



# Edward Finkelstein

## Student

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- Coding Portfolio
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- Github Profile
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## Technical Skills

- C/C++/C#
- Python/Numpy/Pandas/Julia
- Matplotlib/seaborn/sklearn
- TensorFlow/PyTorch/PySR
- CERN-ROOT/Eigen/Armadillo
- Fortran/Gnuplot
- Mathematica/MATLAB
- $\LaTeX$ /TikZ
- KiCad/LTSpice
- Vi/Emacs/Unix/Linux
- Mac OS/Windows
- HTML/CSS/JavaScript/PHP
- SML/OpenMP/MPI/CUDA

## Language Skills

- English (Native)
- Dutch (Basic)
- German (Basic)
- Danish (Basic)

## Education

- PhD Computational Science**  
San Diego State University and University of California, Irvine  
GPA: 4.00/4.00  
Aug. 2024 - Present
- Master of Science in Physics & Minor in Machine Learning**  
Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz  
German GPA: 1.4 (Magna Cum Laude & Excellence Track Physics)  
Oct. 2021 - July 2023
- Bachelor of Science in Physics**  
Stony Brook University  
GPA: 3.76/4.00 (Magna Cum Laude & Honors in Physics)  
Sept. 2017 - May 2021

## Awards

- SIAM Gene Golub Summer School 2025**  
April 2025
- DOD SMART Scholar Award**  
April 2024
- JGU Mainz Excellence Track Certificate**  
July 2023
- JGU Mainz Excellence Track Scholarship Award**  
Oct. 2021 - July 2023
- NYS STEM Incentive Program Scholarship Award**  
Sept. 2017 - May 2021
- Stony Brook Presidential Scholarship**  
Sept. 2017 - May 2021
- AP Scholar with Distinction**  
May 2017

## Research Experience

- From Particles to Waves: Optimal Control in Nonlinear Systems**  
Learning optimal control methods for point-particles and their quantum realizations in confining potential-energy landscapes. TA for Calc 1 & 3. References: Prof. Ricardo Carretero, rcarretero@sdsu.edu, Prof. Filippo Capolino f.capolino@uci.edu  
Aug. 2024 - Present
- ALPS Project - AI-based Learning for Physical Simulation**  
Research project: Discover *interpretable* physical models and employ novel symbolic regression methods, here. TA'd for the course "Statics and Strength of Materials." References: Prof. Lucantonio, a.lucantonio@mpe.au.dk, Prof. Andriollo titioan@mpe.au.dk  
Aug. 2023 - Jan 2024
- Master-Thesis - Search for Axion-like particle in exotic decays of the Higgs boson with the final states of  $ll\gamma\gamma$**   
Search for  $H \rightarrow Z a$  decay as external ATLAS/CERN member. Perform selection cuts on data. Rewrote analysis software in C++, here and improved ROOT RDataFrame implementations in Python and C++. Merged ROOT CERN pull-requests here. References: Prof. Schott, Matthias.Schott@cern.ch, Dr. Naumann axel.naumann@cern.ch  
Oct. 2022 - July 2023
- Research - Dijet Resonance Search with Isolated Leptons in ATLAS 13 TeV Data**  
Analysis & simulate data as external ATLAS/CERN member. Fit empirical functions to particle event data. Performed signal injections to model statistical fluctuations and search for BSM physics. Reference: Prof. Tsybychev, dmitri.tsybychev@stonybrook.edu  
May 2020 - Oct. 2021

## Work Experience

- AI Trainer**  
Rate, critique, and improve chat-bot responses on Outlier.  
May 2024 - Present
- Django Web Developer Quantum Computing**  
Converted the GUI (graphical user interface) for the quantum computer at JGU Mainz to a responsive website using Django, here. Reference: Maximilian Orth, morth@uni-mainz.de  
Nov. 2022 - July 2023
- $\LaTeX$  and TikZ Typesetter**  
Typeset hand-written notes and drawn figures for a particle detector's course at JGU Mainz in  $\LaTeX$  and TikZ, here. Reference: Dr. Ulrich Müller, ulm@uni-mainz.de  
Feb. 2022 - Nov. 2022
- Wyzant Tutor**  
Tutor undergraduate STEM students (C/C++, Python, physics, calculus, differential equations) here.  
March 2021 - Present