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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University College London (UCL) September 2019 - June 2022
BSc Natural Sciences (Major: Physics, Minor: Physical Chemistry)

- Overall: High Second Upper Class Honours
- Recipient of the Brian Duff Summer studentship to conduct Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics research
- Final Year Project (Literature Review): Classifying Topological Phases of Quantum Matter using Tensor Networks
- Silver-medalist of the University Physics Competition 2020
- Associate Member of the Institute of Physics (IOP)
- Co-founder and Treasurer of Arts for Mental Health (ARTSMH)
- Programming modules in Python and MATLAB

Ardingly College (UK) September 2017 - June 2019
Sixth Form

- A-Levels: Mathematics (A*); Physics (A); Chemistry (A)
- Competitions: British Physics Olympiad: Commendation (2019); RSC Chemistry Olympiad: Silver (2019), Bronze (2018); Google Science Fair 2018 (Certificate of Recognition); Internal & external sports and music competitions
- Academic Achievements: Distinctions & Academic Awards in Physics and Mathematics; Maureen McDonnell Prize (Scholarship)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Intern June 2022 - Present
MAPS Summer Research Internship UCL, MAPS, UK
Research Topic: Q-Wave: Simulating sound waves using Quantum Algorithms

Research Intern June 2021 - August 2021
Brian Duff Summer Studentship (Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics) UCL, CMMP, UK
Research Topic: Topological phase transition in S=$\frac{1}{2}$ spin chains with alternating ferromagnetic (FM) and antiferromagnetic (AFM) couplings and exchange anisotropy

Undergraduate Research Assistant/Mentee January 2021 - April 2021
UCL Connect.ed Mentorship Project UCL, UK
Research Topic: Machine Learning in Stock Markets

Private Tutoring Summer 2019, 2020
Self-employed (through recommendations) Hong Kong
One on one tutoring on topics of A-Level Physics and Mathematics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: <u>Intermediate</u>: Python, Wolfram Language (Mathematica), MATLAB; <u>Novice</u>: C, C++, Julia, HTML, CSS, Java, QASM 2.0

Quantum Technologies/Platforms: Qiskit, Cirq, myQLM, IBM Quantum Composer, IBM Quantum Lab, D-Wave Leap (Quantum Annealer)

Tools: Visual Studio Code, Jupyter Notebook, Overleaf, Wolfram Notebooks, Wolfram Mathematica, Wolfram Alpha, MATLAB R2021a, Git, GitHub, GitHub Desktop, GitLab, Git Bash, Compiler-Explorer, Powershell, LAMMPS, WebMO, Avogadro

Typesetting Documents: LaTeX, Microsoft Office

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Q-Wave: Simulating sound waves using Quantum Algorithms June 2022 - Present
Computational Physics & Quantum Technologies UCL, UK
Supervisor: Dr. Reza Haqshenas
Developing quantum algorithms to simulate sound-wave propagation by solving the Helmholtz equation for future therapeutic applications.

Classifying Topological Phases of Quantum Matter using Tensor Networks Sept 2021 - March 2022
Literature Review on Theoretical Condensed Matter & Computational Physics UCL, UK
Supervisor: Professor Andrew Green
Research and review on using tensor network techniques to classify topological phases of matter.

Topological phase transition in S=$\frac{1}{2}$ spin chains with alternating ferromagnetic (FM) and antiferromagnetic (AFM) couplings and exchange anisotropy June 2021 - August 2021
Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics UCL, CMMP, UK
Supervisor: Dr. Frank Kruger
Conducted theoretical research on topological phase transitions of the suggested model and constructed its topological phase transition diagram numerically using Python after deriving coupled self-consistent equations.

The 3-Coloured Distributive Consensus Problem June 2021 - July 2021
Wolfram Summer School Fundamental Physics Track Wolfram Research / Wolfram Physics Project
Supervisor: Hatem Elshatlawy
Cellular automata was reviewed and used to describe phase transitions. A computational essay was written in a Mathematica Notebook as a contribution to the Wolfram Physics Project: https://community.wolfram.com/groups/-/m/t/2312007 (with a Staff Picked Featured Contributor Badge)

Machine Learning in Stock Markets January 2021 - May 2021
UCL Connect.ed Mentorship Research Assistant/Mentee UCL, UK
Supervisor: Dr. Ava Lee
Learnt and implemented Machine Learning models on large, collected datasets of stock markets to predict its trends.

Birdsong Audio Signal Analysis March 2021
Scientific Programming Module (Python) UCL, UK
Supervisor: Dr. Peter Bratby
Our team aimed to identify different bird species by performing Fourier Transforms (FT) on bird song audios. https://github.com/SavitarRL/NatSci-Computing/tree/master/Group%20Project/NSCI0007_Group_Project

Molecular and Business Modelling June 2020 - September 2020
NatSci Innovation Lab 2020 UCL, UK
Our team used LAMMPS to gain knowledge about molecular modelling with an aspect of business modelling with the help of Python. https://mminnovationlab2020.blogspot.com/search/label/Project%20Updates.

RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS & COURSES

Certificates:
Google: IT Automation with Python;

LinkedIn: C++ Essential Training;

JuliaAcademy: Introduction to Julia;

Microsoft: Azure AI Fundamentals (AI-900)

Courses:
IBM Qiskit Global Summer School 2022: Quantum dynamics, simulations and methods, Noise in Quantum Hardwares, Quantum Chemistry; Quantum computational labs with Python

UCLQ Quantum Tech Summer School: Quantum Circuits and Error Correction, Quantum Algorithms, Software and Architechtures, Quantum Cryptography and Architectures; Laboratory work on quantum technologies and applications; Coding workshops on IBM Quantum and D-Wave Quantum Annealer;

IOP Workshops: C++ & Julia; Wolfram Research Workshops: The Wolfram Language: Programming Fundamentals, Introduction to Machine Learning;

Wolfram Summer School 2021: Wolfram Language Training, Theories, Computations & Philosophies in Mathematics & Physics, Wolfram Science models and methods, Cellular Automata, Machine Learning & Neural Networks, Data Science

SUMMER SCHOOL

Qiskit Global Summer School 2022: Quantum Simulations July 2022
Quantum Technologies, Quantum Simulations IBM, Online
https://qiskit.org/events/summer-school/
A 2-week intensive course on quantum computing focusing on Quantum simulations, with daily lectures and computational lab sessions.

UCLQ Quantum Tech Summer School July 2022
Quantum Technologies UCL & London Centre for Nanotechnology (LCN)
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/quantum/study-here/uclq-quantum-tech-summer-school
Participated in lectures, coding workshops and laboratory sessions on various quantum technologies.

Wolfram Summer School June 2021 - July 2021
Fundamental Physics Track Wolfram Research / Wolfram Physics Project
https://education.wolfram.com/summer-school/programs/physics/
Participated in lectures of Physics and Mathematics, joined Mathematica training workshops and conducted a research project. (Title: The 3-Colored Distributive Consensus Problem)

COMPETITION

The University Physics Competition November 2020
Quadcopter Stability in Wind: Silver Medal http://www.uphysicsc.com/
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/mathematical-physical-sciences/news/2021/jan/ucl-natural-sciences-students-win-silver-medal-2020-university-physics-competition
Supervisor & Team Sponsor: Dr. Frank Kruger
Solved a real-life problem by implementing classical mechanics and computation simulation in a team of 3 representing UCL. A formal paper was written in LaTeX within 48 hours. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zf8b-X1uo8PzFvZiwtYGOlvUieJO2r5p?usp=sharing

LANGUAGES

English (Proficient) Cantonese (Native) Mandarin (Fluent)

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Arts for Mental Health (ARTSMH) October 2020 - Present
https://www.artsmentalhealth.org/
I am the Co-chairman , co-founder and treasurer of ARTSMH. ARTSMH is a student-led non-profit association. We hope to provide students who are interested in both the arts and mental health the opportunity to explore, experience, and learn together, as well as raising awareness of mental health issues.

UCL ChangeMakers X ARTSMH April 2021 - September 2021
UCL ChangeMakers, Project Leader *UCL, UK*
Specific Role: Treasurer and data management

Student-Led Volunteering Programme April 2021 - June 2022
UCL Student Union, Project Leader *UCL, UK*
Specific Role: Treasurer and data management