

Derek Fujimoto

Postdoctoral Researcher in Physics



About me

Hello! I am a postdoctoral researcher working in the field of particle physics. My role is to characterize and understand the magnetic shielding, coils, and sensors used in our efforts to determine the neutron electric dipole moment. To this end, I've been managing a small team of students within our collaboration in addition to my own projects.

The topic of my PhD was quite different: I was in two condensed matter groups studying the molecular motion of glass-forming polymers. One group was experimental, we used beta-detected nuclear magnetic resonance to infer molecular dynamics. The other was computational, in which I wrote large simulations to directly calculate these dynamics. As a result of this split-topic thesis, I've become quite good at communicating complex topics between experimental- and theory-based groups.

Throughout both of these experiences, I've developed very broad background and skill set, and have become effective both in the lab and analyzing data. I've also developed an interest in the development of devices and techniques. During my PhD, I wrote the data analysis software for our group, as well as the beam tuning software, and I implemented an upgrade to our cryogenic spectrometer.

Languages

English • French

Python • Cython • Julia • C++
MATLAB • BASH • ROOT
L^AT_EX

LinkedIn

Github

Scholar

AT A GLANCE

- Ph.D. in Physics
- 3 years as a Postdoctoral Researcher, supervising 8 undergraduate students
- 10 years research experience on a wide array of topics
- 30 academic publications
- Strong programming, data analysis, experiment, and interpersonal skills

RECENT EXPERIENCE

2021–

Postdoctoral Researcher in Particle Physics TRIUMF



Magnetic field characterization, measurement, and shielding for the ultra-cold neutron group. Hired and supervised students, designed and conducted experiments in a multinational collaboration. Over-saw commissioning of a \$2.5M magnetically shielded room.

2015–2021

Graduate Research Assistant in Soft Matter University of British Columbia



Designed and conducted beta-detected NMR experiments in ionic liquids and polymer glasses using a radioactive ion beam at TRIUMF. Wrote molecular dynamics simulations of polymer thin films on large high-performance computing clusters.

EDUCATION

2021

Physics

Ph.D. • University of British Columbia



2015

Physics

M.Sc. • University of British Columbia



2013

Physics

B.Sc. • McGill University



ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Full academic CV [here](#).

- 21 peer reviewed publications
- 9 conference proceedings
- 9 presentations and 5 posters at international conferences and workshops

AWARDS

- 2017** Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
- 2015** Stuart Blusson Quantum Matter Institute QuEST Fellowship

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

- 2023** Crane Operator Training
- 2022** Advanced Radiation Protection Training
- 2018** Instructional Skills Workshop
- 2014** Laser Safety
- 2014** Radioactive Calibration Sources

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

- bfit** General-purpose β -NMR analysis GUI and python API, now the definitive analysis program
- bccd** β -NMR beamspot analysis GUI and python API
- mudpy** TRIUMF μ SR file reader
- QZFM** Unofficial QuSpin Python API: serial communication over USB

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Science** Magnetic shielding, UHV systems, clean room procedures, cryogenics, ion beams, Monte Carlo, signal processing, DAQ, technical writing, and general lab skills.
- Engineering** Solidworks, 3D printing.
- Programming** numpy, scipy, pandas, matplotlib, linux.
- Leadership** Team management, performance assessment, project supervision.
- Other Software** Git, Gaussian, LAMMPS, MS Word, MS Excel, VSCode, GIMP, Inkscape