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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dark Matter, Dynamics, Galaxies, Globular and Nuclear Star Clusters, Stellar Streams

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA 2016-

- Ph.D. in Astronomy, Expected August 2022
- Thesis: Constraining Dark Matter through Dynamical Heating and Cooling Processes
- Advisors: Frank van den Bosch and Pieter van Dokkum
- M.S., M.Phil. in Astronomy, May 2018

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 2010-2013

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

POSITIONS

Yale University, Astronomy Department 2018-

- Graduate Research Assistant
- Advisors: Frank van den Bosch and Pieter van Dokkum

Presidency University, Physics Department 2015-2016

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

AWARDS

- Sheldon Wise Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Yale University 2017-2018
- Junior Research Fellowship, Dept. of Science & Technology, India 2015-2016
- INSPIRE scholarship, Dept. of Science & Technology, India 2010-2015
- Lilabati Ray Memorial Prize for Best Seminar, Presidency University 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee for ApJ 2019-
- Yale Astronomy Graduate Student Talks SOC Member Spring 2019
- Galaxy Lunch Moderator, Yale Astronomy Department 2017-2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Fellow, Planets and Stars, Yale University Spring 2017
- Teaching Fellow, Galaxies and the Universe, Yale University Fall 2017, 2019

CONFERENCE TALKS

1. “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
2. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual Young Astronomers on Galactic Nuclei Meeting, Sept 2021
3. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual 16th Marcel Grossmann Meeting, July 2021
4. “On the Random Motion of Nuclear Objects in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”, Virtual AAS Summer Meeting, June 2021
5. “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
6. “Sunyaev–Zel’dovich Signal from Quasar Hosts: Implications for Quasar Feedback Detection”, Topical Conference on Gravity, Cosmology, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Eastern Region, IISER, Kolkata, India, Sept 2015

SEMINARS

1. Galaxies and Cosmology Seminar, UT Austin, USA, Nov 2021 (**invited**)
2. Galaxy Coffee Talk, MPIA, Heidelberg, Germany, Nov 2021
3. Astro Lunch Seminar, CMU, Pittsburgh, USA, Nov 2021 (**invited**)
4. Cosmology Group Meeting Talk, CITA, Toronto, Canada, Nov 2021
5. L2G2 Meeting Talk, CCA, New York, USA, Nov 2021 (**invited**)
6. Lunch Talk, Leiden Observatory, Leiden, Netherlands, Nov 2021
7. Lunch Talk, Carnegie Observatories, Pasadena, USA, Nov 2021 (**invited**)
8. CfA Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, Nov 2021 (**invited**)
9. Cosmology Seminar, MPA, Garching, Germany, Oct 2021
10. Thunch Talk, Princeton University, Princeton, USA, Oct 2021
11. CCAPP Seminar, OSU, Columbus, USA, Oct 2021 (**invited**)
12. Flash Talk, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA, Oct 2021
13. Brown Bag Lunch Talk, MIT, Cambridge, USA, Oct 2021
14. TAPIR Seminar, Caltech, Pasadena, USA, Oct 2021 (**invited**)
15. Cosmo Lunch Talk, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, Sept 2021 (**invited**)

CONFERENCE POSTERS

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, Durham, UK, July 2019

**REFEREED
PUBLICATIONS**
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1. **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
(led the study, ran and analyzed simulations, performed analytical calculations, wrote the paper)
2. Shen Z., Danieli, D., van Dokkum P. et al. including **Dutta Chowdhury D.** [10 total] “A Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distance of 22.1 ± 1.2 Mpc to the Dark Matter Deficient Galaxy NGC 1052–DF2 from 40 Orbits of Hubble Space Telescope Imaging” 2021, ApJL, 914, L12
(read the draft and provided constructive feedback)
3. **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
(led the study, ran and analyzed simulations, performed analytical calculations, wrote the paper)
4. **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
(led the study, ran and analyzed simulations, performed semi-analytical calculations, wrote the paper)
5. 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
(initiated the study, performed a part of the analytical calculations, read the draft and provided constructive feedback)
6. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.** and Chatterjee, S. “Sunyaev-Zel’dovich Signal from Quasar Hosts: Implications for Detection of Quasar Feedback” 2017, ApJ, 839, 34
(led the study, performed analytical calculations, wrote the paper)

**PAPERS IN
PREPARATION**

1. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, van den Bosch F.C., van Dokkum, P., Robles, V.H., Schive H. et al. “On the Dynamics of Dwarf Galaxies in a Fuzzy Dark Matter Halo”
(leading the study, running and analyzing simulations, writing the paper, estimated submission date: March 2022)
2. **Dutta Chowdhury, D.**, van den Bosch F.C., van Dokkum, P., Robles, V.H., Schive H. et al. “Understanding the Heating Effect in Fuzzy Dark Matter: Decomposing the Contributions from Soliton Random Walk, Soliton Oscillations, and Envelope Density Fluctuations”
(leading the study, performing semi-analytical calculations, writing the paper, estimated submission date: March 2022)

**COMPUTATIONAL
SKILLS**

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