Asher Lantz

A master's physics student industry software engineering experience

Education

SEP 2024 - PRESENT

University of Washington | Seattle, WA | M.S in Physics | GPA: 3.88/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Quantum Computing (software and hardware), Quantum Physics

GRADUATED FEB 2020

Middlebury College | Middlebury, VT | B.A in Physics with Honors, Minor in Computer Science | GPA: 3.72/4.0

- Relevant Coursework: Algorithms, Data Structures
- Thesis: Quantum Entanglement in a Spin Glass during the Adiabatic Algorithm

Relevant Skills

Python: 8 years of experience in an both academic and industry context **LLM Use:** 3 years working with code generating LLMs to optimize workflow

Research Experience

JUNE 2018 - MARCH 2021, FEB 2024 - PRESENT

Middlebury College | Middlebury, VT | Research Assistant

https://github.com/adlantz/FairSampling

Computational quantum information physics research under the guidance of Professor Chris Herdman in which I am examining the quantum adiabatic algorithm as an approach to finding the multiple degenerate ground states of an Ising model spin glass.

Using Python (NumPy, SciPy) to numerically diagonalize the Hamiltonian of a quantum spin glass subject to a transverse
field and calculate physical qualities of the ground state like Von Neumann entanglement entropy and the overlap
distribution of the classical ground states.

Software Engineering Experience

FEB 2025 -MAY 2025

Thyme | Remote | Part-time Contracting Software Engineer

An AI powered finance web application startup where I implemented improvements across the backend (**Python**, Django, AWS) and frontend (Typescript, React).

JUNE 2024 - AUG 2024

Podsworth | Remote | Contracting Software Engineer

An early stage web application for automated professional grade audio processing. As the second engineer to join the team, I built out foundational features and improvements across the frontend (Typescript + React) and backend (AWS, Python).

JAN 2022 - OCT 2023

Trovata Inc. | Solana Beach, CA (Remote) | Software Engineer II

A fast paced financial technology startup where I worked on a small team to design and build the platform for a rapidly scaling web application. While I was there the amount of requests grew 5-10x and we maintained a 99.9% uptime.

JAN 2021 - DEC 2021

WealthForge | Richmond, VA (Remote) | QA Automation Engineer

A financial technology startup where I worked predominantly as a single person team to hugely expand the coverage of the company's build-time automated tests.

References

Dr. Chris Herdman Assistant Professor Middlebury College cherdman@middlebury.edu

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Miscellaneous

- https://github.com/adlantz/QiskitSG A personal project with **Qiskit**
- IBM Quantum Challenge 2024 Finisher