



Avi Vajpeyi

Education

- 04/19–Now **Ph.D., Astrophysics** [Monash University](#)
- 08/14–05/18 **B.A. Physics and Computer Science, Honours** [The College of Wooster](#)
Cumulative GPA: 4.0, *Summa Cum Laude*

Research

- 04/19–Now **Ph.D., Thesis: A high mass black hole search** [Monash University](#)
A Bayesian search to find high mass black holes in LIGO data
- 08/17–05/18 **Thesis: Studying Universality with Physics Engines** [The College of Wooster](#)
Accelerating granular flow on GPUs with OpenCL & CUDA
- 01/16–05/16 **Independent Research: Chaotic Scattering in a Complex Topography**
Discovered a new valley-system exhibiting chaotic scattering with a custom made simulation. Awarded 'Best Paper Presentation' at MCURCSM '17.
- 06/17–08/17 **NSF Physics Research: r-mode Gravitational Waves** [Sapienza University](#)
Created 2D-FFT filters to enhance simulated r-mode gravitational waves and developed a CNN to perform parameter estimation.
- 02/17–05/17 **Junior Research: Quantum Memory** [The College of Wooster](#)
Developed theory to model the geometric phase of light
- 06/16–08/16 **LIGO Undergrad Research: Binary Black Hole Detection** [LIGO Caltech](#)
Calculated Bayes Factors for simulated signals, noise and foreground events in LIGO strain data [Phys. Rev. D 98, 042007 (2018)]
- 06/15–06/16 **NSF Physics Research: Avalanching Bead Piles** [The College of Wooster](#)
Analysed bead-avalanches in a lab experiment with motion tracking

Industry Experience

- 08/18–03/19 **Software Engineer Consultant** [Bamboo Learning](#)
Programmed Alexa skills to teach kids math and listening comprehension.
- 06/18–08/18 **Galaxy Classification with Deep Learning and EIFIGI Data** [MOAD](#)
Developed a galaxy classifier with TensorFlow. Trained on Google Cloud.
- 08/16–02/17 **Software Engineering Assistant: GitKeeper** [The College of Wooster](#)
Created python scripts for an automated grading system

Hackathon Awards

- 02/19–04/19 **Facebook Dev Challenge: Glass Runner**
Programmed a videogame for FB. Awarded the best solution regional prize in the Asia Pacific region.
- 06/18–07/18 **Google I/O Extended Bronx: Action Development**
Developed a Google Action with Dialogflow. Won the 1st place at Google I/O Extended Hackathon, Bronx, NY.
- 03/17–03/17 **HackOH5: College Newspaper 3D Visualisation**
Created vector representations of newspaper text (1970–2010) with TensorFlow embeddings, demonstrating semantic change. Awarded 1st place.

Additional Information

- Student speaker at the College of Wooster 2018 commencement
- 7 academic and 2 athletic awards, 2 honour societies, teaching aide for 8 courses

Contact

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Programming

C/C++, Obj-C, C#
Python, Unity, Java
Matlab, OpenCL, SQL
Mathematica

Recent Courses Taught

- Algorithms and programming foundations in Python
- Fundamentals of C++

Conferences Presented At

March 2018 APS
2017 MCURCSM
Fall 2017 OSAPS
Spring 2017 CCSCNE
March 2016 APS

Other Interests

DIII Varsity Track
Rock Climbing
Taekwondo
Puerto Rican Salsa
Video-game Design

Competitions

OH/IO Hackathon
Ludum Dare 41-47
ASA DataFest
ACM, MCM, UPC

Links

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