Welcome back!

UBC High Energy Physics Research



Why study particle/subatomic physics?

- Fundamental questions about the basic laws of physics:
 - what particles exist?
 - what are the interactions between them?
 - what is the role of nuclei and particles in the origin and evolution of the Universe?
- Major discoveries; successful description of reality.
 - Nobel prizes for Higgs at the LHC, neutrino oscillations (SNO), CP violation (BaBar/Belle)
- On the other hand, we know that our model is at best incomplete:
 - Dark matter, matter/anti-matter symmetry, dark energy...

Big questions





- Why is there matter left to make us?
- What is Dark Matter? Dark Energy?
- How many dimensions are there?
- Can we write a Grand Unified Theory?
- Are quarks and leptons indivisible?
- Are there new particles/forces we don't know about?
- Why no CP Violation in the strong force?
- Are neutrinos their own antiparticle?

Some ways to answer these

- Create conditions like just after the big bang in your lab and make, eg, dark matter/Higgs in your lab (Big Particle Accelerators)
- Use the universe to create dark matter and let it hit you (Underground Labs)
- 3) Make a huge number of particles and use extremely rare quantum loop effects to probe physics that may be unreachable by more direct means (Ultra high statistics/Rare decay experiments)

Looking in different ways



Looking in different ways



Underground detectors: let DM interact with your normal detector particles

Looking in different ways



Astro: look for DM annihilation, eg in galactic centres, see normal stuff come out

Why study particle/subatomic physics?

- Sophisticated tools and techniques
 - enormous, advanced detectors and accelerators
 - Deep underground pits (who says no to being 2km underground with only 1 way out?)
 - data analysis; data science; machine learning
 - cutting edge computing and software techniques
 - large, international collaborations
 - time spent at international laboratories

ATLAS @ LHC



Truly global scientific effort

- Science at the extremes LHC
- 27 km circumference accelerator
- Highest energy collider, 13 TeV ATLAS
- 25m high x 46m long, 7000 tons
- Smallest detector element (pixel): 50x400µm, 80.8M of them
- We are building our upgraded detector here with 5B readout channels, taking a <u>new picture</u> every 25ns



- 3000 scientists
 - ~1000 graduate students
- 174 institutions
- 38 countries



ATLAS @ UBC

atlas_faculty@phas.ubc.ca

- Close collaboration between UBC faculty & TRIUMF scientists
- Group: 2 UBC faculty, 2 TRIUMF, 4 postdocs, 8 grad students
- Multiple areas of data analysis involvement
 - Searching for
 - Dark Matter
 - New forces (Z')
 - Using top quarks (Z', Little Higgs,...)
 - Long-lived particles (Dark Sector)
 - Precision measurements
 - Top quark
 - Higgs boson
- Multiple areas of hardware involvement
 - Machine learning to reconstruct high momentum particles
 - New Inner Detector (ITk) construction and readout electronics for 2026
 - New muon chamber (small wheel) for 2022
 - Transition Radiation Tracker readout electronics
 - Many responsibilities within the collaboration
 - Leading physics groups (top, SUSY, exotics, upgrade)
 - Hardware components (TRT)



Colin Gay Full Prof /Dept Head



Alison Lister Associate Prof



Oliver Stelzer-Chilton TRIUMF / Adj. Prof 10

March 5, 2021

SuperCDMS Dark Matter Experiment

Direct search for dark matter candidates using cryogenic germanium detectors deep underground.

UBC Faculty: Scott Oser

Superconducting sensors operated at transition point used to measure tiny increase in crystal temperature caused by dark matter interactions, along with ionization of crystal.





New experiment at SNOLAB now under construction, with datataking beginning in 2022.

UBC group working with TRIUMF to develop new DAQ.

Contact: oser@phas.ubc.ca

March 5, 2021

Grad Student Open House - Subatomic Physics

Belle II at the SuperKEKB e⁺e⁻ collider, Japan

Christopher Hearty, <u>hearty@physics.ubc.ca</u>, Henn 268 Janis McKenna, <u>janis@physics.ubc.ca</u>, Henn 262

- Search for new physics through using rare decays, CP violation, forbidden processes, & new particles, using 30x more data than BaBar+Belle
- We are looking for new graduate students — a great opportunity to conduct your research at the world's highest luminosity accelerator.



SuperKEKB produced first data with full detector spring 2019.

Particle Physics: Rare Decay Group

Doug Bryman (J. B. Warren Chair)

Seeking new physics at high mass scales: searching for deviations from precise SM predictions.

* CERN NA62: Precise measurment of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ v \overline{v}$, ultra-rare decays.

 $MA62 \bigotimes_{\mu} \xrightarrow{\mu} SM: B(K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \overline{\nu}) = (8.4 \pm 1.0) \ x10^{-11}$ NA62 Precision goal: 10%

Projects: Data analysis; Liquid Kr Calorimeter; Pixel tracker

* **TRIUMF** \bigotimes **PIENU** Precise test of e- μ Universality: $B(\pi^+ \to e^+ v) = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \to ev(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \to \mu v(\gamma))}$ SM: $B(\pi^+ \to e^+ v) = (1.2352 \pm 0.0002)x10^{-4}$ PIENU Precision goal: 0.1%

Recent Searches for Heavy Sterile Neutrinos: Improvements x 10-100



CERN Axion Solar Telescope





The axion is a pseudoscalar field particle postulated in 1977 to explain the absence of CPV in the strong interaction. It is one of the leading candidates for DM.

Over the past 15 years **CAST** has established the world's best limits on the axion coupling from $m_a = 10^{-5}$ to 1.5 eV using low bkgd x-ray detectors. We are now building Haloscopes (Microwave Cavities) to search in the lower mass region $m_a = 10^{-6} - 10^{-3}$ eV.

UBC Theorist Ariel Zhitnitsky has recently postulated that Axion Quark Nuggets could explain the approximate equality of the ratio $\Omega_{dark} \sim \Omega_{visible}$ and that they could be the source of Solar Flares in the corona of the Sun.

March 5, 2021 We are looking for a new MSc student to join us in this exciting axion search. - M. Hasinoff/A. Zhitnitsky



neutrinoless double-beta-decay

Search for predicted rare beta-decay mode, only possible if neutrino is its own antiparticle UBC Faculty: Reiner Kruecken

nEXO is a next generation ton-scale ¹³⁶Xe experiment to be placed into SNOLAB.









UBC/TRIUMF group working on Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM) photo detector development for 5 m² nEXO photodetector and next generation light-to-digital converter

Contact: kruecken@phas.ubc.ca

March 5, 2021

TRIUMF: From the cosmos to the lab (and back)



Neutron-Star mergers emit gravitational waves and...



...produce very short-lived, neutron-rich isotopes...



...and we measure their physical properties like half-lives, nuclear structure, decay modes etc.



- How?
- With modern nuclear detection methods and isotopes produced by the worlds' largest cyclotron accelerator





Reiner Kruecken (kruecken@phas.ubc.ca) Iris Dillmann (dillmann@triumf.ca)



Ion-trap for precision mass measurements, fed by TRIUMF's ISAC accelerator to produce rare short-lived isotopes

Dr. Jens Dilling (TRIUMF, UBC adjunct)

See TITAN and Jens on TRIUMF tour Saturday.

The TITAN Experimental Program

Measuring the mass of short-lived isotopes with high precision

Radioactive isotopes from ISAC are sent to TITAN to undergo cooling, chargebreeding and trapping. The entire process occurs in about 10 milliseconds, allowing radioactive isotopes with short half lives to be studied.



TRIUMF's Neutral Atom Trap for Beta Decay

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If detectors 1, 2 have different rates, Time-reversal symmetry is violated (or the detectors are not the same)

Contact John Behr, TRIUMF for atomic+nuclear experiments If this neutrino went up, it was wrong-handed:

CdZnTe

MCP

CdZnTe 2

Backup

*****TRIUMF **Hyper-Kamiokande**

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Proton decay

(matter-antimatter asymmetry)

Particle beam experiments



Machine

Learning

Detector development & calibration





Multi-messenger astronomy

ПОМЕ Accelerator Science & Engineering Research at









Muon g-2/EDM at J-PARC

- Goal: confirm or refute >3σ disagreement with Standard Model for the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon
 - previous result from BNL E821
 - similar experiment under construction at FNAL (E989)
- Method relies on acceleration of μ⁺ after laser ionization of thermal muonium (μ⁺e⁻)
 - muonium production from laser-ablated silica aerogel materials developed and demonstrated at TRIUMF
- Laser ionization development program at RAL (UK) and J-PARC (Japan) pulsed muon beams
 - MPPC detectors, analog and digital (TDC) readout electronics systems to be developed at TRIUMF
 - aerogel target production (ablation) and characterization ongoing at UBC and UVic (Advanced Microscopy Lab – see photos)
 - simulation to understand muonium production in laser-ablated aerogel materials

Contact Glen Marshall at TRIUMF: <u>glen.marshall@triumf.ca</u> 604-222-7466



Confocal microscope images of laser-ablated surfaces of aerogel: Above: 30 mg cm⁻³, 500 μ m spacing. Below: 30 mg cm⁻³, 300 μ m spacing.





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CREATE program: Isotopes for Science and Medicine



Medical Physics in Vancouver and beyond

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging in the Central Nervous System: In vivo and post mortem validation studies

RESEARCH AREAS

- In vivo technique development and characterization of human brain and spinal cord (multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, controls, etc)
- Post mortem validation of advanced MRI with histology



Corree Laule www.mripathology.ca corree@physics.ubc.ca



Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Neurological Disease

- Our goals are to develop new MRI techniques that can be translated for use in neurological disease, such as multiple sclerosis (MS).
- We work closely with many departments including Neurology, Radiology, and Computer Science to translate technical developments to clinical tools.
- We work on state-of-the-art research MRI scanners (3T and 64mT), with project ranging from designing and pulse programming new techniques, performing simulations, scanning phantoms or healthy volunteers, to applications in patient groups including clinical trials.



Shannon Kolind shannon.kolind@ubc.ca



Oxygen-Enhanced MRI (dOE-MRI): **Mapping Presence and** Absence of Oxygen in Tissue



Oxygen breathing challenge





7T @ UBC MRI **Research Centre**)

800

Andrew Minchinton **Stefan Reinsberg**

Dr. Nancy L. Ford

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Research Areas: Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) Cardiac imaging Respiratory imaging Contrast agents Image-based analysis





Investigating brain function in health and disease using hybrid PET/MRI in the UBC DM Center for Brain Health Research areas:

Vesna Sossi



1. instrumentation, image reconstruction and multi-modal image analysis

2. application of advanced multi-modal image analysis methods to human studies

Selected Example of projects:

- 1. Investigation of **brain energetics** (production and utilization of glucose) in health and disease and susceptibility to exercise (Bevington, PhD)
- 2. Investigation of the **coupling between task related neurotransmitter release** (PET) and hemodynamic connectivity (MRI) in health and disease (Bevington MSc, Hanania, Reimers, PhD)
- Investigation of the relationship between metabolic networks (PET) and brain resting state connectivity (MRI) (Hanania, PhD)
- 4. Definition of **multi-modal neurochemical and connectivity patterns** as sensitive disease and

disease progression biomarkers (J Fu, PhD) All projects require development of novel PET and MRI data processing and analysis algorithms Quantitative Radiomolecular

Quantitative Tomography Lab

rahmimlab.com

- Molecular Imaging and Therapy of Cancer Patients
- Theranostic (Therapeutic+Diagnostic) Imaging
- Tomographic Imaging (PET/CT, SPECT/CT) ۲

Imaging & Therapy

- Quantitative 3D and 4D Image Reconstruction ٠
- Deep learning methods to process images ٠
- Al-based radiomics to predict cancer patient outcomes
- Realistic anthropomorphic phantom studies to optimize ٠ clinical imaging



PET/CT

















Zeng Lab at BC Cancer Research Centre

https://www.bccrc.ca/dept/io/labs/zeng-lab hzeng@bccrc.ca



- Research Focus light-tissue interaction & its applications in medical diagnosis and therapy
- Current Projects
 - Multiphoton Photothermolysis for Precision Microsurgery (for Eye diseases)
 - Skin Cancer Detection Multiphoton Microscopy and Raman Spectroscopy
 - Lung Cancer Screening Breath analysis by Raman spectroscopy
 - Colorectal Cancer Detection Raman Spectroscopy and Endomicroscopy Imaging



The CARA Project



\$39,000

Grant

\$350,000

Patent 2019

Canadian Société canadienne Cancer Society du cancer

Principle Investigator C Duzenli of Moist Desquamation



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of patients

Skin dose measurements

No Moist Desq.



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95%

100%

105%

110%

85%



Monte Carlo Modelling of Vero 4DRT platform for 4pi "Dynamic Wave Arc" Deliveries

Provincial Health Services Authority



Alanah Bergman Maryam Rostamzadeh BC Cancer Vancouver, UBC

Yoshitomo Ishihara Mitsuhiro Nakamura Kyoto University

Tony Popescu Ermias Gete Tony Mestrovic BC Cancer Vancouver, UBC



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Dynamic Wave Arc

Monte Carlo

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Monte Carlo for Secondary Dose Calculation Verification on Patient Geometries

1st Patient Treated Oct 2019!



Fiducial-less Dynamic Tumour Tracking for Lung and Liver SABR

Provincial Health Services Authority



Dynamic Tumour Tracking



Alanah Bergman Marie-Laure Camborde Fania Karan Fony Mestrovic Emily Carpentier Steven Thomas Mitchell Liu MD Roy Ma MD Fina Zhang MD Maryam Rostamzadeh Fiducial-less Tracking of Lung Tumour directly (or other surrogate e.g. diaphragm)

Current Liver SABR Tracking requires implanted Fiducials, an Invasive Procedure
Current Lung SABR relies on ITV method (motion encompassing) as Fiducials not implanted
→ Future: Tracking with NO fiducials
BC CAN CER

Stereotactic Radiosurgery for the treatment of Ventricular Tachycardia

Provincial Health Services Authority

a place of mind



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Co-I Justin Poon UBC Physics

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Courtesy of Richard Thompson





Patient specific susceptibility induced MRI geometric distortion prediction & correction for patients with metallic implants receiving Provincial Health Services Authority

a place of mind



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Dose perturbation of esophageal stents in VMAT

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Robert Kosztyla¹, Cheryl Duzenli¹, Basil S. Nasir², Shilo Lefresne¹

(1) BC Cancer - Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia, (2) Centre Hospitalier de l'Universite de Montreal, Montreal, Quebec

There is concern about the safety of combining stents with radiotherapy due to potential impact of the stent on dosimetric parameters leading to undercoverage of the tumor or increased toxicity.

Prior studies using static photon beam arrangements identified dose perturbations of 5–20%.

Perturbations arising from volumetric modulated arc therapy (VMAT) have not been reported.



CT images in (a) axial (b) coronal, and (c) sagittal planes of the phantom are shown with the isodose distribution of the VMAT plan calculated by the TPS. Gafchromic EBT3 films following irradiation. The bottom of each film abutted the stent during irradiation. (c-f) Dose and percentage dose difference in film vs TPS along profiles at different distances from the stent.



Percentage dose difference measured on film versus the dose calculated by the TPS for different distances from the stent.



The measured dose distribution at distances greater than 2.5 mm from the stent agrees with the dose calculated by the treatment planning system.

Future investigation should entail Monte Carlo simulations to investigate dose perturbations at distances less than 2.5 mm from the stent, and confirmation of similar findings with stents of varying composition

Staff personal dosimetry from Lutetium-177 nuclear medicine treatments

M. Peter Petric, Sheila MacMahon, Lauren Fougner

Background

- Therapeutic Lu-177 injections for treatment of metastatic prostate cancer patients (PSMAbound) or neuro-endocrine cancer patients (DOTATOC-bound)
 - Doses: 7.4 GBq at 6 week intervals
 - Beta emitter [490 keV] with some gamma emission [210 keV]
 - Medium-lived isotope $[t_{\gamma_2} = 6.6 \text{ days}]$

Objective

- Assess staff personal dosimetry from Lu-177 treatments including eye doses
- Monitored staff includes:
 - Cyclotron staff (synthesize doses)
 - PET technologists (administer injections & monitor patient vitals)
- Enhanced staff dose monitoring includes:
 - Eye dosimeters
 - Electronic personal dosimeters fitted with beta detection modules
 - Standard OSLD body and TLD ring dosimeters







BC Cancer Vancouver



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Automatic Deep Learning-based Segmentation of Brain Metastasis on MPRAGE MR Images for Stereotactic Radiotherapy Planning

C.L.Swift

Poster: 3B

A Breast Skin Assessment Pilot (POSI B-SKIP) Comparing Patient Reposted Outcomes and Therapist Assessment of Moist Desquamation in Breast C. Duzenli

C. Duzenii

Poster: 33A

FLASH Radiotherapy at BC Cancer: Vancouver

T. Karan, C. Duzenli, P. Petric, A. Bergman Poster: 13B





Can Low-Cost Magnetic Resonance Distortion Phantoms be 3D Printed? H. Clark Poster: 7D

Advancing to complex radiotherapy

tracking (DTT) on the Vero4DRT linear

A. Mestrovic, A. Bergman, E Gete, ML

techniques with dynamic tumor

Camborde, CL Swift, T Karan

accelerator

Poster: 8A





Optimization and evaluation of dynamic wave arc trajectory radiotherapy for patients treated on a dedicated Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR) system **A. Pourmoghaddas,** A. Bergman Poster: 10A



Radiomics and machine learning for outcomes prediction



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The Universe





The Universe at UBC

Jaymie Matthews Astrophysicist UBC Physics & Astronomy



CMB (Cosmic Microwave Background) Other galaxies Large Scale Structure **Local Group of Galaxies** Milky Way **Star clusters and star/planet formation Stars Exoplanets Trans-Neptunian Objects** Planets, dwarf planets, moons, asteroids Sun

Moon

space telescopes high-altitude balloons

surface of Earth Largest telescopes























Some of the 'deepest' images ever made with **Hubble lead** to better estimates of the ages of the oldest star clusters and better knowledge of cluster formation dynamics



















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Forbes Magazine's Top 30 Under 30



Michelle Kunimoto on Forbes Lists

30 Under 30 - Science (2017)

www.forbes.com/ 30-under-30-2017/ science/

Michelle Kunimoto

Master's Candidate, University of British Columbia

Age	23		
Residence	Vancouver, Canada		
Education	Bachelor of Arts Science, University of British Columbia		

Currently studying astronomy for her Master of Science following her undergraduate in honors physics and astronomy, Kunimoto discovered four planet candidates using Kepler data. She also tracked the data necessary for astronomers to better understand a dusty hyperluminous quasar.



SCIENCE Discovering new worlds, in our cells and outer space Edited by Alex Knapp, Matt Perez and Sarah Hedgecock

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Jess Mclver

Gravitational wave astrophysics

and multi-messenger astronomy

- What's out there in the dark stellar graveyard?
- What can we learn about how stars live and die from the cosmic collisions of black holes and neutron stars?
- How fast is the Universe expanding?
- Why do core-collapse supernovae explode?
- What is the structure of highly dense matter?
- What mechanisms drive energetic jets and generate heavy elements in the Universe?



Learn new skills: 'big data' science, Bayesian analysis, machine learning





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Galaxy formation & evolution





Allison Man

Gravitational lensing

Galaxy mergers & star formation



Active galactic nuclei feedback

























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CHIME

Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment

COSMOIOGY Cosmic Microwave Background

scale of the Universe Size and distance

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We have built a telescope dedicated to probe dark energy by mapping y neutral hydrogen al in the Universe



Cosmic Microwave Background





The **Canadian Galactic Emission Mapper** is a new telescope we are building at the DRAO to map polarized emission of the entire Northern sky at 10 GHz. These data on galactic foregrounds are an important part of the effort to find primordial gravitational radiation from inflation, lurking in the background CMB polarization.



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Moon

space telescopes high-altitude balloons

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Gravity Particle physics Cosmology unders-Via Einstein's (Juantum General Relativity Field Theory





Still many open questions: What is dark matter? What is dark energy? Is there new physics beyond the standard model? Why is there more matter than antimatter? What is the origin of the CMB?

Kris Sigurdson

My theoretical research interests span cosmology and its connections to fundamental particle physics and string theory.



What physics do we need to explain Dark Matter? Dark Energy? Inflation?

David Morissey

Elementary Particle Physics



- New particles and interactions (e.g. supersymmetry, extra dimensions, strong forces)
- Interpretation and explanation of LHC data
- Candidates for dark matter
- Origin of the matter-antimatter
 asymmetry
- Ways to test this stuff
 experimentally



Eric Zhitnitsky

I work on Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) in the unusual environment when temperature, chemical potential, the so-called theta parameter are non-zero. Such a study is important in the area where the particle physics / nuclear physics / astrophysics / cosmology are overlapped.



What is the physics of black holes? , distribution -> black hole merger physics

Jess Mclver

Gravitational wave experiment with LIGO

- Large-scale instrumentation: improving the performance of the Advanced LIGO detectors
- Noise characterization and modelling
- Use GWs to explore new tests of general relativity, cosmology, and astrophysics



Part of team UBC at LIGO-Livingston

Matt Choptuik

Numerical relativity at UBC: see http://laplace.phas.ubc.ca for more info.



Bill Unruh





Black Hole analogy: (above) Model black hole quantum emission in fluids (water waves, BEC, optical)

Kristin Schleich

Classical relativity and quantum gravity, especially the role **topology** plays in the classical and quantum dynamics of our universe.

General relativity in **higher dimensions**, with a focus on problems related to **M-theory and string theory**.

PHILIP

STAMP

Decoherence

quantum gravity

Alternatives

standard quantum mechanicst gravity

Can we understand quantum gravity? Where do time + space come from? What is the big bang? string theory What's inside a black hole? AdS/CFT correspondence

- also alternative approaches

Joanna Karczmarek



also: simple models for low D quantum for low D quantum gravity bblack holes

Moshe Rozali

connections to condensed matter physics







Gordon Semenoff

I work on theoretical elementary particle physics, quantum field theory and string theory:



Atomic, Molecular and Optical (AMO) Physics

The study and control of individual atoms, molecules and photons, and their interactions with one another.

Extreme Frontiers of AMO!

Ultra-cold Atoms

Molecular Super-Rotors

Extreme UV, Single photons



Madison Research Group

Ultracold Atoms and Molecules





We have used laser cooled atoms to realize the first *quantum pressure standard* for ultra-high vacuum.



QUANTUM CHEMISTRY





Optical

Milner Research Group

Molecular Super-Rotors



Ultra-fast (10 THz) **Uni-directional Coherent** Controlled **Selective**

1. Non-interacting GAS



... of chiral super-rotors

2. Weakly interacting **Ultra-Cold PLASMA**



3. Strongly interacting SUPERFLUID





Jones Research Group

Extreme UV







Organic Photovoltaics

Topological insulators and High-T_c **superconductors**

Energy





4nm



Young Research Group

Nano-photonics and Quantum Optics

Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics



Integrated Silicon Photonic Circuitry



Single Photon Detectors



SOI Waveguide W=500nm, H=190nm



Single Photon Sources

Two Centers for AMO Physics at UBC		
CHIRALITY RESEARCH ON ORIGINS AND SEPARATION		
AMO @	Department of PHYSICS	Department of CHEMISTRY
EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES	David Jones Kirk Madison Valery Milner Jeff Young	Takamasa Momose Edward Grant Keng Chou
THEORETICAL STUDIES	Fie Zhou Mona Berciu	Roman Krems

Biophysics: the Physics of the 21st century

UBC PHAS, with Michael Smith Labs, SBME, GSAT, BIONF, Nanomedicine, Mathematical Biology, Chemistry, Zoology...

UBC PHAS Colloquium Sept 16, 2021

Working at the Interface of Physics, Biology, and Medicine

There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom

An invitation to enter a new field of physics.

by Richard P. Feynman



1978

1944

New biophysical tools, and new ideas, enable new discoveries

"...It is very easy to answer many of these fundamental biological questions; you just look <u>at the thing</u>! You will see the order of bases in the chain; you will see the structure of the microsome. Unfortunately the present microscope sees at a scale which is just a bit of information.."

– Richard Feynman, 1978



DNA



Part of spike protein on SARS-COV-2

Biophysics subgroup

Sabrina Leslie sabrinaleslie@phas.ubc.ca

Single-molecule microscopy, applications to DNA, RNA, therapeutics, mRNA vaccines





Steven Plotkin steve@phas.ubc.ca

Molecular genetic origins of multicellular animals, Protein misfolding, SARS-CoV-2 vaccine/Ab development

Carl Michal michal@phas.ubc.ca

NMR and MRI, brain research, spider silk, synthetic materials





Joerg Rottler jrottler@physics.ubc.ca

Material properties from an atomistic perspective, machine learning, polymers, biomaterials

In common: Understand biological systems Innovating instrumentation, analysis, theory

NMR and other microscopies

Can we democratize boutique technologies to accelerate science?



AI to assist data analysis





Single-molecule and single-cell microscopy of molecules, particles, cells, tissues, ..



Biophysics skill sets through research: Instrumentation, microscopies, optics, theory, computation, AI, machine learning, fabrication, wet sample handling, biotechnology

Rottler Lab

softness map





Towards an atomistic understanding of materials



Biopolymers, biomechanical response, AI, ..

Michal Lab



Brain research





Spider silk and synthetic materials



NMR

New investigations of bio materials using NMR and MRI; further innovating these tools to democratize their use

Leslie Lab



imaging DNA in nano-grooves

molecule visibility

(and other molecules)

dynamics in cells

Single-molecule (SM) and single-cell platform for therapeutics discovery and development

Plotkin Lab



Molecular genetic origins of multicellular animals



Protein misfolding and aggregation

Molelular design of therapeutics for SARS-CoV-2

Thanks and happy to meet: looking for great students!

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Single-molecule microscopy, applications to DNA, RNA, therapeutics, mRNA vaccines





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Molecular genetic origins of multicellular animals, Protein misfolding, SARS-CoV-2 vaccine/Ab development

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NMR and MRI, brain research, spider silk, synthetic materials





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Material properties from an atomistic perspective, machine learning, polymers, biomaterials
(Quantum) CONDENSED MATTER THEORY at UBC

Fei Zhou













Interacting quantum many-body systems: "emergent phenomena"



More Is Different

Broken symmetry and the nature of the hierarchical structure of science.

P. W. Anderson

The reductionist hypothesis may still be a topic for controversy among philosophers, but among the great majority of active scientists I think it is accepted planation of phenomena in terms of known fundamental laws. As always, distinctions of this kind are not unambiguous, but they are clear in most cases. Solid state physics, plasma physics, and perhaps

less relevance they seem to have to the very real problems of the rest of science, much less to those of society.

The constructionist hypothesis breaks down when confronted with the twin difficulties of scale and complexity. The behavior of large and complex aggregates of elementary particles, it turns out, is not to be understood in terms of a simple extrapolation of the properties of a few particles. Instead, at each level of complexity entirely new properties appear, and the understanding of the new behaviors requires research which I think is as fundamental in its nature as any other. That is, it seems to me that one may array the sciences roughly linearly in a hierarchy, according to the idea: The elementary entities of science X obey the laws of science Y.

Large scale quantum phenomena can't be understood as a simple extrapolation of microscopic individual particles. Strong interactions lead more exotic phenomena.





Superconductor (HTcS)

1) electrons can condense and superflow!

2) strongly interacting electron can super-conduct at high T.

Fractional Quantum Hall (FQH): a topological liquid

Laughlin state with 1/3 electron per flux in B-field Quasi- particles carrying 1/3 of electron charges.

Why "emergent phenomena" surprising?

A) Quantum matter can break the symmetries of the microscopic interactions (Superconductor/superfluid, ferromagentic-anti-ferromagentic etc)

- B) Strong interactions/high "degeneracy" due to either quantum or classical configurations leading to fractionalization and non-local "topological order", an open area (various FQHs, Non-Abelian electronic or spin liquids and topological quantum computers etc).
- C) Strong interactions fine tuned to certain critical values lead scale/ conformal symmetries emergent at large scale quantum phenomena. They represent singularities making it impossible to extrapolate (from individual constitutes) and are pivotal to emergent physics.

Condensed Matter Theory (more info at www.physics.ubc.ca/cmt)



Quantum CMT GROUP

others with overlap in CMT





Robert Bill Unruh Raussendorf



Mona Berciu:

 \rightarrow I work on finding accurate variational approximations for systems with strong electron-phonon coupling and/or strong correlations. We use these methods to study certain properties of high-temperature cuprates, rare-earth nickelates, bismuthates, etc.







Marcel Franz:

 \rightarrow I specialize in topological states of quantum matter, superconductivity, systems with strong interactions and anything else out of the ordinary.









PHILIP STAMP



Black Hole: where GR confronts QM



chlorosome (green



Vortices in rotating superfluid



Magnetic molecules: Qubits for a Q computer

Large-Scale Quantum Phenomena: Decoherence in Nature. Building a Quantum Computer. Large-scale coherence in biological systems. Large-scale quantum phenomena in spin systems; Quantum spin glasses & quantum glasses; Dynamics of superfluids & vortices

Quantum Mechanics & General Relativity; Breakdown of QM caused by gravity; Gravitational Decoherence (project with WG Unruh)

Fei Zhou:

→ Quantum Criticality in Symmetry Protected/Enriched Topological States and Emergent Gapless topological states;

→ Non-equilibrium Quantum Dynamics in Strongly Interacting Systems;

 $\rightarrow\hbar$ -Bounded Planckian Dynamics and Emergent holographic/ Ads/CFT-related quantum matter in CMP.



Robert Raussendorf:

 \rightarrow My research is in quantum computation. I am particularly interested in computational models, such as computation by measurements, and in making quantum computers stable against the effects of noise and decoherence.







understanding Desig

Design/Create: Molecular beam epitaxy, crystal growth, organic self-assembly

Observe/Understand: STM, ARPES, REXS, transport, optics, μ SR, NMR

Understand/Design: Band structure computation, modelling of interactions, connect structure & properties





Rapid growth & new opportunities:

- 2010: cluster of 15 faculty groups spanning physics, chemistry,
- engineering, with common interest in quantum materials
- 2010: joined with Max Planck Institute
- 2014: QMI extension started
- 2015: \$66.5M Canada First Excellence Research Fund (CFREF)
- with new faculty hires planned
- 2017: Moved into new Building
- 2021: Finish cluster of new faculty hiring



Measurement facilities

- Magnetic susceptibility
- DC resistivity
- High magnetic field measurement
- microwave spectroscopy
- Scanning Tunneling Microscopy and Spectroscopy ³

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Doug Bonn Superconductivity Group

Single crystal growth and characterization of cuprates, Fe-based superconductors, and other strongly-correlated materials.



Sarah Burke Laboratory for Atomic Imaging Research





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Organic materials for photovoltaic energy conversion

Exotic electronic materials: Superconductors & graphene







Laboratory for Atomic Imaging Research Burke lab project highlights



Photoinduced charge transfer for photovoltaic systems

Self-assembly for control of nanoscale systems (photovoltaics, catalysis, electronics & spintronics... ?)







Using adatoms to modify and probe electronic structure



The Hallas Group Quantum Materials Design Lab



Learn more: <u>https://hallas.phas.ubc.ca</u> Get in touch: alannah.hallas@ubc.ca We discover new quantum materials that exhibit remarkable magnetic and electronic behaviors. You will:

- Grow crystals using state of the art synthesis techniques (high pressure and floating zone)
- Solve crystal structures using x-ray crystallography
- Perform property measurements down to 50 mK and up to 14 T.
- Travel to international facilities to perform experiments (neutron scattering and muon spin relaxation)









2-dimensional crystal materials with novel electronic properties

Molecular beam epitaxy:

- Synthesizing crystals in UHV
- With atomic level of precision and control
- Minimum impurities and defects
- Ideal for high-quality 2D materials with nm thickness



To study 2D materials with novel electronic properties: Superconductors, topological insulators, Weyl semimetals,

TEM of high-Tc superconductor monolayer FeSe/SrTiO₃



Integrate MBE synthesis with other characterization tools:

XRD, TEM, AFM, Nanofabrication, electrical transport, and *in situ* ARPES (with Damascelli group)

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Steve Dierker

- . Quantum Materials Electron Microscopy Center
 - Two state of the art electron microscopes:
 - atomic imaging and characterization of materials
 - momentum resolved electron energy loss (EELS) measurements with unprecedented energy resolution
 - Research Topics
 - Momentum dependence of the dielectric function of quantum materials
 - Collective excitations in inhomogeneous strongly correlated matter
 - · Confined optical modes in polaritonic media



Momentum resolved EELS measurements of phonon dispersion curves in monolayer graphene

Oxygen Copper Strontium Chloride

TEM image of $Sr_2CuO_2Cl_2$ along the [100] axis (left) and atomic model (right)

- II. Nanospectroscopy Laboratory
 - Optical spectroscopy with ~ nm spatial resolution at low temperatures and large magnetic fields
 - Research Topics
 - Nanophotonic devices based on polaritons in 2D electrides and layered transition metal oxides
 - Controlling them by integration with quantum materials





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Anisotropic hyperbolic polaritons in MoO₃





Fundamentals:

- Topological superconductivity in twisted heterostructures
- Simulating many-body physics in Moire superlattice
- Excitonic BEC condensate

Optical spectrscoy 2D materials and their heterostructures

Ziliang Ye AP in Physics and Astronomy and Quantum Matter Institute since 2017





Exp techniques: Ultrafast optics

Nearfield optics



Applications:

- Bulk photovoltaic
 effect (photodetector
 without pn junction)
- Flexible optoelectronic devices



Josh Folk: Quantum Devices Group:

(Nano)Electronics to probe new materials,





Exotic properties of monolayer WTe₂ encapsulated with boron nitride layers. InAs nanowire device for probing Majorana fermions at the wire ends.





Measuring quantum electronics



(Uwanno et al, 2D Materials, 2015)

Quantum Information Processing using Spin Qubits Embedded in Silicon Photonic Circuits: *Jeff Young (young@phas.ubc.ca)*

Photons used to read out and control/couple material qubits

- Direct electronic coupling of atomic-scale qubits non-trivial, especially for electrons in silicon
- Photons are "bigger", whether localized or "flying", so relax fabrication tolerances to 10's of nm range
- Photons almost immune to stochastic noise (though they can be lost)



β -detected Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and μ SR: Interface Effects in Solids Andrew MacFarlane, Rob Kiefl



Electronic, magnetic and structural properties of thin films and interfaces are often very distinct compared to the bulk. Highly sensitive radioactive spin probes (β -NMR at TRIUMF, low energy μ SR at PSI) are being used to explore this behaviour in:



βNQR

BNMR

Also using the low energy muon facility

at Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI).

near Zurich

- superconductors
- magnetic materials
- ionic conductors
- polymers
 - topological insulators
 - correlated electron
- catalysts ...

QUANTUM MATERIALS IN THE TIME DOMAIN

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ARPES AND REIXS USERS' FACILITIES

SBQMI Beamlines @ Canadian Light Source



QMSC: Quantum Materials Spectroscopy Centre



REIXS: Resonant Elastic & Inelastic X-ray Scattering



Sawatzky-Damascelli-Zou-Green-Keimer's groups







Canadian Light Source



