

Anuj Apte

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Education

University of Chicago

Ph.D. in Physics

Research: Deep Learning, AI for Science

Chicago, IL

2022–June 2025

University of Chicago

M.S. in Physics

Relevant Coursework: ML for Molecular Modelling · Differential Geometry · Topology

Chicago, IL

2020–2022

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S. in Physics & Philosophy

Cambridge, MA

2016–2020

Skills

Languages: Python, C++, CUDA

Libraries: JAX, PyTorch

Tools: Git, Slurm, AWS EC2

Work Experience

Department of Physics, University of Chicago

Graduate Research Fellow

Chicago, IL

07/2020–Current

- Developed Equivariant Convolutional Neural Networks using JAX, leading to state of the art performance for lattice quantum systems.
- Used Optax to train these models, leveraging Slurm for managing the runs on Midway supercomputer.
- Applied transfer learning to compute the phase diagram, showing for the very first time showed that critical exponents can be calculated to high accuracy.

Applied Research, JP Morgan Chase

Summer Research Associate

New York, NY

06/2024–09/2024

- Devised novel quantum algorithms for solving complex combinatorial optimization problems, using Chebyshev interpolation to achieve better performance in fewer circuit evaluations.
- Conducted large-scale parallelized GPU simulations of quantum algorithms on EC2 servers, optimizing resource allocation.

IBM Corporation

Research Intern

Yorktown Heights, NY

05/2023–08/2023

- Developed a deterministic technique for mitigation of measurement errors, leading to 10x reduction in measurement errors.
- Implemented Python code focusing on performance optimization and scalability to hundreds of qubits.
- Demonstrated the use of this method on the largest 433 qubit 'Osprey' quantum processor.

Xanadu Quantum Technologies

Research Resident

Toronto, ON

05/2022–08/2022

- Designed algorithm for faster simulations of Gaussian photonic circuits, achieving a quadratic speedup over state of the art.
- Wrote python software package implementing this algorithm while ensuring end-to-end differentiability.
- Achieved 100x speedup in the circuit simulation for GKP qubit preparation.

Honors and Awards

2022: Nambu Fellowship, Highest-rated Ph.D. applicant, University of Chicago

2020: Phi Beta Kappa, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2015: Gold Medal, Asian Physics Olympiad, Hangzhou, China

2015: Silver Medal, International Physics Olympiad, Mumbai, India

Selected Publications

- [1] **Apte, A.**, Ashmore, A., Cordova, C., Huang, T.-C., “Deep learning lattice gauge theories”. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.14830* (2024).
- [2] **Apte, A.**, Córdoba, C., Lam, H. T., “Obstructions to gapped phases from noninvertible symmetries”. In: *Physical Review B* (2023).
- [3] De Prins, R., Yao, Y., **Apte, A.**, Miatto, F. M., “A Quadratic Speedup in the Optimization of Noisy Quantum Optical Circuits”. In: *Quantum* (2023).
- [4] Liu, M., Liu, J., Liu, R., Makhanov, H., Lykov, D., **Apte, A.**, Alexeev, Y., “Embedding learning in hybrid quantum-classical neural networks”. In: *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering (QCE)*. 2022.
- [5] Hughes, S. A., **Apte, A.**, Khanna, G., Lim, H., “Learning about black hole binaries from their ringdown spectra”. In: *Physical Review Letters* (2019).