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- Academic Positions**
- Lecturer in algorithms and complexity, University of Edinburgh 2017/09 – present
 - Google research fellow, Simons Institute, UC-Berkeley 2016/01 – 2016/05
 - Postdoctoral researcher, Queen Mary, University of London 2015/10 – 2017/08
Supervisor: Mark Jerrum
- Education**
- Ph.D. in *Computer Science* University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015
Advisor: Jin-Yi Cai
Thesis: Complexity Classification of Exact and Approximate Counting Problems
 - M.A. in *Mathematics* University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2013
 - M.S. in *Computer Science* Peking University, 2010
 - B.S. in *Mathematics* Peking University, 2007
- Research Interests**
- Theoretical computer science, with an emphasis on computational counting and sampling.
- Honours and Awards**
- EATCS distinguished dissertation award. European Association for TCS, 2016.
 - Google research fellow. Simons Institute of Computing, UC-Berkeley, 2016 Spring.
 - Simons award for graduate students in TCS. The Simons foundation, 2013-2015.
 - Kang Zheng fellowship. Peking University, 2008-2009.
- Research Articles**
- Counting hypergraph colorings in the local lemma regime
Heng Guo, Chao Liao, Pinyan, Lu, and Chihao Zhang
STOC'18, to appear
arXiv: 1711.03396
 - Holographic algorithms beyond matchgates
Jin-Yi Cai, Heng Guo, and Tyson Williams
Inf. Comput. doi: 10.1016/j.ic.2018.01.002
Preliminary version: **ICALP'14**, pp. 271-282
 - Layerwise systematic scan: deep Boltzmann machines and beyond
Heng Guo, Kaan Kara, and Ce Zhang
AISTATS'18, to appear
arXiv: 1705.05154
 - The complexity of approximating complex-valued Ising and Tutte partition functions
Leslie Ann Goldberg and Heng Guo
Comput. Complex., 26(4), 765-833, 2017

- Random cluster dynamics for the Ising model is rapidly mixing
Heng Guo and Mark Jerrum
Ann. Appl. Probab., to appear
Preliminary version: **SODA'17**, pp. 1818-1827
- Uniform sampling through the Lovász local lemma
Heng Guo, Mark Jerrum, and Jingcheng Liu
STOC'17, pp. 342-355
- Uniqueness, spatial mixing, and approximation in ferromagnetic 2-spin systems
Heng Guo and Pinyan Lu
RANDOM'16, 31:1-26
- Approximation via correlation decay when strong spatial mixing fails
Ivona Bezáková, Andreas Galanis, Leslie Ann Goldberg, Heng Guo, and Daniel Štefankovič
ICALP'16, 45:1-13
- A complete dichotomy rises from the capture of vanishing signatures
Jin-Yi Cai, Heng Guo, and Tyson Williams
SIAM J. Comput., 45(5), 1671-1728, 2016
Preliminary version: **STOC'13**, pp. 635-644
- The complexity of counting edge colorings and a dichotomy for some higher domain Holant problems
Jin-Yi Cai, Heng Guo, and Tyson Williams
Res. Math. Sci., 3:18, 2016
Preliminary version: **FOCS'14**, pp. 601-610
- #BIS-hardness for 2-spin systems on bipartite bounded degree graphs in the tree nonuniqueness region
Jin-Yi Cai, Andreas Galanis, Leslie Ann Goldberg, Heng Guo, Mark Jerrum, Daniel Štefankovič, and Eric Vigoda
J. Comput. Syst. Sci., 82(5), 690-711, 2016
Preliminary version: **RANDOM'14**, pp. 582-595
- A Holant dichotomy: Is the FKT algorithm universal?
Jin-Yi Cai, Zhiguo Fu, Heng Guo, and Tyson Williams
FOCS'15, pp. 1259-1276
- The complexity of symmetric Boolean parity Holant problems
Heng Guo, Pinyan Lu, and Leslie G. Valiant
SIAM J. Comput., 42(1), 324-356, 2013
Preliminary version: **ICALP'11**, pp. 712-723
- The complexity of planar Boolean #CSP with complex weights
Heng Guo and Tyson Williams
ICALP'13, pp. 516-527
- Inapproximability after uniqueness phase transition in two-spin systems
Jin-Yi Cai, Xi Chen, Heng Guo, and Pinyan Lu
COCO'12, pp. 336-347

- The complexity of weighted Boolean #CSP modulo k
Heng Guo, Sangxia Huang, Pinyan Lu, and Mingji Xia
STACS'11, pp. 249-260
- On model checking Boolean BI
Heng Guo, Hanpin Wang, Zhongyuan Xu and Yongzhi Cao
CSL'09, pp. 302-316

Preprints

- Perfect simulation of the hard disks model by partial rejection sampling
Heng Guo and Mark Jerrum
Submitted. arXiv: 1801.07342
- A simple FPRAS for bi-directed reachability
Heng Guo and Mark Jerrum
Submitted. arXiv: 1709.08561
- Clifford gates in the Holant framework
Jin-Yi Cai, Heng Guo, and Tyson Williams
Submitted. arXiv: 1705.00942

Book Chapters, Surveys, Other Writings

- On the complexity of Holant problems
Heng Guo and Pinyan Lu
The Constraint Satisfaction Problem, Dagstuhl Follow-Ups 7, 159-177, 2017
- Mapping the complexity of counting problems
Heng Guo
Bulletin of EATCS, No 120: October 2016
- Holant problems
Jin-Yi Cai, Heng Guo, and Tyson Williams
Encyclopedia of Algorithms 2016: 918-921

Talks

- A simple FPRAS for bi-directed reachability
 - 2017 Dec, TCS seminar, Peking University, China
- Counting hypergraph colorings in the local lemma regime
 - 2017 Dec, China Academy of Science, China
- Uniform sampling through the Lovász Local Lemma
 - 2017 Nov, Heriot-Watt University, UK
 - 2017 Nov, University of Durham, UK
 - 2017 Aug, Dagstuhl Seminar 17341: Computational Counting, Germany
 - 2017 Jun, STOC, Montreal, Canada
 - 2017 Jun, Reunion workshop, Simons Institute, UC-Berkeley, CA
 - 2017 May, Nanjing Theory Day 2017, Nanjing, China
 - 2016 Dec, Nanjing University, China

- 2016 Dec, ITCS Workshop I, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China
- Random cluster dynamics for the Ising model is rapidly mixing
 - 2017 Dec, Probability seminar, Peking University, China
 - 2017 Jul, LMS - EPSRC Durham Symposium, Durham, UK
 - 2017 Jan, SODA, Barcelona, Spain
 - 2016 Nov, Oxford University, UK
 - 2016 Oct, Queen Mary, University of London, UK
 - 2016 Jun, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China
 - 2016 May, Harvard University, MA
 - 2016 Apr, Simons Institute, UC-Berkeley, CA
- Computational counting and sampling
 - 2017 Mar, University of Edinburgh, UK
 - 2017 Mar, CS Colloquium, University of Chicago, IL
- Uniqueness, spatial mixing, and approximate counting
 - 2016 Sep, RANDOM, Paris, France
 - 2016 Mar, Classification workshop, Simons Institute, UC-Berkeley, CA
 - 2015 Oct, Columbia University, NY
- Approximation via correlation decay when strong spatial mixing Fails
 - 2016 Jul, ICALP, Rome, Italy
- Planar dichotomy theorems
 - 2016 Jan, Counting program bootcamp, Simons Institute, UC-Berkeley, CA
 - 2015 Oct, FOCS, Berkeley, CA
- The complexity of Ising models with complex weights
 - 2014 Dec, Midwest Theory Day, University of Michigan, MI
- Dichotomy theorems in computational complexity
 - 2014 Sep, Nanjing University, China
 - 2014 Feb, Durham University, UK
- Edge coloring, Siegel's theorem, and a Holant dichotomy
 - 2014 Sep, China Theory Week, Tsinghua University, China
- #BIS-hardness for 2-spin systems on bipartite bounded degree graphs in the tree nonuniqueness region
 - 2014 Sep, RANDOM, Barcelona, Spain
- Holographic algorithms beyond matchgates
 - 2014 Jul, ICALP, Copenhagen, Denmark

- Phase transition and computational transition
 - 2014 May, Oxford University, UK
- The complexity of planar Boolean #CSP with complex weights
 - 2013 Jul, ICALP, Riga, Latvia
- A complete dichotomy rises from the capture of vanishing signatures
 - 2013 Jun, STOC, Palo Alto, CA
 - 2013 Jan, Dagstuhl Seminar 13031: Computational Counting, Germany

Teaching

- 2018 Spring Computational Complexity (INFR11102), University of Edinburgh
- 2016 Fall Advanced Combinatorics (MTH742P), Queen Mary, University of London

Services

- Program committee: FAW 2018.
- LFCS (Edinburgh) seminar organizer from 2018.
- Seminar organizer of the 2016 spring program “Counting Complexity and Phase Transitions” in the Simons institute of UC-Berkeley.
- Journal Reviews: SIAM Journal on Computing,
Journal of Computer and System Sciences,
Computational Complexity,
Information and Computation,
Random Structures and Algorithms,
Theoretical Computer Science,
Theory of Computing,
ACM Transactions on Computation Theory,
Theory of Computing Systems,
Journal of Discrete Algorithms.
- Conference Reviews: COLT, ESA, FAW, FOCS, ICALP, ISAAC, MFCS, QIP, SODA, STACS, TAMC.
- Other Reviews: MathSciNet, Handbook of the Tutte Polynomial.