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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT2022 -
*present***Scientific Support Analyst**
California Institute of Technology

2014 - 2022

LIGO Identity and Access Management Developer
Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2012 – 2014

Computer Systems Specialist / Post-doctoral Scholar
Syracuse University Gravitational Wave Group.

2012 – 2013

Post-doctoral Scholar
Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, Rochester Institute of Technology.

2007 – 2012

Research Assistant
Experimental Gravitation and Particle Astrophysics Group, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

2004 – 2007

Teaching Assistant
Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.**EDUCATION**

2004 – 2012

Doctor of Philosophy
Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Thesis: *Searches for gravitational waves from binary black hole coalescences with ground-based laser interferometers across a wide parameter space.* [LINK](#).
(Dissertation Chair: Prof. Laura Cadonati).

2002 – 2004

Master of Science
Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India.
Thesis: *Laser induced breakdown spectroscopy.*

(Advisor: Prof. R.K. Thareja).

Bachelor of Science

1999 – 2002 Physics Honors. BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar, India.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

- *InCommon Shibboleth workshop*, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Sept 29 - 30, 2014.
- *Tackling the Challenges of Big Data*, [MITProfessionalIX](#), Feb 3 - March 17, 2015.
- Machine Learning For Big Data and Text Processing, [MITProfessionalIX](#), June 2015
- Internet of Things: Roadmap to a connected world, [MITProfessionalIX](#), May 2016
- Data Science: Data to Insight, [MITProfessionalIX](#), February 2017
- Quantum Computing Fundamentals, MITx, March 2021

RESEARCH COMPUTING SKILLS

- Authentication and authorization framework such as: shibboleth, grouper, kerberos and ldap.
- Application development - with python, php, javascript, and java
- Content management system: Drupal.
- System administration of the Syracuse University Gravitation and Relativity ([Sugar](#)) Computing Cluster.
- Administration of unix based (**Linux** and **Solaris**) systems.
- Quantifying and tuning performance of computer servers.
- Administration with **VMWare** systems and maintaining several virtual machines.
- Scripting in Unix/Linux.
- Scripting in PowerShell.
- Maintenance of several web servers including wikis.
- Maintaining repositories of version controlled software management based on **git** and **svn**.
- **Packaging** of linux based softwares: both for Redhat and Debian systems.
- Maintaining repositories for software updates for linux based systems.
- Experience of high throughput computing with condor.
- Experience of high performance computing with GPU.
- Experience with **Mysql** database management.
- Coding and scripting with **Python**, **Perl**, **Root**, **Php**, **C**, **C++**, **Matlab** and **Mathematica**.
- Scientific data archiving, transfer and management.
- Special interest in data visualization. Link for several Mathematica demonstrations authored by **Mohapatra**. Additional samples of visualization (with Google Charts and Javascripts) made by **Mohapatra**: [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#), [LINK4](#), and [LINK5](#).
- Coding contribution to [LIGO Algorithm Library](#).
- Coding contribution to [Omega gravitational-wave burst search algorithm](#).

PUBLICATIONS

- Berry, Christopher *et al*, *Parameter estimation for binary neutron-star coalescences with realistic noise during the Advanced LIGO*, *The Astrophysical Journal*, **804**, 2 (2015), Eprint: [astro-ph/14116934](#).
- **Mohapatra Satya et al.**, *Sensitivity Comparison of Searches for Binary Black Hole Coalescences with Ground-based Gravitational-Wave Detectors*, *Phys. Rev. D* **90**, 022001(2014), LIGO DCC: P1100198, Eprint: [gr-qc/1405.6589](#).
- Privitera Steve, **Mohapatra Satya et al.**, *Improving the sensitivity of a search for coalescing binary black holes with non-precessing spins in gravitational wave data*, *Phys. Rev. D* **89**, 024003 (2014), Eprint: [gr-qc/1310.5633](#).
- J Aasi *et al.* (substantial contribution by **Mohapatra**), *The NINJA- 2 project: Detecting and characterizing gravitational waveforms modelled using numerical binary black hole simulations*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **31** 115004, Eprint: [gr-qc/1401.0939](#), LIGO DCC: P1300199.
- Parameshwar Ajith *et al.* (substantial contribution by **Mohapatra**), *The NINJA-2 catalog of hybrid post-Newtonian / numerical- relativity waveforms for non-precessing black-hole binaries*, *Class Quant. Grav.* **29**, 124001 (2012), Eprint: [gr-qc/1201.5319](#).
- **Mohapatra Satya**, Nemtsov Zach, Chassande-Mottin Éric and Cadonati Laura, *Performance of a Chirplet-based analysis for gravitational waves from binary black hole mergers*, *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **363** 012031 (2012), Eprint: [gr-qc/1111.3621](#).
- Fischetti Sebastian, Healy James, Cadonati Laura, London Lionel, **Mohapatra Satya**, Shoemaker Deirdre, *Exploring the Use of Numerical Relativity Waveforms in Burst Analysis of Precessing Black Hole Mergers*, *Phys. Rev. D* **83**, 044019 (2011), Eprint: [gr-qc/1010.5200](#).
- Chassande-Mottin Éric, Miele Miriam, **Mohapatra Satya** and Cadonati Laura, *Detection of gravitational-wave bursts with chirplet-like template families*, *Class. Quant. Grav.* **27**, 194017 (2010), Eprint: [gr-qc/1005.2876](#).
- Cadonati Laura, Chatterji Shourov, Fischetti Sebastian, Guidi Gianluca, **Mohapatra Satya**, Sturani Ricardo and Vicere´ Andrea, *Un-modeled search for black hole binary systems in the NINJA project*, *Class. Quant. Grav.* **26**, 204005 (2009), Eprint: [gr-qc/0906.2433](#).
- Aylott, Benjamin *et al.* (substantial contribution by **Mohapatra**), *Testing gravitational-wave searches with numerical relativity waveforms: Results from the first Numerical INjection Analysis (NINJA) project*, *Class. Quant. Grav.* **26**, 165008 (2009), Eprint: [gr-qc/0901.4399](#).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Das Sudeep, **Mohapatra Satya** and Bhattacharya Jishnu, *The Duffing Oscillator*, Prayas, IAPT Students' Journal of Physics **1- 2** (2004), [alternate link](#).
- Paily George, **Mohapatra Satya** and Thakur Saikat, *The Bouncing Ball*, Prayas, IAPT Students' Journal of Physics **1-1** (2004), [alternate link](#).

PAPERS UNDER PREPARATION

- **Mohapatra Satya**, Cadonati Laura and James Clark, *Performance study of Boosted Decision Trees in a Gravitational Wave Burst Search*.

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS

- P Aijth, **Mohapatra Satya** and Pai Archana, *A Gravitational-Wave Data Analysis Primer for the IndIGO Mock Data Challenge*, LIGO DCC:T1100462.
- **Mohapatra Satya**, *Generation of colored Gaussian noise for a given design sensitivity*, LIGO DCC:T1100126.

TALKS

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| <i>March 2015</i> | <i>Updates on IMBBH, IMRI searches</i> , LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Pasadena, CA, USA. LIGO DCC:G1500254 . |
| <i>June 2014</i> | <i>Improving the sensitivity of a search for coalescing binary black holes with non-precessing spins in gravitational wave data</i> , CCRG Seminar, RIT, Rochester, USA. LIGO DCC G1400414 . |
| <i>Jan 2014</i> | <i>Listening to the universe through ground based gravitational wave detectors</i> , HEP Seminar, Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar, India. LIGO DCC:G1301264 . |
| <i>Dec 2013</i> | <i>A method for comparing the detection performance of algorithms that search for binary black hole coalescences</i> , Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop, Pune, India. LIGO DCC:G1301142 . |
| <i>May 2013</i> | <i>Observing gravitational waves from the binary black hole mergers: the challenges</i> , RIT astro-lunch talk, Rochester, NY. LIGO DCC:G1300495 . |
| <i>March 2012</i> | <i>Data analysis with NINJA2 waveforms</i> , LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Cambridge, MA. LIGO DCC:G1200177 . |
| <i>December 2011</i> | <i>Detectability of binary black hole merger signals in ground based gravitational wave detectors</i> , ICGC 2011, Goa, India. LIGO DCC:G1100735 . |
| <i>October 2011</i> | <i>Orbital hang-up effect in binary black hole coalescence and how it affects different search algorithms</i> , MIT-LIGO lab, MIT, Cambridge. LIGO DCC:G1200041 . |
| <i>June 2011</i> | <i>IMR update</i> , LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Orsay, France. LIGO DCC:G1100585 . |

- June 2011 *NINJA update*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Orsay, France. [LIGO DCC:G1100584](#).
- June 2011 *Chirplet update*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Orsay, France. [LIGO DCC:G1100601](#).
- June 2011 *Increasing the detectability of binary black hole mergers in a gravitational-wave burst search*, 14th Eastern Gravity, Princeton University. [LIGO DCC:G1100554](#).
- April 2011 *Orbital hang-up effect in binary black hole merger*, bag lunch seminar, Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- March 2011 *Burst searches with GSTLAL*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Arcadia, CA. [LIGO DCC:G1100184](#).
- March 2011 *Comparing the sensitivity of search pipelines for the detection of binary black hole coalescence signal in the high mass region*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Arcadia, CA. [LIGO DCC:G1100185](#).
- March 2011 *Using multivariate classifier for burst analysis*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration- Virgo Meeting, Arcadia, CA. [LIGO DCC:G1100179](#).
- March 2011 *Increasing detectability of longer duration binary black hole merger signals in a burst search*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Arcadia, CA. [LIGO DCC:G1100183](#).
- Nov 2010 *Searching for gravitational waves from binary black hole coalescences with chirplet template families*, 20th annual midwest relativity, Guelph, Canada. [LIGO DCC:G1000993](#).
- Oct 2010 *Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown comparison tools and preliminary results from spin-aligned Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown waveforms*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Kraków, Poland. [LIGO DCC:G1000850](#).
- March 2010 *Progress with spin-aligned Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown waveforms*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Arcadia, CA. [LIGO DCC:G1000267](#).
- May 2008 *Black Hole Ringdown*, bag lunch seminar, Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- March 2008 *Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown waveforms in Omega burst search*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, California Institute of Technology.
- Oct 2007 *LIGO: A Gravitational Wave antenna*, bag lunch seminar, Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- Nov 2006 *Generalized Israel Junction condition*, Math-Physics seminar, Mathematics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Oct 2006 *Thin Shells in General Relativity*, Bag lunch seminar, Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

POSTERS

(†) Authored by **Mohapatra**.

(§) Substantial contribution by **Mohapatra**.

- July 2013 (†) *Effect of inclusion sub-dominant modes of gravitational-waves emitted from binary black hole mergers measured by a gravitational- wave burst search algorithm*, Amaldi10–GR20, Warsaw, Poland. [LIGO DCC:G1300130](#).
- March 2012 (†) *The NINJA-2 catalog of hybrid post-Newtonian/numerical-relativity waveforms for non-precessing black-hole binaries*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Cambridge, MA. [LIGO DCC:G1200118](#).
- July 2011 (†) *Performance of a Chirplet-based analysis for gravitational waves from binary black hole mergers*, Best student poster prize, Amaldi9- NRDA2011, Cardiff University, UK. [LIGO DCC:G1100582](#).
- July 2011 (§) *Sky localization measurements for binary black hole coalescences in simulated data for the NINJA-2 project*, Amaldi9-NRDA2011, Cardiff University, UK. [LIGO DCC:G1100581](#).
- May 2011 (†) *Prospects for observing the orbital hang-up effect in a binary black hole merger through a gravitational wave Burst search*, Advances and Challenges in Computational General Relativity workshop, Brown University, Providence. [LIGO DCC:G1100459](#), [alternate link](#).
- Jan 2011 (†) *Burst search with gstreamer pipeline*, Gravitational-wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. [LIGO DCC:G1100049](#).
- Jan 2011 (†) *Estimation of binary black hole coalescence event rate exclusion plots with mass and spin parameters from burst search results*, Gravitational- wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. [LIGO DCC:G1001165](#).
- June 2010 (†) *Preliminary Data Analysis Results on NINJA-2 Simulated Data*, Numerical Relativity and Data Analysis Meeting, Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, Canada. [LIGO DCC:G1000643](#).
- March 2010 (†) *Omega frequency estimation on non-precessing spinning Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown wave*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration-Virgo Meeting, Arcadia. [LIGO DCC:G1000189](#).

- Sept 2009 (§) *Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown waveform analysis performance of search algorithm at a fixed false alarm rate*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration- Virgo Meeting, Budapest, Hungary. [LIGO DCC:G0900113](#).
- July 2009 (§) *Exploring the Use of Numerical Relativity Waveforms in Burst Analyses of Binary Black Hole Mergers*, Numerical Relativity and Data Analysis Meeting, Potsdam, Germany. [LIGO DCC:G0900668](#).
- June 2009 (†) *Performance study of Boosted Decision Trees in a Gravitational Wave Burst Search*, Amaldi8, Columbia University, New York City. [LIGO DCC:G0900565](#).
- March 2009 (§) *Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown waveform analysis performance of search algorithm at a fixed SNR threshold*, LIGO Scientific Collaboration- Virgo Meeting, Arcadia, CA.
- Jan 2009 (§) *Un-modeled search for black hole binary systems in NINJA*, Gravitational Wave Data Analysis Workshop-13, San Juan, Puerto Rico. [LIGO DCC:G0900019](#).

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Developing a matched filtering algorithm with Inspiral-Merger- Ringdown templates to search for intermediate mass binary black holes.
- Methods for combining multiple searches that target binary black holes.
- Applying gravitational wave burst searches to target low mass compact binary coalescences.
- Comparison of different search algorithm for the detectability of Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown signal.

MENTORING

- 2012 Mentored German exchange student Florian Weiser from Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, on higher modes detectability study on binary black hole merger.
- 2011 – 2012 Mentored former high school student Jackson Henry on three dimensional physics animations with python project.
- 2010 – 2011 Mentored former undergraduate Zachary Nemptow on chirplet burst search analysis project.

2008 – 2009 Helped former undergraduate Sebastian Fischetti on omega burst search analysis of Inspiral-Meger-Ringdown waveform.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

June 2010 Organizer of introductory Python workshop for University of Massachusetts, Amherst-LIGO group.

Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Narayan Menon, course: PHY 553, Optics lab (Physics majors).

Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Stephane Willocq, course: PHY132, Introductory Physics (Biology majors).

Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Lorenzo Sorbo, course: PHY 568/821, General Relativity (graduate and advanced undergraduate Physics majors).

Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Krishna Kumar, course: PHY556/715, High Energy Physics (graduate and advanced undergraduate Physics majors).

Summer 2007 Instructor for PHY152, Mechanics (Engineering majors).

Spring 2006 Instructor for PHY154, Introductory Physics Laboratory-II, Electricity (Engineering majors).

Fall 2005 Instructor for PHY153, Introductory Physics Laboratory-I, Mechanics and Optics (Engineering majors).

Spring 2005 Instructor for PHY133, Introductory Physics Laboratory-II, Electricity (Biology majors).

Fall 2004 Instructor for PHY134, Introductory Physics Laboratory-I, Mechanics and Optics (Biology majors).

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIP

- LIGO-Virgo-Kagra Computing Award, 2022
- Best student poster prize, Amaldi9 - NRDA 2011, Cardiff University, 2009.
- Indian Academy of Sciences Summer Student Fellowship, 2003.
- Visiting Students' Research Program of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India, 2003.
- Best Graduate Award, BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar, India, 2002.

REFERENCES

Dr. Warren Anderson

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