

Course Description

Course name	#078 - Quantum Computing and QC-Assisted Communications
Duration	3 days
Format	Public Classroom, Inhouse Event and Online

Overview

Professor Savo Glisic, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA, United States, is teaching this 3-day course about ***Quantum Computing and QC-Assisted Communications***.

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Course Content

In order to cover the focus of the course described above, the content will include *Fundamentals of Quantum Communications* like Qubit system, Geometrical (2-D, 3D) representation of the Quantum States Quantum Gates, Tensor Computing.

Potential Enablers for Quantum Communications like Quantum Entanglement, Hardware Capacity, Key Distribution, Quantum Decision and Game Theory. *QC-Assisted Communications* like Multi-User Detection/Transmission, Indoor Localization for mmWave and VLC, Joint Routing and Load Balancing and Channel Estimation and Detection.

In addition, the course will cover *Overview of Quantum Learning Methods* like Supervised and Unsupervised QML, Quantum Reinforcement Learning and a number of related topics. Finally, the course will cover a number of practical examples of applications of QML in anticipated 6G/7G networks like: Multi-Objective Optimization and Routing Optimization, Massive-IoT and Big Data Analytics, Security and Privacy, Harmonization and Interoperability of Networks, Configurable Multi-Antenna Systems, Optical, mmWave, and TeraHz Communications, Tiny-Cells and Cell-Free Communications etc.

Who Should Attend

Participants with background in either networks planning, design, deployment and control or networks/internet economics should benefit from participation.

All application examples are focused on 5G and beyond networks and participants with general background in networks will be able to follow the course. This includes researchers, students and professors in academia as well as industry, networks operators, regulators and managers in this field.

Course Daily Schedule

1. Fundamentals of Quantum Communications

Why Quantum Computing? The ever-reducing transistor size following Moore's law is approaching the point, where the so-called quantum effects become prevalent in the transistors' operation. This specific trend implies that quantum effects become unavoidable, hence rendering the research of quantum computation (QC) systems an urgent necessity. In fact, a quantum annealing chipset is already commercially available from D-Wave1.

Apart from the quantum annealing architecture, the so-called gate-based architecture, which relies on building computational blocks using quantum gates in a similar fashion to classical logic gates, is attracting increasing attention due to the recent advances in quantum stabilizer codes, which are capable of mitigating the de-coherence effects encountered by quantum circuits. In terms of implementation, D-Wave's most recent model, namely D-Wave 2000Q, has a total of 2000 qubits, while IBM Q Experience, which relies on the gated-based architecture, has currently only 20 qubits in total. However, IBM has recently announced their plans for delivering a 50 qubit gate-based quantum computer by 2020. Once quantum computing becomes a commercial reality, it may be used in wireless communications systems in order to speed up specific processes due to its inherent parallelization capabilities.

While a classical bit may adopt either the values 0 or 1, a quantum bit, or qubit, may have the values $|0\rangle$, $|1\rangle$, or any superposition of the two, where the notation $|\cdot\rangle$ is the column vector of a quantum state. If two qubits are used, then the composite quantum state may have the values $|00\rangle$, $|01\rangle$, $|10\rangle$ and $|11\rangle$ simultaneously. In general, by employing b bits in a classical register, one out of $2b$ combinations is represented at any time. By contrast, in a quantum register associated with b qubits, the composite quantum state may be found in a superposition of all $2b$ values simultaneously. Therefore, by applying a quantum operation to the quantum register would result in altering all $2b$ values at the same time. This represents the parallel processing capability of quantum computing.

In addition to superior computing capabilities, multiple quantum algorithms have been proposed, which are capable of outperforming their classical counterparts in the same categories of problems, by either requiring fewer computational steps, or by finding a better solution to the specific problem. In this course, we will focus our attention on the employment of quantum algorithms in classical communication systems, which is nowadays referred to as quantum-assisted communications.

Qubit system

Geometrical (2-D, 3D) representation of the Quantum States

Discrete Variable (DV)/Continuous Variable (CV) Systems

Quantum Gates, Tensor Computing

Quantum Algorithms

Grover's Quantum Search Algorithm (QSA),

Dürr-Høyer QSA

Boyer-Brassard-Hoyer-Tapp QSA

Shor's Algorithm.

Applications of Quantum Communications

Quantum Channel Capacity.

Potential Enablers For Quantum Communications

- Quantum Entanglement
- Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata
- Quantum Hardware Capacity
- Quantum Key Distribution
- Quantum Decision Theory
- Quantum Game Theory
- Quantum-Proof Randomness Extractors.

QC-Assisted Communications

- Quantum-Assisted Multi-User Detection
- Quantum-Aided Multi-User Transmission
- Quantum-Assisted Indoor Localization for mmWave and VLC
- Quantum-Assisted Joint Routing and Load Balancing
- Quantum-Assisted Channel Estimation and Detection.

2. Fundamentals of Quantum Machine Learning

This section revisits the ML methods in the context of quantum-assisted algorithms for ML and the QML framework. Quantum principles based on emerging computing technologies will bring entirely new modes of information processing. An overview of supervised, unsupervised and reinforcement learning methods for QML is discussed in this segment of the course. Special attention will be paid to Spiking Neural Networks motivated by the research results in neuroscience, promising several orders of magnitude energy savings and their Q-equivalent. Life Long Learning concept will be also covered, solving the problem of algorithm reinitialization for every new learning task.

1) Overview of Quantum Learning Methods

- a: Supervised And Unsupervised QML
- b: Quantum Reinforcement Learning

2) Generative and Discriminative QML Models

3) Quantum SVMs and ANNs

(support vector machine and artificial neural networks)

4) Perceptron

5) Spiking Neural Networks

6) Life Long Learning

3. Quantum Networks (and 6G/7G)

Quantum Network Protocols

Summary of the analytical tools

Quantum Link Layer Protocol

Reinforcement Learning Based QN Protocols

QN STABILITY

Dynamic QN PROTOCOLS

Q-Internet

Q-Satellite networks

Elementary Link Generation with Satellites

Implementation Aspects of cv Satellite QN

CV QUANTUM KEY DISTRIBUTION

Fundamentals of CVQKD

Security of CVQKD protocols

Composable security proof for cv QKD

QKD OVER SUBOPTICAL BANDS:

QUANTUM vs POST QUANTUM SECURITY

POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

Overview of Post-Quantum Cryptosystems

QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

Discrete Variable Protocols

Continuous-Variable QKD

One-way CV-QKD protocols

Two-way CV-QKD protocols

Theoretical Models of Security

IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES OF cv QKD

qubit PHYSICS

Superconducting Qubits

Qubit gates using the spin states of coupled single-electron quantum dots

Quantum Logic by Polarizing Beam Splitters

Quantum Gates Implemented by Trapped Ions

Instructor Biography

Professor Savo Glisic, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA, United States

He was Visiting Scientist at Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, U.K. (1976-1977) and University of California, San Diego (1986-1987). He has been active in the field of wireless communications for 30 years and has published a number of papers and books. The latest book "Advanced wireless Networks: 5G/6G joint design of technology and business models" John Wiley & Sons, 2015, covers the enabling technologies for the definition of incoming 5G systems.

He is running an extensive doctoral program in the field of wireless networking (www.telecomlab.oulu.fi/kurssit/networks/).

His research interest is in the area of network optimization theory, network topology control and graph theory, cognitive networks and game theory, radio resource management, QoS and queuing theory, networks information theory, protocol design, advanced routing and network coding, relaying, cellular, WLAN, ad hoc, sensor, active and bio inspired networks with emphasis on genetic algorithms and stochastic geometry. The latest interest is in the area of spectra sharing, robust heterogeneous network design, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Inter System Networking (ISN), block chains and complex networks theory. He is doing research within the WiFiUS collaborative program between the NSF in US and Finnish Academy as well as on a number of research projects sponsored by EU FP7 program. He is active within 5G ppp association preparing the projects for Horizon 2020 calls.

Dr. Glisic has served as the Technical Program Chairman of the third IEEE ISSSTA'94, the eighth IEEE PIMRC'97, and IEEE ICC'01. He was Director of IEEE ComSoc MD programs.

Dr. Glisic has been a member of the Continuing Education Institute-Europe faculty since 1995.