



Calo4pQVAE: A Particle-Calorimeter Surrogate Using Conditioned Quantum **Annealers and Variational** Autoencoders

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Motivation

- +As we approach the launch of the High Luminosity Large Hadron Collider (HL-LHC) by the decade's end, the computational demands of traditional collision simulations have become untenably high.
- Current methods, relying heavily on Monte Carlo simulations for event showers in calorimeters, are projected to require millions of CPU-years annually, a demand far beyond current capabilities.
- This bottleneck presents a unique opportunity for breakthroughs in computational physics through the integration of generative AI with quantum computing technologies.



Year



ATLAS Preliminary 2022 Computing Model - CPU: 2031, Conservative R&D



Scientific Data Lake for High Luminosity LHC project and other data-intensive particle and astro-particle physics experiments. InJournal of Physics: Conference Series 2020 Dec 1 (Vol. 1690, No. 1, p. 012166). IOP Publishing.

Data Deriv MC Deriv Analysis

Data Proc MC-Full(Sim) MC-Full(Rec) MC-Fast(Sim) MC-Fast(Rec) EvGen Heavy lons

CaloChallenge Dataset 2



CaloChallenge



	Dataset
Particle type	Electron showers
Layers	
Voxels per layer	9 radial * 16 angular
Incident energies	Log-uniform distribution (1GeV-1TeV)
N. of events	100,









Recipe:

- 1. Generate two **uniformly** independent, identically distributed random numbers U_1 and U_2 .
- 2. Substitute in:

$$Z_0 = f_0(U_1, U_2) = \sqrt{-2\ln U_1} \cos(2\pi U_2)$$

 $Z_1 = f_1(U_1, U_2) = \sqrt{-2\ln U_1} \sin(2\pi U_2)$







Uniform Distribution





Generative Models

Uniform Distribution





Generative Models

Uniform Distribution



$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \langle \ln \mathcal{D}^{\text{ecoder}} \rangle$





Generative Models For particle-calorimeter interactions + quantum-assisted







Variational Autoencoders (VAE)







Average performance.

Legacy VAE assumes a Gaussian prior.

 $f/q_{\phi}(z|x)$



VAE + Restricted Boltzmann Machine





Replace Gaussian prior with Boltzmann prior.

Universal approximator.

However, this comes at a cost.

 $1/q_{\phi}(z|x)$



 $|h\rangle$ $\langle v |$



- Suppose a data set $\{v^{\alpha}\}_{\alpha=1}^{n}$, such that $v_i \in \{0,1\}$.
- I) An RBM will fit a Boltzmann distribution, p(v), to the data set.
- II) The fitting is done by maximizing the log-likelihood, $\ln p(v)$.
- III) RBMs are composed by a two-partite graph, where v denotes the visible layer and **h** the hidden layer.







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Quantum-Assisted Discrete VAE





- Replace Gaussian prior with Boltzmann prior.
- Universal approximator.
- +However, this comes at a cost.
- But we might be able to avoid Gibbs sampling...

Quantum Annealer Basics

An array of superconducting flux quantum bits with programmable spin-spin couplings and self-fields.

Relies on the Adiabatic Approximation.

 \bullet The goal is to find the ground state of a Hamiltonian H_0 .

In practice, quantum annealers have a strong interaction with the environment which lead to **thermalization** and decoherence. It can also reach a *dynamical arrest*.



2015 Nov 19;92(5):052323.

Quantum Annealer Topologies

Fully Connected RBM

2-partite Graph

Chimera QA

2-partite Graph









4-partite Graph

Max coord num=15



Zephyr QA



Max coord num=20







$k = 1, \dots, 302$ (Condition partition)





 $\mathcal{H}_{ising} = \cdot$

 $\sigma_{z}^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1 & h_i < 0 \text{ and } |h_i| > \sum_j |J_{ij}| \\ -1 & h_i > 0 \text{ and } |h_i| > \sum_j |J_{ij}| \end{cases}$

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 g $h_k \in \{-M, M\}^{302}$

$$\frac{A(s)}{2} \left(\sum_{i} \hat{\sigma}_{x}^{(i)}\right) + \frac{B(s)}{2} \left(\sum_{i} h_{i} \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(i)} + \sum_{i>j} J_{i,j} \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(i)} \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(j)}\right)$$

Initial Hamiltonian Final Hamiltonian





$H = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \Delta_{q} (\Phi_{CCJJ}(s)) \hat{\sigma}_{x}^{(i)} + \sum_{i} h_{i} |I_{p}(\Phi_{CCJJ}(s))| \Phi_{i}^{x}(s) \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(i)} + \sum_{i>j} J_{ij} M_{AFM} I_{p}(\Phi_{CCJJ}(s))^{2} \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(i)} \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(j)}$

- Δ_q : Energy difference between $\hat{\sigma}_x^i$ states
- I_p : Current magnitude in qubit loop
- M_{AFM} : Max mutual inductance
- $\Phi_{CCJJ}(s)$: External flux applied J-J compound
- $\Phi_i^x(s)$: External flux applied to the qubits

https://docs.dwavesys.com/docs/latest/c_qpu_annealing.html

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A(s)

 Δ_a : Energy difference between $\hat{\sigma}_x^i$ states

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Results
OA temperature estimation
*arXiv:R410.R28970
System QA at
Temperature
$$1/\beta_{QA}$$

System B at
Temperature $1/\beta$
 $P_{QA}(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta_{QA}H(x)}}{Z(\beta_{QA})}$
 $P_B(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(x)}}{Z(\beta)}$
• Equate entropy of system QA to entropy of system B
• Assume $\beta = \beta_{QA} + \Delta\beta$
 $\beta_{t+1} = f_{\delta}(\beta_t) \equiv \beta_t \left(\frac{\langle H \rangle_{QA}(r)}{\langle H \rangle_{B(1)}}\right)^{\delta}$







Training

Validation



*****arXiv:2410.22870



Results

Results (NEW)

RBM Log-likelihood saturates,





Krause C, Giannelli MF, Kasieczka G, Nachman B, Salamani D, Shih D, Zaborowska A, Amram O, Borras K, Buckley MR, Buhmann E. CaloChallenge 2022: A Community Challenge for Fast Calorimeter Simulation. arXiv preprint arXiv:2410.21611. 2024 Oct 28.

Evaluating generative models in high energy physics. Physical Review D. 2023 Apr 1;107(7):076017.



Results (NEW)

Frobenius metric





Shout out to Farzana :)

github.com/vanavreddy/Benchmarking_Calorimeter_Shower_Simulation_Generative_AI/blob/updated_2025/frob_norm_correlation.ipynb

Discussion / Conclusions / Perspectives



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Results

QPU_ANNEAL_TIME_PER_SAMPLE

20 µs

QPU_READOUT_TIME_PER_SAMPLE

136 µs

QPU_DELAY_TIME_PER_SAMPLE

21 µs

Geant4 time per sample O(1) s



KL method for beta effective calibration (Method 1).

Suppose two RBMs, QA and B described by the same Hamiltonian...

$$P_{QA}(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta_{QA}H(x)}}{Z(\beta_{QA})}, \qquad (E22)$$
$$P_B(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(x)}}{Z(\beta)}. \qquad (E23)$$

We denote as β_{QA} and β the inverse temperatures of system QA and B, respectively. The Kullback-Liebler divergence associated to these two system yields:

$$D_{KL}(P_{QA}||P_B) = (\beta - \beta_{QA})\langle H \rangle_{QA} + \ln \frac{Z(\beta)}{Z(\beta_{QA})}, \quad (E24)$$

from which it is trivial to show that $\beta = \beta_{QA}$ yields zero in the KL divergence. The KL divergence derivative w.r.t. β yields

$$\frac{\partial D_{KL}}{\partial \beta} = \langle H \rangle_{QA} - \langle H \rangle_{B(\beta)} , \qquad (E25)$$

where we have made explicit the β dependence of system B. We can fit β through gradient descent using the KL divergence, which leads to:

$$\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t - \eta \left(\langle H(x) \rangle_{QA} - \langle H(x) \rangle_{B(\beta)} \right)$$
(E26)

 $H(x) \to H(x)/\beta$

$$\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t - \frac{\eta}{\beta_t} \left(\langle H(x) \rangle_{QA^{(r)}} - \langle H(x) \rangle_{B(1)} \right) \quad (\mathbf{I})$$



New method for beta effective calibration (Method 2 aka Hao's Method)

Suppose two RBMs, QA and B described by the same Hamiltonian...

$$P_{QA}(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta_{QA}H(x)}}{Z(\beta_{QA})}, \qquad (E28)$$
$$P_B(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(x)}}{Z(\beta)}. \qquad (E29)$$

We denote as β_{QA} and β the inverse temperatures of system QA and B, respectively. Now, let us denote as S_{QA} and S_B as the entropy of QA and B, respectively, and assume $S_{QA} = S_B$, from which after some straightforward algebra:

$$\beta = \beta_{QA} \frac{\langle H \rangle_{QA}}{\langle H \rangle_{B(\beta)}} + \frac{\ln \frac{Z(\beta_{QA})}{Z(\beta)}}{\langle H \rangle_{B(\beta)}} .$$
(E30)

We can further simplify the previous expression by introducing the variable $\Delta \beta = \beta_{QA} - \beta$:

$$\beta = \beta_{QA} \frac{\langle H \rangle_{QA}}{\langle H \rangle_{B(\beta)}} + \frac{\ln \langle e^{-\Delta\beta H} \rangle_{B(\beta)}}{\langle H \rangle_{B(\beta)}} .$$
(E31)

$$\beta_{t+1} = f_{\delta}(\beta_t) \equiv \beta_t \left(\frac{\langle H \rangle_{QA^{(r)}}}{\langle H \rangle_{B(1)}}\right)^{\delta}$$
(E32)

The function f_{δ} has a fixed point at $\beta = \beta_{QA}$. The stability condition close to the fixed point correspond to $|f'_{\delta}(\beta_{QA})| < 1$. The first derivative at the fixed point yields:

$$\lambda(\delta) = \begin{cases} |1 + \frac{\sigma_{QA}^2}{\langle H \rangle_{B(1)}}|, \ \delta = 1\\ |1 + \delta \frac{\sigma_{QA}^2}{\langle H \rangle_{QA}}|, \ \delta \neq 1 \end{cases}$$
(E33)



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New method for beta effective calibration. (By Hao)



$|\langle H \rangle_{QA} - \langle H \rangle_{RBM}| < \frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\sigma_{QA} \sigma_{RBM}}{\sigma_{RBM} + \sigma_{QA}}$



Conditionalizing QPU



$$\mathcal{H}_{ising} = \underbrace{\frac{A(s)}{2} \left(\sum_{i} \hat{\sigma}_{x}^{(i)}\right)}_{\text{Initial Hamiltonian}} + \underbrace{\frac{B(s)}{2} \left(\sum_{i} h_{i} \hat{\sigma}_{z}^{(i)} + \sum_{i>j} F_{i} \right)}_{\text{Final Hamiltonian}}$$

qubits follow

Rest follow red



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Example

This illustrative example configures a reverse-anneal schedule on a random native problem.

```
>>> from dwave.system import DWaveSampler
>>> import random
>>> qpu = DWaveSampler()
>>> J = {coupler: random.choice([-1, 1]) for coupler in qpu.edgelist}
>>> initial = {qubit: random.randint(0, 1) for qubit in qpu.nodelist}
>>> reverse_schedule = [[0.0, 1.0], [5, 0.45], [99, 0.45], [100, 1.0]]
>>> reverse_anneal_params = dict(anneal_schedule=reverse_schedule,
                                              initial_state=initial,
. . .
                                              reinitialize_state=True)
. . .
>>> sampleset = qpu.sample_ising({}, J, num_reads=1000, **reverse_anneal_params)
```

- Fixing the conditionalized-qubits' self-fields to max/min value (*currently working on this*).
- Offsetting conditionalized-qubits.
- Turning off the self-fields in transverse field associated to the conditionalized-qubits(?)











Discrete VAE



 $\langle f_{\phi}(z) \rangle_{q_{\phi}(z|x)} \sim \int f_{\phi}(z)$ $z \sim q_{\phi}(z|x)$ $\nabla_{\phi} \langle f_{\phi}(z) \rangle_{q_{\phi}(z|x)} \sim \nabla_{\phi} \sum f_{\phi}(z)$ $z \sim q_{\phi}(z|x)$. Xn ∇_{ϕ} $f_{\phi}(z(u))$ *u~Uni*(0,1) **Gumbel Trick** $z = \sigma(\frac{l(\phi, x) + \sigma^{-1}(u)}{z})$ \mathcal{T} $-/q_{\phi}(z|x)$ $\rho(u) = \left|\frac{dz}{du}\right| q_{\phi}(z \,|\, x)$



 $|h\rangle$ $\langle v |$



$\frac{\partial \ln p(v)}{\partial W_{ij}} = \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(h|v^{\alpha})} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(h',v')}$

 $|h\rangle$ $\langle v |$





 $|h\rangle$ $\langle v |$



 $p(h \mid v) =$

 $p(v \mid h) =$

$$\frac{\partial \ln p(v)}{\partial W_{ij}} = \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(h|v^{(\alpha)})} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(h',v')}$$

$$\frac{p(v,h)}{p(v)} \qquad p(h_j = 1 | v) = \sigma(\sum_i v_i W_{ij} + b_j)$$

$$\frac{p(v,h)}{p(h)} \qquad p(v_i = 1 | h) = \sigma(\sum_j W_{ij} h_j + a_j)$$

1.Start with random initial vector: $|v\rangle$ 2. $|h^{(1)}\rangle \sim B[\sigma(W^t | v^{(0)}\rangle + |b\rangle)]$ **3.** $|v^{(1)}\rangle \sim B[\sigma(W|h^{(1)}\rangle + |a\rangle)]$ 4.Repeat steps 2 and 3 n times.

 $|h^{(n)}\rangle \sim B[\sigma(W^t | v^{(n-1)}\rangle + |b\rangle)]$ $|v^{(n)}\rangle \sim B[\sigma(W|h^{(n)}\rangle + |a\rangle)]$





 $|h\rangle$ $\langle v |$



 $\frac{\partial \ln p(v)}{\partial W_{ii}} = \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(h|v^{(\alpha)})} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(h',v')}$ $p(v \mid h) = \frac{p(v, h)}{p(h)} \qquad \qquad p(v_i = 1 \mid h) = \sigma(\sum_{i} W_{ii}h_i + a_i)$

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– Repeat this a number of times equal to batch size.



Not $p(\hat{X} | Z, E_{inc}, ...)$ Instead, define $\hat{X} = \alpha \otimes h$ W/ and train $\mathcal{P}(a,h|Z,E_{inc,\dots}) = \mathcal{P}(a|h,Z,E_{inc,\dots})$ $=\left(h \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} e \right)$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}}C$

$$h, e \{0, 1\}$$

$$nc, ..., p(h|Z, Einc, ...)$$

$$\frac{(a-x)^{2}}{Zx} + (1-h) \delta(a) \cdot p_{h}^{\Theta(x)} (1-p_{h})^{2}$$

$$\frac{a-x}{Zx} + \frac{1-\theta(x)}{p_{h}} (1-p_{h})^{2}$$

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Chimera Mapping

 $E(v,h) = -\sum_{i} a_{i}v_{i} - \sum_{j} b_{j}h_{j} - \sum_{i} v_{i}w_{ij}h_{j} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{RBM} \\ \mathsf{Energy} \end{bmatrix}$

$$H_1 = \sum_{i} h$$

Dwave

RBM variable domain: U: E{0.13

QA variable domain: SE{-1.13

The relationship between 5 and 5 is $S = 25 - 1 \implies \frac{1}{2}(S + 1) = 5$

The RIBM energy becomes:

$$E(U(S), W(S)) = -\sum_{i} a_{i} \frac{1}{2}(S_{i} + 1) - \sum_{i} b_{i} \frac{1}{2}(S_{i} + 1)$$

$$-\sum_{i} \frac{1}{2}(S_{i} + 1) W_{ij} \frac{1}{2}(S_{i} + 1)$$

$$= -\sum_{i} \frac{a_{i}}{2} S_{i} - \sum_{j} \frac{b_{j}}{2} S_{j} - \sum_{ij} \frac{W_{ij}}{4}(S_{i} S_{j} + S_{i} + S_{j} + 1)$$

$$= -\sum_{i} \frac{a_{i}}{2} - \sum_{j} \frac{b_{j}}{2}$$

$$= -\sum_{i} S_{i} \left(\frac{a_{i}}{2} + \sum_{j} W_{ij}\right) - \sum_{j} S_{j} \left(b_{j} + \sum_{j} W_{ij}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i} S_{i} \left(\frac{a_{i}}{2} + \sum_{j} W_{ij}\right) - \sum_{j} S_{j} \left(b_{j} + \sum_{j} W_{ij}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i} \frac{W_{ij}}{2} S_{i} S_{j} - \left(\sum_{i} \frac{a_{i}}{2} + \sum_{j} \frac{b_{j}}{2} + \sum_{j} \frac{W_{ij}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i} \frac{W_{ij}}{3} S_{i} S_{j} - \left(\sum_{i} \frac{a_{i}}{2} + \sum_{j} \frac{b_{j}}{2} + \sum_{j} \frac{W_{ij}}{2}\right)$$

 $E(S) = - \sum_{i} S_{i}h_{i} - \sum_{ij} J_{ij}S_{i}S_{j} - H_{G}$

$$h_{i < j} = -\left(\frac{a_i}{2} + \frac{z}{3} + \frac{w_{ij}}{2}\right)$$

$$n_{3,3} = \frac{b_{3}}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{W_{3}}{2}$$

 $\int_{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{W_{ij}}{2}$

 $N_i S_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} S_i S_j$

$$E[V, h, s, t] = -V:a_{i} - h_{j}b_{j} - Cus_{u} - d_{i}t_{i}$$

- V: W^(0,1)_{ij}h_j - V: W^(0,2)_{iu}s_u - V: W^(0,3)_{it}t_k
- h_s W^(1,2)_{ju}s_u - h_s W^(1,3)_{ju}t_k - SuW^(2,3)_ut_k
- h_s W^(1,2)_{ju}s_u - h_s W^(1,3)_{ju}t_k - SuW^(2,3)_ut_k

$$E(Z) = -\frac{a_{1}}{2} Z_{k_{3}} - \frac{z_{k_{1}}}{2} - \frac{b_{1}}{2} Z_{k_{3}} - \frac{z_{k_{1}}}{2} - \frac{b_{1}}{2} Z_{k_{3}} - \frac{z_{k_{3}}}{2} - \frac{b_{1}}{2} Z_{k_{3}} - \frac{z_{k_{3}}}{2} - \frac{b_{1}}{2} Z_{k_{4}} - \frac{z_{k_{4}}}{2} - \frac{$$



