

Travis L Scholten

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EDUCATION

University of New Mexico

PH D PHYSICS

2012 August - 2018 September

MS PHYSICS

2015 June

California Institute of Technology

BS PHYSICS

2008 August - 2012 June

ASSOCIATIONS

2019-present: IEEE

2015-present: American Physical Society

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2020 - present: Advisory Board member,
Unitary Fund

2017: Organizer, CQuIC Computing
Workshop

2016-17: Vice-Chair, GPSA Finance
Committee

2015-17: GPSA Council Representative,
Physics and Astronomy

SKILLS

Programming

Python • numpy • pandas
git • Jupyter notebook •
seaborn • data visualization

Soft

20 talks, 3 posters, 2 podcasts

Invited speaker IQT 2019

2020 IEEE Quantum podcast

AWARDS

2017: Brian E Colón Exemplary Service
Award: UNM GPSA

2016: Excellence in Ethics Award
UNM GPSA

2015: Student Research Grant
UNM GPSA

2014: Student Research Grant
UNM GPSA

EXPERIENCE

IBM Quantum | Quantum Computing Applications Researcher

2018 October - present | Yorktown Heights, NY

Identify and execute on opportunities for collaboration with IBM Q Network startups, and support IBM Quantum's business development team.

- Presented 20+ technical talks on quantum computing to C-suite and technical audience
- Built and maintain Airtable database of IBM Q Network research papers
- Assist business development team in use case/application discussions
- Completed 2 research projects with IBM Q Network startups
- Defined technical interview questionnaire for IBM Q Startup program
- Lead organizer of IBM Quantum involvement in IEEE Quantum Week 2020 (40+ people)
- Organized team's bi-weekly journal club

Sandia National Laboratories | Student Intern

2013 May - 2018 September | Albuquerque, NM

PhD research in quantum characterization, verification, and validation specializing in model selection, hypothesis testing, and machine learning techniques.

University of New Mexico | Teaching Assistant, Physics and Astronomy

2012 August - 2013 May | Albuquerque, NM

Taught undergraduate labs and helped with a graduate level course.

California Institute of Technology | Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

2011 June - 2011 September | Pasadena, CA

Research project on adiabatic quantum computation.

PUBLICATIONS

5. **Analyzing the Performance of Variational Quantum Factoring on a Superconducting Quantum Processor.** Amir H. Karamlou, William A. Simon, Amara Katarbwa, [Travis L. Scholten](#), Borja Peropadre, and Yudong Cao. *arXiv* 2012.07825

4. **Gate Set Tomography.** Erik Nielsen, John King Gamble, Kenneth Rudinger, [Travis L. Scholten](#), Kevin Young, and Robin Blume-Kohout. *arXiv* 2009.07301

3. **Application-Motivated, Holistic Benchmarking of a Full Quantum Computing Stack.** Daniel Mills, Seyon Sivarajah, [Travis L. Scholten](#), and Ross Duncan. *arXiv* 2006.01273

2. **Classifying Single-Qubit Noise Using Machine Learning.** [Travis L. Scholten](#), Yi-Kai Liu, Kevin Young, and Robin Blume-Kohout. *arXiv* 1908.11762

Towards Scalable Characterization of Noisy, Intermediate-Scale Quantum Information Processors. [Travis L. Scholten](#). PhD thesis; available via UNM Digital Repository

1. **Behavior of the Maximum Likelihood in Quantum State Tomography.** [Travis L. Scholten](#) and Robin Blume-Kohout. *New Journal of Physics* **20** 023050; *arXiv* 1609.04385