

Photonic quantum memristor networks

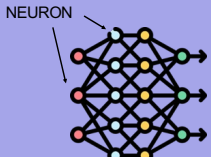
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Neuromorphic architectures are an alternative and more-efficient model for machine learning



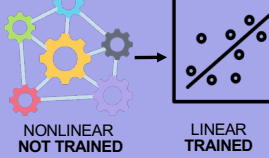
In Artificial Neural Networks both the **connection weights** and the **activation functions** are optimized during training.

$$x \rightarrow y \rightarrow w_1 x + w_2 y$$

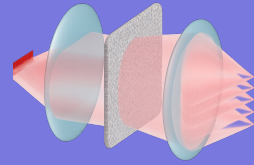
CONNECTION



Brain-inspired models keep the same versatility but are **energy-efficient** (only the linear readout is trained)



Optical-based computing is more resource efficient than standard computing

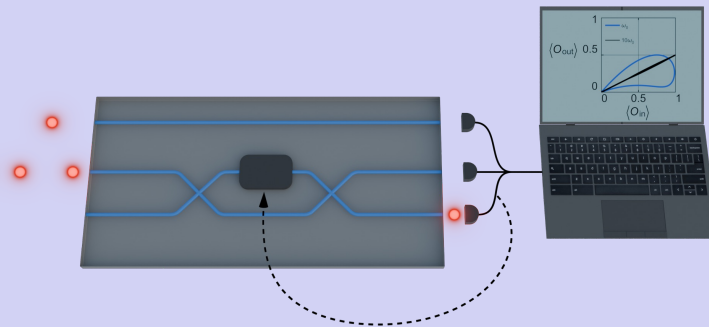


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- Passive matrix multiplication
- Low dissipation
- Parallelization
- Sub-Landauer performances

Weak non-linearities!

The photonic memristor can be used to implement machine learning models in a resource efficient way.

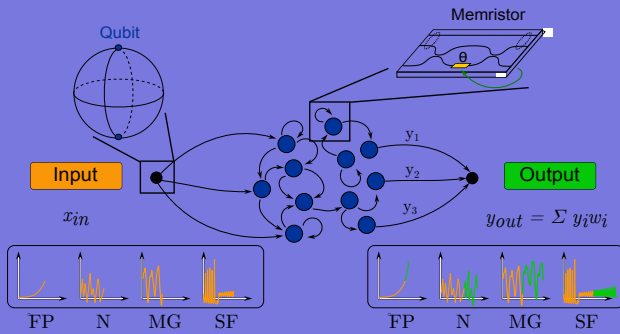


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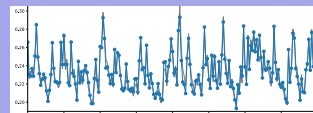
We implemented the first neuromorphic architecture based on photonic memristor!

Our model has a physical memristive reservoir and a classical readout



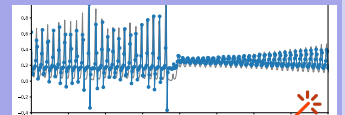
NARMA task

$$y_{t+1} = 0.4y_t + 0.4y_t y_{t-1} + 0.6x_t^3 + 0.1$$

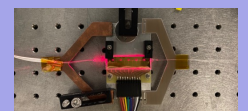


$MSE = 2.80 \times 10^{-5}$

$MSE = 1.26 \times 10^{-2}$

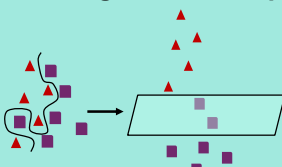


Santa-Fe task

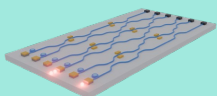


We experimentally demonstrated it can be applied to time-series prediction tasks

There exist problems for which quantum algorithms grant a better performance

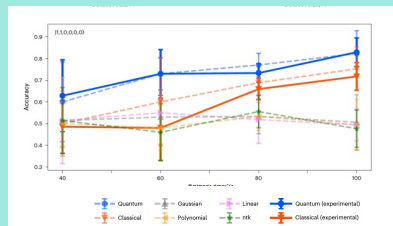


We map our data in a higher-dimensional space, where they can be linearly classified, depending on their pairwise inner product (kernel method)



$$x_i \rightarrow \Phi(x_i) \rightarrow U_{x_i} |\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = |1,1,0,0,0\rangle$$



$$K(x_i, x_j) = |\langle \Phi(x_i) | \Phi(x_j) \rangle|^2 = |\langle \psi | U_{x_i}^\dagger U_{x_j} | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$y \rightarrow \text{sgn}(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i K(x, x_i))$$

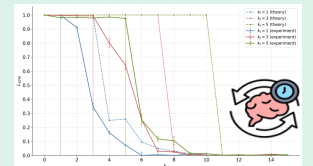
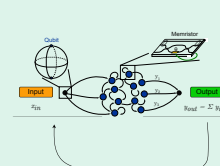
We perform the mapping and evaluate the inner products on a photonic platform

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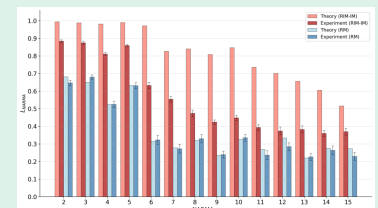
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SOON ON ARXIV!!



SHORT TERM MEMORY



Adding a loop acting on the input enhances the performance of the reservoir!



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