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SUMMARY

Experienced **Ph.D. Physicist** specializing in **semiconductor physics**, expert in **Machine Learning** and **Data Analysis**, seeking a role to drive impactful solutions.

SKILLS

Languages: Python, Julia, R, C/C++, SQL, Bash, HTML
Tools: Machine Learning, Data Analysis, Visualization
Platforms: Linux, Git, HPC

EDUCATION

08/2019 - present **Ph.D: Physics/Material Science** **University of Central Florida**
GPA: 4.0/4.0

10/2017 - 07/2019 **M.S.: Physics** **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**
GPA: 9.2/10, Valedictorian

10/2011 - 07/2017 **B.S. Physics** **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

5/2024 - 8/2024 **Modeling Product Engineer Intern** **ASML, Silicon Valley, CA**

- Optimized **electromagnetic** simulations for geometrical corner rounding, reducing runtime by **5%**, memory usage by **10%**, and rounding time by **70%**. These improvements were integrated into **ASML's** latest software release and adopted by customers.
- Led **electromagnetic simulations** to optimize the Transition Cross Coefficient (TCC), reducing runtime by **9%** and memory usage by **34%**. Integrated into **ASML's** latest software release for a major customer.
- Engineered** a custom **Python library** to analyze large simulation datasets and automate pattern recognition across various system configurations.
- Collaborated with the optics team to improve the efficiency of computational lithography models.

Python / C/C++ / Bash

EXPERIENCE

8/2019 - present **Research Assistant** **University of Central Florida**
DOE -NSF Funded

- Modeled the **epitaxial growth of metals on semiconductors** to minimize defects and enhance charge transport properties for **junction development**, improving simulation accuracy and material design.
- Designed and implemented a **Deep Learning Neural Network** surpassing Density Functional Theory (DFT) in speed, optimizing semiconductor fabrication simulations and accelerating material discovery workflows.
- Developed and trained a **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)** to predict metal growth on semiconductors using voxelized atomic properties, achieving simulation-level accuracy and scalability for large-scale systems.
- Engineered a **Graph Convolutional Neural Network (GCNN)** for data retrieval, integrating it into a simulation tool to enhance the speed and accuracy of fabrication process simulations.
- Developed three custom Python libraries:** one for modeling complex systems in fabrication processes, one for electrochemistry, and one for rendering and visualizing 3D simulation data as 2D images.
- Designed **algorithms** to maintain constant voltage in electrochemical simulations and **integrated** them into the **simulation** tool, demonstrating the superior effectiveness of non-metallic cations over metallic counterparts in the CO₂ reduction reaction.
- Engineered **Machine learning** models to predict CO₂ reduction into formate and carbon monoxide in large-scale systems, directly applicable to real-world problems for predictive modeling.
- Developed **numerical methods** and **algorithms** for CO₂ adsorption energy calculations, achieving high precision in modeling cation effects in the CO₂ reduction reaction.
- Created a centralized SQL database by organizing existing group member data, enhancing accessibility and facilitating result validation.

Python / Julia / C/C++ / Bash GitHub

10/2017 - 7/2019 **Research Assistant** **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**
NKUA Funded

- Designed simulations and developed a **Machine Learning** approach for identifying dark matter particles.
- Taught **modeling** and applications of **Machine Learning**, with a focus on **feature engineering techniques**.

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TECHNICAL SKILLS


- Strong knowledge of **data structures**, designing and implementing efficient solutions for complex data challenges.
- Proficient in **data integration** techniques with SQL, extracting, loading, and transforming data for efficient processes.
- Expertise in **algorithm design** and **data science software architecture** for optimized data workflows.
- Proficient in **High-Performance Computing** (HPC), specializing in **Slurm** for job scheduling, resource allocation, and **optimization**.
- Proficient in **Git**, maintaining organized code repositories for collaborative data-driven projects.
- Proficient in creating compelling data visualizations with **Tableau**, **Matplotlib**, and **Gnuplot** to clearly communicate complex insights.

MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- **Supervising and independently completing projects**, consistently meeting budget and deadline goals with high-quality execution.
- Proficient in **conceptualizing, planning, and executing** end-to-end data science initiatives to solve critical business challenges.
- Thriving in **diverse teams**, fostering collaboration and energizing **collective success**.
- Exceptional **communication and presentation skills**, bridging knowledge gaps and **ensuring clarity**.
- Excelled in **problem solving** and **analytical thinking** in dynamic evolving environments.
- **Excels in both written and verbal communication**, proficiently acquires knowledge and imparts insights with clarity.

SELECTED - PUBLICATIONS

Electronic structure of cobalt valence tautomeric molecules in different environments

 **Theodoros Panagiotakopoulos**, Esha Mishra, Thilini K Ekanayaka, Duy Le, Talat Shahnaz Rahman, Ping Wang, Kayleigh McElveen, Jared Paul Phillips, Zaid Zaz, Saeed Yazdani, Alpha T. N'Diaye, Rebecca Y. Lai, Robert Streubel, Ruihua Cheng, Michael Shatruk and Peter A. Dowben

 2022

 Nanoscale

 [link](#)

Exploring Simulated Residential Spending Dynamics in Relation to Income Equality with the Entropy Trace of the Schelling Model

 **Theodoros Panagiotakopoulos**, George-Rafael Domenikos , Alexander V. Mantzaris

 2022

 MDPI

 [link](#)

Direct and indirect detection of dark matter

 **Theodoros Panagiotakopoulos**, Vasilios Spanos

 2019

 Pergamos library, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

 [link](#)

Description of the method development for separating the Dalitz from the normal π^0 in the CDF detector

 **Theodoros Panagiotakopoulos**, Arkadios Manousakis

 2017

 Pergamos library, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

 [link](#)