan IV Joint ICTP-Trieste/ICTP-SAIFR School on Cosmology International Centre for Theoretical Physics CfAO fall retreat Center for Adaptive optics, UCSC Vienna Summer School on Gravitational Quantum Physics University of Vienna Int'l Workshop on Astronomy and Relativistic Astrophysics 	• Code/Astro 2022	June'22
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Unsupervised Projects

Heavy Element Nucleosynthesis in GW170817

July'20 - Oct'20

Investigating the evidence for neutron rich nucleosynthesis processes in the EM Data of GW170817 event using data from FERMI and cross correlating the data obtained from LIGO $\,$

Applying machine learning to CERN experiments April'20 - May'20 A chain of 5 mini-projects to infer from the data generated by CERN openlab available online. Used several ML algorithms for Z boson mass measurement, particle detection, detector optimization, rare decay search and electromagnetic shower search.

Radio Astronomy Data Analysis

July'19 - Nov'19

Recorded observations of various radio sources in the sky (Cygnus A, The Sun etc.) using the SWAN Radio Telescope and analyzed the data. Worked on data analysis of observation of the Vela Pulsar.

Outreach and Mentoring

Mentor, Major League Hacking

Jan. 2021 - present

- Appointed as a Mentor at Major League Hacking specializing in data science and analysis to help students in hackathons and in their projects

Mentor, SPARE-DEPTH, Delhi Technological University Dec. 2020 - present - Mentoring sophomores and juniors on basic astronomy and astrophysics projects and courses

Outreach & Technical Communicator, Vigyan Samagam, India Feb. 2020 - Was involved with the LIGO-India project, the TMT and BARC's MACE telescope and coordinated logistics of public lectures