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EDUCATION

Tsinghua University PhD in Physics 2016 – 2021

Institute for Advanced Study Advisor: Prof. Hong Yao

PhD Thesis: Differentiable Programming in Quantum Physics

Outstanding PhD Award (87/2981) / Outstanding PhD thesis at Tsinghua University

Tsinghua University BSc in Physics 2012 – 2016

Department of Physics GPA: 95/100 Rank: 1/95

Top 1 in 2012 National College Entrance Examination in Hebei Province

EXPERIENCE

Tencent Quantum Laboratory Senior Research Scientist 2021 –

- Quantum algorithms and applications: Project Owner / Research Scientist

Led a small group of talented people with a focus on the research, analysis, and design for near term quantum algorithms and quantum simulation schemes. Also communicated and collaborated with top commercial partners from the finance/biology/energy/material/IT sectors, exploring industry solutions with potential quantum advantage.

- Quantum Software R&D: Project Owner / Software Creator / Platform Architect / Core Author and Maintainer
Created and developed a high performance open-source and full-featured quantum software framework: TensorCircuit. TensorCircuit is the first quantum computing product released by Tencent, with the vision of unifying quantum programming. The software is empowered by an advanced tensor network engine, and directly built on top of machine learning frameworks: TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Jax. TensorCircuit also supports quantum hardware access via elegant SDK with integrated quantum error mitigation. The package provides a great solution to utilize hybrid computational resources including CPU, GPU and QPU, and a universal platform for quantum-classical hybrid and quantum machine learning tasks.

RESEARCH

Interests

Main research interests include variational quantum algorithms, quantum machine learning, phase nature and phase transition in non-equilibrium quantum systems and strongly correlated systems, and the interplay between machine learning infrastructure and methods with quantum physics.

Publications

23 publications and preprints in total (20 as the first or corresponding author), 16 published in peer-reviewed journals (14 as the first or corresponding author), including 3 in Physical Review Letters (2 as the first author and 1 as the corresponding author). Selected works as the **first** or **corresponding*** author are listed below, please see my Google Scholar profile for the full publication list.

- Shuo Liu, **Shi-Xin Zhang***, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Shengyu Zhang, and Hong Yao, *Discrete time crystal enabled by Stark many-body localization*, Physical Review Letters **130**, 120403 (2023).
- Shi-Xin Zhang**, Zhou-Quan Wan, Chee-Kong Lee, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Shengyu Zhang, and Hong Yao, *Variational quantum-neural hybrid eigensolver*, Physical Review Letters **128**, 120502 (2022).
- Shi-Xin Zhang** and Hong Yao, *Universal properties of many-body localization transitions in quasiperiodic systems*, Physical Review Letters **121**, 206601 (2018).
- Shuo Liu, **Shi-Xin Zhang***, Shao-Kai Jian, and Hong Yao, *Training variational quantum algorithms with random gate activation*, Physical Review Research **5**, L032040 (2023).
- Shi-Xin Zhang**, Zhou-Quan Wan, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Hong Yao, and Shengyu Zhang, *Variational quantum-neural hybrid error mitigation*, Advanced Quantum Technologies, 202300147 (2023).

6. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, Zhou-Quan Wan, and Hong Yao, *Automatic differentiable Monte Carlo: theory and application*, Physical Review Research **5**, 033041 (2023).
7. Shuo Liu, Ming-Rui Li, **Shi-Xin Zhang***, Shao-Kai Jian, and Hong Yao, *Universal KPZ scaling in noisy hybrid quantum circuits*, Physical Review B **107**, L201113 (2023).
8. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, et al., *TensorCircuit: a quantum software framework for the NISQ era*, Quantum **7**, 912 (2023).
9. Shuo Liu, **Shi-Xin Zhang***, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Shengyu Zhang, and Hong Yao, *Probing many-body localization by excited-state variational quantum eigensolver*, Physical Review B **107**, 024204 (2023).
10. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Shengyu Zhang, and Hong Yao, *Differentiable quantum architecture search*, Quantum Science and Technology **7**, 045023 (2022).
11. Zhou-Quan Wan, **Shi-Xin Zhang***, and Hong Yao, *Mitigating the fermion sign problem by automatic differentiation*, Physical Review B **106**, L241109 (2022).
12. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Shengyu Zhang, and Hong Yao, *Neural predictor based quantum architecture search*, Machine Learning: Science and Technology **2**, 045027 (2021).
13. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, Shao-Kai Jian, and Hong Yao, *Quantum criticality preempted by nematicity*, Physical Review B **103**, 165129 (2021).
14. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, Shao-Kai Jian, and Hong Yao, *Correlated triple-Weyl semimetals with Coulomb interactions*, Physical Review B (Rapid Communication) **96**, 241111 (2017).
15. **Shi-Xin Zhang*** and Shuai Yin, *Universal imaginary-time critical dynamics on a quantum computer*, arXiv:2308.05408 (2023).
16. Jiaqi Miao, Chang-Yu Hsieh, and **Shi-Xin Zhang***, *Neural network encoded variational quantum algorithms*, arXiv:2308.01068 (2023) (LH18401, PRApplied, under review).
17. Lixue Cheng, Yu-Qin Chen, **Shi-Xin Zhang***, and Shengyu Zhang, *Error-mitigated quantum approximate optimization via learning-based adaptive optimization*, arXiv:2303.14877 (2023) (Communications Physics, under review).
18. **Shi-Xin Zhang**, *Classification on the computational complexity of spin models*, arXiv:1911.04122 (2019).
19. Zhou-Quan Wan and **Shi-Xin Zhang***, *Automatic differentiation for complex valued SVD*, arXiv:1909.02659 (2019).
20. **Shi-Xin Zhang** and Hong Yao, *Strong and weak many-body localizations*, arXiv:1906.00971 (2019).

Patents

35 domestic and international patent applications (20+ as the first inventor) in the fields of quantum circuit design automation, quantum AI hybrid solutions, and non-equilibrium system simulation.

HONORS

- At Tsinghua University, won awards including National Scholarship, National Encouragement Scholarship, Future Scholar Scholarship, First Class Freshmen Scholarship, Zhang Mingwei Scholarship, Xuetao Talent Program Scholarship, etc.
- At Tencent, rated as outstanding (10%) and selected as outstanding individual of the lab. Also won Tencent outstanding R&D award for the development of quantum computing platform.

SKILLS

- The interplay between quantum physics and computer science: Familiar with quantum computation, quantum artificial intelligence, and machine learning in quantum physics.
- Condensed matter physics: Familiar with the basic theory and methods for quantum many-body physics. Know about numerical methods including tensor network, quantum Monte Carlo, mean field, variational approach, and exact diagonalization.
- High-performance computation: Built the full-stack cluster in IASTU. Familiar with toolchains and the ecosystem in Ops, HPC, GPU and cloud computation.
- Python: Familiar with Python language and third-party packages for scientific computing, data science, machine learning, web development, web crawler, software engineering, etc.
- Differentiable programming, probabilistic programming and quantum programming: Familiar with the programming paradigm and ecosystem: TensorFlow, Jax, PyTorch, Keras, TensorNetwork, Qiskit, Cirq, Tensor-

Flow Quantum, PennyLane, Mitiq, etc.

- Programming language: Python, Mathematica, C++, Julia, JavaScript, Bash; Markup language: HTML, CSS, Markdown, reStructuredText, \LaTeX ; Natural language: Chinese, English, Korean.

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Familiar with the open source practice and created many popular open-source projects and platforms related to HPC, computational physics, finance, and web with **2400+** stars and forks and 200+ followers. Also contributed to several large open-source projects including NumPy, TensorFlow, Autograd, TensorNetwork, TensorFlow Quantum, and conda-smithy. Please refer to my GitHub Profile for details.

Projects

- **tensorcircuit**: Full-featured, high-performance quantum software framework designed for the NISQ era. It has **250k** downloads and is selected as top 10 events for quantum industry in 2022 by QuantumChina.
- **admc**: The software enables infinite order AD-aware Monte Carlo estimator for the first time and provides an end-to-end differentiable framework to carry out variational Monte Carlo calculation.
- **qop**: The software supports algebra on complex number, quaternion, boson, hardcore boson, fermion, spin, and einsum on symbols.
- **realspace-RG**: Numerical implementation of renormalization group on many-body localization phase transition. Highly parallelized C++ code used on Tianhe II Supercomputer.
- **xalpha**: Analysis, management and backtest on financial investment. The software has **140k** downloads with a relatively large open-source community.
- **hpc-ansible**: All components required to build the supercomputer from bootstrap. With vm-cluster toolset, users can build a KVM cluster in one click.
- **subway**: The software enables HPC job management in an automatic fashion, by providing a highly customized pipeline from data management to job submission.
- **myarxiv-app**: The project builds the full-stack web for arXiv papers, utilizing techniques including Vue, Webpack, Flask, Docker Compose, web crawler, and NLP.