### Peter Phan

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Toronto

# PhD, Computer Science MEng, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Honours BS, Mathematics

#### Research

#### Graduate Student Researcher, advised by Hamed Ibrahim

Sep 2024 - May 2025

2025 - Present 2024 - 2025

2019 - 2024

University of Toronto Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

- Developed a data analysis library in Python to investigate tropopause dynamics from global reanalysis and radiosonde datasets.
- Designed and implemented custom numerical algorithms for computing atmospheric variables and double tropopause detection.

#### Research Trainee, advised by Morgan O'Neill

May 2024 - Aug 2024

University of Toronto Department of Physics

- Significantly enhanced a previous 2.5-layer moist convective shallow water model for simulating polar dynamics of giant planets, by developing a new parameterization for moist convection, rewriting the codebase for parallelization with Numba, adapting the model to Jupiter-like conditions, adding more physical terms, and conducting long-term simulations on the Niagara supercomputer.
- This resulted in a greater than 50× improvement in resolution and time integration

## Undergraduate Student Researcher, advised by Emmy Murphy Jan 2024 - May 2024 University of Toronto Department of Mathematics

- Authored one of the first works to comprehensively review exotic 7-spheres, seven-dimensional manifolds that are homeomorphic but not diffeomorphic to Euclidean spheres.
- Reviewed the necessary tools from algebraic topology and differential geometry, expanded on the original proofs, and presented an equivalent technique to prove the key homeomorphism by directly computing the homology of the manifold.

#### Research Trainee, advised by Milad Lankarany

May 2022 - Aug 2022

University of Toronto Institute of Biomedical Engineering

• Conducted a systematic study of mathematical neuron models, explored relevant optimization algorithms, and implemented various models in MATLAB and Python.

#### Projects

#### IGRAT: a Python library for radiosonde data analysis

- Python library for pre-processing data from the Integrated Global Radiosonde Archive (IGRA). Allows users to visualize temporal and spatial patterns, plot atmospheric profiles, and export processed data sets in more standard formats.
- $\bullet$  Accepted for publication in  ${\it Geoscience~Data~Journal}$

#### TEACHING

#### **Head Teaching Assistant**

Sep 2022 - Present

University of Toronto

• Head Teaching Assistant for introductory proofs, single and multivariable calculus

#### Teaching Assistant

Jan 2022 - Present

University of Toronto

• Teaching Assistant for various mathematics courses on numeracy, introductory proofs, discrete math, differential equations, and single and multivariable calculus.

#### Research Assistant

Dec 2022 - May 2024

2024

University of Toronto Institute for the Study of University Pedagogy

#### Honors and Awards

- University of Toronto Department of Physics Summer Research Award (\$9,500)
- Jackman Scholar Award (\$1,000 + accommodations, ~120 selected from ~1200 applicants) 2024
- UofT TA Teaching Excellence Award Finalist (14 selected from 324 candidates) 2023
- University of Toronto National Biology Scholar (placed top 5%, <200 of 3433 contestants) 2018