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Ugo Nzongani



EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Quantum Computing

2023 - 2026 (Ongoing)

Aix-Marseille University, ENSTA Paris, Institut Polytechnique de Paris

Subject: Quantum walks for combinatorial optimization

Supervisors: Prof. Giuseppe Di Molfetta, Prof. Andrea Simonetto

Master of Quantum and Distributed Computer Science with honours

2021 - 2023

Paris-Saclay University

Main courses: Quantum Computing, Quantum Information, High Performance Computing, Distributed Algorithms, Advanced Algorithmic, Optimization, Complexity Theory

Bachelor of Computer Science with honours

2018 - 2021

Paris-Saclay University

Main courses: Functional Programming, Data Structures, Algorithmic, Machine Learning, C/Python/Java/Assembly Programming, Logic

Baccalauréat Scientifique, equivalent to High School GB A levels with honours

2018

Fustel de Coulanges high school, Massy

Main courses: Mathematics, Physics, Biology

WORK EXPERIENCE

Volunteering - LOC

April 2023

Ecole Polytechnique - International Physicists' Tournament

Palaiseau - France

- I participated in the 15th edition of the [IPT](#) as a member of the Local Organizing Committee. This is an international tournament for physics students where so-called “Physics Fight” takes place four days of the week. A fight is a scientific debate between 3 teams around challenge they have been studying for several months.

Research Internship

5 months - 2023

Paris-Saclay University - Laboratoire de Méthodes Formelles - [QuaCS](#) Team

Orsay - France

- Subject: Dirac quantum walk on tetrahedra
Supervisor: Prof. Pablo Arrighi

Math tutor

7 months - 2023

Academia

Massy - France

- Private math lessons to high school students

Research Internship

2 months - 2022

INRIA - Laboratoire de Méthodes Formelles - [QuaCS](#) Team

Orsay - France

- Subject: Quantum circuits for quantum walk with position-dependent coin operators
Supervisor: Dr. Pablo Arnault

PUBLICATIONS

- Nzongani, U., Simonetto, A., Di Molfetta, G. [Non-unitary enhanced transfer efficiency in quantum walk search on complex networks](#). Physical Review A 112, 052451 (2025).
- Zylberman, J., Nzongani, U., Simonetto, A., Debbasch, F. [Efficient Quantum Circuits for Non-Unitary and Unitary Diagonal Operators with Space-Time Accuracy trade-offs](#). ACM Transaction on Quantum Computing (2025).
- Nzongani, U., Eon, N., Márquez-Martín, I. et al. [Dirac quantum walk on tetrahedra](#). Physical Review A 110, 042418 (2024).
- Nzongani, U., Arnault P. [Adjustable-depth quantum circuit for position-dependent coin operators of discrete-time quantum walks](#). Quantum Information Processing 23, 193 (2024).
- Nzongani, U., Zylberman, J., Doncecchi, CE. et al. [Quantum circuits for discrete-time quantum walks with position-dependent coin operator](#). Quantum Information Processing 22, 270 (2023).

PREPRINTS

- Nzongani, U., Laplace Mermoud, D., , Braida, A. [Scaling QAOA: transferring optimal adiabatic schedules from small-scale to large-scale variational circuits](#).
- Nzongani, U., Laplace Mermoud, D., Simonetto, A., Di Molfetta, G. [Sampled-Based Guided Quantum Walk: Non-variational quantum algorithm for combinatorial optimization](#).

TALKS

- Sampled-Based Guided Quantum Walk: Non variational quantum algorithm for combinatorial optimization, *Quantum days AMU 2025, CIRM, Marseille*
- Sampled-Based Guided Quantum Walk: Non variational quantum algorithm for combinatorial optimization, *PGMO DAYS 2025, EDF LAB, Saclay*
- Hybrid Quantum Search on Complex Networks: Noisy Spatial Search with Quantum Stochastic Walks, *PGMO DAYS 2024, EDF LAB, Saclay*
- Hybrid Quantum Search on Complex Networks: Noisy Spatial Search with Quantum Stochastic Walks, *Quantum ETS Seminar 2024, Montréal*

SKILLS

Programming	Python, OCaml, Java, C, C++, Julia, L ^A T _E X, HTML, CSS, PHP
Communication	French (native), English (885/990 TOEIC)