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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Candidate for Ph.D.

GPA: 4.0/4.0

September 2020 - Current

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

B.S. in Physics and Philosophy with minor in Music and Mathematics

GPA: 4.9/5.0

August 2016 - June 2020

Selected Coursework: Quantum Information Science · Quantum Computation

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MICHELSON CENTER FOR PHYSICS

Research Assistant to Prof. Clay Cordova

Chicago, IL

July 2020 - Current

- Studied the physics behind Topological Quantum Computing
- Currently investigating Spin-TQFT's and the associated Tensor Categories

DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Research Assistant to Prof. Mingda Li

Cambridge, MA

February 2019 - June 2020

- Studied Kohn anomalies in Topological Weyl Semi-metals using QFT
- Characterized behaviour of Semi-metals via spectroscopy at Oak Ridge

KU LEUVEN INSTITUTE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Research Assistant to Prof. Joseph Indekeu

Leuven, Belgium

May 2018 - Aug 2018

- Studied wetting transitions in superfluids using holography

KAVLI INSTITUTE FOR ASTROPHYSICS

Research Assistant to Prof. Scott Hughes

Cambridge, MA

Dec 2016 - Feb 2018

- Devised a framework to calculate inclined inspiral trajectories into Kerr Black holes
- Implemented a code to numerically compute inspiral trajectories

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Topological Signatures in Nodal Semimetals through Neutron Scattering [Arxiv:2101.04046](#)
To appear in Physical Review B
- Topological Singularity Induced Chiral Kohn Anomaly in a Weyl Semimetal [PhysRevLett.124.236401](#)
Physical Review Letters Editor's Suggestion for June 2020
- Learning about black hole binaries from their ringdown spectra [PhysRevLett.123.161101](#)
Published in Physical Review Letters October 2019
- Exciting black hole modes via misaligned coalescences: [PhysRevD.100.084031](#)
I. Inspiral, transition, and plunge trajectories using a generalized Ori-Thorne procedure
Published in Physical Review D October 2019
- Exciting black hole modes via misaligned coalescences: [PhysRevD.100.084032](#)
II. The mode content of late-time coalescence waveforms
Published in Physical Review D October 2019

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Poster Presentation at conference 'Topological Quantum Matter' KITP, Santa Barbara
- Participated in STAQ Quantum Ideas Summer School Duke University, Durham
- Participated in the Third ERC (HoloBHC) Solvay Workshop on Holography ULB, Brussels
- Talk at APS 2018 April meeting held in Columbus, Ohio [APS Presentation](#)
- Invited outreach talk: 'Physics in Everyday Life' SRM University, Chennai

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Awarded **Nambu Fellowship** for being the highest rated applicant to the Ph.D. Program
- **Phi Beta Kappa** inductee from the Class of 2020
- **Gold Medal** in Asian Physics Olympiad 2015
- **Silver Medal** in International Physics Olympiad 2015

SKILLS

- Computer Skills: Mathematica, Python and C++ programming