

# Quantum Machine Learning for Earth Observation Images

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# Introduction

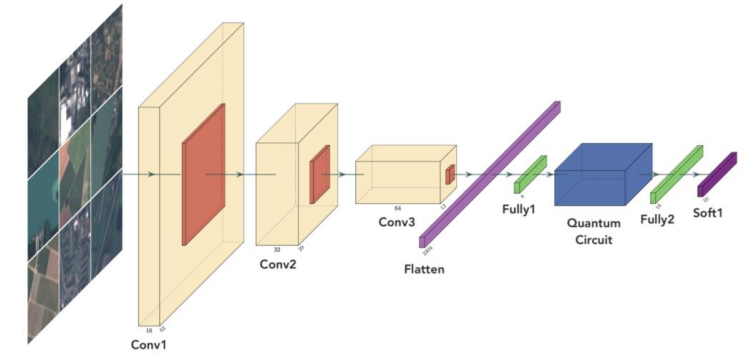
## Quantum Machine Learning (QML)

- Intersection between Machine Learning (ML) and Quantum Computing (QC)
- Potential to **improve the existing ML techniques**
- Can be efficiently simulated on the real quantum hardware
- **Application of QML on images** still challenging
  - Large input dimensionality, quantum embedding methods
  - Limited to standard dataset (MNIST, Fashion MNIST, etc) [1]

# Introduction

## Earth observation images

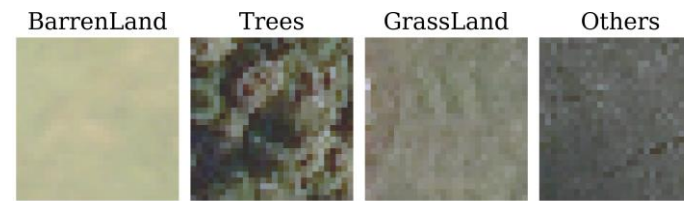
- Highly benefit from ML
- Complex, unlabelled dataset with large number of features
- Increasing number of studies on QML applied on EO
- Explore **practical QML models** for a realistic EO use-case



Application of QML in EO [2]



EuroSAT image samples [3]



SAT4 image samples [4]

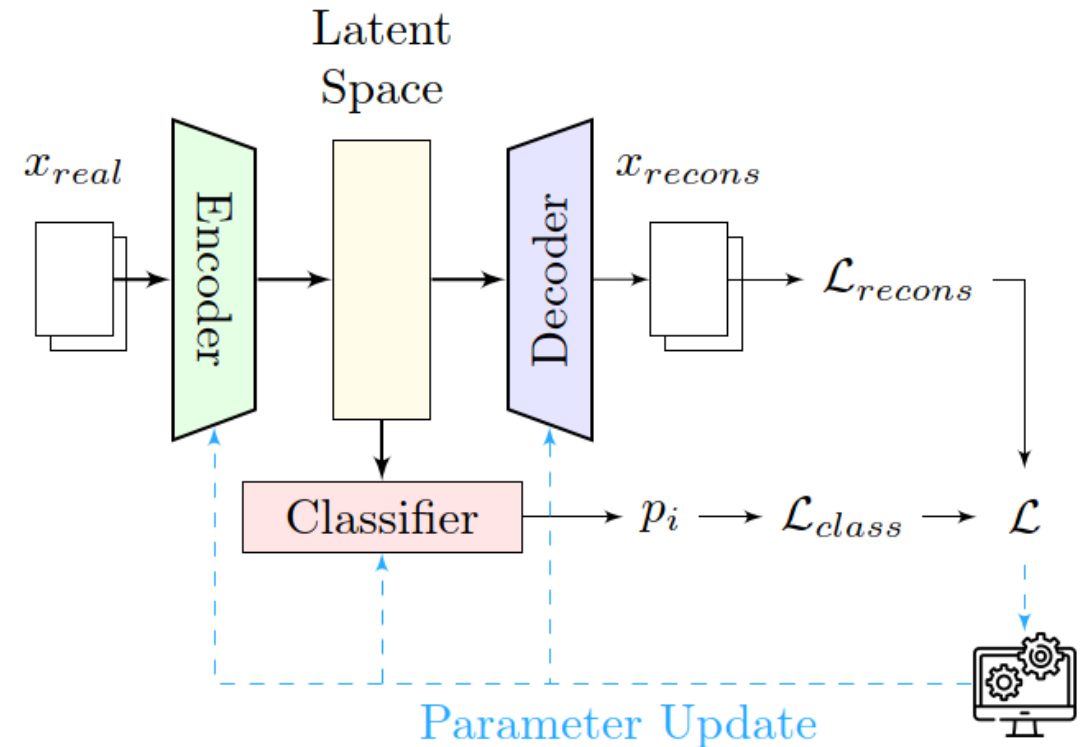


# Classification of images



# Hybrid Quantum-Classical model

- Multiclass-classification of large images
  - Perform **reconstruction & classification** at the same time
- Combine feature extractions & classification
- Latent space constrained in  $[0, \pi]$
  - Autoencoder = Classical
- Classifier = Classical / Quantum



Training schema of the hybrid model

# Quantum Embedding

- Mapping of classical data  $x$  into quantum state  $|\phi(x)\rangle$  in Hilbert space
- Crucial for the performance of quantum algorithm

## 1) Amplitude Encoding

$$|\phi(x)\rangle = \frac{1}{\|x\|} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i |i\rangle$$

Exponential compression in  $n_{qubits}$ , but polynomial  $n_{gates}$

## 2) Dense Qubit Encoding

$$|\phi(x)\rangle = \bigotimes_{j=1}^{\frac{N}{2}} \left( e^{-i\frac{x_{N/2+j}}{2}\sigma_x} e^{-i\frac{x_j}{2}\sigma_y} \right)$$

Constant  $n_{gates}$ , but no exponential compression

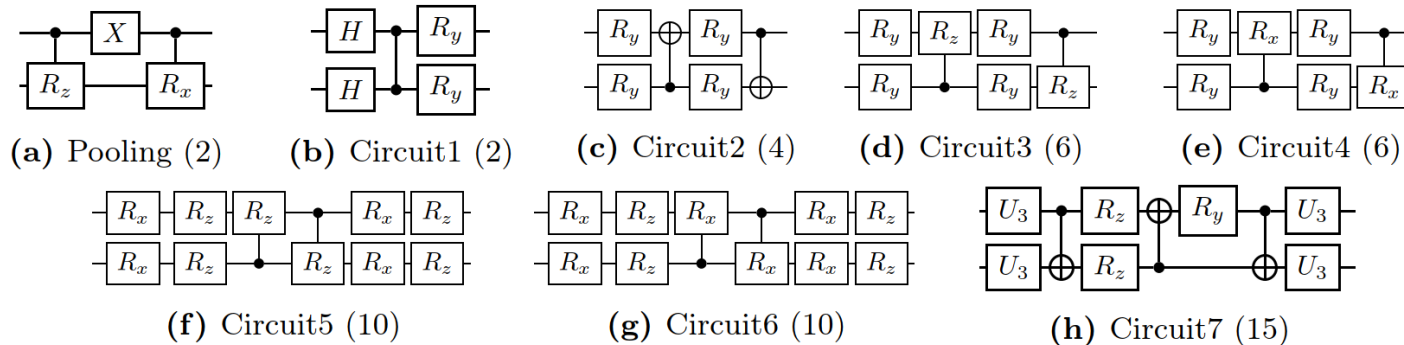
## 3) Hybrid Angle Encoding (HAE) [5]

$$|\phi(x)\rangle = \bigotimes_{k=1}^b \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2^m} \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \cos^{1-i_j} (x_{g(j),k}) \sin^{i_j} (x_{g(j),k}) |i\rangle_k \right)$$

Compromise between amplitude encoding and qubit encoding

# Quantum Convolutional Neural Networks

- Quantum analogue of CNN → Preserve translational invariance
  - Avoid **barren plateau problem**
  - Start with the model proposed by T. Hur et al. [5]
  - Consists of convolutional filters & pooling layers
- Different Ansatz to be investigated



PQC ansatzes used as convolutional filters [4]

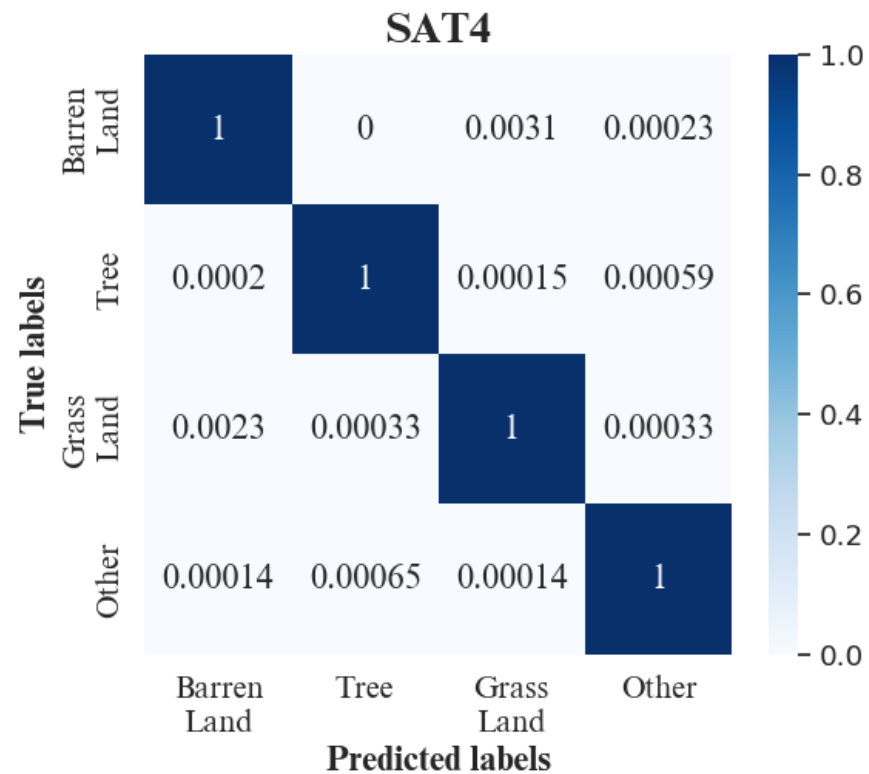


QCNN for multiclass-classification

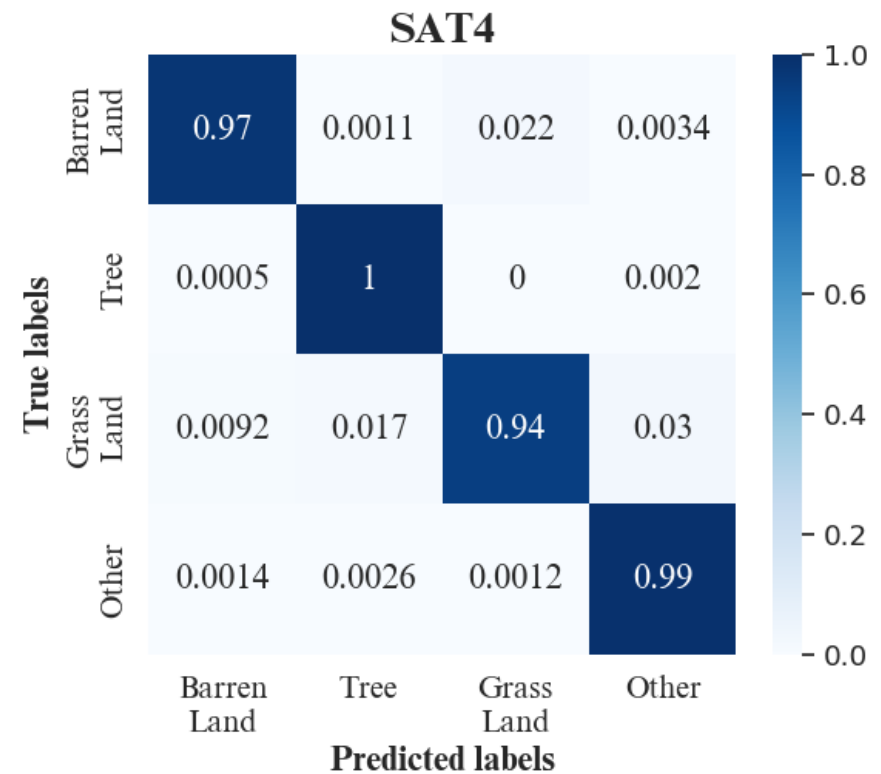
# Results

- Train the hybrid model with Circuit7 & L = 2 for **SAT4** (4 classes)

## Training set



## Test set

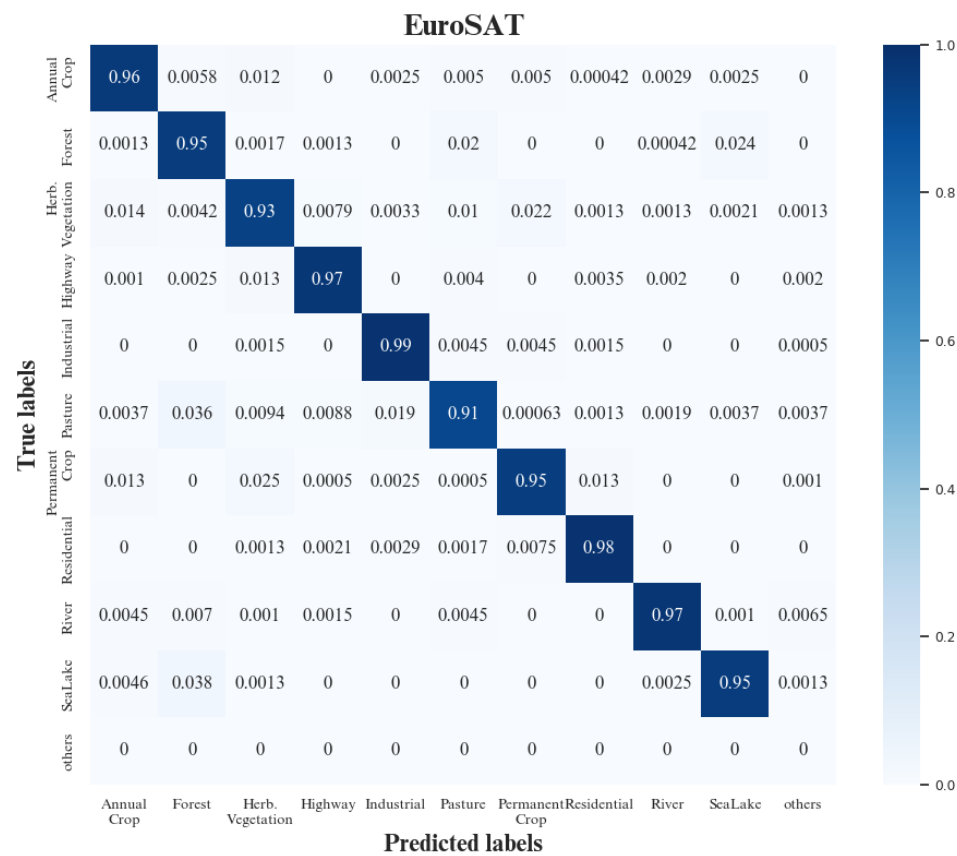




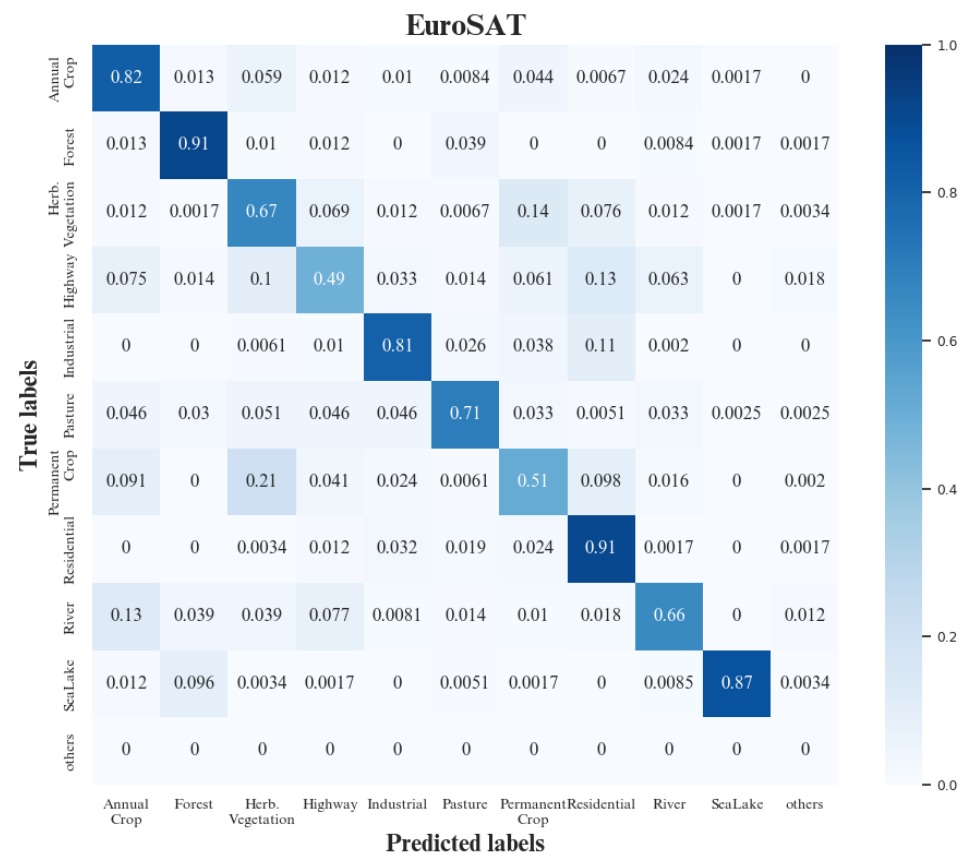
# Results

- Train the hybrid model with Circuit7 & L = 1 for **EuroSAT** (10 classes)

## Training set

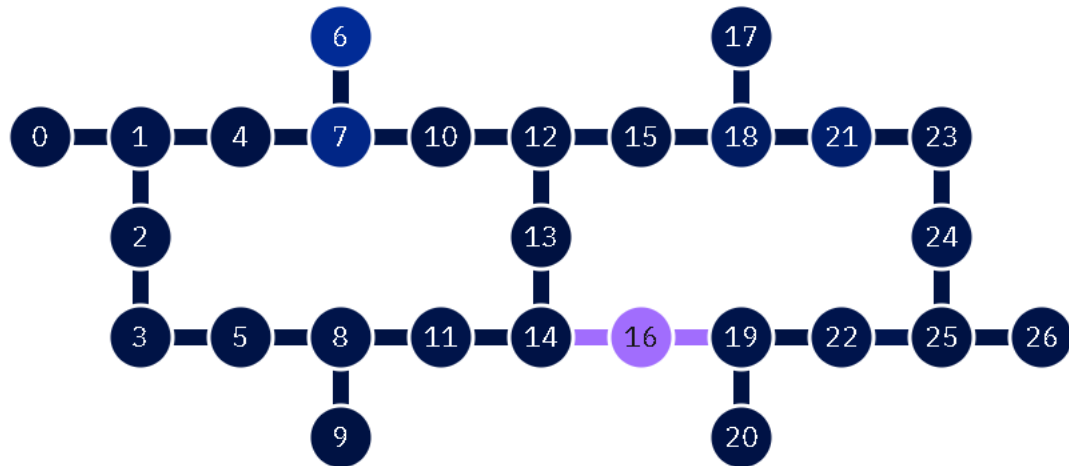


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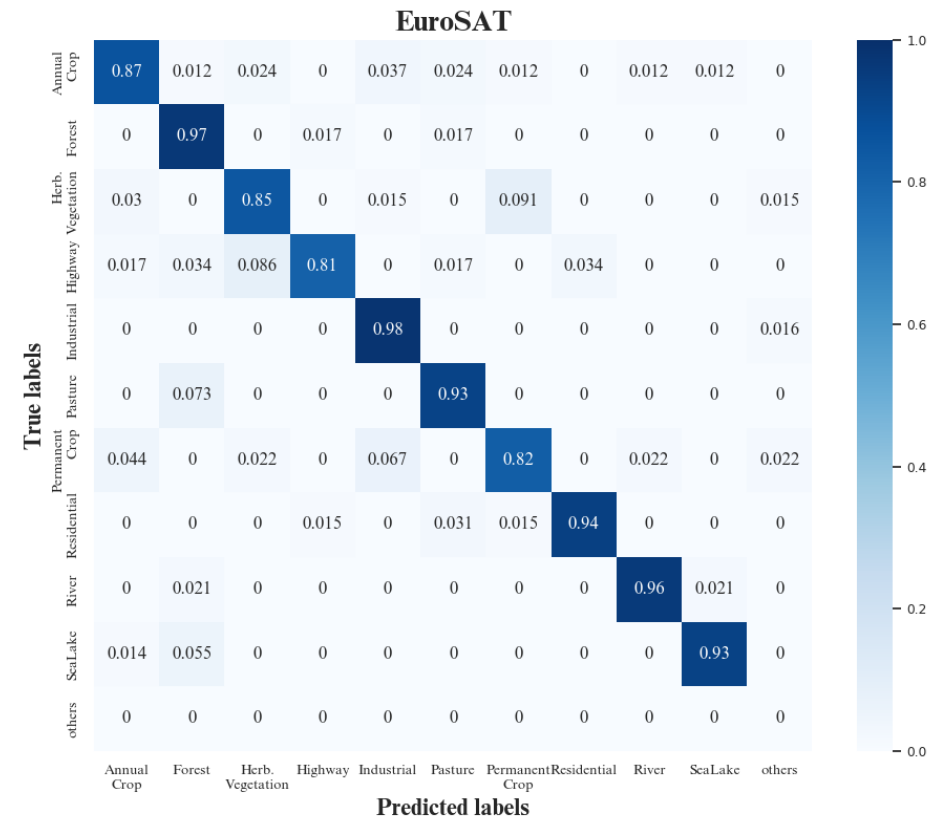


# Results – Evaluation on real quantum hardware

- Evaluate pretrained model on IBMQ Montreal with 600 training samples



## DQE + Circuit 3 (91% w/o noise)



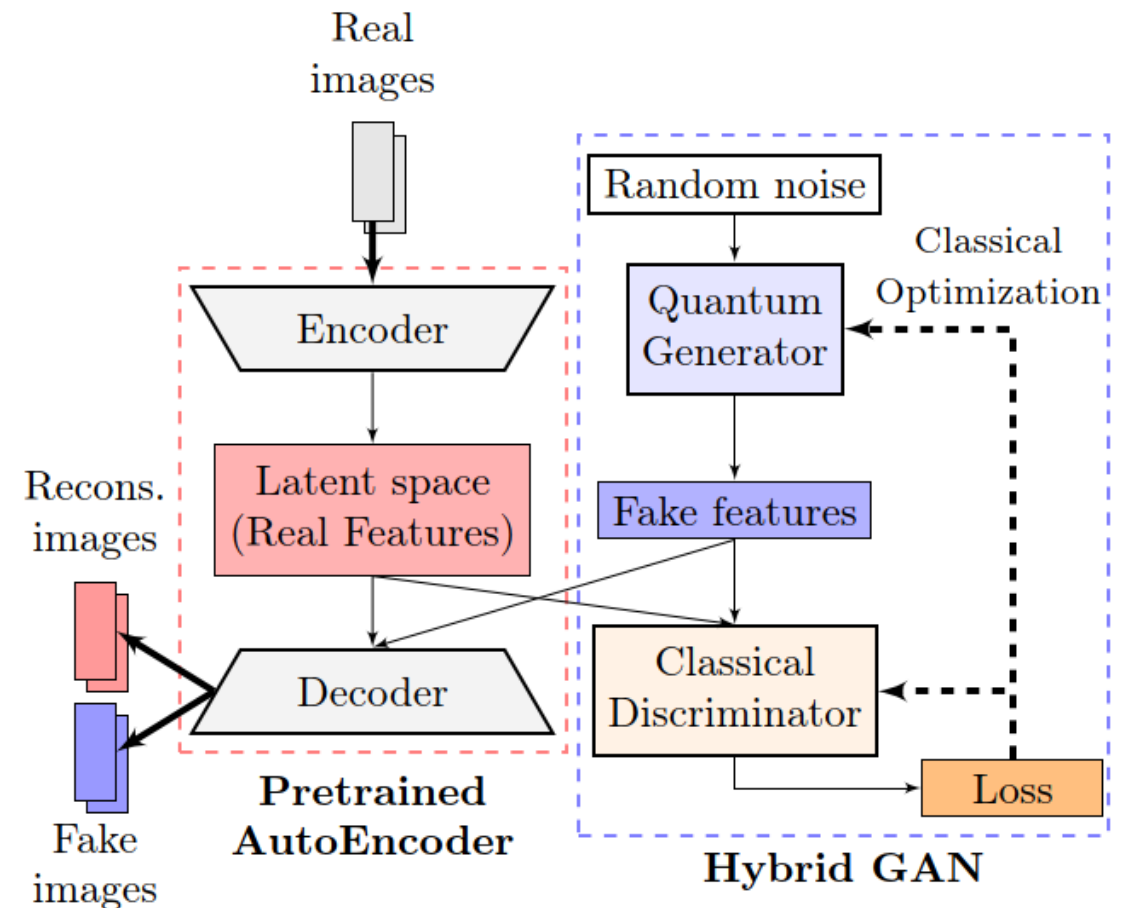


# Generation of images



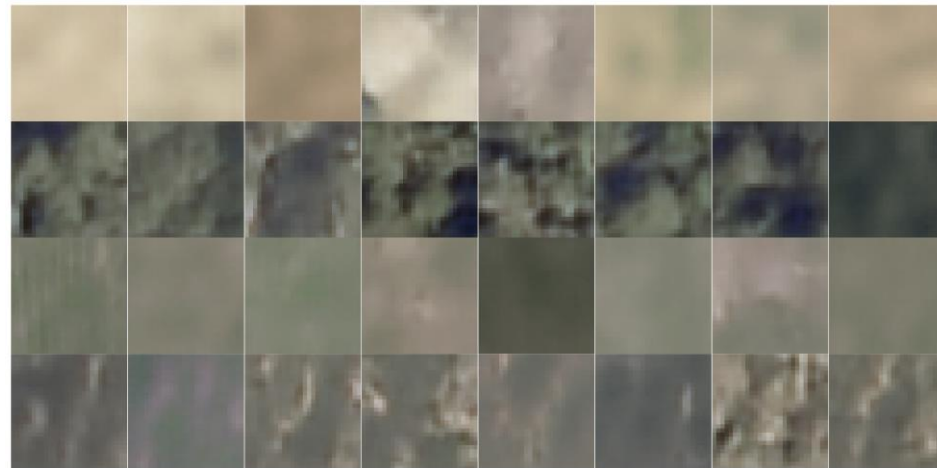
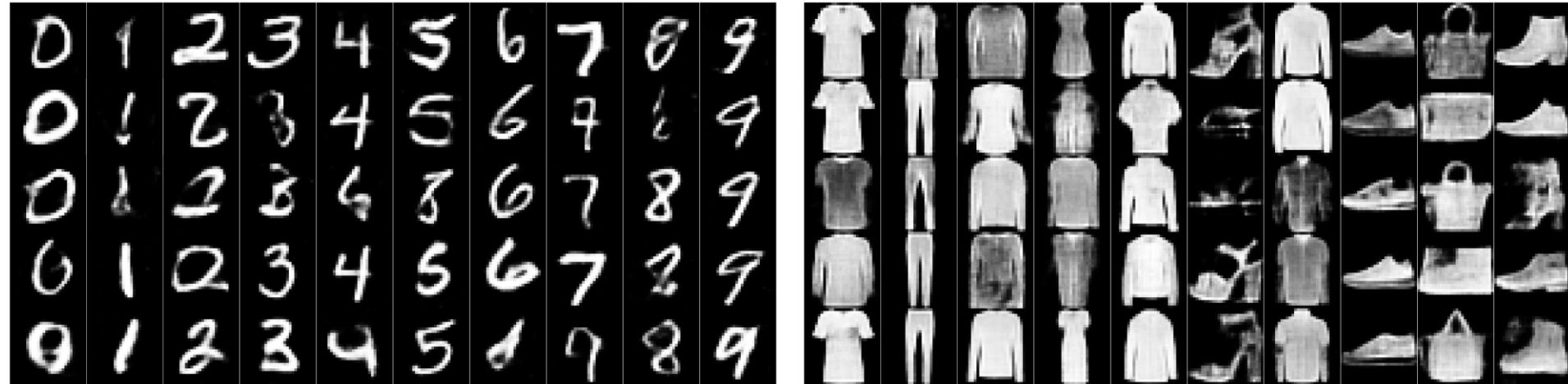
# Hybrid Approach for image generation

- Quantum Generative Adversarial Networks : **Quantum Generator + Classical Discriminator**
- Features extracted from images via a **pretrained autoencoder** used as GAN training set
- Generated features passed back to the autoencoder to reconstruct images



Training schema of the hybrid GAN

# Results



# Results

Quality

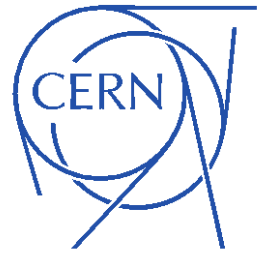
Diversity

	$G_\theta$ config.	# param.	FID ↓	IS ↑	JSD (features/ $10^{-2}$ ) ↓	JSD (images/ $10^{-2}$ ) ↓
LaSt-QGAN	Circ. 1 ( $d = 2$ )	1360	$17.89 \pm 0.57$	$8.21 \pm 0.05$	$1.00 \pm 0.15$	$1.75 \pm 0.2$
	Circ. 1 ( $d = 4$ )	2280	$15.04 \pm 0.49$	$8.47 \pm 0.05$	$1.00 \pm 0.10$	$1.62 \pm 0.15$
	<b>Circ. 1 (<math>d = 6</math>)</b>	3200	<b><math>14.34 \pm 0.41</math></b>	<b><math>8.47 \pm 0.03</math></b>	$0.87 \pm 0.09$	<b><math>1.37 \pm 0.14</math></b>
	Circ. 2 ( $d = 2$ )	1010	$19.13 \pm 0.54$	$8.10 \pm 0.06$	$1.22 \pm 0.19$	$2.08 \pm 0.17$
	Circ. 2 ( $d = 4$ )	1690	$16.2 \pm 0.32$	$8.34 \pm 0.03$	$0.94 \pm 0.09$	$1.66 \pm 0.17$
	Circ. 2 ( $d = 6$ )	2370	$14.85 \pm 0.61$	$8.47 \pm 0.06$	<b><math>0.85 \pm 0.05</math></b>	$1.39 \pm 0.11$
	Circ. 3 ( $d = 2$ )	3300	$14.54 \pm 0.50$	$8.48 \pm 0.05$	$1.01 \pm 0.2$	$1.54 \pm 0.1$
Classical	[50, 30]	2960	$19.41 \pm 3.78$	$8.12 \pm 0.36$	$5.78 \pm 3.33$	$5.71 \pm 3.19$
	[100, 50]	7660	$13.21 \pm 0.94$	$8.72 \pm 0.06$	$1.73 \pm 0.44$	$1.89 \pm 0.37$

# Conclusion

- Hybrid quantum-classical model for EO image classification  
→ Successful multi-class classification (99% for training, >75% for test)
- Two-step approach for generation of images  
→ Higher generalization power compared to the classical counterpart

**Would it be possible to define the quantum advantage in a more solid way?**



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***QUESTIONS?***

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