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Expertise

Theoretical quantum optics, quantum measurement, open quantum systems, machine learning approaches in physics, analytical/numerical modeling and optimization.

Programming languages: Python (PyTorch, JAX, 5+ yrs), Mathematica (5+ yrs), QuTiP.

Education

- Ph.D., Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester *2018–present*
- BS Physics CPI: 9.9/10, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur *2014–2018*

Academic Affiliations

- Research Intern, PHI Lab, NTT Research, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA *Jul. –Sep. 2023*
- Affiliated student researcher, Chapman University *Aug. 2021–present*
- Graduate student, University of Rochester *Aug. 2018–present*
- Summer research assistant, Center for Computational Astrophysics (CCA), Simons Foundation *May – Jul., 2017*

Selected Publications

- [1] Sethuraj K. R., **T. Karmakar**, A. N. Jordan and A. N. Vamivakas, and “Experimental realization of supergrowing fields”, arXiv: 2309.00016 (2023).
- [2] **T. Karmakar**, A. Chakraborty, A. N. Vamivakas and A. N. Jordan, “Supergrowth and sub-wavelength object imaging”, Opt. Exp. **31**, 37174-37185 (2023).
- [3] **T. Karmakar** and A. N. Jordan, “Beyond Superoscillation: General Theory of Approximation with Bandlimited Functions”, arXiv: 2306.03963 (2023).
- [4] **T. Karmakar**, É. Jussiau, S. K. Manikandan, and A. N. Jordan, “Cyclic superconducting quantum refrigerators using guided fluxon propagation”, arXiv: 2212.00277 (2022).
- [5] **T. Karmakar**, P. Lewalle, and A. N. Jordan, “Stochastic path-integral analysis of the continuously monitored quantum harmonic oscillator”, PRX Quantum **3**, 010327 (2022).

Research Experience

- **Superoscillations and supergrowth [1–3].** *Jun. 2022 – Jul. 2023*
 - Collaborated on the first-ever experimental synthesis of supergrowing optical fields.
 - Developed a numerical algorithm for subwavelength object reconstruction using superoscillatory/supergrowing point spread functions.
 - Prescribed a Legendre polynomial-based algorithm for generating functions with arbitrary superoscillatory/supergrowing properties.
- **Fluxon refrigerator [4].** *Apr. 2021 – Dec. 2022*
 - Devised and optimized a refrigeration scheme utilizing the flow of magnetic field vortices along a magnetic field gradient in a type-II superconducting device.
- **Stochastic path integral [5].** *Jan. 2020 – Mar. 2021*
 - Formulated and optimized a stochastic action principle-based description of a continuously monitored harmonic oscillator and confirmed analytical findings with 100,000 simulated trajectories.

Presentations

- *Supergrowing Optical Fields: Subwavelength Imaging and Experimental Synthesis* ☐ , Institute for Quantum Studies, Chapman University, Oct. 04, 2023.
- *A discussion on quantum convolutional neural networks*, original article: Cong et al., Nat. Phys. **15**, 1273–1278 (2019), PHI Lab internship journal club, NTT Research, Inc., Aug. 11, 2023.
- *Cyclic superconducting quantum refrigerators using guided fluxon propagation*, APS March Meeting 2023.
- *Stochastic path integral analysis of a harmonic oscillator undergoing simultaneous continuous position and momentum measurements* ☐ , Quantum Thermodynamics Conference, Jun. 30, 2022.
- *Tomography of a Continuously Monitored Qubit*, APS March Meeting 2022.
- *A discussion on 36 entangled officers of Euler* ☐ , original article: Rather et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, 080507 (2022), Institute for Quantum Studies, Chapman University, Mar. 08, 2022.
- *Stochastic path integral analysis of a harmonic oscillator undergoing simultaneous continuous position and momentum measurements* ☐ , Institute for Quantum Studies, Chapman University, Sep. 13, 2021.
- *Stochastic Path Integral Analysis of the Continuously Monitored Simple Harmonic Oscillator*, APS March Meeting 2021.
- *Simultaneous Weak-Continuous Position and Momentum measurements of a Harmonic Oscillator*, Graduate Student Research Meeting, University of Rochester, Feb. 13, 2021.
- *Optical Field Quadrature Measurements: Introduction to Homodyne and Heterodyne Detectors*, with Dr. Philippe Lewalle, University of Rochester, Jan. 18, 2021.

Awards & Achievements

- Okubo prize (for best performance on the most recent preliminary assessment), Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester, 2020.
- Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull fellow ☐ , 2018–20.
- S.N. Bose scholar ☐ (by Winstep forward, SERB DST Govt. of India and IUSSTF), 2017.
- Academic Excellence Award for outstanding performance in academic years 2014–15 and 2015–16 (dean's office, IIT Kanpur).
- All India rank: 15, KVPY (SB) 2013 (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana, fellowship funded by Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India), granted fellowship 2014–18.

Peer-reviewer/Referee

Phys. Rev. A, Annals of Physics, npj Quantum Information, Applied Physics Letters.

Research Proposal Submission

Department of Energy, National Science Foundation.

Teaching and Mentorship Experiences

- **PASSAGE mentorship program, University of Rochester (2020-2021)**: Mentored a newly admitted Ph.D. student and ensured their smooth transition to graduate school.
- **Teaching assistant, 20th Century Physics (Jan.–Apr. 2019)**: Administered workshops for 50+ freshmen students, introduced them to quantum physics, designed problems.
- **Teaching assistant, Gravitation & General Relativity (Aug.–Nov. 2018)**: Graded assignments and conducted office hours for 20+ senior/junior undergraduates.

Selected Coursework

Quantum optics I and II (UofR), Machine learning (Andrew Ng, Coursera), Graph theory (IIT Kanpur).