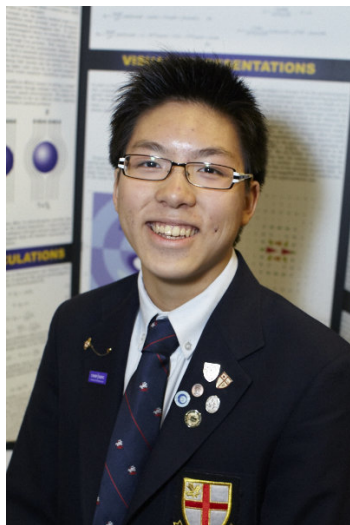


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Gravito-Meissner Effect in Neutron Star Systems

Challenge: Discovery

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Abstract: Under the framework of gravitomagnetism, in which we consider the component of gravity that behaves like magnetism, we can investigate the gravity analogy of the Meissner effect, the phenomenon by which a superconductor repels external magnetic fields, in superfluid neutron stars. Upon deriving mathematical models, we find the hypothesized repulsion of gravito-magnetic fields to be false. Instead, the gravitational Meissner effect magnifies external gravito-magnetic fields.

Biography

I am a Grade 11 student at St. George's School in Vancouver, BC. Having emigrated from Argentina 6 years ago, I discovered the wonders of science fair relatively late, in my Grade 10 year. The exhilarating leap from science textbooks to solving real-life science problems is but one of the many reasons I chose to continue science fair this year (this is my first year to CWSF). Although I very much enjoy learning for the sake of learning in general, I am rather lopsided on the math and physics side, planning to major in mathematics and another quantitative science in university. To express my artistic ideas, I, a former VYSO member, like to play the violin. On a tangential note, I secretly dream of owning a Stradivarius.

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