

# AstroCeNT's Scientific Computing & Information Technology Group Activities

## AC Computing (G5)

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# Group members

## Researchers

- Piotr Gawron — leader
- Manish Gupta — post-doc
- Marek Bukowicki — post-doc
- Tomasz Rybotycki — post-doc
- Aleksandra Krawiec — post-doc
- Magdalena Wiercioch — technician (post-doc in waiting)
- Piotr Kalaczyński — technician (post-doc in waiting)

## Students

- 2 undergrad students

## Past members

- Mateusz Denys — post-doc

# Section 1

## Software engineering for data analysis

# Overview of current activities

## Deep-3600

- Toy Monte Carlo (with M. Kuźniak group).
- Applications neural networks for event position reconstruction.

## Einstein Telescope / Gravitational waves

- OSB, Division 10, Data Analysis Platform, Technology Tracking Group.
- GW signal reconstruction, sound field reconstruction.

## Quantum computing

- Quantum Machine Learning models for Earth observations.



# Toy MC-based full PSD model

Manish Gupta, Piotr Kalaczyński (for Deap-3600)

## Highlights

- Use of faster, modern tool
- Speeding-up the computation by  $\approx 2.5$  orders of magnitude
- Continuous testing and preparing for deployment.



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Data Analysis Framework



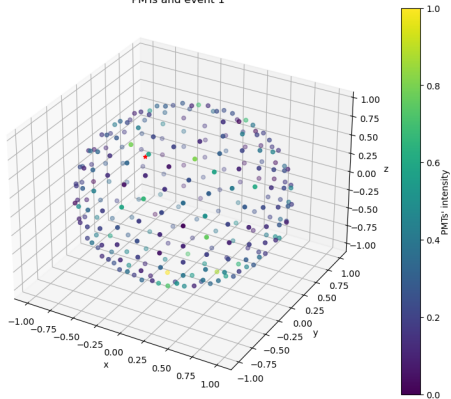
PyTorch

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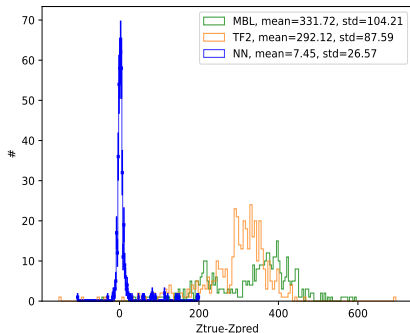
# Position reconstruction in DEAP-3600 detector, generative models for data augmentation

Magdalena Wiercioch in collaboration with Luca Doria (Deap-3600 collaboration)

PMTs and event 1



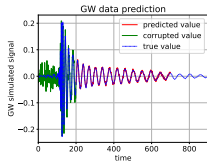
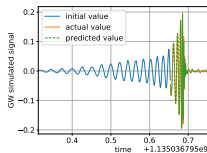
Neck region



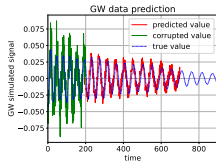
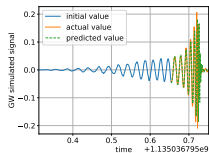
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# Gravitational waves prediction using RNNs

Mateusz Denys, Magdalena Wiercioch in collaboration with Michał Bejger, Agata Trovato, Éric Chassande-Mottin



The **best** result in the test set



The **worst** result in the test set

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# KM3NeT related activities

Piotr Kalaczyński



## Tasks this year

- finishing the CORSIKA MC production and prompt muon analysis
- writing up the PhD thesis and the gSeaGen paper
- code maintenance & dev: corant, gSeaGen (KM3NeT)

## Results

- PhD thesis completed (defence in January)
- Publication under the collaboration review: “gSeaGen code by KM3NeT: an efficient tool to propagate muons simulated with CORSIKA”

## Future

### Funding proposals to be submitted

- M2Tech (simulation of hybrid KM3NeT DOMs containing SiPMs)
- Copernican Academy Grants (acoustic simulation for KM3NeT)
- OSCARS (common neutrino telescope dataformat?)

### Other ideas/involvement:

- underground particle physics labs in Wieliczka/Bochnia (CR simulations for IFJ PAN), paper in 2024
- collaboration with the space industry

# Studying relations between cosmic rays detection rate and a global number of earthquakes

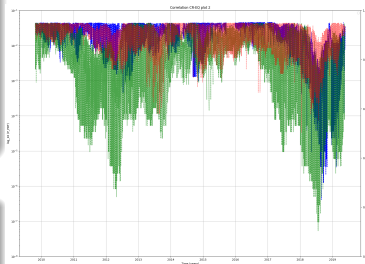
Aleksandra Krawiec Piotr Homola (Institute of Nuclear Physics, PAS: Project CREDO)

## Task and results

- Replicating discovery using **proper software engineering** methods
- Finding and applying tools for optimizing hyperparameters

## Future

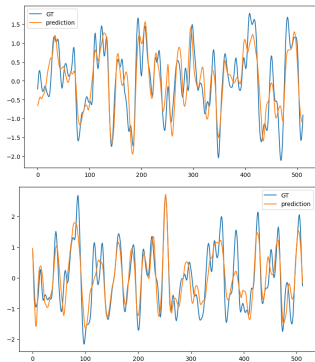
Study the presence of causal relations between cosmic rays and number of earthquakes



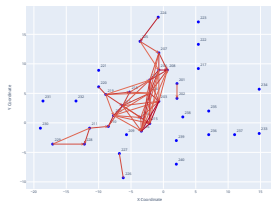
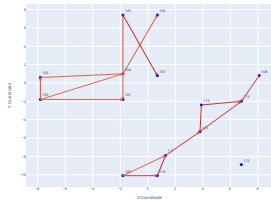
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# Missing channels reconstruction @ Virgo

Marek Bukowicki, with support of Tomasz Bulik



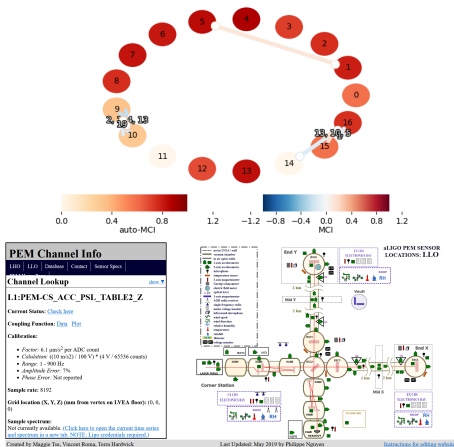
Reconstructions of the acceleration measured by one seismometer based on signal from another seismometer



Correlations between seismometer signals on the floors of Virgo

# Detecting causality in time series containing data from environmental gravitational wave sensors

Emilia Kaczmarczyk



## Partial correlation-based causality detection in Ligo seismic sensors data (preliminary results)

## Section 2

# Quantum computing



# LUMI-Q

European quantum computers, EUROHPC-2022-CEI-QC-01

## Goal of the project

Quantum computing environment integrated with the HPC infrastructure.

## AstroCeNT's tasks






High performance computing + quantum machine learning techniques for:

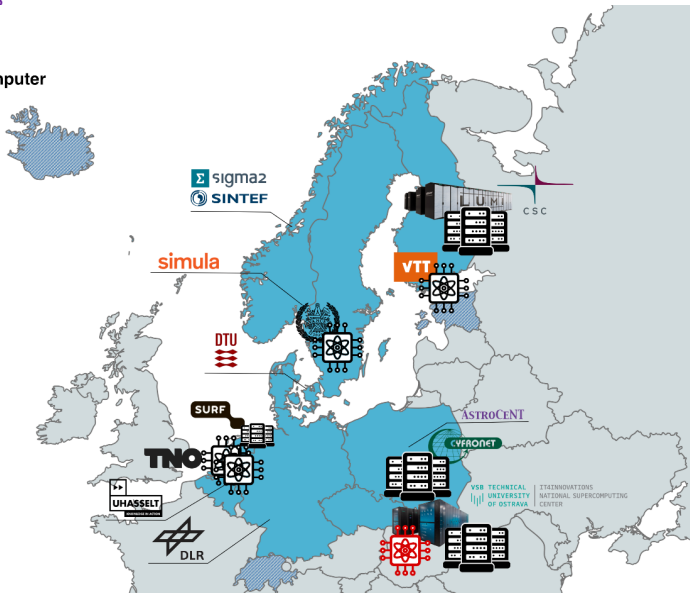
- GW signal processing from Einstein Telescope,
- EO data processing from Sentinel satellites.
- *Funding for AstroCeNT: 4 × 12 PM* — likely to happen but not secured yet.
- New quantum computer delivery in 2024.

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# LUMI-Q

## Consortium partners

-  LUMI-Q consortium
-  LUMI consortium
-  LUMI-Q quantum computer
-  quantum computer
-  supercomputer

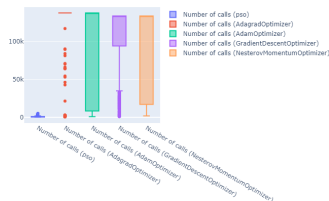


# Investigate performance of metaheuristics as QNN training methods

Tomasz Rybotycki, Piotr Gawron

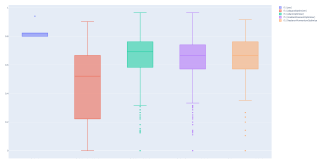
## Results

- Performance metrics comparable (or better) to gradient-based techniques
- Significant cost reduction (# of quantum device calls)



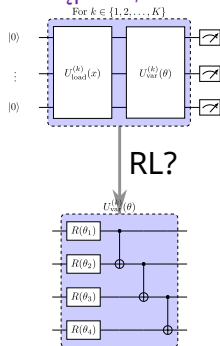
## Future

- Extensive experiments on diverse circuits structures
- Different metaheuristics (types / kinds)
- Metaheuristic training for barren-plateaus problem



# RL4QC — Variational Quantum Circuit structure search using Reinforcement Learning

Mateusz Stępnia, Tomasz Rybotycki, Justyna Zawalska (AGH), Piotr Gawron



```
# DQN Agent
class DQNAgent:
    def __init__(self, input_dim, output_dim, learning_rate=0.001):
        self.q_network = DeepQNetwork(input_dim, output_dim)
        self.optimizer = optim.Adam(self.q_network.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)
        self.criterion = nn.MSELoss()

    def select_action(self, state, epsilon):
        if np.random.rand() < epsilon:
            return np.random.choice([0, 1]) # Random action
        else:
            state = torch.FloatTensor(state).unsqueeze(0)
            q_values = self.q_network.forward(state)
            return torch.argmax(q_values).item()
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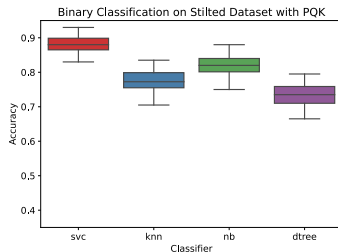
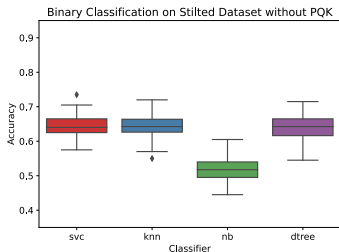
An RL python library for quantum circuit structure finding

## Future

- Comparisons with related methods
- VQC optimization with RL + ZX-calculus techniques

# Spectral information processing with quantum neural networks

Manish Gupta, Piotr Gawron, Co-operation ESA's  $\Phi$ -Lab — AstroCeNT



# Unsupervised quantum machine learning for Earth observations

Piotr Gawron with IITiS PAN, CSGroup and CNES

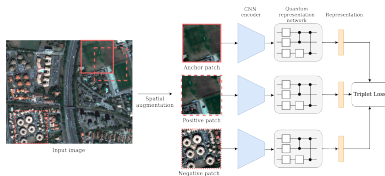
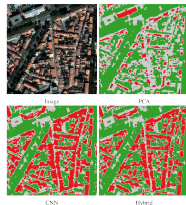


Fig. 1. Illustration of the proposed hybrid contrastive learning framework.

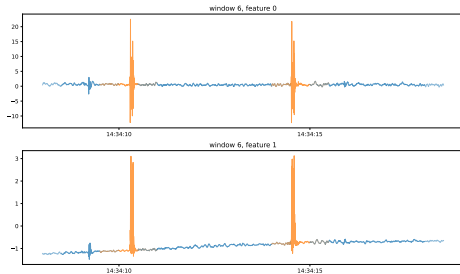


## Section 3

# Collaboration with industry

# Geophone-based measurement of ground penetrator and unsupervised event detection

Piotr Gawron, Marek Bukowicki, Mariusz Suchenek and Astronika



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# Section 4

## Summary

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# Outlook

Frame from my interview by ISC in Sep 2019

## Main research tasks — proposed during interview

- 50% High performance computing using modern programming languages
- 20% Neural networks based speed-up of large data processing and automatic discovery
- 30% Quantum computation and quantum machine learning support for scientific computing

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# Successes and failures

## Group successes

- Successfully embedding my group into AstroCeNT activities.
- Establishing European collaboration in the areas of QC and EO.
- Supporting DEAP-3600, KM3NeT, CREDO, Virgo, ET with scientific computing skills.

## My failures

- Not enough papers published (some in pipeline).
- Not enough grants secured.
- Collaboration with industry only semi-successfull.
- Future of the group is uncertain.

# Future

## CEAI@AGH

- We (PG, PK, TR) are partially joining part-time Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence @ AGH — project ArtiQ.

## CAMK PAN

- MG, PK, TR will be supported by ESA-MEiN project.
- PG will be supported by another ESA consultancy project.
- LUMI-Q and access to a quantum computer should help us obtain grants.
- EuroQHPC-Integration should help us support the group for 4 years.

Thank you

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