

# Quantum machine learning for anomaly detection at the LHC

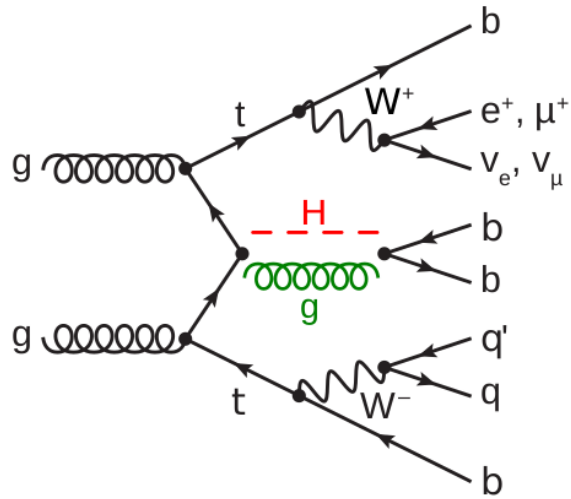
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1. Model-independent searches and anomaly detection at the LHC.
  - Motivation
  - Unsupervised learning and anomaly detection
2. Quantum computing and machine learning.
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3. Quantum anomaly detection results
  - Detection of Gravitons and new Scalar bosons
  - Benchmark against classical counterpart.
  - Hardware Run.

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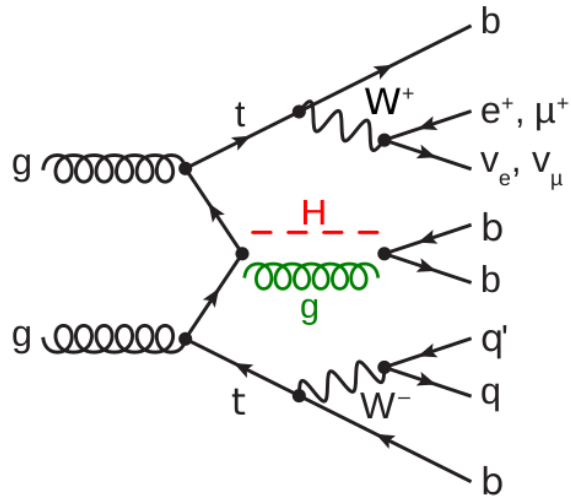


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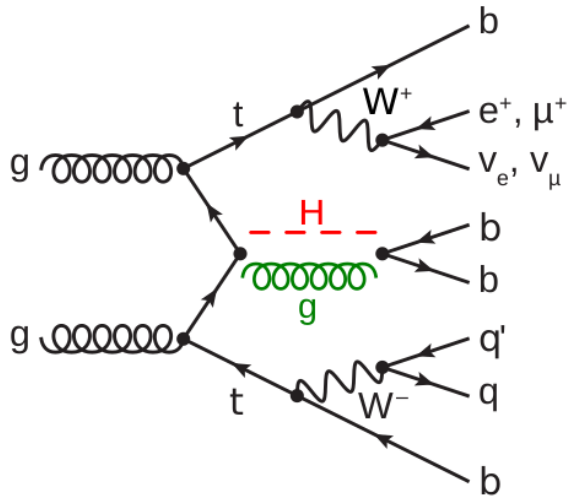
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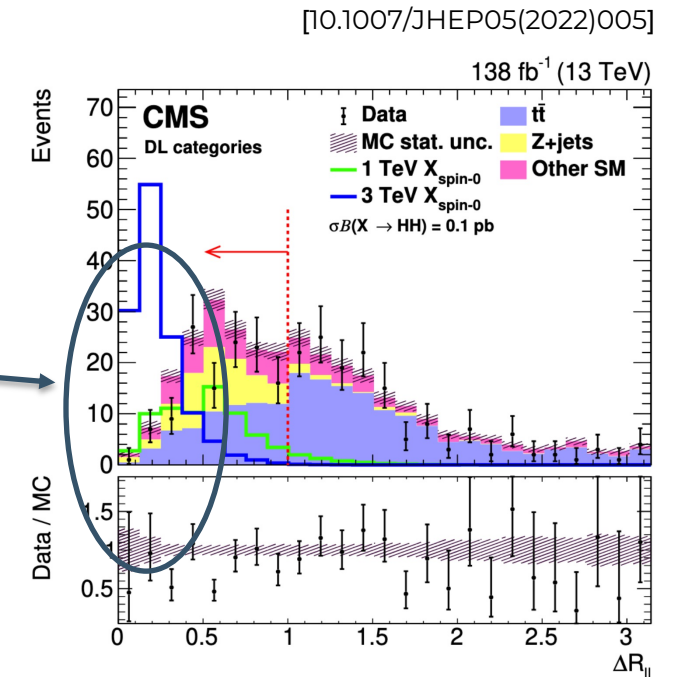
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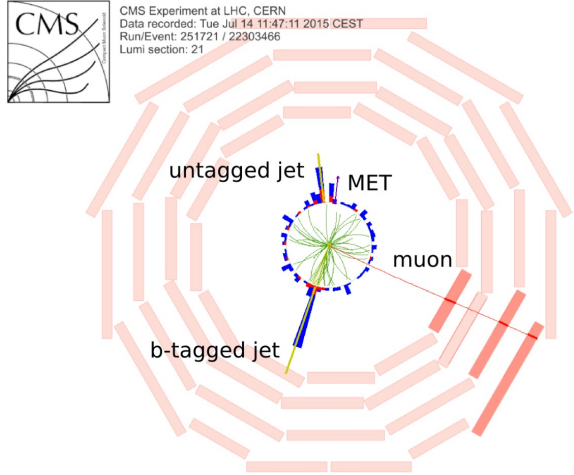
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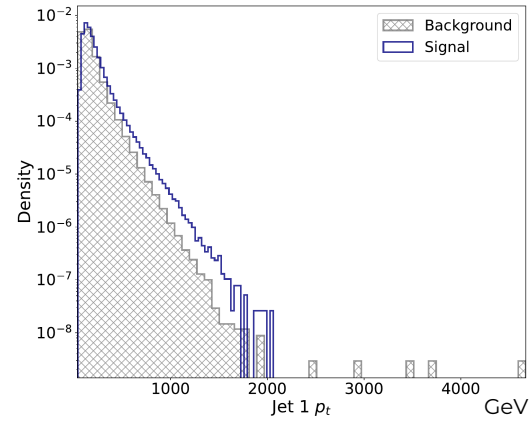
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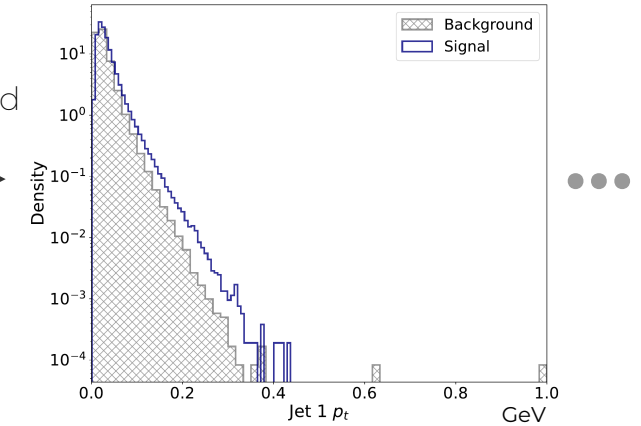


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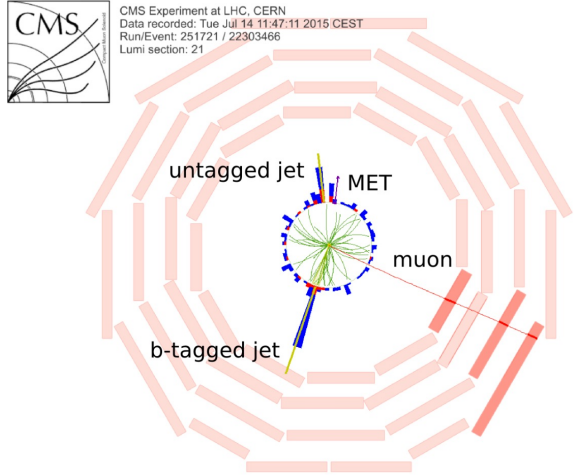


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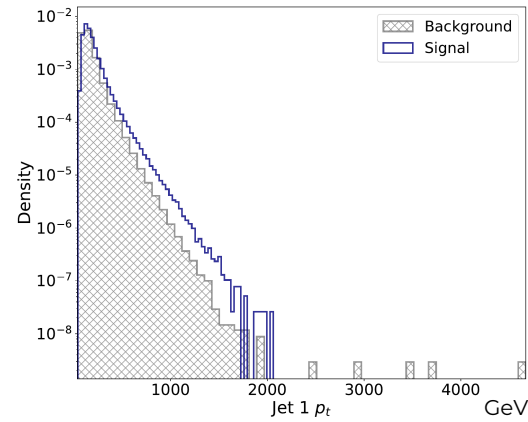
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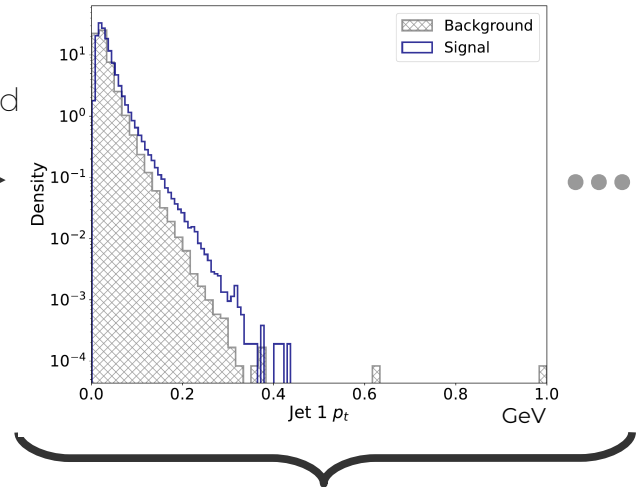


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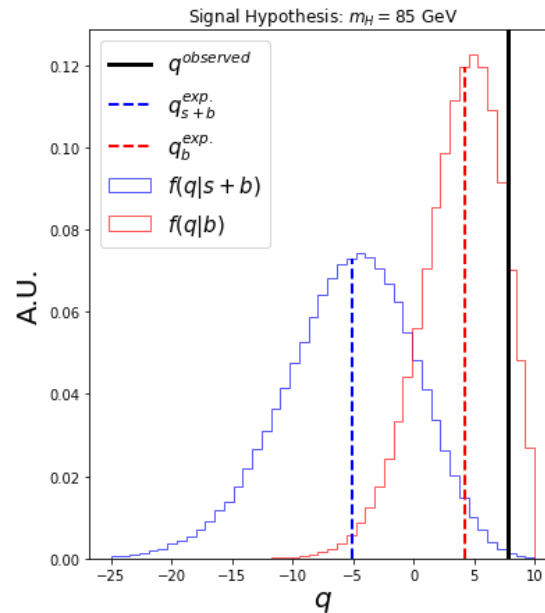


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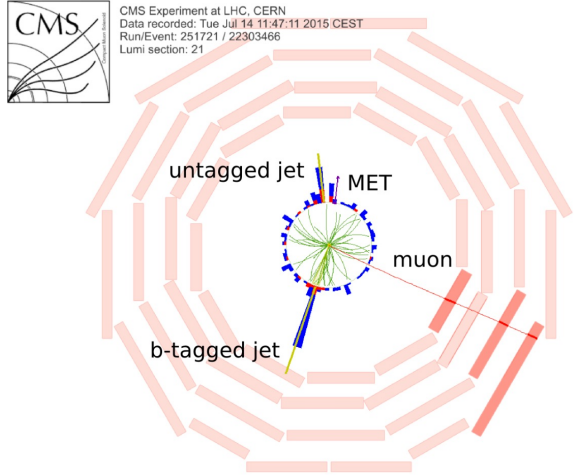
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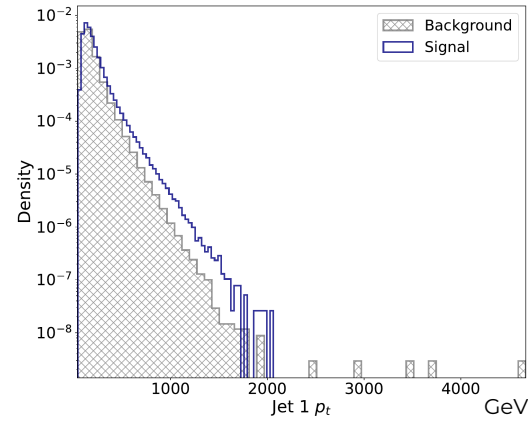


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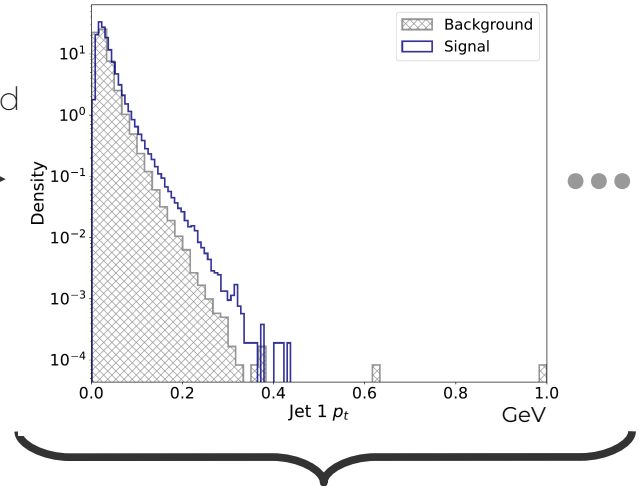


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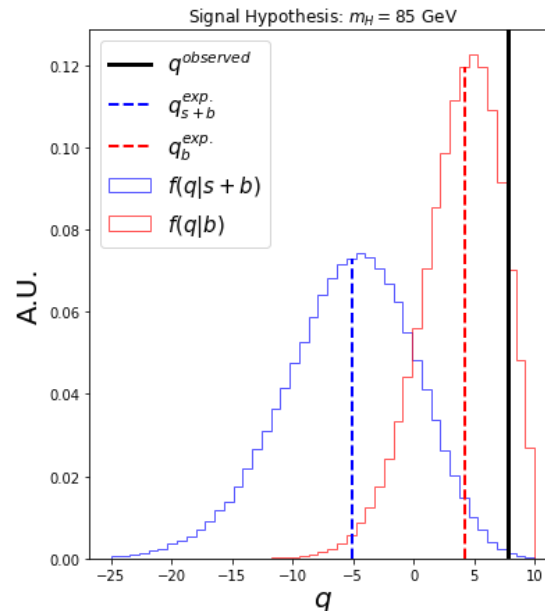


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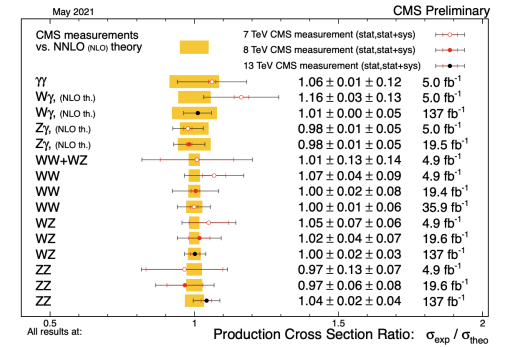
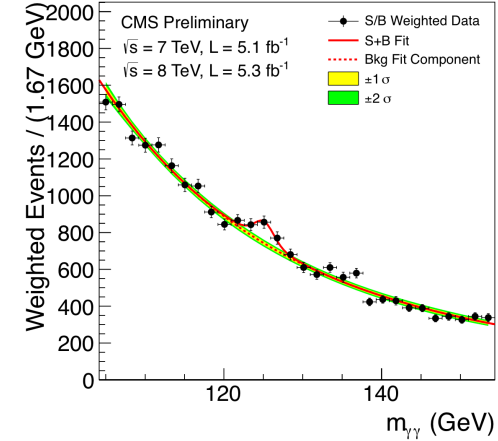
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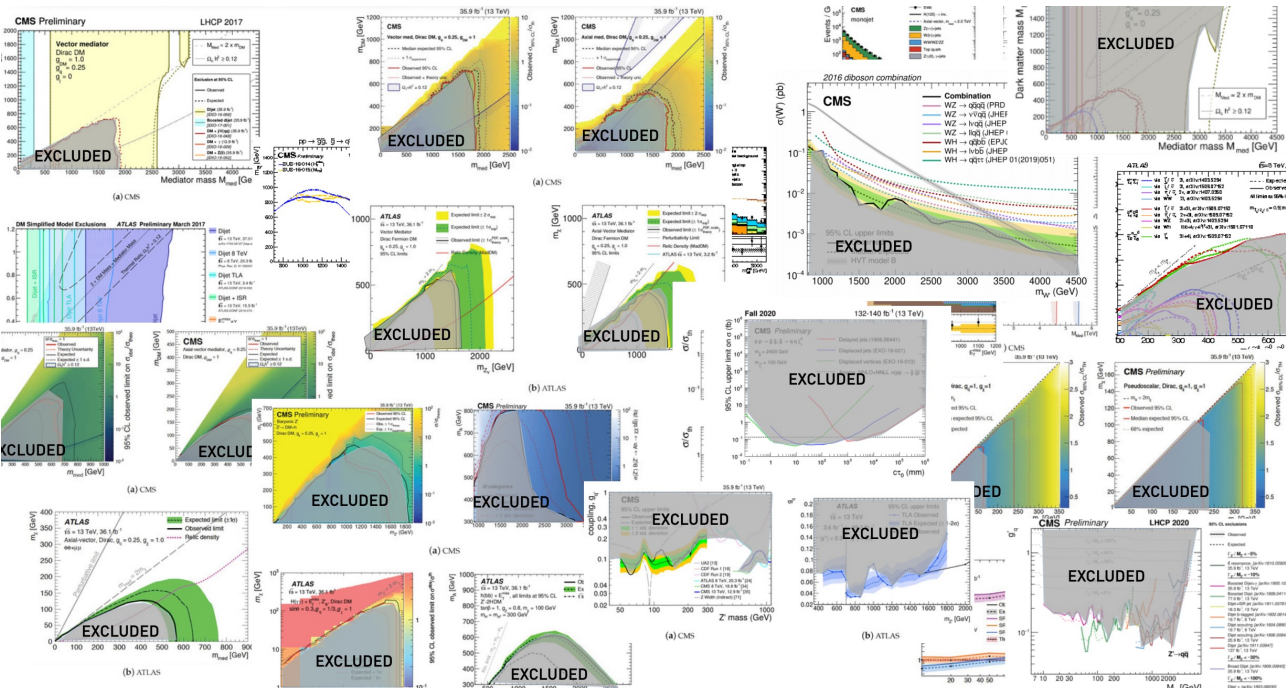
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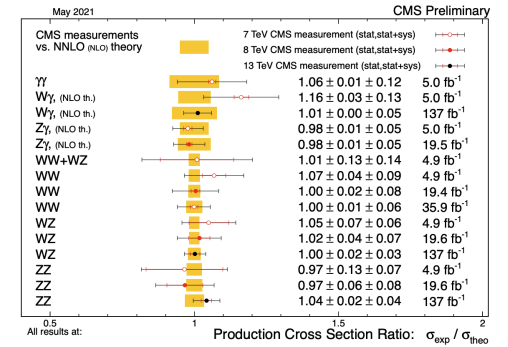
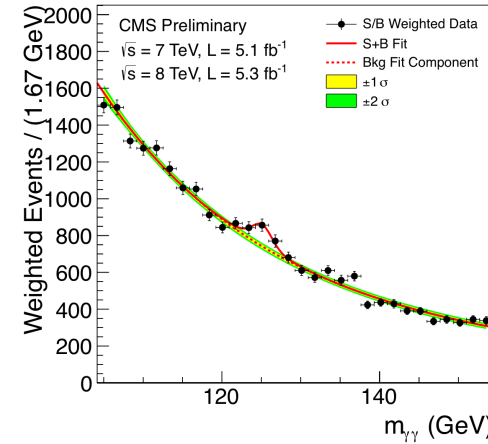
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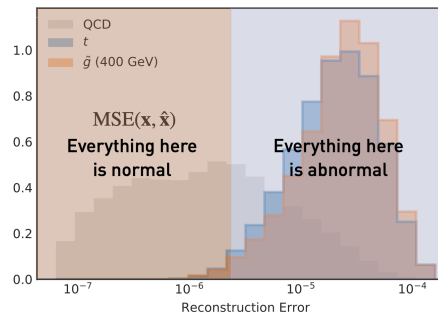
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What if you don't know where to look for new-physics?

Look at nature with minimal bias.

One possible solution:

**Anomaly detection (ML/DL)**

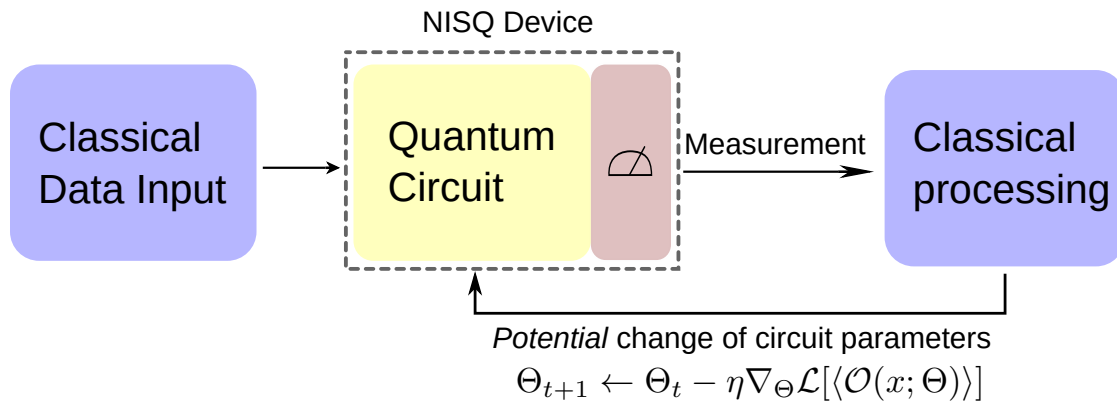


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# Quantum Machine Learning



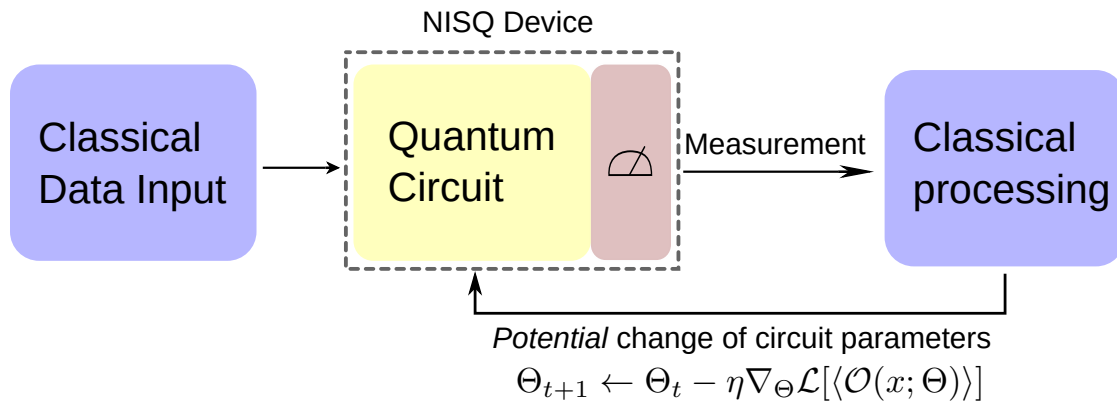
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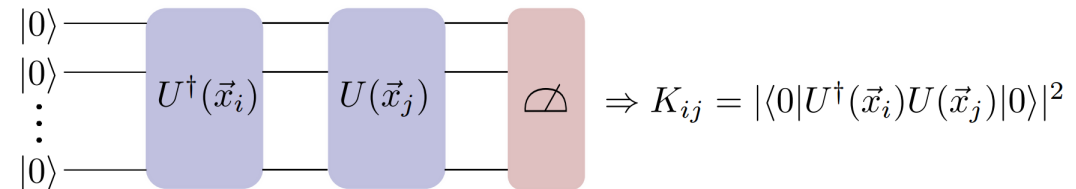
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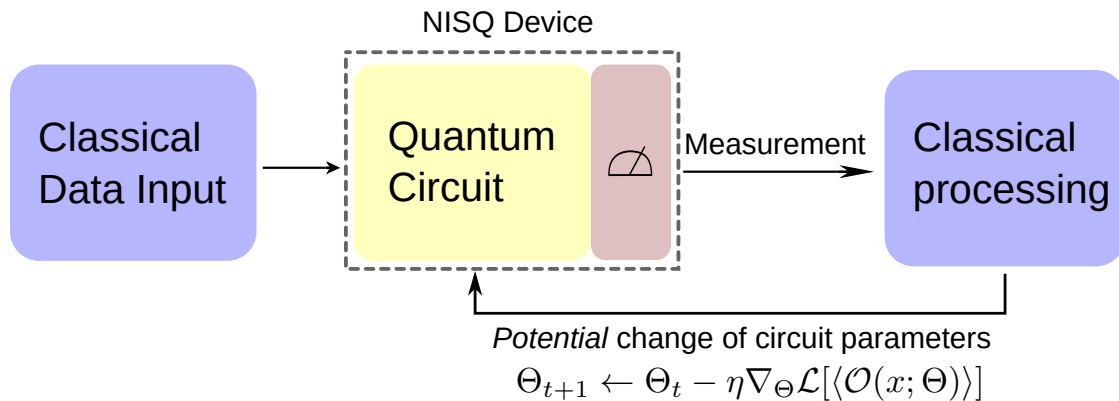
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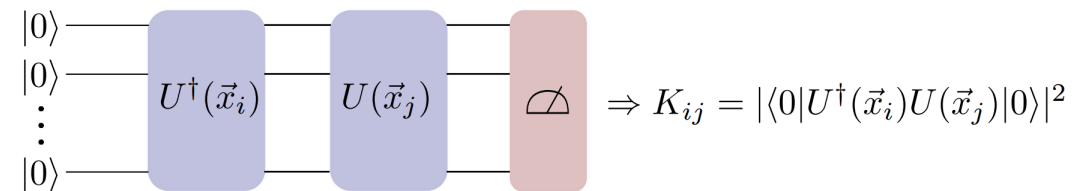
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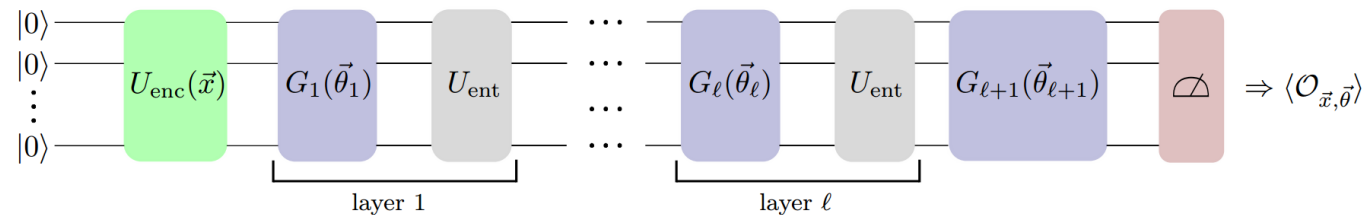
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### Variational/Parametrised Quantum Circuits

Quantum Neural Networks



**Current hardware limitations: feature reduction presently needed for realistic datasets.**

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## Theoretical results

Generalisation with few data, computational speed-ups, uncover correlations unrecognisable to classical methods

[M. Caro et al., Nature Communications 13, 4919 (2022)]

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Among others...

# Results

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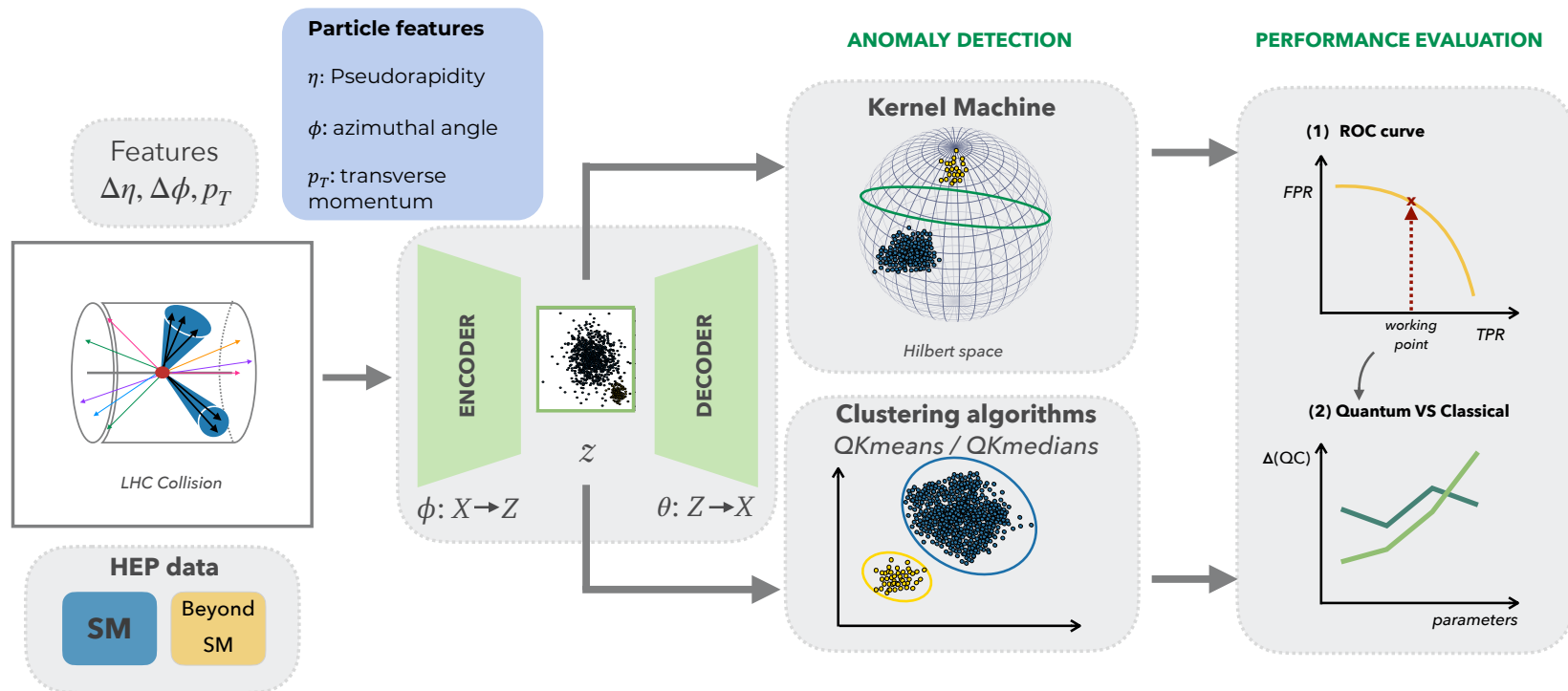


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Background rejection @ working point

$$\varepsilon_b^{-1}(\varepsilon_s; \mathcal{M})$$

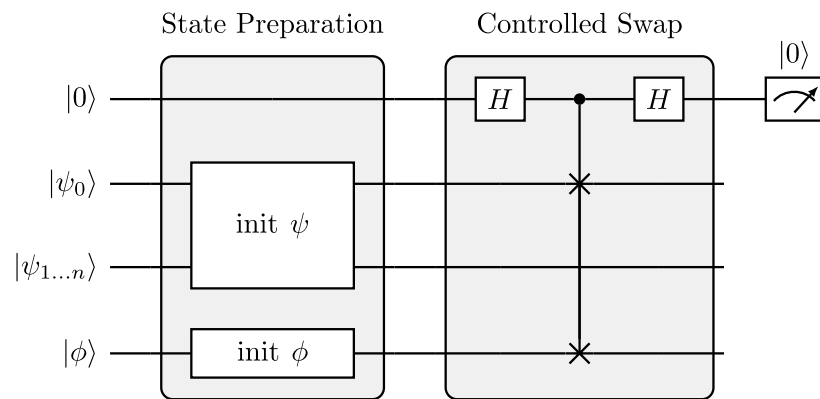
### Compare models

$$\Delta_{\text{QC}}(\varepsilon_s) = \frac{\varepsilon_b^{-1}(\varepsilon_s; Q)}{\varepsilon_b^{-1}(\varepsilon_s; C)}$$

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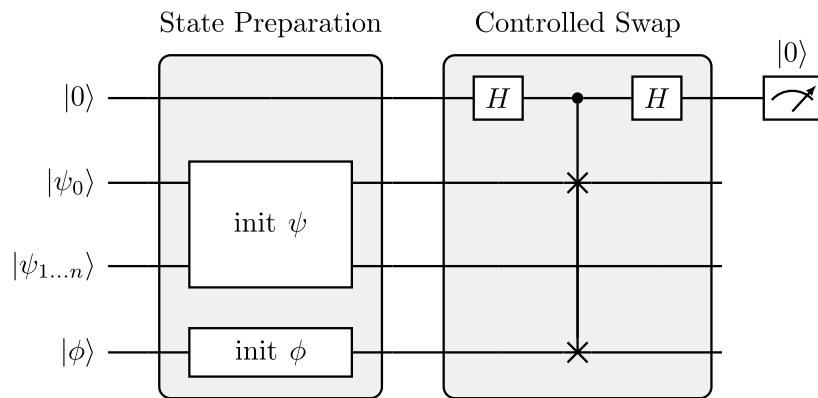


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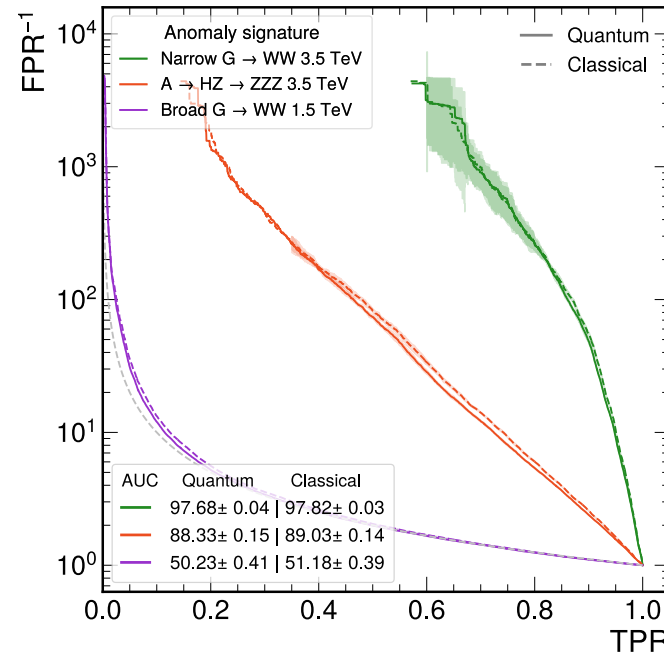
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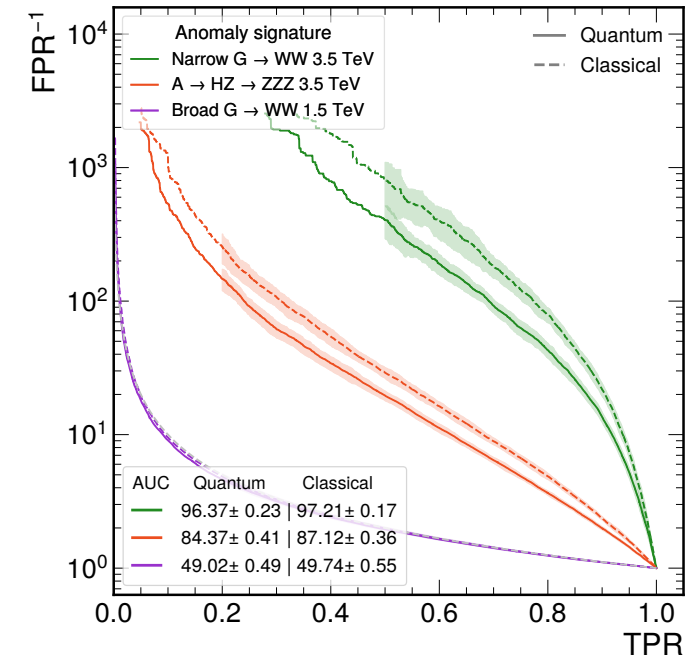
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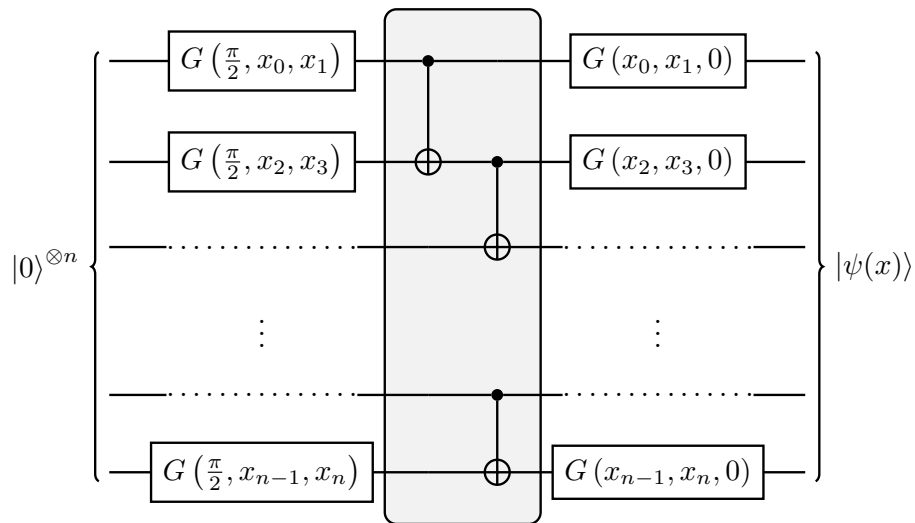
Quantum and classical anomaly detection has similar performance.

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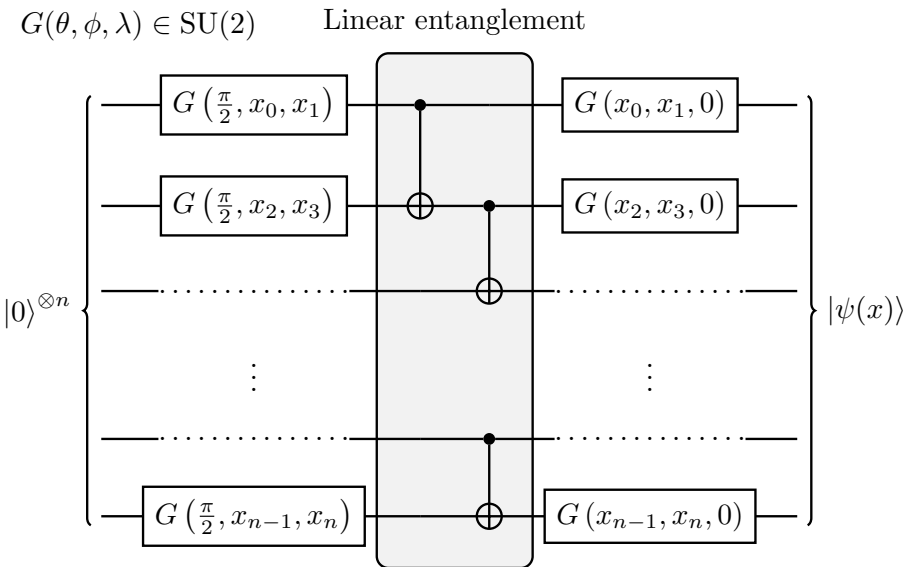
$G(\theta, \phi, \lambda) \in \text{SU}(2)$     Linear entanglement



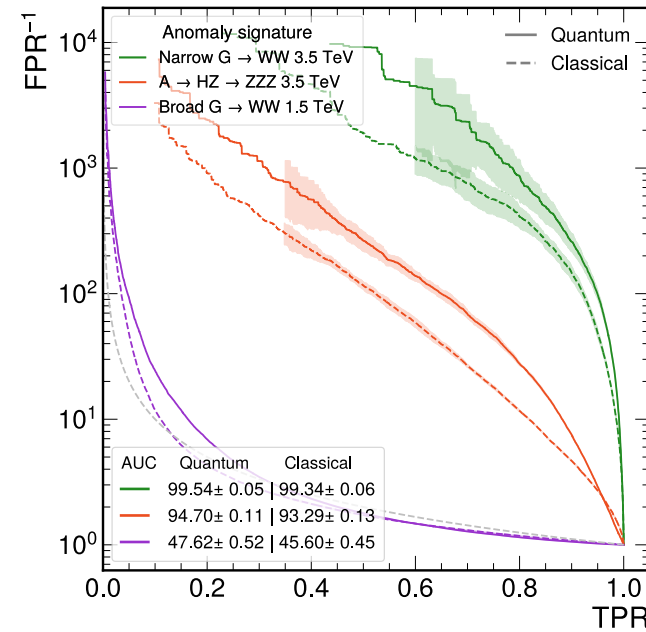
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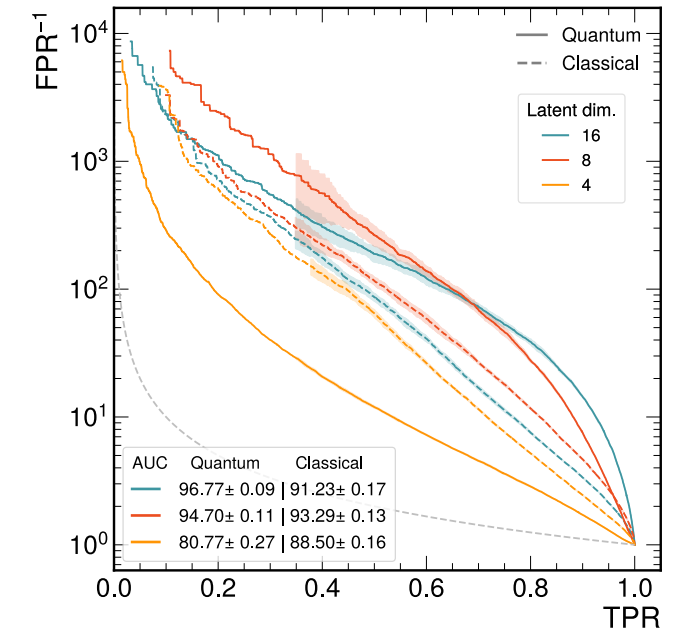
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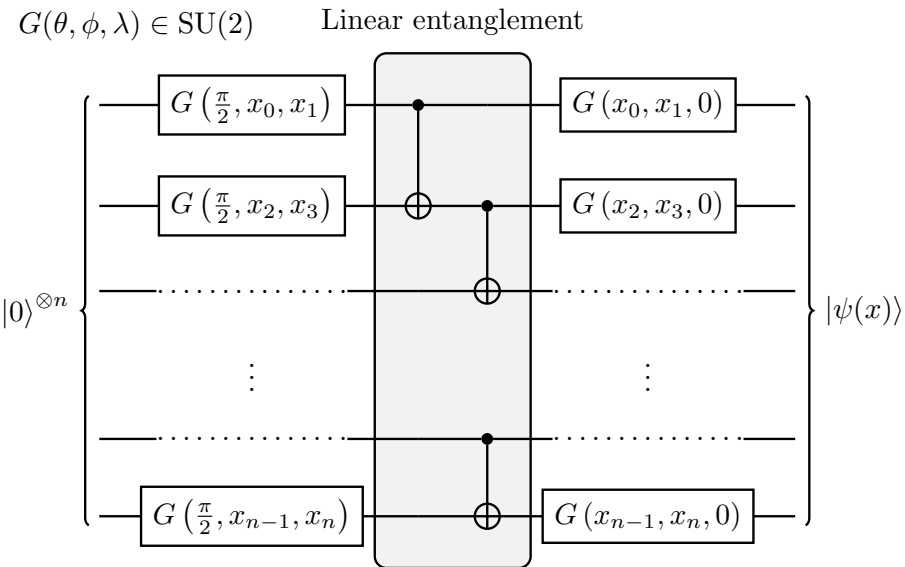


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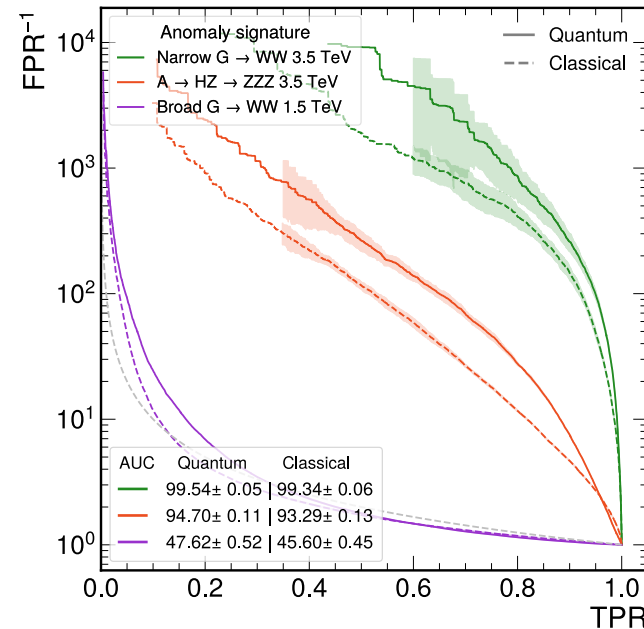
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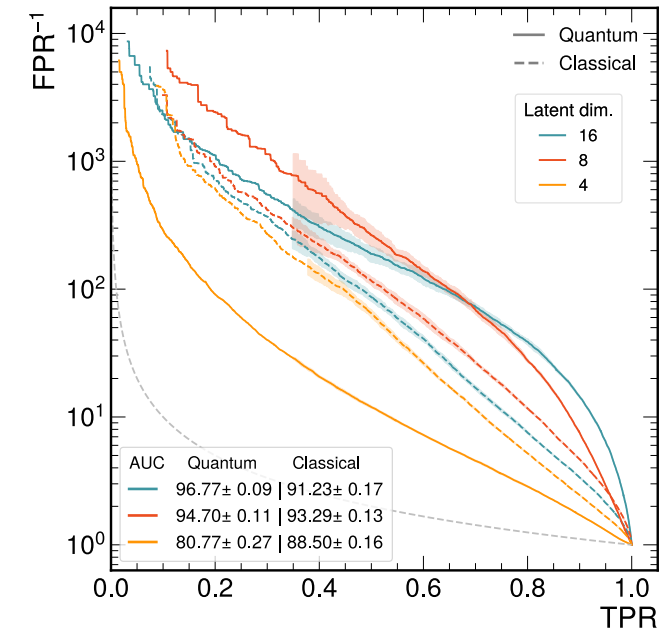
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**Instance of significant and consistent quantum performance advantage!**

Very exciting and first of its kind result (HEP + Anomaly detection)!

# Quantum circuit properties vs. performance

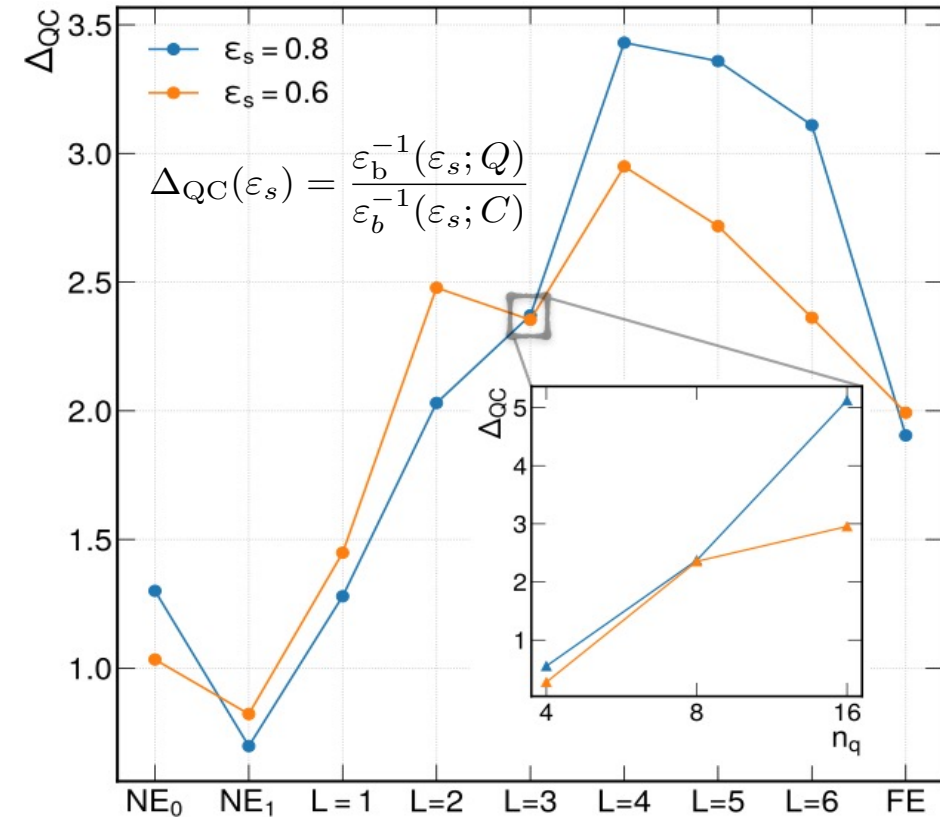
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## Performance vs. circuit architectures

Analysing circuit depth (expressibility) and amount entanglement

Importance of intrinsically quantum properties of the feature map.

Up to **five times** the performance of the classical model for 16 qubits!

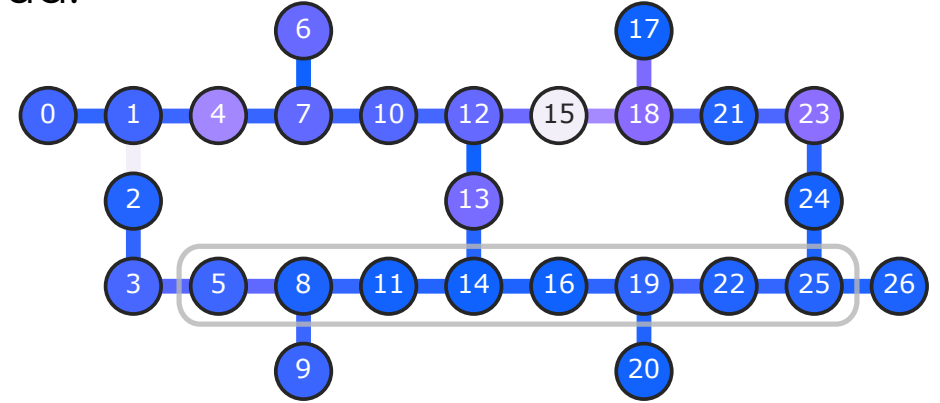


# Quantum hardware runs

Submit jobs to a real machine (ibm\_toronto) using IBMQ cloud.  
(CERN quantum-hub)

Map algorithm to hardware qubits.

Minimal instance 100 + 100 (train + test) datapoints.







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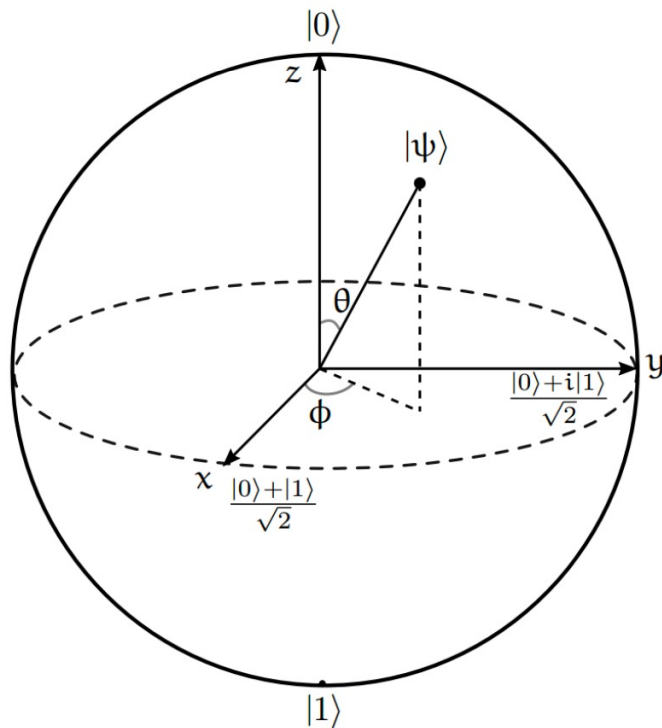
Questions?

# Backup slides

# Basics of quantum information processing

The qubit:

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \equiv \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |1\rangle$$



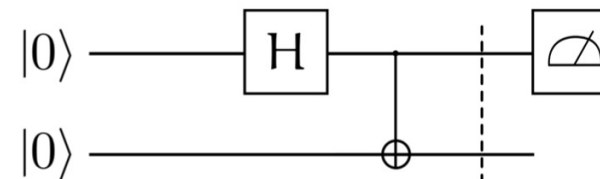
Generic qubit operations (quantum gates)

$$U = e^{-i\vec{\theta} \cdot \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}} \in \text{SU}(2):$$

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

Construct all possible gates from  $U(\theta, \phi, \lambda)$

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv U\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \pi\right)$$



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

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# Quantum gates and universality

## Single qubit gates:

- A generic quantum gate can be decomposed in a series of  $R_y$  and  $R_z$  [BBC<sup>+</sup>95]

$$U(\theta, \phi, \lambda) = R_z(\lambda)R_y(\theta)R_z(\phi)$$

## Multi-qubit gates:

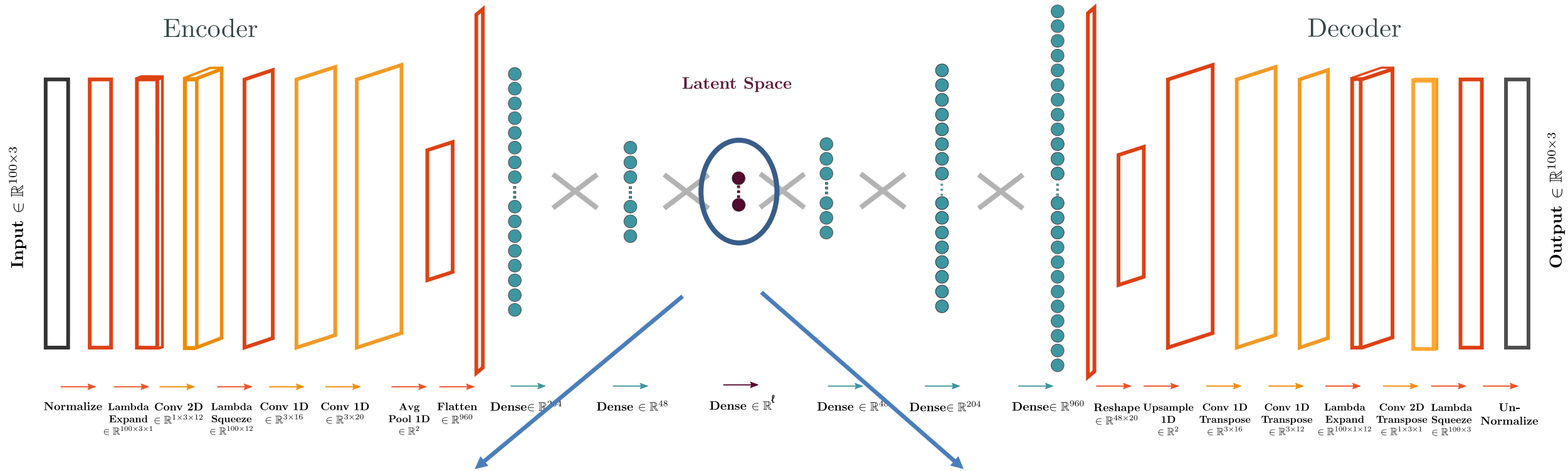
- 2-qubit SWAP and CNOT (Control-X) gates and the 3-qubit Toffoli gate

$$CX = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

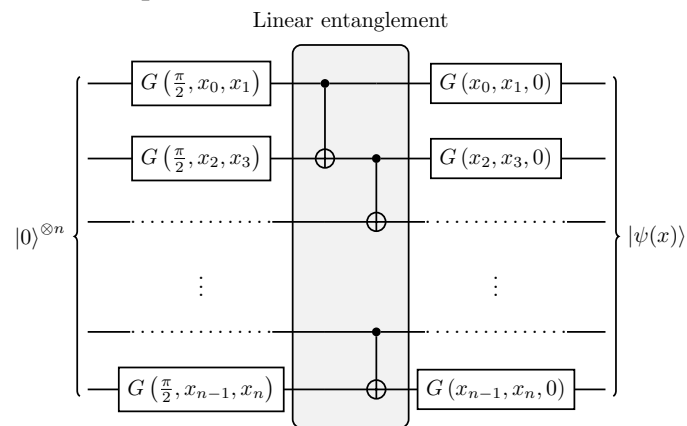
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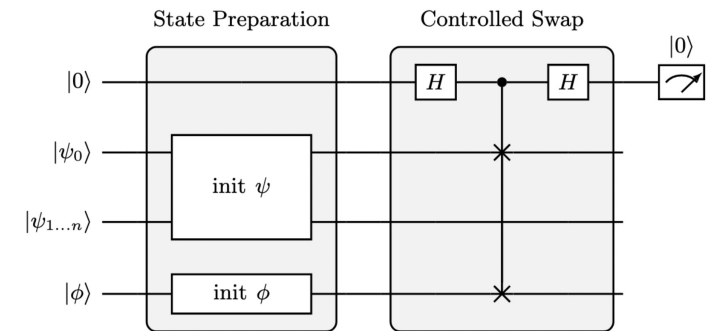
# Convolutional autoencoder architecture



## Unsupervised kernel machine

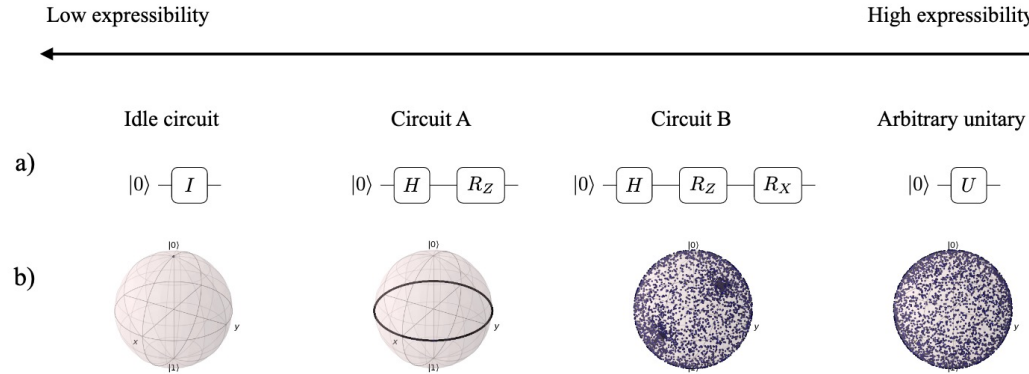


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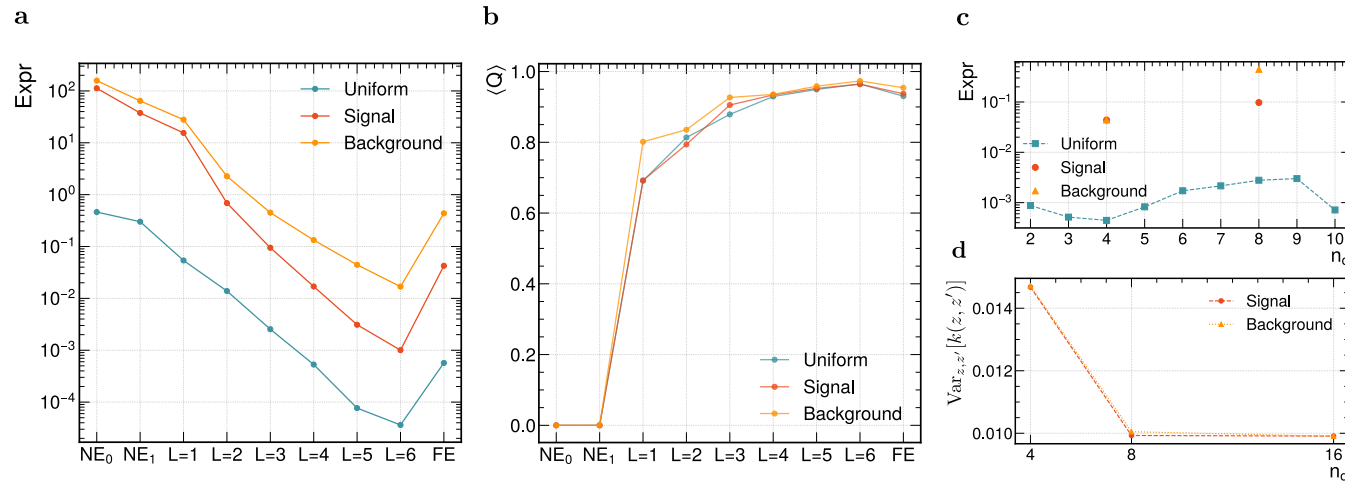


# Expressibility and entanglement capability

**Expressibility** [S. Sim, et al., Adv. Quantum Technol. 2 (2019) 1900070]



**Expressibility & Entanglement capability** of our data encoding circuit

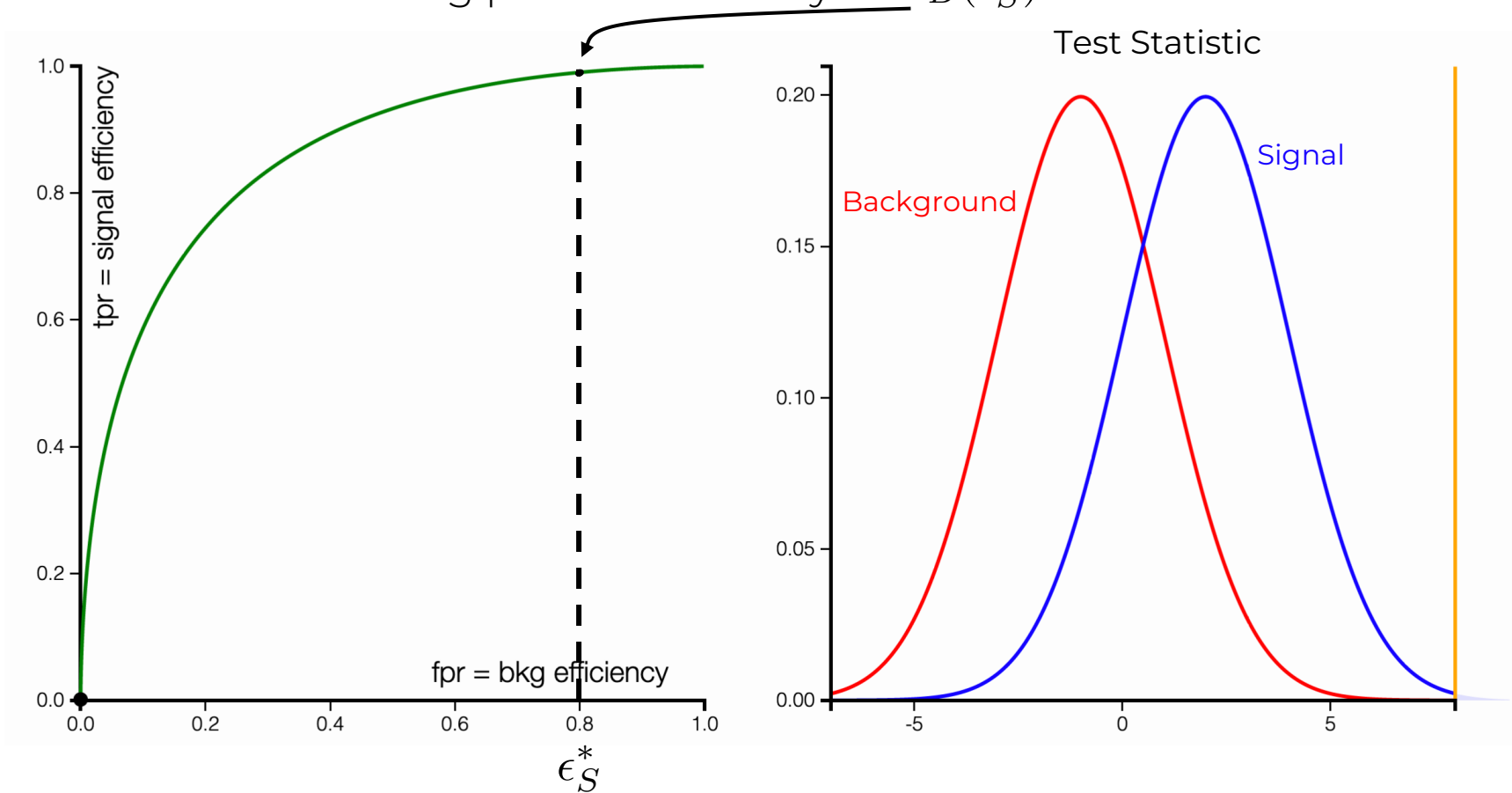


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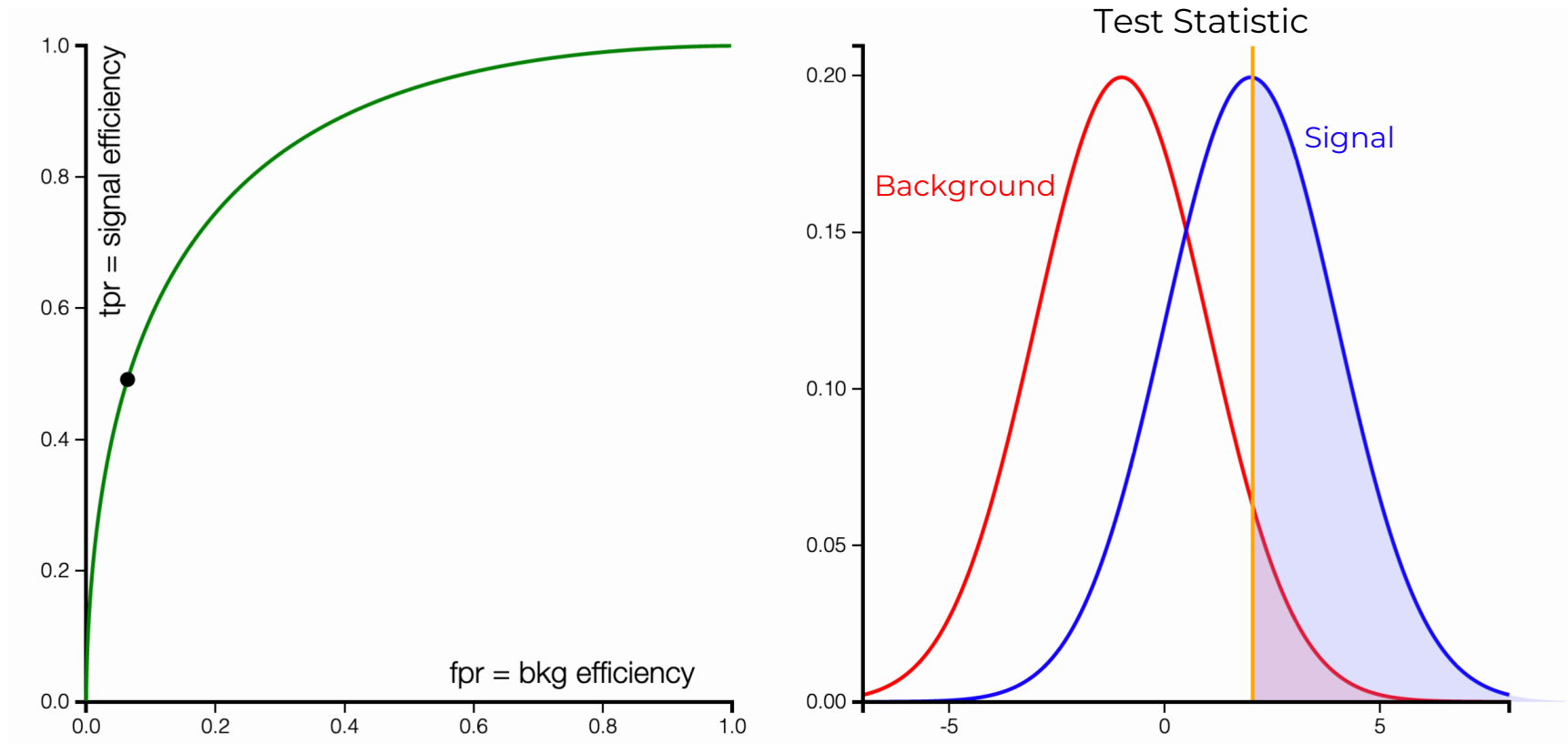
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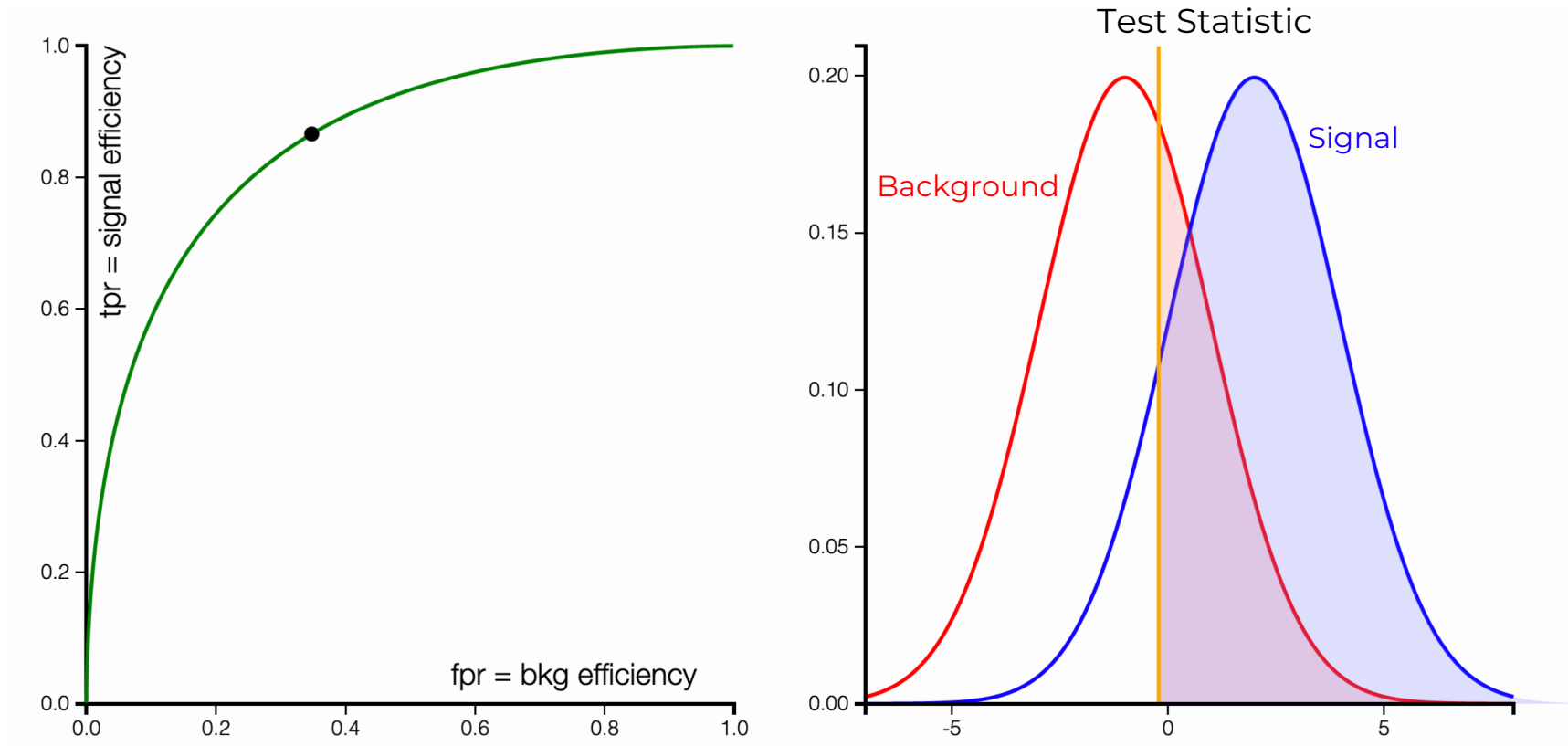
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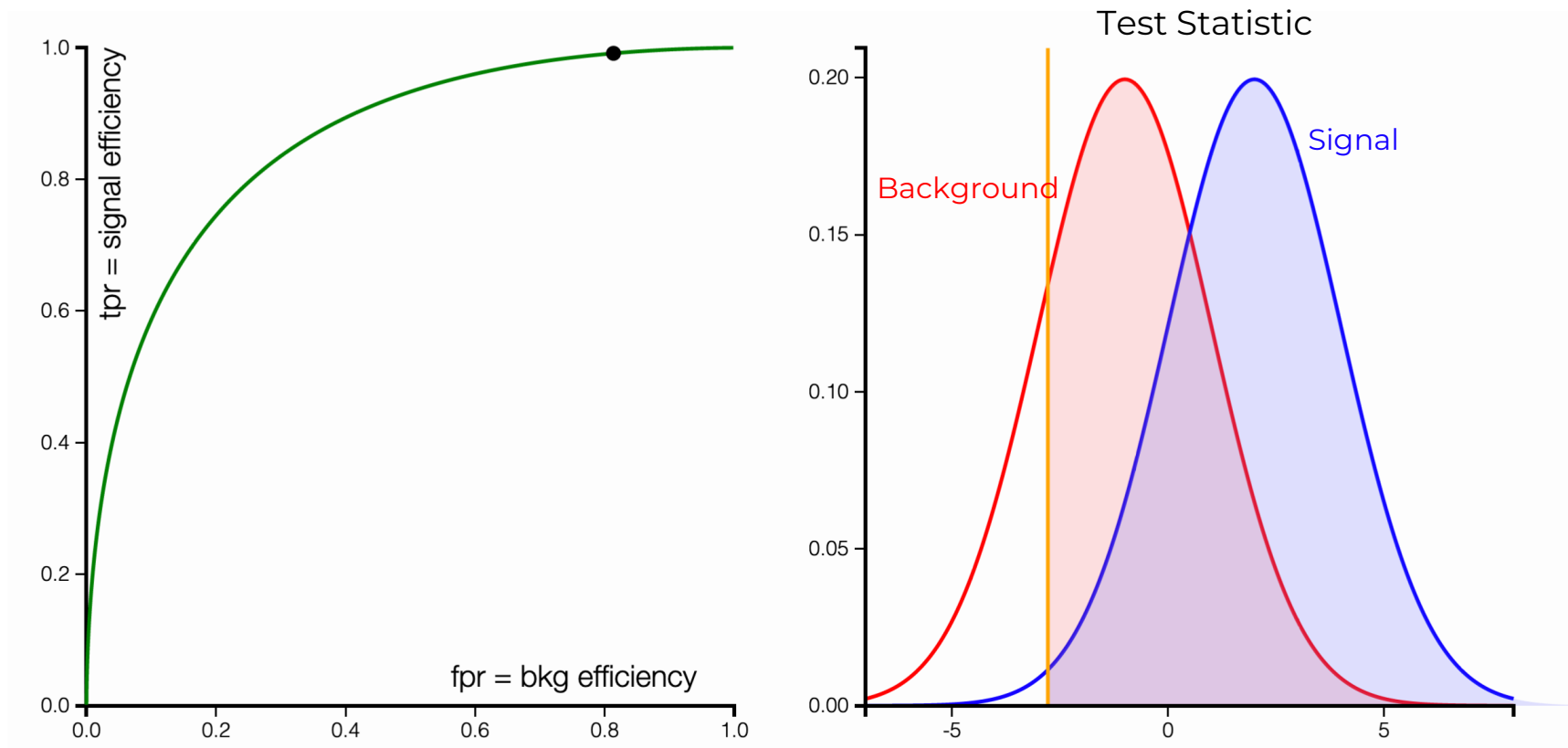
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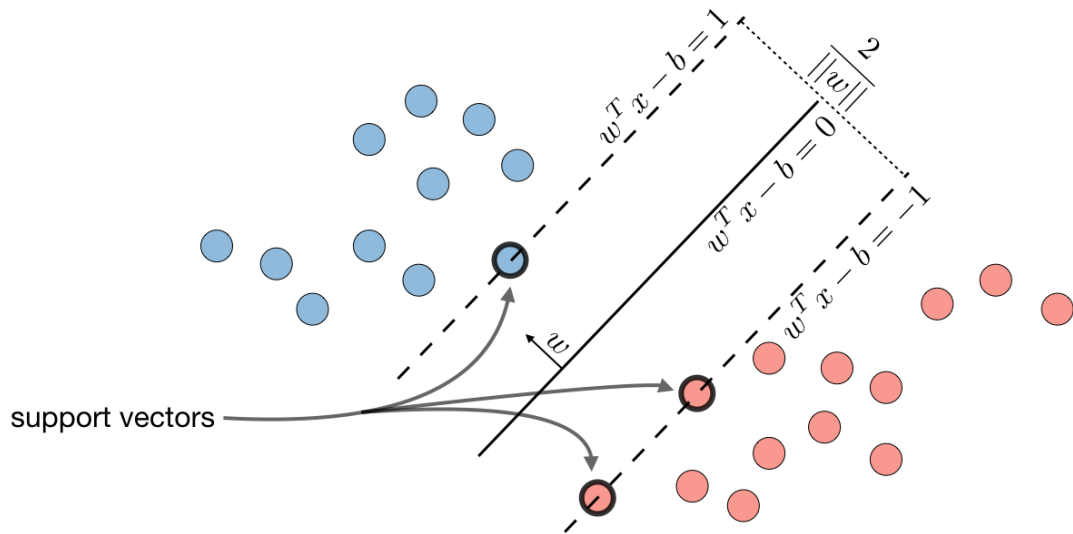


# Performance Metric

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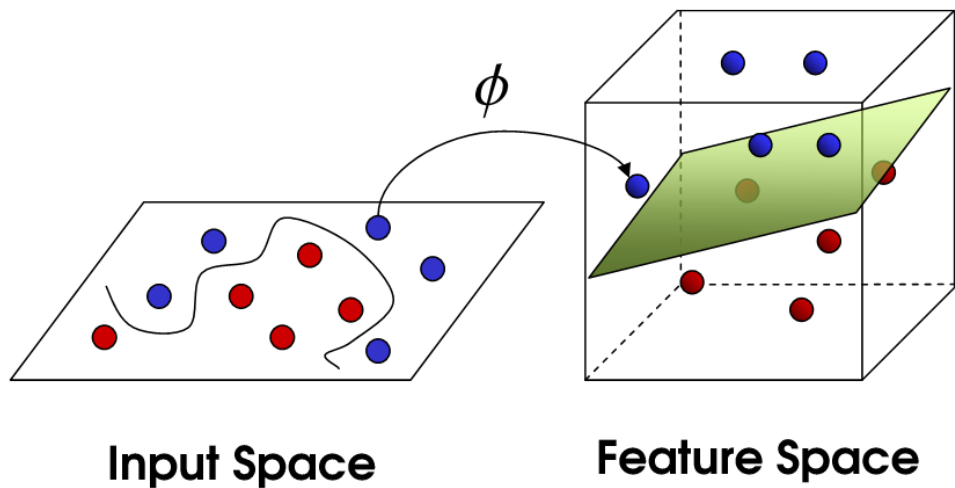
# Quantum Support Vector Machines



SVM objective function is equivalent to (dual Lagrangian):

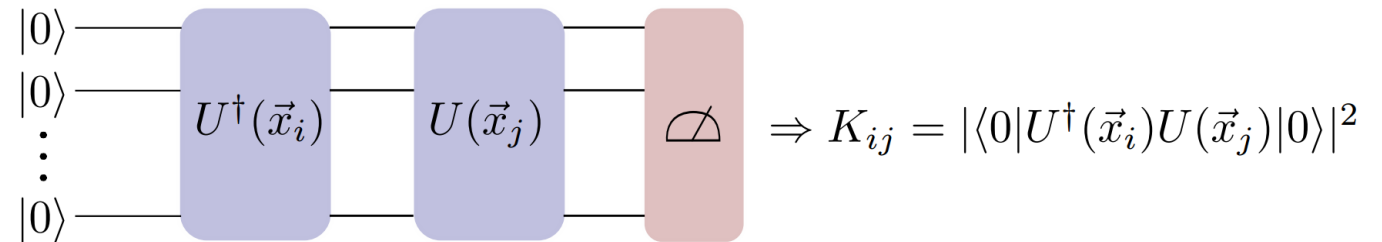
maximize  $L(c_1, \dots, c_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i c_i (\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j) y_j c_j$

subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i = 0$ , and  $0 \leq c_i \leq C, \forall i$



Kernel trick:  $(\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j) \mapsto k(\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j) = \phi(\vec{x}_i) \cdot \phi(\vec{x}_j)$

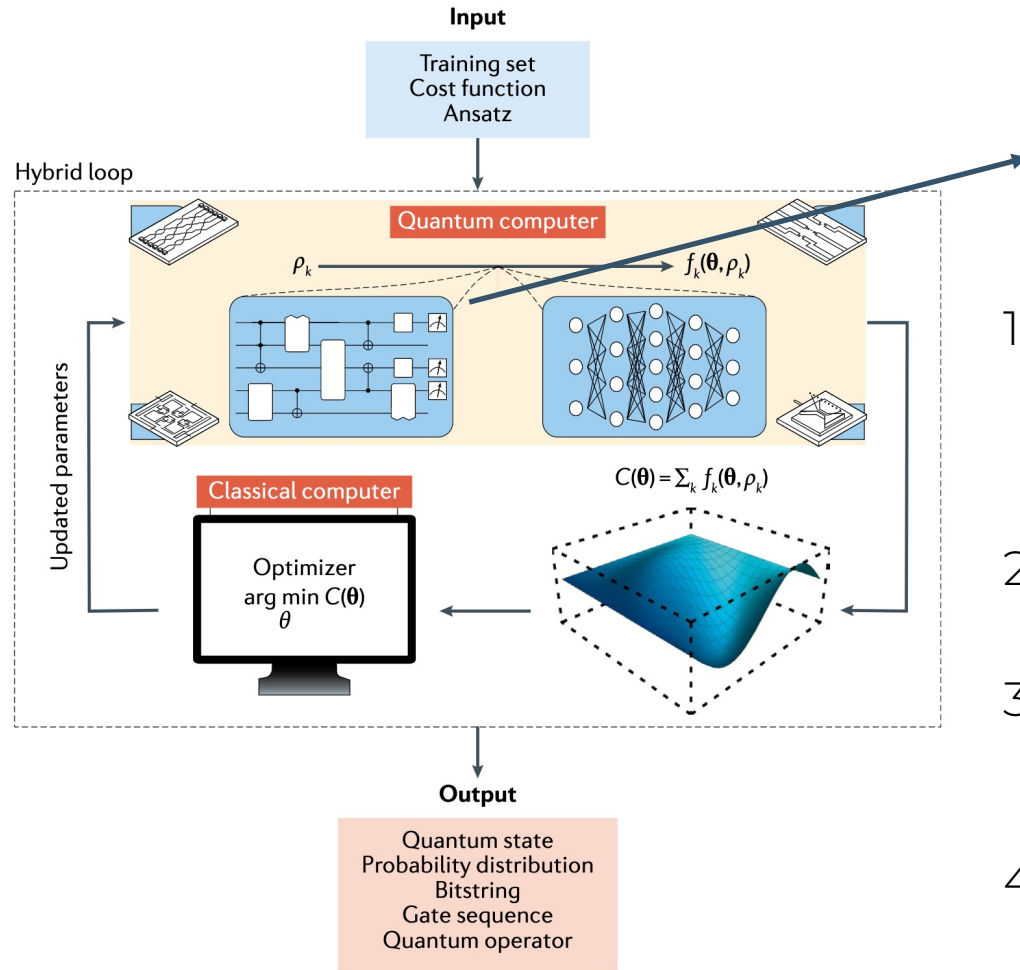
Make the kernel *quantum*



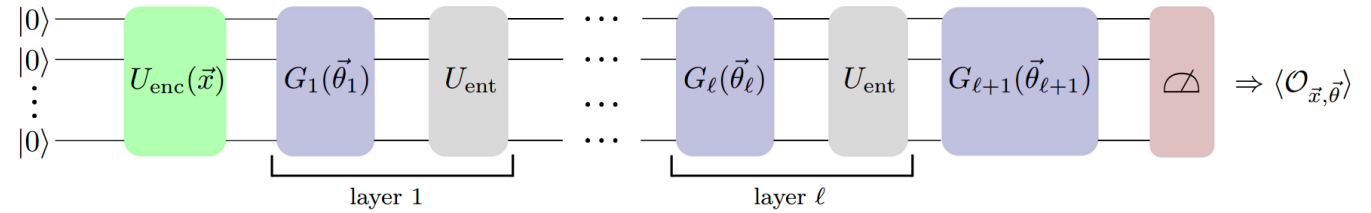
**\*Can be generalised to unsupervised learning**

# Quantum Neural Networks

## Variational quantum algorithm workflow



[M. Cerezo, et al. Nat. Rev. Phys. 3, 625–644 (2021)]



1. Choose loss function  
Task dependent: e.g. classification, reconstruction, generative modeling.
2. Embed classical data to circuit.
3. Process quantum state with parametrized quantum gates.
4. Update trainable parameters

$$\Theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \Theta_t - \eta \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}[\langle \mathcal{O}(x; \Theta) \rangle]$$