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Curriculum Vitae



Assistant Professor
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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

High impact research, including 4 in Nature/Science journals, highlights in Nature, Science (5 separate occasions), and various online and print media (New Scientist, Phys.org etc.). These include:

- Demonstration that Quantum Discord is a physical resource. Published in *Nature Physics* **8**, 671–675, highlighted in *Nature Photonics* **6**, 724–725, and awarded *Research Highlight of the Month*, January 2013 at the National University of Singapore.
- Proved that the ultimate way to simulate reality requires quantum logic, using combined concepts of complexity and information theory. Published in *Nature Comm.* **3**, 762, 1133–1135. Invited Guest article in *New Scientist* 2995.
- Demonstration that of emergent physical laws – macroscopic physical laws that cannot be derived from microscopic principles. Published in *Physica D.* **238**, 835–839 and highlighted in *Nature* **459**, 332–334 and *New Scientist* 2676.
- Jointly proposed continuous variable cluster state computation – a new model of quantum computation has attracted over 400 combined citations and motivated multiple of experiments. See *Phys. Rev. A* **79**, 062318 and *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **97**(11):110501
- Jointly proved that the methods of General Relativity can be applied to find optimal quantum algorithms. Published in *Science*, **311**(5764):1133–1135 and highlighted in *Science Perspectives* on the same issue.

PROFFESIONAL HISTORY

- 11/2013 – Present** **Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)**, Center for Quantum Information, Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Sciences, Tsinghua University, China
- 11/2013 – Present** **Visiting Senior Fellow**, Centre for Quantum Technologies, National University of Singapore
- 10/2009 - 11/2013** **Research Fellow**, Center for Quantum Technologies, National University of Singapore
- 2/2009 -10/2009** **Research Assistant** –Center for Quantum Technologies, National University of Singapore

EDUCATION

- 2005–2009** **PhD** (Quantum Complexity, Emergence and Measurement by Computation)
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
Supervisors: Michael Nielsen, Tim Ralph, Andrew Doherty
- 2003-2004** **Masters in Physics** (Quantum Optics) *1st Class Honors*,
Auckland University, Auckland, New Zealand,
Supervisors: Scott Parkins, Howard Carmichael
- 2001-2002** **Bachelor of Science** (*Triple Major*, in Physics, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics) Auckland University, Auckland, New Zealand.

AWARDS

- 2013** **China Young 1000 Talent** - Central Organizing Committee of China
- 2013** **Research Highlight of the Month** – National University of Singapore
- 2006–2009** **Australian Postgraduate Award** - University of Queensland
- 2005** **Distinguished Scholar Award**, University of Queensland

GRANTS

- 2015-2017** **Occam's Quantum Mechanical Razor: Can Quantum theory admit the Simplest Understanding of Reality?** (Templeton Foundation)
246,100 USD
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2014** **Using Discord to Preserve the Benefits of Entanglement-Breaking Noise**
200,000 CNY (National Natural Science Foundation of China)
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2013-2016** **1000 Talent Fellowship**
3,000,000 CNY
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2012-2013** **Disjointed realities: Is there a universal way to connect quantum and classical theories?**
150,000 GBP (Templeton Foundation) **Role:** Co-investigator

SELECTED MEDIA AND PRESS

- “Zen and the art of quantum complexity.” *New Scientist*, 2995, (2014)
- "Quantum optics: Discord in the Ranks." *Nature Photonics: News and Views* 6.11 (2012):
- “How quantum physics could make 'The Matrix' more efficient.” *Phys.org* (2012) <http://phys.org/news/2012-03-quantum-physics-matrix-efficient.html>
- "Why nature is not the sum of its parts." *New Scientist* 200.2676 (2008)
- "Computation: The edge of reductionism." *Nature: News and Views* 459.7245 (2009): 332-334.
- “Implementing a Quantum Computation by Free Fall.” *Science Perspectives*, 311.5764 (2006)

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

(FS) AND (PS) DESIGNATE
INVITED TALKS:

(FS): FULL SUPPORT
(PS): PARTIAL SUPPORT

Selected list of scientific presentations at various conferences, workshops and institutes:

- 2014-12:** Relativistic Quantum Information Workshop, Brisbane, Australia (PS)
- 2014-09:** FQXi Workshop on Quantum Sequential measurements and complexity, Siegen, Germany (FS)
- 2014-05:** CQIQC Colloquium, University of Toronto, Canada (PS)
- 2014-01:** 4th Quantum Information Science Workshop, Hong Kong (PS)
- 2013-12:** East Lake Forum for Outstanding Young Scholars, Wuhan, China (FS)
- 2013-11:** College of Optoelectronics Colloquium, Tianjin University, China (FS)
- 2012-07:** QCMC 2012, Vienna, Austria
- 2012-06:** Clarendon Laboratory Seminar, Oxford University, United Kingdom. (PS)
- 2012-04:** Department of Physics Seminar, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (PS)
- 2011-10:** Institute of Theoretical Physics Seminar, Chinese Academy of Science, China. (PS)
- 2011-03:** Quantum Simulations Workshop, Benasque, Spain. (PS)
- 2010-06:** Physics Departmental Seminar, University of Lund, Sweden. (PS)
- 2010-05:** Quantum Control Seminar Series, Australian National University, Australia. (PS)
- 2009-01:** Quantum Technology in Biological Systems Workshop, Singapore (FS)
- 2008-07:** Summer Seminar Series, Max Plank Institute, Erlangen, Germany (PS)

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICES

- Referee for high impact scientific journals (including *Nature Photonics*, *PRL*)
- Invited contributor for *New Scientist* (Issue 2995), *Physics Today*, *Foundational Questions Institute Blog* and the *University of Queensland Infinity* magazine (Issue 22)
- Centerpiece article in the 2012 *Center for Quantum Technologies Annual Report*

TEACHING

Course Design: Design of syllabus for undergraduate course, ‘*Physics of Information*’, a unique course for the Institution of Information sciences to integrate physics and information theory.

- Lecturing:** Special Topics in Information Physics, Physics of Information, General Physics 2 (Relativity Section) at Tsinghua University.
- Tutoring:** Academic and Personal tutor for 4 undergraduates (Tsinghua University, 2013-Present). Previously resident Tutor in Physics and Computer Science (International House, University of Queensland 2007-2008) and Visiting Physics Tutor (Dushesne College, University of Queensland 2007).

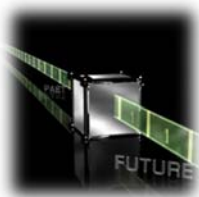
LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

Refereed

NOTE:

Citation counts are based on Google Scholar as of 1/1/2015

- F. Franchini, J. Cui, L. Amico, H. Fan, M. Gu, V. Korepin, L. Kwek, V. Vedral.** *Local convertibility and edge states in quantum many body systems*, *Phys. Rev. X* 4, 041028 2014
- M. de Almeida, M Gu, A Fedrizzi, M.A. Broome, T.C. Ralph, A. White.** *Entanglement-free certification of entangling gates* *Physical Review A* 89, 042323, 2014
- S.Sridharan, M. McEneaney, M.Gu, M. James.** *A reduced complexity min-plus solution method to the optimal control of closed quantum systems.* *Applied Mathematics & Optimization*, 1-42, 2014
- Tan, Ryan, Daniel R. Terno, Jayne Thompson, Vlatko Vedral, and Mile Gu.** *Towards Quantifying Complexity with Quantum Mechanics.* *EPJ Plus* 129, 9, 1-12, 2014
- X. Cai, C. Weedbrook, Z. Su, M. Chen, M. Gu, M. Zhu, L. Li, N. Liu, C. Lu, J. Pan.** *Experimental Quantum Computing to Solve Systems of Linear Equations* *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2013
- J. Cui, L. Amico, H. Fan, M. Gu, A. Hamma, V. Vedral.** *Local characterization of 1d topologically ordered states.* *Phys. Rev. B.* 88, 125117, 2013
- M. Gu, H. Chrzanowski, S. Assad, T. Symul, K. Modi, T. C.Ralph, V.Vedral, P.K. Lam.** *Observing the operational significance of discord consumption* *Nature Physics* 8, 671–675, 2012. **100+ Citations** (Featured on *Nature Photonics*, and *New Scientist*)
- M. Gu, K. Wiesner, E. Rieper, V. Vedral.** *Quantum Mechanics can reduce the complexity of classical models.* *Nature Communications* 3, 762, 2012 (Featured in *New Scientist*)
- J. Cui, M. Gu, L.C. Kwek, M.F. Santos, H. Fan, V. Vedral.** *Quantum phases with differing computational power.* *Nature Communications* 3, 812, 2012. **35 Citations.**



COVER IMAGE FOR THE
PAPER 'OCCAM'S
QUANTUM RAZOR'.
RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN
NAT. COMM 3, 762

K. Modi, M. Gu . *Coherent and Incoherent Contents of Correlations*, International Journal of Modern Physics B, 27 , 2012.

M. Gu, Alvaro Perales. *Encoding Universal Computation in the Ground States of Ising Lattices*, Phys. Rev. E. 86, 1:011116, 2012.

K. Wiesner, M Gu, E. Rieper, V. Vedral. *Information-theoretic bound on the energy cost of stochastic simulation*, Proceedings of the Royal Society A, 468, 4058–4066

M. Gu, C.Weedbrook, P. van Loock, and N.Menicucci, Timothy C. Ralph. *Computing with continuous variable clusters*. Phys. Rev. A, 79:063218, 2009. **100+ Citations**.

S. Sridharan, M. Gu, M.R. James, W. M. McEneaney. *Reduced-complexity numerical method for optimal gate synthesis*. Phys. Rev. A, 82:042319, 2010. **15 Citations**.

S. Sridharan, M. Gu, M.R. James, W. M. McEneaney *An efficient computational method for the optimal control of higher dimensional quantum systems*. 2010 49th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2010.

M. Gu, C.Weedbrook, A. Perales, and M. Nielsen. *More really is different*. Physica D. 238, 835-839, 2009. **19 Citations**. (Featured on Nature News and Views, and New Scientist)

P. van Loock, C.Weedbrook, and M. Gu. *Building Gaussian cluster states by linear optics*. Phys. Rev. A, 76(3):032321, 2007. **100+ Citations**.

S. Sridharan, M. Gu, and M. James. *Gate complexity using dynamic programming*. Phys. Rev. A, 78(5):052327, 2008. **13 Citations**.

M. Gu, A. Doherty, and M. Nielsen. *Quantum control via geometry: An explicit example*. Phys. Rev. A, 78(3):032327, 2008.

NC Menicucci, P Van Loock, M Gu, C Weedbrook, TC Ralph, MA Nielsen. *Universal quantum computation with continuous-variable cluster states*. Physical review letters 97 (11), 110501. **250+ Citations**.

M. Nielsen, M. Dowling, M. Gu, and A. Doherty. *Quantum computation as geometry*. Science, 311(5764):1133–1135, 2006. **80+ Citations**.

M. Nielsen, M. Dowling, M. Gu, and A. Doherty. *Optimal control, geometry, and quantum computing*. Phys. Rev. A, 311(5764):062323, 2006. **40 Citations**

M. Gu, and A. S Parkins, and H. J. Carmichael. *Entangled-state cycles from conditional quantum evolution.* Phys. Rev. A. 93:043813, 2006.

Stephen Clark, Amy Peng, Mile Gu, and Scott Parkins. *Unconditional Preparation of Entanglement between Atoms in Cascaded Optical Cavities.* Phys.Rev.Lett. 91:177901, 2003.

Preprint

Xiao Yuan, Syed M. Assad, Jayne Thompson, Jing Yan Haw, Vlatko Vedral, Timothy C. Ralph, Ping Koy Lam, Christian Weedbrook and Mile Gu *Replicating the benefits of closed timelike curves without breaking causality".* arXiv:1412.5596.

C Weedbrook, S Pirandola, J Thompson, V Vedral, M Gu, *Discord Empowered Quantum Illumination,* arXiv:1312.3332, 2013 (corresponding author, highlighted in *Nature Physics 10, 474*)

J. Thompson, M Gu, K Modi, V Vedral, *Quantum Computing with Black-box Subroutines,* arXiv preprint arXiv:1310.2927, 2013

O. Dahlsten, A. Garner, J Thompson, M Gu, V Vedral, *Particle exchange in post-quantum theories,* arXiv preprint arXiv:1307.2529, 2013