

Upgrades to Current Facilities / Space Technology for the Future session: GWADW 19

The UK-India collaborative efforts - the Newton Bhabha project

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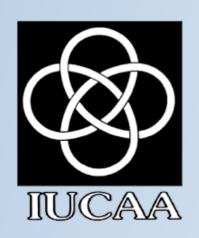


Newton-Bhabha Fund



















University of Glasgow



The University Of Sheffield.



Southampton





Work packages

Five research themes and one management theme have been identified this time.

PI of Project: Hammond (UK) / Raychaudhury (India)

- * WP1: Project management (Hammond, Raychaudhury + representatives from all Institutes)
- WP2: Data analysis and Modelling (Heng, Andersson, Sutton, Raychaudhury)
- WP3: Low thermal noise coatings and suspensions (Reid, Hammond, Rajalakshmi, Prabhakar, Raman)
- * WP4: Interferometer modelling & simulation (Daw, Rapol)
- * WP5: Entrepreneurial Activities (Gibson, Raychaudhury, Indian Trade Embassy representatives)
- WP6: Outreach Activities (Vecchio, Souradeep)

Objectives delivered through research exchanges, industrial engagement, educational initiatives and outreach activities.



UK - India

Projects

On-going

Coatings

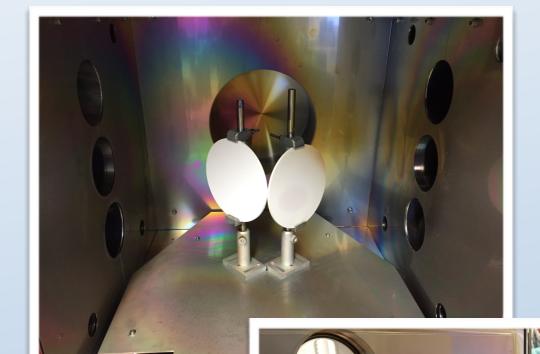






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- Collaboration between Stuart Reid (Strathclyde), Karthik Raman (TIFR Hyderabad) and Umakant Rapol (IISER, Pune)
- Purchase of target materials, relevant to A+ coating development, for use in Strathclyde ECR ion beam deposition system: SiO2, Ta2O5, ZrO2, Sc2O3, HfO2.



Q measurement tank

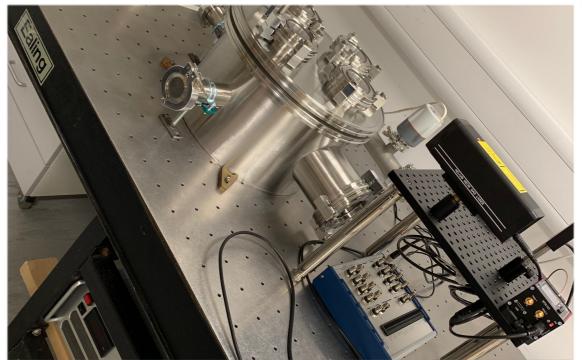


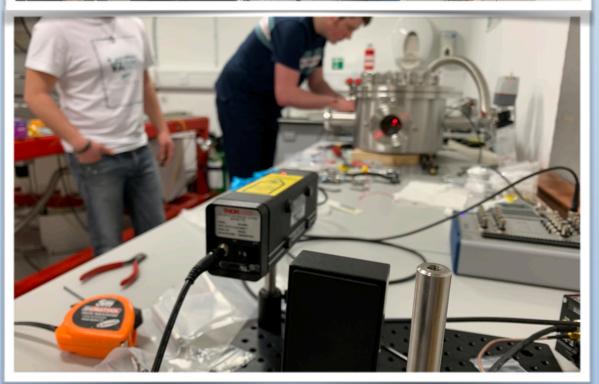




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- Collaboration with Karthik Raman (TIFR Hyderabad) and Umakant Rapol (IISER, Pune)
- * Building of Q measurement systems for coating thermal noise research in India
- Satyaki Samal from TIFR was involved in the development of Q measurement capabilities for India to support A+ coating development.
- Q measurement setup under construction in Strathclyde, conceived by Cagnoli/Tait designs, to be shipped to TIFR later in 2019





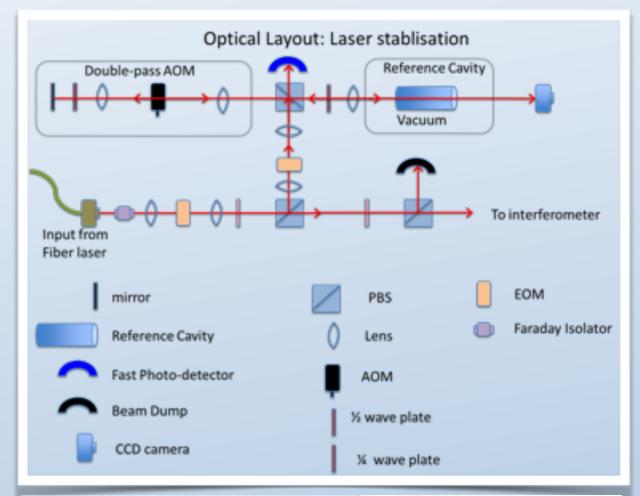
Laser stabilization

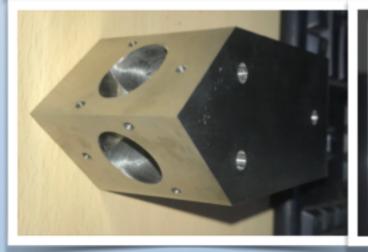


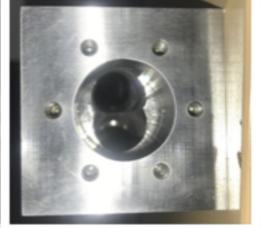


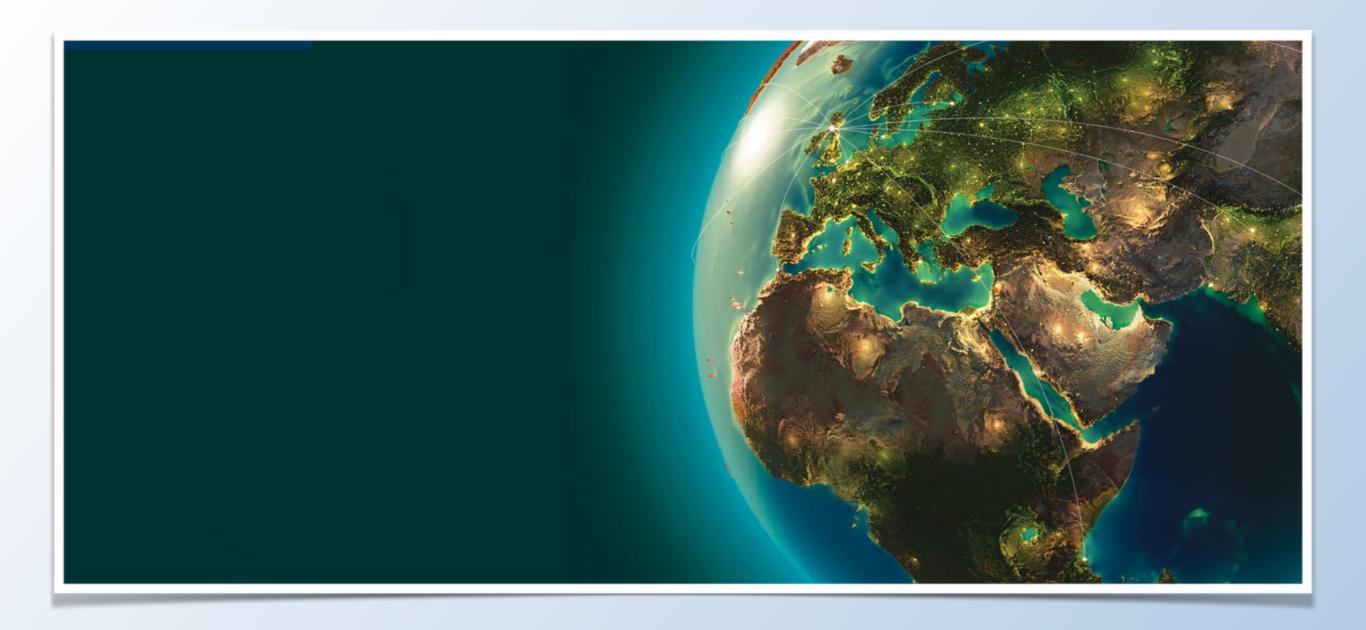
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- Umakant Rapol (IISER) and Ed Daw (Sheffield) have been working on setting up a laser stabilization system for training undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- * The system will comprise of a 1064 nm (~10 mW) fiber coupled laser system that would be stabilized to a triangular optical cavity with moderate finesse. The stabilization system will follow the standard Pound-Drever-Hall stabilization system.
- * The reference cavity is a triangular cavity (Pre mode cleaner, PMC) adapted from the Caltech design (LIGO-E1400332), the cavities are being fabricated in India.
- * Activities are currently on-going to continue setting up the system. Thejas currently in Glasgow will be joining Sheffield for a few weeks to continue the work.
- Laser stabilization system expected to be delivered to India late 2019.









Visiting students

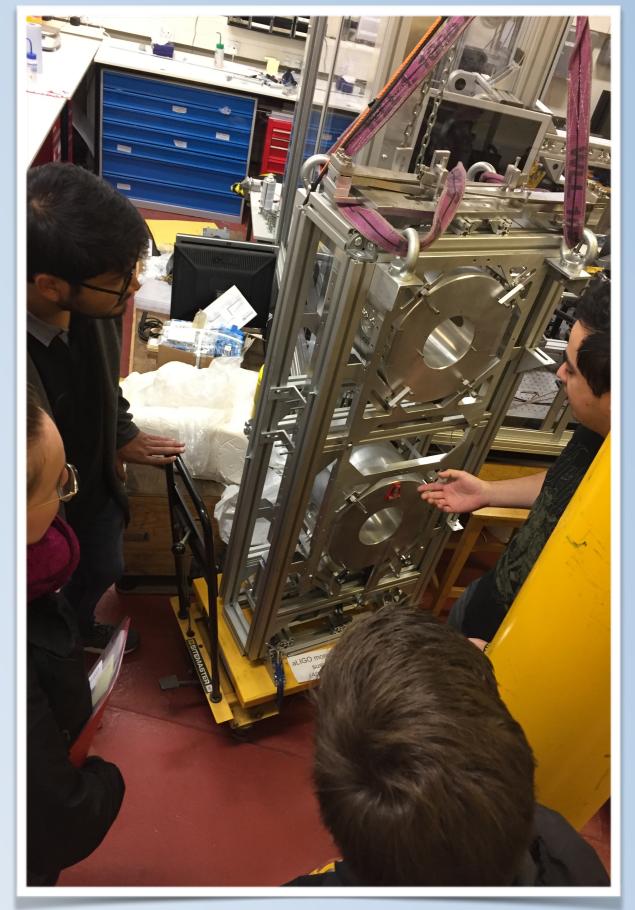
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Satyaki Samal

* TIFR Hyderabad student, visited Strathclyde-Glasgow labs in Sept/Oct 2018 to help develop Q measurement capabilities in India to support A+coating development.

"I was really amazed to see the laboratories in University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde where the developments on gravitational wave detectors are being carried out. Working with Prof. Stuart Reid and his group was a great pleasure to me and I have learned a lot about Q-measurement techniques in that one month, which will definitely help us to work on Q-measurements in India."



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Thejas Seetharamu

* IISER Pune student, currently visiting the University of Glasgow to work on suspensions on pulling and characterizing fibers. He will then be involve in setting up the laser stabilization system in Sheffield.

"Working as a part of LIGO India, I have been quenching my curiosity about the enigmatic nature of the Cosmos. I intend to gain a rich undergrad research experience playing a significant role in shaping me into a good physicist.

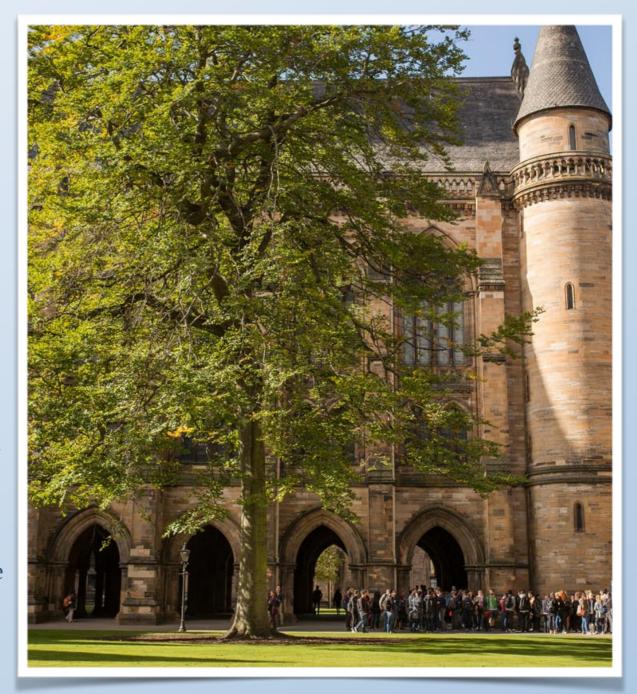
It has been a great experience so far and I am looking forward to the next steps during my time here"

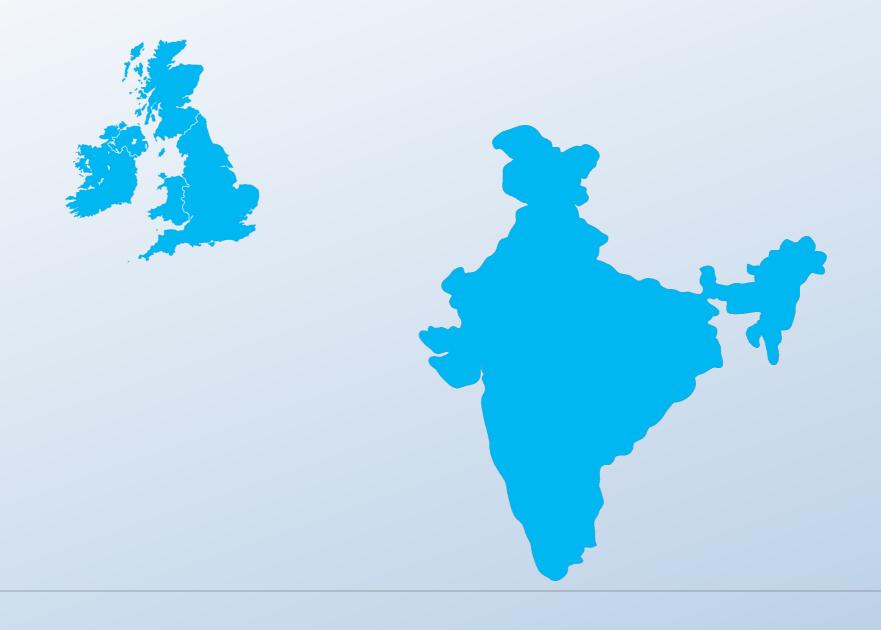


Future students

Currently 4 more students are scheduled to travel to the UK in 2019.

- •Student from TIFR Hydebarad to work on the Q measurement.
- •Student from IISER to work on Q measurement tank (Strathclyde), suspensions (Glasgow) and laser stabilization (Sheffield)
- •Gayathri Raman, IUCAA. Winner of the MMA Khandala Prize will be visiting in May-June The University of Warwick and Southampton (8 wks).
- Amit Reza, second prize winner will be visiting the UK for a 8 weeks trip TBC location.





Meetings

2018-2019

1st UK-India meeting, Glasgow 2018





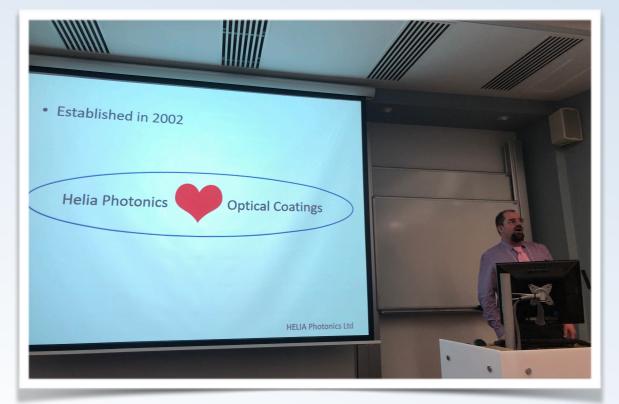


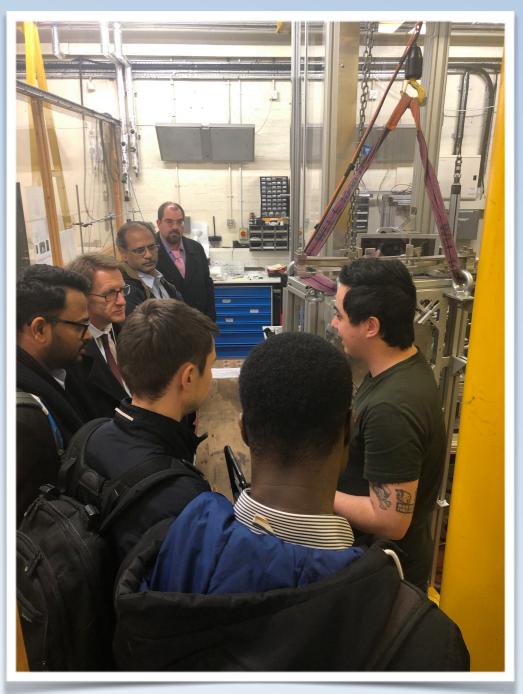
2nd UK-India meeting, Pune 2019

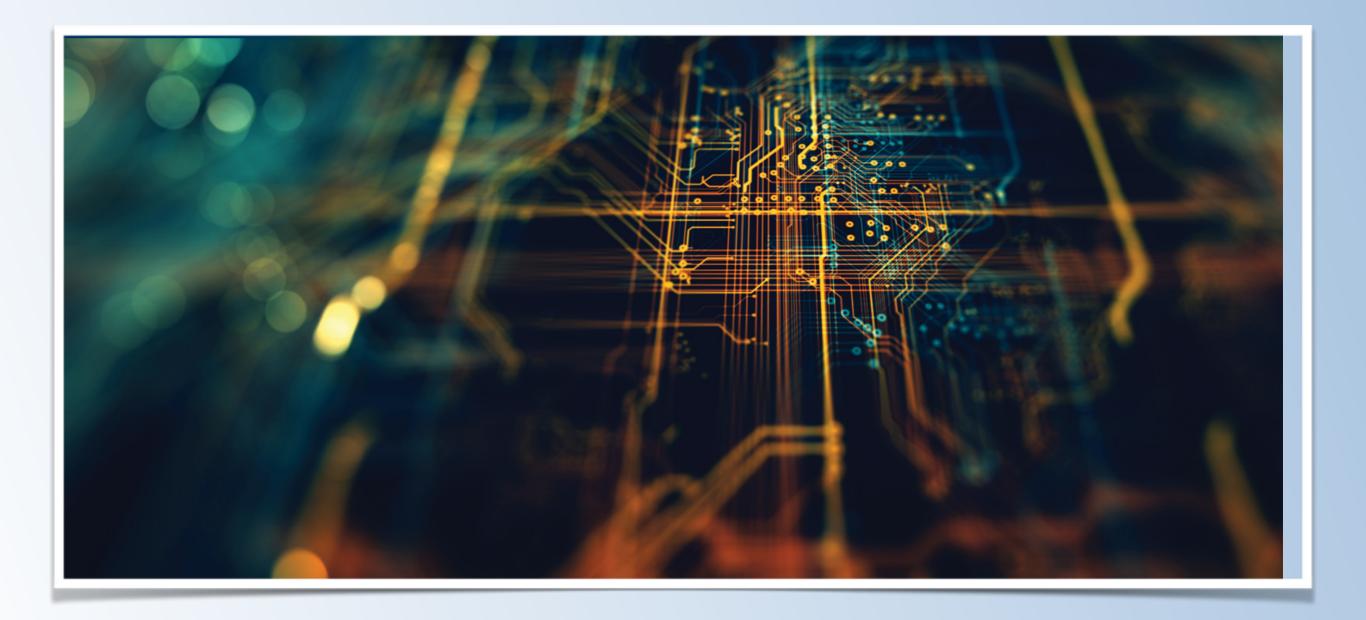
Industrial / instrumentation and data analysis workshop held simultaneously in IUCAA.

3rd UK-India meeting, Glasgow 2019









Industry

Collaborative work between industries in both the UK and India

Collaboration with Industry UK - India

















And others....

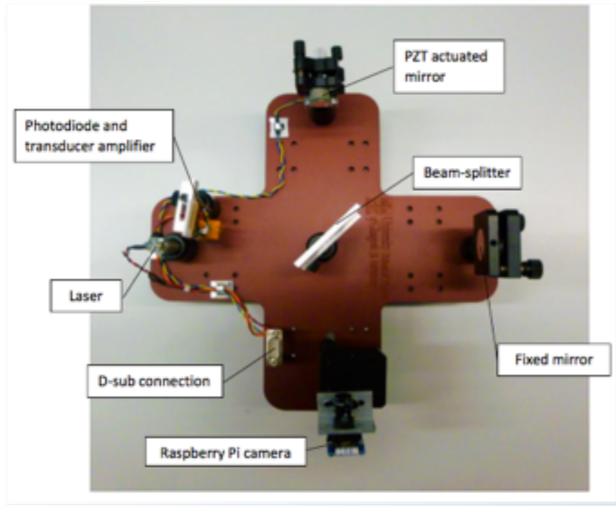


Outreach



LIGO in your hands











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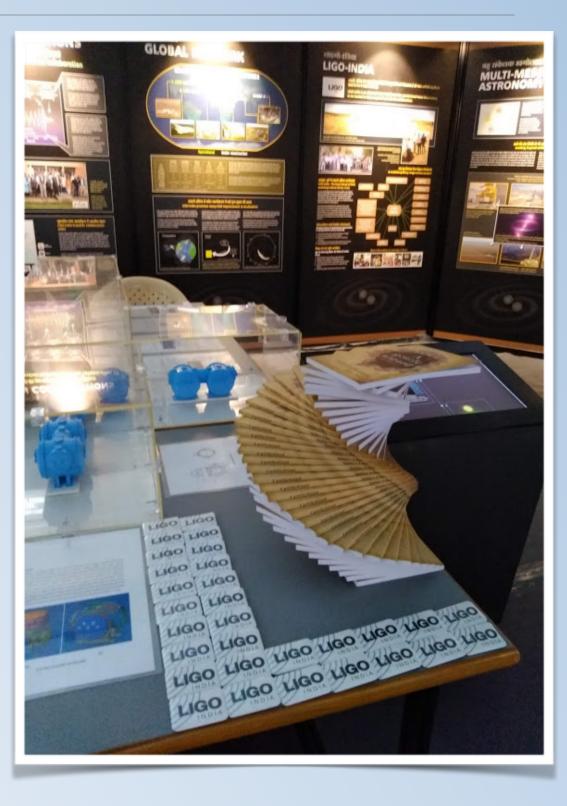
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Space time quest







Informative leaflets

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गुरुत्वीय लहरी आपल्या स्रोतातून प्रचंड प्रमाणात ऊर्जा वाहून नेत असल्या तरी

वेधशाळेच्या ४ कि.मी. लांबीच्या भुजांमध्ये जो बदल घडवून आणतात तो एका

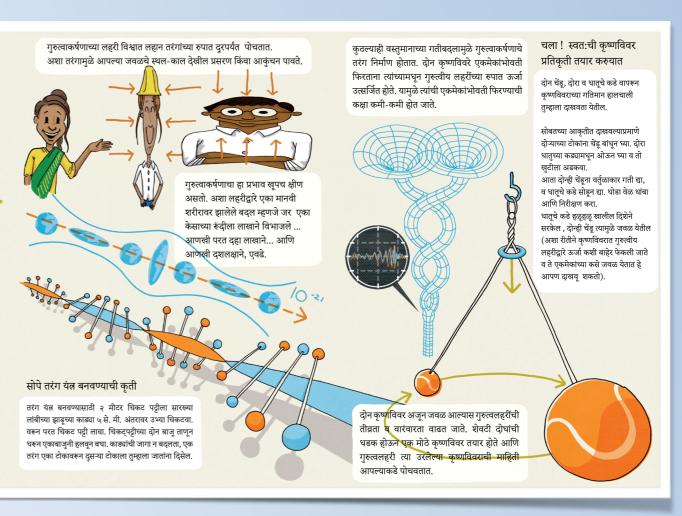
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OBSERVATORY





Masterclass

Focused relativistic fluid dynamics and numerical relativity aimed at postgraduate students and postdocs.



Future projects

- * GW Pop-up book for children.
- * Tabletop interferometers for undergraduate labs (ongoing).
- * Finesse workshop in India.



Coming soon!!

LIGO India

2025



A similar project is currently on-going to help build links between the UK and China based gravitational wave research in order to help strengthen the research capacity in China.

Prof. Heng is the UK PI.