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## EDUCATION

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**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, China**

2021 -- now

*P.h.D. in Individual Interdisciplinary Program, major in Applied Mathematics*

Advisor: [Prof. Zecheng Gan](#); Co-advisor: [Prof. Jin-Guo Liu](#) & [Prof. Yang Xiang](#).

**The University of Science and Technology of China, China**

2017 -- 2021

*B.S. in Condensed Matter Physics & B.S. in Computer Science*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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I am interested in computational mathematics and scientific computing in general, with a particular focus on developing efficient numerical algorithms for modeling and simulating complex systems, emphasizing high-performance implementation. Specifically, I am engaged in research on fast summation algorithms tailored for long-range interactions. I have also concentrated on tensor network-based algorithms for combinatorial optimization problems and their potential applications in simulating quantum many-body systems.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed Publications

- [1] X. Gao and Z. Gan, Broken symmetries in quasi-2D charged systems via negative dielectric confinement, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **161**, (2024)
- [2] M. Roa-Villescas, X. Gao, S. Stuijk, H. Corporaal, and J.-G. Liu, Probabilistic inference in the era of tensor networks and differential programming, *Physical Review Research* **6**, 33261 (2024)
- [3] Z. Nie, X. Gao, Y. Ren, S. Xia, Y. Wang, Y. Shi, J. Zhao, and Y. Wang, Harnessing hot phonon bottleneck in metal halide perovskite nanocrystals via interfacial electron-phonon coupling, *Nano Letters* **20**, 4610 (2020)

### Manuscripts Under Review

- [4] Z. Gan, X. Gao, J. Liang, and Z. Xu, Fast algorithm for quasi-2D Coulomb systems, Arxiv Preprint Arxiv:2403.01521 (2024) Under 2nd round of revision at *The Journal of Computational Physics*.
- [5] Z. Gan, X. Gao, J. Liang, and Z. Xu, Random batch Ewald method for dielectrically confined Coulomb systems, Arxiv Preprint Arxiv:2405.06333 (2024) Under 1st round of revision at *The SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*.
- [6] X. Gao, S. Jiang, J. Liang, Z. Xu, and Q. Zhou, A fast spectral sum-of-Gaussians method for electrostatic summation in quasi-2D systems, Arxiv Preprint Arxiv:2412.04595 (2024)
- [7] X. Gao, Y.-J. Wang, P. Zhang, and J.-G. Liu, Automated discovery of branching rules with optimal complexity for the maximum independent set problem, Arxiv Preprint Arxiv:2412.07685 (2024)
- [8] X. Gao, X. Li, and J. Liu, Programming guide for solving constraint satisfaction problems with tensor networks, Arxiv Preprint Arxiv:2501.00227 (2024)

### In Draft (preprint available upon request)

- [9] X. Gao and Z. Gan, Efficient particle-based simulations of Coulomb systems under dielectric nanoconfinement, (2024)

## SOFTWARE PACKAGES

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[ExTinyMD.jl](#): A framework for molecular dynamics simulations.

**EwaldSummations.jl**: A comprehensive implementation of the Ewald summation method for electrostatic interactions in both triply and doubly periodic systems with and without dielectric mismatches.

**ChebParticleMesh.jl**: A suite of highly efficient tools for the widely used Particle-Mesh methods applicable to systems with arbitrary dimensions and periodicity.

**TropicalNumbers.jl**: A refined implementation of the tropical semiring.

**CuTropicalGEMM.jl**: A GPU-accelerated implementation of the tropical matrix multiplication.

**TreeWidthSolver.jl**: A collection of tools for calculating the exact tree width and tree decomposition of a given graph.

## OPEN SOURCE PROJECTS

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### Google Summer of Code 2024, The Julia Language

Contributed to the project *“Tensor network contraction order optimization and visualization”* released by the Julia Language community in GSoC 2024.

### Open Source Promotion Plan 2023, JuliaCN

Contributed to the project *“TropicalGEMM on GPU”* released by the JuliaCN community in OSPP 2023.

## PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

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### JuliaCN Meetup 2024, Invited Talk

Nov 2-3, 2024

*TreeWidthSolver.jl: From Treewidth to Tensor Network Contraction Order*

### SciCADE 2024, Contributed Talk

July 15-19, 2024

*Fast Algorithm for Quasi-2D Coulomb Systems*

### JuliaCN Meetup 2023, Contributed Talk

Dec 9, 2023

*How to Implement Generic Matrix-Mul with Generic Element Types on GPU?*

### ICIAM 2023, Poster

August 20-25, 2023

*Random Batch Quasi-Ewald Method for the Simulations of Charged Particles under Dielectric Confinement*

## SKILLS

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**Programming Languages:** Julia (proficient), Python, C/C++, CUDA

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficient)