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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

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

Leadership and Service

Supercomputing '19 <i>Denver, CO</i>	Nov 17-22, 2019
Student volunteer, run tutorials, technical program session and Birds-of-Feather	
SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP20) <i>Seattle, WA</i>	Feb 12-15, 2020
Led and co-organized a minitutorial " Combinatorial Optimization on Quantum Computers "	
SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP20) <i>Seattle, WA</i>	Feb 12-15, 2020
Co-organized a minisymposium "Recent Advances and Trends in Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithms"	
Quantum Computing Tutorial <i>Argonne National Laboratory</i>	May 14, 2019
Led and co-organized a hands-on tutorial for Qiskit, a framework for quantum computing	
Mathematics Teacher, Summer School <i>Kostroma, Russia</i>	Summer 2014
School administrator, organized extracurricular activities.	

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*