

# Quantum Machine Learning

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# Quantum Information: the New Frontier?

- Exponential increases in processing power
- Possibility of computing “impossible” things

For several decades, macroscopic quantum computers have been “ten years away”

Hardware problems of

- scaling
- noise
- decoherence

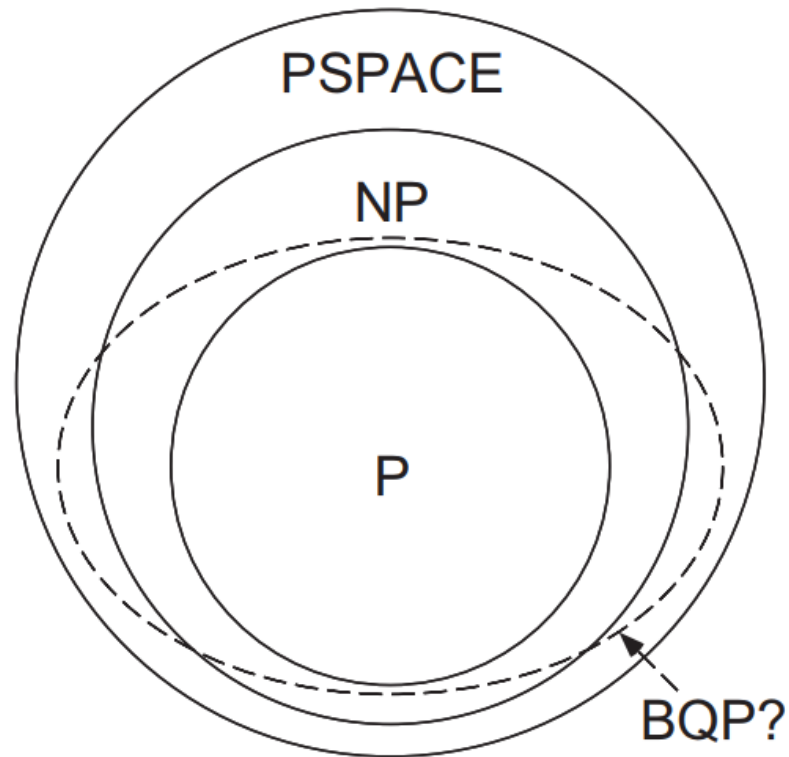
Software problems such as error correction

- Algorithm construction - not easy even for simple problems!

# Standard Approaches

- “building block” strategy: a procedure is formulated as a sequence of steps (quantum gates)’ or alternatively
- Analog computing strategy in which the ground state of a physical system is the answer to a binary optimization problem

# The Power of quantum computing?



# Quantum machine learning

- Generate truly quantum “algorithms”
- Discover quantum advantage
- Resilience to disturbances/errors in models
- Resilience to decoherence
- Resilience to incomplete/damaged data
- Automatic scaleup
- Universality

# 2-slit experiment: bullets

Top slit open

$$P_1$$

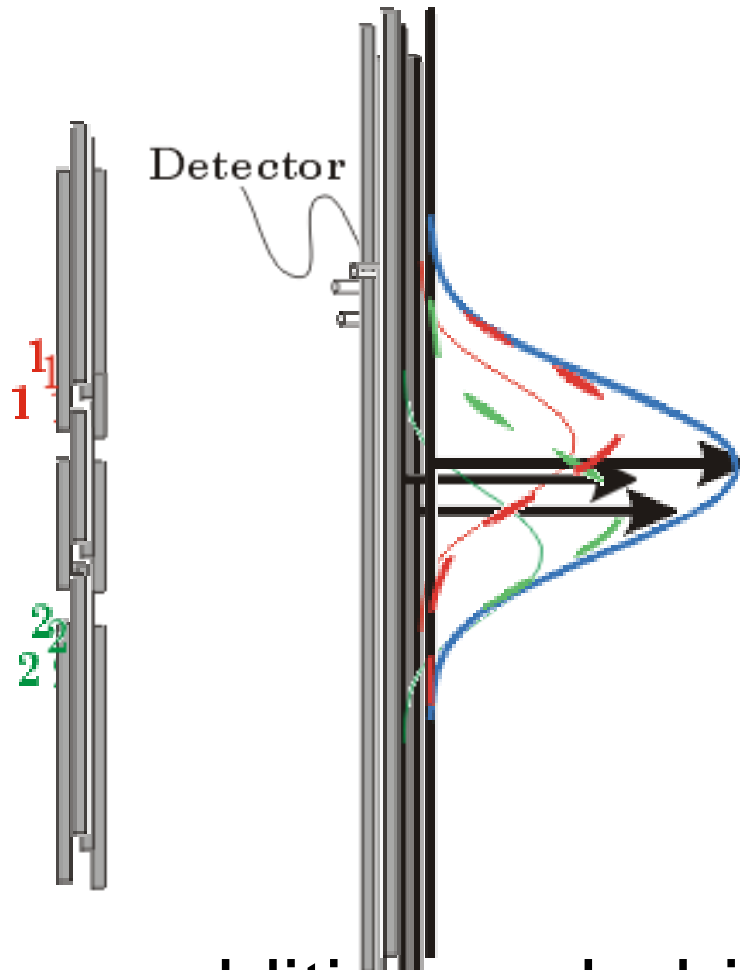
$$P_2$$

$$P_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

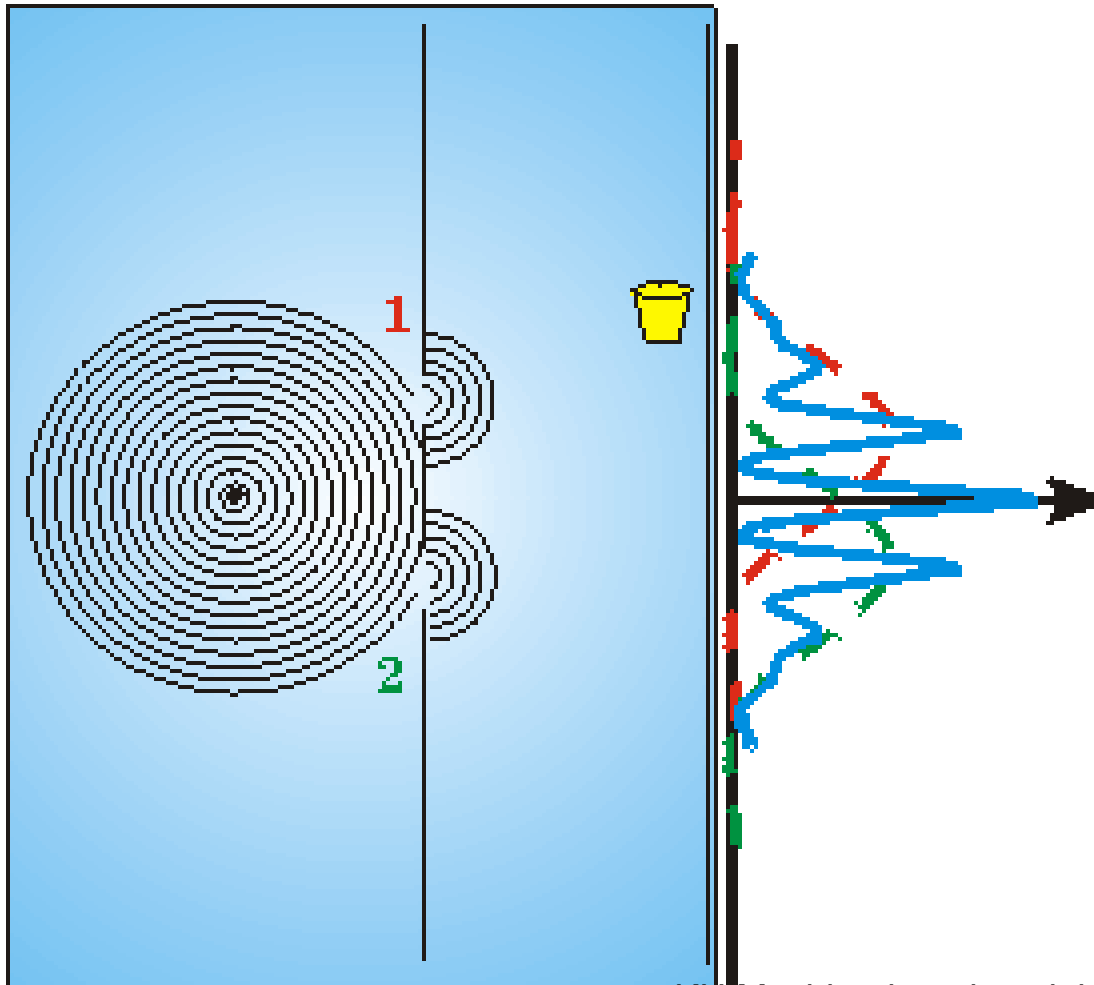


Bottom slit open

Both slits open – additive probabilities for  
exclusive events - Laplace



# 2-slit water experiment - interference



$$I = |\phi|^2$$

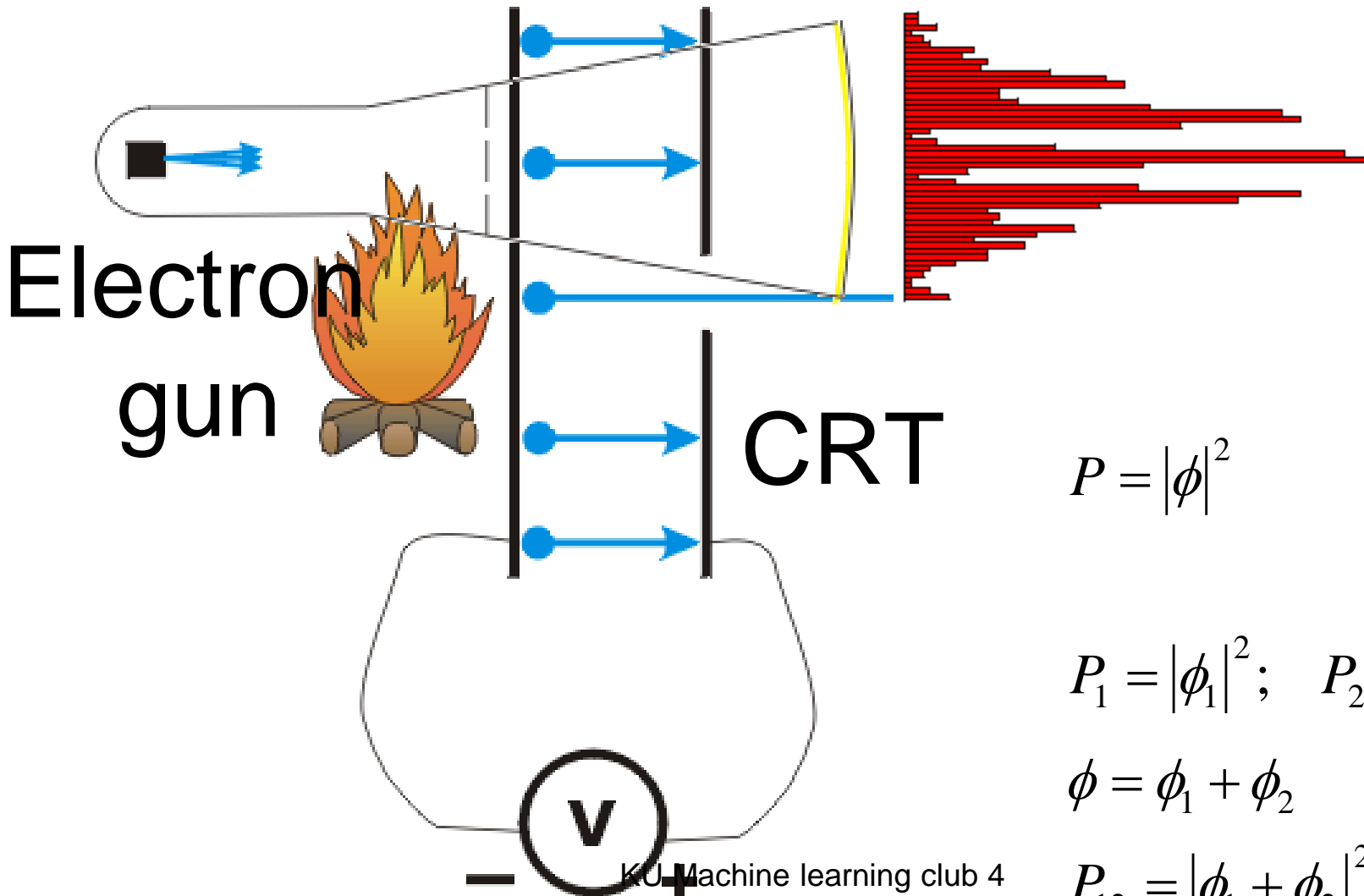
$$\phi = \phi_1 + \phi_2$$

$$I_1 = |\phi_1|^2; \quad I_2 = |\phi_2|^2$$

$$I_{12} = |\phi_1 + \phi_2|^2$$



# How about one at a time?



$$P = |\phi|^2$$

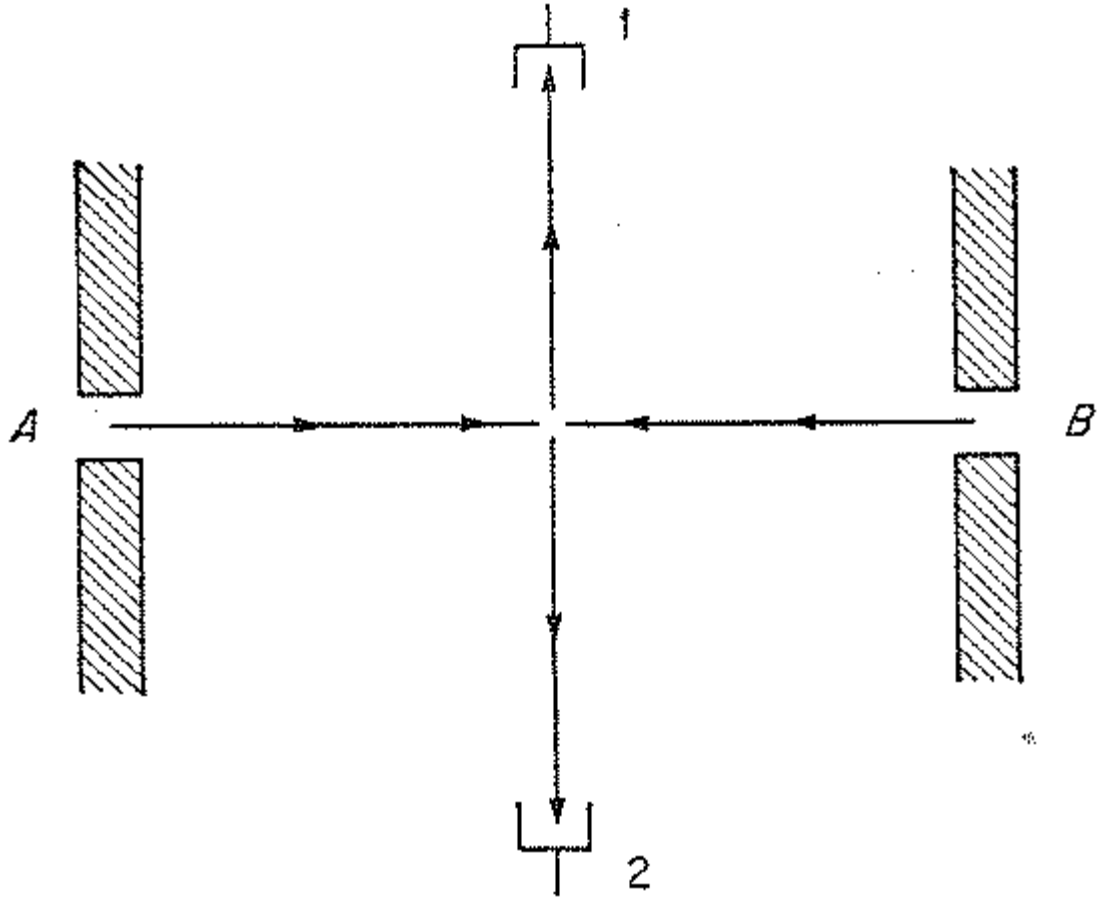
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# Look f

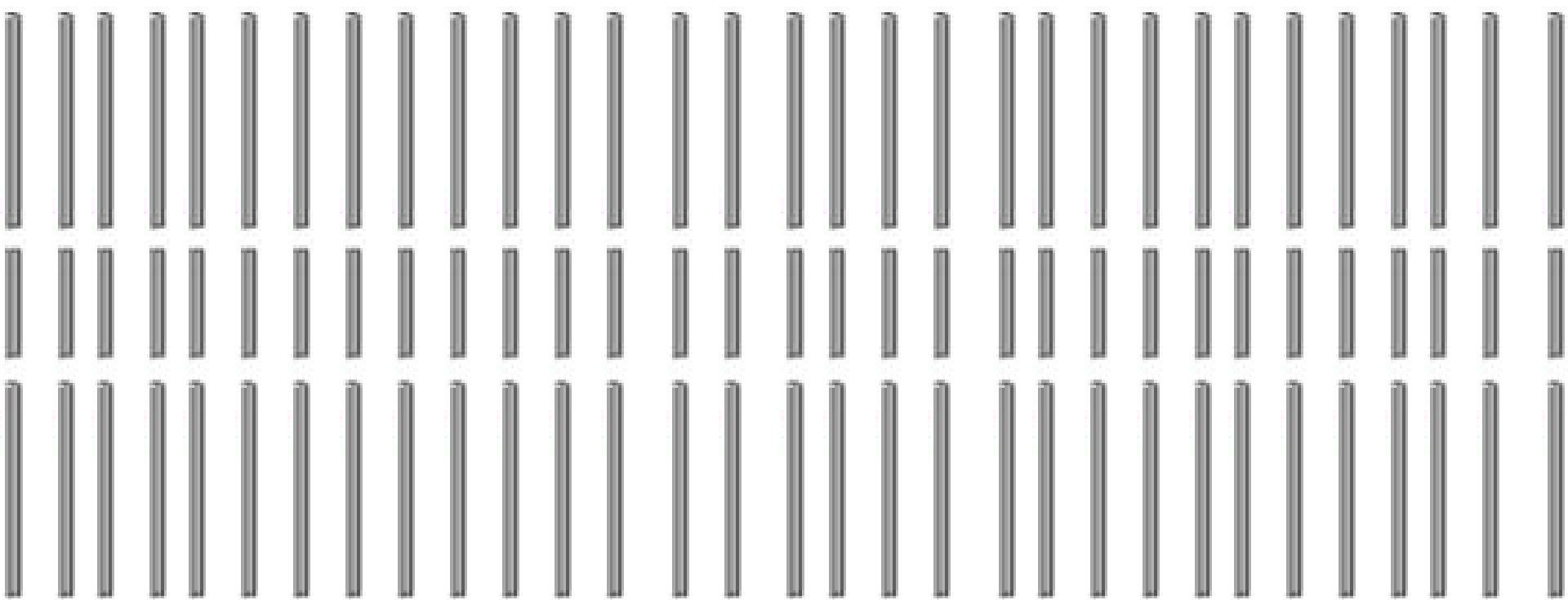
- See none: W
- See them all: P
- See some: W+F



- Worse – if we COULD look (but don't)! - P

$$p = |\Phi_{AB}(1,2)|^2$$

$$|\Phi_{AB}(1,2)|^2 + |\Phi_{AB}(2,1)|^2 = 2p \quad |\Phi_{AB}(1,2) + \Phi_{AB}(2,1)|^2 = 4p$$



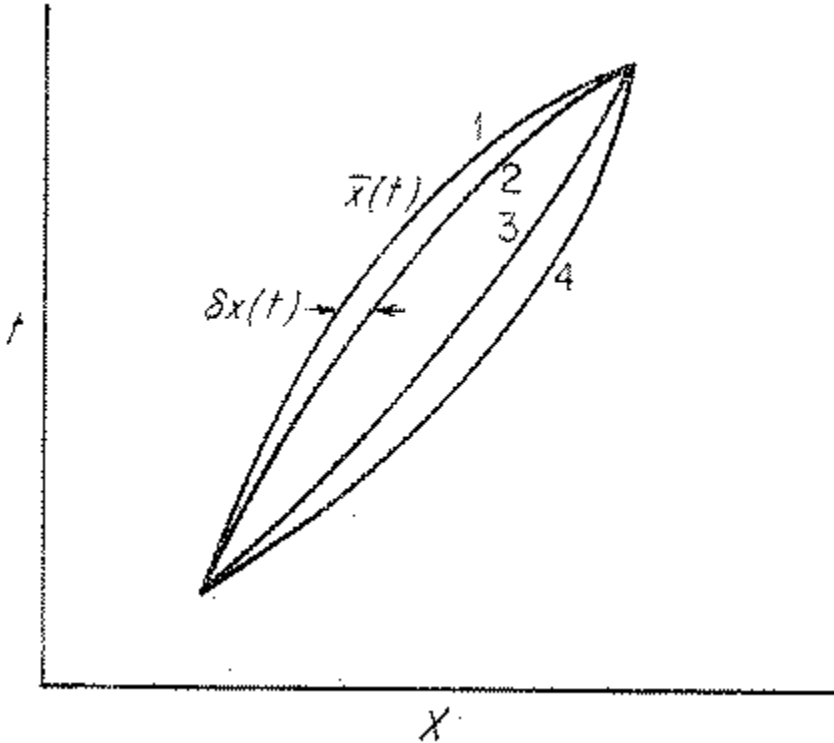
# Path integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(l,0;r,t) &= \sum_{strings\{\alpha\}} \phi_N(l,0;\alpha_1, \frac{t}{N}; \alpha_2, \frac{2t}{N}; \alpha_3, \frac{3t}{N}; \dots; \alpha_N, \frac{t(N-1)}{N}; r, t) \\ &= \sum_{strings\{\alpha\}} K(l,0;\alpha_1, \frac{t}{N}) K(\alpha_2, \frac{2t}{N}; \alpha_3, \frac{3t}{N}) \dots K(\alpha_N, \frac{t(N-1)}{N}; r, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{\hbar} \begin{pmatrix} H_{rr} & H_{rl} \\ H_{lr} & H_{ll} \end{pmatrix} \Delta t$$

$$\phi(l,0;r,t) = \int_{x(0)=l}^{x(t)=r} D[x(t)] e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H(t) dt}$$

# Classical mechanics



a few nearby  
paths

# Schrodinger Algorithm

$$|\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle = [1 - iH\Delta t/\hbar]|\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$\frac{|\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle - |\psi(t)\rangle}{\Delta t} = \frac{-i}{\hbar} H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi(t)\rangle}{\partial t} = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

# How to do Quantum Mechanics

$$x \rightarrow x_{op} \qquad x \rightarrow x_{op} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p}$$

$$p \rightarrow p_{op} = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \qquad p \rightarrow p_{op}$$

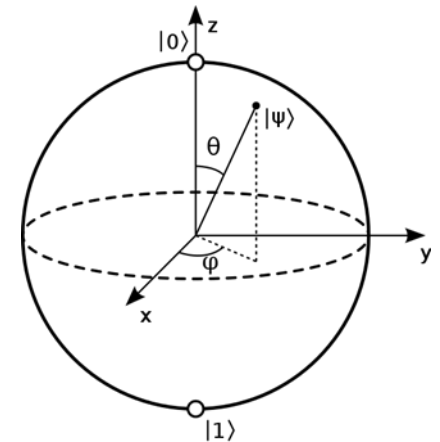
$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$p = \frac{h}{\lambda} \qquad [x, p] = i\hbar$$

# Qubits vs classical bits

$|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$  vector “in z basis”:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle, & \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \\ &= \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle \end{aligned}$$



Compare:  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$





# Multiple qubits

$|0\rangle|0\rangle$   $|0\rangle|1\rangle$   $|1\rangle|0\rangle$   $|1\rangle|1\rangle$ , or  $|00\rangle$   $|01\rangle$   $|10\rangle$   $|11\rangle$

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|10\rangle + \alpha_{11}|11\rangle$$

compare:  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$

Superposition gives us entanglement!

# Entanglement

Two possible states:  $|\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle$

Or:  $\alpha |\uparrow\rangle + \beta |\downarrow\rangle = \cos(\theta) |\uparrow\rangle + \sin(\theta) |\downarrow\rangle$

Now suppose two electrons:  $(\alpha |\uparrow\rangle + \beta |\downarrow\rangle)(\gamma |\uparrow\rangle + \delta |\downarrow\rangle)$ ?  
 $a |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + b |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + c |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + d |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

Check:  $\alpha\gamma |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + \alpha\delta |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \beta\gamma |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \beta\delta |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

Bell state:  $a |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + d |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

Starting with the Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H, \rho]$$

where  $\rho$  is the density matrix and  $H$  is the Hamiltonian. For an N-qubit system, the Hamiltonian  $H$  is:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N K_{\alpha} \sigma_{x\alpha} + \epsilon_{\alpha} \sigma_{z\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta=1}^N \zeta_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_{z\alpha} \sigma_{z\beta}$$

where  $\{\sigma\}$  are the Pauli operators corresponding to each qubits,  $\{K\}$  are the tunneling amplitudes,  $\{\epsilon\}$  are the biases, and  $\{\zeta\}$  are qubit-qubit couplings. We encode the weights into these parameters.

# Feedforward quantum temporal network

The general solution to the Schrodinger equation is mathematically isomorphic to the equation for information propagation in a neural network

Compare  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -iL\rho$  , where  $L = \frac{2\pi}{ih} [\dots, H]$ , to

$$\phi_i = \sum_j w_{ij} f_j(\phi_j)$$

$$\phi_{output} = F_W \phi_{input}$$

where  $\phi_{output}$  and  $\phi_{input}$  are the output and input vector of the networks.

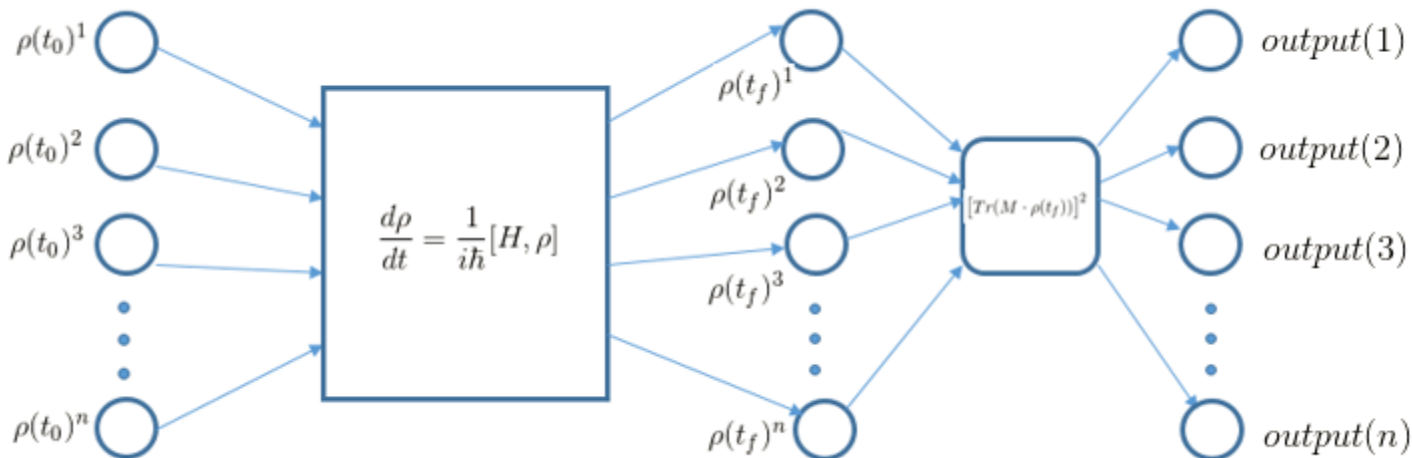
$F_W$  is the network operator, which depends on the neuron connectivity weight matrix  $W$ .

For our system,

- $\rho(0)$  = Input state vector
- $\rho(t_f)$  = Output state vector
- $\{K, \epsilon, \zeta\}$  = Weights of the network, which can be adjusted experimentally as **functions of time** for physical implementation

Our goal is to train the external parameters

$\{K, \epsilon,$   
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# Training paradigms

1. Quantum Backprop (quantum simulation in Matlab)
2. Reinforcement Learning of Fourier Parameters (quantum simulation in Matlab)
3. Reinforcement Learning of quantum circuit (quantum simulation in Qiskit - IBM, Q# - Microsoft)
4. Levenberg-Marquart
5. ...

# Quantum Backprop

Given an initial state,  $\rho(0)$ , the system evolves in time according to the Schrödinger equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \rho]$$

We construct a Lagrangian to be minimized:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} [d - \langle M(T) \rangle] + \int_0^T \lambda^+(t) \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \rho] \right) \gamma(t) dt,$$

where we define the output measure  $M$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} Out &= \langle M(T) \rangle = \text{tr}(\rho(T)M) \\ &= \sum_i p_i |\psi_i(T)\rangle \langle \psi_i(T)| M \\ &= \sum_i p_i \langle \psi_i(T) | M | \psi_i(T) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

We take the first variation of  $L$  with respect to  $\rho$ , set it equal to zero, then integrate by parts to give:

$$\lambda_i \frac{\partial \gamma_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial t} \gamma_j - \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_k \lambda_k H_{ki} \gamma_j + \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_k \lambda_i H_{jk} \gamma_k = 0,$$

with the boundary conditions at the final time  $T$  given by

$$- [d - \langle M(T) \rangle] M_{ji} + \lambda_i(T) \gamma_j(T) = 0.$$



The gradient descent learning rule is given by

$$w_{new} = w_{old} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w},$$

for each weight parameter  $w$ , where  $\eta$  is the learning rate and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T \lambda^+(t) \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial w}, \rho \right] \gamma(t) dt \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T \sum_{i,j,k} \left( \lambda_i(t) \frac{\partial H_{ik}}{\partial w} \rho_{kj} \gamma_j - \lambda_i(t) \rho_{ik} \frac{\partial H_{kj}}{\partial w} \gamma_j \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

# Reinforcement Learning

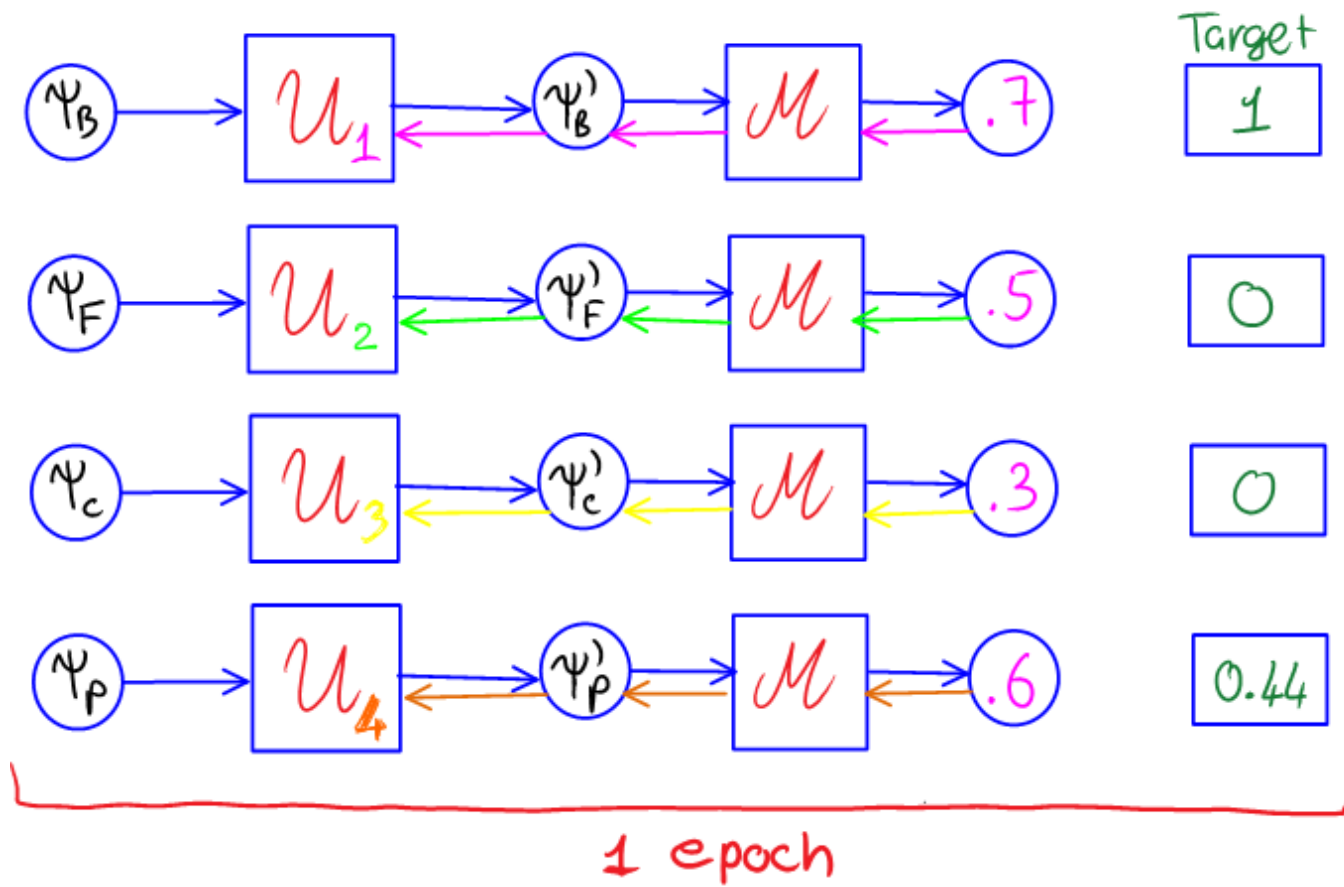
1. Initial error  $E$  computed
2. A parameter  $P$  is perturbed

$$P_{new} = P + \Delta P$$

3. New error computed with perturbed parameter
4. Error gradient computed

$$Grad = \frac{E_{new} - E}{\Delta P}$$

5. Parameter updated using the gradient and a learning rate  $P = P - \eta Grad$  for each training pair and each parameter.



- Can it do known classical neural network calculations?
  - Logic gates **yes**
  - Pattern recognition/classification **yes**
  - Function reproduction **yes**
- Can it do known quantum calculations?  
**Yes – this is quantum universality -**
- Can it do UNKNOWN quantum calculations?

## Algorithm construction

- What is essentially non-classical/quantum mechanical?
  - Superposition – a “qubit” can be in simultaneous mutually exclusive states
  - Entanglement – a consequence of superposition – crucial to most quantum computing/information applications
  - Separability is NP-hard (2003, Gurvitz)

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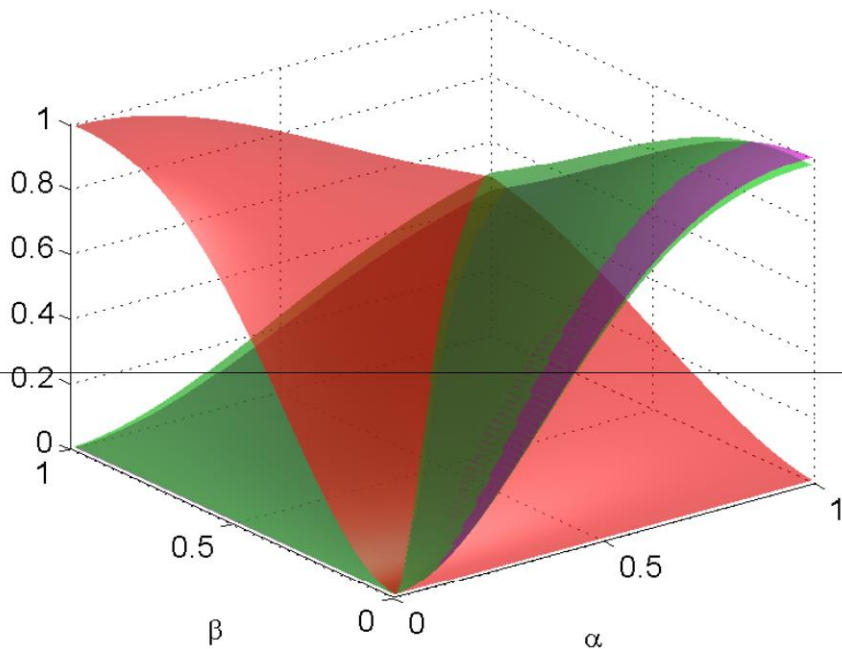
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- Experimental measure for entanglement?
- Prepare a highly entangled state?

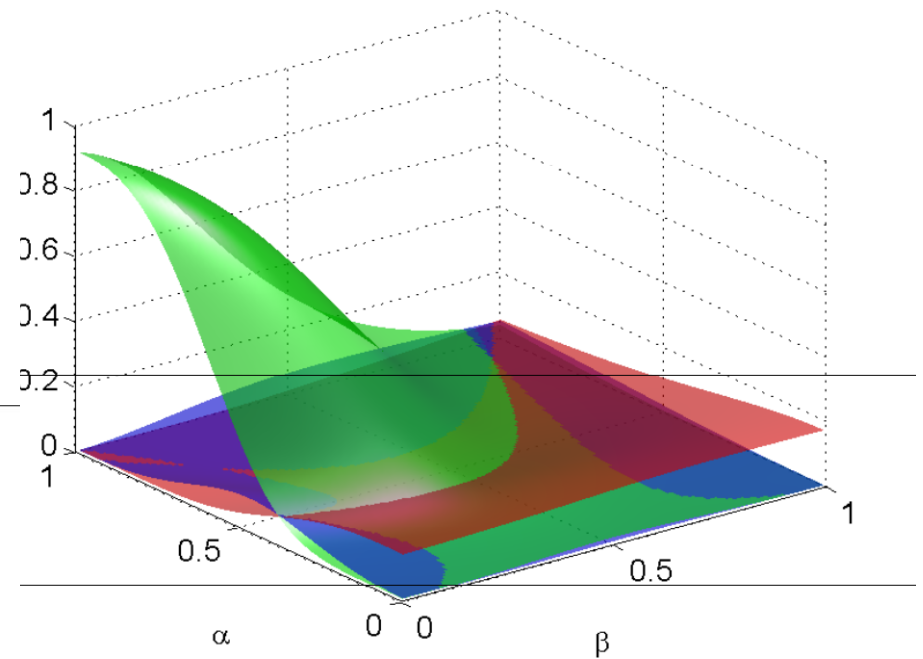
## Entanglement indicator

# QNN learns to calculate its own entanglement

Entanglement of  $\alpha|110\rangle + |000\rangle + \beta|111\rangle$

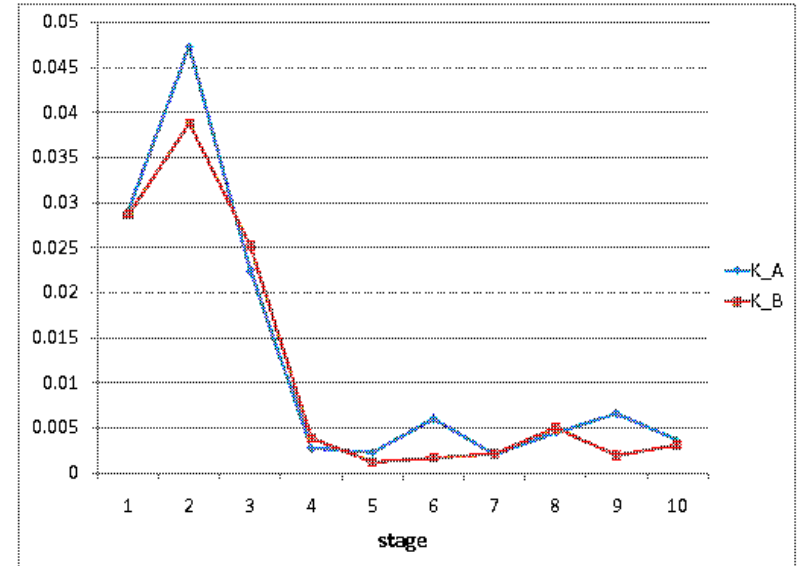
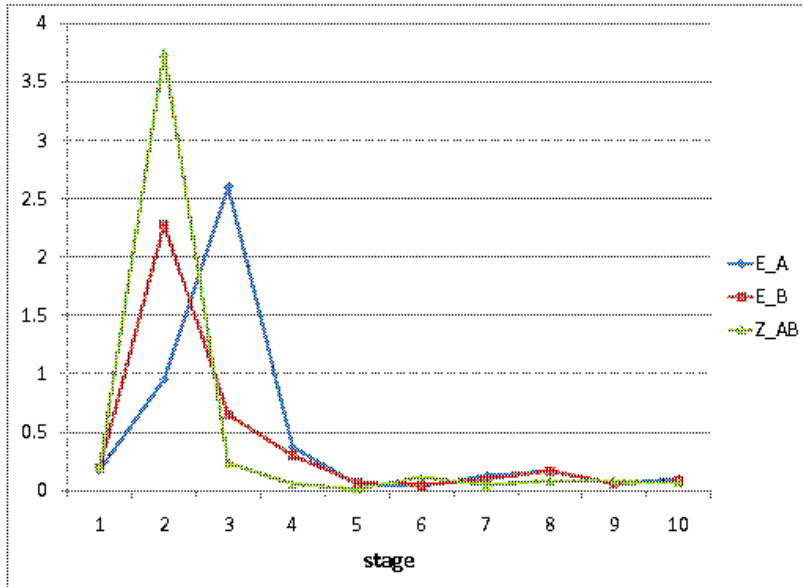


Entanglement of superposition



# “Bootstrapping” to larger systems: a partial solution to the scaling problem

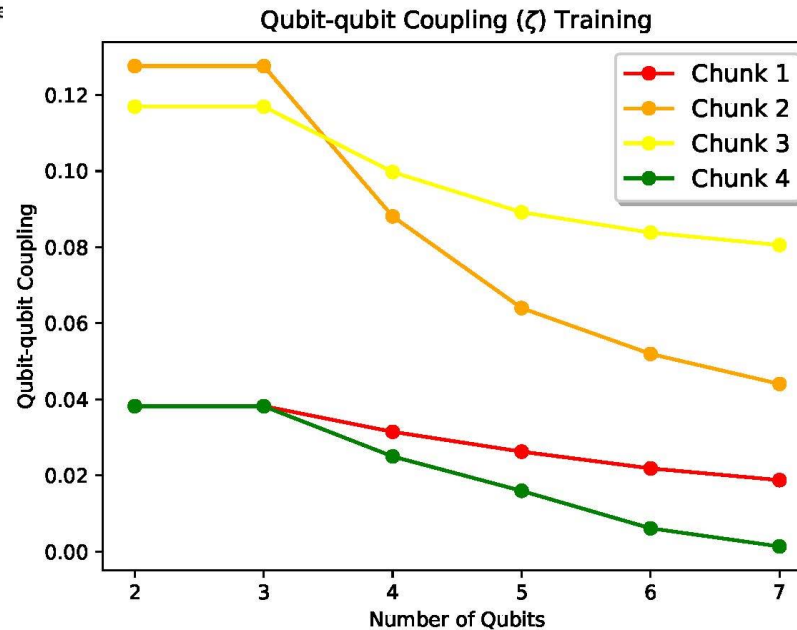
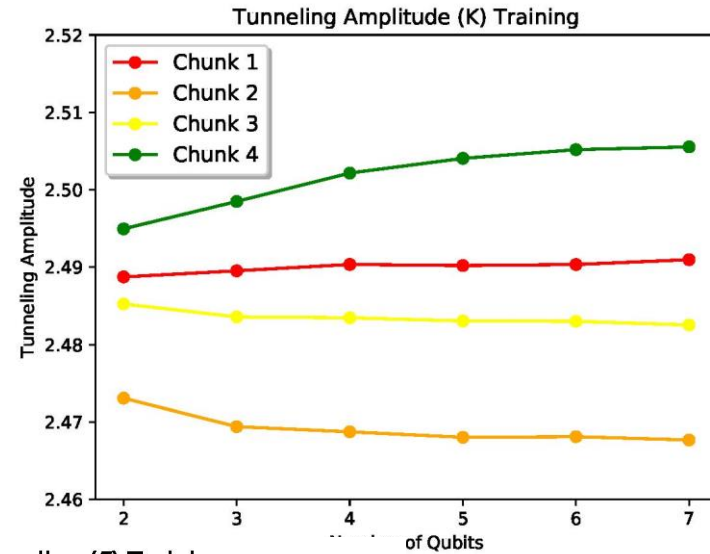
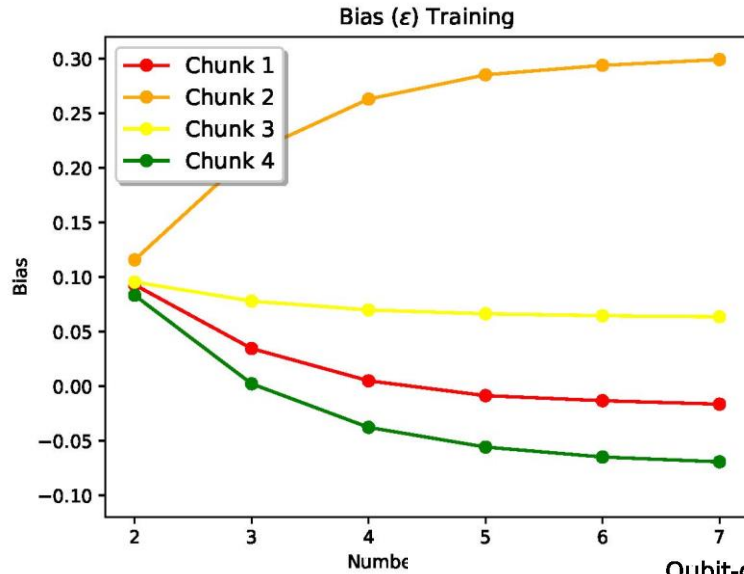
- Use trained parameter functions found for  $n$  as starting point for training functions for  $n+1$
- Entanglement indicator: for  $n$  qubits,  $\binom{n}{2}$  pairs;  $\binom{n}{3}$  triplets, etc.



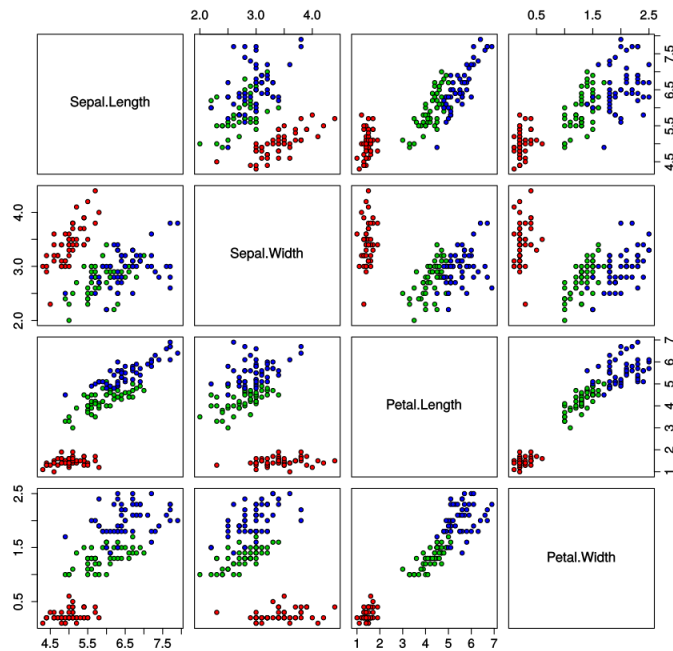
# Power of interconnectivity



# Asymptotic limit?



Iris Data (red=setosa,green=versicolor,blue=virginica)



RVNN: 50,000 epochs  
 CVNN: 1000 epochs  
 QNN: 100 epochs

Training Pairs	Training RMS (%)			Testing RMS (%)			Testing Accuracy (%)		
	RVNN	CVNN	QNN	RVNN	CVNN	QNN	RVNN	CVNN	QNN
75	3.45	2.06	0.96	3.71	7.78	2.31	100	100	97.3
30	0.51	0.41	1.1	4.97	9.47	9.78	93.3	96.0	97.5
12	0.69	0.09	0.62	11.9	16.4	7.48	85.3	94.7	85.5

# Benchmarking: classical problem

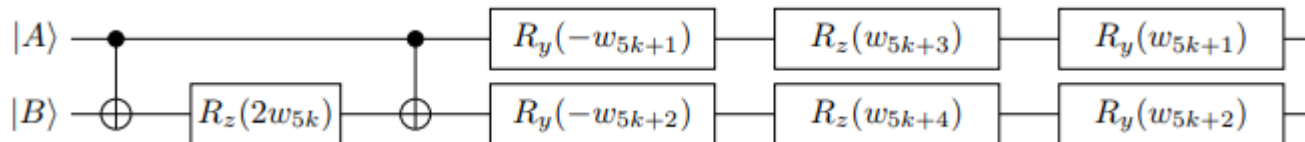
# Benchmarking: Quantum problem

Training Pairs	Training RMS error (%)			
	N.Works	RVNN	CVNN	QNN
100	5.66	3.74	0.97	0.04
50	5.96	5.89	0.53	0.09
20	6.49	4.97	0.04	0.2
4	0.00	0.93	0.01	0.2

Training Pairs	Testing RMS error(%)			
	N.Works	ANN	CVNN	QNN
100	7.56	5.39	3.61	0.2
50	7.91	10.7	6.00	0.3
20	13.6	15.5	9.48	0.4
4	48.2	51.9	55.0	0.4

# Reverse engineering

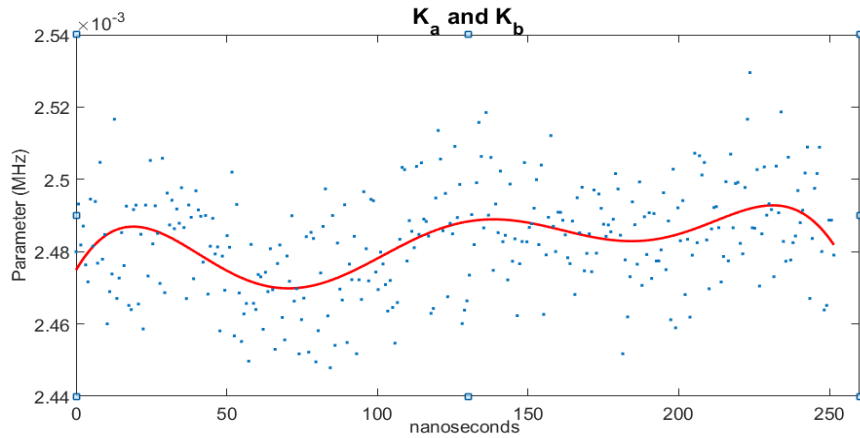
- Solovey-Kitaev Theorem: Any quantum operation can be approximated by a sequence of gates from any universal set (e.g., H, rotations, CNOT)
- A solution to one of the challenges in q computing: state preparation
- The parameters bootstrap experimentally providing a possible mesoscopic pairwise entanglement indicator



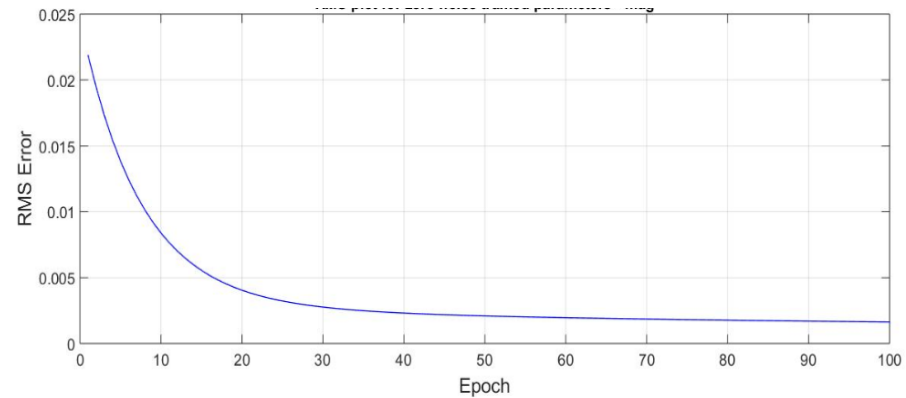
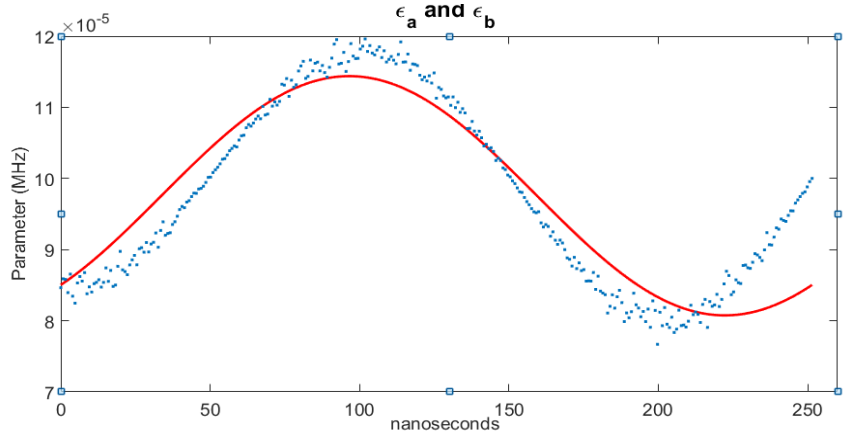
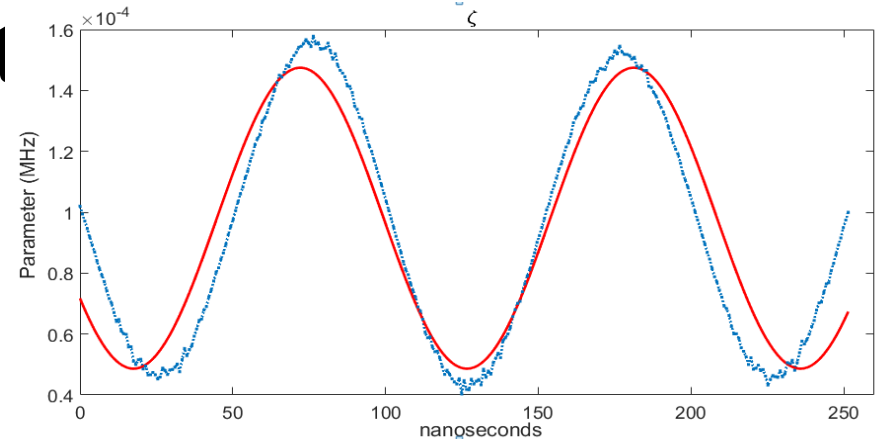
# Noise and decoherence

- Real physical systems are noisy
- Models are always approximate
- Real quantum systems also decohere
- Classically, neural nets are robust to noise and to incomplete and/or damaged data
- QNN? – yes!

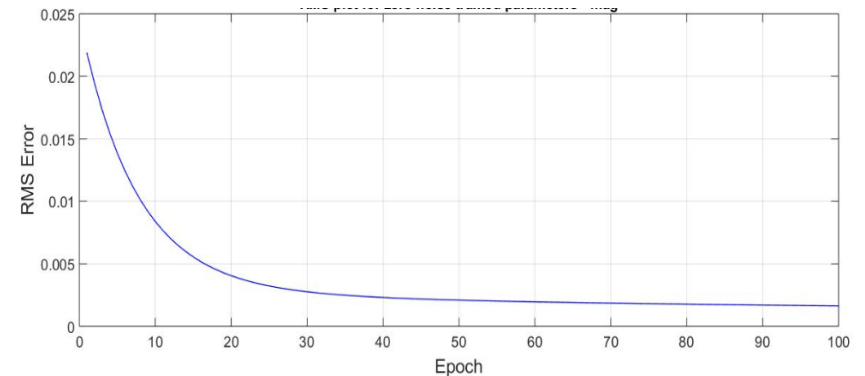
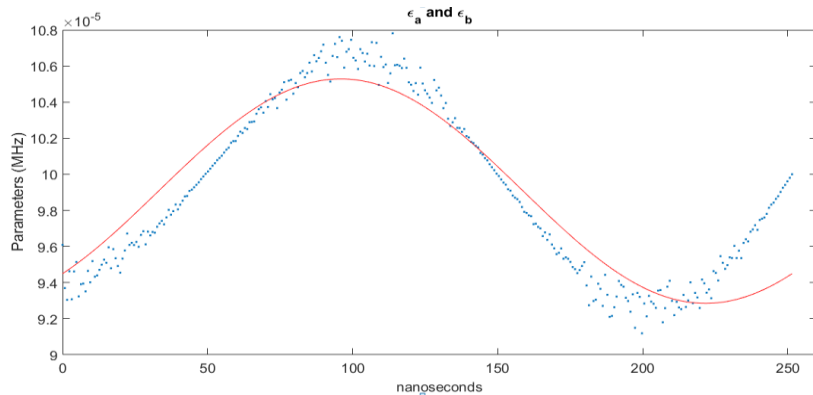
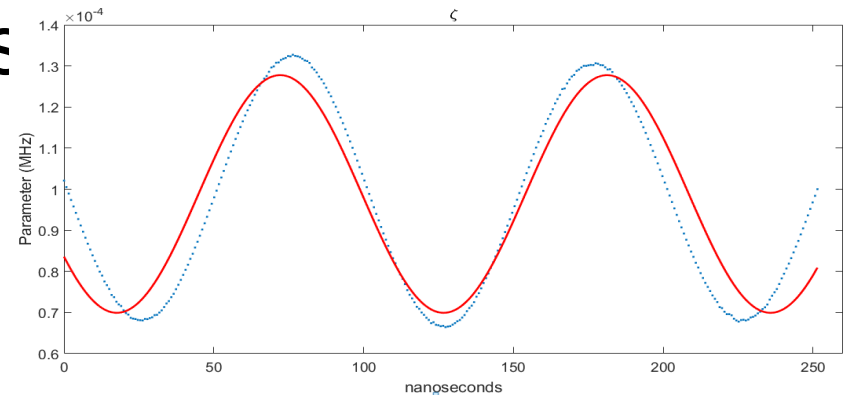
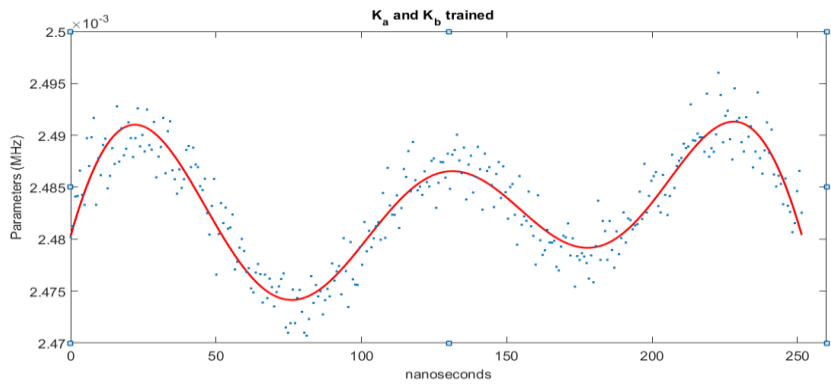
# Training with (magnitude) noise- parameters



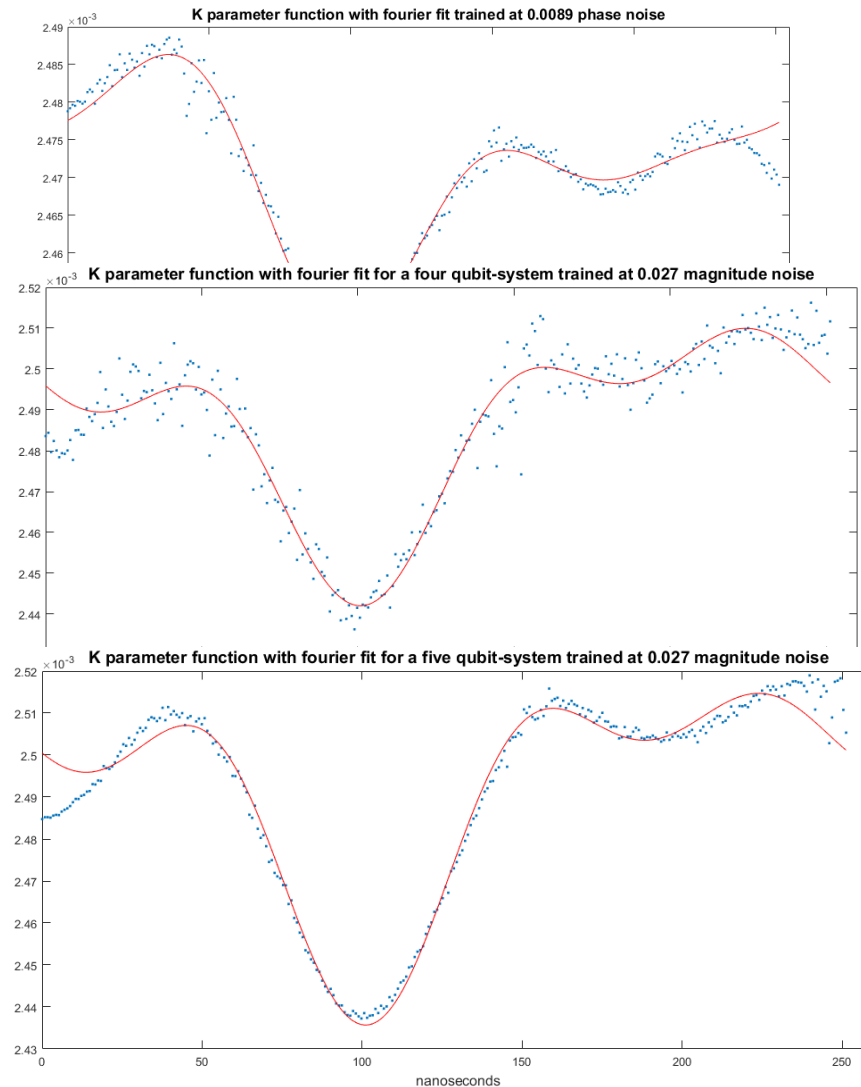
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# Training with (phase noise) decoherence- ers



# Robustness increases with size!





# The marriage of quantum computing and machine learning can

1. Design algorithms
2. Provide robustness to noise and to decoherence
3. Provide automatic scaleup
4. Equivalent universality
5. Work in any experimental implementation
6. Take unknown factors into account

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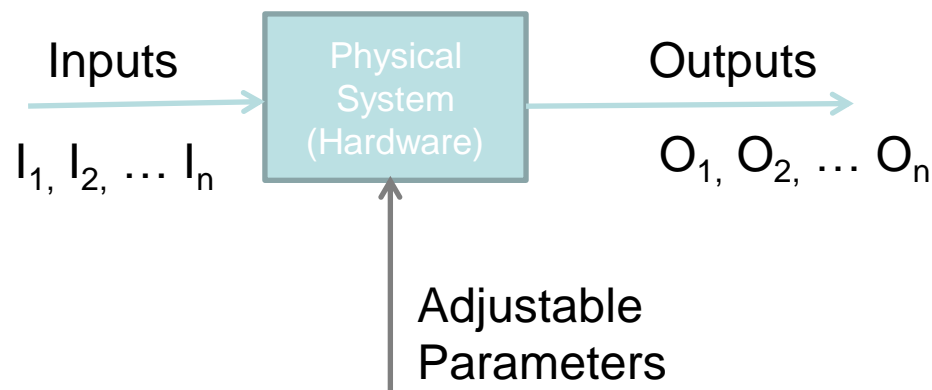
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# Recent Relevant References

# Our Contributions to Quantum Machine Learning



Learning: Choosing Adjustable Parameters **from examples** to get correct I->O map

- Quantum Dots – learned 2 input classical and quantum logic gates (1993-2002)
- Developed temporal and spatial architectures (1993-5)
- Learned 2, 3 qubit quantum gates (2005)
- Quantum processing and storage in spatial arrays (1993-2004)
- Genetic algorithm for finding pulse sequences for nmr computing (2009)
- Learned Entanglement Witness for 2,3, 4, 5, 6 qubits (2002-2008)
- Learned and corrected phase shifts in quantum states(2013)
- Learned Entanglement Indicator robust to Noise, Decoherence (2015)
- Learned Quantum Annealing to entangled states 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 qubits (2016)
- Complexity and power of qnn vs complex valued nn (2017)
- Bootstrapping (partial knowledge for inference to larger) (2018)
- Benchmarking against RVNN, CVNN (2019)
- Experimental entanglement witness for NISQ machines (2019)