

On-line Learning Architectures

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- Online training via backpropagation circuits
- > The same memristor crossbar implements both forward and backward passes



Socrates: Online Training Architecture

Multicore processing system

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- Implements backpropagation based online training
- Two versions: I) memristor core and 2) fully digital core
- Has three 3D stack memory for storing training data



Memristor learning core

inputs

FPGA Implementation

Neural Core We verified the system functionality by implementing the digital system on an FPGA. Digital synaptic memory array Pre-synaptic Pre-synaptic neuron neuron inputs Decoder W_{ii} number coming in over routing network from other cores (i, x_i) Input × × Unit Pre-synaptic NC = Neural Core neuron value + + NC NC NC NC R = Router acc acc acc acc Multiply-add-R R R R accumulate to Output buffer NC NC NC calculate neural NC outputs R R R R **Activation Function** NC NC NC NC Post-synaptic neuron Routing outputs to routing network Control Unit R R R R Unit Router NC NC NC NC Routing bus R R R R Router -8 bits Actual images to and out of FPGA based multicore neural processor: Output port Input port

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Training compared to GTX980Ti GPU

Energy Efficiency:

- Digital: 5900x
- Memristor: 70000x

Speedup:

- Digital: I4x
- Memristor: 7x
- Batch processing on GPU but not on specialized processors

| Accuracy(%) | GPU | Digital | Memristor |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| MNIST | 99 % | 97% | 97% |
| COIL-20 | 100% | 98% | 97% |
| COIL-100 | 99% | 99 % | 99% |







Inference compared to GTX980Ti GPU

Energy Efficiency:

- Digital: 7000x
- Memristor: 358000x

Speedup:

- Digital: 29x
- Memristor: 60x

Memristor learning core is about 35x smaller in area:

- Digital: 0.52 mm²
- Memristor: 0.014 mm²





Large Crossbar Simulation

- Studying training using memristor crossbars needs to be done in SPICE to account for circuit parasitics.
- Simulating one cycle of a large crossbar in can take over 24 hours in SPICE. (training requires thousands of iterations and hence is nearly impossible in SPICE).
- Developed a fast (~30ms) algorithm to approximate SPICE output with over 99% accuracy.
- Enables us to examine learning on memristor crossbars.







Memristor for On-Line Learning



- On-line learning requires "highly tunable" or "slow" memristors
- This does not affect inference speed

LiNbO₃ Memristor for Online Learning

- Device is quite slow: order of tens of millisecond switching time.
- Useful for backprogation training.



Switching speed of devices and minimum programming pulse needed in neuromorphic training circuits.





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Unsupervised Clustering

- We extended the backpropagation circuit to implement auto-encoder based unsupervised learning in memristor crossbars.
- These graphs show the circuit learning and clustering data in an unsupervised manner.





Application: Cybersecurity

- The autoencoder based unsupervised training circuits were used to learn normal network packets.
- When the memristor circuits were presented with anomalous network packets, these were detected with a 96.6% accuracy and a 4% false positive rate.



 Could also implement rule based malicious packet detection (similar to SNORT) in a very compact circuit



Application: Autonomous Agent for UAVs

- Cognitively Enhanced Complex Event Processing (CECEP) Architecture
- Geared towards autonomous decision making in a variety of applications including autonomous UAVs



- Exploring implementation on:
 - IBM TrueNorth processor
 - Memristor circuits
 - High performance clusters: CPUs and GPUs





Memristor Systems



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