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QUANTUM DISCOVERY

PASQAL Differentiable Quantum Circuits (DQC)

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Solving nonlinear differential equations

Context

Many industry relevant problems can be described using differential equations:

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = -g \quad \text{Free Falling Body}$$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l}\theta = 0 \quad \text{Harmonic Oscillator}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_m) \quad \text{Newton's Law of Cooling}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = k\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \quad \text{Shape of a hanging string}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP \quad \text{Population Growth}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(a - bP) \quad \text{Population Growth (limited resources)}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kxy \quad \text{Spread of Disease}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = y(\alpha - \beta x) \\ \frac{dx}{dt} = x(-\gamma + \delta y) \end{cases} \quad \text{Predator-Prey}$$

Solving nonlinear differential equations

Approximation techniques

Macroscopic

Eulerian approach,
starting from the
equations of motion

Spectral methods

Use spectral basis functions for truncated series expansion

Grid-/mesh-based methods

Discretize the governing equations and solve on a grid (mesh) or point-cloud (meshfree)

Micro-/mesoscopic

Lagrangian
approach, directly
modeling particle
motion and
collisions

Molecular dynamics

Calculate motions of individual atoms acted upon by interatomic potentials

Lattice Gas methods

Solve motion of particles with discretized momenta on discretized positions (lattice)

Lattice Boltzmann

Simulate fluid density on lattice with streaming with collision/relaxation processeses

Fourier series

Chebyshev series

Finite Element

Finite Volume

Finite Difference

Meshfree

Immersed Boundary

DSMC

LGCA

LB-BGK

Entropic LB

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Macroscopic solvers

Deterministic Classical Solvers

(Spectral & Grid-/mesh-based
methods)

Variational Classical Solvers

(Physics informed
neural networks)

Deterministic Quantum Solvers

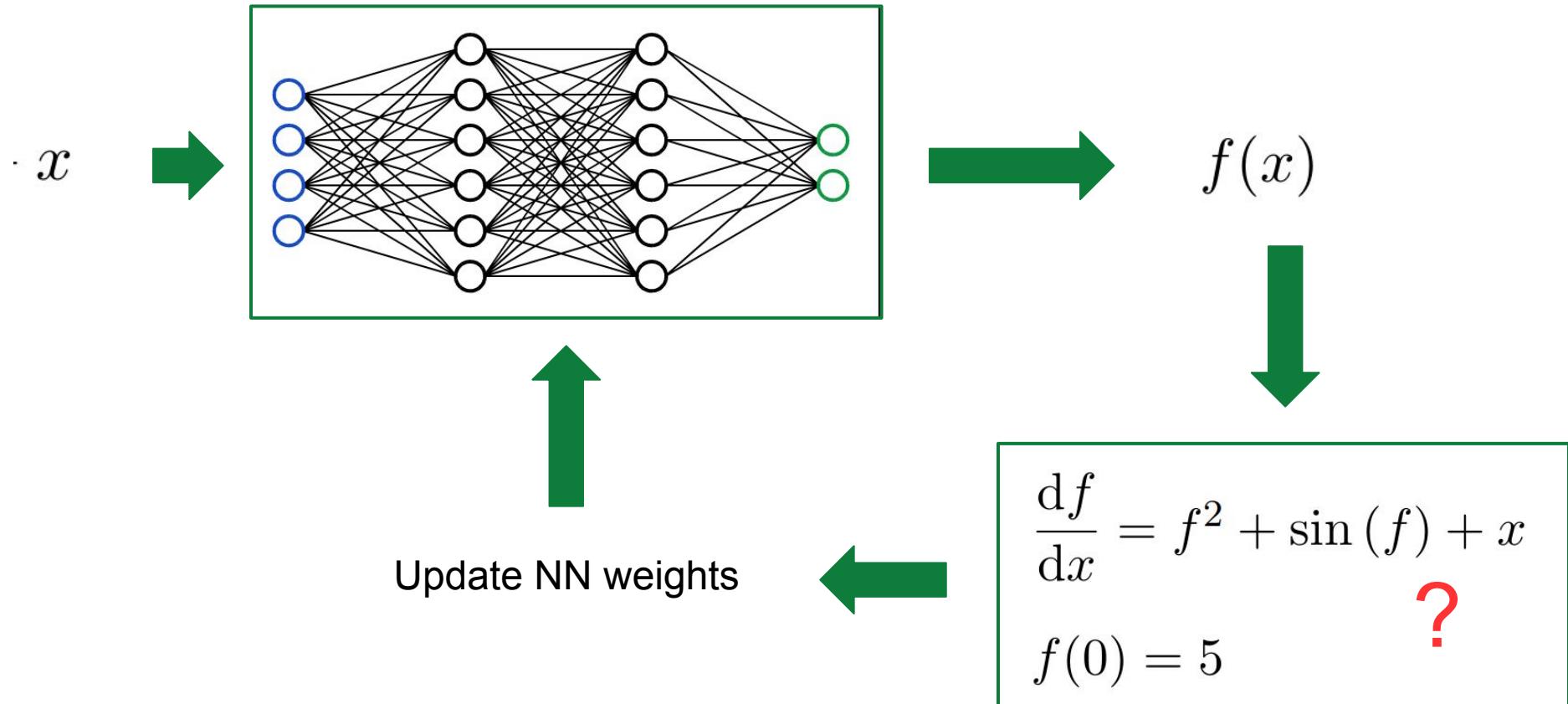
(HHL kind of algorithms)

Variational Quantum Solvers

(Differentiable quantum circuits
→ **This lesson**)

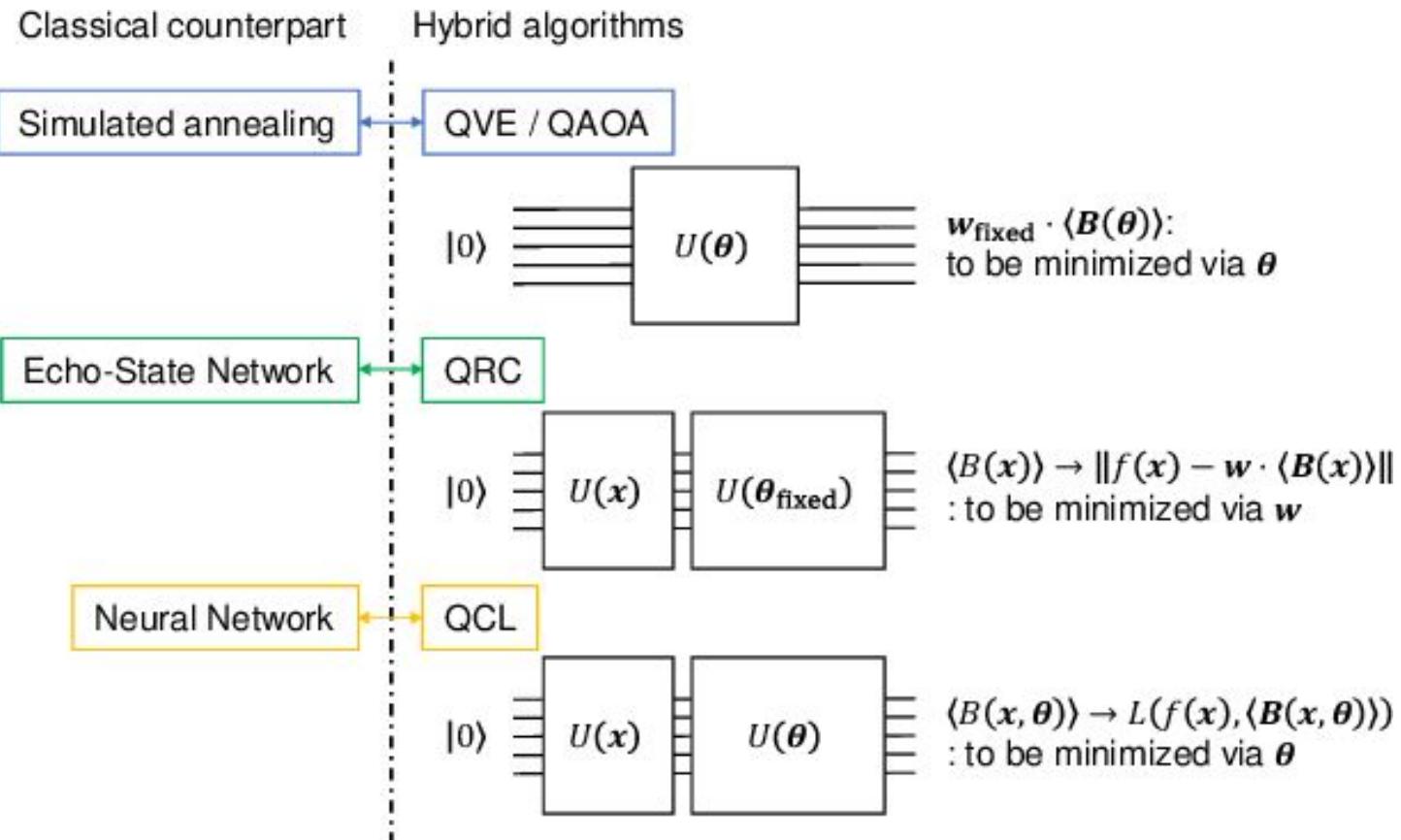
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Neural network based (classical) solvers



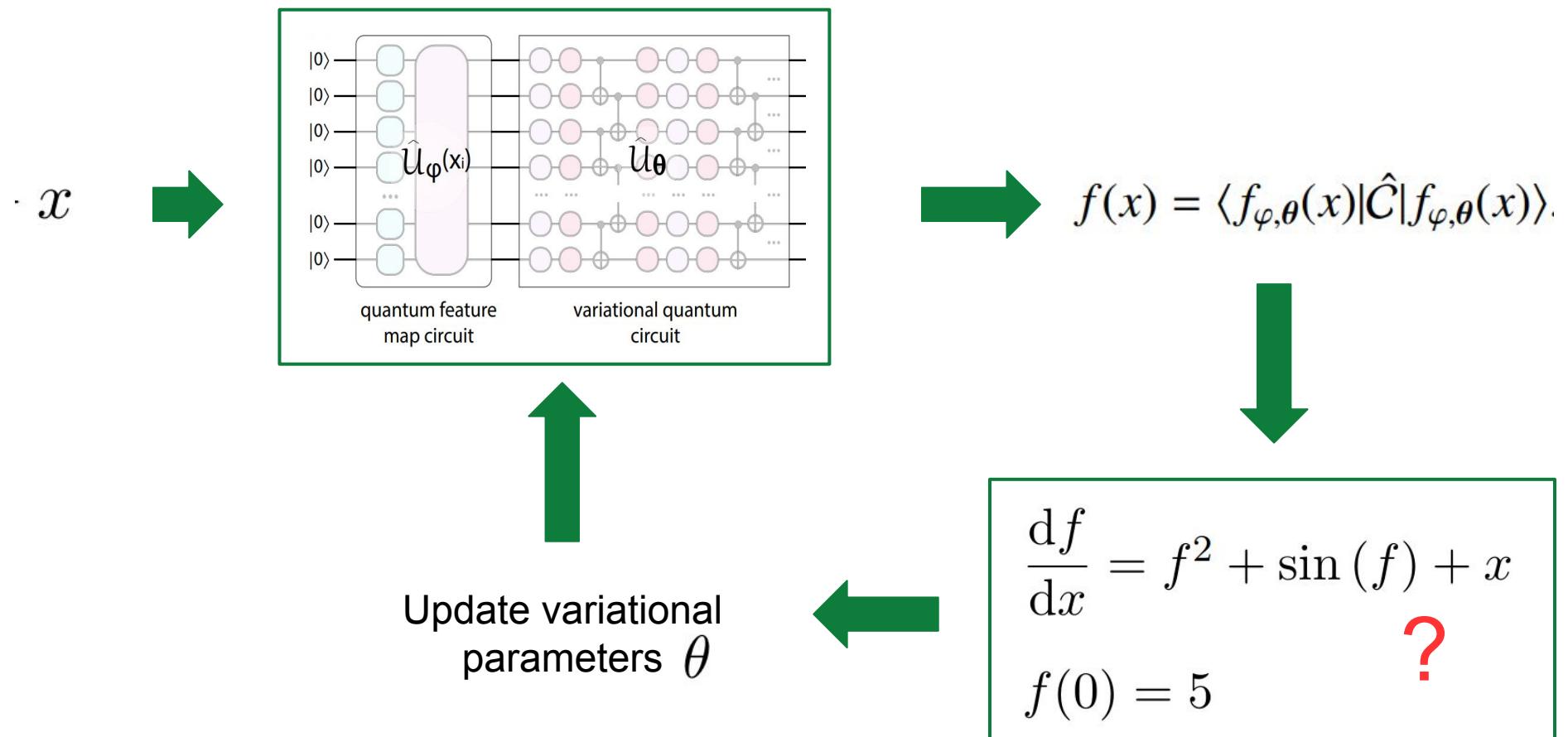
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Quantum Circuit Learning



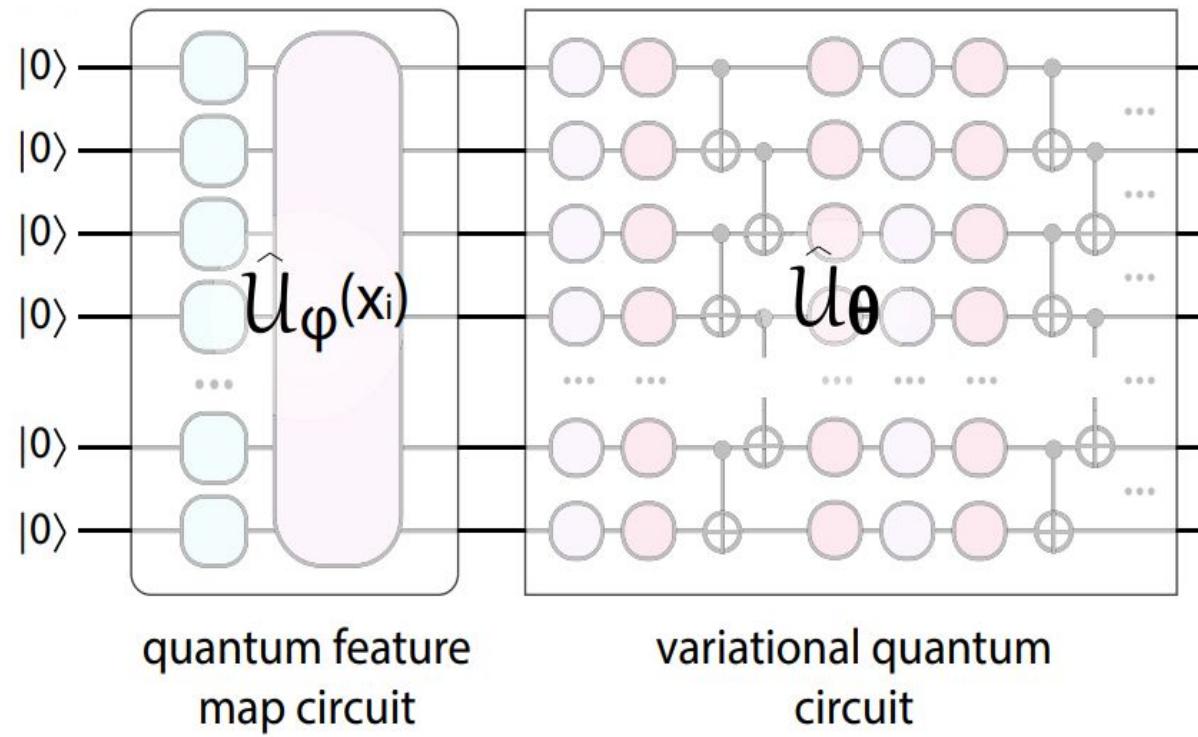
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Overview of DQC



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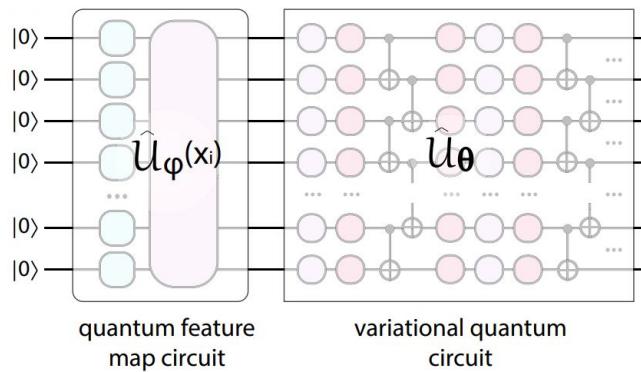
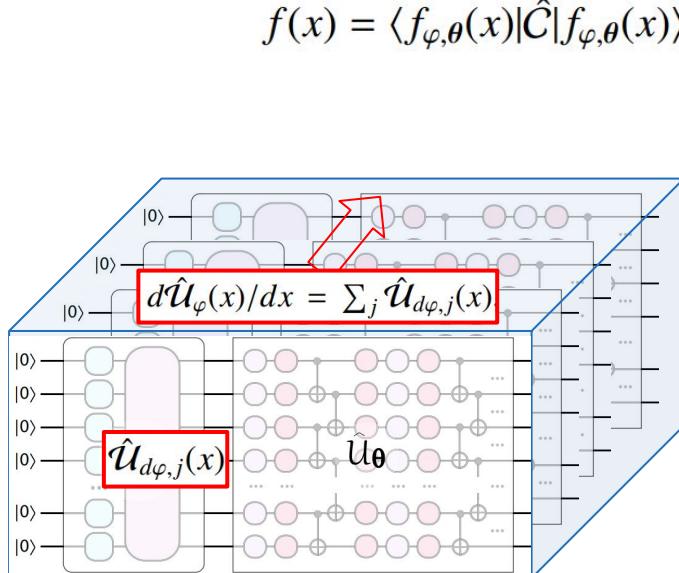
Overview of DQC



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Circuit differentiation

DQC aims applies circuit differentiation to both the quantum feature and the variational form (the former represents the function derivatives analytically, the later helps for efficient training the quantum neural network):



Circuit differentiation (example: parameter shift rule):

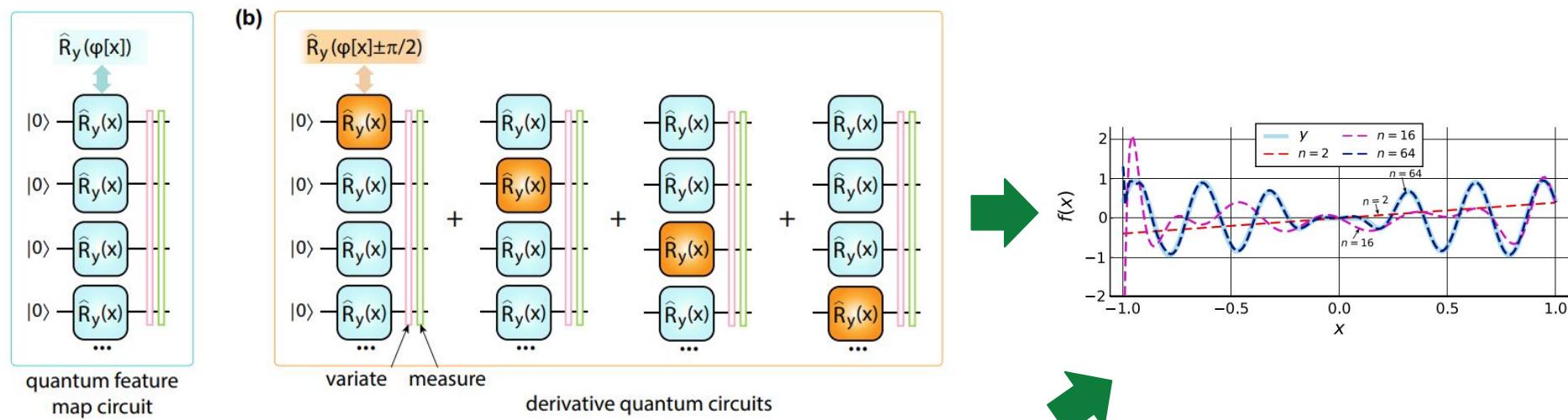
$$\begin{aligned} df(x)/dx = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \left(\langle f_{d\varphi,j,\theta}^+(x) | \hat{C} | f_{d\varphi,j,\theta}^+(x) \rangle \right. \\ & \left. - \langle f_{d\varphi,j,\theta}^-(x) | \hat{C} | f_{d\varphi,j,\theta}^-(x) \rangle \right), \end{aligned}$$



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Quantum feature map

Example(Chebyshev-type quantum feature map):



$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}_\varphi(x) = \bigotimes_{j=1}^N \hat{R}_{y,j}(2n[j] \arccos x)$$



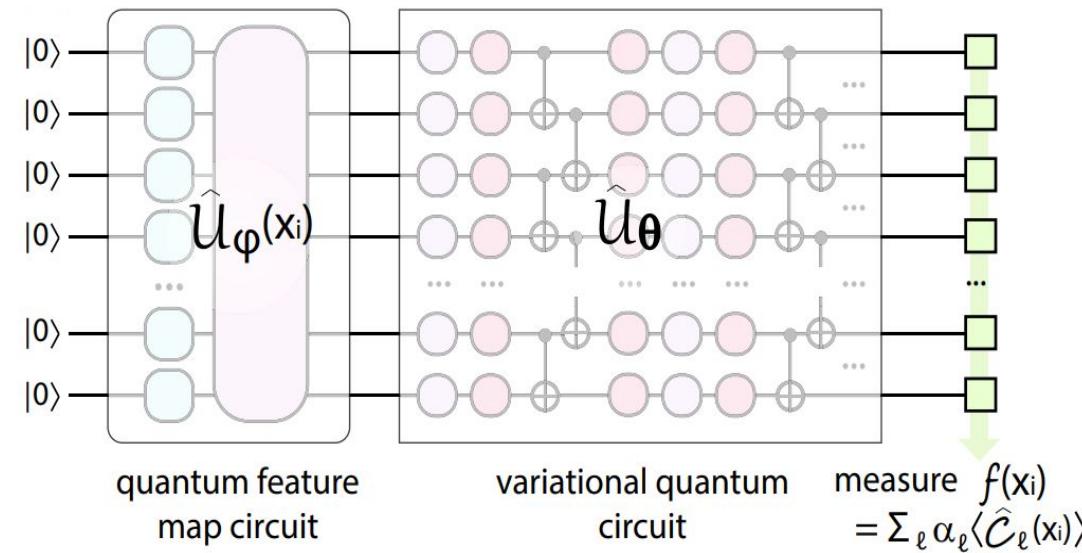
Chebyshev polynomials of first and second kind of order n

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{R}_{y,j}(\varphi[x]) &= \exp\left(-i\frac{2n \arccos(x)}{2} \hat{Y}_j\right) \\ &= \cos(n \arccos(x)) \mathbb{1}_j - i \sin(n \arccos(x)) \hat{Y}_j \\ &= T_n(x) \mathbb{1}_j + \sqrt{1-x^2} U_{n-1}(x) \hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_j.\end{aligned}$$

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Cost function

To access $f(x)$ we devise a cost function C which uniquely and discriminately maps distinct quantum states to distinct expectation values:



To make sure each x maps to a unique $f(x)$ via a rich feature map, it is best to use a cost function that contains many distinct eigenvalues, i.e. a rich spectrum

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Loss function

Like classical neural network solvers, DQC employs a loss function to quantify how good the trial solution ‘solves’ the differential equation optimization:

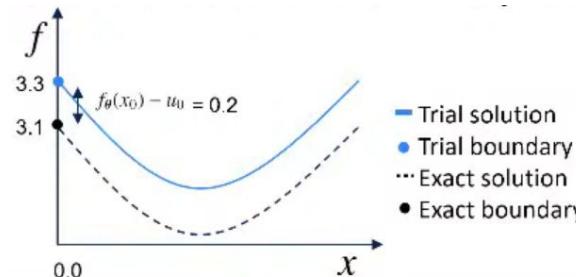
$$\mathcal{L}_\theta[d_x f, f, x] = \mathcal{L}_\theta^{(\text{diff})}[d_x f, f, x] + \mathcal{L}_\theta^{(\text{boundary})}[f, x]$$

- Loss function from matching the differentials:

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta^{(\text{diff})}[d_x f, f, x] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L(F[d_x f(x_i), f(x_i), x_i], 0)$$

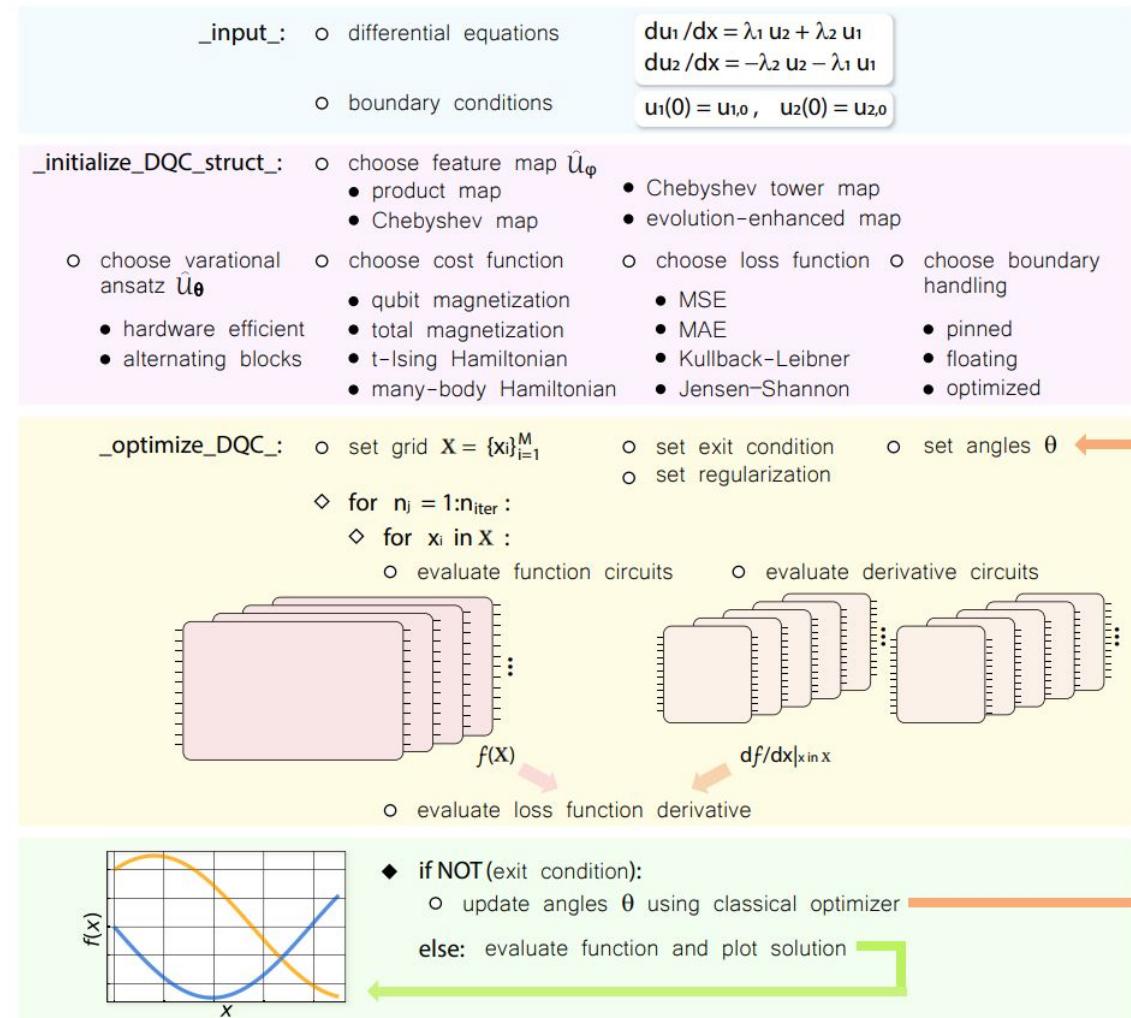
- Loss contribution from satisfying the boundary conditions:

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta^{(\text{boundary})}[f, x] = \eta L(f(x_0), u_0)$$



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Summary of DQC:



Conclusion

- DQC exploits NN based solvers by replacing the classical NN by a trainable quantum circuits
- In DQC, a quantum feature map is used to encode a trial function, then based on a bi-partite loss function that depends of the expectation value of a cost function, the parameters of a variational form are updated so as to improve the solution
- DQC is suitable for application on current noisy intermediate scale noisy devices
- DQC is a very versatile tool as it comes with different strategies to initialize its structure
- DQC uses analytical differentiation rather than numerical differentiation
- DQC doesn't linearize the problem, but solves nonlinearity directly
- DQC is compatible with a wide variety of differential equation types