

Sara Sussman

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Education

2018-present **Ph.D, Physics**, Princeton University.
2018 **B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Physics**, Boston University.

Selected Publications

See all on Google Scholar [here](#)

2021

New material platform for superconducting transmon qubits with coherence times exceeding 0.3 milliseconds
A. P. M. Place, L. V. H. Rodgers, ..., S. Sussman, et al.
Nat Commun **12**, 1779 (2021)

2018

Dinucleon and Nucleon Decay to Two-Body Final States with no Hadrons in Super-Kamiokande
Super-Kamiokande Collaboration: S. Sussman, et al.
arXiv, 1811.12430

Experience

Professional

2019-present **Graduate Researcher**, Princeton University.
Work on the design, fabrication and control of superconducting qubits under the supervision of Andrew Houck.
2019-2020 **Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant**, Princeton University.
2016-2018 **Undergraduate Researcher**, Boston University.
Worked on prototyping FPGA-based front-end electronics and upgrading the high voltage system of the Super-Kamiokande neutrino detector under the supervision of Ed Kearns.
2016 **Undergraduate Researcher**, Harvard University.
Created a [website](#) and algorithms for ATLAS collaborators to find potentially malfunctioning hardware in the muon spectrometer under the supervision of Melissa Franklin.

Miscellaneous

2018-present **Organizer**, [Princeton Women in Physics](#), Princeton University.

Awards

2019-2020 Physics Department Teaching Award, Princeton University
2020 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, Department of Defense
2020 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (Declined)
2018-2019 Van Zandt Williams, Sr., *41 Fellowship, Princeton University
2018 Joseph Henry Merit Prize, Princeton University
2018 College Prize in Physics, Boston University

Presentations

2021 Mar **Talk**, *FPGA-based optimal control for two-qubit gates*
APS March Meeting
2021 Jan **Journal Club**, *Superconducting qubits made of tantalum*
ASU/JPL/MIT Quantum Journal Club
2020 Nov **Talk**, *FPGA-based control of a high-coherence superconducting qubit*
Arizona State University Engineering Coffee Hour
2018 Apr **Talk**, *Dinucleon and nucleon decay into two-body final states with no hadrons*
APS April Meeting

Skills

Hardware: RF data acquisition and timing systems, digital and analog circuits, high voltage systems.
Programming: Python, C/C++, Verilog, VHDL, Mathematica, MATLAB.
Software: Xilinx Vivado Design Suite, ExpressPCB, Intel Quartus Prime.
Microfab: Photolithography (photomask and direct write), wet/dry etching, metal deposition, surface metrology (profilometer), imaging (x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy).

Courses Taught

2020 Spring Princeton PHY 109: Mechanics and Electromagnetism - TA
2019 Fall Princeton ELE 308: Electronic and Photonic Devices - TA
2019 Summer Princeton EGR 150: Foundations of Engineering - Lab Instructor ([link](#))

Student Projects Mentored

2021 Summer Inci Karaaslan, "Cross-Entropy-Style Benchmarking of a 13 ns Perfect Entangler"
2020 Spring Connie Miao, "Developing A Serial Port FIFO on an iCE40 FPGA to Prototype Superconducting Qubit Control Feedback Loops"
2019 Summer Petru Cotrut, "FPGA-based Hardware Averaging and Active Reset with the Keysight M9010A PXI Chassis"