# Quantum Machine Learning at CERN



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### Quantum Hype and Potential...

#### 2019: Google



https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-019-1666-5

https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-03434-7



#### 2020: Hefei National Lab

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#### NEWS | 03 December 2020 Physicists in China challenge Google's 'quantum advantage'

Photon-based quantum computer does a calculation that ordinary computers might never be able to do.

Philip Ball





QC use cases in different sectors: the situation in 2019 with the estimated **medium** (2025) **and long** (2035) **term impact**.

### Quantum Computing in High Energy Physics

- Data is generated by quantum processes
- Quantum correlations between particles are probed by studying measured quantities.

*Voir en <u>français</u>* 

#### **CERN** meets quantum technology

The CERN Quantum Technology Initiative will explore the potential of devices harnessing perplexing quantum phenomena such as entanglement to enrich and expand its challenging research programme

30 SEPTEMBER, 2020 | By Matthew Chalmers



The AEgIS 1T antimatter trap stack. CERN's AEgIS experiment is able to explore the multi-particle entangled nature of photons from positroniu annihilation, and is one of several examples of existing CERN research with relevance to quantum technologies. (Image: CERN)

CERN QTI Roadmap: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5553774

### Can quantum models naturally deduce these inherently quantum correlations ?



### **Quantum Machine Learning**

- ML to study quantum hardware
- Quantum computing to improve ML
- Quantum circuits are differentiable
  - trained minimizing data-dependent cost function
- "Forward pass" trained circuit
  - Encode data in the physical state of the device
  - Take measurements.

Classical ML/DL are **flexible** algorithms but rely on **large data sets** 





### **Quantum Advantage for QML**

#### **Different definitions**

Runtime speedup Sample complexity Representational power



#### Classical Intractability: a quantum algorithm that cannot be efficiently simulated classically

- No established recipe for classical data
- Need to use the whole exponential advantage in Hilbert space, but will it converge ?

(Algorithm expressivity vs convergence and generalization)

Kübler, Jonas, Simon Buchholz, and Bernhard Schölkopf. "The inductive bias of quantum kernels." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 34 (2021). Huang, HY., Broughton, M., Mohseni, M. et al. Power of data in quantum machine learning. Nat Commun 12, 2631 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-22539-9





### **Quantum Machine Learning models**

## General algorithms applicable to different problems, implemented as quantum-classical hybrids, noise robust

#### Variational algorithms

#### "equivalent" of a neural network

#### Quantum input layer hidden layers output layer l = Ll = 1... Classical $U_1^L$ $U_2^L$ input states $U_2^1$ $\rho_{in}$ $U_{3}^{1}$ $U_3^L$ *771* H W $U_4^L$ $0 \rightarrow$ 0123 output distribution

#### Kernel methods

kernels defined by a quantum feature map:

$$k(x_i, x) \coloneqq \phi(x_i)^{\dagger} \cdot \phi(x)$$





### Model convergence in the quantum space

Gradient-based optimization suffers from "barren plateaus"

Quantum NN are strongly affected by barren plateaus

Need compromise between "power" and convergence





### Our results so far..

- Multiple QML prototypes for different applications
- Increasing level of precision
- Robustness against noise
- Same initial hints at advantages
- Scale is still a problem on current quantum hardware
- Complex data pre-processing



Michael Schenk et al., **Hybrid actor-critic algorithm for quantum reinforcement learning at CERN beam lines.** arXiv:2209.11044

### **Quantum Reinforcement Learning**

#### Agent interacts with environment

- Follow policy
- Find policy that maximizes

#### Expected reward is estimated by value function Q(s, a)

• **DQN**: Deep Q-learning (NN-based)

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• FERL: Free energy-based RL (clamped Quantum Boltzmann Machine)

#### Implement the quantum NN on a set of qubits

Quantum computer calculates the **reward as the energy** of the qubit system

In this framework the agent is classical







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### **Beam optimisation in linear accelerators**

- Action: (discrete) deflection angle
- State: (continuous) BPM position

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- Reward: integrated beam intensity on target
- **Optimality**: fraction of states in which the agent takes the right decision



• Quantum RL massively outperforms classical Q-learning (8±2 vs. 320±40 steps with e. r.)



### Sample complexity and representational power

Early work pointed toward possible advantage in terms of **sample complexity** and/or fast convergence



• Alexander Zlokapa, Alex Mott, Joshua Job, Jean-Roch Vlimant, Daniel Lidar, and Maria Spiropulu. Quantum adiabatic machine learning by zooming into a region of the energy surface. Physical Review A, 102:062405, 2020. DOI:10.1103/PhysRevA.102.062405.

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QRL use cases confirms advantage in terms of **model size** and **training steps** 



Michael Schenk, Elías F. Combarro, Michele Grossi, Verena Kain, Kevin Shing Bruce Li, Mircea-Marian Popa, Sofia Vallecorsa, **Hybrid actor-critic algorithm for quantum reinforcement learning at CERN beam lines.** arXiv:2209.11044





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**Policy Gradient:**  $\nabla_{\theta^{\mu}}\mu = \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[\nabla_{\theta^{\mu}}Q(s,\mu(s|\theta^{\mu})|\theta^{Q})] = \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[\nabla_{a}Q(s,a|\theta^{Q})\cdot\nabla_{\theta^{\mu}}\mu(s|\theta^{\mu})]$ 

#### Actor-Critic Q-learning training D-Wave Advantage



Figure 11: Single RL agent training evolution on D-Wave Advantage Systems using the simulated AWAKE environment with a reward objective of -2 mm.

**Successful** evaluation on the real beam-line





### **Classifying quantum data**

Generate quantum states directly on the device Train QCNN to classify quantum states Use marginal datasets  $\rightarrow$  OOD generalization !



Saverio Monaco et al., Quantum phase detection generalisation from marginal quantum neural network models, arXiv:2208.08748v1.

#### Out of Distribution Generalization

M..Caro et al., Out-of-distribution generalization for learning quantum dynamics, <u>arxiv:2204.10268</u>





### **Quantum Generative Models**

Delgado and Hamilton, arXiv:2203.03578 (2022) Zoufal, et al., *npj Quantum Inf* **5**, 103 (2019) Leadbeater et al., *Entropy* **2021**, *23*, 1281. Amin, et al. *Physical Review* X 8.2 (2018): 021050.

#### QCBM

**Sample** variational pure state  $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$ by projective measurement through **Born rule**:  $p_{\theta}(x) = |\langle x | \psi(\theta) \rangle|^2$ .



n dimensional binary strings map to 2<sup>n</sup> bins of the discretized dataset.



#### QBM

Network of stochastic binary units with a quadratic energy function that follows the Boltzman distribution (Ising Hamiltonian)

QGAN

$$H = -\sum_{a} b_a \sigma_a^z - \sum_{a,b} w_{ab} \sigma_a^z \sigma_b^z$$



#### **Typical metrics:**

$$D_{\mathrm{KL}}(P||Q) = \sum_{i} P(i) \log\left(\frac{P(i)}{Q(i)}\right)$$
$$\mathrm{MMD}(\mathbb{P}_{r}, \mathbb{P}_{g}) = \left(\mathbb{E}_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{x}_{r}^{\prime} \sim \mathbb{P}_{r}, \\ \mathbf{x}_{g}, \mathbf{x}_{g}^{\prime} \sim \mathbb{P}_{g}}}\left[k(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{x}_{r}^{\prime}) - 2k(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{x}_{g}) + k(\mathbf{x}_{g}, \mathbf{x}_{g}^{\prime})\right]\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## **QCBM for event generation**

**Muon Force Carriers,** in muon fixed-target experiments or muon interactions in calorimeters<sup>1</sup>



#### Generate multivariate distribution (E, $p_t$ , $\eta$ )

+ Implement **conditional** p(y|x) wrt incoming particle energy  $E_{in}$ .

1 Galon, I, Kajamovitz, E et al. "Searching for muonic forces with the ATLAS detector". In: Phys. Rev. D 101, 011701 (2020)







### **Realistic performance**

Borras, Kerstin, et al. "Impact of quantum noise on the training of quantum Generative Adversarial Networks." submitted to QTML2022

#### QML can simulate the energy deposited by particles in a detector

#### Ex. Hybrid quantum GAN model





**Scale** is still a problem for some use cases (ex. Detector simulation)





### Perspective

#### **Quantum Machine Learning is a broad-lively research field**

- Some **preliminary hints** of advantage
- Need more **robust theoretical studies** to interpret experimental results
- Need to establish **«fair comparison»** to classical tools

CERN is formulating a longer term research plan dedicated to understanding impact for physics

- Identify cases where quantum approach could be more effective than classical algorithms...
- Study performance **beyond near-term hardware**

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Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator





- CERN has joined proposition of an **Open Quantum Institute.**
- Quantum technologies for key societal challenges
- Proposal made through GESDA, the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator Foundation
- UniGe, ETH, EPFL, Microsoft and IBM are among supporters



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