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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## CURRENT POSITION

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**Yale Quantum Institute**  
Postdoctoral Associate  
Advisors: Steve Girvin and Shruti Puri

New Haven, CT  
2022 - Present

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Superconducting circuits, noise/error protected qubits, novel gates for protected qubits, fluxonium, quantum random access memory (QRAM)

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Northwestern University**  
*Department of Physics and Astronomy*  
Thesis: *Control and coherence of next-generation superconducting qubits*  
Advisor: Jens Koch

Evanston, IL  
2017 - 2022

**B.A., Wesleyan University**  
*Department of Physics*  
High Honors  
Thesis: *Phase transitions of charged particles in a Paul trap*  
Advisor: Reinhold Blümel

Middletown, CT  
2013 - 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Northrop Grumman Corporation**  
College Intern Technical - Superconducting  
Advisor: David Ferguson

Linthicum, MD  
Summer 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. **D. K. Weiss**, S. Puri and S. M. Girvin, “QRAM architectures using superconducting cavities,” [arXiv:2310.08288](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.08288) (2023)
2. H. Zhang, C. Ding, **D. K. Weiss**, Z. Huang, Y. Ma, C. Guinn, S. Sussman, S. P. Chitta, D. Chen, A. A. Houck, J. Koch, D. I. Schuster, “Tunable inductive coupler for high fidelity gates between fluxonium qubits,” [arXiv:2309.05720](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.05720) (2023)
3. J. Bryon, **D. K. Weiss**, X. You, S. Sussman, X. Croot, Z. Huang, J. Koch and A. A. Houck, “Time-dependent magnetic flux in devices for circuit quantum electrodynamics,” *Phys. Rev. Applied* 19, 034031 (2023) (Editor’s Suggestion)

4. **D. K. Weiss**, H. Zhang, C. Ding, Y. Ma, D. I. Schuster and J. Koch, “Fast high-fidelity gates for galvanically-coupled fluxonium qubits using strong flux modulation,” [PRX Quantum 3, 040336](#) (2022)
5. **D. K. Weiss**, W. DeGottardi, J. Koch and D. G. Ferguson, “Variational tight-binding method for simulating large superconducting circuits,” [Phys. Rev. Research 3, 033244](#) (2021)
6. H. Zhang, S. Chakram, T. Roy, N. Ernest, Y. Lu, Z. Huang, **D. K. Weiss**, J. Koch and D. I. Schuster, “Universal fast-flux control of a coherent, low-frequency qubit,” [Phys. Rev. X 11, 011010](#) (2021)
7. **D. K. Weiss**, Andy C. Y. Li, D. G. Ferguson and J. Koch, “Spectrum and coherence properties of the current-mirror qubit,” [Phys. Rev. B 100, 224507](#) (2019) (Editor’s Suggestion)
8. Y.S. Nam, **D. K. Weiss** and R. Blümel, “Explicit, analytical radio-frequency heating formulas for spherically symmetric nonneutral plasmas in a Paul trap,” [Phys. Lett. A 381, 3441](#) (2017)
9. **D. K. Weiss**, Y.S. Nam and R. Blümel, “Lifetimes of metastable ion clouds in a Paul trap: power-law scaling,” [Phys. Rev. A 93, 043424](#) (2016)

## HONORS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**Quantum Computing Graduate Research Fellowship**, funded by the Army Research Office, 2019-2022

**Bertman Prize**, Wesleyan University, 2017

Awarded to a senior majoring in physics who displays a particularly resourceful and creative approach to physics research

**Phi Beta Kappa**, Wesleyan University, early election, Fall 2016

**Karl van Dyke Prize**, Wesleyan University, 2016

Awarded each year to one or more students majoring in physical science who show outstanding achievement in academic work and a promise of productivity in a professional career

**Dean’s List**, Wesleyan University, 2014-2017

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Journal refereeing**

- PRX Quantum
- Npj Quantum Information

**Session chair**

- APS March Meeting 2022
- APS March Meeting 2023

**RQS student-postdoc council**

## OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

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**QuTiP**, contributor

- Added functionality to mcsolve implementing an improved sampling algorithm

**scqubits**, contributor

- Contributed FluxQubit class, other various enhancements

## CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

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1. **D. K. Weiss**, S. J. de Graaf, S. Xue, R. J. Schoelkopf, S. Puri, S. M. Girvin, "Towards a scalable QRAM architecture based on coupled bosonic modes," APS March Meeting 2023, D67.12
2. **D. K. Weiss**, Helin Zhang, Chunyang Ding, David I. Schuster and Jens Koch, "High-fidelity entangling gates for fluxonium qubits via flux modulation of a tunable coupler," APS March Meeting 2022, T41.05
3. **D. K. Weiss**, Wade DeGottardi, Jens Koch and D. G. Ferguson, "Tight binding as a numerical tool for diagonalizing superconducting-circuit Hamiltonians," APS March Meeting 2021, X30.02
4. **D. K. Weiss**, D. G. Ferguson, M. S. Khalil, Andy C. Y. Li, Jens Koch, "Numerical Methods for Current Mirror Qubit Simulations," APS March Meeting 2019, B29.04
5. **D. K. Weiss**, Y.S. Nam and R. Blümel, "Discovery of an Unexpected Liquid Phase in the Periodically Driven Paul Trap," APS March Meeting 2017, P13.09
6. **D. K. Weiss**, Y.S. Nam and R. Blümel, "Universal critical phenomena of the cloud crystal phase transition in the Paul trap: Powerlaws," APS March Meeting 2016, X50.05

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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1. **D. K. Weiss**, "Quantum Computing in Practice," Sievert Lectures at Northwestern University, February 2023
2. **D. K. Weiss**, J. Bryon, Z. Huang, X. You, Jens Koch, A. A. Houck, "Allocation of time-dependent flux: towards experimental verification," Quantum Computing Program Review (QCPR) July 2021
3. **D. K. Weiss**, Wade DeGottardi, Jens Koch and D. G. Ferguson, "Tight binding as a numerical tool for diagonalizing superconducting-circuit Hamiltonians," QCPR October 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Yale University**

Lecturer: Quantum Information and Computation (Fall 2023), Multivariable Calculus for Engineers (Fall 2023)

### **Northwestern University**

Teaching Assistant: College Physics I (Fall 2018), College Physics II (Winter 2018-2019), College Physics III (Spring 2019)

### **Wesleyan University**

Teching Assistant: Principles of Chemistry (Fall 2014), General Physics II (Spring 2015), Quantum Mechanics I (Spring 2016), Vectors and Matrices (Fall 2016), General Physics I (Fall 2016), Quantum Mechanics I (Spring 2017)

Tutor: Scientific Computing and Informatics Center (2016-2017)

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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### **Athena Zheng and Sydney Wang**, Illinois Math and Science Academy

2018 - 2020

Introduced high-school students to quantum algorithms as well as introductory superconducting circuit theory

### **Elijah Hansen**, Northwestern University

2021 - 2023

Mentored in superconducting circuit theory and best practices for contributing to sequbits

### **Ben McDonough**, Yale University

2022 - Present

Currently mentoring in the analysis of superconducting circuits, resulting in the completion of a unitaryHACK challenge posted for sequbits

## PRESS

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# 1. Researchers develop new tool for analyzing large superconducting circuits

*NorthwesternU*

September 2021

## REFERENCES

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Dr. David Ferguson, Northrop Grumman Corporation

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