# Variational Methods for Quantum Sensing and Learning

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### A variational toolbox for quantum multi-parameter estimation

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NISQ techniques come to the rescue: use variational approaches

Prior work<sup>1,2</sup> focused on single-parameter metrology and surrogates for the Quantum Fisher Information



<sup>1</sup>Kaubrügger, Raphael, et al. *Physical Review Letters* 123.26 (2019): 260505.
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Exploit parameter-shift rule<sup>1,2</sup> to calculate derivatives

$$\partial_j p_l(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ p_l \left( \boldsymbol{\phi} + \frac{\pi}{2} \boldsymbol{e}_j \right) - p_l \left( \boldsymbol{\phi} - \frac{\pi}{2} \boldsymbol{e}_j \right) \right]$$

<sup>1</sup>Schuld, Maria, et al. *Physical Review A* 99.3 (2019): 032331. <sup>2</sup>Banchi, Leonardo, and Gavin E. Crooks. arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.10299 (2020).

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Kaubrügger et al.

Spin Squeezing

**STATE PREPARATION** Fixed Circuit

MEASUREMENT

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#### Take-Home Message #1

# Variational methods on near-term quantum computers can be used to improve quantum sensors









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**Disclaimer:** After uploading to the arxiv we were notified of work by Vidal and Theis<sup>1</sup> that has significant overlap with ours.

<sup>1</sup>Gil Vidal, Francisco Javier, and Dirk Oliver Theis. "Input Redundancy for Parameterized Quantum Circuits." *Frontiers in Physics* 8 (2020): 297.



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The accessible spectrum consists of all sums of differences of eigenvalues of the generator of the data encoding

#### Take-Home Message #2

# Quantum learning models output Fourier series, repeating data encoding gives access to higher frequencies

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But for general encodings the dependence can be exponential:

$$\#(\text{frequencies}) \le \frac{d^{2L}}{2} - 1$$

*d* System dimension*L* Number of layers

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A universal Hamiltonian family asymptotically has access to all integer frequencies. Repeated single-qubit Pauli rotation encodings are a universal Hamiltonian family!

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# Thank you for your attention!



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