Tom Bleher

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tel Aviv University

Tel Aviv, Israel

Research Assistant

May 2024 - Present

• Conducting simulations to evaluate particle detectors for the Electron-Ion Collider.

Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics

Munich, Germany

 $Research\ Assistant$

Sep 2024 - Oct 2024

• Developed internal simulation tools to assess next generation fusion reactor concepts.

Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics

Greifswald, Germany

Research Assistant

Feb 2024 - Apr 2024

• Analyzed plasma profiles to examine impurity transport, contributed to an upcoming paper.

Institut national de la recherche scientifique

Montreal, Canada

Research Assistant

Oct 2023 - Jan 2024

• Developed software to optimize x-ray flux from laser wakefield acceleration by correction of optical components.

Tel Aviv University (with Stanford)

Tel Aviv, Israel

Research Assistant

Aug 2023 - Oct 2023

• Prepared CAD models and directed preparation for direct laser acceleration experiments from heavy water microjet.

Weizmann Institute of Science

Rehovot, Israel

 $Research\ Assistant$

Jul 2023

Analyzed experimental data to examine theoretical predictions on ultra-light dark matter behavior.

EDUCATION

Tel Aviv University

Tel Aviv, Israel

Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics

May 2024 - Dec 2027

• Coursework: Analysis I, Linear Algebra I, Expanded Intro to CS, Physics I, Set Theory, Physics Mathematical Methods I, Physics Lab I, British Culture I.

Herzliya Hebrew Gymnasium

Tel Aviv, Israel

Physics, Mathematics, Computational Physics, Mechatronics

Sep 2020 - Jun 2023

• GPA: 93/100; SAT: 1490/1600 (Translates to Psychometric: 718/800)

PUBLICATIONS

• T. Romba, F. Reimold, S. Bannmann, A. Navarro, **T. Bleher**, et al. (2024). Characterizing scenarios of suppressed anomalous impurity transport in Wendelstein 7-X (Upcoming).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Awarded full-ride scholarship and selected to represent Israel in the Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute (ISSI) at the Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Placed 2nd in the Schwartz-Reisman poster competition for computational physics with "Spontaneous Synchronization of Fireflies" and 3rd for "Wave Simulation in non-uniform Medium."

Leadership & Activities

Hapoel Beit Dani Wrestling Club

Tel Aviv, Israel

Wrestler. Team Captain

Oct 2012 - Present

• Led a team of 30 wrestlers, competing nationally and internationally, and served as a past Israel national team member. Organized and motivated team activities and training sessions.

Middle East Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow

Jerusalem, Israel

Student, Teaching Assistant

Sep 2019 - Feb 2023

- Instructed Python to high school students to enrich their existing curriculum.
- Facilitated learning by mentoring, hosting office hours, and creating team bonding activities, enhancing student engagement.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical Skills: Python, Linux, CAD, JavaScript, Git, LaTeX

Foreign Languages: Hebrew (Native), English (Bilingual), Lithuanian (Proficient), Russian (Conversational)

Interests: Guitar Playing, Vinyl Collecting, Classical Novels, History, Self-study