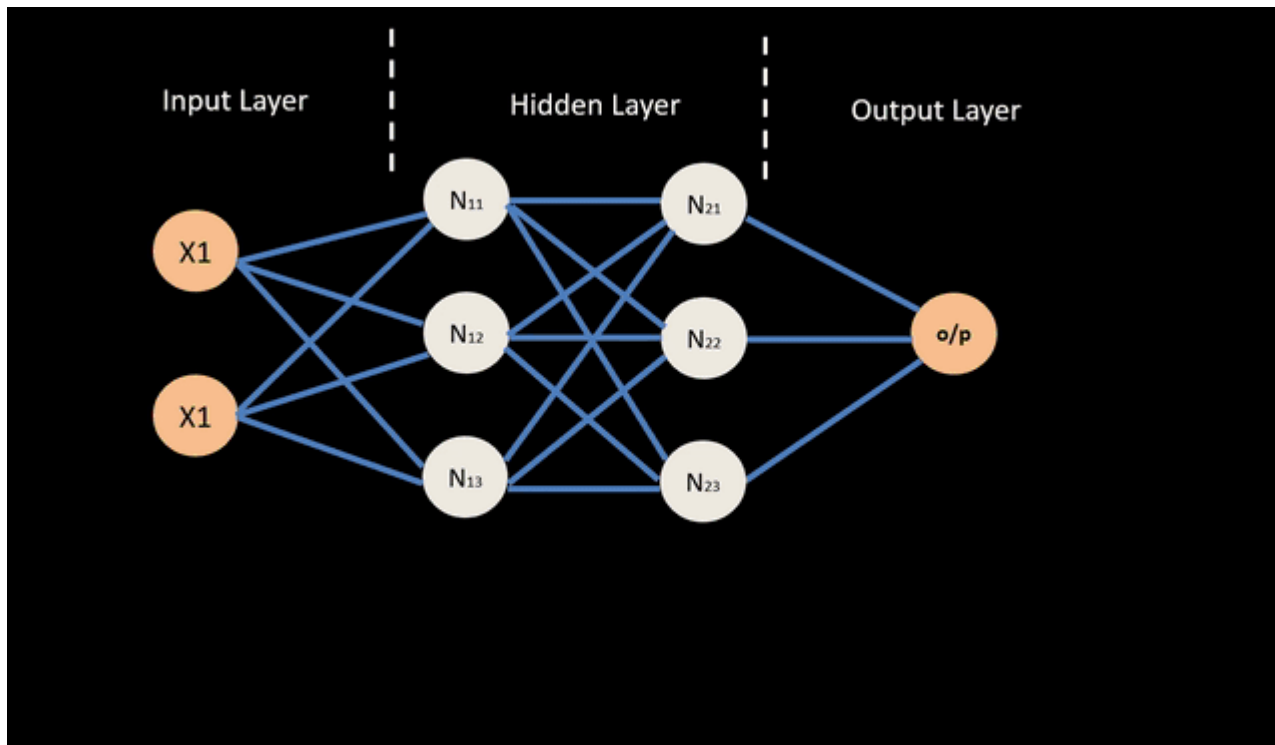


Lecture 11-a

Unconventional Algorithms and Hardware for Neural Networks

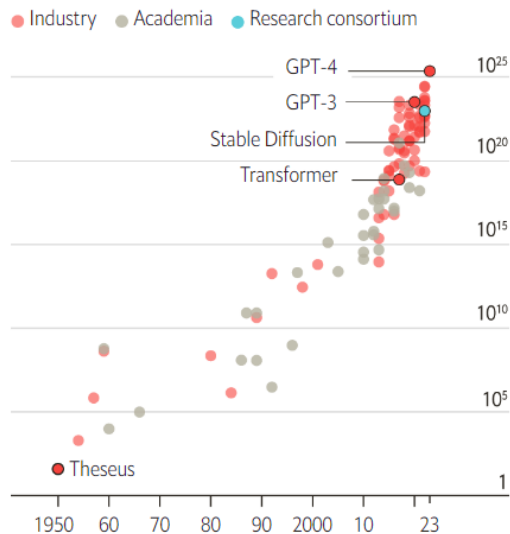
Artificial Neural Networks



Artificial Neural Networks

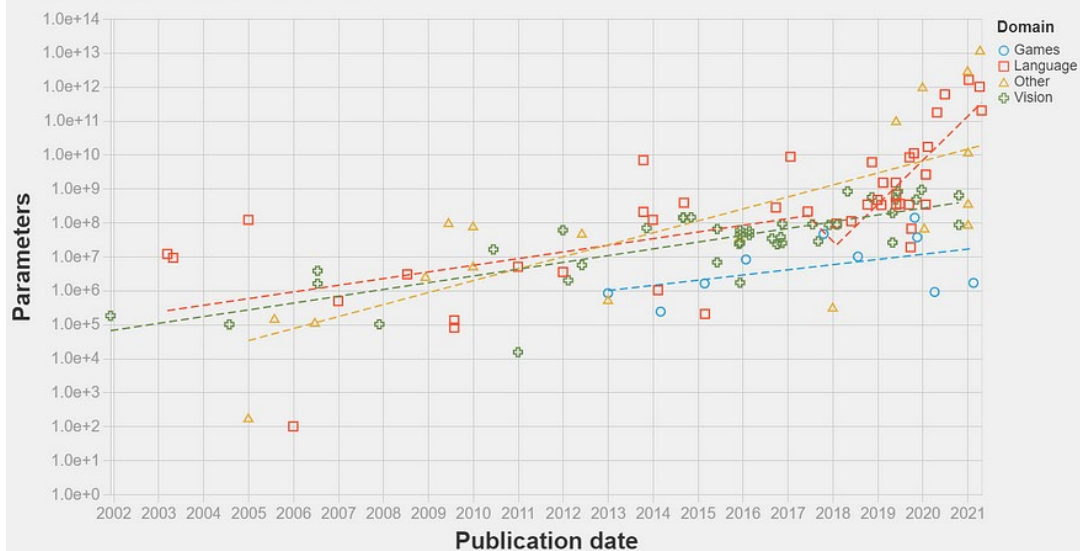
Computing power used in training AI systems

Selected systems, floating-point operations, log scale

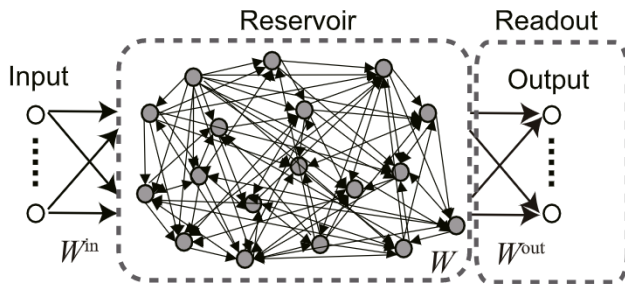


Sources: Sevilla et al., 2023; Our World in Data

Parameter count of ML systems through time

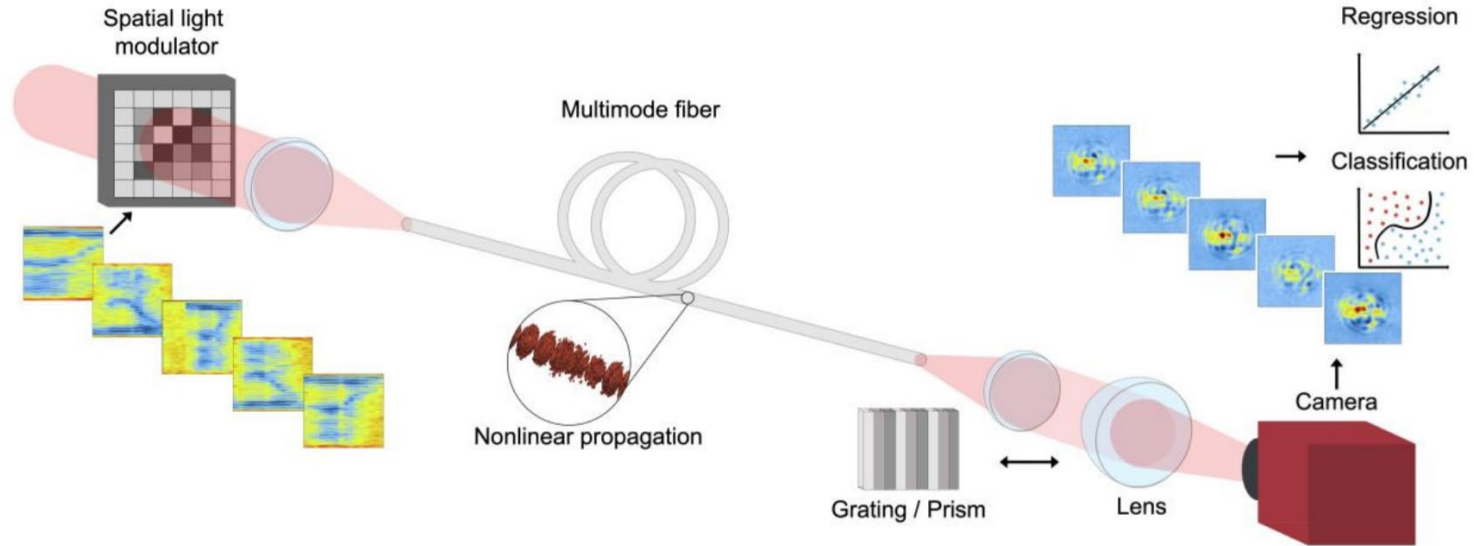


- Consists of high-dimensional, fixed, non-linear connections for transforming data, only output weights are optimized.
- Especially useful for fast operation and low training cost
- Can be realized by **high dimensional** and **nonlinear** physical systems.



(a) Conventional RC

Computing with Spatiotemporal Nonlinearities of MMFs



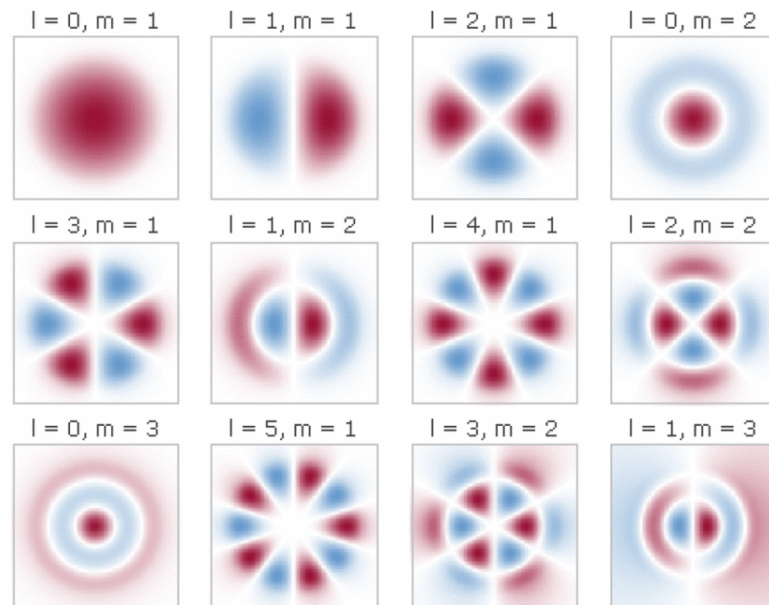
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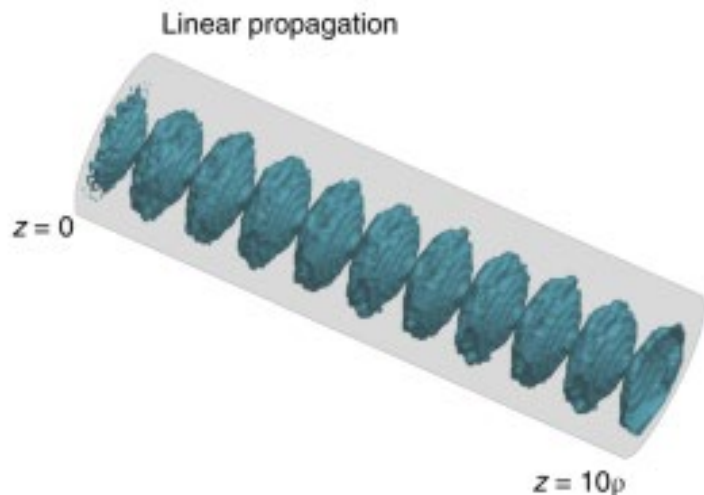
- In multimode fibers light propagate in discrete channels, depending on their properties
MMFs can support up to millions of channels:

$$E(x, y, \omega) = \sum_n^N A_n F_n(x, y, \omega)$$

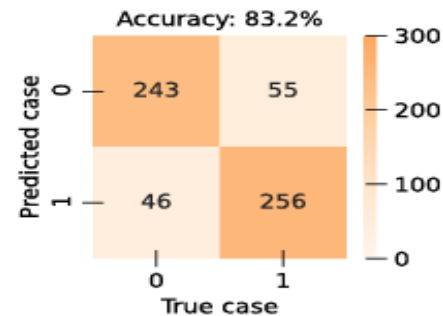
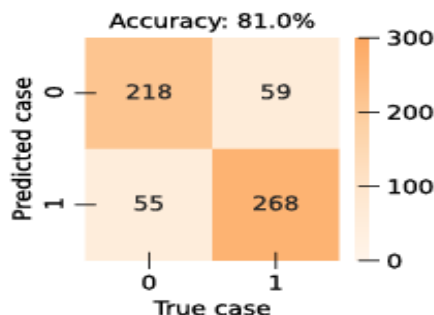
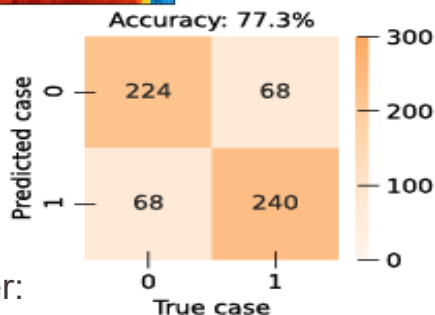
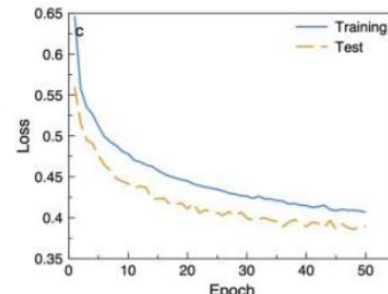
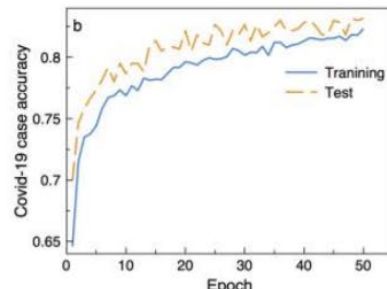
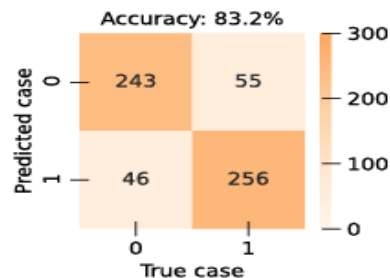
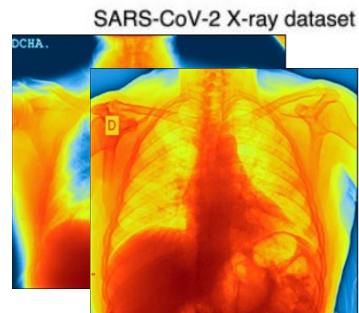
- At high intensities modes start to couple each other due to light-matter interactions.



Computing with Spatiotemporal Nonlinearities of MMFs



Computing with Spatiotemporal Nonlinearities of MMFs



W/out fiber:
77%

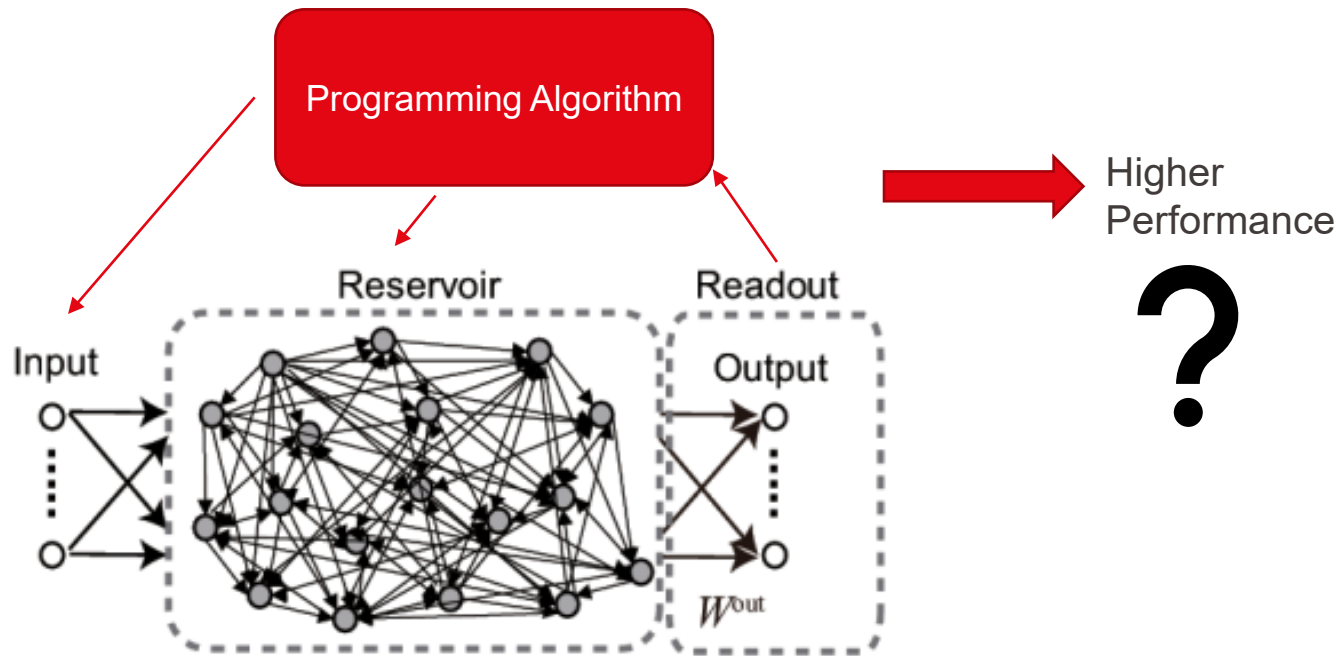
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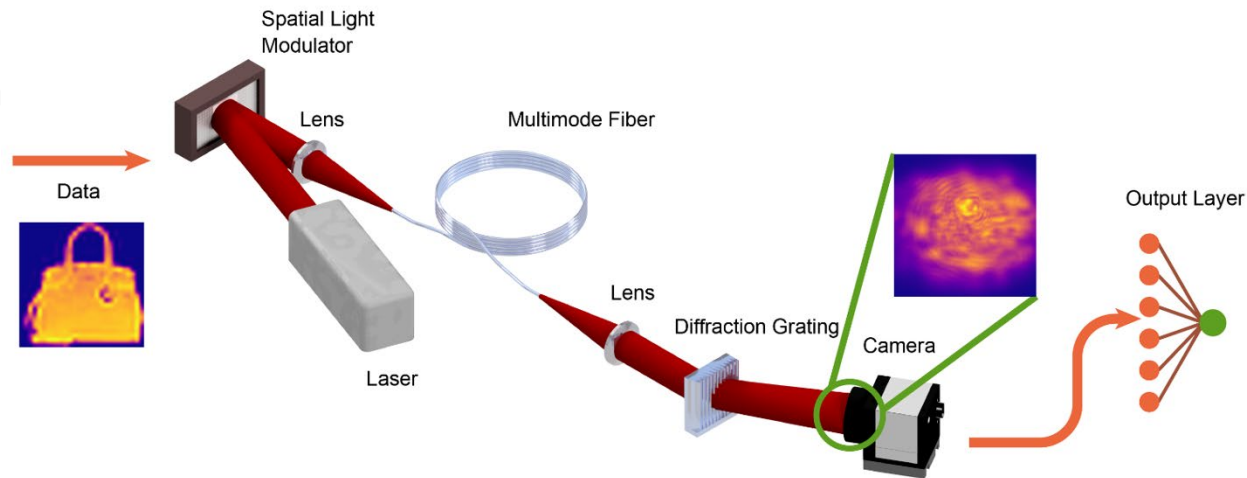
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Pulse peak power (kW)

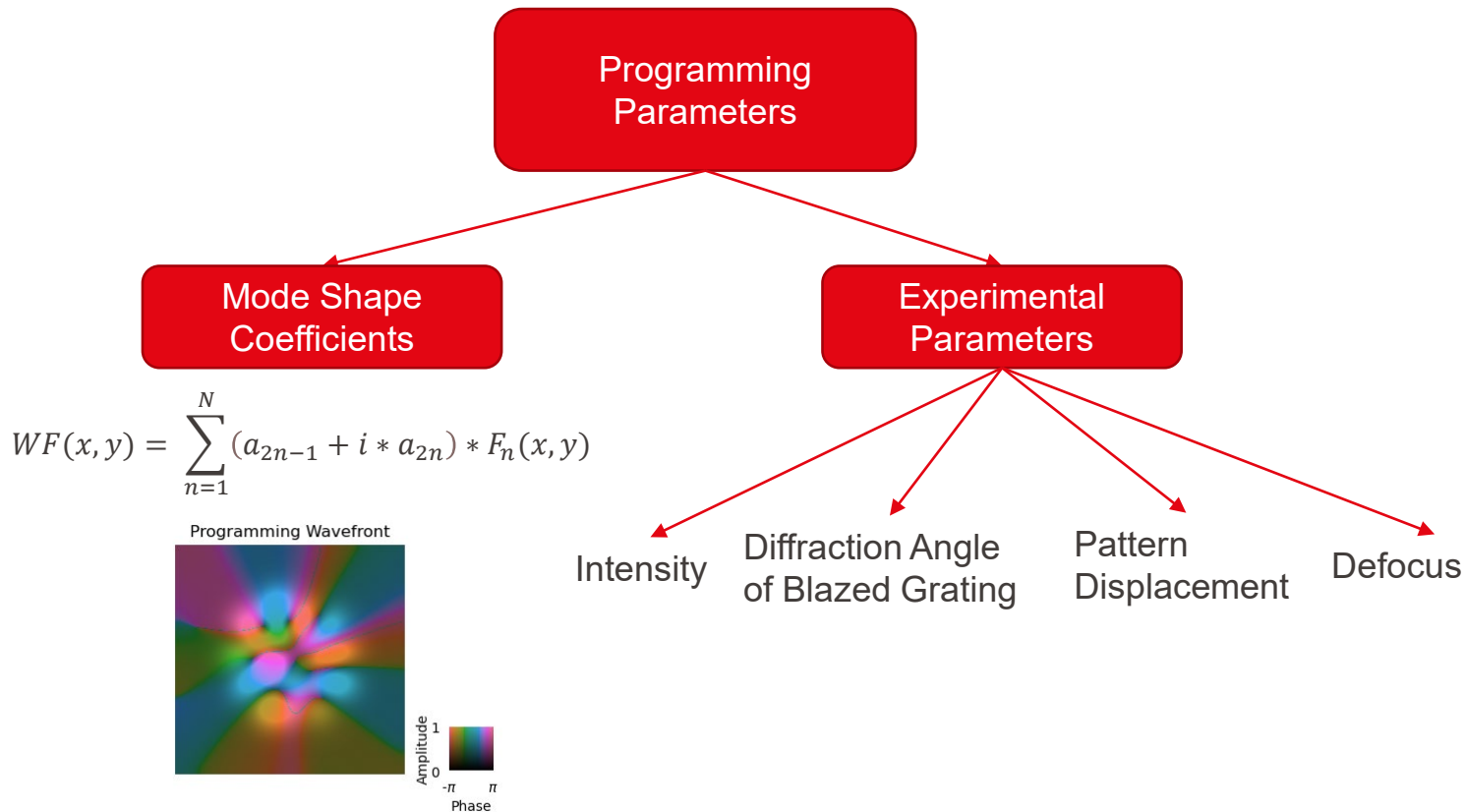
Programming Propagation inside MMFs



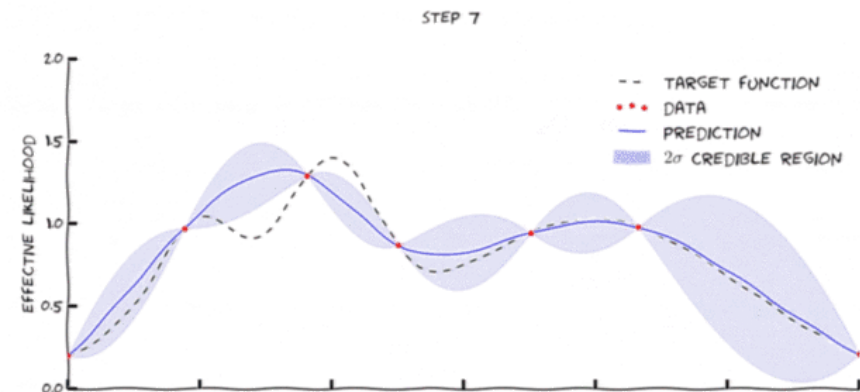
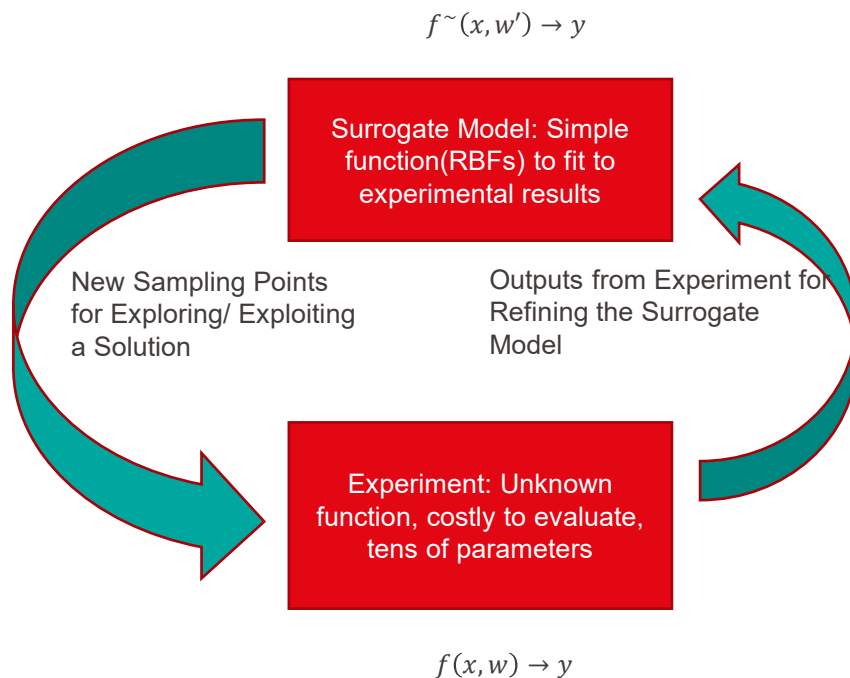
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Programming Propagation inside MMFs



Optimization of Programming Parameters



Forward-Forward Algorithm

The Forward-Forward Algorithm: Some Preliminary Investigations

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Training with FF:

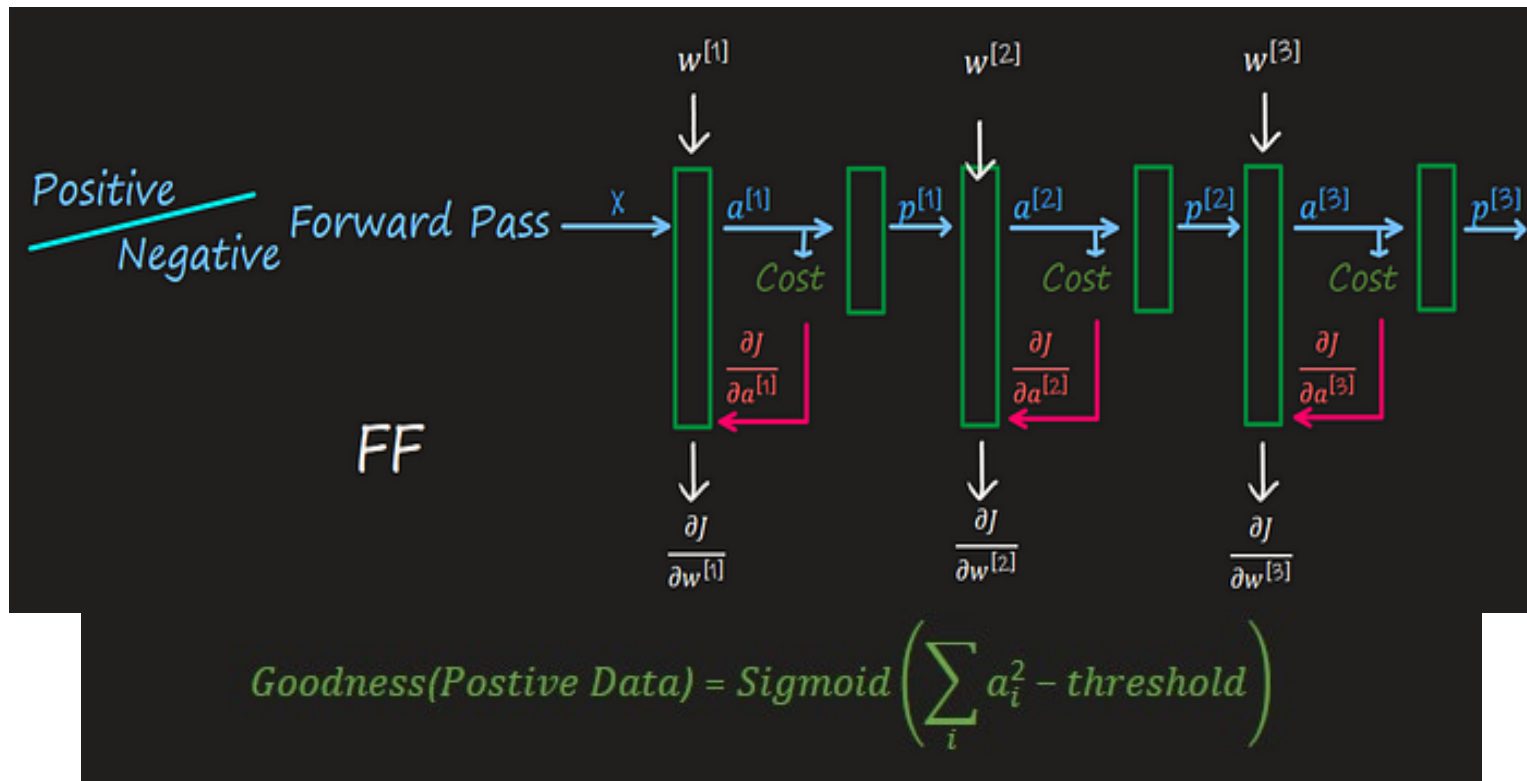
for i in layerCount:

1- optimize W_{ij} such that goodness is high for positive samples and low for negative samples:

$$p(\text{positive}) = \sigma(\sum_j y_j^2 - \theta), \text{ where } y_j = f(\sum_i^N W_{ij} x_i)$$

2- Normalize $\sum_j y_j^2$'s for each sample before passing it to the next layer

Forward-Forward Algorithm

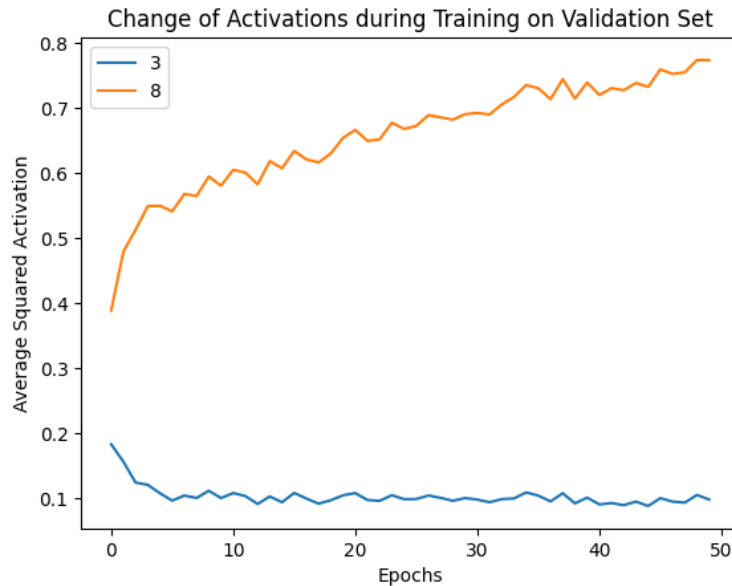
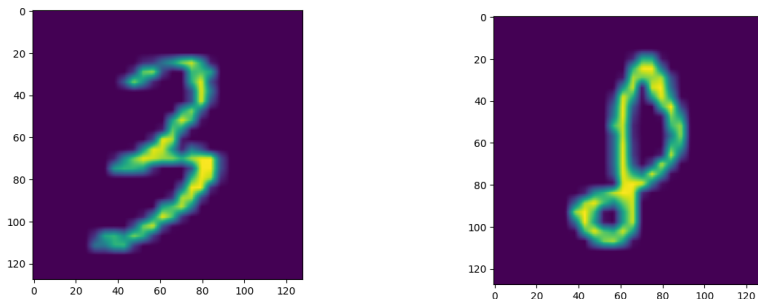


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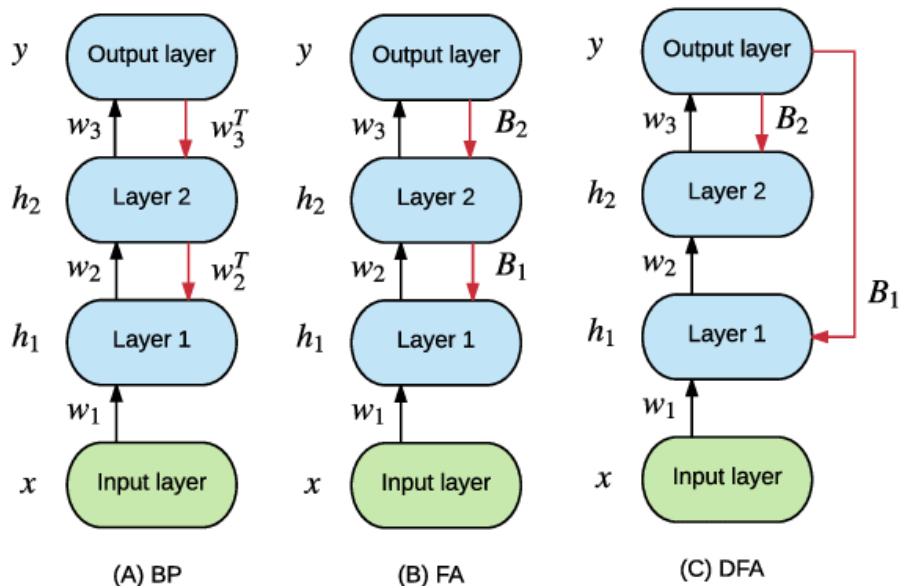
- The connections between layers can be unknown transforms → Can be used by very-low power analog computing devices
- Each layer is updated at a time → No need to save all activations → Less memory consumption
- Biologically plausible
- Can be used by very-low power analog computing devices

Forward-Forward Algorithm on MNIST

- 8's are labelled as positive and 3's are labelled as negative data
- Fully connected layer with 1024 neurons are trained FFA
- Thresholding activations: 92.7 %
- Backprop training: 96.5 %

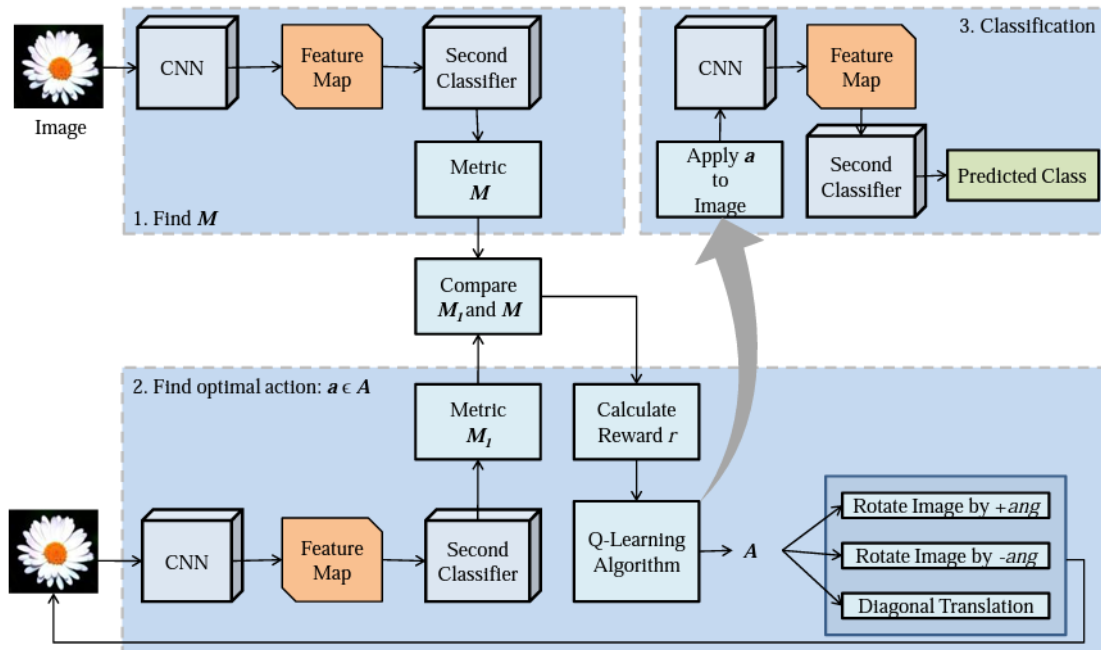


- Instead of backpropagating errors with same weights as the forward pass, feedback alignment uses random backward connection.
- When w and B matrices are from similar distribution, convergence is observed.



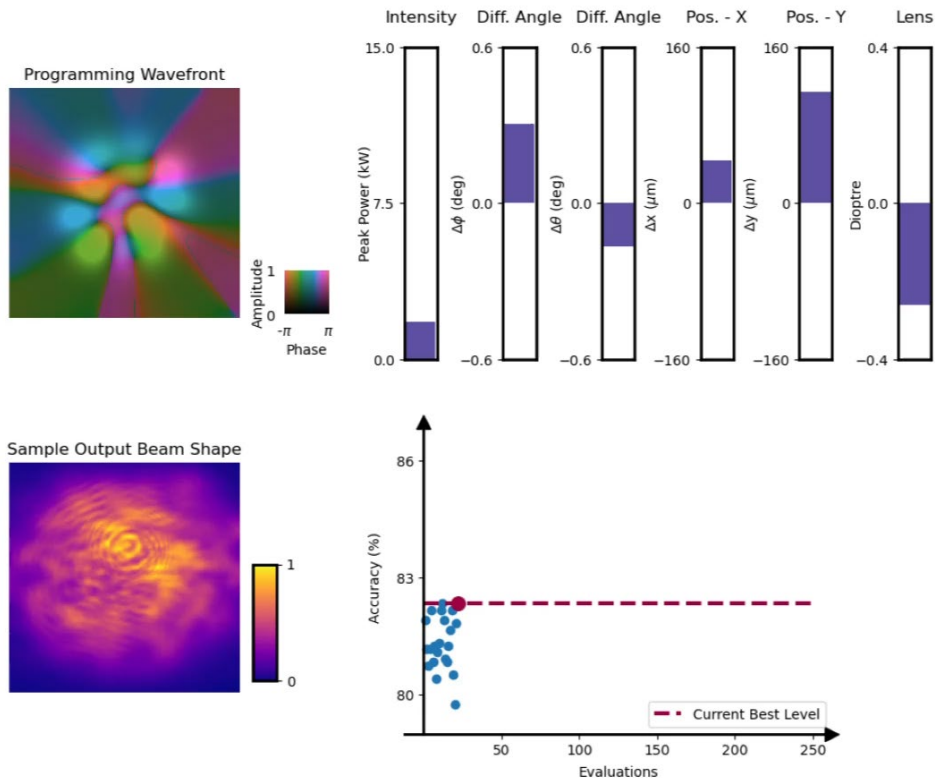
	Error Rate	
	Dataset	
	MNIST	Fashion MNIST
BP	0.91	9.20
FA	1.7	13.06
DFA	1.61	12.81

An Alternative: Reinforcement Learning



Hafiz, Abdul Mueed. "Image Classification by Reinforcement Learning With Two-State Q-Learning." *Handbook of Intelligent Computing and Optimization for Sustainable Development* (2022): 171-181.

Programming Propagation for MNIST- Fashion



Programming Propagation for MNIST- Fashion

1200 training and 300 test
samples



Bag



Boot

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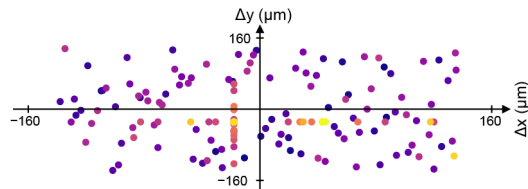
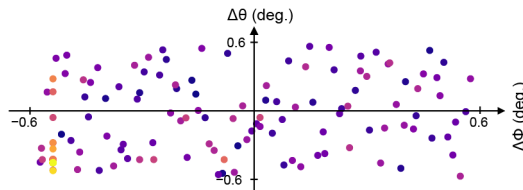
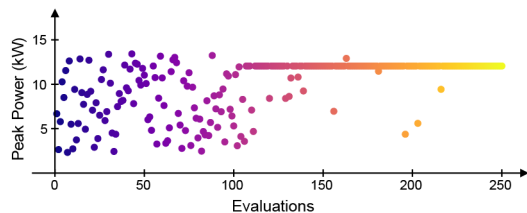
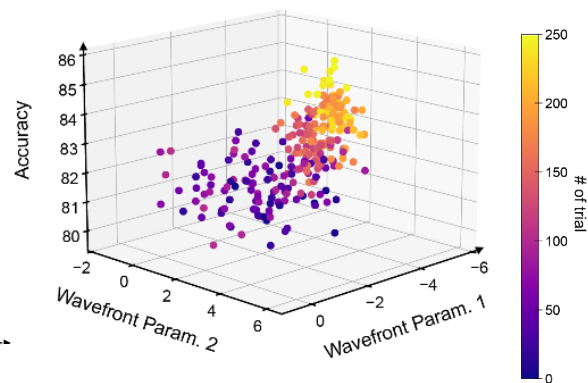
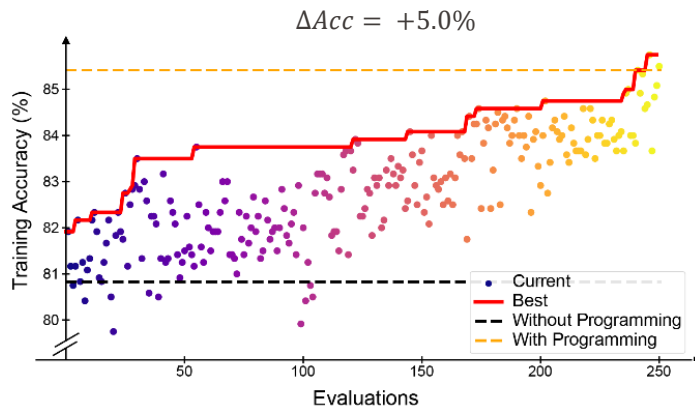
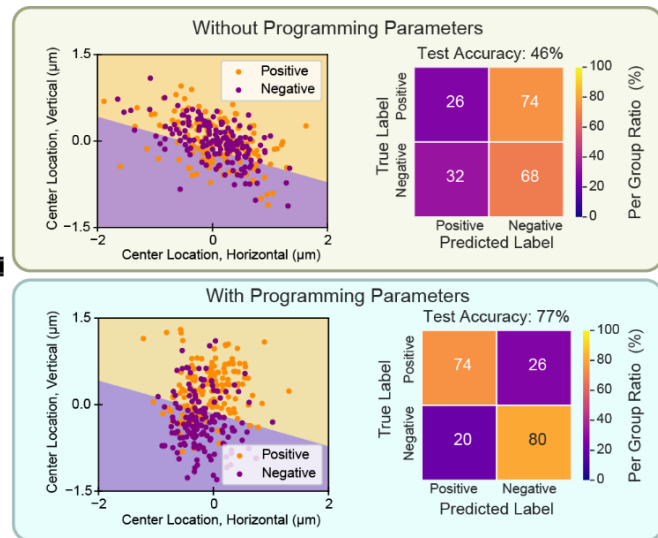
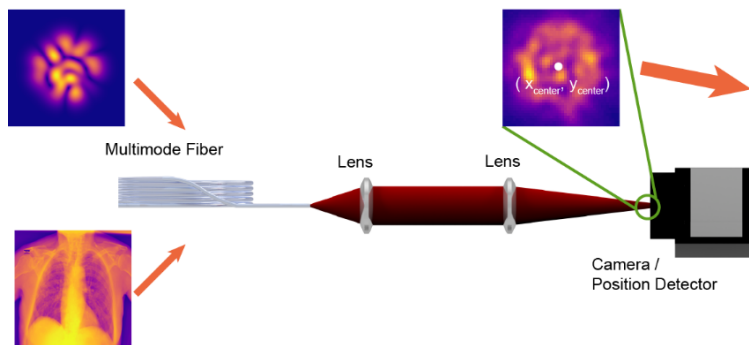


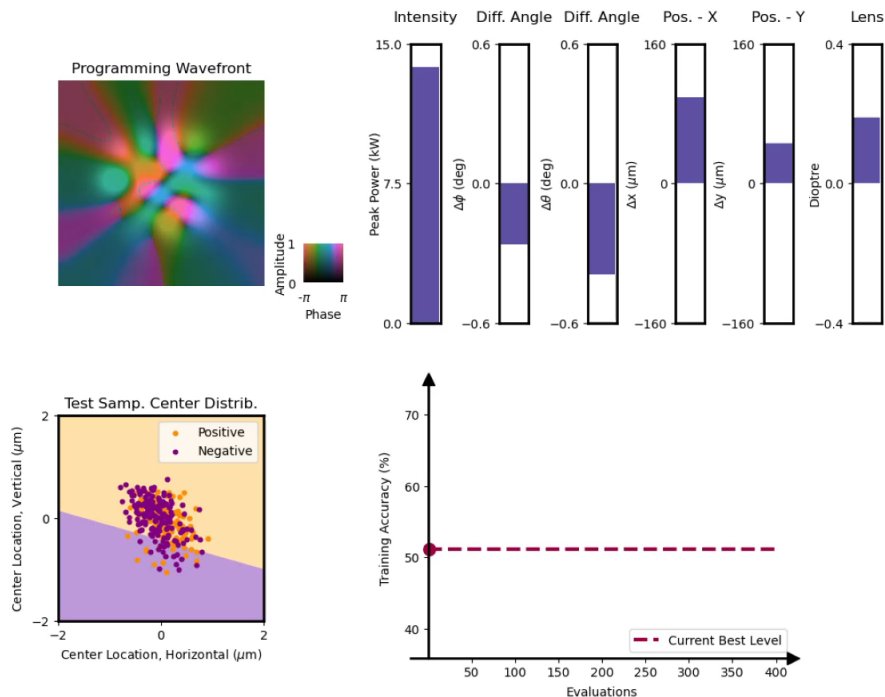
Figure 1: Overview of the proposed framework. The figure is divided into three main sections. The left section shows the input image (a handbag) and its corresponding phase and amplitude maps. The middle section shows the input image and its corresponding intensity map. The right section shows the training accuracy (%) versus evaluations for different methods: Best (red line), Current (blue dots), Without Programming (yellow dashed line), and With Programming (purple dots). The 'With Programming' method shows significantly higher accuracy than the 'Without Programming' method, reaching near 100% accuracy by 250 evaluations. A color bar on the far right indicates the accuracy percentage from 0 to 100.

The figure is divided into two main parts. The left part shows the process of generating a phase mask. It starts with a magnitude image of a handbag, which is multiplied (indicated by a circle with an asterisk) by a phase image of a coil. The resulting phase mask is then combined with the magnitude of the handbag to create a new magnitude image. The right part is a line graph titled 'Training Accuracy (%)' versus 'Evaluations'. It compares the performance of a 'Current' model (blue line with dots) against a 'Without Programming' baseline (black dashed line). The 'Current' model shows a significant improvement in accuracy, reaching approximately 86% after 300 evaluations, while the baseline remains around 80%. A horizontal dashed line at 79.0% indicates the accuracy achieved 'With programming'.

Programming Propagation for All-Optical Classification



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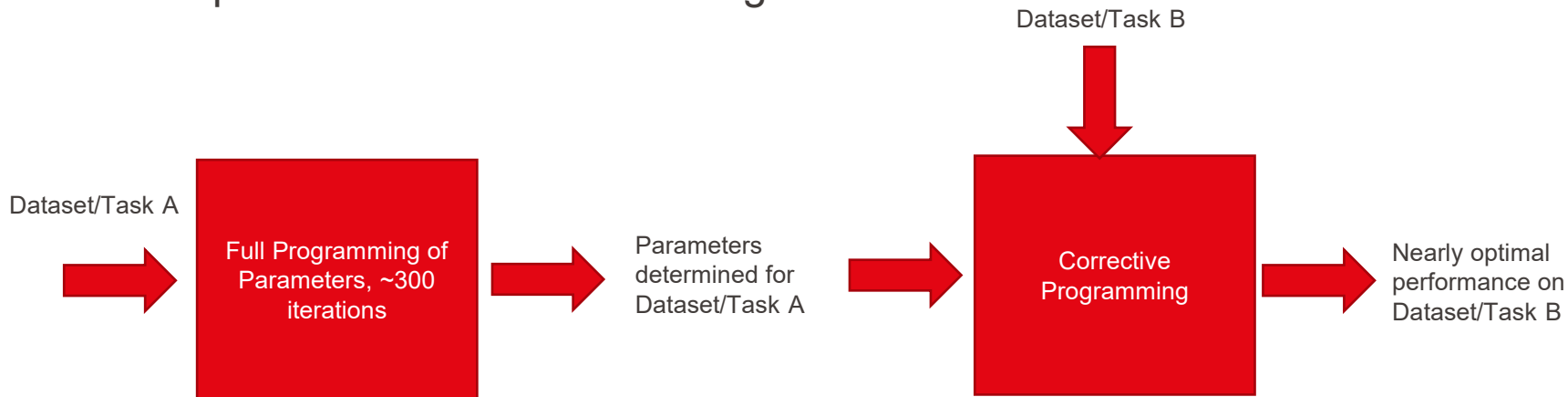


Programming Propagation for All- Optical Classification

Network Structure	Total Number of Parameters	Operations per Sample on Digital Computer (FLOP)	Accuracy on Melanoma dataset (%)	Accuracy on COVID- 19 dataset (%)
LeNet-5	82826	1175640	64.9	74.6
MMF + classification with output location (with programming)	55	2029	61.3	77.0

Transferring Programming Parameters between Different Tasks

- Current method requires ~300 iterations over the dataset for programming to converge.
- For 1500 samples at 50 images per second, full programming corresponds to ~3 hours of training.



Transferring Programming Parameters between Different Tasks



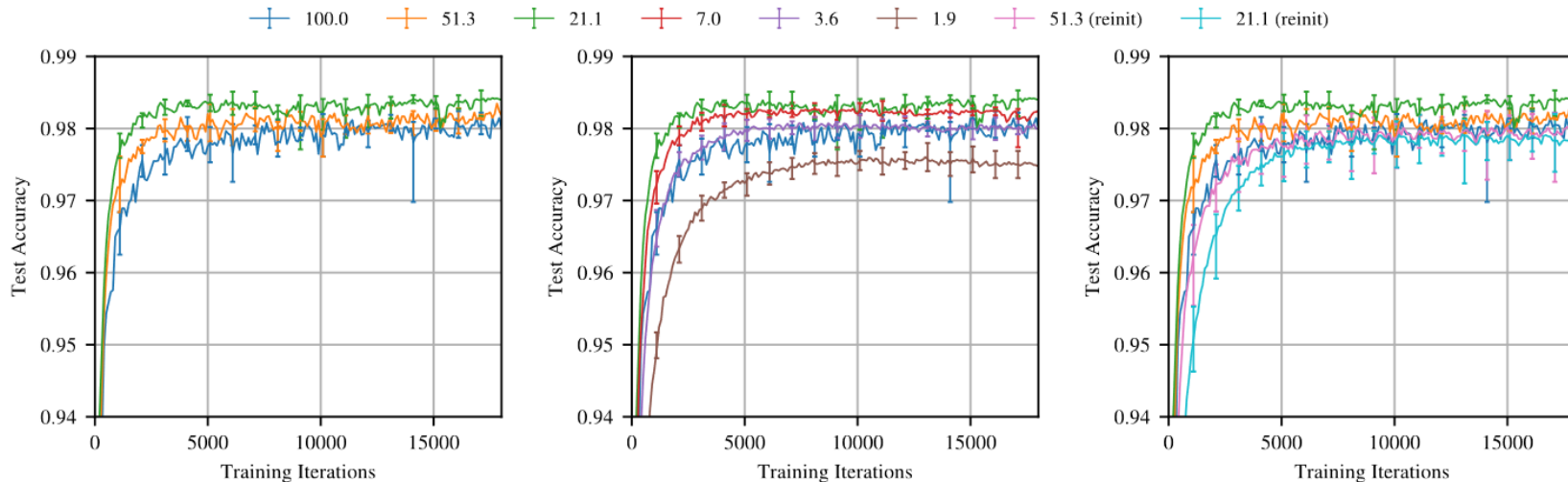
Comparison with GPU-based NNs

	Network Structure	Total	Operations per	Test Accuracy on	Test Accuracy on
		Number of Parameters	Sample on Digital Computer (FLOP)	Age Task	Gender Task
Digital	LeNet-5	~82k	~1.2M	63.0	75.2
	7-layer Convolutional NN	~410k	~65M	65.3	80.1
Optical + Digital	MMF + linear output layer	2026	4050	59.0	69.0
	Programmed MMF for Age Task + linear output layer	2078	6075	67.0	76.0
	Programmed MMF for Gender Task + linear output	2078	6075	64.7	76.3

THE LOTTERY TICKET HYPOTHESIS: FINDING SPARSE, TRAINABLE NEURAL NETWORKS

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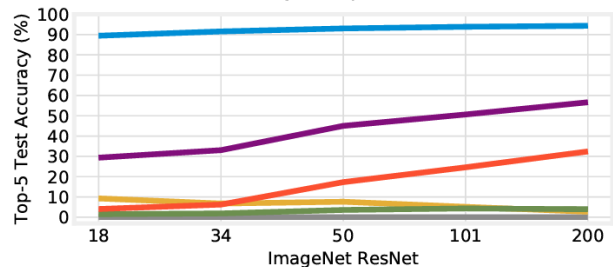
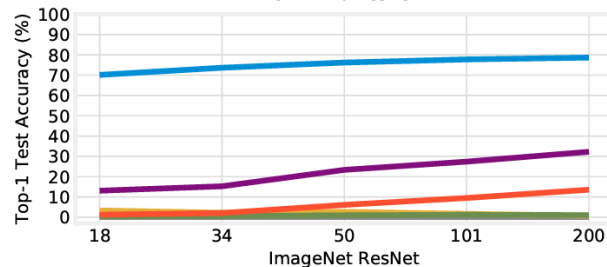
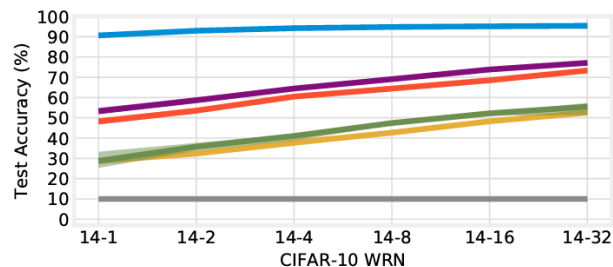
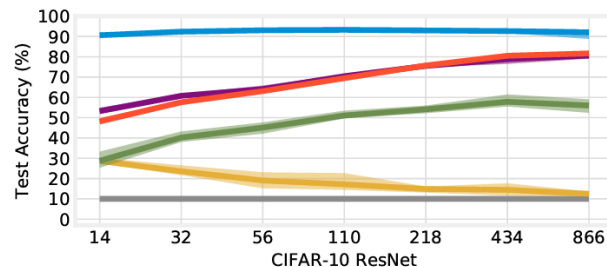
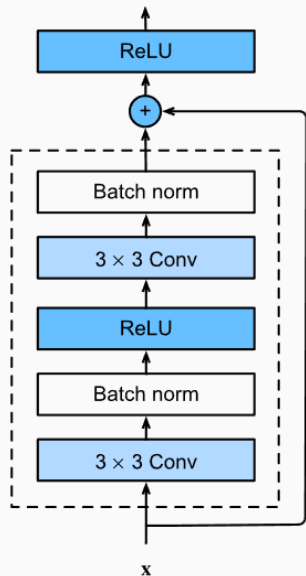


TRAINING BATCHNORM AND ONLY BATCHNORM: ON THE EXPRESSIVE POWER OF RANDOM FEATURES IN CNNs

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— All Params Trainable — BatchNorm — 2 Random Params Per Channel — BatchNorm + Output — Output — Chance