Artificial Neural Networks – Applications in Modeling Physical and Chemical Processes

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Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)

- High speed mathematical models
- Black-box models do not require any explicit mathematical expression
- Describe the investigated phenomena based on the input-output relationship
- Can solve linear & non linear multivariate regression problems
- Capacity to solve problems such as:
 - Classification
 - Identifications
 - Pattern recognition

- System control
- Prediction

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ANNs - Applications

- Medicine
- Food technology
- Engineering
- Physics
- Chemistry

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ANNs - Topology



Fig1. ANN Architecture



Fig2. Schematic representation of a neuron

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Aim

Exploit ANN capabilities to:

- Model of the AuNPs photochemical generation process (ANN 1)
 - Determine the gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) size
- Predict the output of a high-order harmonic generation (HHG) process (ANN 2)
 - Predict the Harmonic yield



Modifies the weights and biases starting from the output input to minimize the network error



Model of the AuNPs photochemical generation process (ANN 1)

Determine the gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) size

Evaluate the influence of each process parameter on the AuNPs size

ANN1 - Motivation

AuNP size – essential for AuNPs application

- AuNPs size experimentally determined with TEM only after synthesis
- Important to know the AuNPs size before beginning the synthesis
- There is NO mathematical model that
 - considers all parameters that influence the AuNPs generation



Fig4. ANN I – Testing Data - Relative Error

Fig5. ANN I – The Pearson correlation factor

High Pearson Coefficients, Low Relative Errors
 The ANN can reliably predict the AuNPs size
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ANN1 model Predictions - The influence of process parameters on the AuNPs size



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Conclusions

Developed ANN is capable to reliably predict the AuNPs dimension

Determined that:

- AuNPs size increases with the increase of the scanning velocity
- AuNPs size increases with decrease in the radiation intensity
- higher citrate: Au³⁺ ratios lead to smaller AuNPs



 Predict the output of a high-order harmonic generation (HHG) process (ANN 2)

Predict the Harmonic yield

ANN 2 - Motivation

- HHG experimental technique for obtaining coherent radiation in the XUV to soft Xray spectral domain (1-100 nm) on the attosecond timescale (1 as =10⁻¹⁸ s)
- HHG process
 - Highly nonlinear interaction between a strong laser pulse and an atom
 - Has low efficiency (~10⁻⁵)
- For experiments
 Crucial to find the optimum photon flux obtained within a restricted parameter space
- Optimum photon flux obtained
 - Experimentally scan along many tunable parameters
 time-resource consuming



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ANN 2 - Model Predictions



Trained ANN - Able to reproduce the transition between different conditions for HHG

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ANN 2 - Model Predictions



Fig14. Harmonic Yield vs Optical density of the medium

- ANN reliably predicts quadratic growth of the yield in the low density regime
- E = 11.6 mJ for the high density regime, ANN predictions follow a similar trend as the one obtained with the 3D model for smaller energies

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Conclusions

Trained ANN

- Has excellent performances
- Captures the highly nonlinear dependence of the harmonic yield on gas cell position
- Able to reproduce the transition between different physical conditions for HHG
- Predicts quadratic growth of the yield in the low density regime
- Offers a quick help in designing new experiments

General Conclusions

- A fast and easy method was developed to determine the AuNPs size before synthesizing the NPs
- The influence of each process parameter on the AuNPs size was determined
- A fast and reliable method was developed to predict the outcome of a HHG experiment in the unexplored parts of the multi-dimensional parameter space

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