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## Relevant recent experience

Researcher with 20+ years' experience:

Current research focus in Quantum Computing and Machine Learning. Extensive knowledge of Python scientific and machine learning stack (e.g. NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, PyTorch, JAX).

Formulating and executing complex research projects involving multiple team members.

Recruitment and managing research of undergraduates, postgraduates and postdocs.

## Employment

*University of Cambridge*

Lecturer → Reader → Professor of Theoretical Physics 2012-2023

*University of Virginia*

Assistant → Associate Professor 2007-2012

*All Souls College, University of Oxford*

Postdoctoral Fellow 2005-2007

*Princeton University*

Robert H. Dicke Fellow, Department of Physics 2002-2005

*Trinity College, University of Cambridge*

Junior Research Fellow 2001-2007

*Barclays Capital, London*

Interest rate derivatives quant 1998-2000

## Expositions and side projects

Machine Learning and Statistical Mechanics ([Lecture 1](#), [Lecture 2](#))

New Rules: Quantum Circuits, Cellular Automata, Complexity and Chaos ([Aspen colloquium](#) see also [YouTube](#))

Cambridge [Computational Physics course](#) and [Maths question site](#)

## Education

*Trinity College, University of Cambridge*

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| PhD in Theoretical Physics           | 2002 |
| Master of Mathematics (Distinction)  | 1998 |
| MA in Natural Sciences (First class) | 1997 |

## Publications

- Claeys, P. W., Lamacraft, A., & Vicary, J. (2023). From dual-unitary to biunitary: A 2-categorical model for exactly-solvable many-body quantum dynamics. *arXiv Preprint arXiv:2302.07280*.
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- Claeys, P. W., Herzog-Arbeitman, J., & Lamacraft, A. (2022). Correlations and commuting transfer matrices in integrable unitary circuits. *SciPost Physics*, 12(1), 007.
- Claeys, P. W., & Lamacraft, A. (2022). Dissipative dynamics in open XXZ richardson-gaudin models. *Physical Review Research*, 4(1), 013033.
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- Barr, A., Gispen, W., & Lamacraft, A. (2020). Quantum ground states from reinforcement learning. *Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning*, 635–653.
- Claeys, P. W., & Lamacraft, A. (2020). Maximum velocity quantum circuits. *Physical Review Research*, 2(3), 033032.

- Gispén, W., & Lamacraft, A. (2020). Ground states of quantum many body lattice models via reinforcement learning. *arXiv Preprint arXiv:2012.07063*.
- Friedman, A. J., Vasseur, R., Lamacraft, A., & Parameswaran, S. A. (2019). Quantum brownian motion in a quasiperiodic potential. *Phys. Rev. B*, *100*, 060301. <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.100.060301>
- Gopalakrishnan, S., & Lamacraft, A. (2019). Unitary circuits of finite depth and infinite width from quantum channels. *Phys. Rev. B*, *100*, 064309. <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.100.064309>
- Bondesan, R., & Lamacraft, A. (2019). Learning symmetries of classical integrable systems. In *arXiv preprint arXiv:1906.04645*.
- Uranga, B. M., & Lamacraft, A. (2019). SchrödingerRNN: Generative modeling of raw audio as a continuously observed quantum state. *arXiv Preprint arXiv:1911.11879*.
- Rowlands, D. A., & Lamacraft, A. (2018). Noisy coupled qubits: Operator spreading and the fredrickson-andersen model. *Phys. Rev. B*, *98*, 195125. <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.98.195125>
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