

1. **Project Title:** Solving Combinatorial Problems with the Ising Model and Machine Learning

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3. **Project Description**

(a) **Motivation**

The Ising model is a powerful model for combinatorial problems, capable of mapping various complex problem states for the discovery of their low energy Hamiltonian or optimal solution. Through this model many NP-Hard problems such as the MaxCut, Traveling Salesman, and Graph-Coloring problem can be solved for at large-scale, opposed to the classical landscape. When combined with the advantages of machine learning, the efficiency and performance of the combinatorial applications of the Ising model can be improved. This projects seeks to explore and discover improvements to pre-exisitng and proposed Ising models with applications towards solving combinatorial problems with machine learning.

(b) **Key Methodology**

(c) **Expected Outcomes**

4. **Estimated Project Timeline**

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