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Edgar Perez Vidal

Undergraduate Student Researcher

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley,

Berkeley, CA

B.A. Honors Candidate in Astrophysics and Physics GPA: 3.629/4.000

expected Dec 2023

SKILLS

Programming Languages

Python, ETFX, LabVIEW

Technologies

Ciela Institute

GitHub, Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop, Google Drive.

Libraries

Numpy, Scipy, Astropy, PyTorch, Pandas, Astroquery, Jupyter, MatplotLib

Communication

Spanish (Native), English, French (elementary)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Astromatic Hackathon

Aug 2023

Montreal, Canada

- Selected as one of 16 participants for Astromatic 2023, a prestigious week-long program in Montreal that united undergraduate students worldwide interested in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and astrophysics.
- Engaged in lectures, workshops, hackathons, and a competition at the intersection of astrophysics and machine learning, fostering teamwork, creativity, and impactful project development. Program included career seminars, science talks, programming sessions, and networking events.

Institut de Recherche en Astrophysique et Planétologie (IRAP)

June 2023 — Aug 2023

Research intern under Florian Sarron & Nicolas Clerc

Toulouse, France

- **Developed** a galaxy cluster matching algorithm to find the SDSS Temple Groups associated with an x-ray emission detected by the XCLASS cluster sampled with confirmed spectroscopic redshift.
- **Performed statistical analysis** of the scaling relationship between the mass of the XCLASS galaxy cluster and the cosmic web filament connectivity using the skeleton provided by the SDSS.
- Validated simulations from the Eagle Project by comparing the distribution of the distance between the X-ray emission from
 the inter-cluster medium to its associated node in the cosmic filament, proving that the distance was proportional to the
 mass of the galaxy cluster.

Undergraduate Researcher

Feb 2022 — Present

Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF) and Nickel Observer under Alex Filippenko

Berkeley, CA

- ZTF Remote Checker: Collaborating with the ZTF team, I contribute to the search for supernova candidates. As part of my
 role, I thoroughly review data from the previous night, identifying potentially interesting candidates and recommending
 follow-up observations.
- o Nickel 1 Meter Observer: Monthly overnight observer on the Nickel at Lick Observatory.
 - Successfully completed training and certification as a Nickel observer, conducting observations for 15+ nights.
- **Developed and implemented** interactive software in python to analyze and track the spectral evolution of normal Type Ia Supernovae, leveraging our group's Supernova Database.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND OUTREACH

NSF International Center of Excellence (NICE) Cohort

Feb 2023 — Present

Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse III

Toulouse, France

- Participation initiative through international research experiences in STEM. Emphasis on goal-oriented mentor-mentee pairing through the use of individual development plans.
- Selected to participate at the Institut de Recherche en Astrophysique et Planétologie (IRAP) associated with the Université Paul Sabatier and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS).

NSF CAMP/LSAMP Pre-PhD Cohert

Feb 2022 — Present

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

 University of California NSF California Alliance Minority Participation / Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in the Sciences (CAMP/LSAMP) Program designed to support underrepresented STEM students and support continuation onto graduate studies. This is accomplished through many professional development workshops, STEM faculty involvement, and a summer research camp with year-round funding.

Stellar Physics Course Reader

Aug 2022 — Dec 2022

University of California, Berkeley

Berkelev, CA

- o Graded student problem sets and final research papers for an upper-division physics course.
- Provided detailed feedback and comments on student coursework on their methods and analysis, as well as programming and computational skills.

Academic Mentor Feb 2021 — Dec 2022

Calculus Round Table

Oakland, CA

- Leading instruction of K-5 classrooms with 20+ students, as well as one on one tutoring for High school students on topics including biology, math, astronomy, and python programming in underprivileged schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.
- o Developing curriculum, specifically on technology use, to effectively teach classroom during COVID-19 stay-at-home order.
- Worked closely with students from the Juvenile Justice Center in San Leandro and helped them come up with a plan to start a new life upon release.

Wolf Kitchen Manager Aug 2021 — Aug 2022

Berkeley Student Cooperative

Berkeley, CA

- Uphold and Maintain professional kitchen standards for Wolf House (30 members)
- o Budget \$20,000 worth of Food and Supplies for the House, providing weekly budget reports for members.
- o ServeSafe Certified

R.I.S.E Mentor Aug 2020 — Sept 2021

Berkeley High School

Berkeley, CA

Mentor and tutor students from underprivileged backgrounds and coach them to be college ready.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Derivation and Simulation of Photon Trajectory from the Schwarzchild Metric

Spring 2022

Astro 161

• Derived the photon trajectories of a non-rotating black hole using the Schwarzchild metric and simulated them using a Python code. I presented my project in a research paper format along with a 30-second animation of the photon orbits.

Beat Frequency Metal Detector

Spring 2022

Physics 111a

• Designed a beat frequency metal detector using circuit elements such as op-amps, mixers, feedback loops, and JFETS. The metal detector was tuned using software programs such as Dilgent, LabView, and SPICE.

Stellar Environment and Its Influence on Super Massive Blacks Holes

Fall 2021

Astro 160

 \circ Final Research paper where I contemplated the origins of Super Massive Black Holes at the center of Galaxies by referencing peer-reviewed papers from the Astrophysical Journal and producing an original figure of the M- σ Relationship.

Gravitational Lensing Project

Fall 2021

Python Decal

 Exploration group project on the topic of Gravitation Lensing. We created figures that plotted the Einstein Angle in terms of Lens Mass, and magnification of different mass lenses using python. After collecting all the figures, we presented a findings including computational methods and figures to our Python Decal Class and course staff.

CONFERENCES

- 2023 NSF CAMP Statewide Symposium & Special Merit Award recipient for my research talk: Population Study of the Velocity of Silicon II Lines in Type Ia Thermonuclear Supernova Explosions.
- 2022 NDISTEM First Time Atendee and travel grant recipient from UC Berkeley for the National Diversity in STEM conference held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and hosted by SACNAS in October 2022.

ACTIVITIES

- Hispanic Engineers and Scientist Club Member
- Undergraduate Astronomy Society member