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Profile

I am a researcher with a particular interest in the mathematical foundations of quantum information theory. In no particular order, I have worked on: diagrammatic calculi for higher-dimensional quantum systems, measurement-based quantum computation beyond qubits, measures of non-classicality in quantum theory, and quantum computational advantages in continuous variables. Beyond continuing to develop these techniques, I am interested in applying them to the compilation of quantum computations and to quantum error correction.

Research experience

06/2024–05/2028 <i>ongoing</i>	Research Associate in Quantum Software Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford Working with Aleks Kissinger <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Diagrammatic reasoning and applied category theory</i>• <i>Compilation of quantum programs</i>• <i>Optimisation of quantum circuits</i>• <i>Fault-tolerance of quantum computations</i>
04/2022–05/2025	Research Associate School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh School of Mathematics, University of Bristol Working with Chris Heunen and Noah Linden <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Optimisation and distribution of quantum circuits</i>• <i>Resources for distributed quantum computation.</i>• <i>Diagrammatic reasoning and applied category theory</i>
11/2018–02/2022	Doctoral Student in Quantum Computation Laboratoire d'Informatique de Paris 6, Sorbonne Université, Paris Laboratoire Lorrain de Recherche en Informatique et ses Applications, Nancy Title: <i>Measurement-based quantum computation beyond qubits</i> Supervised by Damian Markham and Simon Perdrix <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Measurement-based quantum computation with qudits and continuous variables</i>• <i>Quantum circuit extraction algorithms and the qudit ZX-calculus</i>• <i>Contextuality in continuous-variable systems and its connection with other notions of non-classicality</i>
Mar.–Jul. 2018	Research Intern in Quantum Information Theory Laboratoire d'Informatique de Paris 6, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris Supervised by Damian Markham <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Contextuality and negativity of the Wigner function for preparation procedures in continuous-variable models of quantum computation</i>• <i>Quantum advantages in sub-universal models of quantum computation and applications in quantum optics.</i>
Apr.–Jul. 2017	Research Intern in Experimental Quantum Optics Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Rome Supervised by Marco Barbieri <i>Calculated bounds for the production of irreversible entropy in a qubit interacting with a bosonic thermal bath, with experimental demonstration using a photonic simulator.</i>
Feb.–May 2016	Research Intern in Experimental Physical Chemistry Laser Chemistry, Spectroscopy and Dynamics Laboratory University of Bristol, United Kingdom Supervised by Prof. Michael N. R. Ashfold FRS

Teaching experience

Spring 2024	Introduction to Quantum Programming and Semantics <i>Guest Lectures and Tutorials</i> University of Edinburgh
Spring 2023	Categories and Quantum Informatics <i>Lectures, Computer Labs, and preparation of course material</i> University of Edinburgh <i>My work on this course earned a University of Edinburgh Staff Award</i>

Education

2016–2018	Master's Degree in Fundamental Physics Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris <i>Quantum Information Theory, Quantum Optics, Quantum Mechanics</i>
2016	Double Honours Bachelor's Degree in Physics and Chemistry Université Paris-Sud, Orsay, France
2012	Scientific Baccalaureate , France

Publications

Journal articles

- Francesco Arzani, Robert I. Booth, and Ulysse Chabaud (Jan. 23, 2025). “Effective descriptions of bosonic systems can be considered complete”. In: *Accepted to Nature Communications*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2501.13857](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2501.13857). arXiv: [2501.13857](https://arxiv.org/abs/2501.13857) [quant-ph]
- Robert I. Booth and Damian Markham (Oct. 19, 2023). “Flow conditions for continuous variable measurement-based quantum computing”. In: *Quantum* 7. Publisher: Verein zur Förderung des Open Access Publizierens in den Quantenwissenschaften, p. 1146. DOI: [10.22331/q-2023-10-19-1146](https://doi.org/10.22331/q-2023-10-19-1146)
- Robert I. Booth, Aleks Kissinger, Damian Markham, Clément Meignant, and Simon Perdrix (Feb. 2023). “Outcome determinism in measurement-based quantum computation with qudits”. In: *Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical* 56.11. Publisher: IOP Publishing, p. 115303. DOI: [10.1088/1751-8121/acbace](https://doi.org/10.1088/1751-8121/acbace)
- Robert I. Booth, Ulysse Chabaud, and Pierre-Emmanuel Emeriau (Nov. 29, 2022). “Contextuality and Wigner negativity are equivalent for continuous-variable quantum measurements”. In: *Physical Review Letters* 129.23, p. 230401. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.129.230401](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.129.230401). arXiv: [2111.13218](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.13218) [math-ph, physics:quant-ph]
- Vasco Cavina, Luca Mancino, Antonella De Pasquale, Ilaria Gianani, Marco Sbroscia, Robert I. Booth, Emanuele Roccia, Roberto Raimondi, Vittorio Giovannetti, and Marco Barbieri (Nov. 9, 2018). “Bridging thermodynamics and metrology in nonequilibrium quantum thermometry”. In: *Physical Review A* 98.5. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevA.98.050101](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevA.98.050101)
- Luca Mancino, Vasco Cavina, Antonella De Pasquale, Marco Sbroscia, Robert I. Booth, Emanuele Roccia, Ilaria Gianani, Vittorio Giovannetti, and Marco Barbieri (Oct. 17, 2018). “Geometrical Bounds on Irreversibility in Open Quantum Systems”. In: *Physical Review Letters* 121.16. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.121.160602](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.121.160602)

Conference proceedings

- Boldizsár Poór, Robert I. Booth, Titouan Carette, John Van De Wetering, and Lia Yeh (Aug. 29, 2023). “The Qupit Stabiliser ZX-travaganza: Simplified Axioms, Normal Forms and Graph-Theoretic Simplification”. In: *Electronic Proceedings in Theoretical Computer Science*. Twentieth International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic. Vol. 384. Paris, France, pp. 220–264. DOI: [10.4204/EPTCS.384.13](https://doi.org/10.4204/EPTCS.384.13)

- Robert I. Booth and Titouan Carette (2022). “Complete ZX-Calculi for the Stabiliser Fragment in Odd Prime Dimensions”. In: *47th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2022)*. Ed. by Stefan Szeider, Robert Ganian, and Alexandra Silva. Vol. 241. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs). ISSN: 1868-8969. Dagstuhl, Germany: Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, 24:1–24:15. DOI: [10.4230/LIPIcs.MFCS.2022.24](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.MFCS.2022.24)

Preprints

- Robert I. Booth, Titouan Carette, and Cole Comfort (Jan. 30, 2024b). *Graphical Symplectic Algebra*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2401.07914](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2401.07914). arXiv: [2401.07914\[quant-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.07914)
- Robert I. Booth, Titouan Carette, and Cole Comfort (Mar. 15, 2024a). *Complete equational theories for classical and quantum Gaussian relations*. arXiv: [2403.10479\[quant-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.10479)
- Clément Poirson, Joschka Roffe, and Robert I. Booth (May 5, 2025). *Engineering CSS surgery: compiling any CNOT in any code*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2505.01370](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2505.01370). arXiv: [2505.01370\[quant-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.01370)

Dissemination

Invited workshops

- “A symplectic vision for the ZX-calculus”, CATNIP workshop, University of Aberdeen, May 3rd, 2024
- “Distributing quantum circuits with the ZX-calculus”, National Center for Quantum Computing Launch Event, University of Edinburgh, December 13th, 2022
- “Outcome determinism in measurement-based quantum computing with qudits”, Workshop on recent advances on quantum computing, Collège de France, June 17th, 2021
- “Flow conditions for continuous-variable measurement-based quantum computation”, Workshop on Quantum Networks and Information 2020, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo
- “Convergence of continuous-variable measurement-based quantum computations”, Edinburgh-Paris Joint Quantum Workshop, Edinburgh, July, 2019

Invited seminars

- “A convenient setting for fault-tolerant compilation”, Quantum Lunch seminar, University of Oxford, 30 April 2025
- “Finding a convenient setting for fault-tolerant quantum compilation”, University College London, 29 April 2025
- “CSS surgery: compiling any CNOT in any CSS code”, PhiQus team seminar, École Polytechnique, Saclay, France, 28 November 2024
- “The nullifier theory of Gaussian quantum states”, Qatalyze seminar, Paris, France, 27 November 2024
- “Complete Equational Theories for Classical and Quantum Gaussian Relations”, ZX seminar, 2024, online, Video: [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- “Graphical reasoning for Gaussian quantum mechanics”, Loria, Nancy, 9 April 2024
- “Graphical Symplectic Algebra”, ZX seminar, 2024, online, Video: [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- “ZX-calculus: (my) past, present... future?”, LIP6 QI team seminar, Paris, 2023
- “Complete ZX-calculi for the stabiliser fragment in odd prime dimensions”, ZX seminar, 2022, online, Video: [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- “Contextuality and Wigner negativity are equivalent for continuous-variable measurements”, Online Quantum and Linear Optical Computation seminar, 2022
- “Outcome determinism in measurement-based quantum computing with qudits”, ZX seminar, 2021, online
- “F-flow: determinism in measurement-based quantum computing with qudits”, ZX seminar, 2020, online

Conferences

- “A graphical language for Gaussian quantum processes”, 21st International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, Buenos Aires, 2024
- “Complete equational theories for classical and quantum Gaussian relations”, 7th International Conference on Applied Category Theory, Oxford, 2024 (Cole Comfort)
- “Graphical Symplectic Algebra”, 7th International Conference on Applied Category Theory, Oxford, 2024 (Cole Comfort)
- “The Qupit Stabiliser ZX-travaganza: Simplified Axioms, Normal Forms, and Graph-theoretic Simplification”, 20th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, Paris, 2023 (Boldizsár Poór)
- “Complete ZX-calculi for the stabiliser fragment in odd prime dimensions”, 47th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science, Vienna, 2022
- “Complete ZX-calculi for the stabiliser fragment in odd prime dimensions”, 19th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, Oxford, 2022 Video: [YouTube](#)
- “Contextuality and Wigner negativity are equivalent for continuous-variable measurements”, 19th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, Oxford, 2022 (Pierre-Emmanuel Emeriau) Video: [YouTube](#)
- “Extracting reversible quantum circuits from measurement-based quantum computations with qudits”, 19th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, Oxford, 2022 Video: [YouTube](#)
- “Contextuality and Wigner negativity are equivalent for continuous-variable measurements”, 20th European Conference on Foundations of Physics, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris, October 30th, 2021
- “F-flow: determinism in measurement-based quantum computing with qudits”, 19th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, University of Gdansk, June 9th, 2021, Video: [YouTube](#)
- “F-flow: determinism in measurement-based quantum computing with qudits”, Sixth International Conference for Young Quantum Information Scientists, Michigan State University, April 15th, 2021
- “Flow conditions for continuous variable measurement-based quantum computation”, 18th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Logic, Paris, June 15th, 2020, Video: [YouTube](#)

Academic Service

- Organiser of the University of Edinburgh’s Quantum Software Lab Seminar, 2023-2025
- Member of the Program Committee for *PLanQC 2022*, *ACT 2025*, *QPL 2025*
- Reviewer for the US Department of Energy grant call “Express: 2023 Exploratory Research for Extreme-Scale Science”
- Reviewer for the journals *Quantum*, *Logical Methods in Computer Science*
- Reviewer for the conferences *ACT 2024*, *QPL 2023*, *QPL 2022*, *QPL 2021*
- Held the “Quantum Spies” stand at Edinburgh Science Festival 2022, and alongside the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonder exhibition, both at the National Museum of Scotland

Other

Languages | **English and French, bilingual**

Computing | Python, Mathematica, UNIX, \LaTeX