

TREVOR VINCENT, PHD

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HIGHLIGHTS

Independent problem solver and researcher with lots of experience presenting scientific work (20+ presentations) and communicating to audiences of different expertise.

Experienced C++, C (over 100,000 lines+ in each) and python programmer with expert-level knowledge in numerical solution techniques for partial differential equations and a broad knowledge of machine learning algorithms.

Two years of experience working with a Nobel-prize winning scientific collaboration (LIGO; ligo.org), analyzing time series data and writing simulation software.

Four years of experience working with a team of 10+ programmers developing a next-generation code for upcoming exa-scale supercomputers.

Chess master (title earned in 2008). Former Manitoba chess champion (six consecutive times) and former Canadian scholastic National chess champion.

EXPERIENCE

Xanadu

Dec. 2019 - Now

High Performance Computing Specialist

- Developed high performance, parallel C++ codes to simulate massive quantum circuits.
- Helped optimize C++ and python code in several Xanadu libraries (PennyLane, TheWalrus, Jet).

Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics

Sept. 2013 - Aug. 2019

PhD Researcher in Computational Astrophysics

- Developed next generation numerical methods for solving the Einstein field equations (a non-linear set of partial differential equations) on supercomputers and implemented them in a $\sim 100,000$ -line code available on GitHub.
- Worked on a team (10+developers) to develop a task-based parallelism framework for numerical relativity called SpECTRE, available on GitHub.
- Member of the LIGO collaboration, working on extracting neutrino and matter emission properties from gravitational wave and electromagnetic counterpart signals of binary neutron star mergers.

University of Winnipeg

2009-2013

Summer Research Scientist

- Developed a state-of-art GPU-accelerated (via CUDA) C++ code for the diffusion and collision of water molecules around randomly oriented axons in 3d brain-matter. This was coupled with a numerical solve of the Bloch partial differential equations to obtain the magnetic resonance imaging signal in realistic environments.
- Developed a Markov chain Monte Carlo code for estimating axon distribution properties from magnetic resonance imaging signals.
- Used image-segmentation techniques to study brain changes in mice with different Alzheimer-based gene modifications.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Sept. 2013 - August 2019

PhD in Physics, specializing in computational astrophysics. PhD work was funded by an NSERC CGSD scholarship (\$105,000) and a NSERC CGSM scholarship (\$30,000).

Advisor: Prof. Harald Pfeiffer

University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB

Sept 2008 - Sept 2013

Bachelors of Science in Physics. Undergraduate work was funded by 15 scholarships. Winner of the Governor Generals Silver Medal for highest graduating GPA in the university.

SKILLS

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| Highly Proficient | C++, C, Python, MPI, CUDA, Bash, Git, CMake, Emacs, GDB, Linux, OpenMP, Taskflow, LAPACK/BLAS/MKL, Github |
| Substantial Experience | OpenCL, Matlab, Mathematica, HDF5, Paraview, Visit, SQL, HTML, OpenMP, TravisCI, Jenkins, CircleCI, ddt, pthreads |
| Working Knowledge | Java, Fortran, AWS, oneTBB, Vtune, cprofile, papi, perf |

SELECTED AWARDS

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| NSERC CGSD Scholarship (\$105000) | <i>2015</i> |
| NSERC CGSM Scholarship (\$30000) | <i>2014</i> |
| Governor Generals Silver Medal | <i>2013</i> |
| CIHR Undergraduate Research Award (\$5000) | <i>2013</i> |
| NSERC Undergraduate Research Award (\$5000) | <i>2012</i> |
| NSERC Undergraduate Research Award (\$5000) | <i>2011</i> |
| NSERC Undergraduate Research Award (\$5000) | <i>2010</i> |

PUBLICATIONS

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- Thiessen, Jonathan D., Trevor J. Vincent, Sheryl L. Herrera, and Melanie Martin. "Diffusion Tensor Metric Measurements as a Function of Diffusion Time in the Rat central nervous system." Magnetic Resonance Insights 5 (2012): MRI-S10692. 5:3747.
- Vincent, Trevor J., Jonathan D. Thiessen, Laryssa M. Kurjewicz, Shelley L. Germscheid, Allan J. Turner, Peter Zhilkin, Murray E. Alexander, and Melanie Martin. "Longitudinal brain size measurements in APP/PS1 transgenic mice." Magnetic Resonance Insights 4 (2010): MRI-S5885.