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# Experimental Investigation of EXCLUSIVE OR Processing

A basic optical parallel processing system capable of performing the logical EXCLUSIVE OR and INCLUSIVE OR operations has been constructed. Ап argon ion laser is used in a holgraphic configuration with iron-doped lithium niobate as the recording material. For testing the parallel logic operations a series of data masks have been fabricated. Each contains a 32×32 array of binary data (an open aperture corresponds to a "0"). One binary data page is recorded holographically into the crystal. Another binary data page (to be EXCLUSIVE ORed bit by bit with the first data page) is then placed in the page composer and illuminated. A reference beam then reconstructs the stored data page. This image is coherently added to the image of the second data page. The EXCLUSIVE OR operation is then performed between the 1024 bits on one page with the 1024 bits on the other page when 1) the amplitudes of the two waves at the location of a "1" are adjusted to be equal and 2) the phases of one of the two waves is adjusted to be 180° shifted from its original phase during recording.

At the present time, a large number of EXCLUSIVE OR processing experiments have been performed. The EXCLUSIVE OR logical experiments have been outstandingly successful. The results that we are now achieving are very sharp and crisp. As viewed with the high resolution video monitoring system, the results look essentially perfect to the unaided eye.

However, this stage of development has come only after an extensive development effort to construct an automatic fringe stabilization system. Lack of phase stability made it impossible to perform operations repeatedly with any accuracy at the beginning of the experiments. After numerous unsuccessful attempts, a fringe stabilization system was finally developed that could accurately compensate any phase drift in the experiment. This system "dithers" the phase of the reference beam with a very small amplitude at 10Hz. A lock-in amplifier is then used to detect an error signal at this same frequency. The output error signal is then amplified and feedback to the high voltage op amp power supply that drives the phase modulator. Using this system, excellent phase stability is achieved. The two-dimensional arrays of data from the EXCLUSIVE OR experiments have been digitized and written into computer files. These data will be analyzed in the next budget period to determine the probability of a false alarm and the probability of a miss for this type of processing.

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#### Study of the Effects of Using "Fixed" Holograms

Making the holograms immune to erasure through ion-drift "fixing" is currently being investigated experimentally. Thermal fixing is achieved by heating the crystal to 100°C and thus allowing ions to drift and diffuse to compensate the electronic pattern. This produces charge neutrality on a local scale and the electric fields in the crystal are thus cancelled. the electrons, however, can be optically excited and redistributed uniformly with intense light. This leaves the permanent ionic pattern which causes the index of refraction to change through the linear electro-optic effect. Initial experiments have been performed on fixing the holograms and these will be continued and quantified in the next budget period.

#### Experimental Study of Optical Processing System

Marconi Avionics has designed and is developing the computer interfaces and software for handling the data that will be generated in the high data rate version of the EXCLUISVE OR word/signature detection system. This involves electronically transferring data rapidly to a two-dimensional spatial light modulator and receiving data at high rates from a video system. With these interfaces and software, a practical word/signature detection system will be constructed and demonstrated.

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Subject: Progress Report on ECS8106683

Dear Dr. Schutzman:

Please accept the enclosed progress report on our Industry-University Collaborative Research grant entitled "Two-dimensional optical parallel digital word/signature detector."

Our progress in the previous report period was significantly delayed owing to phase stabilization of the optical holographic system used for recording the reference patterns. These problems, however, were overcome using 1) a constant-optical-path-length liquid gate (designed by me and described in this report), and 2) a real-time electronic active feedback fringe stabilization system (to be described in the final report). These previous improvements have led to excellent optical data processing results.

In the present report period, we are pleased to present significant results in several areas: 1) liquid gate design, 2) determination of optimum detector threshold setting, 3) experimental and theoretical bit error rates for optical digital parallel processing, 4) residue number system moduli selection and logical minimization, 5) experimental results for EXCLUSIVE OR processing. Each of these results has now been published and two reprints of each are enclosed with the progress report.

Your help and support are very greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Gaylord Professor

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#### Introduction

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