

# Shukun Li

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## Education

**Stony Brook University**, Stony Brook, NY

Expected Degree in May. 2025

*Bachelor of Science in Physics and Applied Mathematics & Statistics*

## Research Experience

**Advanced Energy Materials Group, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)**

Upton, NY

*Advisor: Dr. Qiang Li*

[March, 2024] – Present

### Project 1: Polycrystalline NbSb<sub>2</sub> Synthesis and Physical Property Analysis

- Prepared NbSb<sub>2</sub>: sealed samples, performed furnace treatments, and utilized Spark Plasma Sintering (**SPS**).
- Characterized using X-ray diffraction (**XRD**) and with scanning electron microscopy - energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (**SEM-EDS**), and refined XRD data with Rietica and FullProf.
- Conducted resistivity, Hall effect, Seebeck, and Nernst effect measurements using a Physical Property Measurement System (**PPMS**), followed by data analysis and visualization with Origin software.

### Project 2. Single Crystal GdAlSi Electronic Structure and Physical Properties

- Transferred liquid helium, grew Ge-doped GdAlSi single crystals.
- Verified crystal structure and purity using **XRD** and **EDS**;
- Performed magnetic transport and property measurements in **PPMS** (standard six-probe method), Magnetic Property Measurement System (**MPMS**) and conducted Angle-Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy (**ARPES**) experiments at the National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS-II).

**Engineered Microstructures and Radiation Effects Laboratory (EMREL) Group**

Stony Brook, NY

*Advisors: Dr. David Sprouster and Dr. Lance L. Snead*

[August, 2023] – Present

### Investigated evolution of dislocation structures in Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) steels

- Collaborated with the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), and Idaho National. Laboratory
- Performed XRD analysis at NSLS-II's XPD beamline.
- Collected XRD patterns, conducted background corrections, and refined data using **Topas** software.
- Developed and applied Python-based scripts in **Maud** for batch analysis of XRD data.

**Professor Xuegang Chen's group, Anhui University,**

Hefei, China

*Advisors: Dr. Xuegang Chen*

[June, 2022] – [September, 2022]

- Prepared dense polycrystalline ceramic targets (e.g., CuCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, LaNiO<sub>3</sub>, FeCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, etc.): mixed, heated, and pressed powders with polyvinyl alcohol (PVA).
- used **sputtering** techniques to Prepare silicon wafers, deposited NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and CuCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> thin films.
- Characterized the electrical properties of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> samples and analyzed XRD data with **FullProf** software.

## Technical Skills

- **Programming:** Python, MATLAB, LaTeX, C++
- **Software:** Maud, FullProf, Topas, Rietica, OriginLab
- **Laboratory Techniques:** XRD, SEM-EDS, SPS, PPMS, MPMS, ARPES, Sputtering

## Publications and Presentations

- **Publication:** M. Ouyang, **S. Li**, T. Yamamoto, G. R. Odette, D.J. Sprouster, "On The Evolution of Dislocation Structures in Irradiated Reactor Pressure Vessel Steels: A High Throughput X-ray Diffraction Line Profile Analysis Investigation" (in preparation).
- **Poster:** **S. Li**, A. Laha and Q. Li "Electronic and Thermal Transport Properties of a Compensated Semimetal NbSb<sub>2</sub>", Presented at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL).

## Extracurricular Activities

- **Student Assistant**, International Student Center, Stony Brook University,
- **Bronze Medalist**, 2024 Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament,

[August, 2024] – Present  
Stony Brook University