## Deep machine learning applied to moving image restoration

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### On the Materiality of Audio-Visual Heritage

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## Summary

- computers
- principles
- artificial intelligence (AI)
- training
- lessons learned

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## In the beginning was fun ...

### 1975

• programming on mainframe

### 1979

building and programming own computers

#### 1983

• first explorations of machine learning at **EPFL** 

## ... then I fell under the spell ...

### 1998

- Anil Kokaram: Motion Picture Restoration
- Kris Kolodziejski (1957–2012) and his Digital Film Lab, København

#### 2001

- "Diamant" film restoration software
- "Preserve Then Show" conference in København

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# พิล์มนั้นยังคงมีอายุยืนยาวอยู่

### ๒. สิทธิของอนชน

๒.๑ ด้วยตระหนักในความรับผิดชอบของตนในอันที่จะอนุรักษ์ ฟิล์มภาพยนตร์ให้ดำรงอยู่อย่างยั่งยืน หอภาพยนตร์จักยืนหยัดต่อร้างการบีบบังคับใด ๆ ที่จะทำจัดหรือทำลายสิ่งของ ที่หอภาษนตร์สังเลน โดขึ้งอาจอยู่นอกเหนือกฎเกณฑ์ว่าด้วยการอนุรักษ์หรือ นโยบายการคัดเลือกที่ใช้อยู่ของหอภาพยนตร์นั้น

### ๓. สิทธิในการใช้ประโยชน์

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## ... and finally came profit

### 2004

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#### 2014

 late summer school "Beyond Black and White: Additive Colour Systems"

### 2017

• machine learning applied to restoration

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### Conservation

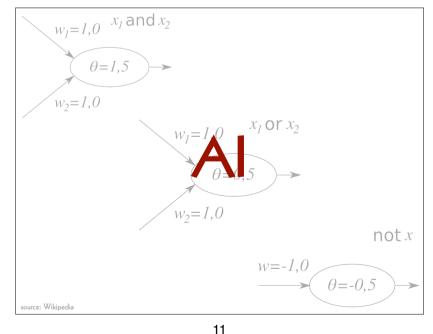
Conservation encompasses all activities for the care of an object, which **delay its further decay** and ensure that it remains in the most intact condition for the future.

### Restoration

Restoration includes all interventions and treatments that serve to retrieve a certain historical state and contribute to the legibility, aesthetic integrity or reuse of an object.

Restorative actions may be irreversible and require great care in planning, justification, execution and documentation.

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### An ounce of ethics

- The probability that a work is available in its integrity in the future is increased.
- All the options that existed before taking an action remain open after the action.
- Every step is carefully documented.

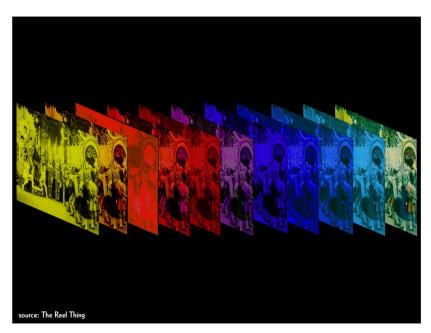
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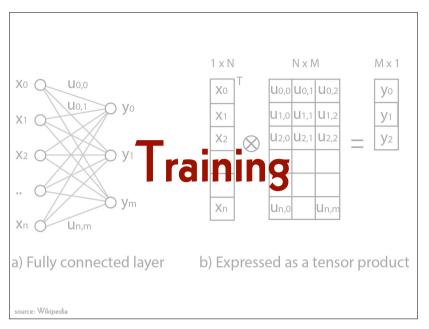
### **Definitions**

## Requirements

- ability to learn
- ability to deal with uncertainties and probabilities
- ability for humans to intervene and correct machine errors

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## Deep machine learning

- organise data in multidimensional arrays
- operations can be expressed in terms of matrix multiplication and Kronecker product
- require a lot of GPU computing power

## Data-based decision making

 detected anomalies are fixed via reinforcement learning

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### **Building OpenFX: Libs and Plugins**

OpenFX itself is only a set of C header files, the ones in include. This repo also includes the C++ support lib, giving a C++ API on top of the basic C, and two sets of example plugins; one set with the support lib, one set using the raw C API. There is also a host support lib for use when creating a new OpenFX host. These instructions show how to build the support libs and all the plugins, and install them into your plugin folder.

#### **Prerequisites**

OpenFX uses <u>cmake</u> and <u>conan</u> to build. Other dependencies are fetched by conan. The build requires Conan 2.1.0 or later, and CMake 3.28 or later.

#### Install cmake:

- Mac: brew install cmake
- Windows: choco install cmake
- Linux: apt install cmake

Install conan (version >= 2.1.0 recommended) using pip (and python3)

• python3 -mpip install 'conan>=2.1.0'

#### Standard Builds

To build and install everything use scripts/build-cmake sh

source: github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/openfx

Build OpenFX libs and examples passing

### OpenFX image processing plug-in standard

The authoritative source for information about OFX is http://openeffects.org/

- OpenFX Build Instructions
- OpenFX Documentation start here
- OpenFX Documentation: Reference
- Programming Guide By Example
- OpenFX Wiki

Here are some Ways to get involved with OpenFX.

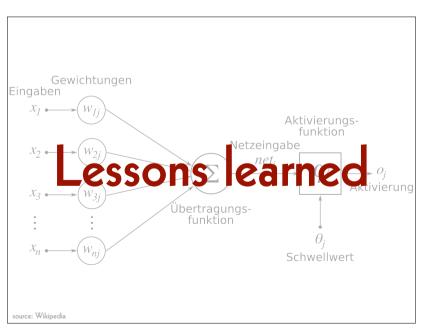
#### Why a Standard?

VFX plug-in vendors were frustrated for years because host application vendors created proprietary plug-in interfaces. As a result, each plug-in vendor had to port their plug-ins to all the different hosts and hosts couldn't use each other's plug-ins, limiting the selection of effects available to artists. The need for a standard interface was clear, so Bruno Nicoletti of The Foundry led the effort to develop a standard. That standard is OFX.

OFX is a win for artists because there is no waiting for plug-in vendors to port their cool effects to your application. Once a host compositing or editing application adopts OFX, all OFX plug-ins on the market instantly become available on that host

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### Pros

- improves computer performance
- opens new human-machine interactions
- processes information faster than humans

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### Conclusions

- Without using this technology, we would never have been able to realise certain of our projects.
- It was a lot of work ...
- ... and there was a lot of fun!

### Cons

- implementation costs are high
- software development is expensive and the necessary development resources are scarce
- skilled programmers almost inexistent

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