
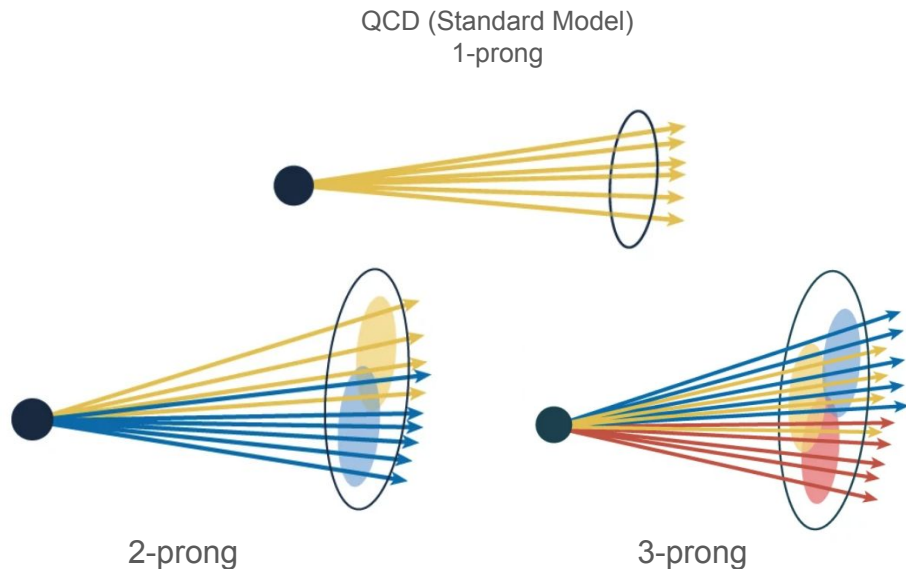


1P1Q: Particle Physics Data Encoding for Machine Learning on Quantum Computers

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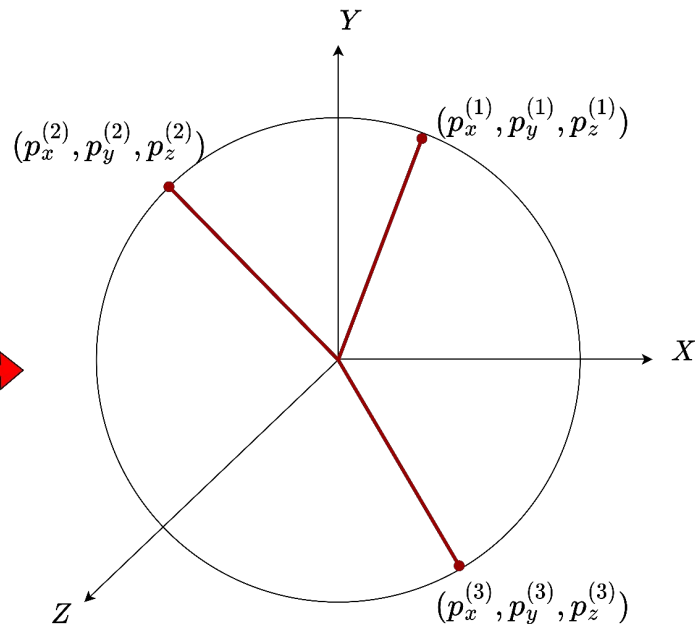
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- Plenty of direct searches the past decade - no hints of new physics
- Are we missing something?
- Anomaly detection → search for outliers
- Model agnostic → wide coverage → reduce reliance on specific hypotheses

- Future experiments → higher data rates, faster inference requirements
- Existing **classical** techniques → could saturate in future
- Way out - newer computing paradigms → potentially unlock:
 - Better representations
 - Powerful *operations* to manipulate data?

$p_x^{(1)}$	$p_y^{(1)}$	$p_z^{(1)}$
$p_x^{(2)}$	$p_y^{(2)}$	$p_z^{(2)}$
$p_x^{(3)}$	$p_y^{(3)}$	$p_z^{(3)}$



- Quantum mechanical phenomena → entanglement, superposition, tunneling → **no classical** equivalents → entirely **new** paradigms

- Entanglement → uncover deeper patterns in data and capture higher order correlations

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Superposition → efficient representation of multidimensional data

- **Quantum representations** of data → more information
- Parameter complexity advantage



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

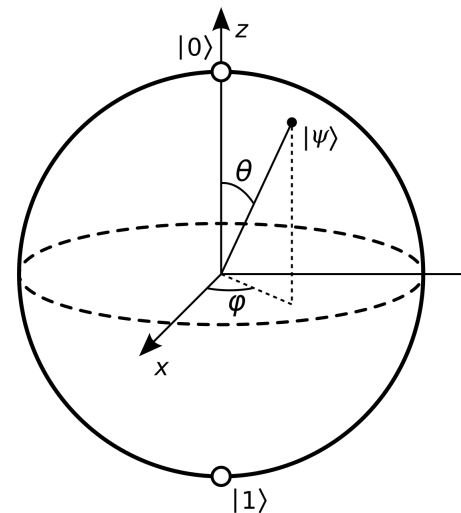


$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



What is Quantum Computing?

- Building block: *qubits*
- Classical bit: either 0 or 1
- Qubit \rightarrow superposition of $|0\rangle$'s and $|1\rangle$'s \rightarrow  and 
- Point on unit sphere \rightarrow described by two parameters (θ, ϕ)
 \rightarrow same for a **qubit**



$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \quad \Longrightarrow \quad |\psi\rangle = \cos(\theta/2) |0\rangle + e^{-i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) |1\rangle$$

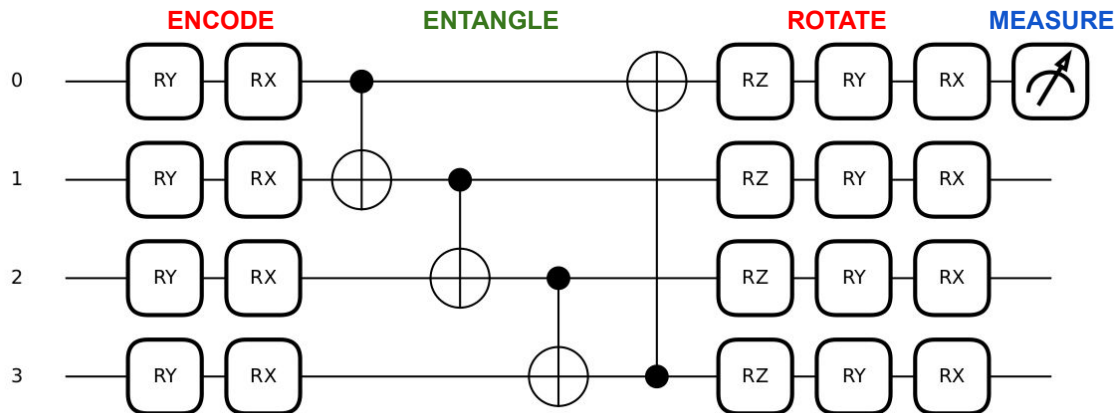
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- Recipe → **Encode**, **Entangle**, **Rotate**, **Measure**

QML: makes these trainable

Observable

Most existing work focused here

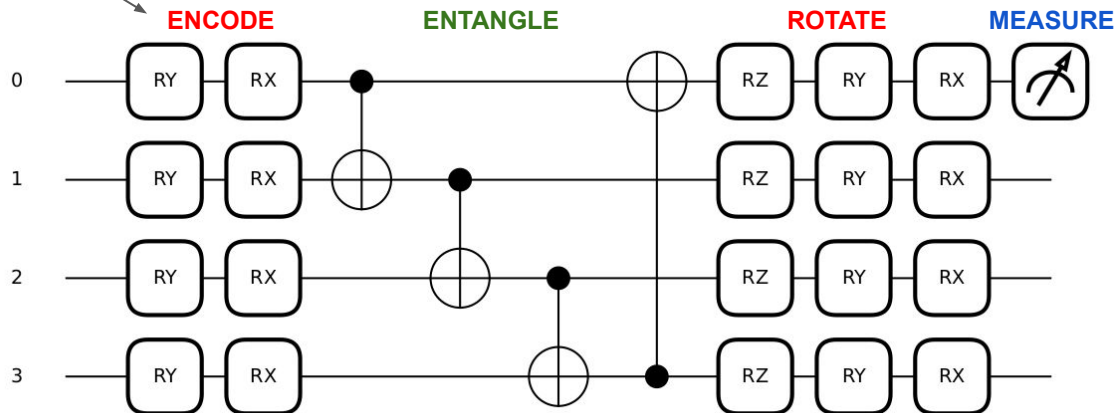


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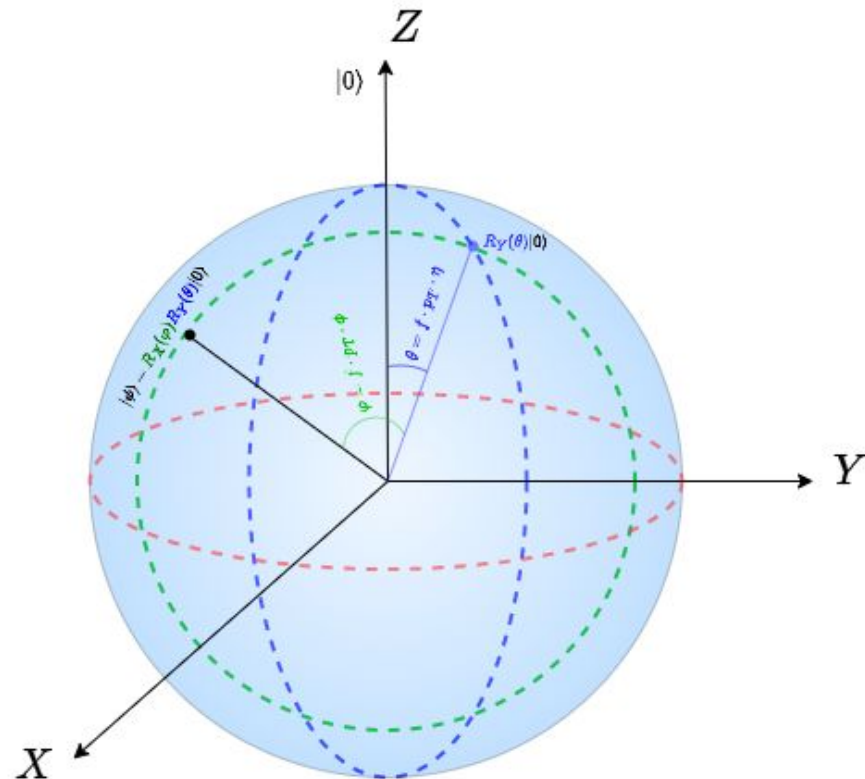
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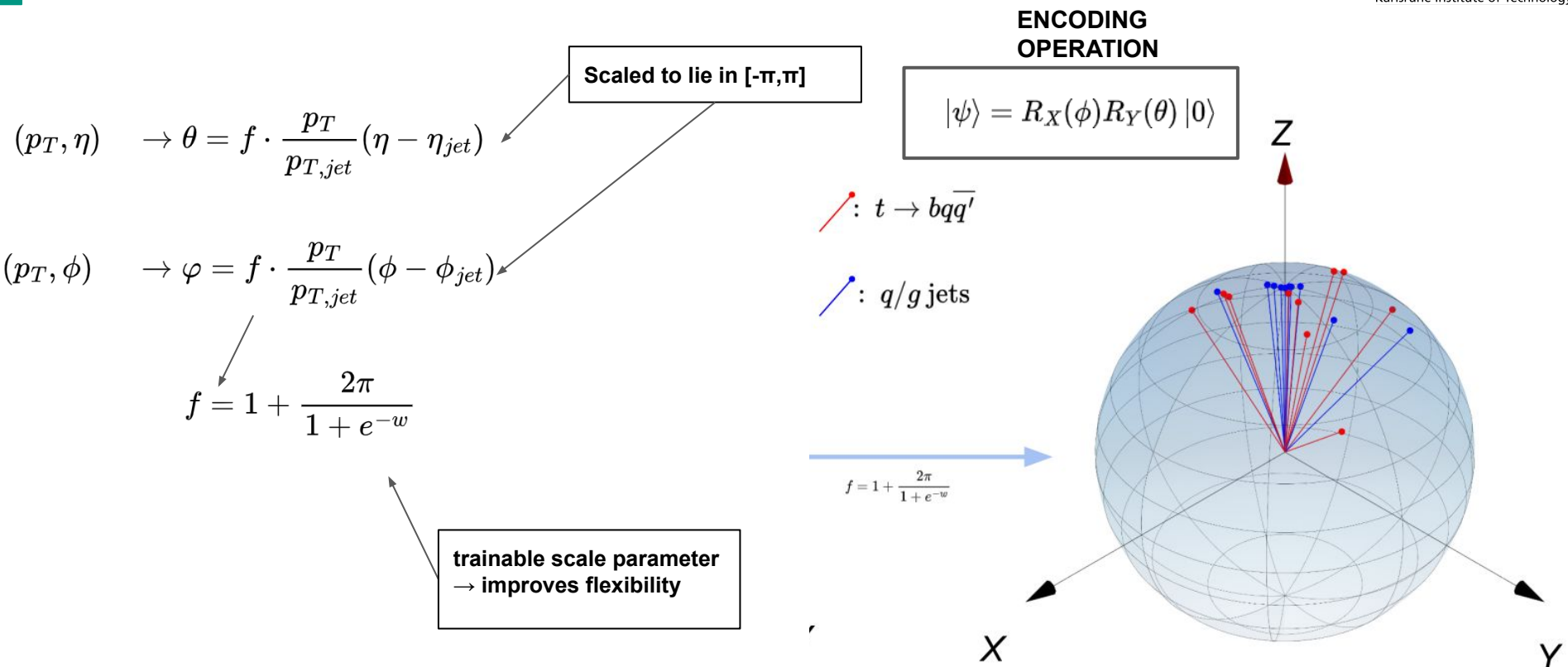
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Introducing One-Particle →
One-Qubit



- Keep it simple:
 - **1P1Q** \rightarrow 1 Particle gets represented by 1 Qubit
 - Encode kinematic features (p_T , η , ϕ) per particle using rotations
 - 1 Jet \rightarrow N qubits = N hardest particles
- Highly flexible encoding for **anomaly detection** and beyond
- Purely quantum \rightarrow no classical pre-processing or hybrid learning approach

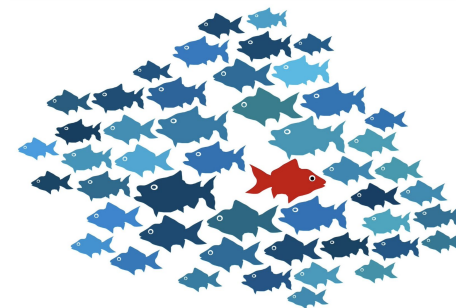
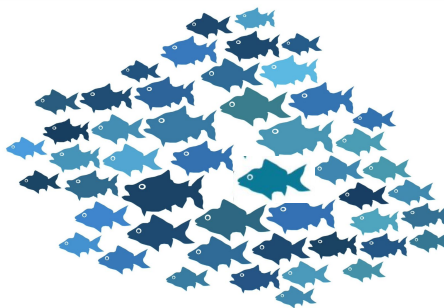
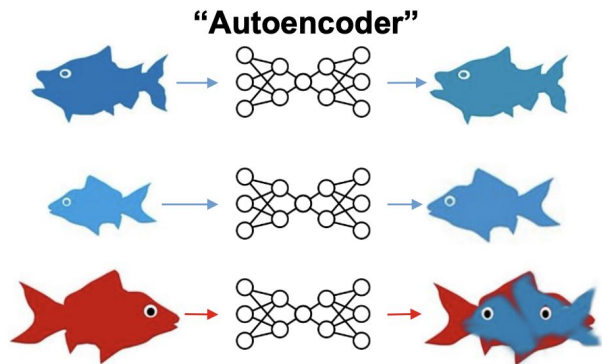




Current implementation: Quantum Simulator library (Pennylane)

The Autoencoder Principle

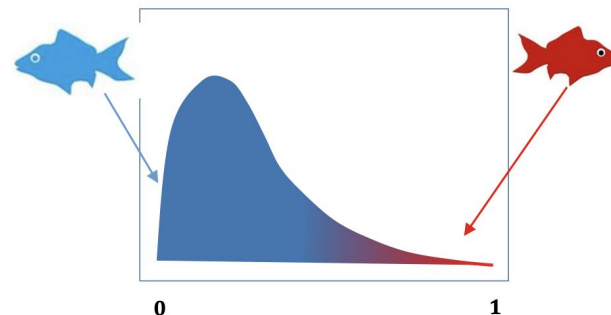
Train on non-anomalous inputs:



Apply to real-world examples

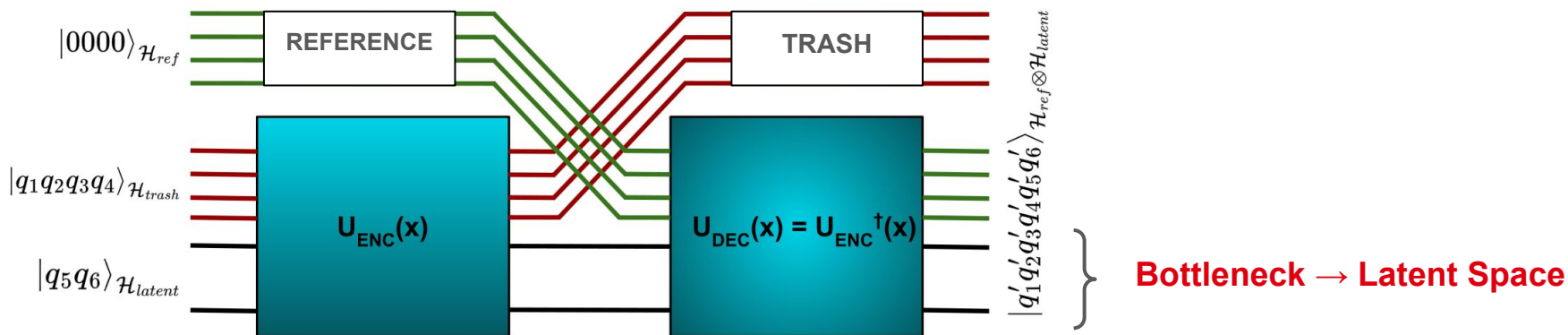
- Pass information through a **bottleneck** → retain core information
- **Reconstruct** original input
- Anomalous inputs → reconstruction performance **drops** → use as **anomaly metric**

Anomaly Score



The Quantum Autoencoder (QAE)

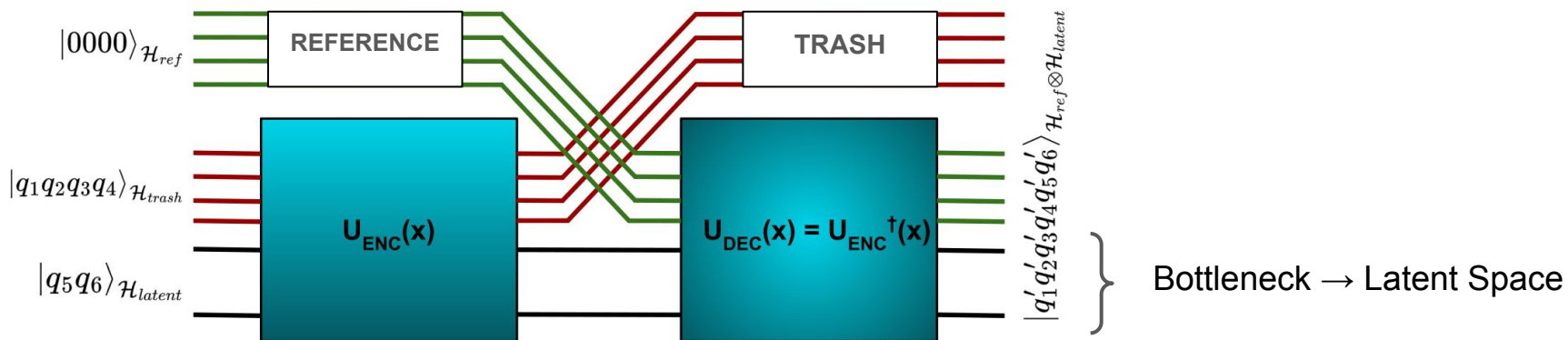
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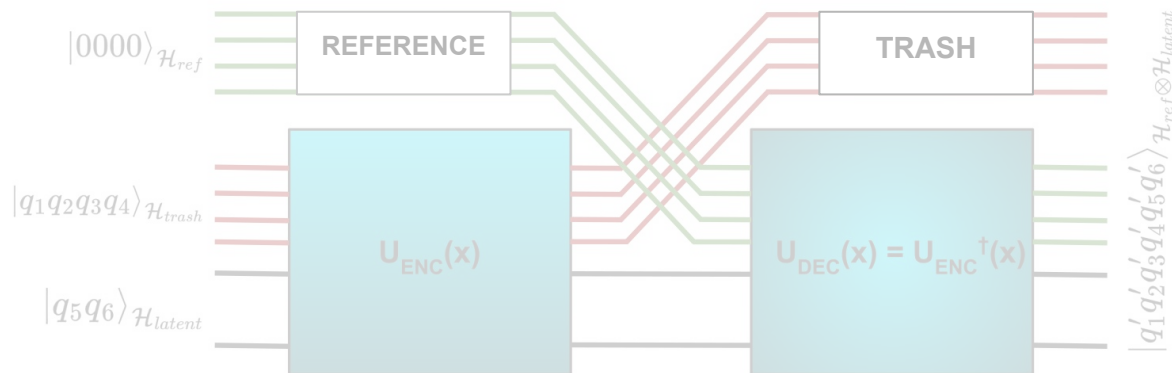
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- Way out \rightarrow **throw out** (some) qubits altogether



What about
reconstruction quality?

Inner Product

Also known as

Quantum Fidelity

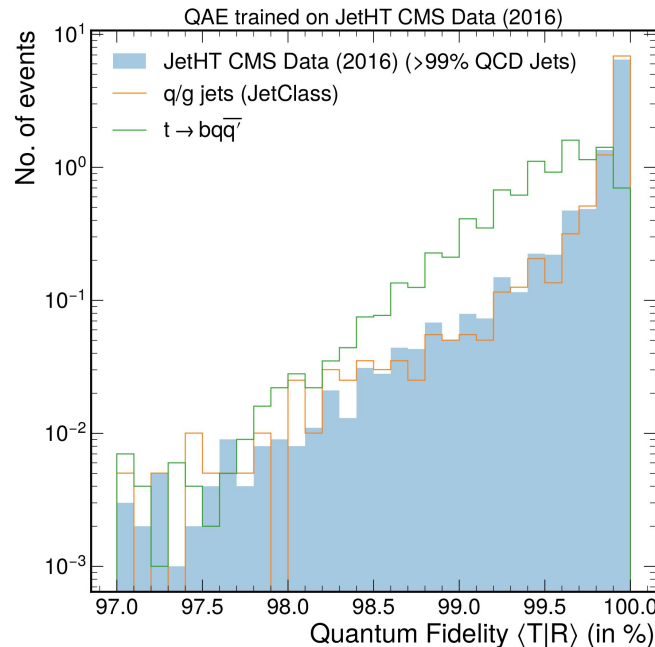
$$\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } |\psi_1\rangle = |\psi_2\rangle \\ b, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Optimise classically (or
quantum-mechanically)

Results: Anomaly Detection Performance

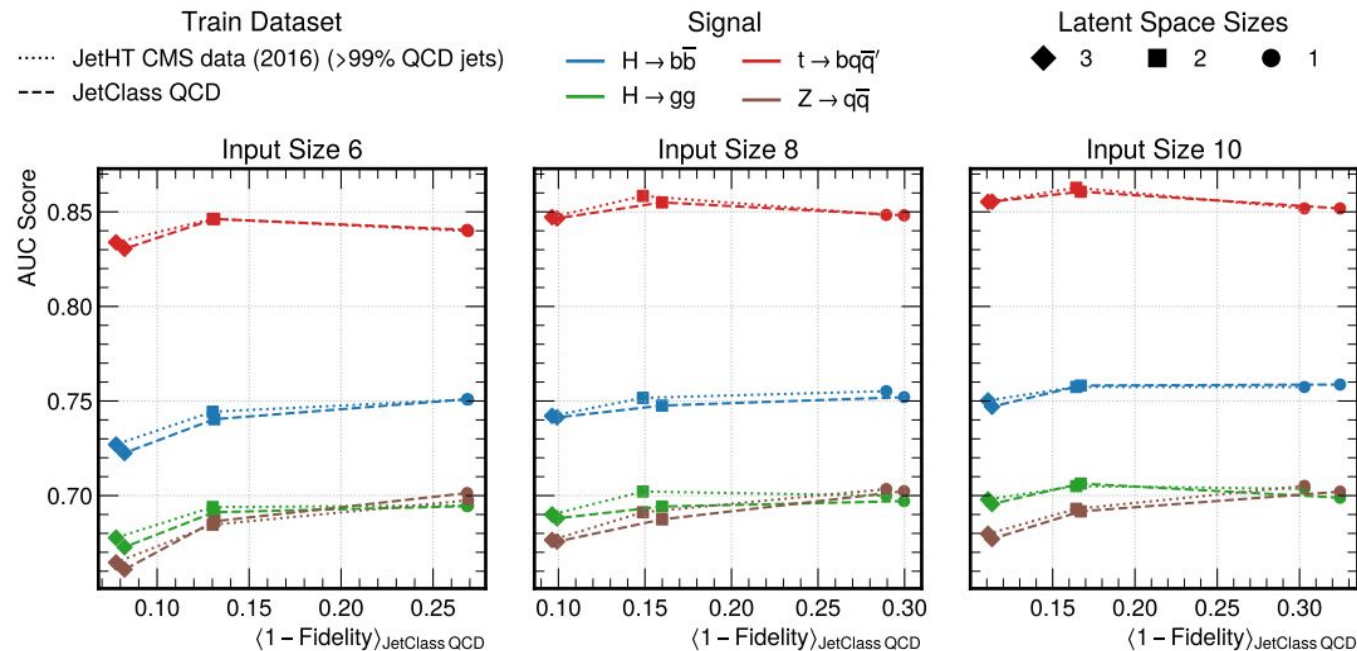
- QAE is trained with:
 - only 10 jet constituents:
 - $O(30)$ trainable parameters
- Outperforms classical autoencoders with far more parameters
- Crosscheck with open data from CMS Run 2 (**first time**)
 - similar performance on data → **robust behaviour**

Model	Signals				
	$Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	$W \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$t \rightarrow bq\bar{q}$
QAE	0.715	0.715	0.774	0.810	0.872
CAE	0.676	0.675	0.739	0.767	0.858



Results: Anomaly Detection Performance

- Best performance: 2 qubit bottleneck
- QAE trained on data or simulated QCD \rightarrow almost identical performance \rightarrow high degree of **robustness**



- 1P1Q → simple and effective data encoding
 - Outperforms classical benchmarks of more complexity for anomaly detection
- Quantum ML holds promise for the future → data complexity, inference speed, etc
 - For now, classical algorithms outperform quantum as $N \rightarrow \infty$
- Deployment on real devices → work in progress
- Newer quantum computing paradigms → photonic, adiabatic, etc.

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