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How Advancements in Quantum computing are **Redefining Technology and Security**

Quantum leap is the term used to describe big developments or changes. In the computer age of digital information, quantum computing is the term that describes a new kind of computing technology that helps to redesign the problems. Unlike, classical computers that uses binary bits (i.e. 1s and Os) to process the information, the quantum computers operates with qubits or quantum bits which can be in both 1 and 0 at the same time due to quantum superposition. This difference has helped in the commitment of computational powers and the capacity to manage intricate problems.

In recent years, we have experienced development in quantum computers driven by exceptional progress in algorithms, hardware and software. Companies like- Google, IBM etc are making significant advancement in this field. Interviews with quantum engineers and physicists, helps us to grasp the mystery behind creation and upkeep of qubits.

Quantum Crptography and Cybersecurity

Quantum cryptography which is based on properties of Quantum mechanics provides a way to create secure communication channels. One of the key approach in this field is Quantum Key Distribution (QDK), that allows the parties to safely transmit cryptographic keys, ensuring that their communication remains protected from intruders. Besides this, Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNs) can generate reliable random numbers, crucial for producing encryption keys.

Simultaneously, while quantum technologies promises to make communication protected, they also introduce fresh complexity for traditional encryption systems. Quantum computers are that powerful that they could break the security of encryption method. To deal with this, experts are working on "post quantum" cryptography, which is the new way to keep the information secured and protected.

Challenges in Building Quantum Computers

In the developmental path of quantum computers, several challenges raised. Out of these challenges there were two main challenges - Hardware Limitation and Error Correction. Both the challenges require creative approaches and evolution in theories.

One of the primary challenges in Hardware, was to maintain qubit consistency, this was the interval during which the qubit remains in its quantum state. Most of the quantum systems could only sustain stability for few microseconds, which constrained the number of calculation.

Other issues that came in light, was that qubits are highly sensitive and can be disturbed by number of environmental factors like radiations, physical vibrations and many more.

The other significant challenged was Error Correction. Errors arising from measurement inaccuracies can disrupt computation. Although various error correction codes were developed to detect and correct the error, but these codes depend on extremely low error rates in the hardware to function properly. Researchers are still struggling to achieve at the stage where the calculations remain accurate even with errors.

Final Reflection

Quantum computing portrays a significant shift in technology of fields ranging from medical to finance. By utilizing the unique properties of quantum mechanics, the complex problems can be solved. It is merely not just a step forward towards computers, but rather the reimagination of what technology can achieve.

However, the journey towards guantum computing is also accompanied by challenges. Despite these challenges, the research and global investment in this field has shown progress. Government is collaborating with startups to overcome these obstacles.





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DESIGNER: Nishtha Dua **STUDENT EDITORIAL TEAM:** Sejal Tyagi, Nikhil Ramchandani The technology and security landscape is being revolutionized by quantum computing, which is based on the principles of quantum mechanics. Unlike classical computing, which uses binary bits, quantum computing uses qubits, which can exist in multiple states at the same time. This allows quantum systems to perform calculations at extraordinary speeds, opening the door for revolutionary innovations across a variety of domains. However, like any technological advancement, quantum computing presents opportunities.

<u>Transforming Technology and Cryptography</u>

Beyond cryptography, quantum computing is reshaping artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Its capacity to process large datasets simultaneously enhances AI model training and decision-making. Industries like healthcare stand to benefit greatly, as quantum computing could accelerate drug discovery and personalized medicine. Sectors like transportation and logistics could undergo a revolution in the field of cryptography, where it is challenging the foundations of traditional encryption systems like RSA and elliptic curve cryptography. These systems rely on computationally intensive problems that classical computers struggle to solve, but quantum computers, with algorithms like Shor's algorithm, can easily break these encryptions, posing a threat to global data security.



Enhancing Computational Efficiency Across Industries

Quantum computing has the potential to transform industries by solving problems that were previously unsolvable or required enormous amounts of computational power. For instance, in the financial sector, quantum computers can better forecast market trends, optimize complex portfolios, and assess risk; in material science, they can simulate atomic interactions to find new materials for use in semiconductors, batteries, and renewable energy technologies; in the pharmaceutical sector, they can find new drugs more quickly by simulating molecular structures and reactions, which saves time and money; and finally, quantum computing is anticipated to be a key factor in mitigating climate change.

As quantum computing develops, its integration into industries will redefine operational efficiencies and decision-making processes, ushering in an era of unprecedented innovation. Quantum systems can help achieve sustainable development by providing efficient design for carbon capture technologies, optimizing energy usage, and improving weather modelling.

<u>Challenges in Realizing Quantum</u> <u>Potential</u>

The fragile nature of qubits makes them extremely vulnerable to external disturbances, which can result in computational errors. Additionally, scaling quantum computers for practical and commercial applications requires significant advancements in infrastructure and technology. While leading tech companies like IBM, Google, and Microsoft are making strides in overcoming these obstacles, reaching milestones like quantum supremacy, governments around the world are investing in quantum research to ensure strategic advantages in this rapidly evolving field.



Final Thoughts: Introducing a Quantum Future

A revolutionary development in technology and security is represented by quantum computing. It is positioned as a game-changer in the global technology scene due to its capacity to reinvent encryption, improve AI skills, and resolve challenging issues. To minimize obstacles and optimize its potential, governments, businesses, and researchers must work together due to its dual nature, which presents both opportunities and risks. As the quantum era develops, it promises to expand the realm of innovation and usher in an era of boundless potential. The journey ahead may be complex, but the rewards are bound to be extraordinary.



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