

Quantum Machine Learning

Introduction and examples from HEP



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Agenda

- Part 1: A brief introduction to Quantum Computing
- Part 2: Quantum Computing for Machine Learning
- Part 3: Quantum Machine Learning for HEP

Quantum Computing

[...] “Nature isn’t classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you’d better make it quantum mechanical...” [1]

[1] Richard P. Feynman, Department of Physics, California Institute of Technology, International Journal of Theoretical Physics, Vol 21, Nos. 6/7, 1982

Classical Computation

- **Based on classical binary logic**
- Reached incredibly peaks since late 40s
 - Many problems still can not be addressed adequately

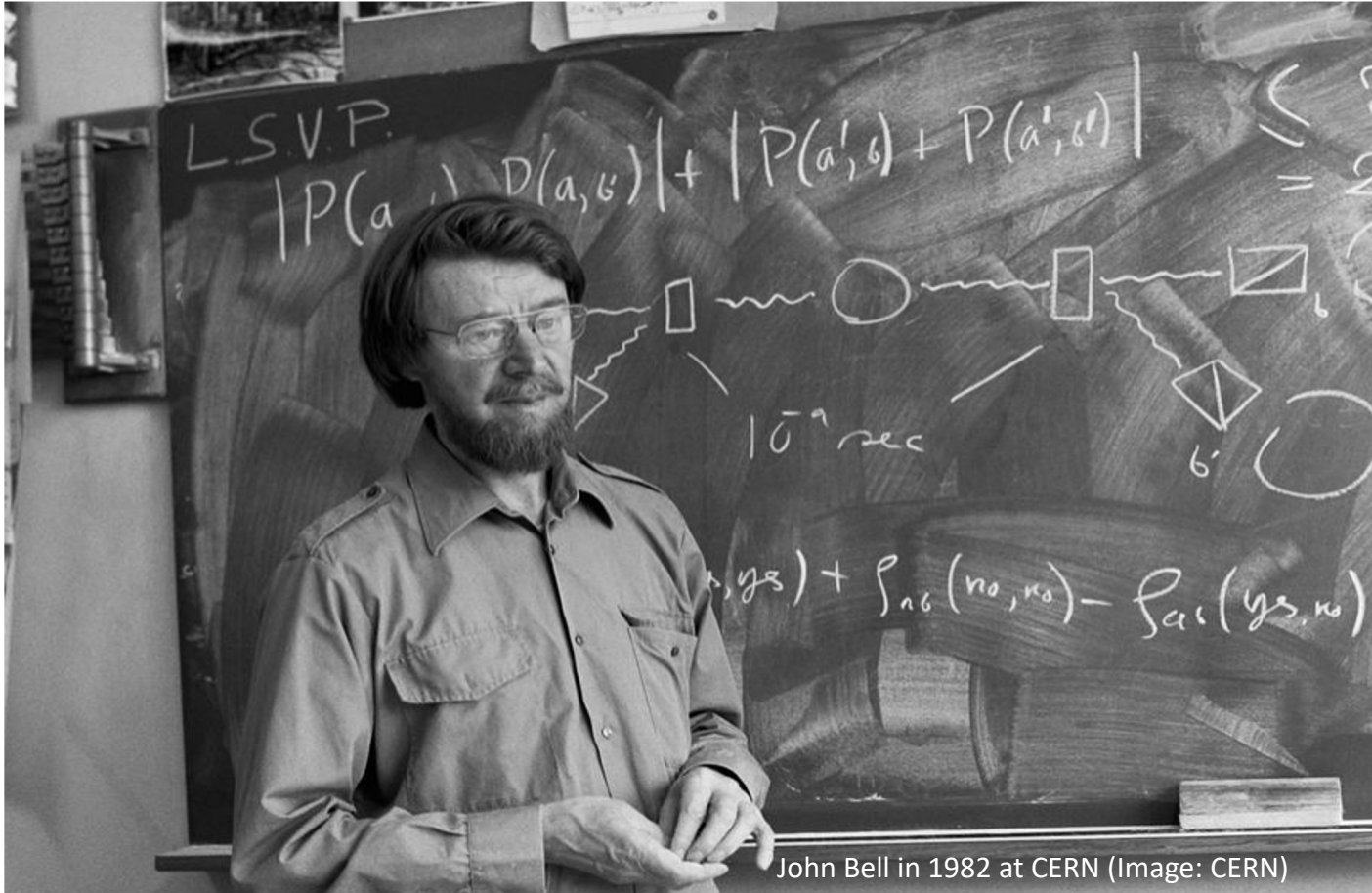


Quantum Computation

- **New frontier of computation**
- Started in early 80s
- First prototypal QC available since 2010s
 - Still in NISQ (Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum) era



The Second Quantum Revolution and Quantum Computing



- **Quantum Mechanic principles** are exploited to develop new technology
- Create **“artificial” quantum states** for a range of applications (single photons, trapped ions, superconductors, etc.)
- 1964: **Bell inequalities** prove that no theory based on **local hidden variables** (realism) can reproduce QM results
- Major step confirming the possibility of using distant entangled photons as a quantum information resource



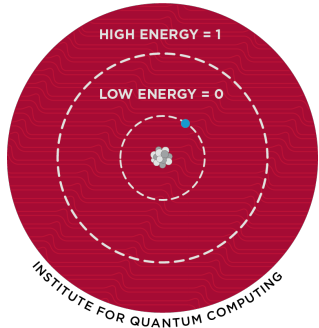
**Quantum
Computing**

Multiple technologies

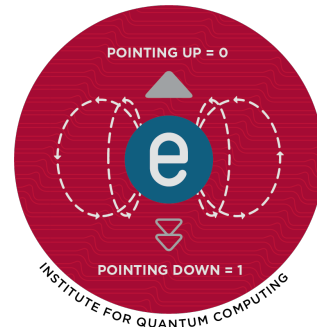


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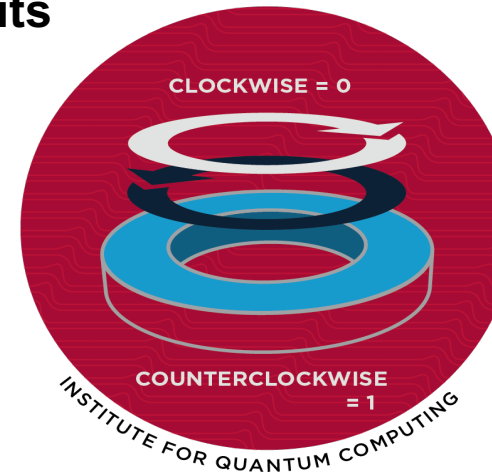
Trapped Ion and Atoms



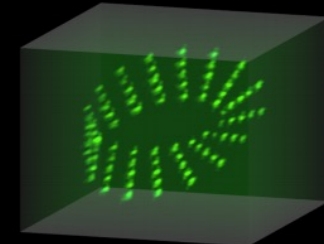
Spin Qubit



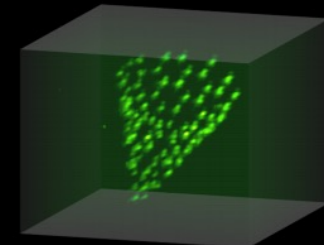
Superconducting Qubits



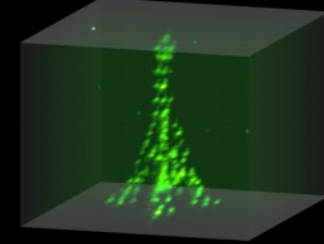
b Möbius strip (85 sites)



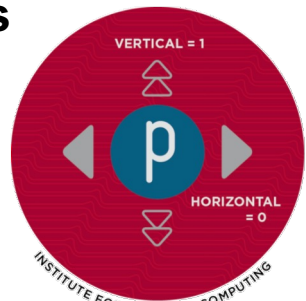
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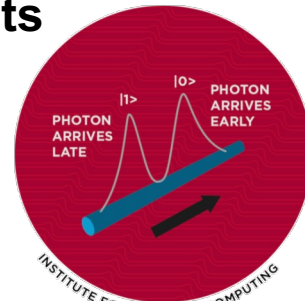
f Eiffel tower (126 sites)



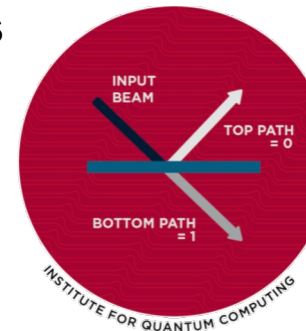
Polarization States



Time Qubits



Path Qubits



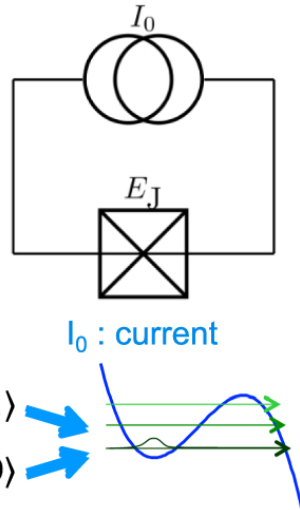
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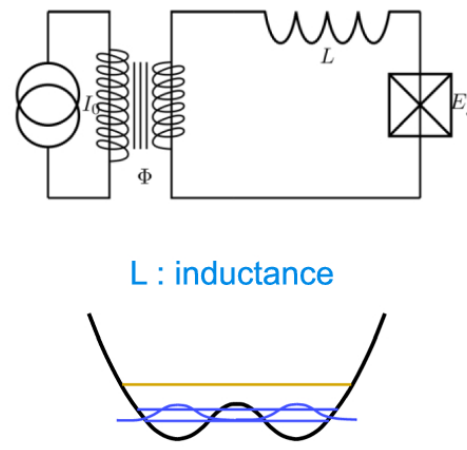
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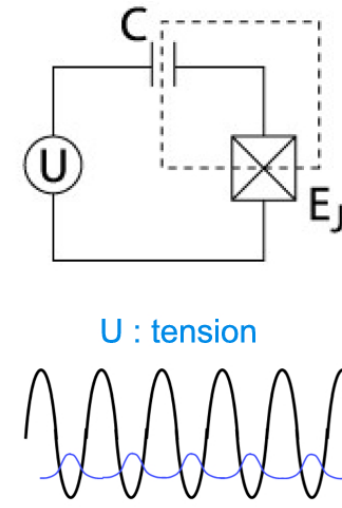
phase qubit



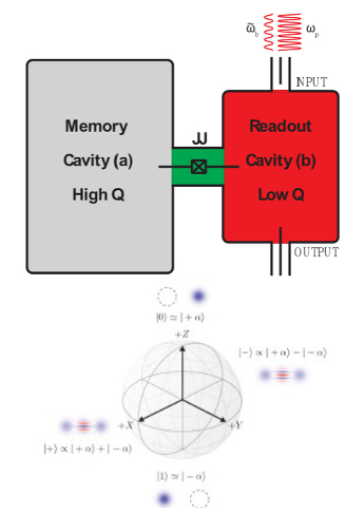
flux qubit



charge qubit - transmon



cat-qubits



Ezratty, O. Perspective on superconducting qubit quantum computing. Eur. Phys. J. A 59, 94 (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.1140/epja/s10050-023-01006-7>

Josephson junctions handle the qubit degree of liberty

Josephson junctions prepare, couple and correct the cat-qubits

|0> and |1> qubits

two energy levels in a potential well

two superconducting current directions

two levels of charge of Cooper pairs

pairs of entangled microwave photons in a cavity

quantum gates

micro-waves

magnetic field

micro-waves

micro-waves

qubits readout

resonator and micro-waves

magnetometer (SQUID)

resonator and micro-waves

resonator and micro-waves

commercial vendors

abandoned

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Development Roadmap

	2016–2019 ✔	2020 ✔	2021 ✔	2022 ✔	2023 ✔	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2033+
	Run quantum circuits on the IBM Quantum Platform	Release multi-dimensional roadmap publicly with initial aim focused on scaling	Enhancing quantum execution speed by 100x with Qiskit Runtime	Bring dynamic circuits to unlock more computations	Enhancing quantum execution speed by 5x with quantum serverless and Execution modes	Improving quantum circuit quality and speed to allow 5K gates with parametric circuits	Enhancing quantum execution speed and parallelization with partitioning and quantum modularity	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 7.5K gates	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 10K gates	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 15K gates	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 100M gates	Beyond 2033, quantum-centric supercomputers will include 1000's of logical qubits unlocking the full power of quantum computing
Data Scientist						Platform						
						Code assistant	Functions	Mapping Collection	Specific Libraries			General purpose QC libraries
Researchers						Middleware						
					Quantum Serverless ✔	Transpiler Service	Resource Management	Circuit Knitting x P	Intelligent Orchestration			Circuit libraries
Quantum Physicist			Qiskit Runtime									
	IBM Quantum Experience ✔		QASM3 ✔	Dynamic circuits ✔	Execution Modes ✔	Heron (5K) Error Mitigation 5k gates 133 qubits Classical modular 133x3 = 399 qubits	Flamingo (5K) Error Mitigation 5k gates 156 qubits Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	Flamingo (7.5K) Error Mitigation 7.5k gates 156 qubits Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	Flamingo (10K) Error Mitigation 10k gates 156 qubits Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	Flamingo (15K) Error Mitigation 15k gates 156 qubits Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	Starling (100M) Error correction 100M gates 200 qubits Error corrected modularity	Blue Jay (1B) Error correction 1B gates 2000 qubits Error corrected modularity
	Early ✔ Canary 5 qubits Albatross 16 qubits Penguin 20 qubits Prototype 53 qubits	Falcon ✔ Benchmarking 27 qubits		Eagle ✔ Benchmarking 127 qubits								

Innovation Roadmap

Software Innovation	IBM Quantum Experience ✔	Qiskit ✔ Circuit and operator API with compilation to multiple targets	Application modules ✔ Modules for domain specific application and algorithm workflows	Qiskit Runtime ✔ Performance and abstract through Primitives	Serverless ✔ Demonstrate concepts of quantum-centric supercomputing	AI enhanced quantum ✔ Prototype demonstrations of AI enhanced circuit transpilation	Resource management System partitioning to enable parallel execution	Scalable circuit knitting Circuit partitioning with classical reconstruction at HPC scale	Error correction decoder Demonstration of a quantum system with real-time error correction decoder				
Hardware Innovation	Early ✔ Canary 5 qubits Penguin 20 qubits Albatross 16 qubits Prototype 53 qubits	Falcon ✔ Demonstrate scaling with I/O routing with Bump bonds	Hummingbird ✔ Demonstrate scaling with multiplexing readout	Eagle ✔ Demonstrate scaling with MLW and TSV	Osprey ✔ Enabling scaling with high density signal delivery	Condor ✔ Single system scaling and fridge capacity	Flamingo Demonstrate scaling with modular connectors	Kookaburra Demonstrate scaling with nonlocal c-coupler	Cockatoo Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical communication	Starling Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical gates			
						Heron ✔ Architecture based on tunable-couplers	Crossbill m-coupler						

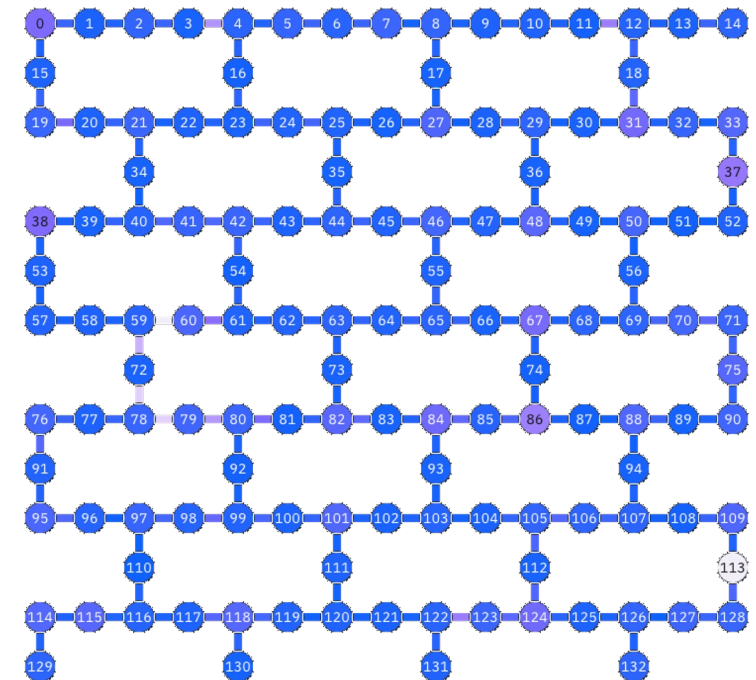
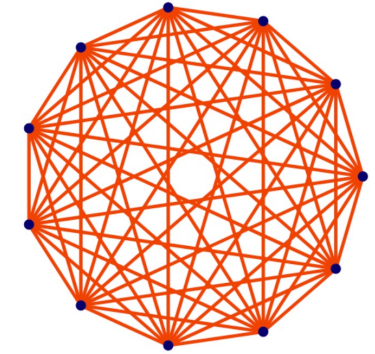
✔ Executed by IBM

On target

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum devices

Trapped ion technology: *ionQ*
with all-to-all connectivity

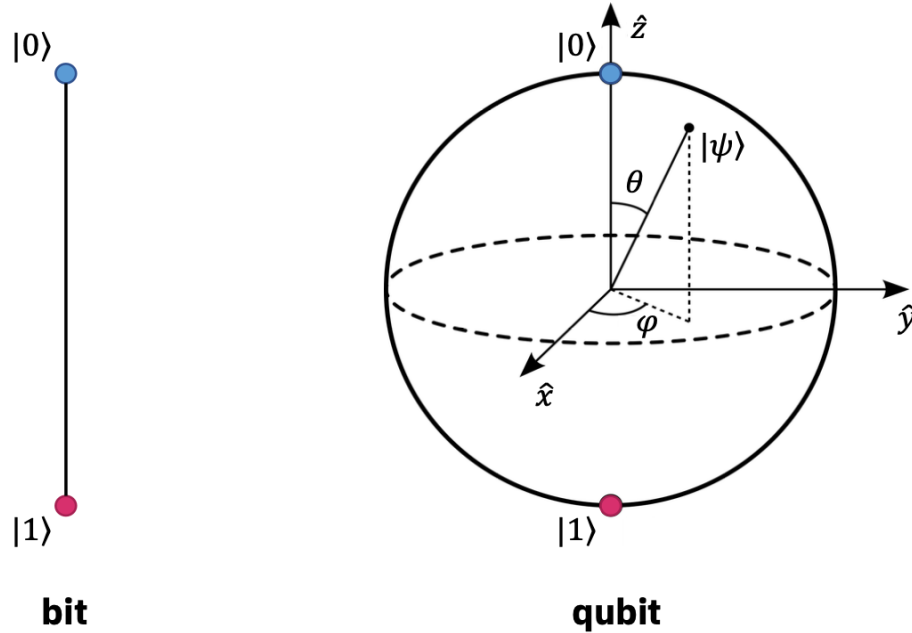
- Limitations in terms of **stability** and **connectivity**
 - **Circuit optimisation**
- **De-coherence**, measurement errors or gate level errors (**noise**)
 - Specific **error mitigation techniques**
 - Prefer algorithms **robust against noise**
- **Problem size**
- Initially integrated in **hybrid quantum-classical infrastructure (HPC + QC)**
 - **Quantum Processing Units** as new “hardware accelerators”



Superconducting qubits:
IBM Torino – 133 qubits

Quantum Information Theory

Unit of information



$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle = \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle \right) e^{i\gamma}$$

where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\theta, \phi, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

Quantum logic gates

- Single qubit operations

- **Hadamard gate:** creation of superposition $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
- **Pauli gates:** π rotations along main axes

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Two-qubit operations

$$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C - \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

creation of entanglement

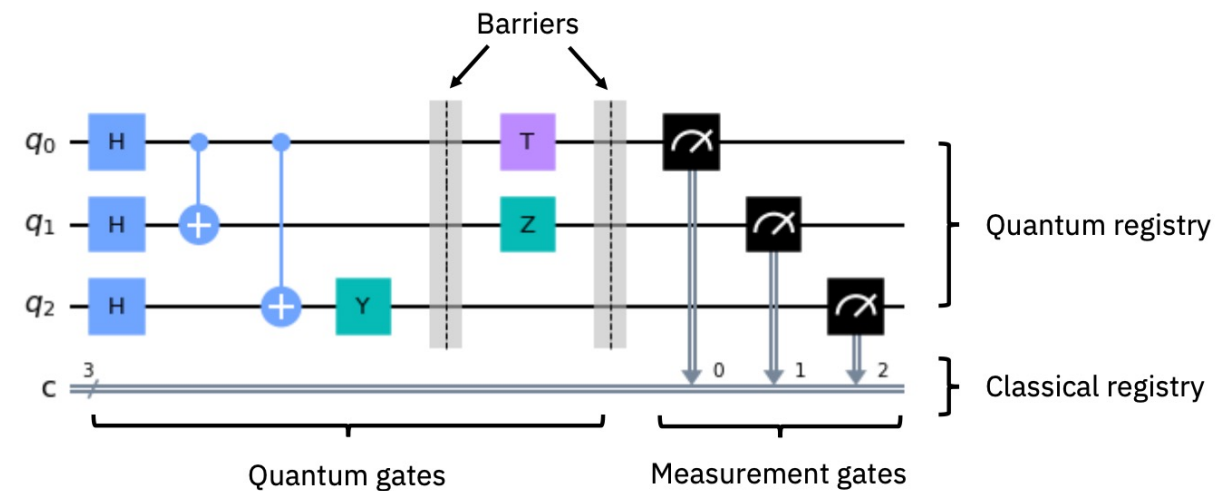
- **Generic multi-qubit operations:** decomposed in single-qubit and two-qubit gates

- Universal gate sets

Quantum Information Theory

Composing quantum gates: quantum circuits

- Set of actions to be performed to the selected qubits
 - qubits initialization
 - single-qubit gates, multi-qubit gates
 - measurements



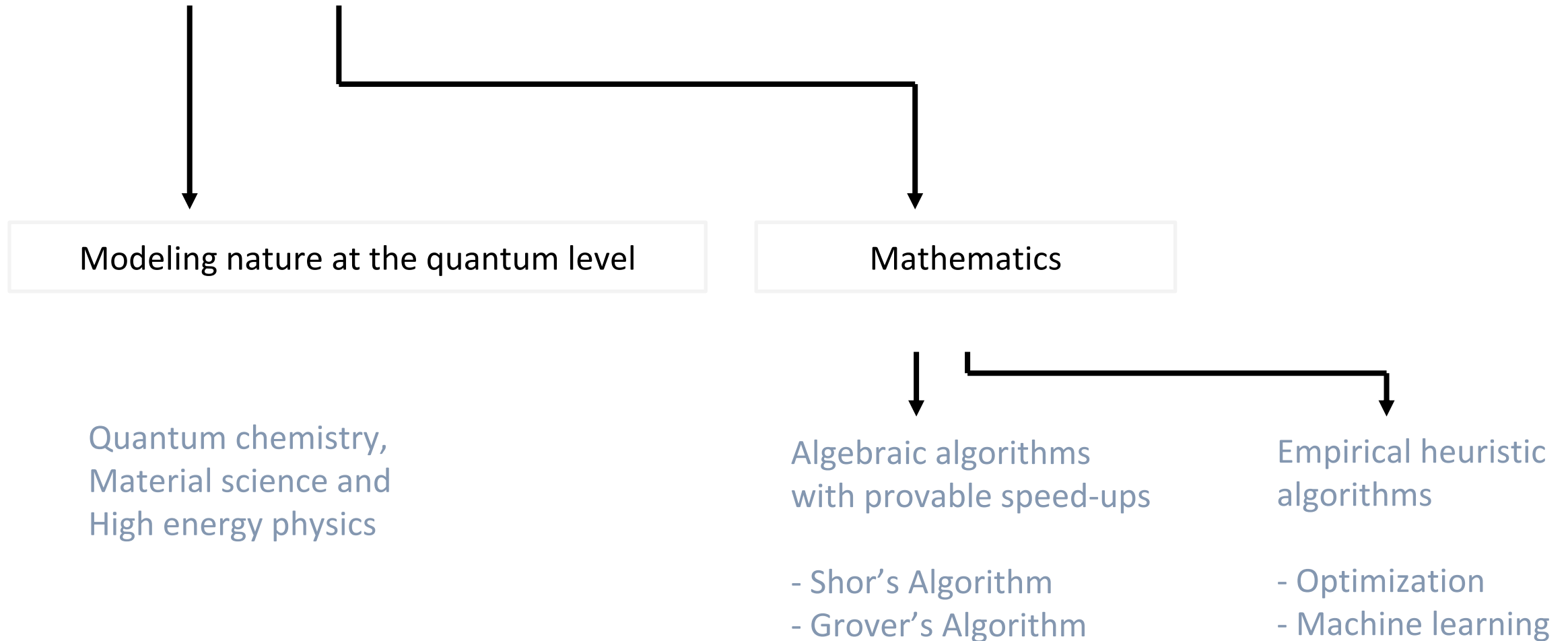
Principles of quantum computation

- **Quantum algorithm:** set of quantum circuits performing certain task
 - Purely quantum, e.g. *Shor*
 - Hybrid classical-quantum, e.g. *VQE*
- **Quantum Simulation:** simulation of time evolution of quantum system
 - Analog Simulator
 - Digital Simulator: quantum logic gates, more flexible

Quantum Computing

—————→ Do **classically intractable** computations **efficiently** on a Quantum Computer leveraging Quantum Effects

Problems for a quantum computer



Quantum potential... and computer science

$$\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Can enable speed-up through **highly parallel** computations

Quantum Superposition State

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Also, **non-classical correlations** may speed-up computations

Quantum Entanglement
(here: Bell state)

Operations (gates) are unitary transformations → **reversible computing?**

Output is the result of a measurement according to Born rule → **stochastic computation ?**

No-cloning theorem → **information security**

Quantum state coherence and isolation → **computation stability and errors**

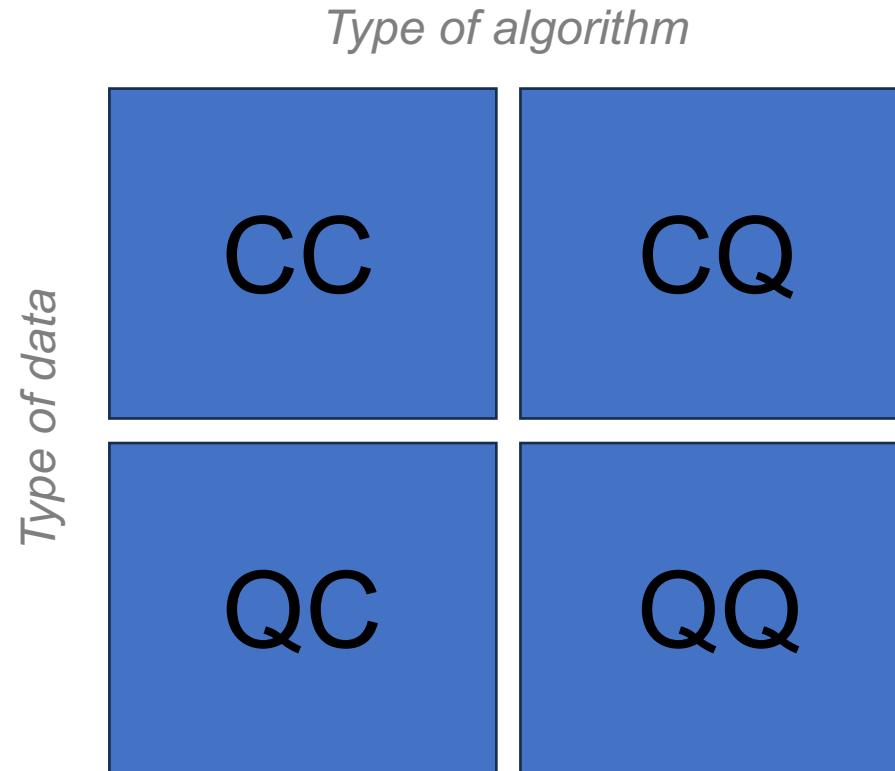
Qubit state collapses → **reproducibility?**

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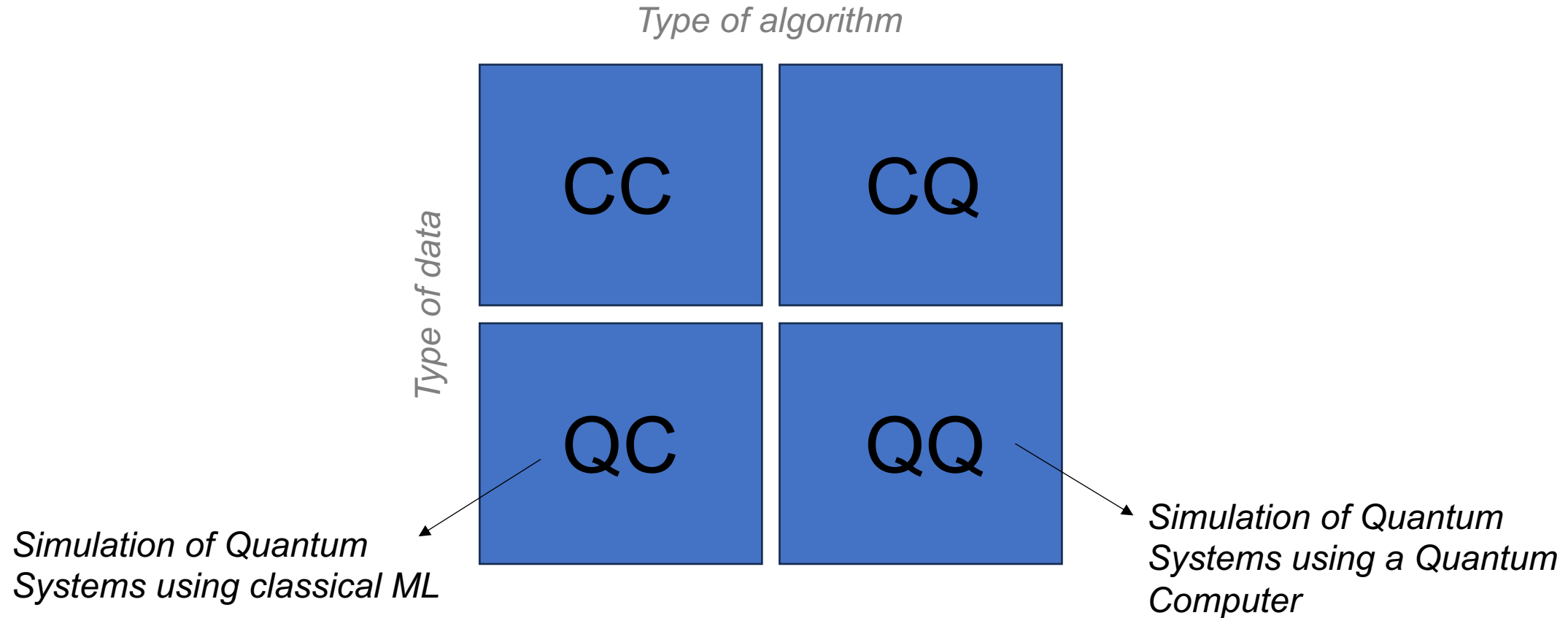
What is Quantum Machine Learning?

Fields in Quantum Computing



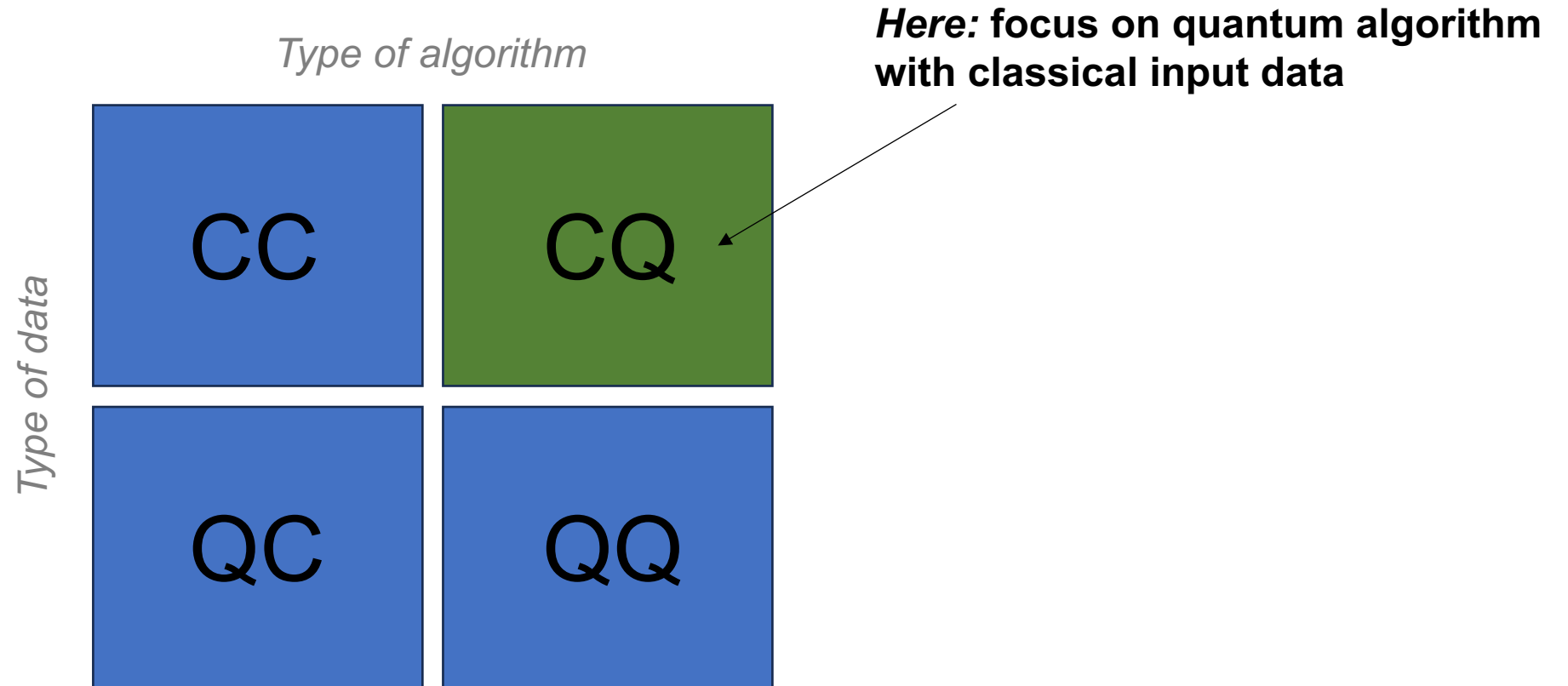
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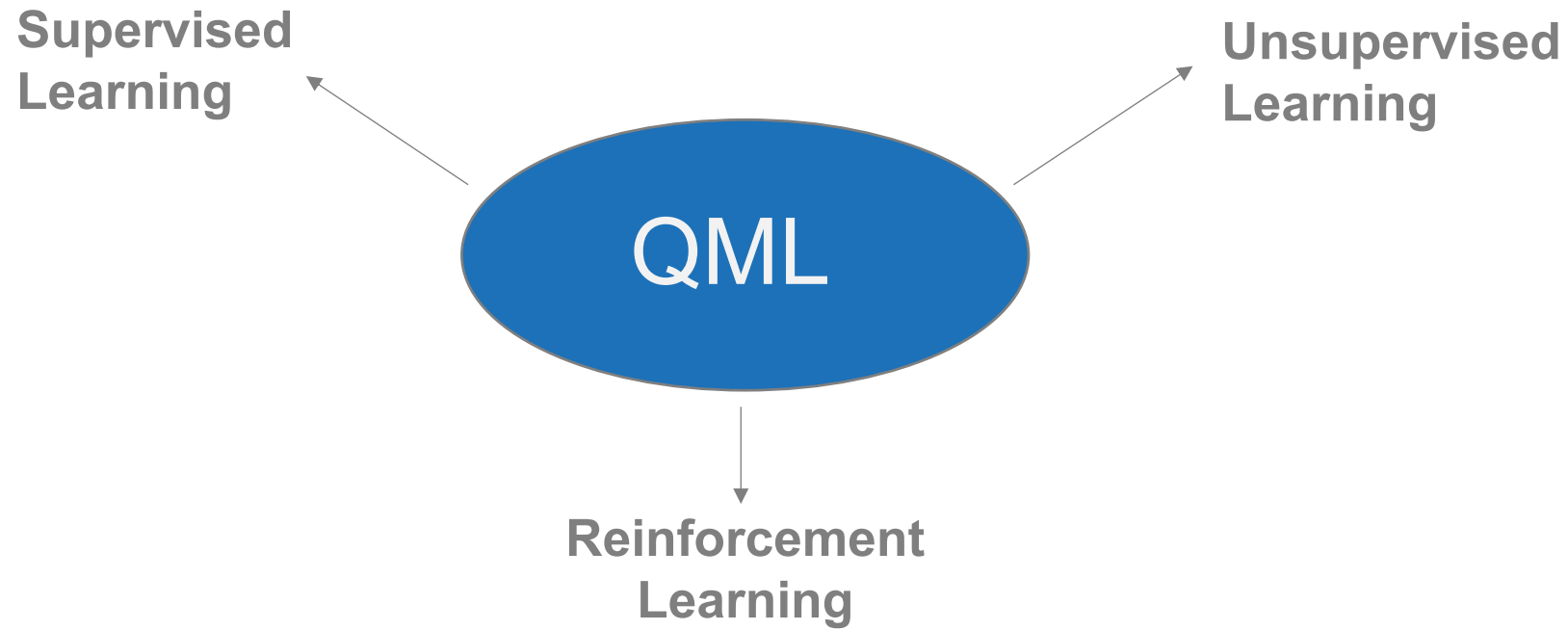
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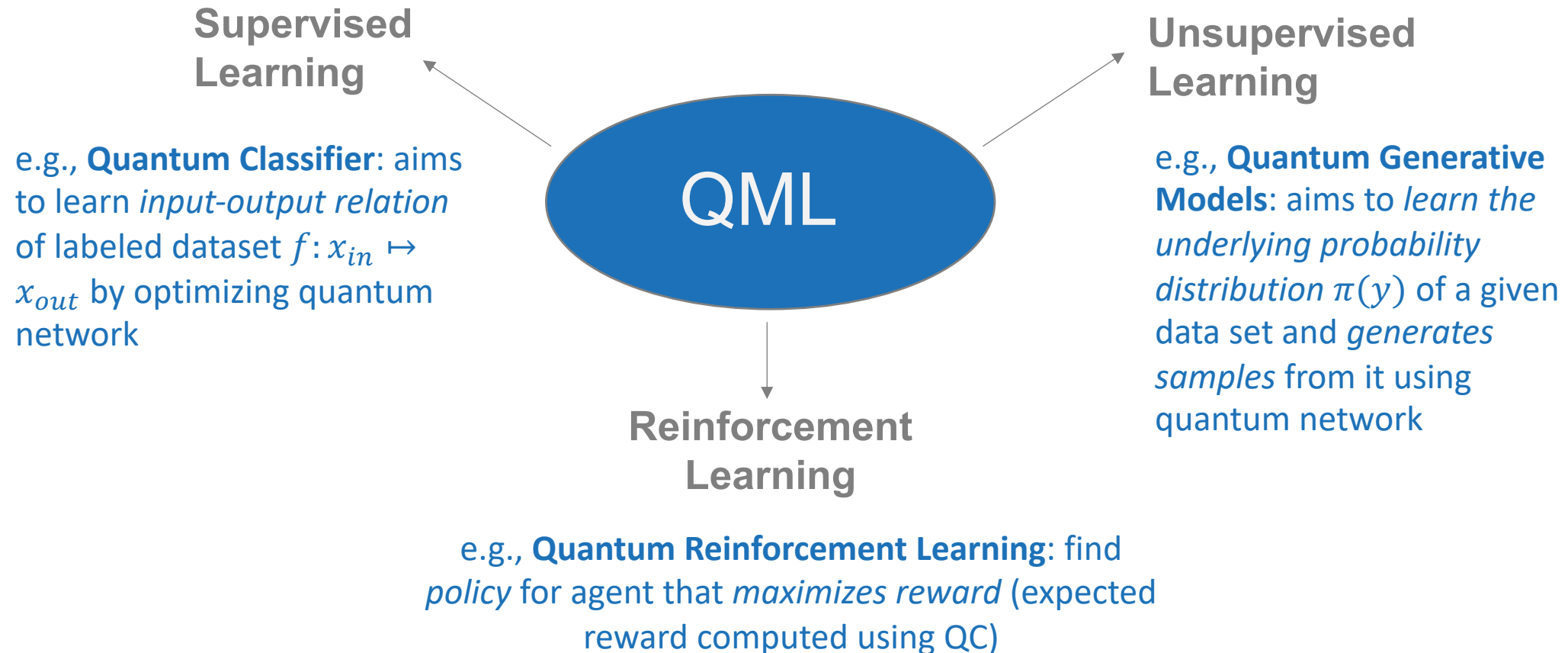
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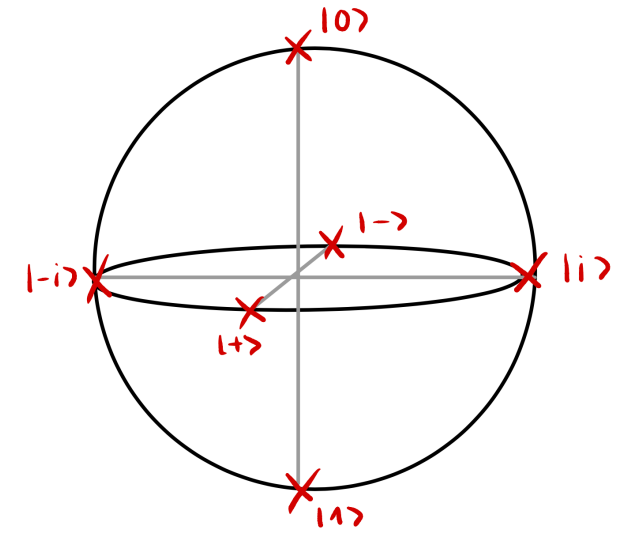
What is Quantum Advantage in QML?

Multiple considerations:

1. Runtime speed-up
2. Sample complexity
3. Representational power

This includes considerations regarding **classical intractability**:

Focus on Quantum Circuits that are **not efficiently simulable classically**

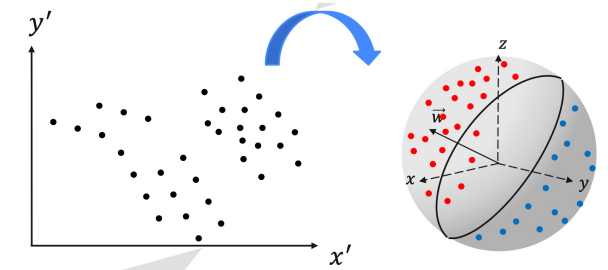
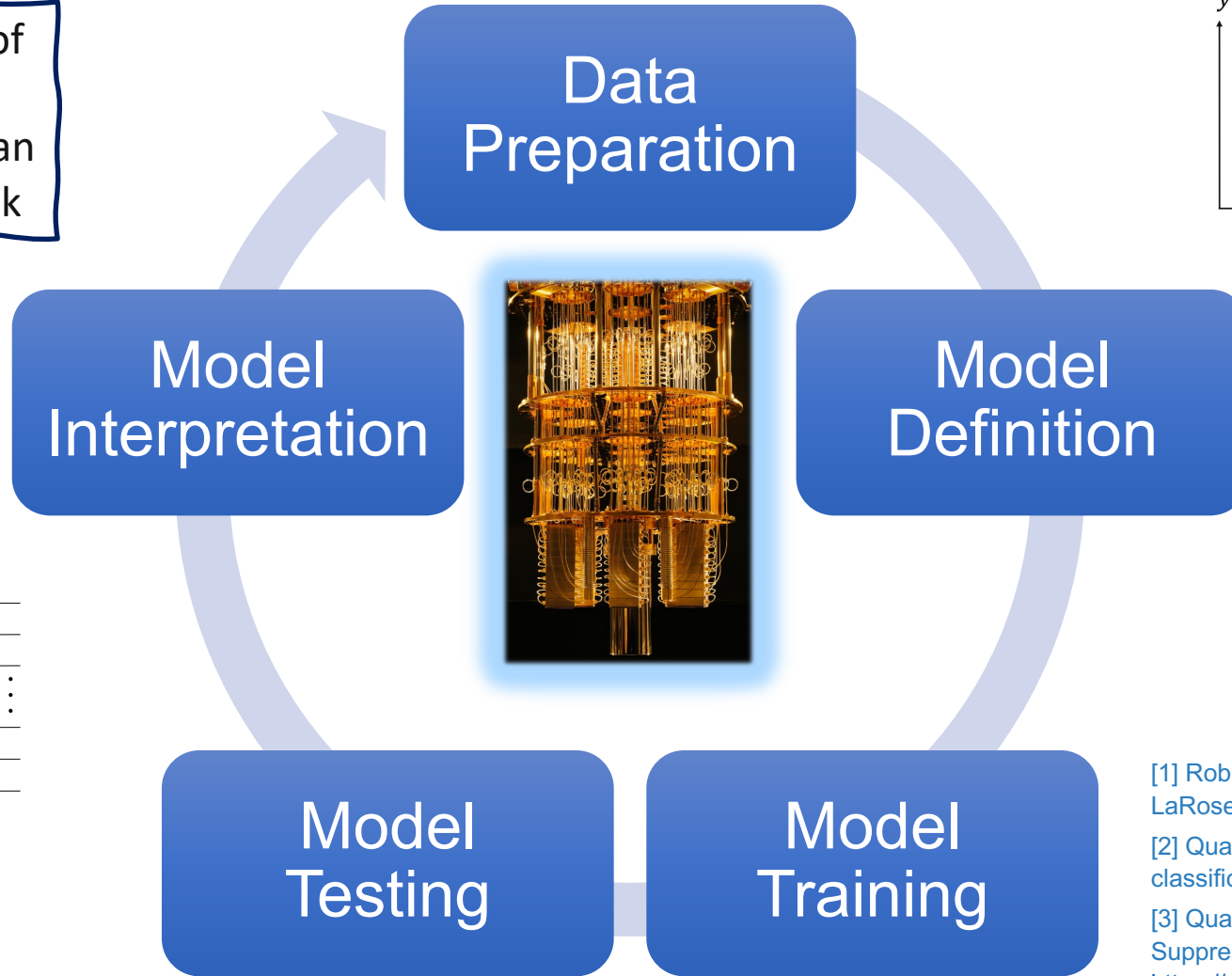


Bloch sphere: only the marked points are produced by the Clifford operators acting on a computational basis state

Nielsen, Michael A., and Isaac Chuang. "Quantum computation and quantum information." (2002).
Gottesman, Daniel. "The Heisenberg representation of quantum computers." *arXiv preprint quant-ph/9807006* (1998).
See also: - Kübler, Jonas, Simon Buchholz, and Bernhard Schölkopf. "The inductive bias of quantum kernels." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 34 (2021): 12661-12673.
- Huang, HY., Broughton, M., Mohseni, M. *et al.* Power of data in quantum machine learning. *Nat Commun* **12**, 2631 (2021).
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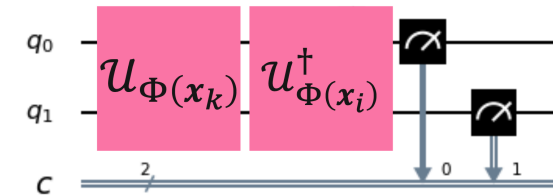
Quantum Machine Learning Lifecycle

The quantum advantage of many known QML algorithms is impeded by an input or output bottleneck

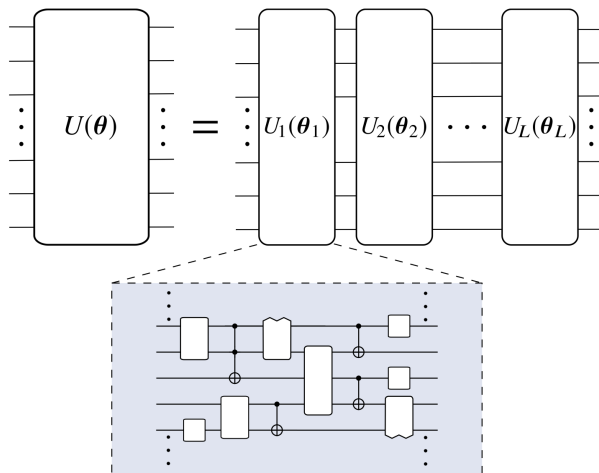


*Data Reduction
Data Encoding [1,2,3]*

Read Out



Trainability (BP...)



[1] Robust data encodings for quantum classifiers, Ryan LaRose and Brian Coyle, Phys. Rev. A 102, 032420
 [2] Quantum convolutional neural network for classical data classification, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2108.00661.pdf>
 [3] Quantum Support Vector Machines for Continuum Suppression in B Meson Decays, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.12257>

Models

Gradient-free or gradient-based optimization

Data Embedding can be learned

Ansatz design can leverage data symmetries¹

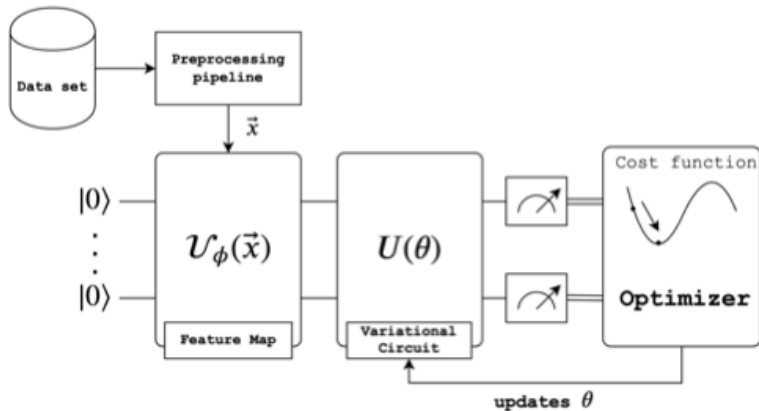


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Representer theorem:

Implicit models achieve **better accuracy**³

Explicit models exhibit **better generalization** performance

Feature maps as quantum kernels

Classical **kernel-based training (convex losses)**

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

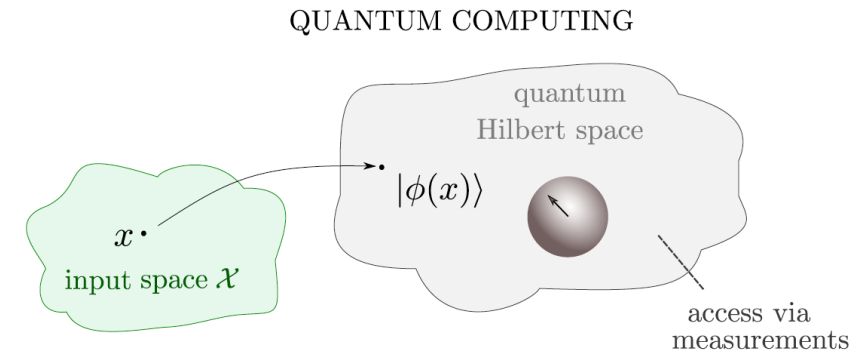


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Build network of stochastic binary units and optimise their energy.

QBM has quadratic energy function that follows the Boltzman distribution (Ising Hamiltonian)

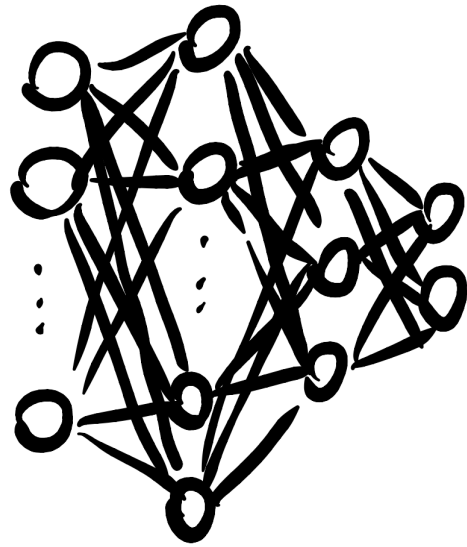
¹ Bogatskiy, Alexander, et al. "Lorentz group equivariant neural network for particle physics." PMLR, 2020.

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

³ Jerbi, Sofiene, et al. "Quantum machine learning beyond kernel methods." *arXiv:2110.13162* (2021).

Supervised Learning in Quantum Computing: Quantum Classifiers

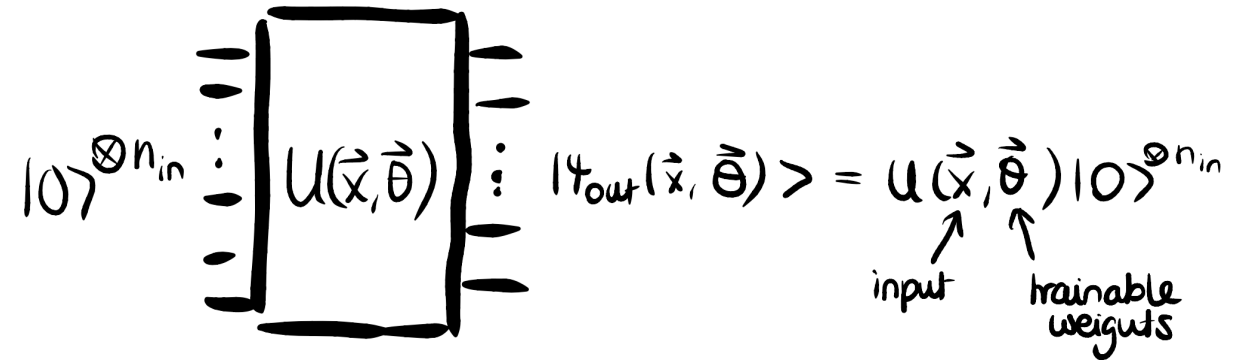
→ Goal: learn input-output relation of labeled data



$$\Psi(\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}) : \mathbb{R}^{n_{in}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_{out}}$$

↑ ↑
input trainable weights

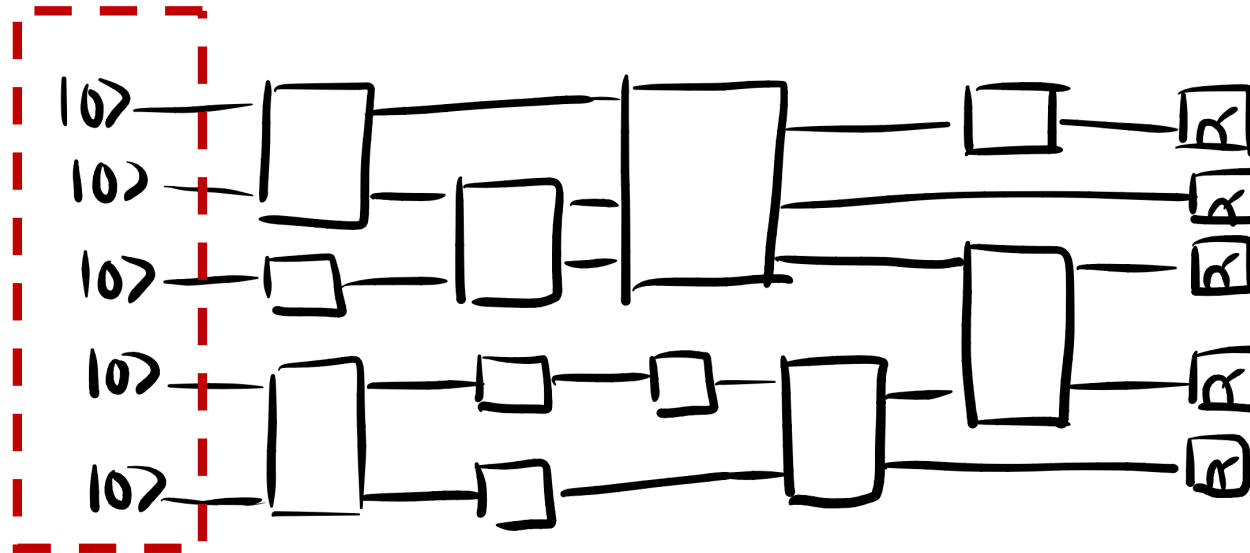
Classical Neural Network



$$y(\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}) = \langle \Psi_{out}(\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}) | \hat{O} | \Psi_{out}(\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}) \rangle$$

Parametrized Quantum Circuit

Quantum Circuits and *the Born rule*

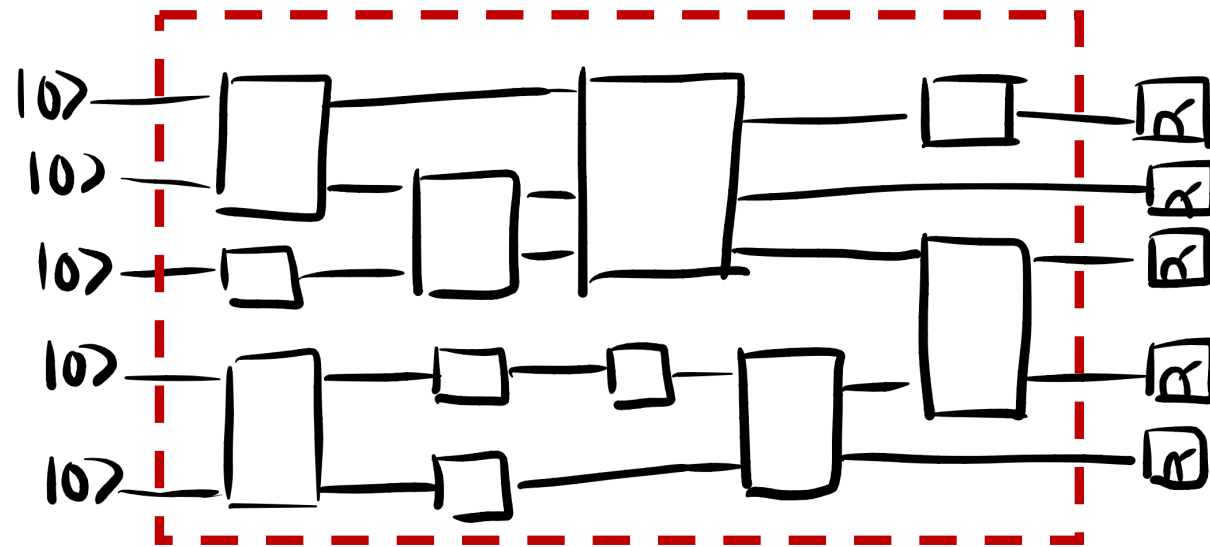


An arbitrary quantum circuit generating the state $|\Psi\rangle$

Initialization:

→ initialize qubits in computational basis state

Quantum Circuits and *the Born rule*

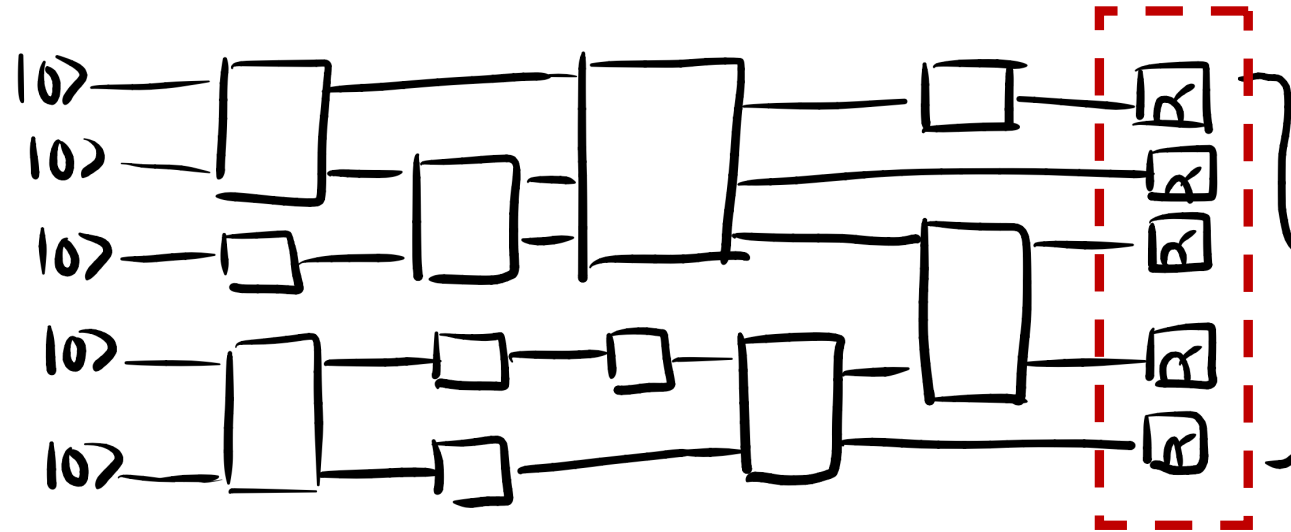


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Evolve initial state:

→ Apply set of **unitary** gates that may **encode classical input data x** and include **parametrized gates**

Quantum Circuits and *the Born rule*



An arbitrary quantum circuit generating the state $|\Psi\rangle$

Quantum Measurement

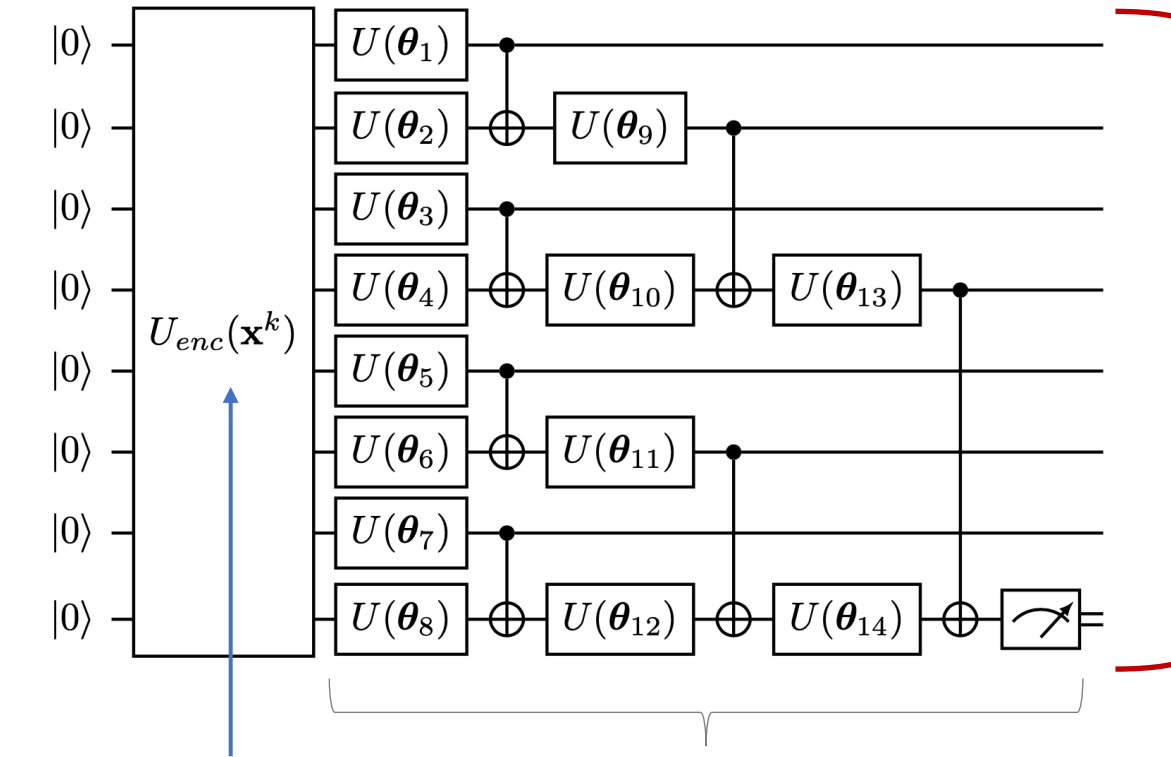
→ retrieve a classical output distribution $|\langle x|\Psi\rangle|^2$ of classical output states

(with $x \in \{0,1\}^n$) according to Born rule

Quantum Classifier example: Quantum Tree Tensor Network

Quantum Tree Tensor Network with generic single-qubit unitary gates $U(\theta, \phi, \lambda)$

$$U(\theta, \phi, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -e^{i\lambda} \sin(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) & e^{i(\phi+\lambda)} \cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$



Apply QTTN as binary classifier:
measure one qubit

We encode our classical input features here

Variational part

See: Grant, Edward, et al. "Hierarchical quantum classifiers." *npj Quantum Information* 4.1 (2018): 65.

Quantum embedding for classical data

Compromise between **exponential compression** and **circuit depth**

Ex: **Amplitude Encoding**

$$|\phi(x)\rangle = \frac{1}{\|x\|} \sum_{i=0}^N x_i |i\rangle$$



Exponential compression

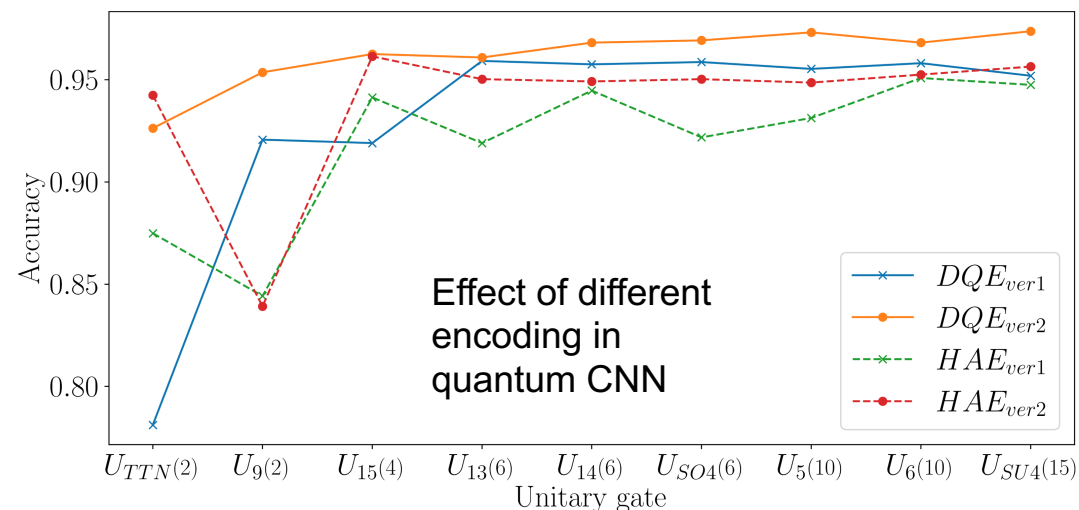
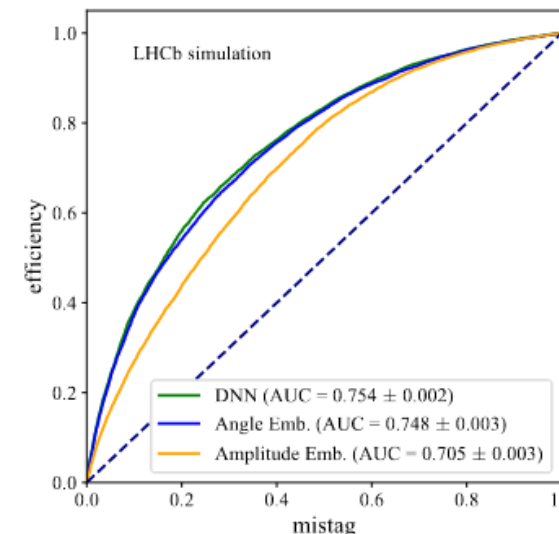
$$n_{\text{qubit}} \propto \mathbf{O}(\log(N))$$



Polynomial number of gates

$$n_{\text{gate}} \propto \mathbf{O}(\text{poly}(N))$$

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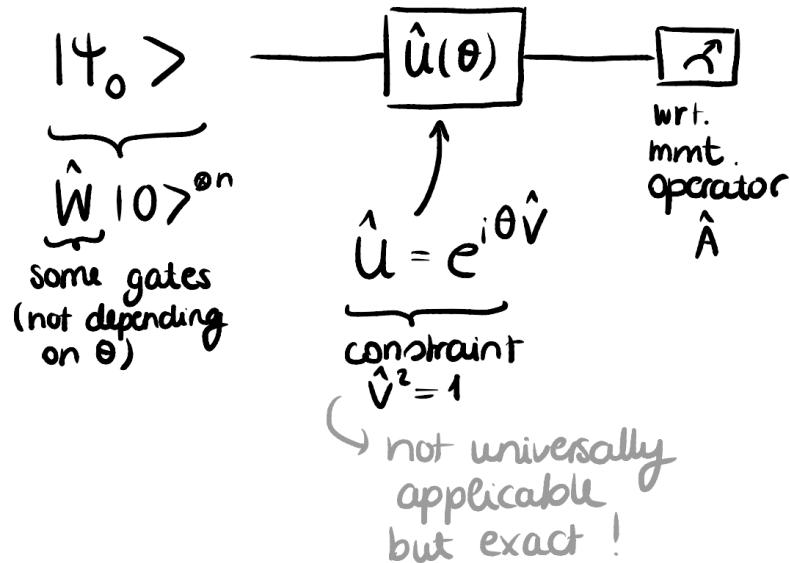
Parameter optimization

$$\theta \rightarrow \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} f$$

$\uparrow \langle \hat{A}(\theta) \rangle$

The parameter-shift rule (gradient-based)

→ Compute **partial derivative** of variational circuit parameter θ , alternative to analytical gradient computation and classical finite difference rule (numerical errors and resource cost considerations)



$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\theta} \langle \hat{A} \rangle = u \left[\langle \hat{A}(\theta + \frac{\pi}{4u}) \rangle - \langle \hat{A}(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4u}) \rangle \right]$$

→ Evaluate Quantum Circuit twice at shifted parameters to compute gradient

Source: https://pennylane.ai/qml/demos/tutorial_stochastic_parameter_shift/

Parameter optimization

Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation (SPSA) (gradient-free)

- If gradient computation not possible, too resource-intensive, or noise-robustness required (slower convergence but fewer function evaluations)
- Gradient is approximated by two sampling steps and parameters are perturbed in all directions simultaneously

" $y(\theta) = f(\theta) + \varepsilon$ "
 ↗ random output perturbation

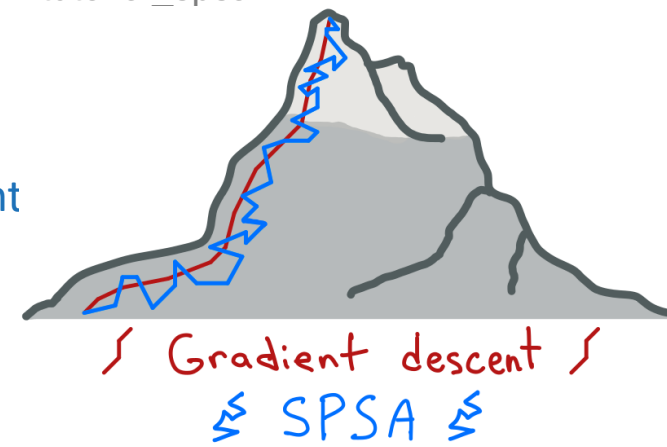
$$\hat{g}_{ki}(\hat{\theta}_k) = \frac{y(\hat{\theta}_k + c_k \Delta_k) - y(\hat{\theta}_k - c_k \Delta_k)}{2 c_k \Delta_{ki}}$$

$c_k \geq 0$, $\Delta_k = (\Delta_{k1}, \Delta_{k2}, \dots, \Delta_{kp})^T$ perturbation vector
 (~ randomly sampled from zero-mean distr.)

Iterative update rule comparable to classical stochastic gradient descent

$$\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k - a_k \underbrace{\hat{g}_k(\hat{\theta}_k)}_{\text{stochastic estimate of } \nabla_{\theta} f}$$

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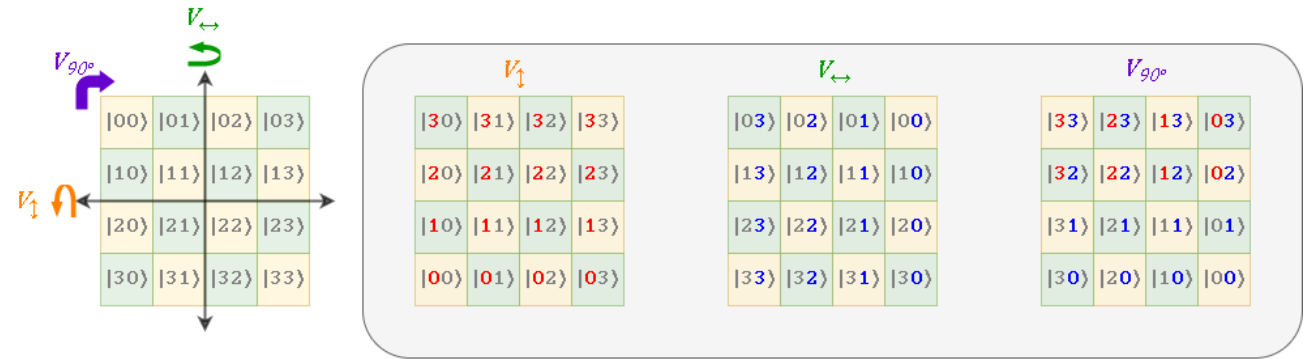


Challenges when using Parametrized Quantum Circuits

- Efficient **data handling** and data **embedding**
- Find balance: **Generalization** and **representational power** vs. **Convergence**
 - Problem of barren plateaus and vanishing gradients in optimization landscape
 - How well can we survey the Hilbert space (expressibility)?
- Current hardware limitations
 - Limited number of qubits and connectivity
 - **Quantum Noise Effects** (decoherence, measurement errors or gate-level errors)
 - Efficient interplay between classical and quantum computer
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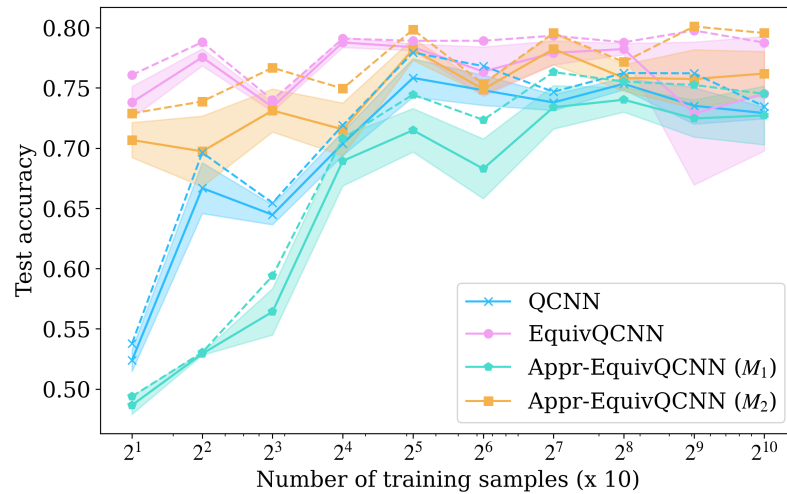
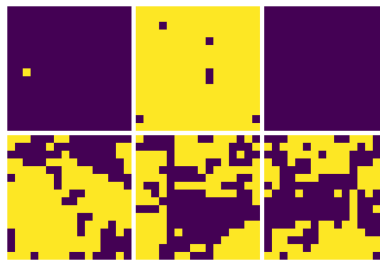
Equivariant Quantum CNN

- Construct **equivariant** quantum CNN under **rotational & reflectional symmetry**
- Improved generalization power

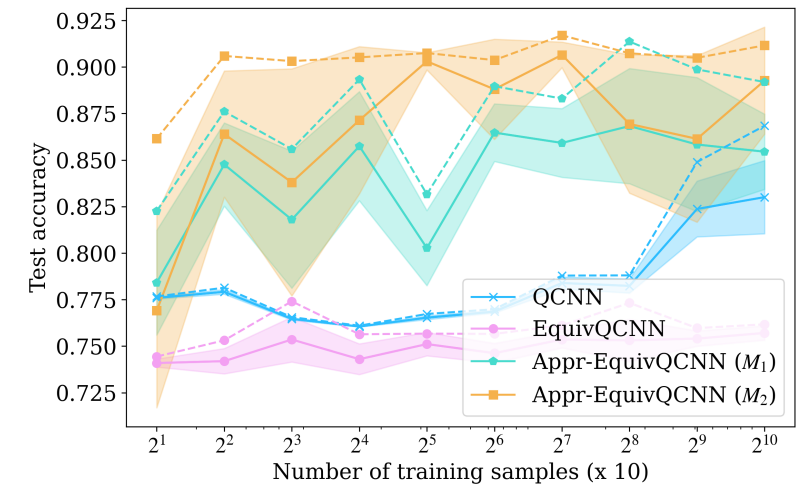
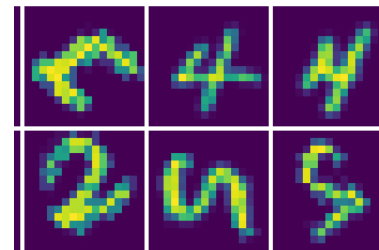


$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

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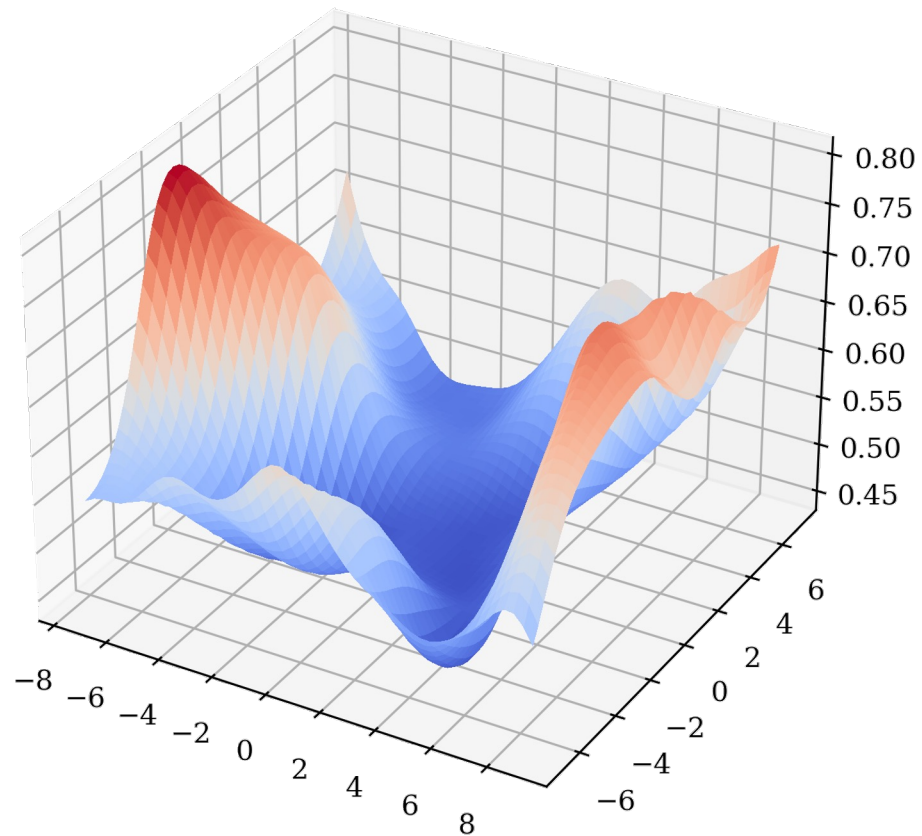


Extended MNIST
Image classification:
(digits 4,5)

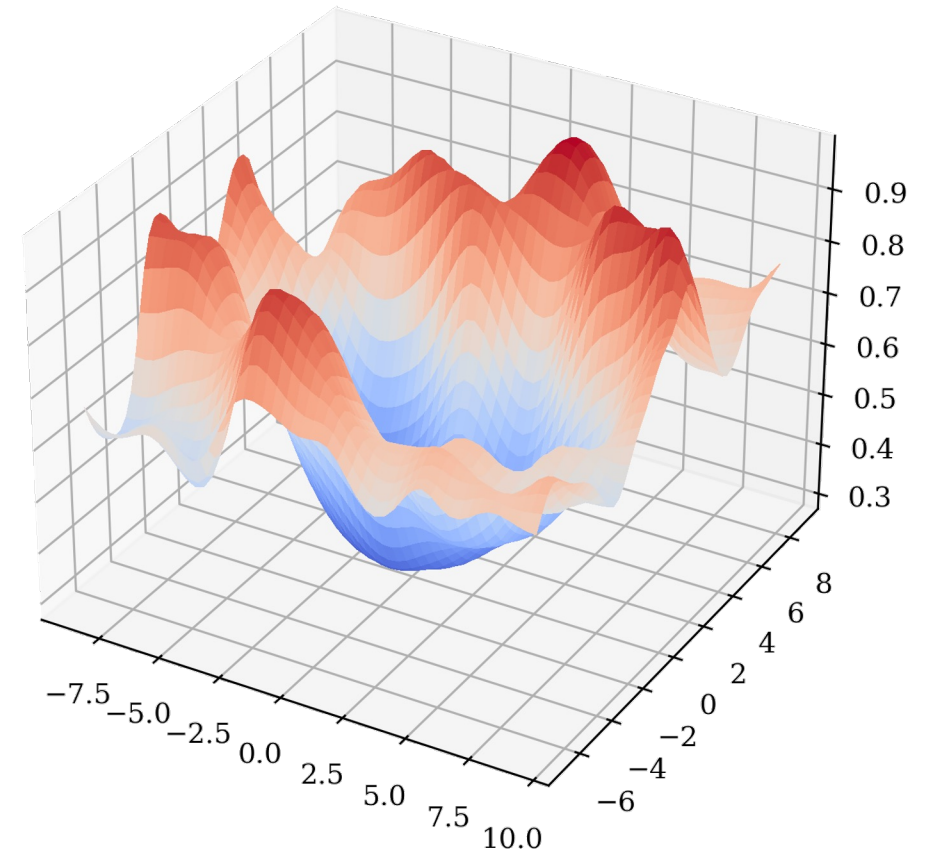


Non-convexity of loss landscape

Loss landscape plotted with orqviz



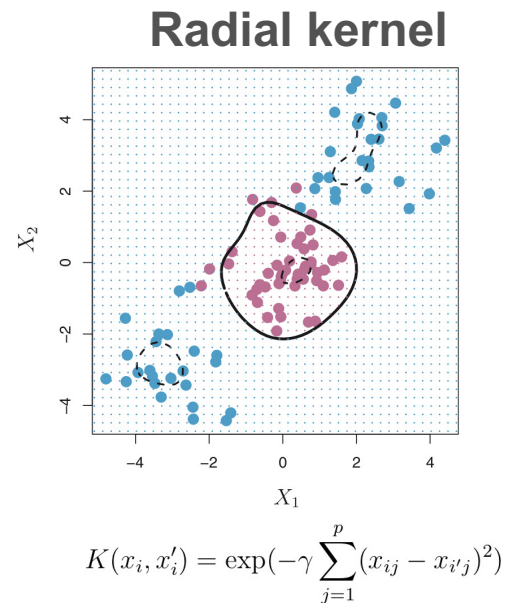
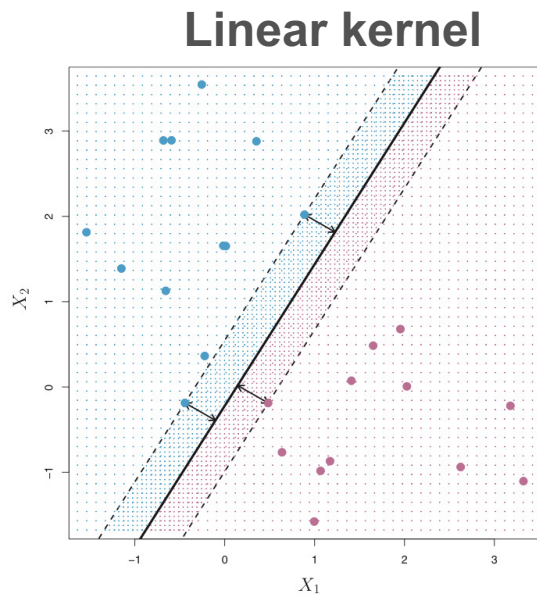
Non-equivariant QCNN



ApprEquivQCNN

Support Vector Machine

Classification problem: find the **hyperplane that better divides data classes**, defining the prediction as an **inner product** and trying to **maximize the margins**.



- **Polynomial scaling** in training the model $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ (where n is the number of training data) \rightarrow improve scalability
- Crucial to **select the right kernel**, but we have a limited set of well studied kernels \rightarrow help in finding useful kernel functions.

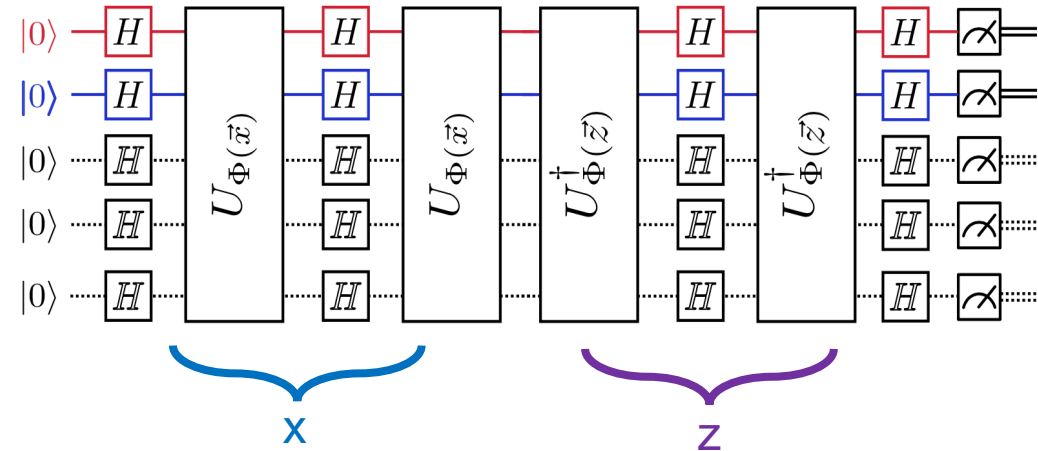
G. James, D. Witten, T. Hastie, R. Tibshirani: An introduction to statistical learning

Quantum Kernel Estimator

Use quantum computer to:

- encode the data;
- estimate the kernel as the **fidelity** between pairs of feature vectors;
- plug $K_{i,j}$ into the Dual $L_D(\alpha)$ and get α_i
- **Classical computer are then used to do the SVM according to:**

$$label(s) = sign\left(\sum_{i \in T} \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{K}(x_i, s) + b\right)$$



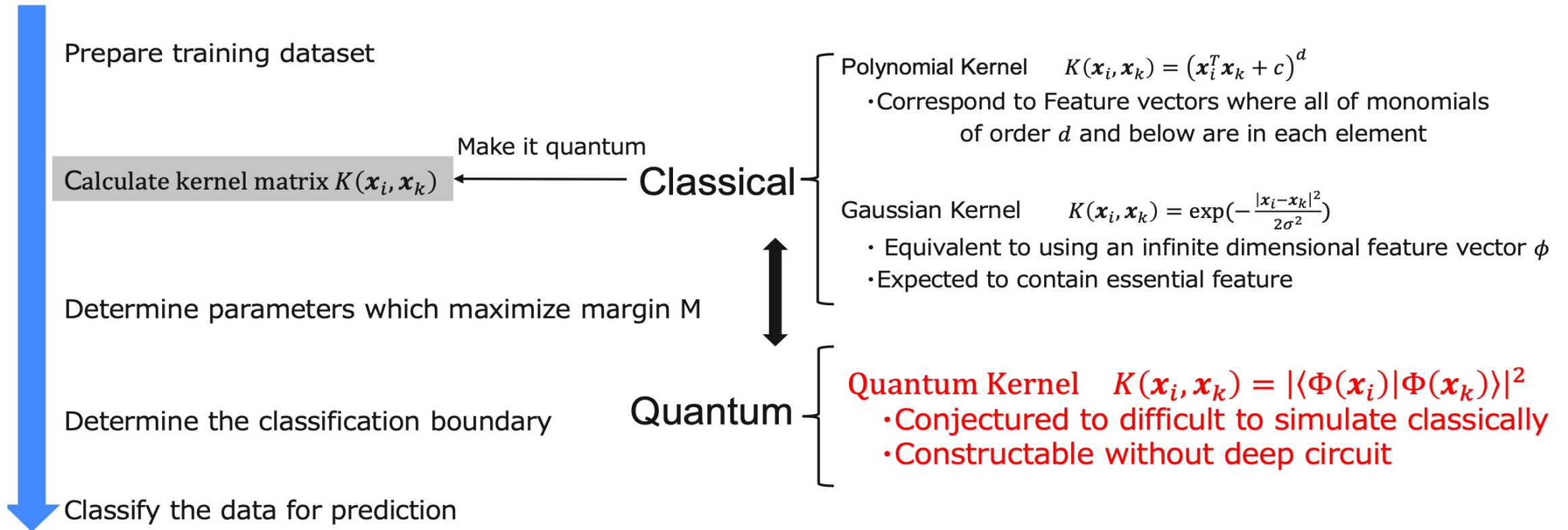
$$|\langle \Phi(\vec{x}) | \Phi(\vec{z}) \rangle|^2 = |\langle 0^n | \mathcal{U}_{\Phi(\vec{x})}^\dagger \mathcal{U}_{\Phi(\vec{z})} | 0^n \rangle|^2$$

V.Havlicek et al, Nature 567, 209 (2019)

Quantum SVM

QSVM replaces the kernel of classical SVM with a quantum kernel (inner product of quantum state)

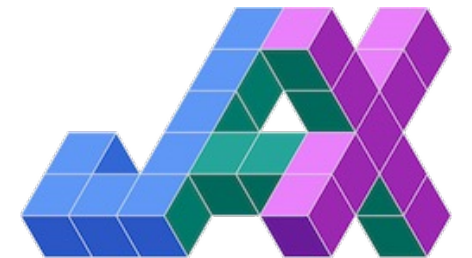
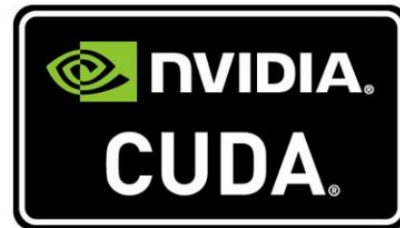
SVM Execution Flow



Software



Qiskit



Agenda

- Part 1: intro QC
- Part 2: QC for Quantum Machine Learning
- Part 3: QML for HEP

How does CERN engage in Quantum Technologies?

QT4HEP

Can CERN stay out of quantum technologies?

- Develop **technologies, capabilities** required by CERN scientific programmes
- Allow CERN to interoperate with **future quantum infrastructures**

- **Extend and share** technologies uniquely available at CERN
- Boost development and adoption of QT beyond CERN
- Use CERN reputation to **maximise impact**

HEP4QT

How can CERN contribute to quantum technologies?

The CERN Quantum Technology Initiative

Understanding the impact of quantum technologies in HEP

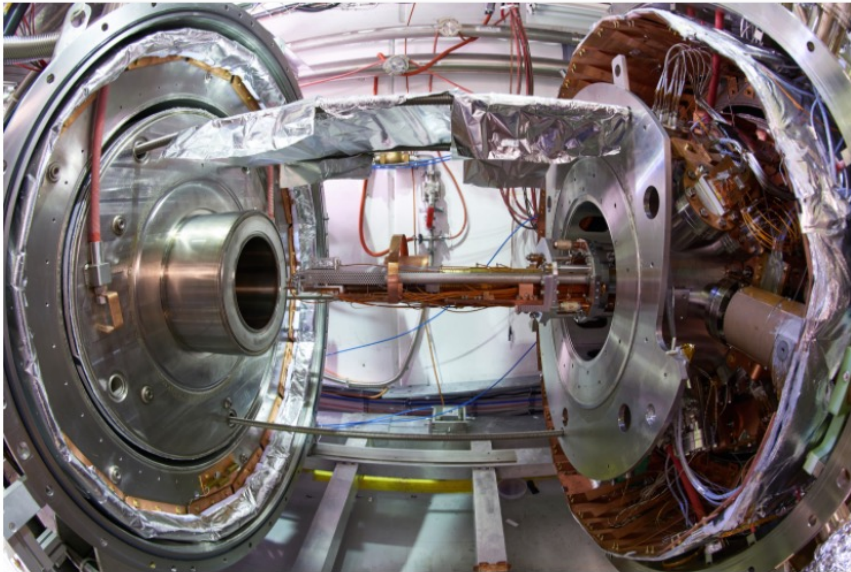
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CERN meets quantum technology

The CERN Quantum Technology Initiative will explore the potential of devices harnessing perplexing quantum phenomena such as entanglement to enrich and expand its challenging research programme

30 SEPTEMBER, 2020 | By Matthew Chalmers

launched in 2020



The AEGIS 1T antimatter trap stack. CERN's AEGIS experiment is able to explore the multi-particle entangled nature of photons from positronium annihilation, and is one of several examples of existing CERN research with relevance to quantum technologies. (Image: CERN)

HYBRID QUANTUM COMPUTING AND ALGORITHMS

CERN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

COLLABORATION FOR IMPACT

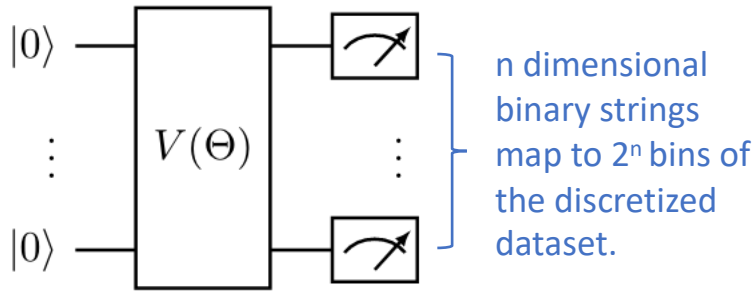
QUANTUM NETWORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Quantum Generative Models

Delgado and Hamilton, arXiv:2203.03578 (2022)
 Zoufal, et al., *npj Quantum Inf* 5, 103 (2019)
 Leadbeater et al., *Entropy* 2021, 23, 1281.
 Amin, et al. *Physical Review X* 8.2 (2018): 021050.

QCBM

Sample variational pure state $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$ by projective measurement through **Born rule**: $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) = |\langle \mathbf{x} | \psi(\theta) \rangle|^2$.



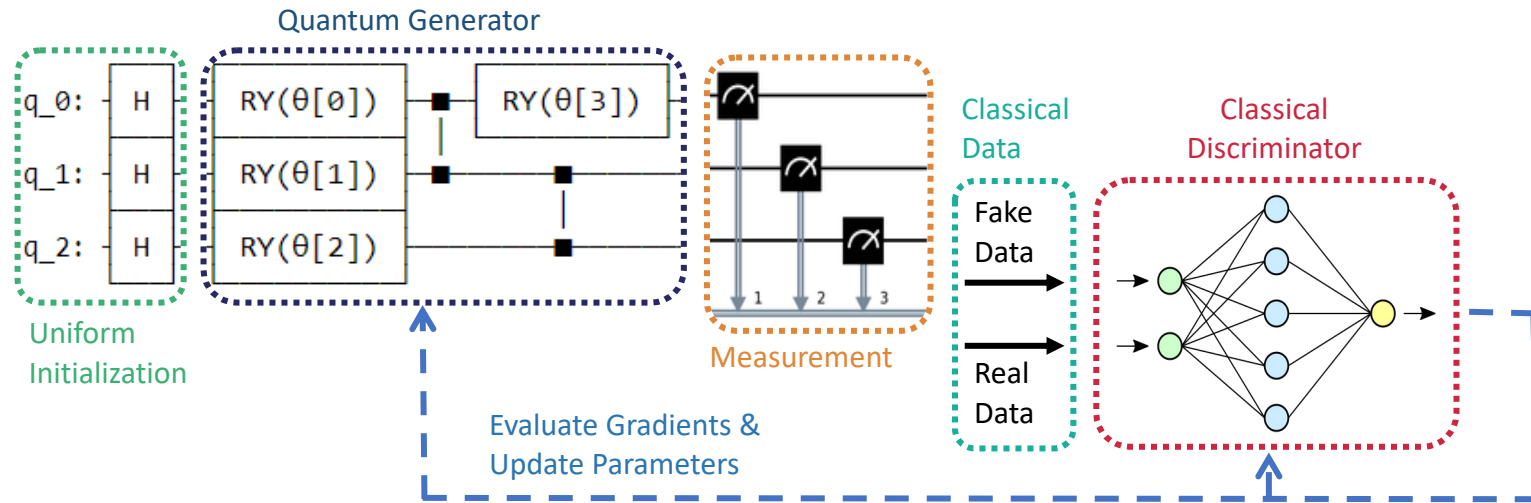
QBM

Network of stochastic binary units with a quadratic energy function that follows the Boltzmann distribution (Ising Hamiltonian)

$$H = - \sum_a b_a \sigma_a^z - \sum_{a,b} w_{ab} \sigma_a^z \sigma_b^z$$

QGAN

Multiple implementations, mostly classical-quantum hybrid



Typical metrics:

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P||Q) = \sum_i P(i) \log\left(\frac{P(i)}{Q(i)}\right)$$

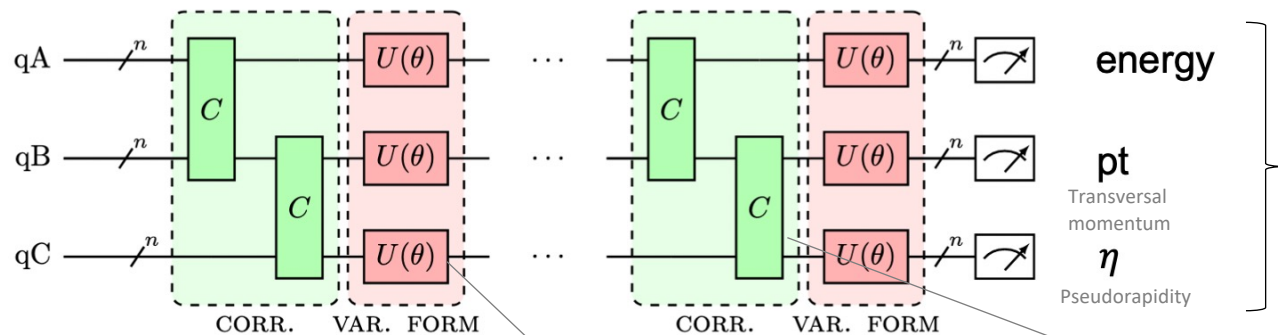
$$\text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g) = \left(\mathbb{E}_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}'_r \sim \mathbb{P}_r, \\ \mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{x}'_g \sim \mathbb{P}_g}} \left[k(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}'_r) - 2k(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_g) + k(\mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{x}'_g) \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Quantum Circuit Born Machine for Event Generation

Born machine:

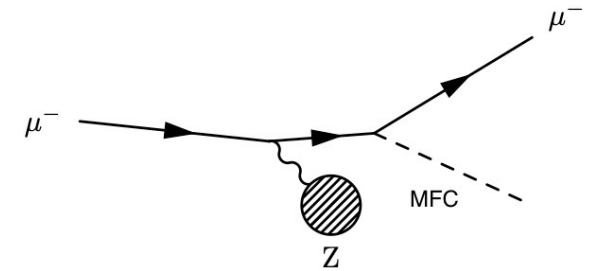
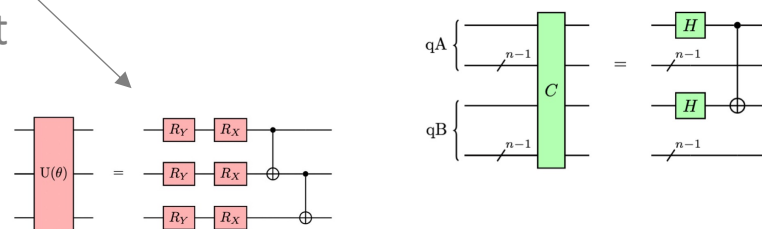
Produces statistics according to Born's measurement rule using parametrized quantum circuit $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$

$$p_{\theta}(x) = |\langle x|\psi(\theta)\rangle|^2, x \in \{0,1\}^{3n}$$



Generate discrete PDFs
(continuous in the limit
increasing no. of qubits)

Parametric Quantum Circuit



Muon fixed target scattering experiment

Kiss O., Grossi M. et al., **Conditional Born machine for Monte Carlo events generation**, *Phys. Rev. A* **106**, 022612 (2022)

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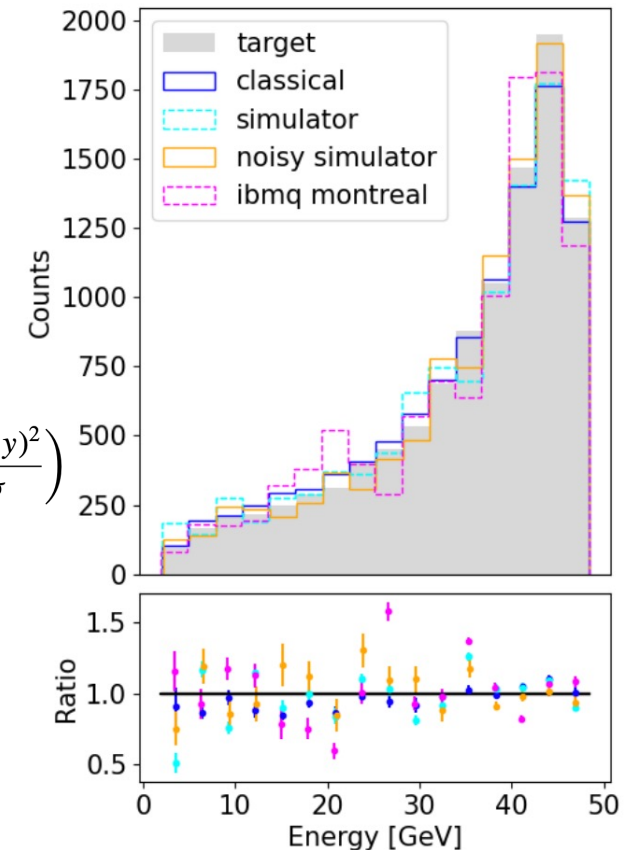
- Generate samples of discrete PDFs with Born machine
- Train using Maximum Mean Discrepancy loss function:

$$\text{MMD}(P,Q) = \mathbb{E}_{\substack{X \sim P \\ Y \sim P}}[K(X, Y)] + \mathbb{E}_{\substack{X \sim Q \\ Y \sim Q}}[K(X, Y)] - 2\mathbb{E}_{\substack{X \sim P \\ Y \sim Q}}[K(X, Y)]$$

Gaussian kernel

$$K(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2\sigma}\right)$$

→ efficient way to generate multivariate (and conditional) distributions with only linear connectivity, suitable for NISQ devices (suggested by numerical evidence)



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Quantum Kernels for classification and anomaly detection



Analysis setup

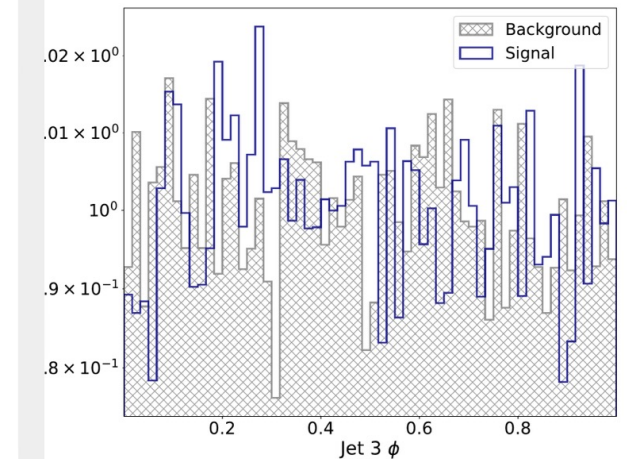
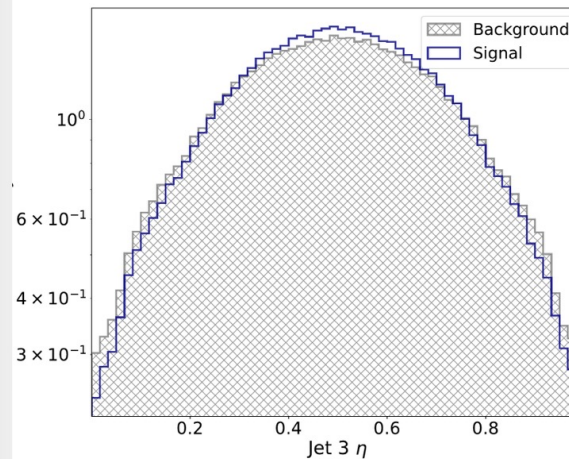
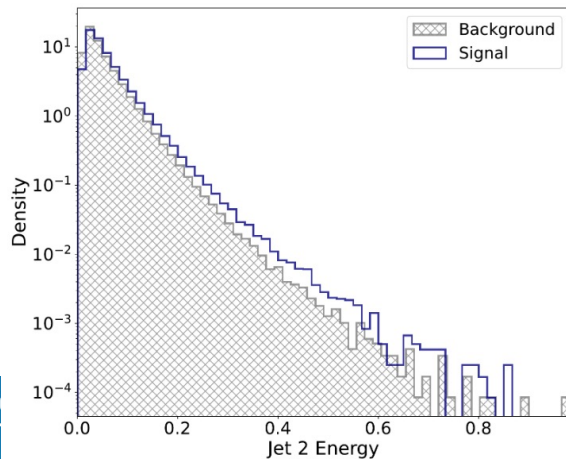
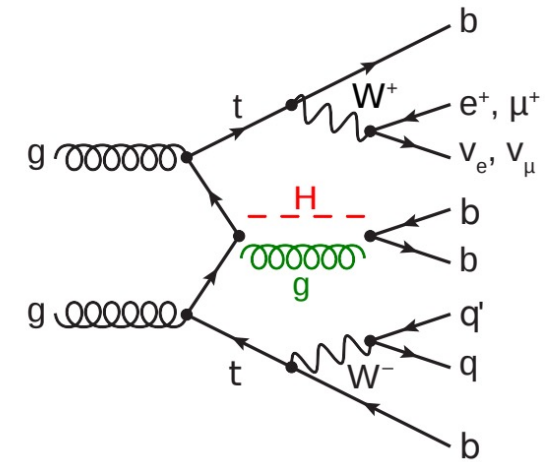
Analysis

Discrimination of the signal over the overwhelming background

Features

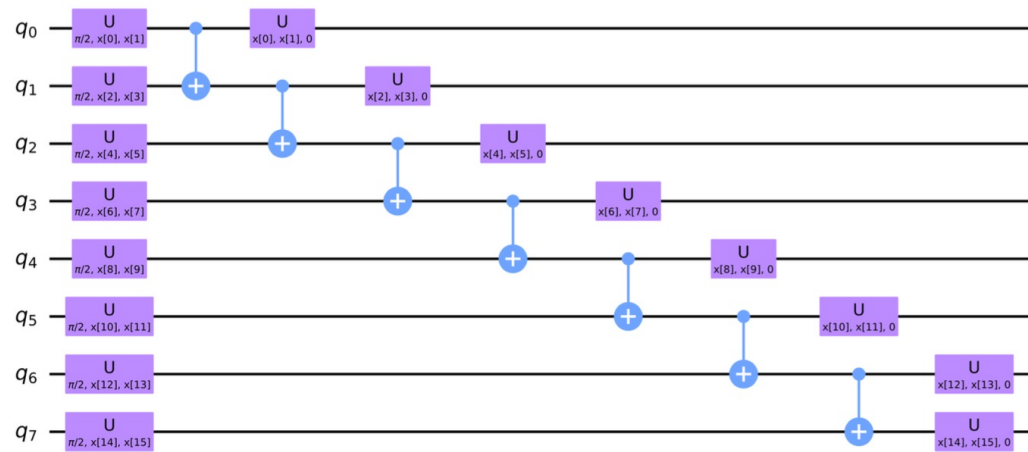
- For the each jet we have 8 features: (p_T, η, ϕ, E, b tag, p_x, p_y, p_z)
- For MET we have 4 features: (p_T, p_x, p_y, ϕ)
- For the lepton (electron or muon) we have 7 features: ($p_T, \eta, \phi, E, p_x, p_y, p_z$)

$$\#features = 8 \times 7(jets) + 7(1lepton) + 4(MET) = 67$$



Quantum SVM for Higgs Classification

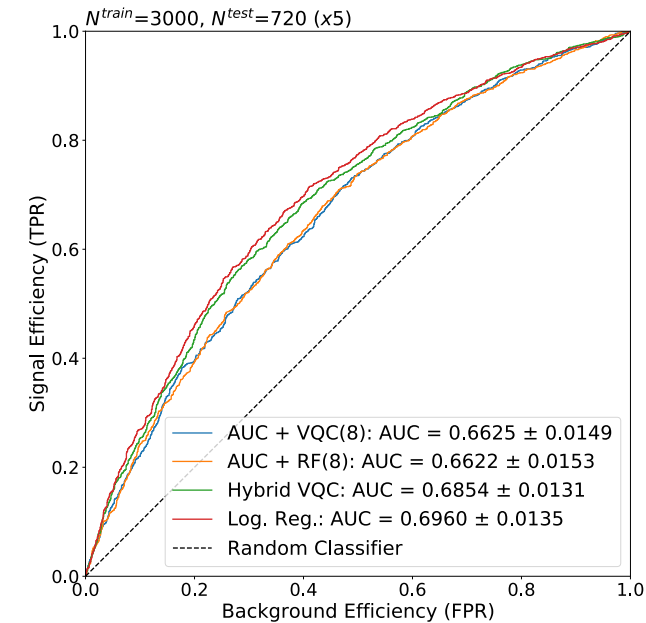
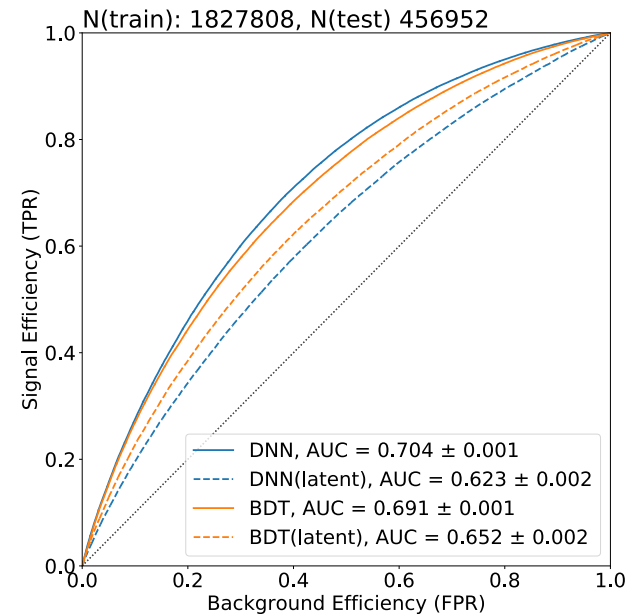
Input dimensionality reduction through an Auto-Encoder projects to a lower dimension latent space (8,16)



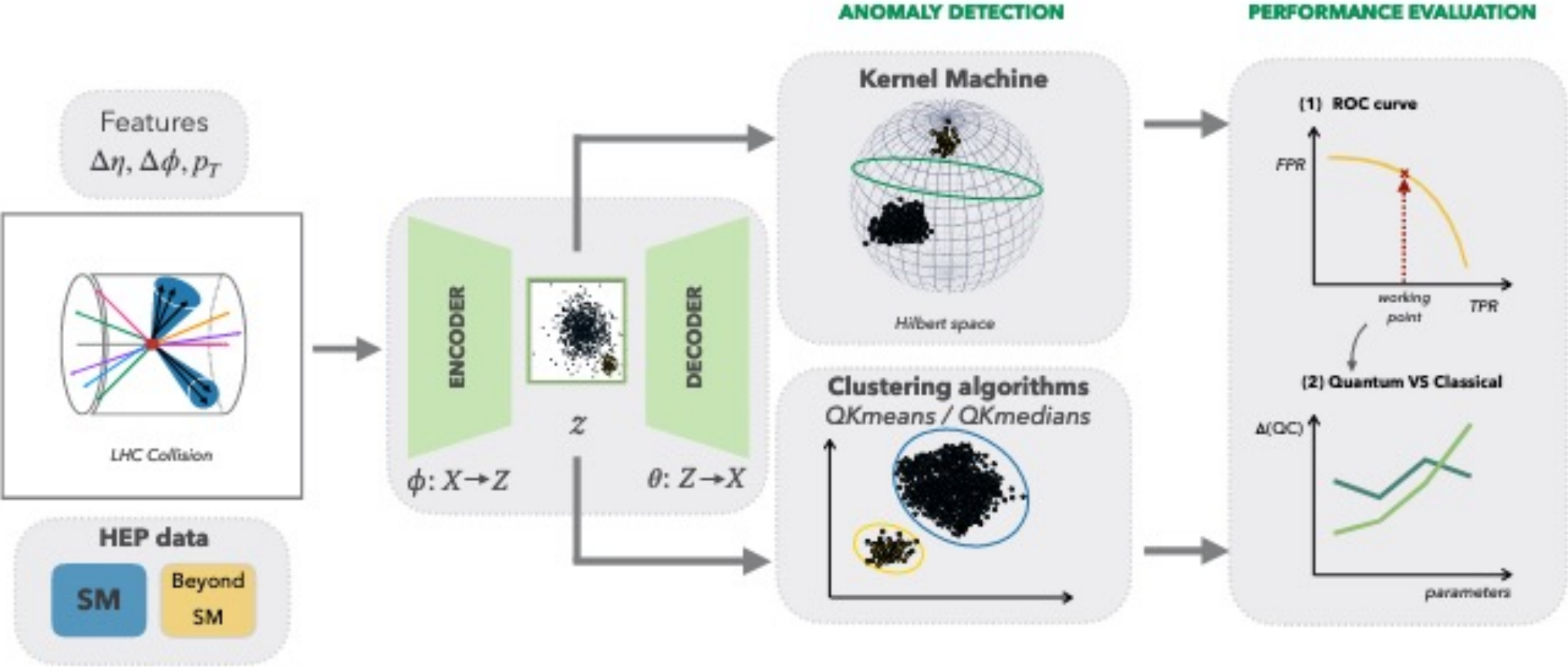
Data encoding circuit serving as feature map for the 8-qubit QSVM implementation.

Feature selection + Model	AUC
AUC + QSVM	0.66 ± 0.01
PyTorch AE + QSVM	0.62 ± 0.03
AUC + SVM rbf	0.65 ± 0.01
PyTorch AE + SVM rbf	0.62 ± 0.02
KMeans + SVM rbf	0.61 ± 0.02

Feature selection + Model	AUC
AUC + QSVM	0.68 ± 0.02
AUC + Linear SVM	0.67 ± 0.02
Logistic Regression	0.68 ± 0.02



Unsupervised learning for Anomaly Detection

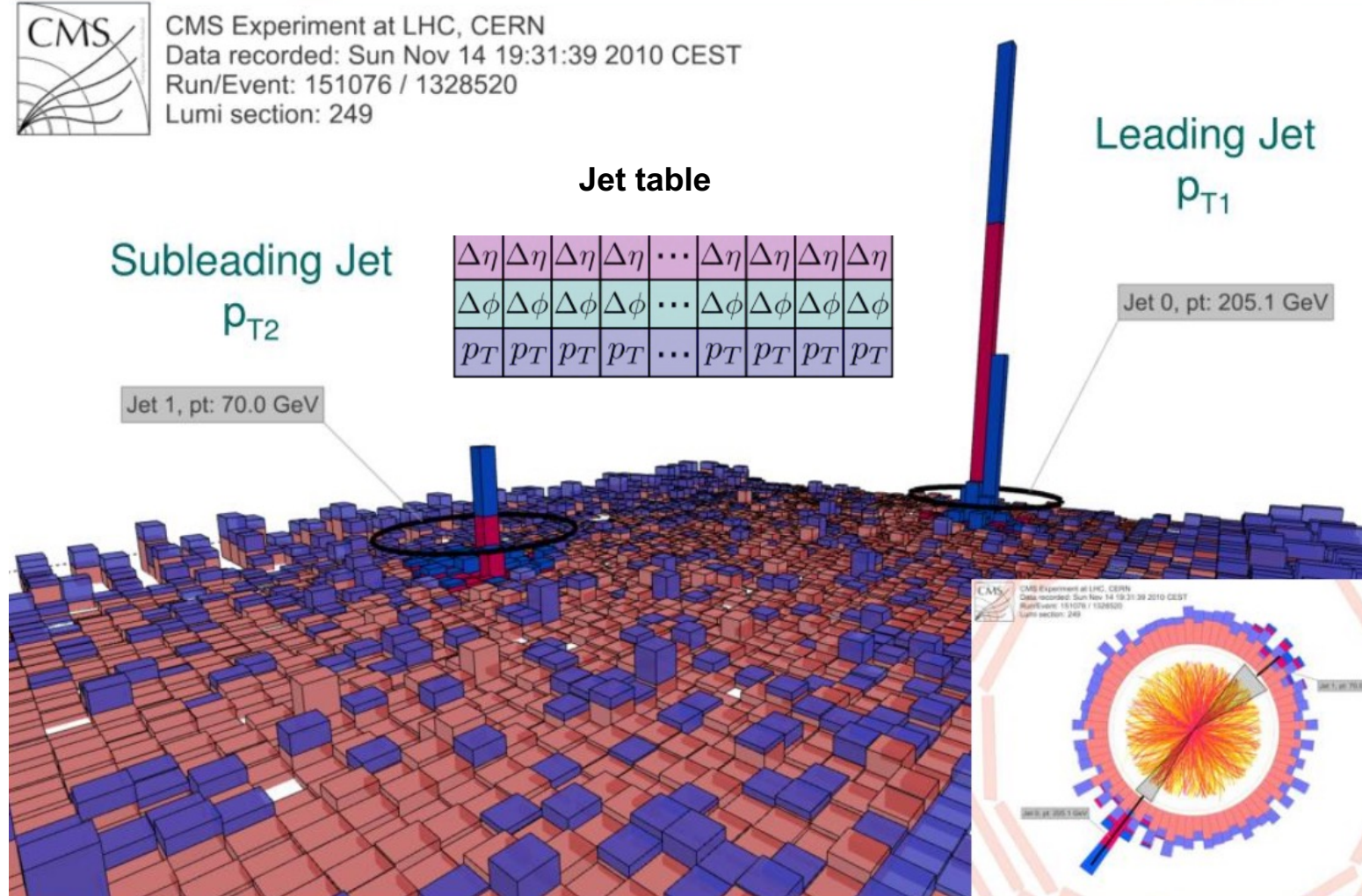


Standard Model jets

- Simulate QCD multi-jets at the LHC
- Build jet from 100 highest p_T particles
- Apply realistic event selection

Convolutional AutoEncoder
learns the jet internal
structure

$$\mathbb{R}^{300} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\ell}, \ell = 4, 8, 16$$

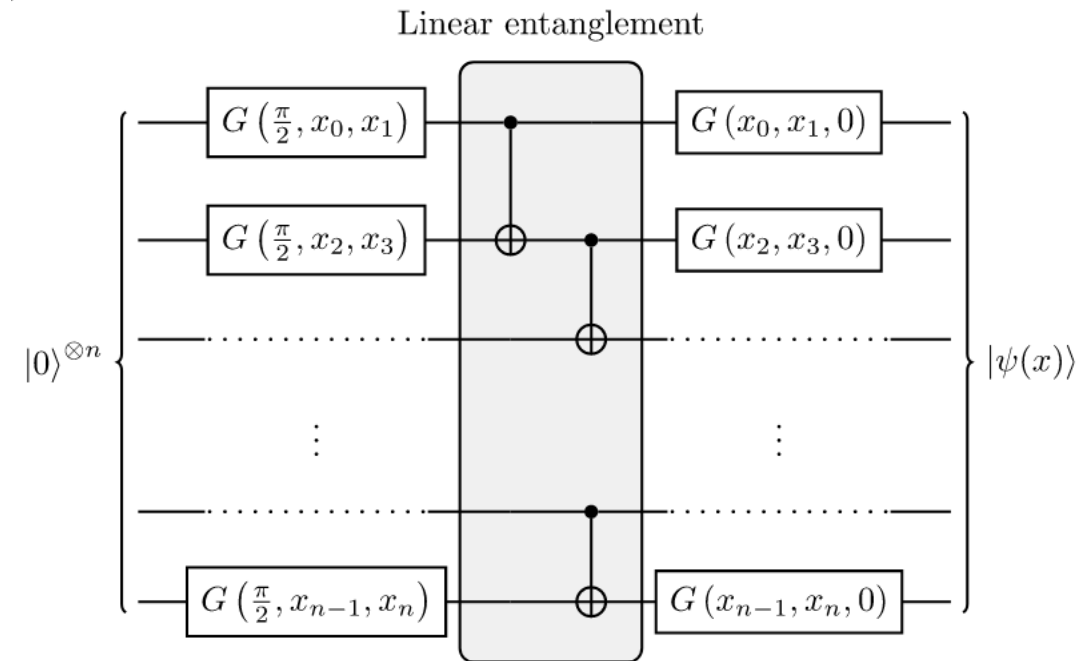


Unsupervised kernel machine

- Find the hyperplane that maximizes the distance of the data from the origin of the feature vector space

$$k(x_i, x_j) := \text{tr}[\rho(x_i)\rho(x_j)] = |\langle 0|U^\dagger(x_i)U(x_j)|0\rangle|^2$$

$$\rho(x_i) := U(x_i) |0\rangle \langle 0| U^\dagger(x_i)$$

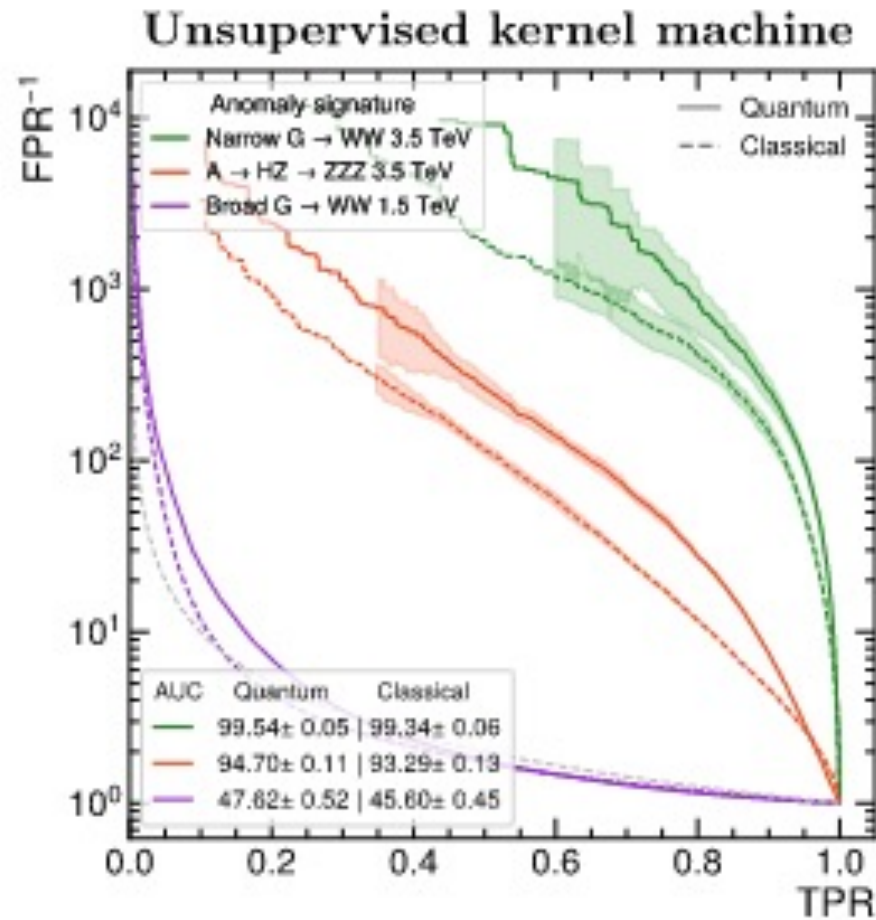


Upper bound on fraction of anomalies in training data at 0.01 (at most 1% QCD training data are falsely flagged)

$$\min_{w \in \mathcal{F}, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^\ell, \rho \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{\nu \ell} \sum_i \xi_i - \rho$$

$$\text{subject to } w \cdot \Phi(x_i) \geq \rho - \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0, \forall i, \nu \in (0, 1)$$

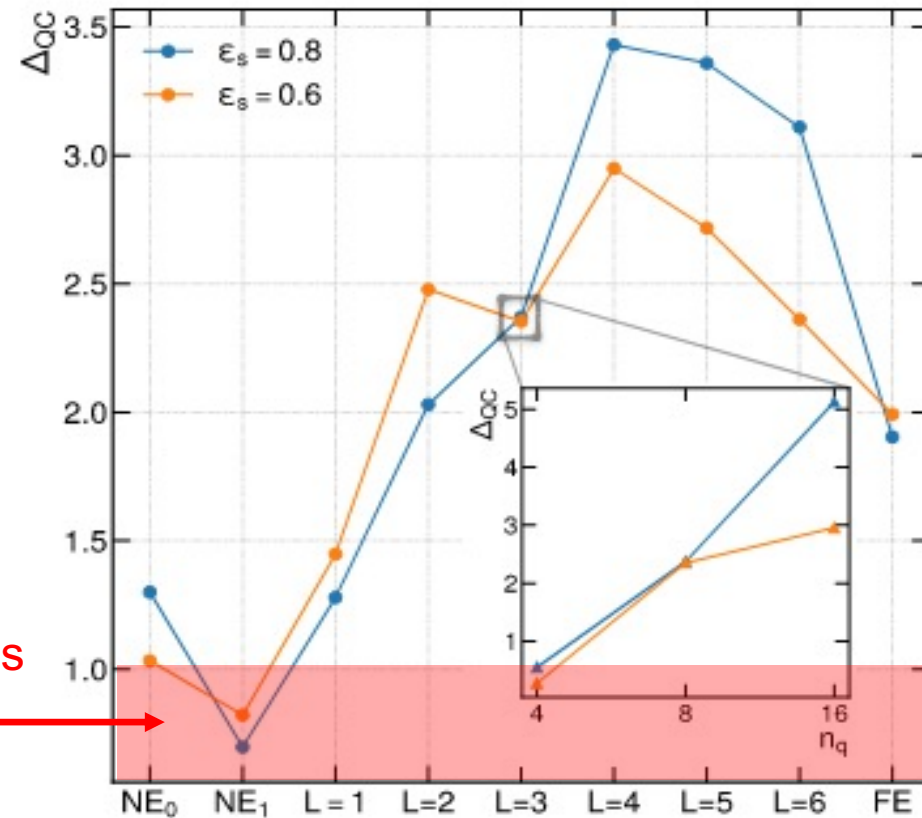
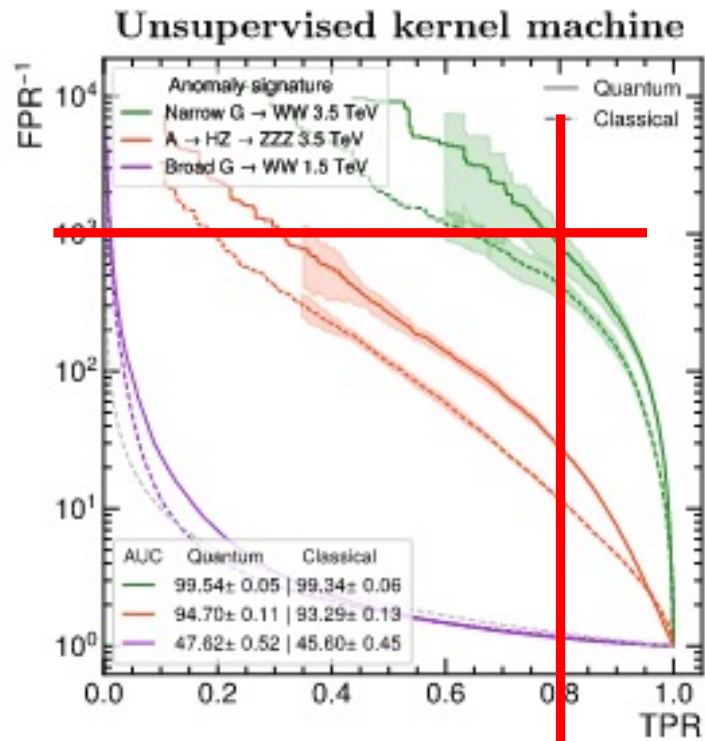
Results



Is this an «advantage» we can use?

Quantum anomaly detection in the latent space of proton collision events at the LHC
Vasileios Belis *et al.*, *arXiv:2301.10780*.

In reality....



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Working with Quantum Kernels

- Create **classically intractable features in the Hilbert space** to reach advantage. However

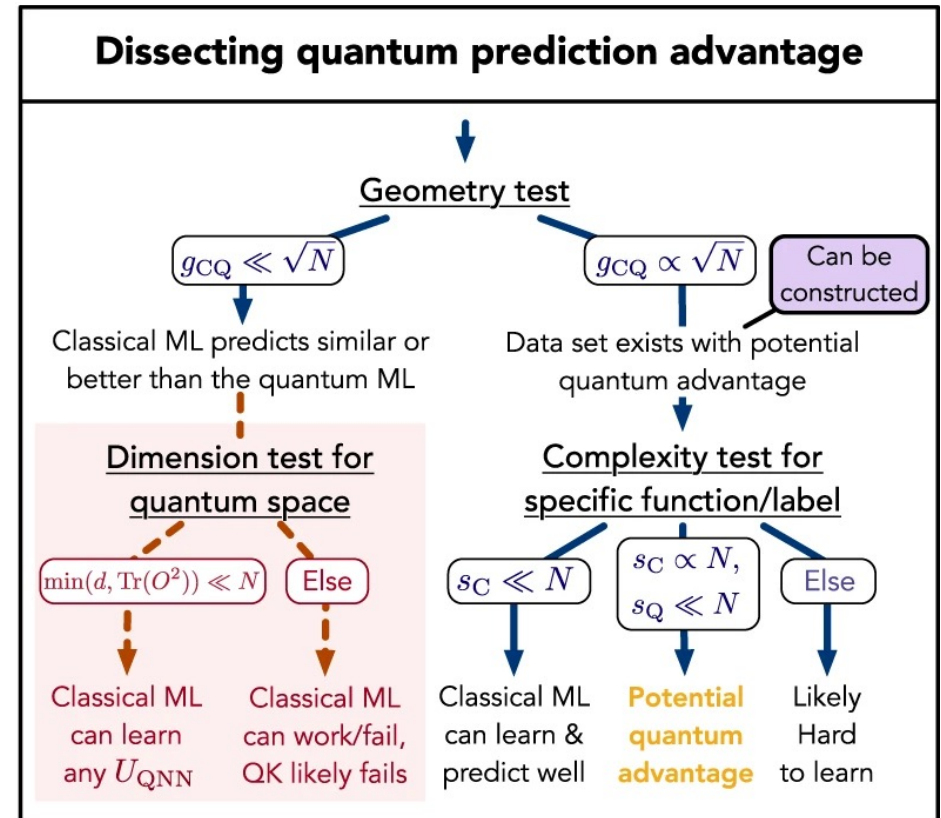
Hilbert space is exponentially larger

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Sparser data

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Loss of predictive power

- How do we find optimal kernel properties ?

A priori methodology to assess quantum advantage according to data geometry and kernels structure

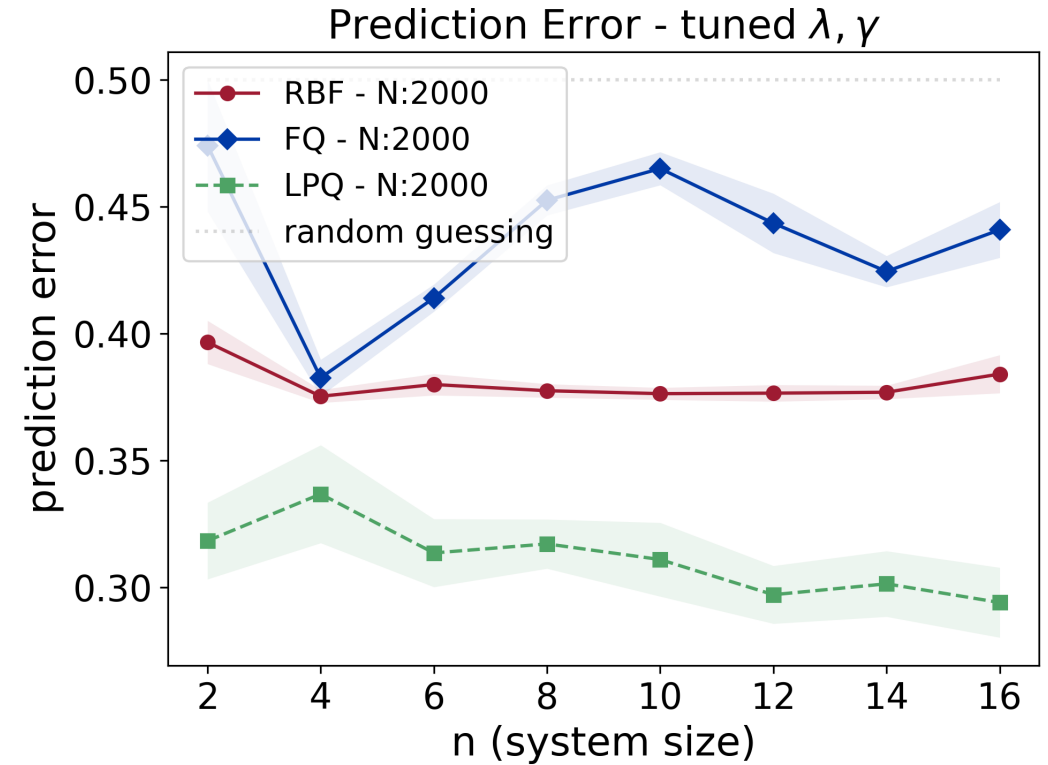
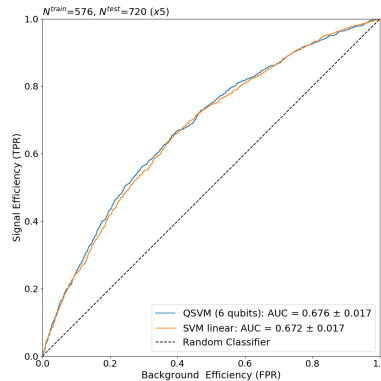
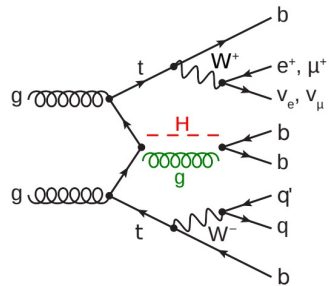


HY Huang et al, (2021), Power of Data in Quantum Machine Learning, Nature Comm

Ex. Projected Quantum Kernel

Project quantum kernels lower dimensionality of the representation (i.e. local density matrix)¹:

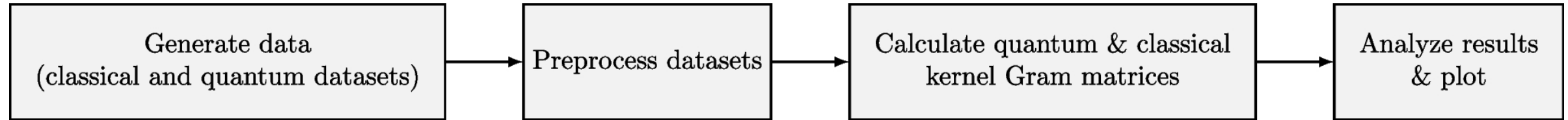
- Improved generalization while keeping features into states classically hard
- Example: ttH(bb) binary classification²



¹Huang, Hsin-Yuan, et al. "Power of data in quantum machine learning." *Nature communications* 12.1 (2021): 2631.

²VERRES et al, (2021), *Tags Analysis with Quantum Classifiers*, EPJ Web Conf

Predicting advantage with QUASK



Can we automatize this pipeline?



Di Marcantonio, F., Incudini, M., Tezza, D., and Grossi, M. "Quantum Advantage Seeker with Kernels (QuASK): a software framework to speed up the research in quantum machine learning."

Quantum Mach. Intell. 5, 20 (2023).

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s42484-023-00107-2>



Quask – Documentation and Tutorial



<https://quask.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

Summary

Research on QML applications in High Energy Physics is producing a **large number of prototypes algorithms for potential future use-cases**

- Current focus on *algorithms for data processing* in a *controlled* environment for current hardware
- Preliminary hints for advantage in terms of *representational power of quantum states*
- Mostly, algorithm performance is *as good as* the classical counterpart
- Need *more robust studies* to relate architecture of quantum computational model and its performance to data sets
- *Identify use-cases* where quantum approach is provably *more efficient* than classical model
- Studying QML algorithms today *links Quantum computing and Learning Theory* and draw separation between classical and quantum learner

Open questions

- Quantum computing offers great opportunities while HEP provides challenging problems
 - **What are the most promising applications?**
 - How do we define performance and validate results on **realistic use cases?**
- Experimental data has high dimensionality
 - Can we **train Quantum Machine Learning algorithms effectively?**
 - Can **we reduce the impact of data reduction** techniques?
- Experimental data is shaped by **physics laws**
 - Can we leverage them to build better algorithms?
- CERN is committed to creating impact on QT research in the coming years

Lectures and Hands-On at CERN

- «A practical Introduction to quantum computing», Elias Combarro
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/970903/>
- «Introduction to quantum computing », Heather Grey
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/870515/>
- A set of two hands-on (introduction) sessions part of the 2023 openlab summer student lectures series
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1293871/>
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1293874/>

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RZZGate

```
qiskit.circuit.library.RZZGate(theta, label=None, *, duration=None, unit='dt')
```

[GitHub ↗](#)

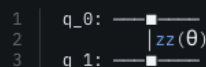
Bases: `Gate`

A parametric 2-qubit $Z \otimes Z$ interaction (rotation about ZZ).

This gate is symmetric, and is maximally entangling at $\theta = \pi/2$.

Can be applied to a `QuantumCircuit` with the `rzz()` method.

Circuit Symbol:



Matrix Representation:

$$R_{ZZ}(\theta) = \exp\left(-i\frac{\theta}{2}Z \otimes Z\right) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is a direct sum of RZ rotations, so this gate is equivalent to a uniformly controlled (multiplexed) RZ gate:

$$R_{ZZ}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} RZ(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & RZ(-\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Examples:

$$R_{ZZ}(\theta = 0) = I$$

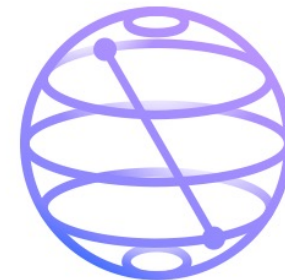
$$R_{ZZ}(\theta = 2\pi) = -I$$

$$R_{ZZ}(\theta = \pi) = -Z \otimes Z$$

$$R_{ZZ}\left(\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1+i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1+i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-i \end{pmatrix}$$

Create new RZZ gate.

Qiskit



FidelityQuantumKernel

```
class FidelityQuantumKernel(*, feature_map=None, fidelity=None, enforce_psd=True, evaluate_duplicates='off_diagonal')
```

[\[source\]](#)

Bases: `BaseKernel`

An implementation of the quantum kernel interface based on the `BaseStateFidelity` algorithm.

Here, the kernel function is defined as the overlap of two quantum states defined by a parametrized quantum circuit (called feature map):

$$K(x, y) = |\langle \phi(x) | \phi(y) \rangle|^2$$

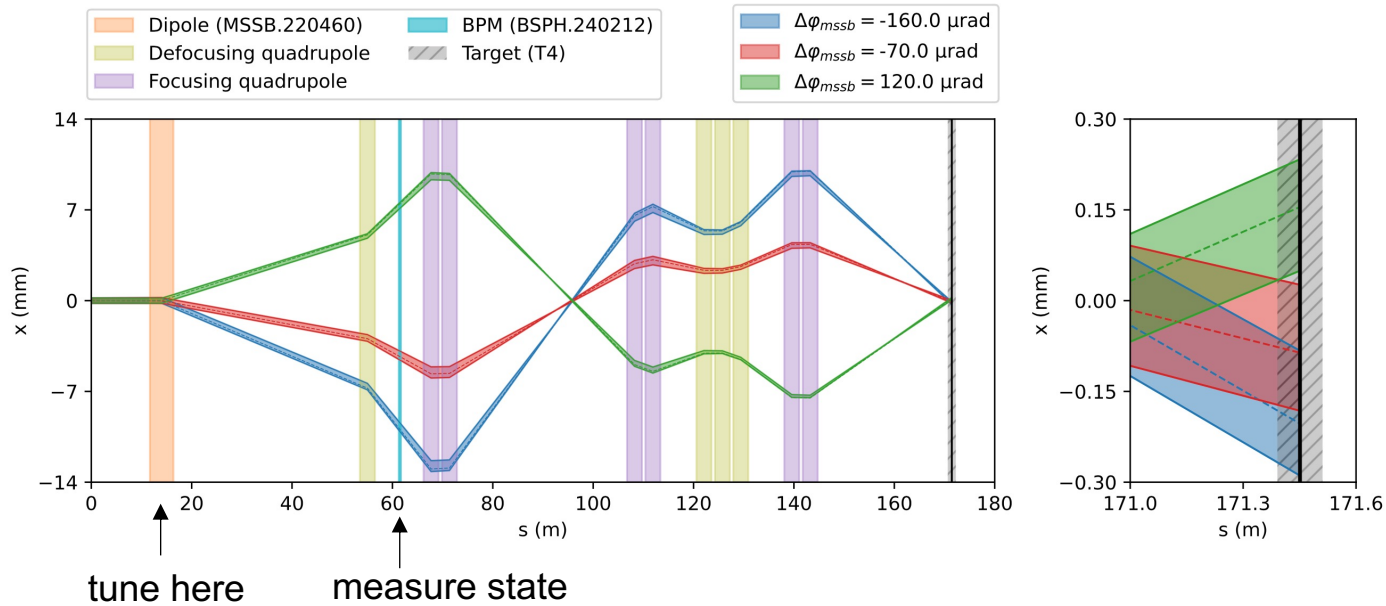
Parameters:

- feature_map** (`QuantumCircuit` | `None`) – Parameterized circuit to be used as the feature map. If `None` is given, `ZZFeatureMap` is used with two qubits. If there's a mismatch in the number of qubits of the feature map and the number of features in the dataset, then the kernel will try to adjust the feature map to reflect the number of features.
- fidelity** (`BaseStateFidelity` | `None`) – An instance of the `BaseStateFidelity` primitive to be used to compute fidelity between states. Default is `ComputeUncompute` which is created on top of the reference sampler defined by `Sampler`.
- enforce_psd** (`bool`) – Project to the closest positive semidefinite matrix if $x = y$. Default `True`.
- evaluate_duplicates** (`str`) – Defines a strategy how kernel matrix elements are evaluated if duplicate samples are found. Possible values are:

- `all` means that all kernel matrix elements are evaluated, even the diagonal ones when training. This may introduce additional noise in the matrix.
- `off_diagonal` when training the matrix diagonal is set to `1`, the rest elements are fully evaluated, e.g., for two identical samples in the dataset. When inferring, all elements are evaluated. This is the default value.
- `none` when training the diagonal is set to `1` and if two identical samples are found in the dataset the corresponding matrix element is set to `1`. When inferring, matrix elements for identical samples are set to `1`.

Quantum Reinforcement Learning (RL)

Michael Schenk et al., Hybrid actor-critic algorithm for quantum reinforcement learning at CERN beam lines. arXiv:2209.11044



Beam Target Steering Task

Formulate as RL problem:

- **Action:** (discrete) deflection angle
- **State:** (continuous) BPM position
- **Reward:** integrated beam intensity on target
- **Optimality:** fraction of states for which the agent takes the right decision

Quantum Reinforcement Learning (RL)

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Task: Beam optimization in linear accelerators

→ Use Reinforcement Learning (sample efficient)

Agent interacts with environment

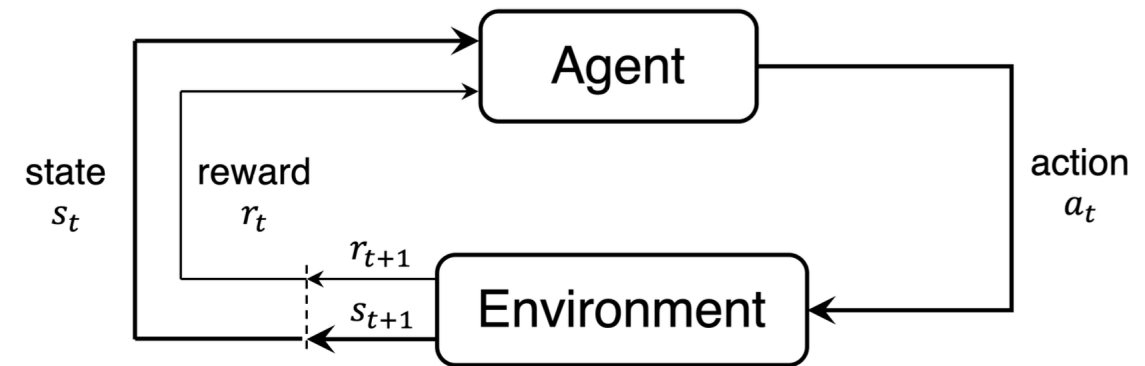
- Follow **policy** $\pi(a_t|s_t)$
- Goal: Find policy that **maximizes reward**

Expected reward is estimated by **value function** $Q(s, a)$

- **DQN:** Deep Q-learning (*NN-based*)
- **FERL:** Free energy-based RL (*clamped Quantum Boltzmann Machine*)

Structure of the **Quantum RL scheme:**

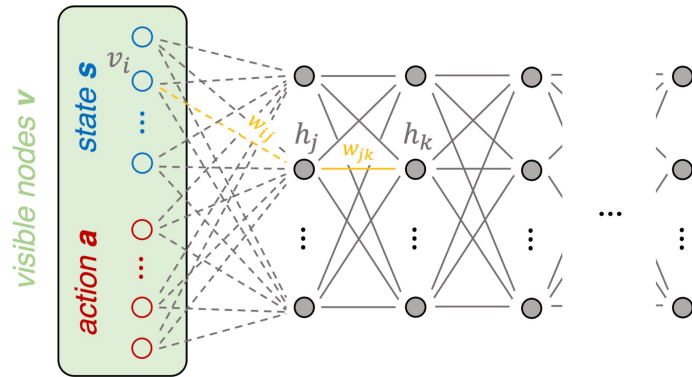
- Agent is **classical**
- Q -function is computed as the **energy of a qubit system**



Schema of iterative Feedback-loop in RL

Quantum Reinforcement Learning (RL)

Michael Schenk et al., Hybrid actor-critic algorithm for quantum reinforcement learning at CERN beam lines. arXiv:2209.11044



Quantum Annealing

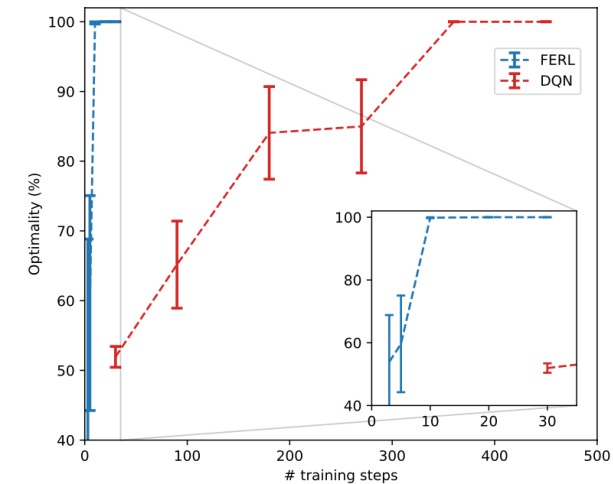
Structure of clamped Quantum Boltzmann Machine (QBM)

→ Weights of QBM can be learned iteratively (analogous to classical Q-learning)

Transverse Field Ising model

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{v}) = - \sum_{\substack{i \in V, \\ j \in H}} w_{ij} v_i \sigma_{h_j}^z - \sum_{j, k \in H} w_{jk} \sigma_{h_j}^z \sigma_{h_k}^z - \Gamma \sum_{j \in H} \sigma_{h_j}^x$$

$$\hat{Q}(s, a) \approx -F(\mathbf{v}) = -\langle H_{\mathbf{v}}^{\text{eff}} \rangle - \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_c \mathbb{P}(c|\mathbf{v}) \log \mathbb{P}(c|\mathbf{v})$$



Convergence Study for one-dim. beam target steering task

→ Quantum RL converges much faster than classical Q-learning (8±2 vs. 320±40 steps with e. r.)