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Education

- 2021 – Present 📖 **Ph.D. in Physics, Trinity College Dublin**
Thesis title: *TBD...*
Supervisor: *Prof. Neale P. Gibson*
- 2019 – 2020 📖 **M.Sc. in Astrophysics, University College London (UCL)**
Thesis title: *Assessing the stability of nuclear disc orbits against migrating resonances.*
Supervisor: *Dr. Ralph Schoenrich*
Distinction
- 2016 – 2019 📖 **B.Sc. in Physics, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham**
Project title: *Basic properties of Solar and Interstellar Plasma.*
Supervisor: *Dr. Bharat Kishore Sharma*
First Class with Distinction (CGPA: 9.10 out of 10)

Research Publications

First-Authored

- 1 **S. Ramkumar**, N. P. Gibson, S. K. Nugroho, C. Maguire, *et al.*, “High-resolution emission spectroscopy retrievals of MASCARA-1b with CRIRES+: Strong detections of CO, H₂O and Fe emission lines and a C/O consistent with solar,” Aug. 2023. 🌐 DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stad2476. arXiv: 2308.07157.


Co-Authored

- 1 C. Maguire, N. P. Gibson, S. K. Nugroho, **S. Ramkumar**, *et al.*, “High-resolution atmospheric retrievals of WASP-121b transmission spectroscopy with ESPRESSO: Consistent relative abundance constraints across multiple epochs and instruments,” *MNRAS*, 2023. 🌐 DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stac3388.




Talks and Presentations

- 2023 📖 **MASCARA: does it help your eyelash?**
Irish National Astronomy Meeting (INAM) 2023, Aug 24-25, 2023 (contributed talk).
- 📖 **High-resolution emission spectroscopy retrievals of MASCARA-1b with CRIRES+**
Exoplanets by the Lake Summer School, Jul 31-Aug 4, 2023 (contributed talk).
- 📖 **MASCARA: does it help your eyelash? High-resolution emission spectroscopy retrievals of MASCARA-1b with CRIRES+**
2023 Sagan Exoplanet Summer Hybrid Workshop, Jul 24-28, 2023 (poster presentation).
- 📖 **The atmosphere of MASCARA-1b through the eyes of CRIRES+**
Theo Murphy meeting, the Royal Society: Spectroscopy of exoplanets at high resolution, Feb 6-7, 2023 (flash talk).



Observing Experience and Proposals

- 2023  **CRIRES+ at the Very Large Telescope (VLT)**
Phase Curve observations (K-band) in designated Visitor Mode (dVM) during cycle P112, PI: Gibson, CoI: S. Ramkumar.





Teaching and Outreach

- 2021 – Present  **Teaching Assistant in PYU33AP4 - JS AP Astro Computational Lab**
Trinity College Dublin
- Apr 2023  **Transition Year Physics Experience (TYPE) Mentor**
Trinity College Dublin
Mentor for the poster session - the Transition Year Physics Experience (TYPE) programme.
- Nov 2022 – Mar 2023  **STEM@Universi-TY Educator**
Trinity Walton Club, Trinity College Dublin
<https://www.tcd.ie/waltonclub/ty.php>


Prizes, Awards & Grants

- 2021 – Present  **Research Grant**, Provost's PhD Award
Trinity College Dublin
- Aug 2023  **Peter Curran Award**
Astronomical Society of Ireland (ASI)
The award recognises the best contributions to the Irish National Astronomy Meeting (INAM) by a graduate student presenter for the year 2023.

Technical Skills

- Research Interests  Exoplanet atmospheres (observations and modelling), High-resolution spectroscopy, Cross-correlation analysis, Atmospheric retrievals, Planet formation.
- Programming  Python (*advanced*), C/C++ (*intermediate*), SQL (*basic*)
- Markup Languages  \LaTeX (*advanced*), HTML (*intermediate*)
- Miscellaneous  Bayesian inference with MCMC, Cross-correlation analysis

Languages

- English  **Fluent**
- Tamil  **Mother tongue**
- Hindi  **Conversational**