

Focal-plane wavefront sensing using deep learning: review & perspectives



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Outline

- Introduction: FPWFS, deep learning, review
- CNN-based framework FPWFS
- Practical considerations
- Future avenues

Focal plane wavefront sensing

Advantages

- No NCPA or chromatic errors
- High sensitivity, incl. to phase \bullet discontinuities
- Simple opto-mechanically \bullet

Disadvantages

- High computational cost and/or limited to small aberration
- Intensity measurements result in phase ambiguity
- Moving the hardware complexity to the software

Sign ambiguity on even modes



Phase of sine wave difficult to infer









Focal plane wavefront sensing in astronomy **Two (selected) regimes**

	NCPA	ΑΟ
Aberration level	100-500nm rms	1-5µm rms
Correction timescale	>1sec	1ms
Spatial frequency [number of modes]	~20 on a VLT ~100 on a ELT	~100 on 2-4m ~>400 on a 8m > 4000 on a 40m
Expected residuals	~20nm rms	~100nm rms

*Also cophasing (JWST, ELT)



Deep learning?

Why deep learning ?

- Handle the non-linear nature of the problem
- Inference speed (no iterative process)
- Robustness (no local optimum)

Deep learning can also mean in practice:

- Lessens the need for a deep mathematical grasp / precise formulation
- Leverage modern hardware, GPUs



Early work in 1990's in astronomy

- **Co-phasing** (piston-tip-tilt) of 6 mirrors [1, 2]
- Adaptive optics [3]
- **HST** aberration [4] \bullet
- Using a shallow multilayer perceptron with sigmoid activation function.

→ limited in their learning capacity (vanishing gradient) problem)



- [1] Angel et al. 1990 [2] Lloyt-Hart et al. 1991
- [3] Sandler et al. 1991
- [4] Barrett & Sandler 1993



Convolutional Neural Networks At the heart of all recent works

CNN are composition of

- convolution, \bullet
- pooling layer, \bullet
- activation function (ReLU) ullet
- Normalisation layers ullet
- fully connected layer ullet



- Hierarchical composition provide a range of *receptive fields* \triangleright
- Solutions to vanishing gradient allow training of deep networks (incl. automatic differentiation) \triangleright
- Rapidly evolving field since 2010 (beginning of the ImageNet contest) \geqslant



CNN-based framework FPWFS

PSF-based approach

- Laser communication (Guo et al. 2019)
- Co-phasing of JWST (Paine & Fienup 2018)
- WFS for AO in astronomy (Andersen et al. 2020)
- NCPA in astronomy and performance limit (Orban de Xivry et al. 2021)

But also:

- imaged-based (microscopy, e.g. Krishnan et al 2020, Wu et al. 2020)
- **metric-based** (Fourier-space metric that are *object agnostic*; Naik et al. 2020),
- preconditioned intensity image (Nishizaki et al. 2019)
- Mild accuracy, few Zernike modes, compact CNN and fast inference \geqslant



Supervised learning. Labelled dataset used for training.







CNN-based framework FPWFS Enlarging dynamic range

Co-phasing of JWST (**Paine & Fienup 2018**) in two steps:

- CNN to provide initial estimates 1.
- Gradient-based optimisation 2.
- Greatly enlarge the capture range
- Gradient-based optimiser can use algorithmic differentiation (Jurling & Fienup 2014). *Automatic differentiation* provides the gradients of your model for 'free'

 \star Other examples :

- Zernike WFS and the Lyot-based low-order WFS (Allan+2020a, Allan+2020b)
- Reconstruction of PyWFS signal (Landman & Haffert 2020)







Paine & Fienup 2018



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Neural networks for adaptive optics

Setup explored by Andersen et al. 2020

- Realistic simulations (noise, star magnitude, bit depth, polychromaticity)
- D=3.6m, r_0 = 17cm, correction 36-66 Zernike
- Using in-focus and out-of-focus images

Single-shot wavefront sensing with ResNet-50:

• ~180nm rms WFE with 36 Zernike

Multishot WFS:

- Closed-loop, down to 150nm rms (~fitting error), sampling freq 50Hz
- Using RNN to improve the ResNet-50 Zernike estimate





FPWFS with ML NCPA and performance of CNN

Simulation setup, Orban de Xivry et al. 2021

Wavelength, tel. Diameter	2200nm, 10m	
Input WFE	70-350nm rms (0.2-1 rad)	-
# of modes	20 - 100	_
Pixel scale	0.2 λ/D (0.01"/pix)	-
FoV	28.5 λ/D (1.4")	
Defocus diversity	λ/4	
	0.000	200 250

Each Zernike coefficients is draw from a uniform distribution

- Can CNN-based framework for FPWFS be applied to NCPA measurements?
- Performance limit, robustness of the approach ?

Distribution of WFE



Example of PSF





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Metrics **Fundamental limit for wavefront sensing**

- Particular nature of light: photon noise
- Fisher information matrix [1]
- Most sensitive: Zernike wavefront sensor [2,
- Focal plane sensitivity is further reduced

$$\sigma_{FP} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{zern}}{n_{img}N_{photons}}}$$
[rad

$$\sigma_j^2 \ge 1/(4N_{ph}) \text{ per independent mode } j$$

3]
$$\sigma_j^2 \ge 1/(2N_{ph})$$

[1] Paterson 2008, 2013 [2] N'Diaye et al. 2013 [3] Chambouleyron et al. 2021 [4] Guyon 2005





Results **Performance limit** m_K = 14.5 10^{2} rms wfe [nm] 10^{1}

 $\sqrt{N_{
m ph}}$ Theoretical limit 1 / 350nm rms WFE input 70nm rms WFE input

 10^{4}

Flux $[N_{\rm ph}]$

 10^{3}

 10^{5}

 10^{0}

 10^{-}

 10^{2}







Results **Dynamic range**

Below training : constant accuracy

~ Above training : quickly increasing



ResultsDynamical range: application in closed-loop



Works well beyond training range

Other strategy would imply to train on a larger range of aberrations or use different network architectures

~320nm rms WFE input



~1µm rms WFE input











Comparison

With Gerchberg-Saxton phase retrieval & Gradient-based optimisation with automatic differentiation

Parallel Gerchberg-Saxton



★ See also MORPHINE on Github (Pope B et al.)



Practical consideration **Computational cost**

- ✦ Typical training set size: 100,000
- Training time : several hours to days
- Typical inference time of typical architecture

~ several ms (with 1 x RTX2080Ti)



But should only be seen as *upper bound*:



Faster training and inference (<1ms) with **lighter** architecture, and downsampling # of pixels.



Compression technique, pruning, etc.



Architectures	Number of parameters (M)	FLOP (G)	Model (MB
ResNet-50	23.71	8.22	91
U-Net	13.40	15.54	52

For 128x128 gridsizes and 100 Zernike's

★ See also Weinberger et al 2020





In practice Application to lab data on SCExAO

- Training on lab data see *Kyohoon*'s talk \bullet
- Transfer learning / fine-tuning of model using real data see Maxime's talk \bullet

Experimental PSFs:



Simulated PSFs:











Lifting the sign ambiguity Selected approaches

- Vortex coronagraph : see Maxime's talk
- Asymmetric pupil : LWE [1,2], FPWFS with the vAPP [3]
- Using the WFS telemetry as known diversity probes introduced by the turbulence : PSI [4]
- Sequential diversity using the DM telemetry [5, 6, 7]
- Measure the phase: All-photonic WFS [8]











NN coupled with physical model Backward approach



Faster inference (generalisation), more insight on the optical system Still a supervised framework

Courtesy to Maxime Quesnel

★ See also Peng at al. 2020, for a somewhat similar implementation applied to holography



NN coupled with physical model Forward "auto-encoder" approach



- Provides an *unsupervised framework*
- Possible application: trained or untrained
- Possibility to parametrised the physical model ?

- ★ See also
 - Fei Wang el al. 2020, Phase imaging with an untrained neural network
 - Liaudat Tobias et al., 2021, Instrument response for Euclid
 - Emrah Bostan et al. 2020, Phase microscopy
- ★ Other application of autoencoder:
 - Pou et al. 2020, denoising of WFS images



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- 1. Decomposition of the PSF in a set of features -> compression of PSF image
- 2. Use a NN to map the image-plane coefficients to the pupil-plane coefficients





Image decomposition techniques, e.g.:

Output (aberrations)

- via PCA [1]
- Nijboer-Zernike basis [2, 3, 4]
- Tchebichef moment features [5]

Alternative : use an auto-encoder ?

[1] Terreri et al. 2019, WFS4ELT

- [2] Magette 2010,
- [3] Riaud et al. 2012a, b
- [4] Antonello, Verhaegen, 2015
- [5] Ju G. et al. 2018



Conclusions

- CNN-based FPWFS is a viable option, being confirmed experimentally
- Other promising and rather uncharted approaches:
 - Physics-based frameworks
 - Exploit sequential data via RNN (residual minimisation)
 - Coupling linear model with NN for modelling non-linearity
 - And beyond...

