

HLS Final Project

Simulated Quantum Annealing

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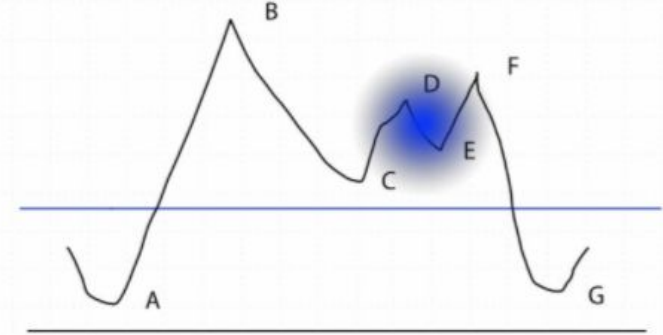
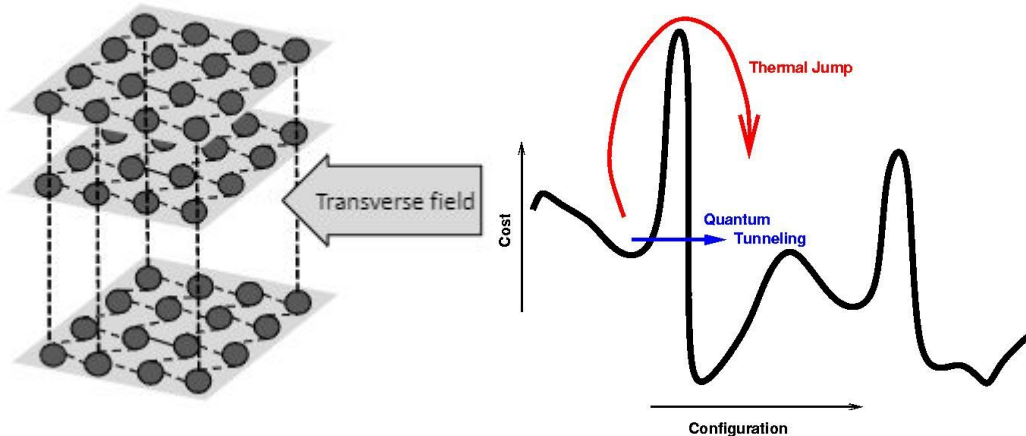
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- **Introduction**
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Introduction - Simulated Quantum Annealing

- Solving combinatorial optimization problem
- Good for the problem with high and thin wall
 - Tunneling
- As the number of spins increased, the elapsed time grows dramatically.
 - Time Complexity : $O(TSS)$



Analogy of quantum annealing

Introduction - Target Platform and Our Goal

- Target Platform
 - PYNQ-Z2
- Reproduce this paper with Xilinx HLS. We will also modify the design according to our environment.

Highly-Parallel FPGA Accelerator for Simulated Quantum Annealing

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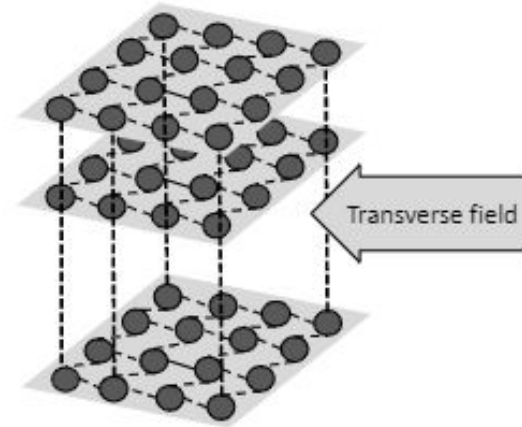
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Analysis - Pseudocode of Naive Implementation

```
For t in 1 ~ #T: # for each trotter slice (solution)
  For i in 1 ~ #S: # calculate  $\Delta H$  for each spin
     $\Delta H = h[i]$ 
    For j in 1 ~ #S:
       $\Delta H = \Delta H + J_{\text{coup}}[i, j] \times \text{trotters}[t, j]$ 
     $\Delta H = \Delta H - J_{\text{perp}} \times \#T \times (\text{trotters}[t-1, i] + \text{trotters}[t+1, i])$ 
     $\Delta H = \Delta H \times 2 \times \text{trotters}[t, i]$ 

    # flip with probability
    if  $e^{(-\text{Beta} \times \Delta H)} > \text{randomNumber}$ :
       $\text{trotters}[t, i] = -\text{trotters}[t, i]$ 
```

The energy cost of each trotter slice (our final solution) will gradually decrease during the annealing process.



Time Complexity: $O(T \times S \times S)$

Analysis - Memory Size of J Coupling

The space complexity of the **J coupling** is **$O(N \times N)$**

- $1024 \times 1024 \times 4 \text{ Bytes} = \mathbf{4 \text{ MB}}$

The on-chip block ram that PYNQ-Z2 has is only about 0.6152 MB

- $280 \times 18 \times 1024 \text{ Bits} \approx \mathbf{0.6152 \text{ MB}}$

...

```
For i in 1 ~ #S: # calculate ΔH for each spin
    ΔH = h[i]
    For j in 1 ~ #S:
        ΔH = ΔH + Jcoup[i, j] × trotters[t, j]
```

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Analysis - Access Pattern of J Coupling

Naive implementation reads the full J coupling ($\#T \times \#S$) times.

For *i-th Spin* in different trotters, they use the same J coupling array.

- Reuse of ***Jcoup[i]*** between different trotters is possible.

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The order of the trotter won't affect the selection of J coupling.

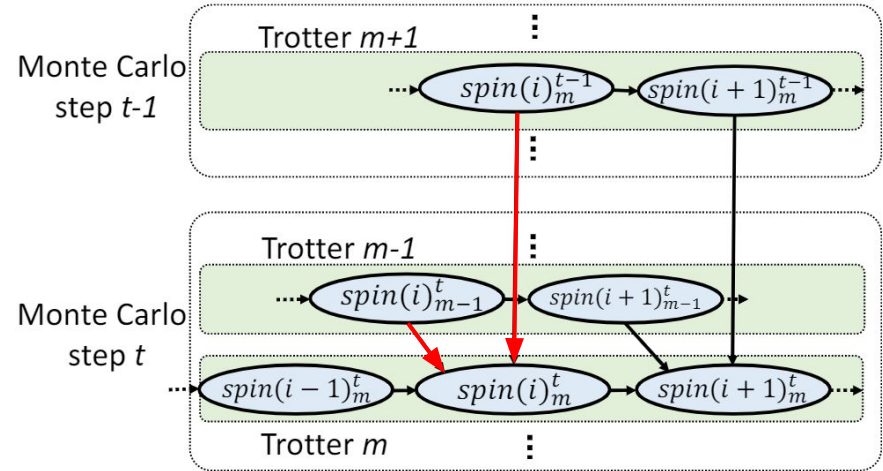
Analysis - Data Dependency (Finding Parallelism)

The **update of Spin(m, i) at Iteration(t)** relies on

- Intra-Trotter Spins (Summation)
- Spin(m, 1 ~ i-1) at Iteration(t)
- Spin(m, i+1 ~ N) at Iteration(t-1)
- Inter-Trotter Spins (Tunneling)
- Spin(m-1, i) at Iteration(t)
- Spin(m+1, i) at Iteration(t-1)

Also, there exists the **sequential order**

- Which trotter update first
- Which spin update first



Analysis - Random Number

- HLS doesn't support the standard C++ library of the random number generator.
- Need lots of it ($\text{\#Iter} \times \text{\#T} \times \text{\#S}$)
- Two possible solutions :
 - Implement pseudo random number generator in HLS
 - Which PRNG is most suitable ?
 - Generate the random number in the host then send to the kernel.
 - I/O Latency is a problem.

Analysis - Simple Summary

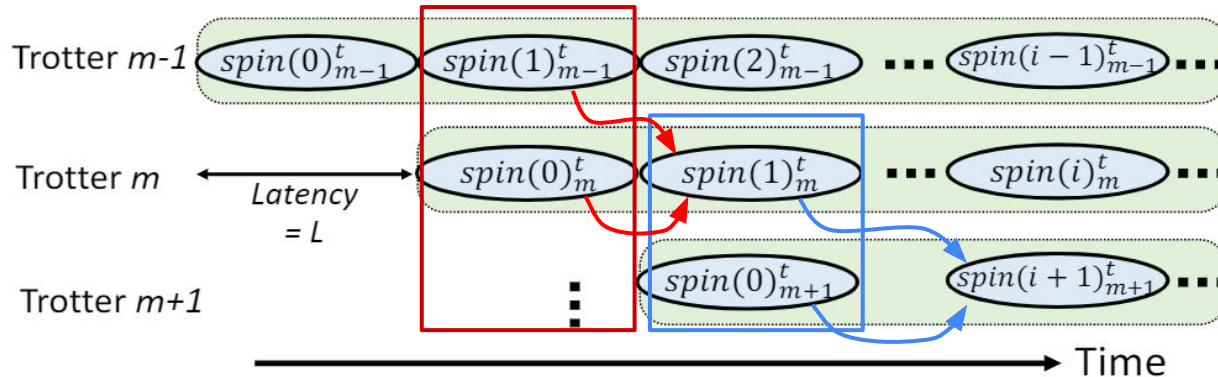
- Reduce the utilization of the on-chip memory for J coupling
- Design interface for J coupling to exploit its access pattern
- Exploit inter-trotter parallelism
- Exploit intra-trotter parallelism
- Generate random number

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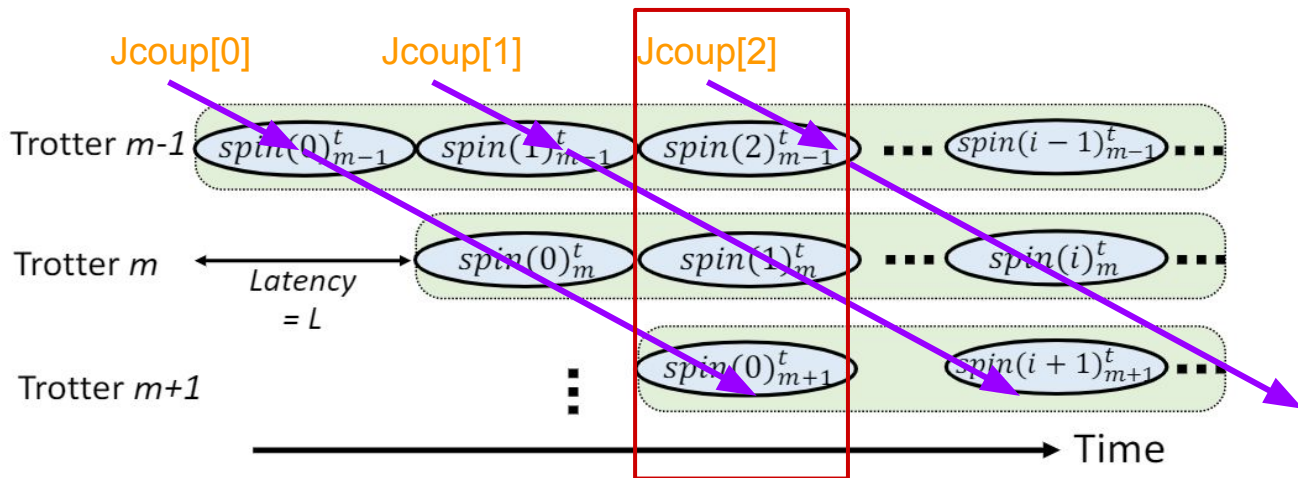
Implementation - Proposed Architecture (Trotter Unit)

- Each Trotter Unit processes the spins in the one trotter in sequential order.
 - Hold the intra-trotter dependencies.
- Each Trotter Unit starts with different initial latency to avoid the data dependency between trotters.
 - Hold the inter-trotter dependencies and exploit the inter-trotter parallelism.



Implementation - Interface and J coupling

- Reuse of **Jcoup[i]** between different trotters is possible.
- Using **hls::stream** to read the **Jcoup** in sequential order and cache it.
- Moving the cache between trotters.



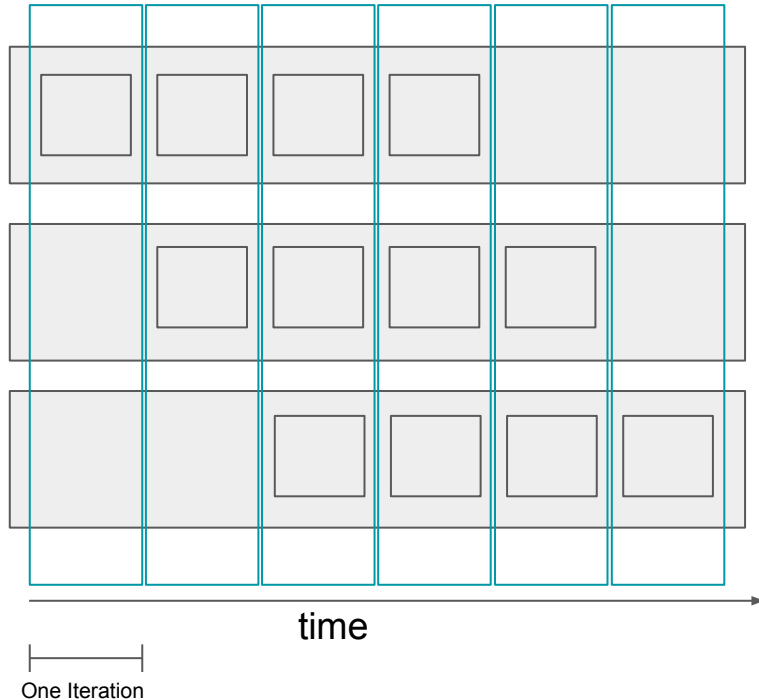
Implementation - Inter-Trotter Parallelism

- All the units can perform in parallel, but hard to express in sequential code.
- Explicitly control the steps and make the inner-most loop of trotters to unroll.

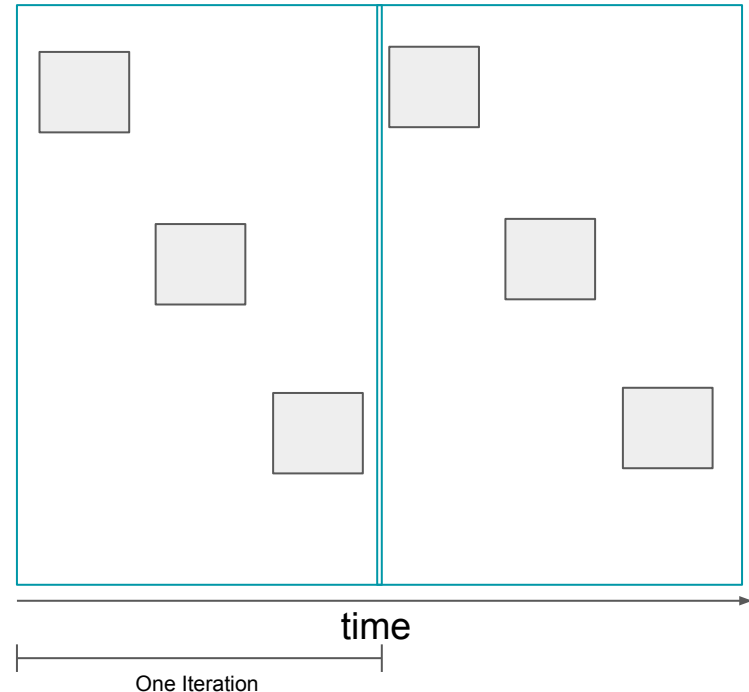
```
For  $i$  in  $1 \sim (\#S + \#T - 1)$  : // Total number of stages
    UpdateInputStates(inputStates[1~ $t$ ]);
    For  $j$  in  $1 \sim (\#S)$  : // Each stage needs  $\#S$  steps
        For  $t$  in  $1 \sim (\#T)$  : // Unroll this loop
            if (  $i \geq t$  ) : // Initial latency
                TrotterUnit( $t$ , inputStates[ $t$ ], ... );
```

Implementation - Inter-Trotter Parallelism (Cont.)

- What we expect (Overlap)

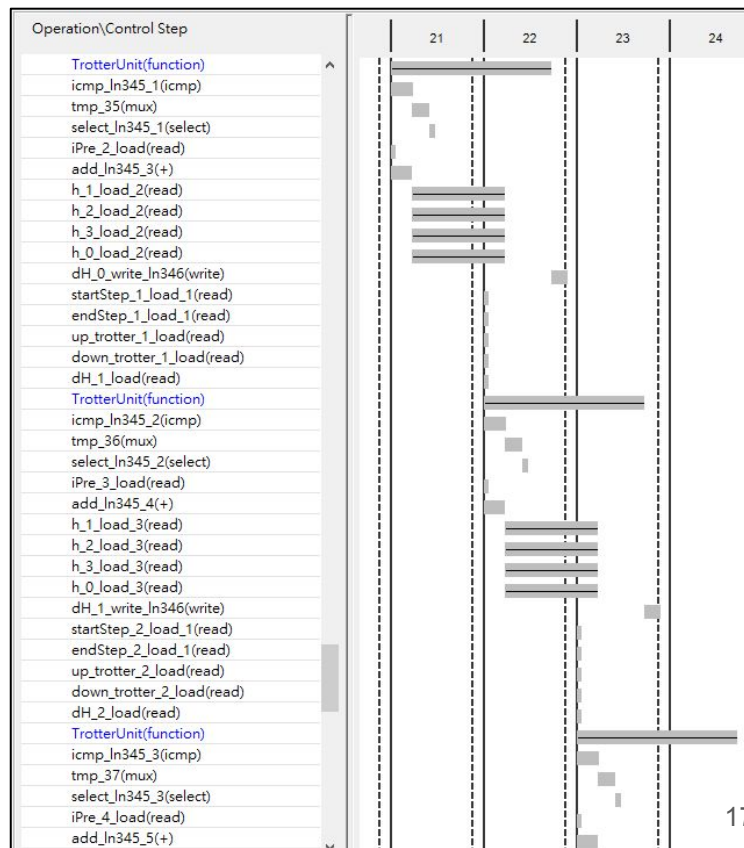


- What we get (Sequential)



Implementation - Inter-Trotter Parallelism (Cont.)

- Use pragma to eliminate most of inter-trotter dependency.
 - #pragma HLS DEPENDENCE
 - #pragma HLS ARRAY_PARTITION
- Use explicit unrolling by meta-programming.
 - #pragma HLS UNROLL doesn't work.
- Make sure all the parameters to the trotter units are independent.
 - How to pass **Spin(m-1, i)** and **Spin(m+1, i)** ?
 - **Independent Input State.**



Implementation - Inter-Trotter Parallelism (Cont.)

```

fp_t hNext_0 = (iPre[0] != nSpin - 1) ? h[iPre[0] + 1] : 0.0f;
TrotterUnit<0>(nTrot, nSpin, ctrlStep, iPre[0], j, startStep[0],
               endStep[0], trotters[0], up_trotter[0], down_trotter[0],
               dH[0], hNext_0, Beta, dHTunnel, logRandNumber[0],
               JcoupLocal[0]);

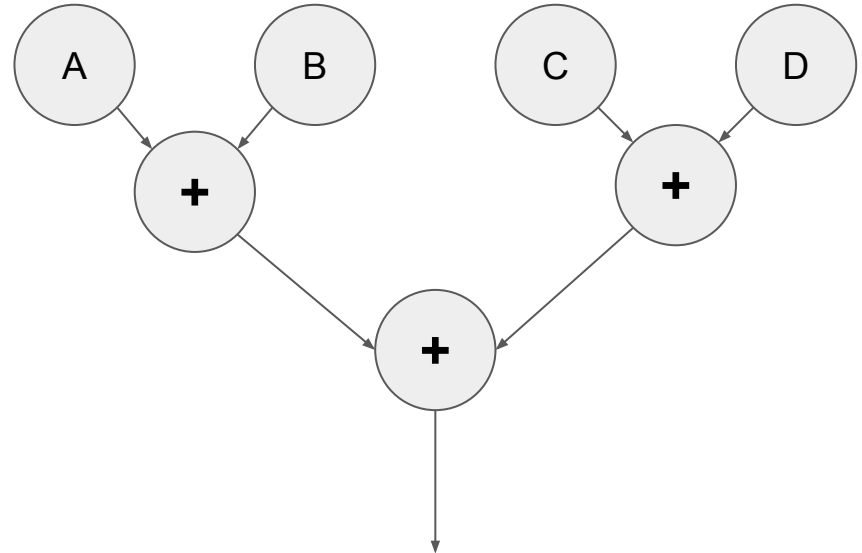
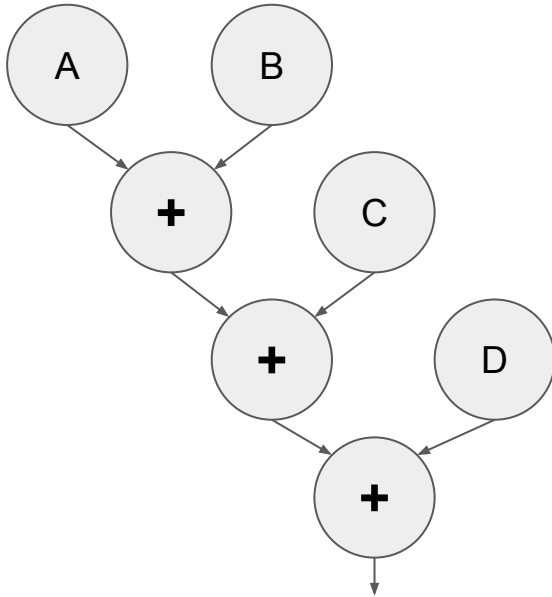
fp_t hNext_1 = (iPre[1] != nSpin - 1) ? h[iPre[1] + 1] : 0.0f;
TrotterUnit<1>(nTrot, nSpin, ctrlStep, iPre[1], j, startStep[1],
               endStep[1], trotters[1], up_trotter[1], down_trotter[1],
               dH[1], hNext_1, Beta, dHTunnel, logRandNumber[1],
               JcoupLocal[1]);

fp_t hNext_2 = (iPre[2] != nSpin - 1) ? h[iPre[2] + 1] : 0.0f;
TrotterUnit<2>(nTrot, nSpin, ctrlStep, iPre[2], j, startStep[2],
               endStep[2], trotters[2], up_trotter[2], down_trotter[2],
               dH[2], hNext_2, Beta, dHTunnel, logRandNumber[2],
               JcoupLocal[2]);
    
```



Implementation - Intra-Trotter Parallelism

- Gathering multiple steps in one stage.
- Reduction with binary-tree form
- Consume resources a lot.



Implementation - PRNG

- After on-board testing, we find out that the transmission of random numbers from the host to the device dominates the execution time.
- To reduce the overhead, we implement a simple PRNG in HLS.
 - Reference : [UNIFORM - A Uniform Random Generator](#)
- The **natural log** operation harms the performance and the resource usage a lot but it is still worth to implement a PRNG inside.
 - Especially the DSP48E usage.

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Comparison - Interface and Memory Usage

```
=====
== Utilization Estimates
=====
* Summary:
```

Name	BRAM_18K	DSP48E	FF	LUT	URAM
DSP	-	-	-	-	-
Expression	-	-	-	-	-
FIFO	-	-	-	-	-
Instance	2070	7	1896	3387	-
Memory	-	-	-	-	-
Multiplexer	-	-	-	15	-
Register	-	-	131	-	-
Total	2070	7	2027	3402	0
Available	280	220	106400	53200	0
Utilization (%)	739	3	1	6	0

Using s_axilite for J coupling
(Basic)

```
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== Utilization Estimates
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* Summary:
```

Name	BRAM_18K	DSP48E	FF	LUT	URAM
DSP	-	-	-	-	-
Expression	-	27	0	1983	-
FIFO	-	-	-	-	-
Instance	40	31	5815	10731	-
Memory	8	-	0	0	0
Multiplexer	-	-	-	959	-
Register	-	-	1942	-	-
Total	48	58	7757	13673	0
Available	280	220	106400	53200	0
Utilization (%)	17	26	7	25	0

Using axis for J coupling
(Optimization 1)

Comparison - Latency - Inter-Trotter Parallelism

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:
```

Latency (cycles)		Latency (absolute)		Interval		Pipeline
min	max	min	max	min	max	Type
40	58884123	0.400 us	0.589 sec	40	58884123	none

Basic

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:
```

Latency (cycles)		Latency (absolute)		Interval		Pipeline
min	max	min	max	min	max	Type
20	40118282	0.200 us	0.401 sec	20	40118282	none

Optimization 1

Comparison - Latency - Intra-Trotter Parallelism

- 16 Operations Once
- Get 5.73x Boost Up

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Latency (cycles) | Latency (absolute) | Interval | Pipeline |
| min | max | min | max | min | max | Type |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      20 | 40118282 | 0.200 us | 0.401 sec | 20 | 40118282 | none |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

Optimization 1

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+ Latency:
* Summary:
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| Latency (cycles) | Latency (absolute) | Interval | Pipeline |
| min | max | min | max | min | max | Type |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      39 | 6994314 | 0.390 us | 69.943 ms | 39 | 6994314 | none |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

Optimization 2 **5.73x**

Comparison - Latency - Trotter Size

- $O(\#T \times \#S \times \#S)$ vs $O((\#S + \#T) \times \#S)$
- As the $\#T$ grows, the time needed for naive implementation will grow a lot.

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:                                     #T = 8
```

Latency (cycles)		Latency (absolute)		Interval		Pipeline
min	max	min	max	min	max	Type
40	58884123	0.400 us	0.589 sec	40	58884123	none

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:                                     #T = 16
```

Latency (cycles)		Latency (absolute)		Interval		Pipeline
min	max	min	max	min	max	Type
40	117768235	0.400 us	1.178 sec	40	117768235	none

Naive

2x

Comparison - Latency - Trotter Size (Cont.)

- The main overhead comes from the memory movement of J coupling between trotter units. (There exists some problem for circular buffer)

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:                                     #T = 8
```

Latency (cycles)		Latency (absolute)		Interval		Pipeline
min	max	min	max	min	max	Type
39	6994314	0.390 us	69.943 ms	39	6994314	none

```
+ Latency:
* Summary:                                     #T = 16
```

Latency (cycles)		Latency (absolute)		Interval		Pipeline
min	max	min	max	min	max	Type
47	8112522	0.470 us	81.125 ms	47	8112522	none

Optimization 2

1.16x

Comparison - Area - Intra-Trotter Parallelism

* Summary:

Name	BRAM_18K	DSP48E	FF	LUT	URAM
DSP	-	-	-	-	-
Expression	-	27	0	1983	-
FIFO	-	-	-	-	-
Instance	40	31	5815	10731	-
Memory	8	-	0	0	0
Multiplexer	-	-	-	959	-
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Total	48	58	7757	13673	0
Available	280	220	106400	53200	0
Utilization (%)	17	26	7	25	0

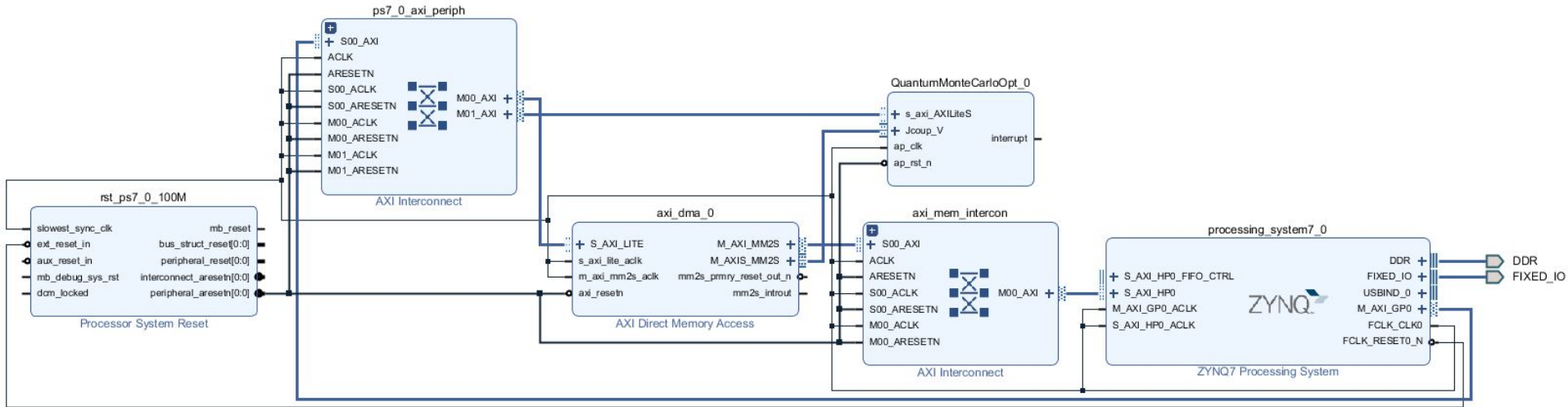
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* Summary:

Name	BRAM_18K	DSP48E	FF	LUT	URAM
DSP	-	-	-	-	-
Expression	-	27	0	2538	-
FIFO	-	-	-	-	-
Instance	40	59	14831	31315	-
Memory	16	-	0	0	0
Multiplexer	-	-	-	2901	-
Register	-	-	5953	-	-
Total	56	86	20784	36754	0
Available	280	220	106400	53200	0
Utilization (%)	20	39	19	69	0

Optimization 2

On-Board - Block Diagram



On-Board - Validation

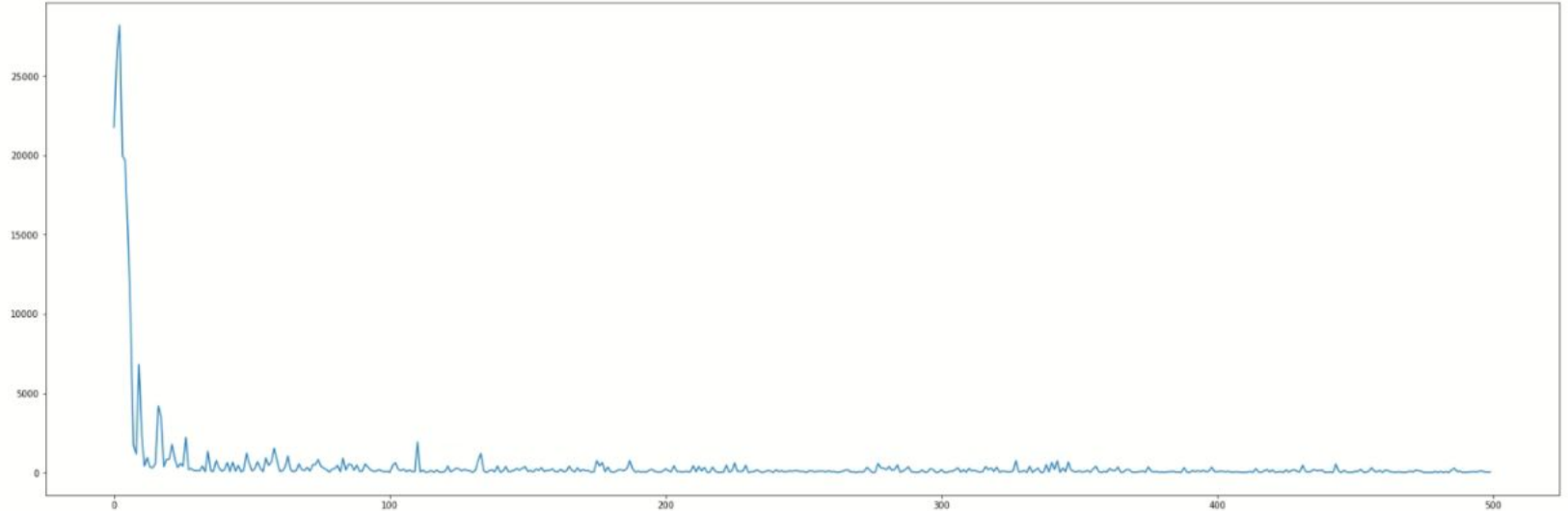
- Number Partition Problem
- The difference between the sum of the two sets is the minimal.

$$H = - \left(\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \sigma_i \right)^2 = - \sum_{i,j=1}^N n_i n_j \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

On-Board - Validation

```
In [66]: plt.figure(figsize=(30,10))  
plt.plot(sumEnergy)
```

```
Out[66]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0xaf2e0af0>]
```



```
In [67]: best
```

```
Out[67]: (345, 1, 511.4990234375, 511.5009765625, 3.814697265625e-06)
```

On-Board - Random Number from Host

- Most of time is spending on the input of the random numbers
 - Including generation and casting (float to bytes)
- Only **7%** is the execution time of the kernel.

```
Random Number Generate time: 4.06361222267 s
Passing Random Number time : 322.989094257 s
Kernel execution time      : 28.2271444798 s
Getting Trotters time     : 42.1241939068 s
```

```
# Write Random Nubmers
k = 0
for addr in range(0x4000, 0xC000, 0x04):
    ipSQA.write(addr, float2bytes(rn[k]))
    k += 1
```

```
print("Kernel execution time: " + str(np.sum(timeList)) + " s")
100%|██████████| 500/500 [06:38<00:00, 1.26it/s]
Kernel execution time: 28.2303230762 s
```

On-Board - Random Number from PRNG

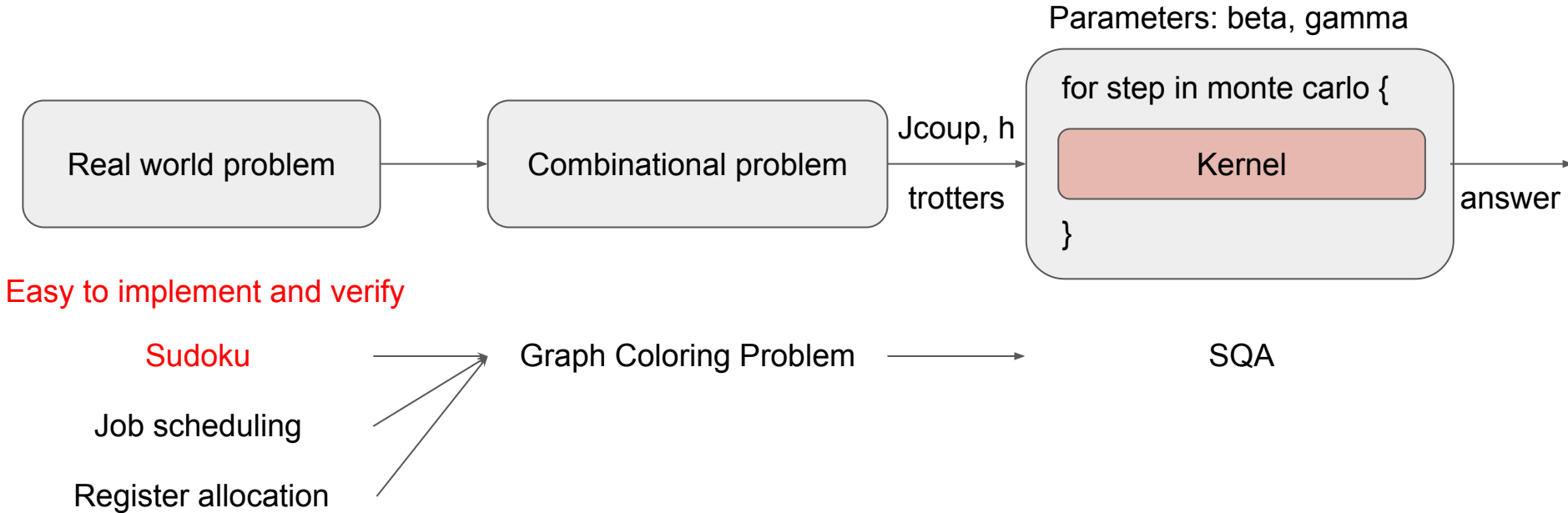
- The execution time of the kernel grow, but the total execution time decreased.
- The tested version contains more overhead than the previous one
 - Boundary Check (a.k.a. Branch Divergence)
 - Pseudo Random Number Generator
 - **Natural Log**
- Same problem size, **0.68 speedup** of kernel but **4.68 speedup** of the overall process.
- Harm the kernel but good for the whole system.

```
print("Kernel execution time: " + str(np.sum(timeList)) + " s")  
100%|██████████| 500/500 [01:25<00:00, 5.83it/s]  
Kernel execution time: 41.455773592 s
```


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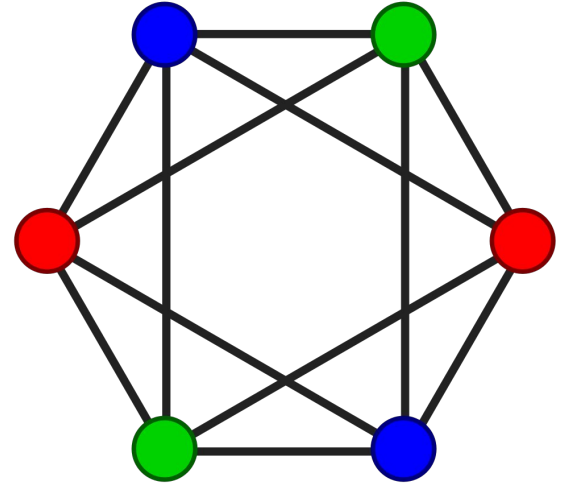
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Guideline of mapping real world problem



Graph coloring problem

- Given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, and a set of n colors, is it possible to color each vertex in the graph with a specific color, such that no edge connects two vertices of the same color?
- NP-complete problem



Mathematical formulation of graph coloring problem

$x_{v,i} = 1$: **vertex v is color i**


$x_{v,i} = 0$: **vertex v is not color i**

$$H = A \sum_v \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{v,i} \right)^2 + A \sum_{(uv) \in E} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{u,i} x_{v,i}.$$

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for all color

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for all color

Each vertex has only one color

Energy penalty: each time an edge connects two vertices of the same color

Minimize H to 0

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Transform to Ising Hamiltonian

Problem definition

$$H(s_1, \dots, s_n) = - \sum_{i=1}^n h_i s_i - \sum_{i,j=1}^n J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

Find best combination of s (trotter) to minimize H

Trotter slice

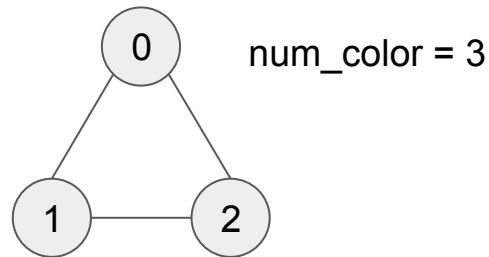
0 1 2 ← color

0	?	?	?
1	?	?	?
2	?	?	?
3	?	?	?

vertex

Example

$$H = A \sum_v \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{v,i} \right)^2 + A \sum_{(uv) \in E} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{u,i} x_{v,i}$$



Trotter slice

	0	1	2 ← color
0	S0	S1	S2
1	S3	S4	S5
2	S6	S7	S8

↑
vertex

Jcoup (9x9) (relation between spin)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	0	-0.25	-0.25	-0.125	0	0	-0.125	-0	-0
1	-0.25	0	-0.25	0	-0.125	0	0	-0.125	0

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H (1x9) (constant energy for each spin)

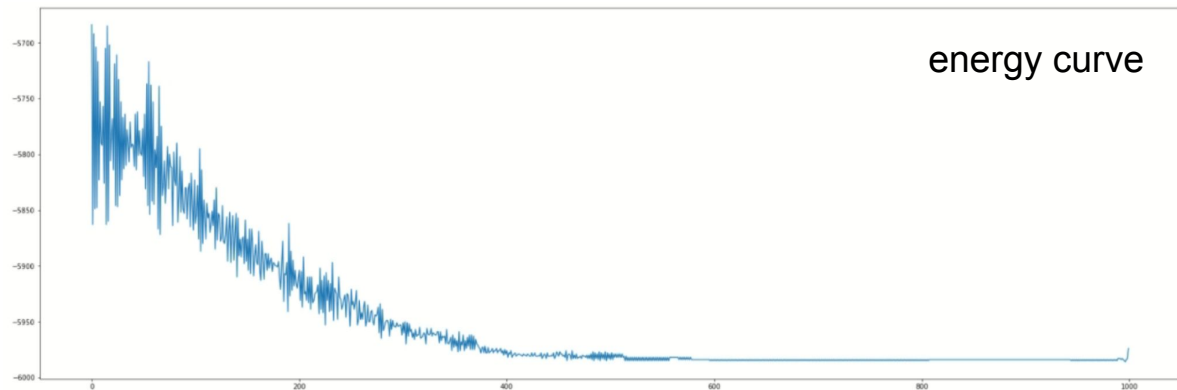
0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
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From sudoku to graph coloring

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

- **81 vertices**
- **9 colors**
- Two distinct vertices will be adjacent if and only if the corresponding cells in the grid are either in
 - **same row**
 - **same column**
 - **same sub-grid**
- Parameters of SQA
 - 1 trotter slice = 81 (vertices) x 9 (color)
 - 729 spins
 - Jcoup (729 x 729)
 - h (1 x 729)
 - beta
 - gamma

Result



We solve the 9x9 sudoku problem from 5 empties to 25 empties

1	6(V)	8	3	5	2	7	9	4
7	4	9	1	6	8	3	2	5
3	5	2	7	4(V)	9(V)	1	8	6
9	7	6	8	1	5	2	4	3
8	1	5	2	3	4	9	6	7
2	3(V)	4	9(V)	7	6	8	5	1
6	9	1	5	8	3	4	7	2
5	8	3	4	2	7	6	1	9
4	2	7	6	9	1	5	3	8

100%|██████████| 1000/1000 [02:15<00:00, 7.32it/s]

Kernel execution time: 52.1875731945 s

5 empties example using 1000 iteration

of trotter: 2

of spins: 729

maxBeta = 1 / 0.15

minBeta = 1 / 0.4

Gamma = 0.0001

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Conclusion

- We reproduce the paper [1] in a more general form with HLS.
 - Design a suitable interface in HLS
 - Exploit Parallelism of Inter-Trotters
 - Exploit Parallelism of Intra-Trotters
 - About 6x speedup than naive implementation
- According to the on-board testing, we modify our design, add PRNG into our own HLS implementation to reduce the I/O latency and overall processing time of the whole system.
- Provide a simple guideline about mapping the real world problem to the quantum annealer, and take sudoku as a example.

Future Work

- Improve the I/O latency
 - Reading trotters from the device after every iteration is time-consuming.
- Integrate multiple iteration.
 - Eliminate the restart gap.
- Develop an efficient way to move the cache of J coupling.
 - Be careful about how the compiler handle the data dependencies.

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