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Positions

2022-	Postdoctoral Fellow	University of California, Los Angeles
2022-	University Affiliate	Harvard University
2020-2022	HQI Postdoctoral Fellow	Harvard University
2016-2020	Graduate Student	University of Maryland, College Park

Education

2016-2020	Ph.D. Physics	University of Maryland, College Park
	Advisor: Professor Victor Galitski	
	Thesis: Quasiparticles in Superconductors and Superfluids	
	Date of award: August 21 st , 2020	
2012-2016	B.S. Physics, B.S. Applied Math	University of Rochester
	Magna Cum Laude	
	Senior Thesis: <i>Searching for Two-Flavor Leptonic Tridents in the MINERvA Experiment</i>	
	Thesis Advisor: Professor Kevin McFarland	

Awards and Honors

2021	LEES 2021 Silver Poster Award
2020-2022	Harvard Quantum Initiative Postdoctoral Fellow
2019	KITP Graduate Fellow (Fall)
2018	Boulder School for Condensed Matter Theory and Materials Physics
2016-2019	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2016-2018	Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland
2016	Phi Beta Kappa, University of Rochester Chapter
2015	Barry M. Goldwater Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2013 - 2016	American Rowing Association Academic All-American, First Team

Publications

15. J. Klein, Z. Song, B. Pingault, F. Dirnberger, H. Chi, **J.B. Curtis**, R. Dana, R. Bushati, J. Quan, L. Dekanovsky, Z. Sofer, A. Alù, V.M. Menon, J.S. Moodera, M. Lončar, P. Narang, F.M. Ross *Sensing the local magnetic environment through optically active defects in a layered magnetic semiconductor.*
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13. P.E. Dolgirev, A. Zong, M.H. Michael, **J.B. Curtis**, D. Podolsky, A. Cavalleri, E. Demler *Periodic dynamics in superconductors induced by an impulsive optical quench.*
Comm. Phys. 5 234. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s42005-022-01007-w>
12. D. Nicoletti, M. Buzzi, M. Fechner, P.E. Dolgirev, M.H. Michael, **J.B. Curtis**, E. Demler, G.D. Gu, A. Cavalleri *Coherent emission from surface Josephson plasmons in striped cuprates.*
P.N.A.S. 119 e2211670119. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2211670119>
11. J. Klein, T. Pham, J.D. Thomsen, **J.B. Curtis**, T. Denneulin, M. Lorke, M. Florian, A. Steinhoff, R. A. Wiscons, J. Luxa, Z. Sofer, F. Jahnke, P. Narang, and F. M. Ross *Control of structure and spin texture in the van der Waals layered magnet CrSBr.*
Nat. Comm. 13 5420. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32737-8>
10. **J.B. Curtis**, N.R. Poniatowski, A. Yacoby, P. Narang *Proximity-induced collective modes in an unconventional superconductor heterostructure.*
Phys. Rev. B 106 064508. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.106.064508>
9. J.H. Wilson, **J.B. Curtis**, V.M. Galitski *Analogue spacetimes from nonrelativistic Goldstone modes in spinor condensates.*
Phys. Rev. A 105 043316. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevA.105.043316>
8. N.R. Poniatowski, **J.B. Curtis**, A. Yacoby, P. Narang *Spectroscopic signatures of time-reversal symmetry breaking superconductivity.*
Comm. Phys. 4 44. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s42005-022-00819-0>
7. **J.B. Curtis**, A. Grankin, N.R. Poniatowski, V.M. Galitski, P. Narang, E. Demler *Cavity magnon-polaritons in cuprate parent compounds.*
Phys. Rev. Res. 4 013101. (2022)
<https://journals.aps.org/prresearch/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevResearch.4.013101>

6. **J.B. Curtis**, I. Boettcher, J.T. Young, M.F. Maghrebi, H. Carmichael, A.V. Gorshkov, M. Foss-Feig
Critical theory for the breakdown of photon blockade.
Phys. Rev. Research 3 023062. (2021)
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevResearch.3.023062>
5. F. Liu, S. Whitsitt, **J.B. Curtis**, R. Lundgren, P. Titum, Z.-C. Yang, J.R. Garrison, A.V. Gorshkov
Circuit Complexity across a Topological Phase Transition.
Phys. Rev. Research 2 013323. (2020)
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevResearch.2.013323>
4. **J.B. Curtis**, G. Refael, V. Galitski
Evanescent Modes and Step-like Acoustic Black Holes.
Ann. of Phys. 407 148-165. (2019)
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aop.2019.04.017>
3. **J.B. Curtis**, Z.M. Raines, A.A. Allocca, M. Hafezi, V.M. Galitski
Cavity Quantum Eliashberg Enhancement of Superconductivity.
Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 167002. (2019)
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.122.167002>
2. A.A. Allocca, Z.M. Raines, **J.B. Curtis**, V.M. Galitski
Cavity superconductor-polaritons.
Phys. Rev. B. 99 020504(R). (2019)
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.99.020504>
1. J.J. Kas, J.J. Rehr, **J.B. Curtis**
Particle-hole cumulant approach for inelastic losses in x-ray spectra.
Phys. Rev. B 94 035156. (2016)
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.94.035156>

Preprints

8. **J.B. Curtis**, M.H. Michael, E. Demler
Local Fluctuations in Cavity Control of Ferroelectricity.
arXiv 2301.01884. (2023)
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2301.01884>
7. **J.B. Curtis**, A. Disa, M. Fechner, A. Cavalleri, P. Narang
Dynamics of photo-induced ferromagnetism in oxides with orbital degeneracy.
arXiv 2209.10567. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2209.10567>
6. **J.B. Curtis**, N.R. Poniatowski, Y. Xie, A. Yacoby, E. Demler, P. Narang
Stabilizing fluctuating spin-triplet superconductivity in graphene via induced spin-orbit coupling.
arXiv 2209.10560. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2209.10560>

5. **J.B. Curtis**, I. Petrides, P. Narang
Finite-Momentum Instability of Dynamical Axion Insulator.
arXiv 2206.04711. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2206.04711>
4. J. Klein, B. Pingault, M. Florian, M.-C. Heißenbüttel, A. Steinhoff, Z. Song, K. Torres, F. Dirnberger, **J.B. Curtis**, T. Deilmann, R. Dana, R. Bushati, J. Quan, J. Luxa, Z. Sofer, A. Alù, V.M. Menon, U. Wurstbauer, M. Rohlfing, P. Narang, M. Lončar, F.M. Ross
The bulk van der Waals layered magnet CrSBr is a quasi-1D quantum material.
arXiv 2205.13456. (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2205.13456>
3. P.E. Dolgirev, M.H. Michael, **J.B. Curtis**, D.E. Parker, D. Nicoletti, M. Buzzi, M. Fechner, A. Cavalleri, E. Demler
Optically-induced Umklapp shift currents in striped cuprates.
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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.04687>
2. P.E. Dolgirev, M.H. Michael, **J.B. Curtis**, D. Nicoletti, M. Buzzi, M. Fechner, A. Cavalleri, E. Demler
Theory for Anomalous Terahertz Emission in Striped Cuprate Superconductors.
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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.05772>
1. A.S. Disa, **J.B. Curtis**, M. Fechner, A. Liu, A. von Hoegen, M. Först, T.F. Nova, P. Narang, A. Maljuk, A.V. Boris, B. Keimer, A. Cavalleri
Optical Stabilization of Fluctuating High Temperature Ferromagnetism in YTiO₃.
arXiv 2111.13622. (2021)
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.13622>

Talks and Posters

13. *Nonequilibrium Spin-Orbital Dynamics in Mott Insulator YTiO₃*
GRC: Ultrafast Phenomena in Cooperative Systems
 Ventura, CA. Oct 2022
12. *Local Fluctuations in Cavity Control of Ferroelectricity*
Correlated Matter and Light
 Geneva, Switzerland. Sept. 2022
11. *Nonequilibrium Spin-Orbital Dynamics in Mott Insulator YTiO₃*
Non-Equilibrium Emergence in Quantum Design
 Ingelheim, Germany. June 2022
10. *Optical Control of Quantum Materials*
California Institute of Technology
 Pasadena, CA. May 2022

9. *Optical Control of Quantum Materials*
Stanford University
Stanford, CA. May 2022
8. *Cavity magnon-polaritons in cuprate parent compounds*
Columbia University
Virtual. July 2021
7. *Cavity magnon-polaritons in cuprate parent compounds*
Virtual Science Forum Speakers' Corner
Virtual. July 2021
6. *Spectroscopic signatures of time-reversal symmetry breaking superconductivity*
International Conference on Low Energy Electrodynamics in Solids
Virtual. June 2021
5. *Cavity Probes and Control of Antiferromagnetic Fluctuations in a Mott Insulator*
MRS Spring Meeting 2021
Virtual. April 2021
4. *Cavity Probes and Control of Antiferromagnetic Fluctuations in a Mott Insulator*
APS March Meeting 2021
Virtual. March 2021
3. *Cavity Quantum Enhancement of Superconductivity*
APS March Meeting 2019
Boston, MA. March 2019
2. *Unconventional criticality in the driven Jaynes-Cummings model*
APS DAMOP Meeting 2018
Ft. Lauderdale, FL. May 2018
1. *Localized Horizon Modes Partnered to Acoustic Hawking Emission in a Bose-Einstein Condensate*
APS March Meeting 2018
Los Angeles, CA. March 2018

Teaching Positions

Fall 2021	Many-Body Theory (Sub. for Prof. Demler)	<i>ETH Zürich</i>
Spring 2018	Many-Body Theory (Sub. for Prof. Galitski)	<i>University of Maryland</i>
Spring 2016	Modern Physics Lab (Teaching Intern)	<i>University of Rochester</i>
Spring 2015	Quantum Mechanics (Teaching Intern)	<i>University of Rochester</i>
Fall 2014	Introductory Physics (Teaching Intern)	<i>University of Rochester</i>
Spring 2014	Introductory Physics (Teaching Intern)	<i>University of Rochester</i>
Fall 2013	Introductory Physics (Teaching Intern)	<i>University of Rochester</i>