IRES Cyprus Project: Quantum Machine Learning for Monitoring PV Faults with an Emphasis on Detecting Soiled Panels

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Presentation Agenda

- Problem Statement
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- Classical ML Algorithms
- Quantum ML Algorithms
- Conclusions
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Problem Addressed

- Solar energy has risen as the leading sustainable and cost-effective replacement for fossil fuels
- Annual loss of soiling: 1.5%-6.2% depending on location
- This project aims to classify soiling faults by characterizing relevant features as inputs of the Machine Learning algorithm
 - Voltage
 - Current
 - Temperature
 - Irradiance





Estimation based on forecasted PV capacity growth, assuming 139 sensors per GW.

Previous Work

- Soiling faults result in irradiance as per STC and lower measured power
- Requirements for fault detection algorithms:
 - Accurately classify array's condition
 - Adaptable to different configurations
 - Recognize fault type from small number of training examples
 - Based off prior knowledge of PV array behavior
 - Capable of reacting to "unknown unknowns"



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Pre-Training at ASU

- Introduced to:
 - Signals and Sensors
 - Java
 - Python
 - Google Colab
 - IBM Quantum Composer
- Visited solar array facility
- Pre-processed data;
 - normalization, one-hot encoding, train/validation/test split)





Classical Machine Learning Algorithms



Logistic Regression

- 'saga' solver
- 5000 max iterations
- 97.94% accuracy



Support Vector Machine

- 'linear' kernel
- 5000 max iterations
- Held break ties as true
- 98.17% accuracy



Artificial Neural Networks

- 'adam' solver
- 100 max iterations
- 1 layer
- 250 hidden nodes
- 98.34% accuracy

Quantum Machine Learning Algorithm

- Received training on IBM Qiskit
- Began programming a quantum neural network
- Preliminary results need improvement

Next Steps:

- Coding quantum logistic regression
- Optimizing quantum neural network
- Complete and finalize IEEE Summary





Quantum Machine Learning Algorithms



Conclusions

- International collaboration
- Research Operations
- Basics of PV Fault Detection
- Quantum Computing Intro
- Machine Learning Algorithms
- Quantum Machine Learning
- Technical Paper Writing
- Presentation to International Audiences
- Cyprus Cultural Exposition
- KIOS Research Projects





Reflection and Self Assessment



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