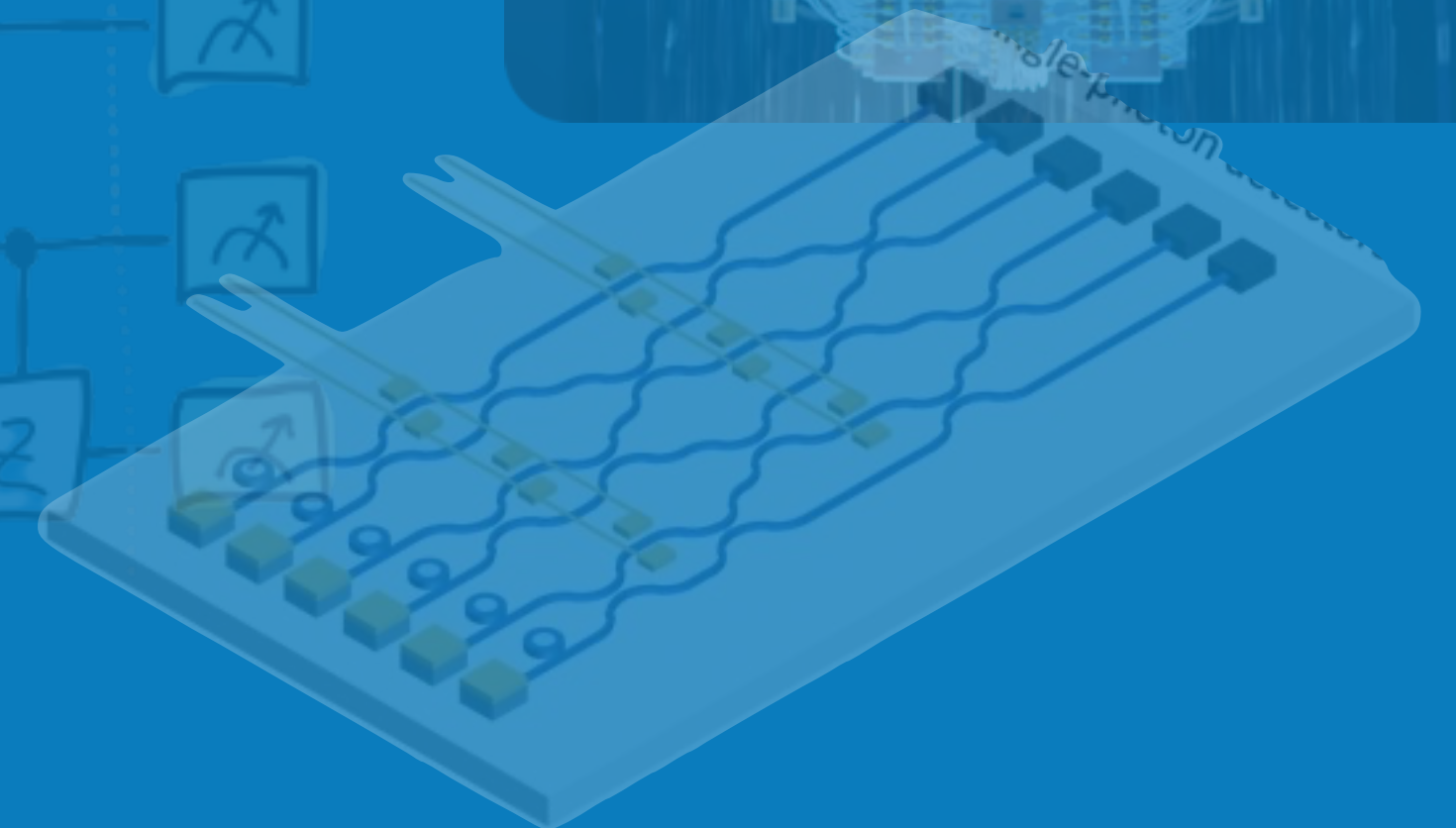


QUANTUM ML

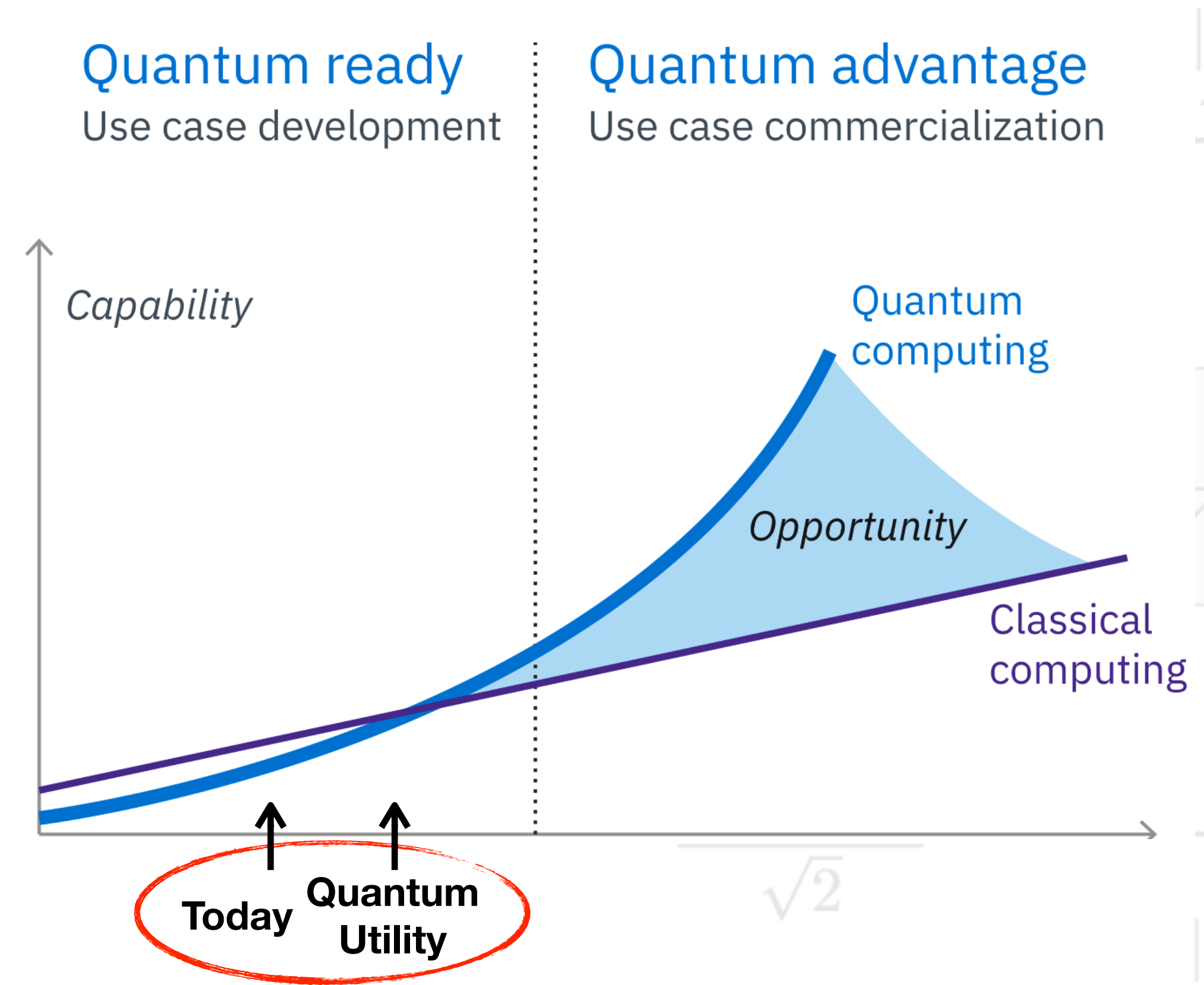
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INTRODUCTION & OUTLOOK

- quantum computers offer an intriguing path for a paradigmatic change of computing in the natural sciences, with the potential for achieving a significant speed-up of numerical simulations and big data analysis
- INFN research activities can help realising and test this potential (and leverage it in the future) through a source of formidable challenging computational problems
- equipping classical ML algorithms with QC may offer the possibility of exploit QC acceleration with current NISQ devices, and find ways to prove quantum utility
- Outlook:
 - Quantum Computing & QML
 - Example applications
 - The road ahead & summary



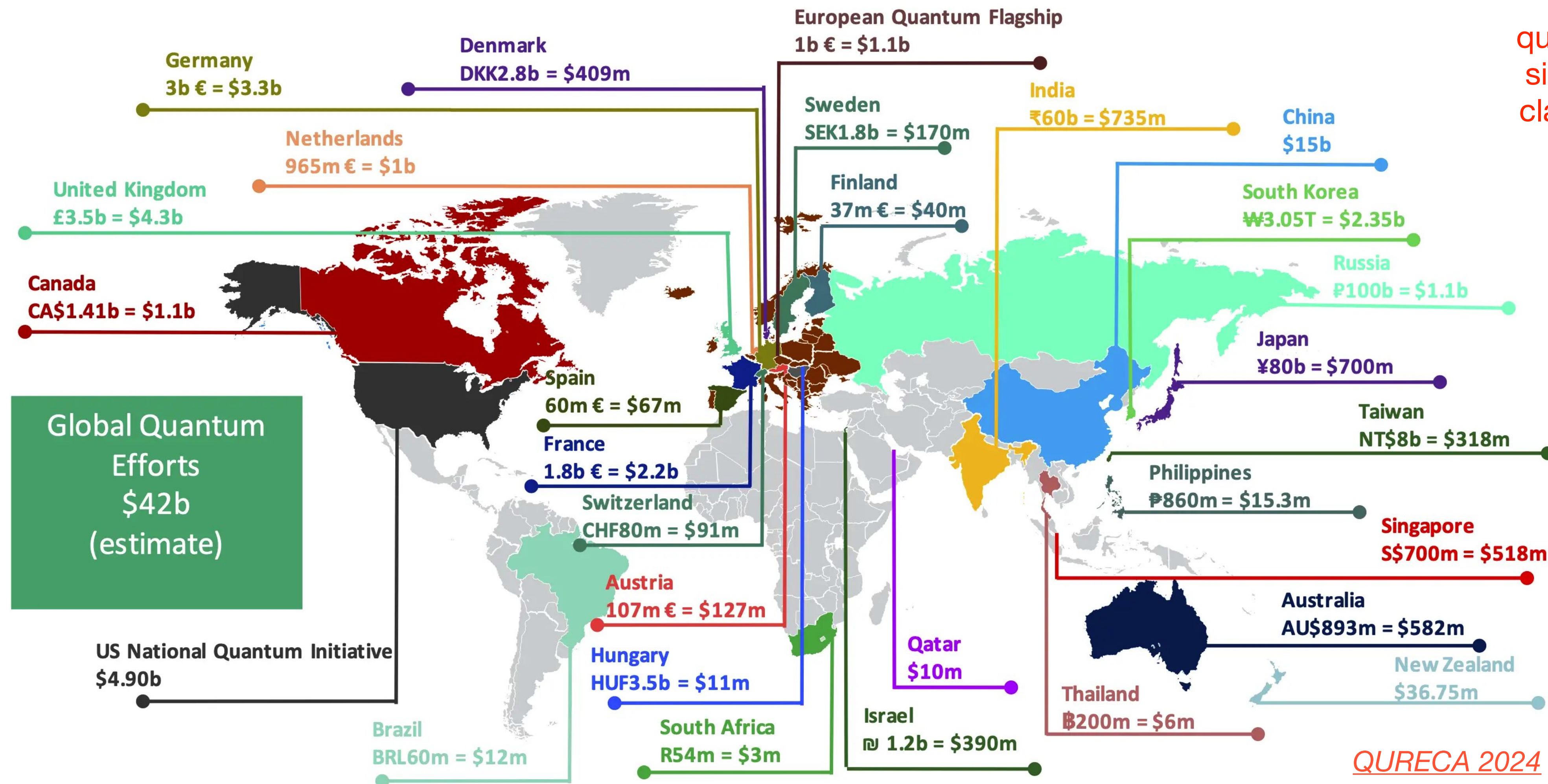
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- Y.Wang, J.Liu, *A comprehensive review of Quantum Machine Learning: from NISQ to Fault Tolerance*, [arXiv:2401.11351 \[quant-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.11351)
- D.Peral Garcia et al, *Systematic literature review: Quantum machine learning and its applications*, *Comp. Sci. Rev.* 51 (2004) 100619
- Y. Gujju et al, *Quantum machine learning on near-term quantum devices: Current state of supervised and unsupervised techniques for real-world applications*, *Phys. Rev. Applied* 21, 067001
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QC (R)EVOLUTION AND EFFORT WORLDWIDE

quantum initiatives ongoing today in >40 countries
 global Q-technology market projected to reach \$106b by 2040

despite the fact that:
 for practical applications,
 quantum computing today is at a
 similar stage of development as
 classical computers in the '50 ...



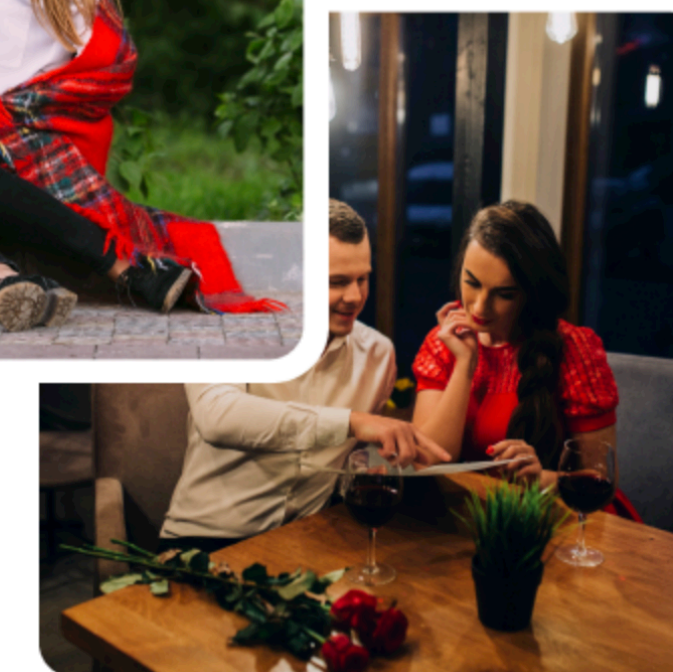
AND QUANTUM HYPE ...

BREAKING: Quantum computing enters online dating!

"Our quantum matching system helps you find a partner for a lifetime, not just a night."

Testimonials

Here's what they have to **say**.

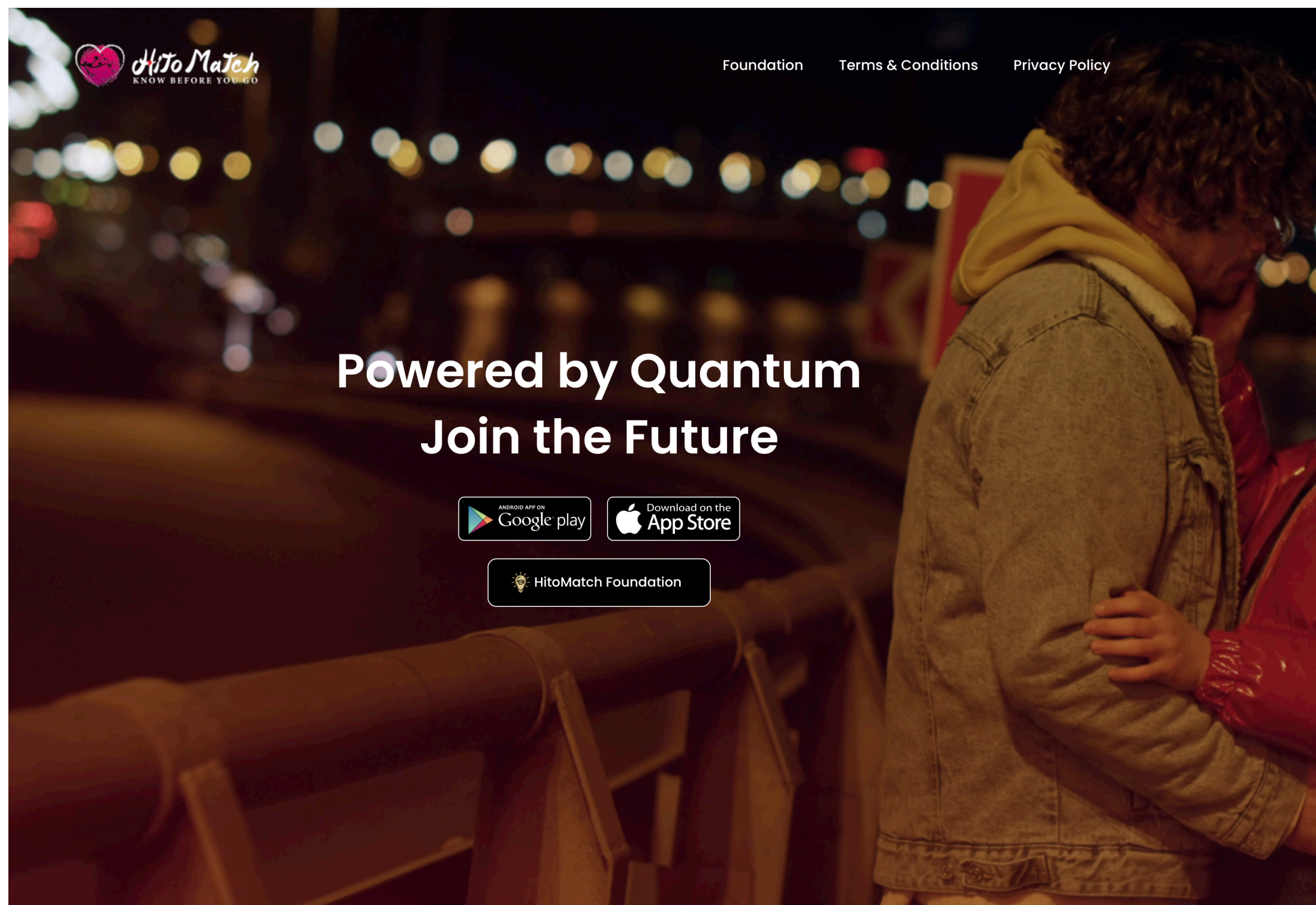


“

HitoMatch helped me find my soulmate. The quantum matches and profile videos made a huge difference.

I couldn't be happier with the connection I've made!

John K.

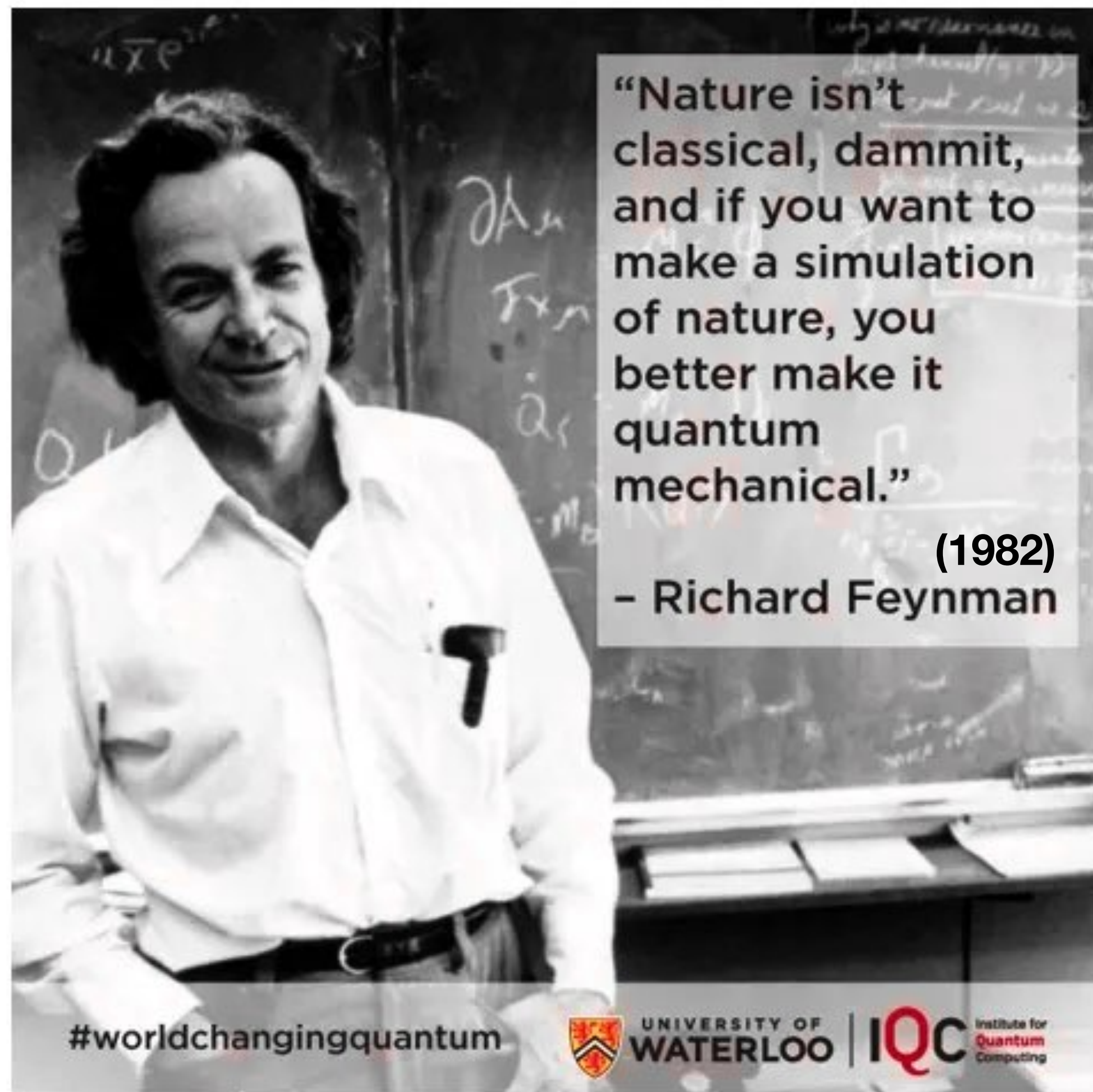


<https://hitomatch.com/>

if you believe Everett's multi worlds interpretation of QM, there's a version of you that will find your perfect match

in any case it is w/o doubts a spectacular random number generator ...

HOW PARTICLE PHYSICS CAN HELP QUANTUM COMPUTING?



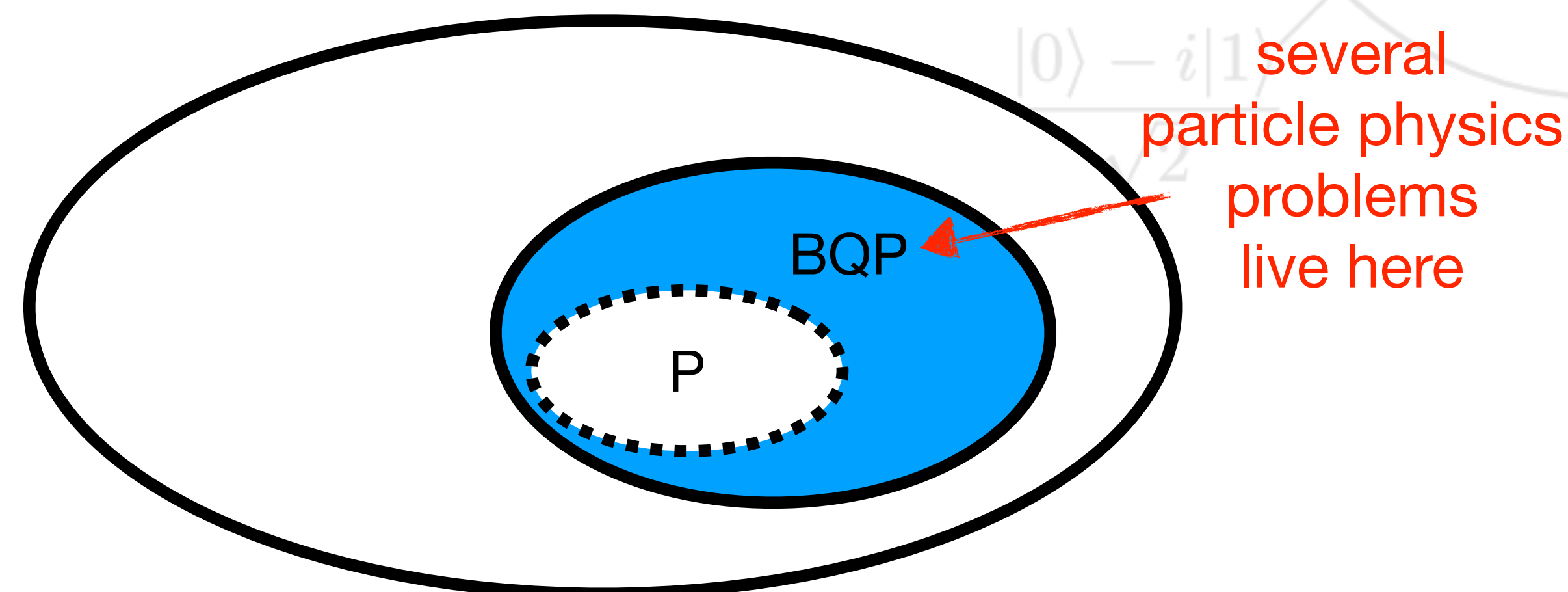
Simulating Physics with Computers

Richard P. Feynman

Department of Physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91107

Received May 7, 1981

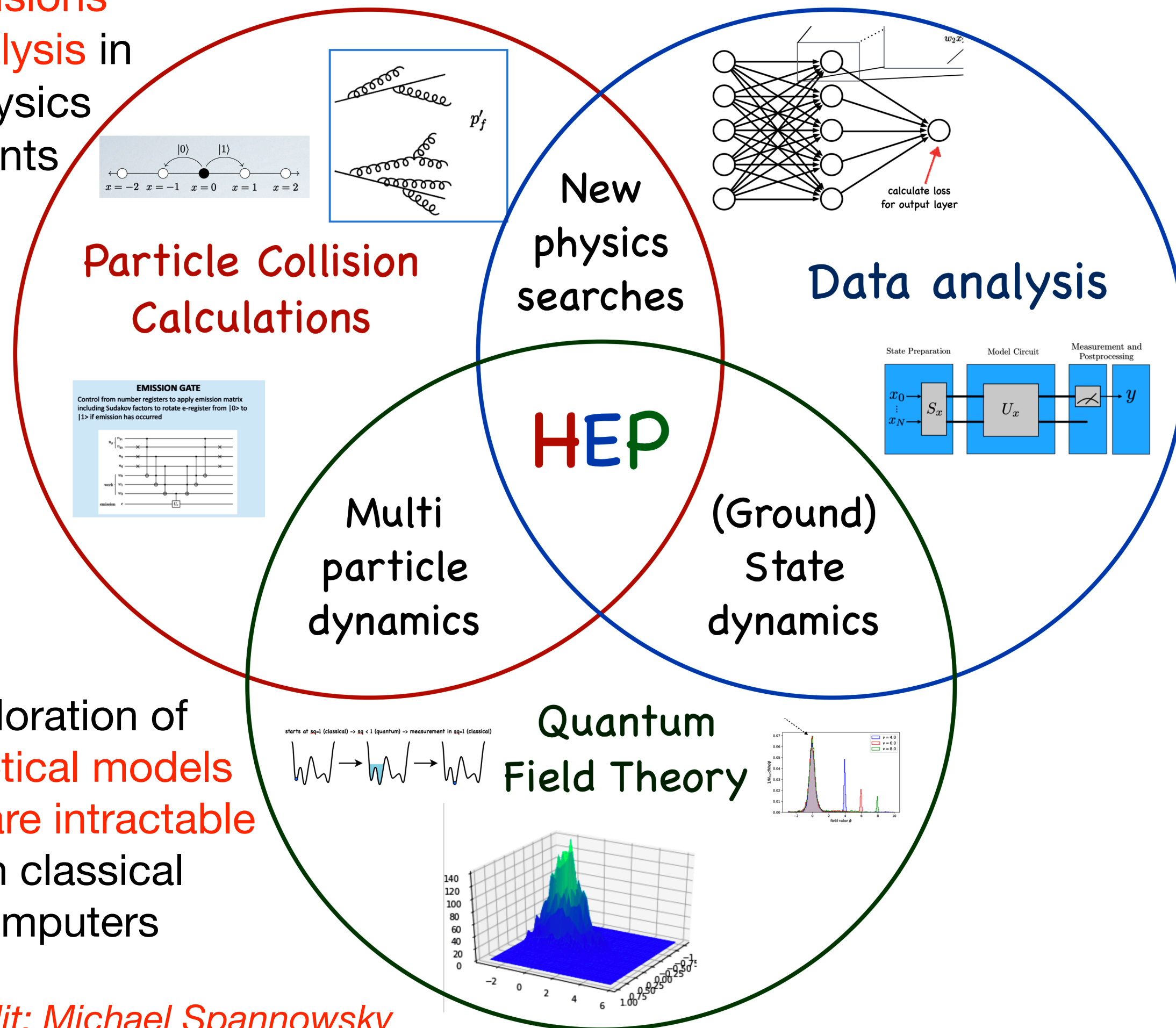
Particle Physics is inherently quantum mechanical, thus simulating theory and analysing experimental data with quantum computers seems a very good idea



PARTICLE PHYSICS AND QC

major application areas in HEP that may benefit from QC/QML

simulation of particle collisions and data analysis in particle physics experiments



exploration of theoretical models which are intractable with classical computers

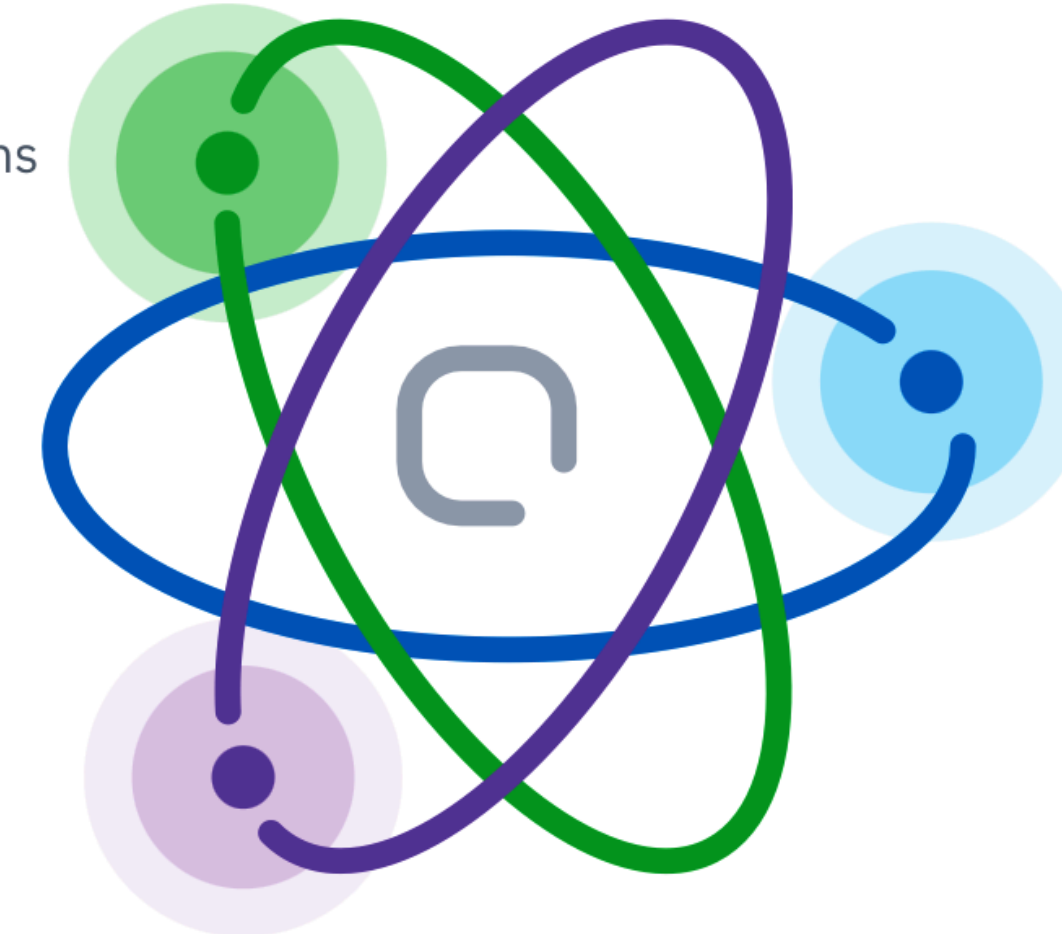
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Machine learning

- Sampling
- Adaptive vendor/customer interactions
- Decision support
- Training

Simulation

- Chemistry
- Pharmaceuticals
- Materials
- Electric batteries



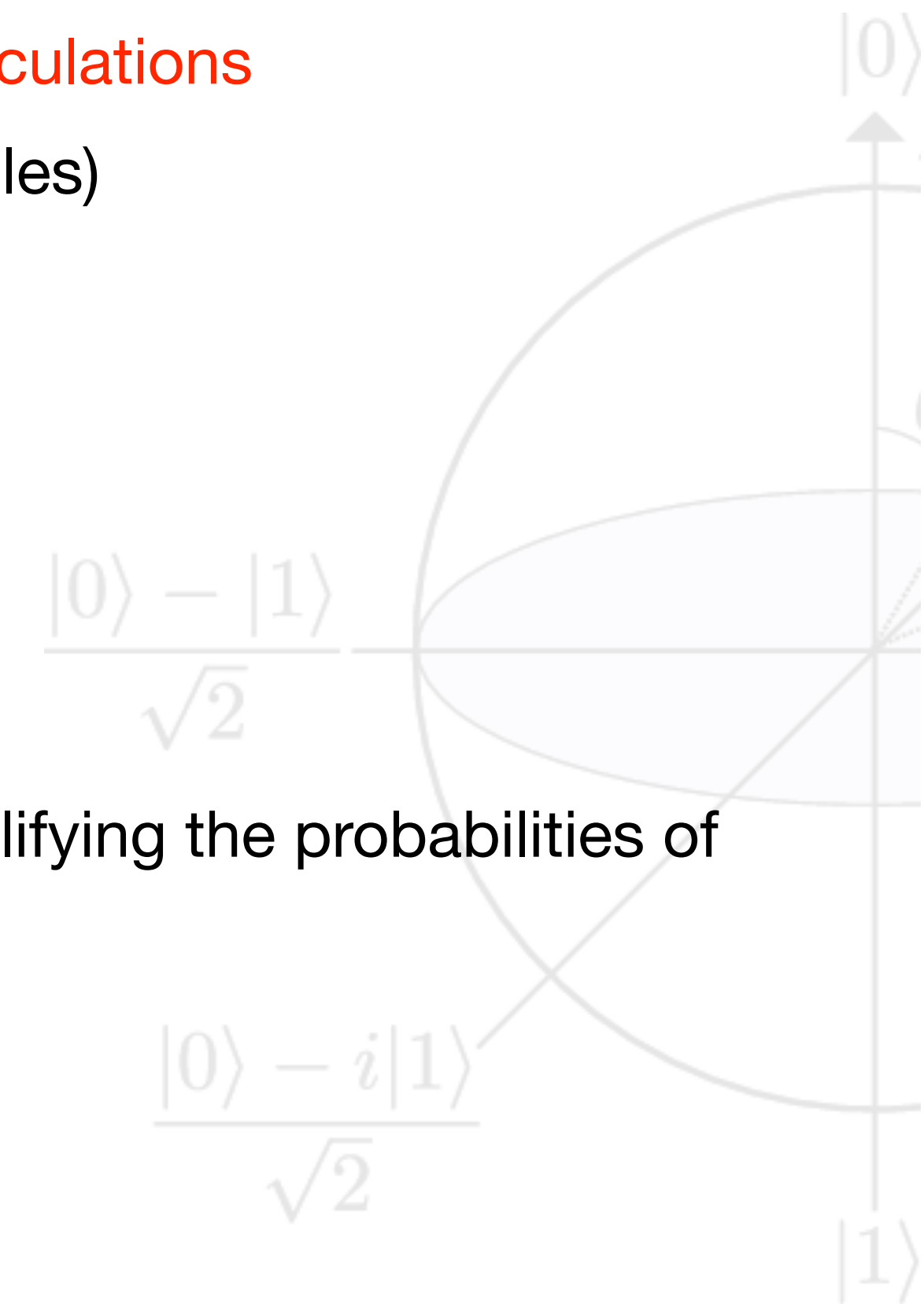
Optimization

- Travel and transportation
- Logistics/supply chain
- Network infrastructure
- Air traffic control
- Work scheduling
- Financial services

QC use-cases in 2023 for IBM

QUANTUM COMPUTING

- **Computing paradigm that explicitly leverage quantum mechanical properties of matters to perform calculations**
 - in contraposition to CC where QM enters only indirectly (eg. semiconductors in CPUs follow QM rules)
 - QC are not “faster” computers wrt CC, but systems that do computation in different ways
 - QC are not general purpose machines that speed up any problem wrt CC
- **Takes advantage of:**
 - **Superposition and Entanglement** → exponential representation power
 - **Constructive/destructive interference** → guide the computation toward the correct solution amplifying the probabilities of correct answers and reducing the probabilities of incorrect ones
- **and other useful/problematic features:**
 - Quantum operations (gates) as **unitary transformations** → reversible computing
 - Output is the result of a **quantum state measurement** according to Born rule → stochastic computation
 - **No-cloning** theorem → information security / complex/resource hungry error-correction
 - **Quantum state coherence and isolation** → computation stability and errors



ELEMENTS OF A QUANTUM CIRCUIT MODEL OF COMPUTATION

- in a general way any computation (classical or quantum) is based on three fundamental elements:

input data → operations on data → output results

- in a quantum circuit these elements are described by:

- **qubits** (quantum bits): basic unit of quantum information

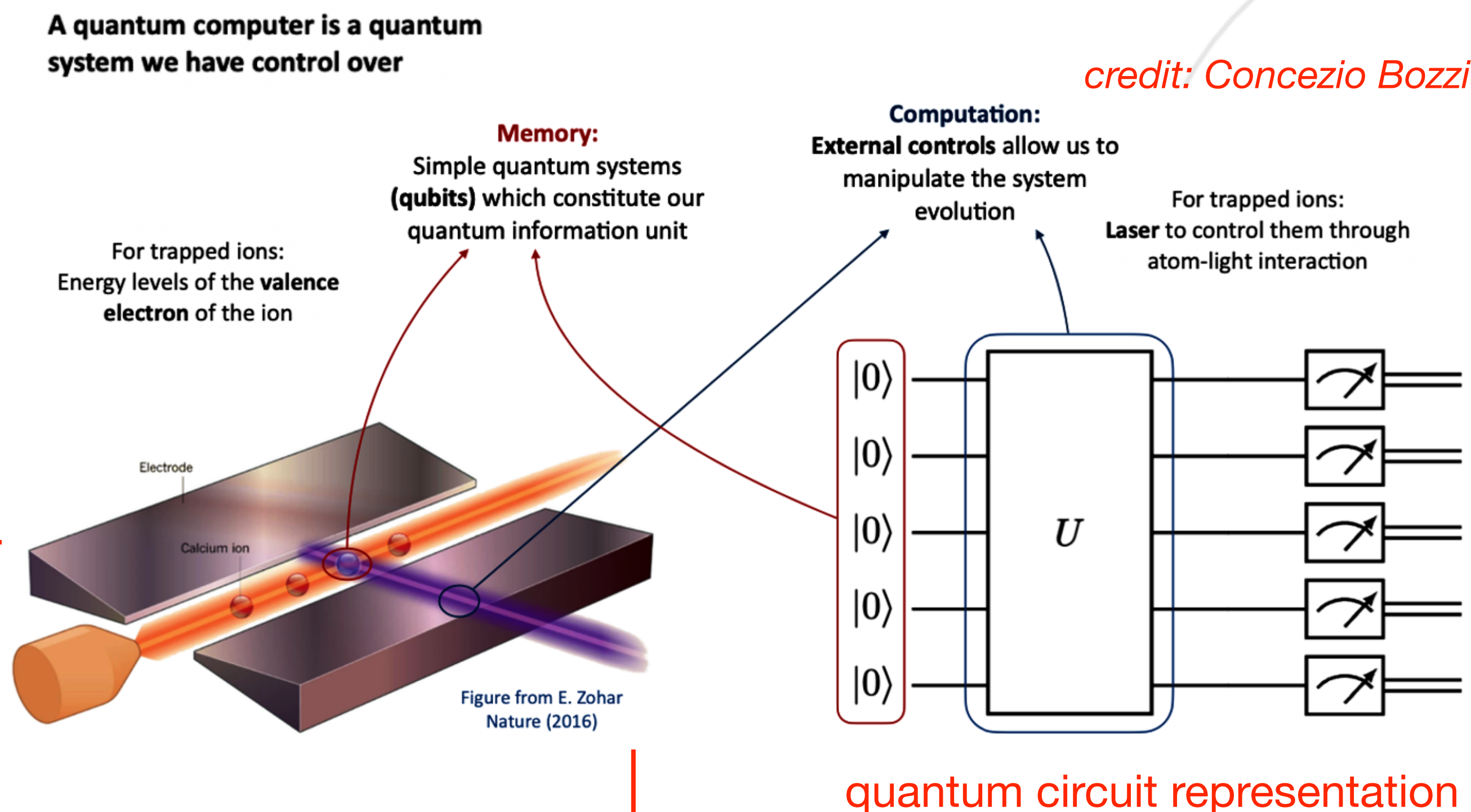
- store information as classical bits in a CC

- **quantum logic gates**: operators that transform quantum data

- the building blocks of QC, like classical logic gates in CC

- **quantum measurement**: the operation that allows to access classically the resulting quantum state

- reading out information from a quantum system generally change the state and destroy the computation that we are performing
- can't predict the exact outcome of a quantum measurement, due to the probabilistic nature of QM all we can predict are only likelihood



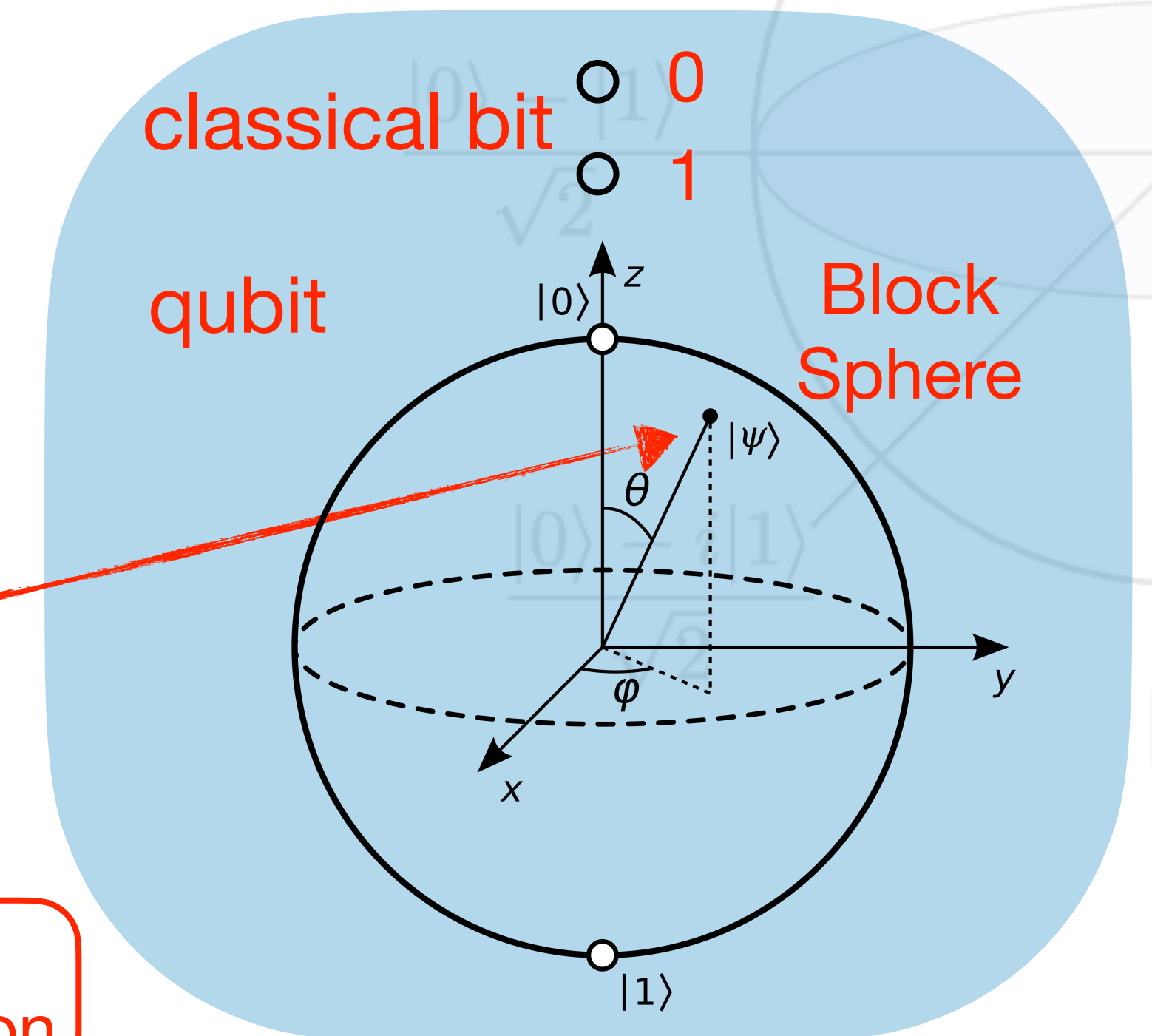
QUBIT: QUANTUM BIT

- basic unit of quantum computation representation
 - **classical bit:** binary (“0 or 1”)
 - a generic quantum state (**qubit**) $|\psi\rangle$ can be written in a **superposition** of a Hilbert space basis: can “take” infinitely many different values in a continuum of states (but when we read it we always find 0 or 1)

computational basis typically used as canonical basis:

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

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} = a_0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a_0 |0\rangle + a_1 |1\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

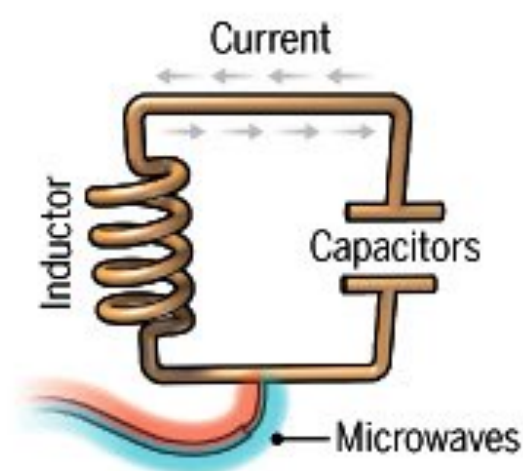


Extending this to a system of n qubits forms a 2^n -dimensional Hilbert Space
eg. 2^n complex numbers \rightarrow a quantum system can contain much more information

TECHNOLOGIES FOR QUANTUM COMPUTERS

- not yet a standard way to implement qubits, unlike for classical bits encoded in transistors
 - **physically, qubits can be any two-level systems**: the spin of an electron, the polarization of a proton, two superconducting current directions ...
 - current leading technology in the quantum computing commercial space: **superconducting qubits**

Superconducting Loops

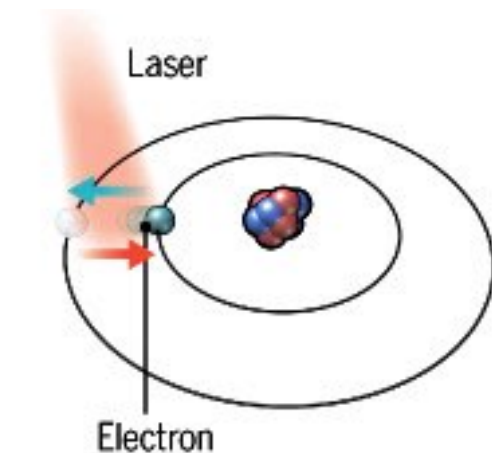


resistance-free current oscillates back and forth around a circuit loop. An injected microwave signal excites the current into superposition states

fast operations, built on existing SC industry

quick decoherence, must be kept cold

Trapped ions or neutral atoms arrays

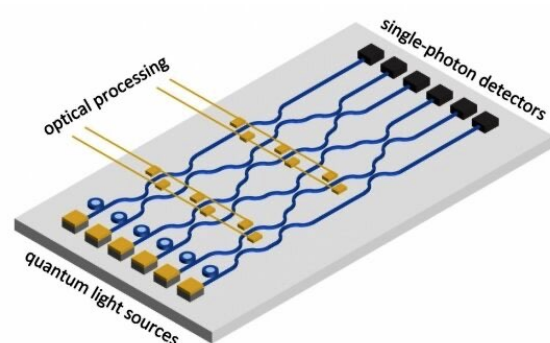


use the energy levels of electrons in neutral atoms or ions as qubits. Excite them with lasers to a higher energy level. Assign the qubit values based on their energy status

very stable, high gate fidelity, 2D and 3D

slower operation, complex laser technology required

Linear / non-linear optical QC

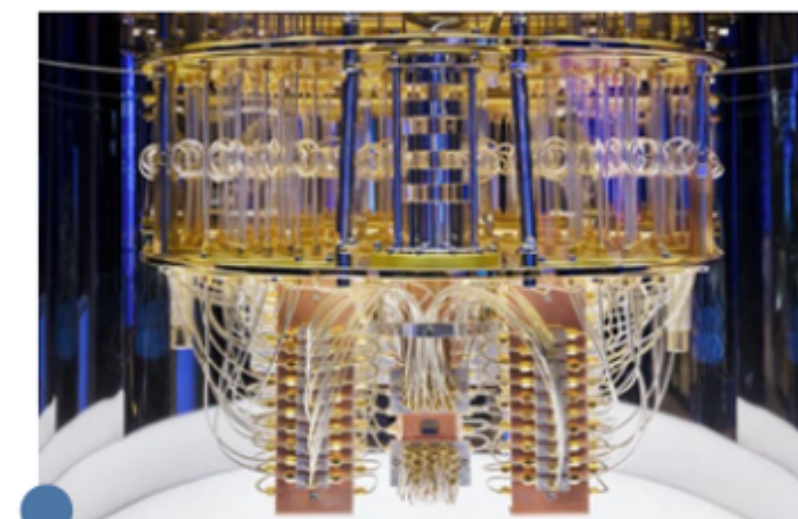


use particles of light to carry and process information. Qubits realised by processing states of different modes of light through both linear and nonlinear element (quantum microprocessor based on laser photonics)

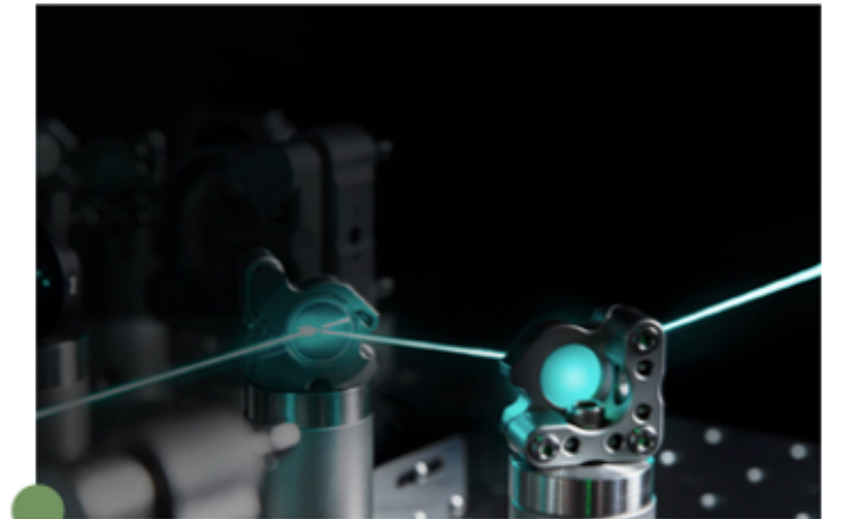
operate at room temperature, photons less sensitive to env.

emerging technology, hard to build large number of gates, cannot stop photons ...

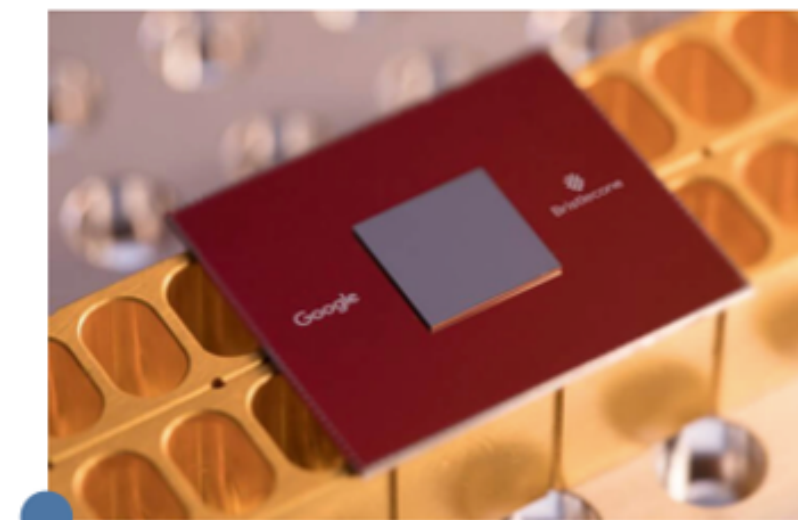
- Superconductive circuits
- Trapped ions
- Photons
- Neutral atoms



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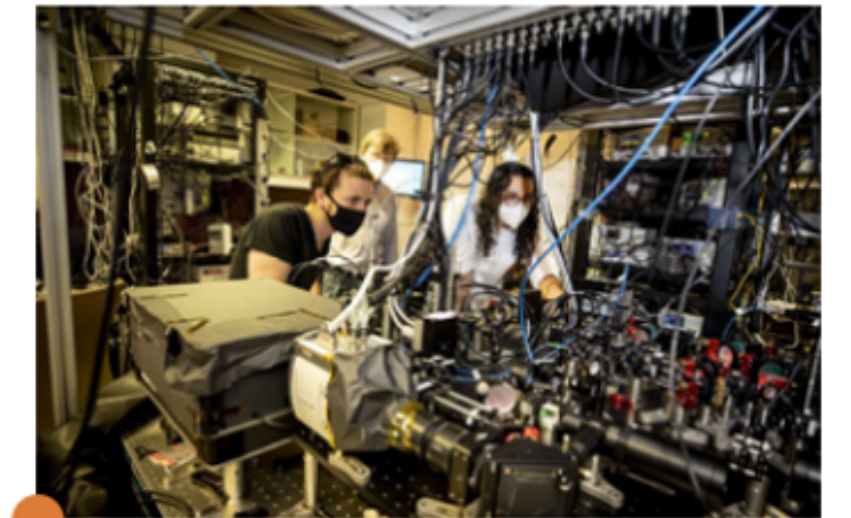
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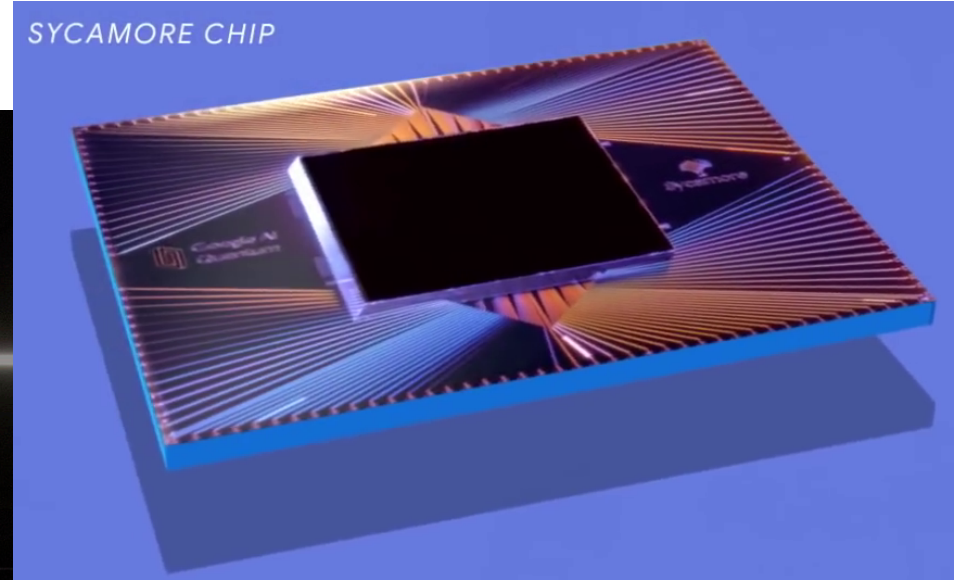
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... AND MANY MORE!

EXAMPLES OF QUANTUM COMPUTERS

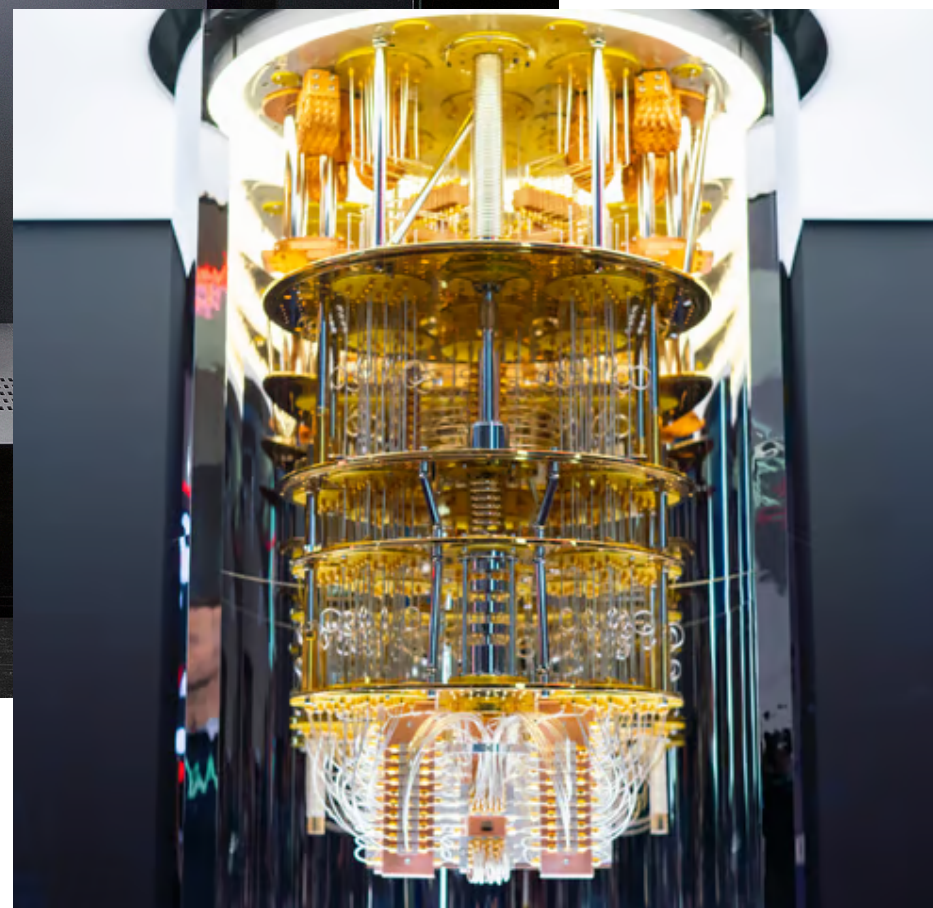
IBM Q

Google
53/67 qubits



PASQAL

100 qubits today
~1000 near-term



1121/133 (low error/
faster) qubits today
1000+ near-term

actual quantum processor is just $O(2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2)$
needs cooling & protection from environment to
preserve the quantum capabilities

source: IBM



DWAVE

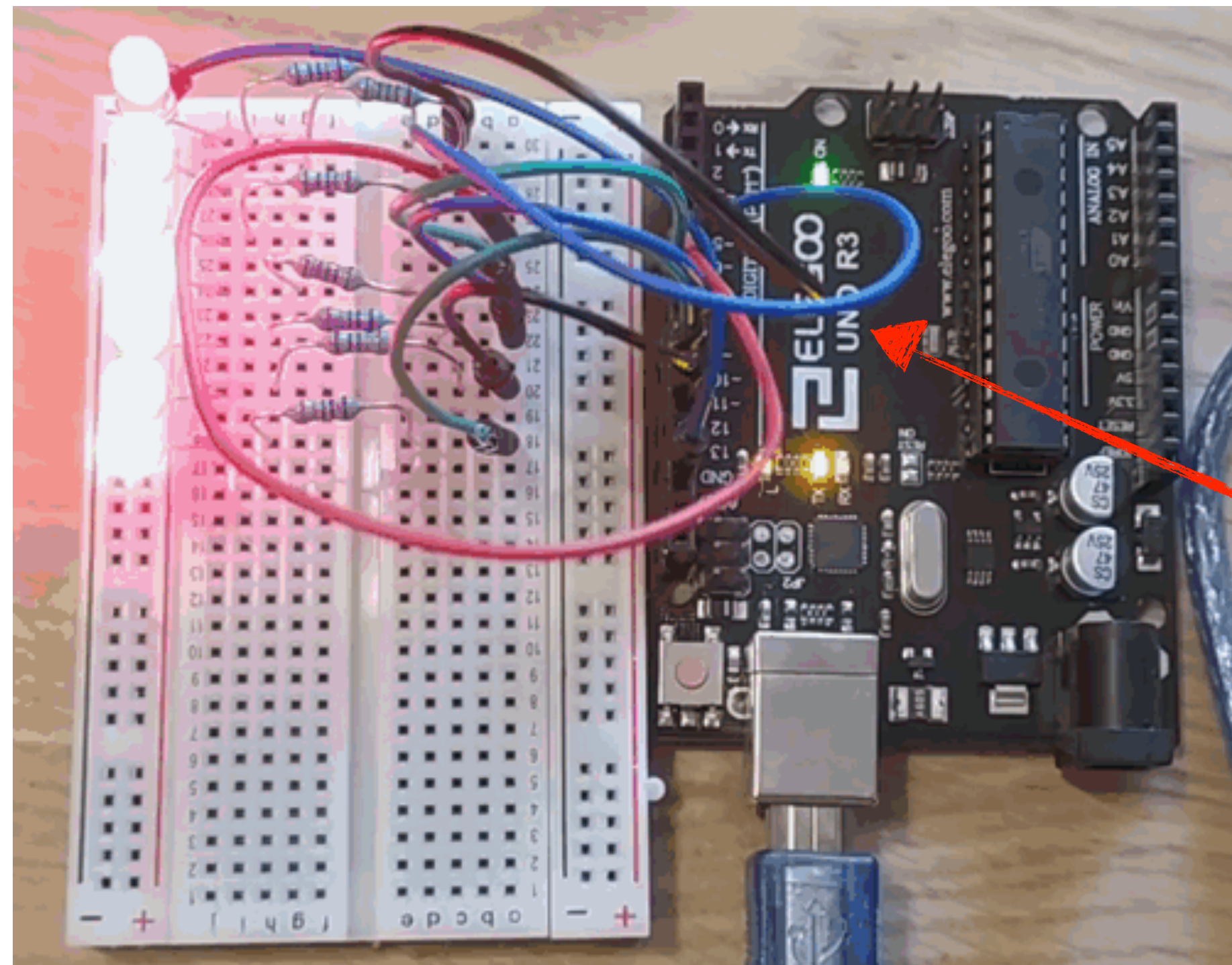
5000+ qubits today
(quantum annealers)



36 qubits today
64+ near-future

EXAMPLES OF QUANTUM COMPUTERS ...

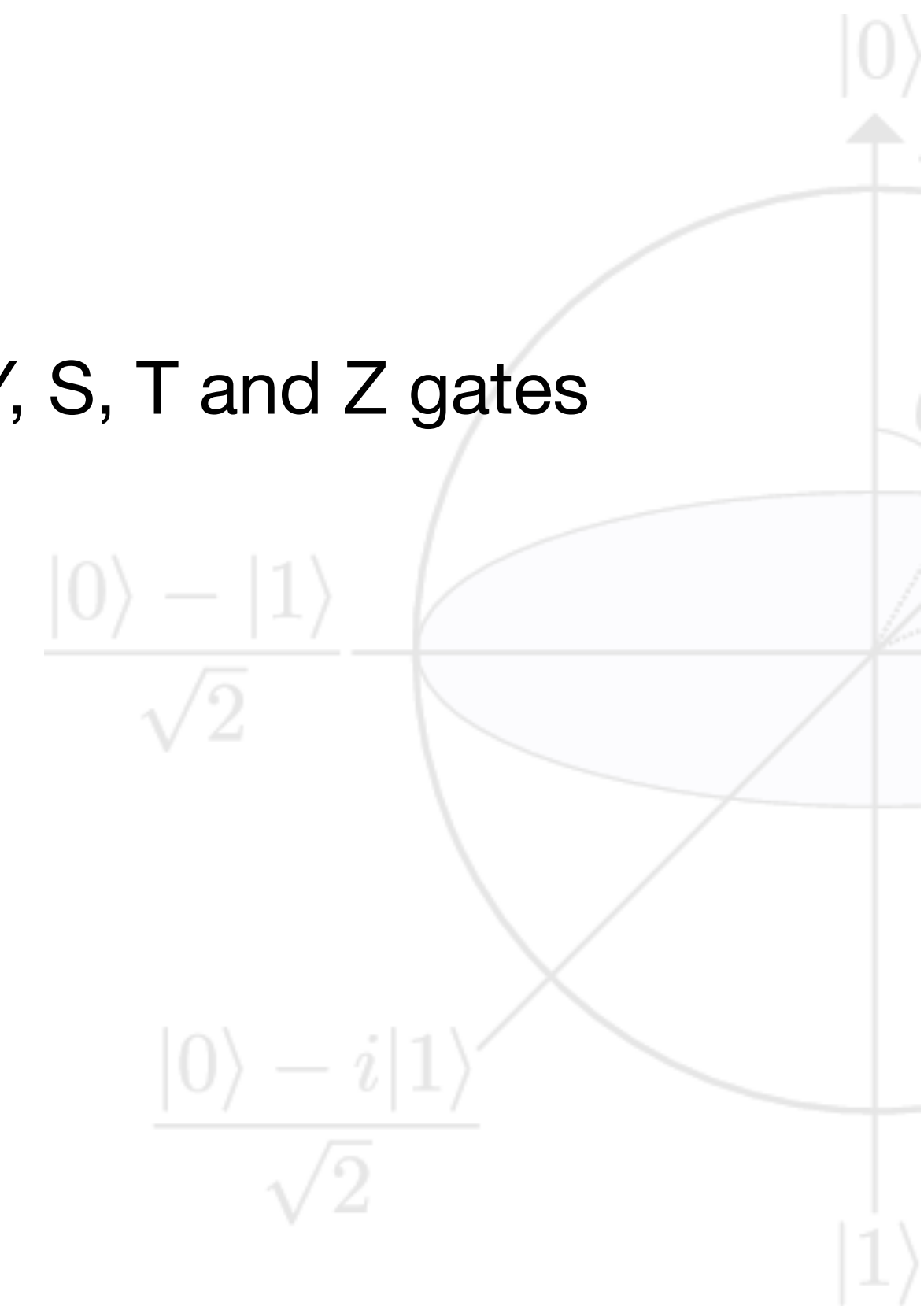
- Quantum Computing on Arduino ...



\$10 - 7 qubits emulator
implements Hadamard, CNOT, X, Y, S, T and Z gates

Daide Gessa, [github project](#)

Elego Uno (a much
cheaper version of
Arduino Uno) processor



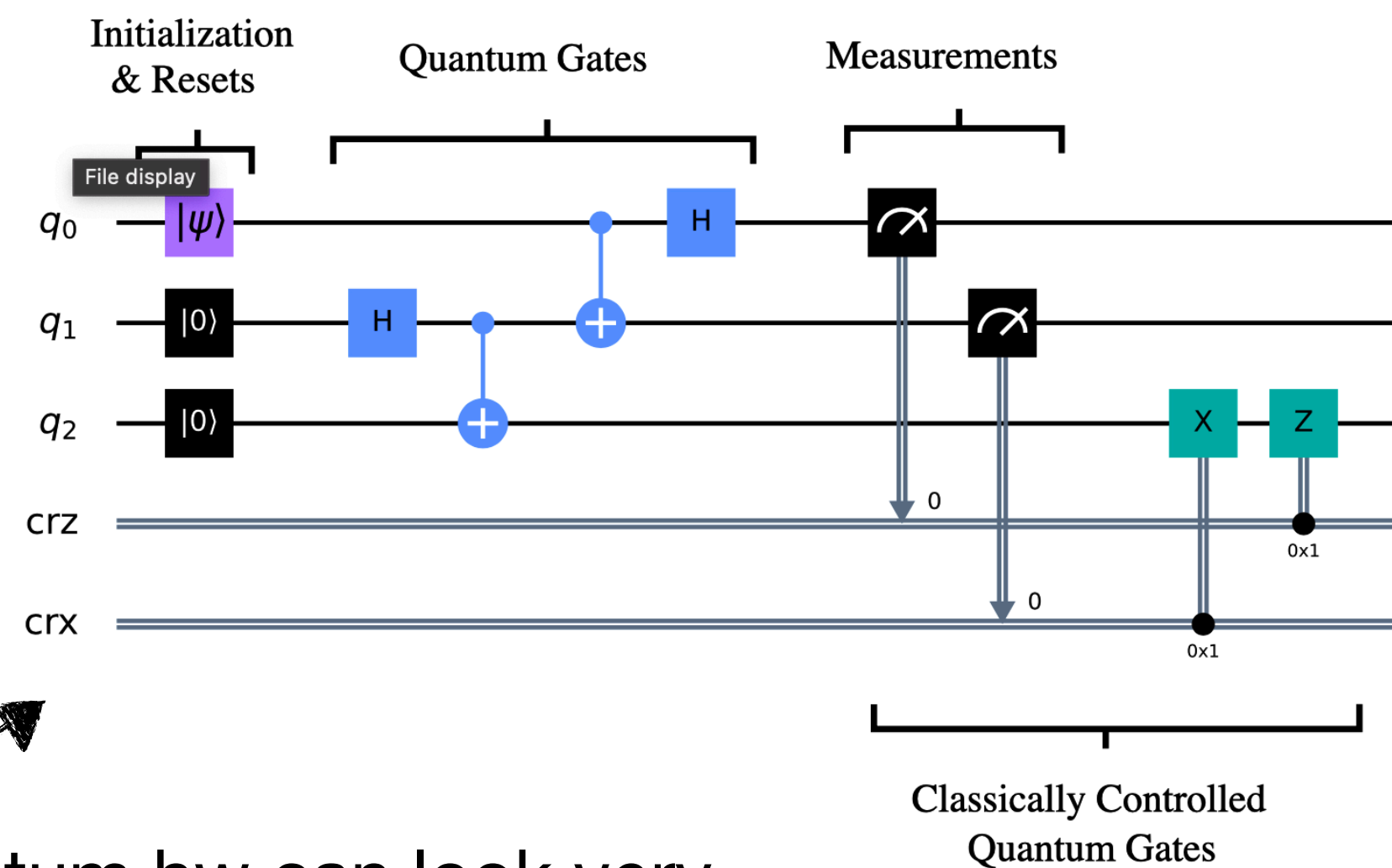
Disclaimer from the author: “This quantum emulator may not actually solve any real-world problems faster than a classical computer. But neither do most other quantum computers right now...”

OPERATIONS OVER QUBITS: QUANTUM GATES&CIRCUITS

- quantum computation proceeds by applying physical operations on a quantum state of qubits inducing a change in the state, in a similar way as we operate on classical bits through logical operations
- a state-changing operator is called a **quantum gate**, and it is represented by a **complex unitary matrix**, eg **length-preserving, linear** transformation, which represent a rotation on the Bloch sphere:

$$|\psi'\rangle = U|\psi\rangle \quad \text{with } U \text{ unitary matrix: } U : U^\dagger U = I$$



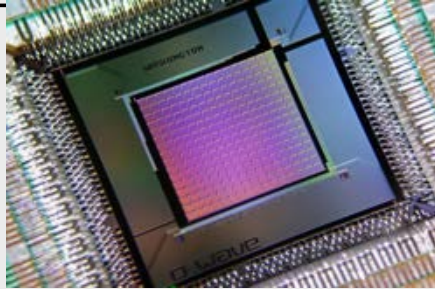
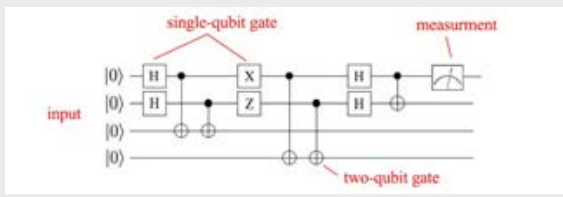
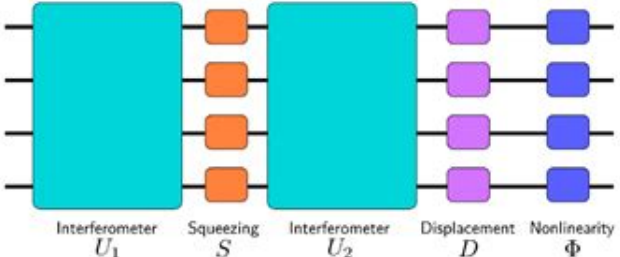
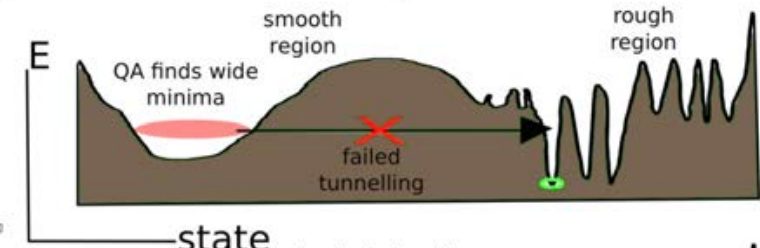
- quantum circuit** = a collection of quantum gates that operates on qubits
- quantum software is programmed by building these circuits



NOTE: when ported to the real quantum hw can look very different from the initial design (circuit adaptation, **transpiling**)

Operator	Gate(s)	Matrix
Pauli-X (X) <small>(NOT gate)</small>		$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-Y (Y)		$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-Z (Z)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Hadamard (H)		$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Phase (S, P)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$
$\pi/8$ (T)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix}$
Controlled Not (CNOT, CX)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Controlled Z (CZ)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
SWAP		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Identity/idle		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

QC PARADIGMS

Type	Discrete Gate (DG)	Continuous Variable (CV)	Quantum Annealer (QA)
Computing	Digital	Digital/Analog	Analog
Property	Universal (any quantum algorithm can be expressed)	Universal - GBS non-Universal	Not universal – certain quantum systems
Advantage	most algorithms and tech support	uncountable Hilbert (configuration) space	continuous time quantum process
How?	IBM - Qiskit ~500 Qubits	Xanadu Quantum Lab	DWave - LEAP ~7000 Qubits
What?			
			

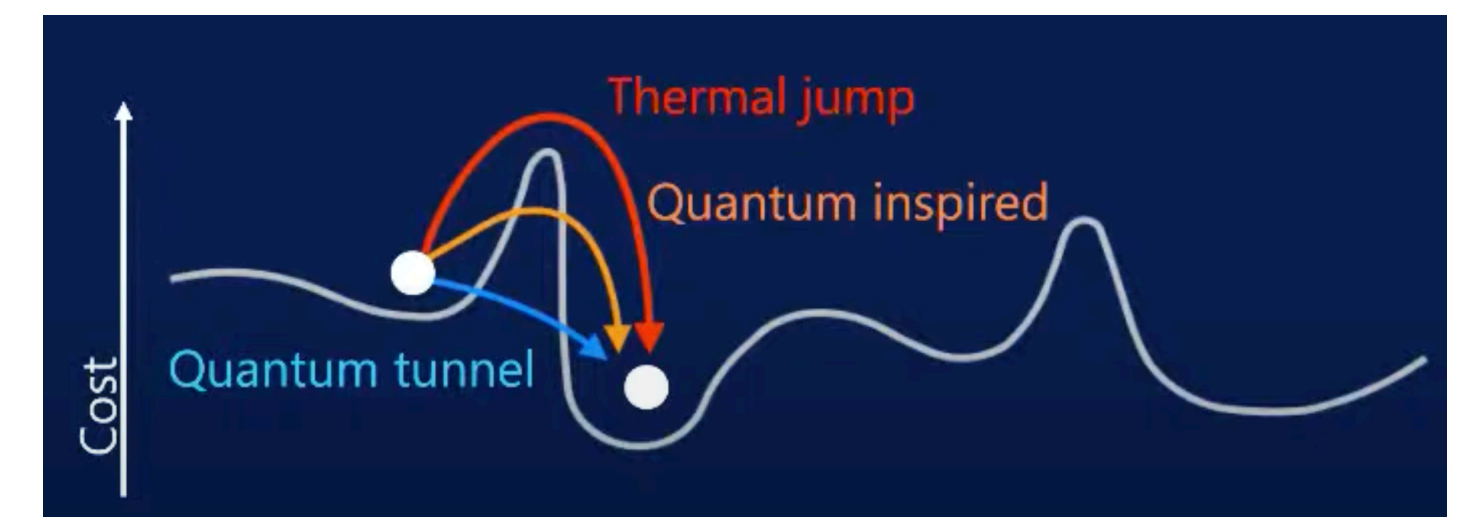
- **Universal gate-based quantum computers** designed to tackle a wide range of problems, evolution decomposed in elementary gates
- **Quantum Annealers** designed specifically for optimization problems:
 - uses a network of qubits and couplers arranged to efficiently map optimization problems onto the quantum hardware
 - allows for the effective translation of optimization problems into Hamiltonian equations and the subsequent minimization of these equations by applying an annealing process

QUANTUM ALGORITHMS IN THE NISQ REGIME

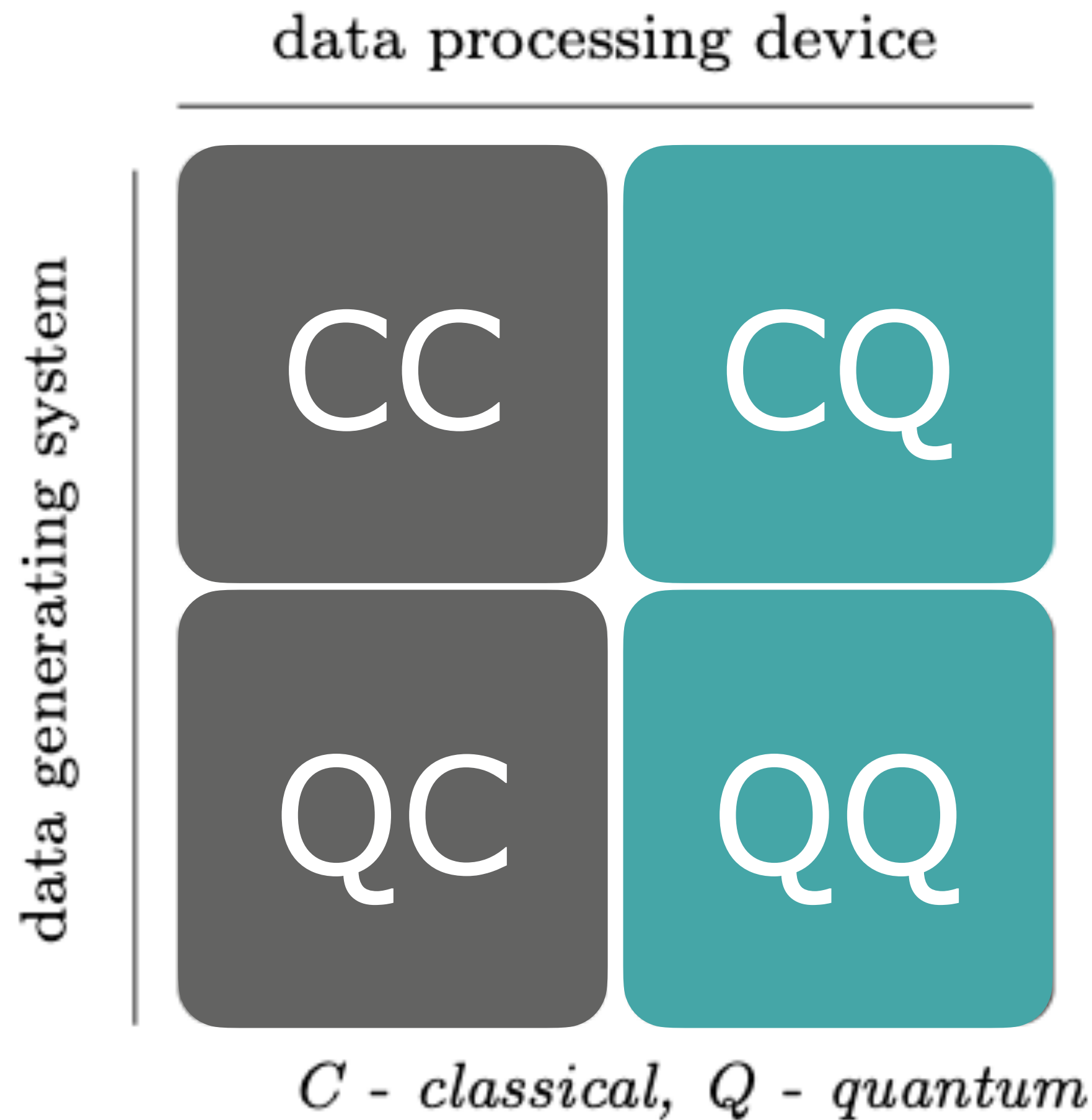
- an entire zoo of sophisticated quantum algorithms that can offer speedups over classical algorithms has been proposed in literature assuming the availability of fault-tolerant quantum processors supporting a large number of qubits and quantum gates
 - Shor's (proved exponential speedup in factoring prime numbers), Grover's (polynomial (quadratic) speedup for searching in an unsorted db), Quantum MC, Quantum Fourier Transform ...
- **however current quantum computers** support only $O(10^1 \div 10^3)$ qubits, and **not all necessarily able to interact with each others**: these are the so called **noisy intermediate-scale quantum devices (NISQ)**:
 - **no error correction**: produce only approximate results of computations
 - algorithms limited to use only a few qubits and gates with **deep impact on quantum algorithmic design and achievable performance**
- interesting to narrow down the objective: finding computational problems that can be solved by NISQ device while possibly exhibiting some kind of advantage or utility wrt classical algorithms:
 - ex. find the ground-state energy of a many-body system (ex. a molecule) with quantum annealers

• **ex. Quantum Machine Learning**

60+ quantum algorithms with quantum speedup
<https://quantumalgorithmzoo.org/>



APPROACHES TO COMBINE QC AND ML



different possibilities:

- CC: classical data being processed classically but with methods inspired by QC algorithms (like tensor networks)
- QC: quantum data processed with classical algorithms, eg use classical ML to help preparing and use QC (describe quantum state in a compact manner, state preparation, qubit error correction, ...)
- CQ: classical data processed with quantum devices
- QQ: quantum data being processed by a quantum computer. Connected to CQ (just change the input data), becomes interesting with the development of quantum sensing

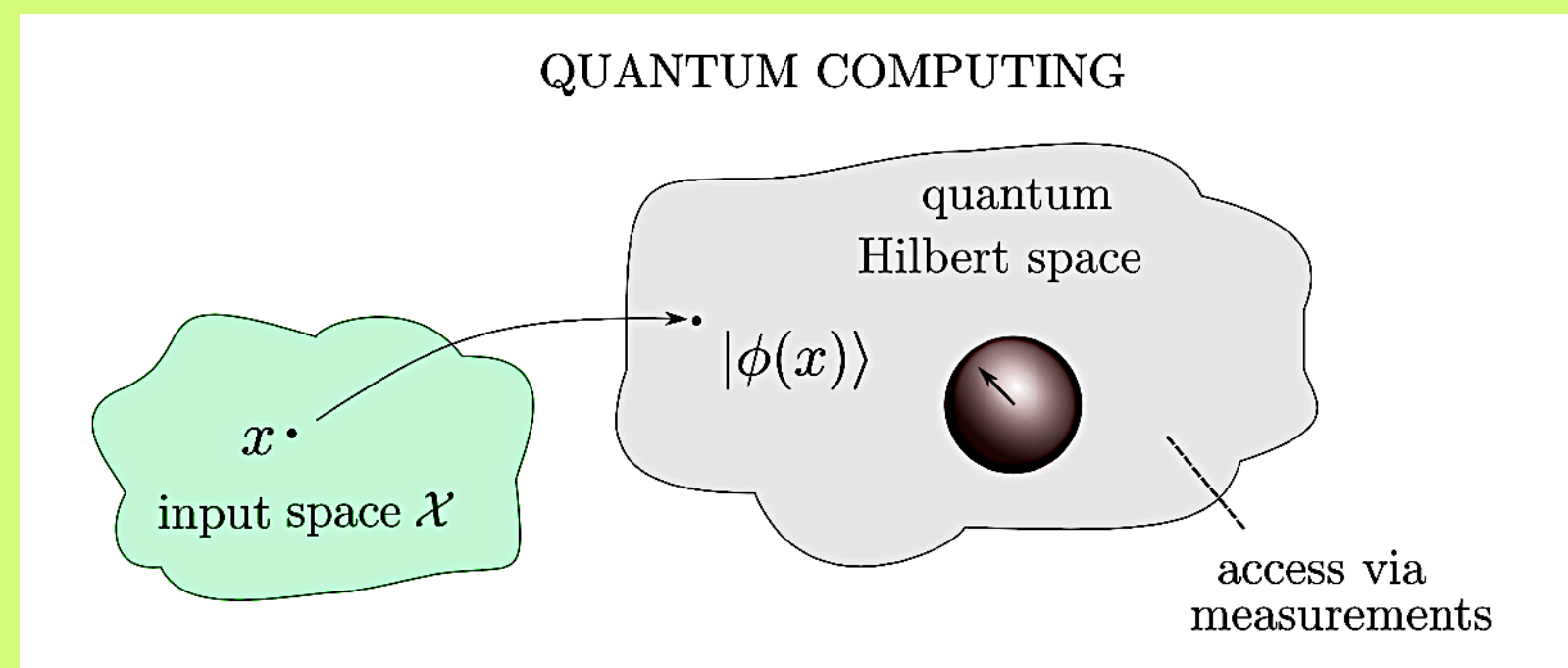
QML

a set of algorithms inspired by classical ML that all share the same common idea:
encode the task into a parametrised cost function (ansatz)

- evaluated in a QC
- parameters optimised (trained) in a CC

Kernel Based

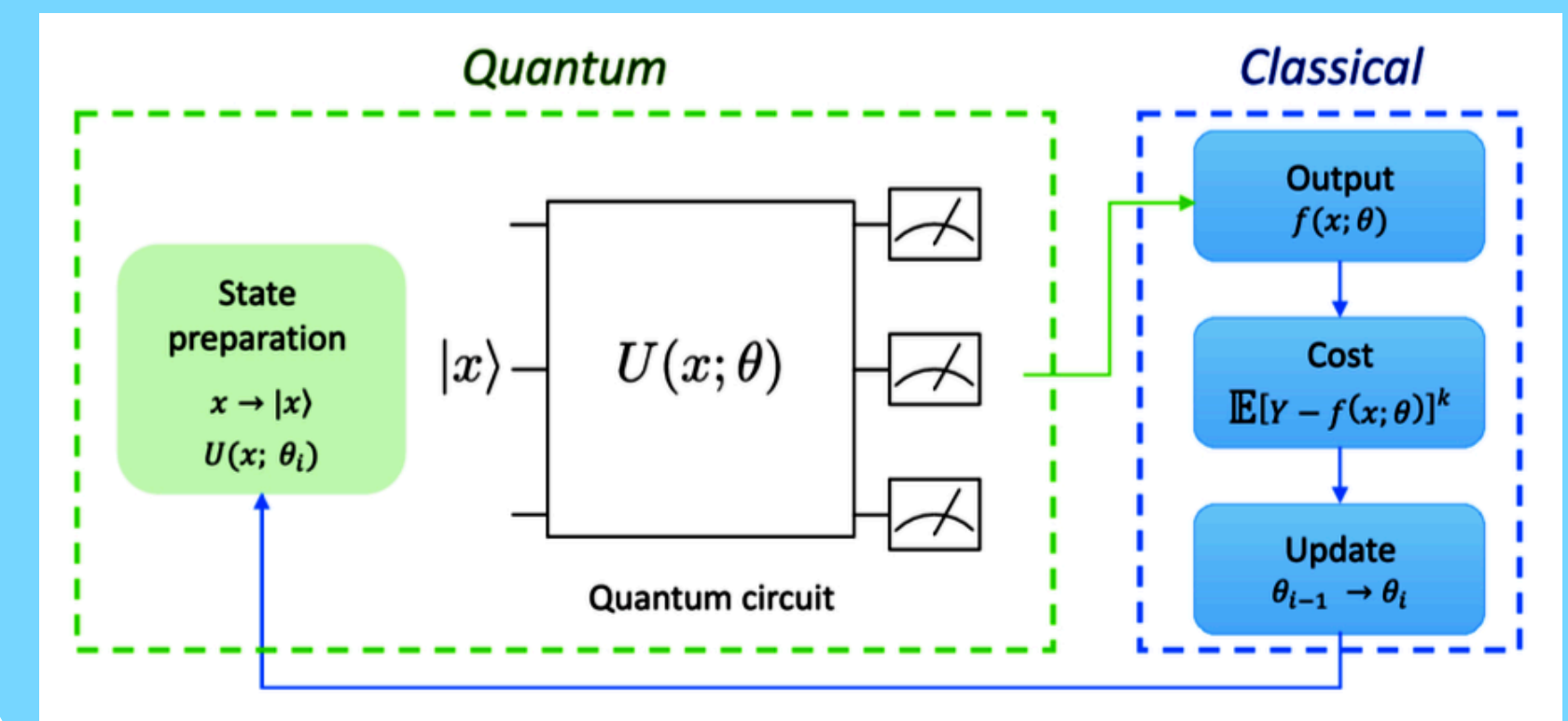
ex. Quantum-Support Vector Machines



$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(x)\rangle &= U_\phi(x) |0\rangle \\ |\phi(x')\rangle &= U_\phi(x') |0\rangle \\ |\langle \phi(x) | \phi(x') \rangle|^2 &= K(x, x') \end{aligned}$$

Variational Q-Algorithms

ex. Quantum-NN

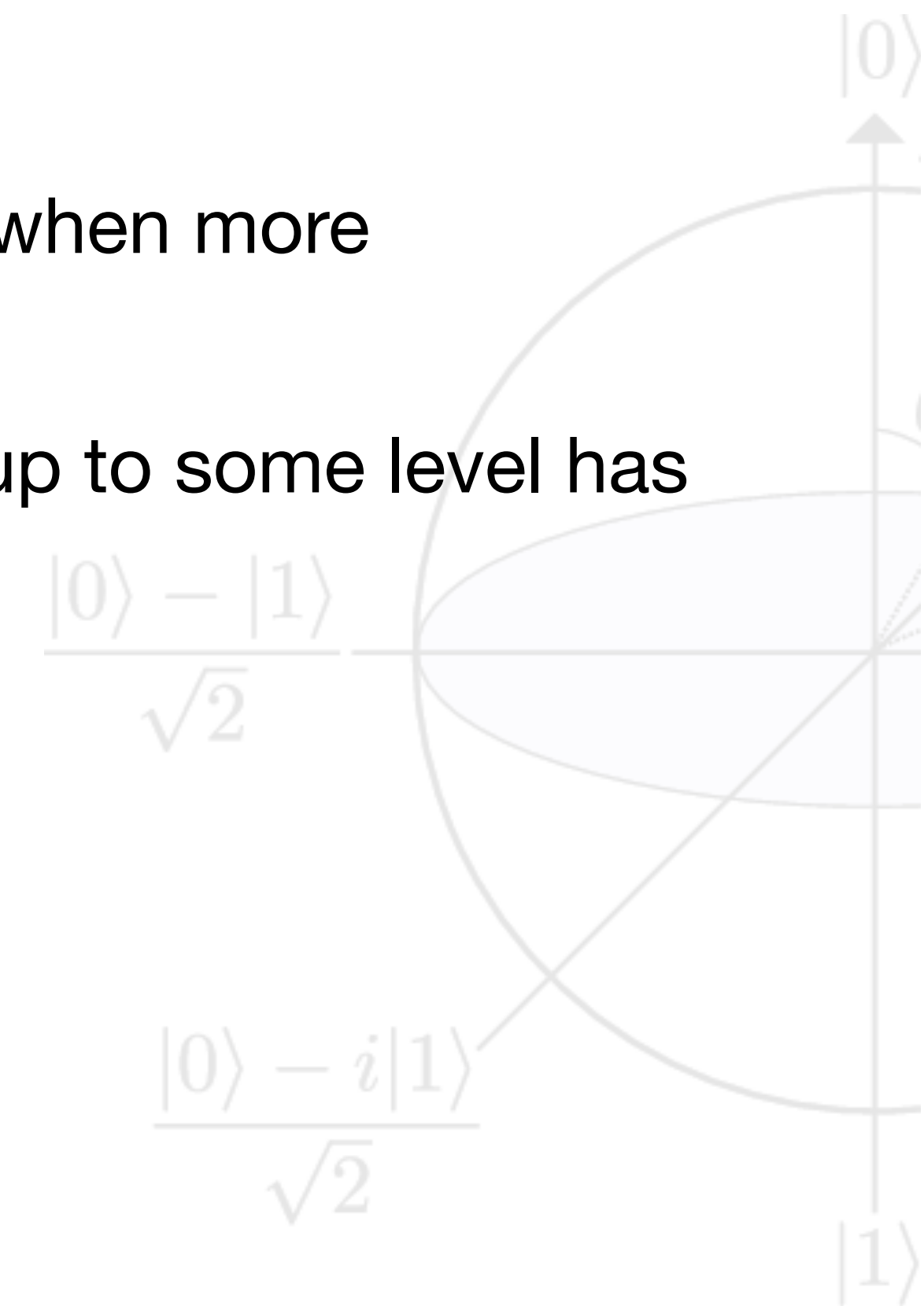


Energy Based

Finds the ground-state of a quantum system using a quantum-classical hybrid approach (ex. Quantum Boltzman Machines)

WHY QML?

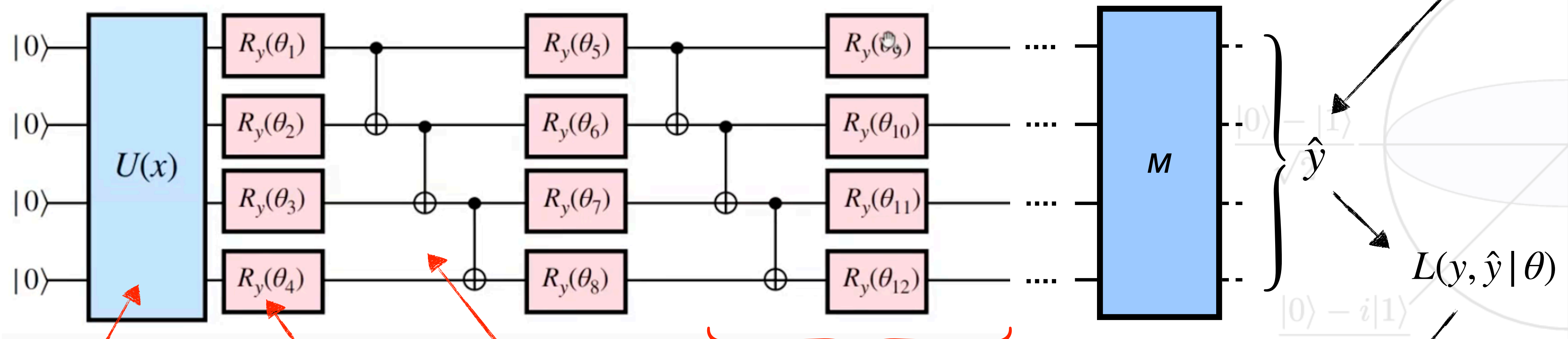
- QML works well with NISQ:
 - flexible, can be implemented with a small number of qubits and then scaled up when more resources are available
 - more robust to noise (noise in differentiable optimisation works as regulariser, up to some level has been show that QML algorithms give the correct result)
- and can in principle improve classical ML:
 - speed-up and complexity
 - sample efficiency
 - representational power
 - energy efficiency
 - ...



QUANTUM NEURAL NETWORKS

- typical example of a QNN:

$$\hat{y} \doteq f(x, \theta) = \langle M \rangle = \langle x | V^\dagger(\theta) M V(\theta) | x \rangle$$



encoding classical input x

parametrised rotations (along y in this example)

creates non-classical correlations that hopefully will increase the expressibility of the circuit

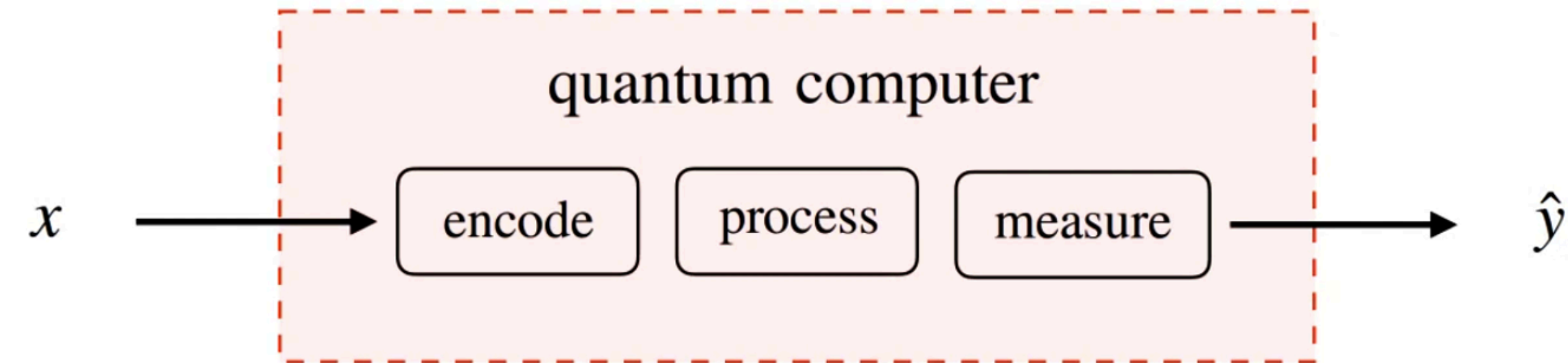
entanglement block via CNOT gates

repeated N -times (N -layers) to increase expressibility

$$\theta^* = \arg \min \sum_{i \in D} L(y_i, f(x_i, \theta))$$

ENCODING CLASSICAL DATA

- encoding of classical data is a crucial step in implementing CQ-QML algorithms

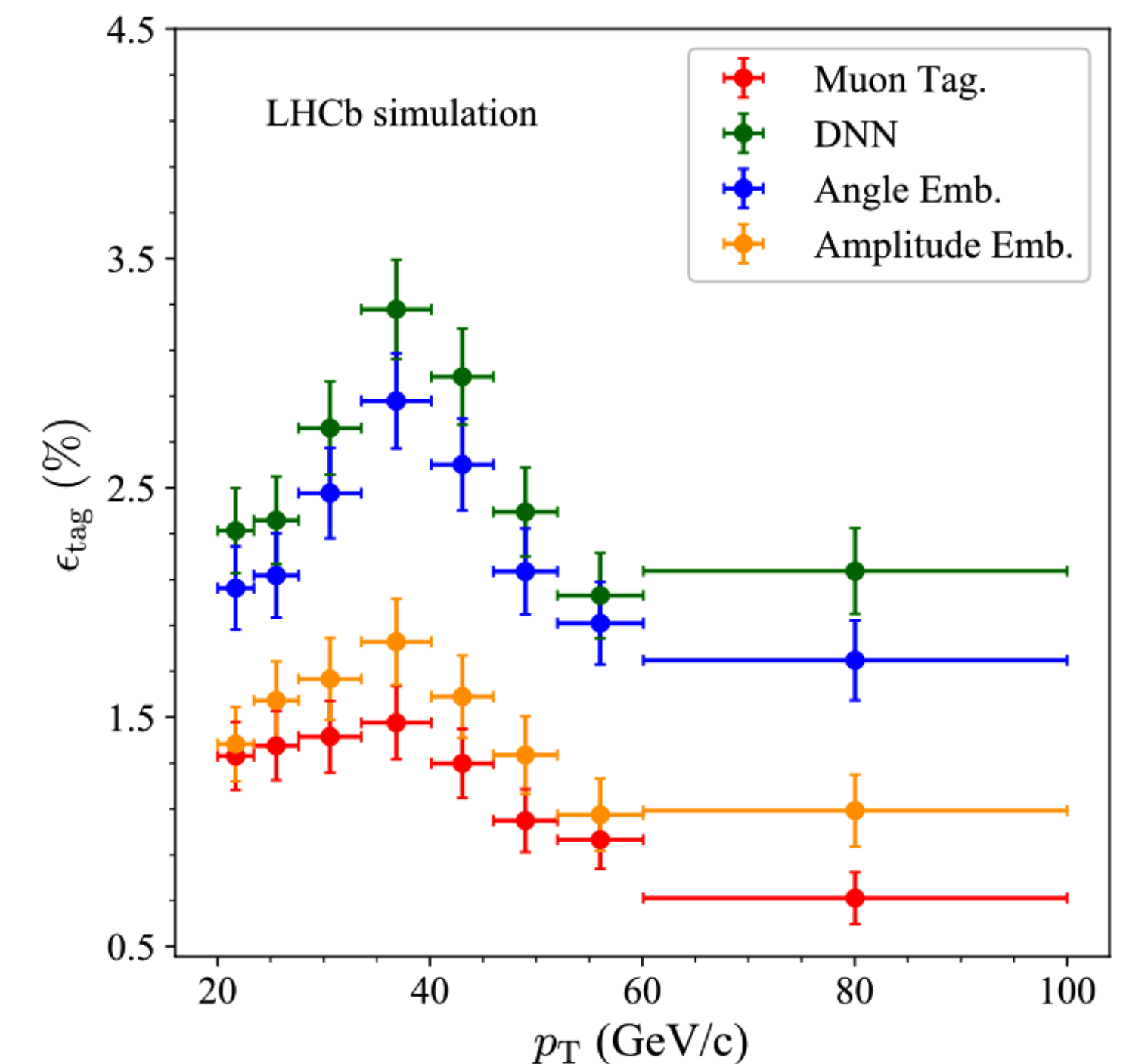


- several way to do it, ranging from conceptually simple but resources hungry (# qubits), to more efficient but also more complex (tradeoff between compression and circuit depth)

- example: **amplitude encoding**

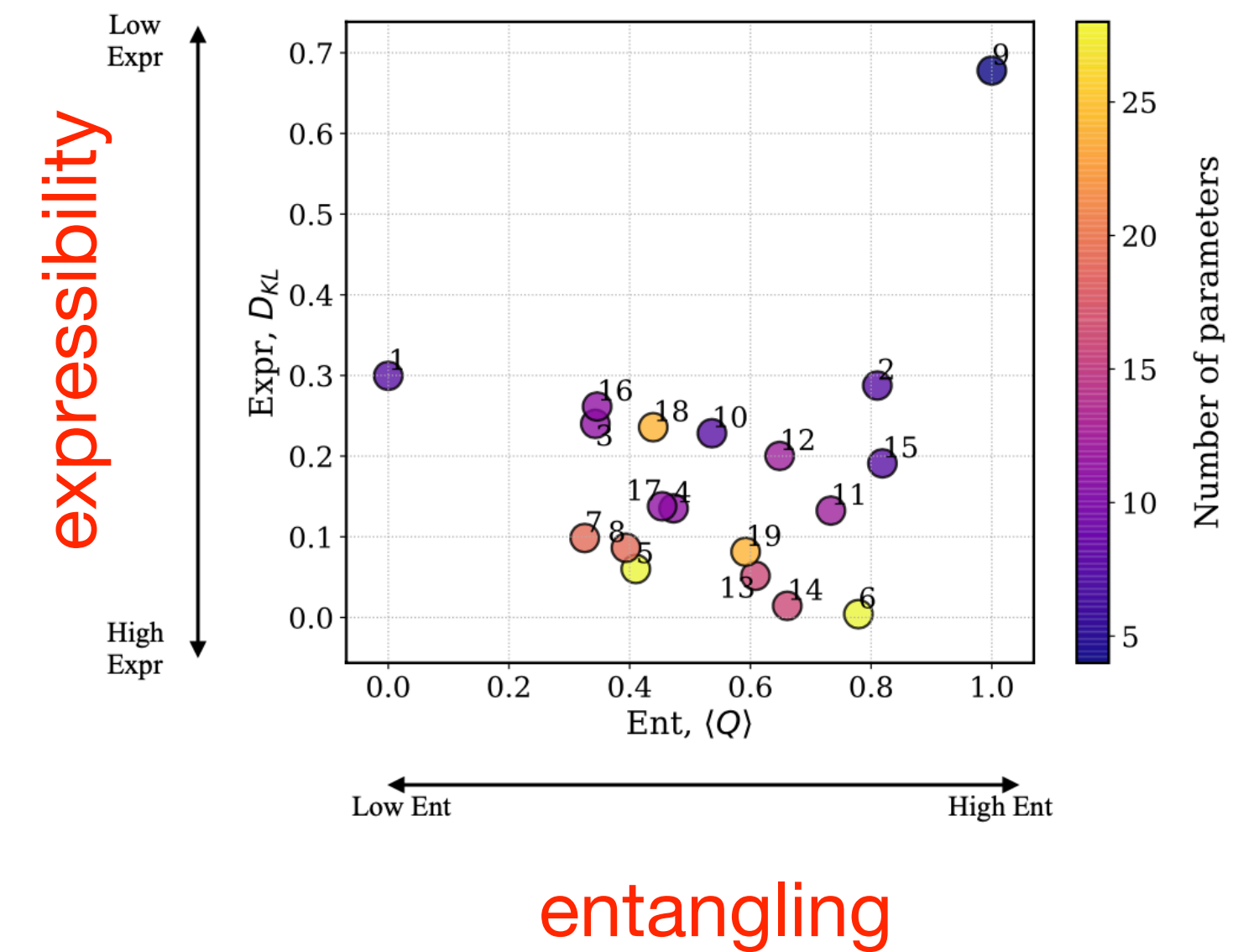
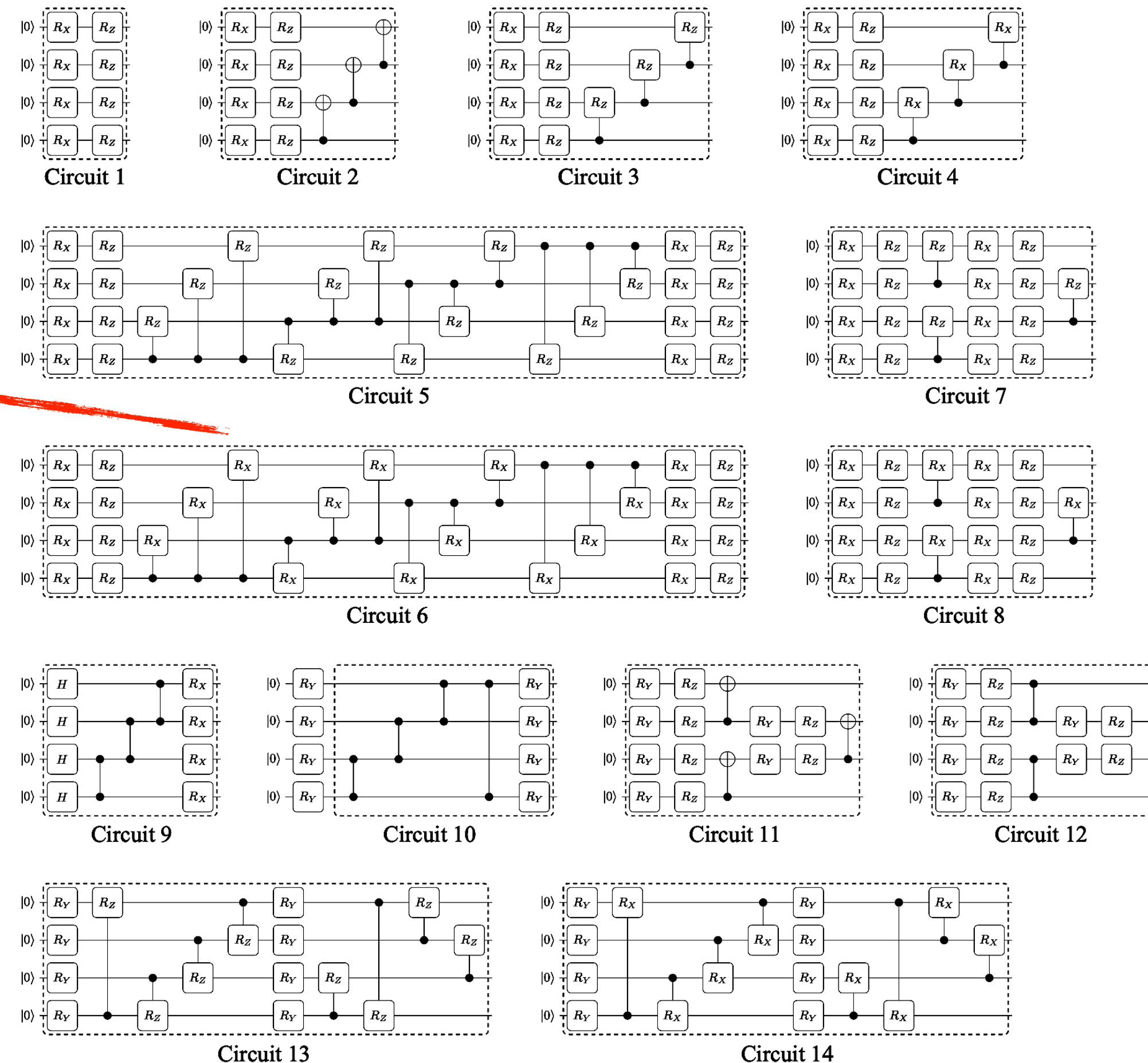
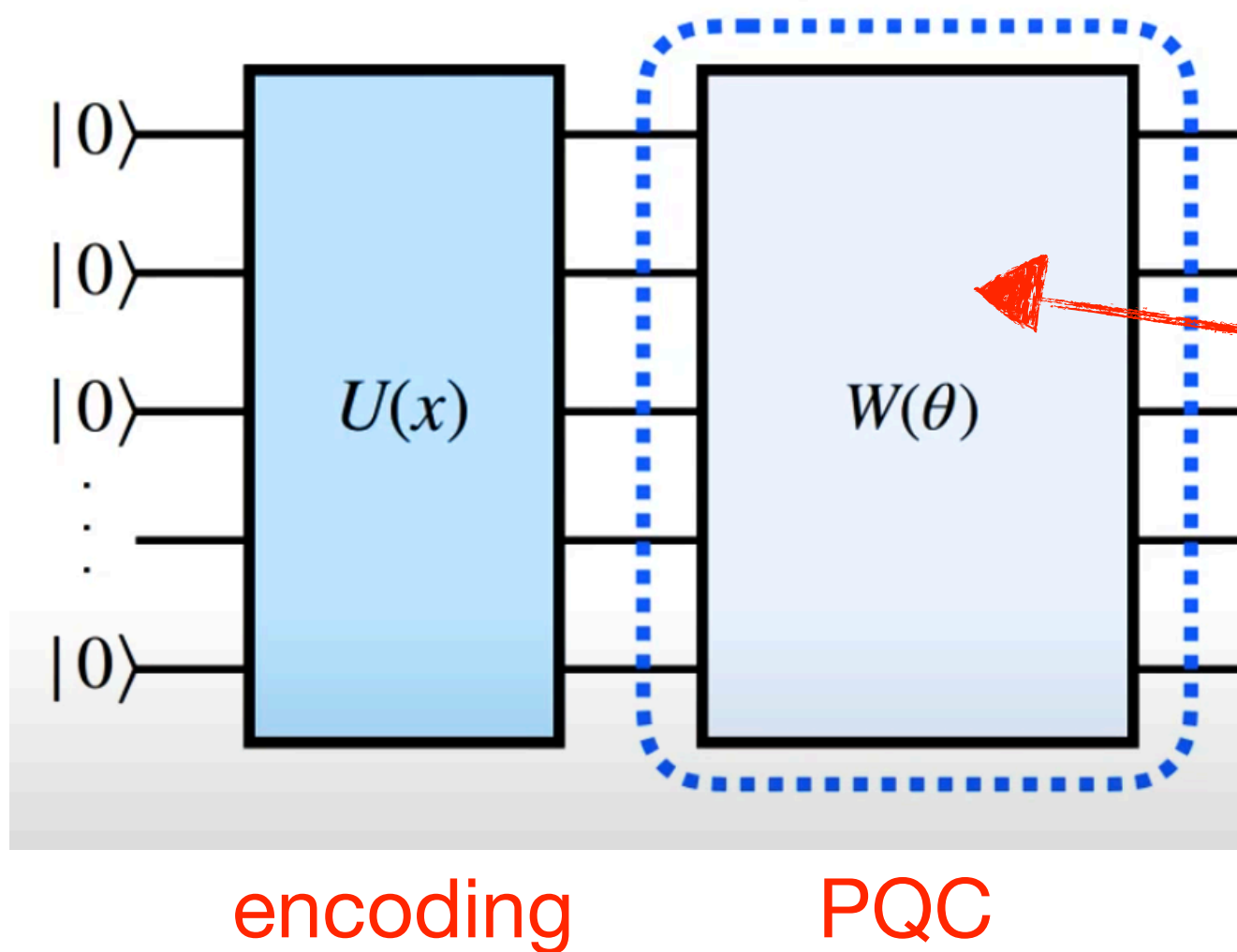
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\|x\|} (x_0 |0\rangle + x_1 |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\|x\|} \sum_{i=0}^N x_i |i\rangle$$

- fewer qubits needed: exponential compression $n_q \propto O(\log N)$
- more complex preparation and readout: # of gates $n_g \propto O(\text{poly}(N))$



EXPRESSIVE POWER OF PARAMETRISED QUANTUM CIRCUITS

- several studies in literature on how to choose the circuit ansatz in order to maximise **expressibility** and **entangling capabilities** (eg ability to efficiently represent the solution space for the tasks at hand and to capture non-trivial correlation in the quantum data)



S. Sim et al: [arXiv:1905.10876](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.10876)

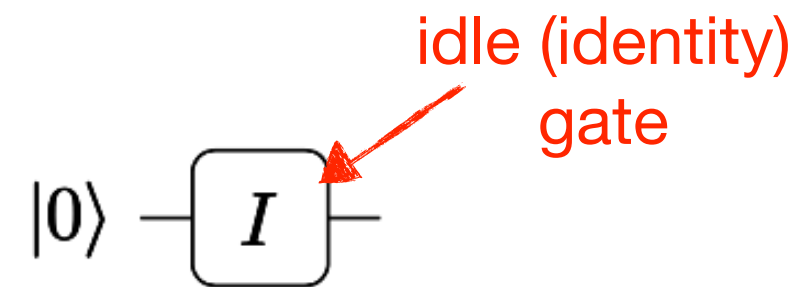
EXAMPLE: EXPRESSIBILITY FOR A SINGLE QUBIT

- **expressibility:** circuit's ability to generate (pure) states that are well representative of the Hilbert space
- in the case of a single qubit, the expressibility corresponds to the circuit's ability to explore the Bloch sphere

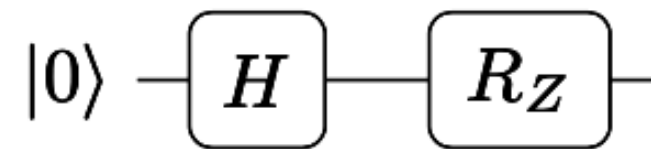


circuit

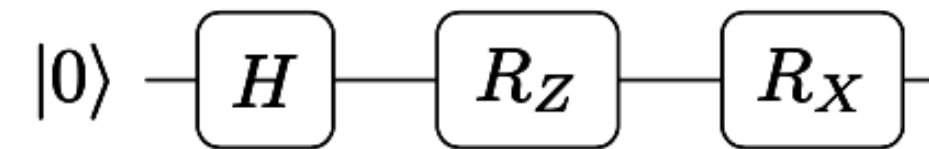
Idle circuit



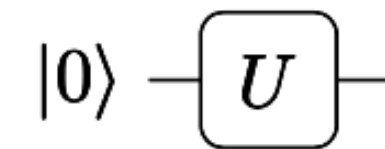
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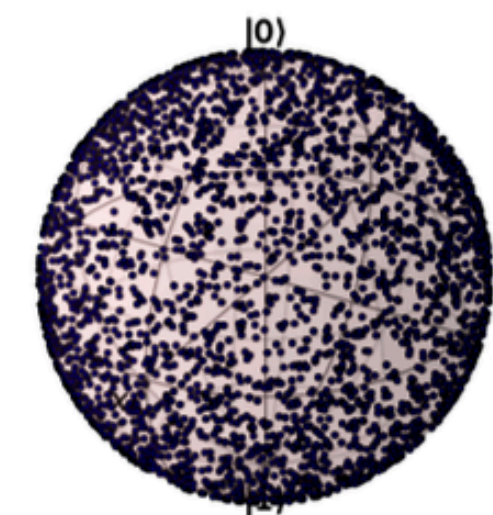
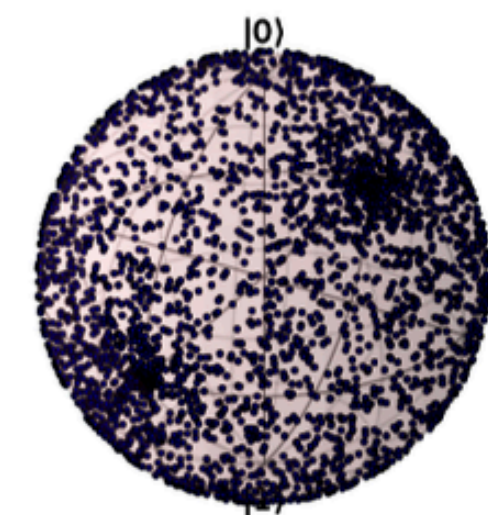
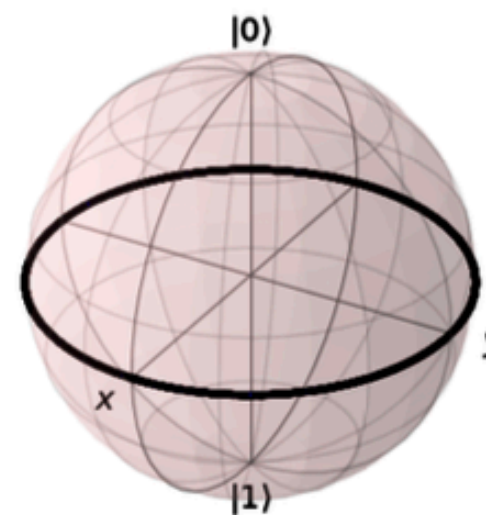
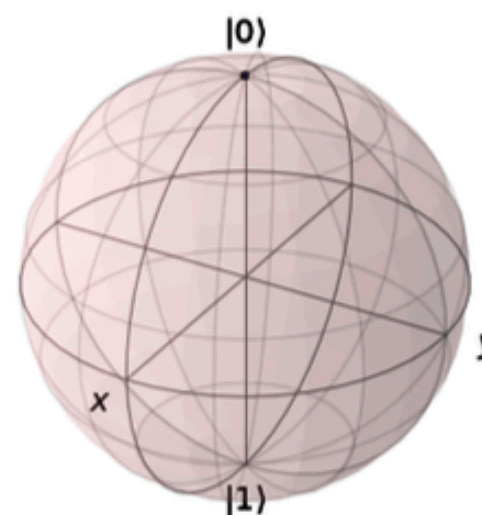
Circuit B



Arbitrary unitary



points on the
block sphere



EXPRESSIBILITY VS TRAINABILITY: THE BARREN PLATEAUS PROBLEM

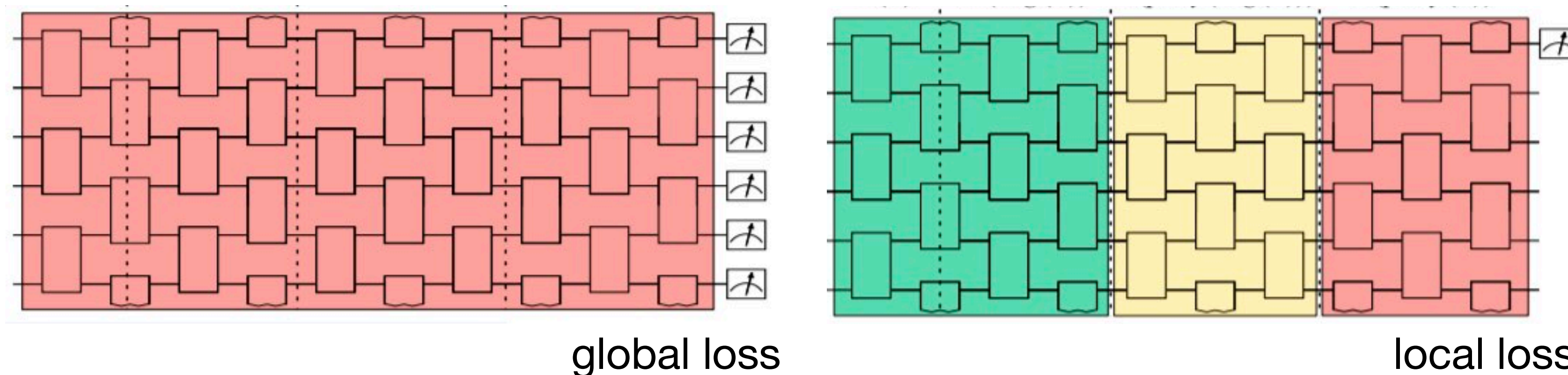
- variational circuits are affected by the presence of large regions in the loss landscape where the variance of the gradient is almost 0 (flat loss landscape)
- a circuit initialised in one of these areas will be untrainable using any gradient-based algorithm
- it can be shown that the gradient's variance exponentially decrease with the # of qubits

$$\langle \partial_{\theta} L \rangle \simeq 0$$

$$\text{Var}[\partial_{\theta} L] \sim 2^{-n} \quad \text{J.R. Mc Clean et al., Nat. Comm.}$$



- a possible mitigation strategy: use **local cost functions** that only have information from part of the circuit **coupled with not too-deep circuits and not too much entanglement**:



$$\text{Var}[\partial_{\theta} L] \gtrsim \text{poly}(n)^{-1}$$

Cerezo et al: arXiv:2001.00550

QML AND QUANTUM ADVANTAGE

Quantum Convolutional Neural Networks are (Effectively) Classically Simulable

Pablo Bermejo, Paolo Braccia, Manuel S. Rudolph, Zoë Holmes, Lukasz Cincio, M. Cerezo

[P. Bermejo et al, arXiv:2408.12739](#)

[M.Cerzo et al, QTML 2024](#)

Does provable absence of barren plateaus imply classical simulability? Or, why we need to rethink variational quantum computing

M. Cerezo, Martin Larocca, Diego García-Martín, N. L. Diaz, Paolo Braccia, Enrico Fontana, Manuel S. Rudolph, Pablo Bermejo, Aroosa Ijaz, Supanut Thanasilp, Eric R. Anschuetz, and Zoë Holmes

This provokes the question: *Could the very same structure that allows one to provably avoid barren plateaus be leveraged to efficiently simulate the loss function classically?* Here we argue that the answer to this question is ‘yes’. *Specifically, we claim that loss landscapes which provably do not exhibit barren plateaus can be simulated using a classical algorithm that runs in polynomial time.* Importantly, this simulation might still necessitate

our work can not, and does not intend to, prove that there is no scenario whatsoever where it may be necessary to train a QCNN on a quantum computer. However, the burden of proof now rests firmly in the hands of any proponent of QCNNs to identify such cases and until then it is good practice to maintain a healthy skepticism that such cases can be found. Hence we boldly claim: *There is currently no evidence that QCNNs will work on classically non-trivial tasks, and their place in the upper echelon of promising QML architectures should be seriously revised.*

is the quantum advantage the right goal for QML? [M. Schuld, N.Kiloran PRX Quantum 2 030101](#)

Until error correction will be available (2030?) better to focus on an intermediate milestone: **quantum utility ...**

QUANTUM UTILITY

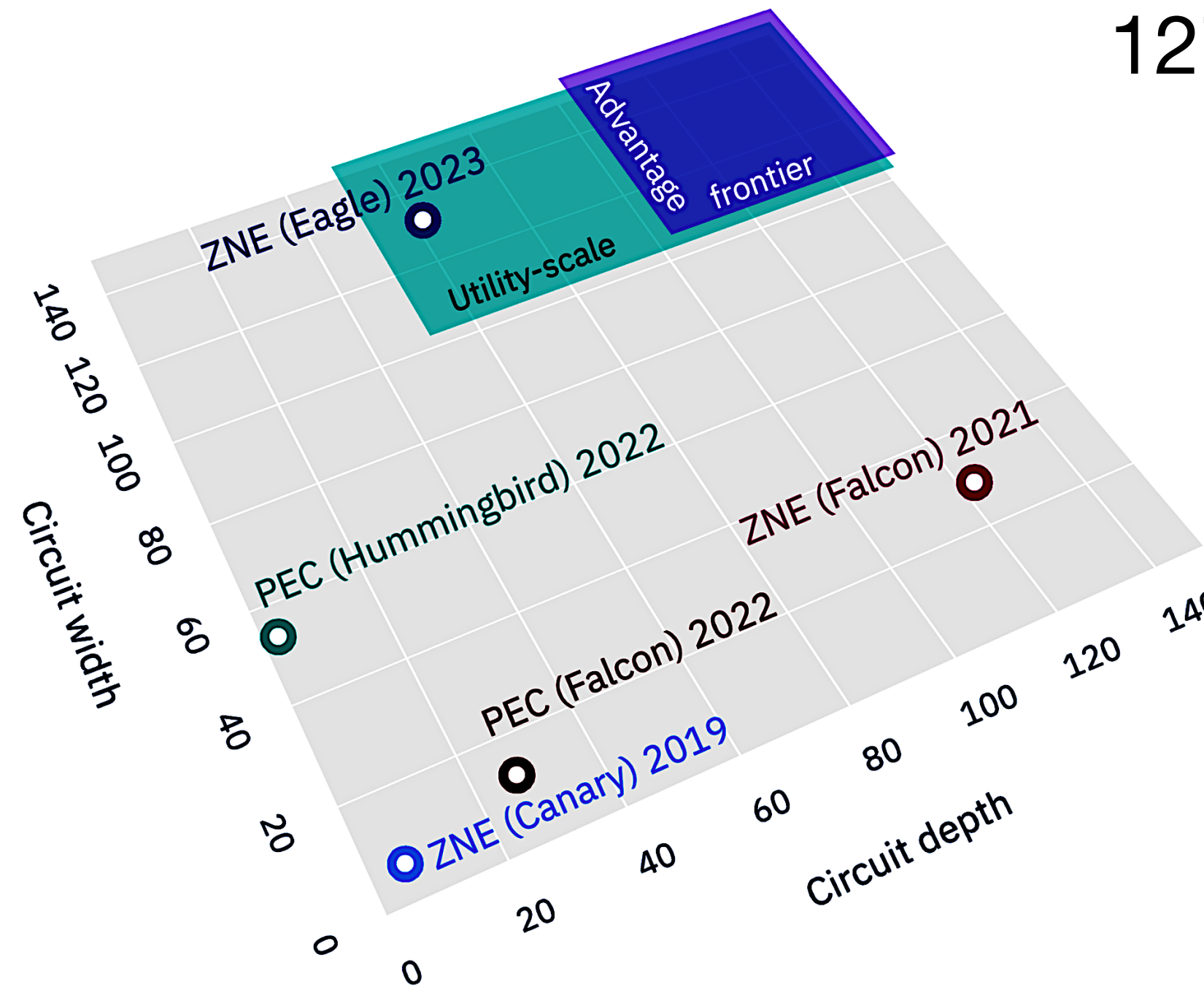
High-fidelity quantum computation outside the reach of exact classical simulation methods

It is the first major milestone on the path to Quantum Advantage.

Useful quantum computation requires utility-scale hardware and co-designed scalable software capabilities.

This means systems larger than 100 qubits, where simulations are not a viable alternative.

IBM quantum 2024



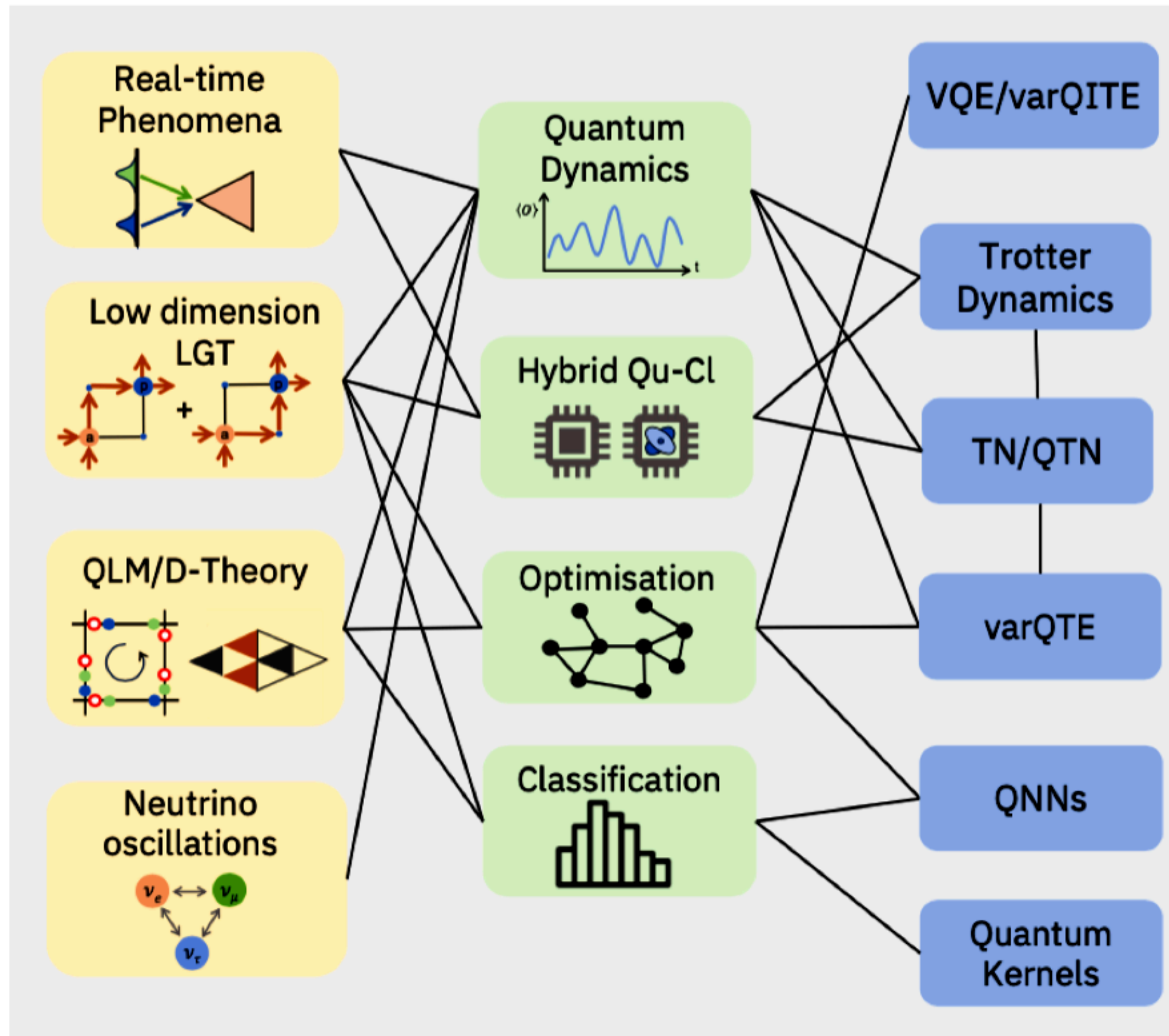
Evidence for the utility of QC before fault tolerance
127 qubits / 2880 CX gates



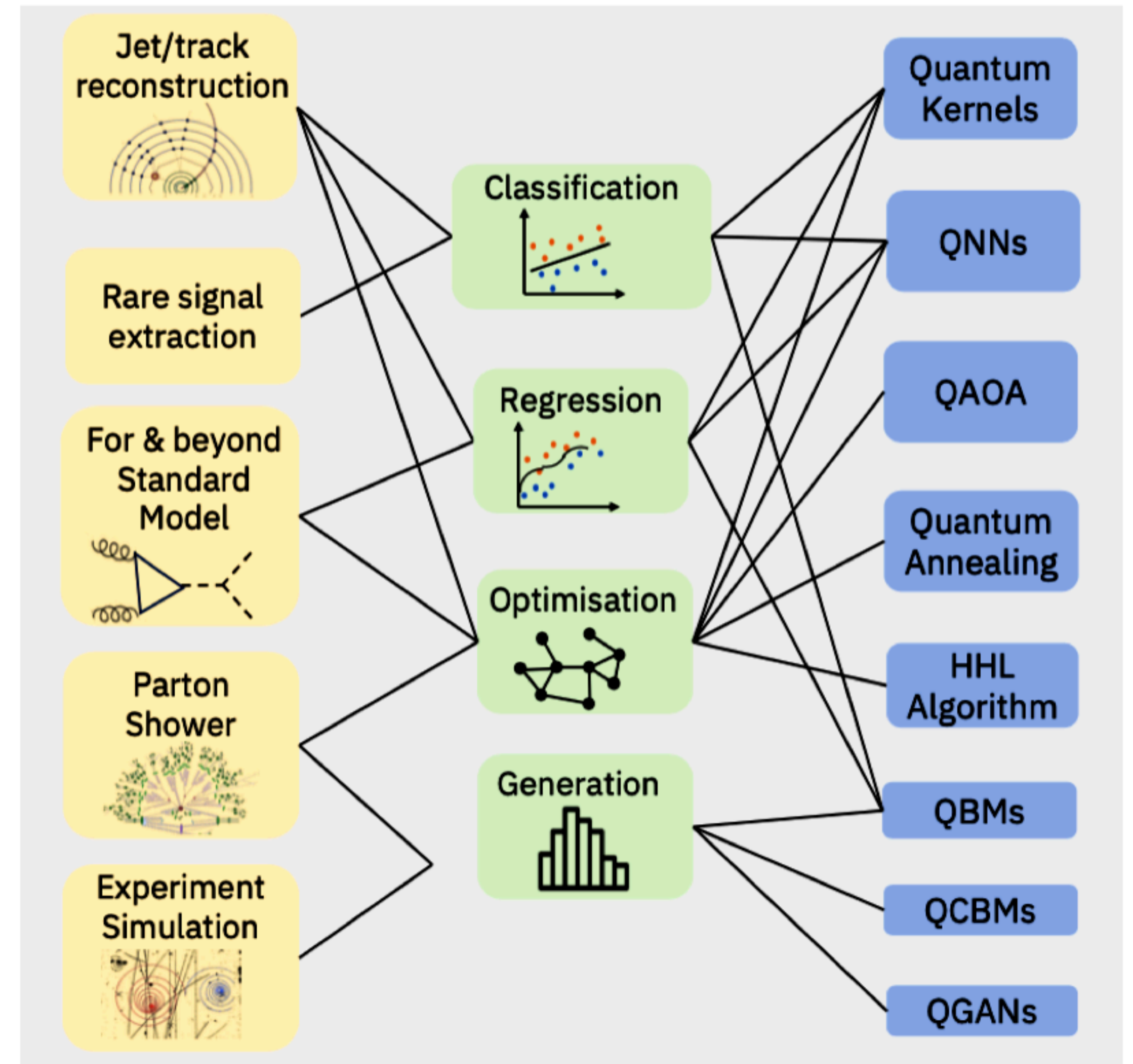
[Nature, 618, 500 \(2023\)](#)

EXAMPLES OF QML APPLICATIONS IN HEP

Theory

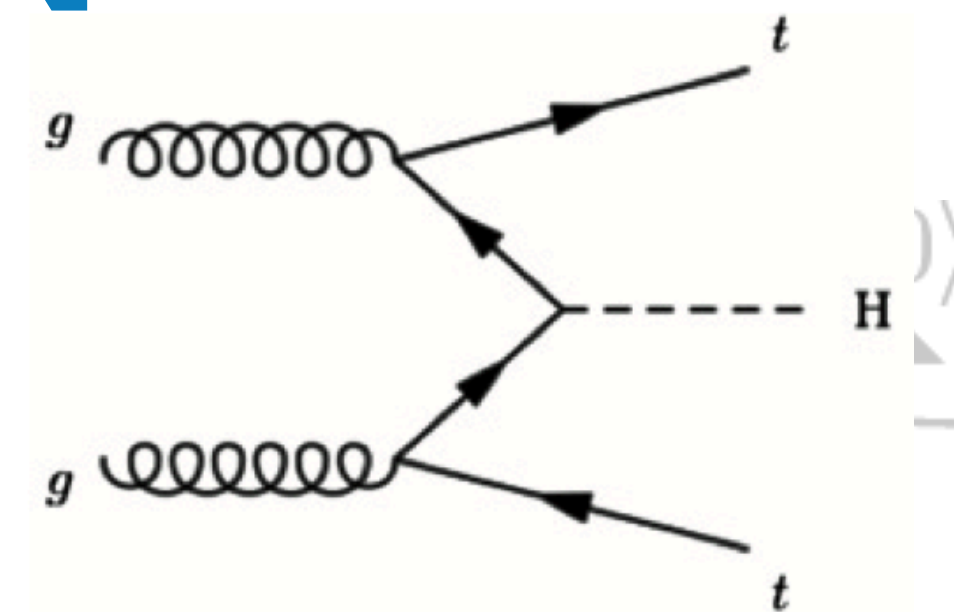


Experiment

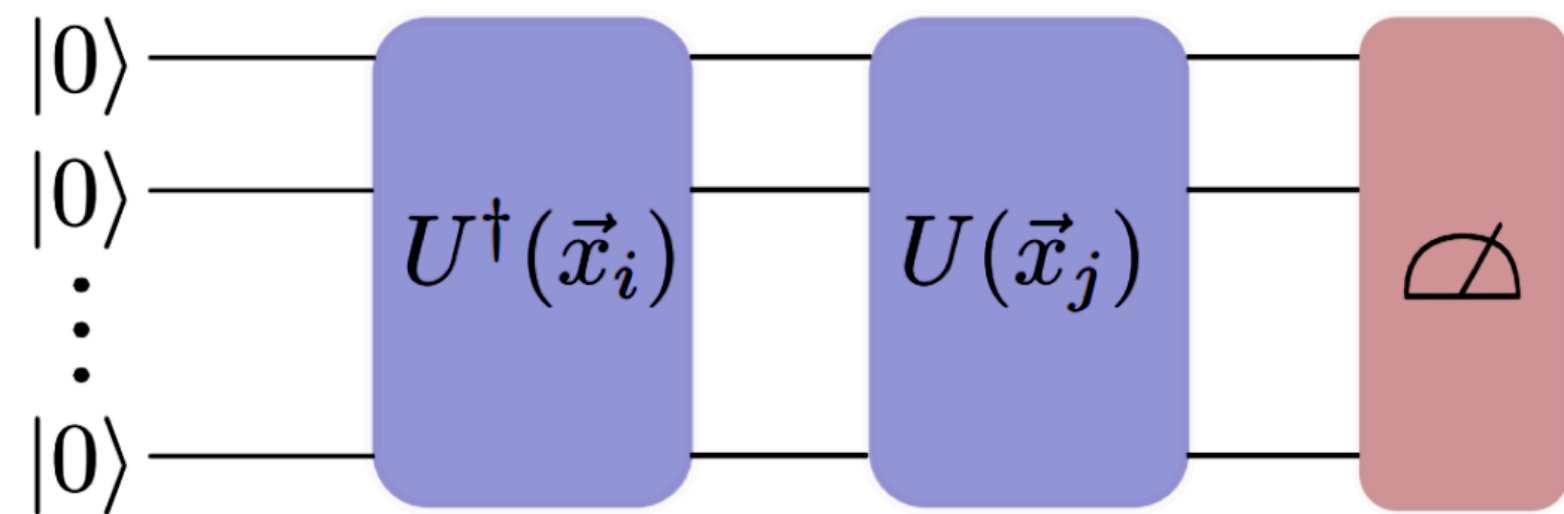


QML IN HEP: HIGGS CLASSIFICATION

- Classical Support Vector Machine with Quantum Kernels acceleration employed in probing of the Higgs boson coupling to the top quark with the $t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ channel



QSVM

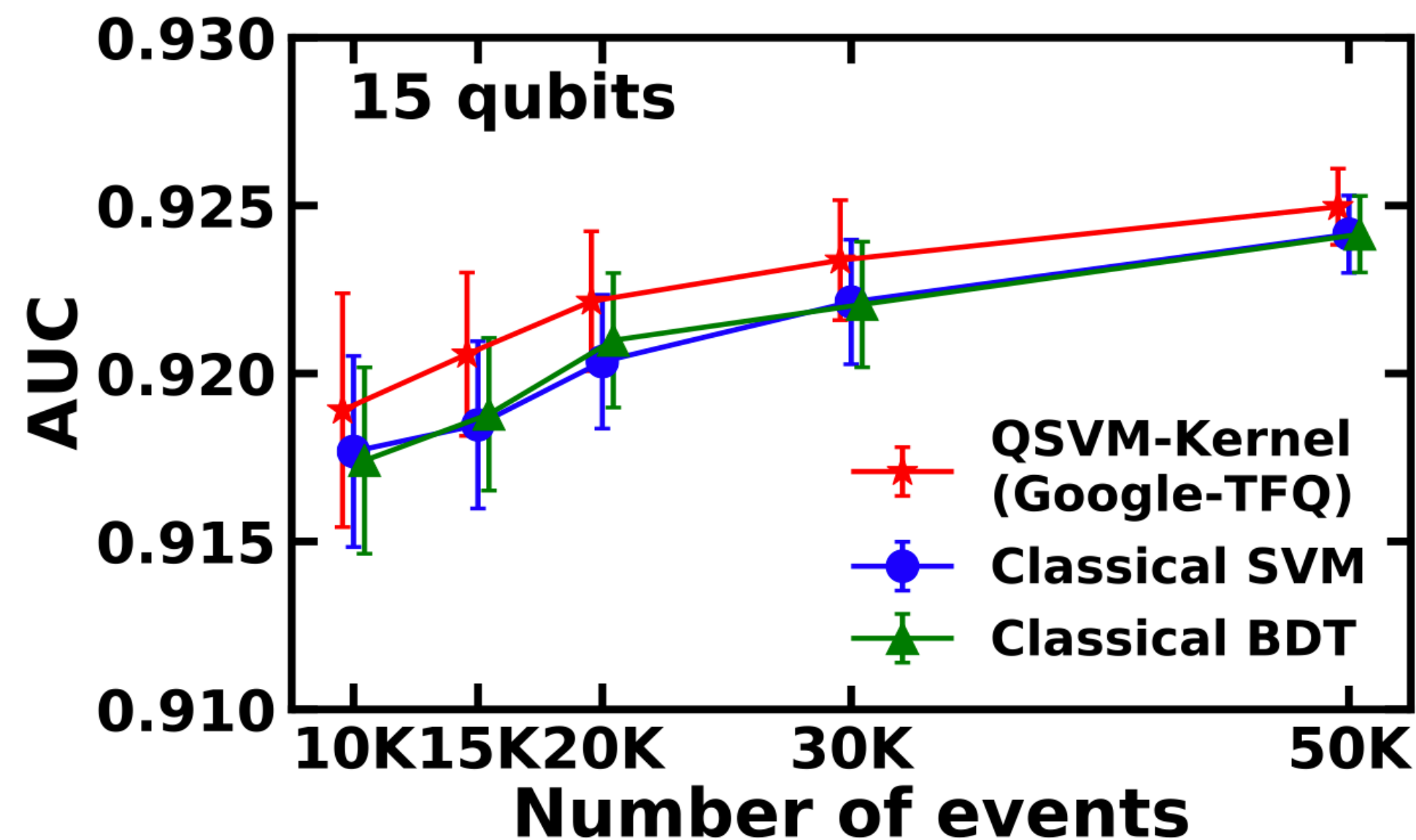


$$y' = \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^t \alpha_i y_i k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}') + b\right) \quad \text{SVM output}$$

$$\Rightarrow k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) = |\langle \Phi(\vec{x}_i) | \Phi(\vec{x}_j) \rangle|^2 = |\langle 0^{\otimes N} | \mathcal{U}_{\Phi(\vec{x}_i)}^\dagger \mathcal{U}_{\Phi(\vec{x}_j)} | 0^{\otimes N} \rangle|^2$$

Dataset:

- signal and dominant backgrounds considered, simulated with Delphes
- input features: 23 object-based kinematic variables from the ATLAS analysis



A QUANTUM ANNEALER EXAMPLE: HIGGS CLASSIFICATION

- an alternative approach: using a **programmable quantum annealer** ...
- task: classification of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ versus di-photon background

Quantum Annealing:

- define an ensemble of weak classifiers $C_i(x) = \pm 1/N_c$
- maps the solution of the problem to the ground state of an Ising Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} s_i s_j + \sum_i h_i s_i$$

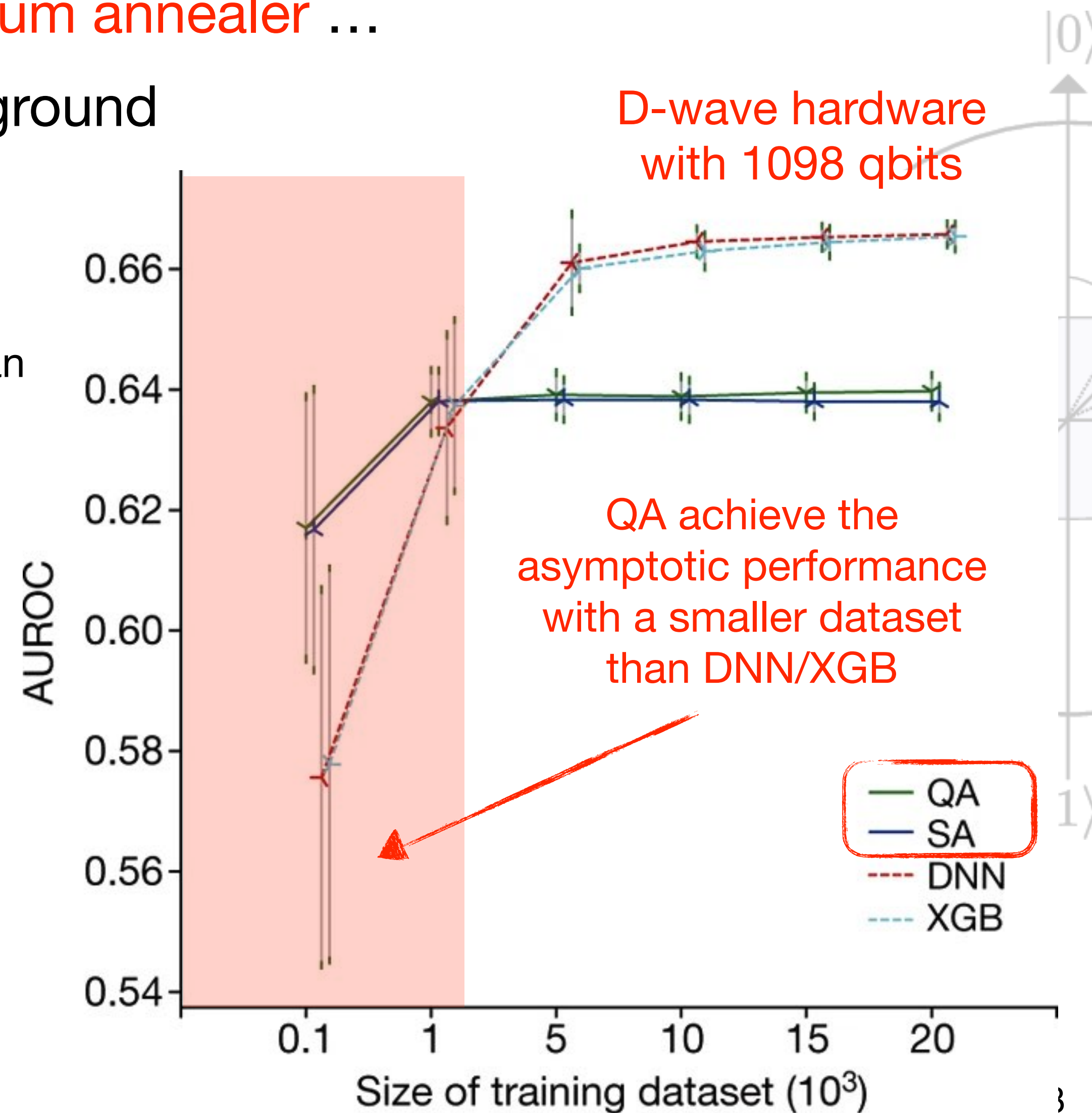
$$C_i = \sum_t C_i(x_t) y_t$$

$$C_{ij} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_t C_i(x_t) C_j(x_t)$$

$$h_i = \lambda - C_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j C_{ij}$$

- minimize H and return the ground state, building a strong classifier as:

$$R(x) = \sum_i s_i^* c_i(x) \in [-1, 1]$$



QML: HYBRID QUANTUM GNN FOR TRACK RECONSTRUCTION

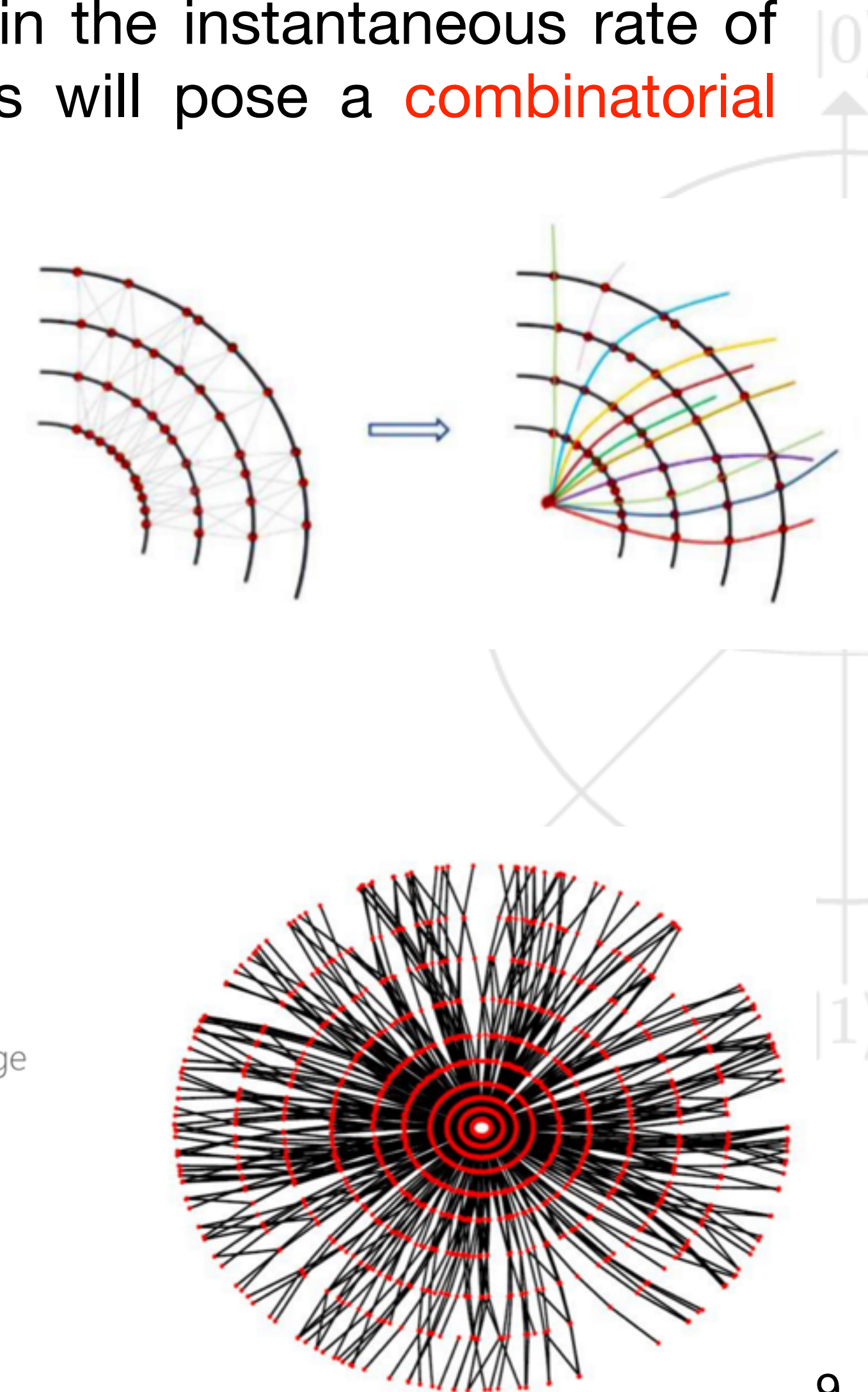
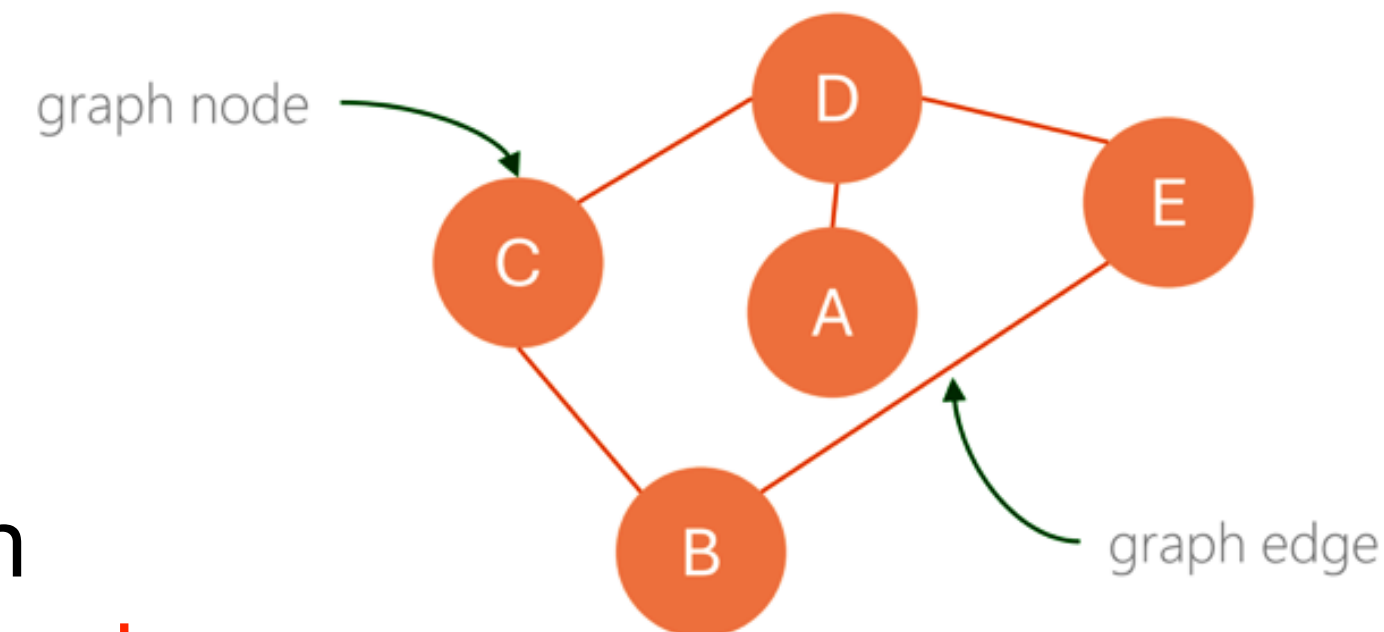
- one of the hard challenges at the future HL-LHC upgrade, when the increase in the instantaneous rate of particle collisions will yield many more detector hits, and thus measurements will pose a **combinatorial challenge** to track reconstruction algorithms
- **idea**: explore the possibility to speedup the task by implementing an hybrid classical-quantum Graph Neural Network trained to determine charged particle trajectories from hits in a LHC inner tracker detector

- charged particle tracks are represented as a graph over the detector hits

- **nodes**: hits in a detector layer

- **edges**: track segments

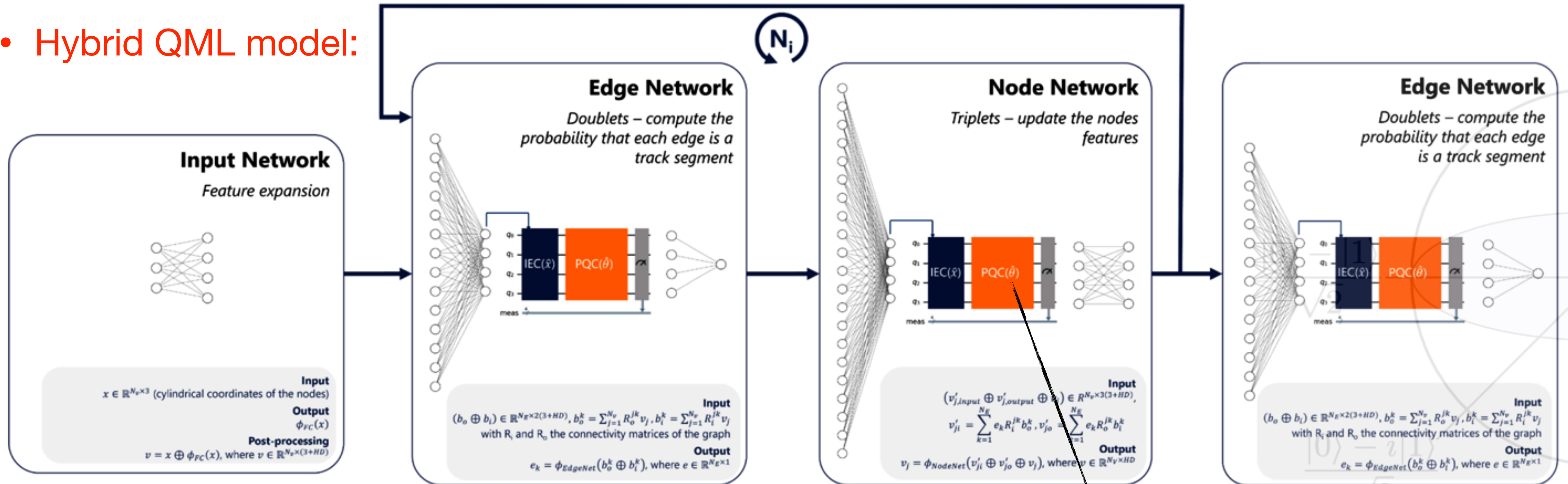
- nodes and edges information is updated through **message passing** leveraging an **attention mechanism** to identify most relevant nodes



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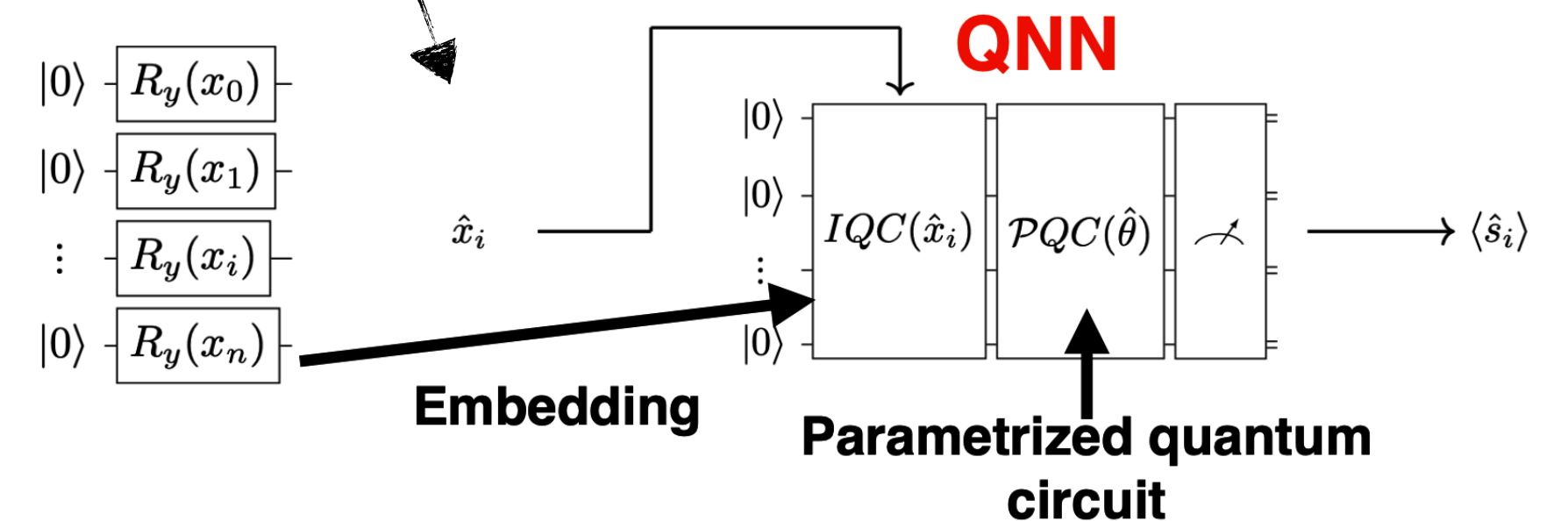
first implemented by [Cenk Tüysüz et al, arXiv:2012.01379](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.01379)

- Hybrid QML model:



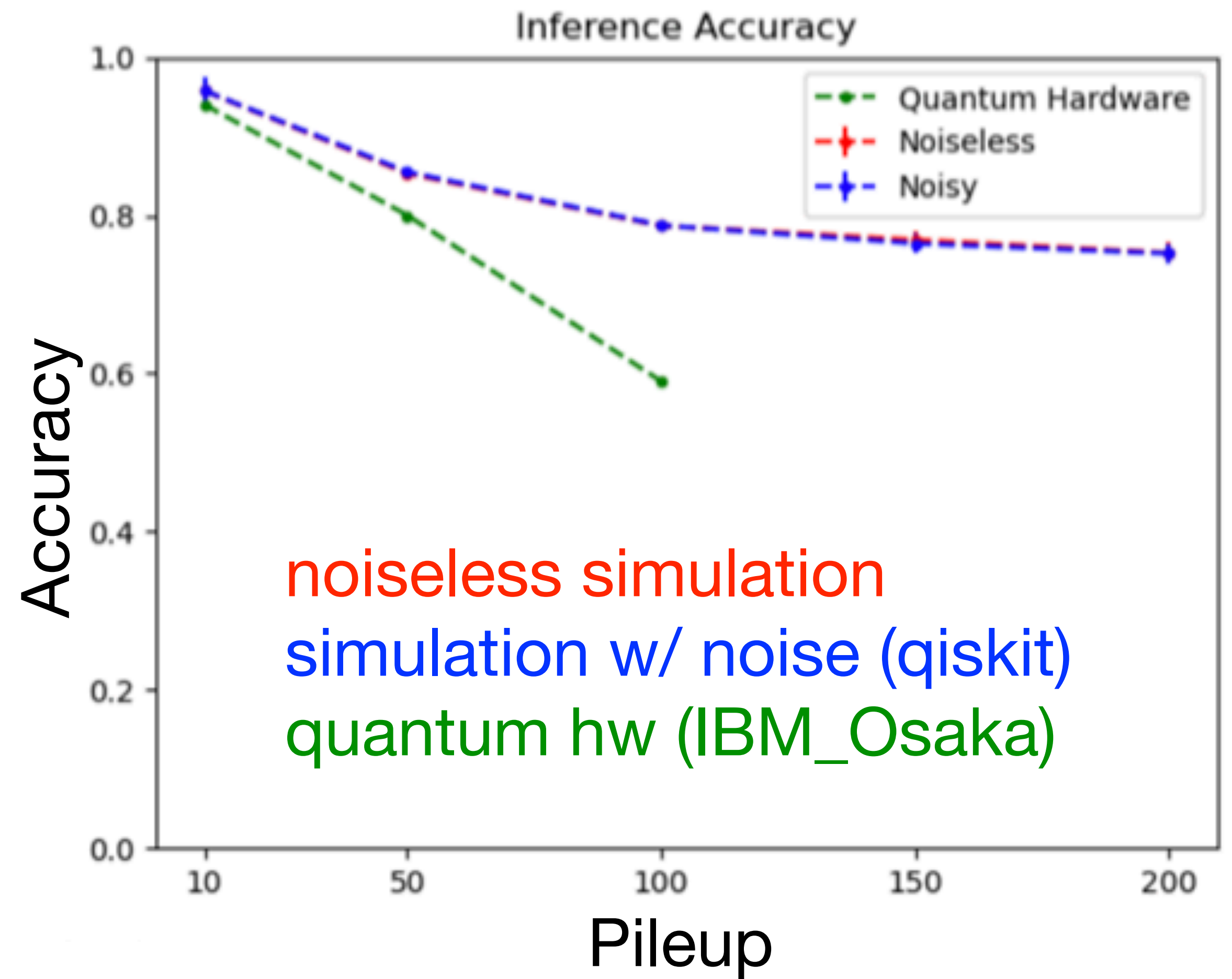
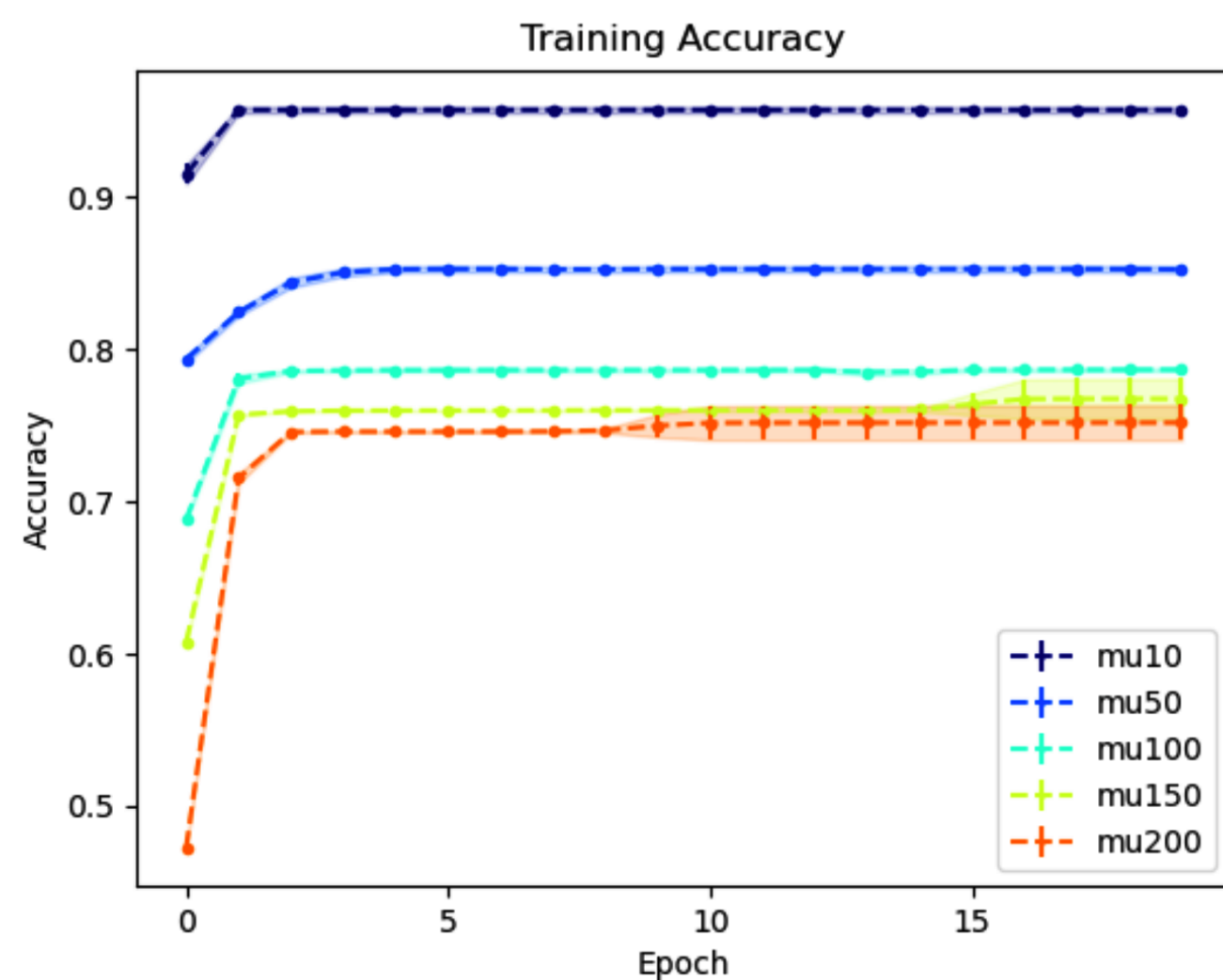
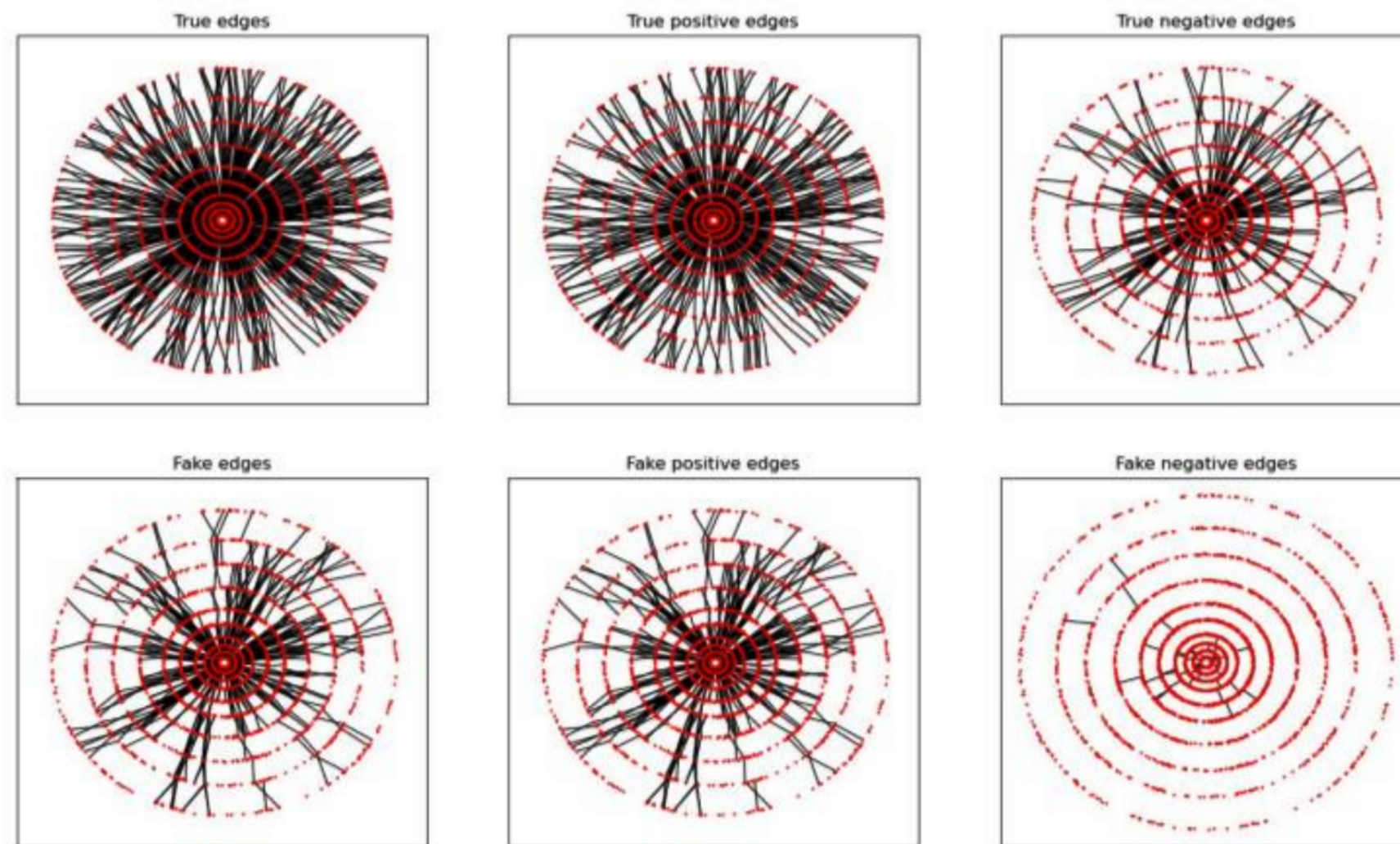
Edge network: QNN with edges as inputs, outputs probabilities for edges to be true (edge features)

Node network: Edges are weighted with edge features. Triplets of connected nodes are built, and fed to a QNN. QNN provides updated nodes as outputs.



QML: HYBRID QUANTUM GNN FOR TRACK RECONSTRUCTION

Accuracy is, as expected, higher with lower pileup



noiseless simulation
simulation w/ noise (qiskit)
quantum hw (IBM_Osaka)

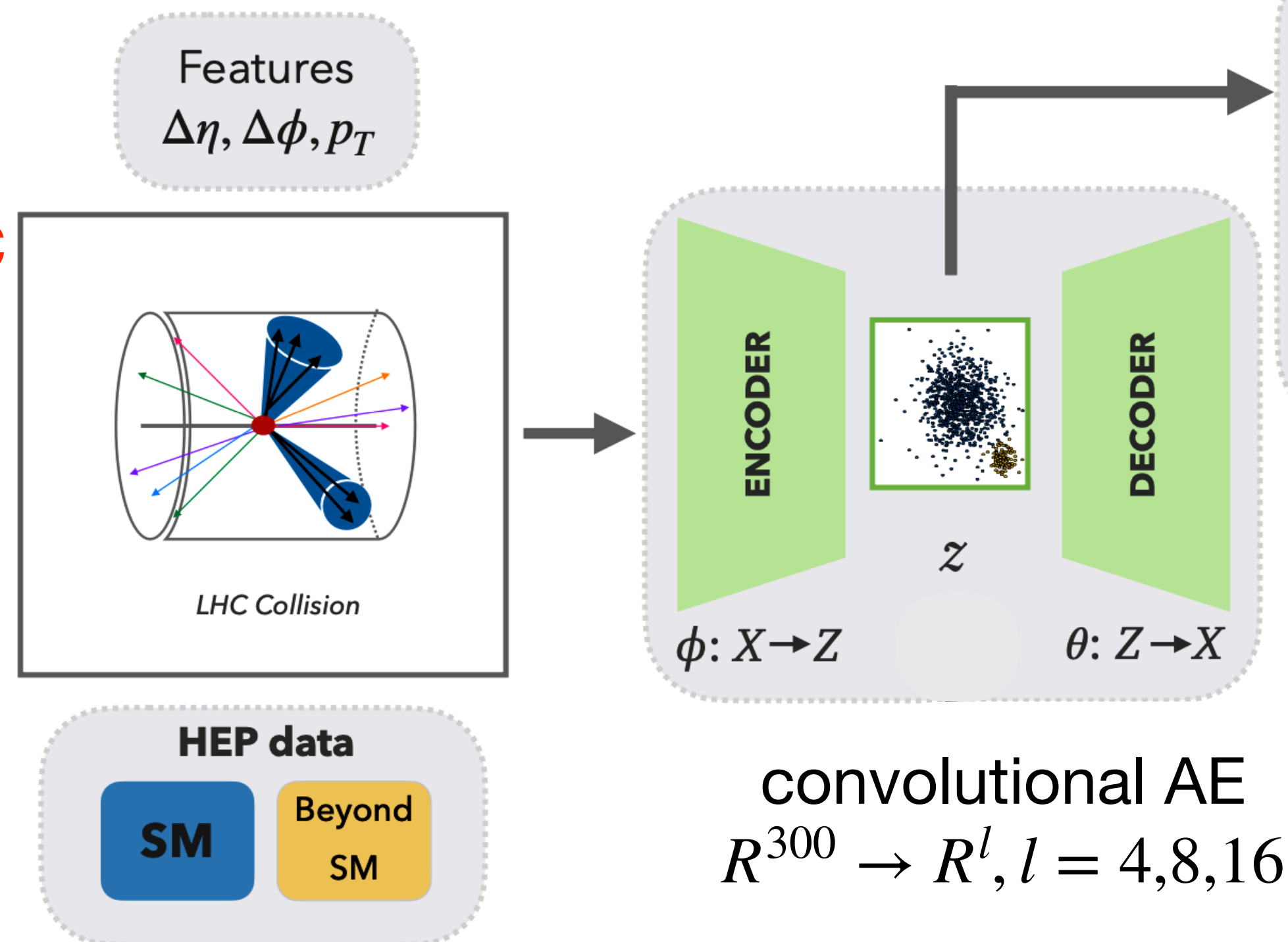
INFN-Ferrara: V.Amitrano, M.Argenton, C.Bozzi, E.Calore, L.Cappelli, F.Schifano

QUANTUM ANOMALY DETECTION FOR QCD JETS

- Anomaly Detection describes a class of algorithms that aims at the identification of rare items, events or observations, which deviate significantly from the majority of the data and do not conform to a well-defined notion of normal behavior
- Gained increasing interest recently in experiments at the LHC, as a viable ML approach to implement signal model-independent searches for NP effects

Use case:

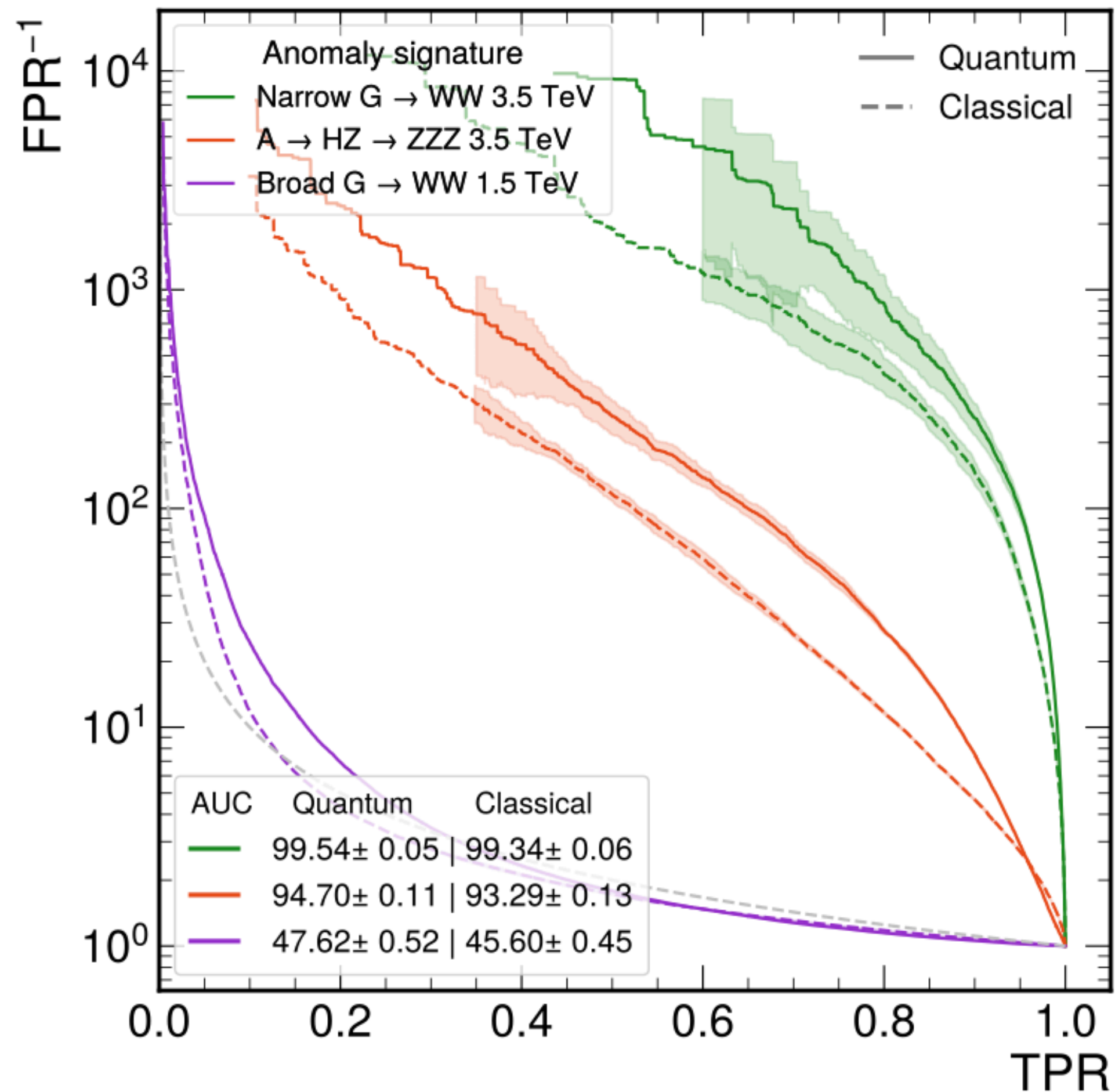
- QCD multijets at the LHC
- delphes simulation
- build jets from 100 highest pt particles
- apply realistic event selection



find the hyperplane that maximise the distance of the data from the origin of the feature vector space

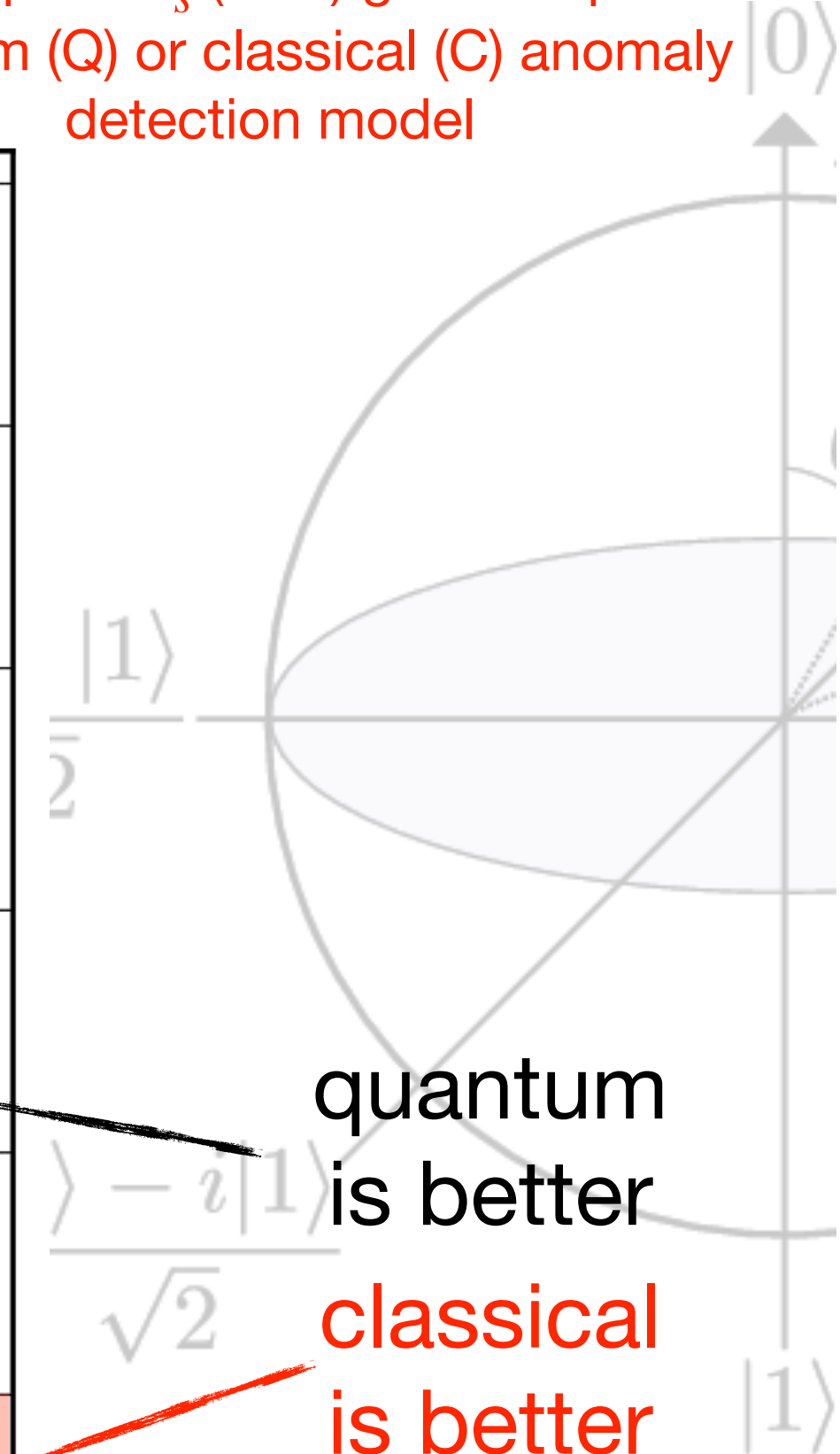
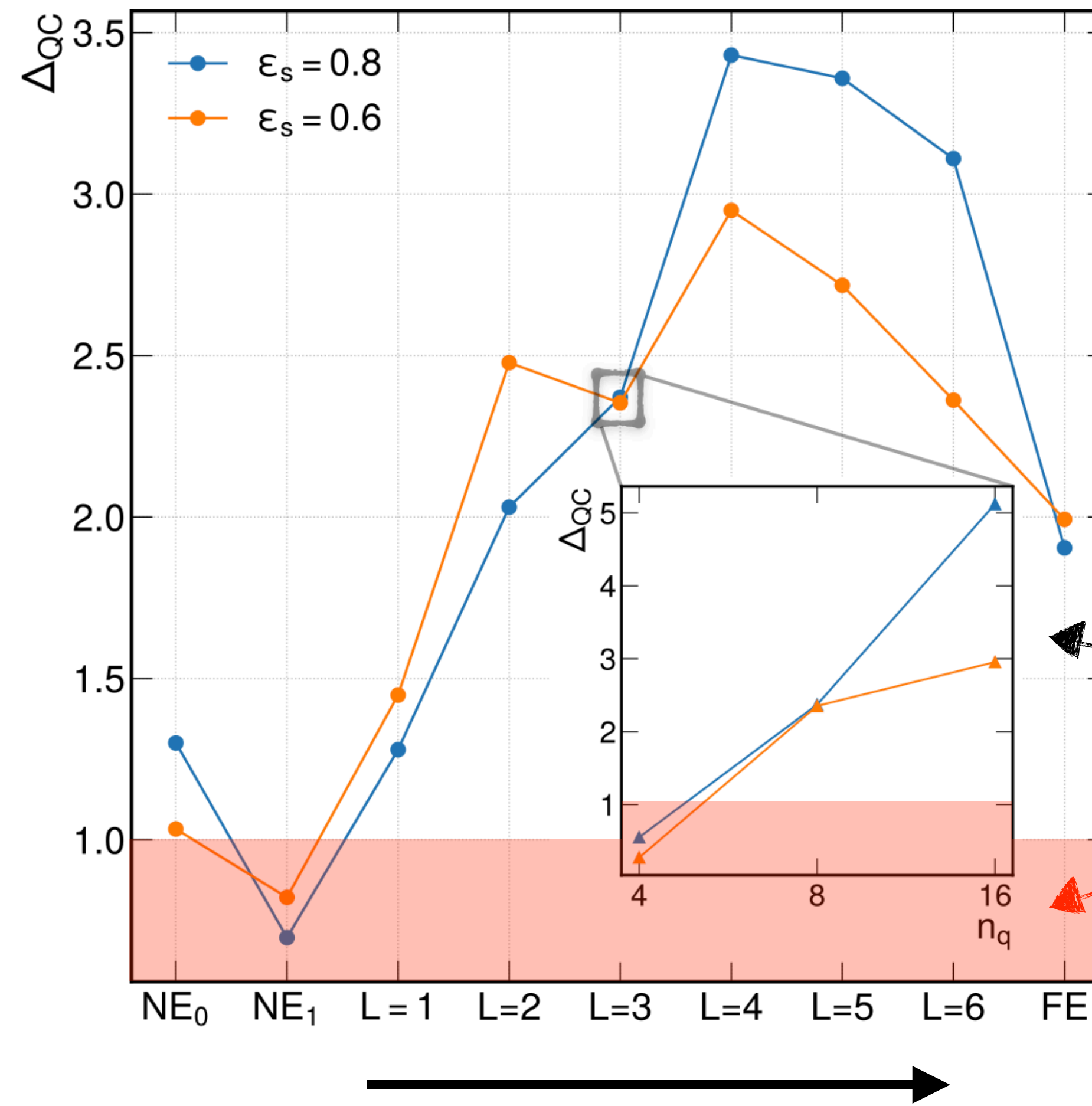
- input data compressed classically with an AE
- latent representation analysed by an unsupervised quantum kernel

QUANTUM ANOMALY DETECTION FOR QCD JETS



$$\Delta_{QC}(\epsilon_s) = \frac{\epsilon_b^{-1}(\epsilon_s; Q)}{\epsilon_b^{-1}(\epsilon_s; C)}$$

background rejection (FPR^{-1}) at a working point ϵ_s (TPR) given a specific quantum (Q) or classical (C) anomaly detection model



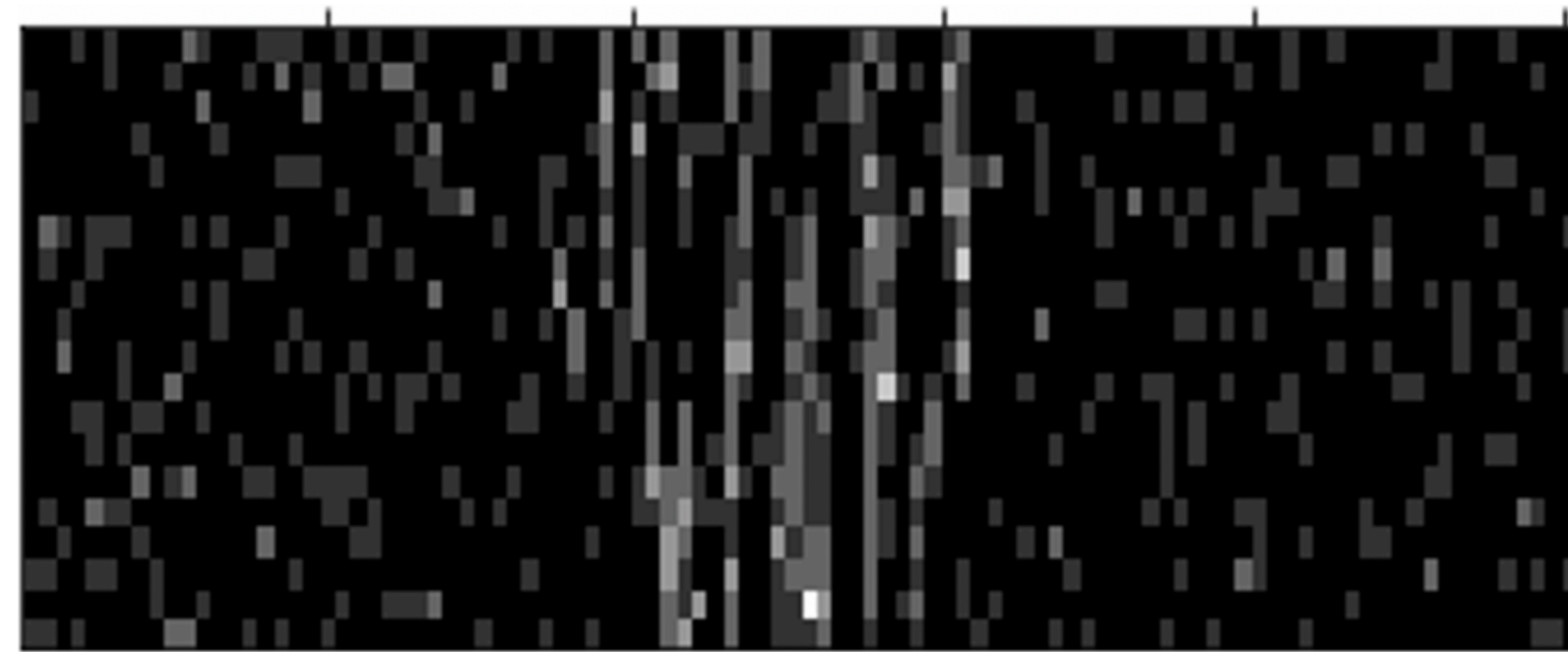
quantum is better
classical is better

entanglement and expressivity increase

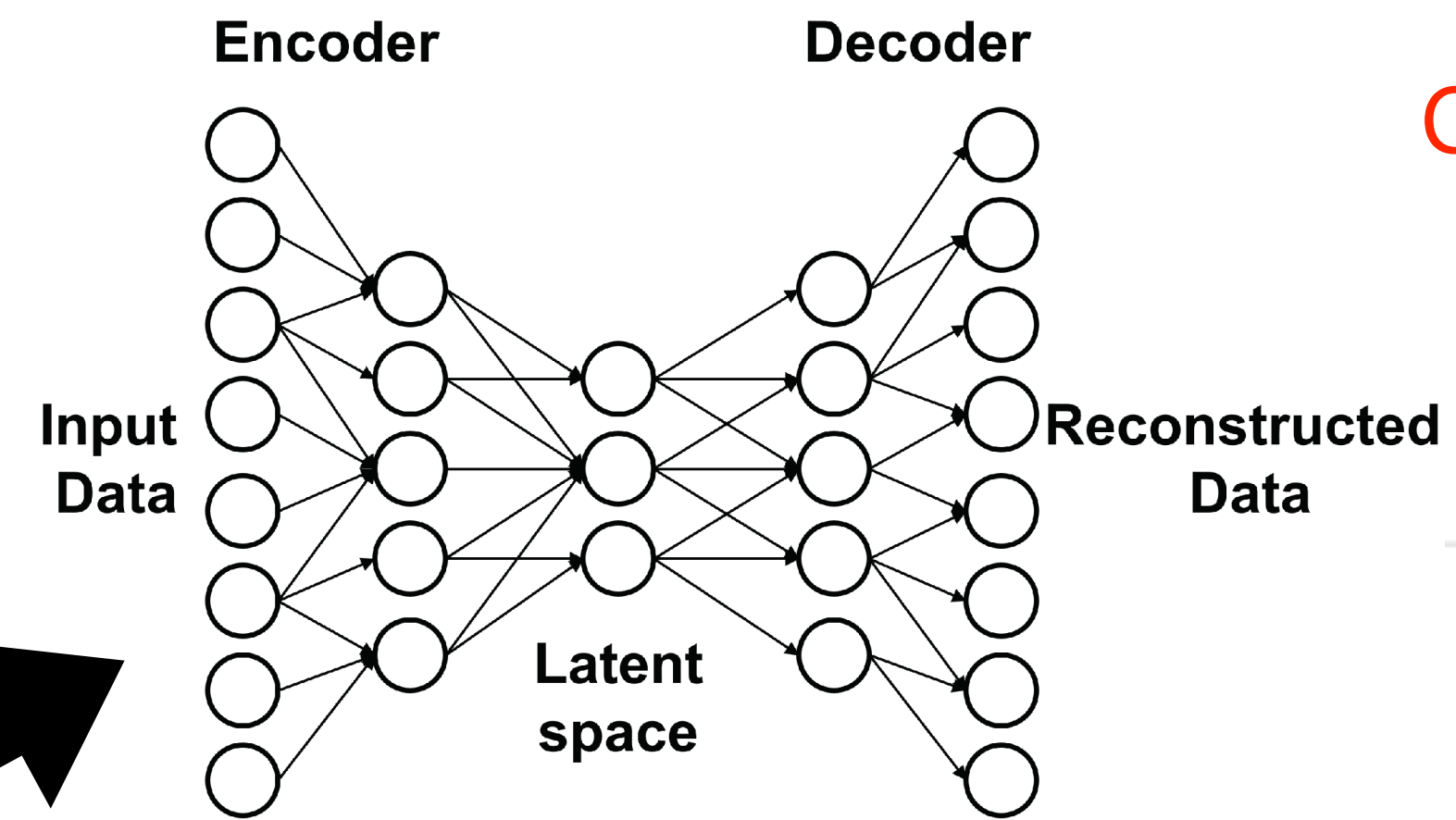
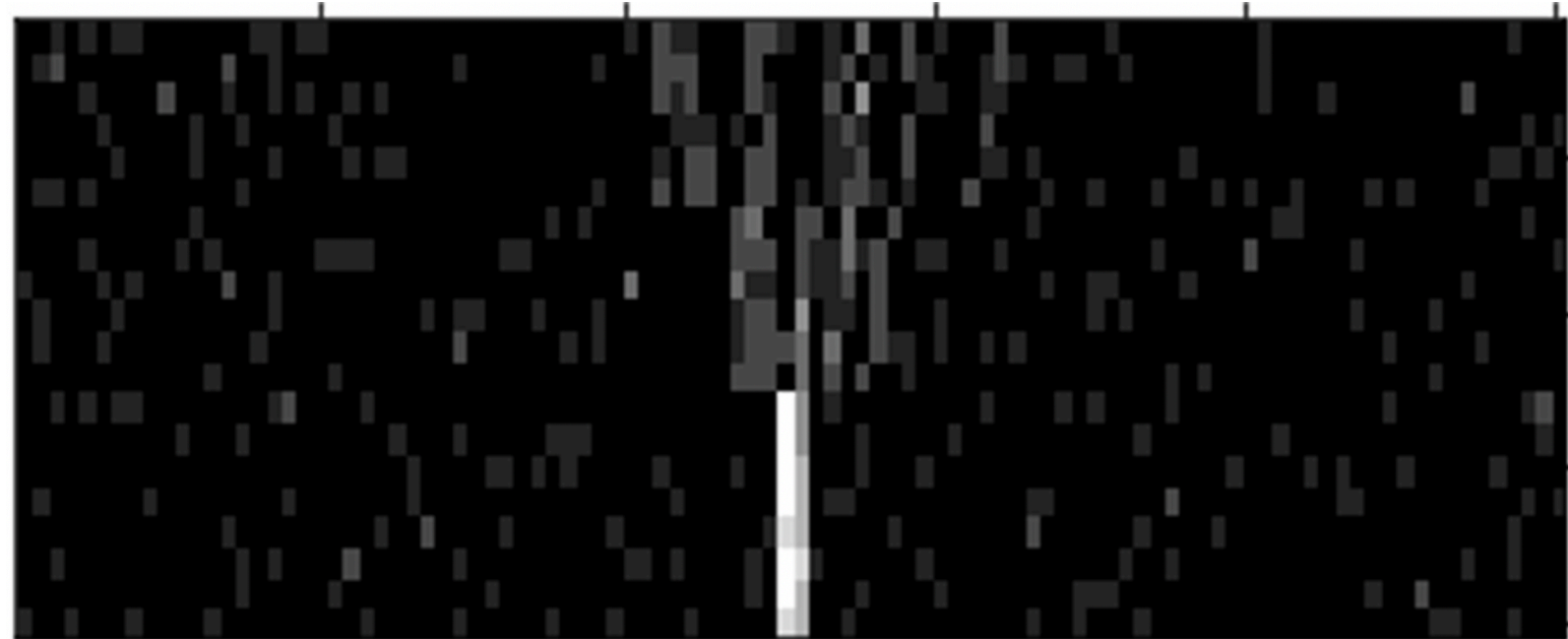
QUANTUM ANOMALY DETECTION FOR LONG LIVED PARTICLES

- Design and train a Quantum-AE able to identify highly displaced decays using the ATLAS muon spectrometer information

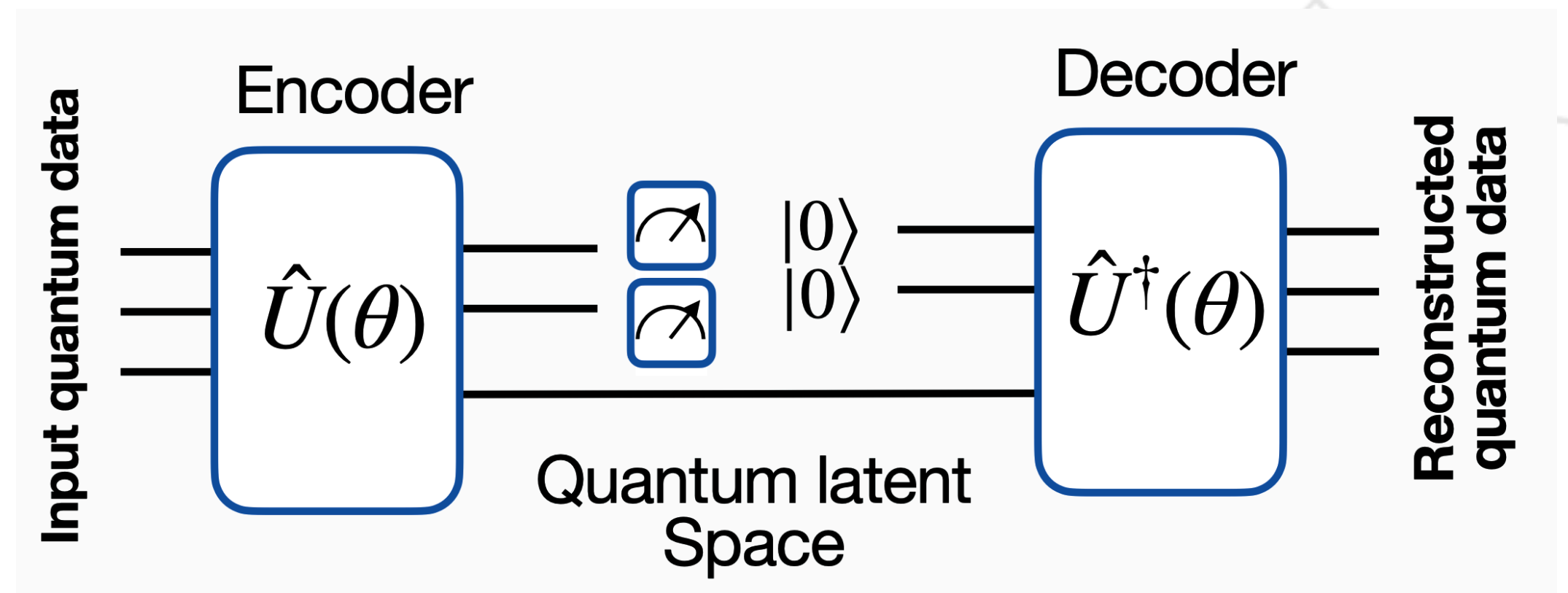
NORMAL event
 “image” representation
 of a prompt decay in
 multi-muons



ANOMALOUS event
 “image” representation
 of a highly displaced
 decay in multi-muons



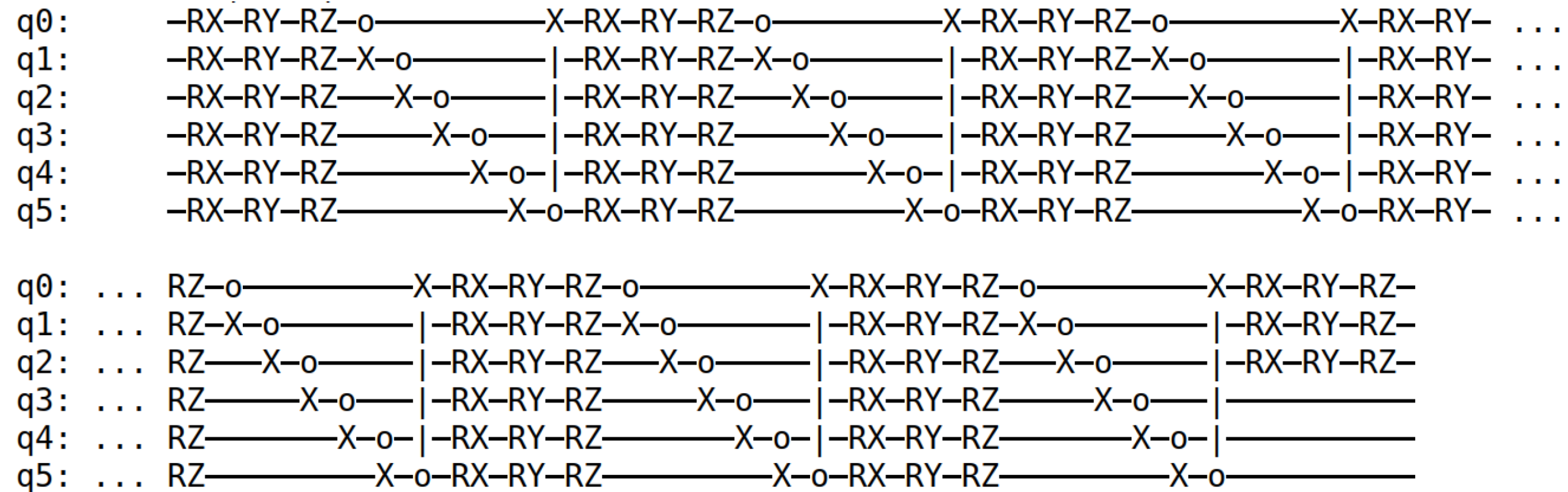
Classical AE



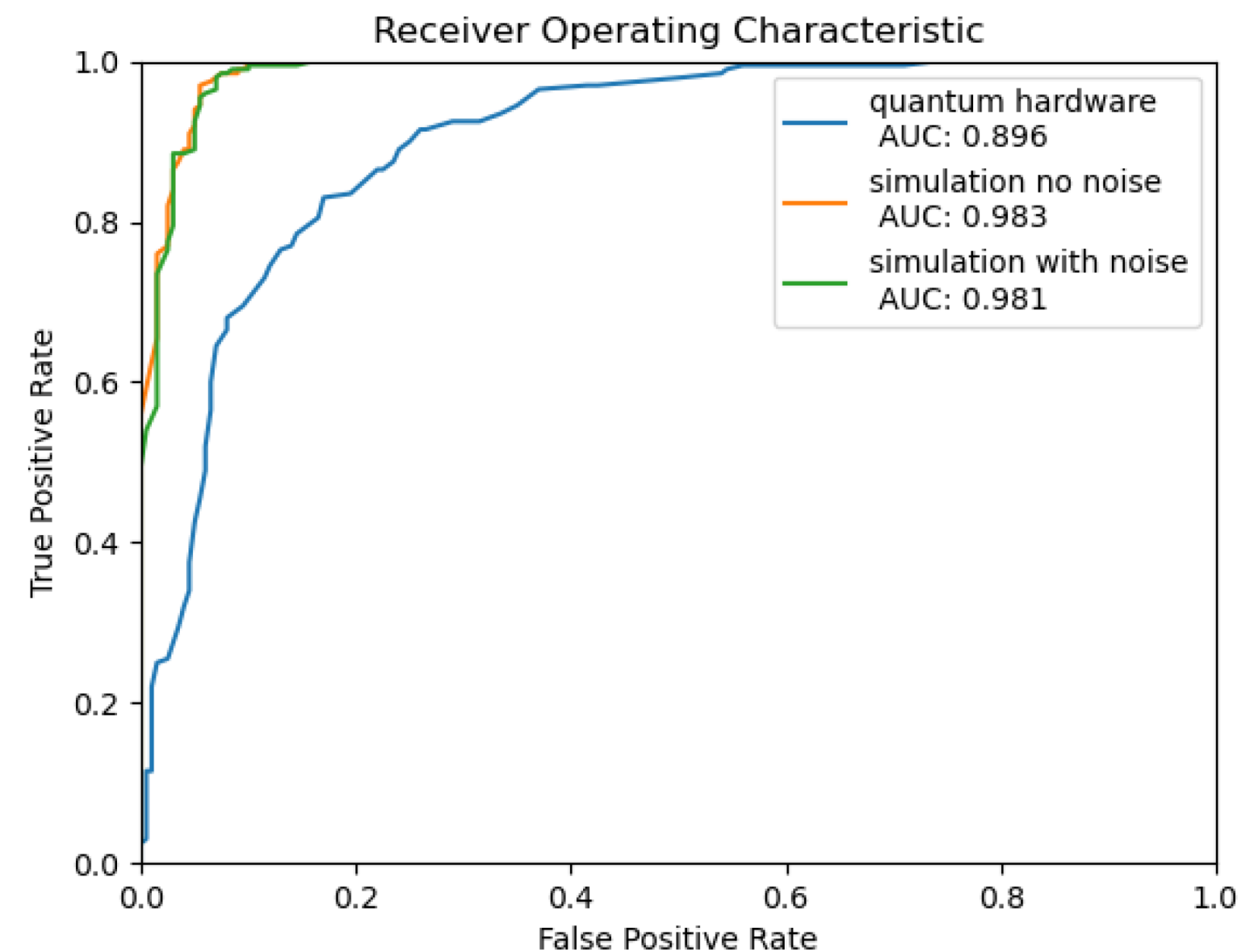
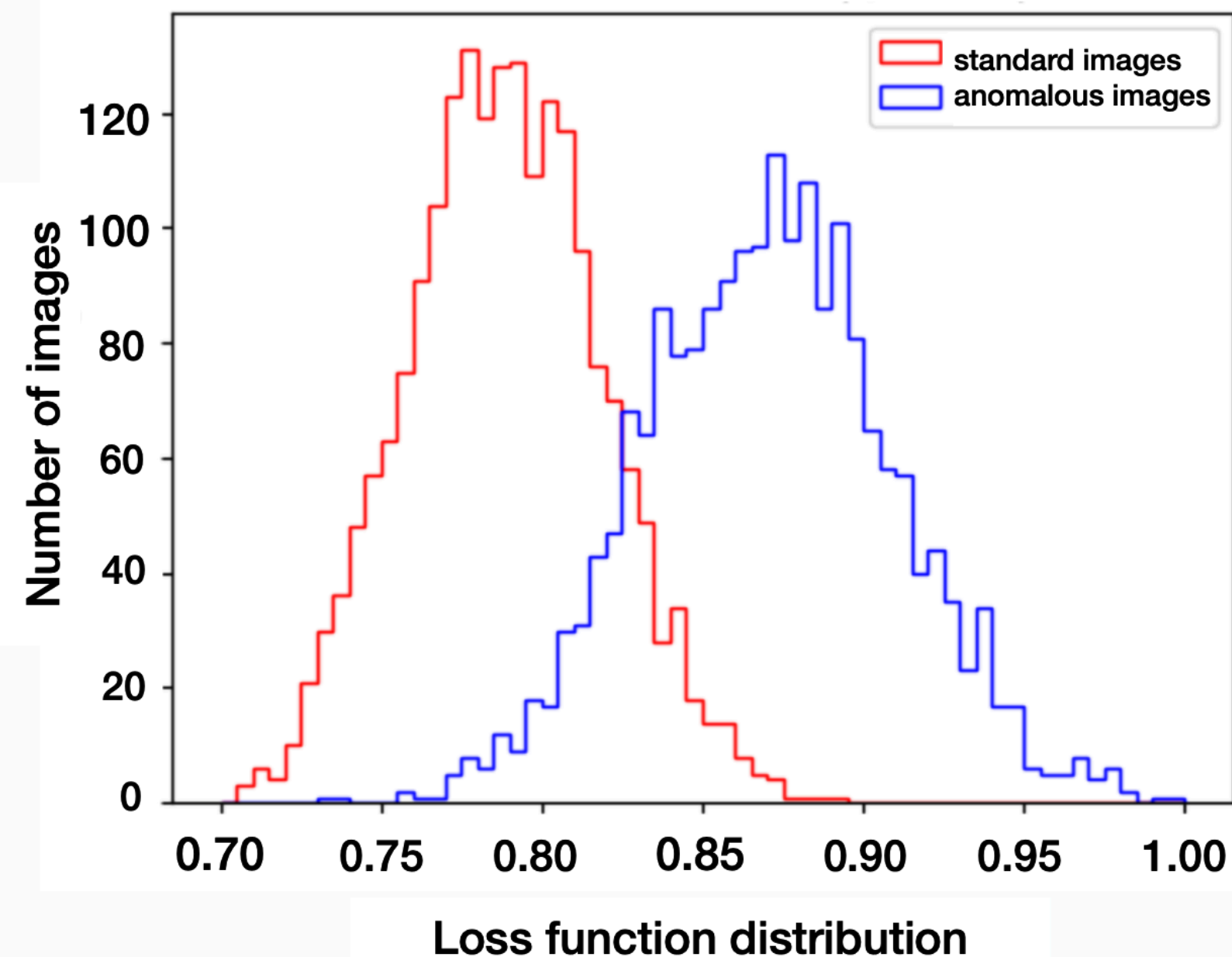
Quantum-AE

QML IN HEP: ANOMALY DETECTION FOR LONG LIVED PARTICLES

$U(\theta)$



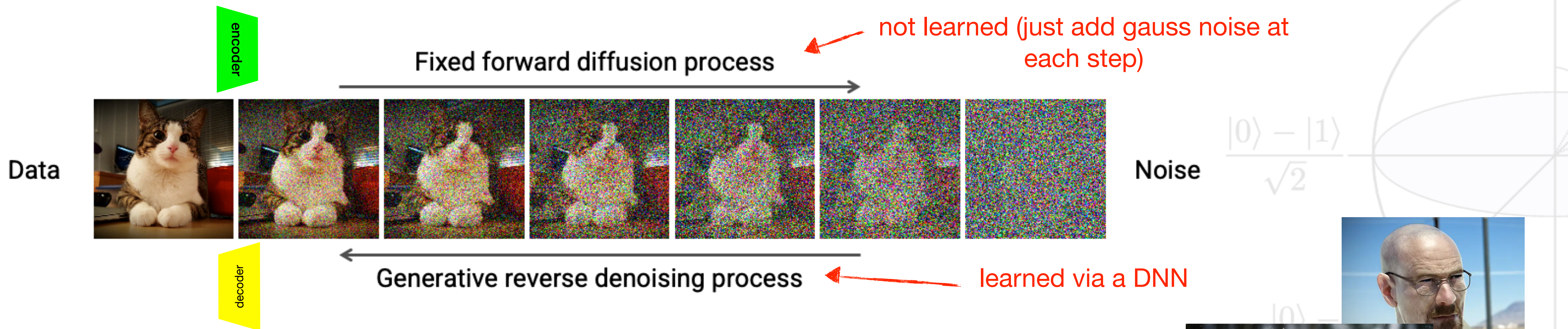
parametric quantum circuit ansatz



description of the quantum noise and quantum error correction
a crucial issues still to be solved ...

GENERATIVE QML: QUANTUM DIFFUSION MODELS

- Probabilistic Diffusion Models are generative models, inspired by non-equilibrium thermodynamics, that use artificial neural networks to gradually remove noise added to the data, with the goal of subsequently generating high-quality data samples



$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) = p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) \quad p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t))$$

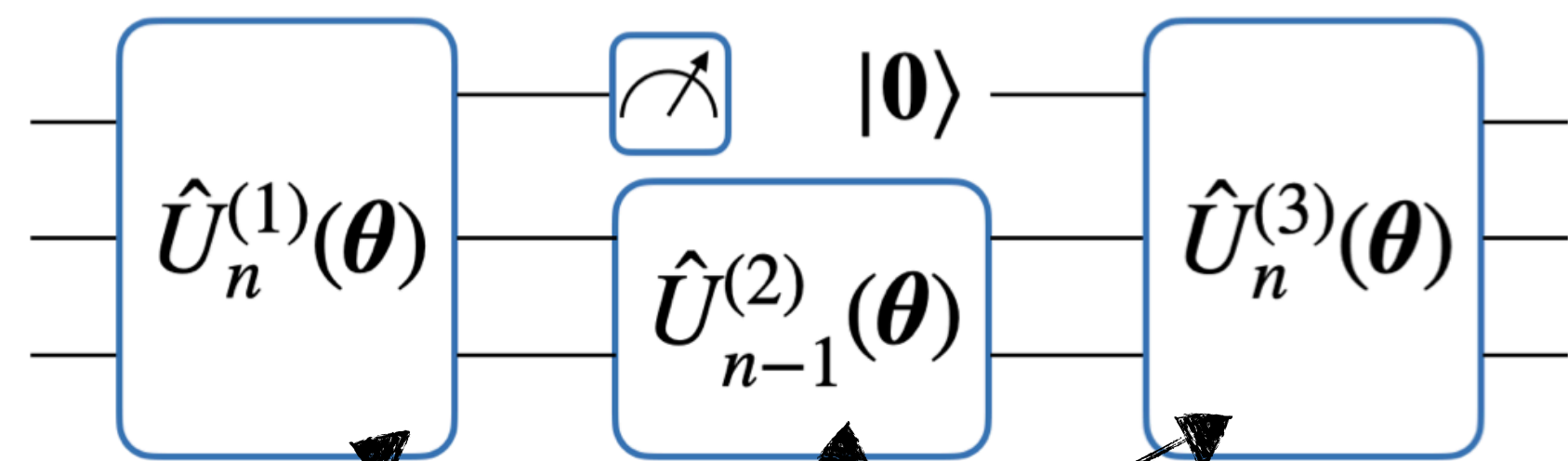
PDM are incremental updates where the assembly of the whole gives us an encoder-decoder structure, and in which the transition from one state to another is realized by a denoiser

- today at the core of many AI applications: image generation (ex. text-conditional image generators like DALL-E, Stable Diffusion, ...), image denoising, inpainting, super-resolution,

GENERATIVE QML: QUANTUM DIFFUSION MODEL

- **Quantum Diffusion Models:** data points encoded into quantum states. Markov chain implemented by a quantum circuit acting as a denoiser
- can be used in a **full quantum or in an hybrid mode**, where the quantum circuit is trained in the latent space of a classical AE
- **conditioning** achieved by adding ancillary qubits to encode labels

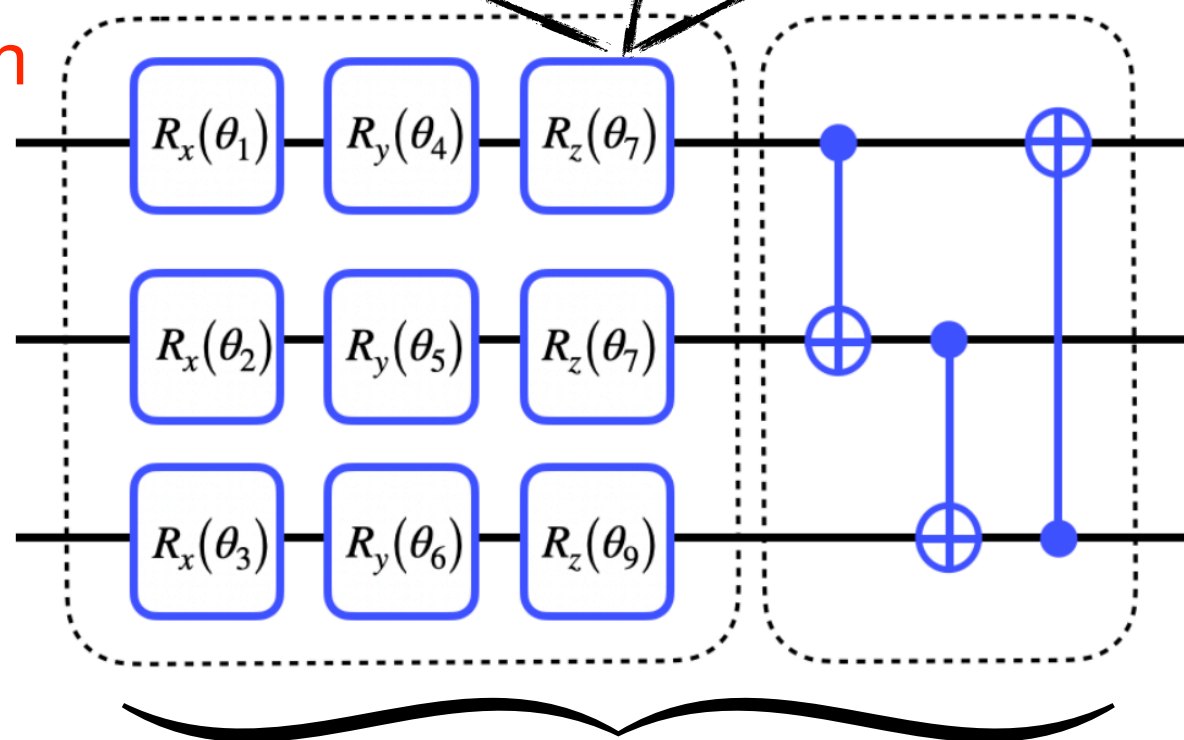
Quantum Denoiser



$$P(\theta, 1) \cdots P(\theta, T) |x_T\rangle = |x_0\rangle$$

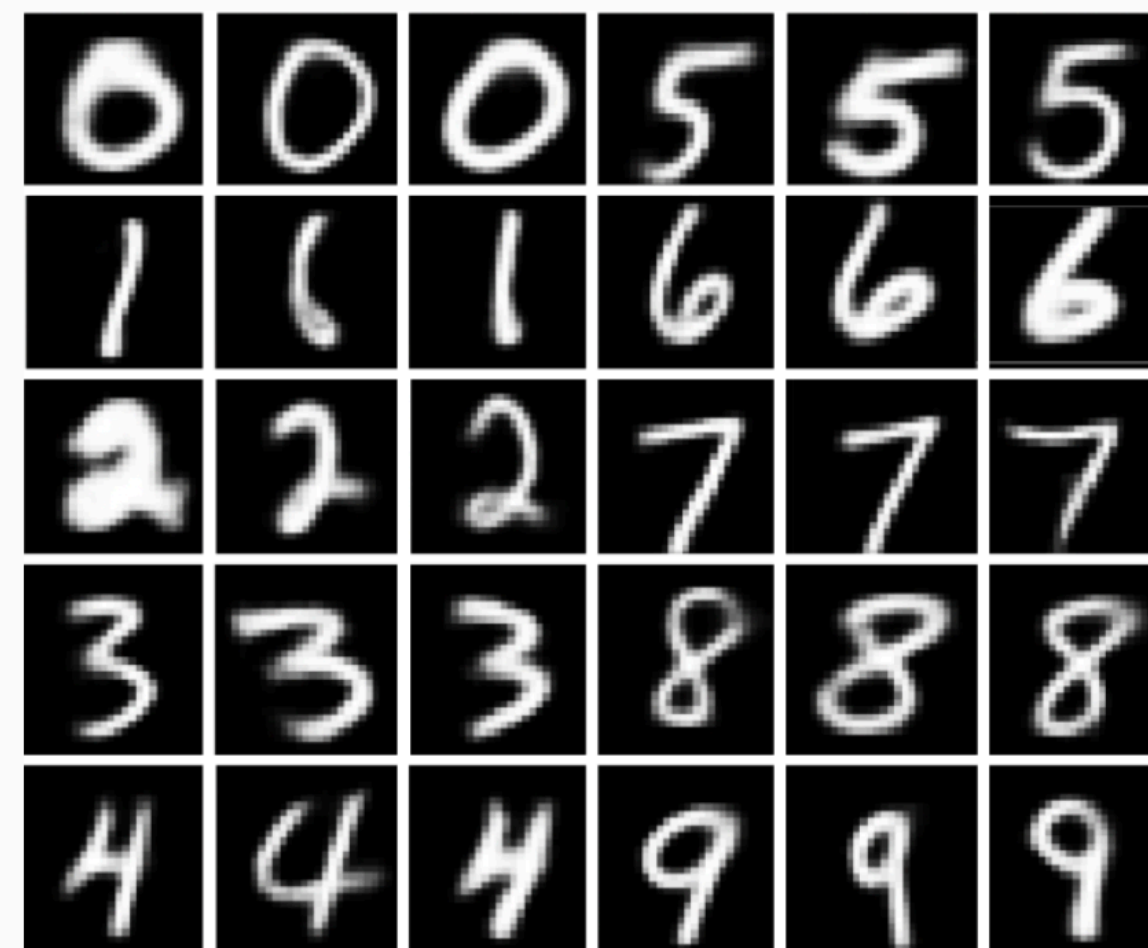
$$P(\theta, t) |x_t\rangle = |x_{t-1}\rangle \Rightarrow \text{Loss} = 1 - \mathbb{E}[F] \text{ quantum in-fidelity}$$

parametric quantum circuit ansatz



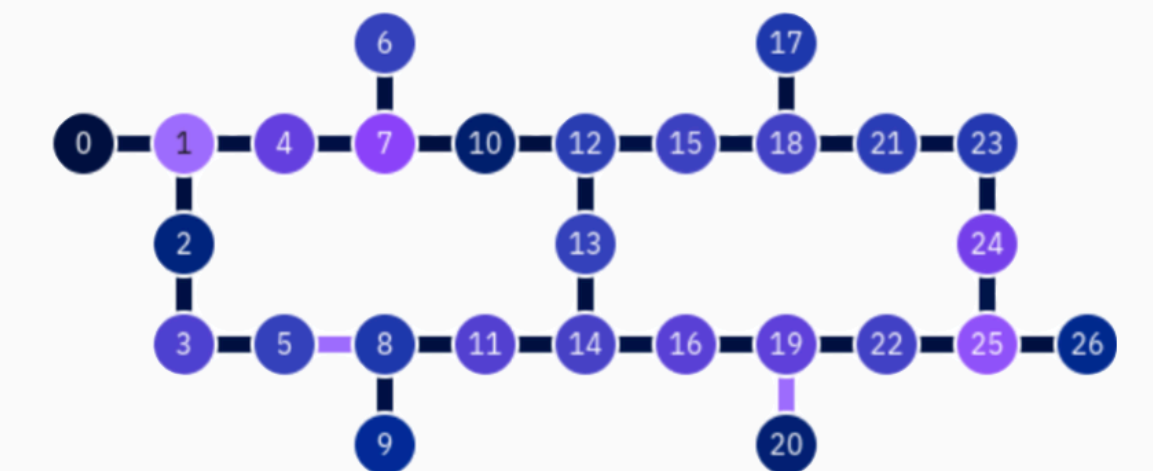
xL-layers

In quantum Simulation



Tested on quantum hw

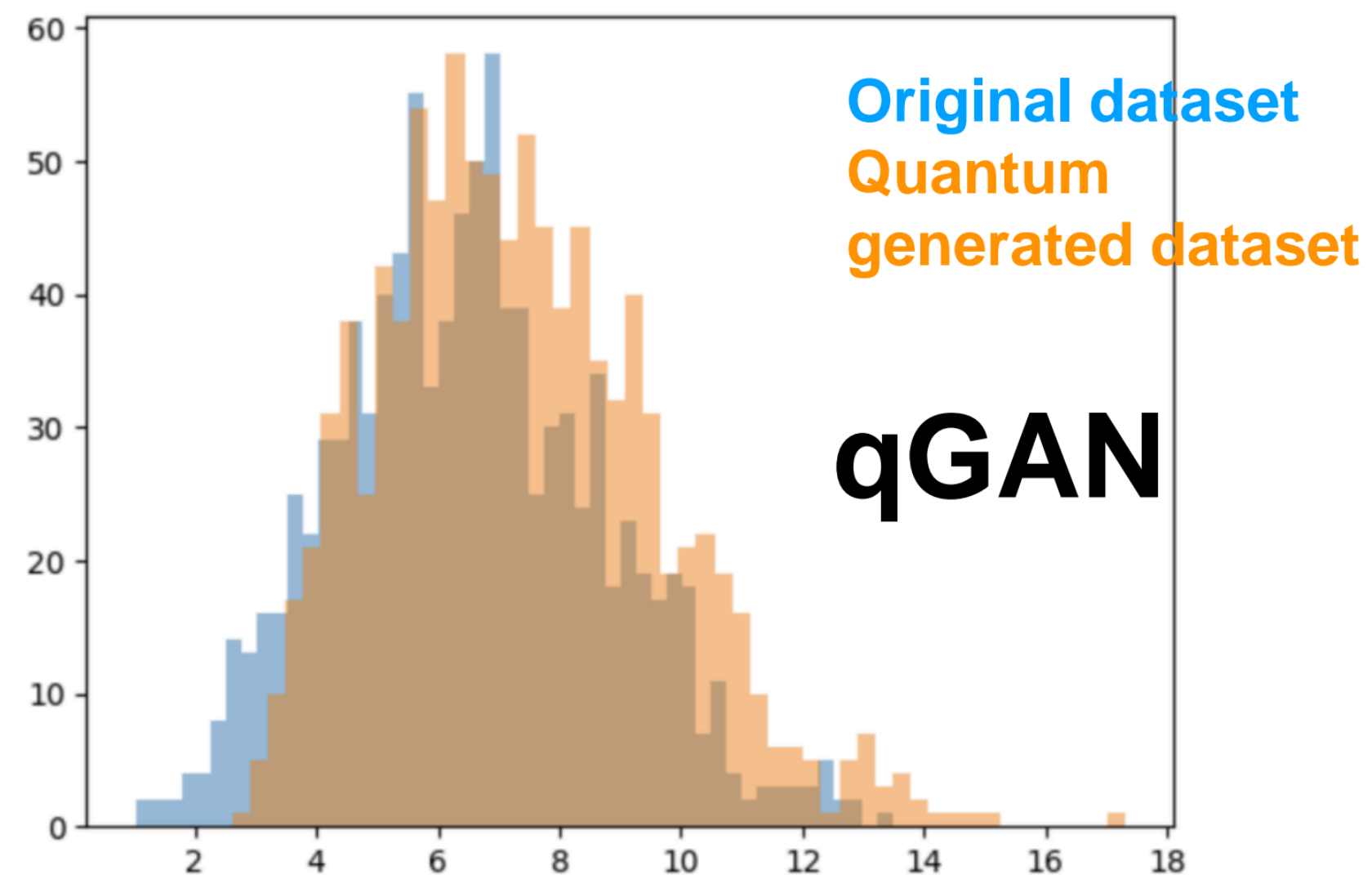
IBM_hanoi quantum chip



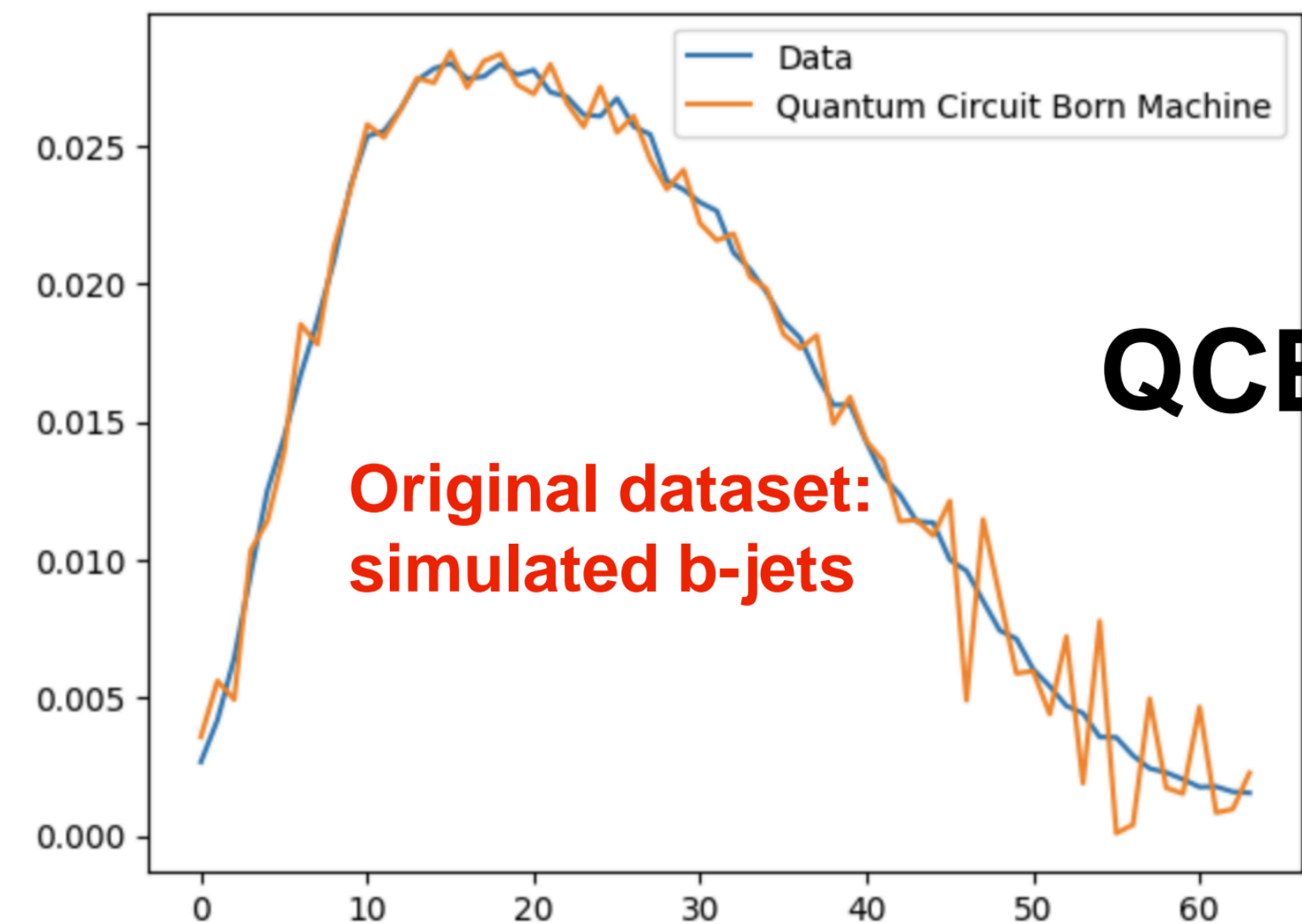
Digit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AUC	0.951	0.977	0.983	0.989	0.857	0.899	0.975	0.928	0.908	0.933

GENERATIVE QML: FIRST APPLICATIONS IN HEP

- Simulation of the LHCb calorimeter module: Quantum-GAN
- Simulation of a b-jet dataset with a Quantum Circuit Born Machine



Total energy measured by the module [arbitrary units]



Measured b-hadron decay distance from PV [mm]

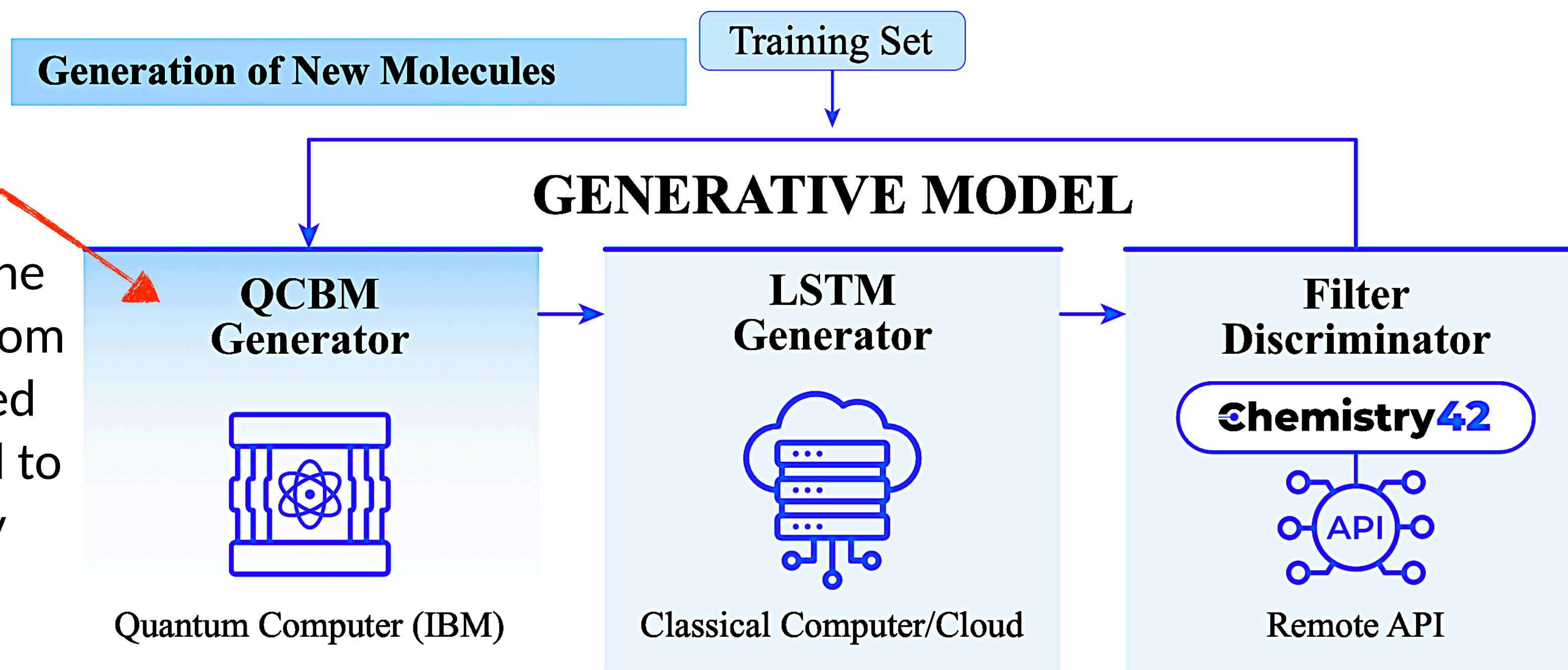
work in progress: dealing with instabilities in the qGAN training and needs for large number of qubits ...

GENERATIVE QML: FIRST APPLICATIONS IN DRUGDISCOVERY

- generative model running on quantum hardware that surpasses the best classical models in generating potential drug candidates for cancer. A hybrid classical AI-QuantumML model was used to simulate millions of drug candidates (KRAS inhibitors).

Quantum Circuit Born Machine
(learn and generate high-dimensional and complex probability distribution)

- The two molecules generated by the model were found to be distinct from existing KRAS inhibitors and showed superior binding affinity compared to the molecules generated by purely classical models.

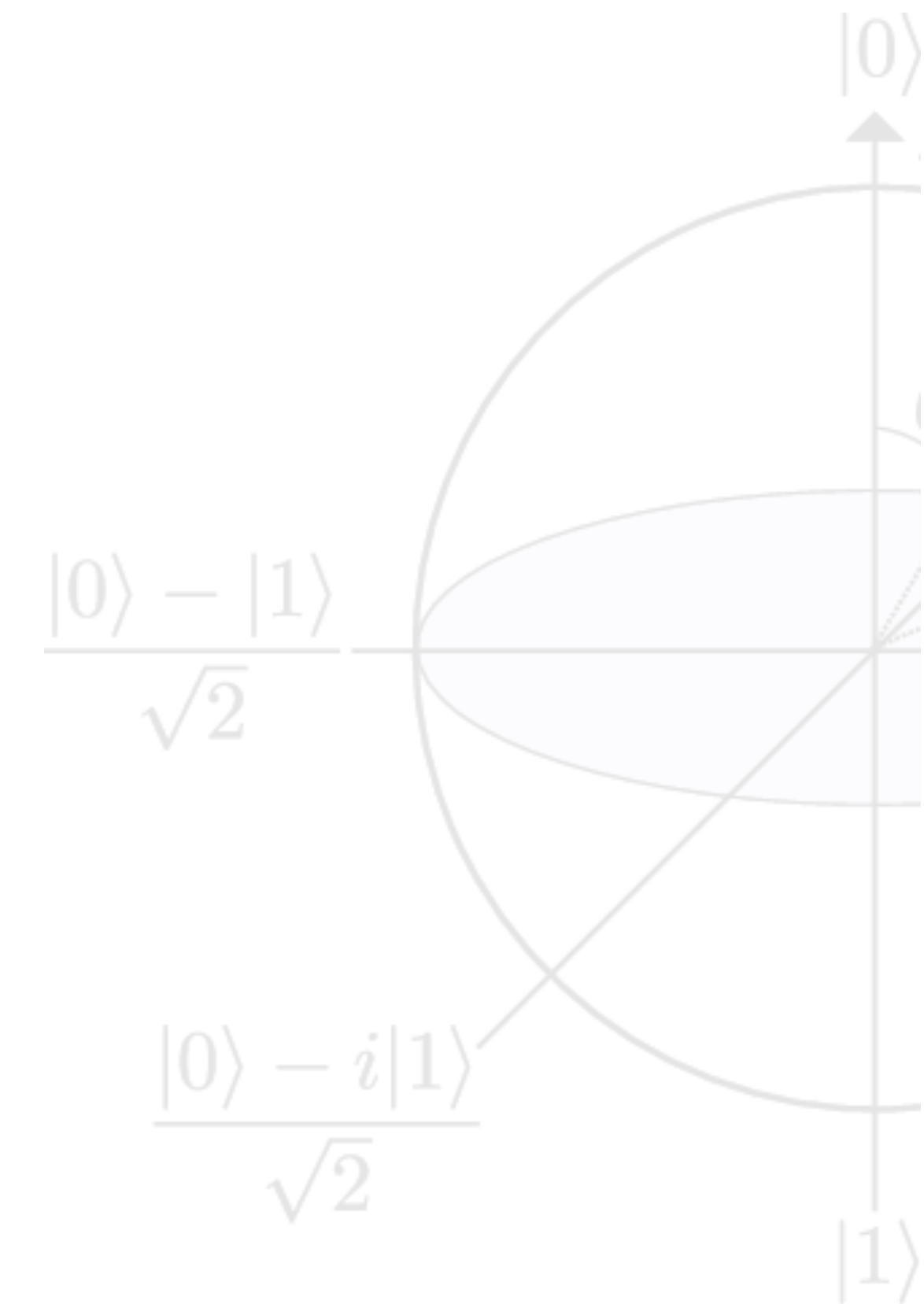


- an indication of how quantum computing and AI can already integrate to provide innovative state-of-the-art solutions

M.G. Vakili et al, arXiv:2402.08210 [quant-ph]

THE ROAD AHEAD (CONCLUSION)

- **Quantum computing may offer great opportunities for researcher in INFN:**
 - exciting field supported in the public and private sectors
 - a lot of space for original ideas and new algorithms yet to be discovered
- **Many questions need to be answered:**
 - what are the really promising applications (in our field, and outside)?
 - how we benchmark performances?
 - how to cope with classical data encoding/reduction?
 - QML trainability?
 - ...
- quantum advantage in real-world applications will require a new generation of quantum computers and algorithms in terms of size, fault tolerance, connectivity and quantum gates implementation, but already today we are entering the quantum utility regime ...



SOME RECENT PROMISING RESULTS ...

[Submitted on 19 Sep 2024]

Hardware-efficient quantum error correction using concatenated bosonic qubits

Harald Putterman, Kyungjoo Noh, Connor T. Hann, Gregory S. MacCabe, Shahriar Aghaeimeibodi, Rishi N. Patel, Menyoun Lee, William M. Jones, Hesam Moradinejad, Roberto Rodriguez, Neha Mahuli, Jefferson Rose, J Arriola, James Barnett, Przemyslaw Bienia Cosmic, Ana Valdes Curiel, Erik Davis, Lai Michael T. Fang, Yawen Fang, Matthew J. Justin Hand, Yuan He, Mike Hernandez, D Karabalin, Peter J. Karalekas, Andrew J. K Guillaume Marcaud, Gavin McCabe, Cody Pagdilao, Nicola Pancotti, Ashley Panduro Resnick, Alex Retzker, Omar A. Reyna, M:

Landmark IBM error correction paper published on the cover of Nature

IBM has created a quantum error-correcting code about 10 times more efficient than prior methods — a milestone in quantum computing research.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-024-07107-7>

[AWS Center for QC @ Caltech: arXiv:2409.13025](#)



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Google uncovers how quantum computers can beat today's best supercomputers

Quantum machines have a noise threshold past which classical machines cannot best them, researchers have learnt.

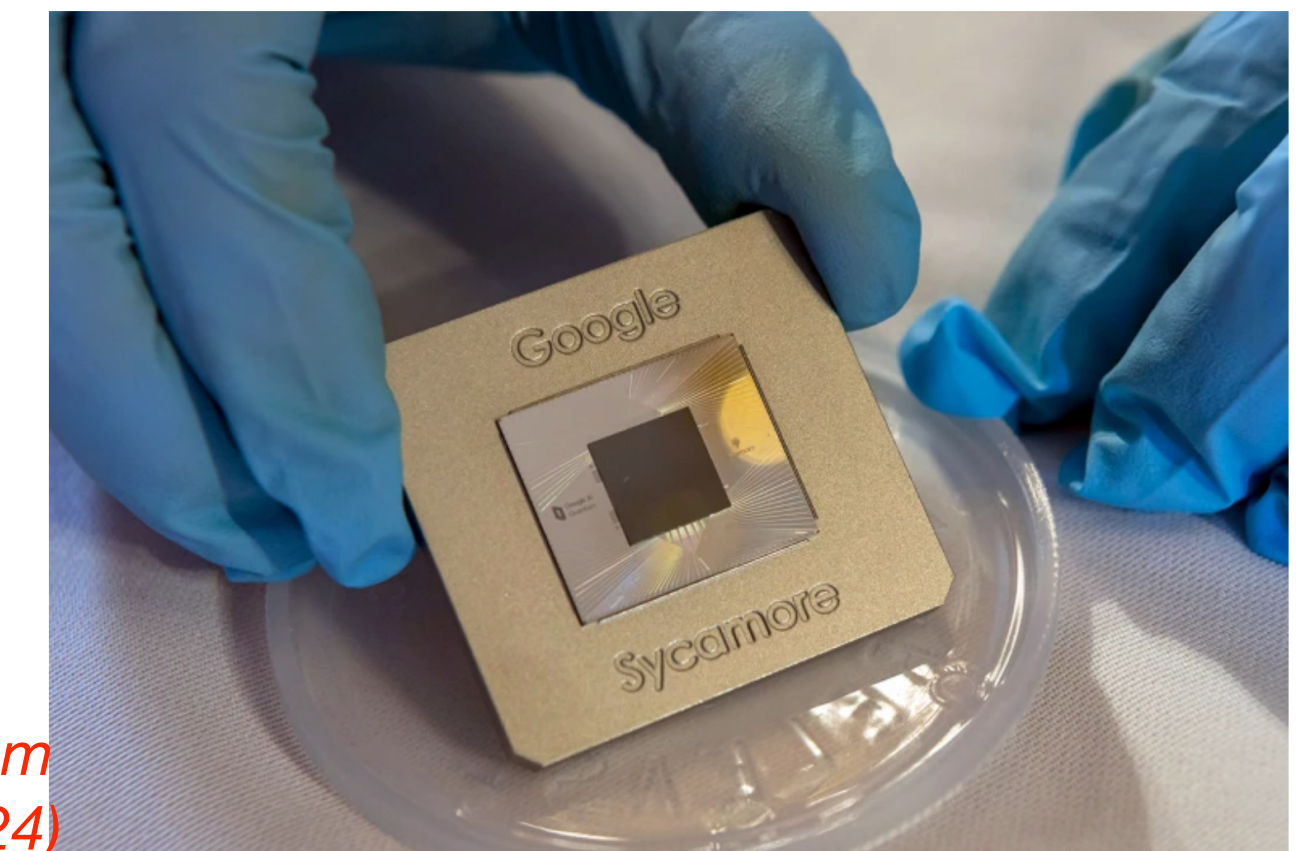
By Dan Garisto



An in-principle super-polynomial quantum advantage for approximating combinatorial optimization problems via computational learning theory

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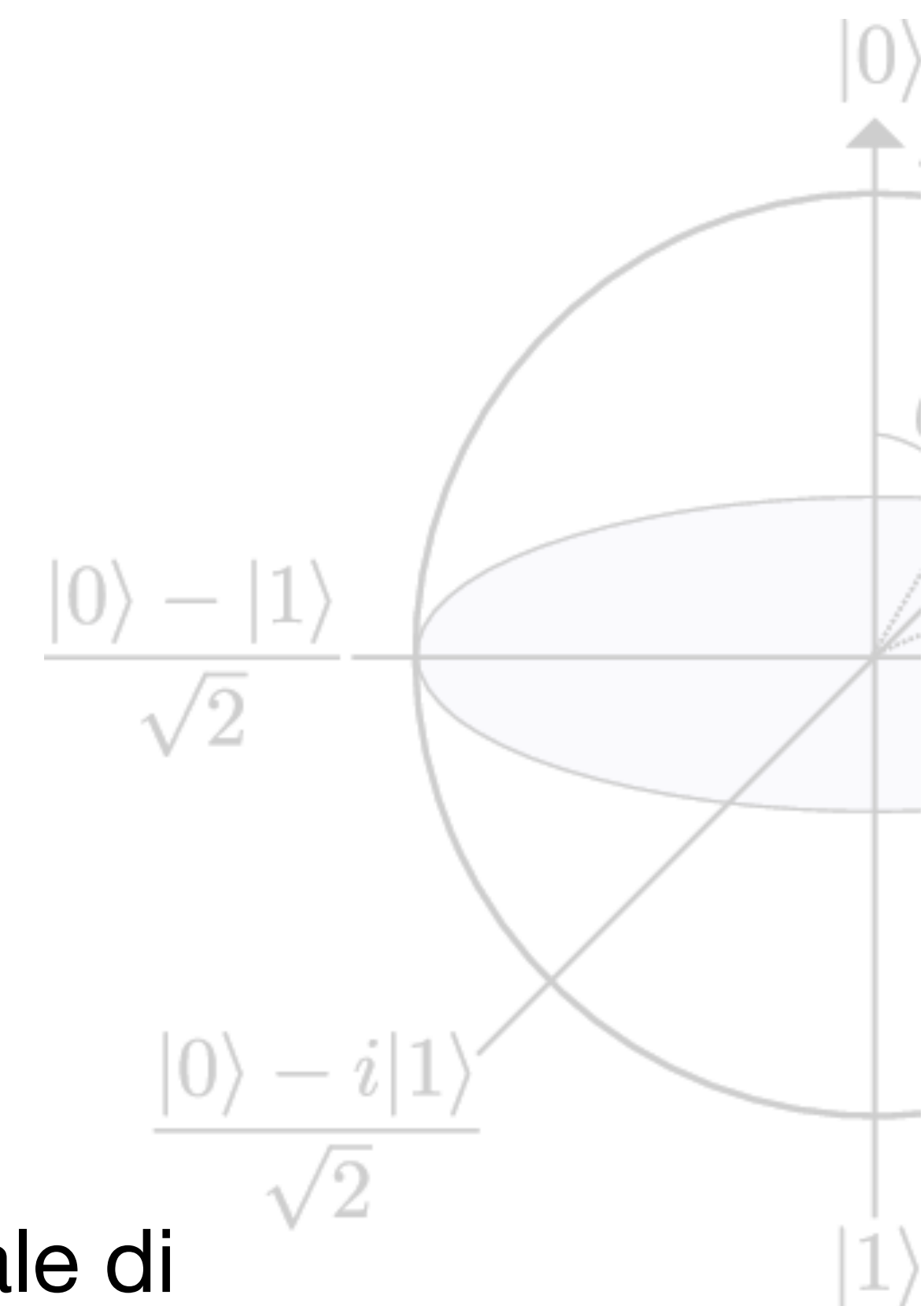
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