Education_

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, Virginia

PhD in Physics

Aug. 2019 - May. 2025

- Computational physics and stochastic systems under the supervision of Prof. Marija Vucelja
- 3 first author publications, 1 equal author publication

University of Virginia

B.S. IN PHYSICS 3.2 GPA.

Charlottesville, Virginia Aug. 2016 - May. 2018

Experience

Department of Defense(DoD) High Performance Computing Intern

NAVY RESEARCH LAB(NRL)

Washington DC Jun. 2024 -Aug. 2024

• 10 week internship working with computational fluid dynamics(CFD) and aero-optics.

Undergraduate and Graduate Researcher

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, Virginia Aug. 2016 –

- Computational physics and stochastic modeling 4 publications
- 5 years experience in programming in Python and C++ with an emphasis on simulating stochastic systems and computational fluid dynamics

Publications _____

PUBLISHED

[1] **M. R. Walker** and M. Vucelja. Anomalous Thermal Relaxation of Langevin Particles in a Piecewise Constant Potential. *J. Stat. Mech. 2021 (11), 113105* arXiv:2105.10656.

SUBMITTED

- [2] **M. R. Walker**, and M. Vucelja. Mpemba effect in terms of mean first passage time *arXiv preprint* arXiv:2212.07496, 2022 arXiv:2212.07496
- [3] **M. R. Walker**, S. Bera and M. Vucelja. Optimal transport and anomalous thermal relaxations *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2307.16103, 2023 arXiv:2307.16103
- [4] S. Bera, **M. R. Walker**, and M. Vucelja. Effect of dynamics on anomalous thermal relaxations and information exchange *arXiv preprint arXiv:2308.04557*, 2023 arXiv:2308.04557

Honors & Awards

2017 Outstanding undergraduate research project

Charlottesville, VA

Sigma-Pi-Sigma undergraduate research symposium 2024 **2nd place for most outstanding research project**

Charlottesville, VA

UVA graduate physics poster competition

Skills

Programming Python, C++, Matlab, Mathematica, Pandas, data mining, data analysis