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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Chemical Physics	2015 - 2020
Department of Chemistry, Brown University	
M.Sc., Electrical & Computer Engineering	2016 - 2018
School of Engineering, Brown University	
B.S., Physics (with honors)	2011 - 2015
Department of Physics, Tsinghua University	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

quantum algorithms, quantum chemistry, electronic structure and dynamics, chemical physics, continuous-variable quantum information processing, condensed matter physics, embedding, stochastic algorithms, quantum sensing, quantum statistical mechanics, spectroscopy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA 07/2020-present

Department of Physics, Research Laboratory of Electronics

Postdoc mentors: Professor Isaac L. Chuang, Professor Troy Van Voorhis

Ph.D., Brown University, Providence RI

08/2015 - 05/2020

Department of Chemistry

Advisors: Professor Brenda M. Rubenstein, Professor Lai-Sheng Wang

Thesis: Finite Temperature Physics of Molecules and Solids via Auxiliary Field Quantum Monte Carlo and Observation of p-Type Dipole-Bound States Near the Molecular Threshold.

Undergraduate research, Tsinghua University, Beijing China

08/2013 - 07/2015

Department of Physics

Advisor: Professor Chuan-Gang Ning

HONORS & AWARDS

- Postdoctoral Seed Funding Award (Co-PI), Co-Design Center for Quantum Advantage (C²QA, National Quantum Information Science Research Center), U.S. Department of Energy, 2022
 2023
- William R. Potter Prize for Doctoral Thesis of Outstanding Merit (1 per year, highest honor for graduate students in chemistry), Brown University, May 2020

Chemical Computing Group Excellence Award, American Chemical Society National Meeting, Spring 2020

- Presidential Fellowship, Brown University, 2015 2018
- Sigma Xi Award, Brown University, 2019
- Open Graduate Education Fellowship and Travel award, Brown University, 2018 2020
- Conference Travel Grants, Chemistry Department, Brown University, 2017 2019
- Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award, Tsinghua University, 2015
- Top Prize, College Student Science and Technology Competition, Beijing, 2015
- Tsinghua Xue-Tang program and scholarship, Tsinghua University, 2013 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- *) Equal contribution
- †) Corresponding author

Under review and in preparation

- [U2] A. K. Tan[†], Y. Liu[†], C. M. Tran[†], I. L. Chuang. Error Correction of Quantum Algorithms: Arbitrarily Accurate Recovery Of Noisy Quantum Signal Processing. Submitted to npj-QI.
- [U1] J. Ang et al. Architectures for Multinode Superconducting Quantum Computers. Submitted to ACM Transactions on Quantum Computing.

Peer-reviewed and published

- [23] A. K. Tan[†], Y. Liu[†], C. M. Tran[†], I. L. Chuang. Perturbative Model of Noisy Quantum Signal Processing. Phys. Rev. A **107**, 042429 (2023)
- [22] Y. Liu[†], O. Meitei, Z. E. Chin, A. Dutt, M. Tao, I. L. Chuang, T. Van Voorhis[†]. *Bootstrap Embedding on a Quantum Computer*. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 19, 8, 2230–2247 (2023).
- [21] D. F. Yuan, Y. Liu, Y. R. Zhang, L. S. Wang. Observation of a Polarization-Assisted Dipole-Bound State. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 145, 9, 5512–5522 (2023).
- [20] J. M. Martyn, Y. Liu, Z. E. Chin, I. L. Chuang. Efficient Fully-Coherent Quantum Signal Processing Algorithms for Real-Time Dynamics Simulation. J. Chem. Phys. 158 (2), 024106 (2023)
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- [18] Y. Liu[†], J. Sinanan-Singh, M. Kearney, G. Mintzer, I. Chuang. *Constructing Qudits from Infinite Dimensional Oscillators by Coupling to Qubits*. Phys. Rev. A **104**, 032605 (2021). Editors' Suggestion.
- [17] D. F. Yuan, Y. R. Zhang, C. H. Qian, Y. Liu, L. S. Wang. Probing the Dipole-Bound State in the 9-Phenanthrolate Anion by Photodetachment Spectroscopy, Resonant Two-Photon Photoelectron Imaging, and Resonant Photoelectron Spectroscopy. J. Phys. Chem. A 125, 14, 2967–2976 (2021).

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- [12] Y. Liu, T. Shen, H. Zhang, and B. M. Rubenstein. *Unveiling the Finite Temperature Physics of Hydrogen Chains via Auxiliary Field Quantum Monte Carlo*. J. Chem. Theory Comput. **16** 7, 4298–4314 (2020).
- [11] B. L. Foulon, Y. Liu, J. K. Rosenstein, and B. M. Rubenstein. A Language for Molecular Computation (invited preview). Chem 5 (12), 3017 (2019).
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- [7] G. Z. Zhu, **Y. Liu**, Y. Hashikawa, Q. F. Zhang, Y. Murata, and L. S. Wang. Probing the Interaction between the Encapsulated Water Molecule and the Fullerene Cages in $H_2O@C_{60}^-$ and $H_2O@C_{59}N^-$. Chemical Science, **9**, 5666 (2018).
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- [3] Y. Liu and C. G. Ning. Calculation of Photodetachment Cross Sections and Photoelectron Angular Distributions of Negative Ions Using Density Functional Theory. J. Chem. Phys. 143, 144310 (2015).
- [2] H. T. Liu, D. L. Huang, Y. Liu, L. F. Cheung, P. D. Dau, C. G. Ning, and L. S. Wang. Vibrational State-Selective Resonant Two-Photon Photoelectron Spectroscopy of AuS⁻ via a Spin-Forbidden Excited State. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 6, 637 (2015).
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SELECTED TALKS

• (Invited) Quantum Sensing Gordon Research Seminar, "Quantum Advantage in Continuous-Variable Algorithmic Sensing", Les Diablerets, VD, Switzerland, July 2023.

- (Invited) ACS Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM), "New quantum algorithms for old challenges: from real-time dynamics to electronic structure theory", Boston, June 2023.
- (Invited) Triangle Quantum Computing Seminar, "Error Correction of Quantum Algorithms: Arbitrarily Accurate Recovery of Noisy Quantum Signal Processing", Duke University, March 2023.
- (Invited) Quantum Seminar at IBM Research, "Quantum Advantage of Embedding for Quantum Chemistry", Cambridge MA, February 2023.
- (Invited) Seminar (virtual) at the InQubator for Quantum Simulation, "Efficient-Fully Coherent Quantum Signal Processing Algorithms for Real-Time Dynamics Simulation", University of Washington, November 2022.
- (Invited) Talk at QuEra Computing Inc., "Bootstrap Embedding on a Quantum Computer", November 2022.
- (Invited) Flash talk at the Co-Design Center for Quantum Advantage (C²QA) all hands meeting, "Bootstrap Embedding on a Quantum Computer", Yale University, October 2022.
- Conference on Quantum Information and Quantum Control IX (CQIQC-IX), "Constructing qudits from infinite-dimensional oscillators by coupling to qubits", September 2022, Toronto.
- American Chemical Society Fall Meeting, "Efficient-Fully Coherent Hamiltonian Simulation", August 2022, Chicago.
- American Chemical Society Fall Meeting, "Observation of a symmetry-forbidden excited quadrupole-bound state", August 2022, Chicago.
- (Invited) IBM-MIT Quantum Information Theory Meeting, "Efficient-Fully Coherent Hamiltonian Simulation", March 2022, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA.
- American Physical Society March Meeting, "Constructing Qudits from Infinite Dimensional Oscillators by Coupling to Qubits", March 2021, Online.
- (Invited) Quanta Research Laboratory, "Double- and Multi-slit Interference of Photoelectrons from Organic Molecular Anions", Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 2020, Cambridge MA.
- American Physical Society National Meeting, "Ab initio Finite Temperature Auxiliary Field Quantum Monte Carlo", March 2018, Los Angeles CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fall 2021. (A semester-long workshop on developing teaching skills systematically, with two micro-teaching demonstrations in a real classroom setting)
- Teaching Assistant, Chemistry 1150 (Spring 2017) Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics. Instructor: Prof. Lai-Sheng Wang. (Responsible for holding office hours, creating problem sets, and grading homework)

SERVICE & OUTREACH

• Selected referee service: PRX Quantum, Quantum, Phys. Rev. Lett., Phys. Rev. A, New J. Phys., J. Phys. Chem., J. Chem. Theory Comput., Chem. Phys.

- Outreach lecture at Bexley high school (virtual, Ohio) on quantum science and technology via the Quantum To-Go project of American Physical Society, April 2023.
- Session chair for the quantum science and engineering center annual research conference (QuARC), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 2022.
- Judge (multiple times) for K-12 Science and Engineering Fairs: Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair, Boston MA, April 2021; Times Squared Academy Science and Engineering Fair, Providence RI, February 2020; Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair, Community College of Rhode Island, April 2016.
- Brown University Chemistry Department Graduate student leadership committee, journal club co-organizer, September 2016 May 2018.
- 4th Annual STEM Day of Brown University Chemistry Department, January 2020.

ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT

- AFOSR Molecular Dynamics and Theoretical Chemistry Program Review Meeting, May 2020.
- Quantum Matter Workshop, CMSA, Harvard Unviersity, Cambridge MA, December 2019.
- Research term on quantum information science (five weeks), with topics including tensor networks, foundations of quantum information, quantum cryptography, and quantum computing, ICMAT-IFT, Madrid Spain, September and October 2019.
- Workshop on "Quantum Dynamics and Control beyond Simple Models and Approximations", CUNY, Manhattan NY, May 2019.
- Molecular and Quantum Computing Symposium, Brown University, Providence RI, March 2019.
- XSEDE OpenMP Workshop, Tufts University, Medford MA, August 2017.
- Tutorial on MPI programming (online), Texas Advanced Computing Center, TX, April 2017.