Newton Huy Nguyen

California Institute of Technology, Division of Geological & Planetary Sciences (408) 613-4379 newton@caltech.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Expected Jan '23), California Institute of Technology | Environmental Engineering Science 2018-

Thesis: Algorithms and Techniques to Optimize Sensing of Greenhouse Gases

M.S., California Institute of Technology | Environmental Engineering Science

2017-2018

Thesis: Quantifying Global Methane Emissions with Bayesian Models

B.A., University of California at Berkeley | Geophysics, Highest Honors

2012-2016

Thesis: Neural Networks to Model Fluid Flows

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Candidate, Caltech

2017-

- Advanced global greenhouse gas emission tracing using high performance computing, radiative atmospheric and laser physics, and Bayesian inversion modeling techniques.
- Improved global climate model accuracy by advancement of cloud physics parameterization models.
- Authored 6 peer-reviewed publications (3 in review), 4 conference presentations, and 5 invited lectures.
- · Assistant instructor for remote sensing algorithms course for 3 semesters.
- · Awarded National Science Foundation Research Fellowship and Caltech Prize for Mentorship and Service

Co-founder, Systemic Access Mentorship Program

2020 -

Co-founded national mentorship program for blind STEM students (40+ students globally).

Research Assistant, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

June 2016 - July 2017

• Developed climate model assessment tool for NASA CiARReO satellite mission using parallelized numerical radiation physics transfer model with supercomputing capabilities.

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

SpectralFits.il. Julia & Pvthon

2020-

- Flexible Bayesian inversion interface for retrieval of greenhouse gas concentrations and vertical profiles.
- Implemented GPU and parallelization acceleration.

OHMethane, Julia & MATLAB

2018-

- Bayesian optimization model for global methane emissions.
- Implemented parallelized statistical computing via Monte Carlo simulations.

RTM Parallel, Fortran & MPI

2016-2017

Parallel radiation model that implements principal component analysis for climate model simulations.

SKILLS

Python | Julia | Julia CUDA | Matlab | Fortran | Git | Bash | Numpy/Scipy | SKLearn/Pytorch | Public speaking | Numerical computing | Bayesian statistics | Climate modeling | High-performance computing | Remote sensing | Satellite spectroscopy | Machine learning | Modular software design | Technical writing and presentation

SELECTED PRESS

Runners' World Magazine: How Running Has Helped Newton Nguyen Navigate Life as a Blind Man
Tokyo Olympics Commercial: We're All Better Off With An Ally
Mini-Documentary: Marathoning Through Life with Vision Loss
Oct 2021
Oct 2021