

Quantum Computing for High energy physics: CERN perspective

*Workshop on Tensor Networks and
(Quantum) Machine Learning for
High-Energy Physics*

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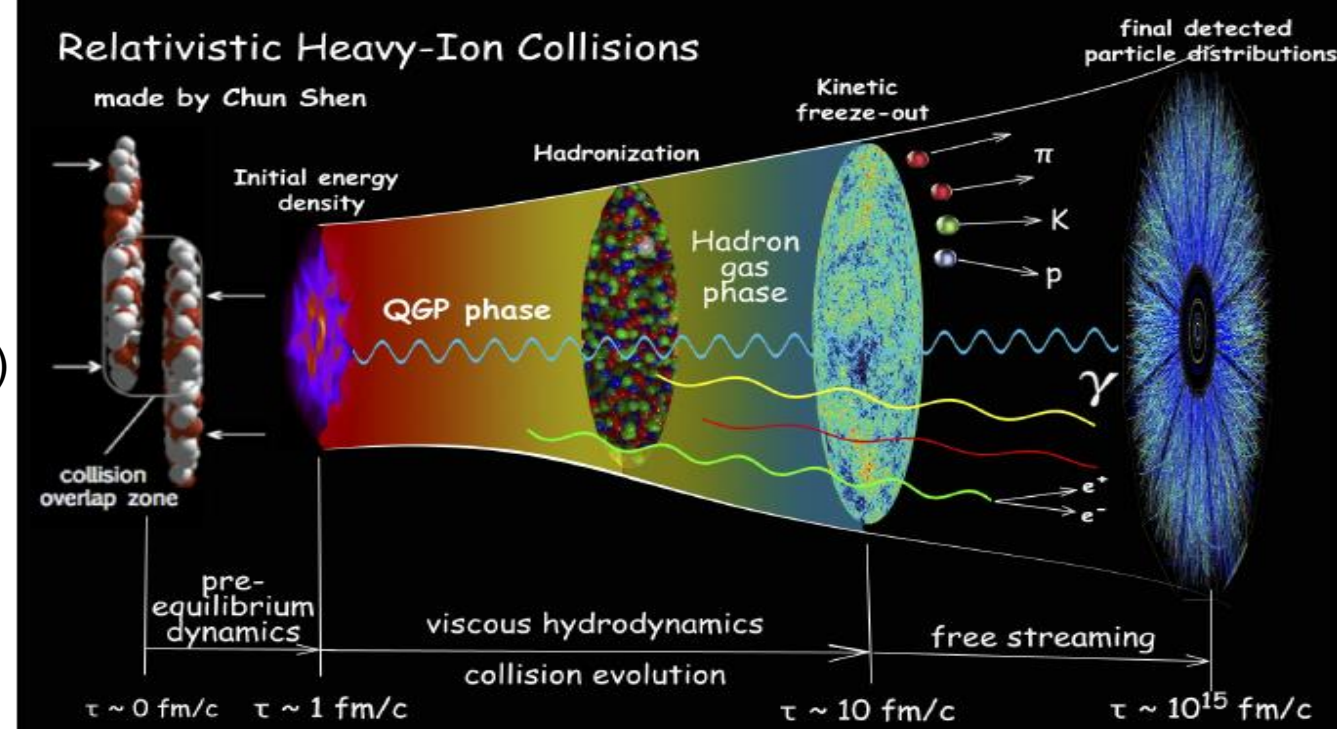


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Theoretical challenge

- Non-zero chemical potential (QCD phase diagram)
- Real time dynamics
 - heavy ion collisions, scattering quenches



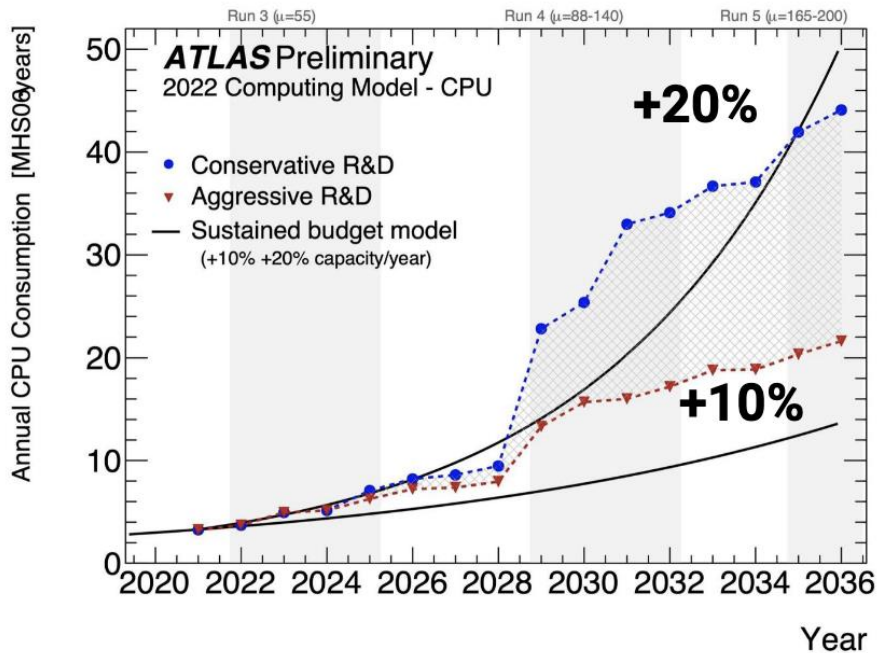
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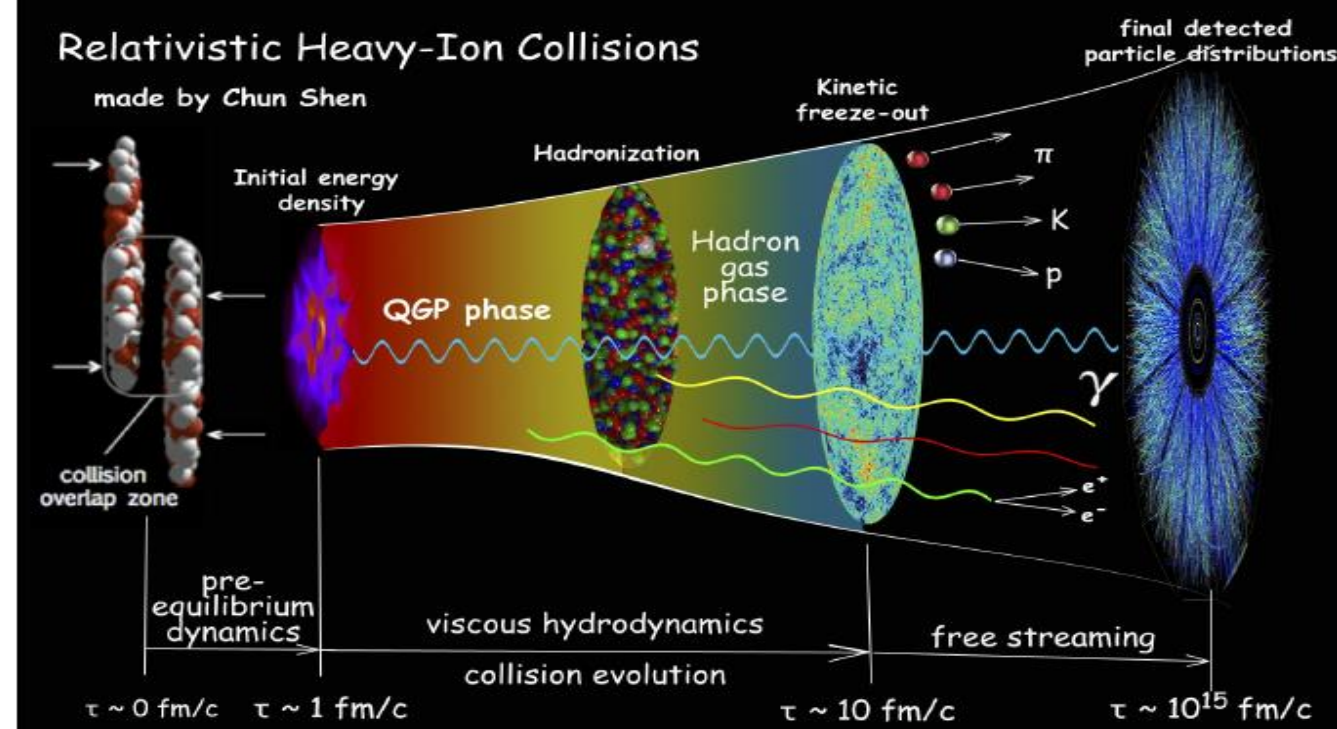
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From HL-LHC Projections - ATLAS Software and Computing HL-LHC Roadmap

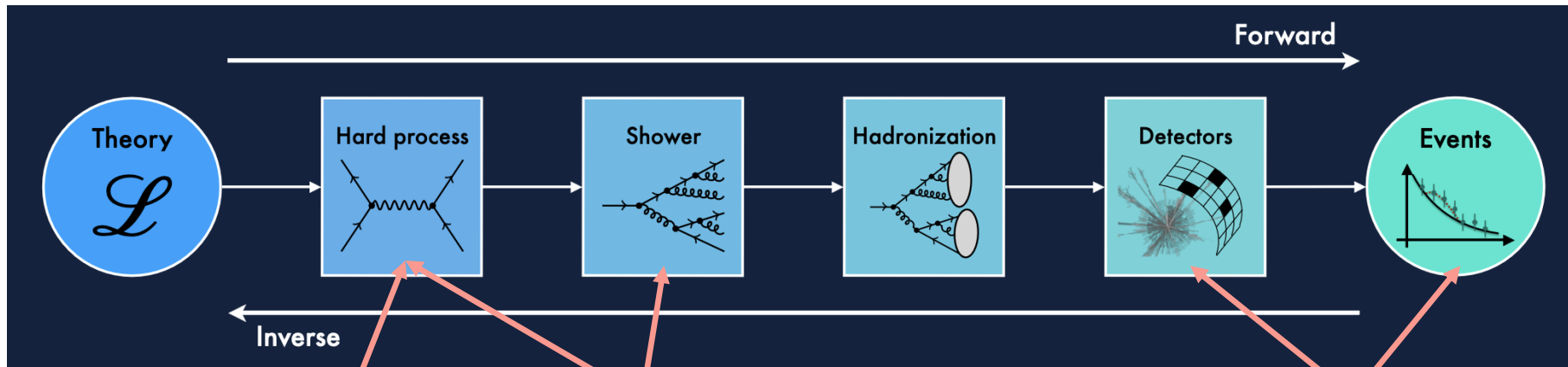


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Computing challenge for High-Lumi LHC

- Simulation and analysis
- need: new technology, algorithms and methods

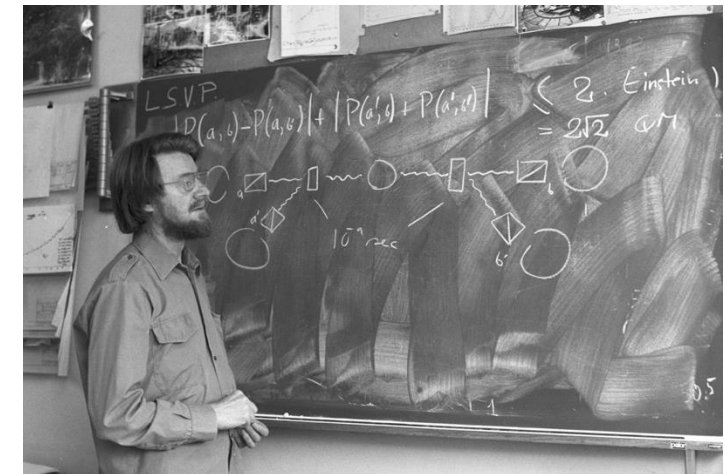


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Fundamental motivation

Utilise information and correlations inherent in HEP data.


Exploit “quantum remnants” in data.






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CERN examples
Discussion



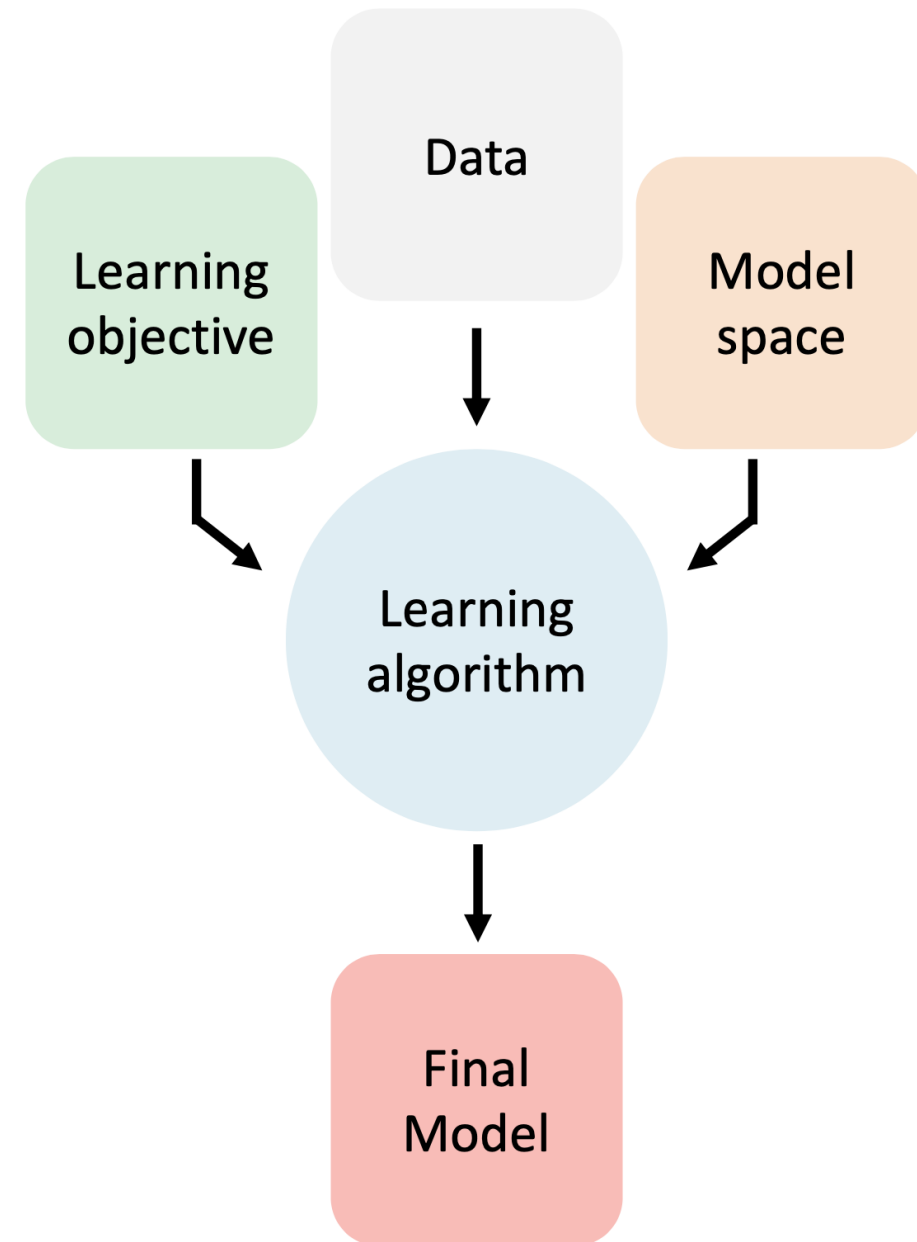
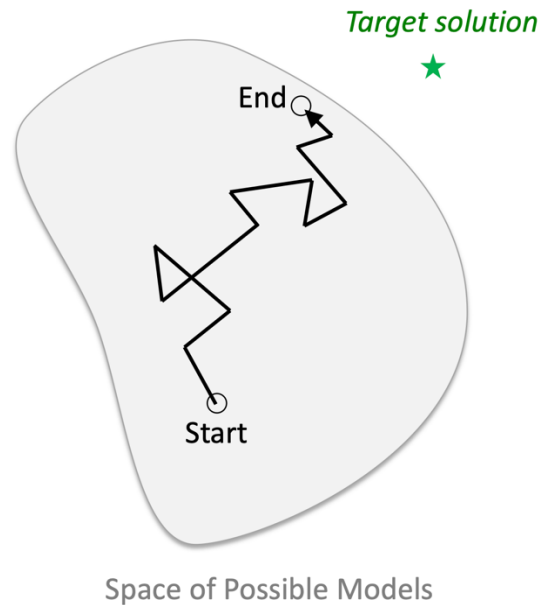


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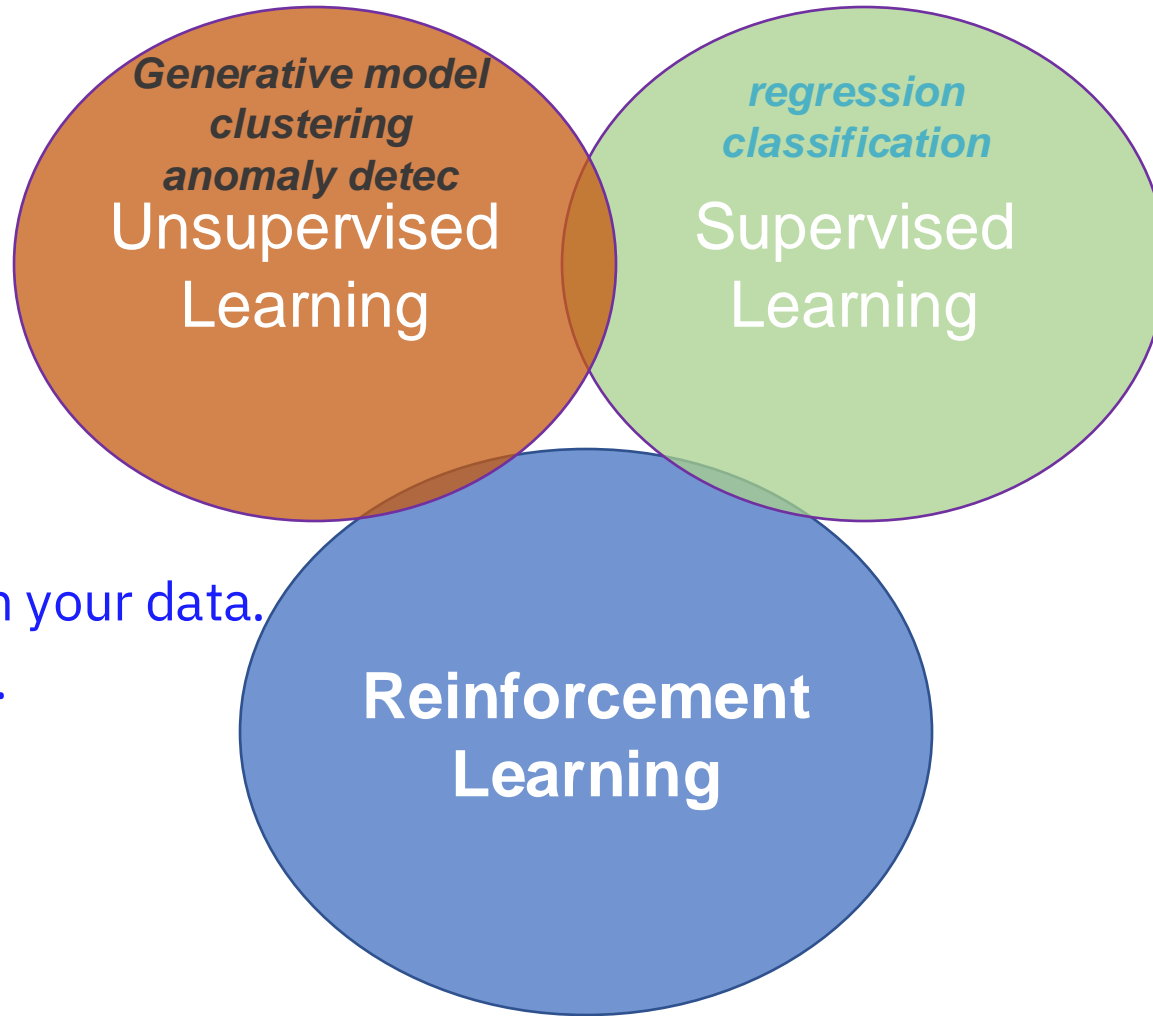


Model Space and Learning Algorithms

- Choose type of model
 - Each set of parameters is a point in space of models
- Need to find the best model parameters for loss
- **Learning is like a search** through space of models, **guided by the data**
- Various possibilities
 - Exhaustive search
 - Closed for solutions (rare)
 - Iterative optimization



Machine Learning + QC



Unsupervised ML

Unlabeled data.

ML finds patterns in your data.

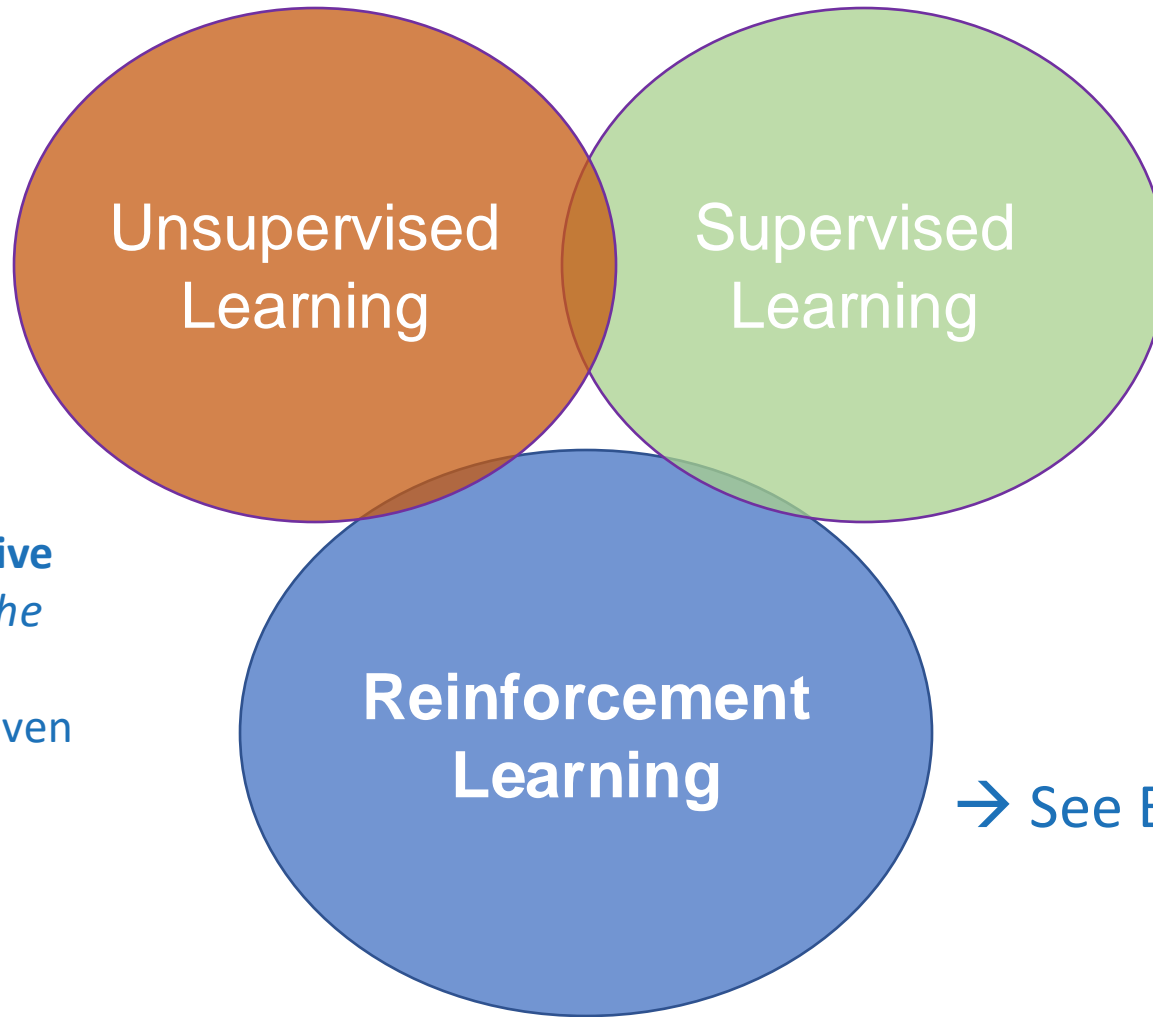
Indirect evaluation.

Supervised ML

Labeled data, i.e., data with defined output.

A model is trained giving this data and you have direct evaluation.

Quantum Machine Learning



Unsupervised ML

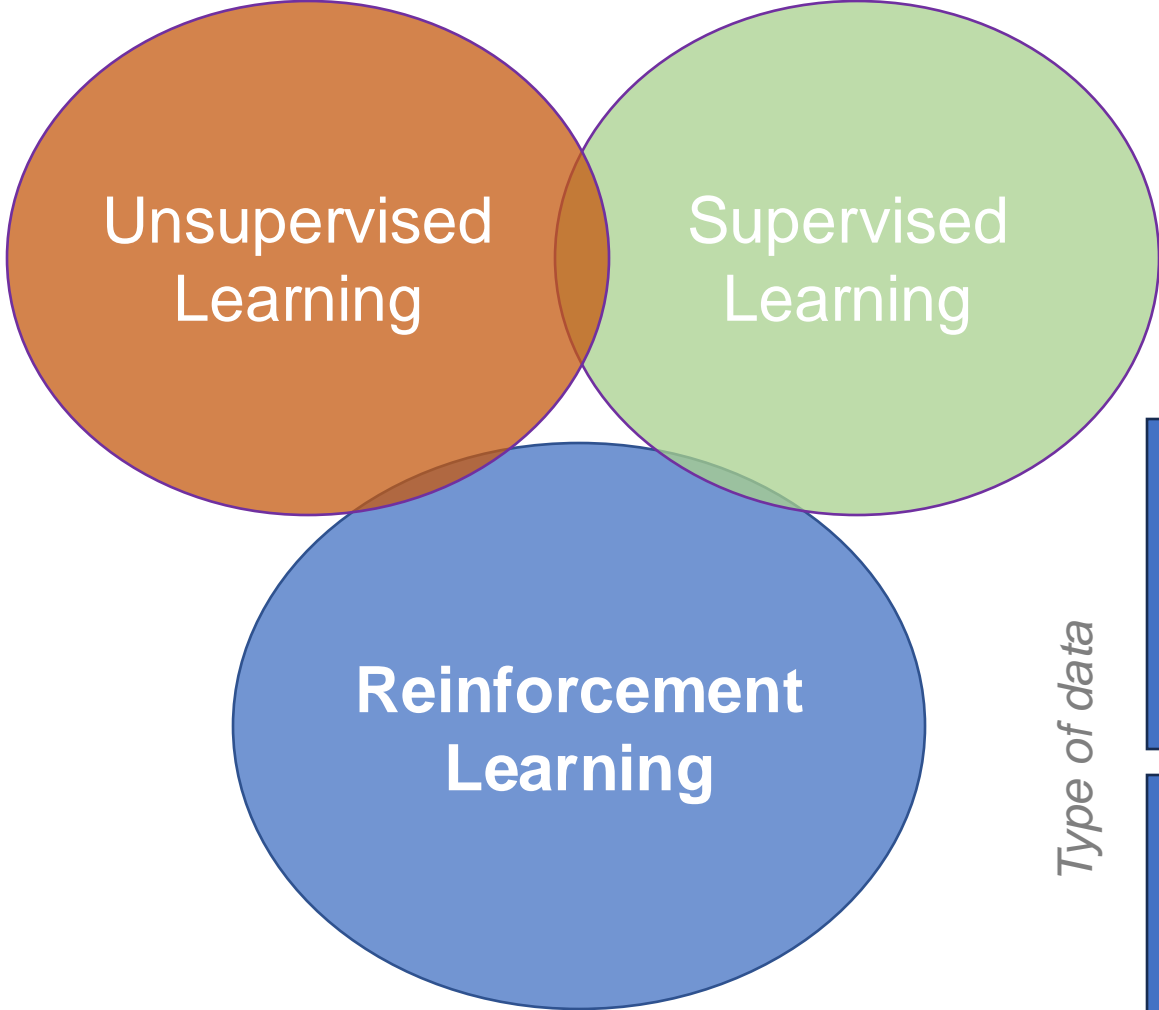
e.g., **Quantum Generative Models**: aims to *learn the underlying probability distribution $\pi(y)$* of a given data set and *generates samples* from it using quantum network

Supervised ML

e.g., **Quantum Classifier**: aims to learn *input-output relation* of labeled dataset $f: x_{in} \mapsto x_{out}$ by optimizing quantum network

→ See Elias' talk 😊

Quantum Machine Learning

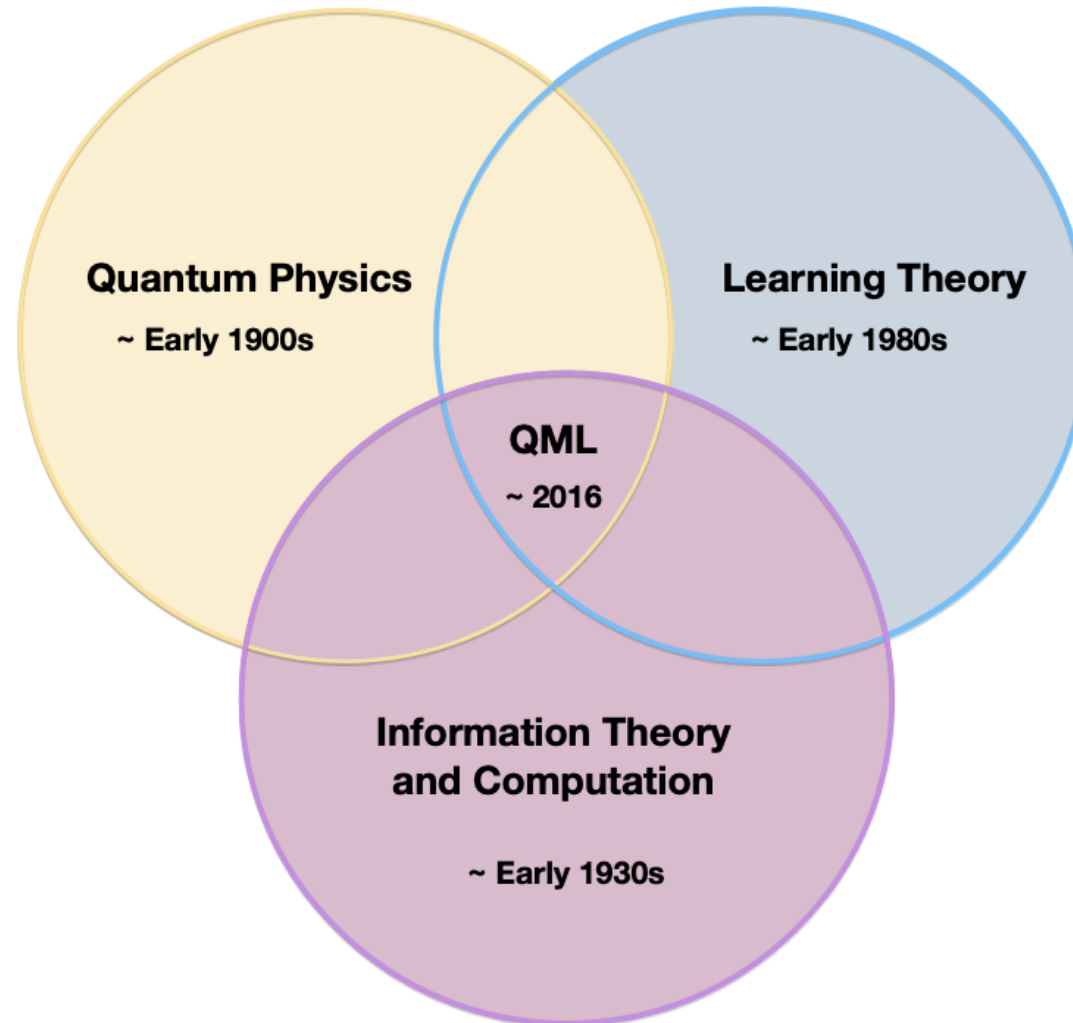


Type of algorithm

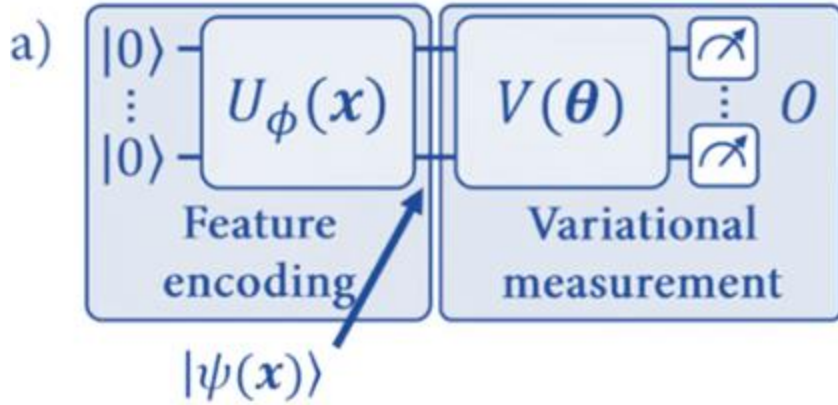
CC	CQ
QC	QQ

Type of data

Quantum Machine Learning (QML)



QML models



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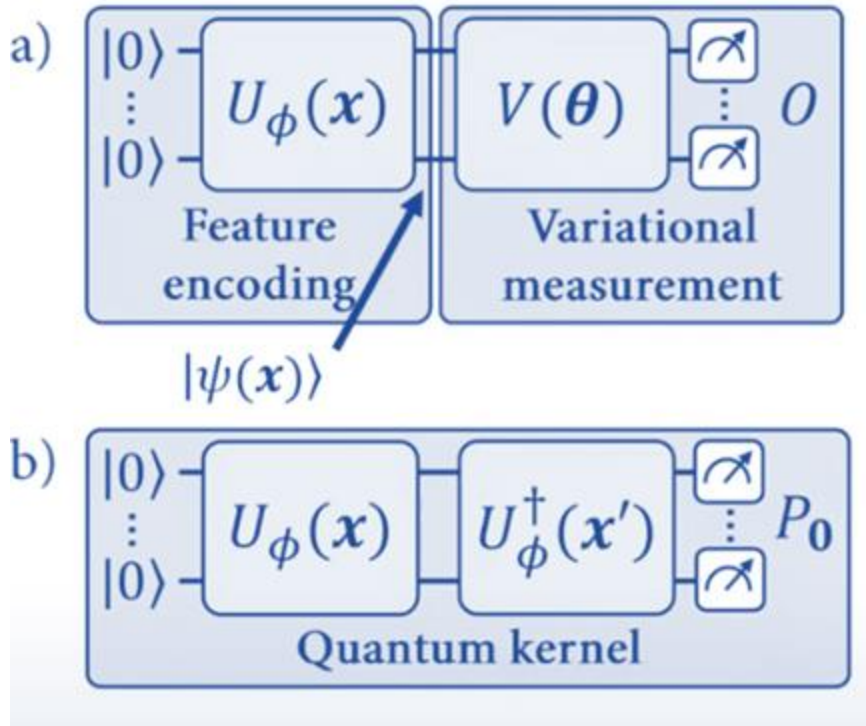
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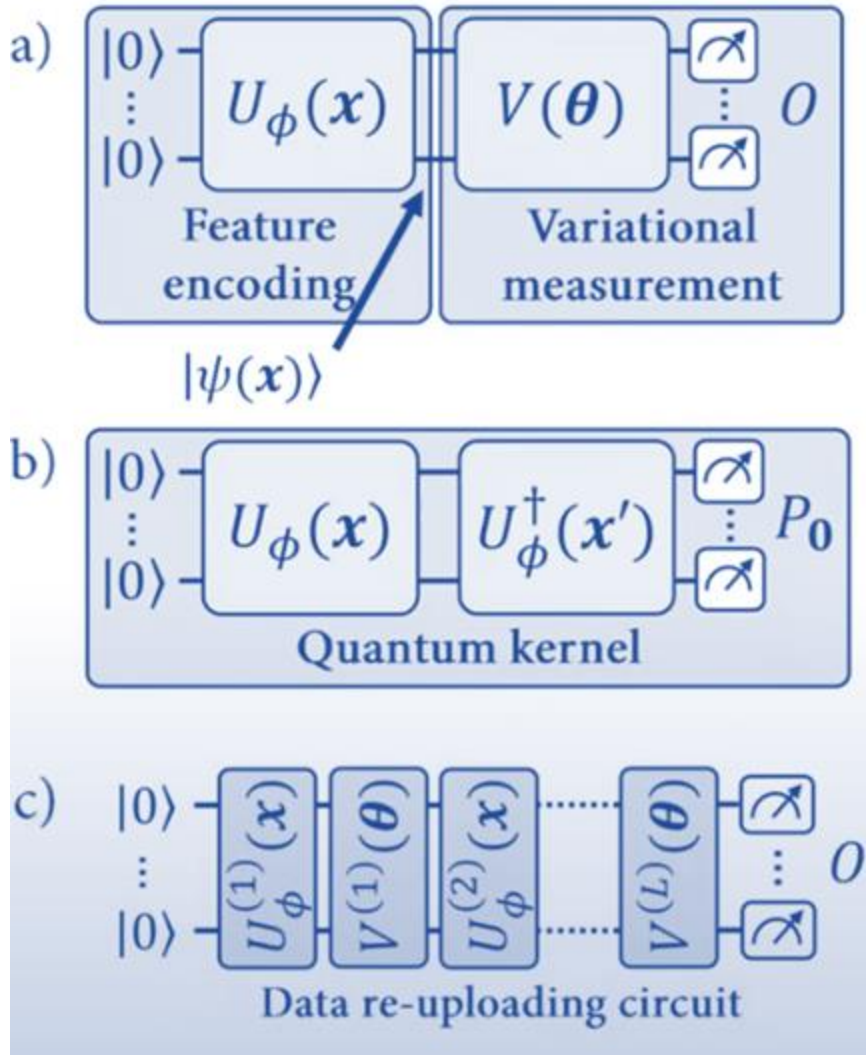
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c) Data re-uploading model:

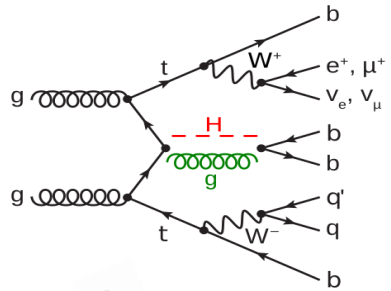
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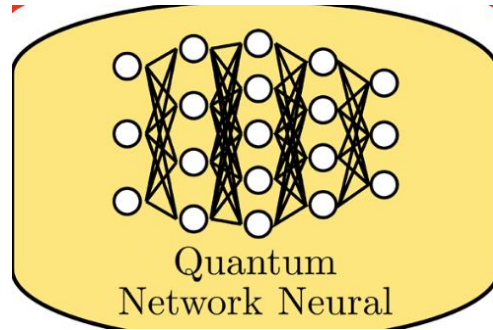
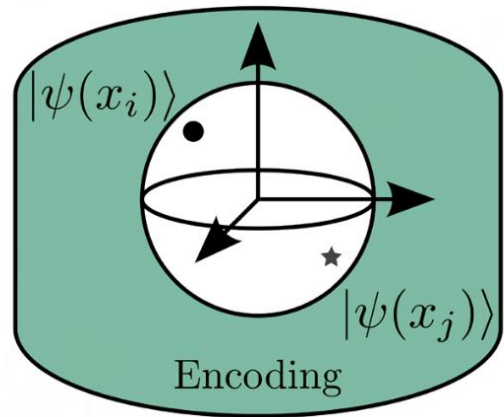
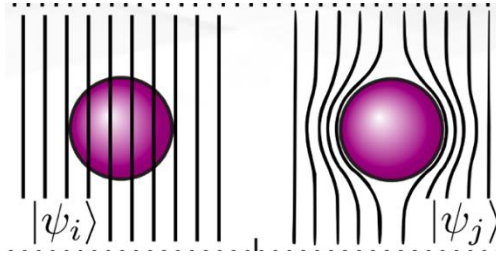
QML Pipeline

Theoretically: $P(0) = \text{Tr}[|0\rangle\langle 0|\rho]$.
 In practice: $P(0) = \frac{N_0}{N}$ with a statistical precision of order $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

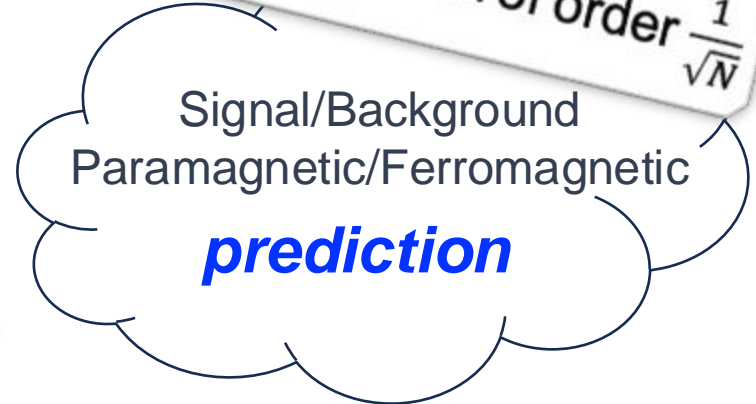
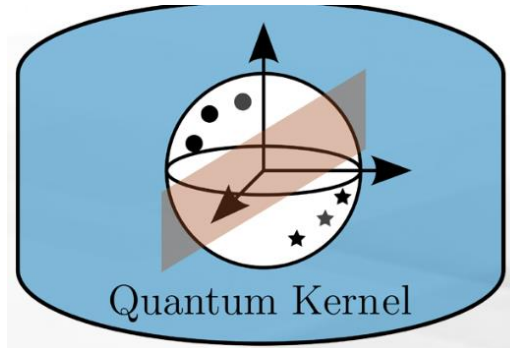
Classical Data



Quantum Data



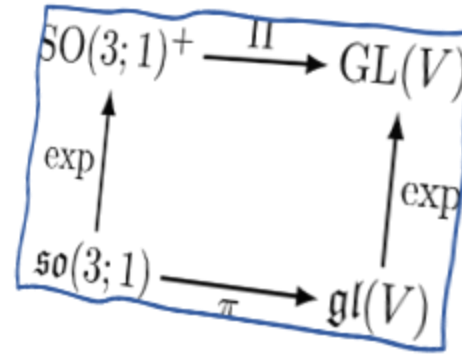
training



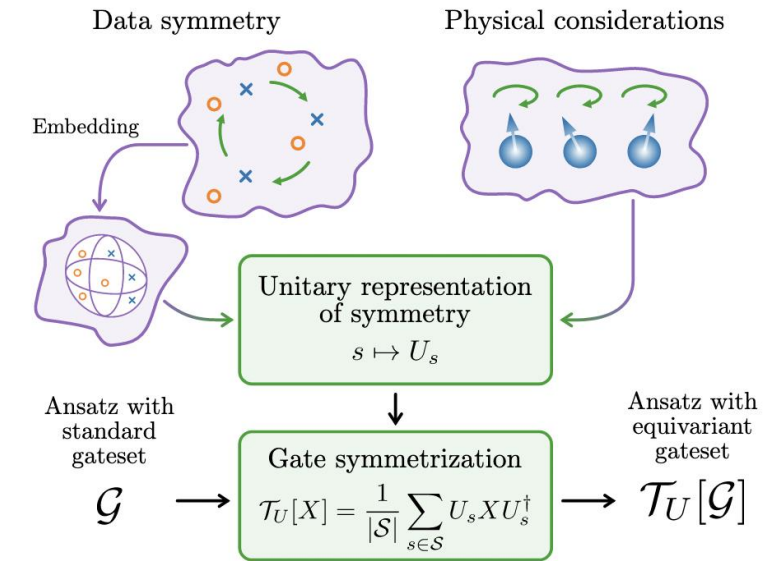
QML models implementations for NISQ

Variational algorithms - EXPLICIT

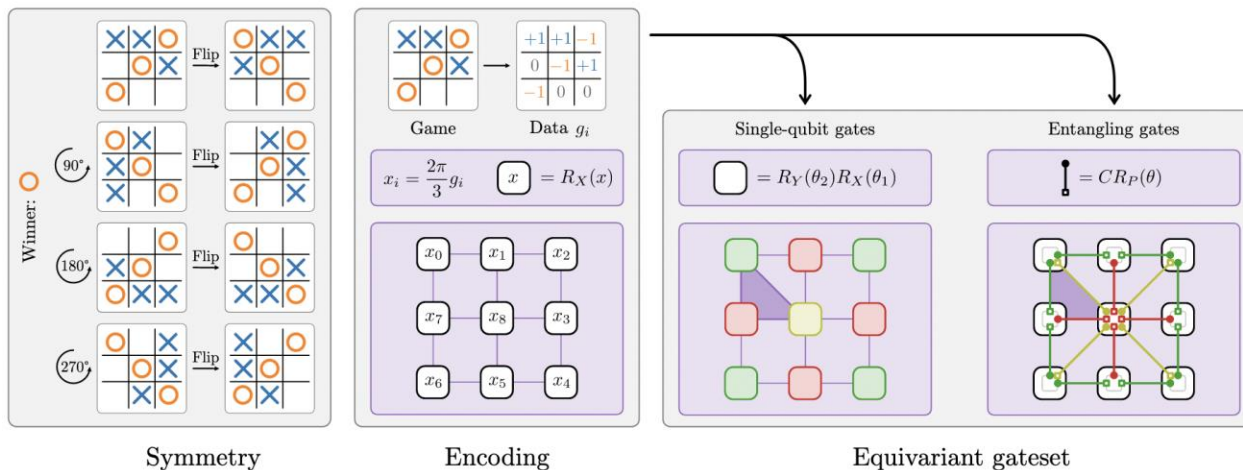
- Flexible parametric ansatz: design can leverage data symmetries^{1,2}
- Can use **gradient-free** methods or **stochastic gradient-descent**
- **Data Embedding** can be **learned**
- **Better generalization**^{2,3}



<https://github.com/fizisist/LorentzGroupNetwork>



A unitary representation of a symmetry group S can arise from data symmetries when the data points are suitably encoded or alternatively from physical considerations of a variational problem?



1-A. Bogatskiy et al. "Lorentz group equivariant neural network for particle physics." PMLR, 2020
 2-J. Meyer et al "Exploiting symmetry in variational quantum machine learning", PRX Quantum 4, 010328 (2023)
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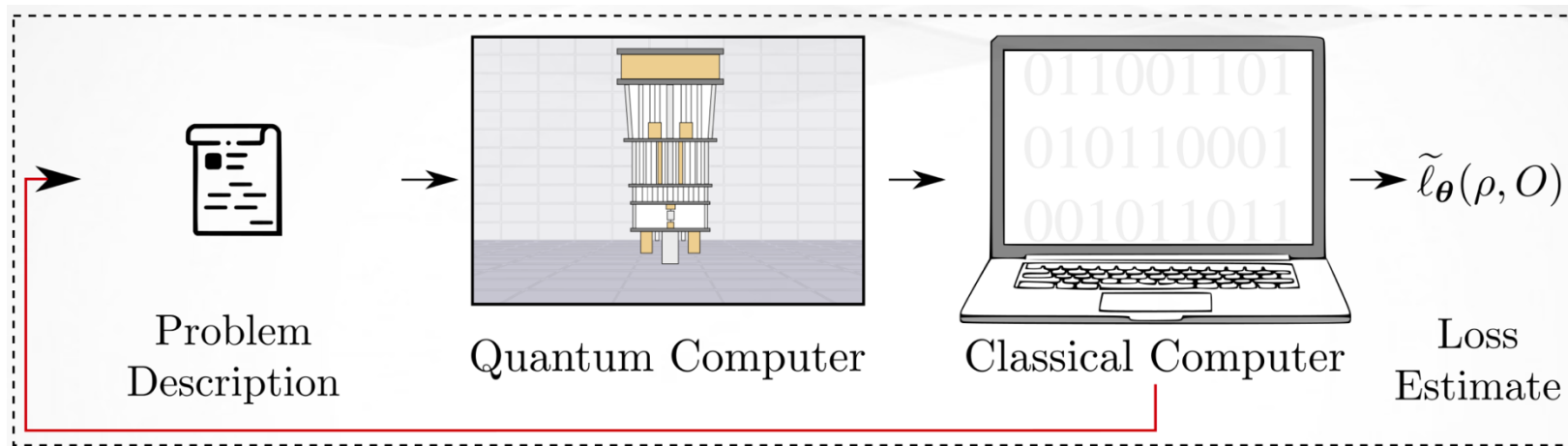
Variational Quantum Algorithms



Variational Quantum Algorithms have many similarities with classical machine learning. To devise a first quantum machine learning model, few details need to be added, namely **data encoding** and **cost data dependence**.



The loss/cost function is obtained by classically post-processing the measurement results, including data dependence.



$$\ell_{\theta}(\rho, O) = \text{Tr}[\rho U^{\dagger}(\theta) O U(\theta)]$$

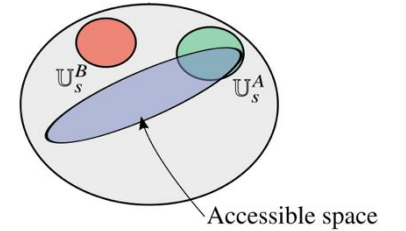
The Hilbert space can serve as an **exponentially big feature space**

Variational Quantum Algorithms – the Challenge

1. Efficient data handling and data embedding

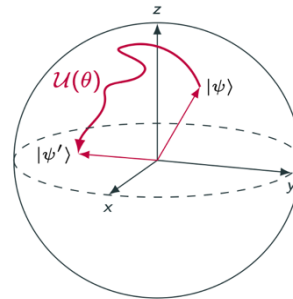
2. Ansatz choice

Can we find the most suitable ansatz for the given problem?
How well can we survey the Hilbert space (SYMMETRY?!)?



3. Trainability

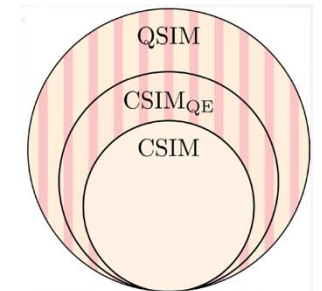
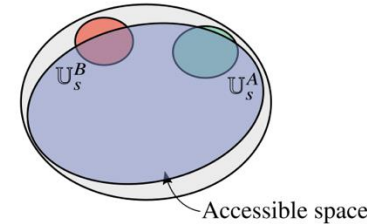
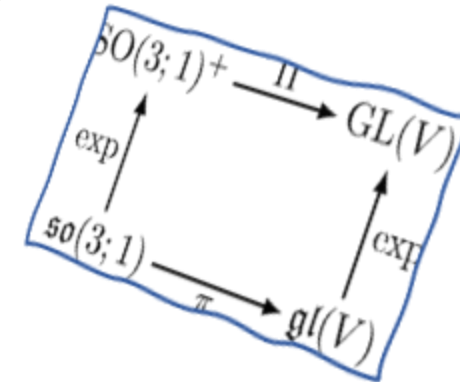
Can the parameters be updated?



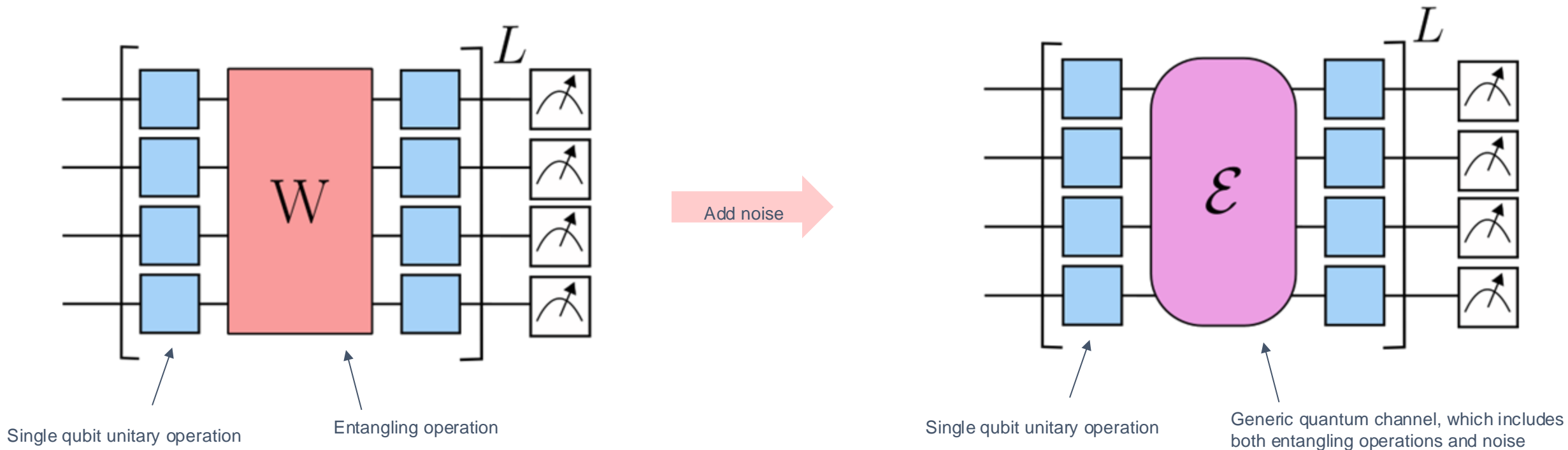
4. Classical Simulability

Are the quantum simulations classically simulable?
No need for a quantum computer!?

Just because we can simulate a loss, does not mean it is practical to do so!



What about noise? Non-unitary QML



The presence of noise is often overlooked in such analyses

→ Symmetry breaking in geometric quantum machine learning in the presence of noise

[\[MG et al. PRX Quantum 5, 030314\]](#)

→ Estimates of loss function concentration in noisy parametrized quantum circuits

[\[G. Crognalotti., GM, et al – arXiv:2410.01893\]](#)

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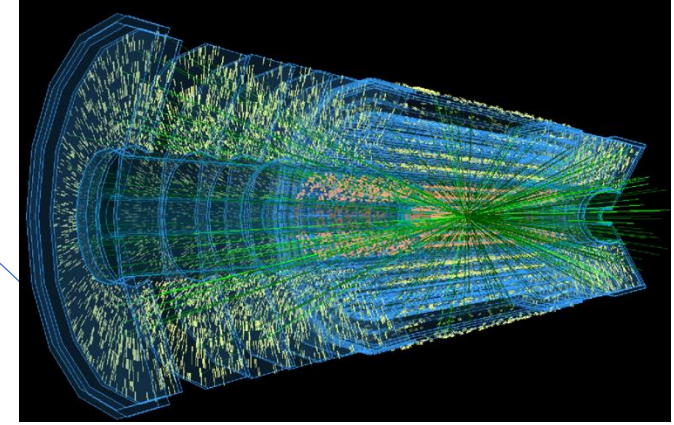
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HEP Pipeline

Theory

Calculate (differential) cross sections

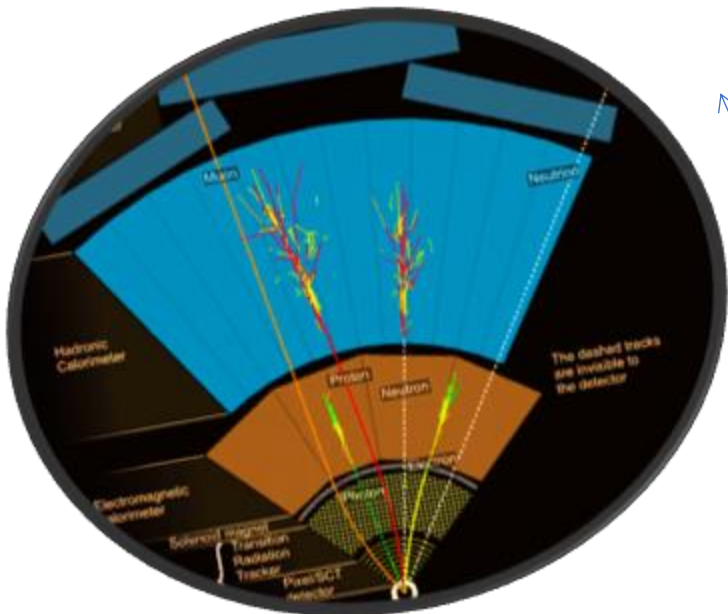
$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{\text{flux}} dx_a dx_b f(x_a) f(x_b) d\Phi_n \langle |M_{\lambda,c,\dots}(p_a, p_b | p_1, \dots, p_n)|^2 \rangle$$



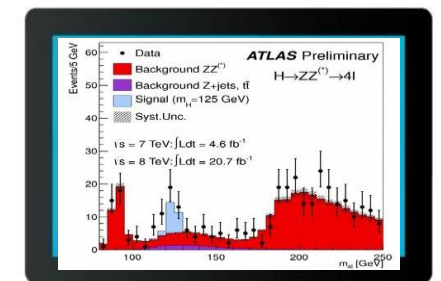
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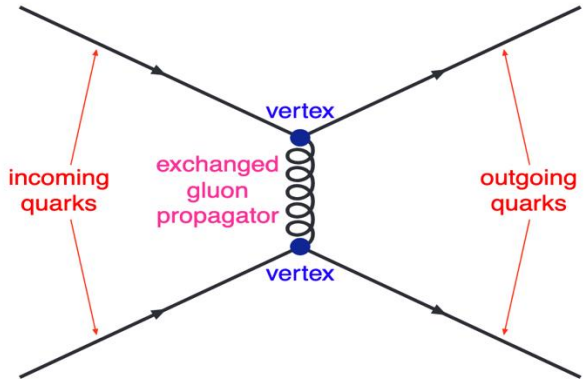


Data Generation



Feature Extraction





Theory

**3 billions CPU hours/year
15% is MC integration**

phase-space factor

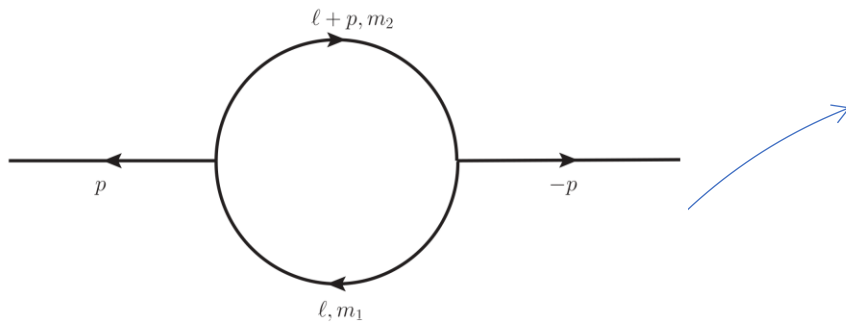
integrand

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{F} \int d\Phi |M|^2 \Theta(\Phi - \Phi_c)$$

probability distributions/
matrix element

phase-space cuts

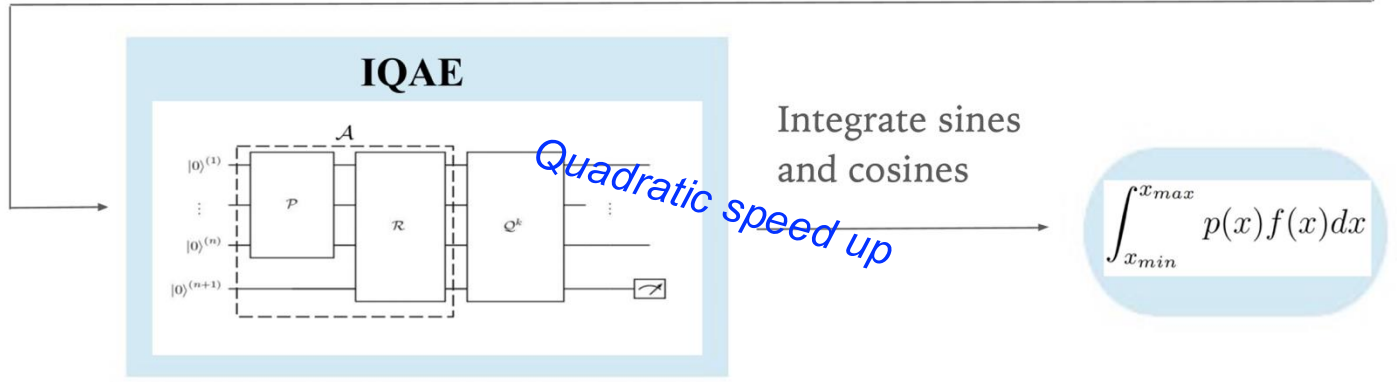
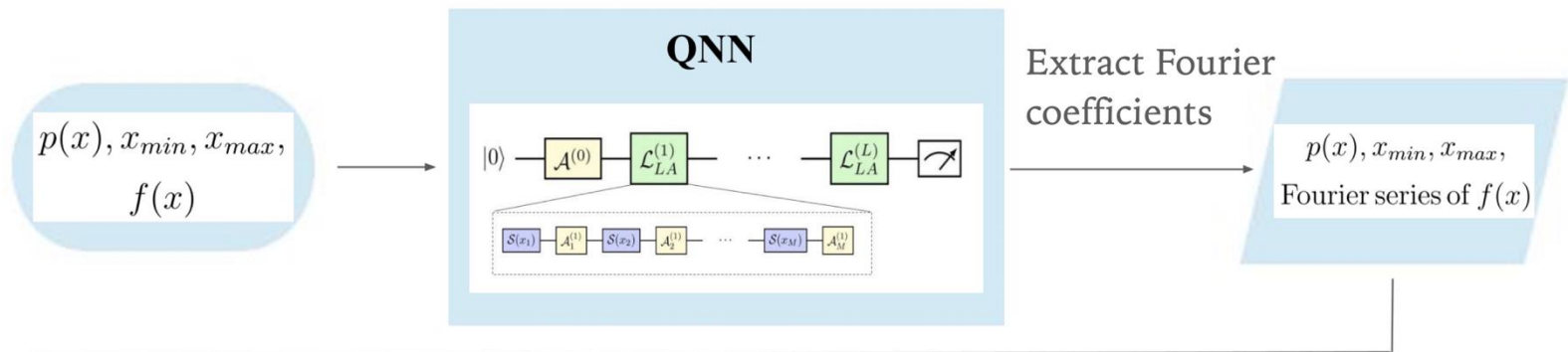
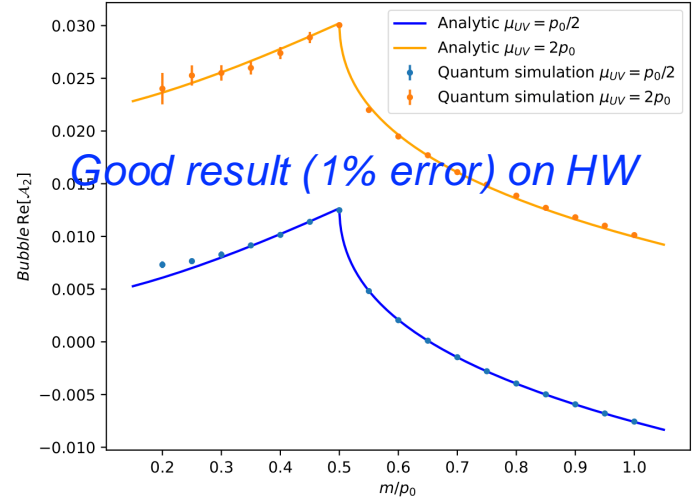
Agliardi, Grossi, Pellen, Prati "Quantum integration of elementary particle processes." <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2022.137228>



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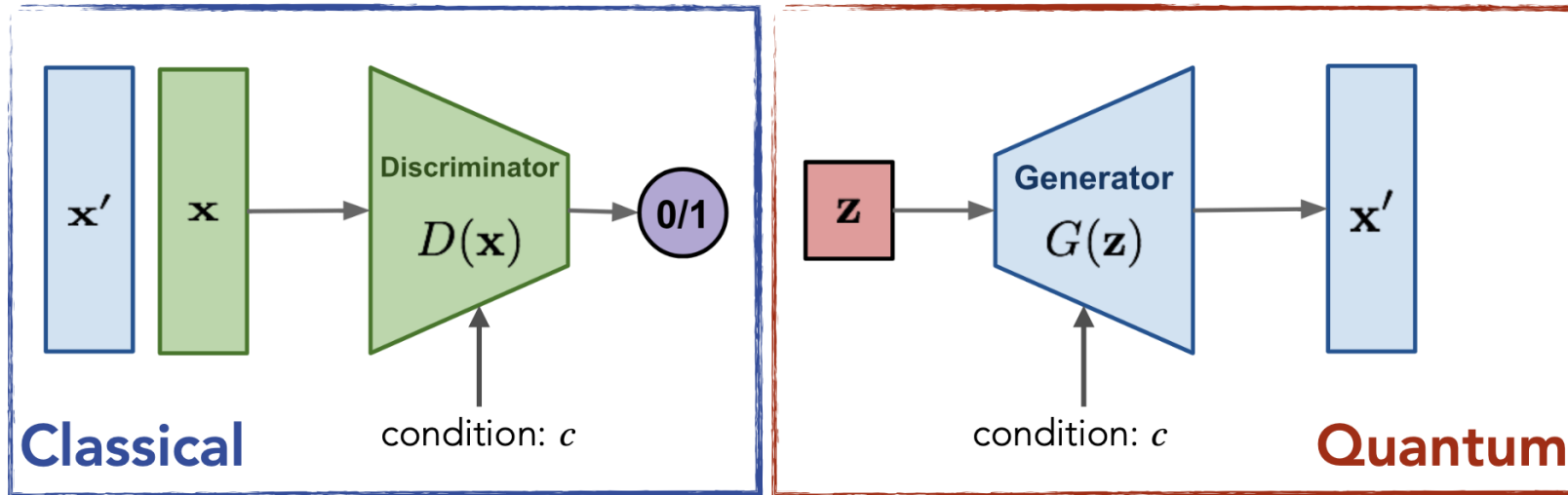
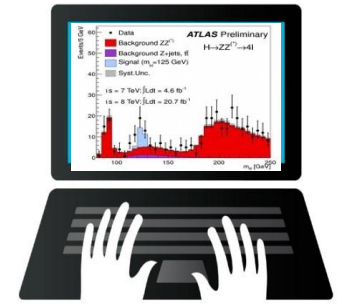
Loop Feynman integral (Bubble)

$$\mathcal{A}_2^{(1)}(p, m_1, m_2) = \int_{\ell} \prod_{i=1}^2 G_F(q_i) = \int_{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell^2 - m_1^2 + i0) ((\ell + p)^2 - m_2^2 + i0)}$$



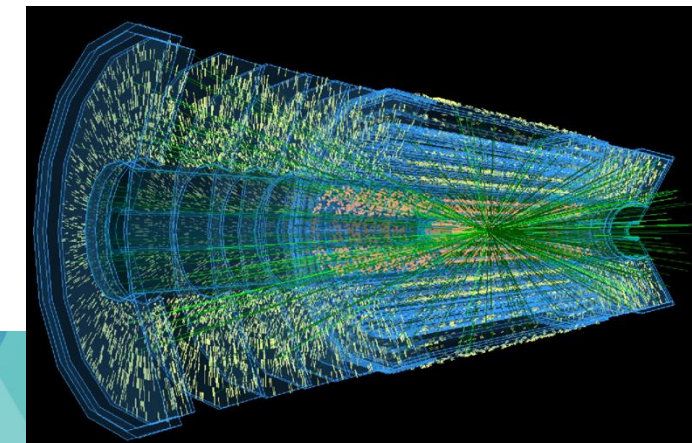
PhysRevD.110.074031 - Martinez de Lejarza, GM., et al.
 Loop Feynman integration on a quantum computer

- **Generative Adversarial Networks** : two networks competing, generator produces fake data, and a discriminator distinguishes between real and fake data
- **Quantum GAN (QGAN)** replaces the generator network by a parameterised quantum circuit

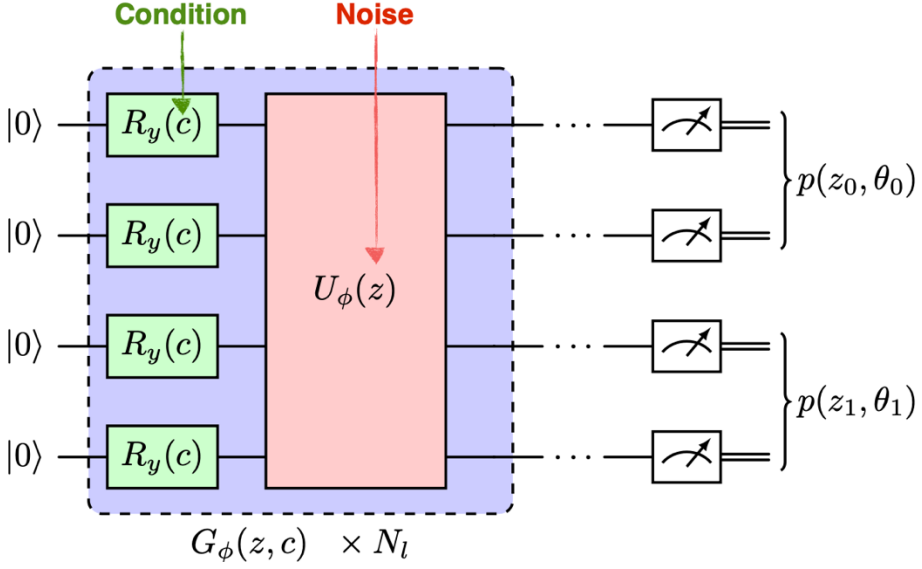


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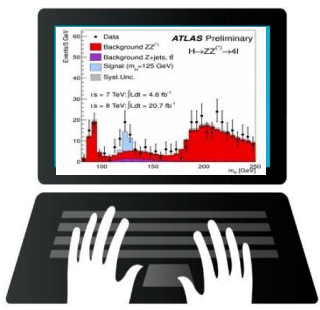
- How can quantum simulators model particle interactions described by SOTA hadronization model?
- Can quantum generative model provide better results in terms of more accurate physics description?
- Can we offer an alternative to the traditional MC or classic GM with QC?



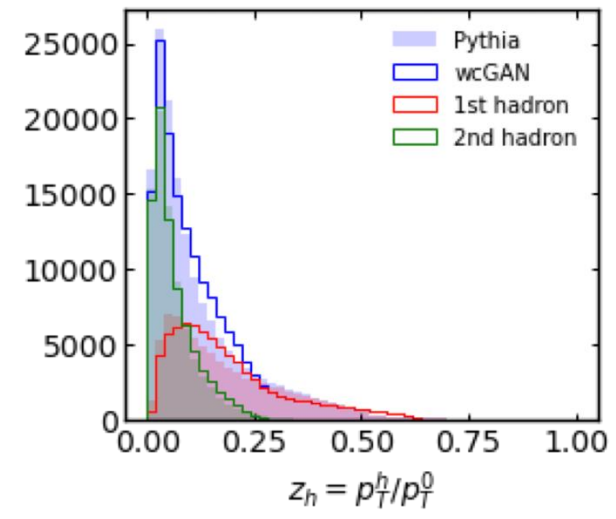
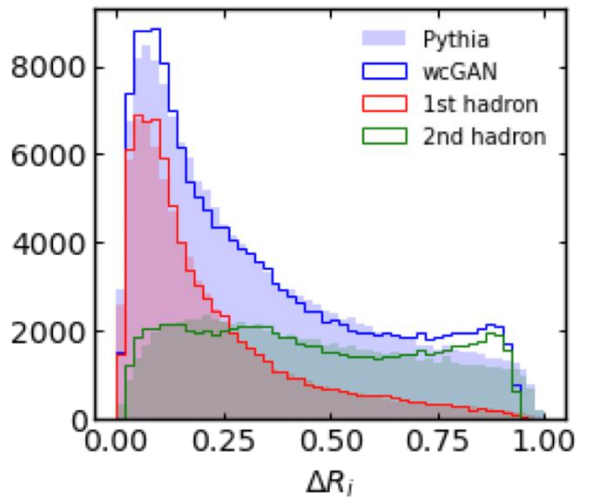
MG, Y. Haddad, V. Croft, C. Tuszyz in preparation



- Data: anti- k_T ($R = 0.4$) jets generated with Pythia8 ($p_T > 30$ GeV)
- Each jet constituent represented by two features:
 - Momentum fraction $z_i = p_T^i / p_T^{jet}$
 - Angle with reference to the jet axis $\theta_i = \Delta R_i / R$
- 1 qubit = 1 feature: $\hat{x} = \{\langle \sigma_Z^0 \rangle, \langle \sigma_Z^1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \sigma_Z^n \rangle\}$
- Style-based approach (*): the noise is inserted in every gate: $\phi_i \rightarrow \phi_i = w \cdot z + b$
 - The noise z , is sampled from $\mathcal{U}(0,1)$
- Jet p_T included as condition via R_y rotations in styled-base approach: $c \rightarrow c = w \cdot c + b$

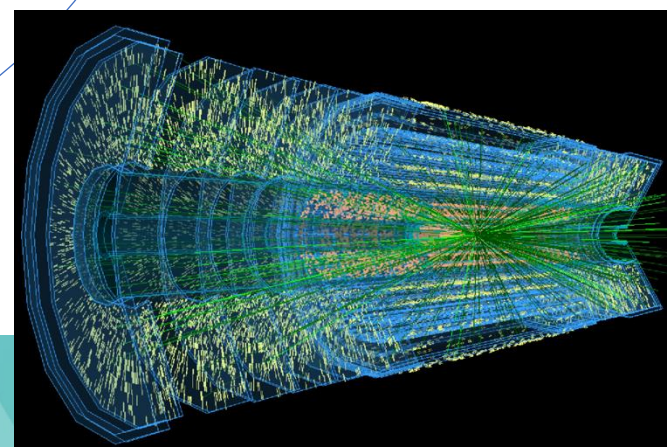


Style-based Hybrid QGAN for hadronization



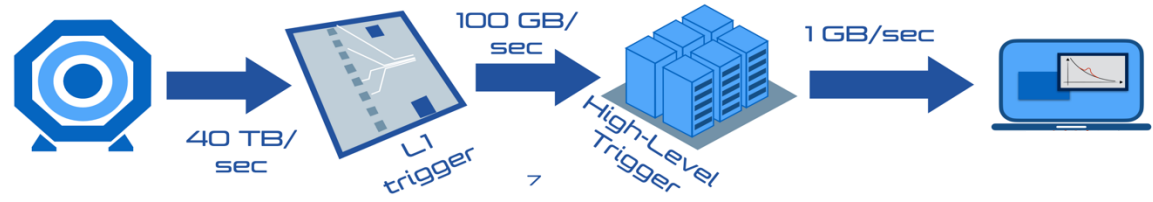
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The Quantum GAN captures the distributions of the first and second emissions, reproduce their dependence with the jet scale

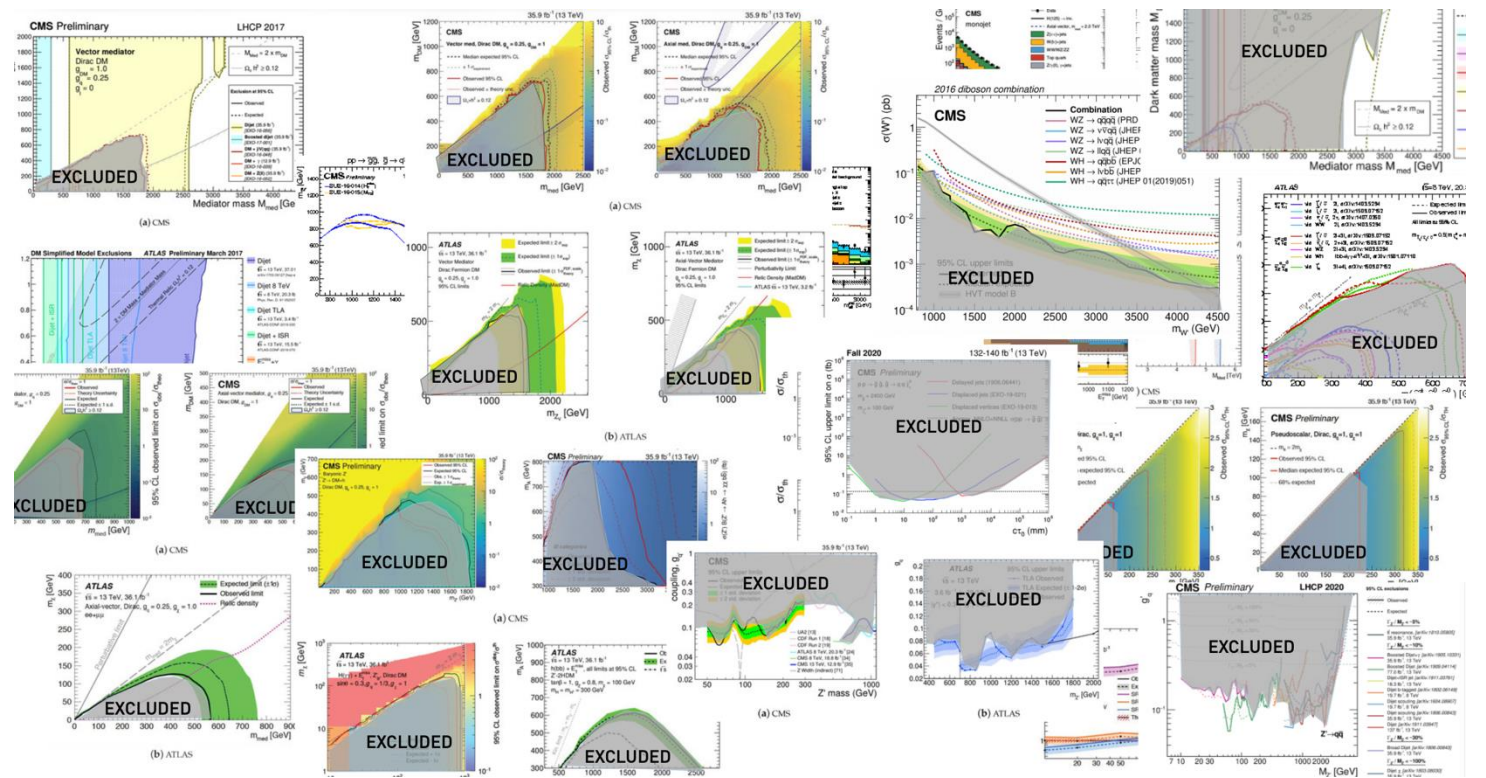
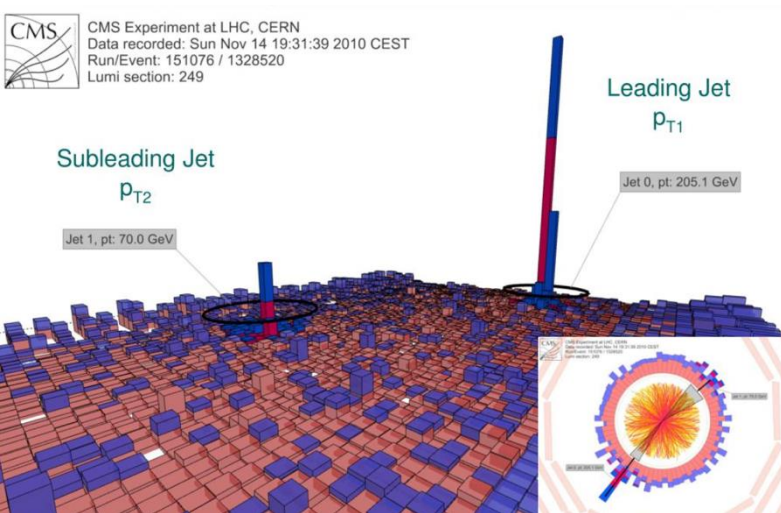


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Where is NEW PHYSICS? Are we using the right data?



Data
Analysis



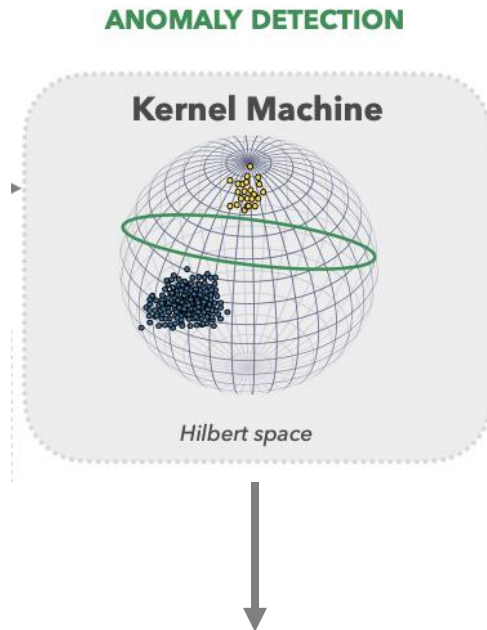
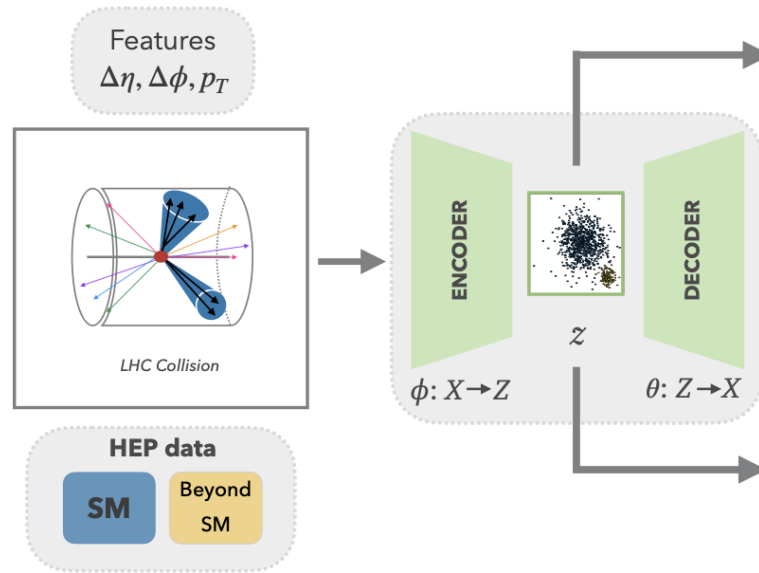
CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
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Lumi section: 249

Quantum Anomaly Detection

Belis V., GM, et al – COMMSPHYS-23-1149C

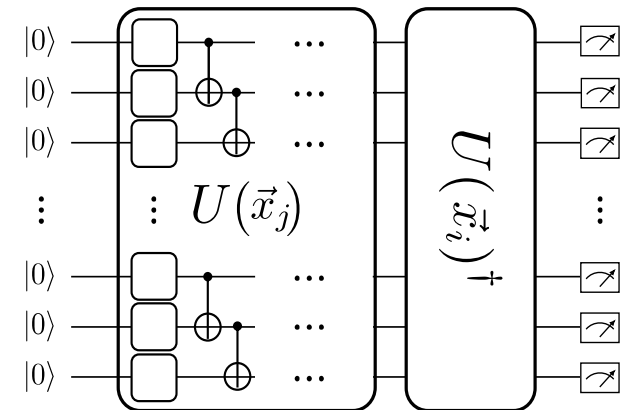


Data Analysis



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

$\Delta\eta$	$\Delta\eta$	$\Delta\eta$	$\Delta\eta$	...	$\Delta\eta$	$\Delta\eta$	$\Delta\eta$	$\Delta\eta$
$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi$	...	$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi$
p_T	p_T	p_T	p_T	...	p_T	p_T	p_T	p_T



- Simulate QCD multi-jets at the LHC
- Build jet from 100 highest pt particles

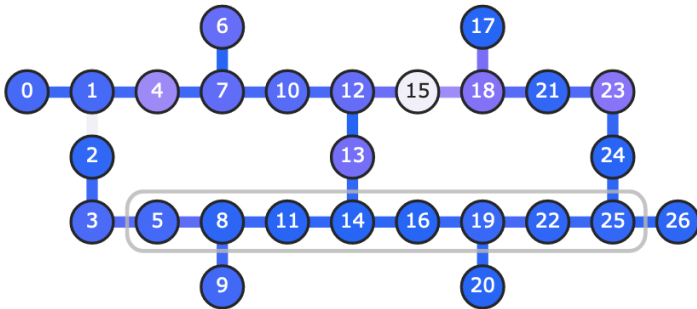
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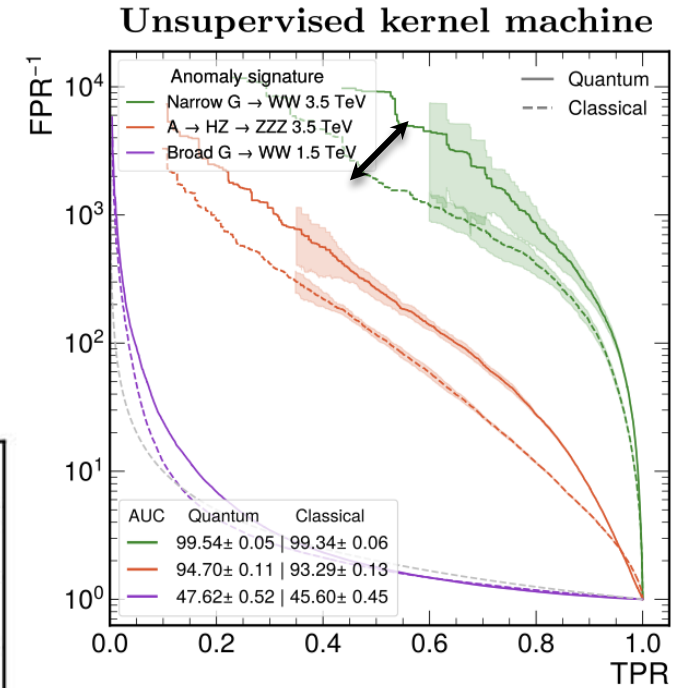
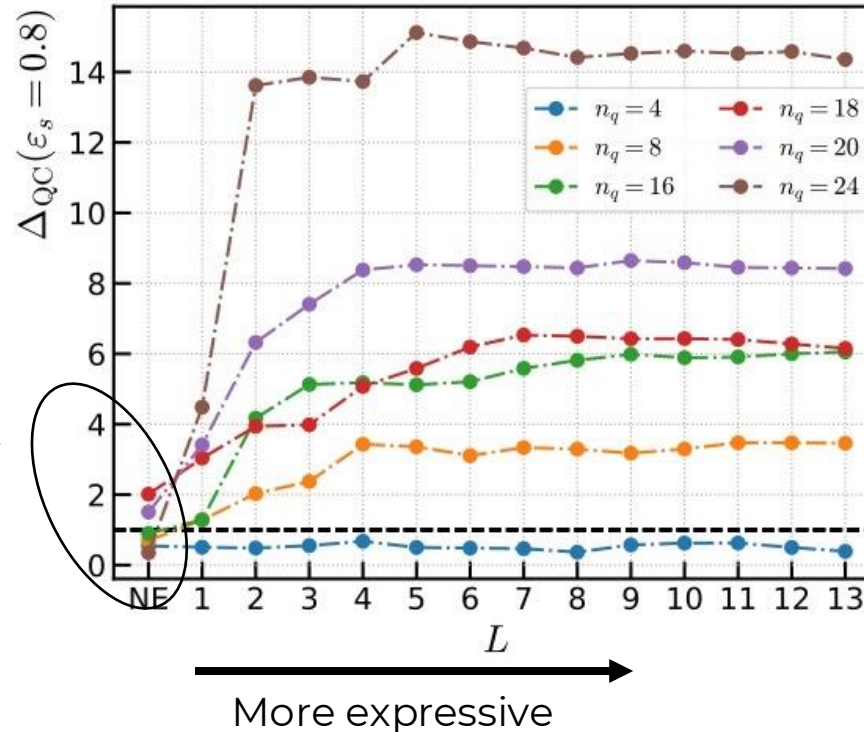



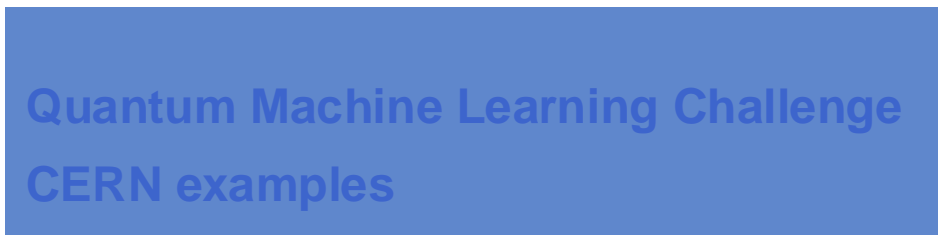


Data Analysis

No entanglement



- Importance of intrinsically quantum properties of the feature map
- Up to **14 times** the performance of the classical model for 24 qubits!





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QC research directions in HEP



Concrete challenges

- What are the most promising applications?
- How to **define performance metrics** and validate results?

Experimental data has high dimensionality

- Can we train **Quantum Machine Learning** algorithms effectively?

Experimental data is shaped by physics laws

- Can we leverage them to build better algorithms?
- Can we train the loss on a classical device, and sample on quantum (GENERATIVE MODELS)
- Quantum Error Mitigation is the way, waiting for scalable **ERROR CORRECTION**

Quantum Computing for High-Energy Physics: State of the Art and Challenges

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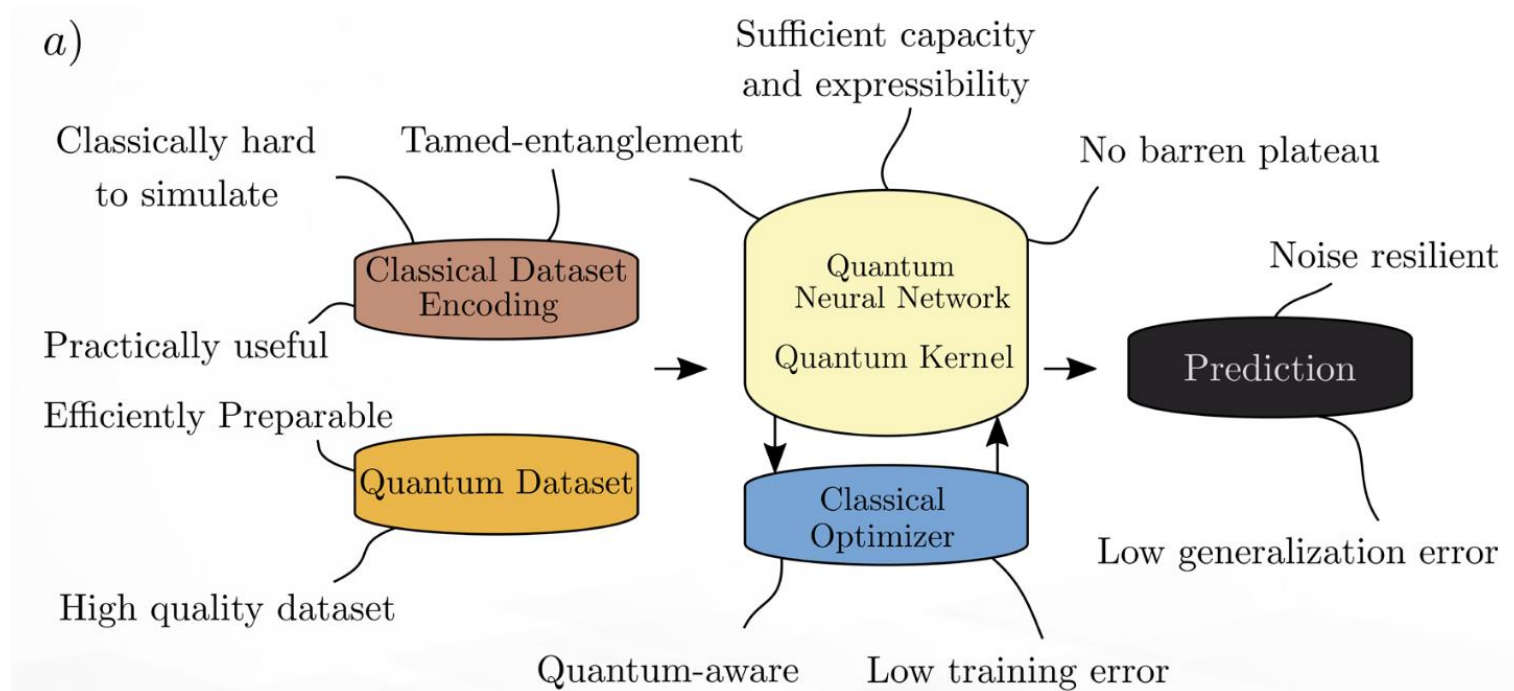
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Variational Quantum Algorithms – Summary

- VQA can't be trusted any more than **classical machine learning**
- VQA requires linear algebra and python
- Some success has been achieved for small problem sizes ($N < 30$ qubits)
- We do not yet have the hardware required to **test these algorithms at scale**



Perspective: *Challenges and opportunities in quantum machine learning*, M. Cerezo, et al., Nature Comp. Sc., 2, 567 (2022).

Quantum Algorithms – Summary

Conventional quantum algorithms

- come with provable guarantees
- require significant knowledge of quantum information, group theory, physics, etc.

Query complexity: classical versus quantum

	Determ. machine (worst case)	Quantum computer
Deutsch	2	1
Deutsch–Jozsa	$2^n/2 + 1$	1
Bernstein–Vazirani	n	1
Grover	$2^n - 1$	$O(\sqrt{2^n})$
Simon	$2^n/2 + 1$	$O(n)$
Period finding	$O(r)$	$O(1)$

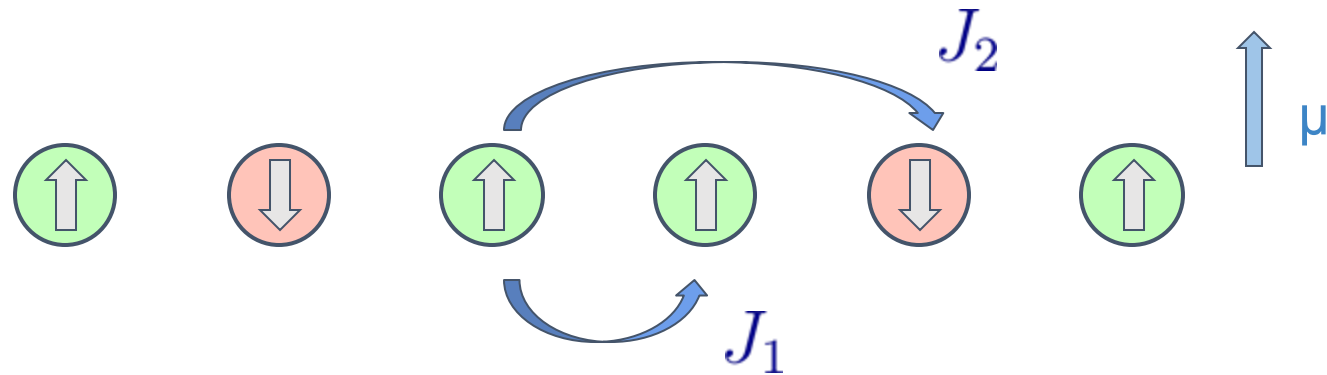
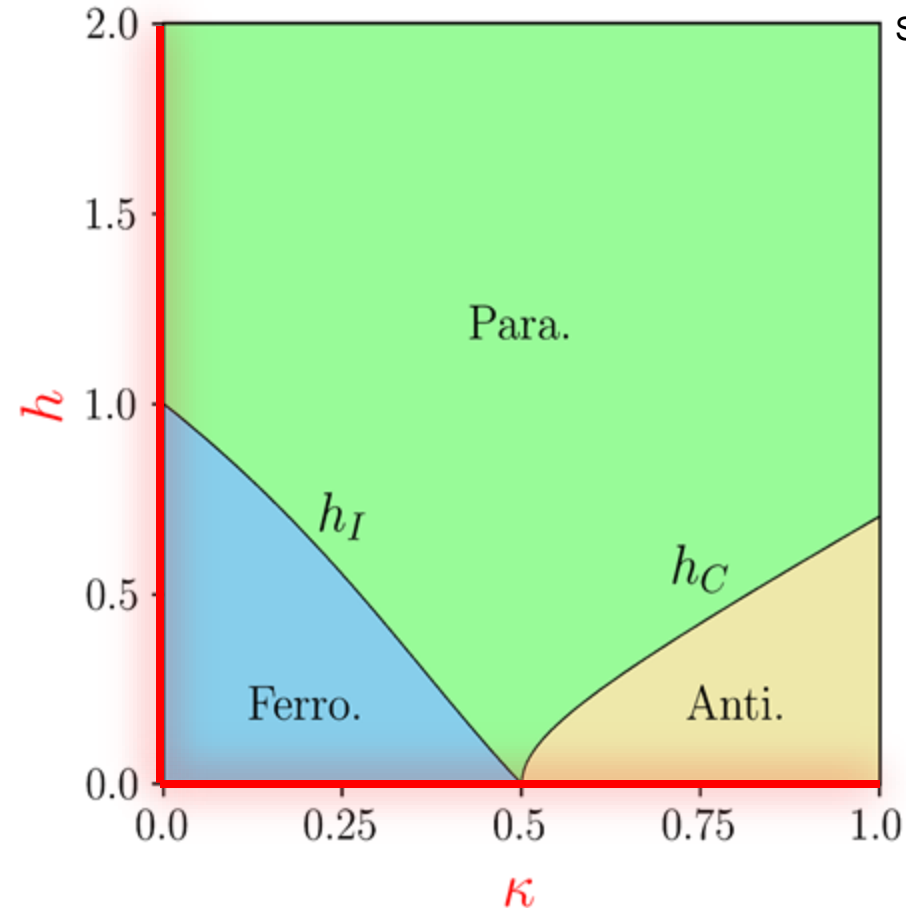
The Physics model: Axial Next Nearest Neighbor Ising (ANNNI)

$$\mathcal{H} = -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^{i+1} - \kappa \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^{i+2} - h \sigma_z^i$$

$$\kappa \equiv J_1/J_2$$

$$h \equiv \mu/J_1$$

Senk, *Physics Reports*, **170**, 4 (1988)

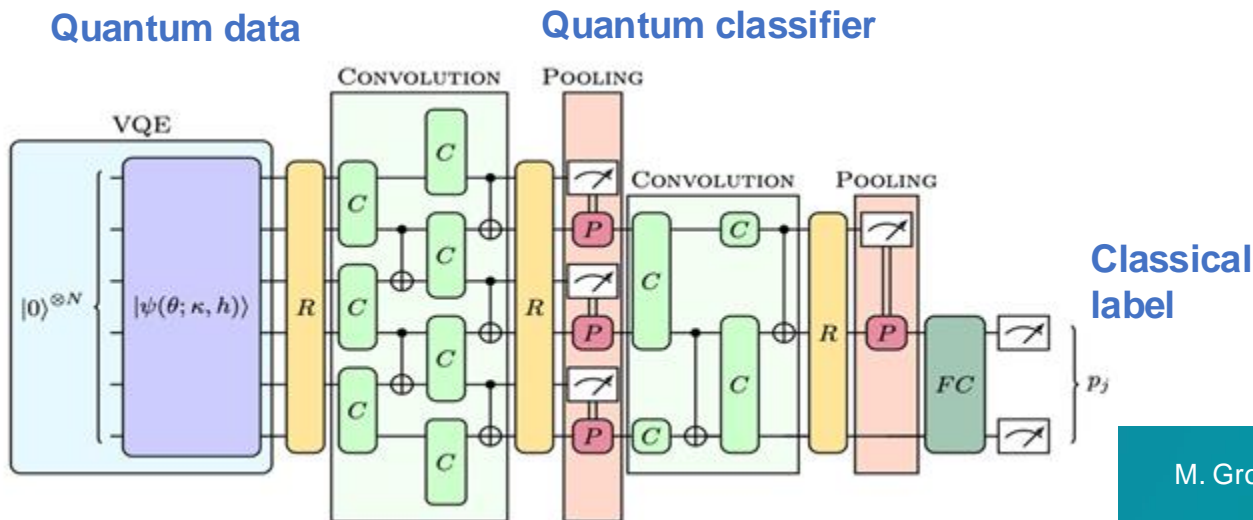


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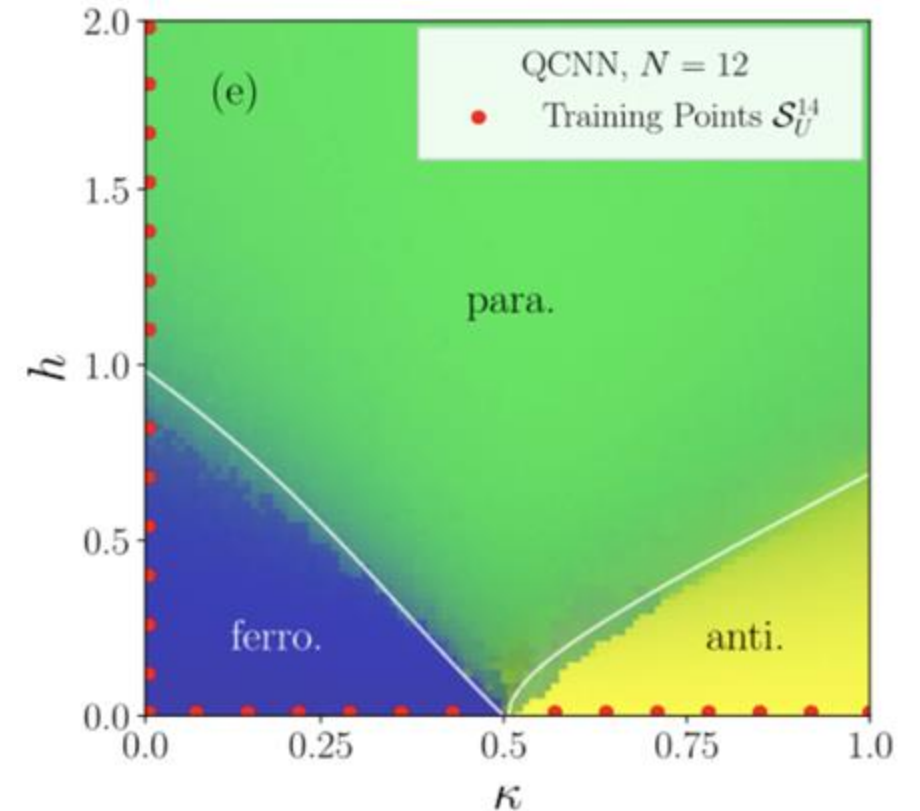
- $h = 0, \forall \kappa$ (x-axis)
- $\kappa = 0, \forall h$ (y-axis)

QML for quantum data: drawing phase diagrams

1. **Supervised classification of the ground state**
2. Quantum states are **exponentially hard to save classically**.
 - Generate quantum states with VQE
3. **Bottleneck** from access to classical training labels
 - Train in integrable subregions
 - Generalize to a full model



Monaco, et al. Physical Review B 107.8 (2023): L081105



QCNN output using 12 qubits: 95% accuracy

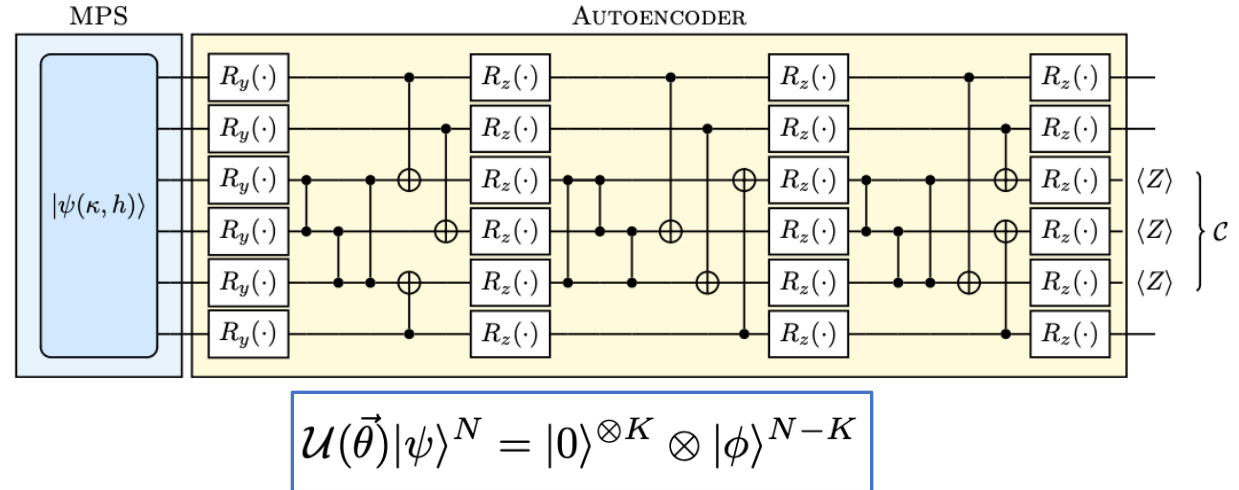
QML using TN

- *Unsupervised: Quantum Autoencoder to learn an effective unitary operation capable of compressing all the information*
- *All anomaly detection models were trained to compress the point $(\kappa, h) = (0, 0)$ of the Hamiltonian*
- *Training: single state selected to achieve compression*
- *Cost is assigned to compressed state allowing the outline of all phases*

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in q_T} (1 - \langle \sigma_j^z \rangle),$$

loss function

Exploring the Phase Diagram of the quantum one-dimensional ANNNI model
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.11022>



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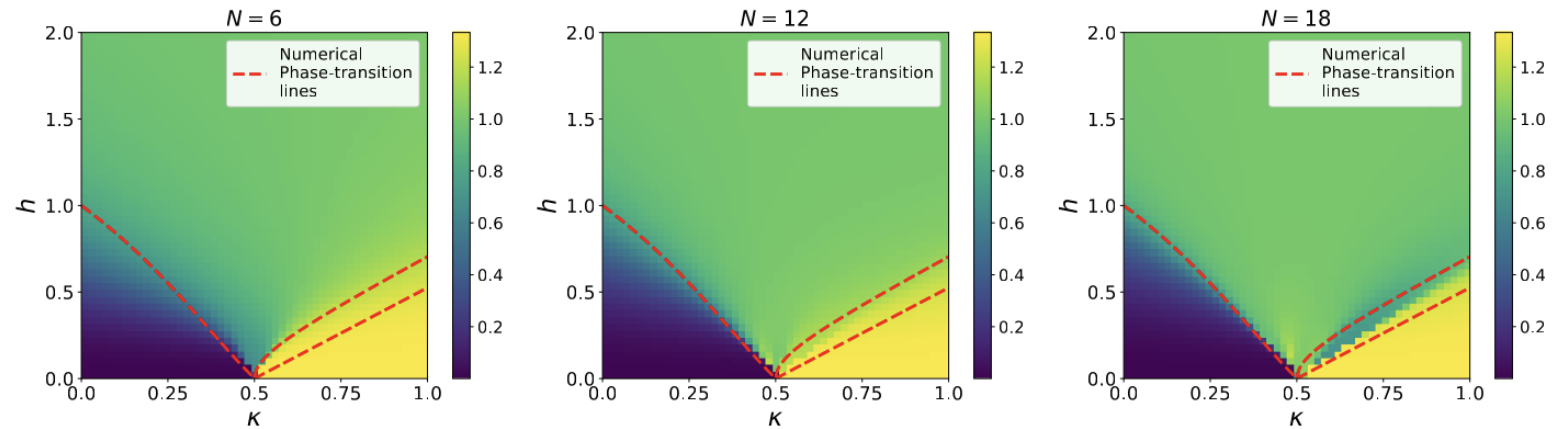
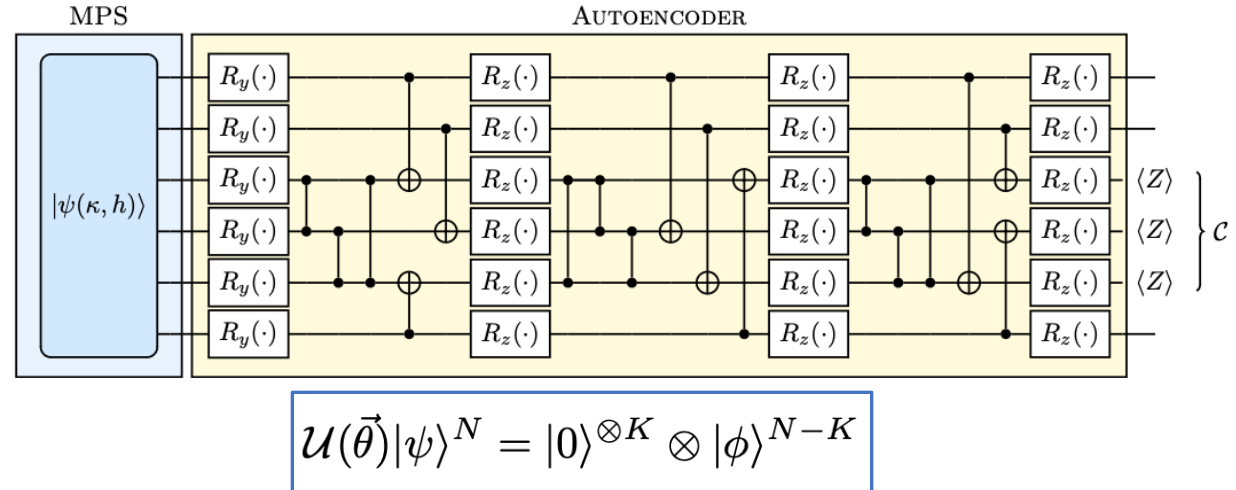


FIG. 13: Compression Scores \mathcal{C} of the AD circuits trained on the $(\kappa, h) = (0, 0)$ point of the ANNNI model phase diagram at different system sizes N : 6 (left), 12 (middle), and 18 (right). The scores are showcased as a function of the interaction strength ratio ($\kappa = -J_2/J_1$) and the external magnetic field ($h = B/J_1$). Lower compression scores indicate better disentanglement of trash qubits from others, as defined by eq. 2.

Conclusion

NISQ → ISQ

- Complexity & learning theory mostly gives us insights into **worst-case behavior**
 - ML: Learning theory predicted deep neural networks to not be trainable
- **Benchmarking** can help us to understand the behavior on specific instances
- We need to make a comparison of **computational cost** - may lead to poly advantages!
- Change the goal: quantum advantage will be unlikely in many cases **BUT** we can identify promising paths for **hybrid computational advantages (TN + QML?)**
- We can train the loss on a classical device, and sample on quantum (GENERATIVE MODELS)
 - larger devices for high-quality data?
- What's the role of data?
- Community goal is bridging the gap between near-term and fault-tolerant quantum machine learning

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