

A sneak peek with light into opaque materials

from Imaging to Computing

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Understand and exploit the complexity of light propagation in complex media



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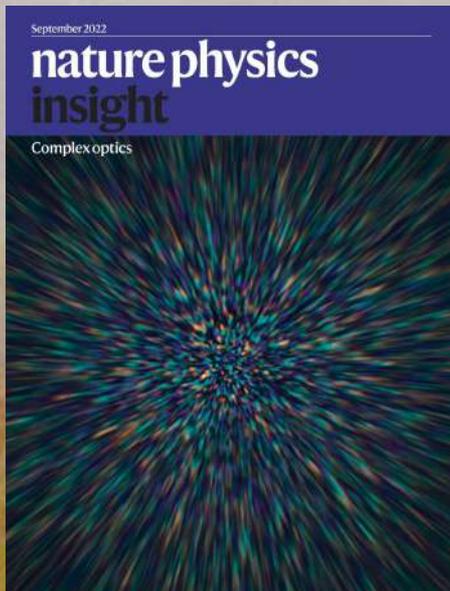
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Imaging and computing with disorder

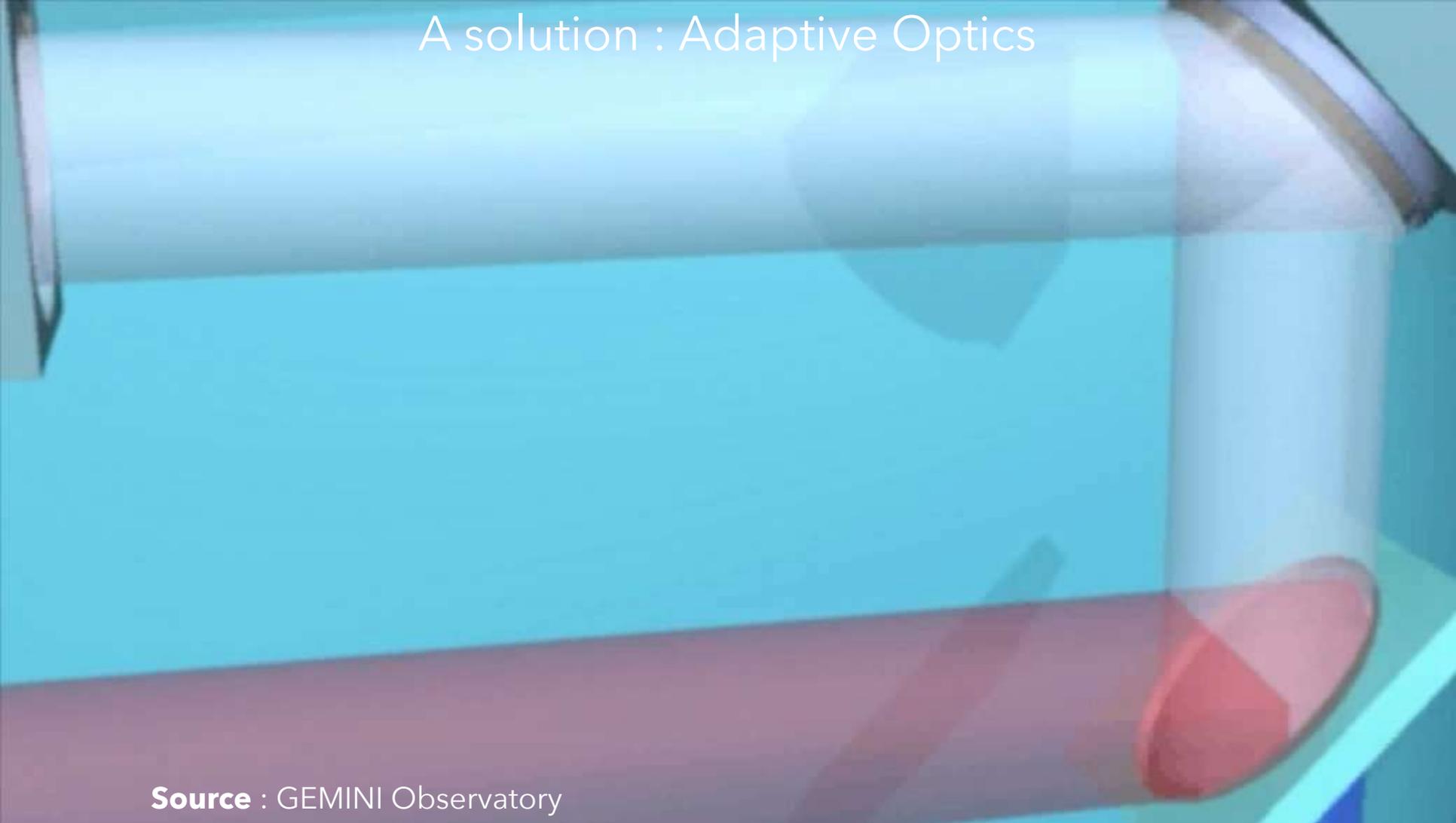
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Imaging through turbulence



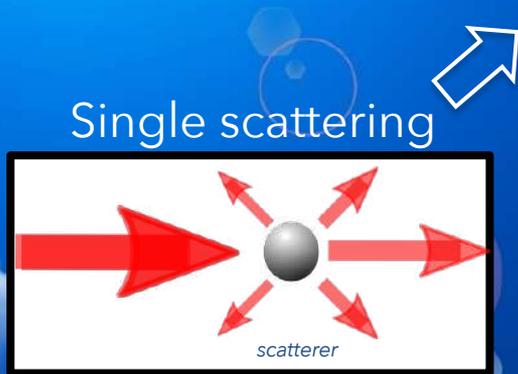
A solution : Adaptive Optics



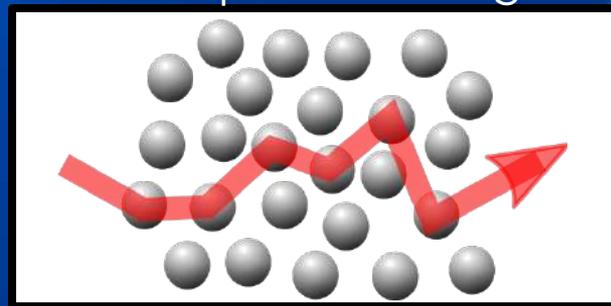
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Scattering

Ballistic Light



Multiple Scattering



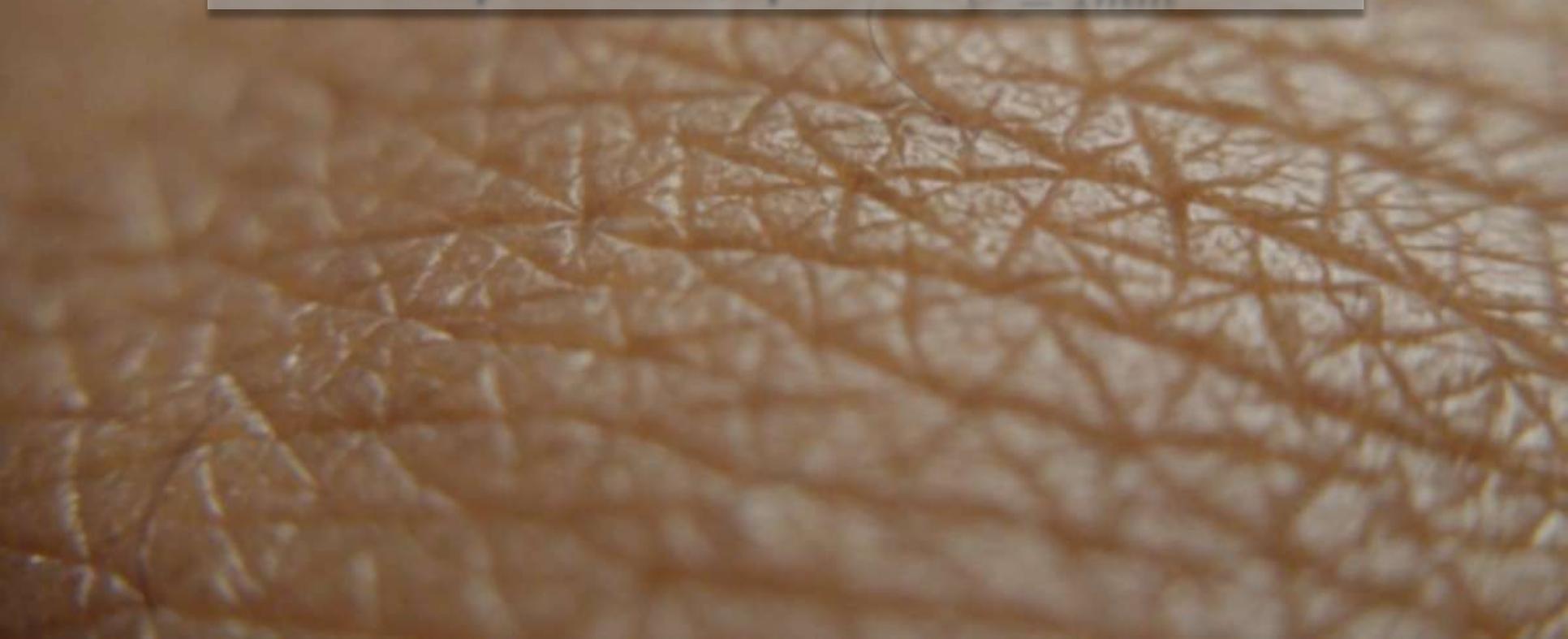
Biological tissues are scattering

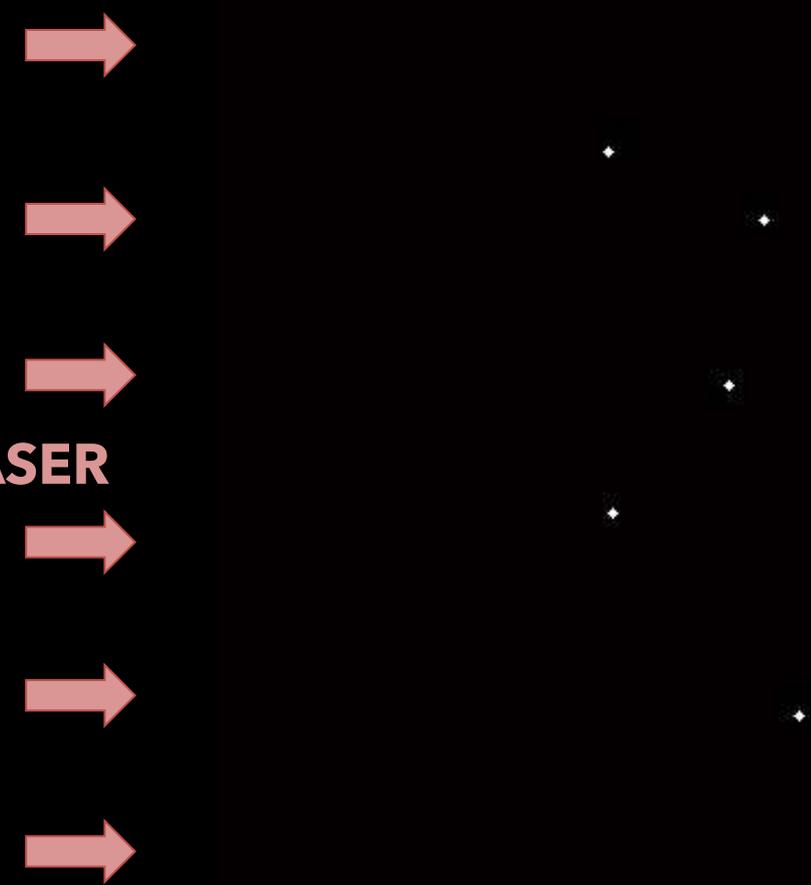
typical biological tissues

- **scattering mean free path**
- **transport mean free path**

$$l_s \simeq 50 - 100 \mu m$$

$$l^* \simeq 1 mm$$





The diagram illustrates the principle of a laser. On the left, a vertical column of six red arrows points to the right, representing the laser beam. The word "LASER" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters to the left of the middle arrows. On the right, a dark, curved surface is shown. Five white starburst points of light are scattered across this surface, representing the reflection of the laser beam. The background is solid black.

LASER

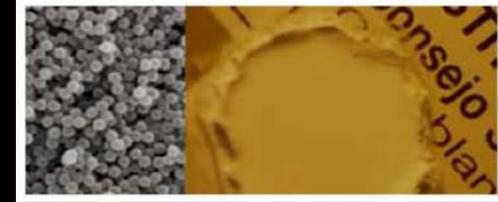
Film courtesy
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- SIMSONIC
software

LASER



« Deep » multiple scattering regime :

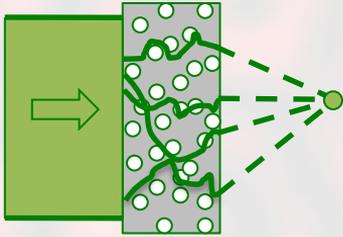
- ✗ No more ballistic light
- ✗ Strong spatial and temporal perturbation
- ✓ Coherence is maintained



3D random Sample
« white paint »

The speckle pattern

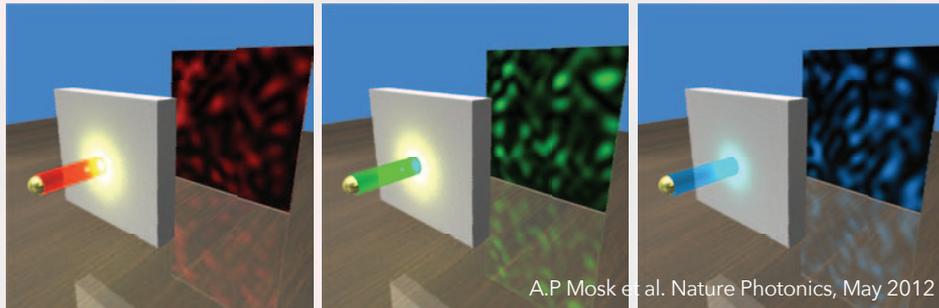
Monochromatic regime



A speckle grain =

- Sum of different paths with random phases
= random walk in the complex plane
- Size limited by diffraction
- unpolarized speckle = 2 independent speckles

Polychromatic (i.e. dispersion)



Spectral dependence
=
confinement time of
light in the medium

SPECKLE : complex distribution ... but coherent and deterministic

Imaging through scattering

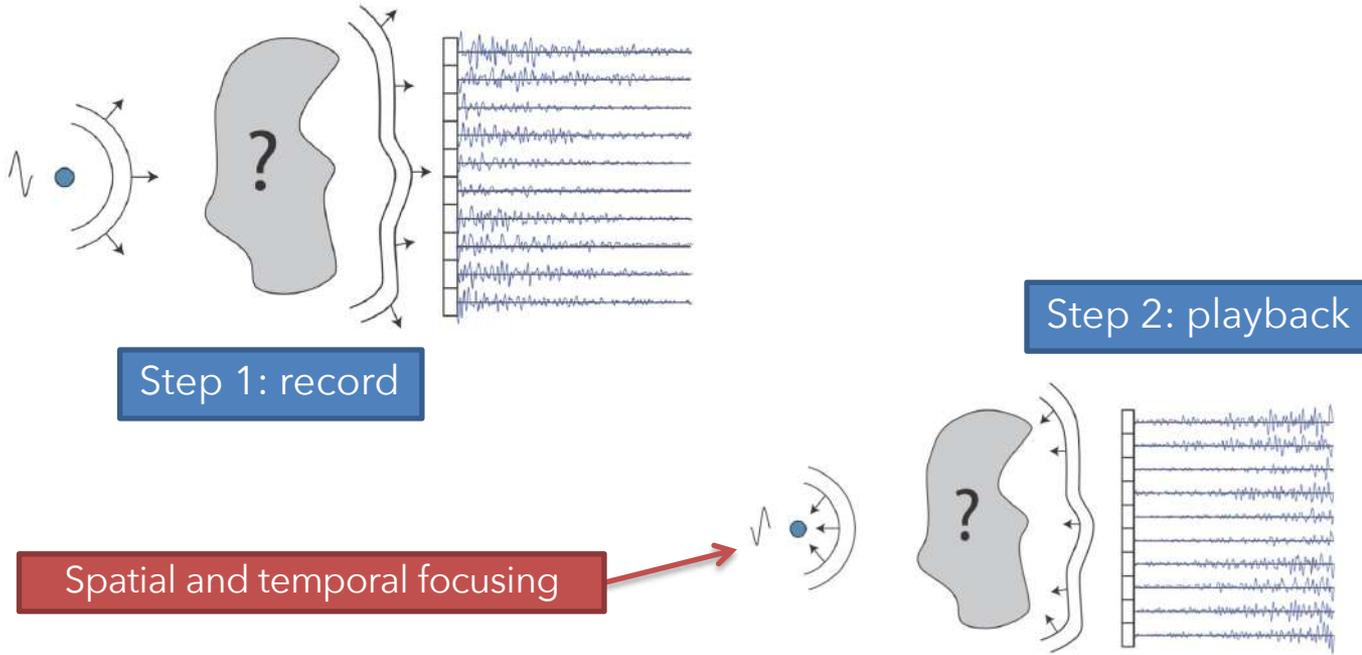
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

(Until 2007)

« EASY »
(ballistic)

HARD
(OCT, multiphoton, confocal)

Hypothesis : linearity, reversibility of wave equation

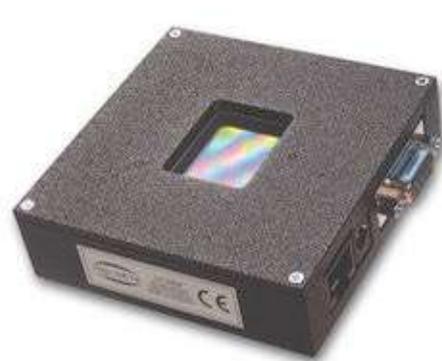




Deformable Mirrors :

10-100 actuators typical
 course : 10-20 microns
 Speed > kHz

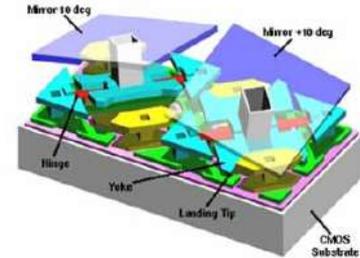
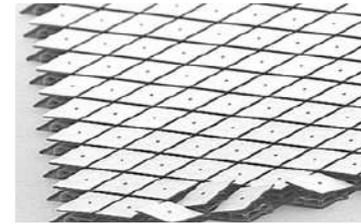
Not good !



Liquid crystals Spatial Light Modulators :

>1 million pixel
 Phase modulation
 course : 1 microns
 limited speed : 50Hz

**Tool of choice
 ...until now!**



MEMS Spatial Light Modulators :

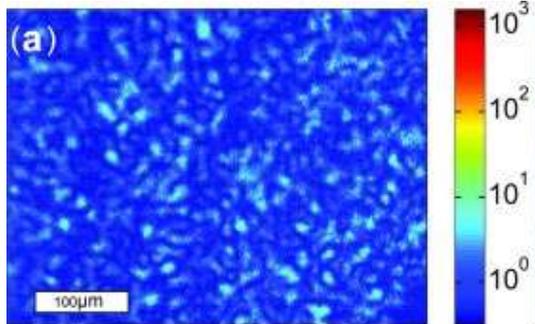
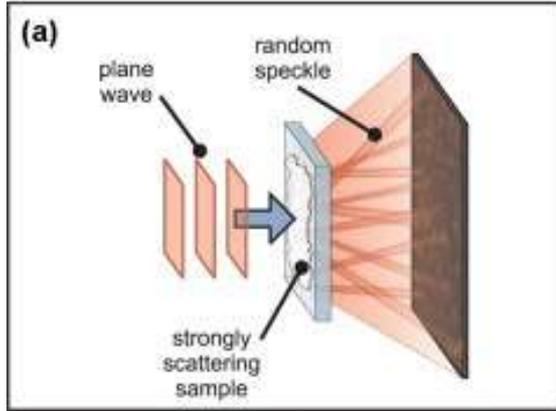
Texas DLP/DMD

>8 million pixel
 binary ON/OFF
 very fast speed : 24kHz

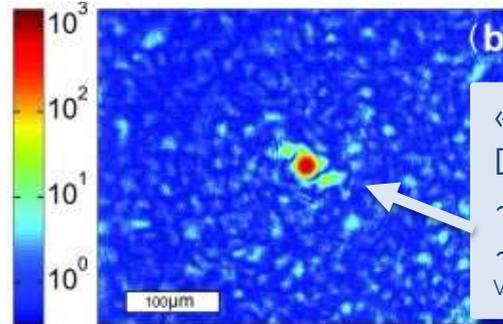
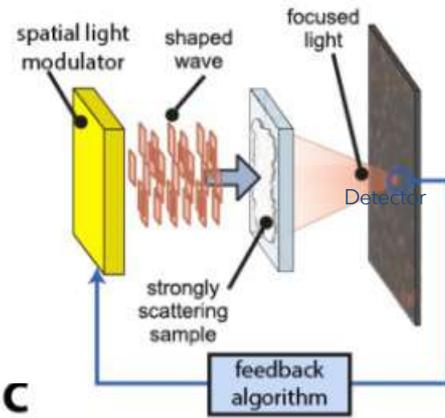
**Very promising...
 ...but need tweaking**

Iterative optimization algorithm

No shaping



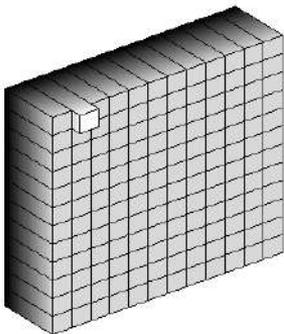
Optimized Wavefront



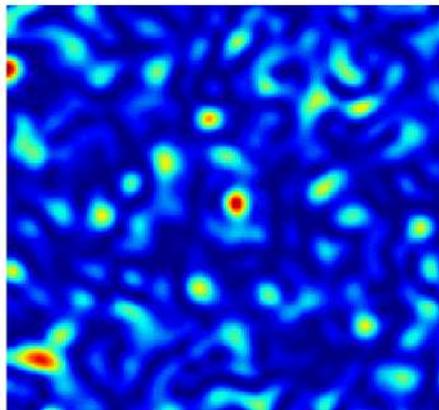
« Perfect » focus
 Diffraction-limited
 ~« Extreme » AO
 ~phase conjugation
 Vellekoop et al., Nat. Photonics (2010)

Iterative approach:
→ Optical feedback optimization

Spatial Light Modulator



Output speckle



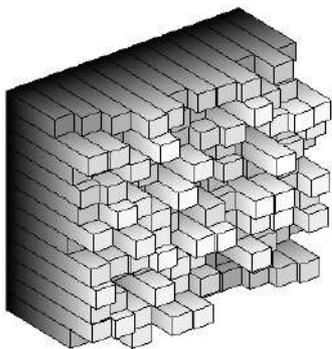
Optimization of optical intensity



(Simulations)

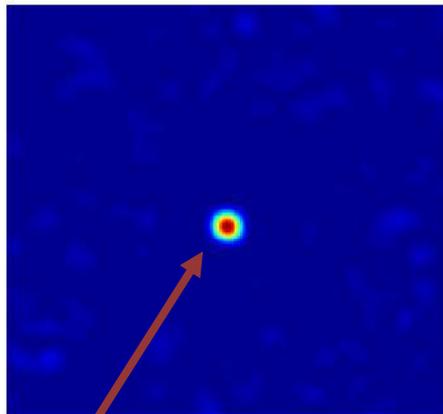
Iterative approach:
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Spatial Light Modulator

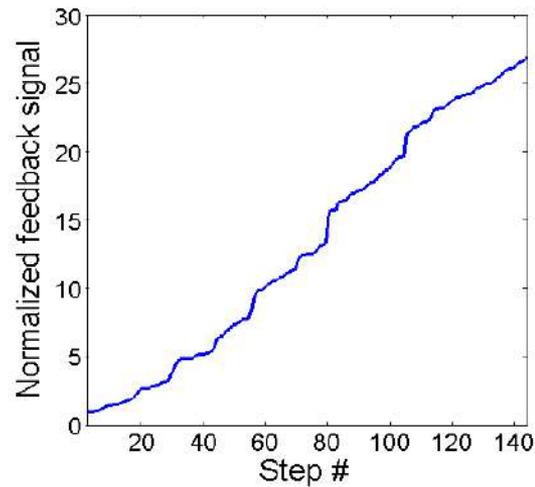


(Simulations)

Output speckle



Optimization of optical intensity



« Perfect » Point spread function Vellekoop et al., Nat. Photonics (2010)

A typical experimental setup

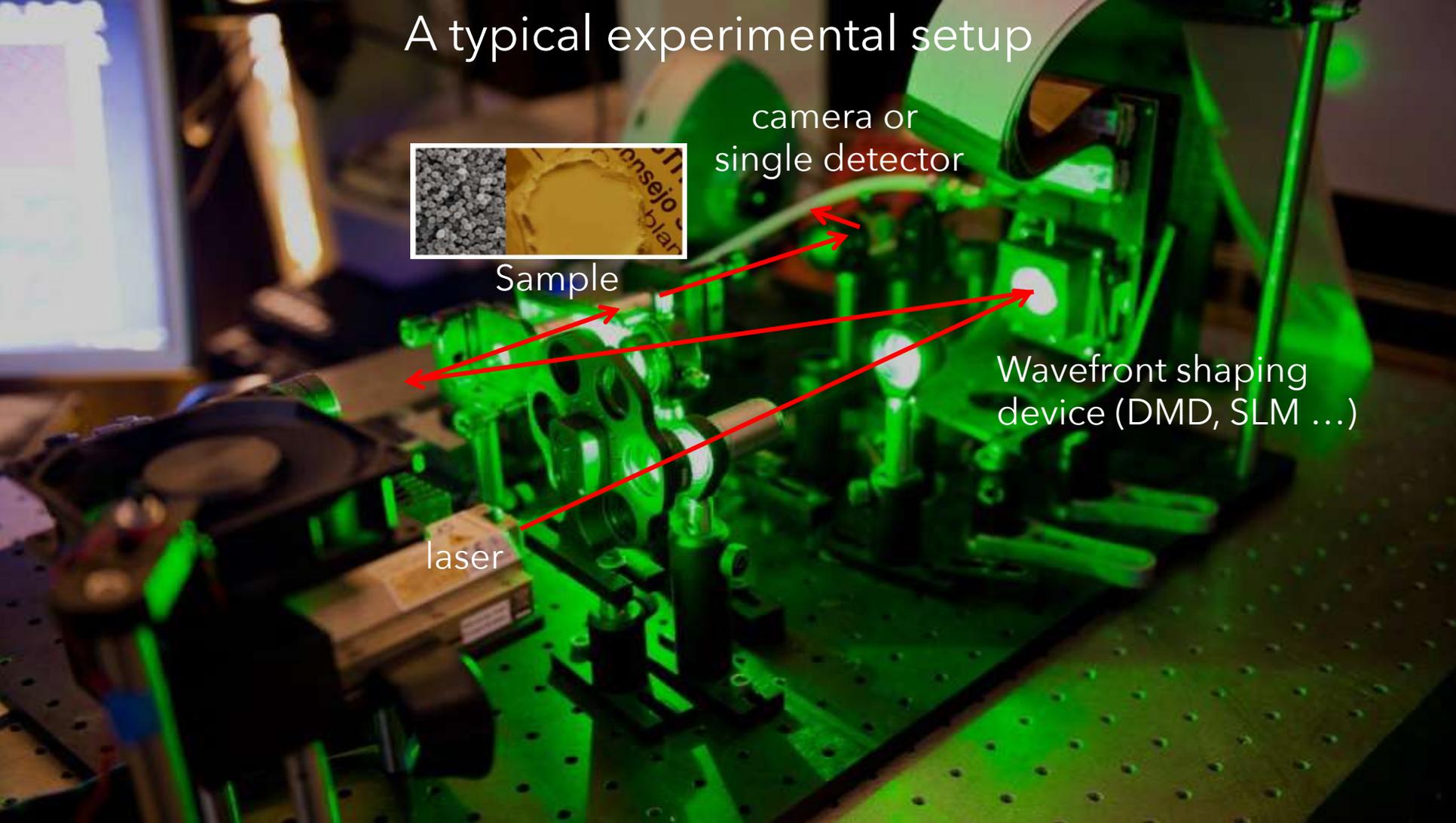


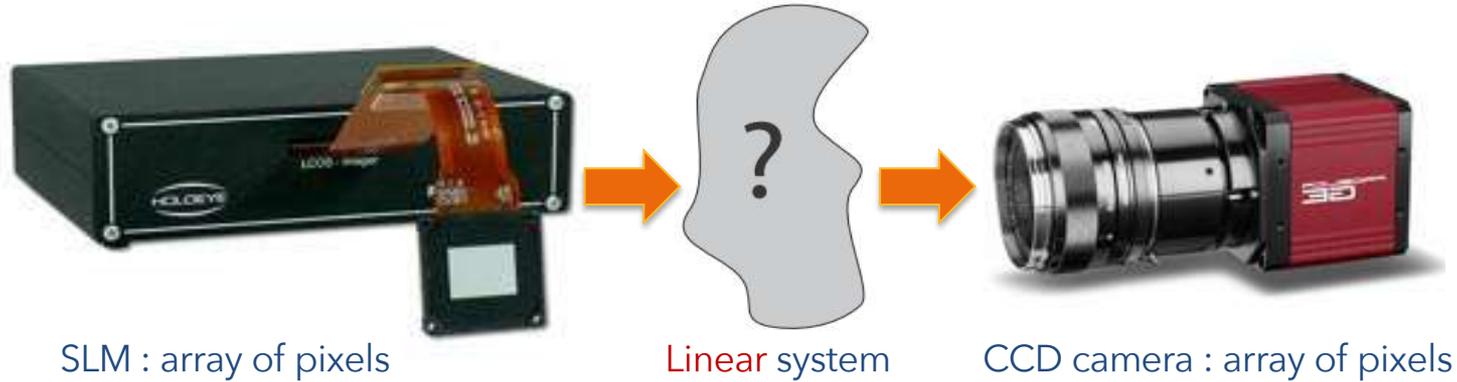
Sample

camera or
single detector

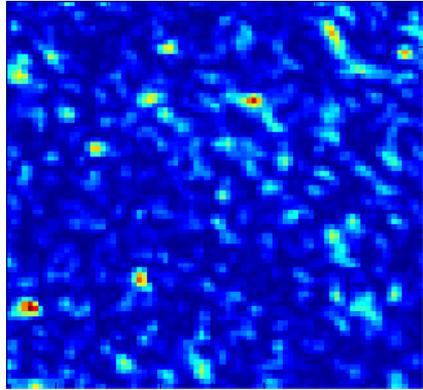
Wavefront shaping
device (DMD, SLM ...)

laser



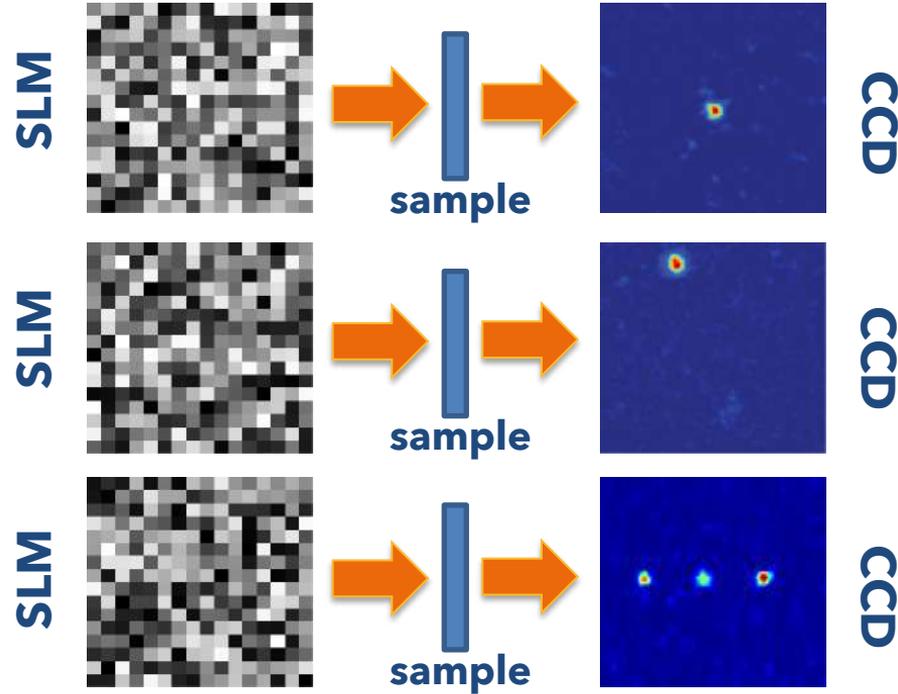


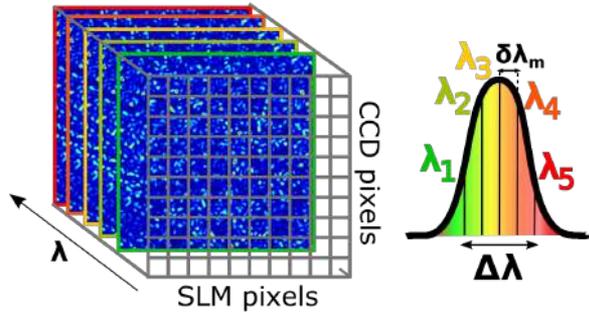
$$\begin{array}{c} = \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Grid} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ = \end{array}
 H = \begin{pmatrix} h_{1,1} & h_{1,2} & \dots & h_{1,N} \\ h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} & \dots & h_{2,N} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{M,1} & h_{M,2} & \dots & h_{M,N} \end{pmatrix
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Plane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

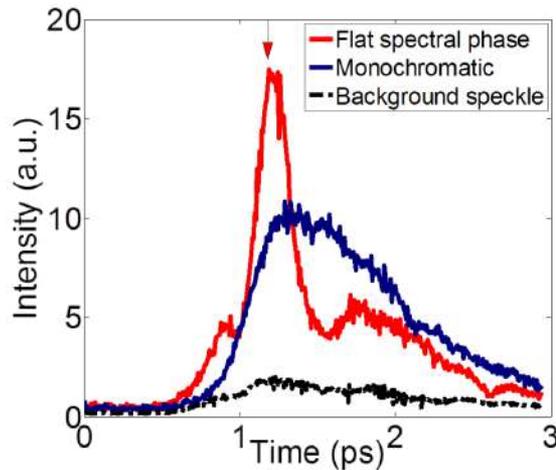
Computational "Phase-conjugation"



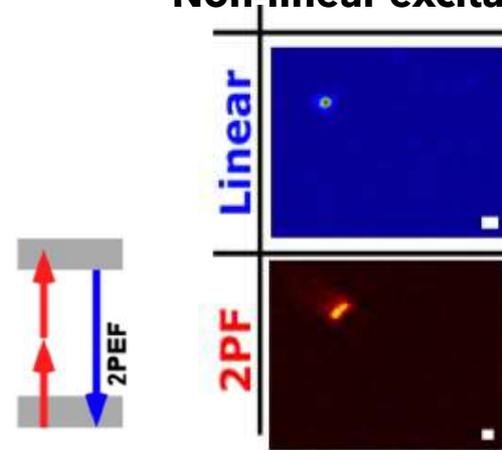


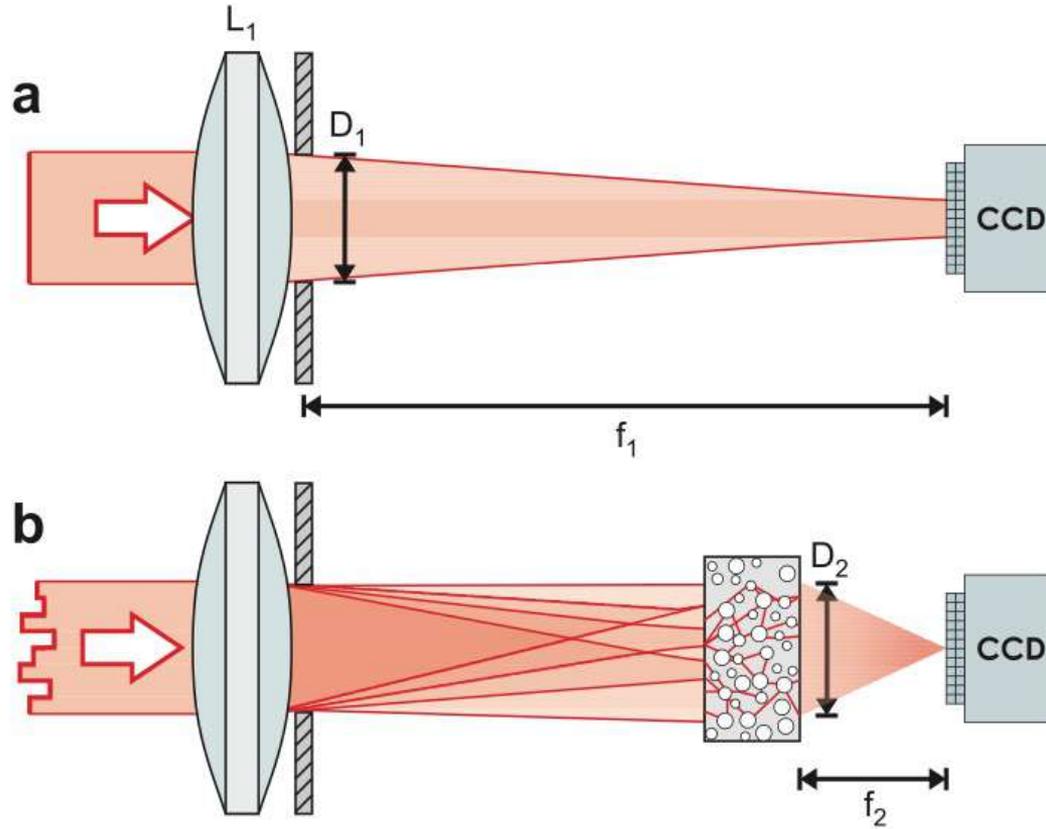
Spatiospectral matrix / time-resolved matrix

- Broadband - femtosecond pulse
- Temporal control + focusing
- Coherent control
- Multiphoton microscopy

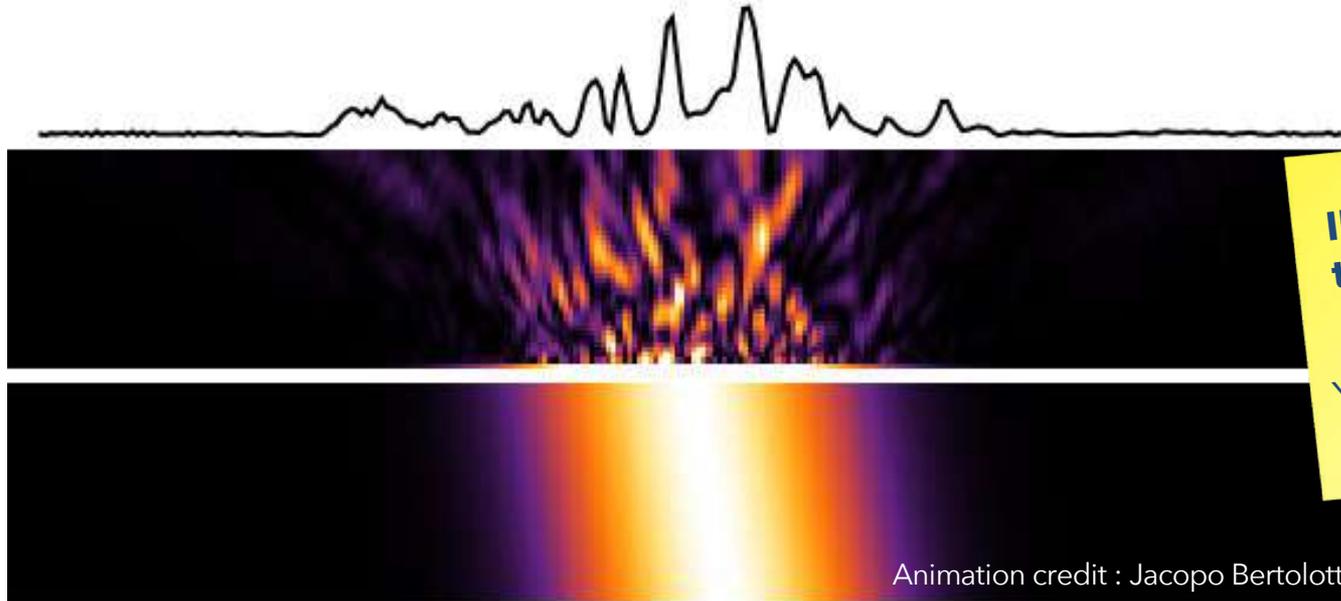


Non-linear excitation





Resolution given by the scattering medium
The lens is irrelevant!



IF the medium is **thin** or **forward-scattering**

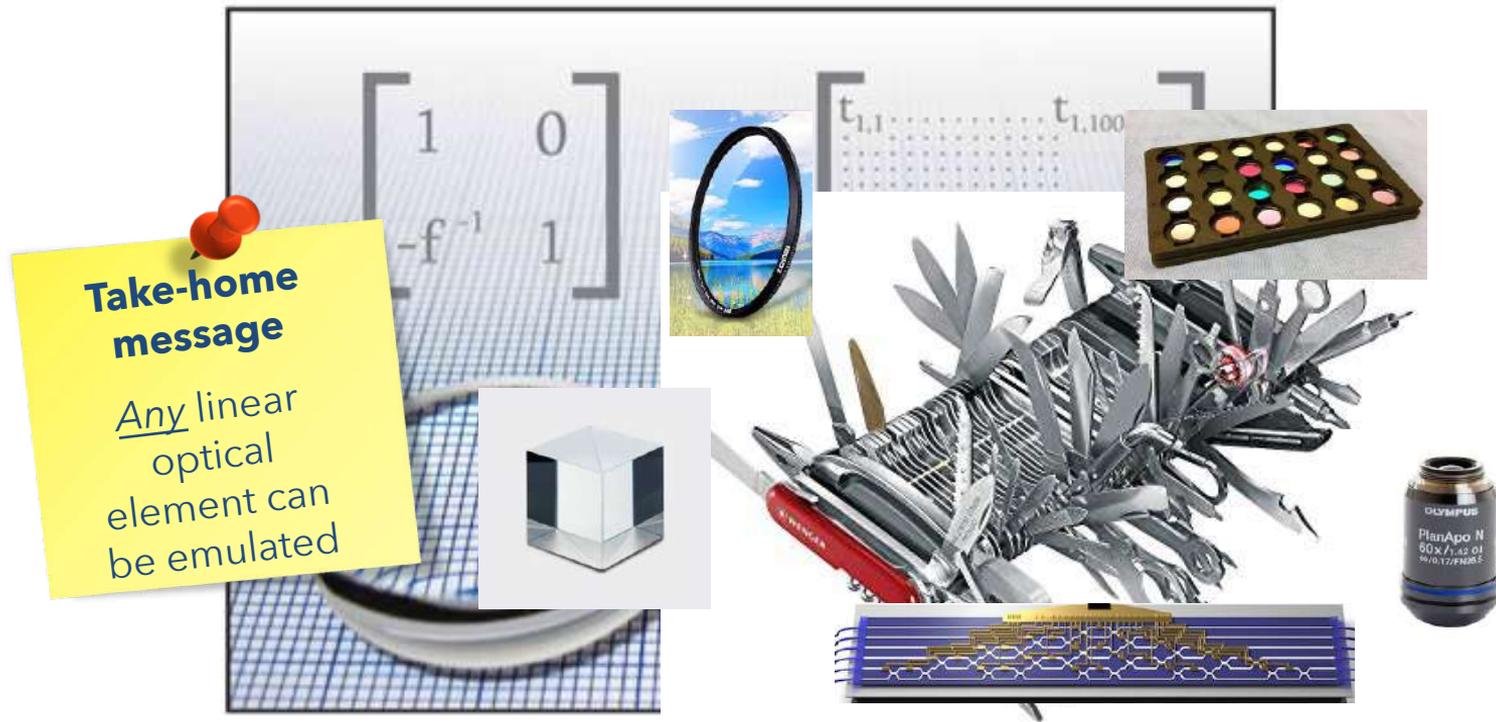
You have « some » field of view

Animation credit : Jacopo Bertolotti

- Osnabrugge, G., et al. "Generalized optical memory effect." *Optica* 4.8 (2017): 886-892.
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- Schott, S et al. (2015). Characterization of the angular memory effect of scattered light in biological tissues. *Optics express*, 23(10), 13505-13516.
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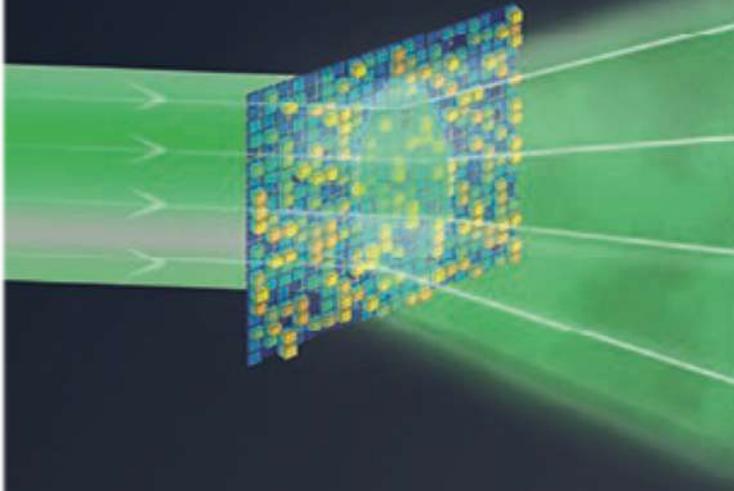
The information age in optics: Measuring the transmission matrix

Elbert G. van Putten and Allard P. Mosk



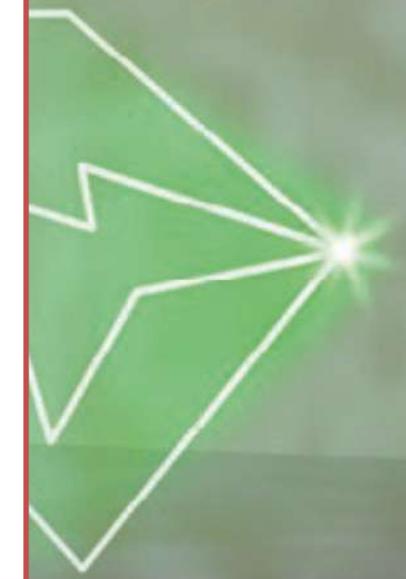
Which feedback to go inside?

Wavefront shaping



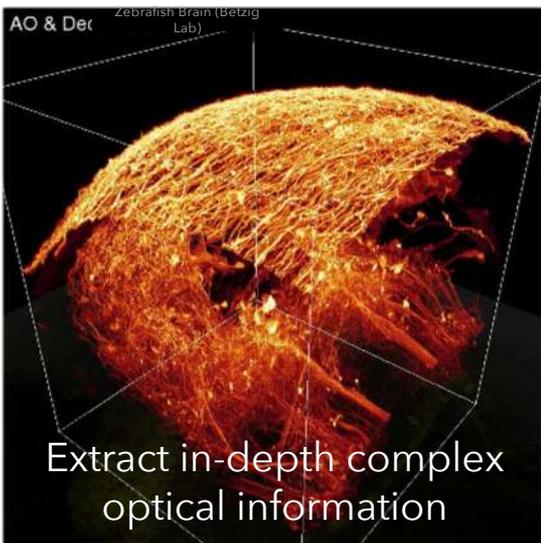
The « Guidestar » catalog

- NL Fluorescence (2P,3P...)
- Second Harmonic generation
- Ultrasound
- Photoacoustics
- Coherence-gating
- Small displacement
- ...

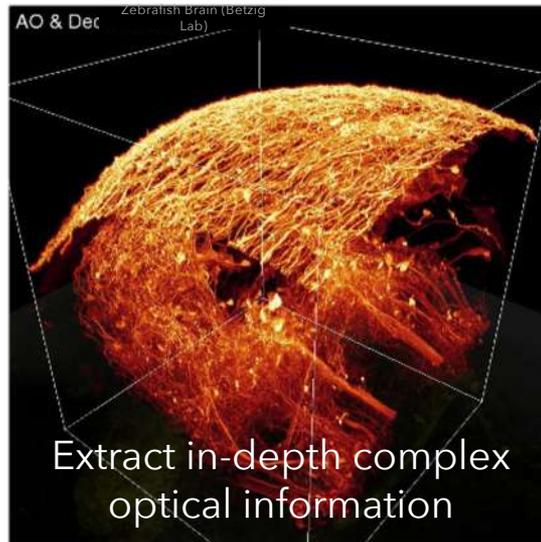


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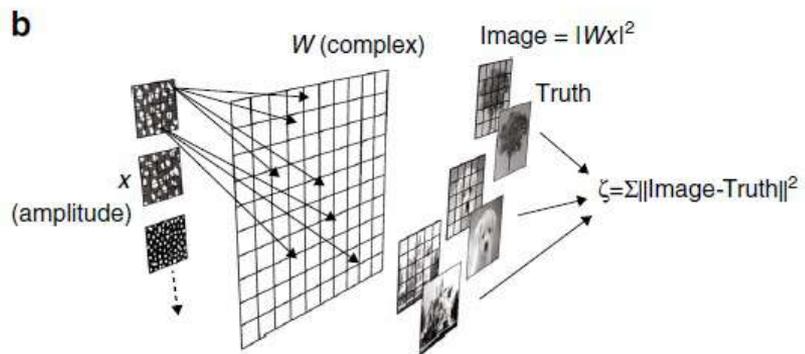
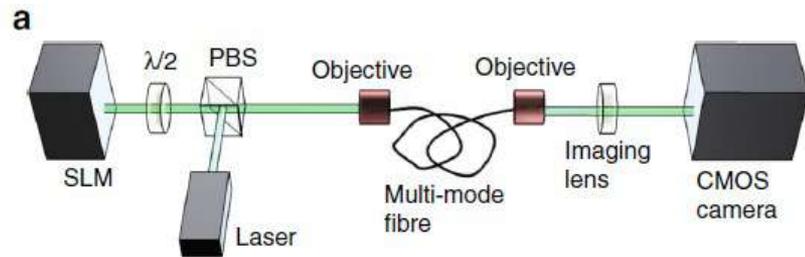
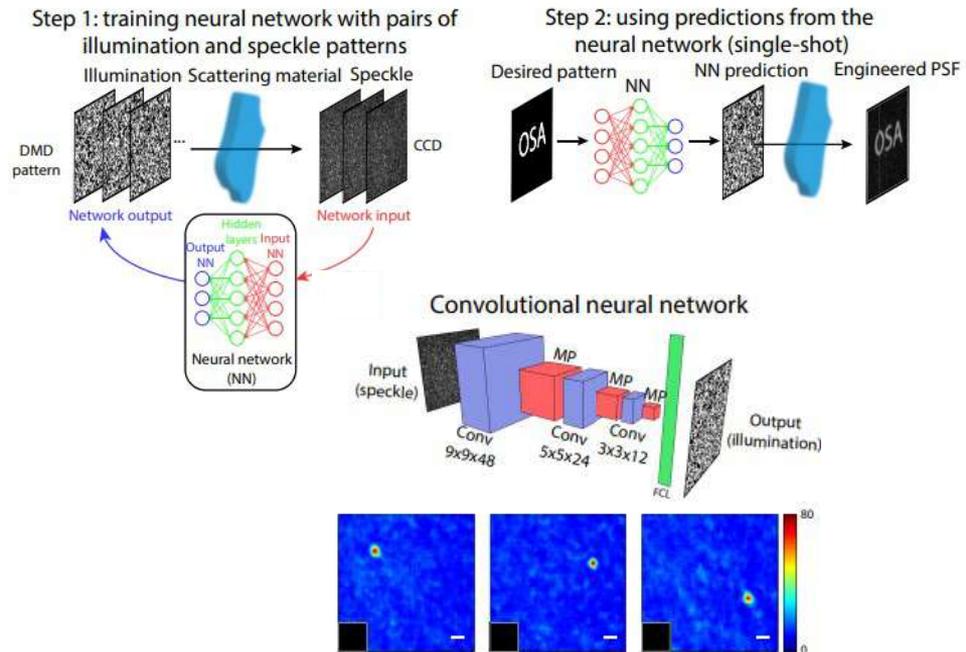
(2) Optical Computing



(1) Computational imaging



Neural networks for imaging through scattering media

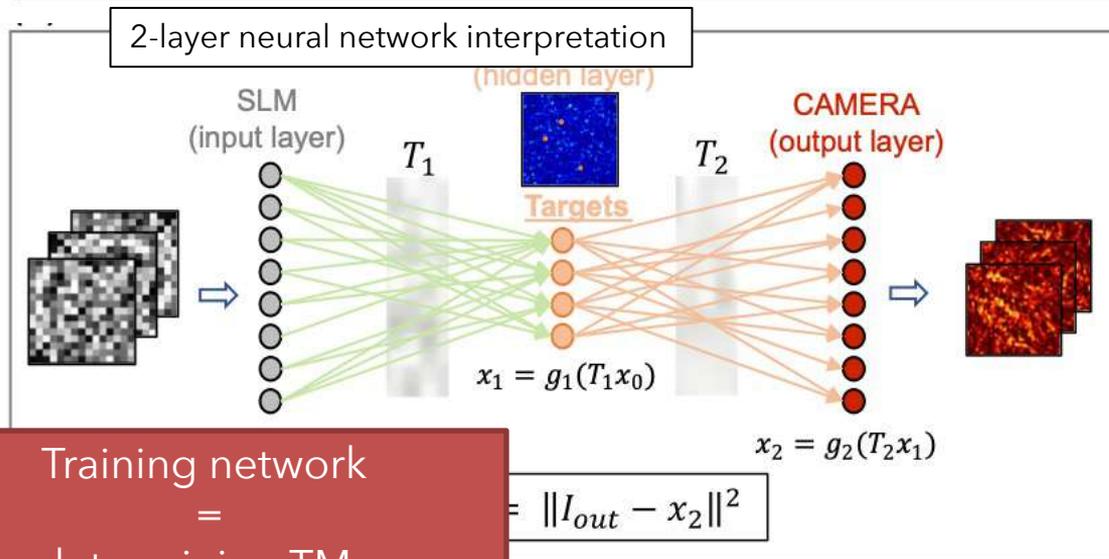
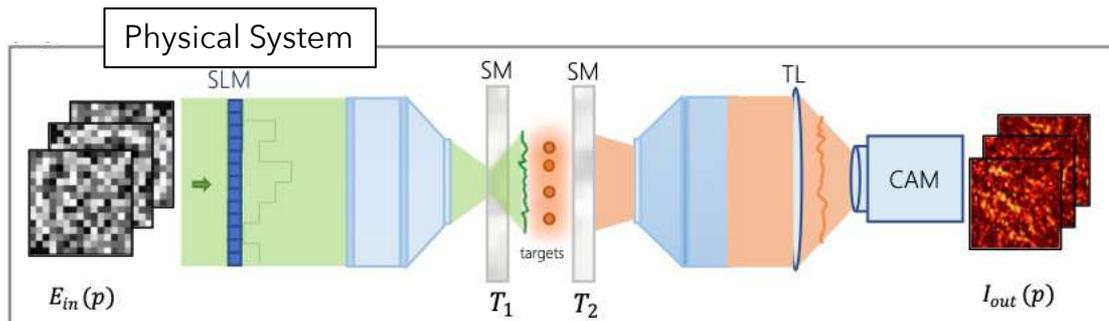
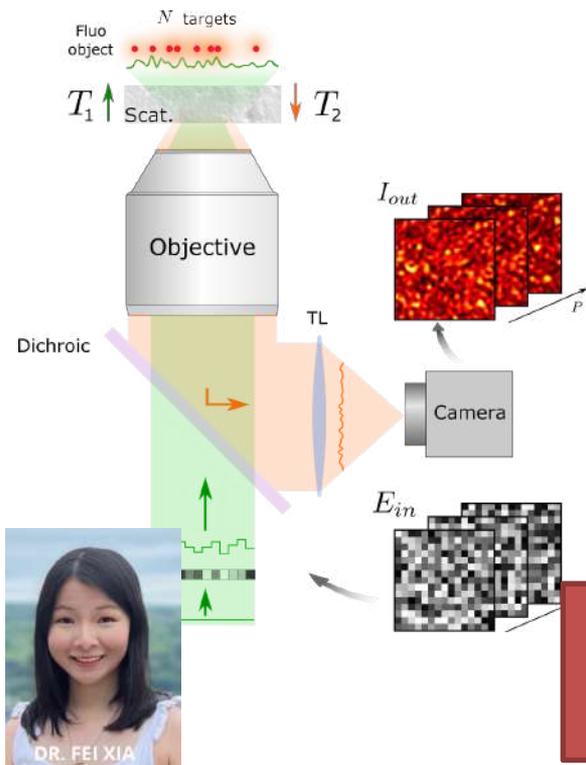


A.Turpin, I. Vishniakou, and J. d. Seelig, 132 *Opt. Express* 26, 30911 (2018)

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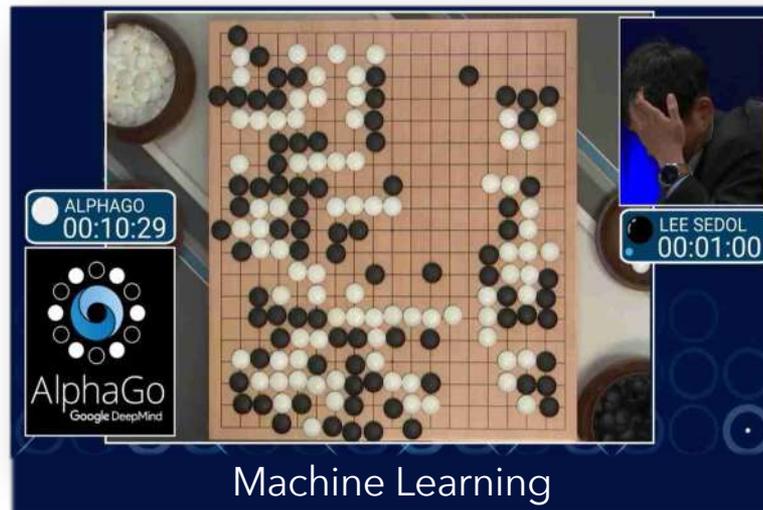
Only to see « **through** » scattering media

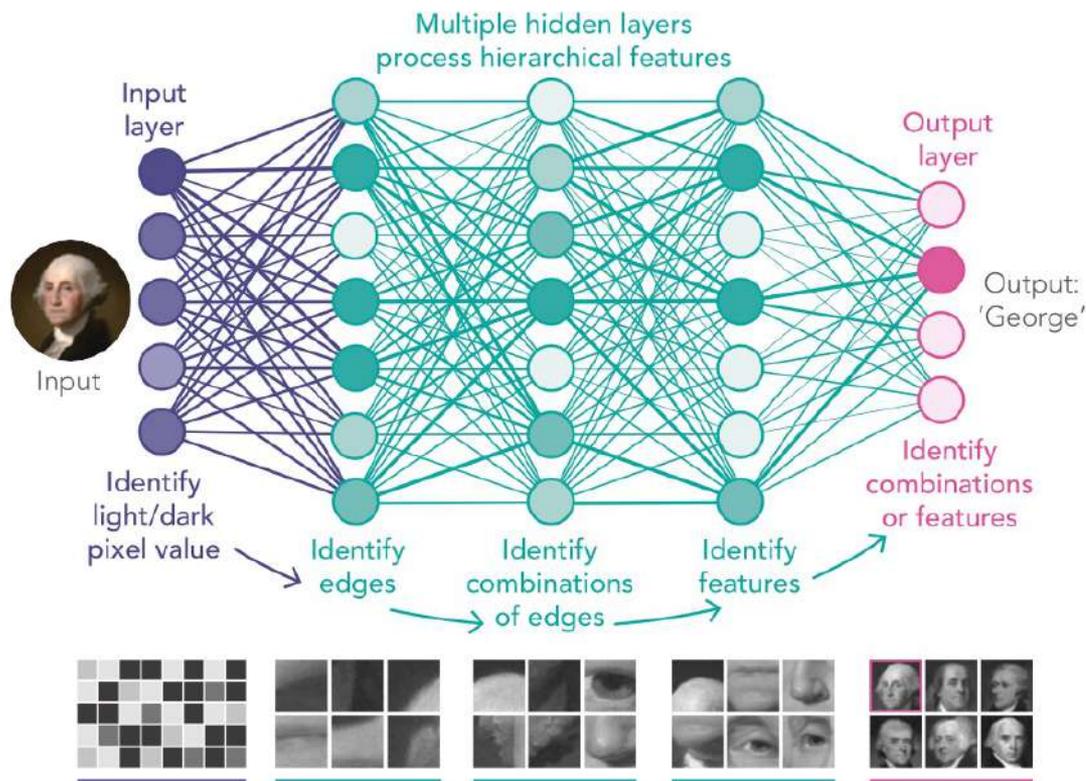
Physics-based 2-layer neural network



Training network = determining TMs

(2) Improve computing with optics





- Many (10s to 100s) Layers
- Each layer = a matrix multiplication
- 10s BILLIONS weights / parameters
- Huge datasets
- **Training** and **Inference** are extremely demanding

Image: Waldrop, PNAS (2019)

PetaFlop/s.days



x2 every 3.4 months!

x300.000 (Moore: x7)

Training a single AI Models can take thousands of GPU.days and cost 10s of millions of \$

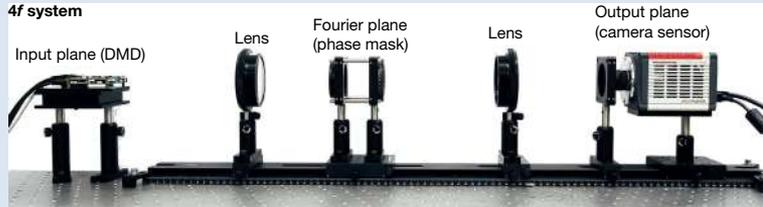
A different computing paradigm is needed : neuromorphic approach ?

Optics has distinct advantages...

- Low energy consumption
- Easy interconnect - Multiplexing
- Low latency + blazing speed

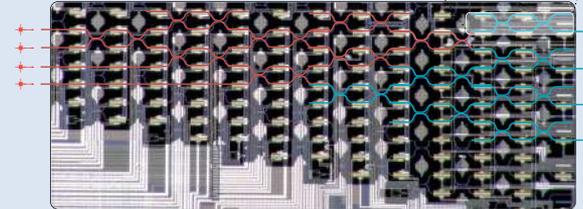
... and some disadvantages:

- 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

Nature 588, 39 (2020)

Perspective

Inference in artificial intelligence with deep optics and photonics

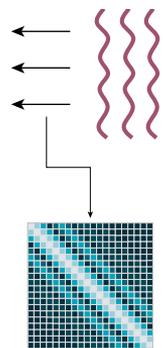
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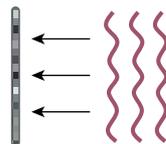
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Basic building blocks:

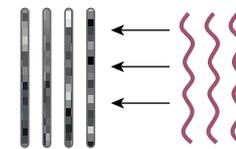
Free space



Thin mask



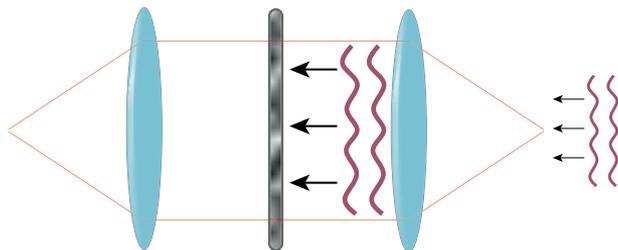
layered scatterer



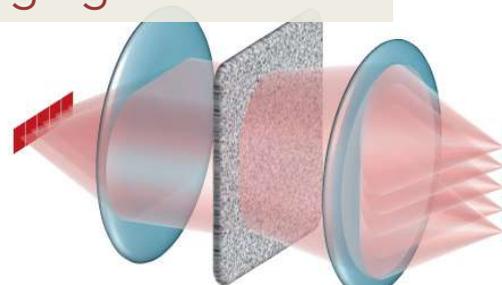
Good for single-layer Neural Networks

All-optical deep neural networks :
 cascaded **non-linearities** and propagation
 remains **challenging**

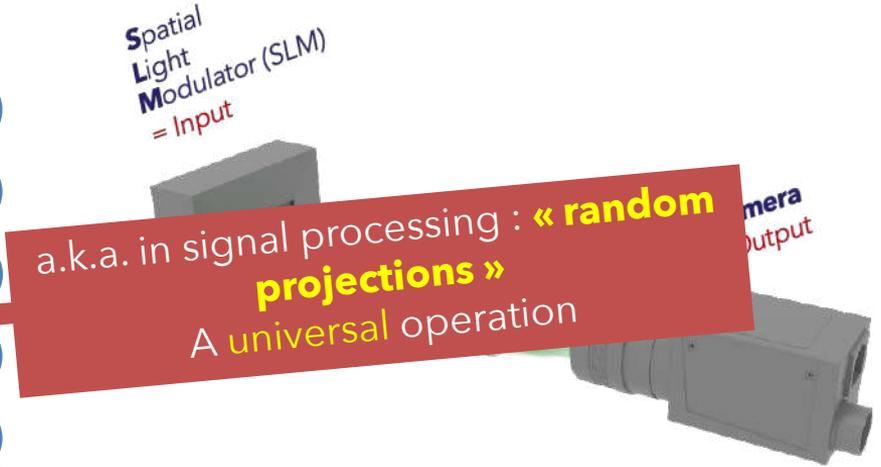
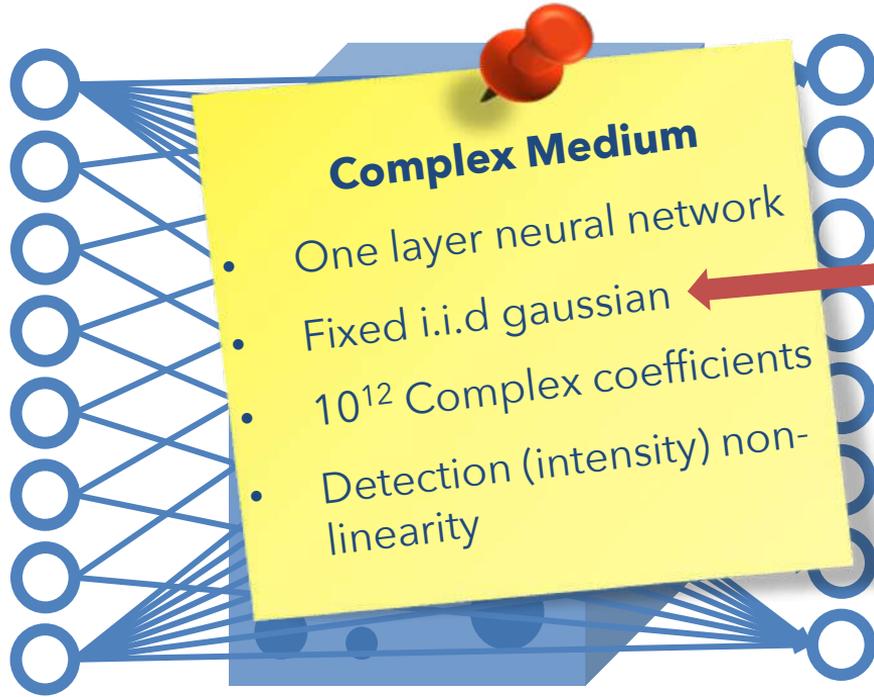
Advanced functions



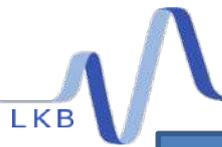
2D convolutions



1D vector-matrix multiplier

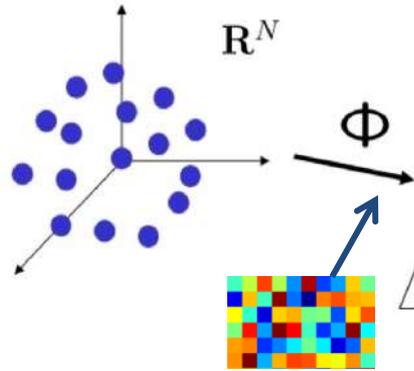


Using disorder for computation in Machine Learning?



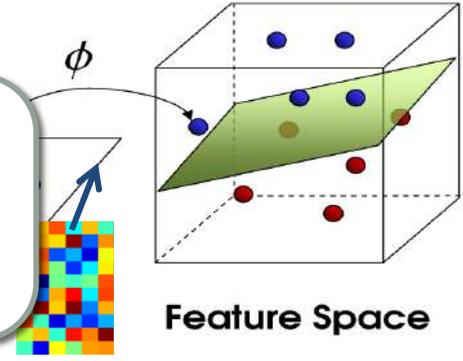
What are « random projections » good for?

Dimensional Reduction « Johnson & Lindenstrauss »



Dimensional expansion: The "kernel Trick" « Rahimi & Recht »

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

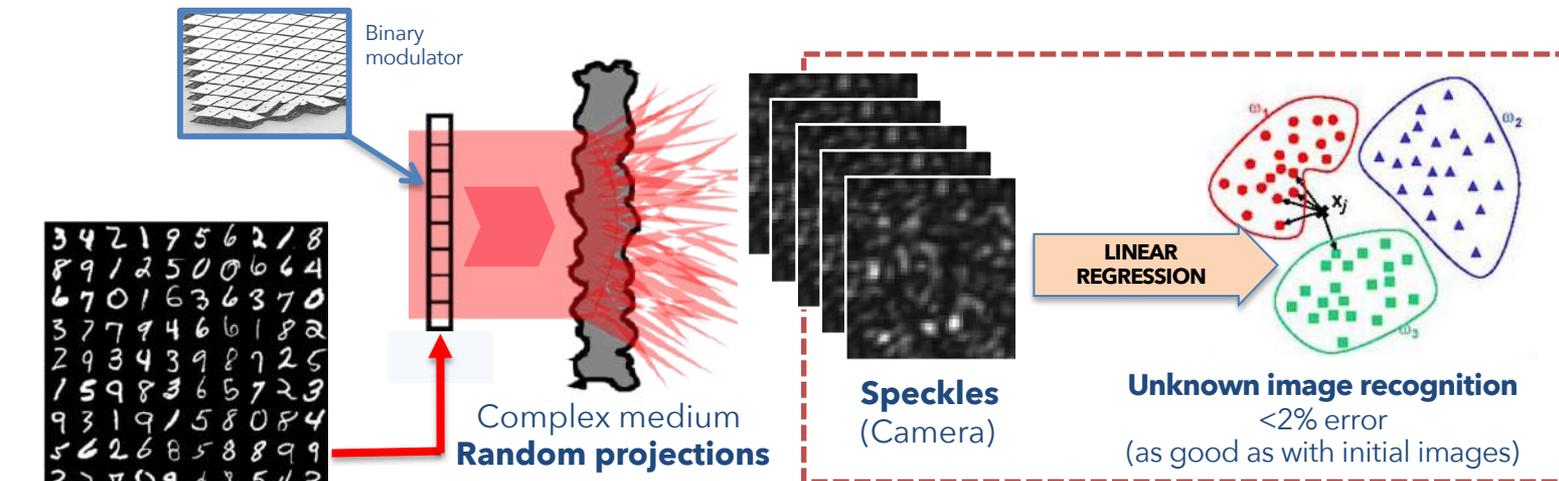


- Random matrix : reduction in dimension
- **conserve distances** even for $M \ll N$

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

- 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).



Images Database :
Handwritten numbers

**General idea:
Kernel method**

Saade, A., et al. **Random Projections through multiple optical scattering: Approximating kernels at the speed of light.** *IEEE (ICASSP) (2016)*



Why is it interesting ?

EXTRA-LARGE

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

&

SUPER-FAST

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

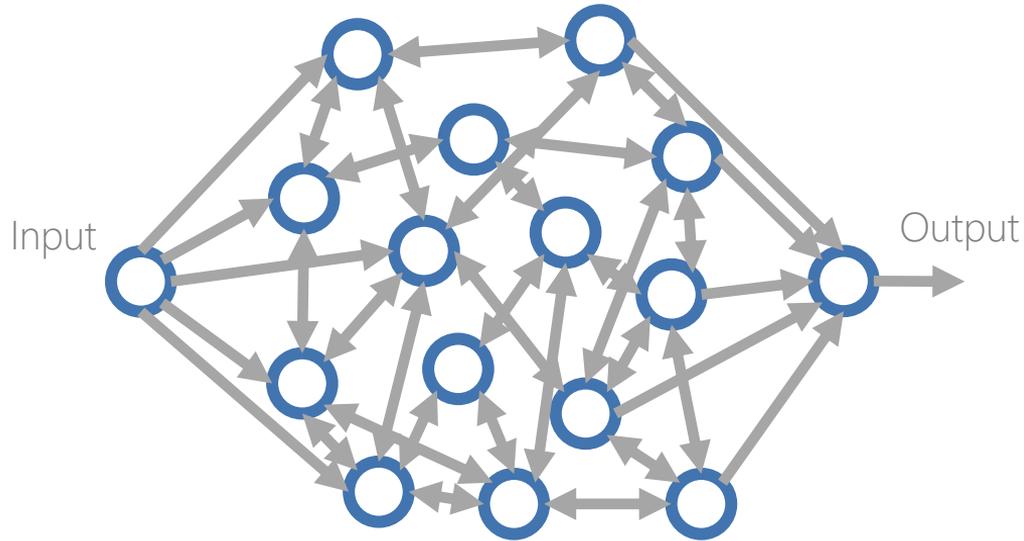


Equivalent 10^{15} operations / s : You would need a *Peta-scale* computer to do the same !



- 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)



Recurrent Neural Networks
are notoriously hard to train

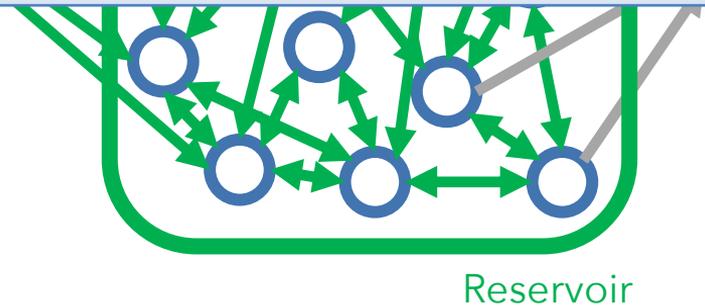
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Particularly well suited for physical implementations

- Dedicated electronics
- Exotic architectures
- **Integrated & free space photonics**

Van der Sande, Guy, Daniel Brunner, and Miguel C. Soriano.
"Advances in photonic reservoir computing." *Nanophotonics* 6.3 (2017): 561-576.

Input

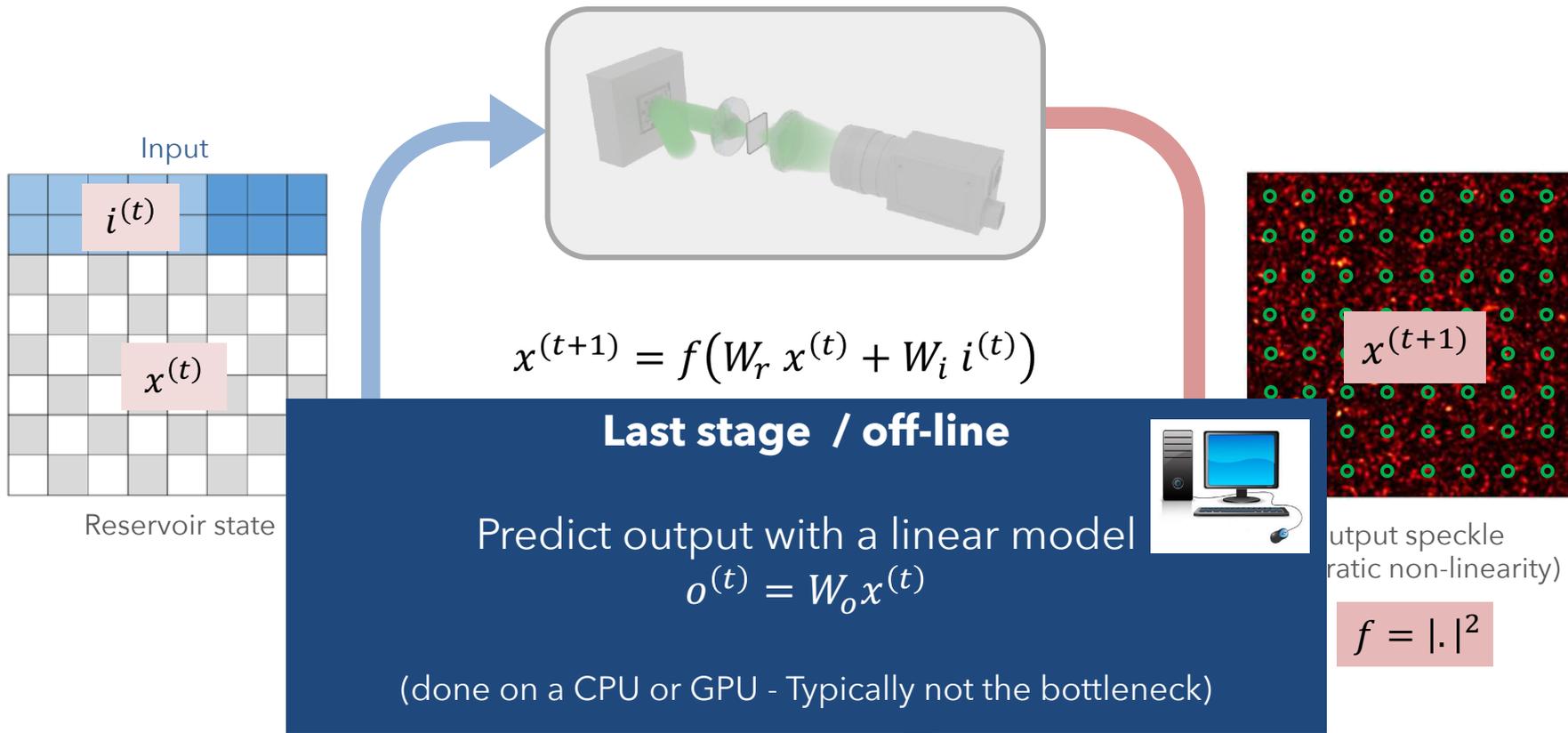


Only the **output weights** are trained

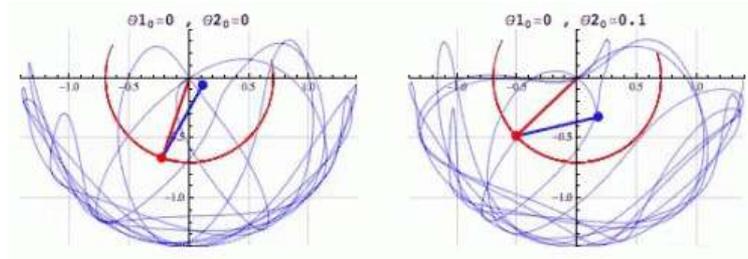
$$x^{(t+1)} = f(W_r x^{(t)} + W_i i^{(t)})$$

next reservoir current reservoir current input

Random matrices



Double-rod pendulum



System becomes unpredictable after a characteristic time : **the Lyapunov time**

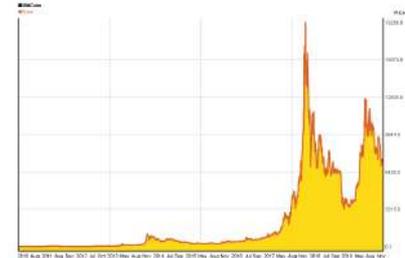
Turbulence



Weather and climate



Financial markets



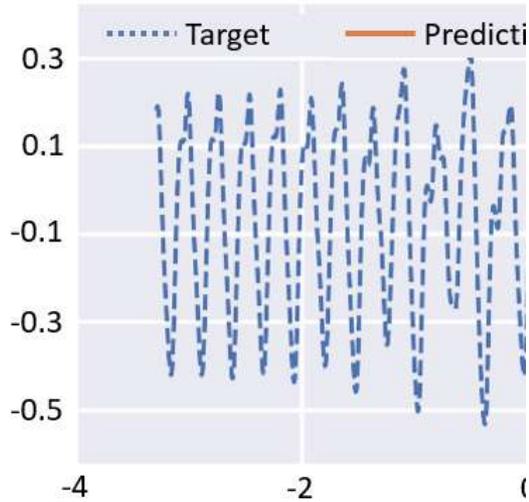
The Mackey-Glass equation (1D):

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



The Kuramoto-Sivashinsky equation (2D):

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

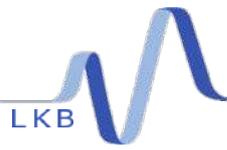


1. Compute the reservoir states

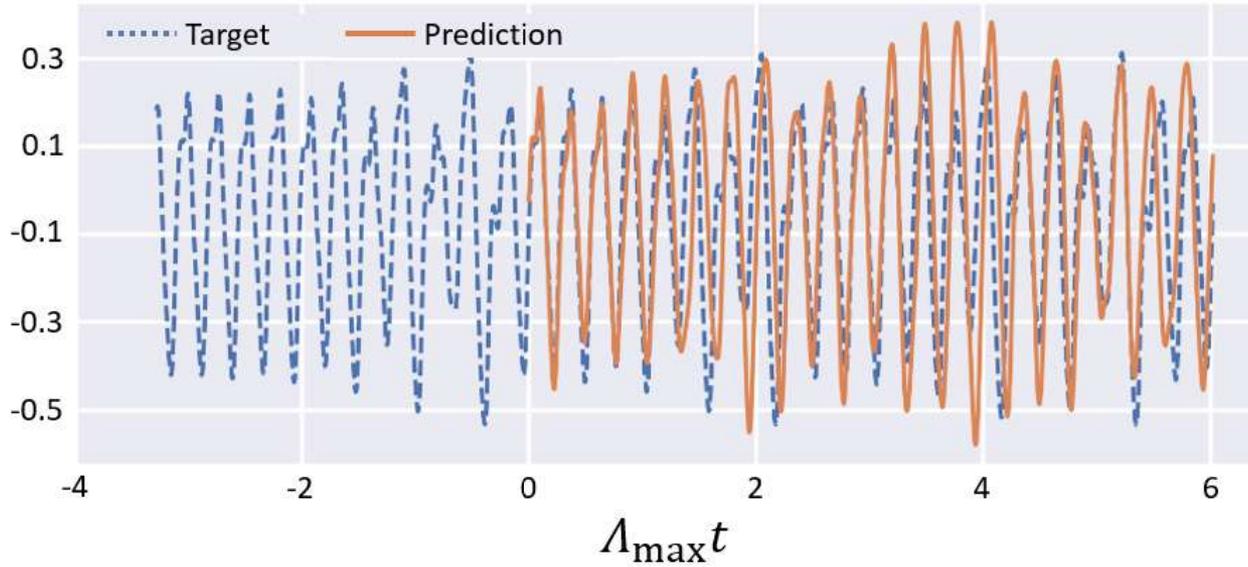
$$x^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} f(W_r x^{(t)} + W_i i^{(t)})$$

2. Output with a linear model

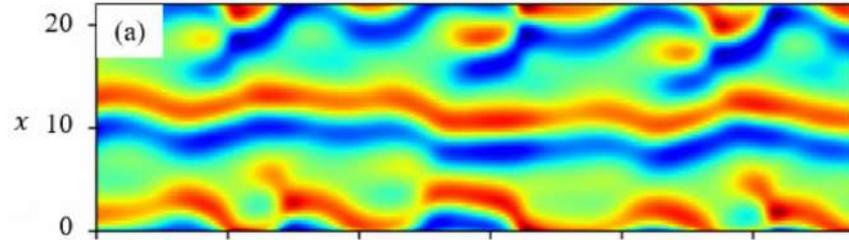
$$o^{(t)} = W_o x^{(t)}$$

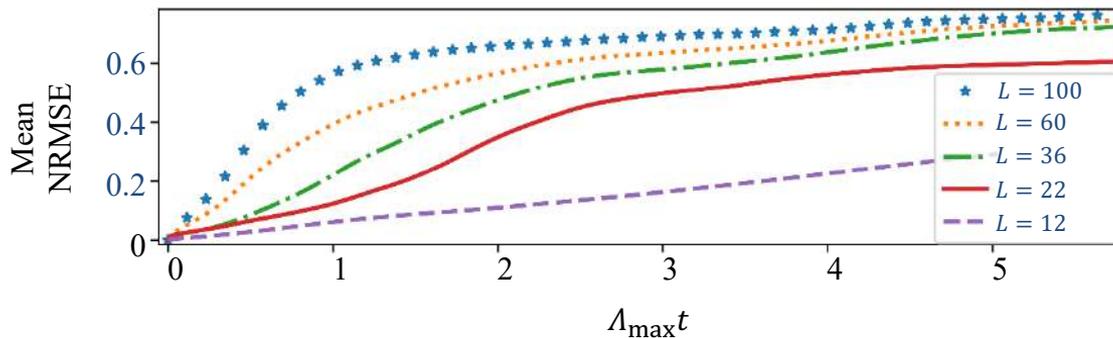
Mackey-Glass prediction (1D)



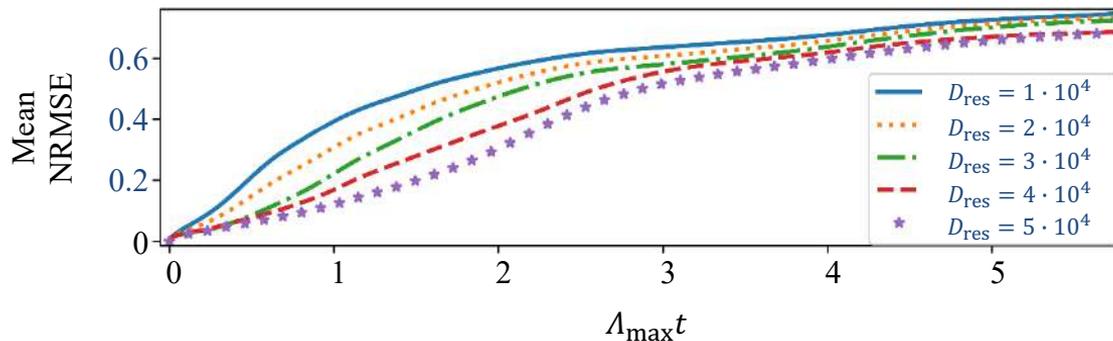
Ground truth



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



Spatial domain size is fixed, $L = 60$

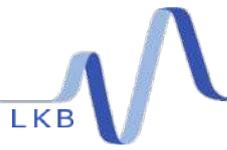


Larger networks can predict better larger chaotic systems

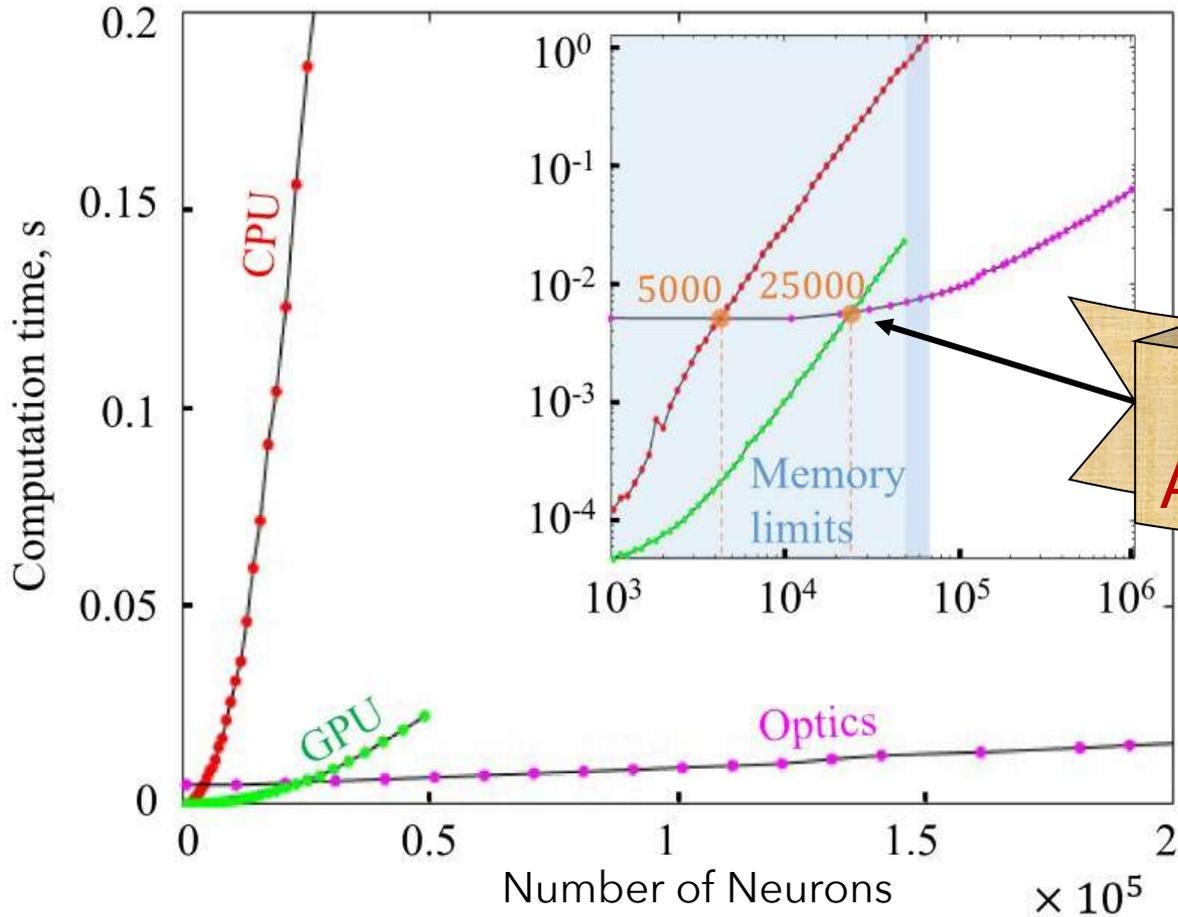
Speed

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

Energy efficiency
Dimensionality

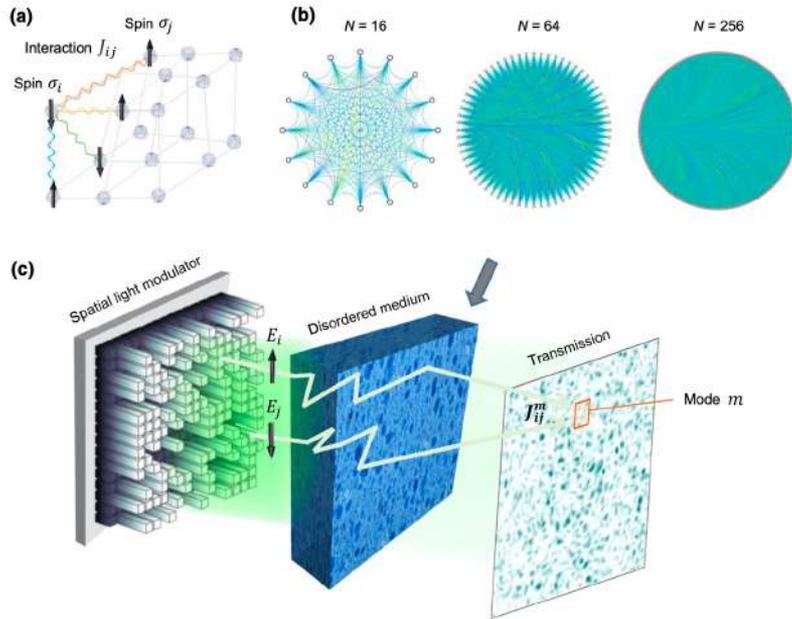


Computation time versus reservoir size (one iteration)



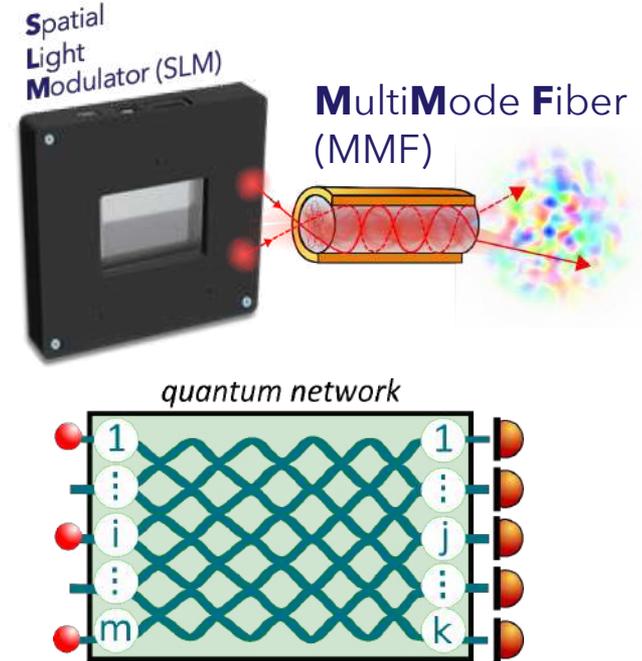
Optical Advantage !

Scalable Spin-Glass Optical Simulator



Pierangeli et al. Phys. Rev. Applied 15, 034087 (2021)
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Programmable linear circuits in a multimode fiber



Leedumrongwathanakun, S.. et al.,
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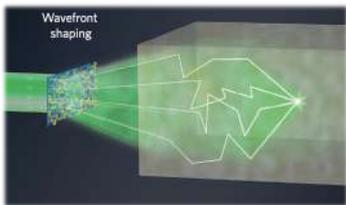
Light in complex media

- Complex media are ubiquitous
...scattering can be exploited
- Shaping can “undo” scattering

**Transformative concept for many fields
(imaging, sensing, spectroscopy...)**

Computational imaging

- Algorithms join force with hardware
- Leverages modern ML frameworks

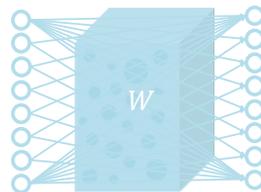


Challenges

- Low signals
- Speed
- ...

optical computing

- All-to-all connectivity
- Large scale
- Low power consumption



Challenges

- Engineering disorder
- Non-linearities

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