

Development of Neural Network Based Control Systems and Optimization Tools for Accelerators: A Very Brief Introduction

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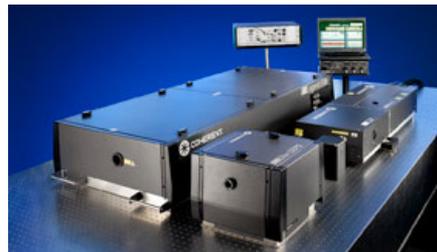
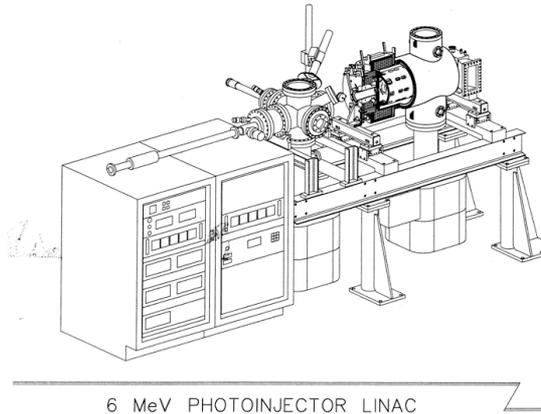
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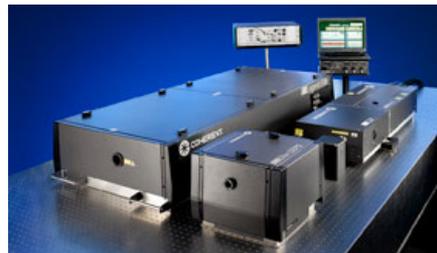
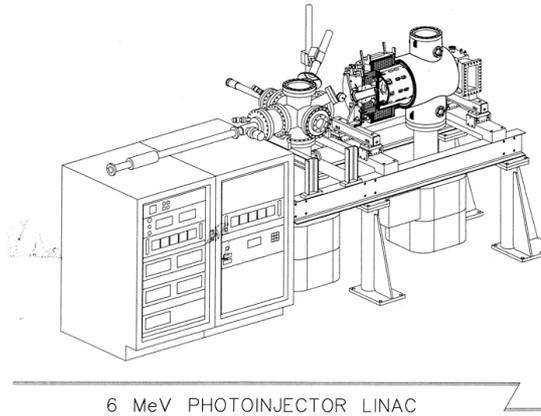
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Laser Lab 1

100-150 Terawatt Ti:Sapphire laser system.

Wavelength: 0.8 micrometers, Energy before compression: 13 Joules.

Repetition rate: up to 5 Hz.

Plans to scale to 0.5 Petawatt

Laser Lab 2

1 J, 5 picosecond, 100 Hz repetition rate diode-pumped laser (100 W average power)

Wavelength: 1.03 micrometers. Highest repetition rate diode-pumped chirped-pulse-amplification laser in the world. Can be scaled in repetition rate and pulse energy, future parameters depend on funding.

Accelerator Lab

6 MeV Photocathode Driven Electron Linac

L- Band (1.3 GHz)

Two Klystrons Available (One needed for PC Gun)

15 us pulse durations at 10 Hz

Up to 81.25 MHz pulse rates available

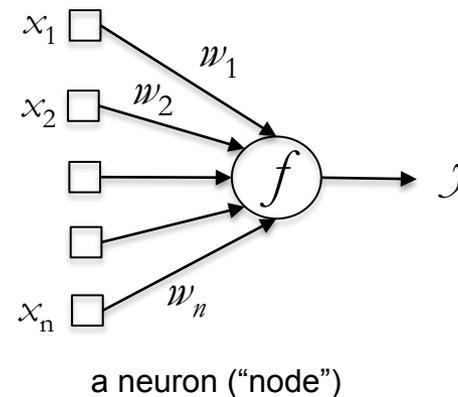
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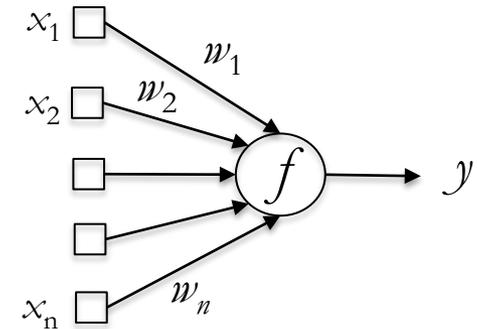
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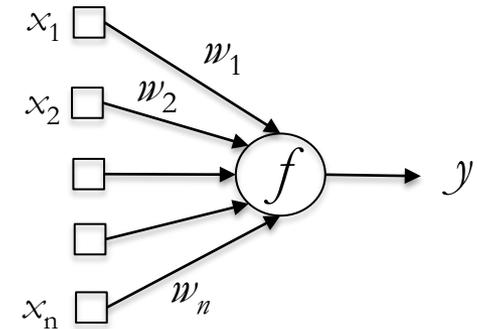
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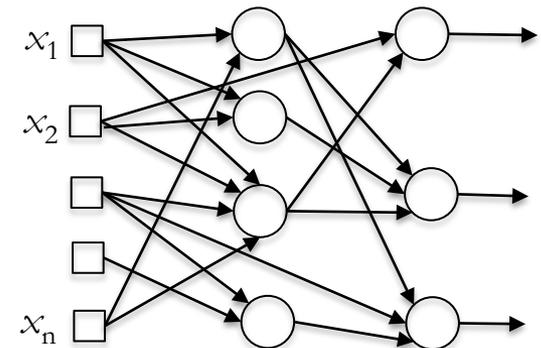
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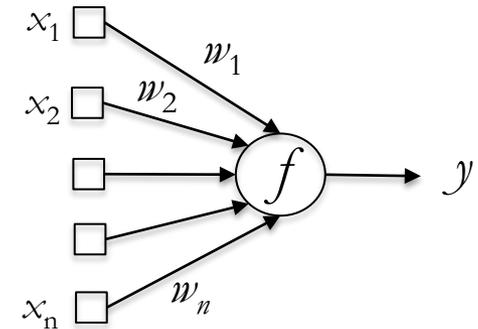
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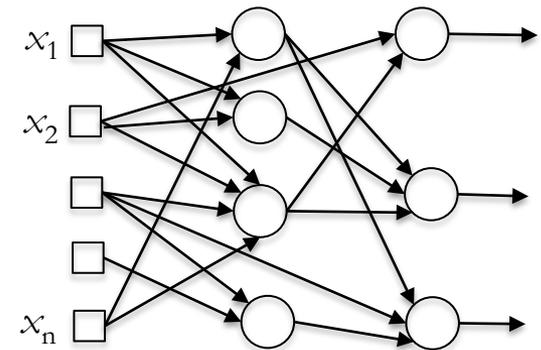
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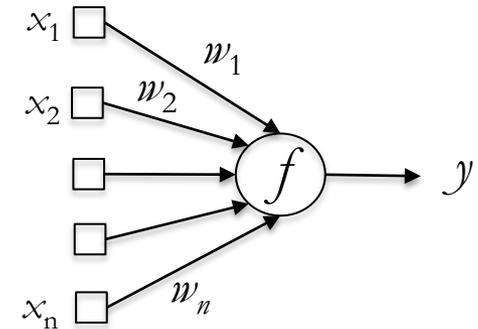
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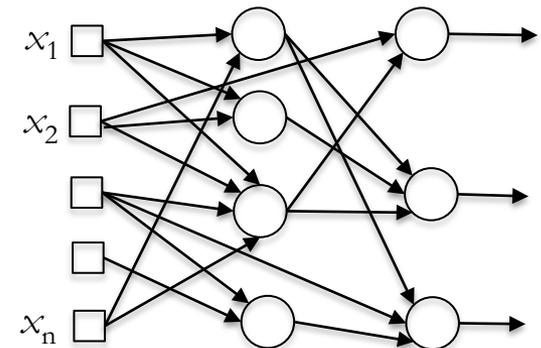
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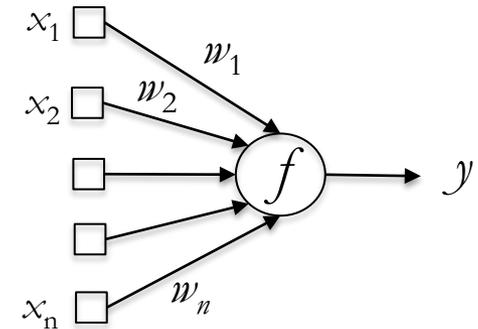
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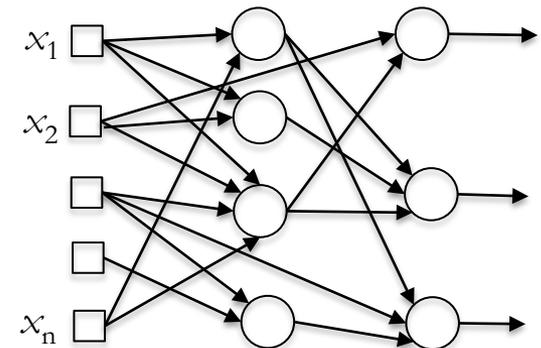
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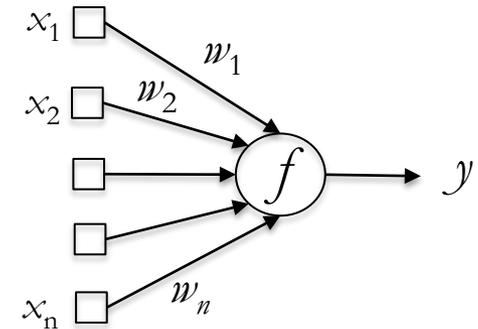
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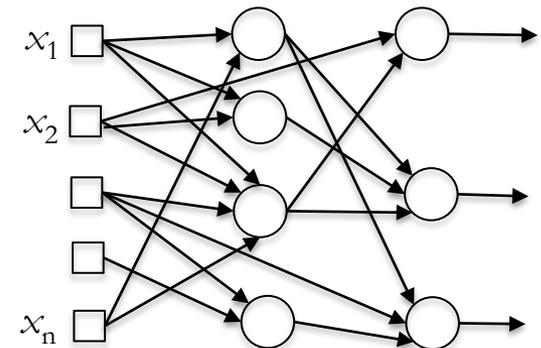
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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

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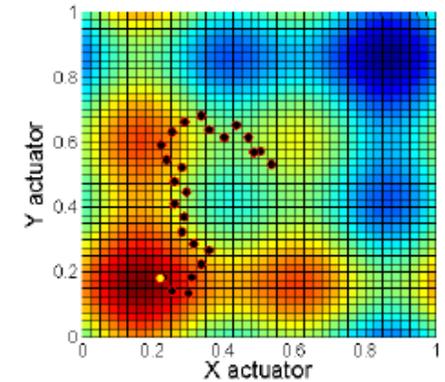
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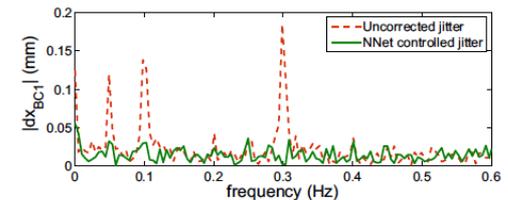
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 - High user demands on beam time → *need to run as continuously/seamlessly as possible*
 - Limited availability of time/funding fully dedicated to machine studies → *updates simultaneous to operation are desirable*
- In principle, the way forward for development/implementation of neural-network based control systems is relatively straightforward
 - Gather training data over desired parameter/actuator space, train/optimize/validate candidate neural network designs
 - Incorporate neural network into candidate control schemes
 - Intuitive first case: feed-forward components
 - Can be used in conjunction with existing analytic models/ standard PI control techniques
 - *ever more stringent tolerances on beam parameters make the extra robustness appealing*
 - Already have many diagnostic tools/monitoring systems available to continuously feed data to a neural network
- Multi-objective optimization of operating parameters is a natural extension of neural-network based model development
 - Efficient start-up and tune-up
 - Improvement of beam quality
 - Can mimic the role of a human operator's manual adjustments

Existing Proof of Concept: Evelyne Meier's Ph.D. Thesis Work (co-advised by Dr. Biedron)

- Multi-objective optimization of beam parameters using reinforcement learning and a 2D objective function search space^{1,2}
 - Example: implementation at Australian Synchrotron → transmission from 90% to 97%, change in energy spread from 1.04% to 0.91%
- Neural network based feed-forward algorithms combined with PI feedback^{3,4}
 - Example: implementation at LCLS → compensated for changes in energy and peak current resulting from induced jitter in the klystron phase and voltage
 - Showed the combined approach was more effective at correcting deliberately induced changes in parameters than either the feed-forward neural network or PI feedback approaches individually
- Immediate way forward from Evelyne's work (highly summarized) :
 - Further incorporation of adaptive components into combined feed-forward/feedback systems
 - Optimization with search spaces greater than 2D



Example optimization search space (Meier, Ph.D. thesis)



Example of neural network controller performance (Meier, Ph.D. thesis)

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Basic Methodology for Supervised Training of a Neural Network

- Obtain enough data to construct both a training set and a validation set
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- Optimize network topology (i.e. number of hidden nodes, layers)
- Use validation set to determine if the network is sufficiently generalizable within the parameter space in question

→ *Goal is to find the simplest network which minimizes the mean squared error for the training set and for the validation set, while ensuring that these values are close to one another*

Some Basic Training Classifications and Problem Types

- Supervised learning
 - Given data input and output, find an approximate mapping between the two sets
 - Used in static and dynamic modeling
- Reinforcement learning
 - Given an environmental input, generate an output/conduct an action, and observe the environmental response (with an associated cost)
 - Used for finding a minimal cost interaction strategy (optimization)
- Unsupervised learning
 - Given a set data, identify and assign classifications to underlying structures
 - Used in clustering, dimensional reduction (with preservation of similarities)