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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 Supervisor: Bojan Mohar		
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	York Science Fellow Oct 2019 - September 2021  ● Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada Supervisor: Ada Chan  Postdoctoral Fellow Oct 2018 - Sep 2018		
	• Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada		

#### **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

Supervisor: Luc Vinet

### 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 Journal Publications

- 1. H. Zhan, Factoring discrete quantum walks on distance regular graphs into continuous quantum walks. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2022), 648: pp 88103. doi:10.1016/J. LAA.2022.04.017
- 2. 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
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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
- 5. 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
- 6. H. Zhan, Quantum walks on embeddings. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s10801-020-00958-z
- 7. H. Zhan, An infinite family of circulant graphs with perfect state transfer in discrete quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2019) 18(12): pp. 369.
- 8. 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.
- 9. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures*. Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (2019), pp. 181212.
- 10. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Quantum fractional revival on graphs. Discrete Applied Mathematics (2019) 269, pp. 86-98.
- 11. 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.
- 12. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Uniform mixing on Cayley graphs*. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2017) 24(3): P3.20.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.

#### **Preprints**

- 15. A. Chan, H. Zhan, Pretty good state transfer in discrete-time quantum walks. arXiv:2105.03762 (2021).
- 16. H. Zhan, The average search probabilities of discrete-time quantum walks. arXiv:2108.09818 (2021). Submitted.
- 17. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, W. Drazen, O. Eisenberg, C. Godsil, G. Lippner, M. Kempton, C. Tamon, H. Zhan, Fundamentals of fractional revival in graph. arXiv:2004.01129 (2020). Submitted.

#### Book

18. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, Discrete Quantum Walks. Accepted.

# Supervision Experience

## Undergraduate Research Programs

• Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program Jul 2 - Aug 28, 2020 Co-supervised an undergraduate research project with Ada Chan on Laplacian fractional revival. This results in two papers [2] and [3]. One student was awarded the Book Prize by the Fields Institute.

## Presentations Invited Talks

- 1. 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.
- 2. Arc-reversal quantum walks. In: Discrete Math Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 24, 2021.
- 3. DRACKNs and their applications in quantum information. In: Codes and Expansions, United States, September 8, 2020.
- 4. Factoring discrete quantum walks into continuous quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 3, 2020.
- 5. Quantum fractional revival. In: Discrete Math Seminar, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, April 23, 2020.
- 6. New advances in quantum walks. In: AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, United States, January 15 18, 2020.
- 7. State transfer via orthogonal polynomials. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, United States, September 14 15, 2019.
- 8. Quantum state transfer in the algebra of the Johnson scheme. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, Canada, June 7 10, 2019.
- 9. Some elegant results in algebraic graph theory. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 28 31, 2019.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Generating entanglement using quantum walks. In: David A. Walsh Seminar Series, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, February 8, 2019.
- 12. Some open problems in discrete quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Walks, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, April 23 27, 2018.
- 13. Recent progress in discrete quantum walks. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, United States, April 21 22, 2018, 2018.
- 14. Graph covers and equiangular frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States, March 16 18, 2018.

- 15. From covers to tight frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, United States, March 10 12, 2017.
- 16. Spectra of discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, June 24 27, 2016.
- 17. 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.
- 18. Some open problems in uniform mixing. In: Summer Research Program, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, July 20, 2015.

### Conference Talks

- 1. 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.
- 2. Discrete quantum walks on Cayley graphs. In: CMS Winter Meeting, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 6 9, 2019.
- 3. The vertex-face walk. In: Finite Geometry and Extremal Combinatorics, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 21 24, 2019.
- 4. Combinatorial aspects of quantum walks. In: Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada, June 12 15, 2018.
- 5. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph embeddings. In: CMS Winter Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, December 8 11, 2017.
- 6. Quantum walks and mixing. In: Algebraic and Extremal Graph Theory, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 7 10, 2017.
- 7. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 12 15, 2017.
- 8. Uniform mixing in quantum walks. In: 22nd Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 16 17, 2014.

# Teaching Experience

# Simon Fraser University

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

#### **Online Graduate Courses**

• Instructor Winter 2021 Combinatorics and Quantum Walks

## York University

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

## University of Waterloo

• Instructor Winter 2018

MATH 135: Algebra for Honors Mathematics (class size: 60)

• Substitute Instructor Winter 2017

2012 - 2017

CO 444/644: Algebraic Graph Theory (class size: 20)

• Teaching Assistant

Algebraic Enumeration Algebraic Graph Theory

Calculus Coding Theory Introduction to Graph Theory Graph Theory Introduction to Combinatorics Linear Algebra

Portfolio Optimization Models Special Topics in Mathematical Connections

#### SERVICE Conference, Workshop and Seminar Organizer

• Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information, Fields Institute 2021

• Quantum Information on Graphs, CMS Winter Meeting Dec 6 - 9, 2019

• Discrete Mathematics Seminar, York University Fall, 2019

• Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo Spring 2016, Fall 2017

## Journal Refereeing

- Communications in Algebra
- Discrete Mathematics
- Electronic Journal of Combinatorics
- Journal of Combinatorial Theory A
- Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical
- Linear Algebra and Its Applications
- Linear and Multilinear Algebra

## Conference Refereeing

- International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming
- Sampling Theory and Applications

# Awards and DISTINCTIONS

# University of Waterloo

• University Finalist for the Governor General's Gold Medal	2019
• Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize	2019
• Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies	2015
• Cotton Family Women in Mathematics Graduate Scholarship	2014,2016,2017
• Faculty of Arts Upper-Year Scholarship	2011-2012
• Robin K. Banks Scholarship	2011-2012
• Dean's Honours List	2011-2012