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Research Interests

Quantum-safe cryptography \diamond quantum provable security, quantum cryptography;

Quantum computing \diamond quantum complexity theory, pseudorandomness, quantum algorithms.

Employment

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

Computer Science Department.

09/2016 – 06/2023 Assistant Professor, Portland State University, Portland, OR, USA.

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

05/2025 ♦ 2025-2026 **Faculty Development Grant**, Portland State University.

05/2023 \$\display 2023-2024 **Faculty Development Grant**, Portland State University.

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

01/2021 \diamond Long **Plenary** talk (equivalent to **Best Paper**) at *QIP'21*.

Honors & Awards (continued)

01/2020 - 05/2020	 Research fellowship at Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Lattices: Algorithms, Complexity, and Cryptography.
08/2018	♦ Appreciation to mentor at Portland Saturday Academy K-12 Apprenticeship program.
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	US National Science Foundation (NSF) Award #2224131, \$299,549. Collaborative Research: FET: Small: Minimum Quantum Circuit Size Problems, Variants, and Applications.
03/2022 - 03/2023	 Sony Corporation of America. Sony Faculty Innovation Award, \$100,000. Post-Quantum Blockchains – Formal Analysis and Applications PI: Fang Song. Co-PI (subawardee): Juan Garay, Texas A&M University.
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.

♦ Asian Quantum Information Science Conference (AQIS), Sapporo, Japan.

Professional Activities (continued)

- ♦ Conference on Quantum Cryptography (**QCrypt**), Vigo, Spain.
- ♦ Public Key Cryptography (**PKC**), Sydney, Australia.
- 2022 Quantum Cryptography Workshop (QCW), affiliated with IACR Asiacrypt, Taipei, Taiwan.
 - ♦ 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.
- 2017 ♦ IACR Asiacrypt (ASIACRYPT), Hong Kong, China.
 - ♦ Post-quantum Cryptography (**PQC**), Utrecht, the Netherlands.
 - ♦ Public Key Cryptography (**PKC**), Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
 - ♦ Quantum Information Processing (QIP), Seattle, USA.

Organizing

06/2012

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 - \diamond Big Ideas for Small Quantum Computers (BISQC) online seminar series, founder and organizer, Portland State University. (On hiatus as of 06/2025).

05/2020 ♦ The 2nd Quantum Computation and Information Workshop, Texas A&M University.

01/2017 \diamond Quantum day symposium at PDX, Portland State University.

> Graduate summer school on cryptography and principles of computer security, local organizer and poster session coordinator, Pennsylvania State University.

Professional Activities (continued)

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.

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

♦ Parallel Kac's Walk Generates PRU 2025

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

♦ A Cryptographic Perspective on the Verifiability of Quantum Advantage 2023

> 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

2025 **Quantum State Learning Implies Circuit Lower Bounds**

> 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.

 Quantum Pseudorandom Scramblers 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.

Publications (continued)

♦ 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.

♦ 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

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 (EUROCRYPT), October 2021.

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

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.

Authors: Fang Song and Aaram Yun

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

Publications (continued)

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.

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.

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.

or 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.

Publications (continued)

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.

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

Teaching & Advising (continued)

Undergraduate

- ♦ Shraya Ramamoorthy, 06/2023 09/2023 Undergraduate Research & Mentoring Program (URMP) Portland State University
- ♦ 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
- 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
- K-12 ♦ Jeanette Ca, Clackamas High School 06/2023 – 08/2023, **Saturday academy ASE internship**
 - Stella Wang, Jesuit High School
 06/2023 08/2023, Saturday academy ASE internship
 - Sydney Von Arx, Lake Oswego High School
 o6/2018 o8/2018, 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.

Teaching & Advising (continued)

♦ CS 485/585 Introduction to Cryptography, Portland State University. Winter 2023 ♦ CS 581 Theory of computation, Portland State University. Fall 2022 ♦ CS 410/510 Intro to Quantum Computing, Portland State University. Winter 2022 ♦ CS 485/585 Introduction to Cryptography, Portland State University. Fall 2021 ♦ CS 581 Theory of computation, Portland State University. ♦ CS 410/510 Foundations of emerging technologies, Portland State University. Winter 2021 ♦ CS 510/610 Topic: probalistic graphical models, Portland State University. ♦ CS 584/684 Algorithm Design And Analysis, Portland State University. ♦ CS 410/510 Introduction to Quantum Computing, Portland State University. Spring 2020 ♦ CSCE 629 Analysis of Algorithms, Texas A&M University. Fall 2019 ♦ CSCE 440/640 Quantum Algorithms, Texas A&M University. Spring 2019 ♦ CSCE 689 Foundations of Post-Quantum Cryptography, Texas A&M University. Fall 2018 ♦ CS 410/510 Introduction to Quantum Computing, Portland State University. Spring 2018 ♦ CS 485/585 Introduction to Cryptography, Portland State University. Winter 2018 ♦ CS 410/510 Introduction to Quantum Computing, Portland State University. Spring 2017 Winter 2017 ♦ CS 485/585 Introduction to Cryptography, Portland State University. ♦ QIC 891 Topics in Quantum Safe Cryptography, Module 1: Post-Quantum Cryptography,

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2016

Spring 2015

Fall 2011, Spring 2011 ♦ CMPSC464 Introduction to Theory of Computation, Pennsylvania State University. Received Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

University of Waterloo.

Fall 2008 ♦ CMPSC311 Introduction to Systems Programming, Pennsylvania State University.

Algorithms for Number Theory Problems, University of Waterloo.

♦ QIC 890/891 Selected Advanced Topics in Quantum Information, Module 1: Quantum

Selected Talks

- Introduction to quantum pseudorandomness 2025 Invited talk at BIRS workshop Frontiers in Quantum Cryptography: New Functionalities, Primitives, and Foundations (25w5445), April, 2025.
- ♦ Introduction to Quantum Information 2022 Invited lectures at the IPAM Graduate Summer School on Post-quantum and Quantum Cryptography, July, 2022.
- Quantum-secure key-length extension 2021 Invited Zoom talk at the EWHA-KMS International Workshop on Cryptography, June 2021.
- ♦ Unpredictable Functions and Quantum-secure Authentication 2020 Invited Zoom talk at the International Joint Conference on Theoretical Computer Science. (IJTCS), August 2020.

Selected Talks (continued)

Cybersecurity in a quantum world

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

♦ 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.

2014 • Quantum 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.

2011 O Classical cryptographic protocols in a quantum world

CRYPTO 2011, Santa Barbara, CA. August 2012.

QIP 2011, **featured** talk, Singapore. January 2011.