Quantum computing with near term devices

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The world’s first **full-stack quantum computing** company.

**8-qubit and 19-qubit QPUs released on our cloud platform in 2017**

100+ employees w/ $119M raised

Home of Fab-1, the world’s first commercial quantum integrated circuit fab

Located in Berkeley, Calif. (R&D Lab) and Fremont, Calif.
The first quantum processors are here today

- **Superconducting processors** operating at 10mK
- Compute w/ individual microwave photons
- **New programming model** w/ potential for huge linear algebra
- Need to **improve both** quantum memory size and performance
Why now?

NISQ Hardware
+
Hybrid Software
Superconducting qubits have now gotten good enough to scale

Superconducting qubit performance has increased by \( > 10^6 \) in the last 15 years
Towards 128Q

Rigetti is building towards a 128 qubit system by scaling out a tileable lattice of qubits.
Robust hybrid algorithms can run on smaller processors

1992-4
First Quantum Algorithms w/ Exponential Speedup
(Deutsch-Jozsa, Shor’s Factoring, Discrete Log, ...)

1996
First Quantum Database Search Algorithm (Grover’s)

2007
Quantum Linear Equation Solving (Harrow, Hassidim, Lloyd)

2008
Quantum Algorithms for SVM’s & Principal Component Analysis

2013
Practical Quantum Chemistry Algorithms (VQE)

2016
Practical Quantum Optimization Algorithms (QAOA)
Simulations on Near-term Quantum Supremacy

These algorithms require Big, Perfect Quantum Computers

> 10,000,000 qubits for Shor’s algorithms
to factor a 2048 bit number

Hybrid quantum/classical algorithms

Noise Robust, empirical speedups
What is the state of the art in programming these processors?

You’re in the right talk!
This talk: Programming Rigetti Quantum Computers

1. The Quil programming model
2. PyQuil: Wavefunction, QuantumComputer, Compilation, Binary Patching
3. What’s next!

Rigetti Forest SDK

- Algorithms & application libraries
  - grove, openfermion, ...
- Programming toolkit
  - pyQuil
- Compiler & simulator
  - quilc & QVM
- Instruction language
  - Quil

Quantum Processors
- Superconducting QPUs
Quantum programming is preparing and sampling from complicated distributions.

1. Send program

2. Prep Distribution

3. Sample

CPU

bits: [0]...[N]

QPU

qubits: 0...M

e.g.
X 0
CNOT 0 1
We parameterize and *learn* the quantum program to make it more robust.

1. Send **parameterized** program e.g. \( \text{RX}(\theta) \)
2. Prep Distribution
3. Sample
4. Optimize choice of \( \theta \) against some objective
The Quil Programming Model

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3. Jump to end of program if bit #5 is TRUE

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Welcome to the Docs for the Forest SDK!

The Rigetti Forest Software Development Kit includes pyQuil, the Rigetti Quil Compiler (quilc), and the Quantum Virtual Machine (qvm).

Longtime users of Rigetti Forest will notice a few changes. First, the SDK now contains a downloadable compiler and a QVM. Second, the SDK contains pyQuil 2.0, with significant updates to previous versions. As a result, programs written using previous versions of the Forest toolkit will need to be updated to pyQuil 2.0 to be compatible with the QVM or compiler.

After installing the SDK and updating pyQuil in Installation and Getting Started, see Forest 2.0: Migration Guide to get caught up on what’s new!

Quantum Cloud Services will provide users with a dedicated Quantum Machine Image, which will come prepackaged with the Forest SDK. We’re releasing a Preview to the Forest SDK now, so
pyQuil is:
1. A library with functions to easily generate quil programs
2. Interface to quilc & the QVM.
3. Contains a circuit simulator
4. Objects for controlling execution of quil programs: QPU or QVM.
The **QuantumComputer** object

- run(executable)
- run_and_measure(program, trials)
- load / write_memory / run / wait / read_memory_region

**AbstractCompiler**
- QPUCompiler
- QVMCompiler

**QAM**
- QPU
- QVM

**AbstractDevice**
- Device
- NxDevice
The `QuantumComputer` object: A hierarchy of realism

- **Physical QPU**
  - Chip simulation with chip noise models
  - Physical QPU
  - Chip simulation with partial noise
  - Pure state simulation

- **Arbitrary lattice**
  - Full noise
  - Partial noise
  - Pure state simulation
from pyquil import Program
from pyquil.gates import *
from pyquil.api import WavefunctionSimulator

def ghz_state(qubits):
    """Create a GHZ state on the given list of qubits by applying a Hadamard gate to the first qubit followed by a chain of CNOTs """
    program = Program()
    program += H(qubits[0])
    for q1, q2 in zip(qubits, qubits[1:]):
        program += CNOT(q1, q2)
    return program

program = ghz_state(qubits=[0, 1, 2])
print(program)

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from pyquil import get_qc

qc = get_qc('3q-qvm')  # 3-qubit qvm (fully connected lattice of qubits)
qc = get_qc('20q-qvm')  # 20-qubit qvm (fully connected lattice of qubits)
qc = get_qc('20q-noisy-qvm')  # 20-qubit qvm (fully connected lattice of qubits)
qc = get_qc('Apsen-xxx-noisy-qvm')  # Aspen topology simulated with chip noise
qc = get_qc('aspen-xx')  # runs on the QPU
### Simulation

```python
# NxDevice takes a networkx graph as the topology
fully_connected_device = NxDevice(topology=nx.complete_graph(n_qubits))

# generates gate objects with specifications of noise
gates = gates_in_isa(fully_connected_device.get_isa())

# only implement measurement noise
noise_model = _decoherence_noise_model(gates, T1=np.infty, T2=np.infty,
                                        gate_time_1q=0, gate_time_2q=0,
                                        ro_fidelity=q0_p00)

# construct QC object with customized everything!
qc = QuantumComputer(name='2q-qvm',
                      qam=QVM(connection=ForestConnection(),
                              noise_model=noise_model),
                      compiler=MyCompiler(),
                      device=fully_connected_device)
```

### Reality
What's next?
Job to Job latency is critical to hybrid algorithms. Wall clock time is often proportional to this latency.

How can this be reduced?
Rigetti Quantum Cloud Services

No install access to dedicated Quantum Machine Images
Open source, Python SDK
Fast hybrid programming

Signup for beta access at rigetti.com/qcs
Hybrid computing with the **Quantum Machine Image**

Signup to QCS gives you your own QMI complete quantum development environment (think virtual machine)

**Forest API**

- **Forest Server**
  - Compiler
  - Public cloud
    - User resources
    - Rigetti cloud
  - CPU
    - QPU
  - ~ms
  - ~1 sec
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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

[QAOA] Hybrid algorithm used for constraint satisfaction problems

Given binary constraints:
\[ z \in \{0, 1\}^n, \]
\[ C_a(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \text{ satisfies the constraint } a \\ 0 & \text{if } z \text{ does not } \end{cases} \]

MAXIMIZE
\[ C(z) = \sum_{a=1}^{m} C_a(z) \]

- Traveling Salesperson
  - Hadfield et al. 2017 [1709.03489]
- Scheduling
  - Otterbach et al. 2017 [1712.05771]
- Clustering
  - Verdon et al. 2017 [1712.05304]
- Boltzmann Machine Training
QAOA in **Forest**

In **14** lines of code

```python
from pyquil.quil import Program
from pyquil.gates import H
from pyquil.paulis import sI, sX, sZ, exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum
from pyquil.api import QPUConnection

graph = [(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)]
nodes = range(4)

init_state_prog = sum([H(i) for i in nodes], Program())
h_cost = -0.5 * sum(sI(nodes[0]) * sZ(i) * sZ(j) for i, j in graph)
h_driver = -1. * sum(sX(i) for i in nodes)

def qaoa_ansatz(betas, gammas):
    return sum([exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_cost)(g) +
                 exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_driver)(b) \
                 for g, b in zip(gammas, betas)], Program())

program = init_state_prog + qaoa_ansatz([0., 0.5], [0.75, 1.])

qvm = QPUConnection()
qvm.run_and_measure(program, qubits=nodes, trials=10)
```
Open areas in quantum programming

- Debuggers
- Optimizing compilers
- Application specific packages
- **Adoption and implementations**

Forest

forestopenfermion

OpenFermion

XaCC
Unitary Fund

$2k grants no-strings attached for open source quantum/classical hybrid programming

L.Saldiv/uniary-proposal
unitary-proposal - My experimental proposal and materials for the unitary fund quantum computing grant
github.com

http://unitary.fund

* Platform agnostic: not Rigetti sponsored
$1M Quantum Advantage Prize

Using Rigetti QCS to solve valuable a business problem better, faster, or cheaper than otherwise possible.

More details online.
Links

QCS signup: https://www.rigetti.com/

Forest SDK: https://www.rigetti.com/forest

Documentation: https://www.pyquil.readthedocs.io