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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Compilers, programming languages, and quantum computation

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 3.87

May 2026

Threads: Theory, Systems & Architecture

EXPERIENCE

IBM Research

May 2025 – August 2025

Research Intern

Yorktown Heights, NY

- Designed a new qubit-efficient quantum algorithm for solving the Traveling Salesman Problem
- Leveraged permutation encoding and Pauli Correlation Encoding, along with a K-Means path slicing strategy to reduce qubit overhead by 10x, paving the way for solving utility scale problems on quantum hardware
- Paper in progress, in collaboration with IBM partners
- Operated on TSPLIB instances orders of magnitude larger than existing hybrid-quantum methods

IBM Research

May 2024 – August 2024

Software Engineering Intern

Yorktown Heights, NY

- Developed key components for IBM's Rust-based hardware-level production Quantum Assembly (QASM) quantum compiler that improved speed by 7x and memory usage by 3.5x
- Spearheaded the development of a 85x faster data parsing and caching API for quantum hardware configuration information and waveform data through binary (de)serialization
- Implemented the compiler's intermediate representations (IRs) at the pulse calibration level
- Added additional support for QASM parsing, enabling extensibility and more language coverage

Quantinuum

May 2023 – August 2023

Software Engineering Intern

Broomfield, CO

- Created a Pythonic Domain Specific Language (DSL) to aid internal theory team in parsing code to Quantum Intermediate Representation (QIR) with a 30% improvement in workflow efficiency
- Leveraged the Python Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) to build a high level compiler from custom language to LLVM IR that enables conditional branching on quantum measurements and dynamic circuits
- Added constant folding, constant propagation, method inlining and loop unrolling optimizations which reduced output QIR by 15% for faster compilation

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Quantum Programming Languages Researcher

July 2023 – Present

Georgia Tech CRNCH-TINKER Lab - Dr. Tom Conte

Atlanta, GA

- Aided in the design and implementation of Qwerty, a quantum programming language that moves away from gate-based quantum computing and towards higher abstractions
- Engineered custom ASTs and optimization passes for the Qwerty compiler using the Python AST, C++, and custom MLIR dialects and rewrite passes
- Placed 2nd at the CGO Student Research Competition for "Type Inference for Qwerty" by implementing Hindley Milner type inference via a Rust-based AST
- Designed and implemented efficient circuit synthesis for Qwerty's "basis generators", enabling cleaner writing of generic Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) circuits with recursive structure

Quantum Algorithms Researcher

Aug 2022 – July 2023

Georgia Tech Computational Physics Lab - Dr. Spencer Bryngelson

Atlanta, GA

- Created two variational quantum algorithms (VQAs) for solving PDEs with Qiskit, etc.
- Expanded upon Variational Quantum Linear Solver (VQLS) and VQE for fluid dynamics applications

PUBLICATIONS

Austin J. Adams, Sharjeel Khan, **Arjun S. Bhamra**, Ryan R. Abusaada, Jeffrey S. Young, and Thomas M. Conte. **“Qwerty: A Basis-Oriented Quantum Programming Language”** *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering (QCE25)*.

Austin J. Adams, Sharjeel Khan, **Arjun Bhamra**, Ryan Abusaada, Anthony M. Cabrera, Cameron Hoechst, Jeffrey S. Young, and Thomas M. Conte. **“ASDF: A Compiler for Qwerty, a Basis-Oriented Quantum Programming Language”** *2025 IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Code Generation and Optimization (CGO ‘25)*.

PROJECTS

Open Source Contributor to Quantum repositories | *Rust, Python, unittest, Git*

- Added necessary quality of life changes for the IBM Rustworkx repository, a Rust-based Python graph library
- Added major feature support for the IBM OpenQASM 3 Parser, a performant parser based on rust-analyzer
- Provided bug fixes and feature improvements for Xanadu’s JIT quantum compiler, Catalyst

rs_micrograd: Mini Automatic Differentiation Engine | *Rust*

- Designed an auto-diff engine with Rust based on Andrej Karpathy’s Python micrograd engine
- Implemented expression graph-based gradient calculations for efficient neural network backpropagation

LEADERSHIP

Dependently Typed: Programming Languages and Compilers Club | *Co-President* | 2024 - Present

- Organized/coordinated talks from industry experts, professors, and students
- Gave talks on MLIR, Quantum Programming Languages, and Program Synthesis
- Mentored students in programming languages and compilers as a research field, enabling future success and open communication

Georgia Tech Esports | *Co-President* | 2023 - 2024

- Managed casual and competitive scenes for 15+ games under the GT professional banner
- Aided in implementing a long lasting, effective organizational structure for future generations

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Rust, Python, Java, C, C++, LLVM, MLIR, JavaScript, LaTeX

Libraries: pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, unittest, Qiskit, PennyLane, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Python AST, functools