

# The CERN Quantum Technology Initiative

*Results from first pilot projects*



QUANTUM  
TECHNOLOGY  
INITIATIVE



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# CERN Quantum Technology Initiative

Strategy and  
Governance



Joint HEP R&D  
Programme



CERN  
Management



Advisory Board  
(**representation of the  
Member States**)

Coordination

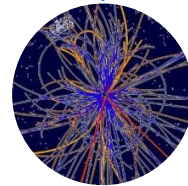


QT Initiative  
Management

R&D



Sensing,  
Detectors R&D



Computing &  
Engineering



Communication  
& Networks



Quantum  
Simulation  
& Theory

Collaborations

Academic Programmes / Industrial Collaborations

# CERN Quantum Technology Initiative

## Strategy and long-term benefits

**R&D under a common vision** and a shared roadmap

**Assess the impact of quantum technologies** on High Energy Physics research

**Build the required knowledge** and capacity to create impact

## Implementation and execution

**Concrete R&D objectives**

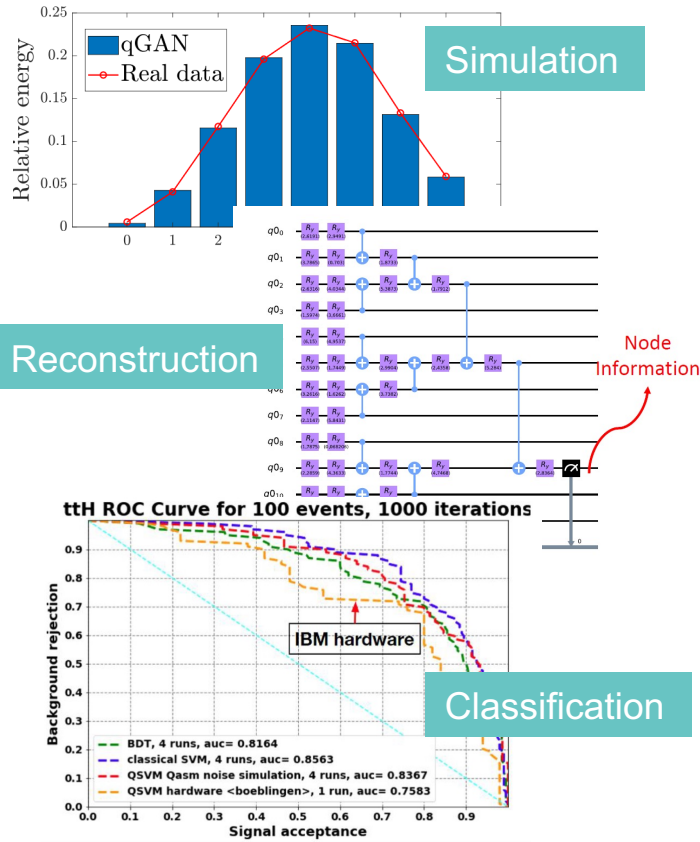
**International education and training programs** with leading experts, universities and industry

**Knowledge sharing** within High Energy Physics and beyond

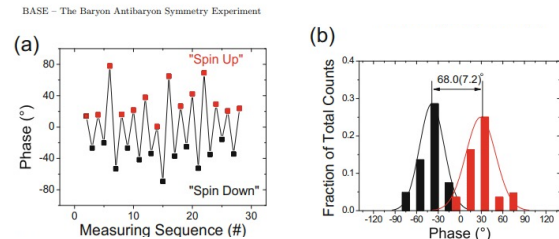


# R&D projects and Activities

## Computing

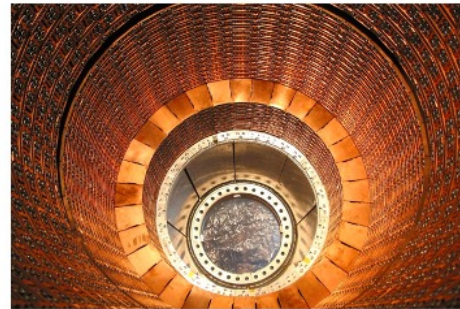


## Sensing



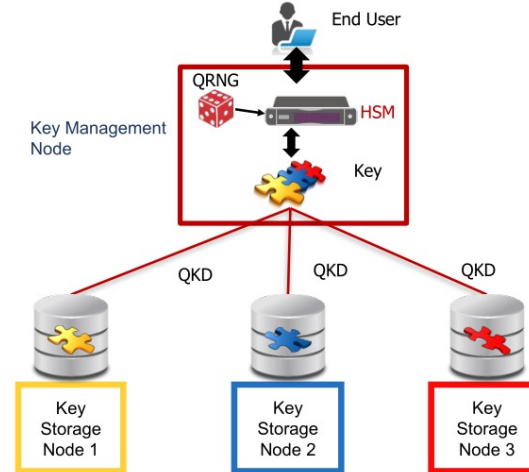
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Low energy measurements, quantum states measurements, nano-technologies



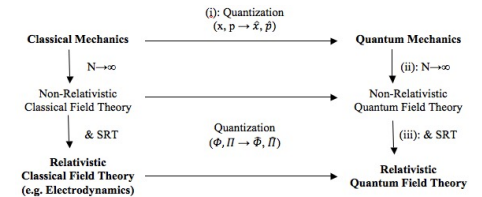
Future HEP detectors

## Communications

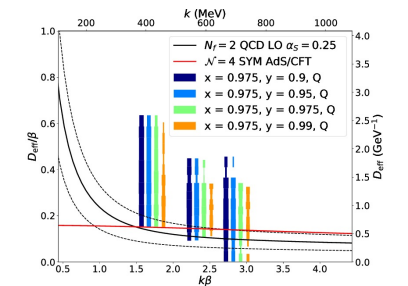


openQKD  
Infrastructures  
Quantum Internet

## Theory



Quantum Field Theory



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2703396>

Lattice QCD

Many pilot projects started as part of the **CERN openlab quantum** programme (<https://openlab.cern/quantum>)

# QC@CERN

- **Development and optimization of algorithms** targeted for **realistic** use cases
- Build expertise on **state-of-the-art software stack**
  - Provide **resource access** to the community for R&D
- **Joint projects** with industry and other sciences

# QC Algorithms

- Quantum Machine Learning algorithms are a primary candidate for investigation
  - Increasing use of such techniques in many computing and data analysis flows
  - Can be built as **hybrid models** where quantum computers act as accelerators where classic computing is not computationally efficient
- Classification, pattern recognition, anomaly detection
- Clustering, optimisation
- Efficient data handling is a challenge
  - Data encoding or reduction is required for practical use of NISQ devices



# Example pilot projects

**Quantum Generative Adversarial Networks for detector simulation**

*[arXiv:2103.15470](#), [arXiv:2101.11132](#)*

**Quantum Tree Tensor Networks for particle trajectory reconstruction**

*[arXiv:2007.06868](#), [arXiv:2012.01379](#), [arXiv:2109.12636](#)*

**Quantum Classifiers for Higgs boson identification**

*[arXiv:2104.07692](#)*

**Hybrid quantum-classical tracking hits embedding**

*[EPJ Web of Conferences \(Vol. 251, p. 03065\)](#)*

**Quantum algorithms for anomaly detection**

**Quantum Boltzman Machines for beams optimization in accelerators**

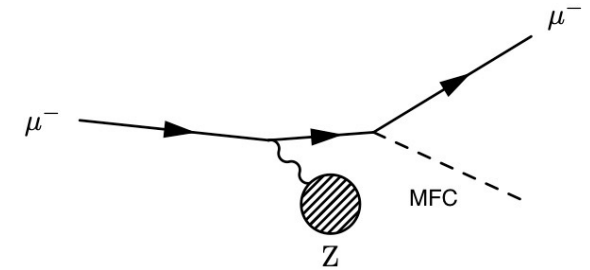
**Quantum Born Machines for event generation**



# Quantum Born Machine for event generation

**Muon Force Carriers** predicted by several theoretical models:

- Could be detected by muon fixed-target experiments (FASER) or muon interactions in calorimeters (ATLAS).

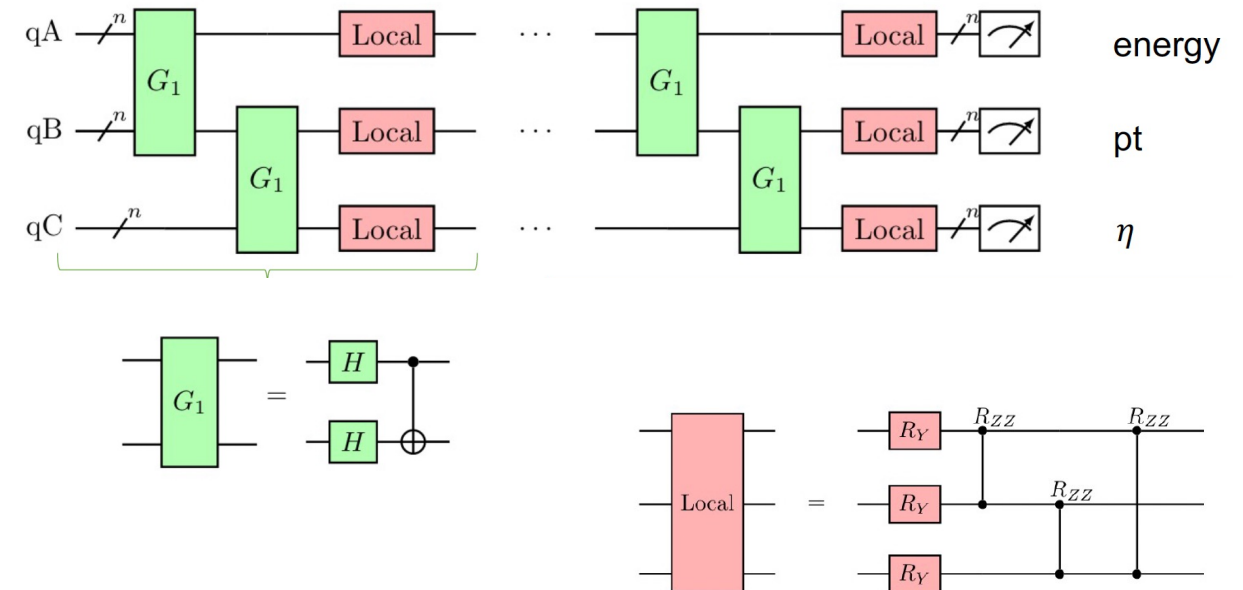


Generate  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_t$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  of outgoing muon and MFC

Sample from variational wavefunction  $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$  with  $p_\theta(x) = |\langle x|\psi(\theta)\rangle|^2$  given by the Born rule

Generate **discrete PDFs** (continuous in the limit  $\text{\#qubits} \rightarrow \infty$ )

**Maximum Mean Discrepancy** loss function and gaussian kernel with  $\sigma \in [0.1, 1, 10, 100]$

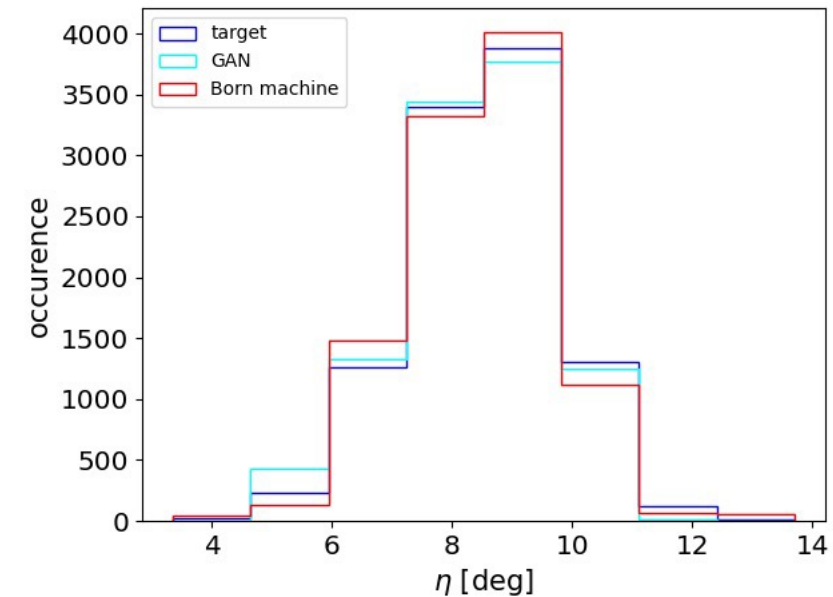
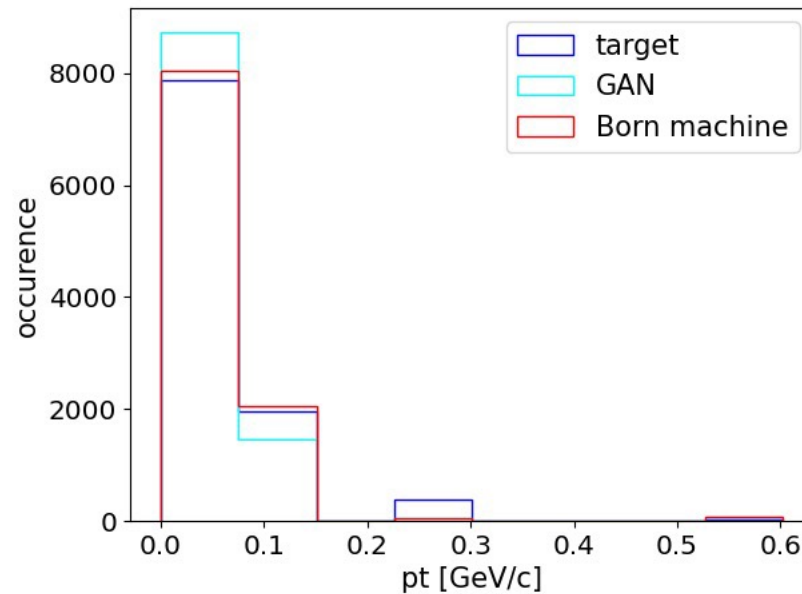
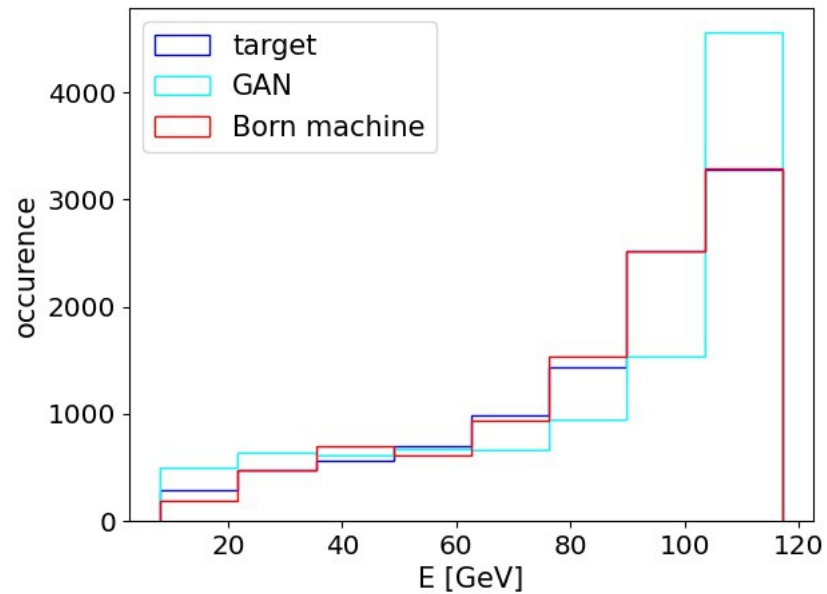
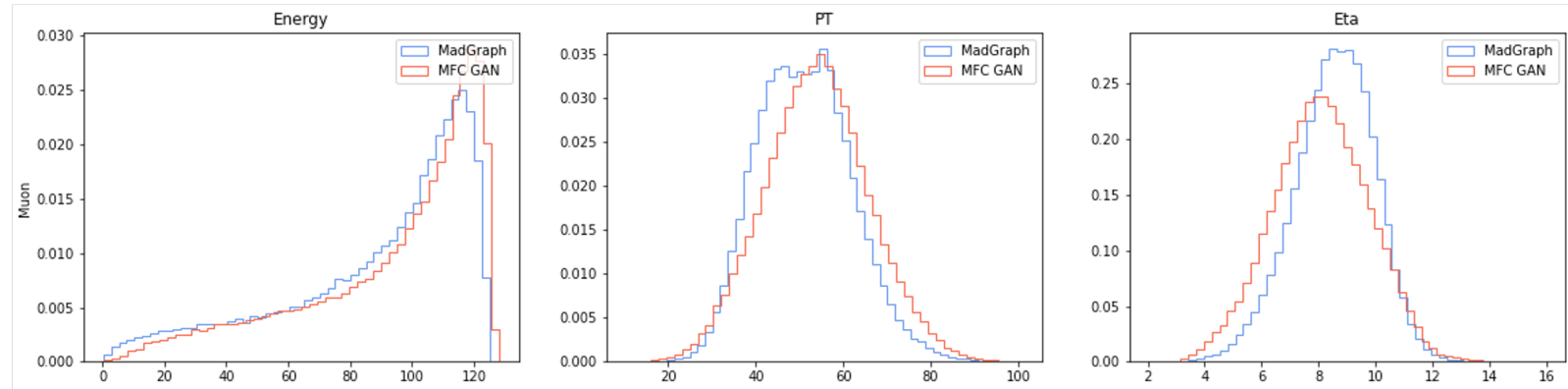


$$MMD(P, Q) = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P} [\mathbb{E}_{Y \sim P} [K(X, Y)]] + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim Q} [\mathbb{E}_{Y \sim Q} [K(X, Y)]] - 2 \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P} [\mathbb{E}_{Y \sim Q} [K(X, Y)]]$$

# Results

Generate multiple features

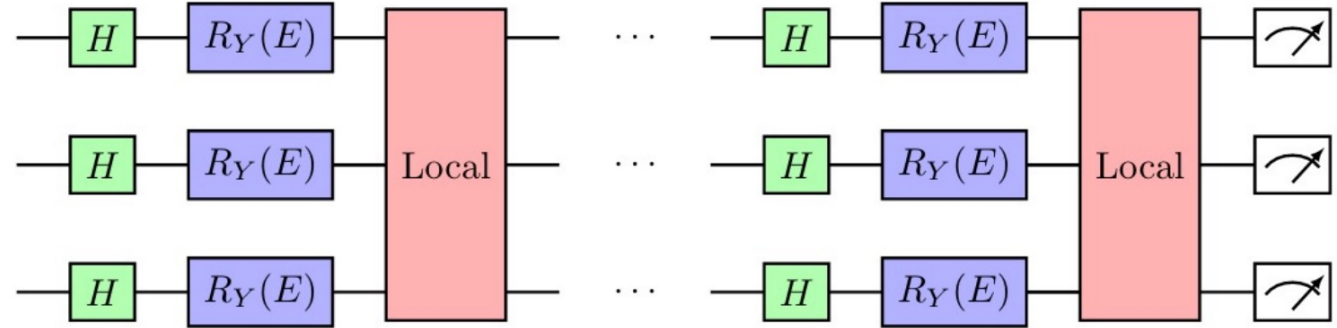
Comparison to classical GAN  
and MadGraph



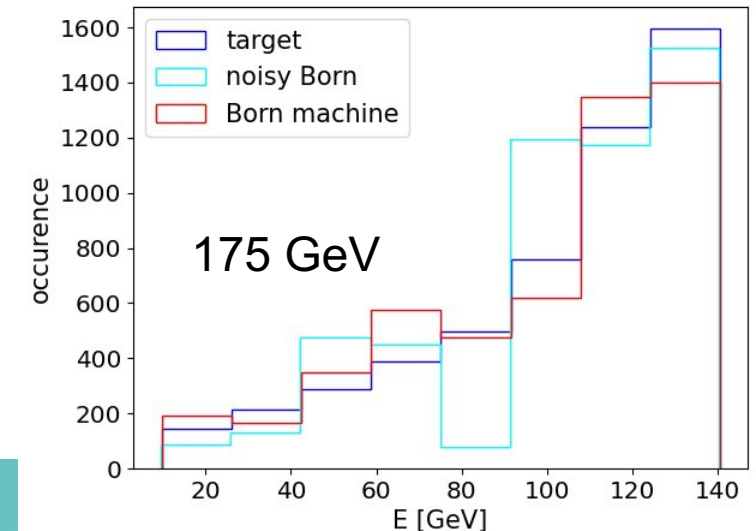
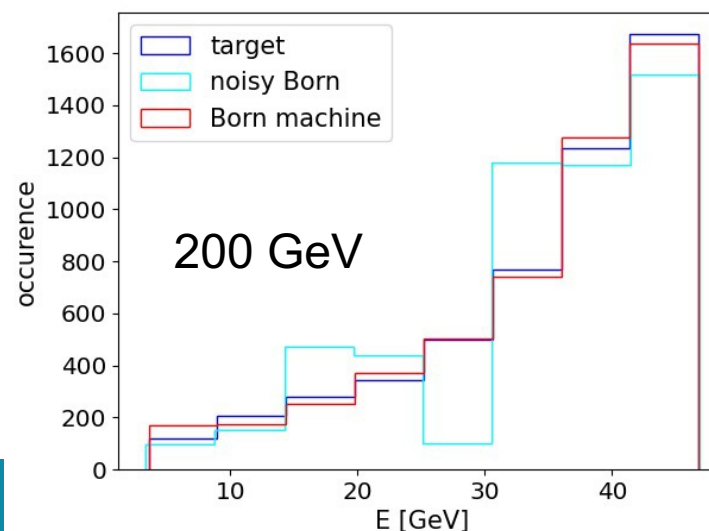
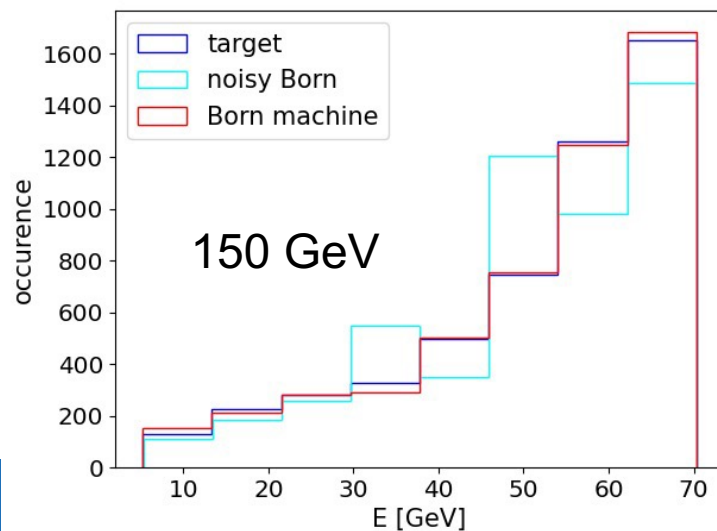
# Conditional Born Machine

Encode  $E_{\mu,i}$  condition using parametrized rotations

Interpolation: train on 150 and 200 GeV muons and predict 175 GeV signal



Data re-uploading makes the quantum circuit more expressive as function of the data  
Noise model according to IBM Q Casablanca



# Hardware and Software Resources

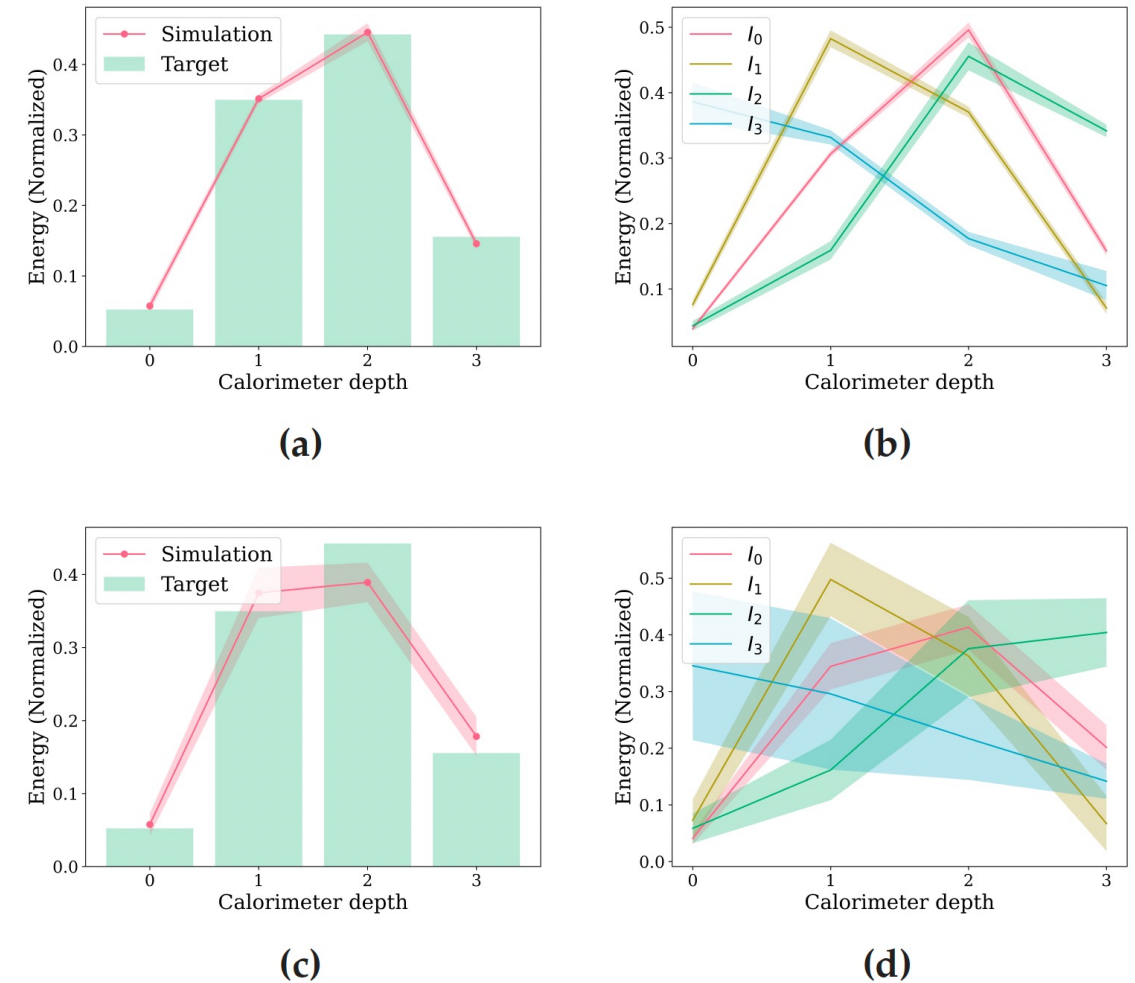
- Focus on **tools for software development** and testing
- Access to **different resources**: classical (simulators) and quantum hardware
  - Cluster with different quantum computing simulators for development up to 20-25 qubits
  - ATOS QLM appliance for simulations up to 34 qubits
  - Access to the IBM Q systems
- Evaluate **different hardware solutions**: digital (semiconductors, ions, photons) and annealer
- Building shared experience on different **computing simulators**, real **NISQ hardware**, and hybrid infrastructures where **cloud computing**, **HPC resources** and **quantum computers** interact is key to capacity building for the future

# Benchmarks on hardware

Train models using noisy simulator and test the inference of the model on the superconducting (**IBMQ**) and trapped-ion (**IONQ**) quantum hardware

- For IBMQ machines, choose the qubits with the lowest CNOT gate error

Device	Readout error CX error	$D_{KL}/D_{KL,ind}$ ( $\times 10^{-2}$ )
ibmq_jakarta	0.028 $1.367 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$0.14 \pm 0.14$ $6.49 \pm 0.54$
ibmq_lagos	0.01 $5.582 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.26 \pm 0.11$ $6.92 \pm 0.71$
ibmq_casablanca	0.026 $4.58 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.03 \pm 1.08$ $6.58 \pm 0.81$
IONQ	NULL $1.59 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.24 \pm 0.74$ $10.1 \pm 5.6$



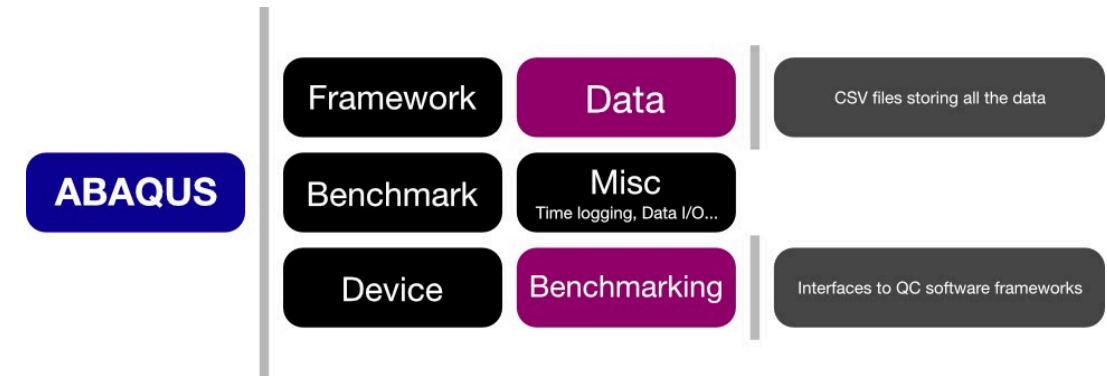
**Figure 4:** Mean (a,c) and individual images (b,d) obtained by inference test on ibmq\_jakarta (a,b) and IONQ (c,d).

# ABAAQUS - Automated Benchmarking of Algorithms for QUantum Systems



A benchmarking platform to provide consistent and reliable benchmarks for both software frameworks and hardware devices.

- **Extensibility** by-design
- Present results in a **user-friendly** way.
- A **web application** to interactively present results

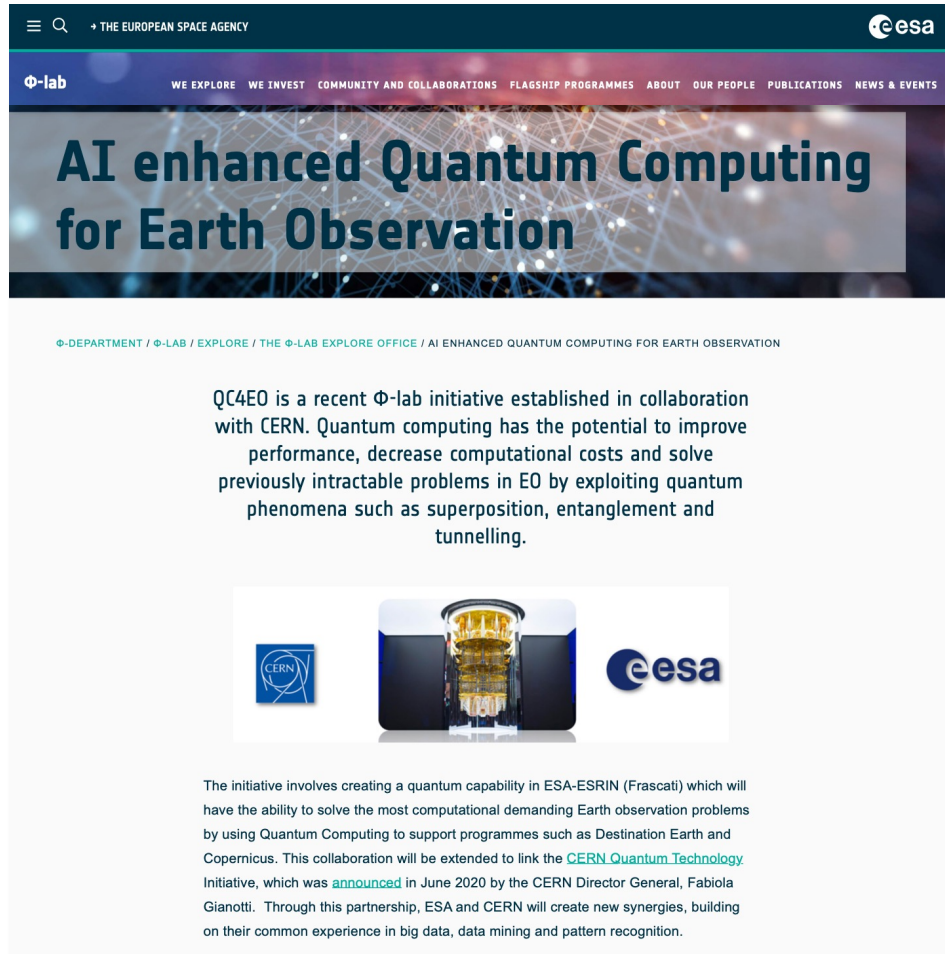


Currently supports Qiskit State Vector (with and without GPU), Cirq and PennyLane



# Synergies with other sciences

*The ESA-CERN Joint Announcement at Phi-Week 2020*



The screenshot shows the ESA website with the article title "AI enhanced Quantum Computing for Earth Observation". The article text states: "QC4EO is a recent  $\Phi$ -lab initiative established in collaboration with CERN. Quantum computing has the potential to improve performance, decrease computational costs and solve previously intractable problems in EO by exploiting quantum phenomena such as superposition, entanglement and tunnelling."

Below the text is a small image of a quantum computing device with CERN and ESA logos. The text continues: "The initiative involves creating a quantum capability in ESA-ESRIN (Frascati) which will have the ability to solve the most computational demanding Earth observation problems by using Quantum Computing to support programmes such as Destination Earth and Copernicus. This collaboration will be extended to link the [CERN Quantum Technology Initiative](#), which was announced in June 2020 by the CERN Director General, Fabiola Gianotti. Through this partnership, ESA and CERN will create new synergies, building on their common experience in big data, data mining and pattern recognition."



The banner features the CERN and ESA logos at the top. The main text reads: "Special announcement" and "Exploring the next frontiers of disruptive innovation". In the center is a large image of a quantum computing device. At the bottom, it says "AI-enhanced Quantum Computing for EO". Below this, there is a row of flags representing various countries and the text "ESA UNCLASSIFIED – For Official Use". The ESA logo and "THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY" are in the bottom right corner.



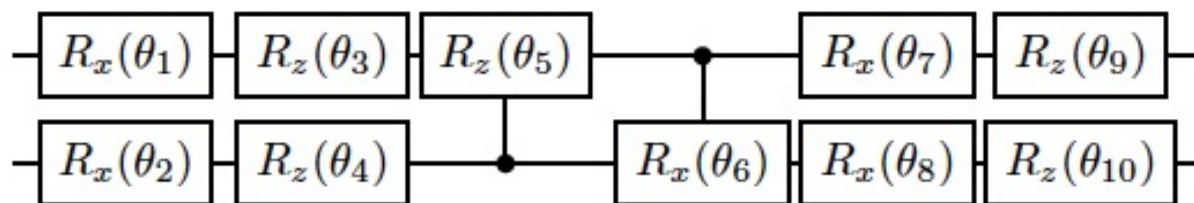
# Quantum Convolutions

**Convolutional Filters**<sup>[1]</sup> as Parameterized Quantum Circuits (PQC) with single-qubit and two-qubit operations.

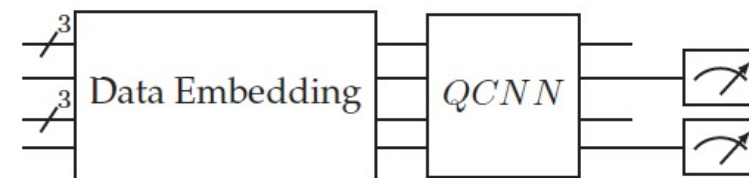
- Reduce risk of barren plateau

**Alternative architecture:** different parameters in each convolutional filters

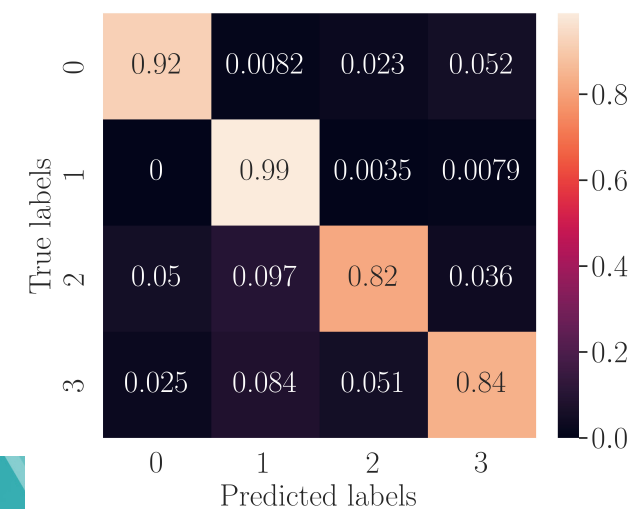
- Increased model complexity and flexibility



N-class classification by measuring the probability distribution for  $\log_2 N$  qubit and using categorical cross entropy.



Confusion matrix of 4-class MNIST classification



<sup>[1]</sup> T. Hur, L. Kim, and D. K. Park. Quantum convolutional neural network for classical data classification, 2021.

# Summary

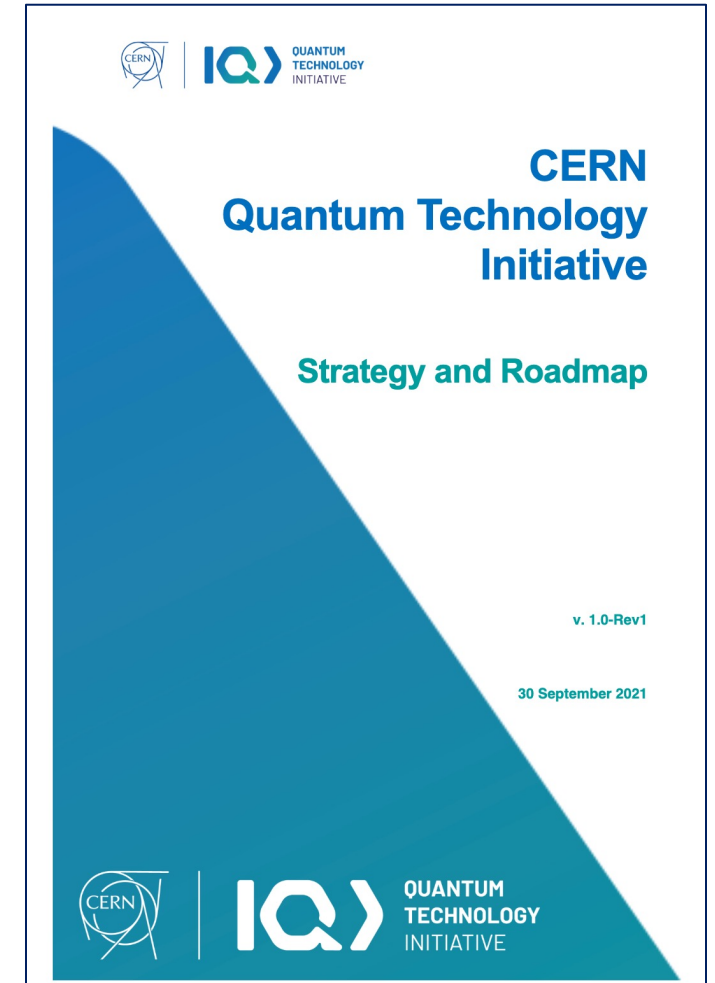
The QTI coordinates **quantum research at CERN**

Quantum Computing is a wide active area

Extensively investigating **QC and QML applications to HEP**

Setting in place **access to resources (classical and quantum)**  
to ease community R&D

Build **synergies and joint projects** beyond HEP



<https://zenodo.org/record/5553775>

# CERN Quantum Technology Initiative

Accelerating Quantum Technology Research and Applications

## Thanks!

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