Quantum Application Survey: Progress in Analog Quantum Computing

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Physics-simulation-based Quantum Applications



- A major application of quantum computing with early feasibility
- Amenable to both circuit-model and Hamiltonian-model implementation
- Recent pulse-level control of quantum devices enables investigation of both

Circuit-based Digital Implementation is Expensive



Digital Quantum Computing Paradigm

[1]: Childs et al., Toward the first quantum simulation with quantum speedup, PNAS, 2018.

- Circuit-model is a well-recognized theoretical model/interface between quantum applications and hardware, w/ merits in its mathematical elegance.
- Overheads w/ circuit abstraction. Resource-Efficient Quantum Computing by Breaking Abstractions [IEEE]
- Mismatch in quantum & classical hardware specs: clock rate, hardware acceleration
- Asymptotic theoretical speedup (circuit) \neq > speedup in practice [CACM, May 2023; q. IPM]

Hamiltonian-based Analog Machines

Analog computing predates digital computing, and revives recently due to challenges in scaling up digital computing (e.g. Moore's law).

- Energy Efficiency low overhead
- Domain applications like analog AI chip



HCDCv2 Analog Devices (Columbia University)



Wind Tunnels & Various Testbeds remain the standard solutions in practice for many domain applications.

Analog Quantum Simulators are not unfamiliar either.

The Analog Milestone for QC:

Understand unknown physics w/ help of analog/special-purpose quantum machines!

We believe **analog thinking** & **tool-chain** will be critical to achieve this milestone!



Conceptual Differences between circuit and Hamiltonian models



Pulse-level control enables the investigation of the latter

Examples of Hamiltonian-based Demonstration

- Physical phenomena: quantum scar, phase transition, spin liquid, or so
- Neutral atoms (QuERA, Pasqal), Trapped Ions, Superconducting (IBM, Rigetti)
- Leverage native programmability of quantum devices, but w/ more complicated error models, lacks a fault-tolerant theory and a nontrivial use of native Hamiltonian (for now)

LETTER

https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1614-4

Analogue quantum chemistry simulation wier Arguelo-Luengo¹², Alejandro González-Tudela^{1,3}*, Tao Shi¹⁴, Peter Zoller^{1,5} & J. Ignacio Cirac^{1,6*} LETTER doi:10.1038/nature2462 Observation of a many-body dynamical phase transition with a 5.3-oubit ouantum simulator J. Zhang ARTICLE Drobing many-body dynamics on a 51-atom quantum simulator

Hannes Bernien¹, Sylvain Schwartz^{1,2}, Alexander Keesling¹, Harry Levine¹, Ahmed Omran¹, Hannes Pichler^{1,3}, Soonwon Choi¹, Alexander S. Zibrov¹, Manuel Endres⁴, Markus Greiner¹, Vladan Vuletić² & Mikhail D. Lukin¹

Simulation -> Differentiable Simulation / variational methods

• Leveraging pulse-ansatz for variational methods: 2008.04302, 2202.08908, 2208.01215, 2211.02584, 2211.02748, 2212.12911, 2304.09253, and so on....



• We developed an auto-differentiation training method for differentiable quantum physics (NeurIPS 2022), demonstrate orders of magnitude advantage on simulators.

Hamiltonian-oriented Algorithm Design: beyond naive cases



- Hamiltonian-oriented design: both (1) new quantum algorithms and (2) more efficient implementation of existing quantum algorithms
- Apply to both *near-term* and *long-term* quantum devices
- Key new technique in implementation is the Hamiltonian embedding scheme

Hamiltonian-oriented Algorithm Design: Examples

Continuous Ouantum PDE Particle in real space Ouantum Walk & Optimization & Dirac equation Spatial Search Solvers Quantum PDE Solver for Quantum Hamiltonian Descent Algorithm derived from the path integral of First-order hyperbolic equations No new quantum algorithm (e.g, Hamilton-Jacobi, continuous-time classical gradient flow Heat, Liouville's)

Superior Performance in TTS (Time-To-Solution) than quantum adiabatic and five classical SOTA algs on 75-dim quadratic programming instances

Via embedding classical dynamics into Schrödinger equation

New **Implementation:** Hamiltonian **Embedding**

New

Ouantum

Hamming Encoding Quantum Ising Machine

Unary encoding + Anti-Ferromagnetic (AF) Quantum Ising Machine Anti-Ferromagnetic (AF) + **One-shot Encoding** Quantum Ising Machine

Platforms

Using D-Wave as an analog quantum simulator

Neutral Atoms

Neutral Atoms/Trapped Ions

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Quantum PDE Solvers

Particle in real space & Dirac equation

Ouantum Walk & Spatial Search

New Ouantum Algorithm

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Manuscript **Under-Preparation**

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Neutral Atoms/Trapped Ions

1-D quantum walk example: early view on lonQ Aria











Infrastructure for Hamiltonian-oriented Programming

Ready for modern quantum devices!

Analog (Hamiltonian-oriented) Quantum Computing Paradigm





Enhance your capability of harnessing the power of quantum devices



https://github.com/PicksPeng/SimuQ

arXiv: 2303.02775

https://pickspeng.github.io/SimuQ/

SimuQ Framework

All our Hamiltonian-oriented applications are now coded w/ SimuQ !!!



as well as arbitrary-angle MS gates on Trapped lons



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