

Intelligent Wave Systems Laboratory

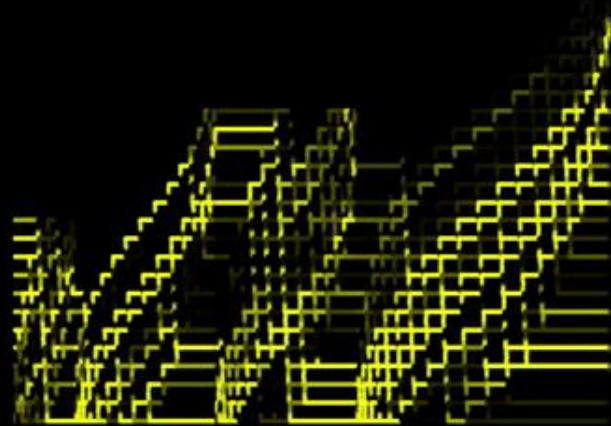
Thinking with Light

Human Brain



<http://www.digicortex.net/>

Photonic Brain



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EDUCATION

B.S. in ECE, Seoul National University (2007)
Ph.D. in ECE, Seoul National University (2015)
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EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow
Dept. of ECE, Seoul National University
Sep. 2015 - Aug. 2020
Assistant Professor
Dept. of ECE, Seoul National University
Sep. 2020 -

HONORS & AWARDS

Rising Stars 30
OSK (2020)
Young Researcher Award
IASFF (2018)
Presidential Post-Doc. Fellowship,
Korean Government (2016)
Distinguished Dissertation Award,
Dept. of ECE, SNU (2015)



- The mathematical/physical similarity in different fields inspires **Multidisciplinary Perspectives**: quantum-classical analogy, biomimetics, & network-inspired materials.
- Based on this multidisciplinary perspective, we try to achieve
 - (i) **new analysis/design strategies** for wave mechanics,
 - (ii) **new wave phenomena** for engineering applications, and
 - (iii) **superior device performances** for light-based signal processing, computing & AI technology.
- We are now focusing on achieving the neuromorphic realization of intelligent photonic systems

"Thinking with Light"

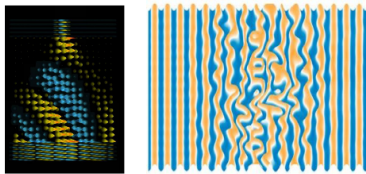
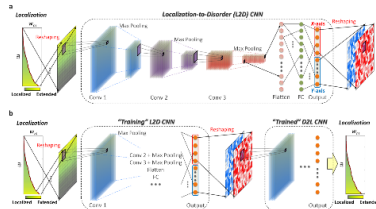


Long-Term Goal – *Photonic Brain*

AI Wave Mechanics

AI Design of Photonic AI Hardware

We explore the AI design of superior photonic-AI platforms.
The effect of ML architectures on material designs is studied.
Nature Communications *accepted* (2020).



Disordered Wave Systems

Scale-Free Wave Networks

We engineer disorder with a multidisciplinary view.
Scale-free materials for waves are developed.

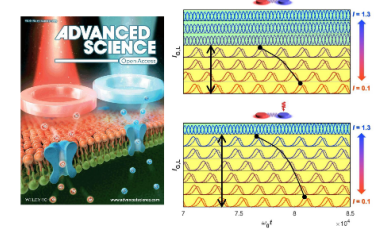
Nature Reviews Mater. *accepted* (2020); PRL 120, 193902 (2018);
Nature Communications 6, 8269 (2015); Optica 3, 836 (2016);
Science Advances 2, e1501851 (2016); Advanced Mater. 24, 2375 (2012).

Neuromorphic Photonics

Wave Analogy of Neurons/Synapses

We develop neuromorphic elements with wave dynamics.
Nonlinear, dynamic, or magnetic materials are applied.

Advanced Science 6, 1900771 (2019).



“Thinking with Light”
Photonic Brain



Open & Non-Euclidean Systems

Non-Hermitian & Enhanced Lattice DOFs

We explore non-Hermitian systems for waves.
We utilize non-Euclidean geometry for infinite lattice DOFs.

PRL 125, 053901 (2020); Optica 3, 1025 (2016);
PRA 97, 033805 (2018); Scientific Reports 6, 37754 (2016);
Optics Express 23, 24997 (2015).



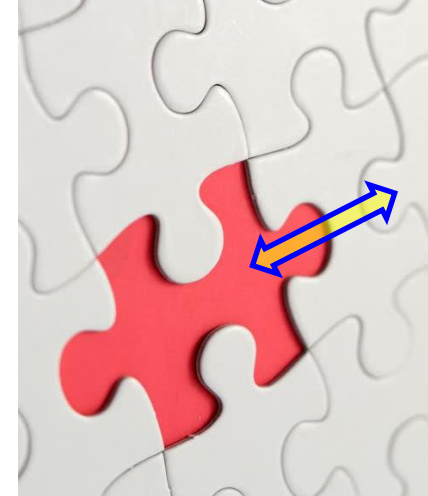
Approaches to Long-Term Goal

Engineering Light Flows in...

Disordered systems



Open systems



Photonic AI

I. *Physical Principles*

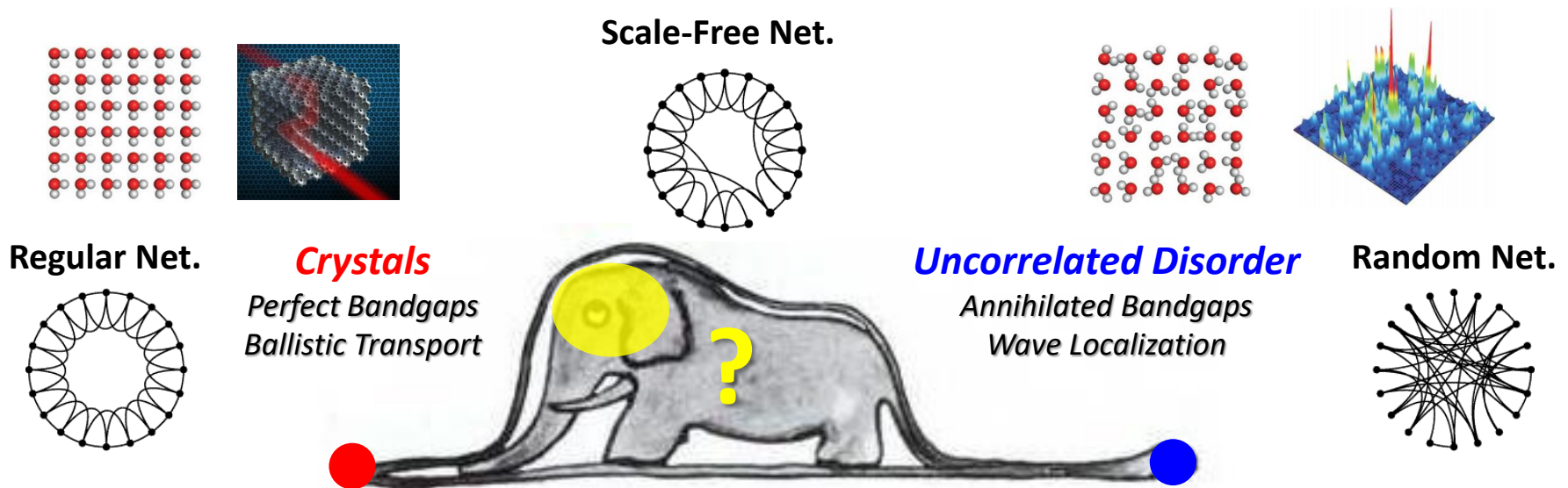
Quantum Mechanics (*Super-symmetry, Bohmian Mechanics, ...*), Biomimetics

Network Theory (*Clustering, Scale-Free, ...*), Mathematics (*Non-Euclidean*)

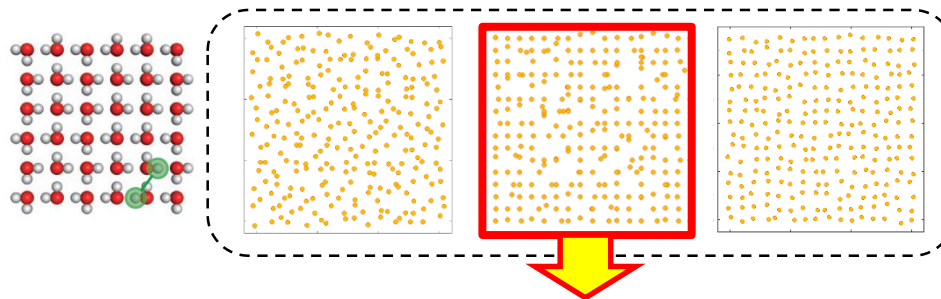
II. *Data-driven Methods*

Deep Learning (*CNN, Autoencoder, Effects of Artificial Neural Networks, ...*)

Disordered Photonics – *Brain-like photonic disorder*



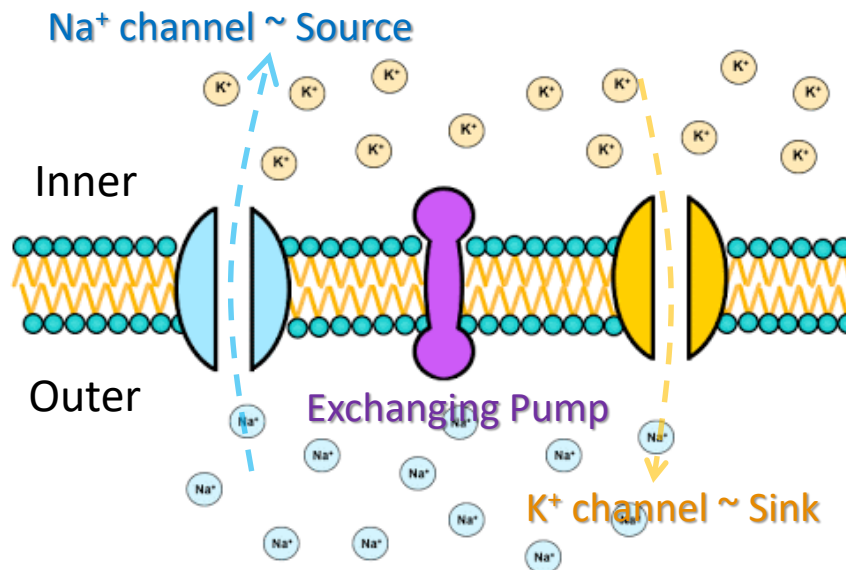
Engineered (Correlated) Disorder



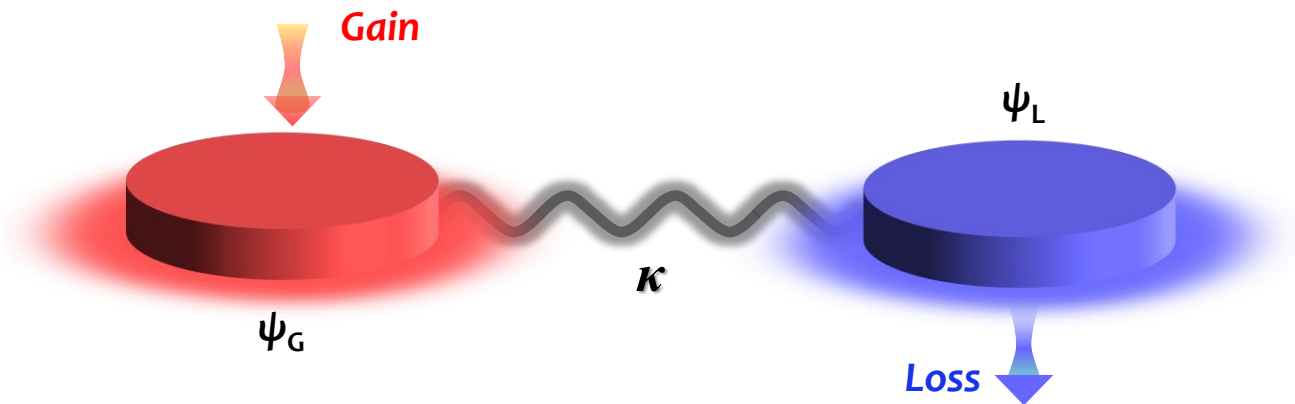
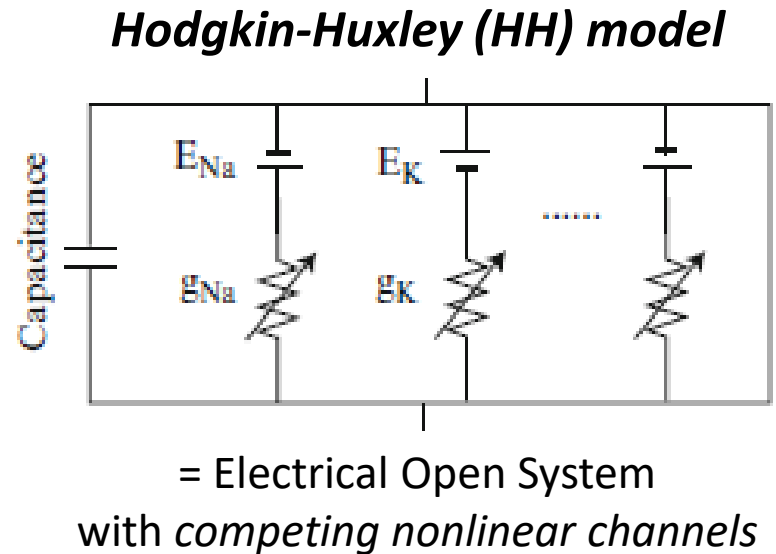
Brain-like “scale-free” materials for light waves?
→ *Efficient & Robust & Tunable “light” transport*



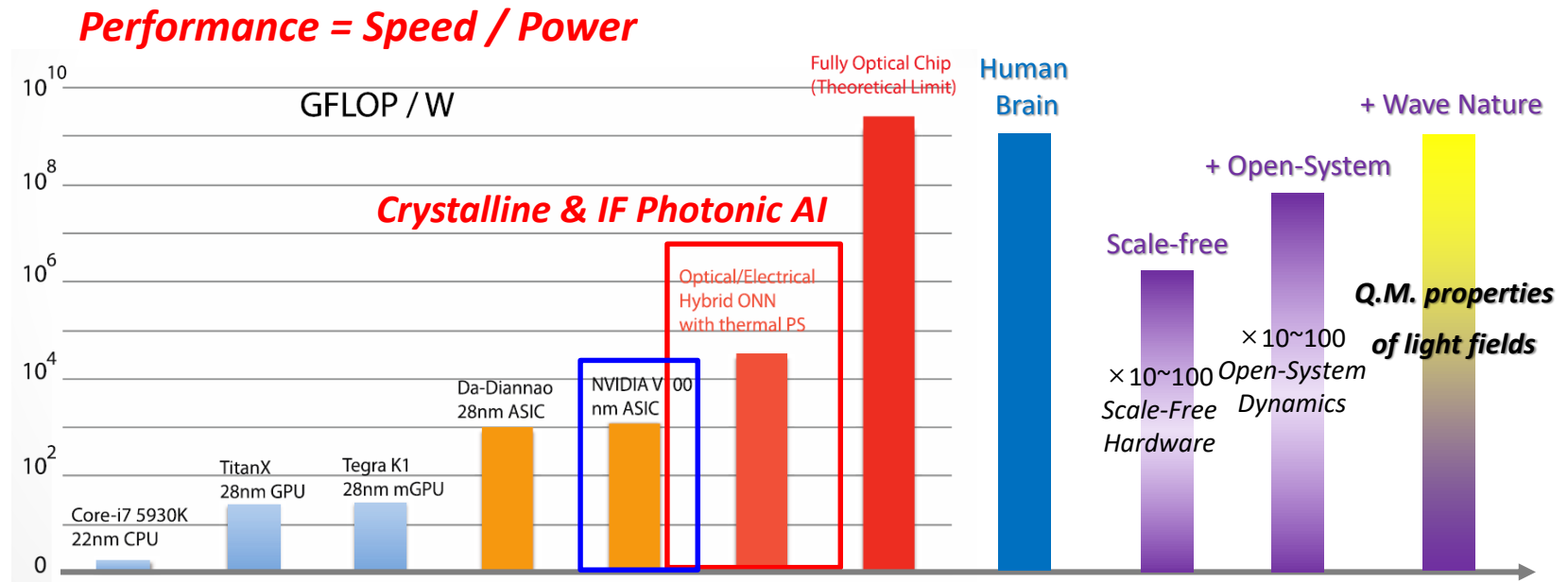
Open-System Photonics – *Neuromorphic dynamics*



Source: J. Fontana *et al.* Functions of Cells and Human Body



Photonic AI versus Electronic AI & Human Brain

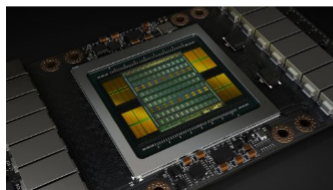


Y. Shen *et al.* Nat. Photon. (2017)

<http://www.digicortex.net/>

DigiCortex NVIDIA V100 ("Volta") Update: 12.7M Neurons Simulated in Real-time on 8x V100 GPU

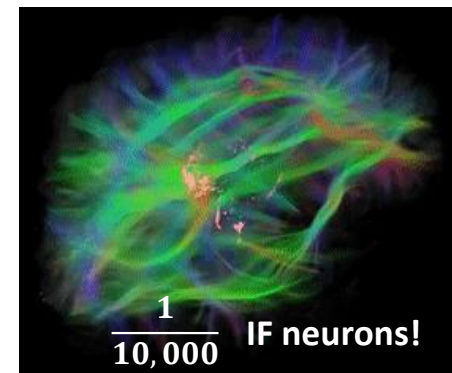
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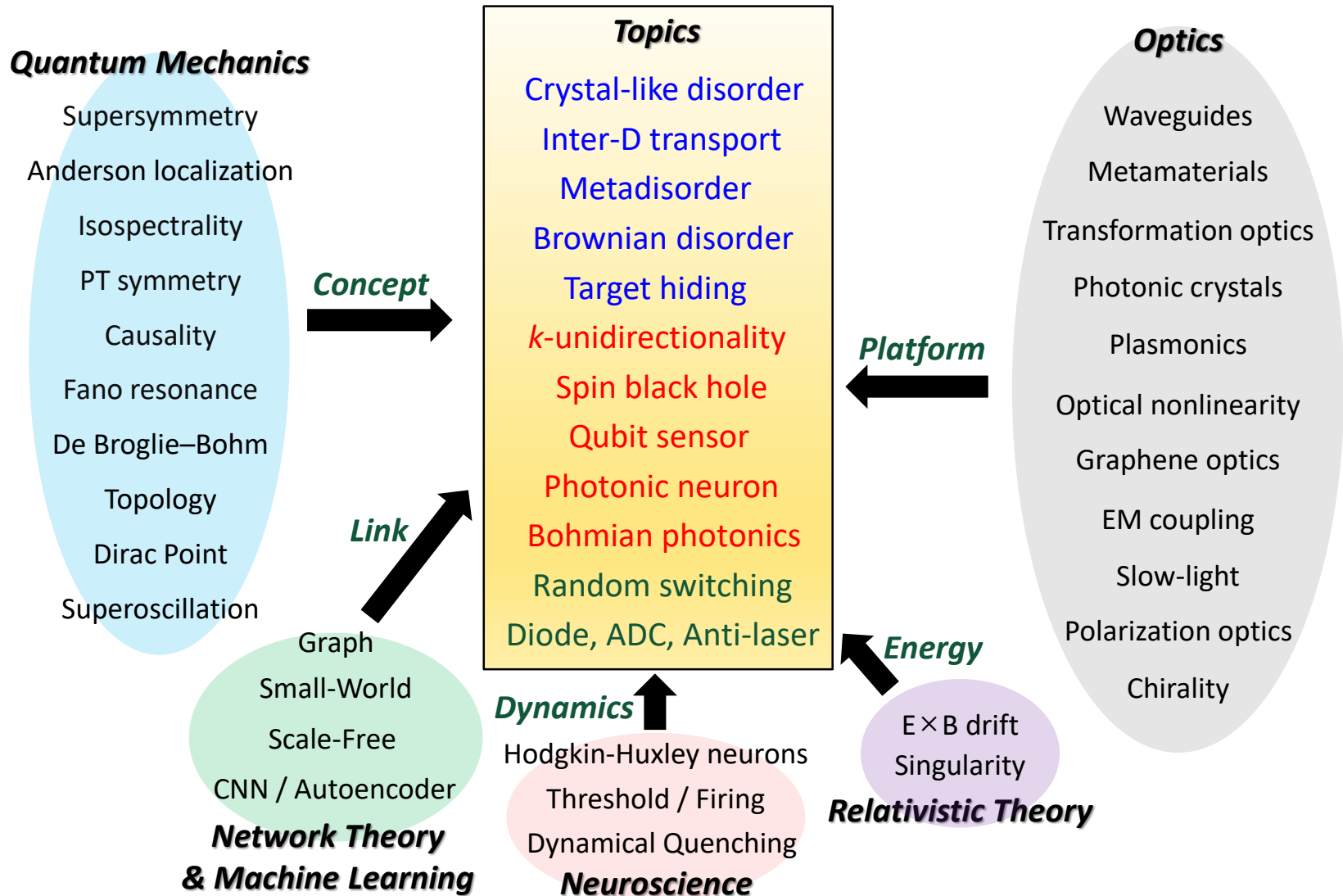
NVIDIA Volta has just been made available to wide public through AWS. We have tested DigiCortex v1.22 on a 8x NVIDIA V100 system and achieved real-time simulation performance of 12.6 million neurons and 431 million synapses, which is almost 3x speedup compared to K80!

Tags:

DigiCortex NVIDIA NVIDIA Volta V100 Tesla GPU CUDA Benchmark



Multidisciplinary Perspective on Photonics



Current / Future *Collaborations*

Prof. C.-W. Qiu



NUS

Disordered
Photonics

Citation ~ 14,000

Prof. N. Park



SNU

B.E. / Ph. D.
Supervisor

Citation ~ 9,000

Prof. B. Min



KAIST

Non-Hermitian
Photonics

Citation ~ 4,300

Prof. J. Shin



KAIST

Non-Hermitian
Photonics

Citation ~ 2,400

Prof. Y. Chong



NTU

Topological
Photonics

Citation ~ 9,000

Prof. C. Lienau



Oldenburg

Nonlinear
Photonics

Citation ~ 9,200

Prof. M. Jang



KAIST

Non-Hermitian
Photonics

Citation ~ 1,700

Prof. S. Torquato (Late) Prof. J. H. Shin



Princeton

Disordered
Photonics

Citation ~ 41,000



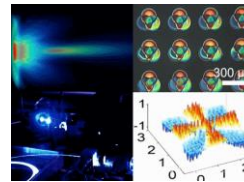
KAIST

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Photonics

Citation ~ 3,000

Collaborations

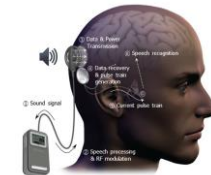
Photonics / Display



High-Power Laser
for Photonic Neuron

Hyperuniform
Display / Solar Cell

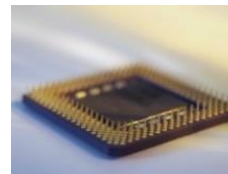
Semiconductor / AI



Hybrid
Photonic NNs

Photonic
Spiking NN

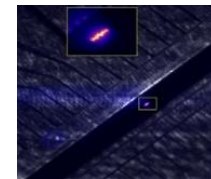
Wireless & RF



RF AI structure
with 3D printing

PT symmetry for
Wireless Power Transfer

Quantum Electronics



ML-design
QM platforms

Open-System
Qubit Devices

Future Collaborations: SNU ECE



Thank You for Your Attention!

