

AI goes MAD



QML beyond kernels with smaller devices

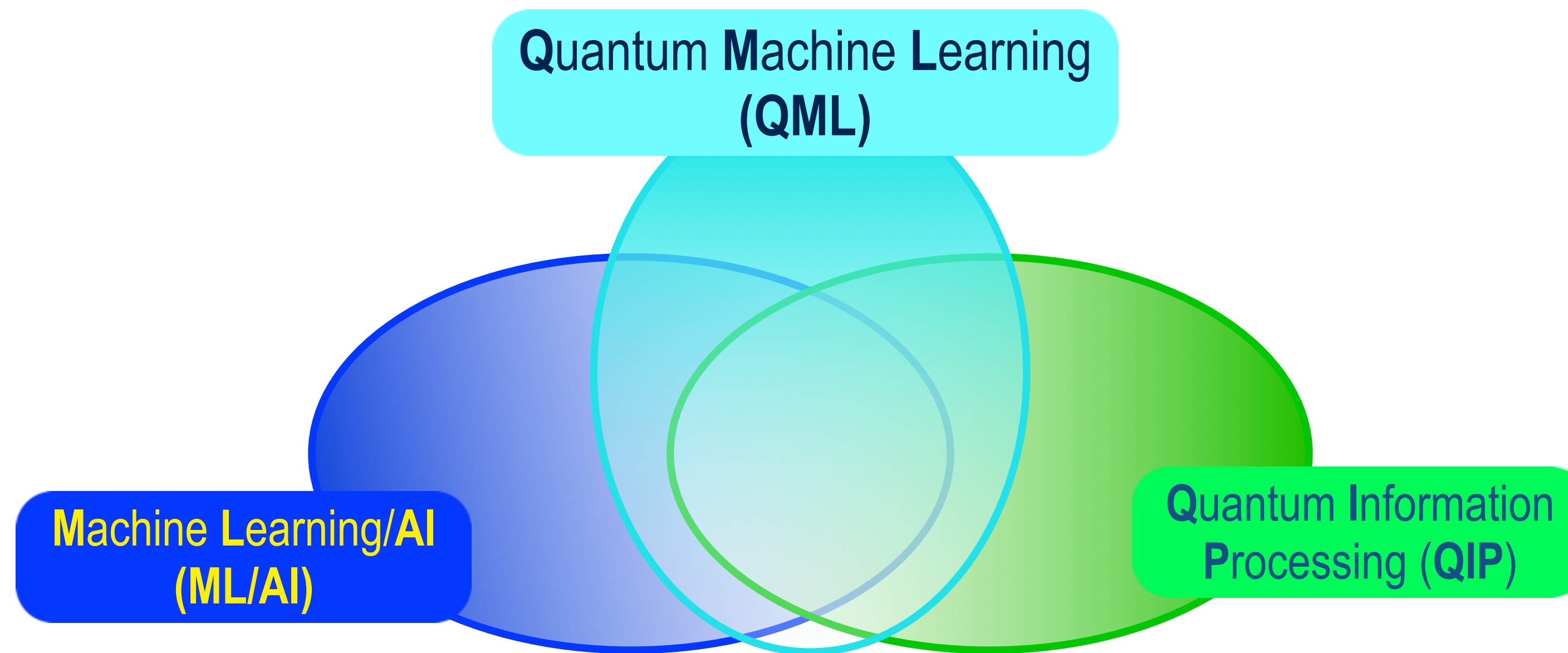
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🌐 **Very broad intro**

🌐 **Two results**

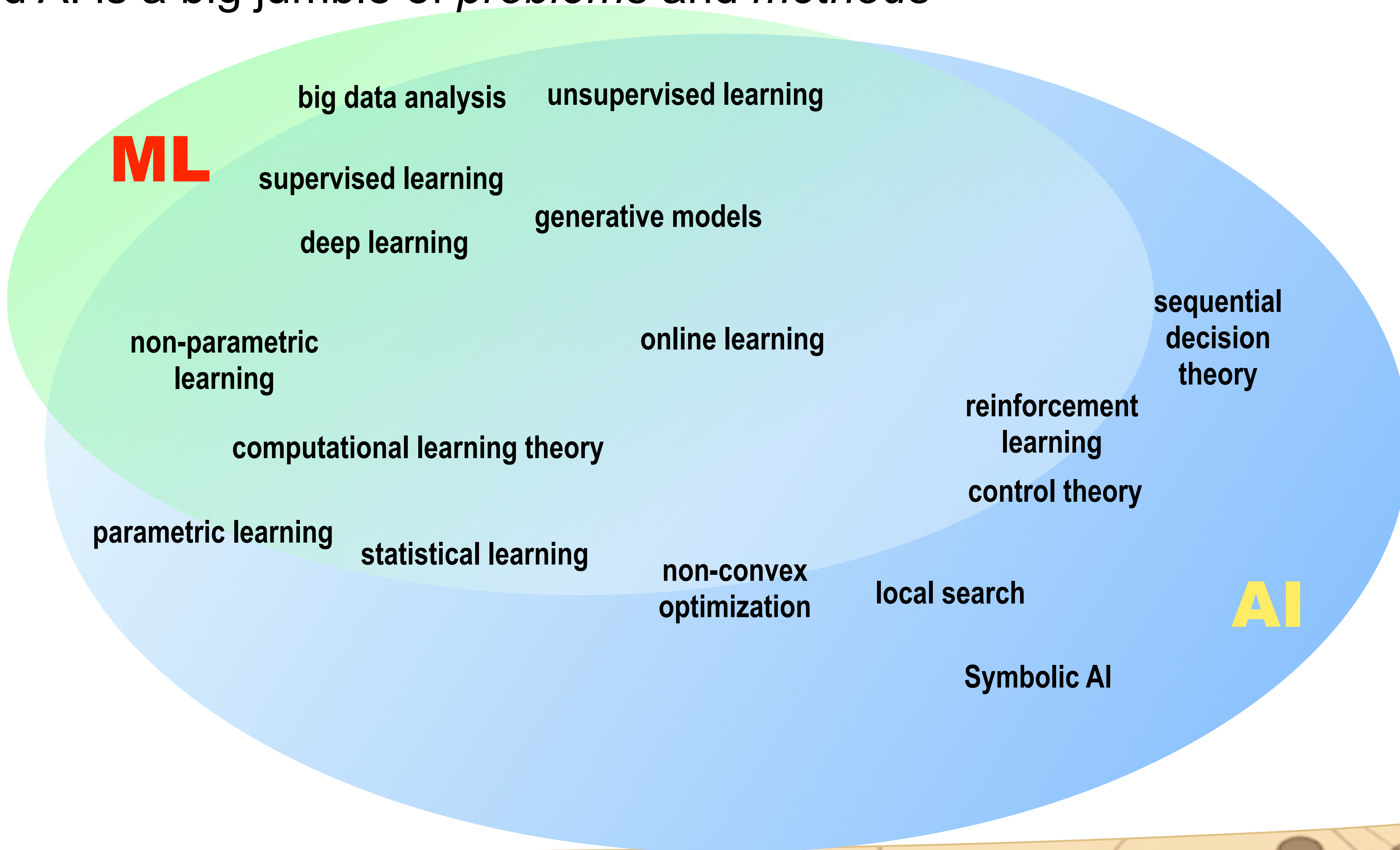


- **QIP** → **ML** (quantum-enhanced ML) ['94]
- **ML** → **QIP** (ML applied to QIP problems) ['74]
- **QIP** ↔ **ML** (generalizations of learning concepts) ['00]

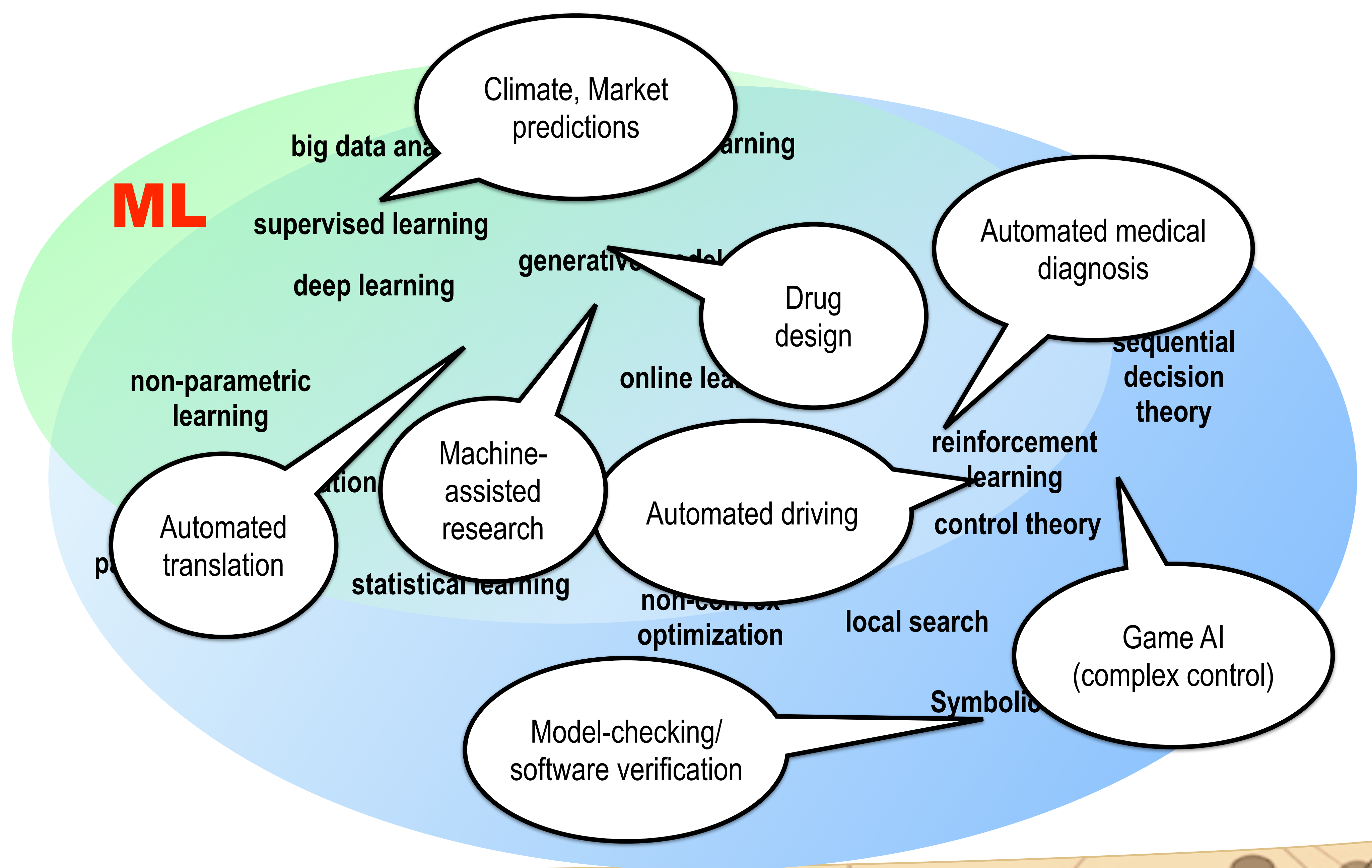
- ML-inspired QM/QIP
- Physics inspired ML/AI
- *beyond (Q. AI)?*

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ML and AI is a big jumble of *problems* and *methods*

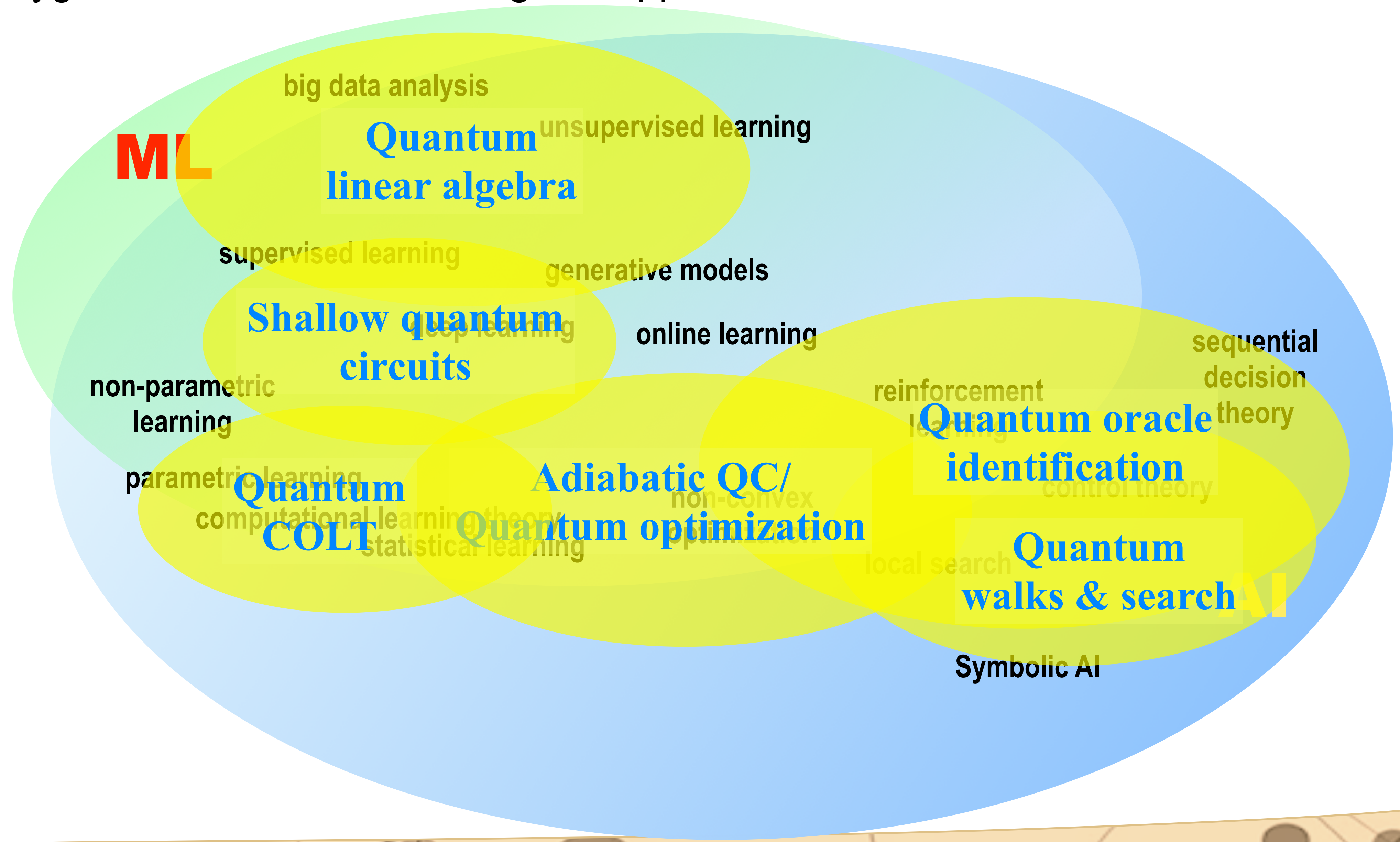


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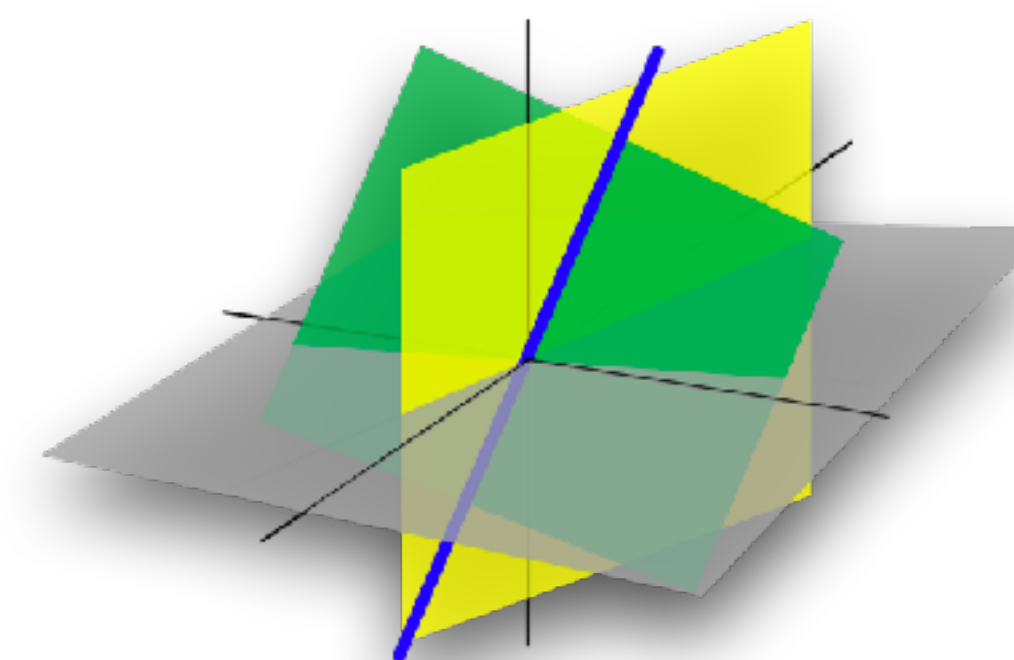
Large playground to find new exciting QC applications



Why QML? Many ways quantum can help

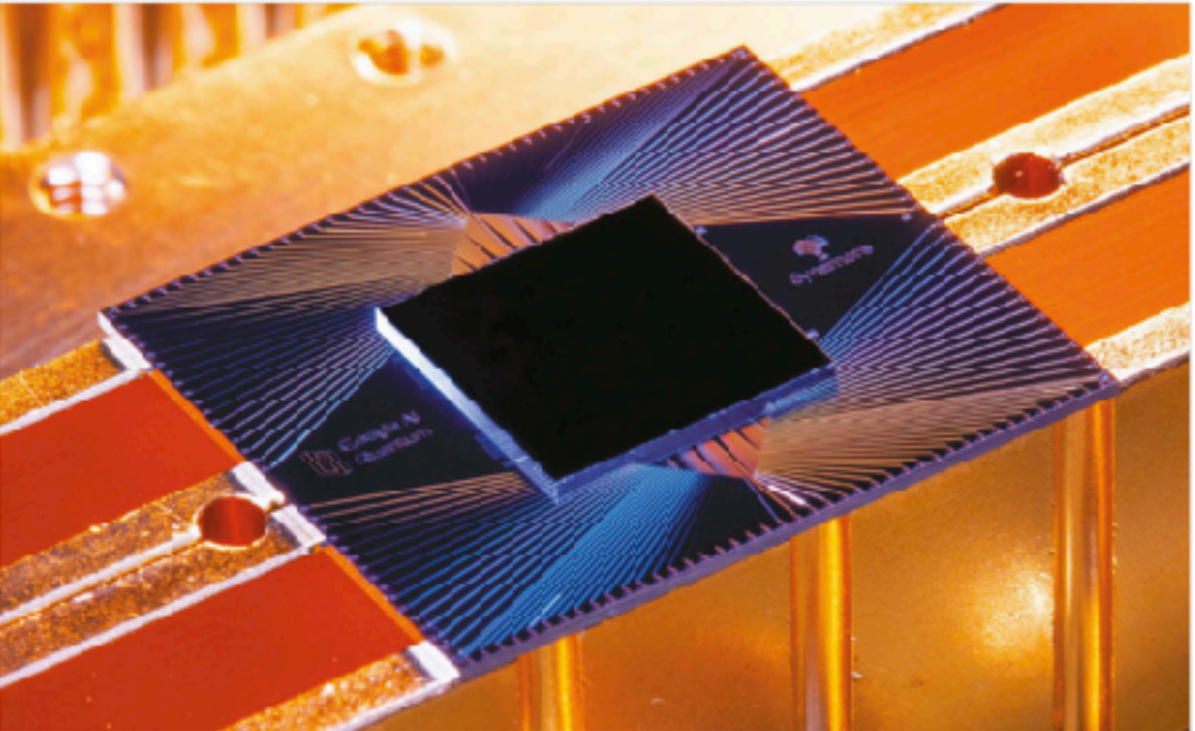
- Speed-up training (optimization bottlenecks)
- Linear-algebraic, big data (big data bottleneck)

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Near-term quantum computing: potential and limitations

The world this week
News in focus



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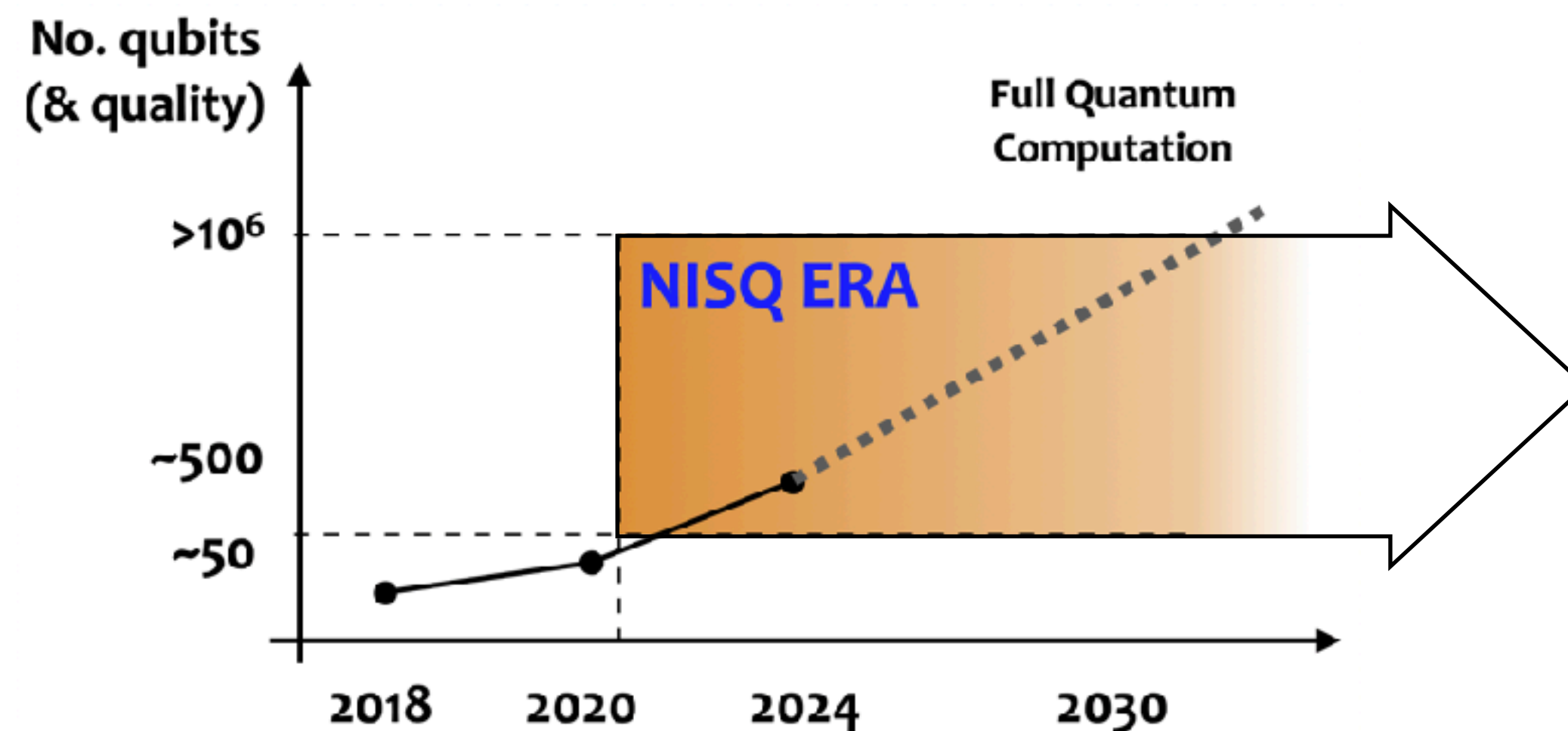
GOOGLE PUBLISHES LANDMARK QUANTUM SUPREMACY CLAIM

The company says that its quantum computer is the first to perform a calculation that would be practically impossible for a classical machine.

By Elizabeth Gibney

Scientists at Google say that they have achieved quantum supremacy, a long-awaited milestone in quantum computing. The announcement, published in the journal *Nature*, marks the first time a quantum computer has performed a task that is beyond the capabilities of classical machines. F. Arute et al. *Nature* 574, 505–510 (2019). The same calculation would take even the best classical supercomputer 10,000 years to complete, Google estimates. Quantum supremacy has long been seen as a milestone because it proves that quantum computers can do things that classical computers cannot. Michelle Simmons, a quantum physicist at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. The feat was first reported in September by the *Financial Times* and other outlets, after an early version of the paper was leaked on the internet.

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) Era



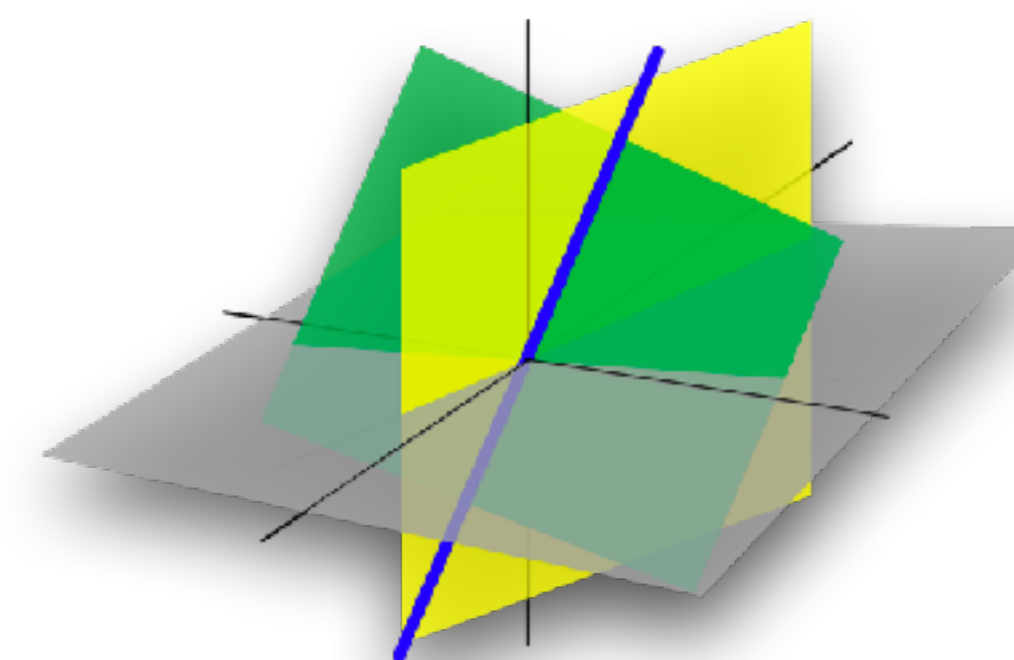
- Size-limited
- Architecture limited
- Noisy (error-prone)
 - ➔ Hard to “program”; no useful applications

Yet powerful!

Why QML? Many ways quantum can help

- Speed-up training (optimization bottlenecks)
- Linear-algebraic, big data (big data bottleneck)
- “Genuinely quantum models”, or Near-term-QC-motivated approaches (not speed-ups... better *quality*)

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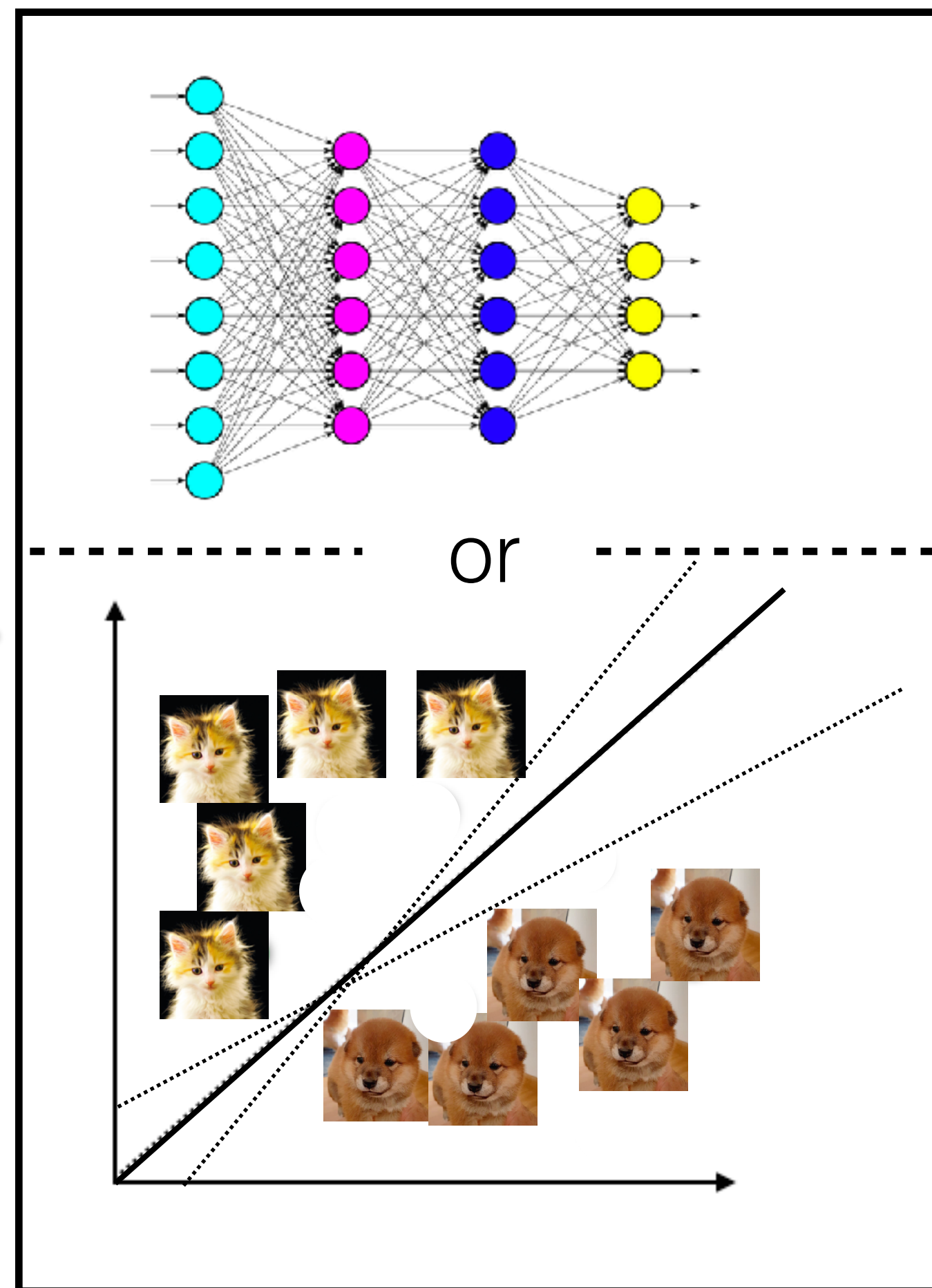


Models in machine learning?

Supervised learning



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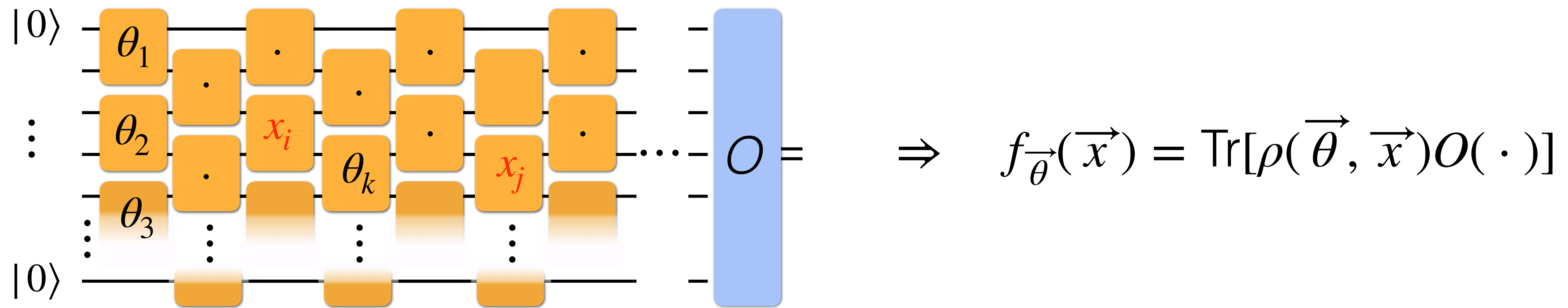


cat!

Model = hypothesis family or family of functions/distributions

Parametrized quantum circuits as machine learning models

(variational quantum circuits)



Typically:

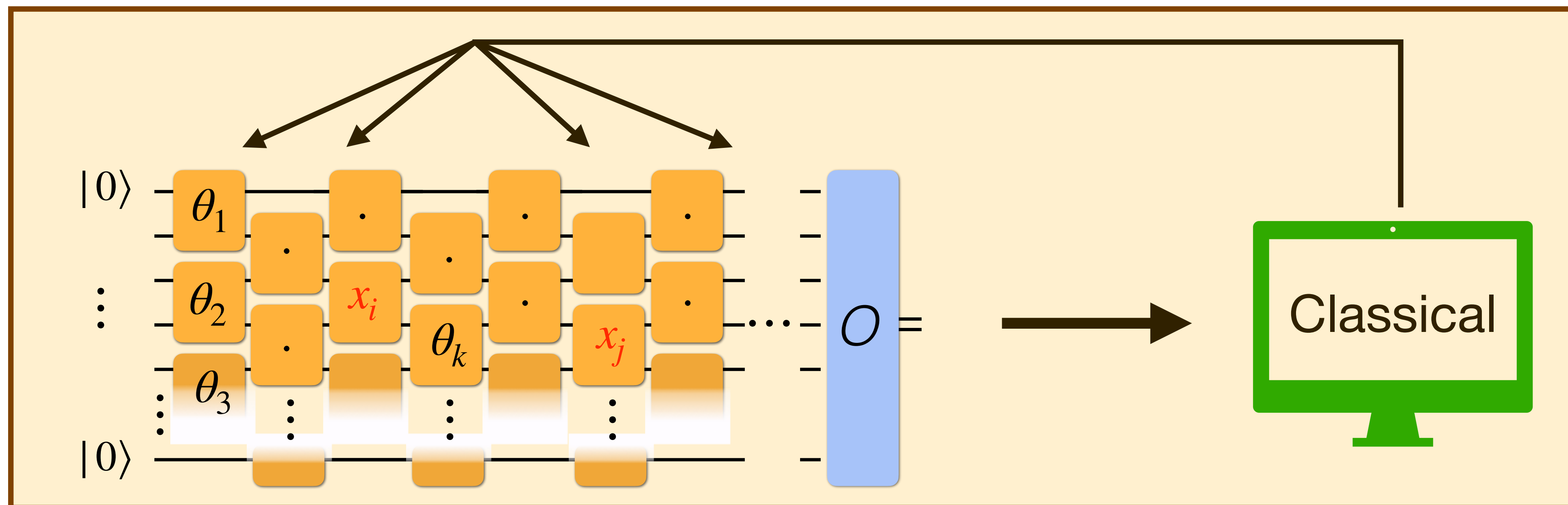
input = sets the parameters of **some gates**

trainable parameters = settings of **other gates**

output = expectation values of **observable** / measurement output

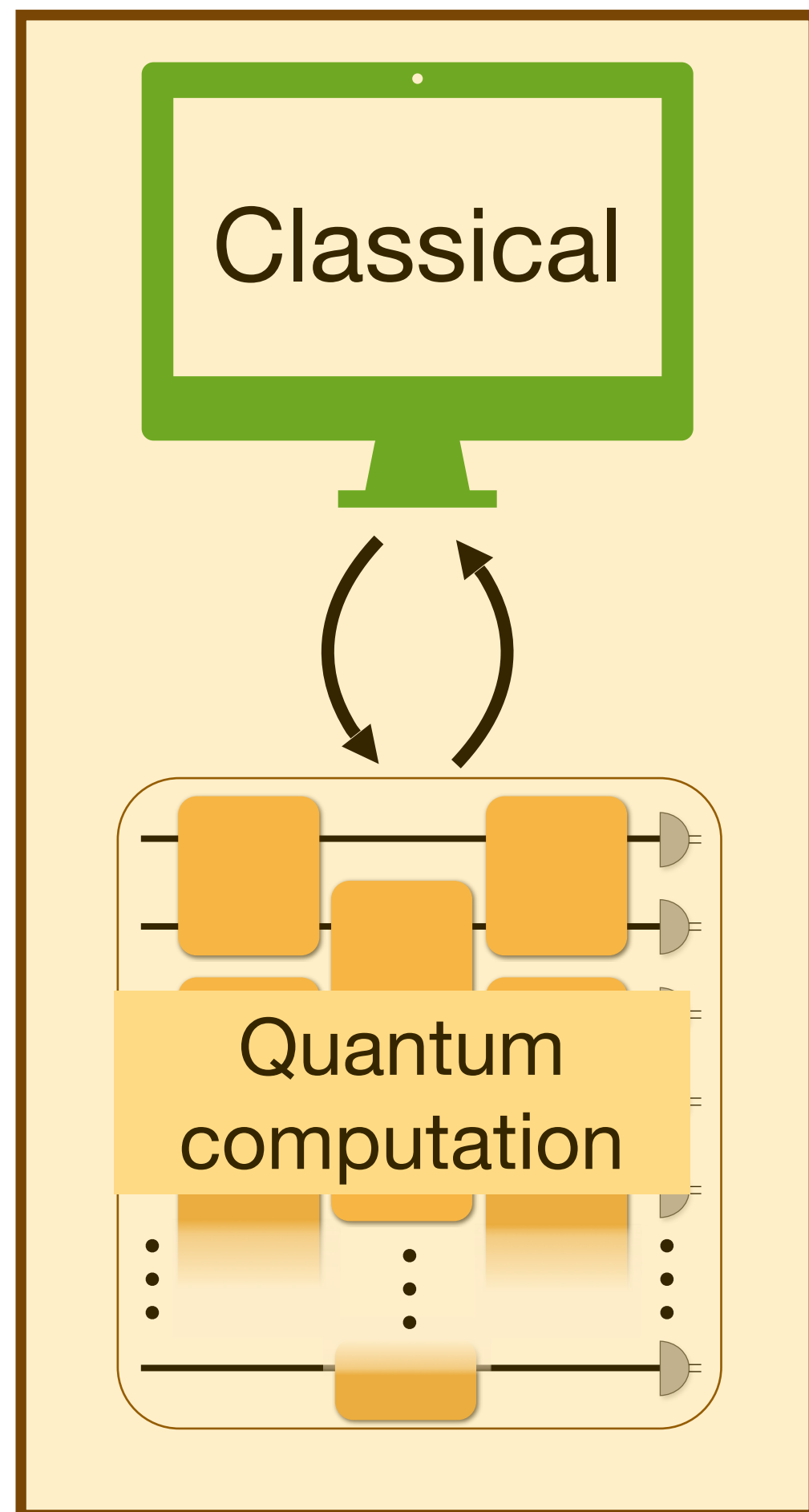
Parametrized function; hypothesis class; machine learning **model**;

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tune $\vec{\theta}$ s, test x , as to minimize error on training set

Not just quantum cats v. quantum dogs



ML: supervised, generative, reinforcement learning

Combinatorial optimization (QAOA)

Quantum chemistry & many-body (variational ground states)

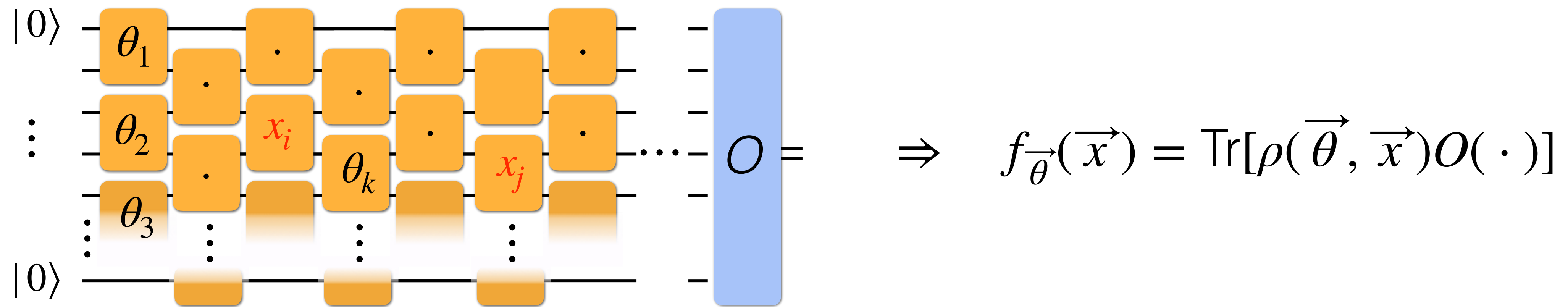
Differential equations (numerical methods, variational) & finance

Linear systems

...

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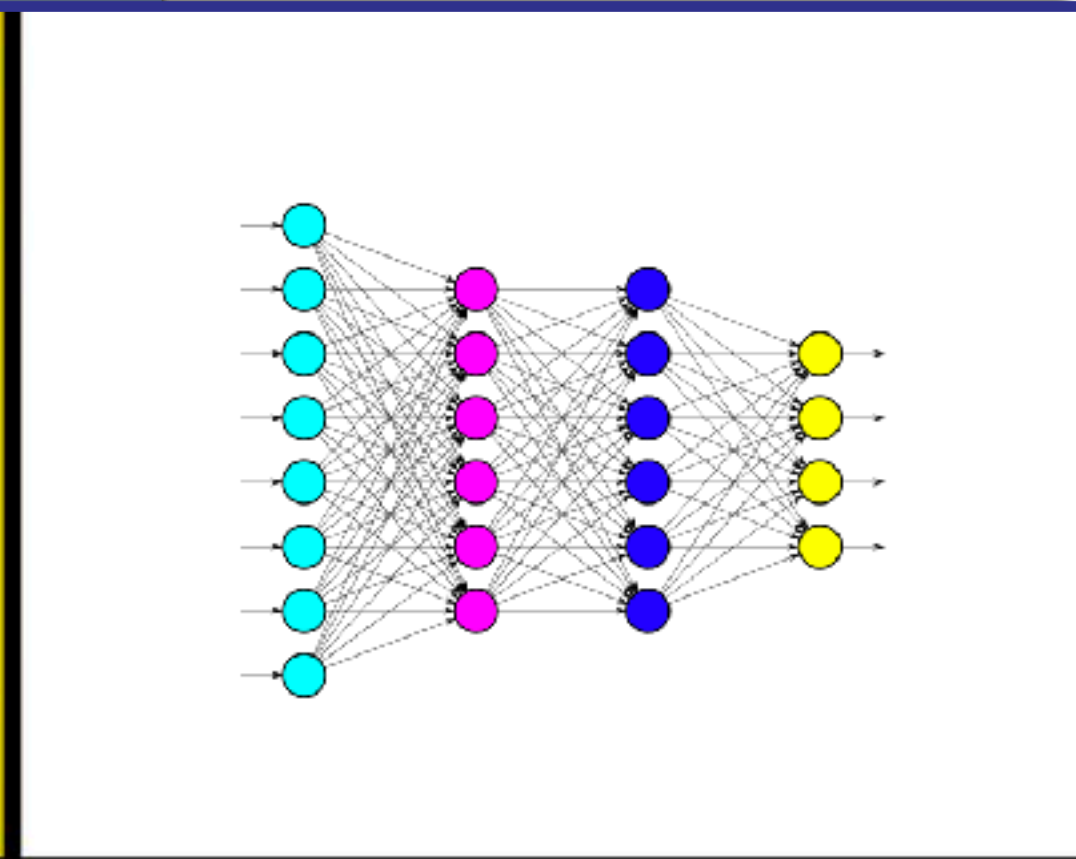
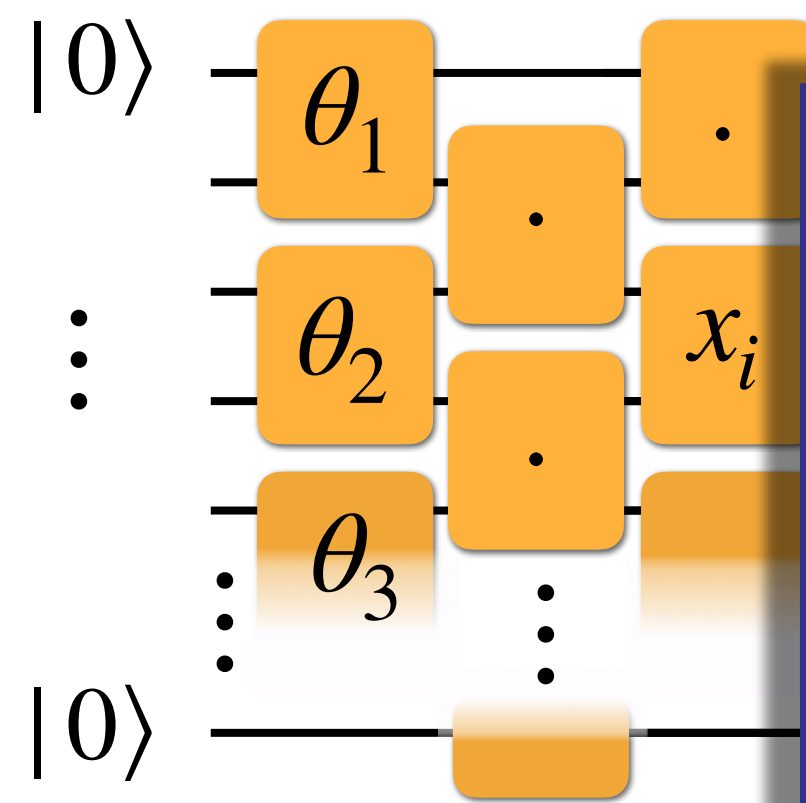


Basic concepts

- Supervised learning: classification (e.g. cats v. dogs)
- *Training error/empirical risk*: regularized error on training set: $RegRisk = \text{Train_error}(f,D) + \text{Reg}(f,D)$
- *Total error*: on all data including unseen
- *Generalization performance*: (rate of decrease of) gap between training and total error

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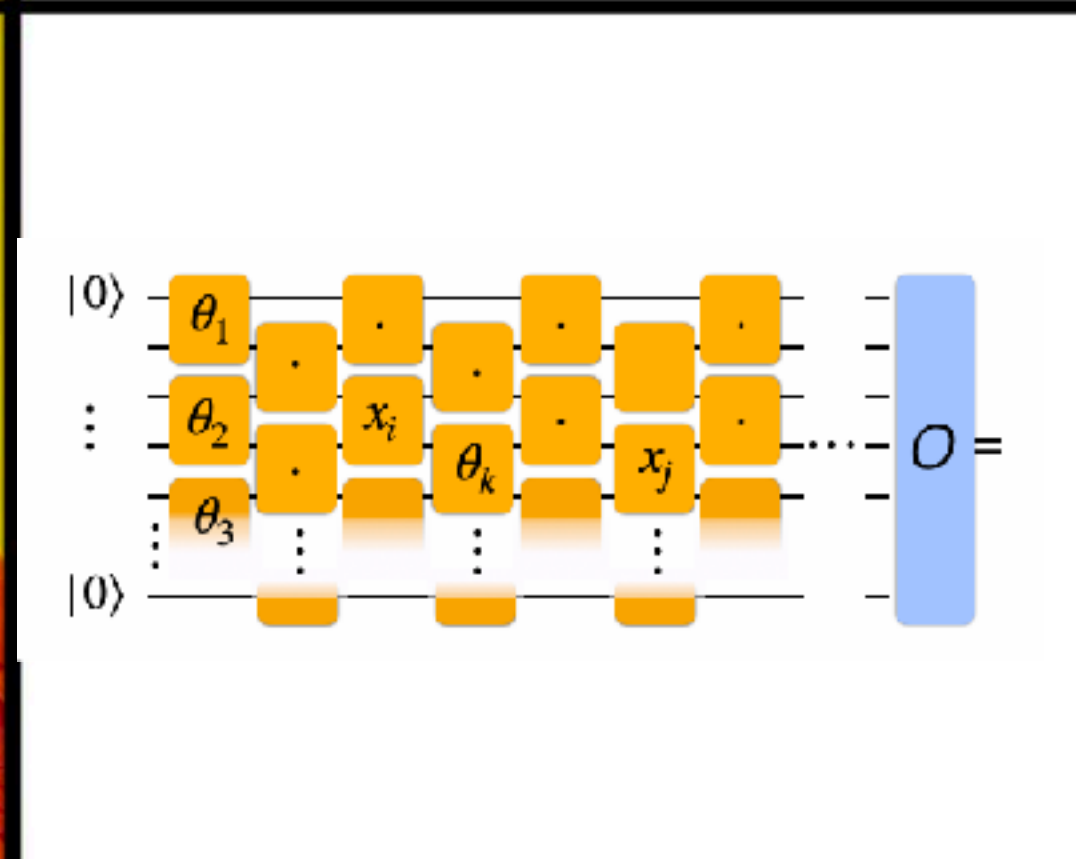
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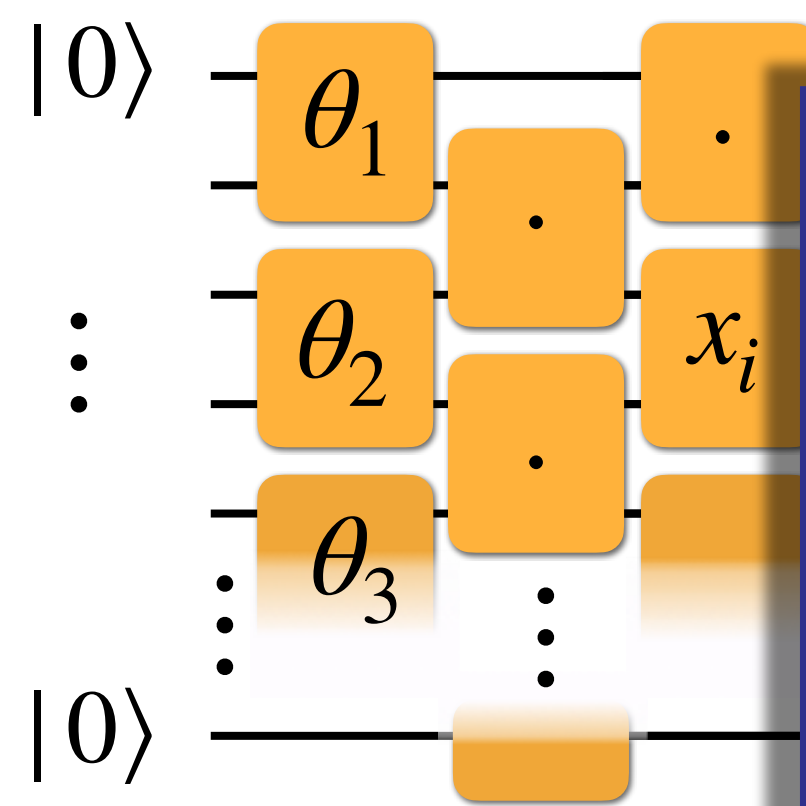
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A composite image with a blue border. On the left, a man in a red jacket looks thoughtful. On the right, a neural network diagram shows four layers of nodes (cyan, magenta, blue, yellow). Below the neural network is a quantum circuit diagram with qubits initialized to $|0\rangle$, parameterized gates $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots, \theta_k$, and measurement gates x_i, \dots, x_j , ending with a blue box labeled O . A large red text overlay with a white background and blue border reads "But why???" diagonally across the center. The word "QML" is written in blue at the bottom of the man's image.

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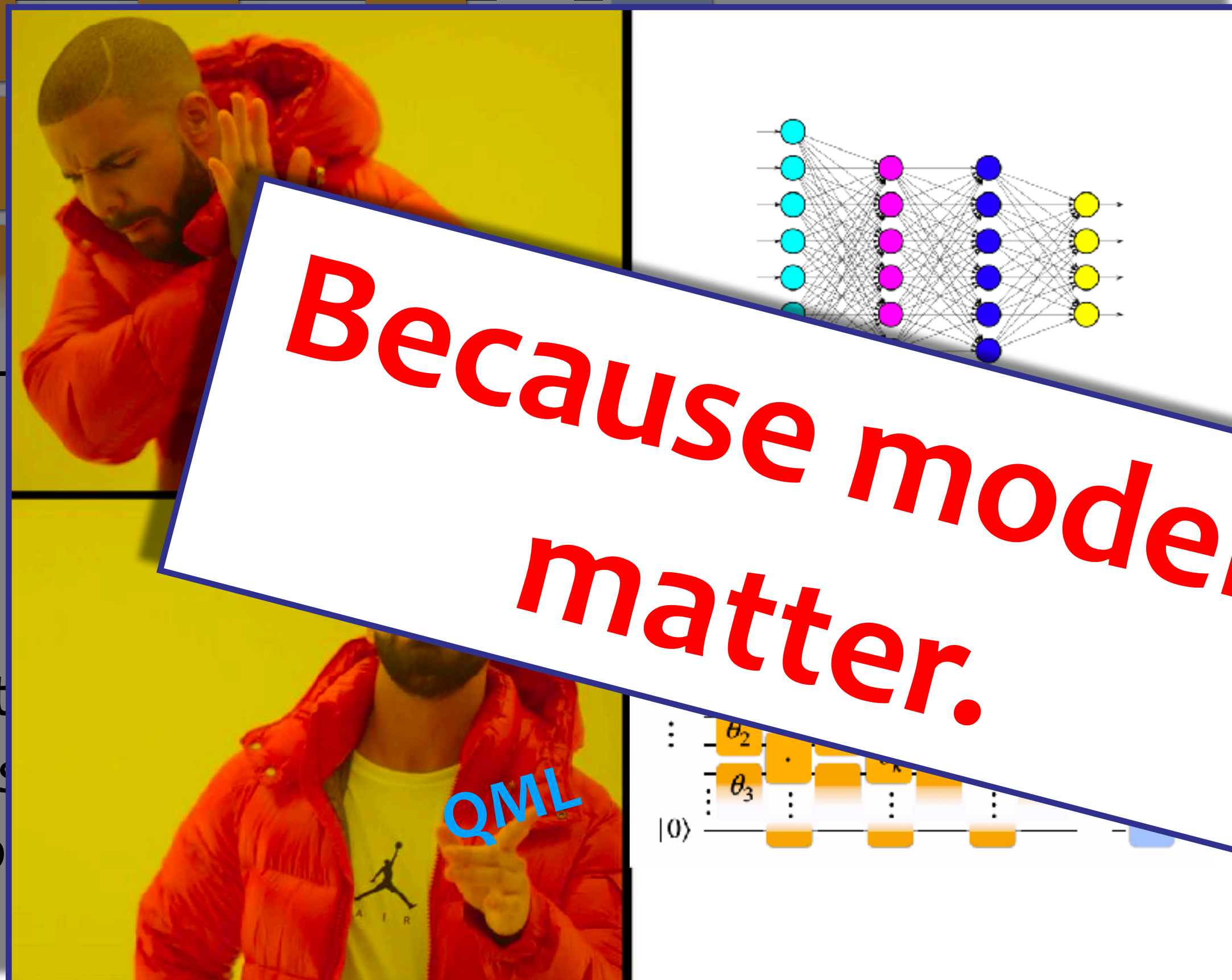
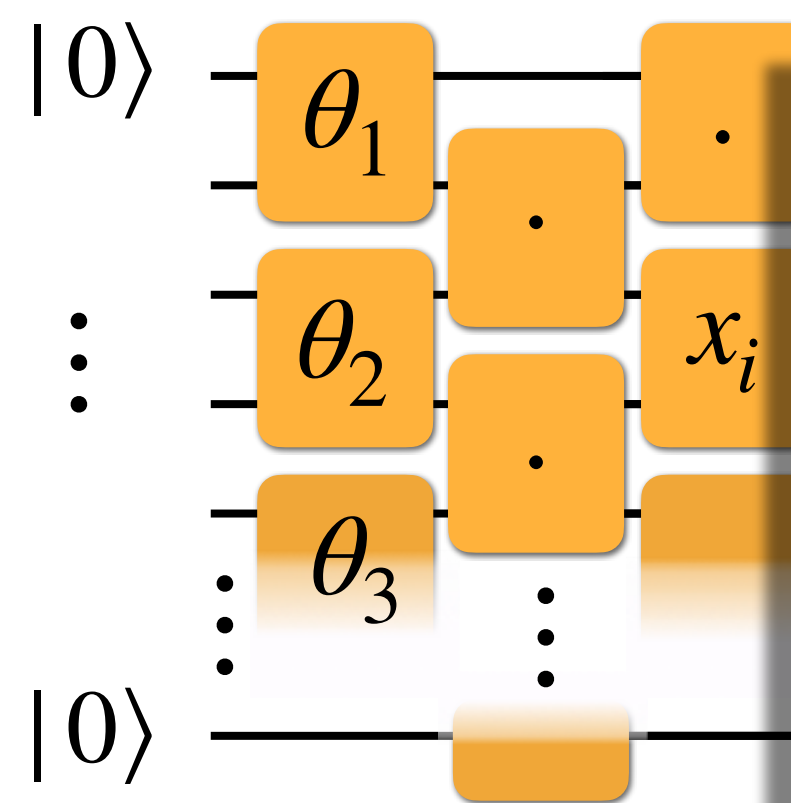
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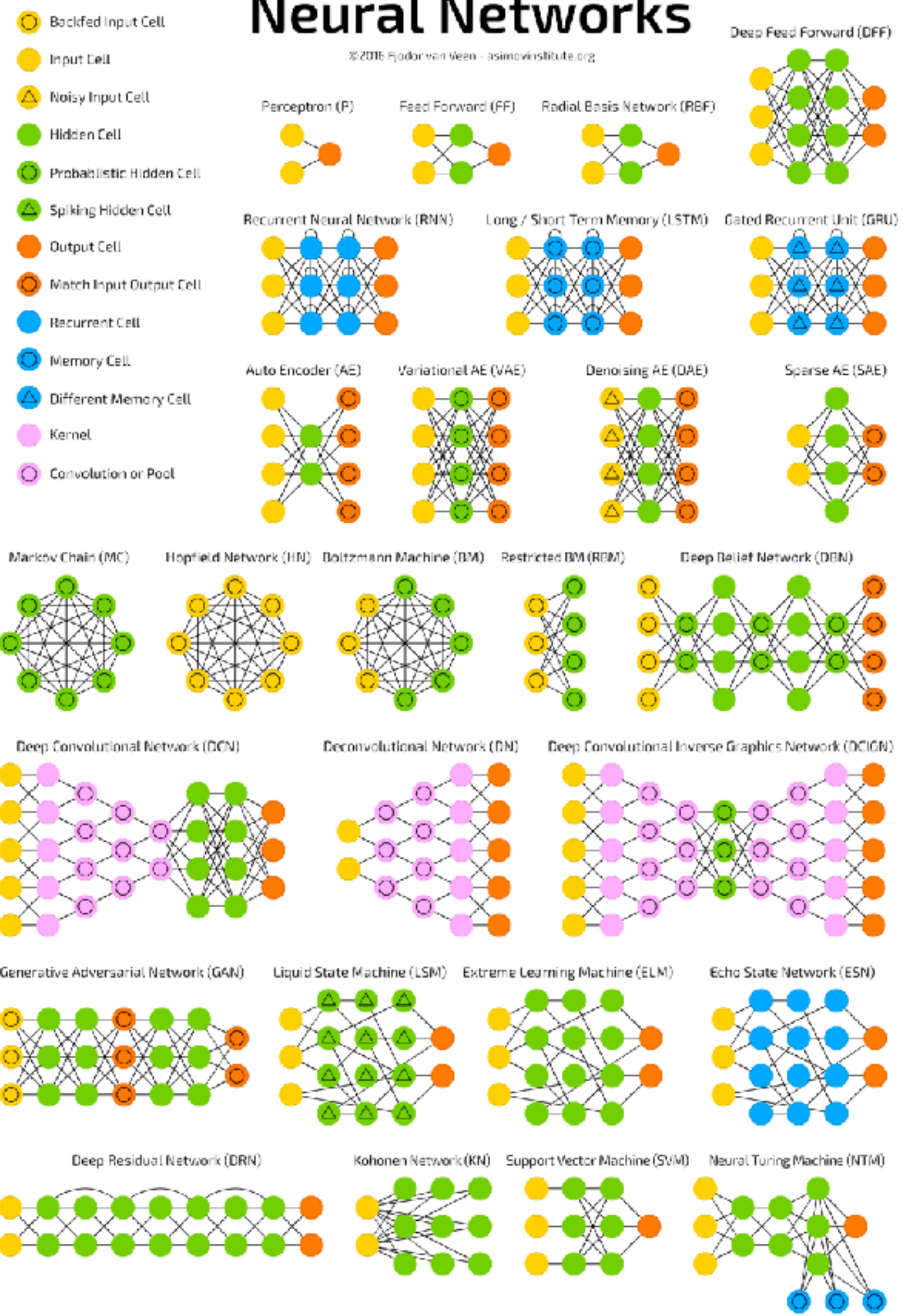
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Because models matter.

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A mostly complete chart of Neural Networks

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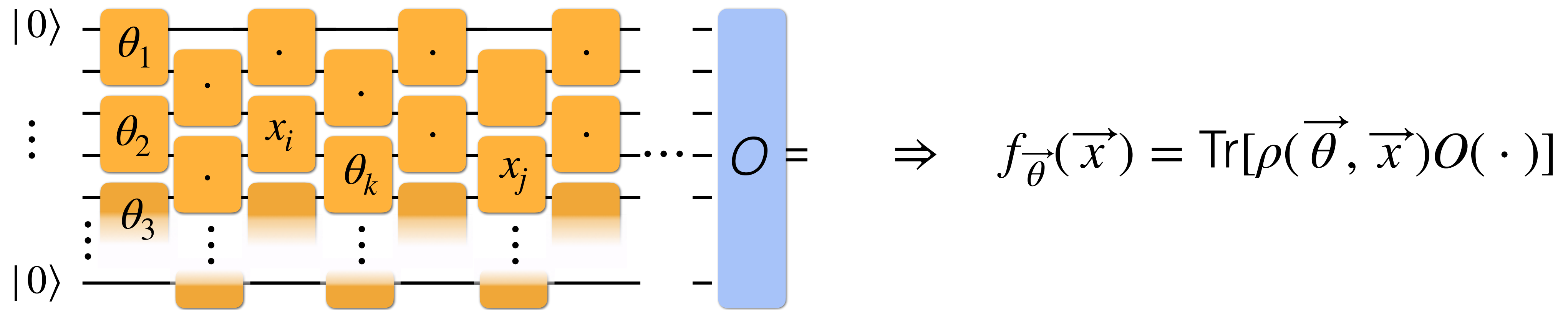


Good models?

- expressive
- flexible (various NNs, e.g. convolutional nets)
- easy to regularize well
- easy to optimize
- can match important real-world distributions
- can compute them!

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Q1: Can we get it to work?

(robustness to noise, training features, match with devices)

Q2: Should we get it to work?

(Expressivity/"type"? Generalization bounds? Capacity for q. advantage?)

What we to know about QC ML models (complexity separations)

General QC ML models can do *more*:

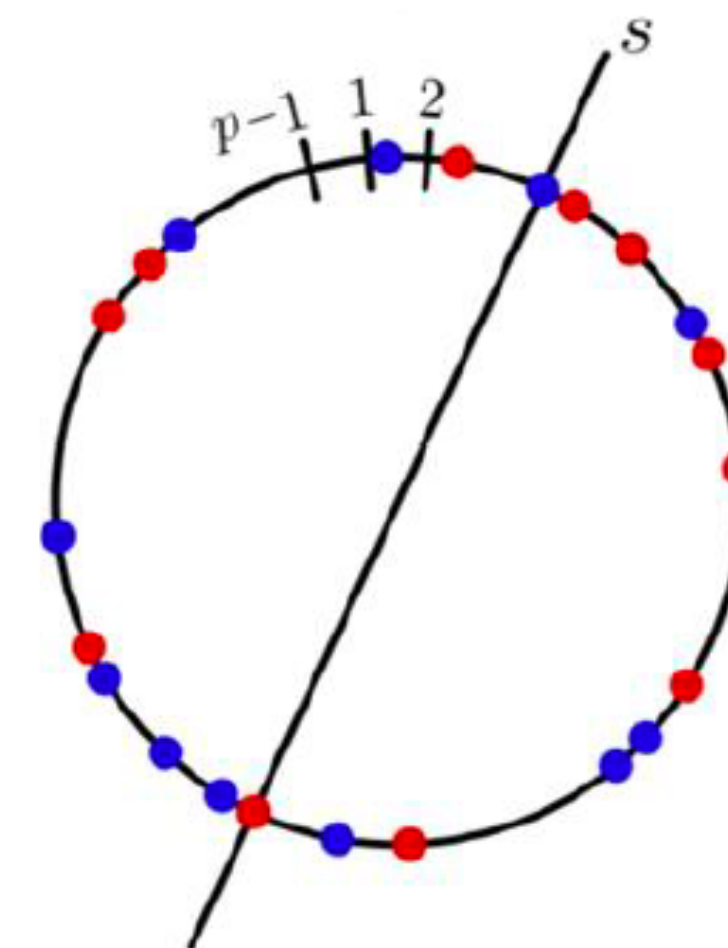
- classically intractable model families (“supremacy” for generative)
- there are classical/quantum *learning separations*

There exist (contrived) supervised/generative learning problems (even with *classical, classically efficiently generatable data!*)

which require exponential compute time classically, poly quantumly (unless discrete log is easy)

Basis: Cryptographic function used to instill classically hard, quantum easy structure in data-label correlations

$$f_s(x) = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } \log_g x \in \left[s, s + \frac{p-3}{2} \right] \\ -1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



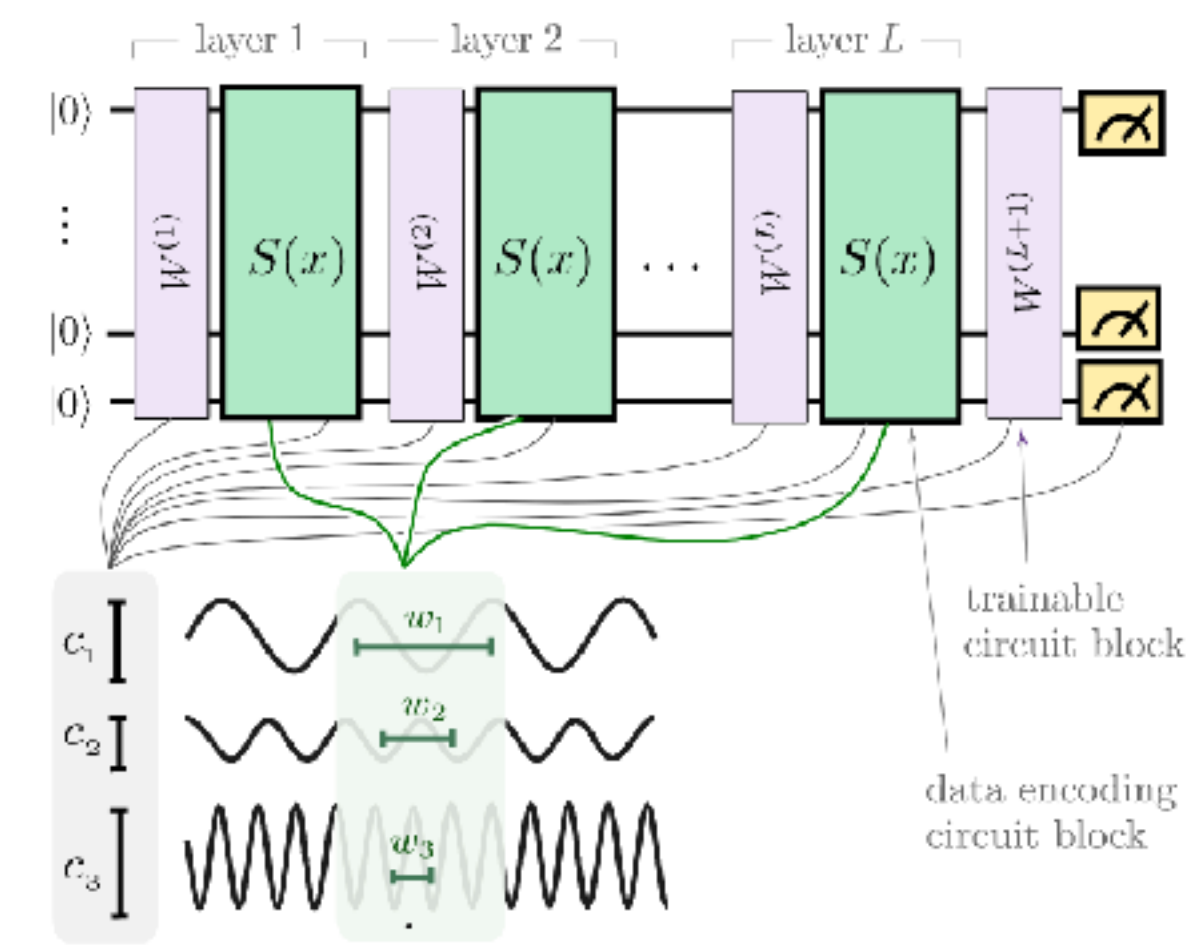
What we know about PQC ML models (learning 2)

- correspond to (big!) generalized trigonometric polynomials
- very different from NNs so likely different applications...
- increasing understanding of generalization performance and regularization (10+ papers), e.g. in explicit map

$$x \rightarrow \text{Tr}[\rho(x)O(\theta)]$$

rank and Frobenious norm of O directly influence the VC, and fat shattering dimensions

- some metrics on data indicating a performance advantage may be achievable



In essence

- a peculiar family that we are starting to understand
- different than NNs:
so promising where NNs struggle
- not clear what it should be used for (esp. in ML)



WHAT IS THE RIGHT NAIL FOR OUR HAMMER?

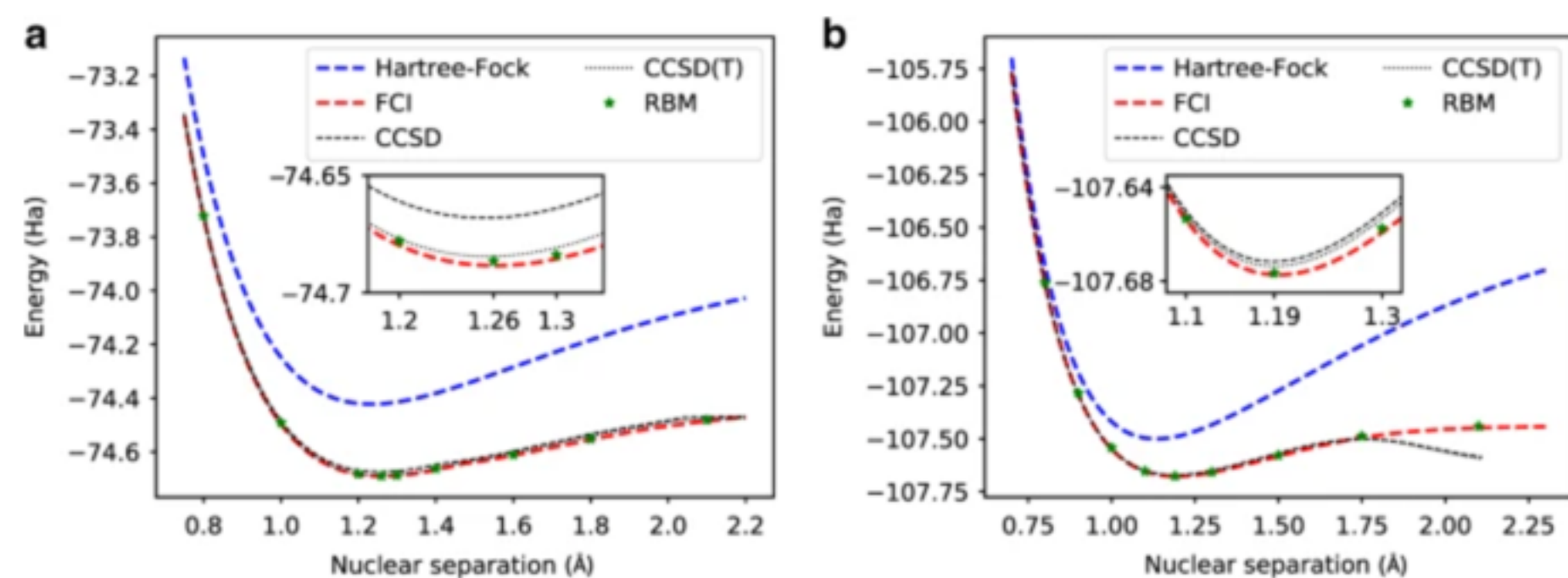
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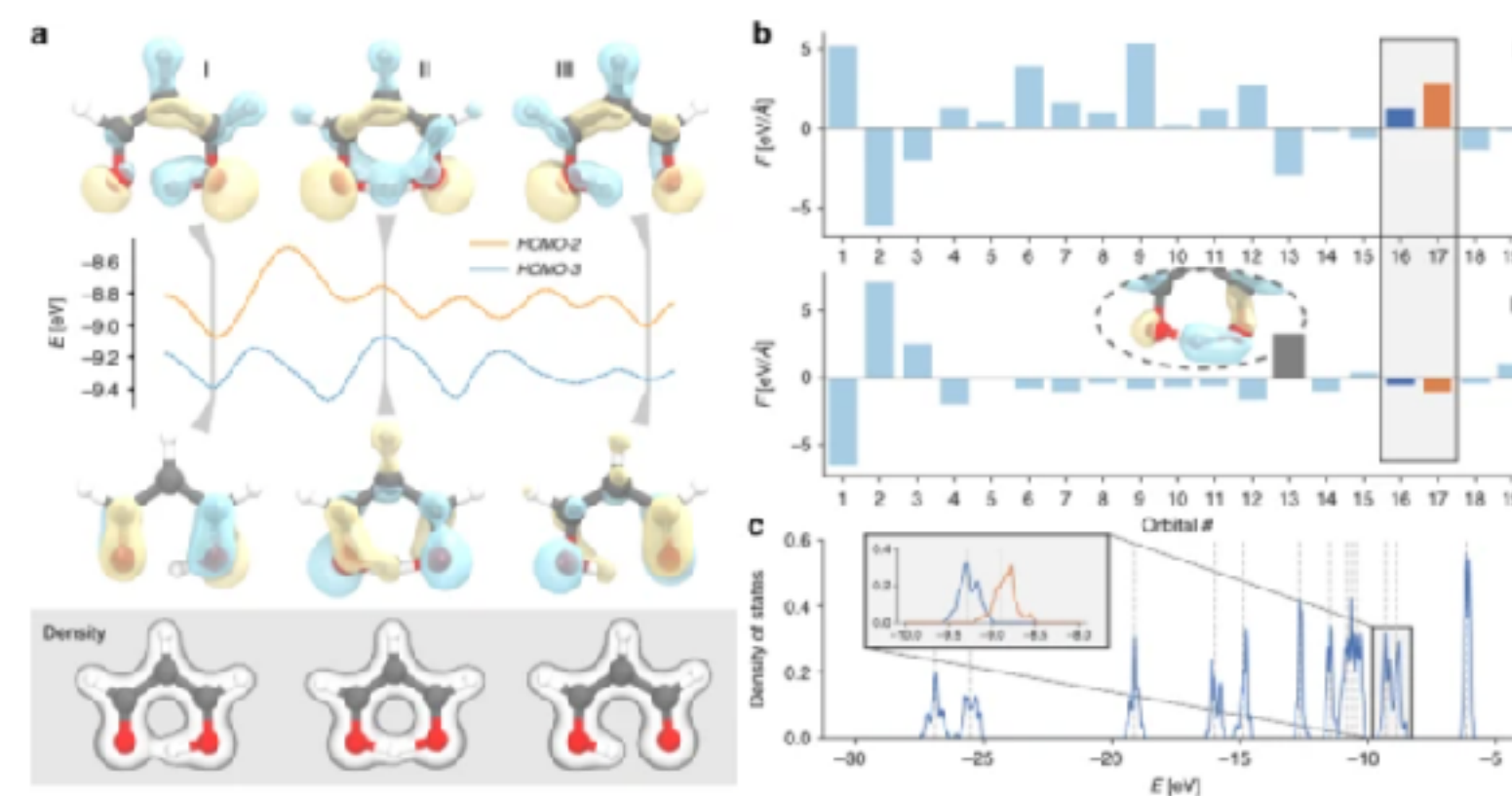
What is the right application?

Learning from data generated by highly interacting systems: chemistry, condensed matter
cryptographic structure \leftrightarrow quantum mechanical nature of ground truth/underlying distribution

But can apply to real-world data now!



<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-020-15724-9>



Proton transfer in malondialdehyde

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-019-12875-2>

Applications in HEP: [arXiv:2005.08582](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.08582)

Applications in astronomy:

npj Quantum Information 7, 161 (2021) (arXiv:2101.09581)

Photometric LSST Astronomical Time-series Classification Challenge (PLAsTiCC)

But for now capacities to help very limited...

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This is not the end...
...end of the beginning

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What we (want) to know about QC ML models (performance parameters)

Generalization performance bounds

Want: $R(h) = \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}} \ell(h(x), y) dP(x, y)$ | error *everywhere*

Have: $\hat{R}_S(h) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in S} \ell(h(x_i), y_i)$ | error *on training set*

Can prove: $P(R(h) < \hat{R}_S(h) + g(\mathcal{F}, m, \delta)) > 1 - \delta$

P - true distribution/correlation data-label

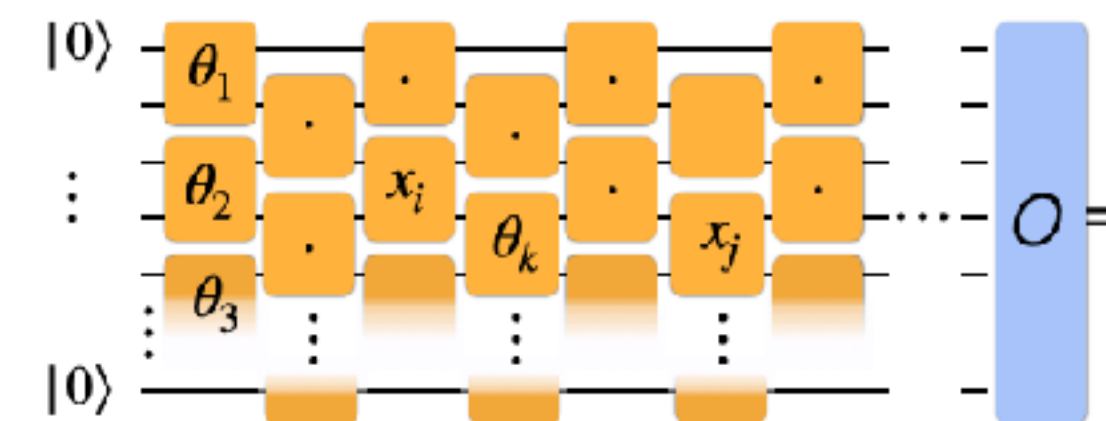
ℓ - error function e.g abs-value

h - a classifier

S - dataset of size m

\mathcal{F} - function family

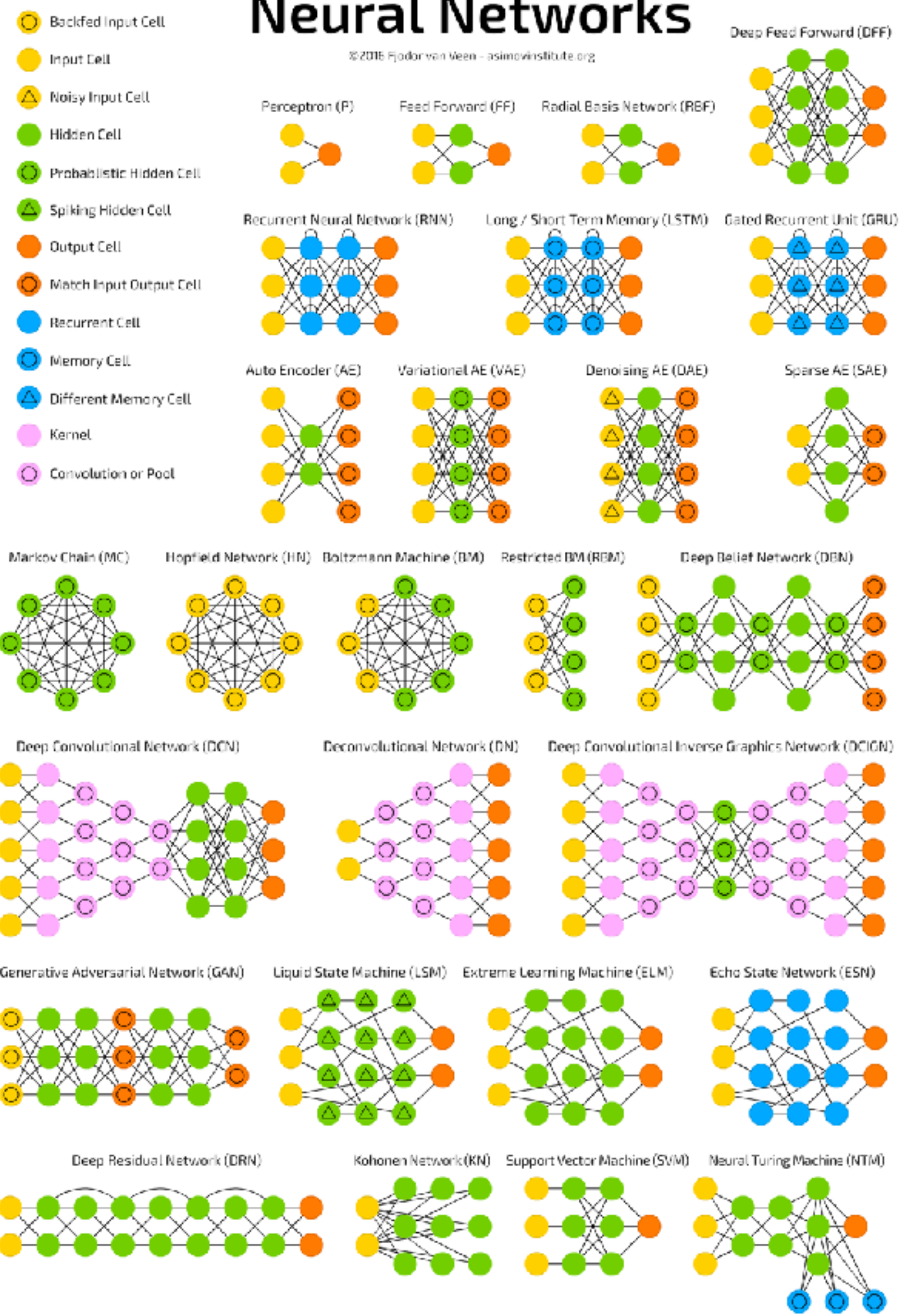
$\mathcal{F} =$



How this behaves is critical!!!

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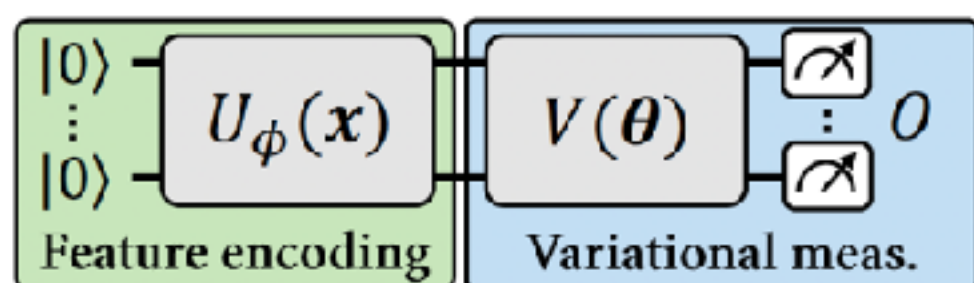
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Various types

Explicit

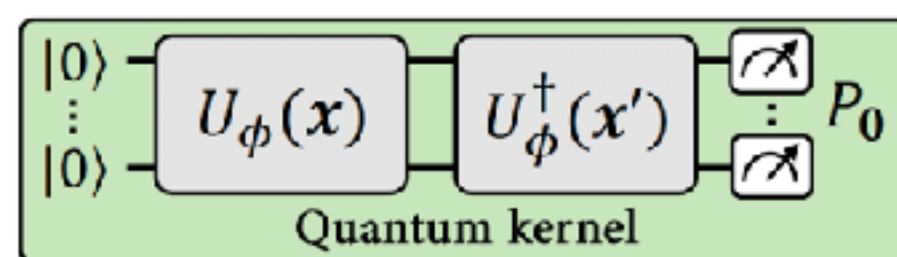


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First ideas
linear models (and SVMs) [11]

Implicit/Kernels



$$K(x, x') = \text{Tr}[\rho(\vec{x})\rho(\vec{x}')]^T$$

Learning separations [2]
Famous connection to kernel models [6,7]:

Data re-uploading



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Universal approximators [1]

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega(H)} c_{\omega} \exp(-i\omega \mathbf{x}) \quad [3];$$

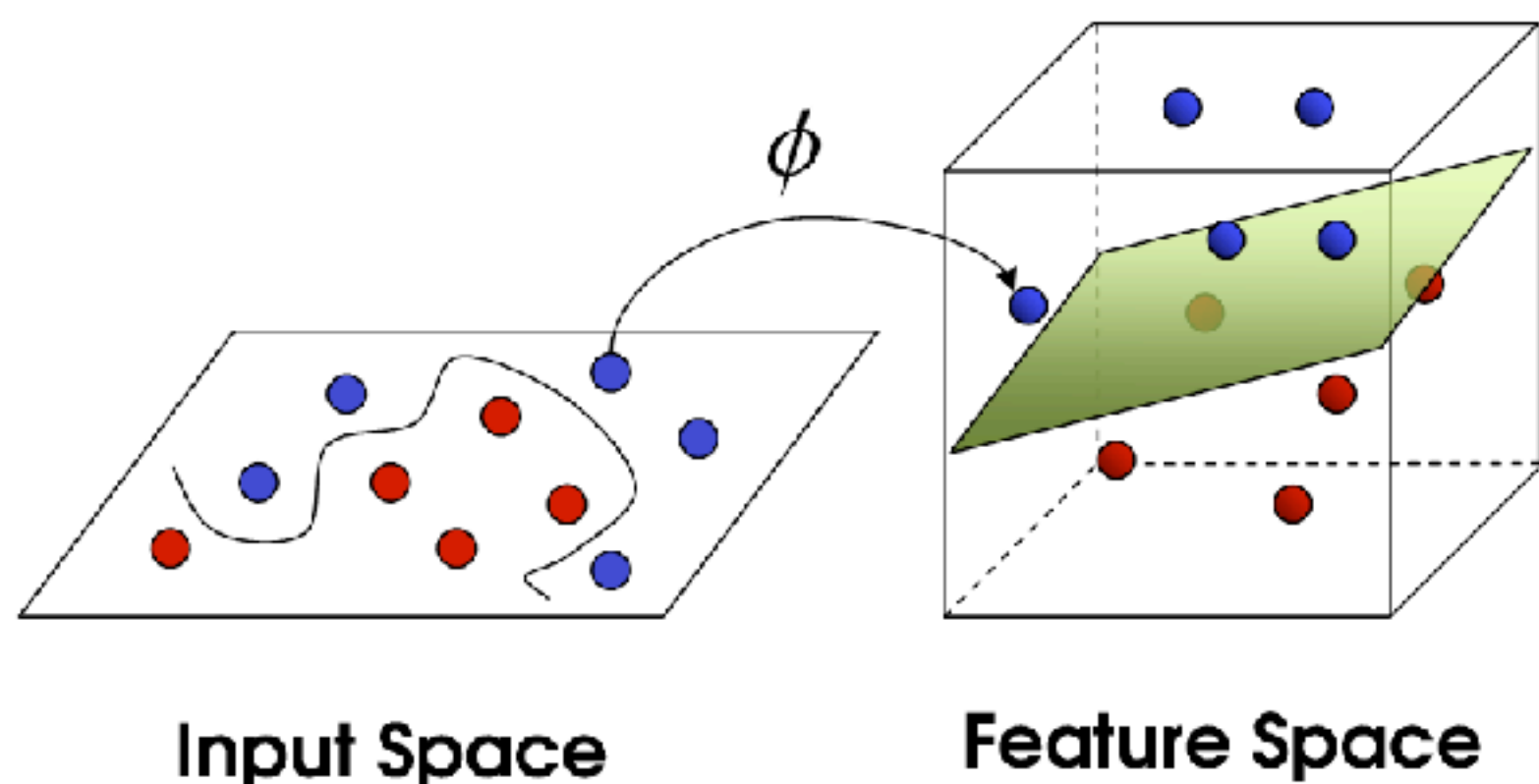
(for all) various bounds (Rademacher, Pseudodimension, VC, Fat-shattering) [3,4,5,g]

[g] C Gyurik, D van Vreumingen, VD, "Structural risk minimization for quantum linear classifiers", arXiv:2105.05566 (2021).

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Linear classifiers & feature spaces



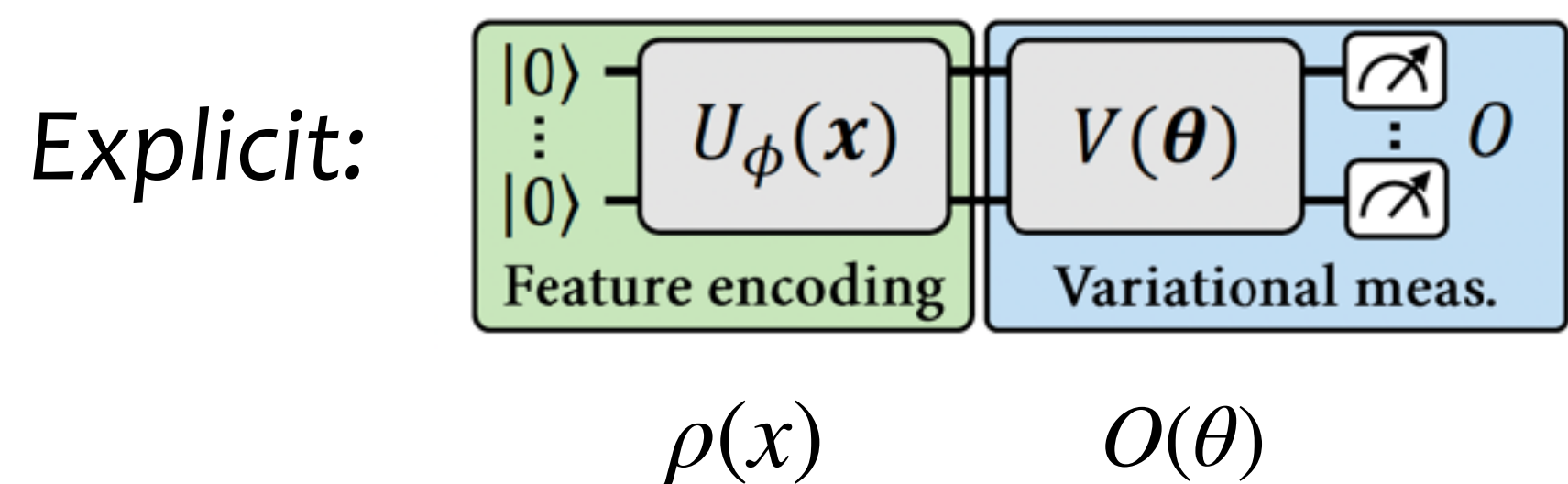
Cover's theorem

Support vector machine: maximum margin classifier

Classifier: inner product of normal vector and mapped data

Linear classifiers: feature map is data-independent.

“Quantum feature spaces”



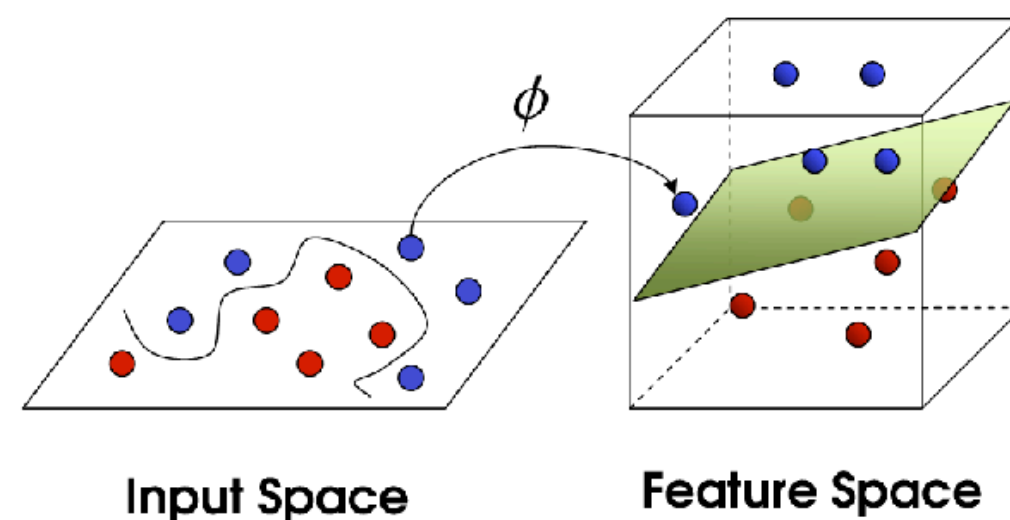
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Frobenius inner product in feature space \mathbb{R}^{4n} ; **restricted**.

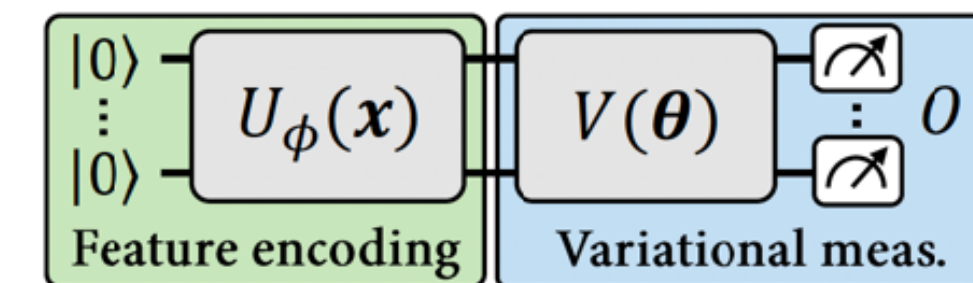
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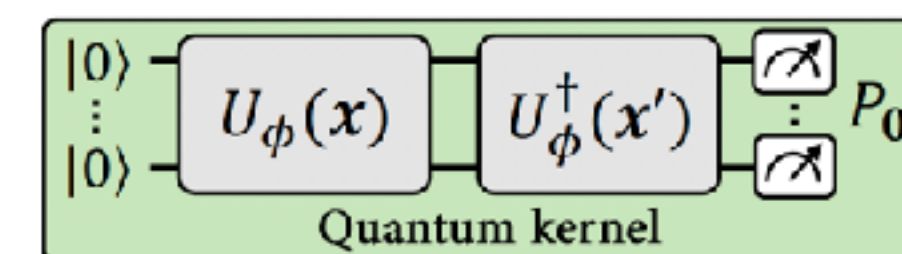
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Kernel methods and the representer theorem

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Representer theorem: regularized loss is minimized by an implicit model

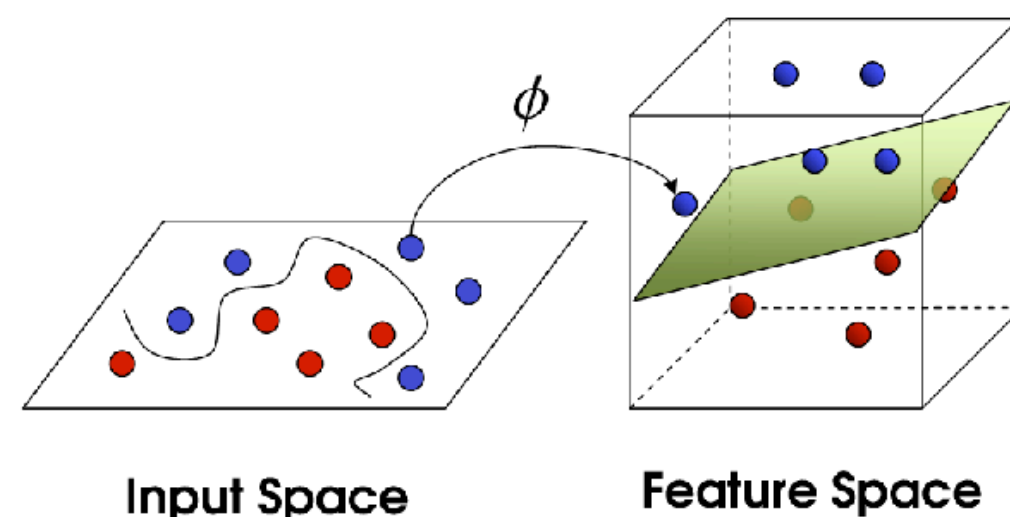
$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\lambda}(f) = \hat{\mathcal{L}}(f) + \lambda \|O\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2$$

Kernels are powerful; if they all there is, is this bad news?

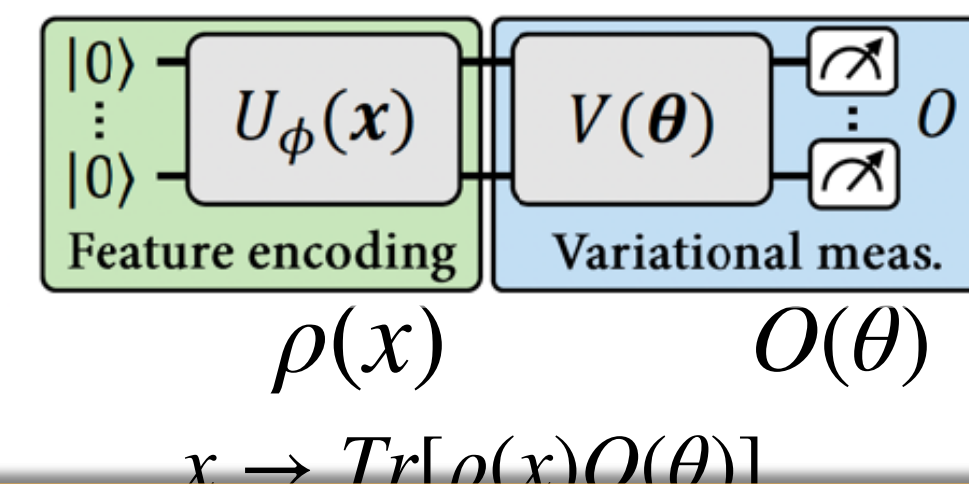
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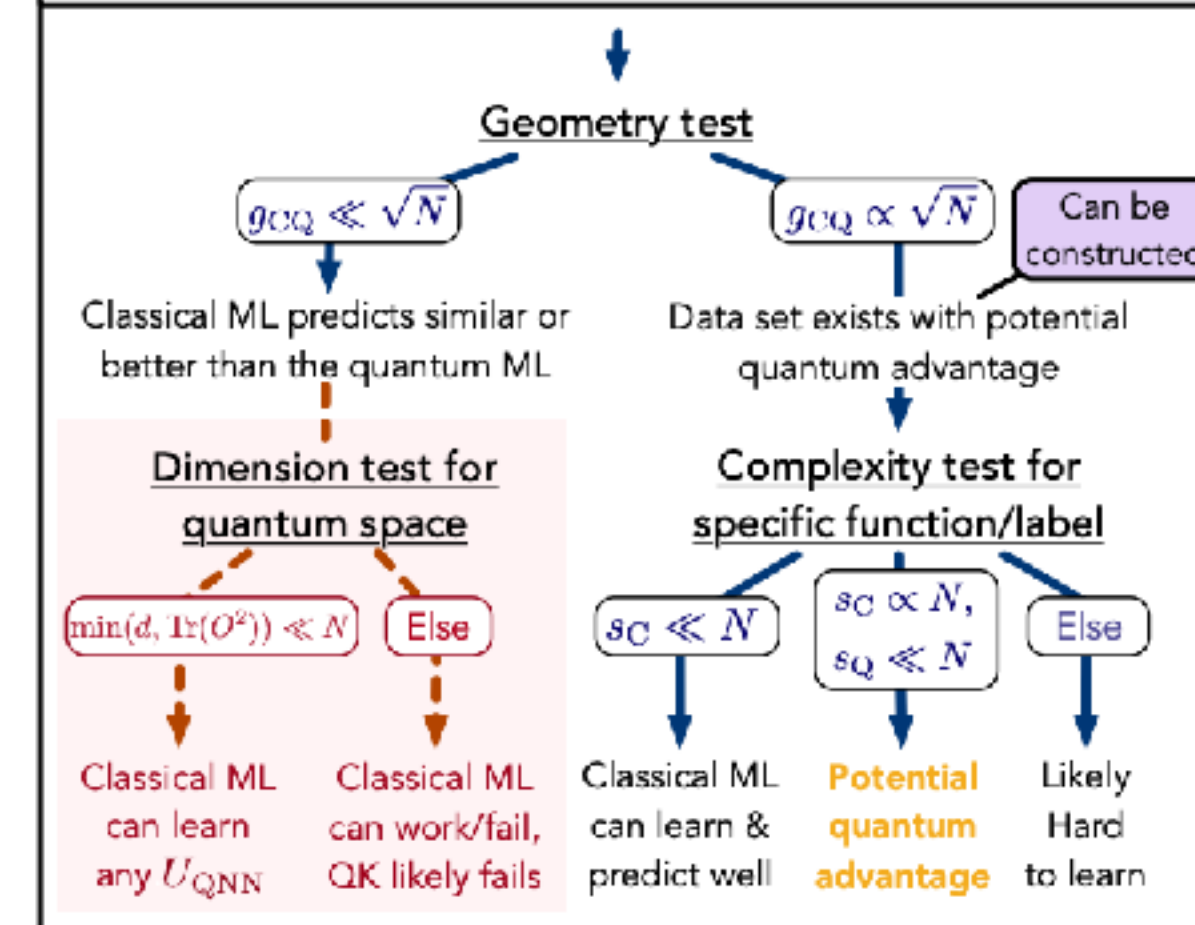
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Dissecting quantum prediction advantage



From:
Power of data in quantum machine learning

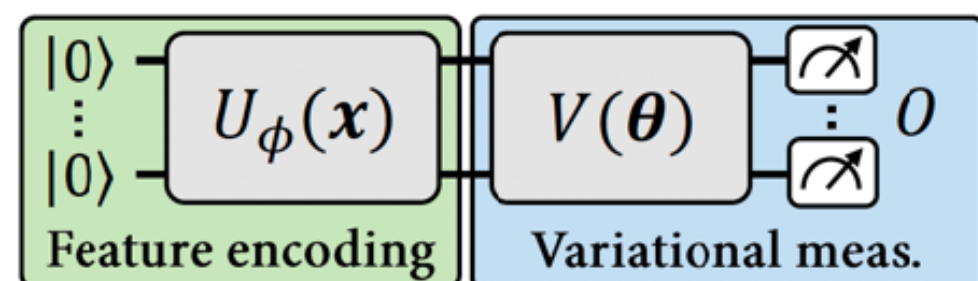
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Questions: is this the full picture? What about data re-uploading (not kernel)?

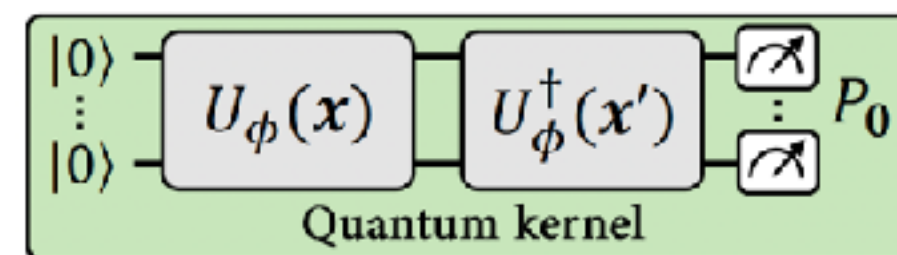
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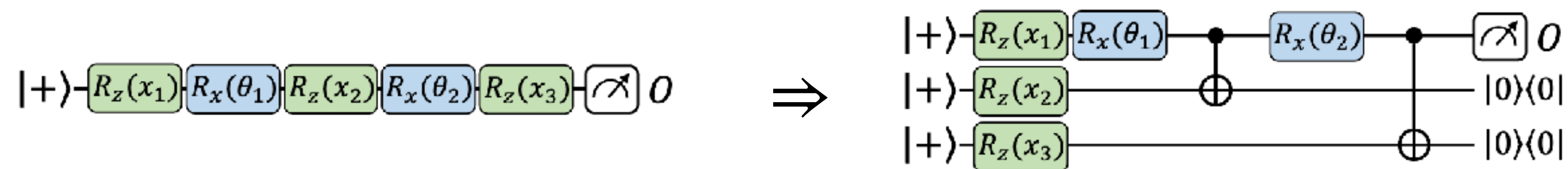
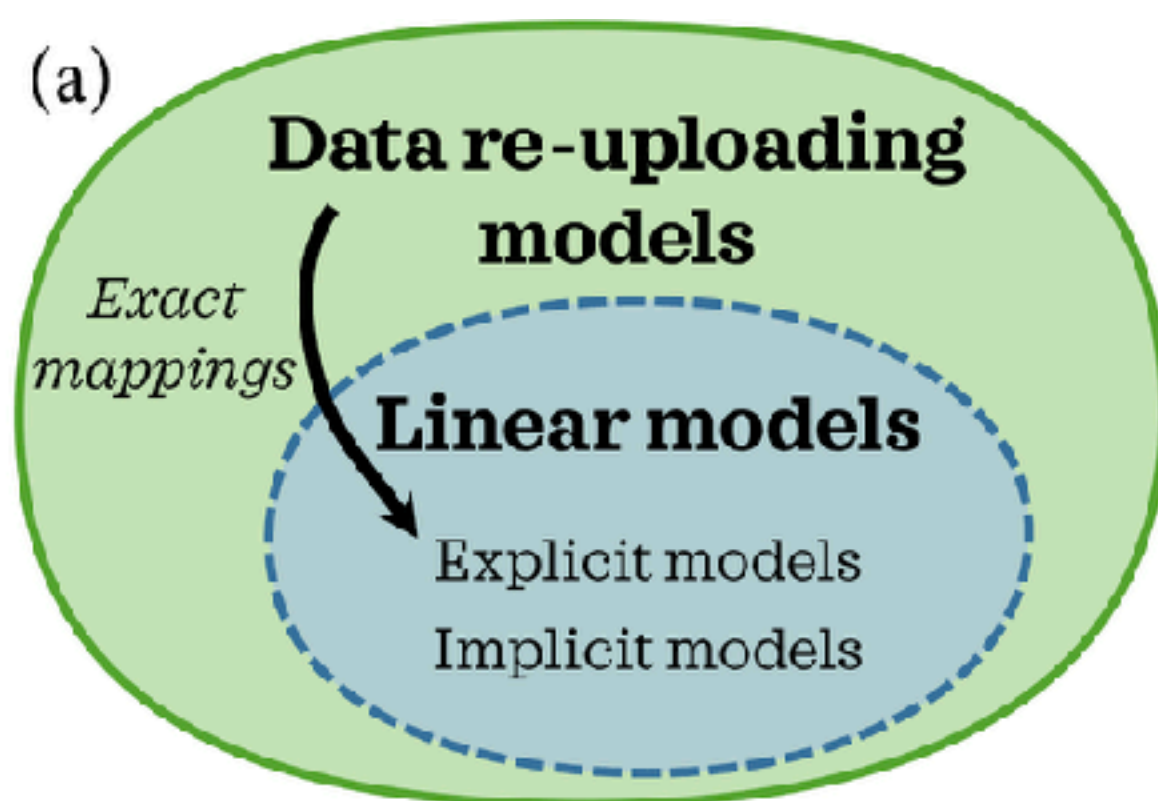
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Summary of results [h]:

a) Poly-sized data-re-uploading models are exactly (restricted) poly-sized explicit models (and are not poly-sized implicit models)



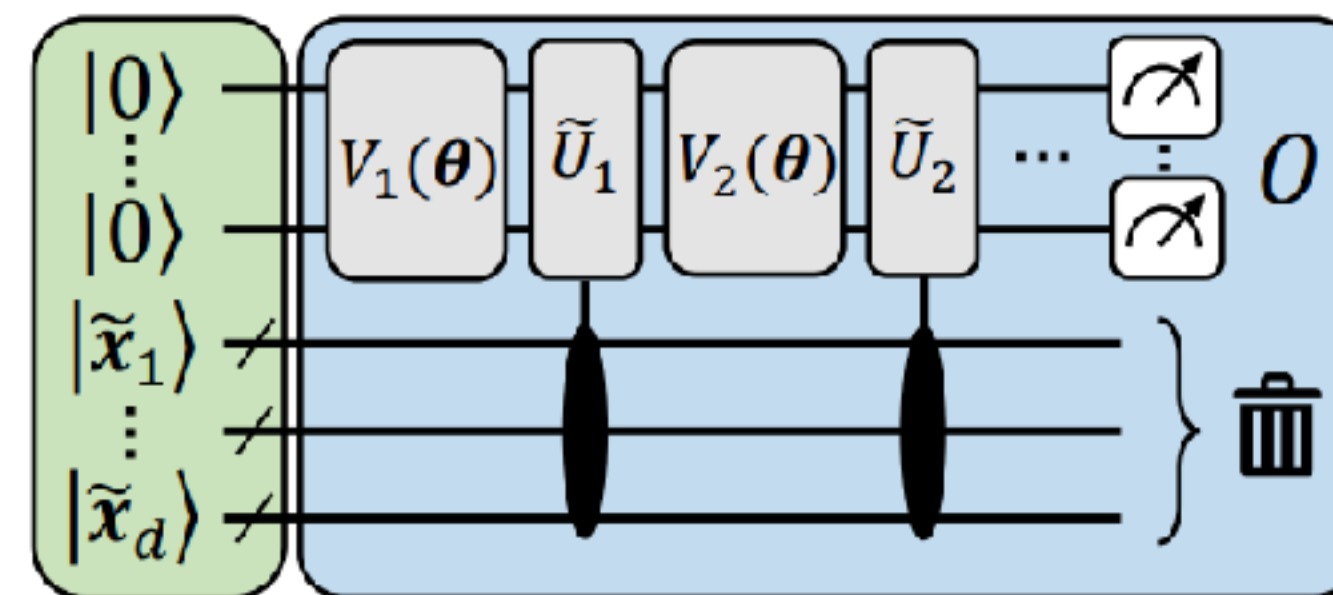
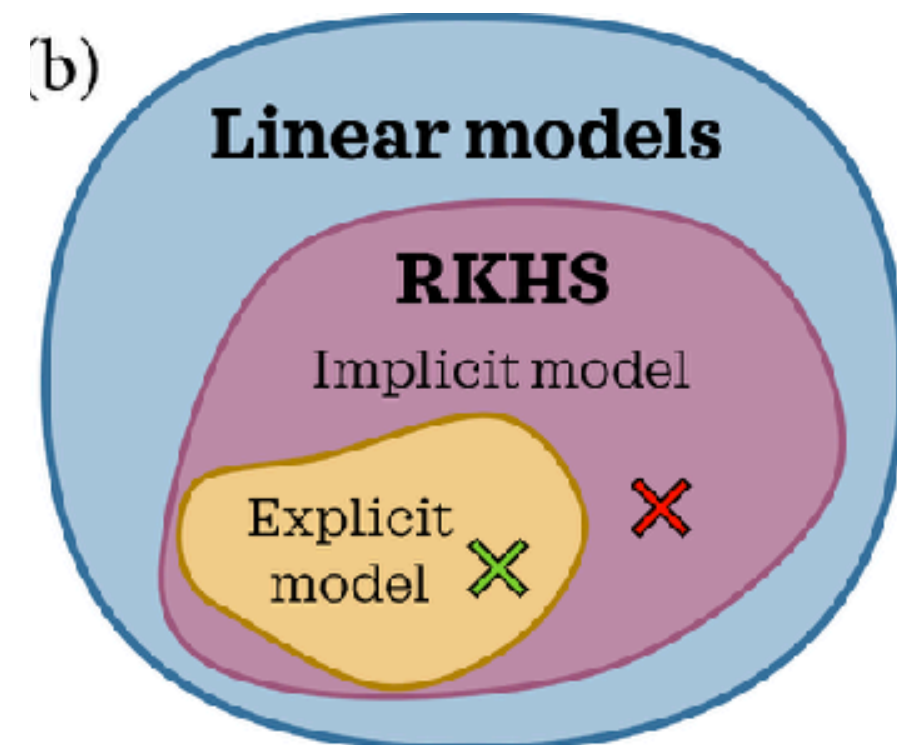
- via MBQC or gate teleportation
- but there is a penalty for implementation due to postselection ($O \Rightarrow O \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|^{\otimes k}$)

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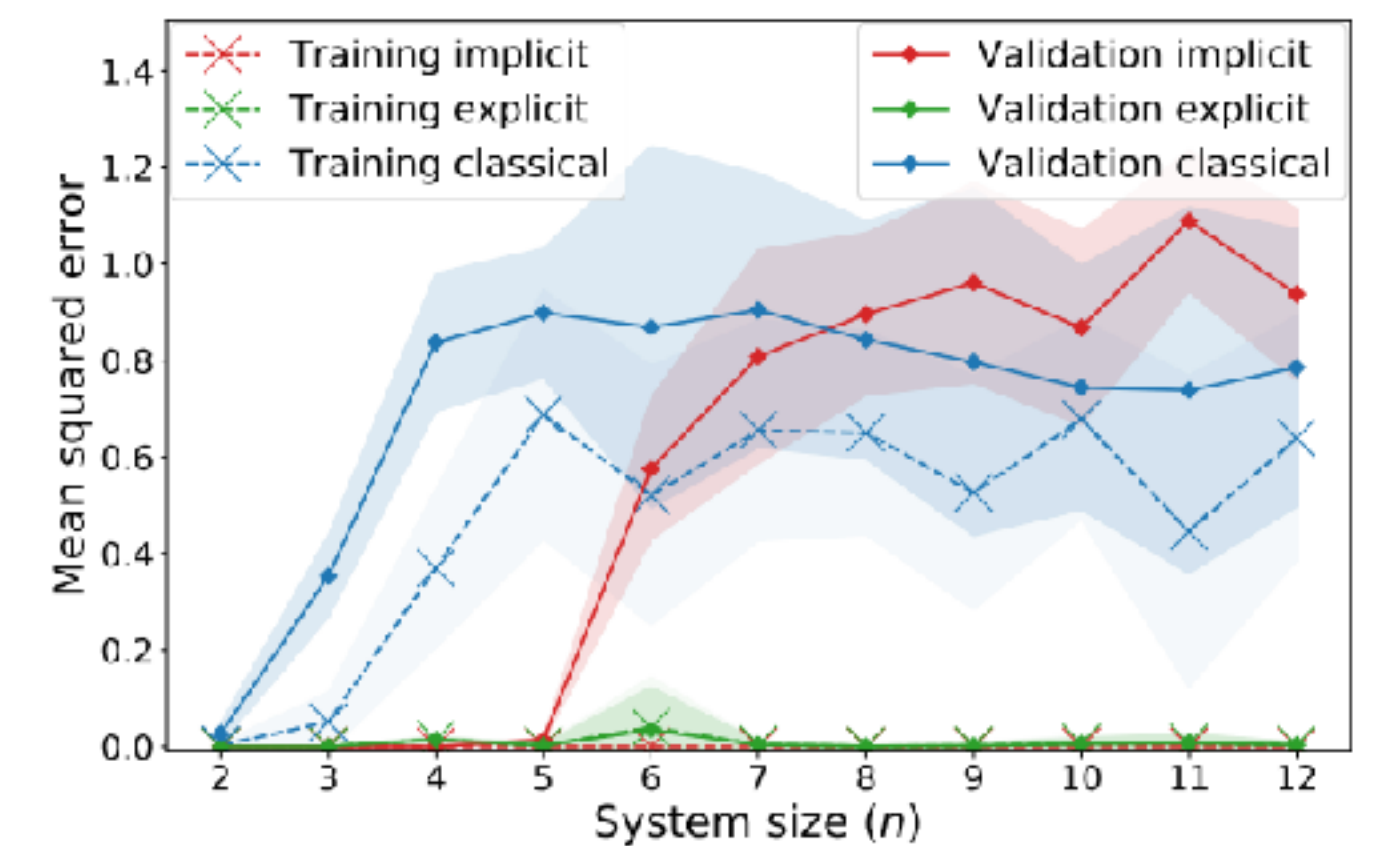
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b) Quantum kernel models can dramatically overfit. Also gives different result to [8]



Kernel diagonal... yet circuit computes an effective kernel

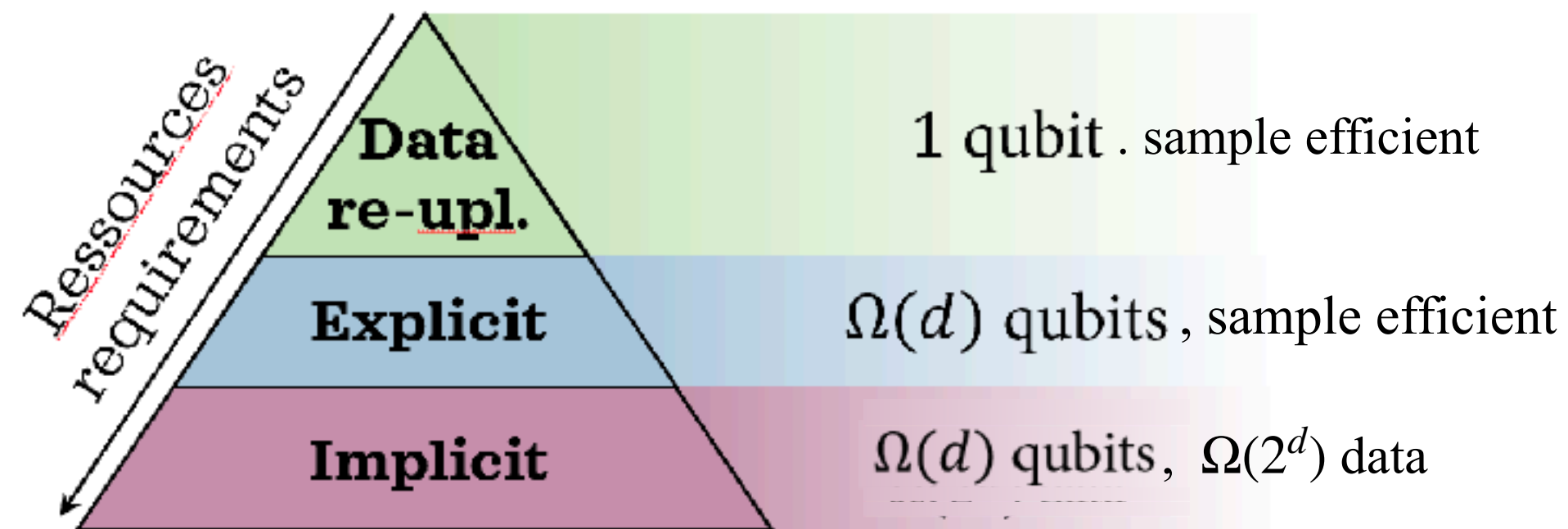
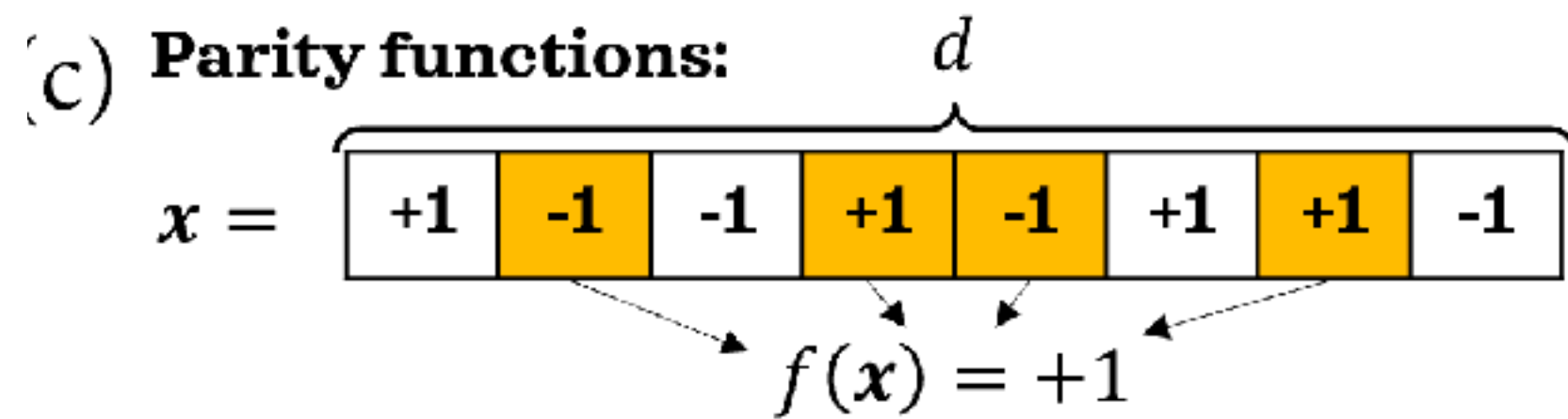


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Summary of results [h]:

- c) Fine-grained distinctions and sample complexity differences. There exist learning problems involving parities such that...



qubit no. also matters from implementation

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Mid-way summary

- For theory: a broad class of QML models fit in one paradigm: explicit models
 - Not all, not in a useful sense?
 - What does this imply for analysis of properties? New quantum-specific tools needed.
- Practice, situation more contrived. Trade-offs; There will be no one-size-fits all solutions...

Challenges:

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***Divide-and-quantum* hybrid models**

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“When does QML make sense?”

Easy ML is too easy for advantages.

Hard ML is too big for devices.

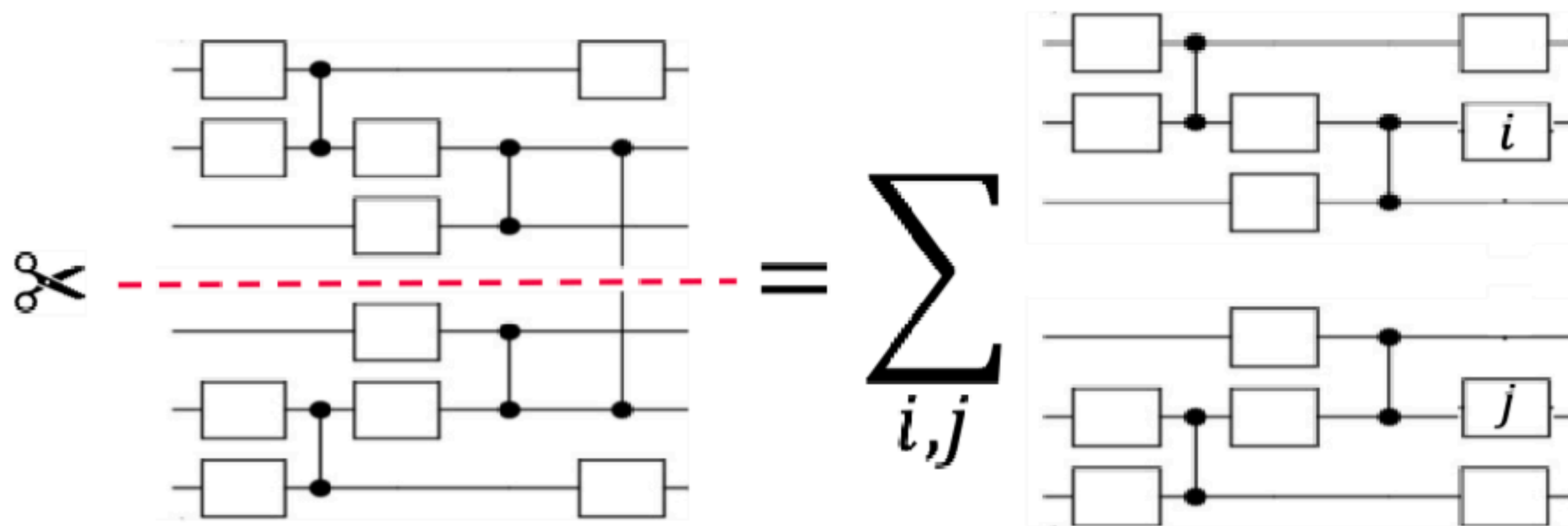
Can we have our cake and eat it too?

Idea: “mimic” QML with large quantum circuits using smaller QCs



Divide-and-quantum hybrid models

the “circuit chop” [9,10]



$$U^{(1,2)} = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{i,j} U_i^{(1)} \otimes U_j^{(2)}$$

$$\tilde{f}_\theta(x) = \sum_{i=1}^T c_i \prod_{k=1}^K \langle 0 | U^{i,k\dagger}(\theta, x) M_k U^{i,k}(\theta, x) | 0 \rangle$$

Exponential in # entangling gates cut

(think of these as hypotheses families/models again)

Can we approximate behaviour with just few terms? Concentration?

Even if yes... which terms? Combinatorial problem...

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Approach:

Combinatorially many sub-circuits...
but differ only in the cut gates.

Make those variational.

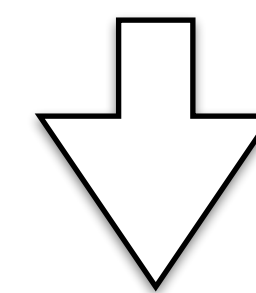
Pre-define number of terms.

Relaxation of combinatorial problem.

Relaxations still all valid solutions (!)
... but no longer truncated large circuits.

➔ Big(er)-quantum-inspired hybrid models

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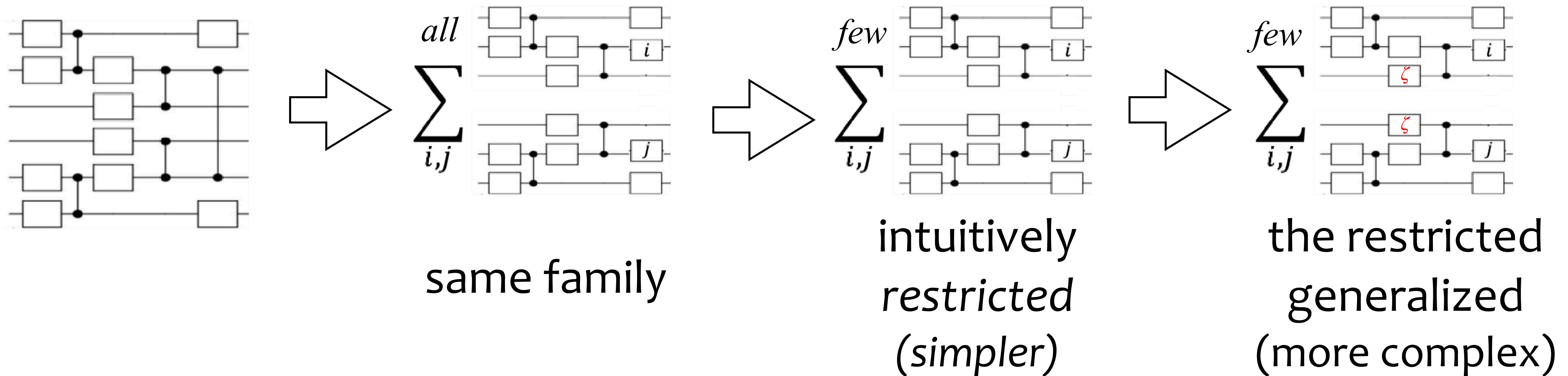
$$\bar{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}}(x) = \sum_{i \in [L]} \lambda_i \prod_{k \in [K]} \langle 0 | U^k(\boldsymbol{\theta}, x, \zeta_{i,k}) M_k U^k(\boldsymbol{\theta}, x, \zeta_{i,k+K}) | 0 \rangle$$

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Findings:

Theory:

Generalization performance: whole-circuit bounds from literature apply.



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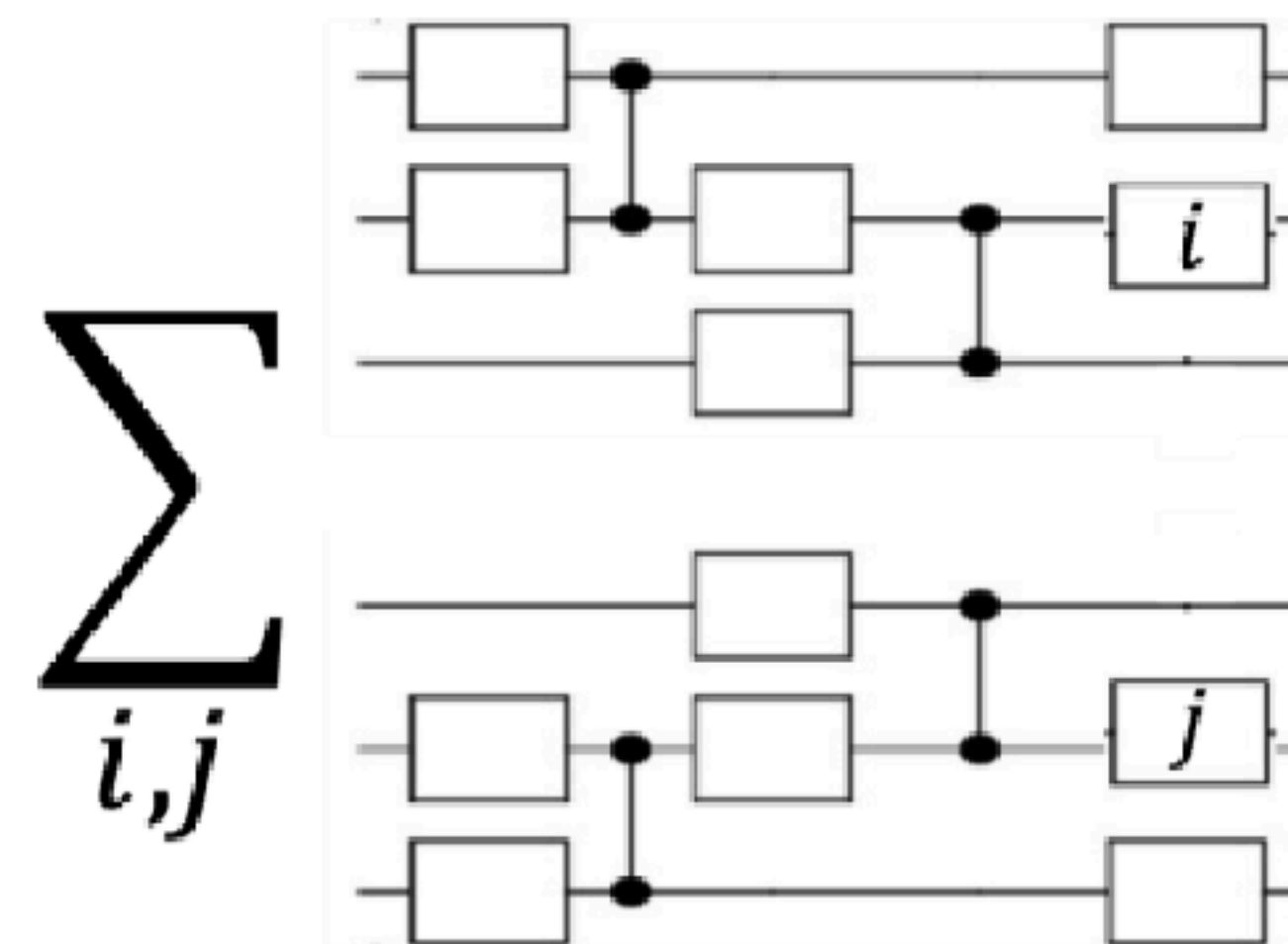
We need new quantum-specific approaches for g. bounds;
Some are possible through rewriting!

Training:

May have **advantages w.r.t. barren plateaus** in training.
Possible error levels can be taken into account

Applications:

A convenient framework for further hybridization
(e.g. localized Fourier functions)



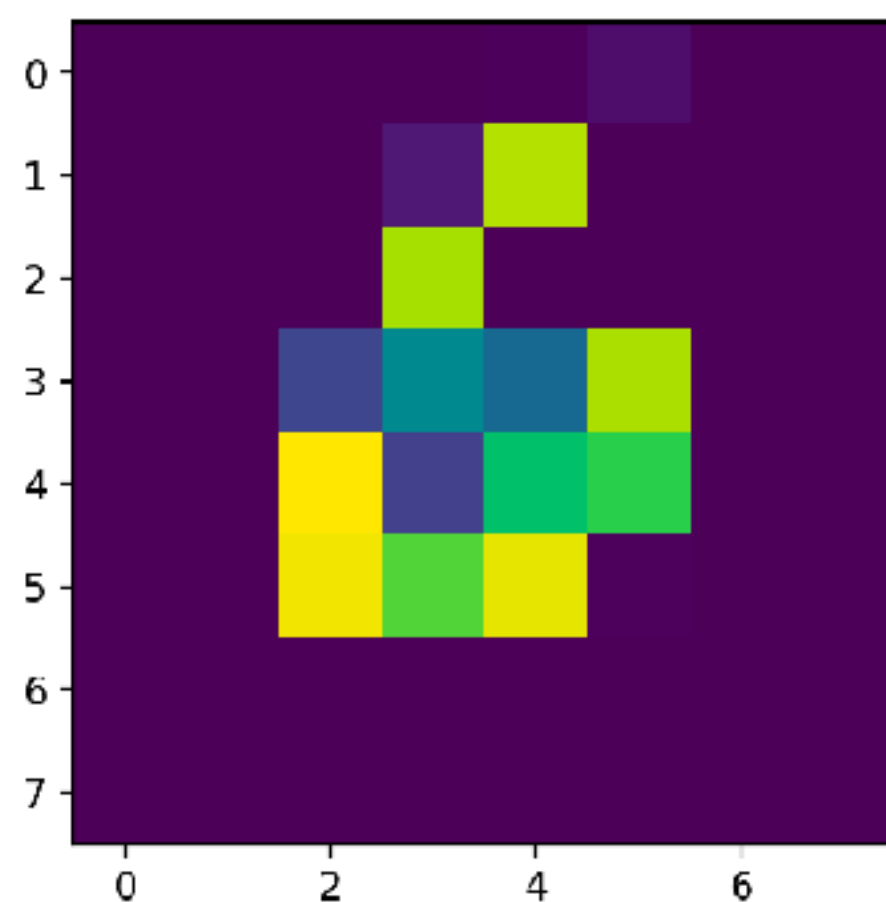
$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G}) \leq \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) + \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{G}).$$

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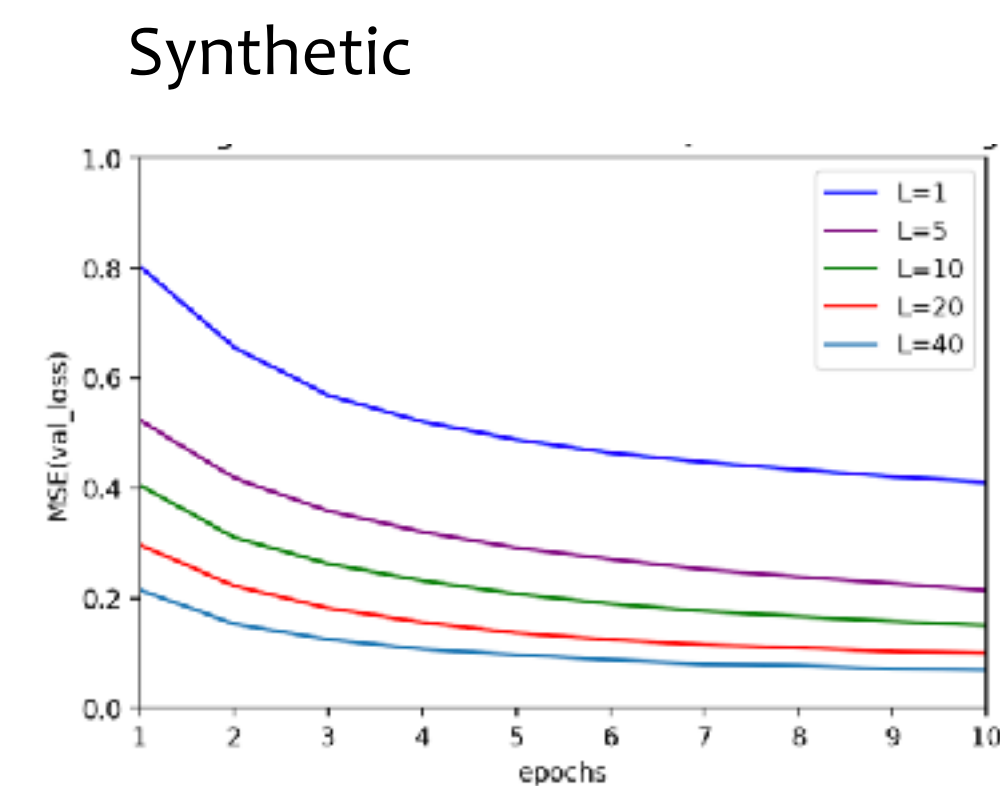
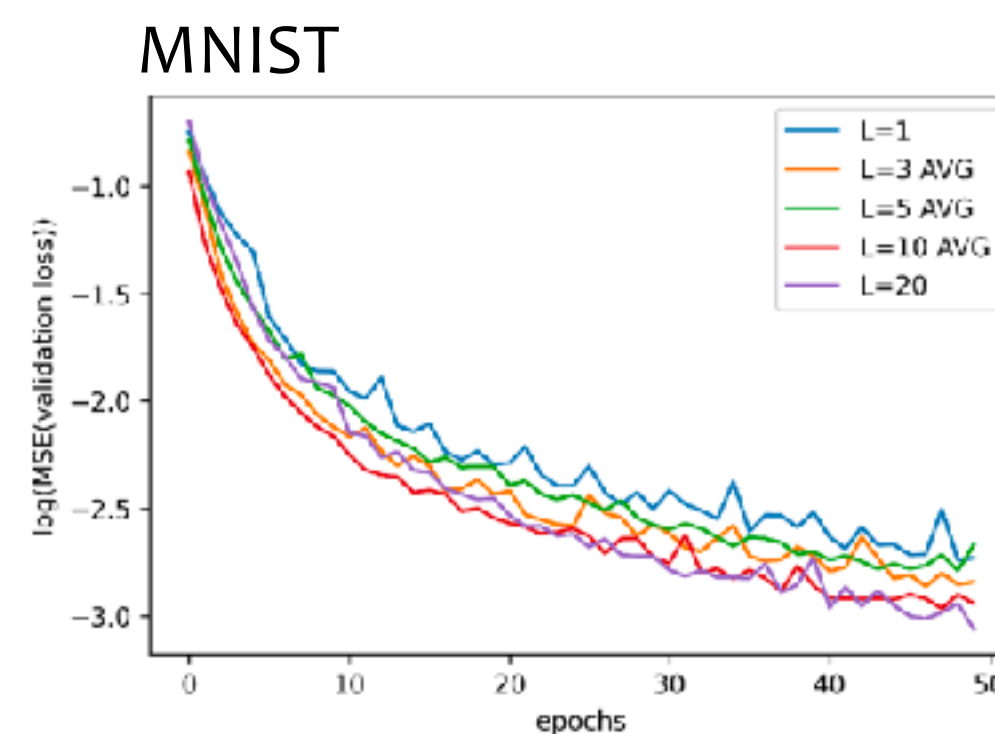
Findings:

Empirical:

Numerics show what one would expect.
For quantum problems more terms improve
Classical not as much



64* qubit case



* 64 > 53, just saying

A take home

All models can be understood via explicit picture.

But each types of QML model has advantages in certain aspects. No one to rule all.

Slicing circuit is a promising starting point to devise hybrid models.

QC has been mostly driven by theory. Real-world ML by empirical success; heuristic. Domain specific.

Theory can be extremely practical, but QML is unlikely to show all it can show using theory alone.

Need case studies *and tools to do them*. Domain analyses...

Quantum Machine Learning Beyond Kernel Methods, arxiv:2110.13162
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https://www.tensorflow.org/quantum/tutorials/quantum_reinforcement_learning

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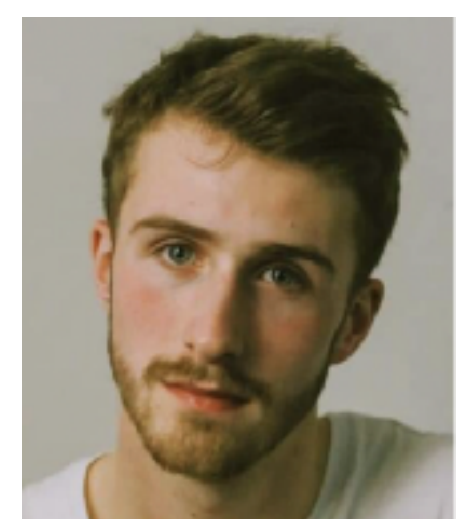
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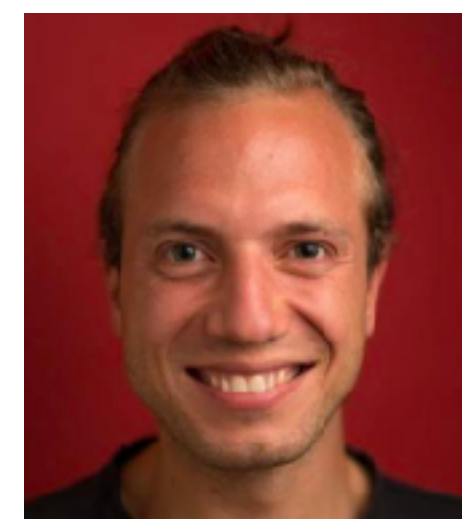
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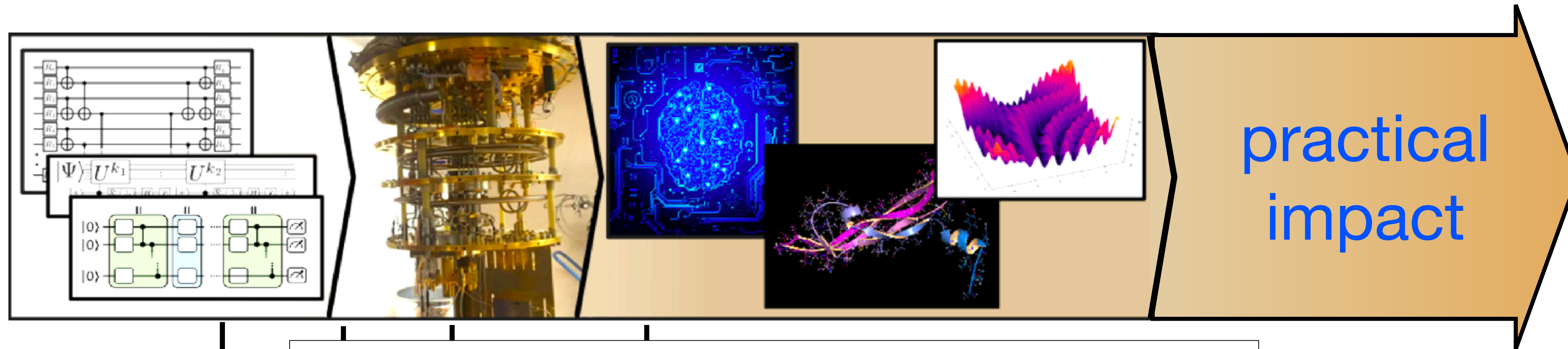
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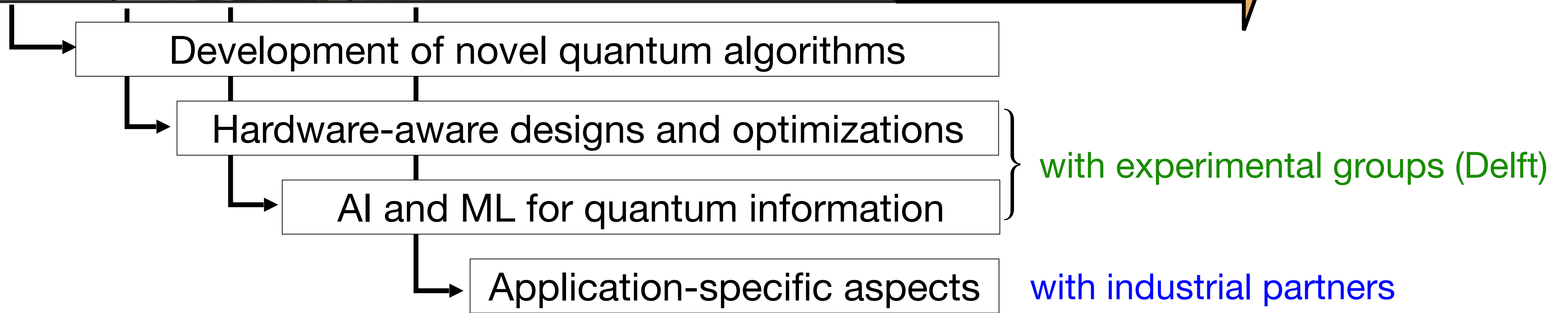
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