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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Ph.D. Physics

Physics Excellence Award

La Jolla, CA
Sep 2018 – Expected Jun 2023

University of California, Santa Barbara

B.S. Physics

Academic Honors, Worster Fellowship

Isla Vista, CA

B.S. Mathematics

Sep 2014 – Jun 2018

SKILLS

Languages and Tools Python, C/C++, Fortran, Mathematica, Matlab, Markdown, L^AT_EX, Git, Docker

Web Development Javascript, HTML, CSS, MySQL, React, Firebase

Quantitative Research Data Visualization, Parallel Computing, Monte Carlo Simulation,
Non-linear Regression, Machine Learning Classification

Miscellaneous Video Editing, Image Processing, Photography

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

University of California San Diego

Research Assistant

La Jolla, CA
Dec 2019 – Present

- Reproduced the recent forecast of primordial non-Gaussianities with the input from the kinetic Sunyaev Zel'dovich (kSZ) effect on future Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) and Large Scale Structure (LSS) surveys, despite problems and misleading contents from the literature. Aiming to improve the forecast by adding scale dependent bias and more realistic modeling such as multiple redshift binning, including bulk flows, and considering redshift space distortions, etc.
- Forecasted the experimental sensitivities of cosmological parameters from future surveys about the CMB and LSS. Initiated clean code reusable for future fisher matrix forecasting projects.
- Calculated the constraints on the coupling strength between axions and standard model fermions, using tree level quantum field theory and modern cosmology. Reached the best accuracy so far by doing the exact integral instead of approximations. To tackle the five dimensional integral, Mathematica was used to get the analytic result of one dimension, leaving the rest four done numerically. Numba was used to speed up the already parallel Python code by more than 100X, saving computation time as well as cost on the cluster. Work published on JCAP.
- Calculated the neutrino dominated phase shift in the CMB anisotropy spectrum. Existing literature only focused on the photon dominated universe and expressed the phase shift as an expansion of the neutrino proportion, which should be trusted only when the neutrino proportion was small. On the contrary, I calculated in the neutrino dominated situation, and expressed the phase shift as an expansion of the photon proportion. It turned out that the approximation in current literature was only off by 5%, so the work was not published. [Keep?] [Comment] Don't know how to explain this project.

University of California Santa Barbara

Student Researcher

Isla Vista, CA
Sep 2015 – Jun 2017

- Measured the gas kinematics and thermal behaviors of 28 galaxy mergers of redshift 0.1 with the package I developed. Found that most of them (25) are blowing gas away, and only few (3) are inhaling, confirming theoretical predictions. Presented on UCSB undergraduate symposium and Worster Symposium.
- Measured the photometry of 52 galaxy mergers from raw data. Learnt how to reduce all kinds of noise for telescope images. Overcame the difficulty of learning IRAF, an old package with few or obsolete documentation, by inferring syntax from bash, tcsh, C, etc. Reduced the work of repeating the same procedure hundreds of times by writing C programs and shell scripts to auto-locate the targets and run the measurement scripts automatically.

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of California San Diego

Teaching Assistant

La Jolla, CA

Oct 2018 – Present

Notable courses:

- TA of Computational Physics I: Probabilistic Models and Simulations.
Simulated galaxy collisions with 1 million particles, exported into videos.
Taught N-body simulation algorithms from $O(N^2)$, $O(N \log N)$ to $O(N)$ to students.
- TA of Computational Physics II: PDE and Matrix Models.
Simulated various quantum experiments on classical computers using the path integral formulation.
- Lectured on data visualization and matrix operations using Jupyter notebook.
- Reviewed as “Excellent” by the instructor.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Web Application – Personal Task Management System

Apr 2022 – May 2022

- Developed a Progressive Web App for personal task tracking purpose.
- Constructed Firestore database to store user tasks and built the login system with OAuth2.
- Designed and built the frontend with React and Material UI to allow users edit and browse tasks, ranked by priority. Wrapped the website into PWA, which can be installed on Desktop and Mobile devices.
- Users can take notes and set time, deadline and repeat for individual tasks. Can also access settings like switching to dark mode.
- Continuously integrating more features with a calendar system.

Scientific Calculation – Package for Astronomical Spectrum Analysis

Sep 2015 – Jun 2016

- Developed a package for rapid galactic spectrum analysis.
- Incorporated the best of two worlds: Fortran for performance hungry computation and Python for user interface and data visualization. Used F2PY as the bridge between these two languages.
- Utilizing Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm for non-linear fitting, Markov chain Monte Carlo for error estimation, and with handy automation from the user interface, it helped speed up traditional spectrum fitting by more than 10X.
- Well documented with user manual.

PROJECTS THAT I BELIEVE IS NOT WORTH TALKING

Network – Personal Cluster

- Built a small cluster consisting of a macbook master and 3 PC workers. Connected via either OpenMP or Ray.
- Networked by a soft router running Pfsense, with customized NAT and rules, connecting machines with LAN and virtual machines with OpenVPN.

Tool – Bilibili Live Stream Recorder

- Built a live stream recorder using Python. Ran on a server 24/7 and pushes email notifications on disk full.

PUBLICATIONS

D. Green, Y. Guo and B. Wallisch, “Cosmological implications of axion-matter couplings,” In: *JCAP* 02.02, p. 019 (2022) DOI: [10.1088/1475-7516/2022/02/019](https://doi.org/10.1088/1475-7516/2022/02/019) arXiv: [2109.12088](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.12088) [astro-ph.CO].