

# Quantum Machine Learning in High Energy Physics



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# Outline

- **Introduction**
- **The CERN Quantum Technology Initiative**
- **Qubits and circuits**
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- **Examples from CERN**
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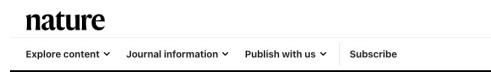
# Hype and Potential...

2019: Google

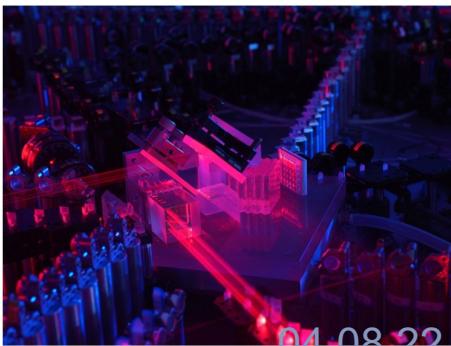


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2020: Hefei National Lab

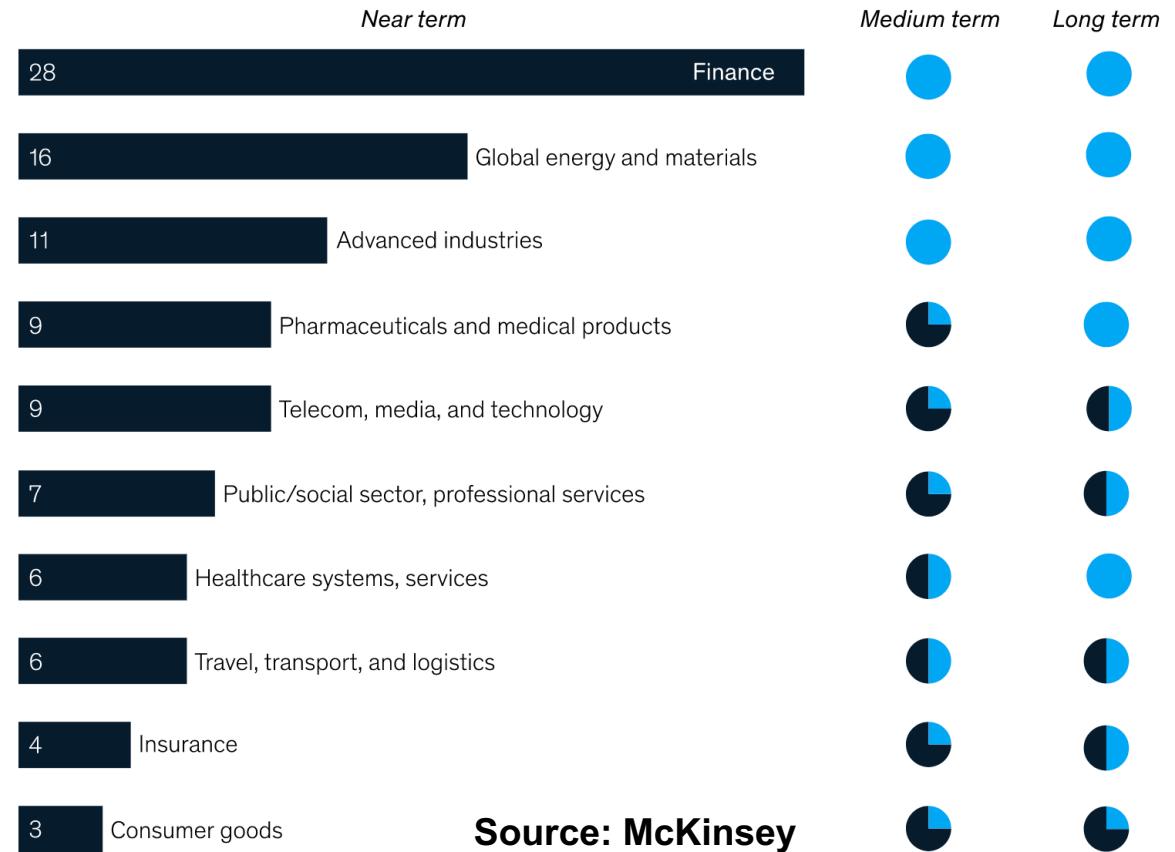


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## Who could create value with quantum computing?

Distribution of quantum-computing use cases, 2019, %



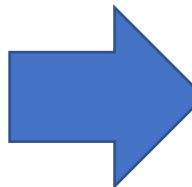
QC use cases in different sectors: the situation in 2019 with the estimated **medium** (2025) and **long** (2035) term impact.

# Potential Applications

**Quantum effects improve and accelerate complex algorithms**

- Efficient **sampling, searches and optimization**
- Linear algebra, matrices and machine learning
- Algorithms/methods for **cryptography and communication**

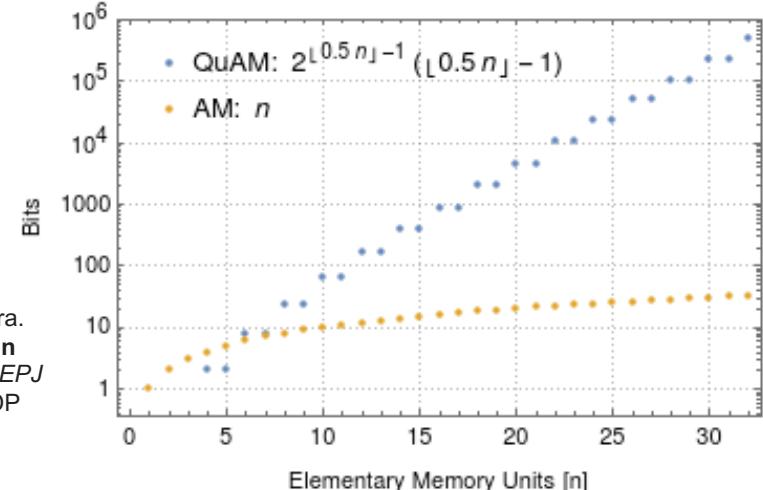
**Challenge is re-thinking algorithms design and define fair benchmarking and comparison to classical algorithms**



**Many potential applications in High Energy Physics:**

- Monte Carlo and Event Generation
- Quantum simulation
- Pattern Recognition
- QML

Ex.: Exponential data compression with a Quantum Associative memory



Shapoval, Illya, and Paolo Calafiori.  
"Quantum associative memory in HEP track pattern recognition." EPJ Web of Conferences. Vol. 214. EDP Sciences, 2019

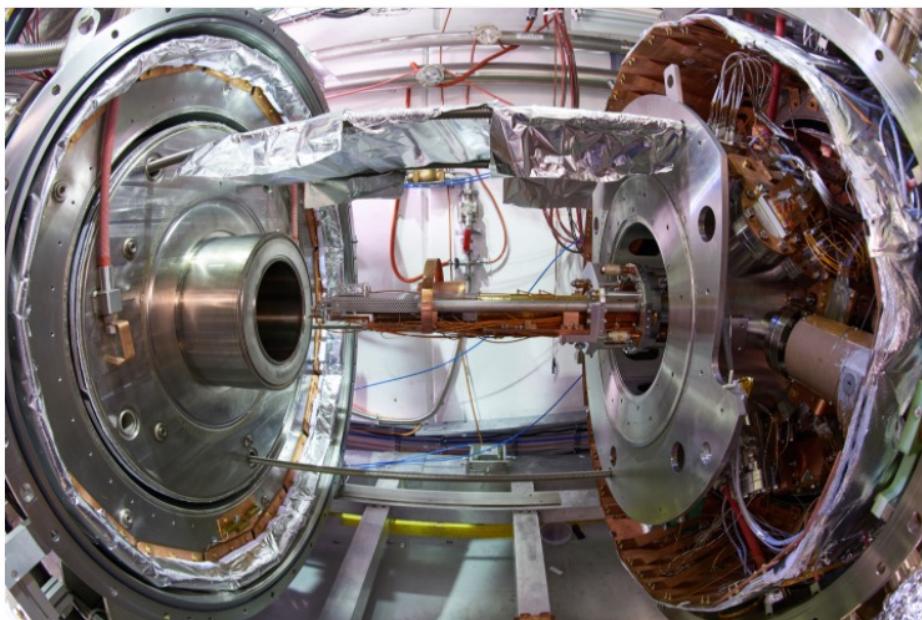
# CERN QTI and its Roadmap

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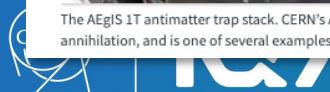
## CERN meets quantum technology

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



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)



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CERN established the QTI in 2020

- Roadmap in 2021
- Publicly available on Zenodo
  - Accessed more than 6000 times

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5553774>

T1 - Scientific and Technical Development and Capacity Building

T2 - Co-development

APPLICATIONS | NEWS

**CERN unveils roadmap for quantum technology**

4 November 2021



Credit: CERN

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T3 - Community Building

T4 - Integration with national and international initiatives and programmes

# Scientific Objectives



- Assess the **areas of potential quantum advantage** in HEP (QML, classification, anomaly detection, tracking)
- Develop **common libraries of algorithms, methods, tools**; benchmark as technology evolves
- Collaborate to the development of shared, **hybrid classic-quantum infrastructures**

Computing & Algorithms



- Identify and develop techniques for **quantum simulation** in collider physics, QCD, cosmology within and beyond the SM
- Co-develop quantum computing and sensing approaches by providing **theoretical foundations** to the identifications of the areas of interest

Simulation & Theory



- Develop and promote **expertise in quantum sensing** in low- and high-energy physics applications
- Develop quantum sensing approaches with emphasis on **low-energy particle physics measurements**
- Assess **novel technologies and materials** for HEP applications

Sensing, Metrology & Materials



- **Co-develop CERN technologies relevant to quantum infrastructures** (time synch, frequency distribution, lasers)
- Contribute to the **deployment and validation of quantum infrastructures**
- Assess requirements and **impact of quantum communication on computing applications** (security, privacy)

Communications & Networks

# Quantum Computing at CERN

- QC is one of the four research areas in the CERN QTI
- Understand which applications can profit from quantum algorithms
  - Choose **representative use cases**
  - Understand **challenges and limitations** (on NISQ and fault tolerant hardware)
  - **Optimize** quantum algorithms
- Quantum Machine Learning algorithms are a primary candidate for investigation
  - Increasing use of ML in many computing and data analysis flows
  - Can be built as **hybrid models** where quantum computers act as accelerators
  - **Efficient data handling is a challenge**



# Quantum Computing Intro



An Introduction to Quantum Computing, E. Combarro, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/970905>



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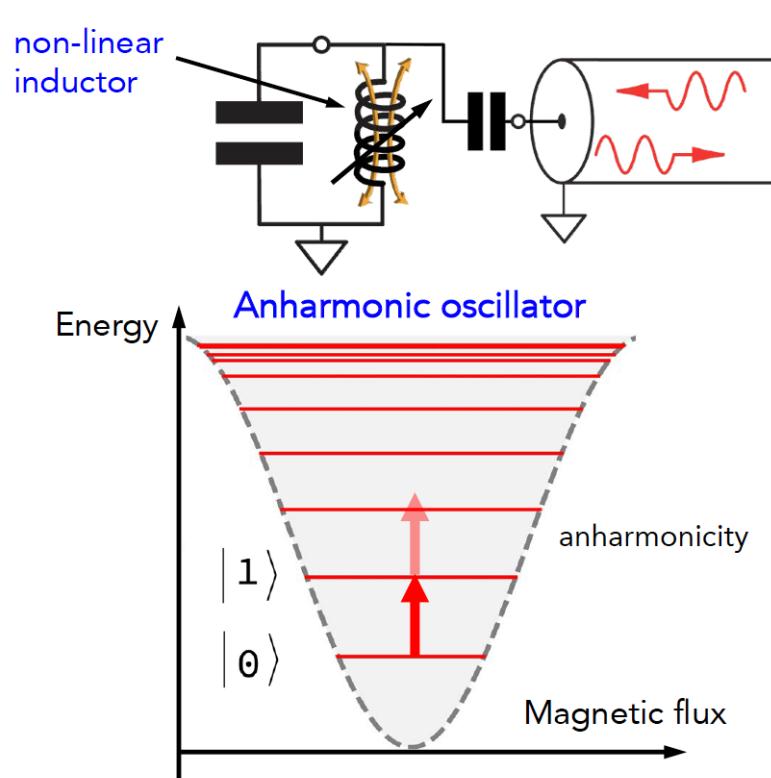
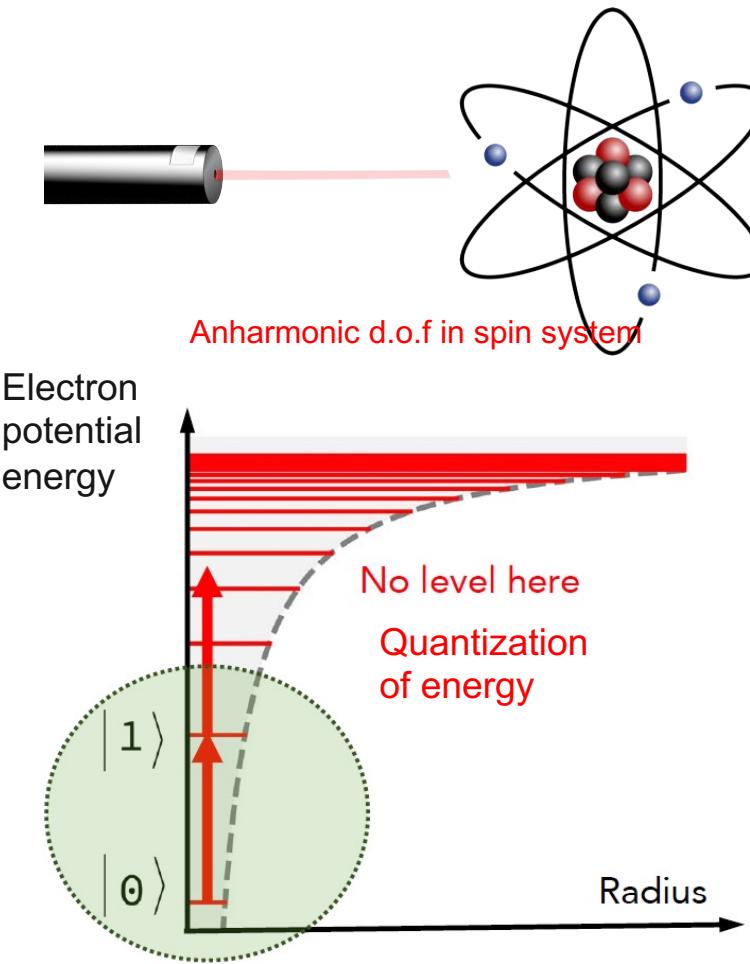
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# Qubit: Quantum bit

- **Classical bits are binary “0 or 1”**
- Quantum Mechanics predicts **superposition states** “simultaneously 0 and 1”
- **Superposition** can lead to highly parallel computations (**exponential speedup**)
- State of the “output qubit” has to be measured (**stochastic** nature of the result)
  - **Qubit state collapses**
  - **No-cloning theorem**



# Creating qubit: superconducting rings



Z. Minev, Qiskit Global Summer School 2020

- Current oscillates in resistance-free circuit loop
- Injected microwave signal excites the current into superposition states

**Ex. Google, IBM, ...**



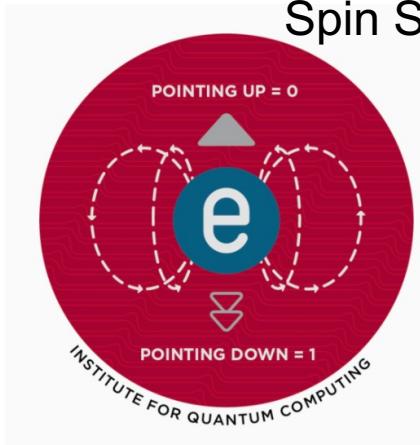
# PHOTONS:

# Different qubits

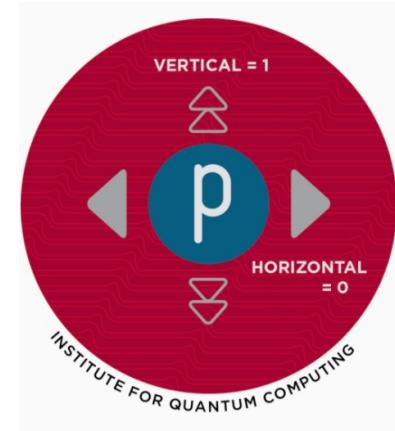
SuperConducting loops



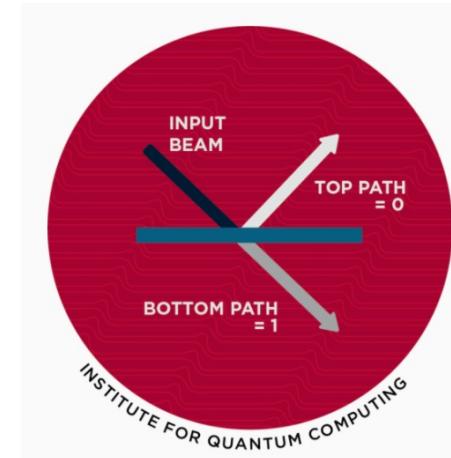
Spin States



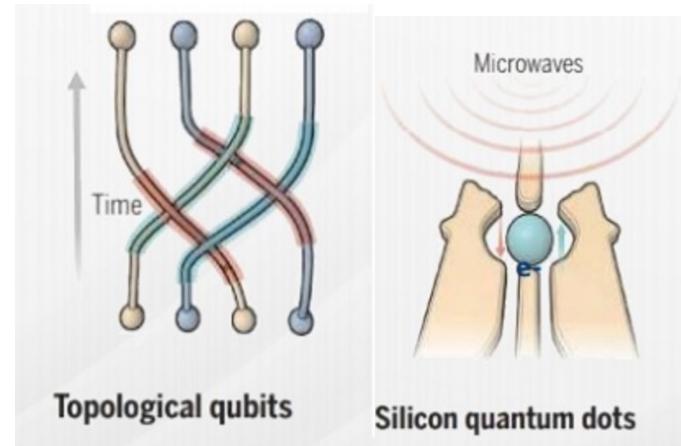
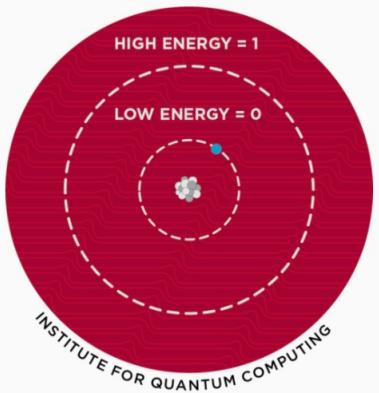
Polarization States



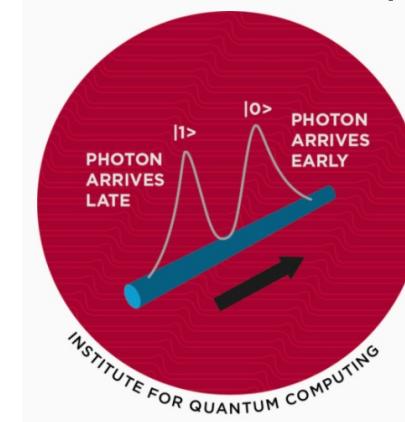
Path Qubits:



Trapped Atoms and Ions



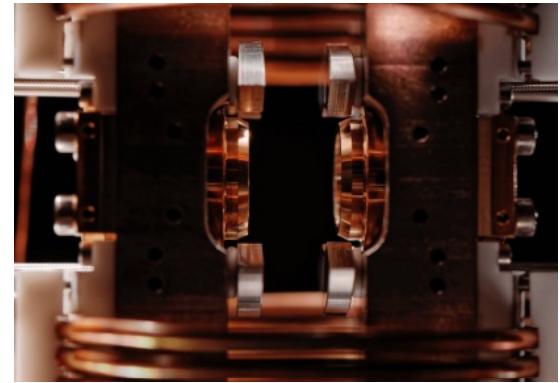
Time qubits



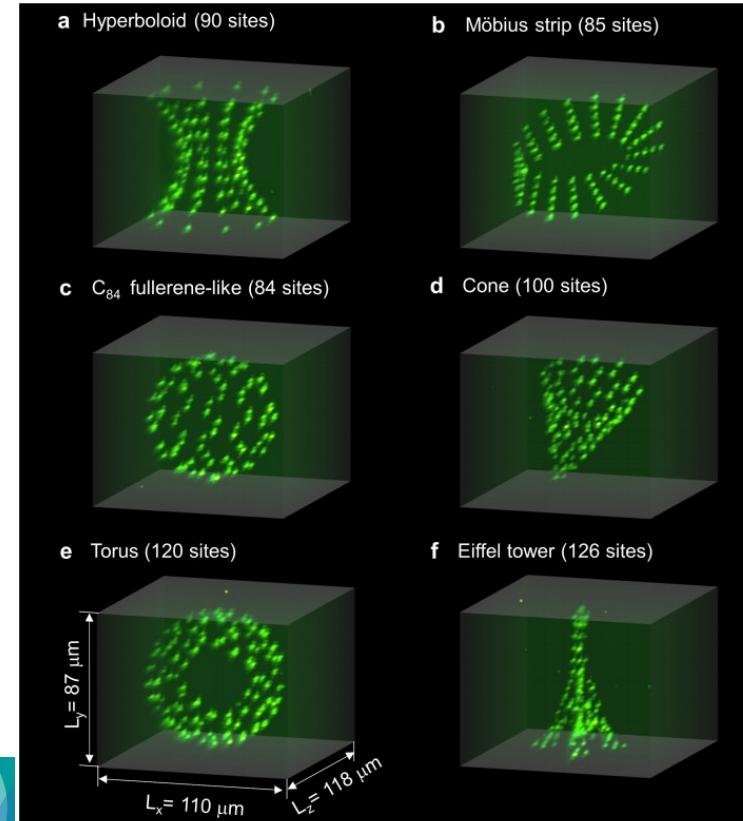
See Institute of Quantum Computing, U. of Waterloo, <https://uwaterloo.ca/institute-for-quantum-computing/quantum-101/quantum-information-science-and-technology/what-qubit#Spin>

# Neutral atom arrays

- Configurable arrays of **single neutral atoms**
- 2 energy levels represent the qubit states
- Use **lasers** to control position and the state of the atom
  - assemble and read-out registers made of **hundreds of qubits**
  - **fully programmable quantum processing**
- **High connectivity**
- Specific computation cycle because the **register is not permanently built**
  - register preparation
  - quantum processing
  - register readout



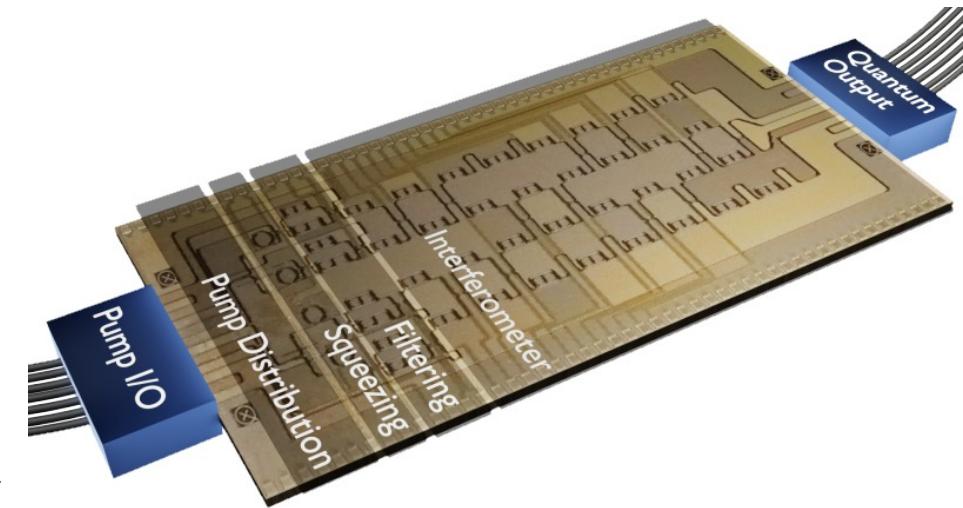
D. Barredo et al., "Synthetic three-dimensional atomic structures assembled atom by atom." [arXiv:1712.02727](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.02727), 2017.



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# Photonic based quantum computers

- Quantum superposition of different number of **photons in a resonator** generated by laser pulses (squeezed states)
- Set of quantum gates is implemented in a **interferometer network** (phase shifters and beam splitters)
- Photons are detected during the readout stage by **superconducting counters**
- Naturally represent **continuous variables**



<https://strawberryfields.ai/photonics/hardware/details.html>  
<https://youtu.be/v7iAqcFCTQQ>



# Qubit representation

- **Dirac notation** is used to describe quantum states

Given a basis of orthogonal vectors

$$|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And a 2-dimensional **vector** in complex space

$$\alpha, \beta \in C^2 \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

A quantum state is represented as

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

## The Bloch Sphere

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$
$$\vec{r} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

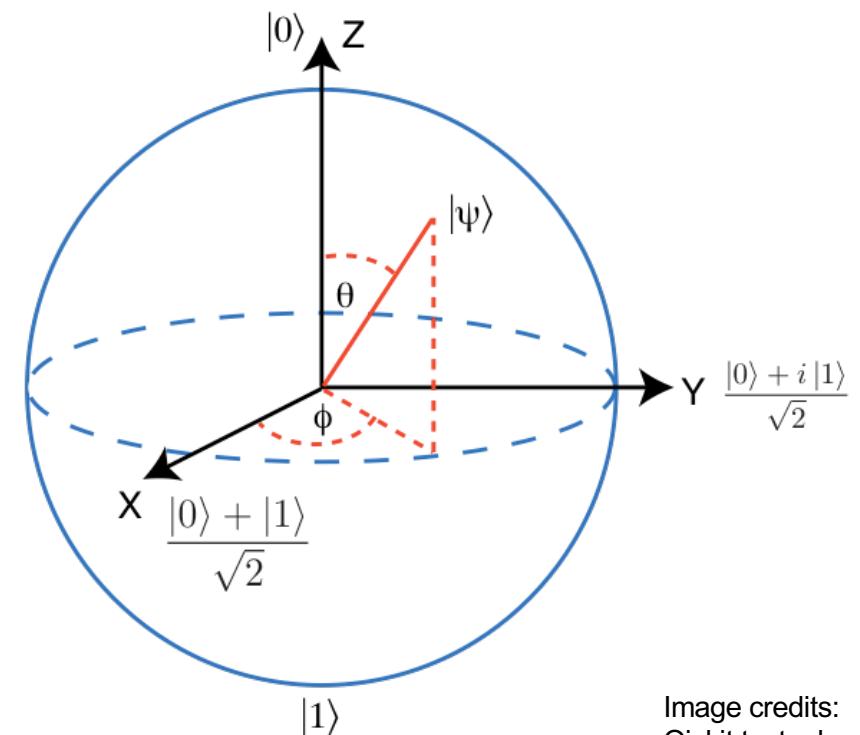


Image credits:  
Qiskit textbook

# Quantum Gates

- Evolution of isolated quantum states follow **Schrodinger equation**
- Operations on qubits are **unitary** matrices describing state evolution
  - **Reversible operations**
  - Input and output states have the **same dimension**
  - Some classical gates (or, and, nand, xor...) **cannot be implemented directly**
  - Can **simulate** any classical computation with small overhead

$$H(t)|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a\alpha + b\beta \\ c\alpha + d\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|(a\alpha + b\beta)|^2 + |(c\alpha + d\beta)|^2 = 1$$

# Example gates

## The *H* or Hadamard gate

- The *H* or Hadamard gate is defined by the (unitary) matrix

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Its action is

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

- We usually denote

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

$$|-\rangle := \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

## The *X* or *NOT* gate

- The *X* gate is defined by the (unitary) matrix

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

- Its action (in quantum circuit notation) is

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{X} |1\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle \xrightarrow{X} |0\rangle$$

that is, it acts like the classical *NOT* gate

- On a general qubit its action is

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \xrightarrow{X} \beta|0\rangle + \alpha|1\rangle$$

## The *Z* gate

- The *Z* gate is defined by the (unitary) matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Its action is

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{Z} |0\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle \xrightarrow{Z} -|1\rangle$$

## Other important gates

- *Y* gate

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- *S* gate

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- *T* gate

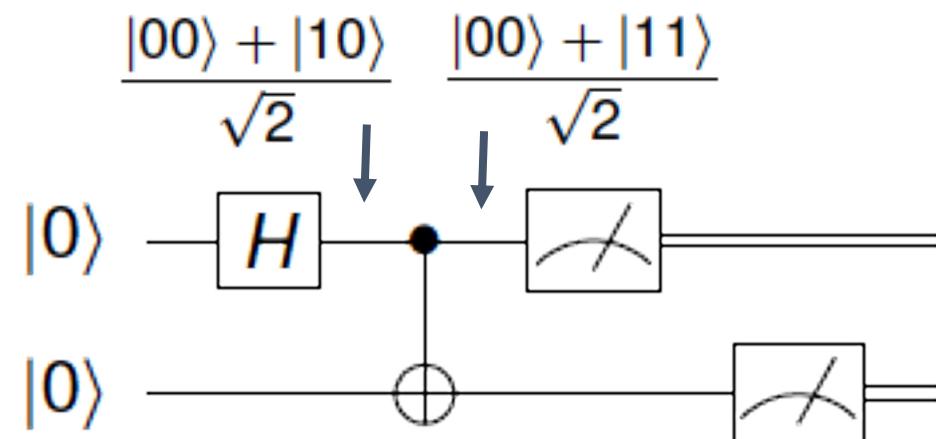
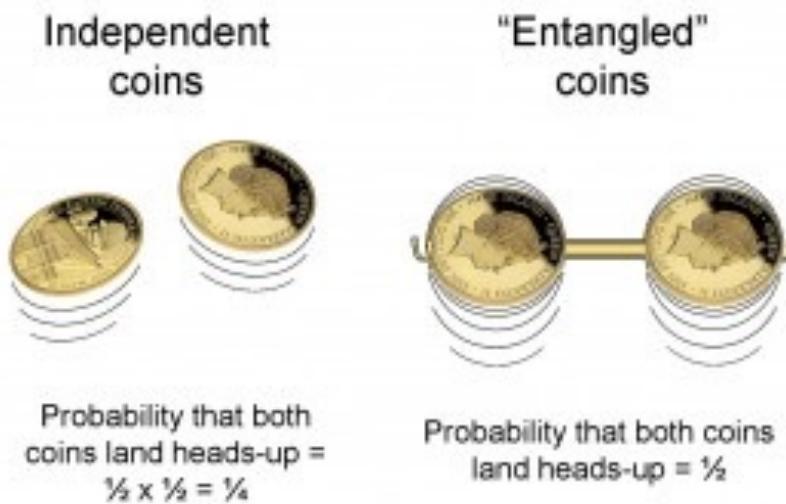
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The gates *X*, *Y* and *Z* are also called, together with the identity, the Pauli gates. An alternative notation is  $\sigma_X$ ,  $\sigma_Y$ ,  $\sigma_Z$ .



# Quantum entanglement

- **Quantum entanglement** creates correlation between qubit that, classically, would be independent
- Example : Bell state



# Quantum circuits

Classical circuits combine **logical operations** (and, or, not, nand, and xor).  
Quantum circuits use reversible gates that change the quantum states of **one, two , or more qubits**.

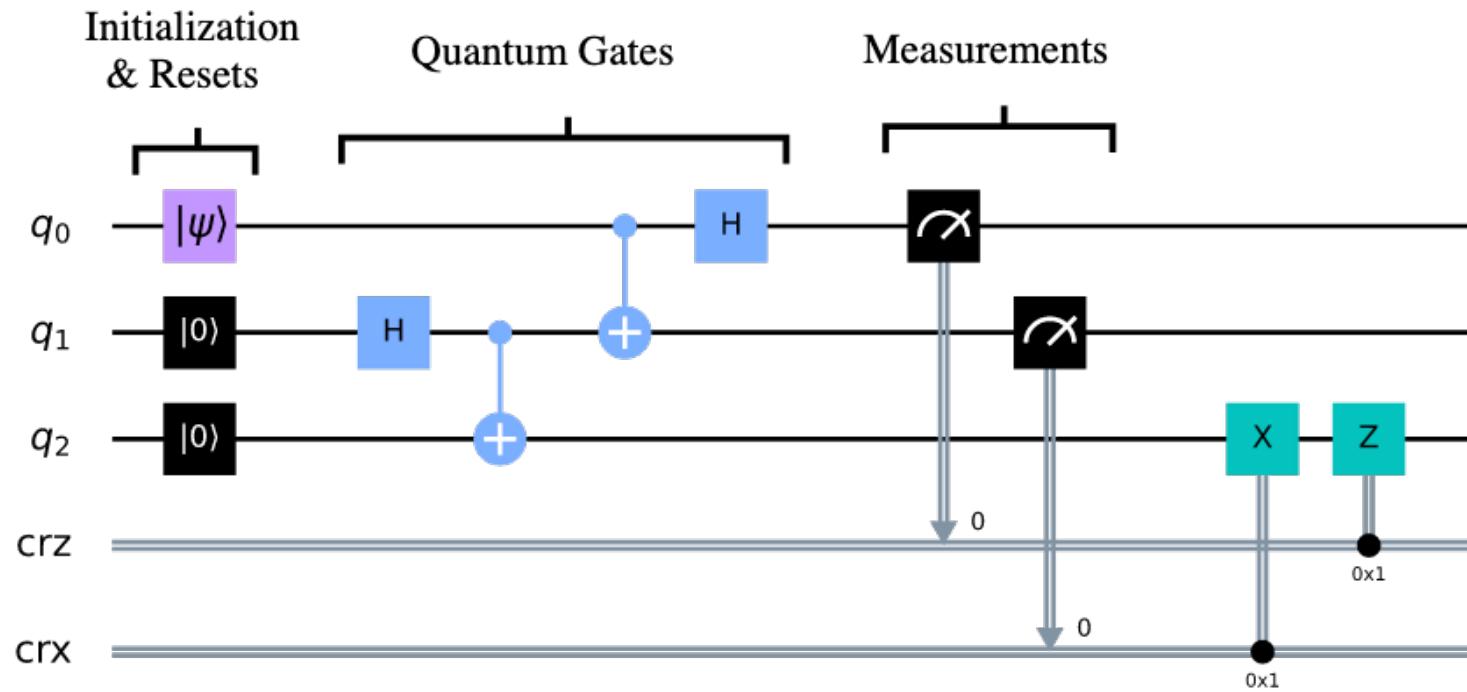


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# Quantum Algorithms

A collection on <http://quantumalgorithmzoo.org>

- Multiple algorithms have been studied
  - Shor algorithm for **prime factorization**
  - Grover algorithm for unsorted DB **searches**
  - Quantum **Fourier Transform**
  - ...
- Quantum-inspired algorithms (emulate quantum effects on classical hardware)
- Quantum Machine Learning
- Challenge is re-thinking **algorithms design** and define fair **benchmarking** and **comparison** to classical algorithms



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<https://quantum-computing.ibm.com/composer/docs/iqx/guide/shors-algorithm>

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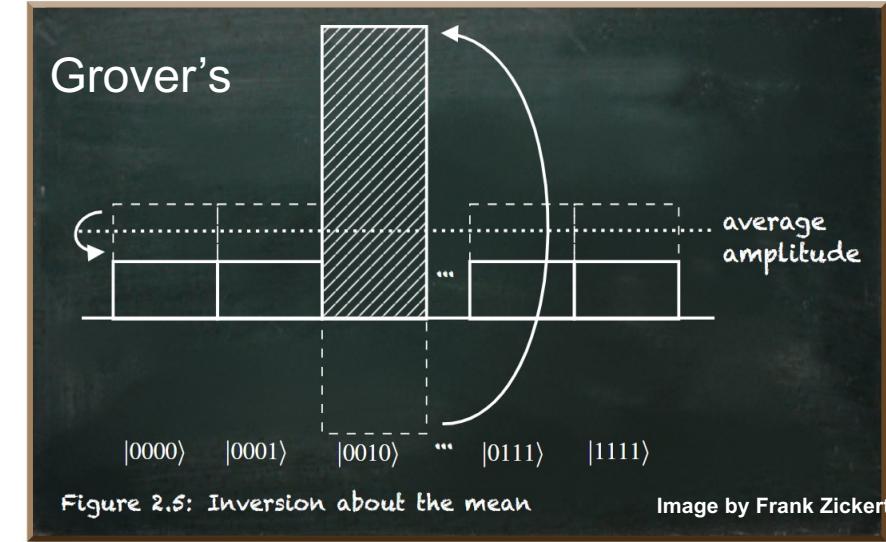
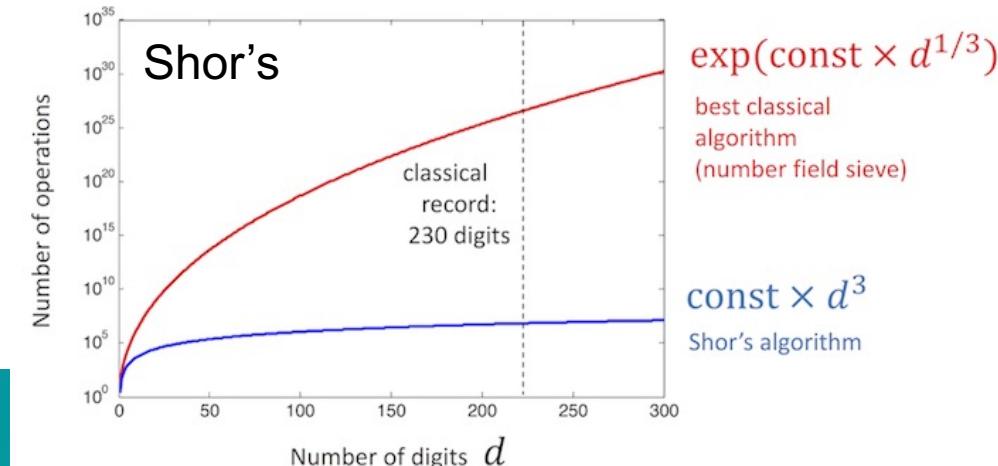
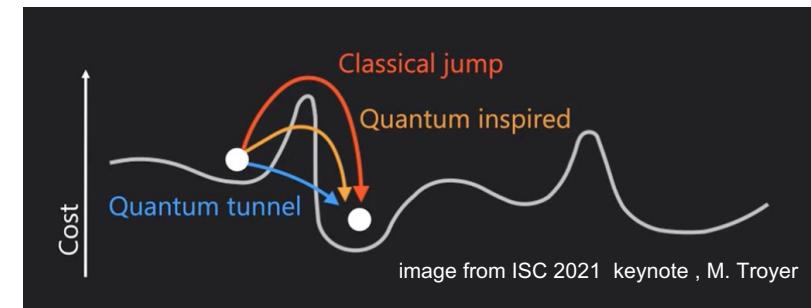


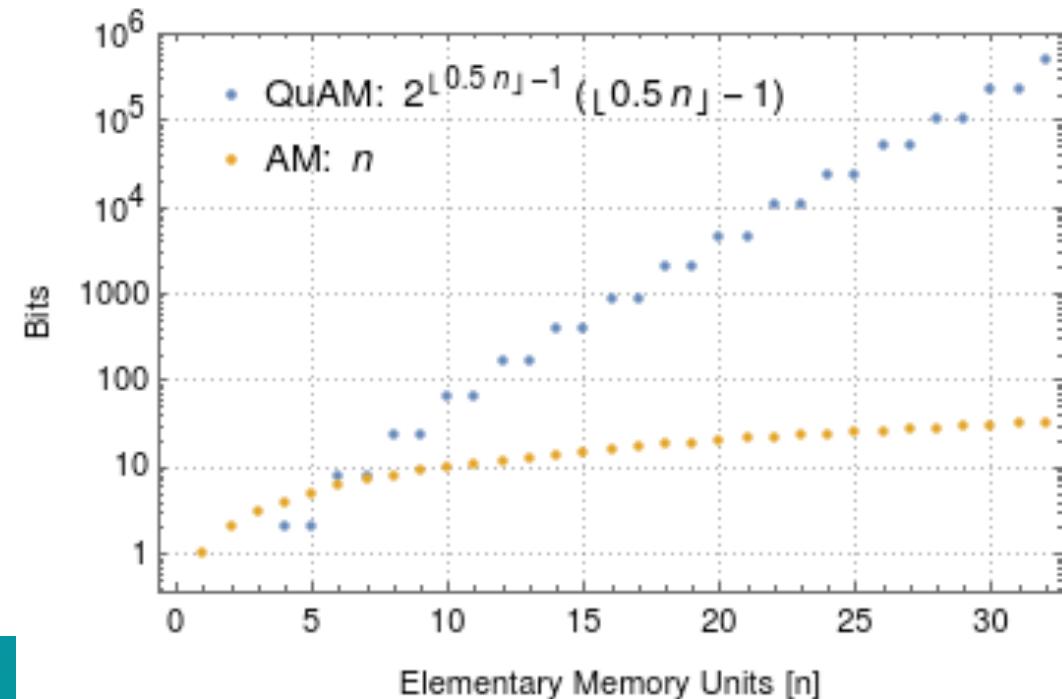
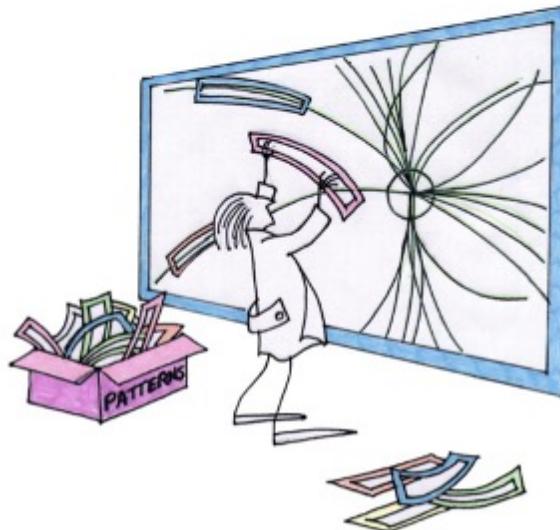
Figure 2.5: Inversion about the mean

Image by Frank Zickert



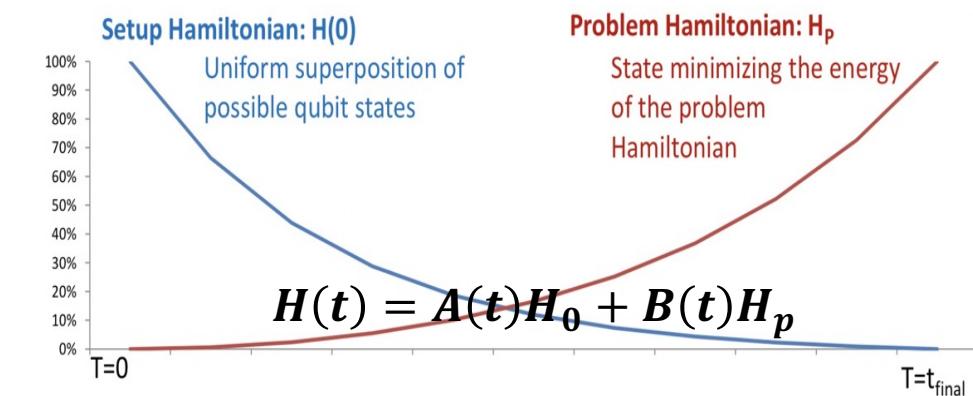
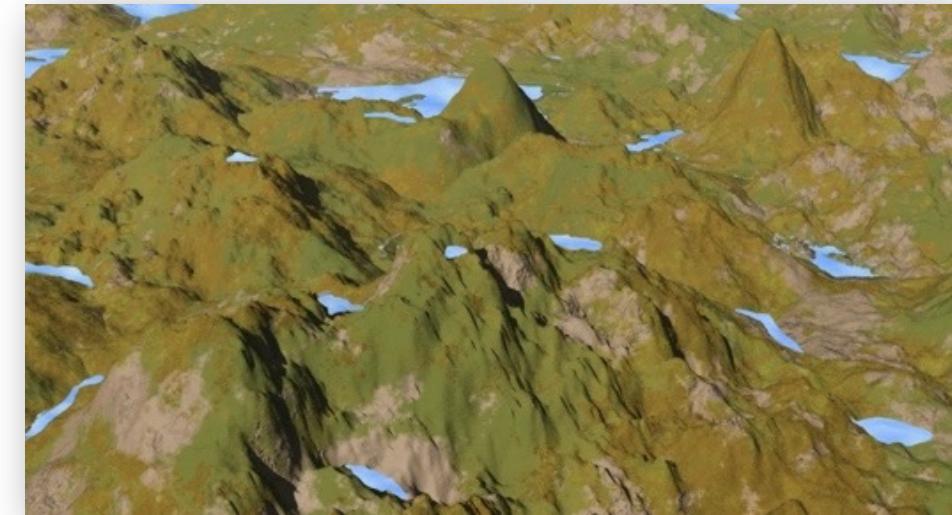
# Grover algorithm for pattern recognition

**Quantum Associative Memory:** Reconstruct particle trajectory by designing a DB of expected patterns and use the **generalised Grover algorithm** to match them to the detector output



# Quantum Annealing

- Annealing for optimization problems
  - PDF as a **mountain landscape**
  - Smoothly evolve probability of being at any given coordinate with time.
  - Probability increases around the coordinates of deep valleys
- Quantum systems based on **superconducting qubits**
- **D-Wave Advantage:** 5436 qubits - 15 connection (Pegasus)
  - **Quantum superposition:** scan simultaneously multiple coordinates
  - **Quantum tunneling:** reduces risk of local minima (tunnel through hills)
  - **Quantum entanglement:** discover correlations between the coordinates that lead to deep valleys.



# Training a classifier with QA

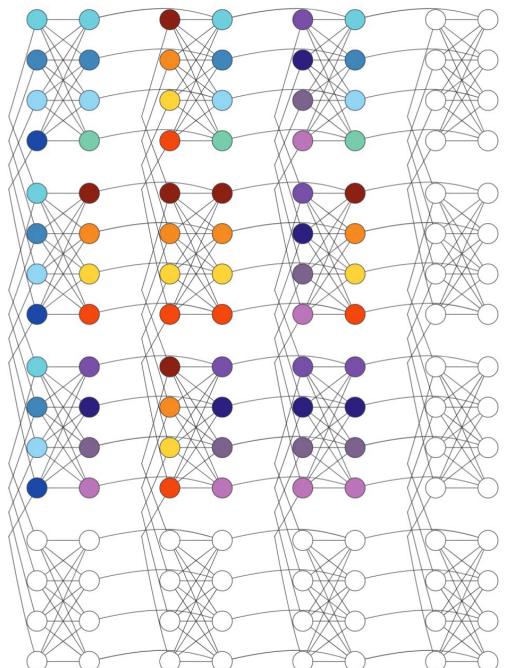
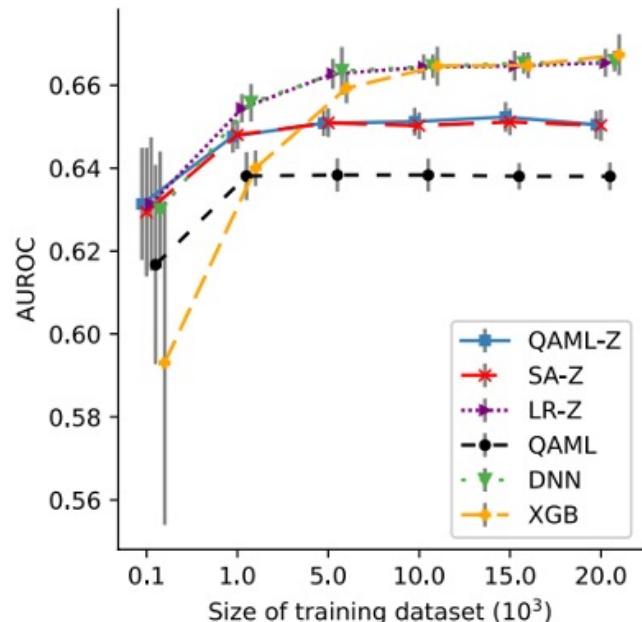
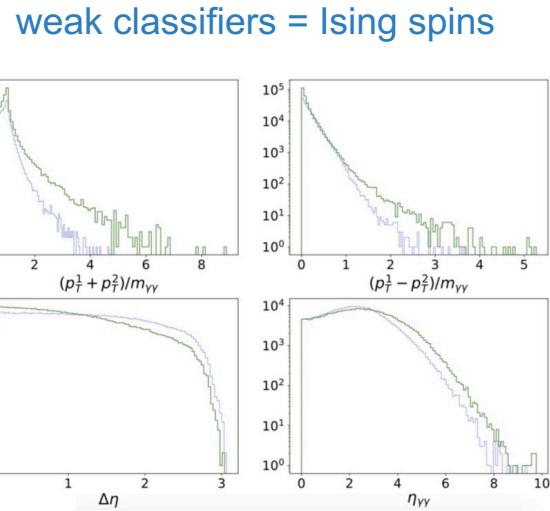
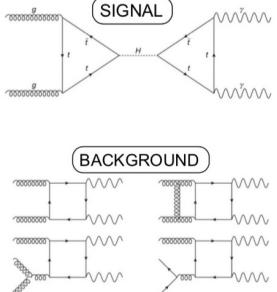
- Map the problem to a **Ising model** (spin lattice as qubit graph)
- Define Hamiltonian and **train by minimizing energy**
- First QC application to High Energy Physics

$$H_{\text{Ising}} = \sum_i h_i \sigma_i^z + \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$$

Adjacent qubits

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1210.8395>

## Initial features



# Today's challenges

- **Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum** devices
  - Limitations in terms of **stability** and **connectivity**
  - **De-coherence**, measurement errors or gate level errors (**noise**)
    - Specific **error mitigation techniques**
    - **Circuit optimisation**
    - Prefer algorithms **robust against noise**
- Quantum computers initially integrated in **hybrid quantum-classical infrastructure**
  - Engineering, cooling, I/O
  - Hybrid algorithms, QPU as accelerators

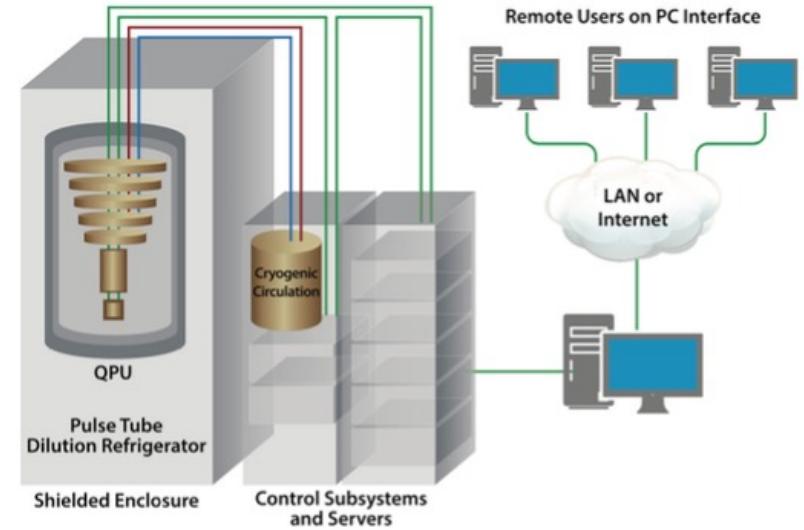
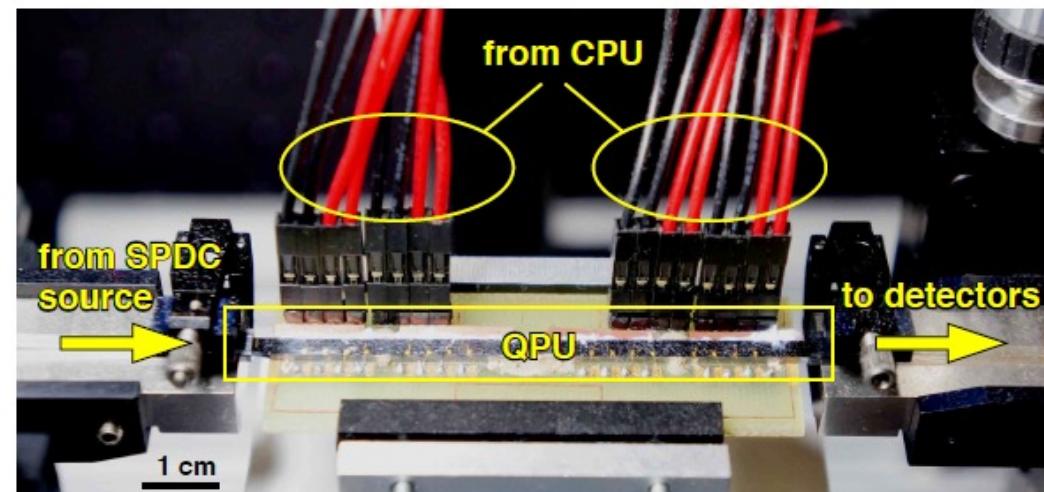


Image: D-Wave tutorial

Peruzzo, A. "A variational eigenvalue solver on a quantum processor." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1304.3061* (2013).



# Development Roadmap

Executed by IBM ✓  
On target ✅

IBM Quantum

2019 ✓	2020 ✓	2021 ✓	2022	2023	2024	2025	Beyond 2026	
Run quantum circuits on the IBM cloud	Demonstrate and prototype quantum algorithms and applications	Run quantum programs 100x faster with Qiskit Runtime	Bring dynamic circuits to Qiskit Runtime to unlock more computations	Enhancing applications with elastic computing and parallelization of Qiskit Runtime	Improve accuracy of Qiskit Runtime with scalable error mitigation	Scale quantum applications with circuit knitting toolbox controlling Qiskit Runtime	Increase accuracy and speed of quantum workflows with integration of error correction into Qiskit Runtime	
Model Developers				Prototype quantum software applications →	Quantum software applications			
Algorithm Developers		Quantum algorithm and application modules ✓	Machine learning   Natural science   Optimization	Quantum Serverless	Intelligent orchestration	Circuit Knitting Toolbox	Circuit libraries	
Kernel Developers	Circuits	Qiskit Runtime	Dynamic circuits ↗	Threaded primitives	Error suppression and mitigation		Error correction	
System Modularity	Falcon 27 qubits ✓	Hummingbird 65 qubits ✓	Eagle 127 qubits ✓	Osprey 433 qubits ↗	Condor 1,121 qubits	Flamingo 1,386+ qubits	Kookaburra 4,158+ qubits	Scaling to 10K-100K qubits with classical and quantum communication
				Heron 133 qubits x p	Crossbill 408 qubits			

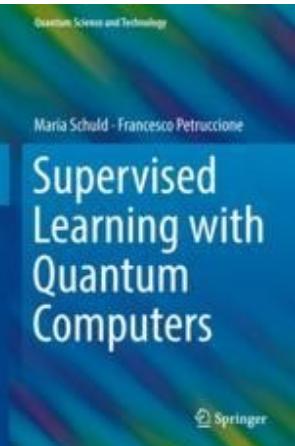


# Quantum Machine Learning

QML tutorials and resources <https://pennylane.ai>

Supervised Learning with Quantum Computers

Maria Schuld  
Francesco Petruccione



# Quantum Machine Learning

Use **Quantum Computing** to accelerate **ML/DL**.

Quantum circuits are **differentiable** and can be trained **minimizing a cost function** dependent on training data:

1. **Feature extraction and data encoding**
  - How to represent classical data in quantum states?
2. **Model definition** (kernel based or variational)
  - Design wrt data
3. **Optimisation and convergence in Hilbert space**
  - **Convergence vs expressivity**
  - Barren plateau and vanishing gradients
  - Gradient-free or gradient-based optimisers
  - ...

Different tools can enable hybrid computations

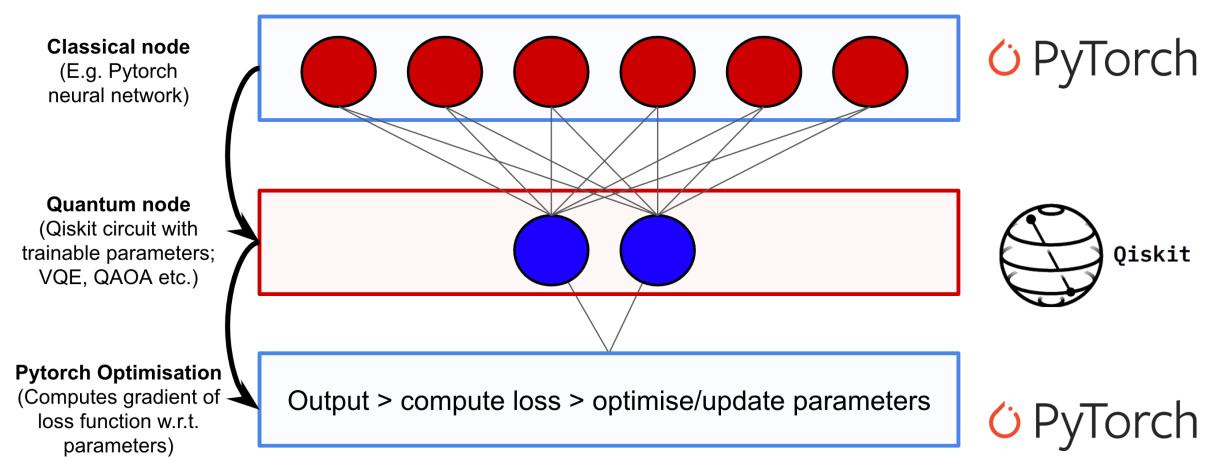
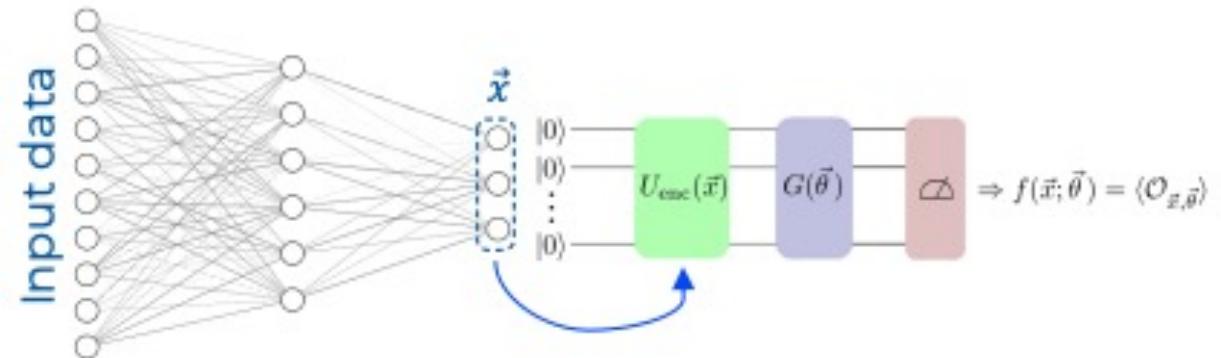
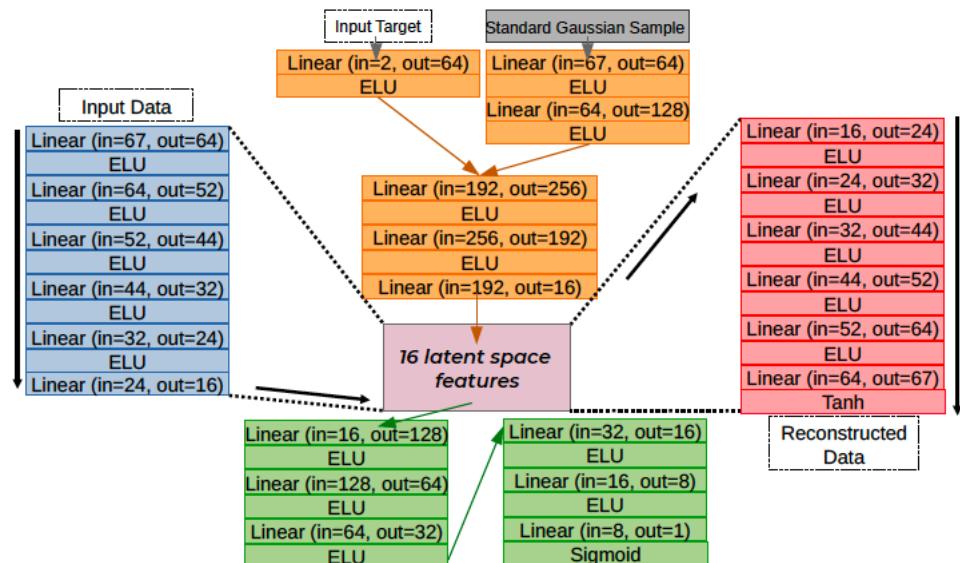


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# Dimensionality reduction and feature extraction

## Dimensionality reduction/feature extraction

- Reduce size of classical data
- Optimize input (PCA, Auto-Encoders.. )
- **Pre-trained or co-trained** in hybrid setup



Belis, Vasilis, et al. "Higgs analysis with quantum classifiers." EPJ Web of Conferences. Vol. 251. EDP Sciences, 2021.

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

Patrick Odagiu, 2021 : End-to-end Sinkhorn autoencoder with a classifier NN (green).  
Sinkhorn part consists of an encoder (blue), decoder (red) and noise generator (orange).

# Quantum embedding

**Data embedding in quantum states :**  
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

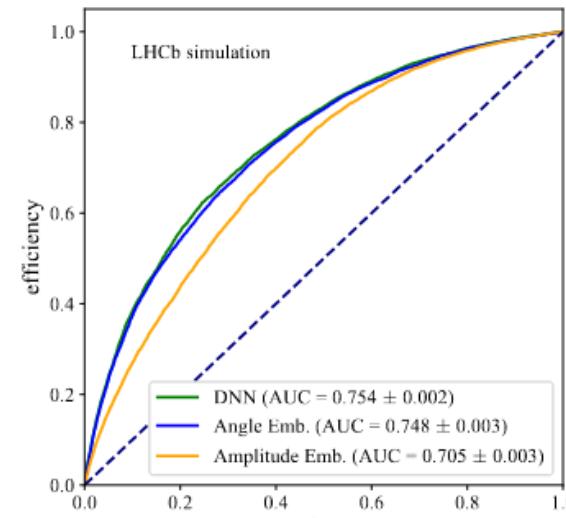
$n_{\text{qubit}} \propto O(\log(N))$



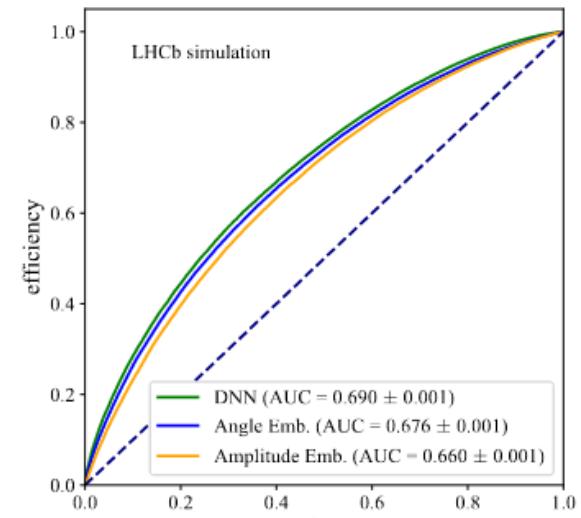
Polynomial number of gates

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

Gianelle, A., Koppenburg, P., Lucchesi, D. et al. **Quantum Machine Learning for  $b$ -jet charge identification**. *J. High Energ. Phys.* **2022**, 14 (2022). [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP08\(2022\)014](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP08(2022)014)



(a)



(b)

**Figure 5.** ROC distributions and AUC score for DNN (green), Angle Embedding (blue) and Amplitude Embedding circuits (yellow) for the *muon dataset* (a) and the *complete dataset* (b). The dashed line represents a random classifier.

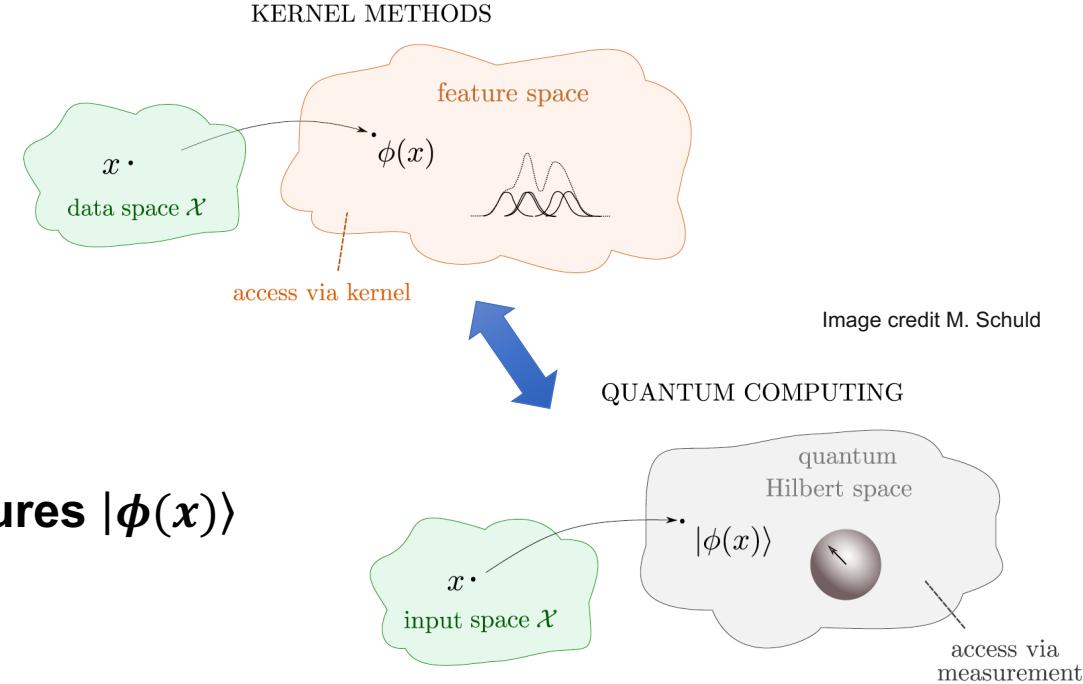
# Model definition

## Kernel methods

### Feature maps as quantum kernels

Use quantum computers to create **classically intractable features**  $|\phi(x)\rangle$

- Build inner product of feature vectors  $\rightarrow O(N_{data}^2)$
- Use classical **kernel-based training**
  - **Convex losses, global minimum**
- Identify classes of kernels that relate to specific data **structures**<sup>1</sup>
- Given a variational circuit of the form  $U(x, \vartheta) = \mathcal{V}_\vartheta U_\phi(x)$ , can define a quantum kernel method with better accuracy:  $|\phi(x)\rangle = U_\phi(x)|0\rangle$
- **Classically: not all machine learning models can be described by kernel methods.**



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# Quantum Support Vector Machine

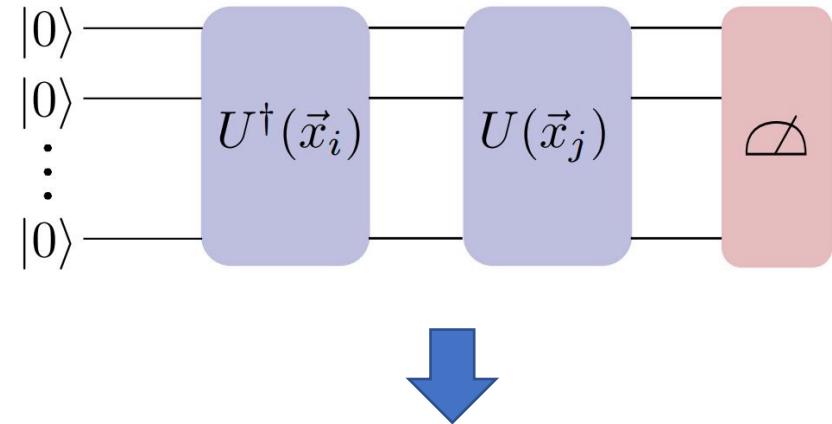
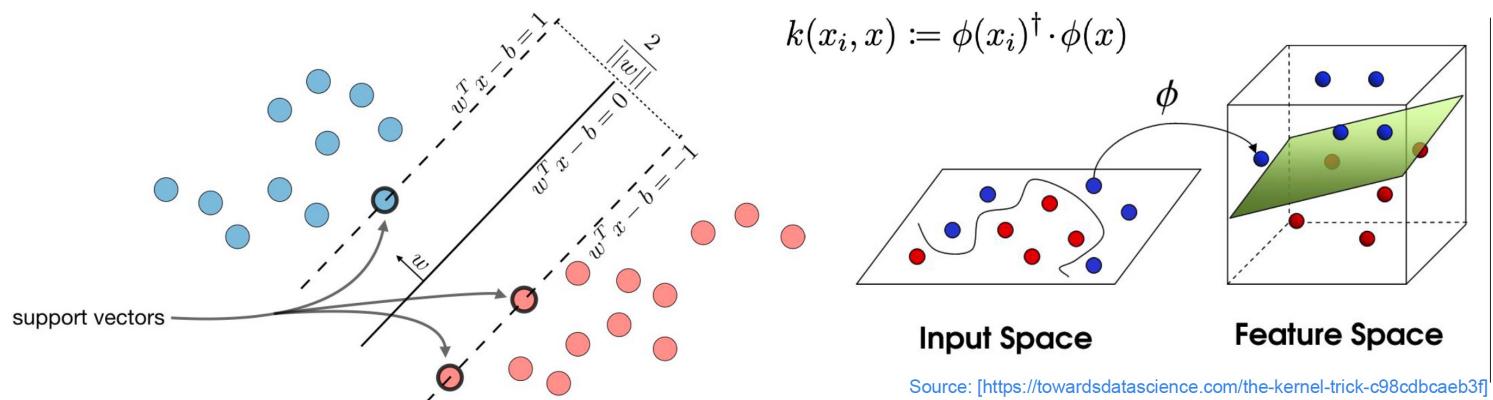
SVM are **kernel methods**:

Trained to find the optimal separating plane

**Quantum SVM** use feature maps as kernels

Feature maps enable SVM to design non-linear decision boundaries

Feature maps in high dimensionality space improve separation power



$$K_{ij} = |\langle 0|U^\dagger(\vec{x}_i)U(\vec{x}_j)|0\rangle|^2$$

NB:

- Quantum kernels sampled on quantum device
- Minimisation step is classical

# Model definition

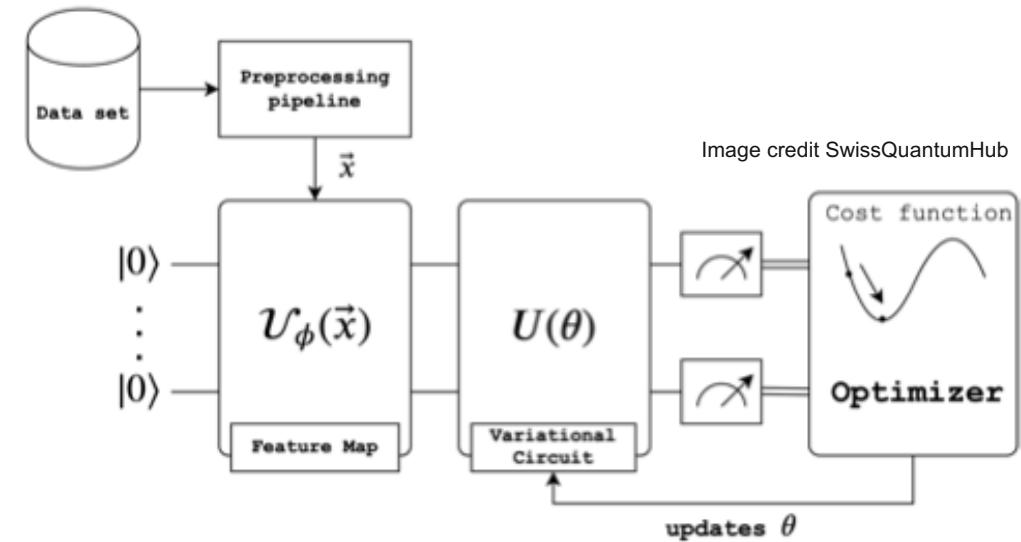
## Variational algorithms

Define a **parametric quantum circuit** with trainable parameters  $\vartheta$   
 $U(x, \vartheta)$

Given an observable  $O$ , build a model

$$y(x, \vartheta) = \langle 0 | U^\dagger(x, \vartheta) O U(x, \vartheta) | 0 \rangle$$

- Trained using **gradient-free** or **gradient-based** optimization in a classical loop
  - Backpropagation and auto-differentiation
- **Data Embedding**  $\mathcal{V}_\phi(x)$  can be **learned**
- Improve performance by designing architectures to **leverage data symmetries**<sup>1</sup>
- There are quantum circuits that **hard to simulate classically**



<sup>1</sup> Bogatskiy, Alexander, et al. "Lorentz group equivariant neural network for particle physics." *International Conference on Machine Learning*. PMLR, 2020.

# Defining quantum Advantage for QML

## Different possible definitions

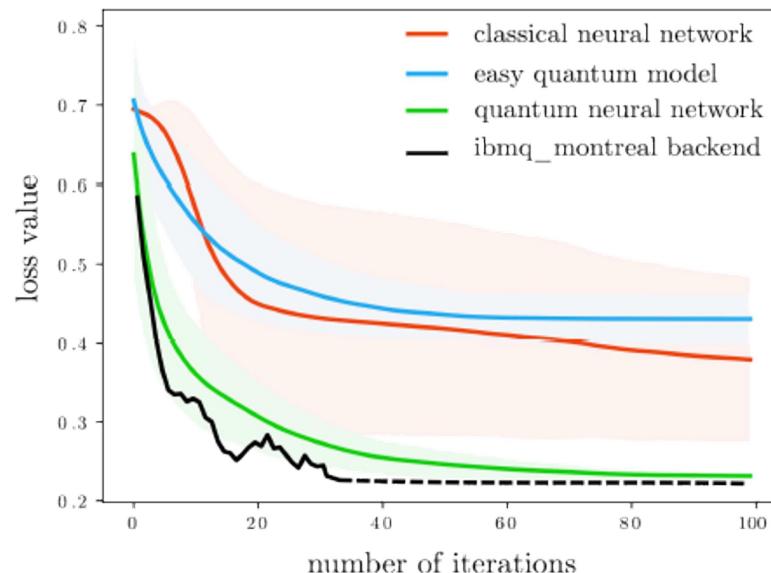
Runtime speedup

Sample complexity

Representational power

## Classical Intractability: a quantum algorithm that cannot be efficiently simulated classically

- No established recipe for classical data
- Need to use the whole exponential advantage in Hilbert space, but will it converge ?  
(Algorithm expressivity vs convergence and generalization)



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# Practical advantage

## Practical implementation vs asymptotic complexity

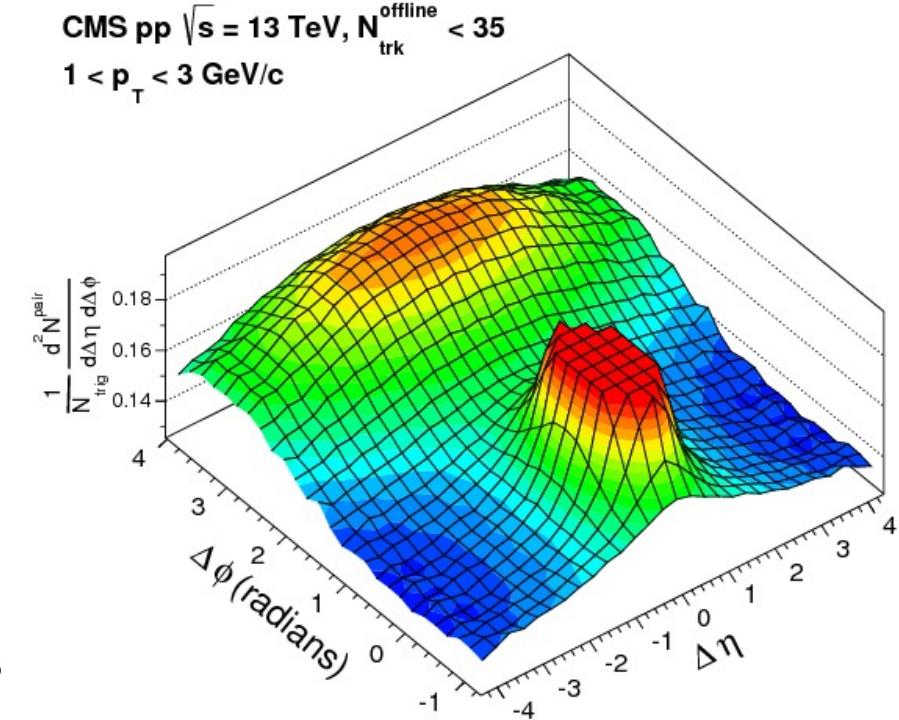
- Data embedding
- NISQ vs ideal quantum devices
- Realistic applications

## Performance metrics and fair comparison to classical models

HEP data is classical, but originally produced by quantum processes. It is these **intrinsically quantum correlations** we are trying to identify

## A change of paradigm could reflect in interesting insights

- What are natural building blocks for QML algorithms?
- How can we construct useful bridges between QC and learning theory?
- How can we make quantum software ready for ML applications?



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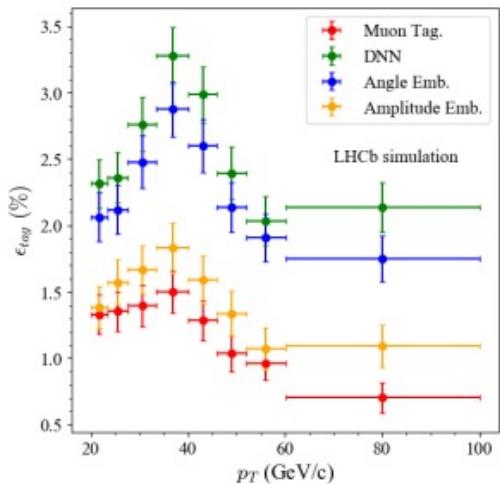


# Quantum Machine Learning examples



# QML in High Energy Physics

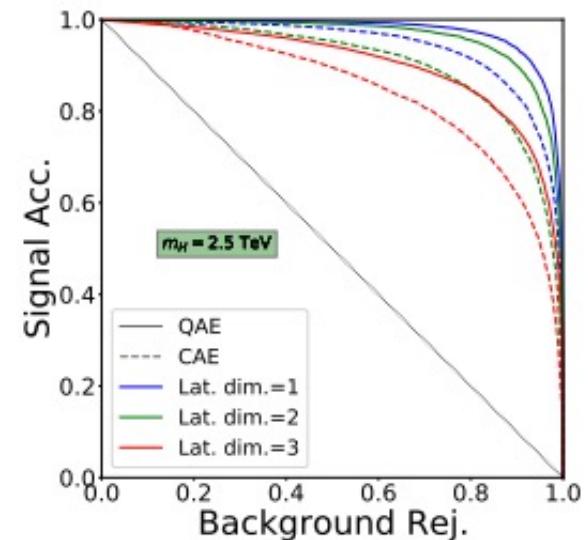
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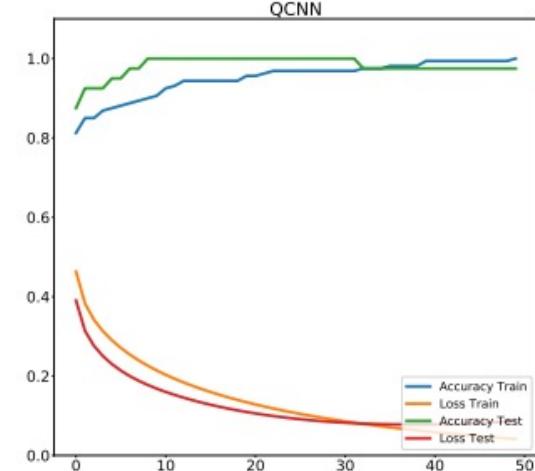
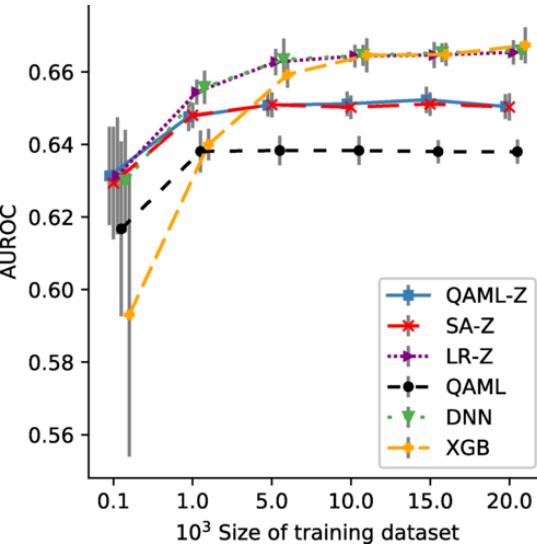
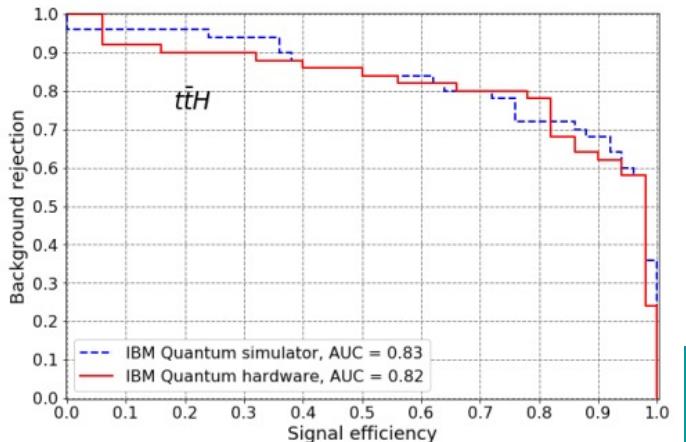
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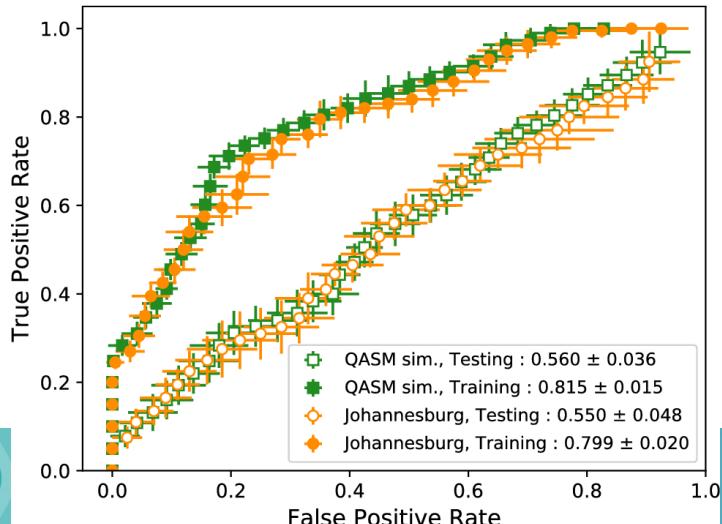
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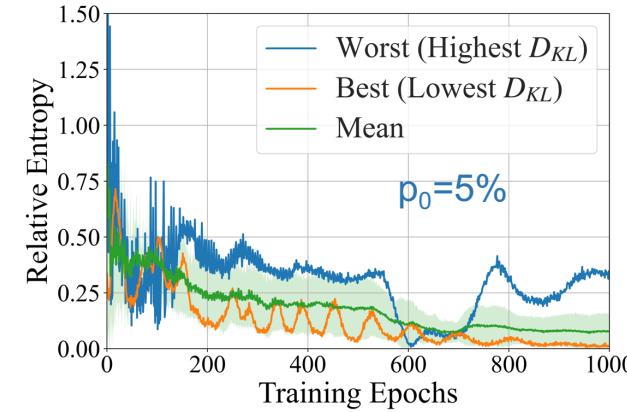


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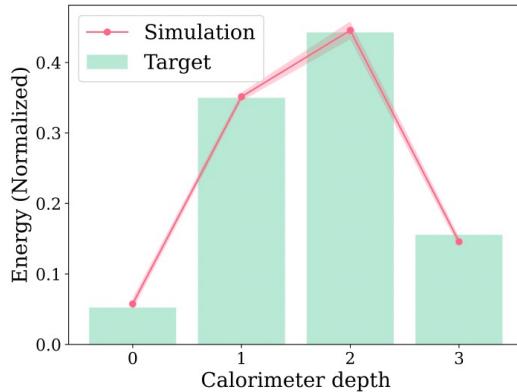


# QML at CERN

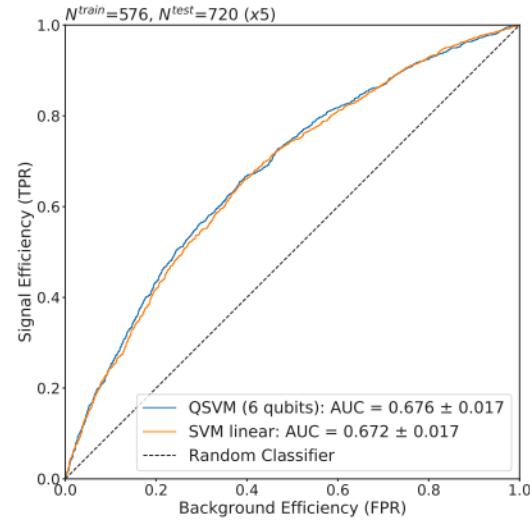
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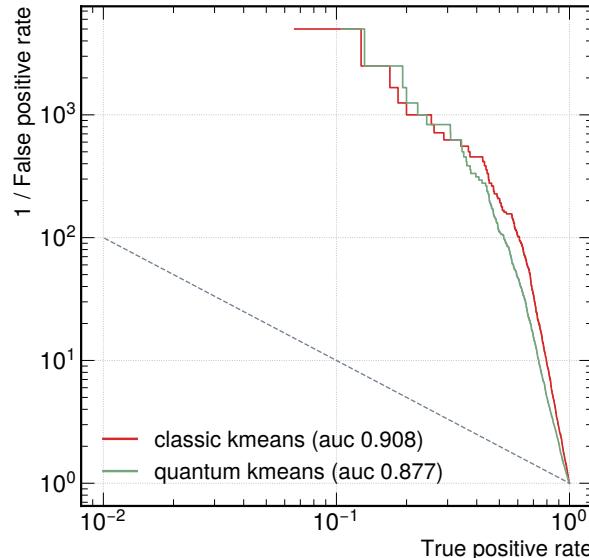


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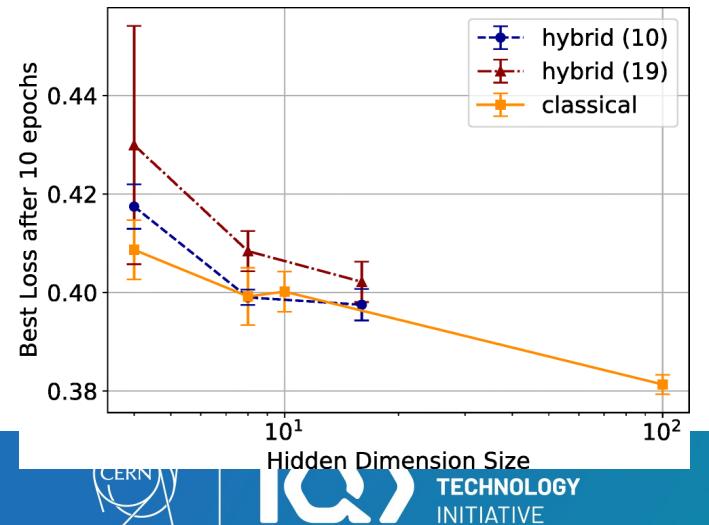


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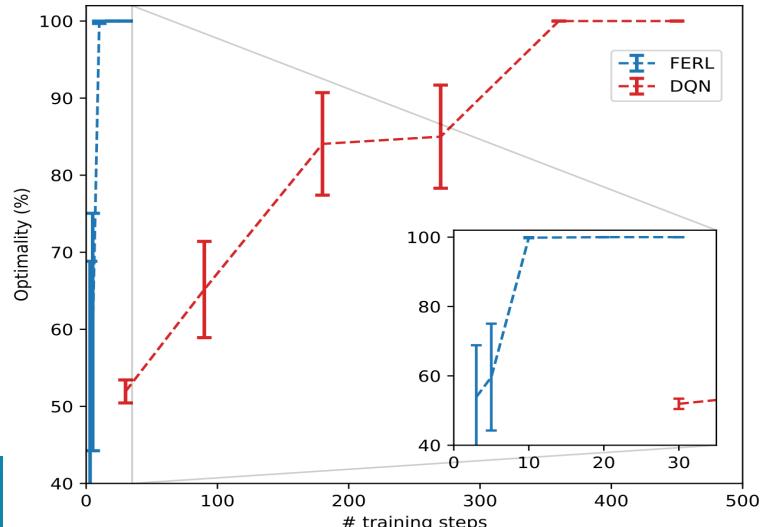
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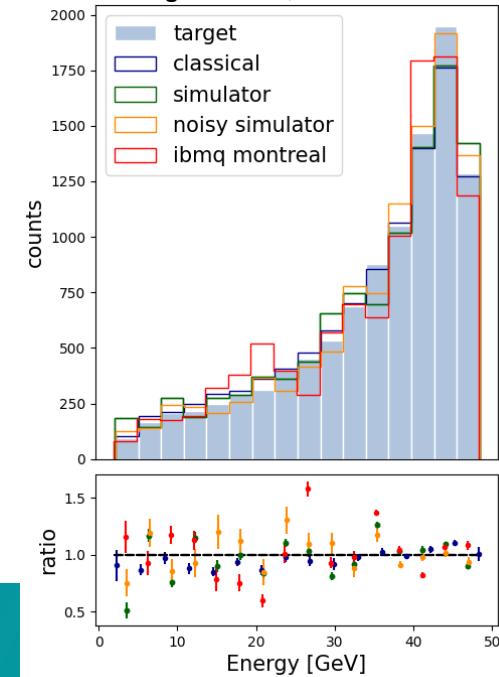
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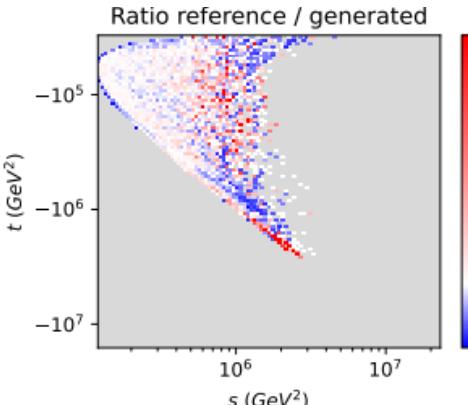
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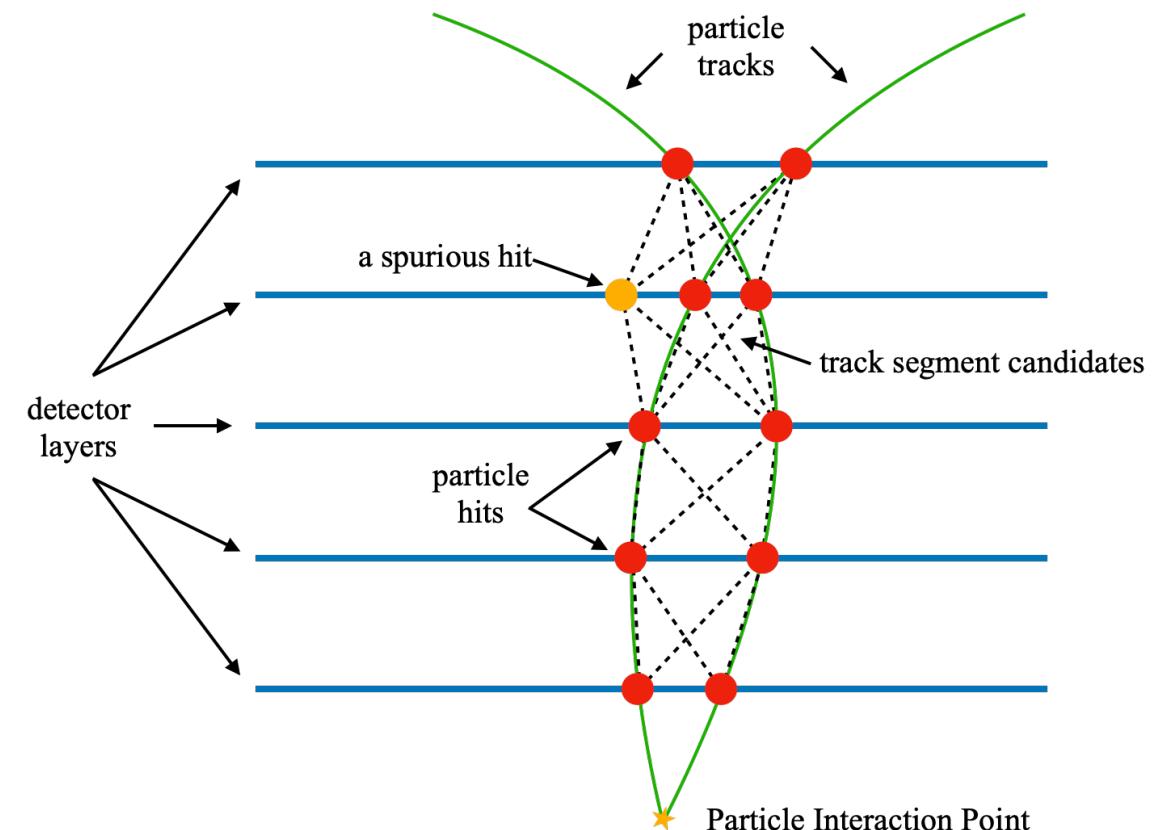
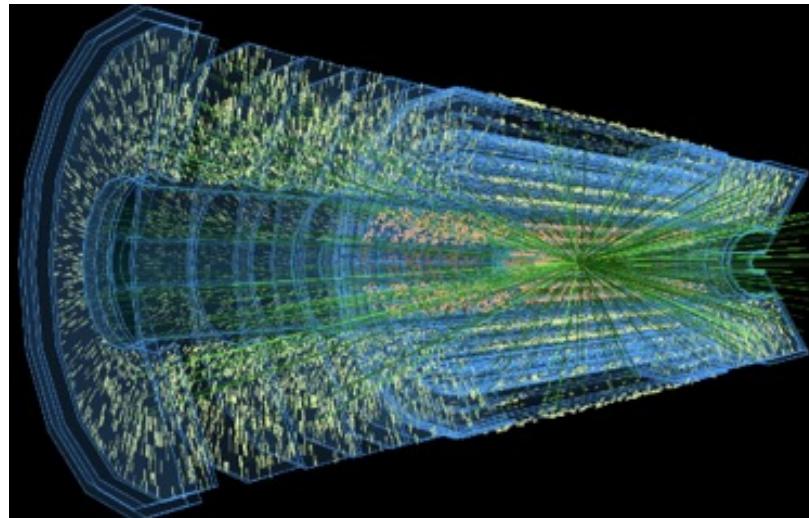
# Charged particle tracking

**Graph Neural Networks** for particle trajectory reconstruction

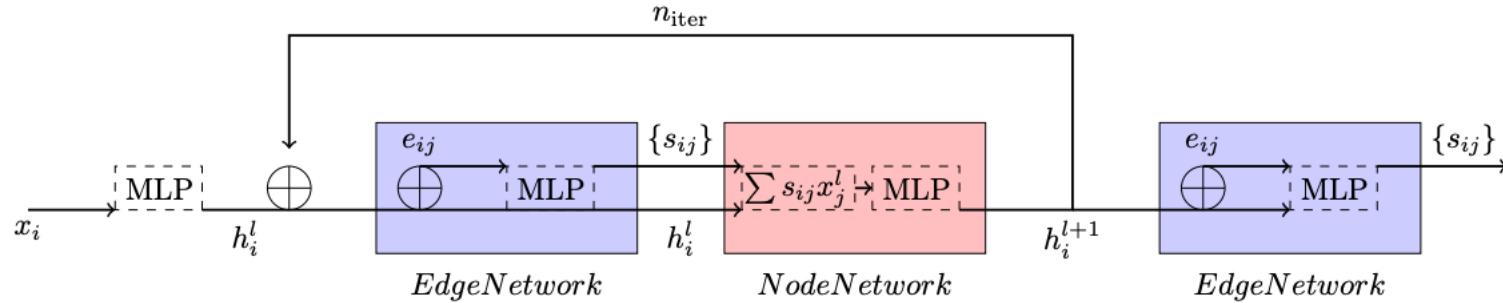
Data as a **graph of connected hits**

Connect hits using **geometric constraints**

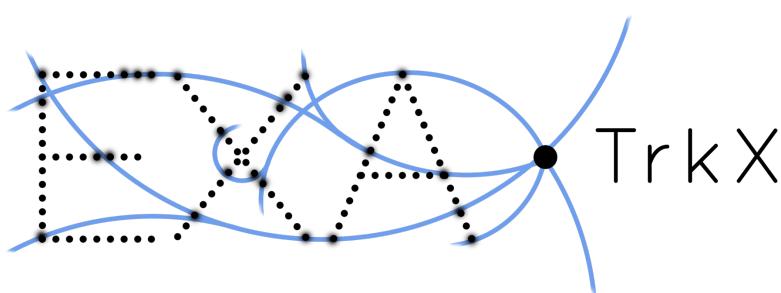
Embedding requires **large graphs** (~ $10^5$  nodes)



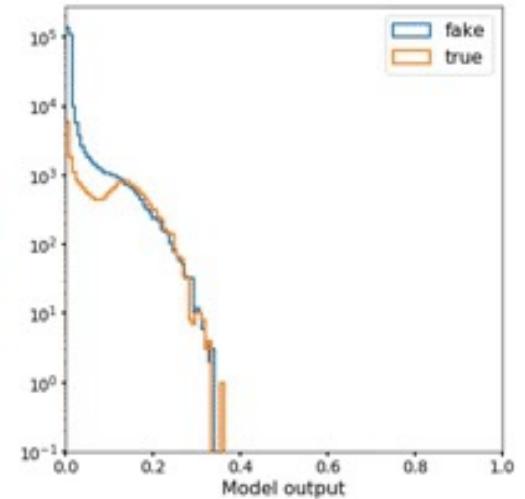
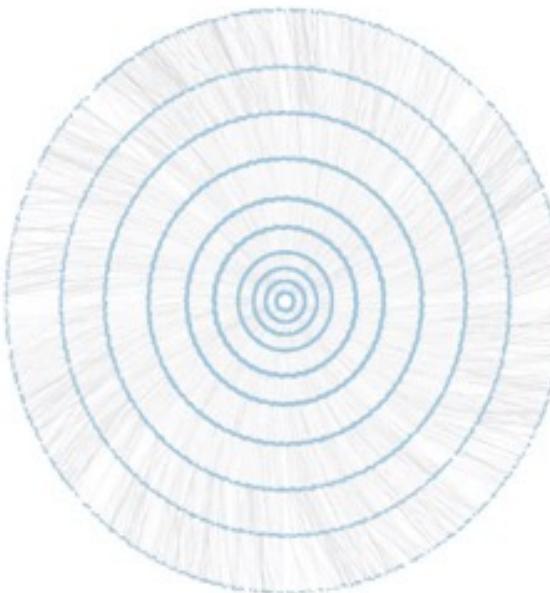
# GNN for particle tracking



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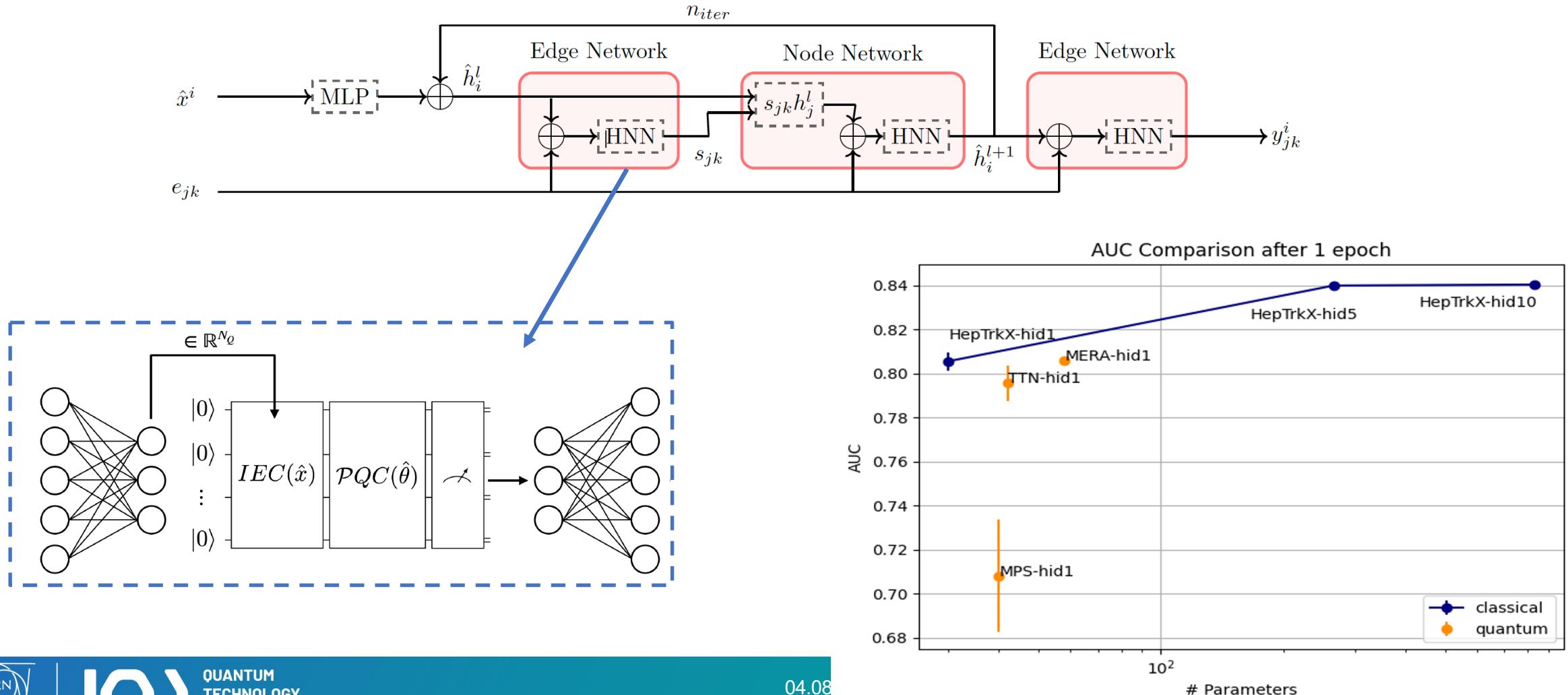


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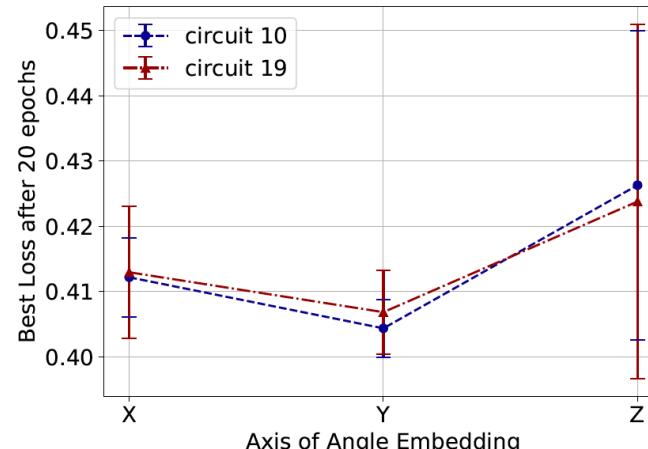
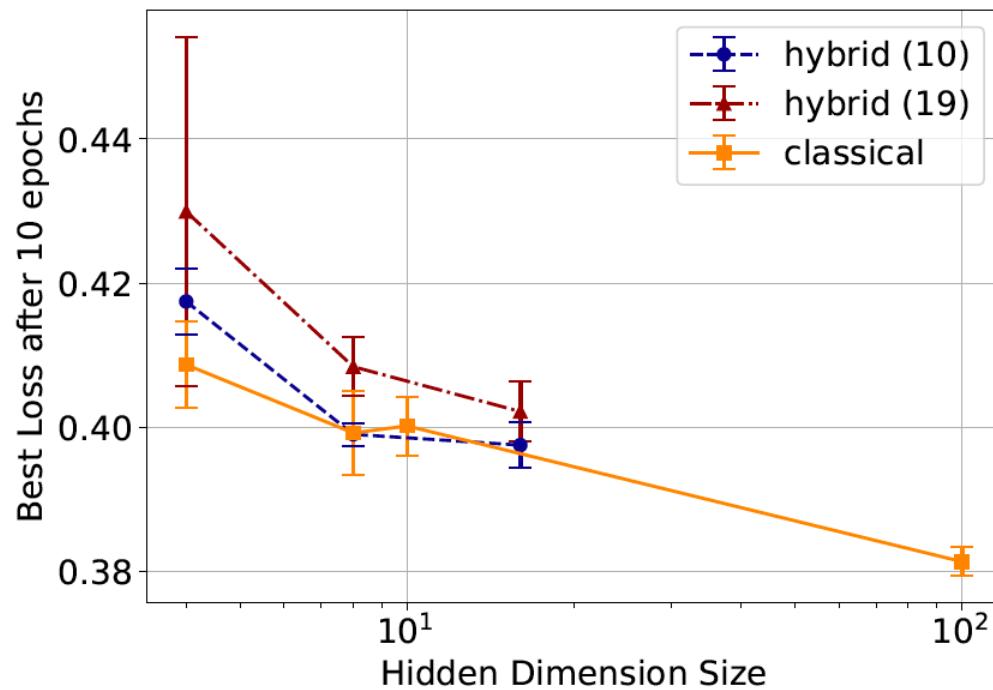


# Quantum models

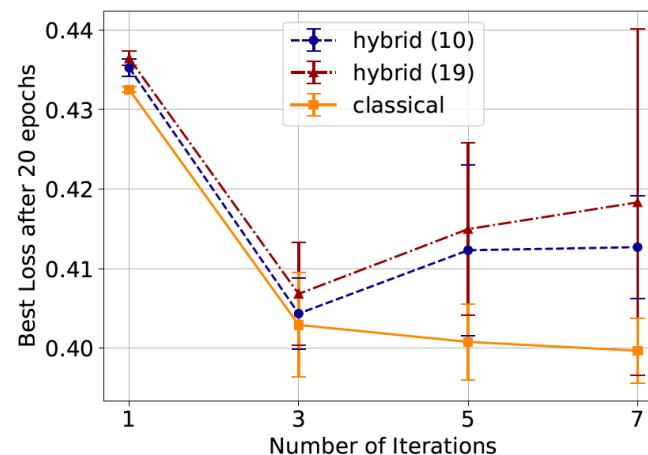
Replace Edge and Node networks with hybrid classifiers



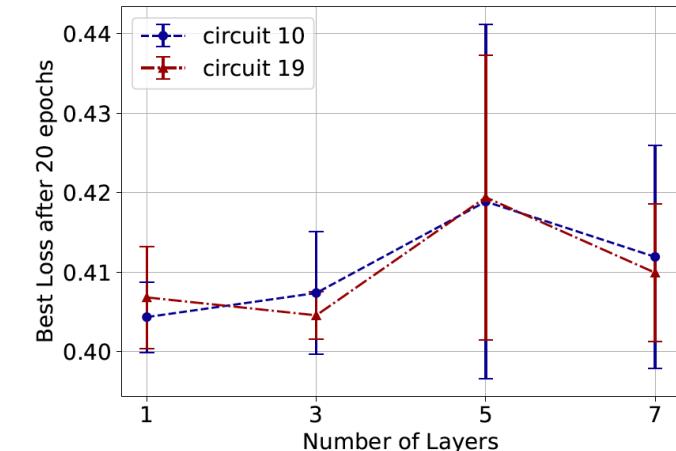
# Quantum circuit systematics



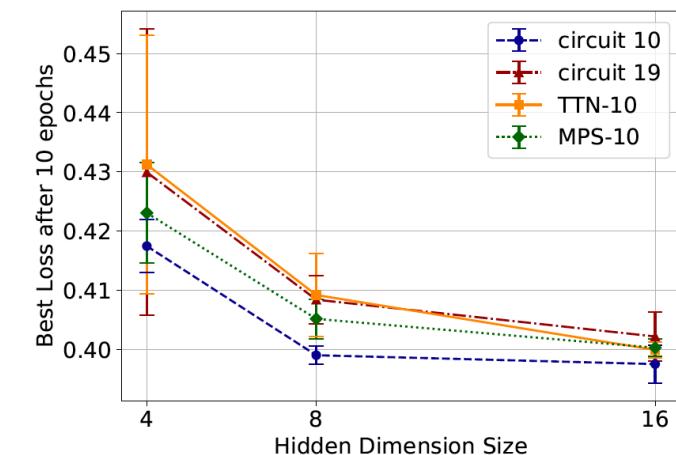
(a) Axis of angle embedding comparison.



(c) Number of iterations ( $N_I$ ) comparison.



(b) Number of layers ( $N_L$ ) comparison.

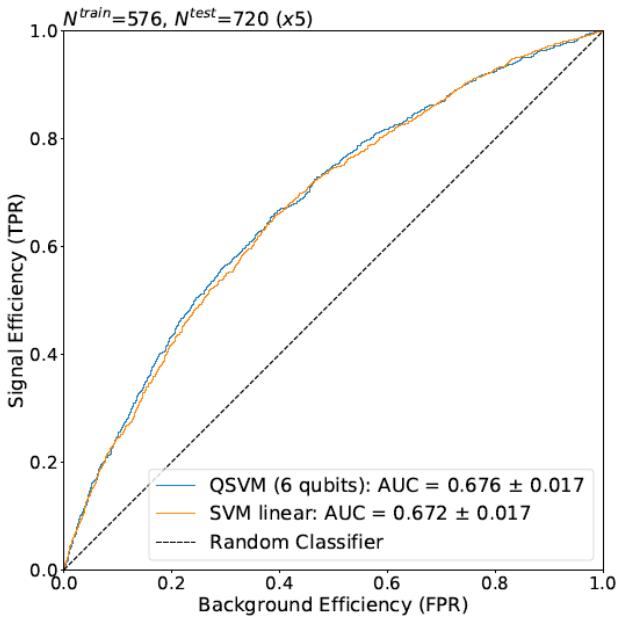
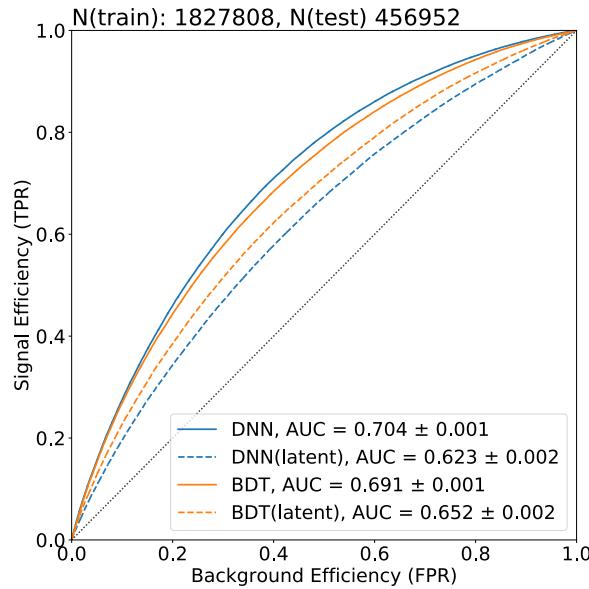
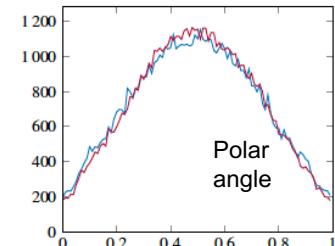
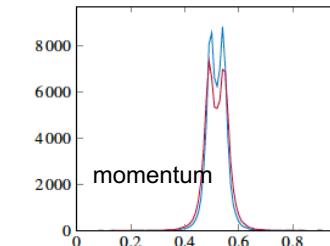
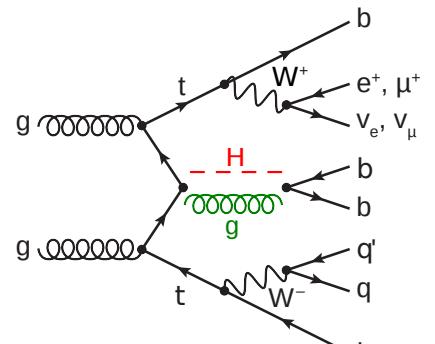


(d) Hidden dimension size ( $N_D = N_Q$ ) comparison.

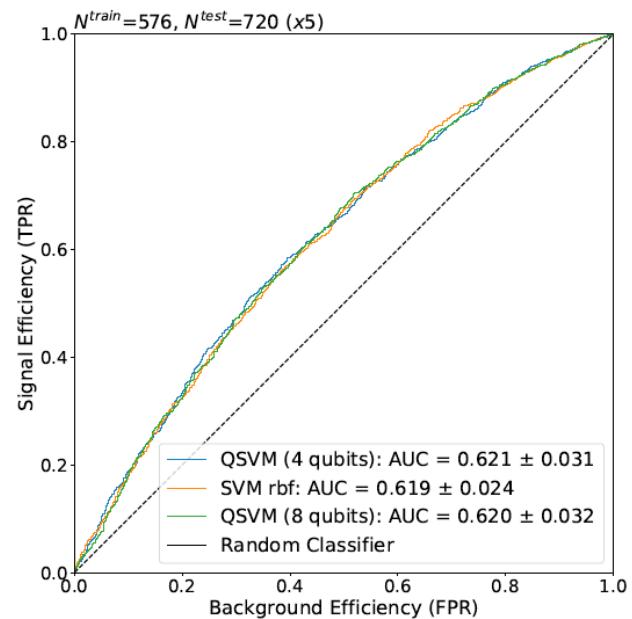
# Quantum SVM for Higgs classification

Classical models trained on 67 features

Test several dimensionality reduction strategies  
 (PCA, AutoEncoder, Kmeans...)



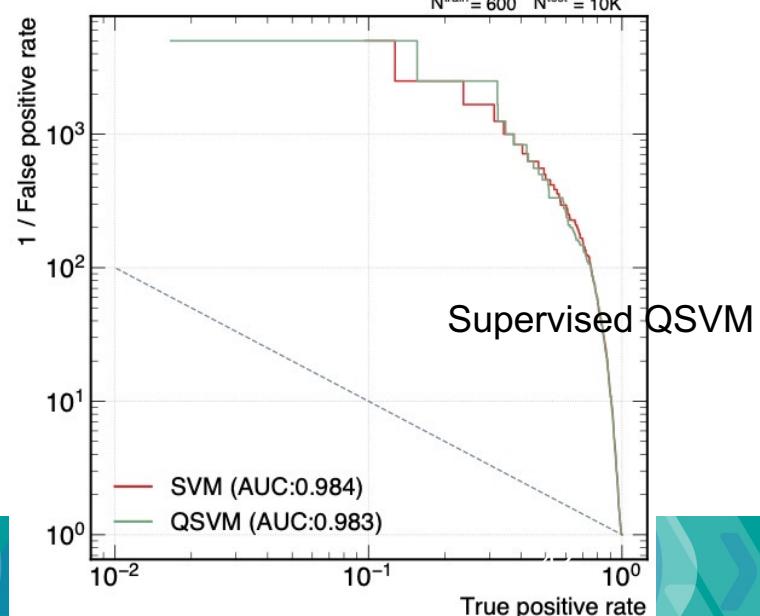
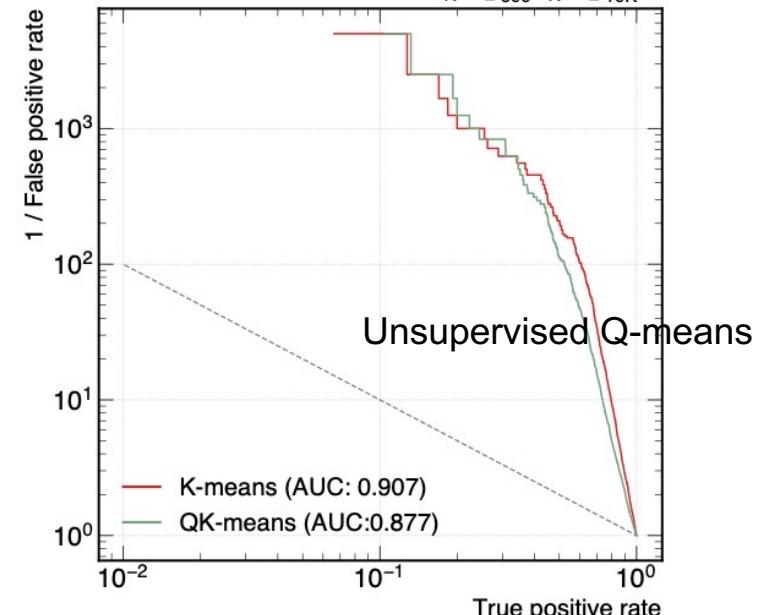
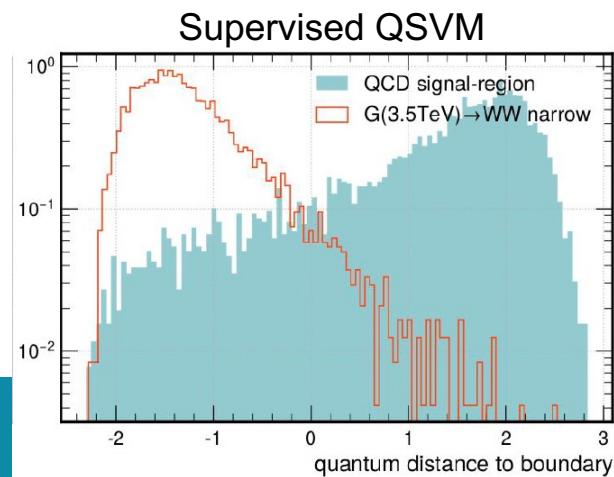
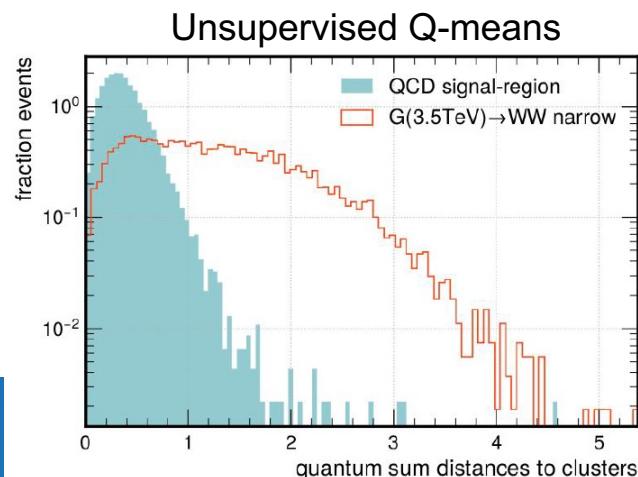
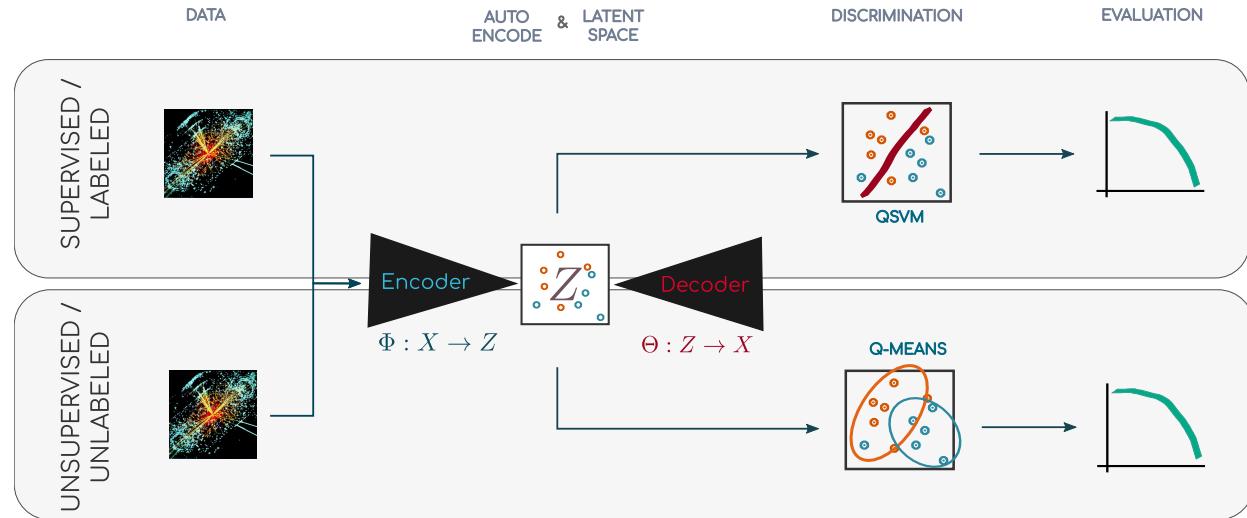
(b) Models trained on the original input features (67), discarding the 3 least informative ones (64).



(a) Models trained on the AE latent space features (16).

# Hybrid setup for anomaly detection

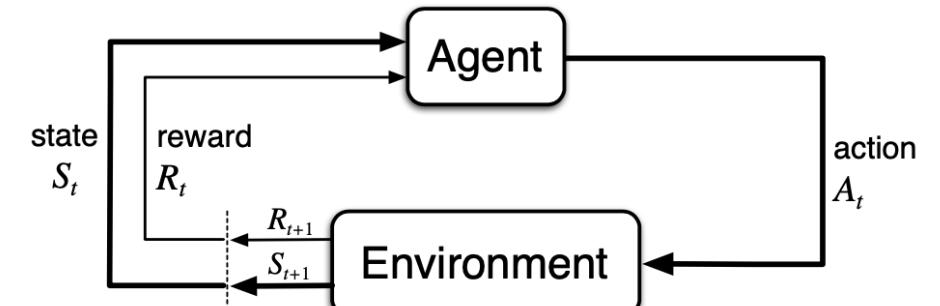
Di-jet events ( $\Delta\phi$ ,  $\Delta\eta$ ,  $p_T$ ). Train AE on **QCD sidebands**.  
Train classifiers on **signal region**.



# Reinforcement Learning

## Agent interacts with environment

- Receives reward after every action
- Learns through trial-and-error
- Training sample:  $(s_t, a_t, r_t, s_{t+1}, d_t)$



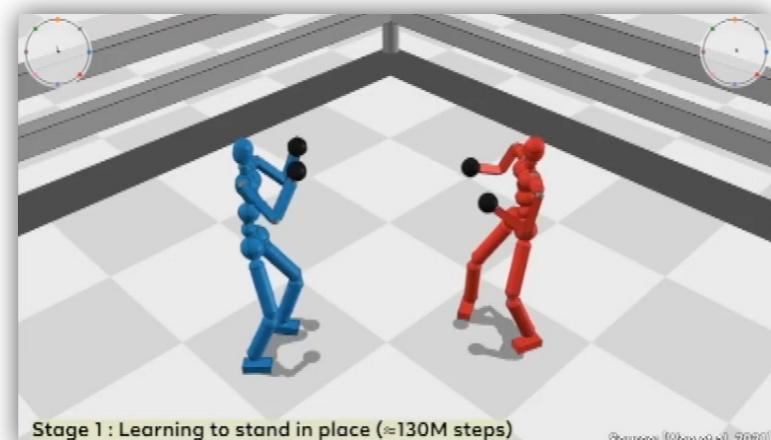
RL book: Sutton & Barto

## Decision making

- Agent follows policy  $\pi: S \rightarrow A$
- Goal: find optimal policy  $\pi^*$
- Optimal  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximizing return:  $G_t = \sum_k \gamma^k R_{t+k}$

## Expected return can be estimated through value function $Q(s, a)$

- Helps answering: “**Best action to take in given state?**”
- Not a priori known, but **can be learned iteratively**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsJ\\_AusntiU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsJ_AusntiU)  
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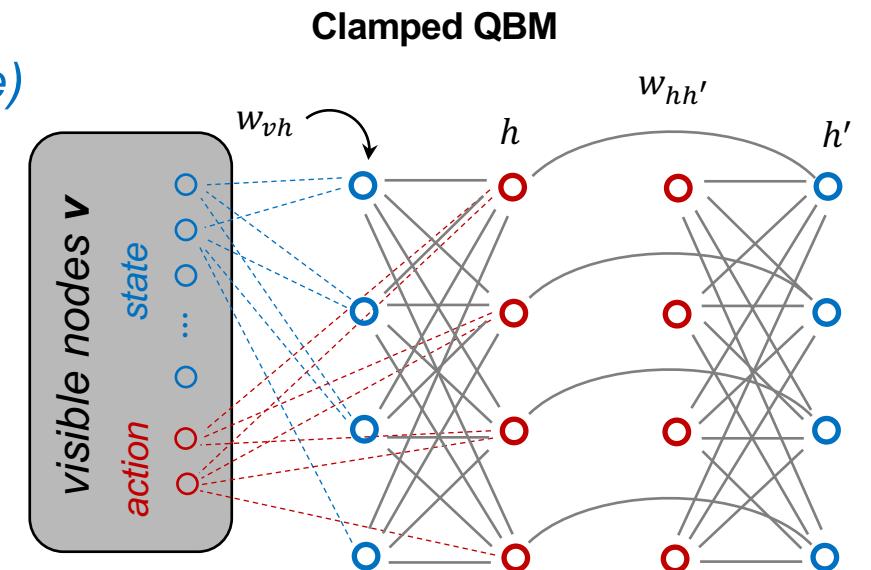
# Quantum Reinforcement Learning

**Q-learning:** learn  $Q(s, a)$  using **function approximator**

- **DQN:** Deep Q-learning (*feed-forward neural network*)
- **FERL:** Free energy based RL (*quantum Boltzmann machine*)

**Free Energy RL: clamped Quantum Boltzman Machine**

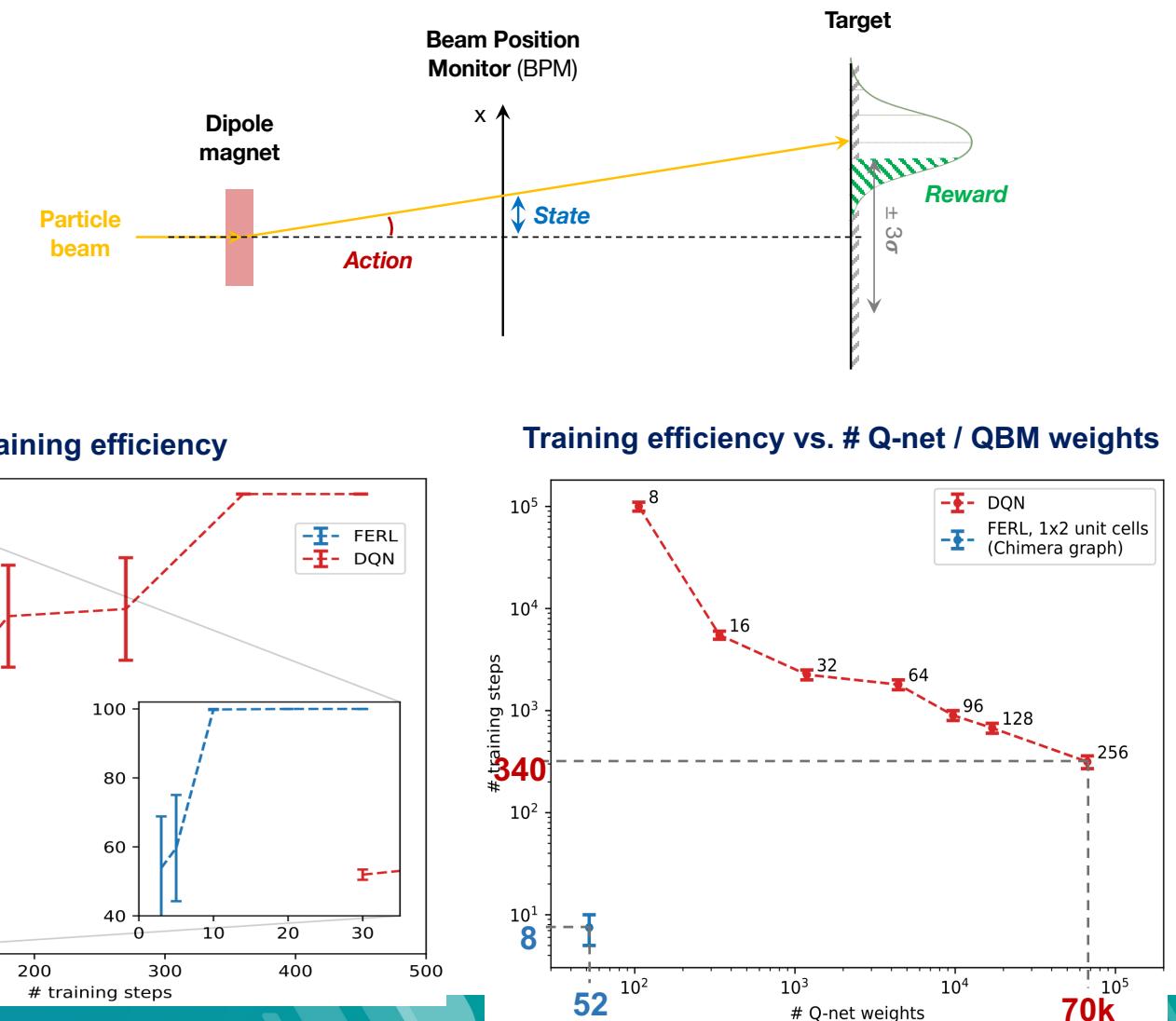
- **Network of coupled, stochastic, binary units** (spin up / down)
- $\hat{Q}(s, a) \approx$  **negative free energy** of classical spin configurations  $c$
- **Sampling**  $c$  using **(simulated) quantum annealing**
- **Clamped:** visible nodes not part of QBM; accounted for as biases
- **Using 16 qubits of D-Wave Chimera graph**
- **Discrete, binary-encoded state and action spaces**



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

# Beam optimisation in linear accelerator

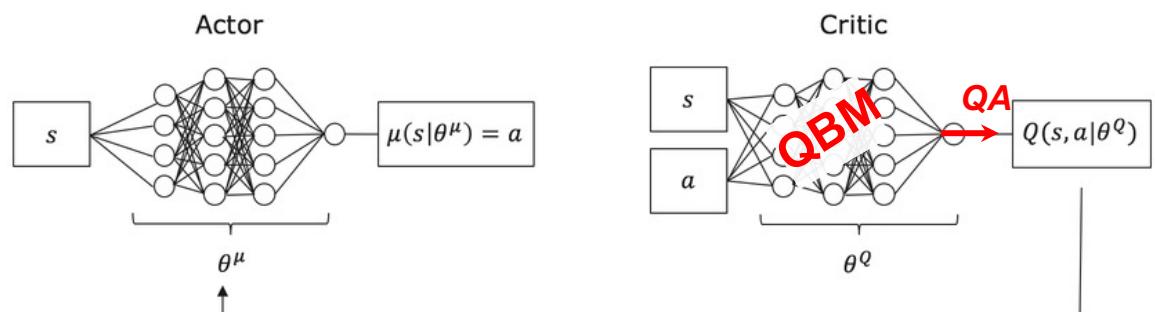
- **Action:** deflection angle
- **State:** BPM position
- **Reward:** integrated beam intensity on target
- **Optimality:** what fraction of possible states does agent take the right decision
- **Training efficiency:** FERL **massively** outperforms classical Q-learning ( $8\pm 2$  vs.  $320\pm 40$  steps)
- **Descriptive power:** QBM can reach high performance with **much fewer weights** than DQN (52 vs.  $\sim 70k$ )



# Getting real..

- AWAKE electron beam line (10BPM)**

<https://gitlab.cern.ch/be-op-ml-optimization/envs/awake>

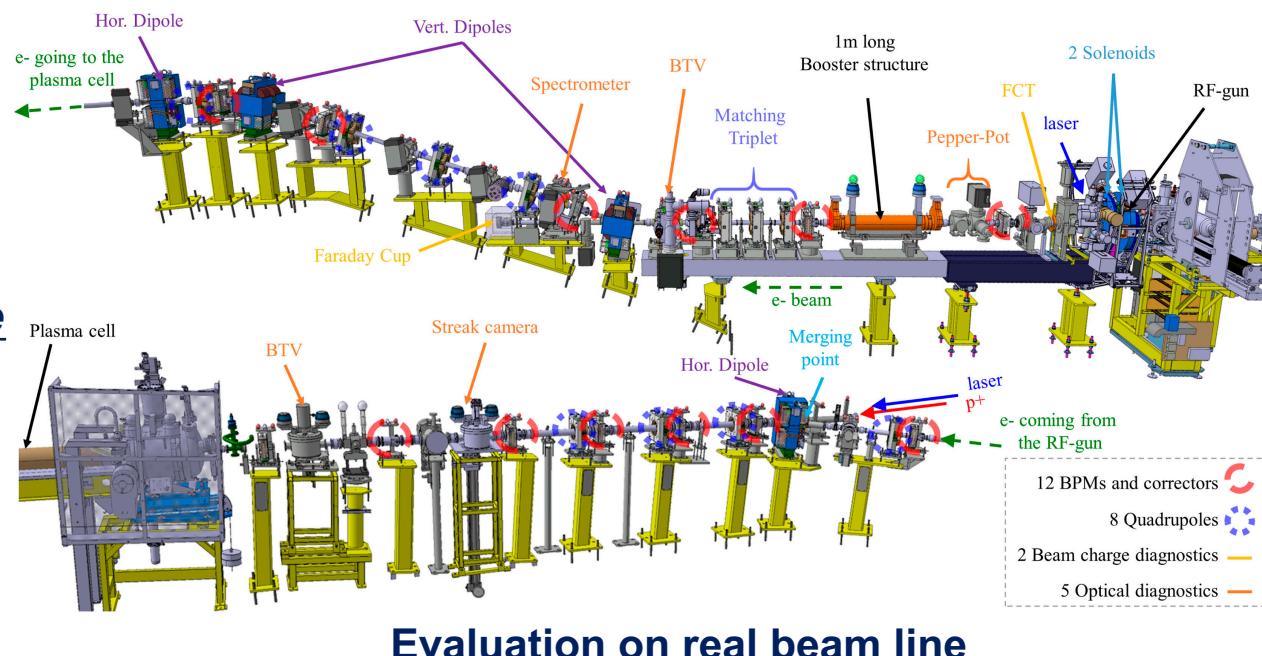


$$\text{Policy Gradient: } \nabla_{\theta^\mu} \mu = \mathbb{E}_\mu [\nabla_{\theta^\mu} Q(s, \mu(s|\theta^\mu)|\theta^Q)] = \mathbb{E}_\mu [\nabla_a Q(s, a|\theta^Q) \cdot \nabla_{\theta^\mu} \mu(s|\theta^\mu)]$$

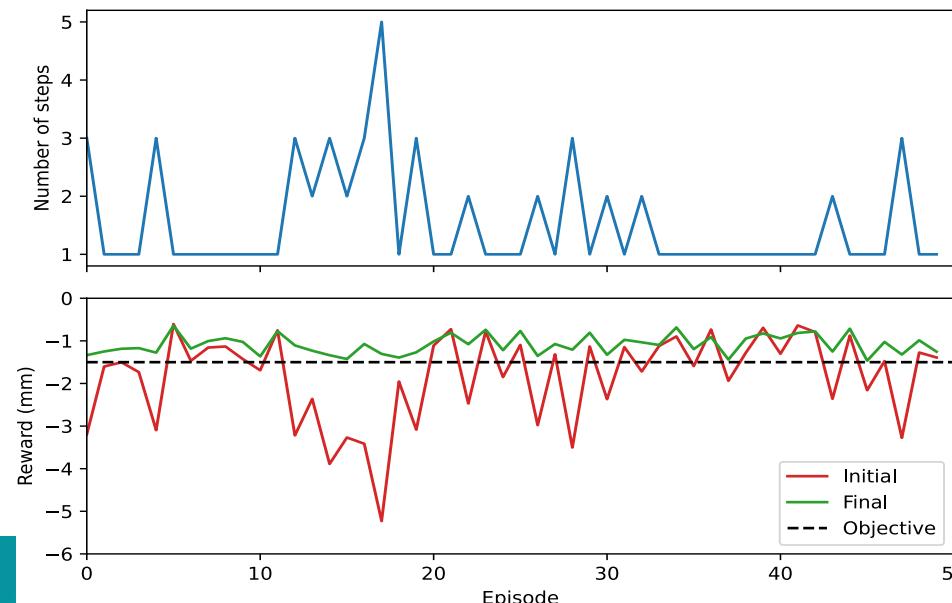
**Actor-critic Q-learning** training on simulated annealing.

**Successful evaluation the real beam-line** (but one BPM was broken)

**Stay tuned for the new result!**



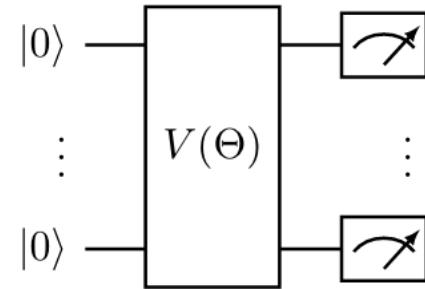
Evaluation on real beam line



# Quantum Circuit Born Machine

Sample from a variational wavefunction  $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$  with probability given by the **Born rule**:

$$p_\theta(x) = |\langle x|\psi(\theta)\rangle|^2$$



- Only able to generate **discrete PDFs** (continuous in the limit #qubits  $\rightarrow \infty$ )
- Train using **Maximum Mean Discrepancy**:

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

with  $K$  a gaussian kernel

- **Pros:** relatively easy to optimize, **Cons:** empirically less efficient than an adversarial approach

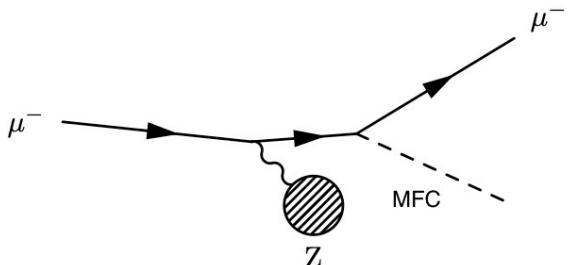
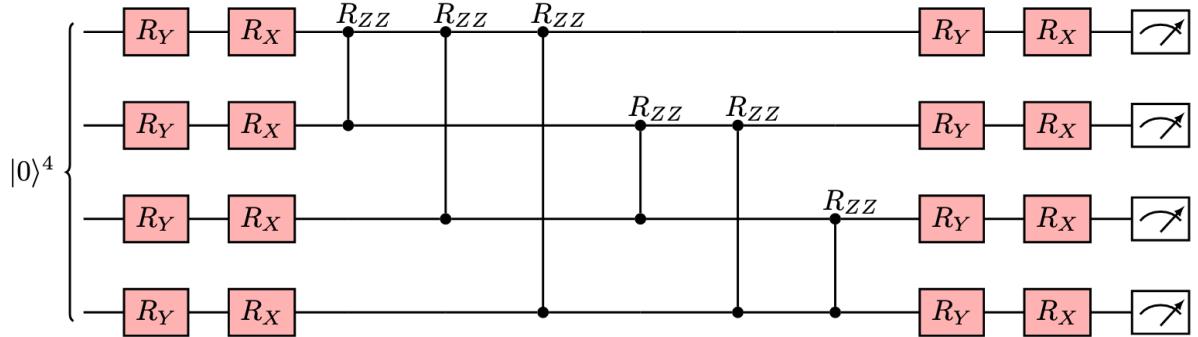
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# QCBM for event generation

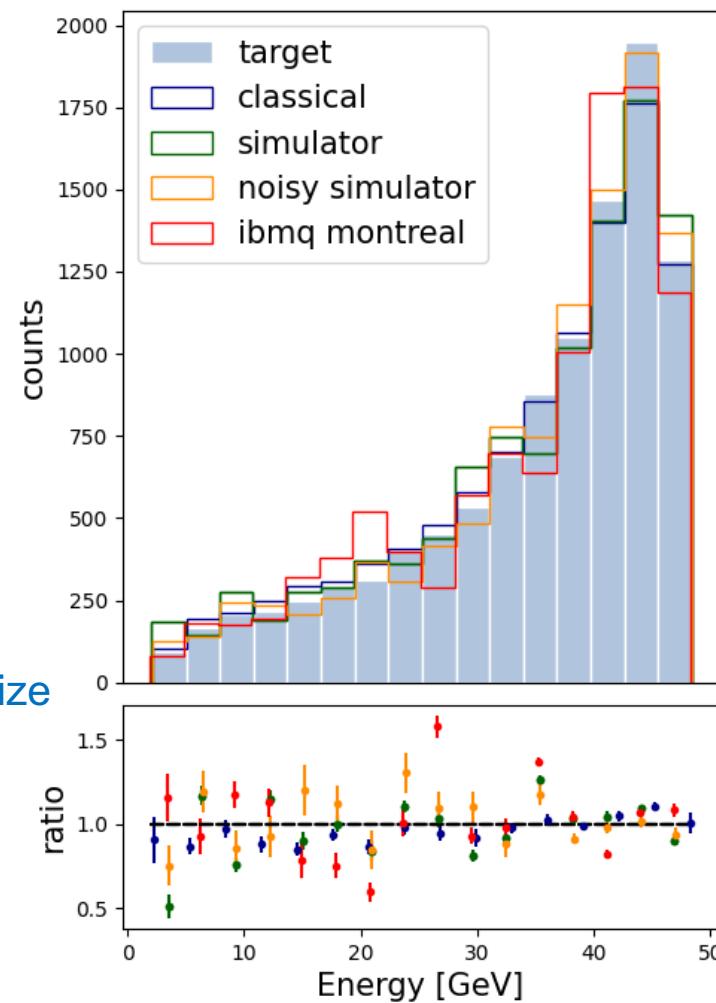
**Muon Force Carriers** predicted by several theoretical models:

- Could be detected by muon fixed-target experiments (FASER) or muon interactions in calorimeters (ATLAS)<sup>1</sup>.

**Generate E, p<sub>t</sub>, η of outgoing muon and MFC**



Perfect simulator  
Noisy simulator (IBMQ casablanca) (no error mitigation)  
IBMQ Montreal  
Classical GMMD of size (15,128, 256,128,16,1)  
Easy GMMD ~ QCBM in size

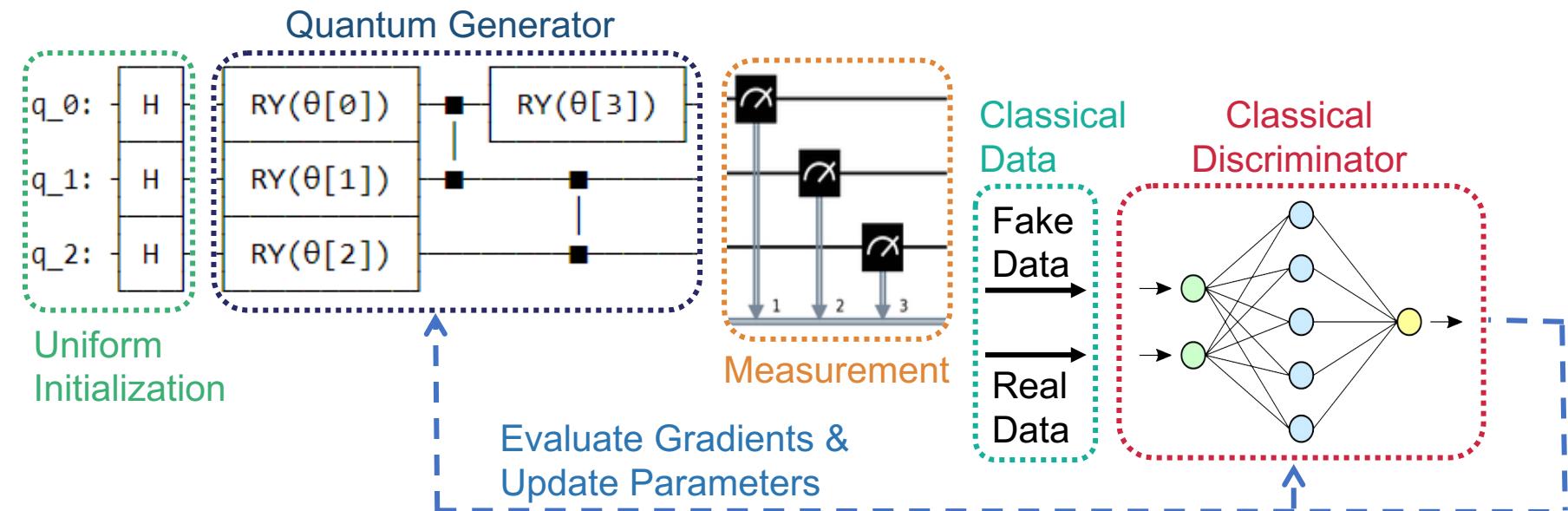


<sup>1</sup> Galon, I, Kajamovitz, E et al. "Searching for muonic forces with the ATLAS detector". In: Phys. Rev. D 101, 011701 (2020)

# Quantum Generative Adversarial Networks

*Density estimation by comparison*

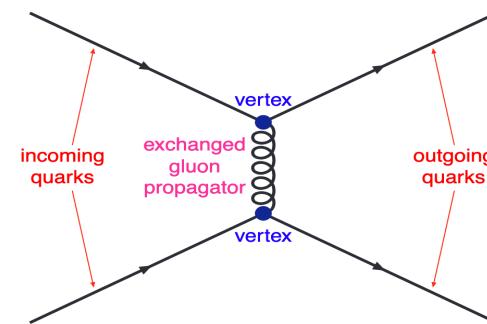
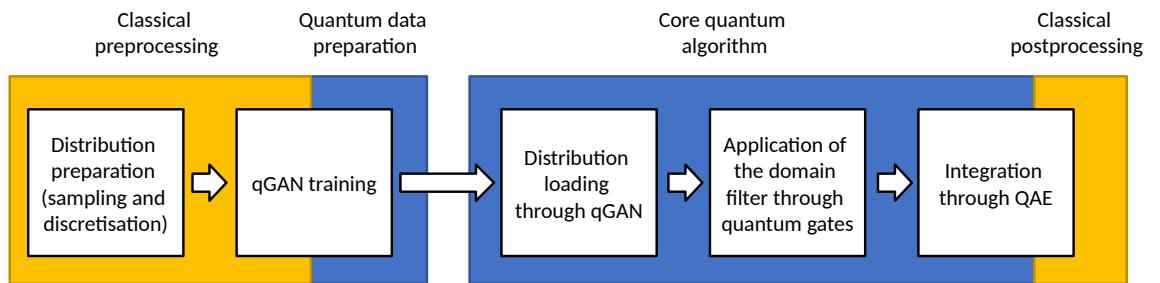
- Sample-based comparison between **estimated**  $q(x)$  and **true distribution**  $p(x)$
- Multiple implementations, mostly classical-quantum hybrid
- Used for
  - Data generation
  - PDF loading on quantum systems
  - Anomaly detection



# qGAN as a data loader

## Cross section integration using Quantum Amplitude Estimation

### Focus on electroweak process



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

phase-space factor

matrix element

phase-space cuts

Data encoding in quantum states affects quality of integration

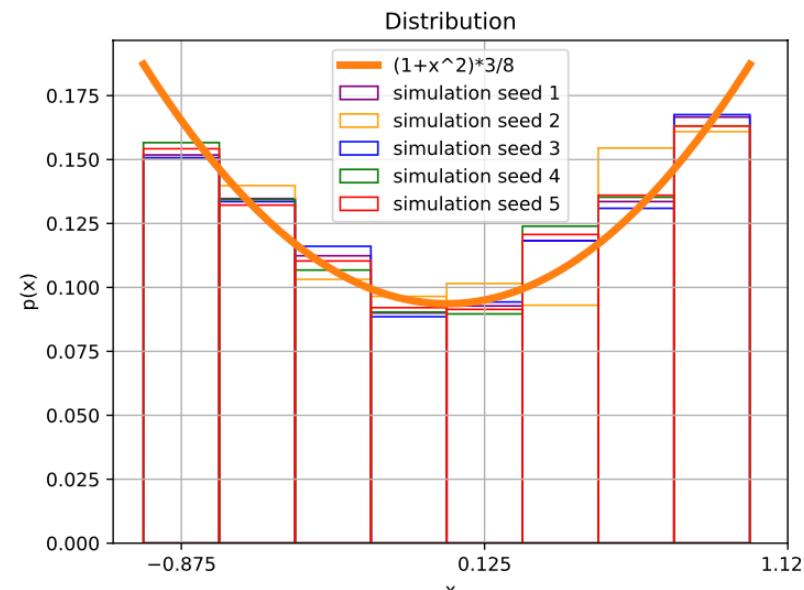
Test **QGAN** for data embedding and compare to direct loading

Test on  $1 + x^2$  distribution:

- 10k events, 3 qubits, circular entanglement

$$G(\phi) |\psi_{in}\rangle = |g(\phi)\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sqrt{p_g^i(\phi)} |i\rangle$$

Loading	Difference per bin [%]			$\sigma_x$
	Min.	Max.	Average	
Direct	+0.207	-1.88	1.35	$1.80 \times 10^{-3}$
qGAN default	+2.36	-21.1	8.51	0.0118
qGAN optimised	-0.995	-12.4	4.65	$7.00 \times 10^{-3}$



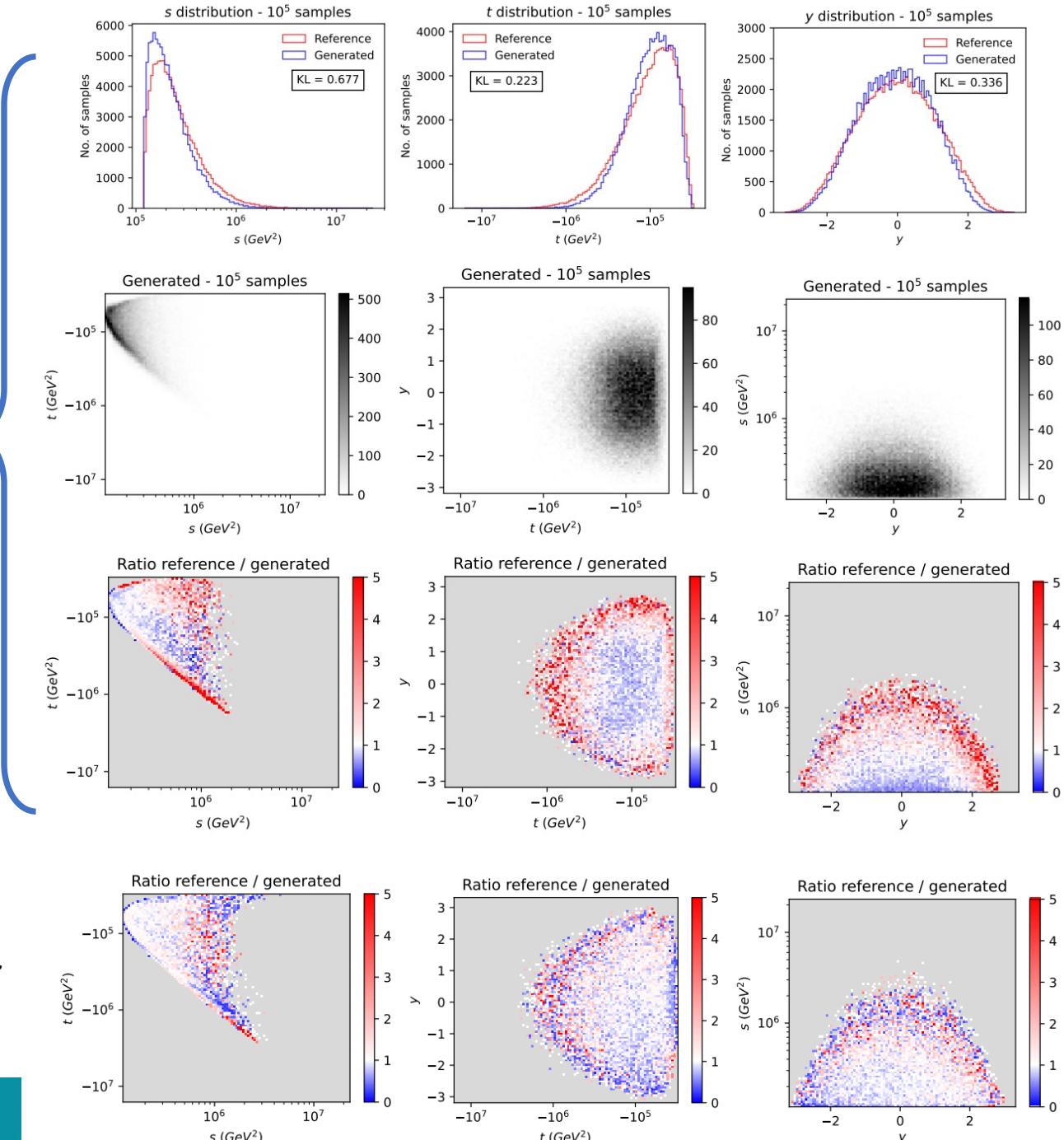
# qGAN for event generation

Generate Mandelstam ( $s, t$ ) +  $y$  variables for  $t\bar{t}$  production

Introduce a style-based approach

IBM Q Santiago

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ LHC events	
Qubits	3
$D_{latent}$	5
Layers	2
Epochs	$3 \times 10^4$
Training set	$10^4$
Batch size	128
Parameters	62
$U_{ent}$	2 sequential $CR_y$ gates



Quantum simulator

Bravo-Prieto, Carlos, et al. "Style-based quantum generative adversarial networks for Monte Carlo events." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.06933* (2021).



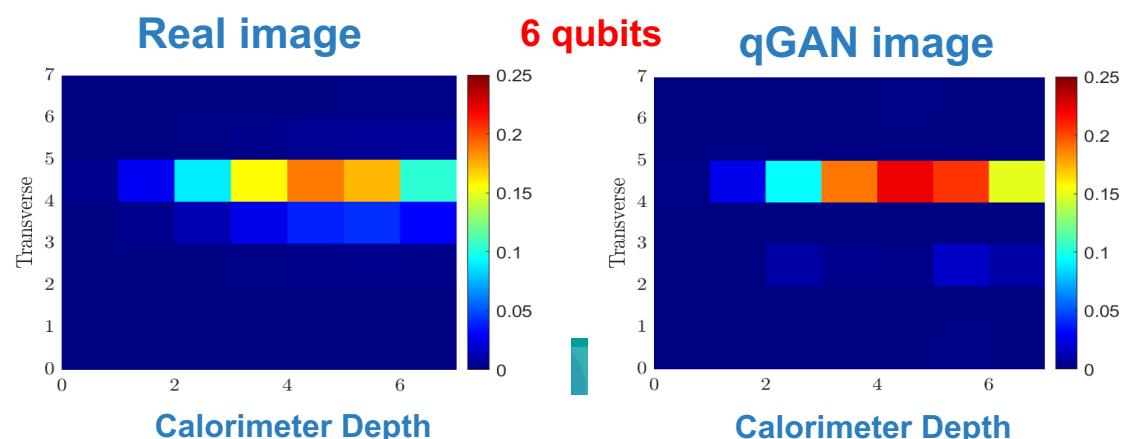
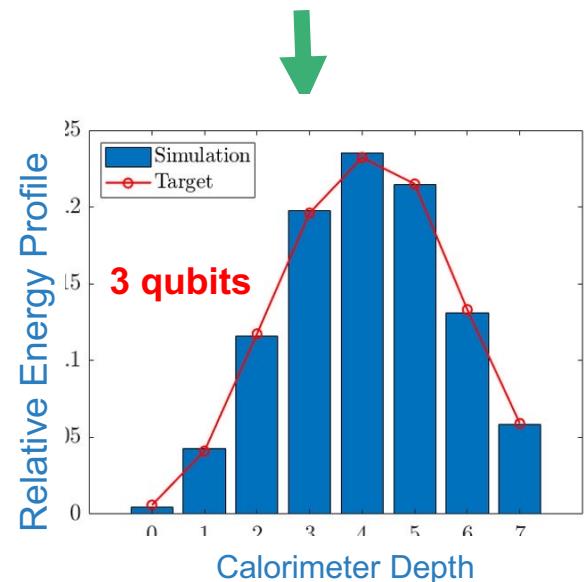
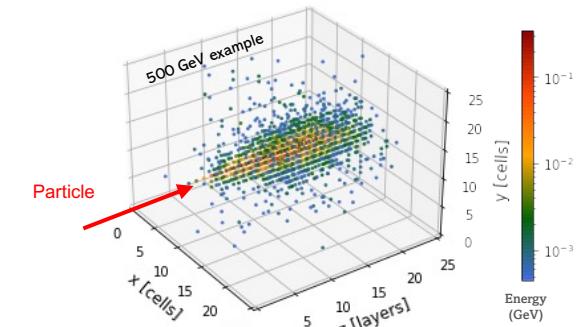
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# Increasing generated dimensionality

## *Energy Profiles in Calorimeters*

- Calorimeter simulation is one of the main use cases for classical GAN in HEP
- Represented as a 3D regular grid
- Reduce to:
  - 1D distribution along the calorimeter depth (8 pixel)
  - **2D distribution on the y-z plane (64 pixel)**

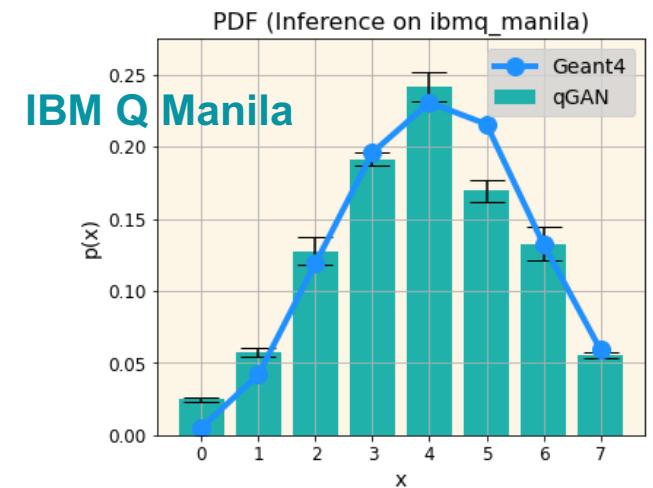
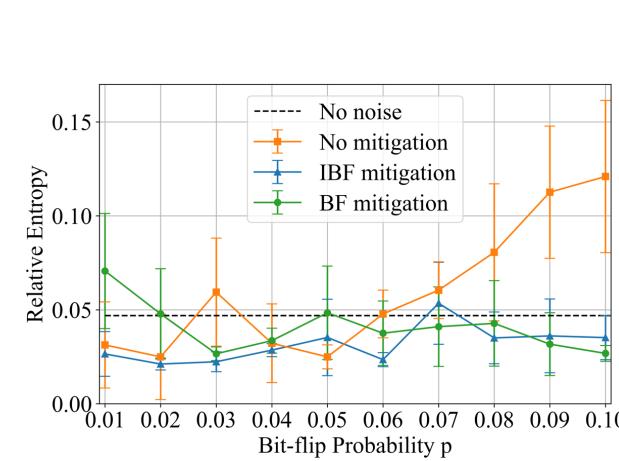
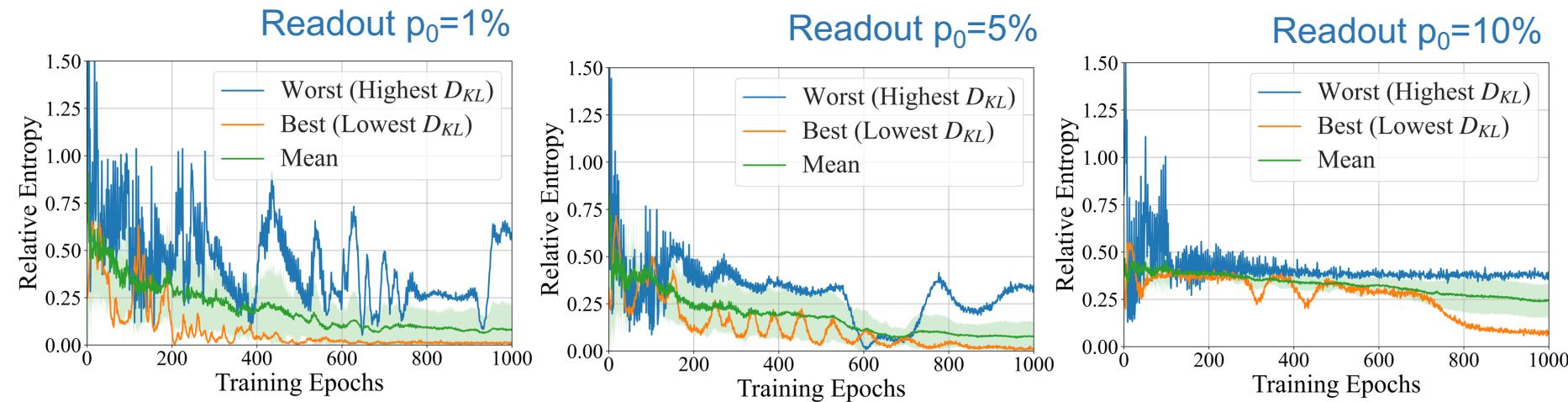
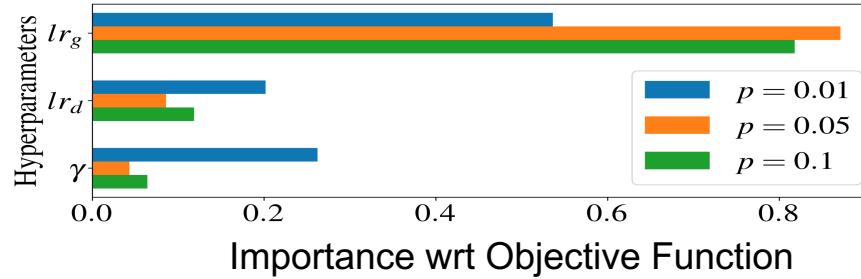


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# Noise effect on ML training

- Hybrid GAN model reproducing particle energy profiles in detectors
- Training is up to ~5% readout **noise tolerant**
- Effect on training hyperparameters

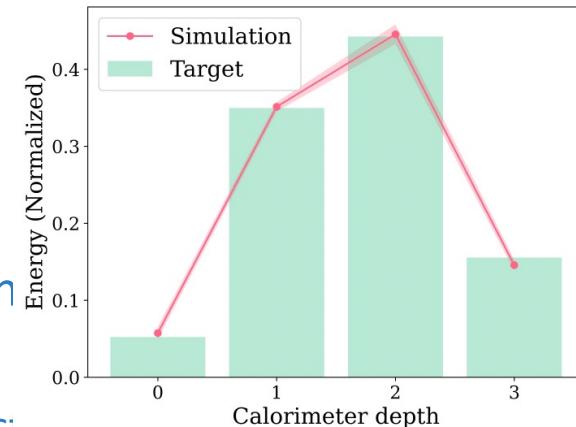


# qGAN Benchmarks on hardware

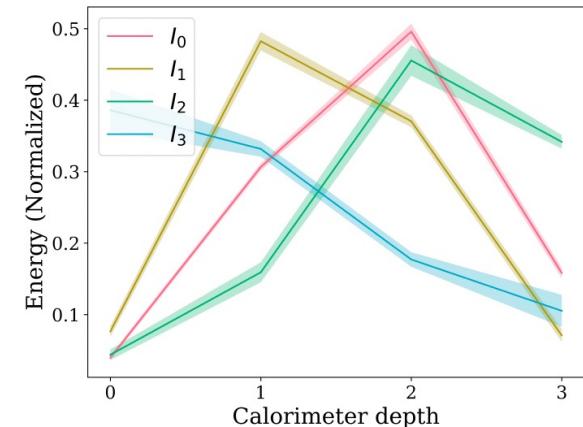
Train models using **noisy simulator** and test the inference on **trapped-ion (IONQ) quantum hardware**

- For IBMQ machines, choose the qubits with the lowest error rates

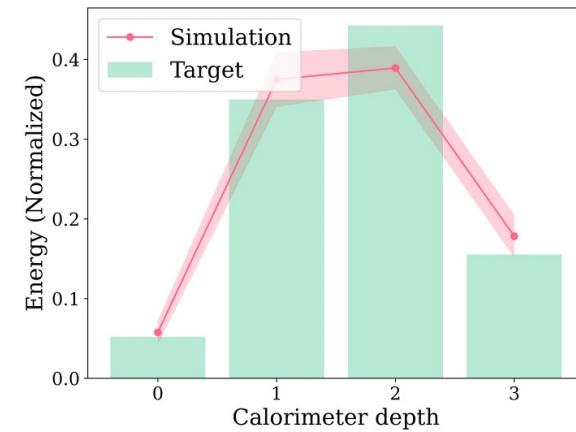
Device	Readout error CX error	$D_{KL}/D_{KL,ind}$ ( $\times 10^{-2}$ )
ibmq_jakarta	0.028 $1.367 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$0.14 \pm 0.14$ $6.49 \pm 0.54$
ibm_lagos	0.01 $5.582 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.26 \pm 0.11$ $6.92 \pm 0.71$
ibmq_casablanca	0.026 $4.58 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.03 \pm 1.08$ $6.58 \pm 0.81$
IONQ	NULL $1.59 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.24 \pm 0.74$ $10.1 \pm 5.6$



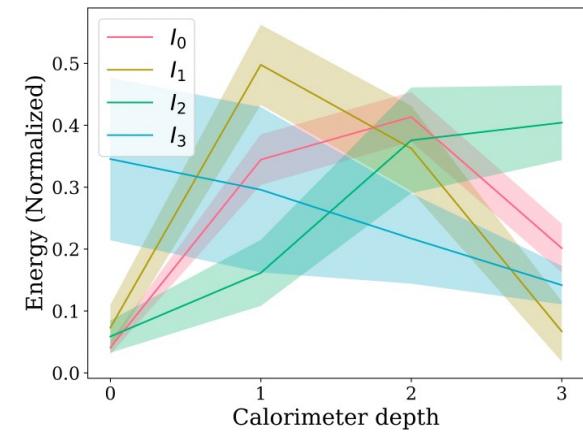
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**Figure 4:** Mean (a,c) and individual images (b,d) obtained by inference test on ibmq\_jakarta (a,b) and IONQ (c,d).

# Summary

Research on QML applications in High Energy Physics is producing a large number of prototypes

- So far focus on different steps of data processing in «controlled environment»
- Some **preliminary hints** of advantage in terms of input feature size and representational power
- Mostly we do «**as good as classical methods**»
- Need **more robust studies** to relate quantum model architecture and performance to data sets
- Identify use cases where **quantum approach** could be **more effective** than classical machine/deep learning
- Studying QML algorithms today can build links between **QC and learning theory**

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# Equivalent interpretations?

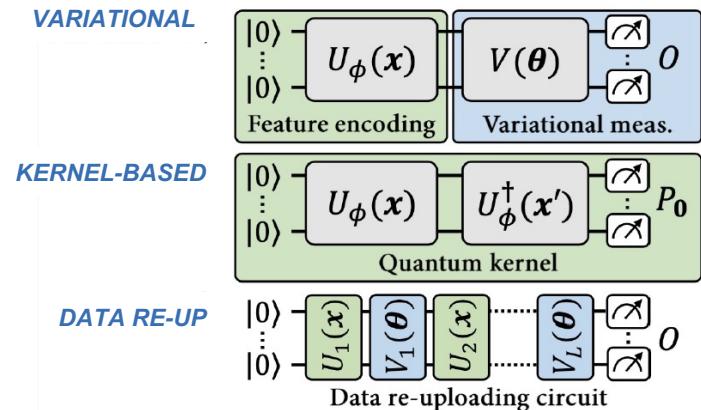
Characterize the behaviour of different models, similarity and links among them and link to data properties.

Ex:

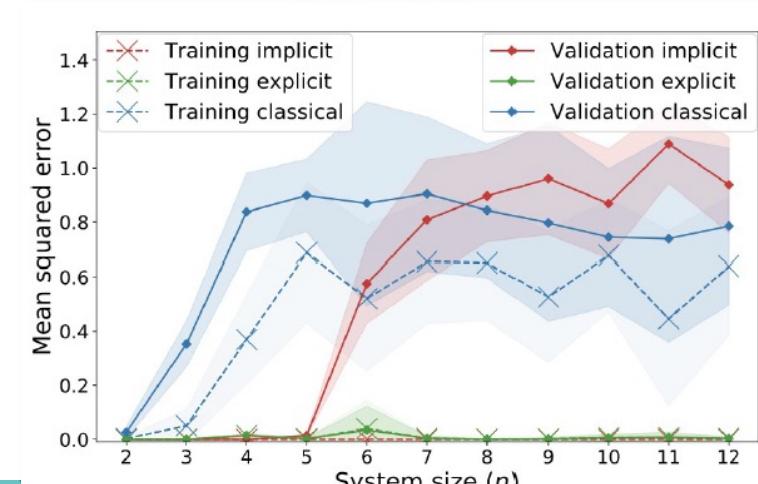
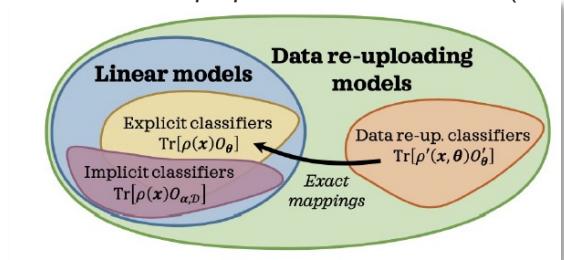
- Data Re-Uploading circuits: alternating data encoding and variational layers.
  - Represented as **explicit linear models** (variational) in larger feature space  
→ can be reformulated as **implicit models** (kernel)
- Representer theorem: implicit models achieve **better accuracy**
  - Explicit models exhibit **better generalization** performance

See M. Grossi summary at the 2022 CERN Openlab Technical Workshop :

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1100904/contributions/4775169/>



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



PCA on 28x28 fashion-MNIST dataset, ZZ feature encoding + hardware-efficient variational unitary

# Model Convergence and Barren Plateau

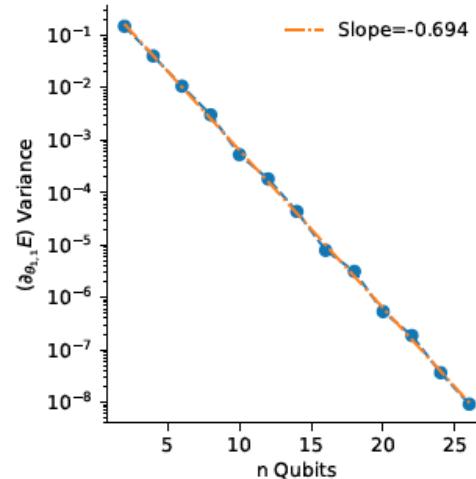
Given the size of the Hilbert space a compromise between **expressivity, convergence** and **generalization** performance is needed.

Classical gradients **vanish exponentially** with the number of layers (J. McClean *et al.*, arXiv:1803.11173)

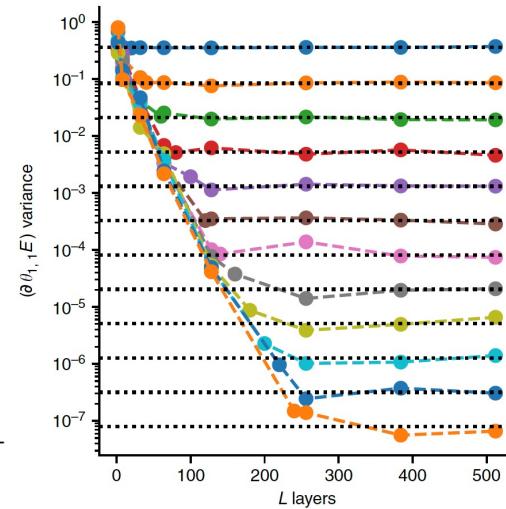
- Convergence still possible if gradients consistent between batches.

**Quantum gradient decay exponentially in the number of qubits**

- Random circuit initialization
- Loss function locality in shallow circuits (M. Cerezo *et al.*, arXiv:2001.00550)
- Ansatz choice: TTN, CNN (Zhang *et al.*, arXiv:2011.06258, A Pesah, *et al.*, Physical Review X 11.4 (2021): 041011.)
- Noise induced barren plateau (Wang, S *et al.*, Nat Commun 12, 6961 (2021))

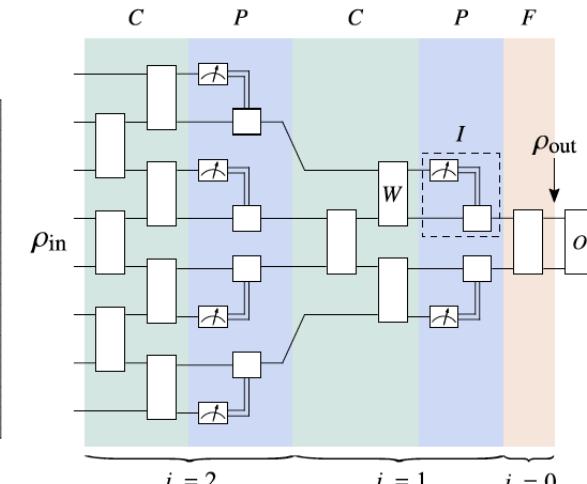
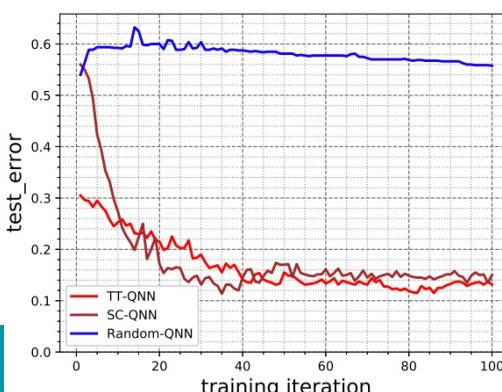


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TTN for MNIST classification (8 qubits),  
Zhang *et al.*, arXiv:2011.06258





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