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#### **EDUCATION**

•Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

MSc Physics Percentage: 93.5

•Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India

MSc Energy Science and Engineering CPI: 9.42

Loyola College, Chennai, India

BSc Physics CGPA/Percentage: 9.09

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# •Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS)

2022-Masters Project under the supervision of Prof. Yosef Nir

- Studied various BSM frameworks

- Constrained parameters in a couple of BSM frameworks using data from LHC

# •Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

2020-2021

2021-

2018-2021

2015-2018

Masters Project under the supervision of Prof. Karthik Sasihithlu and Prof. M. P. Gururajan

- Conducted literature survey of near-field heat transfer and studied its mechanism
- Performed molecular dynamics simulation of near-field heat transfer across two nanospheres using LAMMPS

#### Research Interests

My research interests lie in theoretical physics (particularly particle physics/condensed matter). In the future, I would like to infuse computational methods like deep learning, tensor networks and quantum computing in my projects.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages (Proficient): English, Tamil

Languages (Less proficient): German, Telugu

Software: Python, Julia, LAMMPS, Mathematica, LaTeX, Git

Areas of Interest: Theoretical physics, Deep learning, Tensor networks, Quantum computing, High-perforance computing

## Advanced Courses Taken

## •Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics

at~IITB

Instructor: Prof. Hridis Kumar Pal

Second quantization, Interacting electron gas, Superconductivity, Magnetism

# Statistical physics 1

at WIS

Instructor: Prof. Oren Raz

- Equilibrium statistical physics: Phase transitions and critical phenomena, Ising type models; Analytical and numerical methods, renormalization group approach; correlation functions
- Spin Glass physics: mean-field models, the replica trick, replica symmetry breaking

# •Quantum field theory 1

at WIS

Instructor: Prof. Ofer Aharony

- Perturbation theory and Feynman diagrams from Path Integrals (scalars and fermions), perturbative regularization and renormalization, optical theorem and the LSZ reduction formula, Renormalization group
- QED, gauge fixing and the Faddeev-Popov procedure, Ward Identities, non-Abelian gauge theories
- Non-perturbative field theory: QCD (qualitative). 3d QED, instantons and confinement
- Symmetries in QFT, Goldstone's theorem, renormalization and symmetry, the Higgs mechanism (classical and quantum)

# •Elementary particles 1

at WIS

Instructor: Prof. Yosef Nir

- The Standard Model: From Fundamental Symmetries to Experimental Tests authored by Yuval Grossman and Yossi Nir (the course was taught from the draft version of the book)

•General relativity at WIS

Instructor: Prof. Ulf Leonhardt

- Mathematics required for GR, Einstein equations, Gravitational waves, Black holes, elementary cosmology

#### •Practical Deep Learning for Science

 $at\ WIS$ 

Instructor: Prof. Eilam Gross

- Convolutional Neural Nets, Graph Neural Nets, Transformer, Diffusion

### •Supersymmetry (not yet graded)

at WIS

Instructor: Prof. Micha Berkooz

- Supersymmetric QM, SUSY algebra and representations, SUSY in 4d, SUSY Gauge theories

# KEY COURSE PROJECTS

# •Accent modulation using cVAE architecture

 $at\ WIS$ 

Course: Practical Deep Learning for Science

1 month

- Learnt various audio processing features like STFT, Mel spectrogram, MFCCs etc.
- Build a cVAE using pytorch modules in python
- Used one hot encoding to switch between accents using audio features like MFCC and time-domain data
- Dataset used: AccentDB Core & Extended

### •Deep Learning with particle collider collision event

at WIS

Course: Experimental Projects

3 weeks

- Understood blocks of code developed by the group of Prof. Eilam Gross
- Modified it to suit the goal of our project, i.e. to determine the fraction of charged and uncharged particles in a collider event

### Workshop & Schools

# •Tri-Institute Summer School on Elementary Particles

2023

Exposure to various aspects of particle physics. Topics in the summer school ranged from theoretical to experimental/observational aspects of particle physics: Underground experiments, cosmology and gravitational waves, to list a few.