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Quantum Accelerator: Memory-enhanced quantum sensing for GPS-denied Navigation

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Recipient Organization: University of Pittsburgh

Period of performance: 11/15/2020 – 11/14/2022

Total Cost: \$75000

Final Report: Yes

Accomplishments

What are the major goals and objectives of this project?

We propose to develop quantum memory-enhanced sensors and novel quantum estimation algorithms that will significantly improve the state of the art in GPS-poor situations.

What was accomplished under these goals?

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What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

Three graduate students were trained during this project on advanced experimental techniques for electron and nuclear spin resonance in solid-state systems, quantum information algorithms, quantum control, confocal optical microscopy, python hardware and instrument programming, photolithography and metal deposition, microwave circuits, IQ modulation, and arbitrary waveform generation. Students were given opportunity to present their results at PQI events on campus, as well as the APS March Meeting.

How were the results disseminated to communities of interest?

Presentation was given at APS March Meeting, and at PQI events on campus.

What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objective?

Nothing to report.

Products

Published, submitted, and in-work papers

1. R. Khan, P. Wijesinghe, A. O. Omran, P. Hilaire, E. Barnes, S. E. Economou, M. V. Gurudev Dutt, "Dynamically corrected geometric quantum logic gates in solid-state spin qubits", APS March Meeting, March 18th 2022, Chicago IL
2. R. Khan, P. Wijesinghe, A. O. Omran, P. Hilaire, E. Barnes, S. E. Economou, M. V. Gurudev Dutt, "Dynamically corrected geometric quantum logic gates in solid-state spin qubits", in preparation

Participants & Other Collaborating Organizations

What individuals have worked on this project?

1. Name: Gurudev Dutt
Total months: 0.75
Role: PI

Contribution: supervised students, designed experiments, wrote software, carried out data analysis

State: PA, USA

Foreign collaboration: None

2. P. Wijesinghe

Total months: 8

Role: Graduate student

Contribution: carried out experiments, and data analysis.

State: PA, USA

Foreign collaboration: None

Has there been a change in the active other support of the PD/PI(s) since the last period?

No

What other organizations have been involved as partners?

Organization Name: Virginia Tech University

Contribution: Collaboration

Have other collaborators or contacts been involved?

Graduate students Ahmed Omran and Raees Khan at Pitt also contributed to this project.

Impact

What was the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?

Improved fidelity of quantum logic gates in presence of noise sources will potentially impact quantum sensing and quantum computing fields.

What was the impact on the development of other discipline(s) of the project?

Nothing to report

What was the impact on the human resources development?

Three graduate students were trained during the course of this project, learning about frontier research areas and gaining valuable experience in experimental and theoretical areas of quantum science which is a key area identified in the National Quantum Initiative.

What was the impact on the teaching and educational experiences?

Nothing to report

What was the impact on physical, informational, institutional resources?

Nothing to report

What was the impact on technology transfer?

Nothing to report

What was the impact on society beyond science and technology?

Nothing to report

What percentage of budget spent in foreign countries?

None.