

Quantum physics for machine learning

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Quantum computing aims to leverage the principles of quantum mechanics, such as superposition, to encode and process information in ways that classical computers cannot, potentially handling exponentially larger amounts of information. However, harnessing this computational advantage requires quantum algorithms capable of encoding data into superpositions and providing answers with minimal queries to the quantum device. Currently, only a limited number of algorithms are known to offer exponential [1,2], or quadratic [3] speedups over classical algorithms. This is where machine learning plays a pivotal role. By treating the quantum system as a learning machine, we can develop algorithms that exploit quantum coherences [4].

In our team, we focus on quantum machine learning using superconducting circuits with Josephson junctions [5]. We analyze the capacity of quantum systems to increase exponentially the number of neurons compared to a classical circuit, compare different sources of nonlinearity and study the contribution of quantum coherences to learning. Utilizing the framework of physical neural networks [6], we show that our physical system can be trained through automatic differentiation. Our approach allows us to optimize various physical parameters, including drive amplitudes, phases, detunings, and dissipation rates, and demonstrate high performance across diverse tasks that test the nonlinearity and memory capabilities of the neural network.

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