

Electronic-photonic Architectures for Brain-inspired Computing







The initial convolution layers are all-photonic (PCP).

Later convolution layers and the fully connected (FC) layers are implemented electronically with analog inmemory computing (AIMC).

The final classification layers can be both linear and nonlinear (DNPUs) to reduce the overall complexity.

Initial convolution layers

Later convolution layers and fully connected (FC) layers

Final classification layers (potentially nonlinear)

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To realise a photonic convolution processor (PCP) for ultralow-latency feature extraction.



To interface the PCP and AIMC with DNPUs for nonlinear classification.



To demonstrate ultra-low latency AI edge inference applications based on a hybrid electronic-photonic brain-inspired architecture.

Photonic Convolution Processor (PCP):



R. Xu, et al. Nano Letters (expected publication 2024)

Our innovative silicon ion implantation solution precisely trims and tunes mode conversion in MDM directional couplers, unlocking the full potential of photonic convolutional processors' performance.

Linear Classifier:



J. Büchel et al., IEEE Journal on Emerging and Selected Topics in Circuits and Systems 13, 1052 (2023)

M. Le Gallo et al., APL Mach. Learn. 1, 041102 (2023)

D. J. Kösters et al., APL Mach. Learn. 1, 016101 (2023)

Nonlinear Classifier:



M. Zolfagharinejad, et al., Eur. Phys. J. B 97, 70 (2024)

H. Jaeger, et al., Nat. Commun. 14, 4911 (2023)

S. Kinge, et al., European patent application EP23198378

System integration for **low-latency inference:**



W. Zhou et al., Nat. Commun. 14, 2887 (2023)



Python package for designing photonic integrated circuits on semiconductor development processes.

Key Exploitable Results



Analog Hardware Acceleration Kit for enhancing AI experiments and drive AI advances.

Specialised surrogate models, in the form of a software framework - brainspy package - for implementing deeplearning neural networks and studying dopant-network processing units.





Method for automatic speech recognition.

Project coordinator UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.









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