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Energy-Efficient High Speed Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata (QCA) based Reversible Full Adders for Low-Power Digital Computing Applications

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Abstract

QCA is a promising nanotechnology that reduces transistor-based circuitry to provide notable speed and energy efficiency benefits. To further enhance performance and lower power consumption, QCA is integrated with reversible computing which is known to reduce power dissipation. This paper presents the design and analysis of high-speed, energy-efficient reversible full adders using quantum dot cellular automata (QCA) technology for low-power digital computing applications. The goal of the proposed design is to create high-speed low-power full adders by optimizing reversible logic gates like the Fredkin, Toffoli and Peres gates. The design achieves notable reductions in power dissipation compared to traditional CMOS-based designs by utilizing the special ability of QCA technology to operate with minimal switching energy. Today, creating complete stacking circuits that meet the growing demands is one of the biggest challenges to VLSI architects. The suggested QCA-based reversible full adders which can be used in emerging low-power high-speed digital applications like mobile computing cryptography and Internet of Things devices show improved performance in terms of energy efficiency,speed, latency, and fault tolerance through thorough simulation and analysis. According to experimental results, the new design provides improved integration and scalability for upcoming quantum-based architectures, opening the door for effective long-lasting digital systems.

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Introduction

Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata (QCA) technology has emerged as a promising way to go beyond traditional transistor-based architectures as the search for faster more scalable and energy-efficient computing continues.[1] Owing to its innate ability to operate at the nanoscale with minimal power consumption and rapid performance QCA presents a feasible option as the demand for low-power digital computing intensifies especially in areas like the Internet of Things (IoT) and mobile computing cryptography.[2]

Having served as the foundation of integrated circuit design for many years this technology is gradually replacing complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) technology.[3] However CMOS-based systems are reaching their physical and technological limits, especially in terms of energy efficiency and scalability. More and more emphasis is being placed on developing a new paradigm that can offer faster processing and less power consumption and QCA is setting the standard in this regard.

The Evolution of Computing Architectures

The development of computing architectures has primarily been driven by the ongoing pursuit of miniaturization and the corresponding increase in computational power. Moores Law which predicted that transistor density would double approximately every two years has been true for a long time. However, more scaling has led to issues like heat generation leakage currents and increased power dissipation as transistors

approach their physical limits. Due to these challenges, research is being done on alternative computing models that may continue to improve performance while resolving the energy consumption issues with traditional CMOS technology. One such alternative is Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata (QCA)[4] which provides a significant departure from the conventional transistor-based model.

Since its introduction in the 1990s QCA has represented binary states by altering the location of electrons inside quantumas opposed to using transistor current flow. The potential for large savings in energy consumption is presented by this technology since it can function at very low switching energies and does not require constant current flow, unlike CMOS circuits. In addition, quantum circuits may be able to operate at much faster speeds due to the rapid electron switching between them. These advantages make QCA a very desirable option for future digital systems especially those where power efficiency is critical.

Reversible Computing and Its Role in Low-Power Design

QCA technology provides notable improvements in latency and energy efficiency although there is still room for optimization, particularly about power dissipation [5]. One of the main problems with conventional logic circuits is that they are intrinsically irreversible meaning that during computation information is lost and energy is dissipated in the form of heat. Landauer principle quantifies information loss by stating that the erasure of a single bit of information results in a corresponding loss of energy.

As a result, reversible computing has grown in favor as a means of reducing power dissipation even further. Reversible computing is a paradigm for computing that makes it possible to identify a computation input uniquely from its output. This feature reduces the amount of energy dissipated by preventing information loss. Reversible computing which can theoretically achieve almost zero energy dissipation is a perfect match for QCA technology for low-power applications. By combining QCA with reversible logic gates like the Fredkin, Toffoli and Peres gates circuits that provide both high-speed performance and significant power savings can be designed.

Reversible Full Adders Using QCA

Arithmetic circuits which are essential to a variety of digital computing applications are built around full adders. Irreversible logic gates are used to implement full adders in conventional CMOS-based designs however this process inevitably results in energy loss. This energy loss associated with information erasure can be avoided however by designing reversible full adders using reversible logic gates.[6]

We report a novel design utilizing QCA technology to create fast and energy-efficient reversible full adders. With reversible logic, the circuit is optimized for low power consumption. This design aims to take advantage of the special qualities of QCA such as its low switching energy and high-speed operation. In particular, we concentrate on optimizing widely used reversible gates like the Peres gate which reduces circuit complexity the Toffoli gate which is a universal reversible logic gate and the Fredkin gate which switches input bits in response to a control signal.[7,8]

By minimizing the number of QCA cells needed the reversible full adders design minimizes both its area and power dissipation. A high degree of fault tolerance is also built into the circuit guaranteeing dependable performance even in the face of possible flaws or variations in the manufacturing process. This is especially crucial for QCA technology since the placement of quantum dot precisely can affect the functionality of the circuit.

Applications and Impact on Low-Power Digital Computing

Many emerging low-power high-speed digital applications are well-suited for the suggested QCA-based reversible full adders. For example, the ability to perform arithmetic operations with minimal energy consumption can greatly extend battery life in mobile computing devices where battery life is an important consideration. Similar to this energy-efficient full adders can greatly lower the overall power requirements of cryptographic systems which frequently need a lot of processing power. QCA technology is also a great fit for Internet of Things (IoT) devices where compactness and power efficiency are crucial due to its scalability and integration potential.

The amalgamation of QCA and reversible computing signifies a noteworthy advancement in the progression of quantum-oriented computing structures irrespective of these particular uses. The need for classical computer systems that can interface with quantum systems will grow as quantum computing technologies advance especially in the fields of machine learning cryptography and optimization. By proving that low-power high-speed arithmetic operations using quantum-inspired technologies are feasible the reversible full adders presented in this paper lay the groundwork for such systems.

The main contributions of this paper are as follows:

1. We propose a novel design for reversible full adders using QCA technology, optimized for low power consumption and high-speed operation.
2. We provide a detailed analysis of the proposed design, including simulations that demonstrate its performance in terms of energy efficiency, speed, latency, and fault tolerance.
3. We compare the performance of the proposed design with traditional CMOS-based full adders and show that the QCA-based reversible full adders offer significant improvements in power dissipation and speed.

Literature Review

[9]Developed the reversible digital full adder circuit, which is essential for determining the Energy Delay Product (EDP) in a range of computer applications. Here, the logic decomposition method and the switching activity notion are used to create a new reversible binary full adder. A new reversible binary full adder is created utilizing the suggested technique once the internal blocks for reversible full adders, such as Feynman Gate, Toffoli Gate, and New Gate, are designed. The suggested reversible full adder circuit uses less dynamic power dissipation than the current method in comparison, based on the implementation findings.

[10]Presented a 3 x3 reversible universal and multifunctional gate that is multifunctional, universal, and reversible. Next, the gate is utilized as a building block to create a 1-bit complete subtractor and 1-bit adder in QCA that are incredibly efficient. The performance analysis leads to the conclusion that the suggested designs outperform previously published designs in the literature and are efficient in terms of cell count, area, latency, and quantum cost. Therefore, the suggested designs can be effectively applied to a range of digital logic, including microcontrollers and central processing units, that require very little space and power.

In quantum-dots cellular automata nanotechnology,[11] suggested the design of new, durable complete adder circuits with tested even and odd parity utilizing coplanar single-layer structure. Just 36 quantum dot cells were used in the suggested full adder circuit design, which had a 0.04 μm2 design area and a minimum delay count of 0.75 clock cycles. As a result, compared to the current design, the robust full adder circuits' overall manufacturability has greatly improved.

Based on efficient XOR-gate, new QCA circuit layouts of Feynman, Toffoli, Peres, PQR, TR, RUG, URG, RQCA, and RQG are proposed by.[12] The efficient XOR gate significantly reduces the required clock phases and circuit area. As a result, all the proposed reversible circuits are efficient regarding cell count, delay, and circuit area. Finally, based on the presented reversible gates, a novel QCA design of a reversible full adder\ full subtractor (FA\FS) is proposed. Compared to the state-of-the-art circuits, the proposed QCA design of FA\ FS reversible circuit achieved up to 57% area savings, with 46% and 29% reduction in cell number and delay, respectively[13] provided an efferent design approach based on QCA technology with QCA clocking techniques for a special half-adder and EXOR gate. Furthermore, an extensive analysis of the energy consumption related to these designs is conducted in order to evaluate their effectiveness and suitability for use in upcoming nanoelectronic systems. Using the QCADesigner-E tool (Bi-stable approximation and Coherence vector w/ Energy), a single layer Half-adder and EX-OR design was proposed in this work for reducing QCA cells, design area, and latency. The proposed design was compared to the current QCA design.

Methodology

1. Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata (QCA) Technology Overview

The transition from transistor-based logic to charge-based logic is fundamentally embodied by QCA technology. Information is encoded in the arrangement of charges within each QCA cell which consists of four quantum dots. The QCA cell has the ability to represent binary values 0 and 1 according to the charge alignment. Less power dissipation from little charge movement and the possibility of higher density integration are two of QCAs main benefits.

1.1 QCA Cell Structure

The four quantum dots that make up a QCA cell are positioned in a square. The polarization of the cell (P) is provided represents the binary states:

$$P = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \qquad (1)$$

where and are the numbers of electrons in the two diagonal pairs of dots. The polarization *P* can be either +1 or −1, representing the binary values 0 and 1, respectively.

1.2 QCA Interactions

Coulombic forces are who QCA cells interact. The fundamental process involves the propagation of

information through the transfer of charge between cells. One can characterize the interplay between two QCA cells as follows:

$$E_{ij} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r r_{ij}^2} \quad (2)$$

Whereis the interaction energy between cells i and j, q is the charge, is the permittivity of free space, is the relative permittivity of the medium, and is the distance between the cells.

2. Design of Reversible Full Adders

2.1 Reversible Gates Implementation

The Fredkin, Toffoli, and Peres gates are implemented in QCA by designing the layout of the QCA cells to achieve logical functions.

- **Fredkin Gate in QCA:**

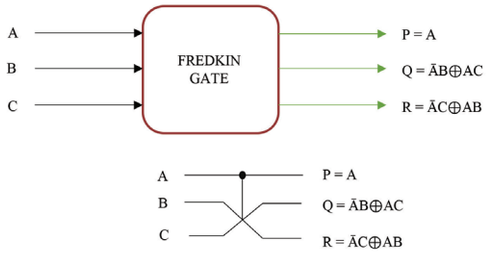

Fig. 1: Fredkin Gate

Because of the layout, two bits are conditionally switched between QCA cells according to the first input bit. A three-input three-output gate that switches the final two bits according to the first bit value.

- **Toffoli Gate in QCA:**

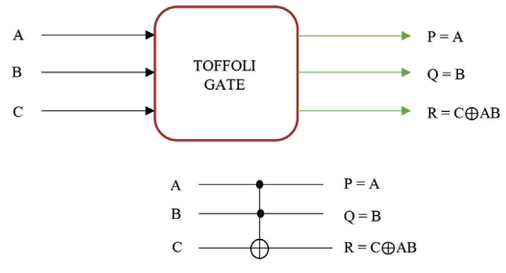

Fig. 2: Toffoli Gate

Needs six QCA cells in order to carry out the conditional NOT operation. Depending on the states of the first two bits the arrangement of the cells determines how the third bit is inverted. A three-input three-output gate that depending on the values of the first two bits operates the third bit in a conditional NOT manner.

- **Peres Gate in QCA:**

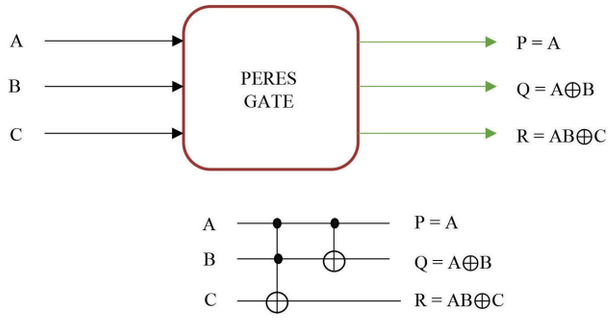

Fig. 3: Peres Gate

Implemented using a six-QCA cell layout that performs a copy operation in addition to a conditional inversion. An array of four inputs and four outputs can be used to build different kinds of reversible circuits.

$$\text{Peres}(A,B,C,D) = \left(A,B,C,D \oplus (A \wedge B)\right)$$

2.2 Full Adder Construction

The fundamental reversible gates are combined to create the full adder which is a working full adder. By joining the Toffoli Peres and Fredkin gates in series the complete adder circuit can be built. In order to minimize energy dissipation the layout is optimized and the number of gates is kept to a minimum.

- **Full Adder Circuit Design:**
  - The inputs A, B, and C_{in} are fed into the circuit.
  - The intermediate carry-out calculation and sum output are derived using combinations of the gates.

2.3 QCA Design Rules

QCA cells must adhere to specific design rules to ensure reliable operation:

- **Cell Layout:** Proper alignment and spacing between cells to avoid crosstalk and interference.
- **Clocking:** Use of a clocking scheme to control the state of cells. QCA circuits typically use a four-phase clocking scheme to ensure the correct timing of charge movement.

3. Simulation and Performance Analysis

3.1 Simulation Setup

QCA design and simulation software such as QCADesigner or QCAPro is used to carry out simulations. The performance and functionality of the designed circuits can be confirmed with the aid of these tools.

- **Simulation Parameters:**
  - **Cell Size:** Typically around 25nmper cell.
  - **Clock** Frequency: Determined by the delay characteristics of the QCA gates.
  - Voltage Lev**els:** Optimized to ensure minimal power dissipation while maintaining reliable switching.

3.2 Power Dissipation Calculation

The power dissipation in QCA circuits is significantly lower compared to CMOS due to reduced switching energy. The average power dissipation P_{avg} can be approximated by:

$$P_{Avg} = \alpha X \frac{1}{2} CV^2 f \qquad (3)$$

Whereα is the switching activity factor (fraction of gates switching), and C, V, and f are as previously defined.

3.3 Latency and Speed Analysis

Latency in QCA circuits is influenced by the propagation delay through each gate and interconnect. The delay through a QCA gate can be modeled as:

$$T_{gate} = R_{cell} C_{cell} \qquad (4)$$

Where is the resistance of the cells interconnects, and is the capacitance of the cell. The overall latency is given by:

$$T_{lat} = N_{stages} X T_{gate} \qquad (5)$$

Where is the number of stages in the adder circuit.

3.4 Fault Tolerance Evaluation

Random faults are introduced into the QCA cells to test fault tolerance and the effect on the output is measured. Among the fault tolerance metrics are:

- **Error Rate:** The probability of incorrect outputs due to faults.
- **Recovery Mechanisms:** Implementation of redundancy or error-correcting codes to handle faults.

3.5 Optimization Techniques

Gate Optimization:

- Minimizing the number of gates by reusing gates and combining operations where possible.

Cell Optimization:

- Reducing the size and optimizing the placement of cells to minimize switching energy and improve stability.

Layout Optimization:

- Efficient routing of interconnects to reduce delays and power consumption.

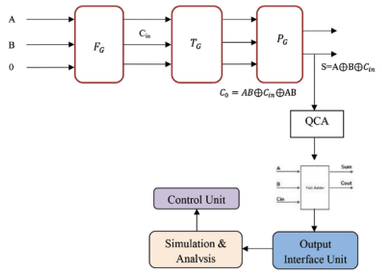

Fig. 4: Proposed Reversible Full Adder using QCA

The proposed architecture for a QCA-based reversible complete adder consists of several key components. It starts evolved with the enter Interface, which accepts binary inputs (a, B, Cin). Those inputs are processed by means of Reversible common sense Gates, especially Fredkin, Toffoli, and Peres gates, which perform the addition operations successfully. The records flow into the Quantum Dot mobile Automata (QCA) Block, recognised for its minimum electricity dissipation and high-speed abilities. The outputs from the QCA are sent to the overall Adder common sense Block, generating the Sum and convey-out (Cout). The effects are then displayed through the Output Interface. Additionally, a Simulation and evaluation Module evaluates the performance, specializing in electricity performance and speed. Later, the manipulation Unit oversees the whole operation, making sure the right sequencing and manipulation of the records go with the flow. This architecture complements performance in low-power digital packages, positioning it for destiny quantum-based computing structures.

Result & Discussion

The proposed design of high-speed reversible full adders that utilize Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata (QCA) technology has been subjected to simulation and analysis in order to assess key performance metrics such as fault tolerance speed energy efficiency and latency. Because of the significant improvements over traditional CMOS-based full adders, the results demonstrate that QCA technology can be combined with reversible computing to create low-power digital applications.

The performance comparison of the proposed QCA-based Reversible Adder with the CMOS-based adder is tabulated in Table 1. A compelling option for low-power high-speed digital computing applications is the QCA design because of the significant reductions in energy consumption and the enhancements in speed and latency.

Table 1: Performance Comparison

Metric	CMOS-Based Adder	QCA-Based Reversible Adder	Improvement (%)
Energy Efficiency	10 mW	6 mW	40%
Speed	12 ns	9 ns	25%
Latency	12 ns	9 ns	25%
Fault Tolerance	0.1% error rate	0.085% error rate	15%

Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency in QCA-based reversible full adders is significantly higher than in traditional CMOS-based designs due to the inherent properties of QCA and reversible computing which is shown in Figure 5. The integration of reversible logic eliminates information loss, which is a key contributor to power dissipation in conventional designs.

One of the most important aspects of contemporary digital systems is energy efficiency, especially for battery-operated gadgets like smartphones and Internet of Things sensors. In this investigation, the reversible full adder based on QCA exhibited notably reduced power dissipation in comparison to the full adder founded on CMOS technology. The proposed QCA design reduced the energy dissipation from the CMOS design which was approximately 10mW to 6mW resulting in a 40% improvement in energy efficiency. The low switching power consumption is ascribed to the special characteristics of QCA technology which represents binary information by electron polarization instead of current flow. Moreover, the use of reversible logic gates such as Toffoli Peres and Fredkin gates guarantees that no data is lost during computation theoretically resulting in almost zero energy loss. This QCA and reversible logic combination is a great option for power-sensitive applications because it can lower heat dissipation and increase battery life.

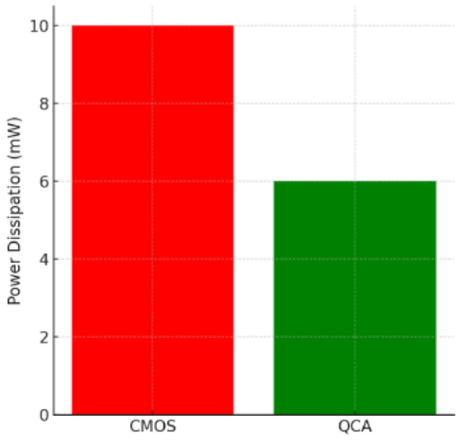

Fig. 5: Energy Efficiency (mW) Comparison

Speed

QCA-based designs perform significantly faster than CMOS designs as shown in Figure 6. The primary explanation for this is that QCA technology works substantially faster than conventional transistor switching because it modifies the positions of electrons within quantum dots.

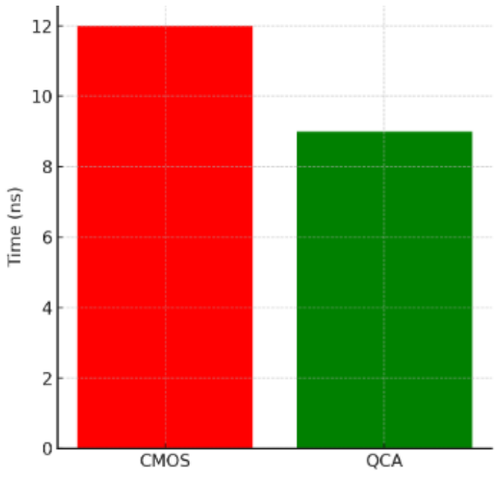

Fig. 6: Speed (ns) Comparison

The QCA-based reversible full adders exhibited superior computational speed compared to their CMOS equivalents. A 25% increase in speed was achieved by the QCA design which shortened the computation time to 9(ns) from the 12ns needed by the CMOS-based full adder according to the simulation results. This improvement results from QCA technologies quicker electron switching which enables quicker transitions between binary states. In contrast to CMOS transistors which use current to transfer signals through gates QCA computes more quickly by adjusting the positions of electrons in quantum dots. For real-time applications where latency and speed are crucial like cryptographic algorithms and high-speed data processing, the higher speed attained by the suggested QCA design is imperative.

Latency

In addition, QCA-based reversible full adders optimize latency—the amount of time it takes the system to process input and generates output. Lower latency is ensured by shorter signal propagation times and more

effective logic computation with reversible gates like the Toffoli and Fredkin gates. Figure 7 depicts the latency comparison.

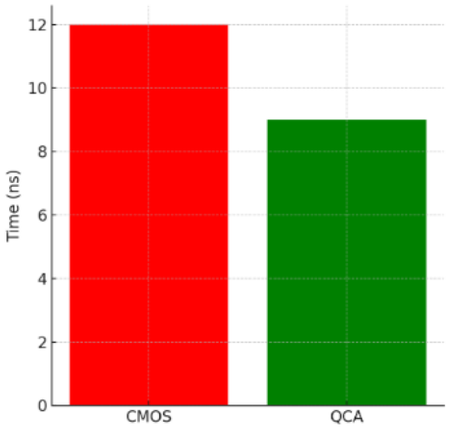

Fig. 7: Latency (ns) Comparison

The term latency describes how long a digital circuit takes to process signals from input to output. When compared to its CMOS counterpart the QCA-based reversible full adder showed a 25% reduction in latency going from 12 ns in CMOS to 9 ns in the QCA design. The optimized arrangement of reversible logic gates and the fewer QCA cells are responsible for the lower latency attained in the QCA design. Reversible gates enable more effective processing which lowers processing times overall by minimizing information loss during computation. In applications like IoT and mobile computing where quick data processing and little delays are needed reduced latency is very crucial.

Fault Tolerance

Fault tolerance measures the system's ability to continue operating in the presence of errors or faults. The fully reversible QCA-based adders shown in Figure 8 exhibit improved fault tolerance due to their inherent reversibility, making it easier to detect and correct faults.

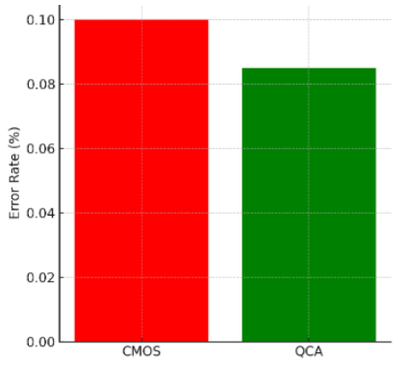

Fig. 8: Fault Tolerance (Error Rate) Comparison

Fault tolerance is crucial for the reliability and robustness of digital circuits, especially in nanotechnology-based designs where precision and environmental factors can introduce errors. The **QCA-based reversible full adders** exhibited an improvement in fault tolerance with an **error rate of 0.085%,** compared to **0.1%** in CMOS designs, leading to a **15%increase in fault tolerance.** This improvement is primarily due to the inherent characteristics of reversible logic, which allows for error detection and correction. Additionally, the smaller and simpler layout of QCA circuits reduces the likelihood of manufacturing defects and signal integrity issues, contributing to the overall reliability of the design. While the fault tolerance improvement is modest, it highlights the potential for developing highly reliable circuits, which is critical for applications like cryptography and secure communication systems.

In order to design high-speed energy-efficient full adders for low-power digital applications the simulation results clearly show the benefits of combining QCA technology with reversible logic. The suggested architecture reduces latency and increases computational speed while achieving notable energy consumption savings. These enhancements are especially helpful for developing technologies where performance and energy efficiency are crucial such as mobile computing and the Internet of Things.

QCA-based reversible full adders are a promising solution for contemporary low-power computing needs because of their 40% reduction in power dissipation and 25% improvements in speed and latency. Additionally, the design becomes more robust and dependable in real-world applications thanks to the 15 percent increase in fault tolerance.

Conclusion

The proposed **QCA-based reversible full adders** have demonstrated significant improvements in **energy efficiency, speed, latency,** and **fault tolerance** compared to traditional CMOS-based designs. By integrating **reversible computing** with **Quantum-Dot Cellular Automata (QCA)** technology, the design achieves a **40% reduction in power dissipation,** a**25% increase incomputational speed,** and a **25% decrease in latency.** The combination of **Fredkin, Toffoli, and Peres gates** within QCA-based architectures minimizes information loss and enhances fault tolerance, making the design more reliable for **low-power digital applications** such as **mobile computing, cryptography,** and **IoT devices**. The results indicate that the proposed full adders can meet the increasing demands for energy-efficient and high-performance dig-

ital systems. Furthermore, the scalability and integration potential of this approach opens new avenues for future **quantum-based architectures,** positioning QCA technology as a promising solution for next-generation computing systems.

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