Qui Loc PHAN

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Education

Dauphine - PSL & Mines Paris - PSL (co-accreditation) **2023 – 2025**
Master of Computer Science, ***Top 30% in 1st year*** *Paris, France*
- Awarded Excellence Scholarship from partner institution ENS Paris-Saclay (1st year) and ENS Paris (2nd year)

Ho Chi Minh University of Education **2019 – 2023**
Honours Bachelor of Mathematics, ***Valedictorian*** *Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam*
- Awarded Merit Scholarship of university for 4 consecutive years

Experience

Dassault Systèmes **Mar 2025 – Sep 2025**
Research Intern (Thiago Milanetto Schlittler and Prof. Roland Grappe) *Vélizy-Villacoublay, France*
- Study variational and annealing algorithms on quantum computers for combinatorial optimization and machine learning
- Explore their current challenges and develop these methods, compare them to classical solvers and different hardwares

LAMSADE, Dauphine - PSL **Mar 2025 – Jun 2025**
Research Student *Paris, France*
- Thoroughly study the connection of operations research and AI challenges, make minor scientific contribution
- Research Project 1 (5 ECTS): Explainable AI with new methods (Prof. Alexis Tsoukias)
- Research Project 2 (5 ECTS): Graph-based energy minimization methods in computer vision (Prof. Angelo Fanelli)

UMA, ENSTA Paris - IPParis **May 2024 – Aug 2024**
Research Intern (Prof. Andrea Simonetto and Prof. Sourour Elloumi) *Palaiseau, France*
- Study constructing ansatz for variational quantum algorithms, by modeling as vehicle routing and MILP formulation
- Create ansatz for encoding HOBO problems into gate-based quantum computers with efficient number of CNOT gates

QUACS, INRIA Saclay **Feb 2024 – Apr 2024**
Research Student *Palaiseau, France*
- Thoroughly study the connection of operations research and quantum computing, make minor scientific contribution
- Research Project (5 ECTS): Quantum Markov process for decision-making problems

Algebra Group of Research, HCMUE **10 months**
Research Intern *Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam*
- Study fundamental aspects of combinatorics and abstract algebra, model and address combinatorial problems
- Design or develop, and evaluate algebraic algorithms both in theory and practice mathematically

Project

Quantum Machine Learning **2024**
- Implement Variational Quantum Eigensolver, evaluate performance with different optimizers and hyperparameters
- Build Variational Quantum Classifier for IBM-birds dataset, evaluate on different types of hardware-efficient ansatz

Deep Learning in Computer Vision **2024**
- Build and deepen network with more layers and variational SGDs, reach accuracy 97% from 92% on MINIST dataset
- Build VAE (without and with CNN) and GAN to generate images, evaluate performance with different hyperparameters

Quantum Combinatorial Optimization **2023**
- Code end-to-end variant QAOA algorithms for QUBO, test performance with different number of layers and parameters
- Study different optimizations (Derivative-free and Evolutionary) on cost function and test on various QUBO problems

Technical Skill

Language: Vietnamese (Native), English (C1), French (currently study B1)
Programming Language: Python (2 years), C++ (2 years), Matlab (2 years)
Quantum Frameworks: Qiskit, Cirq **Solver**: GLPK, CPLEX, Gurobi

Achievement (from 2019)

- Full travel grant to European Quantum Technology Summer School 2024, by European Center for Quantum Sciences
- Mathematics: 1 silver medal + 1 bronze medal in national competitions, 2 gold medals in regional competitions
- Informatics: top 3%/2000 in Quantum IBM Challenge, 1 bronze medal in regional competition
- Research: 2 silver medals + best thesis award in university contests, 2 poster presentations at international workshops

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