# Unconventional Computing with **Photonic Substrates**

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 IFISC: Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Physics and Complex Systems in Mallorca

 Joint research Institute of the University of the Balearic Islands (UIB) and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) created in 2007







### Nonlinear Photonics Laboratory at IFISC has been operational since 2009



Semiconductor lasers



Experimental implementations + numerical simulations





$$\frac{dx(t')}{dt'} = -x(t') + \beta \sin^2[x(t'-T) + \Phi]$$

M. C. Soriano, J. Garcia-Ojalvo, C. R. Mirasso, and I. Fischer, "Complex photonics: Dynamics and applications of delaycoupled semiconductors lasers", Reviews of Modern Physics 85, 421-470 (2013).

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 $\dot{E}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1+i\alpha)\xi n(t)E(t) + \kappa E(t-\tau)e^{-\omega_o\tau} + F_E(t),$ 

 $\dot{n}(t) = (p-1)\frac{I_{th}}{e} - \gamma_e n(t) - [\Gamma_o + \xi n(t)]|E(t)|^2 + F_N(t).$ 





### **Photonics for Unconventional Computing**

#### Review Article | Published: 29 January 2021

## Photonics for artificial intelligence and neuromorphic computing

Bhavin J. Shastri ⊠, Alexander N. Tait ⊠, T. Ferreira de Lima, Wolfram H. P. Pernice, Harish Bhaskaran, C. D. Wright & Paul R. Prucnal

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Photonic matrix multiplication lights up photonic accelerator and beyond

Hailong Zhou, Jianji Dong 🖂, Junwei Cheng, Wenchan Dong, Chaoran Huang, Yichen Shen, Qiming Zhang, Min Gu, Chao Qian, Hongsheng Chen, Zhichao Ruan & Xinliang Zhang

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Editorial

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Neural network learning with photonics and for photonic circuit design









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Feed Forward Neural Networks can approximate any continuous function ( ≥1 hidden layers + non-linear activations)

Recurrent Neural Networks can approximate a dynamical system



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Historical Perspective 关



- Optical neural networks explored in the 1980s but interest in AI declines

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- Renewed interest from 2010: Approaches to optical neural networks using different multiplexing techniques



Y. Bai, X. Xu, M. Tan, Y. Sun, Y. Li, J. Wu, R. Morandotti, A. Mitchell, K. Xu, and D. Moss, "Photonic multiplexing techniques for neuromorphic computing", Nanophotonics 12, 795-817 (2023)

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# - Reservoir Computing: RNN with random input and hidden layer connections



dotted lines: trained interconnectionssolid lines: random but fixed interconnections

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K. Vandoorne, et al., "Toward optical signal processing using Photonic Reservoir Computing", Optics Express 16, 11182-11192 (2008).



Time multiplexing and time-delayed systems  $\star$ 



L. Appeltant, M. C. Soriano, G. Van der Sande, J. Danckaert, S. Massar, J. Dambre, B. Schrauwen, C. R. Mirasso, and I. Fischer, "Information processing using a single dynamical node as complex system", Nature Communications 2, 468 (2011).

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### Time multiplexing and time-delayed systems 🔆



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## How it started:

towards a PHOtonic liquid state mar based on delay-CoUpled Systems



Electronic approach *Nature Commun.* 2, 468 (2011)



Optoelectronic approach Optics Express 20, 3241 (2012)





Optical approach Nat. Commun. 4, 1364 (2013)

## How it's going:

## Telecom wavelengths / fiber based







### Laser networks





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- Recognition of spoken digits Error-free classification  $\sim 0.1$  Million words / sec
- Prediction of chaotic time series Prediction errors < 6%
- ~ 13 Million points / sec
- Approaching processing speeds of Gb/s for telecom tasks





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• Information processing with photonic systems and time-multiplexing

## From Classical...

- Speeding up computation with semiconductor lasers
- Integrated photonics
- Training hardware systems

## **To Quantum Reservoir Computing**

• Proposal in a photonic substrate





#### Experimental Setup



#### Reservoir: Response laser with feedback

- semiconductor laser @ 1545.5 nm
- biased around threshold 10.8mA
- single longitudinal mode
- delay loop with 24.5 ns (40MHz)

#### Input modulation

- Keysight AWG M8196A
  - intensity modulation @ max. 92 GSa/s
  - analog bandwidth @ 32 GHz
- optical modulator (MZM) @ 40 GHz bandwidth

#### **Output measurement**

- photoreceiver @ 40 GHz bandwidth
- Keysight Oscilloscope UXR0404A
  - sampling intensity @ max. 256 GSa/s
    - 3 samples per input sample
  - analog bandwidth @ 40 GHz



How to speed up computations?

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# Optical injection as nonlinear mechanism to increase bandwidth $\rightarrow$ exploit fast dynamics



#### Possible to encode virtual neurons @ 11.7ps/85 GHz

- strong injection gain to exploit bandwidth enhancement
- varying detuning between injection and reservoir laser





## Experimental results 🔸

#### **Time-series prediction**

- 200 nodes @ 11.7ps  $\rightarrow$  T ~ 2.4ns (~ 0.4GHz) ultrafast RNN for time-series processing

#### Gaining 10x effective speed up









### Towards a complete device for delayed RC:





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Integrated photonics II ⊁

#### Towards a complete device for delayed RC:



### Integrated solution for output layer:

**Delay** lines

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**Power Combiner** 

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### Circuit proposal:



Delay lines:

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MMI

1x2

MMI

1x2

Power Splitter

MMI

Amplitude

Modulator



Preliminary results for a circuit with 9 paths of increasing delay ~ 33ps spacing

- Tuning of amplitudes (weights) with tunable heaters
- Injection of a single pulse at the input of the PIC







Hardware-based learning / Hardware and software co-design → better adaptation means higher resource efficiency



 Training on model and transfer of parameters to experimental system (include in the model the detailed characteristics of the experiment: component tolerance, signal to noise ratio, bandwidth, ...)

2) Training directly on experimental system (with external feedback or autonomous)





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average power

- From random mapping to full optimization
  - Back-propagation through time (BPTT)
  - Optimized mask for the system and the task



• Learning procedure improves results but increases complexity

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- For handwritten digit recognition task (MNIST) error for RC ~ 7% and BPTT ~ 1%

200

250

Mask adapted to the analog bandwidth of

the system

150

Training time for RC ~ minutes and BPTT ~ hours

100

M. Hermans, M. C. Soriano, J. Dambre, P. Bienstman, and I. Fischer, "Photonic delay systems as machine learning implementations", Journal of Machine Learning Research 16, p. 2081-2097, Oct 2015.

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- Online learning strategies for optical neural networks
  - No mathematical model needed
  - Train input and output weights



- Extract the system's gradient and use it for learning
  - estimating the gradients via sampling (measuring) the error related to small changes in the weights



 evolutionary strategies based on sampling adaptation: parameter exploring policy gradient (150 neurons with 10 bit weight resolution on MNIST)

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## Photonic RC beyond time multiplexing \*





#### Reviews in Physics 12 (2024) 100093



#### A photonics perspective on computing with physical substrates

S. Abreu<sup>a</sup>, I. Boikov<sup>b</sup>, M. Goldmann<sup>c</sup>, T. Jonuzi<sup>d</sup>, A. Lupo<sup>e</sup>, S. Masaad<sup>f</sup>, L. Nguyen<sup>g</sup>, E. Picco<sup>e</sup>, G. Pourcel<sup>a</sup>, A. Skalli<sup>h</sup>, L. Talandier<sup>c</sup>, B. Vettelschoss<sup>i</sup>, E.A. Vlieg<sup>j</sup>, A. Argyris<sup>c</sup>, P. Bienstman<sup>f</sup>, D. Brunner<sup>h</sup>, J. Dambre<sup>i</sup>, L. Daudet<sup>k</sup>, J.D. Domenech<sup>d</sup>, I. Fischer<sup>c</sup>, F. Horst<sup>j</sup>, S. Massar<sup>e</sup>, C.R. Mirasso<sup>c</sup>, B.J. Offrein<sup>j</sup>, A. Rossi<sup>b</sup>, M.C. Soriano<sup>c,\*</sup>, S. Sygletos<sup>g</sup>, S.K. Turitsyn<sup>g</sup>







Reservoir: Largearea Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser

 Different spatial locations as reservoir nodes

 Input and output layer also in hardware!

A. Skalli, J. Robertson, D. Owen-Newns, M. Hejda, X. Porte, S. Reitzenstein, A. Hurtado, D. Brunner, "Photonic neuromorphic computing using vertical cavity semiconductor lasers", Optical Materials Express 12, 2395 (2022).

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## Photonic RC with frequency multiplexing \*

### Demonstrated in benchmark tasks:

- Nonlinear channel equalization
- Chaotic time series prediction



### - Recent extension to deep reservoirs!

L. Butschek, A. Akrout, E. Dimitriadou, A. Lupo, M. Haelterman, S. Massar, "Photonic reservoir computer based on frequency multiplexing", Optics Letters 47, 782 (2022).

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## Advantages of quantum photonics

- High transmission speed
- Long time quantum coherence
- Scalability (time/frequency multiplexing...)

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#### Quantum computational advantage using photons

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Quantum computers promise to perform certain tasks that are believed to be intractable to classical computers. Boson sampling is such a task and is considered a strong candidate to demonstrate the quantum computational advantage. We performed Gaussian boson sampling by sending 50 indistinguishable single-mode squeezed states into a 100-mode ultralow-loss interferometer with full connectivity and random matrix—the whole optical setup is phase-locked—and sampling the output using 100 high-efficiency single-photon detectors. The obtained samples were validated against plausible hypotheses exploiting thermal states, distinguishable photons, and uniform distribution. The photonic quantum computer, *Jiuzhang*, generates up to 76 output photon clicks, which yields an output state-space dimension of  $10^{30}$  and a sampling rate that is faster than using the state-of-the-art simulation strategy and supercomputers by a factor of ~ $10^{14}$ .

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## Quantum computational advantage with a programmable photonic processor

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Relevant for a wide variety of applications (quantum computing, quantum simulation, quantum communications, etc)



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## Quantum Reservoir Computing

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- RC requires memory, nonlinearity, and high dimensionality
- Measurement alters guantum state  $\rightarrow$  memory needs to be preserved
- Output layer over expected values  $\rightarrow$  multiple measurements or multiple copies of the experiment are needed
- $\geq$ Strategies are needed for conducting experiments in real time

P. Mujal, R. Martínez-Peña, J. Nokkala, J. García-Beni, G. L. Giorgi, M. C. Soriano, and R. Zambrini. "Opportunities in Quantum Reservoir Computing and Extreme Learning Machines." Advanced Quantum Technologies, 2100027 (2021)

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**Proposal in photonics:** 











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#### **Platform scheme:**



### Information carrier: optical pulse



## Input ancilla: squeezed vacuum state



Non-linear crystals: mode coupling

$$\hat{H}_{\chi^{(2)}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \omega_i \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} \hat{a}_i + \sum_{j>i} \left( g_{ij} \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} \hat{a}_j + i h_{ij} \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} \hat{a}_j^{\dagger} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

### Quantum measurement: photodetection

Homodyne detection of quadratures  $\hat{x}_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \hat{a}_i + \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} \right) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$ 

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M denotes the number of pulses in the loop and the number of statistical samples for the ensemble

Size of the reservoir (covariance matrix): N(N+1)/2



## **Benchmark tasks**





Readout layer 
$$\longrightarrow y_k = W_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\# \text{ obs.}} W_i O_i^{(k)}$$
  
Target function  $\longrightarrow \bar{y}_k \equiv \mathcal{F}(s_k, s_{k-1}, s_{k-2}, \dots)$ 



k=1

**Performance metrics:**  $MSE_L(\mathbf{y}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}) = \sum (y_k - \bar{y}_k)^2$ 



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# Linear memory capacity



Reconstruct linear functions of the inputs

 $\bar{y}_k(d) = s_{k-d}$ 

## Ideal case (infinite ensemble)

- > Increasing N: more delay depth, same shape.
- > Increasing R: more delay depth, different shape.

Photonic QRC platform has memory!

> Dynamics:

$$\omega_{i} = 1 \quad \forall i \qquad \Delta t = 1$$
  

$$g_{ij} \in \mathcal{U}_{[\langle g \rangle - \Delta g, \langle g \rangle + \Delta g]} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \langle g \rangle = 0.2 ; \ \langle h \rangle = 0.3 \\ \Delta g = \Delta h = 0.1 \end{array} \right]$$





## From ideal case to finite ensemble



### Statistical fluctuations:

- Decomposition of ideal observables + statistical noise
- Statistical noise related to the number of pulses (size of the ensemble M)



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Finite ensemble: reduced memory

 $\sigma_{\rm est}^{(k)} = \sigma_{\rm ideal}^{(k)} + \xi_M^{(k)}$ 

 $\langle |\xi_M| \rangle_{\text{real.}} \propto M^{-1/2}$ 

Exponential factor increase of M needed to maintain quadratic scaling with N

\*  $M = 300, 3000, 30000, \dots$ 



# **Time-series prediction**

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- With finite number of pulses, high performance for practical benchmarks is possible
- Strategy to improve size scalability and number of needed measurements M → balance between signal-tonoise ratio of observables and signal in the loop
- Photonic platform has nonlinearity and highdimensionality

J. García-Beni, G. L. Giorgi, M. C. Soriano, and R. Zambrini. "Scalable photonic platform for real-time quantum reservoir computing." Physical Review Applied 20, 014051 (2023) / arXiv:2207.14031

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### Non-linear crystal:

Transformation applied to the quadrature vector:

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}' = S_{\rm NL} \hat{\mathbf{R}}$$
Passive
$$S_{\rm NL} = U \Delta_{\mathbf{r}} V$$
Active (squeezing)

- Active transformation: generates squeezing
- Passive part: constant number of photons

Parameter *r* determines the squeezing per mode generated by the crystal.

• 
$$\Delta_{\mathbf{r}} = \operatorname{diag}\left(e^{r_1/2}, e^{-r_1/2}, \dots, e^{r_N/2}, e^{-r_N/2}\right)$$

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y=f(s)



## Non-linear system identification task (NARMA10)

Target f: 
$$y_k = 0.3y_{k-1} + 0.05y_{k-1}\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_{k-i}$$

$$+0.06s_{k-1}s_{k-10}+0.1$$

- Requires high linear and quadratic memory
- Quite sensitive to readout noise

- Squeezing in active cavity improves the noise robustness of the quantum reservoir

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Readout noise} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\text{meas}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{O}_{\text{ideal}}^{(k)} + \mathcal{E}^{(k)}(0,\sigma_{\text{noise}}^2) \end{array} \end{array}$ 

J. García-Beni, G. L. Giorgi, M. C. Soriano, and R. Zambrini, "Squeezing as a resource for time series processing in quantum reservoir computing", Optics Express 32, 6733-6747 (2024).

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1. Cross-fertilization between complex photonics and information processing

- A. Opportunities for integrated photonic circuits
- B. Development of new learning concepts (hardware-aware)
- C. Practical implementations for quantum reservoir computing

## 2. Approaches based on Time-multiplexing

- A. Rapid prototyping
- B. Adaptability to task requirements

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A human brain on top of a photonic integrated circuit

\* Stable Diffusion (2022 / 2024)









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for your attention



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- Quadrature (field operators) fluctuations below shot-noise limit.
- Resource for entanglement in CV quantum optics.
- Key to several quantum technologies.

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## Enhanced sensitivity of the LIGO gravitational wave detector by using squeezed states of light

PHYSICAL REVIEW A 79, 062318 (2009)

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Quantum computing with continuous-variable clusters

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