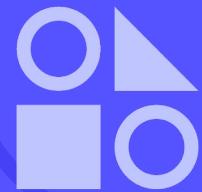


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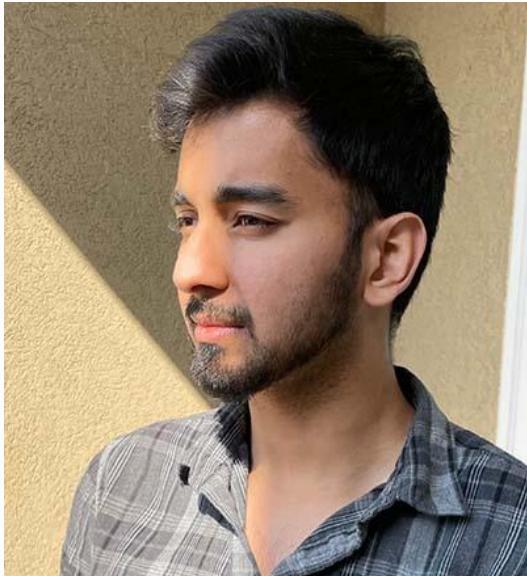


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Heterogeneous Workflow Orchestration
for
Quantum and HPC



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5. Focus on Similarity Learning
6. Heterogeneous Similarity learning with Covalent (**hands-on workshop**)



Workflow Orchestration



Why is workflow orchestration is needed?

Primary Challenges:

- Explore new research problems
- Apply interdisciplinary techniques
- Push the boundaries of hardware
- Find hidden patterns in data

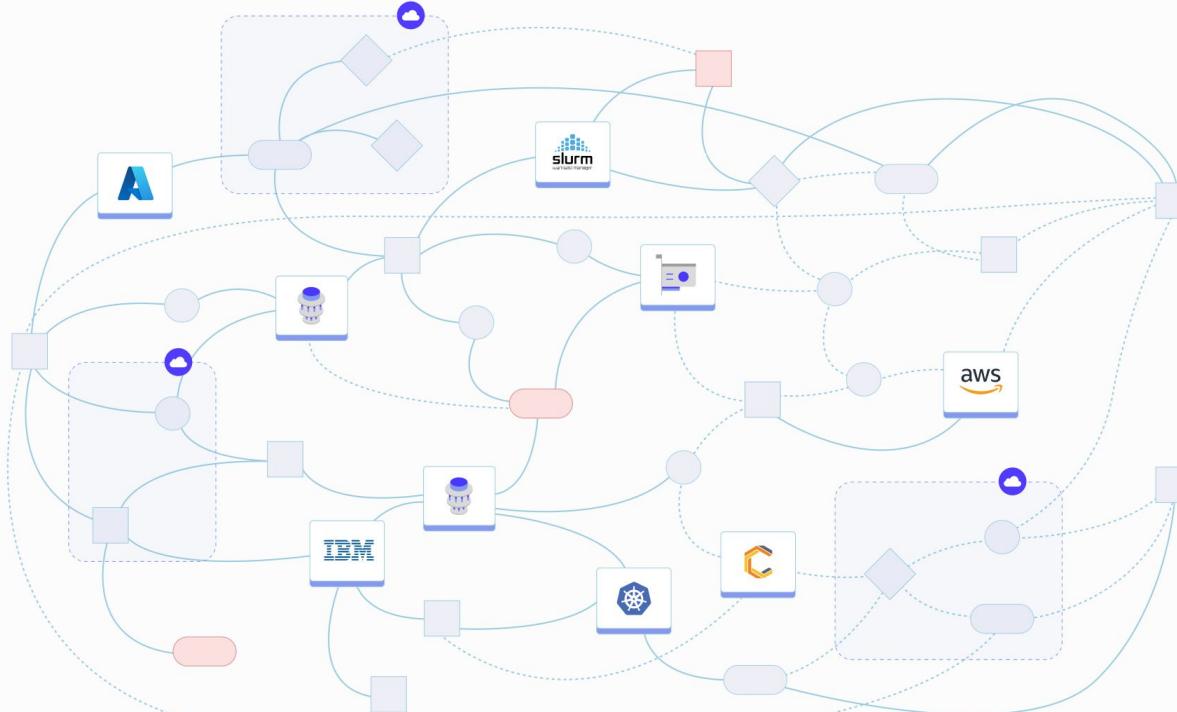
Lots of work, little reward... everyone comes up with their own bespoke solutions to these

Additional Operational Challenges:

- Organizing and versioning experiments
- Managing and sharing data
- Managing accounts on multiple clusters
- Checkpointing long simulations
- Reproducing (your own) work
- Package version conflicts
- Compiling colleagues' code
- Incorporating legacy code
- Identifying optimal hardware resources
- Infrastructure management
- Working within a budget constraint



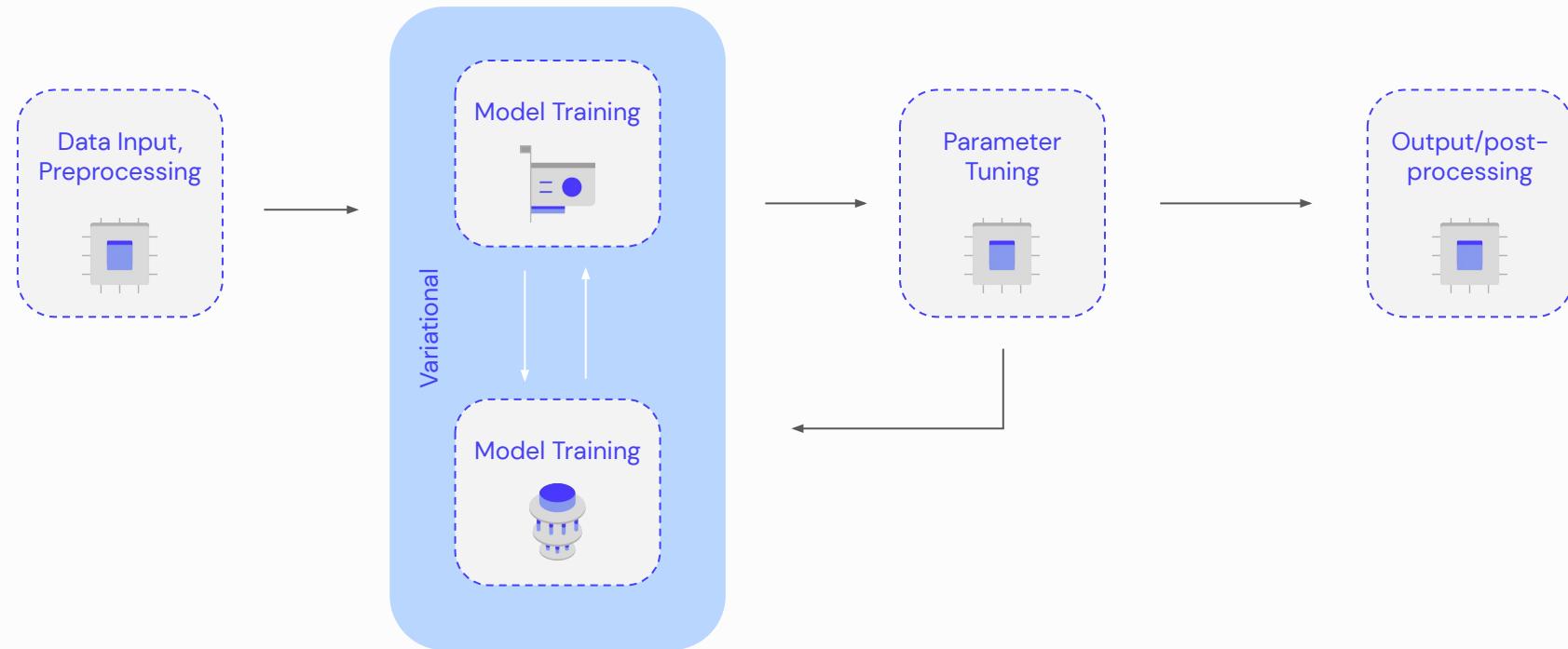
Modern computational workflows are complex.

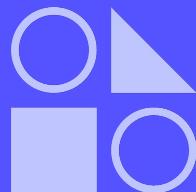




Quantum is driving the need for more heterogeneity

A simplified quantum machine learning workflow:





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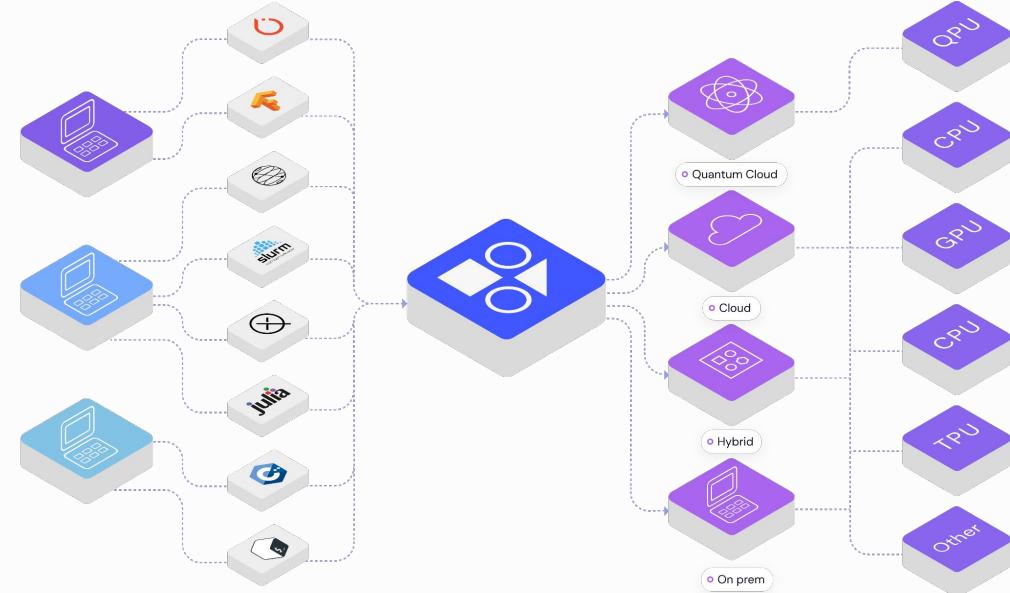
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Covalent is a free & open source workflow orchestration platform for heterogeneous computing

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- Support for quantum + HPC
- Distributed computation
- Heterogeneous hardware and software
- Workflow management interface



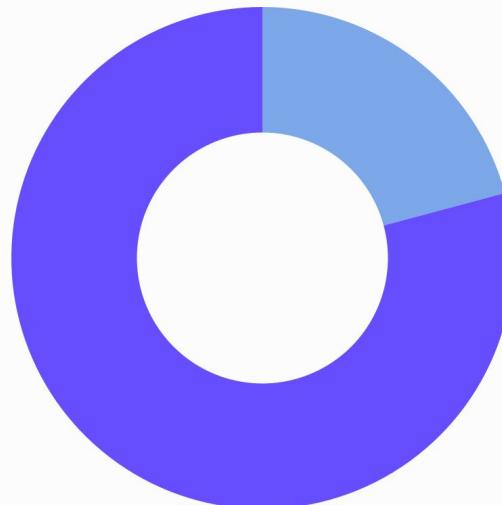
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Why does Covalent exist?

Computational research



Time spent on
Writing,
Debugging,
Executing,
Maintaining,
Research code

Time spent on research



How Covalent can help



Solution 1.

Hybrid research / experiments. A single QML experiment now contains CPU + GPU/TPU + QPU.



Solution 2.

HPC research requires rapid prototyping and experimentation across software parameters.



Solution 3.

Execute high-throughput calculations. Run massively parallel jobs at scale across clusters.



Solution 4.

Avoid long HPC queue times and redeploy to different quantum queues using serverless HPC.





Where Covalent fits in the (Python) stack





Covalent supports a growing ecosystem of hardware and software

Classical Resources

- Slurm executor
- AWS Fargate executor
- AWS Batch executor
- Azure executor
- GCP executor
- Kubernetes executor



Quantum Resources

- AWS-Braket Jobs
- Qiskit runtime
(coming soon)
- More to come
- **Write your own plugin!**



Software Packages

Any and all packages!



Languages



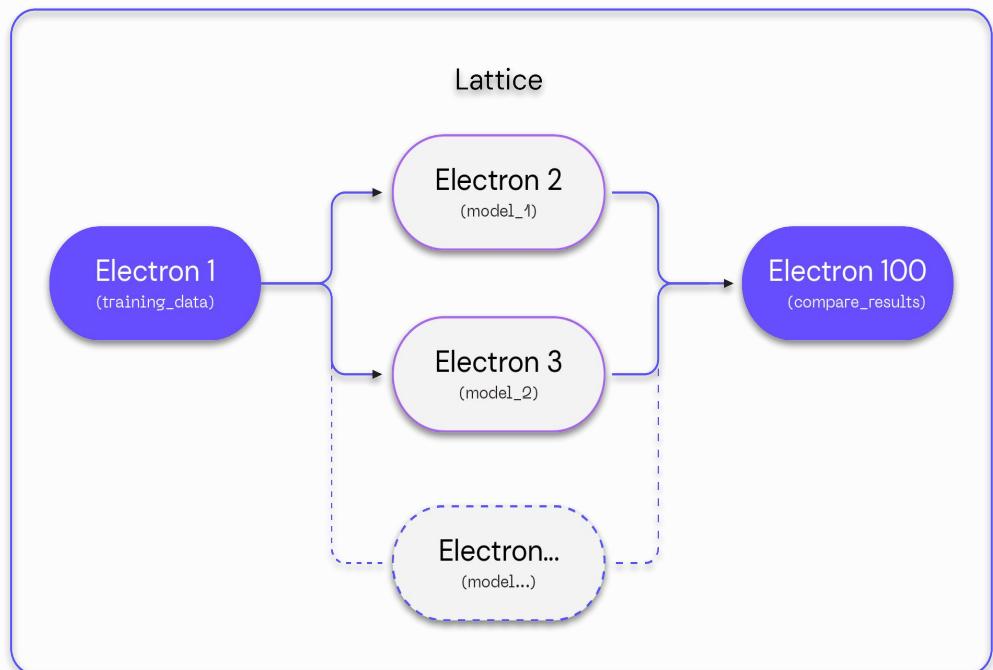


Covalent 101: The Basics



Covalent Concepts

- Workflows are comprised of inter-dependent tasks
- Workflows are called “**lattices**”
- Sub-tasks are called “**electrons**”
- Electrons can be written in other languages
- Electrons can each run on different hardware backends





Minimal code changes required



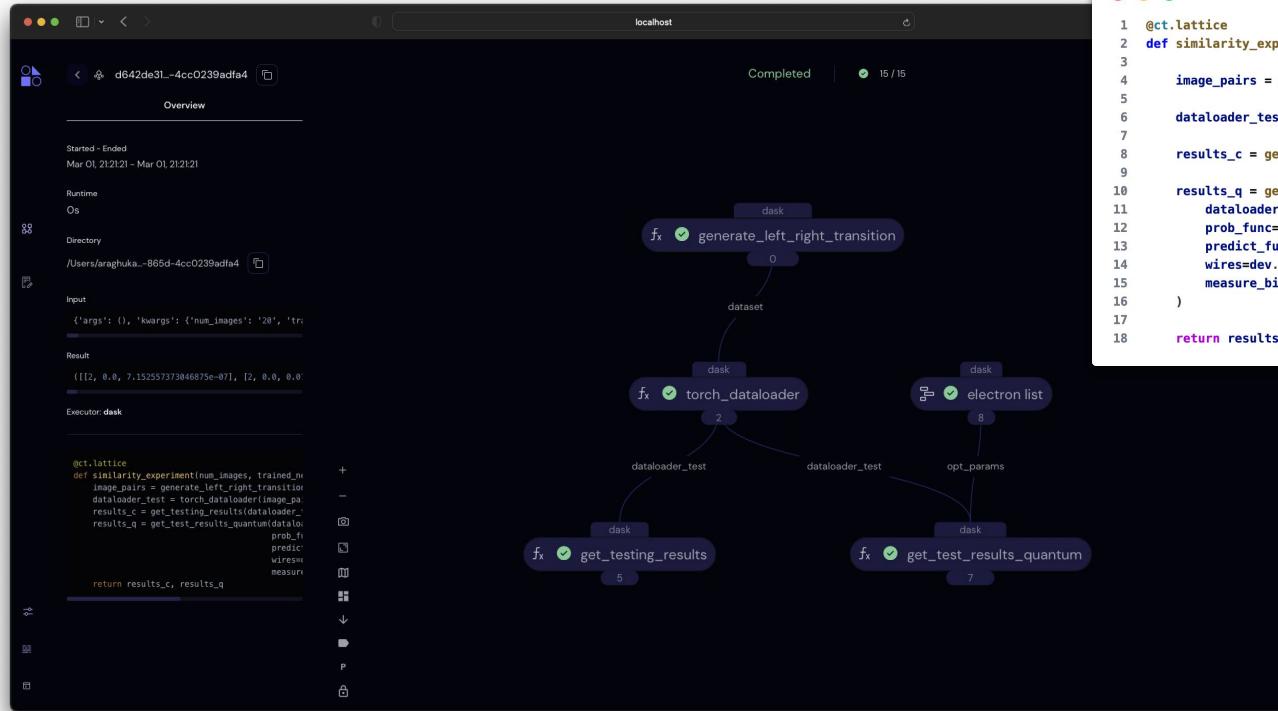
```
1 def optimize(x, y):
2     return min(x, y)
3
4 def task(x, y):
5     z = optimize(x, y)
6     return z
7
8 def train(model):
9     import time
10    time.sleep(1)
11    return model
12
13 def workflow(inputs):
14     model = task(inputs[0], inputs[1])
15     return train(model)
16
17 print(workflow([1, 2]))
18
```



```
1 import covalent as ct
2
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18 def workflow(inputs):
19     model = task(inputs[0], inputs[1])
20     return train(model)
21
22 dispatch_id = ct.dispatch(workflow)([1, 2])
23 print(ct.get_result(dispatch_id, wait=True))
24
```



Covalent UI



```
1  @ct.lattice
2  def similarity_experiment(num_images, trained_net_c, trained_opt_q):
3
4      image_pairs = generate_left_right_transition(num_images)
5
6      dataloader_test = torch_dataloader(image_pairs, shuffle=False, batch_size=1)
7
8      results_c = get_testing_results(dataloader_test, trained_net_c)
9
10     results_q = get_test_results_quantum(
11         dataloader_test, trained_opt_q.param_groups[0][`params`],
12         prob_func=get_quantum_prob,
13         predict_func=quantum_predict,
14         wires=dev.wires,
15         measure_bits=2
16     )
17
18     return results_c, results_q
```



Visualize and monitor complex workflows

The screenshot shows the Covalent web interface for monitoring and visualizing complex workflows.

Overview Panel:

- Status:** Completed (52 / 52)
- Started - Ended:** Mar 01, 21:43:39 – Mar 01, 21:43:50
- Runtime:** 9s
- Input:** {'args': (), 'kwargs': {'train_path': '/Users/.../b95f-53e5la7/e4c6b'}}
- Result:** ([[0.0, 0.0, 0.3213415131956775], [1.0, 1.0, 0.]])
- Executor:** task

Code View:

```
@ct.lattice
def quantum_workflow(train_path, test_path, trai...
```

Detailed Task View (train_quantum_net):

- Status:** Completed
- Started - Ended:** Mar 01, 21:43:40 – Mar 01, 21:43:49
- Runtime:** 9s
- Input:** {'args': (), 'kwargs': {'dataloader_train': ...}}
- Result:** ([0.2734103202819824, 0.6892913746833801, ...])
- Executor:** task

Code View (train_quantum_net):

```
@ct.electron
def train_quantum_net(llr, init_params, do...
```



You can contribute too!

Pythonic
workflows

Automatic
checkpointing

Multiple language
support

Little-to-no
overhead

Customizable

Reproducibility

Code locally,
run anywhere



Native
parallelization

Intuitive
User-interface

Natively hybrid
workflows

Code
isolation

Parameter
caching

Cloud
agnostic

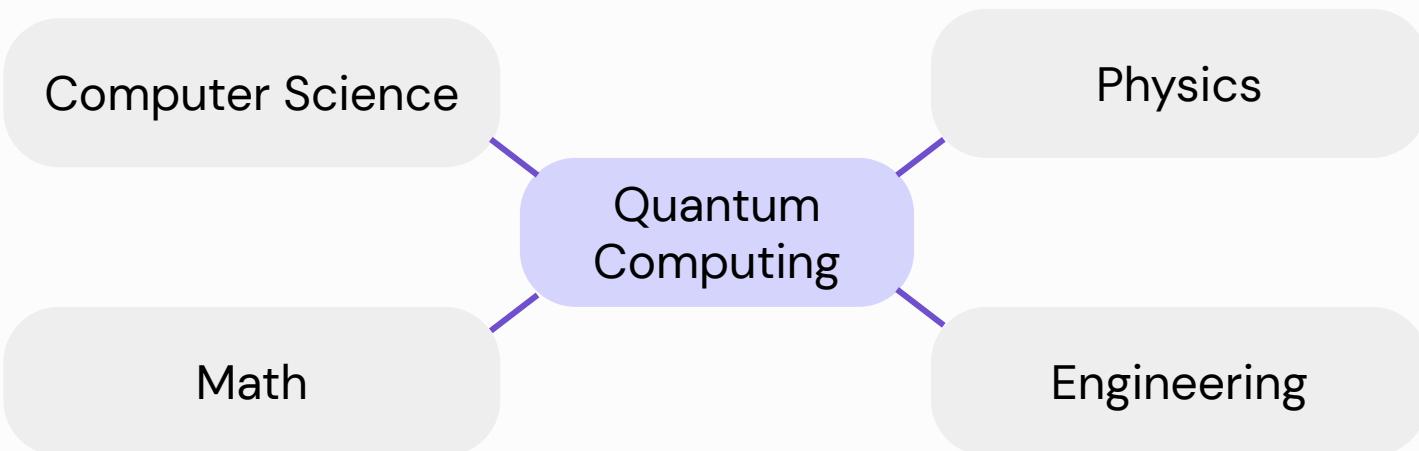
Interactive
jobs

Variety of
executors

Start locally
and scale



A Brief Introduction to Quantum Machine Learning



Key

Core discipline



Data Science

Machine Learning

Materials

Computer Science

Finance

Physics

Cryptography

Quantum Computing

Mathematics

Engineering

Drug Development

Key

Quantum Chemistry

Core discipline

Biology

Application



Data Science

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Biology

Application

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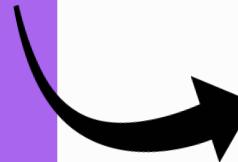
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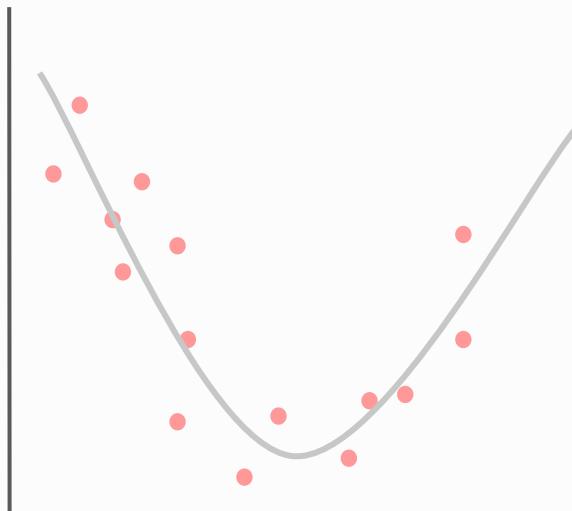


Often, validation is performed between training and testing



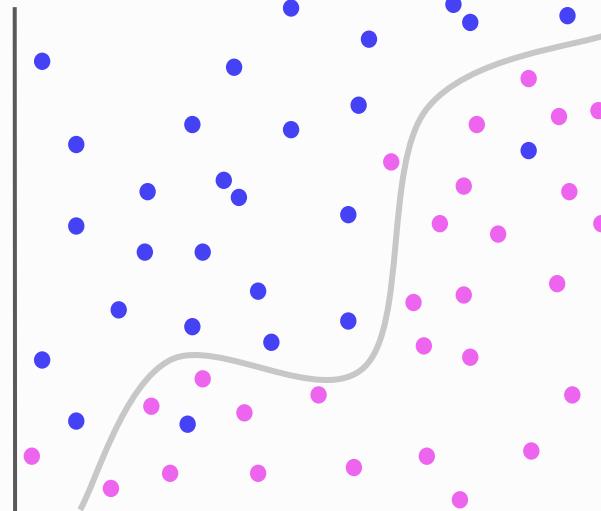
What is Quantum Machine Learning?

Regression



Logistic regression, random forest...

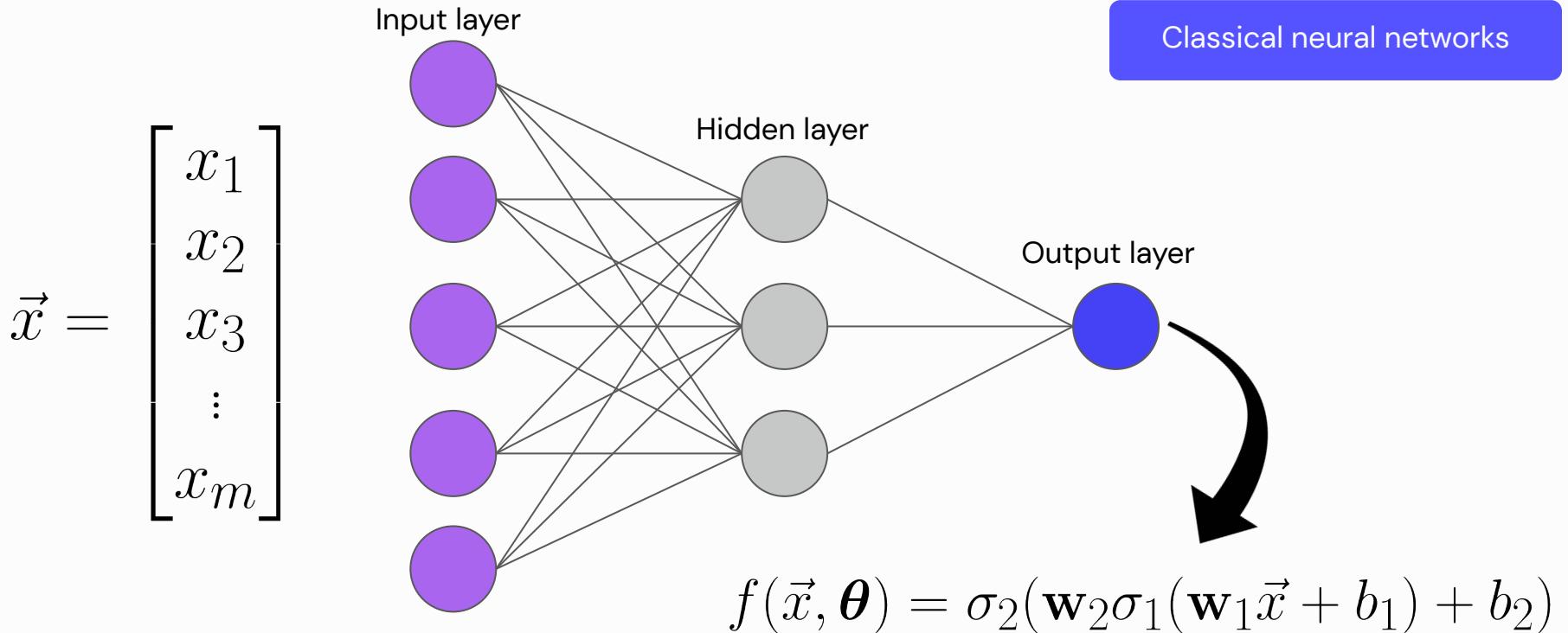
Classification



Support vector machines, autoencoders....



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Data processing paradigm

Source of data





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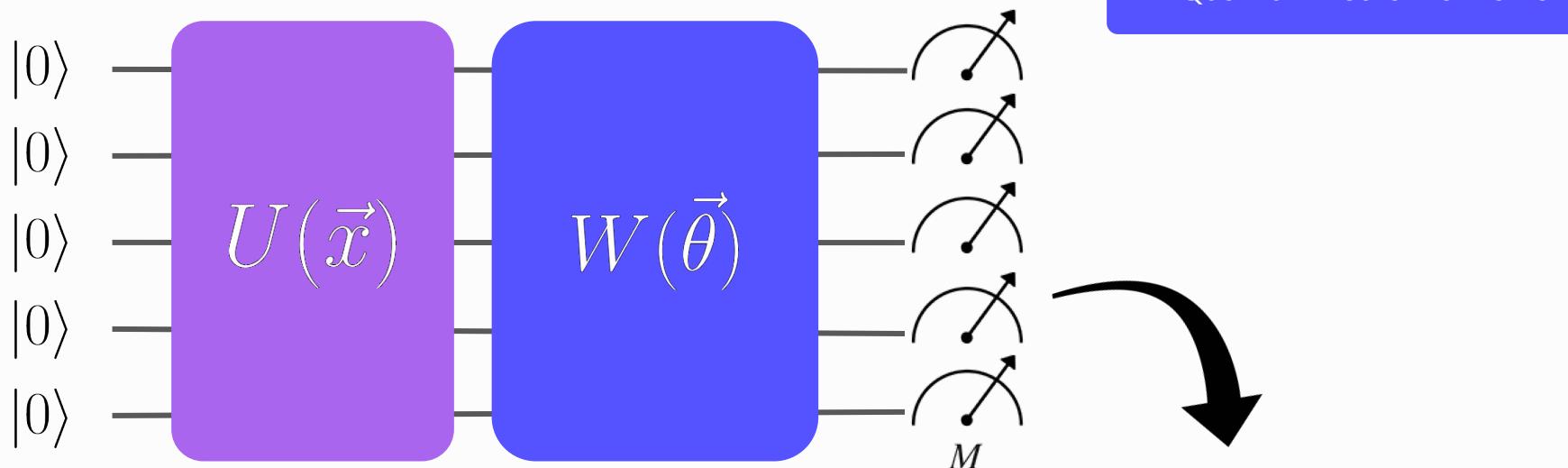
aQ

Now popular to work with CQ

how does this compare with CC?



What is Quantum Machine Learning?



$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}) = \langle 0 \dots | U^\dagger(\vec{x}) W^\dagger(\vec{\theta}) H W(\vec{\theta}) U(\vec{x}) | 0 \dots \rangle$$



Classical and Quantum Similarity Learning



What is similarity learning?



Similarity learning involves learning the notion of what makes two (or more) objects similar



One way of handling this classically is to train a **Siamese network**. Basically two neural networks.



To handle this “quantumly”, we can use quantum similarity networks, or, GQSim (arXiv:2201.02310)

$$f(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j, \vec{\theta}) \approx y_{ij}$$

\vec{x}_i

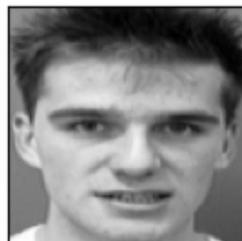


\vec{x}_j



y_{ij}

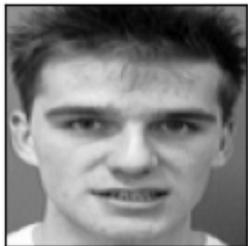
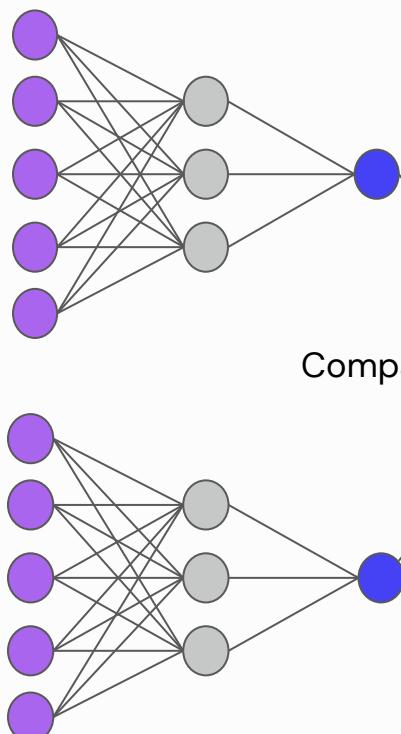
0 (similar)



1 (dissimilar)



Classical Siamese Network

 \vec{x}_i  \vec{x}_j 

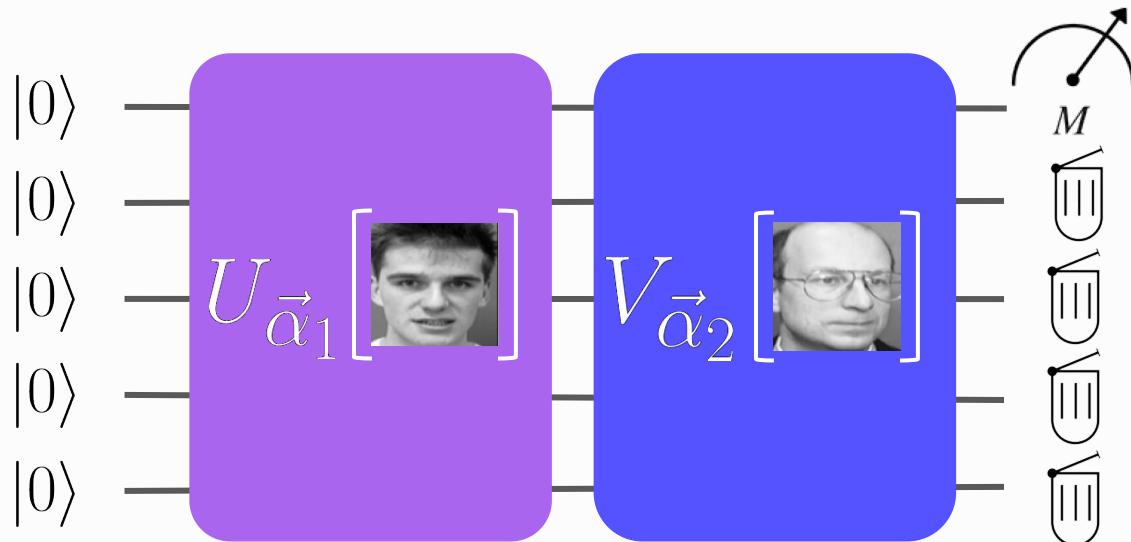
$$f(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j, \vec{\theta}) \approx y_{ij}$$

Activation
 y_{ij}

 PyTorch



Quantum Similarity Network



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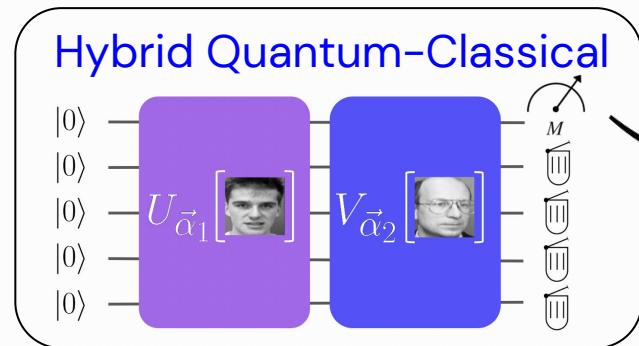
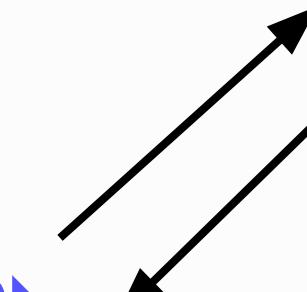
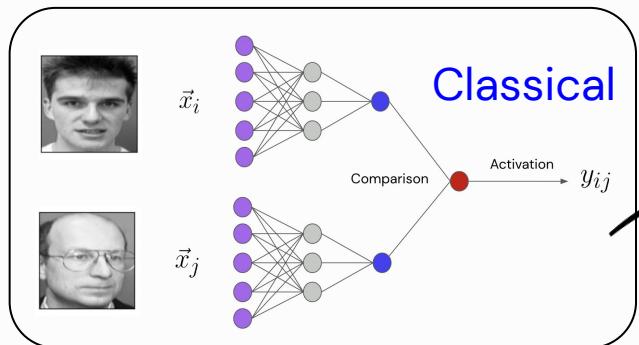
Can be as simple as the probability of measuring a single qubit in the 1 or 0 state.

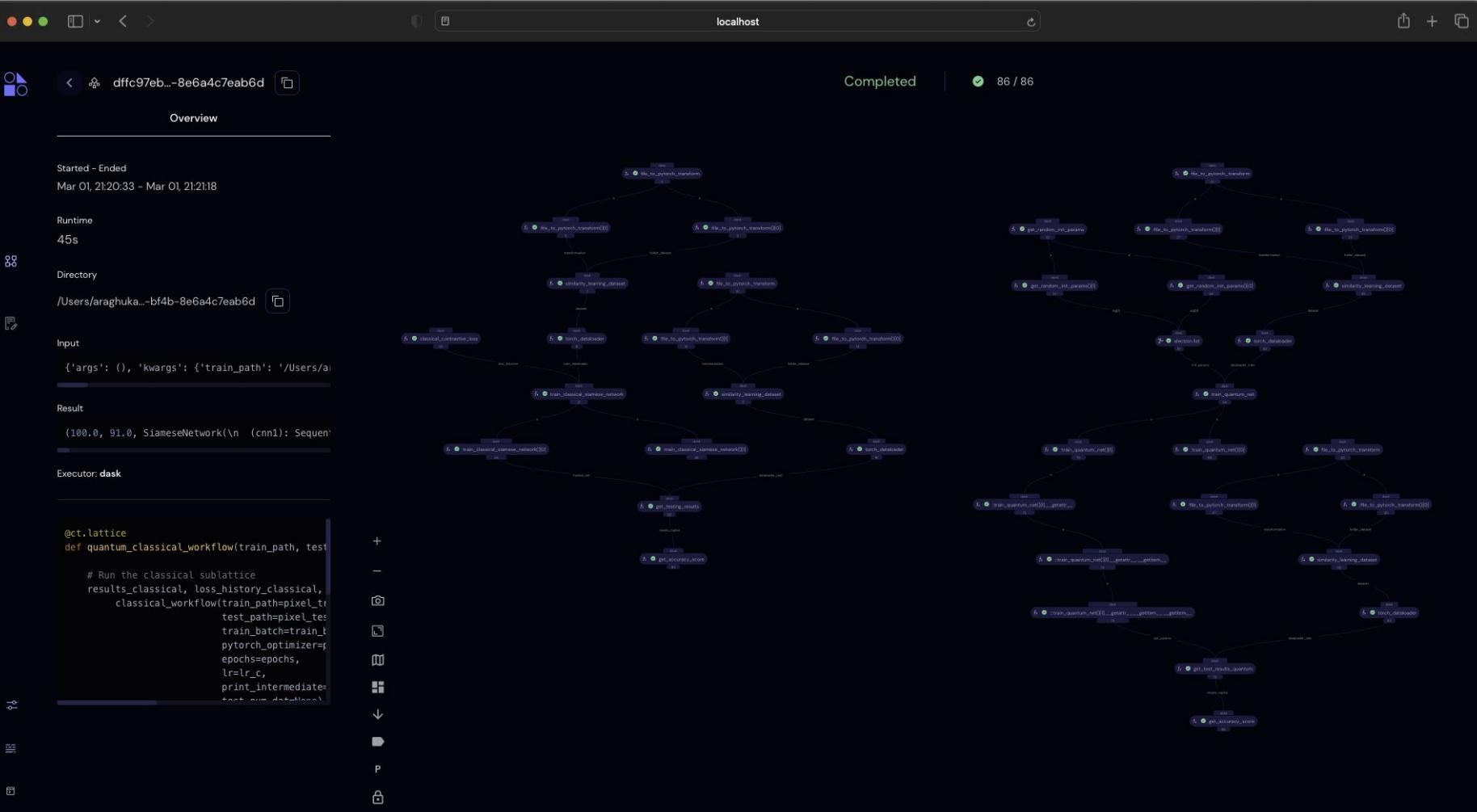


Radha, S.K. and Jao, C., 2022. Generalized quantum similarity learning. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2201.02310*.



Enter Covalent





Overview

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Construct a classical Siamese network

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Define a quantum similarity circuit

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Construct the contrastive loss function

@ct.electron

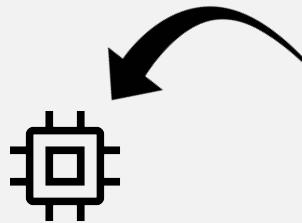
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Test/validate the learned models using new datasets



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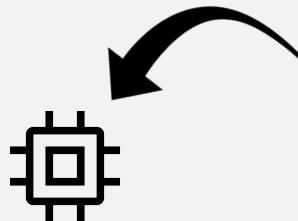
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Overview



Can dispatch specific `@ct.electrons` to *different* remote devices

`@ct.lattice`

Call all electrons in the desired order to create a **heterogeneous** workflow

`@ct.electron`

Construct a **classical Siamese network**

`@ct.electron`

Define a quantum similarity circuit

`@ct.electron`

Construct the contrastive loss function

`@ct.electron`

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The workshop



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- Use classical and quantum methods for similarity learning and compare them.
- Let us know about your own workflows!

Similarity learning with Covalent

In this workshop, you will learn how to use [covalent](#) to manage hybrid quantum-classical workflows for the task of similarity learning. Specifically, within the same workflow, we will dispatch a hybrid quantum-classical machine learning (ML) algorithm and a purely classical ML algorithm to recognize *similar* 2x2 pixel images. Later, we will compare the accuracy to the two approaches with a simple test and finish the workshop investigating the *learnt notion of similarity* in the quantum and classical models. Although we study a toy problem, in the present state of the field of Quantum Machine Learning (QML), the workflows introduced here are exemplar real experiments into the effectiveness of similarity learning with QML.

In the process of doing so, you will be practically introduced to the basic features of [covalent](#) as well as receiving guidance on how to conduct more complex work flows using remote executors and other plugins. This workshop can then serve as guide to *covalentify* your own workflows, with all the advantages that come with it.

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Thanks for listening!