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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Turbulent convection, atmospheric and astrophysical flows, compressible flows, High-Performance Computing (HPC), turbulence and nonlinear dynamics, etc


EDUCATION

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Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Kanpur, India
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics *August 2021 - November 2025 (expected)*

 - Courses on Tapestry of Field Theory, Physics of Turbulence, High-Performance Computing and Advanced Statistical Physics.
 - Current Cumulative Performance Index: 9.56/10
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Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Kanpur, India
Master of Science in Physics *July 2019 - July 2021*

 - Courses on High Energy Astrophysics, Nuclear and Particle Physics and Quantum Field Theory.
 - Cumulative Performance Index: 8.30/10
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Kumaun University Nainital, India
Bachelor of Science *July 2016 - June 2019*

 - Subjects: Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry
 - Percentage: 66.4%, First Class


RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Graduate Researcher, Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur 2021 - Present

Supervisor: Prof. Mahendra Verma, Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur
Co-supervisor: Prof. Rajesh Ranjan, Department of Aerospace Engineering, IIT Kanpur

Thesis Title: *Compressible turbulent convection at extreme Rayleigh numbers*

 - Simulated turbulent compressible convection at extreme Rayleigh numbers, revealing classical heat transport scaling laws.
 - Developed a scalable Python PDE solver with GPU and MPI support for high-performance simulations.
 - Applied advanced numerical methods to study shocks, turbulence, and compressible flows in astrophysics and atmosphere.
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Master's Student, Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur 2020 - 2021

Supervisor: Prof. Pankaj Jain, Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur
Co-supervisor: Prof. J.S. Yadav, Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur

Project: *Theoretical Modelling of Accretion Disk Oscillations*

 - Studied acoustic normal modes in thin accretion disks using an effective Kerr potential.
 - Derived a dispersion relation valid over a range of black hole spin parameters.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **H. Tiwari**, L. Sharma, and M. K. Verma, Compressible turbulent convection at very high Rayleigh numbers, *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*. 242, 126821 (2025). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2025.126821>
2. **H. Tiwari**, L. Sharma, and M. K. Verma, On the absence of the Ultimate Regime in Turbulent Thermal Convection, *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2025). (Accepted)
3. **H. Tiwari** and M. K. Verma, Classical 1/3 Nusselt number scaling in highly turbulent compressible convection, *arxiv:2502.02611* (2025). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2502.02611>
4. D. Singh, **H. Tiwari**, L. Sharma, and M. K. Verma, Mathematical formulation of mode-to-mode energy transfers and energy fluxes in compressible turbulence, *Physical Review Fluids* (2025). (Accepted)
5. D. Singh, **H. Tiwari**, L. Sharma, and M. K. Verma, Scale-by-Scale Energy Transfers and Fluxes in Compressible Turbulence, *Europhysics Letters* (2025). (Under review)
6. L. Sharma, M. Pathak, **H. Tiwari**, and M. K. Verma, Effect of Prandtl number on turbulent compressible convection, *Physical Review Fluids* (2025). (Under review)
7. L. Sharma, M. Pathak, **H. Tiwari**, and M. K. Verma, Variation of convective heat flux imbalance with Prandtl number, *Center for Turbulence Research Annual Reports Briefs* (2025). (Under review)
8. **H. Tiwari**, D. Singh, M. K. Verma, and R. Ranjan, Energy spectra and fluxes in forced supersonic turbulence using high-order direct numerical simulations. (Under preparation)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Poster presentation titled “Compressible turbulent convection at extreme Rayleigh numbers” at **The Variable Sun: Past, Present, and Future Perspectives** at Thiruvananthapuram, India.
- Talk on “Classical 1/3 Nusselt Scaling in Compressible Convection” at **1st European Fluid Dynamics Conference (EFDC1)** at Aachen, Germany.
- Talk on “Classical 1/3 Nusselt Scaling in Compressible Convection at Extreme Ra” at **ICTS Program on Theoretical and Practical Perspectives in Geophysical Fluid Dynamics**.
- Poster presentation titled “Classical Nusselt 1/3 scaling up to $Ra = 10^{16}$ in turbulent compressible convection” at **HPC Symposium 2024, IIT Kanpur**.
- Oral presentation on compressible turbulent convection at the **Research Scholar Day** organised by the Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur.
- Participated in **Frontier Hackathon March 2024**. We scaled the compressible finite-difference solver *Dhara* on Frontier up to 8192 AMD MI250X GPUs.
- Attended the **ICTS Program on Field Theory and Turbulence 2023**.
- Attended the **ICTS Program on Turbulence: Problems at the interface of Mathematics and Physics 2023**.
- Participated in **NSM GPU Hackathon 2022**. We ported the Quantum Solver (Gross–Pitaevskii equation) sequential code to run on multiple GPUs and scaled on 64 Nvidia A100 GPUs.
- Attended the **ICTS Summer School on Gravitational-Wave Astronomy 2021**.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I have assisted in the following courses at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur:

- **PHY441A: Electronics** from August 2021 to May 2022.
- **PHY473A: Computational Physics** from August 2022 to November 2022.
- **PHY113A: Classical Electrodynamics** from March 2023 to November 2023.
- **NPTEL: Scientific Computing using Python** from June 2023 to November 2023.

- **NPTEL: Tapestry of Field Theory: Classical Quantum, Equilibrium, Nonequilibrium Perspectives** from January 2024 to January 2025.
- **PHY461A/462A: Experimental Physics I/II** from January 2024 to May 2025.
- **PHY111A: Undergraduate Lab** from August 2025 to Present.

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

- **Advanced:** Python, parallel programming, Numba, Paraview
- **Intermediate:** Matlab, Mathematica, CUDA
- **Basic:** C++, Julia, Fortran, R

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of the **2025 Division of Fluid Dynamics Enabling Award**, American Physical Society, supporting attendance at the 2025 DFD Annual Meeting, Nov 2025.
- Secured an **All India Rank 74** among 15,000 applicants in **IIT Joint Admission Test (JAM) 2019**, for the admission to M.Sc. program at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.
- Recipient of **Merit cum Means Scholarship** at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Aug 2019 - May 2021.
- Secured **All India Rank 307** in **Joint Entrance Screening Test (JEST) 2019**.
- Qualified **National Defence Academy (NDA)** entrance exam in 2016.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

1. Coordinator, Adventure Sports Club, IIT Kanpur (2024–25)

- Led club activities, organizing fitness programs, treks, runs, and yoga, boosting participation and visibility.

2. Secretary, Adventure Sports Club, IIT Kanpur (2022–23, 2023–24)

- Assisted in organising events and managing logistics for outdoor activities and training sessions.

3. Election Officer, Hall 7, HEC Elections 2022

- Managed smooth conduct of hostel elections with a voter turnout of ~85%.

REFERENCES

1. **Prof. Mahendra K. Verma**, Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur, India.
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