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# Postdoc mid-term evaluation: progress and plans

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# Overview

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  - **The prospect of quantum machine learning in High Energy Physics**
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# Research objectives

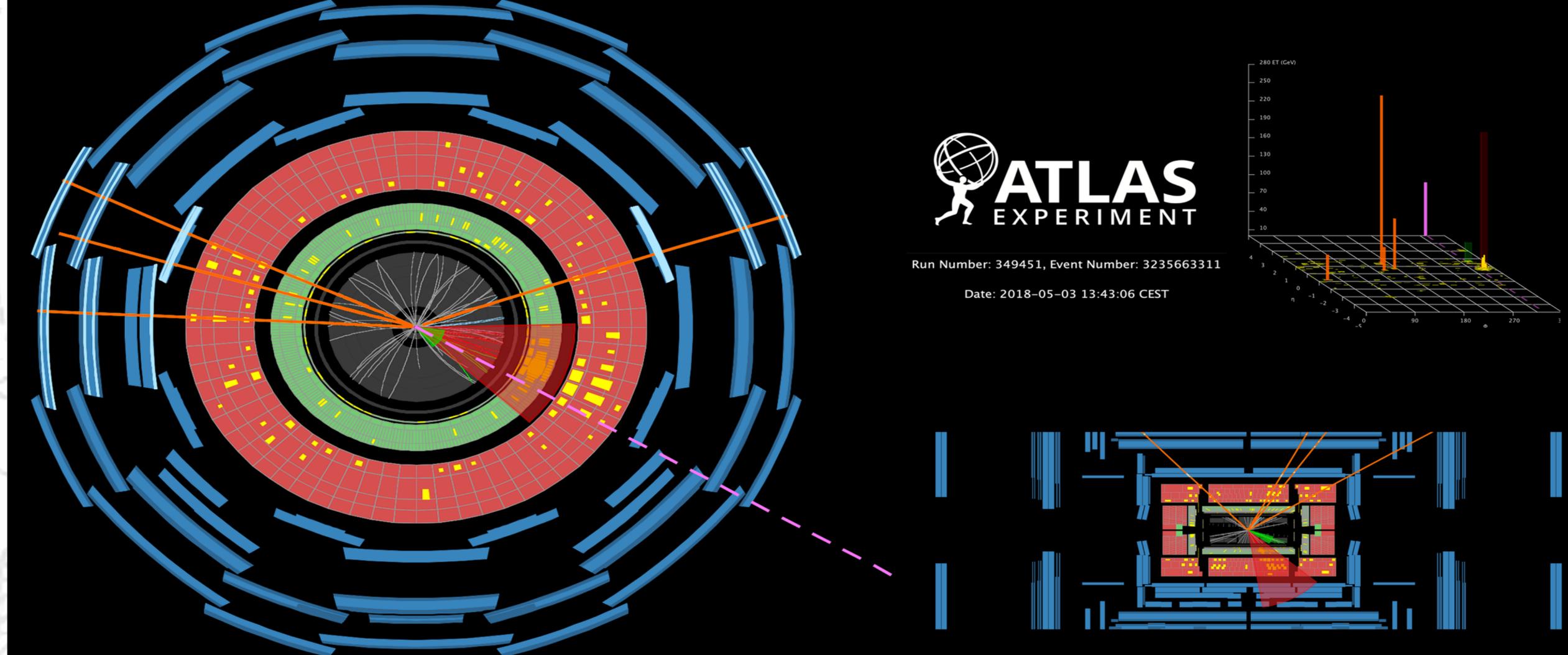
- The first goal is to finalise the search for heavy resonances within the ATLAS experiment.**
- Explore the prospect of quantum computing in High Energy Physics:**
  - The study used CEPC features to demonstrate quantum and classical performance.**
  - The support-vector machine algorithm was used as the basis for the study.**
- Developing a quantum algorithm based on the transformer technology.**

# List of publications

- Fadol, Abdualazem, et al. “Application of quantum machine learning in a Higgs physics study at the CEPC.” [International Journal of Modern Physics A, Vol. 39, No. 01, 2450007 \(2024\), arXiv: 2209.12788.](#)
- ATLAS Collaboration. “Search for heavy resonances in final states with four leptons and missing transverse energy or jets in pp collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector.” Submitted to the Journal of High Energy Physics (JHEP), arXiv: [2401.04742.](#)

# List of conferences and workshops

- BenchCouncil International Symposium of Intelligent Computers, Algorithms, and Applications, Sanya, China. December 3, 2023.**
- Workshop on Computation in Experimental Particle Physics, Shanghai. July 16, 2023.**
- IAS Program on High Energy Physics (HEP 2023), Hong Kong. February 14, 2023**
- Miami 2022 Physics Conference, Miami, United States. December 17, 2022.**



## ATLAS searches for new particles in familiar decays

5 March 2024 | By [ATLAS Collaboration](#)

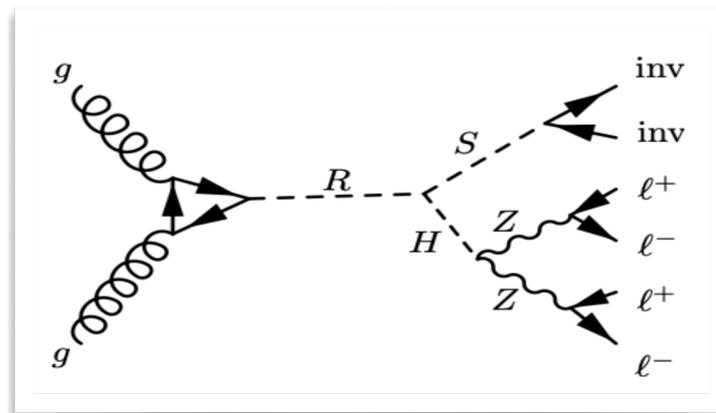
Could the [Higgs boson](#) be part of an extended family of particles? Could these new particles be the tools physicists need to discover [dark matter](#)? Or explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the universe? The two-Higgs-doublet model (2HDM) predicts the existence of a charged Higgs boson, and CP-even (H) and CP-odd (A) Higgs bosons. Expanding this model even further (2HDM+S), these new Higgs bosons could also have a scalar boson cousin (S) that decays into dark-matter particles.

Such theories help the ATLAS Collaboration create targeted searches of LHC collision data. In a [new result](#), researchers conducted a novel search of data collected during Run 2 of the LHC, searching for heavy new particles that could fit the 2HDM or 2HDM+S models. One tested hypothesis considered whether another new scalar particle (R) could decay into H and S bosons, and thus interact with dark matter particles; they also tested whether the new H boson could be a source of matter-antimatter asymmetry. For the first time, researchers considered cases where the new particles decay into Z bosons, leaving a signature in the ATLAS detector with four leptons (electrons or muons) and missing

# Search for heavy resonances with the ATLAS experiment

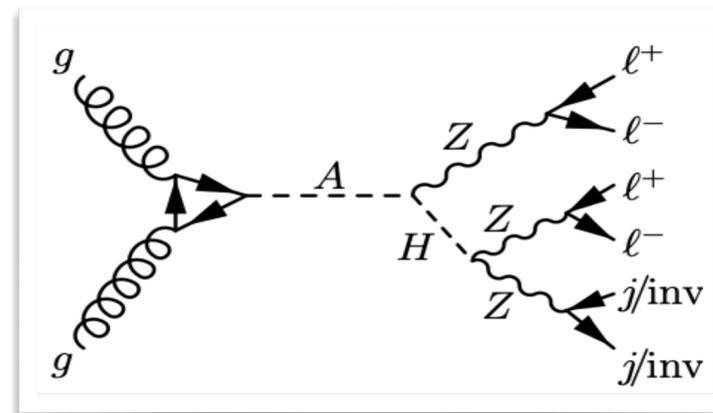
- Search for heavy resonances in final states with four-lepton and missing transverse momentum or jets.
- Complementing the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  inclusive search and searches for models consistent with baryogenesis.
- Signal topology: two signal models are investigated.

## 2HDM+S

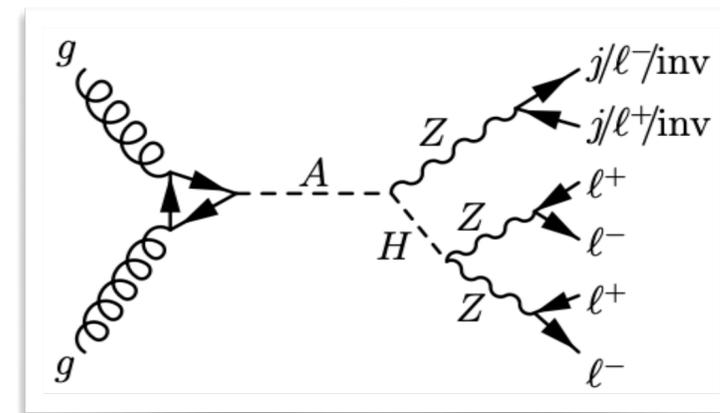


$$R \rightarrow SH \rightarrow 4\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

## 2HDM



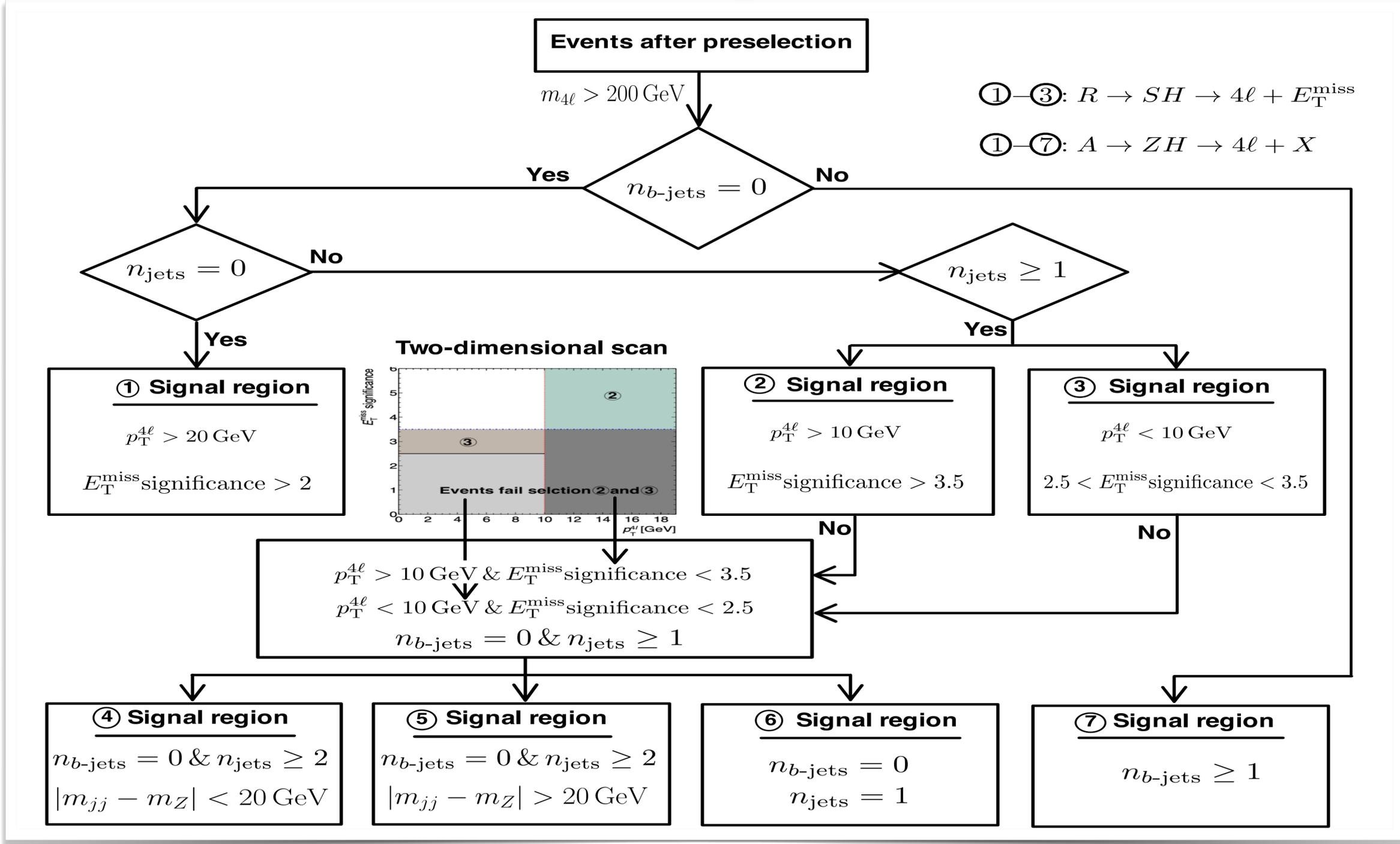
$$A \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow 4\ell + X$$



- The  $R$  (CP-even) and  $A$  (CP-odd) mass ranges are **390-1300 GeV** and **320-1300 GeV**, respectively.
- The mass of  $H$  (CP-even) is between **220 GeV** and **1000 GeV**. The  $S$  mass is **160 GeV**.

# Analysis overview

□ Orthogonal signal regions were developed for both signals using a simple cut-based analysis selection: the four-lepton momentum, the significance of the missing transverse momentum, the number of jet multiplicity and the number of b-jets.

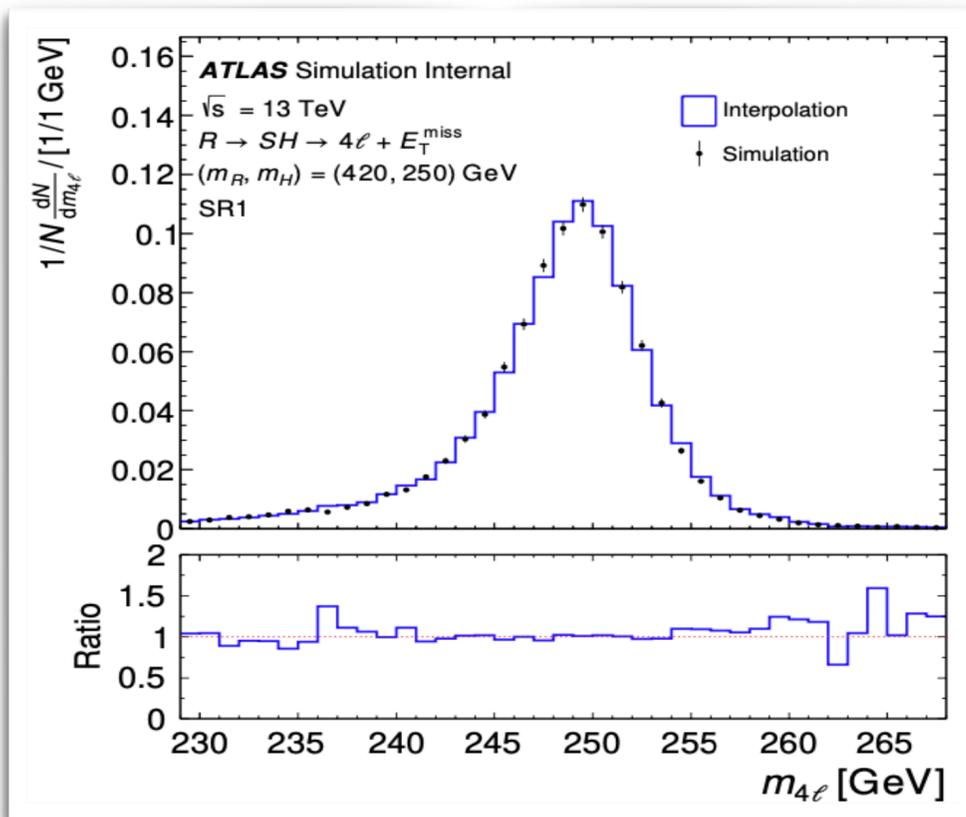
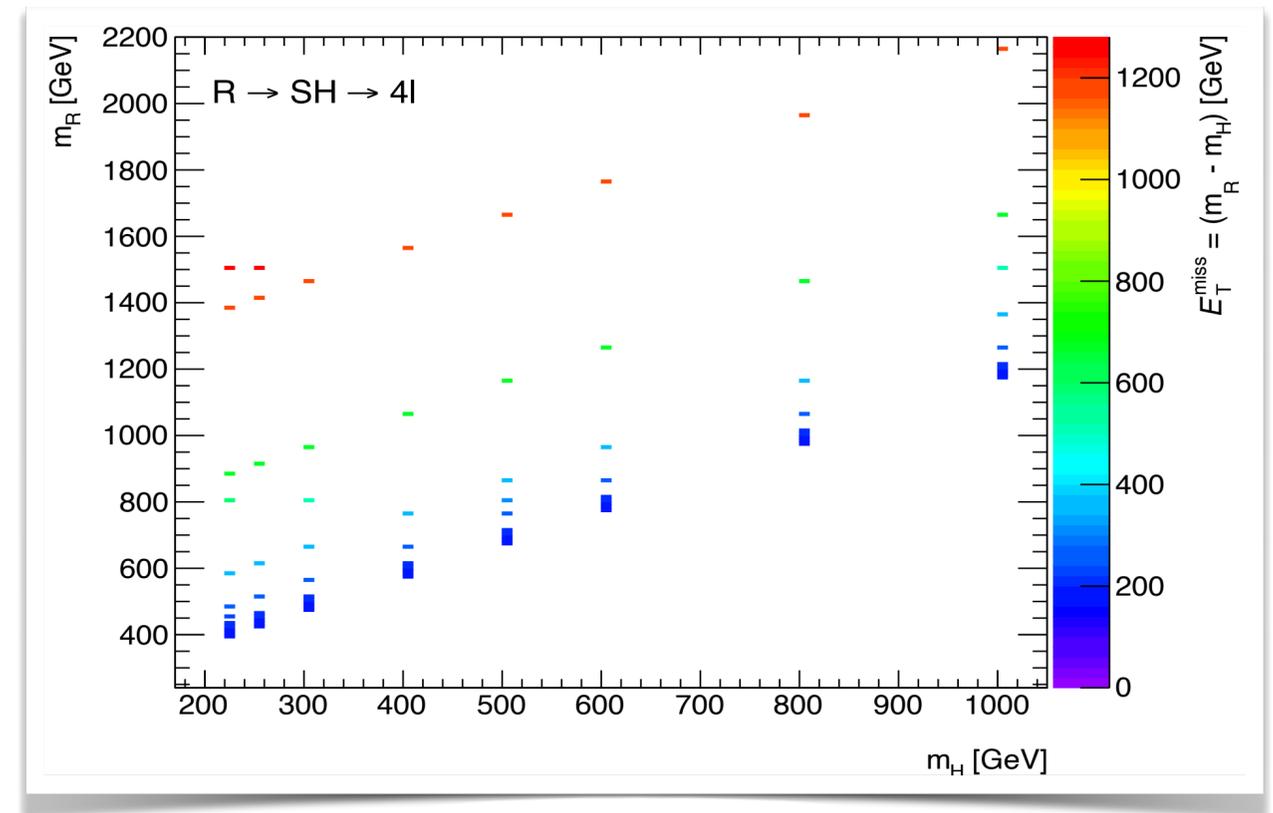


# Signal modelling

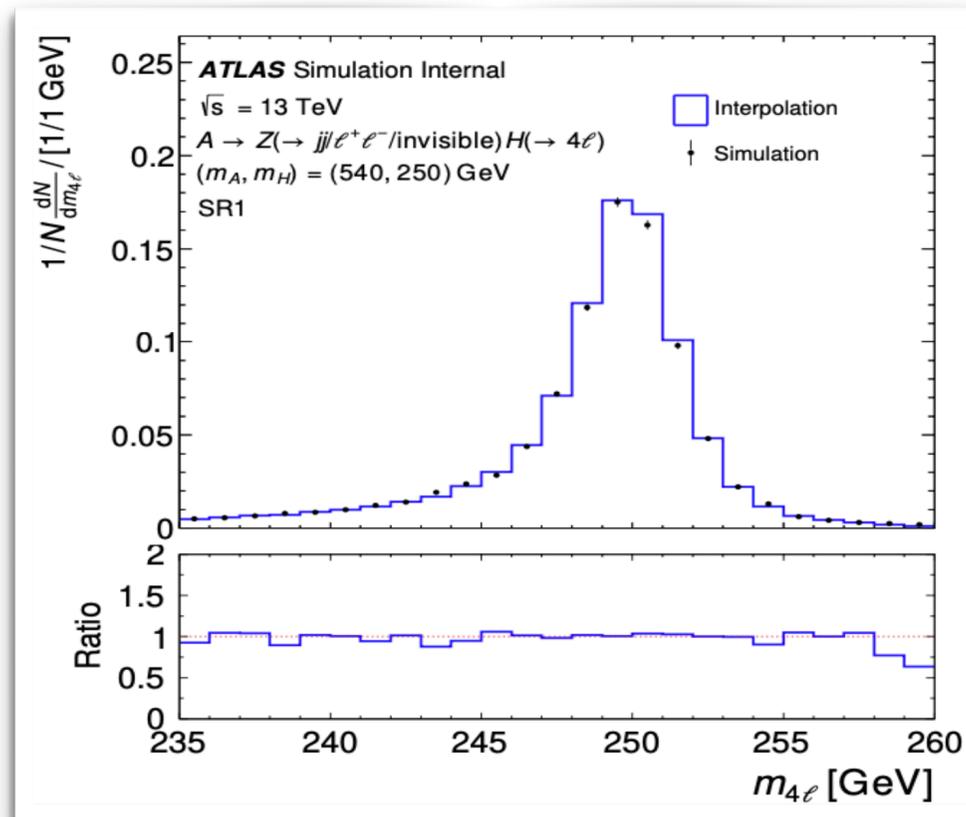
□ The **signals** used are from the simulation with:

- **Linear interpolation** to obtain in-between masses
- **In a step of 10 GeV** for  $(m_R, m_H)$  or  $(m_A, m_H)$

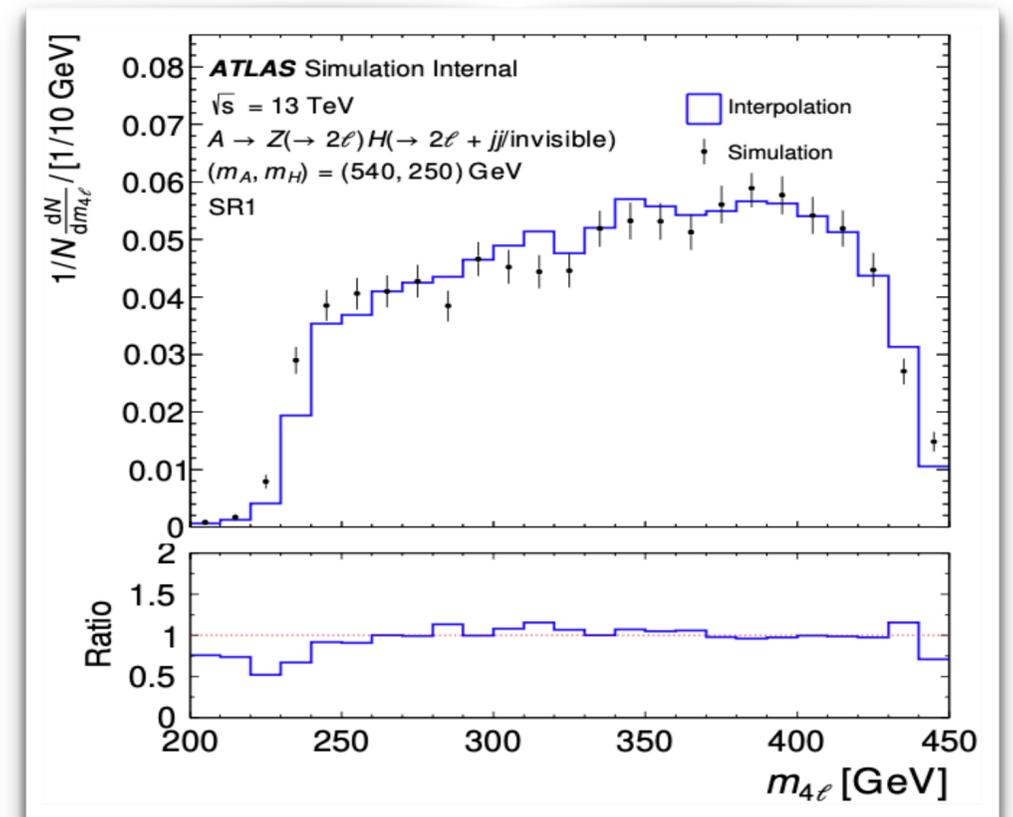
□ Interpolation was validated by comparing simulated and interpolated signal distributions.



$$R \rightarrow SH \rightarrow 4\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$



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# Background modelling

□ Backgrounds modelled with an empirical function:

$$f(m_{4\ell}) = H(m_0 - m_{4\ell}) f_1(m_{4\ell}) C_1 + H(m_{4\ell} - m_0) f_2(m_{4\ell}) C_2.$$

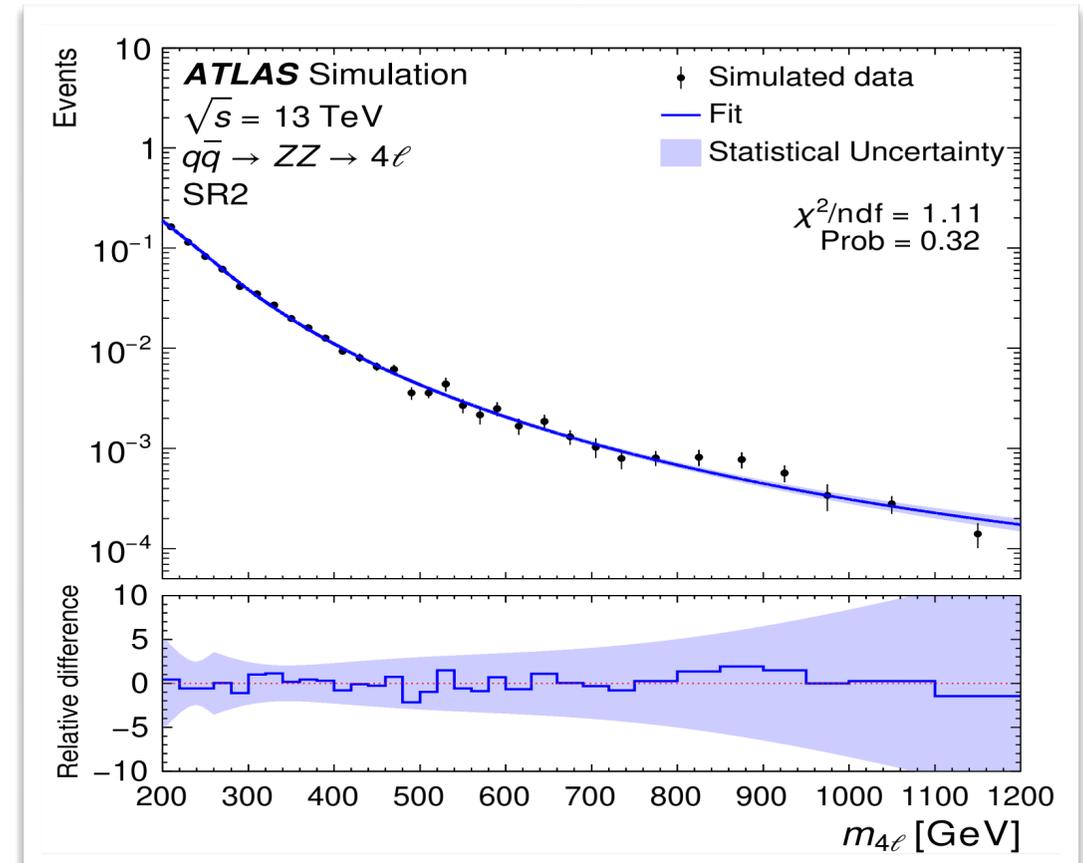
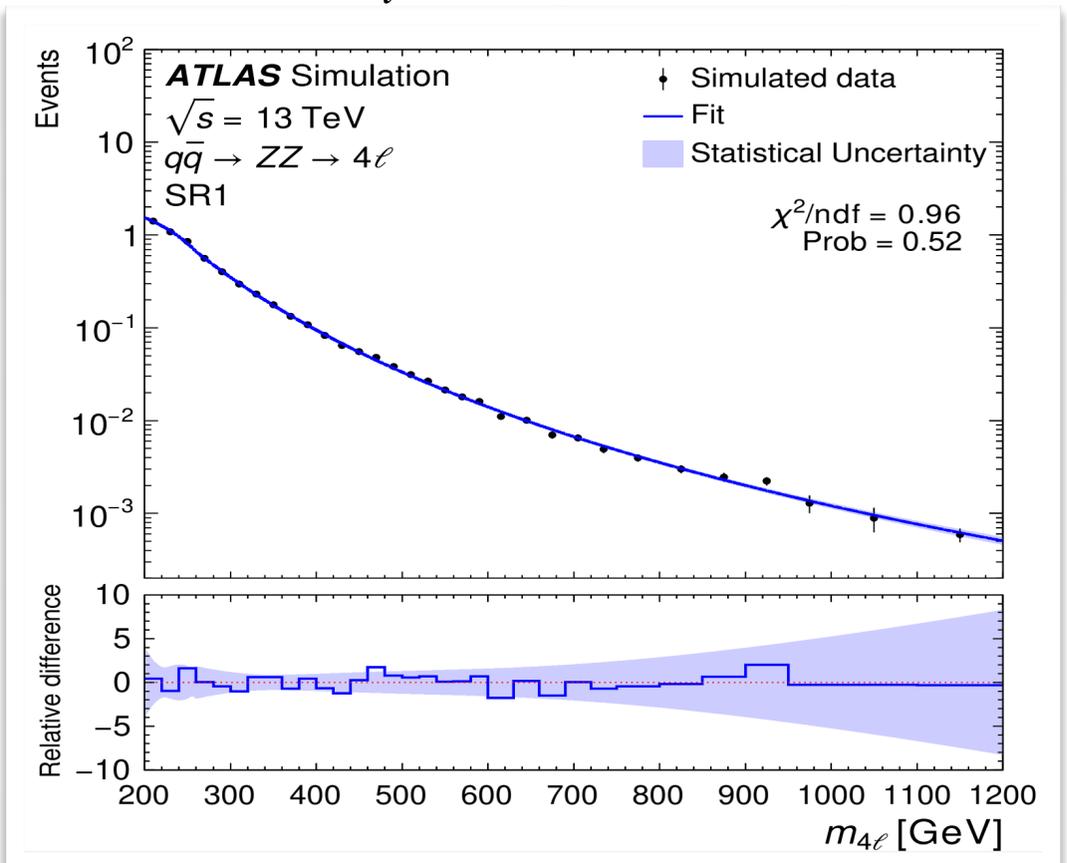
$$f_1(m_{4\ell}) = \frac{a_1 \cdot m_{4\ell} + a_2 \cdot m_{4\ell}^2}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{m_{4\ell} - a_1}{a_3}\right)}$$

$$f_2(m_{4\ell}) = \left(1 - \frac{m_{4\ell}}{n_C}\right)^{b_1} \cdot \left(\frac{m_{4\ell}}{n_C}\right)^{(b_2 + b_3 \cdot \ln(\frac{m_{4\ell}}{n_C}))}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{f_1(m_0)}, \quad C_2 = \frac{1}{f_2(m_0)}$$

- $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$  (~84.6%)
  - $gg \rightarrow ZZ$  (~11.7%)
  - $VVV$
  - Other ( $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$  (EW),  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $t\bar{t}V$ ,  $WZ$ )
- } Share one free normalisation factor per each signal region.  
} The normalisation is fixed to the SM.

□ The parameters  $a_i$  are obtained by fitting the function into the simulation.



# Results

□ No significant deviation above the Standard Model backgrounds was observed.

□ The largest deviation is observed at  $(m_A, m_H) = (510, 380)$  GeV with local significance of  $2.5\sigma$ .

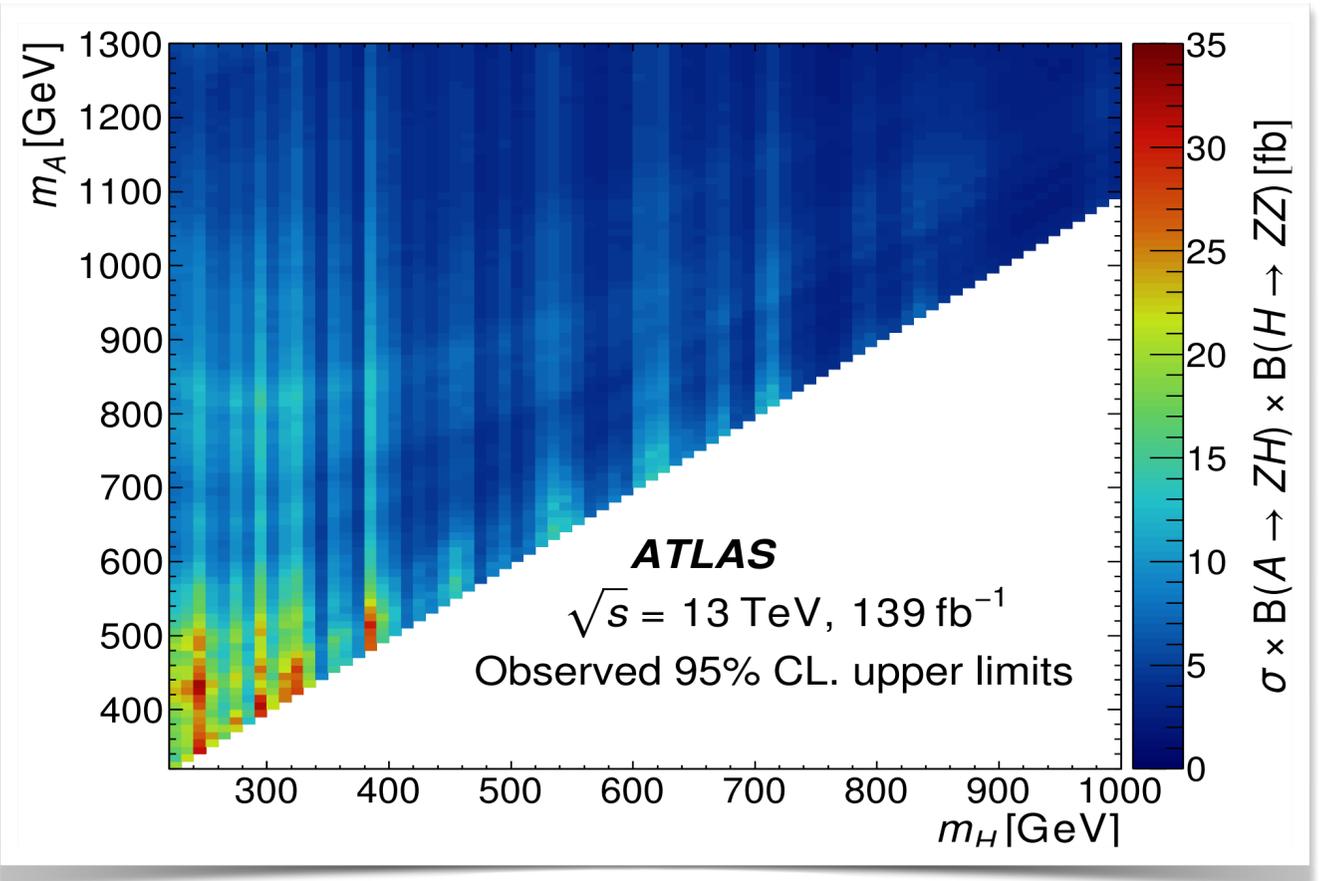
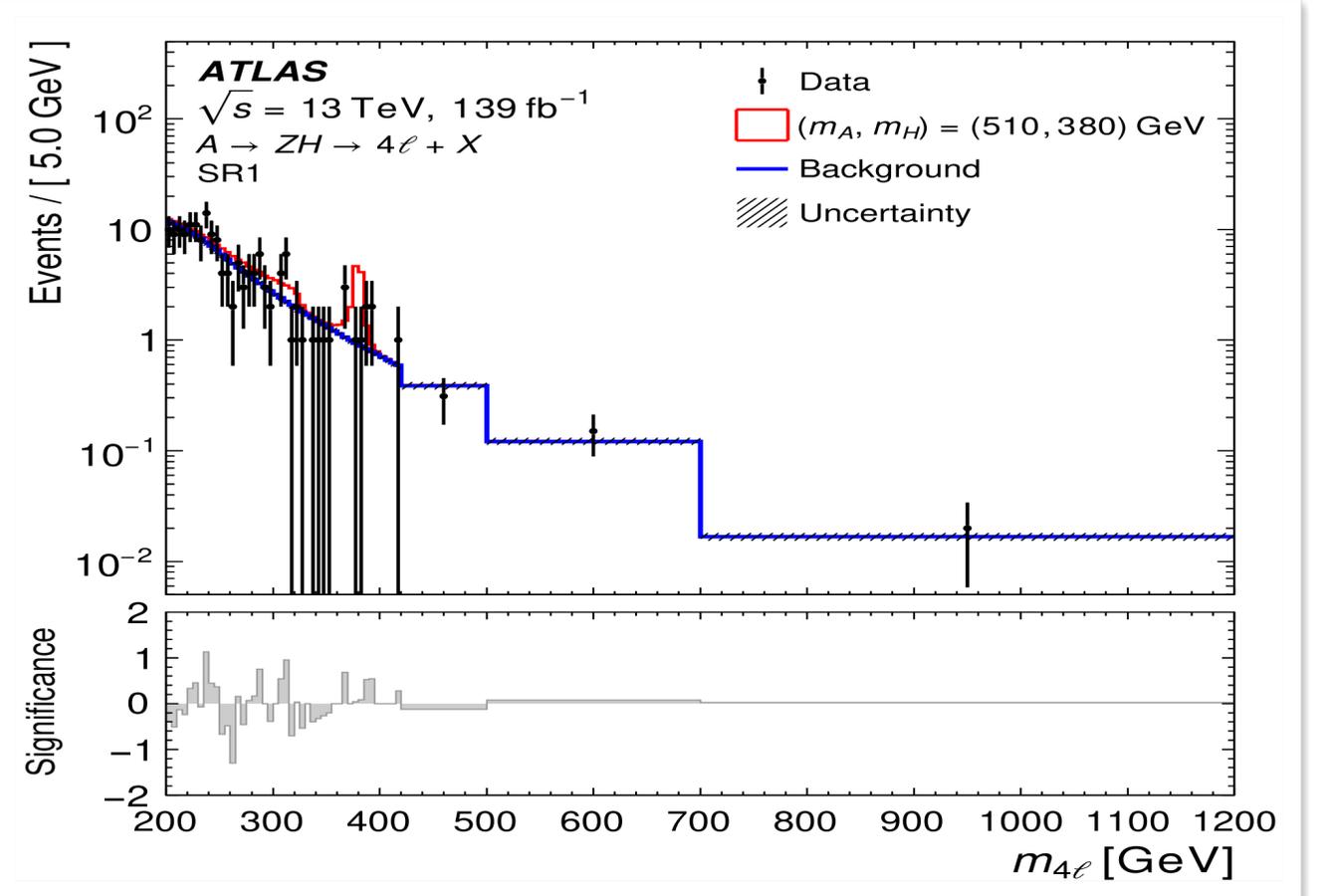
□ Upper limits were set on the cross-section times the branching ratio.

□ The  $R \rightarrow SH \rightarrow 4\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  search:

- The observed (expected) upper limit ranges from 6.8–119.2 (7.6–75.8) fb.
- For  $m_H$  and  $m_R$  in (220, 100) and (390, 1300) GeV.

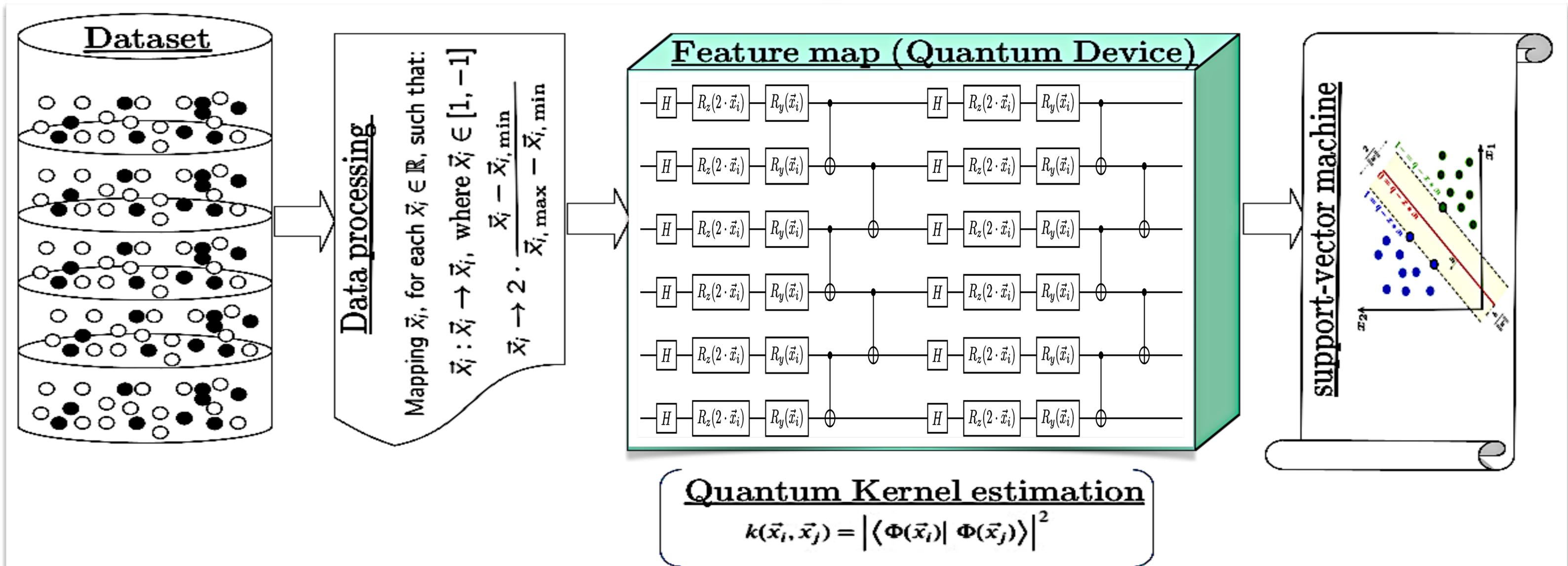
□ The  $A \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow 4\ell + X$  search:

- The observed (expected) upper limit ranges from 2.1–32.3 (2.7–25.8) fb.
- For  $m_H$  and  $m_A$  in (220, 100) and (320, 1300) GeV.



# Application of quantum machine learning in HEP

- Comparing the performance of the support-vector machines in quantum and classical hardware.
- With a simple classification problem using the CEPC signature ( $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma jj$ ).
- Data encoding and processing:

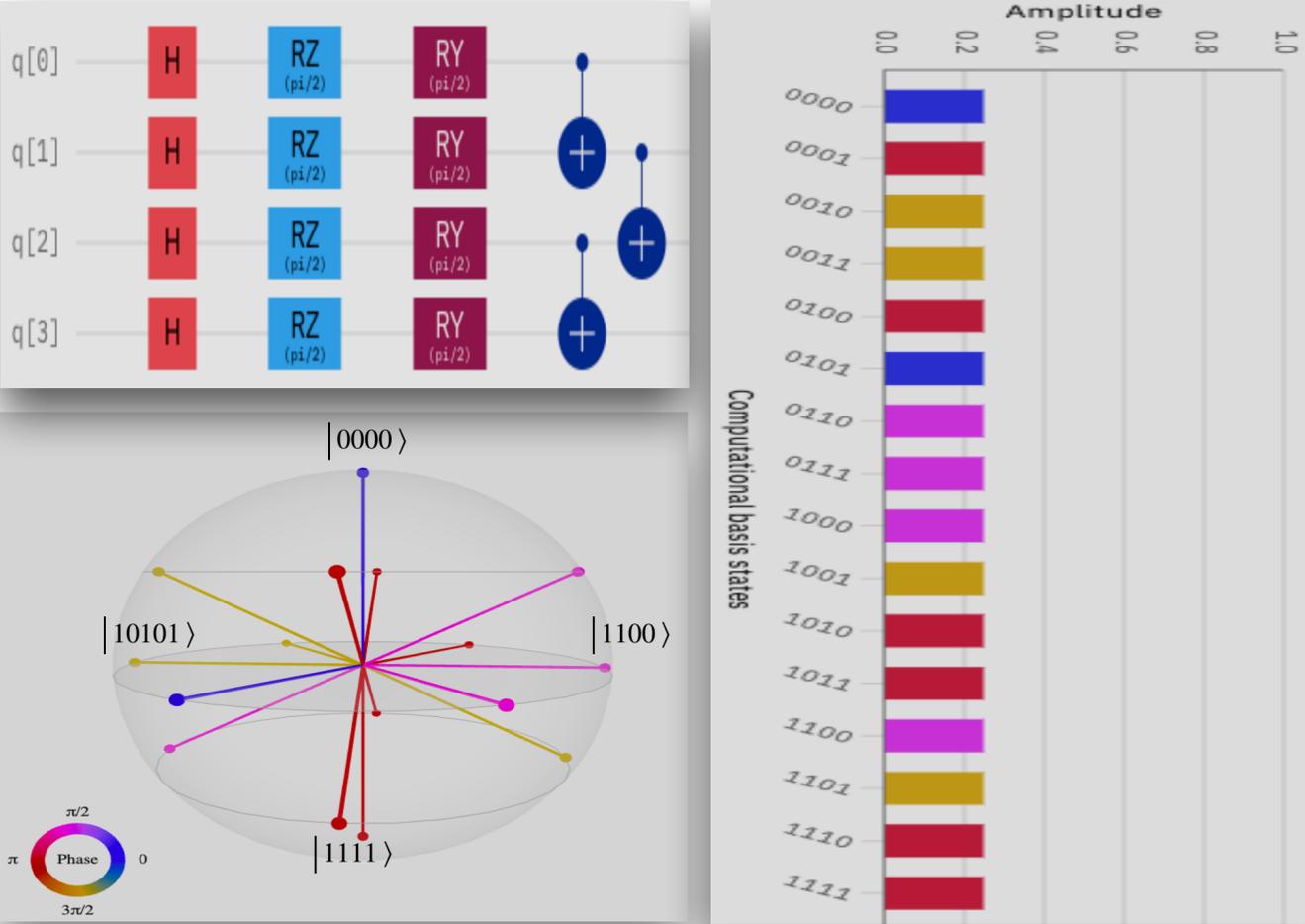


# The performance of the quantum simulator

ArXiv: 2209.12788

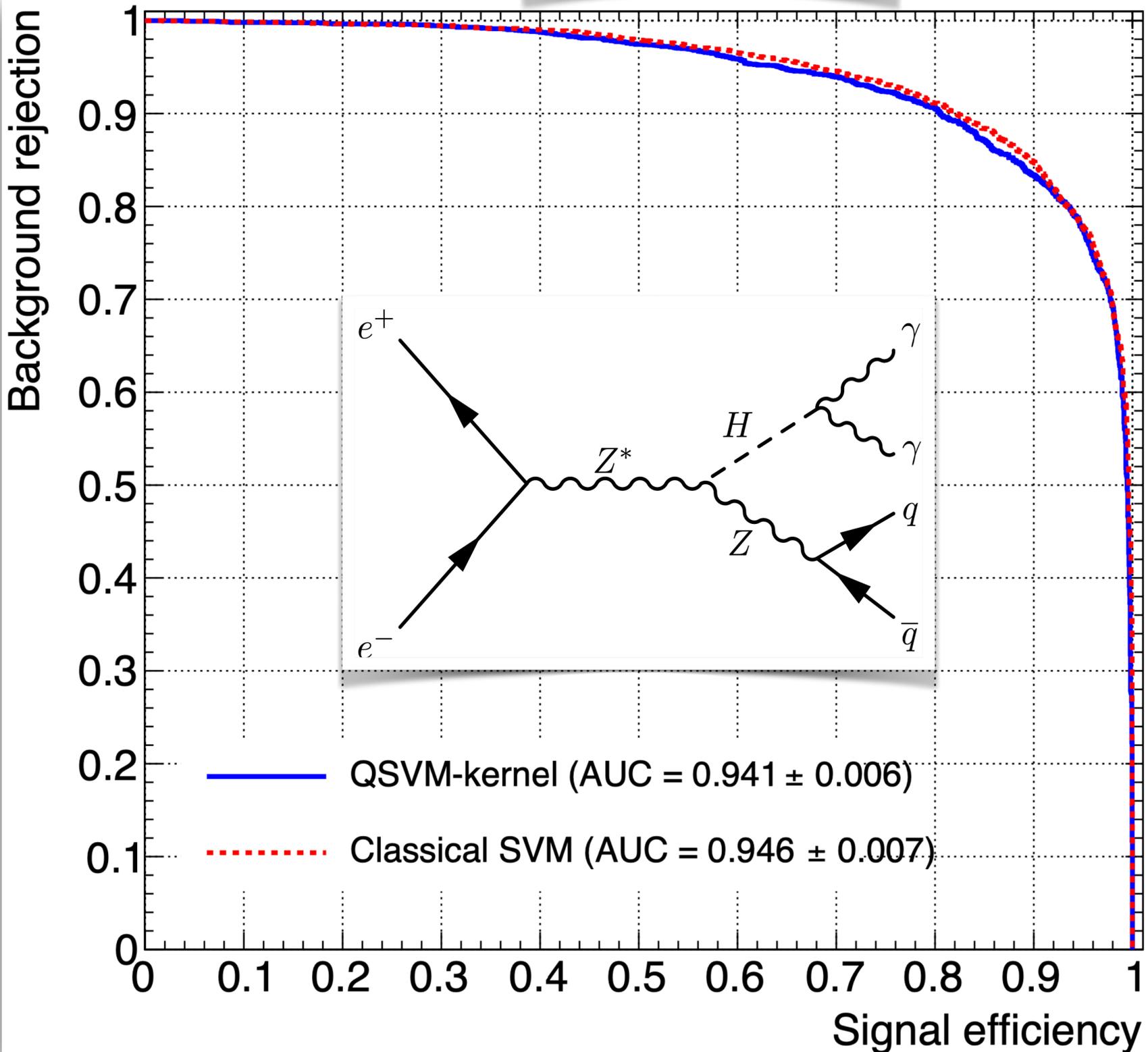
□ The quantum simulator has the following:

○ Statevector Simulator developed by the **Qiskit software package**



○ Six quantum bits or simply qubits

□ A total of 12000 events were used.



# The performance of quantum computers

Superconducting Quantum Chips

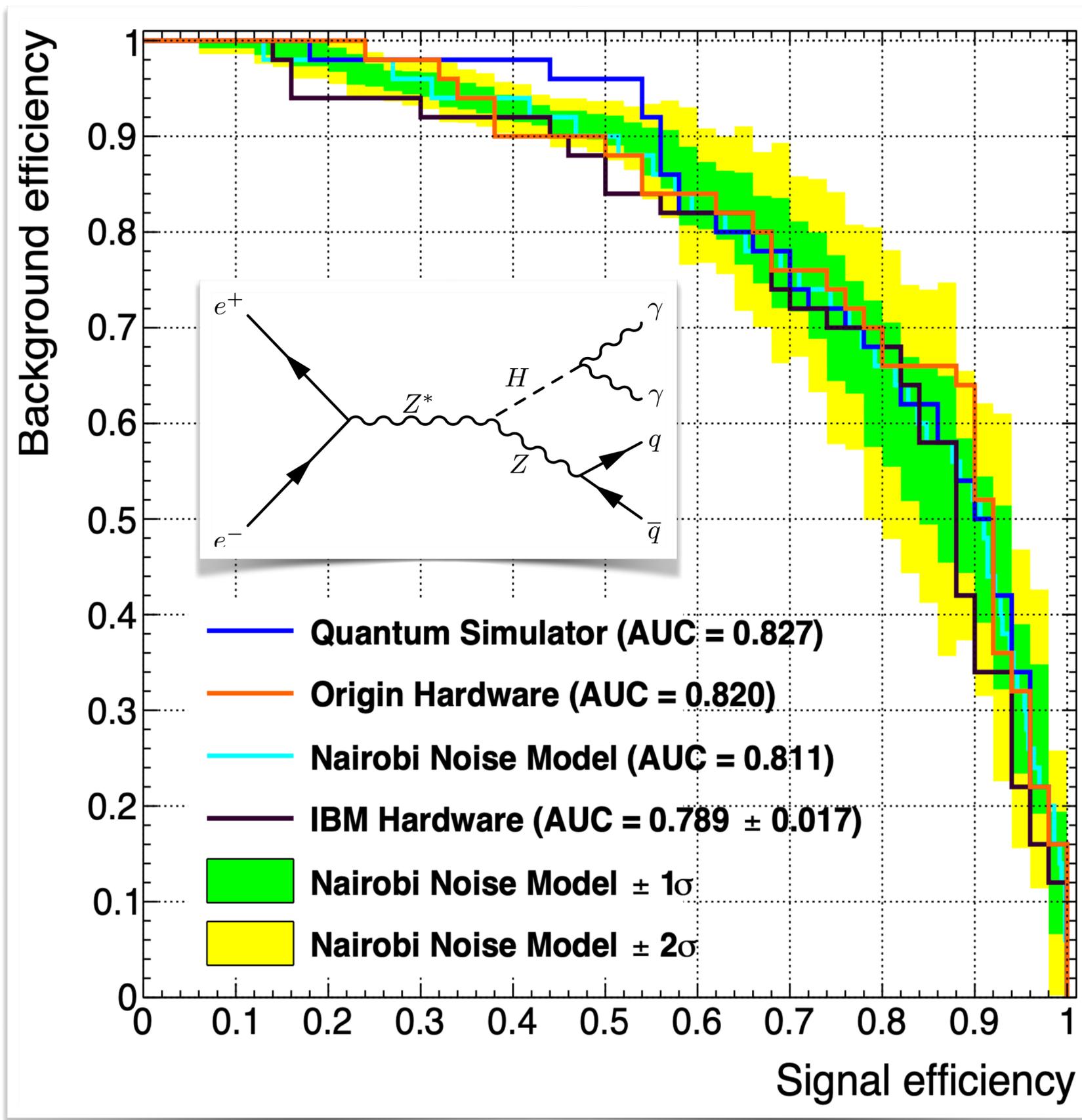


IBM Nairobi Hardware



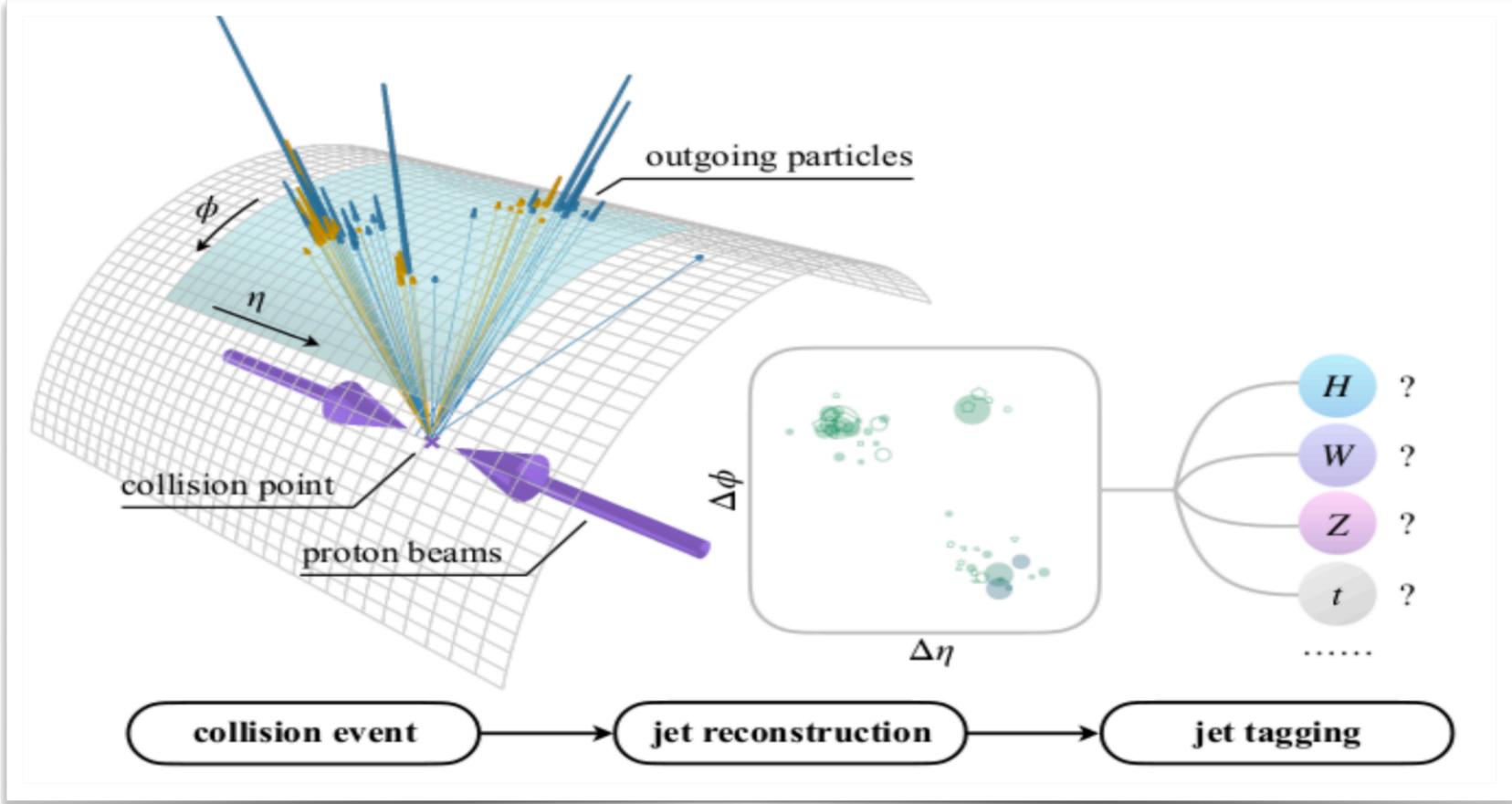
Origin Quantum Hardware

- Six qubits were used for both quantum hardware.
- 100 events were used for the training and testing.
- Comparable performance is observed between the IBM and Origin quantum hardware.



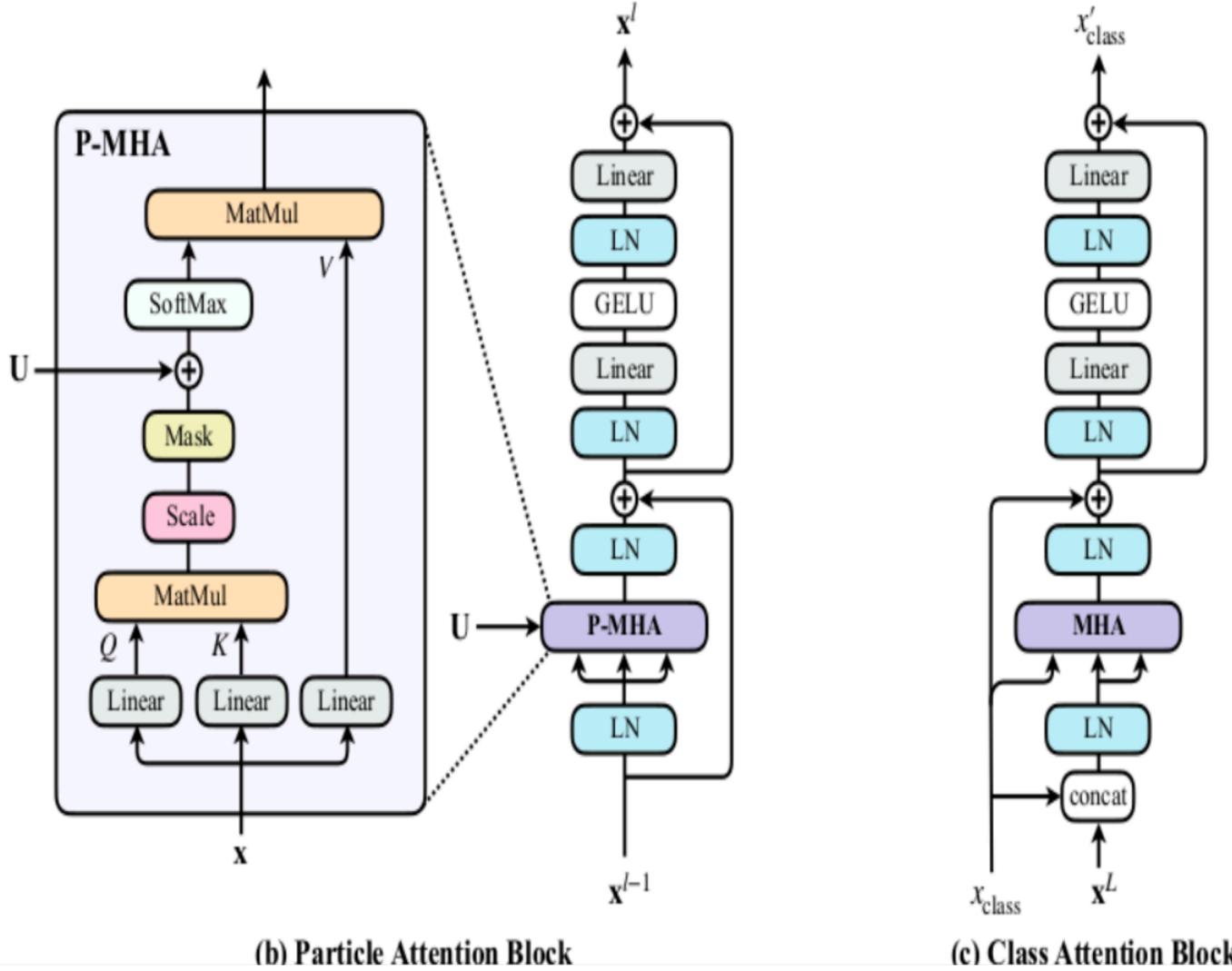
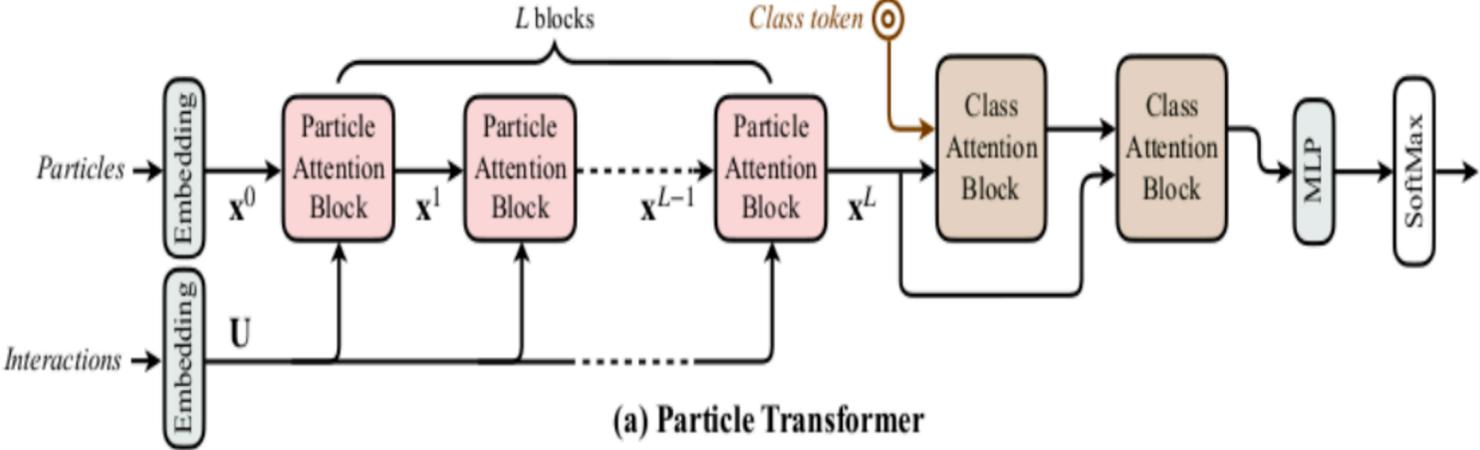
# The Quantum Particle Transformer

□ Jet tagging classification in particle physics



- Particle: a list of features for each particle
- Interactions: features involving a pair of particles
- Passing through a series of “attention” to MLP
- [ArXiv: 2202.03772](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03772): Particle Transformer

## Particle Transformer



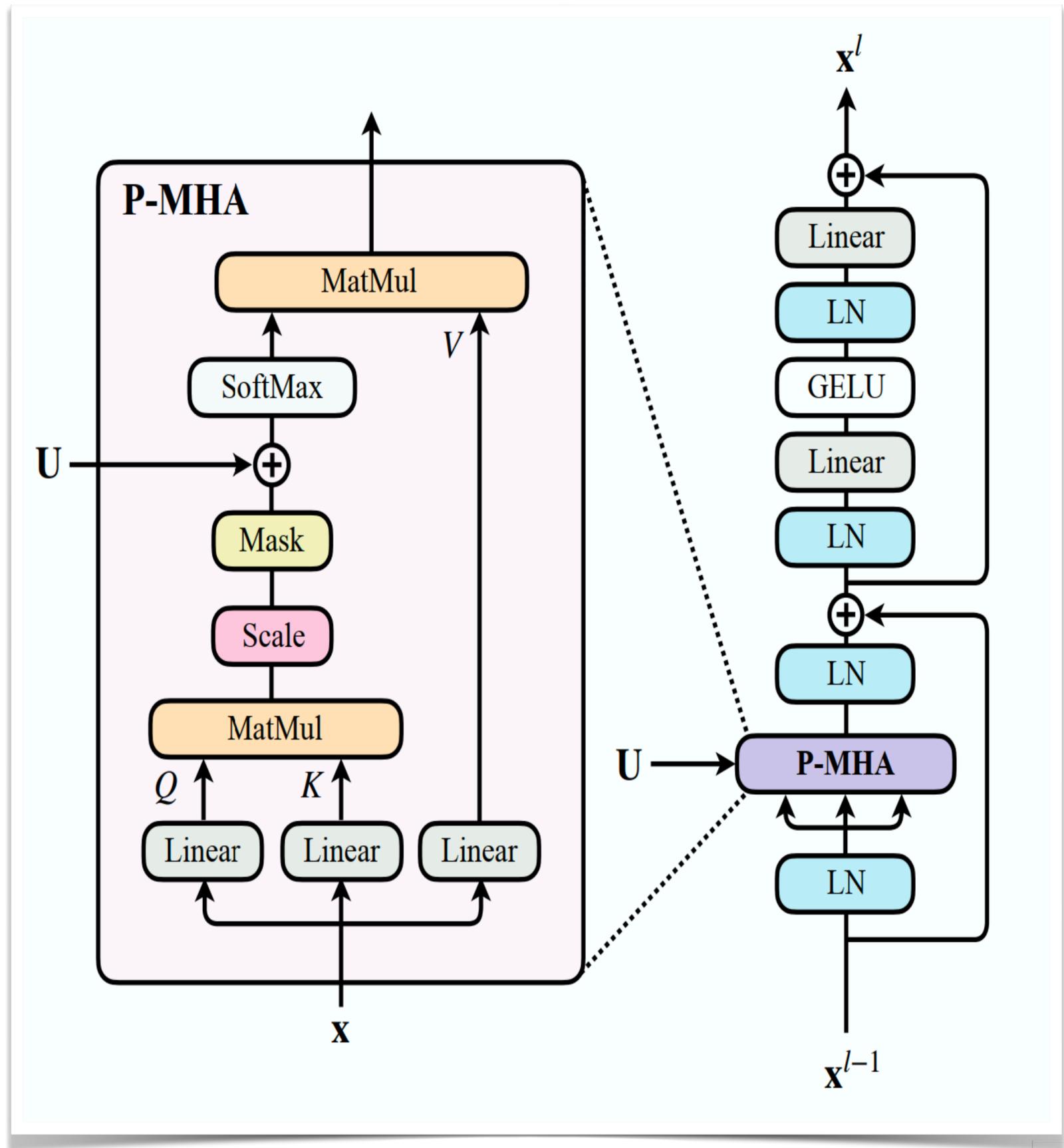
# The Quantum Particle Transformer

- Simplified version of the transformer
  - **Multihead-Attention** based on PyTorch
  - **Three different linear transformations:**
    - $W_Q$ ,  $W_K$ , and,  $W_V$

$$P\text{-MHA}(Q, K, V) = \text{SoftMax} \left( \frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}} \right) \cdot V$$

○ Where Q, K, and V are linear projections of the input.

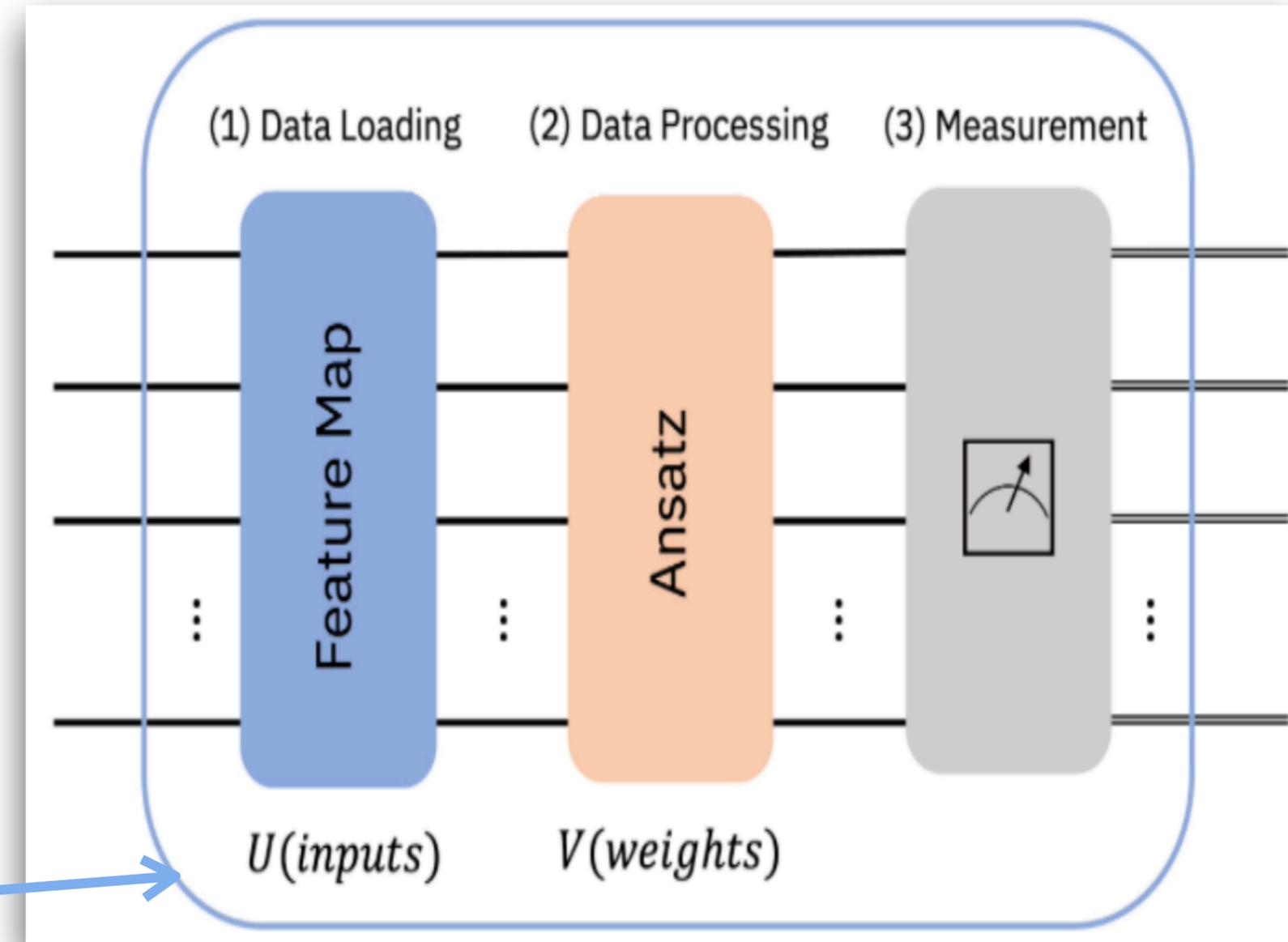
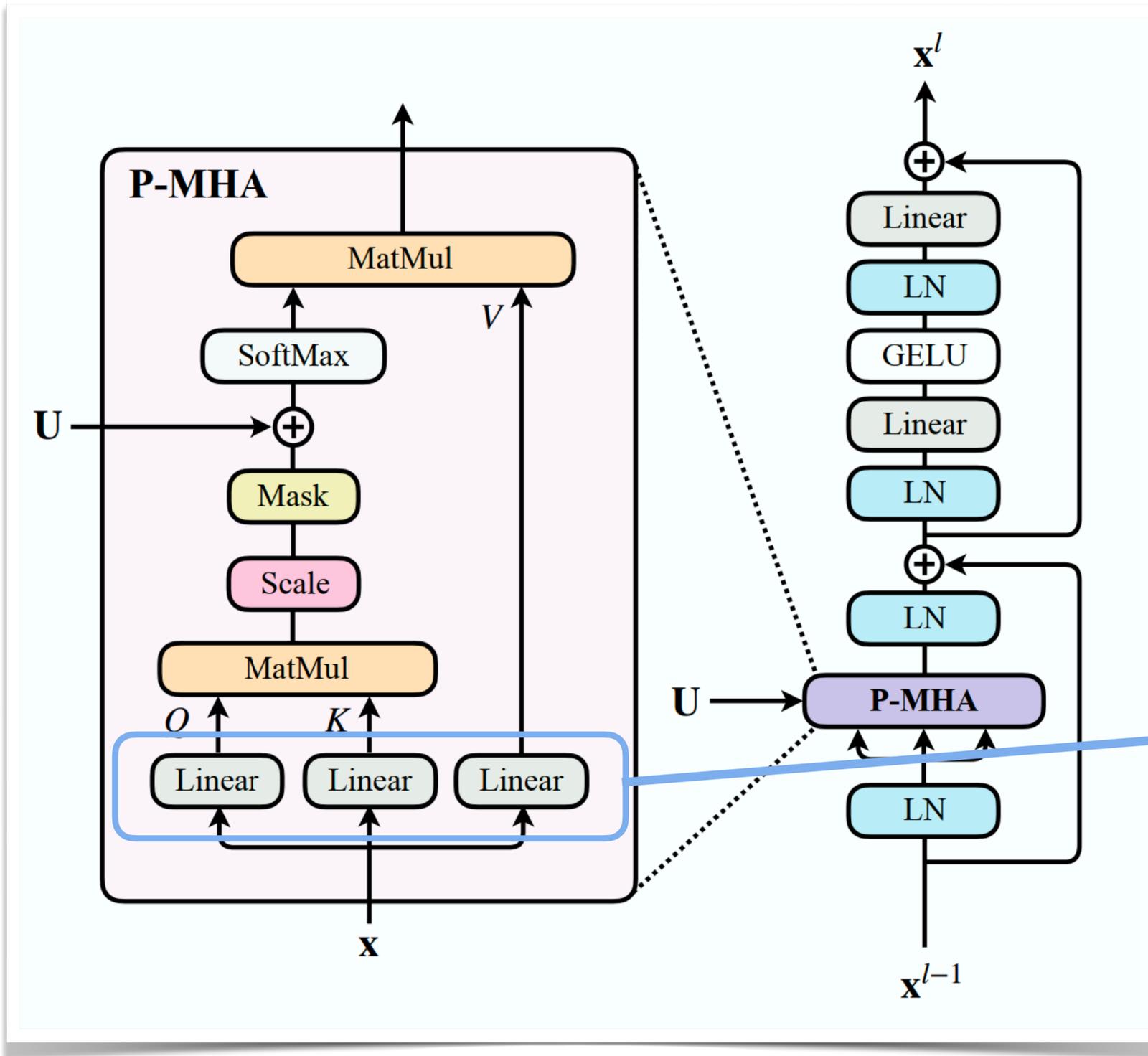
- Going to the quantum version, one could replace the linear transformation with a quantum one.



# The Quantum Particle Transformer

## Quantum Neural Network

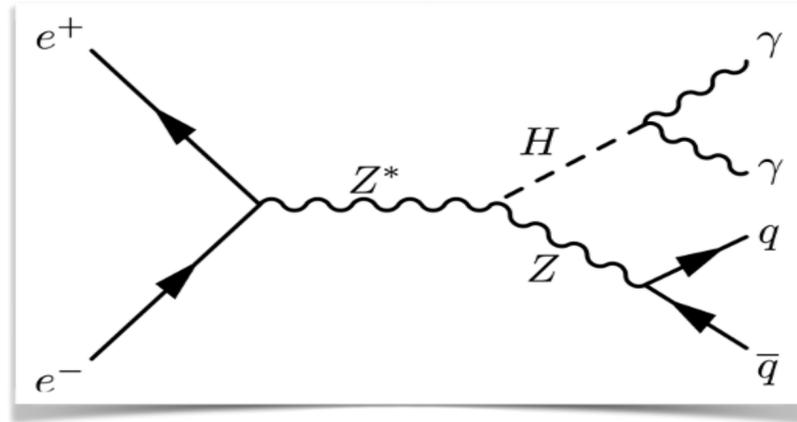
- Implementing quantum layer instead



- The trainable parameters are added using the Ansatz with a feature-map that acts as an encoder.

# The Quantum Particle Transformer

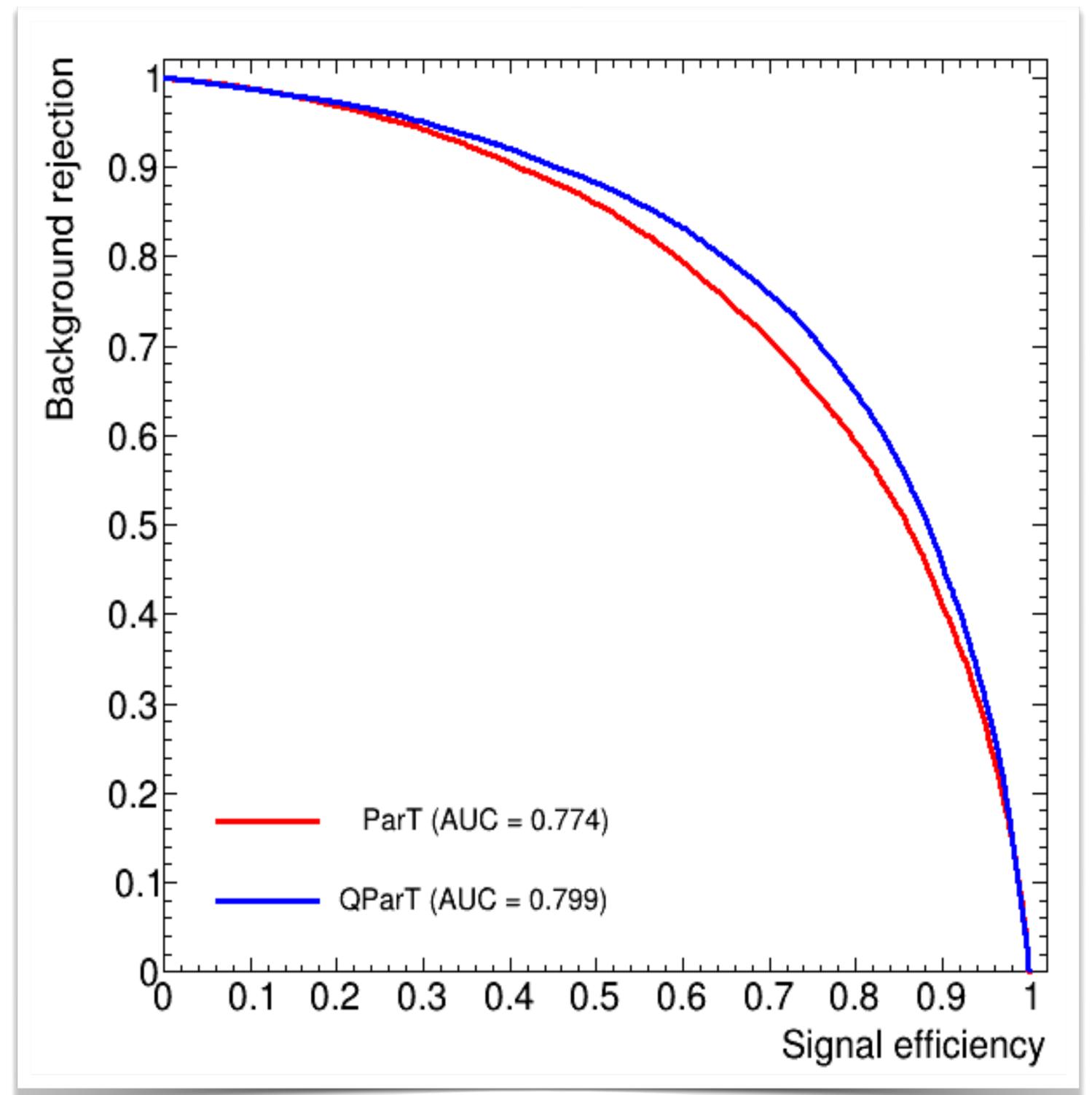
- Using the Particle Transformer as signal and background classifier for:



- Kinematics of photons, jets and their combination were used as input:

- $p_T, p_x, p_y, p_z, E, \eta,$  and  $\phi$

- Training size: 15k entries for each class.
- Testing size: 10k entries for each class.



# Conclusion

- Provided a quick overview of the research performed within the past year.**
- One paper comparing the performance of a support-vector machine was published:**
  - **A similar performance between classical and quantum was obtained.**
  - **Study the noise effect with a simplified model.**
- The ATLAS physics analysis paper was submitted to the Journal of High Energy Physics.**
- We constructed a quantum self-attention based on a quantum neural network.**
- Which is then used to build a Quantum Particle algorithm.**
- We submitted a grant application to the NSFC under the Research Fund for International Young Scientists (RFIS-I).**
- Plans and goals:**
  - **Optimise the performance of both Particle Transformer and Quantum Particle Transformer.**
  - **Figuring out the optimal way to use the available quantum hardware as they are very expensive.**
  - **Generating more events to improve the statistics.**
  - **Publishing the results in a peer-reviewed journal.**

# Additional Slides



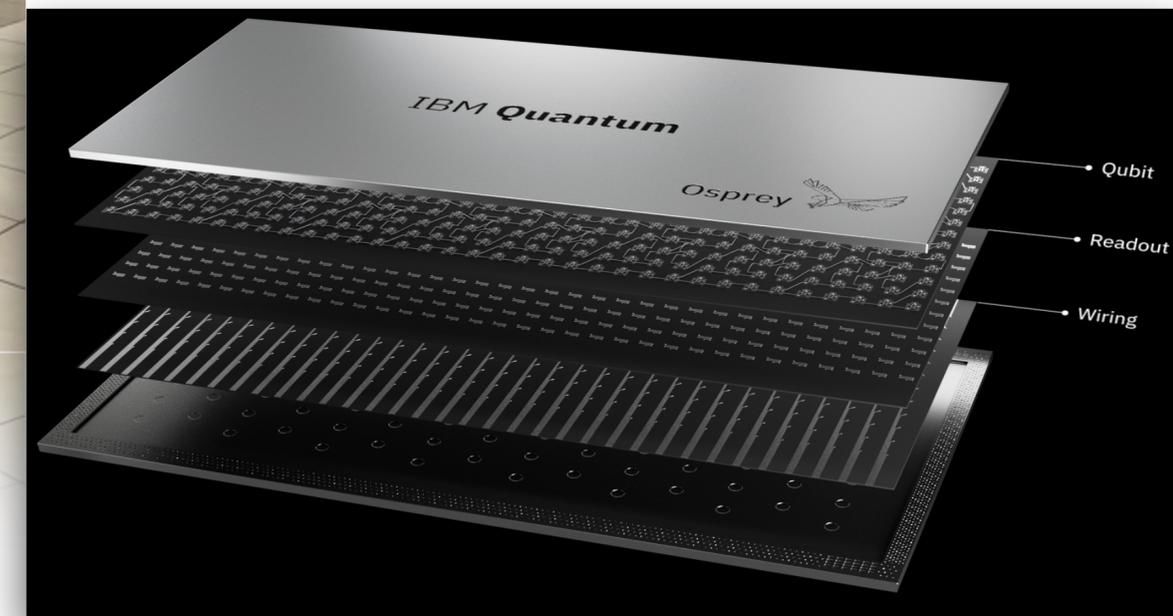
# IBM quantum computer

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Taking quantum computing out of the lab:

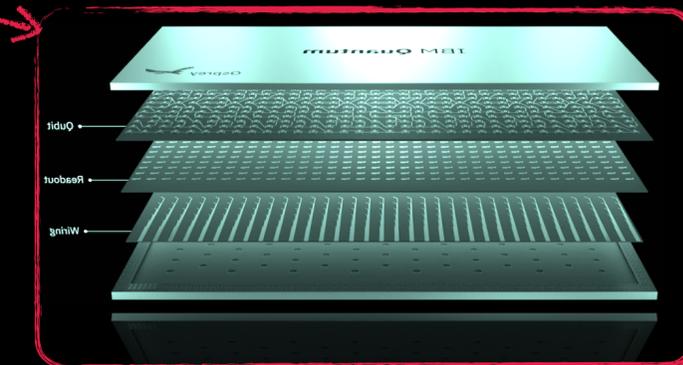
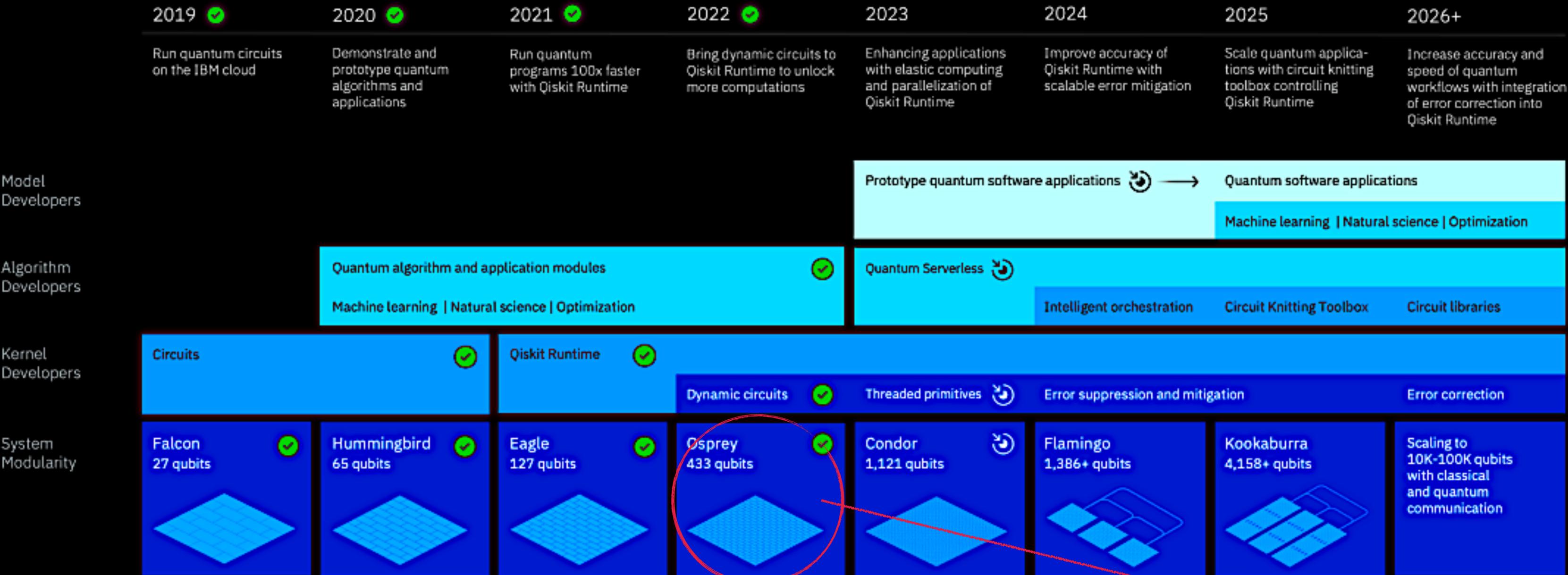
- NY Computing Data Centre.
- It provides over 20 computers.
- Scales the processor's availability.
- It provides over 20 comput



**IBM** provides up to 7 qubits for free with an opportunity to apply for a researcher account with more qubits.

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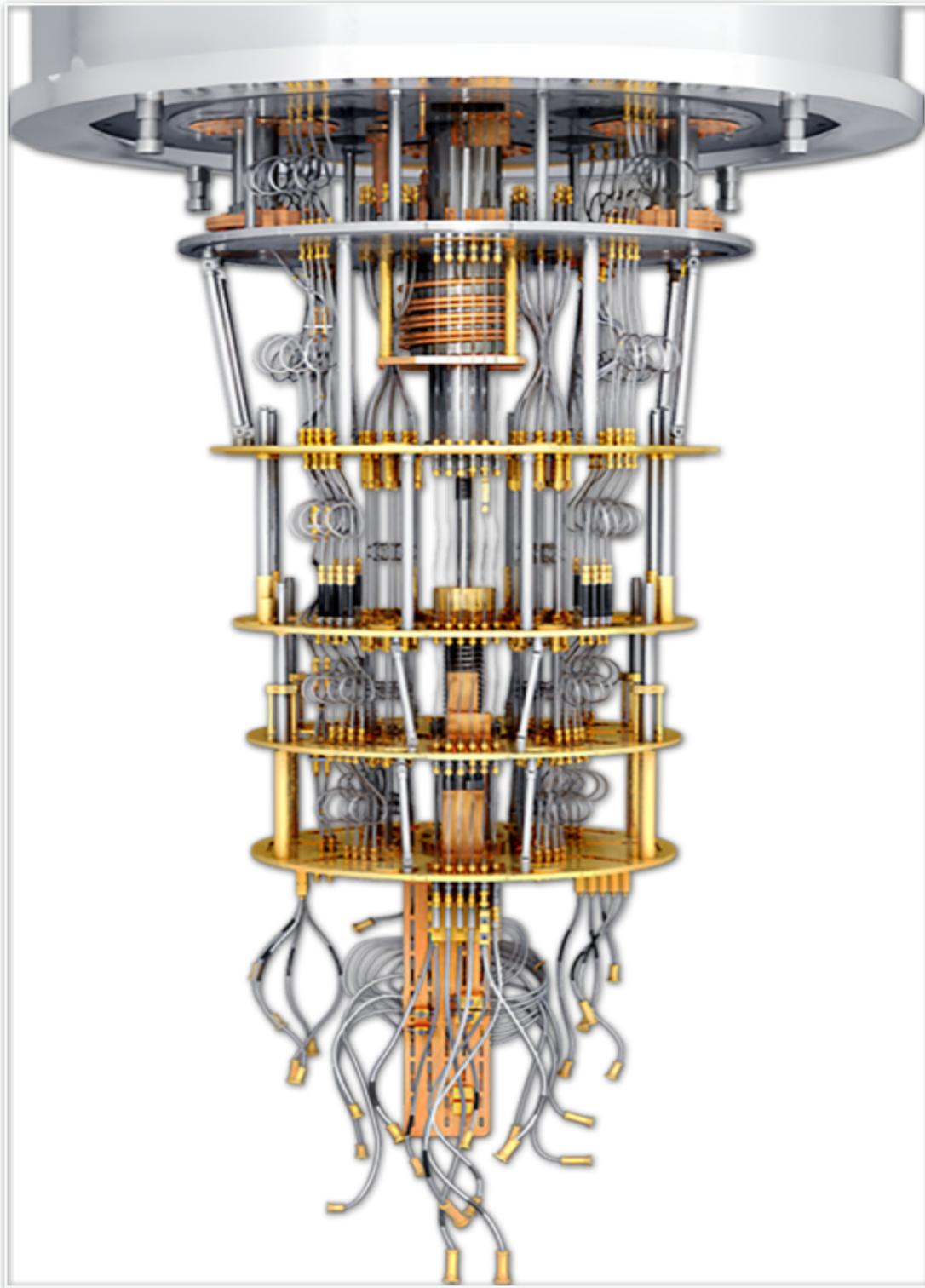
# IBM quantum computer roadmap



□ IBM has ambitious pursuits:

- 433-qubit IBM Quantum Osprey
- three times larger than the Eagle processor
- going up to 10k-100k qubits

# Origin quantum computer

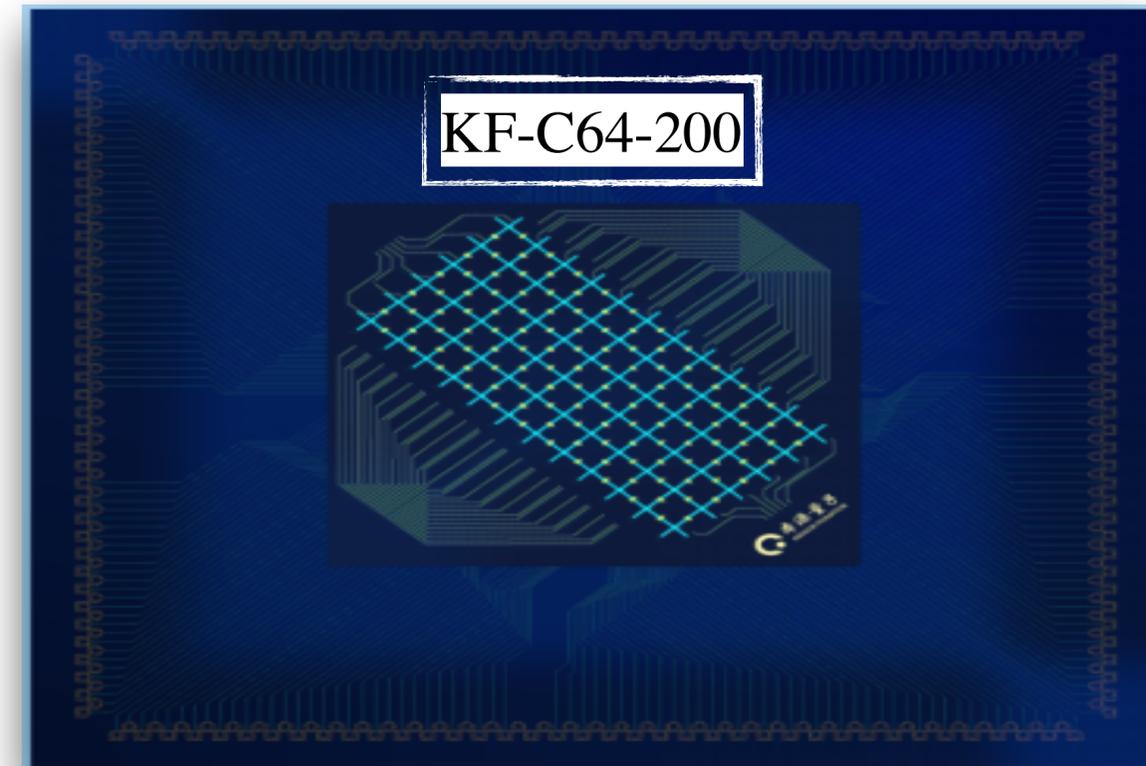


Taken from Origin web page



TJ-SQMC-300

- Origin launched 64-qubit QPU:
  - Single-qubit gate fidelity  $> 99.9\%$ .
  - Double-qubit gate fidelities  $> 98\%$ .
  - Readout fidelities  $> 96\%$ .



KF-C64-200

- [Origin quantum computer](#) provides up to 6 qubits for free. However, another hardware called [Quafu](#) provides up to 136 qubits. The Beijing Academy of Quantum Information Sciences maintains it.