

Exploiting Multiple Scattering of Light for Computing

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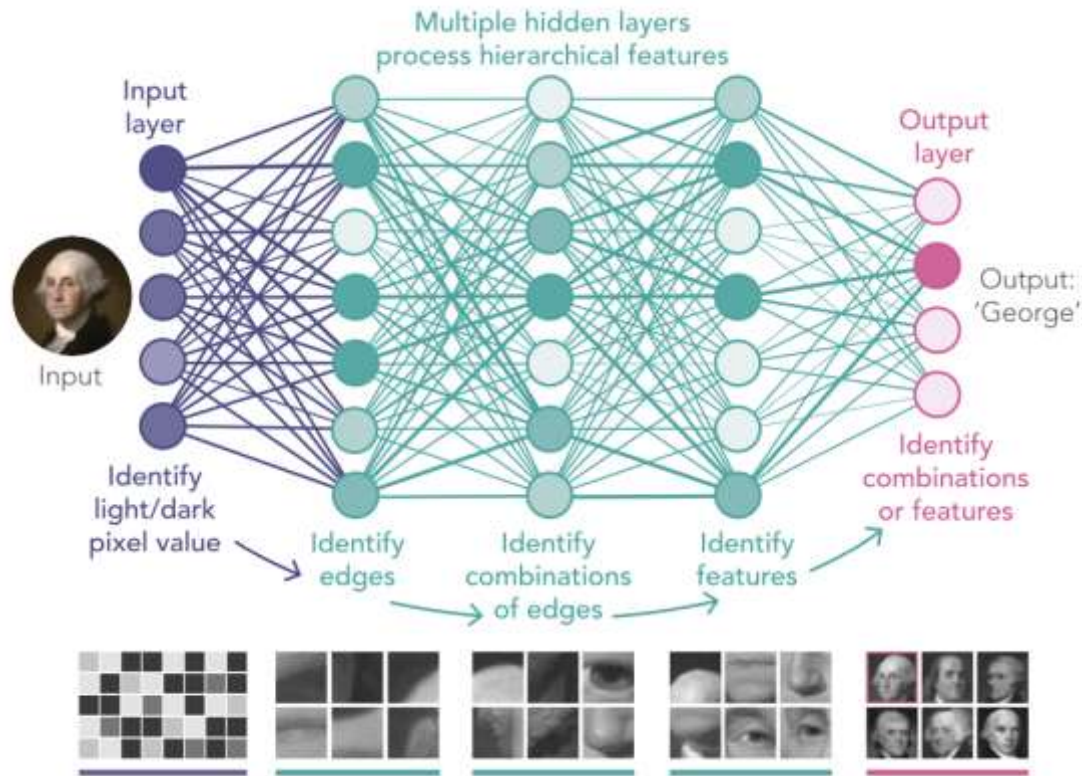
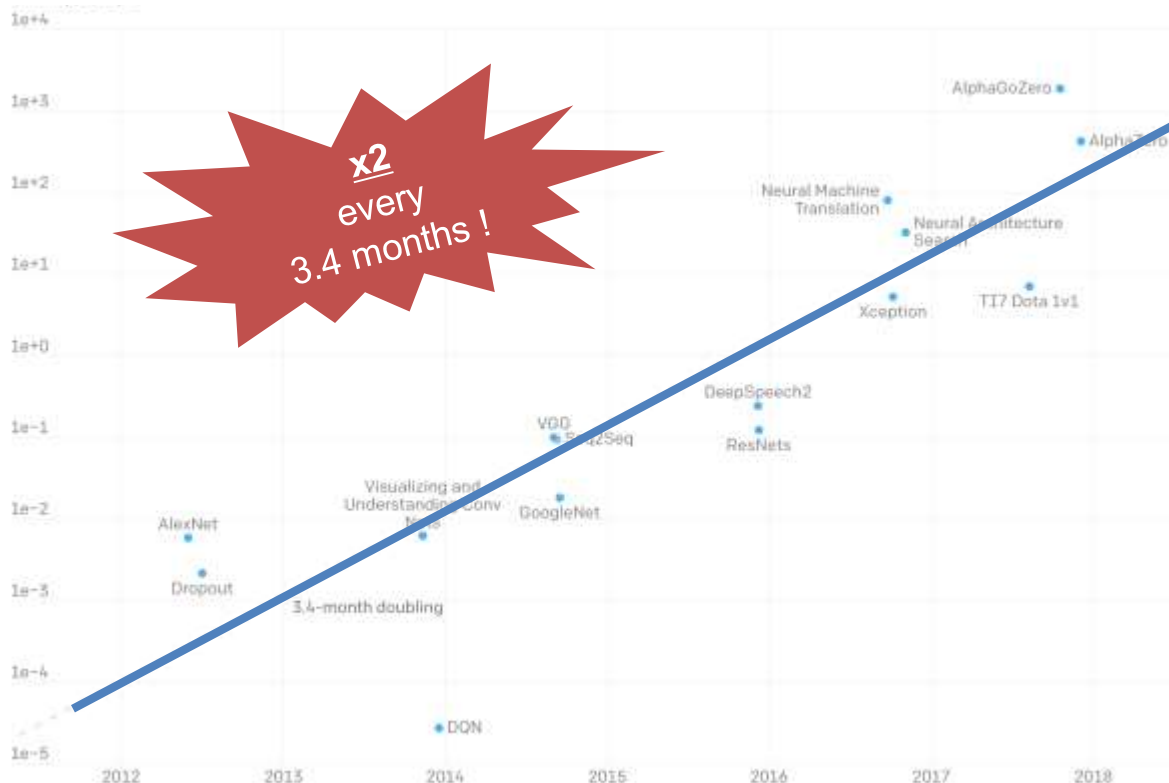


Image: Waldrop, PNAS (2019)

State of the art in image recognition, speech recognition, text generation, driving ...

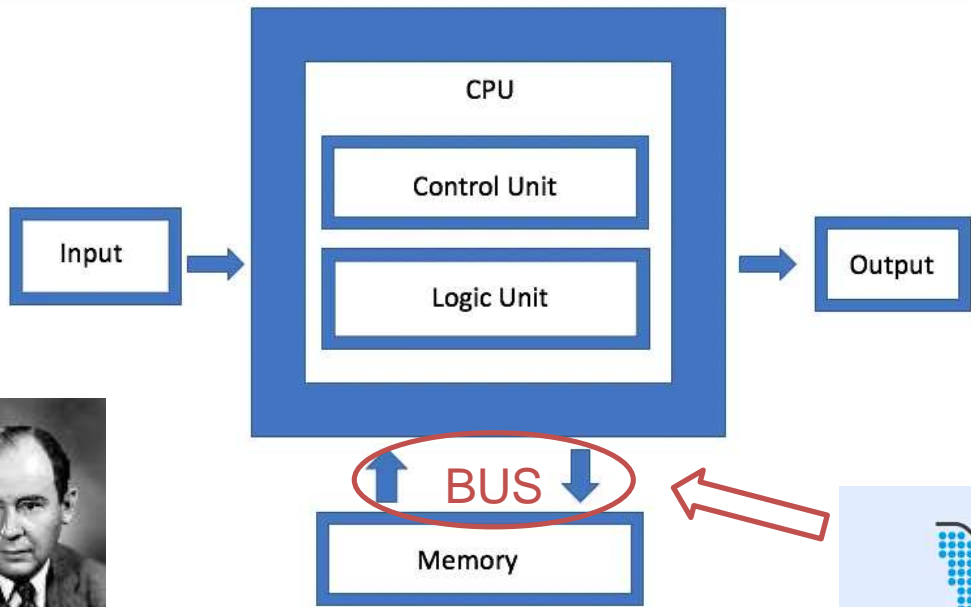
- Many (10s to 100s) Layers
- Each layer = a matrix multiplication
- 10s BILLIONS weights / parameters
- Huge (size+dimensions) datasets
- Training (Backpropagation) and inference are extremely demanding

PetaFlop/s.days



x2 every 3.4 months!

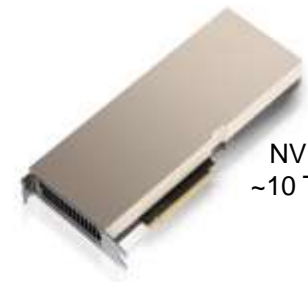
x300.000 (Moore Law: x7)



John VON NEUMANN (1903-1957)



CPU
Desktop PC
~100 GigaFLOPS
300W



GPU
NVIDIA A100
~10 TeraFLOPS
300W



TPU (Google)
~4 T-Ops
75W

Versatile But not adapted for AI : slow, power inefficient



« *...how hardware chooses which ideas succeed and which fail. »*
(and vice-versa)

advocates for « (...) joint collaboration between hardware,
software and machine learning communities. »

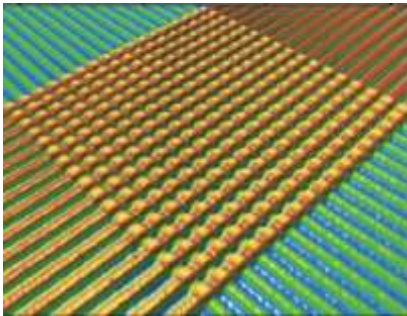
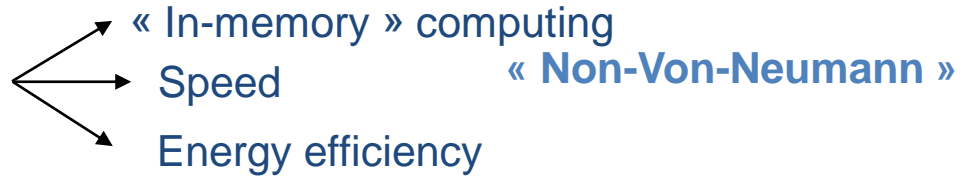
<https://hardwarelottery.github.io>
[arXiv:2009.06489](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.06489)

Machine Learning typically require low precision
Analog computing is interesting

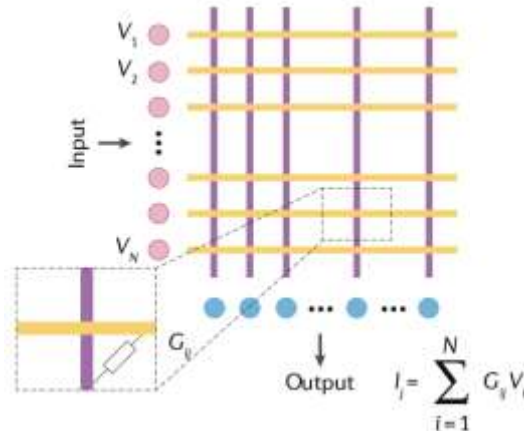
Emulating neural network architecture directly
 in a physical system?

« *brain inspired* »

Neuromorphic computing



e.g. Memristive & CMOS crossbar array
 Source: Nature Materials 18, 309(2019)



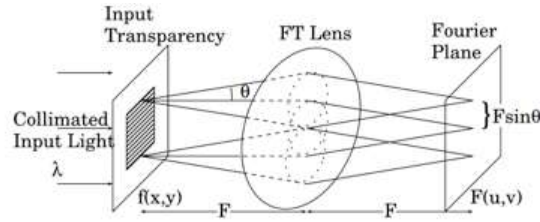
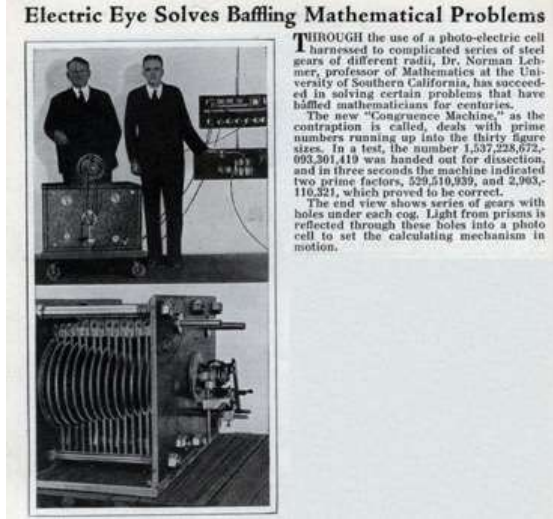
Comes in many flavor :

- CMOS
- Memristors
- Phase-change materials
- Spintronic
- Superconductive synapses

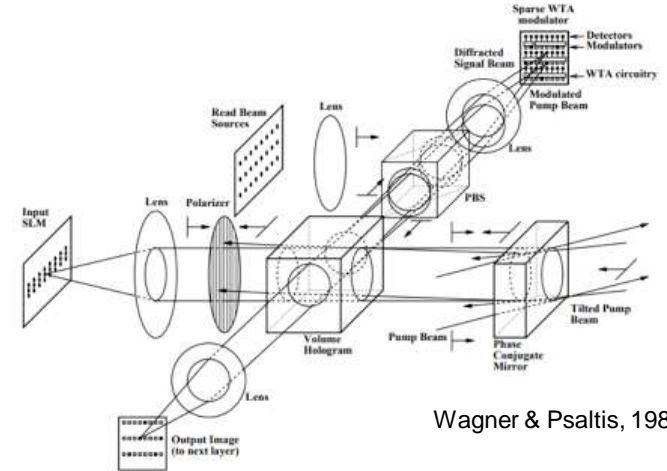
Physics for neuromorphic computing

Danijela Marković, Alice Mizrahi, Damien Querlioz and Julie Grollier

From Sieves ... to Fourier Transforms ... all the way to Neural Networks



$$F(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) e^{i \frac{2\pi}{\lambda F} (xx' + yy')} dx dy$$



Wagner & Psaltis, 1987

1930's

1960's

1980's

2000' :
A winter for optical computing

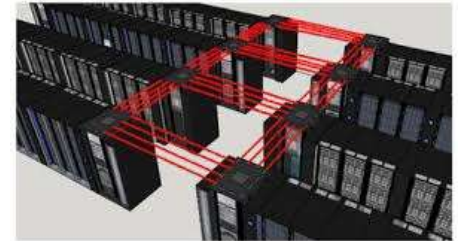


...and a new era in optical communication
optical interconnects



Long distance fiber links

In data centers



(virtually) any communication beyond a few meters is optical:

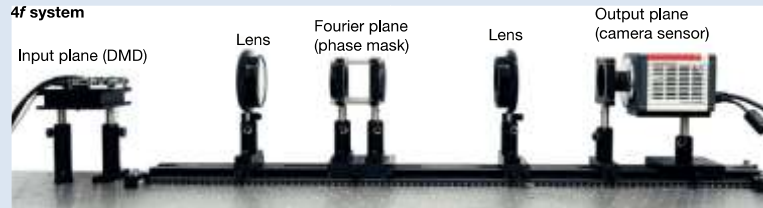
- Low power consumption
- high bandwidth

Optics has distinct advantages...

- Low energy consumption
- Easy interconnect – Multiplexing
- Low latency and blazing speed

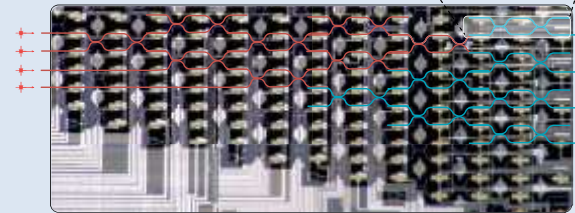
... but also some disadvantages:

- rather bulky
- Tricky non-linearities / storage



Sci. Rep. **8**, 12324 (2018).

Free space
VS
Integrated optics



Sci. Adv. **5**, eaay6946 (2019).

Nature Photonics 15, 10 (2021)

Photonics for artificial intelligence and neuromorphic computing

REVIEW ARTICLE | FOCUS

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-020-00754-y>

Bhavin J. Shastri^{1,2,7} ✉, Alexander N. Tait^{2,3,7} ✉, T. Ferreira de Lima², Wolfram H. P. Pernice⁴, Harish Bhaskaran⁵, C. D. Wright⁶ and Paul R. Prucnal²

Perspective

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Inference in artificial intelligence with deep optics and photonics

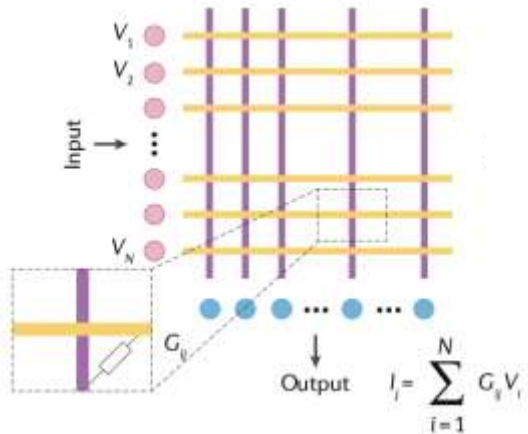
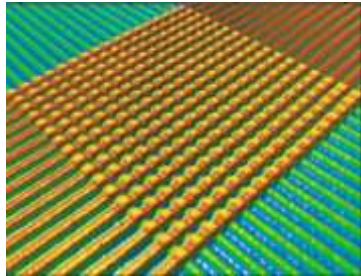
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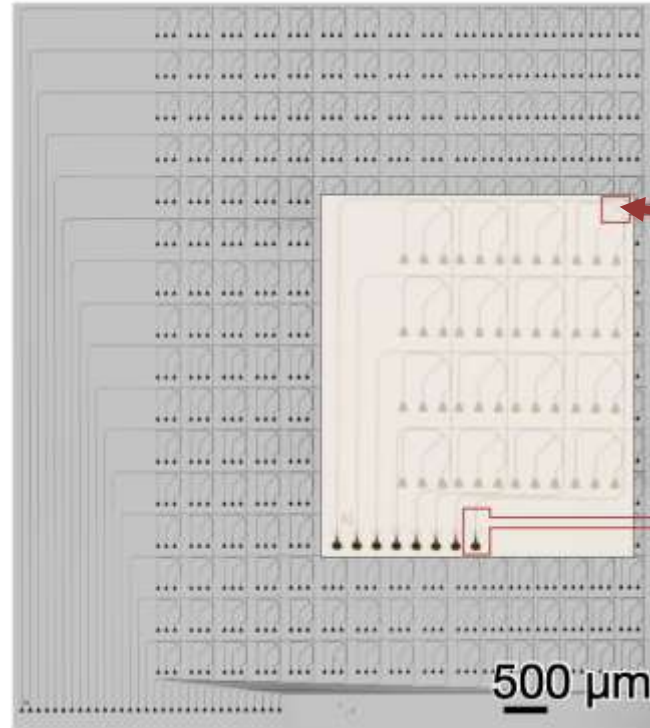
Several startups :





CMOS crossbar array

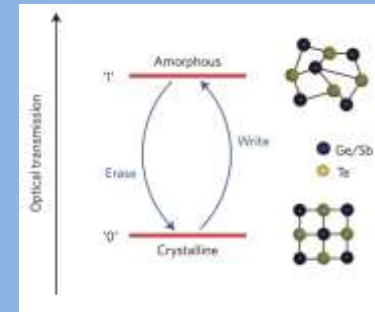
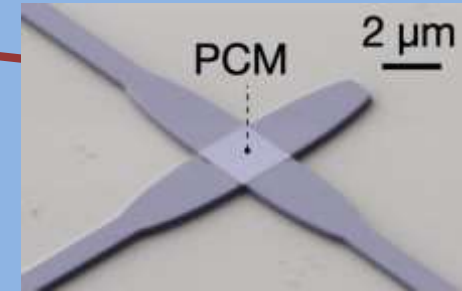
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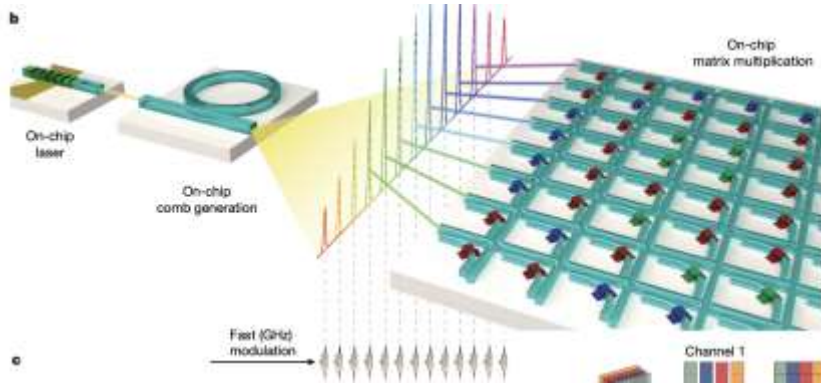
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Phase-Change Materials (PCM)

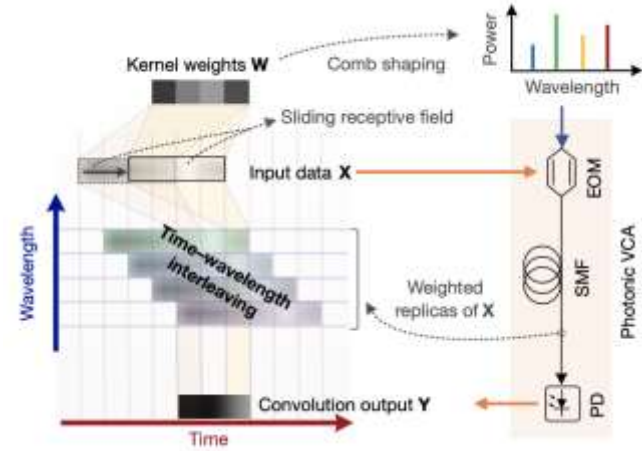
- Optically or electronically addressable
- Multilevel (6-7 bits)
- Stable – no power consumption
- Lossy



Ríos, C., et al. Integrated all-photonic non-volatile multi-level memory. *Nature Photon* 9, 725–732 (2015)



Feldmann, J., et al. "Parallel convolutional processing using an integrated photonic tensor core." *Nature* 589.7840 (2021): 52-58.



Xu, X., Tan, M., Corcoran, B. *et al.* 11 TOPS photonic convolutional accelerator for optical neural networks. *Nature* 589, 44–51 (2021)

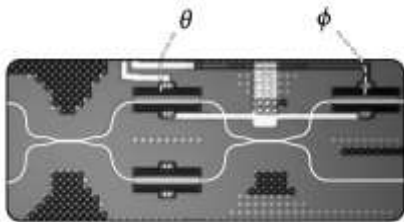
Frequency comb = N coherent lasers

- Same matrix multiplied N times in parallel
- Different inputs can be encoded on each comb line
- Need mux-demux at the input and output

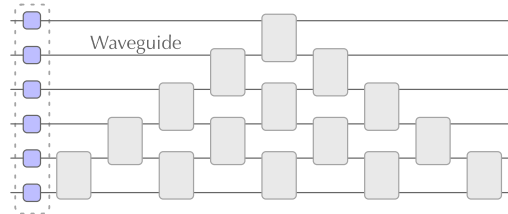
Arbitrary Lossless 2x2 coupler

Slow (thermal) or fast (EOM) tuning

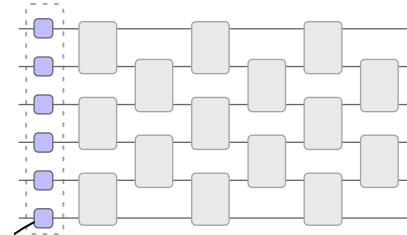
$$\theta_i(\tau) \quad \phi_i(\tau)$$



Nature Photon 11, 447–452 (2017)

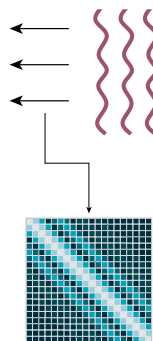


Unitary circuits



Basic building blocks:

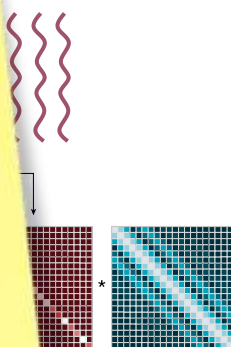
Free space



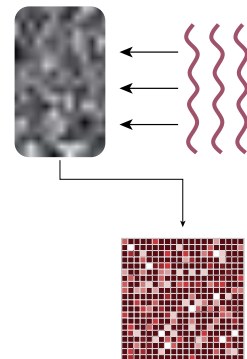
Thin mask



layered scatterer



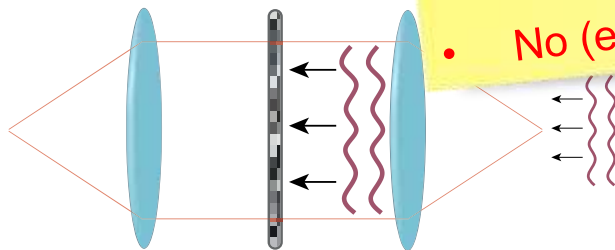
Volumetric scatterer



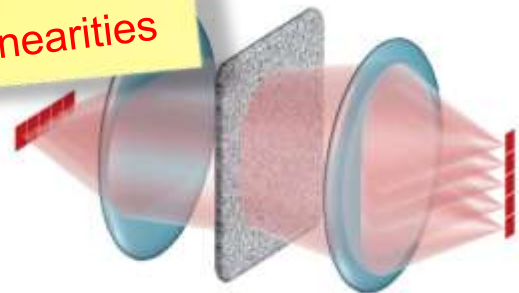
Free space optics

- Large dimension
- Energy efficient
- Slow (kHz) but high throughput
- Bulky
- No (easy) non-linearities

Advanced functions



2D convolutions

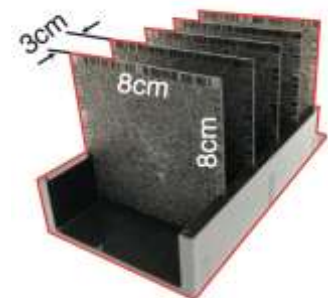
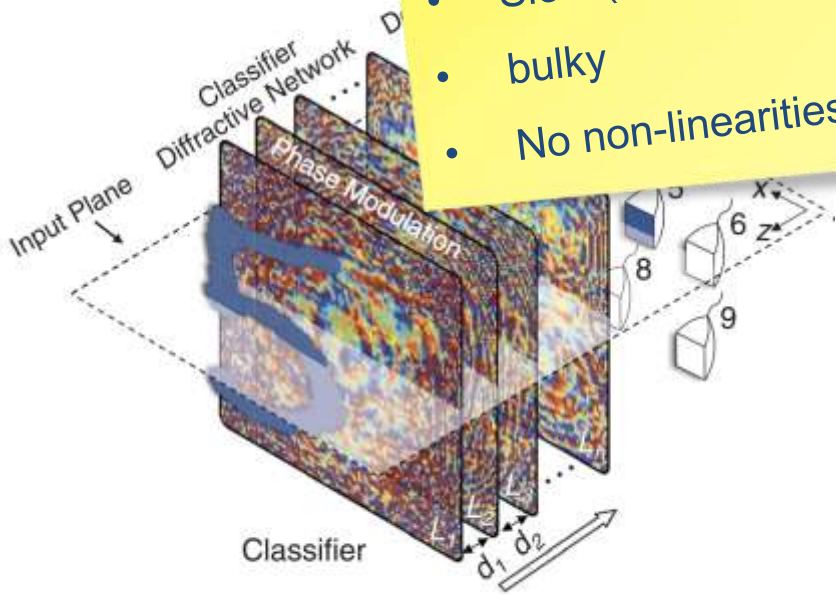
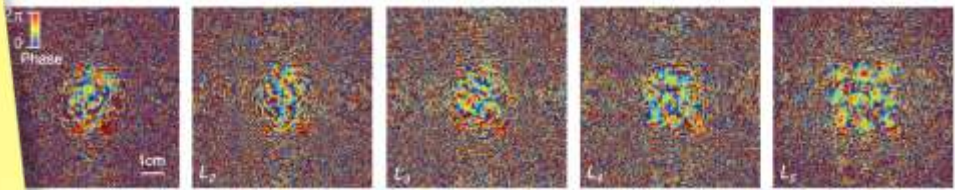


1D vector-matrix multiplier

IDEA : fabricat

Free space optics

- Large size
- Slow (kHz)
- bulky
- No non-linearities



THz realization

3D Printed D²NN (Classifier)

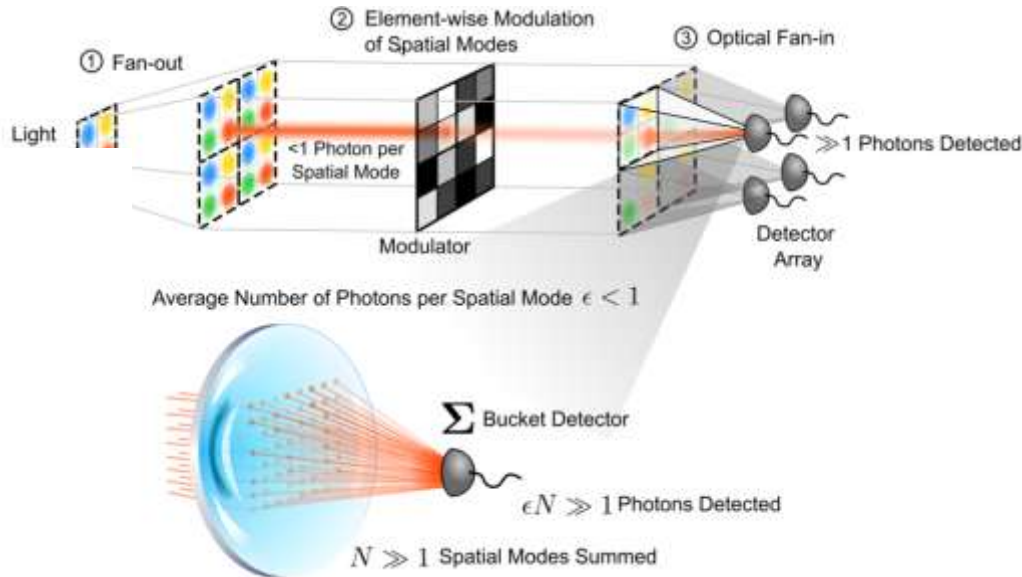
Multilayer : « **deep** »
no non-linearity between layers:
 It's a just a dense single NN layer!
 « **diffractive** »

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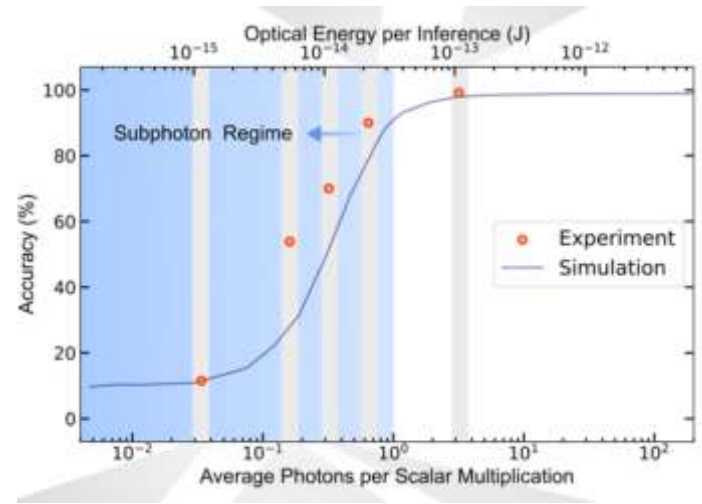
An optical neural network using less than 1 photon per multiplication

Tianyu Wang , Shi-Yuan Ma, Logan G. Wright, Tatsuhiro Onodera, Brian C. Richard & Peter L. McMahon

[Nature Communications](#) **13**, Article number: 123 (2022) | [Cite this article](#)



Accuracy on MNIST:
90% with <1 (detected) photon/MAC



No practical implementation of optical non-linearities yet (Non-linear effects, photorefractive,...)

solutions to date:

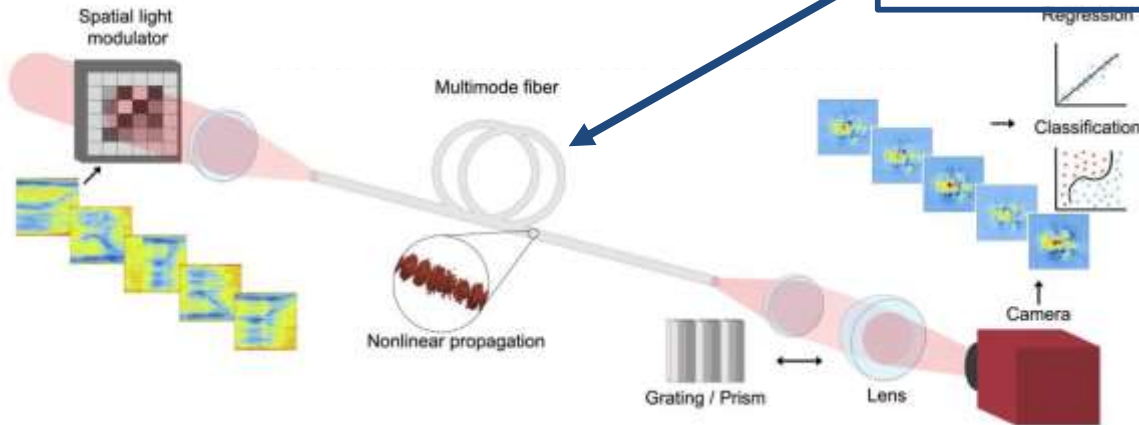
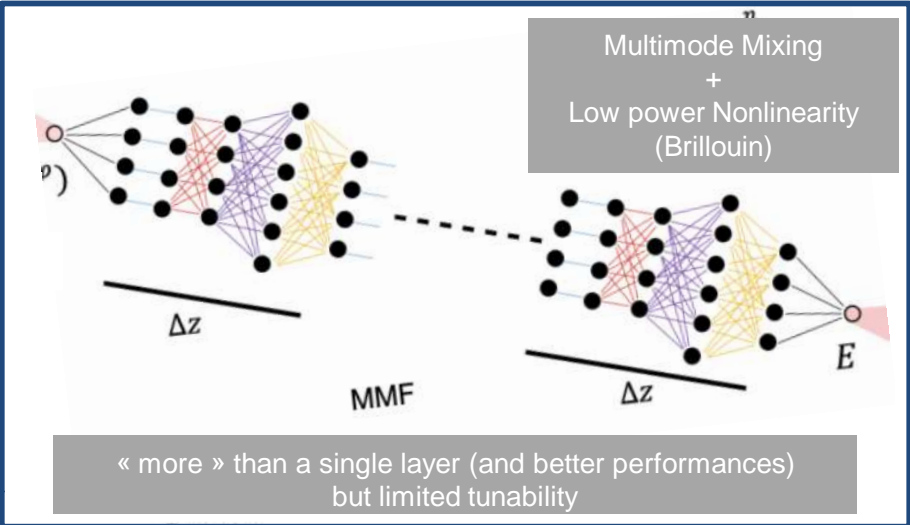
- Intensity detection $| \cdot |^2$
- Electronic non-linearity
- Not compatible with multi-layers

Article | Published: 20 August 2021

Scalable optical learning operator

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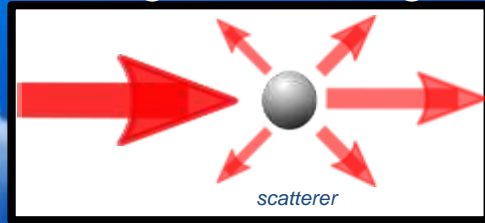


Scattering

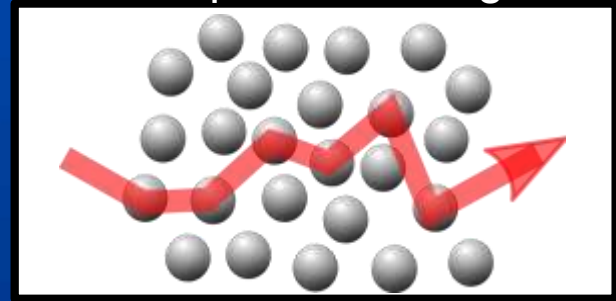
Ballistic Light



Single scattering



Multiple Scattering



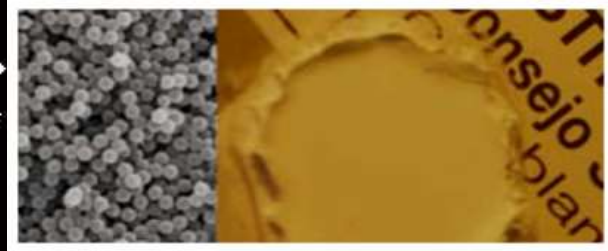
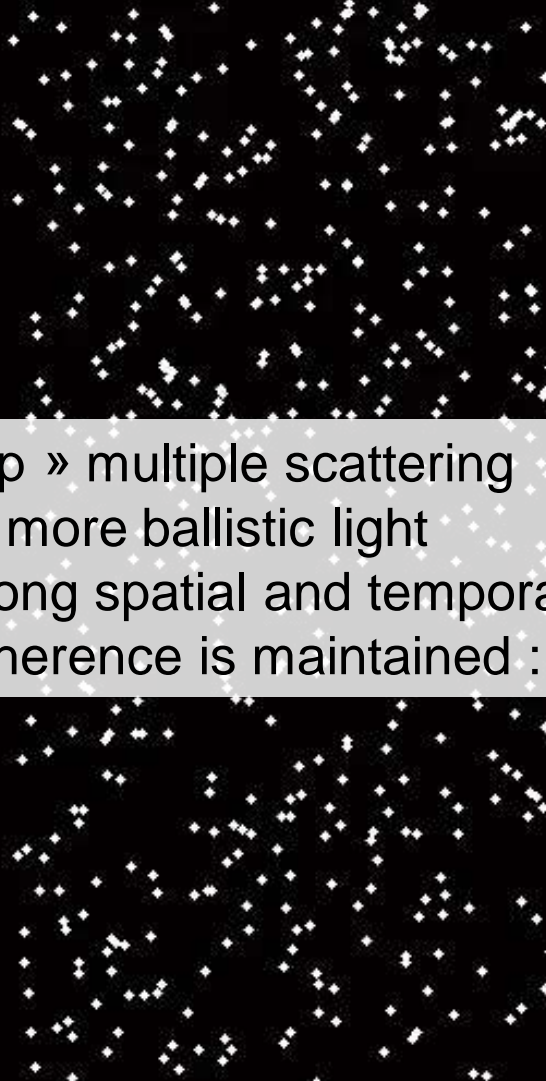
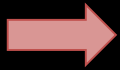
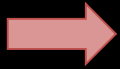


The diagram shows a black background. On the left side, there are six red arrows pointing to the right, arranged vertically. The word "LASER" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters between the second and fourth arrows from the top. In the center-right area, there are five small white stars arranged in a pattern that resembles a target or a specific constellation.

LASER

Film courtesy
of Emmanuel
Bossy
(Univ.
Grenoble)
- SIMSONIC
software

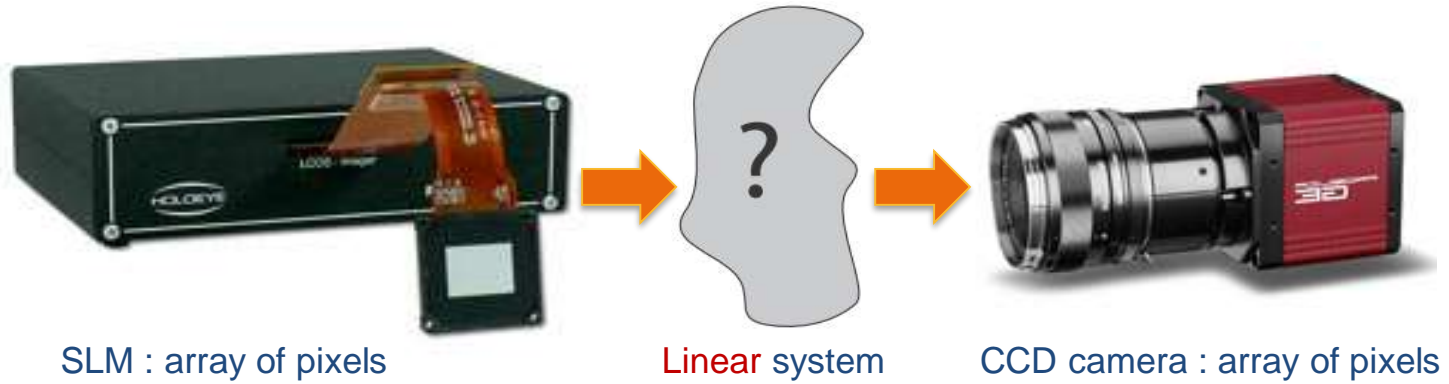
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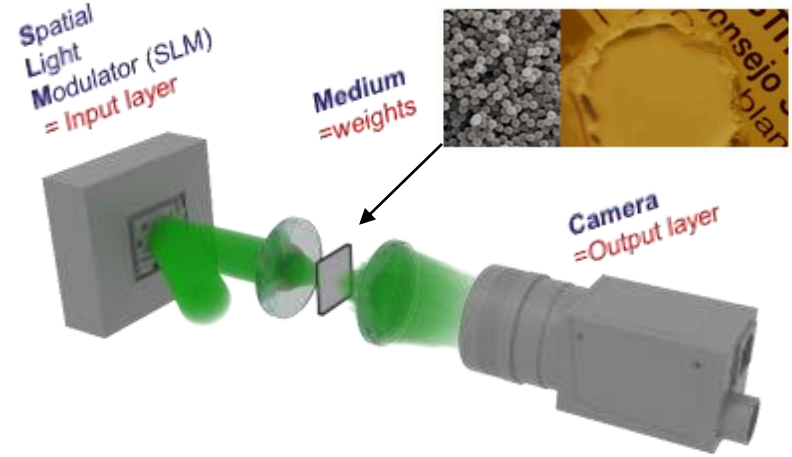
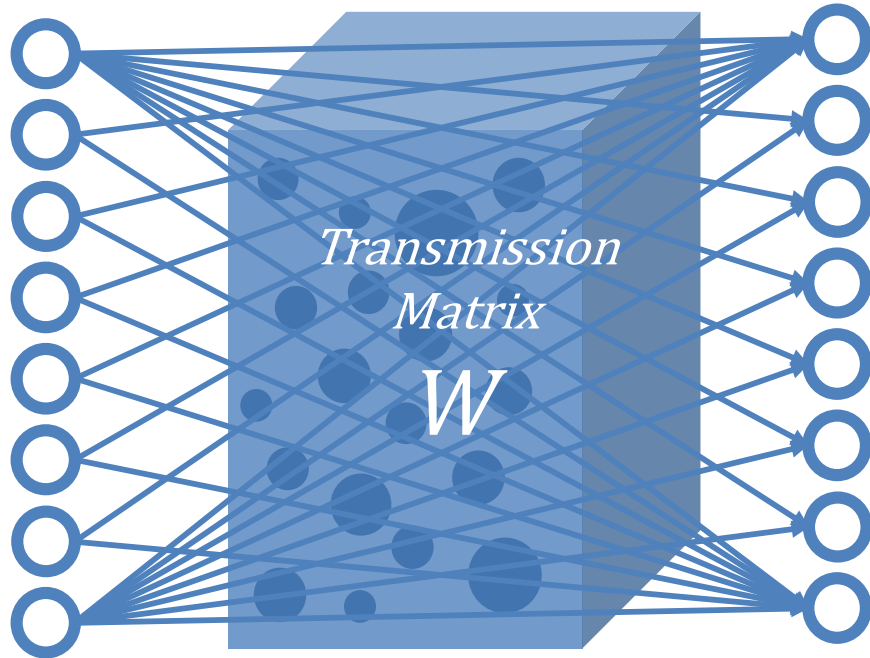
3D random Sample
« white paint »

« Deep » multiple scattering regime :

- ✗ No more ballistic light
- ✗ Strong spatial and temporal mixing
- ✓ Coherence is maintained : « **speckle** »



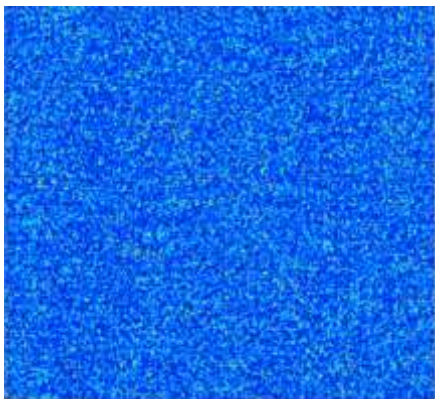
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{=} \\ \text{Grid} \end{array}
 H = \begin{pmatrix} h_{1,1} & h_{1,2} & \dots & h_{1,N} \\ h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} & \dots & h_{2,N} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{M,1} & h_{M,2} & \dots & h_{M,N} \end{pmatrix}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{=} \\ \text{Grid} \end{array}$$



= 1-Layer neural network
(fixed weights)

$$E^{out} = WE^{in}$$

Experimentally measured
Transmission Matrix (TM)

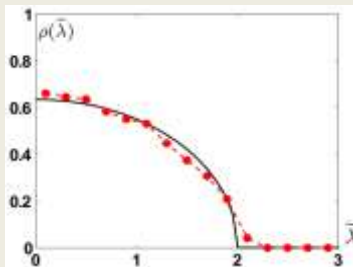


In

Popoff et al. Phys. Rev. Lett.
104,100601 (2010)

Random

Mesoscopic physics



« Quarter-circle law »

Stable for weeks

Large-dimensional

Area $A \sim 1 \text{ mm}^2$
Wavelength $\lambda \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$

$$N \sim A/\lambda^2$$

~ many million in/out
modes

as in Yu, Lee, & Park (2017)

Propagation of light through a disordered medium

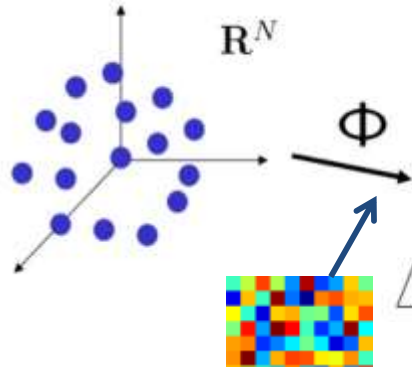
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multiplication by a complex i.i.d. random matrix

a.k.a. in signal processing : « **random projections** »

A **universal** operation

Dimensional Reduction « Johnson & Lindenstrauss »



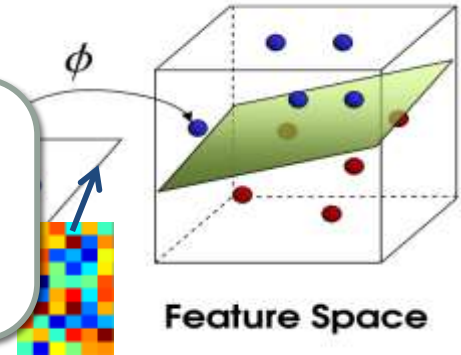
- **Random matrix** : rotation and reduction in dimension
- **conserve distances** even for $M \ll N$

Reference : Johnson, W. B., & Lindenstrauss, J. Extensions of Lipschitz mappings into a Hilbert space. *Contemporary mathematics*, 26,189(1984)

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Dimensional expansion: The “kernel Trick” « Rahimi & Recht »

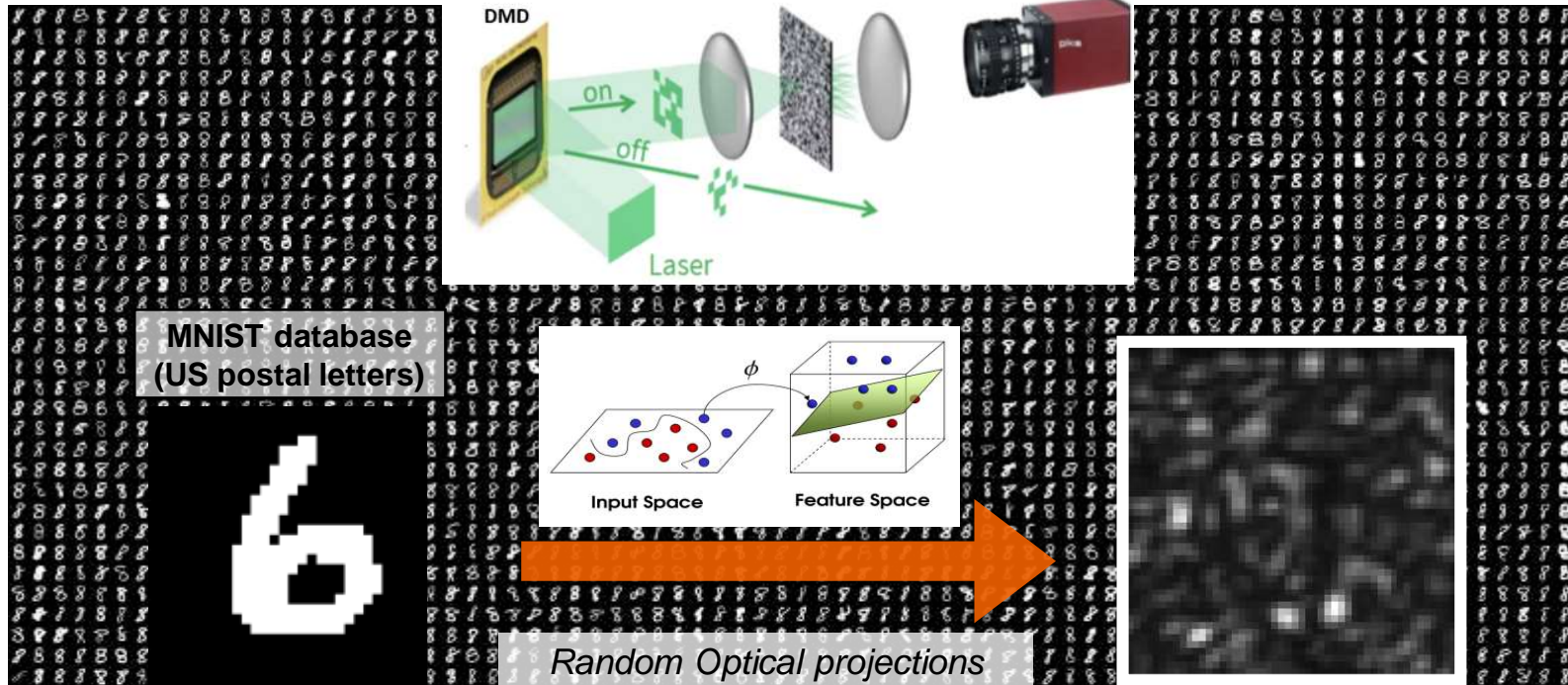
You don't need to know the matrix!
(just know that it is random)



- Make a **non-linear** regression problem **linear**
- Random projections are **efficient** and **universal**

Reference : Rahimi, A., & Recht, B. (2007). Random features for large-scale kernel machines. In *Advances in neural information processing systems* (pp. 1177-1184).

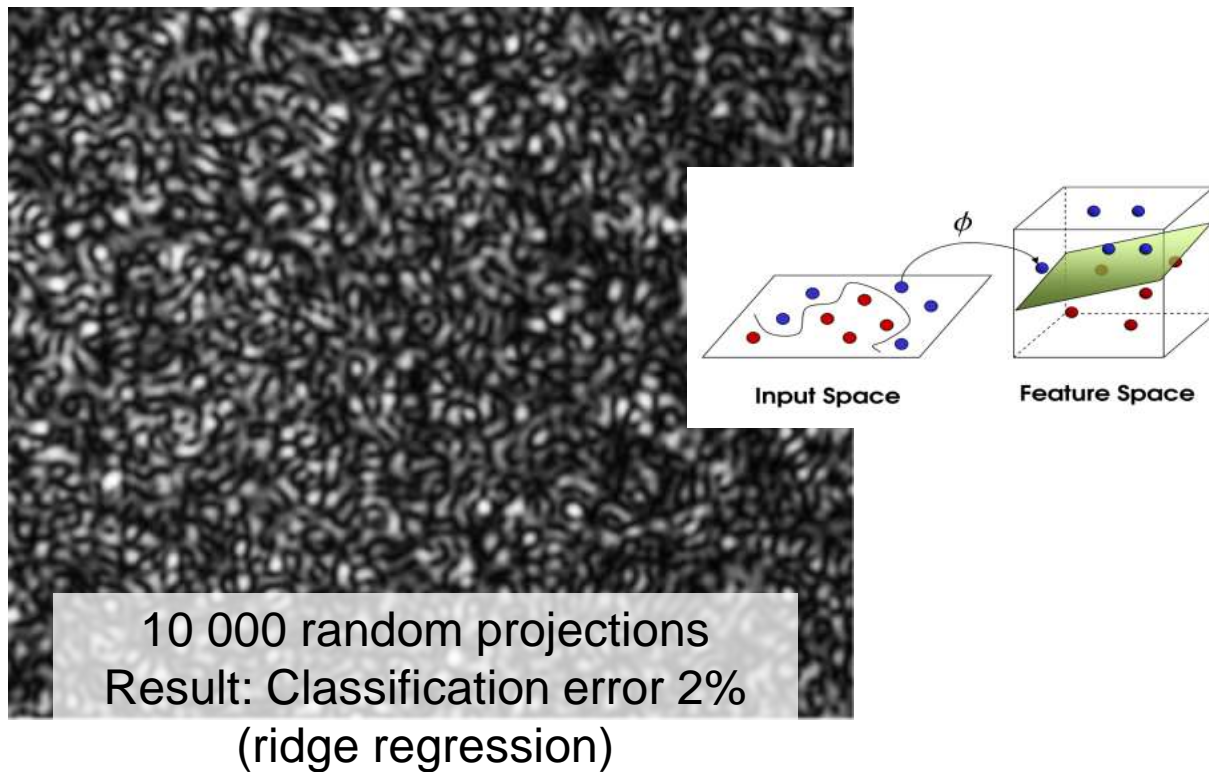
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MNIST database
(US postal letters)

Random Optical projections

A. Saade, F. Caltagirone, I. Carron, L. Daudet, A. Drémeau, S. Gigan, F. Krzakala,
**Random projections through multiple optical scattering: approximating kernels
 at the speed of light, ICCASP (2016)**





Why is it interesting ?

EXTRA-LARGE

&

SUPER-FAST

W of size higher than
 $10^6 \times 10^6$
 (TBs of memory)

kHz operation
 $\rightarrow 10^3$ such
 multiplies / s



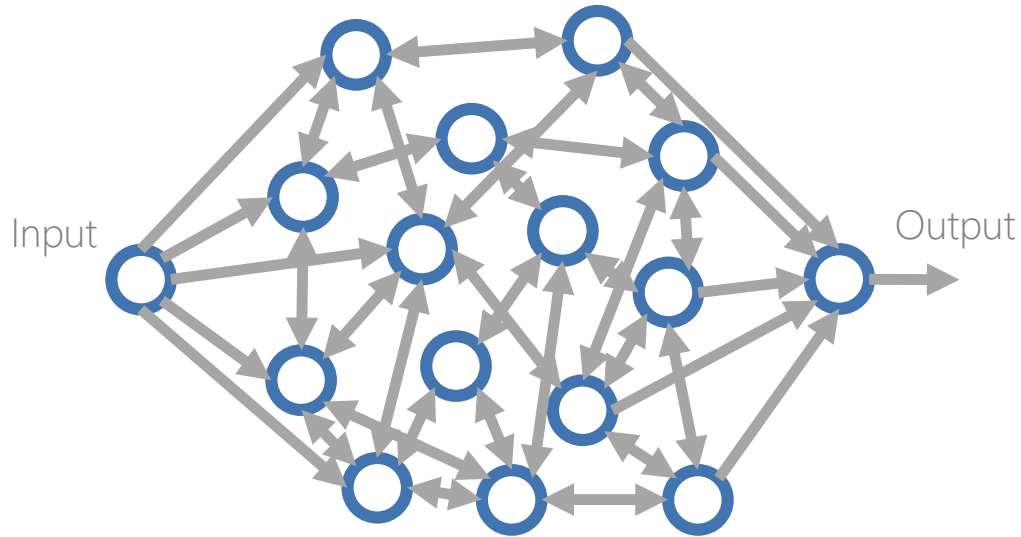
Equivalent 10^{15} operations / s : You would need a *Peta-scale* computer to do the same !



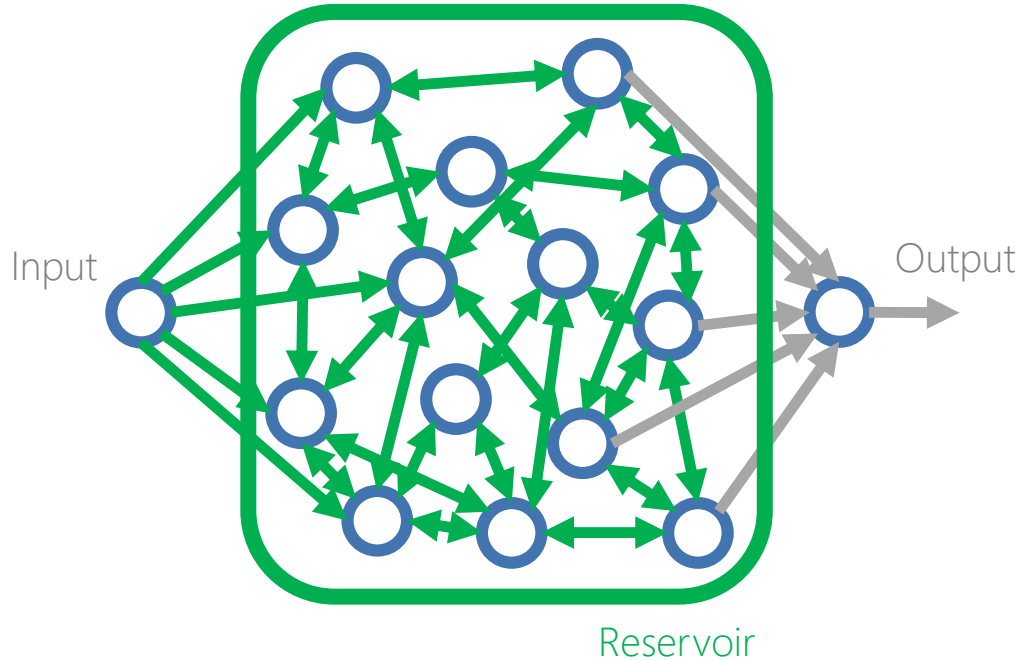
- many, many use cases (inference, training, linear algebra...)
- already at scale for modern machine learning
- you can buy it already (1st commercial optical processor)

(Col disclosure: S.G. acknowledges financial interest in LightOn)

www.lighton.ai

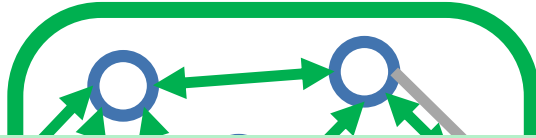


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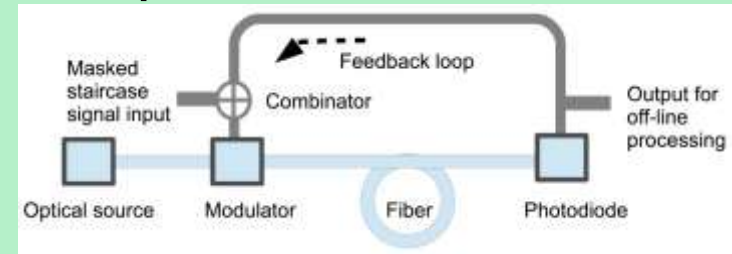
Reservoir Computing fixes all internal weights **randomly**



Recurrent Neural Networks are

Particularly well suited for physical implementations

- Dedicated electronics
- Integrated photonics
- Exotic architectures



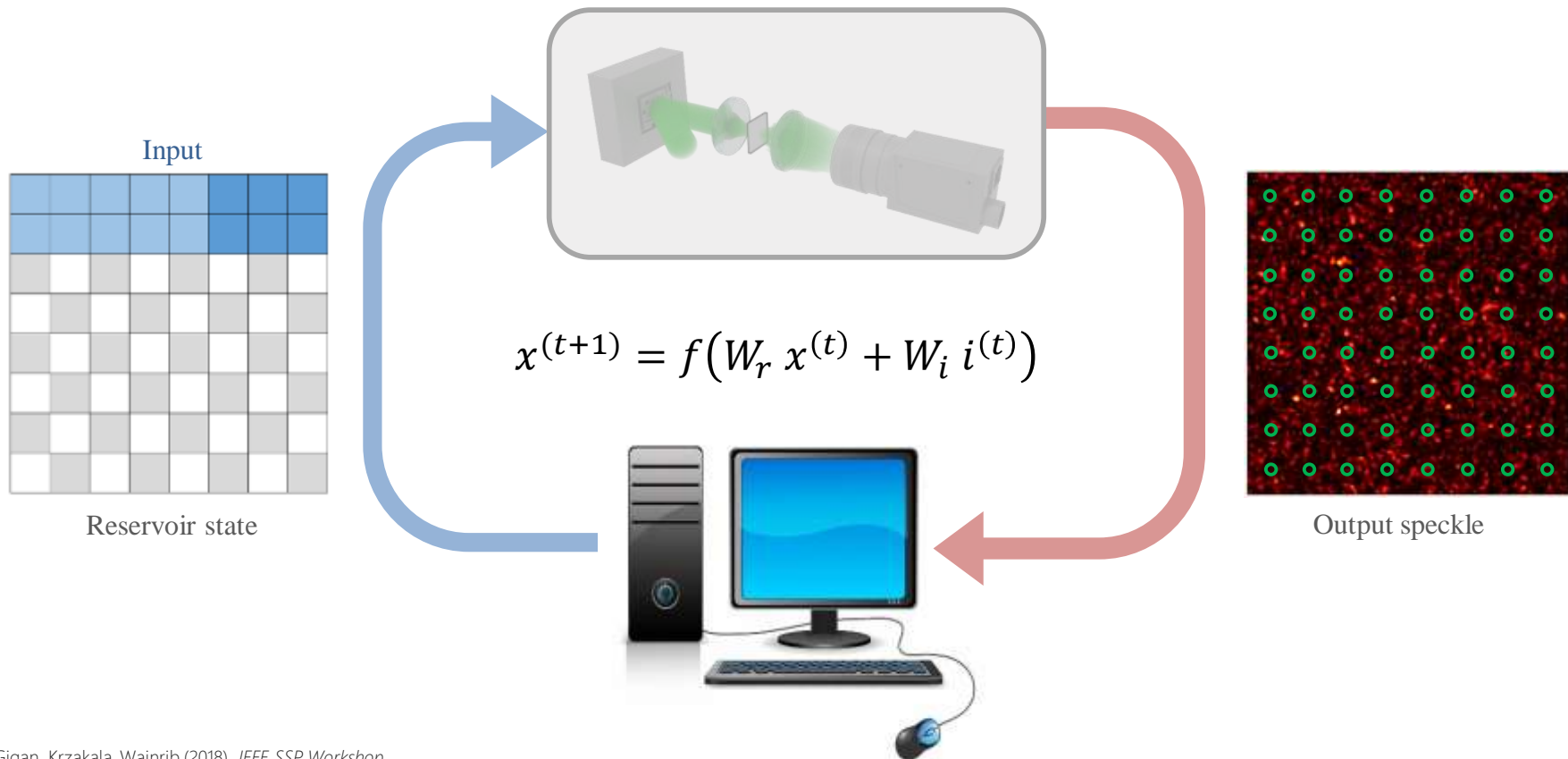
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Reservoir

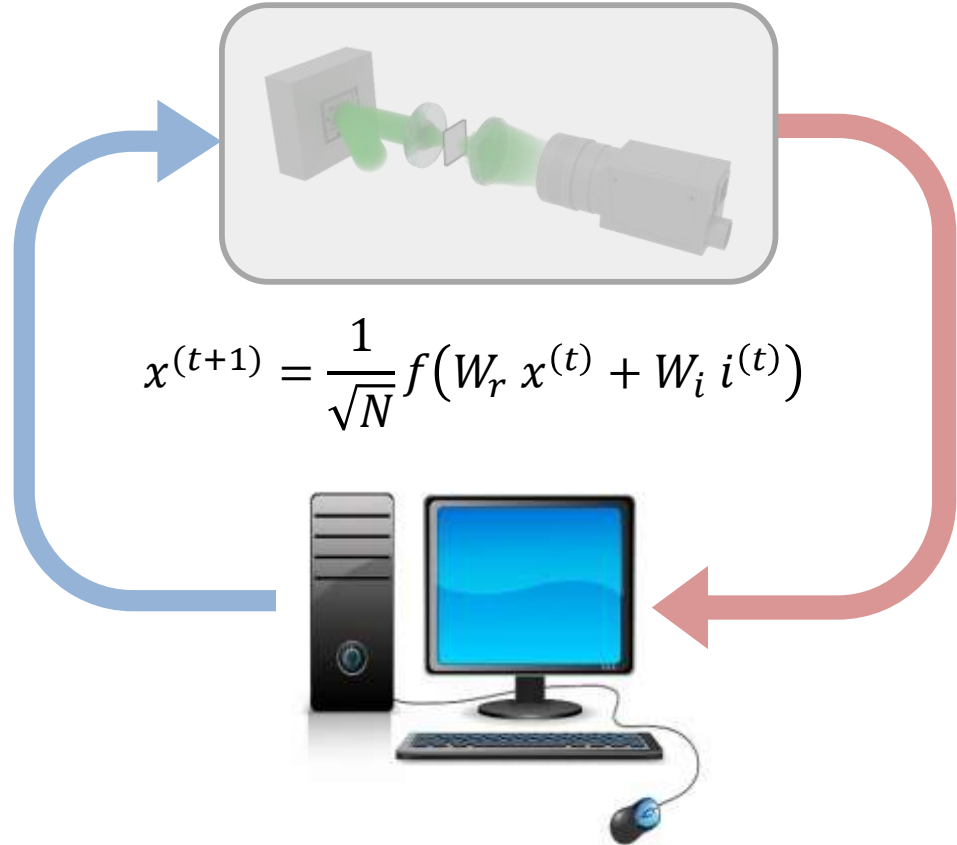
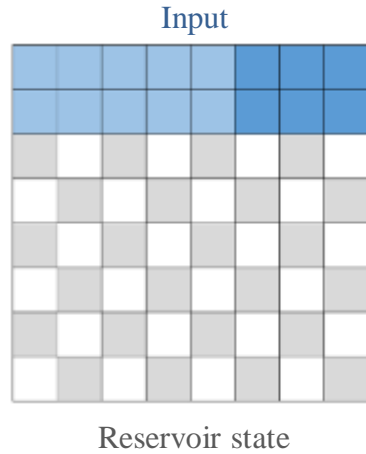
next reservoir

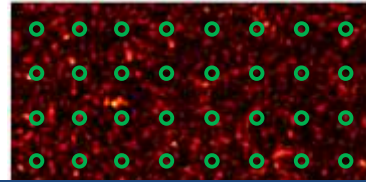
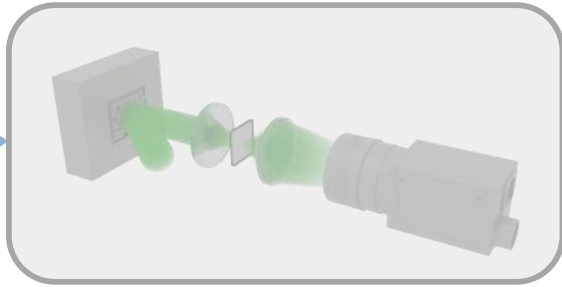
current reservoir

current input



SLM encoding
 Input $i^{(t)}$
 and reservoir $x^{(t)}$





Camera readout
To get $x^{(t+1)}$

$$x^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{c} (W_0 x^{(t)} + W_1 \cdot (t))$$

Last stage / a posteriori

Predict output with a linear model

$$o^{(t)} = W_0 x^{(t)}$$

(done on a CPU or GPU - Typically not the bottleneck)



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The Mackey-Glass equation (1D):

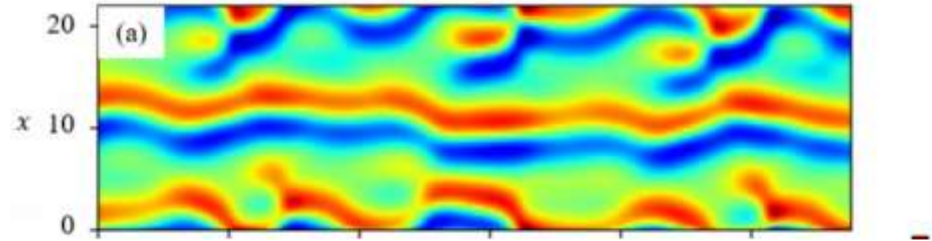
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\beta x_\tau}{1 + x_\tau^n} - \gamma x$$



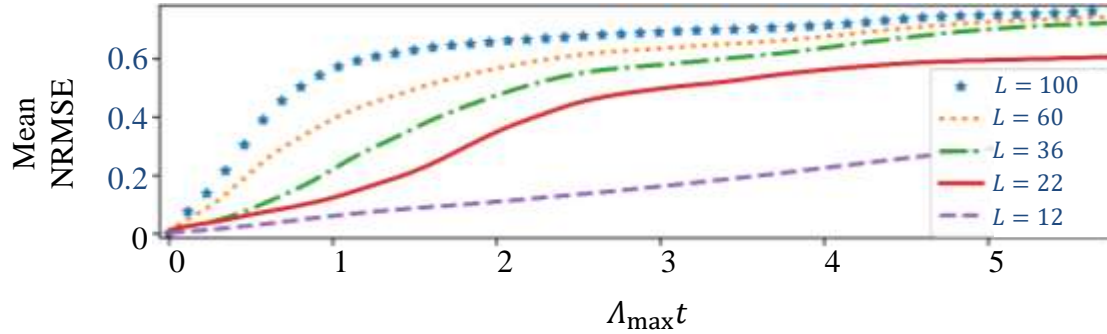
The Kuramoto-Sivashinsky equation (2D):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla^4 u + \nabla^2 u + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 = 0$$

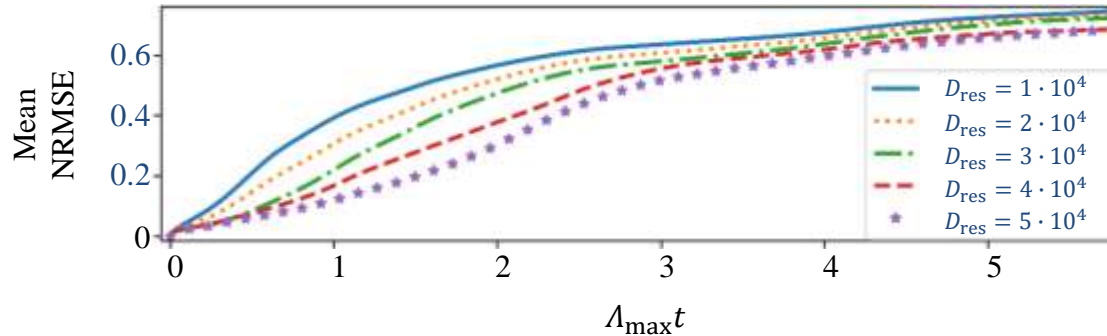
Ground truth



Reservoir size is fixed, $D_{\text{res}} = 10000$



Spatial domain size is fixed, $L = 60$

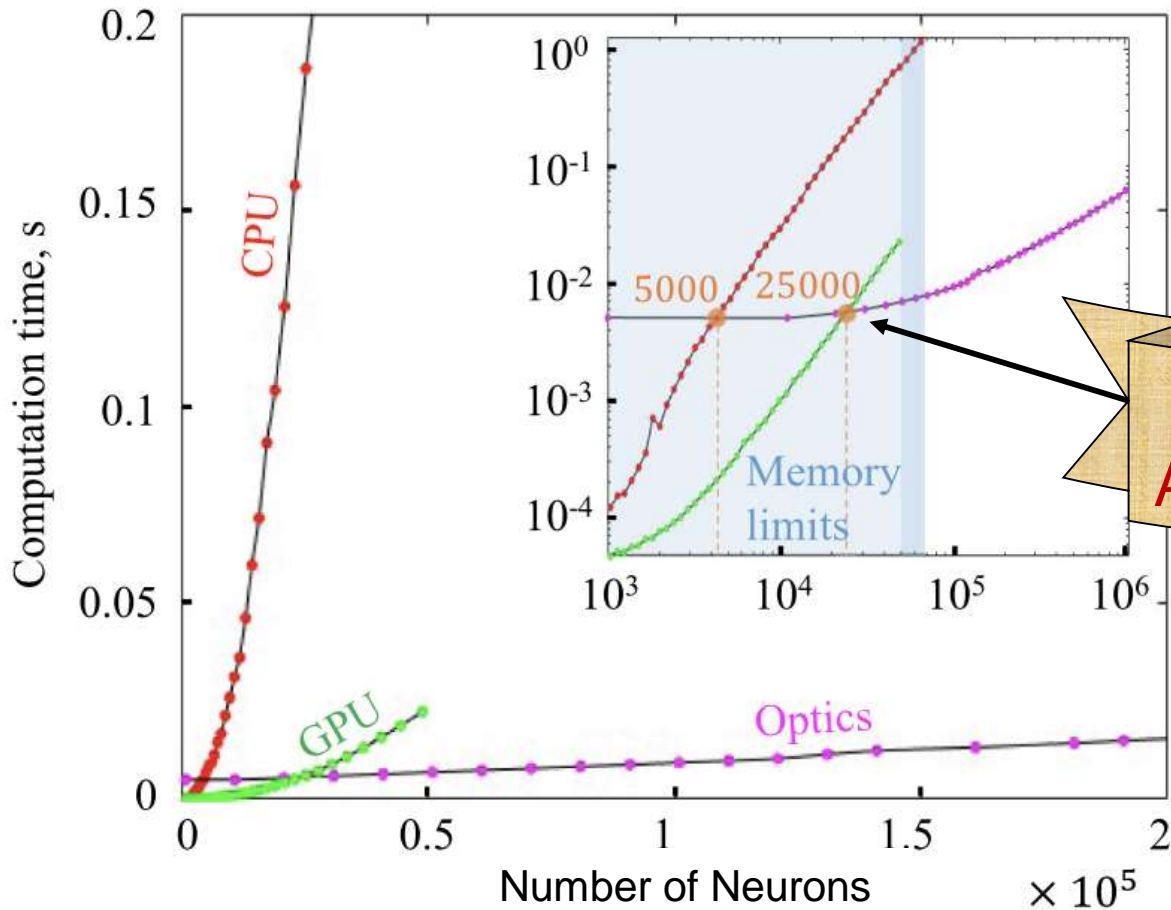


Larger networks can predict better larger chaotic systems

Speed

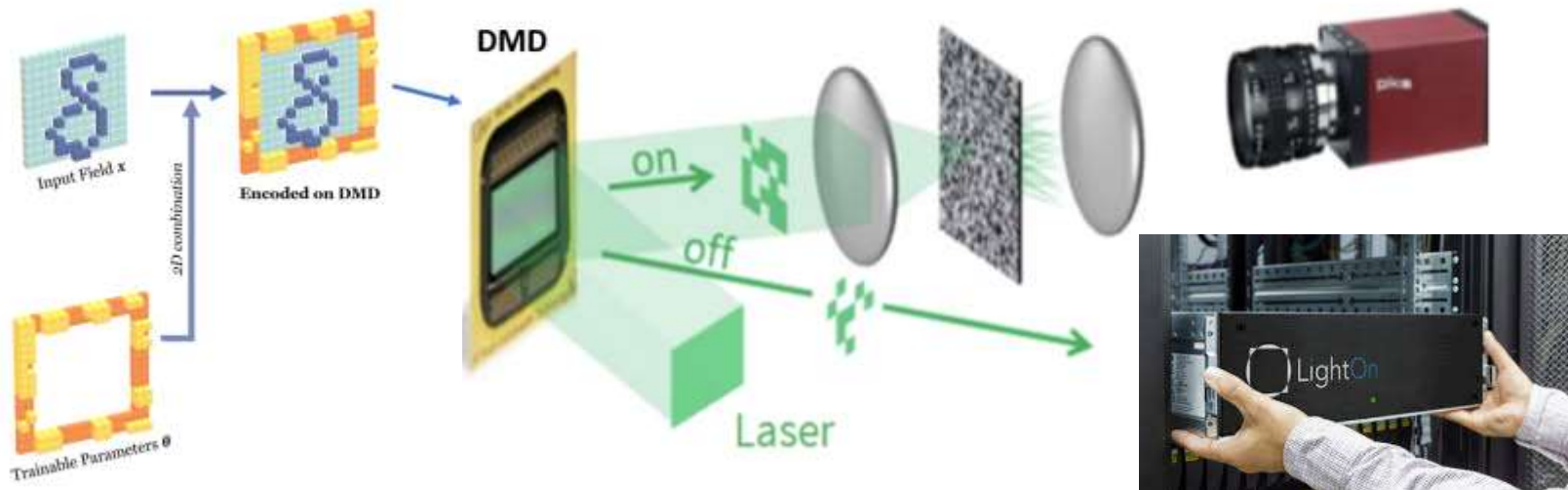
	Electronics	Optics
Speed	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Energy efficiency	~150 W	~30 W
Dimensionality	Memory limit (~ GB)	Resolution limit (~ TB)

Energy efficiency
Dimensionality

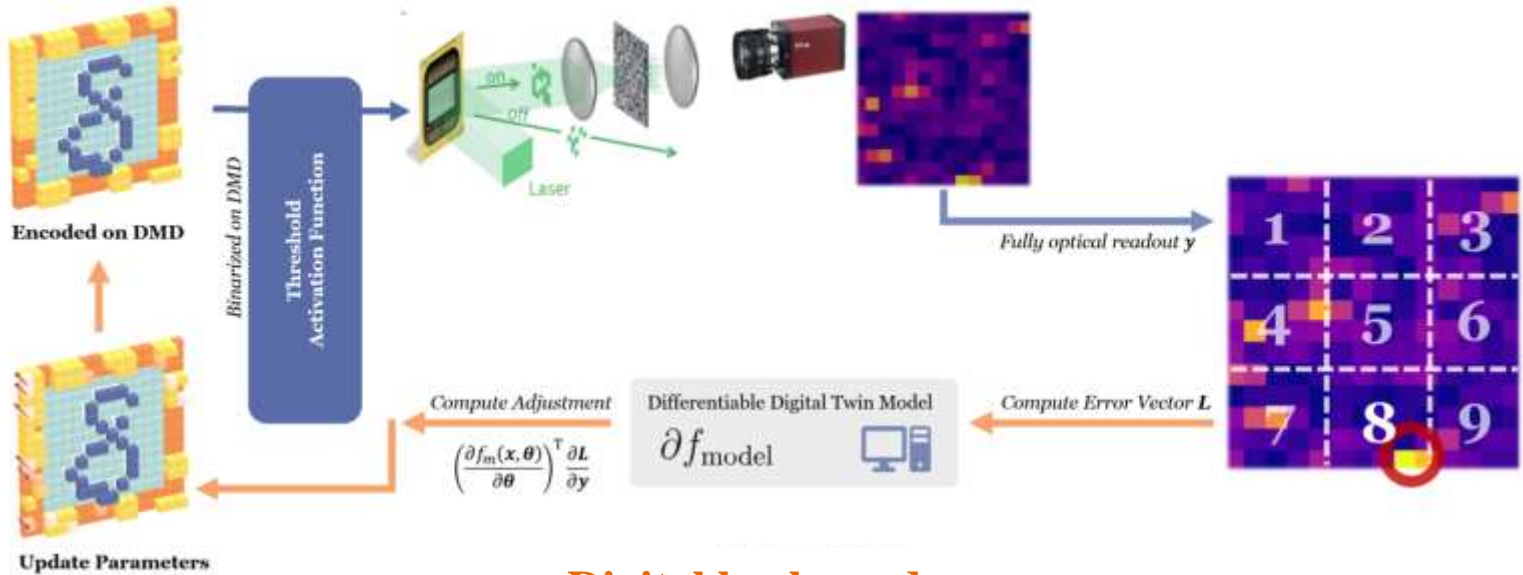


Optical Advantage !

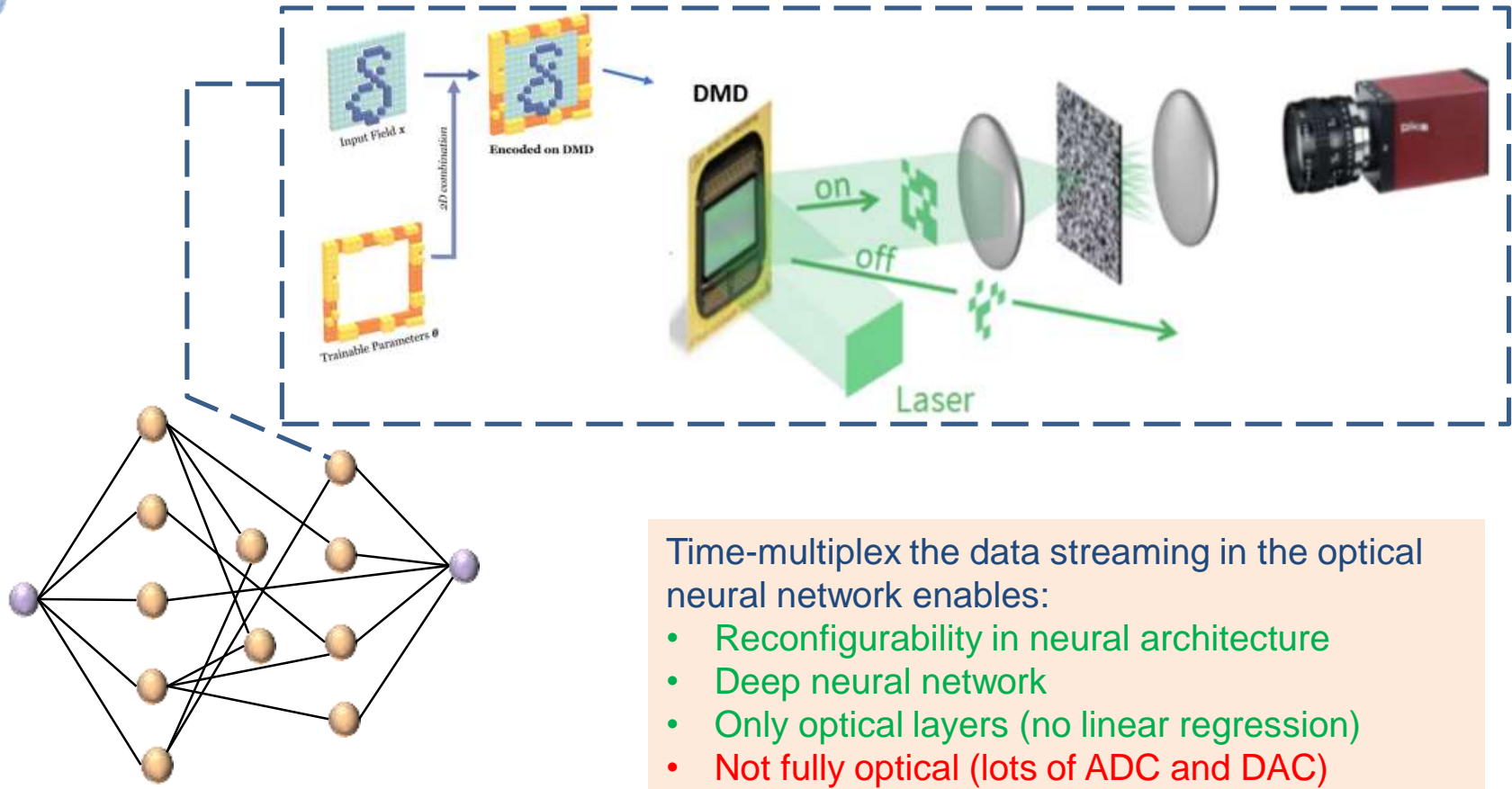
- Tunable in weight by encoding on DMD
- Nonlinearity in camera detection

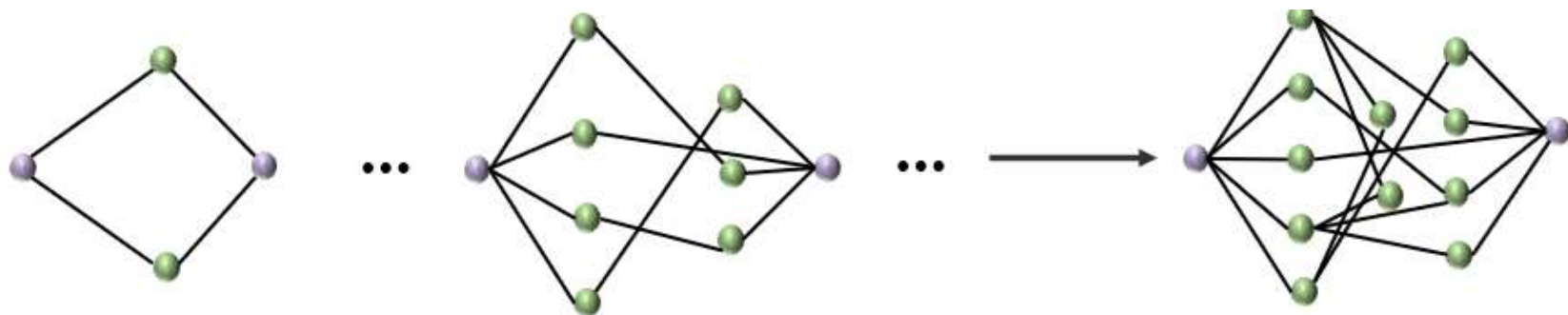
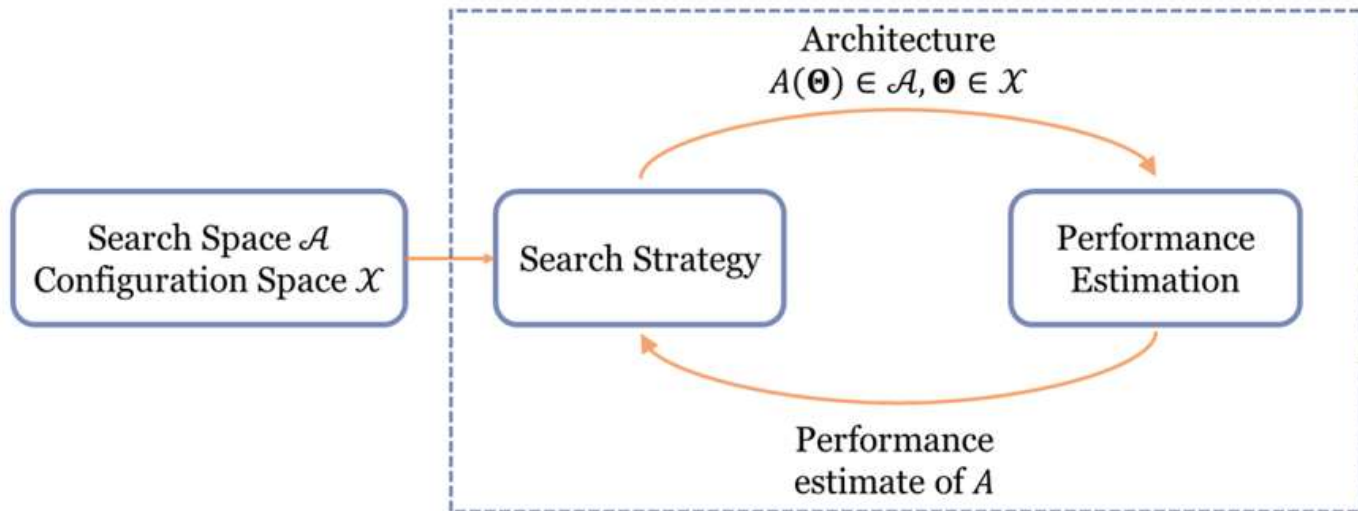


Optical forward pass



Digital backward pass





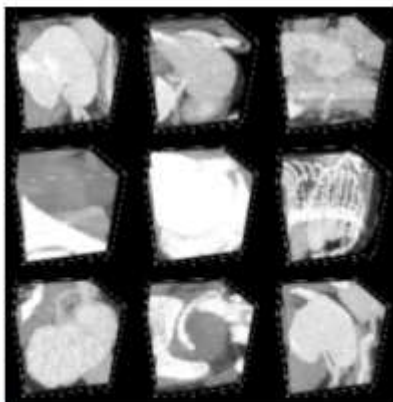
Challenging Tasks Even for Advanced Deep Learning Models

Organ 3D and Fracture 3D from M

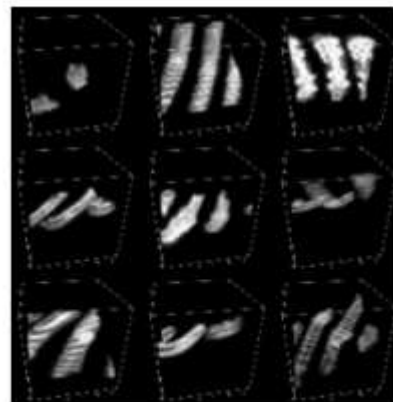
3D CT scans for body organs or rib fractures (More than 2D images)

Large scale (Dimension is 2.20×10^4)

Not toy task, but application-level database in medicine.



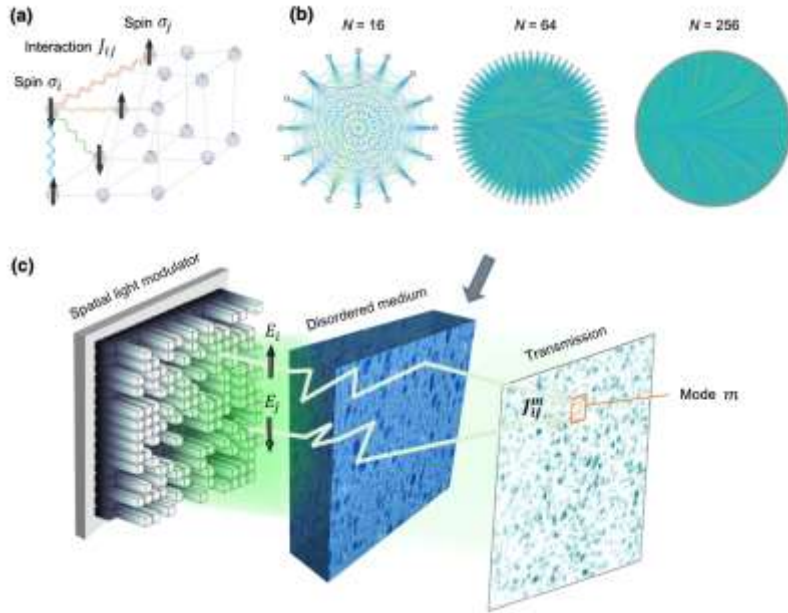
Organ 3D



Rib Fracture 3D

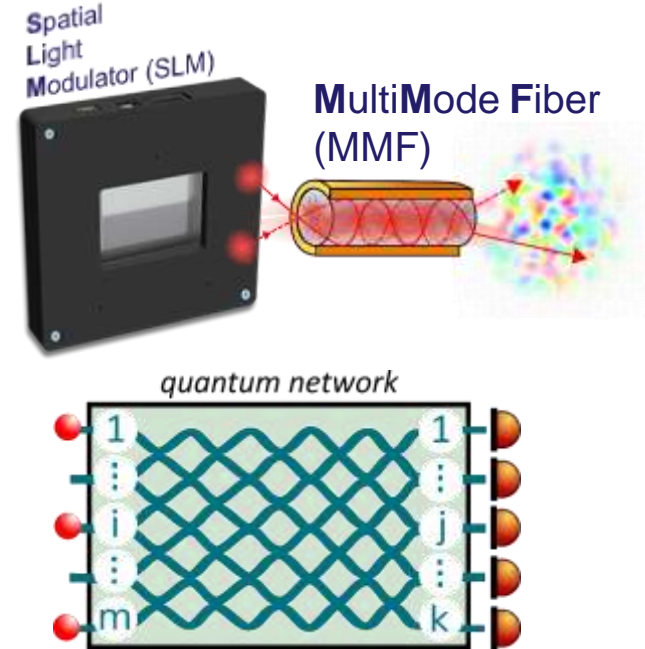
Methods	3D Organ	3D Fracture	# parameters
	accuracy	accuracy	
LS-ONN (ours)	0.7578	0.5167	$\sim 2 \times 10^5$ (total)
1-hidden layer MLP (activation: relu)	0.11	0.45	4.39×10^4
ResNet-50 + 2.5D	0.769	0.397	4.58×10^7
ResNet-18 + 2.5D	0.788	0.451	3.17×10^7
AutoKeras	0.804	0.458	
auto-sklearn	0.814	0.453	
ResNet-50 + 3D	0.883	0.494	4.64×10^7
ResNet-18 + 3D	0.907	0.508	3.33×10^7

Scalable Spin-Glass Optical Simulator



Pierangeli et al. Phys. Rev. Applied 15, 034087 (2021)
 Iacucci et al. Phys. Rev. A (2022)
 Collaboration : Claudio Conti (Roma)

Programmable linear circuits in a multimode fiber



Leedumrongwatthanakun, S.. et al.,
 Nature Photonics 14, 139–142 (2020).

Optics & Photonics have unique advantages for current & future artificial Neural networks



Fast



Large-dimensional



Low-power consumption



Weight tuning and training



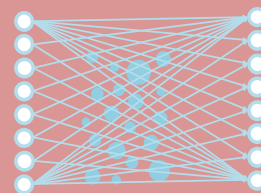
Non-linearities



Size

- NO fully optical deep neural network
- HYBRID electro-optics implementations
- mostly very simple proof-of-concepts
- Some specialized architectures are successful

Optical Random Projections

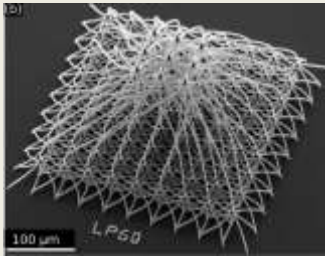


- Easy fabrication
- All-to-all connectivity
- Fixed weights
- Already at scale
- Low power consumption

➤ **Proof of principle:** classification, reservoir computing, Ising models ...

Convergence between free space and integrated optics?

“Best of both worlds”



Optica 7, 640-646 (2020) (D. Brunner team – FEMTO-ST)

Convergence between algorithms & optics?

(Not just deep learning)

“the hardware lottery”



S. Hooker [arXiv:2009.06489](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.06489)

Convergence between classical & quantum optical machine learning?



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