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Education

Ph.D. in Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2019 – present
Advisor: Lina Necib

B.S. in Physics & Astronomy, University of Rochester 2015 – 2019
Magna Cum Laude with the highest distinction in Physics

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, MIT Local Universe Group Sep 2021 – present
Advisor: Lina Necib
Thesis: “Probing structure formation with Machine Learning”

Research Analyst, Center for Computational Astrophysics Sep 2022 – Jan 2023
Advisor: Rachel Somerville, Chirag Modi
Project: Generating dark matter merger trees with generative models

Graduate Research Assistant, MIT LIGO Laboratory Jun 2019 – Sep 2021
Advisor: Erik Katsavounidis, Phillip Harris
Project: Detecting gravitational waves from binary mergers with machine learning

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Rochester Sep 2016 – Jun 2019
Advisor: Segev BenZvi, Regina Demina
Thesis: “Efficiently calculating the galaxy two-point correlations using K-D tree”

Honors and Awards

Graduate Service Award, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2023

CCA Pre-Doctoral Program, Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute 2022

Dean’s List Recognition, University of Rochester 2015 – 2019

Rush Rhees Scholarship, University of Rochester 2015 – 2019

LIGO SURF Fellowship Program, California Institute of Technology 2018

Publications

Led/Co-led/Major Contributions

- [5] **T. Nguyen**, C. Modi, L.Y.A. Yung, R. Somerville In prep.
FLORAH: A generative model for assembly histories of halos
- [4] L. Y. A. Yung, R. Somerville, **T. Nguyen**, C. Modi, J. Gardner In prep.
The GUREFT simulations – Dark matter halo demographics and assembly histories at ultrahigh redshift
- [3] **T. Nguyen**, X. Ou, et al. In prep.
Synthetic Gaia DR3 surveys from the FIRE cosmological simulations of Milky-Way-mass galaxies

- [2] **T. Nguyen**, S. Mishra-Sharma, L. Necib
Uncovering the dark matter density profiles of dwarf galaxies with graph neural networks Phys.Rev.D **107**, 043015
arXiv:2208.12825
- [1] R. Ormiston, **T. Nguyen**, M. Coughlin, R. Adhikari, E. Katsavounidis
Noise reduction in gravitational-wave data via deep learning Phys.Rev.Res. **2**, 033066
arXiv:2005.06534

N-th Author Papers & Collaboration Papers

- [2] The LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA collaboration (including **T. Nguyen**)
GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the Second Part of the Third Observing Run Phys.Rev.X
arXiv:2111.03606
- [1] A. Gunny, D. Rankin, J. Krupa, M. Saleem, **T. Nguyen**, M. Coughlin, P. Harris, E. Katsavounidis, S. Timm, B. Holzman
Hardware-accelerated Inference for Real-Time Gravitational-Wave Astronomy Nat Astron **6**, 529–536
arXiv:2108.12430

White Papers & Conference Proceedings

- [3] A. Deiana, et al. (including **T. Nguyen**)
Applications and Techniques for Fast Machine Learning in Science Front. Big Data 2022.787421
arXiv:2110.13041
- [2] E. Cuoco, et al.(including **T. Nguyen**)
Enhancing Gravitational-Wave Science with Machine Learning Mach. Learn.:Sci.Technol. **2**,
011002
arXiv:2005.03745
- [1] S. BenZvi, R. Cross, **T. Nguyen**
Estimating the Sensitivity of IceCube to Signatures of Axion Production in a Galactic Supernova Int. Cosmic Ray Conf. 2017
arXiv:1710.01201

Invited Talks

- [2] Galaxy Formation and Evolution in the Data Science Era, KITP, CA, USA Mar 2023
- [1] NCSA Accelerated Artificial Intelligence for Big-Data Experiments Conference, Online Oct 2020

Contributed Talks

- [7] Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy VIII, Penn State University, PA, USA Upcoming
- [6] Cosmic Connections: A ML X Astrophysics Symposium, Center for Computational Astrophysics, NY, USA May 2023
- [5] 241st AAS Winter Meeting, Seattle, WA, USA Jan 2023
- [4] ML4Astro Workshop, International Conference on Machine Learning, Baltimore, MD, USA Jul 2022
- [3] IAIFI-AIMLAC Lightning Talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA, USA Mar 2022
- [2] Fast Machine Learning Workshop, Fermilab, IL, USA Sep 2019
- [1] 233rd AAS Winter Meeting, Seattle, WA, USA Jan 2019

Seminars

- [6] Lunch Talk, Center for Computational Astrophysics, New York, NY, USA Dec 2022
- [5] Blackboard Lunch Talk, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA Nov 2022

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| [4] Galaxy Formation Meeting, Center for Computational Astrophysics, New York, NY, USA | Nov 2022 |
| [3] Nature of Dark Matter on Small Scales Seminar, Online | Oct 2022 |
| [2] LIGO–Virgo–KAGRA Public Webinar, Online | Dec 2021 |
| [1] AI in Astronomy, University of São Paulo, Online | Sep 2021 |

Mentoring and Advising

Hang Su, MIT Summer Research Student	Jun 2022 – present
Project: “Using Machine Learning to Catalog Accreted Stars in Gaia ESA DR3”	

Michael Huang, Research Science Institute Program	July 2022 – present
Project: “Automating Stellar Substructure Detection using Supervised Neural Clustering”	

Teaching Experience

8.022 Physics II	Spring 2022
8.01L Physics I	Fall 2021
8.S50 Computational Data Science in Physics	Jan 2020, Jan 2021
PHY 235 Classical Mechanics	Fall 2018
PHY 121 Mechanics Lab	Spring 2017, Spring 2018
AST 111 The Solar System & Its Origin	Fall 2017
PHY 113 Mechanics Lab	Fall 2016

Leadership Experience

Co-organizer , Astronomy on Tap Boston	Since 2022
Co-organizer , MIT Astrogazers Club	Since 2022
Committee Member , IAIFI Public Engagement Committee	Since 2021
Committee Member , MIT Physics Graduate Council Social Committee	2019 – 2020
President , The Kapitza Society for Theoretical Physics	2018 – 2019
Dance Instructor , University of Rochester Breakdance Club	2017 – 2019
Tour Guide , C.E.K Mees Observatory	Summer 2017, Summer 2018
Vice President , University of Rochester Astronomy Club	2017 – 2018

Science Communication & Public Engagement

Volunteer , Teen Programming Council Event @ MIT Museum	May 2023
Volunteer , After Dark @ MIT Museum	May 2023
Panelist , MIT Physics Graduate Student Council Internship Panel	April 2023
Volunteer , AAS 241st Graduate School Fair	Jan 2023
Volunteer , Cambridge Science Festival 2022	Oct 2022
Lecturer , Gaia DR3 Hackathon	June 2022
Volunteer , Solar Telescope for Middle Schoolers	July 2019
Organizer , Earth Hour @ University of Rochester	Mar 2018

Service

Reviewer , Physics Review D	Since 2021
Reviewer , Physics Review Letter	Since 2021
Reviewer , Astronomy and Computing	Since 2021
Reviewer , ML for Physical Sciences at NeurIPS 2022	Fall 2022