

# Optical Neural Network

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### Motivation

#### **ONN** Features:

- Massive interconnections
- Parallel processing operation
- Inherent additive properties

# ✓ Fast optical computing ✓ Power efficient manner

#### Motivation

# All Optic Systems



A packet switched telecommunication network.

- In each network router data packets are routed according to their destination address.

- The routers should perform a pattern detection task on the header detect sequence and classify the packets by their destination address.

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# Introduction

#### Introduction

#### In an Optical NN:

- Sources are modulated light beams
- Synaptic Multiplications are due to attenuation of light passing through an optical medium: Geometric or Holographic.
- Target neurons sum signals from many source neurons.

#### Introduction History

### History

- ONN was suggested by Farhat ad Pissaltis in 1987.
- Many of the early ONNs had electro-optical components
  - □ Computers were slow
  - With converters between optical beams and electrical current
  - The full theoretical advantages of fully-optical NN couldn't be displayed.
- With the advent of all-optical components it became possible to create complete all-optical ONN.
  - They are not as accurate as their electronic equivalents,
  - That it is not easy to integrate a large number of optical units on a chip
- A common misconception: Optical NNs work much faster than Electronic NNs.
- The future of ONN is yet uncertain.

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# Optical Elements of ONN

## **Optical Elements of ONN**

- **L**aser (1960)
- Lenses
- Liquid Crystals (1888)

Optical Elements: Laser

#### Laser

• A laser is a device that emits light through a process called stimulated emission. <u>The term</u> "laser" is an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Laser light is usually spatially coherent, which means that the light either is emitted in a narrow, low divergence beam, or can be converted into one with the help of optical components such as lenses.



#### **Optical Elements:** Liquid Crystal





The study of liquid crystals began in 1888 when an Austrian botanist observed that a material had two distinct melting point.
Liquid crystals are a phase of matter whose order is intermediate between that of a liquid and that of a crystal.
The molecules are typically rod-shaped organic moieties about 25 Angstroms in length and their ordering is a function of temperature.

**Optical Elements:** Liquid Crystal

### Liquid Crystals in ONN

SLM (Spatial Light Modulation)

 OA-SLM
 EA-SLM

 LCVT (Liquid Crystal Television)
 LCLV (Liquid Crystal Light Valve)
 PCM (Phase Conjugate Mirror)

**Optical Elements:** OA-SLM1

## **Optically Addressed SLM**



The "incoherent" light is detected (as intensity), by a photo-detector (as an electrical change distribution). This charge distribution affects the modulator, and so changes the Amplitude **or** Phase of the reflected coherent light.

**Optical Elements:** OA-SLM2

#### Practical Uses of AOSLMs



Simplest applications is for real-time input to "4-f" optical processor

Optical Elements: EA-SLM LCVT Electrically Addressed SLM

- The hologram is generated on SLM by a computer.
- **EASLM** is similar to LCTV.



#### Optical Elements: LCLV1 LCLV1 LCLV1 LCLV1 LCLV1 LCLV: Optical Thresholding





#### **Optical Elements:** LCLV2

# Sigmoid Curve fit for LCLVs



	standard sigmoid	LCLV1	LCLV2	LCLV3	LCLV4a	LCLV4b
$\alpha$	0	-0.41	-2.34	-0.015	-11.4	-0.019
$\beta$	1	0.087	0.0062	0.043	0.79	1.40
$\gamma$	1	1.41	3.34	1.0	12.4	1.0
δ	0	0.93	-0.82	3.20	-2.31	4.57

#### Optical Elements: PCM1

### Phase Conjugate Mirror



A phase conjugate mirror is like a mirror, in that it reflects incident light back towards where it came from, but it does so in a different way than a regular mirror.

#### Optical Elements: PCM2

### Phase Conjugate Mirror



phase conjugate mirror



#### **Optical Neural Network**



1- BP Training of an ONN
 2- A Multilayer ONN for Digit Recognition

# **BP** Training of an ONN

- Use optical BP in a feed-forward ONN
- Is the first report of BP training in an optical system.
- Uses a thermal nonlinear material as a neural processing layer and a photorefractive crystal as a phase conjugate mirror to backpropagate the optical error.
- The nonlinear material modulates the phase front of a forward propagating information beam by dynamically altering the index of the refraction profile of the material via a stronger weighting beam.

Example1 Net

#### **Basic Neural Network**



Example1 Mixing

### **Two-Wave Mixing**

#### In linear optics

is a transient phenomenon that has no effect on anything else.

In the transparent volume of a nonlinear optical medium the interference pattern will cause a change in the refractive index of the nonlinear medium in the shape of those same parallel planes.



 $n(y) = n_0 + n_2 . I(y)$ 



Example1 Set Up

#### Experimental Set up



Example1 Results

# **BP** Training Results

#### Mean Square Error (MSE)

INPUT (A B)		(0-0)	(0-1)	(1-0)	(1 1)	RME
	Start	1.22	0.87	0.92	0.82	0.29
AND	End	0.82	0.90	0.84	1.18	0.06
	Desired	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2	
	Start	1.35	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.22
NAND	End	1.70	1.23	1.32	0.86	0.03
	Desired	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8	
	Start	1.28	0.87	0.91	0.85	0.07
NOR	End	1.13	0.78	0.85	0.78	0.04
	Desired	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.2	

### A Multilayer ONN for Digit Recognition

- An optical perceptron with a soft optical threshold is implemented, that is trained with an adapted BP algorithm.
- An optical thresholding perceptron is composed of two parts:
  - Matrix-vector-Multiplier (MVM),
  - A thresholding device.

#### Example2 MVM MVM MVM



P: Polariser; Gn: Gratings

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#### Example2 Digit Test

# Weight Mappings



Behaviour of optical weights under different weight mappings: x-axis has calculated weights, and y-axis has corresponding optical weights or LCTV2 transmittances

Example2 Digit Test

## Test inputs

#### A set of handwritten digits

0123456789

Example2 Digit Test

### Output Screen



#### LCLV output images without and with write light

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Example1 Digit Test

## **Digit Recognition**



Recognition of a 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9

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