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EDUCATION Rochester Institute of Technology

Anticipated 2025

Ph.D. Astrophysical Sciences and Technology

Roberts Wesleyan College

May 2020

B.S. Physics (GPA: 3.81/4.00)

• Magna Cum Laude, Global Honors

University of Rochester

Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

Cross-registered for courses in astronomy

Rochester Institute of Technology

Spring 2018

Cross-registered for courses in mathematics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Rochester Institute of Technology

Advisor: Dr. John Whelan

May 2019 - Current

We explore the application of the lattice covering problem to template placement in the cross-correlation search for continuous gravitational waves from LMXB Scorpius X-1. By changing coordinate type, template placement method, and lattice structure, we improve overall template count by a factor of 3.4. This is significant for our tunable search over a four-dimensional parameter space as both sensitivity and computational cost scale with template number.

University of Rochester

Advisor: Dr. Alice Quillen

May 2018 - January 2019

Worked with Dr. Quillen's modified version of Rebound to run N-body simulations of a single asteroid undergoing non-principal axis rotation with simulated homogeneous viscoelastic Kelvin-Voigt rheology to determine if our measurements for energy dissipation matched previous estimates using other models.

Roberts Wesleyan College

Advisor: Mr. Martin Pepe

October 2017 - April 2018

Categorized LNAs to find pairs of detectors with similar signal-to-noise ratios to eventually be used in small radio interferometers.

PRESENTATIONS

RIT AST Graduate Research Jamboree - October 2020

Improved Lattice and Coordinate Choices for a Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves from Sco X-1

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration Meeting - September 2020

Improved Lattice and Coordinate Choices for Cross-Correlation Search for Sco X-1

LIGO Continuous Wave Group Telecon - September 2020

Full O3 Scorpius X-1 CrossCorr Update

RIT Undergraduate Research Symposium - August 2019 Template Placement for a Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves

UR Summer Research Symposium - August 2018

Simulations of Precession Damping for a Homogeneous Viscoelastic Rotator

PUBLICATIONS

Quillen, Alice C., Wagner, Katelyn J., and Paul Sánchez (2019). "Simulations of wobble damping in viscoelastic rotators". In: 485.1, pp. 725–738. DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stz422.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

LIGO Scientific Collaboration

Sigma Pi Sigma

HONORS AND AWARDS

Benjamin Titus Roberts Scholarship (Full-tuition grant)

Ensemble Scholarship (Violin) Dean's List, High Honors

Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society (SPS) Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

COMPUTER SKILLS

Computer Programming and Data Analysis:

- Python, Maple
- UNIX shell scripting (Bash)

Document Editing and Development Tools:

- LATEX
- Git (GitHub, GitLab) moderate experience
- Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite
- Data Analysis: Matplotlib, Pandas

Operating Systems:

• Linux-Debian (primary), Windows, Unix (Mac OS X)

Technical Skills:

• Trained to operate the 24-inch computerized Cassegrain telescope at the University of Rochester's C.E.K. Mees Observatory

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Data Carpentry: Pilot Workshop for Astronomers - November 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Roberts Wesleyan College Teaching Assistant

- AST 201: Descriptive Astronomy
- PHY 101 LAB: Mechanics
- PHY 102 LAB: Electricity
- PHY 115: Physics of Music

Tutoring (Certified CRLA Level 1)

• Introductory Physics sequence (I, II, and III), Calculus sequence (I, II, and III), Descriptive Astronomy, Statistics, Linear Algebra

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

C.E.K. Mees Observatory, Naples, NY

Student Tour Guide

Summer 2018

Present history of the observatory and general introductory astronomy information, as well operate 24-inch computerized Cassegrain telescope to show a variety of astronomical objects to the public tour.

Roberts Wesleyan College

President, Society of Physics Students

2018 Academic Year

Organizing preview day for prospective students, fundraising, planning activities

Women's Varsity Soccer Team Roberts Wesleyan College NCAA Division II, starting defensive midfielder

Fall 2016 - Spring 2020