

# Noise-Aware Training for Analog-Inspired Output-Layer Encodings Under Inference Noise

Analog NN Benchmarking

## Abstract

We benchmark five MLP classifiers that differ only in the **output-layer** weight parameterization and noise injection: digital (baseline), multiplicative weight-noise (“amplitude”), multiplicative noise-aware training, cosine phase weights with phase noise, and phase noise-aware training. Across five datasets (MNIST, KMNIST, EMNIST Letters, CIFAR-10 flattened, Fashion-MNIST), we evaluate accuracy over fixed inference-noise grids and summarize per-dataset means and coarse robustness diagnostics (max–min over the grid). Under this setup (single training seed; single noise draw per  $\sigma$ ), multiplicative noise-aware training nearly matches the digital baseline in mean accuracy (0.8329 vs 0.8359) while exhibiting reduced variation across the tested grids. Noise-aware training substantially improves the phase parameterization (mean  $0.6156 \rightarrow 0.8002$ ), though phase remains weaker on CIFAR-10(flat) under the bounded  $\cos(\theta)$  model. We provide configuration details and reproducibility commands, and outline controls and multi-draw/multi-seed extensions for stronger robustness claims.

## 1 Introduction

Analog neural accelerators promise energy and latency benefits but face device noise and variability. This work isolates the **output layer only** and compares analog-inspired weight encodings (amplitude, phase) against a digital MLP baseline across multiple datasets. We ask: (1) How close can these output-layer encodings get to digital accuracy? (2) How much does noise-aware training help? (3) How do results vary with dataset difficulty?

## 2 Models and Noise Modes

Scope clarification: only the output layer is “analog-modeled” (amplitude or phase perturbations); hidden layers remain digital. Non-idealities are injected per-weight, i.i.d., at inference (and optionally during training). Claims are limited to these output encodings, not full-stack analog accelerators (no ADC/DAC, drift, saturation, or multi-layer analog noise accumulation).

For input  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and class count  $C$ :

- **Digital:** standard MLP with hidden layers defined per dataset; logits are linear outputs over  $C$  classes.
- **Amplitude (multiplicative gain noise on signed weights):** output weights  $W$  perturbed multiplicatively at inference:

$$W_{\text{noisy}} = W \odot (1 + \epsilon), \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\text{amp}}^2).$$

- **Amplitude\_noisearware:** same, but during training each forward pass samples  $\sigma_{\text{amp}}$  from a list (config `train_noise_list`).

- **Phase**: output weights encoded as  $\cos(\Theta)$  with additive phase noise at inference:

$$\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times C}, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\text{phase}}^2) \text{ (elementwise)}, \\ W = \cos(\Theta), \quad W_{\text{noisy}} = \cos(\Theta + \epsilon), \quad \text{logits} = x^\top W_{\text{noisy}} + b.$$

- **Phase\_noiseaware**: same, but training samples  $\sigma_{\text{phase}}$  per forward pass from `train_noise_list`.

Loss is cross-entropy:

$$L = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log (\text{softmax}(\text{logits}_i)_{y_i}).$$

Optimization uses Adam with dataset-specific learning rates and epochs from `config.yml`. Batch size is 128. Seeds: `numpy/torch` set to 42. Device selection prefers Metal (mps) → CUDA → CPU.

### 3 Datasets

- MNIST (10 classes,  $28 \times 28 \rightarrow 784$ ).
- KMNIST (10 classes,  $28 \times 28 \rightarrow 784$ ).
- EMNIST Letters (26 classes,  $28 \times 28 \rightarrow 784$ ).
- CIFAR-10 (flattened, 10 classes,  $32 \times 32 \times 3 \rightarrow 3072$ ).
- Fashion-MNIST (10 classes,  $28 \times 28 \rightarrow 784$ ).

Architectures (`hidden_dims`) and training hyperparameters are defined per dataset in `config.yml`.

#### 3.1 Key hyperparameters (from `config.yml`)

Dataset block	hidden_dims	epochs	lr	batch	input_dim	classes
digits_demo (MNIST)	[256, 128]	40	0.005	128	784	10
fashion_complex (FMNIST)	[512, 256, 128]	50	0.003	128	784	10
kmnist_benchmark	[512, 256]	45	0.0035	128	784	10
emnist_letters_benchmark	[512, 256, 128]	55	0.003	128	784	26
cifar10_flat_benchmark	[1024, 512, 256]	65	0.0025	128	3072	10

#### 3.2 Noise grids (inference) and training noise lists

Noise is injected per-weight, i.i.d. at inference. For noise-aware variants, each forward pass samples  $\sigma$  uniformly from the training list.

Dataset block	noise_std (inference)	train_noise_list (phase/amplitude)
digits_demo	[0, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.4]	[0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2]
fashion_complex	same as digits_demo	same as digits_demo
kmnist_benchmark	[0, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.4]	[0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2]
emnist_letters_benchmark	[0, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3]	[0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16, 0.2, 0.25]
cifar10_flat_benchmark	[0, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3]	[0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16, 0.2, 0.25]

## 4 Experimental Setup

- **Training:** Adam; dataset-specific epochs, learning rates, hidden dimensions, class counts, batch size 128.
- **Noise sweeps:** inference noise standard deviations from each dataset’s `noise_std` list; each  $\sigma$  applied to the corresponding mode (phase or amplitude) and accuracy recorded.
- **Noise-aware training:** if `train_noise_list` is provided, each forward pass samples  $\sigma$  uniformly and injects noise as above.
- **Single draw per  $\sigma$ :** for each  $\sigma$ , we draw one weight-perturbation tensor  $\epsilon$  and evaluate accuracy over the full test set with that fixed perturbation.
- **Units:** for phase models,  $\Theta$  and  $\sigma_{\text{phase}}$  are in radians; amplitude  $\sigma_{\text{amp}}$  is a dimensionless gain std.
- **Data splits:** training subset is 80% of the provided train set (chosen for runtime); evaluation on the official test set.
- **Transforms:** `ToTensor` + dataset-specific normalization + flatten.
- **Hardware:** auto-selected device (`mps` → `cuda` → `cpu`).
- **Determinism caveat:** single seed; MPS/CUDA may be non-deterministic; CPU can be used for stricter reproducibility (slower).

### 4.1 Reproduction Steps

1. MNIST: `python src/run_benchmark.py --config config.yml --csv results/mnist.csv --json results/mnist.json`
2. KMNIST: `python src/run_benchmark_fashion.py --config config.yml --config-key kmnist_benchmark --csv results/kmnist.csv --json results/kmnist.json`
3. EMNIST Letters: `python src/run_benchmark_fashion.py --config config.yml --config-key emnist_letters_benchmark --csv results/emnist.csv --json results/emnist.json`

4. CIFAR-10 (flat): `python src/run_benchmark_fashion.py --config config.yml --config-key cifar10_flat_benchmark --csv results/cifar10.csv --json results/cifar10.json`
5. Fashion-MNIST: `python src/run_benchmark_fashion.py --config config.yml --config-key fashion_complex --csv results/fmnist.csv --json results/fmnist.json`
6. Analysis & plots: `python scripts/analyze_benchmark.py`

## 5 Results

### 5.1 Aggregate (mean over five datasets; per-dataset means are over the evaluation noise grid; spread = max–min on single-draw curves)

Per-dataset mean accuracy is

$$a_k = \frac{1}{|\Sigma_k|} \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_k} \text{Acc}(k, \sigma),$$

and the aggregate acc\_mean averages  $a_k$  over the five datasets. For the digital baseline, we report standard test accuracy (equivalently  $\Sigma_k = \{0\}$ ) and do not inject inference noise.

Model	acc_mean	acc_min	acc_max	diff (spread)
digital	0.8359	0.8359	0.8359	N/A (no noise)
amplitude	0.8302	0.8158	0.8343	0.0185
amplitude_noiseaware	0.8329	0.8310	0.8341	0.0031
phase	0.6156	0.2125	0.8406	0.6281
phase_noiseaware	0.8002	0.6964	0.8207	0.1243

Table 1: Aggregate accuracy and spread across five datasets. Per-dataset accuracies are averaged over the evaluation noise grid; spread is max–min on single-draw curves. Digital spread is undefined because no inference noise is applied. Amplitude denotes multiplicative gain noise on signed weights.

### 5.2 Per-dataset summaries (means, spreads; single seed, single noise draw per $\sigma$ )

Dataset	digital	amplitude	amp_noiseaware	phase	phase_noiseaware
MNIST	0.9760	0.9730	0.9721	0.7842	0.9488
KMNIST	0.8913	0.8797	0.8878	0.7454	0.8530
EMNIST	0.9033	0.9009	0.8985	0.5690	0.8923
CIFAR10	0.5189	0.5149	0.5218	0.3119	0.4515
FMNIST	0.8899	0.8825	0.8844	0.6675	0.8553

Table 2: Per-dataset mean accuracies (averaged over the evaluation noise grid).

Dataset	digital	amplitude	amp_noiseaware	phase	phase_noiseaware
MNIST	0.0000	0.0081	0.0016	0.7033	0.1717
KMNIST	0.0000	0.0087	0.0055	0.5855	0.1781
EMNIST	0.0000	0.0339	0.0043	0.7881	0.0475
CIFAR10	0.0000	0.0250	0.0018	0.4011	0.0590
FMNIST	0.0000	0.0168	0.0024	0.6624	0.1652

Table 3: Per-dataset spreads (max–min over the evaluation noise grid; single draw per  $\sigma$ ).

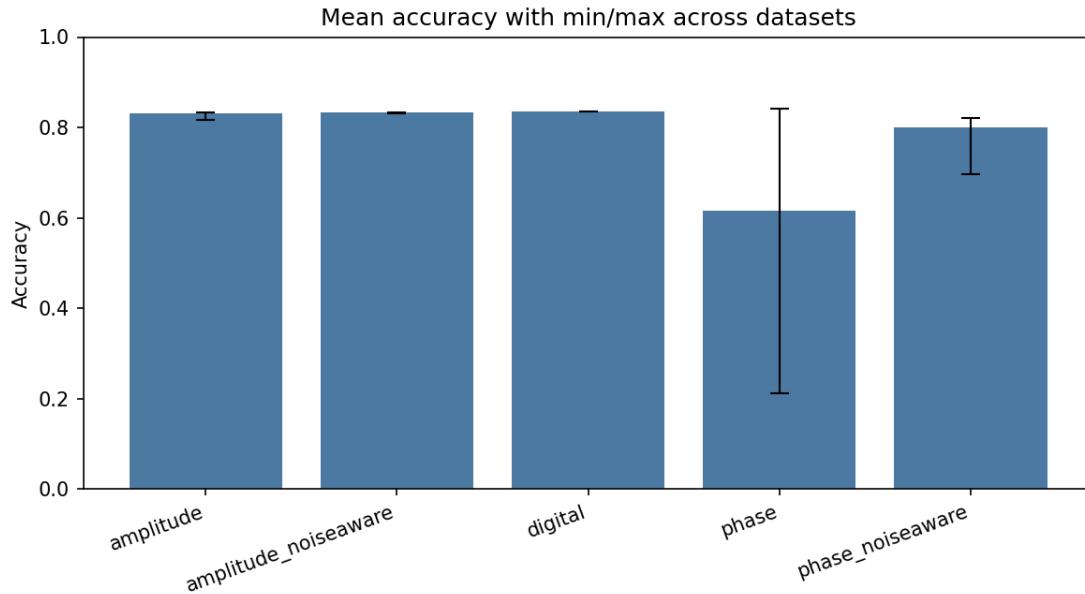


Figure 1: Mean accuracy with min/max error bars across datasets.

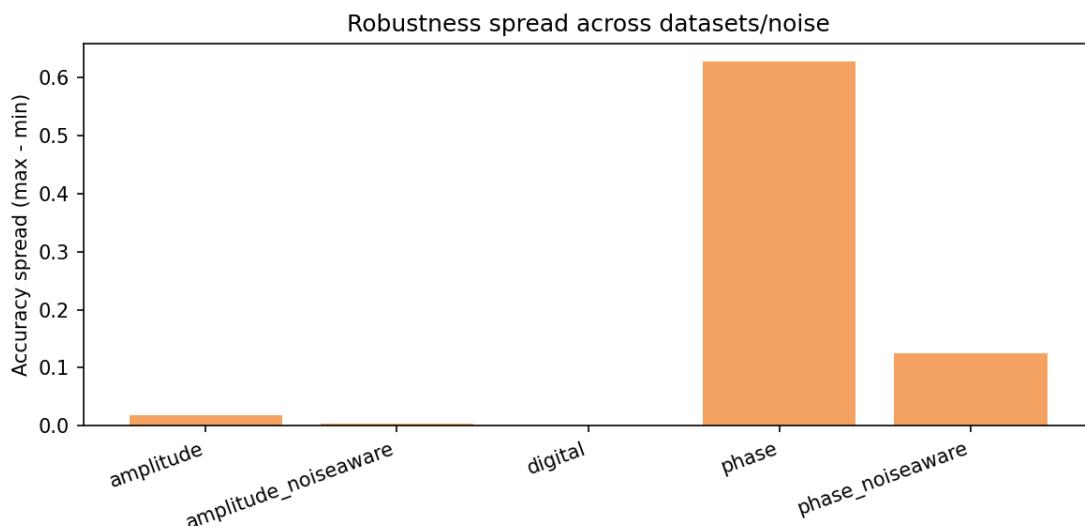


Figure 2: Accuracy spread (max–min) per model.

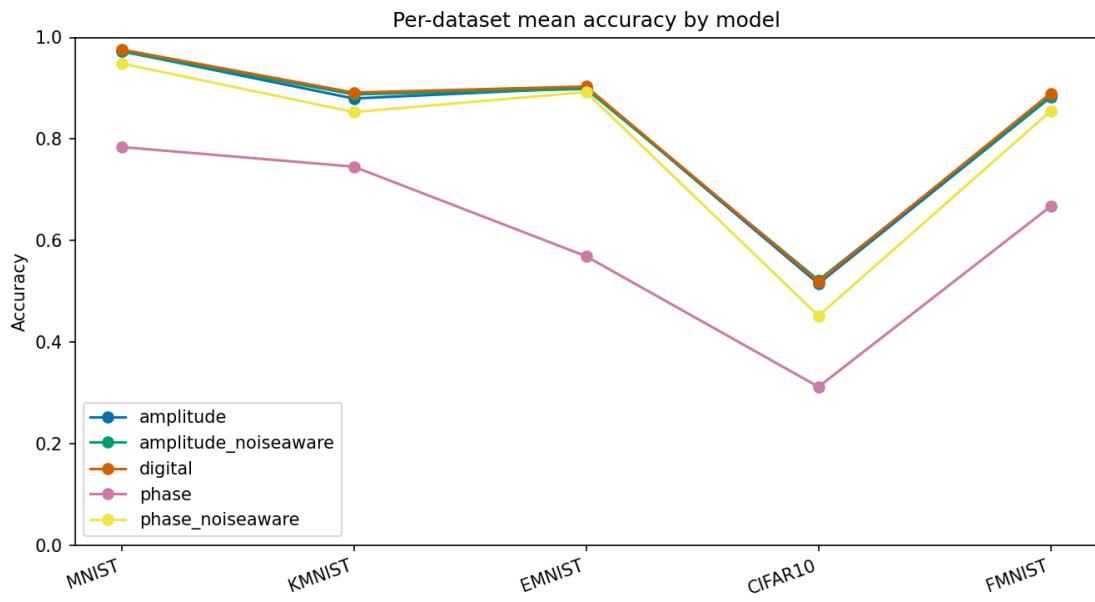


Figure 3: Per-dataset mean accuracy by model.

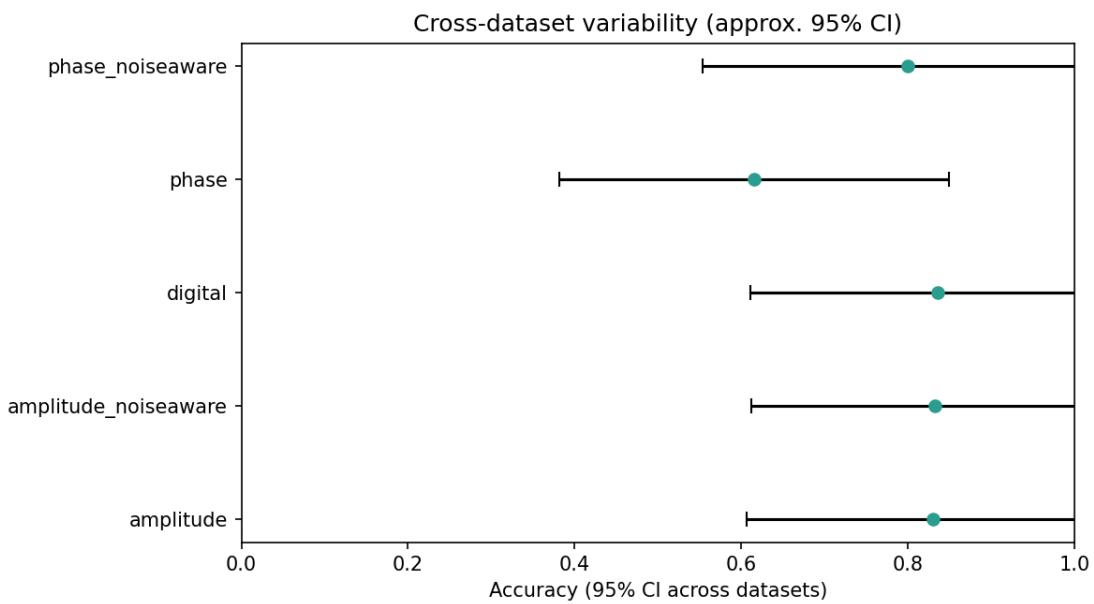


Figure 4: Cross-dataset variability interval (t-based, descriptive) for per-dataset mean accuracy.

### 5.3 Figures

## 6 Statistical Perspective

Let  $n = 5$  datasets. We compute a t-based cross-dataset variability interval:

$$\bar{a} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k, \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - \bar{a})^2}, \quad \text{VarInterval} = \bar{a} \pm t_{0.975, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

This reflects task difficulty variation, not a sampling CI. Because accuracies are bounded in  $[0, 1]$ , these intervals are descriptive dispersion summaries only. Summary (from `results/benchmark_stats_summary.csv`):

- digital:  $0.8359 \pm 0.2244$
- amplitude:  $0.8302 \pm 0.2238$
- amplitude\_noiseaware:  $0.8329 \pm 0.2205$
- phase:  $0.6156 \pm 0.2343$
- phase\_noiseaware:  $0.8002 \pm 0.2467$

Accuracy deltas vs digital (means): amplitude  $-0.0057$ ; amplitude\_noiseaware  $-0.0030$ ; phase  $-0.2203$ ; phase\_noiseaware  $-0.0357$ . Robustness: amplitude\_noiseaware spread is  $\sim 6\times$  smaller than amplitude; phase\_noiseaware spread is  $\sim 5\times$  smaller than phase. Digital spread is undefined because no noise was injected into the baseline; a digital+noise control would allow direct robustness comparison.

## 7 Discussion

Noise-aware training consistently tightens spreads and boosts phase performance. The mean gap between amplitude\_noiseaware and digital ( $\approx 0.003$ ) is negligible relative to observed variation, making amplitude\_noiseaware the *best-performing encoding under the tested assumptions*. Spread (max-min) is a coarse, outlier-sensitive diagnostic that depends on the chosen noise grid; we include it for quick comparison on a fixed grid rather than as a definitive robustness metric. Phase remains risky in this bounded  $\cos(\theta)$  parameterization with unwrapped Gaussian noise; conclusions about phase are conditional on this capacity and noise model (unwrapped Gaussian used here for simplicity in the small- $\sigma$  regime; wrapped models like von Mises are more appropriate for larger phase noise). Dataset difficulty matters: small grayscale digits are forgiving; CIFAR-10(flat) primarily tests representation capacity of flattened MLPs.

## 8 Implications for Output-Layer Encoding Choices

- Default to **amplitude\_noiseaware** within this output-layer perturbation model for robustness with minimal accuracy loss.
- If using phase, always train noise-aware; plain phase is too unstable in this bounded  $\cos(\theta)$  parameterization.
- For harder vision tasks, pair analog heads with stronger feature extractors (e.g., conv nets) before evaluating robustness.

## 9 Threats to Validity

Flattened CIFAR-10 should be read as a capacity/representation stress test for MLP heads rather than a canonical vision benchmark; convolutional features could alter rankings. Single-architecture MLP; deeper/wider networks may shift results. Formal significance testing across multiple seeds is not reported here; interpretations rely on effect sizes and spreads. Noise model may not capture all hardware non-idealities.

## 10 Controls and Future Improvements

- Add **digital + noise** controls (inference and noise-aware training) to separate encoding effects from regularization by noise.
- Increase robustness rigor: multiple seeds; multiple noise draws per  $\sigma$ ; report worst-case accuracy and AUC over justified  $\sigma$  ranges.
- Phase capacity/noise model: consider  $w = \alpha \cos(\theta)$  or I/Q ( $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta$ ); consider wrapped noise for larger  $\sigma$ .
- Use full train splits (or justify subsampling) and explore conv features for CIFAR-10.

## 11 Related Work (brief)

Phase/amplitude encodings in photonic and RF accelerators are sensitive to phase noise and amplitude drift; noise-aware or stochastic training has been proposed to improve robustness. Our findings align: injecting noise during training stabilizes inference under perturbations.

## 12 Conclusion

Under the tested assumptions (single seed; single noise draw per  $\sigma$ ; fixed noise grids), amplitude\_noiseaware offers the best observed balance of accuracy and robustness diagnostics across these datasets, approaching digital performance with minimal variation on the evaluated grids. Phase models require noise-aware training to be viable and still lag on challenging data in this bounded  $\cos(\theta)$  parameterization. Future work should incorporate convolutional feature extractors, per-dataset noise curricula, formal significance tests versus digital baselines, and digital+noise controls.

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Applications of Particle Accelerators ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/2407.10216v1">http://arxiv.org/abs/2407.10216v1</a> )	2024	arXiv	Overview of particle accelerator applications.
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MRAM-based Analog Sigmoid Function for In-memory Computing ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/2204.09918v1">http://arxiv.org/abs/2204.09918v1</a> )	2022	arXiv	Analog sigmoid using MRAM.
An Asynchronous Multi-Beam MAC Protocol for Multi-Hop Wireless Networks ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/2111.10073v1">http://arxiv.org/abs/2111.10073v1</a> )	2021	arXiv	Multi-beam MAC for wireless networks.
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Instantaneous noise-based logic ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1004.2652v2">http://arxiv.org/abs/1004.2652v2</a> )	2010	arXiv	Deterministic logic with binary noise timefunctions.
Noise Dynamics in the Quantum Regime ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/2311.17794v1">http://arxiv.org/abs/2311.17794v1</a> )	2023	arXiv	Time-dependent modulation of current fluctuations.
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Shot noise for entangled and spin-polarized electrons ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/cond-mat/0210498v1">ht tp://arxiv.org/abs/cond-mat/0210498v1</a> )	2002	arXiv	Shot noise in entangled/spin-polarized transport.
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Security of quantum key distribution with detection-efficiency mismatch ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1810.04663v3">http://arxiv.org/abs/1810.04663v3</a> )	2018	arXiv	Bounds for QKD with detector mismatch.
Performance Analysis of the Matrix Pair Beamformer with Matrix Mismatch ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1009.5979v4">http://arxiv.org/abs/1009.5979v4</a> )	2010	arXiv	Robustness of matrix pair beamformer.
The three and a half layers of dynamics : analog, digital, semi-digital, analog ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1106.0911v1">http://arxiv.org/abs/1106.0911v1</a> )	2011	arXiv	Perspective on analog/digital dynamics.
Are Bohmian trajectories real? ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0609172v2">http://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0609172v2</a> )	2006	arXiv	Bohmian trajectories and classical mismatch.
Computation over Mismatched Channels ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1204.5059v2">http://arxiv.org/abs/1204.5059v2</a> )	2012	arXiv	Distributed computation over MAC with mismatch.
Superfluid Analog of the Davies-Unruh Effect ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/gr-qc/0505005v1">http://arxiv.org/abs/gr-qc/0505005v1</a> )	2005	arXiv	Analog of Davies-Unruh in superfluid helium.
Semantic Communications with Discrete-time Analog Transmission: A PAPR Perspective ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/2208.08342v3">http://arxiv.org/abs/2208.08342v3</a> )	2022	arXiv	Semantic communications with analog transmission.
Programmable photonic circuits ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-020-0585-z">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-020-0585-z</a> )	2020	bib	Overview of programmable photonic circuits.
Coupled oscillators for computing: A review and perspective ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5108897">https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5108897</a> )	2020	bib	Review of coupled oscillator computing.
Parallel convolutional processing using an integrated photonic tensor core ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-03070-1">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-03070-1</a> )	2021	bib	Photonic tensor core for convolutions.
Oscillatory neurocomputers with dynamic connectivity ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1126/science.283.5408.1903">https://doi.org/10.1126/science.283.5408.1903</a> )	1999	bib	Oscillatory neurocomputer concept.
A 65nm 4.7TOPS/W 8bit CNN processor with mixed-signal computing ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1109/ISSCC.2018.8310344">https://doi.org/10.1109/ISSCC.2018.8310344</a> )	2018	bib	Mixed-signal CNN accelerator with calibration.
All-optical machine learning using diffractive deep neural networks ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aat8084">https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aat8084</a> )	2018	bib	Diffractive optical layers performing inference.
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Broadcast and weight: An integrated network for scalable photonic spike processing ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/srep05522">https://doi.org/10.1038/srep05522</a> )	2014	bib	Photonic weighting for neuromorphic spikes.
Optimal design for universal multiport interferometers ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1364/OPTICA.3.001460">https://doi.org/10.1364/OPTICA.3.001460</a> )	2016	bib	Mesh design for programmable interferometers.
Memory devices and applications for in-memory computing ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41565-020-0655-z">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41565-020-0655-z</a> )	2020	bib	Survey of memory devices for IMC.
Deep learning with coherent nanophotonic circuits ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/nphoton.2017.93">https://doi.org/10.1038/nphoton.2017.93</a> )	2017	bib	Phase-programmable nanophotonic interferometer.
Neuromorphic photonic networks using silicon photonic weight banks ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-017-06630-y">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-017-06630-y</a> )	2017	bib	Photonic weight banks for coherent summation.
An oscillator-based Ising machine ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41928-019-0300-0">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41928-019-0300-0</a> )	2019	bib	Oscillator-based Ising machine.
Deep physical neural networks trained with backpropagation ( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-04223-6">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-04223-6</a> )	2022	bib	Backpropagation through physical systems.

## A Full Tables

### A.1 MNIST

model	acc_mean	acc_min	acc_max	diff
digital	0.976	0.976	0.976	0
amplitude	0.97297	0.9668	0.9749	0.0081
amplitude_noiseaware	0.97214	0.971	0.9726	0.0016
phase	0.78415	0.2754	0.9787	0.7033
phase_noiseaware	0.94876	0.802	0.9737	0.1717

### A.2 KMNIST

model	acc_mean	acc_min	acc_max	diff
digital	0.8913	0.8913	0.8913	0
amplitude	0.87966	0.8733	0.882	0.0087
amplitude_noiseaware	0.88777	0.8846	0.8901	0.0055
phase	0.7454	0.3103	0.8958	0.5855
phase_noiseaware	0.85296	0.7051	0.8832	0.1781

### A.3 EMNIST Letters

model	acc_mean	acc_min	acc_max	diff
digital	0.903317	0.903317	0.903317	0
amplitude	0.900913	0.873413	0.907260	0.033846
amplitude_noiseaware	0.898534	0.895625	0.899904	0.004279
phase	0.568952	0.122837	0.910913	0.788077
phase_noiseaware	0.892322	0.855	0.9025	0.0475

### A.4 CIFAR-10 (flattened)

model	acc_mean	acc_min	acc_max	diff
digital	0.5189	0.5189	0.5189	0
amplitude	0.51489	0.4967	0.5217	0.025
amplitude_noiseaware	0.52177	0.5208	0.5226	0.0018
phase	0.31185	0.1246	0.5257	0.4011
phase_noiseaware	0.45151	0.4057	0.4647	0.059

### A.5 Fashion-MNIST

model	acc_mean	acc_min	acc_max	diff
digital	0.8899	0.8899	0.8899	0
amplitude	0.88249	0.8687	0.8855	0.0168
amplitude_noiseaware	0.88441	0.8829	0.8853	0.0024
phase	0.66751	0.2295	0.8919	0.6624
phase_noiseaware	0.8553	0.714	0.8792	0.1652