

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014: Technical University of Berlin/Max Planck Institute (Berlin, Germany): Ph.D. in Physics (*summa cum laude*)

2010: University of Stuttgart (Stuttgart, Germany): M.Sc. in Physics (*summa cum laude*)

2005: National University of Honduras (Tegucigalpa, Honduras): B.S. in Physics

Work Experience

July 2023 – Present: Associate Professor. University of California (UC) San Diego; La Jolla, CA.

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July 2017 – September 2017: Visiting Professor. UC Berkeley; Berkeley, CA.

July 2016 – June 2017: UC Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow. UC Berkeley; Berkeley, CA

July 2014 – June 2016: Postdoctoral Researcher. Materials Science Division/Advanced Light Source (ALS), Lawrence Berkeley National Lab; Berkeley, CA.

February 2014 – June 2014: Postdoctoral Researcher. Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research (MPISSR); Stuttgart, Germany.

October 2010 – January 2014: Graduate Researcher. MPISSR / Helmholtz Center Berlin; Berlin, Germany.

Synergistic Activities

August 2018 – present: Assistant Director of the “[Quantum Materials for Energy Efficient Neuromorphic Computing](#)” DOE Energy Frontiers Research Center, UC San Diego.

2019: Chair of the American Physical Society—Far West Section Executive Committee.

2020: Chair of the [User Executive Committee](#) of the Advanced Light Source (ALS), Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL).

2020: Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of the ALS, LBNL.

Awards/Fellowships

2023: Fellow of Scialog: Molecular Basis of Cognition (MBC)

2022: CIFAR Global Azrieli [Scholar](#)

2022: NSF CAREER Award

2022: American Physical Society’s Forum for Early Career Scientists (FECS) “Diversity & Inclusion Award”

2022: UCSD Division of Physical Science “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Excellence Award”

2021: Cottrell Scholar [Award](#)

2020: [Sloan Research](#) Fellow

2016: University of California Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow (Berkeley, CA)

2014: Ernst-Eckhard-Koch Prize (Helmholtz Center Berlin; Berlin, Germany)

2014: Outstanding PhD Research Prize (Springer Publishing House; Germany)

Publications

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- 6) Shan Wu, Rourav Basak, Wenxin Li, Jong-Woo Kim, Philip J. Ryan, Donghui Lu, Makoto Hashimoto, Christie Nelson, Raul Acevedo-Esteves, Shannon C. Haley, James G. Analytis, Yu He, Alex Frano, and Robert J. Birgeneau, [Discovery of Charge Order in the Transition Metal Dichalcogenide \$\text{Fe}_x\text{NbS}_2\$](#) , Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 186701 (2023).
- 7) Ravindra Singh Bisht, Jaeseoung Park, Haoming Yu, Chen Wu, Nikhil Tilak, Sylvie Rangan, Tae J. Park, Yifan Yuan, Sarmistha Das, Uday Goteti, Hee Taek Yi, Hussein Hijazi, Abdullah Al-Mahboob, Jerzy T. Sadowski, Hua Zhou, Seongshik Oh, Eva Y. Andrei, Monica T. Allen, Duygu Kuzum, Alex Frano, Robert C. Dynes, and Shriram Ramanathan, [Spatial Interactions in Hydrogenated Perovskite Nickelate Synaptic Networks](#), Nano Letters (2023).
- 8) Biswajit Sahoo, Alex Frano, Eric Fullerton, [Efficient charge to spin conversion in iridium oxide thin films](#), Applied Physics Letters 123, 032404 (2023).
- 9) Kirsty Scott, Elliot Kisiel, Timothy J. Boyle, Rourav Basak, Gaëtan Jargot, Sarmistha Das, Stefano Agrestini, Mirian Garcia-Fernandez, Jaewon Choi, Jonathan Pellicciari, Jiemin Li, Yi-De Chuang, Ruidan Zhong, John A. Schneeloch, Genda Gu, François Légaré, Alexander F. Kemper, Ke-Jin Zhou, Valentina Bisogni, Santiago Blanco-Canosa, Alex Frano, Fabio Boschini, Eduardo H. da Silva Neto, [Low-energy quasi-circular electron correlations with charge order wavelength in \$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}\$](#) , Science Advances, 9, eadg371 (2023).
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