# Fang Song

fang.song@pdx.edu

https://fangsong.info

**G** https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=A6C3geAAAAAJ

# **Research Interests**

**Quantum-safe cryptography** 

quantum provable security, quantum cryptography;

Quantum computing

quantum complexity theory, pseudorandomness, quantum algorithms.

# **Employment**

09/2023 - Associate Professor, Portland State University, Portland, OR, USA.

Computer Science Department.

Computer Science Department.

09/2018 – 02/2020 Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA.

Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

(On leave from Portland State University)

Institute for Quantum Computing (IQC),

and Department of Combinatorics & Optimization.

Mentors: Andrew Childs, Debbie Leung, Michele Mosca.

## **Education**

Computer Science and Engineering.

Thesis: Quantum Computing: A Cryptographic Perspective.

Advisor: Sean Hallgren

Department of Information Security.

Thesis: Primitives on Quantum Anonymous Communications

Advisors: Liusheng Huang & Baosen Shi

# **Honors & Awards**

04/2024 ♦ PSU's **2024 Early Career Research Award**, Portland State University.

03/2022 ♦ **Sony Faculty Innovation** Award.

04/2020 ♦ NSF CAREER Award.

Lattices: Algorithms, Complexity, and Cryptography.

o8/2018 Appreciation to mentor at **Portland Saturday Academy** K-12 Apprenticeship program.

# **Honors & Awards (continued)**

01/2015	♦ Plenary talk (equivalent to Best Paper) at QIP'15.
09/2013 - 08/2016	Research funded by Cryptoworks21, Ontario Research Fund (ORF), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).
05/2012	♦ Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Pennsylvania State University.
08/2008	♦ College of Engineering Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University.
07/2008	♦ Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award, USTC.

# **Funding**

10/2022 – 09/2024	<ul> <li>US National Science Foundation (NSF) Award #22224131, \$299,549.</li> <li>Collaborative Research: FET: Small: Minimum Quantum Circuit Size Problems, Variants, and Applications.</li> </ul>
03/2022 - 03/2023	<ul> <li>Sony Corporation of America. Sony Faculty Innovation Award, \$100,000.</li> <li>Post-Quantum Blockchains – Formal Analysis and Applications</li> <li>PI: Fang Song. Co-PI (subawardee): Juan Garay, Texas A&amp;M University.</li> </ul>
04/2020 - 03/2025	US National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award #2054758, \$559,775. FET: CAREER: Algorithms, cryptography and complexity meet quantum reductions.
10/2018 - 09/2022	VIS National Science Foundation (NSF) Award #1816869 (#2041841), \$283,852. AF: Small: Quantum Computational Pseudorandomness with Applications.
08/2018 - 07/2022	♦ US National Science Foundation (NSF) Award #1764042 (#2042414), \$274,752.  AF: Medium: Collaborative Research: Quantum-Secure Cryptography and Fine-Grained Quantum Query Complexity.  10/2021 - 07/2022 REU supplement, \$16,000.

# **Professional Activities**

# **Conference Program Committee member**

- 2025 ♦ IEEE Quantum Week (QCE), Albuquerque, USA.
  - ♦ Conference on Quantum Cryptography (**QCrypt**), Sanya, China.
  - ♦ Asian Quantum Information Science Conference (AQIS), Hong Kong, China.
  - ♦ Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (**TQC**), Bengaluru, India.
  - ♦ IACR Eurocrypt (**Eurocrypt**), Madrid, Spain.
  - ♦ Cryptographers' Track at RSA Conference (CT-RSA), San Francisco, USA.
- or Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (TQC), Okinawa, Japan.
  - ♦ Asian Quantum Information Science Conference (AQIS), Sapporo, Japan.
  - ♦ Conference on Quantum Cryptography (**QCrypt**), Vigo, Spain.
  - ♦ Public Key Cryptography (**PKC**), Sydney, Australia.

# **Professional Activities (continued)**

- - ♦ IACR Asiacrypt (**ASIACRYPT**), Taipei, Taiwan.
  - ♦ Quantum Information Processing (QIP), Pasadena, USA. Student Travel Award Committee.
- - ♦ Information-theoretical Cryptography (ITC), Rome, Italy.
  - ♦ Public Key Cryptography (**PKC**), Edinburgh, Scotland.
- - ♦ IACR Cryptology Conference (**CRYPTO**), Santa Barbara, USA.
  - ♦ ACM Asia Computer and . . . Security (**AsiaCCS**), Taipei, Taiwan.
- - ♦ Mathematical Cryptology (**MathCrypt**), Santa Barbara, USA.
  - ♦ Post-quantum Cryptography (**PQC**), Chongqing, China.
- - ♦ Theory of Quantum Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (**TQC**), Sydney, Australia.
  - ♦ Post-quantum Cryptography (**PQC**), Fort Lauderdale, USA.
- - ♦ Post-quantum Cryptography (**PQC**), Utrecht, the Netherlands.
  - ♦ Public Key Cryptography (**PKC**), Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
  - ♦ Quantum Information Processing (QIP), Seattle, USA.

## **Organizing**

12/11/2023 - 12/15/2023

- ♦ NII Shonan Meeting New Directions in Provable Quantum Advantages, organizer (with François Le Gall and Penghui Yao), NII, Japan.
- 01/2021 -
- ♦ Big Ideas for Small Quantum Computers (BISQC) online seminar series, founder and organizer, Portland State University.
- 05/2020
- ♦ The 2nd Quantum Computation and Information Workshop, Texas A&M University.
- 01/2017
- ♦ Quantum day symposium at PDX, Portland State University.
- 04/2015 08/2016
- ♦ *Post-quantum crypto seminar*, founder and organizer, University of Waterloo.
- 06/2012
- ♦ Graduate summer school on cryptography and principles of computer security, local organizer and poster session coordinator, Pennsylvania State University.

### Referee

- **Grant Panelist**
- ♦ NSF CCF 2024, NSF CCF\*2 2023, NSF MPS/DMR 2022, NSF SaTC 2020, NSF CCF 2020, NSF CCF 2019.
- **Grant Reviewer**
- ♦ ISF (Israel Science Foundation) 2024, NSF IIP (SBIR) 2021, NSF CCF 2021, NSF SaTC 2021, NSF PHY 2020, NSF SaTC 2019.

# **Professional Activities (continued)**

Journal reviewer

 Algorithmica, IEEE Transaction on Information Theory, International Journal of Quantum Information, Information and Computation, Journal of Cryptology, Journal of Mathematical Cryptology, Quantum (open journal for quantum science), Quantum Information and Computation (QIC), Theoretical Computer Science, Theory of Computing.

Conference reviewer

♦ QIP 2025, TCC 2024, Asiacrypt 2024, FOCS 2024, QIP 2024, STOC 2024, Crypto 2023, STOC 2023, QIP 2023, TCC 2022, TQC 2022, Crypto 2022, SODA 2022, Eurocrypt 2022, QIP 2022, QCrypt 2021, PKC 2021, ISIT 2021, Eurocrypt 2021, TCC 2020, Provesec 2020, Asiacrypt 2020, ICALP 2020, Eurocrypt 2020, QIP 2020, FOCS 2019, Crypto 2019, ISIT 2019, STOC 2019, Eurocrypt 2019, FOCS 2018, QCrypt 2018, PKC 2018, QIP 2018, Eurocrypt 2018, QCrypt 2017, Eurocrypt 2017, Crypto 2017, PQCrypto 2016, ISAAC 2015, QIP 2015, Asiacrypt 2014, QCrypt 2014, TQC 2014, TCC 2014, Crypto 2013, PQCrypto 2013, FOCS 2012, Crypto 2011.

Book Reviewer

♦ Princeton University Press (2021), Springer (2020).

# **Publications**

(Note: alphabetical authorship order as per common practice in theoretical computer science, unless otherwise specified.)

# **Manuscripts and Preprints**

#### 

Authors: Chuhan Lu, Minglong Qin, Fang Song, Penghui Yao, and Mingnan Zhao arXiV quant-ph arXiv:2504.14957, April 2025.

## 2023 A Cryptographic Perspective on the Verifiability of Quantum Advantage

Authors: Nai-Hui Chia, Honghao Fu, Fang Song, and Penghui Yao arXiV quant-ph arXiv:2310.14464, October 2023.

Contributed talk at the 24th Asian Quantum Information Science Conference (AQIS 2024).

# **Publications in Refereed Conferences**

### 

Authors: Nai-Hui Chia, Daniel Liang, and Fang Song
In the 38th Annual Conference on Learning Theory (COLT), June 2025.
Contributed talk at the 19th Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (TQC), September 2024.

#### 

Authors: Chuhan Lu, Minglong Qin, Fang Song, Penghui Yao, and Mingnan Zhao In the 22nd Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC), December 2024.

Contributed talk at the 27th Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January, 2024.

## ♦ Improved Quantum Lifting by Coherent Measure-and-Reprogram

Authors: Alexandru Cojocaru, Juan Garay, Qipeng Liu, and Fang Song In the 30th International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptology and Information Security (Asiacrypt), December, 2024.

# **Publications (continued)**

## ♦ Generalized Hybrid Search and Applications

Authors: Alexandru Cojocaru, Juan Garay, and Fang Song
In the 30th International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptology and Information Security (Asiacrypt), December, 2024.

### 

Authors: Joseph Jaeger, Fang Song, and Stefano Tessaro In the 19th Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC), November 2021.

## ♦ Oblivious Transfer is in MiniQCrypt

(EUROCRYPT), October 2021.

Authors: Alex B. Grilo, Huijia Lin, Fang Song, and Vinod Vaikuntanathan In the 40th Annual International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques

**Long plenary talk** (equivalent to **Best Paper**) at the 24th Annual Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January 2021.

## 2020 • Quantum-secure message authentication via blind-unforgeability

Authors: Gorjan Alagic, Christian Majenz, Alexander Russell, and Fang Song In the 39th Annual International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques (EUROCRYPT), May 2020.

## ♦ A note on the instantiability of the quantum random oracle

Authors: Edward Eaton and Fang Song

In the 11th International Conference on Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQCrypto), September 2020.

### 

Authors: Zhengfeng Ji, Youming Qiao, Fang Song, and Aaram Yun

In the 17th Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC), November 2019.

Contributed talk at the 23rd Annual Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January 2020.

# Quantum security of hash functions and property-preservation of iterated hashing

Authors: Ben Hamlin and Fang Song

In the 10th International Conference on Post-Quantum Cryptography (**PQCrypto**), May 2019.

#### 

Authors: Zhengfeng Ji, Yi-Kai Liu, and Fang Song

In the 38th International Cryptology Conference (CRYPTO), August 2018.

### Quantum Collision-Finding in Non-Uniform Random Functions

Authors: Marko Balogh, Edward Eaton, and Fang Song

In the 9th International Conference on Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQCrypto), April 2018.

### 2017 • Quantum Security of NMAC and Related Constructions

Authors: Fang Song and Aaram Yun

In the 37th International Cryptology Conference (CRYPTO), August 2017.

### 

Authors: Anne Broadbent, Zhengfeng Ji, Fang Song, and John Watrous

In the 57th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS), October 2016.

Contributed talk at the 20th Annual Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January 2017.

# **Publications (continued)**

## Mitigating multi-target attacks in hash-based signatures

Authors: Andreas Hülsing, Joost Rijneveld, and Fang Song

In the 19th International Conference on the Theory and Practice of Public-Key Cryptography (**PKC**), March 2016.

Adopted as a guideline in *Internet Research Task Force RFC8391*, May 2018.

# ♦ Efficient quantum algorithms for computing class groups and solving the principal ideal problem in arbitrary degree number fields

Authors: Jean-François Biasse and Fang Song

In the 27th ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), January 2016.

Contributed talk at the 20th Annual Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January 2017.

# oracle model

Authors: Edward Eaton and Fang Song

In the 10th Conference on the Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (TQC), May 2015.

## 2014 A note on quantum security for post-quantum cryptography

Authors: Fang Song

In the 6th International Conference on Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQCrypto), October 2014.

## A quantum algorithm for computing the unit group of an arbitrary degree number field

Authors: Kirsten Eisenträger, Sean Hallgren, Alexei Kitaev, and Fang Song

In the 46th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), June 2014.

**Plenary** talk (equivalent to **Best Paper**) at 18th Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January 2015.

#### 

Authors: Serge Fehr, Jonathan Katz, Fang Song, Hong-Sheng Zhou, and Vassilis Zikas

In the 10th Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC), March 2013.

Presented at the 6th International Conference on Information Theoretic Security (ICITS), workshop track, August 2012.

# classical cryptographic protocols in a quantum world Authors: Sean Hallgren, Adam Smith, and Fang Song

In the 31st International Cryptology Conference (CRYPTO), August 2011.

Feature talk at 14th Workshop on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January 2011.

## **Publications in Refereed Journals**

# Ouantum Multi-Solution Bernoulli Search with Applications to Bitcoin's Post-Quantum Security

Authors: Alexandru Cojocaru, Juan Garay, Aggelos Kiayias, Fang Song, Petros Wallden *Quantum*, volume 7, 944, 2023.

# Quantum algorithms for attacking hardness assumptions in classical and post-quantum cryptography

Authors: J-F Biasse, X. Bonnetain, E Kirshanova, A. Schrottenloher, and F. Song *IET Information Security*, 1-39, 2022.

# **Publications (continued)**

## 2020 On Basing One-way Permutations on NP-hard Problems under Quantum Reductions

Authors: Nai-Hui Chia, Sean Hallgren, and Fang Song

Quantum, Volume 4, 312, 2020.

Contributed talk at the 8th International Conference on Quantum Cryptography (**QCrypt**), September 2018.

## ♦ Zero-Knowledge Proof Systems for QMA

Authors: Anne Broadbent, Zhengfeng Ji, Fang Song, and John Watrous *SIAM Journal on Computing* (**SICOMP**), Volume 49, Issue 2, 245–283, 2020.

# On the quantum attacks against schemes relying on the hardness of finding a short generator of an ideal in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$

Authors: Jean-François Biasse and Fang Song

Journal of Mathematical Cryptology, Volume 13, Issue 3-4, Pages 151–168, 2019.

CACR Tech Report CACR2015-12, September 2015.

Poster at 19th Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), January, 2016.

Highlight in "A Tricky Path to Quantum-Safe Encryption", Quanta Magazine, September 9, 2015.

### 

Authors: Sean Hallgren, Adam Smith, and Fang Song Special Issue: Recent Highlights in Quantum Computer Science, *International Journal of Quantum Information*, Volume 13, Issue 04, 2015. (by invitation)

# **Teaching & Advising**

# **Advising**

Ph.D.  $\diamond$  Nikhil Pappu, 09/2021 –

Portland State University

- Mehil Agarwal, 09/2021 –
   Portland State University
- ♦ Chuhan Lu, 06/2020 –
   Portland State University
   09/2019 05/2020 at Texas A&M University
- Ben Hamlin, 09/2020 10/2024
   Portland State University
   09/2018 05/2019 at Texas A&M University
   Current: Senior Engineer at Galois Inc., Portland Oregon, USA.
- ♦ Mufeng Xie, 09/2019 05/2020 Texas A&M University
- ♦ Asher Toback, 09/2017 08/2018
   Portland State University

Undergraduate

♦ Shraya Ramamoorthy, 06/2023 – 09/2023 Undergraduate Research & Mentoring Program (URMP) Portland State University

# **Teaching & Advising (continued)**

- Grant VanDomelen, 06/2022 09/2022
   Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU)
   Sponsored by NSF REU supplement
   Portland State University
- Felina Kang, 03/2022 09/2022
   Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU)
   Sponsored by NSF REU supplement
   Portland State University
- ♦ Davis Beilue, 09/2019 04/2020 Undergraduate Research Scholars Thesis Texas A&M University
- Darryl Cherian Jacob, 09/2019 04/2020
   Undergraduate Research Scholars Thesis
   Texas A&M University
- Marko Balogh, 09/2016 06/2017
   Honors Baccalaureate Thesis

   Portland State University
   A research paper published in PQCrypto 2018
- ♦ Edward Eaton, 05/2014 08/2014 (and continuing)
   Undergraduate Research Opportunities
   Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo
   A research paper published in TQC 2015
   Awarded Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies as a M.Sc student at University of Waterloo
- - ♦ Stella Wang, Jesuit High School 06/2023 – 08/2023, Saturday academy ASE internship
  - Sydney Von Arx, Lake Oswego High School
     06/2018 08/2018, Saturday academy ASE internship
     Now CS major at Stanford University
  - Marshal Xu, Lincoln High School
     06/2018 08/2018, Saturday academy ASE internship
     Now CS major at University of Pennsylvania

## **Courses**

Fall 2024  $\diamond$  CS 581 Theory of computation, Portland State University.

♦ CS 483/583 Introduction to Quantum Computer Science, Portland State University.

Fall 2023  $\diamond$  *CS* 581 *Theory of computation*, Portland State University.

Winter 2023 ♦ *CS* 485/585 *Introduction to Cryptography*, Portland State University.

Fall 2022  $\diamond$  *CS* 581 *Theory of computation*, Portland State University.

♦ CS 410/510 Intro to Quantum Computing, Portland State University.

# **Teaching & Advising (continued)**

Winter 2022 ♦ *CS* 485/585 *Introduction to Cryptography*, Portland State University.

Fall 2021  $\diamond$  CS 581 Theory of computation, Portland State University.

♦ CS 410/510 Foundations of emerging technologies, Portland State University.

♦ CS 584/684 Algorithm Design And Analysis, Portland State University.

Fall 2019  $\diamond$  CSCE 629 Analysis of Algorithms, Texas A&M University.

Spring 2019  $\diamond$  CSCE 440/640 Quantum Algorithms, Texas A&M University.

Fall 2018  $\diamond$  CSCE 689 Foundations of Post-Quantum Cryptography, Texas A&M University.

Spring 2018  $\diamond$  CS 410/510 Introduction to Quantum Computing, Portland State University.

Winter 2018  $\diamond$  CS 485/585 Introduction to Cryptography, Portland State University.

Spring 2017  $\diamond$  CS 410/510 Introduction to Quantum Computing, Portland State University.

Winter 2017  $\diamond$  CS 485/585 Introduction to Cryptography, Portland State University.

Spring 2016  $\diamond$  QIC 891 Topics in Quantum Safe Cryptography, Module 1: Post-Quantum Cryptography, University of Waterloo.

Spring 2015  $\diamond$  QIC 890/891 Selected Advanced Topics in Quantum Information, Module 1: Quantum Algorithms for Number Theory Problems, University of Waterloo.

# **Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2011, Spring 2011  $\diamond$  CMPSC464 Introduction to Theory of Computation, Pennsylvania State University.

Received Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

# **Selected Talks**

#### 

Invited talk at BIRS workshop Frontiers in Quantum Cryptography: New Functionalities, Primitives, and Foundations (25W5445), April, 2025.

### 

Invited lectures at the *IPAM Graduate Summer School on Post-quantum and Quantum Cryptography*, July, 2022.

## 2021 • Quantum-secure key-length extension

Invited Zoom talk at the EWHA-KMS International Workshop on Cryptography, June 2021.

### 

Invited Zoom talk at the *International Joint Conference on Theoretical Computer Science*. (IJTCS), August 2020.

# ♦ Cybersecurity in a quantum world

Invited Zoom talk at the *Portland quantum computing meetup group*, August 2020.

# **Selected Talks (continued)**

## Cryptography from NP Hardness: can quantum help?

Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Berkeley, February, 2020. Invited talk at the 2nd IAMCS Quantum Computation and Information Workshop, TAMU, May 13-15, 2019.

### 

Invited tutorial at the 9th International Conference on Quantum Cryptography (QCrypt), Montreal, Canada, August 2019.

## Pseudorandom quantum states

Invited talk at the AMS Spring Central and Western Joint Sectional Meeting, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI, March 22-24, 2019.

Invited talk at the 1st IAMCS Quantum Computation and Information Workshop, TAMU, TX, September 20-22, 2018.

#### 

Crypto 2018, Santa Barbara, CA, August 2018.

### 

QIP 2017, Seattle, WA. January 2017.

FOCS 2016, New Brunswick, NJ. October 2016.

# 2016 • Quantum computing and post-quantum computation

Invited talk at the 2nd PQC Asia Forum, Seoul, Korea. November 2016.

# ⋄ Zero-knowledge proof systems for QMA

QUICS, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. October 2016.

# A quantum algorithm for computing the unit group in a number field of arbitrary degree QIP 2015, plenary talk, Sydney, Australia. January 2015.

# Ouantum security for post-quantum cryptography: quantum-friendly reductions *PQCrypto 2014*, Waterloo, Canada. October 2014.

A quantum algorithm for computing the unit group in a number field of arbitrary degree

Academia Sinica, Taiwan. December 2014.

Department of Pure Mathematics, University of Waterloo. October 2014.

Quantum complexity seminar, IQC. December 2013.

### 

Institute for Quantum Computing. February 2013.

Cryptography seminar, Arhus University. January 2013.

### 

Poster at STOC 2012, New York, NY. June 2012.

### 

CRYPTO 2011, Santa Barbara, CA. August 2012.

QIP 2011, featured talk, Singapore. January 2011.