

## Trainability barriers and opportunities in quantum generative modeling

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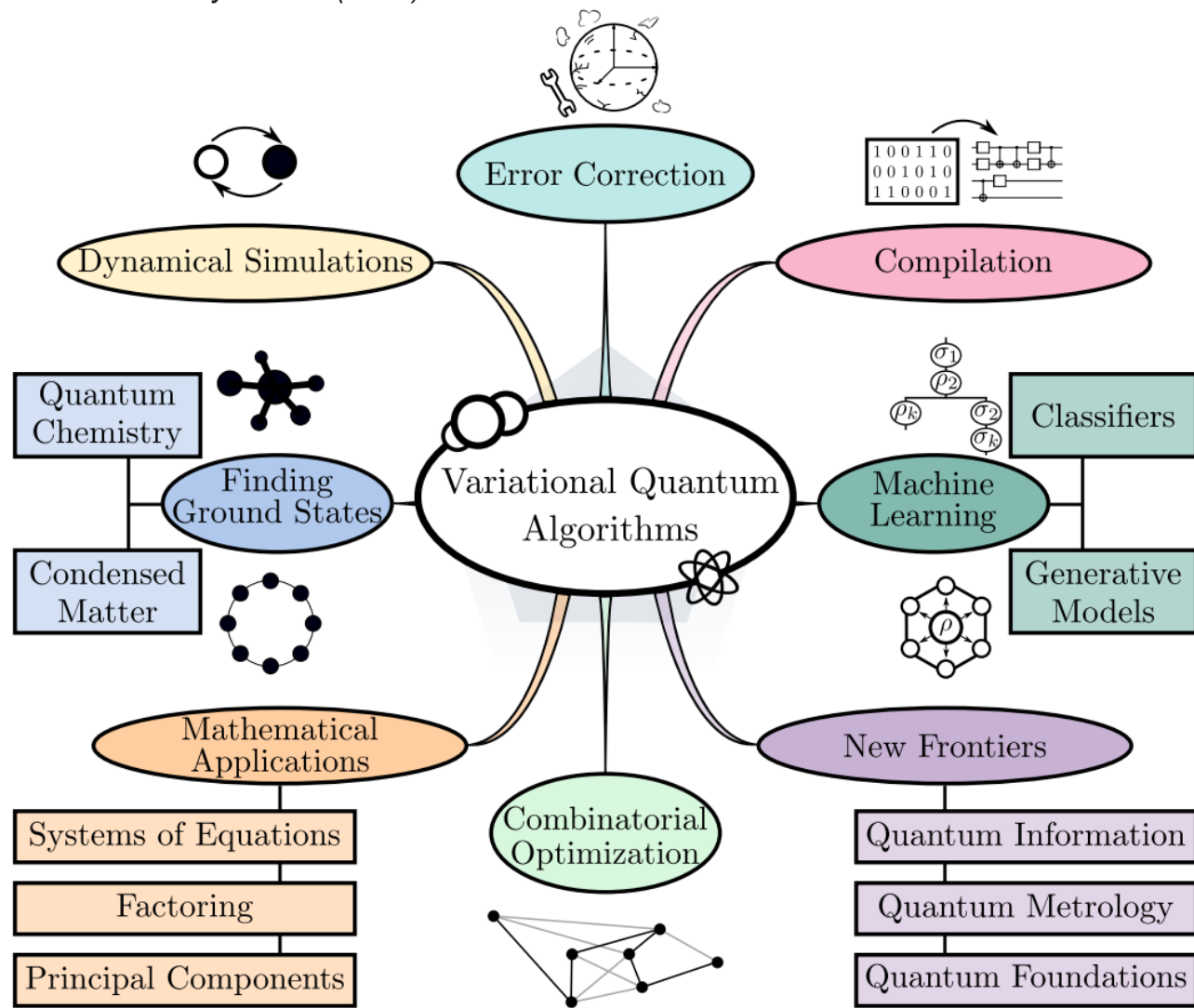
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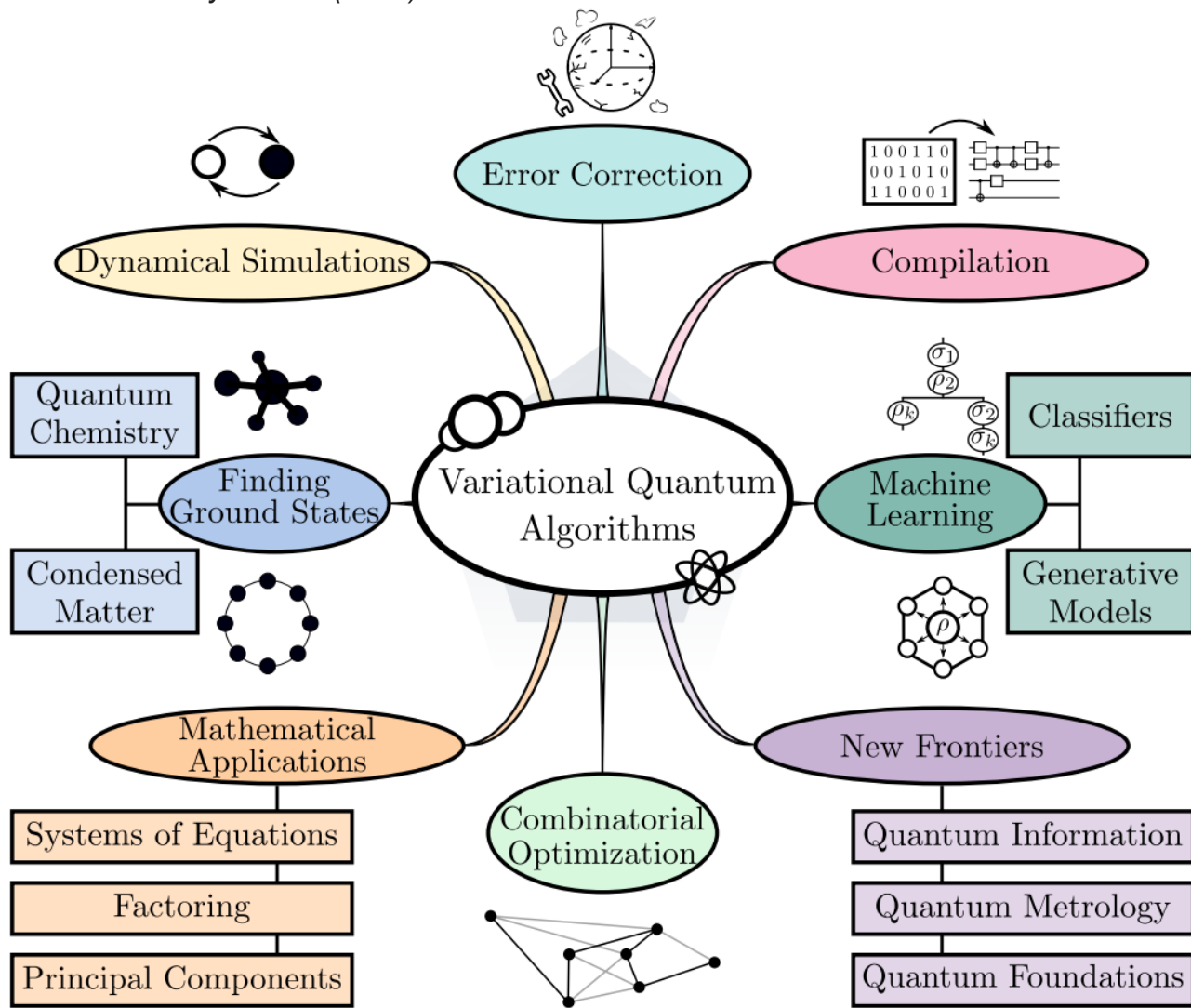
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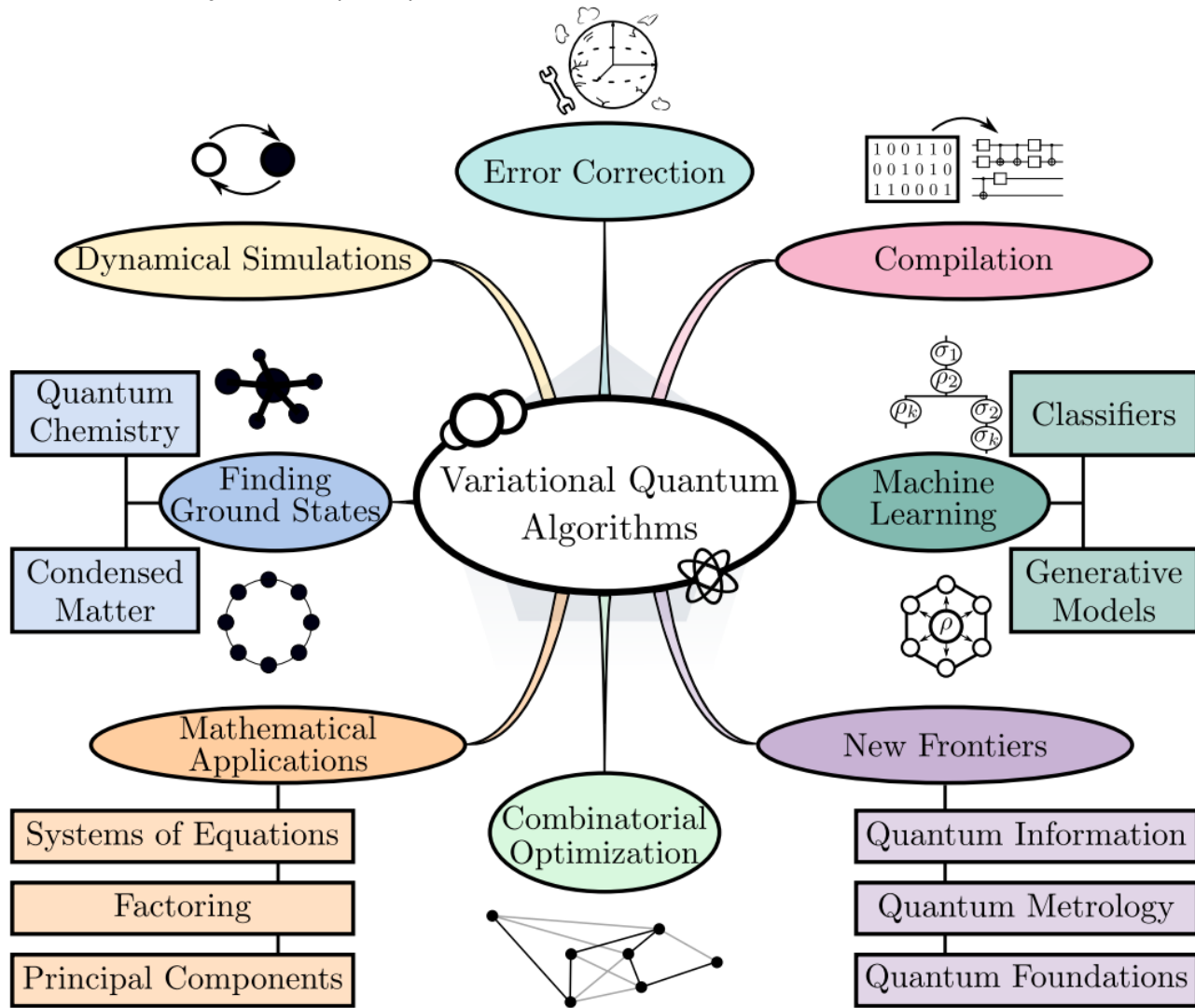


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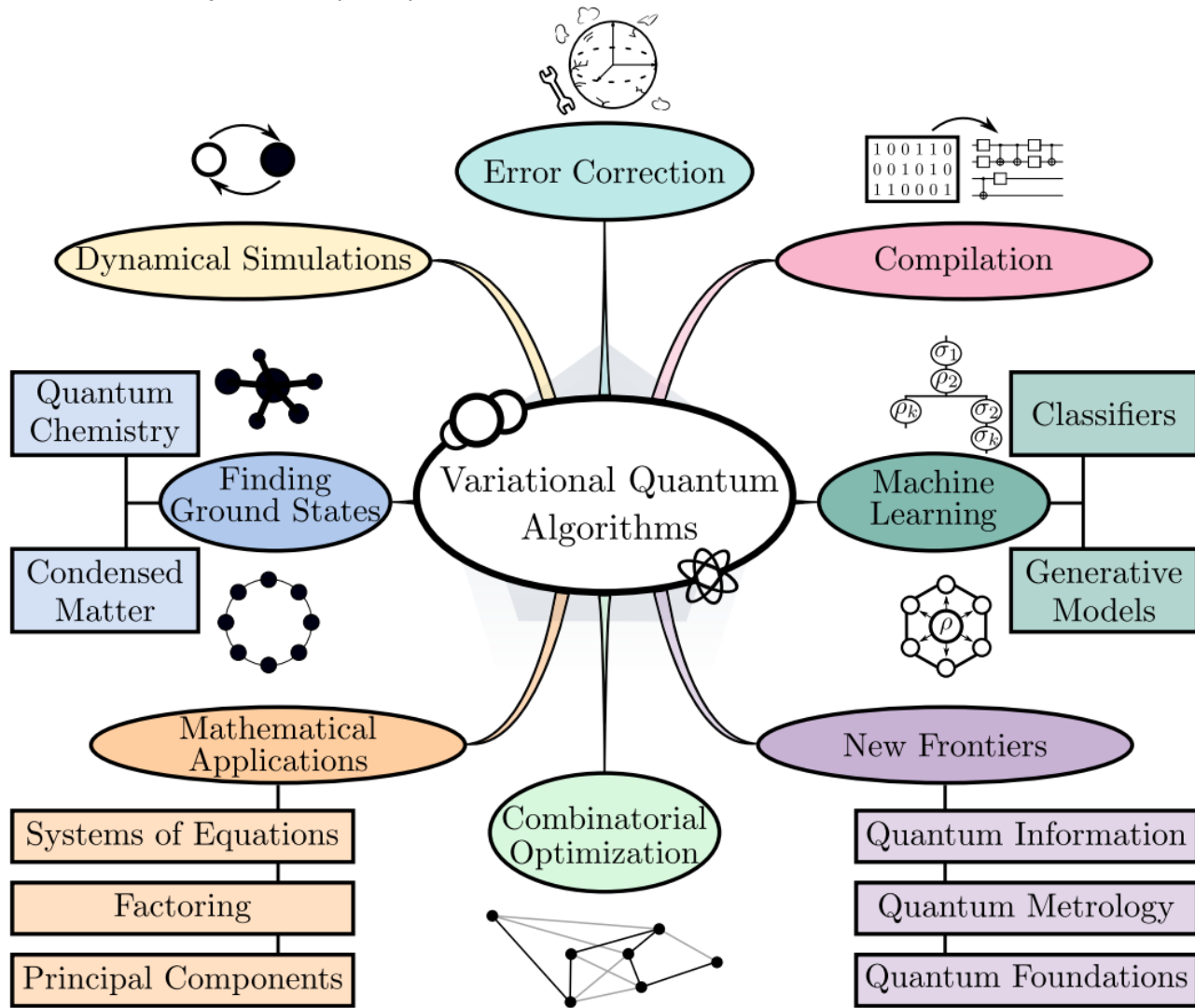


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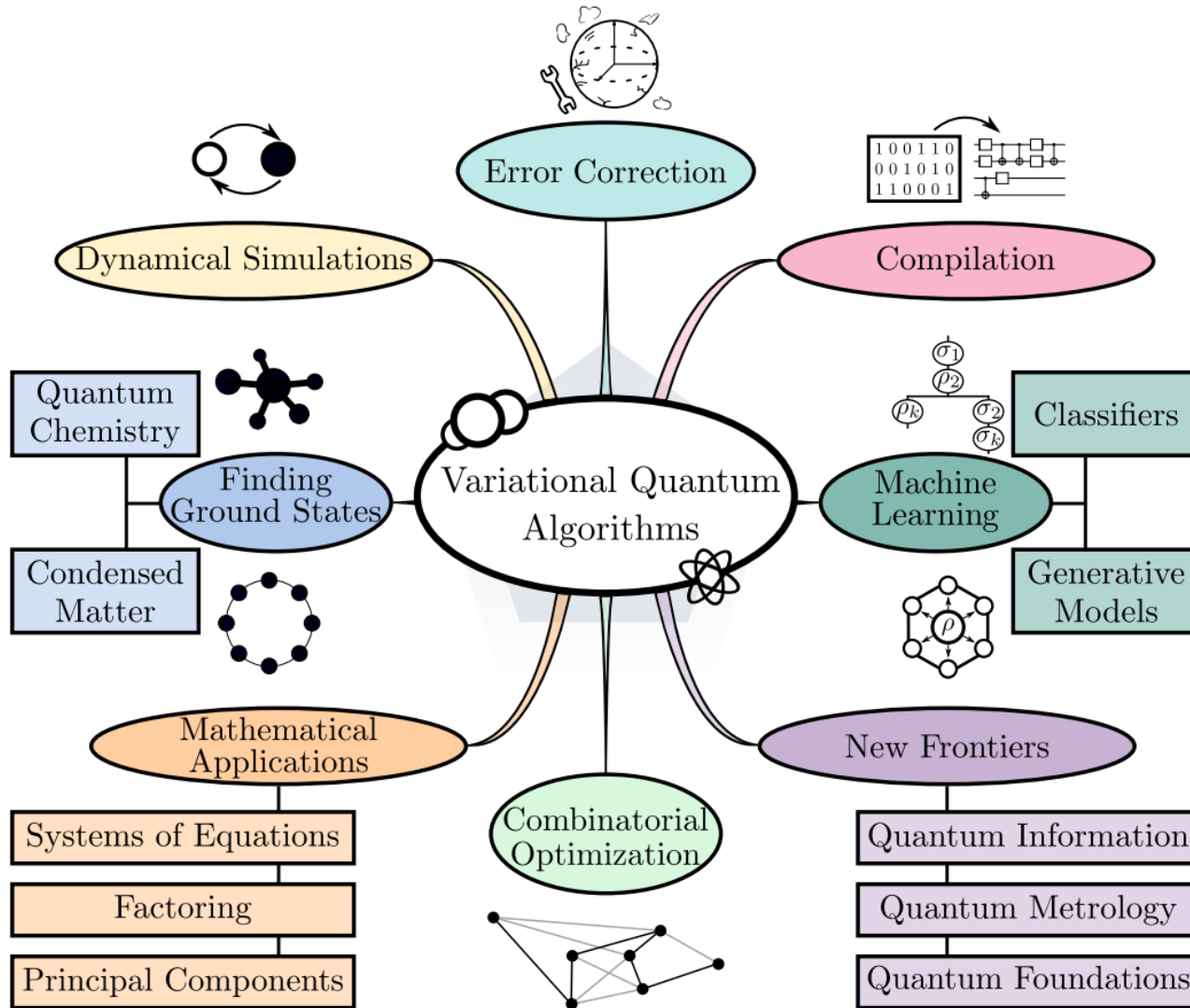


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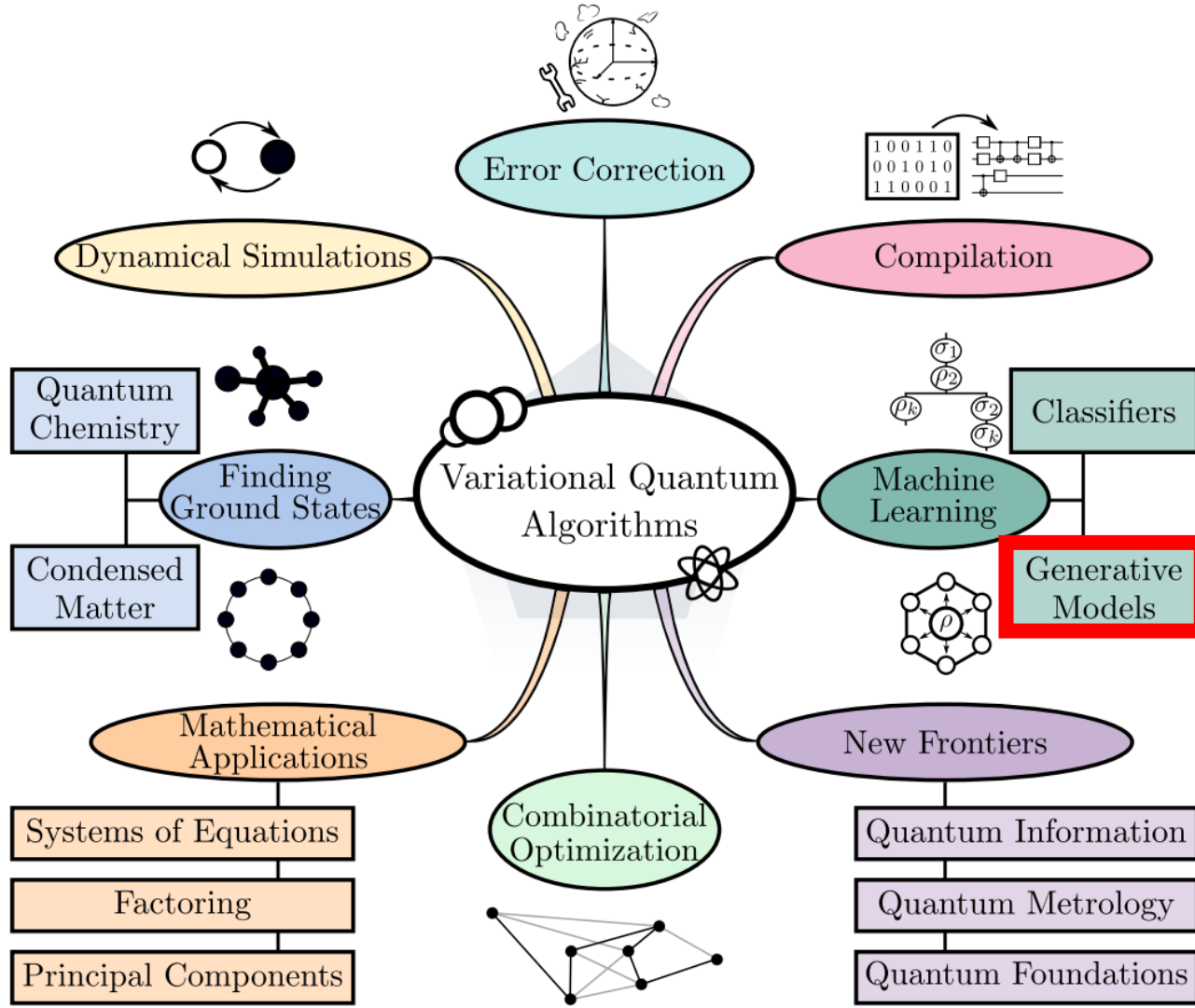
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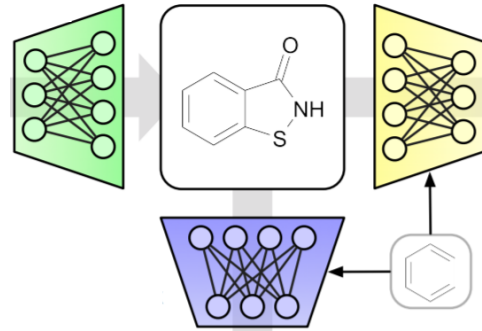
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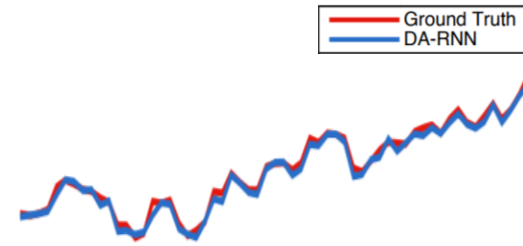
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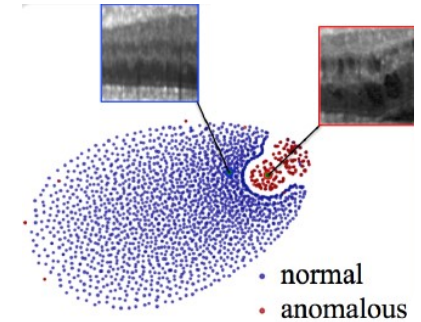
*De Cao and Kipf, arXiv:1805.11973*

## Time-Series Simulation



*Qin et al., arXiv:1704.02971*

## Anomaly Detection



*Schlegl et al., IMPI 2017*

## Natural Language Processing

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Please make a witty joke about quantum generative models.



Sure, here's a witty joke about quantum generative models:

Why did the quantum generative model enroll in a comedy class?

Because it wanted to generate laughter in multiple parallel universes simultaneously, leaving no joke unappreciated!

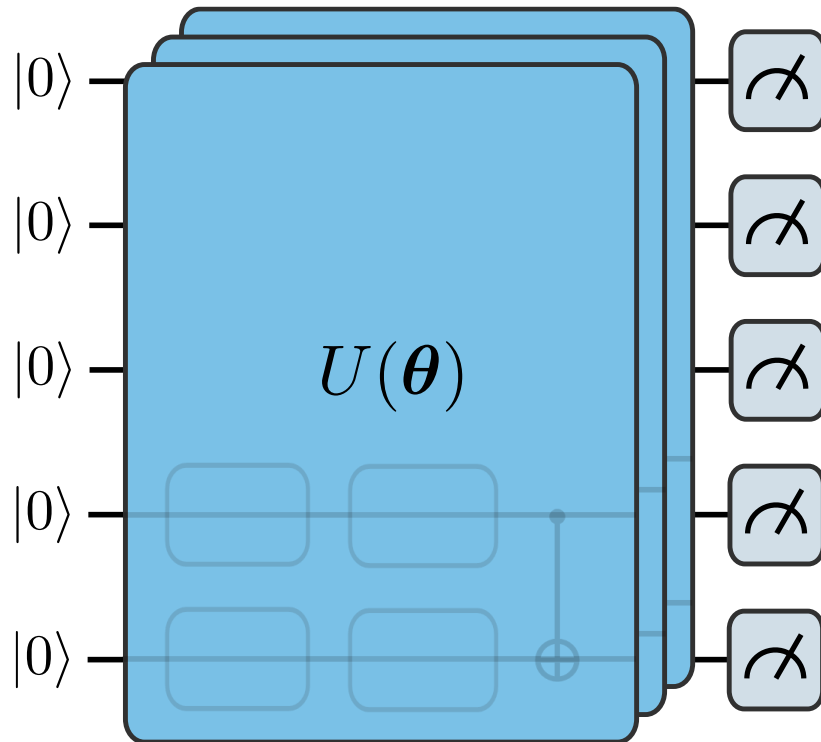
*ChatGPT, OpenAI*

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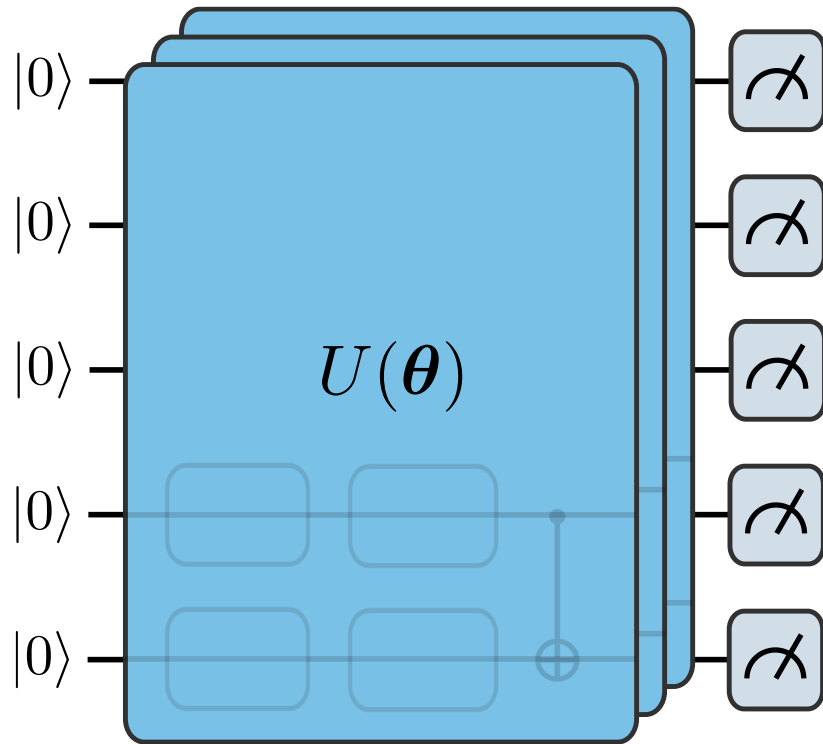
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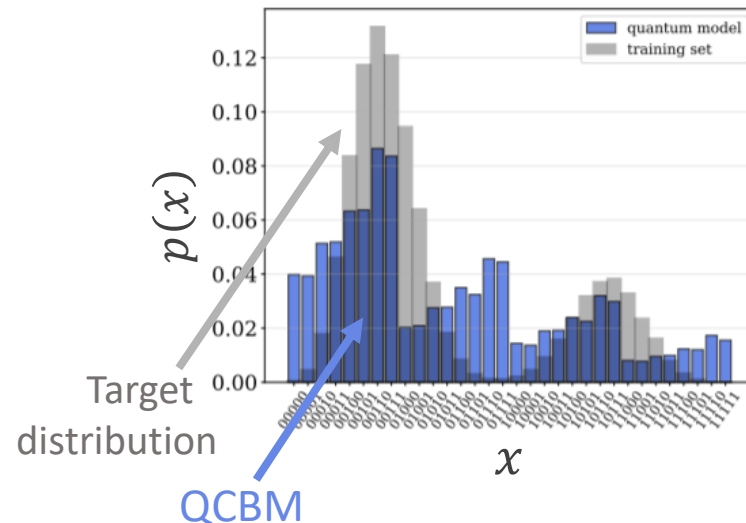
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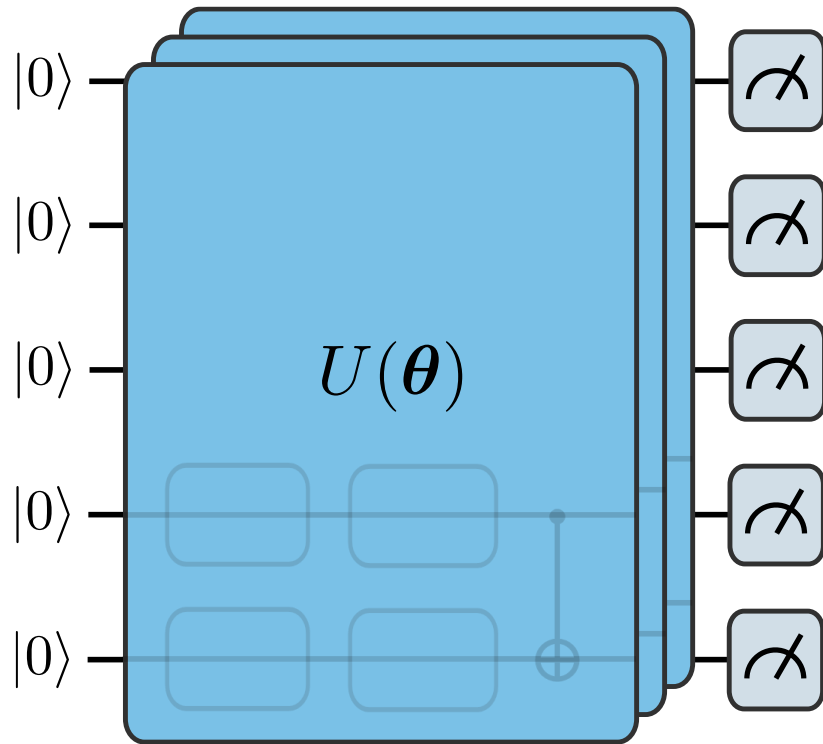
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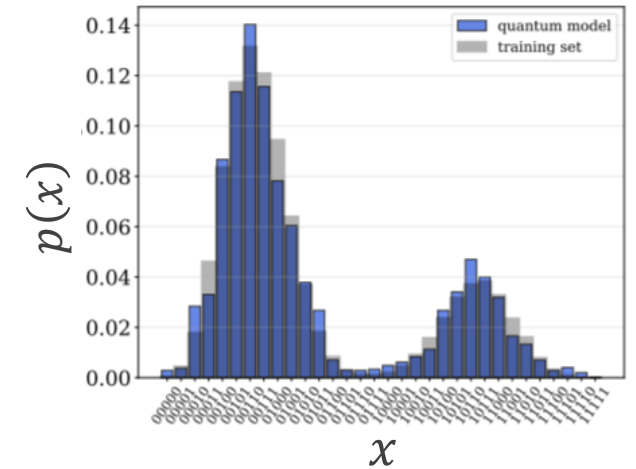
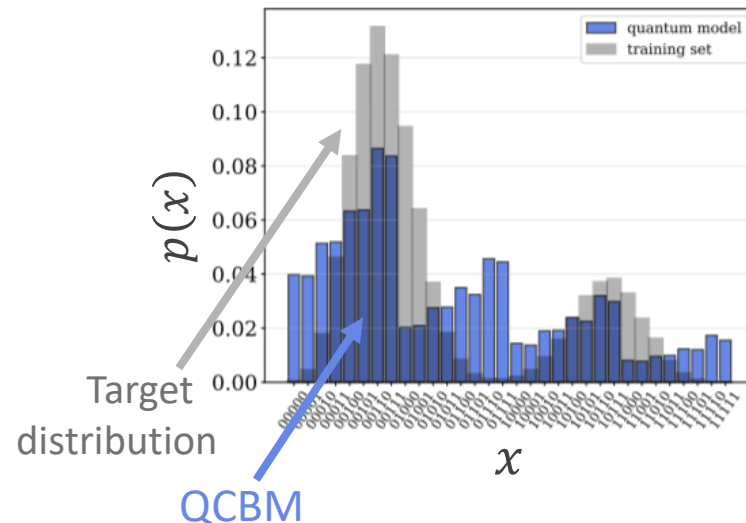


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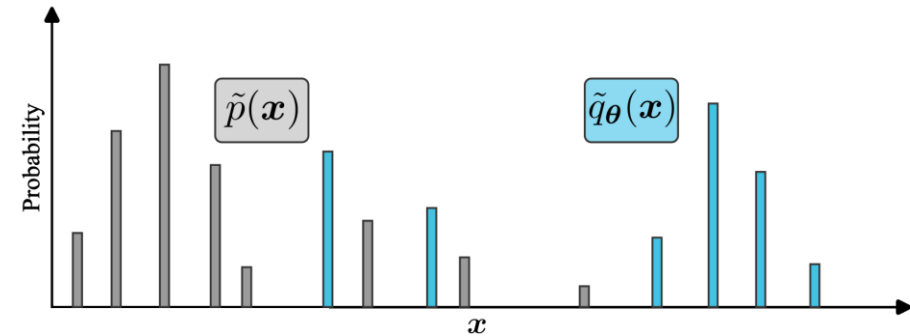
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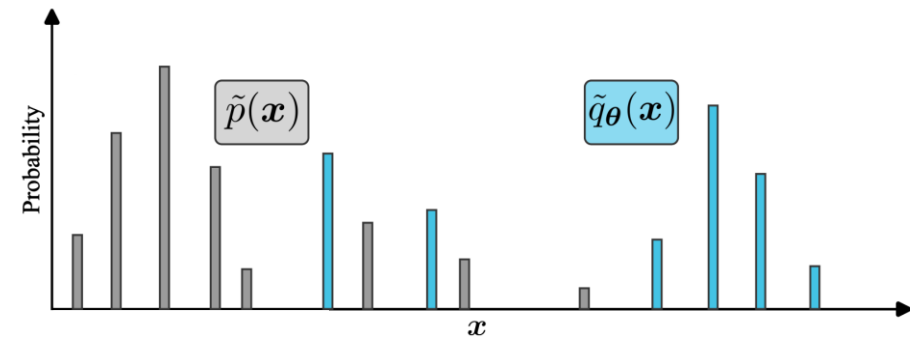
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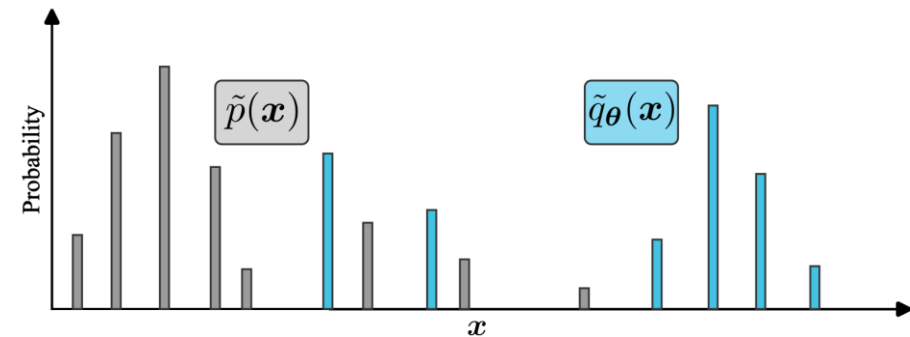
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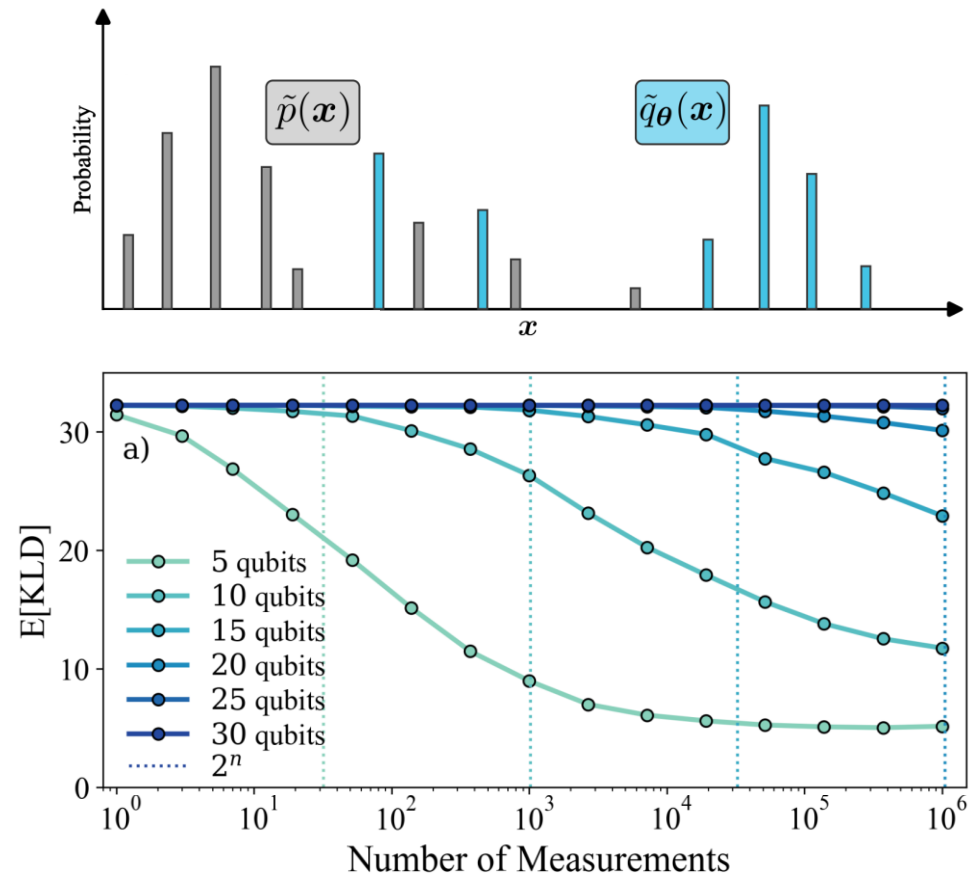
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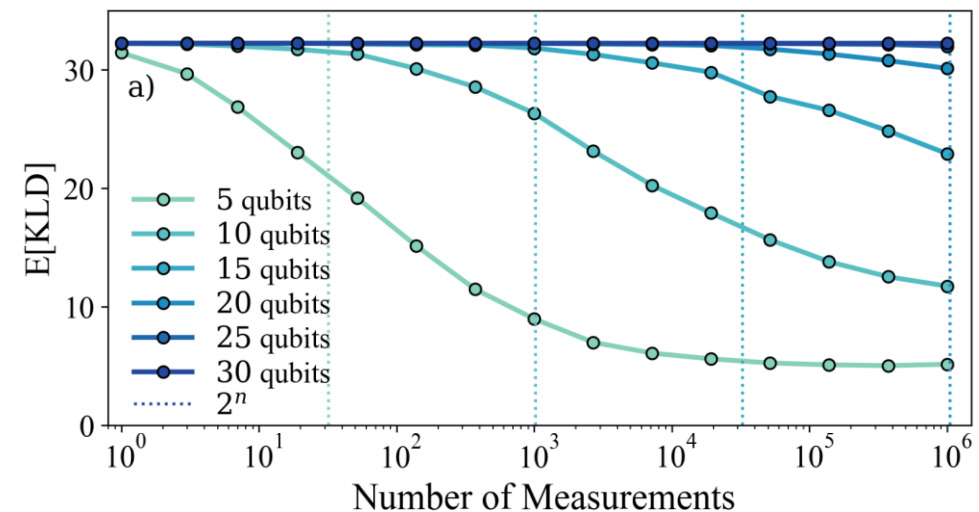
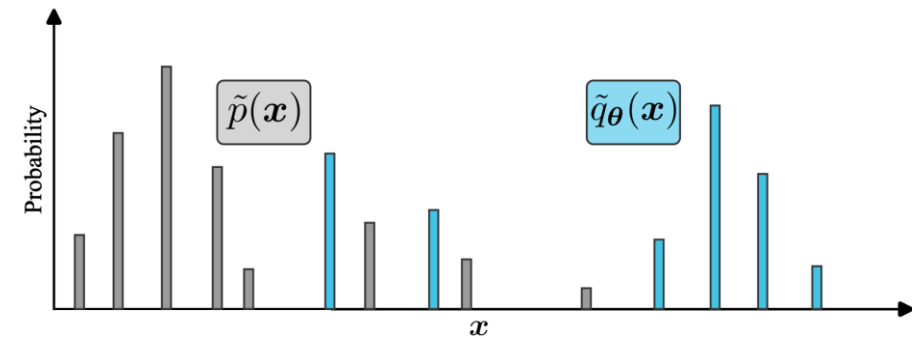
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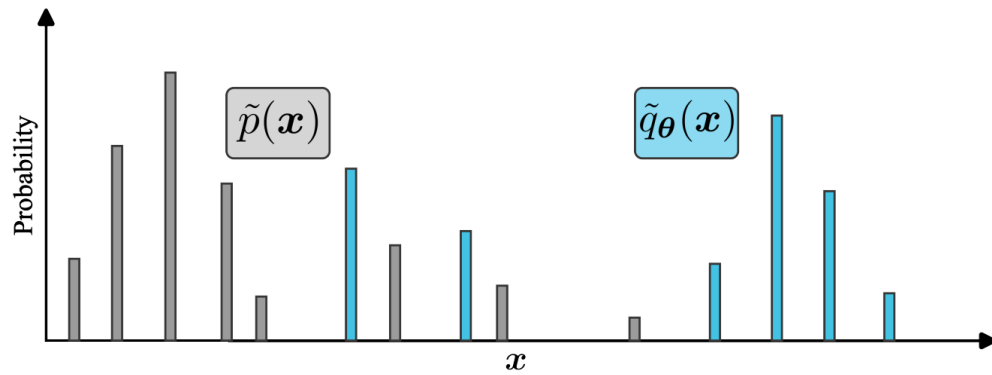
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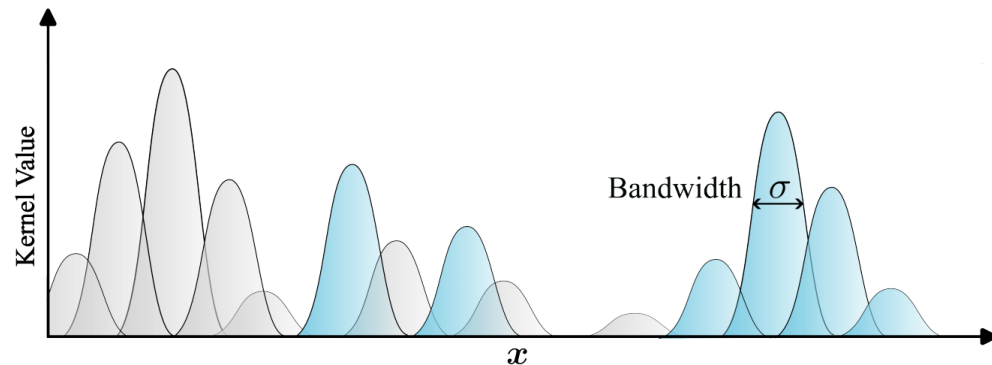
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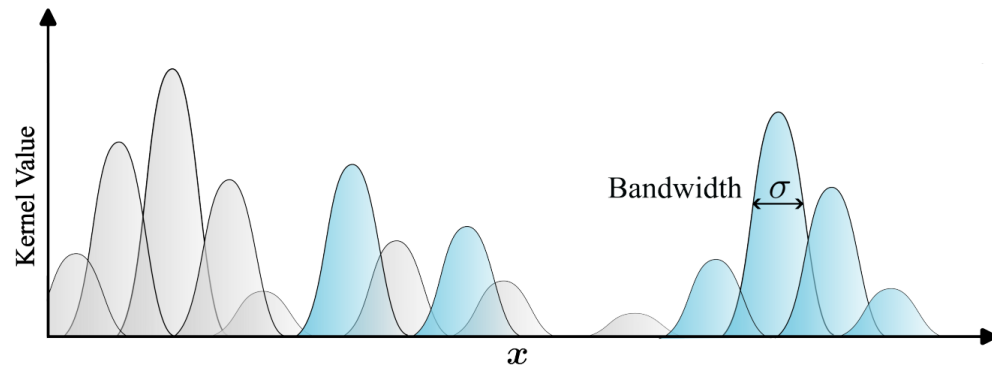
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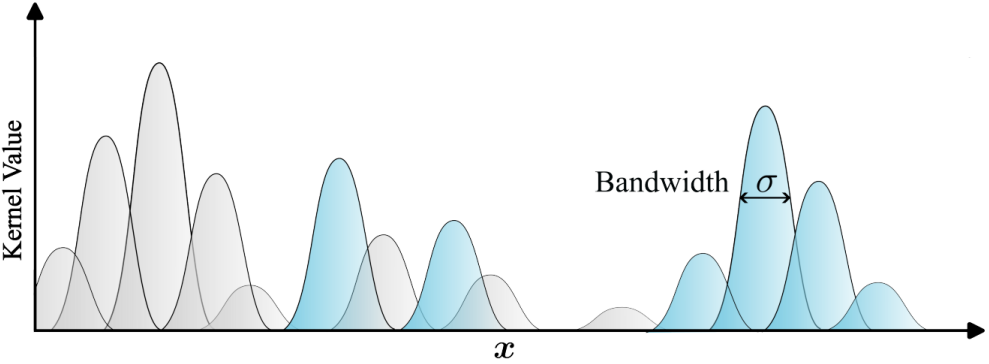
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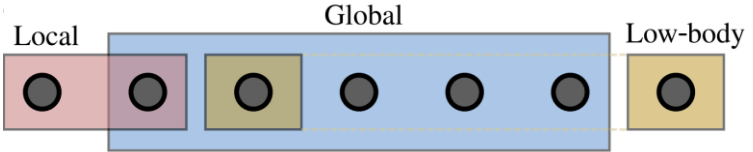
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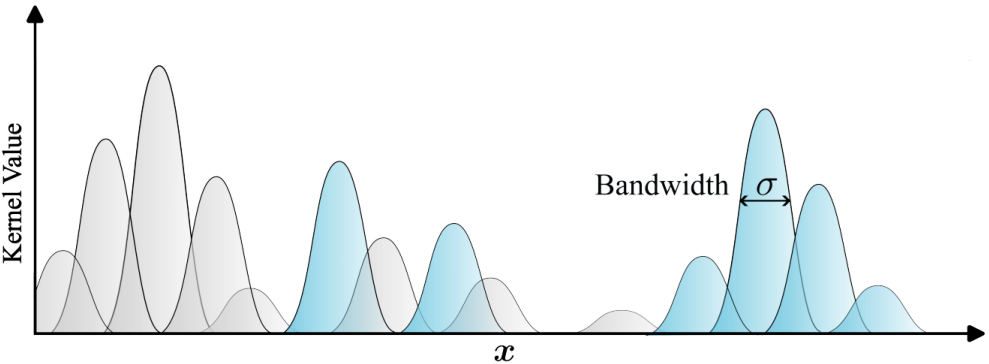
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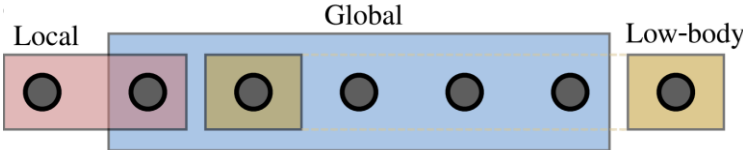
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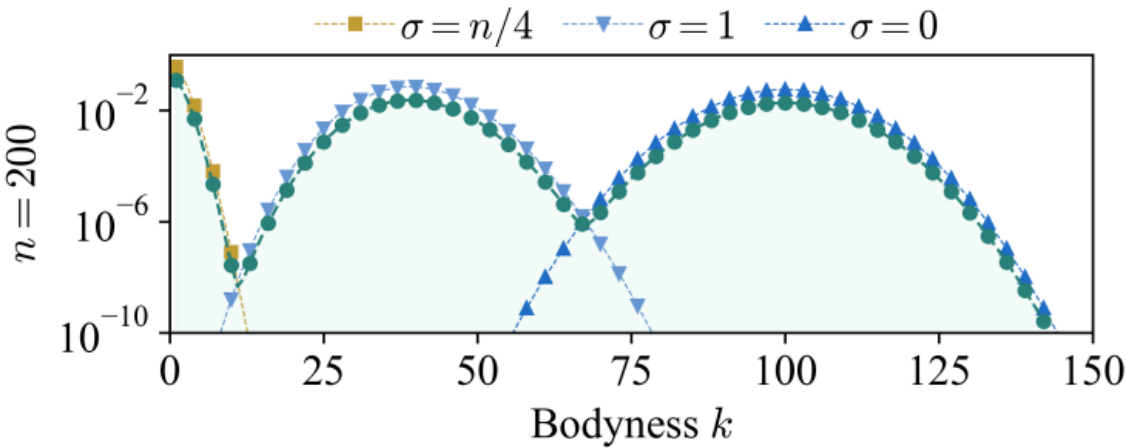
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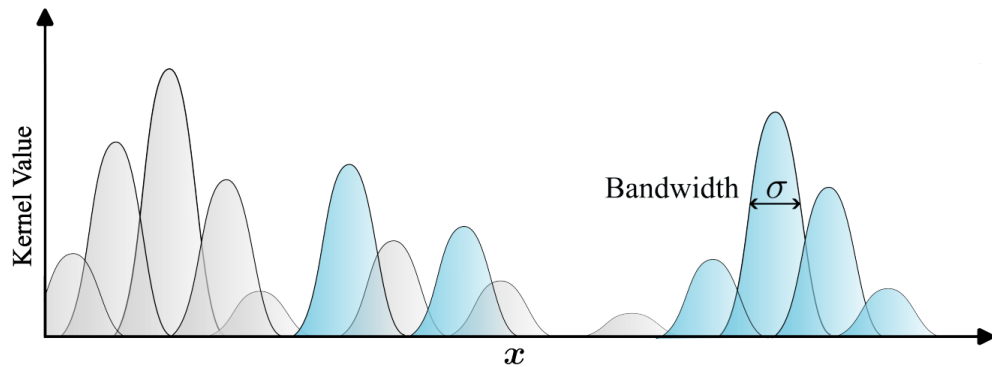
**Implicit**  
 $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} [g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})]$

## Maximum Mean Discrepancy

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MMD}}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \sim q_{\theta}} [K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})] - 2\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim q_{\theta}, \mathbf{y} \sim p} [K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \sim p} [K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})],$$

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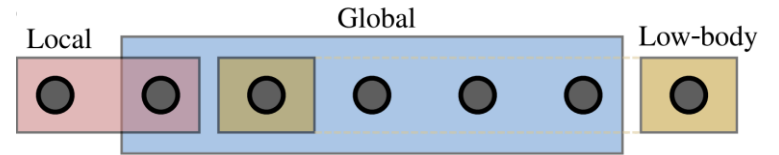
$$K_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2}{2\sigma}} = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{(x_i - y_i)^2}{2\sigma}}$$



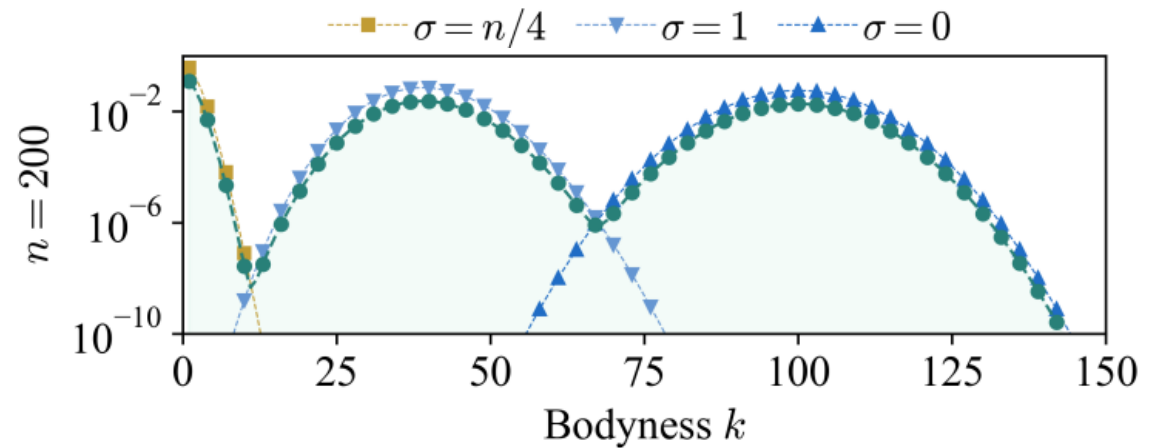
As observable

$$\mathcal{M}(\rho, \rho') = \text{Tr} [O_{\text{MMD}}^{(\sigma)}(\rho \otimes \rho')]$$

$$O_{\text{MMD}}^{(\sigma)} := \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} K_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) |\mathbf{x}\rangle \langle \mathbf{x}| \otimes |\mathbf{y}\rangle \langle \mathbf{y}|.$$

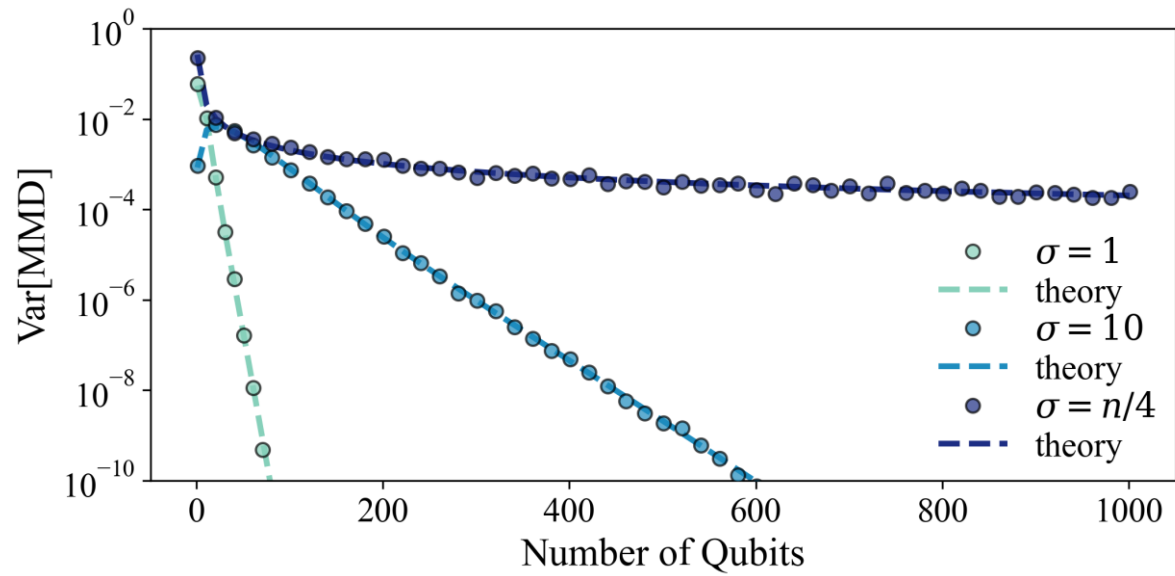


Local/Low-body: Trainable  
 Global: Untrainable



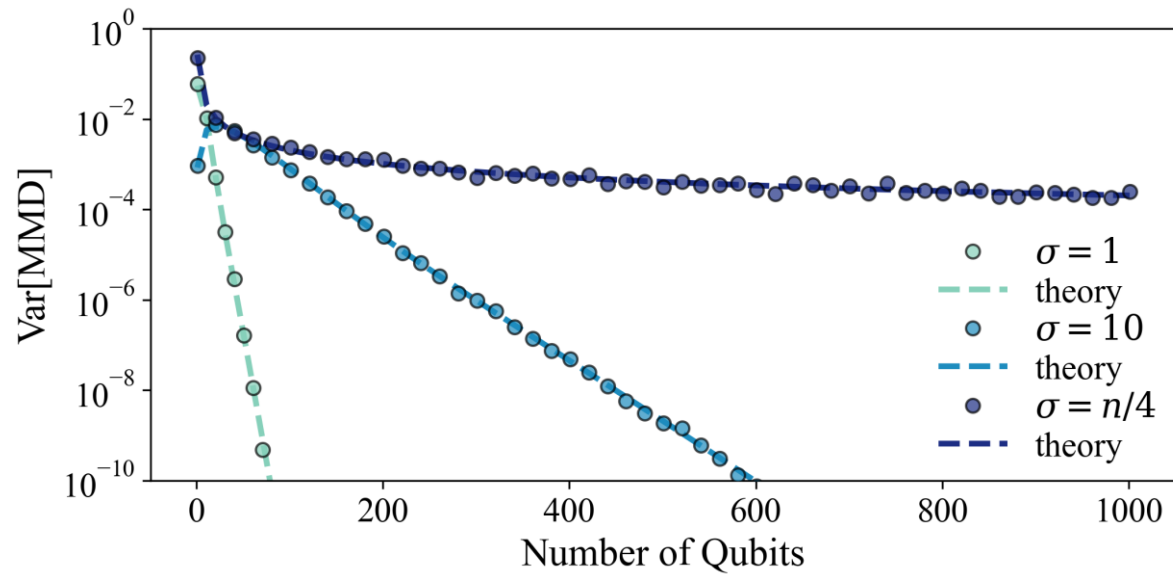
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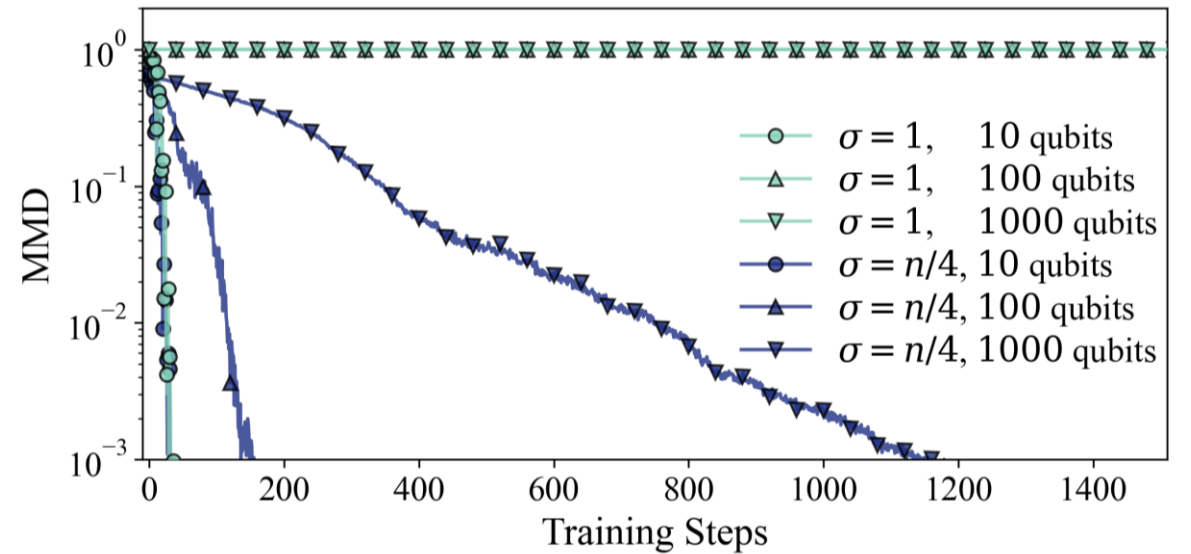


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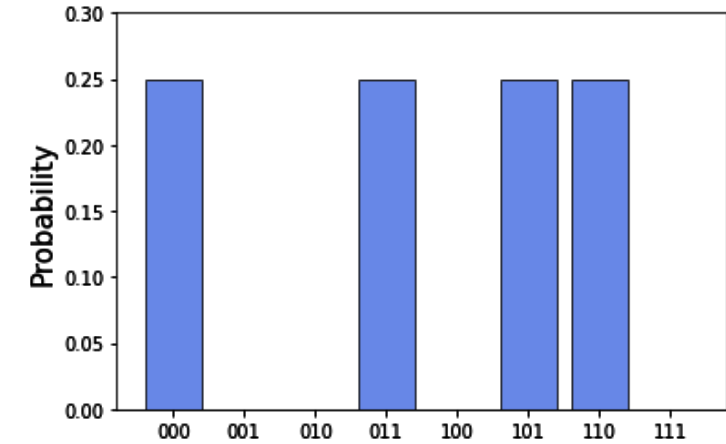
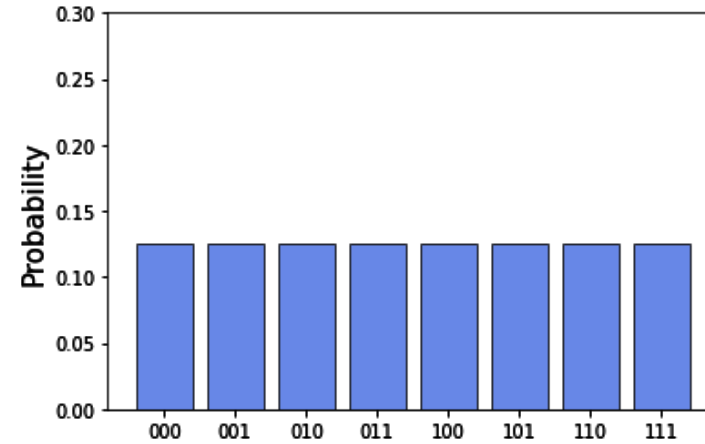
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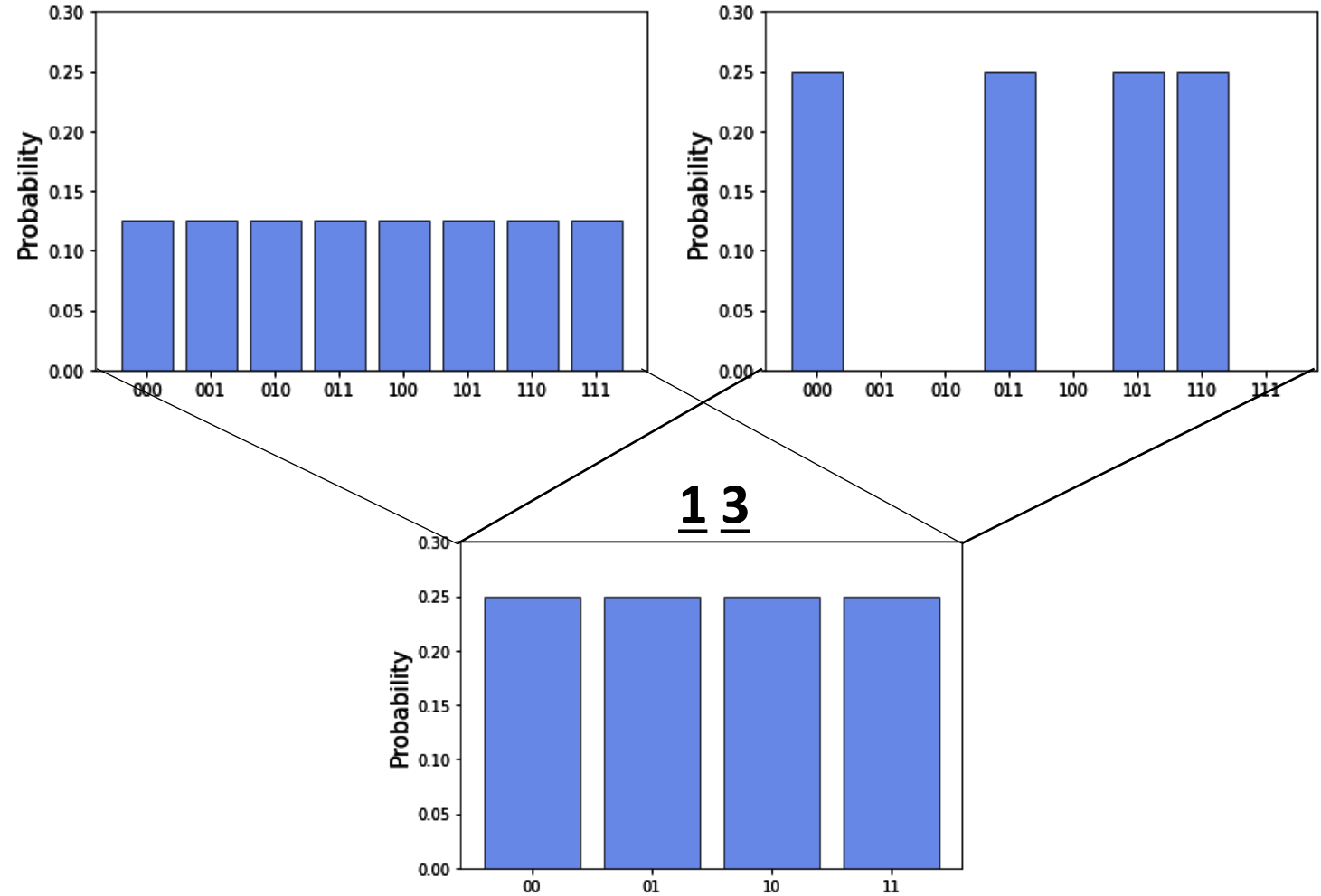
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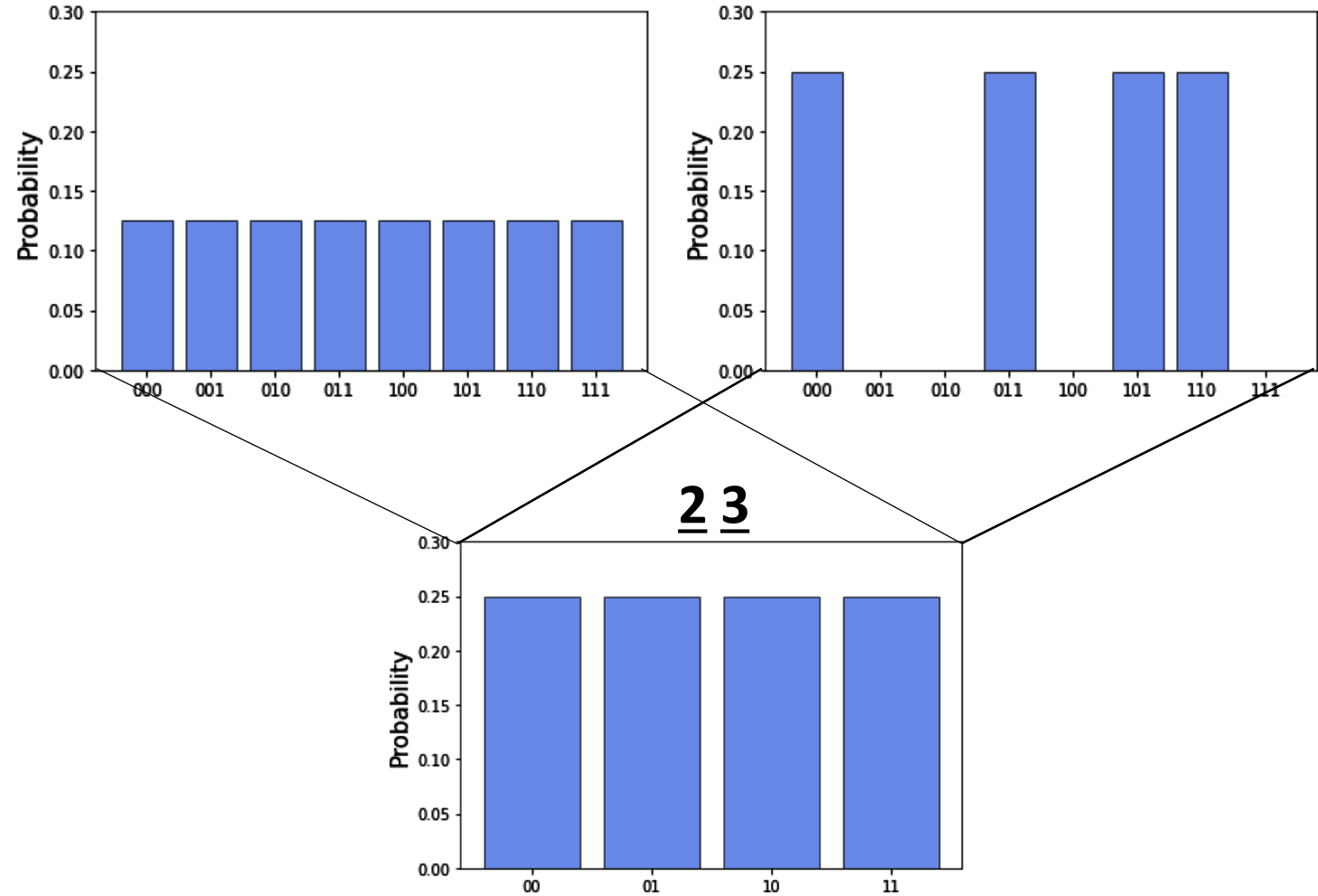
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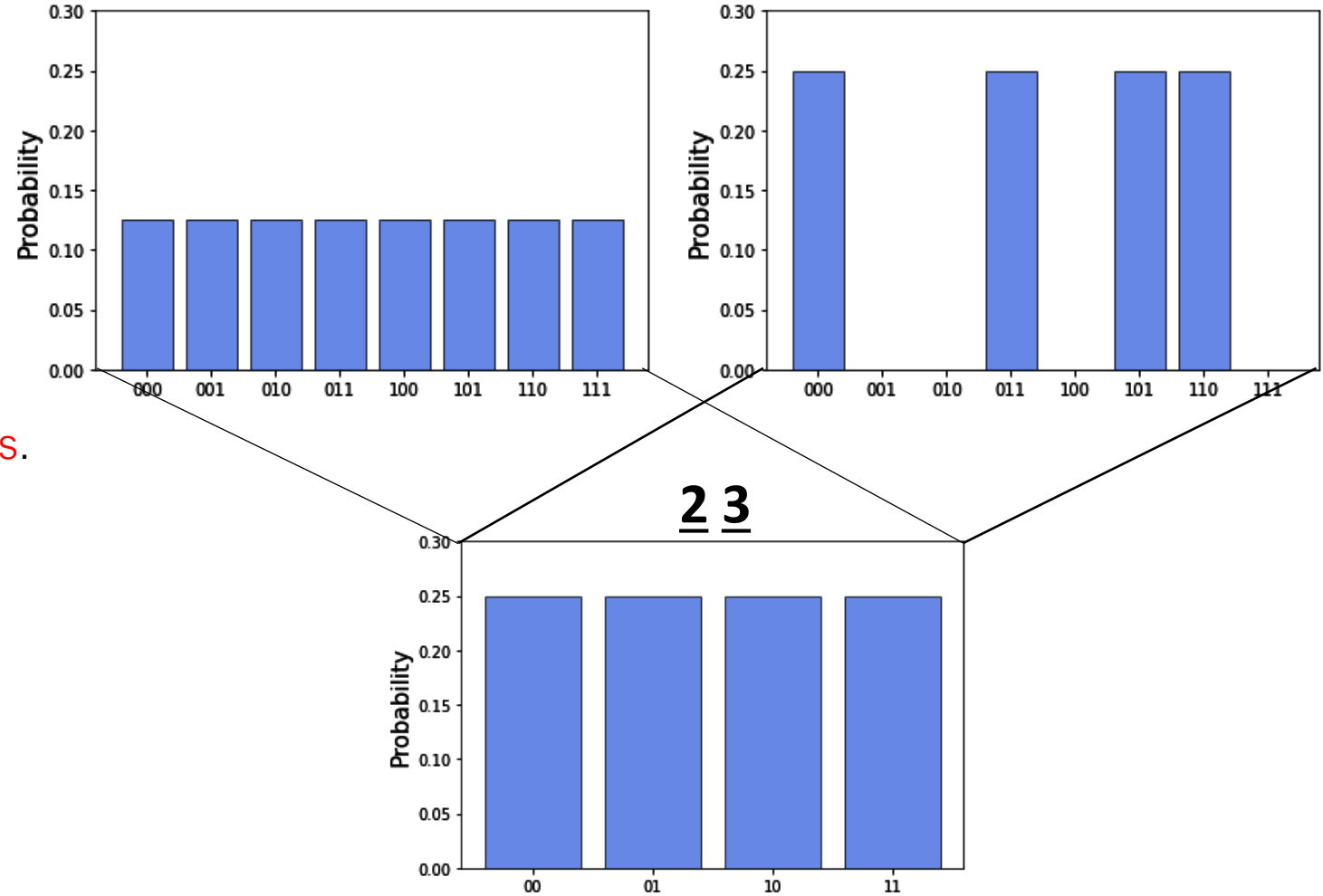
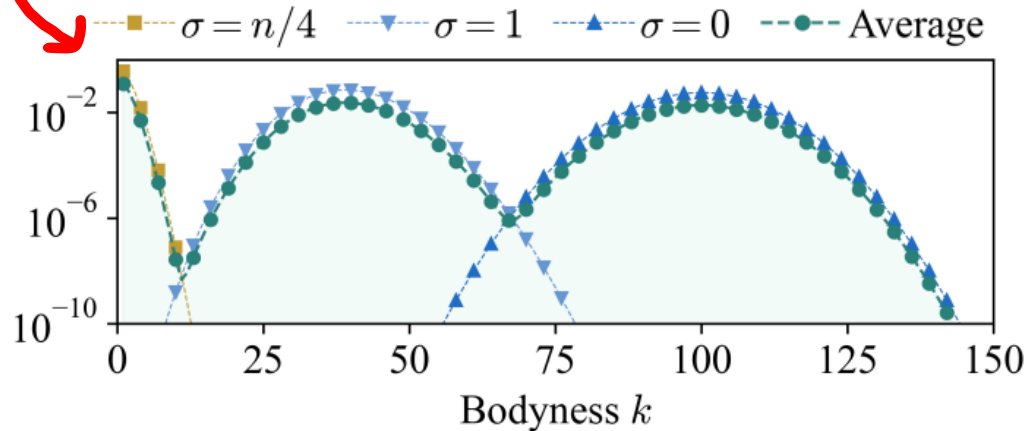


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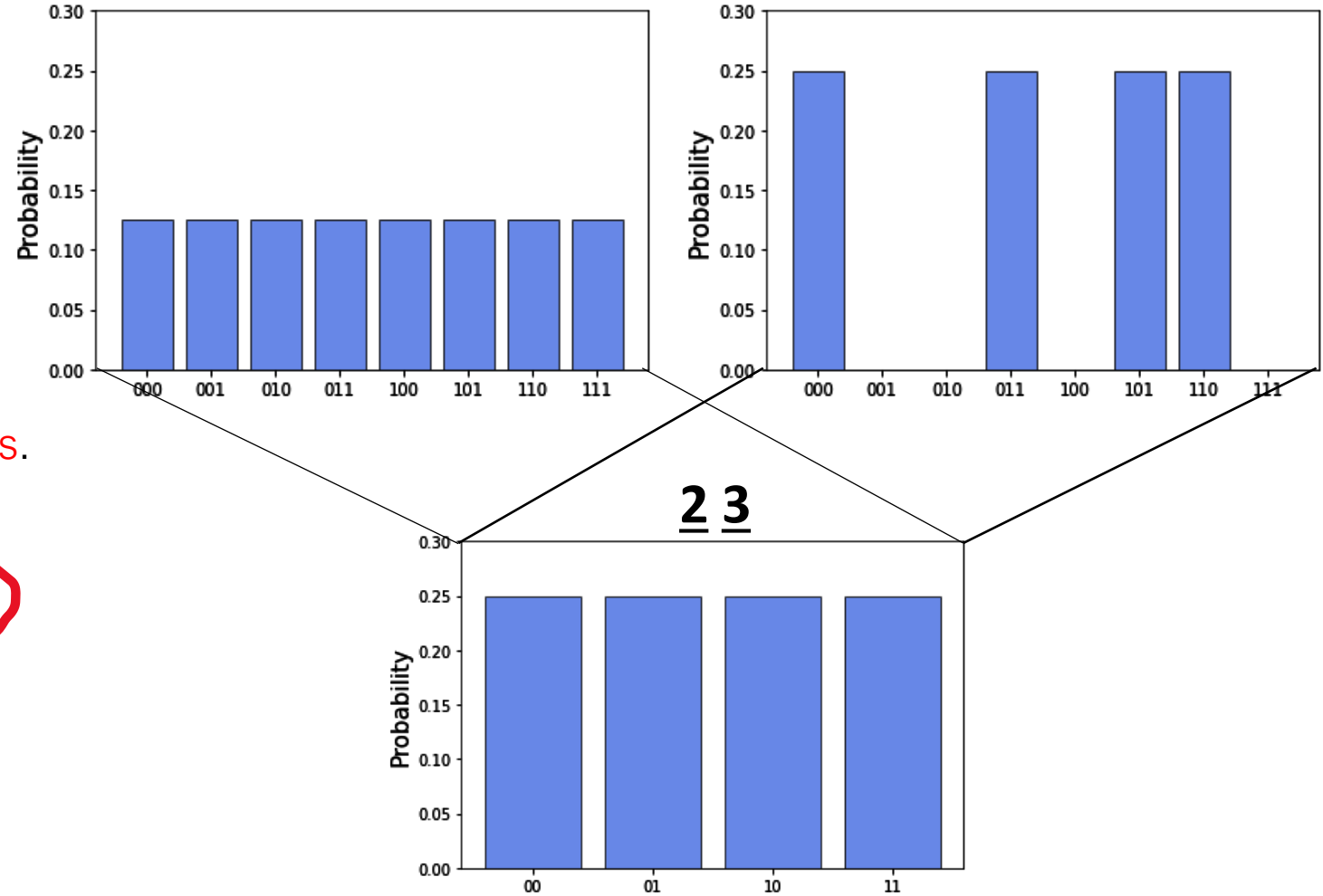
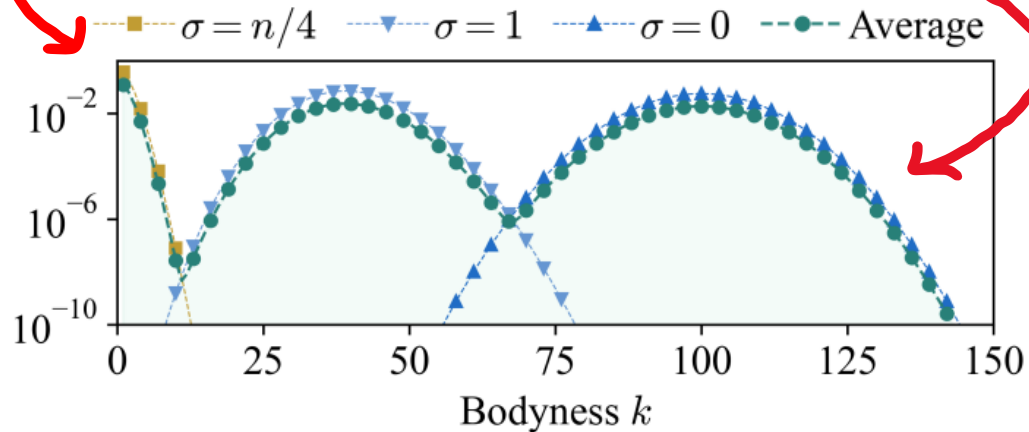


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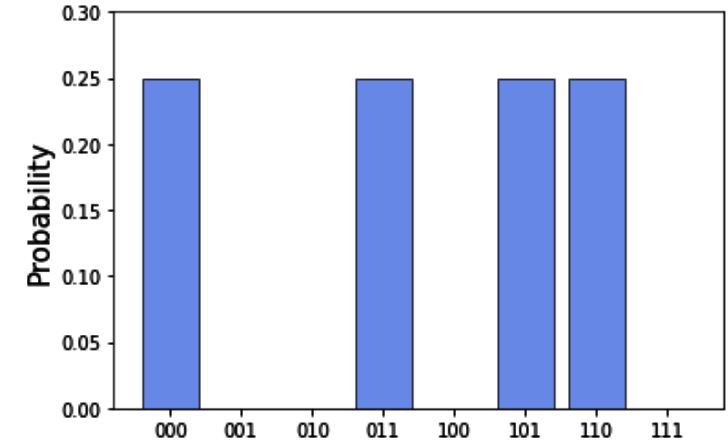
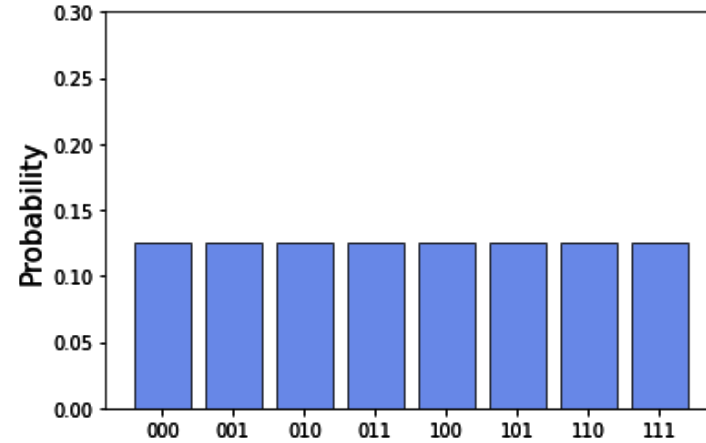
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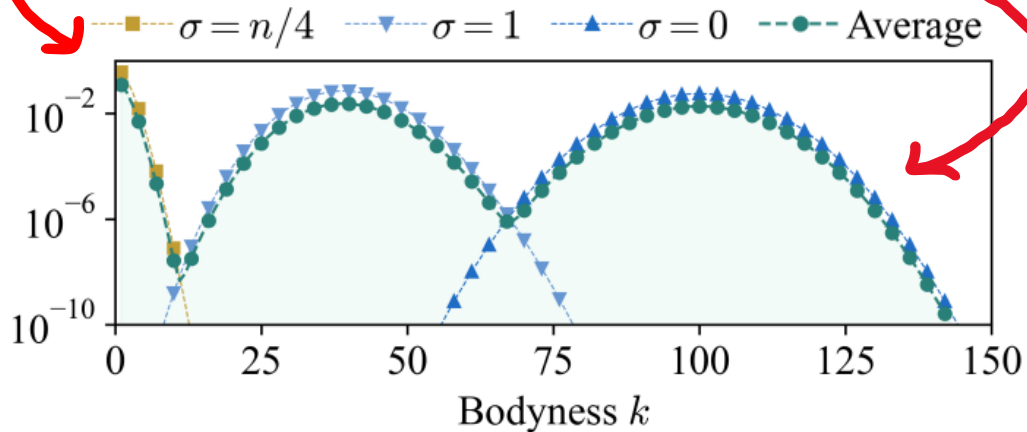
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e.g., for QCBMs

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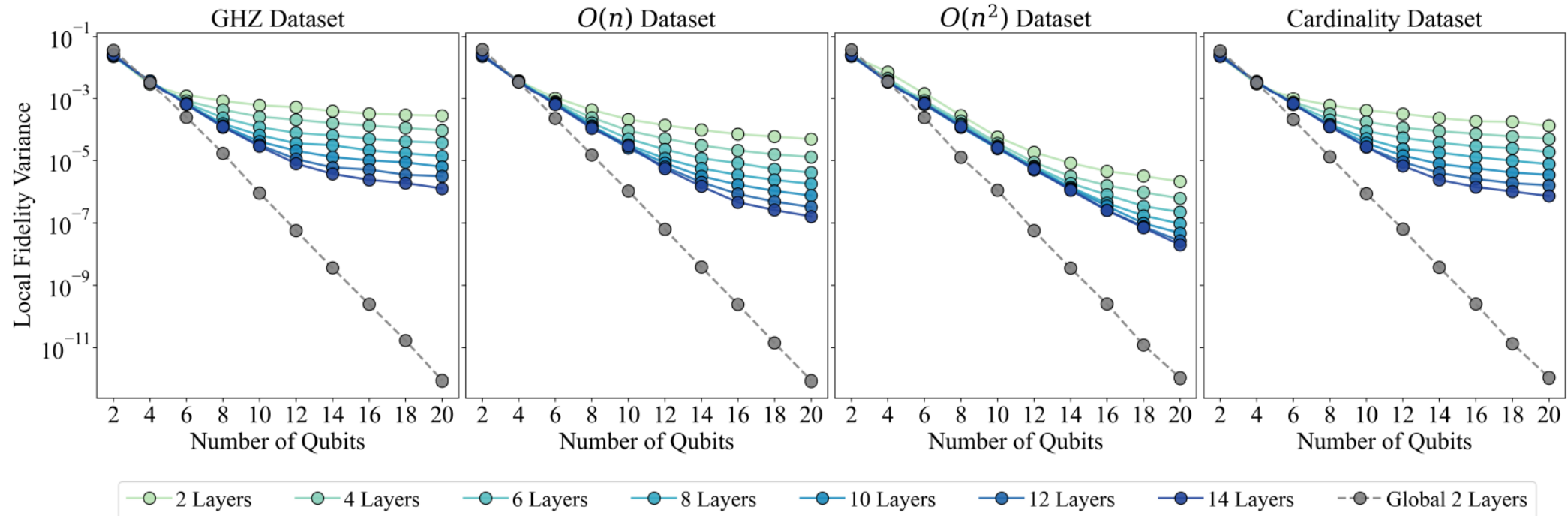
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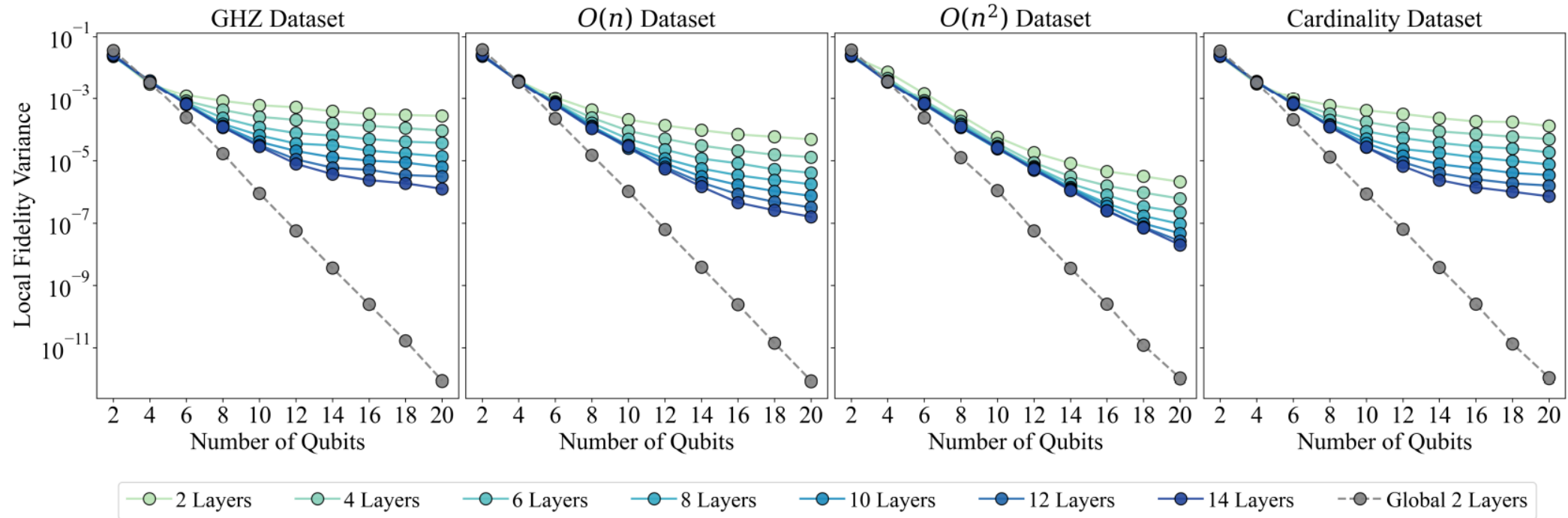
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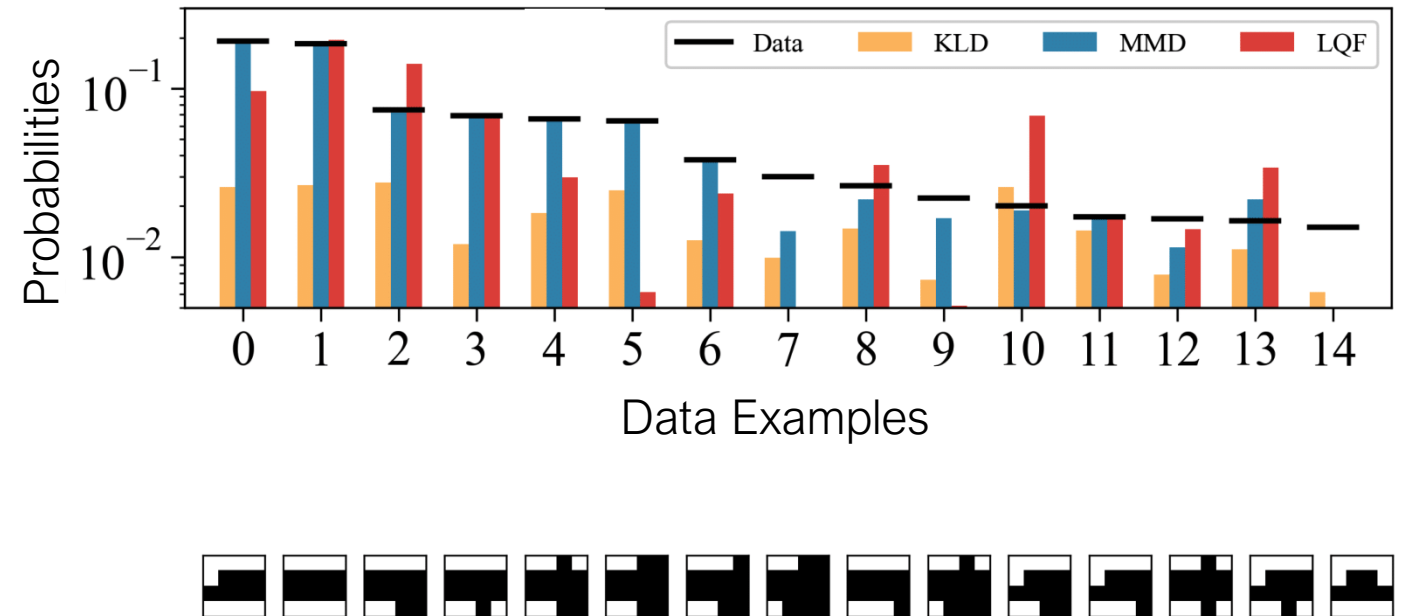
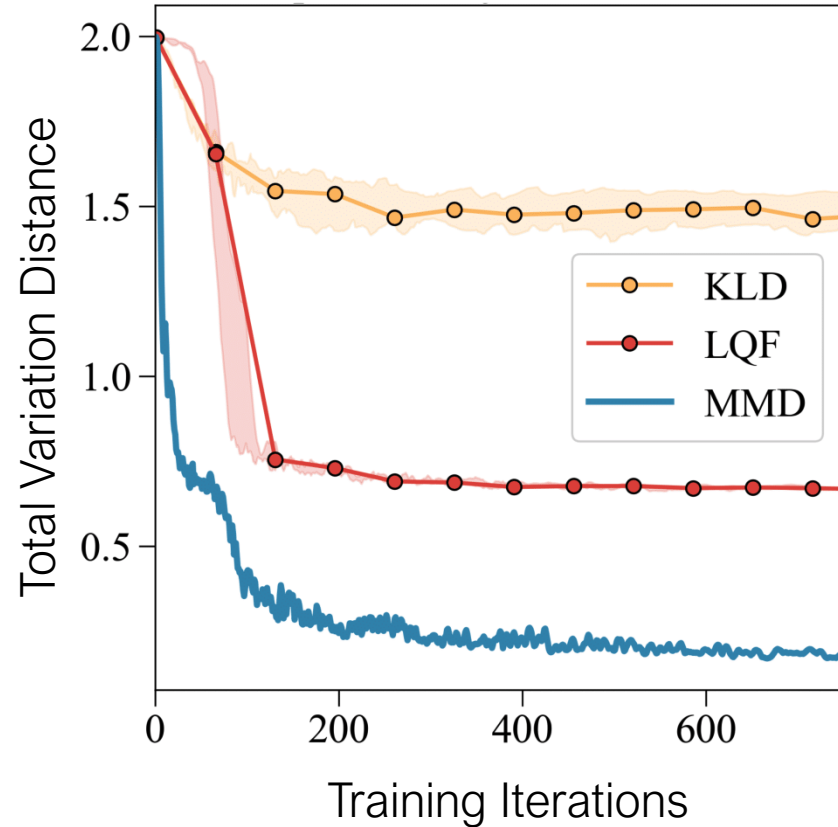




# Final Benchmarks

Dataset: Simulated CERN particle jets

16 qubits with 1000 shots



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