GRANT C. WELDON

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan 2017 - 2021
B.S. Honors Physics, Mathematics *Ann Arbor, MI*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan April 2018 - Present
LIGO Scientific Collaboration - Michigan Gravitational Wave Group *Ann Arbor, MI*
Advisor: Prof. Keith Riles

· Gravitational wave astrophysics, Advanced LIGO data analysis, and detector characterization
· Searching for continuous gravitational radiation emitted by rapidly spinning neutron stars

Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) June 2019 - July 2019
Virgo Collaboration - Tor Vergata Gravitational Wave Group *Rome, Italy*
Advisors: Prof. Viviana Fafone and Dr. Elisabetta Cesarini

· Metrology for thermal noise reduction in future gravitational wave interferometers

HONORS & AWARDS

· **DOE–INFN Summer Research Fellowship**, *U.S. Department of Energy & INFN* 2019
· **Sophomore Honors Award with Distinction**, *University of Michigan LSA Honors Program* 2019
· **William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize**, *University of Michigan* 2018
· **University Honors**, *University of Michigan* 2017 - 2019
· **Dr. Sidney J. and Irene Shipman Scholarship**, *University of Michigan* 2017 - 2021
(full tuition, four year merit scholarship)
· **Regents Merit Scholarship**, *University of Michigan* 2017
· **National Merit Scholarship Finalist**, *National Merit Scholarship Corporation* 2017

PUBLICATIONS

1. B. P. Abbott, *et al.* (including **G. Weldon**), *All-sky search for continuous gravitational waves from isolated neutron stars using Advanced LIGO O2 data*, Phys. Rev. D **100**, 024004 [arXiv:1903.01901] (2019)

PRESENTATIONS

5. **Society of Physics Students Speaker Series**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (December 2019); presented a talk, *Metrology for Thermal Noise Reduction in Future Gravitational Wave Interferometers*
4. **UM Physics Research Fair**, University of Michigan Physics Department, Ann Arbor, MI (November 2019); presented a poster, *Signal Overlays for Evaluating Continuous Gravitational Wave Candidates*
3. **Midwest Relativity Meeting**, American Physical Society Division of Gravitation, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI (October 2019); presented a talk, *Signal Overlays for Evaluating Continuous Gravitational Wave Candidates*
2. **APS April Meeting**, American Physical Society, Denver, CO (April 2019); presented a talk, *Strain Histograms for Evaluating Continuous Gravitational Wave Candidates*
1. **Society of Physics Students Speaker Series**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (November 2018); presented a talk, *Continuous Gravitational Wave Simulations*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Physical Society (APS) 2017 - Present
Division of Gravitation

ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Physics Students (SPS) 2017 - Present
Vice President (2019 - 2020)
Outreach Chair (2018 - 2019)

Shipman Scholarship Society 2017 - Present

Honors Program, College of LSA 2017 - Present

OUTREACH & SERVICE

SPS Biweekly Speaker Series 2019 - 2020
Coordinator *Ann Arbor, MI*

Michigan Science Center - Physics Demo Day 2018 - Present
Volunteer with SPS (*Coordinator* in 2019) *Detroit, MI*

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum - Physics Palooza 2018 - Present
Volunteer with SPS (*Coordinator* in 2019) *Ann Arbor, MI*

Burns Park Elementary School - Physics Night 2017
Volunteer with SPS *Ann Arbor, MI*

GRADING EXPERIENCE

Course Grader for PHYSICS 160: Honors Physics I (Mechanics) Winter 2020

COURSEWORK

Physics
· General Relativity (Graduate)
· High-Energy Astrophysics
· Quantum Mechanics
· Statistical Mechanics*
· Electromagnetism*
· Classical Mechanics
· Modern Physics & Laboratory

Mathematics
· Numerical Methods*
· Probability
· Linear Algebra
· Honors Differential Equations

[* denotes Winter 2020 enrollment]

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

Python, MATLAB, Linux/Unix, Bash, HTML, LaTeX