SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM CIRCUITS: BALANCING ART & ARCHITECTURE

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CLASSICAL VERSUS QUANTUM INFORMATION



QUANTUM ALGORITHMS



• A SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM BIT



QUANTUM PROCESSORS: MATERIALS & WIRES



• EARLY COMPUTATIONS



• THE ADVANCED QUANTUM TESTBED

THE QUANTUM WORLD AROUND US

A MRI Scan Relies on Quantum Mechanics!

Water molecules have two hydrogens which have nuclear spin (up or down)



QUANTUM SYSTEMS CAN EXIST IN MANY DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS, EVEN IF WE CAN'T OBSERVE ALL OF THEM!

THE POWER OF ENTANGLEMENT

- Let's build a computer one spin (quantum bit) at a time !
- Unlike MRI which measures <u>average</u> properties of a group of spins, we need to address each spin individually

- Measurement reveals state to be 1
- If we don't observe, state is (a · + b ·) and described by 2 numbers {a,b}
- Adjacent bit is (c · + d · +) and described by 2 numbers {c,d}
- Couple these two bits and consider product: (a · + b ·) X (c · + d ·)



cannot describe





If a = 0, lose $ac \cdot \uparrow \uparrow$ If d = 0, lose $bd \cdot \downarrow \downarrow$

2^N >> 2N: NEED MORE NUMBERS THAN PARTICLES IN THE UNIVERSE TO DESCRIBE ~ 300 ENTANGLED QUBITS IEEE CSC & ESAS SUPERCONDUCTIVITY NEWS FORUM (global edition), September 2019. Plenary presentation 4-EO-PL3 given at EUCAS, 1-5 September 2019, Glasgow, UK.

GATE BASED OUANTUM ALGORITHMS

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QUANTUM POWER

- Pattern detection / Fourier analysis
- Efficiently searching a large database
- Finding energy (cost) minima
- Matrix math
 - Linear algebra
 - Machine learning
 - Diagonalization

Challenges:

- *i.* Decoherence limits complexity (need >100 gates with 99.9 fidelity)
- *ii. Scaling of classical resources still unknown*
- (data input/output, error correction, ...)

High-tech	 Machine learning and artificial intelligence, such as neural networks Search Bidding strategies for advertisements Cybersecurity Online and product marketing Software verification and validation 	Ì	IBM Alibaba Google Microsoft	Telstra Baidu Samsung
Industrial goods	 Logistics: scheduling, planning, product distribution, routing Automotive: traffic simulation, e-charging station and parking search, autonomous driving Semiconductors: manufacturing, such as chip layout optimization Aerospace: R&D and manufacturing, such as fault-analysis, stronger polymers for airplanes Material science: effective catalytic converters for cars, battery cell research, more-efficient materials for solar cells, and property engineering uses such as OLEDS 		Airbus NASA Northrop Grumman Daimler Raytheon	BMW Volkswagen Lockheed Martin Honeywell Bosch
Chemistry and Pharma	 Catalyst and enzyme design, such as nitrogenase Pharmaceuticals R&D, such as faster drug discovery Bioinformatics, such as genomics Patient diagnostics for health care, such as improved diagnostic capability for MRI 	$\left \right\rangle$	BASF Biogen Dow Chemical	JSR DuPont Amgen
Finance	 Trading strategies Portfolio optimization Asset pricing Risk analysis Fraud detection Market simulation 		J.P. Morgan Commonwealth Bank	Barclays Goldman Sachs
Energy	 Network design Energy distribution Oil well optimization 	}	Dubai Electricity & Water Authority	BP

PURE QUANTUM ROUTINES

Shor Factoring Algorithm:

- Exponential speed up over best known classical algorithms
- Modular arithmetic and period finding (QFT)



Grover Search Algorithm:

- Polynomial speed up over best known classical algorithms \sqrt{n} versus n
- Relies on phase inversion and mean subtraction

$$f(x) = 1 \text{ for } x = x^* \text{ else } f(x) = 0 \qquad |\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\substack{n \text{ entries}}} \alpha_n |x\rangle$$

$$\alpha \underbrace{|}_{x} \stackrel{\text{initially } \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{x} \bigoplus_{\substack{n \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}}} \alpha_n \underbrace{|}_{x} \bigoplus_{\substack{n \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}}} \alpha_n |x\rangle$$

HHL Linear Equation Algorithm:

- Exponential speed up over best known classical algorithms
- Use phase estimation to approximate eigenvalues



arXiv:1802.08227v1

Some Challenges..

- deep quantum circuits (many gates)
- fault tolerance, error correction
- Q-RAM
- often have fine print...

Quantum Algorithms Make use of Entanglement, Superposition, Interference, Projection,..

- need to understand resource allocation
- influence classical algorithms!

HYBRID ALGORITHMS: VQE



OTHER HYBRID ROUTINES: OPTIMIZATION, MACHINE LEARNING, ...

QUANTUM INSPIRED CLASSICAL ROUTINES

Matrix Completion Problem

(see also the Netflix problem):

- i) Sample preference matrix T_{ij} for users (i) and products (j)
- ii) Low rank approximation
- iii) Generate suggestions for users

T (n x m matrix): O[poly(k)poly(mn)] Reduced rank k

Quantum Recommendation System

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T (n x m matrix): O[poly(k)polylog(mn)] Reduced rank k

QUANTUM COMPUTING

Major Quantum Computing Advance Made Obsolete by Teenager

• l² - norm sampling



Social Behavior Routines

Quantum-inspired genetic algorithms

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• Interfere different "universes" in parallel

Genetic Quantum Algorithm and its Application to Combinatorial Optimization Problem

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- Each gene is a classical superposition
- Use rotating gates for diversity

Quantum-Inspired Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm Encoded by Probability Amplitudes of Multi-Qubits

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Fig. 1. The movements of particles in PSO and QPSO; (a) PSO (b) QPSO.



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SURPASSING THE CLASSICAL LIMIT



MAKING AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT QUANTUM

ACCESSING THE QUANTUM WORLD



- Combination of *R*, *L*, *C* (linear or nonlinear)
- Excite with voltages / currents (AC or DC)
- Classically, these quantitates can take on any continuous values

QUANTUM MECHANICS SAYS THESE QUANTITIES CAN BE FUNADEMENTALLY DISCRETE!



Coherent control of macroscopic quantum states in a single-Cooper-pair box

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TW/ENTY YEARS OF COHERENCE

- NEC demonstrates coherent oscillations in 1999! (~ns coherence)
- 3D Transmon: Reduce sensitivity to charge noise, shunt with low loss capacitors, all microwave control and readout (~ ms coherence)
 → Al/AlOx/Al Josephson junctions can be highly coherent !

MINIMALIST QUBIT ENABLES MANY, WELL CONTROLLED EXPERIMENTS & ALLOWS US TO ENTER THE 10-100 QUBIT ERA

MANY OTHER, MORE FLEXIBLE DESIGNS TO EXPLORE: TUNABLE, TOPOLOGICAL CIRCUITS, NON S-WAVE MATERIALS, NOVEL TUNNEL BARRIERS



Observation of High Coherence in Josephson Junction Qubits Measured in a Three-Dimensional Circuit QED Architecture





A QUBIT IS JUST A NONLINEAR OSCILLATOR



- Quantum harmonic oscillator: only certain energies (currents) are allowed
- Tunnel junction → Nonlinear, isolate 0, 1

Resistance (fluctuations) causes decoherence R





Al/AlOx/Al Josephson tunnel junctions

OTHER WAYS TO RELAX QUANTUM SUPERPOSITION...



MEASURING QUBIT STATES: MICROWAVE REFLECTOMETRY





SCALING UP TO OUANTUM PROCESSORS

High-Coherence Materials
Signal Processing

ENGINEERING SINGLE QUANTA FOR QIS



Quantum Materials

- Assist / encourage nature to assemble complex structures
- Quantum coherence is preserved via structural perfection & symmetry
- Engineering applications harness emergent phenomena



Quantum Devices

- Complete design and synthesis of quantum matter!
- Quantum coherence sensitive to (needed)
 surfaces/interfaces & asymmetry
- Read / write access to individual quanta
- Can access active control

OUBITS AND THEIR MANY FACETS





Qubit	f _{qubit} (GHz)	Τ ₁ (μs)	Τ ₂ (μs)	Τ ₂ * (μs)
1	5.231	57	91	58
2	5.382	57	66	34
3	5.096	42	54	33
4	5.326	63	74	47
5	5.184	58	95	53
6	5.308	63	112	37
7	5.343	56	96	50
8	5.221	69	98	57
	Average	58	86	46

• Planar devices have many surfaces/interfaces that can host defects



 Rapid non-destructive hydro-metrology!





WAFER SCALE PRODUCTION OF SC DEVICES



RESONATORS IN SUPERCONDUCTING CIRCUITS



X-ray Depth Profile through Niobium



Planar Superconducting Resonators with Internal Quality Factors above One Million

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Reducing intrinsic loss in superconducting resonators by surface treatment and deep etching of silicon substrates

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Arxiv:1201:3384 Q ~ 1.7M (6.1 GHz)

Arxiv:1504:04082 Q ~ 1.3M (4.57 GHz)

HIGH RESOLUTION EDS MAPPING TO SHOW THE AL/ALOX/AL/SI MATERIALS CONFIGURATION



COMPOSITION: TOP-AL, BOTTOM-AL, AND THE BARRIER

#2 Object 2	#1 Object 1	#5 Object 5	#4 Object 4	#3 Object 3	Top-Al Bottom-Al	Al 91.9 91 9	O 8.1 8.1	
HAADE A S			-	<u>30 nm</u>				

	Al	0	Cr	Si	Fe
#1	46.2	49.8	0.4	3.5	1
#2	46.3	49.9	0.4	3.3	1
#3					1
#4	65	35	1	1	1
#5	65.4	31.7	0	2.5	0.4

- Non-uniform tunnel barrier
- Thick oxide layer on top

JUNCTION UNIFORMITY IMPROVEMENTS



The most uniform areas of

this wafer show < 0.6% RSD

in frequency over a few cm²!

36 wafer systematic study to:

- Mitigate sources of I_c drift across ~ 50 cm²
- Improve yield



Automated probe station gathering statistics from 3,000 co-fabricated junctions



Key discoveries:

- Ashing (and its uniformity) has strong effect on I_c
- ~3% wafer-scale drift currently dominated by junction area variations
- Ultrasonicated development drastically improves yield for sub 100 nm junctions

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UNPACKING QUANTUM INFORMATION

THE TYRANNY OF WIRES



- Need to reduce wire count !
- Need to reduce wire complexity
- Quantum data transmission & conversion
 - optical
 - acoustic
 - classical analog
 - classical digital
- Cryogenic data processing ?

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HIGH FIDELITY QUANTUM STATE READOUT



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PROTOTYPE CONTROLS FROM THE ACCELERATOR DIVISION

- Scalable
- Low cost per channel
- Optical interconnects
- On board signal processing
 - AD9736 14-Bit, 1200 MSPS Digitalanalog convertor (DAC)
 - 2 DAC on one low-pin count mezzanine card
 - Standard (LVDS) pin assignment for multiple potential carrier board





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CAN WE TEACH A MACHINE QUANTUM MECHANICS ?



 $\vec{h}_{t+1} = \sigma(W.\vec{h}_t + \vec{W}_{ih}V_t + \vec{b})$ $P(y_t|\vec{b}) = \sigma(W_{ho}.\vec{h}_t + \vec{\beta})$



RNN RESULTS: RABI OSCILLATIONS

Recurent Neural Network

- Long-Short Term Memory •
- 64 Neurons per layer •
- 30,000 weight parameters •
- 0.8 ms of training per trace with a K80 GPU





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STARTING TO COMPUTE!

HYBRID ALGORITHMS & CHEMISTRY

PHYSICAL REVIEW X 8, 011021 (2018)

Featured in Physics

Computation of Molecular Spectra on a Quantum Processor with an Error-Resilient Algorithm

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Memory Requirements for Exact (Full Configuration Interaction)

System	Memory (PB)	Max Qubits
TACC Stampede	0.192	43
Titan	0.71	45
K Computer	1.4	46
APEX2020	4-10	48-49

M. Head-Gordon, M. Artacho, *Physics Today* 4 (2008)



VARIATIONAL QUANTUM EIGENSOLVER (VQE)

Variational Formulation:Minimize $\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle$ Decompose as: $\mathcal{H} = h^i_{\alpha} \sigma^i_{\alpha} + h^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} \sigma^i_{\alpha} \sigma^j_{\beta} + h^{ijk}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \sigma^i_{\alpha} \sigma^j_{\beta} \sigma^k_{\gamma} + ...$ By Linearity: $\langle \psi | \mathcal{H} | \psi \rangle \equiv \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = \mathcal{H} = h^i_{\alpha} \langle \sigma^i_{\alpha} \rangle + h^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} \langle \sigma^i_{\alpha} \sigma^j_{\beta} \rangle + h^{ijk}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \langle \sigma^i_{\alpha} \sigma^j_{\beta} \sigma^k_{\gamma} \rangle + ...$ Easy for a Quantum Computer:Easy for a Classical Computer:

$\langle \sigma^i_\alpha \sigma^j_\beta \sigma^k_\gamma ... \rangle$





Hybrid Scheme:

- Parameterize quantum state with classical experimental parameters
- Compute averages using quantum computer
- Update state using classical minimization algorithm (e.g. particle swarm)

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VOE ALGORITHM



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SIMULATING THE COSMOS

Disentangling Scrambling and Decoherence via Quantum Teleportation

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QUTRITS VERSUS QUBITS







Increased computational power



<u>Contextuality</u> (minimal system: 1 qutrit) Single-qubit has a non-contextual ("classical") description (i.e. measurement independent)

'Magic of quantum computing' Certified RNG Howard *et al,* Nature (2016) Kulikov *et al* PRL (2017)

<u>Scrambling</u> (minimal system: 2 qutrits) Strongly interacting systems black holes are conjectured to be fastest scramblers

SCRAMBLING UNITARY: A CLOSER LOOK







Total time: 5.7 µs



PROCESS TOMOGRAPHY OF THE SCRAMBLER



 $P_{G} = \{Z, Z^{2}, X, XZ, XZ^{2}, X^{2}, X^{2}Z, X^{2}Z^{2}\}$





ADVANCED QUANTUM TESTBED







QUANTUM INFORMATION SYSTEMS



<u>Foundations</u>	<u>Algorithms</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Computation</u>	Engineering
 Tests of quantum theory Verification / Validation 	 Pure quantum Hybrid Quantum inspired 	CoherenceSensingNovel qubits	 Simulations / Emulations Many-body science Gravity 	 Gate based Ground state Q. walks QEC 	 Classical sim Signal proc. Control Transduction

SOME NEW FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS

How do we stabilize quantum coherence in an open many-body quantum system? What decoherence mechanisms emerge and what states are robust?

How can we efficiently sample the information in a many-body quantum system?

Can we conceive of machines to treat data fully quantum mechanically?

How do we parameterize, verify, and validate the information capacity of a complex quantum system in a "universal" way ?

What is the role of entanglement in different flavors of quantum computations?

How do we express quantum advantage? How fundamental are the classical resources needed to stabilize quantum mechanics at the many particle scale?