

# 1 Particle – 1 Qubit

## - Particle Physics Data Encoding for QML -

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Classical Quantum ML Algorithms ML Algorithms

1. an adaptable complex system that allows approximating a complicated function





2. the calculation of a loss function used to define the task the method

3. a way to update 1. while minimising the loss function





After training of NN

-> inference (apply NN to test samples)

# **Expressivity** and **generalisability** crucial for optimal decision boundaries

defining factors are:

- Width
- Depth
- Activation functions
- Loss function

NN output is score for for event to look like signal (1) or background (0)

http://playground.tensorflow.org/



GGI Workshop



Most interesting case for QML applications in collider experiments



Classical data processed via quantum algorithms on quantum devices

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## Encoding State of a Data quantum system basis encoding of binary string (1,0), Hamiltonian encoding of a matrix Ai.e. representing integer 2 $U = e^{-iH_A t}$ $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0|00\rangle + \alpha_1|01\rangle + \alpha_2|10\rangle + \alpha_3|11\rangle$

amplitude encoding of unit-length complex vector  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$  time-evolution encoding of a scalar t

data encoding in different parts of the state and operator description angle encoding for  $H_A \in \{X, Y, Z\}$ and t = x (feature)







#### Most encodings result in sum of trigonometric functions, e.g. angle encoding, time evolution encoding

Expressibility of model and encoding

 Fourier series is universal approximator, but for many encoding strategies quantum models are linear combinations of functions composed of few frequencies

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- Pendant to activation functions in the encoding step.
- Encoding + W operator give functional form
- Data reuploading can increase expressivity



$$f_{\theta}(x) = \langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_{x,\theta} = A + B\cos(x) - C\sin(x)$$

A, B, C coefficients from parametrised circuit W trig



trigonometric structure from data encoding



- Entangled state shares information across qubits
- Evaluate expectation value of qubits to construct loss

for supervised S vs B classification one qubit sufficient

 $\mathbb{E}(\sigma_z) = \langle 0 | S_x(x)^{\dagger} U(w)^{\dagger} \hat{O} U(w) S_x(x) | 0 \rangle = \pi(w, x) \quad \text{for} \quad \hat{O} = \sigma_z \otimes \mathbb{I}^{\otimes (n-1)}$ 

- Quantum network output:  $f(w, b, x) = \pi(w, x) + b$
- Changing operator and loss => VQE, VQT, ... (simulate QFT)

Simple example:  $|0\rangle - R_x(x) - \operatorname{Rot}(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) - \checkmark \sigma_z$ 

gives the model output  $f_{\theta}(x) = \langle 0 | R_x(x)^{\dagger} \operatorname{Rot}(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)^{\dagger} \sigma_z \operatorname{Rot}(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) R_x(x) | 0 \rangle$ 

data encoding 
$$|\phi(x)\rangle = R_x(x)|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\frac{x}{2}) & -i\sin(\frac{x}{2}) \\ -i\sin(\frac{x}{2}) & \cos(\frac{x}{2}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\frac{x}{2}) \\ -i\sin(\frac{x}{2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

parametrised  
rotation
$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(x,\theta)\rangle &= \operatorname{Rot}(\theta_1,\theta_2,\theta_3)|\phi(x)\rangle \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(-\frac{\theta_1}{2} - \frac{\theta_3}{2})}\cos(\frac{\theta_2}{2})\cos(\frac{x}{2}) + ie^{i(-\frac{\theta_1}{2} + \frac{\theta_3}{2})}\sin(\frac{\theta_2}{2})\sin(\frac{x}{2}) \\ e^{i(\frac{\theta_1}{2} - \frac{\theta_3}{2})}\sin(\frac{\theta_2}{2})\cos(\frac{x}{2}) - ie^{i(\frac{\theta_1}{2} + \frac{\theta_3}{2})}\cos(\frac{\theta_2}{2})\sin(\frac{x}{2}) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

model output

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \langle \psi(x,\theta) | \sigma_z | \psi(x,\theta) \rangle = \cos(\theta_2) \cos(x) - \sin(\theta_1) \sin(\theta_2) \sin(x)$$

What happens on the Bloch-Sphere





for probabilistic classifier (density estimator)

$$p(1) = \frac{f_{\theta}(x) + 1}{2}, \qquad p_0 = 1 - p_1$$





- Each particle defined by 3 features  $(\phi, \eta, p_T)$
- •LHC events consist of  $\mathcal{O}(500)$  particles





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1P1Q Encoding

[Bal, Klute, Maier, Oughton, Pezone, MS '25]



## 1P1Q Encoding



- Representation of specific event as 1P1Q encoded on qubits
- Each finalstate particle in event correponds to one vector on bloch sphere

### Supervised-Learning with Variational Quantum Circuit

- VQC supervised learning algorithm
- Use the JetClass dataset first introduced by authors of Particle Transformer (ParT)
- Train on labelled data, signal = boosted top quarks
   bkg = QCD fat jets
- Avoid jet bias
  -> flat p<sub>T</sub> in [500,1000] GeV
- Train only on 3 basic kinematic featrues  $(p_T,\eta,\phi)$  with appropriate sclaing and normalization
  - → Assign one particle to one qubit
  - → Jet represented by N qubits (N hardest constits)







Drastically reduced model parameters:
 VQC (32) vs Transformer (2.14 Millions)

[Bal, Klute, Maier, Oughton, Pezone, MS '25]

## Unsupervised learning with Quantum Autoencoders



- Freature input is encoded into information bottleneck, i.e. latent space with smaller dimension that feature space
- Latent space decoded into reconstructed output, which is then compared with input via loss-function (often MSE)

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- -> Encoder+Decoder trained together to produce output similar to input
- Quantum AE needs to work with unitary gate operations. Thus, need trash states to realise information bottleneck



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#### Performance QAE for different signals



Comparison with CAE

CAE: 30-20-16-12-6 latent space

Signals	$W \to q \overline{q}$	$H \to b \overline{b}$	$t \rightarrow bq\overline{q'}$
QAE	0.693	0.757	0.861
CAE	0.671	0.739	0.858

#### Results: Training size dependence





[Ngairangbam, MS, Takeuchi '21]

Much faster training and better performance for Quantum autoencoder
 In our test cases QAE > CAE for much larger classical networks



#### Summary



- Encoding integral part of Quantum Neural Networks
  - -> expressivity of the network
  - -> resource saving and fast
- 1P1Q data encoding ideally suited for HEP events and final states on qubit devices
- Astonishing results for QNN, i.e. VQC and QAE, in comparison to classical neural networks



requires better understanding