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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University College London (UCL)

September 2022 - Present

MSc Physics

- Master's Project: Quantum Error Correcting Codes in Topological Time Crystals
- Modules taken: Quantum Computation and Communication, Research Computing with C++, Advanced Quantum Theory, Theoretical Condensed Matter, Quantum Field Theory, Mathematics For General Relativity
- Associate Member of the Institute of Physics (IOP)

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(1st)
- 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)

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 Awards: Distinctions & Academic Awards in Physics & Mathematics; Maureen McDonnell Prize (Scholarship)

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Quantum Error Correcting Codes in Topological Time Crystals

Oct 2022 - Present

Theoretical condensed matter & Quantum Computation (Master's Project)

UCL, CMMP, UK

Supervisor: Dr. Arijeet Pal

Following the recent works on topological time crystals, we aim to find error correction codes in such exotic phases of matter. This work will introduce a novel solution to fault tolerant quantum computation and information processing.

Quantum Modelling, Simulations and Algorithms for Biological systems

Sept 2022-Present

Quantum Biology & Quantum Technologies

UK & HK

A long-term, collaborative project, exploring the intersections of fundamental quantum physics and biology, and aiming to apply quantum probability models to understand biological systems.

Quantum Simulations of Antigen-Antibody reactions

July 2022 - Sept 2022

Computational Biophysics & Quantum Technologies

Imperial College, UK

Supervisor: Dr. Henry Lee

Assisting a company to understand the interactions between antigen-antibody reactions on a gold nanoparticle surface using density matrix methods.

Q-Wave: Simulating sound waves using Quantum Algorithms

June 2022 - Sept 2022

Computational Physics & Quantum Technologies

UCL, UK

Supervisor: Dr. Reza Haqshenas

Reviewing and applying quantum algorithms to simulate sound-wave propagation by solving the Helmholtz equation and developing subsequent software package in Python 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, with secured funding.

The 3-Coloured Distributive Consensus Problem

June 2021 - July 2021

Wolfram Summer School Fundamental Physics Track

Wolfram Research / Wolfram Physics Project

Supervisor: Hatem Elshatlawy & Stephen Wolfram

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)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Private Tutoring

Notebook Tutors

Tutoring and supporting students with IGCSE and A-Level Physics, Chemistry and Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment entrance exam.

September 2022 - Present
Online, UK

Research Intern

Quantum Simulations Internship

Research Topic: Quantum Simulations of Antigen-Antibody reactions

July 2022 - Sept 2022
Imperial College, UK

Research Assistant

MAPS Summer Research Internship

Research Topic: Q-Wave: Simulating sound waves using Quantum Algorithms

June 2022 - Sept 2022
UCL, MAPS, UK

Research Intern

Brian Duff Summer Studentship (Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics)

Research Topic: 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
UCL, CMMP, UK

Undergraduate Research Assistant/Mentee

UCL Connect.ed Mentorship Project

Research Topic: Machine Learning in Stock Markets

January 2021 - April 2021
UCL, UK

Private Tutoring

Self-employed (through recommendations)

One on one tutoring on topics of A-Level Physics and Mathematics

Summer 2019, 2020
Hong Kong

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Intermediate: Python, Wolfram Language (Mathematica), MATLAB; Novice: C++, C, Julia, HTML, CSS

Quantum Technologies/Platforms: Qiskit, Cirq, QASM 2.0, IBM Quantum Composer & Quantum Lab, D-Wave (Quantum Annealer)

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

Typesetting Documents: \LaTeX , Microsoft Office, Google Docs

CONFERENCE ATTENDED

Quantum.Tech Europe 2022

Quantum Technologies

<https://www.quantumtechdigital.co.uk/>

September 2022
UK

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Qiskit Global Summer School 2022: Quantum Simulations

Quantum Technologies, Quantum Simulations

<https://qiskit.org/events/summer-school/>

Participated in lectures and coding sessions, operating with IBM Qiskit and focusing on quantum simulations.

Activities and Skills: Quantum dynamics, simulations and methods, Noise in Quantum Hardwares, Quantum Chemistry; Quantum computational labs with Python

July 2022
IBM, Online

UCLQ Quantum Tech Summer School

Quantum Technologies

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/quantum/study-here/uclq-quantum-tech-summer-school>

Selected to participate in lectures, coding workshops and laboratory sessions, gaining theoretical and practical knowledge on quantum technologies

Activities and Skills: Quantum Circuits and Error Correction, Quantum Algorithms, Software and Architectures, Quantum Cryptography and Architectures, Laboratory work on quantum technologies and applications, coding workshops on IBM Quantum and D-Wave Quantum Annealer

July 2022
UCL & London Centre for Nanotechnology (LCN)

Wolfram Summer School

Fundamental Physics Track

<https://education.wolfram.com/summer-school/programs/physics/>

Selected to participate in lectures of Physics and Mathematics, joined Mathematica training workshops and conducted a research project. (Title: The 3-Colored Distributive Consensus Problem)

Activities and Skills: Wolfram Language Training, Machine Learning & Neural Networks, Data Science, Theories, Computations & Philosophies in Mathematics & Physics, Cellular Automata, Wolfram Science models and methods, Research project

June 2021 - July 2021
Wolfram Research / Wolfram Physics Project

RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS & COURSES

Certificates:

Google: IT Automation with Python; LinkedIn: C++ Essential Training; JuliaAcademy: Introduction to Julia;
Microsoft: Azure AI Fundamentals (AI-900); IBM: Qiskit Global Summer School 2022 - Quantum Excellence (Advanced)
Courses: IOP Workshops: C++ & Julia; Wolfram Research Workshops: The Wolfram Language: Programming Fundamentals, Introduction to Machine Learning;
UCL Innovation & Enterprise: Explore your entrepreneurial idea workshops

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning in Stock Markets

January 2021 - May 2021
UCL, UK

UCL Connect.ed Mentorship Research Assistant/Mentee

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
UCL, UK

Scientific Programming Module (Python)

Supervisor: Dr. Peter Bratby

Our team aimed to identify different bird species by performing Fourier Transforms on bird song audios. We also attempted a Principal Component Analysis. https://github.com/SavitarRL/NatSci-Computing/tree/master/Group%20Project/NSCI0007_Group_Project

Molecular and Business Modelling

June 2020 - September 2020
UCL, UK

NatSci Innovation Lab 2020

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>.

Quantum Chemistry with an application on Drug Design

Sept 2019-March 2020
UCL, UK

Interdisciplinary Research Skills Module

Our team reviewed how quantum chemistry and quantum computing techniques can aid the different stages of drug design.

COMPETITIONS

Explore your entrepreneurial idea Pitching Competition

Oct 2022
UCL Innovation & Enterprise

1st Runner Up

Collaborated and presented my partner's and my business idea to a lay audience, securing a funding of £500.

The University Physics Competition

November 2020
<http://www.uphysicsc.com/>

Quadcopter Stability in Wind: Silver Medal

<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 $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ within 48 hours. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zf8b-X1uo8PzFvZiwtYG0lvUieJ02r5p?usp=sharing>

LANGUAGES

English (Proficient)

Cantonese (Native)

Mandarin (Fluent)

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Arts for Mental Health (ARTSMH)

October 2020 - June 2022

<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, UK

UCL ChangeMakers, Project Leader

Specific Role: Treasurer and data management

Student-Led Volunteering Programme

April 2021 - June 2022
UCL, UK

UCL Student Union, Project Leader

Specific Role: Treasurer and data management