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#### ABSTRACT

Neuromorphic computing is a potential alternative to conventional von Neumann sensory-processing computers for specialised or classification applications. Neuromorphic systems replicate the biophysics of neurobiological networks by replicating the information processing mechanism of biological neurons and synapses, resulting in high connection and parallelism on a smaller footprint. These characteristics contribute to the implementation of neuromorphic architectures in hardware development for time series data classification and recognition. However, hardware implementation of neural network suffers from resource constraints because to the typically large number of nodes utilised in RC networks and the high chip area required for each processing node. Moreover, a high number of features in time series data classification introduces computational burden and leads to excessive hardware calculation overhead. In this work, a reservoir computing based stochastic spiking neural network (SSNN) has been proposed for time series data processing and classification, enabling a more efficient hardware implementation with low computation overhead caused by minimum extracted features. The proposed neuron reservoir is implemented in two applications including ventricular heartbeat classification and human activity recognition (HAR). The 43 recordings of Electrocardiogram (ECG) signals that included both normal and arrhythmic beats from MIT-BIH arrhythmia database obtained from Physio-Net were used in this work for heartbeat classification. Baseline drift and power line interference that are frequently emphasized in ECG readings are minimized by signal denoising. The single feature, ORS complexes, was extracted and fed into the neural reservoir with 20 neurons in cyclic topology for arrhythmias' similarity calculation and classification. The HAR is evaluated in order to further validate the proposed SSNN approach. This work proposes feature extraction based on subcarrier correlation and pseudocolor variations caused by human movements depicted in the images using convolution neural network (CNN) without preprocessing applied and enabling low computational complexity and visual observation of entire pattern changes. The extracted features are fed into the neural reservoir for activities recognition. A two-input stochastic neuron is developed for complex machine learning using the stochastic computing (SC) theory. The 20 stochastic neurons are then arranged into a simple cycle reservoir (SCR) architecture to create the SSNN. The proposed system has been implemented in Xilinx Zynq-7000 field-programmable gate array (FPGA) to demonstrate the hardware efficiency leads by the minimum feature size used. The proposed stochastic spiking reservoir achieves an accuracy of 96.91% in heartbeat classification and 92.94% and 93.91% for features based on subcarrier correlation and pseudocolor plot in HAR, demonstrating that the system is accurate and effective at classifying time series data.

### MESIN PEMBELAJARAN NEUROMORFIK BERASASKAN PENGKOMPUTERAN TAKUNGAN STOKASTIK UNTUK PEMPROSESAN DAN PENGELASAN DATA SIRI MASA

#### ABSTRAK

Pengkomputeran neuromorfik ialah alternatif yang berpotensi kepada komputer von Neumann konvensional untuk pemprosesan deria atau aplikasi klasifikasi. Sistem neuromorfik mereplikasi biofizik rangkaian neurobiologi dengan mereplikasi mekanisme pemprosesan maklumat neuron biologi dan sinaps, menghasilkan sambungan yang tinggi dan selari pada jejak yang lebih kecil. Ciri-ciri ini menyumbang kepada pelaksanaan seni bina neuromorfik dalam pembangunan perkakasan untuk pengelasan dan pengecaman data siri masa. Walau bagaimanapun, pelaksanaan perkakasan rangkaian saraf mengalami kekangan sumber kerana bilangan nod yang biasanya besar digunakan dalam rangkaian RC dan kawasan cip tinggi yang diperlukan untuk setiap nod pemprosesan. Selain itu, bilangan ciri yang tinggi dalam klasifikasi data siri masa memperkenalkan beban pengiraan dan membawa kepada overhed pengiraan perkakasan yang berlebihan. Dalam kerja ini, rangkaian neural spiking stokastik (SSNN) berasaskan pengkomputeran takungan telah dicadangkan untuk pemprosesan dan pengelasan data siri masa, membolehkan pelaksanaan perkakasan yang lebih cekap dengan overhed pengiraan rendah disebabkan oleh ciri yang diekstrak minimum. Takungan neuron yang dicadangkan dilaksanakan dalam dua aplikasi termasuk klasifikasi degupan jantung ventrikel dan pengecaman aktiviti manusia (HAR). 43 rakaman isvarat Elektrokardiogram (ECG) yang merangkumi kedua-dua rentak normal dan aritmik daripada pangkalan data aritmia MIT-BIH yang diperoleh daripada Physio-Net telah digunakan dalam kerja ini untuk klasifikasi degupan jantung. Hanyutan garis dasar dan gangguan talian kuasa yang kerap dititikberatkan dalam bacaan ECG diminimumkan dengan penyahtandaan isyarat. Ciri tunggal, kompleks QRS, telah diekstrak dan dimasukkan ke dalam takungan saraf dengan 20 neuron dalam topologi kitaran untuk pengiraan dan klasifikasi persamaan aritmia. HAR dinilai untuk mengesahkan lagi pendekatan SSNN yang dicadangkan. Kerja ini mencadangkan pengekstrakan ciri berdasarkan korelasi subcarrier dan variasi pseudocolor yang disebabkan oleh pergerakan manusia yang digambarkan dalam imej menggunakan rangkaian neural convolution (CNN) tanpa prapemprosesan yang digunakan dan membolehkan kerumitan pengiraan rendah dan pemerhatian visual terhadap keseluruhan perubahan corak. Ciri yang diekstrak dimasukkan ke dalam takungan saraf untuk pengecaman aktiviti. Neuron stokastik dua input dibangunkan untuk pembelajaran mesin yang kompleks menggunakan teori pengkomputeran stokastik (SC). 20 neuron stokastik kemudiannya disusun menjadi seni bina takungan kitaran mudah (SCR) untuk mencipta SSNN. Sistem yang dicadangkan telah dilaksanakan dalam Xilinx Zyng-7000 FPGA untuk menunjukkan kecekapan perkakasan diterajui oleh saiz ciri minimum yang digunakan. Takungan spiking stokastik yang dicadangkan mencapai ketepatan 96.91% dalam pengelasan degupan jantung dan 92.94% dan 93.91% untuk ciri berdasarkan korelasi subcarrier dan plot pseudocolor dalam HAR, menunjukkan bahawa sistem adalah tepat dan berkesan dalam mengklasifikasikan data siri masa..

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## LIST OF ABREVIATIONS

| ALU     | -      | Arithmetic and Logic Unit                  |
|---------|--------|--|
| ANN     | -      | Artificial Neural Network                  |
| ASIC    | -      | Application-Specific Integrated Circuit    |
| B2P     | -      | Binary-to-pulse converter                  |
| Bi-LSTM | Nr. MA | Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory       |
| BNN     | -      | Binarized Neural Network                   |
| BPNN    | -      | Back propagation neural network            |
| BPTT    | AIN    | Backpropagation through time               |
| BW      | al     | ونيومرسيتي تيكنيدBaseline wander           |
| CDC UN  | ĪVE    | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| CMOS    | -      | Complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor    |
| CNN     | -      | Convolution neural network                 |
| CoNN    | -      | Continuous neural network                  |
| CPU     | -      | Central processing unit                    |
| CI      | -      | Cumulative statistical index               |
| CSI     | -      | Channel state information                  |
| DLR     | -      | Delay line reservoir                       |
| DLRB    | -      | Delay line reservoir with feedback         |
| DNN     | -      | Deep neural network                        |

| DVS       | -     | Dynamic Vision Sensor                                  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| DWT       | -     | Discrete wavelet transform                             |
| DYNAP     | -     | Dynamic Neuromorphic Asynchronous Processors           |
| ECG       | -     | Electrocardiogram                                      |
| ELM       | -     | Extreme learning machines                              |
| EPSPs     | -     | Excitatory Postsynaptic Potentials                     |
| ESN       | -     | Echo state network                                     |
| FF        | -     | Flip-flop  |
| FFNN      | -     | Feedforward Neural Networks                            |
| FN        | -     | False negative   |
| FNR       | - MAI | False negative rate                                    |
| FP        | -     | False positive   |
| FPGA      | -     | Field programable gate array                           |
| FPR       | 2AINI | False positive rate                                    |
| FSHNN ඵ   | ا ملز | Fully Spiking Hybrid Neural Network                    |
| HAR UN    | IVE   | Human activity recognition                             |
|           |       | Stochastic spiking neural network based human activity |
| HAKSSININ | -     | recognition  |
| HICANN    | -     | High Input Count Analog Neural Network                 |
| HPF       | -     | High pass filter                                       |
| I/O       | -     | Input/output   |
| ICA       | -     | Independent component analysis                         |
| IPSPs     | -     | Inhibitory Postsynaptic Potentials                     |
| kNN       | -     | k-Nearest Neighbours                                   |
| LDPC      | -     | Low-density parity-check                               |

| LFSR   | -      | Linear-feedback shift register                          |
|--------|--------|---|
| LIF    | -      | Leaky-Integrate-and-Fire                                |
| LM-SNN | -      | Lattice map spiking neural network                      |
| LPF    | -      | Low pass filter   |
| LSTM   | -      | Long Short-Term Memory                                  |
| LUT    | -      | Lookup tables   |
| MAC    | -      | Multiply-and-accumulate                                 |
| MIMO   | -      | Multiple-input-multiple-output                          |
| MIoT   | -      | Medical Internet of Things                              |
| MLP    | -      | Multilayer Perceptron                                   |
| MNIST  | AL- MA | Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology |
| MUX    | -      | Multiplexer   |
| MWI    | -      | Moving Window Integration                               |
| NOC    | SAIN!  | Network-on-Chip   |
| ODE 🚽  | J.     | Ordinary Differential Equation                          |
| ODIN U | VIVE   | Online-learning Digital Spiking Neuromorphic            |
| OFDM   | -      | Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing              |
| P2B    | -      | Pulse-to-binary converter                               |
| PCA    | -      | Principal Component Analysis                            |
| PPV    | -      | Positive predictive value                               |
| RC     | -      | Reservoir computing                                     |
| RNG    | -      | Random number generator                                 |
| RNN    | -      | Recurrent Neural Network                                |
| RTL    | -      | Register Transfer Level                                 |
| RTRL   | -      | Real-time recurrent learning                            |

| SC    | -           | Stochastic computing                       |
|-------|-------------|--|
| SCNN  | -           | Spiking Convolutional Neural Network       |
| SCR   | -           | Simple cycle reservoir                     |
| SDSP  | -           | Spike-Driven Synaptic Plasticity           |
| SEN   | -           | Sensitivity                                |
| SLP   | -           | Single Layer Perceptron                    |
| SNGs  | -           | Stochastic Number Generators               |
| SNN   | -           | Spiking neural network                     |
| SNs   | -           | Stochastic Numbers                         |
| SRAM  | -           | Static Random Access Memory                |
| SSNN  | stat . When | Stochastic spiking neural networks         |
| STDP  | TEKN        | Spike Time-Dependent Plasticity            |
| SVM   | Eng.        | Support Vector Machines                    |
| TN    | " AINI      | True negative                              |
| ТР    | املاك       | اونيوم سيتي تيڪنيڪby True positive         |
| WiGeR | UNIVE       | WiFi-based hand gesture recognition device |

# LIST OF SYMBOLS

| φ                    | -     | Activation function                   |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| σ                    | -     | Variance                              |
| Ø                    | -     | Matrix with empty set                 |
| δ(.)                 | -     | Dirac function                        |
| θ                    | LAY H | Threshold value                       |
| асс                  | - IEK | Accuracy                              |
| b                    | FIG   | Bias                                  |
| С                    | 1911  | Capacitor                             |
| I,i                  | ملاك  | اونيۈم سيتى تيكنيكل مليەCurrent       |
| f                    | JNIVI | Nonlinear function AL MALAYSIA MELAKA |
| f <sub>extract</sub> | -     | Extracted features                    |
| g                    | -     | Conductance                           |
| L                    | -     | Length                                |
| М                    | -     | Matrix                                |
| Ν                    | -     | Number of reservoirs                  |
| N <sub>c</sub>       | -     | Clock cycles                          |
| Р                    | -     | Probabilities                         |
| r                    | -     | Reservoir                             |
| R                    | _     | Resistor                              |

| S(.)              | -     | Spiking neuron's output                         |
|-------------------|-------|---|
| S <sub>CSI</sub>  | -     | CSI's sequential data                           |
| step              | -     | Step size of window movement                    |
| t                 | -     | Time  |
| T <sub>eval</sub> | -     | Evaluation duration                             |
| T <sub>clk</sub>  | -     | Clock duration                                  |
| и                 | -     | Membrane potential                              |
| U                 | -     | Recovery of the membrane                        |
| v, V              | -     | Variance  |
| ω                 | -     | Width of sliding window                         |
| W,w               | A. A. | Weight vector                                   |
| $\overline{x}$    | TEK   | Mean sequential data                            |
| x                 | E160  | Input variables                                 |
| у                 | ملاك  | Output variables<br>اونيۇىرسىيتى تيكنىكى مليسيا |
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