QGHNN: A quantum graph Hamiltonian neural network

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Abstract-Representing and learning from graphs is essential for developing effective machine learning models tailored to non-Euclidean data. While Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) strive to address the challenges posed by complex, high-dimensional graph data, Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs) present a compelling alternative due to their potential for quantum parallelism. However, much of the current QNN research tends to overlook the vital connection between quantum state encoding and graph structures, which limits the full exploitation of quantum computational advantages. To address these challenges, this paper introduces a quantum graph Hamiltonian neural network (OGHNN) to enhance graph representation and learning on noisy intermediate-scale quantum computers. Concretely, a quantum graph Hamiltonian learning method (QGHL) is first created by mapping graphs to the Hamiltonian of the topological quantum system. Then, QGHNN based on QGHL is presented, which trains parameters by minimizing the loss function and uses the gradient descent method to learn the graph. Experiments on the PennyLane quantum platform reveal that QGHNN outperforms all assessment metrics, achieving the lowest mean squared error of 0.004 and the maximum cosine similarity of 99.8%, which shows that QGHNN not only excels in representing and learning graph information, but it also has high robustness ability. QGHNN can reduce the impact of quantum noise and has significant potential application in future research of quantum knowledge graphs and recommendation systems.

Index Terms—Quantum graph Hamiltonian learning (QGHL), quantum graph Hamiltonian neural network (QGHNN), quantum neural network, quantum Hamiltonian learning, quantum machine learning, graph.

I. INTRODUCTION

UANTUM machine learning (QML) integrates the advantages of quantum computing and machine learning, aiming to use fundamental principles of quantum mechanics to enhance the performance and efficiency of classical algorithms, which has gained extensive interest [1], [2]. In 2022, Google proved the quantum advantages of QML models in learning tasks, including predicting observable and performing quantum principal component analysis on noisy intermediate-scale quantum computers (NISQ) [3]. With the development and invention of NISQ devices to 1121 qubits, the performance and computational efficiency of QML models have been greatly enhanced. For example, Shi et al. developed a pretrained quantum-inspired deep neural network in 2024, to achieve high performance and interpretability in relevant

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NLP disciplines [4]. Yu et al. introduced a simple and general reward design method based on quantum machine learning to effectively simulate quantum systems of different dimensions [5]. Zheng et al. developed a QML model for graph classification based on spatial graph convolutional neural networks, improving the ability of quantum neural networks to handle non-Euclidean data problems [6]. Graph, a typical representation of non-Euclidean data [7], has various applications in object interaction [8], recommendation systems [9], and natural language processing [10]. Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs) apply the characteristics of quantum superposition and entanglement to process multiple states simultaneously [11], which allows QNNs to effectively compute the connections between different nodes and edges, increasing the computational efficiency of OML models [12]. In recent years, there has been much interest in constructing QNN models to represent and learn graphs. Bai et al. created a quantum graph convolutional neural network based on continuous-time quantum walks and average mixing matrices to extract multi-scale node properties from graphs [13]. Zhang et al. developed a quantum subgraph neural network that efficiently handles graph classification tasks by capturing global and local graph structures [14]. Dernbach et al. created a graph neural network using quantum random walks to calculate diffusion operators [15]. A series of QNN models have been presented, encouraging the research process of learning graphs in QML. However, the potential of using QNN to learn graphs on NISQ devices has not been thoroughly exploited. Generally, the QNNs mentioned above are primarily quantum-inspired QML models that do not include specific quantum circuit construction methodologies, which limits the ability of QNN to represent and learn graphs on NISO devices and impedes the future development of OML. As a result, developing an appropriate quantum graph neural network model to represent and learn graphs has become a critical task.

Fortunately, we discover that quantum Hamiltonian learning (QHL), a method that employs parameterized quantum circuits to represent and learn the Hamiltonian of the quantum system, has the ability to complete this task [16], [17]. QHL builds parameterized quantum circuits based on creating and decomposing unitary operators with Hamiltonian and parameters, speeding up the development of QML models for learning quantum systems. Several QHL algorithms have been employed to perform application tasks on NISQ devices, like image segmentation [18], generating models [19], and predicting observables [20]. QHL can represent and learn information from specific quantum systems, and it can be applied to calculating high-dimensional data as quantum com-

puters advance. This research aims to establish the correlation between graph information and the Hamiltonian of a quantum system by designing quantum circuits based on QHL and using NISQ quantum devices to represent and learn graph information effectively.

Quantum graph Hamiltonian learning (QGHL) is presented as a method of mapping graph to the Hamiltonian of a topological quantum system, which applies the lattice characteristics of the topological quantum system to develop parameterized quantum circuits and produces a final quantum system state containing graph information. Quantum graph Hamiltonian neural network (QGHNN) based on QGHL is developed to train the parameters of quantum circuits by minimizing the loss function and using gradient descent methods to represent and learn graphs on NISQ devices. Furthermore, experimental results on the PennyLane quantum platform show that QGHNN is not only highly efficient at representing and learning graphs but also has high robustness ability, which can reduce the influence of quantum noise and suggests that OGHNN may have various potential applications in high-dimensional data processing.

The main contributions made by this work are outlined in the following lines.

- QGHL is proposed, establishing a mapping link between graph and the Hamiltonian of topological quantum systems, which provides considerable advantages in representing and learning target graph.
- QGHNN is presented, which updates the parameters of quantum circuits by minimizing the loss function and employing gradient descent methods, indicating exciting applications in graph analysis on NISQ devices.
- The results of experiments conducted on the PennyLane quantum platform show that QGHNN can not only represent and learn classical graph information but also has high robustness ability, which reduces the influence of quantum noise. QGHNN outperforms all assessment metrics, with the lowest mean squared error (0.004) and the highest cosine similarity (99.8%).

The structure of the subsequent sections is as follows. Section 2 overviews the basic principles of QML and other related work. Section 3 describes QGHL. Section 4 introduces QGHNN based on QGHL. Section 5 presents the results and discussion of the experiment. The conclusion is shown in Section 6.

II. RELATED WORK

This section starts with a review of the foundations in QML, followed by an overview of the GNN and QHL method. Table. (I) summarizes the notations.

A. Preliminary

The foundation of QGHNN in quantum machine learning is explained as follows.

Quantum state: Quantum state represents the state of a qubit, which is the fundamental unit of quantum computing.

TABLE I NOTATIONS.

Notation	Description
H_m, H_c, H_t, H	Hamiltonian
J	Coupling strength
U(heta)	Unitary operator
$ \psi_{in}\rangle, \psi_{out}\rangle, \psi_{t}\rangle$	Quantum state
$R_x(\theta), R_y(\theta), R_z(\theta)$	Rotation gate
σ^x , σ^y , σ^z	Pauli operator

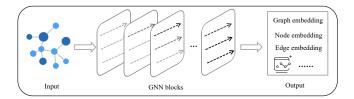


Fig. 1. Graph Neural Network. The input graph data can be trained by GNN to realize the data representation.

Mathematically, the quantum state $|\psi\rangle$ of a qubit can be represented as a two-dimensional complex vector in Eq.(1),

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle,\tag{1}$$

where α and β are complex numbers, satisfying the normalization condition $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$. The quantum state changes over time, which is referred to as the evolution of the quantum system.

Quantum gate: Quantum gates are the fundamental operational elements of quantum computing and are often employed in QML models, which can be divided into unitary operator $U(\theta)$ in Eq.(2) [21],

$$U(\theta) = e^{-\frac{iH\theta}{\hbar}},\tag{2}$$

where \hbar is the Planck constant, H represents the Hamiltonian, and i is related to the imaginary. The evolution of the quantum state $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$ can be represented by the unitary operator $U(\theta)$ in Eq.(3),

$$|\psi(\theta)\rangle = U(\theta)|\psi_0\rangle. \tag{3}$$

Table. (II) summarizes the quantum gates that are used in parameterized quantum circuits of QGHNN.

Hamiltonian: Hamiltonian is important in determining a quantum system and its evolution [16], which is related to the energy of the whole quantum system. The unitary operator based on Hamiltonian controls the system evolution of quantum state.

Topological Quantum System: Topological quantum system is characterized by lattice and topological properties, which means that its properties remain constant in the face of some quantum noise influence [22]. Hamiltonian is an essential part of describing the topological system and its evolution.

B. Graph Neural Network

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are deep learning models that are specifically designed to process graph-structured data

TABLE II QUANTUM GATES

Name	Symbol	Matrix Reception	Symbol
Rotation Pauli X gate	$R_x(heta)$ Gate	$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & -i\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i\sin\frac{\theta}{2} & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$	$R_x(\theta)$
Rotation Pauli Y gate	$R_y(heta)$	$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin\frac{\theta}{2} & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$	$R_{y}(\theta)$
Rotation Pauli Z gate	$R_z(heta)$	$\left[\begin{array}{cc}e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} & 0\\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}}\end{array}\right]$	$ R_z(\theta)$ $-$
CNOT gate	CNOT	$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right]$	

[23]. They are frequently used in a variety of applications, including social network analysis, recommendation systems, image segmentation, and bioinformatics [24], [25]. Nodes and edges are the basic building blocks of a graph, with nodes representing entities and edges indicating their relationships. GNN uses a message-passing method to effectively capture nodes interactions and the global structural information of the graph, increasing the efficacy of feature learning.

Fig. (1) depicts the framework of a GNN, beginning on the left, the input portion displays a complicated graph structure, demonstrating the interactions between various nodes and edges [26]. Nodes are depicted in various hues of blue, offering a clear visual picture of their connections and the structural complexity of the network. The feature vectors of each node provide rich information for later processing, setting the groundwork for the feature learning of GNN and allowing it to efficiently extract useful information from graph data. The collection of GNN blocks that represent the flow of information and the dynamic updates of node features via arrows. During the feature aggregation process, each GNN block takes into account data from surrounding nodes, gradually optimizing node representations to capture more complex graph structural aspects. The final output section shows the created graph embeddings, node embeddings, and edge embeddings, demonstrating the wide range of feature representations that GNN can produce while processing graph data. These results can be used for a variety of downstream tasks, including classification, clustering, and recommendation systems, demonstrating the broad capabilities of GNN in processing graph data with complex interactions [27], [28]. Despite its outstanding performance in a wide range of applications, GNN confronts a number of hurdles [29]. The development of quantum machine learning provides potential new approaches to addressing these difficulties. GNN can process complicated graph more efficiently by leveraging the parallelism of quantum machine learning and the framework of QHL. QHL uses quantum states and Hamiltonian to better capture the interactions between nodes and edges in a graph, hence increasing the expressiveness and predictive accuracy of OML models.

C. Quantum Hamiltonian Learning

QHL is a quantum machine learning method that effectively acquires information about the Hamiltonian of a quantum system by training parameterized quantum circuits [18]. The primary objective of QHL is to precisely represent and learn the Hamiltonian H_{target} of quantum systems by developing and creating unitary operators $U(\theta)$ with adjustable parameters. QHL allows the initial quantum system $|\psi_{in}\rangle$ to generate the final quantum system $|\psi_{out}\rangle$ that correctly simulates the target Hamiltonian H_{target} . QHL comprises four primary components: the initial quantum system $|\psi_{in}\rangle$, the quantum system evolution executed by the parameterized quantum circuits, the optimizer responsible for defining the loss function, and the final quantum system $|\psi_{out}\rangle$. In QHL, the initial quantum system $|\psi_{in}\rangle$ experiences system evolution through unitary operators $U(\theta)$ that are constructed by using parameterized quantum circuits, and θ represents the different kinds of parameters that need to be optimized. The parameters in the same class of quantum gates are the same. The unitary operator $U(\theta)$ can be built with the parameters and Hamiltonian specified in the quantum system, and the construction of the parameterized quantum circuit in QHL includes decomposing the unitary operator $U(\theta)$. Loss function $Loss(\theta)$ of QHL in Eq.(4) is used to estimate the difference between the intermediate quantum state $|\psi_t(\theta)\rangle$ and the final quantum state with the target Hamiltonian H_{target} ,

$$Loss(\theta) = \langle \psi_t(\theta) | H_{target} | \psi_t(\theta) \rangle. \tag{4}$$

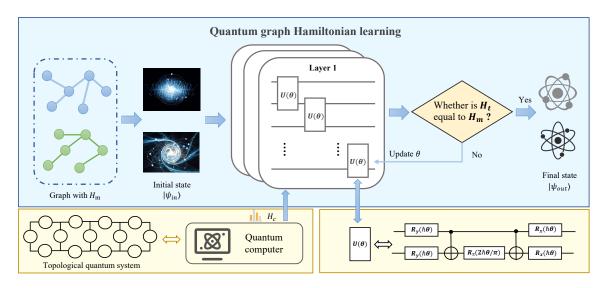


Fig. 2. Framework of quantum graph Hamiltonian learning. QGHL is introduced as an approach for linking graphs with the Hamiltonian of a topological quantum system, utilizing the lattice properties of quantum systems to construct parameterized quantum circuits, which eventually produce a quantum state that encapsulates graph information.

By minimizing $Loss(\theta)$ and updating the parameters in parameterized quantum circuits, QHL can precisely represent and learn the Hamiltonian H_{taraet} .

III. QUANTUM GRAPH HAMILTONIAN LEARNING

Quantum graph Hamiltonian learning method and its parameterized quantum circuit structure are introduced in this section. At first, the framework of QGHL is presented. Then the Hamiltonian and parameterized quantum circuits in QGHL are introduced.

A. QGHL Method

Fig. (2) illustrates the whole structure of the QGHL method. QGHL is described as a method for mapping a graph to the Hamiltonian of a topological quantum system. It uses the lattice features of a topological quantum system to create parameterized quantum circuits and a final quantum system state including graph information. QGHL maps the graph G into the quantum state $|\psi_{out}\rangle$ by associating the graph G with the Hamiltonian H_m of the quantum topological system and optimizing the parameters of the quantum circuit. In graph theory, a graph G can be defined as a topological unit often denoted as G = (V, A), where V represents the collection of nodes and A represents the edge adjacency matrix that encodes the relationships between different nodes. A topological quantum system in quantum mechanics refers to a quantum system that exhibits periodic boundary conditions. This system can be contained in a square lattice as shown in Fig. (2). Creating a mapping connection between the graph Gand the Hamiltonian H_m of the quantum topological system makes it possible to encode information from graph G into the quantum state $|\psi_{out}\rangle$. The quantum state in QGHL experiences a system evolution in the quantum environment that consists of the topological quantum system, the initial quantum state $|\psi_{in}\rangle$, and Hamiltonian H_m , H_c .

Fig. (2) depicts quantum gates made up of decomposable unitary operators $U(\theta)$ with parameters. The parameterized quantum circuits in OGHL comprise quantum gates with multilayer repeating. The quantum gates in the circuit excite the initial quantum state, producing the intermediate state $|\psi_t(\theta)\rangle$ and the intermediate Hamiltonian H_t . The gap of the intermediate Hamiltonian H_t and the Hamiltonian H_m of the quantum topological system is compared to determine if $|\psi_t(\theta)\rangle$ is the predicted quantum state $|\psi_{out}\rangle$ that correctly encodes the graph G. If the difference $Gap = |H_t - H_m|$ exceeds a minimal value δ , the parameters of the quantum circuit depicted in Fig. (2) must be optimized. The optimization employs the gradient descent approach to train and update the parameters in quantum circuits by constructing the loss function $Loss(\theta) = \langle \psi_t(\theta) | H_m | \psi_t(\theta) \rangle$. Conversely, if the difference $Gap = |H_t - H_m|$ is less than δ , it is concluded that the characteristics of the graph G have been encoded into the quantum state, and the current quantum state $|\psi_{out}\rangle$ is produced as an output result. Therefore, QGHL accomplishes the mapping of graph G into the quantum state $|\psi_{out}\rangle$ by learning the topological Hamiltonian H_m .

B. Hamiltonian of QGHL

Hamiltonian is an operator that characterizes the energy level of a quantum system. Pauli operators characterize the spin operations of quantum states on the lattice in topological quantum systems and are pivotal operators in constructing the Hamiltonian. The mathematical representation of Pauli operators comprises three 2×2 matrices, shown in Eq.(5),

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where σ_x , σ_y , σ_z represent the Pauli-X, Pauli-Y, and the Pauli-Z operators respectively. These Pauli operators represent the Pauli-X, Pauli-Y, and Pauli-Z quantum gates in quantum

circuits respectively. In a topological quantum system that includes Pauli operations, the Hamiltonian is often expressed as a combination of these Pauli operators and coupling constants that are used to describe the interactions between qubits.

Defining the correspondence between graph G and the Hamiltonian H_m in a topological quantum system is essential for representing and learning graph G via quantum circuits. The lattice structure features of the topological quantum system in Fig. (2) allow for the establishment of an association between the Hamiltonian H_m in the topological quantum system and graph G. Spin states of various quantum states in the topological quantum system can be used to identify the nodes V of graph G. The relationship between the lattice of the topological quantum system and nodes of the graph G has been built, The edge and adjacency matrix A_{ij} of graph G can be found by analyzing the interactions between these quantum states. Eq.(6) describes the mapping Hamiltonian H_m of the topological quantum system:

$$H_m = \sum_{i,j}^{V} A_{ij} (J_x \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + J_y \sigma_y^i \sigma_y^j + J_z \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j), \qquad (6)$$

where A_{ij} is the adjacency matrix of graph G, and J_x, J_y, J_z are constant coefficients representing the coupling constants of Pauli operators at different positions. QGHL optimizes and updates the parameters of the quantum circuit in Fig. (2) by minimizing the loss function that is composed of the Hamiltonian H_m and the intermediate quantum state $|\psi_t(\theta)\rangle$. The gap between the Hamiltonian H_t generated during the system evolution and the mapping Hamiltonian H_m determines whether the quantum system evolved through the quantum circuit is the final state.

C. Quantum circuit of QGHL

The quantum gates in the parameterized quantum circuit of QGHL can be acquired by the decomposition of the unitary operator $U(\theta)$, which contains parameters. The unitary operator $U(\theta)$ provides the mathematical expression of quantum gates in the field of quantum computing, shown in Eq.(7).

$$U(\theta) = e^{-\frac{iH_c\theta}{\hbar}},\tag{7}$$

where \hbar represents the Planck constant, and H_c denotes the Hamiltonian that makes up the quantum circuit in QGHL. The Hamiltonian H_c presents the behavior of the quantum system, and the unitary operator $U(\theta)$ represents the changes in the quantum state over time. Quantum gates are used in quantum computing to manipulate qubits and perform various operations, which are a special implementation of the unitary operator $U(\theta)$. By designing and using the Hamiltonian, it is possible to build specialized quantum gates that can modify quantum states and do specified computing tasks. Eq.(8) depicts the Hamiltonian that composes the unitary operator $U(\theta)$ in QGHL quantum circuits.

$$H_c = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_y^n + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{2} I - \frac{\pi}{4} \sigma_z^n \otimes \sigma_z^{n+1} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_x^n, \quad (8)$$

where σ_x is the Pauli-X operator, σ_y is the Pauli-Y operator, σ_z is the Pauli-Z operator, I is the identity matrix, \otimes is the

tensor product operation, and $n=1,2,\ldots,N$ is the number of qubits. By substituting Eq.(8) into Eq.(7), the unitary operator $U(\theta)$ of QGHL is obtained as shown in Eq.(9).

$$U(\theta) = exp(-\frac{i\theta}{\hbar} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_y^n + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{\pi}{4}\sigma_z^n \otimes \sigma_z^{n+1} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_x^n \right]). \tag{9}$$

Eq.(10) is obtained by decomposing $U(\theta)$ in Eq.(9).

$$\begin{split} U(\theta) &= exp(-\frac{i\theta}{\hbar} \Biggl[\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_{y}^{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{2}I - \frac{\pi}{4}\sigma_{z}^{n} \otimes \sigma_{z}^{n+1} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_{x}^{n} \Biggr]) \\ &= exp(-\frac{i\theta}{\hbar} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_{x}^{y}) \times exp(-\frac{i\theta}{\hbar} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{I}{2}) \\ &\times exp(\frac{i\pi\theta}{4\hbar} \Biggl[\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_{z}^{n} \otimes \sigma_{z}^{n+1} \Biggr]) \times exp(-\frac{i\theta}{\hbar} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sigma_{x}^{n}) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{i\sigma_{y}^{n}\theta}{\hbar}} \times \prod_{n=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{iI\theta}{2\hbar}} \times \prod_{n=1}^{N} e^{\frac{i\pi\sigma_{z}^{n} \otimes \sigma_{z}^{n+1}\theta}{4\hbar}} \times \prod_{n=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{i\sigma_{x}^{n}\theta}{\hbar}}. \end{split}$$

Then, Eq.(11) is obtained by decomposing $e^{\frac{i\pi\sigma_z^n\otimes\sigma_z^{n+1}\theta}{4\hbar}}$.

$$\begin{split} \prod_{n=1}^{N} e^{\frac{i\pi\sigma_{z}^{n}\otimes\sigma_{z}^{n+1}\theta}{4\hbar}} &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{-i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\frac{-i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{\frac{i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{-i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\frac{-i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{\frac{i\pi\theta}{4\hbar}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} \text{CNOT Gate } \cdot R_{z} \left(\frac{2\hbar}{\pi} \theta \right) \cdot \text{CNOT Gate } . \end{split}$$

Finally, the quantum gates that comprise the QGHL quantum circuit are presented in Eq. (12),

$$U(\theta) = R_y(\hbar\theta) \cdot \text{CNOT } \cdot R_z\left(\frac{2\hbar}{\pi}\theta\right) \cdot \text{CNOT } \cdot R_x(\hbar\theta). \quad (12)$$

The QGHL quantum circuit is made up of three quantum rotation gates: R_y , R_z , R_x and CNOT gate. Fig. (3) depicts the QGHL quantum circuit with 3 qubits and 1 repetition layers.

IV. QUANTUM GRAPH HAMILTONIAN NEURAL NETWORK

In this section, the structure of QGHNN is presented, which depends on QGHL. QGHNN updates the parameters in quantum neurons by minimizing the loss function $Loss(\theta)$, which is composed of the Hamiltonian H_m derived from graph G and the vector product of intermediate quantum states $|\psi_t(\theta)\rangle$. QGHNN enables the quantum neural network to learn information for the graph. First, we give the framework of QGHNN. Then, we introduce an algorithm that is based on QGHNN.

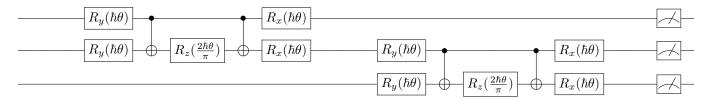


Fig. 3. The example of the quantum circuits in QGHL. Quantum circuits of QGHL are made up of a 3-qubit quantum system with 1 repetition layers.

A. Framework of QGHNN

Fig. (4) illustrates the structural framework of QGHNN. The OGHNN model consists of four components: input data, neuron units of the quantum neural network, loss function computation, and parameter updating mechanism based on gradient descent. The input data consists of the classical graph G and the mapping Hamiltonian H_m derived from graph G. Graph G is defined as $G = (V, A_{ij})$, where V represents the node information and A_{ij} is the adjacency matrix of graph G. The components of H_m as shown in Eq.(6) include the coupling constants J_x, J_y, J_z , the adjacency matrix H_m , and the Pauli operators $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$. The QGHNN uses parameterized quantum circuits that are constructed by QGHL. Each neuron consists of unitary operator $U(\theta)$, which are built of quantum gates like $R_y(\hbar\theta)$, $R_x(\hbar\theta)$, $R_z(\frac{2\hbar\theta}{\pi})$, and CNOT gates. Every individual neuron enhances the interaction between neighbouring qubits. The loss function $Loss(\theta)$ consists of the mapping Hamiltonian H_m designed based on graph Gand the vector product of intermediate quantum states $|\psi_t(\theta)\rangle$, as shown in Eq.(13),

$$Loss(\theta) = \langle \psi_t(\theta) | H_m | \psi_t(\theta) \rangle. \tag{13}$$

The neurons in QGHNN are updated by minimizing the loss function $Loss(\theta)$. The parameters θ of quantum circuits are updated using the gradient descent approach by the QGHNN. The update procedure is described by the Eq.(14).

$$\theta^* \leftarrow \theta - R \frac{\partial Loss(\theta)}{\partial \theta},\tag{14}$$

where θ^* is the updated parameter and R is the learning rate [30].

B. Algorithm of QGHNN

Algorithm 1 presents the pseudo-code of QGHNN. The algorithm takes inputs such as $V, A_{ij}, H_m, H_c, R, n, d$. The QGHNN algorithm depends on the values of the following parameters: the node count V of graph G, the adjacency matrix A_{ij} of graph G, the mapping Hamiltonian H_m of graph G, the Hamiltonian H_c of the quantum circuits that decompose the unitary operators in QGHNN, the learning rate R, qubits number n, and layers d. The output comprises many assessment metrics, including the loss function, mean squared error (MSE), cosine similarity, Frobenius norm, and correlation coefficient. These metrics are used to measure the differences between the calculated results and the input graph G information. The MSE is a metric that quantifies the average squared difference between two data sets, which elucidates the divergence between the predicted values and

the actual values of an algorithm. A minor MSE indicates a higher similarity between the predicted outcomes and the actual values [31]. Cosine similarity quantifies the degree of similarity in direction between two matrices or vectors, where the magnitude of the cosine similarity directly corresponds to the degree of directional similarity exhibited by the two matrices or vectors [32]. The Frobenius norm quantifies the magnitude of the discrepancy between two matrices and the result of a correlation coefficient that is closer to 1 indicates a better positive correlation between the predicted outcomes and actual values, suggesting that both variables tend to change in the same direction [33]. Algorithm 1 initializes the parameters θ in the quantum circuits of QGHNN randomly. The definitions of Hamiltonians H_m and H_c may be found in Eq.(6) and Eq.(8), respectively. The parameters θ in the quantum circuits of QGHNN are updated by the computation of the partial derivatives of the loss function $Loss(\theta)$ and subsequent minimization.

Algorithm 1 The Algorithm of QGHNN.

Input: $V, A_{ij}, H_m, H_c, R, n, d$;

Output: Loss function, MSE, cosine similarity, Frobenius norm, correlation coefficient.

Step 1: Input classical graphs data

Step 2: Prepare the initial quantum system with random parameter θ .

Step 3: Generate the quantum circuits of QGHNN and its neuron units.

Step 4: Calculate the loss function $Loss(\theta)$ and update the parameter θ .

For $j < \xi$:

$$\frac{\partial Loss(\theta_j)}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{\partial Loss(\theta_j + \Delta_j) - \partial Loss(\theta_j - \Delta_j)}{2\Delta_j};$$

$$\theta_{j+1}^* \leftarrow \theta_j - R \frac{\partial Loss(\theta_j)}{\partial \theta_j}.$$

V. EXPERIMENT AND DISCUSSION

QGHNN has the potential to represent and learn graph G on NISQ devices and can be integrated with deep learning and other language models for broader applications in the future. We aim to ensure that QGHNN can perform Hamiltonian H_m of topological quantum systems. After employing several experiments, we discovered that QGHNN can effectively acquire information from classical graph G on NISQ devices. This section presents experiments and discussions on QGHNN and QGHL. First, we provide experiments in which quantum

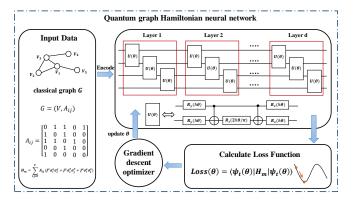


Fig. 4. Quantum graph Hamiltonian neural network. The QGHNN model consists of four components: input data, neuron units of the quantum neural network, loss function computation, and parameter updating mechanism based on gradient descent.

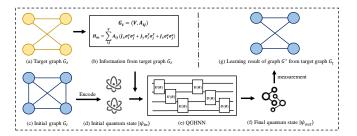


Fig. 5. Experiment setting of QGHNN. QGHNN learns the target graph G_t by encoding the initial fully connected graph G_i and training the parameters.

computers are used to represent and learn classical graph G, demonstrating the advantages of QGHNN in learning graph data over other quantum machine learning models. Subsequently, we conduct a performance analysis of QGHNN, OGHL, and other OML models to illustrate the superiority of the QGHNN.

A. Experiment setting

Fig. (5) depicts the quantum experiment setting for learning graph data by QGHNN and the target graph G_t has four nodes. Fig. (5)(a) depicts the target graph G_t that should be learned and the direct extraction of important information in G_t are $G_t = (V, A_{ij})$ and the mapped Hamiltonian H_m . Fig. (5)(b) shows the data obtained from the target graph G_t , which is used as inputs of the QGHNN model. QGHNN uses the quantum amplitude coding to encode the graph. The quantum state needs to satisfy the normalization condition, so QGHNN needs to normalize the elements of the adjacency matrix A_{ij} as shown in Eq. (15).

$$A'_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^2}}. (15)$$

We map the normalized matrix elements A_{ij}^{\prime} to the amplitude of the quantum state. For a $n \times n$ graph $G_t = (V, A_{ij})$, the input quantum state of QGHNN is shown in Eq. (16).

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} A'_{ij} |i\rangle |j\rangle.$$
 (16)

Fig. (5)(c) represents a fully connected graph with the nodes as the target graph G_t . Encoding the initial graph G_i in Fig. (5)(c) into the initial quantum state $|\psi_0\rangle$ creates a quantum environment of QGHNN. The quantum state $|\psi_0\rangle$ represents the starting graph G_i , which develops through the QGHNN model to produce the final quantum state $|\psi_{out}\rangle$. Fig. (5)(g) depicts the learning result graph G^* , which is generated by the final quantum state.

The experiment uses MSE, cosine similarity, Frobenius norm, and correlation coefficient to assess the similarity between Fig. (5)(a) and Fig. (5)(g). Among these, MSE compares the difference between Fig. (5)(g) and the actual graph G_t . Cosine similarity is used to assess the direction similarity of the adjacency matrix vectors, and the Frobenius norm analyzes the total difference of graphs. The correlation coefficient represents the positive correlation between Fig. (5)(g) and Fig. (5)(a). To illustrate the advantage of QGHNN in learning graph data, we compared it to several typical quantum machine learning algorithms, including VQE [34], QAOA [35], and QNN [11]. We use the PennyLane quantum experimental platform to do the experiments. Three different experiments are designed to prove the advantages of QGHNN in learning graphs:

- 1) **Experiment (01)**: 4-qubit QGHNN to learn target graph
- G_{t_1} , $G_{t_1}=(4,A_{t_1})$ 2) **Experiment (02)** : 5-qubit QGHNN to learn target graph
- G_{t_2} , $G_{t_2}=(5,A_{t_2})$ 3) **Experiment (03)** : 6-qubit QGHNN to learn target graph G_{t_3} , $G_{t_3} = (6, A_{t_3})$

where the adjacency matrices are shown in Eq.(17).

$$A_{t_{1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{t_{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A_{t_{3}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(17)$$

In Experiments (01), (02), and (03), we create comparative experiments with various quantum machine learning models. Experiments (01), (02), and (03) show that the complexity of the target graph G_t rises with the number of qubits, demonstrating that QGHNN can apply quantum computing to achieve superior learning capabilities. The experimental findings demonstrate that QGHNN can accurately learn graph representations.

B. Experimental Results and Discussion

Fig. (6) introduces the experimental comparison results of QGHNN and other different quantum machine learning models. Table. (III) shows the assessment metrics results from Experiment (01), which was done by employing the PennyLane experimental quantum platform. Table. (VI) shows the parameter settings for Experiment (01). Fig. (7) displays the results of the QGHNN model with four qubits. Heatmaps depict the Hamiltonian distribution of the target graph G_t , initial graph G_i , and learning result graph G^* . The heatmaps in Fig. (7) show that the Hamiltonian distribution of the learnt result graph G^* approaches the target graph G_t following system evolution via the QGHNN model. Table. (III) shows

TABLE III

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF DIFFERENT QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING MODELS IN FOUR QUBITS

QML Model	Mean squared error	Cosine Similarity	Frobenius Norm	Correlation Coefficient
VQE [34]	0.518	0.693	11.516	0.668
QAOA [35]	0.176	0.912	6.710	0.906
QNN [11]	0.624	0.604	12.639	0.567
QGHNN	0.004	0.998	1.059	0.998

TABLE IV EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF DIFFERENT QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING MODELS IN FIVE QUBITS

QML Model	Mean squared error	Cosine Similarity	Frobenius Norm	Correlation Coefficient
VQE [34]	0.291	0.708	17.273	0.693
QAOA [35]	0.131	0.865	11.604	0.857
QNN [11]	0.368	0.544	19.425	0.511
QGHNN	0.022	0.979	4.721	0.978

TABLE V EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF DIFFERENT QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING MODELS IN SIX QUBITS

QML Model	Mean squared error	Cosine Similarity	Frobenius Norm	Correlation Coefficient
VQE [34]	0.145	0.716	24.335	0.706
QAOA [35]	0.090	0.832	19.235	0.826
QNN [11]	0.190	0.564	27.910	0.544
QGHNN	0.014	0.974	7.590	0.973

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} TABLE\ VI\\ Experimental\ configuration\ of\ experiment 01. \end{tabular}$

 $\begin{tabular}{l} TABLE\ VII\\ Experimental\ configuration\ of\ experiment 02. \end{tabular}$

Indicators	QVE [34]	QAOA [35]	QNN [11]	QGHNN	Indicators	QVE [34]	QAOA [35]	QNN [11]	QGHNN
Parameters	12	15	15	9	Parameters	16	20	20	12
Qubits	4	4	4	4	Qubits	5	5	5	5
Layers	3	4	4	3	Layers	6	6	5	4
Representation Advantages	Weak	Well	Weak	Excellent	Representation Advantages	Weak	Well	Weak	Excellent
Data Encoding	ata Encoding Quantum Amplitude Encode		Data Encoding		Quantum Amplitude Encode				
Learning Rate	rning Rate 0.1		Learning Rate		0.1				
Batch Size	10		Batch Size		10				
Step		500		Step	500				
Optimizer		Gradient I	Descent		Optimizer		Gradient Descent		

that the experimental accuracy of QGHNN can approach 99.8% when employing four qubits to learn graph data, with a mean squared error of 0.004. When learning graph data with four qubits, QGHNN has the highest prediction accuracy and the most significant linear connection with the target graph. Compared to the QAOA quantum machine learning algorithm, which also has advantages in graph computing,

the computation results of the QGHNN model improve the accuracy by 8.6% in cosine similarity and 9.2% in correlation coefficient. The Frobenius norm value decreases by 5.651, while the MSE value decreases by 0.172. Table. (IV) illustrates the assessment metrics findings from Experiment (02), which was done through the PennyLane experimental quantum platform. Table. (VIII) shows the parameter settings

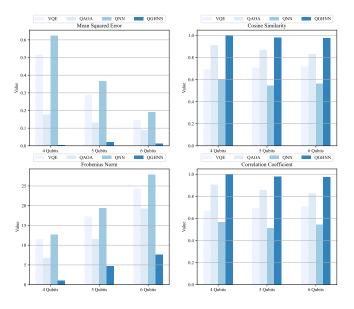


Fig. 6. Experimental comparison results of QGHNN and other different quantum machine learning models on 4 qubits, 5 qubits, and 6 qubits respectively.

TABLE VIII
EXPERIMENTAL CONFIGURATION OF EXPERIMENT 03.

QVE [34]	QAOA [35]	QNN [11]	QGHNN			
4	5	5	3			
6	6	6	6			
6	5	5	4			
Weak	Well	Weak	Excellent			
	Quantum Ampl	itude Encode				
0.1						
	10					
	500)				
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for Experiment (02). The assessment metrics in Table. (IV) show that the cosine similarity of the graph G^* acquired by QGHNN can reach 97.9%, with a mean squared error of 0.022. When five qubits are used to learn graph data, QGHNN provides the highest accurate predictions as well as the best fitting effect on the target graph G_t . The noise impact in quantum circuits grows in proportion to the number of qubits used. QGHNN learning outcomes in Experiment (02) are less accurate than in Experiment (01) due to the influence of quantum noise. However, compared to other quantum machine learning models, QGHNN can retain high experimental accuracy, demonstrating its noise-resilient ability. Table. (V) highlights the assessment metrics findings from Experiment (03), which was done by the PennyLane experimental quantum platform. Table. (VII) shows the parameter settings for Experiment (03). The assessment metrics in Table. (V) show that the experimental accuracy of QGHNN can reach 97.4% when employing six qubits to learn graph data, with a mean squared error of 0.014. In Experiment (03), QGHNN outperforms all evaluation measures, with the lowest mean squared error, highest cosine similarity, lowest Frobenius norm, and highest correlation coefficient, which suggests that QGHNN is influential and trustworthy in high-dimensional quantum computing activities.

Fig. (8) depicts the loss function of QGHNN in three different experiments with a training step size of 500, illustrating that the loss function in each experiment follows a convergence trend. In Experiment 01 (Fig. (8) (a)), the loss function begins at around -0.993, lowers steeply in the first stage with variations, and exhibits considerable modifications in the early training stage. The loss function stabilizes as training progresses and reaches -1.000 after around 300 steps. The loss function patterns in Experiments (02) and (03) are comparable to those in Experiment (01), beginning at -0.9825and -0.986, respectively, with considerable early decreases and following steady trends, eventually settling at around -1.000 after around 200 to 300 steps. Fig. (9) shows the results about the use of parameters between QGHNN and other different quantum machine learning models. QGHNN can achieve more accurate graph verification results by training the least parameters.

Overall, the loss function in all three experiments shows significant early decreases, showing that the QGHNN model is actively optimizing and learning during this time. The oscillations in the loss function steadily decrease until they ultimately settle, indicating that the model parameters have achieved an optimal state and the loss value changes are reduced. Finally, the loss values in all experiments approach -1.000, demonstrating that the model has high convergence and stability under various experimental situations. In conclusion, the QGHNN model demonstrates adequate learning capacity and good convergence under various experimental settings, with the loss function finally stabilizing, suggesting that the model effectively reduced the loss and achieved the intended optimization effect.

The comparative results in Table. (III), Table. (IV), and Table. (V) show that regardless of whether the experiment has four qubits, five qubits, or six qubits, the QGHNN model outperforms all four assessment metrics. Mean squared error, cosine similarity, Frobenius norm, and correlation coefficient in QGHNN outperform other models across all qubit values, indicating that OGHNN has complete performance in quantum machine learning applications. The mean squared error of QGHNN is lower for all qubit numbers, showing that QGHNN has vital prediction accuracy. However, when qubits grow, the mean squared error rises slightly from Table. (III) to Table. (IV), which might be attributed to increasing training difficulty and data complexity as the model handles more qubits. The cosine similarity of QGHNN stays high across varying qubit numbers, indicating a significant resemblance between learned graph G^* and target graph G_t . However, the cosine similarity declines slightly, demonstrating that the prediction result and the target graph become less similar as the number of qubits grows, which may imply a modest performance reduction of the model while dealing with higher-dimensional data. QGHNN has the lowest Frobenius norm among all qubit

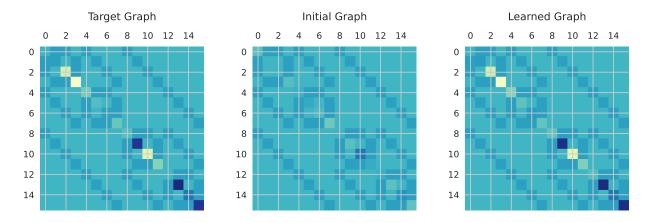


Fig. 7. Experiment result of 4-Qubits based on QGHNN model.

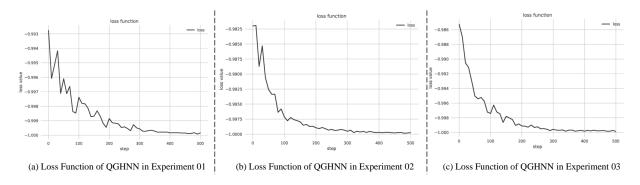


Fig. 8. Experiment result of loss function.

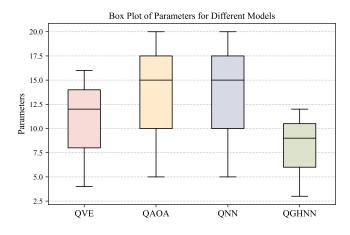


Fig. 9. Results about the use of parameters between QGHNN and other different quantum machine learning models.

numbers, implying the least prediction error matrix. But the Frobenius norm steadily rises as the number of qubits grows, probably due to the cumulative effect of mistakes becoming more visible as the model processes increasingly complicated input. The correlation coefficient of QGHNN stays high across various qubit values, demonstrating a solid linear link between model predictions and target data. Although the correlation coefficient is reduced slightly, it remains the greatest, suggesting that QGHNN can capture the linear connection of

different graphs well, even with high qubit numbers. The high performance of QGHNN in all four assessment metrics may be attributed to its increased noise resilience. When faced with noise, QGHNN can retain a lower mean squared error, a more remarkable cosine similarity, a lower Frobenius norm, and an increased correlation coefficient, which might be attributed to improved management of QGHNN of noise effects during model construction or training, making it more reliable in more complicated quantum computing jobs.

C. Advantages of QGHL and QGHNN

Presently, accessible quantum computers encounter significant challenges in hardware resource use. Furthermore, when simulating QGHL and QGHNN using classical systems, the memory demands increase exponentially as the number of simulated qubits rises. Consequently, QGHL is compared with the refs. [16], [36], [37], [18], to emphasize its importance in spontaneous system evolution, implementability on quantum computers, parameterized quantum circuits, graph learning capabilities, and noise resilience. The detailed comparative outcomes are presented in Table. (IX). Table. (X) presents a theoretical comparison of QGHNN with the refs. [34], [35], [11], [13], [14], [15] emphasizing its advantages for parameterized quantum circuits, implementability on quantum computers, capability for graph representation, noise resilience, and methodologies for addressing graph learning.

TABLE IX	
ADVANTAGES OF OG	HI.

Indicators	Quantum Hamiltonian Learning Models						
indicators	Wiebe's [16]	Paesani's [36]	Wang's [37]	Shi's [18]	QGHL		
Spontaneous System Evolution	√	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Implementability on Quantum Computers	×	×	Partial	Partial	Completely		
Parameterized Quantum Circuit	_	_	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Graph Learning Ability	_	_	_	_	\checkmark		
Noise Resistant	×	×	Weak	Weak	Excellent		

Table. (IX) includes various key indications for QHL. First, both QGHL and refs. [16], [36], [18] can actualize constantly evolving quantum systems, highlighting the beneficial function of QGHL in modeling the evolution of quantum Hamiltonian. The key difference is that QGHL can be completely implemented on a quantum computer, allowing the input and output of the system evolution process to be determined concurrently from its parameterized quantum circuit. In contrast, Wang's [37] and Shi's [18] method includes extra conventional processing stages. Refs. [16], [36] apply quantum physics ideas to model the Hamiltonian of quantum systems without creating particular quantum circuits. QGHL incorporates numerous concepts from ref. [18], such as parameterized quantum circuit design and the system evolution process, and applies these concepts to create a unique operating mechanism, resulting in noise resistance of QGHL without precisely following the framework of ref. [18]. Meanwhile, by defining the mapping connection between the Hamiltonian and the graph, QGHL can represent graph information.

Table. (X) lists numerous significant indications from the QML perspective. Initially, the methodologies of both QGHNN and Du's [34], Guerreschi's [35], Zhao's [11] are compatible with existing NISQ devices, highlighting the advantageous contribution of QGHNN to the domain of quantum machine learning. The main difference is in the capability of QGHNN to completely execute graph learning representation on quantum processors while exhibiting noise immunity. On the other hand, the technique employed by Bai's [13], Zhang's [14], Dernbach's [15] employs quantum walk technology and incorporates supplementary classical simulation and processing stages. QGHNN incorporates several principles from Zhao's [11] methodology, such as employing gradient descent for function updates and the formulation of the loss function. Meanwhile, QGHNN effectively employs the mapping connection between Hamiltonians and graphs to use contemporary NISQ devices for representing and learning graph data, mitigating the effects of quantum channel noise, and conserving classical storage.

VI. CONCLUSION

QGHL is proposed in this work, where the implementation and the mapping correlation between graph G and Hamiltonian H_m on NISQ quantum devices are investigated. QGHL shows how parameterized quantum circuits can be used to represent and learn graphs, which provides a basic

and theoretical framework for future research into quantum machine learning that aims to solve non-Euclidean data issues. Furthermore, QGHNN is introduced to learn and represent graph G. The experiment results demonstrate that QGHNN exhibits both robustness and optimum performance across all assessment metrics, which achieves the lowest mean squared error of 0.004 and the maximum cosine similarity of 99.8%. Depending on current developments in quantum computing technology, QGHL, and QGHNN have promise for practical implementation in the future for building quantum knowledge graphs and quantum recommendation systems.

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Indicators -	Du's [34]	Guerreschi's [35]	Zhao's [11]	Bai's [13]	Zhang's [14]	Dernbach's [15]	QGHL
Implementability on Quantum Computers	Partial	Partial	Partial	×	×	×	Completely
Parameterized Quantum Circuit	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	_	_	_	Excellent
Noise Resistant	Weak	Weak	Weak	_	_	_	Completely
Methods for Solving Graph Learning	VQE	QAOA	QML	Quantum Walk	Quantum Walk	Quantum Walk	QML
Graph Representation Ability	Weak	Well	Weak	Well	Well	Well	Excellent

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