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Quantum Security Course - Paper Presentation

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Innovative Optical and Wireless Network

Innovative Optical and Wireless Network consists in the next-generation network and computing infrastructure concept

This will require a new computing infrastructure to support **Digital Twin Computing**, which requires processing huge amounts of data at unprecedented speeds





Current State of Quantum Computing

Quantum computers use *qubits* to solve complex problems **faster**, created with methods like **superconductivity**, **photons** and **ion trapping**.

Ising machines solve optimization problems using the Ising model and are already commercialized, though they have fewer applications.

Qubit computers have more potential, but Ising machines are more practical.





NTT's Research Focus Areas

NTT is developing Ising machines, NISQ computers, and working toward fault-tolerant quantum computers (FTQCs).

The LASOLV™ Ising machine uses light for operations, with ongoing research into quantum computing hardware like optical and superconducting systems.

NTT is bridging the gap to FTQCs by researching "early-FTQC" technology, aiming to create practical computing infrastructure.





Challenges in Quantum Computing System Architecture

Challenge 1: Difficulty in Application Development

Processing general problems with quantum computers requires complex algorithms to translate them into a form compatible with quantum systems.

Challenge (1)

- Application development for quantum computers is difficult.
- To be able to process problems in general form with quantum computers, it is necessary to use complex quantum algorithms to convert general form into a form suitable to quantum computers.





Challenge 2: Limited Applicability

Quantum computers excel as accelerators for specific tasks but rely on seamless integration with classical systems to achieve their full potential. Designing hybrid systems that balance quantum and classical computing is key to maximizing efficiency and functionality

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Challenge 3: Scalability Issues

To achieve useful quantum computation, increased scalability is essential. The current quantum computing hardware is still lacking the number of qubits required for meaningful operations, and the qubits that are available are highly susceptible to noise. Additional qubits are needed to reliable enable correct errors and operations.

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Challenge (3)

 To execute useful operations on quantum computers, it is necessary to improve scalability by increasing the size of qubits and enhancing noise immunity.

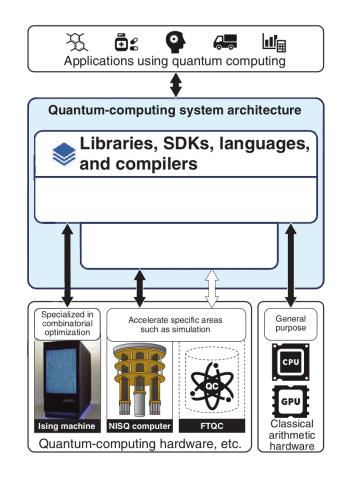




NTT's Approach to Address Challenges

Addressing Challenge 1

We're abstracting quantum hardware with libraries and SDKs to simplify development, enabling optimized processing across quantum and classical resources through instruction sets and compilers.

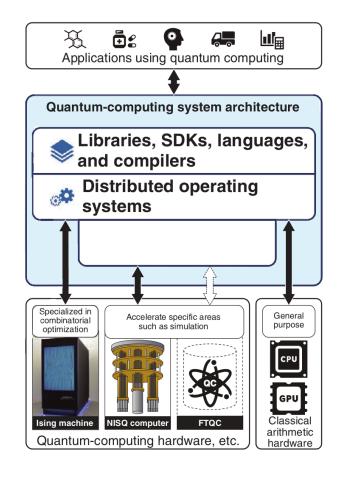






Addressing Challenge 2

Integrating quantum and classical hardware is key. Quantum computers accelerate specific tasks, while classical computers offer versatility. Optimized distribution boosts computing power.

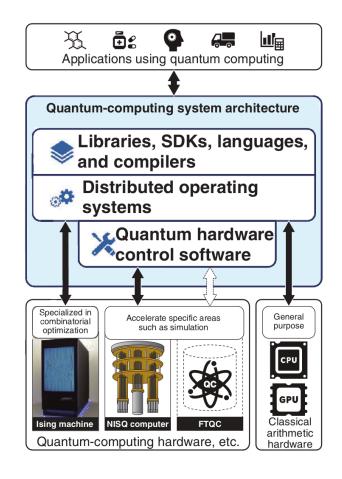






Addressing Challenge 3

Enhancing quantum hardware utility through software by integrating high-precision, high-speed, compact technologies with advanced error-suppression and correction methods.

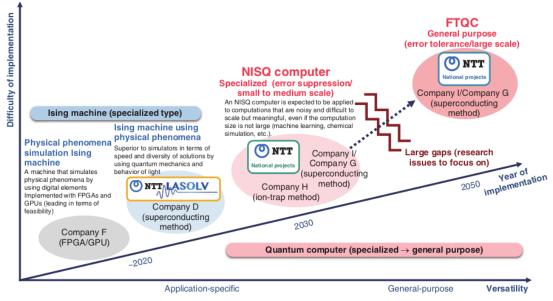






Future Prospects and Conclusion

Quantum computers offer ultra-fast solutions to problems beyond classical limits. NTT is developing architectures from Ising machines to NISQ computers and FTQCs.



FPGA: field-programmable gate array GPU: graphics processing unit





Questions?



