Alba Cervera-Lierta | Full CV

Senior resercher in quantum computation at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center and coordinator of the Quantum Spain project.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics

Universitat de Barcelona

Supervisor: Dr. José Ignacio Latorre

2015 - 2019

2014 - 2015

Title: Maximal Entanglement: Applications to Quantum Computation and Particle Physics.

Master in Astrophysics, Particle Physics and Cosmology

Universitat de Barcelona

Specialized in Particle Physics and Gravitation. Thesis title: Non-unitary neutrino oscillations.

Universitat de Barcelona

Specialized in Fundamental Physics

2009 – 2014

Thesis title: Scaling of entanglement support for iTEBD algorithm.

Positions

Bachelor in Physics

Research.....

Senior Researcher Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Quantic group (CASE department)

2021 – Present

Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Toronto 2019 - 2021

Alán Aspuru-Guzik group
Technical Researcher

Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Quantic group (CASE department)

2017 - 2019

Specialized Technician

Universitat de Barcelona 2014

Project: "Entanglement, tensor networks and cold gases"

EuroQCS-Spain project

Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Quantum computing technology responsible (budget: 12,5 M €)

Coordinator

2022 – Present

Quantum Spain project

Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Project Principal Investigator (budget: 22M €)

2021 – Present

Visito

Center of Quantum Technologies National University of Singapore

Prof. Kwek Leong Chuan group.

May 2017

Instituto de Física Teórica

CSIC

Dr. César Gómez's group.

Feb 2017

Grupo de investigación en Información y Computación Cuántica

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Dr. Vicente Martín group

Sep 2016

Rudolph Pierls Institute for Theoretical Physics

University of Oxford

Dr. Juan Rojo's group.

Jan - May 2016

Teaching.....
Teacher Assistant

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2017 – 2019

Teacher Assistant

Universitat de Barcelona

Modern Physics Laboratory, Computational Physics.

Calculus I-II, Theoretical Mechanics, Physics I - II.

2016 - 2017

Funded projects

European

EuroQCS-Spain project EuroHPC - Joint Undertaking

2022 - 2026 Budget: 12,5 M €, Role: Quantum computing technology responsible

Quantum Spain project Secretary of State of Digitalization and AI (SEDIA)

Budget: 22M €, Role: principal investigator 2021 - 2025

https://quantumspain-project.es

Industry..... **Quantum Experience for Academic Research Program**

Funding: Exclusive access to pulse-level control of IBM quantum devices, Role: co-PI. 2021 - 2022

Project: High-dimensional quantum experiments superconducting circuits.

Awards and Honors

PhD Excellent Cum Laude Universitat de Barcelona

Jun 2019

Jun 2018

IBM

Teach Me QISKit Award **IBM**

https://www.ibm.com/blogs/research/2018/06/teach-giskit-winner/ Best interactive self-paced tutorial that explains a specific focus topic in quantum computing using QISKit and the IBM Q Experience.

17. Design of quantum optical experiments with Logic Artificial Intelligence

Publications

Link to Google Scholar and OrcID.

19. Workflows Community Summit 2022: A Roadmap Revolution

Preprint 2023

R. Ferreira da Silva, R. M. Badia, V. Bala, et. al. arXiv:2304.00019 [cs.DC].

18. Multidimensional Fourier series with quantum circuits

Phys. Rev. A

B. Casas, A. Cervera-Lierta

Physical Review A 107, 062612 (2023).

A. Cervera-Lierta, M. Krenn, A. Aspuru-Guzik

Quantum 6, 836 (2022).

2022

Quantum

2023

16. On scientific understanding with artificial intelligence

M. Krenn, R. Pollice, S. Y. Guo, et. al.

Nature Review Physics (2022).

Nat. Rev. Phys.

2022

15. Modern applications of machine learning in quantum sciences

A. Dawid, J. Arnold, B. Reguena, et. al.

2022

Preprint/Book

arXiv:2204.04198 [quant-ph].

14. Toward Reliability in the NISQ Era: Robust Interval Guarantee for Quantum Measurements on Approximate States

Phys. Rev. Research

M. Weber, A. Anand, A. Cervera-Lierta, J. S. Kottmann, T. H. Kyaw, et. al.

Physical Review Research 4, 033217 (2022).

13. Programming Physical Quantum Systems with Pulse-Level Control

K. N. Smith, G. S. Ravi, T. Alexander, et. al.

Frontiers in Physics, 672 (2022).

Front. Phys.

2022

2022

12. Learning Interpretable Representations of Entanglement in Quantum Optics Experiments using Deep Generative Models

Nat. Mach. Intell.

2021

D. Flam-Shepherd, T. Wu, X. Gu, A. Cervera-Lierta, M. Krenn, A. Aspuru-Guzik Nature Machine Intelligence 4 (6), 544-554 (2022).

11. Experimental high-dimensional Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger entanglement Phys. Rev. Appl. with superconducting transmon gutrits 2022 A. Cervera-Lierta, M. Krenn, A. Aspuru-Guzik, A. Galda Phyical Review Applied 17, 024062 (2022). 10. Noisy intermediate-scale quantum algorithms Rev. Mod. Phys. K. Bharti, A. Cervera-Lierta, T. H. Kyaw, T. Haug, et. al. 2022 Review of Modern Physics 94, 015004 (2022). 9. The Meta-Variational Quantum Eigensolver (Meta-VQE): **PRX Quantum** Learning energy profiles of parameterized Hamiltonians for quantum simulation 2021 A. Cervera-Lierta, J. S. Kottmann and A. Aspuru-Guzik PRX Quantum 2, 020329 (2021). 8. Tequila: A platform for rapid development of quantum algorithms Quantum Sci. Technol. J. S. Kottmann, S. Alperin-Lea, T. Tamayo-Mendoza, A. Cervera-Lierta et. al. 2021 Quantum Science and Technology 6 024009 (2021). 7. Data Re-uploading for a Universal Quantum Classifier Quantum A. Pérez-Salinas, A. Cervera-Lierta, E. Gil-Fuster, J. I. Latorre 2020 Quantum 4, 226 (2020). 6. Maximal Entanglement: Applications in Quantum Information and Particle Physics PhD Thesis A. Cervera-Lierta 2019 arXiv:1906.12099 [quant-ph]. 5. Quantum Circuits for Maximally Entangled States Phys. Rev. A A. Cervera-Lierta, J. I. Latorre, D. Goyeneche 2019 Physical Review A 100, 022342 (2019). 4. Exact Ising Simulation on a Quantum Computer Quantum A. Cervera-Lierta 2018 Quantum 2, 114 (2018). 3. Multipartite Entanglement in Spin Chains and the Hyperdeterminant J. Phys. A Math. Theor. A. Cervera-Lierta, A. Gasull, J. I. Latorre and G. Sierra. 2018 Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical 51, 505301 (2018). 2. Maximal Entanglement in High Energy Physics SciPost Phys. A. Cervera-Lierta, J. I. Latorre, J. Rojo and L. Rottoli 2017 SciPost Physics 3, 036 (2017). 1. Operational Approach to Bell Inequalities: Application to gutrits Phys. Rev. A D. Alsina, A. Cervera, D. Goyeneche, J. I. Latorre and K. Zyczkowski 2016 Physical Review A 94, 032102 (2016). Software development Quantum computing open-source library "Tequila" Python Developer., https://github.com/tequilahub/ 2021 Codes and demos..... Logic Al algorithm "Klaus" Mathematica Creator and developer., https://github.com/AlbaCL/Klaus 2022 Meta Variational Quantum Eigensolver Python 2021 Co-creator and developer., https://github.com/aspuru-guzik-group/Meta-VQE Talks and seminars * Virtual talks due to COVID-19 pandemic. 10th BSC Doctoral Symposium The quest for the quantum computer

Barcelona, Spain

May 9, 2023

The Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum era Porto Alegre, Brasil	CARLA 2022 Sep 28-30, 2022
Colloquium	
Tecnologies quàntiques: present i futur Universitat de Barcelona	ICCUB Colloquia Feb 16, 2022
Invited	
Variational Quantum Algorithms QTYR 2023	CSIC, Madrid <i>Jul 04, 2023</i>
Quantum Spain in the NISQ era QBN Meeting on Quantum Computing and Applications	BSC-CNS Jun 15, 2023
High-dimensional quantum computation: opportunities and challenges Symposium on Open-Source Tools for Quantum Computing & Simulation	ICFO Mar 31, 2023
High-dimensional quantum computation CERN	QT4HPC Nov 2, 2022
	in Computational Chemistry
IQTC, University of Barcelona (Spain).	Sep 9, 2022
Quantum Spain Barcelona (Spain).	Quantum 2022 Jun 22, 2022
Quantum Spain: un impulso para el ecosistema de computación cuántica NASERTIC, Pamplona (Spain).	Jornada cuántica <i>May 4, 2022</i>
Quantum Spain: un impulso para el ecosistema de computación cuántica SCAYLE, León (Spain).	Jornada Eco. Cuántico Mar 1, 2022
Near term quantum computation: opportunities and challenges Bilbao (Spain).	Quantum 2021 <i>Nov 24, 2021</i>
Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum era	JURES 2021
Virtual (*).	Sep 17, 2021
Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum algorithms	CERN
Perspectives on Quantum Sensing and Computation for Particle Physics. Virtual (*). Jul 15, 2021	
The Meta-Variational Quantum Eigensolver Mach Virtual (*).	nine Learning for Quantum X Jul 6, 2021
The Meta-Variational Quantum Eigensolver QV Virtual (*).	Vorld Quantum Science Days Jun 1, 2021
Chronicles of Entangland, the foundation of the SC town Virtual (*).	Qiskit Hackathon Europe May 26, 2021
Experimental high-dimensional GHZ entanglement with Pulse-level Quantum Control Workshop	
superconducting transmon qutrits Chicago. Virtual (*).	May 18, 2021
Maximal Entanglement in High Energy Physics Topical Group on Hadronic Physics. Virtual (*).	APS April Meeting Apr 15, 2021
Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum algorithms Virtual (*).	Universidad Iberoamericana Apr 13, 2021
Please, feed the quantum troll! Virtual (*).	Q-Hack 2021 Feb 19, 2021
Testing and designing quantum algorithms for the NISQ era	INT-20-3
Quantum Computing and Simulation on Near-Term Devices. Virtual (*). Maximal Entanglement in High Energy Physics, Quantum Entanglement	Nov 21, 2020 CFNS Stony Brook
at Collider Energies	Sep 11, 2018

Stony Brook (United States).

Exact simulation of a Quantum Phase Transition on a quantum computer

Barcelona (Spain).

Emergence of Gauge Symmetry

from a Maximal Entanglement Principle

Madrid (Spain).

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Sep 21, 2016

Apr 05, 2018

Contributed

The Meta-Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Virtual (*).

Data re-uploading for a universal quantum classifier

Virtual (*).

Data re-uploading for a universal quantum classifier

Quantum Techniques Machine Learning. Virtual (*).

Maximal Entanglement in Quantum Computation

Barcelona (Spain).

APS March Meeting 2021

Quantum Phase Transitions

Mar 18, 2021

Q-Turn 2020

Nov 24, 2020

QTML 2020

Nov 12, 2020

BSC Severo Ochoa Doctoral Symposium

May 07, 2019

Seminars.....

A roadmap to quantum computing integration into HPC infrastructures

RISC2 Seminar Series

Universidad de Zaragoza

Mar 15, 2023

Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum Computation

Dept. Condensed Matter Physics.

Jun 3, 2022

Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum Computation

Universidad Nacional de Colombia Apr 21, 2022

MPQ

Design of quantum optical experiments with logic artificial intelligence

Quantum Optics group seminar.

Oct 29, 2021

High-dimensional quantum computing experiments

Prof. Manas Mukherjee group meeting (Singapore, Virtual *)

Maximal Entanglement in a Quantum Computer

Fermilab theory seminars. Virtual (*)

Aug 03, 2021 **Fermilab**

May 6, 2021

CQT

Oxford

Jun 15, 2021

The Meta-Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Oxford Quantum Information Society. Virtual (*)

The Meta-Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Virtual.

Virtual.

May 20, 2021

Scientific Machine Learning Webinars

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum algorithms

Hypatia Series. Virtual(*).

Alexandria University

Apr 8, 2021

Maximal Entanglement in High Energy Physics

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum algorithms

Belgian Quantum Physics Initiative. Virtual(*).

Nuclear Theory series. Virtual(*).

University of Maryland Apr 2, 2021

Académie Royale de Belgique

Mar 4, 2021

Designing VQA with Tequila

Virtual.

Quantum Conversations by the Bay

Nov 28, 2020

Maximal Entanglement. Applications to Quantum Computation and Particle Physics

Matterlab group meeting. Toronto (Canada).

Mar 1, 2029

UofT

Committees

European....

Quantum Computing working group

Quantum Coordination Board

Quantum Standarization working group

Quantum Coordination Board

Quantum - HPC Working group

European Quantum Flagship and EuroHPC

2023 - Present

European Quantum Flagship and EuroHPC

2023 - Present

European Quantum Flagship

2022 - Present

Scientific Advisory Board.....

Finish Quantum Initiative

CSC, Aalto University, VTT

2023 - Present

Consell de les Tecnologies Quàntiques de Catalunya

Board member

Generalitat de Catalunya

2022 - Present

Scientific Committee.....

Quantum Techniques in Machine Learning 2023, CERN.

ICE8 2023, Santiago de Compostela.

Quantum Matter 2023, Madrid.

Quantum Matter 2022, Barcelona.

Quantum Techniques in Machine Learning 2020, Virtual.

PhD Thesis committees....

Fault tolerant quantum algorithms

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Pablo Moreno-Casares

Supervisor: Miguel Ángel Martín-Delgado

Quantum information in lattices

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Bruna Gabrielly De Moraes Araújo

Jul 22, 2022

Jan 17, 2023

Supervisors: Antonio Acín dal Maschio, Daniel Cavalcanti Santos and Stephan Jean Louis Roche

Conference and seminars organization

Quantum Matter International Conference

Madrid

Industrial forum co-organizer.

May 22-25, 2023

Quantum Research Seminars Toronto.

Virtual

Co-organizer and chair. Youtube: Quantum Research Seminars Toronto.

2020 – 2021

Lectures and courses

A gentle introduction to quantum computing

ACM Europe, Barcelona

July 7, 2023

Quantum Algorithms I and II

ACM Europe Summer School on HPC

Centro de Ciencias de Benasque Pedro Pascual

Spring School on Superconducting Qubit Technology

Apr 11-21, 2023

The Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum Computation

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Escenarios Científicos

Mar 14, 2023

The Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum Computation

Master Modelling for Science and Engineering Research and Innovation

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Oct 4. 2022

Variational Quantum Computing

Universidad Internacional Menéndez-Pelayo

IV Summer School on Quantum Computing

Sep 5-9, 2022

Near-term quantum computing

Universidad Castilla La-Mancha

Clase introducción al curso en Quantum Computing software.

Jun 20, 2022

NISQ computing

Institut de Ciències Fotòniques (ICFO)

Theory lectures

Mar 15-24, 2022

Variational Quantum Computing

Universidad Internacional Menéndez-Pelayo

III Summer School on Quantum and Q-Inspired Computing

Sep 7, 2021

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum Algorithms

Warsaw, Poland Aug 25, 2021

Summer School "Machine Learning in Quantum Physics and Chemistry"

iug 25, 2021

Quantum Computing in the NISQ era

UCL

Talk in Quantum Technologies Winter School

Dec 10, 2020

Bojos per la Supercomputació

BSC

Introductory course in quantum computation for high-school students

26 Apr – 04 May, 2019

The Quantum Revolution

ESADE Business School

Seminar at Master in Finance

Jun 07, 2018

Panels and round tables

As a moderator.....

Round table Industrial forum

Quantum Matter 2023

Participants: Marta Estarellas, Richard Kienhoefer, Pascale Senellart,

May 24, 2023

Fernando de la Iglesia and Bilal Kalyoncu

Round table Industrial forum

Quantum Matter 2022

Participants: Marc Almendros, Niels Bultink, Gianni del Bimbo, Daniel Szombati,

Jun 22, 2022

Yonatan Cohen, Josep M. Martorell, Heike Riel and Carmen Palacios.

As a participant.....

Quantum computing + Communications: meet at the halfway.

PuzzleX

Pannel with Hugues de Riedmatten.

Modarated by Carmen G. Almudéver.

Oct 7, 2022

Catalan Nanotech Ecosystem Session *Modarated by Stephan Roche.*

ACM Nanocomm Oct 7. 2022

Women in ACM/IEEE WICE Luncheon

ACM Nanocomm

Modarated by Núria Castell.

Oct 6, 2022

Quantum Computing: Changing the Course of Industry

Barcelona New Economy Week

Round table with Carlos Kuchkovsky, Marta Pita, and Enrique Sanchez. Modarated by Jaime Gómez.

Oct 3, 2022

Quantum Technologies

Barcelona Deep Tech Summit

Panel with Silvia Carrasco, Carlos Abellán and Enrique Mora.

Sep 22, 2022

Moderated by Rubén Criado

The Impact of Advanced Computing in AI

Science Business

Round table with Jean Pierre Panziera and Nicolas Moes.

Sep 19 2022

Moderated by David Pringle

The Future of HPC

ACM Europe Summer School

Panel with Paul Messina, Per Stenström, Uri Weiser and Min Li.

Sep 2 2022

Moderated by Josephine Wood

Young People Program Career Panel

DATE 2022 *Mar 21 2022*

Quantum Software Ecosystem

IEEE Services

Pannel discussion with industry and academic members

Sep 9 2021

Students

PhD.....

Berta Casas Font **University of Barcelona**

Sep 2022 - Present

Feb 2023 - Jul 2023

Feb 2022 - Jul 2022

Feb 2023 - Jul 2023

Feb 2023 - Jul 2023

Feb 2022 - Jul 2022

Feb 2019 - Jul 2019

GEM

University of Barcelona

Master

Juan Francisco Martín Bravo **University of Barcelona**

Quantum benchmarking: entanglement measures in a quantum computer

Master Quantum Science and Technology.

Berta Casas Font University of Barcelona

Quantum function fitting and classification beyond the single-qubit model

Master Quantum Science and Technology.

Undergraduate (degree).....

Exact XY model simulation with a quantum computer

Physics Degree

Marc Farreras

Alex Alemany Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

The HHL algorithm

Computer Science Degree. Co-supervised with Jordi Delgado.

Júlia Barberà Rodríguez **University of Barcelona**

Application of Grover's quantum algorithm for string matching

Physics Degree

Elies M. Gil Fuster **University of Barcelona**

Variational Quantum Classifier

Physics Degree. Co-supervised with J. I. Latorre.

Outreach

Mentorship programs.

Quantum Open Source Foundation mentorship program **QOSF**

Mentor Sep 2020 - Jan 2021

Girls E-Mentorship program

Mentor Sep 2020 - June 2021

Panels and round tables....

Jornades REACT

Round table with Teresa Riesgo Alcaide, Laia Bonet, Xavier Azemar Mallard Mateo Valero Cortes. Mar 29, 2023 Moderated by Elena Arrieta Palacio.

Premios Nacionales de Investigación

Barcelona Presenter and moderator of the act. May 5, 2022

Chaired by HRH King and Queen of Spain, Spanish Minister of Science and Universities and Barcelona Mayor.

Mujeres y Digitalización: Por una España Igualitaria

MINECO Round table with Marta Villegas, Lucía Flecha and Susana Fernández. Mar 8, 2022

Moderated by the Secretary of State of Digitalization and Al Carme Artigas.

Dia Internacional Dona i Nena a la ciència Ajuntament de Barcelona

Women in Physics path Universitat de Barcelona

Organized by the Equality commission from the Physics Faculty Mar 3 2021

Keynote speech.....

Margarita Salas Honoris Causa PhD act

Event with Barcelona city Mayor and government.

Universidad de Extremadura

Talk "De las computadoras a los ordenadores" Feb 2 2019

Feb 11, 2022

Bojos de la Ciència Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera Dec 10 2018

Speech about Bojos per la Supercomputació program

Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera

Bojos de la Ciència Speech at Master grants act

Oct 16 2018

Computación Cuántica en la Nube

RSEF

Revista Española de Física

Mar 2020

How I became a quantum computation scientist

Medium article for @qiskit

Jul 2018

Contributing Writer

Quantum World Association

Medium articles, Qquantum_wa.

2018 - 2019

Talks and courses.....

Computació quàntica: passat, present i futur d'una (r)evolució tecnològica

Universitat de Girona

Cicle Últimes fronteres: la ciència del segle XXI

May 4, 2023

Computación cuántica: presente y futuro de una revolución tecn. Uni. Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Jornada tecnología.

Apr 18, 2023

Computació Quàntica i els reptes de Talent TIC en els propers anys

Lul·liana Nov 24, 2022

Col·legi d'Informàtica de Catalunya

Tecnologies quàntiques: present i futur d'una (r)evolució tecnológica

Jornades Feministes Nov 20, 2022

Casal de Joves Sant Just Desvern

A-12 Estudis i Recerca Universitaria

Present i futur de les tecnologies quàntiques Two-day introductory course for senior citizens.

Oct 20-26, 2022

Computació quàntica: present i futur d'una revolució tecnològica

Open Day TIC May 12, 2022

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.

Pint of Science

Tecnologías Cuánticas: presente y futuro Barcelona.

May 11, 2022

Quantum Spain: un impulso para el ecosistema de computación cuántica

CTA

Seminar for the Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía. Virtual.

Apr 26, 2022

Supercomputación y Quantum Spain Seminar for the Plataforma Tecnologíca Española y de Tecnologías Disruptivas. Virtual. **PTE** Disruptive Mar 22, 2022

Tecnologías cuánticas: presente y futuro

Col·legi de Biòlegs de Catalunya

Computación Cuántica

Virtual.

Mar 16, 2022

Cosmocaixa (Barcelona)

Live Talks Cosmocaixa

Quantum Spain

Feb 16, 2022 Meet-up

Quantum Barcelona and Madrid meet-up.

Dec 13, 2021/Feb 9, 2022

Quantum Calling

K-W Quantum Enthusiasts Meetup

Waterloo Quantum Meet-up

Jun 18, 2020

CCCB

Quantum computing talk and participation in the exhibition (video)

Apr 10-Sep 26, 2019

De las computadoras a los ordenadores

Margarita Salas Honoris Causa PhD event

Badajoz, Spain

Feb 26, 2019

Technology to manipulate Nature

El País con tu Futuro

Madrid, Spain

Dec 18. 2018

Quantum Computation: a new paradigm

TEDx talk

Sant Feliu de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain

Sep 15, 2018

Quantum Computation

Researcher's Night 2018

Cosmocaixa (Science Museum)

Sep 28, 2018

Other skills

Programming Languages.

Classical: Fortran, Python, Mathematica.

Quantum: QisKit (IBM), Qiskit Pulse (IBM), pyquil (Rigetti Computing), Cirq (Google), Tequila (MatterLab),

Qibo.

Languages

English (fluent), Spanish (mothertongue), Catalan (mothertongue).

Media....

All videos, links and audio can be found in my webpage.

Television: Interviews in Spanish and Catalan television (Orbita Laika, Els Matins TV3, News, ...)

Newspapers: Several interviews in Spanish and Catalan newspapers (La Contra de La Vanguardia, El Periódico, El Mundo, ...)

Radio and podcast: Several interviews in Spanish and Catalan radio programs and English podcasts (RAC1, Catalunya Radio, RNE, ...)

Twitter: Creator and manager of research group's account, @QUANTIC_BSC (until Jul 2019) and @QRSToronto (until Sep 2021).