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Abstract: An increase in the efficiency of sampling from Boltzmann distributions would have a significant impact in deep learning and other machine learning applications. Recently, quantum annealers have been proposed as a potential candidate to speed up this task, but several limitations still bar these state-of-the-art technologies from being used effectively. One of the main limitations is that, while the device may indeed sample from a Boltzmann-like distribution, quantum dynamical arguments suggests it will do so with an instance-dependent effective temperature, different from the physical temperature of the device. Unless this unknown temperature can be unveiled, it might not be possible to effectively use a quantum annealer for Boltzmann sampling. In this talk, we present a strategy to overcome this challenge with a simple effective-temperature estimation algorithm. We provide a systematic study assessing the impact of the effective temperatures in the learning of a kind of restricted Boltzmann machine embedded on quantum hardware, which can serve as a building block for deep learning architectures. We also provide a comparison to k-step contrastive divergence (CD-k) with k up to 100. Although assuming a suitable fixed effective temperature also allows to outperform one step contrastive divergence (CD-1), only when using an instance-dependent effective temperature we find a performance close to that of CD-100 for the case studied here. We discuss generalizations of the algorithm to other more expressive generative models, beyond restricted Boltzmann machines.



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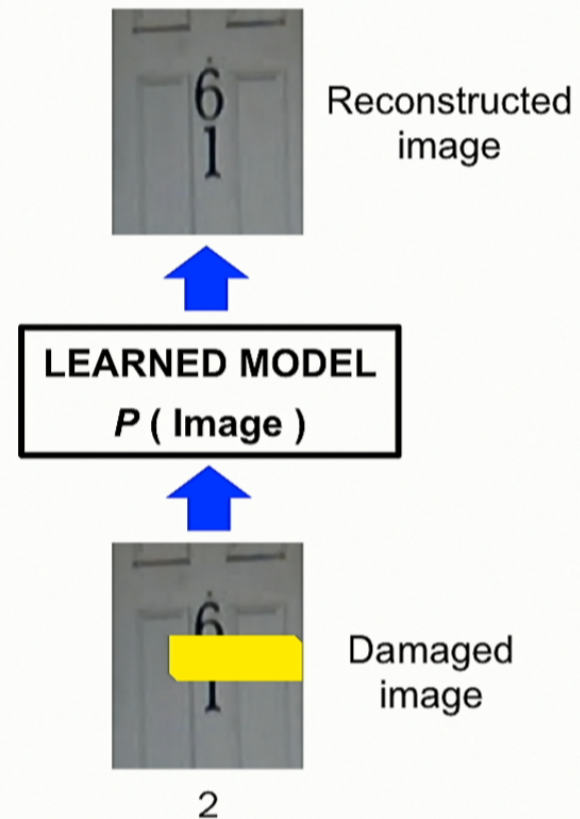
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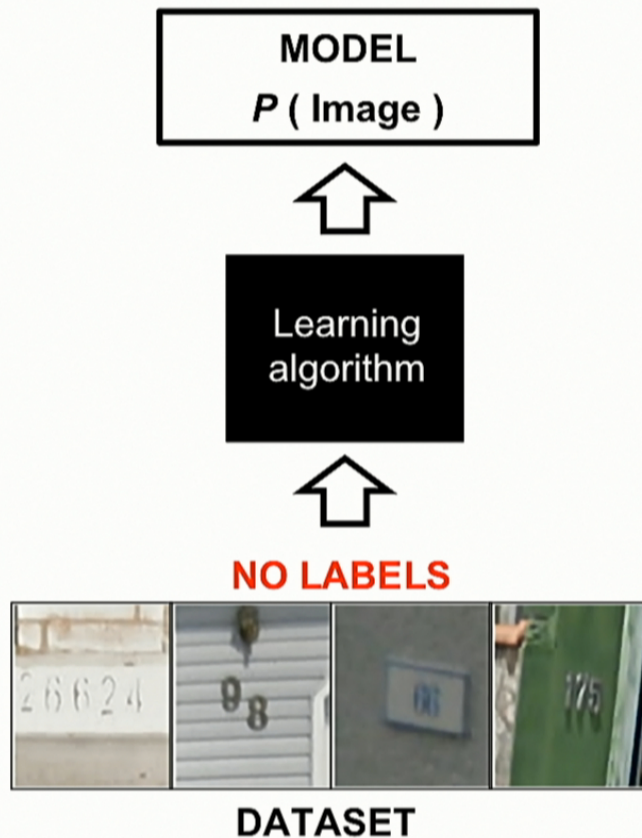
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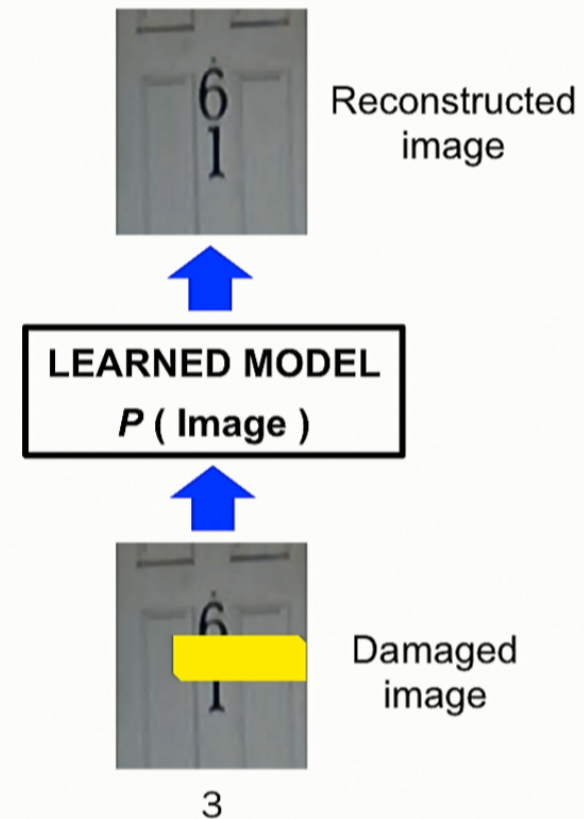


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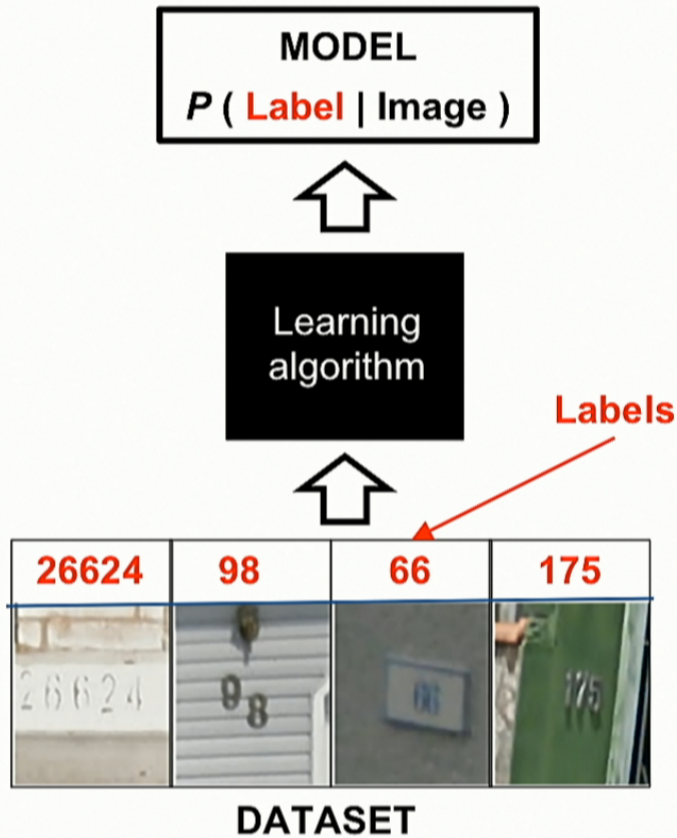
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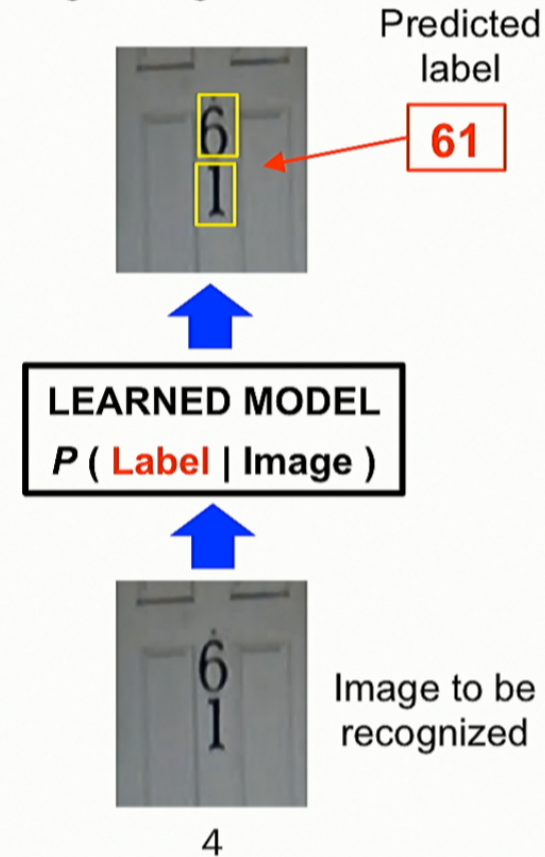


Supervised learning (discriminative models)

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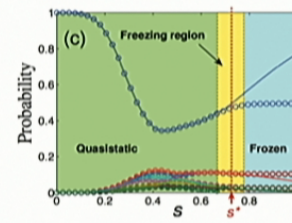
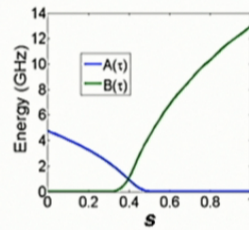
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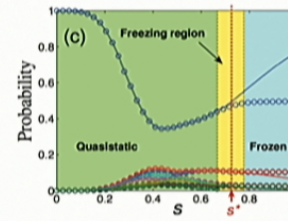
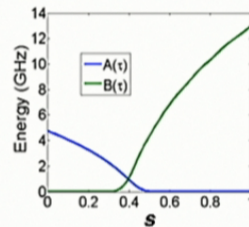


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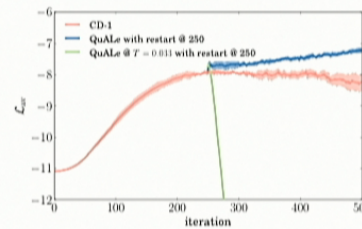
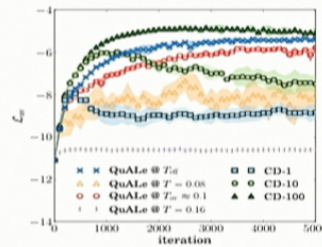
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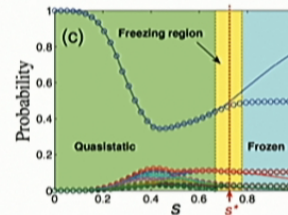
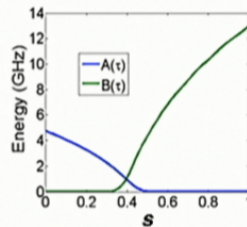


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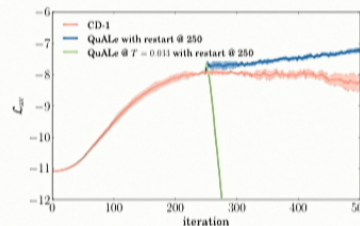
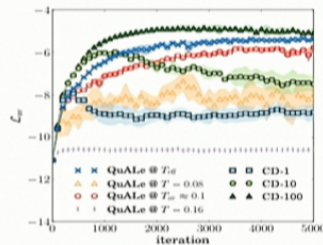
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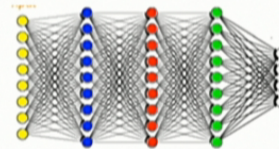


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- Overcoming the “curse of limited connectivity” in hardware. How to work with general probabilistic graphical models beyond RBM? How to cope with noisy devices and future directions.



General BMs



Deep architectures



Unsupervised learning relies on sampling

“Unsupervised learning [... has] been overshadowed by the successes of purely supervised learning. [...] We] expect **unsupervised learning to become far more important in the longer term**. Human and animal learning is largely unsupervised: we discover the structure of the world by observing it, not by being told the name of every object.”

LeCun, Bengio, Hinton, *Deep Learning*, *Nature* 2015

“In the context of the deep learning approach to undirected modeling, it is rare to use any approach other than Gibbs sampling. **Improved sampling techniques are one possible research frontier.**”

Goodfellow, Bengio, Courville, *Deep Learning*, book in preparation for MIT Press, 2016

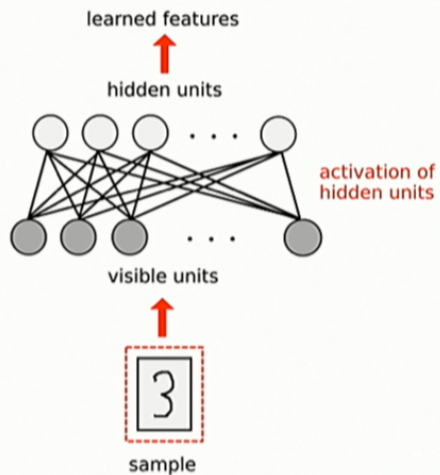
“Most of the previous work in **generative models** has focused on variants of **Boltzmann Machines** [...] While these models **are very powerful**, each iteration of **training requires a computationally costly step of MCMC** to approximate derivatives of an intractable partition function (normalization constant), making it **difficult to scale** them **to large datasets.**”

Mansimov, Parisotto, Ba, Salakhutdinov, under review for ICLR 2016



Restricted Boltzmann Machines and Beyond

feature mapping



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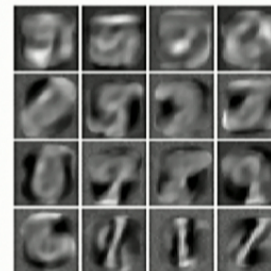
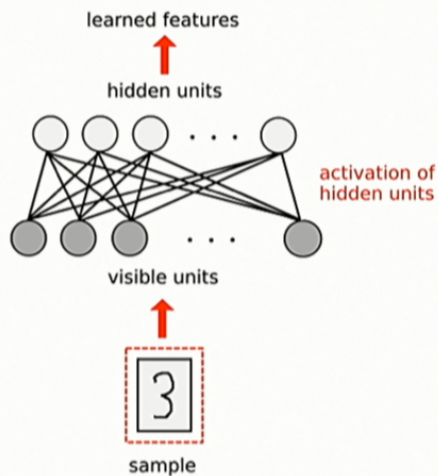
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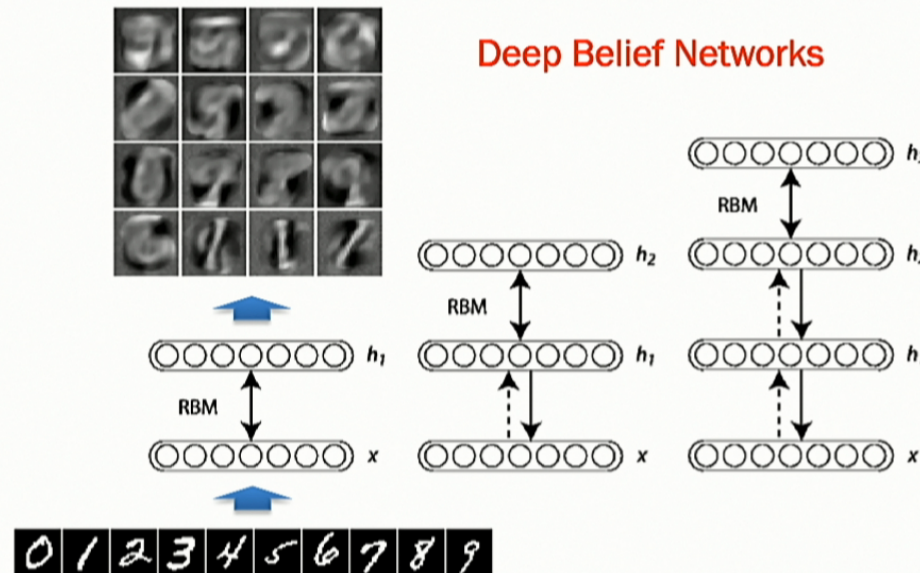
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Model:

$$p(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} e^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})},$$

Training Method: Stochastic gradient ascent

$$\sum_{\mathbf{v} \in S} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta|\mathbf{v})}{\partial w_{ij}} \propto \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{data}} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{model}}$$

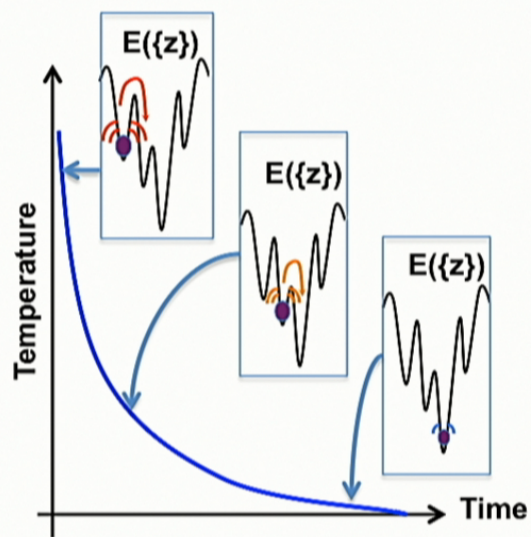


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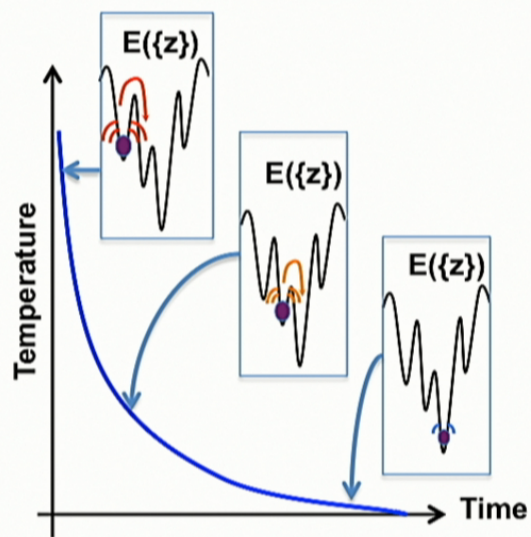


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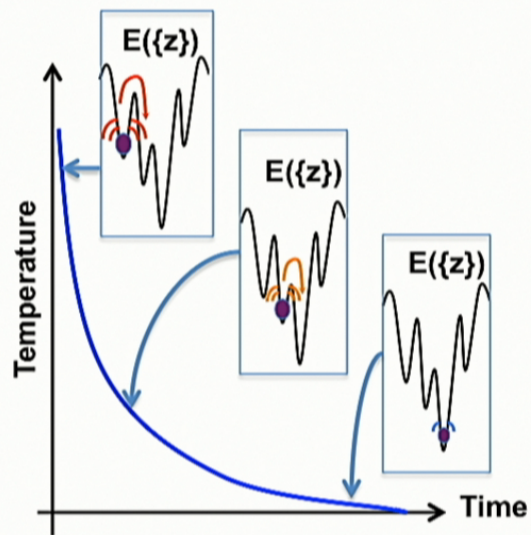


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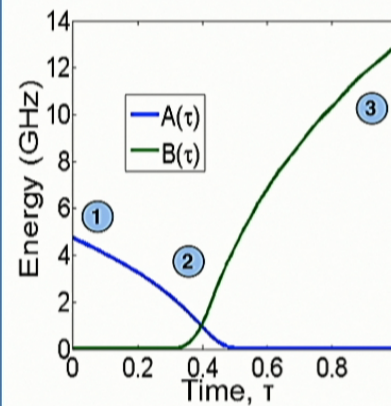
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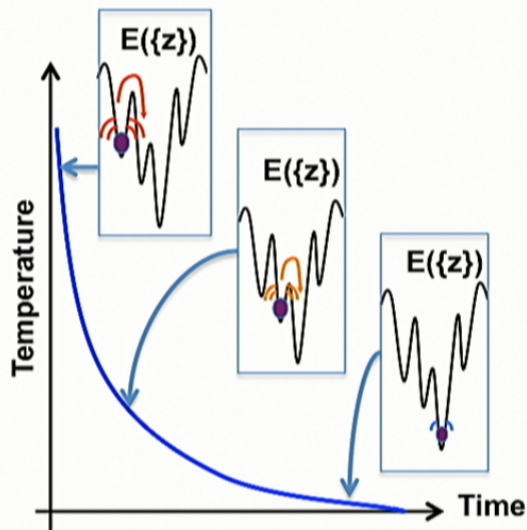


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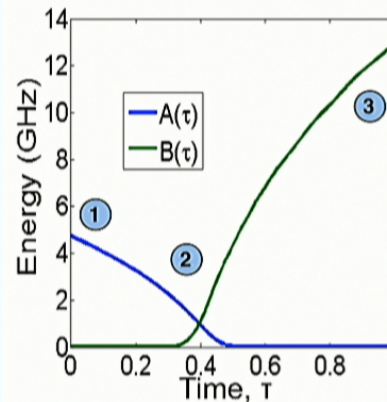
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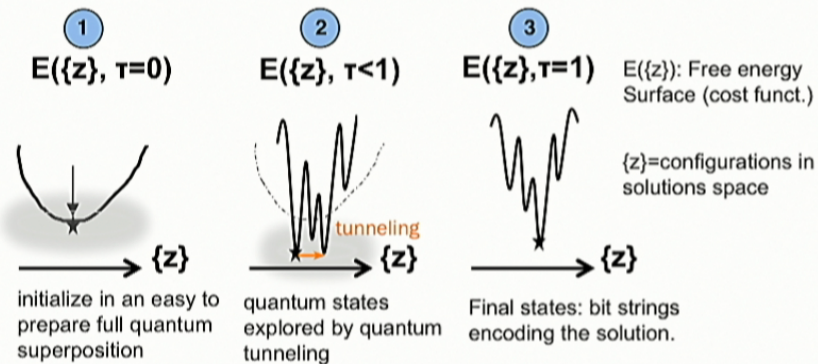


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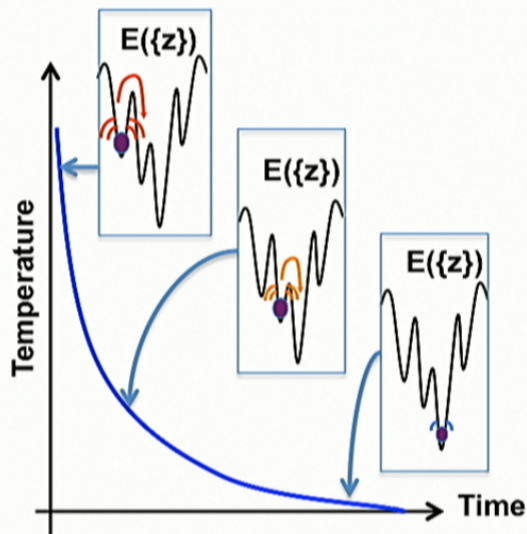


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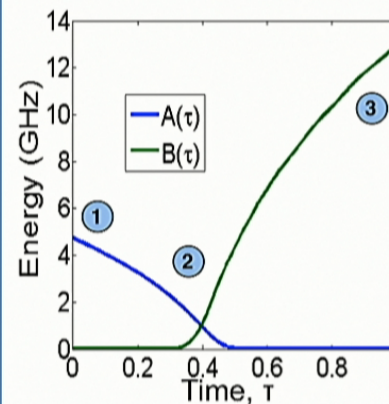
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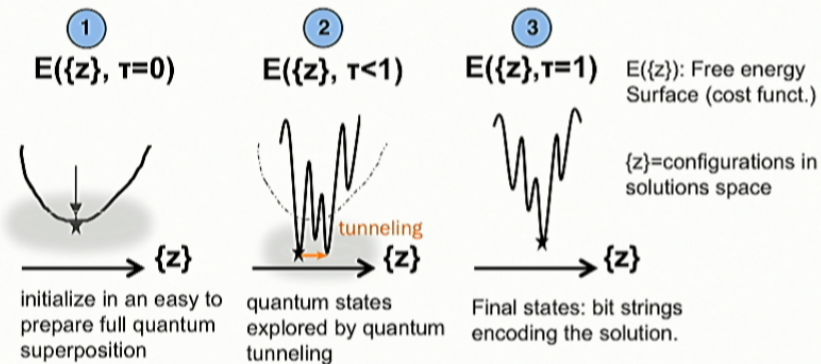


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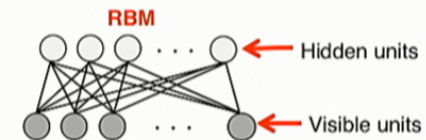
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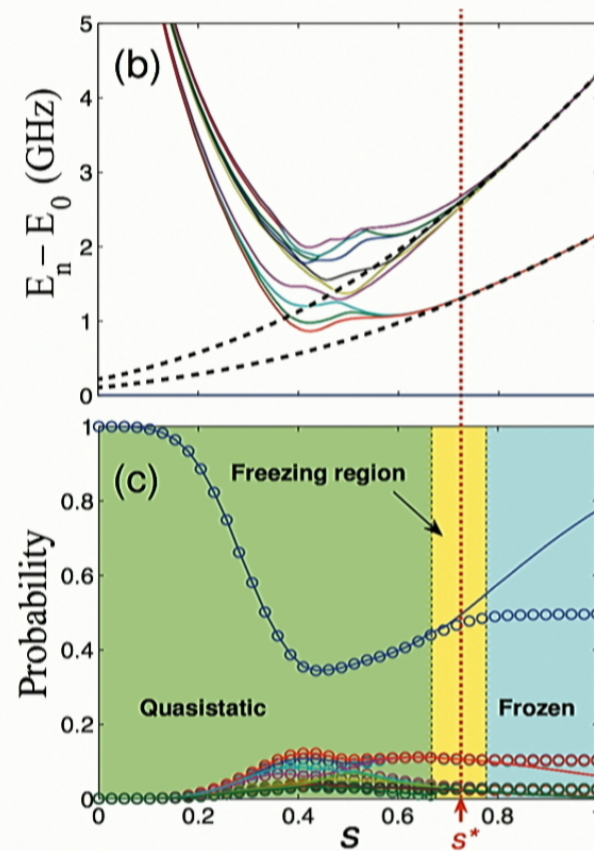
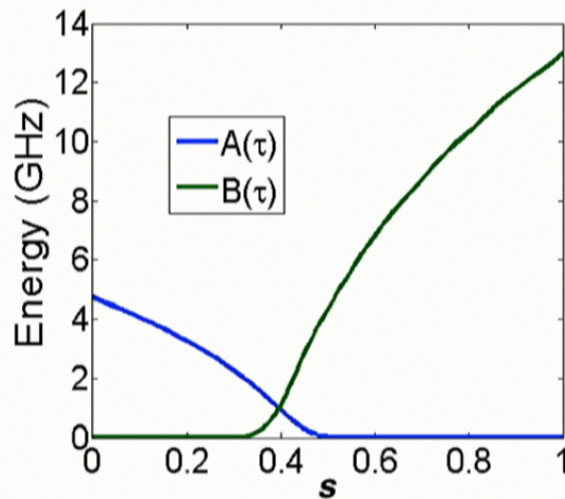


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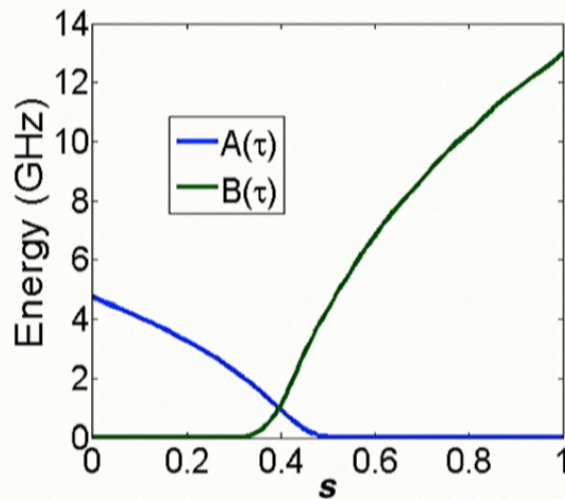


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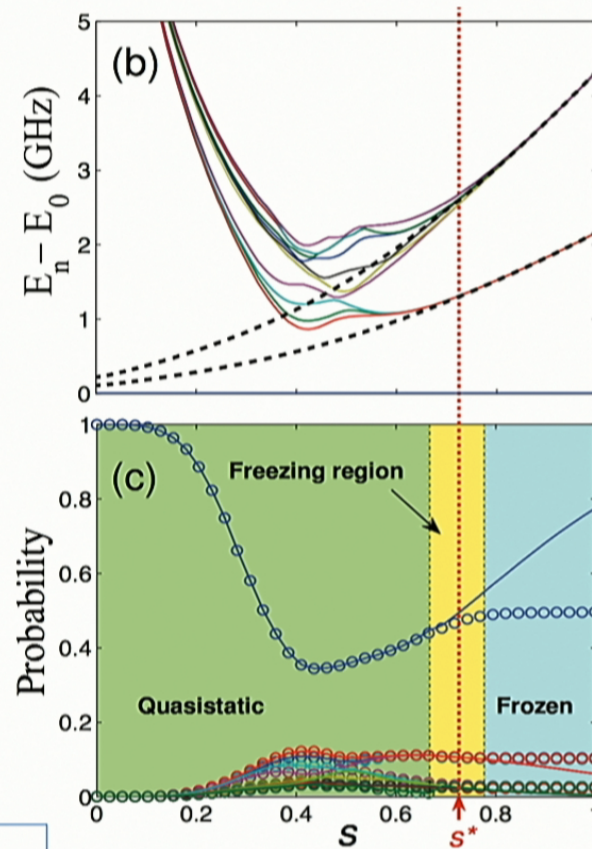
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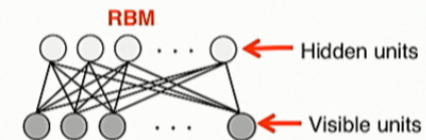
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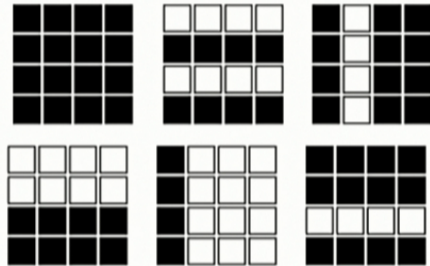
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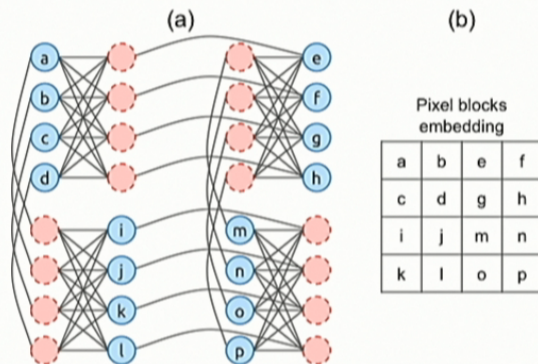
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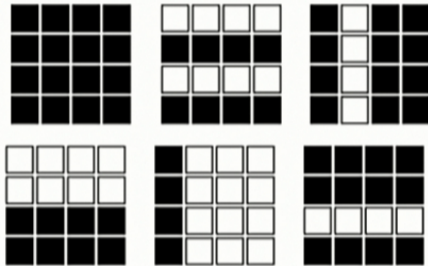
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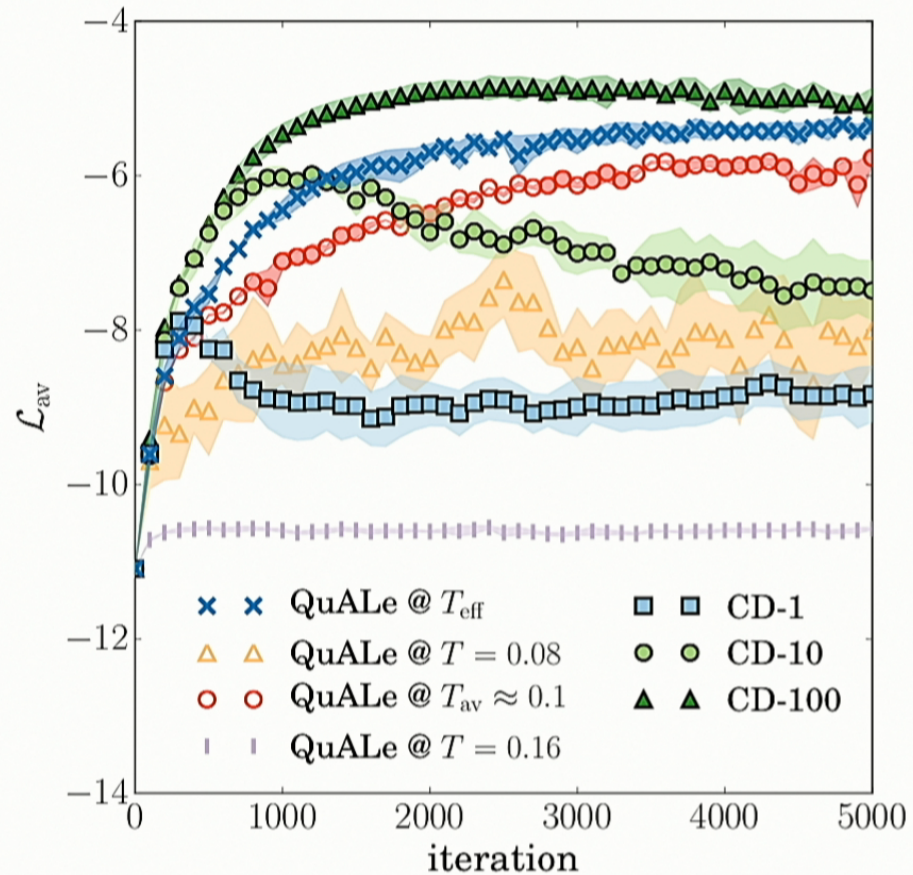
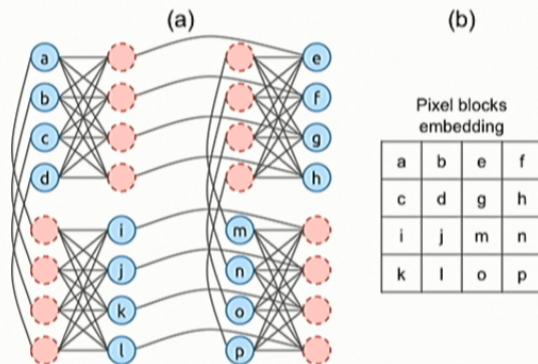
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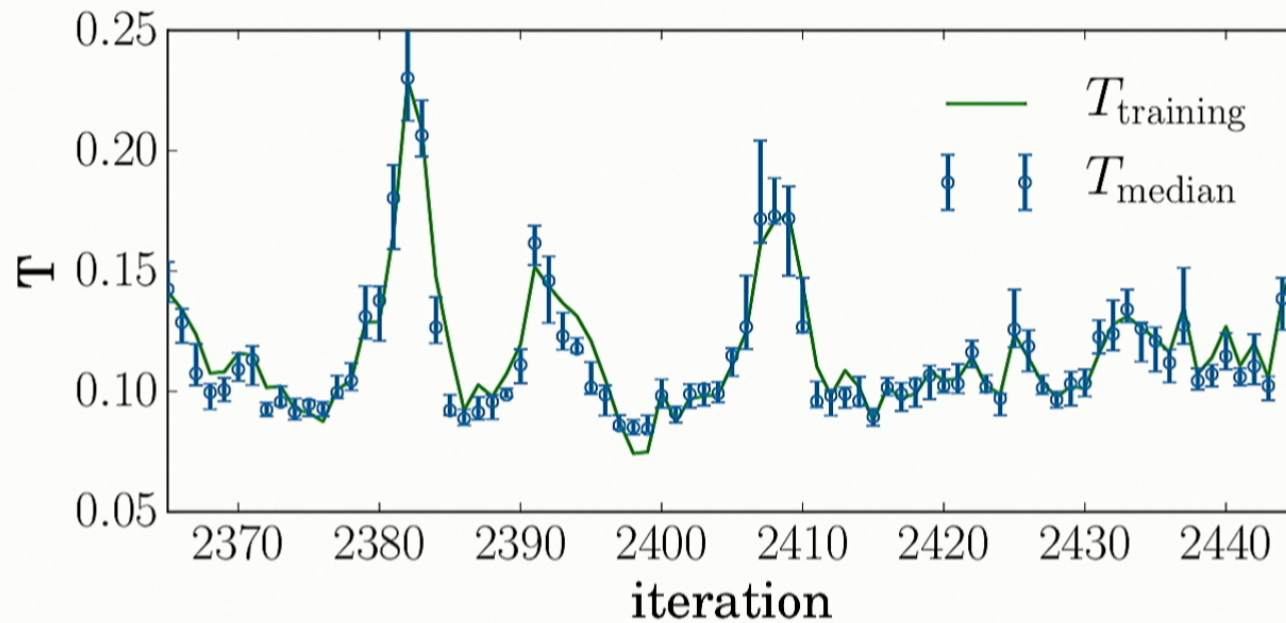
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Non-trivial and correlated variations in the temperature

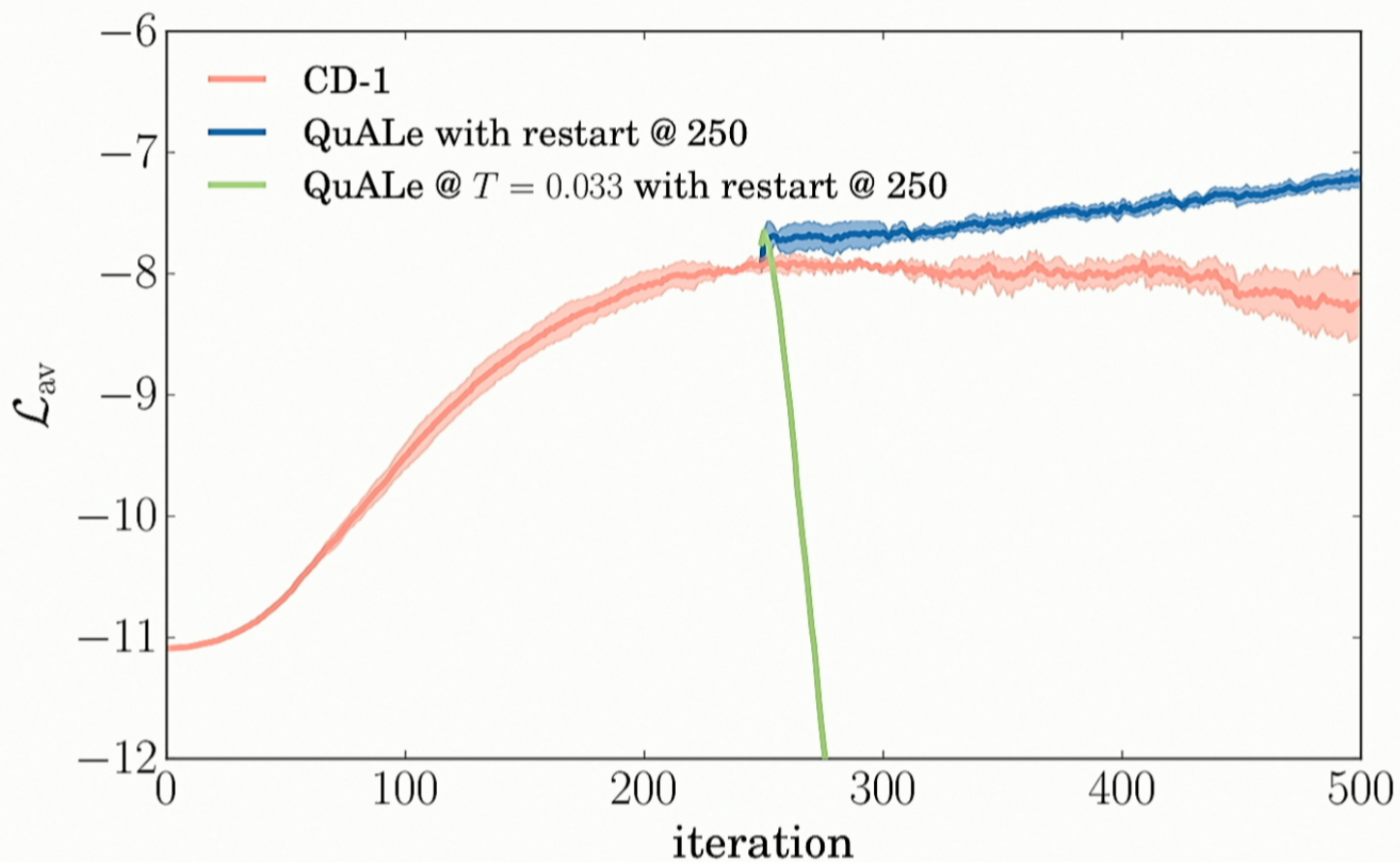


$$T_{\text{DW2X}} = 0.033$$

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Added features: Restart from CD-k



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Reinforcement learning

agents

Bob room

Theano

Lasagne

Scikit - Neural Network

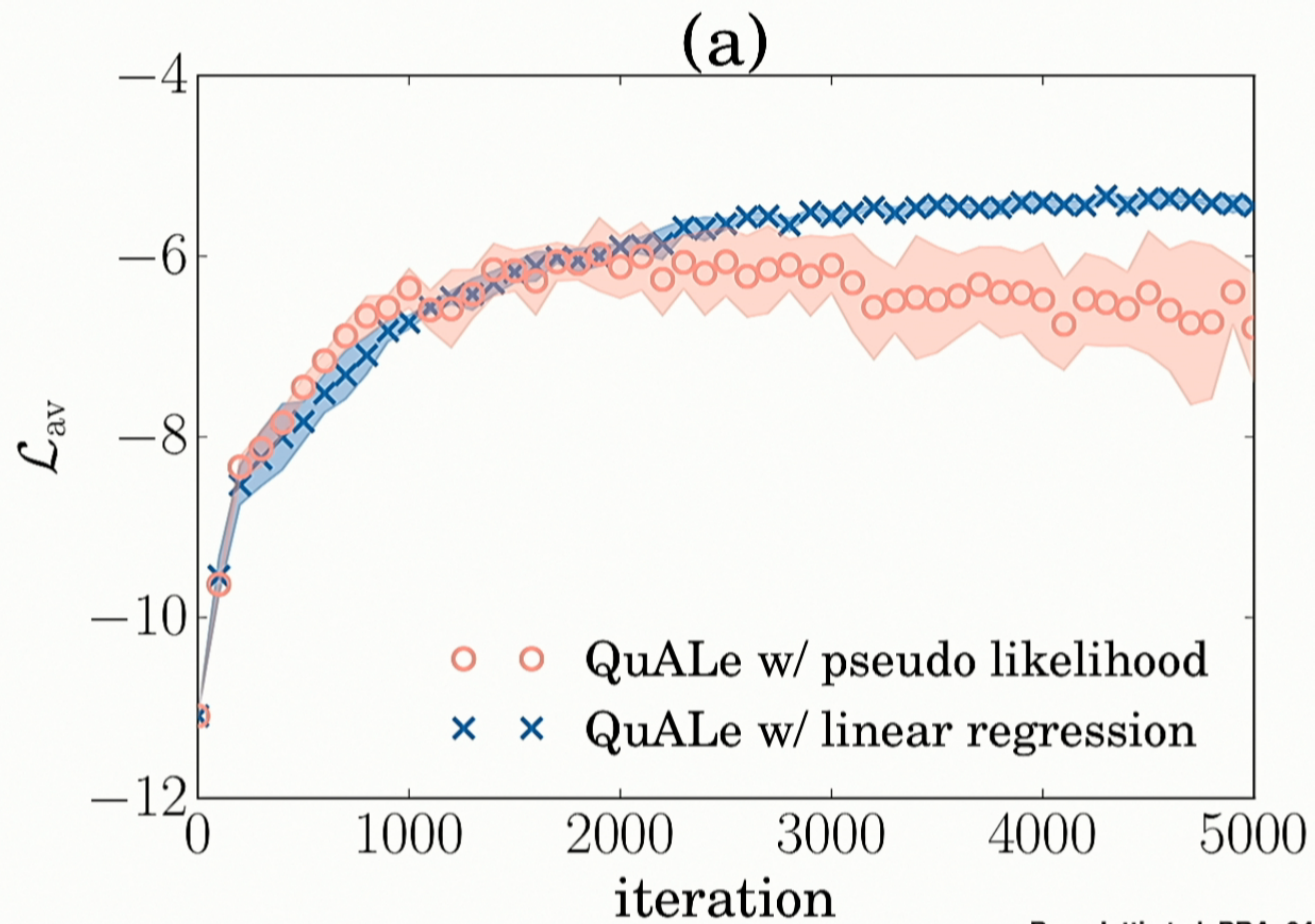
numpy / matplotlib

$$W_{ij} = \frac{J_{ij}}{T_{eff}}$$

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Comparison with pseudo-likelihood

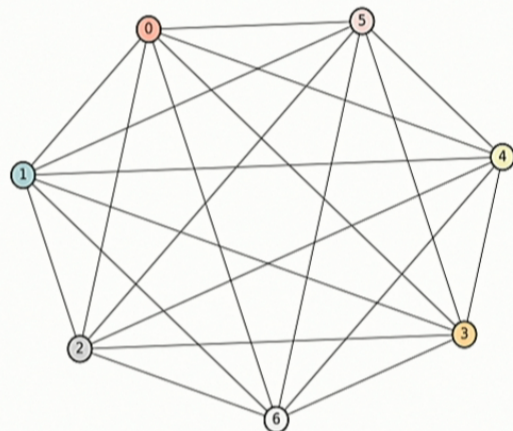


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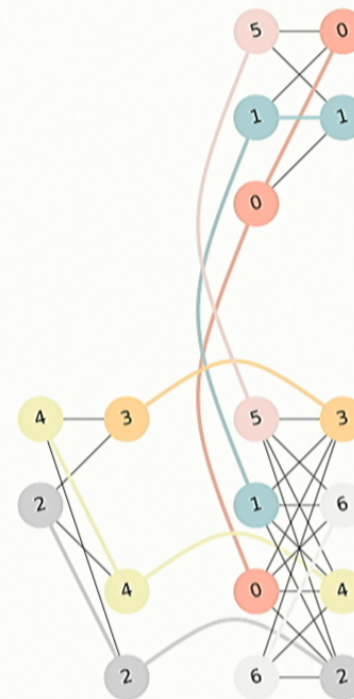


Quantum-assisted unsupervised learning on digits

Overcoming the curse of limited connectivity



7 logical (visible) variables

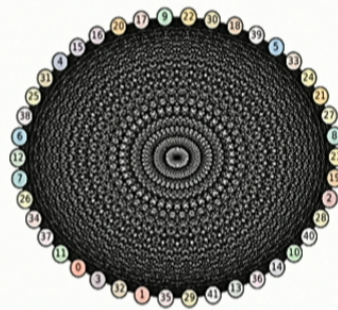


18 physical qubits

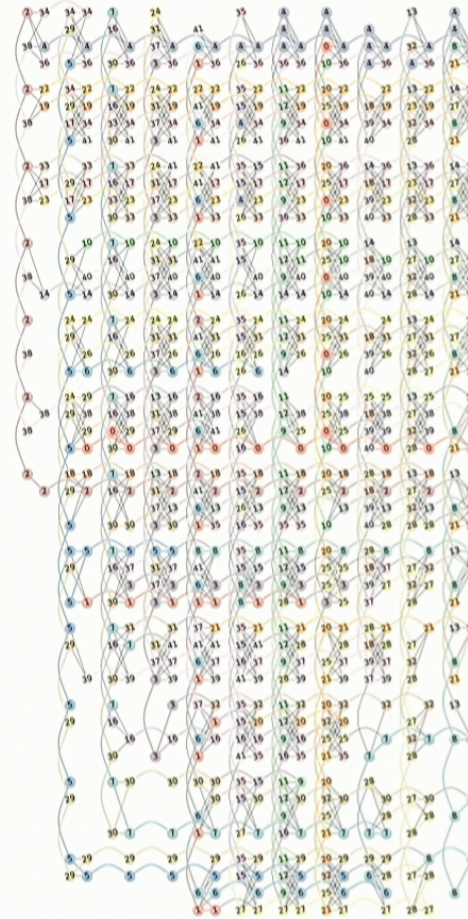


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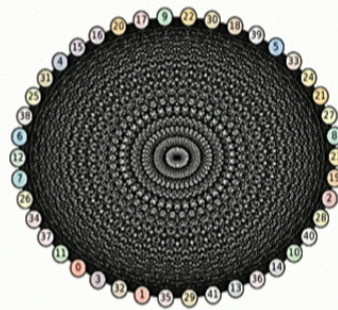
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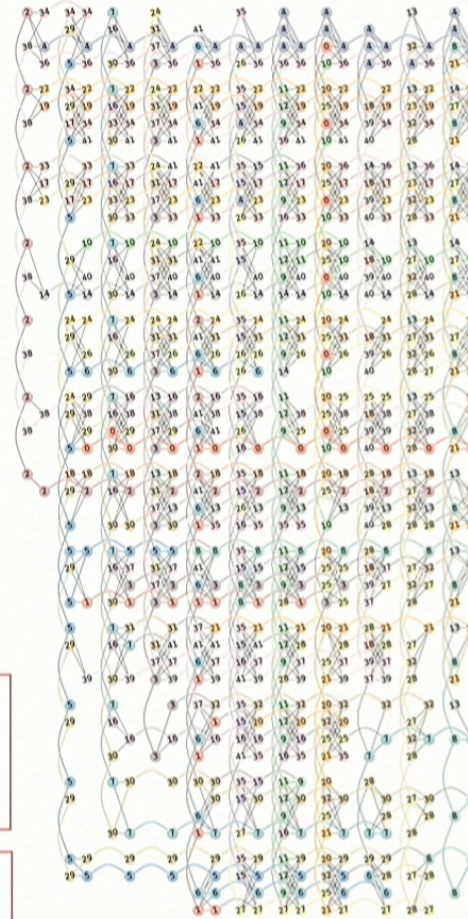
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How do we train this 794 qubit problem?
(How do we analyze the (Gibbs) samples from this physical model?)

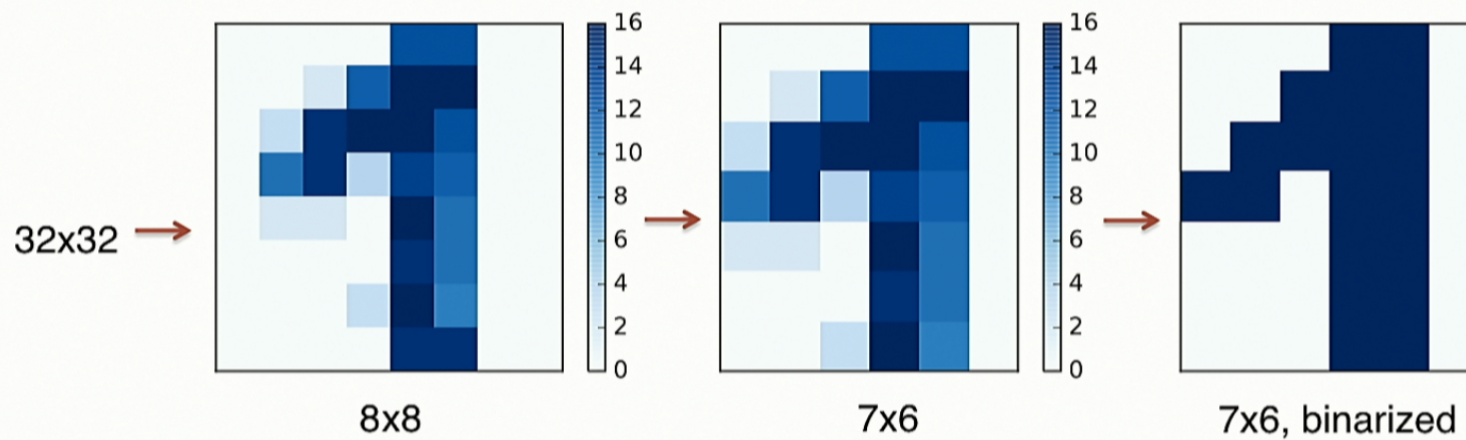
Immediate solution: Keep an eye on a paper coming out with a new gray-model approach for training noisy QA.

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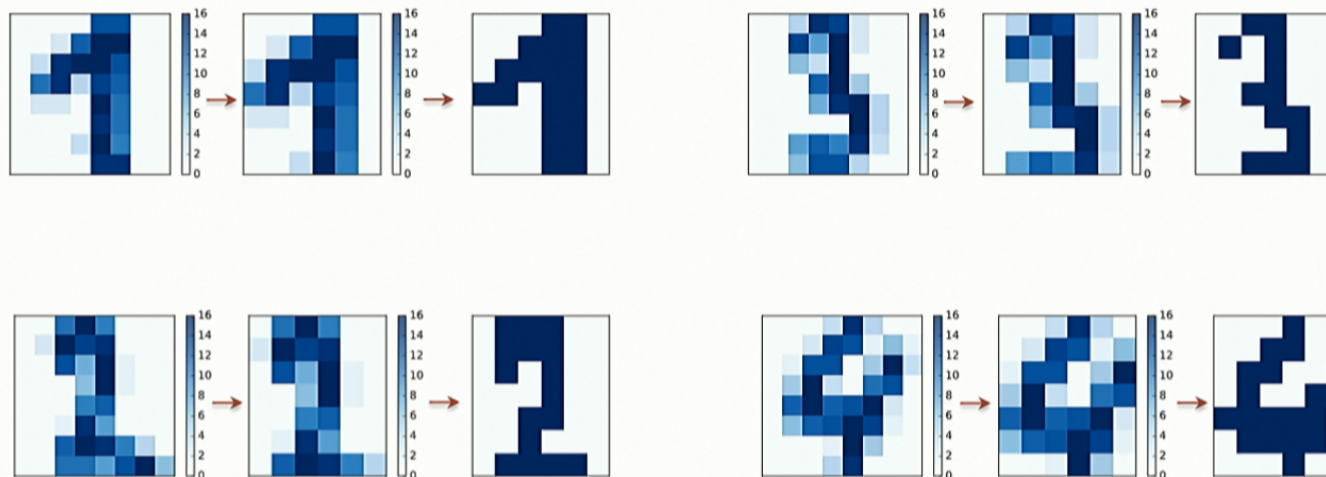


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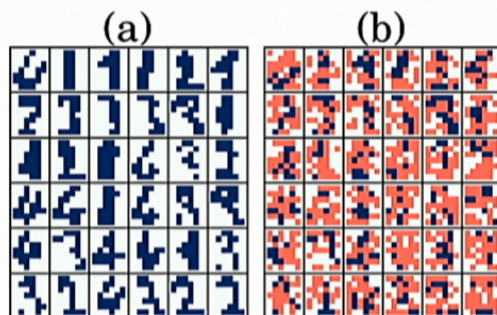
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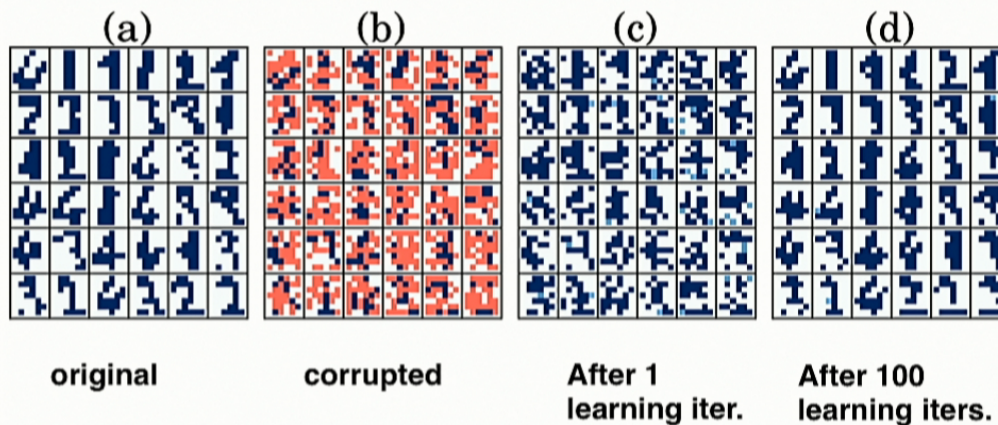
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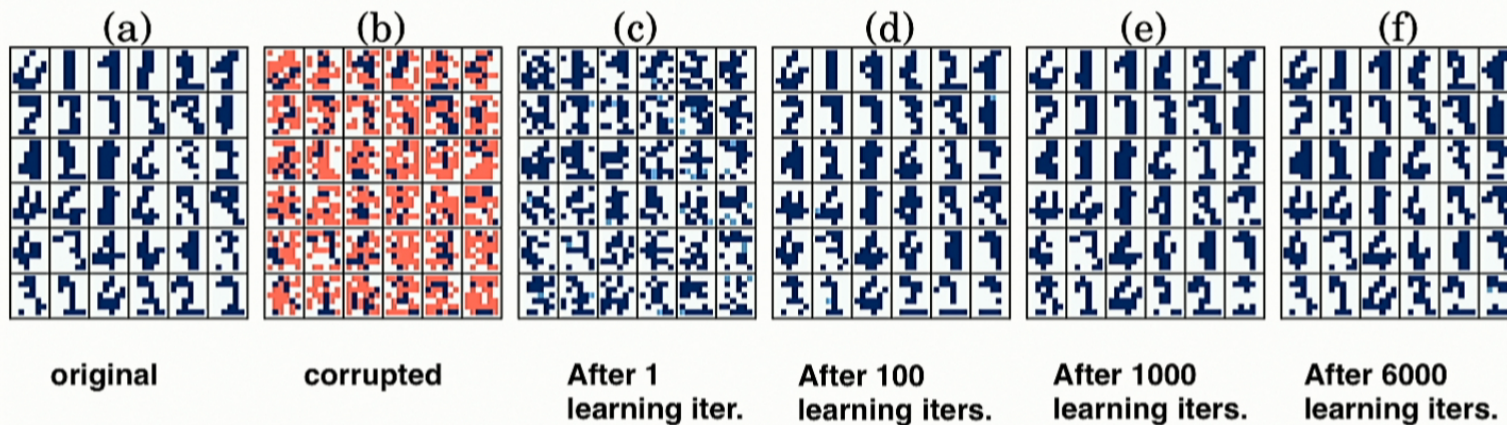
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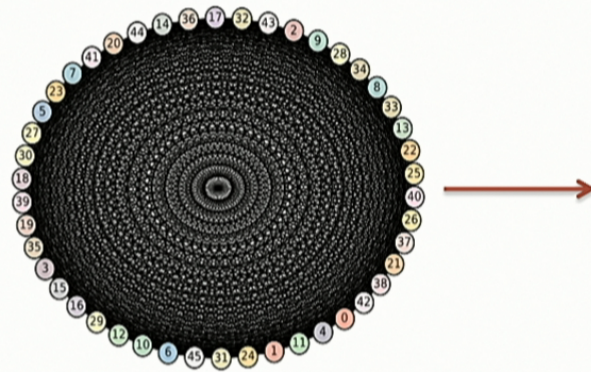
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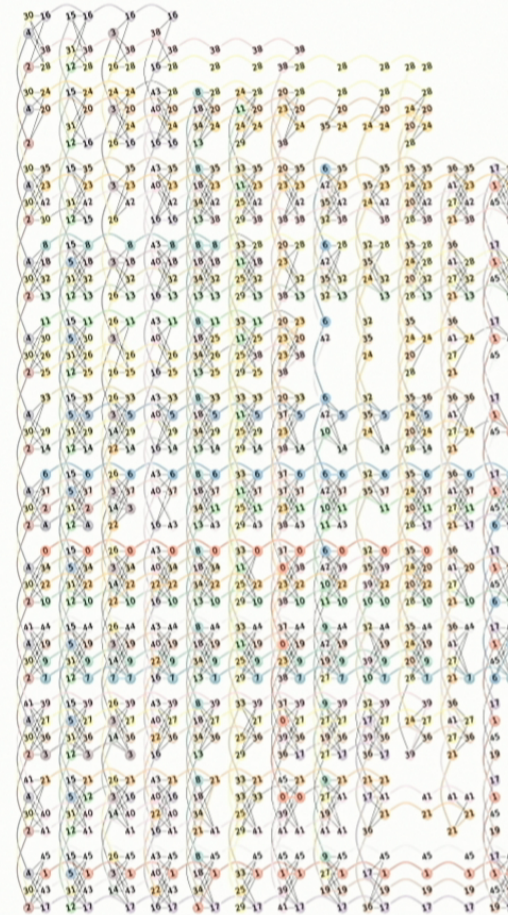
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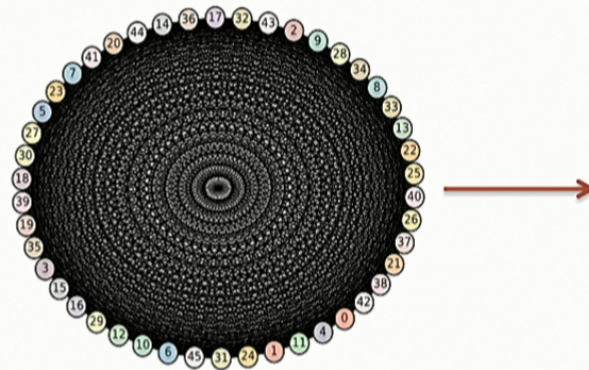
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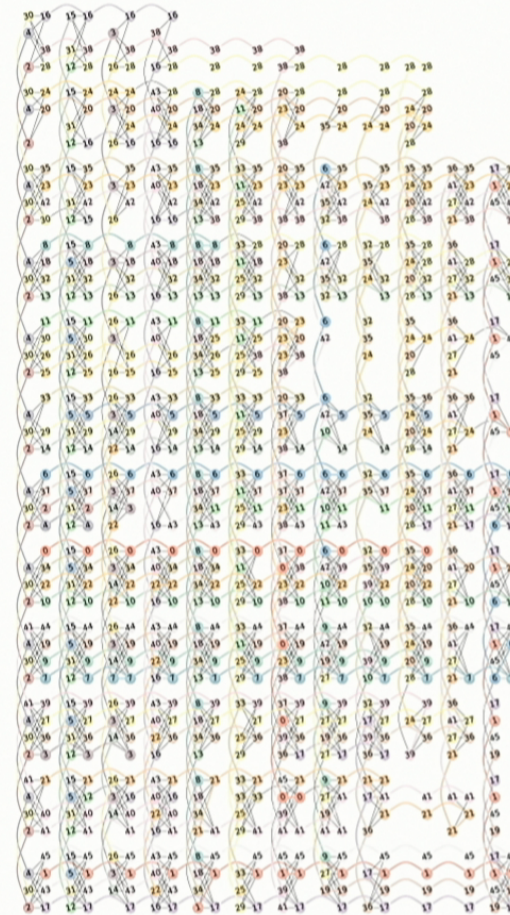
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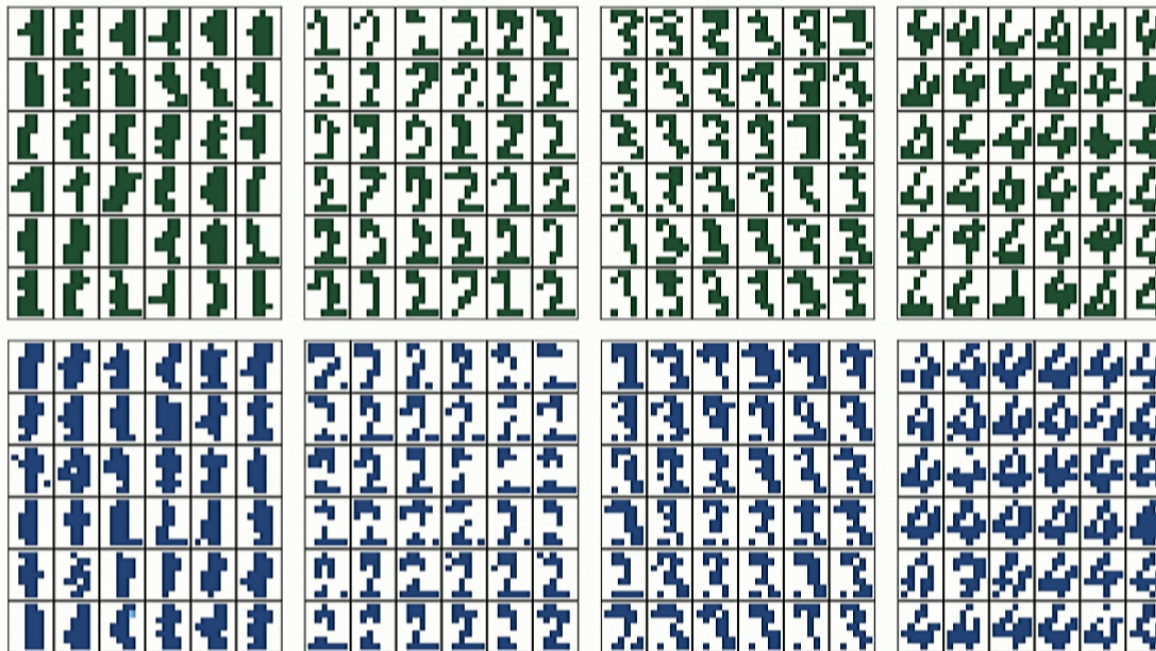


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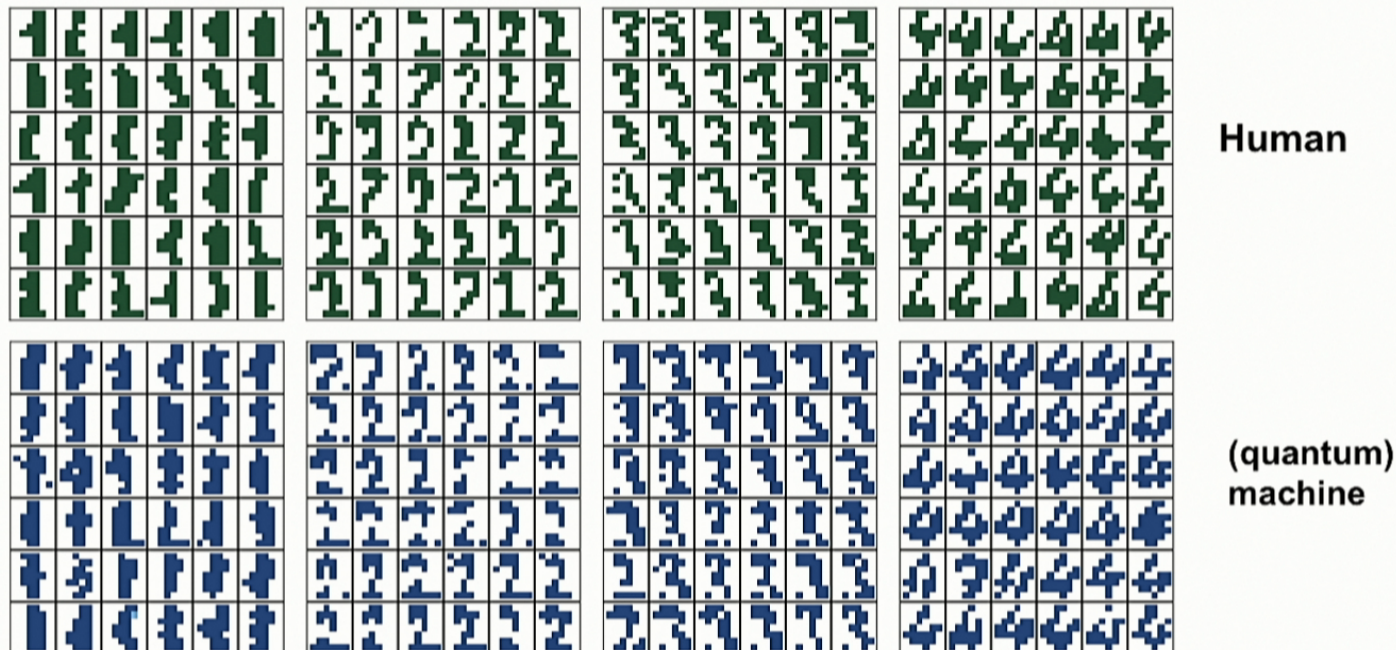
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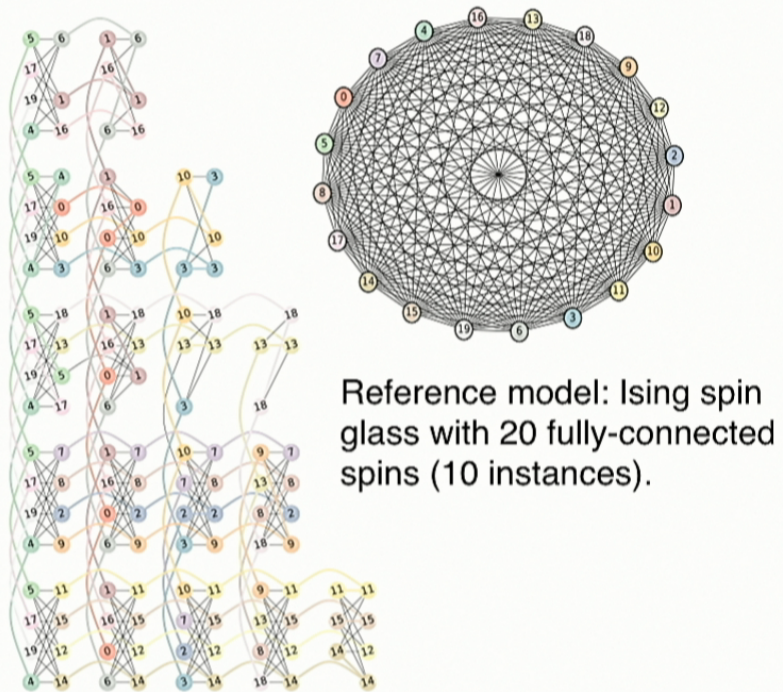
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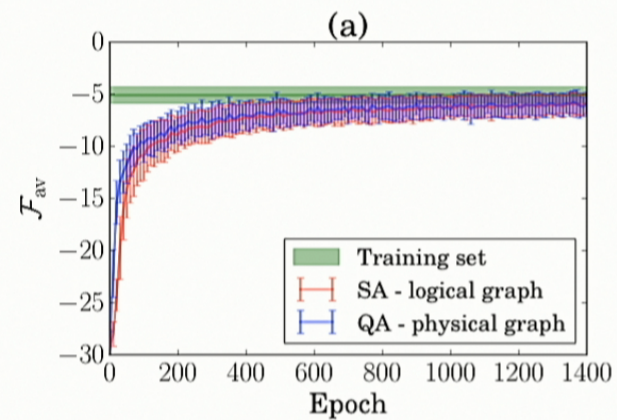
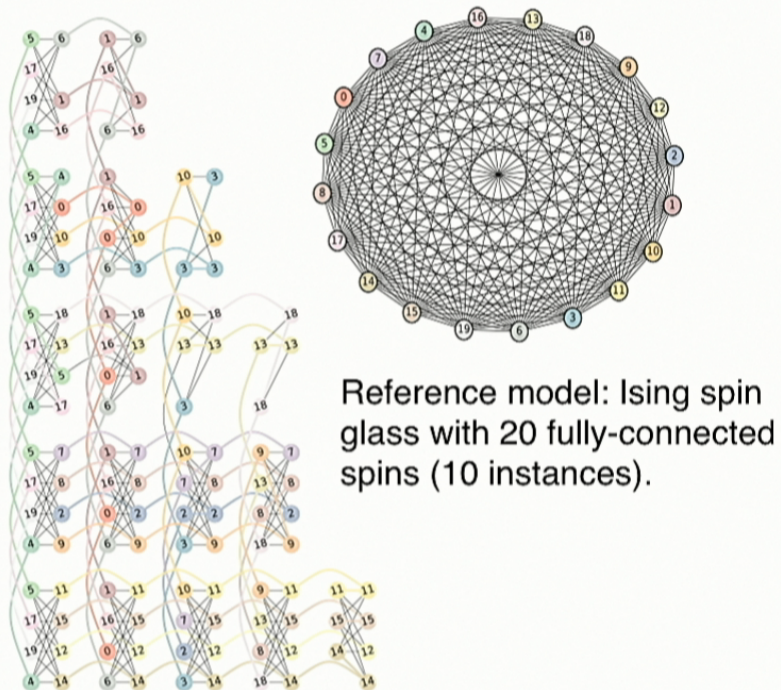
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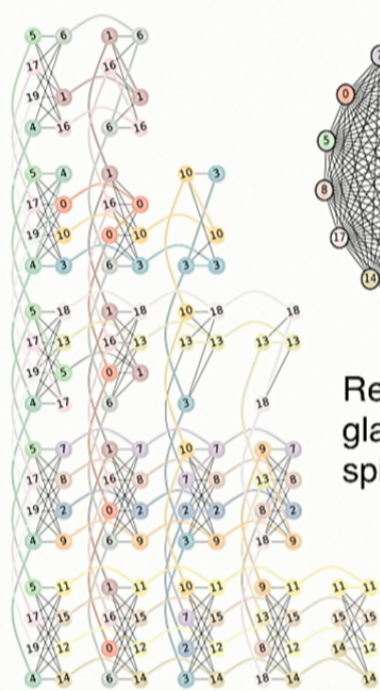
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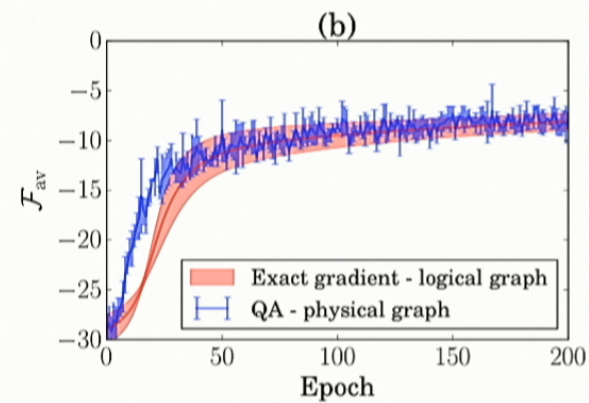
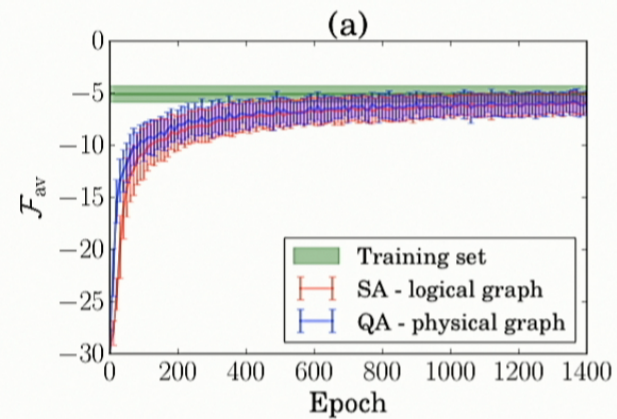
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Reference model: Ising spin glass with 20 fully-connected spins (10 instances).



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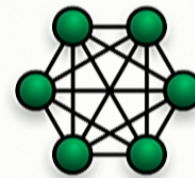
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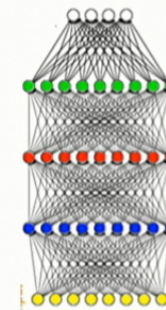
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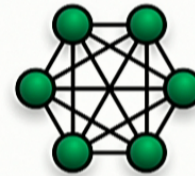
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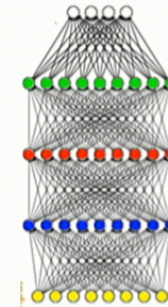
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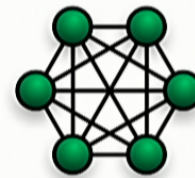


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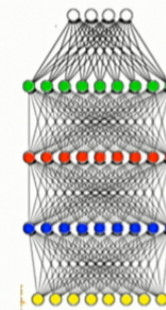
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