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Education

University of Texas at Arlington

Doctoral Candidate in Physics and Applied Physics 2025

- Published 6 peer-reviewed publications and delivered 3 research presentations at physics conferences

M.S. in Physics, GPA: 4.00 2025

Georgia Institute of Technology

B.S. in Physics, Highest Honor 2019

Experience

Researcher, Exoplanets/Exomoons and Habitability at UTA 2021 – 2025

- Conducted 50,000+ numerical simulations in Python to investigate orbital dynamics, improving runtime efficiency by 80%
- Encoded mathematical formulations into executable code, enabling efficient large-scale numerical analysis and reducing computation time by 90%
- Analyzed and visualized large-scale datasets comprising millions of data points, identifying key dynamical patterns

Intern, SuperCDMS Group at SLAC National Accelerator Lab 2019

- Collaborated with the Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (CDMS) team to test wiring and readout electronics for the He-3/He-4 dilution refrigerator

Member, Numerical Relativity Research Group at Georgia Tech 2018 – 2019

- Simulated binary black hole systems on HPC clusters to support LIGO research and visualized resulting gravitational wave data

Group Leader, Gravitational Waves Astrophysics Project 2017 – 2018

- Led undergraduate research team in simulation and visualization of binary black hole systems
- Used VisIt to visualize black hole apparent horizons and create animations of their spiral and merger from simulation data

Projects

DefCoordML: NFL Play Prediction

- Developed ML models to predict NFL offensive plays (pass vs. rush) using historical game data
- Achieved 75% accuracy and 0.82 ROC AUC through feature engineering and model tuning.

Skills

Programming Languages

Python, SQL, LaTeX

Frameworks

PyTorch, Scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, matplotlib, seaborn, Linux Command Line

Communication

Presentations, Leading Research Projects, Technical Writing