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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2007 – 2013 **Dr. Rer. Nat. (Doctor of Natural Science) in Physics**
Magna cum laude (passed with distinction)
Technical University of Munich (TUM), Garching, Germany
[#28 \(#18 in Physics\) QS World University Ranking 2024](#)
- 2005 – 2007 **Master of Science in Physics**
First Class Honors
University of Auckland (UoA), New Zealand
[#65 QS World University Ranking 2024](#)
- 2002 – 2005 **Bachelor of Science in Physics**
University of Auckland, New Zealand

POSITIONS

- 2021 – current Assistant Professor of Physics & Astronomy
Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, USA
- 2021 – current Affiliated-faculty in experimental nuclear physics group
North Carolina State University (NCSU), Raleigh, NC, USA
- 2020 – 2021 Assistant Research Professor of Physics
Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
[\(#27 Times World Ranking, #6 National US News Ranking, 2025\)](#)
- 2017 – 2020 Research Assistant Professor of Physics
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA
[\(#272 QS World Ranking, #58 National US News Ranking, 2025\)](#)
- 2013 – 2017 Post-Doctoral Research Scholar in Physics
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA
- 2007 – 2011 PhD Research Fellowship (nuclear and particle physics group)
Institut Laue-Langevin (ILL), Grenoble, France
- 2004 – 2007 Teaching Assistant & Undergraduate Laboratory Technician (Physics dept.)
University of Auckland (UoA), New Zealand

EXTERNAL FUNDING

2023-2028: National Science Foundation – Faculty Early Career Development Program (NSF-CAREER). “Low-energy nuclear physics and fundamental symmetries with neutrons and cryogenic technologies.” **Sole P.I. \$616k**
Award Number 2232117. https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=2232117

2022-2027: Oak Ridge National Laboratory sub-contracted grant: “nEDM@SNS Measurement Cell Development activities.”
Sole P.I. Original award: \$436k. Due to Department of Energy funding cut, received \$121k and completed sub-contract 2024.

2022: National Science Foundation – Major Research Instrumentation (NSF-MRI): “Acquisition of a High-Resolution Atomic Force Microscope at Montclair State University.” \$209k. PI: Dr. Glen O’Neil. co-PIs: K. Leung, A. Sarkar, I.H. Lee, and L. Wu.

2020: US. Department of Energy supplemental funds for to develop a liquid ^3He cryogenic target at the Duke HIGS. Co-PI (\$70k)

2014-2020: US Department of Energy, Oak Ridge National Lab-managed, nEDM@SNS sub-contracted funds. Work-package Leader & Co-PI (\$210k). To develop NCSU “class 1000” clean room & produce prototype measurement cells, UCN storage experiments, develop new coatings, outgassing studies, room temperature VUV source, cell development and production for UCN storage measurements, cell activation task force activities.

More information at https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=_pf63jQAAAAAJ

• *Ultra-sensitive radon assay using an electrostatic chamber in a recirculating system*

A. Anker, P.A. Breur, B. Mong, P. Acharya, A. Amy, E. Angelico, I.J. Arnquist, A. Atencio, J. Bane, V. Belov, E.P. Bernard, T. Bhatta, A. Bolotnikov, J. Breslin, J.P. Brodsky, S. Bron, E. Brown, T. Brunner, B. Burnell, E. Caden, L.Q. Cao, G.F. Cao, D. Cesmecioğlu, D. Chernyak, M. Chiu, R. Collister, T. Daniels, L. Darroch, R. DeVoe, M.L. di Vacri, Y.Y. Ding, M.J. Dolinski, A. Dragone, B. Eckert, M. Elbeltagi, A. Emara, W. Fairbank, N. Fatemighomi, B. Foust, Y.S. Fu, D. Gallacher, N. Gallice, G. Giacomini, W. Gillis, A. Gorham, R. Gornea, G. Gratta, Y.D. Guan, C.A. Hardy, S. Hedges, M. Heffner, E. Hein, J.D. Holt, A. Iverson, X.S. Jiang, A. Karelin, D. Keblbeck, I. Kotov, A. Kuchenkov, K.S. Kumar, A. Larson, M.B. Latif, K.G. Leach, B.G. Lenardo, A. Lennarz, D.S. Leonard, **K. Leung**, H. Lewis, G. Li, X. Li, Z. Li, C. Licciardi, R. Lindsay, R. MacLellan, S. Majidi, C. Malbrunot, M. Marquis, J. Masbou, M. Medina-Peregrina, S. Mngonyama, D.C. Moore, X.E. Ngwadla, K. Ni, A. Nolan, S.C. Nowicki, J.C. Nzobadila Ondze, A. Odian, J.L. Orrell, G.S. Ortega, C.T. Overman, L. Pagani, H. Peltz Smalley, A. Perna, A. Piepke, A. Pocar, V. Radeka, E. Raguzin, R. Rai, H. Rasiwala, D. Ray, S. Rescia, F. Retière, G. Richardson, N. Rocco, R. Ross, P.C. Rowson, R. Saldanha, S. Sangiorgio, S. Sekula, T. Shetty, L. Si, F. Spadoni, V. Stekhanov, X.L. Sun, S. Thibado, T. Totev, S. Triambak, R.H.M. Tsang, O.A. Tyuka, E. van Bruggen, M. Vidal, S. Viel, M. Walent, H. Wang, Q.D. Wang, Y.G. Wang, M. Watts, M. Wehrfritz, W. Wei, L.J. Wen, U. Wichoski, S. Wilde, M. Worcester, X.M. Wu, H. Xu, H.B. Yang, L. Yang, M. Yu, O. Zeldovich, J. Zhao.

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Phys. Res. A (1081), 170876 (2025) [doi:10.1016/j.nima.2025.170876](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2025.170876).

• *Superconducting properties of commercially available solders for low-field applications*

Clark Hickman, **KKH Leung**, AH Al-Tawhid, BW Filippone, PR Huffman, Ekaterina Korobkina, DP Kumah, CM Swank
Cryogenics (Elsevier) and accepted. Preprint: [arXiv:2503.17345](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.17345) (2025)

• *Sensitivity of nEXO to Xe Charged-Current Interactions: Background-free Searches for Solar Neutrinos and Fermionic Dark Matter*

G Richardson, BG Lenardo, D Gallacher, R Saldanha, P Acharya, S Al Kharusi, A Amy, E Angelico, A Anker, IJ Arnquist, A Atencio, J Bane, V Belov, EP Bernard, T Bhatta, A Bolotnikov, J Breslin, PA Breur, JP Brodsky, S Bron, E Brown, T Brunner, B Burnell, E Caden, GF Cao, LQ Cao, D Cesmecioğlu, D Chernyak, M Chiu, R Collister, T Daniels, L Darroch, R DeVoe, ML di Vacri, MJ Dolinski, B Eckert, M Elbeltagi, A Emara, N Fatemighomi, W Fairbank, BT Foust, N Gallice, G Giacomini, W Gillis, A Gorham, R Gornea, K Gracequist, G Gratta, CA Hardy, SC Hedges, M Heffner, E Hein, JD Holt, A Iverson, P Kachru, A Karelin, D Keblbeck, I Kotov, A Kuchenkov, KS Kumar, A Larson, MB Latif, S Lavoie, KG Leach, A Lennarz, DS Leonard, **KKH Leung**, H Lewis, G Li, X Li, Z Li, C Licciardi, R Lindsay, R MacLellan, S Majidi, C Malbrunot, M Marquis, J Masbou, M Medina-Peregrina, S Mngonyama, B Mong, DC Moore, XE Ngwadla, K Ni, A Nolan, SC Nowicki, JC Ondze, A Odian, JL Orrell, GS Ortega, L Pagani, H Peltz Smalley, A Peña Perez, A Piepke, A Pocar, V Radeka, R Rai, H Rasiwala, D Ray, S Rescia, F Retière, V Riot, N Rocco, R Ross, PC Rowson, S Sangiorgio, S Sekula, T Shetty, L Si, J Soderstrom, F Spadoni, V Stekhanov, XL Sun, S Thibado, T Totev, S Triambak, RHM Tsang, OA Tyuka, T Vallivilayil John, E van Bruggen, M Vidal, S Viel, J Vuilleumier, M Walent, H Wang, QD Wang, MP Watts, W Wei, M Wehrfritz, LJ Wen, U Wichoski, S Wilde, M Worcester, XM Wu, H Xu, HB Yang, L Yang, O Zeldovich

Submitted to **Physical Review D**. Preprint: [arXiv:2506.22586](https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.22586) (2025)

• *Ultra-pure Nickel for Structural Components of Low-Radioactivity Instruments*

TJ Roosendaal, CT Overman, GS Ortega, TD Schlieder, ND Rocco, LKS Horkley, KP Hobbs, K Harouaka, JL Orrell, P Acharya, A Amy, E Angelico, A Anker, IJ Arnquist, A Atencio, J Bane, V Belov, EP Bernard, T Bhatta, A Bolotnikov, J Breslin, PA Breur, JP Brodsky, E Brown, T Brunner, B Burnell, E Caden, LQ Cao, D Cesmecioğlu, SA Charlebois, D Chernyak, M Chiu, T Daniels, L Darroch, R DeVoe, ML Di Vacri, MJ Dolinski, B Eckert, M Elbeltagi, A Emara, W Fairbank, BT Foust, D Gallacher, N Gallice, W Gillis, A Gorham, G Gratta, CA Hardy, SC Hedges, M Heffner, E Hein, JD Holt, A Iverson, A Karelin, IV Kotov, A Kuchenkov, A Larson, MB Latif, S Lavoie, KG Leach, BG Lenardo, DS Leonard, **KKH Leung**, H Lewis, X Li, Z Li, C Licciardi, R Lindsay, R MacLellan, S Majidi, C Malbrunot, M Marquis Masbou, M Medina-Peregrina, S Mngonyama, B Mong, DC Moore, XE Ngwadla, K Ni, A Nolan, SC Nowicki, JC Ondze, A Odian, L Pagani, H Peltz Smalley, A Pena-Perez, A Piepke, A Pocar, S Prentice, V Radeka, R Rai, H Rasiwala, D Ray, S Rescia, G Richardson, V Riot, R Ross, PC Rowson, R Saldanha, S Sangiorgio, S Sekula, T Shetty, L Si, J Soderstrom, F Spadoni, V Stekhanov, XL Sun, S Thibado, T Totev, S Triambak, RHM Tsang, OA Tyuka, E van Bruggen, M Vidal, M Walent, YG Wang, QD Wang, MP Watts, M Wehrfritz, LJ Wen, S Wilde, M Worcester, XM Wu, H Xu, HB Yang, L Yang, O Zeldovich

Submitted to **Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Phys. Res. A** . Preprint: [arXiv:2508.08230](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.08230) (2025)

• *Electric charging effects on insulating surfaces in cryogenic liquids.*

W. Korsch, M. Broering, A. Timsina, **K. K. H. Leung**, J. Abney, D. Budker, B. W. Filippone, J. He, S. Kandu, M. McCrea, M. Roy, C. Swank, and W. Yao. **Review of Scientific Instruments**, 95(4):043101, 04 (2024). [doi:10.1063/5.0195101](https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0195101)

• *Fundamental Neutron Physics: a White Paper on Progress and Prospects in the US*

R. Alarcon, A. Aleksandrova, S. Baeßler, D. H. Beck, T. Bhattacharya, M. Blatnik, T. J. Bowles, J. D. Bowman, J. Brewington, L. J. Broussard, A. Bryant, J. F. Burdine, J. Caylor, Y. Chen, J. H. Choi, L. Christie, T. E. Chupp, V. Cianciolo, V. Cirigliano, S. M. Clayton, B. Collett, C. Crawford, W. Dekens, M. Demarteau, D. DeMille, G. Dodson, B. W. Filippone, N. Floyd, N. Fomin, J. Fry, K. Fuyuto, S. Gardner, R. Godri, R. Golub, F. Gonzalez, G. L. Greene, V. Gudkov, R. Gupta, J. Hamblen, L. Hayen, J. C. Hendrus, K. Hickerson, F. B. Hills, A. T. Holley, S. Hoogerheide, M. Hubert, P. R. Huffman, S. K. Imam, T. M. Ito, L. Jin, G. Jones, A. Komives, E. Korobkina, W. Korsch, **K.K.H. Leung**, C.-Y. Liu, K.-F. Liu, J. C. Long, D. Mathews, A. Mendelsohn, E. Mereghetti, P. Mohanmurthy, C. L. Morris, P. Mueller, H. P. Mumm, A. Nelsen, A. Nicholson, J. Nico, C. M. O'Shaughnessy, P. A. Palamure, S. Pastore, R. W. Pattie Jr., N. S. Phan, J. A. Pioquinto, B. Plaster, D. Počanić, H. Rahangdale, R. Redwine, A. Reid, D. J. Salvat, A. Saunders, D. Schaper, C.-Y. Seng, M. Singh, A. Shindler, W. M. Snow, Z. Tang, A. Walker-Loud, D. K.-T. Wong, F. Wietfeldt, A. R. Young. **Community White paper** <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.09059> (2023)

- *Growing solid deuterium for UCN production*

E. Korobkina, I. Berkutov, R. Golub, P. Huffman, C. Hickman, K. Leung, G. Medlin, M.J. Morano, T. Rao, C. Teander, C. White, A.R. Young
Journal of Neutron Research. HighNESS Workshop 2022. Vol. 24, no. 2, pp.179-191 (2022) [doi:10.3233/JNR-220010](https://doi.org/10.3233/JNR-220010)

- *Proton Compton Scattering from Linearly Polarized Gamma Rays*

X. Li, M.W. Ahmed, A. Banu, C. Bartram, B. Crowe, E.J. Downie, M. Emamian, G. Feldman, H. Gao, D. Godagama, H.W. Grieshammer, C.R. Howell, H.J. Karwowski, D.P. Kendellen, M.A. Kovash, K.K.H. Leung, D.M. Markoff, J.A. McGovern, S. Mikhailov, R.E. Pywell, M.H. Sikora, J.A. Silano, R.S. Sosa, M.C. Spraker, G. Swift, P. Wallace, H.R. Weller, C.S. Whisnant, Y.K. Wu, and Z.W. Zhao

Physical Review Letters 128(13):132502 (2022), [doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.132502](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.132502)

Highlight articles from the Department of Energy:

<https://www.energy.gov/science/np/articles/how-stiff-proton> <https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/966611>

- *Comparison of MCNP thermal scattering laws to inelastic neutron scattering data*

C.M. Lavelle, K.K.H. Leung, and T. M. Ito

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Phys. Res. A 1027, 166255 (2022), [doi:10.1016/j.nima.2021.166255](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2021.166255)

- *Electric dipole moments and the search for new physics*

Ricardo Alarcon, Jim Alexander, Vassilis Anastassopoulos, Takatoshi Aoki, Rick Baartman, Stefan Baeßler, Larry Bartoszek, Douglas H. Beck, Franco Bedeschi, Robert Berger, Martin Berz, Hendrick L. Bethlem, Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Michael Blaskiewicz, Thomas Blum, Themis Bowcock, Anastasia Borschevsky, Kevin Brown, Dmitry Budker, Sergey Burdin, Brendan C. Casey, Gianluigi Casse, Giovanni Cantatore, Lan Cheng, Timothy Chupp, Vince Cianciolo, Vincenzo Cirigliano, Steven M. Clayton, Chris Crawford, B. P. Das, Hooman Davoudiasl, Jordy de Vries, David DeMille, Dmitri Denisov, Milind V. Diwan, John M. Doyle, Jonathan Engel, George Fanourakis, Renee Fatemi, Bradley W. Filippone, Victor V. Flambaum, Timo Fleig, Nadia Fomin, Wolfram Fischer, Gerald Gabrielse, R. F. Garcia Ruiz, Antonios Gardikiotis, Claudio Gatti, Andrew Geraci, James Gooding, Bob Golub, Peter Graham, Frederick Gray, W. Clark Griffith, Selcuk Haciomeroglu, Gerald Gwinner, Steven Hoekstra, Georg H. Hoffstaetter, Haixin Huang, Nicholas R. Hutzler, Marco Incagli, Takeyasu M. Ito, Taku Izubuchi, Andrew M. Jayich, Hoyong Jeong, David Kaplan, Marin Karuza, David Kwall, On Kim, Ivan Koop, Wolfgang Korsch, Ekaterina Korobkina, Valeri Lebedev, Jonathan Lee, Soohyung Lee, Ralf Lehnert, Kent K. H. Leung, Chen-Yu Liu, Joshua Long, Alberto Lusiani, William J. Marciano, Marios Maroudas, Andrei Matlashov, Nobuyuki Matsumoto, Richard Mawhorter, Francois Meot, Emanuele Mereghetti, James P. Miller, William M. Morse, James Mott, Zhanibek Omarov, Luis A. Orozco, Christopher M. O'Shaughnessy, Cenap Ozben, SeongTae Park, Robert W. Pattie Jr., Alexander N. Petrov, Giovanni Maria Piacentino, Bradley R. Plaster, Boris Podobedov et al. (43 additional authors not shown) **Community White paper** <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08103> (2022)

- *Compton scattering from ⁴He at the TUNL HIγS facility*

X. Li, M.W. Ahmed, A. Banu, C. Bartram, B. Crowe, E.J. Downie, M. Emamian, G. Feldman, H. Gao, D. Godagama, H.W. Grieshammer, C.R. Howell, H.J. Karwowski, D.P. Kendellen, M.A. Kovash, K.K.H. Leung, D. Markoff, S. Mikhailov, R.E. Pywell, M.H. Sikora, J.A. Silano, R.S. Sosa, M.C. Spraker, G. Swift, P. Wallace, H.R. Weller, C.S. Whisnant, Y.K. Wu, and Z.W. Zhao

Physical Review C 101, 034618 (2020), [doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.101.034618](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.101.034618)

- *A next-generation inverse-geometry spallation-driven ultracold neutron source*

K.K.H. Leung, G. Muhrer, T. Hügle, T.M. Ito, E.M. Lutz, M. Makela, C.L. Morris, R.W. Pattie Jr., A. Saunders, A.R. Young
Journal of Applied Physics 126(22):224901 (2019), [doi:10.1063/1.5109879](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5109879) (Editor's Pick)

American Institute of Physics, "Scilight" highlight article: [doi:10.1063/10.0000359](https://doi.org/10.1063/10.0000359)

- *The neutron electric dipole moment experiment at the Spallation Neutron Source*

K.K.H. Leung, M. Ahmed, R. Alarcon, A. Aleksandrova, S. Baeßler, L. Barrón-Palos, L. Bartoszek, D.H. Beck, J. Bessuille, M.A. Blatnik, M. Broering, L.J. Broussard, M. Busch, R. Carr, P.-H. Chu, V. Cianciolo, S.M. Clayton, M.D. Cooper, C. Crawford, S.A. Currie, C. Daurer, R. Dipert, K. Dow, D. Dutta, Y. Efremenko, C.B. Erickson, B.W. Filippone, N. Fomin, H. Gao, R. Golub, C.R. Gould, G.L. Greene, D.G. Haase, D. Hasell, A.I. Hawari, M.E. Hayden, A.T. Holley, R.J. Holt, P.R. Huffman, E. Ihloff, T.M. Ito, J. Kelsey, Y.J. Kim, J. Koivuniemi, E. Korobkina, W. Korsch, S.K. Lamoreaux, E. Leggett, A. Lipman, C.-Y. Liu, J. Long, S.W.T. MacDonald, M. Makela, A. Matlashov, J. Maxwell, M. McCrea, M. Mendenhall, H.O. Meyer, R. Milner, P. Mueller, N. Nouri, C.M. O'Shaughnessy, C. Osthelder, J.-C. Peng, S. Penttilä, N.S. Phan, B. Plaster, J. Ramsey, T. Rao, R. P. Redwine, A. Reid, A. Saftah, G.M. Seidel, I.F. Silvera, S. Slutsky, E. Smith, W.M. Snow, W. Sondheim, S. Sosothikul, T.D.S. Stanislaus, X. Sun, C.M. Swank, Z. Tang, R. Tavakoli Dinani, E. Tsentalovich, C. Vidal, W. Wei, C.R. White, S.E. Williamson, L. Yang, W. Yao, A.R. Young

European Physical Journal Web of Conferences 219, 02005 (2019) (Peer-reviewed). [doi:10.1051/epjconf/201921902005](https://doi.org/10.1051/epjconf/201921902005)

- *A new cryogenic apparatus to search for the neutron electric dipole moment*

M. W. Ahmed, R. Alarcon, A. Aleksandrova, S. Baessler, L. Barron-Palos, L. M. Bartoszek, D. H. Beck, M. Behzadipour, J. Bessuille, M. Blatnik, M. Broering, L. J. Broussard, M. Busch, R. Carr, V. Cianciolo, S. M. Clayton, M. D. Cooper, C. Crawford, S. A. Currie, C. Daurer, R. Dipert, K. Dow, D. Dutta, Y. Efremenko, C. B. Erickson, B. W. Filippone (Corresponding author), N. Fomin, H. Gao, R. Golub, C. R. Gould, G. Greene, D. G. Haase, D. Hasell, A. I. Hawari, M.E. Hayden A. Holley, R. J. Holt, P. R. Huffman, E. Ihloff, S. K. Imam, T. M. Ito, M. Karcz, J. Kelsey, D. P. Kendellen, Y. J. Kim, E. Korobkina, W. Korsch, S. K. Lamoreaux, J. Leggett, K. K. H. Leung, A. Lipman, C. Y. Liu, J. Long, S. W. T. MacDonald, M. Makela, A. Matlashov, J. D. Maxwell, M. Mendenhall, H. O. Meyer, R. G. Milner, P. E. Mueller, N. Nouri, C. M. O'Shaughnessy, C. Osthelder, J. C. Peng, S. I. Penttilä, N. S. Phan, B. Plaster, J. C. Ramsey, T. M. Rao, R. P. Redwine, A. Reid A. Saftah, G. M. Seidel, I. Silvera S. Slutsky, E. Smith, W. M. Snow, W. Sondheim, S. Sosothikul, T. D. S. Stanislaus, X. Sun, C. M. Swank, Z. Tang, R. Tavakoli Dinani E. Tsentalovich, C. Vidal, W. Wei, C. R. White, S. E. Williamson, L. Yang, W. Yao,

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Journal of Instrumentation 14(11):11017 (2019) [doi:10.1088/1748-0221/14/11/p11017](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/14/11/p11017)

- *Solid deuterium surface degradation at ultracold neutron sources*

A. Anghel, T. L. Bailey, G. Bison, B. Blau, L. J. Broussard, S. M. Clayton, C. Cude-Woods, M. Daum, A. Hawari, N. Hild, P. Huffman, T. M. Ito, K. Kirch, E. Korobkina, B. Lauss, K.K.H. Leung, E. M. Lutz, M. Makela, G. Medlin, C. L. Morris, R. W. Pattie, D. Ries, A. Saunders, P. Schmidt-Wellenburg, V. Talanov, A. R. Young, B. Wehring, C. White, M. Wohlmuther, G. Zsigmond

The European Physical Journal A, 54(9):148, 9 (2018) [doi:10.1140/epja/i2018-12594-2](https://doi.org/10.1140/epja/i2018-12594-2) (EPJ-A highlights)

- *Spin flip loss in magnetic confinement of ultracold neutrons for neutron lifetime experiments*

A. Steyerl, K.K.H. Leung, C. Kaufman, G. Müller, and S.S. Malik

Physical Review C 95, 035502 (2017) [doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.95.035502](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.95.035502)

- *Neutron lifetime measurements and effective spectral cleaning with an ultracold neutron trap using a vertical Halbach octupole permanent magnet array*

K.K.H. Leung, P. Geltenbort, S. Ivanov, F. Rosenau, and O. Zimmer.

Physical Review C 94, 045502 (2016). [doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.94.045502](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.94.045502)

- *Position-sensitive detection of ultracold neutrons with an imaging camera and its implications to spectroscopy*

Wanchun Wei, L.J. Broussard, M.A. Hoffbauer, M. Makela, C.L. Morris, Z. Tang, E.R. Adamek, N.B. Callahan, S.M. Clayton, C. Cude-Woods, S. Currie, E.B. Dees, X. Ding, P. Geltenbort, K.P. Hickerson, A.T. Holley, T.M. Ito, K.K. Leung, C.-Y. Liu, D.J. Morley, Jose D. Ortiz, R.W. Pattie Jr., J.C. Ramsey, A. Saunders, S.J. Seestrom, E.I. Sharapov, S.K. Sjue, J. Wexler, T.L. Womacka, A.R. Young, B.A. Zeck, Zhehui Wang

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Phys. Res. A, 830, 36-43 (2016). [doi:10.1016/j.nima.2016.05.058](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2016.05.058)

- *Ultracold neutron production and up-scattering in superfluid helium between 1.1 K and 2.4 K*

K.K.H. Leung, S. Ivanov, F. M. Piegsa, M. Simson, and O. Zimmer.

Physical Review C, 93.025501 (2016). [doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.93.025501](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.93.025501)

- *Experimental study of ultracold neutron production in pressurized superfluid helium*

P. Schmidt-Wellenburg, J. Bossy, E. Farhi, M. Fertl, K.K.H. Leung, A. Rahli, T. Soldner, and O. Zimmer.

Physical Review C, 92:024004 (2015). [doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.92.024004](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.92.024004)

- *A comparison of two magnetic ultra-cold neutron trapping concepts using a Halbach-octupole array*

K. Leung, S. Ivanov, F. Martin, F. Rosenau, M. Simson, and O. Zimmer. **Next Generation Experiments to Measure the Neutron Lifetime: proceedings of the 2012 Workshop**, World Scientific (2014) (Peer-reviewed). [doi:10.1142/9016](https://doi.org/10.1142/9016)

- *New source for ultra-cold neutrons at the Institut Laue-Langevin*

F.M. Piegsa, M. Fertl, S.N. Ivanov, M. Kreuz, K.K.H. Leung, P. Schmidt-Wellenburg, T. Soldner, and O. Zimmer.

Physical Review C, 90:015501 (2014). [doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.90.015501](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.90.015501)

- *Proposed neutron lifetime measurement using a hybrid magnetic trap for ultra-cold neutrons*

K.K.H. Leung and O. Zimmer.

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THESES

- Doctoral thesis (2013), Technical University of Munich & Institut Laue Langevin. Advisor: Dr. Oliver Zimmer
"Development of a new superfluid helium ultra-cold neutron source and a new magnetic trap for neutron lifetime measurements"
<http://mediatum.ub.tum.de/node?id=1119646>
- Masters thesis (2009), University of Auckland. Advisor: Dr. Paul Barker
"A New Method for Measuring the Half-Life of ^{10}C " <http://arxiv.org/abs/0911.5325v1>

INVITED TALKS

The 5th Nuclear Photonics Conference, Technical University Darmstadt, Germany (Oct 2025). *"Proton & Neutron Polarizabilities with Compton Scattering from Low-Mass Nuclear Targets at the High Intensity Gamma-ray Source (HIGS)"*

General Seminar. Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France (Oct 2025), *"From permanent to induced neutron EDMs: what neutral beams on cryogenic targets reveal about fundamental symmetries and QCD."*

"Electric Dipole Moments: Experimental and Theoretical Horizons" invitation-only workshop. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, and jointly organized by the T.D. Lee Institute, Shanghai. (May 2025)
"Neutron EDM with Superfluid ^4He (and ^3He) Experiment"

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Center for Neutron Research, Gaithersburg, MD. (Mar 2024)
"Precision cryogenic experiments on the neutron lifetime, electric dipole moment, and electromagnetic polarizabilities"

University of Alabama in Huntsville, Department of Physics and Astronomy, "Frontiers in Science" seminar (Oct 2023) (remote), *"Frontiers in Science: Experimental Nuclear Physics at Montclair State University"*

European Centre for Theoretical studies in nuclear physics and related areas (ECT*) workshop on Neutron Electric Dipole Moment: From Theory to Experiment, Trento, Italy (Aug 2022). *"The nEDM @ Spallation Neutron Source experiment: our novel approach and other physics reach"* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20dhGrJGUg>

Workshop on Very Cold and Ultra Cold Neutron Sources for European Spallation Source (HighNESS), Lund, Sweden (held virtually) (Feb 2022). *"A Superfluid-Helium Superthermal Ultracold Neutron Source Embedded in a Cylindrical, High Power Spallation Target"*

Montclair State University seminar, NJ (Feb 2020). *"To see a world in a grain of sand: what neutrons can tell us about the Universe"*

Southeastern Section APS (SESAPS) meeting, Wilmington, NC (Nov 2019). *"Search for time-reversal violation with the neutron electric dipole moment (nEDM) experiment at the Spallation Neutron Source"*

Georgia Institute of Technology (GATEch) AMO seminar, Atlanta, GA (Oct 2019). *"Ultracold neutrons and the search for time-reversal violation from a permanent neutron electric dipole moment"*

International Fundamental Neutron Physics Summer School lecture, Raleigh, NC (Jul 2018). *"Experimental overview of neutron electric dipole moment experiments"*

University Tennessee Knoxville nuclear physics seminar, Knoxville, TN (Apr 2018). *"Ultracold neutrons in electric dipole moment searches and magnetically trapped lifetime measurements"*

COHERENT collaboration meeting external physics talk, Duke University, NC (Jan 2018). *"The search for time-reversal violation with the neutron electric dipole moment at the Spallation Neutron Source"*

Southeastern Section APS (SESAPS) meeting, Georgia College, GA (Nov 2017). *"Search for time-reversal violation with the neutron electric dipole moment at the Spallation Neutron Source, ORNL"*

APS Division Nuclear Physics meeting: mini-symposium overview, Pittsburgh PA (Oct 2017). *"Instrumentation for Physics Beyond the Standard Model overview"*

North Carolina State University: physics department colloquium, Raleigh, NC (Apr 2017). *"Testing Fundamental Symmetries and Interactions with Ultracold Neutrons"*

Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Junior Professor search seminar, Germany (Jun 2016). *"Studies of Low-Energy*

Fundamental Interactions with Ultracold Neutrons". Position offered but declined.

12th Conference on the Intersections of Particle and Nuclear Physics (CIPANP 2015). Vail, CO (May 2015). *"The Neutron EDM Experiment at the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS nEDM)"*

University of Kentucky: department seminar, Lexington, KY (May 2015). *"Superfluid Helium Ultracold Neutron Sources and Magnetic Bottles for Neutron Lifetime Measurements at the Institut Laue-Langevin"*

Institut Laue-Langevin: general seminar, Grenoble, France (Sep 2013). *"The PULSTAR systematics test apparatus of the SNS nEDM experiment"*

University of Auckland: department seminar, Auckland, New Zealand. (Dec 2012). *"Production of ultracold neutrons and measurements of the neutron lifetime with magnetically trapped neutrons"*

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Center for Neutron Research, Gaithersburg, MD (Nov 2012). *"HOPE magnet trap for neutron lifetime and SUN2 superfluid helium source at ILL"*

Next Generation Experiments to Measure the Neutron Lifetime Workshop, Santa Fe, NM (Nov 2012). *"Progress towards neutron lifetime measurements with the HOPE magnetic UCN trap"*

North Carolina State University: seminar, Raleigh, NC (Sep 2011). *"SUN2: a new, versatile, helium-based UCN source. First UCN production results & Progress towards neutron lifetime measurements with the HOPE magnetic UCN trap"*

Quantum Fluids and Solids: Neutrons and X-rays Studies workshop, Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France. (Aug 2010). *"New source of Ultracold Neutrons (UCNs) from a superfluid ^4He converter"*

Technical University of Munich: E18 Department Seminar, Garching, Germany (Mar 2010). *"Progress and future of neutron lifetime measurements with the HOPE magnetic UCN trap"*

OTHER CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND TALKS

American Physical Society, Division of Nuclear Physics (DNP) Annual Fall Meeting. Boston, MA (hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology). Contributed talk. *"Neutron electromagnetic polarizabilities with helium-3 nuclear Compton scattering."* (Oct 2024)

American Physical Society (APS) Mid-Atlantic Section annual meeting, University of Delaware, Newark, DE. Contributed talk. *"Experimental Nuclear Physics in fundamental symmetries and low-energy QCD at Montclair State University"* (Nov 2023)

International Workshop on Searches for the Neutron Electric Dipole Moment (nEDM2021), "Les Houches" (virtual), France (Feb 2021). Talk: *"Cryogenic UCN storage, super-thermal production, and live spin analysis for measurements of static nEDMs, oscillating EDMs, and the neutron magnetic moment"*

TUNL/Duke University summer REU seminar, virtual (May 2020). Talk: *"To see a world in a grain of sand: what free neutrons can tell us about the Universe"*

85th Annual Meeting of the APS Southeastern Section (SESAPS), Knoxville, TN (Oct 2018). Talk: *"Let there be light... and flux quanta: anticipating the first signals from nEDM@SNS"*

International Workshop on Particle Physics at Neutron Sources. Grenoble, France (May 2018). Selected to give talk on behalf of collaboration. Talk: *"The search for a neutron EDM at the Spallation Neutron Source, ORNL"*

Fall Meeting of the APS Division of Nuclear Physics. Vancouver, BC, Canada (Oct 2016). Talk: *"Measurement cells of the Spallation Neutron Source neutron Electric Dipole Moment experiment."* Chaired session: *"Mini-symposium on Instrumentation for Physics Beyond the Standard Model IB"*

International SPIN Symposium 2016. University of Illinois and Indiana University, Urbana-Champaign, IL (Sep 2016). Talk: *"PULSTAR systematics studies apparatus of the SNS nEDM experiment"*

International Workshop: Probing Fundamental Symmetries and Interactions with UCN. Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz - Waldthausen Castle, Germany (Apr 2016). Talk: *"Measurement cells of the SNS nEDM experiment"* Chaired session: *"Decay correlations III and UCN-sources"*

Light Detection in Noble Elements 2015 (LIDINE). The University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany, NY (August 2015). Talk: *"Cryogenic, magnetic, RF, and ultra-cold neutron friendly measurement cells of the SNS nEDM experiment used for the detection of scintillations in superfluid helium"*

Fall Meeting of the APS Division of Nuclear Physics. Newport News, VA. (Oct 2013). Talk: *"The PULSTAR systematics studies apparatus of the SNS nEDM experiment"*

Physics of Fundamental Symmetries and Interactions at Low Energies and the Precision Frontier. Paul Scherrer Institut, Switzerland (Sep 2013). Poster: *"Development of a systematic studies apparatus at NC State for the nEDM collaboration"*

8th International Workshop on Ultra-Cold & Cold Neutrons Physics & Sources. Moscow - St. Petersburg, Russia (Jun 2011). Two talks: “Progress towards neutron lifetime measurements with the HOPE magnetic UCN trap” & “SUN2: a new, versatile, helium-based UCN source: First UCN production results”

2010 International Symposium on Quantum Fluids and Solids (QFS2010) & associated Cryoconference. World Trade Centre, Grenoble, France. (Aug 2010). Poster: “SUN2: High-Intensity Source of Ultracold Neutrons from a Superfluid ^4He Converter”

International Conference on Ultracold & Cold Neutrons Physics & Sources. St. Petersburg, Russia. (Jun 2009). Talk: “Neutron Lifetime measurements with the new Halbach Octupole Permanent (H.O.PE) magnetic trap”

1st EIROforum School of Instrumentation. CERN, Switzerland (May 2009). Poster: “A Permanent Octupole Magnetic UCN Trap for Neutron Lifetime measurements”

International Workshop on Particle Physics with Slow Neutrons. Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France (May 2008). Poster: “A permanent Octupole Magnetic UCN trap for Neutron Lifetime Measurements”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PHYS 191 University Physics I lecture & labs (Montclair: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

PHYS 330 Advanced Physics Laboratory (Montclair: Spring 2022, Spring 2024)

PHYS 230 Intermediate Physics Laboratory (Montclair: Fall 2022, Fall 2024)

PHYS 320 Thermal & Statistical Physics (Montclair: Spring 2025)

PHYS 198 Introductory Physics Seminar (Montclair: Spring 2023)

PHYS 300 Intermediate/Advanced Seminar (Montclair: Fall 2024)

Guest lectures on Neutron Physics module of PY506 Nuclear and Subatomic Physics for upper-undergrad/grad-elective (NCSU 2020, 2019, 2018 & 2015). Designed material and final exam questions.

Guest lectures on “momentum”, PY211 college non-calculus based physics (NCSU 2018)

Guest lectures on “ideal gas law and kinetic theory”, PY208 physics for engineers and scientists (NCSU 2017)

Guest lectures on Weak Interactions (2x), PY507 Elementary Particle Physics for upper-undergrad/grad-elective (NCSU 2016)

Mentored student in PY499 “Independent Study in Physics” credited course (NCSU 2016)

Mentored student to obtain a research grant from the Office of Undergraduate Research (NCSU 2015)

Certificate in Teaching Techniques for Postdoctoral Scholars (NCSU 2015) requiring 12-hours of courses on: Introduction to Teaching, Learning Styles, Effective Questioning, Evaluation and Grading, Collaborative Learning and Groupwork, and Establishing Authority and Credibility in the Class room.

Traveled and mentored 1st year PhD student to participate in a 1-week data-taking beam time at Los Alamos National Laboratory (NCSU 2015)

Guest lectured Physics 201 class – Introduction to Mechanics for Physics Majors (NCSU 2014)

Physics 201 class was evaluated by two senior faculty members: Paul Huffman and David Haase (NCSU 2014)

Workshop on: “Making the Most of Mentoring in Doctoral Education and Postdoctoral Life” and two-day “Advisor Academy workshop” (NCSU 2014-2015)

“Blockpraktika” (practical labs) teaching, 2x streams over 3 weeks, on the Franck-Hertz experiment (TUM 2010)

Installed and created instructions for new Earth’s field NMR experiment for the Advanced Teaching Lab (UoA 2007)

Stage II & III (2nd & 3rd year) demonstrator, Advanced Nuclear & Quantum Teaching Laboratory (UoA 2005-2007)

Tutorials for the Physics for Life Sciences course (UoA 2007)

Private tutorials (for 4x groups of 4-5 students) for Physics for Life Sciences course (UoA 2007)

Stage I (1st year) Electrical Engineering Laboratory demonstrator (UoA 2007)

Stage I (1st year) Physics Teaching Laboratory demonstrator (UoA 2005-2007)

Tutor for the Stage I Physics Drop-in Help Room (UoA 2004-2005)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for the **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program** (2022, 2025)

Reviewer for **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada** (NSERC) 2023. 3-year CAD \$2.8M proposal

Review for **Canada Foundation for Innovation** (CFI), 2023

Reviewer for **Oak Ridge Associated Universities Ralph E Powe Junior Faculty Award** (2020)

Member of **The American Physical Society** (2009 – current). Active units: Nuclear Physics (DNP), Precision Measurement & Fundamental Constants (GPMFC), South-Eastern Section (SESAPS)

Referee for *European Physical Journal A* (2020 - current)

Referee for *Physical Review C: Nuclear Physics* (2016 – current)

Referee for *Reviews of Scientific Instruments* (2016 – current)

Referee for *Journal of Neutron Research* (2022)

EXTERNAL OUTREACH & SERVICE

Founder of Montclair State – Bergen Community College Nuclear Physics Research Internship Program. External NSF grant (sole P.I.) funded. Hosted 7 Bergen students doing research along side Montclair students. (2023, 2024, 2025)

Bergen Community College STEM² Summer-research-close-out judge (Aug 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) and Career panel speaker (Aug 2023, 2025)

Essex County (Community) College talk (Mar 2022) – “What neutrons can tell us about the Universe”

Duke University/TUNL NSF Summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) selection committee (2020 & 2021)

High-school science fair lead judge at the NC School of Science and Mathematics (ISEF-affiliated) science & engineering fairs (2015, 2016, 2020, 2021 virtual)

Middle school talk “How nuclear reactions power the continents, the oceans, life and everything in between”, Apex Friendship Middle School (May 2020) virtual talk

Middle school talk “Complex numbers and nuclear physics” Durham public schools’ program to provide remote math courses (math 2) for advanced students (Jan 2020)

Duke University/TUNL REU student mentoring: Robert Bradford, Wake Forest University, “A cryogenic liquid ³He target for the HIGS Compton program” (May-Jul 2019)

Annual Meeting of the APS Southeastern Section (SESAPS): student poster and talks judge (Oct 2018 & Nov 2019)

NCSU Annual PhysicsPhest general public talk “To see a world in a grain of sand: what neutrons can tell us about the Universe” (Nov 2019)

Annual Meeting of the APS Southeastern Section (SESAPS): student poster and talks judge (Oct 2018 & Nov 2019)

Radioactivity and cloud chamber activity for LEAP! (physics outreach for high-school girls) at NCSU (2017 & 2018)

High- & middle-school summer camp programs: created, organized, and ran outreach activities, involving NCSU’s Society of Physics Students, to department lab tours and cloud chamber activity for NC School of Science & Math run Summer Accelerator program (2017 & 2019)

Physics judge for North Carolina Student Academy of Science (NCSAS) research competition (2017)

Middle school & high-school in-class demonstration lesson plan developed and demonstrated for middle school and high school teachers for The Scientific Research and Education Network, SciREN (2016) (www.thesciren.org/lesson/watching-elements-change-through-nuclear-decay)

PBS Newshour: participated in the “STEM superstars” internet out-reach articles (2014) (www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/2014/04/the-stories-behind-22-stem-superstars)

High-school lead judge at the NC Central Regional Science & Engineering Fair and Academy of Science (2014)

Skeptics in the Pub talk: on The Big Bang model for the Auckland chapter of the society (2011)

National newspaper article: collaboration with journalist about my research (2009) (www.nzherald.co.nz/science/news/article.cfm?c_id=82&objectid=10590046 and www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/magazine/going-nuclear)

PhD student body representative: elected to represent around 30 students to directors and management at the Institut Laue-Langevin, lab tours of foreign delegates and journalists (2008)

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