Jeffrey Morais

Quantum Gravity \otimes Topology



Educational Background

2019 - 2023 B.Sc. in Honours Physics, McGill University, Montréal, Canada. (GPA: 3.84/4.0)

- ♦ **Thesis Advisor:** Prof. Keshav Dasgupta.
- ♦ Thesis Title: Conflicts with de Sitter vacua in supersymmetric field theories.

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Research Experience

Present Researcher, Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Using topological quantum field theory and quantum neural networks, we look at stochastic Ricci flow for renormalization group flow in quantum gravity. We also look at connecting this to categories of topological wormhole networks which are distinguished by classes of cobordisms.

Supervisor: Prof. Antonino Marcianò

Present Post-Quantum Cryptography Intern, BTQ, Vancouver, Canada

Using topological quantum error correction and fault-tolerant codes, we look at optimizing blockchain consensus computations in post-quantum cryptography. We apply this framework to quantum sampling events done in clusters of scalable quantum computers.

Collaborator: Dr. Peter Rohde

Summer 2023 Undergraduate Researcher, NSERC, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Study of topological wormholes and their symplectic entanglement structure in quantum mechanics. We related wormholes to quantum tunneling events in entangled networks of qubits in potential well lattices with the use of instanton solutions in the complex time plane. \Box

Supervisor: Prof. Igor Boettcher

2022 - 2023 Honours Bachelor Thesis, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Study of the problematic non-existence of vacua with de Sitter isometries occurring in type II string theory and M-theory. We studied generalized coherent states over super Minkowski space with these isometries to allow for non-singular compactifications to the de Sitter spacetime dS_4 , a candidate to model our Lorentzian universe.

Supervisor: Prof. Keshav Dasgupta

Summer 2022 Undergraduate Researcher, NSERC, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Characterization of U(1) topological defect — cosmic string — signals occurring in a class of renormalizable quantum field theories. We developed statistics to extract these signals from primordial Λ CDM background noise in 21cm inflationary cosmology.

Supervisor: Prof. Robert Brandenberger

Spring 2022 Undergraduate Researcher, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Study of the interaction of light and dynamical Casimir effect occurring in photon recycling via scalar quantum field theory. We computed the quantum corrections to the radiation force with loop diagrams using a spatially-dependent interaction vertex and relativistically moving boundary conditions for the mirrors.

Supervisor: Prof. Andrew Higgins

Fall 2021 Undergraduate Researcher, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Numerical computations of scintillation densities for fast radio bursts and their corresponding black-white hole tunneling events in quantum cosmology. The fast radio burst signals are embedded in non-linear cosmological noise given by primordial perturbations.

Supervisor: Prof. Victoria Kaspi

Summer 2021 Undergraduate Researcher, McGill University Health Center, Montréal, Canada

Construction and training of models administering tumour suppressing radiation with neural networks. We investigated dose volume tensor estimation models with helically distributed electromagnetic waves. \Box

Supervisor: Prof. Marija Popovic

Summer 2020 Undergraduate Researcher, SURA, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Study of γ -rays and Cherenkov radiation in superluminous supernovae and tidal disruption events with the NASA Fermi-LAT: Unbinned/binned likelihood analyses, upper limit analyses, extended source analyses.

Supervisor: Prof. Kenneth Ragan

2019 - 2020 Undergraduate Researcher, Vanier College, Montréal, Canada

Numerically solved the quantum Hamilton-Jacobi equations of motion and generated trajectories for de Broglie-Bohm theory with recurrent neural networks and the Crank-Nicolson method.

Supervisor: Prof. Ivan Ivanov

Summer 2018 Undergraduate Researcher, Concordia University, Montréal, Canada

Study of topological confinement in a nanobeam microcavity. We characterized resonant modes of electromagnetic waves in nano-scale photonic crystal ring resonators with MIT Electromagnetic Equation Propagation.

Supervisor: Prof. Pablo Bianucci

Presentations

July 2023 8th Interstellar Symposium, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Presented the effects of light interference and the dynamical Casimir effect in photon recycling via scalar quantum field theory.

May 2019 Physics & AI Workshop, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Presented numerically computed quantum Hamilton-Jacobi trajectories for de Broglie-Bohm Theory using recurrent neural networks and the Crank-Nicolson method.

Awards and Distinctions

- May 2023 NSERC USRA Undergraduate Student Research Award + FRQNT Scholarship Supplement, University of Alberta, Department of Physics.
- May 2022 NSERC USRA Undergraduate Student Research Award + FRQNT Scholarship Supplement, McGill University, Department of Physics.
- May 2021 BSA Banner Student Award, McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Medical Physics Unit.
- May 2020 SURA Science Undergraduate Research Award, McGill University, Department of Physics.

Relevant Extracurricular Activity

- 2022 2023 **Group Seminar**, Superstring Theory, Organized a graduate seminar on superstring theory based off modern HEP research papers and textbooks by Kiritsis, & Polchinski.
- Spring 2022 **Group Seminar**, Gauge Theory, Organized a graduate seminar on non-abelian gauge theory based off Baez's Gauge Fields, Knots and Gravity textbook, as well as Kibble's Classification of Topological Defects and Their Relevance to Cosmology paper.
 - Fall 2021 Physics Hackathon, McGill University, Montréal, Canada

Numerically reproduced the interference pattern in the double slit experiment with path integrals using the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm and Glauber dynamics for the Markov chain Monte Carlo method. $\[\]$