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Education University of California, Davis

Ph. D. Physics: Dec 2018 M. S. Physics: Dec 2013

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga

2007 - 2011

2012 - 2018

B. S. Physics, Minor: Mathematics, summa cum laude (GPA: 3.873)

Computing

Python (proficient), C++ (intermediate), Go (intermediate), Bash (intermediate), CUDA (intermediate), Git (proficient)

Skills

Simulations, Data Analysis, Statistics, Visualization, Linux, Python Data & Visualization Ecosystem (numpy, scipy, pandas, dask, matplotlib, ...), Regression, Bayesian parameter estimation, HPC, Distributed Computing, VTK, Jekyll.

Research & Experience

Computational Physics Laboratory, Tampere University, Finland

Jan 2019 – Present

Postdoctoral Researcher Advisor: Lasse Laurson

- Simulated nanoscale magnetic materials using a combination of open source software and in-house code (Go, CUDA, and Python). Numerical calculations of domain wall motion were compared to an analytic model [4].
- Leveraged GPUs deployed as part of the CSC's Taito-GPU supercluster to enable massively parallelized simulations.

Department of Physics, University of California, Davis

2012 - 2018

Graduate Student Researcher

Advisor: Kai Liu

- Developed PyFORC, a suite of open source tools for analyzing and visualizing magnetic measurements using the First-Order Reversal-Curves (FORC) technique (Python).
- Streamlined the Liu group's material analysis pipeline by developing tarmac, a Python library for quickly visualizing Markov-chain monte carlo (MCMC) samples. This library makes it simple to identify correlations between parameters in a statistical model, and to evaluate convergence during curve fitting.
- Fabricated and characterized a wide range of nanoscale magnetic materials, including nanoparticles, thin films, single crystals, and patterned nanostructures using a variety of cutting-edge techniques. Programmed data acquisition and instrument control software for crucial laboratory equipment.

Physics Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA

2011 - 2012

Junior Specialist, ATLAS Experiment

Principal Investigator: Maurice Garcia-Sciveres

- Tested prototype next-generation hardware developed for tracking the trajectories of charged particles at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the largest particle physics experiment in the world.
- Developed system control GUI and backend for an integrated circuit tester (C++ and Qt; version control with SVN). These tools allowed for automated testing of hundreds of chips (entire wafers) at a time, greatly increasing throughput. Chips which passed tests were installed as part of the Insertable B-Layer system at the LHC in 2014, enabling continued studies of the Higgs boson [11].

Physics Department, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga

2010 - 2011

Research Assistant, ALFALFA Collaboration

Advisor: Ron Olowin

• Classified galactic and extragalactic astronomical observations as part of the Arecibo Legacy Fast-ALFA (ALFALFA) project, an international collaboration of astronomers based at the Arecibo Radio Observatory in Puerto Rico.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Physics, University of California, Davis 2012 - 2016Student Tutor and Live-In Mentor, Physics Dept., St. Mary's College of California 2010 - 2011

Laboratory Skills

Fabrication

Sputtering, e-beam evaporation, and e-beam-/photo-lithography and lift-off.

Magnetic Characterization

Vibrating sample magnetometry (VSM), magneto-optic Kerr effect (MOKE), SQUID magnetometry, and magnetoresistance.

Other Techniques

X-ray diffraction (XRD), reciprocal space mapping (RSM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), polarized neutron reflectometry (PNR), x-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) and magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD), and Hall effect and van der Pauw resistivity methods.

Publications

- 1. Gilbert, D. A. et al. Building Bridges from FORC to Phase-Resolved Major Loops. In preparation.
- 2. Murray, P. D. et al. Interfacial-Redox-Induced Tuning of Superconductivity in $\mathbf{YBa_{2}Cu_{3}O_{7-\delta}}$. ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, 9b18820. ISSN: 1944-8244. doi:10.1021/acsami. 9b18820 (2020).
- 3. Rippy, G. et al. X-ray nanodiffraction studies of ionically controlled nanoscale phase separation in cobaltites. *Physical Review Materials* 3, 082001. ISSN: 2475-9953. doi:10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.3.082001 (2019).
- 4. Skaugen, A., Murray, P. D. & Laurson, L. Analytical computation of the demagnetizing energy of thin film domain walls. 2, 1–11. arXiv: 1906.07475 (2019).
- 5. Karayev, S. et al. Interlayer exchange coupling in Pt/Co/Ru and Pt/Co/Ir superlattices. Physical Review Materials 3, 041401. doi:10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.3.041401 (2019).
- 6. Quintana, A. et al. Voltage-Controlled ON-OFF Ferromagnetism at Room Temperature in a Single Metal Oxide Film. ACS Nano 12, 10291-10300. doi:10.1021/acsnano.8b05407 (2018).
- 7. Gilbert, D. A. et al. Ionic tuning of cobaltites at the nanoscale. Physical Review Materials 2, 104402. doi:10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.2.104402 (2018).
- 8. De Toro, J. A. et al. Remanence plots as a probe of spin disorder in magnetic nanoparticles. Chemistry of Materials 29, 8258-8268. doi:10.1021/acs.chemmater.7b02522 (2017).
- 9. Sun, L. et al. Magnetization reversal in kagome artificial spin ice studied by first-order reversal curves. Physical Review B 96, 144409. doi:10.1103/PhysRevB.96.144409 (2017).
- 10. Zhang, Q. et al. Magnetic fingerprint of interfacial coupling between CoFe and nanoscale ferroelectric domain walls. Applied Physics Letters 109, 082906. doi:10.1063/1.4961545 (2016).
- 11. The ATLAS IBL Collaboration. **Prototype ATLAS IBL modules using the FE-I4A front-end readout chip**. *Journal of Instrumentation* **7**, P11010–P11010. doi:10.1088/1748-0221/7/11/P11010 (2012).

Selected Conferences

- P. D. Murray. **Invited colloquium:** Tuning Ionic Distributions for Multifunctional Materials. Tampere University, Tampere, Finland (2019).
- P. D. Murray, D. A. Gilbert, A. J. Grutter, B. J. Kirby, D. Hernandez-Maldonado, M. Varela, Z. E. Brubaker, R. V. Chopdekar, V. Taufour, R. Zieve, J. R. Jeffries, E. Arenholz, Y. Takamura, J. Borchers, and K. Liu. **Poster:** Interfacial-Redox-Induced Tuning of Superconductivity in $YBa_2Cu_3O_{7-\delta}$. International Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, San Francisco, CA (2018).
- P. D. Murray, Z. Chen, D. A. Gilbert, J. Zang, T. Stückler, K. Lenz, B. B. Maranville J. Fassbender, H. Yu, J. Borchers, and K. Liu. **Poster:** *Topological Hall Effect in Planar Artificial Skyrmion Lattices*. Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, Pittsburgh, PA (2017).
- P. D. Murray, D. A. Gilbert, A. J. Grutter, A. L. Ionin, R. V. Chopdekar, A. T. N'Diaye, B. J. Kirby, B. B. Maranville, Y. Takamura, E. Arenholz, K. Liu, and J. Borchers. **Talk:** Complete Suppression of Magnetism in $Gd/(La,Sr)CoO_3$ Films via Redox Design of Oxygen Distributions. Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, New Orleans, LA (2016).