Wasif Shaqil

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EDUCATION

Universität Hamburg, Germany

Oct. 2022 – Mar. 2025 (Expected) Grade: 1.60

M.Sc. in Physics | Astronomy & Astrophysics

Aug. 2018 - Nov. 2021

Gauhati University, India

B.Sc. in Physics

Grade: 9.08/10

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, SQL

Tools: Git, IATEX, Visual Studio Code, Microsoft Office, ROOT, Mathematica

Libraries: Scipy, TensorFlow, yt, AstroPy, NumPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, Seaborn, Plotly

Languages: English (C1) | German (A2) | Hindi, Bengali, Assamese (Native)

EXPERIENCE

Master Thesis - Tidal Interaction in the Galactic Center

Oct. 2023 – Present

- Investigated the tidal interaction of a gas and dust cloud in the vicinity of the supermassive black hole Sagittarius A* at the Milky Way galactic center using test-particle simulations, and then compared them to observational data with the goal of finding its origin.
- Research Paper in preparation in collaboration with researchers from the US.
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Stephan Rosswog, Dr. Diego Calderón Espinoza
- Institute: Hamburger Sternwarte, Universität Hamburg

Scientific Assistant

May 2024 – Sep. 2024

- Performed test particle simulations in the Galactic Center (GC) and also analysed RAM-SES hydrodynamical simulation data of the GC Wolf-Rayet stars and their stellar winds using Python and yt.
- Supervisor: Dr. Diego Calderón Espinoza
- Institute: Hamburger Sternwarte, Universität Hamburg

Academic Tutor

Apr. 2024 – Aug. 2024

- Exercise and grading assistant in the course Intro to General Relativity and its astrophysical applications by Prof. Dr. Robi Banerjee.
- Institute: Universität Hamburg

CERTIFICATIONS

Supervised Machine Learning

Aug. 2024

Stanford University, DeepLearning.AI

Learnt the basics of machine learning and algorithms like regression, classification, clustering and neural network.

Python for Data Science and Machine Learning

Dec. 2021

Learnt the basics of Data Science and Machine Learning algorithms like Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbour, Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines.

Complete Python Bootcamp

Apr. 2020

Udemy

Learnt Programming with Python and its basic applications through various small projects.

Workshops and Seminars

Workshop on the nuclear reaction network WINNet

Jun. 2024

Hamburg, Germany

Attended a 1-day workshop on the nuclear reaction network by Dr. Moritz Reichert at the Hamburg Observatory.

SIGRAV International School 2024

Feb. 2024

Salerno, Italy

Attended (online) the SIGRAV International School held in Salerno, Italy wherein I got valuable insights into the Gravitational Astrophysics, Gravitational Waves etc.

Workshop on "Python with Space Applications"

Dec. 2021

Guwahati, India

Learnt about the basics of python and its applications in the space industry, particularly in research related to astronomy.

Summer Workshop on Plasma Physics

Jul. 2020 - Aug. 2020

Guwahati, India

Learnt about the basics of Plasma Physics, astrophysics and Lasers and linearization, perturbation, pseudopotential techniques

IoT Based Weather and AQ Determination

Dec. 2019 – Mar. 2020

Guwahati, India

Proposed a new model on accurate, real-time weather monitoring and measurement of air quality.

Honours and Awards

UHH Degree Completion Grant

Jul. 2024 – Dec. 2024

Universität Hamburg, Germany

Managed to get the Degree Completion Grant from the Universität Hamburg for the research phase of my M.Sc. Degree.

Quantum Universe Cluster of Excellence Grant

May 2024 – Sep. 2024

Universität Hamburg, Germany

Secured the QU Cluster of Excellence grant of 3000 euros for my Master Thesis. (PI: Dr. Diego Calderón).

National Level Quiz Competition

May 2021

Indian Institute Of Technology, Guwahati

Secured 4th Position in the National Level Quiz competition on "Optics Through Problem" conducted by the SPIE, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G).

Extracurricular Activities

Public Outreach - Galactic Center VR demonstration

Jul. 2024

Hamburg, Germany

Participated in outreach activity wherein I showcased a VR demonstration of the Galactic Center at the Sternstunden Festival in the Hamburg Observatory.

Hamburger Sternwarte weekly Journal Club

Sep. 2023 - Present

Hamburg, Germany

Actively involved with the weekly Journal club at the Hamburg Observatory.