Machine learning for Raman amplifier design and quantum phase estimation

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Research topics



- Nonlinear Fourier Transform techniques for optical communication
- Noise characterization of lasers and frequency combs, (Menlo systems, UCSB, NBI)
- End-to-end machine learning
- Machine learning for optical fibre sensing (collaboration with Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nurnberg)
- Quantum phase estimation (collaboration with DTU Physics)
- Receiver design for quantum communication (collaboration with DTU Physics)

The focus of the group is on the application of machine learning techniques to optical communication, quantum communication and optical sensing

Outline

- Machine learning in physical sciences
- Inverse system learning
- Inverse system learning for Raman amplifier design
- Optical phase tracking framework for frequency combs
- Quantum phase estimation
- Conclusion and outlook

Machine learning in physical sciences



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Machine learning under the spotlight

The field of machine learning potentially brings a new set of powerful tools to optical communications and photonics. However, to separate hype from reality it is vital that such tools are evaluated properly and used judiciously.

Darko Zibar, Henk Wymeersch and Ilya Lyubomirsky

Recently, there has been an increasing amount of research that applies optical communication. Specific applications have varied from optoelectronic component characterization, performance prediction and system optimization, to, more recently, quantum communication. The question that remains to be answered, however, is whether the application of such schemes is simply hype with limited real impact or whether it can truly bring significant advantages with orders of magnitude improvement and reduced human involvement compared with conventional methods.

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MACHINE LEARNING

New tool in the box

A recent burst of activity in applying machine learning to tackle fundamental questions in physics suggests that associated techniques may soon become as common in physics as numerical simulations or calculus.

Lenka Zdeborová

Google and Tri Alpha Energy Develop an Algorithm to Advance Nuclear Fusion Research



It's like visiting an AI optometrist, but in a nuclear research laboratory.

by Katie Fehrenbacher July 26, 2017

Al learns and recreates Nobel-winning experiment

Posted May 16, 2016 by Devin Coldewey





Australian physicists, perhaps searching for a way to shorten the work week, have created an Al that can run and even improve a complex physics experiment with little oversight. The research could eventually allow human scientists to focus on high-level problems and research design, leaving the nuts and bolts to a robotic lab assistant.

Machine learning in physical sciences





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Machine Learning Photons: Where Machine Learning and Photonics Intersect photonics

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Inverse design in nanophotonics

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Training of photonic neural networks through in situ backpropagation and gradient measurement

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Introduction to the JOCN Special Issue on Machine Learning and Data Analytics for Optical Communications and Networking

Massimo Tornatore, Martin Birk, Alan Pak Tao Lau, Qiong Zhang, and Darko Zibar



Artificial Intelligence for Data Centers Operators and Optical Network Providers - Why and When?

Organizer:

Antonio Napoli, Infinera, Germany; Danish Rafique, ADVA Optical Networking, Germany; Yawei Yin, Alibaba Group, China

Machine learning in optical communication

- Optical performance monitoring
- Quantum communication
- Amplifier design
- Laser noise characterization
- Impairment compensation
- End-to-end learning
- Network optimization

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• Network failure detection



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Supervised learning: deep neural networks





Neural network learns the input-output mapping, $f(\cdot)$, using training data and perform prediction for *new input* data: $y_{new} = f(x_{new})$

Deep learning for inverse system modelling





-Problem if the mapping function is not bijective

Learning the inverse mapping using deep neural networks

Raman amplifier for optical communication



Name	O-Band	E-Band	S-Band	C- band	L-Band
Wavelength range (nm)	1260-1360	1360-1460	1460-1530	1530- 1565	1565-1625
C-band system				35 nm	
C+L-band system				95 nm	
WON	365 nm				

Fig. 1: Optical wavelength bands in the low-loss window of single-mode fibres. Wideband optical networks (WON) offer more than 10× increased optical bandwidth compared to C-band systems.



Employing O, E, S and L band requires rethinking optical amplification

State-of-the-art: Raman amplifier optimization





- High complexity due to Raman solver
- Long convergence time
- Restart optimization for new gain profile
- Rely on genetic algorithms

Objective: given a Raman gain profile determine pump powers and wavelengths

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Raman amplifier design using machine learning



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Simulation set-up and results





Results





The learned model works for any gain profile and the re-training is not required

Phase noise estimation for quantum communication



Kleis and Schaeffer, Optics Letters 2018

Homodyne receiver: $SNR = 4N_p$

Phase diversity homodyne receiver: $SNR = 2N_p$

Received signal:
$$y(t) = a_k \cos(\Delta \omega t + \Delta \phi(t))$$

Pilot tones have low power

 $N_P\,$:Average num. of photons/symbol

 a_k : Gaussian modulation

Ultra-sensitive (optimal) detection of optical phase needed at the shot noise limit

Phase estimation for quantum sensing





Courtesy of Prof. Achim Peters https://www.physics.hu-berlin.de/en/qom/research/sensor

Ultra-sensitive (optimal) detection fixed phase shift

Quantum phase estimation

- System limited by quantum noise only (shot-noise limited system)
- Due to Heisenberg uncertainty, optical phase not a single numerical value
- Number of photons N_p instead of SNR: $N_p = \frac{P_s}{\hbar\omega\Delta\nu}$ ----- Laser linewidth
- SNR for shot-noise limited system: $SNR = \frac{\eta P_s}{\hbar \omega B}$ ----- Receiver bandwidth
- Phasor diagram of light in coherent state:



Is this model valid for $N_p \rightarrow 1$? Can we detect optical phase if SNR<1?



State-of-the-art: evaluation of the accuracy

- Variance is employed for accuracy estimation (tricky in the experiements)
- Laser phase noise artificially induced as Wiener process (highly problematic)
- Receiver bandwidth and linewidth equal: $B \approx \Delta \nu$
- Same laser used as transmitter and LO
- SNR is high as the linewidth is chosen to be relatively small
- For homodyne detection quantum noise limited variance: σ_{qn}^2

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\frac{P_s}{\hbar\omega\Delta\nu}}}$$



Conclusion and outlook

- Optical phase tracking has applications in various fields
- General Bayesian framework for ultra-sensitive phase detection presented
- Phase evolution model learned from data
- Tracking of mean phase and also covariance matrix demonstrated
- Quantum limited performance achieved
- Significant improvement to standard frequency noise measurements