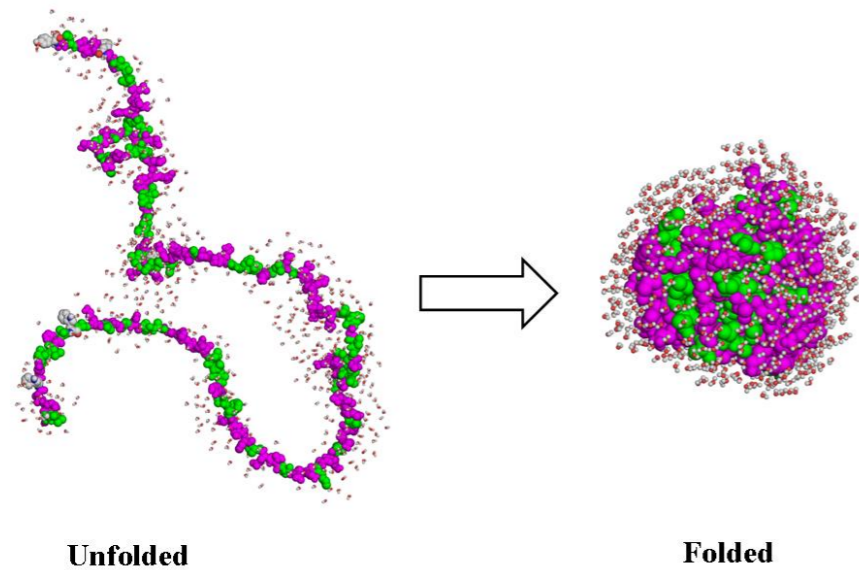


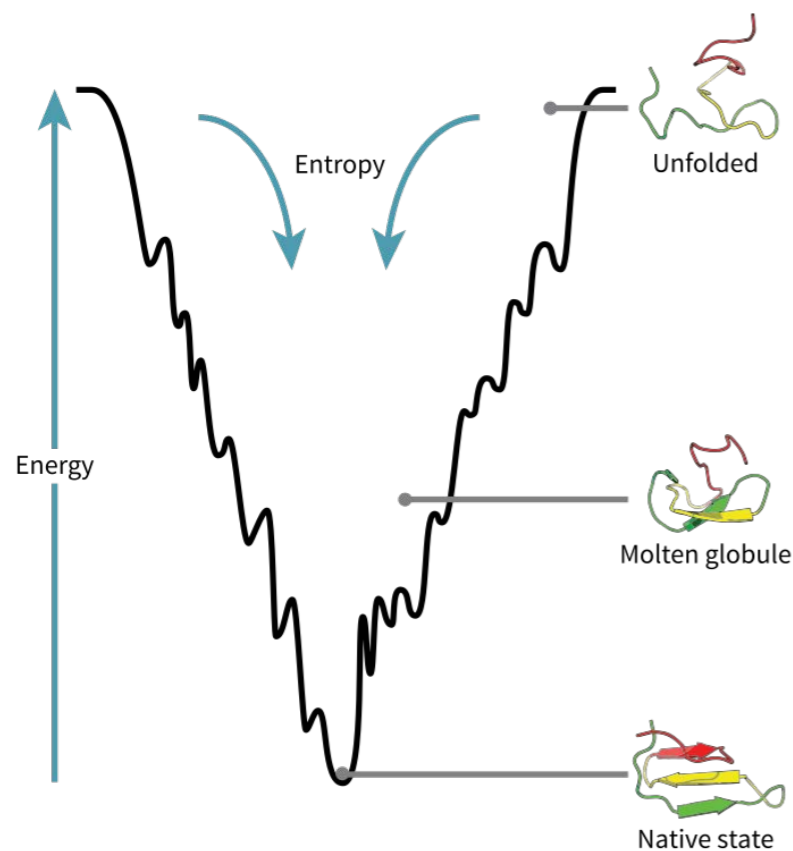
# Quantum Computing for High-Energy Physics

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# Protein-folding and Levinthal's Paradox



- Elongated proteins fold to same state within microseconds
- Some proteins have  $3^{300}$  conformations
- Levinthal's Paradox (1969): Sequential sampling of states would take longer than lifetime of Universe (even if only nanoseconds per state spent)
- Solution: No sequential sampling, but rapid descend into the potential minimum.



→ **Optimisation = Life**

→ Solution of mathematical problem can be found quickly if encoded in ground state of complex system

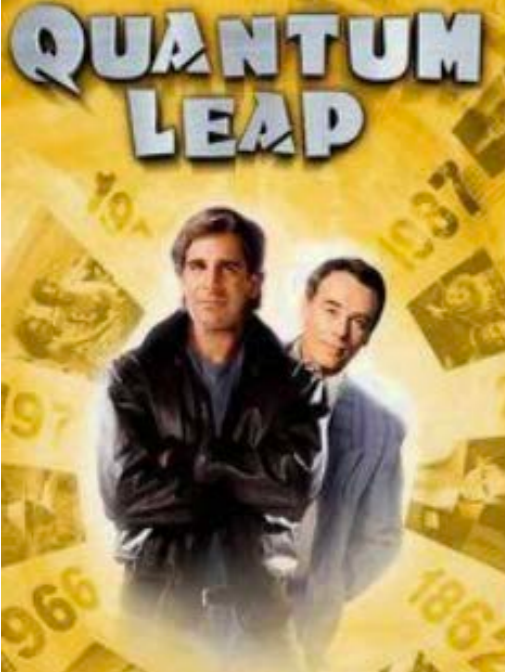
“Nature is quantum [...] so if you want to simulate it, you need a quantum computer”  
– Richard Feynman  
(1982)



Easily said ... so how do we do that?

Beginning of a scientific journey that accelerated in recent years tremendously....





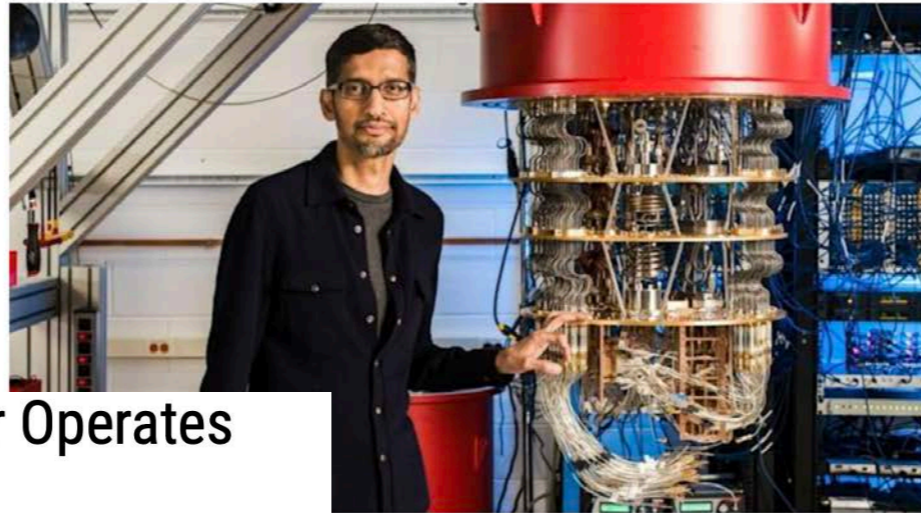
# The Morning After: Google claims 'quantum supremacy'

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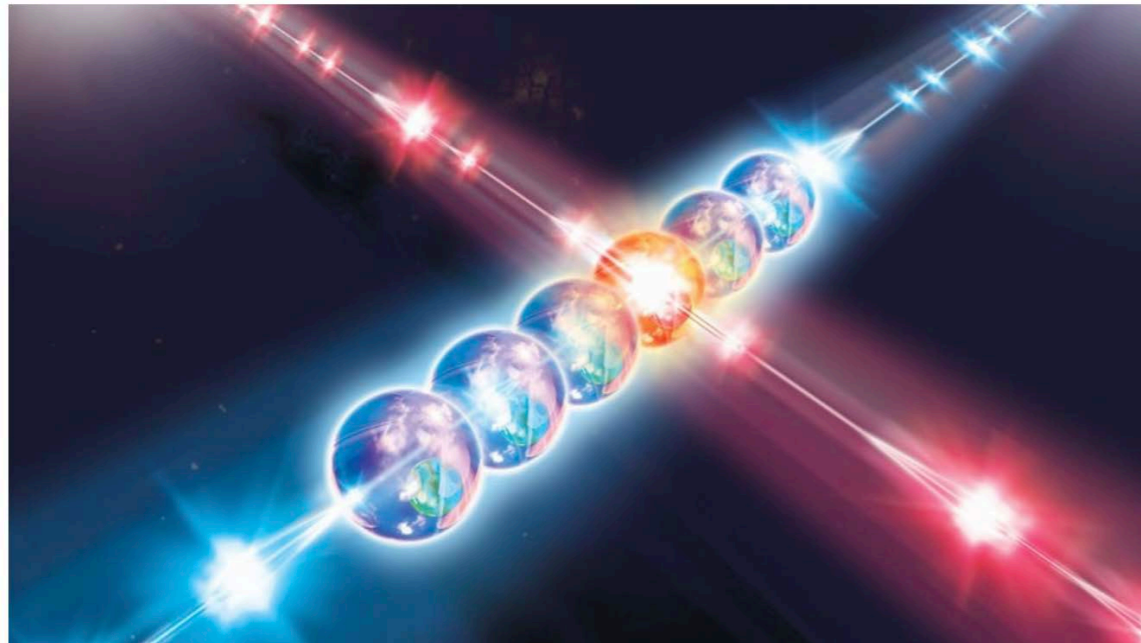


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### Quantum Computers Will Be Incredibly Useful For

Computers don't exist in a vacuum. They serve to solve problems, and the type of problems they can solve are influenced by their hardware. Graphics processors are specialized for rendering images; artificial intelligence processors for AI; and quantum computers designed for... what? While the power of quantum computing is impressive, it does not mean that existing ...



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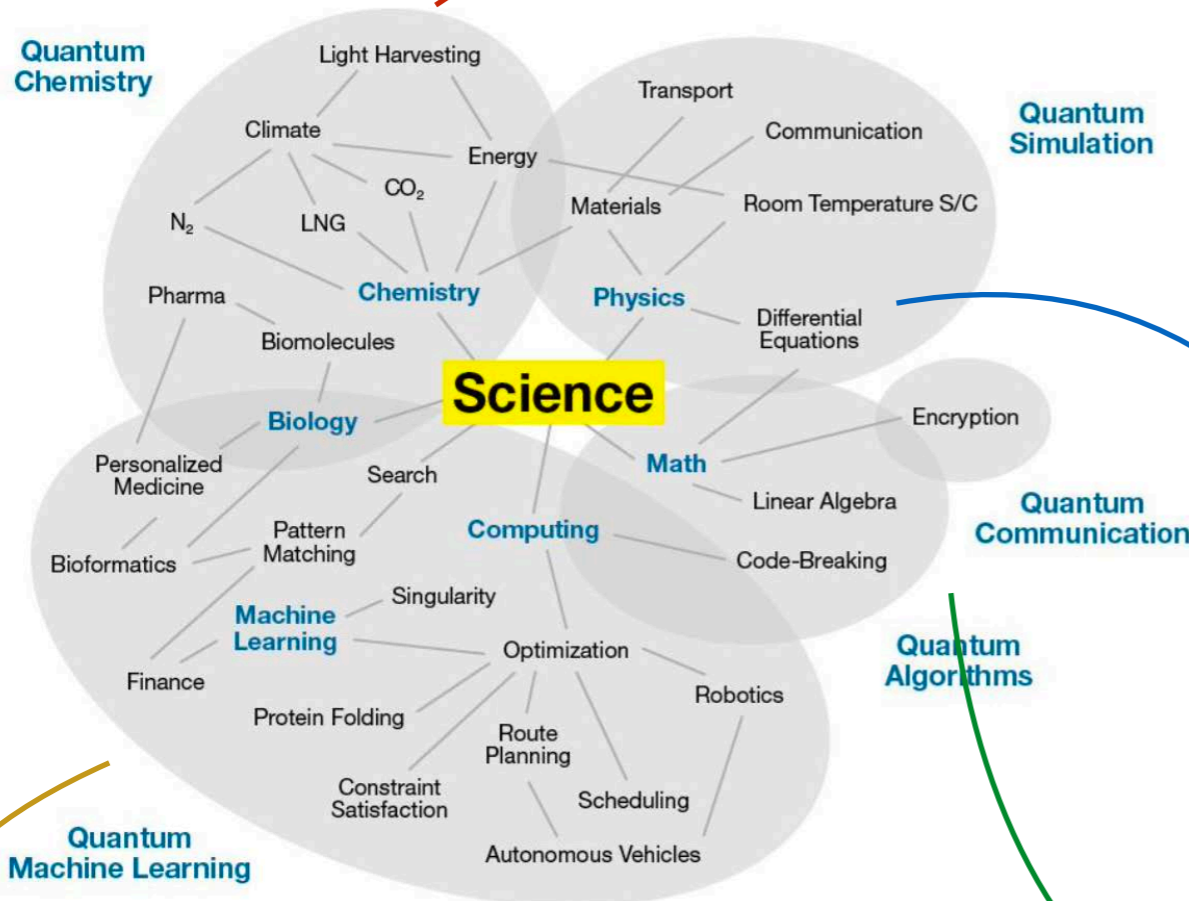




# Private and Public Sector is placing big bets on Quantum Computing

## Quantum Computing

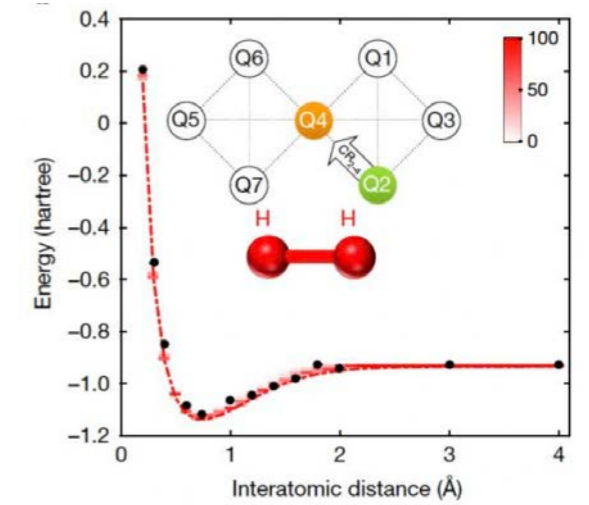
### Use Cases



### Quantum Chemistry

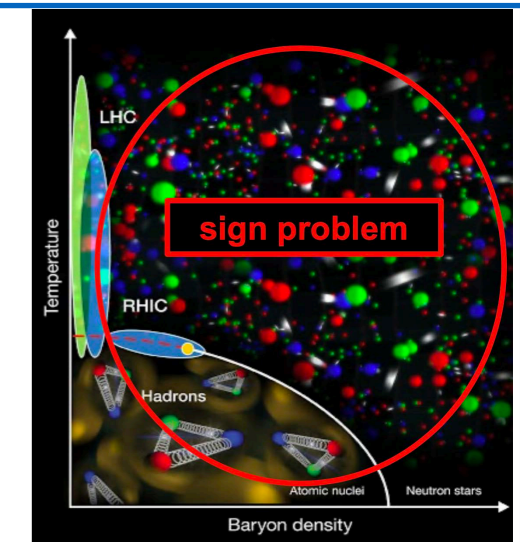
- Bound state
- Sampling
- Optimisation

Logistics problems



### Fundamental Physics

- Cond Mat/PP/QOptic
- Hamiltonian simulation
- Non-perturbative
- Entanglement



### Quantum Information

- Teleportation
- Quantum Internet
- Encryption
- Information access / storage



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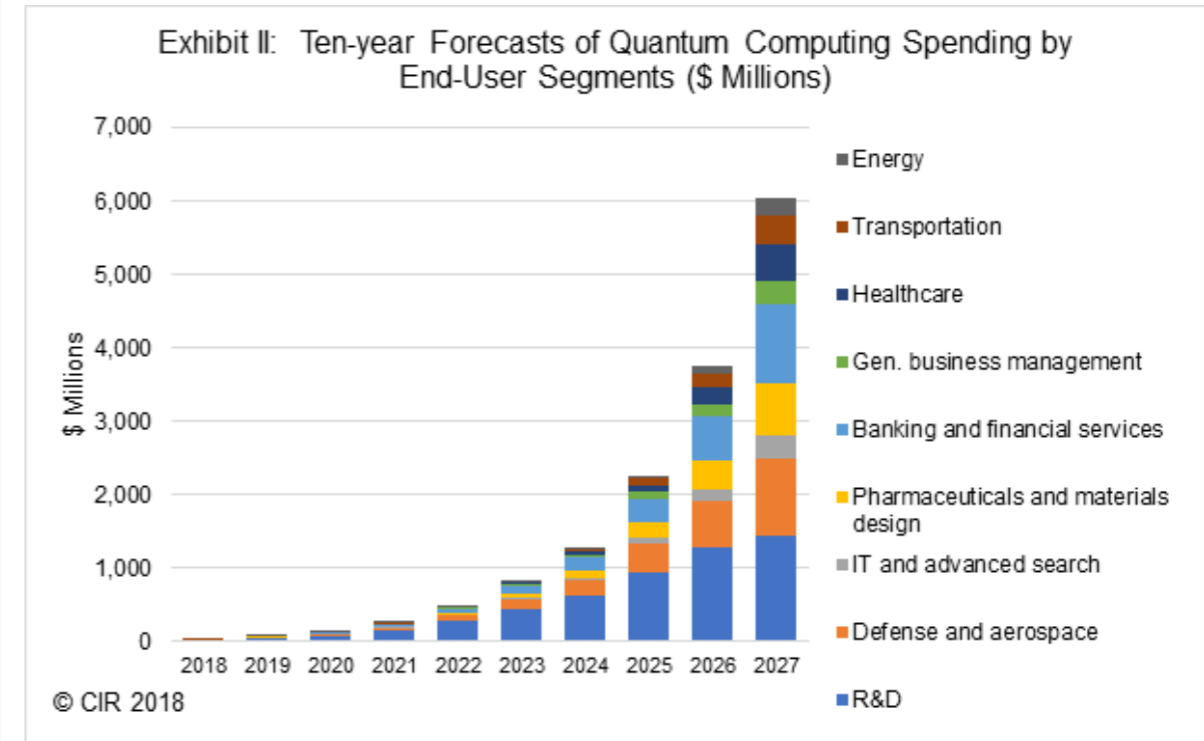
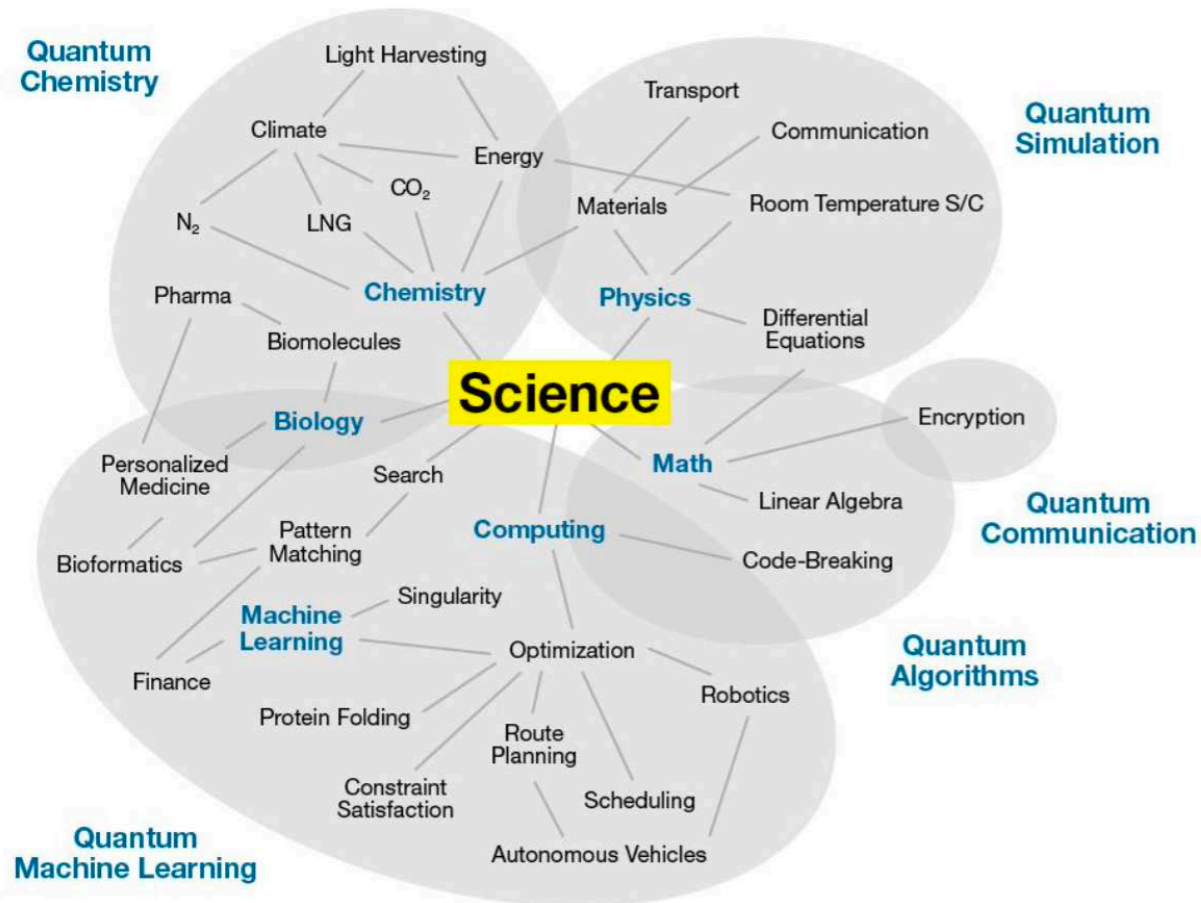
### Machine Learning

- QNN
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Significant financial investment expected across many sectors

In US, already now higher financial investment from private than public sector

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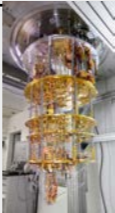
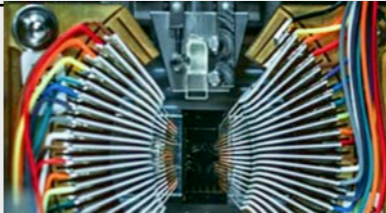
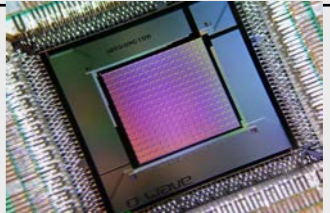
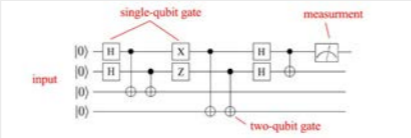
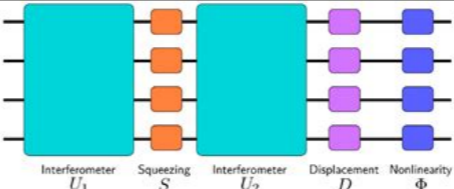
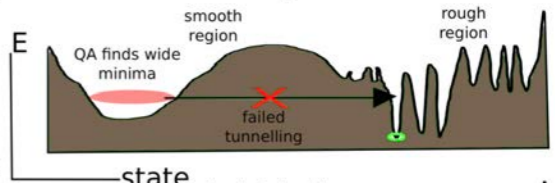
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All national and international labs have QC programmes (Fermilab, BNL, LBNL, CERN, Singapur, Abu Dhabi, ...)



# Popular Quantum Computing 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	DWave - LEAP ~7000 Qubits
What?			
			

# How most quantum algorithms work

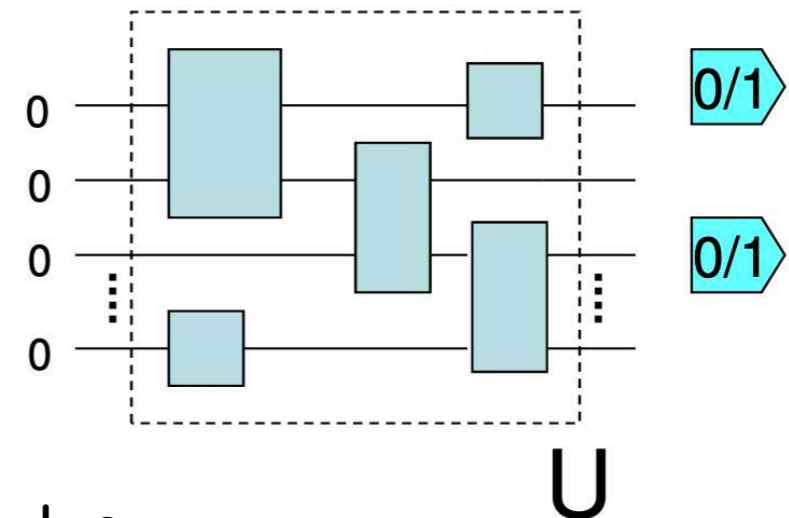
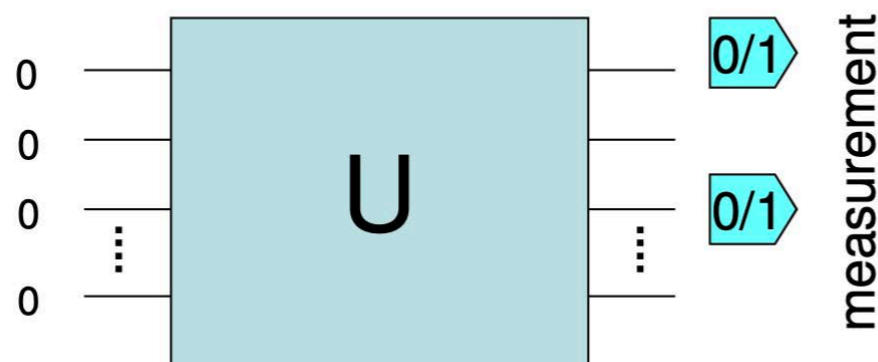
operator acts on Hilbert space states  $U|x\rangle = |\Psi_1\rangle$

measurement of observable  $\hat{U}$  corresponds to exp. value of operator  $U$

$$\langle \hat{U} \rangle_\Psi = \frac{\langle \Psi | U | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$$

Need to encode Hilbert space and operator suitable for quantum system

statistical statement need to evaluate often



- Operator expressed in terms of individual gates
- Often 'Trotterization' (Suzuki-Trotter decomposition) needed:

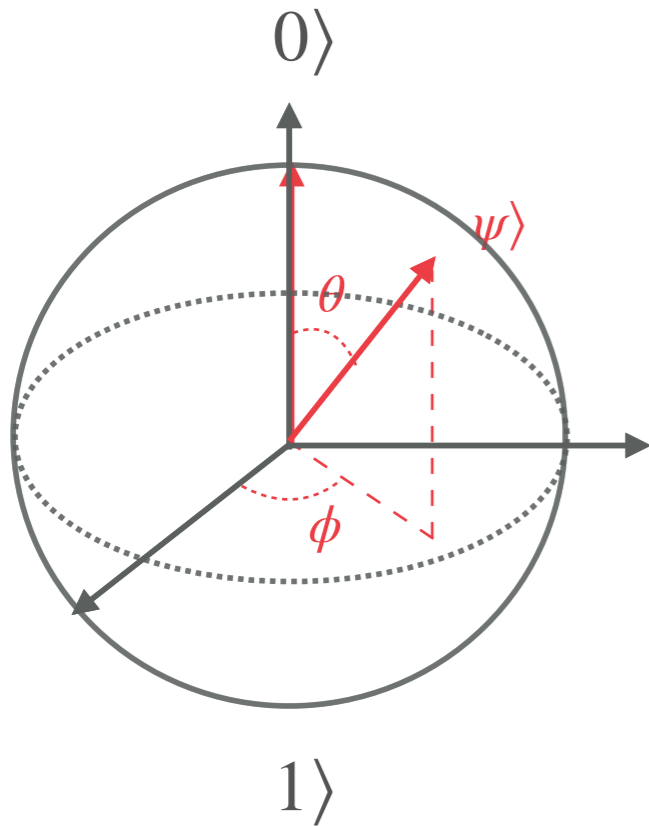
For  $H = \sum_{j=1}^m H_j \longrightarrow e^{iHt} = \left( \prod_{j=1}^m e^{-iH_j t/r} \right)^r + \mathcal{O}(m^2 t^2 / r)$



# Rotation about the Bloch Sphere and state parametrisation

$|0\rangle$

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



Measure

$$|1\rangle \text{ Prob}(|1\rangle) = \left(e^{i\phi} \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2$$

$$|0\rangle \text{ Prob}(|0\rangle) = \left(\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2$$

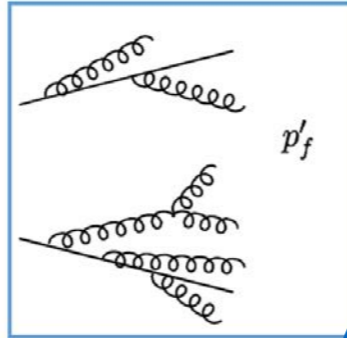
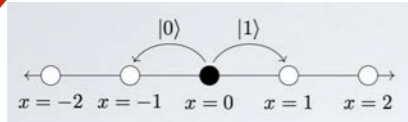
Apply Unitary rotation  $U_3$   $|0\rangle$ :

$$U_3(\theta, \phi, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -e^{i\lambda} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ e^{i\phi} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & e^{i(\phi+\lambda)} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

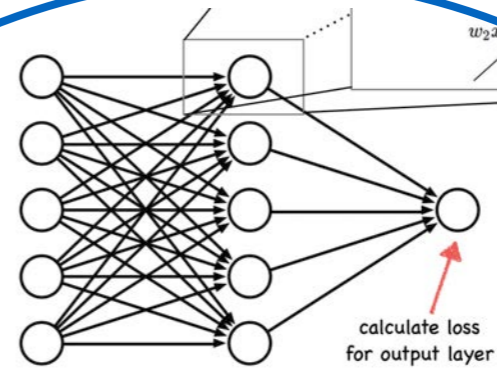
$|1\rangle$

Extending this to a system of  $N$  qubits forms a  $2^N$ -dimensional Hilbert Space

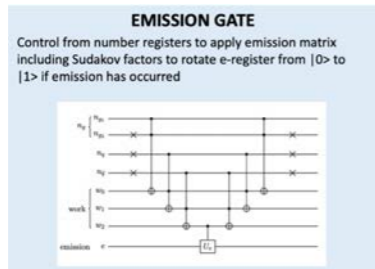
# Particle Collision Calculations



# New physics searches



# Data analysis

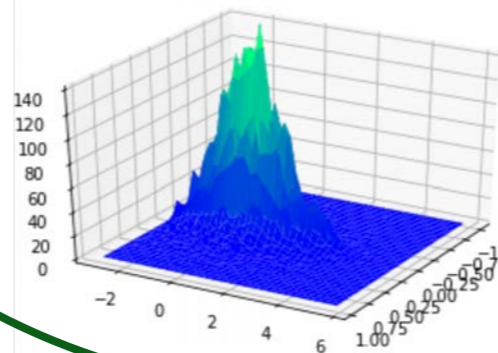
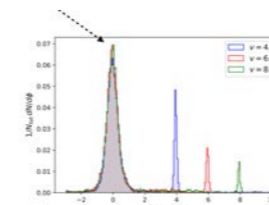
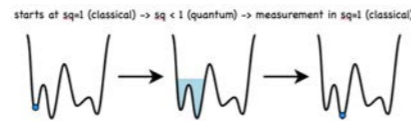


# Multi particle dynamics

# Matter antimatter asymmetry

# HEP

# Quantum Field Theory





# HEP application focused quantum simulations

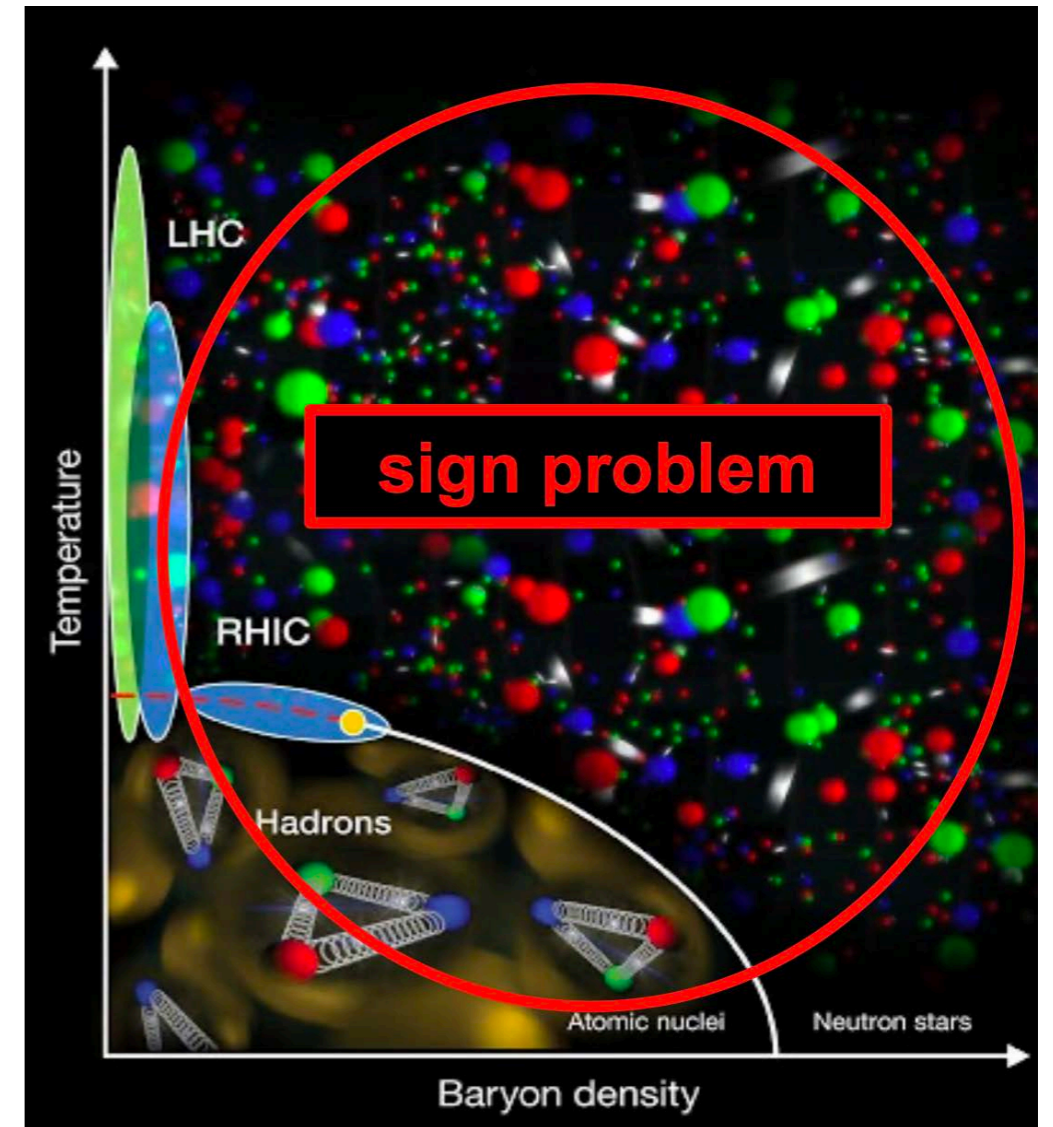
- Sign problem - profound challenge for simulation of field theories
- Can arise in presence of chemical potential, topological terms, multi-particle dynamics, ...
- Example chemical potential  $\mu\bar{\psi}\gamma^0\psi$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi\mathcal{D}A e^{-S[\bar{\psi},\psi,A]} \quad (\text{partition function})$$

$$S = \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \int d^3x \left[ \bar{\psi}(\gamma^\mu D_\mu + m)\psi + \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \mu\bar{\psi}\gamma^0\psi \right]$$

and integration over fermion fields and wick rotation

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A e^{-S_{\text{gauge}}[A]} \cdot \det(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m + i\mu\gamma^4) \longrightarrow \text{For } \mu \neq 0 \text{ complex phases don't cancel}$$



# HEP application focused quantum simulations

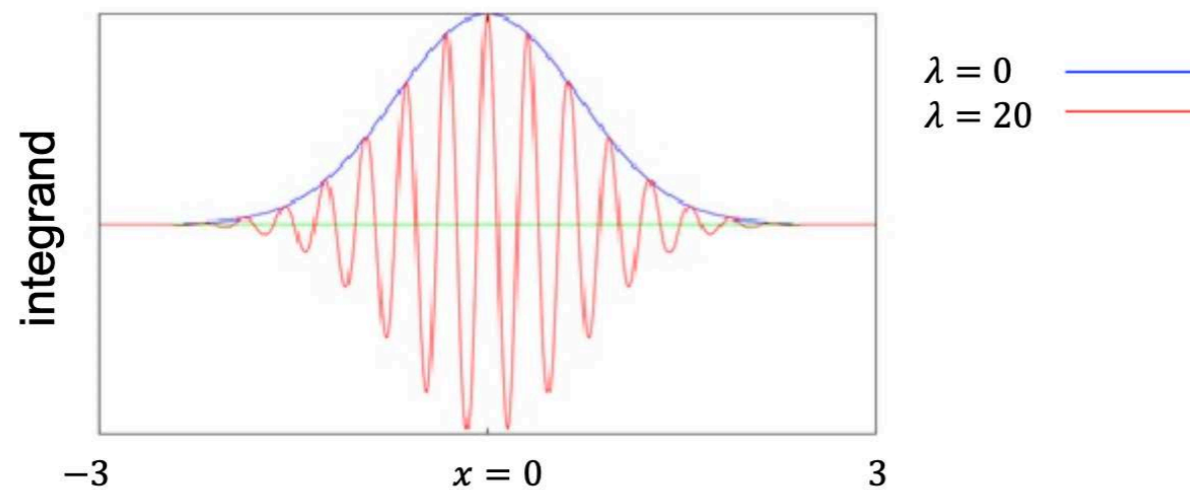
- Importance sampling

Interpretation of  $e^{-S_{\text{gauge}}} \det(M)$   
as probability weight

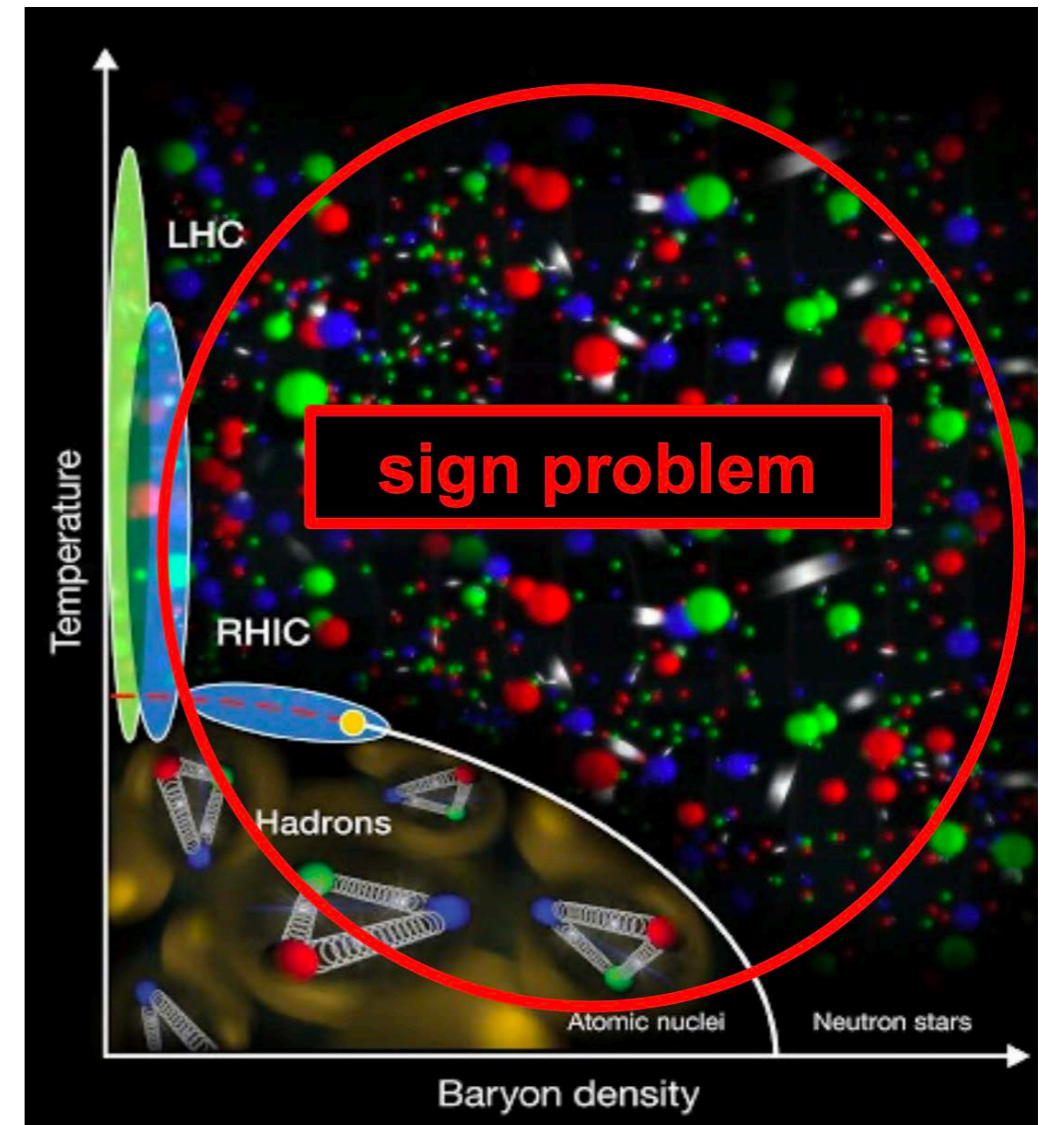
- Highly oscillatory integrands

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}A e^{-S_{\text{gauge}}} O \det(M) e^{i\phi}}{\int \mathcal{D}A e^{-S_{\text{gauge}}} \det(M) e^{i\phi}}$$

near cancellation of pos and neg contriibs



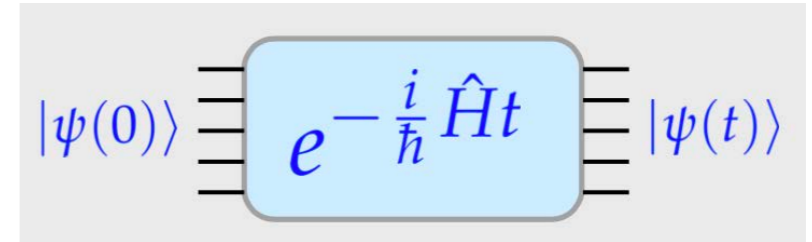
$$\int dx \exp(-x^2 + i\lambda x) \rightarrow \int dx \exp(-x^2) \cos(\lambda x)$$





# HEP application focused quantum simulations

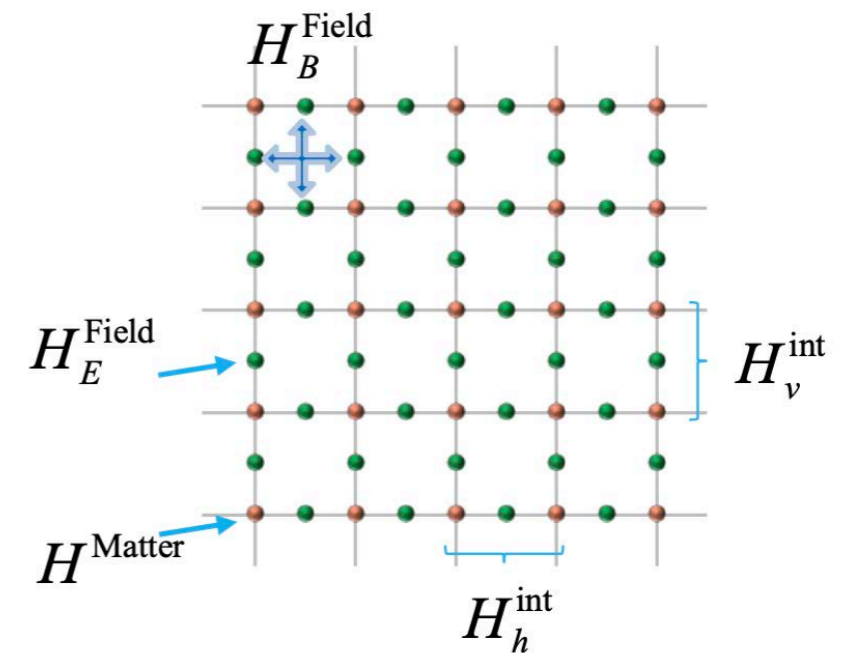
- Real-time evolution on quantum computer can avoid sign problem [Kogut, Susskind '74]



## Kogut-Susskind formulation

$$H = H^{\text{Matter}} + H^{\text{Field}} + H^{\text{int}}$$

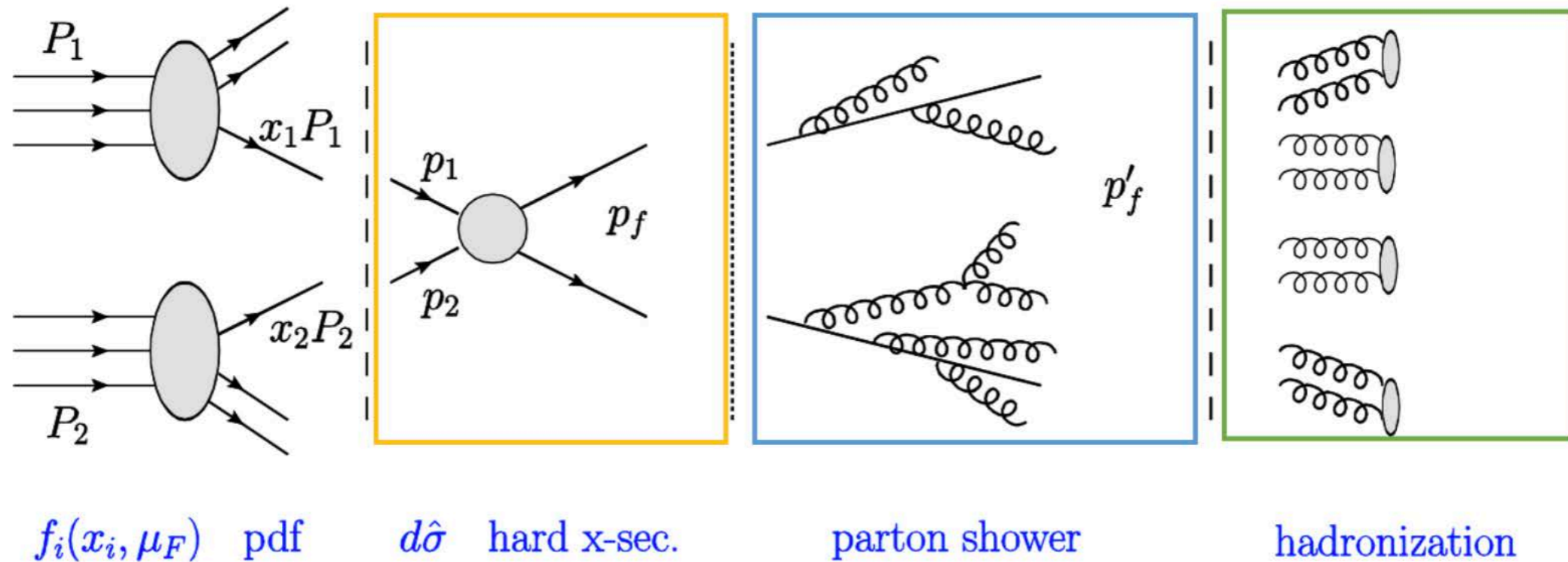
Gauge group  $G$   $u_g^p H u_g^{p\dagger} = H$



## Some recent examples:

- Sigma model with topological term [Araz, Schenk, MS '22]
- U(1) lattice gauge theory - real-time propagation and collisions in 2d [Lewis, Woloshyn '19]
- SU(2) non-Abelian gauge field (1d) - calculation of plaquette operator [Klco, Stryker, Savage '19]
- Simulate Lattice Gauge Theories with continuous gauge groups in Hamiltonian formulation [Haase, Dellantonio, Celi, Paulson, Kan, Jansen, Muschik '20]
- Z2 Lattice Gauge Theory at finite temperature [Fromm, Philipsen, MS, Winterowd '23]

# Calculation of particle collisions

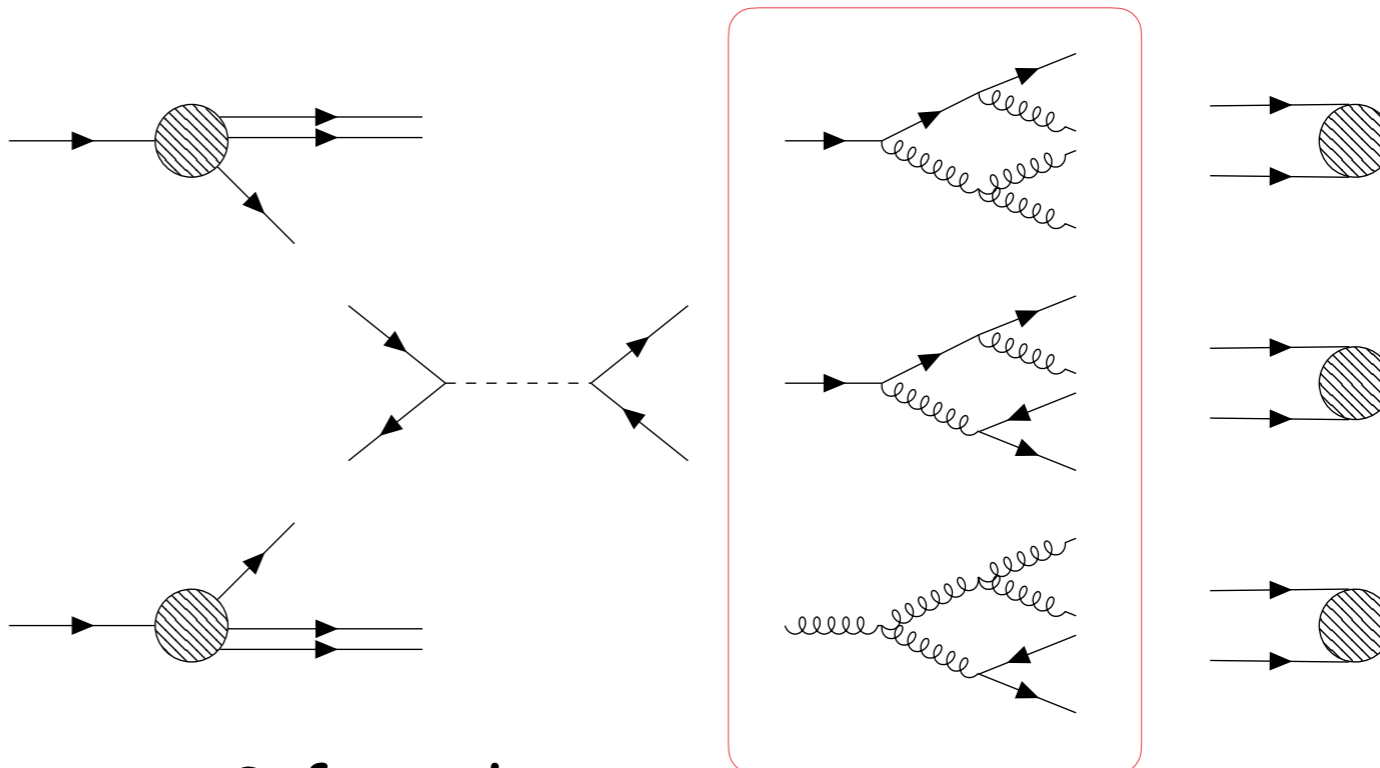


- hard process and parton shower most time consuming parts of event simulation – though carries most information!
- hard process calculated using modern helicity amplitude techniques and parton showers using perturbative QCD resummation techniques.

→ Event generators: Pythia, MadEvent, Herwig, Sherpa, ...



# Parton shower



## Collinear mode:

$$k \xrightarrow{\vec{P}} \begin{array}{l} i \\ j \end{array} \quad p_i = zP, \quad p_j = (1-z)P$$

Successive decay steps factorise into independent quasi-classical steps

## Splitting functions:

$$P_{q \rightarrow qg}(z) = C_F \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z}$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(z) = n_f T_R (z^2 + (1-z)^2), \quad P_{g \rightarrow gg}(z) = C_A \left[ 2 \frac{1-z}{z} + z(1-z) \right]$$

## Soft mode:

$$k \xrightarrow{i} j \quad p_i \approx 0$$

Interference effects only allow for partial factorisation

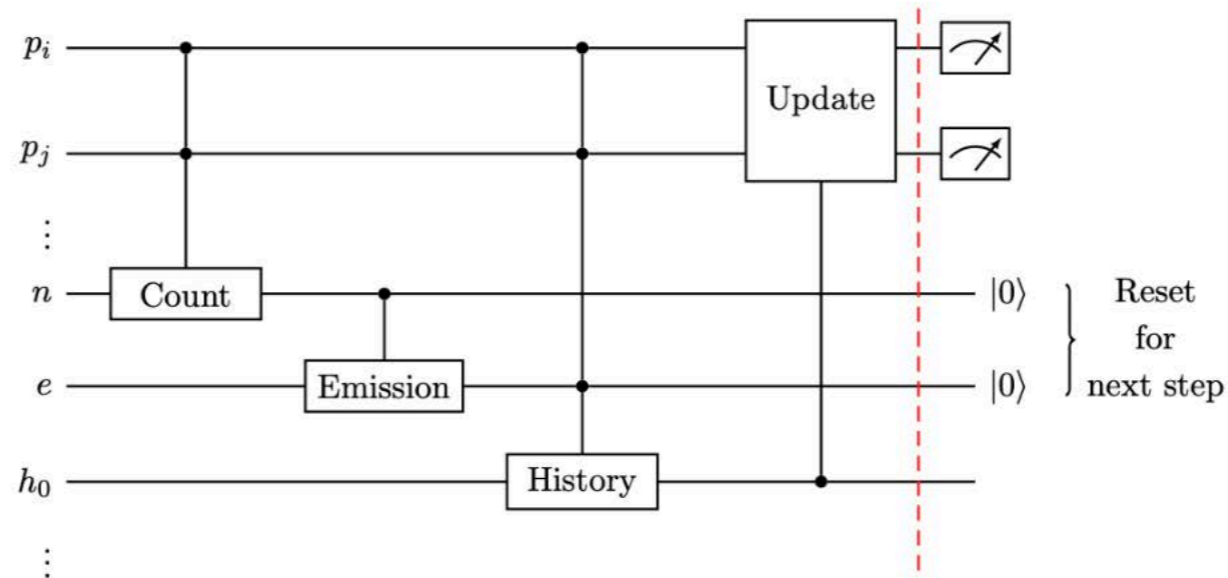
Leading contributions to the decay rate in the collinear limit are included in the soft limit

Sudakov factors for non-emission probability  $\Delta_{i,k}(z_1, z_2) = \exp \left[ -\alpha_s^2 \int_{z_1}^{z_2} P_k(z') dz' \right]$

# QC parton shower algorithm

- Interference effects in parton shower-picture for Yukawa model [Bauer, de Jong, Nachman, Provasoli '19]
- For QCD and efficient implementation [Bepari, Malik, MS, Williams '20]

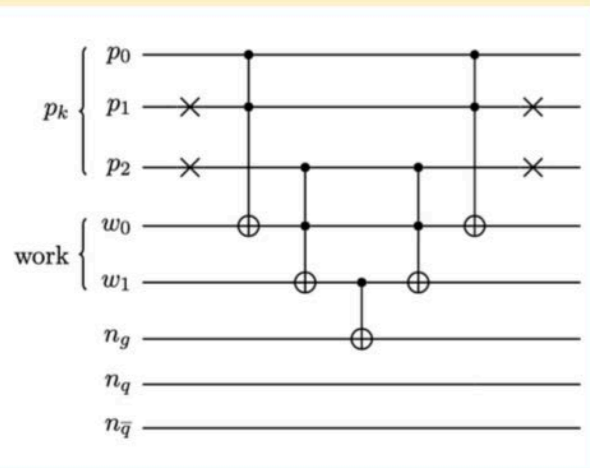
	gluon	quark	antiquark
p0	1	0	0
p1	0	0	1
p2	0	1	1



Update Gate - Controls from history register to update the final particles in the particle register

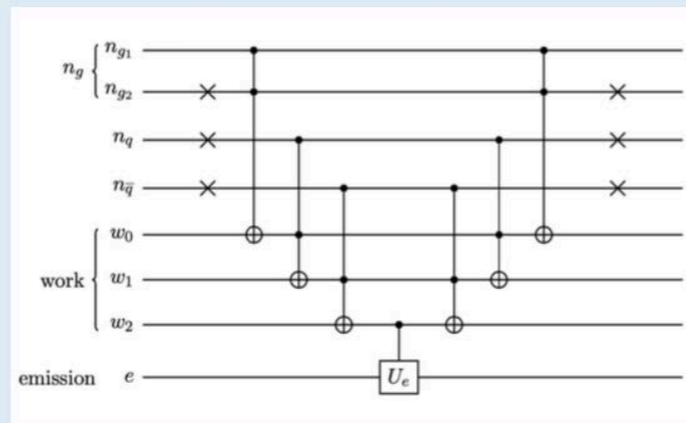
## COUNT GATE

Use NOT, CNOT, CCNOT gates to read particle register and flip corresponding number register



## EMISSION GATE

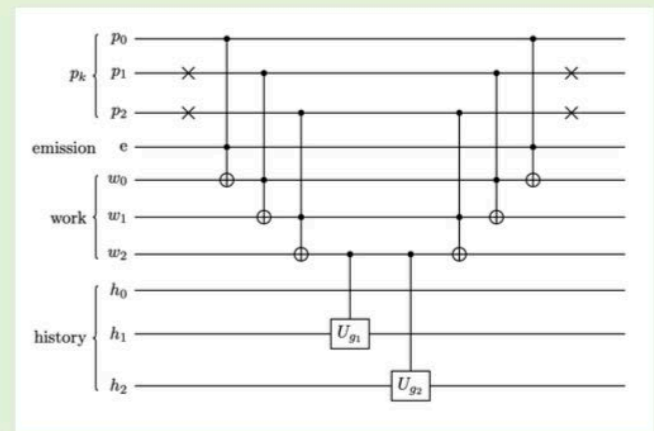
Control from number registers to apply emission matrix including Sudakov factors to rotate e-register from  $|0\rangle$  to  $|1\rangle$  if emission has occurred



$$U_e = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\Delta_{\text{tot}}(z_1, z_2)} & -\sqrt{1 - \Delta_{\text{tot}}(z_1, z_2)} \\ \sqrt{1 - \Delta_{\text{tot}}(z_1, z_2)} & \sqrt{\Delta_{\text{tot}}(z_1, z_2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

## HISTORY GATE

Control from particle and emission registers to apply specific rotations to history registers

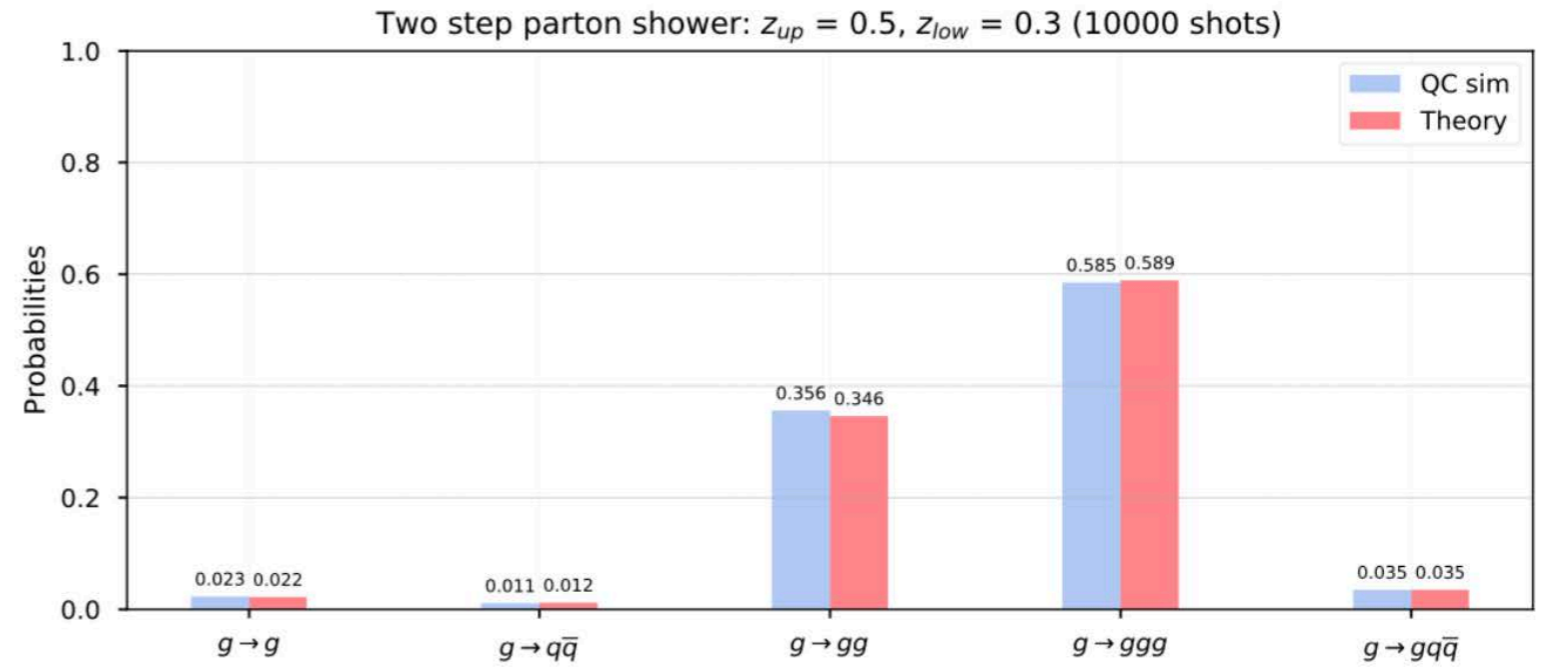


$$U_h = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1 - \frac{P_{k \rightarrow ij}(z)}{P_{\text{tot}}(z)}} & -\sqrt{\frac{P_{k \rightarrow ij}(z)}{P_{\text{tot}}(z)}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{P_{k \rightarrow ij}(z)}{P_{\text{tot}}(z)}} & \sqrt{1 - \frac{P_{k \rightarrow ij}(z)}{P_{\text{tot}}(z)}} \end{pmatrix}$$



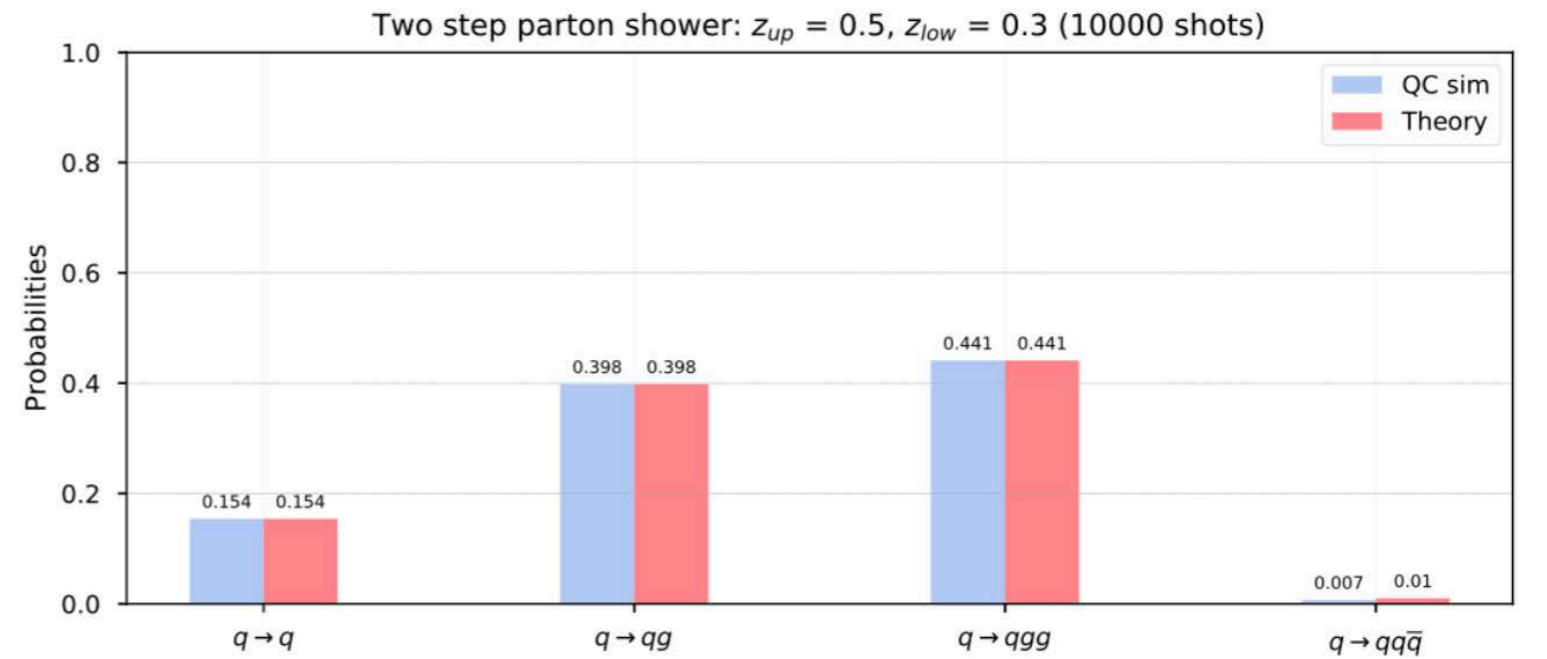
- Initial gluon:

- step 1
- $g \rightarrow g$ 
  - Step 2:
  - Same final states as step 1
- $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ 
  - Step 2:
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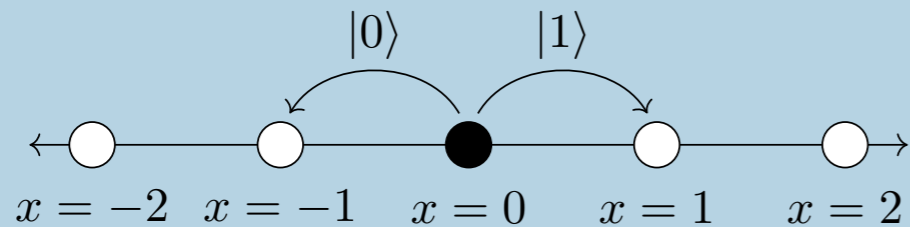


- Initial quark:

- step 1
- $q \rightarrow q$ 
  - Step 2:
  - Same final states as step 1
- $q \rightarrow qg$ 
  - Step 2:
  - $\rightarrow qgg$
  - $\rightarrow qq\bar{q}$



# The Quantum Walk



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{H}_P = \{ |i\rangle : i \in \mathbb{Z} \} \\ \mathcal{H}_C = \{ |0\rangle, |1\rangle \} \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_C \otimes \mathcal{H}_P$$

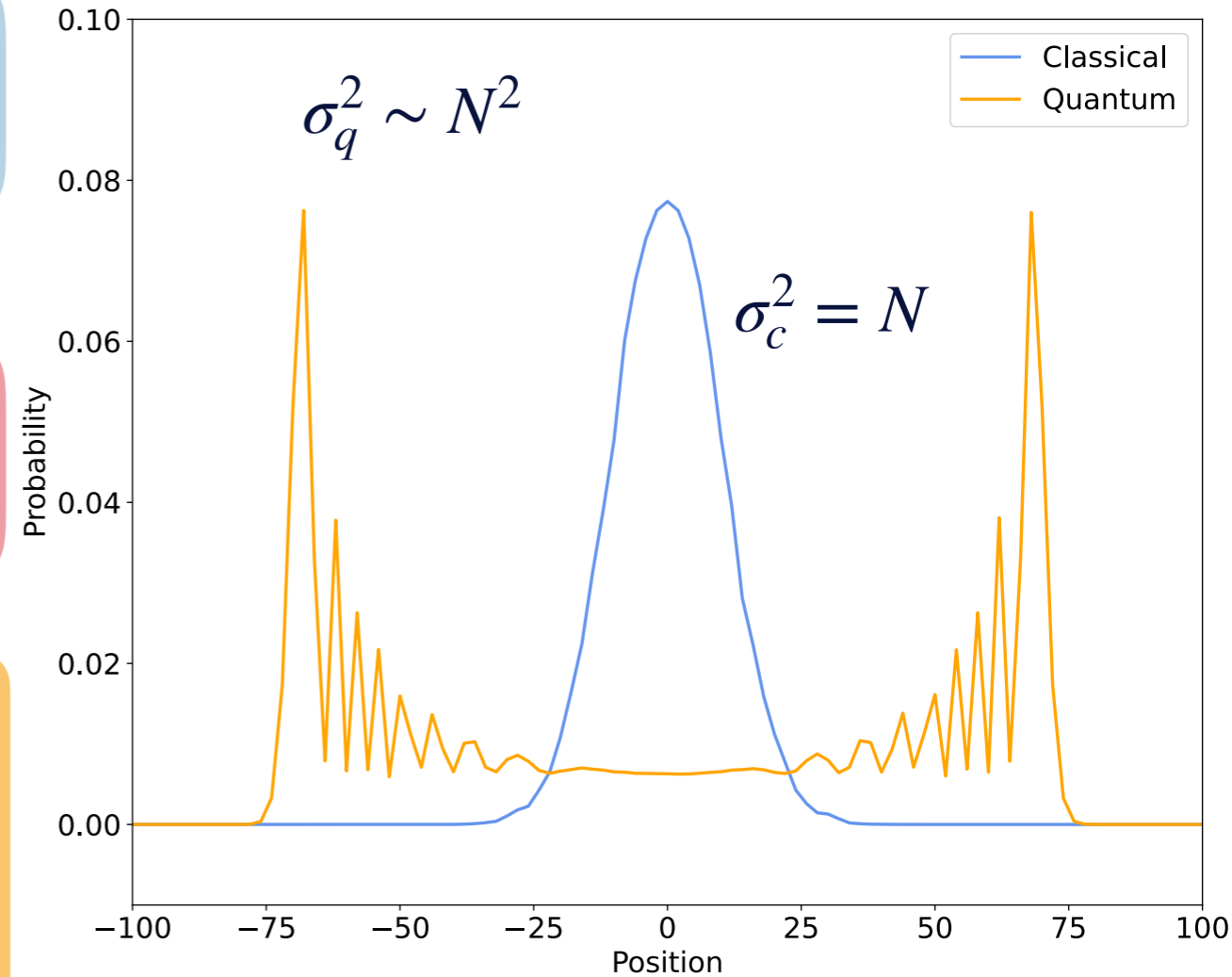
Unitary Transformation:

$$U = S \cdot (C \otimes I)$$

Coin

Operation:

$$C |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$





# Quantum Walk Parton Shower

[Bepari, Malik, MS, Williams '21]

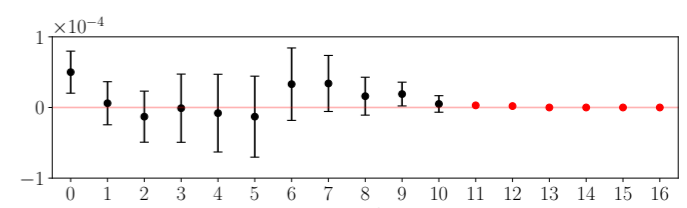
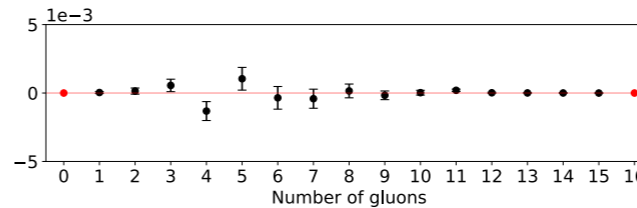
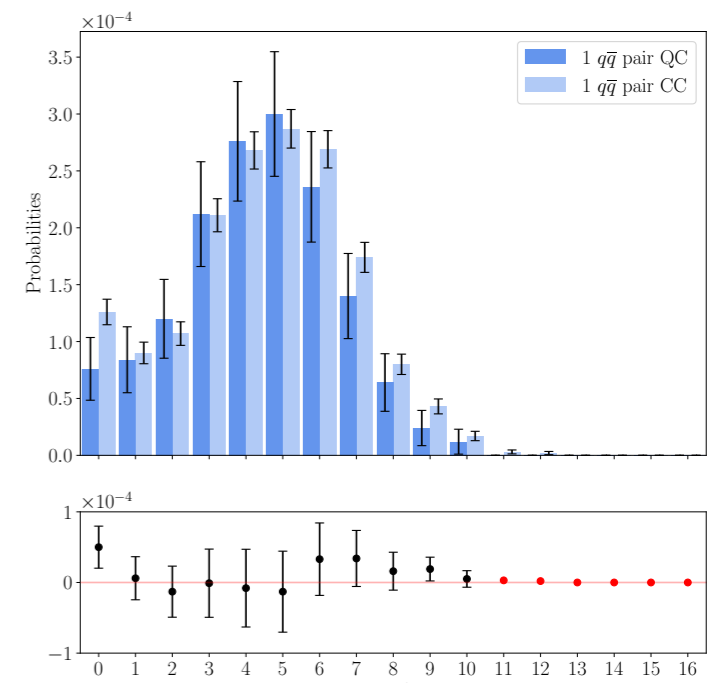
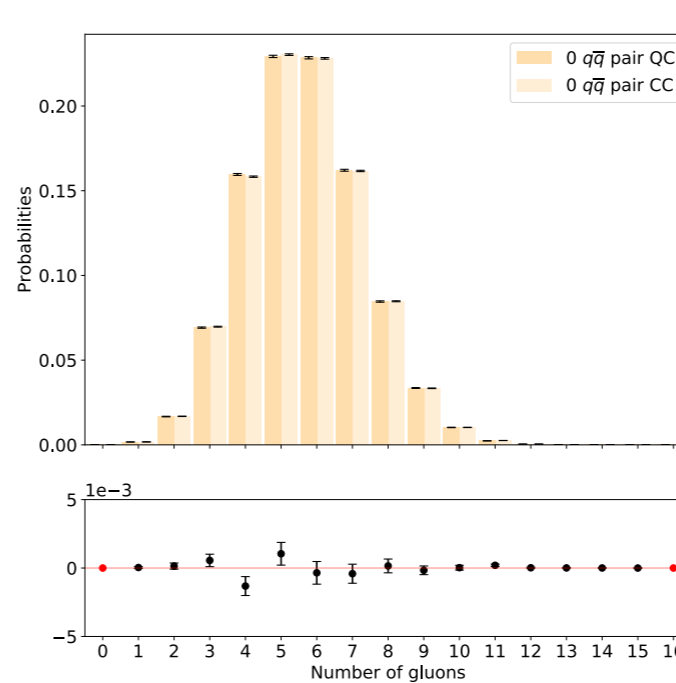
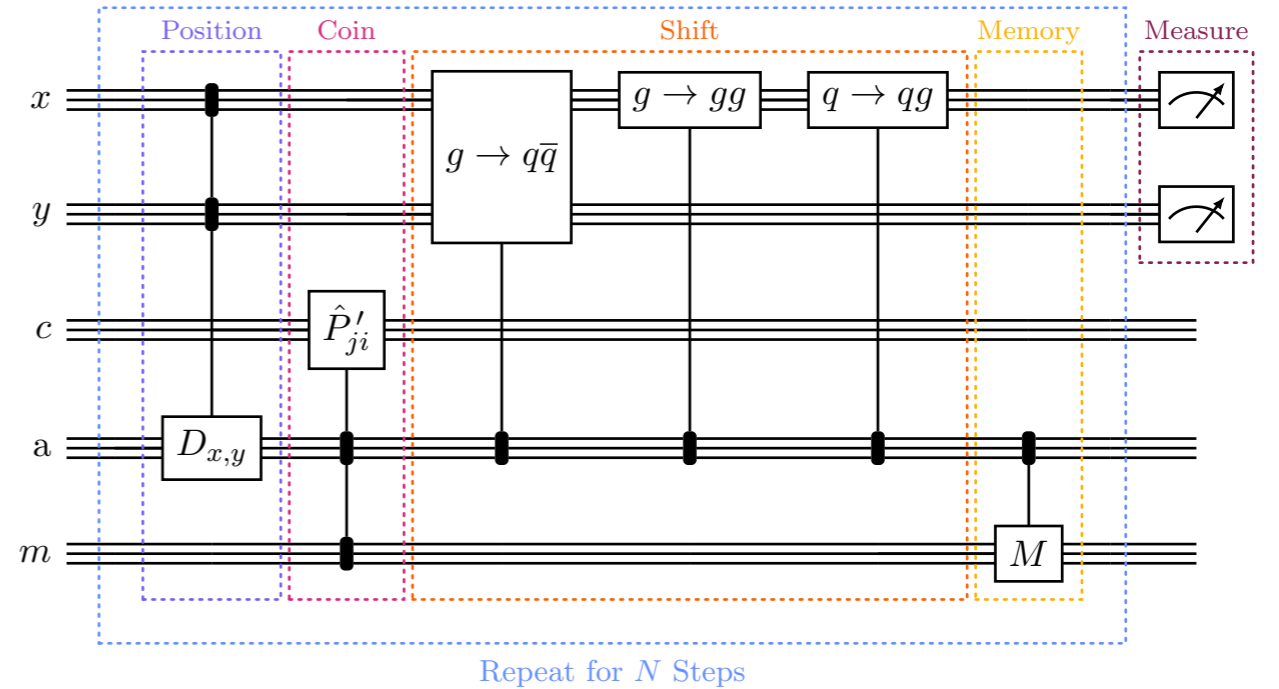
Identifying the probability for a specific emission as

$$P'_{ij} = (1 - \Delta_i) \times P_{ij}$$

$\mathcal{H}_C$  : increase the dimension of the coin space to accommodate collinear splittings

$\mathcal{H}_P$  : increase the dimension of the position space to accommodate parton species

Coin and Shift operations now propagate the determine-identify-update routine.



# Discrete QCD - Abstracting the Parton Shower Method

[Gustafson, Prestel, MS, Williams '22]

QW parton shower still no kinematics!  $\rightarrow$  Algorithm for QC with kinematics

Parameterise phase space in terms of gluon transverse momentum and rapidity:

$$k_{\perp}^2 = \frac{s_{ij}s_{jk}}{s_{IK}} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{s_{ij}}{s_{jk}} \right) \quad \text{where} \quad \kappa = \ln \left( \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

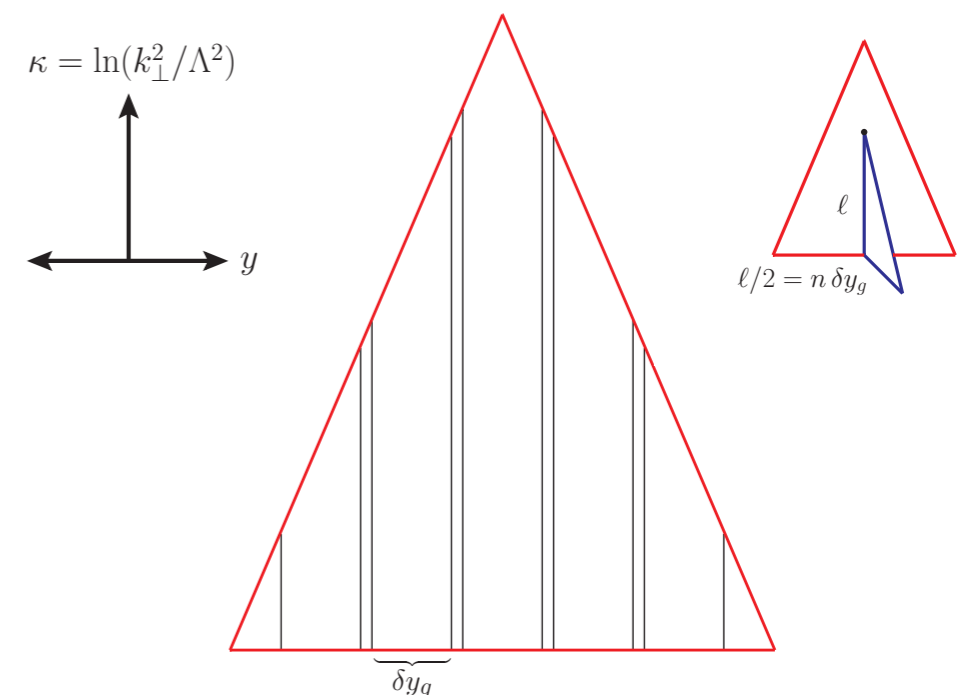
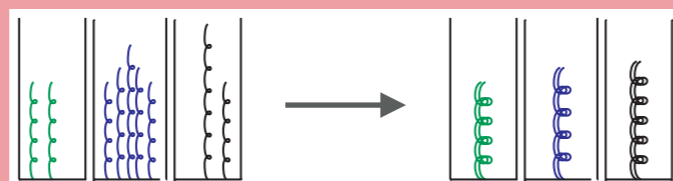
leads to inclusive probability:  $d\mathcal{P} (q(p_I)\bar{q}(p_K) \rightarrow q(p_i)g(p_j)\bar{q}(p_k)) \simeq \frac{C\alpha_s}{\pi} d\kappa dy$

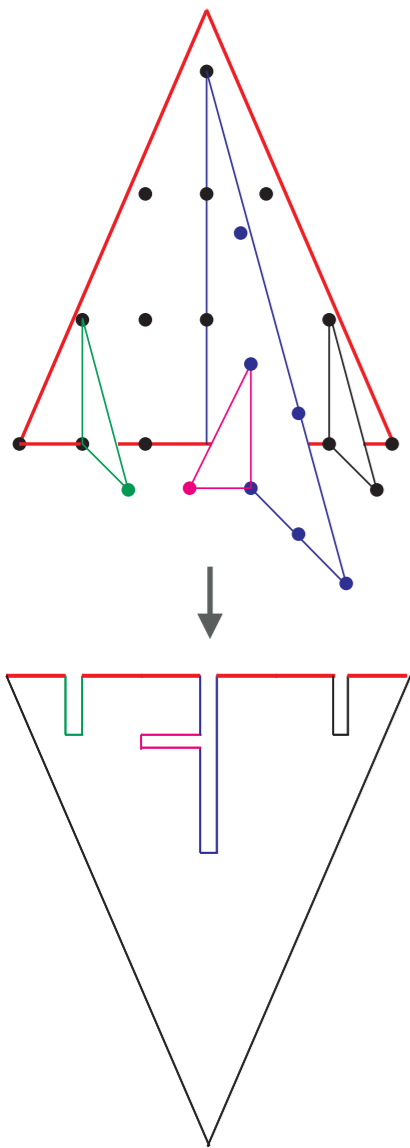
Now express with momentum-dependent running coupling

$$\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2) = \frac{12\pi}{33 - 2n_f} \frac{1}{\ln(k_{\perp}^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)} = \frac{\text{const.}}{\kappa} \rightarrow d\mathcal{P} (q(p_I)\bar{q}(p_K) \rightarrow q(p_i)g(p_j)\bar{q}(p_k)) \simeq \frac{d\kappa}{\kappa} \frac{dy}{\delta y_g} \quad \text{with} \quad \delta y_g = \frac{11}{6}$$

Interpreting the running coupling renormalisation group as a gain-loss equation:

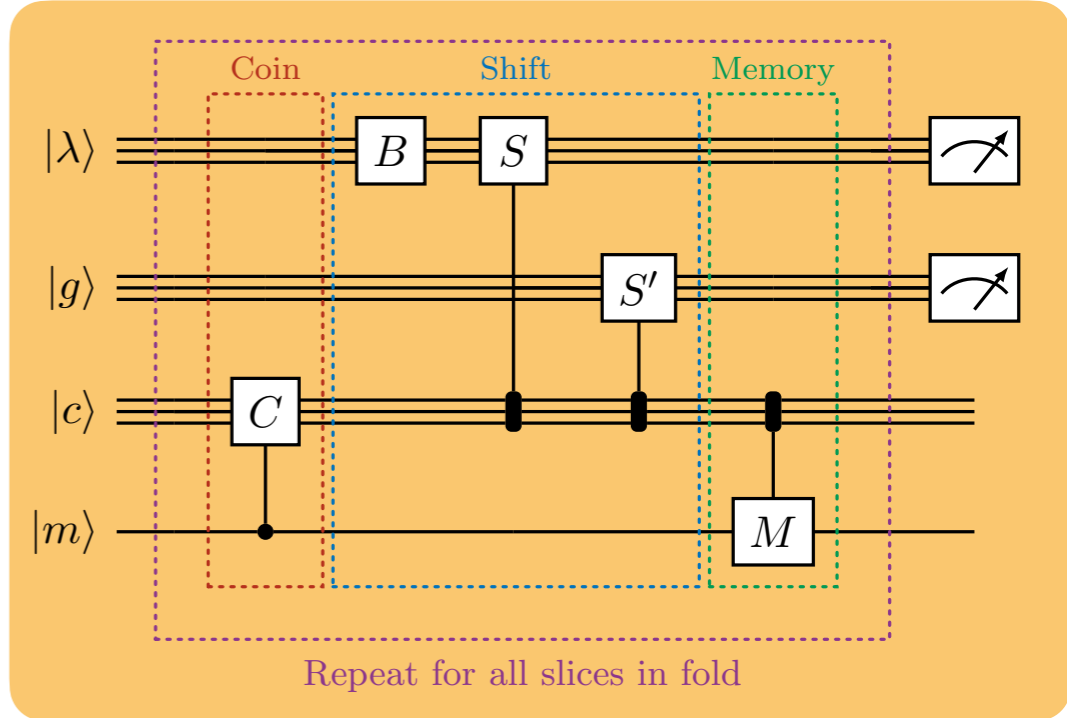
**Gluons within  $\delta y_g$  act coherently as one effective gluon**





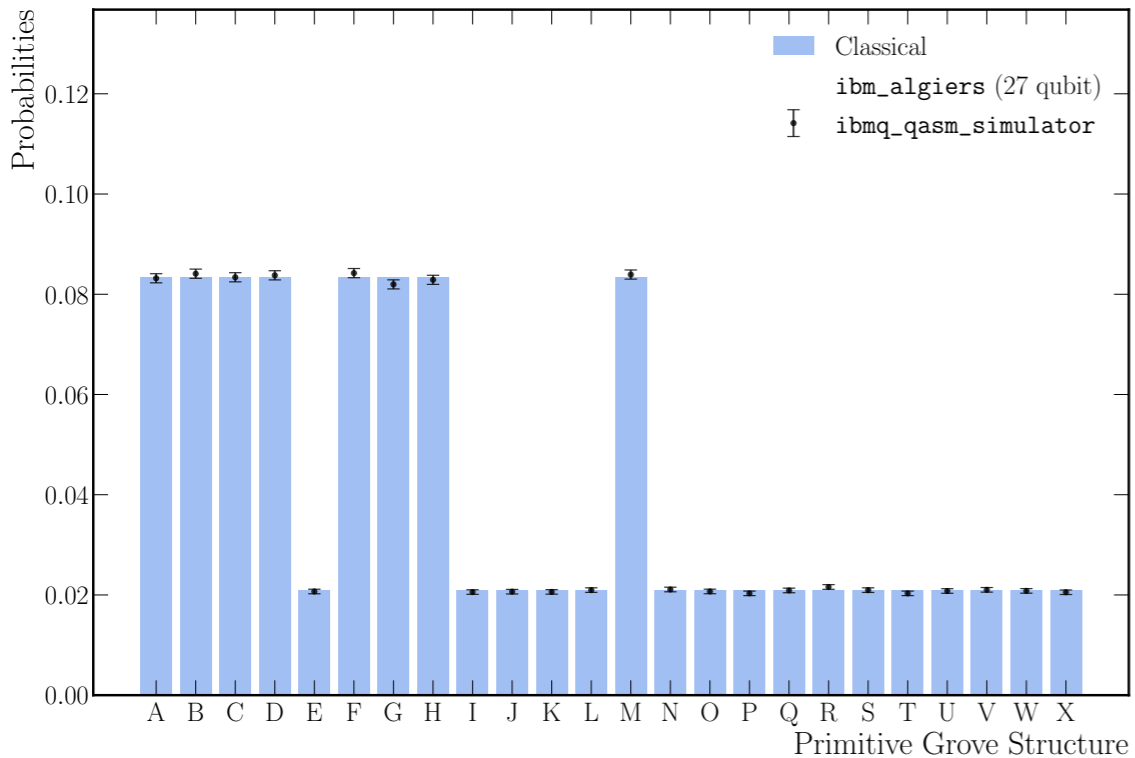
The **baseline** of the grove structure contains all kinematics information

The Discrete-QCD dipole cascade can therefore be implemented as a simple **Quantum Walk**



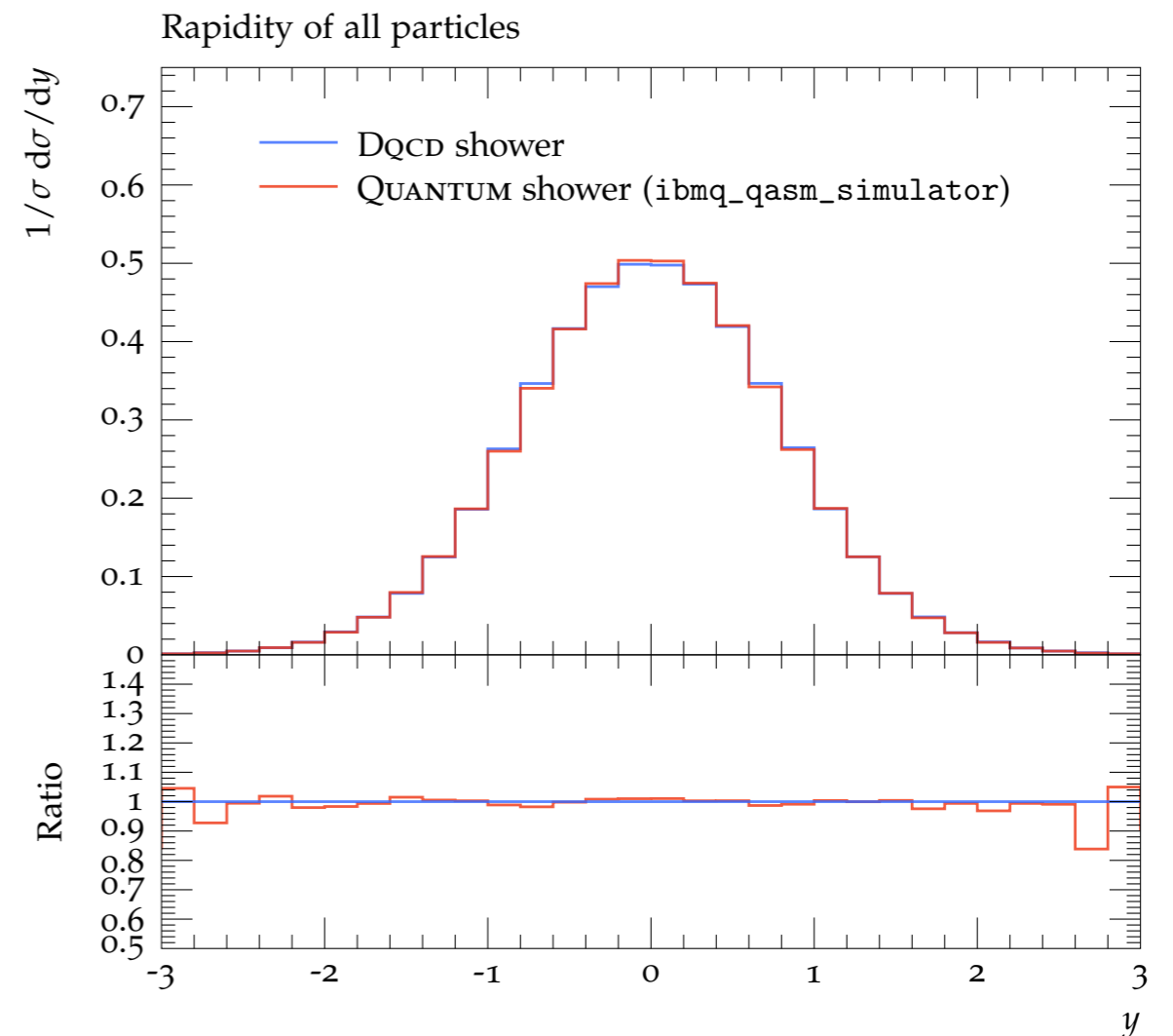
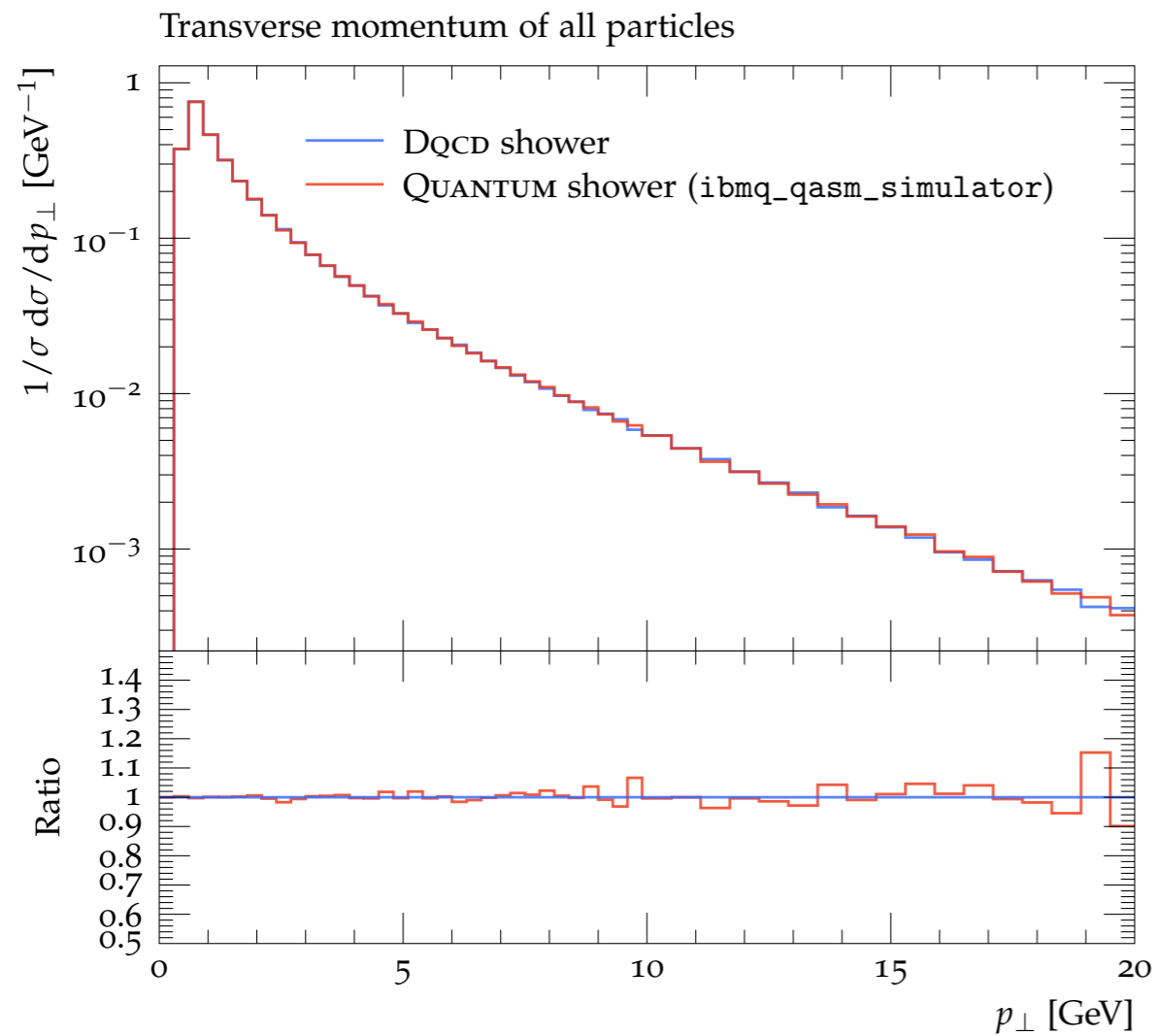
The algorithm has been run on the **IBM QASM 32-qubit simulator**

The device simulates a **fully fault tolerant** quantum computer without a noise model

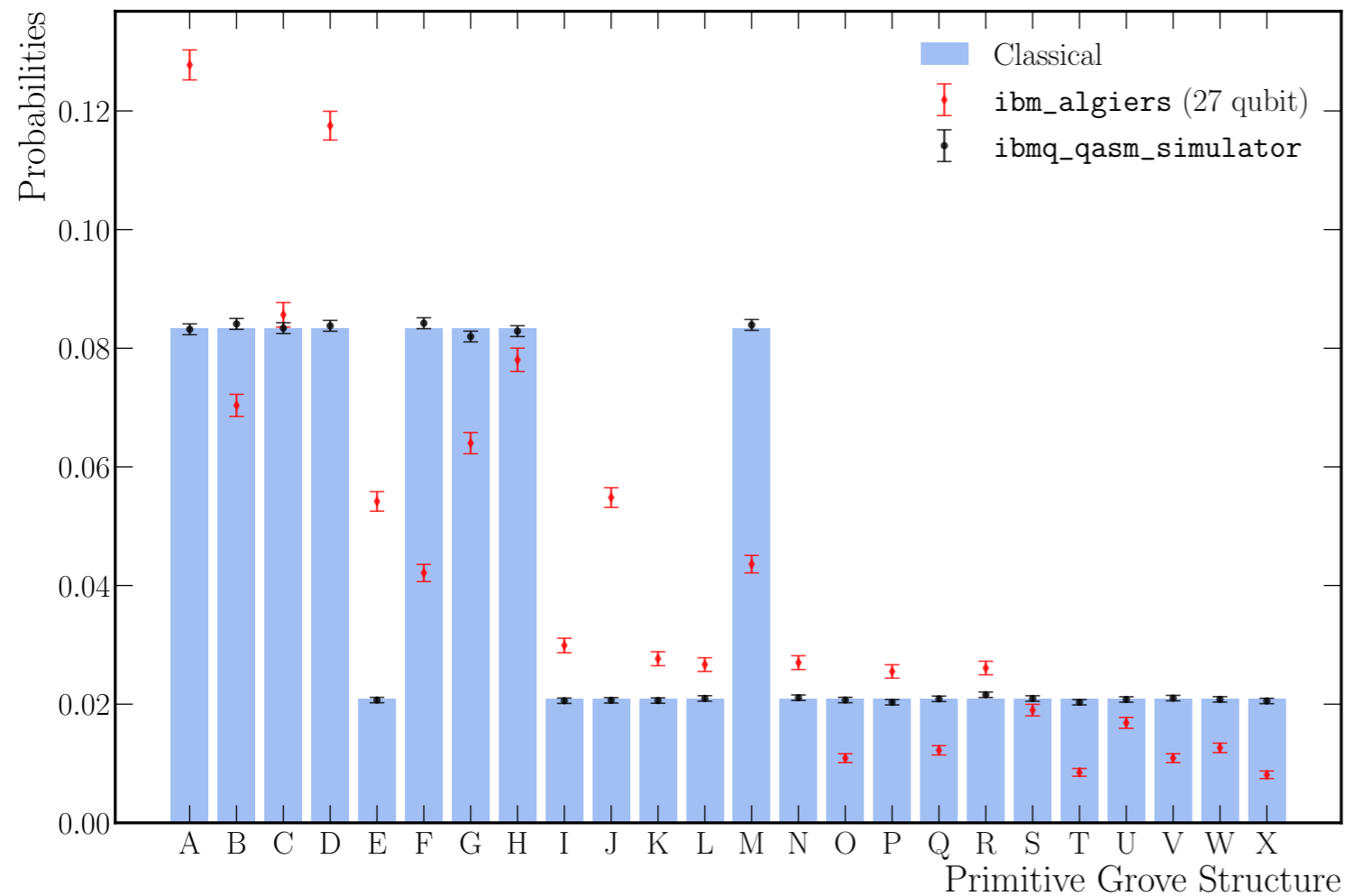




# Running on a Quantum Simulator



# Discrete QCD as a Quantum Walk - IBM device



The algorithm has been run on the **IBM Falcon 5.11r chip**

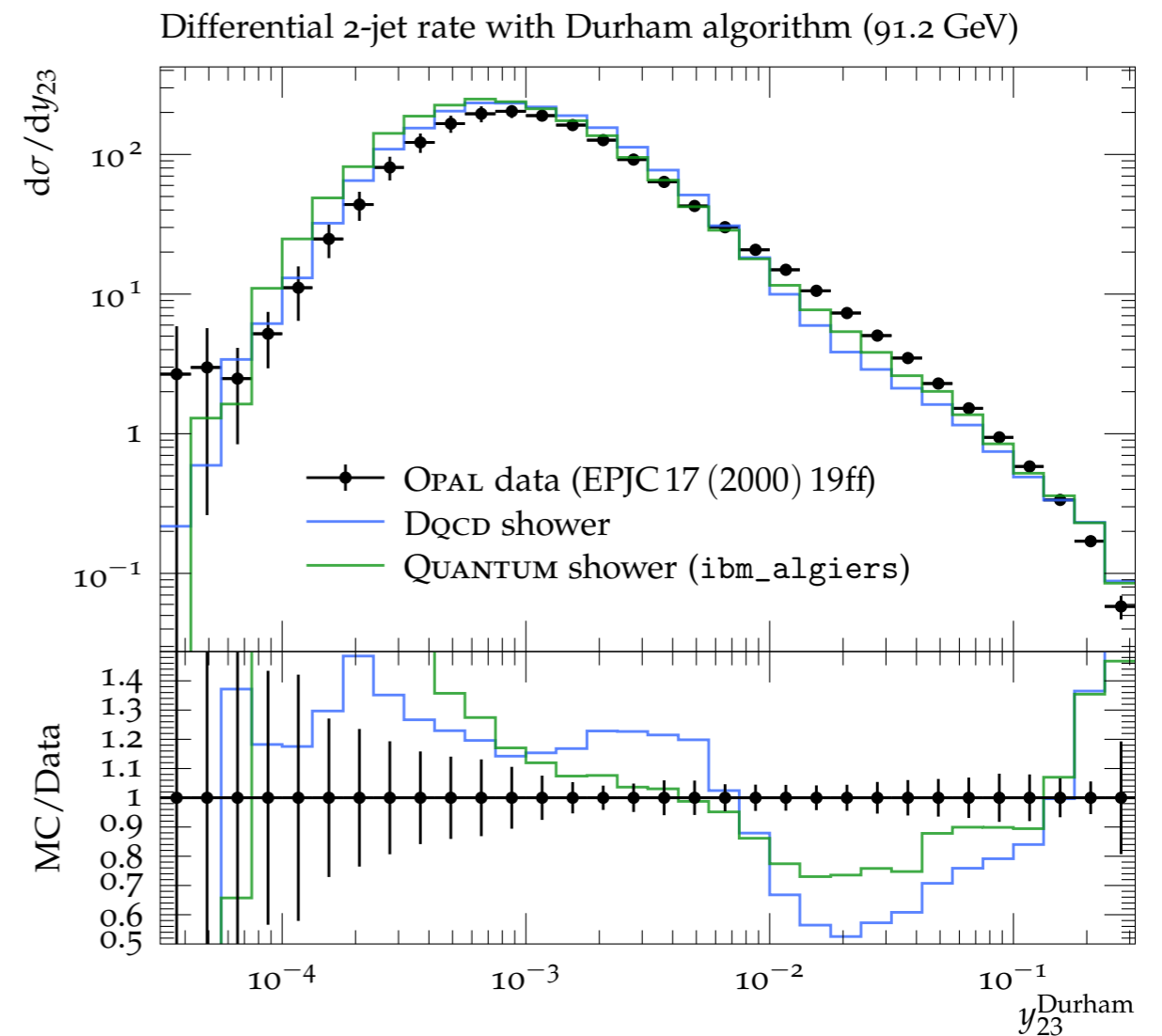
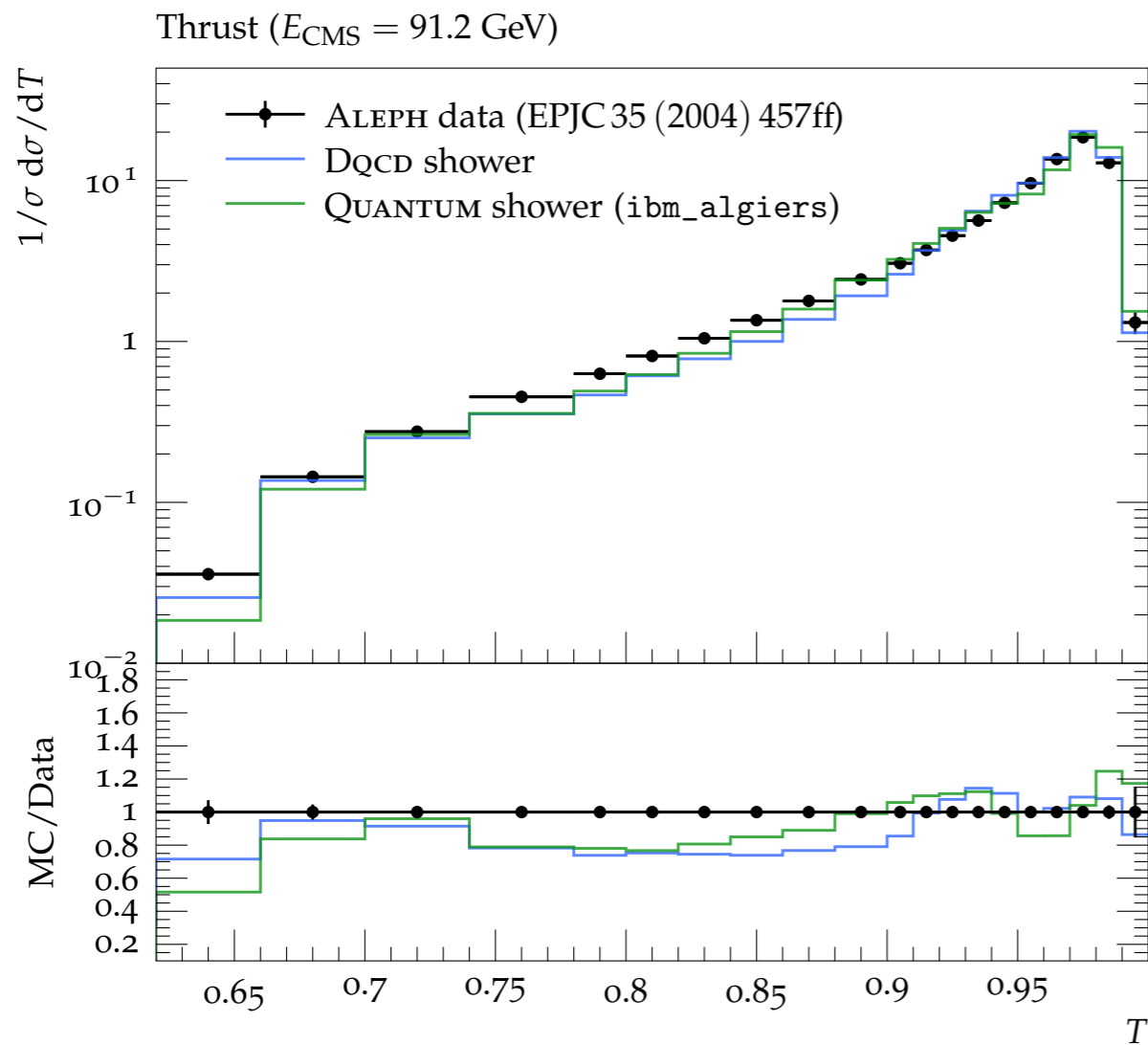
The figure shows the uncorrected performance of the **ibmq\_algiers** device compared to a simulator

The 24 grove structures are generated for a  $E_{CM} = 91.2$  GeV, corresponding to typical collisions at LEP.

Main source of error from CNOT errors from large amount of SWAPs

# Collider Events on a Quantum Computer

## Theory - LEP-data comparison

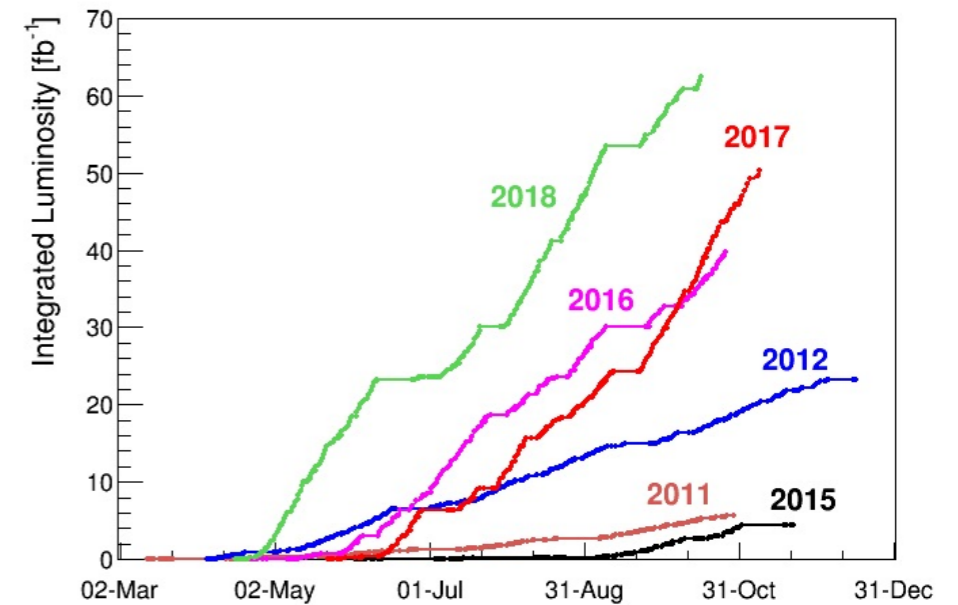


[Gustafson, Prestel, MS, Williams '22]



# Big Data in HEP @ the LHC

- ATLAS/CMS 200 events/s passing triggers
- ATLAS/CMS 2 PB/year of data



## High-Energy Physics

Tremendous amount of highly complex data

However, theoretically very precise description of data

↔  
**Ideal  
interplay**

## Machine Learning

Highly performant data analysis techniques

Often used for classification in HEP:

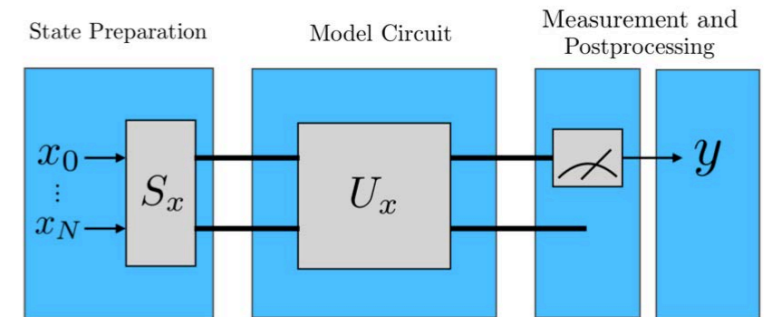
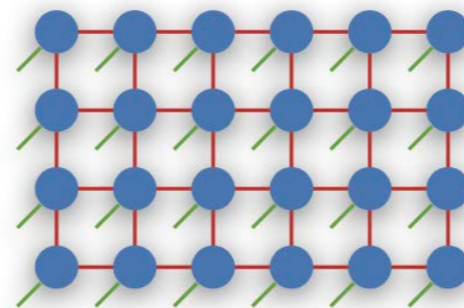
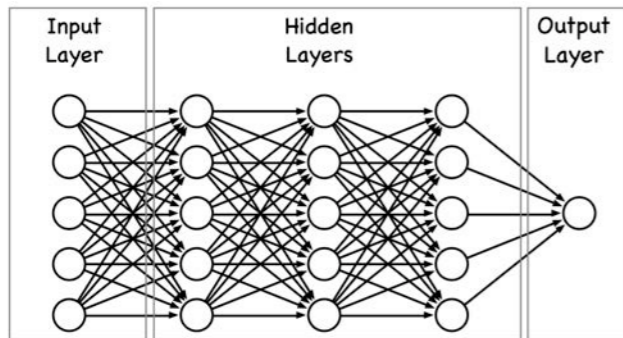
- Supervised learning
- Anomaly detection

# Classical ML Algorithms

# Tensor Networks

# Quantum Computing

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

$$E(y, y') = \frac{1}{2} |y - y'|^2$$

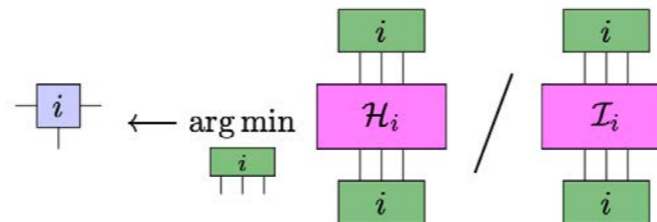
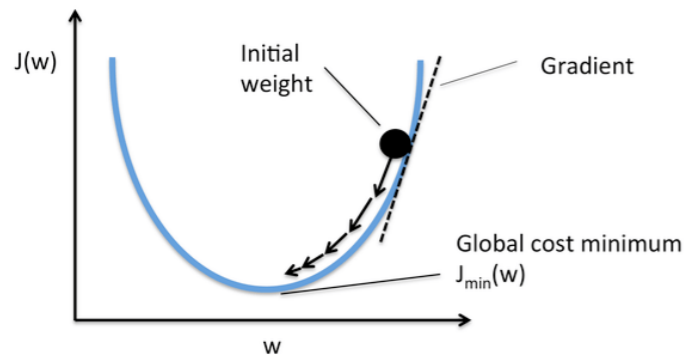
$$B_{p_1 p_2}^{s_2} \Gamma^{l p_1 p_2}_{s_2} = f^l(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})$$

$$\mathcal{L} = L(p(l, \mathbf{x}), l^{truth})$$

ground state

$$|\Gamma\rangle := \arg \min_{|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$

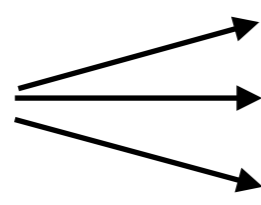
3. a way to update 1. while minimising the loss function



quantum: annealing

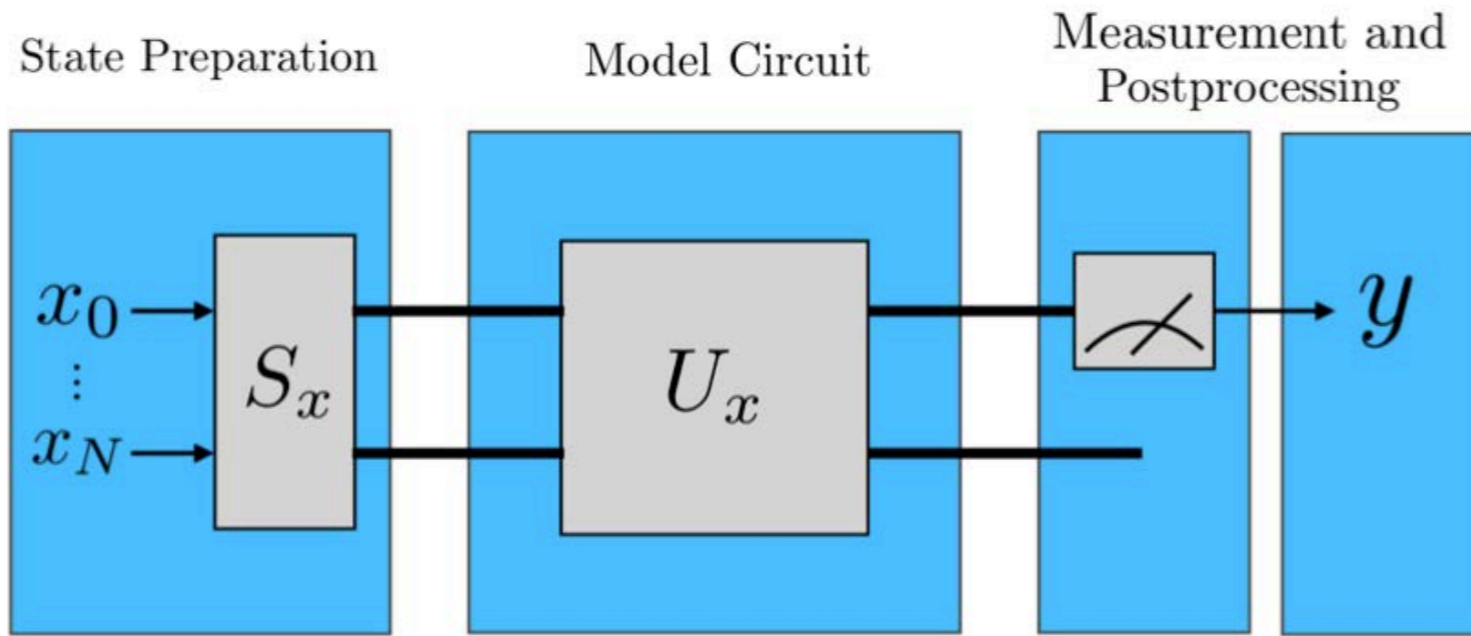
hybrid: classical opti.

optimisation



- Data Analysis (Classification, anomaly, regression, fitting, ...)
- Simulation of field theories (Groundstate, tunnelling, Real-time...)
- Calculation of differential equations, etc etc

# Quantum Machine Learning with a Variational Quantum Circuit



[McClean et al '16]

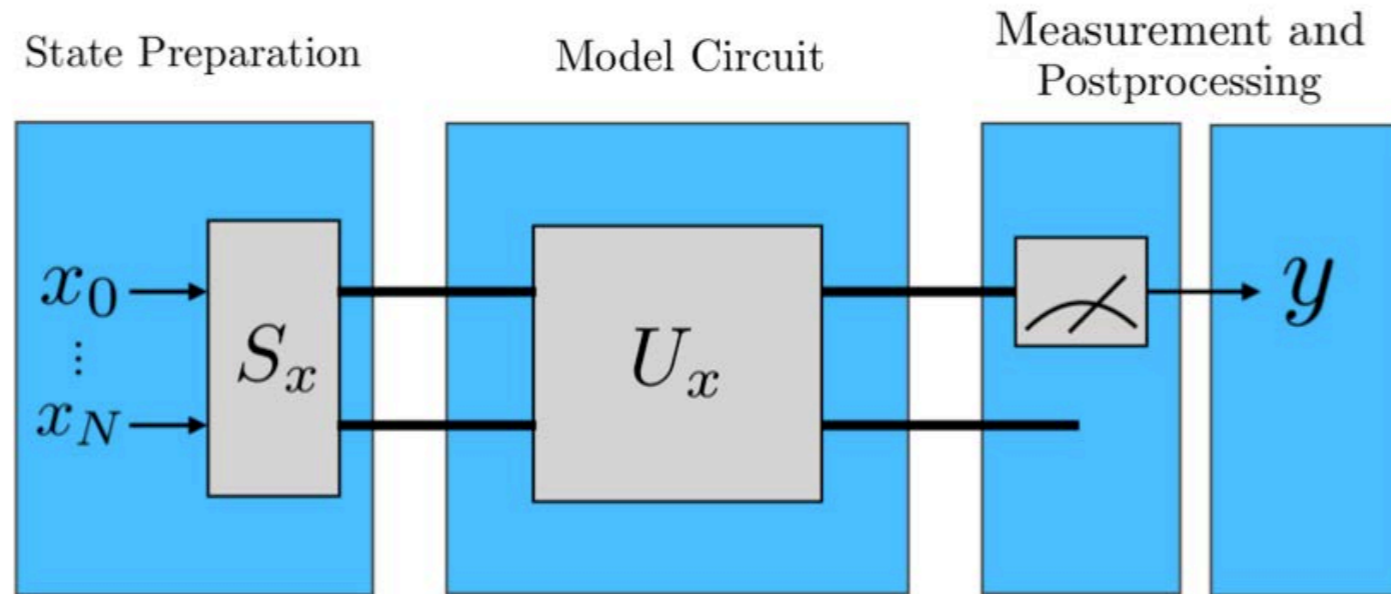
[Farhi, Neven '18]

[Schuld et al '20]

[Blance, MS '20]



# Quantum Machine Learning with a Variational Quantum Circuit

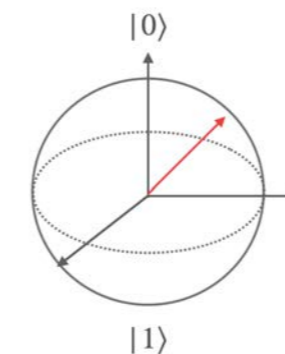
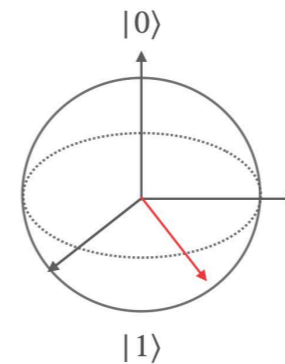


state preparation  $\swarrow$   $n$  corresponds to # features

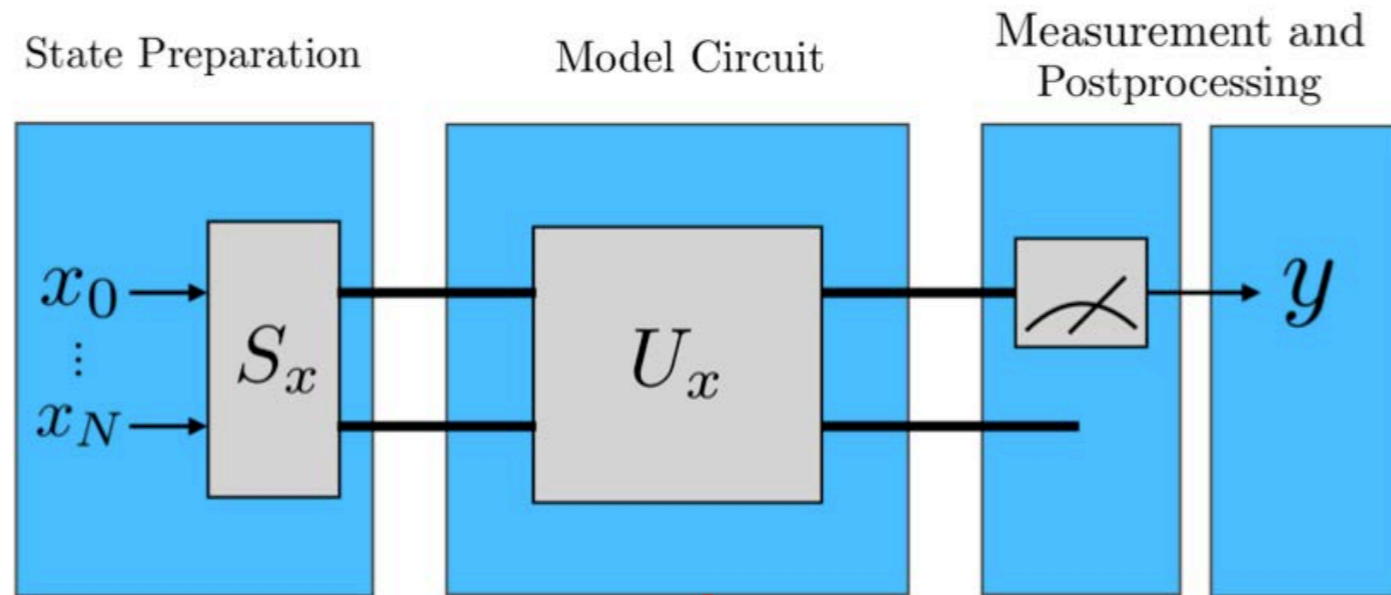
$$x \mapsto S_x |\phi\rangle = S_x |0\rangle^{\otimes n} = |x\rangle$$

e.g. angle encoding

$$|x\rangle = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \cos(x_i) |0\rangle + \sin(x_i) |1\rangle$$



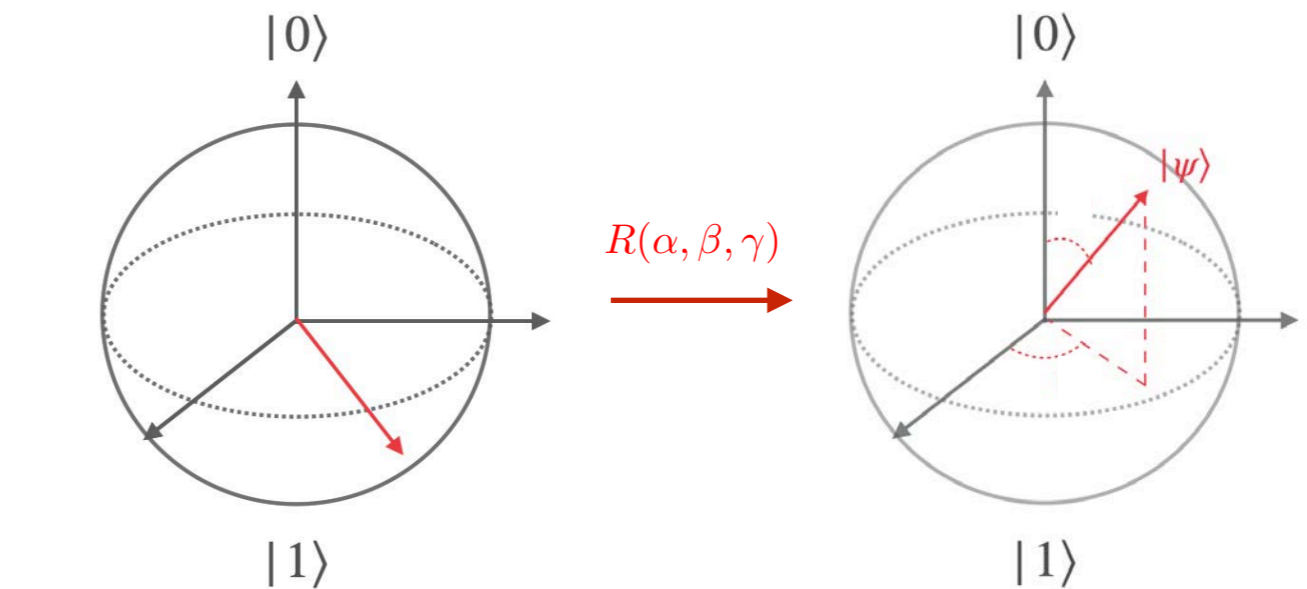
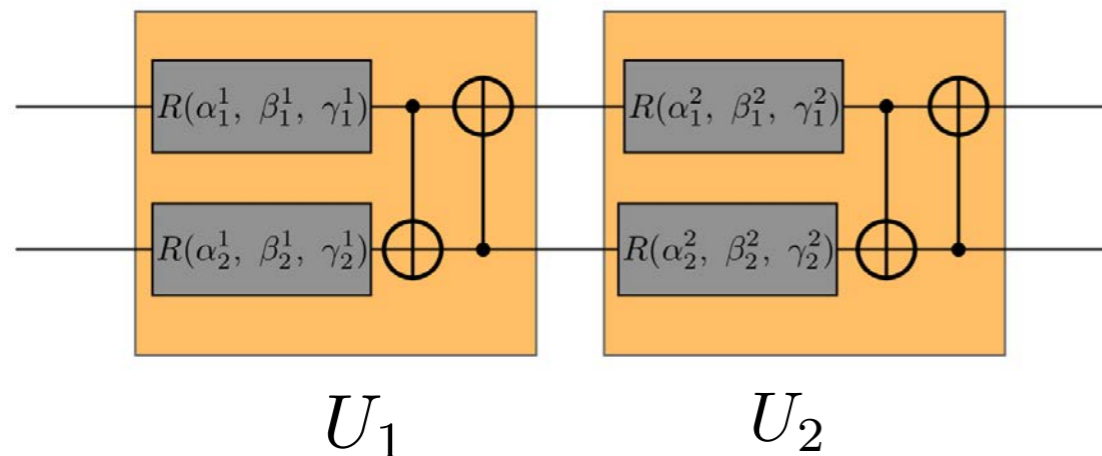
# Quantum Machine Learning with a Variational Quantum Circuit



$$|\psi\rangle = U(w)|x\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad U(w) = U_{l_{\max}}(w_{l_{\max}}) \dots U_l(w_l) \dots U_1(w_1)$$

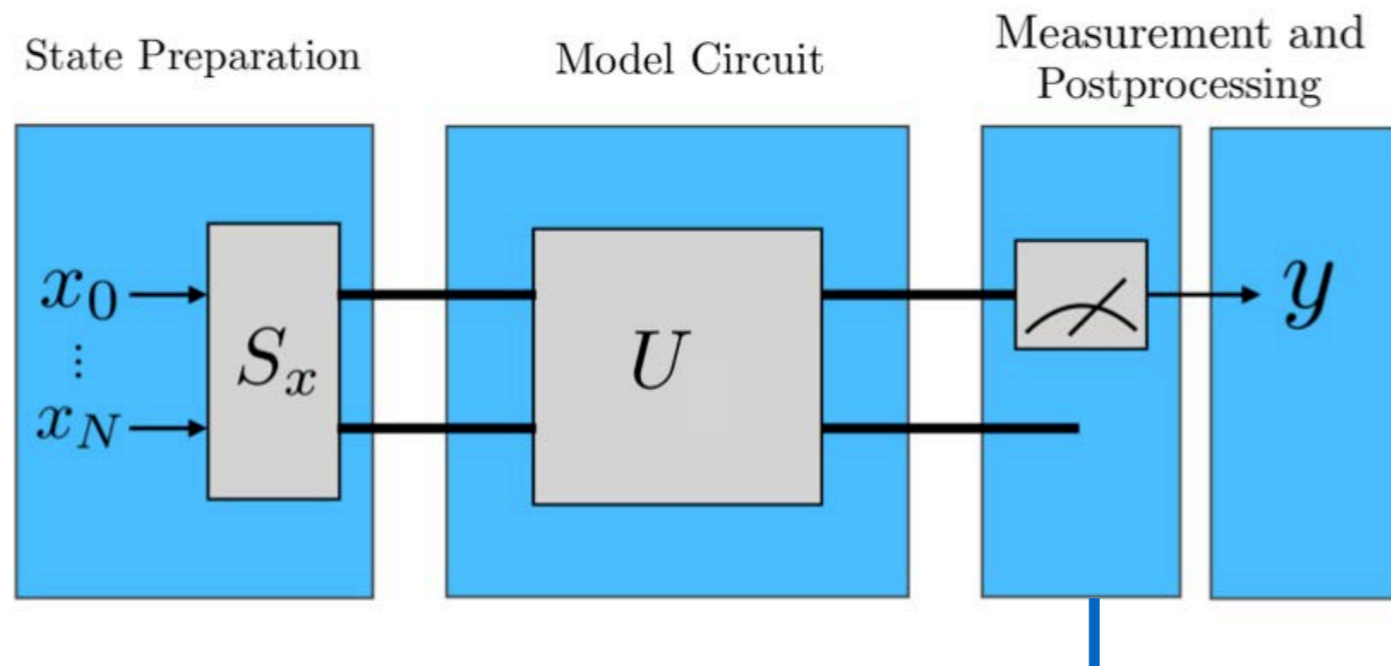
model circuit      trainable parameters      prepared state

2-layer Variational Quantum Circuit



➔ Rotation + CNOT -> Entanglement

# Quantum Machine Learning with a Variational Quantum Circuit



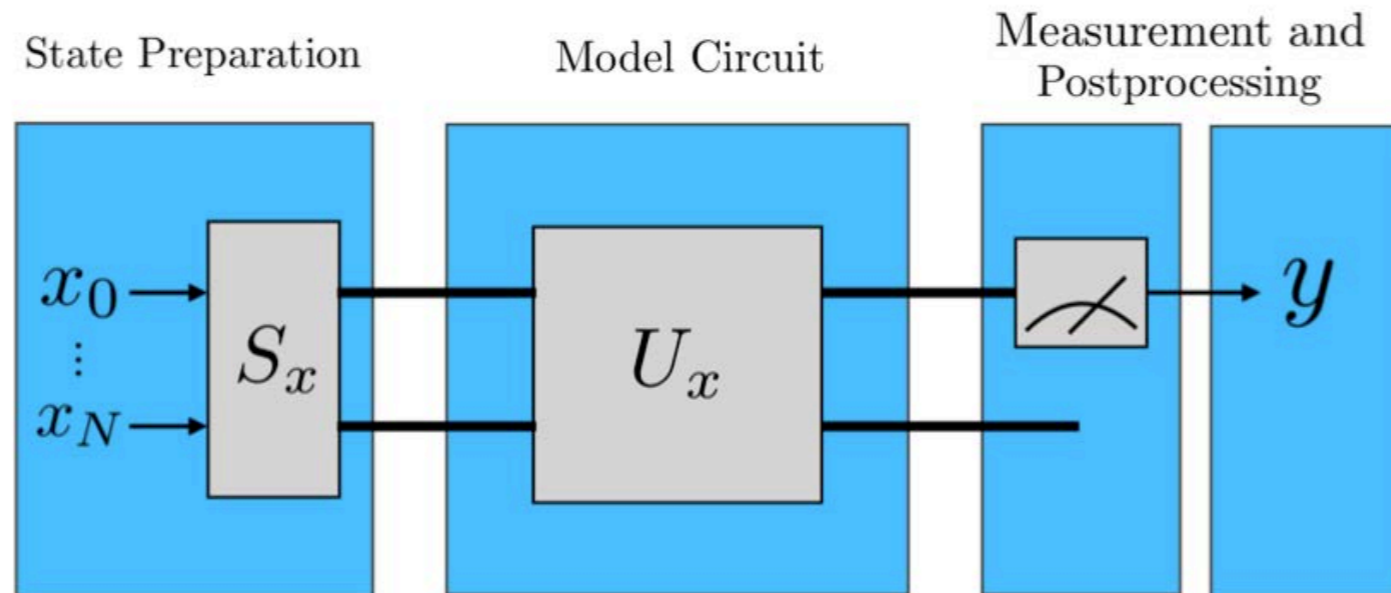
- Entangled state shares information across qubits
  - Evaluate expectation value of qubits to construct loss
- for supervised S vs B classification one qubit sufficient

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

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



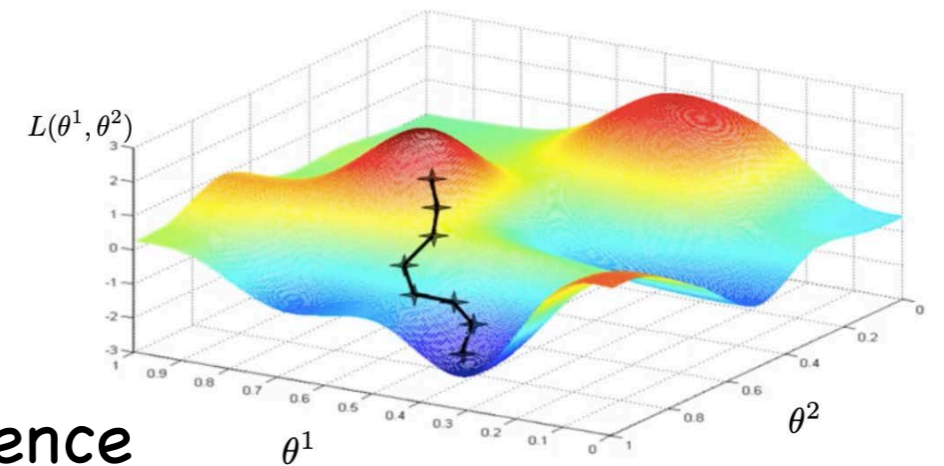
# Quantum Machine Learning with a Variational Quantum Circuit



- Hybrid approach (QC to calculate exp. value, CC to optimise U operator)

- Loss function 
$$L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_i^{\text{truth}} - f(w, b, x_i) \right]^2$$

↑  
label (signal, bkg), supervised learning



- Quantum gradient descent - for fast convergence

Fubiny-Study metric underlies geometric

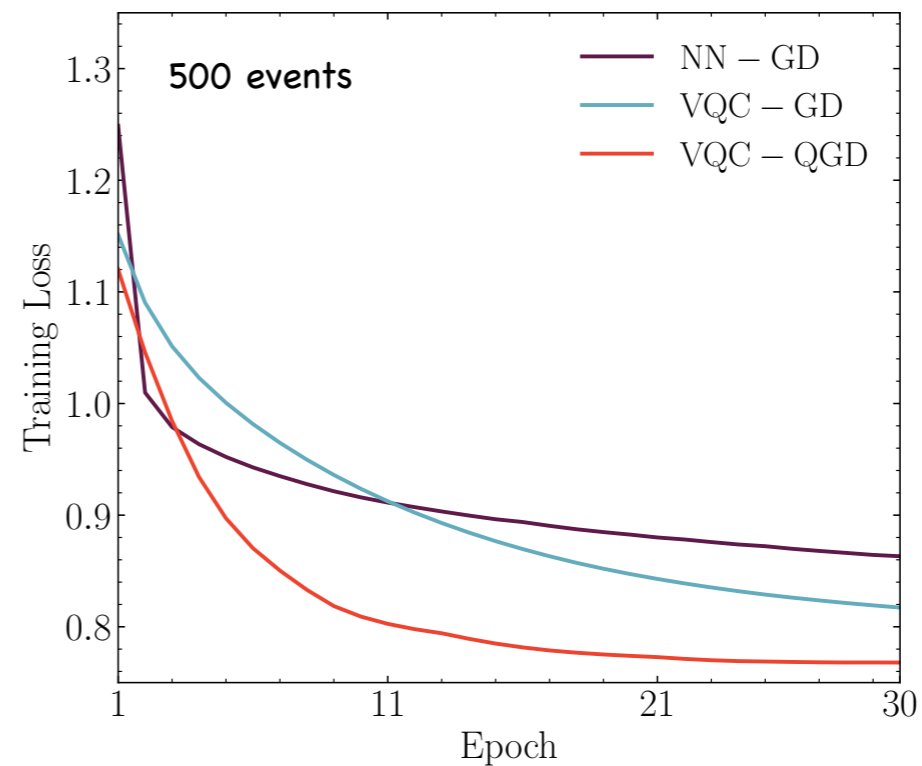
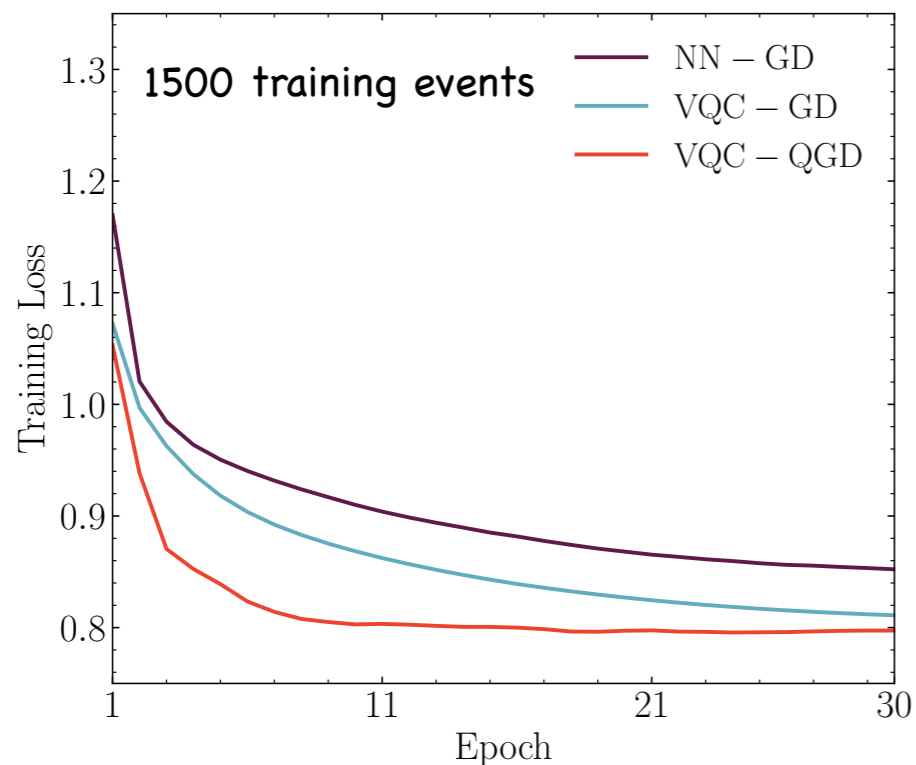
structure of VQC parameter space:  $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta g^+ \nabla L(\theta)$

[Cheng '10]

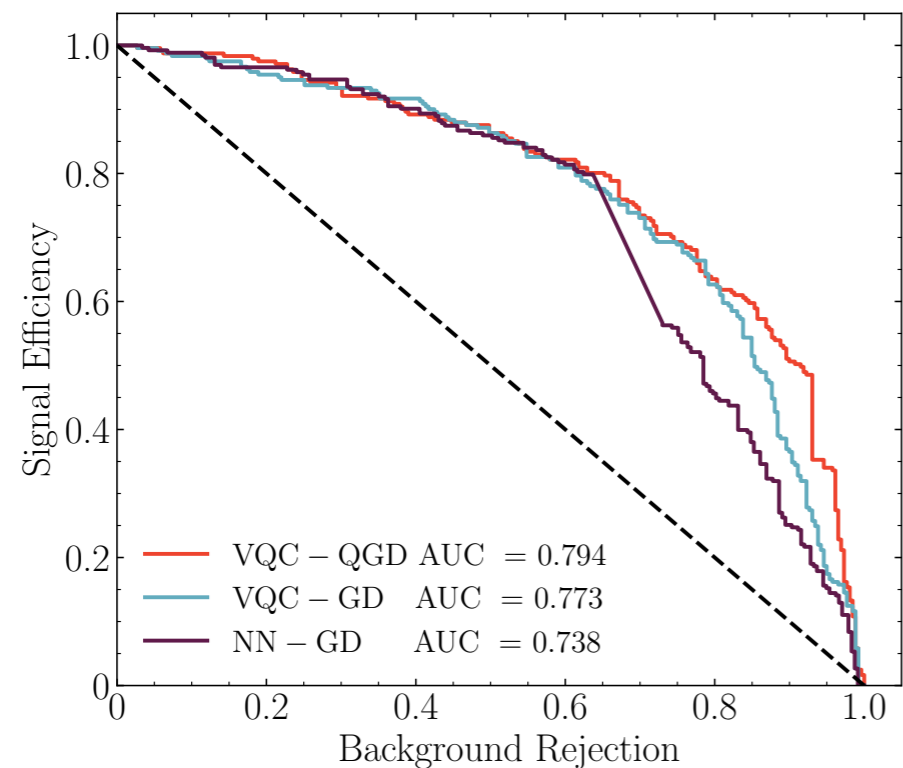
[Blance, MS '20]

[Abbas et al '20]

# Gate quantum machine learning in action



[Blance, MS '20]



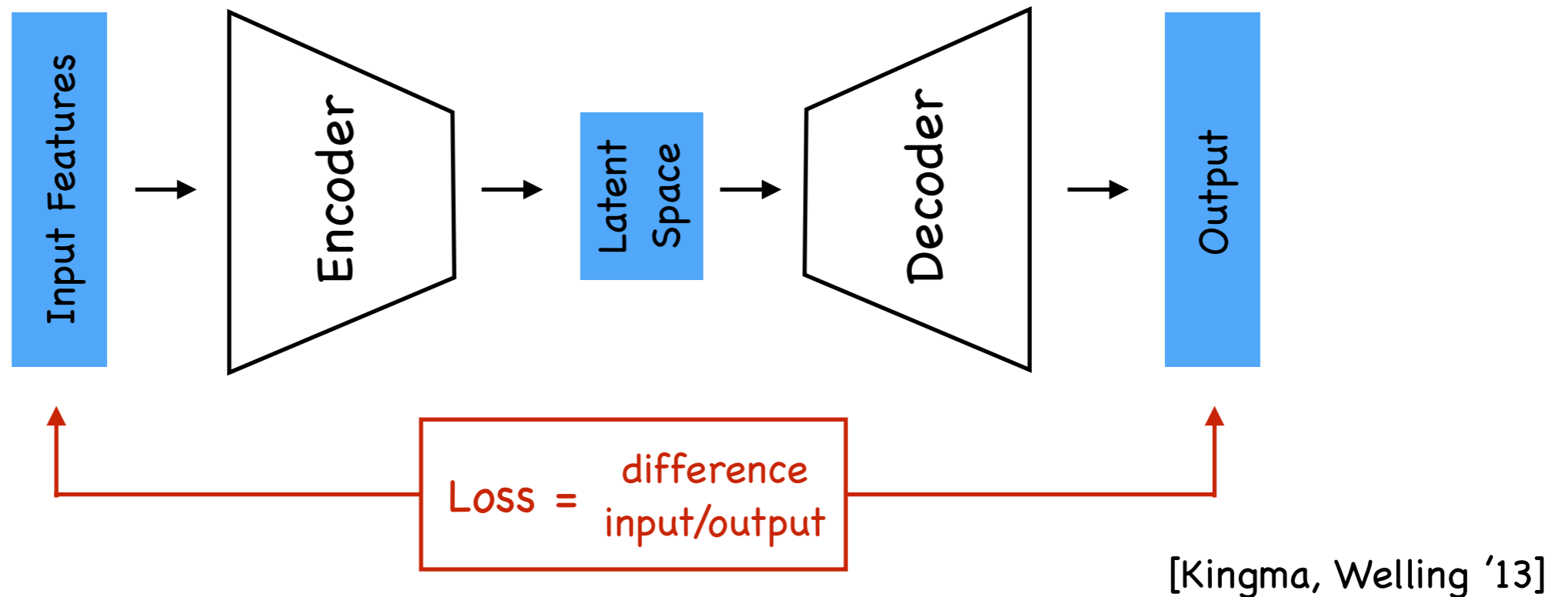
## QC device vs simulator

Device	Accuracy (%)
PennyLane default.qubit	72.6
ibmq_qasm_simulator	72.6
ibmqx2	71.4

- Applied to  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  vs  $pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$   
 left. top dec for 2d feature space only  
 $p_{T,b_1}$  and  $E_T$

# Autoencoder for unsupervised learning

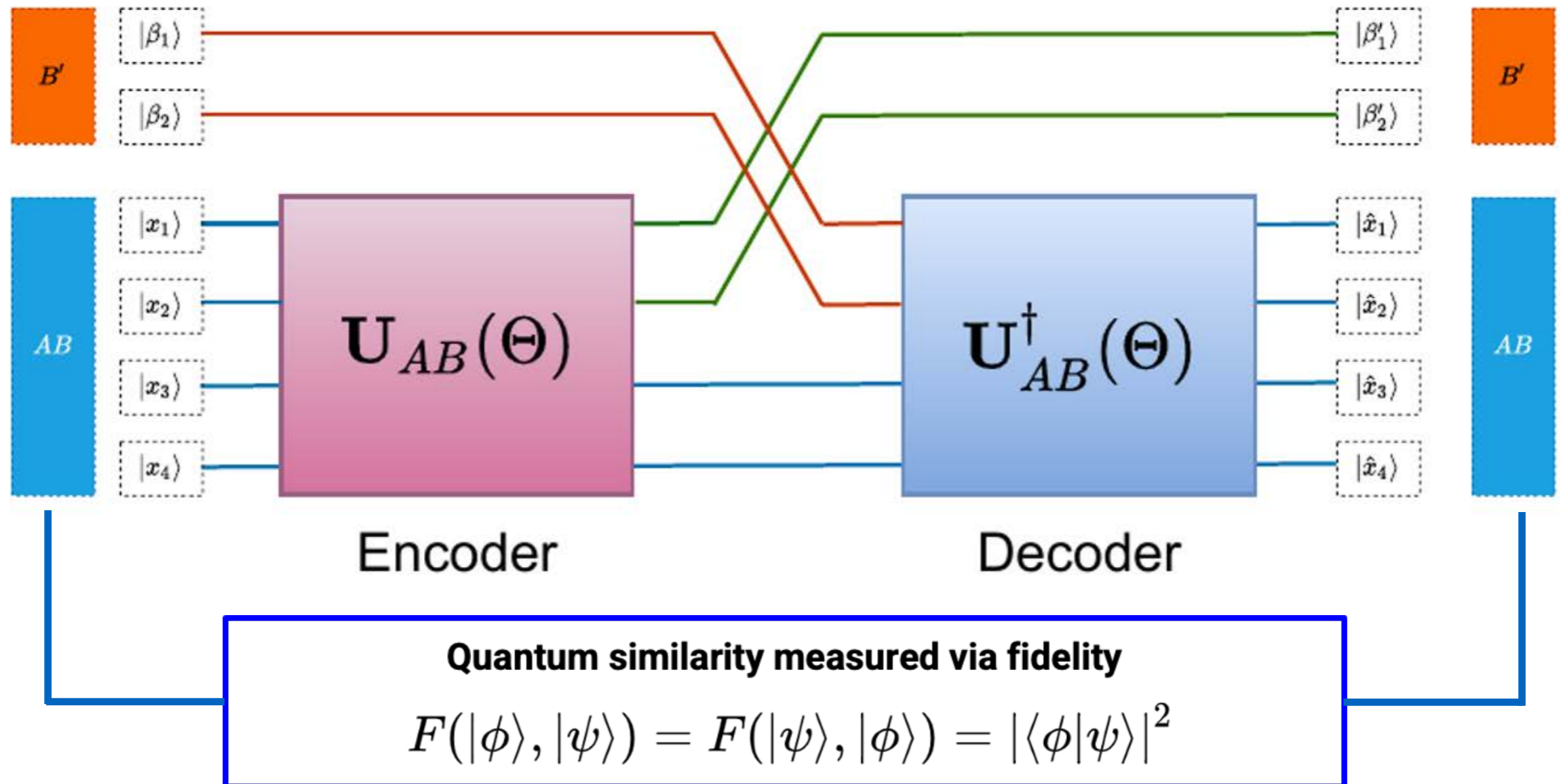
Most popular NN-based anomaly detection method



- in first step input is encoded into information bottleneck
- between input/output layer and bottleneck can be several hidden layers (conv./deep NNs) -> highly non-linear
- after bottleneck decoding step
- Reconstructed output is then compared with input via loss-function (often MSE)
- NN is trained such that input and output high degree of similarity

# Unsupervised learning with quantum-gate Autoencoder

[Ngairangbam, MS, Takeuchi '21]

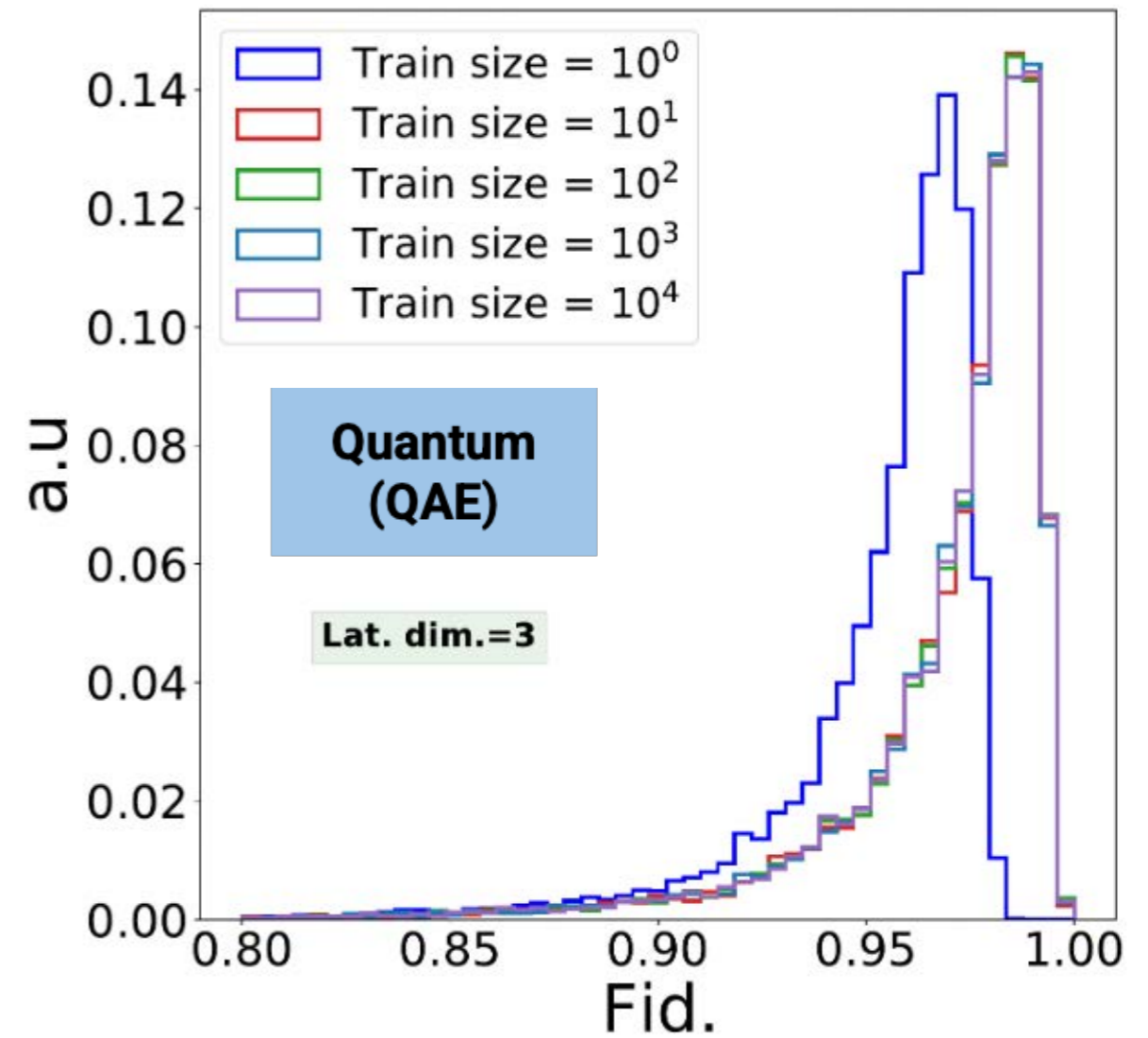
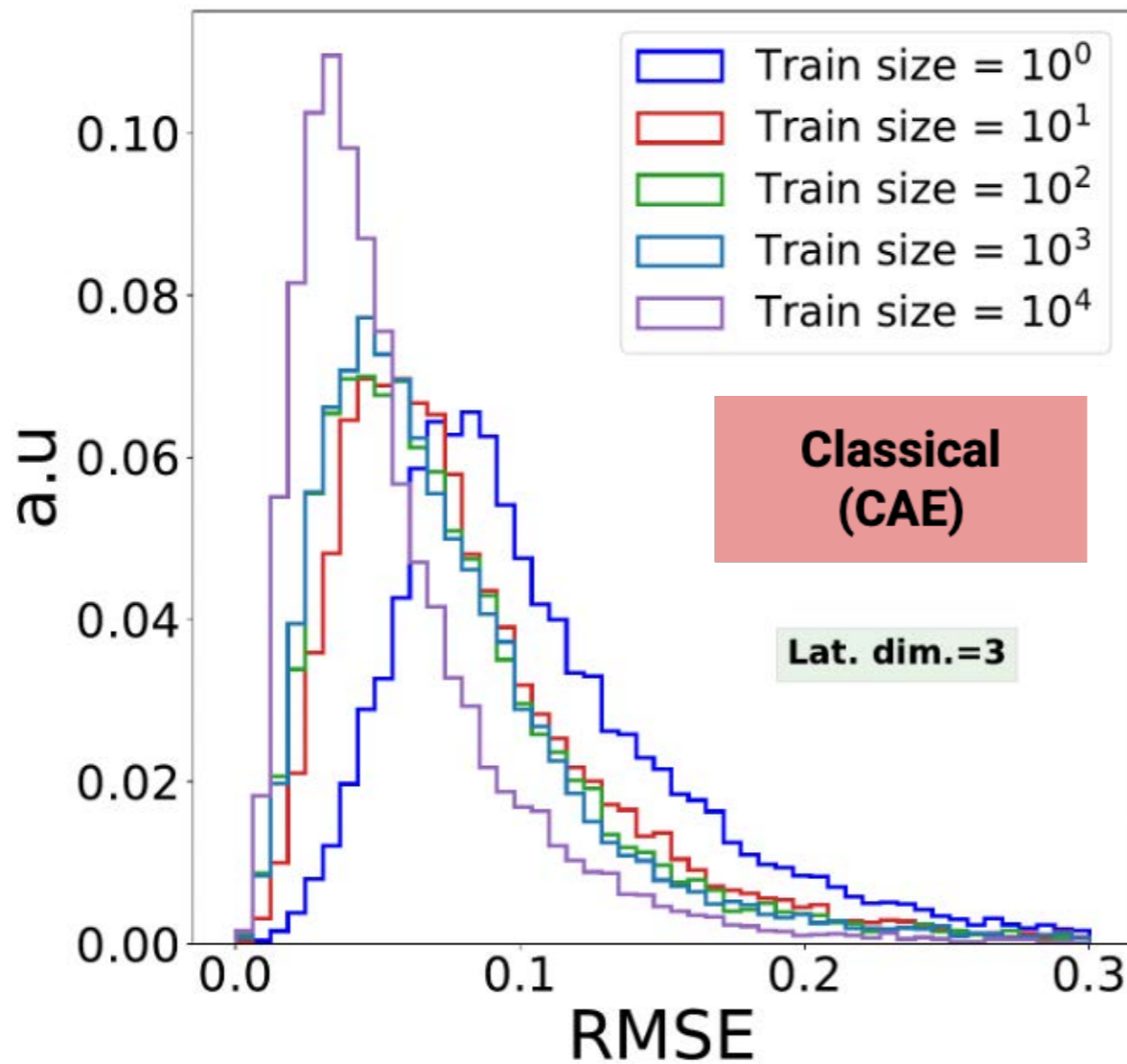


Induce **information bottleneck** by discarding states of B system after encoding, and replacing with reference states B' with no connection with the encoder.

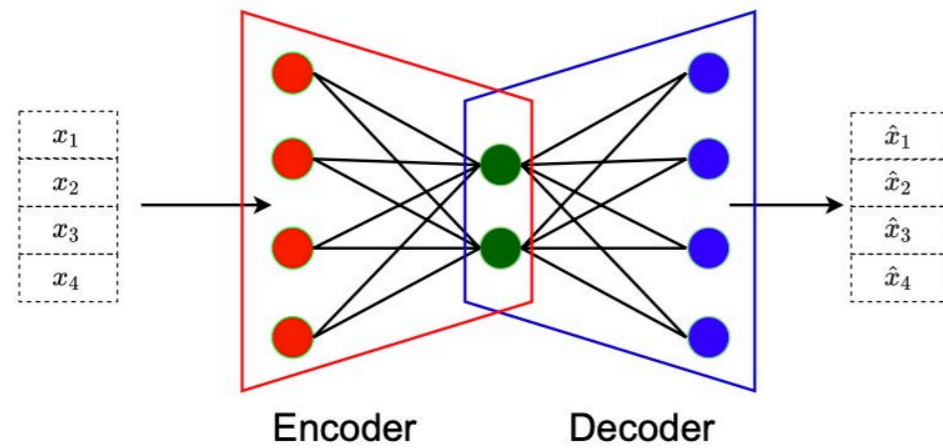


# Results: Training size dependence

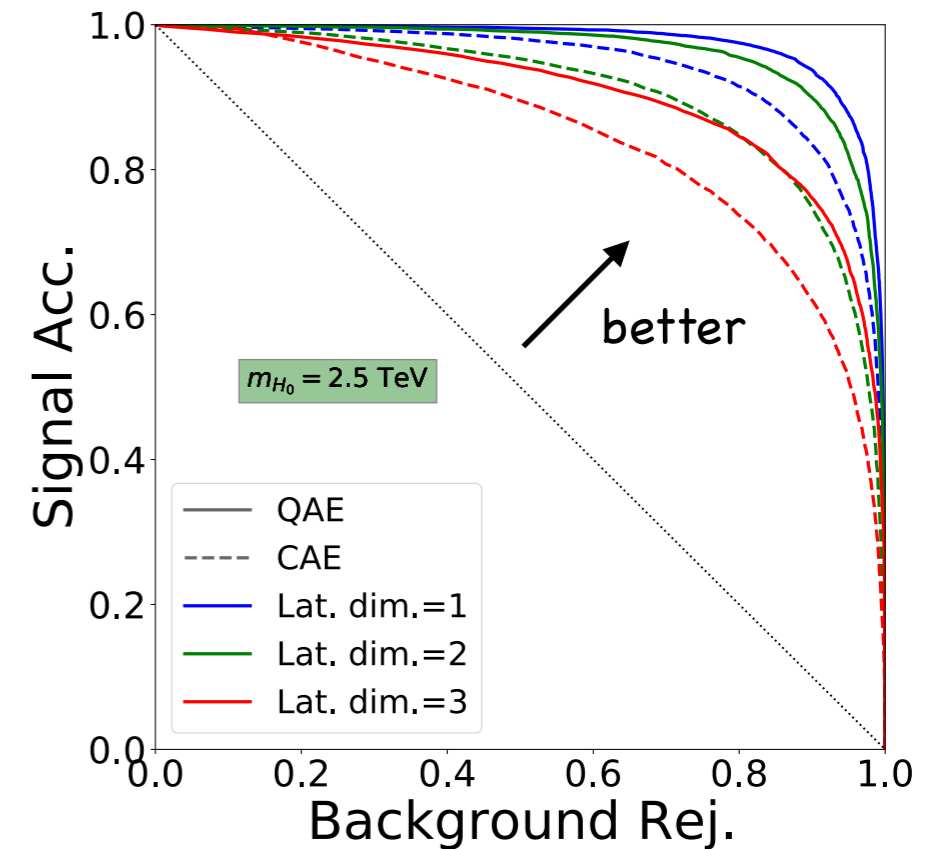
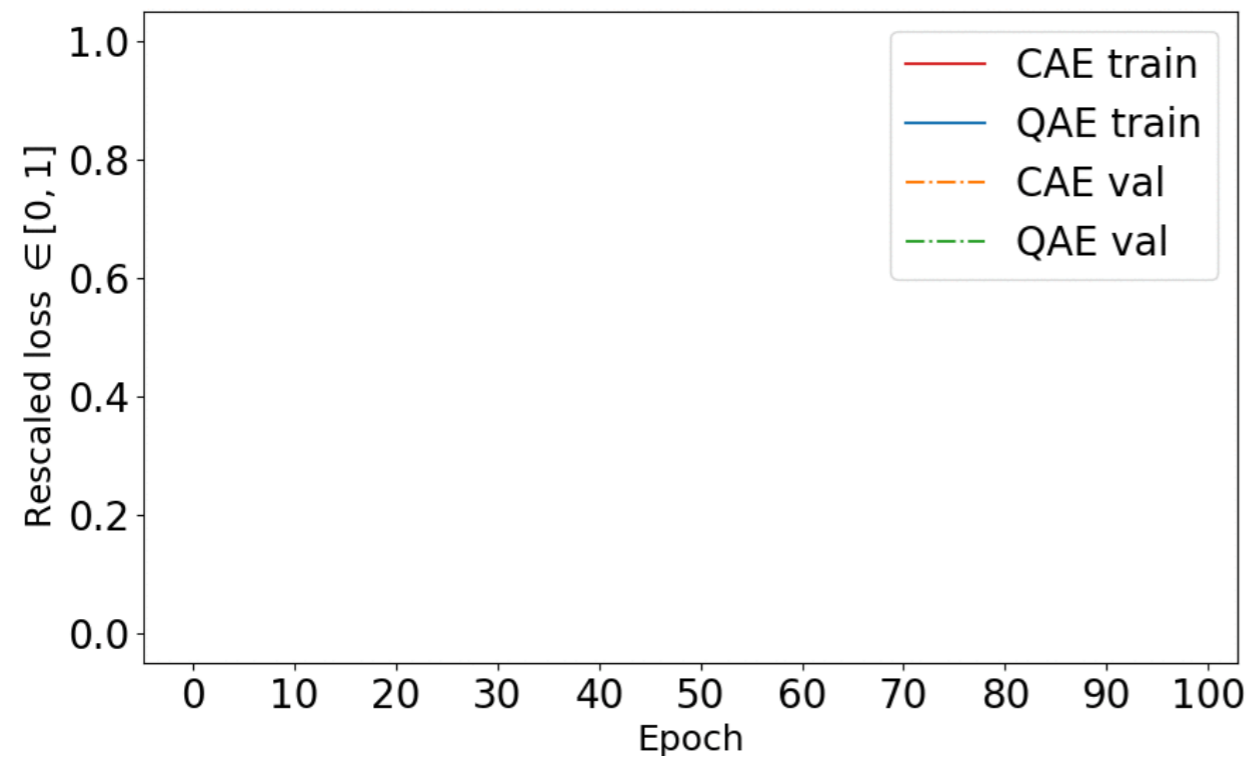
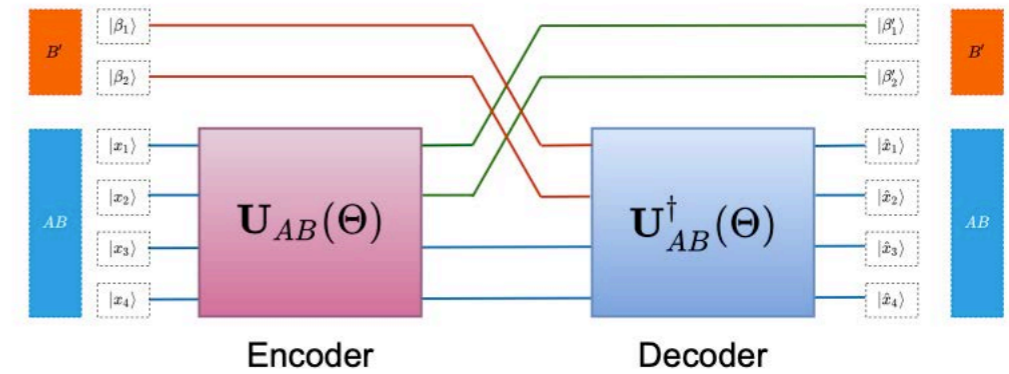
## Dependence of (BG) test loss on training size



## Classical autoencoder



## Quantum autoencoder



- ➔ Much faster training and better performance for Quantum autoencoder
- ➔ In our test case, outcome prevails for much larger classical networks

# Adiabatic quantum computing

- Adiabatic quantum computing (AQC) proposed as application of quantum adiabatic theorem to solve optimisation problems

[Farhi, Goldstone, Gutmann '00]

- Turns out to equivalent to quantum circuit model, i.e. it is universal

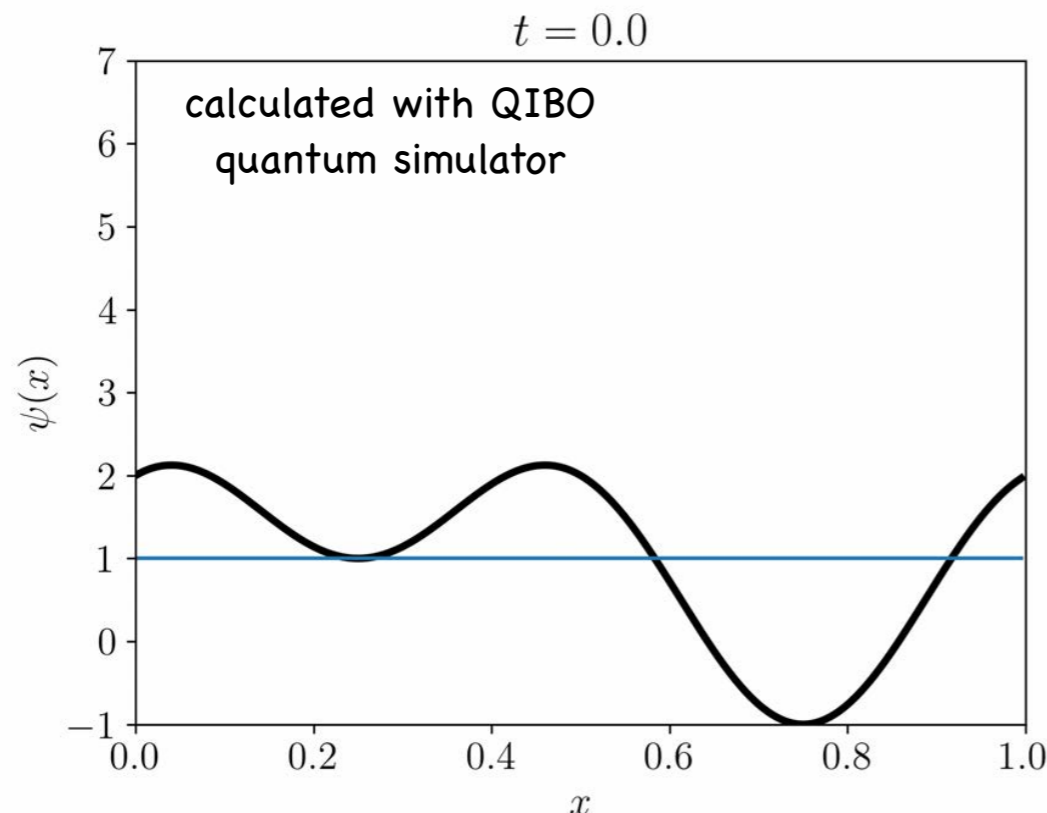
[Aharonov, et al '07]

- States that if system prepared in ground state  $|\psi_0\rangle$  of Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$

If Hamiltonian changed smoothly and slowly enough system remains in ground state

➔ A time variation of the Hamiltonian from  $\mathcal{H}_I$  to  $\mathcal{H}_P$  is implemented according to:

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = (1 - s(t))\mathcal{H}_I + s(t)\mathcal{H}_P \quad t \in [0, T] \quad s : [0, \tau] \rightarrow [0, 1]$$



$$H = (1 - t) \frac{p^2}{2m^2} + t V(x)$$

↑  
encode problem/optimisation  
task here

# Quantum annealing: Non-universal but powerful?

- Specific Hamiltonian. What does the “anneal” mean?

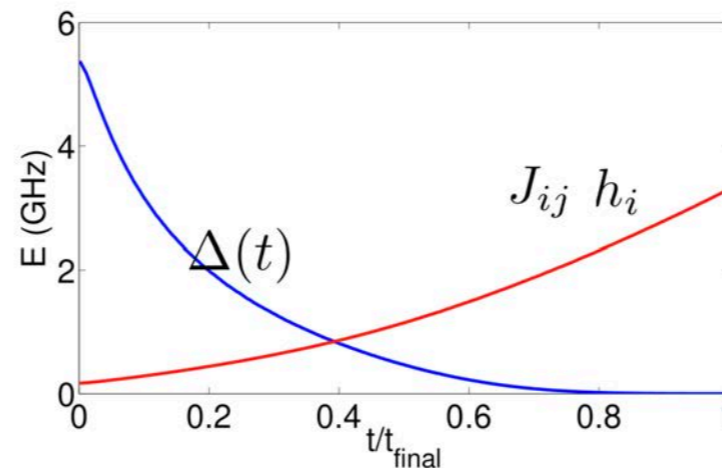
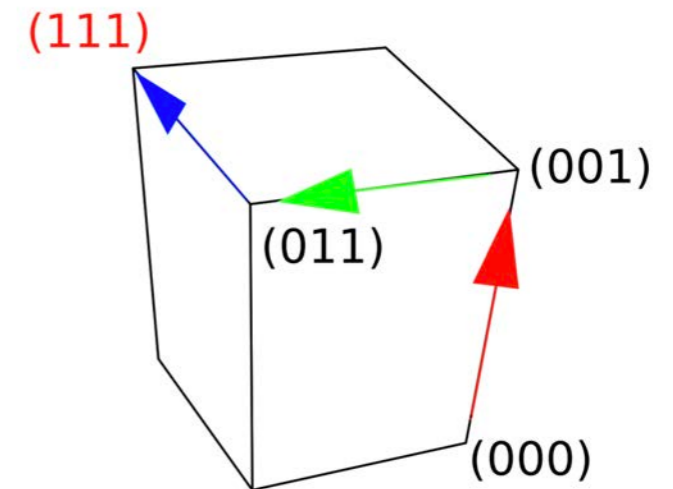
$$\mathcal{H}_{QA}(t) = \sum_i \sum_j J_{ij} \sigma_i^Z \sigma_j^Z + \sum_i h_i \sigma_i^Z + \Delta(t) \sum_i \sigma_i^X$$

final Hamiltonian  
(encodes actual problem)

initial Hamiltonian  
(ground state = superposition of qubits with 0 and 1)

$\Delta(t)$  induces bit-hopping in the Hamming/Hilbert space

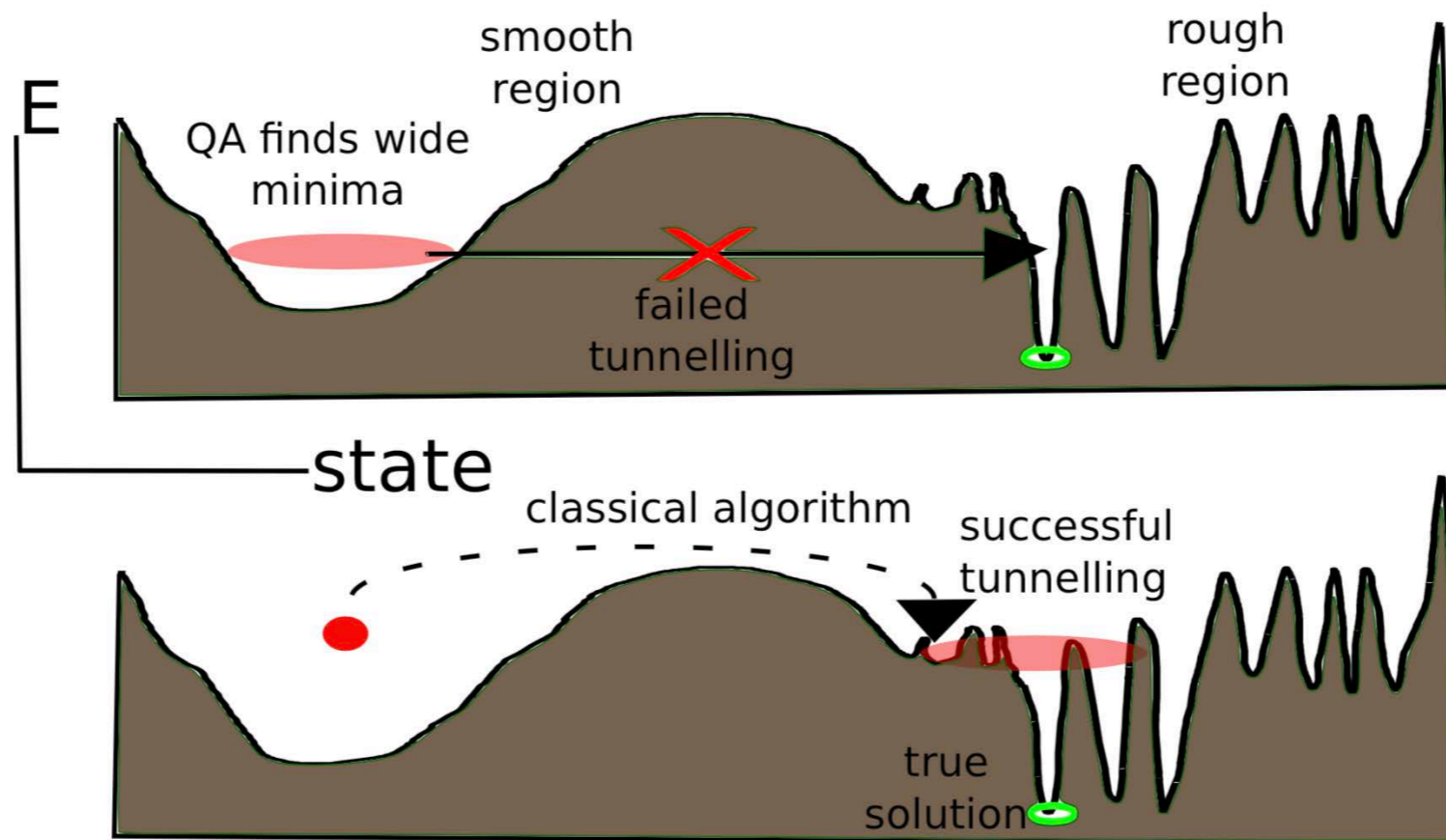
- Anneal idea: transition from ground state of initial Hamiltonian into ground state of problem Hamiltonian
- The idea is to dial this parameter to land in the global minimum (i.e. the solution) of some “problem space” described by  $J, h$ :





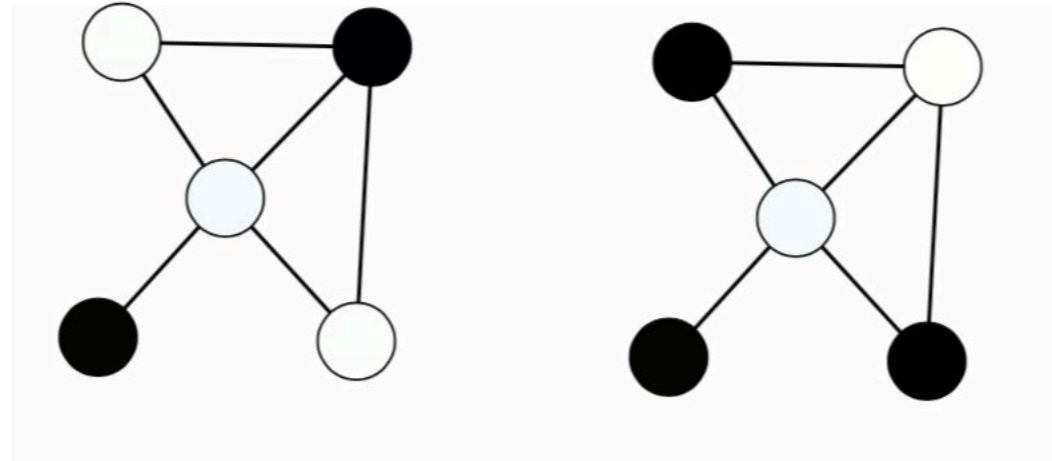
# Thermal (classical) and Quantum Annealing are complementary:

- Thermal tunnelling is fast over broad shallow potentials  $\sim e^{-\text{height}/T}$   
(Quantum "tunnelling" is exponentially slow)
- Quantum tunnelling is fast through tall thin potentials  $\sim e^{-\sqrt{\text{height}} \times \text{width}/\hbar}$   
(Thermal "tunnelling" is exponentially slow - Boltzmann suppression)
- Hybrid approach can be useful depending on solution landscape



# How to encode a problem on an Ising model

Example 1: how many vertices on a graph can we colour so that none touch?



NP problem

Let non-coloured vertices have  $\sigma_i^Z = -1$  and coloured ones have  $\sigma_i^Z = +1$

Add a reward for every coloured vertex, and for each link between vertices  $i, j$  we add a penalty if there are two +1 eigenvalues:

$$\mathcal{H} = -\Lambda \sum_i \sigma_i^Z + \sum_{\text{linked pairs } \{i,j\}} [\sigma_i^Z + \sigma_j^Z + \sigma_i^Z \sigma_j^Z]$$

- Example 2:
- $N^2$  students sit exam in a square room with  $N \times N$  desks 1.5m apart.
  - Half the students (A) have a virus while half of them (B) do not.
  - ➔ How can they be arranged to minimise the number of infections due to  $<2m$  social distancing?

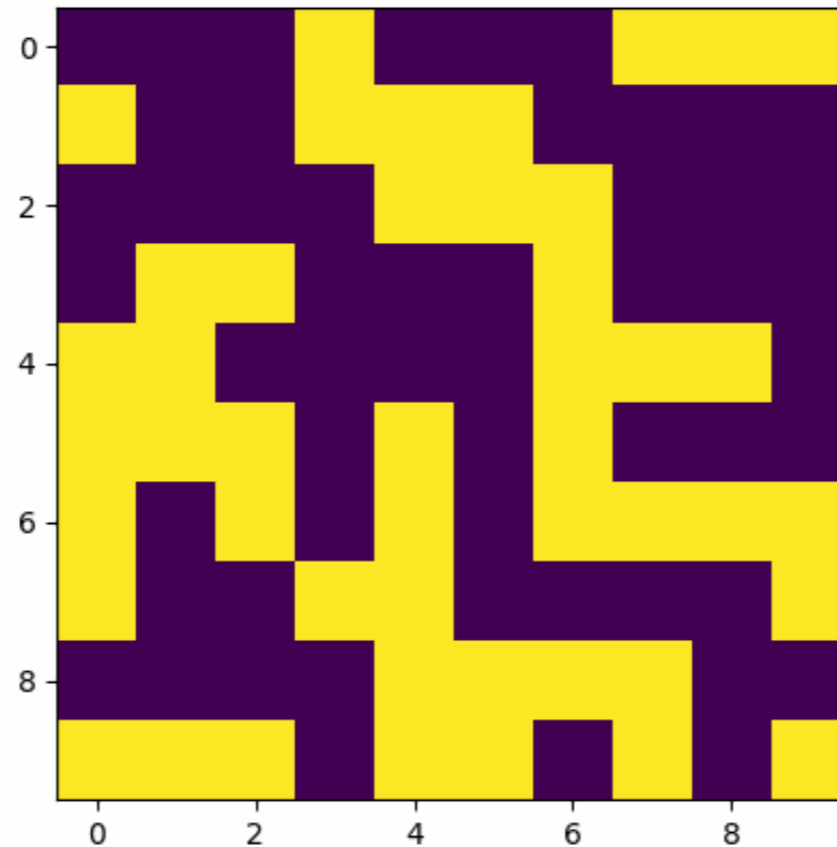
There are  $N^2$  spins  $\sigma_{lN+j}^Z$  arranged in rows and columns. We do not care if  $A \rightarrow A$  or  $B \rightarrow B$ , but if  $A \rightarrow B$  then we put a penalty of  $2+$  on the Hamiltonian (ferromagnetic coupling) :

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\ell m=1}^N \sum_{ij=1}^N (\delta_{\ell m} (\delta_{(i+1)j} + \delta_{(i-1)j}) + \delta_{ij} (\delta_{(\ell+1)m} + \delta_{(\ell-1)m})) [1 - \sigma_{\ell N+i}^Z \sigma_{m N+j}^Z]$$

Finally we need to apply constraint that  $\#A = \#B$  (no spontaneous healing/self-infection):

$$\mathcal{H}^{(\text{constr})} = \Lambda (\#A - \#B)^2 = \Lambda \left( \sum_{\ell, i}^N \sigma_{\ell N+i}^Z \right)^2 = \Lambda \sum_{\ell m=1}^N \sum_{ij=1}^N \sigma_{\ell N+i}^Z \sigma_{m N+j}^Z$$

- Example 2 done with classical thermal annealing using the Metropolis algorithm.



- We find 2 degenerate solutions.
- Finding solutions easy for human, due to symmetry, but difficult for computer
  - ➔ configuration space  $2^{100}$
  - ➔ non-convex optimisation
  - ➔ discrete problem (no gradient)
- Quantum annealing provides result in  $\mathcal{O}(10 \mu s)$



# A quantum laboratory for QFT and QML

- going beyond the reach of classical computers -

- Using the spin-chain approach for field theories discussed before, we can encode a QFT on a quantum annealer and study its dynamics directly.

[Abel, MS '20]

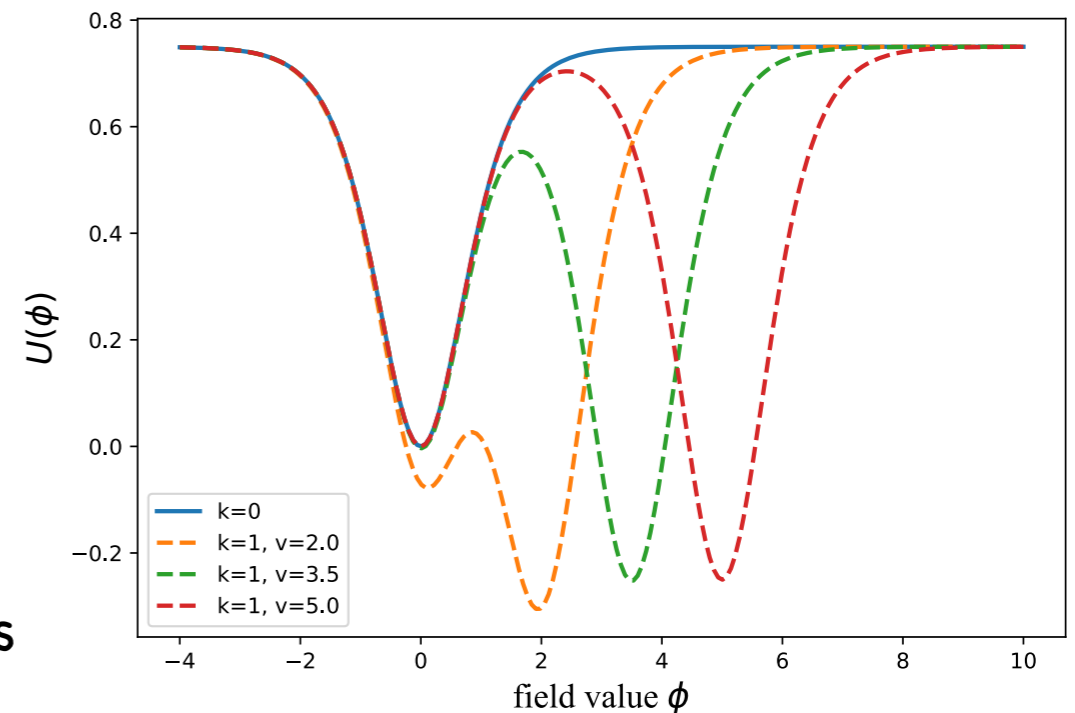
- To show that the system is a true and genuine quantum system we investigate if the state can tunnel from a meta-stable vacuum into a the true vacuum.

- Choose a potential of interest:

$$U(\phi) = \frac{3}{4} \tanh^2 \phi - k(t) \operatorname{sech}^2 (c(\phi - v))$$

where  $\phi = \eta/\eta_0$  ↖ time dependent

$\phi(t)$  is the field and  $c, v$  are dimless constants



- For real-time evolution of field theory on QA see [Fromm, Philipson, Winterowd '22]

The tunnelling probability in a QFT is calculated by evaluating the path-integral in Euclidean space around the action's critical points using the steepest gradient-descent method

$$\langle \eta_i | \eta_f \rangle_E = \int \mathcal{D}\delta\eta e^{-\hbar^{-1} \int dt \left( \frac{m(\dot{\eta}_{cl} + \delta\dot{\eta})^2}{2} + U(\eta_{cl} + \delta\eta) - E_0 \right)} = A e^{-\hbar^{-1} S_{E,cl}}$$

↑ quantum annealer

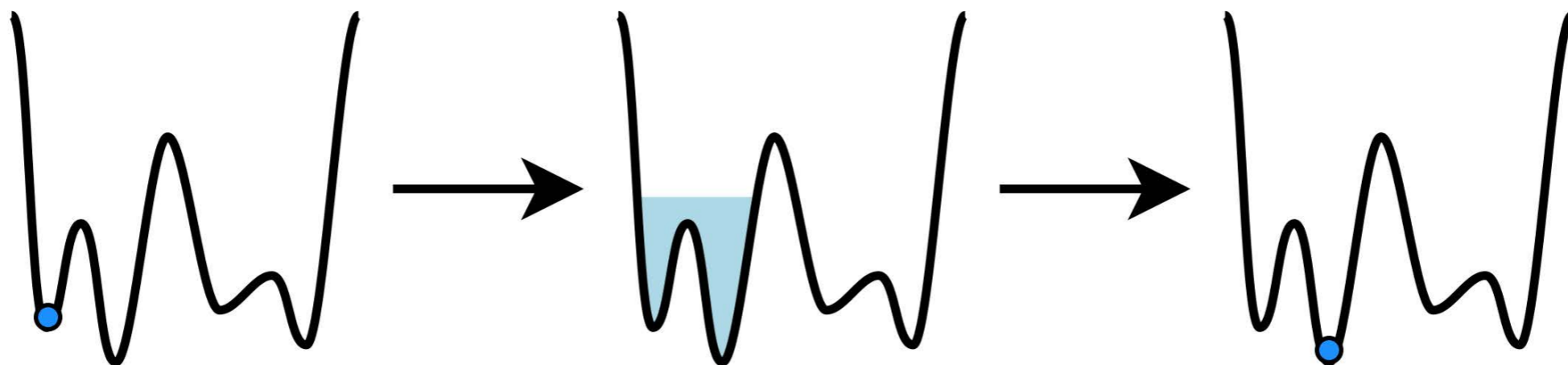
For the tunnelling rate  $\Gamma = |\langle \eta_i | \eta_f \rangle_E|^2 \approx e^{-2\hbar^{-1} S_{E,cl}}$  with  $S_{E,cl} = \int_{\eta_+}^{\eta_e} d\eta \sqrt{2m(U - E_0)}$

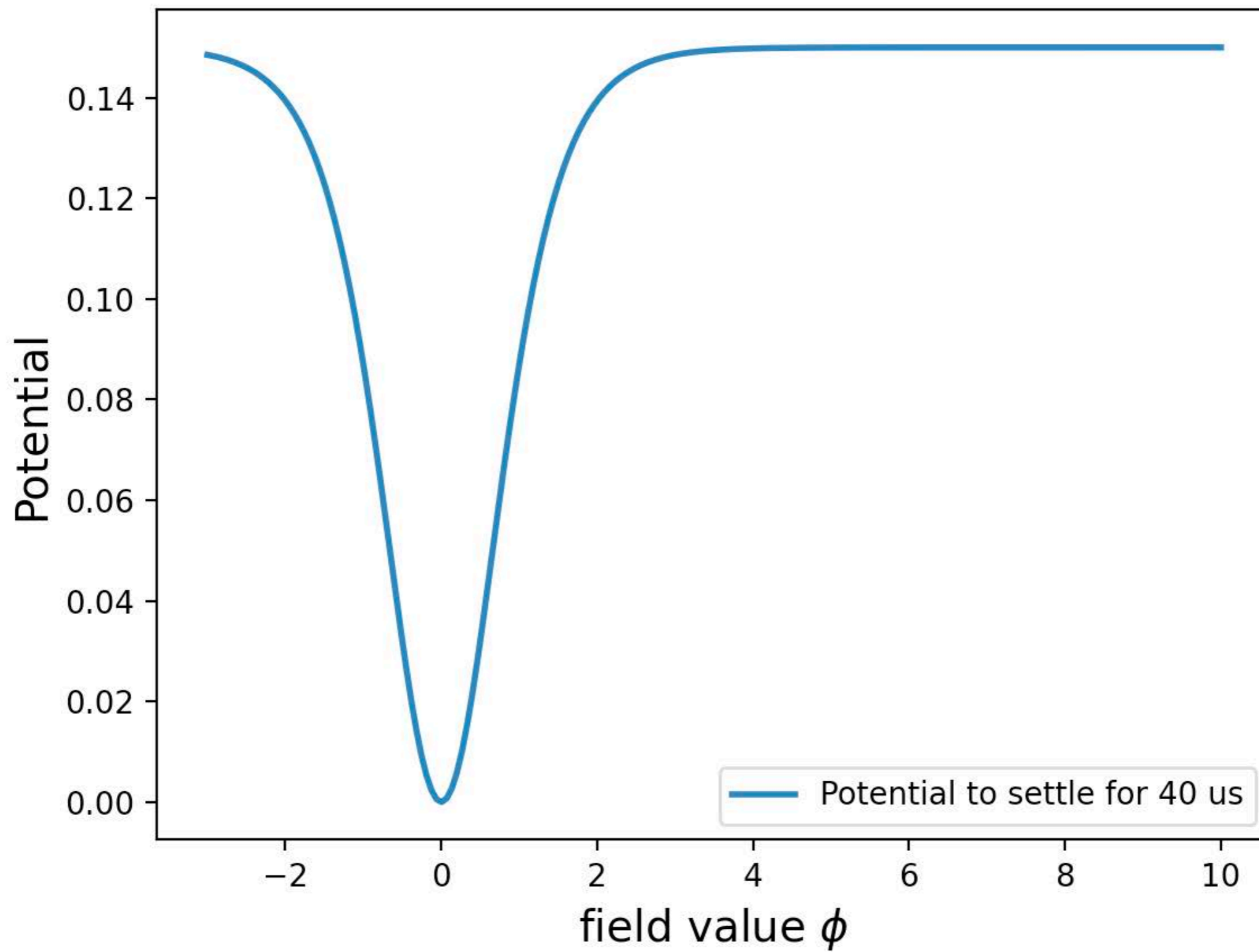
Exponent is object of interest:  $\hbar^{-1} S_E \approx \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\phi_+}^{\phi_e} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \tanh^2 \phi - \text{sech}^2(\phi - v)} d\phi$  with  $\gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hbar^2 / 2m\eta_0^2$

$$\log \Gamma \approx -2\hbar^{-1} S_E \approx \sqrt{\frac{3}{\gamma}} \left( \frac{5}{3} - v \right)$$

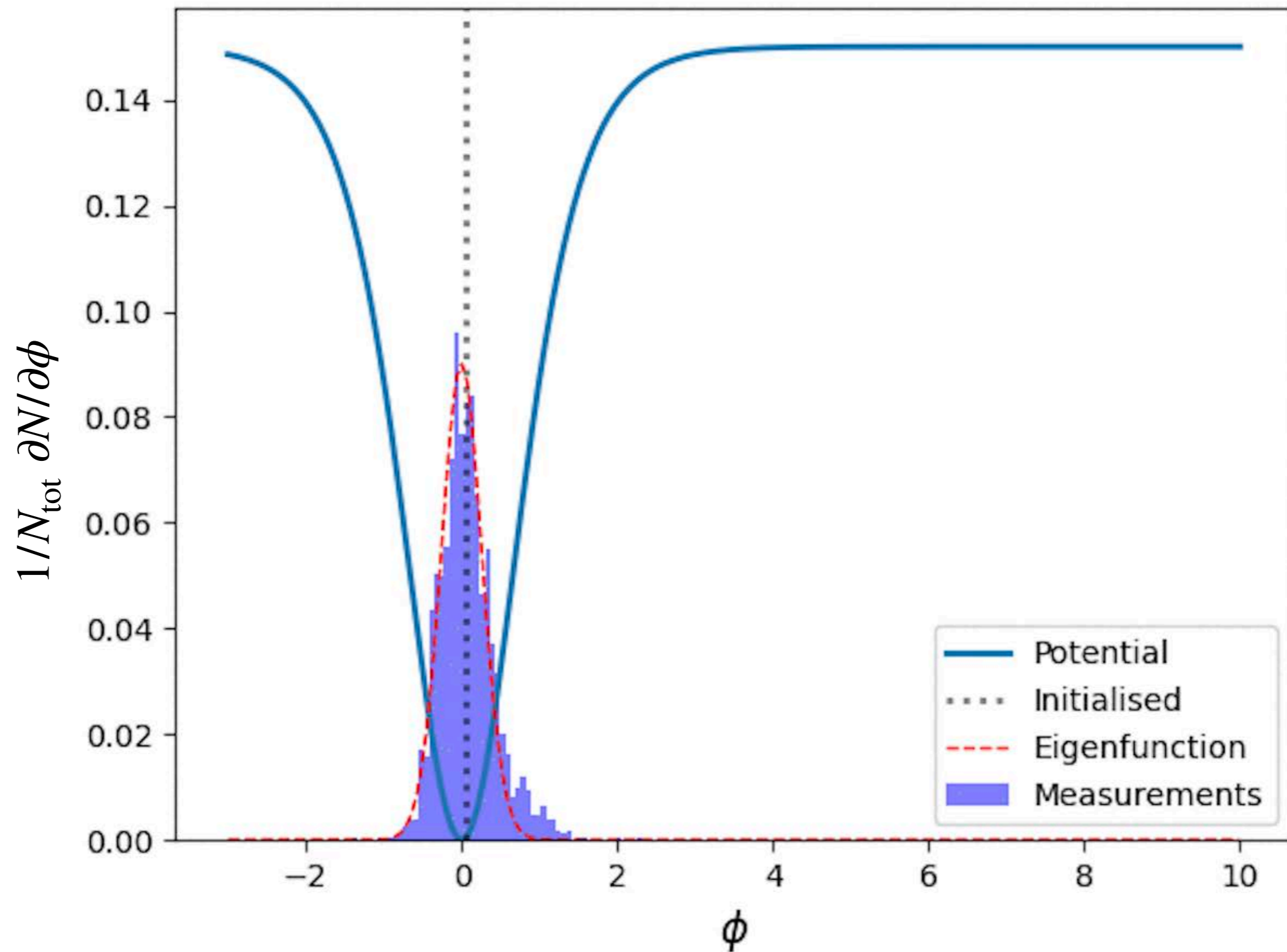
### D-Wave reverse annealing

starts at sq=1 (classical) -> sq < 1 (quantum) -> measurement in sq=1 (classical)

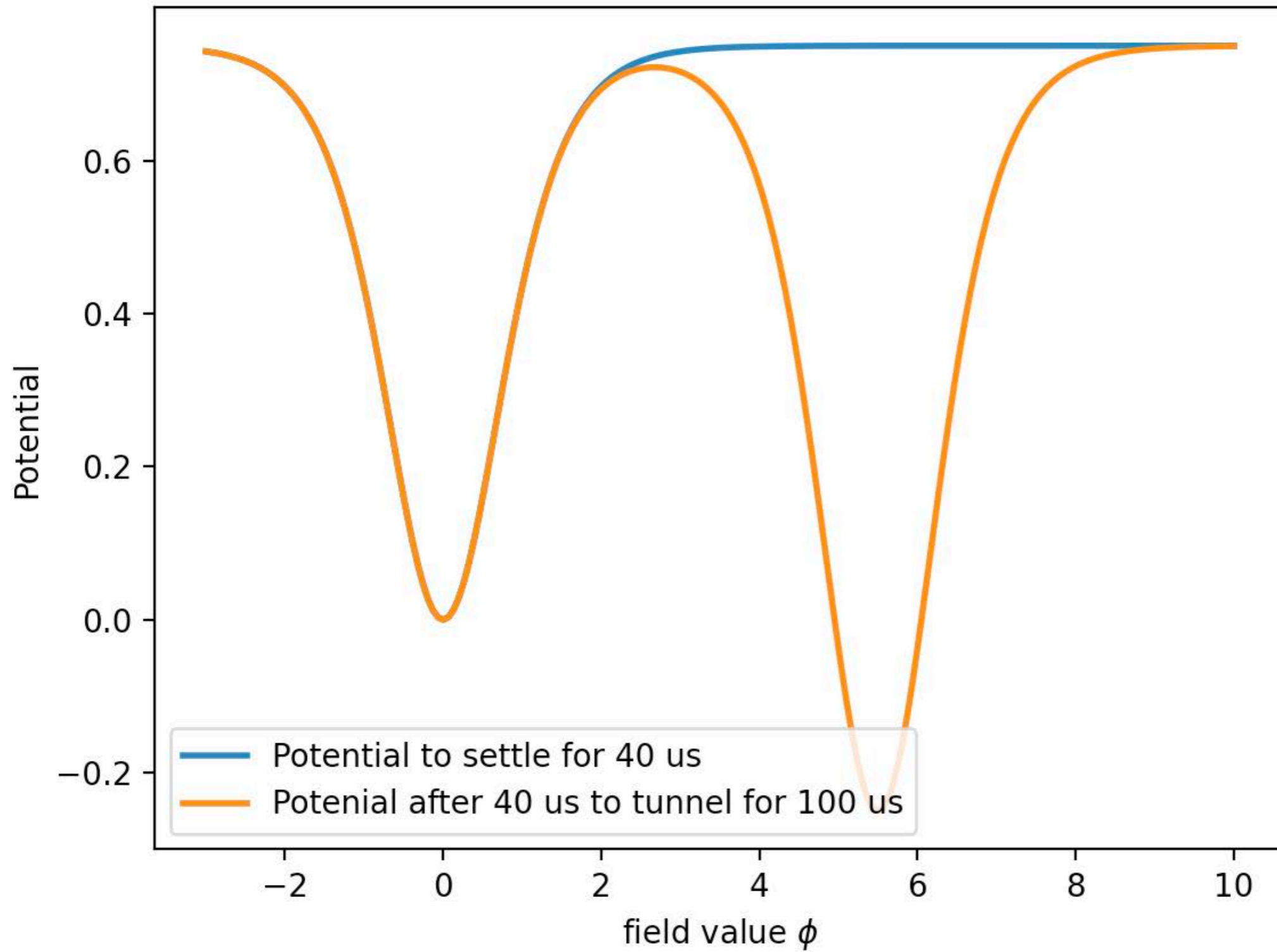




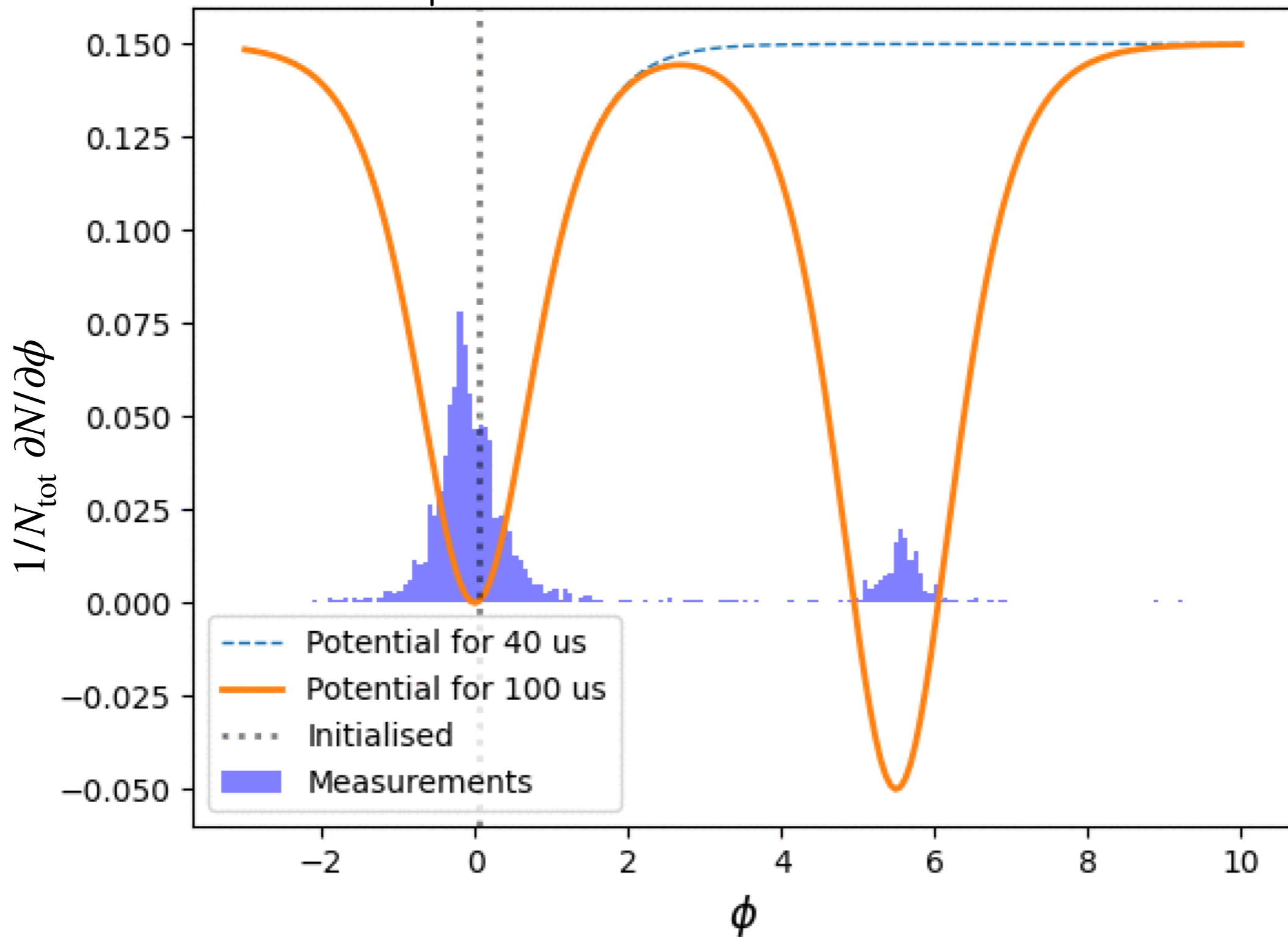
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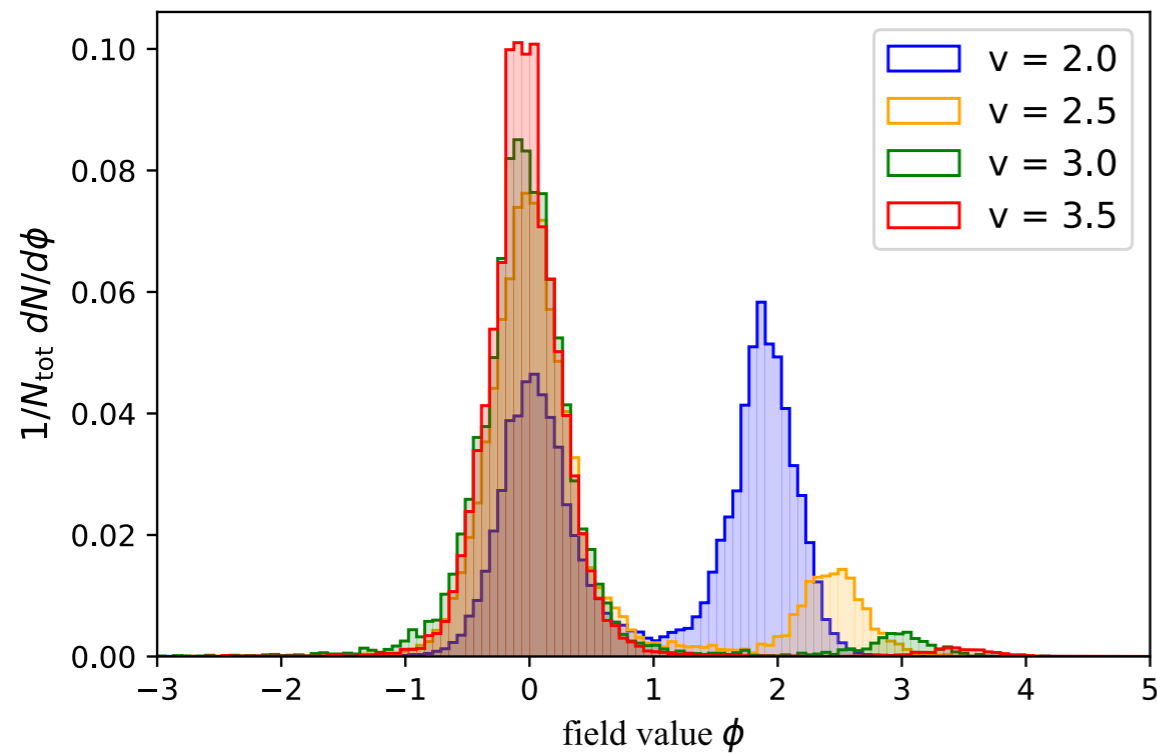




Implemented and executed on D-Wave Q2000 machine



# Results: it decays with $v$ as expected

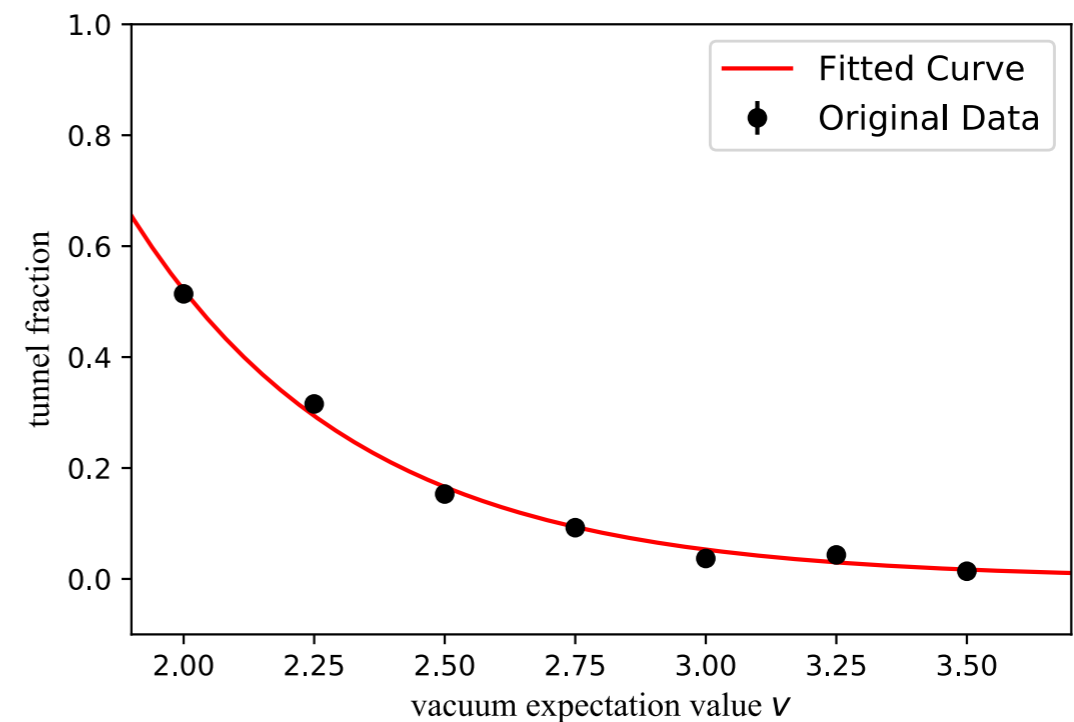


Perform tunnelling for

$$t_{\text{tunnel}} = 100\mu\text{s} \quad \text{at} \quad s_q = 0.7$$

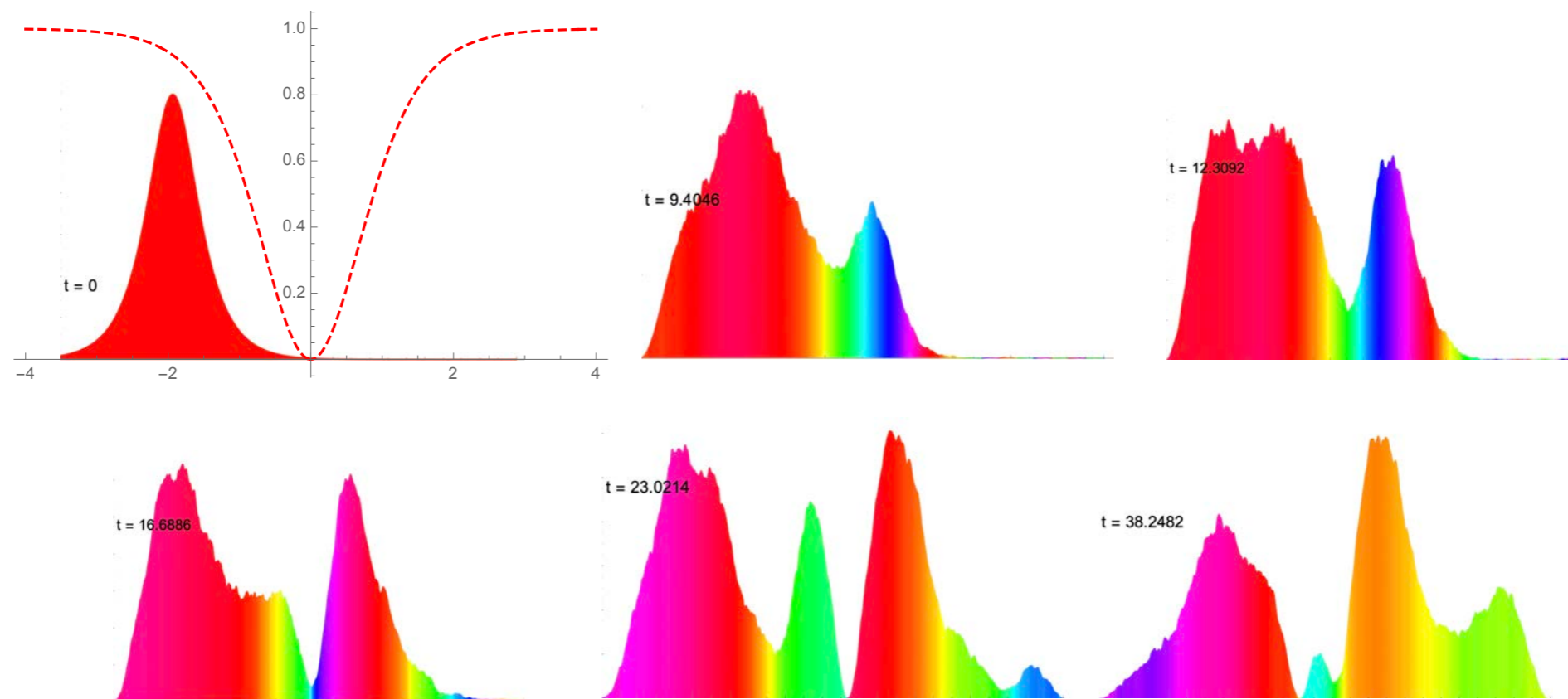
Theory:  $\log \Gamma = 3.0 \times (1.66 - v)$

Exp:  $\log \Gamma = 2.29 \times (1.71 - v)$



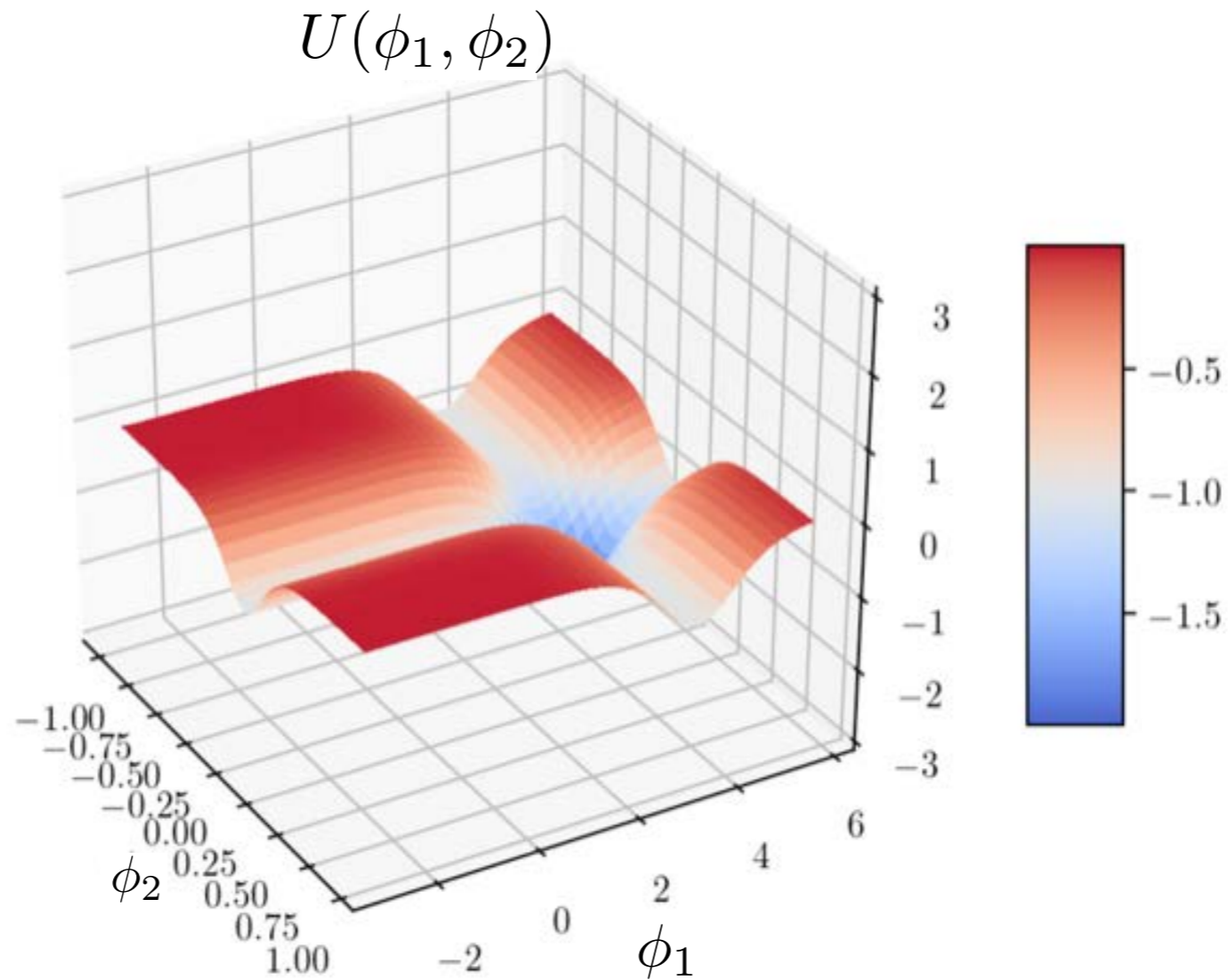
Also dynamics has characteristic behaviour. For example it still “tunnels” to the bottom of a potential even if there is no barrier: i.e. the wave function leaks across, rather than rolling as a lump –

Numerically solving S.E. we find (this takes an hour!)



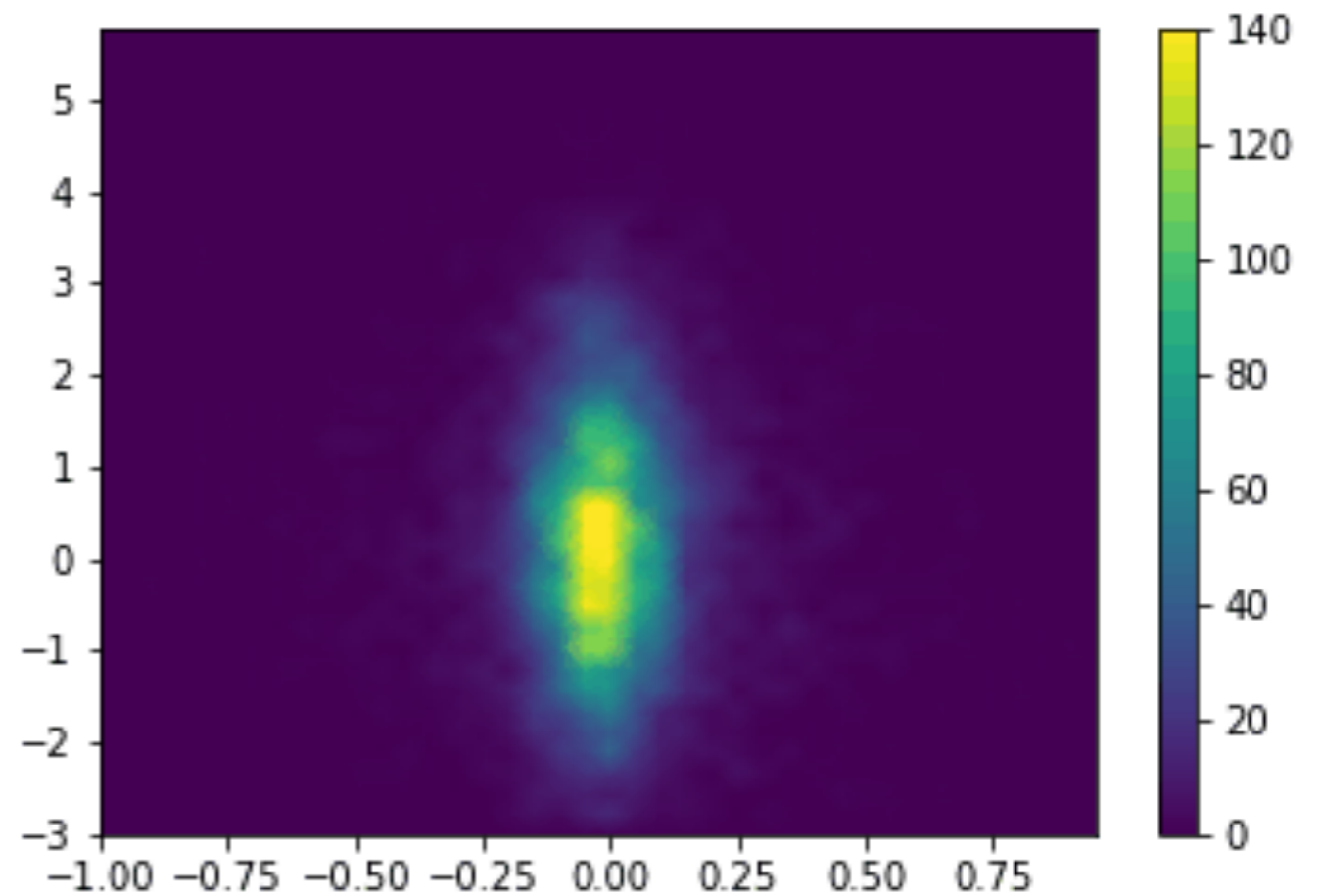
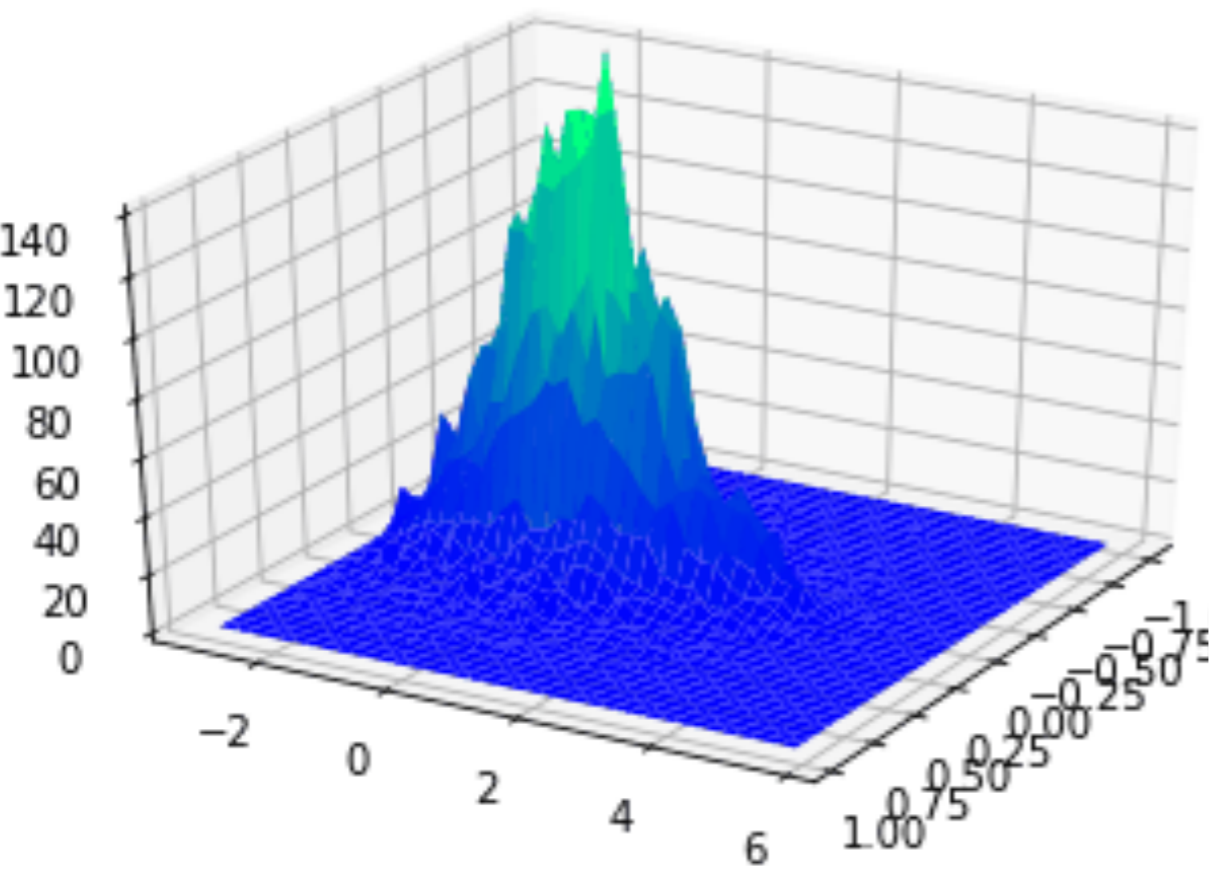
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2D example potential





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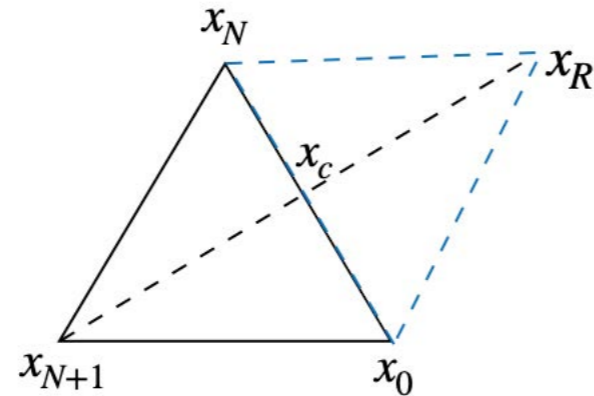


# Optimisation comparison quantum vs classical

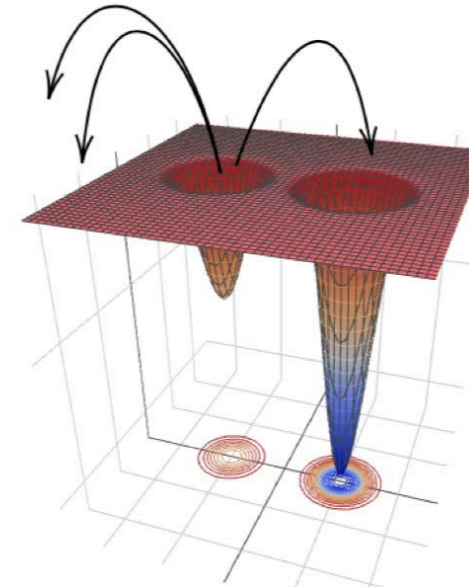
gradient descent

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \nabla f(x_i)$$

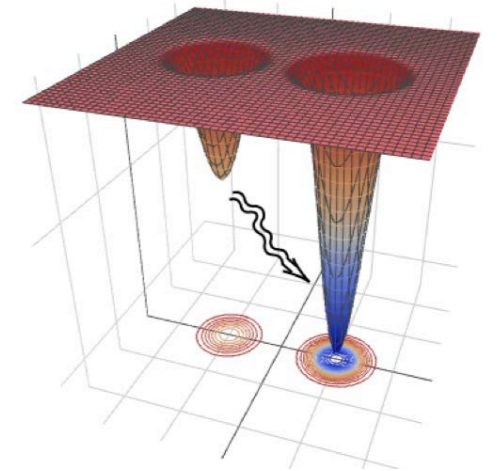
Nelder-Mead



Thermal Annealing

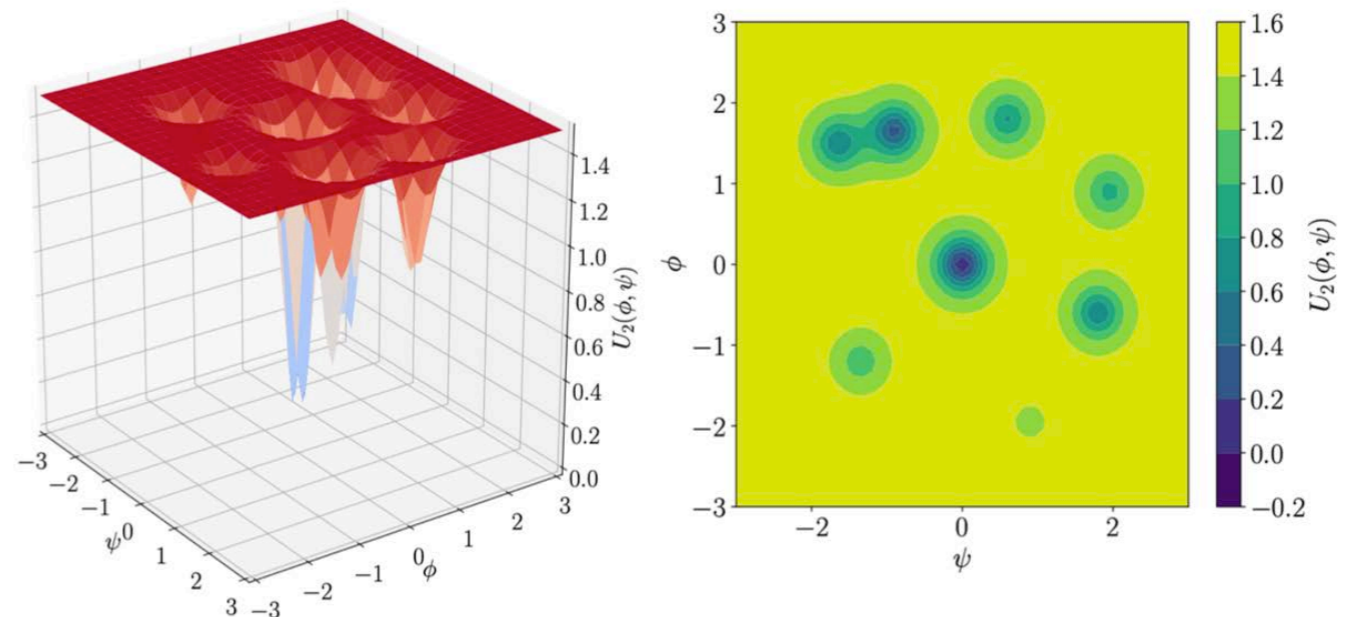


Quantum Annealing



Applied to several examples in [Abel, Blance, MS '21], let's show one here:

## Multi-well potential

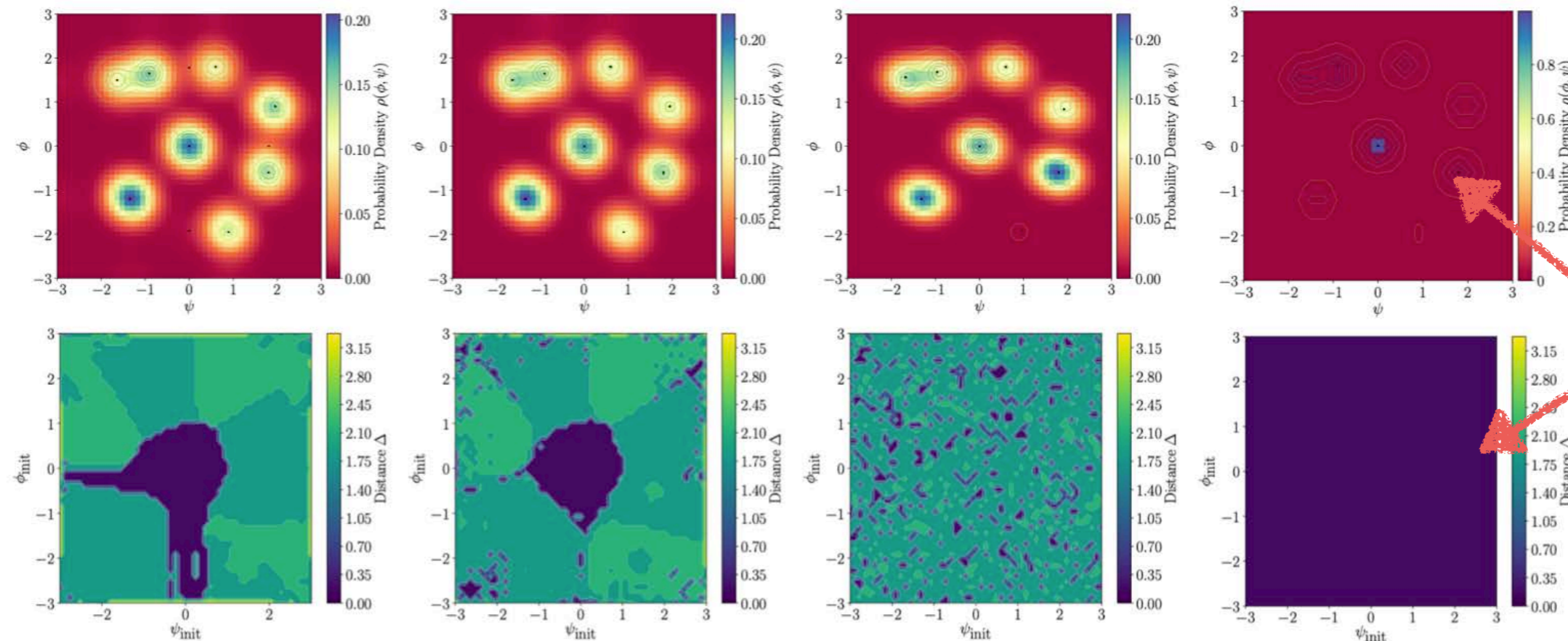


# Results for Multi-well potential

- Quantum algorithms finds global minimum of potential reliably and fast!

Method	Time/run ( $\mu\text{s}$ )
Nelder-Mead	4900
Gradient Descent	2900
Thermal Annealing	$5 \times 10^5$
Quantum Annealing	115

[Abel, Blance, MS '21]



(a) Nelder-Mead

(b) Gradient descent

(c) Thermal annealing

(d) Quantum annealing

Quantum annealer almost never gets stuck in wrong minimum

QA is depth savvy, i.e. works qualitatively different

→ Clear advantage



# Completely Quantum Neural Networks

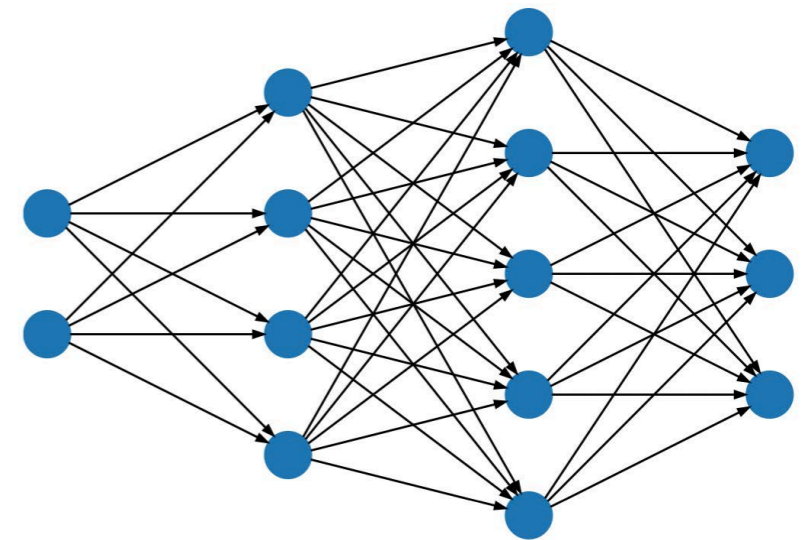
Structure of node  $i$ , in layer  $L$       $L_i(x) = g \left( \sum_j w_{ij} x_j + b_i \right)$

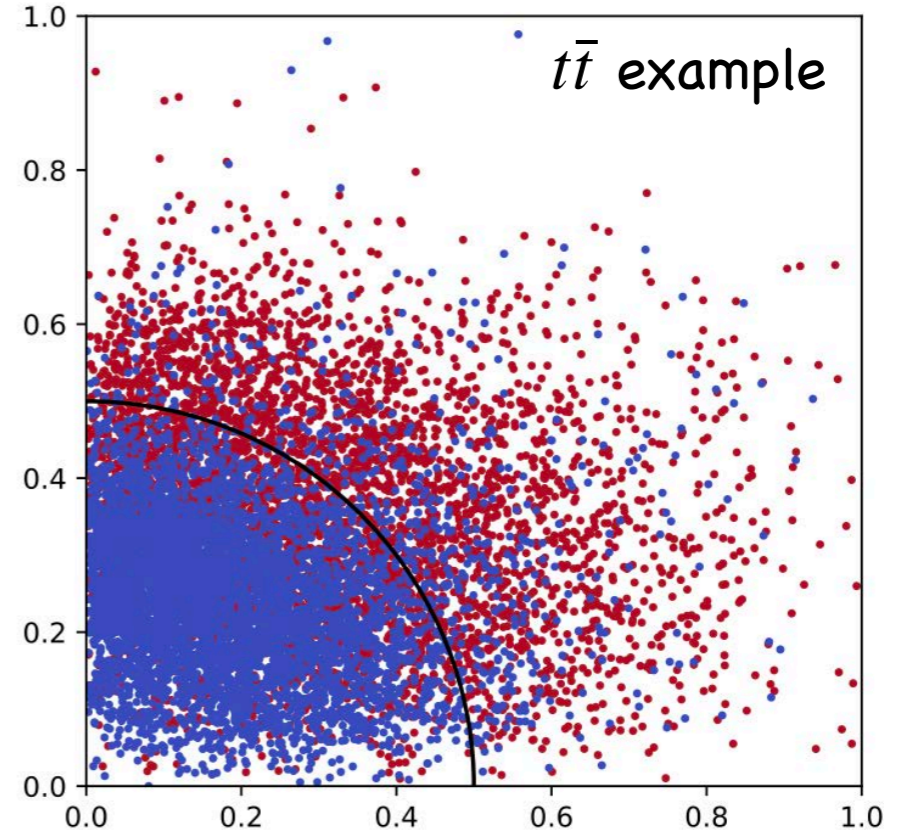
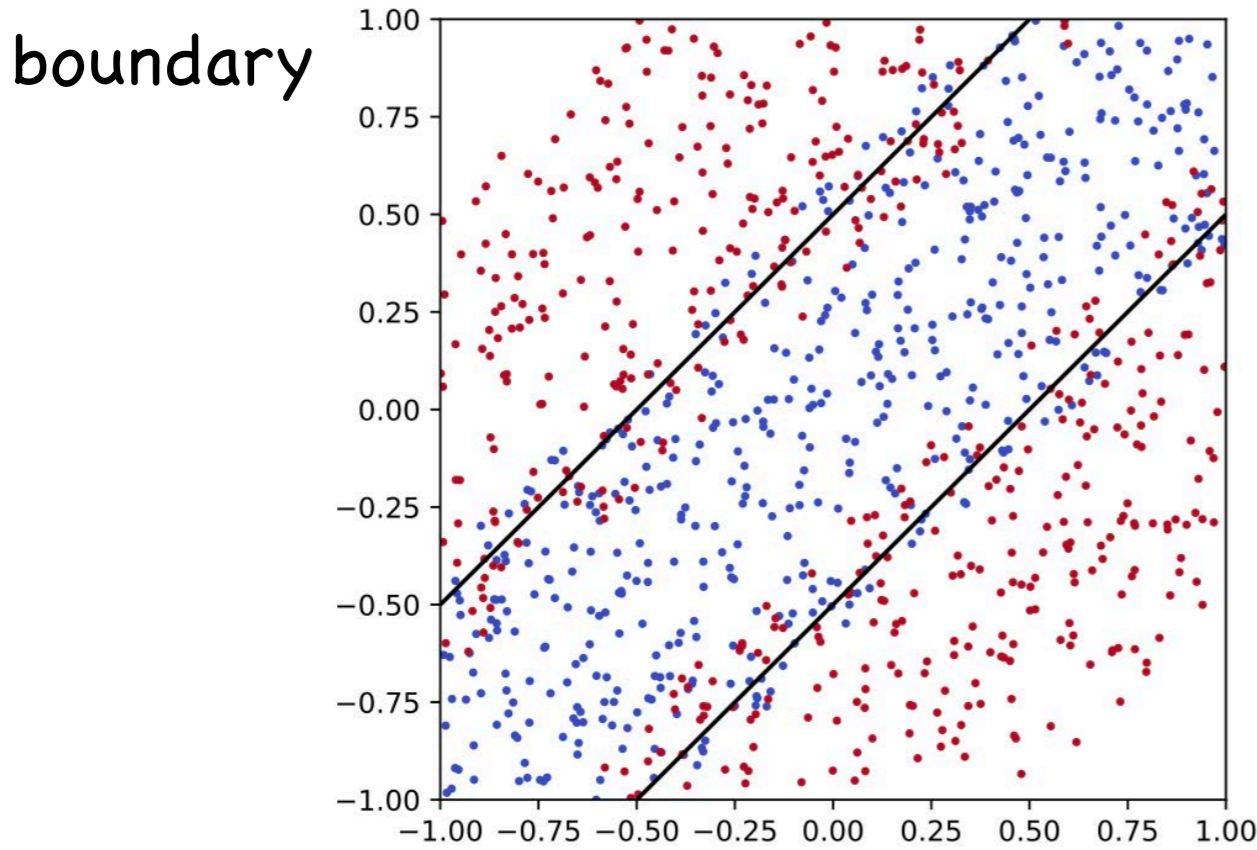
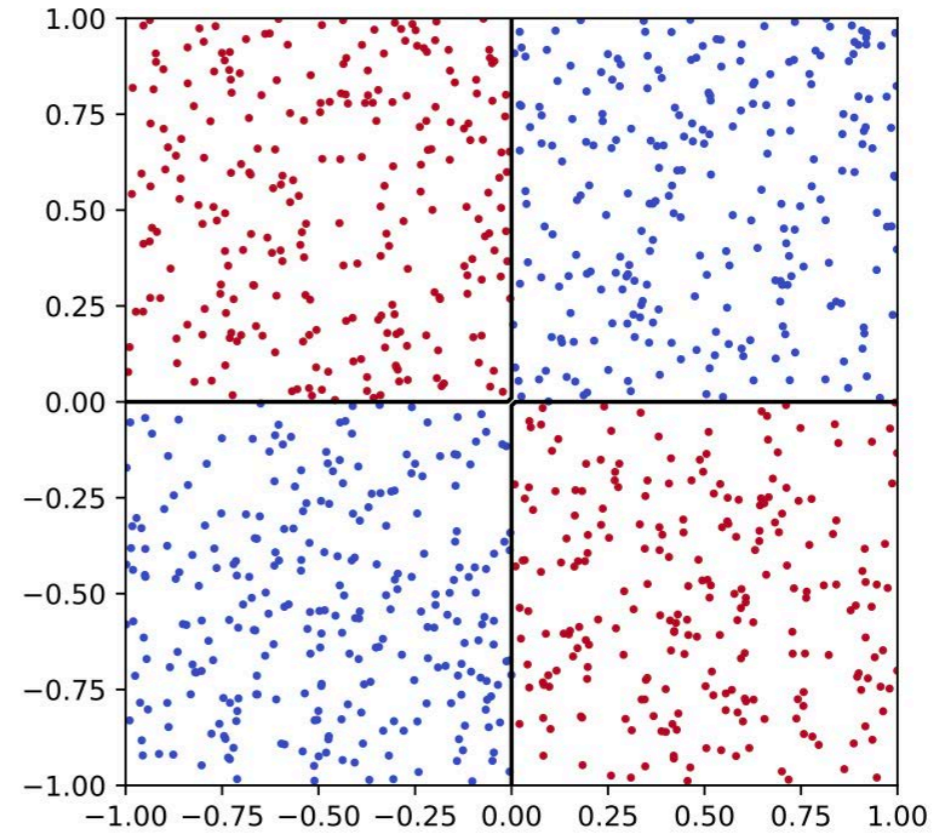
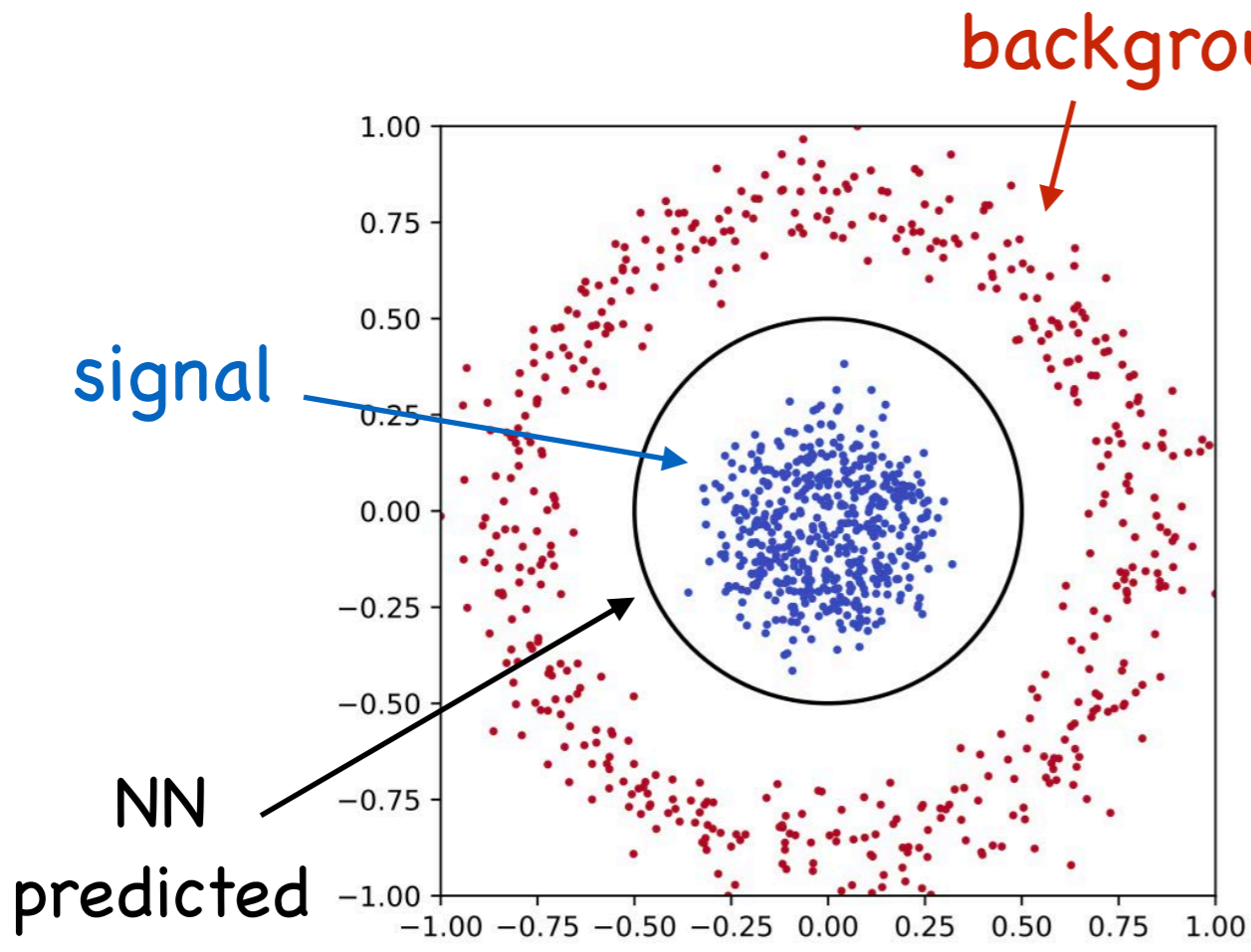
Network output in final layer      $Y = L^{(n)} \circ \dots \circ L^{(0)}$

Loss function      $\mathcal{L}(Y) = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_a |y_a - Y(x_a)|^2$

[Abel, Criado, MS '22]

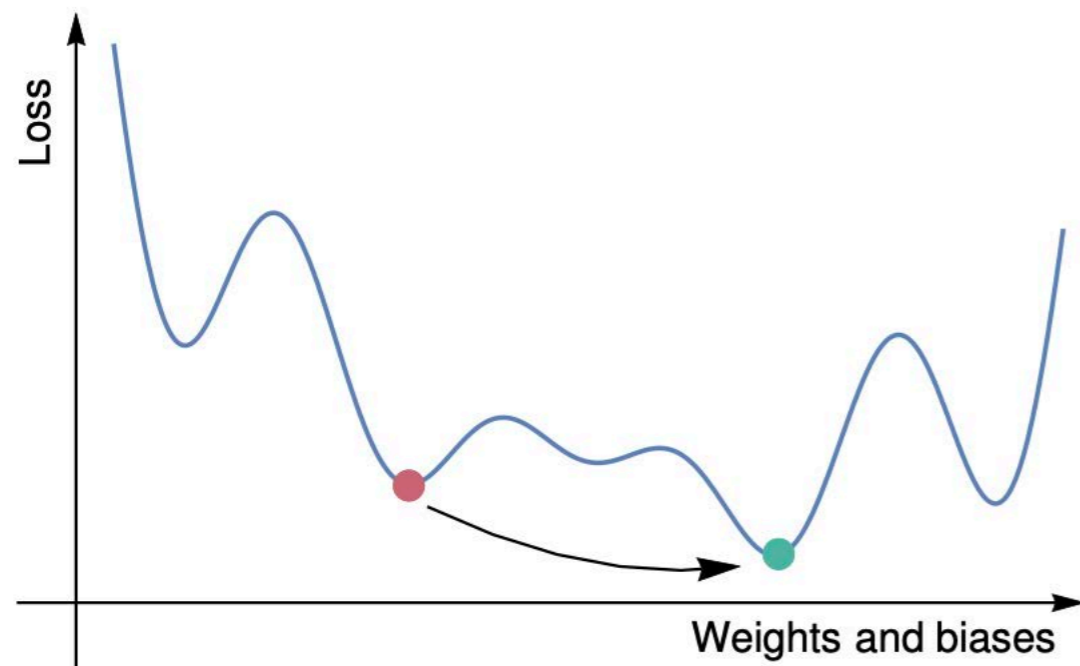
- Developed binary encoding of weights (discretised)
- Polynomial approximation of activation function
- Reduction of binary higher-order polynomials into quadratic ones (Ising model)



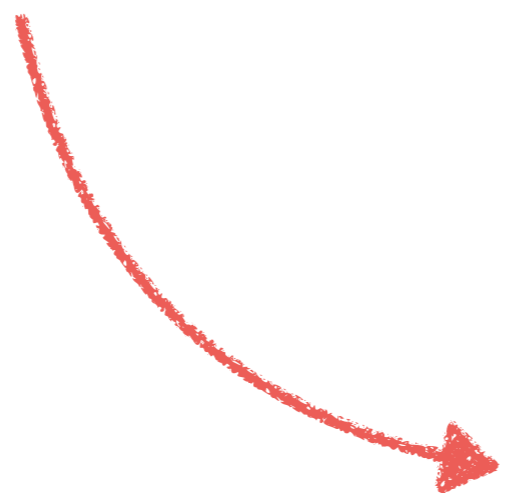




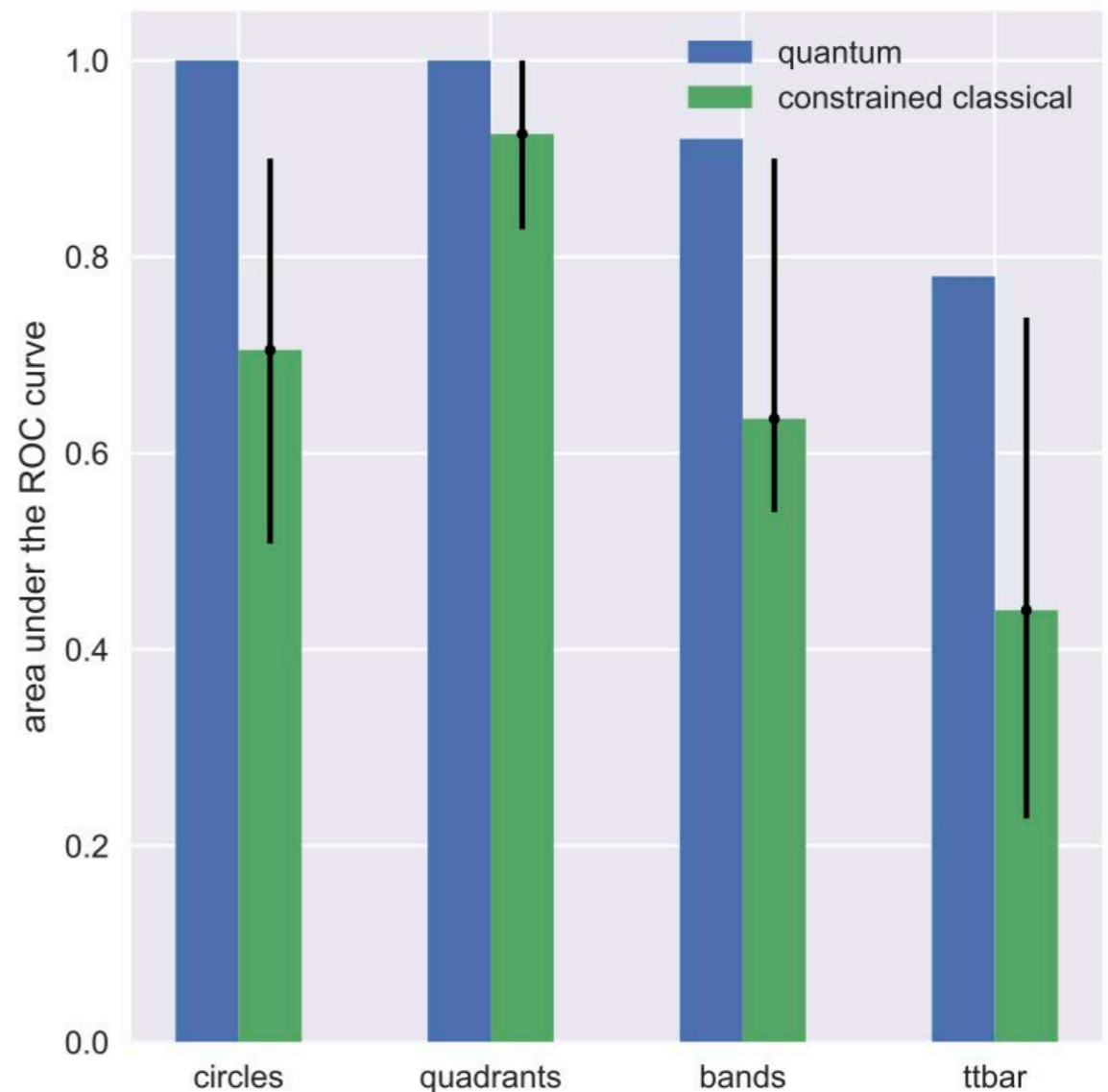
# Completely Quantum Neural Networks



Reliable and very fast ground-state finder of loss function



Optimal network training



# Application to differential equations and variational methods

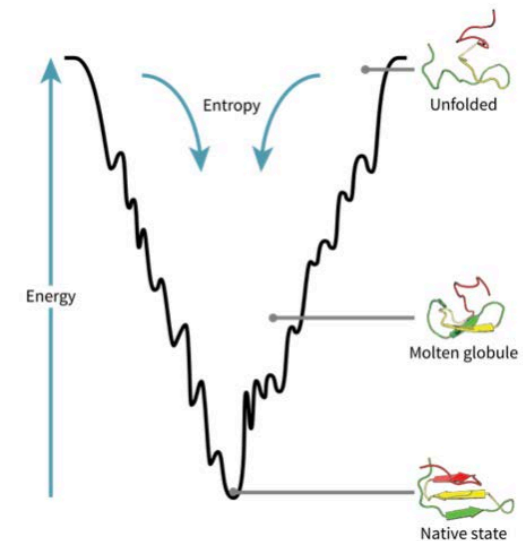
Define your mathematical task as an **optimisation problem**

$$\mathcal{F}_m(\vec{x}, \phi_m(\vec{x}), \nabla \phi_m(\vec{x}), \dots, \nabla^j \phi_m(\vec{x})) = 0$$

Build the full function, here a DE into the loss function, incl boundary conditions

$$\mathcal{L}(\{w, \vec{b}\}) = \frac{1}{i_{\max}} \sum_{i,m} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_m(\vec{x}^i, \hat{\phi}_m(\vec{x}^i), \dots, \nabla^j \hat{\phi}_m(\vec{x}^i))^2 + \sum_{\text{B.C.}} (\nabla^p \hat{\phi}_m(\vec{x}_b) - K(\vec{x}_b))^2,$$

[Piscopo, MS, Waite '19]



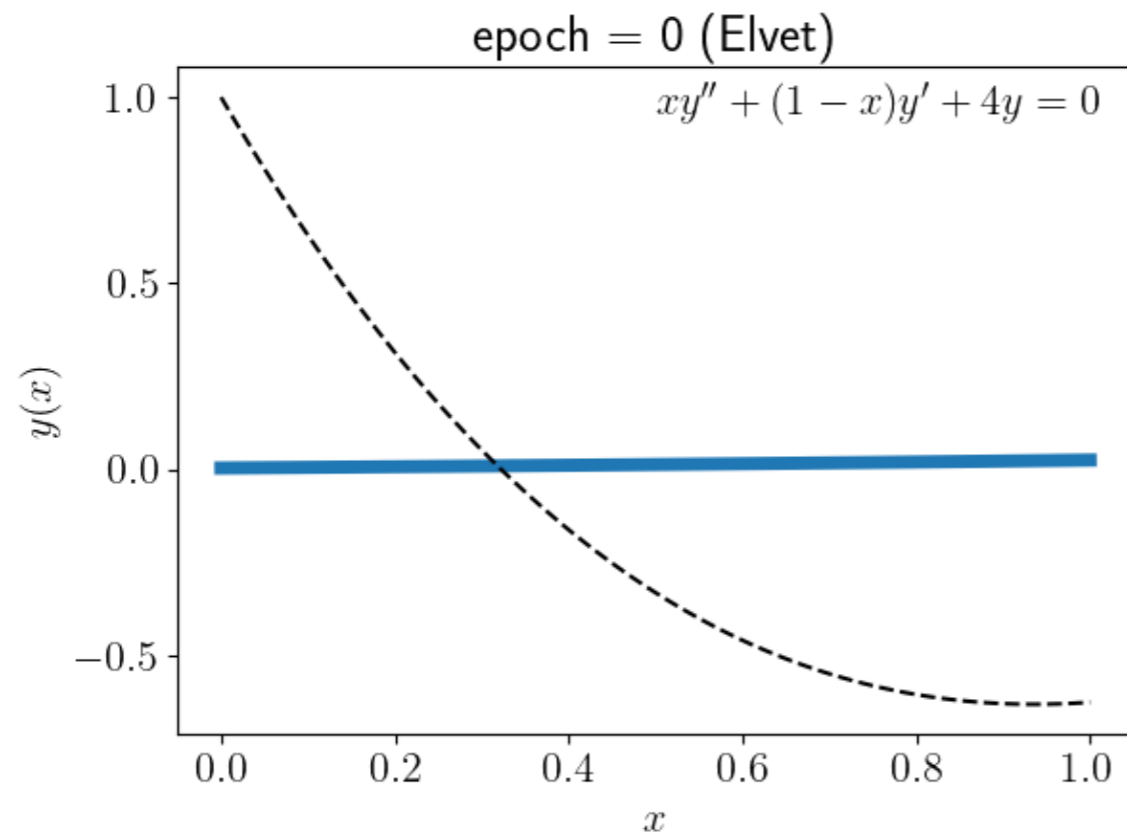
identify trial solution with network output  $\hat{\phi}_m(\vec{x}) \equiv \check{N}_m(\vec{x}, \{w, \vec{b}\})$

# QADE: Solving differential equations with a quantum annealer

[Criado, MS '22]

Example Laguerre differential equation:

$$xy'' + (1 - x)y' + 4y = 0 \quad \text{with } y(0) = 1 \text{ and } y(1) = L_4(1)$$

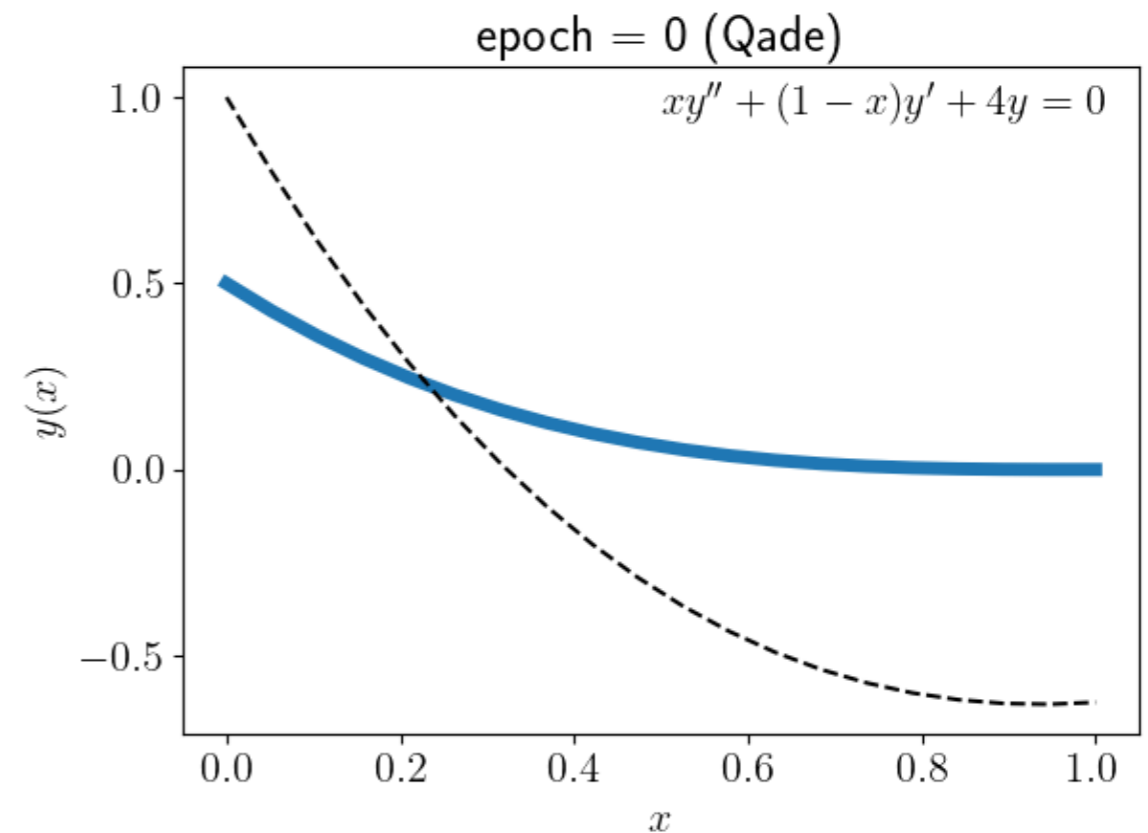


Classical Neural Network

[Piscopo, MS, Waite '19]

[Araz, Criado, MS '21]

<https://gitlab.com/elvet/elvet>



Quantum algorithm

<http://gitlab.com/jccriado/qade>

# QFitter

Example Higgs EFT fit:

[Criado, Kogler, MS '22]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{c_{u3}y_t}{v^2}(\phi^\dagger\phi)(\bar{q}_L\tilde{\phi}u_R) + \frac{c_{d3}y_b}{v^2}(\phi^\dagger\phi)(\bar{q}_L\phi d_R) \\ & + \frac{ic_W g}{2m_W^2}(\phi^\dagger\sigma^a D^\mu\phi)D^\nu W_{\mu\nu}^a + \frac{c_H}{4v^2}(\partial_\mu(\phi^\dagger\phi))^2 \\ & + \frac{c_\gamma(g')^2}{2m_W^2}(\phi^\dagger\phi)B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c_g g_S^2}{2m_W^2}(\phi^\dagger\phi)G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{ic_{HW}g}{4m_W^2}(\phi^\dagger\sigma^a D^\mu\phi)D^\nu W_{\mu\nu}^a \\ & + \frac{ic_{HB}g'}{4m_W^2}(\phi^\dagger D^\mu\phi)D^\nu B_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{ij} V_a C_{ab}^{-1} V_b \quad V_a = O_a^{(\text{exp})} - O_a^{(\text{th})}(c)$$

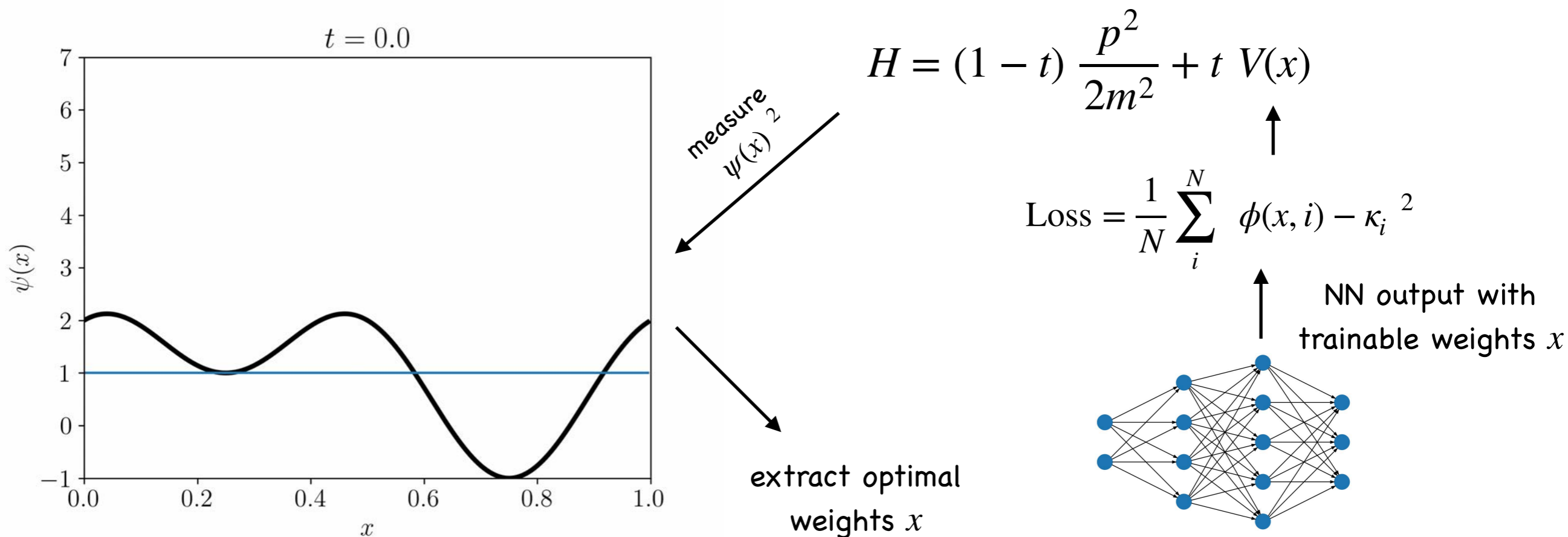
- Fast and reliable state-of-the-art Higgs, ELW, ... fits
- Convergence no problem for non-convex  $\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2$  functions

Formulation	Method	Fit time	$c_{HW}$	$c_H$	$c_g$	$c_\gamma$	$\chi^2$
Standard	Minuit (initial $c_{HW} = 0$ )	2.0 s	-0.009	0.100	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-6}$	4110
	Minuit (initial $c_{HW} = -0.05$ )	2.4 s	-0.050	0.039	$-9.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$-1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	135
	Simulated annealing (initial $c_{HW} = 0$ )	642 s	-0.009	0.100	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-6}$	4110
	Simulated annealing (initial $c_{HW} = -0.05$ )	644 s	-0.009	0.100	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-6}$	4110
QUBO	Simulated annealing (Class A)	6.4 s	-0.012	-0.054	$-3.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-5}$	3910
	Simulated annealing (Class B)	6.4 s	-0.045	-0.175	$-3.7 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	228
	Quantum annealing	0.2 s	-0.047	-0.050	$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-7}$	68

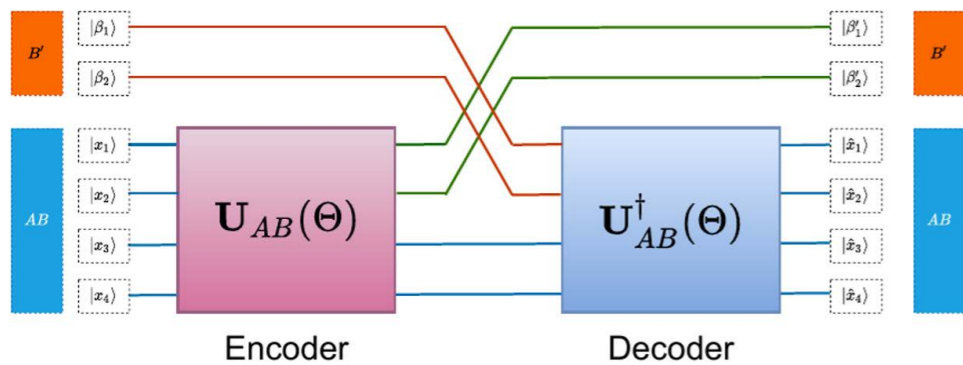
# Training NNs using Adiabatic QC

[Abel, Criado, MS '23]

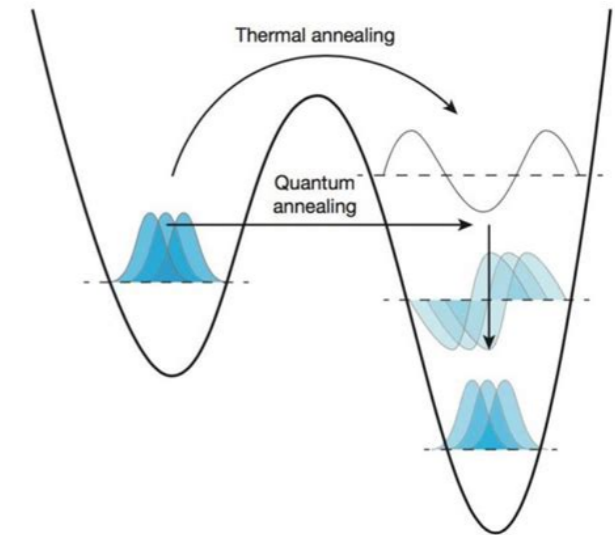
- Applicable to digital quantum computers, i.e. quantum gate computers.  
Not limited to Ising model
  - $O(1000)$  qubits for Ising model
  - $O(10)$  qubits for AQC - prop. #weights
- # of gate operations in AQC scales polynomially with NN width and exp with depth
- Gradient-free optimisation -> particularly important for discrete/binary NN







# Summary



- Quantum Computing is exciting research area that rapidly expands, supported through private and public sector. Many algorithms to be invented.
  - ➔ Can exploit QM prop: entanglement, superposition principle and tunnelling
- HEP is inherently quantum mechanical, thus description in terms of quantum computing should be advantageous
  - ➔ Suitable theory description needed for QC devices
  - ➔ Path to an application yielding quantum advantage
- For quantum advantage in real-world applications need development of technical realisation of quantum computers (size, fault tolerance, type of operations,...)

