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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 2002-2006
- PhD thesis (Paris VI Uni.) Awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006.  
Supervisor: **D. Esteve**. Laboratory: **SPEC, CEA-Saclay**.  
Experimental study of a prototype of quantum bit using superconducting circuits :  
[“Manipulation of the quantum state, measurement of the state and modelling of the decoherence phenomenon”](#). « Mention Très Honorable avec félicitations du jury ».
- 2002
- Diplôme d’Etudes Approfondies (eq. MSc) « Physique des Solides et Milieux denses », rank 1 over 40, Orsay Univ.
- 2002
- « Agrégation de Sciences Physiques option Physique ».  
National French examination for teaching physical sciences at undergraduate level.  
Admitted (rank 33 over 1000 candidates).
- 1998-2002
- Student at the « Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon », Magistère des Sciences de la Matière (eq MSci).
- 1997-1998
- « Mathématiques Spéciales » Lycée Pasteur.  
Admitted at “ENS-Lyon” and “Ecole Polytechnique”

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2011-pres
- **Lecturer**, Physics Department, Royal Holloway.
    - *Teaching*: Atomic and Nuclear Physics lecture (2<sup>nd</sup> year of study, 2013-2019), Atomic Physics lecture (3<sup>rd</sup> year of study, 2021-pres), Electromagnetism lecture (2<sup>nd</sup> year of study, 2022-pres), Mathematica training course (3<sup>rd</sup> year of study 2016-2022), 3<sup>rd</sup> year Project organization and planning (2012-2022), Mentoring of Second year students (6-8 students per year, 2013-pres)
    - *PhD supervision*: Saeed Ascroft (2015-2019), Rémi Lefèvre (2020-pres).
    - *PostDoc supervision*: Dr K. de Zawadzki (2021-2022), Dr H. Lee (2023-pres)
- 2009-2011
- “Leverhulme Trust” Fellow, Physics Department, Royal Holloway (RHUL).
- 2006-2008
- Postdoc, Physics Department, Royal Holloway. Supervisor: P. Meeson.  
Building of a new laboratory and setting of a new experiment using superconducting quantum circuits (cryogenics, microwave engineering, nanofabrication). Area of research : detection of single microwave photons.
- 2002-2005
- University of Orsay, France : « moniteur » (teaching assistant).  
Laboratory session courses in electromagnetism, optics, thermodynamics, acoustics and atomic physics (level: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year).

## SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

- Superconducting quantum bit design and modelling, cf publications [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7].
- Nanofabrication: optical and e-beam lithography, thin film deposition [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7].
- Cryogenics (He4-He3 dilution refrigerator) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7].
- Low noise microwave measurements using High Electron Mobility Transistors (HEMTs) and Josephson Bifurcation Amplifiers [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7].
- Graphical Processor Unit CUDA [9, 10, 11] and Python [8] programming: numerical integration of the Schrödinger equation by exact diagonalization.
- Wolfram Mathematica programming (daily use).

- Referee for the American Physical Society and Institute of Physics journals.
- Referee for the French Research Funding Agency (ANR).
- Referee for the UKRI EPSRC funding agency

## PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- *12. Third Sound detectors in accelerated motion.*  
C.R.D Bunney, S. Biermann, V. S. Barroso, A. Geelmuyden, C. Gooding, **G. Ithier**, X. Rojas, J. Louko and S. Weinfurter, [arXiv:2302.12023](#)
- *11. Many Body Density of States of a system of non interacting spinless fermions.*  
R. Lefevre, K. de Zawadzki and **G. Ithier**, [New Journal of Physics, 25, 063004 \(2023\)](#).  
[arXiv:2208.02236](#)
- *10. Statistical diagonalization of a random biased Hamiltonian: the case of the eigenvectors.*  
**G. Ithier** and S. Ascroft, [Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical 51, 48 \(2018\)](#).
- *9. Typical Equilibrium State of an embedded quantum system,*  
**G. Ithier**, S. Ascroft and F. Benaych-Georges, [Phys. Rev. E Rap. Comm. 96, 060102, \(2017\)](#).
- *8. Dynamical Typicality of an embedded quantum system,*  
**G. Ithier** and F. Benaych-Georges, [Phys. Rev. A, 96, 012018 \(2017\)](#).
- *7. Direct spectral analysis using a threshold detector with application to a superconducting circuit,*  
**G. Ithier**, G. Tancredi and P. J. Meeson. [New Journal of Physics 16, 055010 \(2014\)](#).
- *6. Bifurcation, mode coupling and noise in a nonlinear multimode superconducting microwave resonator,*  
G. Tancredi, **G. Ithier** and P.J. Meeson. [Applied Physics Letters Vol. 103, No. 6, 063504 \(2013\)](#).
- *5. Current to Frequency Conversion in a Josephson Circuit,*  
F. Nguyen, N. Boulant, **G. Ithier**, P. Bertet, H. Pothier, D. Vion, and D. Esteve. [Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 187005 \(2007\)](#).
- *4. Quantum Non Demolition Readout using a Josephson Bifurcation Amplifier, [41 citations]*  
N. Boulant, **G. Ithier**, P. Meeson, F. Nguyen, D. Vion, D. Esteve, I. Siddiqi, R. Vijay, C. Rigetti, F. Pierre, and M. Devoret. [Phys. Rev. B 76, 014525 \(2007\)](#).
- *3. Decoherence in a quantum bit superconducting circuit. [416 citations]*  
**G. Ithier**, E. Collin, P. Joyez, P. Meeson, D. Vion, and D. Esteve, F. Chiarello, and A. Shnirman, Y. Makhlin, and G. Schön [Phys. Rev. B 72, 134519 \(2005\)](#).
- *2. Zener enhancement of quantum tunneling in a two-level superconducting circuit [36 citations]*  
**G. Ithier**, E. Collin, P. Joyez, D. Vion, D. Esteve, J. Ankerhold, and H. Grabert, [Phys. Rev. Lett., 94, 057004 \(2005\)](#).
- *1. NMR-like control of a quantum bit superconducting circuit. [104 citations]*  
E. Collin, **G. Ithier**, A. Aassime, P. Joyez, D. Vion, and D. Esteve, [Phys. Rev. Lett., 93, 157005 \(2004\)](#).

## OTHER OUTPUTS

- *Block oscillations in a Josephson circuits*, Boulant, N., **Ithier, G.**, Nguyen, F., Bertet, P., Pothier, H., Vion, D., Urbina, C. & Esteve, D., 2007, CONTROLLABLE QUANTUM STATES:

MESOSCOPIC SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AND SPINTRONICS. SINGAPORE: WORLD SCIENTIFIC PUBL CO PTE LTD, p. 71-76

- *Fighting decoherence in a Josephson qubit circuit*, Collin, E., **G. Ithier**, Joyez, P., Vion, D. & Esteve, D., 2004, *Realizing Controllable Quantum States*. SINGAPORE: WORLD SCIENTIFIC PUBL CO PTE LTD, p. 247-254

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- *Decoherence in a quantum bit circuit*. **Ithier, G.**, Nguyen, F., Collin, E., Boulant, N., Meeson, P.J., Joyez, P., Vion, D. & Esteve, D., 2007, *Quantum Decoherence: Poincare Seminar 2005. ed. / B Duplantier; JM Raimond; V Rivasseau*. CAMBRIDGE : Birkhauser, Boston, 2007. p. 125-149.

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (AWARDED)

- 2020-2024 • Principal Investigator (PI) on a Leverhulme Trust Research Grant (£267 k awarded).
- 2020-2025 • Co-investigator on an STFC grant “Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics” with Dr. X. Rojas (RHUL). Amount awarded: £831k for the RHUL part (4.5M£ for the full project involving 14 applicants).
- 2009-2011 • PI on a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship (£120k awarded).

## PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)

- Jun 2023 • Workshop: Quantum Simulator for Fundamental Physics (QSimFP), Perimeter Institute, Waterloo Ontario, Canada (invited).
- Mar 2023 • American Physical Society “March Meeting”, Las Vegas US (contributed).
- Dec 2022 • Seminar at the Service de Physique de l’Etat Condensé, CEA-Saclay (invited).
- Aug 2022 • Frontiers in Quantum and Mesoscopic Thermodynamics conference, Prague (invited).
- July 2019 • Seminar at Condensed Matter in the City workshop, London (invited).
- Oct 2018 • Seminar at the Service de Physique de l’Etat Condensé, SPEC-CEA Saclay (invited).
- April 2018 • Seminar at the Laboratoire Physique Théorique et Physique Statistique, Paris-Saclay Univ (invited).
- Mar 2018 • Seminar at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany (invited).
- Mar 2018 • “Quantum many body systems out of equilibrium” conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa (contributed).
- Jul 2016 • StatPhys26 Conference, Lyon, France (contributed).
- Dec 2015 • Seminar at Nottingham University, UK (invited).
- Nov 2015 • Seminar at Capital Fund Management, Paris, (invited).
- Nov 2015 • Third Conference on Quantum Thermodynamics, Porquerolles France (contributed).
- July 2015 • Quantum dissipation: progress and perspective Conference, Fribourg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany (invited).
- August 2015 • Frontiers in Quantum and Mesoscopic Thermodynamics Conference, Prague, Czech Republic (invited).
- Mar 2015 • American Phys. Soc. Meeting “March Meeting”, San Antonio US (contributed).
- Nov 2014 • Seminar Quantronics Group, CEA Saclay (invited).

## PATENTS

2005      Device for reinitializing a quantum bit device having two energy states. Patent number: 6930318. Type: Grant. Filed: December 12, 2003. Date of Patent: August 16, 2005. Assignee: Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique. Inventors : D. Vion, D. Esteve, P. Joyez, H. Pothier, P.-F. Orfila, C. Urbina, E. Collin, G. Ithier.