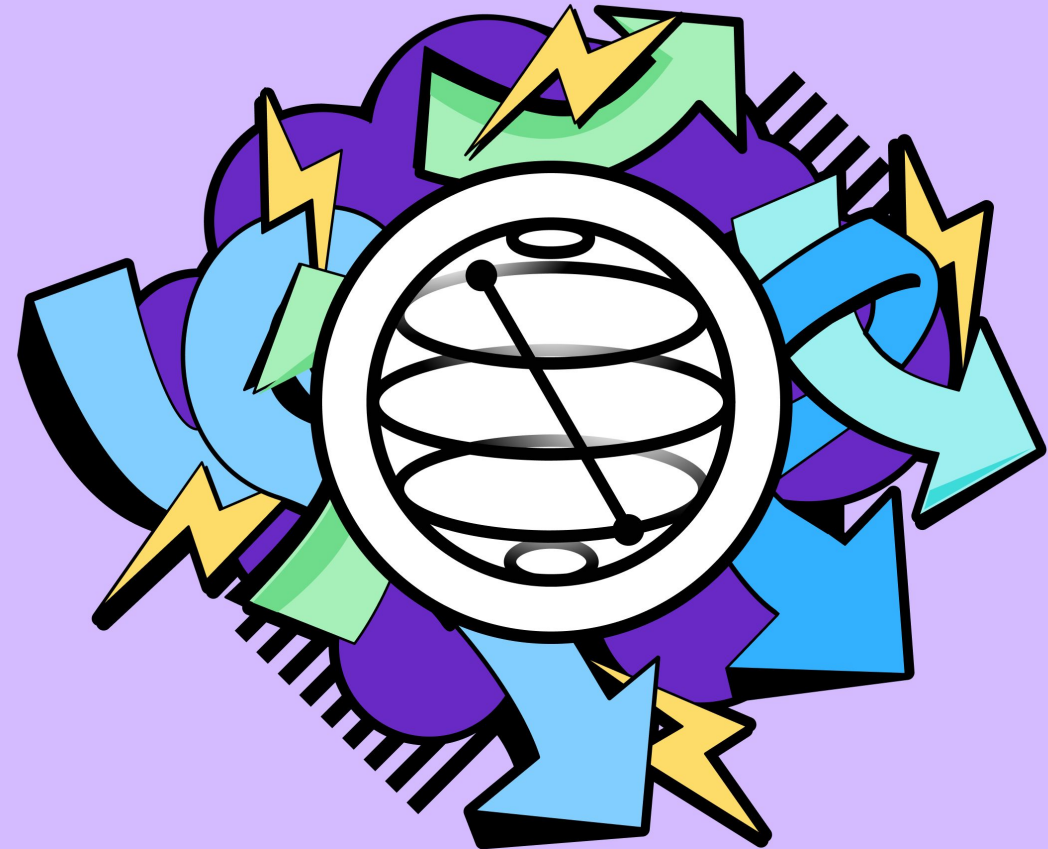


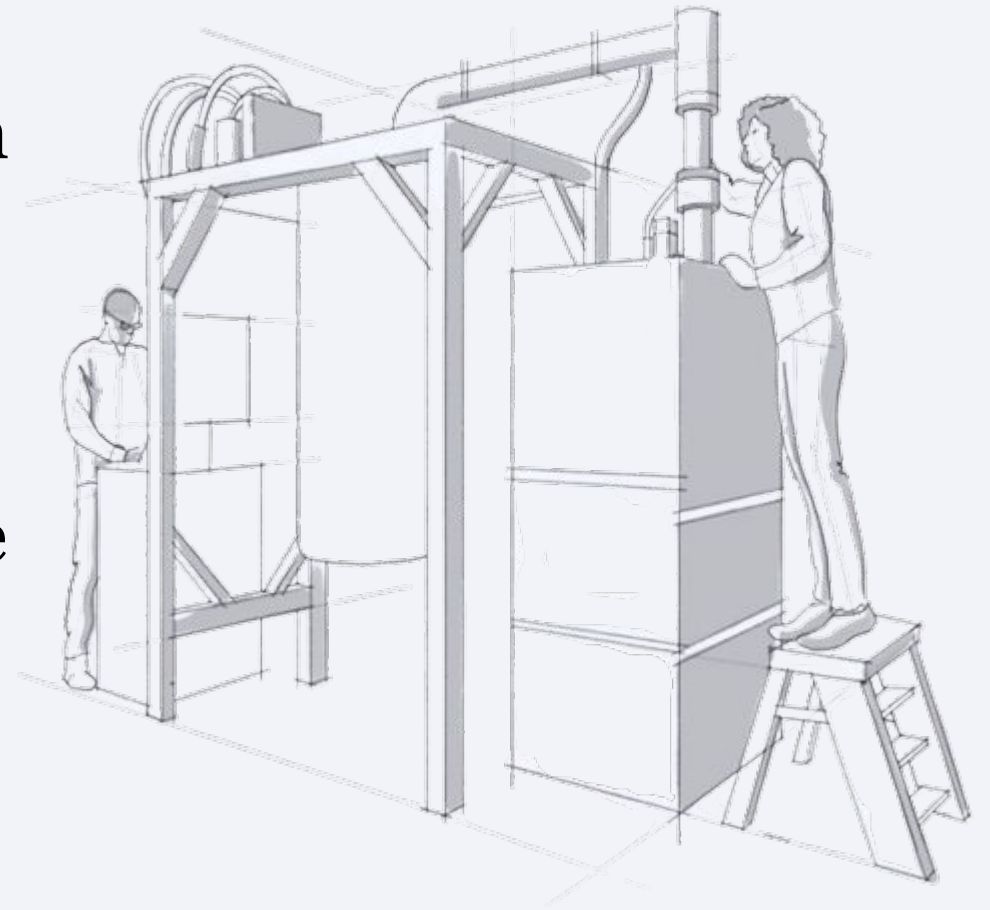
# The capacity and power of Quantum Machine Learning

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- The algorithm itself runs on a quantum computer.
- The data operates on quantum or come from a quantum state/process.



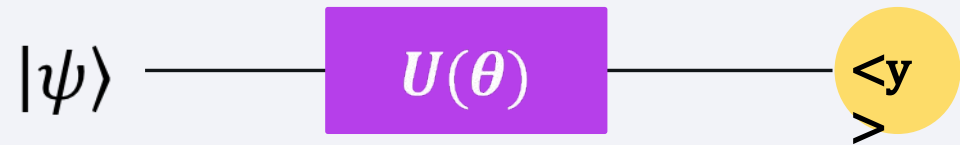
- **Deterministic quantum models**

- ☐ Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm

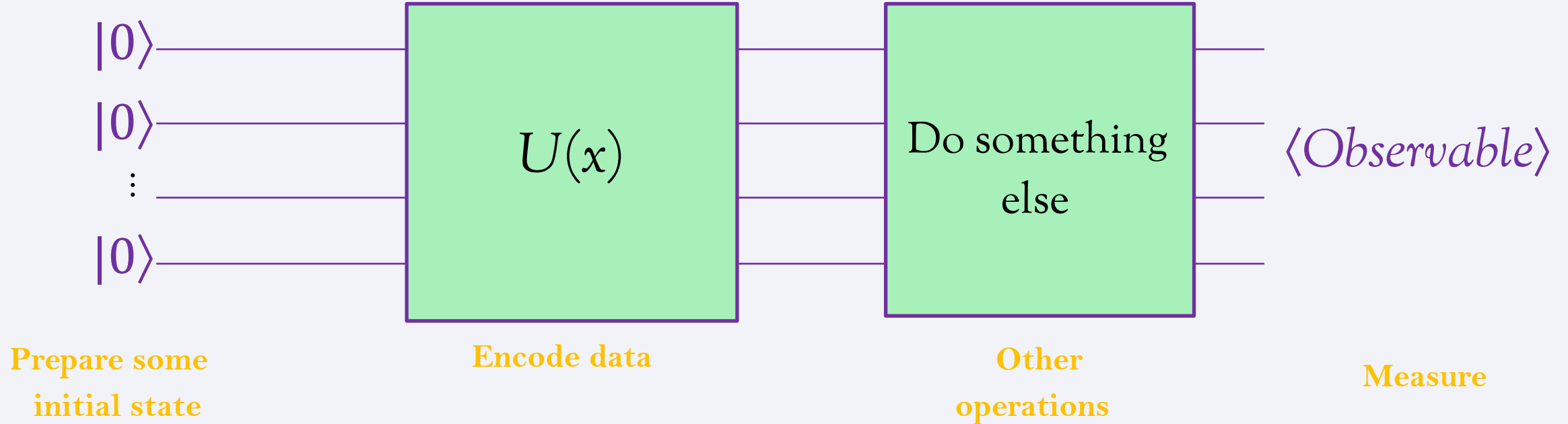


- **Variational quantum models :**

- ☐ Variational quantum eigensolver
- ☐ Variational classifier
- ☐ Quantum support vector machines
- ☐ Quantum neural networks
- ☐ ...



*In general...*



# What does capacity mean?

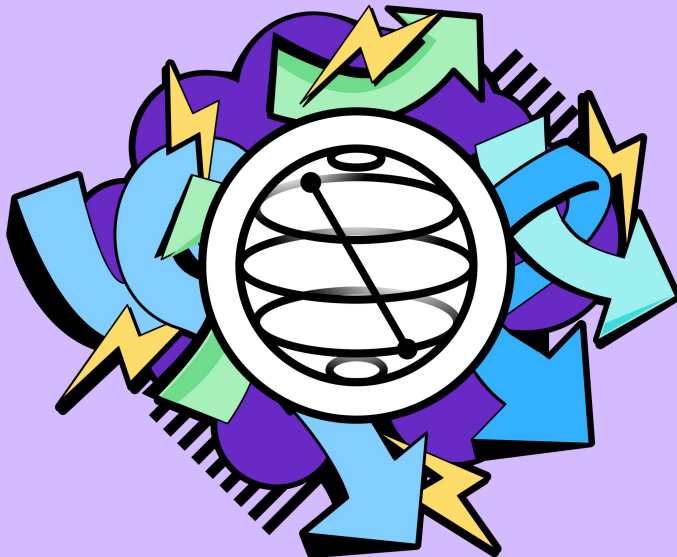
Statistical complexity

Expressivity

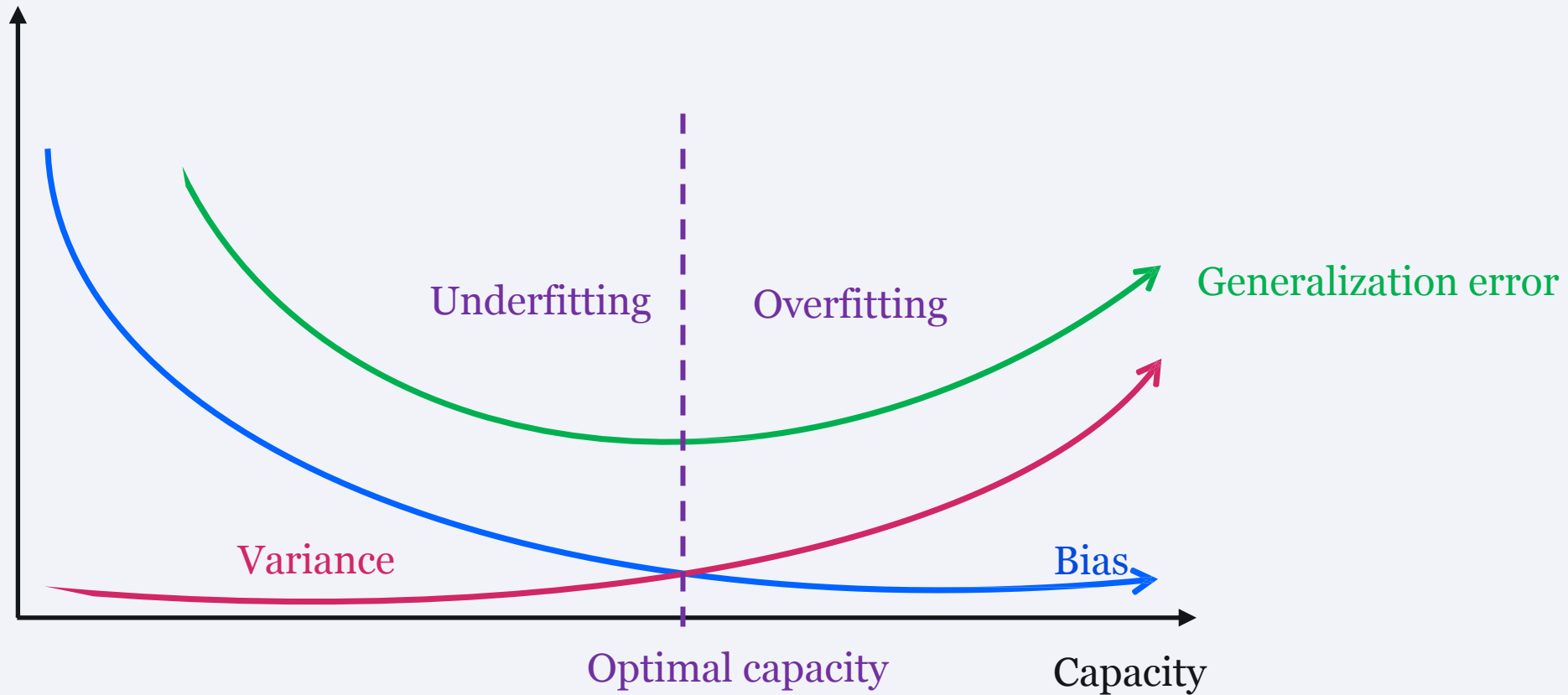
Power

How many functions can my model approximate?

# Is a higher capacity always better?!

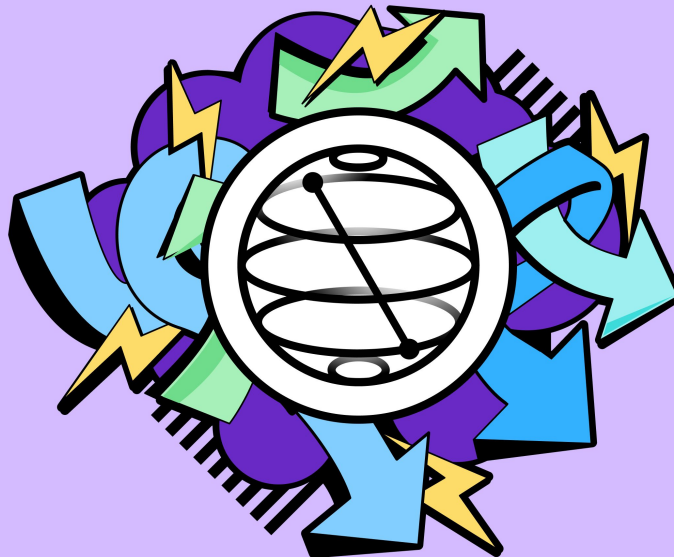


We can understand capacity in the context of generalization performance



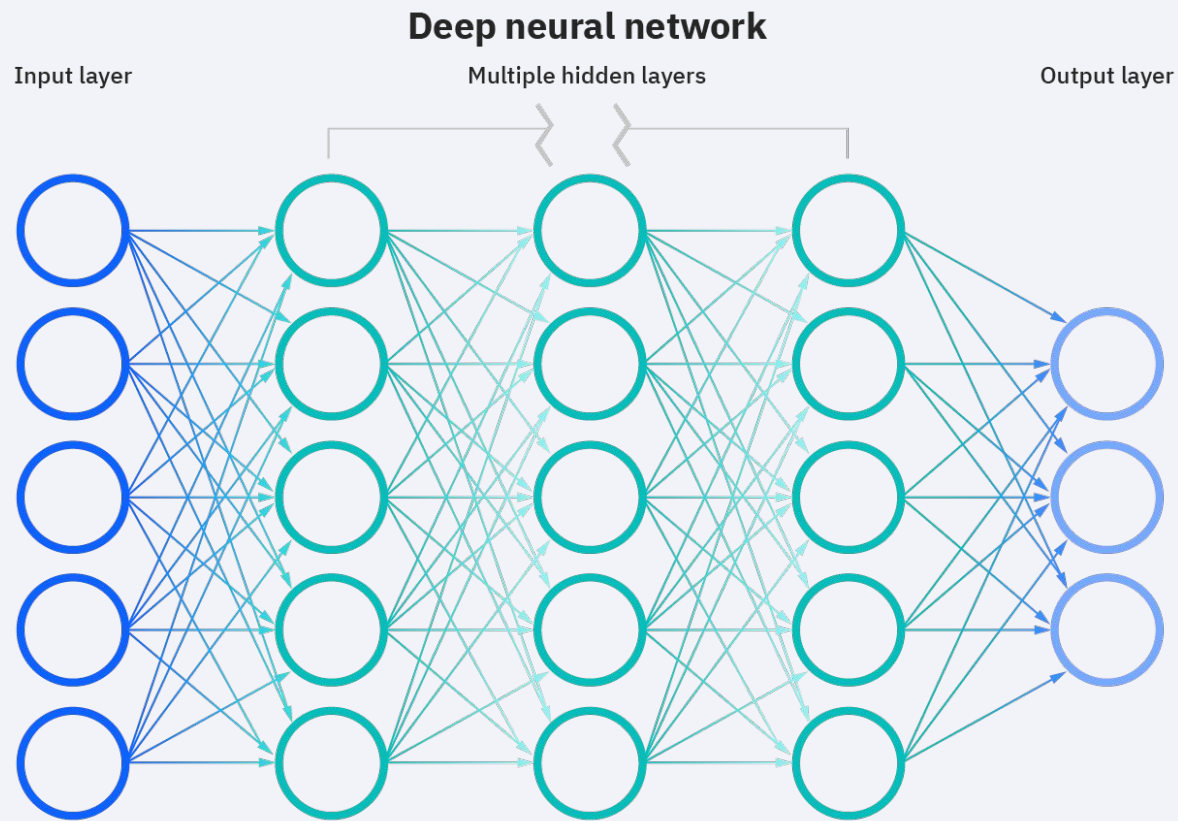
# How do we measure capacity?

(Classically)

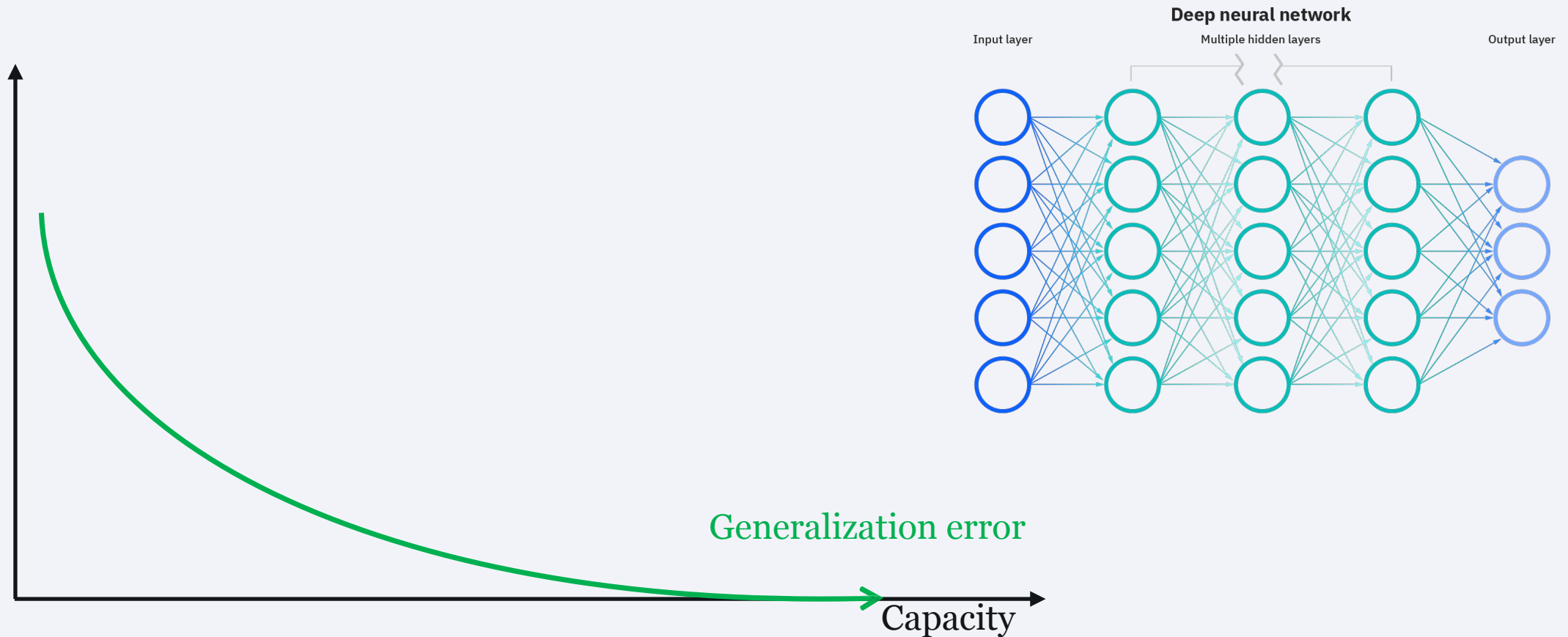




As a start, making your model larger (adding more parameters, increasing the depth) was assumed to add to capacity

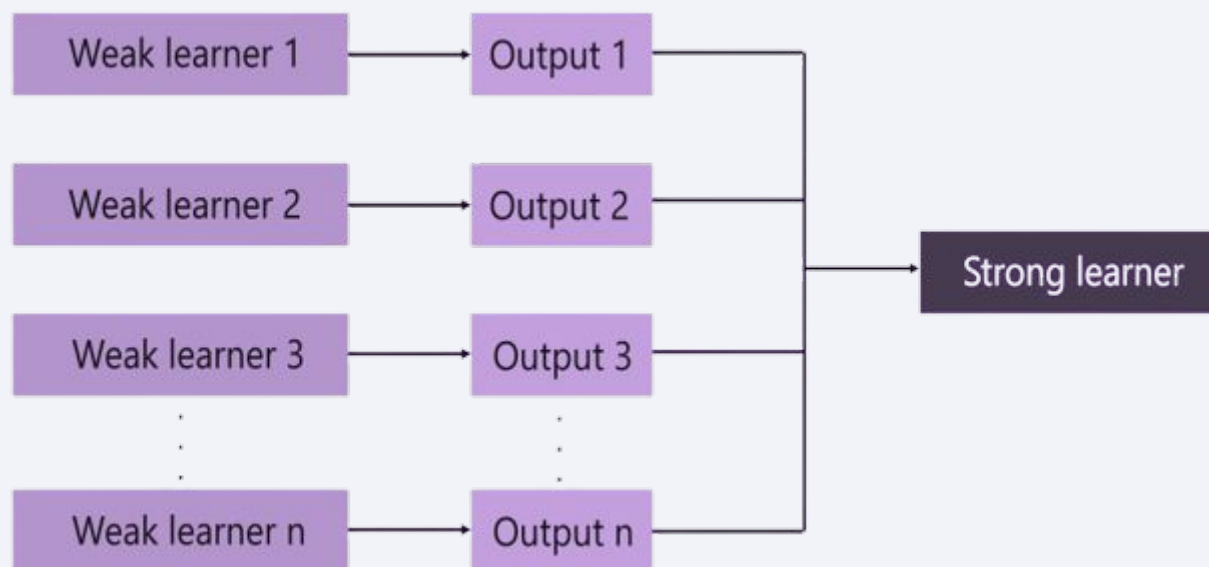


A common misconception or seemingly paradoxical behavior was that DNNs do not overfit

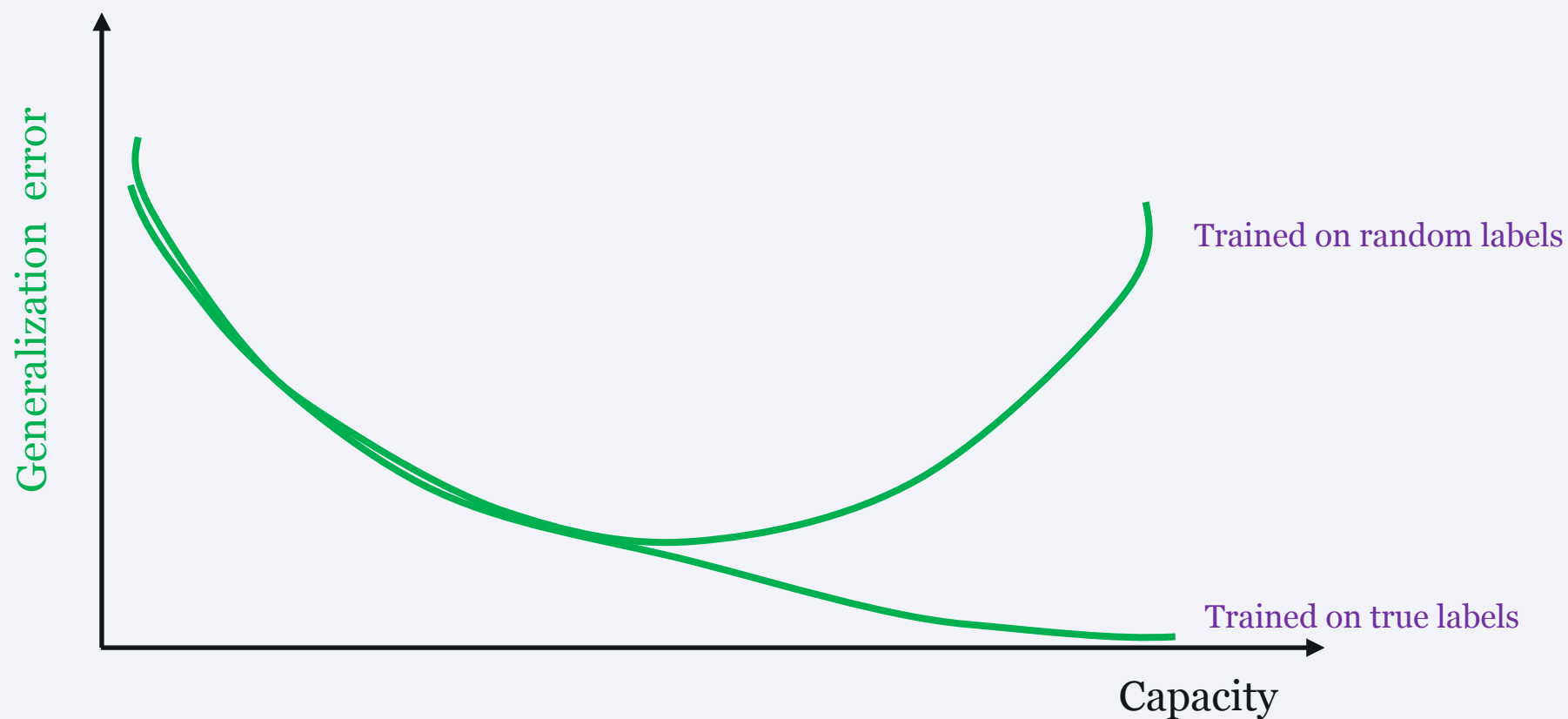


## Distribution of margins

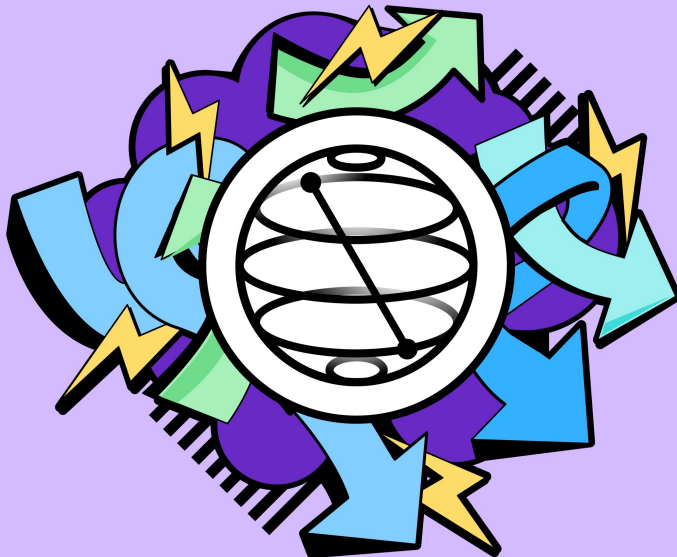
- Linear classifiers that produce large margins (Vapnik, V., & Chervonenkis, A. (1974). Theory of pattern recognition.)
- Explained the “paradox” observed in boosting methods (Bartlett, P., Freund, Y., Lee, W. S., & Schapire, R. E. (1998). Boosting the margin: A new explanation for the effectiveness of voting methods. The annals of statistics, 26(5), 1651- 1686.)



- Unfortunately, margins don't seem to work with neural networks
- The margin does not inform us about generalization behavior when we consider the randomized experiment example by Zhang et al.



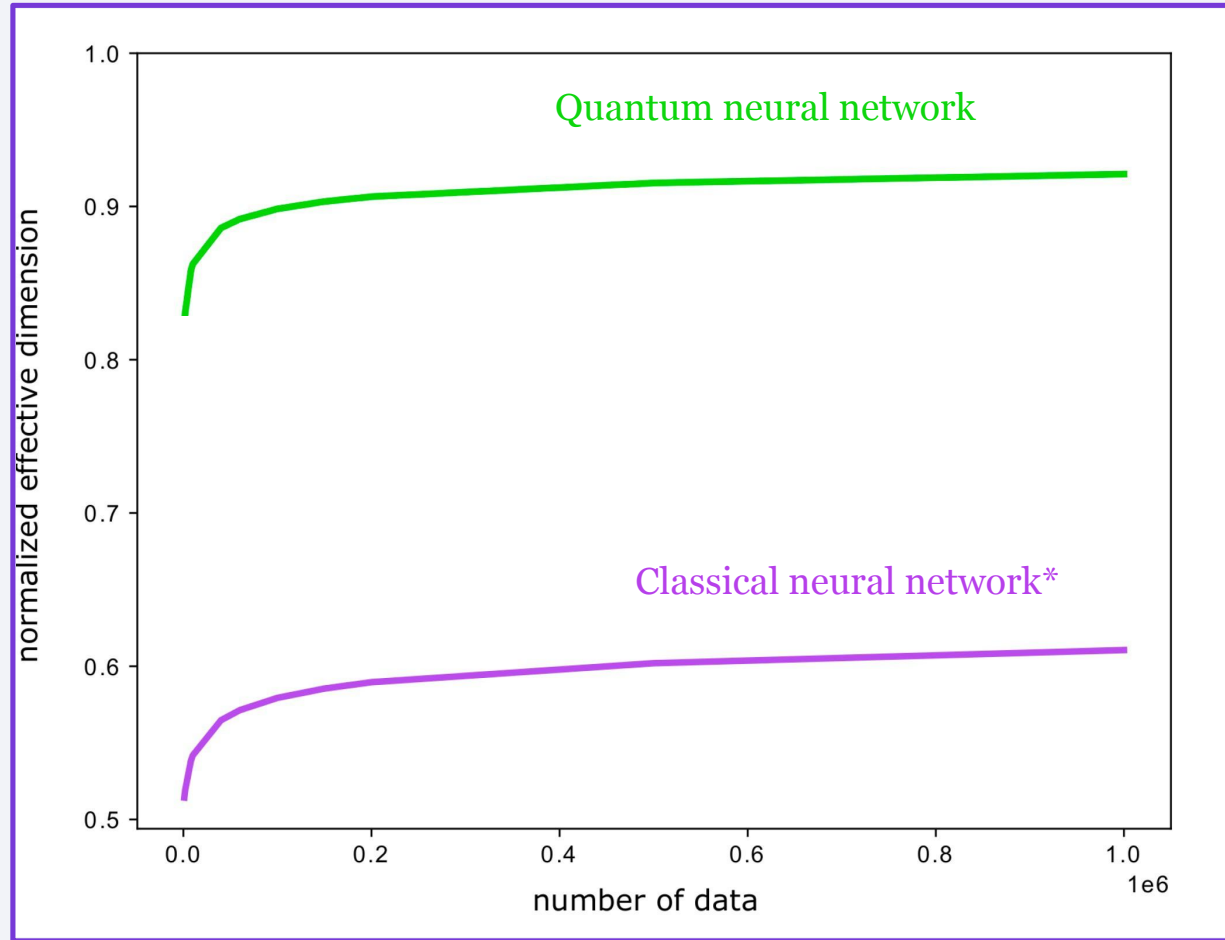
# Capacity of quantum models!



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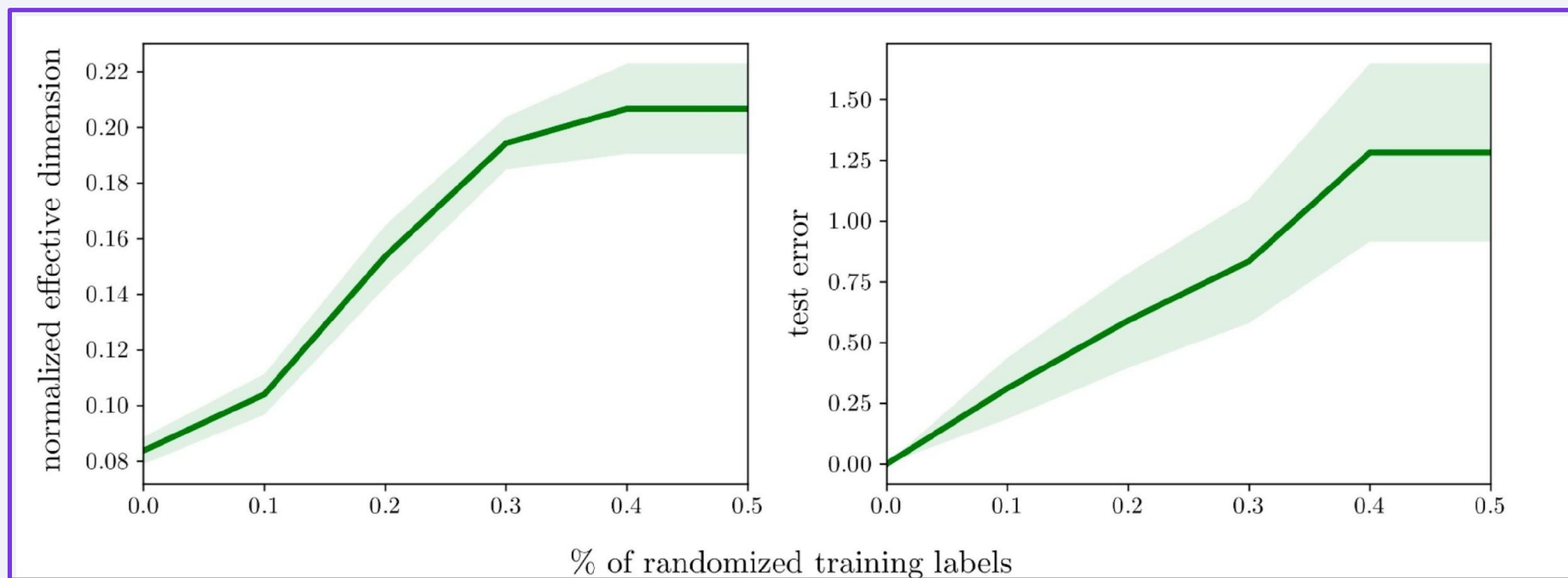


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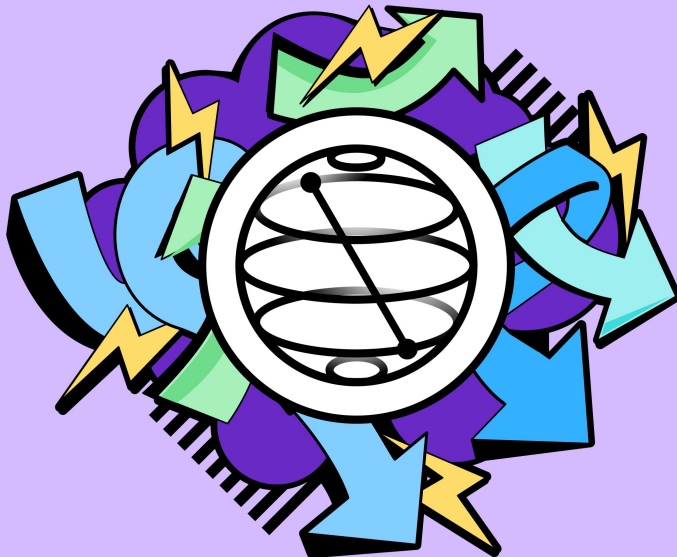
*\*Chose the best possible classical ffnn out of all possible configurations*

Found that the effective dimension for a model trained on confusion sets with increasing label corruption accurately captures generalisation behaviour





# How will QML models generalize?



# Where can we hope for an advantage?

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Capacity?

Generalization?

Data?

Computational?

Quantum kernels?

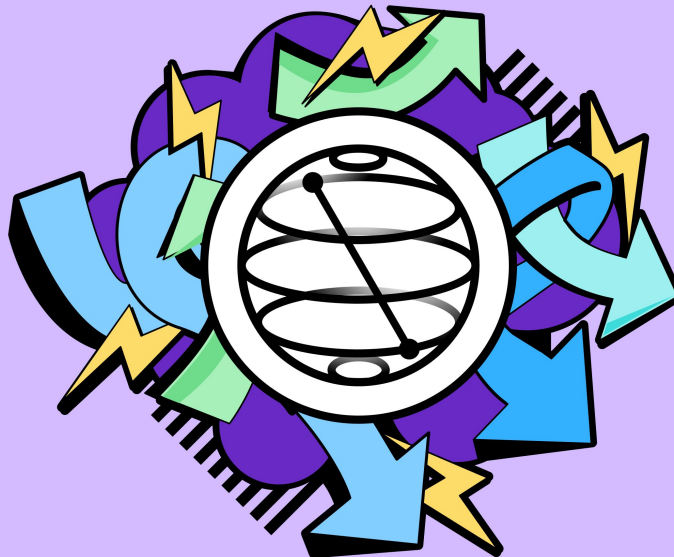
Training?

Statistical?

Variational circuits?

Applications?

# QML challenges



**Task:** Train a quantum circuit on labelled samples in order to predict labels for new data

**Step 1: Encode the classical data into a quantum state**

**Step 2: Apply a parameterized model/ Ansatz**

Step 3: Measure the circuit to extract labels

Step 4: Use optimization techniques (like gradient descent) to update model parameters

# Step1: Encoding data into quantum state

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## Encoding classical data into the quantum state is an open problem:

- There is **no generic encoding method** addressing all types of datasets.
- It **depends very much on your problem**. Hence, multiple data encodings are possible.

## Basis encoding

- Pros: suitable for arithmetic computations.
- Cons: **requires a lot of qubits**.  
A real number is approximated by  $(n + k + 2)$  bits, and thus prepared as an  $(n + k + 2)$ -dimensional quantum state.

## Each encoding is essentially a trade-off between two major factors:

1. **The number of required qubits.**
2. **The number of operations to prepare the quantum state.**

## Amplitude encoding

- Pros: it requires only  $\log_2(n)$  qubits to represent an  $n$ -dimensional data point.
- Cons: **Requires a deep circuit to implement** (in terms of no. operations/gates).

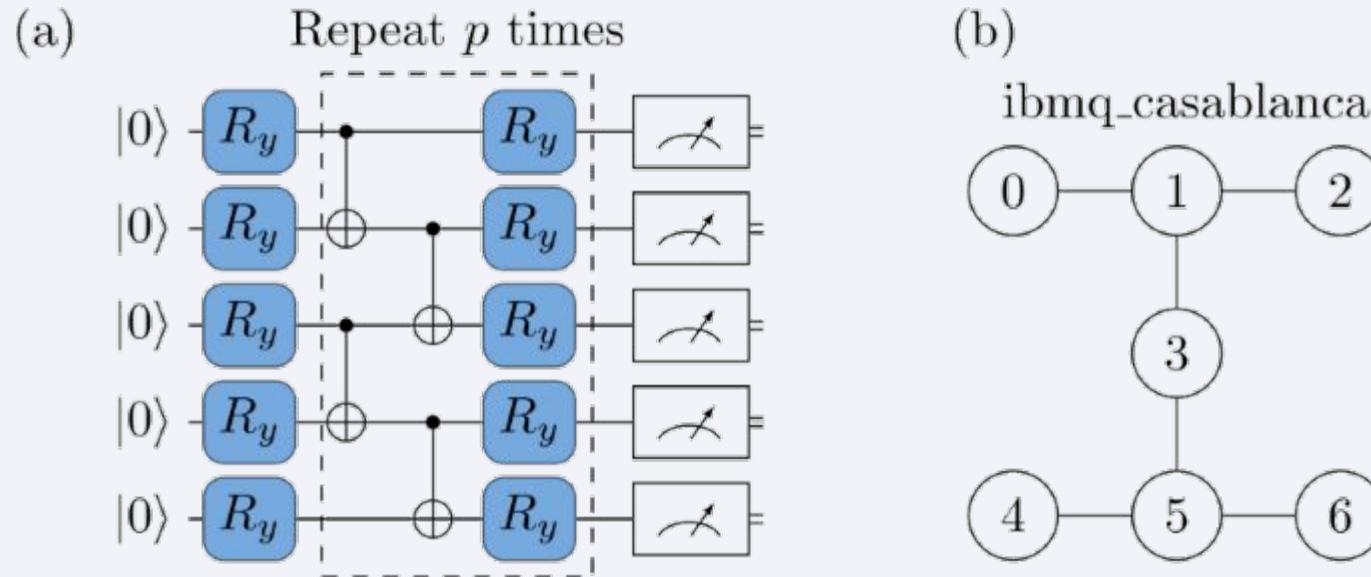
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# Step 2-2: Parametrized model or Ansatz

❖ heuristic/hardware efficient Ansatz



**2-qubit gates are applied only to adjacent qubits.**

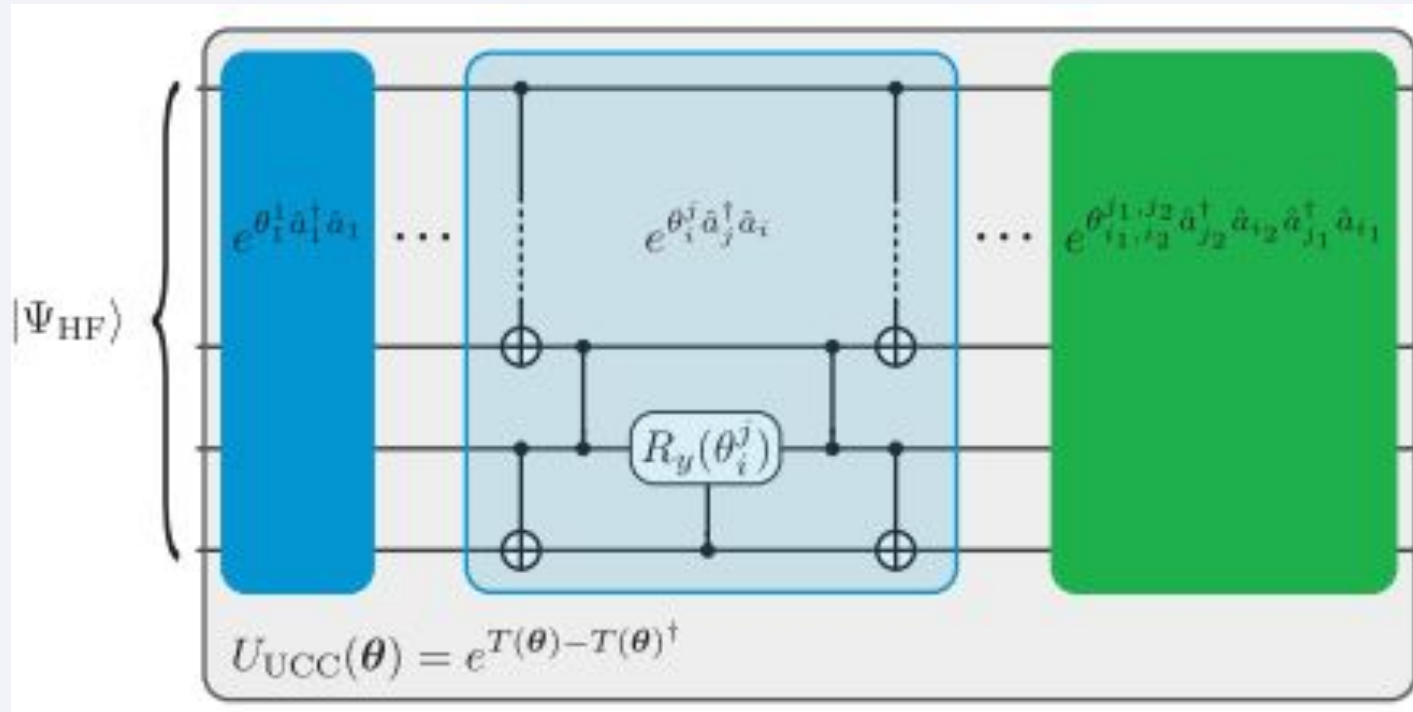
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# Step 2-3: Parametrized mode or Ansatz

- ❖ Problem inspired ansatz

## Unitary Coupled Cluster Ansatz





# Step 2-4: Ansatz

## ❖ The Barren plateau problem

### Reasons

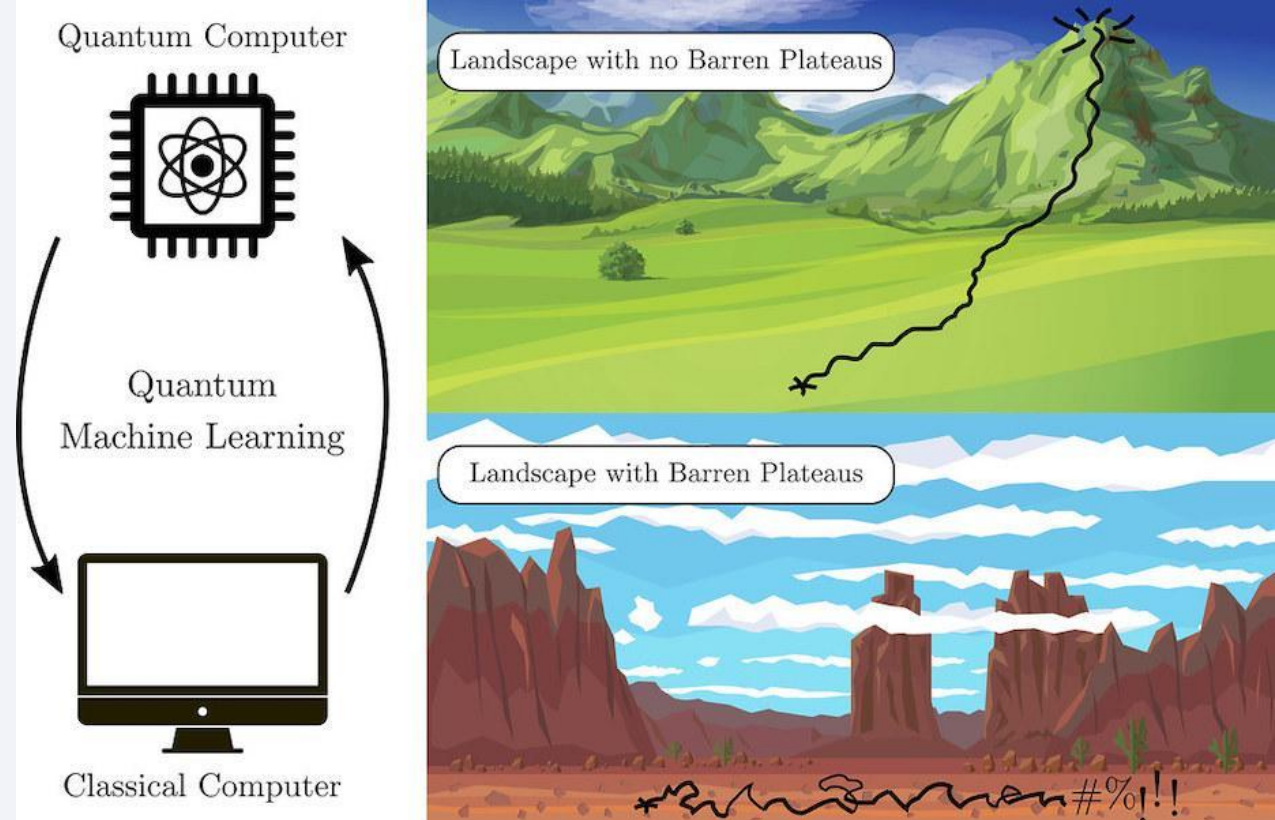
1. **Deep** parametrized circuit and no. qubits
2. **Random** initialization of parameters
3. hardware **noise** induced barren plateaus
4. **Entanglement**-induced barren plateaus

### Consequence

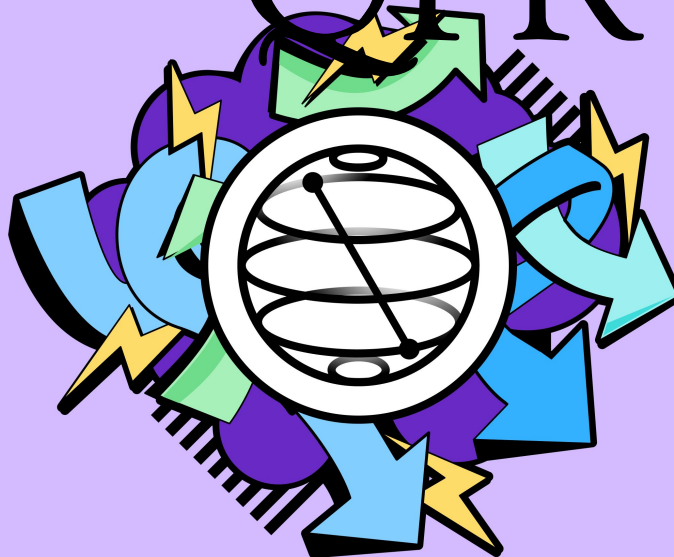
1. The expected value of the gradient is zero!  
 $\langle \partial_k C \rangle = 0$
2. Gradients vanish exponentially with the number of qubits!  $\text{Var}[\partial_k C] \approx 2^{-n}$

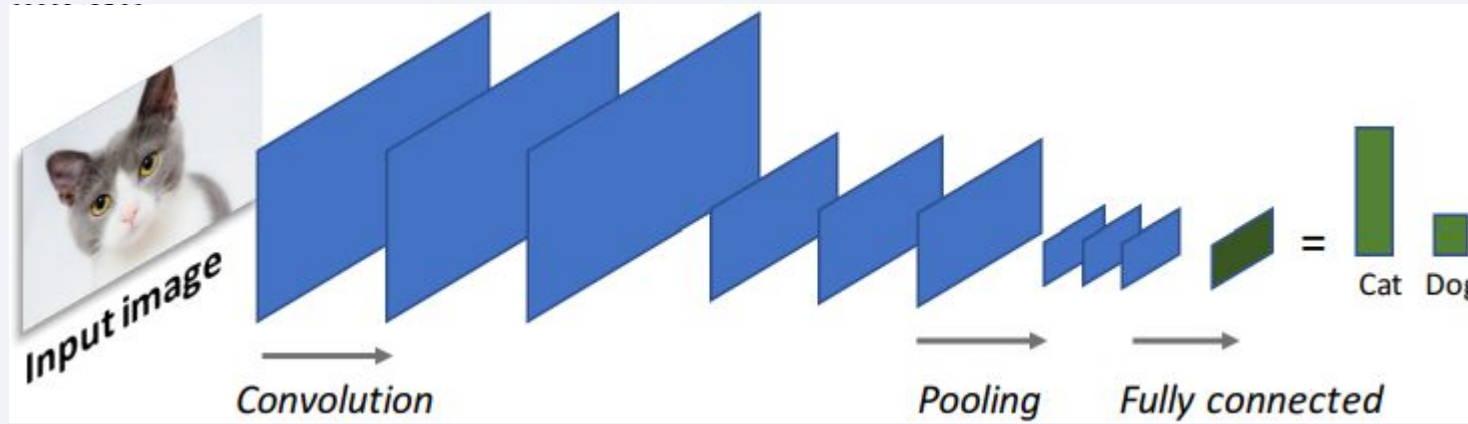
### Solutions

1. Use parameters **close to the solution**. [1]
2. Use **local cost functions** instead of global ones. [2]
3. Introduce **correlations between parameters**. [3][4]

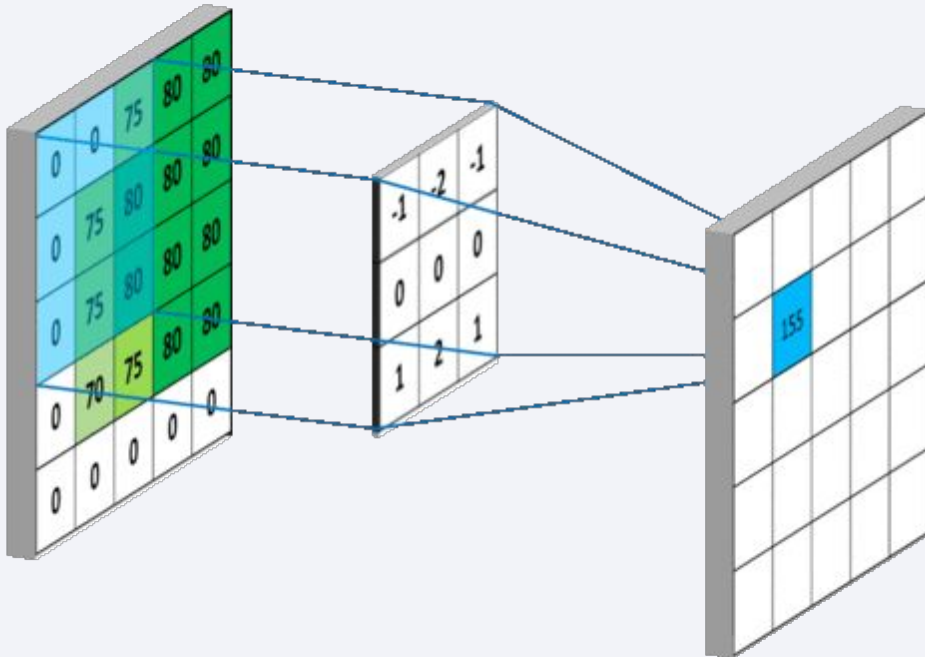


# Application: QCNN for QPR

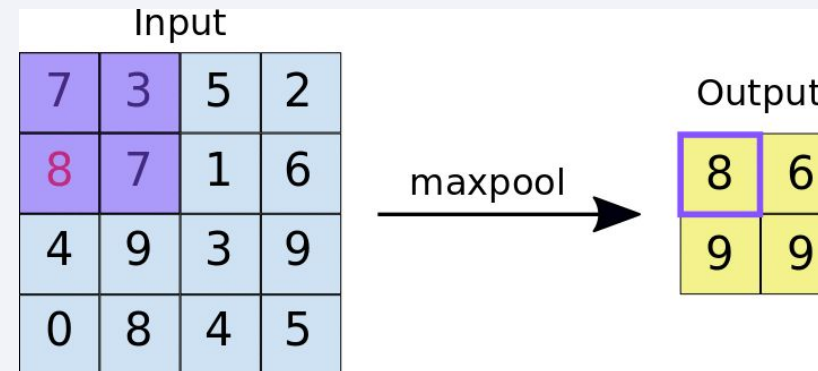




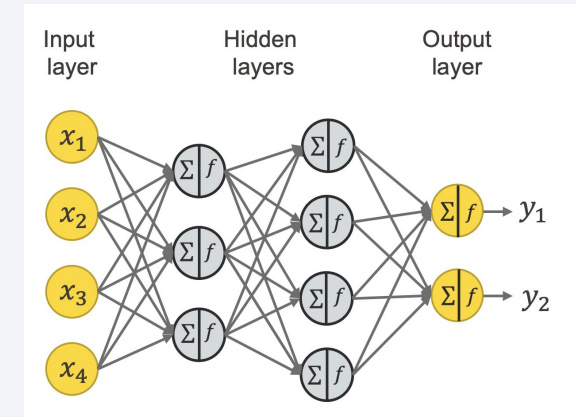
Convolution operation



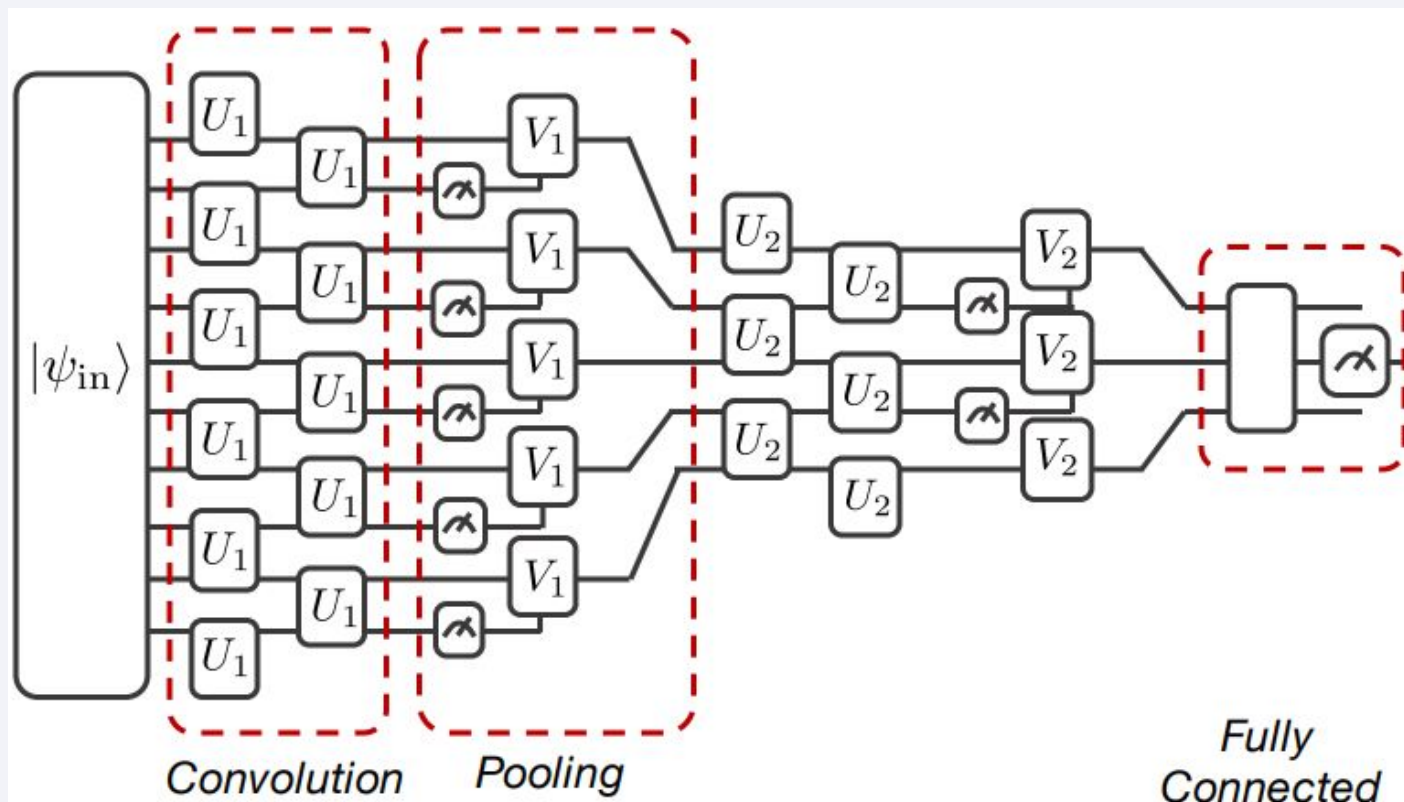
Pooling operation



Fully connected or DNN



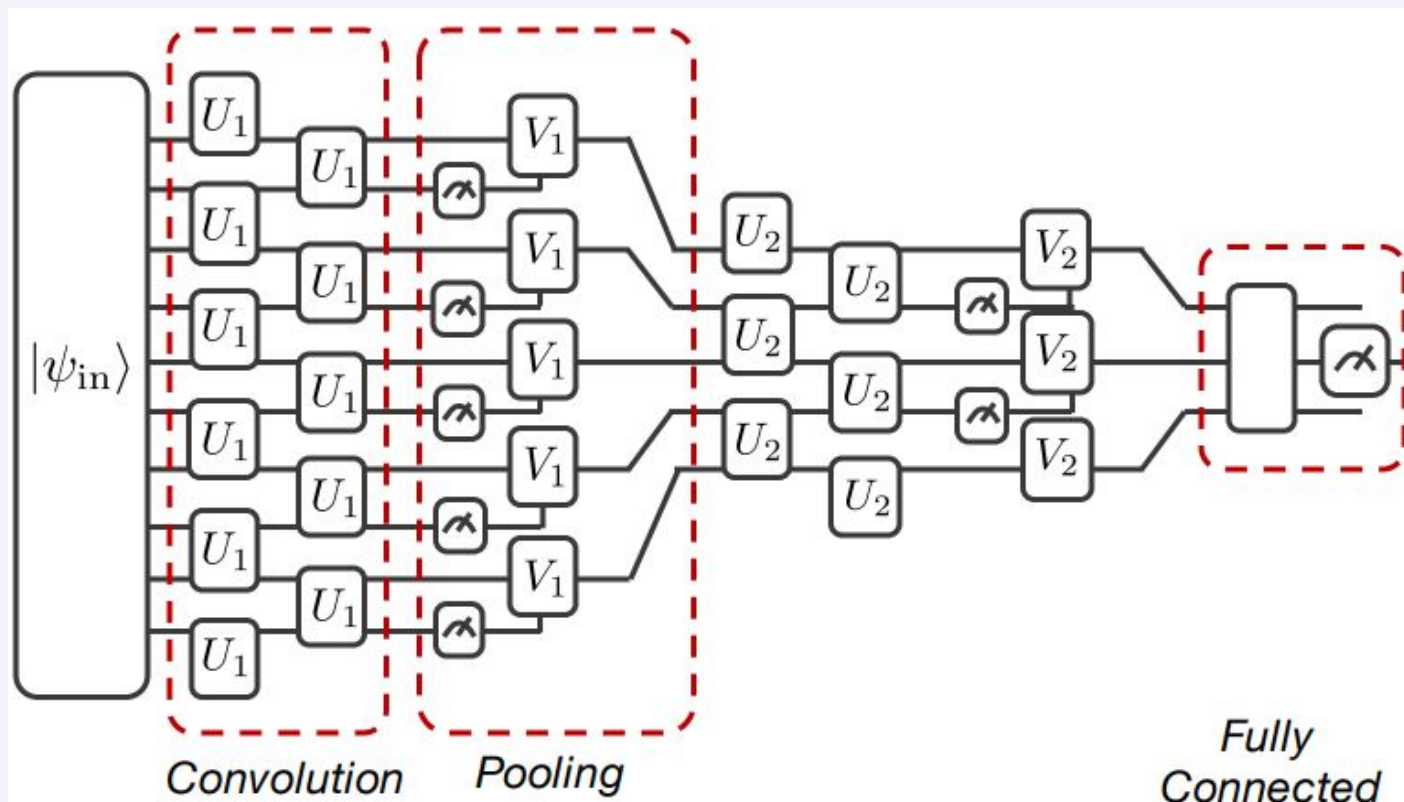
Input: Classical or quantum state



## Convolution

- Combination of entangling and parametrized gates applied between **neighboring pairs of qubits**

Input: Classical or quantum state

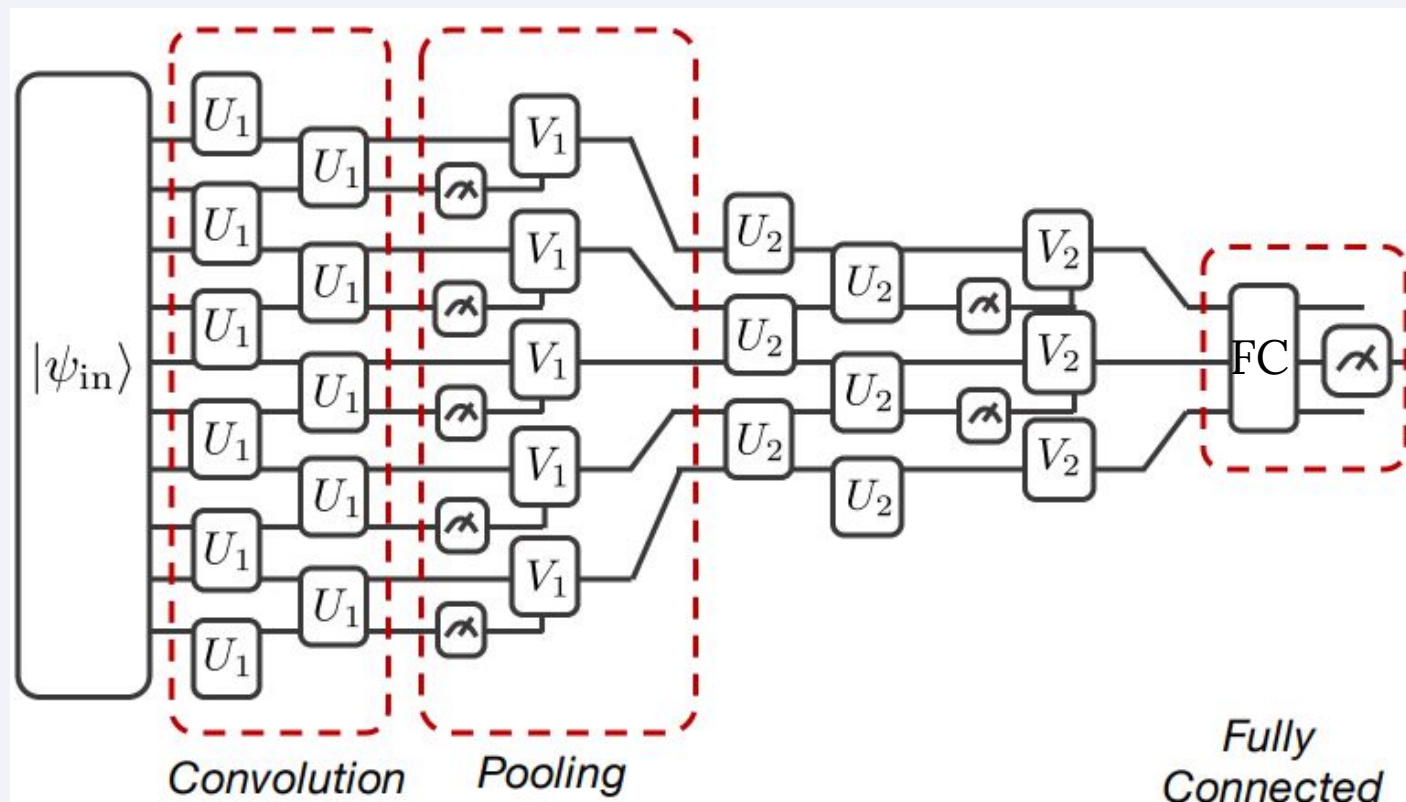


## Pooling

- Measure a subset of the qubits and use the **measurement results to control other operations** on the remaining qubits.
- **Reduces the number of qubits** while retaining characteristic features of the input state vector



Input: Classical or quantum state



## Fully connected or PQC

- Applied on the remaining qubits
- **Perform classification** by mapping the result onto a single output qubit

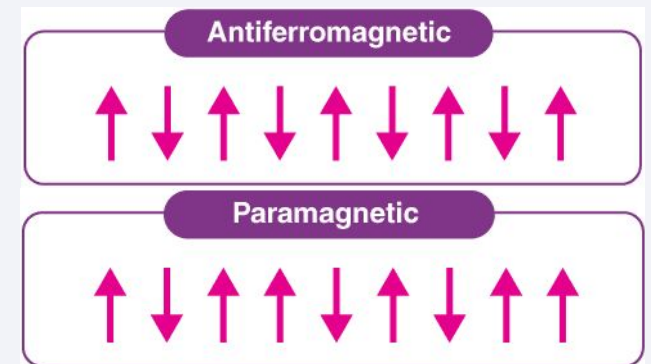
**Model:** a family of Hamiltonians on a **spin-1/2 chain** with open boundary conditions:



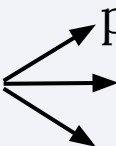
$$H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2} - h_1 \sum_{i=1}^N X_i - h_2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} X_i X_{i+1}$$

- $J$ : coupling constant (let's take  $J = 1$ )
- $h_1$ : parametrize **the strength of an external field**.
- $h_2$ : parametrize the **nearest neighbor Ising-type coupling**.
- $\{X_i, Y_i, Z_i\}$  are the **Pauli operators** acting on the spin at site  $i$  or qubit  $i$ .
- $N$ : is the **number of spins** in our model or number of qubits

Phase of matter of spin system



By varying the model parameters  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  in  $H$ , **we obtain different systems, each with its own ground state.** This latter **allows us to identify which phase of matter our system is in.**

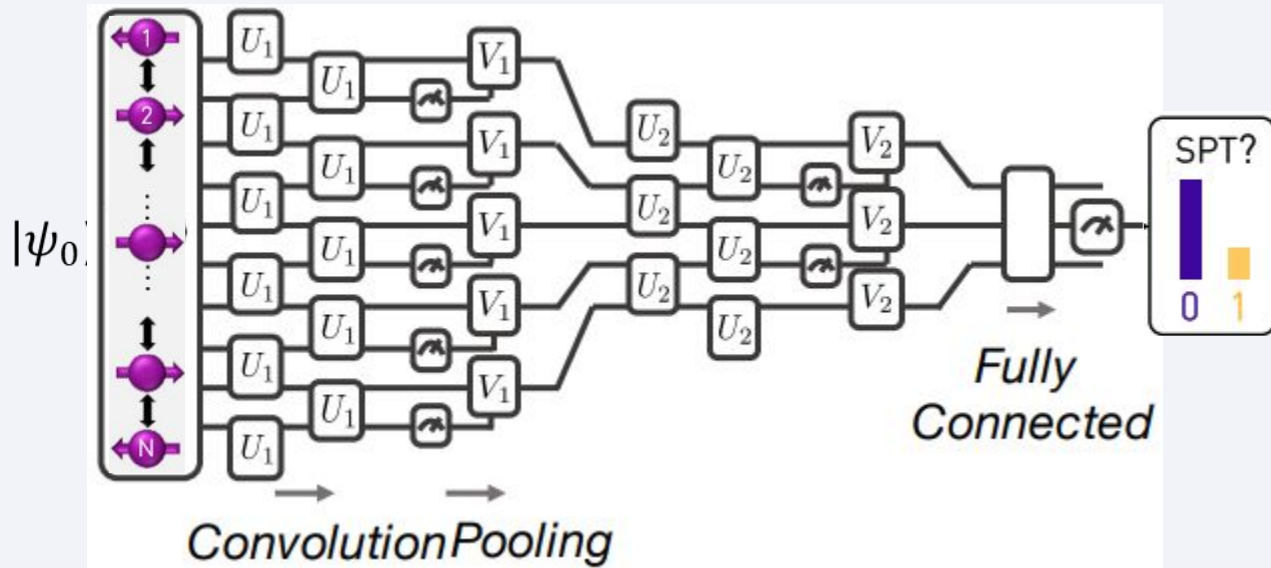
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paramagnetic phase  
symmetry-protected topological (SPT) phases  
anti-ferromagnetic phase

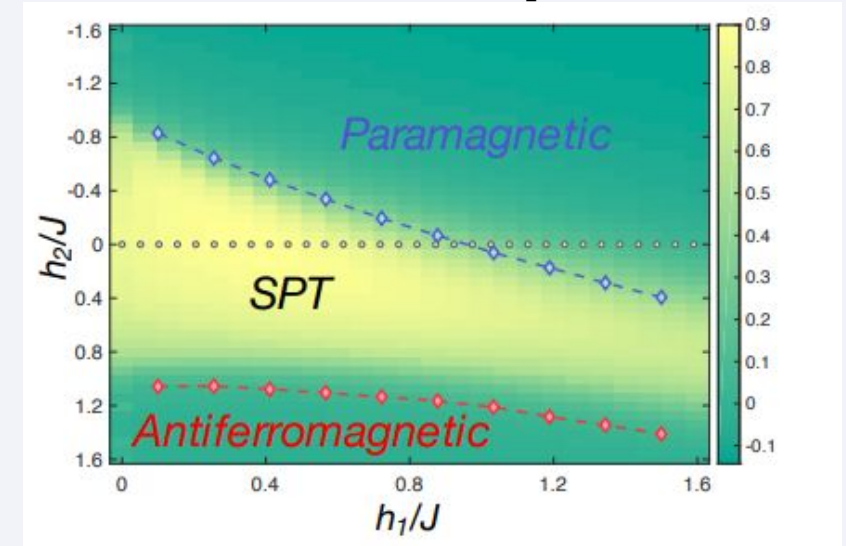
**Problem:** We have three phase of matter, and we are trying to recognize the ground states that belongs to the **SPT phase**.



input states are the ground states of a family of Hamiltonians



2D heat map



**Task:** train a QCNN on labelled samples in order to predict labels for new data

## Training Data:

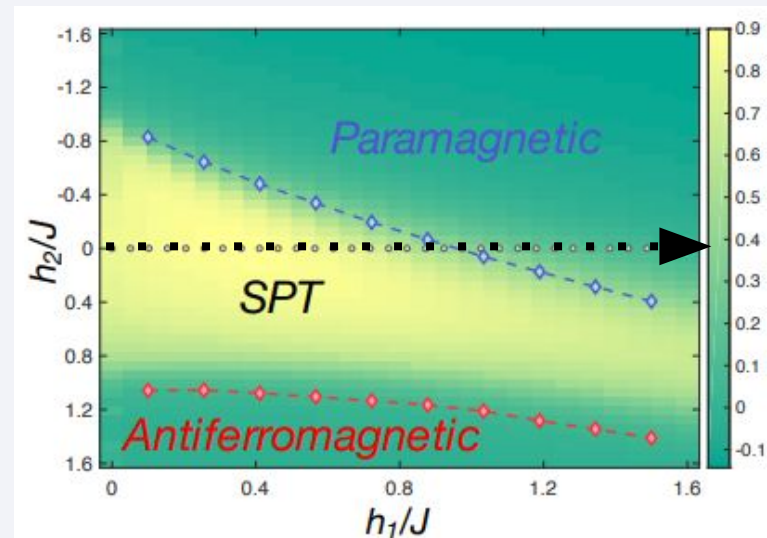
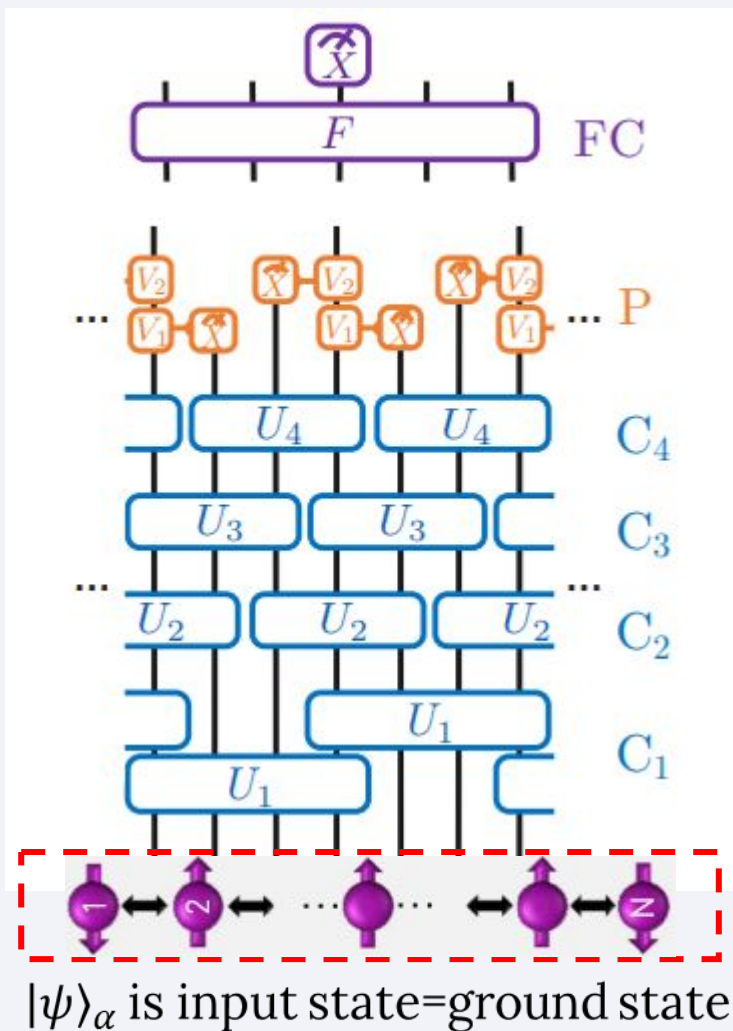
- 40 ground state wavefunctions
- Train along  $h_2 = 0, h_1 = \text{sampled 40 times between 0 and 1.6}, J=1$
- Classified training data:  $\{|\psi\rangle_\alpha, y_\alpha\}, \alpha = 1 \dots M, y_\alpha = 0 \text{ or } 1$  corresponding binary classification outputs.
- 0 corresponds to paramagnetic or anti-ferromagnetic phase while 1 corresponds to SPT phase

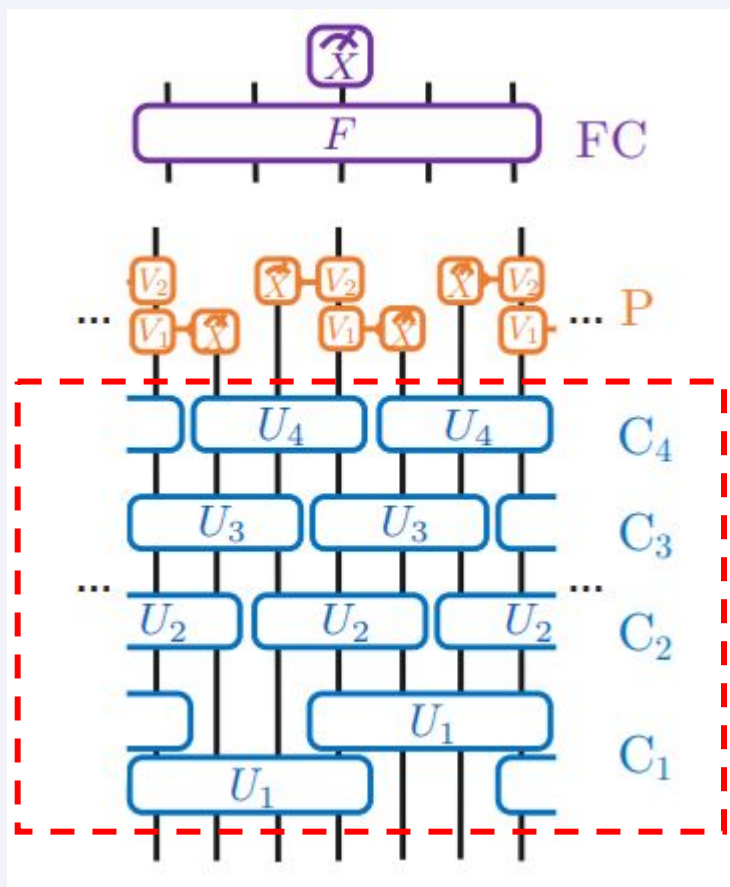
Case where  $h_2 = 0 \rightarrow h_1 \leq 1$  are in the SPT phase and thus assigned the label 1 while  $h_1 > 1$  are in the paramagnetic phase

## Test Data:

Combination of  $(h_1/J, h_2/J)$  in the range  $(0, 1.6)$  and  $(-1.6, 1.6)$  respectively

These wavefunctions would be fed into the QCNN and the final measurement would determine the predicted label/phase of matter that the wavefunction belongs to.

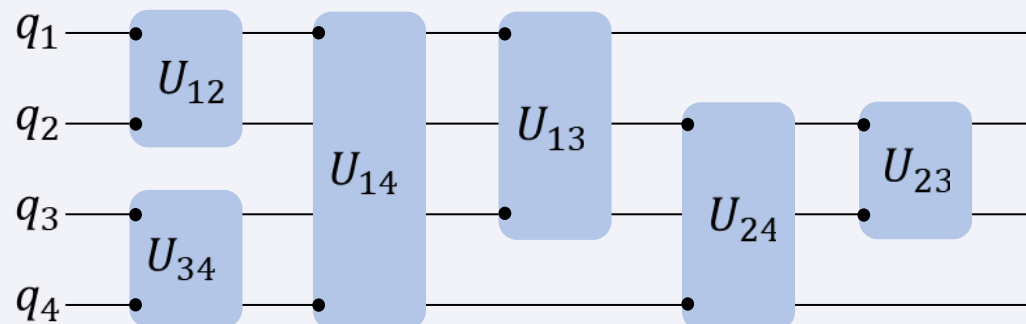




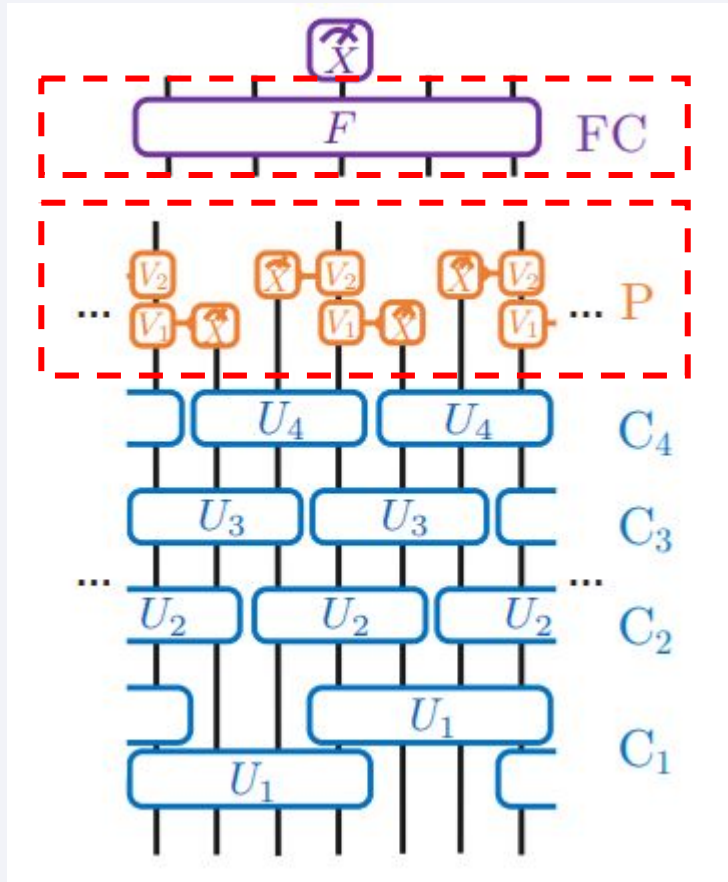
We parameterize unitaries as exponentials of generalized  $a \times a$  Gell-Mann matrices  $\{\Lambda_j\}$ , where  $a = 2^w$  and  $w$  is the number of qubits involved in the unitary:  $U = \exp(-i \sum_j \theta_j \Lambda_j)$ ;  $i^2 = -1$   
 There are  $a^2 - 1$  Gell-Mann matrices, hence  $a^2 - 1$  trainable parameters in  $U$

1.  $C_1$ : we apply  $U_1$ , a 4-qubits convolution.  $U_1$  is a product of six two-qubit unitaries between each possible pair of qubits:

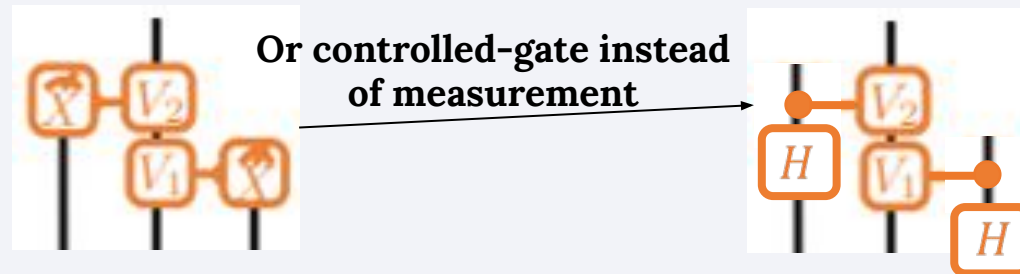
$$U_1 = U_{23}U_{24}U_{13}U_{14}U_{12}U_{34}, \quad a = 2^2$$



2.  $C_{2,3,4}$ :  $U_{2,3,4}$  are three qubits unitary,  $a = 2^3$



3.  $P$ : reduces the total number of "active" qubits in the circuit by a factor of 3. The pooling unitaries are controlled by a measurement in the X-basis.

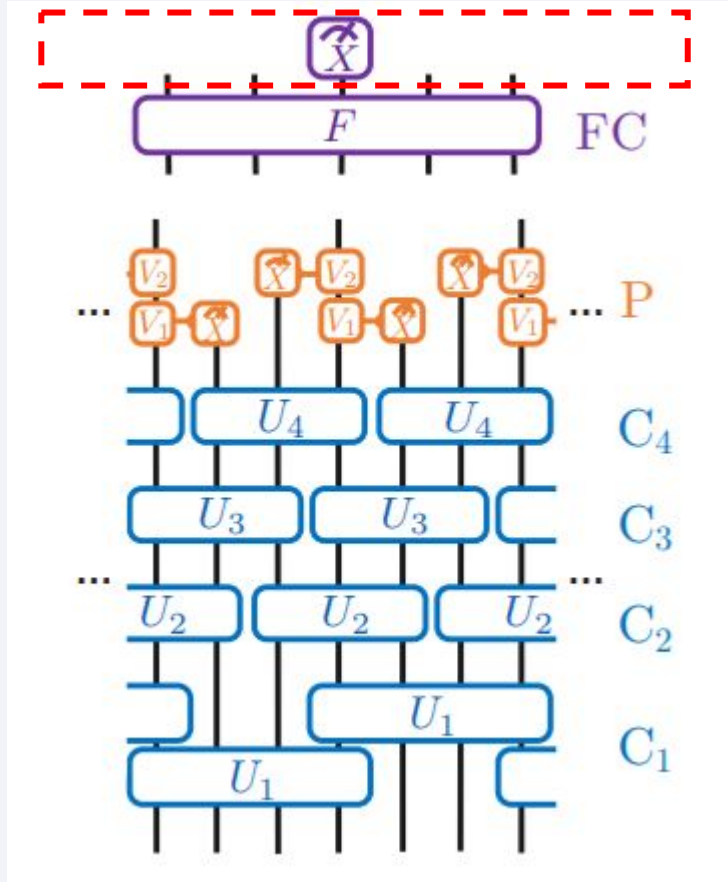


$$V_1 = \exp(-i \sum_j \lambda_j \Lambda_j)$$

$$V_2 = \exp(-i \sum_j \beta_j \Lambda_j) \quad a = 2^1$$

4.  $F$ : is a  $U$  with  $2^w \times 2^w$  Gell-Mann matrices where  $w$  is the remaining qubits





5.  $\langle X \rangle = f_{\{U_i, V_j, F\}}(|\psi_\alpha\rangle)$  this result help us compute the cost function via the mean error square formula:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{\alpha=1}^M \left( y_i - f_{\{U_i, V_j, F\}}(|\psi_\alpha\rangle) \right)^2,$$

$y_i$  is the predefined label of  $|\psi_\alpha\rangle$ ,  $M$ : # of training samples (in our case= 40)

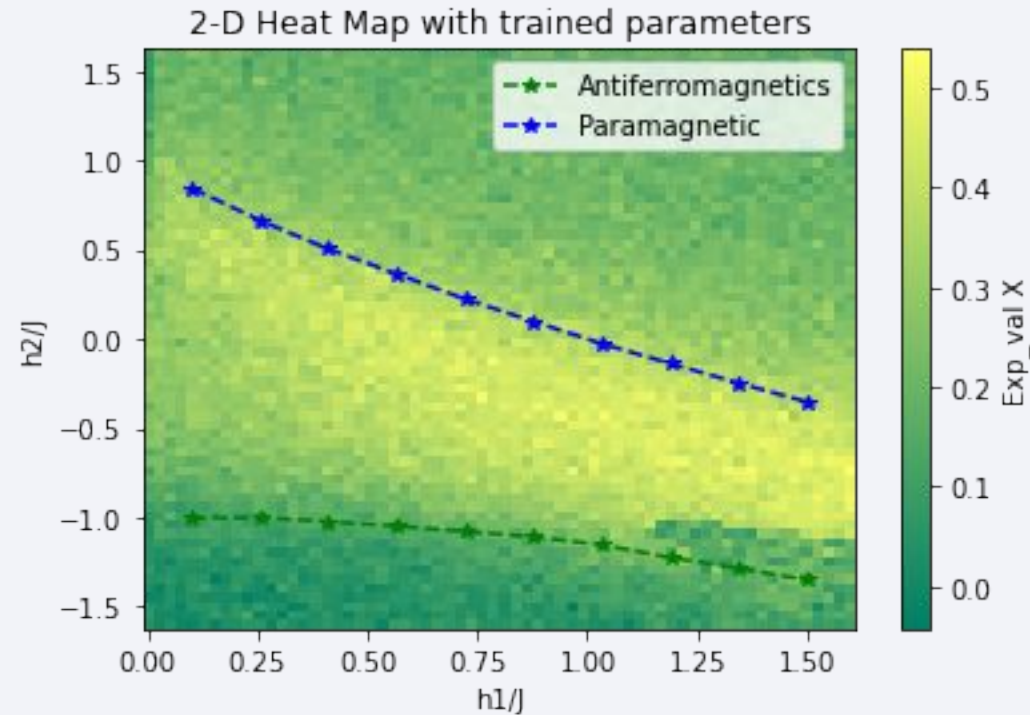
6. Update parameters  $\theta_\mu$ :

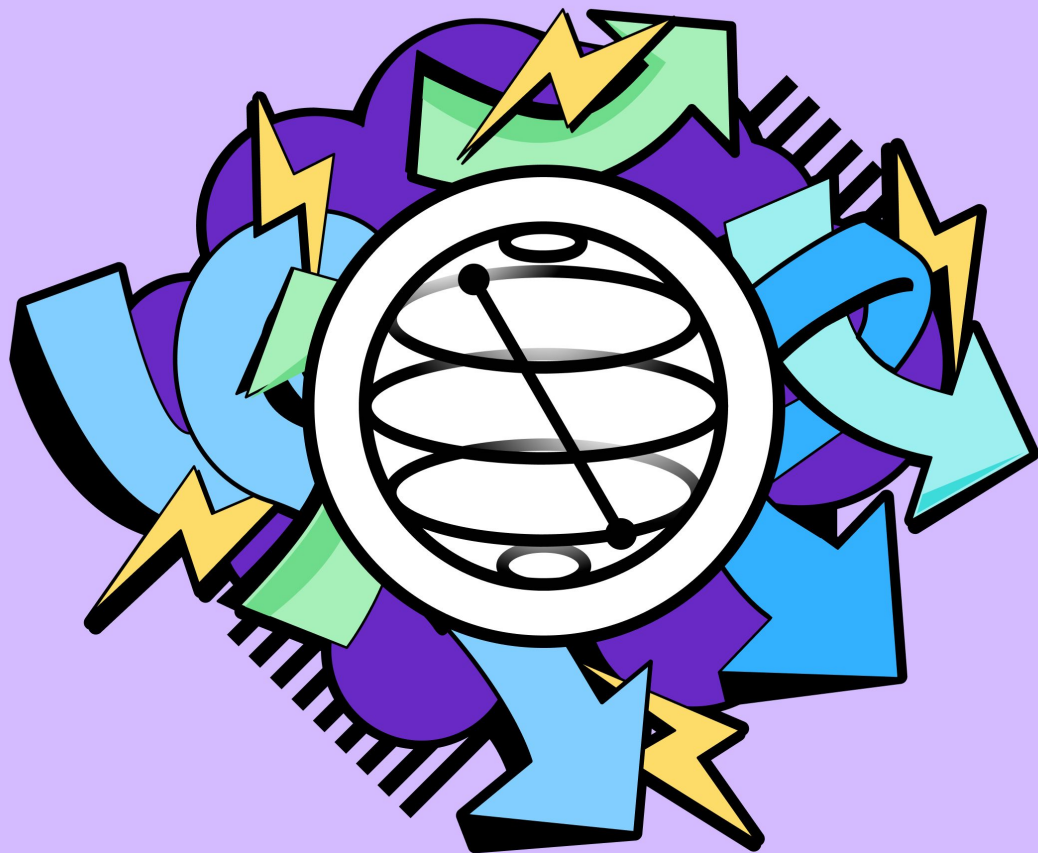
$$\theta_\mu \rightarrow \theta_\mu - \lambda \frac{\partial MSE}{\partial \theta_\mu}$$

Parameter shif-rule:

$$\frac{\partial MSE}{\partial \theta_\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \left( MSE \left( \theta_\mu + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - MSE \left( \theta_\mu - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right)$$

Used Gradient free optimizer: Cobyla with 500 iterations





# Thank you!

