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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am primarily interested in the dynamics of **black holes**, since they are a rich source of insight for a theory of **quantum gravity**. In particular, understanding how quantum gravitational and quantum mechanical effects can determine the dynamics in the interior and vicinity of black holes.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Scalar Perturbations of a Quantum Corrected Kruskal Black Hole**
with Prof. Gaurav Khanna and Prof. Scott Field at UMass Dartmouth *March 2021-present*
 - **Nodal DG code for solving Advection and Maxwell's equations:** Used Nodal Discontinuous Galerkin code to solve the Heat equation and 1D Maxwell's equation.
 - **Routines for coordinate conversion and Regge-Wheeler Potential:** Constructed the routines for converting tortoise to radial coordinates for the AOS metric and the quantum AOS Regge-Wheeler potential.
 - **Ringdown Waveforms for the Quantum Corrected Potential:** Waveforms of scalar perturbations were generated by solving the Quasi-normal mode equation for an initial Gaussian perturbation and compared for different values of the LQG parameters.
- **Covariant Generalization of Feynman's proof of Maxwell's equations**
with Prof. Saurya Das at University of Lethbridge *May 2021-present*
 - **Review of the Feynman Dyson Formalism for Maxwell's equations:** Revisited the original proof given by Dyson, that shows the existence of fields \vec{E} and \vec{B} that satisfy the Lorentz force equation and the homogeneous Maxwell's equations.
 - **Generalization to Maxwell's equations for arbitrary curved backgrounds:** The homogeneous Maxwell's equation were generalized by using a covariant form of the commutator and Lorentz force equation.
 - **Obtain Einstein Field equations using a suitable commutator:** Present work focuses on designing a suitable commutator that can produce the Vacuum Einstein field equations in the linear/weak gravity limit or uniform gravitational fields.
- **Time Evolution of Density contrast using N-Body Simulations**
with Prof. Suman Majumdar at DAASE, IIT Indore *April 2020-July 2020*
 - **Time evolution of overdensity:** Used an N Body simulation to simulate the evolution of the density contrast by employing the Particle - Particle Particle Mesh algorithm.
 - **GADGET 2.0.7 and CAMB Codes:** Used the CAMB code to find out parameters like comoving distance and apparent magnitude of supernovae for models like Λ CDM, WCDM with discursion into Bayesian methods and inference.
 - **Λ CDM Model:** Self study of topics like power spectrum, redshift space distortion, Gaussian nature of primordial density fluctuations and their role in large scale structure formation.

EDUCATION

- **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata**
Major in Physical Sciences, Minor in Mathematics; GPA: 8.96 *August 2017 to Present*
- **Masters Thesis/Dissertation**
Space-times of rotating relativistic compact objects *August 2021 to Present*

◦ **Grades in Relevant Courses:**

General Theory of Relativity - A+
High Energy Particle Physics - A
Astrophysics and Cosmology - A
Study of QFT in Cosmology - A

Quantum Field Theory II - A
Quantum Field Theory I - A
Symmetries in Physics - A+
Advanced Math Methods - A
MatLab, Mathematica, Python

◦ **Computational Skills:**

PROJECTS

- **Diffraction through helical structures:** Led the team on this project on **diffraction patterns** by single and double helices that simulate the original diffraction pattern of DNA discovered by Rosalind Franklin.
- **Quantum Mechanics Lecture Notes:** Prepared a set of latex typed **lecture notes** for the course on Introductory Quantum Mechanics **PH2201** which was eventually used for instruction and course resource.
- **Industrial Application of Seebeck effect:** A submission for the scientific innovation competition in high school based on the **thermoelectric effects** of current that could be used in the exhaust pipes of cars.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **TA for PH2102, PH1101, PH1102:** Scheduled tutorials, discussions, doubt clearing and grading for the sophomore level course on Special theory of Relativity, Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics.
- **Photomath Contributor:** A Photomath expert in calculus and algebra. Tasks include solving, reviewing and submitting solutions to problems in these topics for usage on the Photomath app.
- **Coursera Translator:** A member of the global translator community on coursera, providing high quality subtitles through word to word non-machine translation to assist non-English speaking learners.

SUPRACURRICULAR

Seminars, webinars, conferences:

- The Noise of Gravitons by Maulikh Parikh, Arizona state University
- 14th International Conference of Gravitation, Astrophysics and Cosmology
- NEB-19 Recent Developments in Gravity, Athens (Online)

Relevant Summer Schools:

- Applications of Quantum Information in QFT and Cosmology(Online)
- Vienna online summer school in Gravitational Quantum Physics
- University of Michigan online cosmology summer school

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **IISER-K Summer Fellowship**
fellowship of 10,000 rupees for summer research project on advanced quantum mechanics.
- **IIT Indore Research Internship**
Internship at Discipline of Astronomy , Astrophysics and Space Engineering, IIT Indore for two months
- **Entrepreneurship Idea selection**
Top 50 finish at "Catch Them Young", one of the largest entrepreneurial idea contests in eastern India.
- **IIIT Hyderabad ML Summer School**
Selected for attending the competitive machine learning summer school at IIIT Hyderabad in July 2019.
- **1st Prize in Scientific Innovation**
For completion of project titled "Industrial applications of Seebeck effect" in high school.