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EDUCATION

2018 – 2022	**Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University**, Astronomy & Astrophysics *Thesis Title: Unveiling the Circumgalactic medium using Cloud-by-cloud, Multiphase, Bayesian Ionization Modeling*
2016 – 2018	**M.S., Pennsylvania State University**, Astronomy & Astrophysics
2007 – 2011	**B.S., Indian Institute of Space Science & Tech.**, Physical Sciences

EMPLOYMENT

2022 – 2025	**Postdoctoral Research Associate** University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
2015 – 2016	**Scientist - SD (Promoted; Observational Astronomer)** Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
2011 – 2015	**Scientist - SC (Mass Spectroscopist)** Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

PUBLICATIONS (>500 REFEREED CITATIONS, H-INDEX=13)

First Author

[5] **Sameer**, Lehner, N., Howk, J. C., Fox, A. J., O'Meara, J. M., & Oppenheimer, B. D. (2024). The COS CGM Compendium. V: the dichotomy in the properties of OVI associated with the low- and high-Metallicity HI-bearing gas. *arXiv e-prints*, Article arXiv:2403.02374, arXiv:2403.02374. https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2403.02374

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[5] Hafen, Z., **Sameer**, Hummels, C., Charlton, J., Mandelker, N., Wijers, N., Bullock, J., Faerman, Y., Lehner, N., & Stern, J. (2024). The Halo21 absorption modelling challenge: lessons from 'observing' synthetic circumgalactic absorption spectra. MNRAS, *528*(1), 39–60. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stad3889

[4] Nielsen, N. M., Kacprzak, G. G., **Sameer**, Murphy, M. T., Nateghi, H., Charlton, J. C., & Churchill, C. W. (2022). A complex multiphase DLA associated with a compact group at z = 2.431 traces accretion, outflows, and tidal streams. MNRAS, *514*(4), 6074–6101. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stac1824

[3] Narayanan, A., **Sameer**, Muzahid, S., Johnson, S. D., Udhwani, P., Charlton, J. C., Mauerhofer, V., Schaye, J., & Yadav, M. (2021). A partial Lyman limit system tracing intragroup gas at z ≈ 0.8 towards HE 1003 + 0149. MNRAS, *505*(1), 738–754. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab1315

[2] Kaur, N., **Sameer**, Baliyan, K. S., & Ganesh, S. (2017). Optical intra-day variability in 3C 66A: A decade of observations. MNRAS, *469*(2), 2305–2312. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stx965

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[14] Fernández-Figueroa et al. (including **Sameer**) (2024). "Unveiling the complex circumgalactic medium: a comparative study of merging and non-interacting galaxy groups". MNRAS, 531, 3658–3677. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stae1332

[13] Nateghi et al. (including **Sameer**) (2023). "Signatures of gas flows-II: Connecting the kinematics of the multiphase circumgalactic medium to galaxy rotation". *arXiv e-prints*, **volume**, arXiv:2311.05165. https://doi.org/**doi**

[12] Dorigo Jones et al. (including **Sameer**) (2022). "Improving blazar redshift constraints with the edge of the Ly α forest: 1ES 1553+113 and implications for observations of the WHIM". MNRAS, 509, 4330–4343. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab3331

[11] Marra et al. (including **Sameer**) (2021). "Using cosmological simulations and synthetic absorption spectra to assess the accuracy of observationally derived CGM metallicities". MNRAS, 508, 4938–4951. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab2896

[10] Pradeep et al. (including **Sameer**) (2020). "Solar-metallicity gas in the extended halo of a galaxy at z ∼ 0.12". MNRAS, 493, 250–266. https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/staa184

[9] Yi et al. (including **Sameer**) (2019). "Broad Absorption Line Disappearance/Emergence in Multiple Ions in a Weak Emission-line Quasar". ApJ, 870, L25. https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/aafc1d

[8] Dey et al. (including **Sameer**) (2018). "Authenticating the Presence of a Relativistic Massive Black Hole Binary in OJ 287 Using Its General Relativity Centenary Flare: Improved Orbital Parameters". ApJ, 866, 11. https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/aadd95

[7] Goyal et al. (including **Sameer**) (2018). "Stochastic Modeling of Multiwavelength Variability of the Classical BL Lac Object OJ 287 on Timescales Ranging from Decades to Hours". ApJ, 863, 175. https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/aad2de

[6] Kaur et al. (including **Sameer**) (2018). "Optical Variability in IBL S5 0716+714 during the 2013-2015 Outbursts". AJ, 156, 36. https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/aac5e4

[5] Kaur, Chandra, et al. (including **Sameer**) (2017). "A Multiwavelength Study of Flaring Activity in the High-energy Peaked BL Lac Object 1ES 1959+650 During 2015-2016". ApJ, 846, 158. https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/aa86b0

[4] Ahnen et al. (including **Sameer**) (2017). "Multiwavelength observations of a VHE gamma-ray flare from PKS 1510-089 in 2015". A&A, 603, A29. https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361/201629960

[3] Zola et al. (including **Sameer**) (2016). "A Search for QPOs in the Blazar OJ287: Preliminary Results from the 2015/2016 Observing Campaign". *Galaxies*, 4, 41. https://doi.org/10.3390/galaxies4040041

[2] Baliyan, Kaur, et al. (including **Sameer**) (2016). "Multi-wavelength Study of Blazars Using Variability as a Tool". *Journal of Astronomy and Space Sciences*, 33, 177–183. https://doi.org/10.5140/JASS.2016.33.3.177

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Non Refereed Publications

[6] Sitarek, J., Becerra Gonzalez, J., Fallah Ramazani, V., Lindfors, E., ..., **Sameer**, Vazquez Acosta, M., Larsson, S., Magic Collabortion, Fermi-Lat Collaboration, Baliyan, K., Kaur, N., Jorstad, S. G., & Raiteri, C. (2017). MAGIC observations of variable very-high-energy gamma-ray emission from PKS1510-089 during May 2015 outburst. *35th International Cosmic Ray Conference (ICRC2017)*, *301*, Article 657, 657

[5] Baliyan, K. S., Chandra, S., Kaur, N., Ganesh, S., **Sameer**, Srivastava, M., Bisht, V., Jatin, & Kumar, R. (2016). Optical/NIR Observations of HBL 1ES 1959+625 from Mt Abu IR Observatory(MIRO), India. *The Astronomer's Telegram*, *9070*, 1

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[2] Baliyan, K. S., Kaur, N., **Sameer**, Ganesh, S., & Chandra, S. (2015). Study of AGNs using Blazar Variability as a tool. *Astronomical Society of India Conference Series*, *12*, 101–104

[1] Sarbadhikari, A. B., Marhas, K. K., **Sameer**, & Goswami, J. N. (2013). Water Content in Melt Inclusions and Apatites in low Titaniumlunar Mare Basalt 15555. *44th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference*, 2813

AWARDS

2023	**International Travel Grant** American Astronomical Society
2022	**Postdoctoral Lightning Talk Competition - Department Prize** College of Science, University of Notre Dame
2018, 2019, 2021	**Zaccheus Daniel Fellowship** Penn State
2016	**Homer F. Braddock/Nellie H. and Oscar L. Roberts Fellowship** Penn State
2011	**Academic Excellence Award** Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology
2007 – 2011	**Full-tuition scholarship** Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology

GRANTS & AWARDED RESEARCH PROGRAMS

2022	**GBT program 22B-350, Co-I** Project AMIGA: The Circumgalactic Medium of M31 – Mapping the inner halo
2022	**HST program 17051, Co-I** (Cycle 30) A ULLYSES Survey of the Magellanic Clouds: a Laboratory for the Physics of Interfaces between Hot and Cold Gas
2021	**HST program 16607, Co-PI ($295,000)** (Cycle 29) Is There a Relationship Between the Metallicity of the Circumgalactic Medium and the Galaxy Orientation?

INVITED TALKS

2024	**1. Tracing Galaxy Environments using Metal Absorption Signatures across Cosmic History** (Feb 20) University of Washington, Seattle
2022	**2. Probing the physicochemical properties of the Leo Ring and the Leo I group** (Jan 27) Carnegie Tea Talk, Virtual, Carnegie Observatories
2021	**3. Investigating the origin of multiphase, multicomponent absorption in an Ultrastrong Mg II absorber using the CMBM approach** (Aug 19) Baltimore Winds Workshop, Johns Hopkins University
2020	**4. Unveiling the nature of the circumgalactic medium** (Oct 29)

Data Science Consortium, Virtual, University of Michigan

5. Automated extraction of multiphase conditions of QALs using Bayesian Modeling with cloudy (Jun 19)
Department Colloquium, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Virtual, New Mexico State University

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

2024 1. Discussion lead (Sept 11) - Bridging CGM observations, models, and simulations
(Sept 10) - Cold Gas in the CGM
A Holistic Understanding of the Multi-scale, Multiphase CGM, Aspen Center for Physics (Sept 1 – 15), CO
2. Resolving the CGM in Theory & Observations (Aug 21 – 23), Harvard University
3. FOGGIE Retreat (May 06 – 09), Michigan State

2023 4. Oases in the Cosmic Desert: Understanding the Structure of the Circumgalactic Medium (Feb 21 – 23), Arizona State University

2022 5. Dissertation Talk (Jun 16), AAS 240, Pasadena

6. Thesis Defense Talk (Jun 10), Penn State

2021 7. STARs Lab Meeting (Nov 5), Virtual, Arizona State University

8. Milky Way Halo Research Group Meeting (Oct 15), Virtual, STScI

9. Lunch Talk (Sep 21), Virtual, Penn State

10. Galread Extragalactic Discussion Group (Apr 5), Virtual, Princeton

11. High Energy Astro Group Seminar (Mar 25), Virtual, MIT

12. Lunch Talk (Mar 23), Virtual, Penn State

13. Tutorial contributor & presenter (Jan 20)
Fundamentals of Gaseous Halos (Jan 11 – Mar 5), Virtual, UCSB

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2021 1. Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy (June 9)
Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy VII (Jun 7 – 10), Virtual, Penn State
2. American Astronomical Society (Jan 11 – 15), Virtual

2019 3. American Astronomical Society (Jan 6 – 10), University of Washington

2018 4. Astrophysical Frontiers in the Next Decade and Beyond (Jun 26 – 29), Portland, Oregon

OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

2015 – 2016	1.2m Telescope, Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India Monitoring of blazar variability using optical and infrared photometric imaging

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

2023 –	**Enosh Kallely**, Undergraduate student Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, Notre Dame Directing undergraduate non-thesis research & Advising research leading to publication
2022 – 2024	**Purvi Udhwani**, Graduate student Dept. of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Australian National University Advised research leading to publication
2024 –	**Kshitij Chauhan**, Graduate student Inter University Center for Astronomy & Astrophysics, Pune, India Advising research leading to publication
2021 – 2023	**Shengdi You**, Undergraduate student Dept. of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Penn State Directed undergraduate thesis research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024 –	**Certificate Course in Teaching** Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, Notre Dame
Fall 2019	**Teaching Assistant**, Penn State Artistic Universe - Basic concepts of astronomy through gaming (ASTRO-7N)
Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016	**Instructor**, Penn State Introduction to Astronomy for non science majors (ASTRO 11)
Fall 2016	**Teaching Assistant**, Penn State Observational Astronomy & Experimental Physics (ASTRO 320)

SUPERCOMPUTING ALLOCATIONS

2022 – 2024	**ACCESS Allocation, PI** (8900 node-hours) PHY220103: Development of Emulators for Accurate and Faster Ionization Modeling of Absorption Line Systems
2019 – 2022	**XSEDE Allocation, Co-PI** (1280 node-hours) PHY210047: Multiphase, Cloud-by-Cloud, Bayesian Analysis of the Relationship Between the Metallicity of the Circumgalactic Medium and Galaxy Orientation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & OUTREACH

2023 –	**Referee for MNRAS, ApJ, JCAP**
2021 –	**Outreach talks** Space Telescope Science Institute Public Outreach, Virtual
2021	**AAS Chambliss Judge** Judge for iPoster presentations, Virtual
2016 – 2019	**ASTROFEST** Organizing and setting up telescopes for public viewing at Penn State
2018 –	**StackOverflow contributor** (reached > 80,000 people)
2011 – 2014	**Conducted mass spectroscopy demonstrations and presented meteorite exhibits** NanoSIMS Lab, Physical Research Laboratory

PRESS COVERAGE

Black & bright: PRL joins world to gauge black hole spin. Times of India, May 2016

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