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Education

Institut Polytechnique de Paris

09/2023 - 07/2024

Master second year (M2) High Energy Physics, Palaiseau, France

GPA: 14.43/20

Main courses: **Cosmology**, **Gravitational Waves**, **Quantum Field Theory II&III**, Electroweak Theory, QCD

Université Paris-Saclay (joint M2 program with École Normale Supérieure)

09/2022 - 07/2023

M2 International Centre for Fundamental Physics, Theoretical Physics track, Orsay, France

GPA: 13.14/20

Main courses: **General Relativity** (14.40/20), **Differential Geometry and Gauge Theory** (15.50/20), **Cosmology** (15.00/20), Quantum Field Theory I&II

Université Paris-Saclay

09/2021 - 07/2022

Master first year (M1) General Physics, Orsay, France

GPA: 17.945/20, ranking: 1/31

Main courses: **General Relativity&Cosmology** (19.00/20), **Advanced Mathematics for Physicists** (19.65/20), Quantum Solid State Physics (17.75/20), Quantum Field Theory&Statistical Physics (18.67/20)

Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)

09/2017 - 06/2021

Bachelor of Science, school of Physics, Wuhan, China

GPA: 88.6/100 ranking: 30/168

Research & Internships

Regularization of Green's function for spacetime perturbations

11/2024 – 08/2025

Research training visit, Elementary Particle Theory Group, Institut für Theoretische Physik, Leipzig, Germany

- **Supervisor : Marc Casals**
- Objective: Regularizing the Green's function of the Teukolsky equations for reconstructing Maxwell potential and computing electromagnetic self-force for a point electric charge in flat spacetime, with the purpose of generalizing to gravitational potential sourced by a point mass in Kerr spacetime.
- Familiarity with the literature on Teukolsky formalism of spacetime perturbations, potential reconstruction, and modelling Extreme-Mass-Ratio-Inspirals with gravitational self-force theory.
- Extensive studying and training on mathematical equations in physics by the book of Chun Wa Wong *Introduction to Mathematical Physics: Methods and Concepts*. Mathematica is routinely practiced for analytic calculations.

The first law of mechanics in General Relativity for spinning binary systems

03/2024 – 09/2024

Master Thesis, Laboratoire Univers et Théories, l'Observatoire de Paris, Meudon, France

extended after defense

- **Supervisor : Alexandre Le Tiec**
- Thorough investigation of extended test body in GR by multipoles developed by Dixon *et al*, and by Lagrangian formalism summarised by Marsat in *Class.Quantum Grav.* 32 085008. Non-relativistic correspondence is made.
- Familiarity of Wald's general method in *Phys. Rev. D* 48, R3427(R) is developed. The first law for dipolar binary system in *Phys. Rev. D* 106, 044057 is re-derived. Preliminary results for quadrupole extensions are accomplished.
- Master thesis defended on July 19, 2024 as assessment. Overall score: **17.00/20**.
- [Link to the master thesis](#).

Quantum noise reduction in new-generation gravitational wave detectors

04/2023 – 07/2023

M2 internship, Laboratoire Astroparticule et Cosmologie, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France

- **Supervisors : Eleonora Capocasa & Matteo Barsuglia**
- Theoretical investigation of quantum noise and squeezed state. Analytic derivations are done for the quantum noise spectral density for Michelson interferometer with and without squeezing.
- Numerical optimization for Advanced Virgo+ (AdV+) and Einstein Telescope by Matlab and Python packages **MatGwinc** and **PyGwinc**. Quantitative improvement of sensitivity for AdV+ is found for detuned signal-recycling cavity with squeezing.
- Oral presentation given on July 4, 2023 as assessment. Overall score: **16.00/20**.
- [Link to the internship report](#).

Bound state in Dirac materials

04/2022 – 06/2022

M1 internship, Laboratoire de Physique des Solides, Université Paris-Saclay, Orsay, France

- **Supervisors: Andrej Meszaros & Pascal Simon**

- Analytic calculations of Källén–Lehmann spectral density of gapped graphene with atomic impurity based on quantum many-body theory and Mathematica, reproducing the results of Dutreix *et al.* in *Nature* 574, 219–222 (2019).
- Numerical computation by Python of tight-binding Hamiltonian spectrum for demonstrating the existence of a bound state and the study of its properties. Certain agreements with analytic methods are found.
- Oral presentation given on July 2, 2022 as assessment. **Overall score: 17.80/20.**
- [Link to the internship report.](#)

Primordial gravitational radiation from cosmological first order phase transition 06/2020 – 08/2020

Summer Internship, Center for Gravitational Experiment, HUST, Wuhan, China

extended to Bachelor thesis

- **Supervisor : Yiqiu Ma**

- Numerical simulation of field dynamics induced from Coleman’s false vacuum decay in the internship stage. Confirmation of results established by Coleman, Kosowsky, Watkins and Turner around 1980s and 1990s.
- In the extension to (unpublished) Bachelor thesis from January to May 2021, generalisation to finite temperature field theory and energy conservation numerical test are achieved, as well as computation of GW power spectrum following the strategy by J. Garcia-Bellido *et al.* in *Phys.Rev.D* 77, 043517 (2008).
- Bachelor thesis defended on May 30, 2021 as assessment. **Overall score: 94/100.**
- [Link to simulation videos and descriptions.](#)

Skills

Programming

- **Mathematica:** Computational tensor analysis and differential geometry in General Relativity. Regularly practiced by research activities and textbook exercises, such as from *A Relativist’s Toolkit: the Mathematics of Black Hole Mechanics* by Eric Poisson. [Link to the notebooks and description.](#)
- **Python:** Coding and solving the Hamiltonian in position space for gapped graphene with atomic impurity in 2022 internship. Numerical optimisation for GW detectors with package **PyGwinc** in 2023 internship.
- **Matlab:** During 2020 to 2021, numerical solution for Coleman’s bounce solution was obtained in *Phys. Rev. D* 15, 2929 (1977). Codes were written for generalising spatial 1D bounce solution to 3D vacuum bubble profile, for evolving the field dynamics by numerically solving PDEs, and for projecting out the transeverse-traceless metric perturbation. For results consult the [link to simulation videos and descriptions.](#)
- **L^AT_EX:** The only text editing tool since 2019. Experience with tikz for making visually appealing figures.

Languages: English (fluent, highest TOEFL score: 116/120), Chinese (mother tongue), French (intermediate), German (beginner).

Amateur interest: History of Science & Mathematics, football, swimming, badminton.