



# Opportunities and challenges in quantum-enhanced machine learning in near-term quantum computers

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# D-Wave System Capability

## 1) As a discrete optimization solver:

Given  $\{h_j, J_{ij}\}$ , find  $\{s_k = \pm 1\}$   
that minimizes

NP-hard  
problem

$$\xi(s_1, \dots, s_N) = \sum_{j=1}^N h_j s_j + \sum_{i,j \in E} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

**Potential NASA applications:**

- *planning*
- *scheduling*
- *fault diagnosis*
- *graph analysis*
- *communication networks, etc.*

**QUBO: Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization**  
(Ising model in physics jargon).

## 2) As a physical device to sample from Boltzmann distribution:

$$P_{Boltzman} \propto \exp[-\xi(s_1, \dots, s_N)/T_{eff}]$$

→  $\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v})}$  **Computationally bottleneck**

### Early work:

Bian et al. 2010. The Ising model: teaching an old problem new tricks.

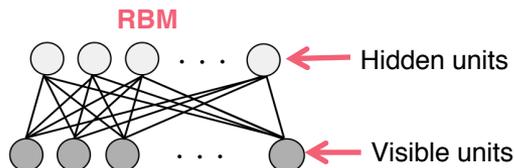
### Follow-up work:

Raymond et al. Global warming: Temperature estimation in annealers. *Frontiers in ICT*, 3, 23 (2016).

### Our work: Benedetti et al. PRA 94, 022308 (2016)

- We provide a robust algorithm to estimate the effective temperature of problem instances in quantum annealers.
- Algorithm uses the same samples that will be used for the estimation of the gradient

Widely used in  
**unsupervised**  
learning

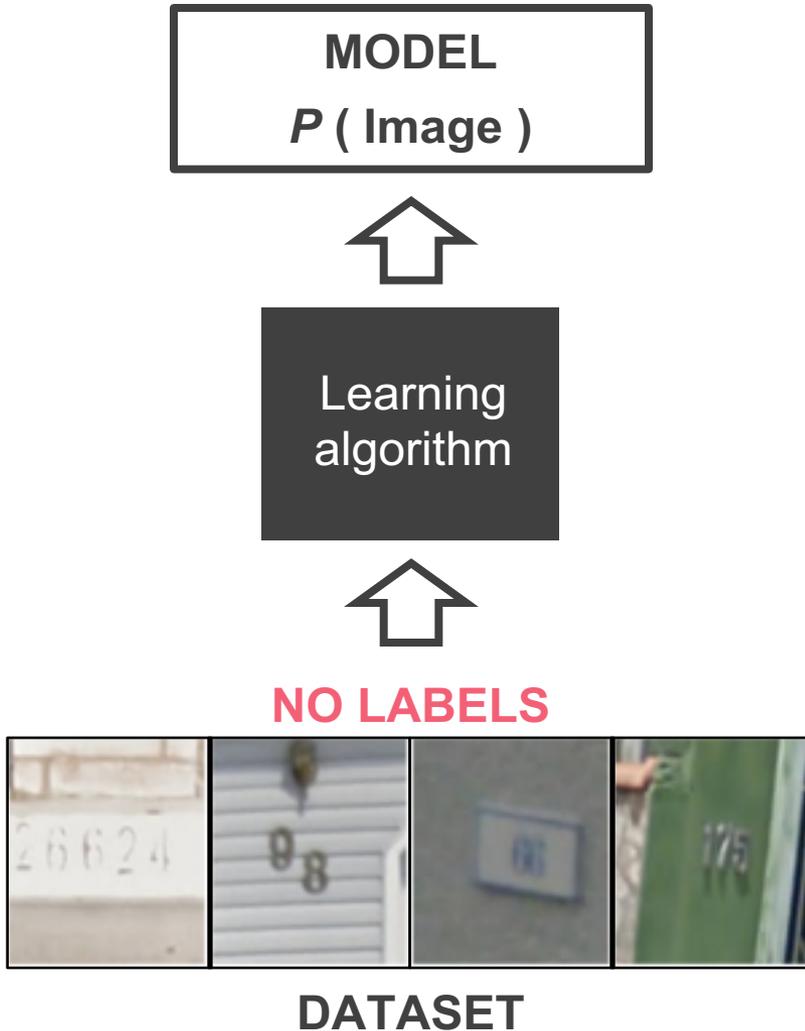


**Potential NASA applications:**

- *machine learning (e.g., training of deep-learning networks)*

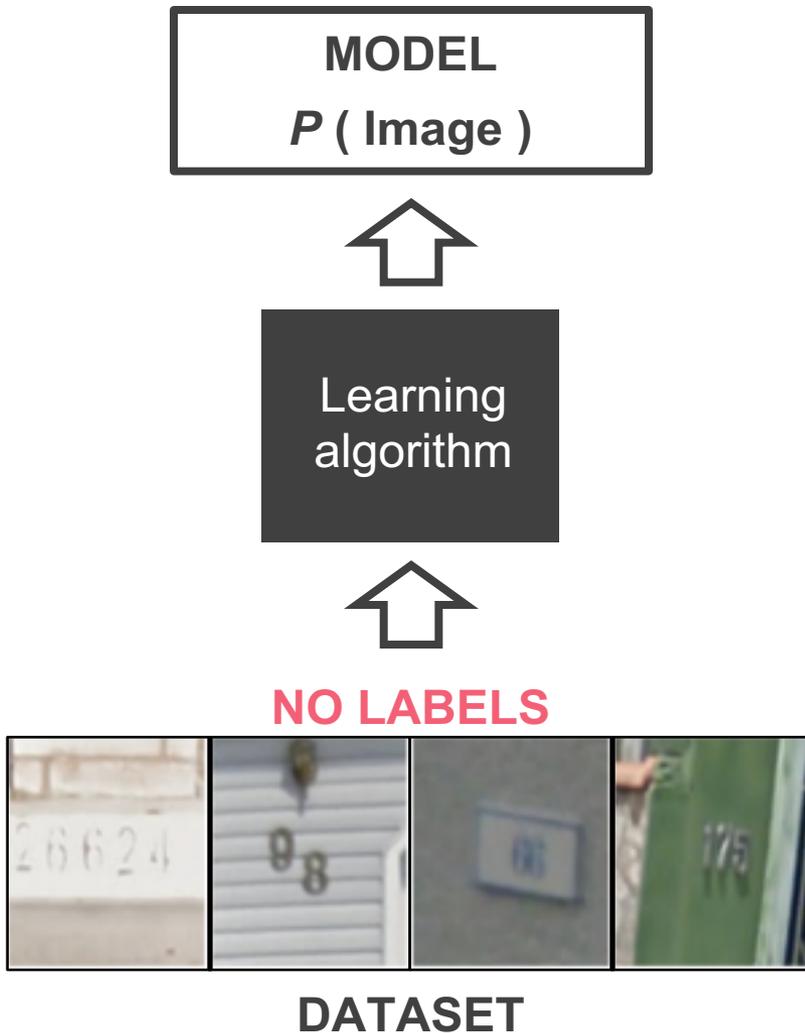
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Learn the “best” model distribution that can generate the same kind of data

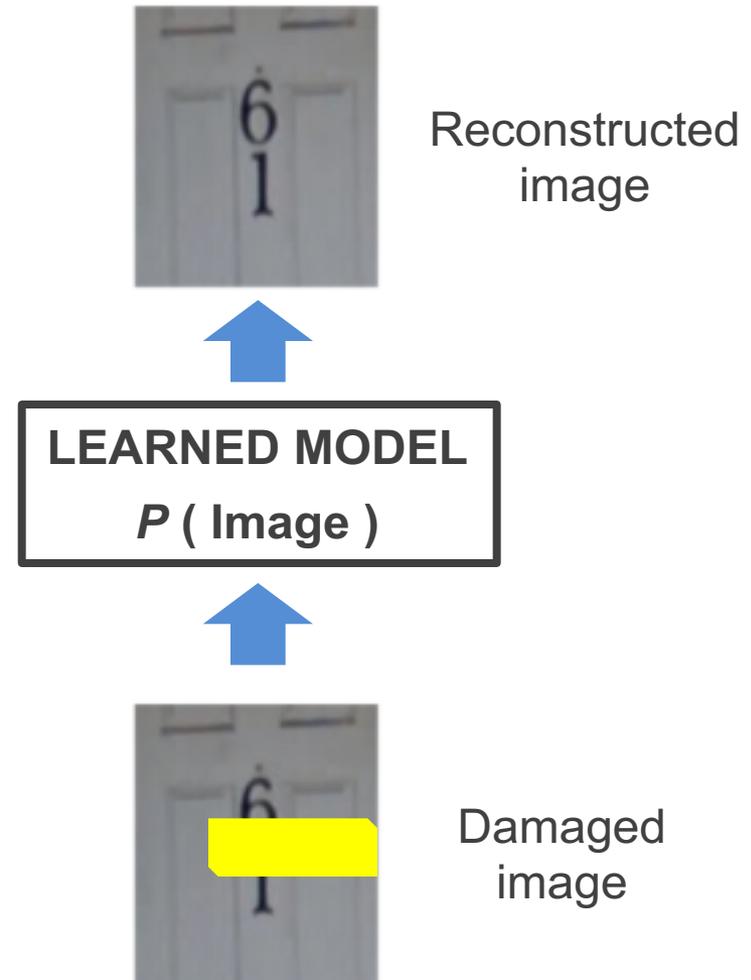


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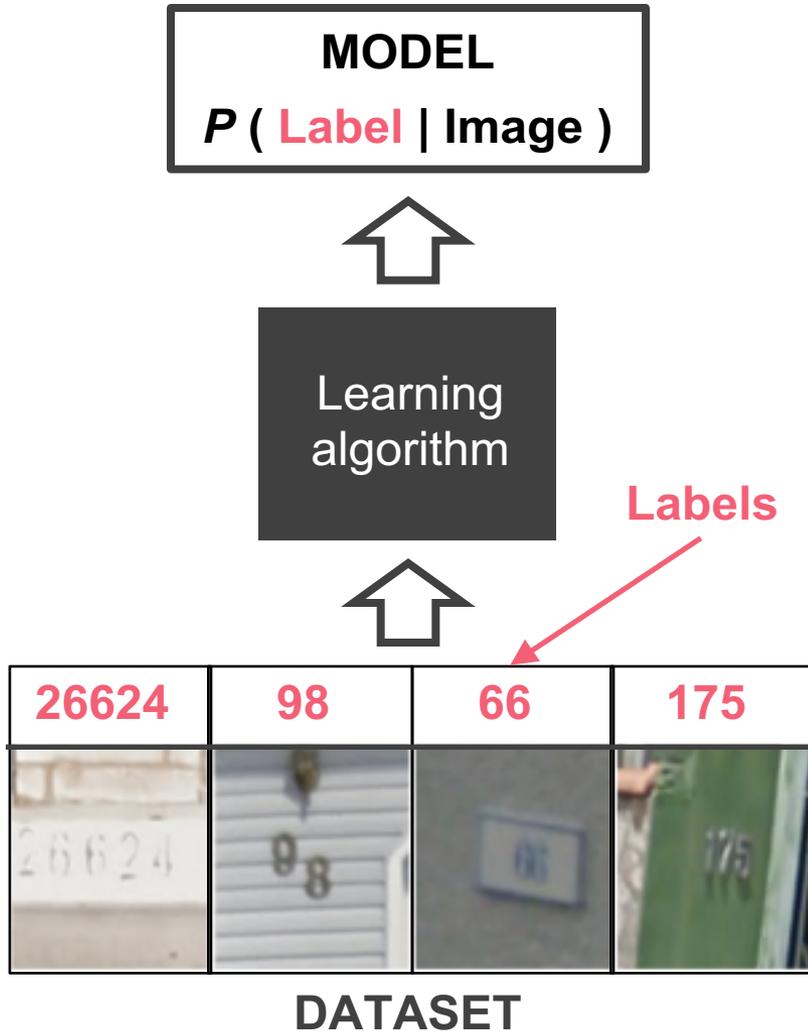


Example application:  
*Image reconstruction*

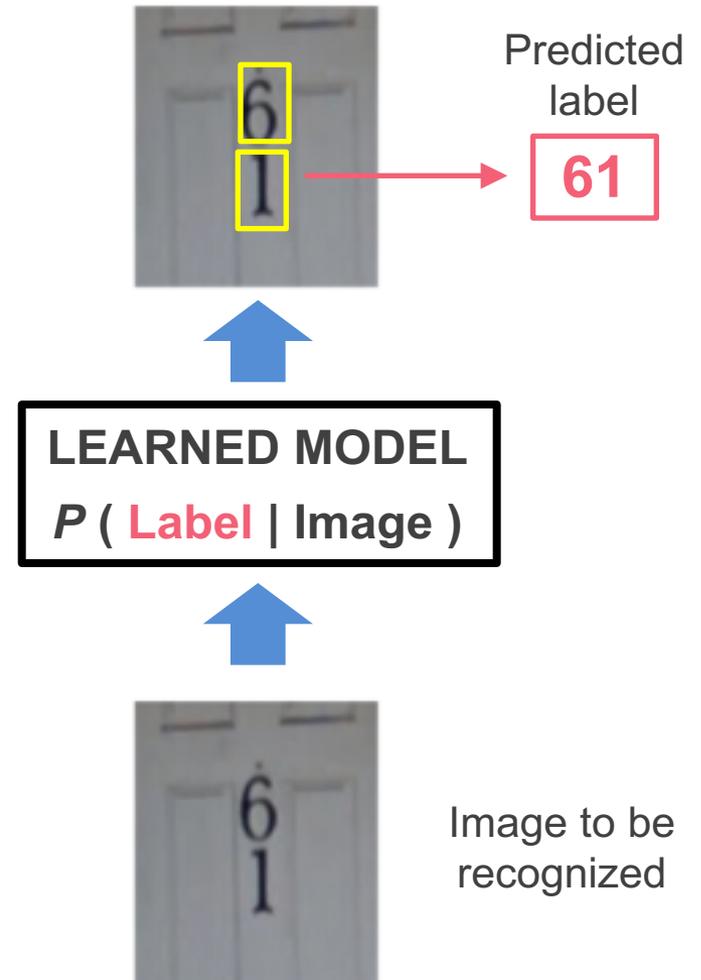


# Supervised learning (discriminative models)

Learn the “best” model that can perform a specific task



Example application:  
*Image recognition*

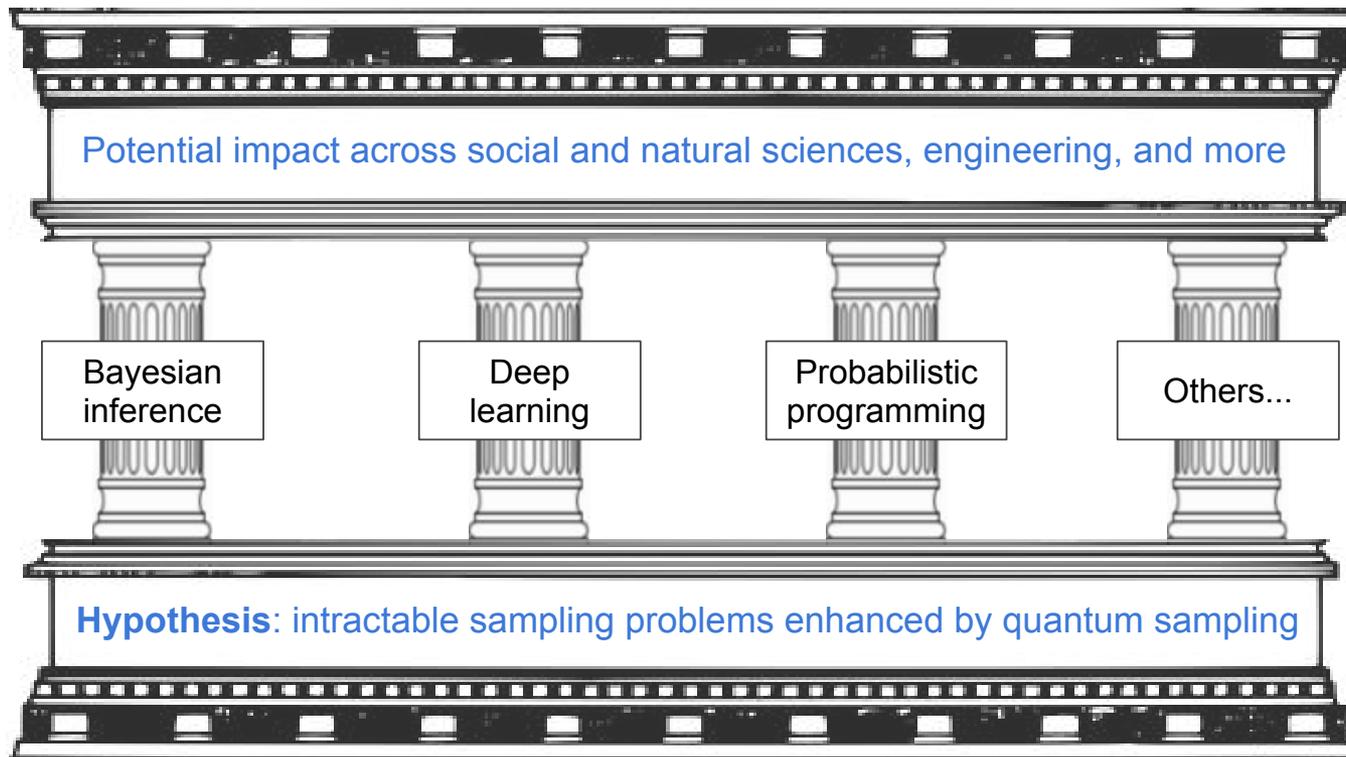


# A near-term approach for quantum-enhanced machine learning

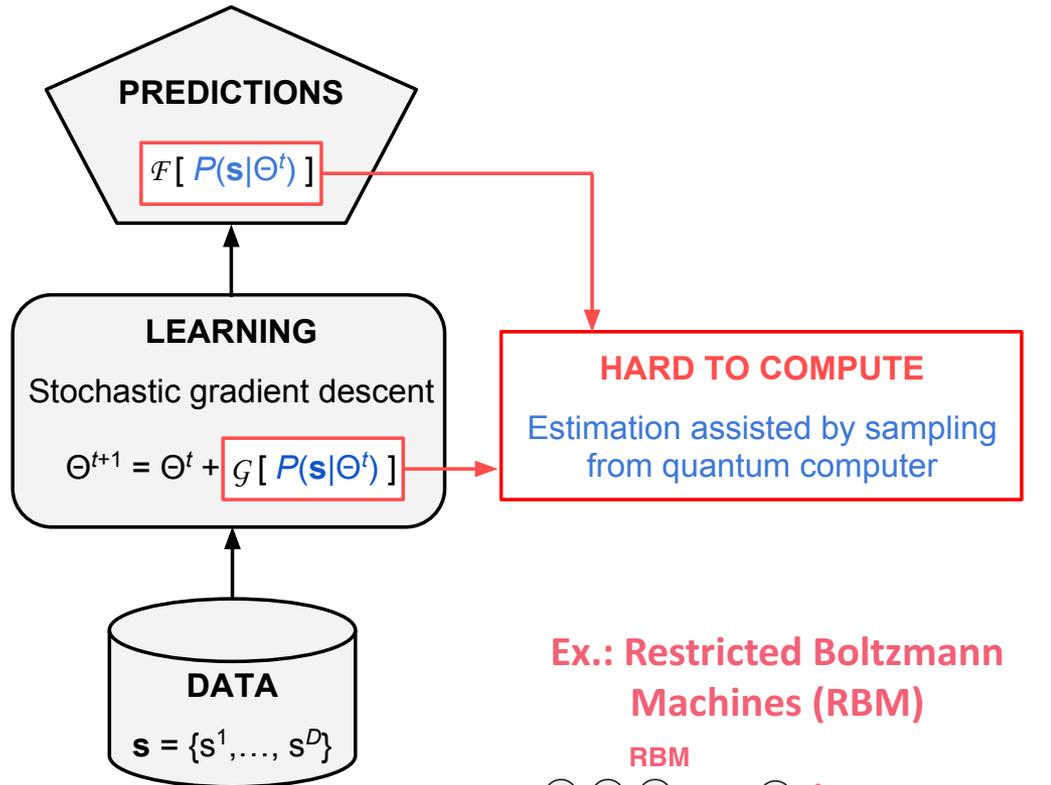
## State-of-the-art QML

- Most previous proposed work have highly optimized powerful classical counterparts (e.g., on discriminative/classification tasks)
- Need for qRAM (case of most gate-based proposal).
- Qubits represent visible units; issue for case of large datasets

**Lesson 1:** Move to intractable problems of interest to ML experts (e.g., generative models in unsupervised learning).



## Lesson 2: Need for novel hybrid approaches.



Computationally bottleneck

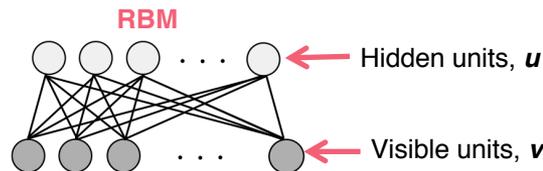
$$\langle v_i u_j \rangle p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$$

Where,

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = \frac{e^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}|\theta)/T_{\text{eff}}}}{Z(\theta)}$$

Widely used in unsupervised learning

Ex.: Restricted Boltzmann Machines (RBM)



### Challenges solved:

Benedetti, et al. **Estimation of effective temperatures** in quantum annealers for sampling applications: A case study with possible applications in deep learning. **PRA 94, 022308** (2016).

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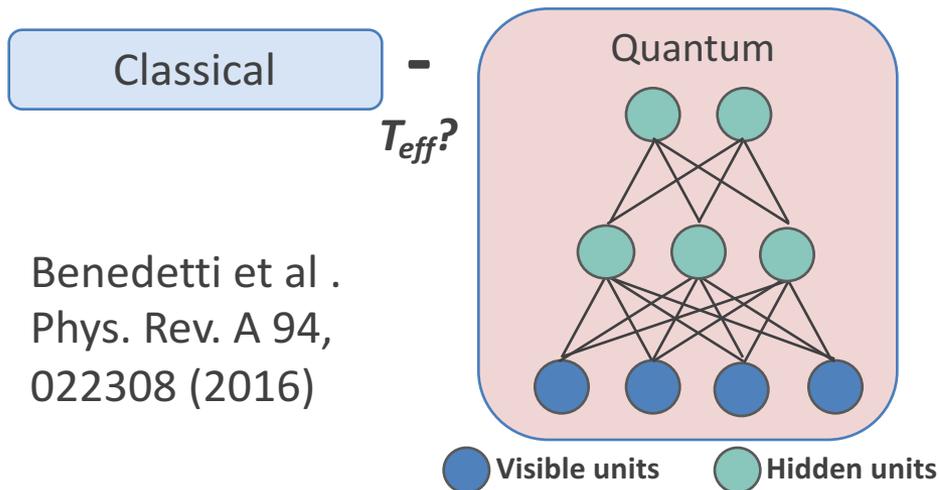
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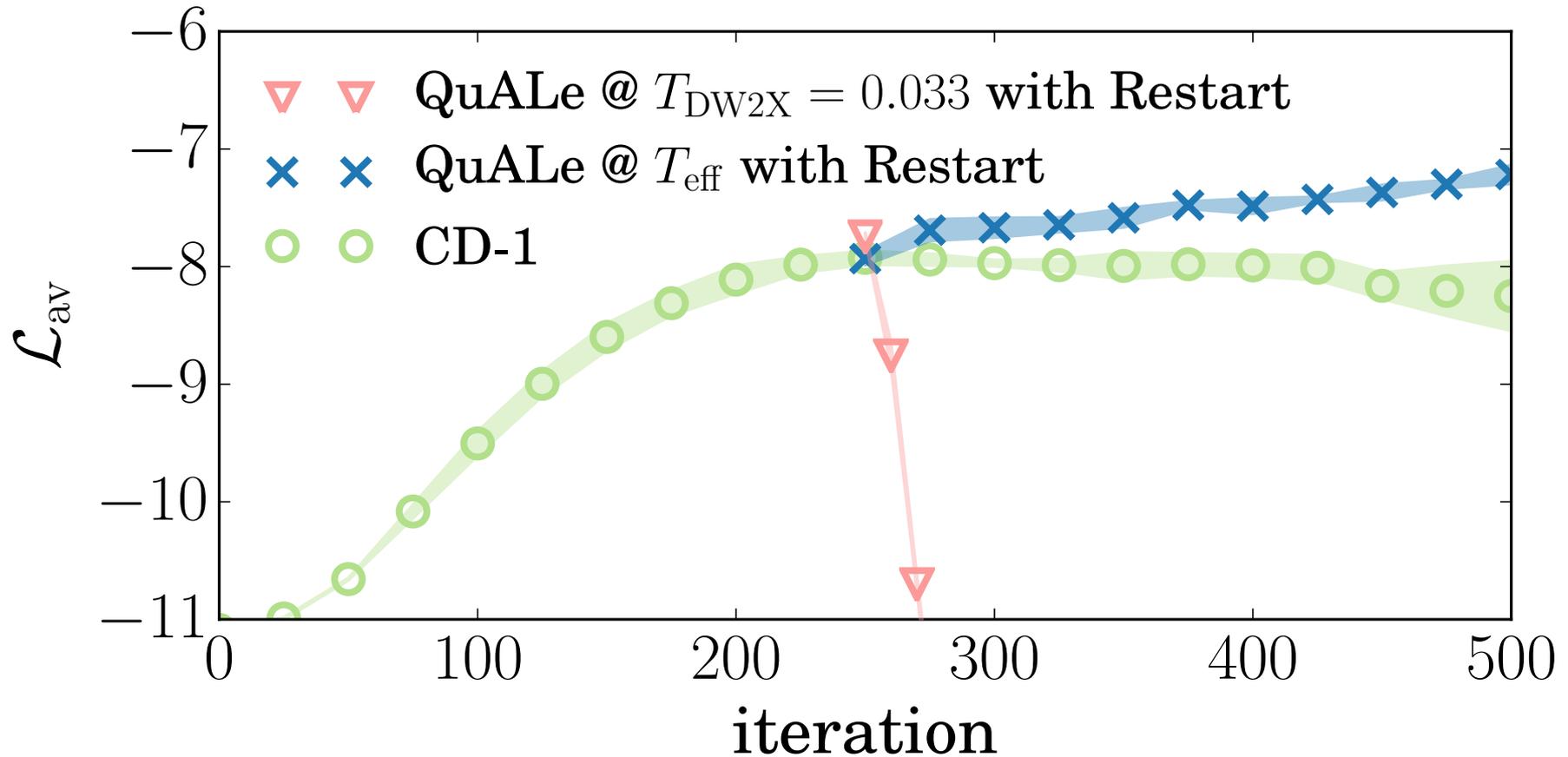
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Resolving model mismatch allows for restarting from classical preprocessing

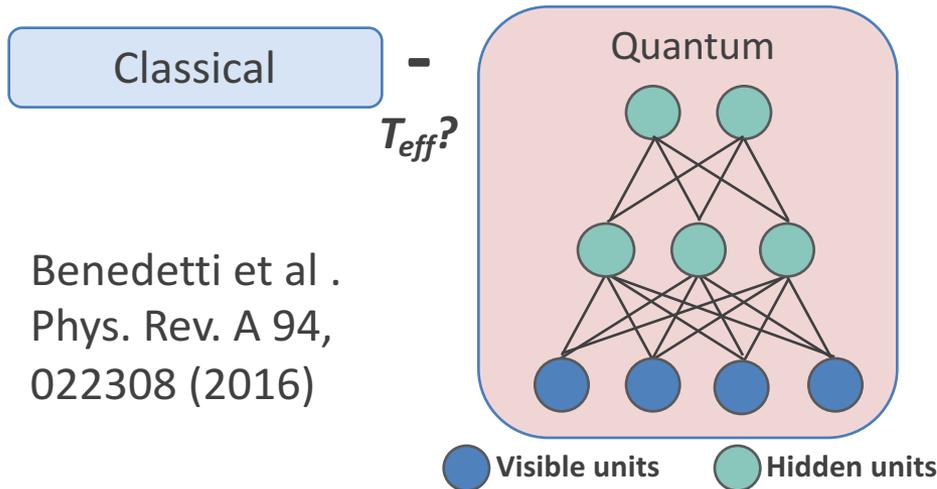


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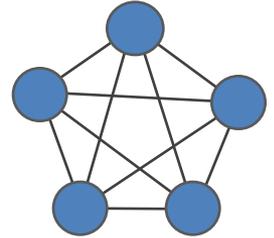
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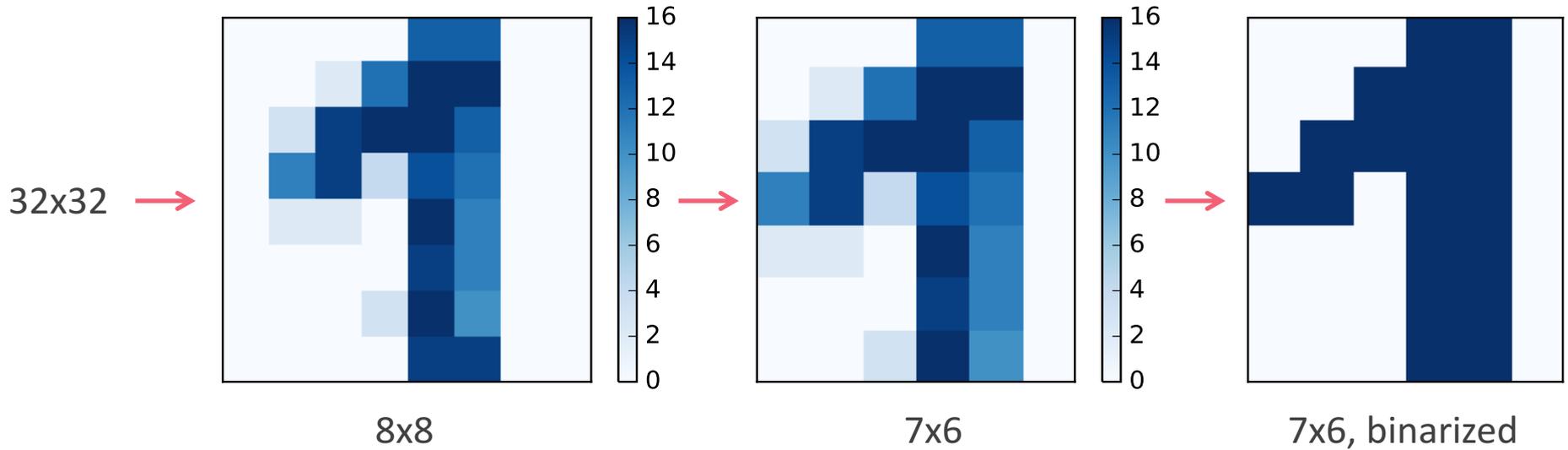
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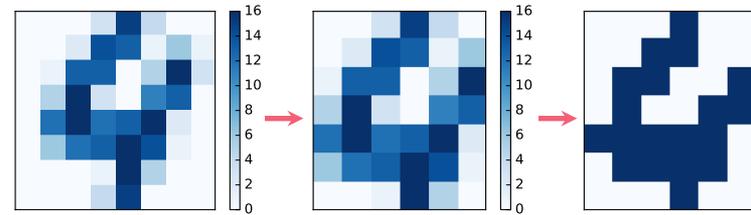
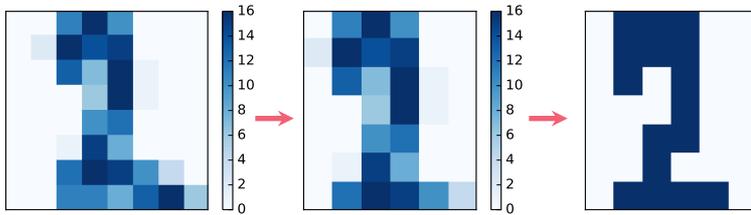
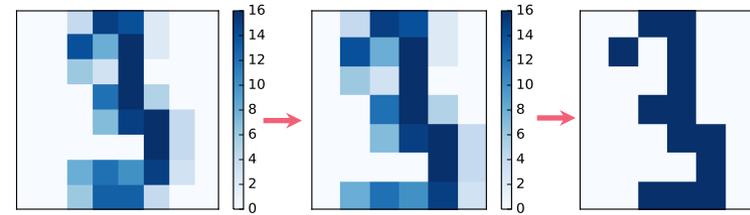
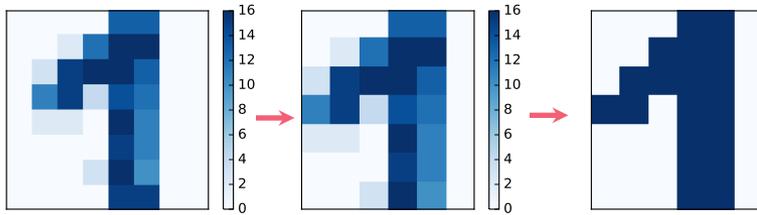
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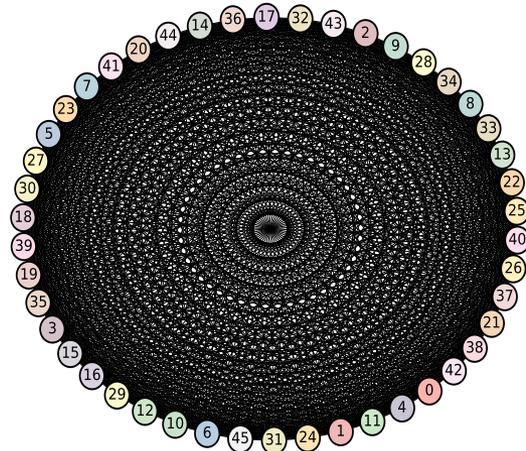
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Overcoming the curse of limited connectivity in hardware.



46 fully-connected logical (visible) variables

42 for pixels + 4 to one-hot encode the class (only digits 1-4)

- Are the results from this training on 940 qubit experiment meaningful?
- Is the model capable of generating digits?

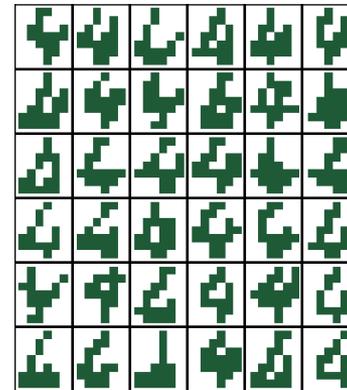
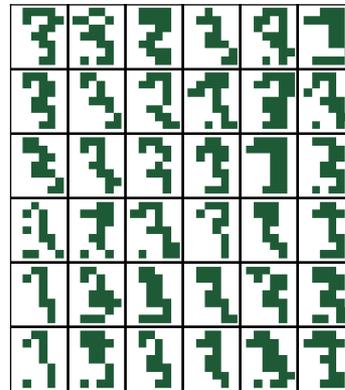
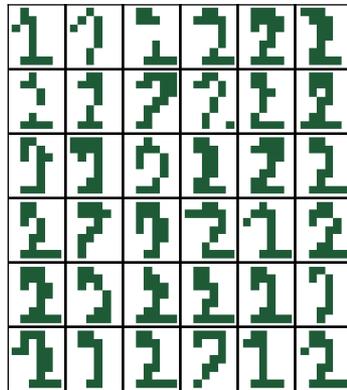
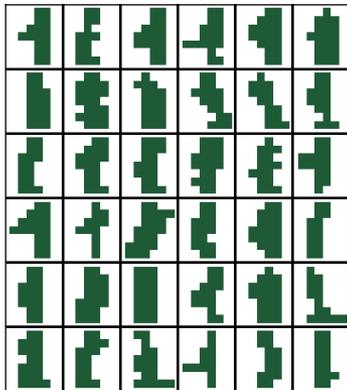


940 physical qubits

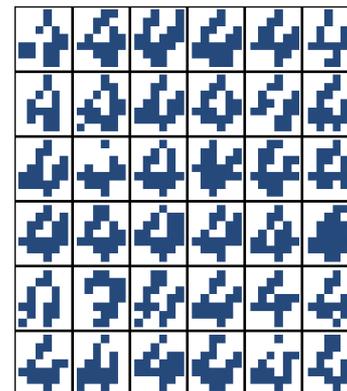
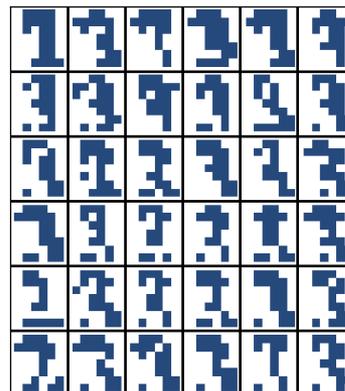
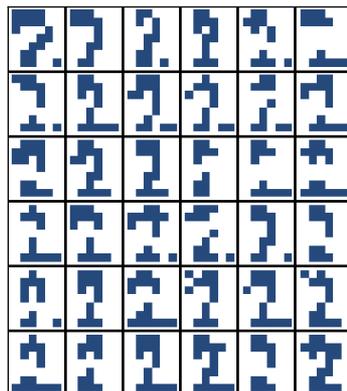
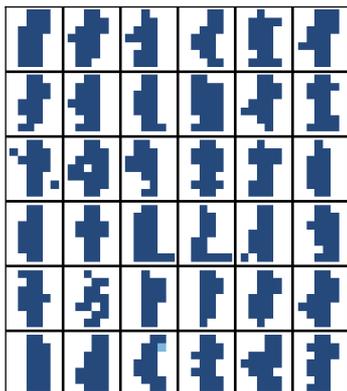
Min. CL =12, Max. CL = 28

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Human or (quantum) machine? (Turing test)



Human



(quantum)  
machine

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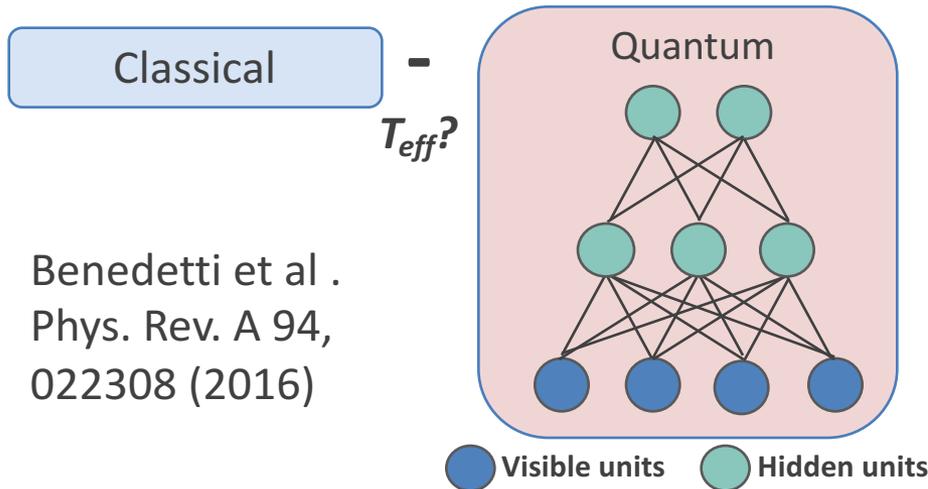
**Results from experiments using 940 qubits, without post-processing.  
The hardware-embedded model represents a 46 node fully connected graph.**

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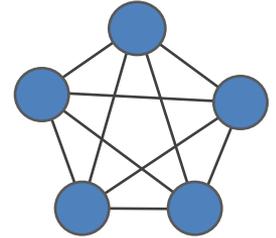


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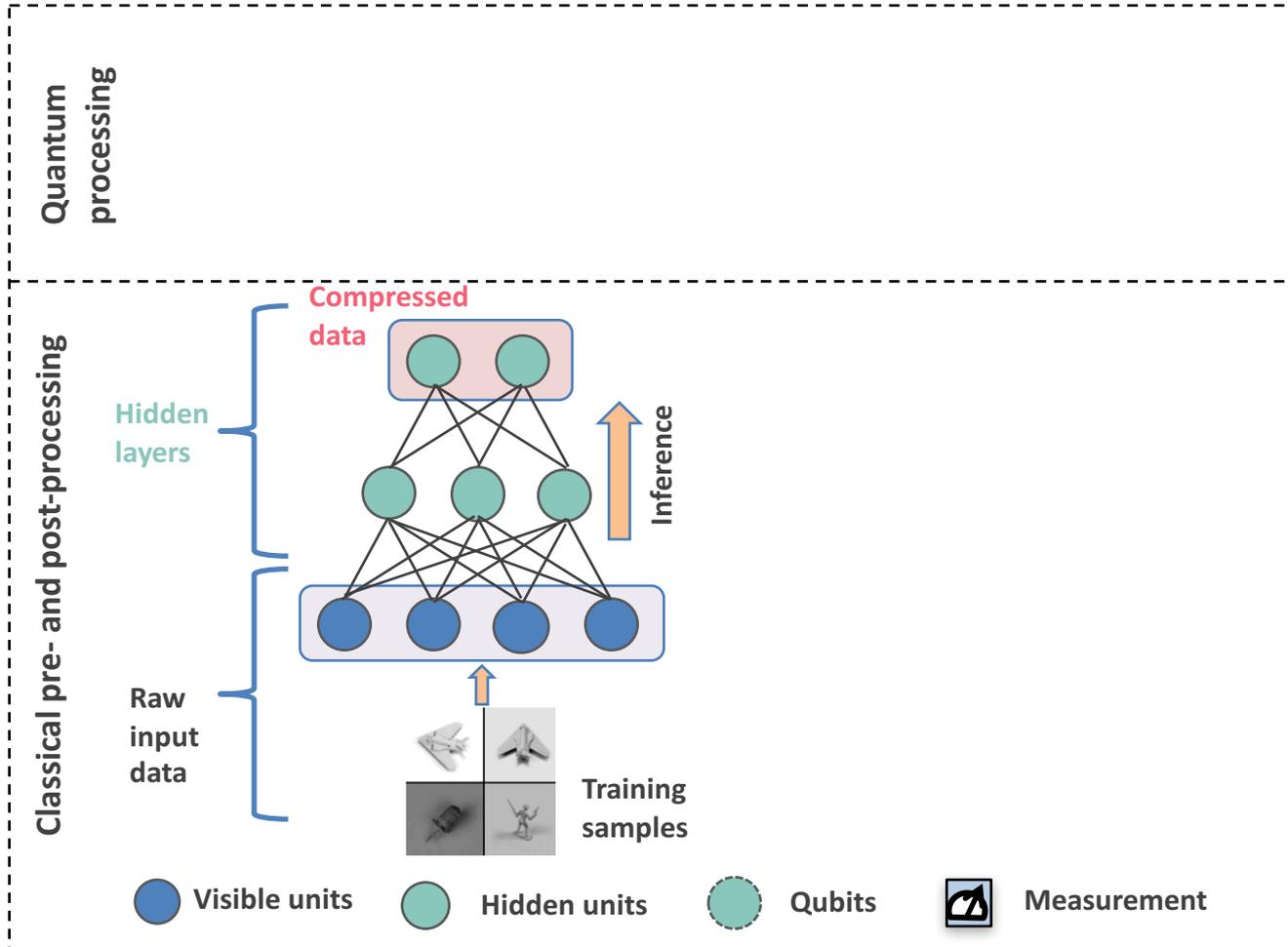
**How about large complex datasets with continuous variables?**

**All previous fail to do that (fully quantum and hybrid here)**

# Perspective on quantum-enhanced machine learning



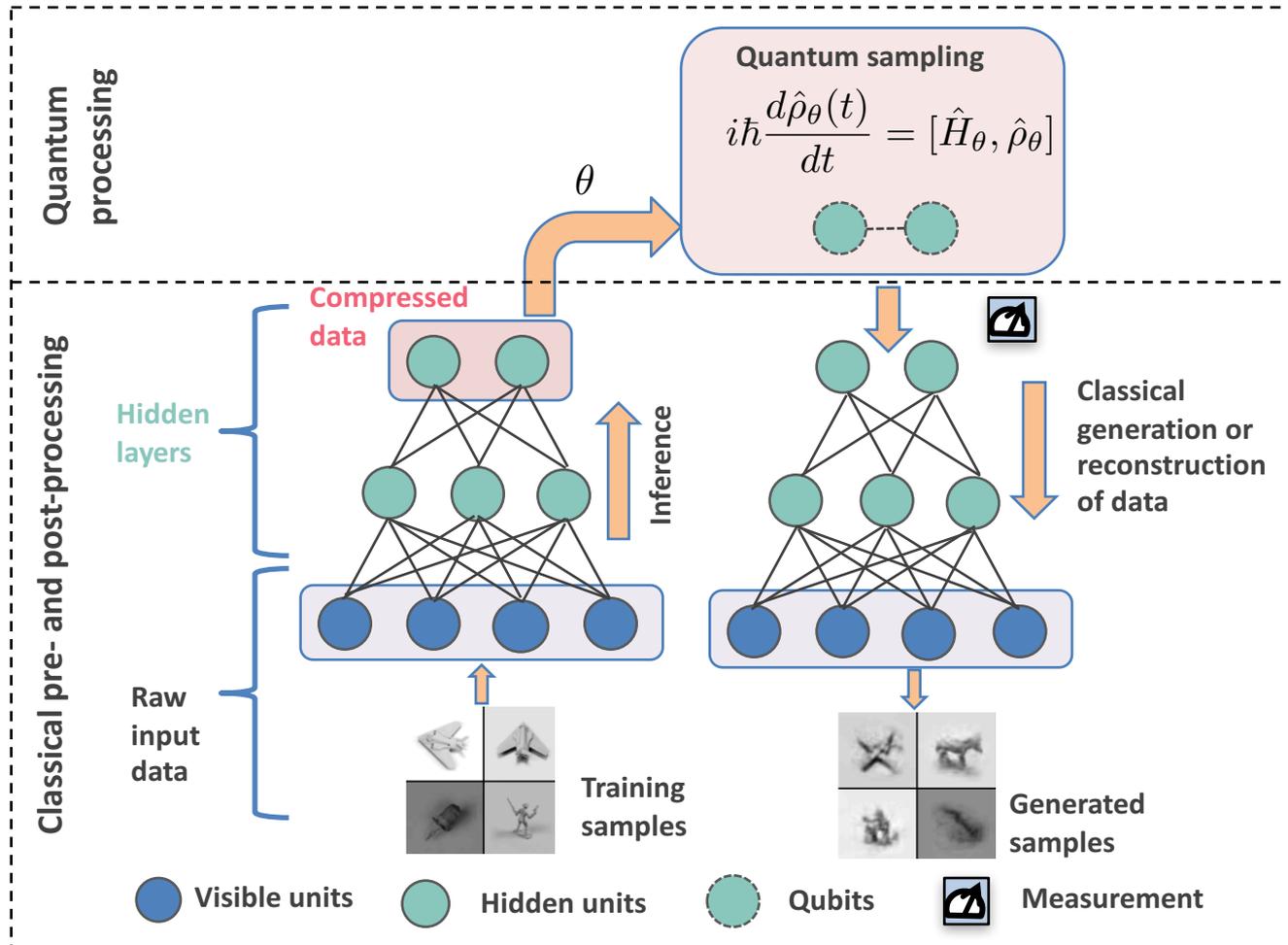
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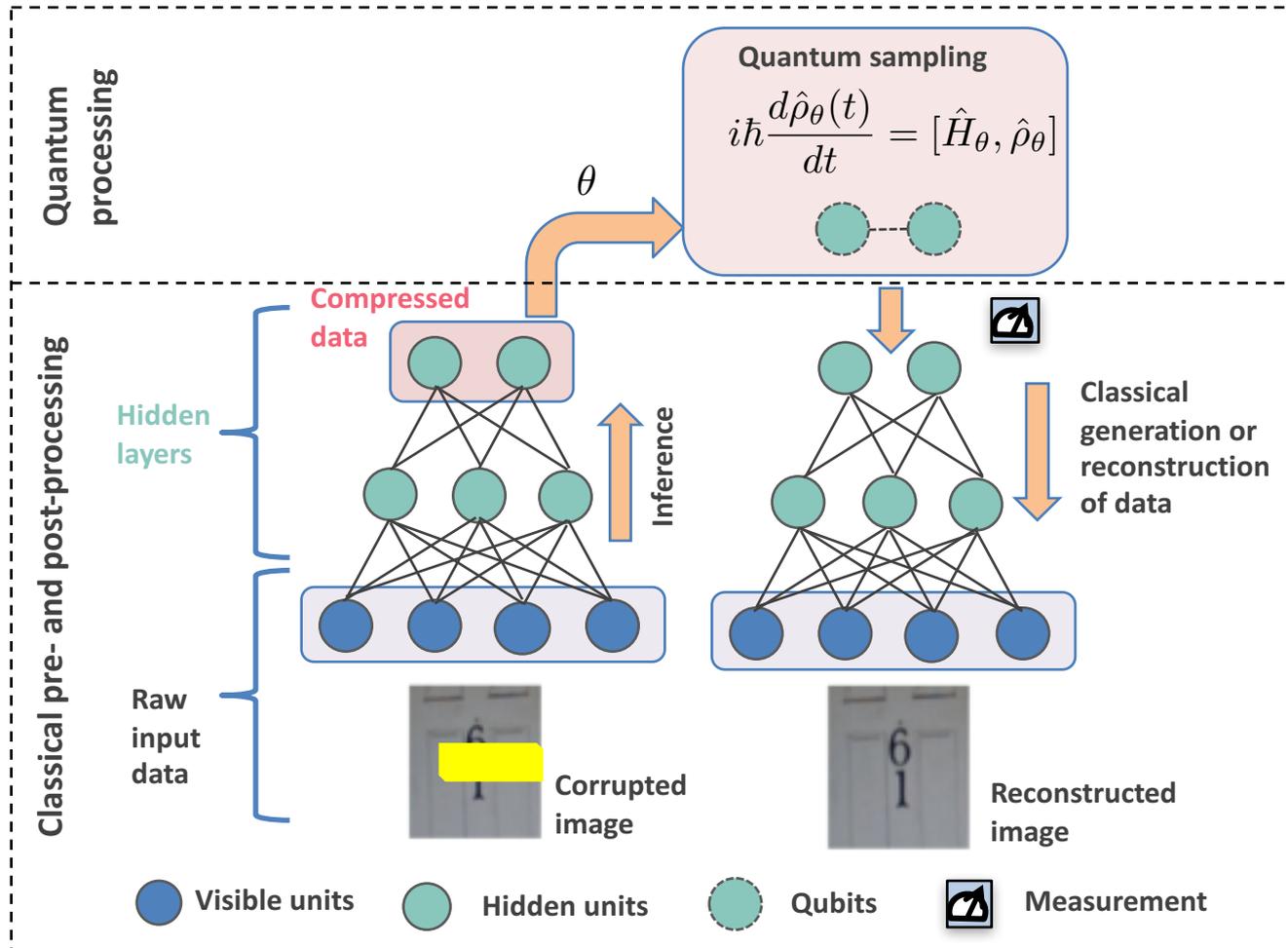
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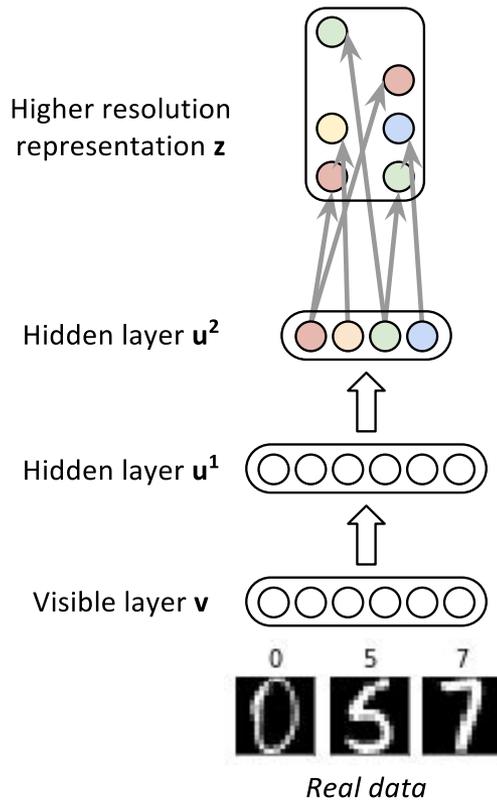


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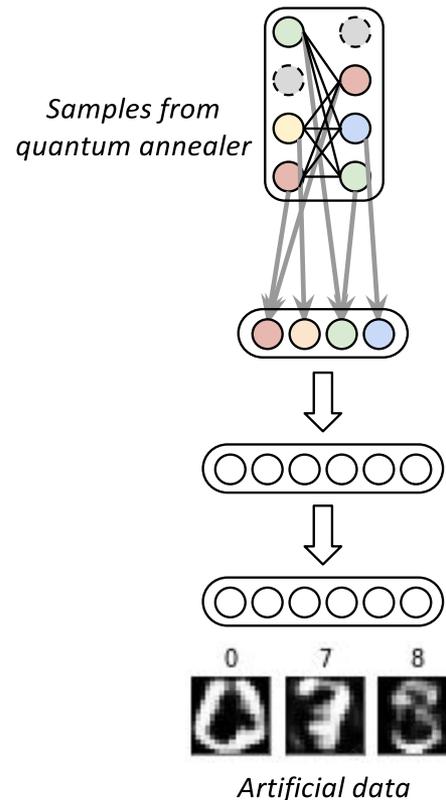
# Experimental implementation of the QAHM



(a) Recognition network



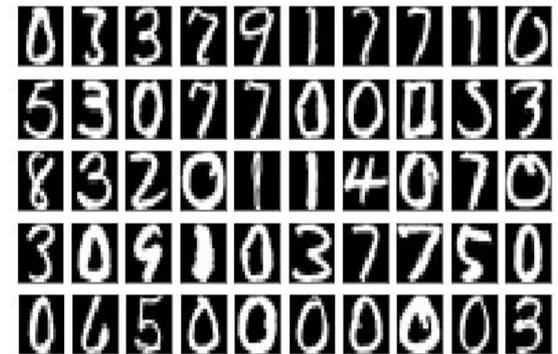
(b) Generator network



(c)



(d)



Experiments using 1644 qubits (no further postprocessing!)

Max. CL = 43

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- **Opportunities:** Emphasis in moving from popular ML to not-so-popular but still highly value ML applications. Example: From discriminative models to more powerful generative models. Also, classical datasets with intrinsic quantum correlations.
- **Challenges:** Limited qubit-qubit connectivity, limited precision, intrinsic control errors, digital representation, classical-quantum feedback (in case of hybrid).
- **Proposed directions:** Emphasis on hybrid quantum-classical algorithms. New approach capable of tackling large complex datasets in machine learning.

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