Nordita QML Schedule – February 2026

Day	Time	Slot	Activity
Mon, 2 Feb	09:00–10:00	Welcome & registration	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Vedran Dunjko (Univ. Leiden)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Christa Zoufal (IBM)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Cristina Cirstoiu (Quantinuum)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	Kick-starting the **unconference** part and collaborative activities. Selecting **focus groups** (e.g., working with quantum data, learning theory, generative modelling, symmetry-aware QML). Organising a **mini-journal club** for each group.	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20		
	16:20–17:00		
Tue, 3 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Amira Abbas (Google Quantum AI)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Taylor Patti (Nvidia)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Mikel Sanz (Univ. Basque Country)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Tutorial 1** (Any topic you want explain? Volunteers needed!)	
	15:00–15:40	**Tutorial 2**	
	15:40–16:20	**Poster session**	
	16:20–17:00		
Wed, 4 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Susanne Yelin (Harvard)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Mats Granath (Gothenburg Univ.)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Ahmad Farooq (VTT)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	Organised **breakout rooms** for **focus groups** (within selected 5-6 directions)	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20	Formulating open questions for each **focus group**, brainstorming possible solutions. Finished with a joint summary.	
	16:20–17:00		
Thu, 5 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Mina Doosti (QSL, Univ. Edinburgh)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Supanut Thanasilp (Chulalongkorn Univ.)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Morten Hjorth-Jensen (Oslo Univ.)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	Continuing discussion within focus groups, following up on	

	15:00–15:40	open questions. Consolidating **vision** and **share** with other groups.	
	15:40–16:20	**Debate.** **Proposition**: *"This house believes that quantum machine learning with classical data is flawed."*	
	16:20–17:00		
	19:00–…	*Conference dinner*. Place: Proviant, Albano campus. Time: 19:00.	
Fri, 6 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Jarrod McClean (Google Quantum AI)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Zoe Holmes (EPFL)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Laura Lewis (UC Berkeley)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Collaborative coding** (or whiteboard derivations). Choosing one of the questions from focus groups; developing a minimal version to test hypothetical solutions.	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20		
	16:20–17:00		
Mon, 9 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Jens Eisert (Freie Univ. Berlin)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Matthias C. Caro (Univ. Warwick)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Oleksandr Kyriienko (SQC, Univ. Sheffield)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Tutorial 3**	
	15:00–15:40	**Tutorial 4**	
	15:40–16:20	**Round table discussion**: "*How do we see a future of quantum machine learning? How can we embed responsible research and innovation into QML development?*" Reflect on findings within focus groups.	
	16:20–17:00		
Tue, 10 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Joseph Bowles (Xanadu)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Brian Coyle (Fujitsu)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Stefano Markidis (KTH)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Research stories:** Coul you please share examples from your research, for instance motivating others how we can learn from past mistakes?	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20	Collaborative activities (following up on focus groups and discussing outcomes of coding sessions)	
	16:20–17:00		
	Evening	*Conference reception*	
Wed, 11 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	

	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Michele Grossi (CERN)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Annie Paine (Fujitsu)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Thomas Cope (IQM)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Collaborative activities**	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20	**Mentoring hour** (possibility to pairing up for an informal discussion and getting a career advice)	
	16:20–17:00		
Thu, 12 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Zoltan Zimboras (Univ. Helsinki)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Camila Cristiano Romero (Univ. Basque Country)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Cenk Tüysüz (CERN)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Collaborative activities**	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20	Collaborative activities (cont.)	
	16:20–17:00		
Fri, 13 Feb	09:00–10:00	Morning coffee	
	10:00–10:40	Talk 1	**Farida Farsian (INAF)**
	10:40–11:20	Talk 2	**Michele Minervini (Cornell Univ.)**
	11:20–12:00	Coffee break	
	12:00–12:40	Talk 3	**Mario Herrero González (QSL, Univ. Edinburgh)**
	12:40–14:00	Lunch	
	14:20–15:00	**Collaborative activities** / wrap-up	
	15:00–15:40		
	15:40–16:20	**Final discussions & closing**	
	16:20–17:00		