



Quantum Computing at CERN



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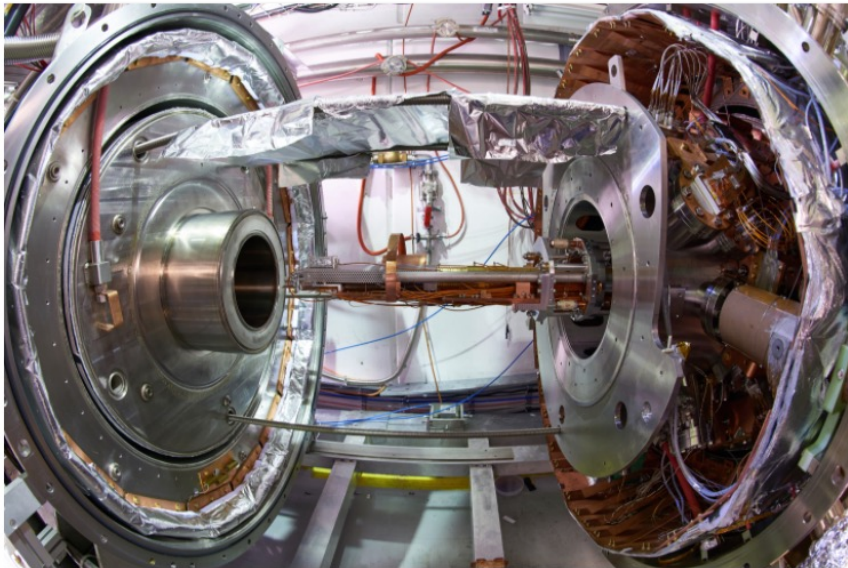
CERN Quantum Technology Initiative

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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 IT 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)

What **applications in HEP** can profit from quantum technologies?

High level objectives:

- **Scientific and Technical Development**
- **Community Building**
- **Co-development**
- **Integration** with national and international initiatives

2021 Roadmap: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5553774>

Research Collaborations

Organizations and Projects



Industry



QuTech



Academia, Research Labs and Agencies



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Scientific Objectives



- Identify **areas of potential quantum advantage** in HEP
- 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

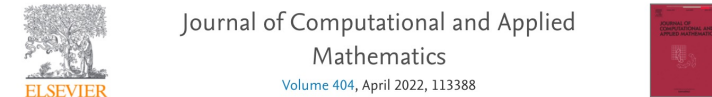
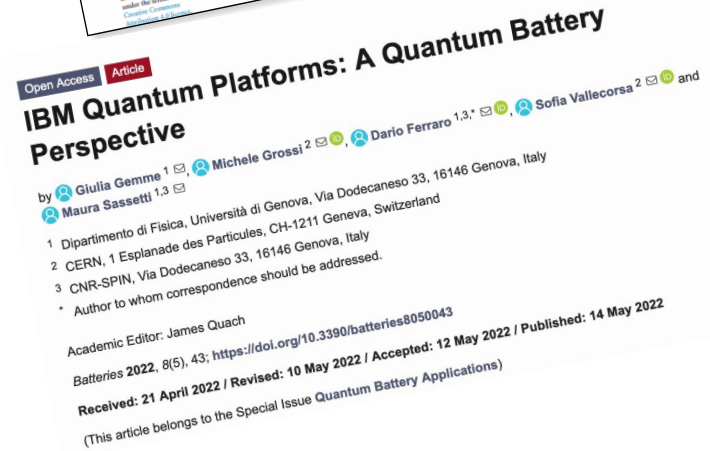
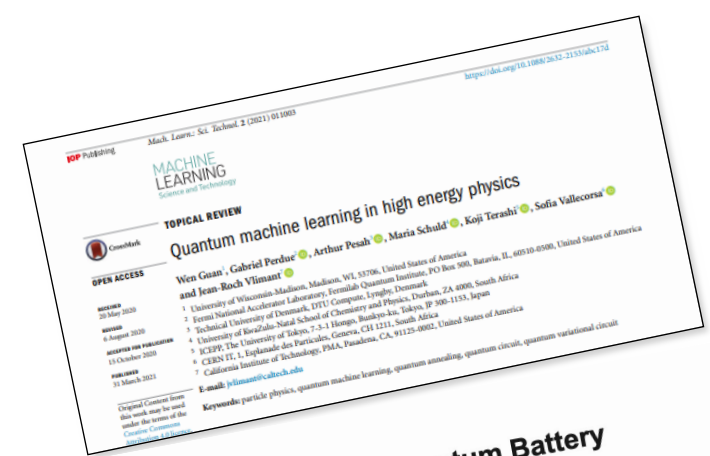
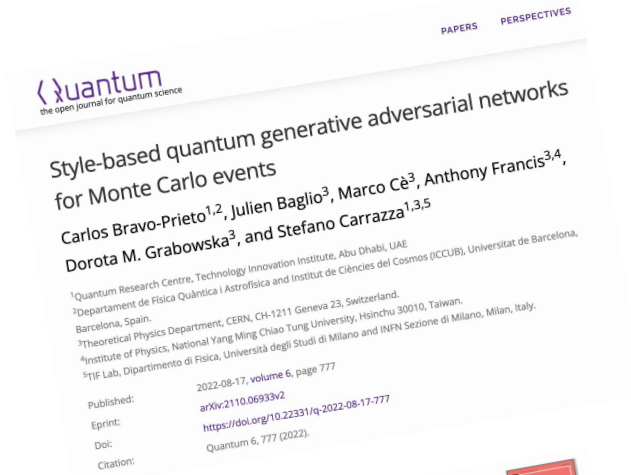
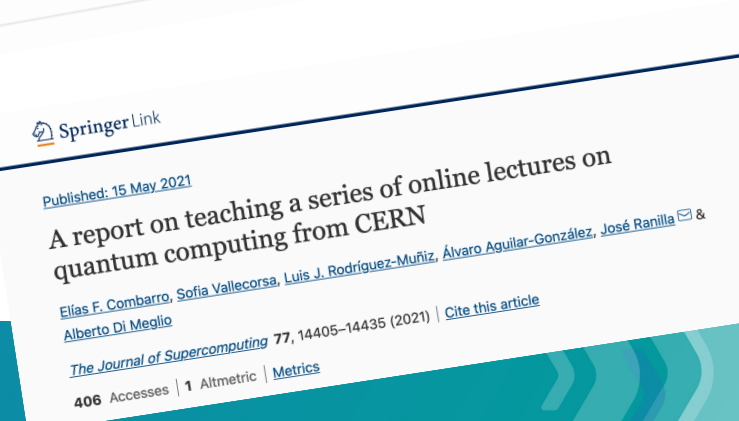
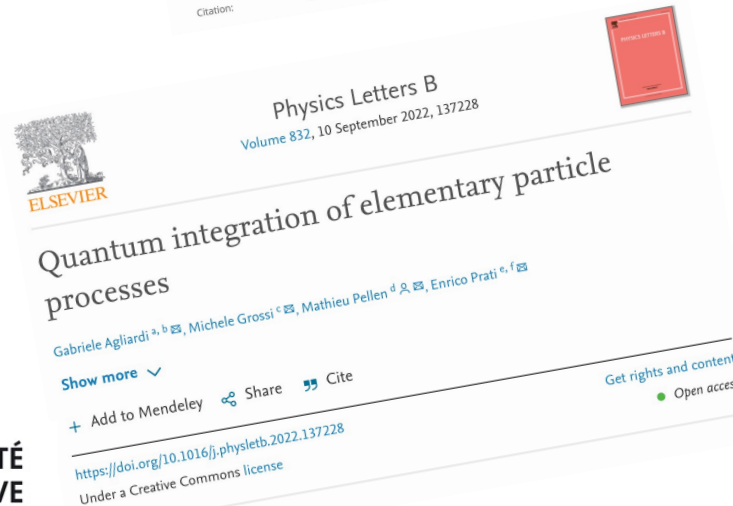
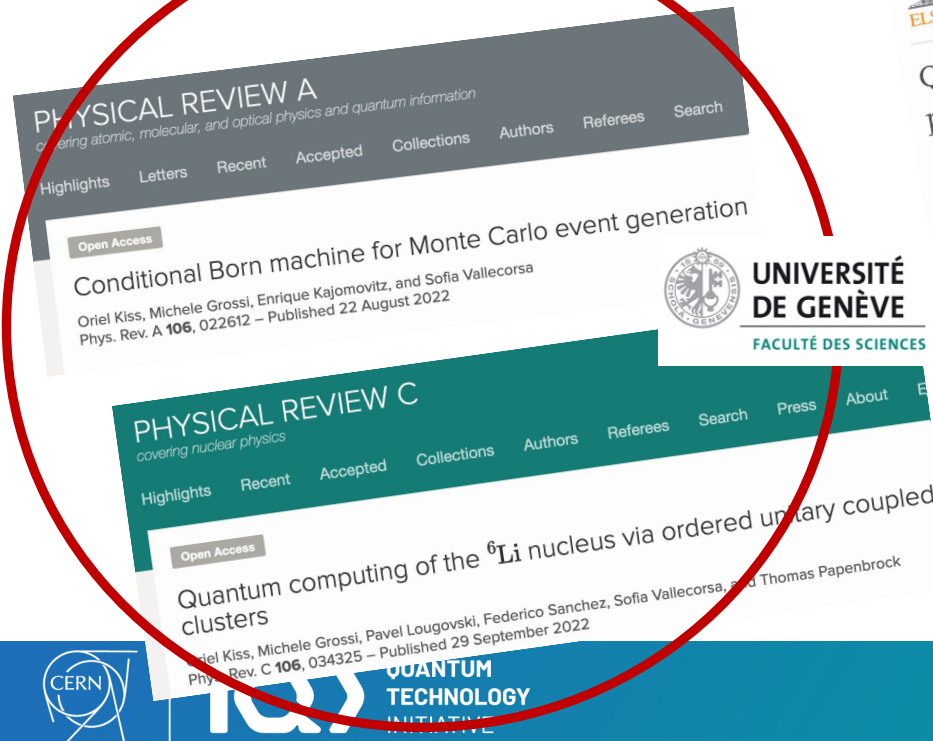


- **Co-develop CERN technologies relevant to quantum infrastructures** (time synch, frequency distribution, lasers)
- Contribute to the **deployment and validation of quantum infrastructures**
- Assess requirements and **impact of quantum communication on computing applications** (security, privacy)

Communications & Networks

Scientific Production

- More than 20 projects in all four quantum areas
- > 20 papers
>10 on peer-reviewed journals
- More than 30 talks and presentations at conferences and workshops



A study of the performance of classical minimizers in the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

Mario Fernández-Pendás, Elías F. Combarro, Sofia Vallecorsa, José Ranilla, and Ignacio F. Rúa

Quantum Computing Objectives at CERN



- Identify **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

- Baseline for application **prioritisation** and **systematisation**
- **Formal approach** to algorithms, methods, error characterisation and correction
 - **Quantum Machine Learning**
 - **Algorithms beyond QML**
- **Test different hardware**
- Contribute to the development of a **quantum infrastructure**



Quantum Computing Infrastructure and the Quantum Hub



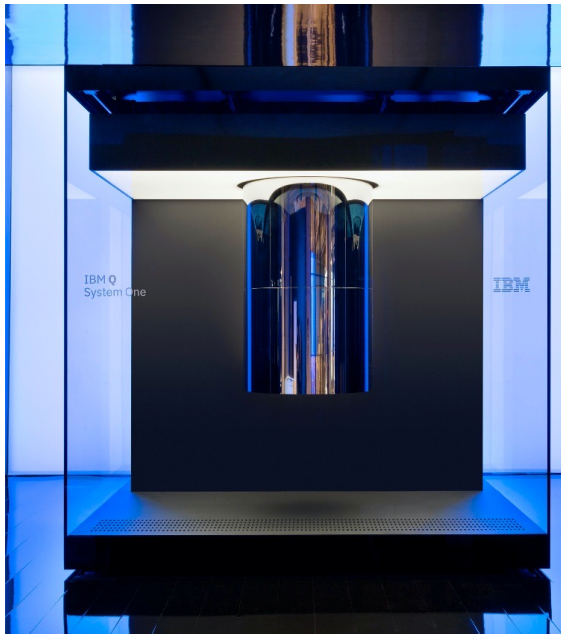
A **quantum computing simulation cluster** with different simulators is available for initial investigations up to 20 qubits

A **collaboration with Intel, TUM and the Munich Leibniz centre** is being set up to investigate applications of quantum simulation on HPC

CERN has acquired an **Atos QLM 34 simulation appliance** for projects requiring more than 30 qubits

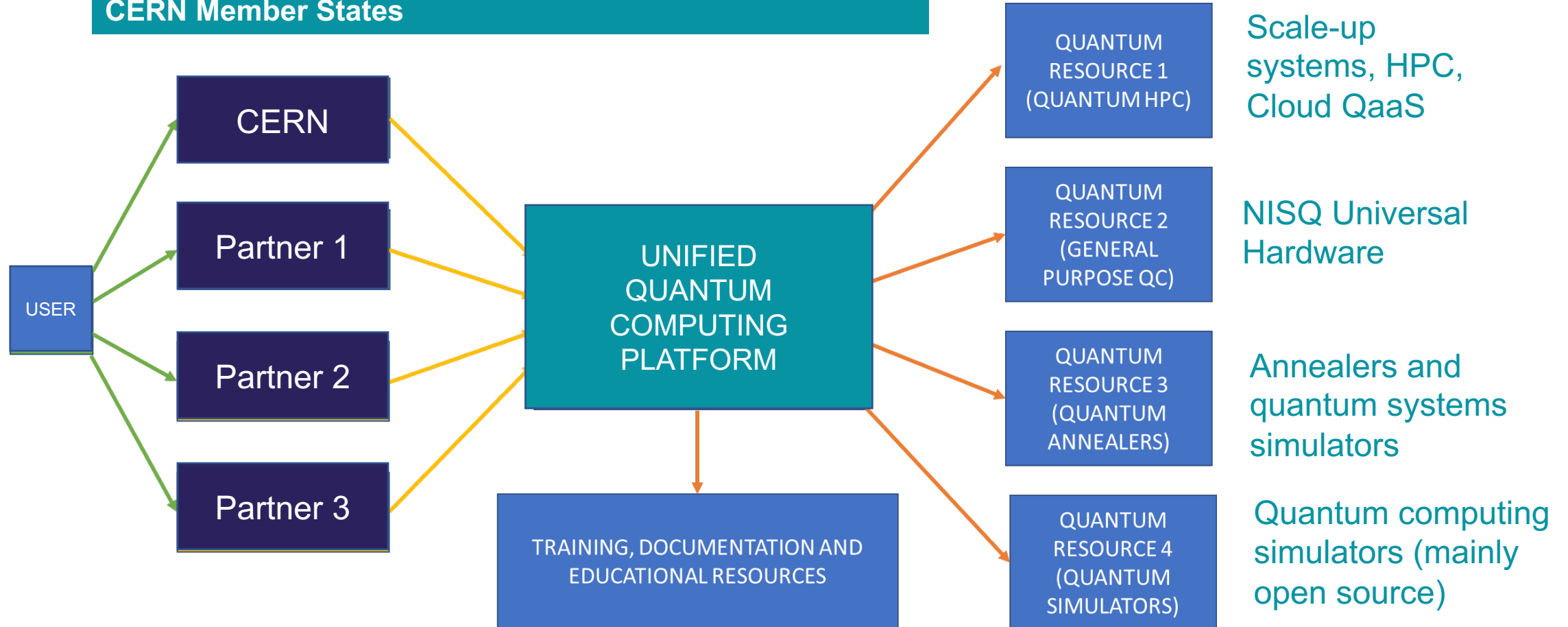
CERN is a **Hub Member of the IBM Quantum Network** with quota access to all IBM quantum computers up to the recently released 127-qubit system

Collaborations with **cloud providers** for access to different quantum hardware are being discussed



Quantum Computing Platforms

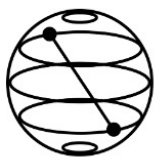
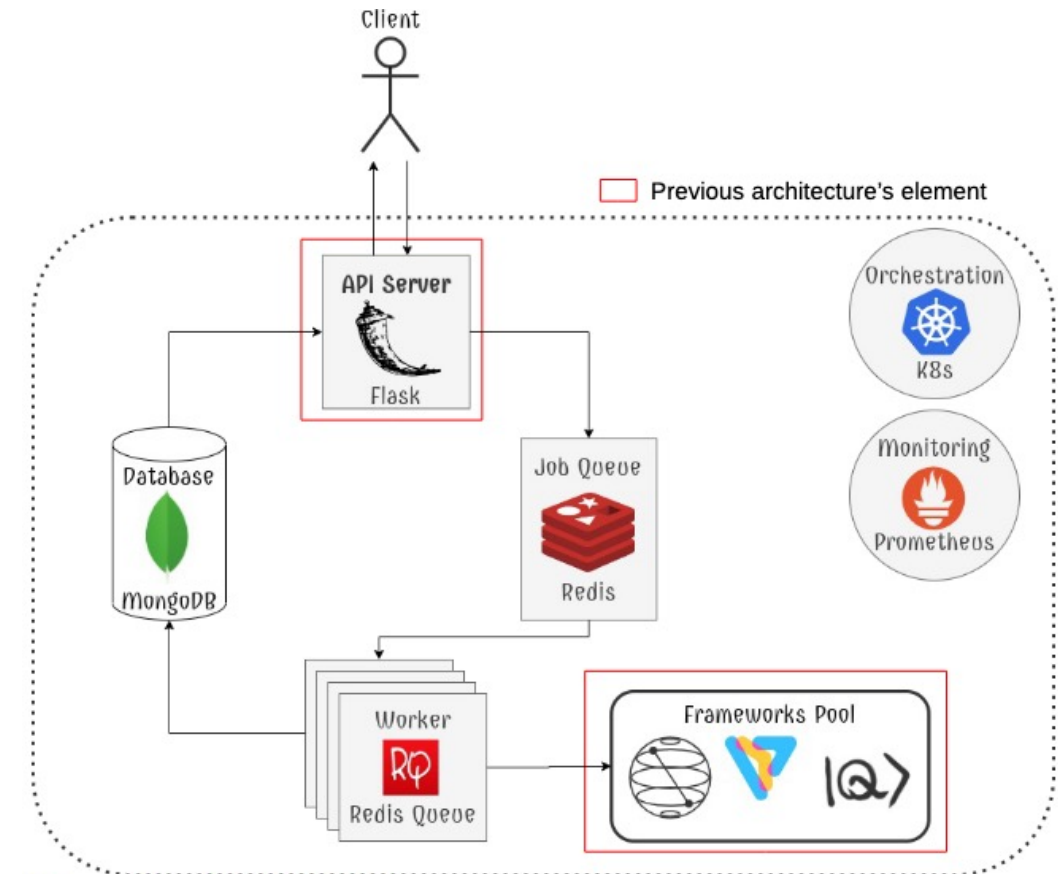
Contribute to developing technologies and capacity in the CERN Member States



AB AQUS

Automated Benchmarking of Algorithms for Quantum Systems

- **Open-source extensible, scalable** platform for running benchmarks on simulators (and quantum devices)
- **Community-based**
- Facilitate deployment on clusters (containers based)
- How the system works:
 1. User submits desired benchmarks to server.
 2. Server adds them to a queue of jobs to run.
 3. Workers serve the queue, execute the jobs and store results database.
 4. Server returns results to User.



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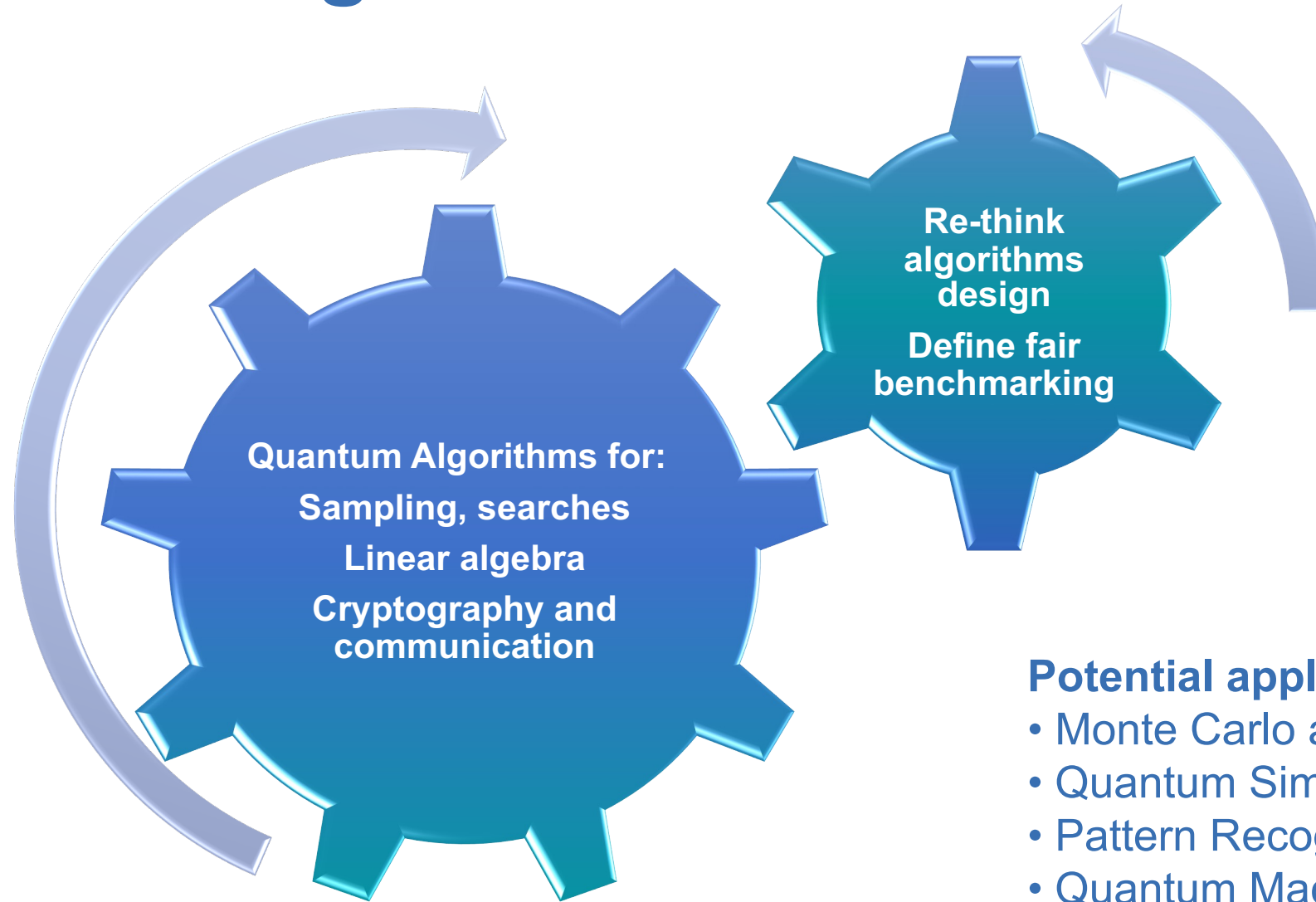




Quantum Algorithms & Applications



Quantum Algorithms for HEP



Potential applications:

- Monte Carlo and Event Generation
- Quantum Simulation
- Pattern Recognition
- Quantum Machine Learning

Quantum Machine Learning

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

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

1. Feature extraction and data encoding

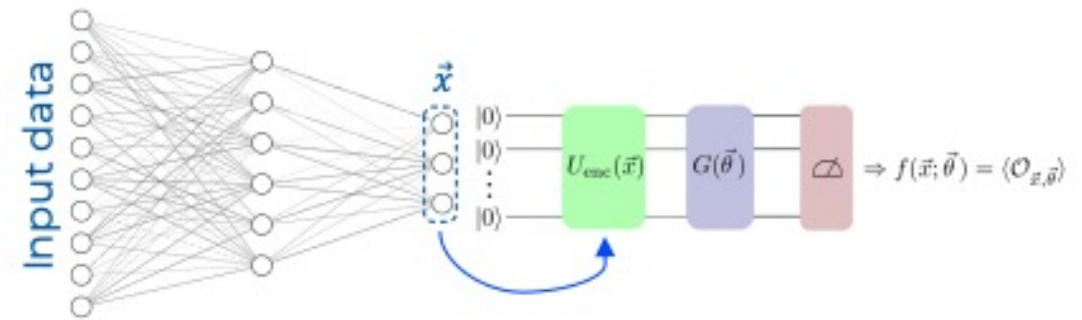
- How to represent classical data in quantum states?

2. Model definition (kernel based or variational)

- Design wrt data

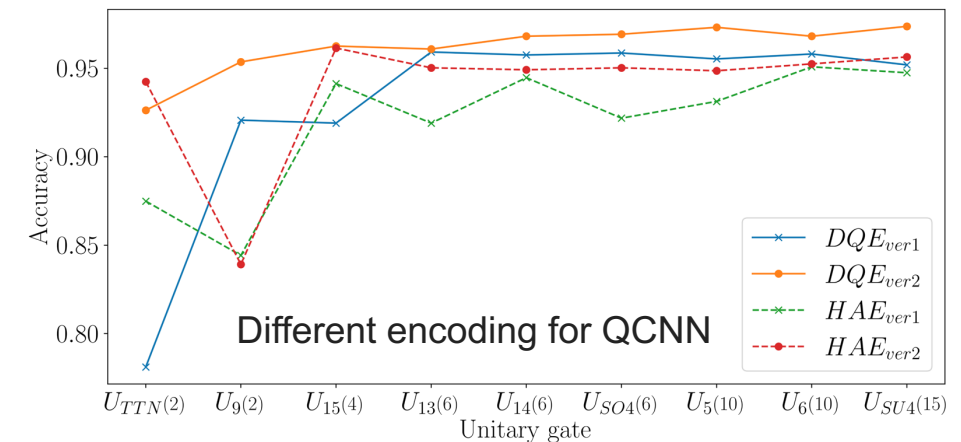
3. Optimisation and convergence in Hilbert space

- **Convergence vs expressivity**
- Barren plateau and vanishing gradients
- Classical optimisation via gradient-free or gradient-based optimisers
- ...



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



S.Y. Chang, poster at "Quantum Tensor Network in Machine Learning, NeurIPS 2021

Model definition

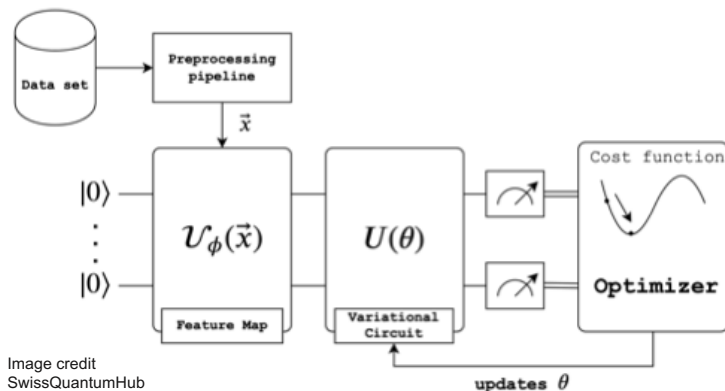
Variational algorithms

Flexible parametric ansatz: design can leverage data symmetries¹

Trained using gradient-free or gradient-based optimization in a classical loop

Data Embedding $\mathcal{V}_\phi(x)$ can be learned

Better generalization³



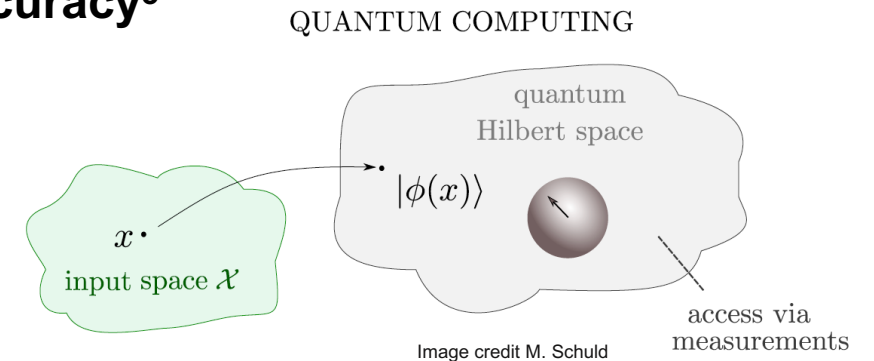
Kernel methods

Feature maps as quantum kernels

Identify kernel classes that relate to specific data structures²

Use classical kernel-based training

Better accuracy³

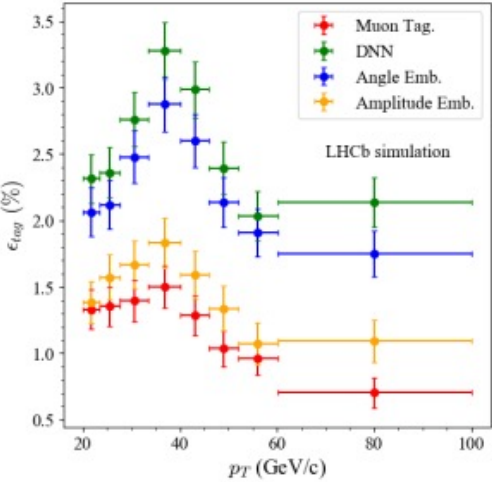


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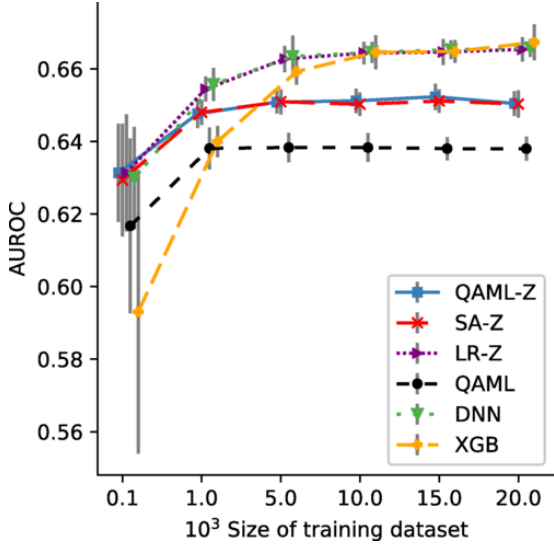
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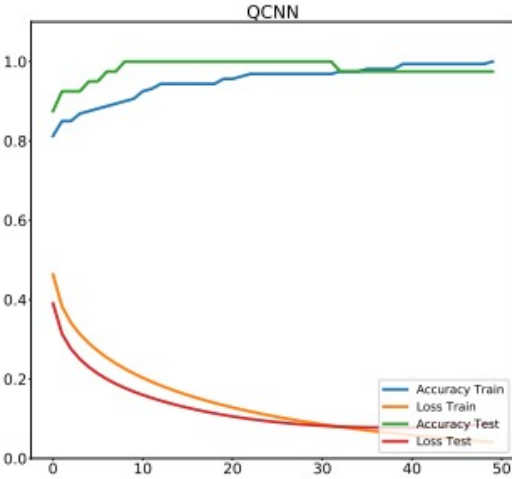


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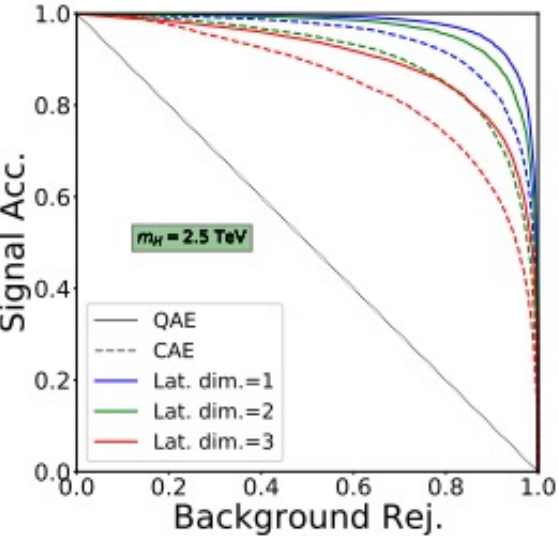
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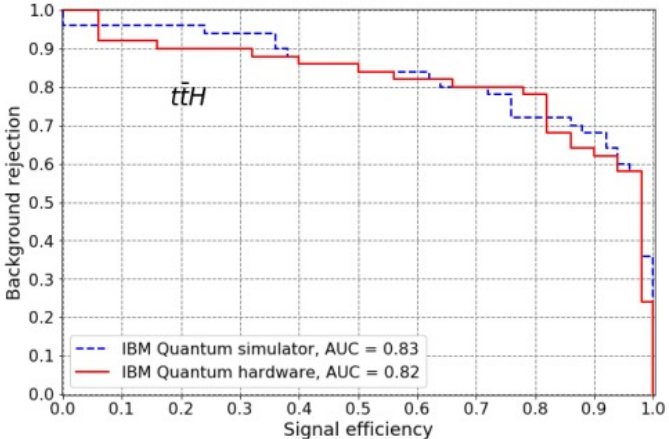
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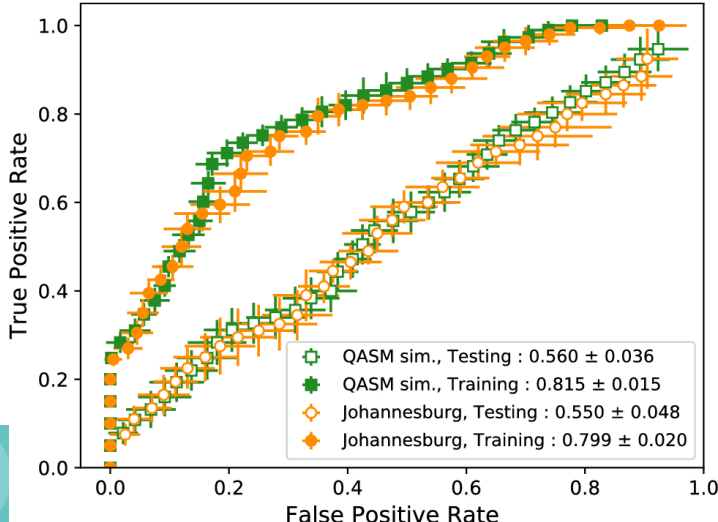
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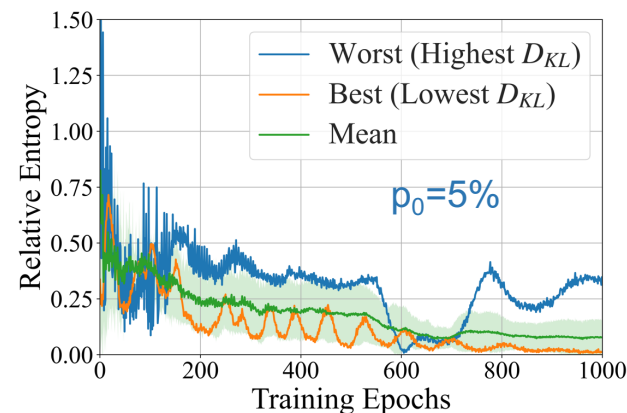


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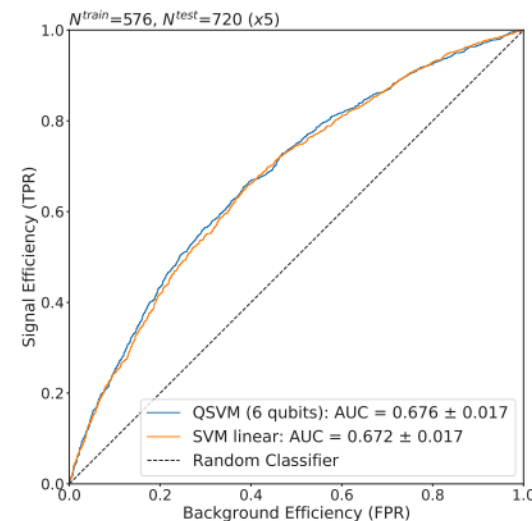
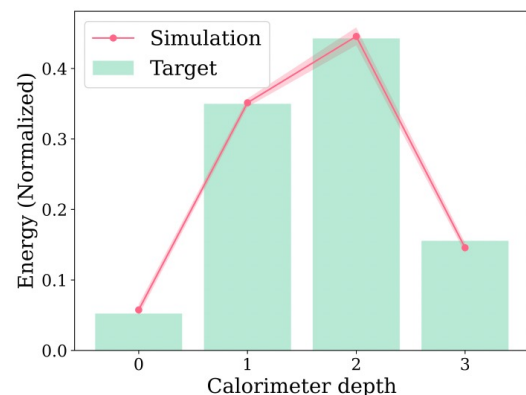


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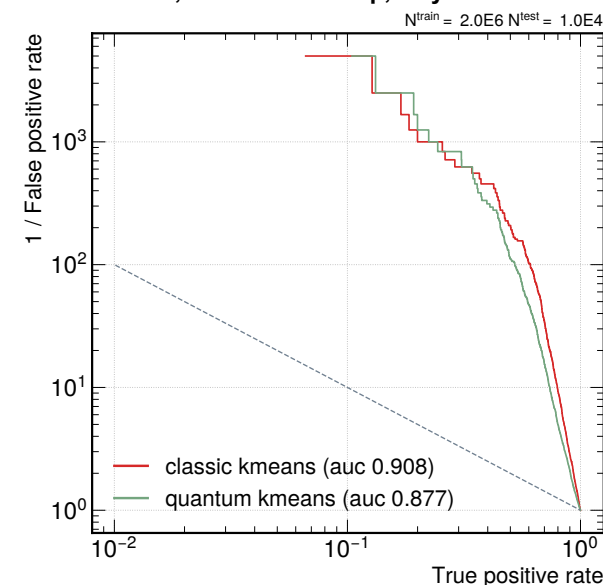
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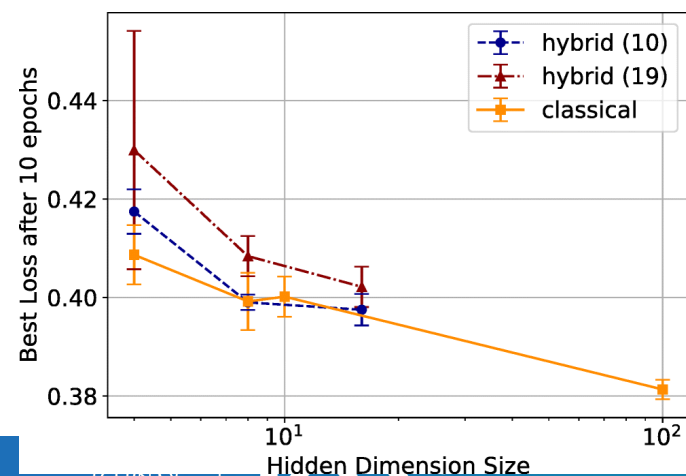
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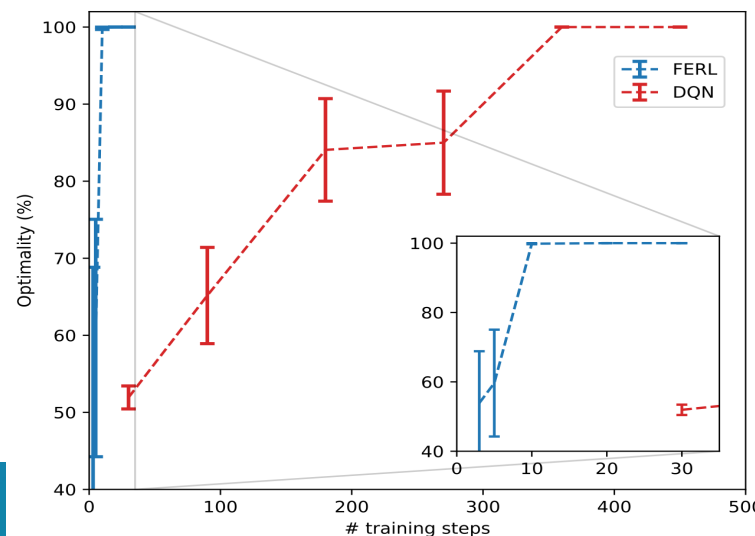
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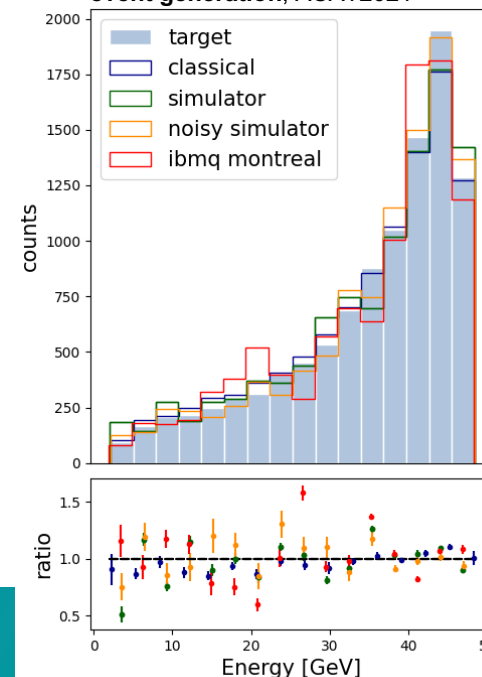
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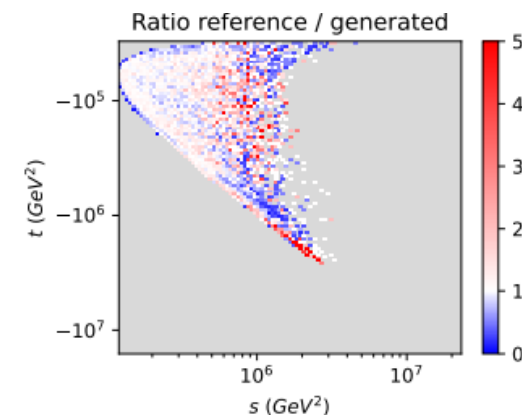
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Our results so far..

- + Multiple QML prototypes for different applications**
- + Increasing level of precision**
- + Robustness against noise**
- + Same initial hints at advantages**
- Scale is still a problem on current quantum hardware**
- Complex data pre-processing**
- Data discretization?**



Representation Learning

- **Generative Models** learn the **representation** of an intractable probability distribution, p_{data} defined on \mathbb{R}^n
- Don't define explicit mathematical expression of $p_{\text{model}} \approx p_{\text{data}}$
- Trained as **generators** $g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ that map samples from a tractable distribution \mathcal{Z} supported in \mathbb{R}^m to points in \mathbb{R}^n
- **Different tasks**: data compression, anomaly detection, event generation, ...
- **Multiple flavors**: Boltzman Machines, (Variational) Auto-Encoder, Generative Adversarial Networks, ...

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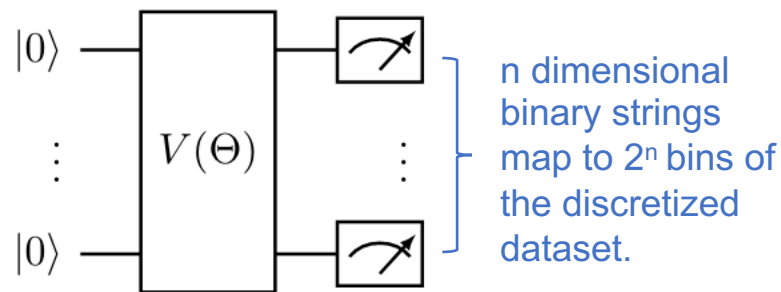
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GPT-3 Medium	350M	24	1024	16	64	0.5M	3.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 Large	760M	24	1536	16	96	0.5M	2.5×10^{-4}
GPT-3 XL	1.3B	24	2048	24	128	1M	2.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 2.7B	2.7B	32	2560	32	80	1M	1.6×10^{-4}
GPT-3 6.7B	6.7B	32	4096	32	128	2M	1.2×10^{-4}
GPT-3 13B	13.0B	40	5140	40	128	2M	1.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 175B or "GPT-3"	175.0B	96	12288	96	128	3.2M	0.6×10^{-4}

Quantum Generative Models

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QCBM

Sample variational pure state $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$ by projective measurement through **Born rule**: $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = |\langle \mathbf{x} | \psi(\theta) \rangle|^2$.



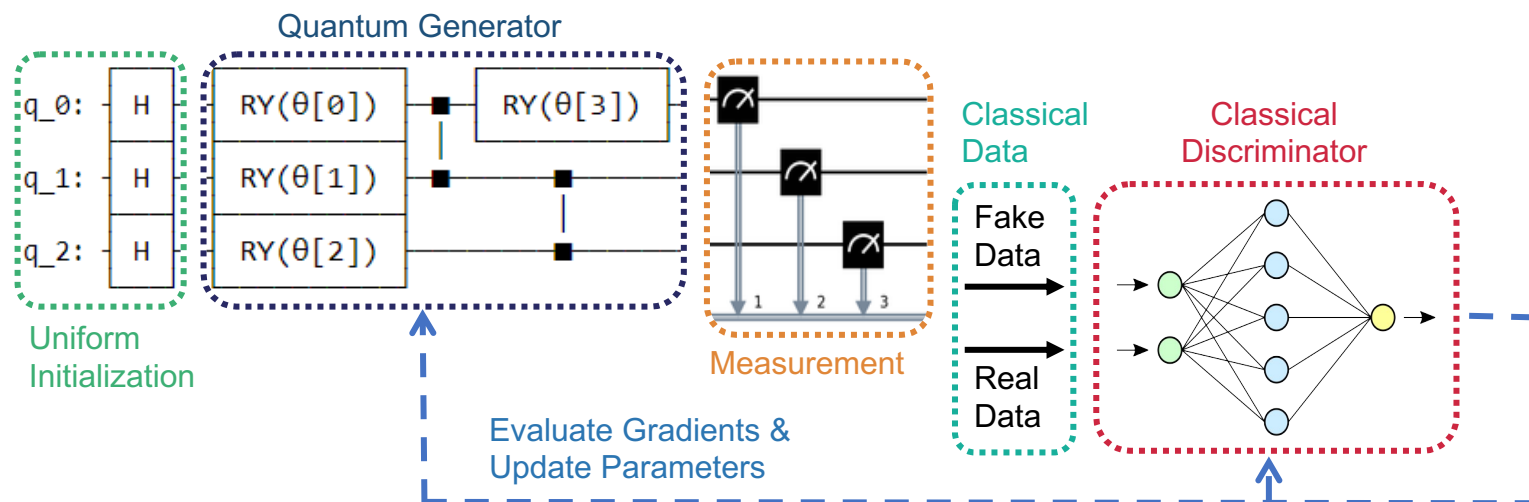
QBM

Network of stochastic binary units with a quadratic energy function that follows the Boltzman distribution (Ising Hamiltonian)

$$H = - \sum_a b_a \sigma_a^z - \sum_{a,b} w_{ab} \sigma_a^z \sigma_b^z$$

QGAN

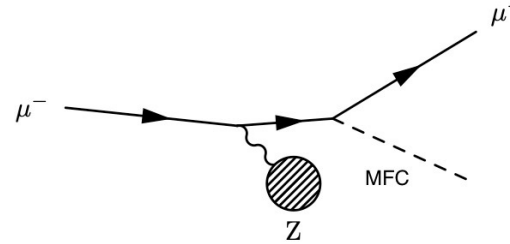
Multiple implementations, mostly classical-quantum hybrid



+ QVAE, general QNN...

QCBM for event generation

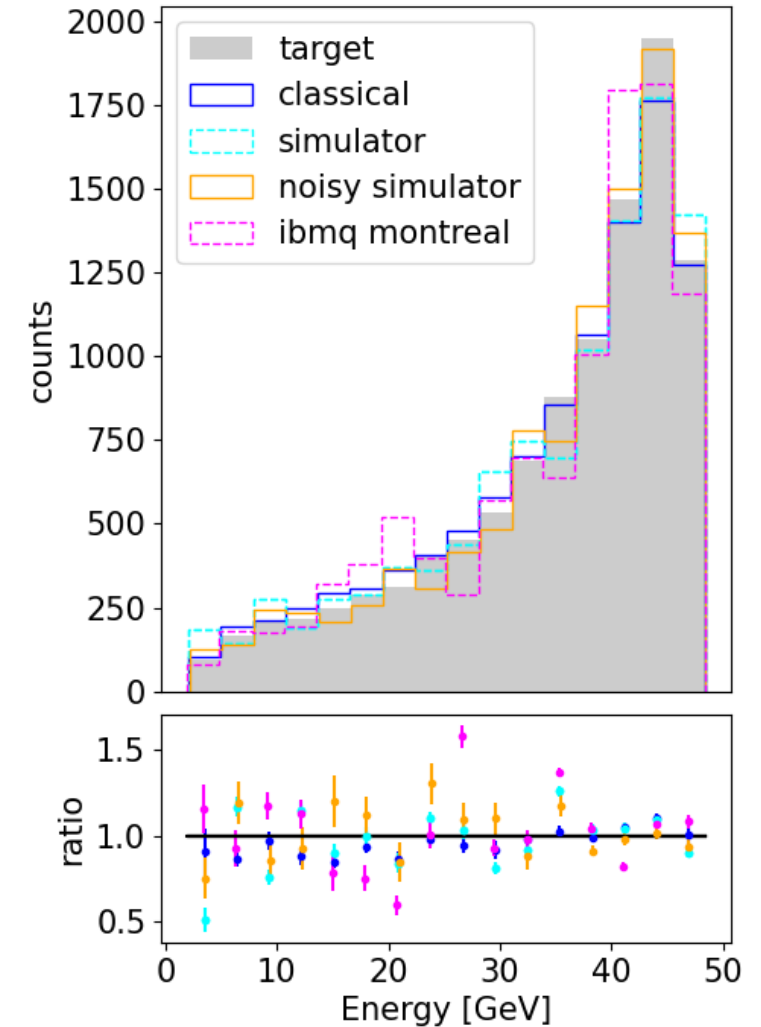
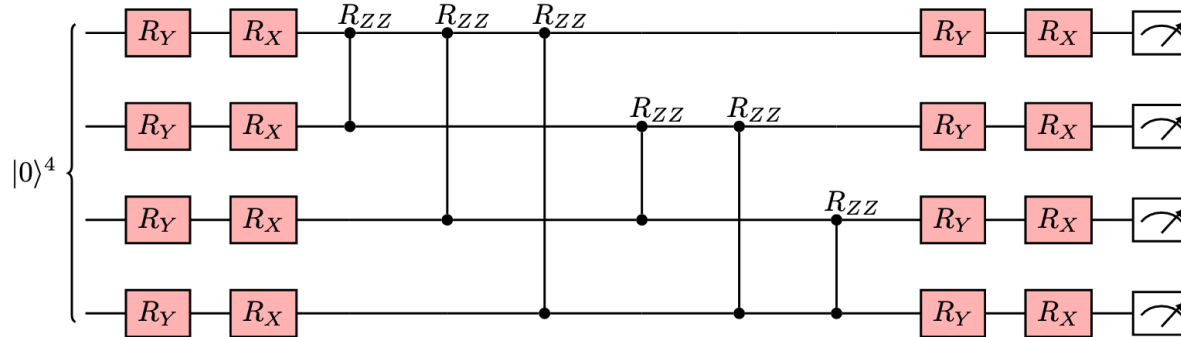
Muon Force Carriers, in muon fixed-target experiments (FASER) or muon interactions in calorimeters (ATLAS)¹.



Generate multivariate distribution (E, p_t, η)

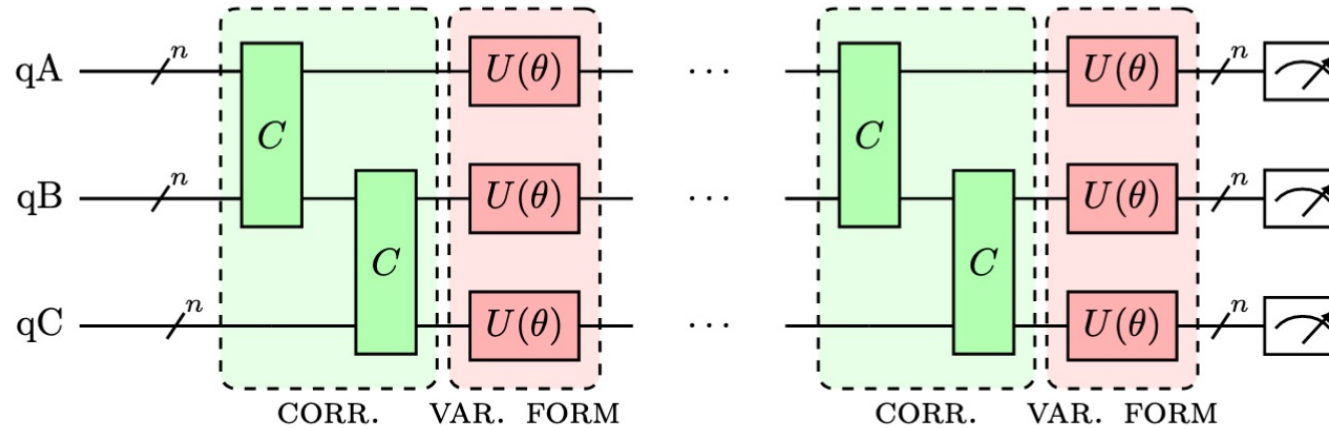
Maximum Mean Discrepancy for training

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



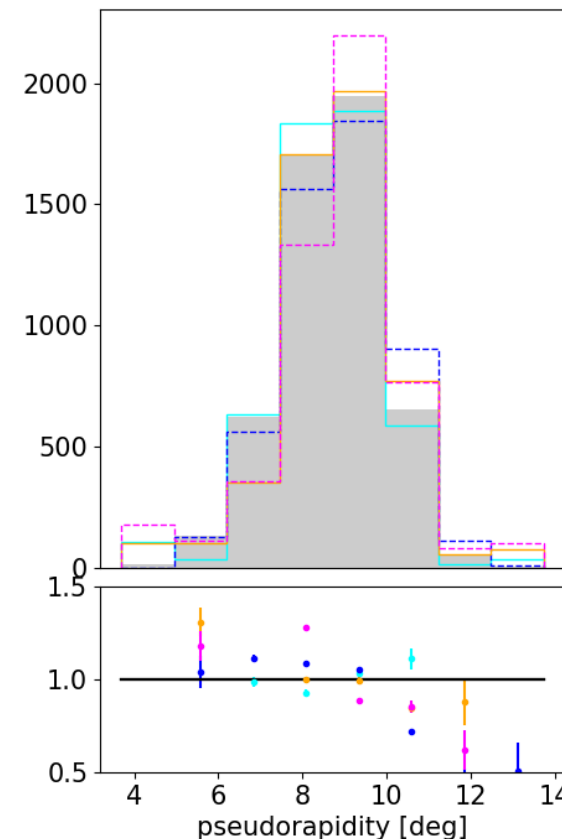
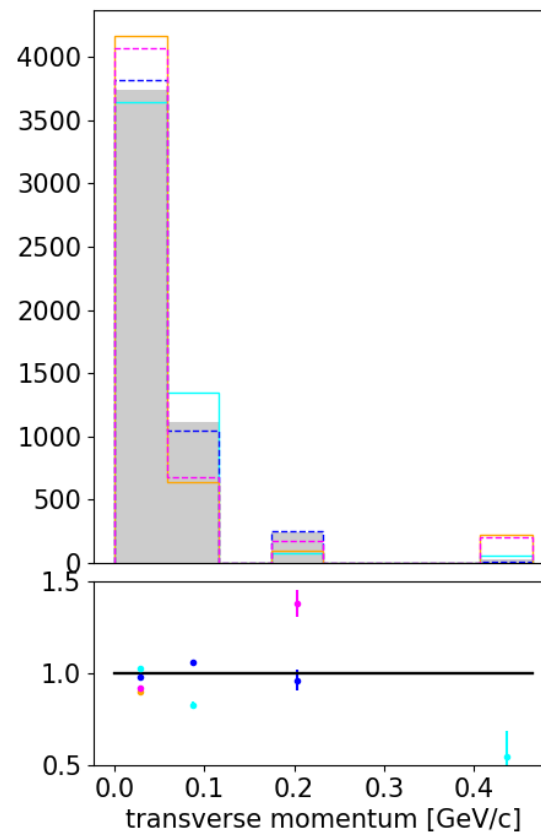
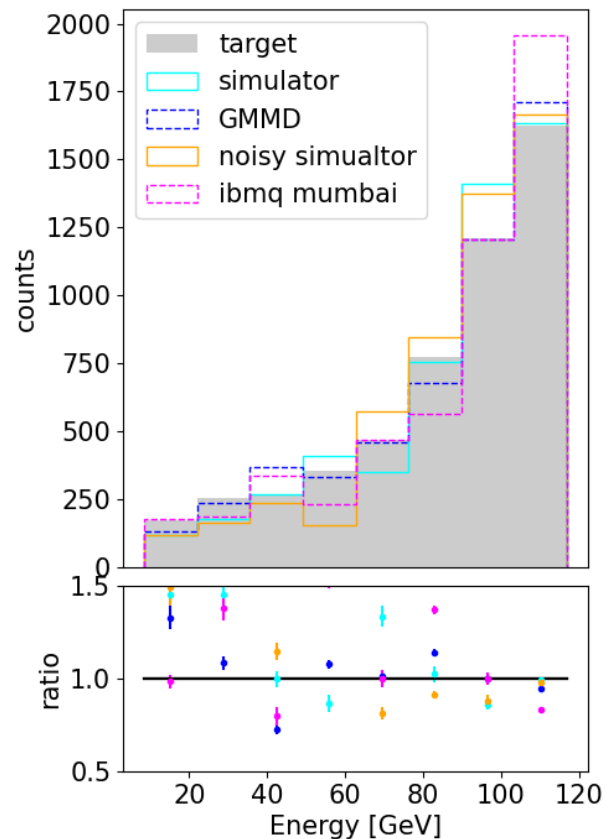
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Multivariate probability distribution



Simulation	Noisy simulation	IBMQ Mumbai	Classical
0.12	0.06	0.06	0.01

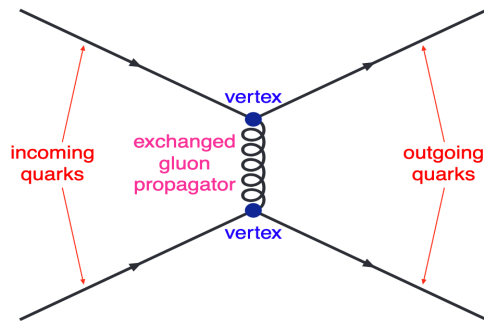
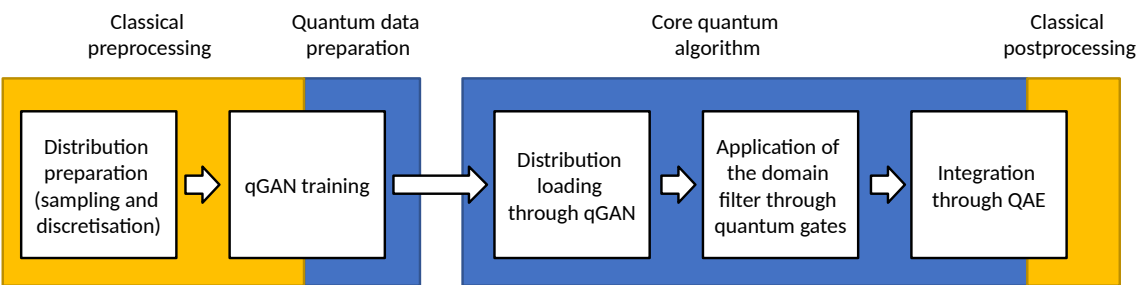
Mean difference between the correlations in the MC and generated samples



+ Implement conditional $p(y|x)$ wrt incoming particle energy E_{in} .

qGAN as a data loader

Cross section integration using Quantum Amplitude Estimation Focus on electroweak process



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

Labels for the equation components:

- $d\Phi$: phase-space factor
- $|M|^2$: matrix element
- $\Theta(\Phi - \Phi_c)$: phase-space cuts

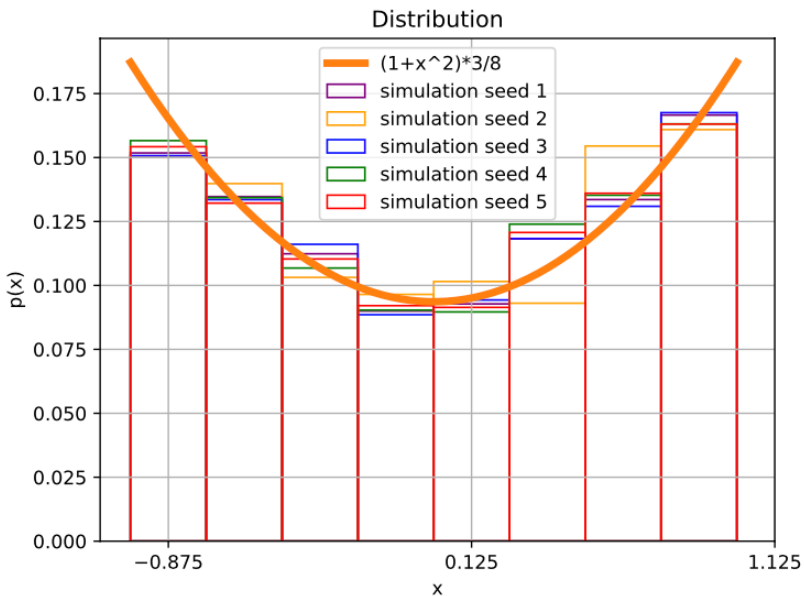
Data encoding in quantum states affects quality of integration
Test **QGAN** for data embedding and compare to direct loading

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 [%]			σ_x
	Min.	Max.	Average	
Direct	+0.207	-1.88	1.35	1.80×10^{-3}
qGAN default	+2.36	-21.1	8.51	0.0118
qGAN optimised	-0.995	-12.4	4.65	7.00×10^{-3}



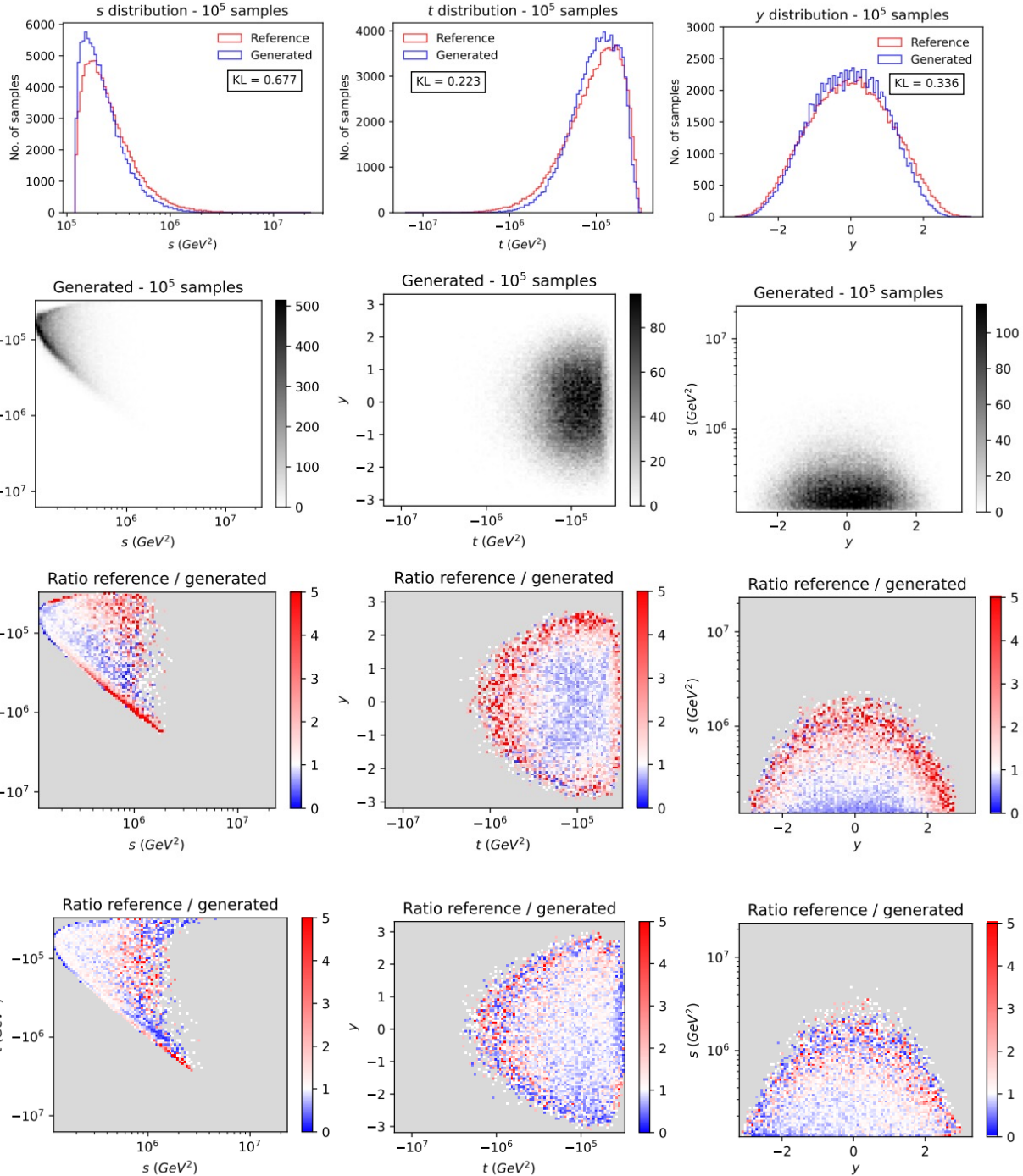
qGAN for event generation

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	3×10^4
Training set	10^4
Batch size	128
Parameters	62
U_{ent}	2 sequential CR_y gates



Quantum simulator

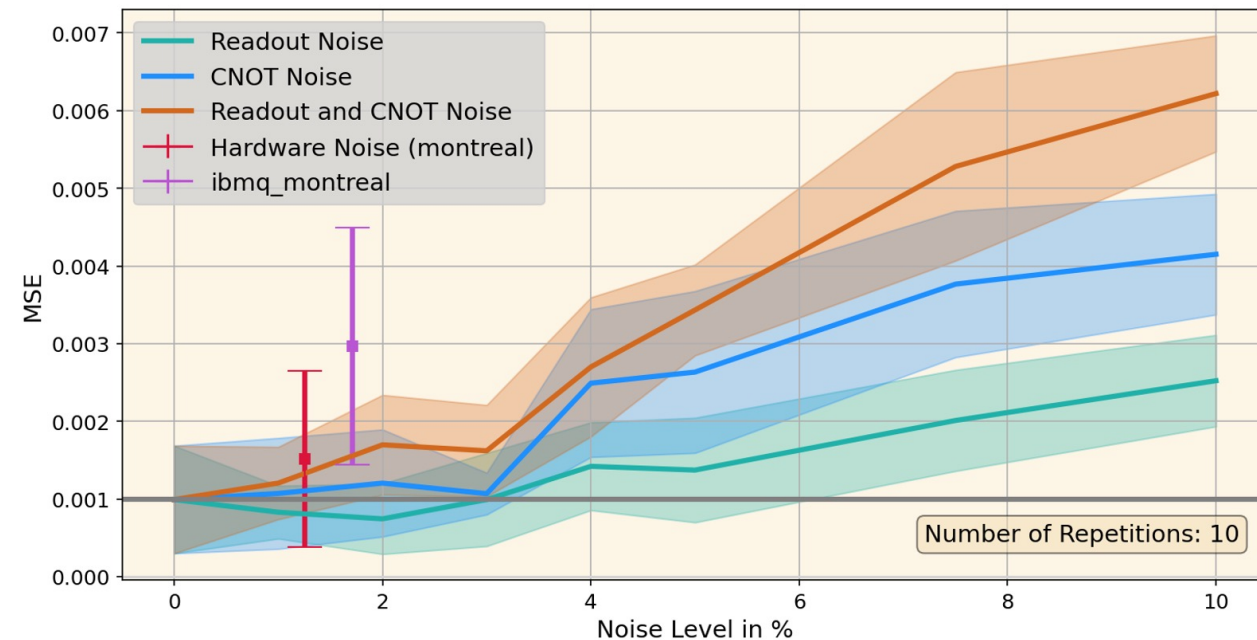
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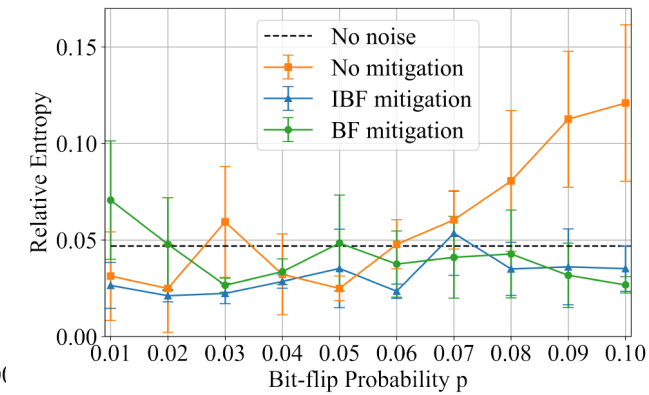
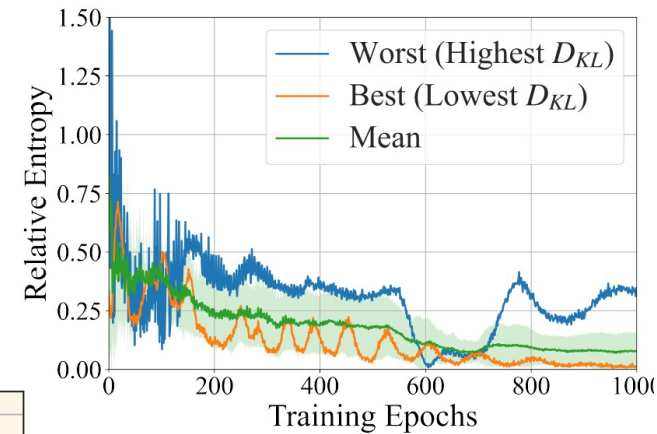
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Robustness against noise

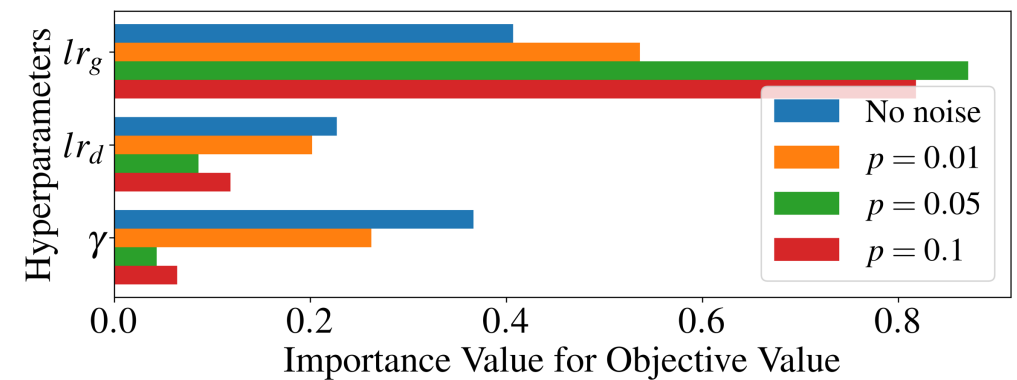
QML training process is robust against noise (error mitigation is needed in extreme cases)



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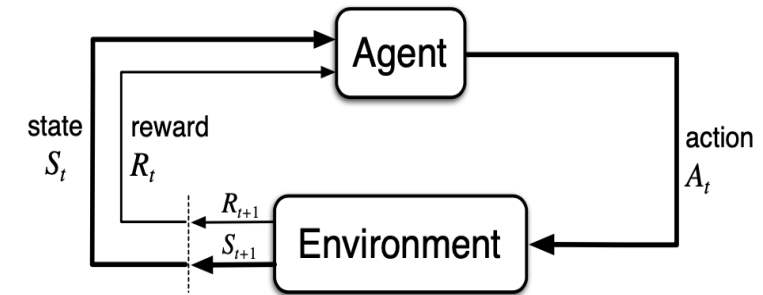
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Quantum Reinforcement Learning

Agent interacts with environment

- Follow **policy** $\pi: S \rightarrow A$
- Find policy π^* **maximizing reward**: $G_t = \sum_k \gamma^k R_{t+k}$



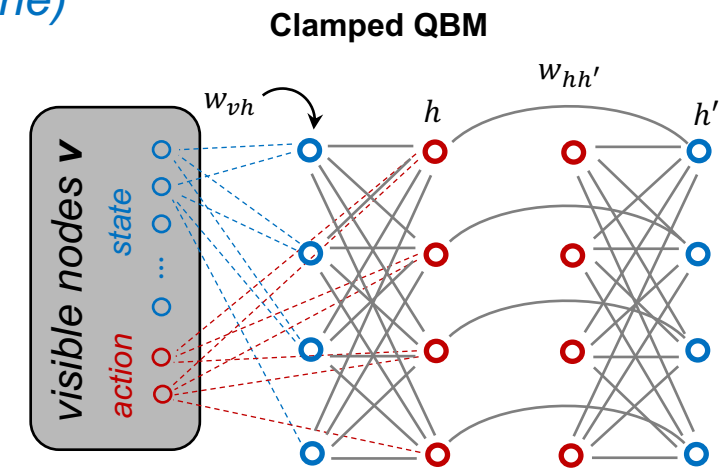
RL book: Sutton & Barto

Expected reward is estimated by **value function** $Q(s, a)$

- **DQN**: Deep Q-learning (*feed-forward neural network*)
- **FERL**: Free energy based RL (*clamped Quantum Boltzmann Machine*)

Clamped QBM (visible nodes are treated as biases)

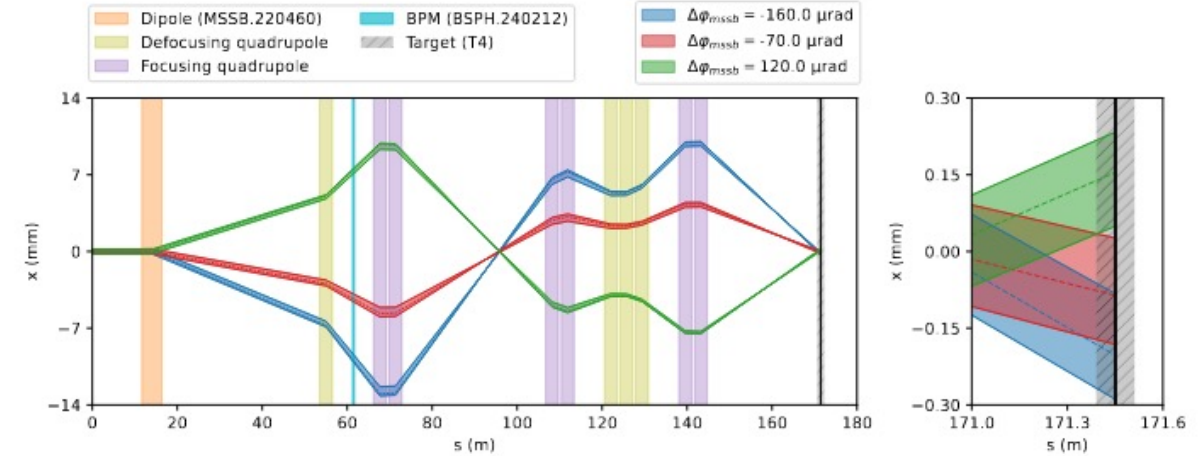
- $\hat{Q}(s, a) \approx$ **negative free energy** of classical spin configurations c
- **Sampling** c using (simulated) quantum annealing
- **Discrete, binary-encoded** state and action spaces



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

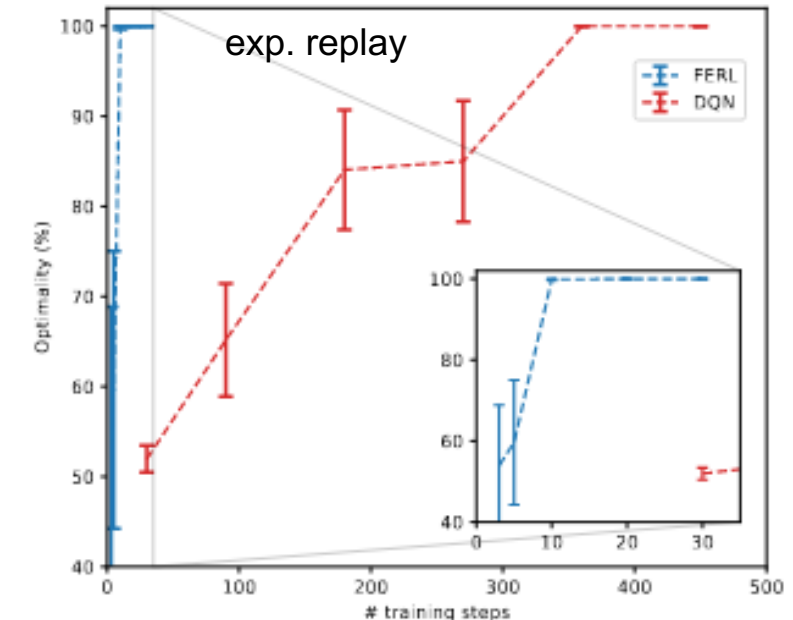
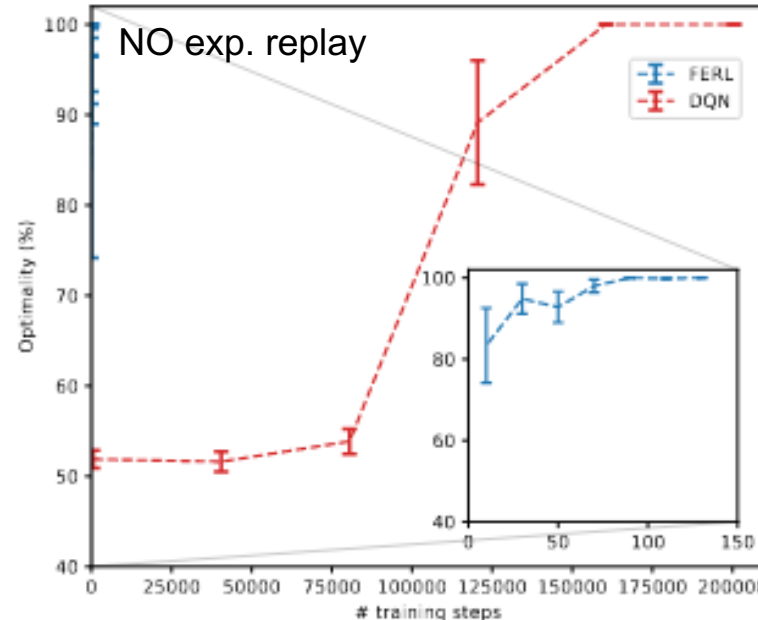
Beam optimisation in linear accelerators

- **Action:** (discrete) deflection angle
- **State:** (continuous) BPM position
- **Reward:** integrated beam intensity on target
- **Optimality:** what fraction of possible states does agent take the right decision



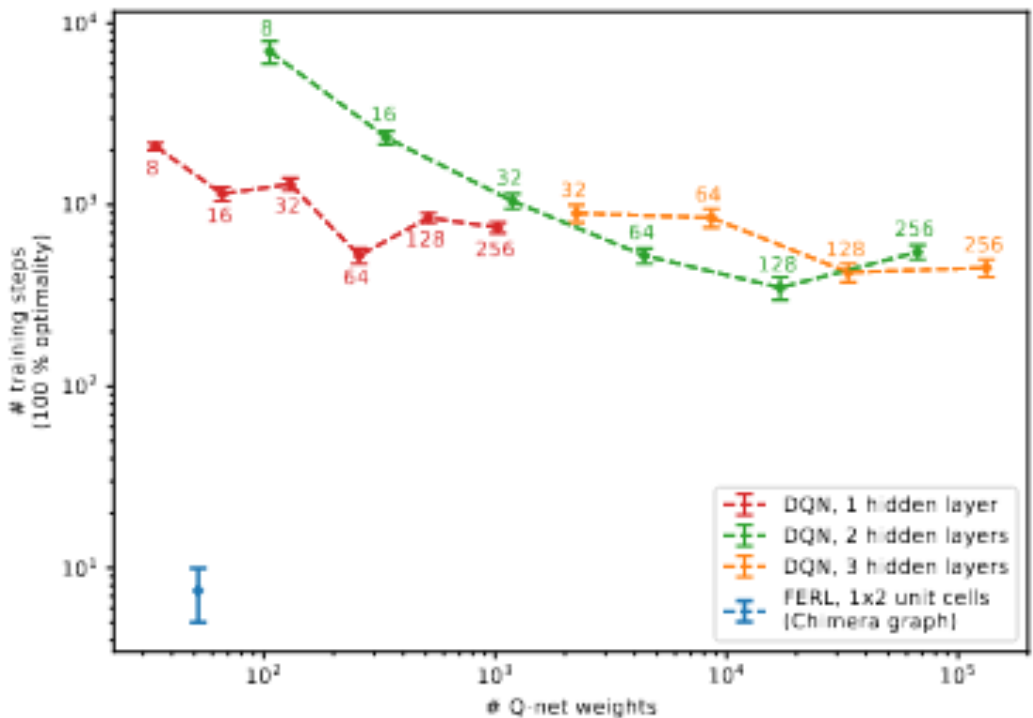
One-dimensional beam target steering task at the CERN TT24-T4 beam line

- **Training efficiency:** FERL massively outperforms classical Q-learning (8 ± 2 vs. 320 ± 40 steps with experience replay)



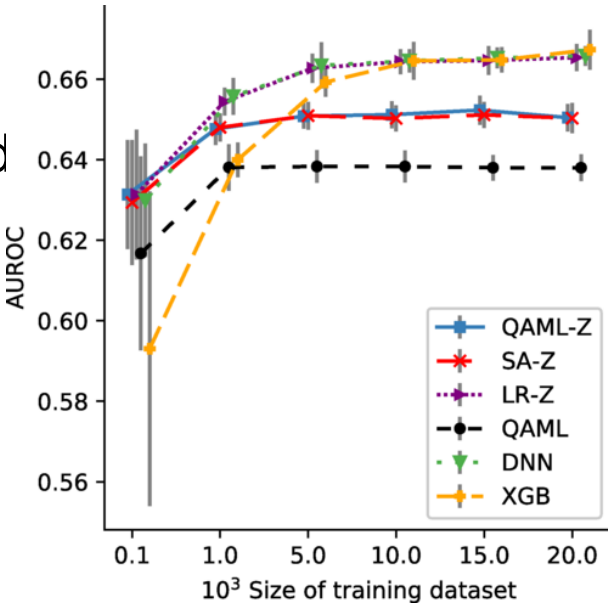
Expressive models

High effective dimension yields fewer parameters than classical case



Alexander Zlokapa, Alex Mott, Joshua Job, Jean-Roch Vlimant, Daniel Lidar, and Maria Spiropulu. **Quantum adiabatic machine learning by zooming into a region of the energy surface**. Physical Review A, 102:062405, 2020. DOI:10.1103/PhysRevA.102.062405.

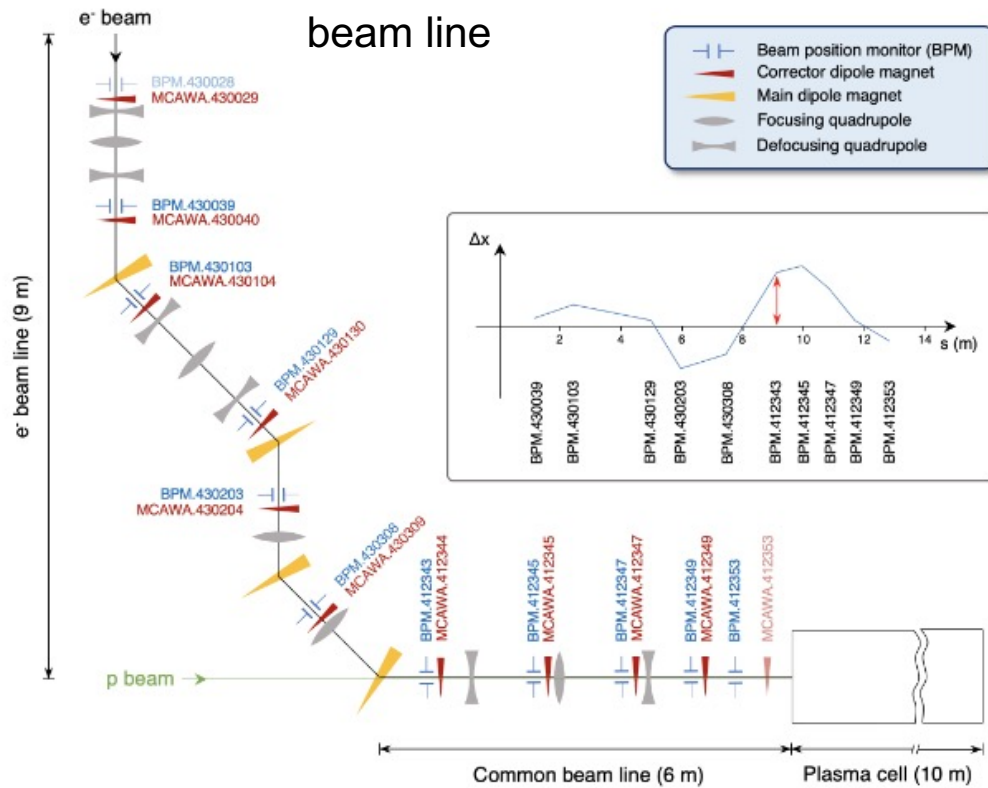
Early work pointed toward possible advantage in terms of **sample complexity and/or fast convergence**



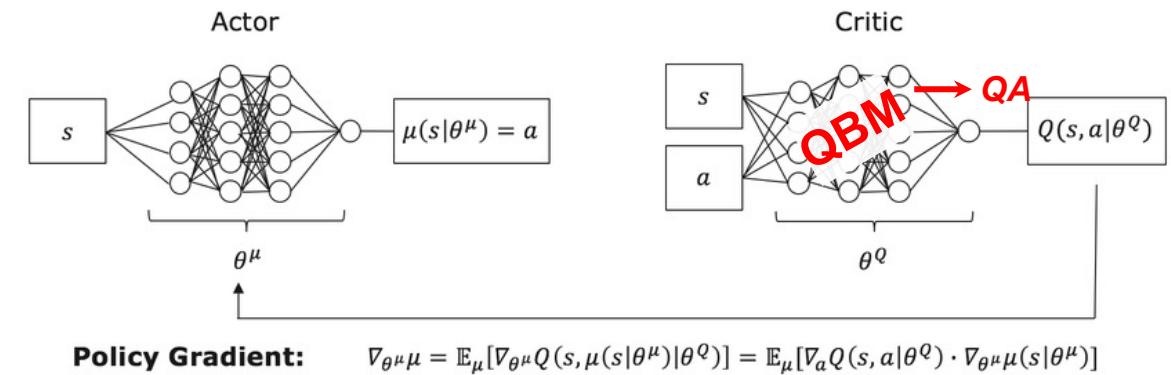
Michael Schenk, Elías F. Combarro, Michele Grossi, Verena Kain, Kevin Shing Bruce Li, Mircea-Marian Popa, Sofia Vallecorsa, **Hybrid actor-critic algorithm for quantum reinforcement learning at CERN beam lines**. arXiv:2209.11044

CERN AWAKE facility

2GeV electron beam line



Michael Schenk et al., **Hybrid actor-critic algorithm for quantum reinforcement learning at CERN beam lines**, e-Print: 2209.11044 [quant-ph]



Actor-Critic Q-learning training D-Wave Advantage

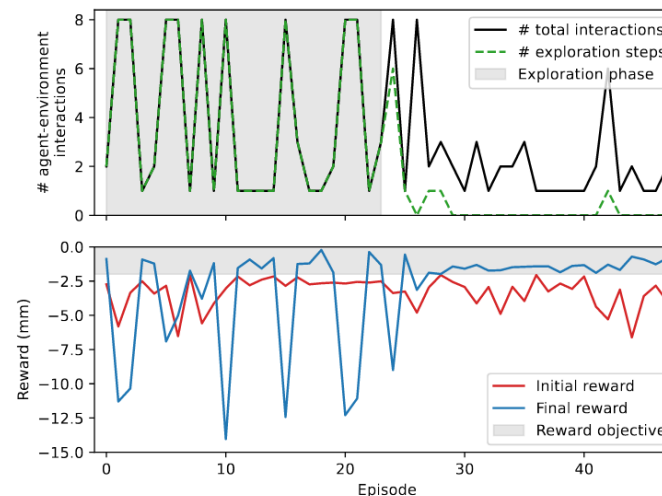
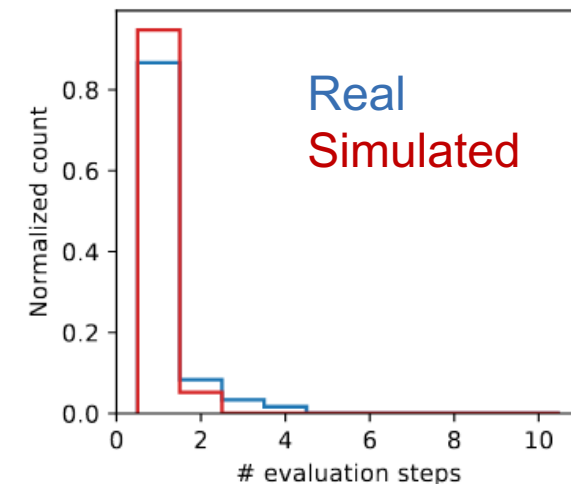


Figure 11: Single RL agent training evolution on D-Wave Advantage Systems using the simulated AWAKE environment with a reward objective of -2 mm.

Successful evaluation the real beam-line



Research directions

Quantum vs classical data

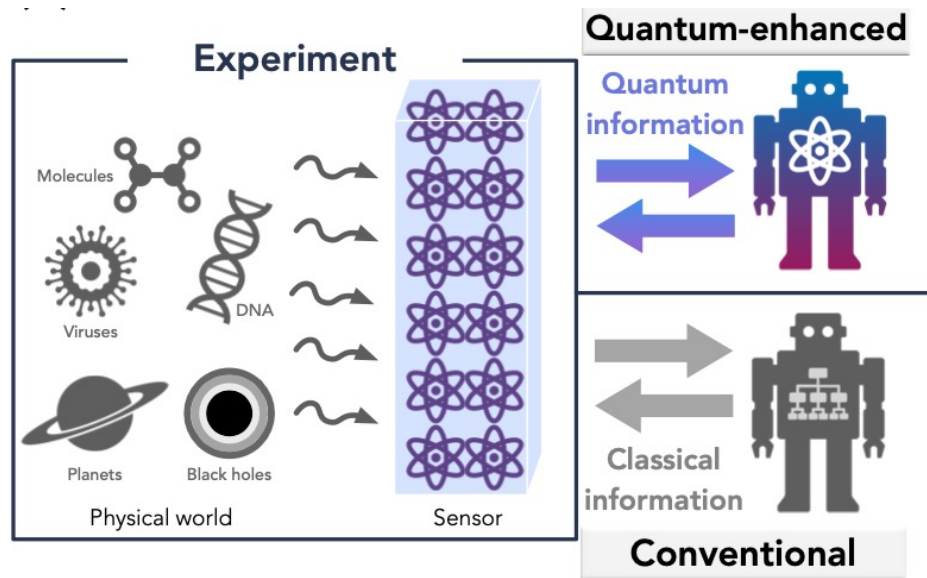
Correlate expected model performance to dataset properties

Convergence vs expressivity robustness studies

Algorithms beyond QML



Quantum machine learning for quantum data



Huang, *et al.*, *Science* **376**, 6598 (2022)

Work directly with quantum states.

Task: Drawing phase diagrams

1. **Supervised classification** using a convolutional QNN using the groundstates as input data.
2. Advantageous since quantum states are **exponentially hard to save classically**.
3. **Bottleneck:** we need access to classical training labels! Interpolation does not work

Cong, *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **15**, 1273–1278 (2019)

Our solution:

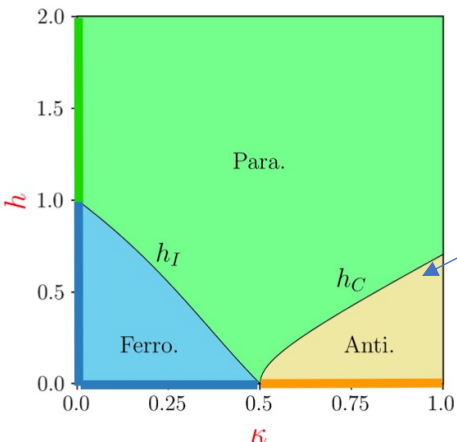
Train in easy subregions, where the model is integrable, and generalize.

Model: Axial Next Nearest Neighbor Ising (ANNNI) Hamiltonian:

Senk, *Physics Reports*, **170**, 4 (1988)

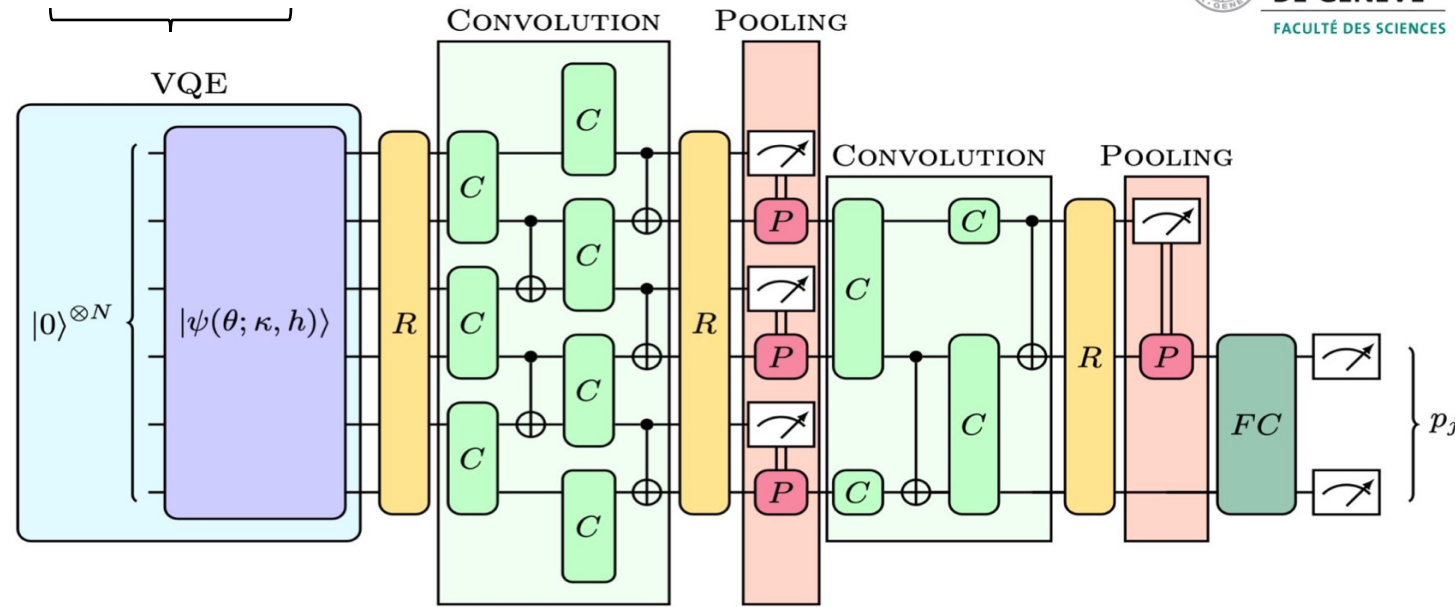
$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^{i+1} - \kappa \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^{i+2} + h \sigma_z^i,$$

Which is integrable for $\kappa = 0$ or $h = 0$.



Monte Carlo,
DMRG

Variational quantum data



Binary Cross-entropy

Loss:
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{|\mathcal{S}_X^n|} \sum_{(\kappa, h) \in \mathcal{S}_X^n} \sum_{j=1}^K y_j(\kappa, h) \log(p_j(\kappa, h))$$

Labels:

- [0,1] ferromagnetic
- [1,0] antiphase
- [1,1] paramagnetic
- [0,0] trash label

Some results

Learn a similarity function between the data.

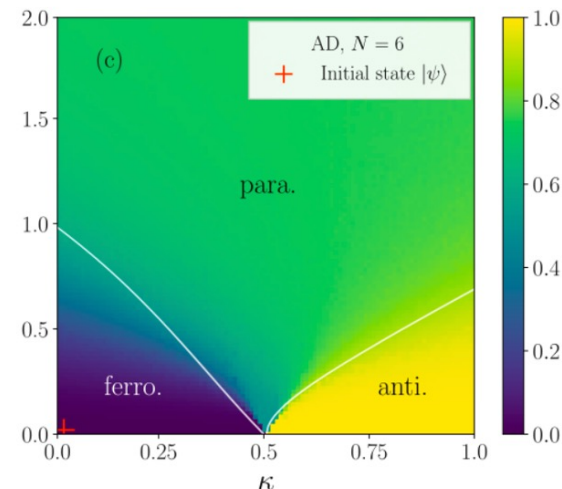
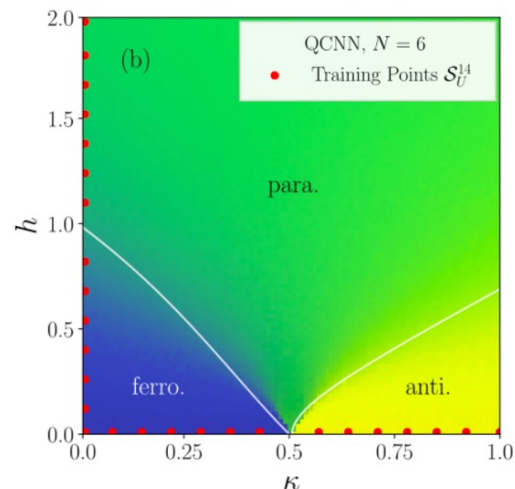
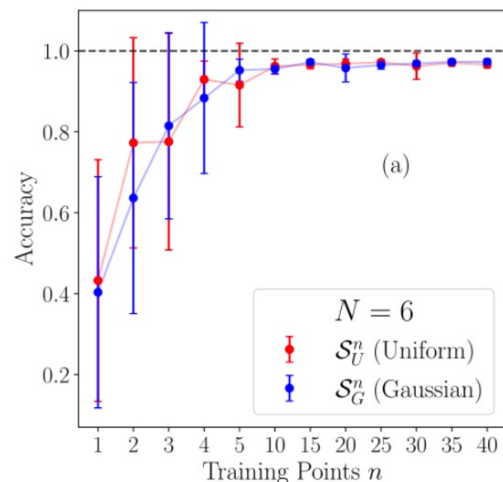
Kottman, et al., *Phys. Rev. Research* **3**, 043184 (2021)

Size of training set

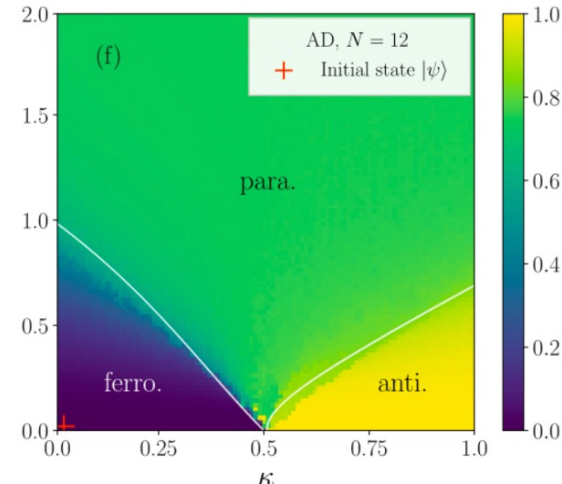
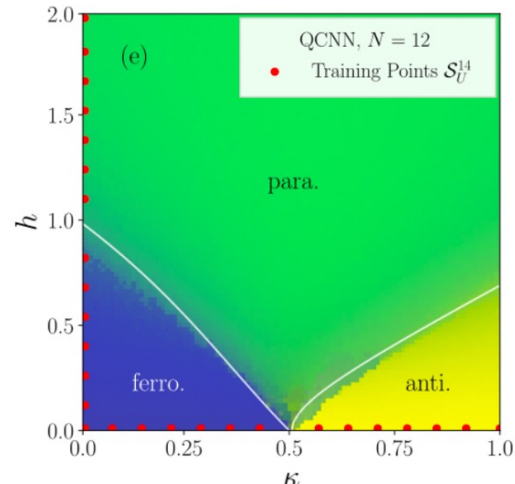
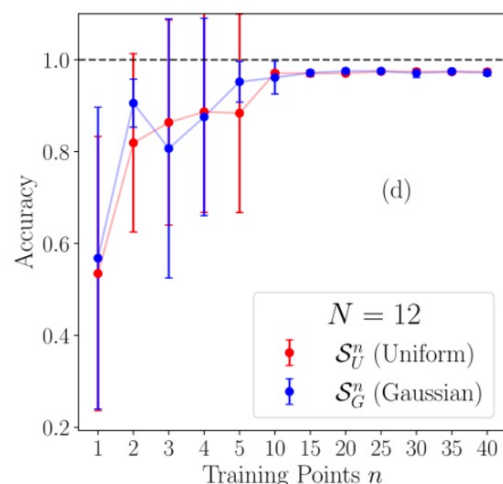
QCNN (95%)

Autoencoder

$N = 6$



$N = 12$



1. **Generalisation** from few training data Caro et al., *Nat Commun* **13**, 4919 (2022).
2. Performance increases with **system size**.
3. **No need for expensive training labels.**
4. QCNN gives **quantitative** predictions.
5. Both techniques are **unable** to find the floating phase.

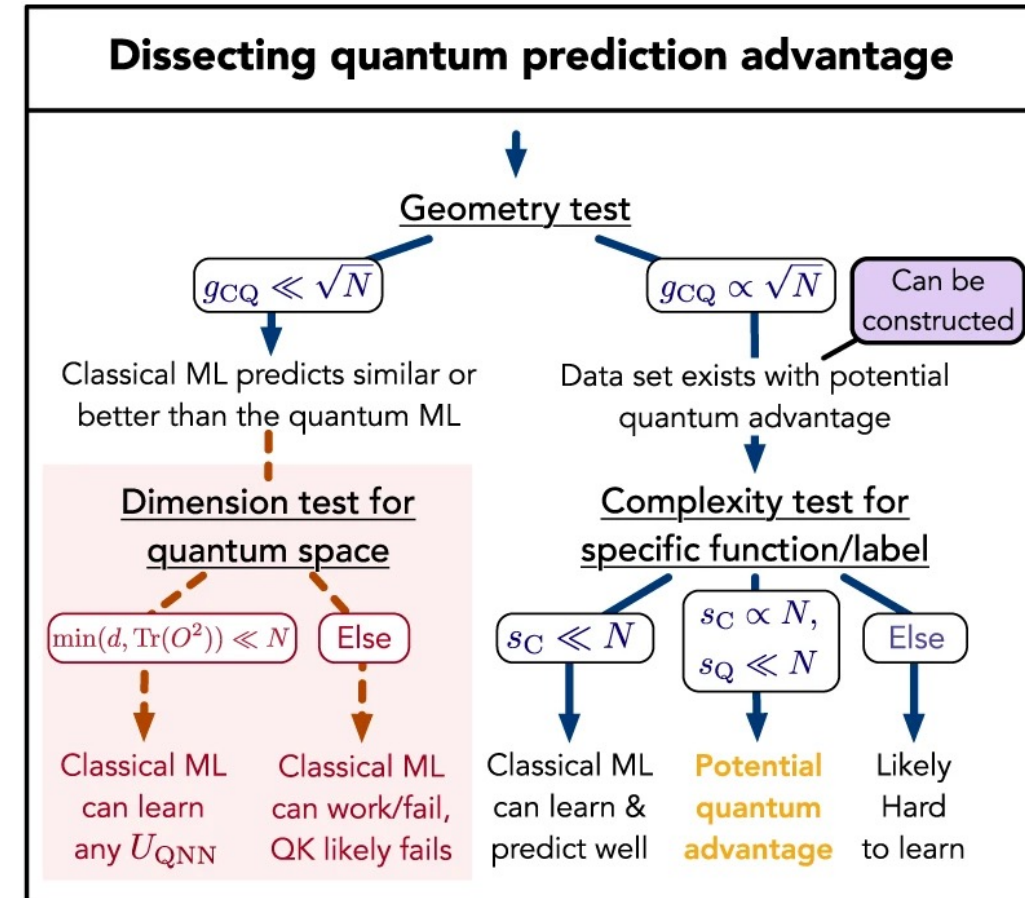
Advantage for QML?

Classical Intractability: quantum algorithm that cannot be efficiently simulated classically^{1,2}

- No established recipe for classical data
- Use exponential advantage in Hilbert space, while preserving converge ? (Algorithm **expressivity vs generalization**)

Metrics to evaluate quantum vs classical kernel:

- Geometric difference between quantum and classical kernels
- Model complexity
- Approximate dimension of the quantum feature space
- Propose projected quantum kernels reducing expressivity

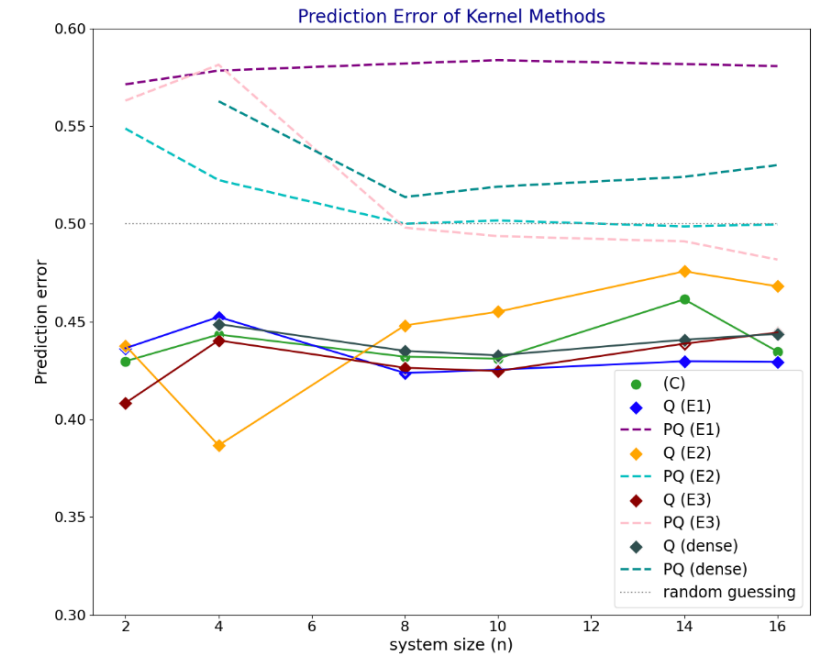
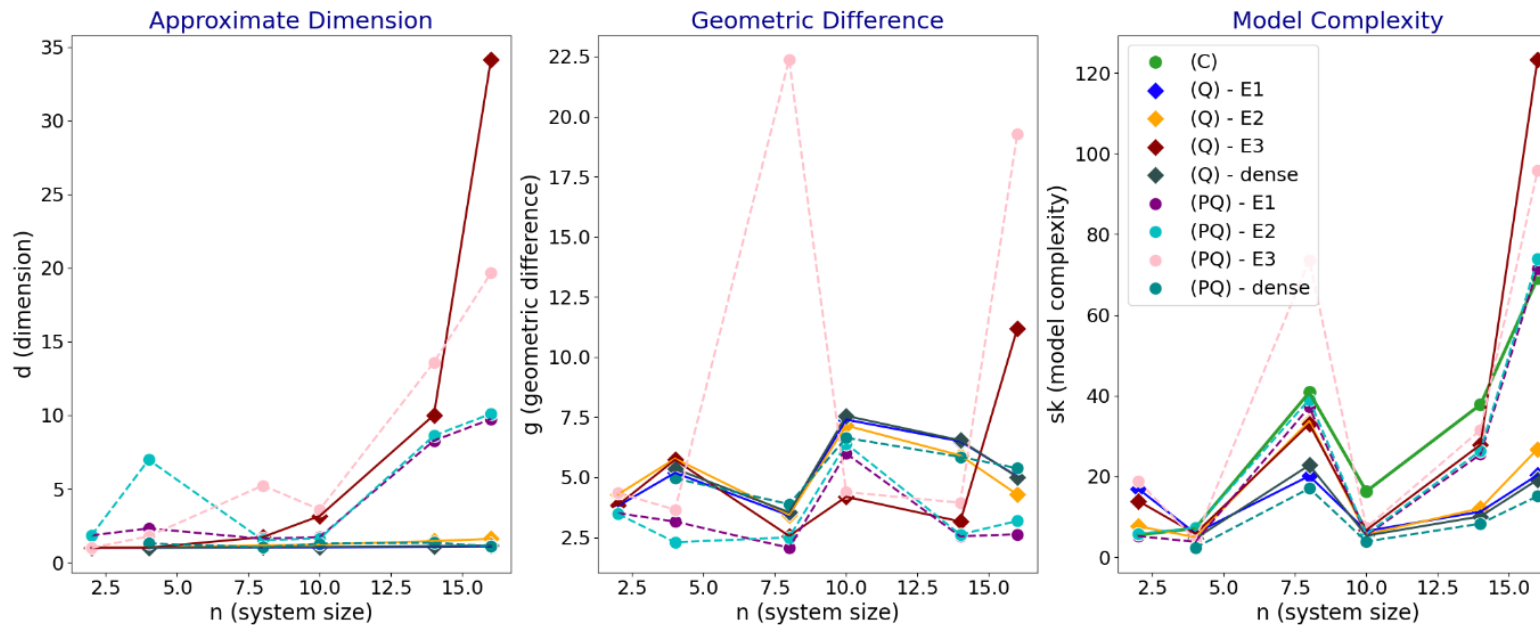
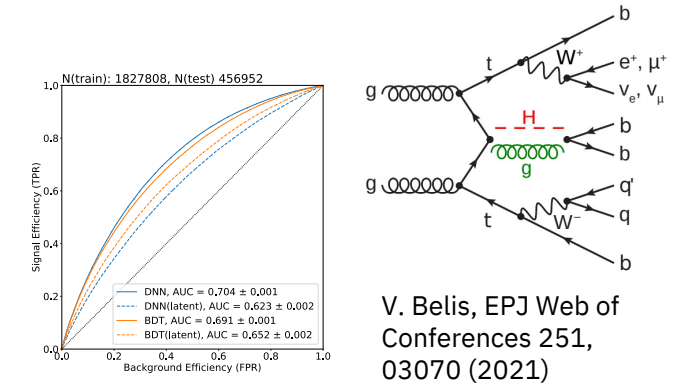


¹Kübler, Jonas, Simon Buchholz, and Bernhard Schölkopf. "The inductive bias of quantum kernels." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 34 (2021).

² Huang, HY., Broughton, M., Mohseni, M. et al. **Power of data in quantum machine learning**. Nat Commun 12, 2631 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-22539-9>

Analyze the performance of quantum kernels

- Focus on **H(tbb)** classification
- quantum kernels keep data in low-dimensional Hilbert spaces
- model complexity increases with the number of qubits for all ML models.
- Model complexity are similar (sometimes below classical models)
- Projected kernels don't help



${}^6\text{Li}$ Ground state preparation with the Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

Variational principle:

$$E_0 \leq \frac{\langle \psi(\theta) | H | \psi(\theta) \rangle}{\langle \psi(\theta) | \psi(\theta) \rangle}.$$

We are looking for a state which
minimize the expectation value of H_0 .

${}^6\text{Li}$ nuclei with an ${}^4\text{He}$ inert core (12 orbitals
in the shell model):

$$H = \sum_i \epsilon_i \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l,$$

Unitary Coupled Clusters (UCC) ansatz

$$|\psi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = e^{i(\hat{T}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \hat{T}^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}))} |\psi_0\rangle. \quad \leftarrow \text{Hartree Fock solution}$$

$$\hat{T} = \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \dots \quad \text{Cluster operators}$$

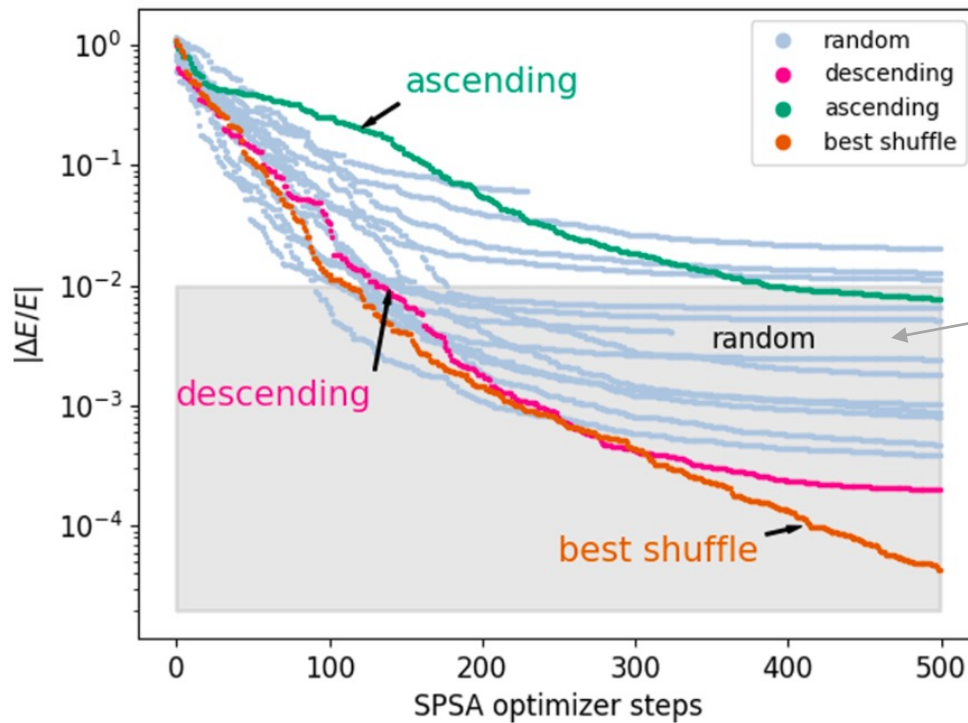
$$\hat{T}_1 = \sum_{i \in \text{virt}; \alpha \in \text{occ}} \theta_i^\alpha \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_\alpha \quad \text{Single fermionic excitation terms}$$

$$\hat{T}_2 = \sum_{i,j \in \text{virt}; \alpha, \beta \in \text{occ}} \theta_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_\alpha \hat{a}_\beta. \quad \text{Double fermionic excitation terms}$$

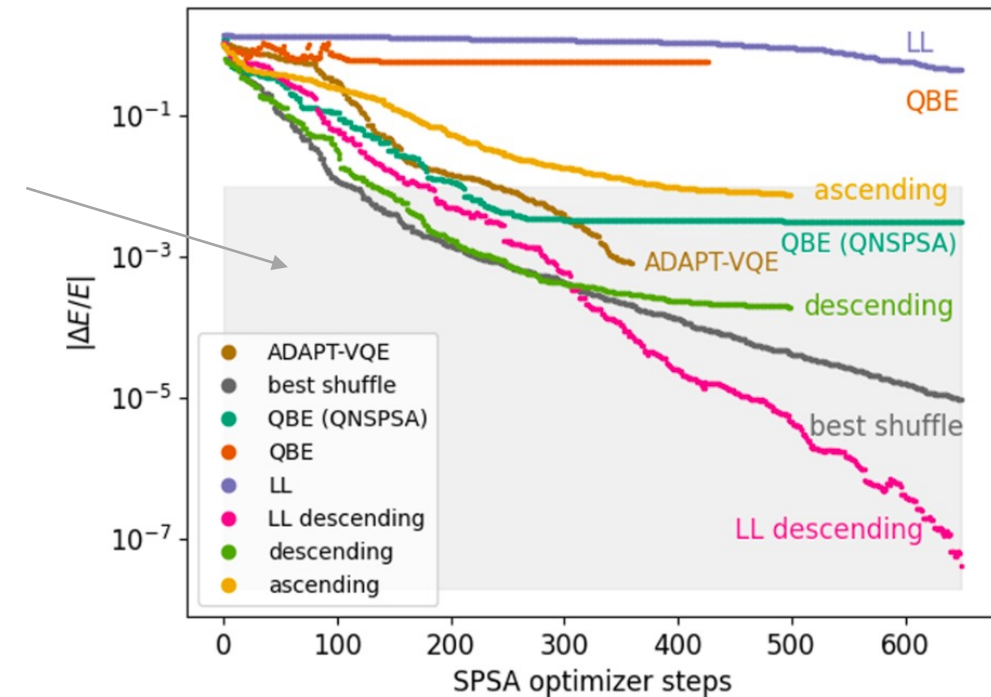
Comparison of different ansatz

The effect of shuffling the fermionic excitations operators. We should order them **in descending** order of magnitude (of the corresponding term in the hamiltoninan).

Best approach: train the ansatz
recursively in descending order.
Qubit Based Excitation UCC:
adapted to NISQ devices



1% barrier
needed for most
applications



Kiss et al., *Phys. Rev. C* **106**, 034325 (2022)

Perspective

The CERN QTI is studying impact of Quantum Technologies in High Energy Physics:

- Some **preliminary hints** of advantage
- So far.. we can do «**as good as classical methods**». In many cases, limitations are hardware-related
- Need more **robust studies** to estimate **performance** and drive **model development**

We are now formulating a **longer term research plan**

- Identify cases where quantum approach could be **more effective** than classical algorithms...
- Study performance **beyond near-term hardware**
- ...



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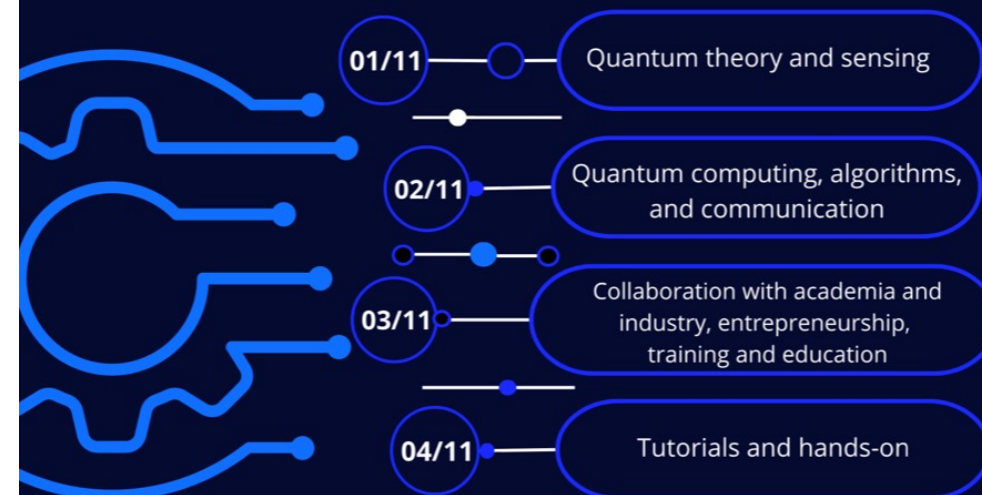
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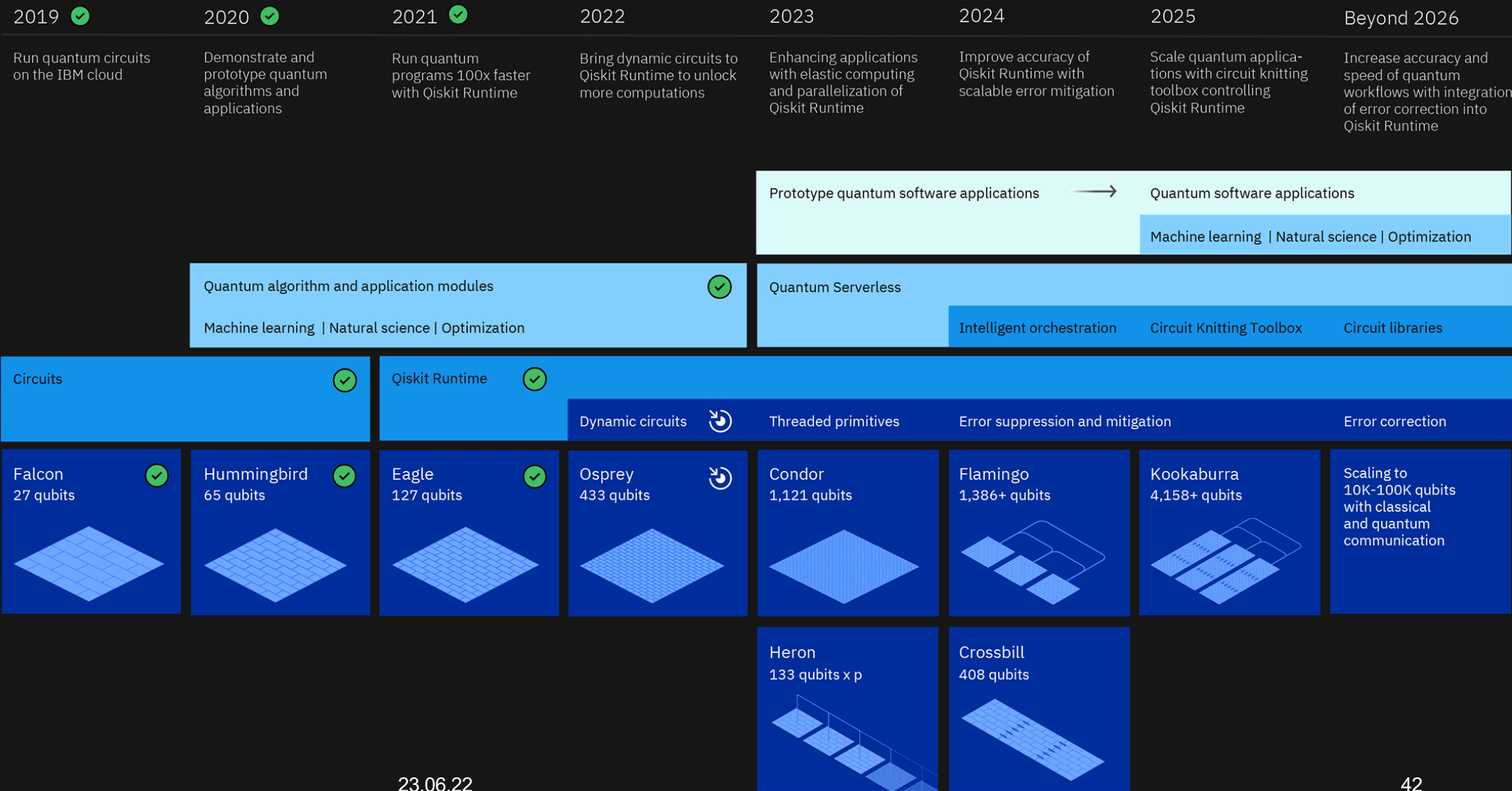


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Development Roadmap | Executed by IBM On target



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Review article :

- Gray, Heather M., and Koji Terashi. "Quantum Computing Applications in Future Colliders." *Frontiers in Physics* (2022): 473.

Quantum Theory

**pQCD and
Standard
Model :** collider
physics

Heavy Ion:
quark gluon
plasma, heavy ion
collisions, ...

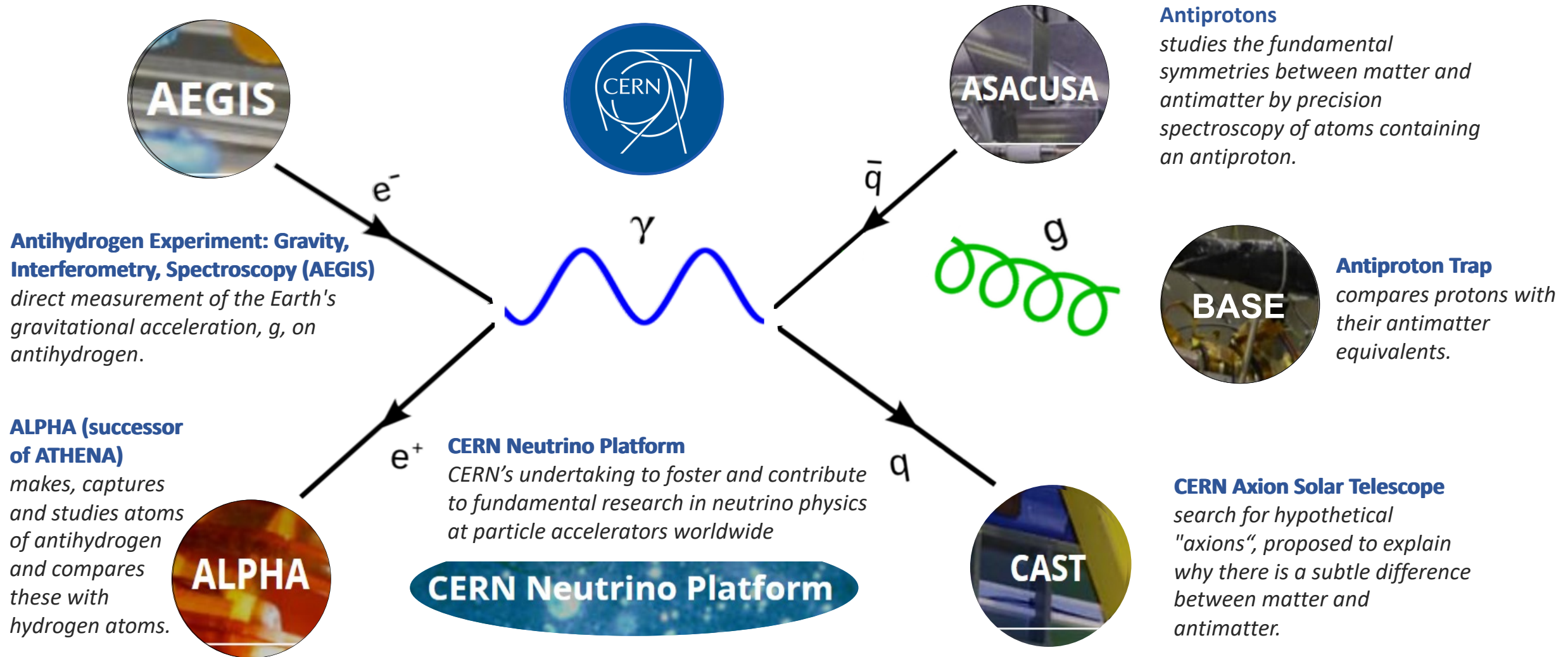
Lattice:
theory inputs for
nuclear and particle
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BSM :
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building, new physics,
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Strings/QFT:
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**Cosmo,
AstroParticle:**
properties and
evolution of the early
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Non-LHC Experiments



Theory and Simulation

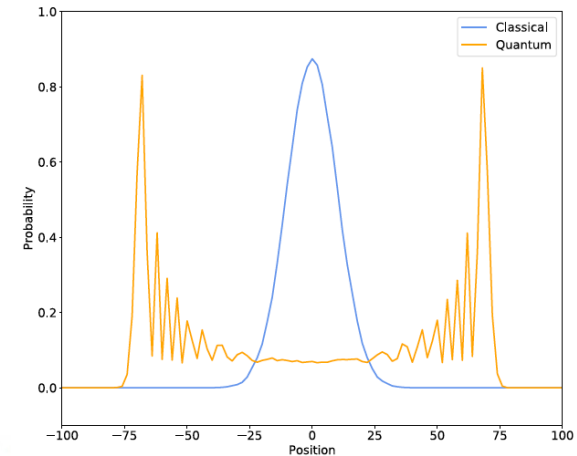
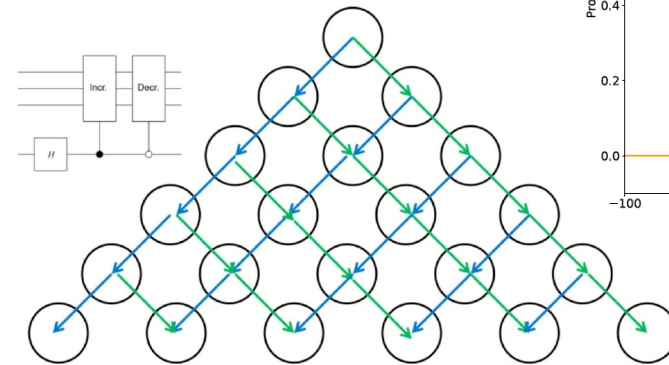
Quantum Field Theory. Ex. Sign problems in particle theory

- Dynamical Simulations of Lattice Gauge Theories
- Finite-Density Nuclear Matter
- Challenges related to digitization and truncation of field representation (on a finite number of quantum states) and redundancy in the Hilbert space¹

Cross section integration as quantum amplitude estimation³

Event generation with quantum generative models or direct simulation

Parton showering as quantum random walk²



¹ D. Grabowska's presentation at the CERN QTI workshop (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1098355>)

² A quantum walk approach to simulating parton showers Khadeejah Bepari, Sarah Malik, Michael Spannowsky, Simon Williams arxiv:2109.13975 and presentation at the CERN QTI workshop (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1098355>)

³ Agliardi, Gabriele, et al. "Quantum integration of elementary particle processes." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2201.01547* (2022)

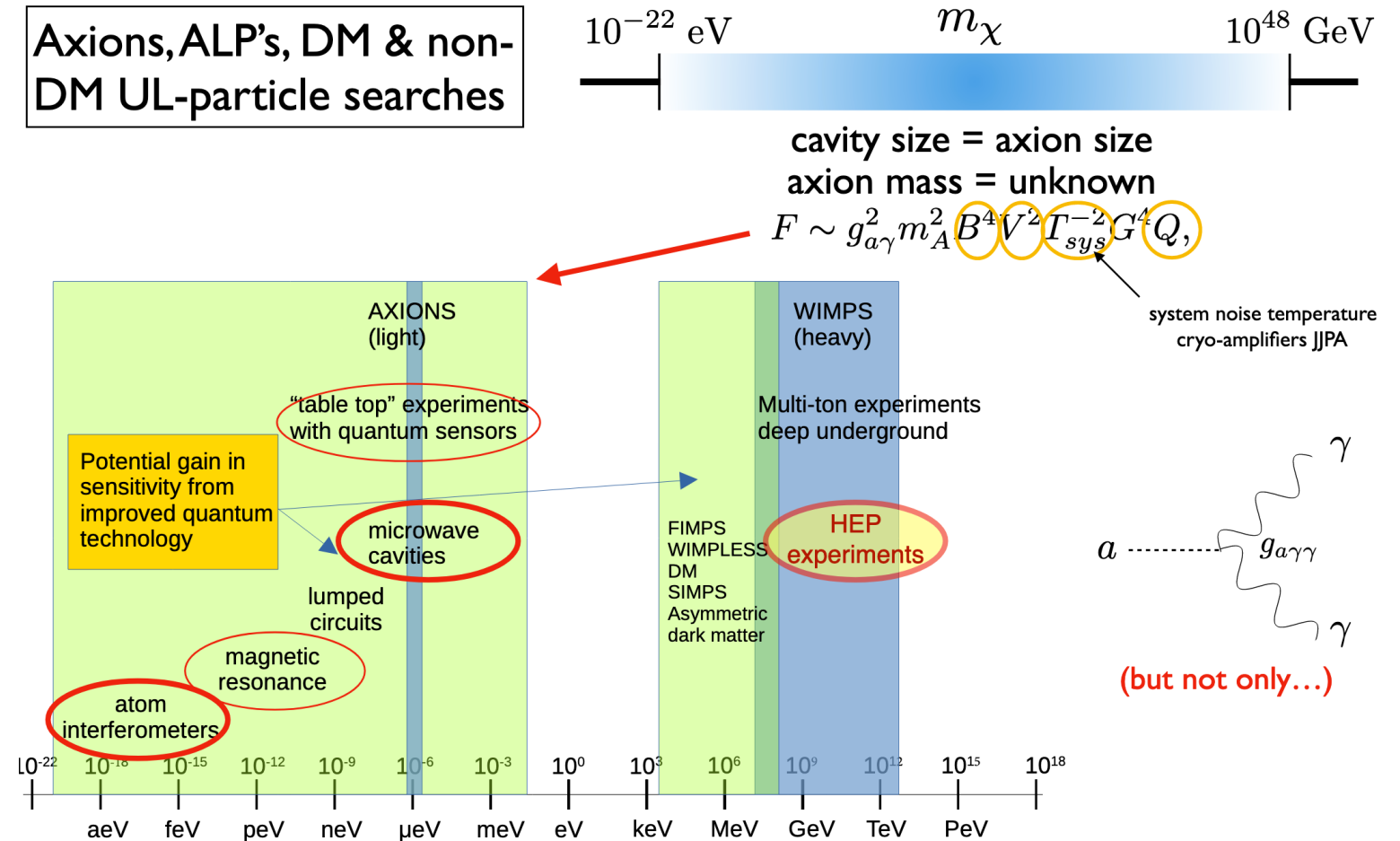
Quantum sensing

Change of quantum state caused by the interaction with an external system:

- transition between superconducting and normal-conducting
- transition of an atom from one state to another
- change of resonant frequency of a system (quantized)

quantum sensors & particle physics: what are we talking about?

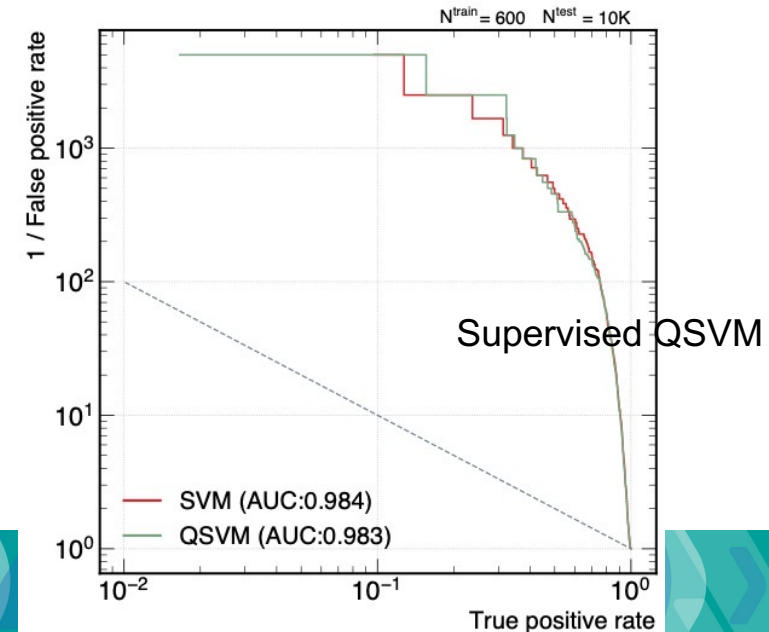
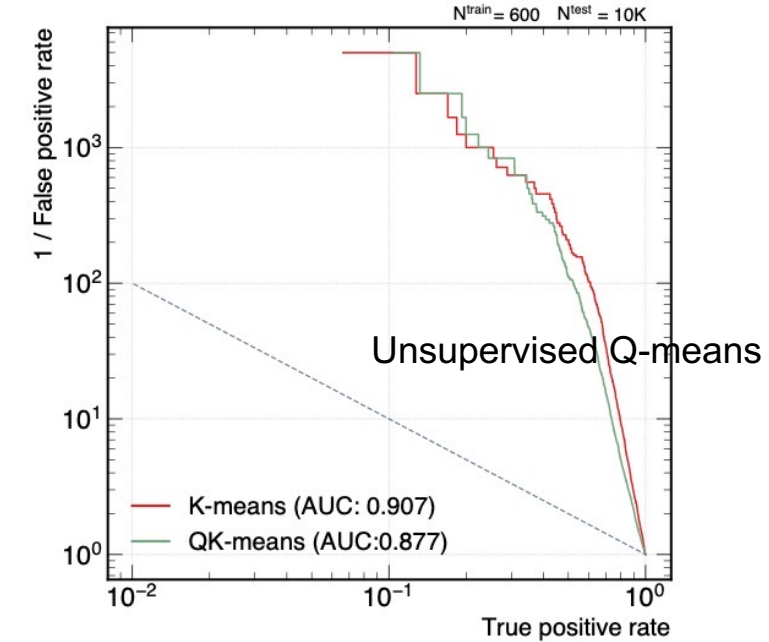
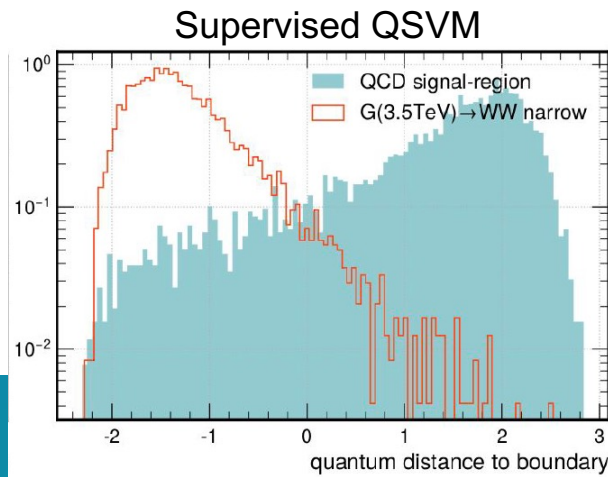
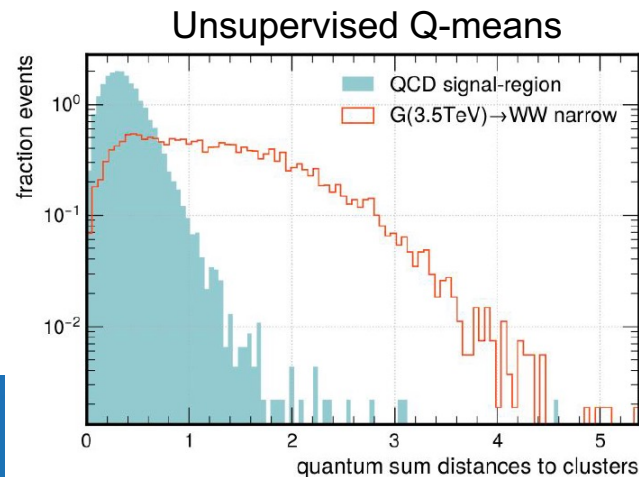
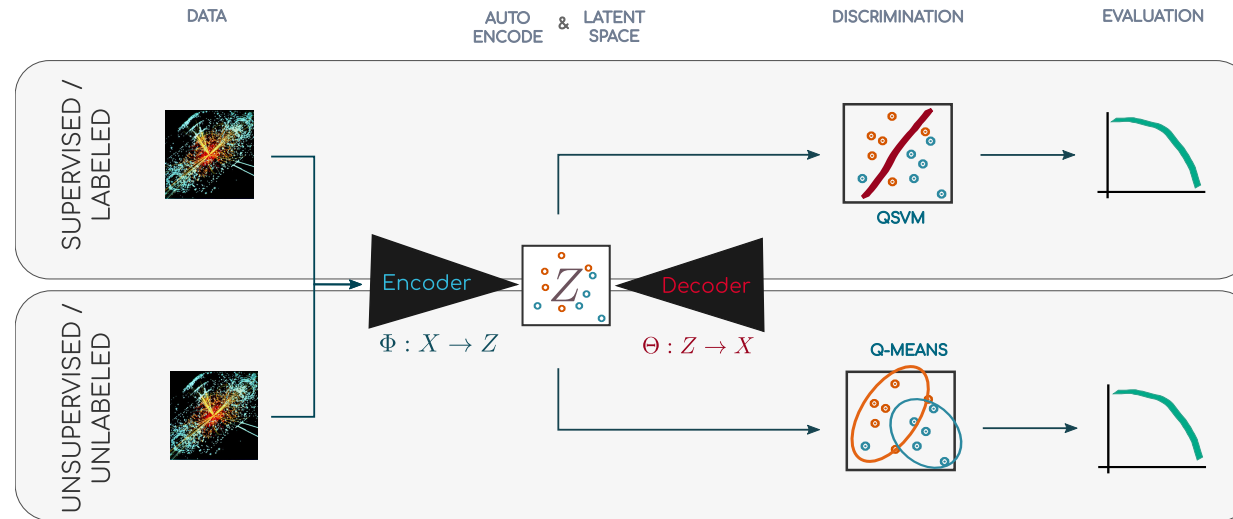
Axions, ALP's, DM & non-DM UL-particle searches



Hybrid setup for anomaly detection

Kinga Wozniak, **Unsupervised clustering for a Randall–Sundrum Graviton at 3.5TeV narrow resonance**, 5th IML workshop, May 2022

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



Quantum Sensing for High-Energy Physics

Scope

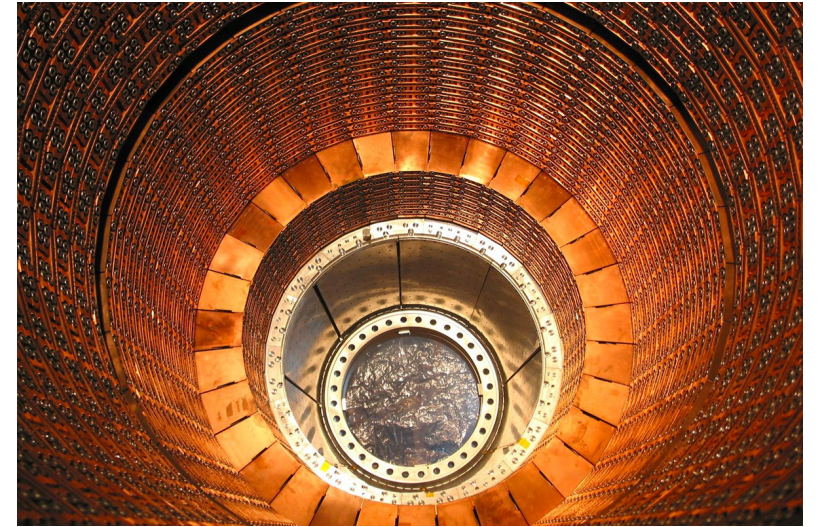
High-Energy Physics, particle tracking, calorimetry, identification in HEP detectors

Strategy

Quantum “priming” of detectors before measurement, signal enhancement by laser excitation, quantum effects due to size, cryogenics

Applications

Chromatic particle trackers composed of arrays of nanodots of varying size, nanocrystals (eg. XPbBr_3) as scintillator or charged particle tracking for HEP detectors
Calorimeters and low-energy single-particle (photons, mip's, ions,...) detectors made of arrays of nanowires (SNSPD)
2D-structures (graphene) for gaseous detector signal amplification, synergies with atomic and quantum optics experiment control/DAQ



Quantum Communication



Quantum.Privacy

Quantumacy is a privacy-preserving data analytics platform combining the security of QKD protocols and links with state-of-the-art homomorphic encryption capabilities to execute machine-learning and deep-learning workloads across a distributed federated-learning infrastructure.

The Quantumacy OpenQKD logo is displayed in the bottom left corner, featuring the word "QUANTUMACY" in a stylized font, followed by "OPEN" and "QKD" with a stylized "Q" icon. To the right of this is the European Commission logo, which includes the European Union flag and the text "European Commission".

Key Generation
Technology

This demo explains how QKD works and shows how to use the Quantumacy QKD simulator to generate secure symmetric keys using the BB84 protocol.



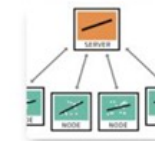
Health Check Score
Healthcare

This demo shows how to protect the privacy of personal information transmitted through Internet connections using keys generated by the QKD protocol.



Chest MRI Classification
Medical Research

This demo shows how to implement a simple image classification pipeline over QKD-secured networks using homomorphically-encrypted images.



Secure Federated Learning
Technology

This demo explains how to extend Federated Learning frameworks to use symmetric keys generated by QKD to secure the communication between the computing nodes.



Parkinson's Symptoms Classification
Healthcare

This demo shows an application of secure federated learning to classify Parkinson's tremor symptoms from wearable and portable sensor devices. The links between the analysis



Secure Block Chains
Technology

This demo shows an example of a block chain framework to record and validate transactions across a distributed data analysis pipeline using keys generated by the QKD infrastructure.

Presented at openQKD General Assembly in Paris

Jose Cabrero-Holgueras & Gabriele Morello



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Model Convergence and Barren Plateau

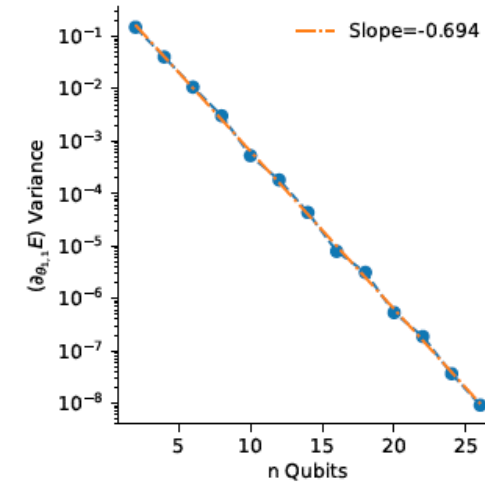
Given the size of the Hilbert space a compromise between **expressivity**, **convergence** and **generalization** performance is needed.

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

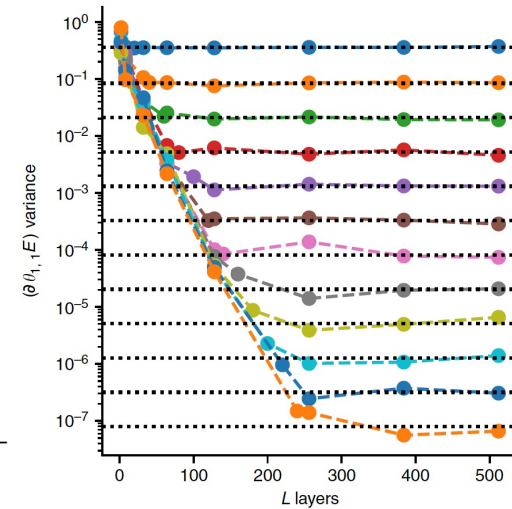
- Convergence still possible if gradients consistent between batches.

Quantum gradient decay exponentially in the number of qubits

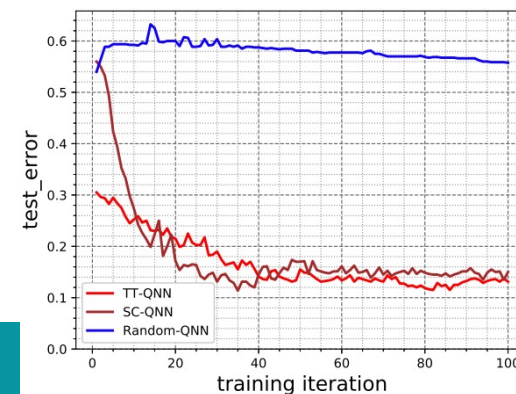
- Random circuit initialization
- Loss function locality in shallow circuits (M. Cerezo *et al.*, arXiv:2001.00550)
- Ansatz choice: TTN, CNN (Zhang *et al.*, arXiv:2011.06258, A Pesah, *et al.*, *Physical Review X* 11.4 (2021): 041011.)
- Noise induced barren plateau (Wang, S *et al.*, Nat Commun 12,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



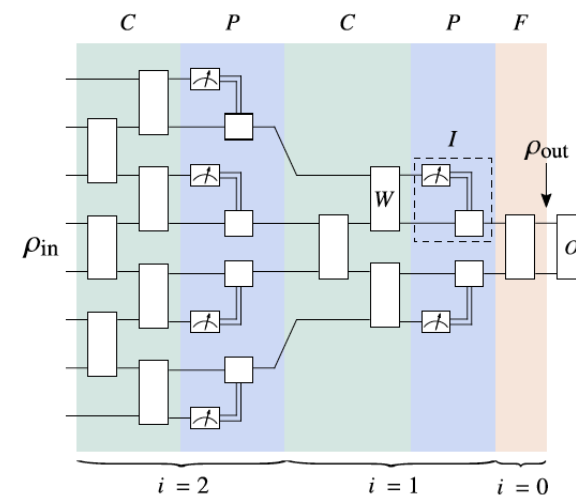
J. McClean *et al.*, arXiv:1803.11173



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



QCNN: A Pesah, *et al.*, *Physical Review X* 11.4 (2021): 041011





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