

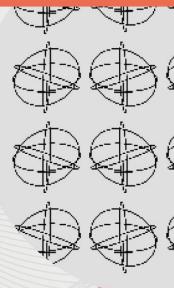


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Quantum code challenge

Innovative Quantum Algorithms for Smart Cities

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Motivation: Effects of Climate Change

- "Climate change concerns the increase, in intensity and frequency of extreme phenomena such as strong storms, floods, rising sea levels,[...]" https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/i-cambiament-i-climatici
- "Storms have become more intense and frequent in many geographic areas
 [...]. These storms are capable of destroying entire communities, causing enormous human and economic losses."
 https://unric.org/it/effetti-del-cambiament-o-climatico
- "Other effects of climate change, rising sea levels will increase the risk of flooding and erosion around coasts, with significant consequences for people, infrastructure, businesses and nature in these areas.[...].

Severe thunderstorms are expected to become more common and intense[...]" https://climate.ec.europa.eu

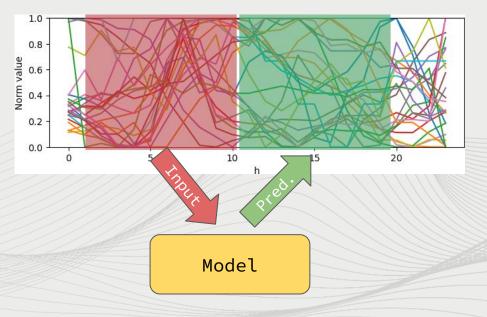


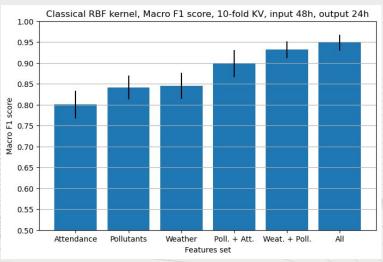
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Task definition

- Predict if rains at least once within the next N hours based on sensor data from previous M hours
- Different set of features possible from all datasets
- Supervised binary classification task on sliding windows evaluated with Macro F1 score



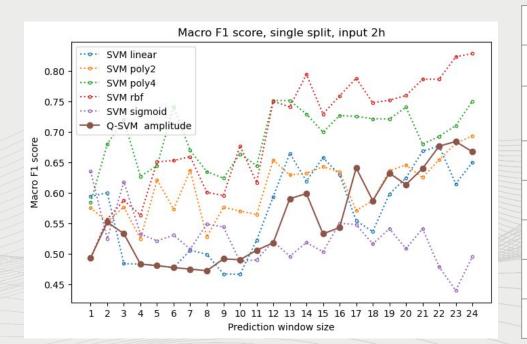


Data preprocessing

- 27 sets of features from "Particulate Matter", "UniqueAttendance_15" and "Weather"
- Sampled hourly from the 1st of August at 0:00 to the 8th October at 21:00
- Missing data approximated with forward filling strategy
- Label rain if "cod_weather" in "Weather" is 2xx, 3xx or 5xx
- ~1300 Unbalanced data samples (1/4 rain over all windows with N=24, 1/25 with N=2)
- Variable input and prediction windows sizes (M and N)

Results with Q-SVM

- Quantum SVM with amplitude and angle embedding quantum kernels
- Simplified task to allow simulation of quantum kernels
- Amplitude kernel **efficient** (logarithmic) and **comparable** with classical ones
- Angle kernel is **better** than classical ones on the same setting!



Model	Macro F-1 score
Q-SVM angle embedding	0.76
Q-SVM amplitude embedding	0.61
SVM linear kernel	0.53
SVM poly 2 kernel	0.56
SVM poly 4 kernel	0.70
SVM RBF kernel	0.73
SVM sigmoid kernel	0.52