

Undergraduate student at **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** majoring in Applied Physics

Research · Computational Physics · UI/UX Design · Web & Software Development · DEI advocate

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Research Experience

2022 On the machine learning-assisted generation of Alcubierre-like spacetime metrics with consideration for use in interstellar travel

Received Computer Science Award, Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair

I conducted theoretical analysis on the characteristics of the Alcubierre metric in General Relativity, which is of interest for advanced spacecraft propulsion, and examined its properties via computational visualizations. I then investigated the issues with high energy densities associated with the standard metric, and proposed a machine-learning based strategy to mitigate this issue.

Current Research

2024 Ultra-long-distance power transmission and space-based energy capture

Space-based power collector swarms are a technology that may one day become a source of unlimited energy. However, their realization is dependent on the ability to conduct high-gain, high-power wireless energy transmission, which requires sophisticated modelling and engineering advances. With my team, I work on modelling electromagnetic power transmission by conducting finite-element simulations to solve computational electromagnetics problems.

Past and Current Work

Current Head of Project Elara nonprofit

I run Project Elara, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to work on research projects dedicated to the world. I am involved both with the research of Project Elara and its organization and planning, and coordinate a team of 6 other members.

Current Member of the RPI Physics DEI Taskforce

At Rensselaer, I am actively involved in the RPI Physics DEI Taskforce, through which I want to make sure equal recognition and treatment is given to all physicists and physics students, regardless of their identity or background. I work on planning events to make other students and faculty more aware of the DEI Taskforce, as well as creating designs and managing its website.

Past and Current Work continued

Community administrator and designer to the Natron project Current

I am a community contributor and designer for Natron, an open-source compositing software for digital artists. As part of my work, I have been participating in a 3-year development effort for the upcoming launch of the completely redesigned Natron website. In association with my co-designer, I am also working towards a visual interface redesign for the software.

Past **Designer and contributor to Mewa**

I was previously a contributor to Mewa, a motion graphics and animation software, for which I worked on the design of its visual components, set up an infrastructure for UI/UX design improvements, and redesigned the interface of its online plugin store.

Software Development Portfolio

Elara GFX Elara Math Light of Hope

A general-purpose library for GPU programming and GPUaccelerated rendering using OpenGL

A math library for automatic differentiation, N-dimensional arrays, and neural networks, written in Rust

An open-source web player for comforting music pieces, all originally-composed and freely-available

Skills

Python I am fluent in Python programming, including Python for scripting, server-side web applications, scientific computing, data visualization, and general-purpose programming.

HTML/CSS/JS I have designed and developed websites and web applications, and can write client-side JavaScript, work with static site generators, style elements with CSS or Sass, and prepare modern, responsive, accessible websites.

I am familiar with the Rust language, and have written several scientific computing libraries in Rust. In addition, Rust I can develop utility tools, scientific tools, and command-line applications in Rust.

Digital design I use Figma frequently and am proficient in working on UI/UX design in Figma. I can also do icon designs, poster designs, and vector art in Figma or Inkscape, as well as cinematic renderings and short animations using Blender.