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Bio

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I am a condensed matter physicist with research interests in quantum materials, ultrafast optics and X-ray science. I grew up in the Stanford neighborhood where I attended Palo Alto High School. I went on to the College of Creative Studies at UCSB where I worked in the lab of David Awschalom studying semiconductor spintronics. I got my PhD in physics from the University of Colorado, Boulder, working with Dan Dessau, where we developed the first system to perform angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) using a table-top laser rather than a large synchrotron facility. I moved to Lawrence Berkeley National Lab for my postdoctoral research with Joe Orenstein where we applied a wide variety of ultrafast optical techniques to study emergent properties in quantum materials and semiconductor devices. I stayed in Berkeley to work with Bob Schoenlein developing ultrafast X-ray techniques to study quantum materials. In 2014 I moved to SLAC where I am now a staff scientist in the Materials Science Department at the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS), the world's first X-ray free-electron laser.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- BS, University of California, Santa Barbara, College of Creative Studies , Physics (1999)
- PhD, University of Colorado, Boulder , Physics (2006)

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