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PRINCIPAL INTERESTS

Quantum Enhanced Sensing; Quantum Optical Sensing; Quantum Transport; Ultra-Low Temperature Scanning Probe Microscopy; Ultra-Low Temperature Optical Microscopy and Spectroscopy

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ph.D. in Physics April 2020
[University of Pittsburgh](#), Pittsburgh, PA
• Thesis: “Superconductivity of Strontium Titanate in Reduced Dimensions”
• Supervisor: [Jeremy Levy](#)

Master of Science in Applied Physics May 2014
[Cornell University](#) Ithaca, NY
• Thesis: “Investigation and Perturbation of the Optical Properties of the Single Defects in Zinc Oxide”
• Supervisor: [Gregory David Fuchs](#)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Postdoctoral Research Associate April 2020 - Present
[Oak Ridge National Laboratory](#), Oak Ridge, TN
• Optically probe quantum materials at milli-Kelvins
• Quantum transport of mesoscale devices
• Hybrid quantum sensor development
• Supervisor: [Benjamin J. Lawrie](#)

Internship Sep. 2019 - Mar. 2020
[Oak Ridge National Laboratory](#), Oak Ridge, TN
• milli-Kelvin optical characterization of SrTiO_3
• Supervisor: [Benjamin J. Lawrie](#) and [Ho-Nyung Lee](#)

Internship July. 2019 - Dec. 2019
[Pennsylvania State University](#), State College, PA
• Modeled the ferroelastic morphology of SrTiO_3 , the interplay between charge, polar and octahedral degrees of freedom, using phase-field method with High-Performance Computing (HPC) system
• Supervisor: [Long-Qing Chen](#)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

- *Dean's Tuition Scholarship*, Spring 2020
- *Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Predoctoral Fellowship*, Fall 2019
- *Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship*, 2018-2019
- *Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Fellowship*, 2014-2015

Invited Talk

- Andor, Oxford Instrument, 6/28/2022 ([Oxford Instrument blog post](#)).
- Electronic Materials and Applications 2022. "Optically Probing Quantum Spin Liquid Candidates and Toward Quantum Enhanced Optical Sensing", FL. 1/19/2022. (EMA-071-2022)
- Materials Science Seminar, Penn State University, State College, PA. [11/19/2019](#).
- Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, TN. [8/29/2019](#).

Professional Activities

- Member of various professional societies (APS, 2015 - present, ACerS, 2022 - present).

Chair

- Electronic Materials and Applications 2022 (EMA 2022), *American Ceramic Society*.

Refereed Publications

- Nature Communications, ACS Nano Letters, ACS Materials Letters, Journal of the Optical Society of America B, Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics.

Outreach

- [Appalachian STEM Academy](#), July 11 - July 22, 2022
- *Investing Now!* Science demo for students from under-represented groups. 2017
- Lab tour For students from Taylor-Allderdice High School. 2015, 2016, 2017.

Booth Representative

- Quantum Science Center at *InnovationXLab*, Oct. 7-8, 2020

Leadership Team

- Postdocs and Graduate Students of Quantum Science Center (QSC), Dec. 2020 - Dec. 2021
 - Meet a Quantum Information Science and Technology Expert - Seminar Series (organizer)
 - 1st QSC Poster Session (organizer, booklet), Mar. 4, 2021 ([ORNL News](#))
 - 1st QSC Summer School (Day 4 Moderator) ([Website](#))

TEACHING

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Teaching Assistant

- PHYS 0212 Introduction to Laboratory Physics, Jan. 2019 - Apr. 2019
- PHYS 1426 Modern Physics Laboratory, Jan. 2018 - Apr. 2018
- PHYS 0175 Basic Physics for Science and Engineering II, May 2015 - Jun. 2015

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Lab Assistant

- AEP 2640 Computer Instrumentation Design, Aug. 2013 - Dec. 2013

EXPERTISE

Optical Microscopy and Quantum Optical Microscopy

- Built a confocal microscope onto Asylum Research MFP-3D AFM • Used time-correlated single-photon counting to characterize single photon emitters in ZnO • T1 relaxometry in NV centers
- Polarization-, helicity-resolved milli-Kelvin magneto-Raman spectroscopy • milli-Kelvin magneto-optical microscopy • spin noise spectroscopy
- Did theory and setting up quantum enhanced microscopy with two-mode squeezed light

Quantum Transport

- Fabricate (conductive-AFM lithography) and low noise measurements on quantum dots, electron waveguides, superconducting nanowires.
- Superconducting nanowire single-photon detector jitter, S-parameter measurements.

Low Temperature and Ultra-Low Temperature R&D

- DC and Microwave PCB design: KiCAD, FreeCAD • Mask design: KLayout • CAD: AutoCAD, FreeCAD, Blender • Assembled/installed cryogenic coax cables, cryoamps, etc. • Machine shop • Quantum transport and microwave setup • Troubleshoot milli-Kelvin scanning probe.
- Automated 3 labs at ORNL: (1) mK-confocal, polarization-resolved, magnetic field-dependent Raman, photoluminescence, MOKE, pulse sequence and time tagging with a free-space optical setup with a Leiden CF dilution refrigerator (2) Quantum transport with Oxford Triton dilution refrigerator (3) Polarization-resolved Raman, temperature control and auto-focus with Montana cryostat.
- Also: caretaker for Leiden CF900 (3 years), Oxford Triton (2.5 years), Leiden CF 1500 (2.5 years) • Used: Quantum Design PPMS DR, Oxford DR 200 • Extensive leak checking experience (200+ hours) with Adixen ASM 340, Inficon UL 1000, UL 5000 • Extensive maintenance experience such as single shot, adding ^3He .

Scanning Probe Microscopy

- Asylum Research MFP-3D (>1,000 hours of usage; 2 years as the superuser), Asylum Research Cypher. Nanomagnetism milli-Kelvin-Scanning Probe Microscope (mK-SPM) (> 3 years)
- C-AFM lithography; Implemented the c-AFM lithography for electron waveguides with mK-SPM

Programming, Full Automation, Probabilistic Modeling, Computer Vision

- GitHub: <https://github.com/yypai>
- Python: data analysis and multi-index manipulation (Numpy, Scipy, Pandas, xarray), high-precision math (mpmath), visualization (matplotlib, plot.ly, BlenderPy), website (Django), instrument automation (pyvisa, nidaqmx-python, pythonnet, pywinauto), probabilistic modeling (pyMC3), machine learning (scikit-learn), deep learning (Keras, tensorflow 2.0), computer vision (opencv), quantum physics and quantum photonics (qutip, strawberryfield)
- LabVIEW: NI-DAQmx, JKI state machine, etc; Mathematica; bash, zsh
- Google Script, JavaScript, HTML/CSS (my website <https://yypai.github.io/>)

Lab Database Management

- <https://yypai.github.io/database.html>
- I setup and managed (for 5 years) a lab-wide database in during my PhD. It collects more than 650 instrument time series. The database had successfully helped us troubleshoot our instruments numerous times.

CAD, PCB, Mask, Scientific Art

- AutoCAD, Blender (my gallery: <https://yypai.github.io/art.html>), Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom
- DC and Microwave PCB design: KiCAD, FreeCAD. Mask design: KLayout
- machine shop

PATENT FILLED

See also [my google scholar](#) page.

1. Benjamin J. Lawrie, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Chengyun Hua, Raphael C. Pooser, Claire E. Marvinney, *Quantum Enhanced Magneto-Optical Microscopy*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Under review

6. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Claire E. Marvinney, Liangbo Liang, Ganesh Pokharel, Jie Xing, Allen Scheie, Michael Chilcote, Athena S. Sefat, David Parker, Stephen Wilson, and Benjamin J. Lawrie, "Phonon Chirality Induced by Vibronic-Orbital Coupling".
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.13361>

5. David Curie, Jaron T. Krogel, Lukas Cavar, Abishek Solanki, PrameyUpadhyaya, Tongcang Li, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Michael Chilcote, Vasudevan Iyer, Ilia Ivanov,

Mao-Hua Du, Fernando Reboledo, Benjamin Lawrie, “Correlative nanoscale imaging of strained hBN spin defects”.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.10075>

4. The Windchime Collaboration: Alaina Attanasio, Sunil A. Bhave, Carlos Blanco, Daniel Carney, Marcel Demarteau, Bahaa Elshimy, Michael Febbraro, Matthew A. Feldman, Sohriti Ghosh, Abby Hickin, Seongjin Hong, Rafael F. Lang, Benjamin Lawrie, Shengchao Li, Zhen Liu, Juan P. A. Maldonado, Claire Marvinney, Hein Zay Yar Oo, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Raphael Pooser, Juehang Qin, Tobias J. Sparmann, Jacob M. Taylor, Hao Tian, Christopher Tunnell, “Snowmass 2021 White Paper: The Windchime Project”.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07242>

3. Haoxiang Li, G Fabbri, AH Said, **YY Pai**, QW Yin, CS Gong, ZJ Tu, HC Lei, JP Sun, J-G Cheng, Ziqiang Wang, Binghai Yan, R Thomale, HN Lee, H Miao, “Conjoined Charge Density Waves in the Kagome Superconductor CsV_3Sb_5 ”.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.13530>

2. Haoxiang Li, Yu-Xiao Jiang, J. X. Yin, Sangmoon Yoon, Andrew R. Lupini, **Y. Y. Pai**, C. S. Nelson, A. H. Said, Y. M. Yang, Q. W. Yin, C. S. Gong, Z. J. Tu, H. C. Lei, Binghai Yan, Ziqiang Wang, M. Z. Hasan, H. N. Lee, and H. Miao, “Spatial symmetry constraint of charge-ordered kagome superconductor CsV_3Sb_5 ”.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.03418>

1. Jie Zhang, T. Yilmaz, J. W. R. Meier, **J. Y. Pai** (typo), J. Lapano, H. X. Li, K. Kaznatcheev, E. Vescovo, A. Huon, M. Brahlek, T. Z. Ward, B. Lawrie, R. G. Moore, H. N. Lee, Y. L. Wang, H. Miao, B. Sales, “Flat Band Induced Negative Magnetoresistance in Multi-Orbital Kagome Metal”.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.08888>

Published or Accepted

20. Muneer Alshowkan, Philip G. Evans, Brian P. Williams, Nageswara S. V. Rao, Claire E. Marvinney, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Benjamin J. Lawrie, Nicholas A. Peters, Joseph M. Lukens, “Advanced Architectures for High-Performance Quantum Networking”. *Journal of Optical Communications and Networking*, **14**, 493 (2022)

<https://doi.org/10.1364/JOCN.450201>

19. Michael A. McGuire, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Matthew Brahlek, Satoshi Okamoto, R. G. Moore, “Electronic and topological properties of the van der Waals layered superconductor PtTe_2 .” *Physical Reviews B*. **105**, 184514 (2022)

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.105.184514>

18. Alessandro R. Mazza, Jason Lapano, Harry Meyer, Christopher Nelson, Tyler Smith, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Benjamin J. Lawrie, Timothy R. Charlton, Robert G. Moore, T. Zac Ward, Gyula Eres, Mao-Hua Du, Matthew Brahlek, “Surface-induced

even/odd reversal in the topological magnet MnBi_2Te_4 : Implications for the quantized anomalous Hall effect”. Accepted by Advanced Functional Materials.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/adfm.202202234>

17. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Claire E. Marvinney, Liangbo Liang, Jie Xing, Allen Scheie, Alexander A. Poretzky, Gabor Halasz, Xun Li, Athena S. Sefat, David Parker, Lucas Lindsay, Benjamin J. Lawrie, “Nearly-Resonant Crystalline-Phononic Coupling in Quantum Spin Liquid Candidate CsYbSe_2 ”. *Journal of Materials Chemistry C* **10**, 4148 (2022).
<https://doi.org/10.1039/D1TC05934C>
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16. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Claire E. Marvinney, Chengyun Hua, Raphael C. Pooser, Benjamin J. Lawrie, “Magneto Optical Sensing beyond the Shot Noise Limit”. *Advanced Quantum Technologies* **5**, 2100107 (2022).
<https://doi.org/10.1002/qute.202100107>
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15. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Claire E. Marvinney, Matthew A. Feldman, Brian Lerner, Yoong Sheng Phang, Kai Xiao, Jiaqiang Yan, Liangbo Liang, Jason Lapano, Matthew Brahlek, Benjamin J. Lawrie, “Magnetostriction of $\alpha\text{-RuCl}_3$ flakes in the zigzag phase”. *Journal of Physical Chemistry C* **125**, 46, 25687 (2021).
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14. Jie Zhang, Jong Mok Ok, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Jason Lapano, Elizabeth Skoropata, Alessandro R. Mazza, Haoxiang Li, Amanda Huon, Sangmoon Yoon, Benjamin Lawrie, Matthew Brahlek, T. Zac Ward, Gyula Eres, H. Miao, and Ho Nyung Lee, “Extremely large magnetoresistance in high-mobility $\text{SrNbO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ heterostructures”. *Physical Review B* **104**, L161404 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.104.L161404>
13. Jie Zhang, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Jason Lapano, Alessandro R. Mazza, Ho Nyung Lee, Rob Moore, Benjamin J. Lawrie, T. Zac Ward, Gyula Eres, Valentino R. Cooper, Matthew Brahlek, “Design and realization of Ohmic and Schottky interfaces for oxide electronics”. *Small Science* **2**, 2100087 (2022).
<http://doi.org/10.1002/smssc.202100087>
12. Haoxiang Li, T. T. Zhang, T. Yilmaz, **Y. Y. Pai**, C. E. Marvinney, A. Said, Q. W. Yin, C. S. Gong, Z. J. Tu, E. Vescovo, C. S. Nelson, R. G. Moore, S. Murakami, H. C. Lei, H. N. Lee, B. J. Lawrie, and H. Miao, “Observation of Unconventional Charge Density Wave without Acoustic Phonon Anomaly in Kagome Superconductors AV_3Sb_5 ($\text{A}=\text{Rb}, \text{Cs}$)”. *Physical Review X* **11**, 031050 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevX.11.031050>
11. Jong Mok Ok, Narayan Mohanta, Jie Zhang, Sangmoon Yoon, Satoshi Okamoto, Eun Sang Choi, Hua Zhou, Megan Briggeman, Patrick Irvin, Andrew R. Lupini,

- Yun-Yi Pai**, Elizabeth Skoropata, Changhee Sohn, Haoxiang Li, Hu Miao, Benjamin Lawrie, Woo Seok Choi, Gyula Eres, Jeremy Levy, Ho Nyung Lee, “Correlated oxide Dirac semimetal in the extreme quantum limit”. *Science Advances* **7**, eabf9631 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.abf9631>
10. B. J. Lawrie, M. Feldman, C.E. Marvinney, **Y. Y. Pai**, “Free-space confocal magneto-optical spectroscopies at milliKelvin temperatures” *SPIE Proceedings Volume 11806, Quantum Nanophotonic Materials, Devices, and Systems 2021*; 1180604 (2021).
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 9. Jason Lapano, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Alessandro Mazza, Jie Zhang, Tamara Isaacs-Smith, Patrick Gemperline, Lizhi Zhang, Haoxiang Li, Ho Nyung Lee, Hu Miao, Gyula Eres, Mina Yoon, Ryan Comes, T. Zac Ward, Benjamin J. Lawrie, Michael McGuire, Robert G. Moore, Christopher T. Nelson, Andrew May, Matthew Brahlek, “Self-regulated growth of candidate topological superconducting parkerite by molecular beam epitaxy”. *APL Materials* **9**, 101110 (2021).
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 8. Muneer Alshowkan, Brian P. Williams, Philip G. Evans, Nageswara S. V. Rao, Emma M. Simmerman, Hsuan-Hao Lu, Navin B. Lingaraju, Andrew M. Weiner, Claire E. Marvinney, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Benjamin J. Lawrie, Nicholas A. Peters, Joseph M. Lukens, “A Reconfigurable Quantum Local Area Network Over Deployed Fiber”. *Physical Review X Quantum* **2**, 040304 (2021).
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 7. Jason Lapano, Lauren Nuckols, Alessandro R. Mazza, **Yun-Yi Pai**, Jie Zhang, Ben Lawrie, Rob G. Moore, Gyula Eres, Ho Nyung Lee, Mao-Hua Du, T. Zac Ward, Joon Sue Lee, William J. Weber, Yanwen Zhang, and Matthew Brahlek, “Adsorption-controlled growth of $\text{MnTe}(\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3)_n$ by molecular beam epitaxy exhibiting stoichiometry-controlled magnetism”. *Physical Review Materials* **4**, 111201(R) (2020).
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4. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Anthony Tylan-Tyler, Patrick Irvin, Jeremy Levy, “Physics of SrTiO₃-based heterostructures and nanostructures: a review”. Reports on Progress in Physics **81** 036503 (2018).
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3. L. Chen, J. Li, Y. Tang, **Y.-Y. Pai**, Y. Chen, N. Pryds, P. Irvin, J. Levy, “Extreme reconfigurable nanoelectronics at the CaZrO₃/SrTiO₃ interface”. Advanced Materials **30**, 1801794. (2018)
<https://doi.org/10.1002/adma.201801794>
2. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Anthony Tylan-Tyler, Patrick Irvin, Jeremy Levy, “LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃: a tale of two magnetisms.”, in Vol. 2, Sec. 5 of “Spintronics Handbook: Spin Transport and Magnetism”. 2nd ed” by CRC Press (2019).
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.1201/9780429434235-14/laalo3-srtio3-yun-yi-pai-anthony-tylan-tyler-patrick-irvin-jeremy-levy>
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8. **Yun-Yi Pai**, Claire Marvinney, Matthew Feldman, Chengyun Hua, Jong-Ryul Jeong, Benjamin Lawrie, “Optically Probing Quantum Materials at milliKelvin Temperatures”, 2021 APS March Meeting, [V36.11](#).
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