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## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

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- 2016- 2020 **Ph.D. in Physics**, University of Delaware, Newark DE, USA  
Thesis supervisor: Prof. [William H. Matthaeus](#)
- 2014- 2016 **M.Sc. in Physics**, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, India
- 2011- 2014 **B.Sc. with Physics Honours**, University of Calcutta, India

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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- 2025- present Assistant Professor  
Department of Physics and Astronomy, **University of Delaware**, Newark DE, USA
- 2021- present Associate Research Scholar  
Department of Astrophysical Sciences, **Princeton University**, Princeton NJ, USA
- 2020- 2021 Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Department of Astrophysical Sciences, **Princeton University**, Princeton NJ, USA  
Group of Prof. [David J. McComas](#).
- 2020- 2020 Postdoctoral Researcher  
Department of Physics and Astronomy, **University of Delaware**, Newark DE, USA  
Group of Prof. [William H. Matthaeus](#).

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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An article titled “Collisional-like dissipation in collisionless plasmas” was chosen as a Featured Article in [Physics of Plasmas](#). Companion science highlight published in [Scilight](#).

2021 [AAPPS-DPP U30 \(under 30 years old\) Doctoral Scientist/Student Award](#) instituted by the Division of Plasma Physics, Association of Asia-Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS-DPP).

2020 [Parvez Guzdar Young Scientist Award](#) instituted by the Institute for Plasma Research, Bhat, Gandhinagar, India.

2020 Daicar-Bata Award, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Delaware, for authoring one of the department’s three most impactful publications.

2020 [Donald L. Turcotte Award](#) from American Geophysical Union (AGU) for outstanding dissertation research that contributes directly to nonlinear geophysics.

2020 Qaisar and Monika Shafi Theoretical Physics Outstanding Dissertation Award, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Delaware.

2019 Daicar-Bata Highest GPA Award, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Delaware.

Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scholarship by Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India for a period of five years (2011 – 2016).

## RESEARCH GRANT SELECTION

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NASA ROSES-2020 Heliophysics Guest Investigator (H-GI) “Open” Program: “Investigation of the Nature of Turbulent Dissipation in near-Earth Space Plasma” (**PI**, 2021 – 2025).

NASA ROSES-2021 Parker Solar Probe Guest Investigator (PSP-GI) Program: “Geometry of Magnetic Fluctuations near the Sun” (**PI**, 2021 – 2025).

NASA MMS Early-Career Grant: “Ion and Electron Heating within Current Sheets in the Magnetosheath” (**PI**, 2021 – 2025).

## INVITED TALKS

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Pathways to Dissipation in Weakly-Collisional Plasmas, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Session, AGU 2020.

Dissipation in Electron-only Reconnection Events: Insights from Pressure-Strain Interaction, Electron-only Reconnection Splinter Session, MMS Spring 2021 SWT Meeting.

Characterization of the sub-Alfvénic Solar Wind Observed by Parker Solar Probe, Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) 2022 Virtual Meeting.

Energy transfer and proton-electron heating in turbulent plasmas, TESS 2022.

Energy transfer and proton-electron heating in turbulent plasmas, AAPPS-DPP 2022.

Energy Dissipation in Electron-only Reconnection, MR2023 Workshop on Magnetic Reconnection.

Turbulent Cascade and Proton–Electron Heating in Collisionless Plasmas, AGU 2023.

## PUBLICATIONS (26 first author, [Google-Scholar citations=1973](#), [h-index=26](#))\*

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- [1] Subash Adhikari, Carlos A. González, Yan Yang, Sean Oughton, *et al.*, *Estimation of Effective Viscosity to Quantify Collisional Behavior in Collisionless Plasma*. The Astrophysical Journal, **vol. 992**(2), (2025), p. 180. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ae08b4>.
- [2] **R. Bandyopadhyay**, J. Ward, D. J. McComas, N. A. Schwadron, *et al.*, *Asymmetric Tangential Velocity inside Switchbacks: Implication for Switchback Origin*. The Astrophysical Journal, **vol. 991**(1), (2025), p. 41. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/adfc45>.
- [3] M. E. Cuesta, G. Livadiotis, D. J. McComas, L. Y. Khoo, *et al.*, *Transfer of Entropy between the Magnetic Field and Solar Energetic Particles during an Interplanetary Coronal Mass Ejection*. The Astrophysical Journal Letters, **vol. 984**(2), (2025), p. L50. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/adcbff>.
- [4] H. A. Farooki, M. E. Cuesta, **R. Bandyopadhyay**, G. Livadiotis, *et al.*, *Estimating the Bulk Velocity of Energetic Particle Populations Using ISOIS/EPI-Lo Measurements*. The Astrophysical Journal, **vol. 984**(1), (2025), p. 70. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/adc12b>.
- [5] M. Baraka, O. Le Contel, P. Canu, S. W. Alqeeq, *et al.*, *MMS Analysis of a Dayside Compressed Magnetospheric Separatrix in the Presence of Cold Ions and a Moderate Guide Field*. Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics, **vol. 130**(4), (2025), p. e2024JA033234. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1029/2024JA033234>.
- [6] M. E. Cuesta, L. Y. Khoo, G. Livadiotis, M. M. Shen, *et al.*, *Comparing Methods for Calculating Solar Energetic Particle Intensities: Rebinning versus Spectral Binning*. The Astrophysical Journal, **vol. 980**(2), (2025), p. 235. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/adaea9>.
- [7] **Riddhi Bandyopadhyay**, James R. Beattie, and Amitava Bhattacharjee, *Density Fluctuation–Mach Number Scaling in Compressible, High Plasma Beta Turbulence: In Situ Space Observations and High-Reynolds Number Simulations*. The Astrophysical Journal Letters, **vol. 982**(2), (2025), p. L45. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/adbe3b>.

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- [8] Zachary Bailey, **Riddhi Bandyopadhyay**, Shadia Habbal, and Miloslav Druckmüller, *Measurement of Turbulence Injection Scale Down to the Chromosphere*. The Astrophysical Journal Letters, **vol. 980**(2), (2025), p. L20. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/ada363>.
- [9] J. E. Stawarz, P. A. Muñoz, N. Bessho, R. Bandyopadhyay, *et al.*, *The Interplay Between Collisionless Magnetic Reconnection and Turbulence*. Space Science Reviews, **vol. 220**(8), (2024), p. 90. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11214-024-01124-8>.
- [10] David Ruffolo, Panisara Thepthong, Peera Pongkitwanichakul, Sohom Roy, *et al.*, *Observed Fluctuation Enhancement and Departure from WKB Theory in Sub-Alfvénic Solar Wind*. The Astrophysical Journal Letters, **vol. 977**(1), (2024), p. L19. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/ad9727>.
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- [12] **R. Bandyopadhyay**, N. V. Sarlis, J. M. Weygand, R. J. Strangeway, *et al.*, *Observation of chaotic fluctuations in turbulent plasma*. Physics of Plasmas, **vol. 31**(10), (2024), p. 100702. ISSN 1070-664X. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/5.0220376>.
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Guest Lecturer (University of Delaware)

Plasma Physics I (Graduate level course on fluids and magnetohydrodynamics)	Fall 2019
PHYS638 Turbulent Flows (Graduate level course on fundamental characteristics of turbulence)	Spring 2025
PHYS809 Electrodynamics I (Graduate level course on Electrodynamics)	Fall 2025

### Teaching Assistant (University of Delaware)

Introductory Physics I (Introduction to classical physics and fluid mechanics for students in the life and environmental sciences)	2017 Winter, 2017 Fall, 2018 Winter
Introductory Physics II (Introduction to electromagnetism and optics for students in the life and environmental sciences)	2017 Spring
Fundamentals of Physics II (Introduction to electromagnetism for students in the physical sciences and engineering)	2017 Summer, 2017 Fall

## SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

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**Reviewer** for The Astrophysical Journal (ApJ), The Astrophysical Journal Letters (ApJL), Geophysical Research Letters (GRL), Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS), Physics of Plasmas (PoP), Physical Review Letters (PRL), Earth and Space Science (ESS), Physical Review E (PRE), Scientific Reports, Astronomy & Astrophysics (A & A), Nature Communications, Journal of Plasma Physics (JPP), Space Science Reviews (SSR) (~10 per year).

**NASA Review Panels**

Review Panelist	2021, 2022, 2023
External Reviewer	2020, 2024
Executive Secretary	2020

**Conference Panel Organization**

Magnetospheric Multiscale (MMS) Mission Science Working Team meeting	Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2024
Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) Mission Science Team meeting	2021, 2022
Solar Heliospheric and INterplanetary Environment (SHINE) workshop	2022, 2023, 2024

**Graduate Student & Dissertation Advising****Next Position**

William Taranto (Ph.D. expected 2030, University of Delaware)	N/A (ongoing)
Sohom Roy (Ph.D. December 2024, University of Delaware)	postdoc at Space Research Institute (Institut für Weltraumforschung, IWF), Graz, Austria
Camryn Phillips (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semester projects, Princeton University)	changed field

**Undergraduate Student Advising****Next Position**

Yanwen Wang, '22 (2019 Sophomore Project), University of Delaware	Ph.D. student at the University of Maryland, College Park
Luke Begley, '22 (2020 Junior Project), Princeton University	joined industry
Siegfried Gawenda, '23 (2022 Spring Junior Project), Princeton University	Ph.D. student at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Ryan LoRusso, '24 (2022 Fall Junior Project), Princeton University	Ph.D. student at Indiana University at Bloomington
Cole Meyer, '24 (2022 Fall Junior Project), Princeton University	Ph.D. student at Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona
Juston Ward, '24 (Princeton University Undergraduate Summer Research Program via National Radio Astronomy Observatory/National Astronomy Consortium; 2023&2024 Summer), Sam Houston State University	Ph.D. student at Baylor University

**Public Outreach**

Lecture and public interaction at the “[Science Under the Stars](#)” series organized by the New Jersey State Museum.

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