

# Quantum Diffusion Models for Few-Shot Learning

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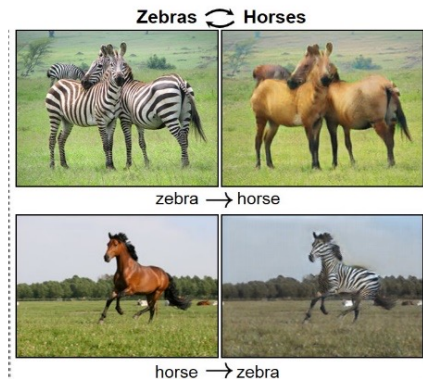


# Generative AI: Surpassing Human-Level Creativity

- VAE
- GAN
- Diffusion



[Karras et al, 2018]



StyleGAN [Karras et al, 2019]



Diffusion [Dhariwal et al., 2021]



Dall-E 2 [Ramesh et al. 2022]



Imagen [Saharia et al. 2022]

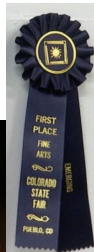


StableDiffusion [Rombatch et al. 2022]

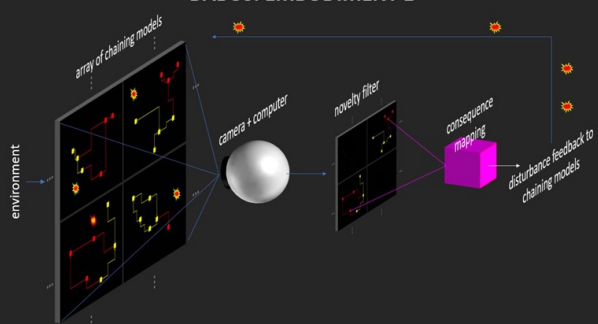
# Generative AI: Surpassed Human-Level Creativity



- AI won some art prizes and inventions
  - Kamome Ashizawa’s **AI-generated novel**, “Are you there?”, took the Hoshi-Shinichi Literary Award in Nikkei press, Feb. 2022
  - Jason Allen’s **AI-generated painting**, “Théâtre D’opéra Spatial,” took first place in the digital category at the Colorado State Fair. Sep. 2022
  - DABUS **AI-generated patents** granted in South Africa, Jul. 2022
  - Boris Eldagsen’s **AI-generated photo**, “The Electrician” came top in open competition at the World Photography Organization’s Sony World Photography Awards, Apr. 2023.



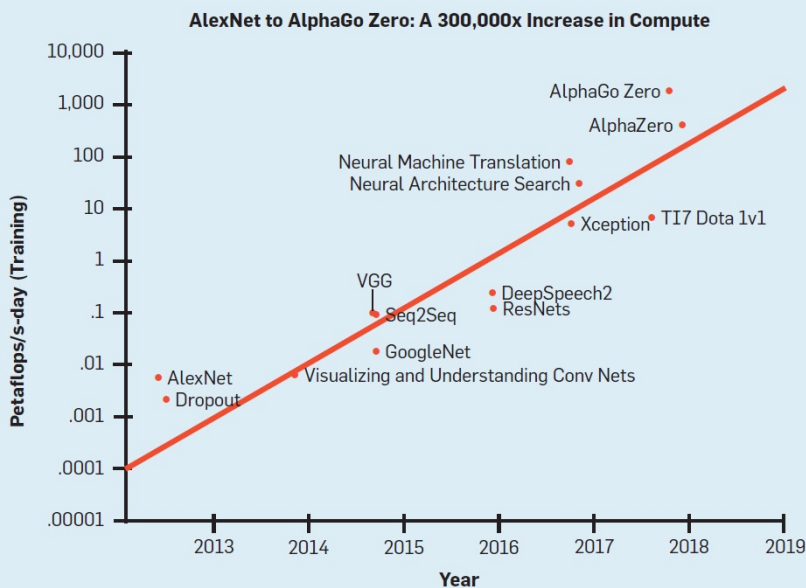
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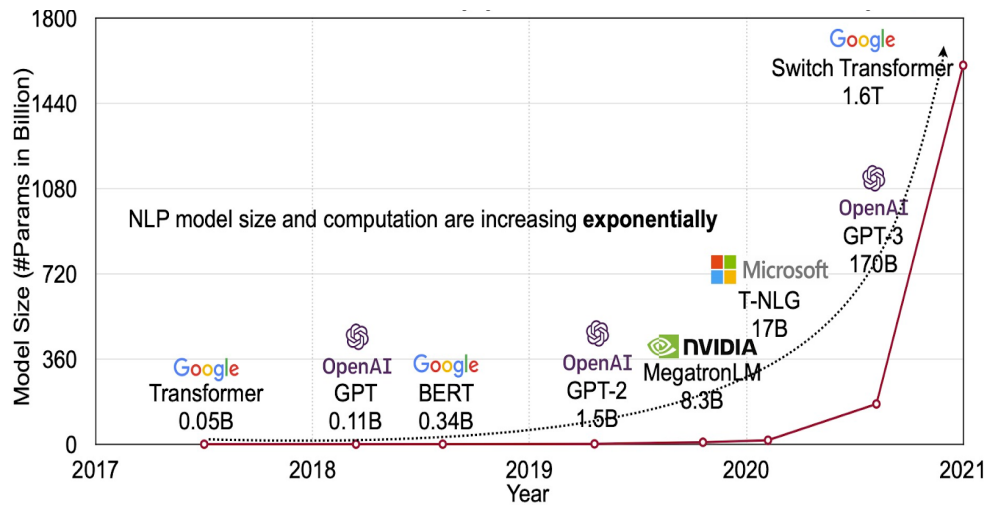


# Green vs. Red AI

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10.1145/3381831: <https://cacm.acm.org/magazines/2020/12/248800-green-ai/>



The computation used to train deep learning models has increased 300,000x in six years: nearly 10x annually



GPT-3: 175B params  
GPT-4: ~1.7T params

# Deep Learning Crisis for Sustainable Growth

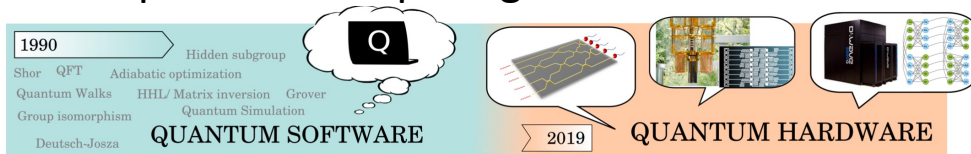
- Escalating power consumption of DNN training
  - [Strubell et al. Energy and policy considerations for deep learning in NLP. 2019]
  - DNN training with network architecture search (NAS) on GPUs requires **5-fold higher** carbon emission of single car lifetime!
- Therefore, we should consider **Green AI**
  - Efficient, fast, low-power, lightweight AI
  - New computing modality alternative to CPU/GPU/TPU: Natural computing (**Quantum**)

Consumption	CO <sub>2</sub> e (lbs)
Air travel, 1 passenger, NY↔SF	1984
Human life, avg, 1 year	11,023
American life, avg, 1 year	36,156
Car, avg incl. fuel, 1 lifetime	126,000
<b>Training one model (GPU)</b>	
NLP pipeline (parsing, SRL)	39
w/ tuning & experimentation	78,468
Transformer (big)	192
w/ neural architecture search	626,155



# Quantum Computing

- Morgan Stanley: Quantum tech. can drive **4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution**
- Escalating government funds: National Quantum Initiative
- Quantum processor providers: **IBM, Google, Microsoft, Honeywell, Intel, IONQ, rigetti, ...**
- Quantum cloud services: IBMQ, Amazon Bracket, ...
- Free libraries to evaluate quantum computing on realistic simulators or real devices



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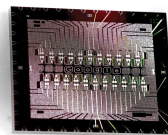
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GPU



TPU

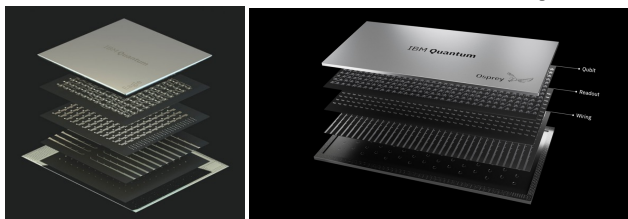
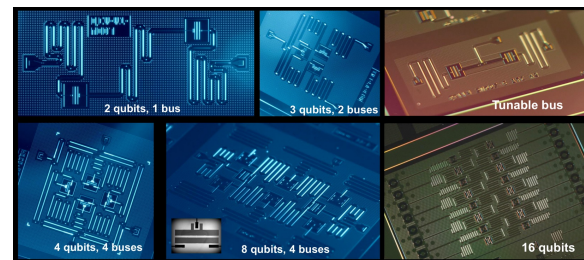


QPU



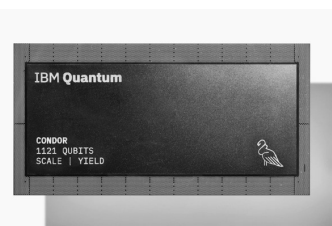
# Evolution of Quantum Processing Unit (QPU)

- Rapid QPU development to allow many qubits
  - IBM released **127-qubit** QPUs in Nov. 2021
  - IBM released **433-qubit** QPUs in Nov. 2022
  - IBM released **1121-qubit** QPUs in Dec. 2023 (**4158-qubits** by 2025)

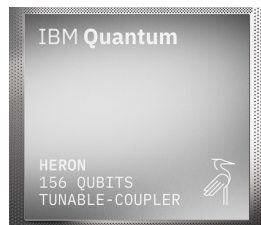


IBM 127-qubit QPU  
(Nov. 2021)

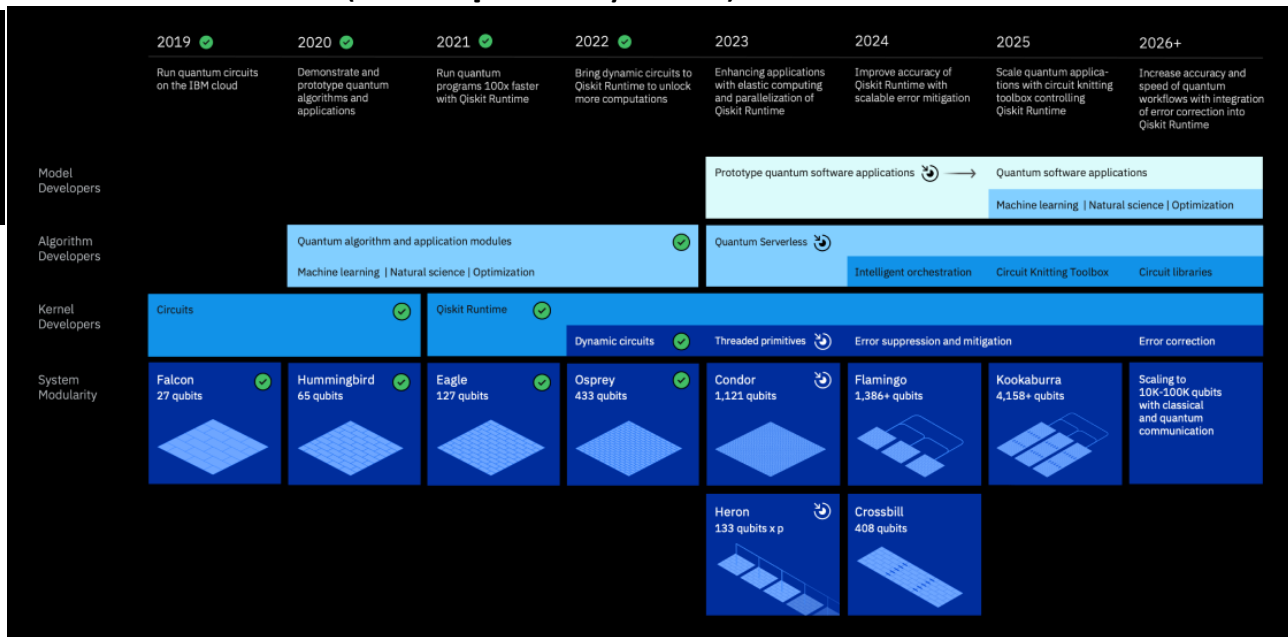
IBM 433-qubit QPU  
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IBM 1121-qubit QPU  
(Dec. 2023)



IBM 156-qubit QPU  
(Nov. 2024): 5000 gates



IBM QPU development roadmap (as of 2022)

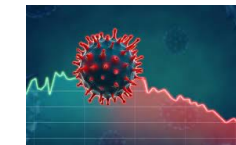
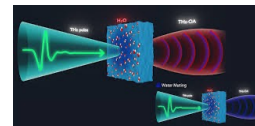
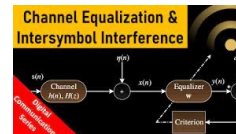
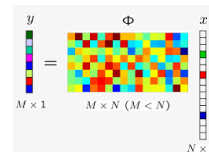


- MERL QML research highlight:

- <https://www.merl.com/research/highlights/quantum-ai>
- QHack: 2022 AWS award; IBM award; 2023 Nvidia award; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize

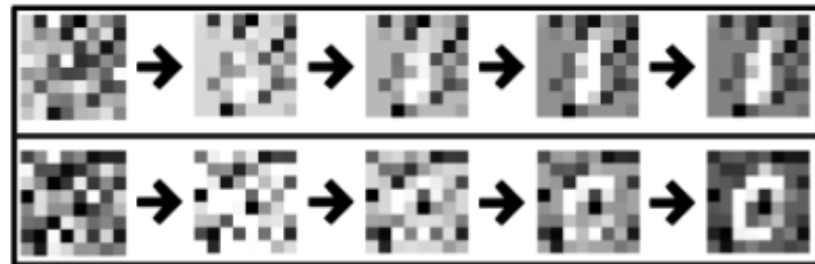
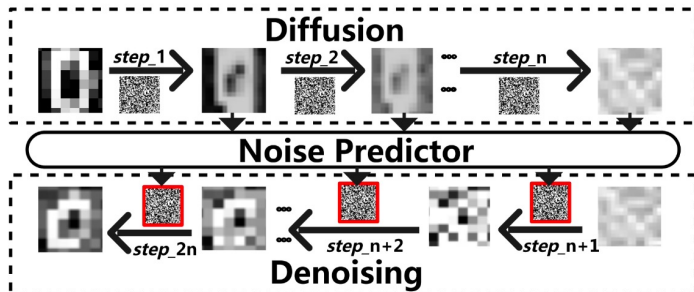
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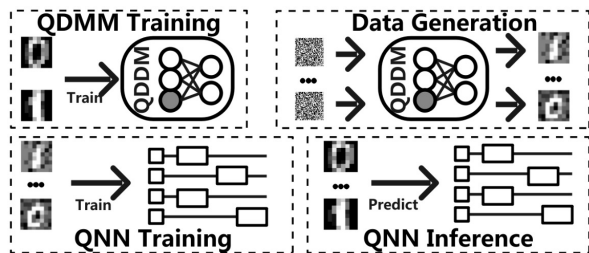


# Quantum Diffusion Models

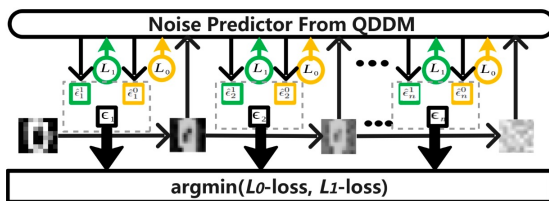
- Quantum denoising diffusion models (QDDM)



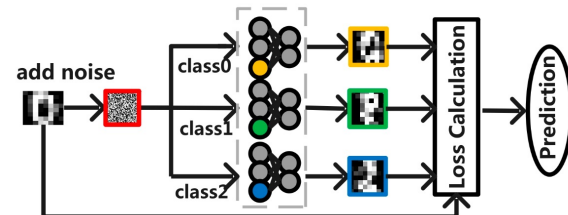
- Quantum few-shot learning: 3 different approaches



Generation inference



Diffusion inference

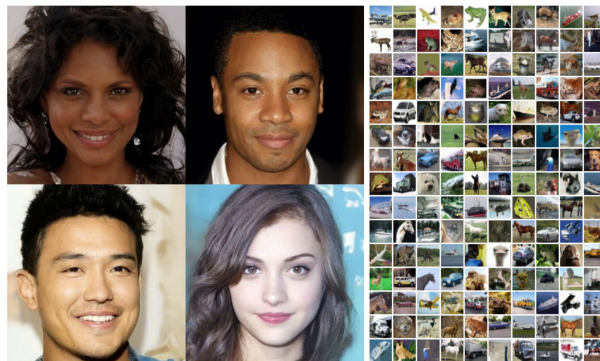
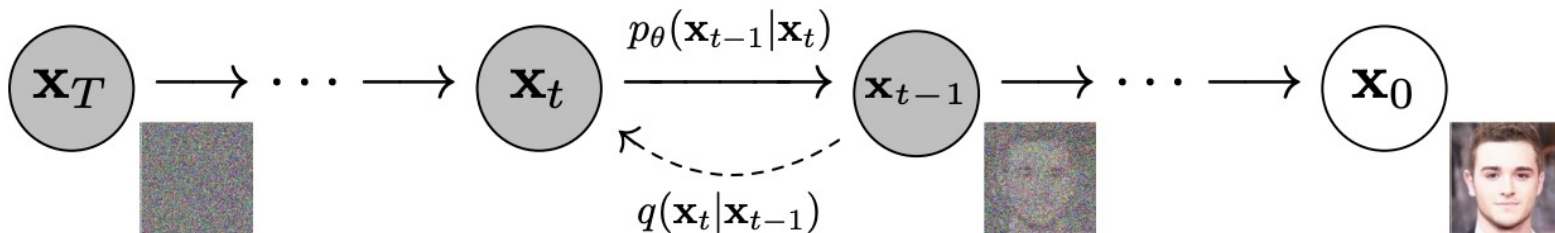


Denoising inference

- 5-30% accuracy improvement

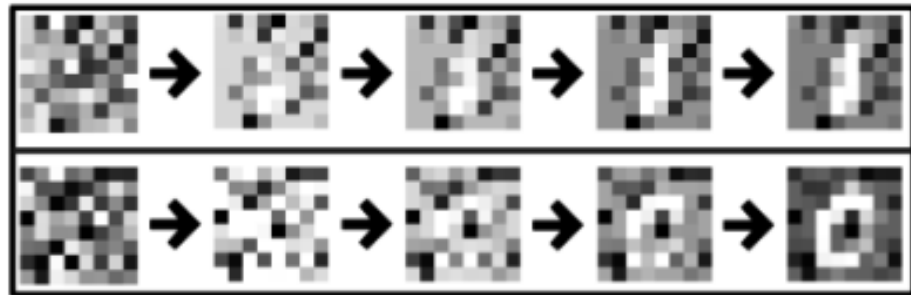
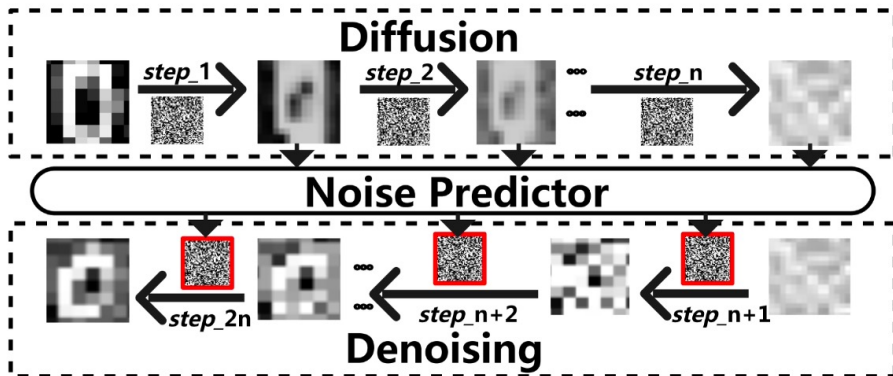
# Diffusion Models

- Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Model (DDPM) [Ho 2020] is a pioneering generative AI model, outperforming VAE and GAN
  - 2 processes: Diffusion steps; Denoising steps
  - Variants: Implicit Diffusion [Song 2020]; Latent Diffusion [Rombach 2022]; Guided Diffusion [Ho 2022]



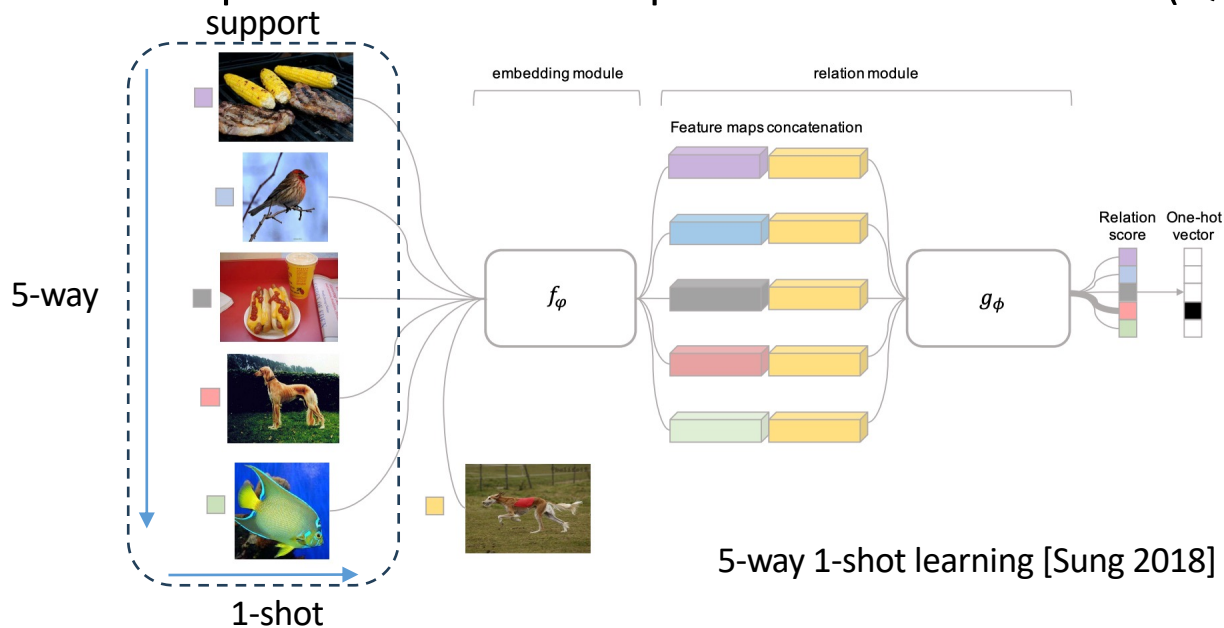
# Quantum Denoising Diffusion Model (QDDM)

- The diffusion models were migrated to the quantum domain
  - Cacioppo 2023: Quantum diffusion models
  - Kölle 2024: Quantum denoising diffusion models
  - Zhang 2024: Generative quantum machine learning via denoising diffusion probabilistic models
  - Parigi 2024: Quantum-Noise-Driven Generative Diffusion Models
  - Kwun 2024: Mixed-State Quantum Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Model
  - Chen 2024 Quantum generative diffusion model: a fully quantum-mechanical model for generating quantum state ensemble
- We use **QDDM** as a foundational tool for **few-shot learning (FSL)**



# Quantum Few-Shot Learning

- Few-shot learning (FSL) is designed to address supervised learning challenges with a very limited number of training examples: **support set**.
  - The support set consists of a small number of labeled examples, encompassing  **$n$  classes, each with  $k$  examples**: called  **$n$ -way,  $k$ -shot**.
  - We consider quantum FSL to train quantum neural networks (QNNs)

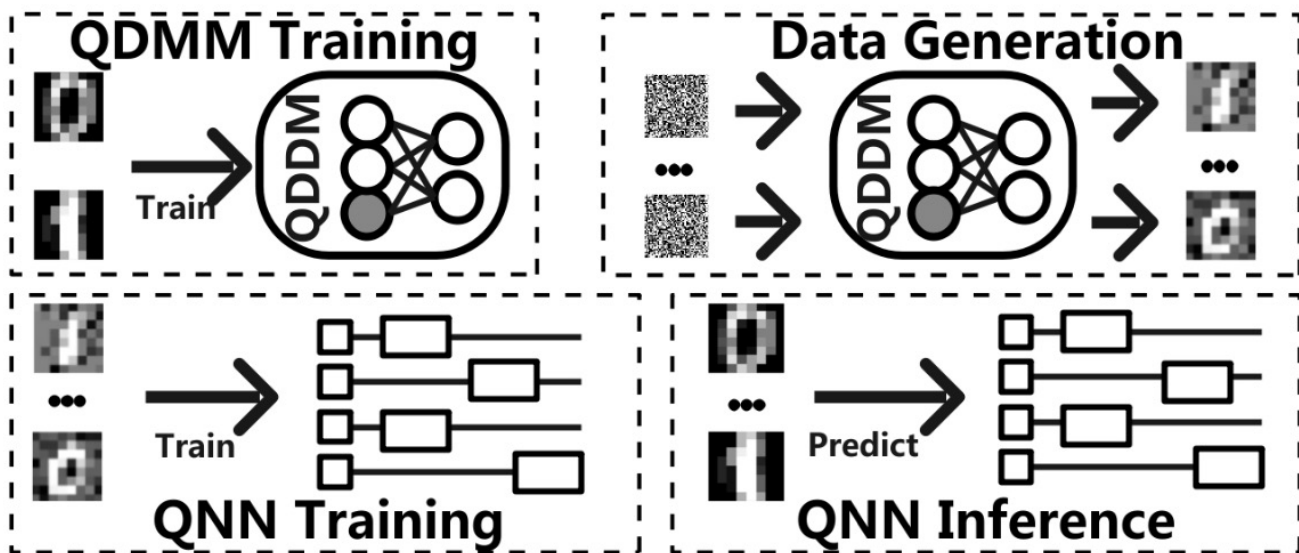




# Method I: Generation Inference

## • QDDM-Based Label-Guided Generation Inference (LGGI)

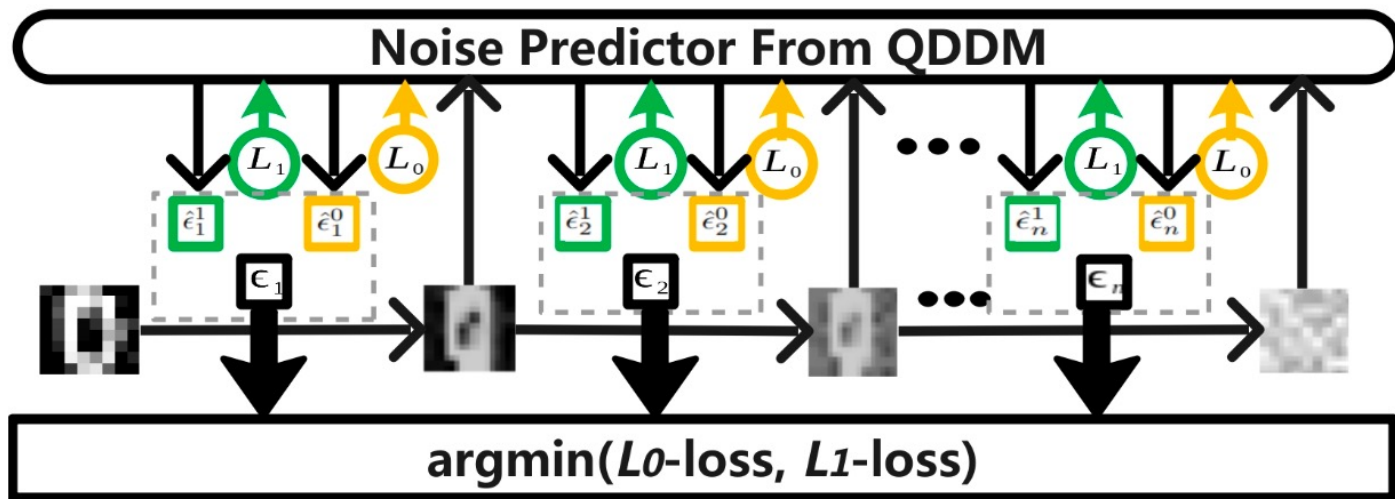
- The primary challenge of QFSL is the limited availability of training data. Thus, expanding the training dataset can significantly enhance the performance of QFL.
- A small amount of few-shot data is used to train the QDDM. Then, the QDDM is employed to expand the training dataset for QNN.
- This expanded dataset is then used to train the QNN, which in turn improves its inference accuracy on real data.



## Method II: Diffusion Inference

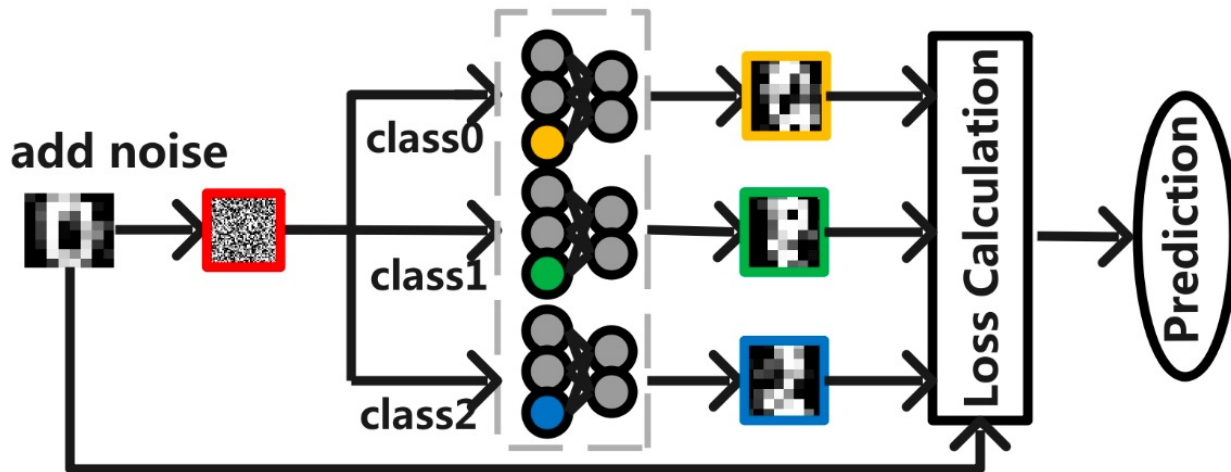
### • QDM-Based Label-Guided Noise Addition Inference (LGNAI)

- The learning objective of the QDDM relies on using a noise predictor to estimate the noise in noisy data compared to the actual noise.
- The noise predictor's estimation is guided by a label. By using the correct label for guidance, the error between the predicted noise and the actual noise may be minimized.



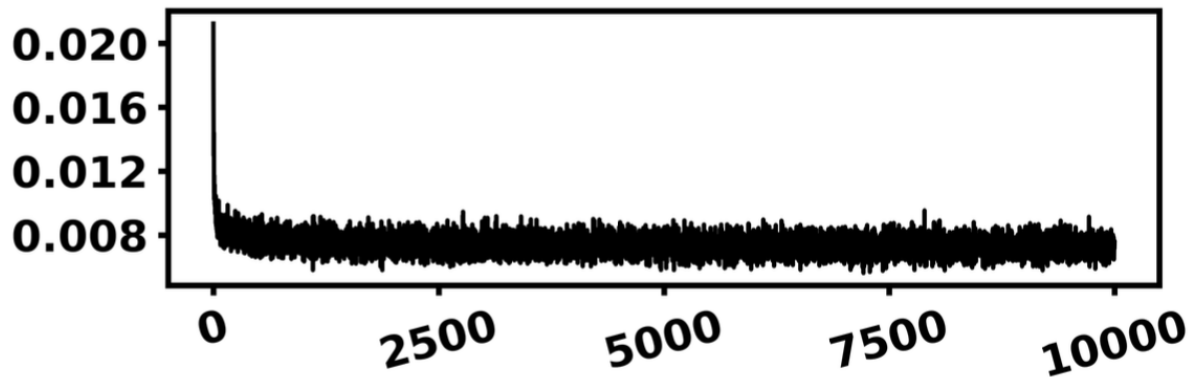
## Method III: Denoising Inference

- **QDDM-Based Label-Guided Denoising Inference (LGDI)**
  - During the denoising phase of the QDDM, the noise predictor is utilized to estimate the noise present in the noisy data, which is subsequently subtracted.
  - The noise prediction is guided by labels. Consequently, the final generated images vary according to the guidance provided by different labels.
  - The data generated under the guidance of the true label may be close to the original data.



## QDDM Training

- We use Adam for 10,000 epochs; labels are encoded with RX gate
- The training loss reflects the discrepancy between the noises predicted by the noise predictor and the actual noises during the denoising phase.



**Figure 8:** Training Loss Trends during QDDM Model Training.

# Performance of Quantum Few-Shot Learning

- QDDM-based FSL offers significant improvement in accuracy

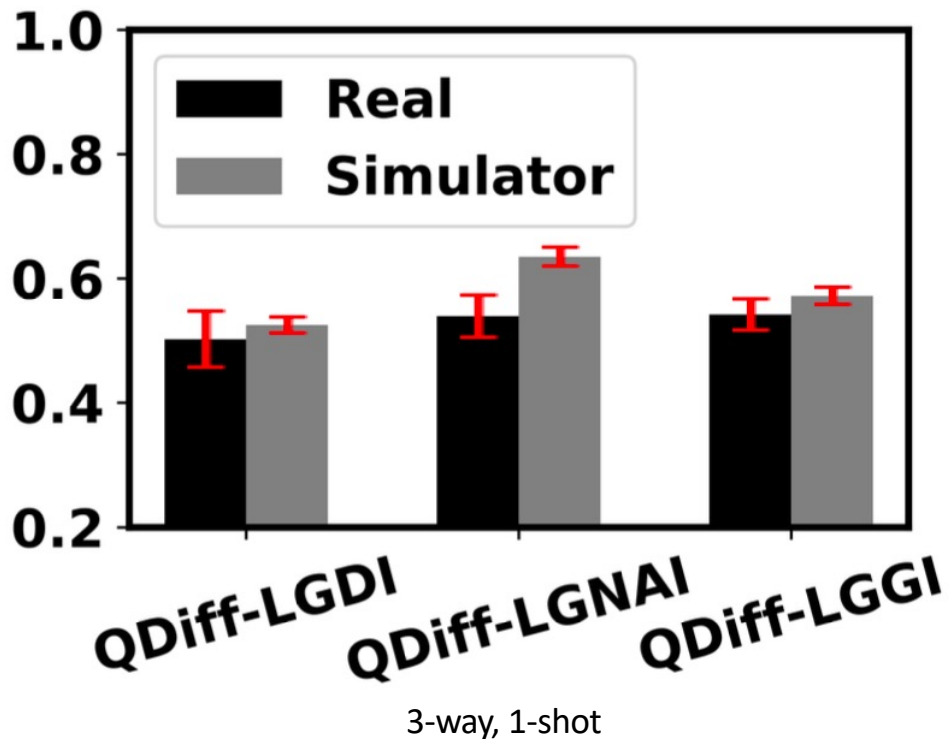
Dataset	Tasks	QDiff-LGDI	QDiff-LGNAI	QDiff-LGGI	QMLP	C14	OPTIC	Quantumnat
<b>Digits</b>	2w-01s	0.975 $\pm$ 0.059	0.978 $\pm$ 0.003	0.992 $\pm$ 0.009	0.764 $\pm$ 0.108	0.505 $\pm$ 0.175	0.525 $\pm$ 0.133	0.751 $\pm$ 0.147
	2w-10s	0.983 $\pm$ 0.006	0.997 $\pm$ 0.002	0.984 $\pm$ 0.012	0.892 $\pm$ 0.086	0.627 $\pm$ 0.086	0.886 $\pm$ 0.193	0.722 $\pm$ 0.186
	3w-01s	0.525 $\pm$ 0.001	0.635 $\pm$ 0.007	0.573 $\pm$ 0.069	0.338 $\pm$ 0.087	0.447 $\pm$ 0.193	0.475 $\pm$ 0.021	0.555 $\pm$ 0.013
	3w-10s	0.857 $\pm$ 0.015	0.801 $\pm$ 0.008	0.632 $\pm$ 0.035	0.355 $\pm$ 0.059	0.481 $\pm$ 0.183	0.698 $\pm$ 0.121	0.687 $\pm$ 0.156
<b>MNIST</b>	2w-01s	0.943 $\pm$ 0.002	0.965 $\pm$ 0.003	0.805 $\pm$ 0.093	0.675 $\pm$ 0.067	0.567 $\pm$ 0.064	0.845 $\pm$ 0.149	0.701 $\pm$ 0.162
	2w-10s	0.953 $\pm$ 0.011	0.978 $\pm$ 0.005	0.915 $\pm$ 0.079	0.817 $\pm$ 0.048	0.810 $\pm$ 0.152	0.807 $\pm$ 0.173	0.727 $\pm$ 0.151
	3w-01s	0.475 $\pm$ 0.003	0.505 $\pm$ 0.007	0.428 $\pm$ 0.035	0.325 $\pm$ 0.027	0.503 $\pm$ 0.122	0.477 $\pm$ 0.159	0.501 $\pm$ 0.012
	3w-10s	0.720 $\pm$ 0.016	0.825 $\pm$ 0.008	0.405 $\pm$ 0.022	0.547 $\pm$ 0.085	0.607 $\pm$ 0.142	0.770 $\pm$ 0.191	0.527 $\pm$ 0.078
<b>Fashion</b>	2w-01s	0.738 $\pm$ 0.007	0.768 $\pm$ 0.007	0.898 $\pm$ 0.036	0.688 $\pm$ 0.064	0.581 $\pm$ 0.187	0.765 $\pm$ 0.149	0.583 $\pm$ 0.181
	2w-10s	0.755 $\pm$ 0.020	0.805 $\pm$ 0.002	0.895 $\pm$ 0.066	0.731 $\pm$ 0.035	0.773 $\pm$ 0.099	0.793 $\pm$ 0.157	0.887 $\pm$ 0.129
	3w-01s	0.453 $\pm$ 0.008	0.433 $\pm$ 0.001	0.483 $\pm$ 0.012	0.331 $\pm$ 0.098	0.332 $\pm$ 0.172	0.473 $\pm$ 0.128	0.622 $\pm$ 0.063
	3w-10s	0.655 $\pm$ 0.018	0.735 $\pm$ 0.004	0.585 $\pm$ 0.025	0.647 $\pm$ 0.015	0.527 $\pm$ 0.173	0.593 $\pm$ 0.139	0.653 $\pm$ 0.032
<b>Average</b>		0.754 $\pm$ 0.015	0.795 $\pm$ 0.004	0.719 $\pm$ 0.045	0.574 $\pm$ 0.060	0.546 $\pm$ 0.140	0.678 $\pm$ 0.150	0.666 $\pm$ 0.120

QDDM-based FSL



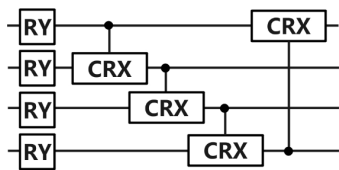
## Impact of Quantum Noise

- We demonstrated robustness against quantum noise on IBM\_Almaden quantum processors

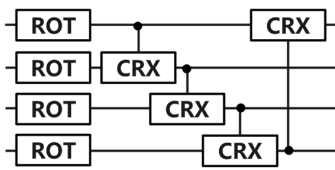


# Impact of QNN Ansatz

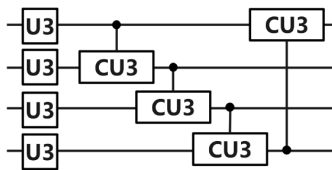
- The impact of the selection of QNNs utilized in Qdiff-LGGI
  - Different QNNs have different expressive abilities and different information extraction capabilities for input images.



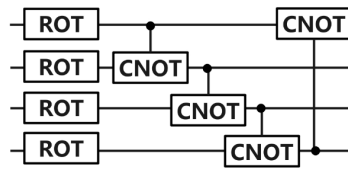
(a)C14



(b)QMLP

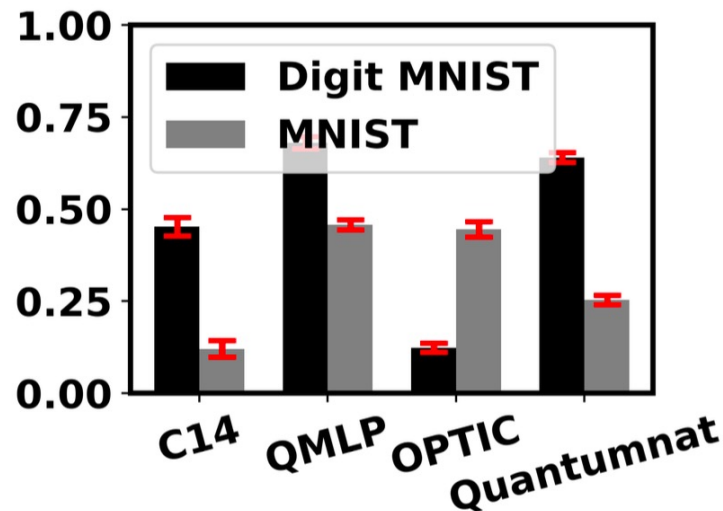


(c) Quantumnat



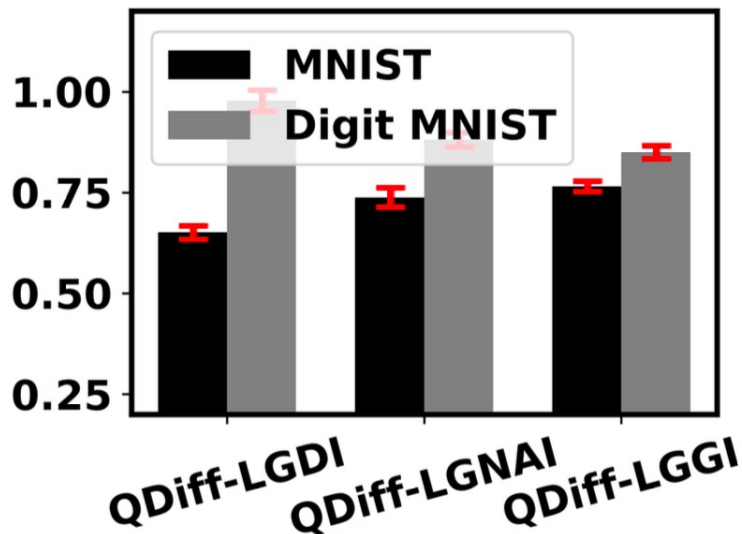
(d)OPTIC

QNN	# Qubits	1QG	2QG	# Param.
QMLP	6	ROT	CRX	$24 \times n$
C14	6	RY	CRX	$12 \times n$
OPTIC	6	ROT	CNOT	$18 \times n$
Quantumnat	6	U3	CU3	$36 \times n$

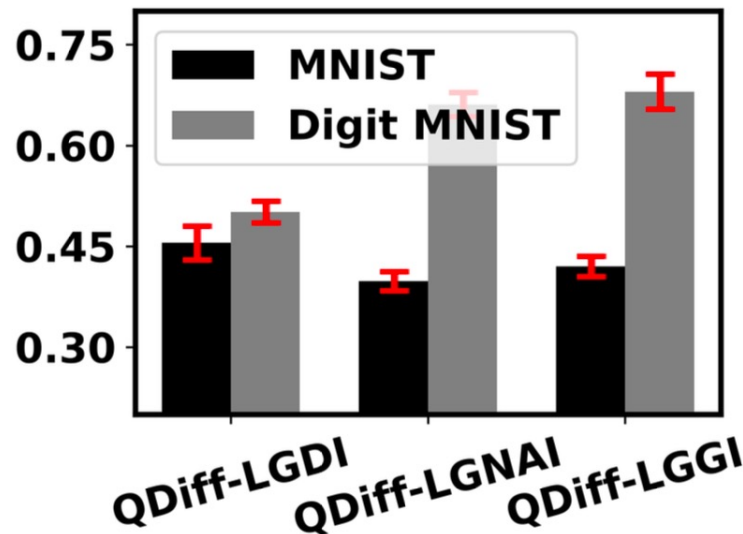


# Performance of Quantum Zero-Shot Learning

- We utilize the Digit MNIST dataset to train the QDDM and then use Qdiff-based algorithms to complete the inference on the MNIST dataset. The same strategy is employed for experiments on the MNIST dataset.



2-way



3-way

# Summary

- We addressed overviews of generative AI and quantum AI
- We proposed new methods for quantum few-shot learning using quantum diffusion models
  - We introduced 3 different approaches based on QDDM's generation/diffusion/denoising
  - Our methods demonstrated significant improvement up to 30% gain
  - We also validated that our method has a high resilience to the quantum noise
  - We evaluated different QNN ansatz
  - Zero-shot capability was discussed too
- Future work:
  - Enhancing the capabilities of QDM through improvements in model architecture and optimization techniques, enabling more intricate datasets with diverse and high-dimensional features for diverse real-world applications.
- Questions?
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