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Research Interests	Astrophysics & Cosmology, Cosmic Reionization and Cosmic Dawn, HI 21cm radiation through cosmic history, Radio Astronomy, Post Reionization, Large scale structure of Universe.
Experience	<p>September, 2014 – Present Assistant Professor (UGC Faculty Recharge Programme)</p> <p>October, 2013-September, 2014 Postdoctoral Fellow (DST fast track Scheme for Young Scientists), National Centre for Radio Astrophysics-TIFR, Pune</p> <p>April, 2013-October, 2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, National Centre for Radio Astrophysics-TIFR, Pune</p> <p>October, 2009-March, 2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Astronomy & Oskar Klein Centre, Stockholm University, Sweden</p> <p>February, 2009-August, 2009 Visiting Fellow, Harish Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad</p>
Education	<p>January, 2004- 2009 PhD Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, West Bengal, India (degree awarded on May, 2009) Thesis Title: Probing Cosmological Reionization through Radio-interferometric Observations of Neutral Hydrogen " Advisor: Prof. Somnath Bharadwaj</p>

Education	<p>2001-2003 MSc in Physics, 2003 Burdwan University, Burdwan, West Bengal, India</p> <p>1998-2001 BSc in Physics, 2001 Labpur S.N. College (Burdwan University), Labpur, West Bengal, India</p>
Skills	<p>Operating Systems: Linux, Windows Programming Language: C Application Package: Numerical Recipes in C, Latex, Ms Office, Python (low label) Graphics: Pgplot, Gnuplot, Xfig, Matplotlib (Python)</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>Waves & Oscillations (UG), Presi Univ, 2015 Electronics Lab (UG), Presi Univ., 2015 Galaxies in the Universe (PG) 2014, Presidency University Special Relativity (UG), 2014, Presidency University Teaching Assistant: B. Tech (1st year), Waves & Oscillation, IIT Kharagpur, W.B., India, 2008 Practical Lab class: B. Tech(1st year), IIT Kharagpur, W.B., India, 2004- 2007, total 5 semesters Practical Lab class: Integrated MSc(2nd year), IIT Kharagpur, W.B., India, 2006, one semester Practical Lab class: Two year MSc(1st Year), IIT Kharagpur, W.B., India, 2007</p>
Other Experience	<p>Chairman of Scientific Organizing Committee and member of LOC, Young Astronomers' Meet, IIT Kharagpur, India, 14th-16th March, 2009 Member, LOC -Reionization and Cosmic Dawn with SKA, 18th -20th January, 2012, Stockholm</p>
Members	<p>(i) Square Kilometer Array (SKA) international science working group on “Reionization and Cosmic Dawn” (ii) Member, SKA-India science working group on “Reionization and Cosmology”.</p>
Awards	<p>UGC Assistant Professor position (Faculty Recharge Scheme, 2013) Fast track fellowship for Young Scientists (DST, India), 2012 Oskar Klein Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2009 by Oskar Klein Center, Stockholm, Sweden CSIR-UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Lecture ship, 2003, 2004 (ranked within top 20% of all NET successful candidates with JRF in 2003) Graduate Aptitude Test (GATE), India (2003): All India rank 129</p>

Joint Entrance Screening Test (JEST), India, 2003: All India rank 196
National Merit Scholarship (twice) at school level

Project

DST fast track project for young scientists (2013 -2016)
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My Research

Introduction:

Understanding the evolutionary history of our Universe is one of the major goals in modern cosmology. Precise measurements of the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMBR), the relic radiation from the early Universe, discovery of the dark energy, observations of large number of galaxies, quasi-stellar objects (QSOs) have revolutionized our understanding about the Universe. All these observations give us with detailed pictures of our present and very early Universe and thus made cosmology very exciting, rapidly growing field of science research.

One of the most important missing pictures in the evolutionary history of our Universe is the epoch of reionization, the intermediate period when the first sources of light such as first stars, QSOs formed in the Universe. These first light sources reionized the neutral hydrogen in the intergalactic medium and marked the end of dark ages. Observations of redshifted 21-cm radiation are considered to constitute the most promising tool to probe the reionization epoch. A huge effort all over the world including India (National Center for Radio Astrophysics, TIFR, Raman Research Institute) has been going on in the last few years both on theoretical and observational sides to understand what exactly happened during the period.

My scientific work has been, to a large extent, revolving on modeling the reionization 21 cm signal and bridge the gap between observations and theory. Apart from that, I work on cross-correlations of the 21 cm signal and CMBR, Lyman alpha to study the post-reionization Universe. Below I highlight my current research and then give a brief description of my research proposal.

Highlights of my current research

[How does the light Cone effect affect the reionization 21-cm signal?](#) We used numerical simulations to investigate, for the first time, the light cone effect on the 3D 21-cm reionization power spectrum.

[Detection of redshift distortion effect on reionization 21 cm signal using LOFAR:](#) We have been assigned this project from LOFAR. A PhD student (Hannes Jensen) in Stockholm and me have been leading this project. We are using numerical simulations to investigate the detectability of the redshift distortion effect on reionization 21 cm signal and what can we learn from this.

[Can we detect QSOs, galaxies individually in reionization 21 cm maps?](#) We developed a matched filter technique to detect QSOs, galaxies individually in 21 cm maps during the reionization epoch. Through a series of simulations we showed, for the first time, that the 1st generation of low frequency radio telescopes such as LOFAR, GMRT, MWA should be able to detect high redshifts QSOs, galaxies individually. Based on our results, this is now one of the major science goals of LOFAR reionization experiment.

What can we learn from 21 cm observations of QSO ionized regions? In our recent work we proposed a well defined method to constrain the QSO parameters such as the luminosity, age using 21 cm observations of QSO ionized region.

MAPS: In our work in 2007, we developed a formalism (MAPS: Multi-frequency angular power spectrum) to characterize, statistically, the reionization 21 cm signal. Since then it has been used in literature many times to characterize the observed and simulated data.

Sensitivity of the first generation radio interferometers : One of the major components in the observed 21 cm signal is the system noise. The detectability of the 21 cm signal will ultimately be decided by the system noise. We have developed a code which calculates the sensitivity of any interferometric experiments (GMRT, LOFAR, MWA etc.) to the statistical quantities such as the power spectrum, rms of H I 21 cm signal.

An Independent probe of Cosmology: We proposed a completely new independent tool i.e, cross-correlations between 21 cm signal and Ly-alpha to probe the large scale structure and cosmology in the post reionization epoch.

Recent Conferences & Workshops:

Invited

1. National Workshop on Cosmology with the HI 21-cm line, June 23-26, 2015, Raman Research Institute, Bangalore, India.
Talk: Simulating HI 21-cm Signal from Cosmic Reionization
link: <http://www.rri.res.in/21cm-cosmology.html>
2. Workshop on Galaxies and Cosmology, NCRA-TIFR, July 7-18, 2014
Talk: Cosmic Dawn and Epoch of Reionization: Lessons from Simulations
link: www.ncra.tifr.res.in:8081/~galaxy/seminar-schedule.pdf
3. Workshop on "Indian Participation in the SKA", NCRA-TIFR, 16th February, 2015
Talk: SKA-India: A report from Reionization and Cosmology Group (presented on behalf of the SKA-India, Reionization and Cosmology science working group)
link: www.ncra.tifr.res.in:8081/~tirth/SKA-India/Workshop-2015/Schedule.pdf

Contributory

1. Advanced workshop on Cosmological Structures from Reionization to Galaxies: Combining efforts from analytical and numerical methods, 12-15 May, 2015, Trieste, Italy (<http://indico.ictp.it/event/a14279/>)
Talk: Can the First Generation of Low Frequency Radio Telescopes Detect Individual Quasar HII Region during the Epoch of Reionization with Redshifted 21-cm?
link: <http://indico.ictp.it/event/a14279/other-view?view=ictp timetable>
2. Workshop on Statistical Applications to Cosmology and Astrophysics (STATCOSMO15), ISI, Kolkata, 10th-13th February, 2015
Talk: Cosmic Dawn and Epoch of Reionization: Light Cone Effect on the HI 21-cm Power Spectrum
link: www.isical.ac.in/~statcosmo15/#page1
3. TCGC: Topical Conference on Gravity and Cosmology (Eastern Region), 28th February, 2015, IIT KGP
Talk: Reionization 21 cm signal in Redshift Space
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