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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Candidate for Ph.D. in Physics

Selected Coursework: Quantum Information · Quantum Computation
Implementation of Quantum Processors · Quantum Complexity Theory

GPA: 4.0/4.0

September 2020 - Current

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

B.S. in Physics and Philosophy with minor in Music and Mathematics

GPA: 4.9/5.0

August 2016 - June 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NASA QUANTUM AI LAB

Research Intern with Dr. Norman Tubman

- Studied performance of Pulse level VQE via simulations
- Currently working on applications of QAOA to Quantum Chemistry problems

Mountain View, CA

June 2021 - Sept. 2021

MICHELSON CENTER FOR PHYSICS

Research Assistant to Prof. Clay Cordova

- Studied the physics behind Topological Quantum Computing
- Currently investigating Spin-TQFT's and the associated Tensor Categories

Chicago, IL

July 2020 - Current

DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Research Assistant to Prof. Mingda Li

- Studied Kohn anomalies in Topological Weyl Semi-metals using QFT
- Characterized behaviour of Semi-metals via spectroscopy at Oak Ridge

Cambridge, MA

Feb. 2019 - June 2020

KAVLI INSTITUTE FOR ASTROPHYSICS

Research Assistant to Prof. Scott Hughes

- Devised a framework to calculate inclined inspiral trajectories into Kerr Black holes
- Implemented a code to numerically compute inspiral trajectories

Cambridge, MA

Dec 2016 - Feb 2018

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Topological Signatures in Nodal Semimetals through Neutron Scattering [Arxiv:2101.04046](#)
To appear in Physical Review B
- Topological Singularity Induced Chiral Kohn Anomaly in a Weyl Semimetal [PhysRevLett.124.236401](#)
- Learning about black hole binaries from their ringdown spectra [PhysRevLett.123.161101](#)
- Exciting black hole modes via misaligned coalescences: [PhysRevD.100.084031](#)
I. Inspiral, transition, and plunge trajectories using a generalized Ori-Thorne procedure
- Exciting black hole modes via misaligned coalescences: [PhysRevD.100.084032](#)
II. The mode content of late-time coalescence waveforms

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Poster Presentation at conference 'Topological Quantum Matter' KITP, Santa Barbara
- Participated in STAQ Quantum Ideas Summer School Duke University, Durham
- Participated in the Third ERC (HoloBHC) Solvay Workshop on Holography ULB, Brussels
- Talk at APS 2018 April meeting held in Columbus, Ohio [APS Presentation](#)
- Invited outreach talk: 'Physics in Everyday Life' SRM University, Chennai

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Awarded **Nambu Fellowship** for being the highest rated applicant to the Ph.D. Program
- **Phi Beta Kappa** inductee from the Class of 2020
- **Gold Medal** in Asian Physics Olympiad 2015
- **Silver Medal** in International Physics Olympiad 2015
- Awarded **NTSE** Scholarship by Human Resources Department, Government of India

SKILLS

- Languages: Mathematica, Python, C++
- Tools and Frameworks: git, Slurm, Qiskit