Jude **Bedessem**

Education

College of William & Mary

B.Sc. Physics and Mathematics Monroe Scholar Anticipated May 2023 **GPA:** 4.0/4.0

Thomas Jefferson High School for

Science and Technology

Quantum Optics Specialization 2016-2019 GPA: 4.42/4.0

Courses & Extracurriculars

General Relativity PHYS 786 Intro to Quantum Computing MATH 410 Electricity & Magnetism | PHYS 401 Differential Geometry MATH 317 Quantum I/II PHYS 313/314 Elementary Analysis MATH 311 Abstract Algebra MATH 307 Classical Mechanics I/II PHYS 208/303 Differential Equations MATH 302 Mathematical Physics PHYS 301 Experimental Atomic Physics PHYS 251 Data Structures CSCI 241 **Relativistic Electrodynamics** Astronomy & Astrophysics I/II

Treasurer of W&M Chapter of the **Society of Physics Students:**

Educational and social outreach for students and community members

Skills

Programming + Markup Languages

Python • Java • C++ • HTML/CSS • Mathematica · MATLAB

Software Tools + Environments

Linux • Mac OS • MS Office Suite • LaTeX • Fusion 360

Hardware Tools

Woodworking • Machining • Raspberry Pi • Arduino • Software Defined Radio

Hobbies

Woodworker • Violinist • Tennis • Oud • Amateur Astronomy

Research & Work Experience

Emergent theories of quantum gravity

2020 to Present

Goal: explore diffeomorphism invariant models of composite gravity

Present responsibilities: determine whether a latticized diffeomorphism invariant scalar field theory can give rise to an emergent theory of quantum gravity

Novel dark-ground imaging w/ atom chip

2019 to Present

Goal: demonstrate a new method for diffractive dark-ground imaging where secondary image is generated by reflection of signal for use in Dr. Seth Aubin's work in atomic interferometry

Theory: developed theoretical relations between subject radius, illuminating beam angle, and distance to atom chip and relative intensity of secondary image

Computation: built a C++ ray-tracing simulation using OpenCV library to aid in rough experimental design

Experiment & Results: designed and implemented an experimental set-up. Imaged secondary dark-ground images and demonstrated agreement with theory for distance/intensity relation

Wavefunction and quantum weak measurement 2018 to 2019

Goal: recover wavefunction using quantum weak measurement of a many-photon system, extending work of Dr. Jeff Lundeen (unaffiliated) Method: project was self-motivated and self-conducted, without professional mentorship. Introduced alteration to Dr. Lundeen's weak measurement procedure to overlap adjacent measurements

TJREVERB satellite development team

2016 to 2019

Goal: demonstrate efficacy of the Iridium Constellation for low earth orbit communications through development of satellite via NASA's CubeSat Launch Initiative

Software Communications Lead: responsible for non-payload communications via APRS. Developed standard communications and telemetry downlink protocols. Conducted first tests with Iridium. Aided in early ground-station implementation and atmospheric balloon tests

Systems Engineer: part of a small team responsible for developing systems architecture and flight software. Resident expert in our electronic power system

Webmaster: responsible for web outreach between 2017 and 2018

TJ Physics Team & outreach

2016 to 2020

November 2020

Summer 2019

TJPhO: worked on inaugural TJ Physics Olympiad on post-AP material Officer: conducted lectures on topics ranging from AP Physics material to classical field theory. Worked at biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival. Organized trips to APS March Meetings

Williamsburg Officer of Elections

Fairfax Collegiate tutor

Honors & Awards

2019 Monroe Scholarship AFSA Scholarship 2019 HackTJ Best Hardware Hack

USAPhO National Semifinalist 2018 NASA VAST's Summer Scholar 2018

2019 JUMP Lab Recipient

2017