

# Dhruba Dutta Chowdhury

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Black Holes, Dark Matter, Gas and Stellar Dynamics, Star Clusters, Stellar Streams

## POSITIONS

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**Center for Astrophysics and Planetary Science,  
Racah Institute of Physics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel** 2022-

- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow
- Advisors: Avishai Dekel and Nir Mandelker

**Department of Physics, Presidency University, Kolkata, India** 2015-2016

- Project Assistant (Junior Research Fellow)
- Project: Modeling the 21 cm Signal from the Dark Ages
- Advisor: Kanan Kumar Datta

## EDUCATION

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**Yale University, New Haven, USA** 2016-2022

- Ph.D., M.S., M.Phil. in Astrophysics
- Thesis: Constraining Dark Matter through Gravitational Heating and Cooling Processes
- Advisors: Frank van den Bosch and Pieter van Dokkum

**Presidency University, Kolkata, India** 2013-2015

- M.Sc. in Physics
- Thesis: The Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Signal from Quasar Host Halos
- Advisor: Suchetana Chatterjee

**Presidency College, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India** 2010-2013

- B.Sc. (Honors) in Physics
- Minors in Mathematics and Chemistry

## AWARDS

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- Arnold Rosenblum Prize for Excellence in Research in Astrophysics, Hebrew University 2023
- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship 2022-2024
- Sheldon Wise Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Yale University 2017-2018
- Junior Research Fellowship, Department of Science & Technology, India 2015-2016
- Lilabati Ray Memorial Prize for Best Student Seminar, Presidency University 2015
- INSPIRE scholarship, Department of Science & Technology, India 2010-2015

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Referee for ApJ 2019-Present
- Astro-ph Meeting Moderator, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2022-Present
- Yale Astronomy Graduate Student Talks SOC Member Spring 2019
- Galaxy Lunch Moderator, Yale Astronomy Department 2017-2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Guest Lecturer, Advanced Astrophysics II: Galaxies and Cosmology, Hebrew University Spring 2024
- Guest Lecturer, Advanced Astrophysics II: Galaxies and Cosmology, Hebrew University Spring 2023
- Teaching Fellow, Planets and Stars, Yale University Spring 2017
- Teaching Fellow, Galaxies and the Universe, Yale University Fall 2017, 2019

## CONFERENCE TALKS

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1. “Dynamical Friction in Disks and Application to FFB Disks”, Cosmic Dawn Revealed by JWST: The Physics of the First Stars, Galaxies, and Black Holes, KITP, Santa Barbara, USA Aug 2024
2. “Dynamical Friction in Disks”, Galaxy Formation Workshop, UC Santa Cruz, USA Aug 2024
3. “Radial Transport in High-Redshift Disks”, Galaxy Formation Workshop, UC Santa Cruz, USA Aug 2024
4. “Radial Transport in High-Redshift Disks”, Galaxy Formation Workshop, UC Santa Cruz, USA Aug 2023
5. “Constraining Dark Matter with Gravitational Heating and Cooling Processes, Galaxy Formation Workshop, UC Santa Cruz, USA Aug 2022
6. “Radial Transport in Simulated Disks”, 68<sup>th</sup> Israel Physical Society Meeting, Tel Aviv, Israel April 2023
7. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual Workshop on Very Light Dark Matter, Kavli IPMU, Japan Sept 2021
8. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual Young Astronomers on Galactic Nuclei Meeting Sept 2021
9. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual 16<sup>th</sup> Marcel Grossmann Meeting July 2021
10. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual 238<sup>th</sup> American Astronomical Society Meeting June 2021
11. “Imprints of the Recombination History of the Universe on the HI 21-cm Signal from the Dark Ages”, Epoch of Reionization Workshop, IIT Kharagpur, India July 2016
12. “Sunyaev–Zel’dovich Signal from Quasar Hosts: Implications for Quasar Feedback Detection”, Topical Conference on Gravity, Cosmology, Astronomy, and Astrophysics, IISER Kolkata, India Sept 2015

## SEMINARS

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1. State of the Universe Seminar, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, India (**invited**) Apr 2023
2. Nature of Dark Matter on Small Scales Virtual Seminar (**invited**) Apr 2022
3. Galaxies and Cosmology Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, USA (**invited**) Nov 2021
4. Galaxy Coffee Talk, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Germany Nov 2021
5. Astro Lunch Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, USA (**invited**) Nov 2021
6. Cosmology Group Meeting Talk, Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, Canada Nov 2021
7. L2G2 Meeting Talk, Center for Computational Astrophysics, USA (**invited**) Nov 2021
8. Lunch Talk, Leiden Observatory, Netherlands Nov 2021
9. Lunch Talk, Carnegie Observatories, USA (**invited**) Nov 2021
10. Center for Astrophysics Seminar, Harvard University, USA (**invited**) Nov 2021
11. Cosmology Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, Germany Oct 2021
12. Thunch Talk, Princeton University, USA Oct 2021
13. CCAPP Seminar, Ohio State University, USA (**invited**) Oct 2021
14. Flash Talk, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA Oct 2021
15. Brown Bag Lunch Talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA Oct 2021
16. TAPIR Seminar, California Institute of Technology, USA (**invited**) Oct 2021
17. Cosmo Lunch Talk, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (**invited**) Sep 2021
18. Physics Club Talk, Presidency University, India (**invited**) Jul 2019

## INVITED COLLOQUIA

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1. School of Astrophysics, Presidency University, Kolkata, India Sept 2022
2. Academia Sinica Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Taipei, Taiwan Jan 2022
3. Department of Physics, Presidency University, Kolkata, India May 2019

## CONFERENCE POSTERS

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1. “On the Orbital Decay of Globular Clusters in NGC 1052-DF2: Testing a Baryon Only Mass Model”, Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA Aug 2019
2. “On the Orbital Decay of Globular Clusters in NGC 1052-DF2: Testing a Baryon Only Mass Model”, Small Galaxies, Cosmic Questions Conference, Durham University, UK July 2019

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS (TOTAL CITATIONS : 198, H-INDEX : 8) [ADS]

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1. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, van den Bosch F.C., van Dokkum, P., Robles, V.H., Schive H. et al. “On the Dynamical Heating of Dwarf Galaxies in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, 2023, ApJ 949 68
2. van Dokkum P. et al. including **Dutta Chowdhury D.** [11 total] “Monochromatic globular clusters as a critical test of formation models for the dark matter deficient galaxies NGC1052-DF2 and NGC1052-DF4” 2022, ApJL 940 L9
3. van Dokkum P. et al. including **Dutta Chowdhury D.** [11 total] “A trail of dark-matter-free galaxies from a bullet-dwarf collision” 2022, Nature, 605, 435
4. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, van den Bosch, F.C., Robles, V.H., van Dokkum, P., Schive, H. et al. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo” 2021, ApJ, 916, 27
5. Shen Z. et al. including **Dutta Chowdhury D.** [10 total] “A Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distance of  $22.1 \pm 1.2$  Mpc to the Dark Matter Deficient Galaxy NGC 1052-DF2 from 40 Orbits of Hubble Space Telescope Imaging” 2021, ApJL, 914, L12
6. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, van den Bosch, F.C., and van Dokkum, P. “On the Evolution of the Globular Cluster System in NGC 1052-DF2: Dynamical Friction, Globular-Globular Interactions, and Galactic Tides” 2020, ApJ, 903, 149
7. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, van den Bosch, F.C., and van Dokkum, P. “On the Orbital Decay of Globular Clusters in NGC 1052-DF2: Testing a Baryon Only Mass Model” 2019, ApJ, 877, 133
8. Ansar, S., Datta, K.K. and **Dutta Chowdhury, D.** “Impact of Inhomogeneous CMB Heating of Gas on the HI 21-cm Signal During Dark Ages” 2018, PhysRevD, 98, 103505
9. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.** and Chatterjee, S. “Sunyaev-Zel’dovich Signal from Quasar Hosts: Implications for Detection of Quasar Feedback” 2017, ApJ, 839, 34

## SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

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1. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, Dekel, A., Mandelker, N., Ginzburg, O., and Genzel, R. “Radial Transport in High-Redshift Disk Galaxies Dominated by Inflowing Streams”, submitted to A&A, arXiv:2409.01589

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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1. Dekel, A., Stone, N., **Dutta Chowdhury, D.** et al. “Growth of Massive Black Holes in FFB Galaxies at Cosmic Dawn”

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

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- N-Body simulations with GADGET-2 and GADGET-4
- Fuzzy Dark Matter simulations with GAMER-2 (AMR Code)
- Programming skills in C, C++, FORTRAN 77, and Python