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CONTACT I

Information

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Algebraic graph theory, quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, equiangular lines, association schemes, covering graphs, graph embeddings

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow

January 2022 - Present

• Department of Mathematics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Topic of projects: Spectral graph theory

Supervisor: Bojan Mohar

Previous Positions

York Science Fellow

Oct 2019 - September 2021

• Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

Topic of projects: Discrete quantum walks

Supervisor: Ada Chan

Postdoctoral Fellow

Oct 2018 - Sep 2018

• Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada

Topic of projects: Continuous quantum walks

Supervisor: Luc Vinet

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

• Ph.D. May 2014 - Sep 2018

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics

Thesis: Discrete Quantum Walks on Graphs and Digraphs

Supervisor: Chris Godsil

Thesis awards:

- University Finalist for the Governor General's Gold Medal

- Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize

• Master of Mathematics

Sep 2012 - Apr 2014

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics

Thesis: Uniform Mixing on Cayley Graphs over  $\mathbb{Z}_3^d$ 

Supervisor: Chris Godsil

Thesis award:

- Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies

• Bachelor of Arts

Jan 2010 - Aug 2012

Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts

Thesis: Second-Price Auction with Resale

Supervisor: Philip Curry

## Xiamen University, Xiamen, Fujian, China

• Bachelor of Economics

Sep 2008 - Jun 2014

Department of Statistics, Faculty of Economics Thesis: Multi-Player Multi-State Quantum Games

Supervisor: Zhengming Qian

#### Publications Book

17. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Discrete Quantum Walks on Graphs and Digraphs*. Cambridge University Press (2023).

#### Peer-Reviewed Papers

- 16. H. Zhan, The average search probabilities of discrete-time quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2022) 21(9): pp. 336. doi:10.1007/s11128-022-03681-9
- 15. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, W. Drazen, O. Eisenberg, C. Godsil, M. Kempton, G. Lippner, C. Tamon, H. Zhan, *Fundamentals of fractional revival in graphs*. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2022). doi:10.1016/J.LAA.2022.09.010
- 14. H. Zhan, Factoring discrete quantum walks on distance regular graphs into continuous quantum walks. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2022), 648: pp. 88-103. doi:10.1016/J. LAA.2022.04.017
- 13. A. Chan, B. Johnson, M. Liu, M. Schmidt, Z. Yin, H. Zhan, Laplacian pretty good fractional revival. Discrete Mathematics (2022), 345(10), 112971. doi:10.1016/J.DISC. 2022.112971
- 12. A. Chan, B. Johnson, M. Liu, M. Schmidt, Z. Yin, H. Zhan, Laplacian fractional revival on graphs. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2021) 28(3): P3.22.
- 11. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Fractional revival and association schemes. Discrete Mathematics (2020) 343(11), 112018. doi:10.1016/j.disc.2020.112018
- 10. L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Perfect state transfer on weighted graphs of the Johnson scheme. Letter in Mathematical Physics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s11005-020-01298-6
- 9. H. Zhan, Quantum walks on embeddings. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s10801-020-00958-z
- 8. H. Zhan, An infinite family of circulant graphs with perfect state transfer in discrete quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2019) 18(12): pp. 369.
- 7. G. Coutinho, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, A. Zhedanov. *Perfect state transfer in a spin chain without mirror symmetry*. Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical (2019) 52(45), pp. 455302.
- 6. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures*. Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (2019), pp. 181212.
- 5. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Quantum fractional revival on graphs. Discrete Applied Mathematics (2019) 269, pp. 86-98.
- 4. G. Coutinho, C. Godsil, K. Guo, H. Zhan, A new perspective on the average mixing matrix. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2018) 25(4): P4.14.

- 3. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Uniform mixing on Cayley graphs*. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2017) 24(3): P3.20.
- 2. G. Coutinho, C. Godsil, M. Shirazi, H. Zhan, Equiangular lines and covers of the complete graph. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2016) 488: pp. 264-283.
- R. Alvir, S. Dever, B. Lovitz, J. Myer, C. Tamon, Y. Xu, H. Zhan. Perfect state transfer in Laplacian quantum walk. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2016) 43(4): pp. 801-826.

# **Submitted Preprints**

- 2. Q. Chen, C. Godsil, M. Sobchuk, H. Zhan. *Hamiltonians of Bipartite Walks*. arXiv:2207.01673 (2022).
- 1. A. Chan, H. Zhan, Pretty good state transfer in discrete-time quantum walks. arXiv:2105.03762 (2021).

# SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

# **Undergraduate Research Programs**

- Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program

  Jul Aug, 2020

  Co-supervised an undergraduate research project with Ada Chan on Laplacian fractional revival at the Fields Institute. This results in two papers [12] and [13]. One student was awarded the Book Prize by the Fields Institute.
- University of Waterloo May Aug, 2018

  Mentored one undergraduate student under the supervision of Chris Godsil. The student extended my results in the paper [9], and developed the theory of a new quantum walk called the vertex-face walk. This results in one preprint [2].

#### Presentations Invited Talks

- 20. The second largest eigenvalue of a tree. In: CMS Winter Meeting, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 2 5, 2022.
- 19. The effect of marking vertices in discrete quantum walks. In: Graph Theory, Algebraic Combinatorics and Mathematical Physics, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, July 25 August 19, 2022.
- 18. The average search probability in a quantum walk with an oracle. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 2, 2021.
- 17. Arc-reversal quantum walks. In: Discrete Math Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 24, 2021.
- 16. DRACKNs and their applications in quantum information. In: Codes and Expansions, United States, September 8, 2020.
- 15. Factoring discrete quantum walks into continuous quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 3, 2020.
- 14. Quantum fractional revival. In: Discrete Math Seminar, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, April 23, 2020.
- 13. New advances in quantum walks. In: AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, United States, January 15 18, 2020.

- 12. State transfer via orthogonal polynomials. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, United States, September 14 15, 2019.
- 11. Quantum state transfer in the algebra of the Johnson scheme. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, Canada, June 7 10, 2019.
- Some elegant results in algebraic graph theory. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 28 -31, 2019.
- 9. Quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, and spectral graph theory. In: Quantum Walks and Information Tasks, Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery, Banff, AB, Canada, April 21 26, 2019.
- 8. Generating entanglement using quantum walks. In: David A. Walsh Seminar Series, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, February 8, 2019.
- 7. Some open problems in discrete quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Walks, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, April 23 27, 2018.
- 6. Recent progress in discrete quantum walks. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, United States, April 21 22, 2018, 2018.
- 5. Graph covers and equiangular frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States, March 16 18, 2018.
- 4. From covers to tight frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, United States, March 10 12, 2017.
- 3. Spectra of discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, June 24 27, 2016.
- 2. Lines and covers of complete graphs 2. In: Systems of Lines: Applications of Algebraic Combinatorics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, United States, August 10 14, 2015.
- 1. Some open problems in uniform mixing. In: Summer Research Program, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, July 20, 2015.

#### Mini-Course

1. Introduction to discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Winter Meeting, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 2 - 5, 2022.

#### Contributed Talks

- 8. How far can the quantum walker go. In: 9th International Conference on Quantum Simulation and Quantum Walks, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhone, France, January 20 24, 2020.
- 7. Discrete quantum walks on Cayley graphs. In: CMS Winter Meeting, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 6 9, 2019.
- 6. The vertex-face walk. In: Finite Geometry and Extremal Combinatorics, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 21 24, 2019.
- 5. Combinatorial aspects of quantum walks. In: Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada, June 12 15, 2018.

- 4. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph embeddings. In: CMS Winter Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, December 8 11, 2017.
- 3. Quantum walks and mixing. In: Algebraic and Extremal Graph Theory, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 7 10, 2017.
- 2. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 12 15, 2017.
- 1. Uniform mixing in quantum walks. In: 22nd Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 16 17, 2014.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada

• Instructor Summer 2022 MATH 240: Algebra I: Linear Algebra (class size: 90)

# Online Graduate Courses, International

• Instructor Winter 2021 Combinatorics and Quantum Walks (class size: 20; recordings available)

# York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

• Instructor Winter 2020, Fall 2020 MATH 1014: Applied Calculus II (class size: 180 - 280)

## University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

• Instructor Winter 2018 MATH 135: Algebra for Honors Mathematics (class size: 60)

• Substitute Instructor Winter 2017

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# FUNDING, AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

## Funding for Conferences Organized

• Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information

2021

2019

Type and Source	Amount in CAD	Purpose	
Fields Institute	\$14250	travel funding for non-US invited speakers, at least \$5000 towards ECRs, females, postdocs, students	
NSF, via Fields Institute	\$10000	travel funding for US invited speakers, at least 2/3 towards ECRs, females, postdocs, students	
York University, via Office of Vice-President Research and Innovation	\$2000	registration fees for students and postdocs	

## Awards and Distinctions from University of Waterloo

• University Finalist for the Governor General's Gold Medal

Purpose: a medal awarded to nominees for the Governor General's Gold Medal

	Purpose: a prize awarded to recognize the achievement of graduating doctoral students in the Faculty of Mathematics				
	• Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies	2015			
	Purpose: an honor awarded to three University of Waterloo Master's students for their outstanding achievement in graduate studies				
	• Cotton Family Women in Mathematics Graduate Scholarship (\$9000) 2014, 2016, 2017 Purpose: a scholarship awarded to a full-time female graduate student on the basis of academic excellence in their studies and research				
	• Robin K. Banks Scholarship (\$750)	2011 - 2012			
	Purpose: a scholarship awarded to a full-time student in the Faculty of Arts who have achieved the highest overall average at the end of Year Three				
	• Faculty of Arts Upper-Year Scholarship (\$500)	2011 - 2012			
	Purpose: a scholarship awarded to outstanding full-time and part-time students in the Faculty of Arts on the basis of overall average				
	• Dean's Honours List	2011 - 2012			
SERVICE	Conference, Workshop and Seminar Organizer				
	• Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information, Fields In	stitute 2021			
	Co-organizers: Ada Chan, Gabriel Coutinho, Krystal Guo, Christino Tamon, Luc Vinet				
	• Quantum Information on Graphs, CMS Winter Meeting Co-organizers: Ada Chan, Christino Tamon	Dec 6 - 9, 2019			
	• Discrete Mathematics Seminar, York University Co-organizer: Justin M. Troyka	Fall 2019			
	Seminar Chair				
	$\bullet$ Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo	Spring 2016, Fall 2017			
	Journal Reviewer				
	• Quantum Information Processing	2022			
	• Discrete Mathematics	2021 - 2022			
	• Linear Algebra and Its Applications	2016, 2019 - 2022			
	• Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A	2021			
	• Electronic Journal of Combinatorics	2017 - 2021			
	• Linear and Multilinear Algebra	2019 - 2020			
	• Communications in Algebra	2019			
	• Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical	2019			
	Conference Reviewer				
	• Sampling Theory and Applications	2019			
	• International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Progr	ramming 2018			

 $\bullet \ \ Inaugural \ Mathematics \ Doctoral \ Prize, \ First \ Prize \ (\$1500) \\$ 

2019