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## Education

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**University of Toronto, Victoria College**

*H.B.Sc. in Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science*

2018-2022

## Research Experience

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### UNDERGRADUATE

#### ***Kilonovae Light Curves***

University of Toronto

2021

*Supervisor:* Dr. Keir K. Rogers

Model fitting visible counterparts to gravitational wave events using Gaussian processes, principal components analysis and Markov-chain Monte-Carlo.

#### ***Image classification of Martian topographic features***

University of Toronto

2020

*Supervisor:* Prof. Christopher Lee

Created an efficient scalable machine learning model using supervised machine learning methods, mask detection.

#### ***Circuit Quantum Electrodynamics***

National University of Singapore

2020

*Supervisor:* Prof. Yvonne Gao

Exploring a software automating the discovery of superconducting qubits.

#### ***Organic Spectroscopy***

National University of Singapore

2019

*Supervisor:* Dr. Krzysztof Banas

Rapid authentication of organic materials using Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy using multivariate analysis.

## Conference Posters

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**Department of Astronomy Summer Undergraduate Fair**      **University of Toronto**  
*Machine learning the visible counterparts to gravitational wave events: kilonovae*      2021

**Department of Physics Undergraduate Research Fair**      **University of Toronto**  
*Analysis of topographic features on Mars using machine learning*      2020

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

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**Department of Astronomy Summer Undergraduate Presentations**      **University of Toronto**  
*Kilonovae: We don't know what we don't know*      2021

**Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference 2020**      **University of Western Ontario**  
*Analysing SCILLA: the discovery of superconducting qubits*      2020

**Center for Quantum Technologies**      **National University of Singapore**  
*Software developments on automated transmon discovery*      2020

**Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Fair**      **University of Toronto**  
*Rapid authentication of organic materials using FTIR spectroscopy*      2019

**Singapore Synchrotron Light Source**      **National University of Singapore**  
*Adulteration of Edible Bird's Nests*      2019

## Publications

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1. Dylan Vogel, Avinash Naraiah Mukkala, Kimberly Ren, et.al: “*HERON: Demonstrating a Novel Biological Platform for Small Satellite Missions*”      **Contributing Author**

## Awards and Grants

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**Summer Undergraduate Research Grant**  
University of Toronto, \$9,393      2021

**Summer Undergraduate Poster Award**  
University of Toronto, \$50      2021

**Dean's Honors List**  
University of Toronto      2021

**Natalia Krasnopskaia Memorial Research Fellowship**

University of Toronto, \$3,159

2020

**Undergraduate Research Grant**

National University of Singapore, \$1,883

2020

**Undergraduate Research Grant**

National University of Singapore, \$3,766

2019

**National Youth Achievement Award, Gold**

Duke of Edinburgh, Singapore

2016

**National Youth Achievement Award, Silver**

Duke of Edinburgh, Singapore

2014

## Professional Positions

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**Thermal Engineer***University of Toronto Aerospace Team*

2018-2020

- Designing and testing battery insulation
- Consultant for the payload bay insulation.
- Created and tested hardware components for ground station
- Surface mount, through-hole and solder paste stencilling of circuit boards

## Professional Development

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**Senior International Mentor***Office of Dean of Students, Victoria College*

2018-2022

Courses:

- Identify assist refer
- Peer support relationship
- 1 on 1 communication
- Facilitating groups online
- Creating an inclusive environment
- Mentor leadership training

**Events Director**

*Victoria University Students Administrative Council, Academic Commission*

*2018-2019*

Courses:

- Developing alumni relations
- Giving an academic resume workshop

**Lance Corporal (National Service)**

*Singapore Armed Forces*

*2016-2018*

Courses:

- Class 4 driving course
- Leadership basic training
- Marksmanship course
- Mechanics and machining course
- Creating an include environment

## Outreach

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***Volunteer***

Singapore Science Center

*2014-2019*