

Max Rakitin

Education

About

Name: Max Rakitin (a.k.a. Maksim S. Rakitin)

Summary: I am a computational scientist at NSLS-II, BNL. I help beamline staff and users run scientific experiments and perform data analysis. I write code in Python to integrate hardware (motors, cameras, detectors, etc.) and 3rd-party software systems with the Bluesky data acquisition framework. I am developing the Sirepo-Bluesky library that integrates Bluesky and the Sirepo browser-based interface to scientific modeling codes to enable access to “virtual” beamlines. I am a proponent of well-tested, modular, reusable, sustainable, and easily accessible code. I am fluent with modern CI systems (GitHub Actions, MS Azure Pipelines, etc.) I use Docker/Podman (including the creation of images), Linux (RHEL8, CentOS, Ubuntu, etc.), vagrant/VirtualBox on a daily basis. I am maintaining [over 100 conda-forge feedstocks](#) (Python, Python with C-extensions, C/C++, Fortran). I lead the continuous integration efforts to deploy and test the conda environments with the Bluesky software stack. I am enthusiastic about new technologies and AI/ML projects. I am a PI on an AI/ML LDRD project and a PI for two SBIR subcontracts with Radiasoft LLC (total funds of \$1M+).

News: “Computer, Is My Experiment Finished?” (September 16, 2022)

<https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=220832>

“Seeing the Forest Through the Trees: Brookhaven Lab Scientists Develop New Computational Approach to Reduce Noise in X-ray Data.” (April 18, 2022)

<https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=219533>

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Ph.D. in Condensed Matter Physics (defended on September 19, 2012)

South Ural State University (National Research University), Chelyabinsk, Russia

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2006.09–2008.06 M.S. in Applied Mathematics and Physics (June 13, 2008)*South Ural State University (SUSU), Chelyabinsk, Russia**Thesis: Computer simulation of influence of structural relaxation and impurities on dissolution energy of H in Fe**Scientific adviser: Prof. A.A. Mirzoev, Dr. of Sciences**GPA: 3.85 / 4.0***2002.09–2006.06 B.S. in Applied Mathematics and Physics (June 20, 2006), *summa cum laude****South Ural State University (SUSU), Chelyabinsk, Russia**Thesis: Binding energy of hydrogen in bcc iron lattice**Scientific adviser: Prof. A.A. Mirzoev, Dr. of Sciences**GPA: 3.69 / 4.0*