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EDUCATION Master of Science, Theoretical Physics

University of Iceland - Nordita Research Insitute

Present

Bachelor of Science, Physics Spring 2021

California State University Sacramento

May 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE CSUS - Intrinsic Property of the Luminosity function of Short GRBs: Finding a connection between the mass accretion rate of black holes formed from neutron-star binary mergers and the luminosity of short GRBs. The accretion rate and the luminosity functions are proportional to each other and are both broken power laws suggesting the luminosity of GRBs is intrinsic and influenced by the accretion rate of the black hole formed from the merger event.

CSUS - Jet Structure and Radiation of Short Gamma Ray Bursts, 2018: Modeling the structure of the astrophysical jet from short gamma ray bursts and the synchrotron radiation from the afterglow as resulting from the binary neutron star merging event.

UC Davis - Encapsulation of Polymerized Actin, 2018: Modeling a living cell in the lab by encapsulating polymerized actin proteins within giant vesicles to study the physics of the membrane of cells and their cytoskeletal structure.

**SKILLS** 

Scientific Computation and instrumentation: C++, Python, LaTeX Computational modeling, data analysis, and scientific simulation. Electronics and instrumentation, circuit analysis, CNC machining.

LEADERSHIP

Physics Stockroom Assistant

Tom Scarry

ORGANIZATION January 2018 - May 2020

CSUS, Sequia Hall, Physics Stockroom

Organizing and repairing equipment for experiments in lower division lab work.

**SPS Officer** 

Society of Physics Students Chapter 18 Sacramento

May 2018 - May 2019

Organizing events, fund raising, weekly meetings, outreach, and facilitating controlled communication between faculty and students. Our SPS chapter is one of the more active chapters in our region and has won Outstanding Chapter for 16 years.

Volunteer Tutor

Physics Department

May 2018 - Present

CSUS

Explaining fundamental physics concepts and problem solving skills.

Awards

Cal-Bridge Scholarship

Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Physics Department Cal Poly Pomona

Awarded to students studying physics in a California State University. The scholarship offers students mentorship from UC professors and workshops meant to prepare the scholars for graduate programs and research opportunities.

Maxwell Award Physics Department

Fall 2018, Spring 2019 CSUS

Given to students majoring in physics to award high academic achievements

P-SURE Haideh Partovi

Summer 2018 CSUS

The P-SURE award funds Summer undergraduate research in the CSU Sacramento physics department

Prosentations

Physics and Astronomy

Presentations Fall 2019, 2020 Brown University
Gamma-ray bursts and neutron star mergers at physics conference in Rhode Island.

NSM Student Research Symposium

Physics Department

Fall 2019, 2020 CSUS

Gamma-ray bursts and neutron star mergers at science conference on campus.

**CSUPERB Symposium** 

Physics Department

Spring 2019 CSUS

Encapsulation of polymerized actin and modeling of the living cell.

Provost's Student Research

Physics Department

Fall 2018 CSUS

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NSM Student Research Symposium

Physics Department

Spring 2018 CSUS

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Outreach Physics Demonstrations

Society of Physics Students

Spring 2019 Schriners Hospital for Children

Performed physics demonstrations at Schriners Hospital for Children and families.

Community Perseid Viewing

Society of Physics Students

Summer 2018 Folsom Powerhouse

Performed physics demonstrations at the Folsom Powerhouse Perseid meteor shower viewing for families and students