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## Research Interests

- **EM signatures of compact object mergers:** Merger remnants and their lifetimes, kilonova physics, relativistic jet launching, dynamics, and prompt and afterglow emission.
- **GRB and AGN jets:** Spectral modeling of jets, radiation transfer, kinetic simulations, MHD simulations of jets, jet geometry and composition, high energy processes
- **Neutron stars:** Magnetic field decay, magnetar bursts, population synthesis, neutron star cooling, Pulsar/magnetar wind nebulae
- **Relativistic plasmas:** Plasma waves, mode coupling to radiation, turbulence, magnetic reconnection, cosmic-rays, MHD simulations
- **Axions:** Constraints on axion properties from astrophysical sources, polarization measurements, and blazars

## Employment

- **The George Washington University** 2019 - Present  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Topic: *GRB Polarization and Multi-Messenger Astrophysics*
- **The Open University of Israel** 2015 - Present  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Topic: *GRBs and Magnetars*  
Advisor: *Prof. Jonathan Granot*
- **Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University** 2018 - 2019  
Visiting Research Scholar  
Topic: *EM Signatures of BNS Mergers*  
Advisor: *Prof. Luciano Rezzolla*
- **Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics** 2012 - 2015  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Topic: *Relativistic Outflows and GRBs*  
Advisor: *Prof. Chris Thompson*

## Education

- **PhD in Astrophysics** Nov, 2012  
University of British Columbia  
Thesis: *Astrophysical Plasmas Near Strongly Magnetized Compact Objects*  
Advisor: *Prof. Jeremy Heyl*

- **BSc in Physics and Astronomy (Hons.)** 2007  
University of British Columbia  
Thesis: *The Birthrate of Magnetars*  
Advisor: *Prof. Jeremy Heyl*

### Awards

- **Open University of Israel Fellowship** 2017 - 2018
- **100,000 cpu hrs on SuperMUC supercomputer** 2017
- **100,000 cpu hrs on HazelHen supercomputer** 2017
- **University Research Fund (OUI)** 2016 - 2017
- **Outstanding Postdoctoral Researcher Fellowship (OUI)** 2015 - 2016
- **CITA Fellowship** 2012 - 2015
- **NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship** 2009 - 2012
- **Four Year Fellowship (UBC)** 2009 - 2012
- **Graduate Research Mobility Award (UBC)** 2009
- **Graduate Entrance Scholarship (UBC)** 2007

### Teaching & Outreach Experience

- **Mentored PhD student at the University of Toronto** 2013 - 2014
  - Gave tutorials on high-energy radiative processes in astrophysics
  - Showed the student how to simulate radiative processes using a computer code
- **Teaching assistant for 1<sup>st</sup>-year astronomy lab course at UBC** 2007 - 2009
  - Delivered lectures on introductory topics in astronomy
  - Helped students in carrying out lab experiments and understanding core concepts
- **Tours of the night sky using the 14-inch UBC telescope** 2007 - 2012
  - Gave public tours of the night sky every clear Saturday/Sunday night
  - Showed Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Andromeda galaxy, globular clusters, etc.
  - Answered general questions about the planets, stars, and the Universe.
- **Lecturer for astronomy summer school at UBC** 2010
  - Gave lectures on introductory astronomy to elementary school students
  - Designed and administered various experiments, e.g. bottle rocket, diptych dial, etc.

### Publications

1. **Gill, R.**, Sonbas, E., Dhuga, K. S., and Göğüş, E. The Disk-Corona Model and Mass Estimates of the Ultraluminous X-ray Source Holmberg IX X-1, 2021, Submitted to MNRAS
2. **Gill, R.** & Granot, J. [Temporal Evolution of Prompt GRB Polarization](#), 2021, MNRAS, 504, 1939
3. Fermi Collaboration. High-Energy Emission from a Magnetar Giant Flare in the Sculptor Galaxy, 2021, **Nature Astronomy**, 5, 385

4. Nathanail, A., **Gill, R.**, Porth, O., Fromm, C. M., & Rezzolla, L. [3D magnetised jet breakout from neutron-star binary merger ejecta: afterglow emission from the jet and the ejecta](#), 2021, MNRAS, 502, 1843
5. **Gill, R.**, Granot, J., & Beniamini, P. [GRB Spectrum from Gradual Dissipation in a Magnetized Outflow](#), 2020, MNRAS, 499, 1356
6. Nathanail, A., **Gill, R.**, Porth, O., Fromm, C. M., & Rezzolla, L. [On the opening angle of magnetised jets from neutron-star mergers: the case of GRB170817A](#), 2020, MNRAS, 495, 3780
7. Beniamini, P., Granot, J., & **Gill, R.** [Afterglow Lightcurves from Misaligned Structured Jets](#), 2020, MNRAS, 493, 3521
8. **Gill, R.** and Granot, J. [Constraining the magnetic field structure in collisionless relativistic shocks with a radio afterglow polarization upper limit in GW170817](#), 2020, MNRAS, 491, 5815
9. **Gill, R.**, Granot, J., & Kumar, P. [Linear polarization in gamma-ray burst prompt emission](#), 2020, MNRAS, 491, 3343
10. Fermi Collaboration. [Fermi and Swift Observations of GRB 190114C: Tracing the Evolution of High-Energy Emission from Prompt to Afterglow](#), 2019, ApJ, 890, 9
11. MAGIC & Fermi Collaboration. [Observation of inverse Compton emission from a long gamma-ray burst](#), 2019, **Nature**, 575, 459
12. Laskar, T., Alexander, K. D., **Gill, R.** et al. [ALMA Detection of a Linearly Polarized Reverse Shock in GRB 190114C](#), 2019, ApJL, 878, L26
13. **Gill, R.**, Granot, J., De Colle, F., & Urrutia, G. [Numerical Simulations of an Initially Top-Hat Jet and the Afterglow of GW170817/GRB170817A](#), 2019, ApJ, 883, 15
14. **Gill, R.**, Nathanail, A., & Rezzolla, L. [When Did the Remnant of GW170817 Collapse to a Black Hole?](#), 2019, ApJ, 876, 139
15. eXTP Collaboration. [Observatory Science with eXTP](#), 2019, SCPMA, 62, 42
16. Granot, J., **Gill, R.**, Guetta, D., & De Colle, F. [Off-axis emission of short GRB jets from double neutron star mergers and GRB 170817A](#), 2018, MNRAS, 481, 1597
17. Vianello, G., **Gill, R.**, Granot, J. Omodei, N., Cohen-Tanugi, J., & Longo, F. [The Bright and the Slow – GRBs 100724B & 160509A with High-energy Cutoffs at  \$\lesssim 100\$  MeV](#), 2018, ApJ, 864, 163
18. **Gill, R.** & Granot, J. [Afterglow Imaging and Polarization of Misaligned Structured GRB Jets and Cocoon: Breaking the Degeneracy in GRB 170817A](#), 2018, MNRAS, 478, 4128
19. **Gill, R.** & Granot, J. [The Effect of Pair Cascades on the High-Energy Spectral Cutoff in Gamma-Ray Bursts](#), 2018, MNRAS Letters, 475, 1
20. **Gill, R.**, Granot, J., & Lyubarsky, Y. [2D Relativistic MHD Simulations of the Kruskal-Schwarzschild Instability in a Relativistic Striped Wind](#), 2018, MNRAS, 474, 3535

21. Fermi Collaboration. [Fermi-LAT Observations of LIGO / Virgo Event GW170817](#), 2018, ApJ, 861, 85
22. Granot, J., Guetta, D. & **Gill, R.** [Lessons from the short GRB170817A – the First Gravitational Wave Detection of a Binary Neutron Star Merger](#), 2017, ApJL, 850, 24
23. Younes, G., Kouveliotou, C., Jaodand, A., Baring, M. G., van der Horst, A. J., Harding, A. K., Hessels, J. W. T., Gehrels, N., **Gill, R.**, Huppenkothen, D., Granot, J., Göğüş, E., & Lin, L. [X-ray and radio observations of the magnetar SGR J1935+2154 during its 2014, 2015, and 2016 outbursts](#), 2017, ApJ, 847, 15
24. Göğüş, E., Lin, L., Roberts, O. J., Chakraborty, M., Kaneko, Y., **Gill, R.**, Granot, J., van der Horst, A. J., Watts, A. L., Baring, M. G., Kouveliotou, C. Huppenkothen, D., & Younes, G. [Burst and Outburst Characteristics of Magnetar 4U 0142+61](#), 2017, ApJ, 835, 68
25. Fermi Collaboration. [Searching the Gamma-ray Sky for Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Sources: Fermi GBM and LAT Observations of LVT151012 and GW151226](#), 2017, ApJ, 835, 82
26. Granot, J., **Gill, R.**, Younes, G., Gelfand, J., Harding, A., Kouveliotou, C., & Baring, M. G. [Learning About the Magnetar Swift J1834.9-0846 from its Wind Nebula](#), 2017, MNRAS, 464, 4895
27. Guiriec, S., Kouveliotou, C., Hartmann, D. H., Granot, J., Asano, K., Meszaros, P., **Gill, R.**, Gehrels, N., & McEnery, J. [A Unified Model for GRB Prompt Emission from Optical to Gamma-Rays; a New Type of Standard Candle](#), 2016, ApJ, 831L, 8
28. Younes, G., Kouveliotou, C., Kargaltsev, O., **Gill, R.**, Granot, J., Watts, A. L., Gelfand, J., Baring, M. G., Harding, A., Pavlov, G. G., van der Horst, A. J., Huppenkothen, D., Göğüş, E., Lin, L., & Roberts, O. J. [The wind nebula around magnetar Swift J1834.9-0846](#), 2016, ApJ, 824, 138
29. Thompson, C. & **Gill, R.** [Pulse Structure of Hot Electromagnetic Outflows with Embedded Baryons](#), 2014, ArXiv:1406.5239
30. **Gill, R.** & Thompson, C. [Non-Thermal Gamma-Ray Emission from Delayed Pair-Breakdown in a Magnetized and Photon-Rich Outflow](#), 2014, ApJ, 796, 81
31. Thompson, C. & **Gill, R.** [Hot Electromagnetic Outflows. III. Displaced Fireball in a Strong Magnetic Field](#), 2014, ApJ, 791, 30
32. **Gill, R.** & Heyl, J. [Statistical Ages and the Cooling Rate of X-Ray Dim Isolated Neutron Stars](#), 2014, MNRAS, 435, 3243
33. **Gill, R.** & Heyl, J. [Constraining the Photon-Axion Coupling Constant with Magnetic White Dwarfs](#), 2011, PRD, 84, 085001
34. Heyl, J., **Gill, R.** & Hernquist, L. [Cosmic Rays from Pulsars and Magnetars](#), 2010, MNRAS, 406, L25
35. **Gill, R.** & Heyl, J. [On the Trigger Mechanisms of Soft Gamma-Repeater Giant Flares](#), 2010, MNRAS, 407, 1926

36. Gill, R. & Heyl, J. [Dispersion Relations for Bernstein Waves in a Relativistic Plasma](#), 2009, PRE, 80, 036407
37. Gill, R. & Heyl, J. [The Birthrate of Magnetars](#), 2007, MNRAS, 381, 52

### Conferences, Seminars, & Workshops

1. **Invited Review Talk:** 16<sup>th</sup> Marcel Grossmann Meeting, Rome. 2021  
Title: *Emission from Structured GRB Jets: Theoretical Overview*
2. **Invited Online Talk:** High-Energy Astrophysics Seminar Series, UNAM, Mexico 2020  
Title: *Gamma-ray bursts: The mystery being resolved & new prospects*
3. **Invited Talk:** Ioffe Workshop on GRBs and other transient sources: 25 Years of Konus-Wind Experiment, St Petersburg, Russia. 2019  
Title: *Constraints on the binary NS merger remnant and outflow structure from EM counterparts of GW170817*
4. **Invited Talk:** Workshop to bring together experts on High Energy Astrophysics from Japan and Israel, Japan. 2019  
Title: *Polarization and afterglow of structured outflows: Insights gained from GW170817/GRB 170817A*
5. **Invited Talk:** Astronomy & Astrophysics Seminar, TIFR-Mumbai. 2019  
Title: *Insights gained from GW170817/GRB 170817A: BNS merger remnant and outflow structure*
6. Gamma-Ray Bursts and Related Astrophysics in Multi-Messenger Era, Nanjing, China. 2019  
Title: *BNS merger remnant and outflow structure: Insights gained from GW170817/GRB 170817A*
7. **Invited Talk:** Shedding new light on Gamma-Ray Bursts with polarization data, Geneva. 2018  
Title: *Polarization of Gamma-Ray Burst Prompt Emission: An Overview*
8. **Invited Talk:** EXPUNIV 2018, Kolkata. 2018  
Title: *Probing the GRB prompt emission mechanism, magnetic field geometry, and jet structure with linear polarization*
9. **Invited Talk:** AstroCoffee, Goethe University, Frankfurt. 2018  
Title: *GRB 170817A / GW 170817: Constraining the Relativistic Outflow Structure and the Compact Remnant*
10. **Invited Talk:** 15<sup>th</sup> Marcel Grossmann Meeting, Rome. 2018  
Title: *GRB 170817A / GW 170817: Constraining the Relativistic Outflow Structure and the Compact Remnant*

11. 15<sup>th</sup> Marcel Grossmann Meeting, Rome.  
Title: *The Effect of Pair Cascades on the High-Energy Spectral Cutoffs in GRBs* 2018
12. **Invited Talk:** Astrolunch at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.  
Title: *GRB Jets: Acceleration, Dissipation, & Radiation* 2018
13. Deciphering the Violent Universe, Cancún, Mexico. Title: *Lessons from the short GRB 170817A and off-axis emission from GRB jets* 2017
14. High Energy Astrophysics Workshop, HUJI, Jerusalem. Title: *On the origin of the GeV/TeV emission from H.E.S.S. J1834-087* 2017
15. National Israeli Astronomy Seminar, Tel Aviv University. Title: *What's Powering the Magnetar Wind Nebula Around Swift J1834.9-0846?* 2017
16. PiTP Summer School on *Computational Plasma Astrophysics*, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton 2016
17. Dynamical Processes in Space Plasmas, Dead Sea, Israel. Title: *GRB Prompt-phase Spectrum in High Sigma Outflows* 2016
18. AAS HEAD Meeting, Naples, Florida. Title: *A Magnetar Wind Nebula: Is the Spin-down-powered Wind Enough?* 2016
19. **Invited Talk:** Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Title: *A Two-Zone Model for GRB Prompt Emission in Strongly Magnetized Outflows* 2016
20. The Racah Institute of Physics, HUJI. Title: *A Two-Zone Model for GRB Prompt Emission in Strongly Magnetized Outflows* 2015
21. CASCA 2015. McMaster University. Title: *Gamma-ray bursts from strongly magnetized outflows with dissipation from a baryon shell* 2015
22. CITA. Title: *The Spectral States of Black Hole X-Ray Binaries* 2014
23. The Structure and Signals of Neutron Stars: From Birth to Death. Florence. Title: *Statistical Ages and the Cooling Rate of XDINS* 2014
24. CITA. Title: *Models of GRBs* 2014
25. CASCA 2013. Vancouver. Title: *Study of High Energy Processes in Relativistic Plasmas Near Compact Objects* 2013
26. 8th Patras Workshop on Axions, WISPS, WIMPS. Chicago. Title: *Constraints on Axion-Like Particles From Magnetic White Dwarfs* 2012
27. Canadian Workshop on the Nuclear and Astrophysics of Stars. TRIUMF. Title: *Axion Properties from White Dwarf Magnetospheres* 2010

28. Theory Seminar. TRIUMF. Title: *Mystery solved: Cosmic rays from pulsars and magnetars can explain ATIC, H.E.S.S., PAMELA, and Fermi observations* 2010
29. 24th Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics. Vancouver. Title: *The Birthrate of Magnetars* 2008

### Academic Associations

1. Fermi-LAT Collaboration
2. eXTP - enhanced X-ray Timing and Polarimetry mission
3. POLAR - 1 & 2
4. Gamow Explorer Mission

### Computer Skills

1. Linux/Unix, C, Python, Mathematica

### Academic Services

1. Referee for Journals: Science, ApJ, Physical Review B, MNRAS, JCAP, Galaxies
2. Panelist for NASA/Fermi Proposal Selection

### References

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