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Physicist interested in theoretical and computational modeling of quantum systems and applications to quantum information science.

Proficient in mathematical modeling and scientific data analysis, as well as computational languages and tools including Python, Matlab, & Mathematica. I enjoy the process of learning and understanding complex physical processes. I'm capable of working independently but thrive in collaborative environments.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Physics

Dec, 2021

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

GPA: 3.46/4.0

Thesis: 'Dynamical Casimir Effect in a Superconducting Circuit Periodic Lattice'

Bachelor of Science in Physics

May, 2019

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

GPA: 3.15/4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan, 2019. - Dec, 2021

Department of Physics & Astronomy, UTRGV. Supervised by Andreas Hanke.

- Developed a theoretical and computational model to study the dynamical Casimir effect in a newly proposed superconducting circuit architecture.
- Characterized the non-classical light radiation output of a tunable lattice structure composed of superconducting quantum interference devices (SQUID) embedded in a coplanar waveguide. Publication in process.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2012 -2016

UTRGV Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy. Supervised by Fredrick Jenet and Joseph Romano.

- Performed frequent observations through using the Arecibo Radio Telescope, as well as the Green Bank Radio Telescope and the Long Wavelength Array. Reviewed thousands of radio signal profiles and identified their likelihood to be neutron stars. Responsible for the discovery of a radio pulsar (J0640-00) as part of AO 327MHz Drift Survey.
- Performed in-situ pulsar timing observations of double neutron star system at the Arecibo Radio Telescope in Puerto Rico. 2013.
- Acted as team leader, supervising undergraduate and graduate students in the center. 2015-2016
- Performed early testing of radio antennas phased array design. Supervised by Richard Price. Developed program to search for X-Ray Binaries in data from NASA's Swift telescope. Supervised by M. Benacquista.

Summer Research Intern

May 2014 - Aug. 2014

Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute). Supervised by Holger Pletsch, and Colin J. Clark.

- Developed a data analysis pipeline to implement gamma ray pulsar blind search method developed by collaborators.
- Pipeline made use of the HTCondor parallel computing software with the Atlas Computing Cluster (~40,000 CPUs) to perform automated daily processing of data from the Fermi Large Area Telescope, uploading suitable pulsar candidates to follow up website.

Teaching

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug, 2019 - Dec 2021

EXPERIENCE

Department of Physics & Astronomy

Responsibilities included course planning, and teaching online laboratory sections, as well as grading and holding recitation sessions. Courses taught:

General Physics I & II laboratories. Intro to Astronomy I laboratory. Physics for Scientists & Engineers (grader & recitation instructor).

Computational experience: Physical system modeling, data analysis Skills and data visualization.

Primary programming language: Python.

Proficient in scientific libraries such as Numpy, Sympy, and Matplotlib. Other programming experience: Matlab, Mathematica, Julia, Bash.

Operating systems: Linux, Mac OS, Microsoft. Others: Jupyter, Github, HTCondor, LATEX.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Einstein@Home discovers a radio-quiet gamma-ray millisecond pulsar

C. J. Clark et al. Science Advances, 4, eaao7228 (2018)

The Einstein@Home Gamma-ray Pulsar Survey. I. Search Methods, Sensitivity and Discovery of New Young Gamma-ray Pulsars.

CJ Clark, J Wu, HJ Pletsch, Lucas Guillemot, B Allen, C Aulbert, C Beer, O Bock, **A Cuéllar**, HB Eggenstein, H Fehrmann, M Kramer, B Machenschalk, L Nieder. The Astrophysical Journal 834 106 (2017)

The Braking Index of a Radio-quiet Gamma-ray Pulsar

CJ Clark, HJ Pletsch, J Wu, Lucas Guillemot, F Camilo, TJ Johnson, M Kerr, B Allen, C Aulbert, C Beer, O Bock, A Cuéllar, HB Eggenstein, H Fehrmann, M Kramer, B Machenschalk, L Nieder. The Astrophysical Journal Letters 832 L15 (2016)

PSR J1906+0722: An Elusive Gamma-ray Pulsar

C. J. Clark et al. The Astrophysical Journal Letters 809 L2 (2015)

Selected Dynamical Casimir Effect in a Superconducting Circuit Periodic Lattice

Presentations UTRGV College of Science Annual Research Conference Nov, 2021

Dynamical Casimir Effect in a Superconducting Circuit Periodic Lattice

Colloquium, UTRGV Department of Physics & Astronomy Nov, 2020

Quantum: The Next Step In Computing

Public Outreach Talk. June 8, 2015.

Monday Night Science Cafe, UTRGV Department of Physics & Astronomy.

Looking for Periodicity in X-Ray Emission Data.

Poster Presentation. Jan 6, 2014.

A. Cuellar, S. Cohen, and M. Benacquista.

American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting 223, id.155.41 Washington, DC.

COMMUNICATION Guest in 'The Millennial Scientist Podcast'. Mexican Science communication & Outreach podcast. Discussed work on Black holes that led to the 2020 Nobel Price in Physics. (2020)

Event planning committee. German Language and Culture Club at UTRGV (2018-2019).

Main organizer. "Monday Night Science Cafe". Monthly event hosted by the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UTRGV (2015-2016).

Secretary. Society of Physics Students

University of Texas at Brownsville (2012-2014).

AWARDS Presidential Graduate Research Assistantship

2019

Graduate research assistantship program covering tuition and stipend from the Graduate College at UTRGV.

Arecibo Remote Command Center Scholarship

2013-2015.

Undergraduate research assistantship program covering tuition and stipend from the Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy at UTRGV.

International Student Talent Scholarship April 2014, Oct.2014. Awarded by the Office of Global Engagement at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

German Academic Exchange Service RISE Scholarship May 2014. Scholarship awarded by the Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE) scholarship program.

NON- Music Composition and Performance.

PROFESSIONAL Language Learning and Exchange.

INTERESTS Bicycle touring. Literature. Philosophy.