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Quantum Machine Learning: Strategies based on Quantum Annealing and Gated Quantum Computing

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Can QC help **my branch of ML**? Now or how soon?

- HHL
- Linear Regression
- WBL
- Q clustering
- Q PCA
- Q SPV
- Q perceptron
- Q NN
- Q CNN
- Q DL

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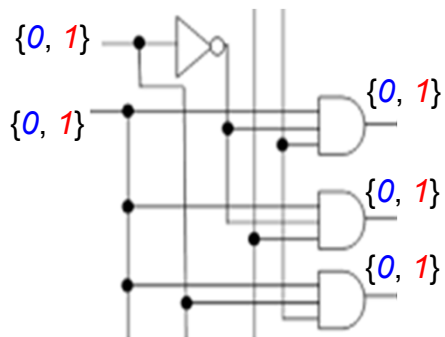
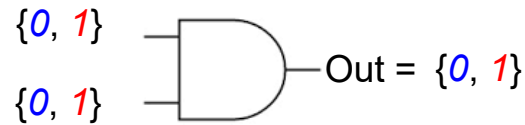
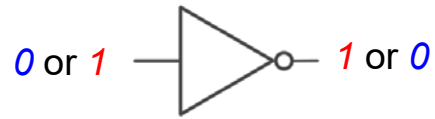
Difficulties... (N of qBits, de-coherence, noise...)

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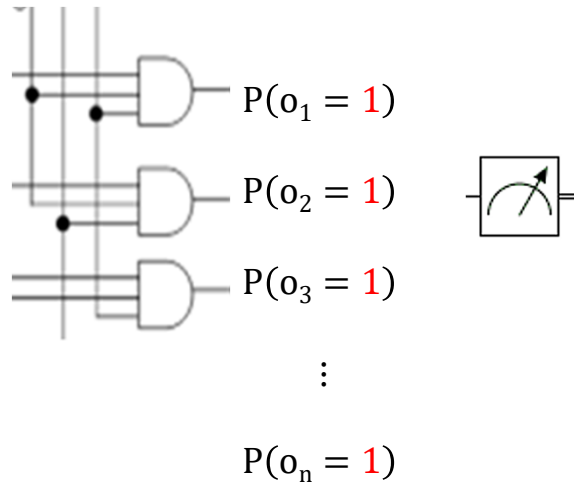
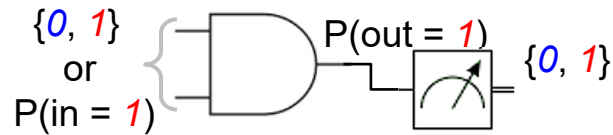
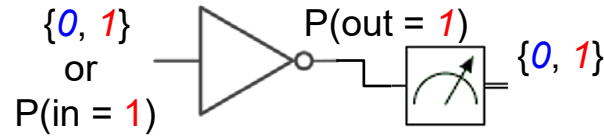
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Classical, classical Probabilistic and Quantum computers

Classical gates

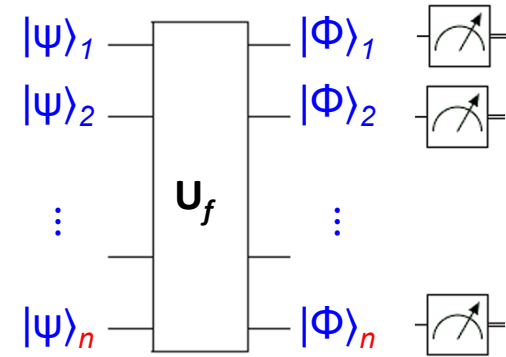


Probabilistic gates



$$\text{out}_i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} P(o_i = 1) \\ P(o_i = 0) \end{pmatrix}_i$$

Quantum gates



$$|\dots\rangle_i \neq \{0, 1\} \quad |\dots\rangle_i \neq P(\text{bit} = 1)$$

$$|\dots\rangle_i = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}_i \neq \begin{pmatrix} P(\text{bit}_i = 0) \\ P(\text{bit}_i = 1) \end{pmatrix}_i$$

$$|\alpha_1|^2 = P(\text{bit}_i = 0)$$

$$|\alpha_2|^2 = P(\text{bit}_i = 1)$$

α is a complex number,
called a **probability amplitude**.

bit_i is not “1 or 0”

bit_i is “simultaneously” 1 and 0

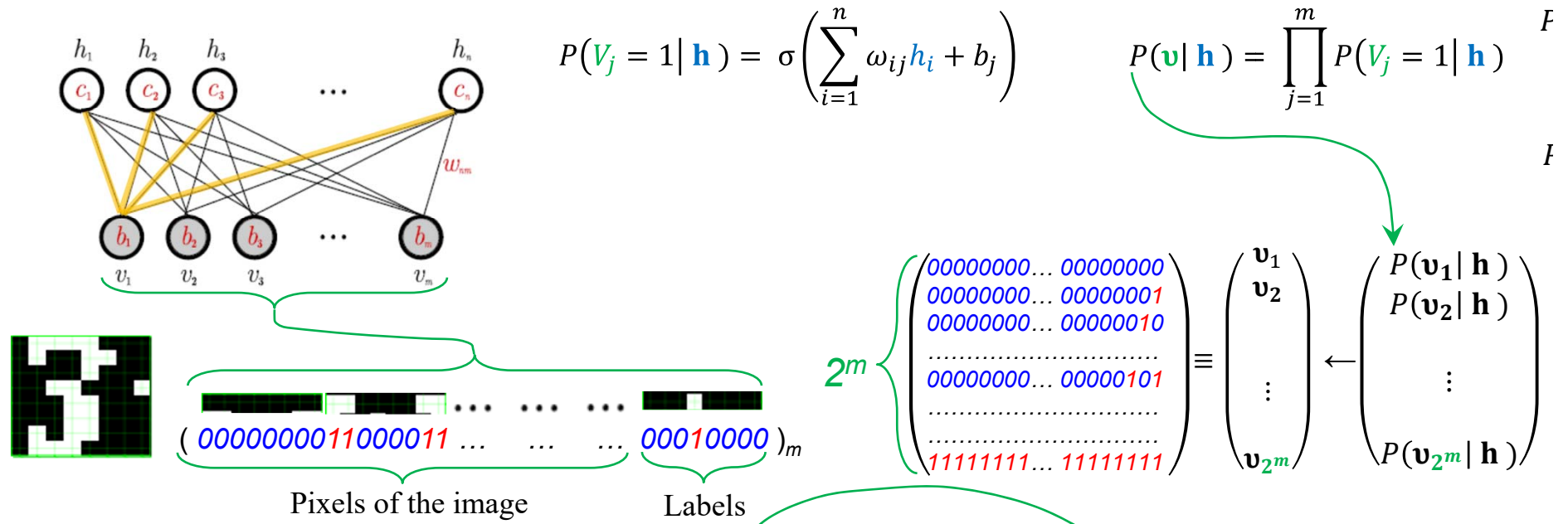
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Probabilistic ML and Q ML (dead-or-alive vs simultaneously dead-and-alive)

- We do not usually focus on individual “bits”.
- We care about a particular simultaneous **state of many neurons**.

Probabilistic ML



Quantum ML

$$|\psi\rangle_m = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{2^m} \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} P(\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1) \\ P(\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_2) \\ \vdots \\ P(\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{2^m}) \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\dots$$

$$|\alpha_{2^m}|^2 = P(\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{2^m})$$

$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle_m = U |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle_m$$

Our ML network handles a **superposition** of states

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Fundamentals: dead-or-alive vs simultaneously dead-and-alive

$$|\psi\rangle_m = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{2^m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\psi\rangle_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 1|\psi\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{"0"}$$

$$|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{"1"}$$

α_0 – the component of $|\psi\rangle$ along $|0\rangle$ direction

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} = \langle 0|\psi\rangle$$

α_1 – the component of $|\psi\rangle$ along $|1\rangle$ direction

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} = \langle 1|\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 00|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 01|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 10|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 11|\psi\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(00) = |\alpha_{00}|^2 = |\langle 00|\psi\rangle|^2$$

$$P(01) = |\alpha_{01}|^2 = |\langle 01|\psi\rangle|^2$$

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$$|Cat\rangle_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 00|Cat\rangle \\ \langle 01|Cat\rangle \\ \langle 10|Cat\rangle \\ \langle 11|Cat\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle Alive, Black|Cat\rangle \\ \langle Alive, White|Cat\rangle \\ \langle Dead, Black|Cat\rangle \\ \langle Dead, White|Cat\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

For example

$$|Cat\rangle_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle Black|Cat\rangle \\ \langle White|Cat\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P(Black|Cat) = |\langle \dots | \dots \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(White|Cat) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|Black\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle Alive|Black\rangle \\ \langle Dead|Black\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad |White\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle Alive|White\rangle \\ \langle Dead|White\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Just an example

$$P(Alive|Black) = |\langle \dots | \dots \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(Dead|Black) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(Alive|White) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(Dead|White) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Calculate: $P(Alive|Cat) = ?$

Using classical probabilities:

$$P(Alive|Cat) = P(Alive|Black) * P(Black|Cat) + P(Alive|White) * P(White|Cat) = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Using probability amplitudes:

$$P(Alive|Cat) = |\langle Alive|Cat\rangle|^2 = P(\dots) + P(\dots) + \text{Interference Term} = 1$$

Fundamentals - Continue...

Kronecker product

$$|\psi\rangle_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 00|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 01|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 10|\psi\rangle \\ \langle 11|\psi\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$\langle 01| \equiv \langle 0| \otimes \langle 1|$
 $|01\rangle \equiv |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$

$$|\psi_{qBit1}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\psi_{qBit2}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}_{qBit2}$$

$$|\psi_{combined}\rangle = |\psi_{qBit1}\rangle \otimes |\psi_{qBit2}\rangle$$

If there is no entanglement between the 2 qBits.

Entanglement

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

qBit2 is 0,
qBit1 can be 0 or 1

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Both qBits
can be 0 or 1
independently

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

When qBit1 is 0,
qBit2 must also be 0.

When qBit1 is 1,
qBit2 must also be 1.

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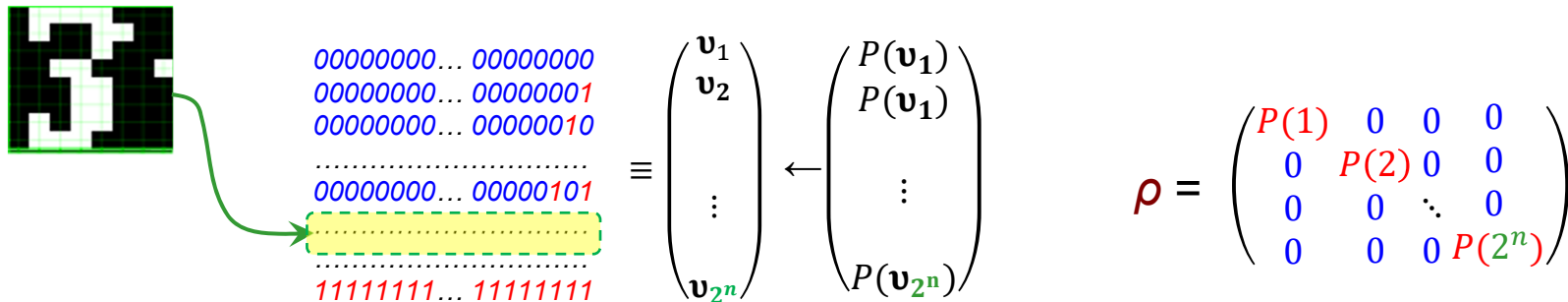
Fundamentals - Continue...

Density matrix

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{2^n} \end{pmatrix} (\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_{2^n}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n \times 2^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P(1) & \cdots & \alpha_1 \alpha_{2^n}^* \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{2^n} \alpha_1^* & \cdots & P(2^n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_i \alpha_i^* = |\alpha_i|^2 = P(\mathbf{v}_i)$$

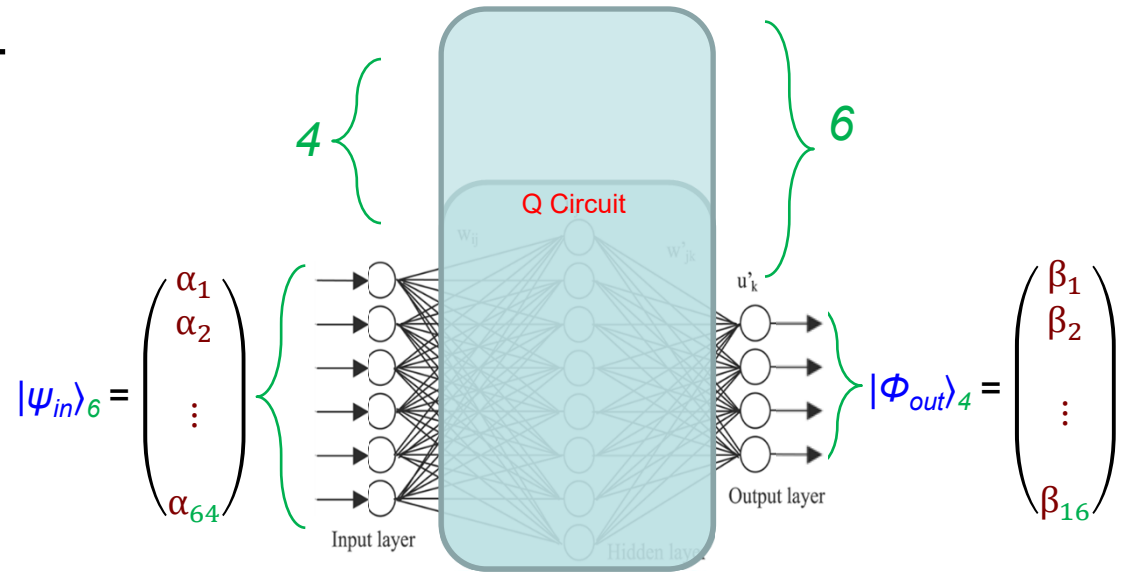
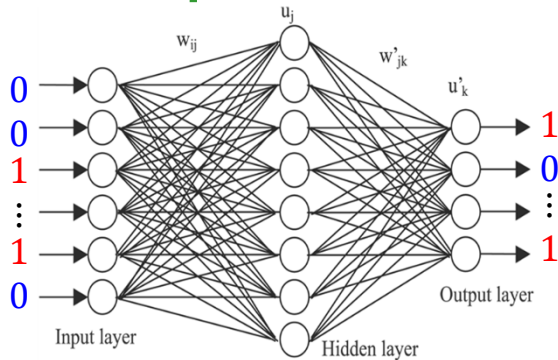
What if there is no quantum superposition state $|\psi\rangle$?



- For **superposition states** and for **classical probabilistic models**, the same operations on density matrix can be used to calculate probabilities, expectation values, etc.
- Also, density matrices make it possible to access **sub-sets of qBits** (partial trace, etc.)

Fundamentals - Continue...

Quantum parallelism



$$\begin{pmatrix} 000000 \\ 000001 \\ 000010 \\ \dots \\ 100000 \\ 100001 \\ \dots \\ 111111 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow |\psi_{in}\rangle_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \alpha_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{iN} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$2^6 = 64$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0000 \\ 0001 \\ \dots \\ 1000 \\ 1001 \\ \dots \\ 1111 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow |\phi_{out}\rangle_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta_{o1} \\ \beta_{o2} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{oN} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$2^4 = 16$

Q operations must be *reversible*

$$|\phi_{out}\rangle_{6+4} = U_Q |\psi_{in}\rangle_{6+4}$$

- A *superposition* of 2^{6+4} strings of bits
- Each string has 6 input bits and 4 output bits
- Every non-zero probability string contains an input and the corresponding label
- So, we *simultaneously* calculated answers for all input patterns

This is called **Quantum Parallelism**

Fundamentals - Continue...

The catch of Quantum parallelism

After only one computation, up to 2^n evaluations of the function are encoded in the final state as possibilities for extracting those values.

If we have 100 sensory neurons

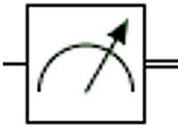
$\Rightarrow 2^{100} \approx 10^{30}$ evaluations of the function represented by the network.

The catch:

$$|\Phi_{out}\rangle_{n+m} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{2^{n+m}} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 000000 & 0000 \\ 000000 & 0001 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 111111 & 1111 \end{pmatrix}_{2^{n+m}}$$

n m

2^n evaluations
in parallel



After the measurement, the state of the input-output registers reduces to a string of bits for **just one input pattern**, and the bits of the **corresponding label**.

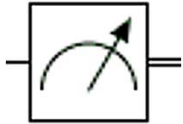
We are no longer able to learn anything about the labels for any other input pattern.

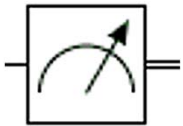
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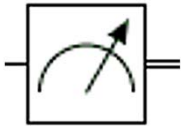
An obvious solution?

$$|\Phi_{out}\rangle_{n+m} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{0\dots0\dots0} \\ \alpha_{0\dots0\dots1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{0\dots1\dots0} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{1\dots1\dots1} \end{pmatrix}_{2^{n+m}}$$

Copy

$$|\Phi_{out}\rangle_{n+m} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{0\dots0\dots0} \\ \alpha_{0\dots0\dots1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{0\dots1\dots0} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{1\dots1\dots1} \end{pmatrix}$$


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No-cloning theorem

It is **impossible** to create an independent and identical **copy** of an **arbitrary unknown** quantum state.

(BTW, it is extremely valuable for Q communications/cryptography)

Despite this, **potential benefits of Q Parallelism are enormous**, e.g.:

- Find **relations** between different results (e.g., a period of a function)
- Reliable **sampling** from a probability distribution
- Maybe, can use the entire **superposition** of all inputs-w-labels for **training**

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Huge promise – **linear algebra**.

❑ The most mature directions in Q ML:

- Linear Algebra
- Optimization
- Sampling

❑ **QLSA** (Q linear system algorithm)

- Also called **HHL** [Harrow, Hassidim, and Lloyd, 2009]
- Solves in **Logarithmic time** => a “mini-revolution” in QML.
- It was extended or used as a subroutine in other Q ML algorithms.

HHL was extended or used as a subroutine in other Q ML algorithms

- ❑ **WBL** - Quantum Algorithm for Data Fitting: N. Wiebe, D. Braun, and S. Lloyd (2012)
- ❑ **Linear Regression**: Schuld, M., Sinayskiy, I. and Petruccione, F. (2016), “Prediction by Linear Regression on a Quantum Computer”
- ❑ **Q PCA**: Lloyd, S., Mohseni, M. & Rebentrost, P. (2014), “Quantum principal component analysis.”
- ❑ **Q SPV**: P. Rebentrost, M. Mohseni, S. Lloyd (2014), “Quantum support vector machine for big data classification. ”

Q linear system algorithm (HHL algorithm)

Given:

A – an $N \times N$ matrix

\vec{b} – a vector

Find:

\vec{x} – a vector, satisfying: $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

HHL algorithm:

- Represent \vec{b} as a Q state: $|b\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N b_i |i\rangle$.
- Apply e^{iAt} to $|b\rangle$ for various values of the time t .
- Phase estimation technique, decompose $|b\rangle$ into eigenbasis of A , find corresponding eigenvalues λ_j :
- After a few additional steps, left with a state proportional to:

$$|b\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|b\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j |u_j\rangle.$$
$$\sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j |u_j\rangle |\lambda_j\rangle$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \lambda_j^{-1} |u_j\rangle = A^{-1} |b\rangle = |x\rangle.$$

Caveats of HHL

(1) The **input state preparation** into $|b\rangle$ - **steals** from the exponential speed up of the HHL (common problem for many Q algorithm).

(2) There are **restrictions** on A in $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
(sparsity, time needed for A inversion).

(3) The solution is **not** \vec{x} , but a Q superposition state: $|x\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix}$

- To get individual values x_i , need many repetitions of the algorithm, the number of repetitions **proportional to N** .

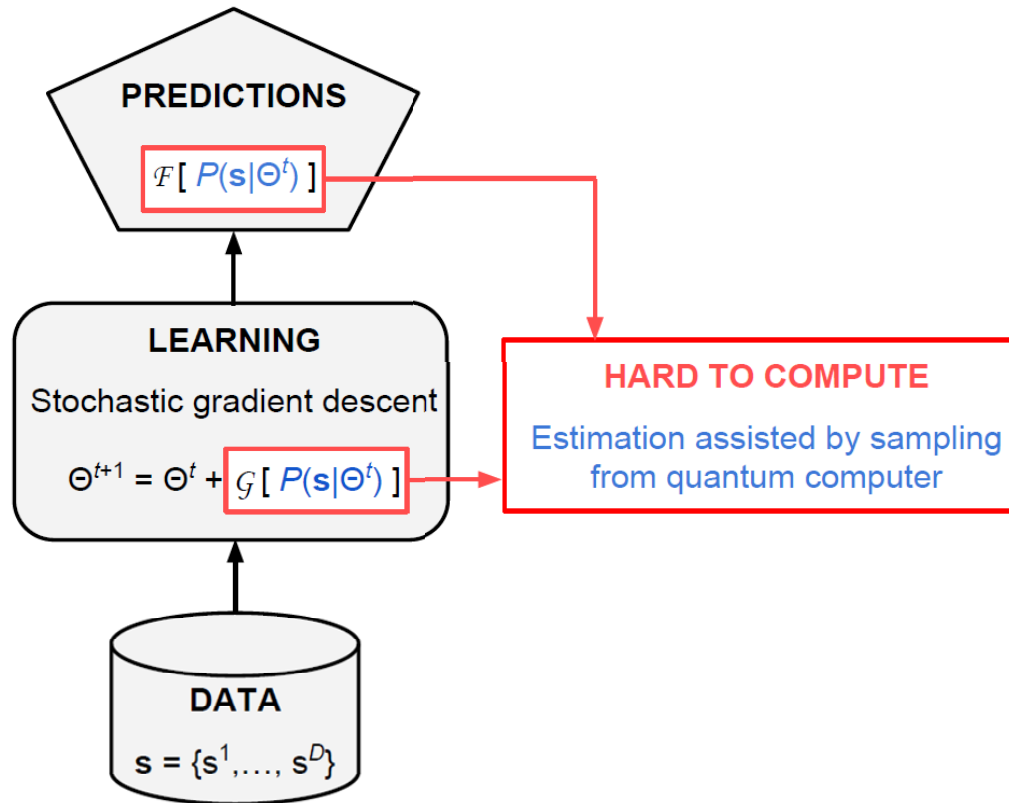
- Realistically, $|x\rangle$ easily reveals only the **biggest** entries of \vec{x} , or, the **expectation value** of some operator/matrix $\langle k|M|k\rangle$.

NISQ

- ❑ 2011 – first commercial [Quantum Annealer](#) by D-Wave.
- ❑ 2016 – first [cloud-based](#) (gated) quantum computer by IBM.
- ❑ [NISQ](#) (Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum) computers:
 - Small [number of qBits](#) (50-100 qBits today on Gated QC; a few thousands on QAs).
 - De-coherence, noise/errors – limited [circuit depth](#).
 - Limited [connectivity](#) between qBits.
- ❑ Focus on the areas where [Classical ML struggles](#) (generative models, sampling, etc).
- ❑ [Hybrid Classical-Quantum](#) ML algorithms – particularly promising for [NISQ](#).

General scheme for hybrid quantum-classical algorithms

[A. Perdomo-Ortiz *et al* (2018) "Opportunities and challenges for quantum-assisted machine learning in near-term quantum computer," *Quantum Sci. Technol.*]



- Besides AQA, sampling can be done using **QAOA** on a Gated QC.

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A million-dollar problem

Find the global energy minimum of the objective function:

$$E(s) = -\sum_{i,j} J_{ij} s_i s_j - \sum_i h_i s_i \quad s_i \in \{-1,1\}$$

A broad range of hallmark optimization problems can be mapped onto quadratic unconstrained binary optimization problems.

E.g.

- Satisfiability problems (k -SAT)
- The traveling salesman problem
- Knapsack problem
- Graph coloring
- MRFs

This problem is suited for NISQ:

- *A difficult part (find global min) can be done on AQC*
- *Parameter (J_{ij} , h_i) adjustment/learning – on Classical Computer.*

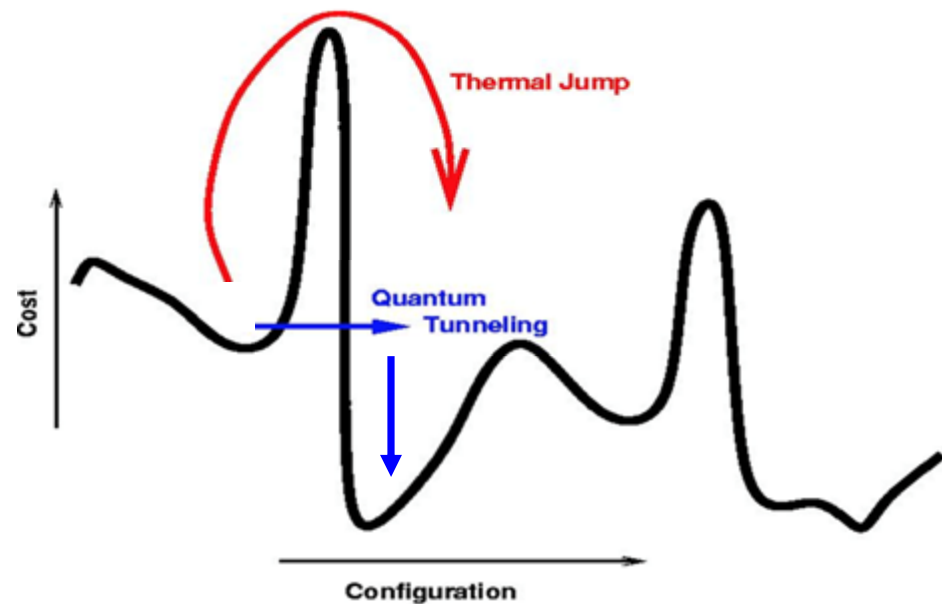
Simulated Annealing vs Quantum Annealing

Simulated (thermal) annealing (SA)

- ❑ Escape local minima via thermal fluctuations.
- ❑ “Jump over” energy barriers.

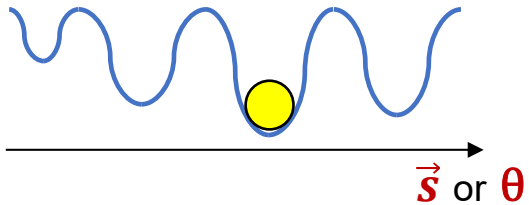
Quantum annealing (QS)

- ❑ Escape local minima via quantum fluctuations.
- ❑ Tunnel through energy barriers.



Two applications of Adiabatic Quantum Annealing in ML

Parameter optimization

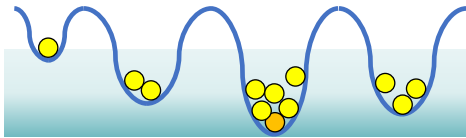


Our problem: $\theta_{opt} = \arg \min_{\theta} f(\theta)$

$f(\theta) \rightarrow E(\mathbf{s})$ of Adiabatic Quantum Annealer

$$D\text{-Wave: } E(\mathbf{s}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N J_{ij} s_i s_j - \sum_{j=1}^N h_j s_j$$

Sampling

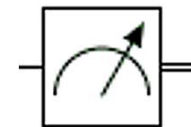
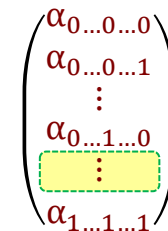
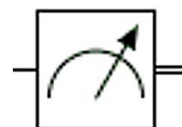
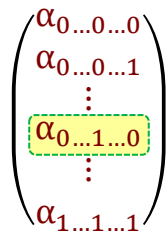
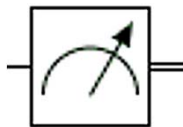
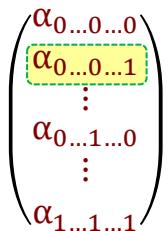


e.g., Restricted Boltzmann Machines (RBMs)

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})/T}$$

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \omega_{ij} h_i v_j - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j v_j - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i h_i$$

$$E(\mathbf{s}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N J_{ij} s_i s_j - \sum_{j=1}^N h_j s_j$$

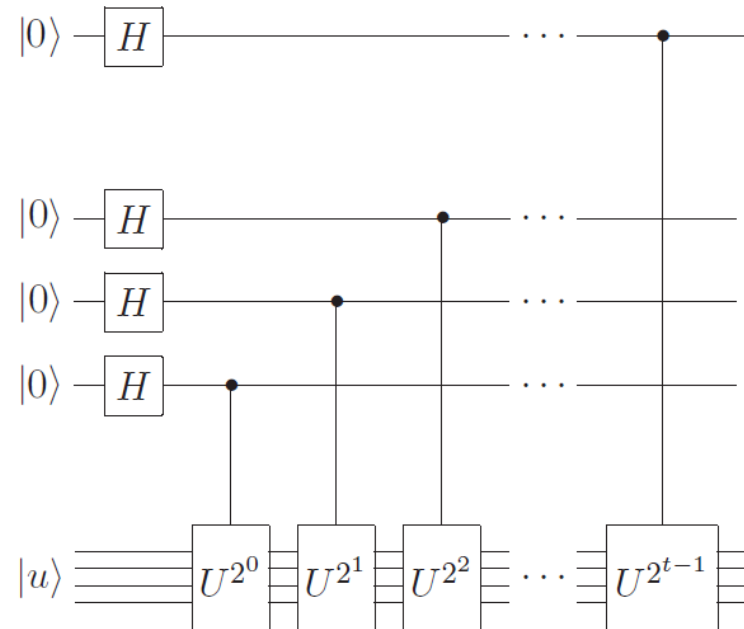
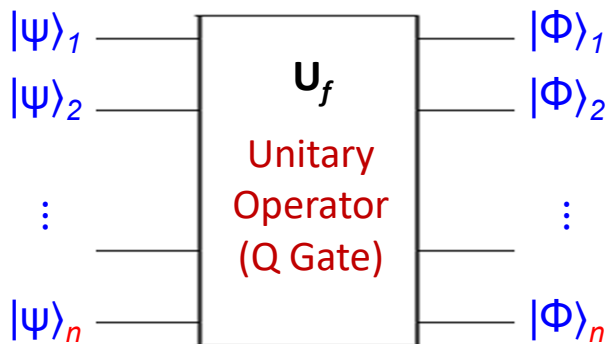


Outline

- ❑ Why Quantum Computing (QC)
 - Can QC help my branch of ML? Now or how soon?
 - What do I need to know to understand published Q algorithms
- ❑ Apples to oranges... vs “apples to bees”..
 - Classical, classical Probabilistic and Quantum computers
 - Probabilistic ML and Q ML (dead-or-alive vs simultaneously dead-and-alive)
- ❑ Fundamentals
 - $\langle \text{Bra} | \text{Ket} \rangle$, \otimes
 - Why does do want to use density matrix formalism in Q ML
 - Popular misconceptions about Q parallelism
 - No-cloning
- ❑ Huge promise – linear algebra.
 - HHL algorithm, linear regression, PCA...
 - Difficulties
- ❑ NISQ (Noisy intermediate-scale quantum)
- ❑ Adiabatic QC for NISQ
 - Optimization
 - Sampling
- ❑ **Gated** QC => **Variational** ML, Q NNs

Gate model vs Adiabatic QA

- ❑ While an **Adiabatic Q Annealer** has become the first commercial QC...
- ❑ ... the **Gate** model is behind all the famous Q algorithms.
- ❑ AQA and Gated are **equivalent** (with a significant **conversion overhead**).
- ❑ Gated QC - the promise for the **universal/general-purpose QC**.

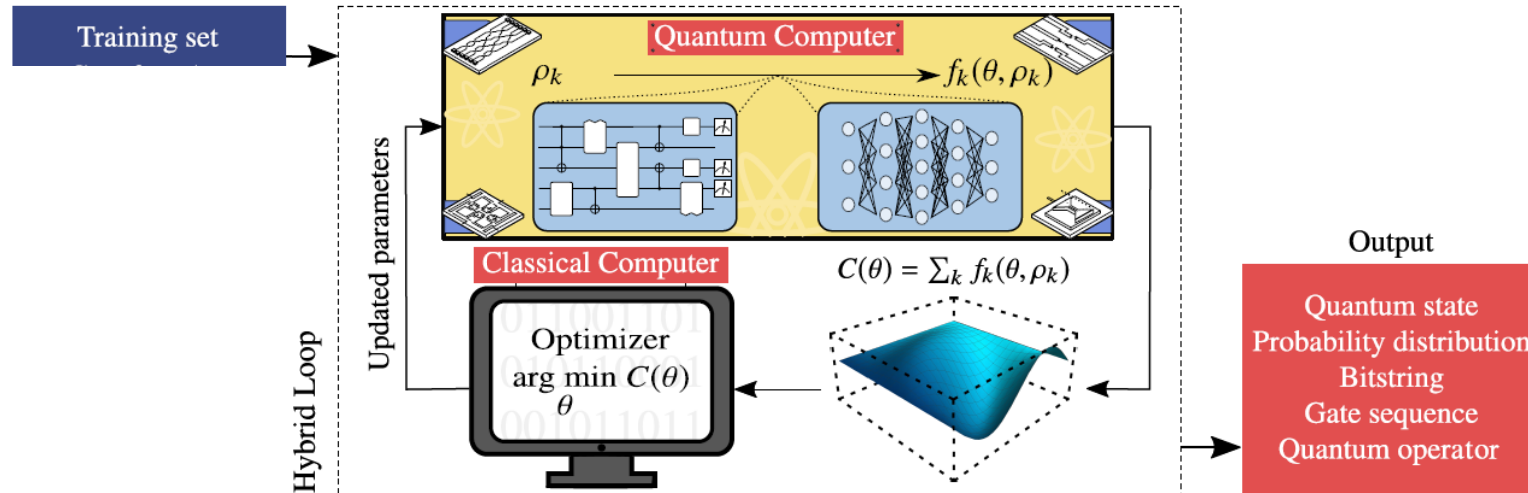


Why Hybrid Classical-Quantum algorithms?

- ❑ Difficult to expect killer apps (based on Q linear algebra) on 100-1000 qBit devices.
- ❑ Q algorithms offering Polynomial-Exponential speed-up may require high circuit depth...
- ❑ ... but the noise limits the circuit depth.
- ❑ Instead, focus on the areas where Classical ML struggles (generative models, sampling, etc).
- ❑ Hybrid Classical-Quantum ML algorithms – particularly promising for NISQ.
- ❑ Variational Q algorithms (VQAs) – a classical optimizer to train parametrized Q circuit.

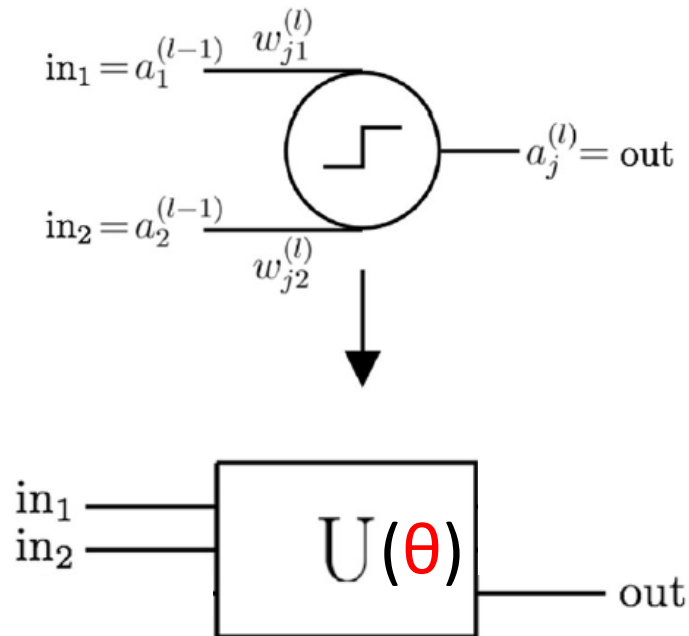
Schematic diagram of a Variational Quantum Algorithm (VQA).

[M. Cerezo *et al* (2020), "Variational Quantum Algorithms," *arXiv:2012.09265*]



Quantum NNs

[Kwok Ho Wan *et al* (2017), "Quantum generalization of feedforward neural networks," *npj Quantum Information*]

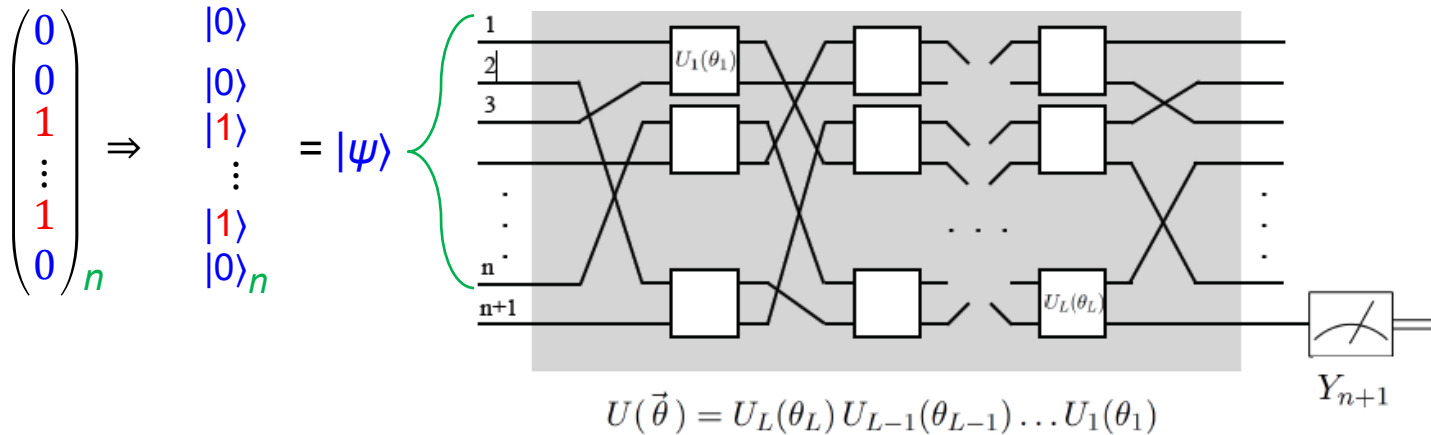


$$\delta w_{jk}^{(l)} = -\eta \frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{jk}^{(l)}},$$

- Classical NNs: **non-linearities** are critical.
- Q Unitaries: **linear** operations.
- Q NN: **non-linearities** come from Q measurements.
- Demonstrated a way of building Q autoencoder (but no-cloning may be an issue).

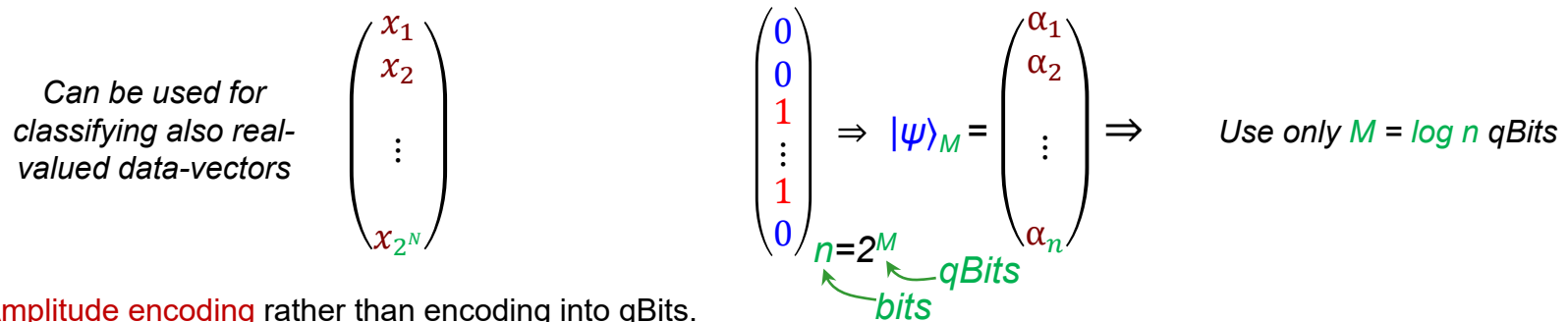
Quantum NNs

[E. Farhi *et al* (2018), "Classification with Quantum Neural Network on Near Term Processors".



- A possibility to have $|\psi\rangle$ = a **superposition** of all training patterns for training.

[M. Schuld *et al* (2018), "Circuit-centric quantum classifiers]



- **Amplitude encoding** rather than encoding into qBits.
- Used **angles** of a Q state as learnable parameters (instead of parametrization with Pauli matrices).
- Emphasized importance of the circuit preparing **strongly entangled** quantum states.

Conclusion

- ❑ There are realistic opportunities to benefit from the **near-term** QC hardware
- ❑ While the near-term benefits of QC in general remain uncertain, **Q ML** research is likely to bring some **killer apps**.
- ❑ It is important to understand **caveats** associated with the most promising algorithms
- ❑ The potential benefits are huge and exciting, but usually not what science journalist promise the public.