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Education

1996-2001 *Ph. D. in Physics*, Princeton University. Advisor: David Huse.
Thesis title: Particle-Hole Symmetric Localization Problems in One and Two Dimensions
1994-1996 *B. Sc. Summa Cum Laude in Physics and Mathematics*, University of Missouri-Columbia.
1992-1994 *Student in Physics*, Uzhgorod State University, Uzhgorod, Ukraine.

Employment

2006- *Assistant Professor of Physics*, California Institute of Technology
2004-2006 *Postdoctoral Research*, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UCSB, Santa Barbara.
2001-2003 *Postdoctoral Research Associate*, Condensend matter theory group, MIT, with Prof. T. Senthil.

Professional Service

Referee for professional journals (Physical Review Letters, Physical Review B).
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Awards

A. P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship (2007)

Research and Teaching Experience

1997-2001 *Research Assistant*, Physics Department, Princeton University, with Prof. David Huse.
Summer 1998 *Research Assistant*, Gravity group, Physics Department, Princeton University, with Prof. Lyman Page and the MAP satellite group.
Summer 1995, 1995-1996 *Research Experience for Undergraduate Students program*, Missouri University Research Reactor, Neutron interferometry group, with Prof. Samuel Werner.
Spring 1995 *Research Assistant*, Mathematics Department, University of Missouri-Columbia, with Profs. Loukas Grafakos and Steven Montgomery-Smith.
1997-1999 *Teaching Assistant*, Physics Department, Princeton University.

Research Interests

Strongly correlated systems: Spin liquids and non-Fermi liquids in model and realistic systems.

Disordered systems: Quantum systems with strong randomness; Anderson localization in problems with special symmetries.

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11. Particle-hole symmetric localization in two dimensions, O. Motrunich, K. Damle, and D. A. Huse, *Phys. Rev. B* **65**, 064206 (2002).
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13. Microscopic models for fractionalized phases in strongly correlated systems, T. Senthil and O. Motrunich, *Phys. Rev. B* **66**, 205104 (2002).
14. Exotic order in simple models of bosonic systems, O. I. Motrunich and T. Senthil, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89**, 277004 (2002).
15. Bosonic model with Z_3 fractionalization, O. I. Motrunich, *Phys. Rev. B* **67**, 115108 (2003).
16. Possible effects of charge frustration in Na_xCoO_2 : Bandwidth suppression, charge

- orders, and resurrected resonating valence bond superconductivity,
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J. Alicea, O. I. Motrunich, and M. P. A. Fisher, Phys. Rev. B **73**, 174430 (2006).
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