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PROFICIENT SKILLS

Hardware [Expert in Bold]

Dilution refrigerator: Bluefors XLDsl • µ-w packaging.

Optical & electron-beam lithography: Karl Suss-MA6 • Heidelberg DWL200 • Raith EBPG-5000+ (100 kV).

Deposition & plasma etching: **sputtering · e-beam evap ·** Ion Probe • **PECVD ·** ALD • RIE • **IBE**.

Imaging: SEM • AFM • surface 2D/ 3D profilometry.

Machining & 3D printing: metal mill • lathe • FDM • IR LASER cutting (150W) • stereolithography (SLA).

Software [Expert in Bold]

MS Office • AutoCAD • Fusion 360 • KLayout • Qiskit • Qiskit Metal • Blender • Git • Julia • LaTeX • MuMax3 • Python+GPT-4 • Elmer FEM • RealVNC + Linux.

Problem Solving & Communication

Ethical leadership • optimism • project management • scientific computing • idea generation • engineering design process • rapid prototyping.

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – (Ph.D.), ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

[Quantum Hardware/ Spintronics Focused]
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN)
06/2022 – 04/2027 [In Progress]

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – (B.S.Md.S.), MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES,

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN) 08/2018 – 11/2021

RELATED CERTIFICATIONS

Full list: (z.umn.edu/OJB-Certifications)

IBM CERTIFIED QUANTUM DEVELOPER – [PROFESSIONAL]

International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) 02/2022

ASSOCIATIONS

2024 Quantum Collaborative Steering Committee

2023 Minneapolis Quantum Association - Member

2022 QuantumGrad - Mentor/ Lecturer

2022 IBM Quantum Researchers Program Member/ Group Administrator (ibm-q-research-2)

2021 IEEE Quantum & IEEE UMN (Tech Sub-Comm)

2016 American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) Chapter V.P. at Utah State

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar (z.umn.edu/OJB-Google-Scholar)

ORCID (orcid.org/0000-0002-8391-9105)
GitHub (github.com/OJB-Quantum)

QuantumGrad (z.umn.edu/OJB-QC-Hardware)

EXPERIENCE

International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)

Quantum Hardware Engineer – PhD Intern,

Quantum Hardware Design & Simulation, Kevin Tien Group, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center

05/2024 - 08/2024 | Yorktown Heights, NY >

- Realized the high-throughput automated cryogenic characterization of quantum-limited amplifier materials to support the bandwidth for IBM's quantum-centric supercomputing systems.
- Generated extensive internal documentation for configuring dilution fridges with high-security IBM server. (Made possible with an interdisciplinary team).
- Disassembled, reassembled, & utilized a 10 mK **Bluefors XLDsI dilution fridge** for experiments in the quantum characterization lab.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Graduate Research Assistant,

Nano Magnetism & Quantum Spintronics Lab, Jian-Ping Wang Group, Electrical & Computer Engineering Dept.

08/2022 – Present | Minneapolis, MN >

- Recognized as a resident nanopatterning expert on robust, integrated/ dedicated metal spintronic devices. (8 years of fast-paced cleanroom experience).
- Formed/ led/ trained a new quantum hardware engineering team to develop a quantum processor & cryogenic classical memory array. (Fractal design, magnetic, spin qubits & superconducting magnetic tunnel junctions [nano MTJs]). Device sizes (20 nm - 5 µm).
- Advocated for quantum hardware training. Created GitHub tutorials demonstrating e-beam lithography processes with qubit pattern generation in Qiskit Metal.

Research Assistant,

Nano Magnetism & Quantum Spintronics Lab, Jian-Ping Wang Group, Electrical & Computer Engineering Dept. 02/2020 – 08/2022 | Minneapolis, MN >

- Successfully **trained/ mentored** 11 new academic users (PhD-level) & 1 faculty on **high-yield** quantum device fabrication & electron microscopy in the cleanroom.
- Developed recipes & protocols for patterning high-yield Perpendicular Magnetic Tunnel Junctions (p-MTJs) used in spin-orbit torque magnetic random-access memory (SOT-MRAM), computational random-access memory (CRAM), & magnetic brain interface chips. Device sizes (100 nm – 6 µm).
- Co-authored several peer-reviewed publications on energy-efficient spintronic devices composed of engineered metal thin films.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Navaho Linguistics for Quantum Hardware | 2024

University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2024 IBM Media Recognition (Life @ IBM, Global)

2024 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship [Prestigious]

2023 Global Quantum Scholarship – (Womanium Quantum)

2022 Departmental Fellowship/ Assistantship – (UMN ECE Dept.)

2021 Raith GmbH Media Recognition (World Leading Nanofabrication Instrumentation Manufacturer)

2021 REC Foundation Media Recognition - Native American Profiles in STEM

2021 Thank-a-Teacher Award, (UMN Center For Educational Innovation)

2021 Dean's List

2020 IBM Quantum Full Sponsorship - (Qubit by Qubit)

2019 Front Cover of National Magazine (Winds of Change, USA)

2018 University Magazine Story Feature (Discovery, USA)

2017 & 2018 National Science Foundation – Materials Research Science & Engineering Centers (MRSEC) Fellowship – REU [Highly Competitive]

2016 Native American STEM Mentorship Award

2014 Presidential Scholar Award - Full Scholarship [Highest University Award]

2014-to-2017 Chief Manuelito Scholar Award – Navajo Tribe [Highest Tribal Award]