

# Bringing the power of Quantum Computing to Earth Observation

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# Quantum Computing Trends in 2023



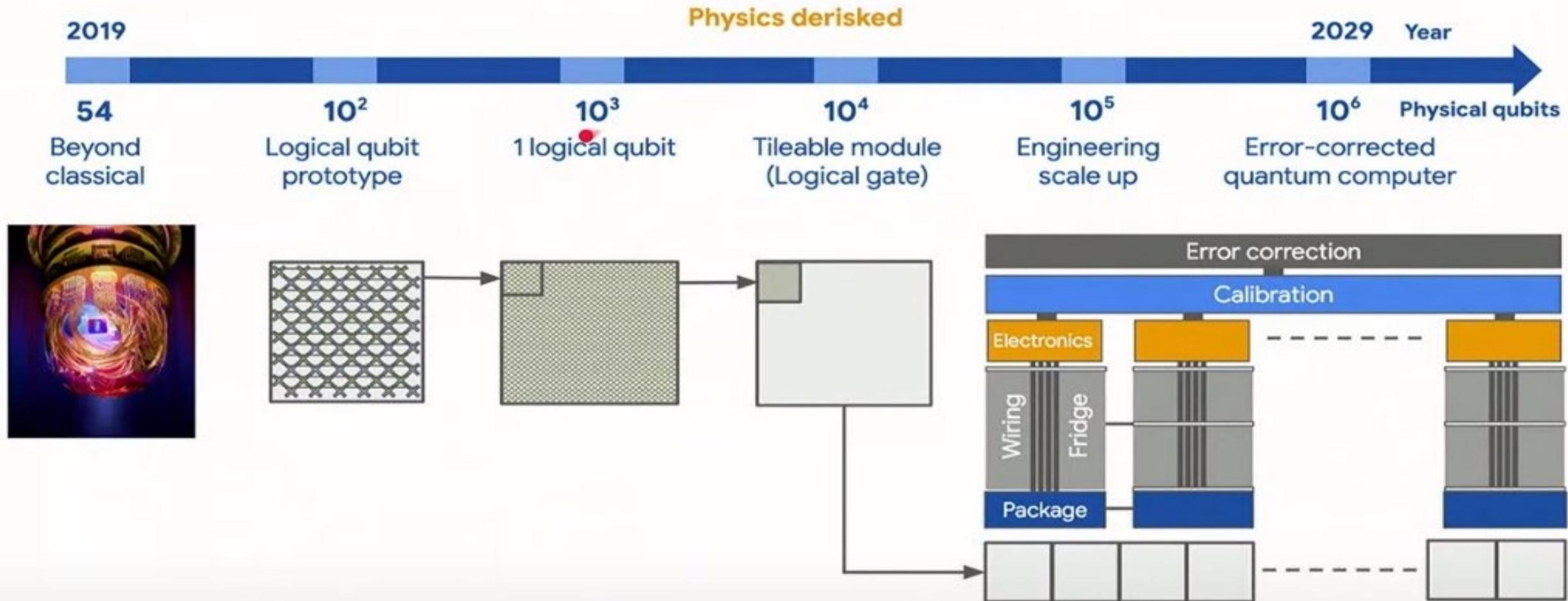
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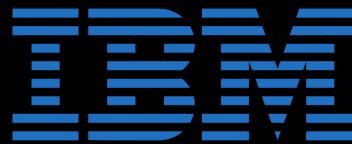
## Google AI Quantum hardware roadmap



# Quantum Computing Trends in 2023



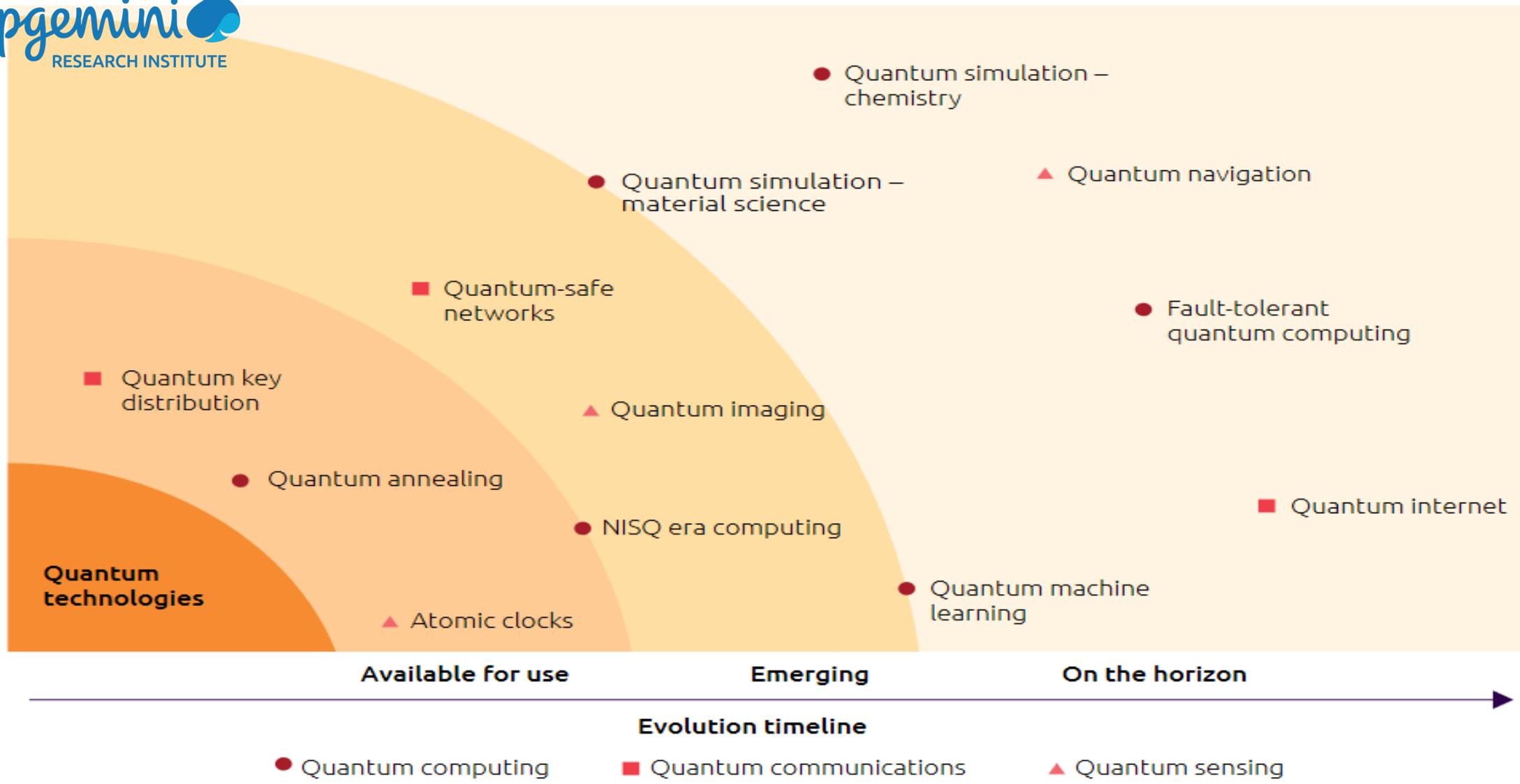
2019 ✓	2020 ✓	2021 ✓	2022 ✓	2023	2024	2025	2026+	
Run quantum circuits on the IBM cloud	Demonstrate and prototype quantum algorithms and applications	Run quantum programs 100x faster with Qiskit Runtime	Bring dynamic circuits to Qiskit Runtime to unlock more computations	Enhancing applications with elastic computing and parallelization of Qiskit Runtime	Improve accuracy of Qiskit Runtime with scalable error mitigation	Scale quantum applications with circuit knitting toolbox controlling Qiskit Runtime	Increase accuracy and speed of quantum workflows with integration of error correction into Qiskit Runtime	
Model Developers				Prototype quantum software applications	Quantum software applications			
Algorithm Developers		Quantum algorithm and application modules		Quantum Serverless	Machine learning   Natural science   Optimization	Intelligent orchestration   Circuit Knitting Toolbox   Circuit libraries		
Kernel Developers	Circuits	Qiskit Runtime	Dynamic circuits   Threaded primitives   Error suppression and mitigation   Error correction					
System Modularity	Falcon 27 qubits 	Hummingbird 65 qubits 	Eagle 127 qubits 	Osprey 433 qubits 	Condor 1,121 qubits 	Flamingo 1,386+ qubits 	Kookaburra 4,158+ qubits 	Scaling to 10K-100K qubits with classical and quantum communication 
				Heron 133 qubits x p 		Crossbill 408 qubits 		



# Quantum Computing Trends in 2023



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**I. Roadmap  
definition  
(QC4EO studies)**

**2. QML and QC  
Exploratory  
activities**

**3. QC4EO  
Network**



# Roadmap definition: QC4EO Studies

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2 projects during Q1 / Q2 2023 following ESA AO/1-11125/22/I-DT QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR EARTH OBSERVATION STUDY (QC4EO STUDY)

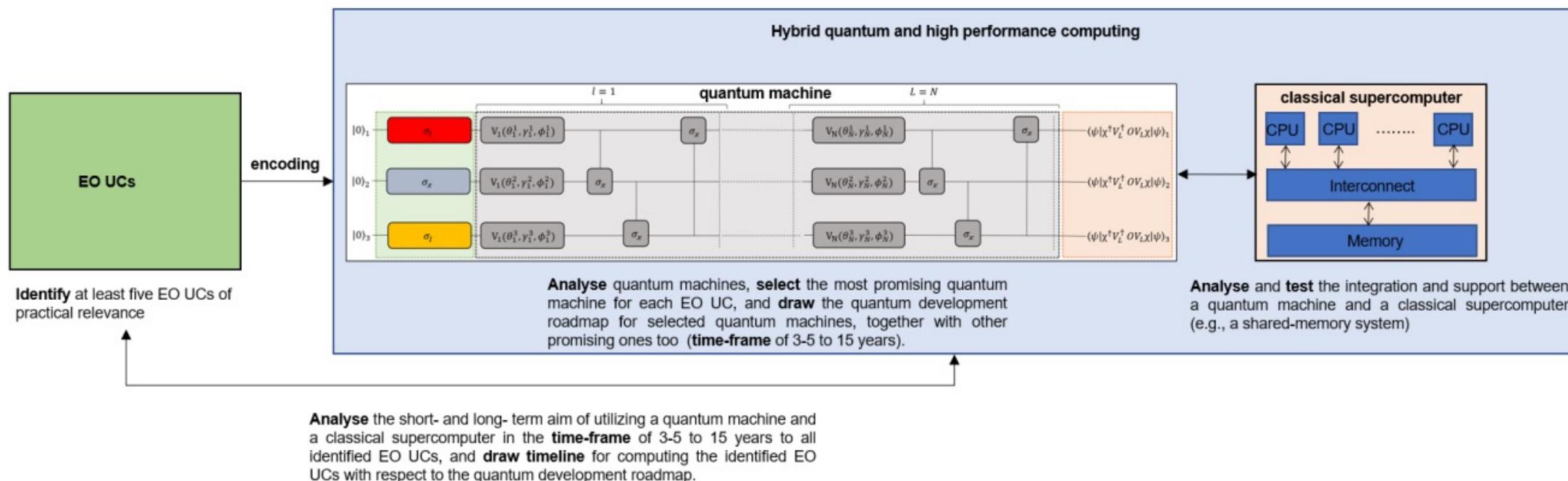


## Objectives:

- *Identify use cases relevant to the Earth Observation domain, for which QC is expected to dramatically enhance computational performances with respect to traditional methods.*
- *Provide options for QC or hybrid machine architectures required to solve the identified QC4EO use cases, with the relevant sizing, e.g. in term of Qubits.*
- *Perform a maturity and forecast assessment of the QC machine industry roadmaps; and*
- *Derive a credible QC4EO timeline of use cases that could take advantage of a QC approach*

# Quantum Advantage for EO (QA4EO) project overview

- Identify hard Earth observation use cases (EO UCs) for quantum computers (e.g., quantum machines) or a hybrid approach
- Analyse quantum machines according to their number of qubits, errors, and so on
- Draw the roadmap of quantum computers



## Quantum Advantage for Earth Observation

Project duration: **4 months (February to May 2023)**

Prime-contractor: **DLR**

Sub-contractors: **VTT, CSC, SYDERAL, ETOS, Jagiellonian University**

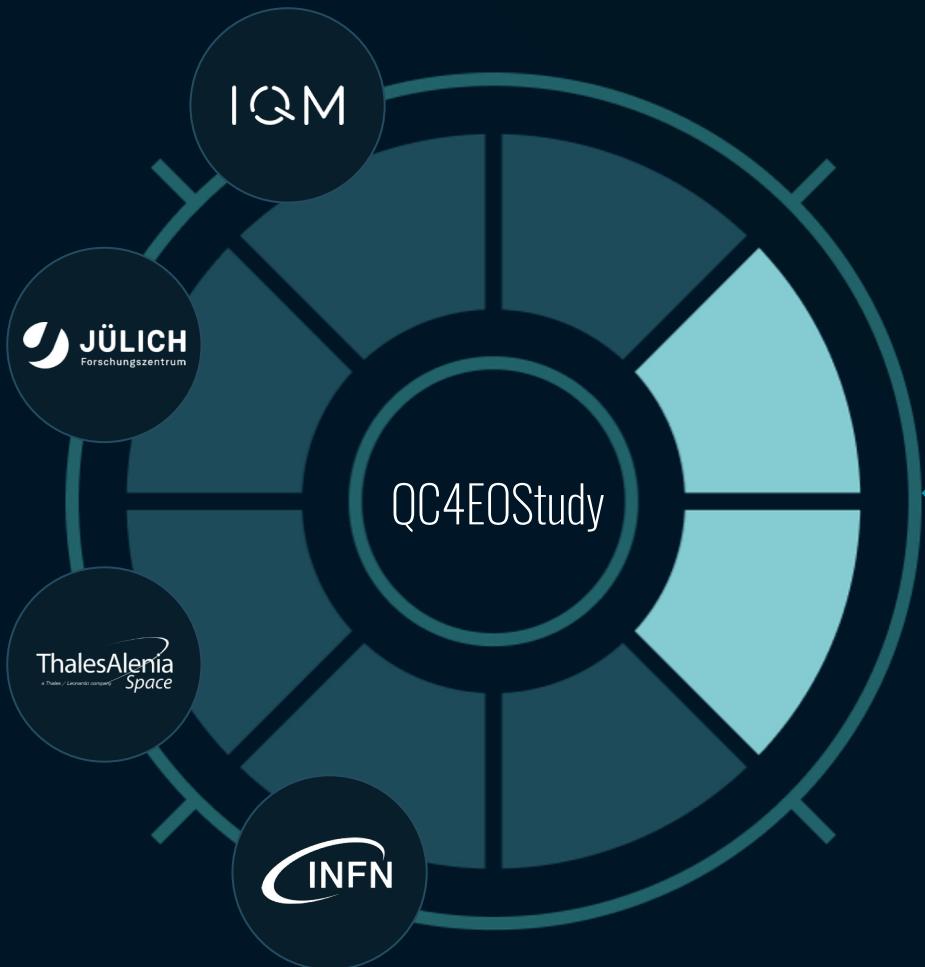
### Use-cases:

- I. Variational quantum algorithms for EO Image processing
- II. Climate adaptation digital twin hpc+qc workflow
- III. Earth land cover understanding
- IV. Feature selection for environmental monitoring hyperspectral imagery
- V. Uncertainty quantification for remotely-sensed datasets

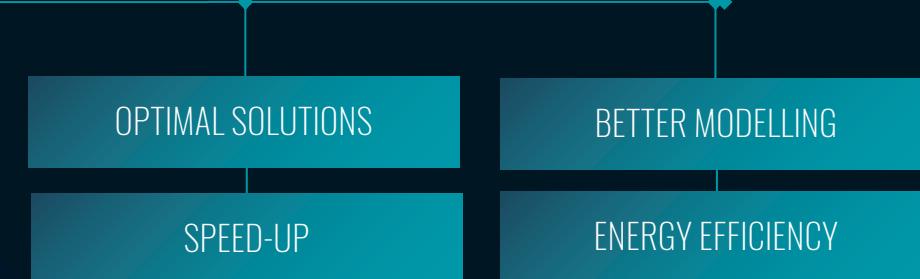


# Quantum

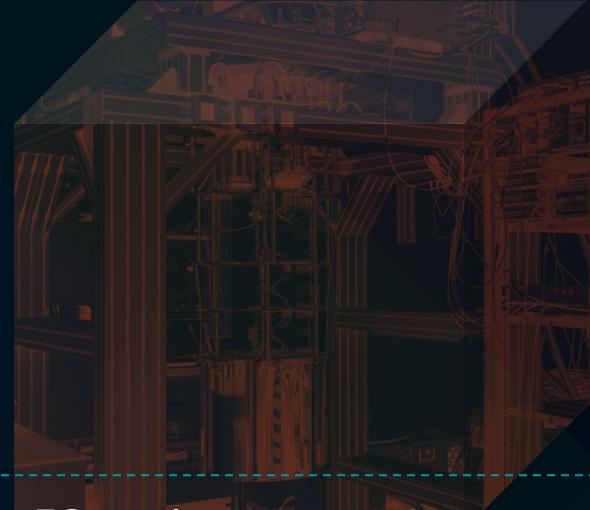
## COMPUTING FOR EARTH OBSERVATION



Can QC offer advantages to EO applications within a medium to long timeframe (between the next 3-5 to 15 years)? What hardware developments are necessary to achieve this quantum advantage?



Potential quantum advantages



## Quantum Computing for Earth Observation



**Project duration:** 5 months (March to August 2023)  
**Prime-contractor:** ForschungsZentrum Jülich (FZJ)  
**Sub-contractors:** TASF, TASI, INFN, IQM

### High-level list of identified use-cases:

- Scenario n° 1 – Phase Unwrapping problem for interferometric SAR applications
- Scenario n° 2 – Quantum Fourier Transform for SAR raw data processing
- Scenario n° 3 – Satellite Image Time Series Classification
- Scenario n° 4 – Optical Agile Satellites Mission Planning
- Scenario n° 5 – Multiple-view Geometry on optical images
- Scenario n° 6 – Digital beamforming
- Scenario n° 7 – Quantum algorithms for SAR raw data compression
- Scenario n° 8 – Quantum algorithms for SAR image segmentation



# Exploratory activities

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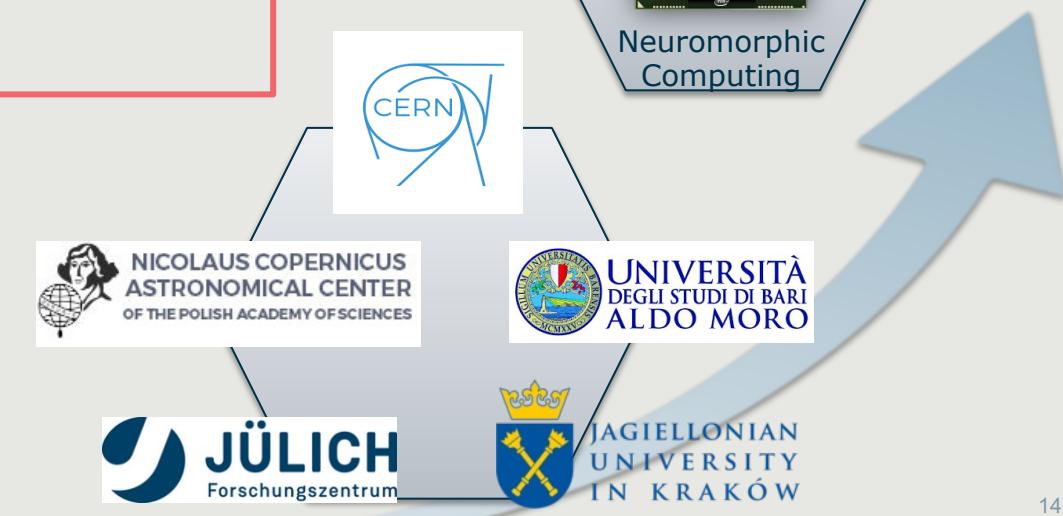
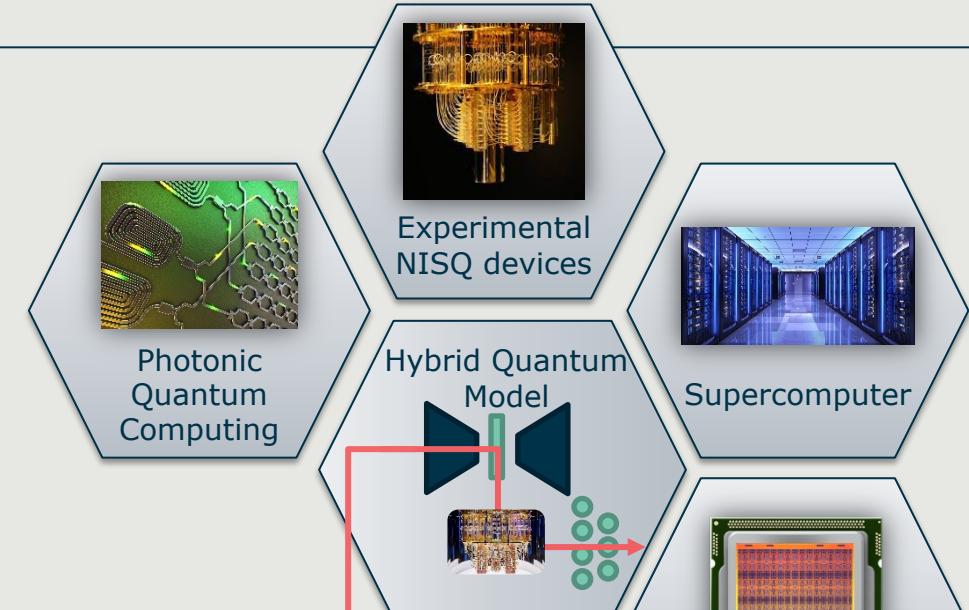
# Exploratory activities in QML and Quantum Computing



Explore the potential of Quantum Machine Learning for Earth Observation use cases

Devise hybrid quantum classical AI models in high performance computing environments

Build a strong community of experts in both Quantum Computing and Earth Observation



# Exploratory activities in QML and Quantum Computing



## ➤ Hybrid Classical Quantum Networks (Quantum Convnets, Quantum GANs, Recurrent nets)

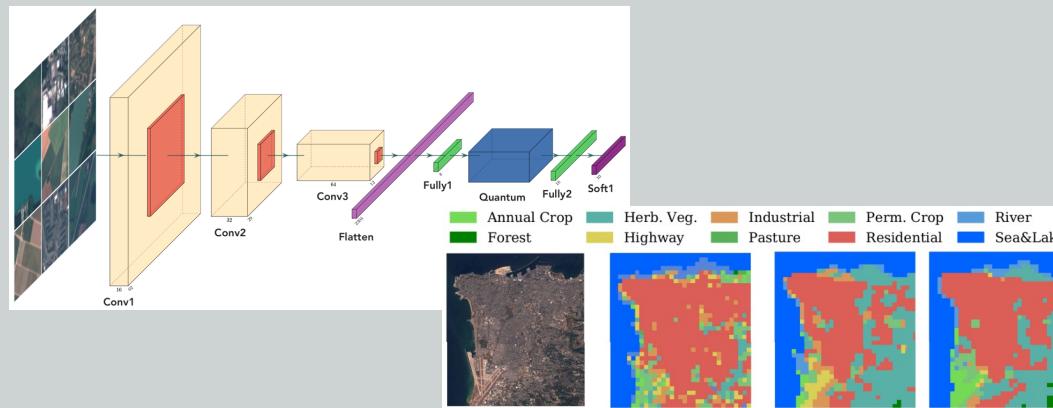
### Case Study 1: Hybrid QCNN for EO classification

Use-case: EO image classification for land-use and land-cover.

Approach: Hybrid Quantum Classical CNNs enrich standard conv nets with a quantum layer!

#### Findings:

- Successful Proof of concept, with slightly better performances than comparable CNNs thanks to entanglement.



Sebastianelli et al. "On Circuit-based Hybrid Quantum Neural Networks for Remote Sensing Imagery Classification", IEEE JSTARS (15) 2021

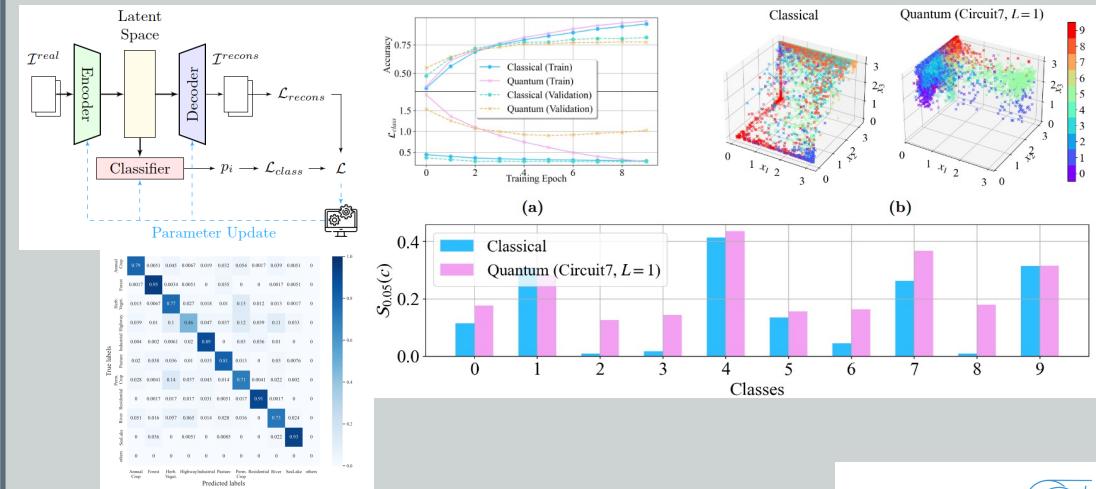
### Case Study 2: Hybrid QCNN Expressivity

Use-case: EO image classification

Approach: Hybrid models with latent space embedding

#### Findings:

- Investigation of Quantum Ansätze: better expressivity with circuits with two-qubit  $SU(4)$  state
- End-to-end Proof of Concept for EO image classification with SOTA performances



Chang et al., "Quantum Conv Circuits for EO image classif.", IGARSS 2022

# Exploratory activities in QML and Quantum Computing



## ➤ Exploring Quantum Kernels (e.g. Projected Quantum Features, SVMs...)

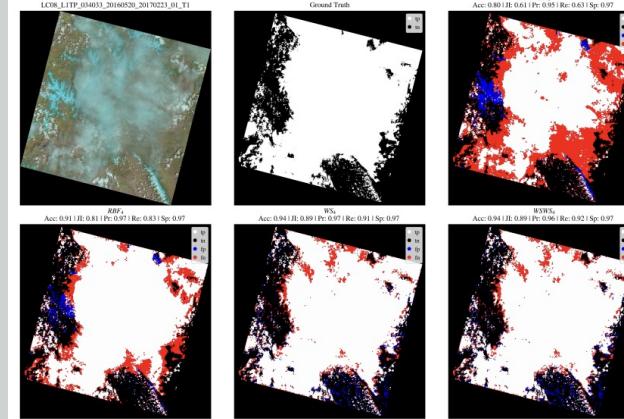
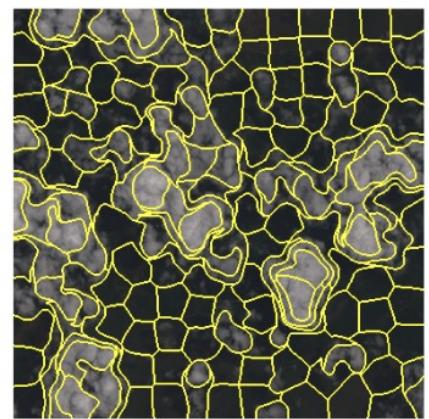
### Case Study 3: Circuit-based Quantum SVM

**Use case:** cloud detection in multispectral EO images.

**Approach:** Hybrid Support Vector Machines (SVMs) with gate-based quantum kernels.

#### Findings:

- End-to-end pipeline to embed and process EO data with small NISQ circuits.
- Successful Proof of Concept, with results on par with standard SVM thanks to Quantum Kernel Target Alignment.



Miroszewski, A., Mielczarek, J., Czelusta, G., Szczepanek, F., Grabowski, B., Le Saux, B., & Nalepa, J. (2023). Detecting Clouds in Multispectral Satellite Images Using Quantum-Kernel Support Vector Machines. arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.08270.



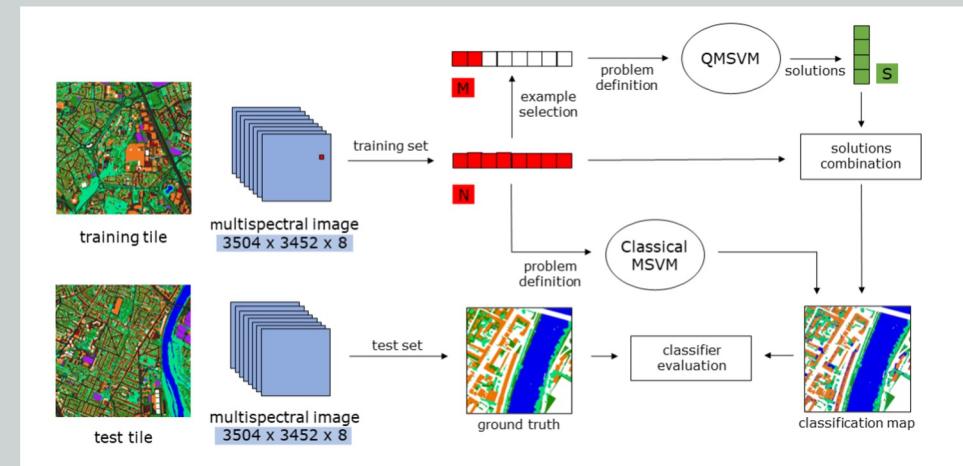
### Case Study 4: Annealing-based Quantum SVM

**Use case:** Classification of multispectral EO data.

**Approach:** Hybrid Support Vector Machines (SVMs) with Julich SC Quantum Annealer.

#### Findings:

- Advantage Annealer operates only a limited number of samples for Q optimization...
- .... But execution times increase linearly!



Delilbasic, A., Le Saux, B., Riedel, M., Michelsen, K., & Cavallaro, G. (2023). A Single-Step Multiclass SVM based on Quantum Annealing for Remote Sensing Data Classification. arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.11705.



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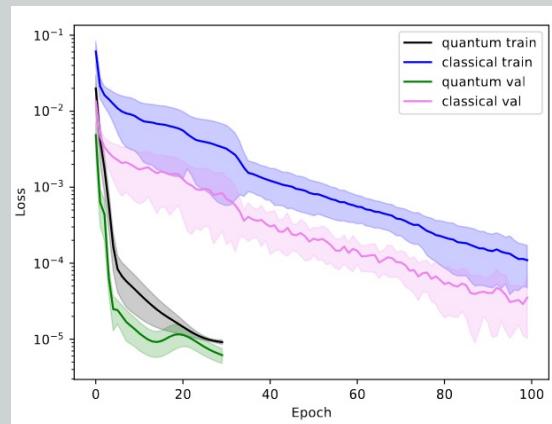
### Case Study 5: Continuous-variable QC RNNs

Use case: Earth Systems observation and prediction.

Approach: Recurrent Neural Networks for time-series on Continuous-Variable QC.

#### Findings:

- Promises of faster training convergence
- For a small number of trainable parameters, it can achieve lower losses than its classical counterpart.



Siemaszko, McDermott, Buracsewski, Le Saux & Stobinska  
"Rapid training of recurrent quantum neural networks", **QML**  
2022 / Qu Mach. Intell. 2023



### Case Study 6: Quantum Generative AI

Use case: Generative modelling and synthesis of images.

Approach: Quantum Generative Adversarial Networks (QGANs) :  
Quantum Generator + Classical Discriminator.

#### Findings:

- Trick #1: Latent space embedding by pretrained autoencoder
- Trick #2: Continuous, Style-based quantum GAN
- Successful image generation for varied image types
- Faster and better performances (in terms of distribution mapping) with less parameters

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Chang et al., to appear



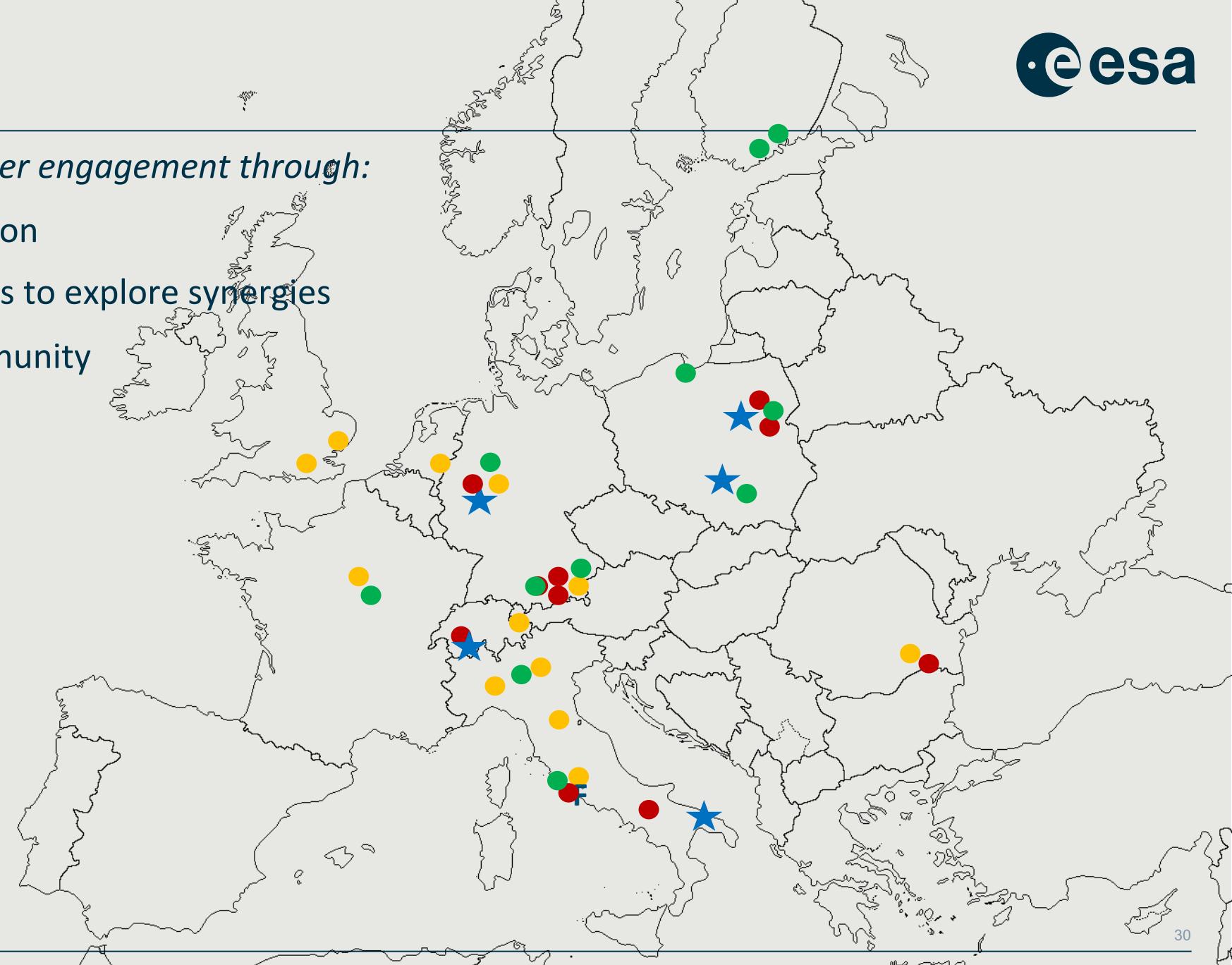
# QC4EO Network

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*Community building and stakeholder engagement through:*

- Workshop and event organisation
- Consult QC and EO communities to explore synergies
- Support emerging QCxEO community

- QC4EO Study
- ★ Co-funded research
- Partners / visitors
- Community / events



# QC4EO Network: workshops and events



- 2019 Workshop on Quantum Processing: from Quantum Computing to Earth Observation in Rome,  
<https://philab.phi.esa.int/workshop-quantum-for-earth-observation/>



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- 2021 ESA-Ellis Workshop on Quantum Algorithms and Machine Learning for EO applications,  
<https://ellisqphml.github.io/ellisphilab2021>



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European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems

- 2021  $\Phi$ -week QC4EO session in Frascati,  
<https://phiweek.esa.int>

- 2021 ESA 5<sup>th</sup> Quantum Conference Quantum Computing session,  
<https://atpi.eventsair.com/5th-quantum-technology-conference/>



- 2022 Living Planet Symposium, Agora Session on “Future of Computing for FutureEO”

- 2022 QTML 2022 Industry Panel

- 2023 ESA 6<sup>th</sup> Quantum Conference Quantum Computing session,

<https://nikal.eventsair.com/6th-quantum-technology-conference>



QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING

## Stakeholder engagement

- AI-enhanced Quantum Computing for EO: Joint initiative between CERN and ESA-EOP
- QC4EO JP: Consultation with CERN, DLR, TU Munich, LRZ, Ellis, etc...
- Companies: IBM, Quantinuum, Quandela, Thales, Xanadu, etc.

## Community events and thematic initiatives

- IEEE GRSS High-performance and Disruptive Computing (HDCRS) Summer School, May 2022, 2023  
<https://www.hdc-rs.com>
- CINECA Introduction to Quantum Computing School June 2023
- Quantum Open Software Foundation mentoring <https://qosf.org/>
- Quantum Climate initiative <https://q4climate.github.io/>

## Publications

- IEEE JSTARS Special Issue on “Quantum resources for Earth Observation” → 2021 / 2022  
*Ed. M. Datcu (DLR), J. Le Moigne (NASA), B. Le Saux (ESA)* → <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org>

# QC4EO Network: visiting researchers



Senior visiting researchers:



Mihai Datcu  
(Politehnica Uni of Bucharest)



Gabriele Cavallaro  
(Forschungszentrum Jülich)



Piotr Gawron  
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(PhD, CERN / Leiden Uni)



Andrea Ceschini  
(PhD, La Sapienza)



Francesca de Falco  
(MSc., La Sapienza)



Francesco Mauro  
(PhD, Uni. Sannio)



Amer Delilbasic  
(PhD, Uni of Iceland / FZ Jülich)

- We are welcoming visiting researchers from academia and industry!
- Spend short stays or residencies at the  $\Phi$ -lab to mingle with EO, AI, and QC experts!
- Let's get in touch!



→ THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

# Conclusions

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# ESA Φ-lab's Initiative on Quantum Computing for Earth Observation (QC4EO)



General perspectives:

- *Increase the mutual awareness of the needs and capabilities of the Quantum Computing and Earth Observation communities*
- *Create new synergies, building on shared experience in AI, optimisation, and high-performance computing*
- *Prepare the ground for the opportunities that will be presented when the quantum community will be able to produce hardware and software for applied problems*

# ESA Φ-lab's Initiative on Quantum Computing for Earth Observation (QC4EO)



Practical perspectives:

- *Look for practical applications and use-cases, enabled by increased quantum volume*
- *Understand the advantages (faster, better, etc.?) brought by QC with exploratory activities*
- *Design hybrid computing frameworks including traditional CPU, GPU, HPC and new paradigms such as quantum and neuromorphic computing for optimal problem solving*

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## On Circuit-Based Hybrid Quantum Neural Networks for Remote Sensing Imagery Classification

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**Abstract**—This article aims to investigate how circuit-based hybrid quantum convolutional neural networks (QCNNs) can be successfully employed as image classifiers in the context of remote sensing. The hybrid QCNNs enrich the classical architecture of convolutional neural networks by introducing a quantum layer within a standard neural network. The novel QCNN proposed in this work is applied to the land-use and land-cover classification, chosen as an Earth observation (EO) use case, and tested on the EuroSAT dataset used as the reference benchmark. The results of the multiclass classification prove the effectiveness of the presented approach by demonstrating that the QCNN performances are higher than the classical counterparts. Moreover, investigation of various quantum circuits shows that the ones exploiting quantum entanglement achieve the best classification scores. This study underlines the potentialities of applying quantum computing to an EO case study and provides the theoretical and experimental background for future investigations.

**Index Terms**—Earth observation (EO), image classification, land-use and land-cover (LULC) classification, machine learning (ML), quantum computing (QC), quantum machine learning (QML), remote sensing.

methodologies have also progressed to accommodate larger and higher resolution datasets. Image classification techniques are constantly being improved to keep up with the ever expanding stream of Big Data, and as a consequence, artificial intelligence (AI) techniques are becoming increasingly necessary tools [5], [6].

Given the need to help expand the processing techniques to deal with these high-resolution Big Data, EO is now looking toward new and innovative computation technologies [7]. This is where quantum computing (QC) will play a fundamental role [8]. Today, there is a number of differing quantum devices, such as programmable superconducting processors [9], quantum annealers [10], and photonic quantum computers [11]. However, QC still presents some technological limitations, as reported in [12] with a special concern with noise and limited error correction. Specific algorithms, namely, the noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) computing algorithms, have been designed to tackle these issues [13].

## Partners



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One of the first peer-reviewed paper about Quantum Computing, Quantum Machine Learning and Earth Observation

# DATASET

# Dataset [1]

## Satellite Platform



European Union



## About Copernicus Sentinel-2...

### WHAT?

A constellation of **two identical satellites in the same orbit**, Copernicus Sentinel-2 images land and coastal areas at high spatial resolution in the optical domain



### WHERE?

Designed and built by a group of around **60 companies** led by **Airbus Defence and Space** for the space segment and **Thales Alenia Space** for the ground segment



### WHICH?

Main applications include agriculture; land ecosystems monitoring; forests management; inland and coastal water quality monitoring; disasters mapping and civil security



### WHO?

Services include **CLMS** (Copernicus Land Monitoring Service); **CMEMS** (Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service); **CEMS** (Copernicus Emergency Management Service) and Copernicus Security Service; among others



### WHEN?

Sentinel-2A was launched on 23 June 2015; Sentinel-2B on 7 March 2017, both on a Vega rocket from Kourou, French Guiana



### DATA AND USERS

As of July 2020, about **20 million products** have been generated and made available for download, culminating a total of 10 Petabytes



### DATA ACCESS

<https://scihub.copernicus.eu>



### WHATS NEXT?

Continuity over the coming years will be ensured by the **launch of additional satellites** (Sentinel-2C and Sentinel-2D). Furthermore, a new generation of Sentinel-2 satellites is being prepared, to take up the relay from the first generation



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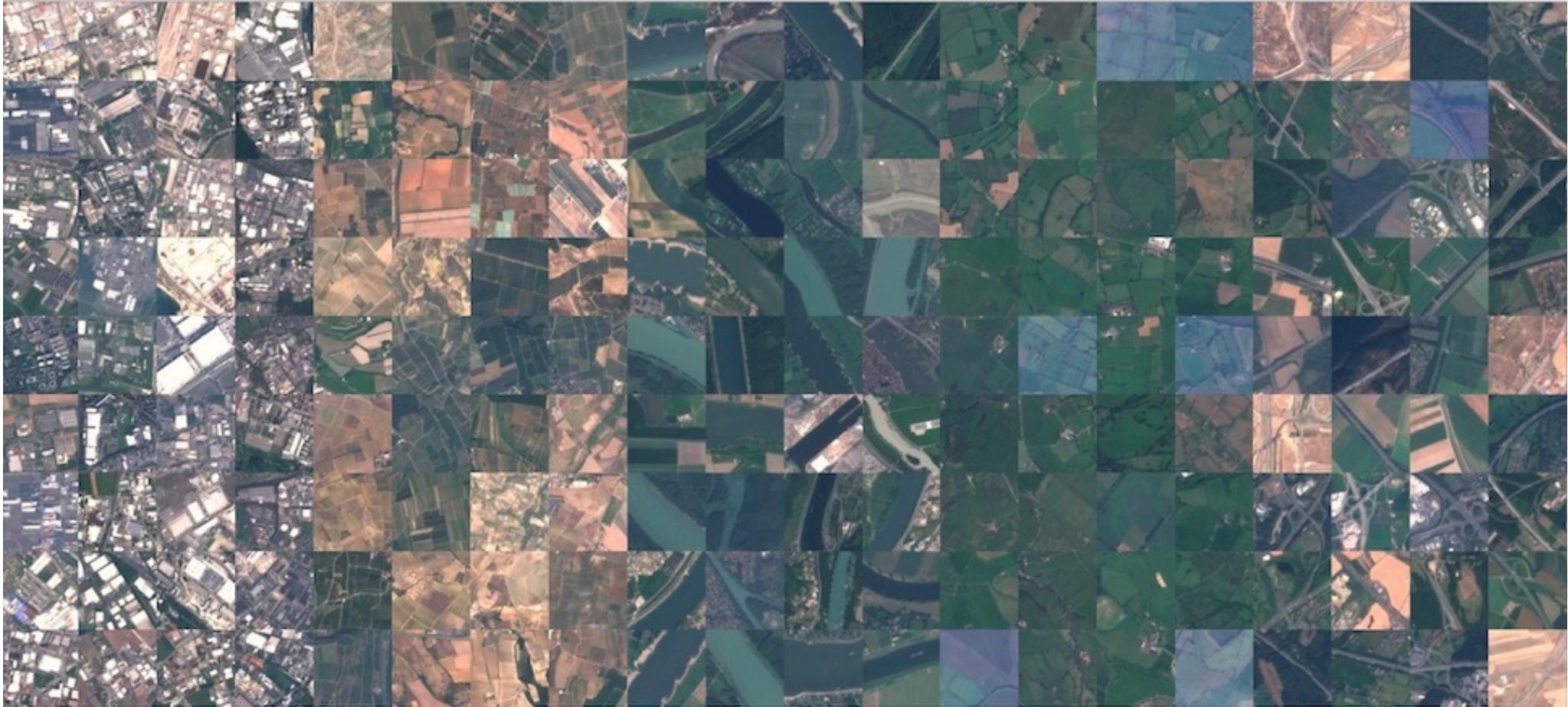
## Dataset [2]

- Satellite Platform
- S2 data



# Dataset [3]

- Satellite Platform
- S2 data
- Chosen Dataset



## EuroSAT: Land Use and Land Cover Classification with Sentinel-2

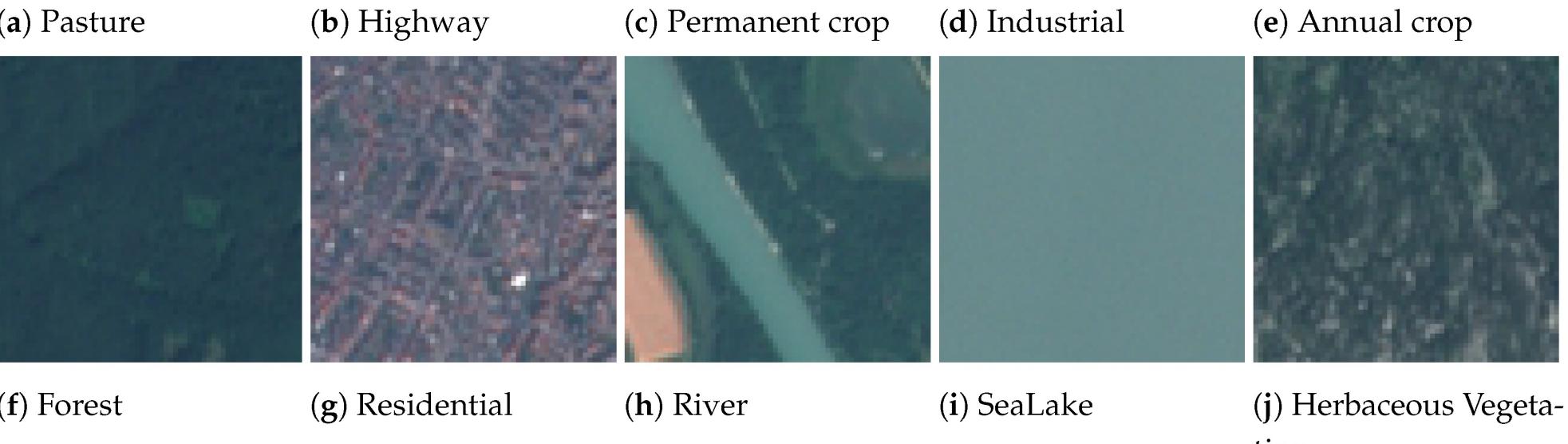
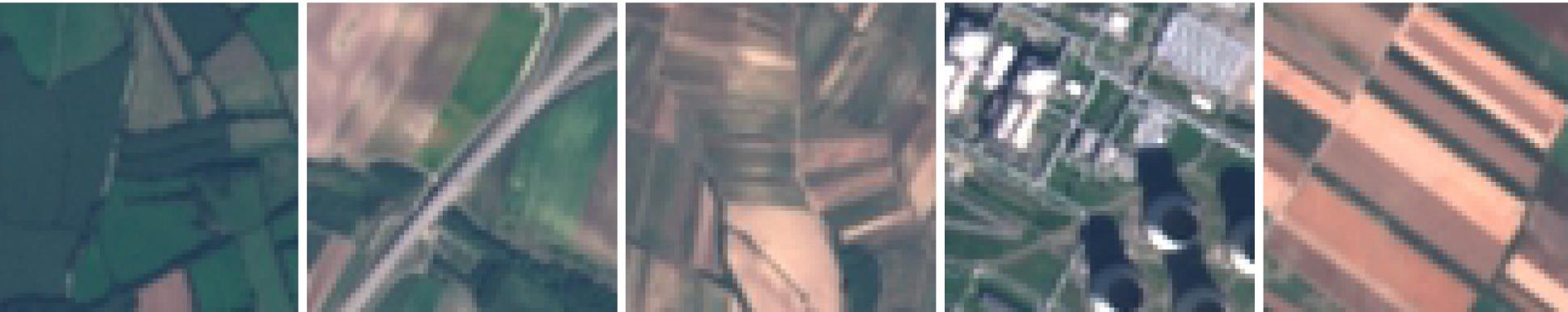
Dataset based on Sentinel-2 satellite images covering 13 spectral bands and consisting out of 10 classes with in total 27,000 labelled and geo-referenced images.



<https://github.com/phelber/EuroSAT>

# Dataset [4]

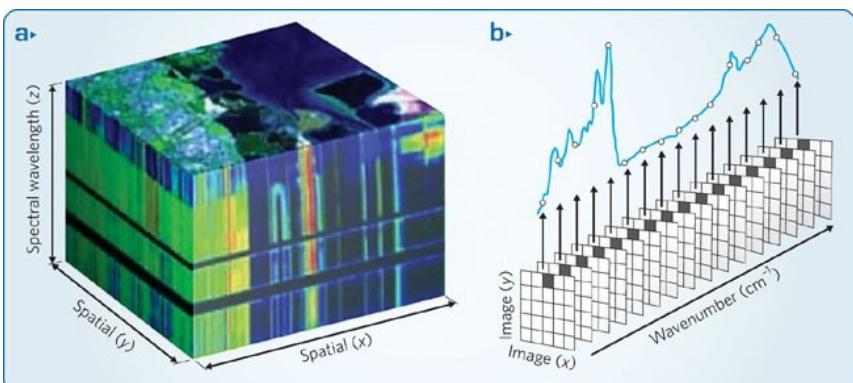
- Satellite Platform
- S2 data
- Chosen Dataset



Dataset in terms of ML

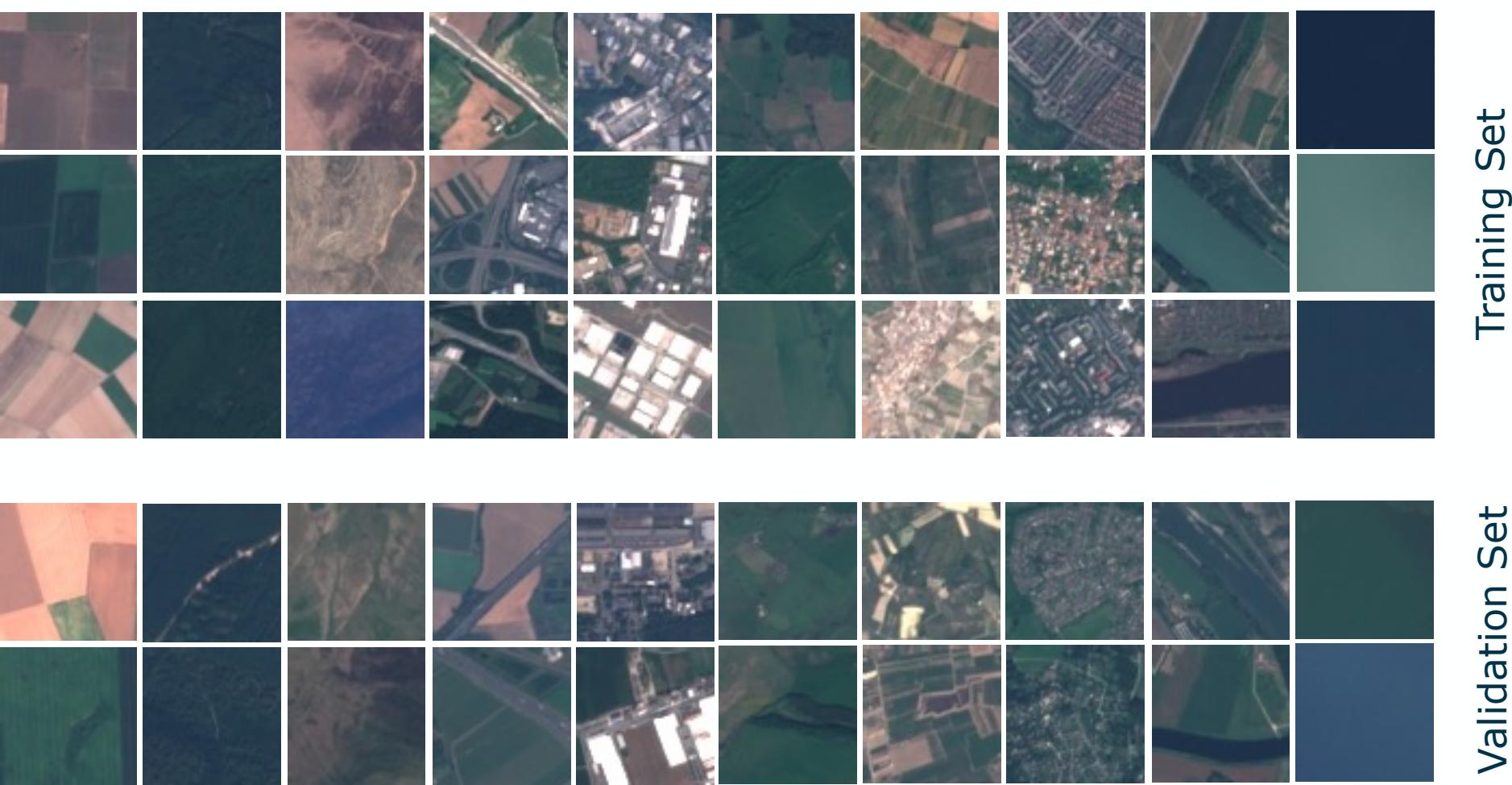
$X \in R^{N \times W \times H \times B}$  where  $N = 27000, W = H = 64, B = 13$

$y \in R^{N \times C}$  where  $N = 27000, C = 10$



# Dataset [5]

- Satellite Platform
- S2 data
- Chosen Dataset
- Train-Val split



Train-Val split 80%-20%

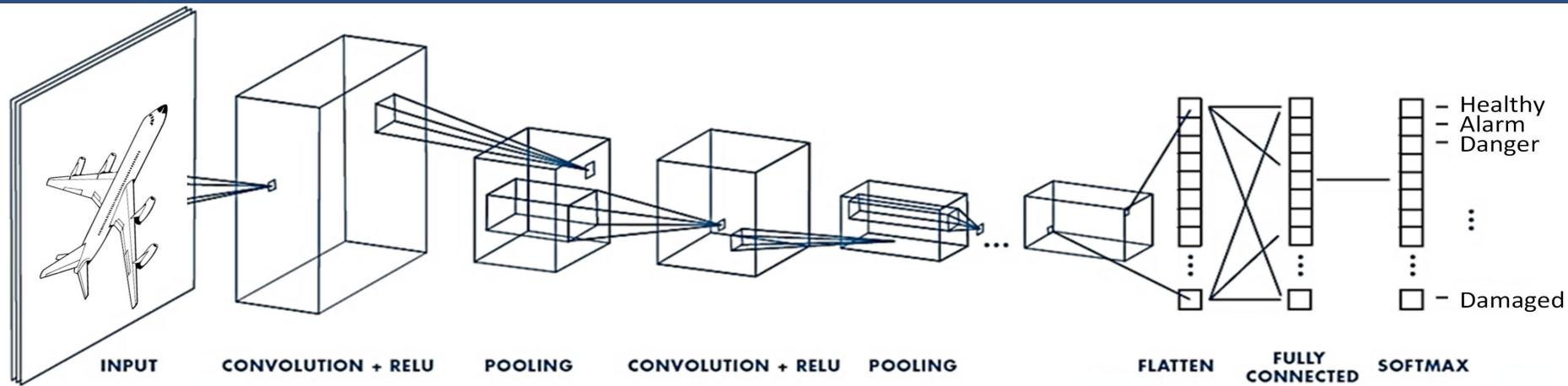
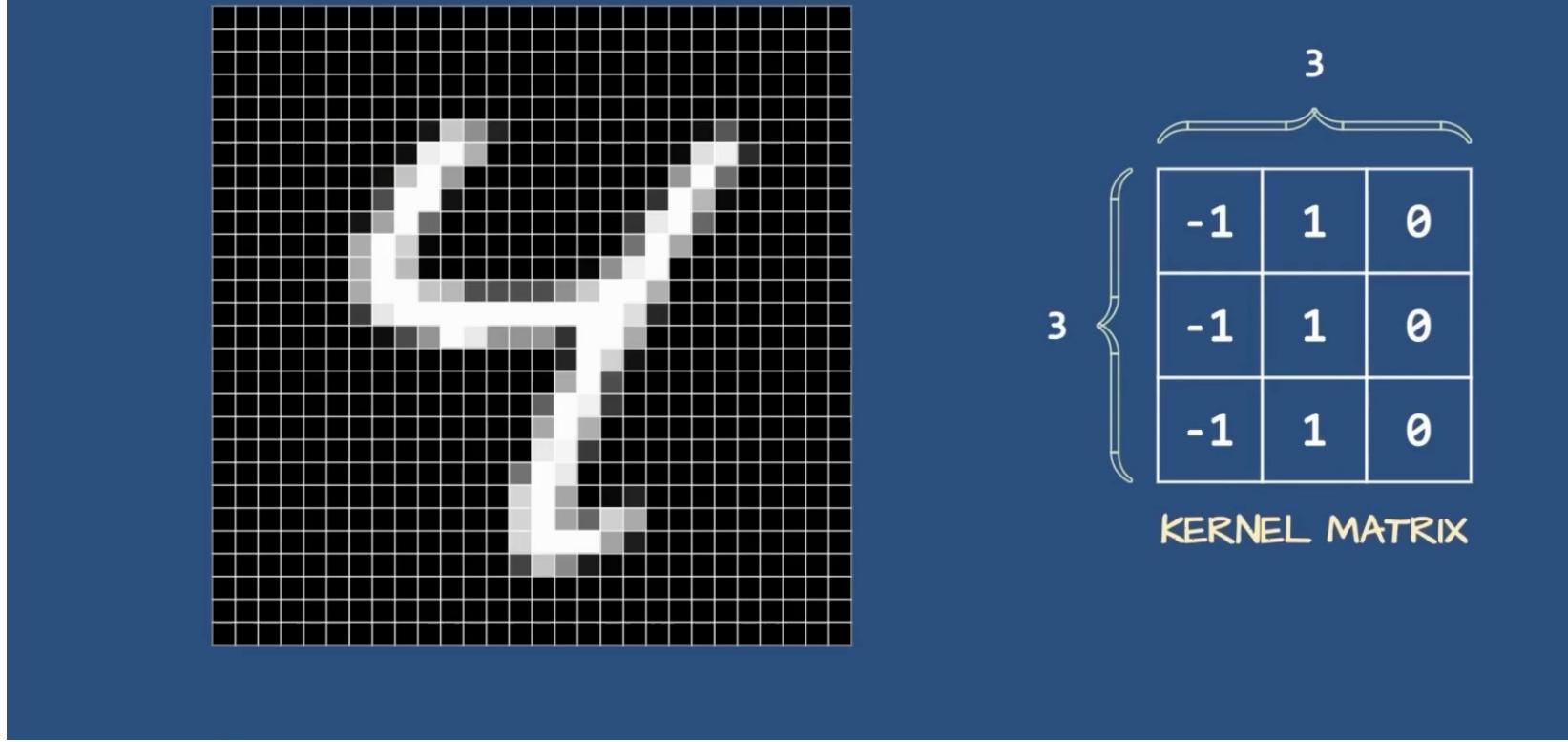
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# METHODOLOGY

# Method [1]

## Convolutional Neural Networks

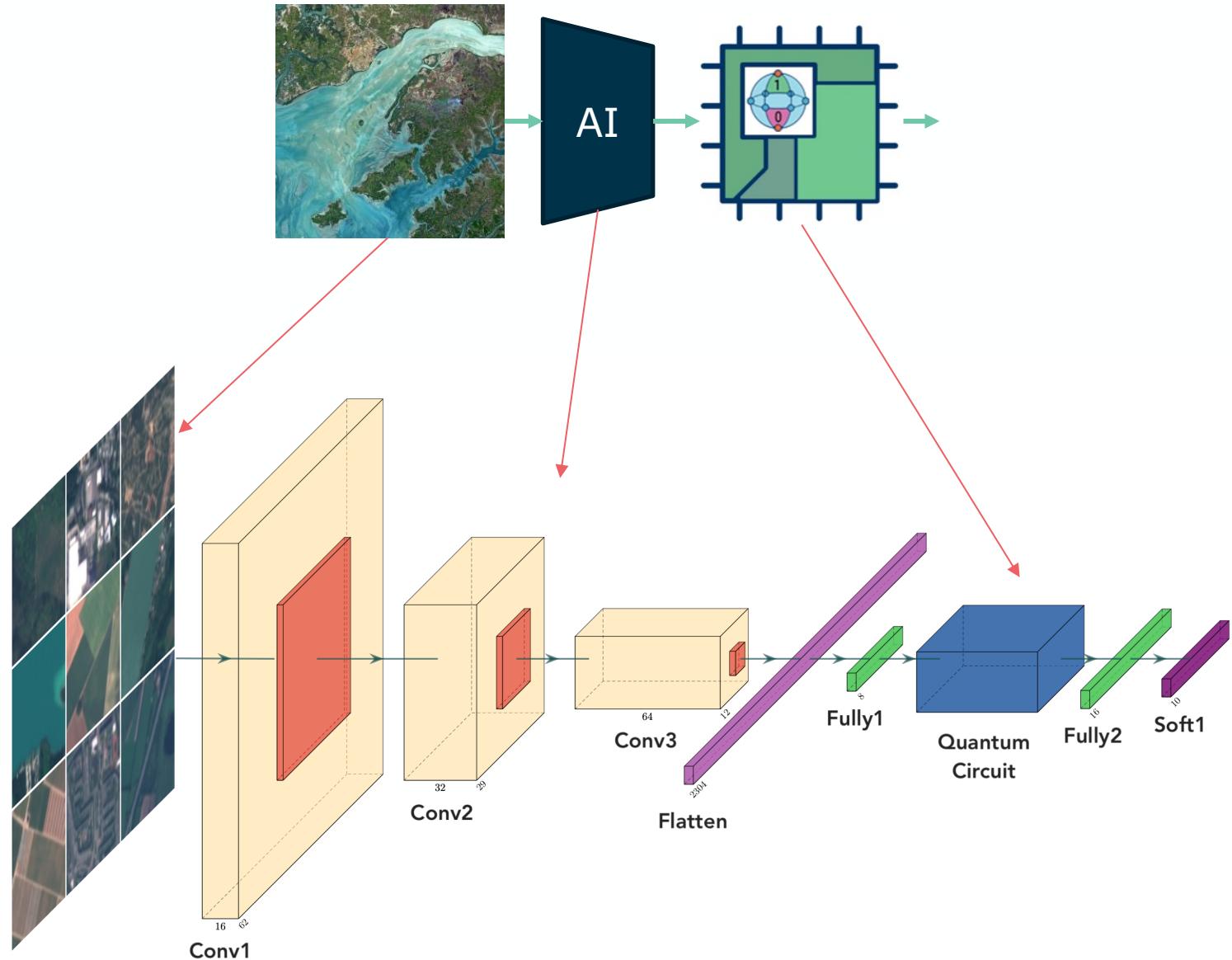


# Method [2]

- Convolutional Neural Networks

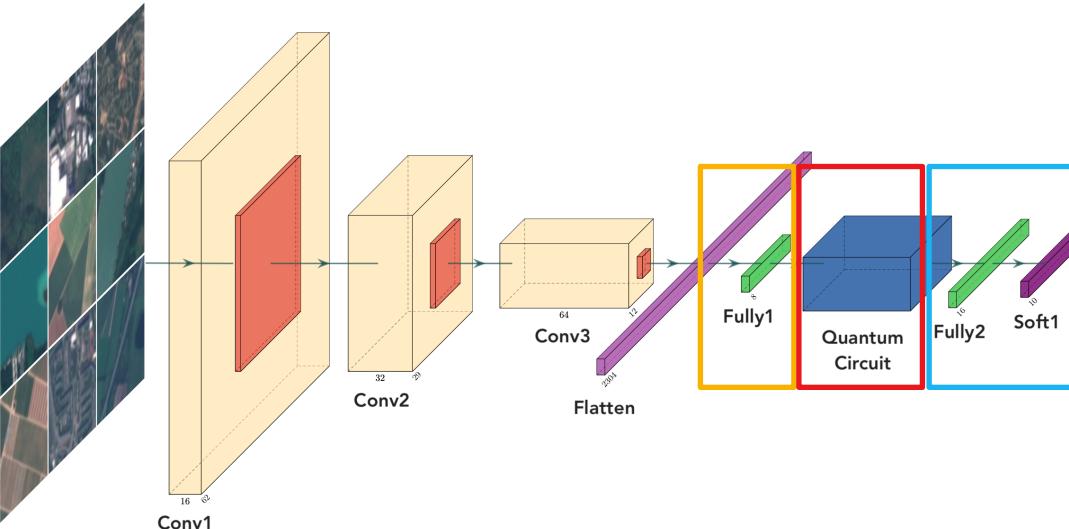
- Hybrid Model

## Late Hybrid Schemes



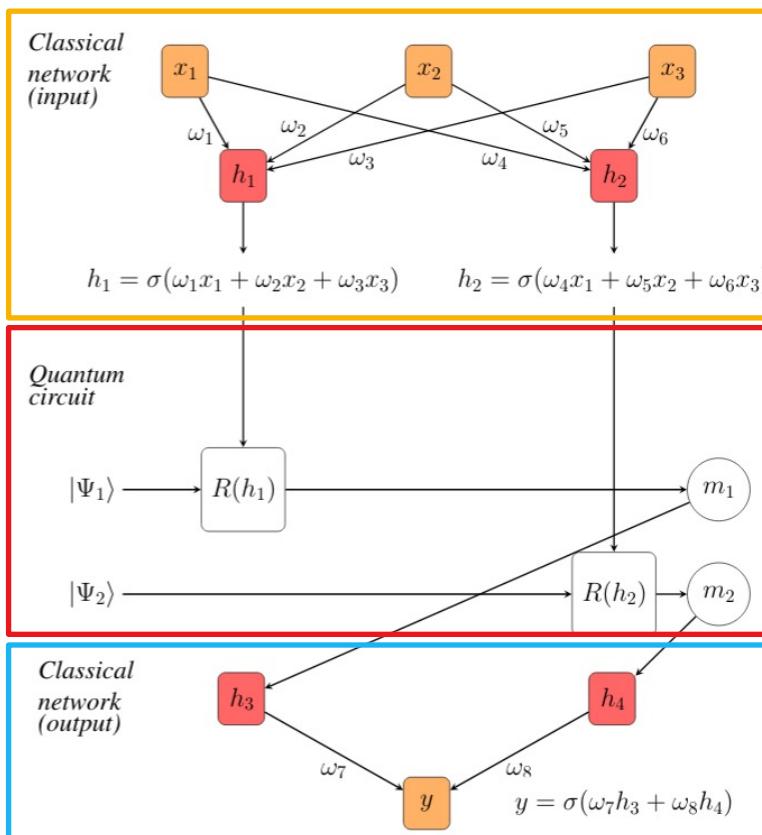
# Method [3]

- Convolutional Neural Networks



- Hybrid Model

- Data Embedding



## Variational Parametrized Quantum Circuit

A parameterized quantum circuit is a quantum circuit, where the rotation angles for each gate are specified by the components of a classical input vector.

The outputs from the neural network's previous layer will be collected and used as the inputs for the parameterized circuit.

The measurement statistics of the quantum circuit can then be collected and used as inputs for the following hidden layer.

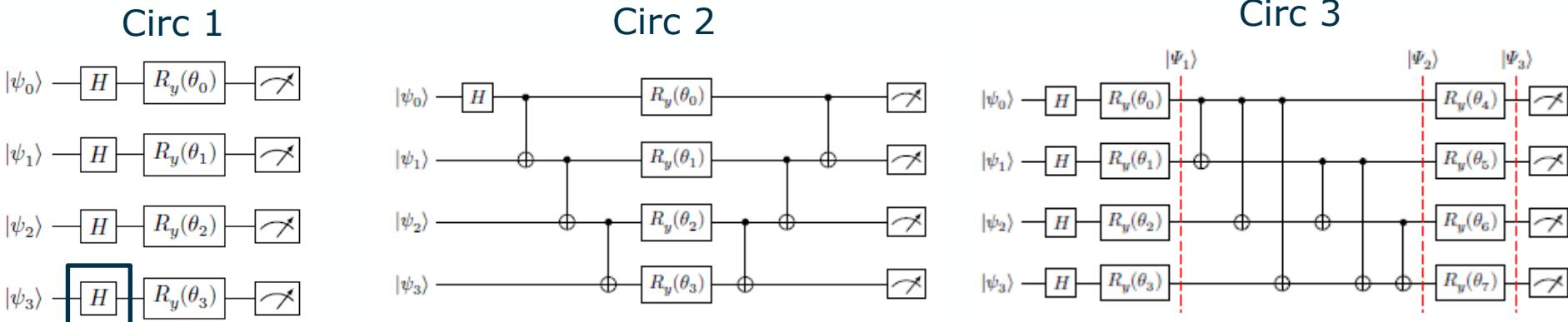
# Method [5]

Convolutional  
Neural  
Networks

Hybrid Model

Data  
Embedding

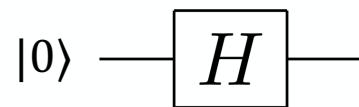
Circuit  
Definition



**Hadamard Gate**



Single qubit gate described by the matrix  $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$



Starting from the single state qubit  $|0\rangle$ , the Hadamard gate returns the superposition of two states, namely the so-called *plus* state  $|+\rangle$ , i.e.

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle = |+\rangle$$

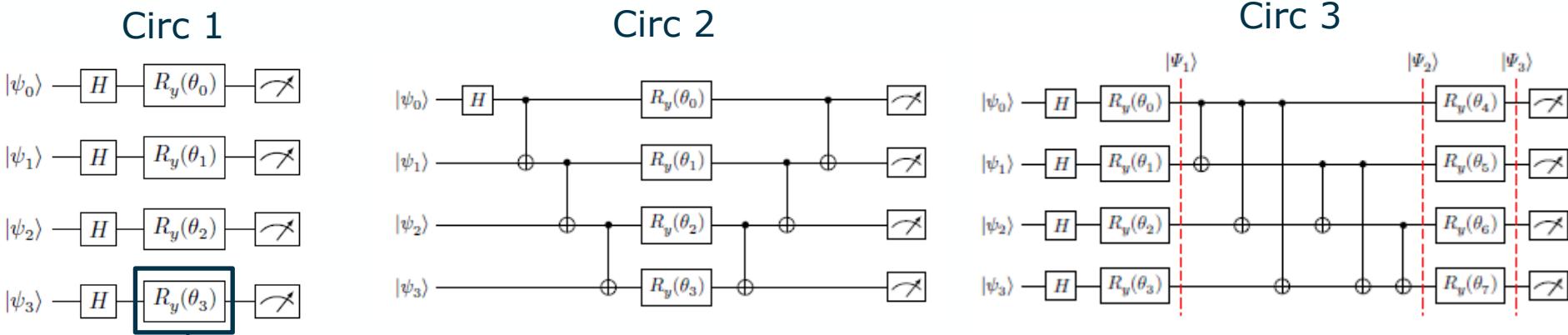
# Method [6]

Convolutional  
Neural  
Networks

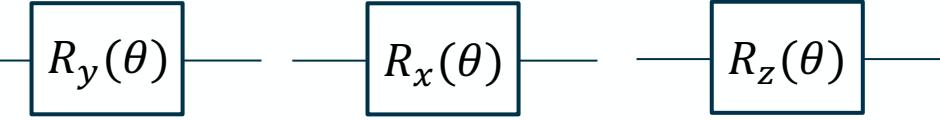
Hybrid Model

Data  
Embedding

Circuit  
Definition



## Rotation Gate



Single qubit gate described by the rotation matrices about the  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$  axes of the Block sphere. The  $R_y(\theta)$  used in our case is defined by:

$$R_y(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

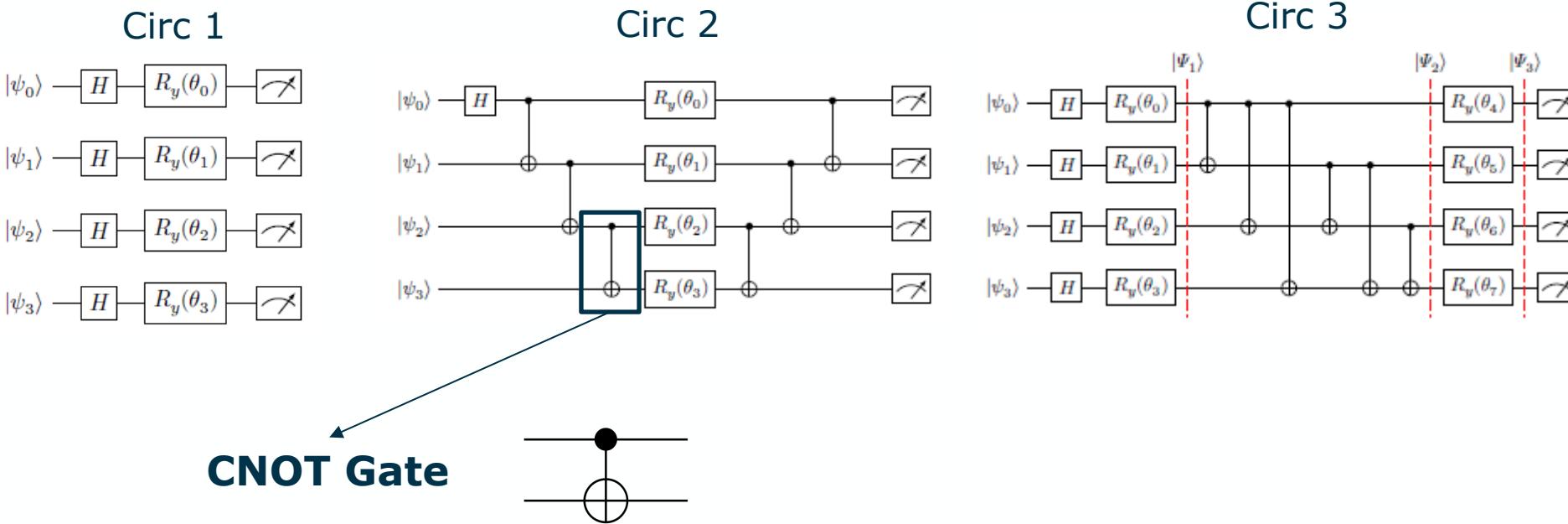
# Method [7]

Convolutional  
Neural  
Networks

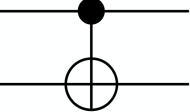
Hybrid Model

Data  
Embedding

Circuit  
Definition



**CNOT Gate**



Two qubits gate described by the matrix:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

When the input are basis states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ , the CNOT gate transforms the state

into

$$\alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|10\rangle + \alpha_{11}|11\rangle$$

$$\alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|11\rangle + \alpha_{11}|10\rangle$$

i.e., it flips the second qubit (the target qubit) if and only if the first qubit (the control qubit) is  $|1\rangle$ .

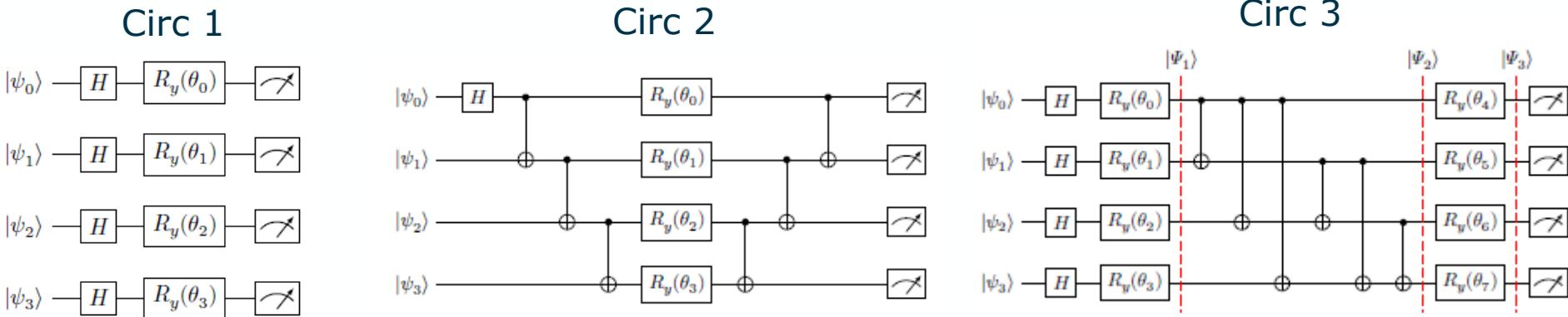
# Method [8]

Convolutional  
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Definition



## Bell State

The combination of Hadamard and CNOT gates is used to create an entangled Bell state

$$\begin{array}{c} |0\rangle \xrightarrow{H} \\ |0\rangle \xrightarrow{\oplus} \end{array} \left. \right\} \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle$$

The corresponding circuit shown in Fig. above is the basic building block of the quantum circuits investigated in our work, as it introduces entanglement in the circuit by enhancing the computation performances.

# Method [9]

Convolutional  
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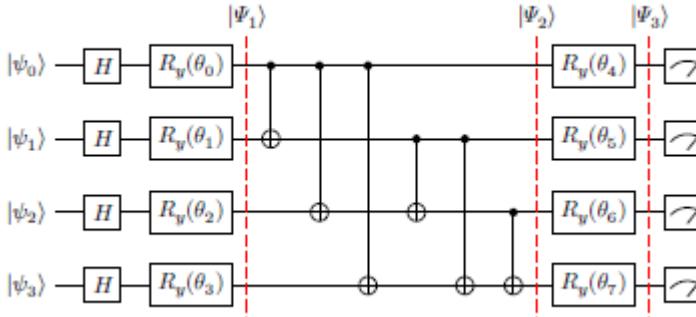
Hybrid Model

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Real  
Amplitude  
Circuit

## Circ 3



Considering identity rotations, i.e.  $R_y(\theta) = I, i = 0 \dots 3$ , the state before the CNOT gates considering the four inputs as  $|0\rangle$ , is represented by

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_1\rangle &= \left( \bigotimes_{i=0}^3 H \right) |0000\rangle = \bigotimes_{i=0}^3 (H|0\rangle) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^4 \bigotimes_{i=0}^3 (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = \\ &= 0.25(|0000\rangle + |0010\rangle + |0011\rangle + |0001\rangle + |0100\rangle + |0110\rangle + |0111\rangle + |0101\rangle + |1000\rangle \\ &\quad + |1010\rangle + |1011\rangle + |1001\rangle + |1100\rangle + |1110\rangle + |1101\rangle + |1111\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

After the CNOT gates, it is easy to verify that this example state is unchanged, i.e.  $|\psi_1\rangle = |\psi_2\rangle$  (but in general case it varies). Finally, the quantum parameters  $\theta_i, i = 4, \dots 7$ , are implemented by means of the final four rotations, the final state is given by

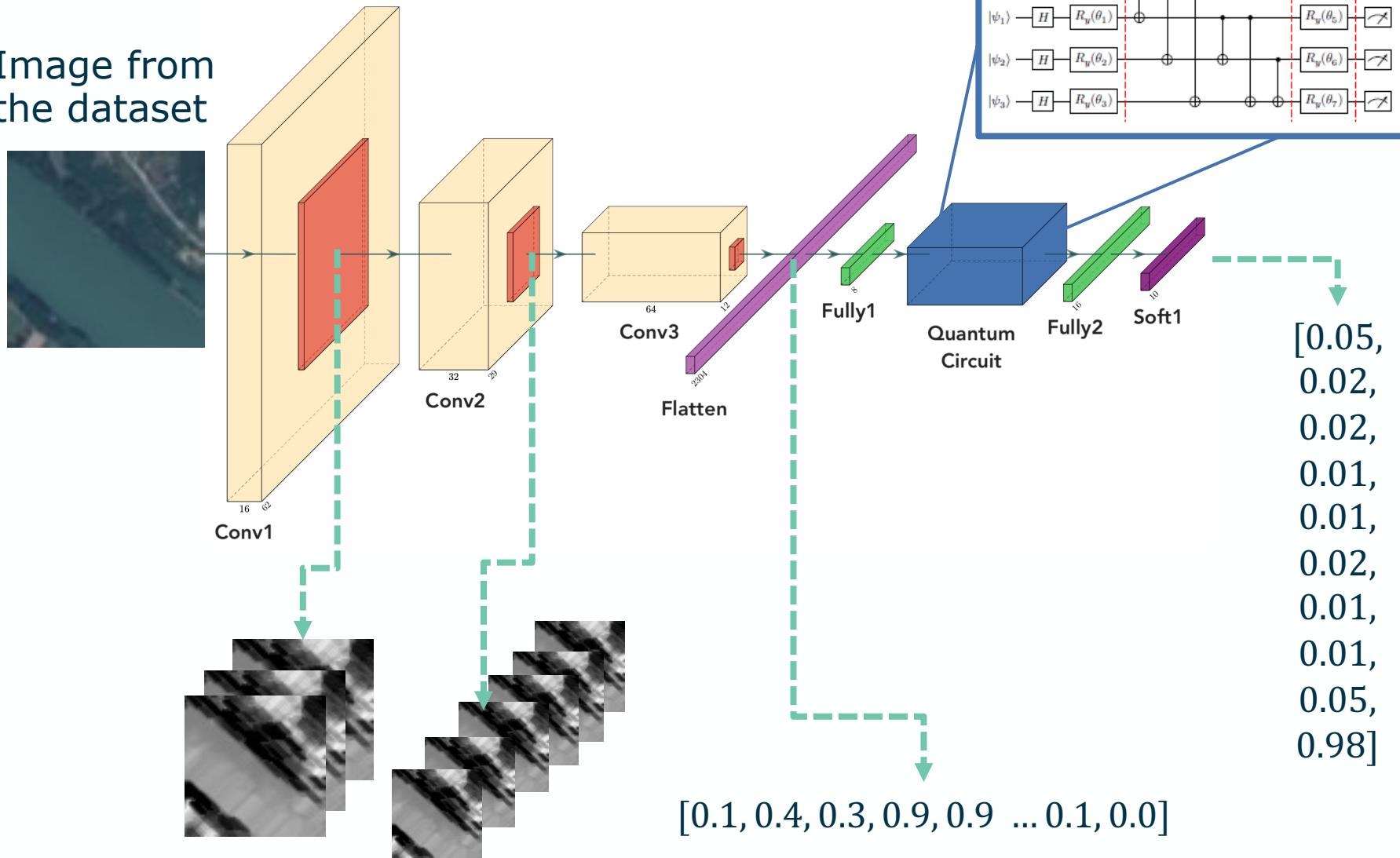
$$|\psi_3\rangle = \bigotimes_{i=0}^3 R_y(\theta_i) |\psi_2\rangle$$

# TRAINING

# Training [1]

## Forward Pass

Image from  
the dataset



# Training [2]

- Forward Pass
- Loss Calculation

Image from  
the dataset

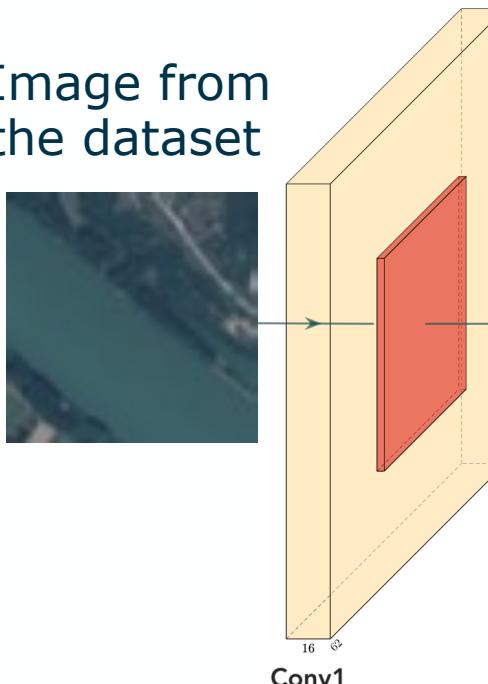
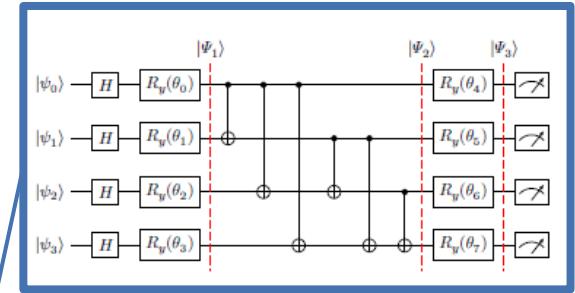


Image Label  
River  $y$

[0.,  
0.,  
0.,  
0.,  
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$$\text{Loss} = -\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i \cdot \log \hat{y}_i$$



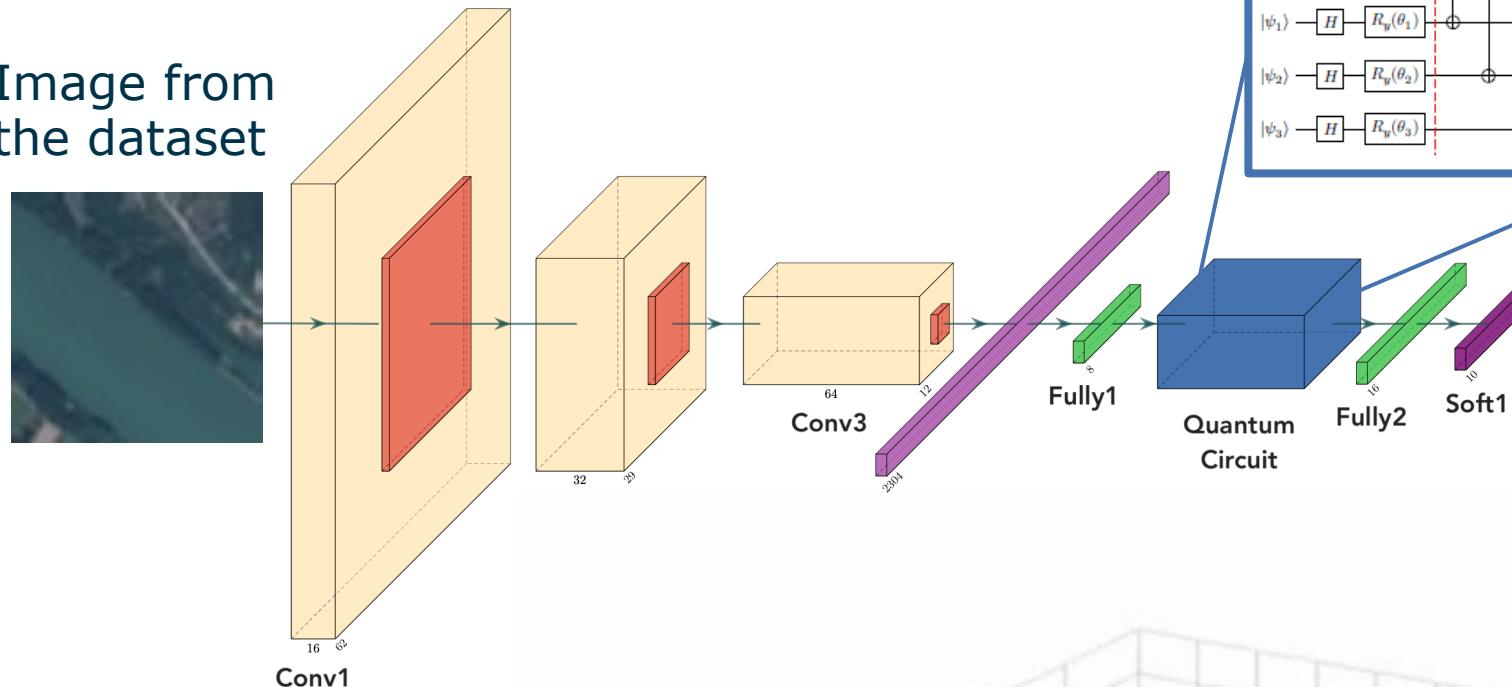
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Predicted Label  
 $\hat{y}$

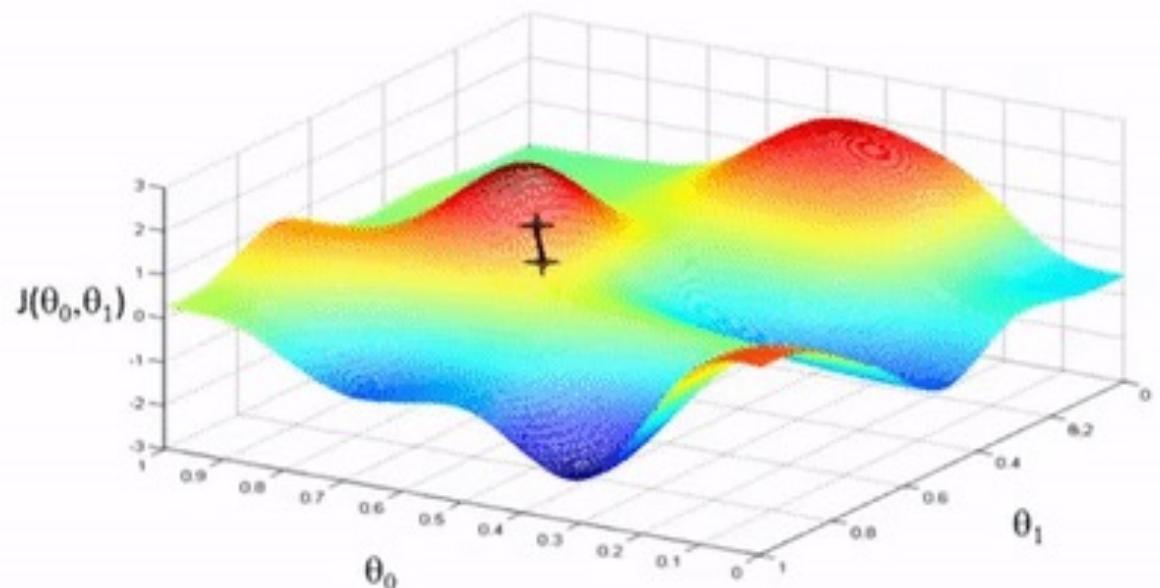
# Training [3]

- Forward Pass
- Loss Calculation
- Backward Pass

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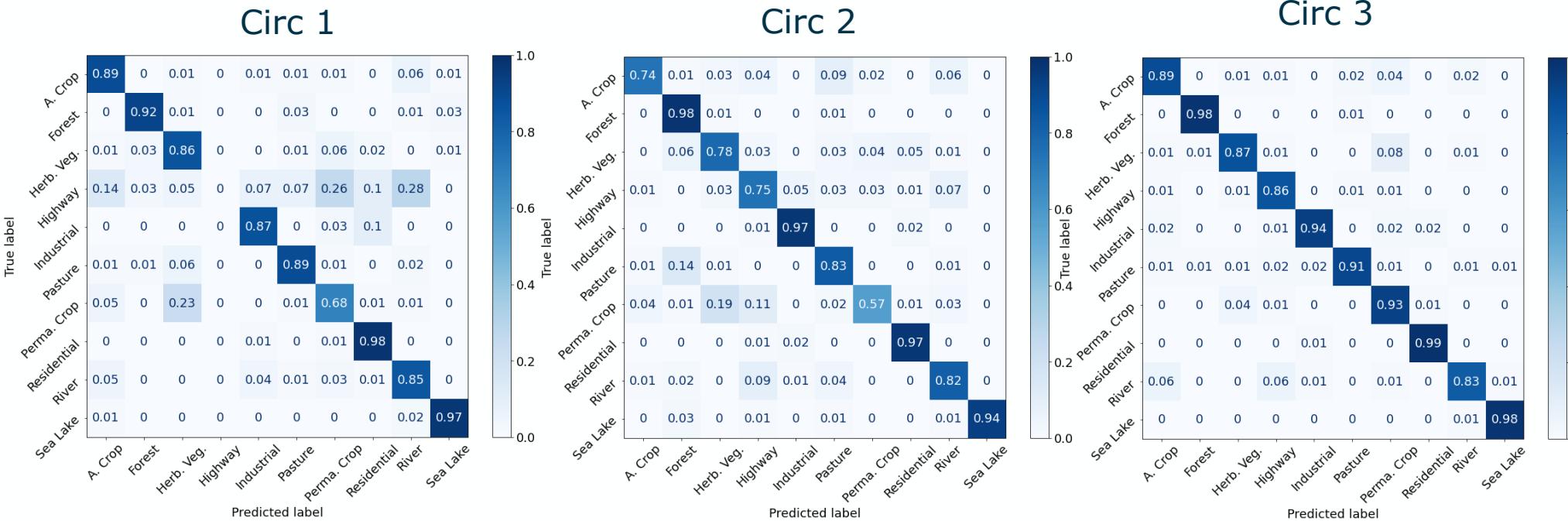
Both classical and  
quantum weights are  
updated



# RESULTS

# Results [1]

## Classification Results



A confusion matrix is a technique for summarizing the performance of a classification algorithm.

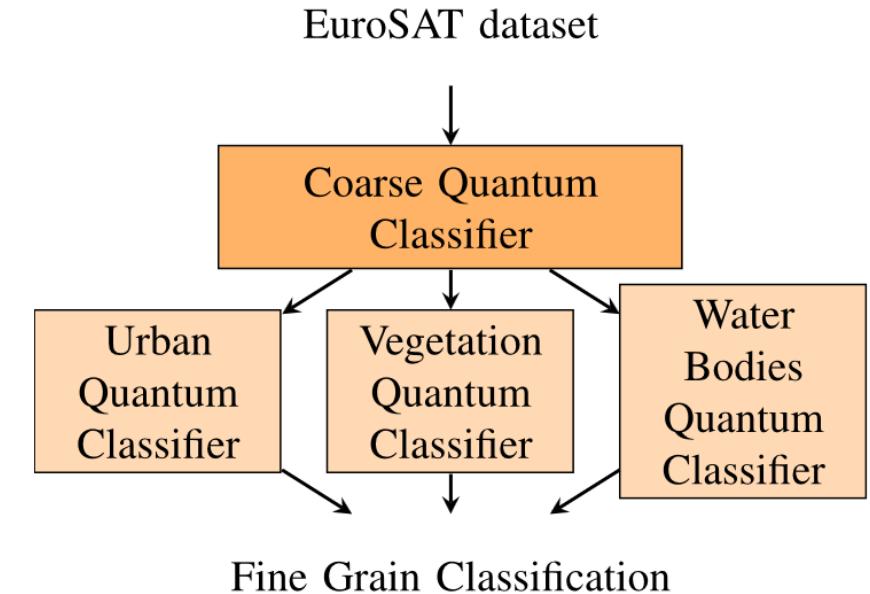
Classification accuracy alone can be misleading if you have an unequal number of observations in each class or if you have more than two classes in your dataset.

Calculating a confusion matrix can give you a better idea of what your classification model is getting right and what types of errors it is making

# Results [2]

## Classification Results

Class	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
Annual Crop	0.98	0.93	0.95
Permanent Crop	0.98	0.98	0.98
Pasture	0.93	0.94	0.94
Forest	0.95	0.95	0.95
Herbaceous Vegetation	0.93	0.94	0.94
Highway	0.99	0.99	0.99
Residential	0.99	0.99	0.99
Industrial	0.99	0.99	0.99
River	0.99	0.99	0.99
Sea Lake	0.99	0.99	0.99
Accuracy			0.97
Macro Average	0.97	0.97	0.97



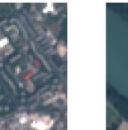
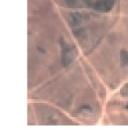
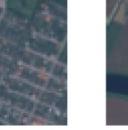
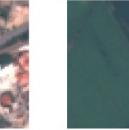
## Comparisons with State of the Art

Model	Overall Accuracy	N. layers	N. parameters
Helber et Al. [35] ResNet-50	0.98	50	25.6M
Helber et Al. [35] GoogleNet	0.98	27	7M
Li et Al. [77] ResNet-18	0.98	18	11M
Sumbul et Al. [36] S-CNN-RGB	0.70	3	23.584
Classical V1	0.82	6	42.338
Classical V2	0.83	7	329.290
Circ 1	0.79	6	42.338 + 4q
Circ 2	0.84	6	42.338 + 4q
Circ 3	0.92	6	42.338 + 8q
Fine land-cover classifier	0.97	6	42.338 + 8q

# Results [3]

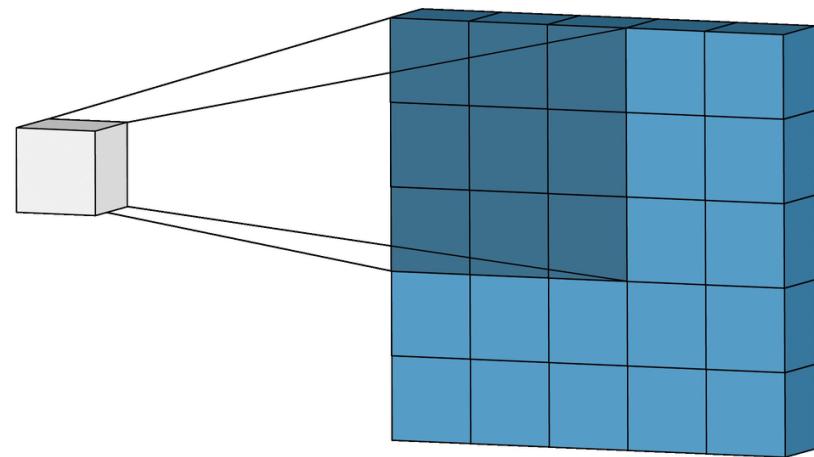
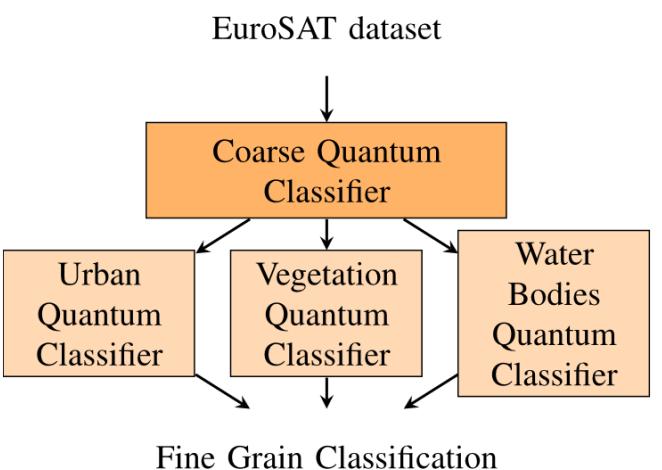
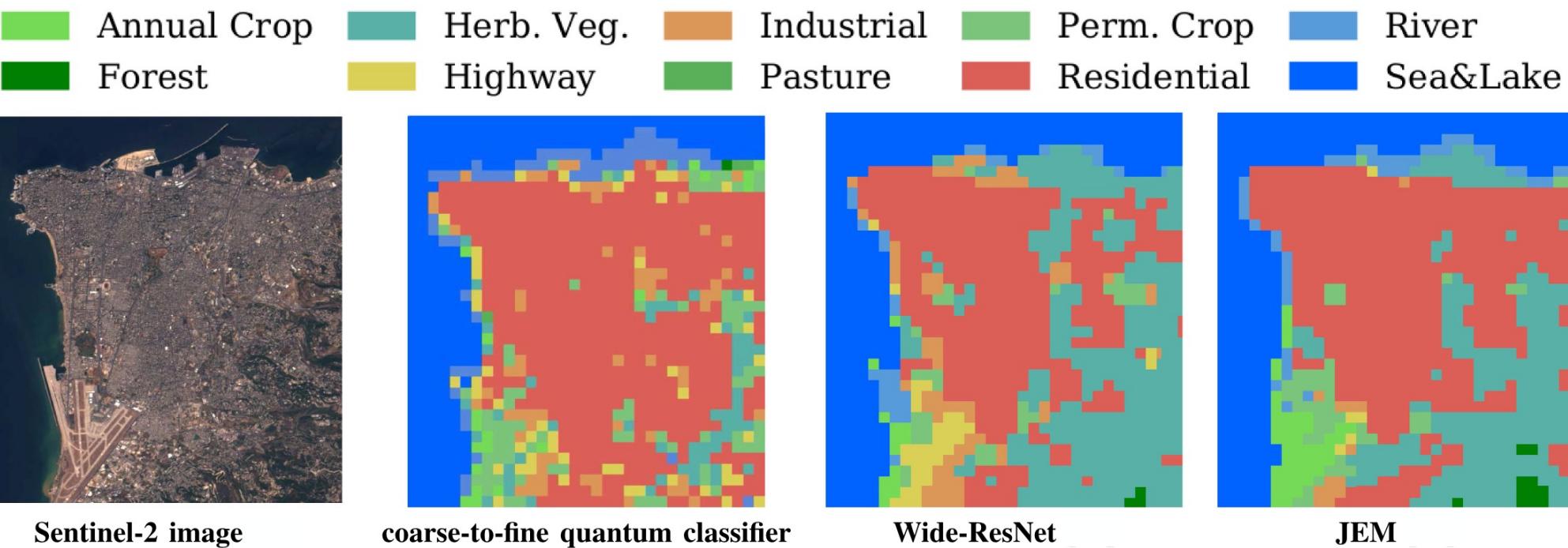
## Classification Results

Coarse-to-fine classifier

		Annual Crop	Forest	Herbaceous Vegetation	Highway	Industrial	Pasture	Permanent Crop	Residential	River	Sea Lake
											
True Positive											
False Positive True Label											
True Positive											
False Positive True Label											

# Results [4]

- Classification Results
- Segmentation Results



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