

QUANTUM RISK MANAGEMENT



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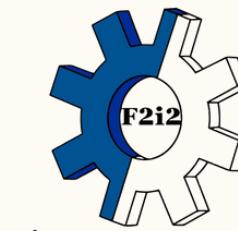
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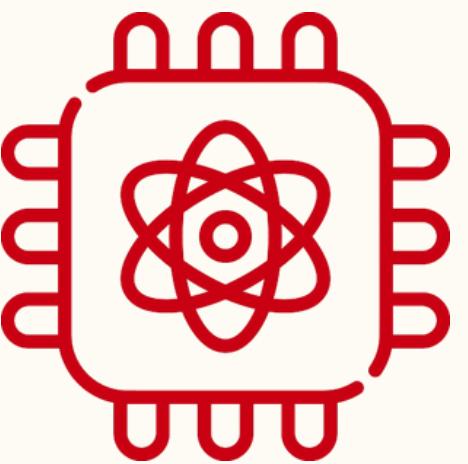
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CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVE

Credit risk assessment is a well-established problem in classical machine learning.

The **objective** of this project is to explore whether quantum and hybrid quantum-classical models can provide meaningful insights when compared to a strong classical baseline, particularly in small-data scenarios.



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The task is to predict credit default risk as a binary classification problem, using personal, financial, and loan-related features.

The dataset consists of **3,000** anonymized loan records, including borrower characteristics, loan attributes, and financial ratios, with a binary target indicating default or non-default.

PROBLEM AND DATASET



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CLASSICAL BASELINE

OUR CLASSICAL BASELINE DEFINES A RELIABLE REFERENCE FOR CREDIT RISK PREDICTION, PROVIDING BOTH PERFORMANCE AND CONFIDENCE ESTIMATION

BY THE NUMBERS:

- THREE CLASSICAL MODELS BENCHMARKED.
- PERFORMANCE EVALUATED ON A STRICT TEST SET.
- PREDICTION CONFIDENCE USED TO DEFINE.



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CLASSICAL MODEL COMPARISON

MODEL	ACCURACY	AUC-ROC	PRECISION (CLASS 1)	RECALL (CLASS 1)	F1 - SCORE (CLASS 1)
XGBOOST	<u>0,9211</u>	<u>0,9150</u>	<u>0,8973</u>	<u>0,7005</u>	<u>0,7868</u>
RANDOM FOREST	0,9156	0,9048	0,9173	0,6524	0,7625
MULTI-LAYER PERCEPTRON	0,8555	0,8631	0,6492	0,663	0,6560

WHY QUANTUM?

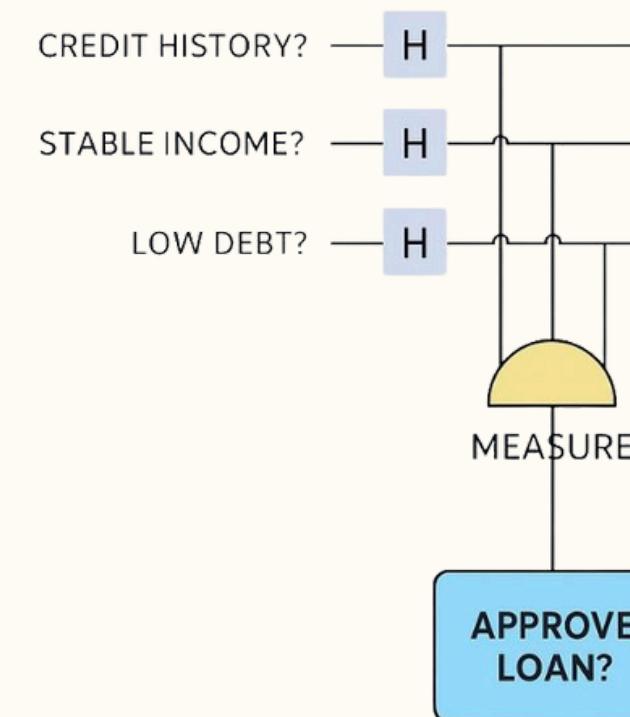
Quantum computing enables high-dimensional feature embeddings.

These representations may improve separability

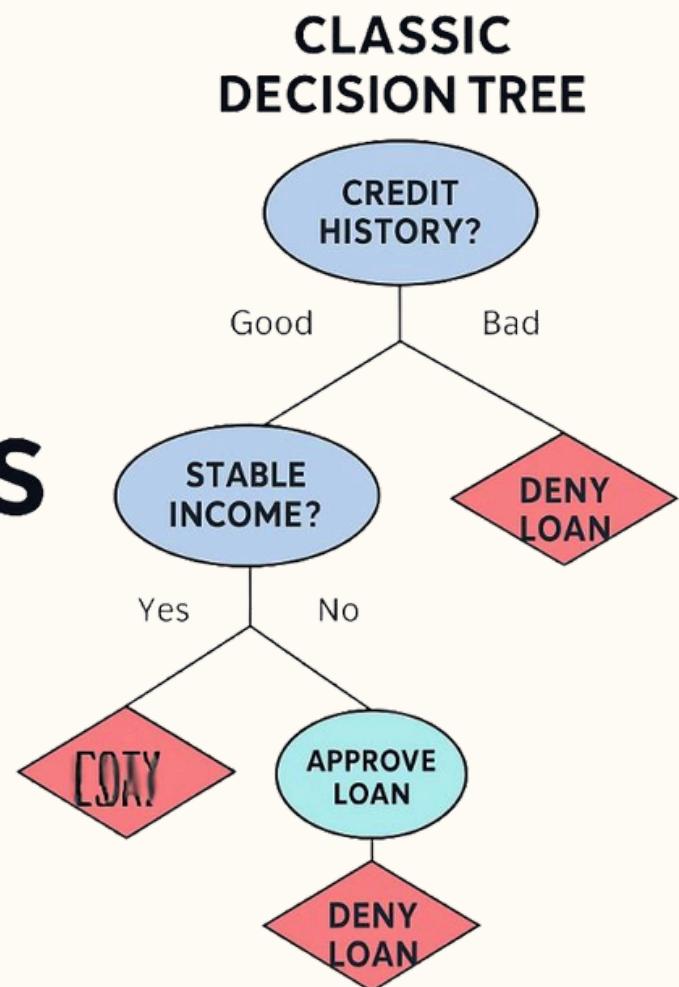
in small-data, low-confidence regimes.

We focus on where classical models are uncertain, not a global replacement.

QUANTUM DECISION CIRCUIT



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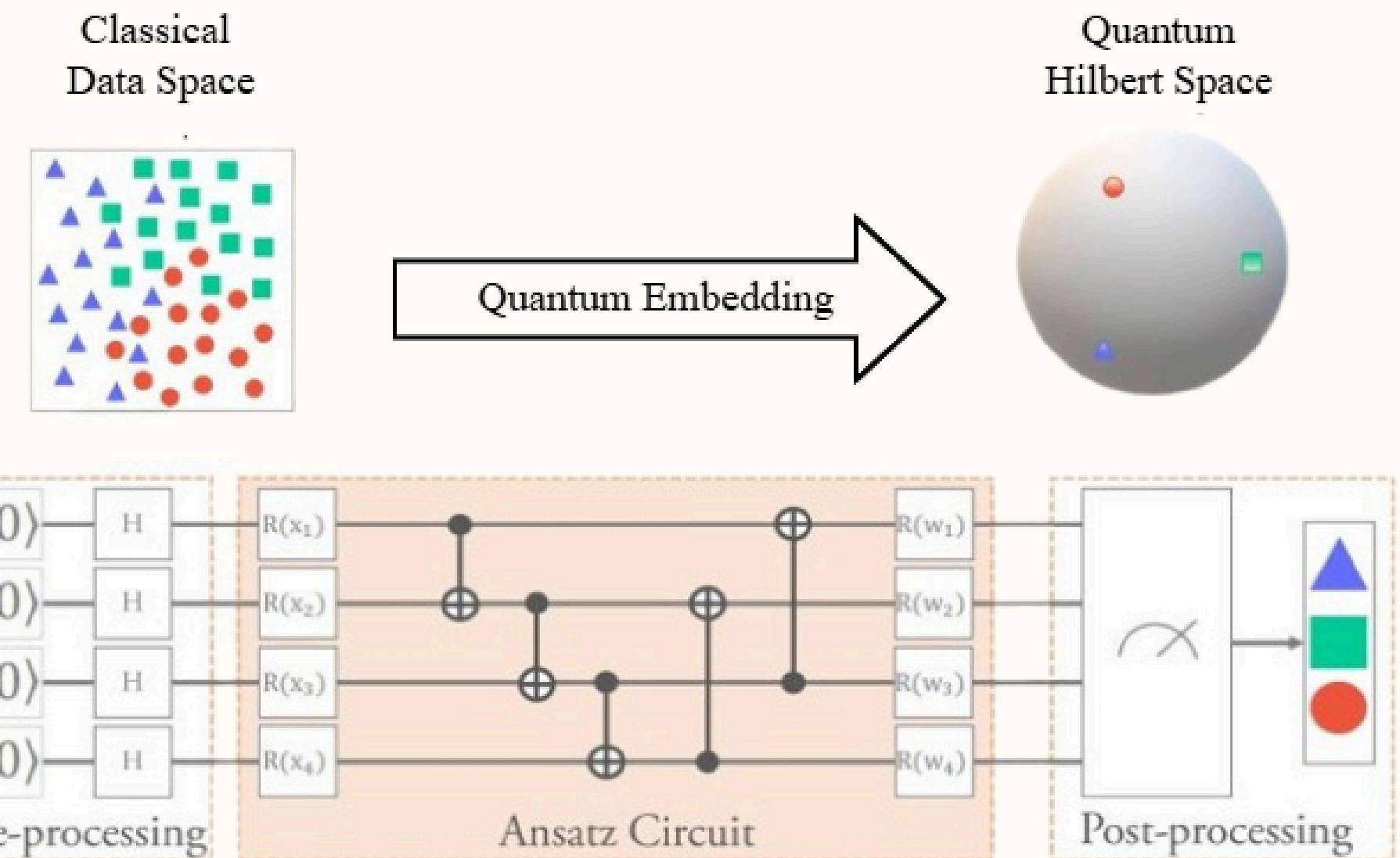
WHY QUANTUM?

Experimentally, incorrect classical model predictions had a lower confidence average.

Correct avg confidence: 0.9572

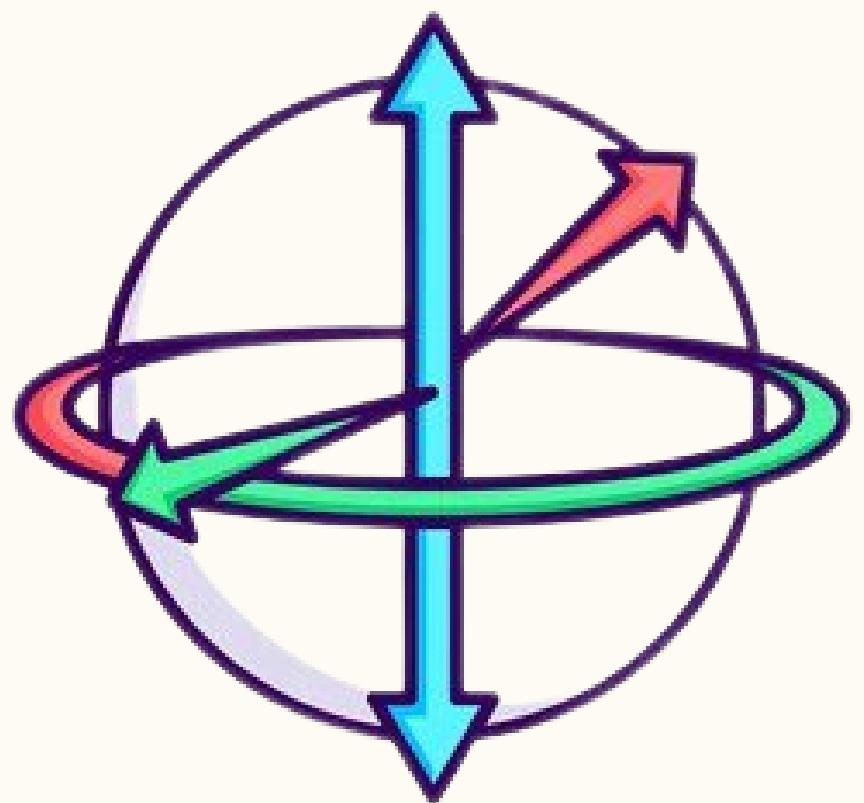
Incorrect avg confidence: 0.8583

We explore data nearer to the decision boundary.



HYBRID MODEL

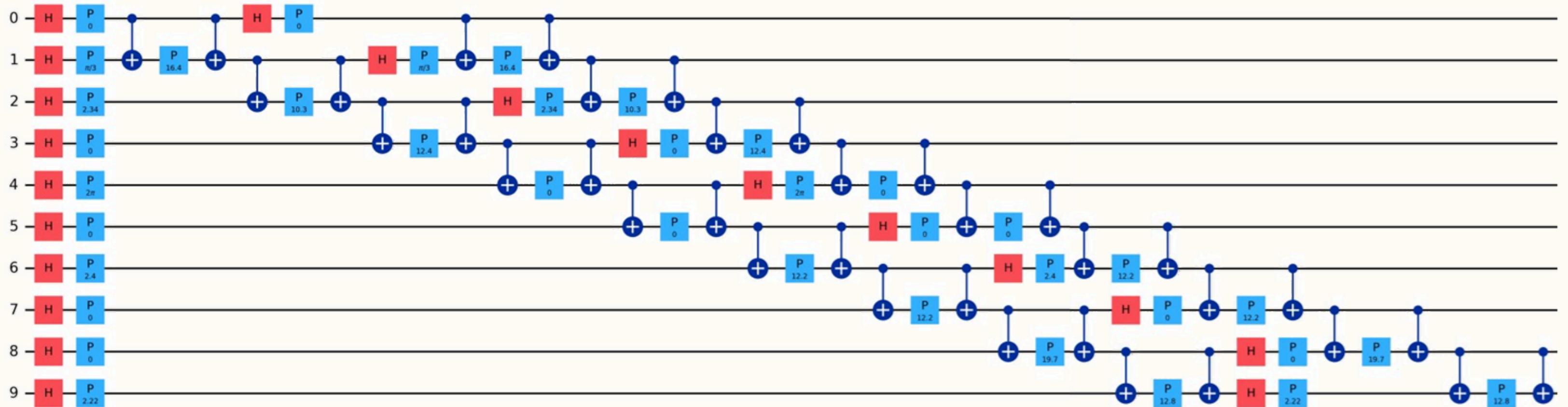
Quantum embedding



Kernel trick

Variational Quantum Circuit

ZZ-FEATUREMAP



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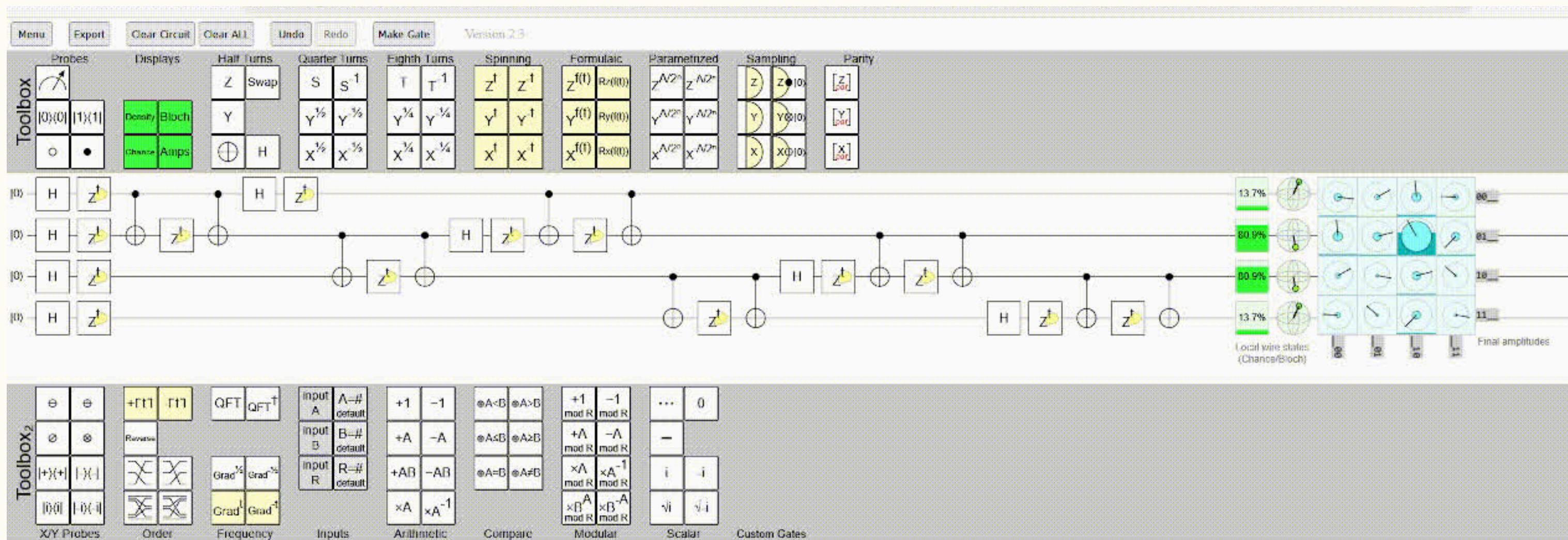
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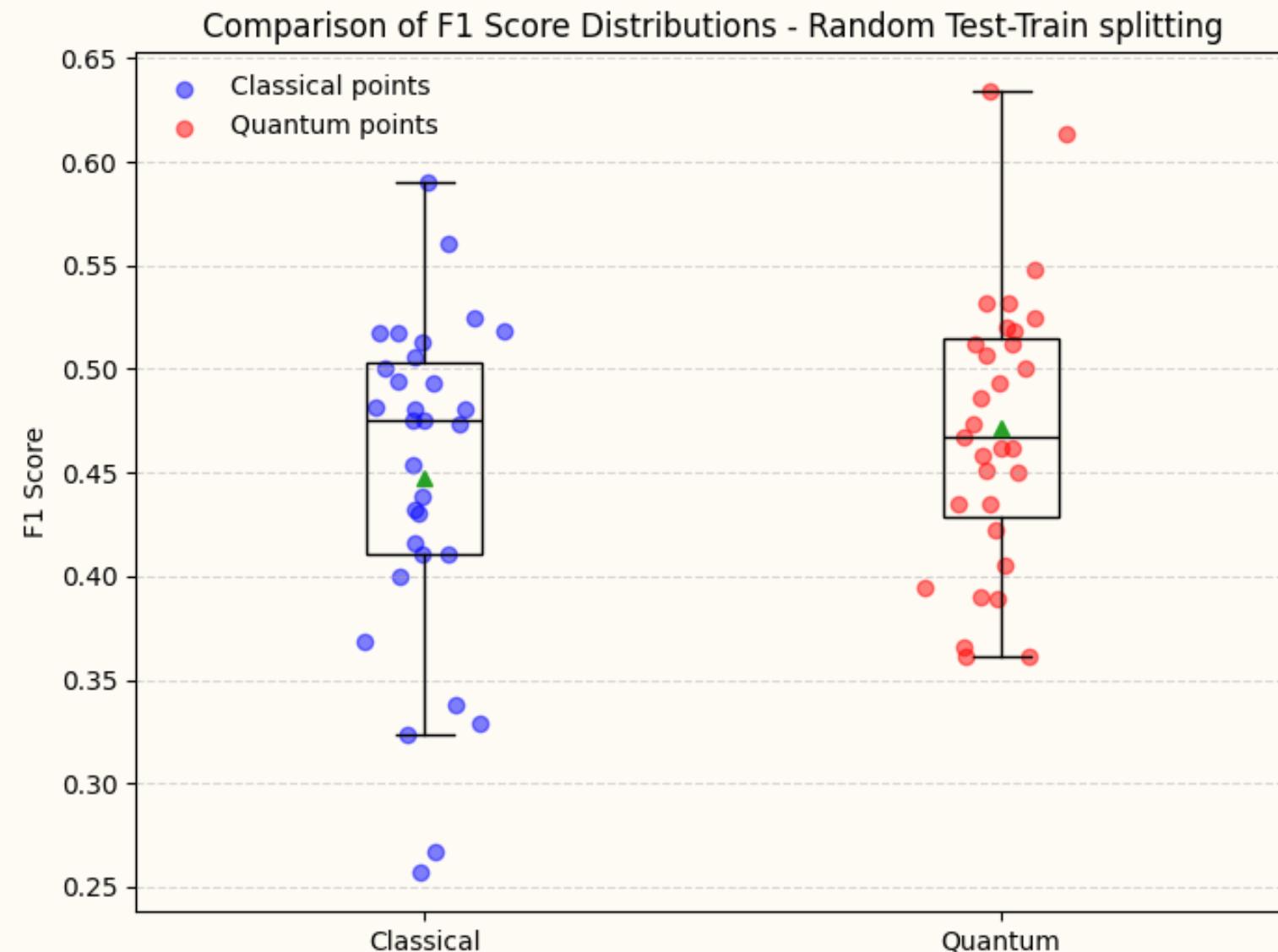


QUANTUM GATES DEMO



[HTTPS://ALGASSERT.COM/QUIRK#CIRCUIT](https://algassert.com/Quirk#Circuit)

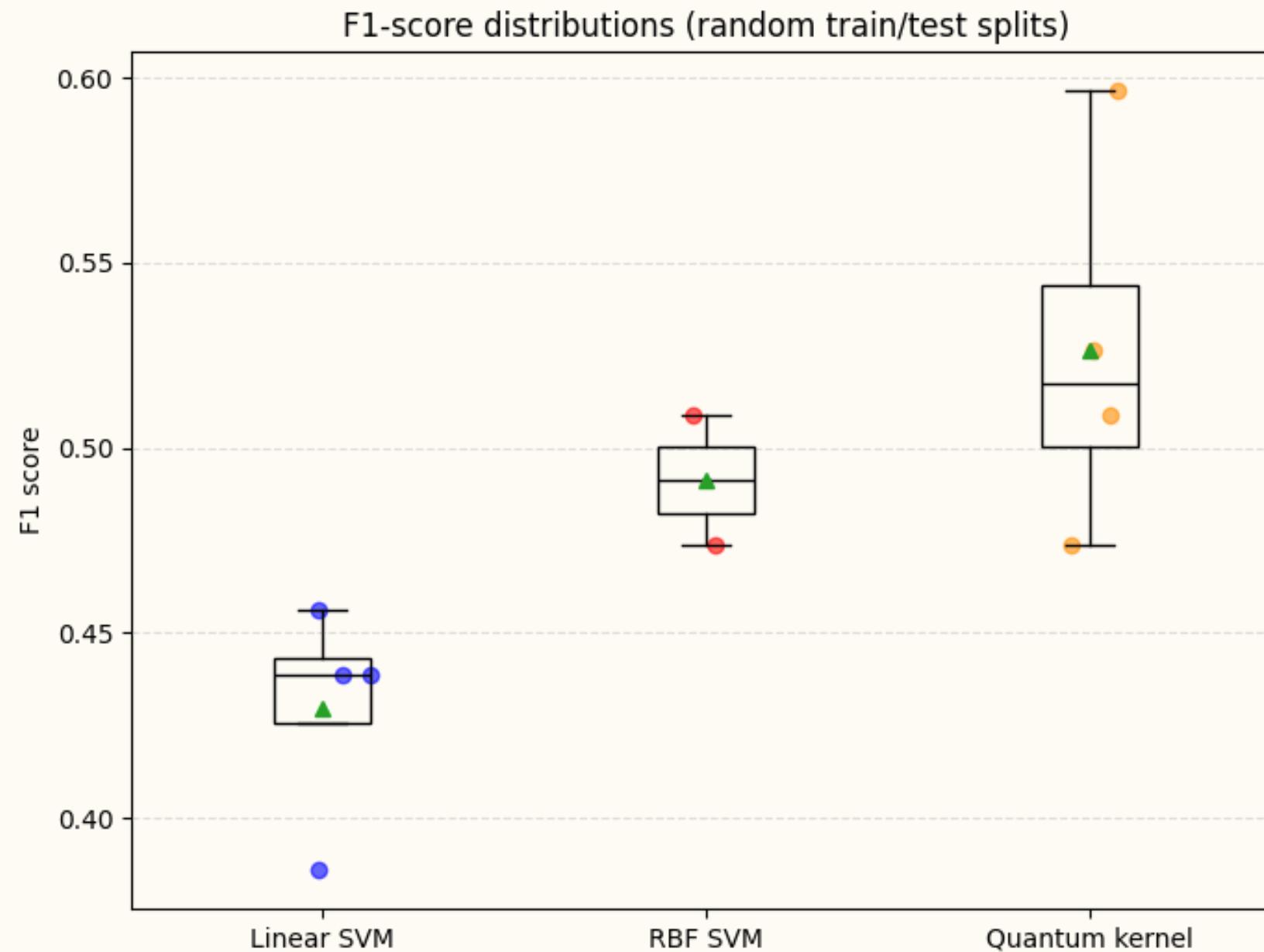
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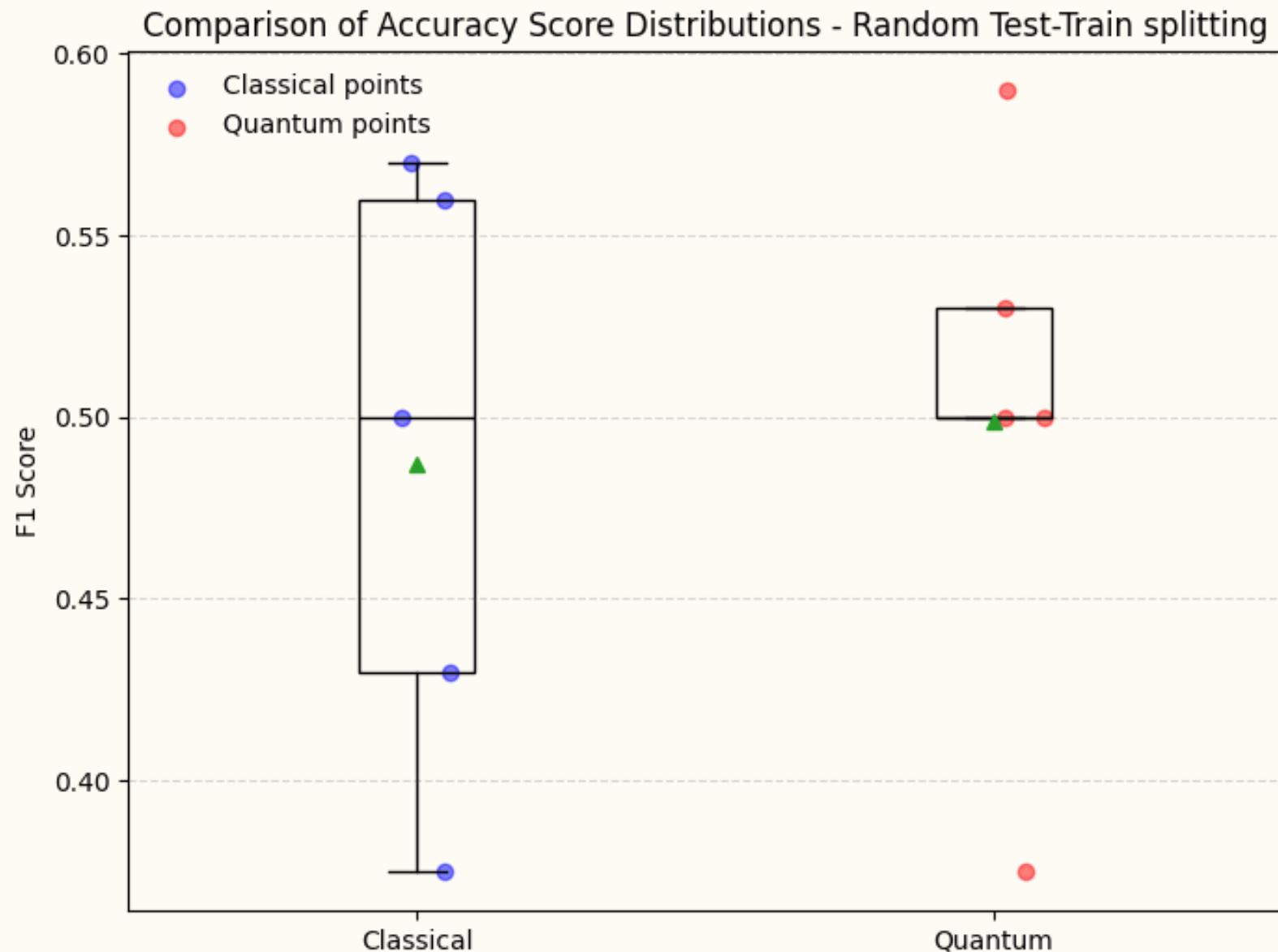
$$\langle Z_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle Z_8 \rangle$$

$$\langle Z_1 Z_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle Z_1 Z_8 \rangle, \dots, \langle Z_8 Z_8 \rangle$$

KERNEL TRICK



VQC



CONCLUSIONS & TAKEAWAY

Classical models deliver strong performance in credit risk prediction.

Confidence analysis reveals where they struggle.

Quantum embeddings can add higher-dimensional data that aids models in low-confidence regions.



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FUTURE WORK

Next steps focus on refining circuit design and feature encoding, with deeper analysis of low-confidence and borderline credit risk cases. Further work will assess scalability beyond the small-data regime and strengthen confidence-driven hybrid quantum-classical pipelines.



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