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Major Goals: Major Goals: As stated in the proposal, the major goals of the program were as follows:

Develop quantum algorithms for topological and geometric analysis of data that can supply exponential speed ups over classical methods, even in the absence of qRAM.

Develop a set of quantum Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines (qBLAS): these will provide the work horses for constructing quantum machine learning algorithms that provide exponential speed up for classical devices when qRAM is available.

Work with experimentalists to design and realize large-scale qRAM.

Develop quantum machine learning techniques for the analysis of quantum data that are exponentially more efficient than semi-classical methods for data analysis and tomography.

Develop a theory of universal deep quantum learning, and of deep quantum learning on tunable integrated photonic circuits.

Accomplishments: We accomplished all of our major goals for this program.

Principle activities and findings:

The research supported by this grant focused on problems of quantum machine learning: how do you load data onto a quantum computer, and process it to reveal patterns that classical computers can't find? When the grant commenced, in 2017, the field of quantum machine learning was in its infancy. There were a few results on quantum algorithms for clustering, principal component analysis, and topological analysis of data, as well as designs for quantum random access memory (qRAM): but quantum machine learning had yet to emerge as an established discipline of scientific study.

In the intervening five years, the field of quantum machine learning has expanded dramatically. The work supported by this grant played a key role in several branches of quantum machine learning. (See our review paper, reference [1], for a general description of the field. This work, one of the first works supported by the grant, has become the central reference and the most highly cited paper in the field of quantum machine learning.)

(1) Quantum generative adversarial networks (qGAN):

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We established the paradigm of quantum generative adversarial networks (qGAN), in which a quantum generator tries to generate data that can deceive a quantum discriminator [26]. We proved the convergence of such networks to optimal solutions, and showed how quantum generative networks can substantially out-perform classical generative networks.

(2) Quantum neural networks:

Prior to 2017, there was no accepted general definition for the quantum neural networks. We established the now-accepted design and framework for continuous variable quantum neural networks [20,40]. We provided the first design for quantum recurrent neural networks [12]. We showed how a quantum Hopfield network can provide exponential advantages over classical Hopfield networks [24]. We developed a quantum algorithm for simulating the neural tangent kernel and for training large neural networks [62].

(3) Quantum differential equation solvers:

Because of their ability to represent 2^n dimensional vectors as the state of n qubits, quantum computers have the potential for solving differential equations exponentially more efficiently than classical computers. We provided the first formulation for solving continuous variable differential equations by showing how to invert infinite-dimensional operators [23,39]. We showed how quantum computers can reveal non-trivial features of the solutions of differential equations by performing quantum post-processing [53,68].

Finally, we showed how quantum computers can be used to solve nonlinear differential equations by using interactions between multiple copies of the system [54], in analogue to the use of non-linear Schrödinger equations to describe the behavior of Bose-Einstein condensates.

(4) Quantum algorithms for machine learning

Over the course of the program, we developed a number of novel quantum algorithms focused on machine learning and data analysis. We developed efficient quantum algorithms for spectral estimation [2], for Gaussian hypothesis testing [14], for quantum-singular value decomposition [15], for portfolio optimization [27], for gradient descent and Newton's method [38], for medical imaging [48], for performing the matrix polar decomposition [50], and for pretty good measurements and channel decoding [51,71].

We developed quantum algorithms for group convolution, cross correlation, and equivariant transformations [65] – i.e., for the central algebraic methods underlying the analysis of data with symmetries.

We established the basic methods for quantum kernel analysis, in which classical data is embedded as quantum states in a high-dimensional Hilbert space, and optimal quantum measurements are then performed to discriminate between clusters of data [46].

We showed how problems of barren plateaus in variational quantum algorithms can be avoided by using a quantum version of Earth-Mover's (Wasserstein 1) distance [55,60].

(5) Quantum inspired algorithms

The potential for quantum inspired algorithms was first pointed out by Ewin Tang in 2018, who noted that the quantum principal component analysis algorithm for low-rank matrices could be simulated classically using existing low-rank matrix techniques. Together with Andras Gilyen, we showed how quantum inspired techniques could be extended to matrix inversion and the quantum singular value transform for low rank matrices [28], and we performed detailed simulations of how such quantum inspired algorithms would play out when applied to very large classical data sets [37].

(6) Classical deep learning

We applied methods from quantum computing to derive several results in the field of classical deep learning. First, we showed that classical deep neural networks are biased towards functions that are simple and robust [30,45]. Next, in collaboration with Yann Lecun, we showed how the linear transformations of deep neural networks can be replaced with unitary transformations, with attendant improvements on performance and convergence [73].

7. Quantum sensing and control

We developed applications of quantum sensing and control to quantum machine learning, with the goal of finding and taking advantage of patterns in the behavior of quantum systems. We investigated geometric methods of quantum control [4], methods for the quantum control of graphical systems [13], photonic quantum sensing [29], entanglement enhanced sensing via post-selection [34,52], and non-Markovian effects in quantum measurement [74].

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8. Experimental collaborations

During the course of the grant, we developed experimental applications of the fundamental ideas developed by the theoretical efforts. In particular, our ideas on quantum walks and quantum transport on complex graphs were realized experimentally in the context of photonics by Dirk Englund's group [10,11], and in the context of excitonic transport by Mounqi Bawendi's group [18,25]. Our work on quantum principal component analysis and density matrix exponentiation was realized experimentally by Will Oliver [42,47,67]. The Englund group also realized our method for variational learning of quantum circuits [47], and we collaborated on the experimental design of qRAM [58,63].

The Englund and Oliver groups are continuing with experimental demonstrations of our work on quantum circuits, qGANs, and qRAM.

Training Opportunities: The program trained 10 graduate students and 1 undergraduate intern.

The program supported 5 postdoctoral fellows, all of whom now have faculty positions in research universities.

Results Dissemination: The primary means of dissemination of the results were published papers and talks at professional meetings.

The grant supported wholly or in part 74 publications (see list).

The results of the work were reported at numerous conferences, including the APS March meeting (yearly), IEEE quantum, NIPS, AQC, and SQUINT.

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Article Title: Entropic Energy-Time Uncertainty Relation

Authors: Patrick J. Coles, Vishal Katariya, Seth Lloyd, Iman Marvian, Mark M. Wilde

Keywords: quantum computing

Abstract: Energy-time uncertainty plays an important role in quantum foundations and technologies, and it was even discussed by the founders of quantum mechanics. However, standard approaches (e.g., Robertson's uncertainty relation) do not apply to energy-time uncertainty because, in general, there is no Hermitian operator associated with time. Following previous approaches, we quantify time uncertainty by how well one can read off the time from a quantum clock. We then use entropy to quantify the information-theoretic distinguishability of the various time states of the clock. Our main result is an entropic energy-time uncertainty relation for general time-independent Hamiltonians, stated for both the discrete-time and continuous-time cases.

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Article Title: Diagonal quantum discord

Authors: Zi-Wen Liu, Ryuji Takagi, Seth Lloyd

Keywords: quantum computing

Abstract: Quantum discord measures quantum correlation by comparing the quantum mutual information with the maximal amount of mutual information accessible to a quantum measurement. This paper analyzes the properties of diagonal discord, a simplified version of discord that compares quantum mutual information with the mutual information revealed by a measurement that correspond to the eigenstates of the local density matrices. In contrast to the optimized discord, diagonal discord is easily computable; it also finds connections to thermodynamics and resource theory. Here we further show that, for the generic case of non-degenerate local density matrices, diagonal discord exhibits desirable properties as a preferable discord measure.

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Article Title: Advances in photonic quantum sensing

Authors: S. Pirandola, B. R. Bardhan, T. Gehring, C. Weedbrook, S. Lloyd

Keywords: quantum computing

Abstract: Quantum sensing has become a broad field. It is generally related with the idea of using quantum resources to boost the performance of a number of practical tasks, including the radar-like detection of faint objects, the readout of information from optical memories, and the optical resolution of extremely close point-like sources. Here, we first focus on the basic tools behind quantum sensing, discussing the most recent and general formulations for the problems of quantum parameter estimation and hypothesis testing. With this basic background in hand, we then review emerging applications of quantum sensing in the photonic regime both from a theoretical and experimental point of view.

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Article Title: Quantum Generative Adversarial Learning

Authors: Seth Lloyd, Christian Weedbrook

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Abstract: We develop an efficient quantum implementation of an important signal processing algorithm for line spectral estimation: the matrix pencil method, which determines the frequencies and damping factors of signals consisting of finite sums of exponentially damped sinusoids. Our algorithm provides a quantum speedup in a natural regime where the sampling rate is much higher than the number of sinusoid components. Along the way, we develop techniques that are expected to be useful for other quantum algorithms as well—consecutive phase estimations to efficiently make products of asymmetric low rank matrices classically accessible and an alternative method to efficiently exponentiate non-Hermitian matrices.

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Article Title: Resource Destroying Maps

Authors: Zi-Wen Liu, Xueyuan Hu, Seth Lloyd

Keywords: quantum computing

Abstract: Resource theory is a widely applicable framework for analyzing the physical resources required for given tasks, such as computation, communication, and energy extraction. In this Letter, we propose a general scheme for analyzing resource theories based on resource destroying maps, which leave resource-free states unchanged but erase the resource stored in all other states. We introduce a group of general conditions that determine whether a quantum operation exhibits typical resource-free properties in relation to a given resource destroying map. Our theory reveals fundamental connections among basic elements of resource theories, in particular, free states, free operations, and resource measures.

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Authors: David R. M. Arvidsson-Shukur, Nicole Yunger Halpern, Hugo V. Lepage, Aleksander A. Lasek, Crispin H

Keywords: Quantum information

Abstract: We show that postselection offers a nonclassical advantage in metrology. In every parameter-estimation experiment, the final measurement or the postprocessing incurs some cost. Postselection can improve the rate of Fisher information (the average information learned about an unknown parameter from an experimental trial) to cost. This improvement, we show, stems from the negativity of a quasiprobability distribution, a quantum extension of a probability distribution. In a classical theory, in which all observables commute, our quasiprobability distribution can be expressed as real and nonnegative. In a quantum-mechanically noncommuting theory, nonclassicality manifests in negative or nonreal quasiprobabilities. The distribution's nonclassically negative values enable postselected experiments to outperform even postselection-free experiments whose input states and final measurements are optimized: Postselected quantum experiments can yield anomalously large information-cost rates.

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Article Title: Quantum-inspired algorithms in practice

Authors: Juan Miguel Arrazola, Alain Delgado, Bhaskar Roy Bardhan, Seth Lloyd

Keywords: quantum algorithms, quantum machine learning

Abstract: We show that postselection offers a nonclassical advantage in metrology. In every parameter-estimation experiment, the final measurement or the postprocessing incurs some cost. Postselection can improve the rate of Fisher information (the average information learned about an unknown parameter from an experimental trial) to cost. This improvement, we show, stems from the negativity of a quasiprobability distribution, a quantum extension of a probability distribution. In a classical theory, in which all observables commute, our quasiprobability distribution can be expressed as real and nonnegative. In a quantum-mechanically noncommuting theory, nonclassicality manifests in negative or nonreal quasiprobabilities. The distribution's nonclassically negative values enable postselected experiments to outperform even postselection-free experiments whose input states and final measurements are optimized: Postselected quantum experiments can yield anomalously large information-cost rates.

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Authors: Ken Xuan Wei, Pai Peng, Oles Shtanko, Iman Marvian, Seth Lloyd, Chandrasekhar Ramanathan, Paola

Keywords: Quantum simulation

Abstract: How a many-body quantum system thermalizes—or fails to do so—under its own interaction is a fundamental yet elusive concept. Here we demonstrate nuclear magnetic resonance observation of the emergence of prethermalization by measuring out-of-time ordered correlations. We exploit Hamiltonian engineering techniques to tune the strength of spin-spin interactions and of a transverse magnetic field in a spin chain system, as well as to invert the Hamiltonian sign to reveal out-of-time ordered correlations. At large fields, we observe an emergent conserved quantity due to prethermalization, which can be revealed by an early saturation of correlations. Our experiment not only demonstrates a new protocol to measure out-of-time ordered correlations, but also provides new insights in the study of quantum thermodynamics.

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Article Title: Variational quantum unsampling on a quantum photonic processor

Authors: Jacques Carolan, Masoud Mohseni, Jonathan P. Olson, Mihika Prabhu, Changchen Chen, Darius Buna

Keywords: Quantum computation

Abstract: A promising route towards the demonstration of near-term quantum advantage (or supremacy) over classical systems relies on running tailored quantum algorithms on noisy intermediate-scale quantum machines. These algorithms typically involve sampling from probability distributions that—under plausible complexity-theoretic conjectures—cannot be efficiently generated classically. Rather than determining the computational features of output states produced by a given physical system, we investigate what features of the generating system can be efficiently learnt given direct access to an output state. To tackle this question, here we introduce the variational quantum unsampling protocol, a nonlinear quantum neural network approach for verification and inference of near-term quantum circuit outputs. In our approach, one can variationally train a quantum operation to unravel the action of an unknown unitary on a known input state, essentially learning the inverse of the quantum dynamics.

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Article Title: Continuous-variable quantum neural network

Authors: Nathan Killoran, Thomas R. Bromley, Juan Miguel Arrazola, Maria Schuld, Nicolás Quesada, Seth Lloyd

Keywords: quantum machine learning

Abstract: We introduce a general method for building neural networks on quantum computers. The quantum neural network is a variational quantum circuit built in the continuous-variable (CV) architecture, which encodes quantum information in continuous degrees of freedom such as the amplitudes of the electromagnetic field. This circuit contains a layered structure of continuously parameterized gates which is universal for CV quantum computation. Affine transformations and nonlinear activation functions, two key elements in neural networks, are enacted in the quantum network using Gaussian and non-Gaussian gates, respectively. The non-Gaussian gates provide both the nonlinearity and the universality of the model. Due to the structure of the CV model, the CV quantum neural network can encode highly nonlinear transformations while remaining completely unitary. We show how a classical network can be embedded into the quantum formalism and propose quantum versions of various specialized models.

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Article Title: Quantum algorithm for nonhomogeneous linear partial differential equations

Authors: Juan Miguel Arrazola, Timjan Kalajdzievski, Christian Weedbrook, Seth Lloyd

Keywords: quantum machine learning

Abstract: We describe a quantum algorithm for preparing states that encode solutions of nonhomogeneous linear partial differential equations. The algorithm is a continuous-variable version of matrix inversion: it efficiently inverts differential operators that are polynomials in the variables and their partial derivatives. The output is a quantum state whose wave function is proportional to a specific solution of the nonhomogeneous differential equation, which can be measured to reveal features of the solution. The algorithm consists of three stages: preparing fixed resource states in ancillary systems, performing Hamiltonian simulation, and measuring the ancilla systems. The algorithm can be carried out using standard methods for gate decompositions, but we improve this in two ways. First, we show that for a wide class of differential operators, it is possible to derive exact decompositions for the gates employed in Hamiltonian simulation.

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Authors: Patrick Rebentrost, Maria Schuld, Leonard Wossnig, Francesco Petruccione, Seth Lloyd

Keywords: quantum algorithms

Abstract: Optimization problems in disciplines such as machine learning are commonly solved with iterative methods. Gradient descent algorithms find local minima by moving along the direction of steepest descent while Newton's method takes into account curvature information and thereby often improves convergence. Here, we develop quantum versions of these iterative optimization algorithms and apply them to polynomial optimization with a unit norm constraint. In each step, multiple copies of the current candidate are used to improve the candidate using quantum phase estimation, an adapted quantum state exponentiation scheme, as well as quantum matrix multiplications and inversions. The required operations perform polylogarithmically in the dimension of the solution vector and exponentially in the number of iterations. Therefore, the quantum algorithm can be useful for high-dimensional problems where a small number of iterations is sufficient.

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Abstract: We propose a generalization of the Wasserstein distance of order 1 to the quantum states of n qudits. The proposal recovers the Hamming distance for the vectors of the canonical basis, and more generally the classical Wasserstein distance for quantum states diagonal in the canonical basis. The proposed distance is invariant with respect to permutations of the qudits and unitary operations acting on one qudit and is additive with respect to the tensor product. Our main result is a continuity bound for the von Neumann entropy with respect to the proposed distance, which significantly strengthens the best continuity bound with respect to the trace distance. We also propose a generalization of the Lipschitz constant to quantum observables. The notion of quantum Lipschitz constant allows us to compute the proposed distance with a semidefinite program.

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Authors: Bobak Toussi Kiani, Giacomo De Palma, Milad Marvian, Zi-Wen Liu, Seth Lloyd

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Abstract: Quantifying how far the output of a learning algorithm is from its target is an essential task in machine learning. However, in quantum settings, the loss landscapes of commonly used distance metrics often produce undesirable outcomes such as poor local minima and exponentially decaying gradients. To overcome these obstacles, we consider here the recently proposed quantum earth mover's (EM) or Wasserstein-1 distance as a quantum analog to the classical EM distance. We show that the quantum EM distance possesses unique properties, not found in other commonly used quantum distance metrics, that make quantum learning more stable and efficient. We propose a quantum Wasserstein generative adversarial network (qWGAN) which takes advantage of the quantum EM distance and provides an efficient means of performing learning on quantum data.

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Authors: Salvatore FE Oliviero, Lorenzo Leone, Alioscia Hamma, Seth Lloyd

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Abstract: Magic states are the resource that allows quantum computers to attain an advantage over classical computers. This resource consists in the deviation from a property called stabilizerness which in turn implies that stabilizer circuits can be efficiently simulated on a classical computer. Without magic, no quantum computer can do anything that a classical computer cannot do. Given the importance of magic for quantum computation, it would be useful to have a method for measuring the amount of magic in a quantum state. In this work, we propose and experimentally demonstrate a protocol for measuring magic based on randomized measurements. Our experiments are carried out on two IBM Quantum Falcon processors. This protocol can provide a characterization of the effectiveness of a quantum hardware in producing states that cannot be effectively simulated on a classical computer. We show how from these measurements one can construct realistic noise models affecting the hardware.

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Authors: Bobak Kiani, Randall Balestrero, Yann Lecun, Seth Lloyd

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Abstract: In learning with recurrent or very deep feed-forward networks, employing unitary matrices in each layer can be very effective at maintaining long-range stability. However, restricting network parameters to be unitary typically comes at the cost of expensive parameterizations or increased training runtime. We propose instead an efficient method based on rank-k updates – or their rank-k approximation – that maintains performance at a nearly optimal training runtime. We introduce two variants of this method, named Direct (projUNN-D) and Tangent (projUNN-T) projected Unitary Neural Networks, that can parameterize full N-dimensional unitary or orthogonal matrices with a training runtime scaling as $O(kN^2)$.

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Authors: Quynh T Nguyen, Bobak T Kiani, Seth Lloyd

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Abstract: Kernel matrices, which arise from discretizing a kernel function $k(x, x')$, have a variety of applications in mathematics and engineering. Classically, the celebrated fast multipole method was designed to perform matrix multiplication on kernel matrices of dimension N in time almost linear in N by using techniques later generalized into the linear algebraic framework of hierarchical matrices. In light of this success, we propose a quantum algorithm for efficiently performing matrix operations on hierarchical matrices by implementing a quantum block-encoding of the hierarchical matrix structure. When applied to many physical kernel matrices, our quantum algorithm can solve quantum linear systems of dimension N in time $O(\kappa \epsilon^{-1} \log(N))$, where κ and ϵ are the condition number and error bound of the matrix operation. This runtime is near-optimal and, in terms of N , exponentially improves over prior quantum linear systems algorithms for dense and full-rank kernel matrices.....

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Authors: M. Kjaergaard, M.E. Schwartz, A. Greene, G.O. Samach, A. Bengtsson, M. O'Keeffe, C.M. McNally, J. E

Keywords: Quantum Information

Abstract: Density matrix exponentiation (DME) is a general technique for using a quantum state ρ to enact the quantum operation e^{-iHt} on a target system. It was first proposed in the context of quantum machine learning, but has since been shown to have broad applications in quantum metrology and computation. No experimental demonstration of DME has been performed thus far due to its demanding circuit depths and the need to efficiently generate multiple identical copies of ρ during the finite lifetime of the target system. In this work, we describe the first demonstration of the DME algorithm, which we accomplish using a superconducting quantum processor. Our demonstration relies on a 99.7% fidelity controlled-phase gate implemented using two tunable superconducting transmon qubits. We achieve a fidelity surpassing 90% at circuit depths exceeding 70 when comparing the output of the circuit executed on our quantum processor to a simulation assuming perfect operations and measurements.

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Authors: Grecia Castelazo, Quynh T Nguyen, Giacomo De Palma, Dirk Englund, Seth Lloyd, Bobak T Kiani

Keywords: Quantum Information

Abstract: Group convolutions and cross-correlations, which are equivariant to the actions of group elements, are commonly used in mathematics to analyze or take advantage of symmetries inherent in a given problem setting. Here, we provide efficient quantum algorithms for performing linear group convolutions and cross-correlations on data stored as quantum states. Runtimes for our algorithms are logarithmic in the dimension of the group thus offering an exponential speedup compared to classical algorithms when input data is provided as a quantum state and linear operations are well conditioned. Motivated by the rich literature on quantum algorithms for solving algebraic problems, our theoretical framework opens a path for quantizing many algorithms in machine learning and numerical methods that employ group operations.

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Authors: Zhaokai Li, Zihua Chai, Yuhang Guo, Wentao Ji, Mengqi Wang, Fazhan Shi, Ya Wang, Seth Lloyd, Jian

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Abstract: Principal component analysis (PCA) has been widely adopted to reduce the dimension of data while preserving the information. The quantum version of PCA (qPCA) can be used to analyze an unknown low-rank density matrix by rapidly revealing the principal components of it, i.e., the eigenvectors of the density matrix with the largest eigenvalues. However, because of the substantial resource requirement, its experimental implementation remains challenging. Here, we develop a resonant analysis algorithm with minimal resource for ancillary qubits, in which only one frequency-scanning probe qubit is required to extract the principal components. In the experiment, we demonstrate the distillation of the first principal component of a 4×4 density matrix, with an efficiency of 86.0% and a fidelity of 0.90. This work shows the speedup ability of quantum algorithm in dimension reduction of data and thus could be used as part of quantum artificial intelligence algorithms in the future.

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Article Title: Scalable and High-Fidelity Quantum Random Access Memory in Spin-Photon Networks

Authors: K. C. Chen, W. Dai, C. Errando-Herranz, S. Lloyd, D. Englund

Keywords: Quantum Information

Abstract: A quantum random access memory (qRAM) is considered an essential computing unit to enable polynomial speedups in quantum information processing. Proposed implementations include the use of neutral atoms and superconducting circuits to construct a binary tree but these systems still require demonstrations of the elementary components. Here, we propose a photonic-integrated-circuit (PIC) architecture integrated with solid-state memories as a viable platform for constructing a qRAM. We also present an alternative scheme based on quantum teleportation and extend it to the context of quantum networks. Both implementations realize the two key qRAM operations, (1) quantum state transfer and (2) quantum routing, with already demonstrated components: electro-optic modulators, a Mach-Zehnder interferometer (MZI) network, and nanocavities coupled to artificial atoms for spin-based memory writing and retrieval.

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Article Title: Quantum Computer Systems for Scientific Discovery

Authors: Yuri Alexeev, Dave Bacon, Kenneth R. Brown, Robert Calderbank, Lincoln D. Carr, Frederic T. Chong, et al.

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Abstract: The great promise of quantum computers comes with the dual challenges of building them and finding their useful applications. We argue that these two challenges should be considered together, by codesigning full-stack quantum computer systems along with their applications in order to hasten their development and potential for scientific discovery. In this context, we identify scientific and community needs, opportunities, a sampling of a few use case studies, and significant challenges for the development of quantum computers for science over the next 2–10 years

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Authors: Vittorio Giovannetti, Seth Lloyd, Lorenzo Maccone

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Abstract: We propose a special relativistic framework for quantum mechanics. It is based on introducing a Hilbert space for events. Events are taken as primitive notions (as customary in relativity), whereas quantum systems (e.g. fields and particles) are emergent in the form of joint probability amplitudes for position and time of events. Textbook relativistic quantum mechanics and quantum field theory can be recovered by dividing the event Hilbert spaces into space and time (a foliation) and then conditioning the event states onto the time part. Our theory satisfies the full Poincare' symmetry as a 'geometric' unitary transformation, and possesses observables for space (location of an event) and time (position in time of an event).

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Article Title: Non-markovian boost of quantum Maxwell demon efficiency

Authors: Kasper Poulsen, Marco Majland, Seth Lloyd, Morten Kjaergaard, Nikolaj T Zinner

Keywords: Quantum Information

Abstract: Maxwell's demon is the quintessential example of information control, which is necessary for designing quantum devices. In thermodynamics, the demon is an intelligent being who utilizes the entropic nature of information to sort excitations between reservoirs thus lowering the total entropy. So far, implementations of Maxwell's demon have largely been limited to Markovian baths. In our work, we study the degree to which such a demon may be assisted by non-Markovian effects using a superconducting circuit platform. The setup is two baths connected by a demon controlled qutrit interface, allowing the transfer of excitations only if the overall entropy of the two baths is lowered. Importantly, we show that non-Markovian effects yield the largest entropy reduction through appropriate timing of the demon operation. Our results demonstrate that non-Markovian effects can be exploited to boost the information transfer rate in quantum Maxwell demons.

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Article Title: A quantum algorithm for training wide and deep classical neural networks

Authors: Alexander Zlokapa, Hartmut Neven, Seth Lloyd

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Abstract: Given the success of deep learning in classical machine learning, quantum algorithms for traditional neural network architectures may provide one of the most promising settings for quantum machine learning. Considering a fully-connected feedforward neural network, we show that conditions amenable to classical trainability via gradient descent coincide with those necessary for efficiently solving quantum linear systems. We propose a quantum algorithm to approximately train a wide and deep neural network up to error for a training set of size n by performing sparse matrix inversion in time $\tilde{O}(n)$. To achieve an end-to-end exponential speedup over gradient descent, the data distribution must permit efficient state preparation and readout. We numerically demonstrate that the MNIST image dataset satisfies such conditions; moreover, the quantum algorithm matches the accuracy of the fully-connected network.

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Article Title: Hamiltonian singular value transformation and inverse block encoding

Authors: Seth Lloyd, Bobak T Kiani, David RM Arvidsson-Shukur, Samuel Bosch, Giacomo De Palma, William M

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Abstract: The quantum singular value transformation is a powerful quantum algorithm that allows one to apply a polynomial transformation to the singular values of a matrix that is embedded as a block of a unitary transformation. This paper shows how to perform the quantum singular value transformation for a matrix that can be embedded as a block of a Hamiltonian. The transformation can be implemented in a purely Hamiltonian context by the alternating application of Hamiltonians for chosen intervals: it is an example of the Quantum Alternating Operator Ansatz (generalized QAOA). We also show how to use the Hamiltonian quantum singular value transformation to perform inverse block encoding to implement a unitary of which a given Hamiltonian is a block. Inverse block encoding leads to novel procedures for matrix multiplication and for solving differential equations on quantum information processors in a purely Hamiltonian fashion.

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Article Title: Error mitigation via stabilizer measurement emulation

Authors: Ami Greene, M Kjaergaard, ME Schwartz, GO Samach, A Bengtsson, M O'Keeffe, DK Kim, M Marvian,

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Abstract: Dynamical decoupling (DD) is a widely-used quantum control technique that takes advantage of temporal symmetries in order to partially suppress quantum errors without the need resource-intensive error detection and correction protocols. This and other open-loop error mitigation techniques are critical for quantum information processing in the era of Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum technology. However, despite its utility, dynamical decoupling does not address errors which occur at unstructured times during a circuit, including certain commonly-encountered noise mechanisms such as cross-talk and imperfectly calibrated control pulses. Here, we introduce and demonstrate an alternative technique - 'quantum measurement emulation' (QME) - that effectively emulates the measurement of stabilizer operators via stochastic gate application, leading to a first-order insensitivity to coherent errors.

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Article Title: Quantum algorithm for nonlinear differential equations

Authors: Seth Lloyd, Giacomo De Palma, Can Gokler, Bobak Kiani, Zi-Wen Liu, Milad Marvian, Felix Tennie, Tim

Keywords: Quantum Information

Abstract: Quantum computers are known to provide an exponential advantage over classical computers for the solution of linear differential equations in high-dimensional spaces. Here, we present a quantum algorithm for the solution of nonlinear differential equations. The quantum algorithm provides an exponential advantage over classical algorithms for solving nonlinear differential equations. Potential applications include the Navier-Stokes equation, plasma hydrodynamics, epidemiology, and more.

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Article Title: Quantum medical imaging algorithms

Authors: Bobak Toussi Kiani, Agnes Villanyi, Seth Lloyd

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Abstract: A central task in medical imaging is the reconstruction of an image or function from data collected by medical devices (e.g., CT, MRI, and PET scanners). We provide quantum algorithms for image reconstruction with exponential speedup over classical counterparts when data is input as a quantum state. Since outputs of our algorithms are stored in quantum states, individual pixels of reconstructed images may not be efficiently accessed classically; instead, we discuss various methods to extract information from outputs using a variety of quantum post-processing algorithms.

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Principle activities and findings:

The research supported by this grant focused on problems of quantum machine learning: how do you load data onto a quantum computer, and process it to reveal patterns that classical computers can't find? When the grant commenced, in 2017, the field of quantum machine learning was in its infancy. There were a few results on quantum algorithms for clustering, principal component analysis, and topological analysis of data, as well as designs for quantum random access memory (qRAM): but quantum machine learning had yet to emerge as an established discipline of scientific study.

In the intervening five years, the field of quantum machine learning has expanded dramatically. The work supported by this grant played a key role in several branches of quantum machine learning. (See our review paper, reference [1], for a general description of the field. This work, one of the first works supported by the grant, has become the central reference and the most highly cited paper in the field of quantum machine learning.)

(1) Quantum generative adversarial networks (qGAN):

We established the paradigm of quantum generative adversarial networks (qGAN), in which a quantum generator tries to generate data that can deceive a quantum discriminator [26]. We proved the convergence of such networks to optimal solutions, and showed how quantum generative networks can substantially out-perform classical generative networks.

(2) Quantum neural networks:

Prior to 2017, there was no accepted general definition for the quantum neural networks. We established the now-accepted design and framework for continuous variable quantum neural networks [20,40]. We provided the first design for quantum recurrent neural networks [12]. We showed how a quantum Hopfield network can provide exponential advantages over classical Hopfield networks [24]. We developed a quantum algorithm for simulating the neural tangent kernel and for training large neural networks [62].

(3) Quantum differential equation solvers:

Because of their ability to represent 2^n dimensional vectors as the state of n qubits, quantum computers have the potential for solving differential equations exponentially more efficiently than classical computers. We provided the first formulation for solving continuous variable differential equations by showing how to invert infinite-dimensional operators [23,39]. We showed how quantum computers can reveal non-trivial features of the solutions of differential equations by performing quantum post-processing [53,68].

Finally, we showed how quantum computers can be used to solve nonlinear differential equations by using interactions between multiple copies of the system [54], in analogue to the use of non-linear Schrödinger equations to describe the behavior of Bose-Einstein condensates.

(4) Quantum algorithms for machine learning

Over the course of the program, we developed a number of novel quantum algorithms focused on machine learning and data analysis. We developed efficient quantum algorithms for spectral estimation [2], for Gaussian hypothesis testing [14], for quantum- singular value decomposition [15], for portfolio optimization [27], for gradient descent and Newton's method [38], for medical imaging [48], for performing the matrix polar decomposition [50], and for pretty good measurements and channel decoding [51,71].

We developed quantum algorithms for group convolution, cross correlation, and equivariant transformations [65] – i.e., for the central algebraic methods underlying the analysis of data with symmetries.

We established the basic methods for quantum kernel analysis, in which classical data is embedded as quantum states in a high-dimensional Hilbert space, and optimal quantum measurements are then performed to discriminate between clusters of data [46].

We showed how problems of barren plateaus in variational quantum algorithms can be avoided by using a quantum version of Earth-Mover’s (Wasserstein 1) distance [55,60].

(5) Quantum inspired algorithms

The potential for quantum inspired algorithms was first pointed out by Ewin Tang in 2018, who noted that the quantum principal component analysis algorithm for low-rank matrices could be simulated classically using existing low-rank matrix techniques. Together with Andras Gilyen, we showed how quantum inspired techniques could be extended to matrix inversion and the quantum singular value transform for low rank matrices [28], and we performed detailed simulations of how such quantum inspired algorithms would play out when applied to very large classical data sets [37].

(6) Classical deep learning

We applied methods from quantum computing to derive several results in the field of classical deep learning. First, we showed that classical deep neural networks are biased towards functions that are simple and robust [30,45]. Next, in collaboration with Yann Lecun, we showed how the linear transformations of deep neural networks can be replaced with unitary transformations, with attendant improvements on performance and convergence [73].

7. Quantum sensing and control

We developed applications of quantum sensing and control to quantum machine learning, with the goal of finding and taking advantage of patterns in the behavior of quantum systems. We investigated geometric methods of quantum control [4], methods for the quantum control of graphical systems [13], photonic quantum sensing [29], entanglement enhanced sensing via post-selection [34,52], and non-Markovian effects in quantum measurement [74].

8. Experimental collaborations

During the course of the grant, we developed experimental applications of the fundamental ideas developed by the theoretical efforts. In particular, our ideas on quantum walks and quantum transport on complex graphs were realized experimentally in the context of photonics by Dirk Englund's group [10,11], and in the context of excitonic transport by Mounqi Bawendi's group [18,25]. Our work on quantum principal component analysis and density matrix exponentiation was realized experimentally by Will Oliver [42,47,67]. The Englund group also realized our method for variational learning of quantum circuits [47], and we collaborated on the experimental design of qRAM [58,63].

The Englund and Oliver groups are continuing with experimental demonstrations of our work on quantum circuits, qGANs, and qRAM.

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