Soud Al Kharusi

Education

2018–present **PhD, Physics**, *McGill University*, "Developing nEXO's Outer Detector and the LoLX experiment".

Supervisors: Thomas Brunner, Daryl Haggard

2014-18 Bachelor of Science, Physics, McGill University, Montréal.

Select coursework: Astrophysics, Nuclear Physics, Particle Physics, Hon. Statistical Mechanics, Hon. Classical Mechanics I & II, Hon. Quantum Physics I & II, Algorithms I, Energy & the Environment

Fellowships & Awards

- Fall 2021 1st Place Talk Prize, SNOLAB User's Meeting 2021.
- Fall 2020 Student Award for Contribution to Research, McDonald Institute.
- Fall 2020 Wolfe Fellowship, McGill Department of Physics, \$6,000.
- 2018-19 **Hydro-Quebec Fellowship**, McGill Faculty of Science, \$10,000.
- 2018-19 Alexander McFee Award, McGill Department of Physics, \$10,000.
- Fall 2018 **Globalink Award**, *MITACS*, \$6,000. Visiting scholar at PNNL, Stanford University/SLAC National Lab

Publications

Soud Al Kharusi's updated Google Scholar page.

- 2021 **Adhikari, G.,** et al. (nEXO Collaboration), "nEXO: Neutrinoless double beta decay search beyond 10²⁸ year half-life sensitivity", arXiv:2106.16243.
- 2021 Al Kharusi, S., et al. (SNEWS 2.0 Collboration), "SNEWS 2.0: A Next-Generation SuperNova Early Warning System for Multi-messenger Astronomy", New J. Phys. (2021).
- P., Lv, ... , Al Kharusi, S., et al. (nEXO Collaboration) , "Reflectance of Silicon Photomultipliers at Vacuum Ultraviolet Wavelengths", IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. vol. 67, no. 12, pp. 2501-2510, Dec. 2020, doi: 10.1109/TNS.2020.3035172.
- 2020 Stiegler, T., ..., Al Kharusi, S., et al. (nEXO Collaboration), "Event Reconstruction in a Liquid Xenon Time Projection Chamber with an Optically-Open Field Cage", arXiv preprint arXiv:2009.10231 (2020).
- 2020 **Al Kharusi, S.,** et al. (EXO-200 Collaboration), "Measurement of the Spectral Shape of the β -Decay of 137 Xe to the Ground State of 137 Cs in EXO-200 and Comparison with Theory", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 124 (23), 232502 (2020).

- 2020 Njoya, O., ... , Al Kharusi, S., et al. (nEXO Collaboration) , "Measurements of Electron Transport in Liquid and Gas Xenon using a Laser-driven Photocathode", Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A. 972 (2020) 163965.
- 2020 Nakarmi, P., ... , **AI Kharusi, S.,** et al. (nEXO Collaboration) , "Reflectivity and PDE of VUV4 Hamamatsu SiPMs in liquid xenon", *J. Instrum.* 15 (01), (2020): P01019 .
- 2019 Li, Z., ..., Al Kharusi, S., et al. (nEXO Collaboration), "Simulation of Charge Readout with Segmented Tiles in nEXO.", *J. Instrum.* 14.09 (2019): P09020.
- 2019 Gallina, G., ... Al Kharusi, S., et al. (nEXO Collaboration), "Characterization of the Hamamatsu VUV4 MPPCs for nEXO", Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A. 940 (2019): 371-379.
- 2018 **Al Kharusi, S.,** et al. (nEXO Collaboration), "nEXO Pre-Conceptual Design Report", *arXiv preprint* arXiv:1805.11142 (2018).

Internal Documents:

- 2020 **S. Al Kharusi**, T. Brunner , "nEXO Outer Detector: Water Temperature Study", Tech. Rep., nEXO Internal Documents (nEXO-Sim-015), June 2020.
- 2020 **S. Al Kharusi**, T. Brunner, D. Haggard, "Supernovae, Triggering and GPS", Tech. Rep., nEXO Internal Documents (nEXO-Sim-016), June 2020.
- 2020 **S. Al Kharusi**, T. Brunner, "nEXO Outer Detector Size Study", Tech. Rep., nEXO Internal Documents (nEXO-Sim-012), May 2020.
- 2019 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Cosmogenic Backgrounds to nEXO", Tech. Rep., nEXO Internal Documents (nEXO-Sim-018), January 2019.

Conference Presentations

Oral Presentations:

- 2021 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Neutrinoless double beta decay with nEXO" (invited), McDonald Institute Annual General Meeting (virtual), August 2021.
- 2020 **S. Al Kharusi,** L.J Kaufman, "nEXO Outer Detector and Muon Veto", APS April Meeting (virtual), April 2020 (video).
- 2020 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Supernova Neutrino Detection with nEXO", Canadian Multimessenger Astrophysics Workshop, Montréal, QC, January 2020.
- 2019 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Developments of nEXO's Outer Detector", CAP Annual Meeting, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.
- 2019 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Supernova Neutrinos with nEXO", Centre for Research in Astrophysics of Quebec (CRAQ) Annual Meeting, Lac-à-l'Eau-Claire, QC, May 2019.
- 2019 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Supernova Detection with nEXO (plenary)", nEXO Collaboration Meeting, C.S.U. Fort Collins, CO, January 2019.
- 2017 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Developing an Electroluminescent Light Source for nEXO", Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, October 2017.

Poster Presentations:

2020 **S. Al Kharusi**, "The nEXO Outer Detector and Muon Veto (video pitch)", Neutrino 2020 (virtual), June 2020.

- 2019 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Supernova Neutrinos with nEXO (poster)", CASCA Annual Meeting, McGill University, June 2019.
- 2019 **S. Al Kharusi**, "Supernova Neutrinos with nEXO", SNEWS 2.0 Workshop, Laurentian University, June 2019.

Employment

- Winter 2019 Teaching Assistant, PHYS 258, McGill University, Montréal.
 - o Demonstrated laboratory procedures and safety measures
 - o Assisted in teaching concepts in experimental physics, evaluated student performance
 - Evaluated student performance, graded lab reports
- Summer 2016 Undergraduate Assistant Lab Technician, McGill University, Montréal.
 - Redeveloped the PHYS 257/258 courses at McGill University: introduced new experiments, produced new lab manuals, and purchased new equipment
 - Produced instructional videos for future TAs and lab technicians

Extracurricular Activities & Service Work

- 2021 **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**, nEXO Collaboration.
 - o Established a nEXO undergraduate mentorship program with two co-leads on the project
- 2021 HQP Advisory Board (Events Director), McDonald Institute.
 - o Nominated to the inaugural Highly Qualified Personnel advisory board
 - o Co-lead of software and technical programming at the EIEIOO Summer School 2021.
- 2021 Organizing Committee, WNPPC.
 - Designed the Gather.town virtual conference environment for participant proximity chat for Winter Nuclear and Particle Physics Conference
 - Acted as chair during one morning session
 - o Aided in design, structure, and content of welcome booklet
- 2020-21 MGAPS Representative to PGSS, McGill University.
 - Elected representative of the McGill Graduate Association of Physics Students to the Post Graduate Student Society of McGill
 - 2020 S.O.C & L.O.C, Canadian Multimessenger Astrophysics Workshop 2020, Montreal.
 - Lead the venue selection and organization process
 - o Aided in scheduling local program and recruitment for speaker list
- 2017-18 Vice-President (Internal Affairs), Science Undergraduate Society of McGill.
 - o Managed \$250k budget to host socio-cultural events for science undergraduates
 - Liaised with students, faculty, and city
 - Held a seat on the Science Undergraduate General Council, drafted and passed motions affecting over 4000 undergraduates
- 2016-17 **President**, McGill Society of Physics Students, Montreal.
 - Elected as leader of undergraduate physics representatives
 - Voted departmental council of the year for the faculty of science (2016-17)

Skills

Software Python, C++, bash, GEANT4, ROOT, HTML

Languages English - fluent, Arabic - fluent