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EDUCATION

Aug 2013 - May 2017 (Expected)
B.A., Physics, University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present ALPHA Collaboration at CERN
Wrote simulations for trapped antihydrogen atoms in octupole magnetostatic antimatter traps. Analyzed resulting chaotic trajectories, specifically the coupling between axial and transverse modes of energy. Designed algorithm to quantify coupling time for unevenly-spaced time series. Contributed to day-to-day experiment operations at CERN.

2015 Mrsic-Flogel Lab at University of Basel
Designed LabVIEW data acquisition software enabling real-time data readout on a widefield microscope for closed-loop applications. Prototyped touchpad interface software to allow a mouse to control its position in virtual reality.

2014 - 2015 Theunissen Lab at UC Berkeley
Studied spectral-temporal features of timbre of Western musical instruments. Implemented decoding algorithm to transform Modulation Power Spectrum (2DFT of Gaussian-Windowed Spectrogram) into audio waveform.

PUBLICATIONS -- IN PREPARATION

Axial-transverse energy coupling times for antihydrogen trajectories in magnetostatic traps, Zhong, M. and Fajans, J. To be submitted Dec 2016.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Characteristic coupling time between axial and transverse energy modes for antihydrogen in magnetostatic traps, Zhong, M. and Fajans, J., APS Division of Plasma Physics, v. 61, no. 18, 2016.

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 UC Berkeley Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships L&S Fellow
2013 - 16 College of Letters & Science Dean's Honors

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

UC Berkeley, Undergraduate Student Instructor
Sp 2016 Physics for Scientists and Engineers - Intro to Mechanics
Fa 2015 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory

REVERSE ENGINEERING PROJECTS

- 2015 - 2016 CallID Radio Frequency ID (RFID) Reader/Spoofers
Originally for UC Berkeley Instrumentation Lab course final project, built circuit to communicate with CallID cards via RFID. Inferred ID number encoding protocol from recorded signal (Manchester encoding; frequency-shift keying). Built and installed reader for housemates to unlock front door of housing co-operative, and spoofer to open locked campus doors.
- 2015 Touchpad Interface Software
Injected C# code into propriety Windows touchpad GUI application to send real-time touchpad data via UDP packets. For 2015 Summer lab internship in the Masic-Flogel lab.
- 2015 i>Clicker
With a couple of friends, pulled the assembled HEX code from the classroom voting i>Clicker devices. Identified the basic structure of the ~2000 lines of code, and changed a dozen lines so that clicker would (1) broadcast a different ID number for every vote, and (2) send unlimited votes per click (around 40 votes per second). Used for prank: tinyurl.com/2626votes and tinyurl.com/2626votes2 .