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# Quantum Advantage?

In 2019, **Google** claimed quantum advantage by solving a sampling problem: 200s on Sycamore vs estimated 10k years on Summit
In 2020, **Hefei National Lab, China**, measured advantage on another sampling using a photonic computer

**Quantum supremacy** refers to quantum computers that ".. can do things that classical computers can't, **regardless of whether those tasks are useful**." (**John Preskill, Caltech**)

**Practical quantum advantage**
"Solve a problem that is useful either for academia or industry **faster or better than any known classical algorithm** on the best classical computer" (**M. Troyer, Microsoft**)

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Classical Simulation of Quantum Supremacy Circuits

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**Abstract**

It is believed that random quantum circuits are difficult to simulate classically. These have been used to demonstrate quantum supremacy: the execution of a computational task on a quantum computer that is infeasible for any classical computer. The task underlying the assertion of quantum supremacy by Arute *et al.* (*Nature*, **574**, 505–510 (2019)) was initially estimated to require Summit, the world's most powerful supercomputer today, approximately 10,000 years. The same task was performed on the Sycamore quantum processor in only 200 seconds.

In this work, we present a tensor network-based classical simulation algorithm. Using a Summit-comparable cluster, we estimate that our simulator can perform this task in less than 20 days. On moderately-sized instances, we reduce the runtime from years to minutes, running several times faster than Sycamore itself. These estimates are based on explicit simulations of parallel subtasks, and leave no room for hidden costs. The simulator's key ingredient is identifying and optimizing the "stem" of the computation: a sequence of pair-

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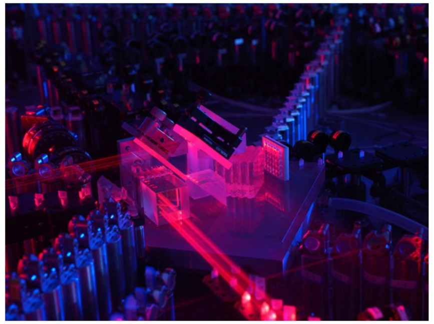
## Physicists in China challenge Google's 'quantum advantage'

Photon-based quantum computer does a calculation that ordinary computers might never be able to do.

Philip Ball



This photonic computer performed in 200 seconds a calculation that on an ordinary supercomputer would take 2.5 billion years to complete. Credit: Hansen Zhong

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# Quantum promise…

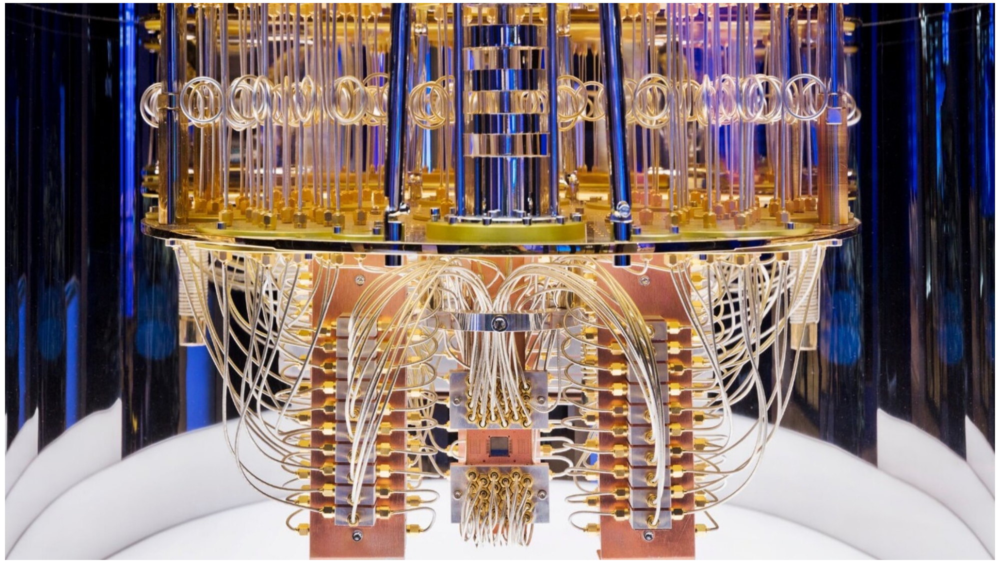
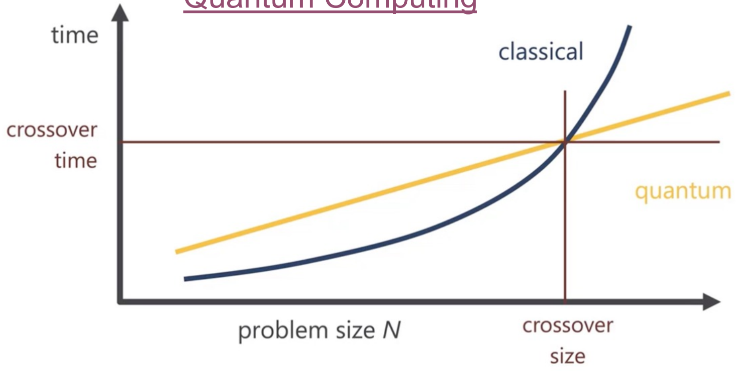


Image: IBM Q

- Exponential speedup on complex algorithms
  - Efficient **sampling**, **searches** and **optimization**
  - Linear algebra, matrices and machine learning
- New algorithms/methods for **cryptography** and **communication**
- **Direct simulation** of quantum systems

[Complexity and Quantum Computing]



# … and the challenges

- **Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum** devices
  - Limitations in terms of **stability** and **connectivity**
  - **De-coherence**, measurement errors or gate level errors (**noise**)
    - Need specific **error mitigation techniques**
    - **Circuit optimisation**
    - Prefer algorithms that are more **robust against noise** (variational approaches, quantum machine learning, …)
- Quantum computers initially integrated in **hybrid quantum-classical infrastructure**
  - Engineering, cooling, I/O
  - Hybrid algorithms, QPU as accelerators

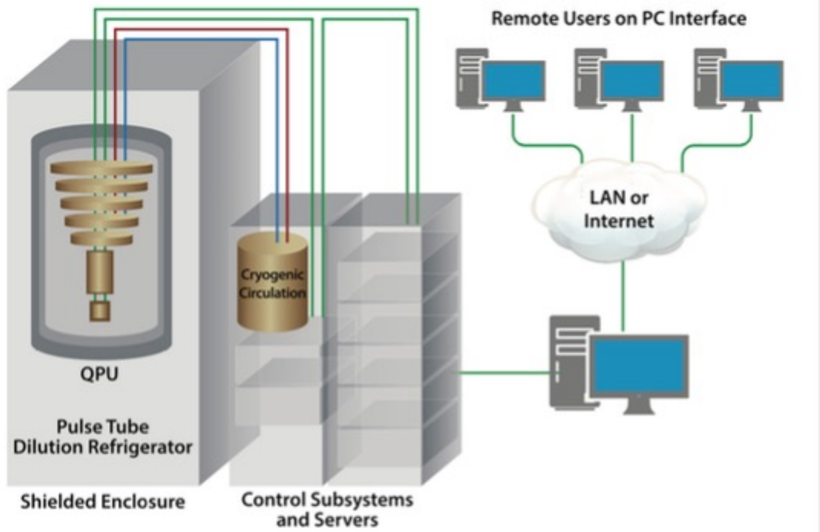
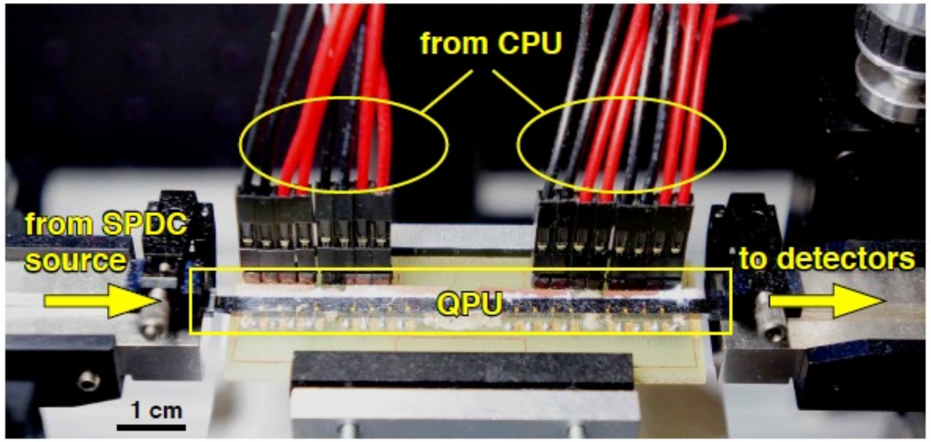



Image: D-Wave tutorial

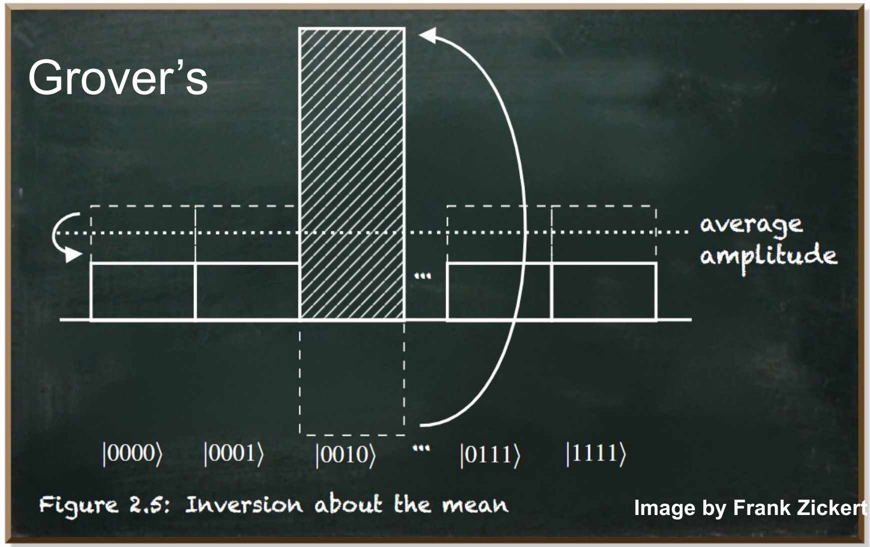
Peruzzo, A. "A variational eigenvalue solver on a quantum processor. eprint." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1304.3061* (2013).

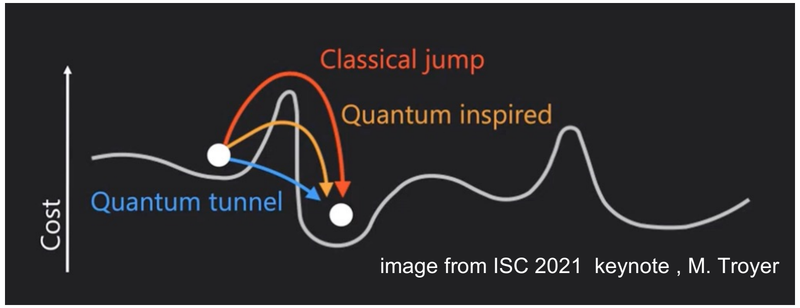


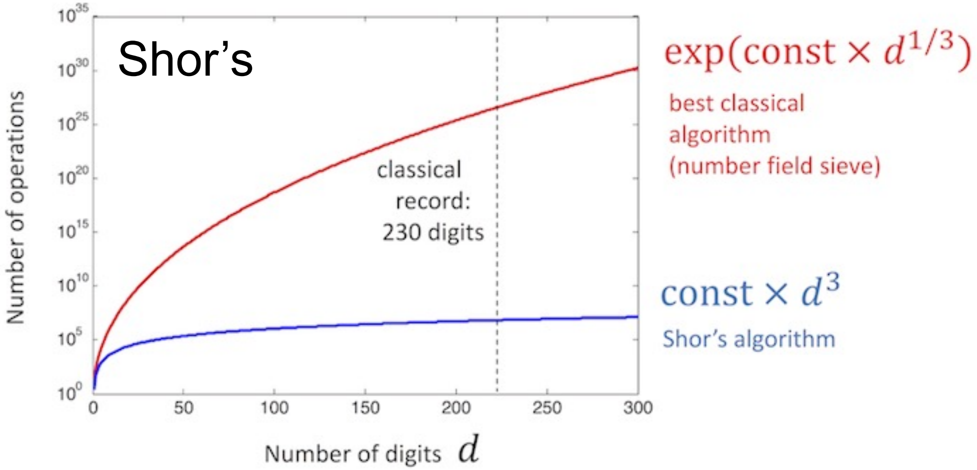
# Quantum Algorithms

A collection on **http://quantumalgorithmzoo.org**

- Multiple algorithms have been studied
  - Shor algorithm for **prime factorization**
  - Grover algorithm for unsorted DB **searches**
  - Quantum **Fourier Transform**
  - …
- Quantum-inspired algorithms (emulate quantum effects on classical hardware)
- Quantum Machine Learning
- Challenge is re-thinking **algorithms design** and define fair **benchmarking** and **comparison** to classical algorithms




https://quantum-computing.ibm.com/composer/docs/iqx/guide/shors-algorithm

# Quantum Computing at CERN

- QC is one of the four research areas in the CERN QTI
- Understand which applications can profit from quantum algorithms
  - Choose **representative use cases**
  - Understand **challenges and limitations** (on NISQ and fault tolerant hardware)
  - **Optimize** quantum algorithms
- Quantum Machine Learning algorithms are a primary candidate for investigation
  - Increasing use of ML in many computing and data analysis flows
  - Can be built as **hybrid models** where quantum computers act as accelerators
  - Efficient data handling is a challenge

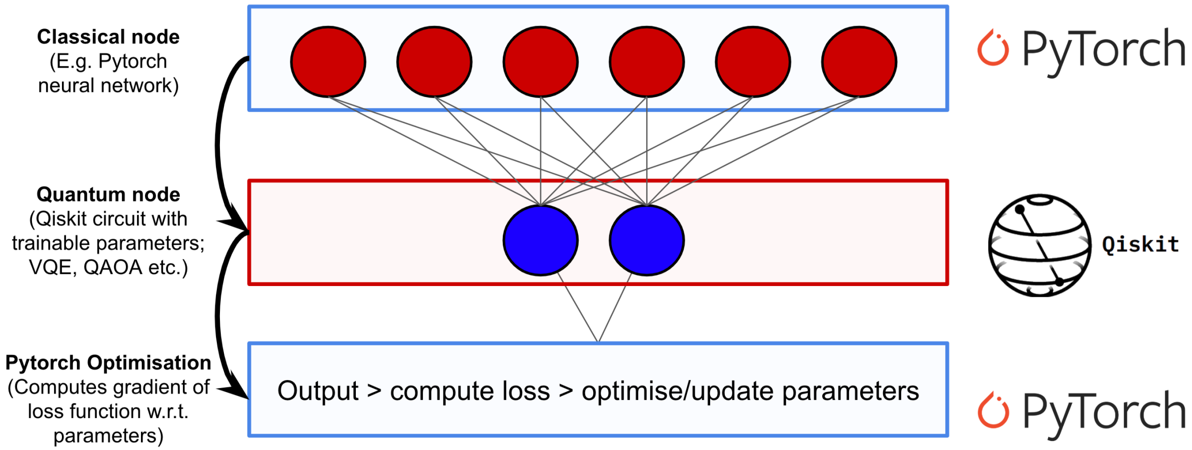
# Quantum Machine Learning

Quantum circuits are **differentiable** and can be trained **minimizing a cost function** that depends on the training data

Use **Quantum Computing** to accelerate **ML/DL.** Need to address several points:

1. **Feature extraction** and **data encoding**
   - How do we represent classical data in quantum states?
2. **Model definition** (kernel based or variational)
   - The role of non-linearities?
   - Choice wrt data
3. **Optimisation** and **convergence**
   - How to reach convergence in the Hilbert space
   - Barren plateau and vanishing gradients
   - Gradient-free or gradient-based optimisers
   - (Back-propagation, automatic differentiation,..)
   - …

Different tools can enable hybrid computations

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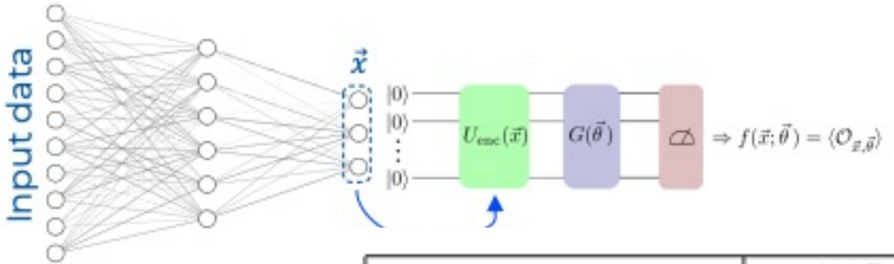
# Dimensionality reduction and data embedding

**Dimensionality reduction/feature extraction**

- Reduce size of classical data and optimize input features for specific tasks (PCA, Auto-Encoders.. )
- **Pre-trained or co-trained** in hybrid setup

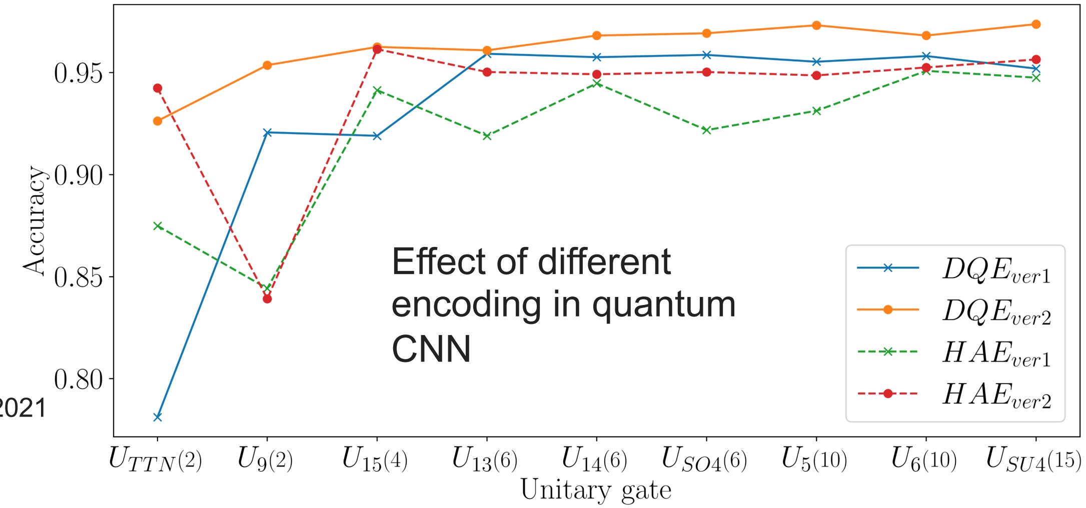
**Data embedding :** compromise between exponential compression and circuit depth

- **Amplitude Encoding** (exponential compression in $n_{qubits}$)
- **Dense Qubit Encoding** (one-to-one)
- **Hybrid Angle Encoding** ($bx2^m$ values in bxm qubits)




Belis, Vasilis, et al. "**Higgs analysis with quantum classifiers**." *EPJ Web of Conferences*. Vol. 251. EDP Sciences, 2021.

| Feature selection + Model | AUC |
|---|---|
| AUC + QSVM | $0.66 \pm 0.01$ |
| PyTorch AE + QSVM | $0.62 \pm 0.03$ |
| AUC + SVM rbf | $0.65 \pm 0.01$ |
| PyTorch AE + SVM rbf | $0.62 \pm 0.02$ |
| KMeans + SVM rbf | $0.61 \pm 0.02$ |




S.Y. Chang, poster at "**Quantum Tensor Network in Machine Learning**, NeurIPS 2021

# Model definition

## *Variational algorithms*

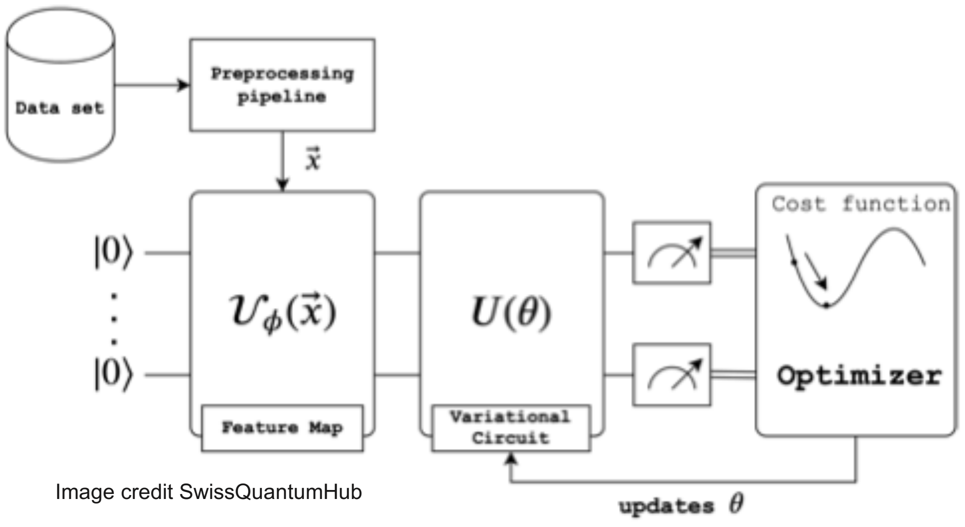
Parametric ansatz

**Gradient-free** or **gradient-based** optimization

**Data Embedding** can be **learned**

**Can design architectures to leverage data symmetries**[1]

1 Bogatskiy, Alexander, et al. "**Lorentz group equivariant neural network for particle physics**." *International Conference on Machine Learning*. PMLR, 2020.

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## *Kernel methods*

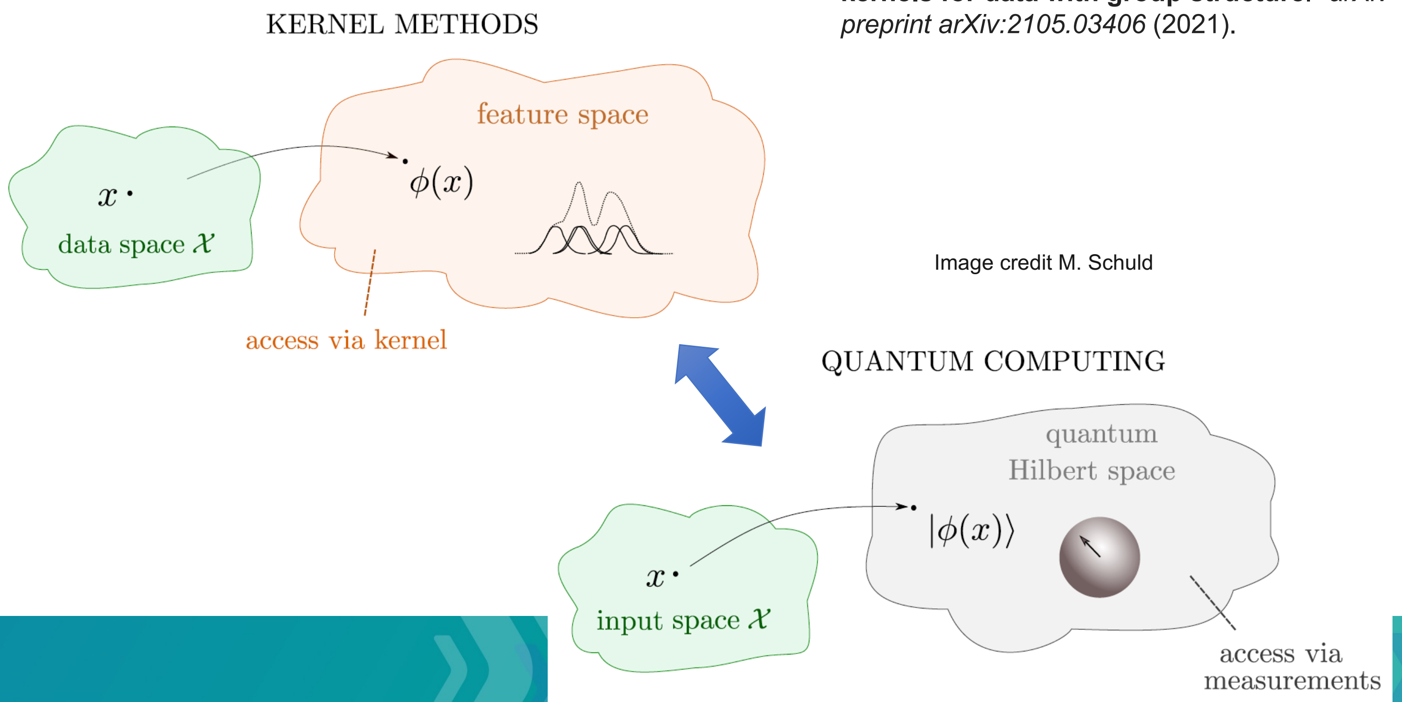
**Feature maps** as **quantum kernels**

Use classical **kernel-based training**

- **Convex** losses, **global** minimum
- Compute pair-wise distances in $N_{data}$

Identify classes of kernels that relate to specific data **structures**[2]

2 Glick, Jennifer R., et al. "**Covariant quantum kernels for data with group structure**." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.03406* (2021).

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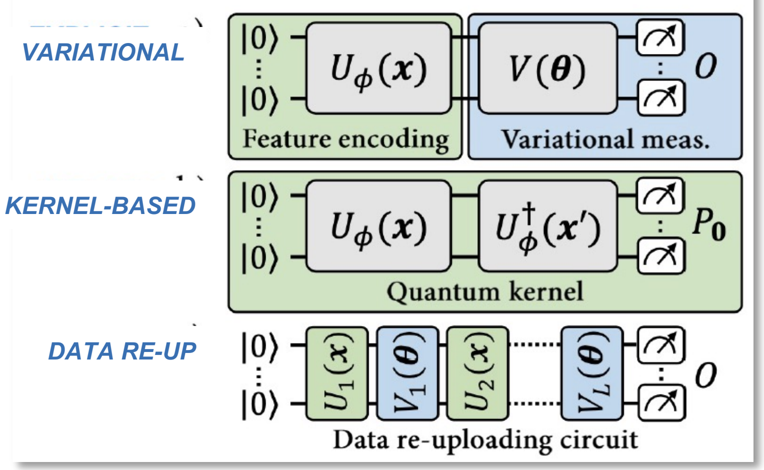
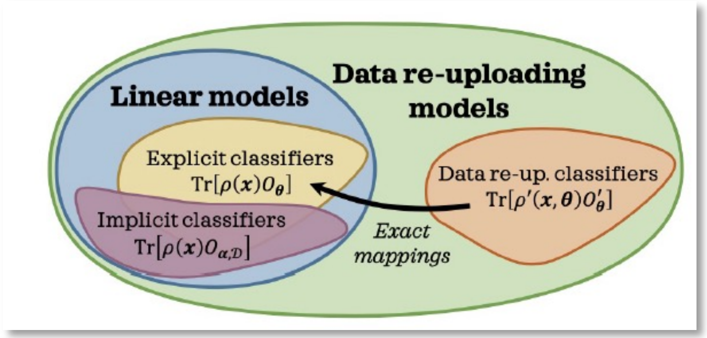
# Equivalent interpretations




**Important to characterize the behaviour** of different architectures, **similarity and links among them** and **with the data.**

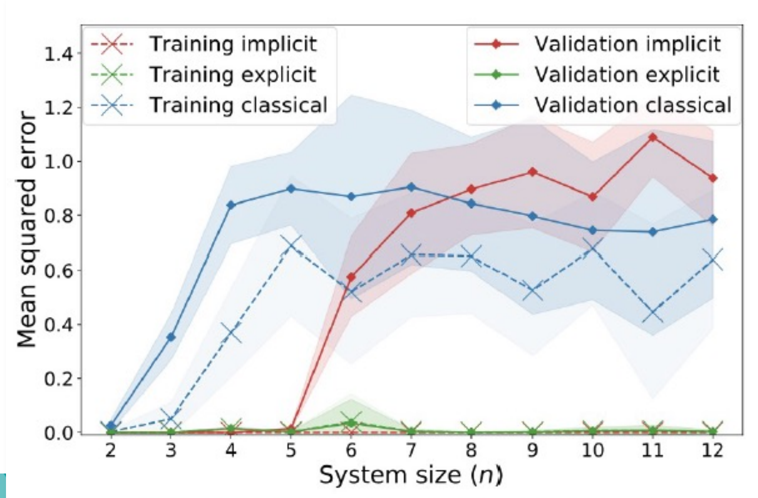



**Ex:**

- Data Re-Uploading circuits: alternating data encoding and variational layers.
  - Represented as **explicit linear models** (variational) in larger feature space

  → can be reformulated as **implicit models** (kernel)
- Representer theorem: implicit models achieve **better accuracy**
  - Explicit models exhibit **better generalization** performance

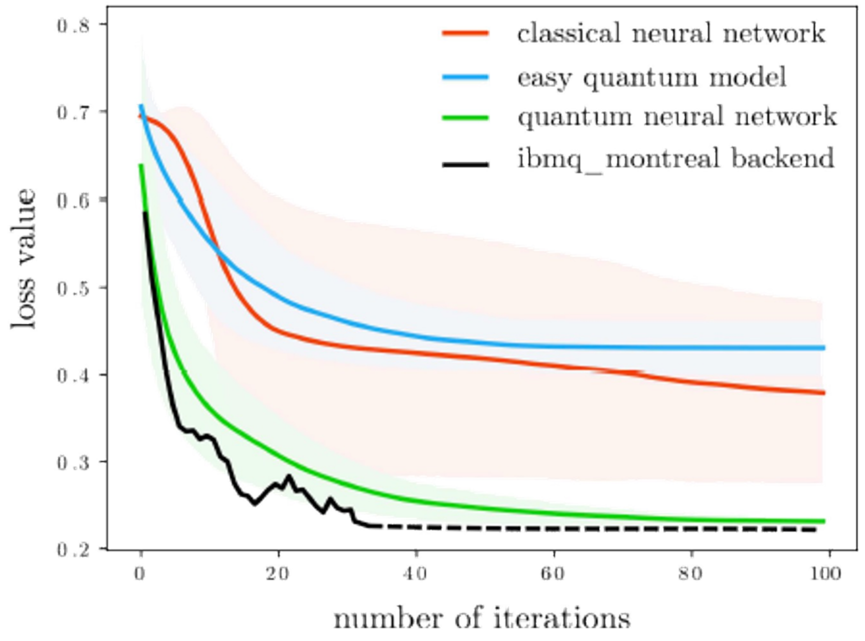
Jerbi, Sofiene, et al. "**Quantum machine learning beyond kernel methods**." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.13162* (2021).




PCA on 28x28 fashion-MNIST dataset, ZZ feature encoding + hardware-efficient variational unitary

# Defining quantum Advantage for QML

Abbas, Amira, et al. "**The power of quantum neural networks.**" *Nature Computational Science* 1.6 (2021): 403-409.




## Different possible definitions

Runtime speedup

Sample complexity

Representational power

## A quantum algorithm that cannot be efficiently simulated classically

- No established recipe for classical data
- Need to use the whole exponential advantage in Hilbert space, but will it converge ?

(Algorithm expressivity vs convergence and generalization)

Kübler, Jonas, Simon Buchholz, and Bernhard Schölkopf. "**The inductive bias of quantum kernels.**" Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 34 (2021).
Huang, HY., Broughton, M., Mohseni, M. et al. **Power of data in quantum machine learning**. Nat Commun 12, 2631 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-22539-9

# Practical advantage

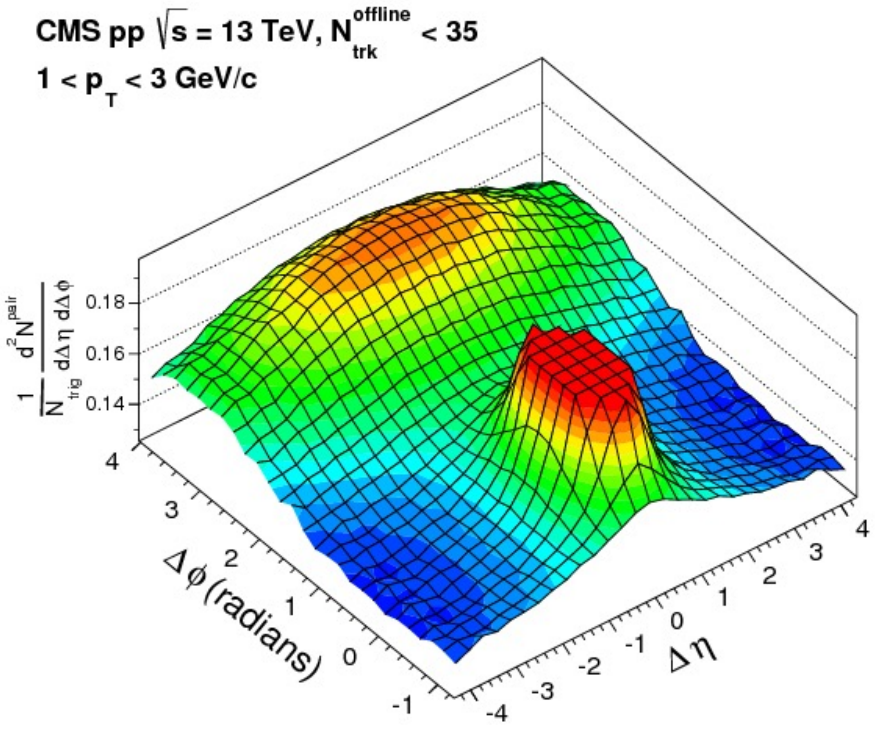
**Practical implementation vs asymptotic complexity**

Data embedding

NISQ vs ideal quantum devices

Realistic applications

**Performance metrics and fair comparison to classical models**




Khachatryan, Vardan, et al. "**Measurement of Long-Range Near-Side Two-Particle Angular Correlations in p p Collisions at s= 13 TeV**." *Physical review letters* 116.17 (2016): 172302.

**HEP data** is classical, but originally produced by quantum processes. It is these **intrinsically quantum correlations** we are trying to identify

**A change of paradigm could reflect in interesting insights**

- What are natural building blocks for QML algorithms?
- How can we construct useful bridges between QC and learning theory?
- How can we make quantum software ready for ML applications?

Schuld, Maria, and Nathan Killoran. "**Is quantum advantage the right goal for quantum machine learning?**." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2203.01340* (2022).

See M. Grossi summary at the 2022 CERN Openlab Technical Workshop : https://indico.cern.ch/event/1100904/contributions/4775169/

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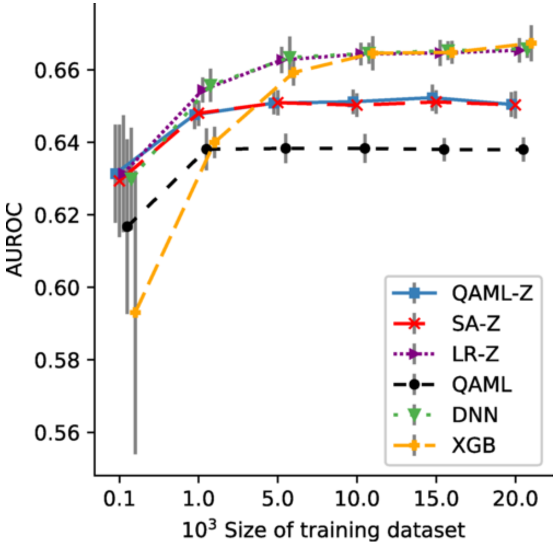


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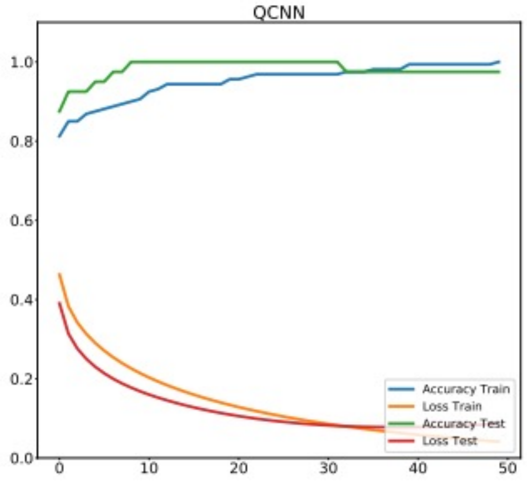


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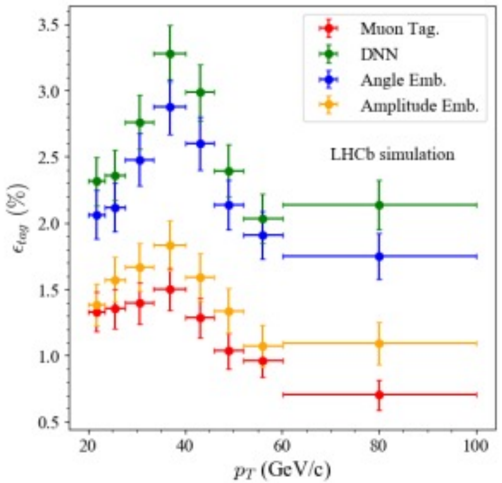


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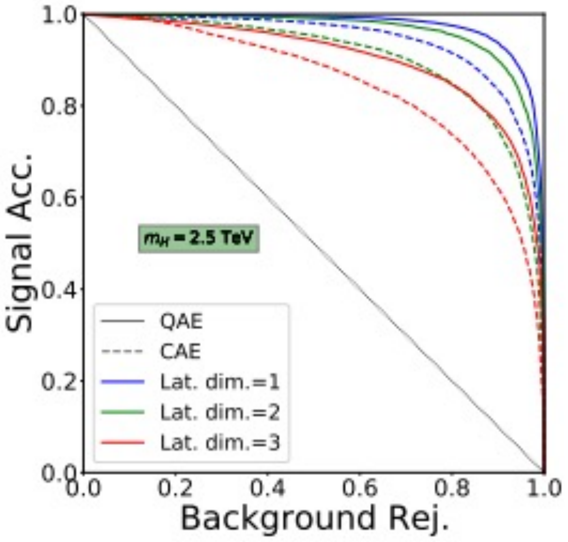


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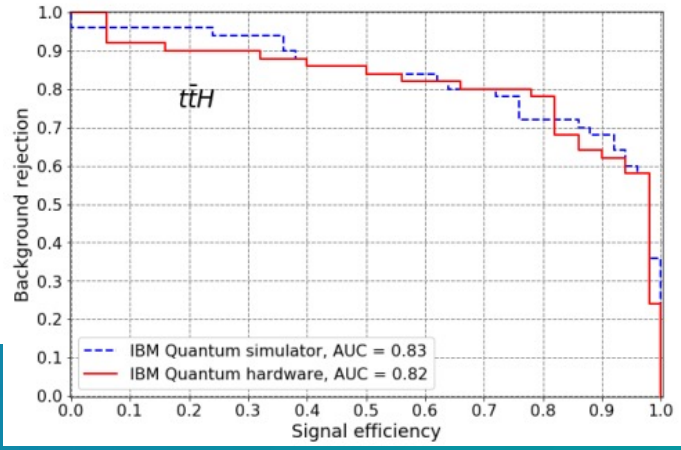


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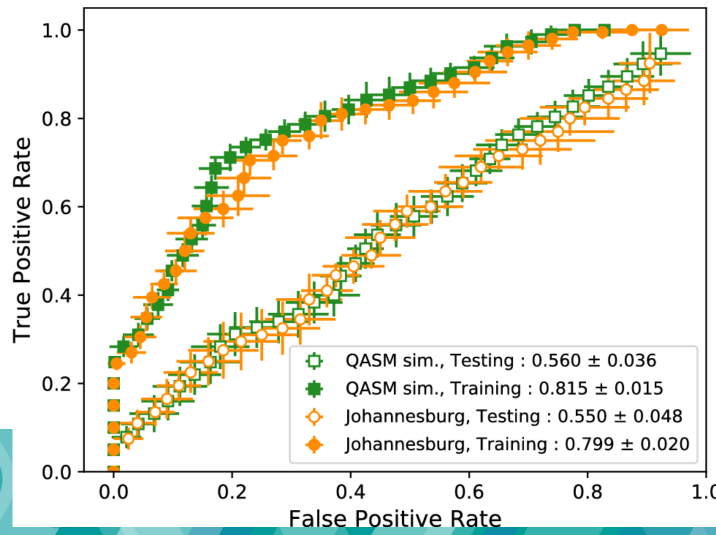

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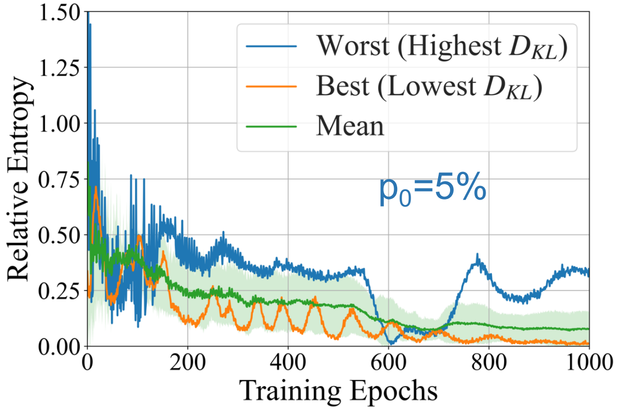


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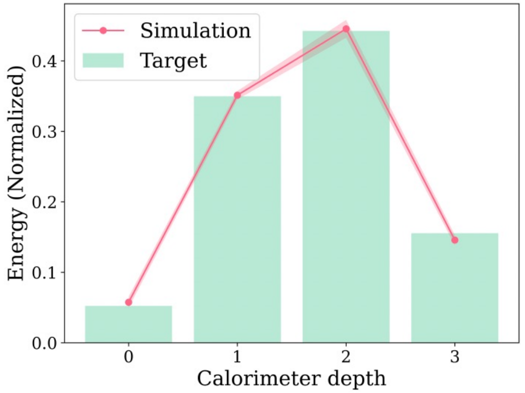


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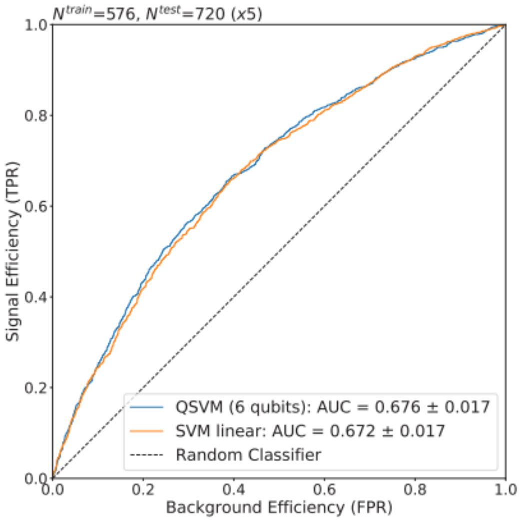


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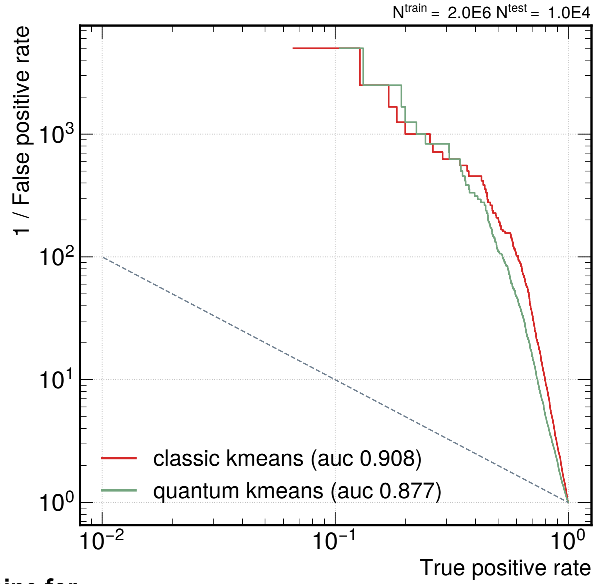


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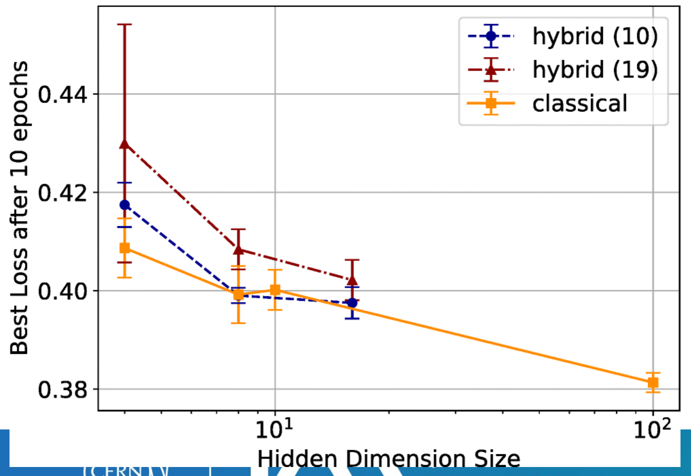


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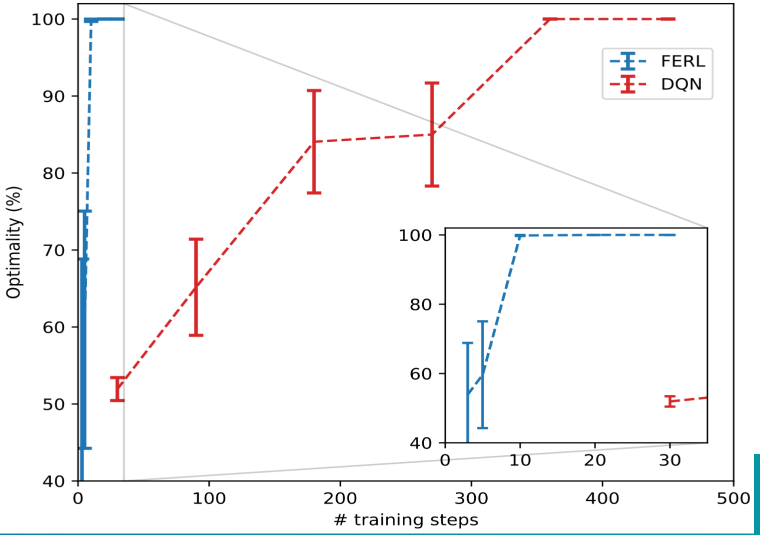


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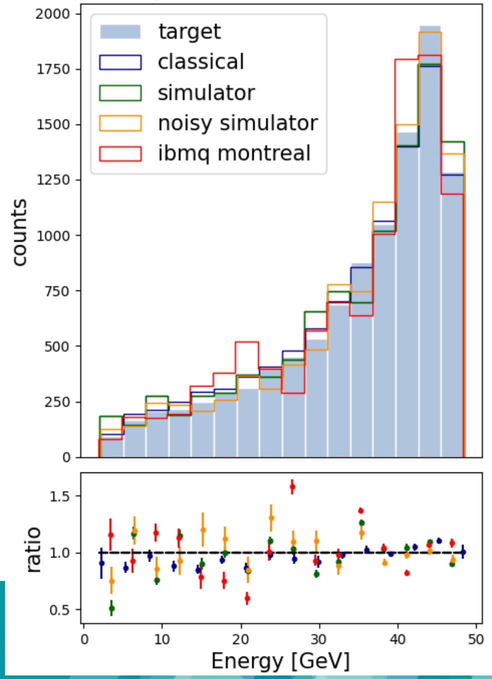


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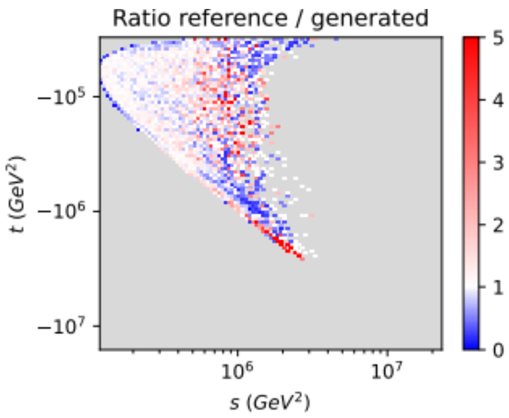


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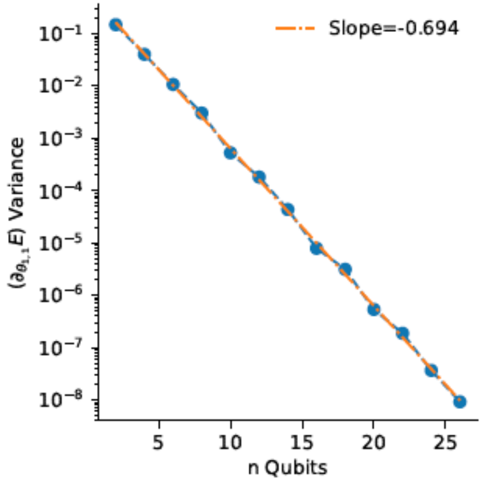
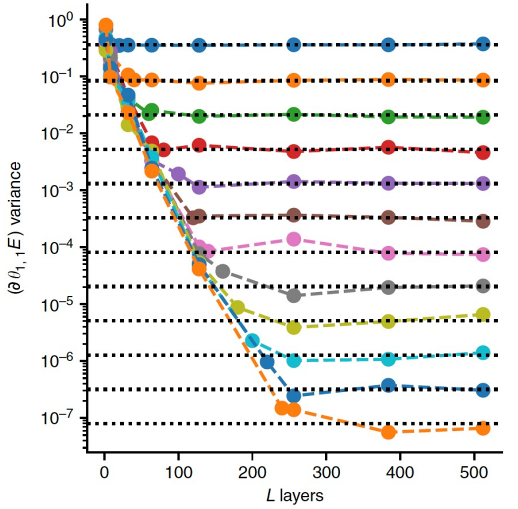
# Model Convergence and Barren Plateau

J. McClean *et al.*, arXiv:1803.11173




Given the size of the Hilbert space a compromise between **expressivity**, **convergence** and **generalization** performance is needed.

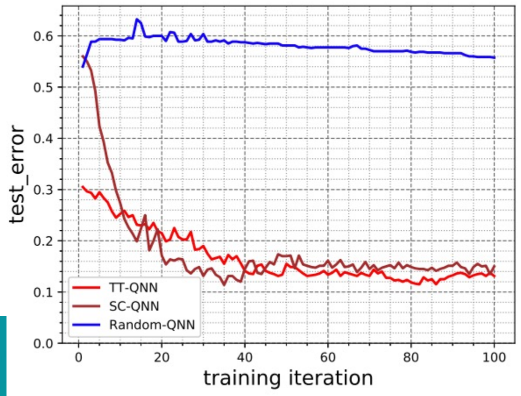
Classical gradients **vanish exponentially** with the number of layers (J. McClean *et al.*, arXiv:1803.11173)

- Convergence still possible if gradients consistent between batches.

**Quantum gradient decay exponentially in the number of qubits**

- Random circuit initialization
- Loss function locality in shallow circuits (M. Cerezo *et al.*, arXiv:2001.00550)
- Ansatz choice: TTN, CNN (Zhang *et al.,* arXiv:2011.06258, A Pesah, *et al.*, *Physical Review X* 11.4 (2021): 041011. )
- Noise induced barren plateau (Wang, S *et al.*, Nat Commun 12, 6961 (2021))

TTN for MNIST classification (8 qubits), Zhang *et al.,* arXiv:2011.06258

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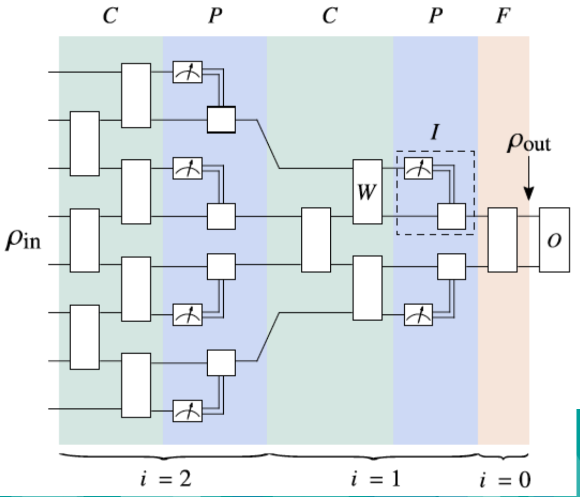

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