





QML in the latent space of HEP events

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Introduction: The Challenge

Application: Searches at LHC

Finding Signal in a dataset dominated by Background

Look in mJJ resonance spectrum

2 Scenarios:

	Supervised	Unsupervised
Truth	known	unknown
Training Data	MC with signal model	Data
Search	model-dependent	model-agnostic

Goal:

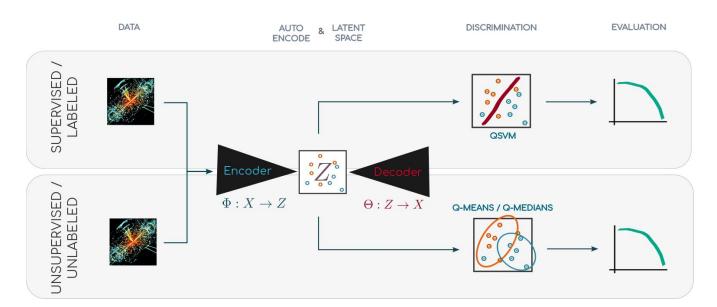
- + Compare classic to quantum algorithm performance
- + Study impact of latent dimension and training size

Rationale for Quantum:

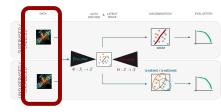
Improved accuracy (because data intrinsically quantum, quantum can find patterns that classic can't)

Introduction: Workflow

- Data: Reduce dimensionality of input to make treatable by noisy quantum computers through Autoencoder
- Algorithms:
 - 1. SVM Classification for supervised scenario
 - 2. K-Means / K-Medians for unsupervised scenario
- Evaluation: Signal- vs Background-Accuracy



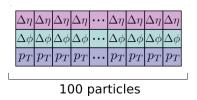
Data & Quantum Embedding



Input:

Dijet Events

Particle list ($\Delta \eta$, $\Delta \varphi$, ρt)



Autoencoder Training:

Define data sideband (dominated by BG) as $|\Delta\eta| > 1.4$

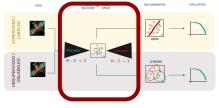
Encoding inputs into quantum state

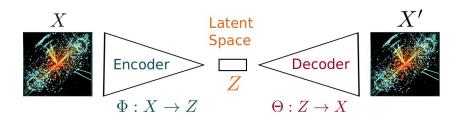
- Amplitude encoding (Q-means and Q-medians)
- Dense angle encoding (QSVM)

Training and Testing

- AE train: QCD sideband (2M events)
- Clustering train: QCD signalregion
- Clustering test: QCD signalregion (10K events)

Autoencoding for Dimensionality Reduction





Originally designed to compress and decompress inputs, passing through bottleneck (latent space)

<u>Idea</u>

Make AE learn how to compress BG, it will fail when seeing SIG event (reconstruction error)

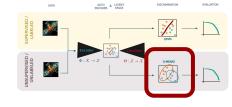
Architecture: Convolutional + Dense Layers

Latent Activation: tanh, dimensionality variation $Z \in \mathbb{R}^8, \mathbb{R}^{16}, \mathbb{R}^{32}$

Loss Metric: Chamfer-Loss / Pairwise distance

$$L_R = \sum_{i \in input} \min_{j} ((x^{(i)} - x^{(j)})^2) + \sum_{j \in output} \min_{i} ((x^{(j)} - x^{(i)})^2)$$

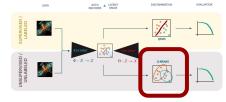
Unsupervised Clustering: Q-MEANS



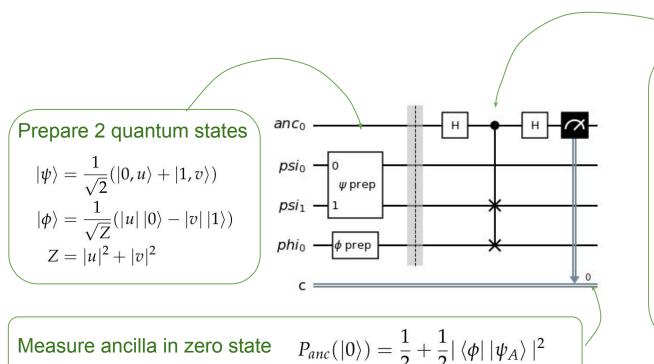
Algorithm in 3 parts:

- 1) Quantum distance calculation: distance to cluster
- Quantum minimization (Grover / Duerr & Hoyer): closest cluster assignment
- 3) New cluster center calculation (classic)

Unsupervised Clustering: Q-MEANS



Quantum distance calculation: distance to cluster



Do Swap Test

$$|x_0\rangle = |0,a,b\rangle$$

$$|x_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0,a,b\rangle + |1,a,b\rangle)$$

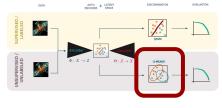
$$|x_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0,a,b\rangle + |1,b,a\rangle)$$

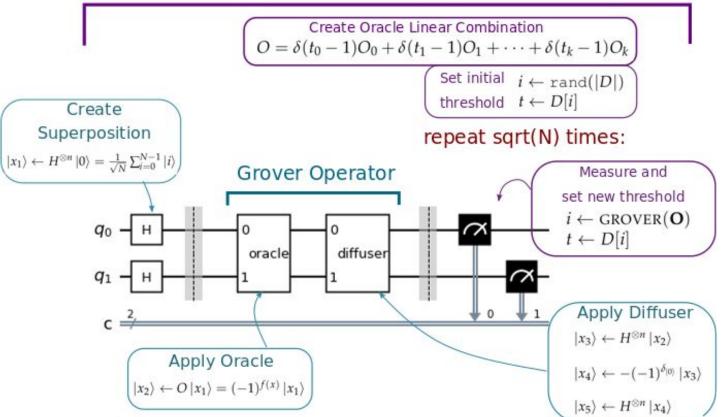
$$|x_3\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle (|a,b\rangle + |b,a\rangle) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left|1\right\rangle \left(\left|a,b\right\rangle - \left|b,a\right\rangle\right)$$

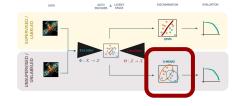
Unsupervised Clustering: Q-MEANS

Duerr & Hoyer Minimization (input: distances D)





Unsupervised Clustering: Q-MEDIANS



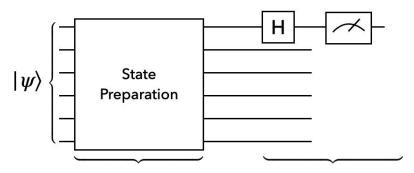
Algorithm in 3 parts:

- 1) Quantum distance calculation: distance to cluster
- 2) Classic minimization to closest cluster
- 3) Cluster median calculation (quantum distance + classic heuristics)

Unsupervised Clustering: Q-MEDIANS

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Quantum distance calculation: distance to cluster



classical inputs:

$$t = (t_x, t_y)$$

$$c = (c_x, c_y)$$

$$Norm = \sqrt{t_x^2 + t_y^2 + c_x^2 + c_y^2}$$

$$t_i' = \frac{t_i}{Norm} \quad c_i' = \frac{c_i}{Norm}$$

$$\downarrow$$

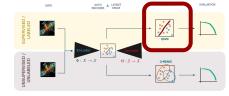
$$|\psi\rangle = [t_x', t_y', c_x', c_y']$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t'_x \\ t'_y \\ c'_x \\ c'_y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} t'_x + c'_x \\ t'_y + c'_y \\ t'_x - c'_x \\ t'_y - c'_y \end{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 000 \\ |010 \\ |100 \\ |111 \rangle$$

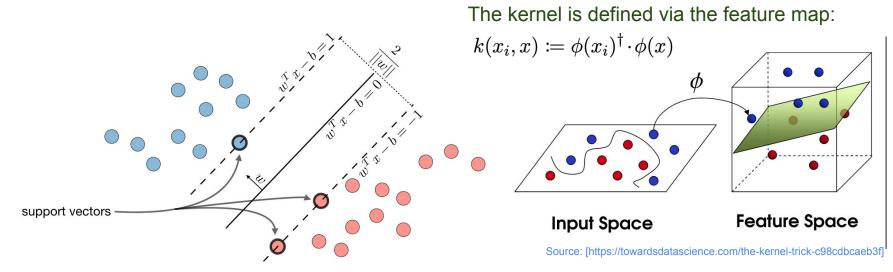
$$P |1\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[(t'_x - c'_x)^2 + (t'_y - c'_y)^2 \right] \quad \text{measure Most Significant Qubit}$$

$$dist(t,c) = Norm \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot P |10}$$

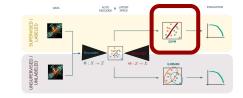
Supervised: QSVM Classifier

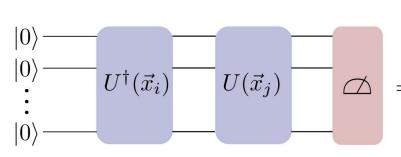


- Supervised training on 600 qcd (background) and 600 G_{RS} (signal) samples.
- Train to find the optimal separating hyperplane → convex optimisation task.
- Feature maps enable SVM to construct non-linear decision boundaries.



Supervised: QSVM Classifier



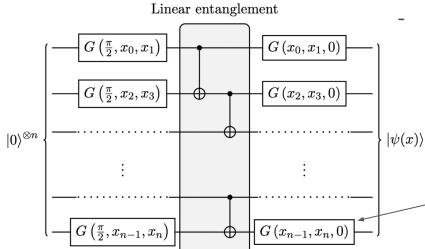




Quantum Kernel

$$\Rightarrow K_{ij} = |\langle 0|U^{\dagger}(\vec{x}_i)U(\vec{x}_j)|0\rangle|^2$$

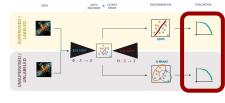
- Quantum kernel is sampled from a quantum device.
- The optimisation of the objective function remains on a classical computer.

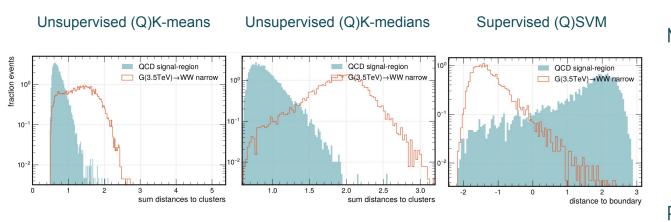


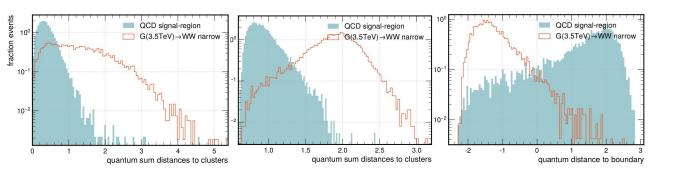
Feature map circuit U(x), for latent dim = 16, and n = 8 qubits.

$$G \in SU(2)$$

Discrimination Metric Distributions







Metric

- QK-means &
 QK-medians: Sum
 squared distance to
 cluster centers
- QSVM: Distance from decision boundary

Results

- Good separation of background vs signal
- Set cut-threshold β for signal efficiency
- Cut on tail for QK-clustering (e.g. β > 2)
- Cut on left mode for QSVM (e.g. β < -1)

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ROC: Classic vs quantum for latent dim R⁸

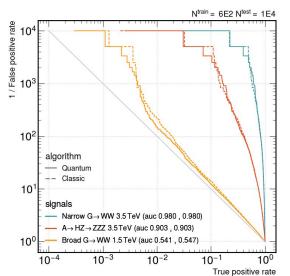
Graviton 1.5TeV (broad), Graviton 3.5TeV (narrow), A to HZ to ZZZ

Unsupervised (Q)K-means Ntrain = 6E3 Ntest = 1E4 10⁴ algorithm — Quantum — Classic 10¹ signals — Narrow G → WW 3.5 TeV (auc 0.874 , 0.907) — A → HZ → ZZZ 3.5 TeV (auc 0.779 , 0.838) 10⁰ Broad G → WW 1.5 TeV (auc 0.534 , 0.569)

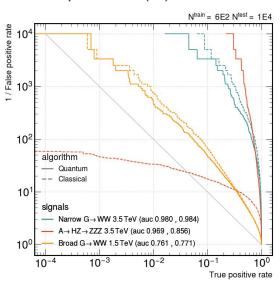
 10^{-2}

True positive rate

Unsupervised (Q)K-medians

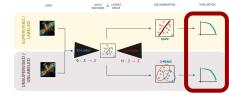


Supervised (Q)SVM

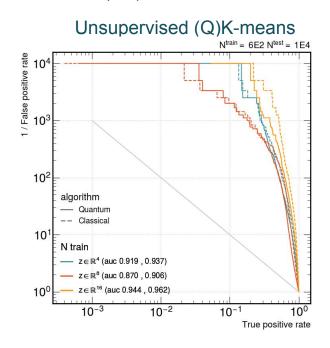


- Big variation in performance with high AUC values ~0.9 for narrow G_RS at 3.5TeV and ~random for broad G_RS at 1.5TeV both QK-means/-medians and QSVM algorithms (consistent with results in purely classic projects)
- Globally, **supervised** model **outperforms unsupervised** model but QK-means/-medians viable approach for solving model-agnostic problems
- performance of quantum algorithms is competitive when compared to classical counterparts

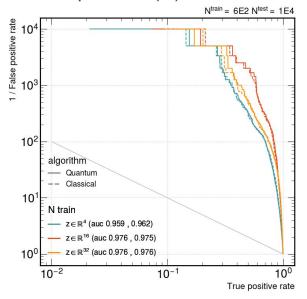
ROC: Impact of latent dimensionality



Quantum vs classic algorithm accuracy comparison for latent dim R⁴, R⁸, R¹⁶ and R³²

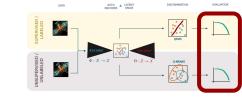


Unsupervised (Q)K-medians



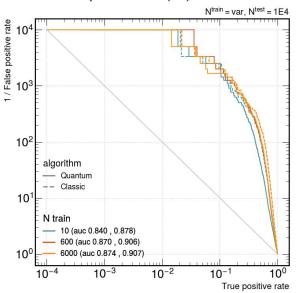
- Sweet spot of latent space dimensionality for QK-medians around \mathbb{R}^{16}
- No dramatic drop in performance for very small dimension \mathbb{R}^4

ROC: Impact of training size

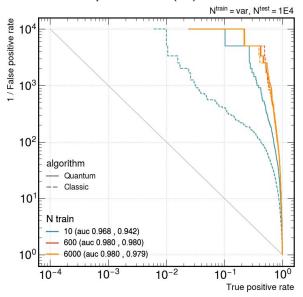


Quantum vs classic algorithm accuracy comparison for training size of **10**, **600** and **6000** training samples (Graviton 3.5 TeV)

Unsupervised (Q)K-means



Unsupervised (Q)K-medians



- Training size has **minor impact** on accuracy
- Quantum and classical are competitive
- **Quantum** algorithm has slight **advantage** in QK-medians approach for very small training size of 10 samples but needs to be investigated further

Conclusion

- We studied a quantum anomaly detector and a quantum classifier operating in a latent space representation of HEP events
- Both, QK-means/-medians and QSVM, proved effective in discriminating background from signal data-sets
- Supervised QSVM method (e.g. model-dependent searches) shows superior results compared to the unsupervised QK-clustering approach (e.g. model-independent searches)
- Performance of quantum algorithms is competitive when compared to their classical counterparts
- Marginal impact of training size on accuracy, further investigate very small sample sizes
- Divergent impact of latent space dimensionality, sweet spot dependent on algorithm choice

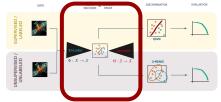
Based on results, we conclude that quantum algorithms are applicable to both, a model-independent and model-dependent analysis and could contribute to extend the sensitivity of the LHC experiments.

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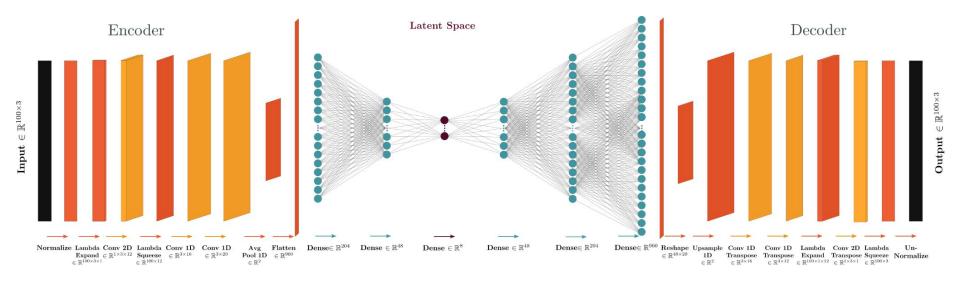
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Backup

Autoencoding for Dimensionality Reduction



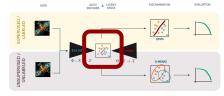
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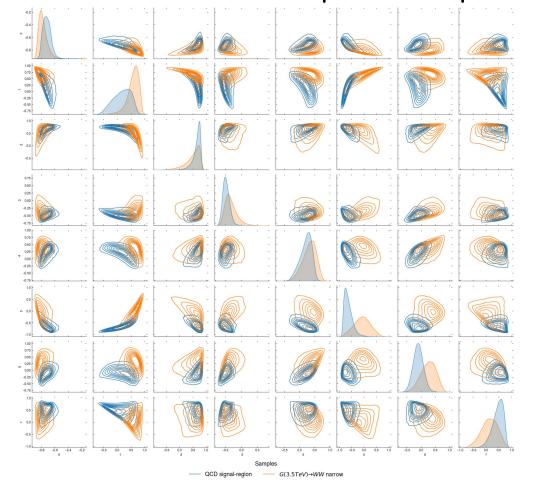


Study impact of latent space dimensionality:

$$Z\in\mathbb{R}^8,\mathbb{R}^{16},\mathbb{R}^{32}$$

Results: Latent Space Representation





- → Encoder Output
- \rightarrow $\mathbb{R}^{300} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^8$
- → Separation of Background and Signal

Noise in distance calculation

$$\begin{split} P(|0\rangle) &= |\frac{1}{2} \left< 0 |0\rangle \left(|a,b\rangle + |b,a\rangle \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left< 0 |1\rangle \left(|a,b\rangle - |b,a\rangle \right) |^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} |\left(|a,b\rangle + |b,a\rangle \right) |^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\left< b |b\rangle \left< a |a\rangle + \left< b |a\rangle \left< a |b\rangle + \left< a |b\rangle \left< b |a\rangle + \left< a |a\rangle \left< b |b\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} |\left< a |b\rangle |^2 \end{split}$$

