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# Wei Zhan Ph.D.

Positions	Department of Computer Science, University of Chicago Chicago Prize Postdoctoral Fellow  • Host: Bill Fefferman	Chicago, IL, USA 2023 - 2025 (expected)	
Education	Department of Computer Science, Princeton University  Ph.D. in Computer Science  • Advisor: Ran Raz  • Dissertation: Randomness and Quantumness in Space-Bound	Princeton, NJ, USA 2017 - 2023 ded Computation	
	IIIS, Tsinghua University	Beijing, China	
	B.S. in Computer Science	2013 - 2017	
Research Interest	Theoretical computer science, complexity theory and quantum computing.		
Awards & Honors	• Francis Robbins Upton Fellowship, Princeton University	2017 - 2022	
	Yao Award, Tsinghua University	2017	
	Best Newcomer Award, ICDT	2017	
	• National Scholarship, Tsinghua University	2016	
	Gold Medal, China Mathematical Olympiad	2013	
Publications	1. Huacheng Yu, Wei Zhan. Sampling, Flowers and Communication. In 15th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference (ITCS 2024)		
	<ol> <li>Huacheng Yu, Wei Zhan. Randomized vs. Deterministic Separation in Time-Space Trade- offs of Multi-Output Functions.</li> <li>In 15th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference (ITCS 2024)</li> </ol>		
	3. Uma Girish, Ran Raz, <b>Wei Zhan</b> . Quantum Logspace Computations are Verifiable. In 2024 Symposium on Simplicity in Algorithms (SOSA 2024)		
	4. Edward Drug Dan Dan Wei 7han Contifed Handress vs. Dandamness for Los Crass		

- 4. Edward Pyne, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Certified Hardness vs. Randomness for Log-Space.
- 5. Qipeng Liu, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Memory-Sample Lower Bounds for Learning with Classical-Quantum Hybrid Memory. In 26th Annual Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP 2023) In 55th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2023)

In 64th IEEE Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2023)

- 6. Uma Girish, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Is Untrusted Randomness Helpful? In 14th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference (ITCS 2023)
- 7. Uma Girish, Kunal Mittal, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Polynomial Bounds on Parallel Repetition for All 3-Player Games with Binary Inputs. In 26th International Conference on Randomization and Computation (RANDOM 2022) Invited to Special Issue of ToC for RANDOM'22
- 8. Uma Girish, Justin Holmgren, Kunal Mittal, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Parallel Repetition for all 3-Player Games over Binary Alphabet. In 54th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2022).
- 9. Uma Girish, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Quantum Logspace Algorithm for Powering Matrices with Bounded Norm. In 24th Annual Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP 2021)

In 48th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 2021)

- 10. Uma Girish, Ran Raz, **Wei Zhan**. Lower Bounds for XOR of Forrelations. In 25th International Conference on Randomization and Computation (RANDOM 2021)
- 11. Uma Girish, Justin Holmgren, Kunal Mittal, Ran Raz, Wei Zhan. Parallel Repetition for the GHZ Game: A Simpler Proof.

  In 25th International Conference on Randomization and Computation (RANDOM 2021)
- 12. Ran Raz and Wei Zhan. The Random-Query Model and the Memory-Bounded Coupon Collector.

In 11th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference (ITCS 2020)

- 13. Yifei Jin, Jian Li, Wei Zhan. Odd Yao-Yao Graphs are not Spanners. In 34th International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG 2018)
- 14. Yi-Jun Chang, Tsvi Kopelowitz, Seth Pettie, Ruosong Wang, Wei Zhan. Exponential Separations in the Energy Complexity of Leader Election. In 49th ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2017) In ACM Transactions on Algorithms, Vol. 15, No. 4 (2019)
- 15. Zhiyuan Li, Yicheng Liu, Pingzhong Tang, Tingting Xu, Wei Zhan. Stability of Generalized Two-sided Markets with Transaction Thresholds. In 16th Conference on Autonomous Agents and MultiAgent Systems (AAMAS 2017)
- 16. Wei Cao, Jian Li, Haitao Wang, Kangning Wang, Ruosong Wang, Raymond Chi-Wing Wong, Wei Zhan. k-Regret-Minimizing Sets: Hardness and Efficient Algorithms. In 20th International Conference on Database Theory (ICDT 2017)
- 17. Jian Li, **Wei Zhan**. Almost All Even Yao-Yao Graphs Are Spanners. In 24th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2016)

#### Preprints

- 1. Bill Fefferman, Soumik Ghosh, **Wei Zhan**. Anti-Concentration for the Unitary Haar Measure and Applications to Random Quantum Circuits. In *arXiv preprint arXiv*:2407.19561 (2024)
- 2. **Wei Zhan**. Universality for Doubly Stochastic Matrices. In *arXiv preprint arXiv*:2010.16257 (2020)

### **TALKS**

#### Learning Random Brickwork Quantum Circuits

• Theory Seminar, UCSD

Mar 2024

Randomized vs. Deterministic Separation in Time-Space Tradeoffs of Multi-Output Functions & Sampling, Flowers and Communication

• ITCS, Berkeley Feb 2024

Quantum Logspace Computations are Verifiable

• SOSA, Alexandria Jan 2024

Is Untrusted Randomness Helpful?

• ITCS, Boston Jan 2023

Memory-Sample Lower Bounds for Learning with Classical-Quantum Hybrid Memory

QIP, Ghent
 Theory Lunch, Princeton
 Dec 2022

Parallel Repetition for All 3-Player Games over Binary Alphabet (& with Binary Inputs)

RANDOM, online
 Theory Seminar, Cornell
 STOC, Rome
 Theory Seminar, NJU
 Feb 2022

Quantum Logspace Algorithm for Powering Matrices with Bounded Norm

	• ICALP, online	Jul 2021	
	<ul> <li>Quantum Computing Seminar, GMU</li> </ul>	Feb 2021	
	Universality for Doubly Stochastic Matrices		
	Student Theory Day, Princeton	Mar 2021	
	The Random-Query Model and the Memory-Bounded Coupon Co	ollector	
	• ITCS, Seattle	Jan 2020	
	k-Regret-Minimizing Sets: Hardness and Efficient Algorithms		
	• ICDT, Venice	Mar 2017	
	Almost All Even Yao-Yao Graphs Are Spanners		
	• ESA, Aarhus	Aug 2016	
Teaching	Princeton University:		
	TA for COS 585: Information Theory and Applications	Spring 2022	
	TA for COS 445: Economics and Computation	Spring 2020	
	TA for COS 340: Reasoning about Computation	Spring 2019	
Other	Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing	Berkeley, CA, USA	
Research	Visiting Postdoc	Jan - Mar 2024	
Experience	<ul> <li>Program: Quantum Algorithms, Complexity, and Fault Tolerance</li> </ul>		
	Department of EECS, University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI, USA	
	Visitor	Feb - Jun 2016	
	Host: Seth Pettie		
Services	Conference Reviews: STOC, FOCS, CCC, SODA, ITCS, QIP, TQC, SoCG, ICALP, STACS, ESA		
	Journal Reviews: SIAM Journal on Computing		