

Working with CERN Knowledge Transfer

Sample of examples cases and projects

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Our Mission

- **Maximise** the technological and knowledge return to society, in particular through Member States industry
- **Promote** CERN as a centre of excellence for technology and innovation
- **Demonstrate** the importance and impact of fundamental research investments

Machine Learning and Deep Learning

Industrial Controls and Automation

Metrology

High and Ultra High Vacuum Systems

Health, Safety and Environment Management

Cryogenics

Optoelectronics and Microelectronics

High Volume Data Management & Storage

High Performance Computing

Superconducting Magnets

Particle Acceleration and Control

Radiation Protection and Monitoring

Particle Tracking and Calorimetry

Sensors

Material Science

Tools for simulations

Robotics

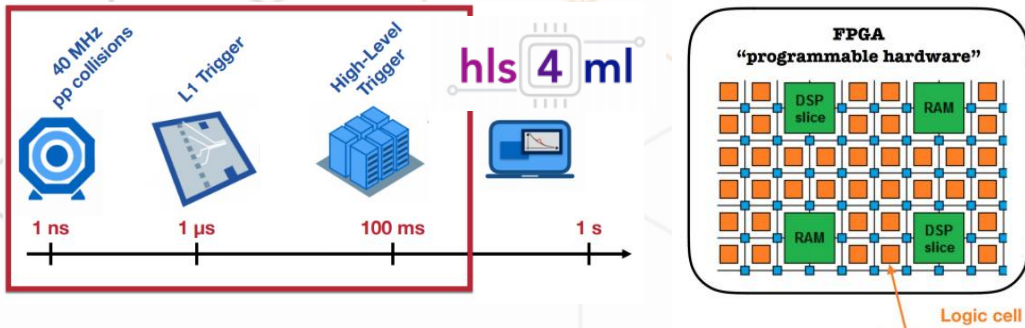
Collaboration Tools

Radio Frequency Technology

Data analytics and visualization

Key technology: Ultra-fast on-edge neural network inference

Know-how in neural network pruning and neuromorphic chips (e.g. FPGA) for ultra-low latency, on-edge inference



What
Tech specs

CERN needs ultra fast deep learning inference (**execution in ~1 microsec**) for fast classification of particle collision data, requiring compact code for edge-computing on programmable chips (FPGAs with logic cells)

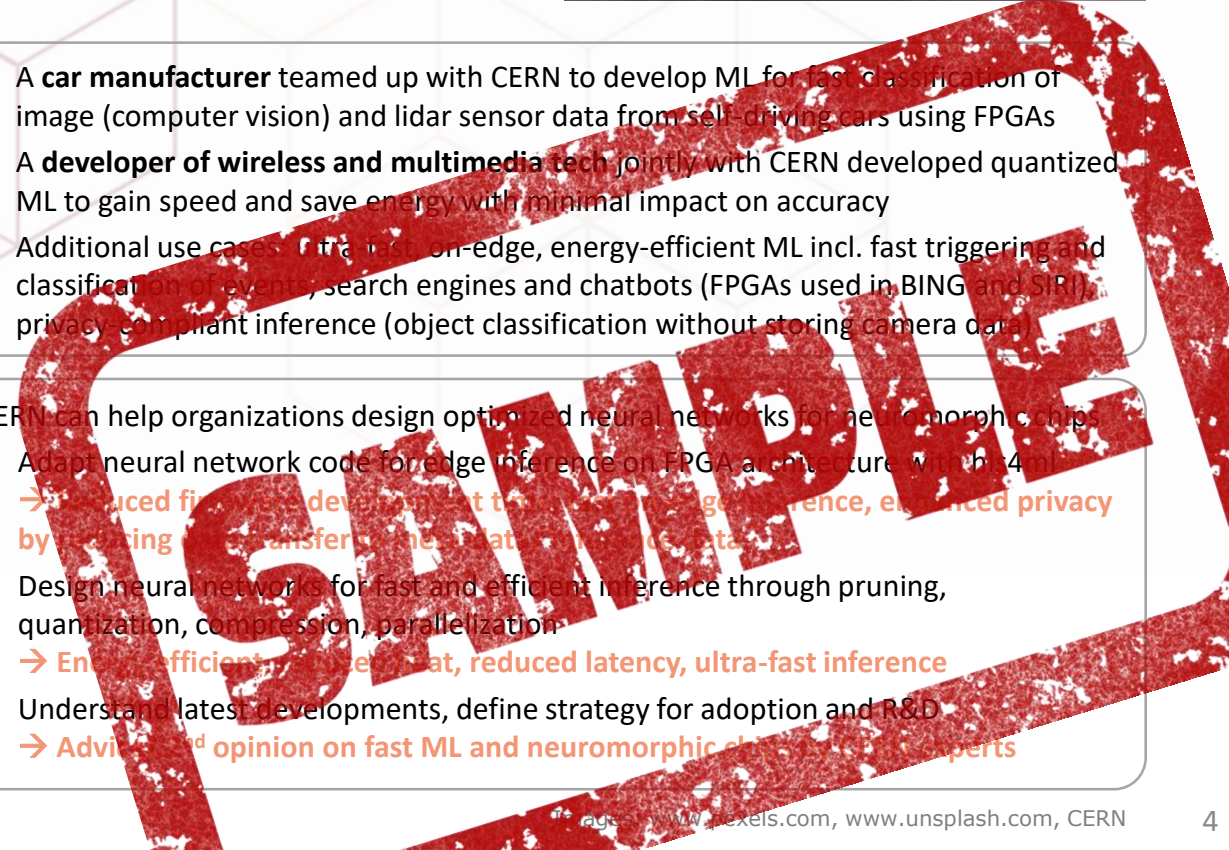
For this, CERN contributes to an open-source **package (hls4ml) to automatically translate pre-trained neural networks** (as specified by NN architecture, weights, biases) into high-level synthesis code for FPGA architecture, drastically **accelerating prototyping, reducing time to results**

- Pruning, quantization (binary, tertiary), compression and parallelization of models by ML experts
- hls4ml integrates with DL libraries: reads as input models trained with Keras/TF, PyTorch, scikit-learn, planned xgboost and outputs hls code; uses Xilinx HLS software (accessible to non-expert, engineers)
- Inference time: <10 microsec
- Comes with implementation of common network components (layers, activation functions, binary NN, ...); example classification network: 16 inputs, 3 layers with 64/ 32/ 32 nodes (ReLU) and 5 outputs (Softmax)

Apps
Added value

- A **car manufacturer** teamed up with CERN to develop ML for fast classification of image (computer vision) and lidar sensor data from self-driving cars using FPGAs
- A **developer of wireless and multimedia tech** jointly with CERN developed quantized ML to gain speed and save energy with minimal impact on accuracy
- Additional use cases for a fast on-edge, energy-efficient ML incl. fast triggering and classification of events, search engines and chatbots (FPGAs used in BING and SIRI), privacy-compliant inference (object classification without storing camera data)

- CERN can help organizations design optimized neural networks for neuromorphic chips
- Adapt neural network code for edge inference on FPGA architecture with hls4ml
→ **Reduced firmware development time, fast on-edge inference, enhanced privacy by keeping data transfer, metadata, processing data**
- Design neural networks for fast and efficient inference through pruning, quantization, compression, parallelization
→ **Energy efficient, smaller size, reduced latency, ultra-fast inference**
- Understand latest developments, define strategy for adoption and R&D
→ **Advice and opinion on fast ML and neuromorphic chips to ML experts**



ZENSEACT (Volvo Cars Company) teams up with CERN on fast machine learning using FPGAs.

Collaborative R&D

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CEVA and CERN joined R&D on neural network weight and activation compression algorithms aiming make them run more efficiently. Wireless comms & computer vision applications



Neural Network Learning and Optimization (NNLO)

Currently under development...a KT Funded project aiming to create a service for Industry (and our community)

➤ **Software library** for distributed training and optimization.

Objectives:

- Unified distributed deep learning training workflow
 - ✓ Common interface for Tensorflow and Pytorch
 - ✓ Distribution strategy → Single GPU, → Single node with multiple GPUs, → Multiple nodes
 - ✓ Simplified distributed hyperparameter optimization
 - ✓ Unified interface for samplers and pruners (Bayesian optimization, Hyperband,...)
 - ✓ Pluggable optimization frameworks (Optuna, Keras tuner,...)

Deployment on diverse platforms

Local resources, mPP planets, HPC containers, Cloud



Status in NNLO: **TESTING**

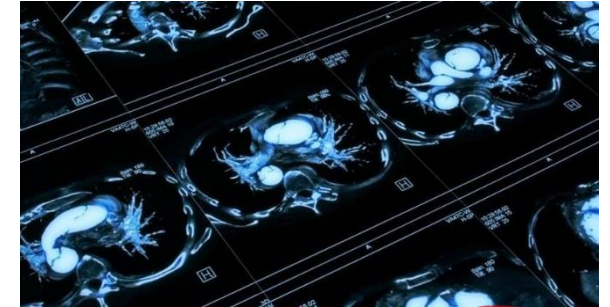
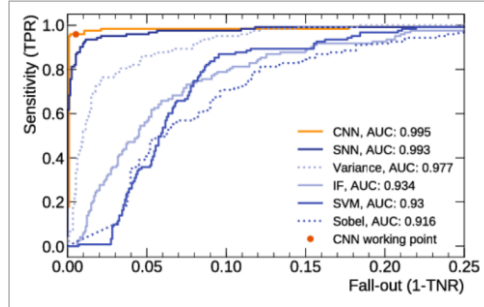
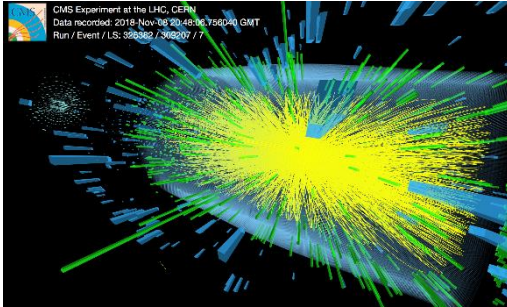
Container-based workflow

Export self-contained containers that can run on the target platform

- Singularity for HPC, Docker for cloud (Kubernetes/Kubeflow)

Key competence: Big data classification and anomaly detection

CERN researches and operates and highly sensitive ML models for the detection of weak signals in very large datasets



What

CERN generates and stores large data volumes (1,000 observations/ sec. corresponding to 1 GB/ sec. and 10,000 TB/ year). A single physics analysis typically involves millions of observation examples to reach science-grade results requiring strong classification and anomaly detection algorithms.

For this, CERN researchers develop deep neural networks to effectively reject background noise from weak signals as well as a modular big data software framework (ROOT) for data handling, analysis, and visualization.

Tech specs

- Data: 2bn recorded events/ year with 100m dimensions per example
- FCN, AE, LSTM¹ for unsupervised anomaly detection: comparing latent space representation (AEs)/ prediction (LSTMs) with observed data
- CNNs for anomaly detection through image recognition: plotting (sensor) read-outs as image and training CNN to recognize anomalous images for e.g., data quality monitoring (reached AUC = 0.995)
- Weak signal detection where signal occurs at ratio of 1 in 10³ to 1 in 10⁶
- Example NN: parameters: 2.3m, epochs: 100, examples: 100k – 1m
- Boosted Decision Trees (ROOT, XGBoost) to improve data resolution

Apps

- An **institute for commodity risk management** teamed up with CERN to support regulators to detect **trading anomalies** from stock market data
- Knowledge Transfer supports the development **anomaly detection** and classification algorithms for medical image analysis to **diagnose cancer and Covid-19 pneumonia**
- Additional use cases: signal detection in large-scale, noisy, high-dimensional data such as identifying cybersecurity and fraud attacks, detecting dangerous goods in logistics data, detecting energy consumption anomalies, pharma quality control

Added value

- CERN can help organizations use its models and know-how in anomaly detection
- Adopt or design and train fit-for-purpose models to detect anomalies in big data (supervised, unsupervised, semi-supervised)
 - **Weak signal detection and detection of anomalies: fast model development**
- Optimize model interpretability and transparency along science-grade standards
 - **Develop trust in models: reporting the right metrics along with results**
- Use CERN data as testbed for development of anomaly detection models
 - **Assure model quality by benchmarking with high-quality, noisy, massive big data**

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Collaboration with CORMEC and WUR to support national banks and regulators to detect trading anomalies in stock market



Contract Research

- Use case and requirements by the company
- Code contributed to the OS project
- Development @CERN, benefit for HEP applications

ROCHE is using CernVM-FS for application and library distribution worldwide.

Contract Research for a Company in the financial services sector. Strong interest in this tech for fast reliable worldwide file distribution.

Consultancy/Service

- Specific issue
- Time of experts
- Time of facilities

Bundesdruckerei GmbH works with CERN on next generation ideas for identity management and cryptography and data handling

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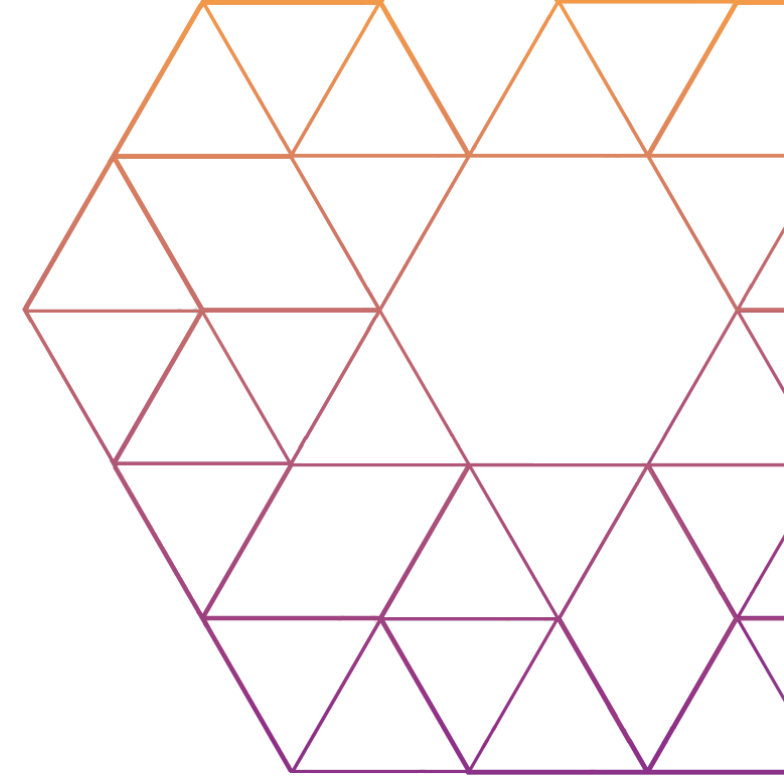
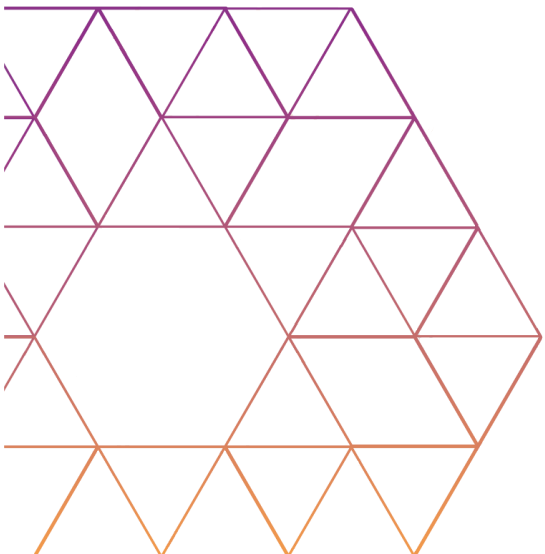


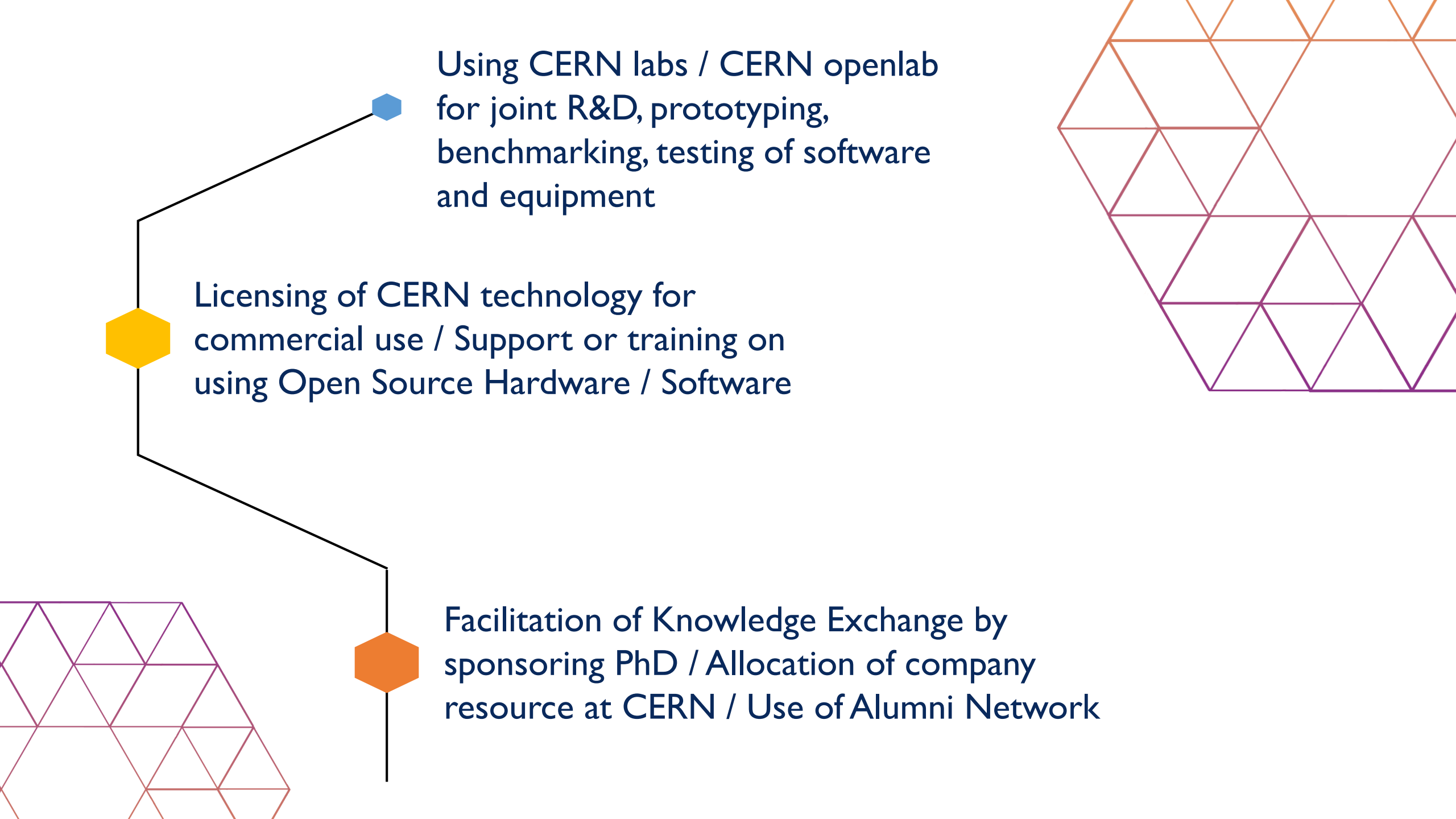
ABB teams up with CERN to build a digital twin of our cooling and ventilation system in order to optimize energy usage

Advise / 2ND Opinion /
Tech Challenge from
CERN Expert team

Collaborative R&D / Co-
development agreements on
specific topic of mutual interest

Challenge Based Innovation program
with CERN Experts and/or universities
to address specific issue





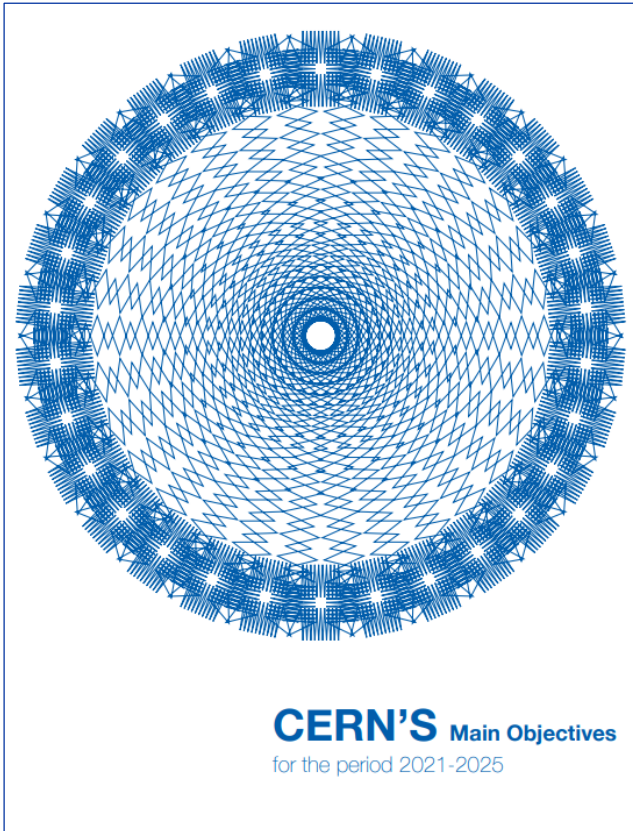
Using CERN labs / CERN openlab for joint R&D, prototyping, benchmarking, testing of software and equipment

Licensing of CERN technology for commercial use / Support or training on using Open Source Hardware / Software

Facilitation of Knowledge Exchange by sponsoring PhD / Allocation of company resource at CERN / Use of Alumni Network

Environment: a clear priority for CERN

Three main development directions have been identified for environment and sustainability:



Minimise the Laboratory's impact on the environment by implementing CEPS (CERN Environmental Protection Steering) recommendations and defining a Green Procurement strategy

Identify and develop CERN's technologies that may contribute to mitigating the impact of society on the environment



Pursue actions and technologies aiming at energy saving and reuse, under the supervision of CERN's Energy Management Panel

CERN Technology Impact Fund



*A mechanism for seeking **donor funding** to support the further development of **CERN technologies** that have high potential to positively impact one or more of the 17 **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)***

- CERN personnel proposal for a high potential project that creates societal impact.
- Funding sought through the CERN & Society Foundation.
- Partnerships with external organisations in academia, the public sector and industry to maximise the chances of a successful technology transfer to society.



Thank you!

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