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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Physics, Purdue University, West Lafayette 2019 – 2025 (Expected)
Advisor: Prof. Tongcang Li.

B.S. in Physics, University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) 2015 – 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN
Research assistant Dec. 2019 – Now

- On-chip optical levitation with a high NA metalens.
- Simulation of optical force and torque.
- Near field sensing with a nanodumbbell.
- Searching for non-contact Casimir friction.
- Spin readout and control with a levitated fast rotating diamond in high vacuum.

Helmholtz Institute Mainz, Germany
Undergraduate summer research intern July 2018 – Sept. 2018

- Zero to ultra-low field (ZULF) nuclear magnetic resonance theory.
- Study the asymmetry of Zeeman splitting of ZULF experiment.

Key Laboratory of Quantum Information, USTC Hefei, China
Undergraduate student May 2017 – Dec. 2018

- Basic knowledge of the principle of optical tweezers and building a dual-beam optical trap.

SKILLS

- **Programming:** MATLAB, Python, C/C++, LabVIEW, Mathematica, Rust.
- **Software:** Blender, COMSOL, Ansys Lumerical-FDTD, Solidworks, Scuff-EM.
- **Technical:** AMO experiments, Optics, SEM, vacuum system, Clusters computation, FPGA (NI card, Red Pitaya).

HONORS AND REWARDS

Ross fellowship 2019
Awarded to the most outstanding applicants to Purdue University.

Optics in 2022, Optics & Photonics News 2022
The special issue highlights exciting peer-reviewed optics research over the past year.

PUBLICATIONS

First and co-first authors:

1. Jin, Y., **Shen, K.**, Ju, P., Gao, X., Zu, C., Grine, A.J. and Li, T., 2024. Quantum control and fast rotation of levitated diamonds in high vacuum. **Nature Communications**, 15, 5063.
2. **Shen, K.**, Duan, Y., Ju, P., Xu, Z., Chen, X., Zhang, L., Ahn, J., Ni, X. and Li, T., 2021. On-chip optical levitation with a metalens in vacuum. **Optica**, 8(11), pp.1359-1362.

The remainings:

1. Ju, P., Püschel, S., **Shen, K.**, Jin, Y., Tanaka, H. and Li, T., 2024. Purcell enhanced optical refrigeration. arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.19142.

2. Xu, Z., Ju, P., **Shen, K.**, Jin, Y., Jacob, Z. and Li, T., 2024. Observation of non-contact Casimir friction. arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.06051.
3. Ju, P., Jin, Y., **Shen, K.**, Duan, Y., Xu, Z., Gao, X., Ni, X. and Li, T., 2023. Near-field GHz rotation and sensing with an optically levitated nanodumbbell. **Nano letters**, 23(22), pp.10157-10163.
4. Gao, X., Vaidya, S., Dikshit, S., Ju, P., **Shen, K.**, Jin, Y., Zhang, S. and Li, T., 2023. Nanotube spin defects for omnidirectional magnetic field sensing. arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.02709.
5. Gao, X., Vaidya, S., Ju, P., Dikshit, S., **Shen, K.**, Chen, Y.P. and Li, T., 2023. Quantum sensing of paramagnetic spins in liquids with spin qubits in hexagonal boron nitride. **ACS Photonics**, 10(8), pp.2894-2900.
6. Xu, Z., Ju, P., Gao, X., **Shen, K.**, Jacob, Z. and Li, T., 2022. Observation and control of Casimir effects in a sphere-plate-sphere system. **Nature Communications**, 13(1), p.6148.
7. Gao, X., Vaidya, S., Li, K., Ju, P., Jiang, B., Xu, Z., Allcca, A.E.L., **Shen, K.**, Taniguchi, T., Watanabe, K. and Bhawe, S.A., 2022. Nuclear spin polarization and control in hexagonal boron nitride. **Nature Materials**, 21(9), pp.1024-1028.
8. Gao, X., Jiang, B., Llacsahuanga Allcca, A.E., **Shen, K.**, Sadi, M.A., Solanki, A.B., Ju, P., Xu, Z., Upadhyaya, P., Chen, Y.P. and Bhawe, S.A., 2021. High-contrast plasmonic-enhanced shallow spin defects in hexagonal boron nitride for quantum sensing. **Nano Letters**, 21(18), pp.7708-7714.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Purdue University

Teaching assistant

West Lafayette, IN

Aug. 2019 – May. 2021

- Thermal and Statistical Physics (2019 Fall)
- Electricity and Magnetism I (2020 Spring & 2021 Spring)
- Electricity and Magnetism II (2020 Fall)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Purdue University

Community Quantum Open House, volunteer

Nov. 22, 2022