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BRINGING QUANTUM TO INDUSTRY: SOME ILLUSTRATIVE CASES

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What are we going to talk about today?



Real examples of quantum computing for industry



How do we do this? Towards an actionable quantum strategy



Takeaways and final remarks

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Optimization



Energy Sector

THE CHALLENGE

- In the current **energy crisis**, more and more **households, SMEs and enterprises** are turning to **self-generation of electric power**, typically by using **solar panels**.
- While this is a great way to **reduce carbon emissions** as well as to gain **energy sovereignty**, it also brings **difficulties in electric grids operation**.

THE SOLUTION

- **Quantum and quantum-inspired techniques to optimize electric power flows in electric grids** and thus, optimizing **electric grids operation**.

OUR VIEW

- **Quantum technologies** are **transformative** across many sectors, and the **energy sector** is one of them.
- The **impact of electric grids operation optimization** goes well **beyond economic efficiencies**. It contributes to a **more sustainable and resilient energy system**, as well as **emissions reduction objectives**.
- This is one clear example of how **quantum computing** generates **tangible benefits**.



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Simulation



Financial Markets

THE CHALLENGE

- How can we **simulate the adoption of cryptocurrencies** as a **payment method by non-financial firms**?
- This complex behavior is very difficult to simulate using classical computers.
- To make things worse, **cryptocurrencies are very volatile** – and how this impacts the behavior of the players is far from trivial.

THE SOLUTION

- **Cryptomarket simulation using quantum annealers:**
 - These machines are able to tackle **financial networks of 8-10 players**, with a maximum of **2^{90} configurations**.
 - **Classical computers cannot address financial networks of practical relevance.**

OUR EXPERIENCE

- In our proof of concept project with **Bank of Canada**, we found that:
 - For **some industries, cryptocurrencies would share the payments market with traditional bank transfers and cash-like instruments.**
 - The **market share** for each would depend on **how the financial institutions respond to the cryptocurrency adoptions**, and on the **economic costs** associated with such trades.
- **Bank of Canada is the first G7 bank** to carry out a work like this.
- **Further research** in this realm is recommended to gain additional insights.

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Bank of Canada and Multiverse Computing
Complete Preliminary Quantum Simulation
of Cryptocurrency Market



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AI and ML



Quantum
Digital Twins

THE SOLUTION

- Integration of quantum and quantum-inspired algorithms into digital twin simulation workflows.
- A digital twin is a virtual representation of an object or system that spans its lifecycle, is updated from real-time data, and uses simulation, machine learning and reasoning to help decision-making.
- A digital twin is actually a virtual environment, which makes it considerably richer for study. A digital twin can itself run any number of useful simulations in order to study multiple processes.
- Thus, quantum and quantum – inspired artificial intelligence is particularly well suited for digital twins, and will be a fundamental part in their development.

THE CHALLENGE

- **Manufacturers** generate insane amounts of data for the supervision and control of their production systems.
- **Processing** those data is challenging and very resource intensive. Even in a best case scenario, accuracy reaches an upper bound that can not be surpassed.
- This translates into manufacturing processes that can not be improved with classical computing technologies.

OUR EXPERIENCE

- Through our strategic alliance with leading manufacturer **Bosch**, we are helping Bosch to integrate quantum algorithms into their digital twin simulation workflows.
- **Bosch** is exploring quantum computing and simulation as part of its broader Industry 4.0 efforts focused on increasing data collection, analytics and simulation across its 240 plants. These efforts have connected 120,000 machines used in manufacturing and over 250,000 devices into new digital twin workflows.
- Our work with **Bosch** will explore ways quantum and quantum-inspired algorithms could help scale Bosch simulations more efficiently.

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Bosch's new partnership aims to explore quantum digital twins

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Ultra-secure communications

THE CHALLENGE

- **Ultra-secure communications** are **critical** to a series of sectors, and, for obvious reasons, the **financial sector** is one of them.
- It is suspected that nefarious actors are carrying out what it is called “**Harvest Now, Decrypt Later**”, with the **financial sector** being one of their **priority targets**.

THE SOLUTION

- **Post-quantum cryptography** and **quantum cryptography** are the schemes to address the **threat** posed by **quantum hackers**.
- On July the 5th, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (**NIST**) announced the first four **quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms**. These algorithms are a first step in building **quantum-resistant communication infrastructures**.
- However, some experts see post-quantum cryptography as a **temporary solution**, as these algorithms are based on our current understanding of quantum computers.
- **Quantum cryptography** algorithms are based on **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) protocols**. QKD is **resistant** to **any kind of attack**.

EXPERIENCES IN INDUSTRY

- American bank **JP Morgan** is pioneering quantum technologies, and quantum cryptography is no exemption.
- In February 2022, **JP Morgan** partnering with **Toshiba and Ciena** demonstrated the **viability of a QKD network for metropolitan areas, resistant to quantum computing attacks** and capable of supporting **800 Gbps** data rates for **mission-critical applications** under real-world environmental conditions.
- JP Morgan will use this solution to **secure** its **mission-critical blockchain application**, demonstrating for the first time the use of QKD for this.

JPMorgan Chase, Toshiba and Ciena Build the First Quantum Key Distribution Network Used to Secure Mission-Critical Blockchain Application

Proof of Concept Showed Ability to Detect and Defend Against Potential Threats and Eavesdroppers



How do we do this? Towards an actionable quantum strategy



*"If you don't get strategy right,
everything else you do is at risk."*

Cynthia A. Montgomery - strategist.
Timken Professor of Business
Administration at Harvard Business School

How can we formulate and implement an actionable quantum strategy?



Understand the environment. In a broad sense



Identify trends and mega-trends. Think like a futurist



Embrace uncertainty. Uncertainty can be a guiding light



It's all about planning



Hope for the best and plan for the worst



Do strategic planning like a futurist



Extreme ownership



Flexible implementation. Continuous adaptation to change

Takeaways and final remarks

- ➔ The **second quantum revolution** is **here**. And it is **accelerating**
- ➔ **Businesses** can **harness** the **power of quantum computing** for problems related to **optimization**, **simulation** and **quantum artificial intelligence and machine learning**
- ➔ **Specific examples** of current application of quantum technologies in the industry are **energy grids optimization**, **simulation of cryptomarkets** and **quantum digital twins**
- ➔ **Securization of data and communications** is key for organizations. **Post-quantum cryptography** and **quantum cryptography** are the solutions against the quantum threat
- ➔ **If you don't do strategy right, everything else you do is at risk.** Companies **across all sectors**, and particularly those in strategic sectors, need a **strategy for quantum technologies**

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE
THE QUANTUM LEAP?



THANK YOU



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