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Professional Appointments

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center / Catholic University of America

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Under the supervision of James Rhoads and Sangeeta Malhotra, funded by the CRESST II cooperative agreement.
- Developing instrument simulation and data processing pipelines in Python and Jupyter Notebooks for Roman Space Telescope preparation.
- Optimizing and parallelizing code using multiprocessing and numba for running simulations on high-performance computing clusters.
- Investigating the time evolution of physical properties and thier residuals between bijectively matched galaxies in two catalogs.

Center for Computational Astrophysics / Flatiron Institute

RESEARCH ANALYST

- Part- / full-time internship under the supervision of Rachel Somerville as a member of the Galaxy Formation group.
- Conducted galaxy formation research comparing Santa Cruz SAM and IllustrisTNG simulation outputs at z = 0.
- Developed a Python module for querying and loading partitions of a 180 GB simulation suite.
- Created a browser tool that enables real-time transformations of over 4 million simulated galaxies using Three.js and D3.js graphics.

GSI Helmholtz Center for Heavy Ion Research

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Full-time internship under the supervision of Zoran Andelkovic and Wilfried Nörtershäuser as a member of the Atomic Physics group.
- Directed high-energy ion beams along 100 meters of beam line as part of a facility wide development project.

Education

Rutgers University - New Brunswick

MASTER OF INFORMATION

Concentration in Data Science

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Concentration in Computer Science

Skills_____

Programming	Python (fluent), JavaScript (proficient), HTML & CSS (proficient), C (familiar), C++ (familiar), SQL (familiar)
Software	Jupyter Notebook, PyCharm, Microsoft Visual Studio, Adobe Photoshop, Github, Overleaf
Linux Computing	System Commands, Vim, Bash, Slurm, MPI

Publications.

FIRST AUTHOR

2022, Galaxy Formation in the Santa Cruz semi-analytic model compared with IllustrisTNG – I. Galaxy scaling relations, dispersions, and residuals at z=0	In Review
GABRIELPILLAI, AUSTEN; SOMERVILLE, RACHEL S.; GENEL, SHY; RODRIGUEZ-GOMEZ, VICENTE; PANDYA, VIRAJ;	arXiv:2111.03077
Yung, L. Y. Aaron; Hernquist, Lars 2022, Galaxy Formation in the Santa Cruz semi-analytic model compared with IllustrisTNG – II. Galaxy scaling relations and residual evolution from z = 6 to 0	In Preparation
Gabrielpillai, Austen; Somerville, Rachel S.; Genel, Shy; Rodriguez-Gomez, Vicente; Diemer, Benedikt;	
Pandya, Viraj; Yung, L. Y. Aaron; Hernquist, Lars	
Co-Author	
2022, Constraining cosmology with machine learning and galaxy clustering: the new CAMELS-SAM suite	Submitted to ApJ
Perez, Lucia A.; Genel, Shy; Somerville, Rachel S.; Villaescusa-Navarro, Francisco; Gabrielpillai, Austen ;	arXiv:2204.02408
Anglés-Alcázar, Daniel; Wandelt; Benjamin D.; Yung, L. Y. Aaron	

, New York. NY

Goddard, MD

Nov. 2020 - Present

Jul. 2018 - Aug. 2020

Darmstadt, DE

May 2016 - Aug. 2016

New Brunswick, NJ Sep. 2018 - May 2020

Urbana, IL Aug. 2013 - May 2017