Chase J. Brignac

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Systems Engineer

September 2015-Present

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Earth Science Mission Operations Code 428 contracted by Honeywell Technology Solutions Inc

- Improvement of spacecraft DevOps scripts in an agile dev environment to ensure 100% uptime
- Acquired Satellite Console Controller and Satellite Operations Controller certifications
- Achieved successful operations, maintainance, and troubleshooting of Landsat 8 without errors

Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer WoCook

October 2015-March 2016

- Directed DevOps team that successfully built and maintained using agile development practices on Amazon Web Services EC2 a website to regularly auto bill users, permit editing of chef appointments, and enable Chief Operating Officer to manage hundreds of appointments efficiently
- Obtained profit margins of 10-30% on bulk food chef appointments
- Created operations software which increased time efficiency over 40x and increased accuracy 10x
- Attained revenue growth from hundreds monthly in October to \$10k monthly in February

Test Engineer

April 2014-September 2015

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Planetary Environments Laboratory Code 699 under the supervision of Dr. Paul Mahaffy, contracted by ADNET Systems

- Contributed to Martian satellite MAVEN, and Martian rovers Curiosity and ExoMars
- Calibrated and operated the MAVEN Neutral Gas Ion Mass Spectrometer (NGIMS) testbed and instrument achieving the interpretation of MAVEN data to useful science products
- Created Python scripts that trend MAVEN NGIMS testbed data and instrument sensitivity
- Improved usability of XINA online front-end web development products in AngularJS

Research Assistant

Summer 2012 and 2013

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, MD under the supervision of Dr. Alan Migdall

- Developed simulations in Python of an efficient single photon source in the lab called the Number Squeezed State Generator (NSSG) by using Spontaneous Parametric Down Conversion (SPDC) with system feedback to achieve super-resolution and supersensitivity
- Built Maximum-Likelihood Estimation (MLE) fitting program in Mathematica and Java to characterize Transition Edge Sensor (TES) data output
- Constructed Modified Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm (MLMA) fitting program in MATLAB for TES data output
- Programmed Monte Carlo simulations in C++ and Java of Fabry-Perot interferometers with various methods of intensity detection and various quantum states of light input to study sensitivity, visibility, and other characteristics
- \bullet Engineered low cost temperature controller to keep non-linear crystals in the range 20 C to 150 C to within 0.05 C
- Used the agile development method in C++ on Arduino to create and tune an easy to operate and troubleshoot temperature proportional-integral-derivative (PID) controller and GUI

$Research\ Assistant$

August 2010 - May 2013

Quantum Science and Technology Group in Baton Rouge, LA under the supervision of Dr. Jonathan P. Dowling

- Programmed simulations in Mathematica and MATLAB of Mach-Zehnder interferometers with parity detection and various quantum states of light input
- Developed a GUI to run these simulations for a more interactive method to study sensitivity, visibility, and other characteristics
- Published in Physical Review A

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

May 2013

• Bachelor of Science in Physics with a Minor in Mathematics, 3.36 GPA

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SKILLS

Programming and Software

- Languages: Python, C++, Java, JavaScript, Mathematica, LATEX, MATLAB, Bash
- Libraries: matplotlib, NumPy, SciPy, SymPy, jQuery
- Frameworks: Meteor, Bootstrap, AngularJS
- Operating Systems: Ubuntu, Red Hat, Mac OS X, Windows
- Version Control: Git, SVN
- Other: Jenkins, Amazon Web Services (AWS) EC2

Instrumentation:

- Quadrupole Mass Spectrometers
 - Operated, maintained, and executed troubleshooting of extremely sensitive \$50 million NGIMS at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- Piezoelectric sensors
 - Designed a low cost piezo controller Printed Circuit Board (PCB) for quantum metrology at NIST using Electronic Design Automation program KiCad

PUBLICATIONS

Strategies for choosing path-entangled number states for optimal robust quantum optical metrology in the presence of loss

July 2012

- Kebei Jiang, Chase J. Brignac, Moochan B. Kim, Hwang Lee, J. P. Dowling
- Research performed at Louisiana State University on quantum optical metrology using parity detection applied to path entangled Fock states in lossy environments
- Phys. Rev. A 86, 013826 (2012)

HONORS & AWARDS

Landsat 8 Flight Operation Team Excellence Award

2016

• For significant contributions to safeguarding the Landsat 8 mission

Google Talk 2016

• Invited to Lenoir, North Carolina to talk about Landsat 8 at Google's data center

Pitch Dingman 2016

• Won 2016 Pitch Dingman Competition grand prize of \$15,000 for WeCook

LA-STEM Research Scholars Program, LSU

2010 - 2013

• Full coverage prestigious scholarship dedicated to promoting diversity in the STEM disciplines through academia, undergraduate research, and mentoring

S-STEM Scholars Program, LSU

2009 - 2013

• Academic scholarship dedicated to promoting diversity in the STEM disciplines

LEADERSHIP

Bitcamp Hackathon Co-Executive Director

2015 - 2016

- Facilitated diversity, innovation, and creativity to make new technologies
- Managed extensive team of over a dozen directors
- Balanced budget amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars

Startup Shell 2015 - Present

• Fostering entrepreneurship through collaboration at UMD's incubator advising startups