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## about

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## research interests

Space weather, Coronal Mass Ejections & Flares, Computational Magneto-hydrodynamics, Helioseismology, Solar dynamo

## academic background

## computational skills

Developer for Pencil  
Code &  
SURYA code  
User of MFE code  
Analysis &  
Visualization: IDL  
Paraview, Matlab

## HPC experience

Yellowstone  
(NCAR/Wyoming)  
Pleiaides (NASA)  
Akka (Umeå  
University/Sweden)  
Ferlin  
(PDC/KTH/Sweden)

## personal

Married,  
Daughter (b Oct 2011)

2015–now

**Indian Institute of Astrophysics**

Bangalore, India

Reader

2014–2015

**Institute for theoretical Astrophysics, Univ of Oslo**

Oslo, Norway

Post Doctoral Fellow

2012–2014

**High Altitude Observatory**

Boulder, CO

Post Doctoral Fellow

2009–2011

**NORDITA**

Stockholm, Sweden

Post Doctoral Fellow

2008–2009

**T.I.F.R**

Mumbai, India

Visiting Fellow

2007–2008

**Dept of Physics, IISc**

Bangalore, India

IISc research associate

2003–2007

**Dept of Physics, IISc**

Bangalore, India

*PhD thesis*: Understanding Solar Magnetic Fields: their Generation, Evolution and Variability

2000–2003

**Dept of Physics & Center for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, IISc**

Bangalore, India

*Master of Science Thesis*: Structure, genesis and scale selection of the tropical quasi-biweekly mode

## highlights

2016

**New twist to simulating solar flares**

Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 101101

Simulations show for the first time how the magnetic fields that produce solar flares can extend out of the Sun by acquiring a twist. "Editors' suggestion" in Phys. Rev. Lett. and featured in "Physics" by a VIEWPOINT by Prof. Axel Brandenburg.

2013

**Fast cannibal CMEs**

Astrophysical J. Letters 778, L8

For the first time we model cannibalistic homologous CMEs in a 3D MHD simulation of emerging coronal flux ropes.

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- 2011 **Parity Breaking in a hydromagnetic system** Phys. Rev. E, 84, 025403(R)  
Observe symmetry breaking and non-zero helicity in a hydromagnetic simulation of magnetic buoyancy instability without rotation.
- 2009 **Solar torsional oscillations** Phys. Rev. Letters 103, 099902  
We provide an explanation for solar torsional oscillations preceding the sunspot cycle using a flux transport solar dynamo model which accounts for Alfvén waves.
- 2007 **Solar cycle prediction** Phys. Rev. Letters 98, 131103  
Predict a weak solar cycle 24 using a flux transport dynamo model. Our research about the solar magnetic cycle has been described in the national daily, The Telegraph and the science magazine, Physics World. Was selected as "Editors' suggestion" in Phys. Rev. Lett.

**publications: 23**, CITATIONS: 977, H-INDEX: 13

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### peer reviewed

#### *Modeling Repeatedly Flaring delta Sunspots*

P. Chatterjee, V. Hansteen, M. Carlsson  
*Phys. Rev. Lett* **116** 101101, (2016)

#### *Simulation of Homologous and Cannibalistic Coronal Mass Ejections produced by the Emergence of a Twisted Flux Rope into the Solar Corona*

P. Chatterjee, Y. Fan  
*ApJ* **778**, L8 L8, (2013)

#### *Alpha effect due to buoyancy instability of a magnetic layer*

P. Chatterjee, D. Mitra, M. Rheinhardt, A. Brandenburg  
*Astron.Astrophys.* **534**, A46 A46, (2011)

#### *Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking by hydromagnetic buoyancy*

P. Chatterjee, D. Mitra, A. Brandenburg, M. Rheinhardt  
**84**, 025403 025403, (2011)

#### *Reynolds stress and heat flux in spherical shell convection*

P. J. Käpylä, M. J. Mantere, G. Guerrero, A. Brandenburg, P. Chatterjee  
*Astron.Astrophys.* **531**, A162 A162, (2011)

#### *What do global p-modes tell us about banana cells?*

P. Chatterjee  
*Journal of Physics Conference Series* **271**, 012066 012066, (2011)

#### *Magnetic helicity fluxes in interface and flux transport dynamos*

P. Chatterjee, G. Guerrero, A. Brandenburg  
*Astron.Astrophys.* **525**, A5 A5, (2011)

#### *Turbulent transport in hydromagnetic flows*

A. Brandenburg, P. Chatterjee, F. Del Sordo, A. Hubbard, P. J. Käpylä, M. Rheinhardt  
*Physica Scripta Volume T* **142**, 014028 014028, (2010)

#### *Shear-driven and diffusive helicity fluxes in dynamos*

G. Guerrero, P. Chatterjee, A. Brandenburg  
*MNRAS* **409** 1619–1630, (2010)

#### *Can catastrophic quenching be alleviated by separating shear and effect?*

P. Chatterjee, A. Brandenburg, G. Guerrero  
*Geophysical and Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics* **104** 591–599, (2010)

#### *Equatorial magnetic helicity flux in simulations with different gauges*

D. Mitra, S. Candelaresi, P. Chatterjee, R. Tavakol, A. Brandenburg  
*Astronomische Nachrichten* **331** 130, (2010)

#### *Solar Flows and Their Effect on Frequencies of Acoustic Modes*

- P. Chatterjee, H. M. Antia  
*ApJ* 707 208–217, (2009)
- Small-scale magnetic helicity losses from a mean-field dynamo*  
A. Brandenburg, S. Candelaresi, P. Chatterjee  
*MNRAS* 398 1414–1422, (2009)
- Why Does the Sun's Torsional Oscillation Begin before the Sunspot Cycle?*  
S. Chakraborty, A. R. Choudhuri, P. Chatterjee  
*Physical Review Letters* 102, 041102 041102, (2009)
- How Do f-Mode Frequencies Change with Solar Radius?*  
P. Chatterjee, H. M. Antia  
*ApJ* 688, L123 L123, (2008)
- Solar activity forecast with a dynamo model*  
J. Jiang, P. Chatterjee, A. R. Choudhuri  
*MNRAS* 381 1527–1542, (2007)
- Predicting Solar Cycle 24 With a Solar Dynamo Model*  
A. R. Choudhuri, P. Chatterjee, J. Jiang  
*Physical Review Letters* 98, 131103 131103, (2007)
- On Magnetic Coupling Between the Two Hemispheres in Solar Dynamo Models*  
P. Chatterjee, A. R. Choudhuri  
*Sol.Phys.* 239 29–39, (2006)
- Development of twist in an emerging magnetic flux tube by poloidal field accretion*  
P. Chatterjee, A. R. Choudhuri, K. Petrovay  
*Astron.Astrophys.* 449 781–789, (2006)
- Reply to the Comments of Dikpati et al.*  
A. R. Choudhuri, D. Nandy, P. Chatterjee  
*Astron.Astrophys.* 437 703–704, (2005)
- Full-sphere simulations of a circulation-dominated solar dynamo: Exploring the parity issue*  
P. Chatterjee, D. Nandy, A. R. Choudhuri  
*Astron.Astrophys.* 427 1019–1030, (2004)
- Helicity of Solar Active Regions from a Dynamo Model*  
A. R. Choudhuri, P. Chatterjee, D. Nandy  
*ApJ* 615 L57–L60, (2004)
- Structure, genesis and scale selection of the tropical quasi-biweekly mode*  
Piyali Chatterjee, B. N. Goswami  
*Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society* 130 1171–1194, John Wiley Sons, Ltd., (2004)

## invited talks

"A new twist to numerical simulations of solar flares", EWASS 2016, 4-8 July, 2016, Athens, Greece

"Modeling of Repeatedly flaring delta sunspots", Solar waves and dynamics meeting IBUKS 2016, 13-17 June, 2016, KU Leuven, Belgium

"Modeling of the solar torsional oscillations and how well they compare with observations", ISSI workshop on solar cycle, Bern, 10-15 Nov, 2013

"Models of Solar torsional oscillations", IAU symposium 286, Comparative Magnetic Minima, Mendoza, Argentina, 3-7 Oct 2011

## achievements

- 2004–2007 **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Scholarship** Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, India  
Best Physics Candidate among 3000 Junior Research Fellows.
- 2002–2003 **Kumari L. A. Meera award** Dept of Physics, IISc, Bangalore  
Adjudged the best Integrated PhD Student in Physical Sciences at Indian Institute of Science.
- 2000 **Gold Medal** Mumbai University  
Highest marks in Physics in Bachelor of Science
- 2000 **Joint Entrance Screening Test** Topped the JEST
- 1999-2000 **Gold Medal** Indian Association of Physics Teachers  
Topped the National Graduate Physics Examination (N.G.P.E.) for consecutive years

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