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Profile

PhD candidate in computer science, expecting to graduate in May 2020. My research focusses around the intersection between (hyper)graph problems, optimization, machine learning, quantum and high-performance computing. I have extensive experience designing and implementing hybrid quantum-classical algorithms, with particular interest in variational and decomposition-based approaches (including multilevel).

Peer-reviewed Publications

Sami Khairy, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Lukasz Cincio, Yuri Alexeev, Prasanna Balaprakash. Learning to Optimize Variational Quantum Circuits to Solve Combinatorial Problems. In *Proceedings of Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-20) (to appear)*, 2020. **Acceptance rate: 20.6%**

Sami Khairy, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Lukasz Cincio, Yuri Alexeev, Prasanna Balaprakash. Reinforcement-Learning-Based Variational Quantum Circuits Optimization for Combinatorial Problems. In *Proceedings of the Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences workshop at Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2019) (to appear)*, 2019. Preprint: [arXiv:1911.04574](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.04574)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Yuri Alexeev. Evaluating Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm: A Case Study. In *Proceedings of the 2nd International Workshop on Quantum Computing for Sustainable Computing (QCSC 2019) (in conjunction with 10th International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC 2019))*, 2019. Preprint: [arXiv:1910.04881](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.04881)

Sami Khairy, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Lukasz Cincio, Yuri Alexeev, Prasanna Balaprakash. Reinforcement Learning for Quantum Approximate Optimization. *Research Poster, Supercomputing '19*, 2019 ([available in Proceedings](#))

Ruslan Shaydulin, Ilya Safro, and Jeffrey Larson. Multistart Methods for Quantum Approximate Optimization. In *Proceedings of 2019 IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference (HPEC)*, 2019. **Best Student Paper** (of ~50 student papers). Preprint: [arXiv:1905.08768](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.08768)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Hayato Ushijima-Mwesigwa, Christian F.A. Negre, Ilya Safro, Susan M Mniszewski, and Yuri Alexeev. A Hybrid Approach for Solving Optimization Problems on Small Quantum Computers. *Computer*, 52(6):18-26, 2019. **Cover Feature**. DOI: [10.1109/MC.2019.2908942](https://doi.org/10.1109/MC.2019.2908942)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Hayato Ushijima-Mwesigwa, Ilya Safro, Susan Mniszewski, and Yuri Alexeev. Network Community Detection on Small Quantum Computers. *Advanced Quantum Technologies*, 2(9):1900029, 2019. DOI: [10.1002/qute.201900029](https://doi.org/10.1002/qute.201900029)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Hayato Ushijima-Mwesigwa, Ilya Safro, Susan Mniszewski, and Yuri Alexeev. Community Detection Across Emerging Quantum Architectures. In *Proceedings of the 3rd International Workshop on Post Moore's Era Supercomputing (in conjunction with Supercomputing '18)*, 12-14, 2018. Preprint [arXiv:1810.07765](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.07765)

Ruslan Shaydulin and Ilya Safro. Aggregative Coarsening for Multilevel Hypergraph Partitioning. In *Proceedings of 17th International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms (SEA 2018)*, 103:2:1-2:15, 2018. DOI: [10.4230/LIPIcs.SEA.2018.2](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.SEA.2018.2)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Jie Chen, and Ilya Safro. Relaxation-Based Coarsening for Multilevel Hypergraph Partitioning. *Multiscale Modeling & Simulation*, 17(1):482–506, 2019. DOI: [10.1137/17M1152735](https://doi.org/10.1137/17M1152735)

Online Preprints and In-Submission Works

Hayato Ushijima-Mwesigwa, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Christian F. A. Negre, Susan Mniszewski, Yuri Alexeev, Ilya Safro. Multilevel Combinatorial Optimization Across Quantum Architectures. *In submission*. Preprint: [arXiv:1910.09985](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.09985)

Zirou Qiu, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Xiaoyuan Liu, Yuri Alexeev, Christopher S. Henry, Ilya Safro. Network Alignment by Propagating Reliable Similarities. *In submission*. Preprint: [arXiv:1911.05486](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.05486)

Justin Sybrandt, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Ilya Safro. Hypergraph Partitioning With Embeddings. *In submission*. Preprint: [arXiv:1909.04016](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.04016)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Caleb Thomas, Paige Rodeghero. Making Quantum Computing Open: Lessons from Open-Source Projects. Preprint: [arXiv:1902.00991](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00991)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Justin Sybrandt. To Agile, or not to Agile: A Comparison of Software Development Methodologies. Preprint: [arXiv:1704.07469](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.07469)

Education

Clemson University, SC

Spring 2020 (expected)

PhD candidate in Computer Science, advisor: Ilya Safro

Research in algorithms, high performance computing, big data analysis and quantum computing

Relevant coursework: Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Data Mining, Distributed & Cluster Computing, Parallel Architecture, Network Science

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

Summer 2016

Department of Control and Applied Math,

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Physics

Minor: Computer Science and Data Analysis

Work Experience

Research Aide, Argonne National Laboratory

Summer 2018, 2019

- Developed quantum-accelerated frameworks for network community detection and graph partitioning under the supervision of Yuri Alexeev
- Co-authored 6 papers on quantum optimization and machine learning (5 first author)
- Contributed to multiple proposals

Research Intern, Parallels LABs

Winter 2014 - Summer 2016

- Improved stability and security of SmartMail macOS email client by isolating potentially unstable parts as separate services
- Added features to UI of iQuickMark iOS app

Contributed Talks and Posters

- Information Science and Technology Institute Seminar** *Los Alamos National Laboratory* **Nov 26, 2019**
Gave talk "Practical Optimization on Near-term Quantum Computers"
- Supercomputing '19** *Denver, CO* **Nov 17-22, 2019**
Gave talk "Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithms for Graph Problems: Forging a Path to Near-Term Applications" at the [Clemson booth](#) and at the [SC Theater](#)
- Quantum Computing Seminar** *Oak Ridge National Laboratory* **Nov 4, 2019**
Gave talk "Practical Optimization on Near-term Quantum Computers"
- International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC 2019)** *Alexandria, VA* **Oct 22, 2019**
Presented poster "Reinforcement Learning for Quantum Approximate Optimization"
- Chicago Quantum Exchange Meeting** *University of Chicago* **June 12, 2019**
Presented poster "Practical Quantum Approximate Optimization"
- SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (CSE19)** *Spokane, WA* **Feb 25-28, 2019**
Presented poster "[Quantum Local Search for Graph Community Detection](#)"
- Quantum Computing Tutorial** *Argonne National Laboratory* **Dec 10-11, 2018**
Gave talk "[QAOA Algorithm Introduction](#)"
- Supercomputing '18** *Dallas, TX* **Jul 25-27, 2018**
Gave talk "Community Detection Across Emerging Quantum Architectures" at Clemson booth
- Quantum Computing Workshop** *Argonne National Laboratory* **Jul 25-27, 2018**
Presented preliminary results on "[Machine Learning on Near-Term Quantum Computers](#)"
- 32nd Clemson Mini-Conference on Discrete Mathematics and Algorithms** *Clemson University* **Nov 4, 2017**
Presented poster "Relaxation-Based Coarsening for Multilevel Hypergraph Partitioning"
- 58th Scientific Conference** *Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology* **Nov 23-28, 2015**
Gave talk "IPC (Inter-Process Communication) in OS X"

Leadership and Service

- Supercomputing '19** *Denver, CO* **Nov 17-22, 2019**
Student volunteer, run tutorials, technical program session and Birds-of-Feather
- SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP20)** *Seattle, WA* **Feb 12-15, 2020**
Led and co-organized a minitutorial "[Combinatorial Optimization on Quantum Computers](#)"
- SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP20)** *Seattle, WA* **Feb 12-15, 2020**
Co-organized a minisymposium "Recent Advances and Trends in Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithms"
- Quantum Computing Tutorial** *Argonne National Laboratory* **May 14, 2019**
Led and co-organized a [hands-on tutorial for Qiskit, a framework for quantum computing](#)

Mathematics Teacher, Summer School *Kostroma, Russia*
School administrator, organized extracurricular activities.

Summer 2014

Teaching

Network Science CPSC 8480 *Clemson University*

Fall 2018, 2019

Teaching Assistant responsible for grading and answering students' questions during office hours

Design and Analysis of Algorithms CPSC 8400 *Clemson University*

Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant responsible for grading and answering students' questions during office hours

Algorithms and Data Structures CPSC 2120 *Clemson University*

Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant responsible for running the lab section, grading and answering students' questions during office hours

Mathematics Teacher, Summer School *Kostroma, Russia*

Summer 2014

Created and taught a course on basics of graph theory, combinatorics and number theory to middle and high school students.

Languages and Technologies

C, Python

Prior experience: C++, MATLAB, Objective-C, Swift, Bash, IBM QISKit, Rigetti PyQuil

Limited prior experience: R, SQL, yacc, bison, AWS, Google Cloud Engine

Technologies and tools: Git, Xcode for iOS/OSX UI/Backend, TCP/IP, UNIX/Linux, MPI

Honors and Awards

- International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC 2019) student travel award, *recipient*
- Best Student Paper at IEEE HPEC 2019 (of ~50 student papers), *recipient*
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon CS Honor Society, *member*
- Supercomputing '19 Student Volunteer Travel award, *recipient*
- SIAM CSE '19 Broader Engagement Travel award, *recipient*
- Clemson CCIT Supercomputing '17, '18 and '19 travel award, *recipient*
- Clemson Graduate Travel Grant, Spring '19, *recipient*
- Moscow Institute of Physics and technology Abramov scholarship - Top 300 students in the university, based on high academic achievement, *recipient*