

*Cameron J. R. Duncan*

**EDUCATION**

*Degrees*

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| <b>Cornell University,<br/>Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A.</b>        | 2022 | Doctor of Philosophy (Physics)<br><i>Thesis title: Ultrafast Electron Diffraction with High Six-Dimensional Brightness</i> |
|  | 2019 | Master of Science (Physics)  |
| <b>University of Sydney,<br/>Sydney, N.S.W., Australia</b> | 2019 | Master of Philosophy (Physics)<br><i>Thesis title: Quantum phases of a bosonic generalization of the Moore-Read ansatz</i> |
|  | 2016 | Bachelor of Science (Mathematics, Physics) with First Class Honours and University Medal                                   |
|  | 2012 | Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours  |
|  | 2009 | Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) with First Class Honours   |

*Specialized coursework*

*U.S. Particle Accelerator School*

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| <b>UC San Diego,<br/>San Diego, Ca., U.S.A.</b>     | 2020 | Photocathode Physics                                |
|   | 2020 | High Brightness Electron Injectors and Applications |
| <b>Northern Illinois U,<br/>DeKalb, Il., U.S.A.</b> | 2019 | Accelerator Physics                                 |

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

<b>Assegnista di Ricerca, Vanacore Group, UNIMIB</b>	<b>January 2023 – Present</b>
<b>Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell Bright Beams Lab</b>	<b>June 2022 – November 2022</b>

<b>Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell Bright Beams Lab</b>	<b>January 2018 – May 2022</b>
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*Jared Maxson, advisor*

*Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A.*

*Skills:* ♦ ultrafast electron diffraction (UED) sample chamber design and assembly ♦ UED sample transfer ♦ UHV vacuum techniques ♦ UED experimental design, data acquisition and analysis ♦ multi-slice electron scattering simulation ♦ high peak and average power laser operation ♦ nonlinear optics ♦ electron beam optics design, assembly and operation ♦ beam dynamics simulation with space charge ♦ control system software programming (C++, Python, EPICS) ♦ beam diagnostics and data analysis ♦ radio-frequency cavity design, control and power delivery

## Graduate Research Assistant, Fermilab Muon G Minus 2 April – December 2017

*Skills:* ♦ FPGA programming (Verilog, VHDL) for GHz trigger timing and control  
♦ muon storage ring operation

### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

7. **CJR Duncan**, M Kaemingk, WH Li, MB Andorf, AC Bartnik, A Galdi, M Gordon, CA Pennington, IV Bazarov, HJ Zeng, F Liu, D Luo, A Sood, AM Lindenberg, MW Tate, DA Muller, J Thom-Levy, SM Gruner, JM Maxson, “Multi-scale time-resolved electron diffraction: A case study in moiré materials,” *Ultramicroscopy* **253** 113771 (2023)  
**Impact:** presents the first ultrafast electron diffraction experiments to deploy a hybrid pixel array direct electron detector, and shows that its single-particle sensitivity, high dynamic range and 1 kHz frame rate enable new probe modalities in electron-based structural dynamics. Measurements on a WSe/MoSe 2D heterobilayer resolve the weak features of diffuse scattering and moiré superlattice structure without saturating the zero order peak.
6. M Gordon, WH Li, MB Andorf, AC Bartnik, **CJR Duncan**, M Kaemingk, CA Pennington, IV Bazarov, Y-K Kim, JM Maxson, “Four-dimensional emittance measurements of ultrafast electron diffraction optics corrected up to sextupole order” *Physical Review Accelerators and Beams* **25**(8) 084001 (2022)  
**Impact:** users of electron beams want minimum beam emittance. The paper reports the performance of a new aberration correction system that further minimizes the emittance of the Cornell beam-line, results that will be useful for other beam operators.  
**Contribution:** helped design, construct and operate the beam-line.
5. WH Li†, **CJR Duncan**†, MB Andorf, AC Bartnik, E Bianco, L Cultrera, A Galdi, M Gordon, M Kaemingk, CA Pennington, LF Kourkoutis, IV Bazarov, JM Maxson, “A kiloelectron-volt ultrafast electron micro-diffraction apparatus using low emittance semiconductor photocathodes” *Structural Dynamics* **9**(2) 024302 (2022)  
† These two authors contributed equally  
**Impact:** a featured article in *Structural Dynamics*, the paper reports the design and performance of a time-resolved electron diffraction apparatus capable of producing intense bunches with simultaneously single digit micrometer probe size, long coherence length, and 200 fs rms time resolution.  
**Contribution:** leader of the ultrafast electron diffraction experiments, design and assembly of the sample chamber, lead diffraction data collection and analysis, wrote 50% of the manuscript.
4. **CJR Duncan**, DA Muller, JM Maxson, “Lossless monochromation for electron microscopy with pulsed photoemission sources and radio-frequency cavities”, *Physical Review Applied* **14**(1) 014060 (2020)  
**Impact:** ultrafast energy loss spectroscopy is an emerging experimental technique, but energy resolution is severely limited. Monochromation with a conventional slit is infeasible because of low average beam current. We present a lossless monochromator design and report simulations showing orders-of-magnitude greater beam current on

target than state-of-the-art monochromators for the same space-time-energy resolution.

3. WF Bergan, IV Bazarov, **CJR Duncan**, DB Liarte, DL Rubin, JP Sethna, “Online storage ring optimization using dimension-reduction and genetic algorithms”, *Physical Review Accelerators and Beams* **22**(5) 054601 (2019)  
**Impact:** Particle storage rings are a rich application domain for online optimization algorithms. The paper investigates algorithms that restrict the search space to a small number of linear combinations of parameters (“knobs”) which contain most of the effect on our chosen objective (the vertical emittance), thus enabling efficient tuning.  
**Contribution:** design and coding of multi-objective genetic algorithm, data analysis to benchmark algorithm performance, wrote 30% of the manuscript.
2. Y Zhao, **CJR Duncan**, BT Kuhlmeiy, CM de Sterke, “Phase matching in hyperbolic wire media for nonlinear frequency conversion”, *Optics Express* **23**(26) 33733 (2015)  
**Impact:** efficient nonlinear frequency conversion requires a phase matching condition to be satisfied. The paper analyzes the dispersion of the modes of hyperbolic wire metamaterials and demonstrates that phase matching at infrared wavelengths can be achieved with a variety of constituent materials, such as GaAs, in which phase matching cannot easily be achieved by conventional means.  
**Contribution:** developed analytical models used in the paper.
1. **CJR Duncan**, L Perret, S Palomba, M Lapine, BT Kuhlmeiy, C Martijn de Sterke, “New avenues for phase matching in nonlinear hyperbolic metamaterials”, *Scientific Reports* **5**(1) 1 (2015)  
**Impact:** the paper demonstrates that hyperbolic phase matching can be achieved with a wide range of material parameters, offering access to the use of nonlinear media for which phase matching cannot be achieved by other means.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

12. **CJR Duncan**, GM Vanacore, “Exploring time-of-flight energy filtering possibilities for ultrafast electron single-pixel imaging”, *Proc. IPAC’23* (2023)
11. **CJR Duncan**, M Kaemingk, A Bartnik, M Gordon, W Li, JM Maxson, “High angular magnification for accessing structural information in Ultrafast Electron Diffraction”, *Proc. IPAC’23* (2023)
10. D Ma, CY Zhang, YT Shao, Z Baraissov, **CJR Duncan**, A Hanuka, A Edelen, JM Maxon, DA Muller, “Physics-informed Bayesian Optimization of an Electron Microscope”, *Microscopy and Microanalysis* **29**(S1) 1875 (2023)
9. A Bartnik, **CJR Duncan**, M Andorf, M Kaemingk, M Gordon, JM Maxson, “A UV Pump Laser System for Micro-UED at Cornell”, *Proc. IPAC’23* (2023)

8. C Zhang, YT Shao, Z Baraissov, **CJR Duncan**, A Hanuka, AL Edelen, JM Maxson, DA Muller, “Bayesian Optimization for Multi-dimensional Alignment: Tuning Aberration Correctors and Ptychographic Reconstructions”, *Microscopy and Microanalysis* **28**(S1) 3146 (2022)
7. C Zhang, Z Baraissov, **CJR Duncan**, A Hanuka, A Edelen, JM Maxson, DA Muller, “Aberration corrector tuning with machine-learning-based emittance measurements and bayesian optimization”, *Microscopy and Microanalysis* **27**(S1) 810 (2021)
6. **CJR Duncan**, P Cueva, JM Maxson, DA Muller, “Improving energy resolution and compensating chromatic aberration with a TM010 microwave cavity”, *Proc. NAPAC’19* (2019)
5. WH Li, MB Andorf, IV Bazarov, Luca Cultrera, **CJR Duncan**, A Galdi, JM Maxson, CA Pennington, “Ultrafast nonlinear photoemission from alkali antimonide photocathodes”, *Proc. NAPAC’19* (2019)
4. **CJR Duncan**, MB Andorf, V Khachatryan, Colwyn Gulliford, JM Maxson, DL Rubin, IV Bazarov, “A generic software platform for rapid prototyping of online control algorithms”, *Proc. IPAC’19* (2019)
3. WF Bergan, IV Bazarov, **CJR Duncan**, DL Rubin, “Applications of dimension-reduction to various accelerator physics problems”, *Proc. IPAC’19* (2019)
2. WF Bergan, IV Bazarov, **CJR Duncan**, D Liarte, DL Rubin, JP Sethna, “Use of dimension-reduction techniques with multi-objective genetic algorithms to improve the vertical emittance and orbit at CESR”, *Proc. IPAC’18* (2018)
1. CM de Sterke, **CJR Duncan**, L Perret, S Palomba, M Lapine, BT Kuhlmeiy, “Phase matching in layered hyperbolic metamaterials”, *European Quantum Electronics Conference* (2015)

## INVITED TALKS

2. “Resolving structural dynamics at multiple length and time scales”, **Physics and Applications of High Brightness Beams 2023 (San Sebastian, June 2023)**
1. “Alkali antimonide photocathode performance in ultrafast electron microdiffraction”, **Photocathode Physics for Photoinjectors 2021 (Virtual, November 2021)**

## CONTRIBUTED TALK

“Exploring a time-of-flight method for high coherence electron ghost imaging”, **CMD30, FisMat 2023 (Milano, September 2023)**

## PATENT

**CJR Duncan**, JM Maxson, DA Muller, A monochromator device and methods of use thereof,

**FELLOWSHIPS AWARDS AND PRIZES**

US Particle Accelerator Travel Award	<b>January 2022</b>
Cornell University Fellowship	<b>Fall 2019 — Spring 2020</b>
Australian Postgraduate Award	<b>January — August 2016</b>
Alumni Scholarship, University of Sydney	<b>2016</b>
University Medal, University of Sydney (prize for an undergraduate thesis of outstanding merit)	<b>2016</b>
Honours Scholarship, University of Sydney	<b>January – December 2015</b>

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Guest Lecturer, Mechanics and Special Relativity, Cornell University	<b>Fall 2022</b>
Teaching Assistant, Electromagnetism for Engineers, Cornell University	<b>Spring 2017</b>
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Physics, Cornell University	<b>Fall 2016</b>

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