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Education

PhD in Experimental Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2021–

BA in Physics with Honors, Mathematics with Honors, and Statistics (minor)
Colby College (GPA: 4.19/4.30, Class Marshal & Valedictorian) 2017–2021

- Honors Thesis in Physics (advisor: Charles Conover)
MOT-based lifetime measurements of $5P_{1/2}$ and $5P_{3/2}$ in ^{39}K ([pdf](#))
- Honors Thesis in Mathematics (advisor: Evan Randles)
A Generalized Polar-coordinate Integration Formula, Oscillatory Integral Techniques, and Applications to Convolution Powers of Complex-valued Functions on \mathbb{Z}^d ([pdf](#))

Summer school, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics Jun 2020

Research Interests

Ultracold atom experiments, Mathematical physics

Research Experience

Undergraduate Researcher, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics May 2020–Dec 2020

PI: Timothy Hsieh

Area(s): Quantum information, Condensed matter physics

- Variational simulation of non-trivial quantum states (QAOA-based, $O(L)$ time)
- Measurement-assisted algorithms as a candidate for sublinear depth simulation
- Found numerically that ground states of the quantum Ising model with nonuniform field and couplings can be simulated exactly by a depth $O(L)$ QAOA ansatz

Research Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics Oct 2019–May 2021

PI: Evan Randles

Area(s): Applied mathematics, Analysis, ODEs

- Computed convolution powers & associated attractors that are highly oscillatory integrals and generated examples indicative of a new local limit theorem
- Constructed a generalized polar-coordinate integration formula with applications to sup-norm-type estimates of convolution powers of complex functions on \mathbb{Z}^d

Research Assistant, Joint Quantum Institute, College Park Summer 2019, Jan 2020

PI: Steven Rolston

Area(s): Experimental atomic physics

- Studied infinite-range interactions among ultracold Rb atoms trapped around an optical nanofiber via measuring their collective decay

Research Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Physics & Astronomy Nov 2017–May 2021

PI: Charles Conover

Area(s): Experimental atomic physics

- Precision measurements on ultracold ^{39}K in Rydberg states 2017–2019
- Lifetime measurement of $5P_{1/2}$ and $5P_{3/2}$ in ^{39}K 2019–2021

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Physics & Astronomy Sep 2017–May 2021

- Grade weekly problem sets
- Past courses: Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, 2×Modern Physics II, 2×Modern Physics I (relativity & early quantum physics), Introduction to Electricity-Magnetism & Optics, Introduction to Mechanics

Teaching Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics

Sep 2018–May 2021

- Grade problem sets & hold weekly TA sessions
- Past courses: Partial Differential Equations, 2×Linear Algebra, Ordinary Differential Equations

Mathematics & Physics Tutor, Colby College Deans of Studies

Sep 2018–May 2020

Publications/Preprint

1. **Huan Q. Bui**, Evan Randles (2021). *A generalized polar-coordinate integration formula with applications to the study of convolution powers of complex-valued functions on \mathbb{Z}^d* . [arXiv:2103.04161](#) (submitted to The Journal of Fourier Analysis and Applications)

Presentations

1. **Huan Q. Bui**, Evan Randles (2021), *A generalized polar-coordinate integration formula with applications to convolution powers and local (central) limit theorems* ([pdf](#)), Joint Mathematics Meetings
2. **Huan Q. Bui** (Jun 2020), *Measurement-assisted variational simulation of non-trivial quantum states* ([pdf](#)), Perimeter Institute Undergrad Intern Symposium
3. C. Conover, A. Hill, **HQ Bui** (May 2020), *Measurements of f -, g -, and h -state quantum defects in Rydberg states of potassium* ([abstract](#)), DAMOP 20
4. C. Conover, **HQ Bui** (May 2019), *Measurements of p -state fine structure and quantum defects for Rydberg states of potassium* ([abstract](#)), DAMOP 19
5. C. Conover, **HQ Bui** (May 2019), *Millimeter-wave precision spectroscopy of d - d transitions in ^{39}K Rydberg states* ([pdf](#)), DAMOP 19
6. **Huan Q. Bui** (May 2019), *Matrices in Quantum Computing: A 2-qubit entanglement circuit* ([pdf](#)), CLAS 2019
7. **Huan Q. Bui** (Jul 2018), *Precision measurement of potassium energy levels at highly excited states* ([pdf](#)), CUSRR 2018

Awards & Honors

1. Class Marshal and Valedictorian, Colby College, 2021
2. Senior Prize in Physics and Astronomy, Colby College, 2021
3. Marston Morse Prize in Mathematics, Colby College, 2021
4. Sigma Pi Sigma NHS, 2021
5. Williams A. Rogers Prize in Physics and Astronomy, Colby College, 2020
6. Phi Beta Kappa, 2020
7. Mu Sigma Rho, 2020
8. Honorable Mention, COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling, 2020
9. Linda K. Cotter Internship Fund, 2020
for Jan 2020 internship at the Joint Quantum Institute (JQI), College Park, MD
10. Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Achievement Award, 2019
11. Julius Seelye Bixler Scholar, 2018, 2019, 2020
12. Meritorious Winner (top 8% of 10,000 teams), COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling, 2019
13. Dean's List, F'17, S'18, F'18, S'19, F'19, (S'20, F'20 – canceled due to COVID-19), S'21

Projects

1. *Personal Website/Archive*, [huanqbui.com](#) Oct 2019–Present
Notes from class, independent readings, and research projects.