

Quantum Recurrent Embedding Neural Networks^[1]

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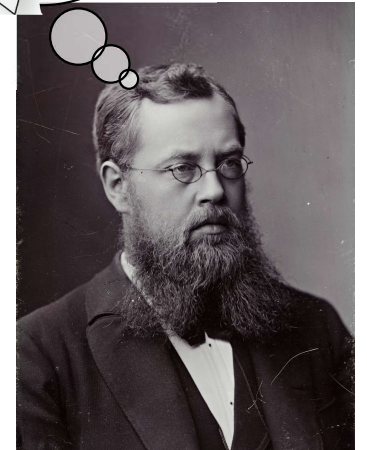
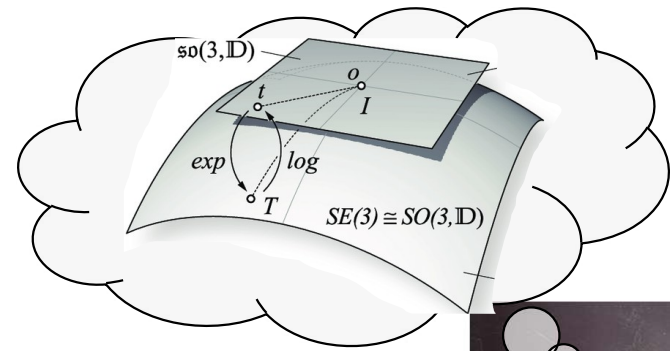
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Preliminary of Quantum Machine Learning

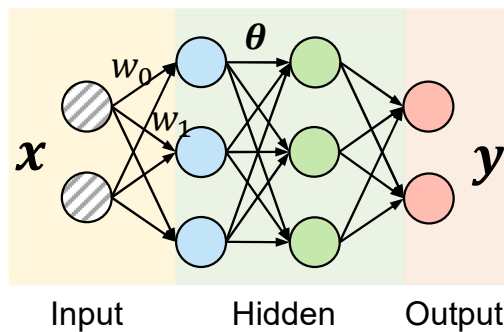
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Quantum Neural Networks

Classical NNs

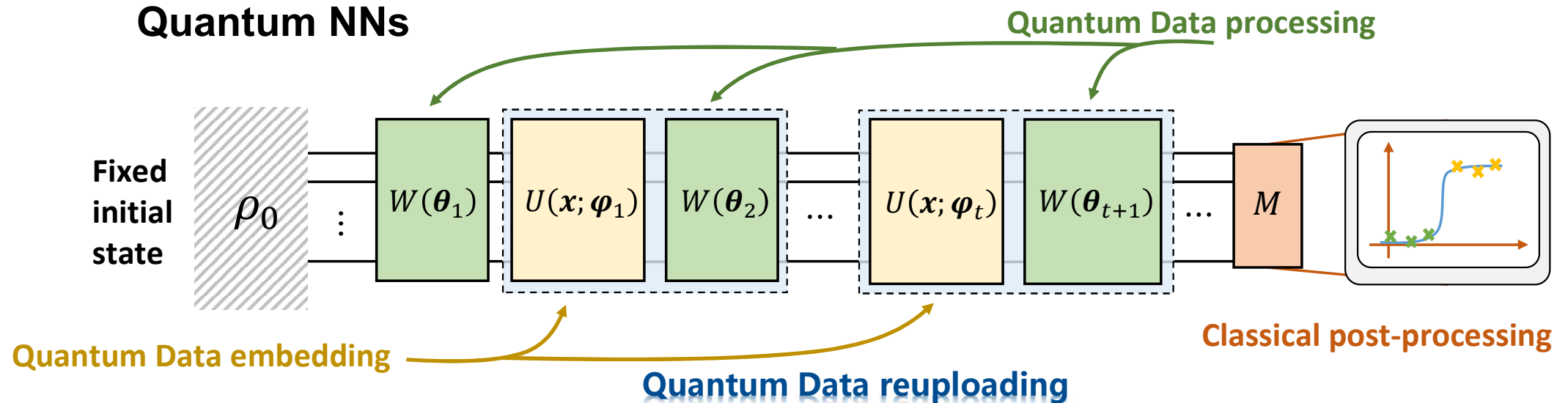


Data vector $\mathbf{x} = [x_0, \dots, x_d]^T$

Process: Adjust the weights of the connections $\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\theta} = \{w_0, w_2, \dots, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots\}$

Output: $\mathbf{y} = [y_0, y_1, \dots, y_m]^T$

Quantum NNs



Dynamical Lie algebra

- For QNN expressed as $U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{l=1}^L \left(\prod_{k=1}^K e^{i\theta_{l,k} H_l} \right)$, the DLA of the circuit is defined as [1],

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \langle iH_1, iH_2, \dots, iH_L \rangle_{Lie} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \langle i\mathcal{G} \rangle_{Lie}$$

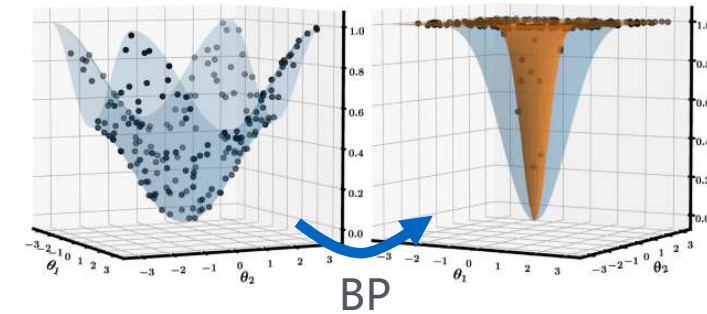
- In the finite case, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{c} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_M$ where each \mathfrak{g}_j is simple and \mathfrak{c} is the center of \mathfrak{g} .

- If the circuit is deep enough to form a unitary 2-design on $e^{\mathfrak{g}} \subset \mathcal{U}(d)$ (compact Lie group) [2]

$$\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} [\partial_{l,k} \mathcal{L}(\rho, O)] = 0 \quad \text{Var}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} [\partial_{l,k} \mathcal{L}(\rho, O)] \in \mathcal{O} \left(\sum_j \frac{1}{d_{\mathfrak{g}_j}^2} \right)$$

- $\mathcal{L}(\rho, O) = \text{Tr}(U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rho U^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) O)$; $H_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is the projection of H onto \mathfrak{g} .

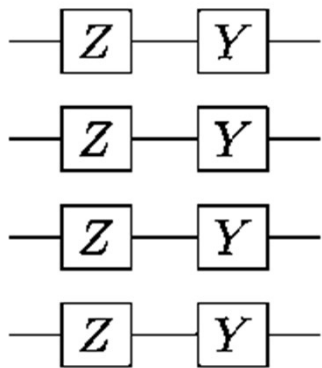
The Lie algebraic theory of QNNs unifies the study of the trainability of QNNs up to a uniform initialization, i.e., Barren Plateaus (BP).



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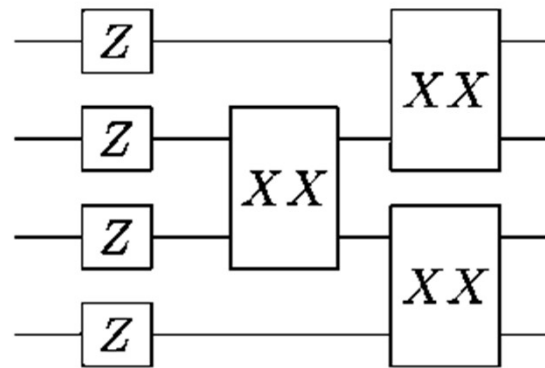
Examples of DLA



Simple local PQC

$$\mathcal{G} = \{Z_j, Y_j\}_{j=1}^n$$

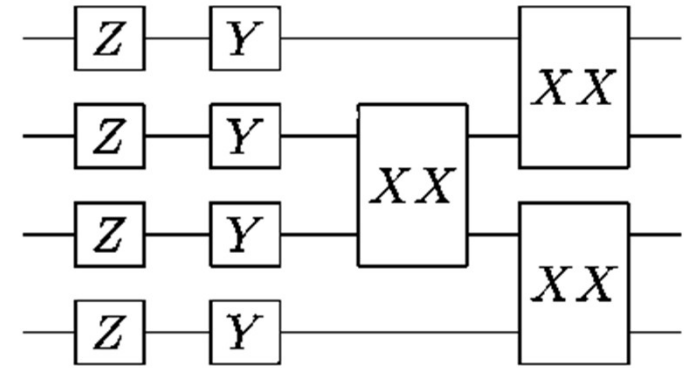
$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(2)^{\oplus n}$$



Matchgate circuit

$$\mathcal{G} = \{Z_j\}_{j=1}^n \cup \{X_j X_{j+1}\}_{j=1}^{n-1}$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(2n)$$



Universal circuit

$$\mathcal{G} = \{Z_j, Y_j\}_{j=1}^n \cup \{X_j X_{j+1}\}_{j=1}^{n-1}$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(2^n)$$

High dimension of $\mathfrak{g}_j \Rightarrow$ High possibility to have BP!

Quantum Recurrent Embedding Neural Networks

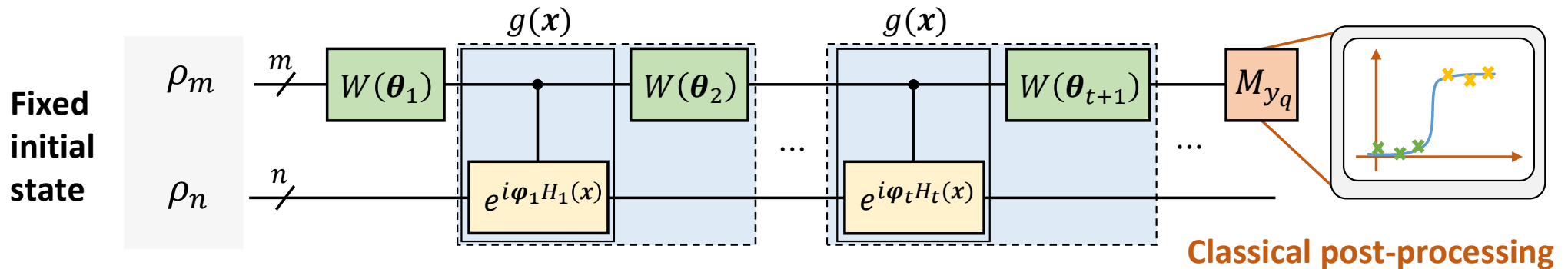
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Circuit framework of QRENN

Circuit Model of QRENN



- Assuming $W(\theta)$ approximate $SU(2^m)$; Hamiltonian $[H_t(x), H_\tau(x)] = 0$, for any $t \neq \tau$

- The DLA of QRENN can be decomposed into

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\text{QRENN}} \simeq \mathfrak{c} \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2^m) \oplus r,$$

where $\mathfrak{c} := \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{iI_m \otimes H_t(x) : t \in [T]\}$

The intersections of the eigenspaces of H_t and H_τ can be decomposed into direct sum

- r is the number of distinct joint eigenspaces from $\{H_t(x)\}_t$

Quantum supervised learning

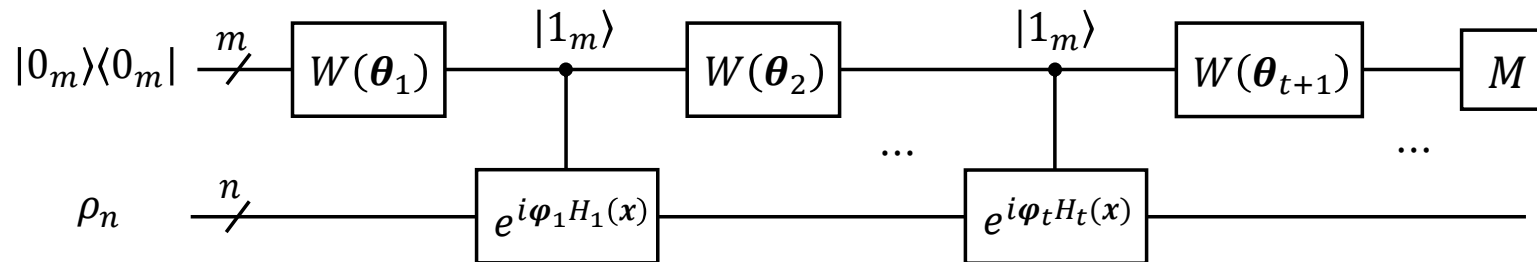
- Information about a quantum system is stored in its Hamiltonian
- Given a batch training set $\mathcal{T} = \{(y_q, X_q)\}_q$. Originally use MSE loss:

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q=1}^Q \left(y_q - \text{Tr} \left(U(X_q; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \rho_0 U(X_q; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi})^\dagger O \right) \right)^2$$

- **Hard to analyse gradient**, through experimental no BP.
- Inspired from hypothesis testing, design M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k forming POVM. We define

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) = 1 - \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q=1}^Q \text{Tr} \left(U(X_q; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \rho_0 U(X_q; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi})^\dagger M_{y_q} \right)$$

Main theorem on trainability



$$M_0 = \frac{I_{2^m} - Z^{\otimes m}}{2} \otimes I_{2^n};$$

$$M_1 = \frac{I_{2^m} + Z^{\otimes m}}{2} \otimes I_{2^n}$$

- For sufficiently deep QRENN (scales $O(\text{poly}(n))$)[3], the circuit achieve 2-design of the compact Lie group and, hence, $\mathbb{E}_{\theta, \phi}[\partial_{t, \mu} \mathcal{L}] = 0$ [2].

Theorem

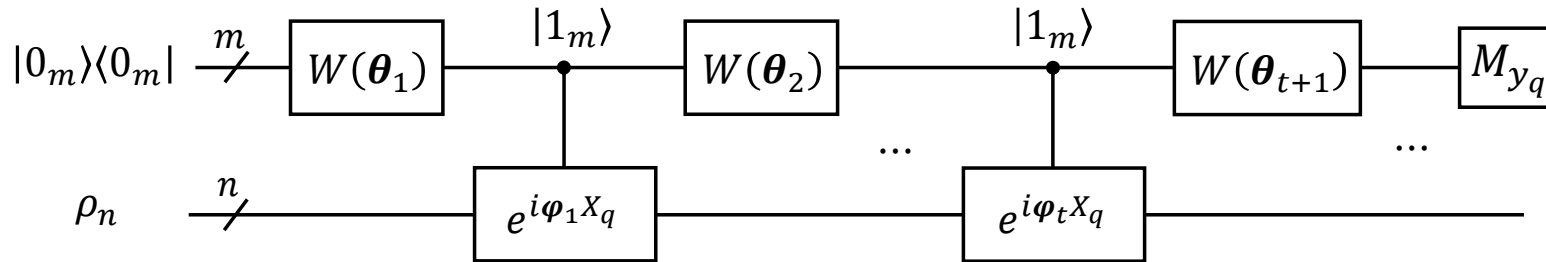
- For $m \in O(\log n)$, If ρ_n has sufficiently large ‘overlap’, i.e., $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}\right)$ with the joint eigenspace of $\{H_t\}_t$, where $H_t = H_t(\mathbf{x})$, then,

$$\text{Var}_{\theta, \phi}[\partial_{t, \mu} \mathcal{L}] \geq \Omega\left(\frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}\right)$$

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Sketch of proof



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- Taking the derivative to the loss function:

$$\partial_{\Omega} \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q=1}^Q \text{Tr} \left(U_{g^-}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_q) i \rho_0 U_{g^-}(\mathbf{x}_q) [\Omega, U_{g^+}(\mathbf{x}_q) i M_{y_q} U_{g^+}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_q)] \right)$$

- Averaging over the group $\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{g^{\pm} \sim \mu^{\otimes 2}} [\partial_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}] = 0, \Rightarrow \text{Var}[\partial_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}] = \mathbb{E}_{g^{\pm} \sim \mu^{\otimes 2}} [(\partial_{\Omega} \mathcal{L})^2].$

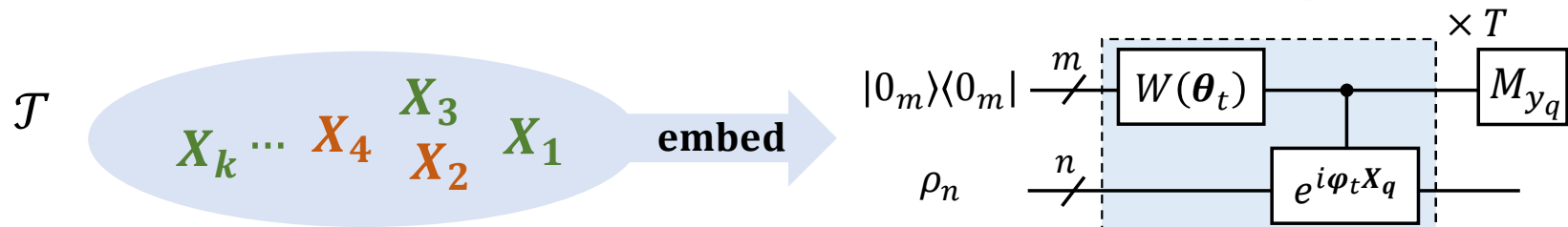
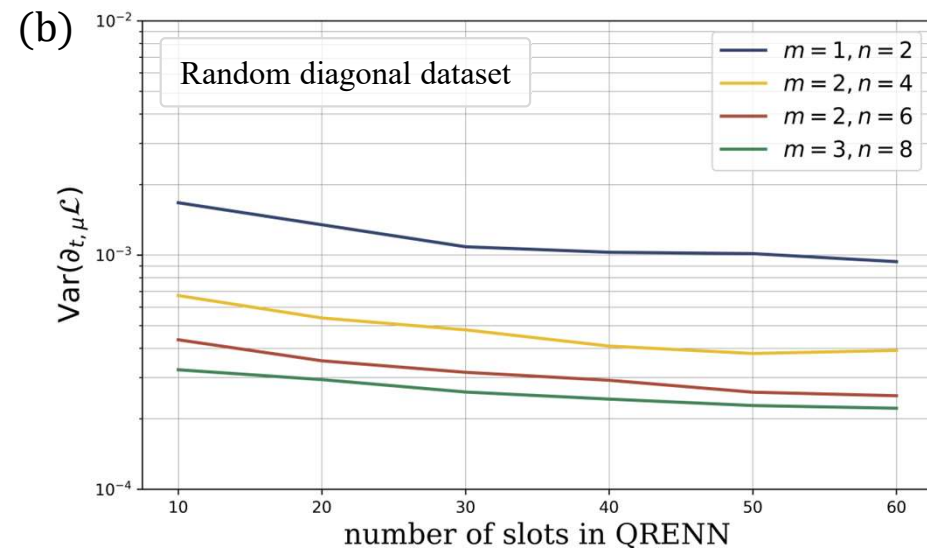
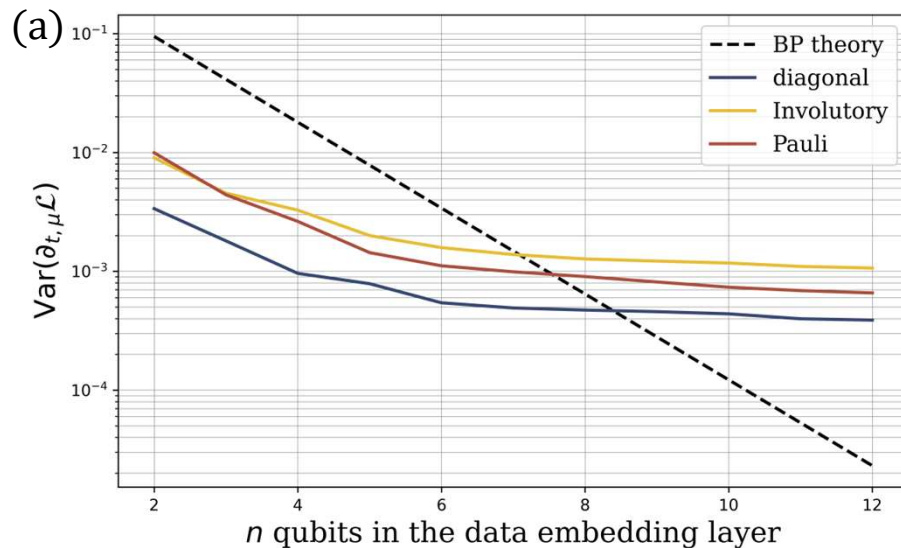
- Use the property of split Casimir operator: $\int_G U_g^{\otimes 2} (A \otimes B) (U_g^{\dagger})^{\otimes 2} dg = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\text{Tr}(A_{\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}} B_{\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}})}{d_{\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}}} K_{\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}} + A_{\mathfrak{c}} \otimes B_{\mathfrak{c}},$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{g^{\pm} \sim \mu^{\otimes 2}} [(\partial_{\Omega} \mathcal{L})^2] \geq \frac{1}{Q^2} \sum_q \sum_{\lambda_q} \frac{\| (M_{y_q})_{\mathfrak{g}_{\lambda_q}} \|_F^2 \| \rho_{\mathfrak{g}_{\lambda_q}} \|_F^2 \| \Omega_{\mathfrak{g}_{\lambda_q}} \|_K^2}{d_{\mathfrak{g}_{\lambda_q}}^2} \geq \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{2^{m+1} \| \Omega_{\mu} \|_F^2}{(2^{2m} - 1)^2} \sum_q \| M_{y_q} \|_F^2 R_{X_q}^2(\rho_n).$$

$$\left\| \frac{I_{2^m} \pm Z^{\otimes m}}{2} \right\|_F^2 = 2^{m-1} \in \Omega(1/\text{poly}(n)),$$



Numerical results on trainability



- Gradient sampling experiments, 500 random initial parameters (θ, φ) of the model, ρ_n being fixed.
- We have tested three datasets namely Diagonal, Involutory and Pauli sets. For each dataset, **50 Hamiltonians with feature** is generated and mixed with another **50 random Hermitian matrices** (from Haar unitary).

Supervised learning on quantum data

- Information about a quantum system is stored in its Hamiltonian
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Problem

Given a cluster-Ising model with periodic boundary conditions

$$H(\lambda) = -\sum_{j=1}^N X_{j-1} Z_j X_{j+1} + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N Y_j Y_{j+1}.$$

where X, Y and Z are Pauli matrices. SPT phase in the Hamiltonian model [4]:

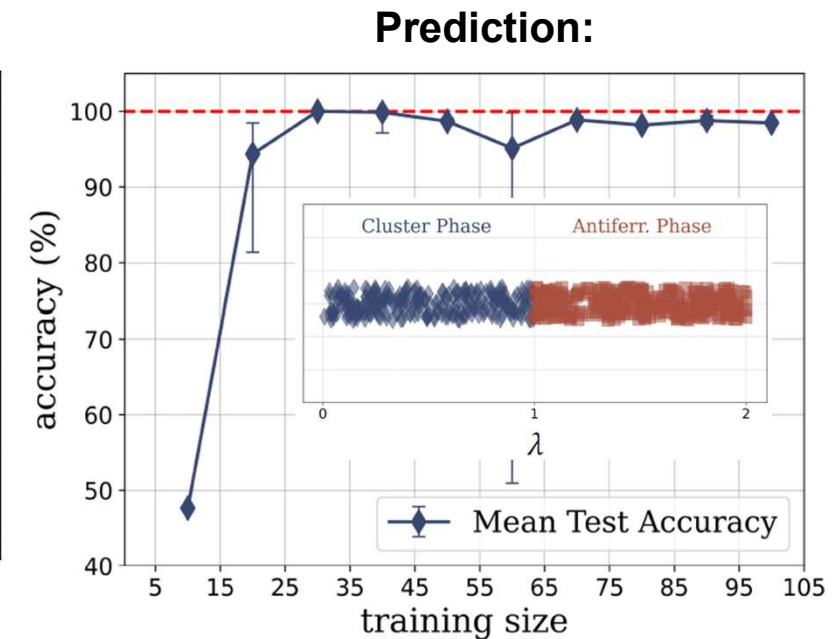
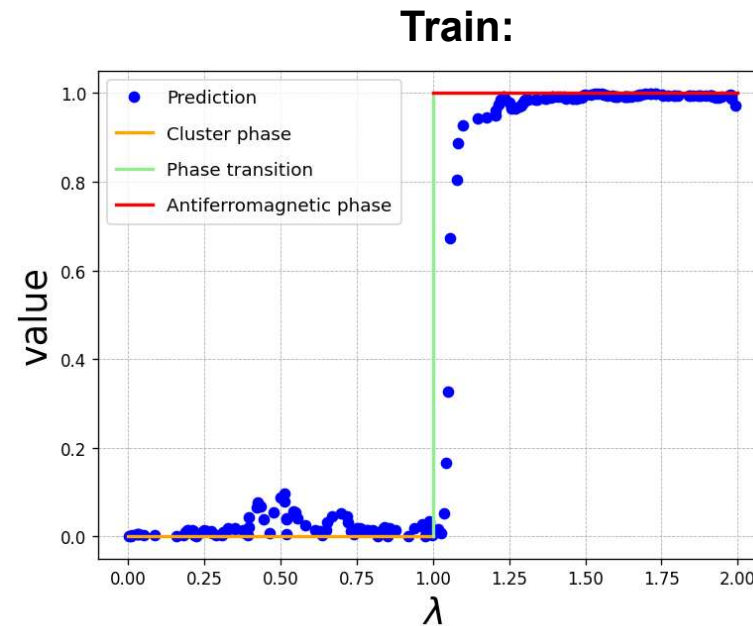
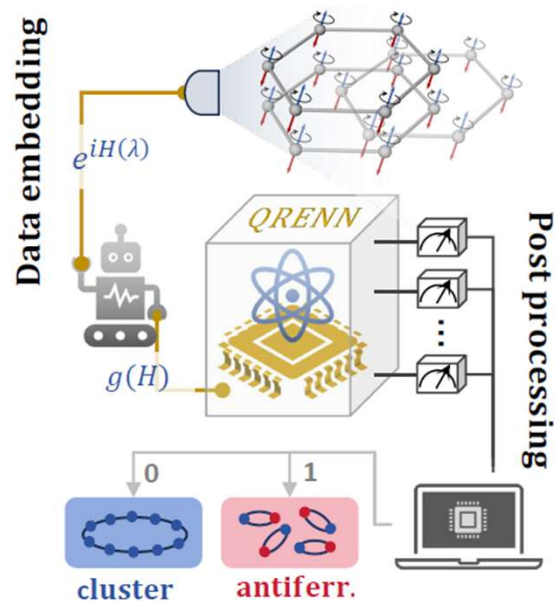
• A cluster : $\lambda < 1$

• An antiferromagnetic phase : $\lambda > 1$.

Can we detect different symmetry-protected topological (SPT) phase of physical models via QRENN?

SPT phase detection

- QRENN model in learning SPT phase



Case 1: slots = 10, $m = 1$ and $n = 8$, initial state $|0\rangle \otimes |+\rangle^{\otimes 8}$. **Outcome:** Training 40 data uniformly generated by sampling $\lambda \in [0,2]$. Achieve 92.32% accuracy on 560 testing data.

Case 2: slots = 10, $m = 1$ and $n = 8$, initial state $|0\rangle \otimes |+\rangle^{\otimes 8}$. **Outcome:** Train with different data sizes. Find an improvement in performance as training size increases.

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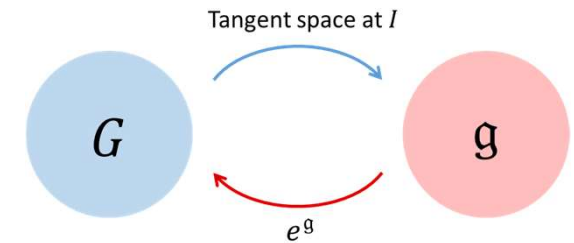
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Conclusion

- **Recent developments in the Quantum Machine Learning**

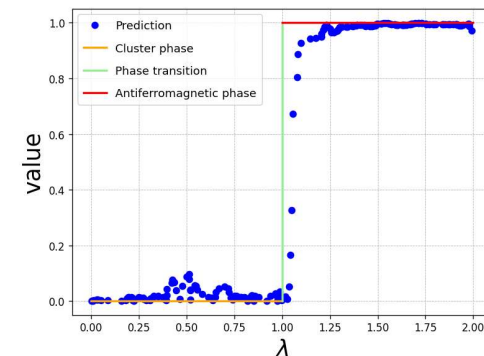
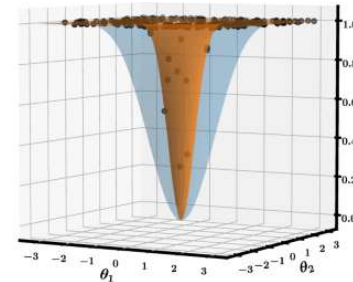
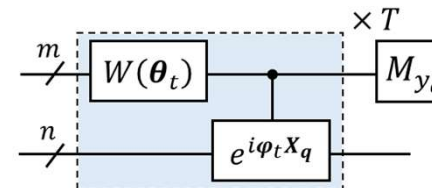
- From Lie algebra to quantum neural networks
- Dynamical Lie algebra for barren plateaus

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \langle iH_1, iH_2, \dots, iH_L \rangle_{\text{Lie}}$$



- **Quantum Recurrent Embedding Neural Network**

- Inspiration to QNNs design \Rightarrow QRENN
- Can avoid BP in quantum supervised learning
- Application in SPT phase detection



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