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QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

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QML in HEP

Today we'll discuss

- 1) A brief review of important concepts in QC/QML
- 2) How QML can be used in HEP through examples

Quantum Machine Learning in High Energy Physics

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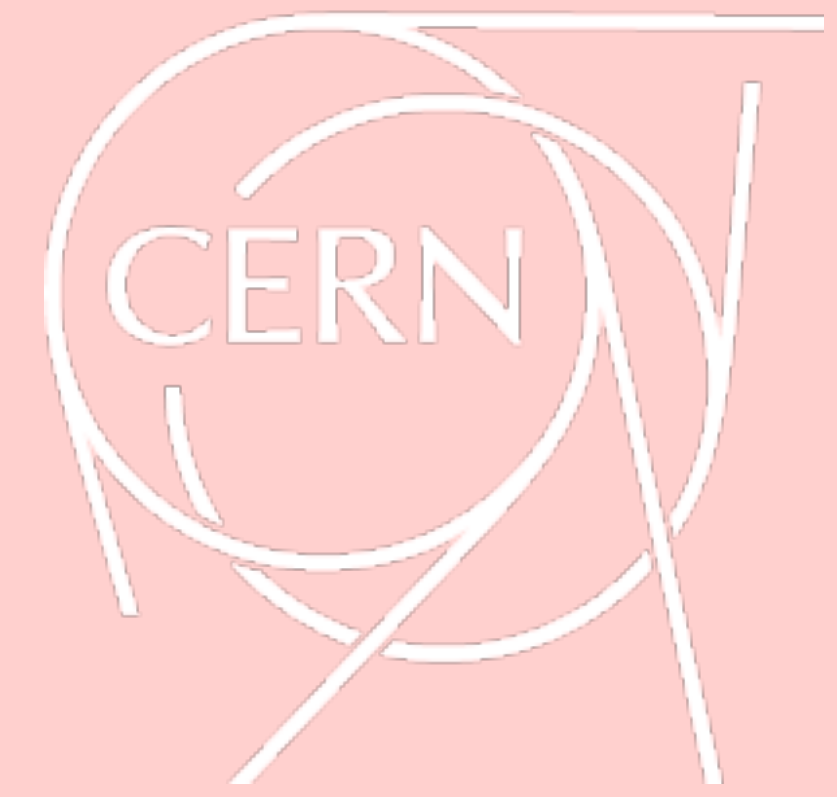
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Abstract. Machine learning has been used in high energy physics for a long time, primarily at the analysis level with supervised classification. Quantum computing was postulated in the early 1980s as way to perform computations that would not be tractable with a classical computer. With the advent of noisy intermediate-scale quantum computing devices, more quantum algorithms are being developed with the aim at exploiting the capacity of the hardware for machine learning applications. An interesting question is whether there are ways to apply quantum machine learning to High Energy Physics. This paper reviews the first generation of ideas that use quantum machine learning on problems in high energy physics and provide an outlook on future applications.

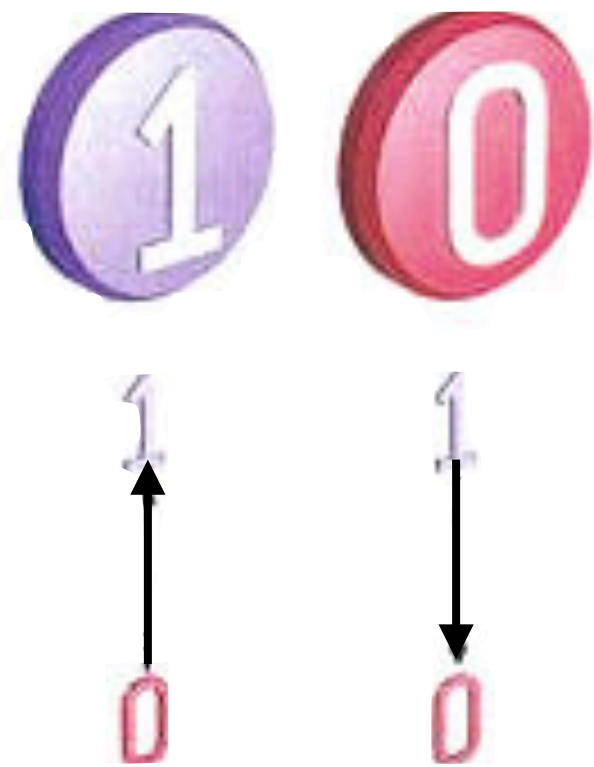


BASIC CONCEPTS

Overview: Quantum Computing

Classical bit:

2 states
(transistor on/off)



Ten bits = 2^{10} (1,024)
combinations of 0s and 1s

Can represent 1 number
between 0 and 1,023.

QUBIT:

Many possible states
due to superpositions

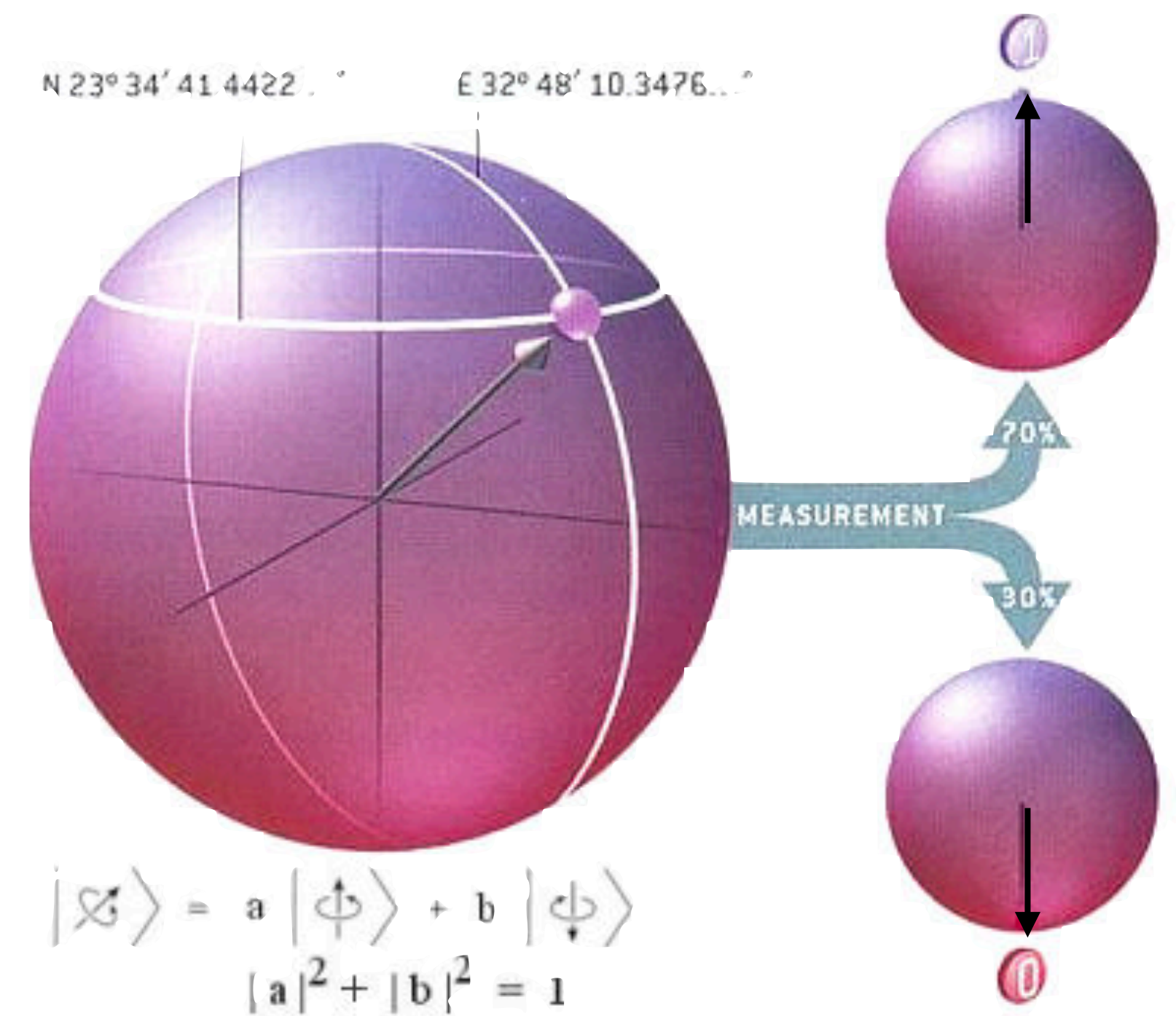


Represent 0 and 1
at the same time

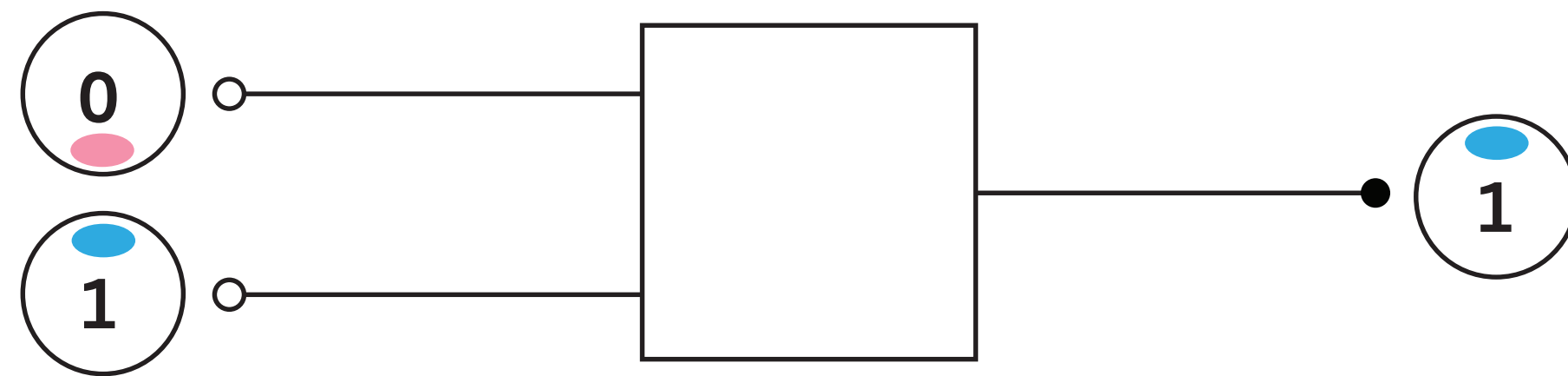
10 qubits encode all 1,024
numbers simultaneously.

Measurement:

Yield outcome 0 or 1,
probability depends on latitude



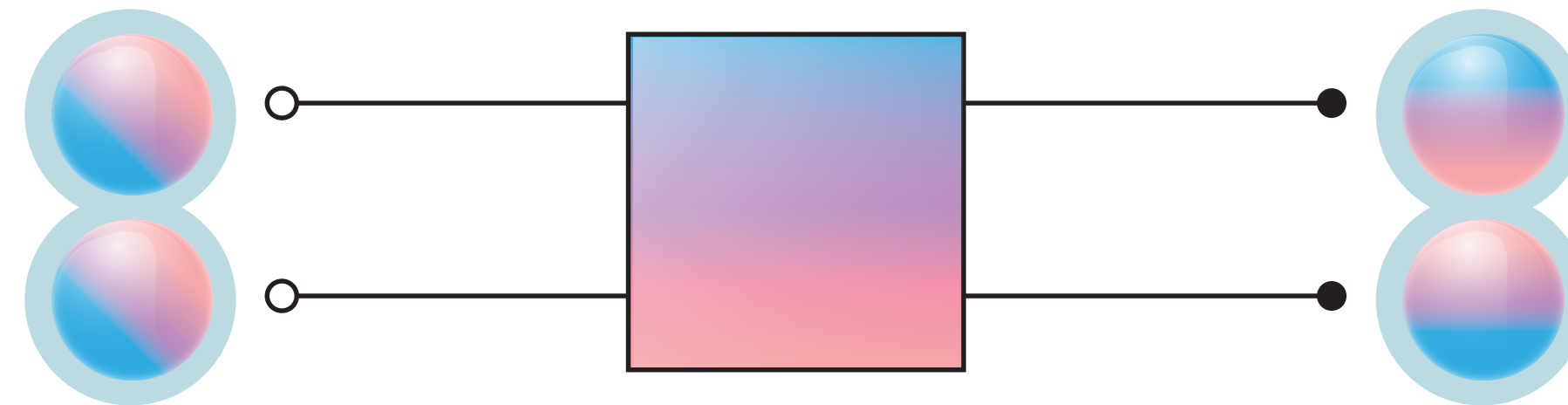
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CLASSICAL

Logic gate

Classical logic gate:
Operates on single bits
Output 0 or 1



QUANTUM

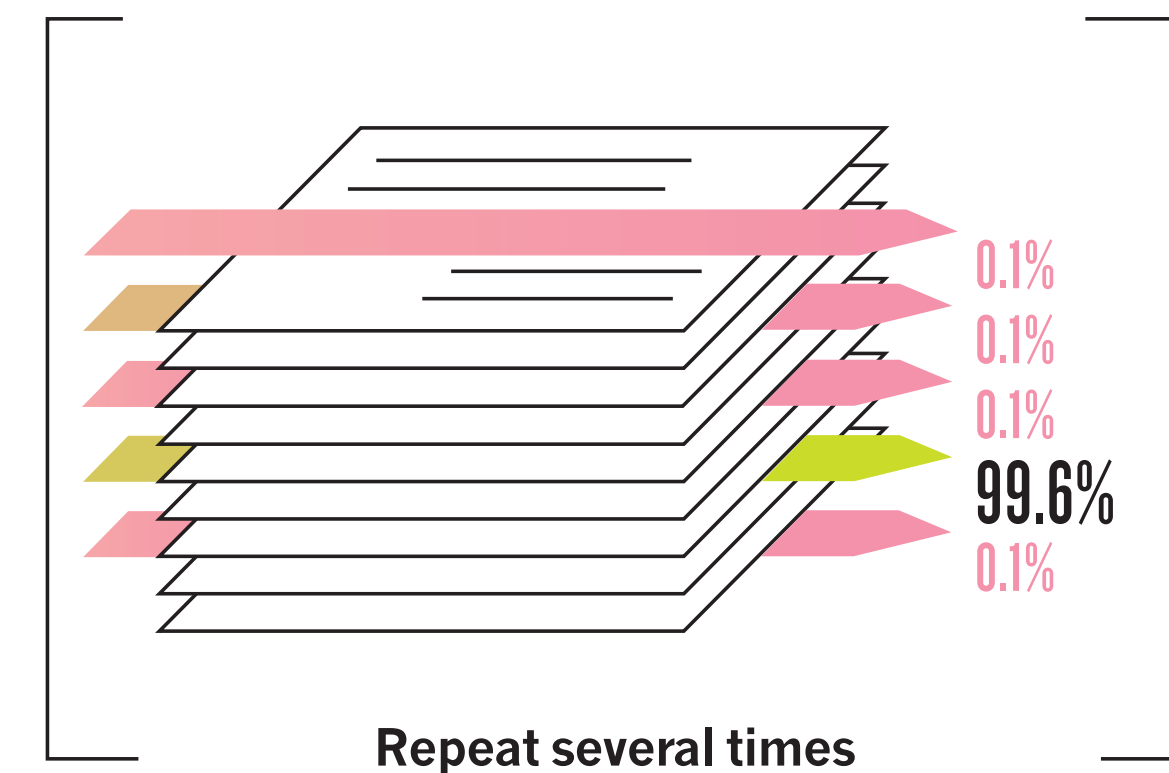
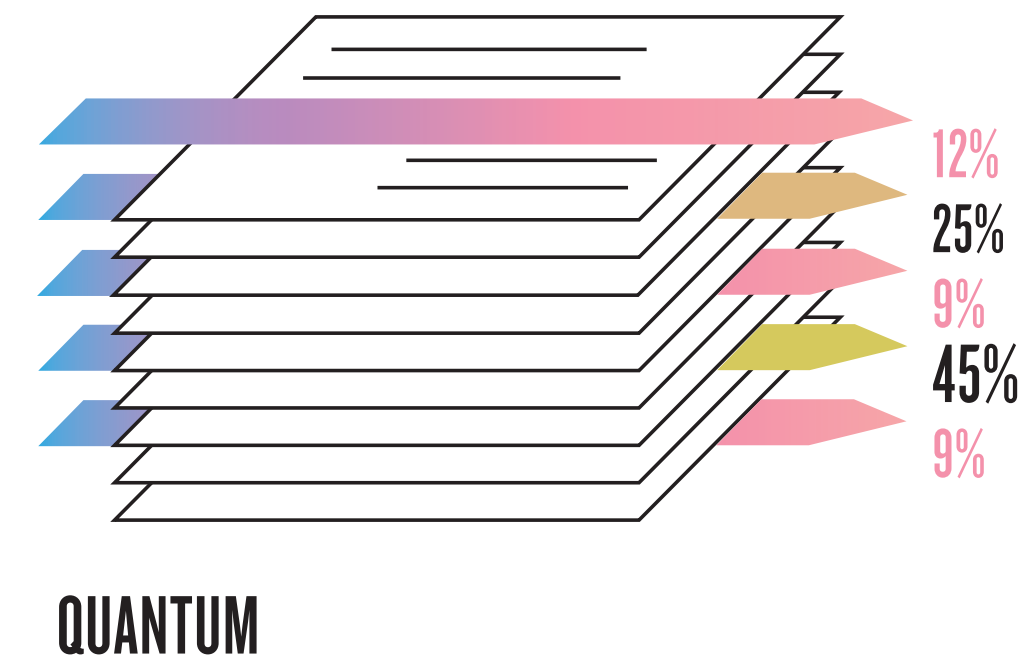
Quantum logic gate

Quantum logic gate:
Operate on entire superposition state of all qubits
Transforms into another superposition state encoding all numbers

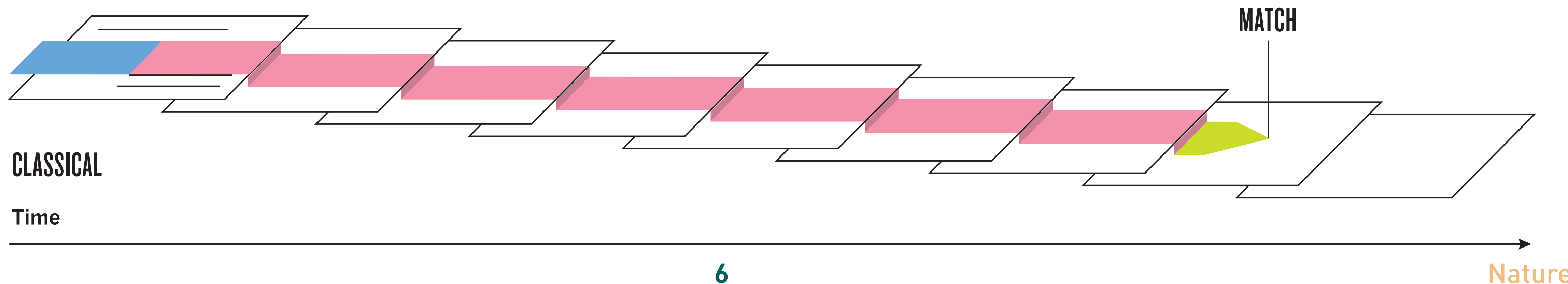
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Quantum computing:

All possibilities analysed at the same time, but must be repeated several times



Classical computing: Each possibility individually



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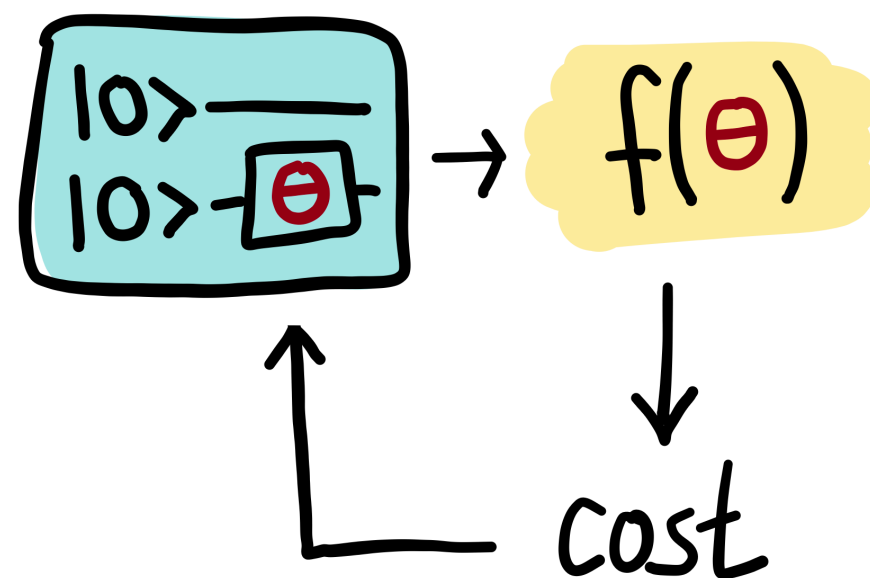
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Variational circuits (NISQ algorithms)

Fixed size quantum circuits that depend on free parameters θ

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- Parameters can be optimised for specific task.
- Expectation value $f(\theta) = \langle 0 | U^\dagger(\theta) \hat{B} U(\theta) | 0 \rangle$ define cost
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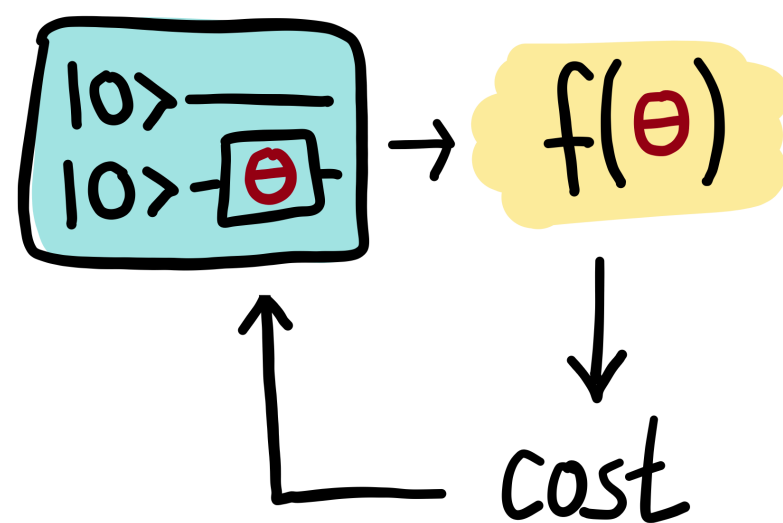
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Fixed size quantum circuits with variable parameters θ

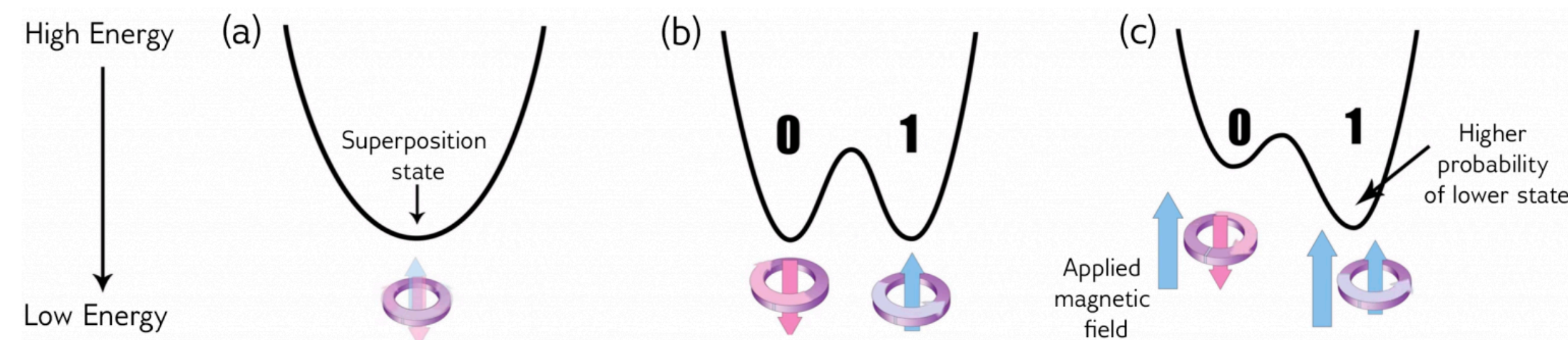
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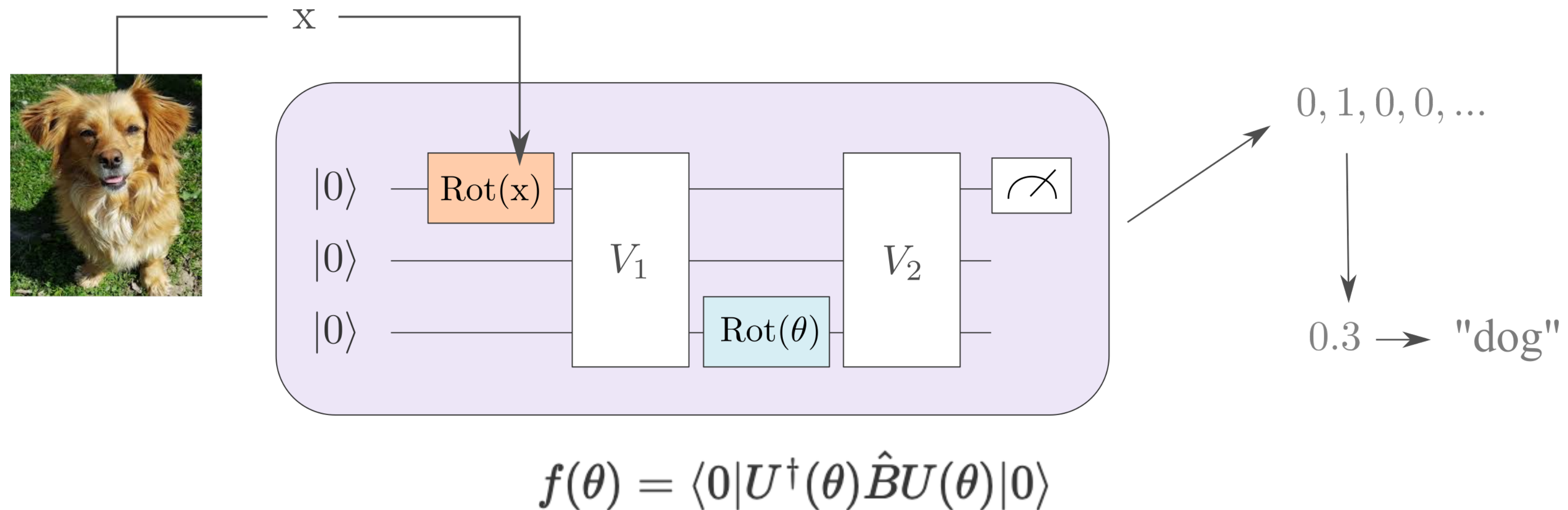
Quantum annealing

Solve optimisation problems by finding lowest energy state(minimum point over large number of variables)

- Formulate problem as objective function (Ising, QUBO)
- Each state represented as energy level, simulated and lowest energy result obtained
- Less affected by noise, but also less flexible
- Trainable bias(external field) and weights (coupler)



Overview: Trainable variational circuits



$\text{Rot}(x)$: Encode input, e.g rotate qubit of angle x

$\text{Rot}(\theta)$: Trainable parameters

Overview:

Trainable quantum annealers

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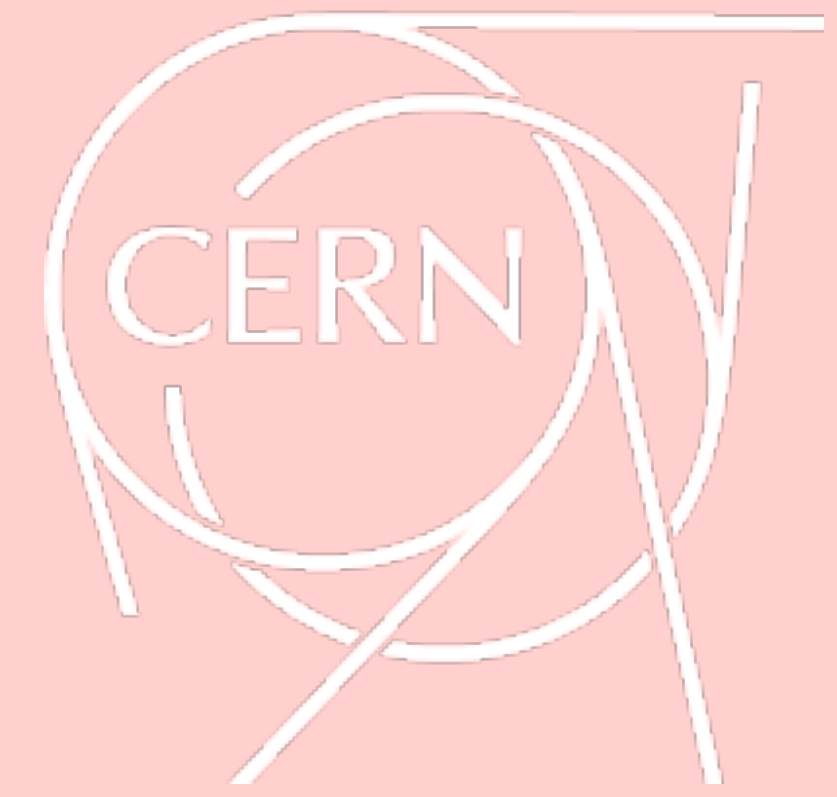
- Ising model or QUBO
- Low energy states == good solutions

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n J_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i x_i$$

'weights' 'biases'

Quantum annealers for
training, or as samplers?

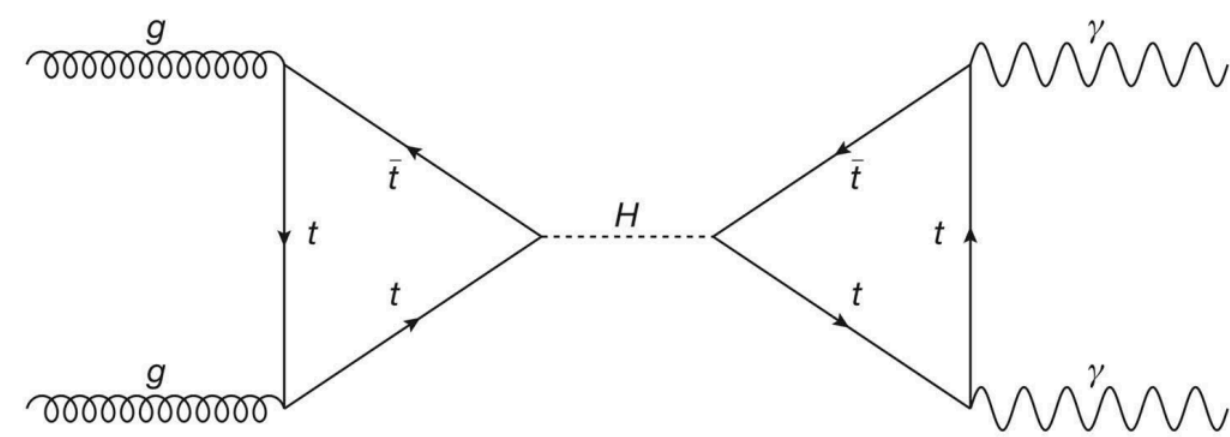
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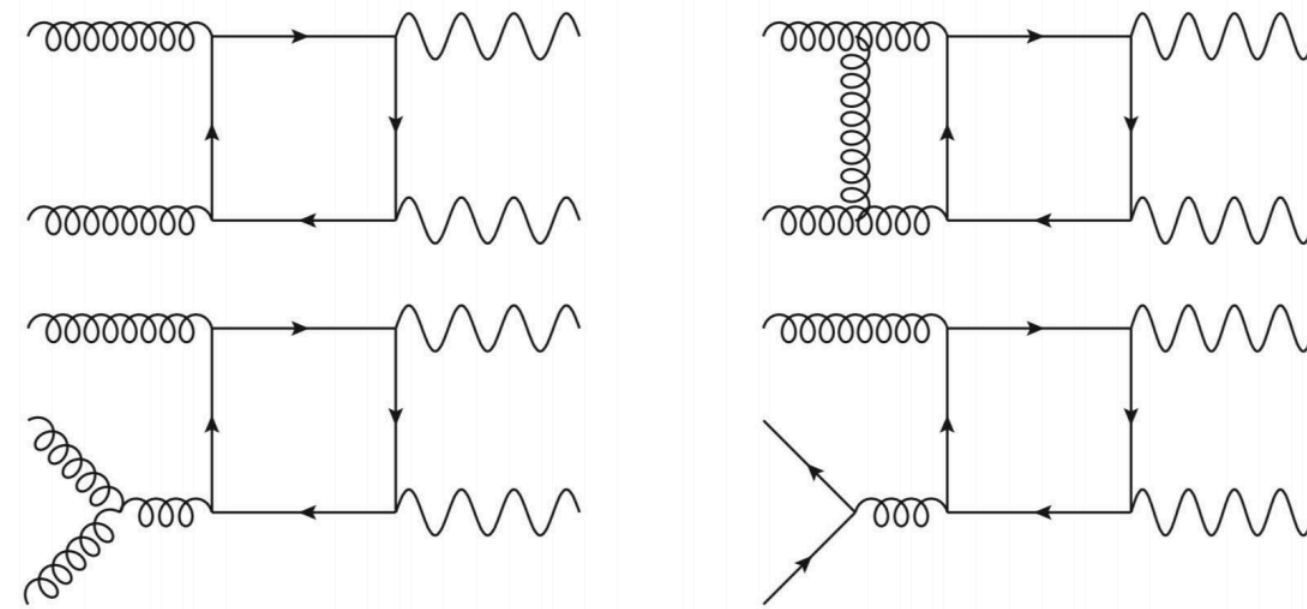
APPLICATIONS

Applications: Quantum Annealing

Higgs boson



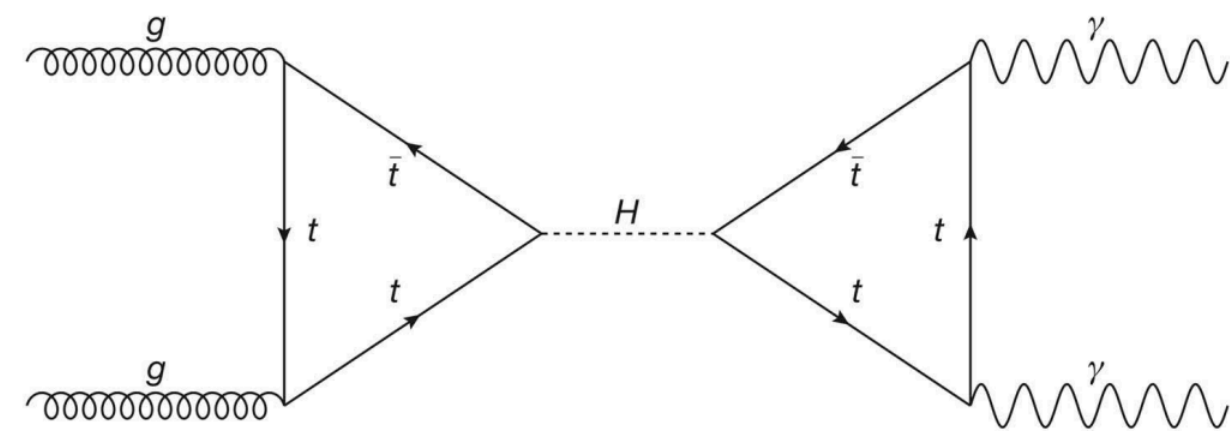
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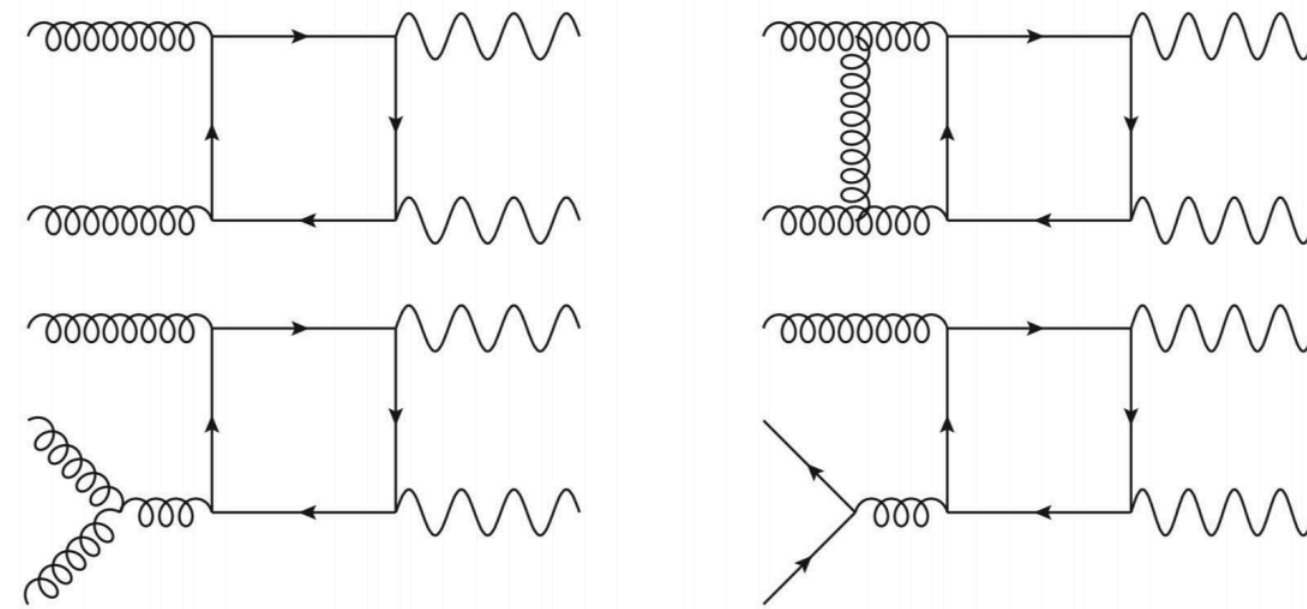
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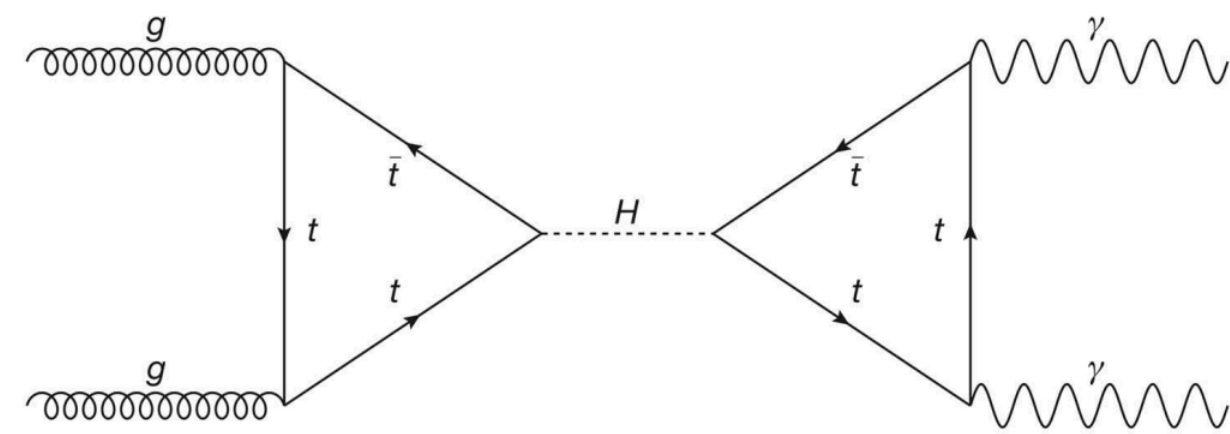
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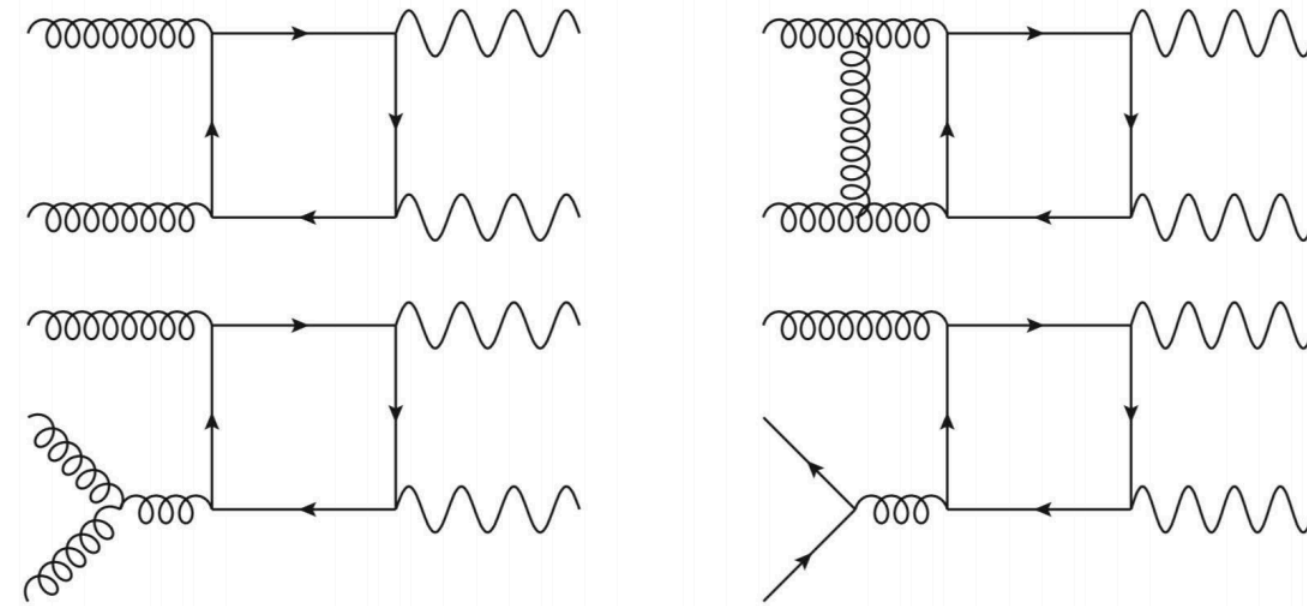
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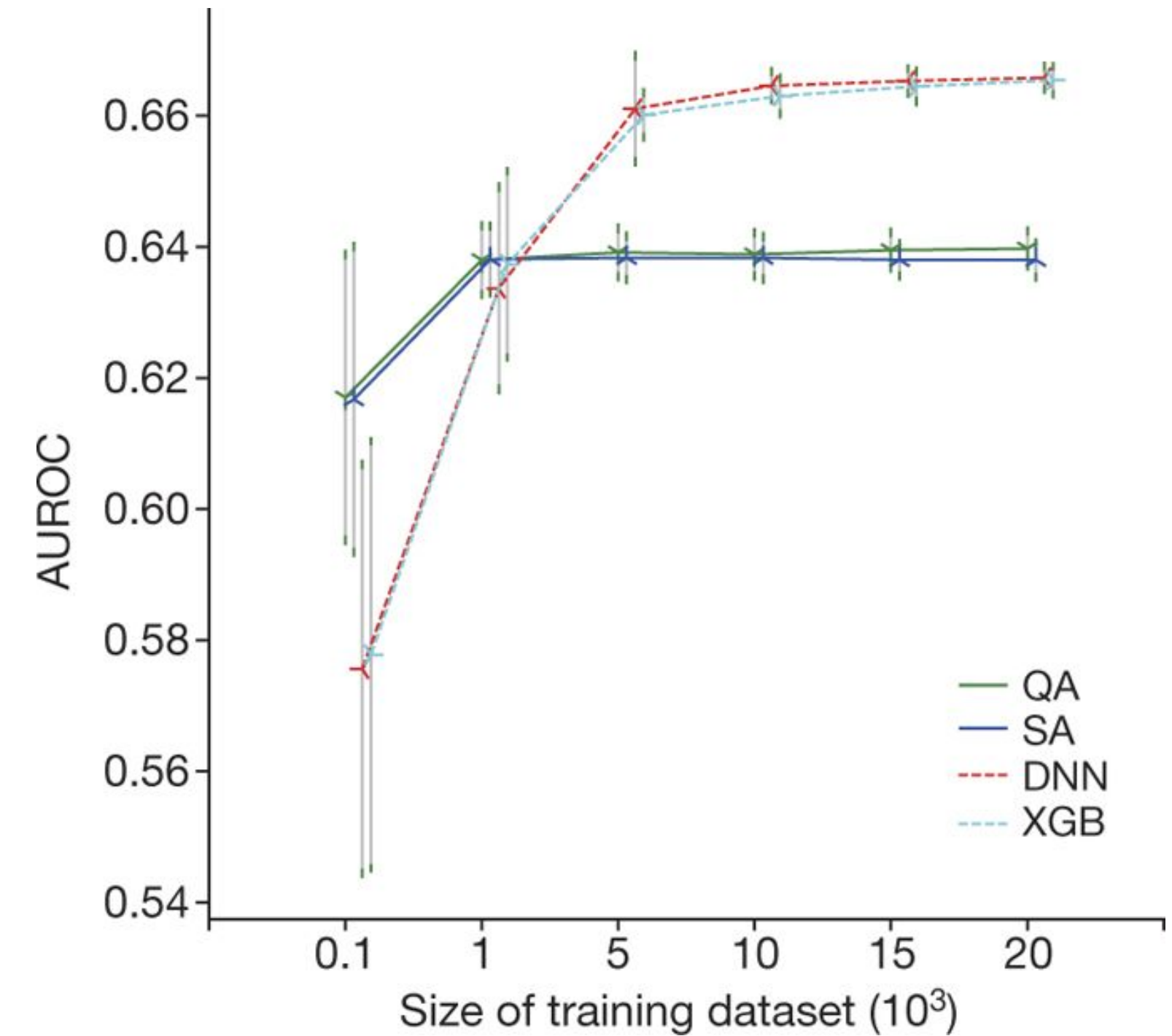


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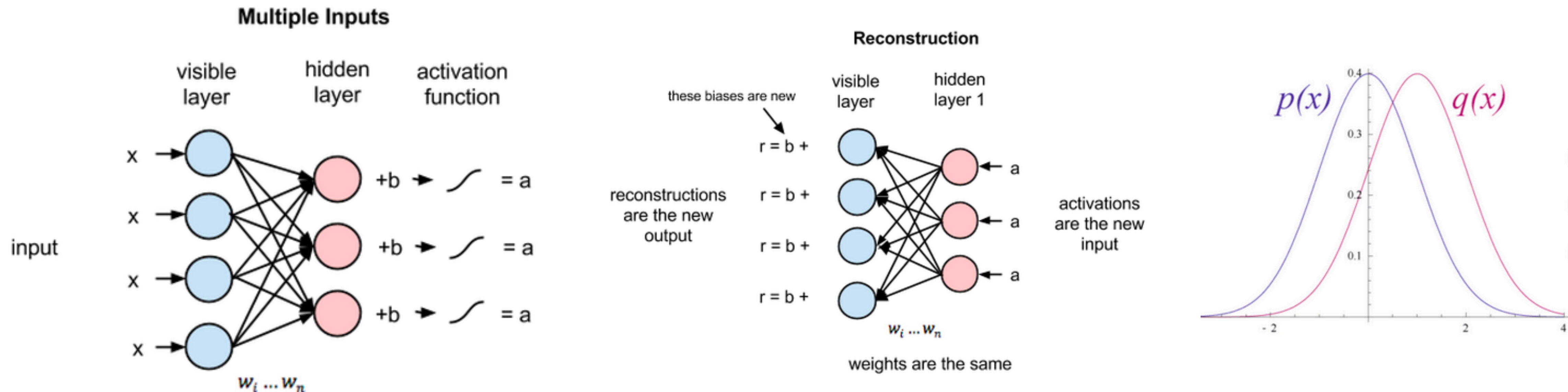
Also describes QAML Zooming
(extend binary linear combination to
continuous by running iteratively)

Applications - Quantum Annealing: Classification in cosmology with qRBM

Quantum annealers as sampling engines? Demonstrated in galaxy classification problem ([arXiv:1911.06259](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.06259))

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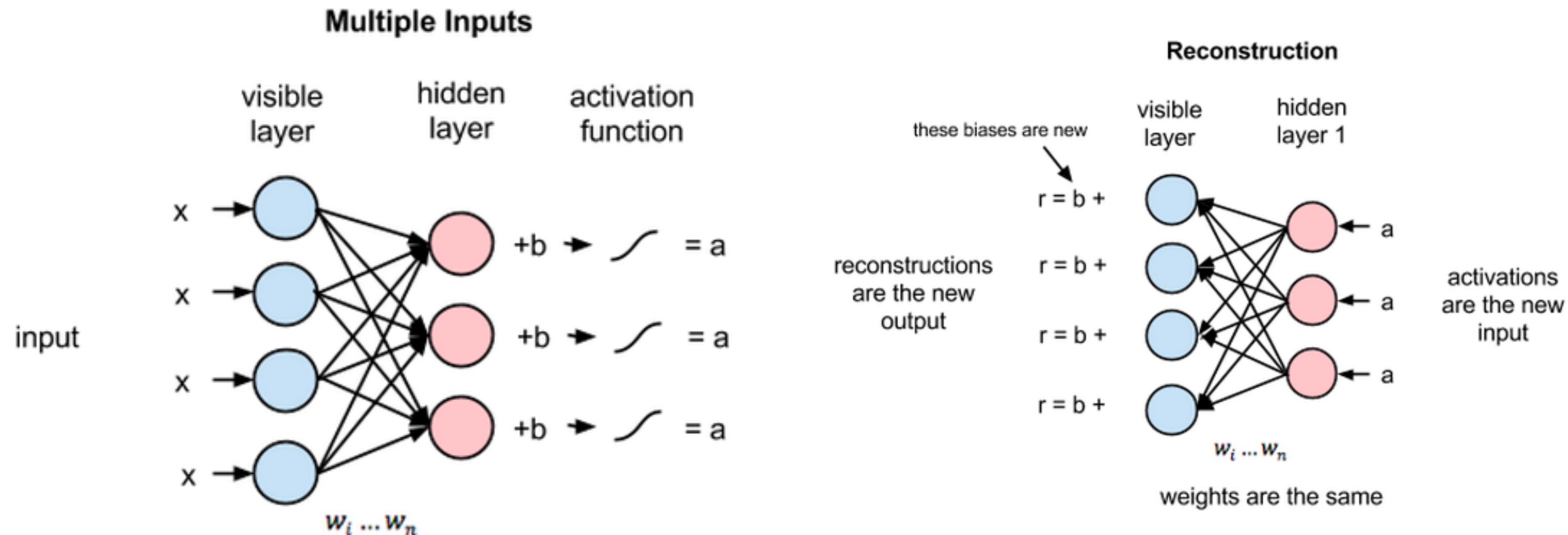


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- Tunable couplings between qubits \rightarrow graph connection weights
Sampling from graph configuration \rightarrow natural part of annealing

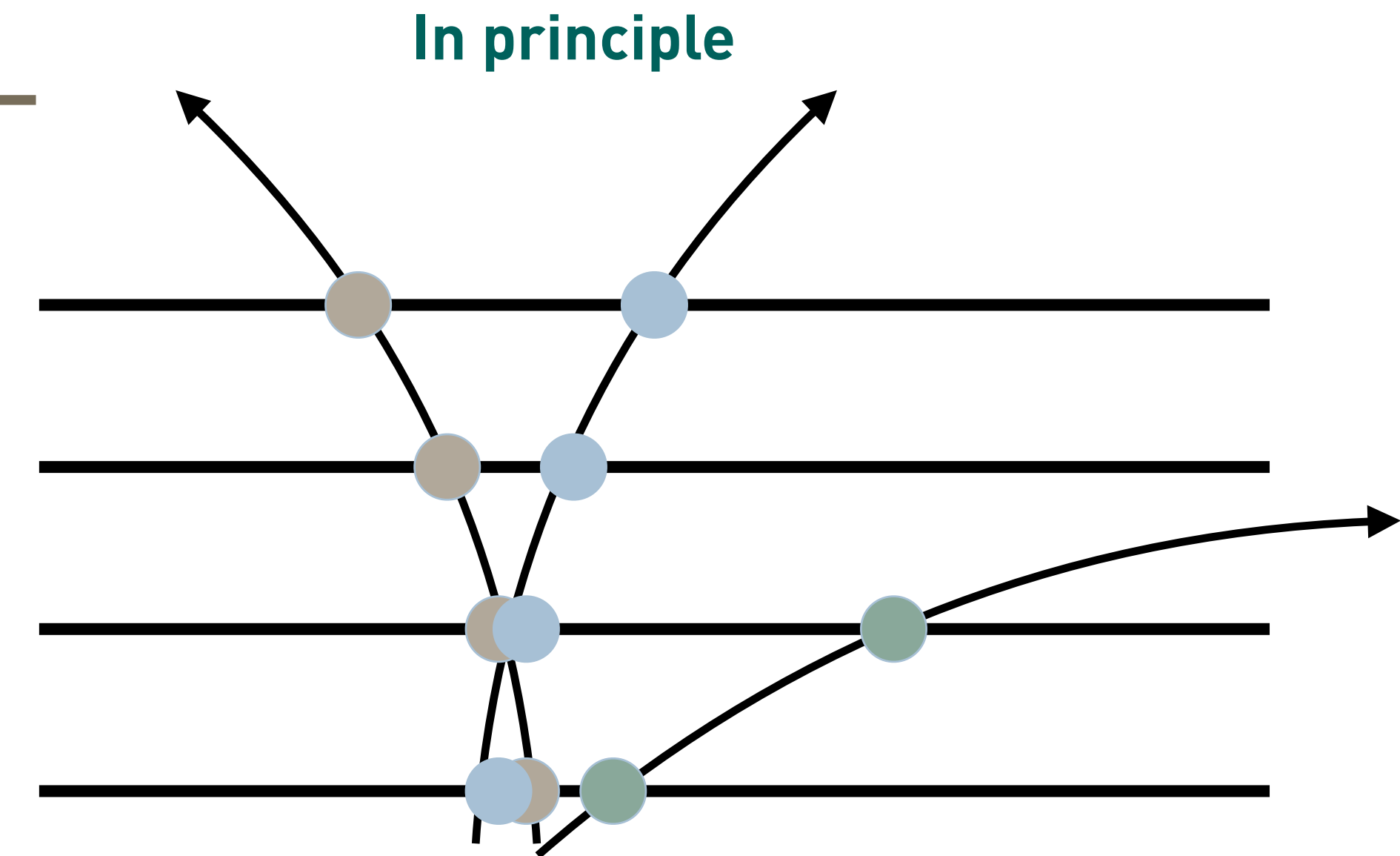
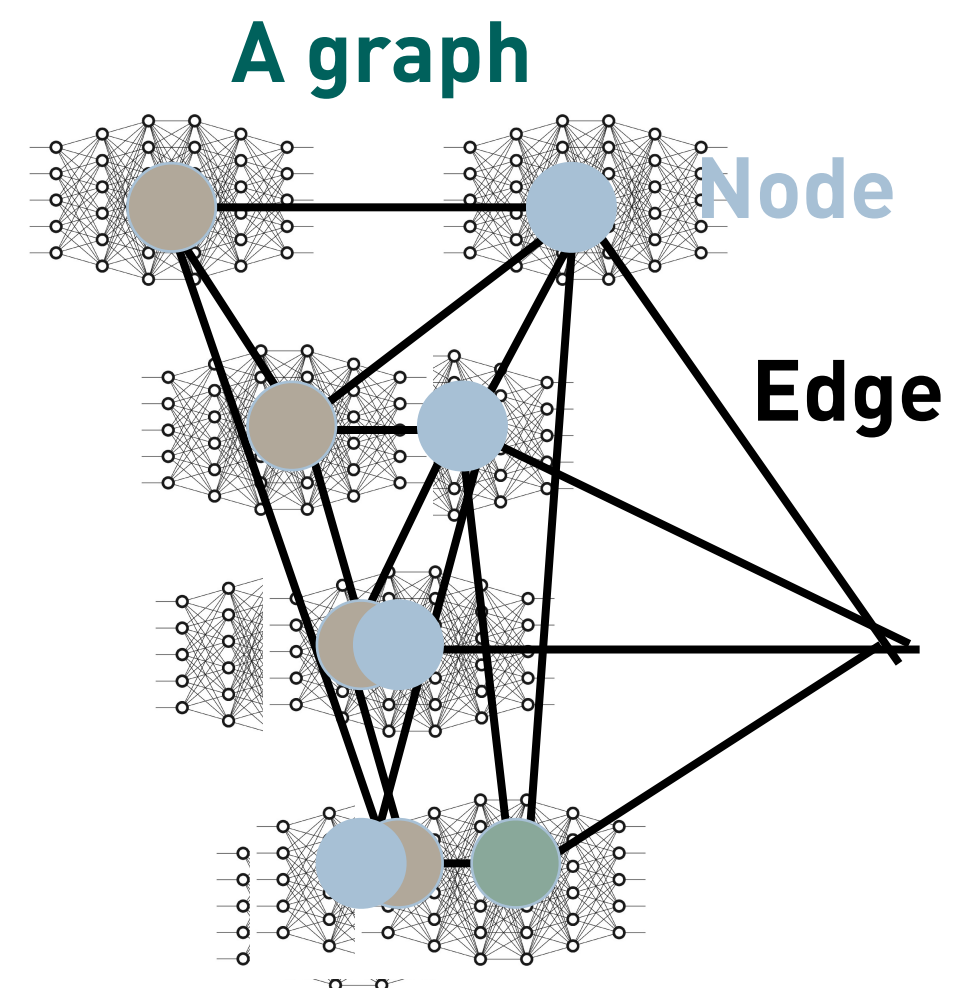
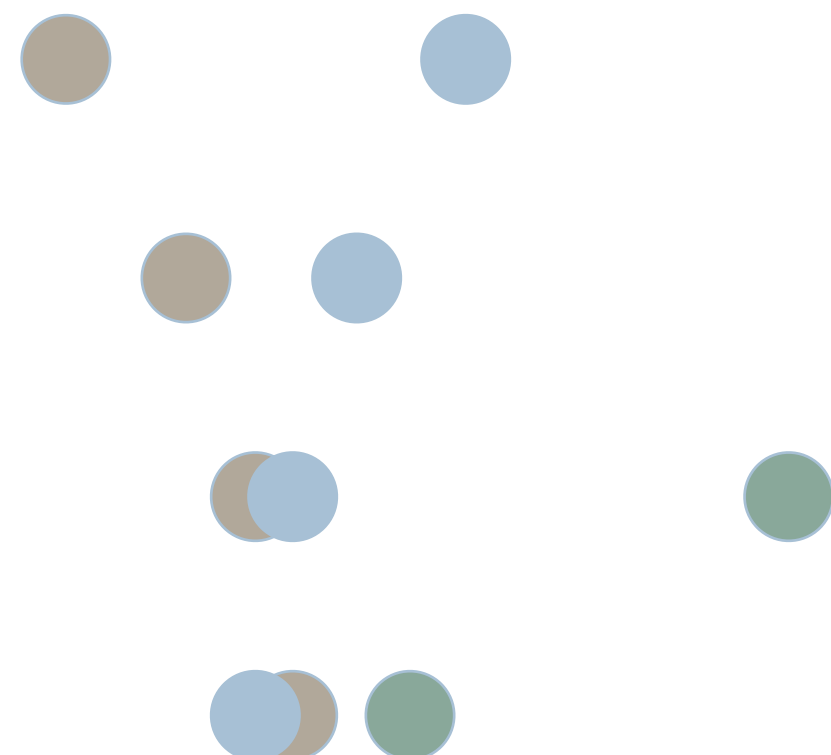


Applications - Quantum Circuit: Quantum GNNs for particle track repo

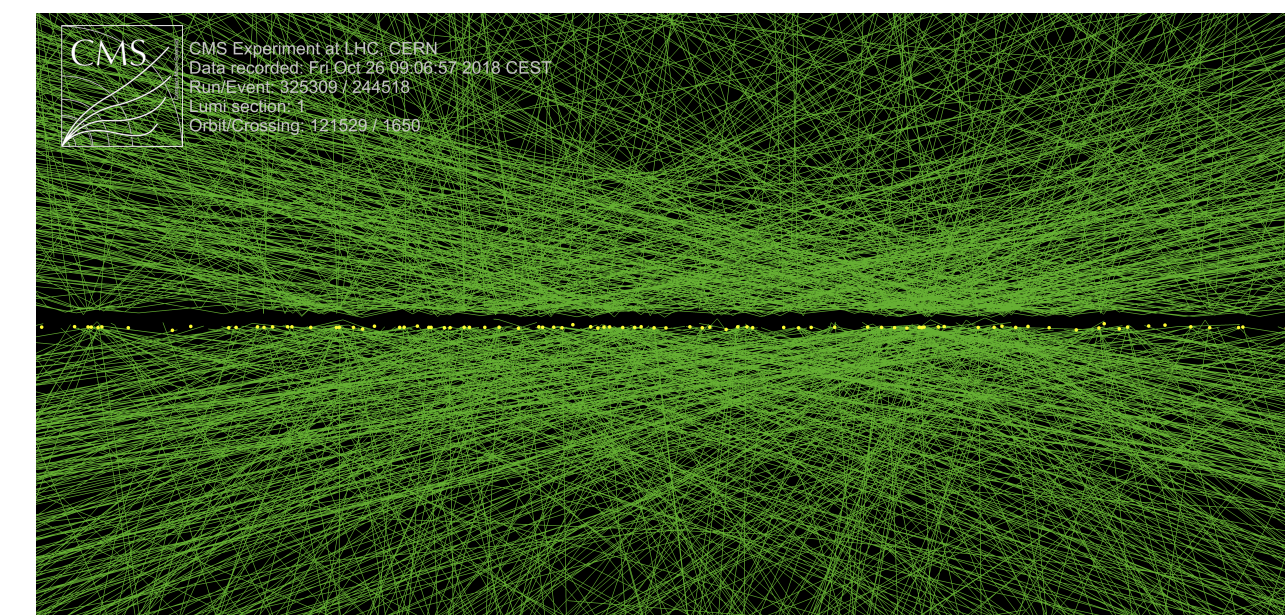
Speed-up tracking with Graph Neural Networks

- Input network: encodes hit information as node features
- Edge network: outputs edge features
- Node network: calculates hidden node features

Hits in detector



Reality

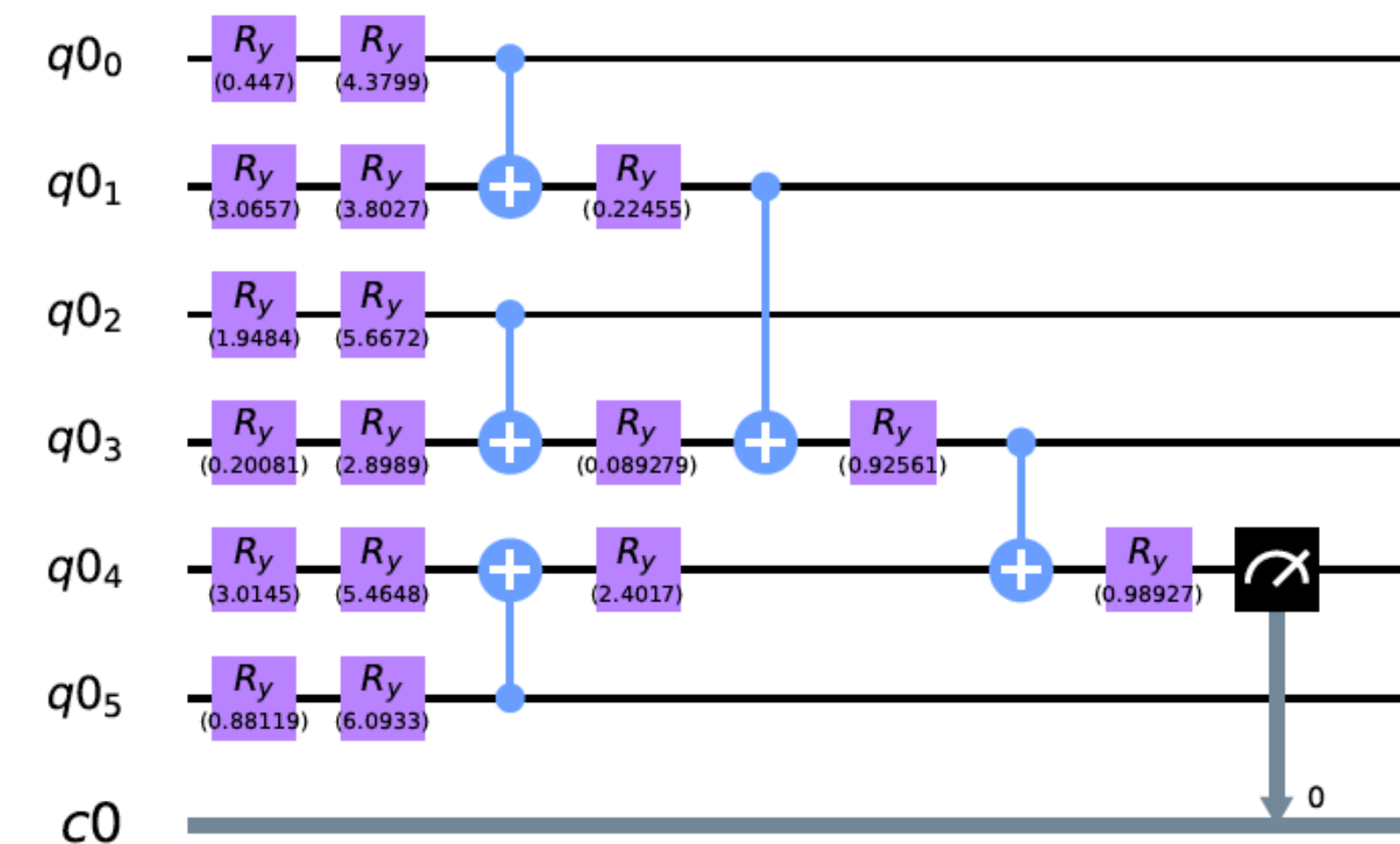
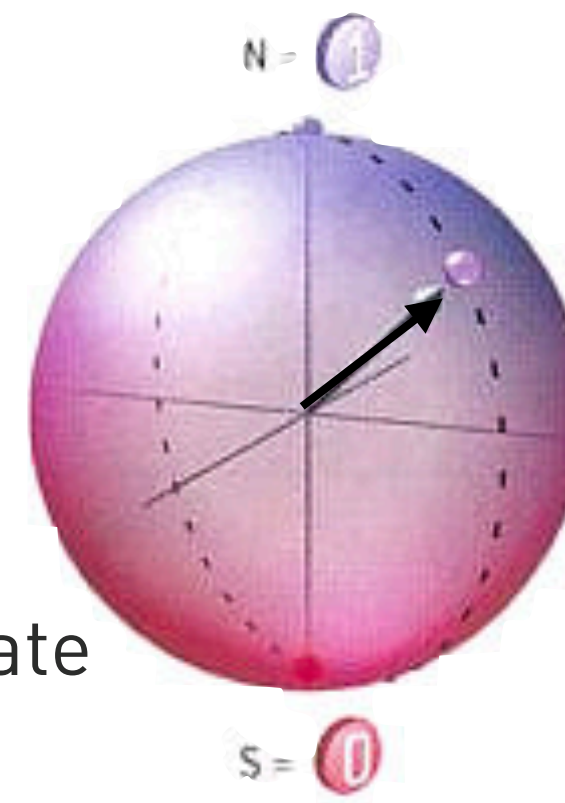


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Replace edge network by quantum Edge network through CNOT gates and rotation (R_y)

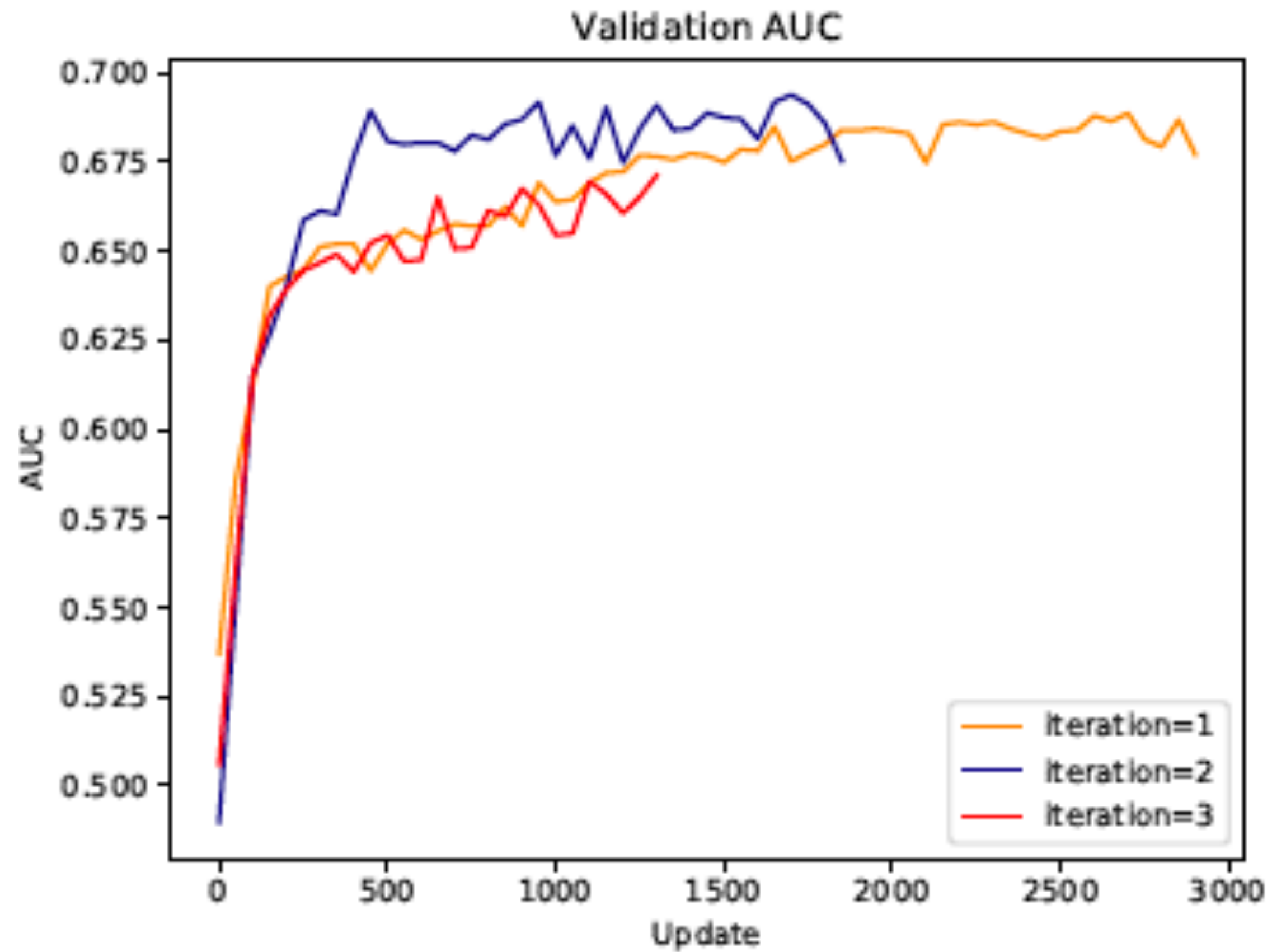
Reimplement classical GNN as qGNN

- Networks are **tree tensor networks**
- Datapoints: encoded as parameters of R_y gates
- Trainable parameters: Angles of rotations on Bloch sphere. Starts with randomly initialised parameters, which R_y gates rotate according to parameter's value
- CNOT gate is used to introduce correlation between qubits so that values are not independent.
- At the end of the circuit, there is a measurement of a single qubit



Proof-of-principle. Achieve slightly lower accuracy than classical, power would be in potential speedup!

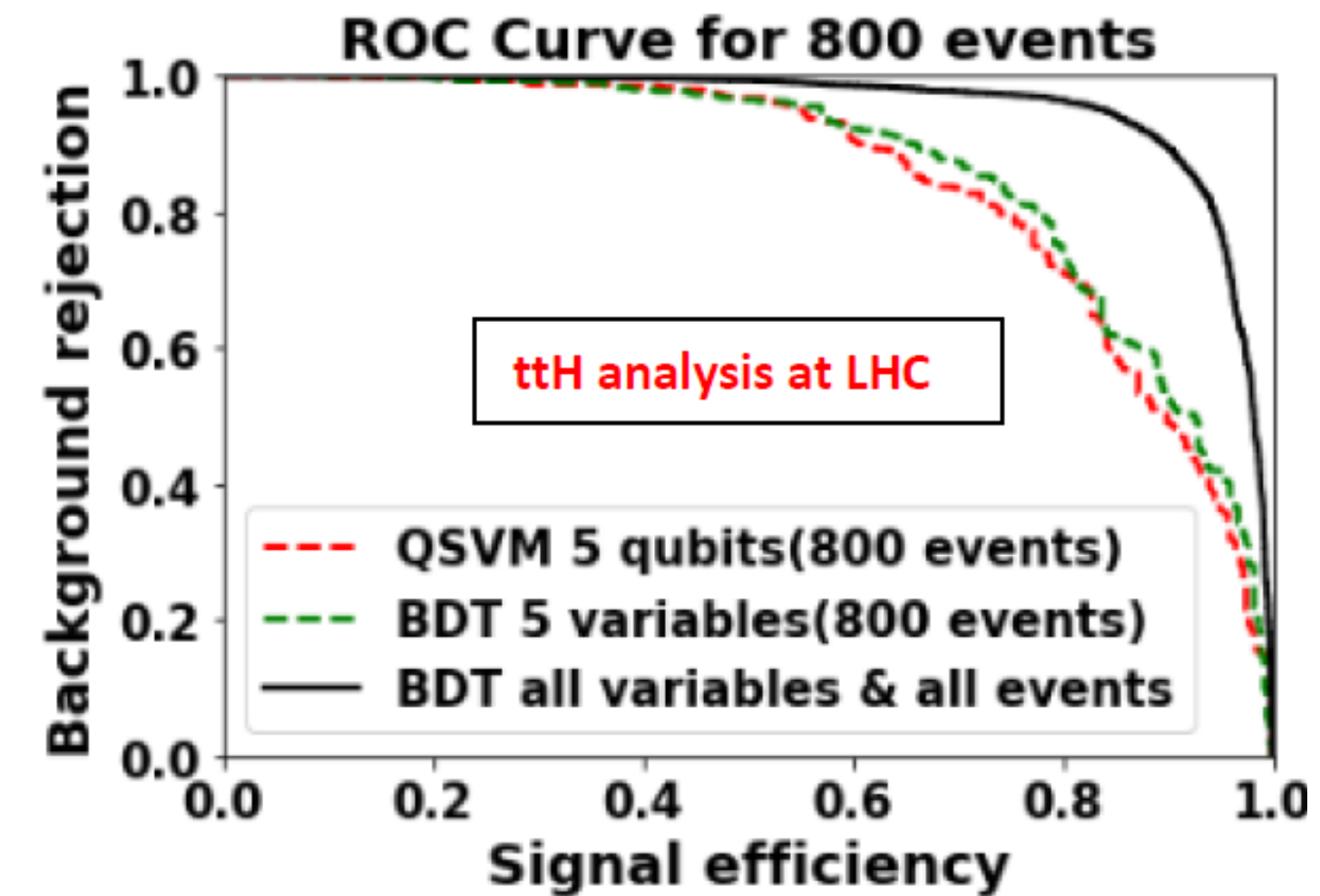
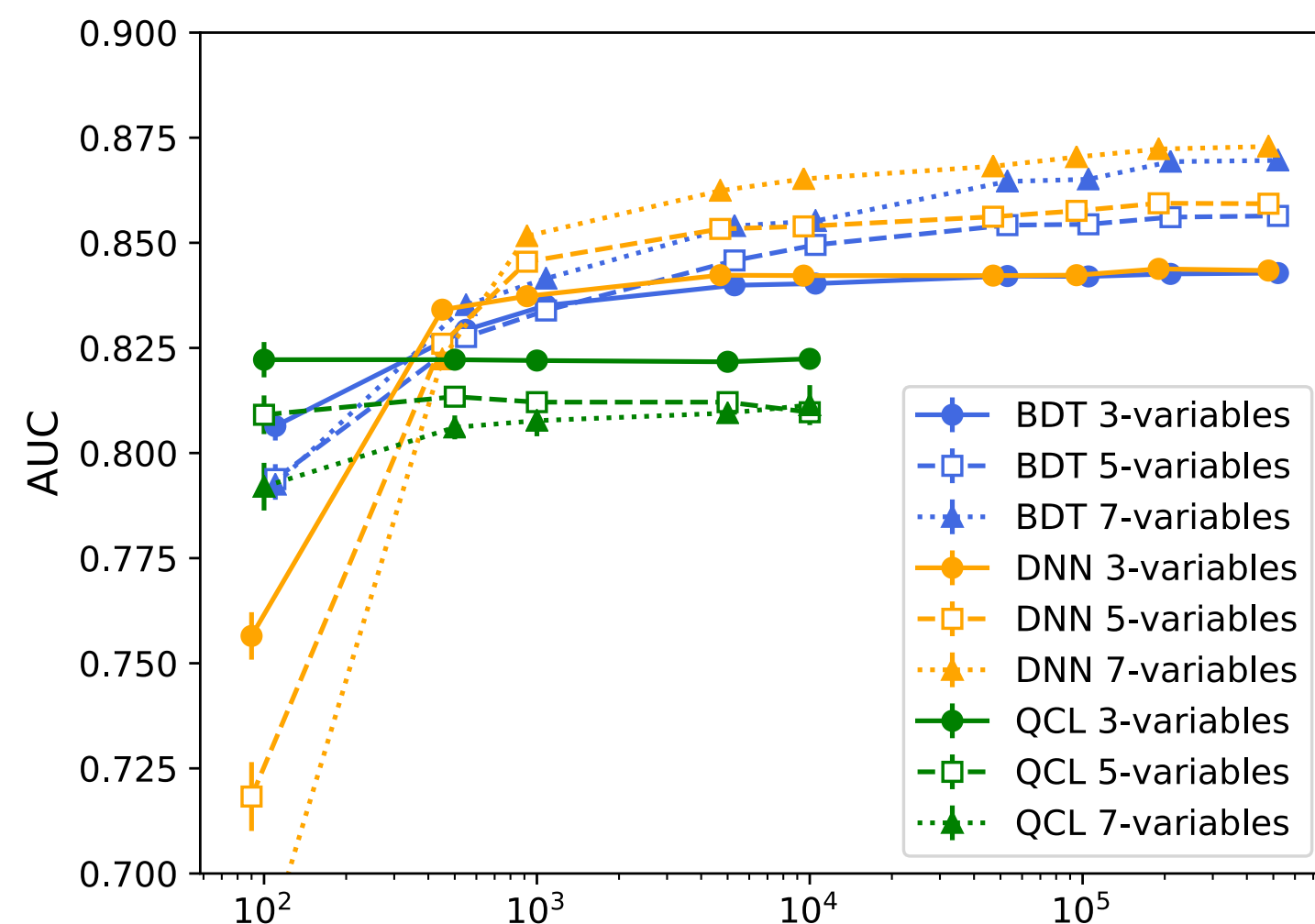
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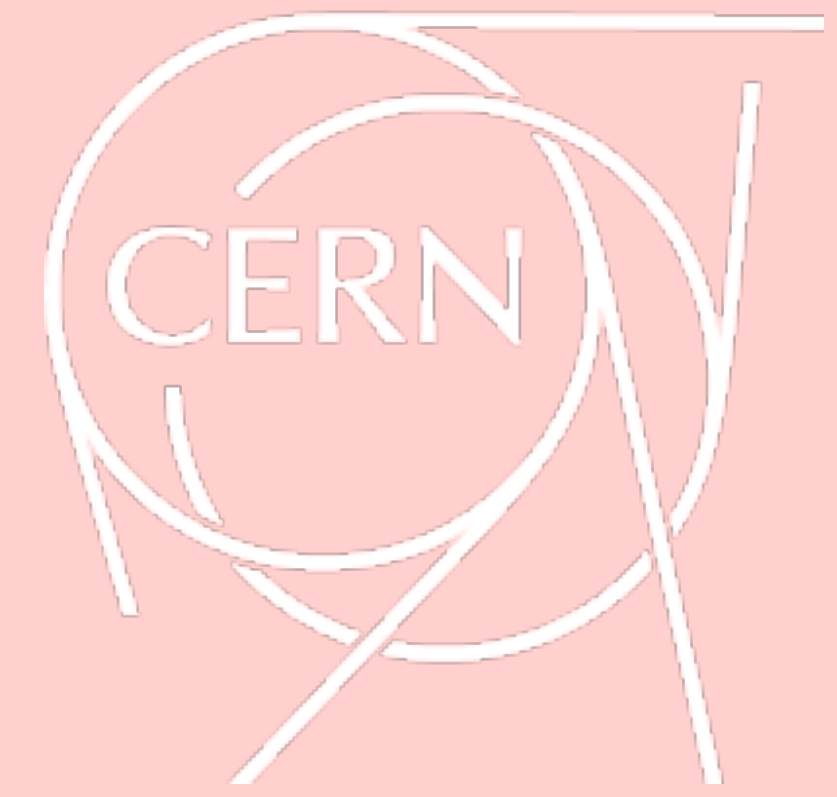


Applications - Quantum Circuit: Classification with Variational Quantum Circuits

Variational Quantum Algorithms for Machine Learning

- Map input data to exponentially large quantum state space to enhance ability to find optimal solution, then the usual $p_y(\vec{x}) \leftarrow \langle \Phi(\vec{x}) | W^\dagger(\vec{\theta}) M_y W(\vec{\theta}) | \Phi(\vec{x}) \rangle$





FINAL REMARKS

Final remark on Quantum Data

QML on datasets of quantum states?

- Rather than processing classical signal in photonic sensors, direct them into QC and apply variational circuit trained to extract state information
- Simulate HEP experiment on Quantum Computer followed by QML algorithm to analyse resulting quantum states

Summary

Can achieve good accuracy on certain problems, but cannot evaluate whether quantum speedups will be achieved

- My take-home: We know QML algorithms 'work' for HEP problems, but the desired gain in using them (to solve HEP 'resource-problem') is not yet clear and will probably not be clear until we have large general QC's