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Profile

PhD researcher in computer science. My research focuses on applying quantum computers to problems in optimization and machine learning. I have extensive experience in all aspects of designing and implementing hybrid quantum-classical algorithms from theoretical analysis to error mitigation, with particular interest in practical aspects of applying variational and decomposition-based approaches.

Work Experience

Maria Goeppert Mayer fellow – Argonne Scholar, Argonne National Laboratory **Fall 2020 - Present**

- Working on quantum optimization and quantum machine learning with focus on DOE applications

Research Intern, IBM Research – Quantum **Summer 2020**

- Developed and implemented a novel approach for Clifford circuit optimization in collaboration with Sergey Bravyi, Dmitri Maslov and Shaohan Hu ([arXiv:2105.02291](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.02291))
- Selected as one of four interns to be [highlighted in a promotional video](#) on the basis of performance

Intern, Quantum Artificial Intelligence Lab (QuAIL) **Spring 2020**

NASA Ames Research Center (KBR)

- Developed novel analysis connecting the symmetries in problem instance structure to the performance of Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm in collaboration with Stuart Hadfield and Tad Hogg ([arXiv:2012.04713](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.04713))
- Performed extensive numerical simulations using HPC resources

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
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Education

Clemson University, SC **Summer 2020**

PhD in Computer Science, advisor: Ilya Safro

Master of Science in Computer Science en route to PhD

Fall 2019

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

Peer-reviewed Publications

Sergey Bravyi, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Shaohan Hu, Dmitri Maslov. Clifford Circuit Optimization with Templates and Symbolic Pauli Gates. *Quantum* 5, 580, 2021. DOI: [10.22331/q-2021-11-16-580](https://doi.org/10.22331/q-2021-11-16-580)

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Ruslan Shaydulin, Alexey Galda. Error Mitigation for Deep Quantum Optimization Circuits by Leveraging Problem Symmetries. 2021 *IEEE Intl. Conf. on Quantum Computing and Engineering (to appear)*, 2021. Preprint: [arXiv:2106.04410](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.04410)

Ruslan Shaydulin, Stefan M. Wild. Exploiting Symmetry Reduces the Cost of Training QAOA. *IEEE Transactions on Quantum Engineering*, 2021 DOI: [10.1109/TQE.2021.3066275](https://doi.org/10.1109/TQE.2021.3066275)

Zirou Qiu, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Xiaoyuan Liu, Yuri Alexeev, Christopher S. Henry, Ilya Safro. ELRUNA: Elimination Rule-based Network Alignment. *ACM Journal of Experimental Algorithmics*, 2021. DOI: [10.1145/3450703](https://doi.org/10.1145/3450703)

Hayato Ushijima-Mwesigwa, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Christian F. A. Negre, Susan Mniszewski, Yuri Alexeev, Ilya Safro. Multilevel Combinatorial Optimization Across Quantum Architectures. *ACM Transactions on Quantum Computing*, 2020. DOI: [10.1145/3425607](https://doi.org/10.1145/3425607)

Justin Sybrandt, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Ilya Safro. Hypergraph Partitioning With Embeddings. In *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*, 2020. DOI: [10.1109/TKDE.2020.3017120](https://doi.org/10.1109/TKDE.2020.3017120)

Zain Saleem, Kaiwen Gui, **Ruslan Shaydulin**, Martin Suchara. Comparing Constrained and Unconstrained Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithms. In *Proceedings of the 2nd International Workshop on Quantum Resource Estimation (QRE 2020) (co-located with International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA) 2020)*.

Ruslan Shaydulin, Caleb Thomas, Paige Rodeghero. Making Quantum Computing Open: Lessons from Open-Source Projects. In *Proceedings of First International Workshop on Quantum Software Engineering (Q-SE 2020) (co-located with ICSEW 2020)*. DOI: [10.1145/3387940.3391471](https://doi.org/10.1145/3387940.3391471)

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)*, 2020. Acceptance rate: 20.6%
DOI: [10.1609/aaai.v34i03.5616](https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v34i03.5616)

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)*, 2019. ([link](#))
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
DOI: [10.1109/IGSC48788.2019.8957201](https://doi.org/10.1109/IGSC48788.2019.8957201)

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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). DOI: [10.1109/HPEC.2019.8916288](https://doi.org/10.1109/HPEC.2019.8916288)

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)

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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)

Invited Articles

Yuri Alexeev, Jeffrey Larson, Sven Leyffer, and Ruslan Shaydulin. Solving Combinatorial Optimization Problems on Quantum Computers. In *SIAM News Vol. 53 #6 July/August 2020*

Online Preprints and In-Submission Works

Ruslan Shaydulin, Stefan Wild. Importance of Kernel Bandwidth in Quantum Machine Learning. *In submission*.
Preprint: [arXiv:2111.05451](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.05451)

Xiaoyuan Liu, Anthony Angone, Ruslan Shaydulin, Ilya Safro, Yuri Alexeev, Lukasz Cincio. Layer VQE: A Variational Approach for Combinatorial Optimization on Noisy Quantum Computers. *In submission*.
Preprint: [arXiv:2102.05566](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.05566)

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)

Contributed Talks and Posters**DOE Quantum Computing Testbeds Stakeholder Workshop****Dec 2, 2021**

Gave talk "Standardized Low-Level Noise Characterization to Differentiate DOE Quantum Testbeds"

Supercomputing '21 (International Workshop on Quantum Computing Software)**Nov 15, 2021**

Gave talk "QAOAKit: A Toolkit for Reproducible Study, Application, and Verification of the QAOA"

IEEE Quantum Week 2021**Oct 17-22, 2021**

Gave talks "Classical Symmetries and QAOA" and "Error Mitigation for Deep Quantum Optimization Circuits by Leveraging Problem Symmetries"

QIC seminar *University of Delaware***Sep 29, 2021**

Gave talk "Towards Practical Advantage in Quantum Optimization"

SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP21)**Jul 21, 2021**Gave a talk "[Classical Symmetries and QAOA](#)"**Quantum Computing Tutorial** *Argonne National Laboratory***Jun 16, 2021**

Led a tutorial on Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm.

HPC-AI colloquium *Intel***Jun 8, 2021**

Gave talk "Towards Practical Advantage in Quantum Optimization"

CM/QIS seminar *Virginia Tech***Apr 19, 2021**

Gave talk "Classical Symmetries and QAOA"

Chicago Quantum Exchange Member and Partner Workshop**Apr 19, 2021**

Gave talk "Quantum Optimization: the Next Five Years"

Sixth International Conference for Young Quantum Information Scientists (YQIS 2021)**Apr 12, 2021**

Gave talk "Classical Symmetries and QAOA"

LANS Seminar *Argonne National Laboratory***Mar 24, 2021**

Gave talk "Classical Symmetries and QAOA"

APS March Meeting**Mar 17, 2021**

Gave talk "Classical Symmetries and QAOA"

INFORMS Annual Meeting**Nov 13, 2020**

Gave talk "Classical Symmetries and the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm"

Quantum Computing Seminar *IBM Research***Sep 24, 2020**

Gave talk "Practical Optimization on Near-term Quantum Computers"

Quantum Computing Tutorial *Argonne National Laboratory***Jun 15, 2020**Led [a tutorial on Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm](#).

SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP20) <i>Seattle, WA</i> Gave talk "Multilevel Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithms on Graphs"	Feb 13, 2020
Information Science and Technology Institute Seminar <i>Los Alamos National Laboratory</i> Gave talk "Practical Optimization on Near-term Quantum Computers"	Nov 26, 2019
Supercomputing '19 <i>Denver, CO</i> 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	Nov 17-22, 2019
Mathematics and Computer Science Seminar <i>Argonne National Laboratory</i> Gave talk "Practical Optimization on Near-term Quantum Computers"	Nov 15, 2019
Quantum Computing Seminar <i>Oak Ridge National Laboratory</i> Gave talk "Practical Optimization on Near-term Quantum Computers"	Nov 4, 2019
International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC 2019) <i>Alexandria, VA</i> Presented poster "Reinforcement Learning for Quantum Approximate Optimization"	Oct 22, 2019
Chicago Quantum Exchange Meeting <i>University of Chicago</i> Presented poster "Practical Quantum Approximate Optimization"	June 12, 2019
SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (CSE19) <i>Spokane, WA</i> Presented poster " Quantum Local Search for Graph Community Detection "	Feb 25-28, 2019
Quantum Computing Tutorial <i>Argonne National Laboratory</i> Gave talk " QAOA Algorithm Introduction "	Dec 10-11, 2018
Supercomputing '18 <i>Dallas, TX</i> Gave talk "Community Detection Across Emerging Quantum Architectures" at Clemson booth	Nov 11-16, 2018
Quantum Computing Workshop <i>Argonne National Laboratory</i> Presented preliminary results on " Machine Learning on Near-Term Quantum Computers "	Jul 25-27, 2018
32nd Clemson Mini-Conference on Discrete Mathematics and Algorithms <i>Clemson University</i> Presented poster "Relaxation-Based Coarsening for Multilevel Hypergraph Partitioning"	Nov 4, 2017
58th Scientific Conference <i>Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology</i> Gave talk "IPC (Inter-Process Communication) in OS X"	Nov 23-28, 2015

Leadership and Service

Requested Reviewer (peer review)

- [Quantum](#) journal
- npj Quantum Information
- IEEE Transactions on Computers
- IEEE Transactions on Quantum Engineering

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- IOP New Journal of Physics
 - ACM Journal of Experimental Algorithmics

Program Committee Member

- IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering ([QCE21](#))
- The Third International Workshop on Quantum Resource Estimation ([QRE 2021](#))

INFORMS Annual Meeting

Oct 25, 2021

Led and co-organized a tutorial "Combinatorial Optimization on Quantum Computers" and a workshop "The Future of Quantum Optimization"

IEEE Quantum Week 2021

Oct 19, 2021

Session chair

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)

2021-22

Mentored a high-school student

SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP21)

Jul 20-23, 2021

Co-organized a minisymposium "[Quantum Discrete Optimization](#)"

Chicago Quantum Exchange

Apr 16, 2021

Co-organized a workshop "[Quantum Feature Maps for the NISQ Era](#)"

IEEE Quantum Week

Oct 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

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"

Supercomputing '19 *Denver, CO*

Nov 17-22, 2019

Student volunteer, run tutorials, technical program session and Birds-of-Feather

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*

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

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~~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

Python, C

Prior experience: C++, MATLAB, Objective-C, Swift, Bash, Qiskit

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

Technologies and tools: UNIX/Linux, MPI, OpenMP

Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Young Engineer Award for the year 2021, awarded by IEEE Chicago Section
- International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC 2019) student travel award, *recipient*
- Best Student Paper at IEEE HPEC 2019 (of ~50 student papers), *recipient*
- IBM Teach-the-Qiskit-Teacher training program, *selected to represent Argonne National Laboratory*
- 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*