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Education

June 2021 University of California, Los Angeles - Bachelor of Science

(Expected) Majors: Physics (B.S.) & Mathematics (B.S.)

GPA: 3.64/4.00

Relevant Coursework: Modern Physics Laboratory, Electricity & Magnetism, Thermodynamics,

Quantum Mechanics, Graduate Plasma Physics (In progress)

Honors: College Honors (2017-Present), Deans Honors List (Fall 2017, Winter-Spring 2020)

June 2017 University of Chicago, Laboratory Schools (High School)

Technical Skills

Technical Circuit design, Soldering, Raspberry Pi/Arduino Programming, Computer Aided PCB Design

Equipment Oscilloscope, Pulse Generator

Computer Python, C++, IATEX, Mathematica, Matlab, HTML/CSS, Microsoft Office

Mathematical Numerical solving of nonlinear partial differential equations

Research and Lab Experience

For more information on my research visit my website

Aug-Now 2020

Eigenmode Solver

Basic Plasma Science Facility, UCLA

- Reformulated a simplified electrostatic version of the Braginskii two-fluid equations to include electromagnetic corrections.
- Modified an existing linear eigenmode solver to incorporate the derived corrections and used the finite difference method to numerically solve these PDE's.
- Implemented this eigenmode solver to simulate plasma turbulence in the Large Plasma Device at UCLA and compared it with actual data.

Mar-Aug

Plasma Imaging

2020 | Basic Plasma Science Facility, UCLA

- Programmed inexpensive Raspberry Pi/Arduino Camera Modules to capture images of plasmas on timescales of less than 100ns.
- Experimentally determined the best hardware and method for capturing images with minimal latency and jitter using a Pulse Generator.

Mar-Jun

Relay Circuit

2019

Basic Plasma Science Facility, UCLA

- Designed and soldered my own remotely controlled relay circuit to be used for adjusting resistors in a Langmuir Probe
- Programmed a Raspberry Pi to control the circuit and implemented a network socket connection to the lab computer for easier control.
- Modeled a digital PCB using Altium's CircuitMaker to be printed to minimize physical space occupied by the circuit.

Academic Experience

Mar-Oct | Independent Study in Smooth Manifolds

2020

UCLA Mathematics

Studied graduate-level Smooth/Riemannian Manifolds with the help of UCLA graduate student Nicholas Boschert, using texts by John Lee: Smooth Manifolds and Riemannian Manifolds as reference.

Winter | U

Undergraduate Grader

2020

Physics 131A

Graded homework assignments for upper-division class Physics 131A: Mathematical Methods in Physics.

Spring

Peer Reviewer

2019

Undergraduate Science Journal, UCLA

OTHER SKILLS