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RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages Python, Java, SQL, C/C++, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, LaTeX

Frameworks Scrum, Agile, React, ThreeJS, NextJS, Arduino, Pygame, Flask, OOP

Developer Tools Git, Subversion, Linux, OpenCV, OpenGL, VSCode, Android Studio, Eclipse, IntelliJ

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo - Faculty of Engineering

Expected Graduation MAY 2029

BASc in Electrical Engineering – President's Scholarship of Distinction \$2000

Waterloo, ON, CAN

ACHIEVEMENTS

IBDP Graduate CaYPT (Canadian Young Physicists' Tournament) National Champion IYPT (International Young Physicists' Tournament) Bronze Medalist FIRST Robotics Provincial Semi-Finalist

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Grätzel Cell JUL 2023 - JUL 2024

Python Matplotlib, COMSOL Multiphysics, Multimeter, Lux Meter

- · Constructed and optimized a **dye-sensitized solar cell** using titanium dioxide and iodine electrolyte to study the mechanisms of **photovoltaic energy conversion**.
- · Evaluated the influence of electrolyte concentration, glass conductivity, TiO_2 layer thickness, and temperature on cell efficiency through electrochemical analysis and precise measurements using multimeters and lux meters.
- · Employed MATLAB for data modeling and simulations to assess the impact of parameter variations on electron transport and photocurrent, validating experimental results with theoretical predictions.

Faraday Waves

JUL 2023 - JUL 2024

MATLAB, ImageJ, Tracker, Python, Matplotlib

- · Investigated **Faraday waves** and oscillating droplets, examining surface waves and instabilities in vertically oscillating systems.
- · Analyzed surface and **gravity-capillary waves** using **ImageJ** and **Tracker** to study the effects of frequency, amplitude, and viscosity on wave patterns.
- · Simulated droplet dynamics in **MATLAB** and processed data using **Python** and **Matplotlib** to quantify variations and validate theoretical predictions.

Magnetostriction SEP 2022 - JUL 2023

MATLAB, ImageJ, Tracker, Python, Matplotlib

- · Investigated the impact of external **magnetic fields** on magnetization and magnetostriction in various materials, focusing on **ferromagnetic**, **paramagnetic**, and **diamagnetic** properties.
- · Measured **B-H curves** using a custom-built coil and H-bridge circuit to control magnetic fields, with real-time data captured by a **Hall effect sensor** to analyze magnetic saturation and hysteresis effects.
- · Quantified magnetostriction in ferrite rods using a **strain gauge** and **Wheatstone Bridge** setup, capturing precise dimensional changes under varying magnetic fields.

Saffman-Taylor Instability of Miscible Fluids

JUL 2022 - JUL 2023

ImageJ, Tracker, MATLAB, Python, Matplotlib

- · Conducted research, data analysis, and experiments on three-stage Marangoni flow and **Saffman—Taylor instability**, focusing on fluid dynamics and fractal patterns.
- · Analyzed fractal dimensions and geometry using **ImageJ** and **Tracker** to develop a systematic theory on the role of viscosity in Saffman–Taylor instability.
- · Simulated fluid behavior with MATLAB and processed data using Python and Matplotlib to quantify viscosity changes in paint samples with different concentrations.

Acoustic Analysis of Airflow-Induced Sound in Perforated Rotating Disks

JUL 2022 - JUL 2023

MATLAB, ImageJ, Tracker, Python, Matplotlib

· Investigated the sound phenomena of airflow interacting with a **rotating disk with holes**, analyzing how sound characteristics change with parameters like flow rate, rotational speed, and hole configuration.

- · Developed experimental setups using a **motor speed controller**, air compressor, and microphone to capture sound data, with real-time analysis and visualization conducted in **MATLAB** and **Python**.
- · Quantified relationships between **sound intensity**, frequency, and disk parameters, using theoretical models to validate experimental observations and identify key parameter impacts.

Pulsating Heat Tube in a Condensing-Heating-Condensing (CHC) System

JUL 2022 - JUL 2023

Arduino, EasyEDA, OnShape, Python, JSON, OpenCV, Tracker, MatPlotLib

- · Researched thermodynamics and fluid dynamics of pulsating heat tubes to analyze two-phase heat transfer efficiency.
- · Designed and implemented a heat tube system with **Arduino** and **analog electronics** for precise control and measurement.
- · Developed a Python-based tool using **OpenCV Object Detection** to extract and analyze thermocouple data from 8 channels for real-time monitoring.
- · Simulated vapor motion within the heat tube using Python, achieving a **96% match** between simulations and experimental results.

Marangoni Flow and Rayleigh-Taylor Instability in Evaporating Fluids

JUL 2021 - JUL 2022

 $Arduino,\ EasyEDA,\ ImageJ,\ Tracker,\ MatPlotLib,\ Comsol\ Multiphysics,\ MATLAB$

- · Investigated Marangoni flow and Rayleigh-Taylor instability by analyzing fluid dynamics at interfaces to study **droplet behavior** in experiments.
- · Designed and implemented a droplet release system using **Arduino** and **3D-printed components** to enhance precision and reproducibility in experiments.
- · Developed and optimized an interferometry analysis system with **OpenCV** for high-resolution tension measurement and analysis.
- · Performed dynamic simulations using MATLAB and Comsol, achieving 93% accuracy to verify experimental results with simulations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Junior Web Developer Coop

JAN 2025 - APR 2025

Java, Spring Boot, Maven, Apache POI, Git

AGF Investments

- · Developed a Java-based ScoreCard application, featuring robust file archiving, large XLSX handling via Apache POI streaming, data validation/transformation, and a flexible properties-based configuration system.
- · Developed a **PegaRecon** app that ingests large XLSX files via **Apache POI streaming**, applies date/time filtering and **duplicate-skip** logic, archives input, and outputs consolidated Excel/CSV reports—fully configurable, automated email distributions, and maintained under **Maven/Git** with **Spring Boot**.
- · Developed automated **Pega** test cases verifying front-end **UI** interactions, ensuring robust coverage and reliability.

Lab Teaching Assistant

OCT 2023 - MAR 2024

Tracker, Comsol Multiphysics, Instrumentation and Prototyping Tools

SciTechnia

- · Instructed 20+ high school students on using lab instruments, including oscilloscopes, multimeters, and 3D printers, to enhance practical skills in electronics and physics.
- · Designed and constructed **PCBs**, integrating analog and digital components for educational demonstrations and experiments.
- · Guided students in simulation modeling with **Comsol Multiphysics** and data analysis using **Tracker**, bridging theoretical concepts with hands-on applications.

Technology Mentor

OCT 2020 - AUG 2024

iOS, iPadOS, macOS, Windows, Linux

- · Guided 100+ seniors to proficiency in using various operating systems, completing the program in one month.
- · Taught essential skills for setting up software accounts, configuring devices, and utilizing applications for daily tasks.

Website Developer

DEC 2020 - DEC 2023

Java, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Blender, Git

Beyond the Wards/Kindness Catalogue

- · Built a dynamic website using **Java** for backend and **HTML/CSS**, **JavaScript** for frontend, ensuring **responsive design** and smooth user interaction.
- · Created and integrated **3D models** with **Blender** and JavaScript, while managing project versions with **Git**.