Curriculum vitae

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EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology Pasadena, CA

Sherman Fairchild Postdoctoral Scholar Sept. 2023—present

Host: John Preskill

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA

Postdoctoral Researcher Jan. 2023—Aug. 2023

Advisor: Norman Y. Yao

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Physics Aug. 2016—Dec. 2022

Thesis: Many-Body Quantum Information Dynamics

Advisor: Norman Y. Yao

• 1 of 4 Finalists for the Deborah Jin Award for Best Thesis in AMO Physics (2024)

• National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2016–2021)

• Theory Fellowship, UC Berkeley Physics Department (2016–2017)

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA Bachelors of Science, Engineering Physics Aug. 2011—May 2015

• Minor in Mathematics

Additional Experience

Google Quantum AI Venice, CA Visiting Researcher Dec. 2024—present

Google Quantum AI Venice, CA

Research Intern & Student Researcher May 2021—Dec. 2022

Boston University Boston, MA

Visiting Researcher, Physics Department Aug. 2015—July 2016

Publications & Preprints

*: co-first authors.

- [1] Bryce Kobrin*, **Thomas Schuster***, Maxwell Block, Bradley Mitchell, Weijie Wu, Emily Davis, Norman Y. Yao, A universal protocol for quantum-enhanced metrology via information scrambling. arxiv:2411.12794 (2024).
- [2] Thomas Schuster*, Chao Yin*, Xun Gao, Norman Y. Yao, A polynomial-time classical algorithm for noisy quantum circuits. arxiv:2407.12768 (2024).
- [3] Thomas Schuster, Jonas Haferkamp, Hsin-Yuan Huang, Random unitaries in extremely low depth. arxiv:2407.07754 (2024).

- [4] **Thomas Schuster**, Nathanan Tantivasadakarn, Ashvin Vishwanath, Norman Y. Yao, *A holographic view of topological stabilizer codes.* arxiv:2312.04617 (2023).
- [5] Alicja Dutkiewicz, Thomas O'Brien, **Thomas Schuster**, The advantage of quantum control in many-body Hamiltonian learning. arxiv:2304.07172 (2023). (QIP 2023)
- [6] **Thomas Schuster**, Norman Y. Yao, Operator growth in open quantum systems. Physical Review Letters, **131** 160402 (2023).
- [7] **Thomas Schuster**, Murphy Niu, Jordan Cotler, Thomas O'Brien, Jarrod R. McClean, Masoud Mohseni, *Learning quantum systems via out-of-time-order correlators*. Physical Review Research **5** 043284 (2023).
- [8] Jordan Cotler, **Thomas Schuster**, Masoud Mohseni, *Information-theoretic hardness of out-of-time-order correlators*. Physical Review A **108** 062608 (2023).
- [9] Bryce Kobrin, **Thomas Schuster**, Norman Y. Yao, Comment on "Traversable wormhole dynamics on a quantum processor". arxiv:2302.07897 (2023).
- [10] Thomas Schuster*, Bryce Kobrin*, Ping Gao, Iris Cong, Emil Khabiboulline, Norbert Linke, Chris Monroe, Mikhail D. Lukin, Beni Yoshida, Norman Y. Yao, Many-body quantum teleportation via operator spreading in the traversable wormhole protocol. Physical Review X, 12 031013 (2022).
- [11] Machiel S. Blok*, Vinay V. Ramasesh*, **Thomas Schuster**, Kevin O'Brien, John M. Kreikebaum, Dar Dahlen, Alexis Morvan, Beni Yoshida, Norman Y. Yao, Irfan Siddiqi, *Quantum information scrambling on a superconducting qutrit processor*. Physical Review X, **11.2** 021010 (2021).
- [12] Thomas Schuster, Felix Flicker, Ming Li, Svetlana Kotochigova, Joel E. Moore, Jun Ye, Norman Y. Yao, Realizing Hopf insulators in dipolar spin systems. Physical Review Letters, 127.1 015301 (2021).
- [13] **Thomas Schuster**, Felix Flicker, Ming Li, Svetlana Kotochigova, Joel E. Moore, Jun Ye, Norman Y. Yao, Floquet engineering ultracold polar molecules to simulate topological insulators. Physical Review A, **103.6** 063322 (2021).
- [14] Jiho Noh*, Thomas Schuster*, Thomas Iadecola, Sheng Huang, Mohan Wang, Kevin P. Chen, Claudio Chamon, Mikael C. Rechstman, Braiding photonic topological zero modes. Nature Physics 16, 989-993 (2020).
- [15] **Thomas Schuster**, Snir Gazit, Joel E. Moore, Norman Y. Yao, *Floquet Hopf insulators*. Physical Review Letters, **123** 266803 (2019).
- [16] Kevin Landsman, Caroline Figgatt, **Thomas Schuster**, Norbert M. Linke, Beni Yoshida, Norman Y. Yao, Chris Monroe, *Verified quantum information scrambling*. Nature **567**, 61-65 (2019).
- [17] Quntao Zhuang, **Thomas Schuster**, Beni Yoshida, Norman Y. Yao, Scrambling and complexity in phase space. Physical Review A, **99** 062334 (2019).
- [18] Rupert A. Croft, Peter E. Freeman, **Thomas Schuster**, Chad M. Schafer, *Prediction of galaxy ellipticities and reduction of shape noise in cosmic shear measurements*. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, **469** 4422-4427 (2017).
- [19] Thomas Schuster, Thomas Iadecola, Claudio Chamon, Roman Jackiw, So-Young Pi, Dissipationless conductance in a topological coaxial cable. Physical Review B, 94 115110 (2016).
- [20] Thomas Iadecola, Thomas Schuster, Claudio Chamon, Non-abelian braiding of light. Physical Review Letters, 117 073901 (2016).

INVITED TALKS

- [1] Random unitaries in extremely low depth. Quantum Information Seminar, QuSoft, Amsterdam, November 2024.
- [2] Random unitaries in extremely low depth. Quantum Innovators workshop, Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo, November 2024.
- [3] The fidelity and complexity of noisy quantum circuits. Informal seminar, Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, November 2024.
- [4] Random unitaries in extremely low depth. QI Seminar, **Perimeter Institute**, **Waterloo**, November 2024.
- [5] A polynomial-time classical algorithm for noisy quantum circuits. Seminar, AWS Center for Quantum Computing, Pasadena, September 2024.
- [6] Random unitaries in extremely low depth. CS Theory Tea, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, July 2024.
- [7] The fidelity and complexity of noisy quantum dynamics. Theory seminar, Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics, Garching, July 2024.
- [8] The fidelity and complexity of noisy quantum dynamics. Seminar, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, July 2024.
- [9] The fidelity and complexity of noisy quantum dynamics. Workshop on Non-Equilibrium Many-body Physics Beyond the Floquet Paradigm, Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, June 2024.
- [10] Many-body quantum information dynamics. Deborah Jin Thesis Prize Session, **Division of Atomic**, **Molecular**, and **Optical Physics Annual Meeting**, Fort Worth, June, 2024.
- [11] Noise, complexity, and information dynamics in quantum circuits. IPAM workshop on Many-body Quantum Systems via Classical and Quantum Computation, University of California, Los Angeles, November 2023.
- [12] Noise, complexity, and information dynamics in quantum circuits. IQIM Seminar, California Institute of Technology, September 2023.
- [13] The power of time-reversal in quantum learning. Quantum Machine Learning Seminar, National University of Singapore (virtual), July 2023.
- [14] Many-body quantum information dynamics. AMO Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, April 2023.
- [15] Many-body quantum information dynamics. Quantum Information Group Meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (virtual), January 2023.
- [16] Many-body teleportation and error propagation via quantum information dynamics. HQI Quantum Fest, Harvard University, December 2022.
- [17] Many-body quantum teleportation via quantum information dynamics. Condensed Matter Theory Group Meeting, California Institute of Technology, November 2022.
- [18] Many-body quantum teleportation via quantum information dynamics. Quantum Information Group Meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, September 2022.

- [19] Many-body quantum teleportation via quantum information dynamics. Harvard Quantum Information Group Meeting, **Harvard University**, September 2022.
- [20] Learning quantum systems via out-of-time-order correlators. Theory Seminar, Google Quantum AI (virtual), March 2022.
- [21] Many-body quantum teleportation via operator spreading in the traversable wormhole protocol. It from Qubit Seminar, **Stanford University**, March 2022.
- [22] Operator size and error propagation: the Loschmidt echo in many-body quantum systems. Geoflow Collaboration Meeting, University of California, Berkeley, September 2021.
- [23] Many-body quantum teleportation via operator spreading in the traversable wormhole protocol. Quantum/Gravity Seminar, **Brandeis University** (virtual), May 2021.
- [24] Floquet Hopf insulators. Condensed Matter Seminar, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, June 2019.

Workshops & Schools Attended

- [1] Workshop on Random Quantum Circuits. QuSoft and Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2024.
- [2] Quantum Innovators workshop. Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo, Canada, 2024.
- [3] Non-equilibrium Many-body Physics Beyond the Floquet Paradigm. Workshop at the Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany, 2024.
- [4] Near-Term Quantum Computers. Workshop at Simons Institute, University of California, Berkeley, 2024.
- [5] Many-body Quantum Systems via Classical and Quantum Computation. Workshop at IPAM, University of California, Los Angeles, 2023.
- [6] Mathematical Aspects of Quantum Learning. Workshop at IPAM, University of California, Los Angeles, 2023.
- [7] Condensed Matter Summer School on Dynamics and Quantum Information in Many-body Systems. University of Minnesota, 2023.
- [8] Online School on Ultra Quantum Matter. Perimeter Institute (virtual), 2020.
- [9] Les Houches Summer School on Quantum Dynamics and Disorder. Les Houches, France, 2019.
- [10] Quantum Connections Summer School. Stockholm, Sweden, 2018.

Additional Activities

- I am a regular reviewer for the Physical Review Journals (PRX, PRX Quantum, PRL, PRA, PRD), the Journal for High-Energy Physics (JHEP), and Quantum. I am also a frequent sub-reviewer for QIP, TQC, and STOC.
- I was a member of the program committee for the Theory of Quantum Computation (TQC) Conference, 2024.