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*I am an experimental plasma physicist interested in the study of the tokamak scrape-off layer. I have experience analysing visible and infra-red camera data for the study of particle and energy transport respectively. I also have hands on experience working on small scale RF plasma experiments performing Langmuir probe measurements.*

## Education

### PhD

**Fusion Doctoral Training Network,** **2013–**  
*University of Liverpool.*

- Received a broad grounding in fusion research through taught courses at The University of York:
  - Courses included MCF and ICF relevant plasma physics, diagnostic techniques, data analysis, materials science, statistics, high performance computing and project management.
  - Qualified to receive the FuseNet certificate of doctoral training.

### Integrated Masters

**Masters in Physics with Industrial Experience,** **2009–2013**  
*The University of Bristol, First Class Honours.*

- 12 month placement at the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy resulting in a publication [6].
- Masters project in density functional theory resulted in a publication [5].
- Received letters of commendation from the head of the School of Physics in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years and a project commendation for my MSci project.

## Research Experience

### PhD

**Visual camera measurements of filamentary transport in MAST,** **Jan 2016–**  
*Culham Centre for Fusion Energy.*

- Developed the Elzar suite of analysis tools for the identification, measurement and tracking of plasma filaments in fast camera data.
- Applied pseudo Langmuir probe techniques to fast camera analysis for like with like comparison to large body of literature.
- Joined trip to the HL-2A tokamak in Chengdu, China performing reciprocating probe measurements of the effects of fuelling on scrape-off layer profiles.
- Performed experiential work for PPCF paper [3] and assisted in [4].

**Measurements of negative ion surface production from diamond materials,** **Jan–March 2015**

*PIIM Laboratory, Aix-Marseilles University, Marseilles, France.*

- Measured negative ions produced upon positive ion bombardment of diamond surfaces with a mass spectrometer and energy analyser.
- Performed first of a kind measurements of monocrystalline diamond and extensively characterised temperature dependent properties of nanocrystalline diamond, contributing to publication [1].

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**Characterisation of Small Negative Ion Facility,****Sep–Dec 2014***Culham Centre for Fusion Energy.*

- Commissioned the Langmuir probe and high resolution visible spectrometer diagnostics on the Small Negative Ion Facility (SNIF).
- Identified and fixed RF earthing issues, improving performance of the plasma source.
- Performed spectroscopic measurements of the ion source plasma composition, contributing to publication [2].

**Langmuir probe and laser photo-detachment measurements of electronegative plasmas,****March–Sep 2014***University of Liverpool.*

- Performed laser photo-detachment measurements of negative ion density in oxygen and hydrogen magnetron plasmas under various conditions.
- Performed langmuir probe measurements of plasma density and temperature in a weakly magnetised plasma.

*Masters Project***DFT calculations of the superconducting properties of the YIr<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> polymorphs,****Sep 2012–Sep 2013***University of Bristol.*

- Performed Density Functional Theory (DFT) *ab initio* calculations of the band structure and Fermi surface properties of the polymorphs of YIr<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>.
- Predicted a superconducting transition temperature of  $T_c = 2.58\text{K}$  explained by intermediate-strength conventional electron-phonon coupling, resulting in a publication [5].

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cals*Undergraduate***Infra-red measurements of scrape-off layer power decay length in JET,****Aug 2011–Aug 2012***Culham Centre for Fusion Energy.*

- Developed the tools required to measure the plasma scrape-off layer power decay length from infra-red images of the interior of the JET tokamak.
- Analysed a large dedicated pulse database, the results of which led to a publication in Nuclear Fusion [6] and were presented by my supervisor at the 2012 IAEA conference [7].
- Tools are now used by others and have initiated similar measurements on the COMPASS tokamak.

## Publications

- [1] G. Cartry, D. Kogut, K. Achkasov, J.-M. Layet, T. Farley et al. *Alternative solutions to caesium in negative-ion sources: a study of negative-ion surface production on diamond in H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub> plasmas*. New J. Phys., **19** (4):25010 (2017).
- [2] J. Zacks, U. Fantz, T. Farley I. Turner, R. McAdams, et al. *Characterisation of the SNIF ion source*. **030047**:030047 (2017).
- [3] F. Militello, N. R. Walkden, T. Farley W. A. Gracias, J. Olsen, et al. *Multi-code analysis of scrape-off layer filament dynamics in MAST*. Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion, **58** (10):105002 (2016).
- [4] N. Walkden, F. Militello, J. Harrison, T. Farley S. Silburn, et al. *Identification of intermittent transport in the scrape-off layer of MAST through high speed imaging*. Nucl. Mater. Energy, **0**:1–6 (2016).
- [5] D. Billington, S. Nickau, T. Farley and J. Ward. *Electron-Phonon Coupling and Superconducting Critical Temperature of the YIr<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> and LaIr<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> High-Temperature Polymorphs from First-Principles*. J. Phys. Soc. Japan, **83** (4):1–5 (2014).
- [6] G. Arnoux, T. Farley C. Silva, S. Devaux, M. Firdaouss, et al. *Scrape-off layer properties of ITER-like limiter start-up plasmas in JET*. Nucl. Fusion, **53** (7) (2013).
- [7] G. Arnoux, C. Silva, M. Brix, H. Bufferand, S. Devaux, et al. *Scrape-off Layer Properties of ITER-like Limiter Start-up Plasmas at JET*. In *Scrape-off Layer Prop. ITER-like Limiter Start-up Plasmas JET* (2012).
- [8] I. Nunes, V. Riccardo, P. J. Lomas, P. D. Vries, D. Alves, et al. *Be tile power handling and main wall protection*. In *24th IAEA Fusion Energy Conf.*, pages CN–197. San Diego, USA (2012).

## Conferences and Workshops

### Oral

**Fusion Frontiers and Interfaces Workshop, York,** **May 2017**  
Fast Camera Analysis of Plasma Filaments.

### Posters

**59th Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Plasma Physics),** **Oct 2017**  
*Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA,*  
Fast Camera Analysis of Plasma Filaments.

**44th IOP Plasma Physics Conference, Oxford, UK,** **April 2017**  
An Algorithm for the Analysis of Filaments in Fast Camera Data.

**Fusion Frontiers and Interfaces Workshop, York, UK,** **May 2016**  
Pseudo Langmuir Probe Analysis of Filaments in MAST Using Fast Cameras.

**FuseNet PhD Workshop, Lisbon, Portugal,** **Nov 2014**  
The SNIFF Caesium Free Negative Ion Source.

**4th International Symposium on Negative Ions, Beams and Sources,** **Oct 2014**  
*IPP Garching, Germany,*  
Caesium Free Negative Ion Sources.

**Fusion Frontiers and Interfaces Workshop, York, UK,** **May 2014**  
Laser Photo-detachment Measurements of Negative Ion Density.

## Responsibilities

### Groups

**Software Developers Working Group, Member of the Culham Software Developers Working Group (SDWG).** **2017–**  
Site wide body responsible for coordinating resources for software developers.

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Meetings	<p><b>Coding Discussion Group</b>, <i>Founder and coordinator of the Culham Coding Discussion Group (CDG)</i>. <b>2017–</b> Fortnightly meetings with online resources to share programming knowledge, expertise and resources.</p>		
Supervision	<p><b>Masters student</b>, Supervised masters student from University of Rome, Italy <b>4 months</b> working on filament tracking for masters project.</p> <p><b>Undergraduate project</b>, Supervised 3rd year undergraduate student from <b>3 months</b> University of Cagliari, Italy working on filament detection for BSc project.</p>		
Outreach	<p><b>MAST-U tours</b>: Frequently lead MAST-U tours for visitors, open evening and open day attendees</p> <p><b>GCSE work experience</b>: Supervised GCSE work experience student on placement at CCFE</p> <p><b>Sun dome</b>: Helped with sun dome science workshop at local primary school</p>		
Key Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Experimental experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Experience working with r.f. plasma sources, compressed gas, vacuum systems and pumps and lasers.</li> <li>◦ Experience performing plasma measurements with langmuir probes, mass spectrometers and visible spectrometers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ <b>Programming experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Experienced python programmer, OOP, TDD and HPC principals.</li> <li>◦ Experience with C, IDL and MATLAB.</li> <li>◦ Familiarity with C++, Bash scripting, Perl, Visual Basic and Fortran.</li> <li>◦ Experienced user of git version control and the the <math>\text{\LaTeX}</math> typesetting language.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ <b>Organisational skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Excellent organisational skill, drawing up plans, maintaining detailed records and managing time effectively.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ <b>Communication skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Communicate technical information in a competent and accessible manner, both verbally and in writing.</li> <li>◦ Perform well in a team, integrating readily into different teams and environments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Affiliations	<p>Member of the <b>Institute of Physics</b>. <b>2013–</b></p> <p>Member of the <b>American Physical Society</b>. <b>2017–</b></p>		
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**UKAEA recruitment team**  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I should like to express my interest in the role of *Scrape-Off Layer Turbulence Physicist*, for which I feel I am well suited...

Yours faithfully,

**Tom Farley**

*Attached: curriculum vitæ*