

Presentation of LIGO Thesis Prize

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A biannual prize for the outstanding Ph.D. thesis written based on research carried out within LIGO (Lab or LSC.)

Either within an LSC member institution or in collaboration with one.

Theses judged on

- » Originality and creativity of research
- » Importance to field of gravitational wave detection, broadly defined
- » Clarity of presentation.

Prize includes

- » Certificate
- » Travel to LSC meeting to receive award
- » Cash award of \$1500

First round covered these from 1 June 03 to 31 May 05.

Seven theses were nominated.

Very diverse: new hardware, commissioning, and data analysis; from domestic LSC groups, GEO, and TAMA.

Selection committee met this summer:

- » Vern Sandberg, chair
- » Bill Hamilton
- » Joe Romano

We were all extremely impressed with the very high quality of the nominated theses.

... and the winner is ...

Dr. Rana Adhikari

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