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aJ/bit Modulators and Photonic Neuromorphic Computing

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Orthogonal Physics Enabled Nanophotonics (OPEN) lab

Atto-Joule Optoelectronics

OPEN Lab

Prof. Sorger

Sorger, Zhang lab, Nature Photonics (2008) Sorger, Zhang lab, Nature (2009) Sorger lab, IEEE Photonics (2013) Sorger lab, Altug lab, Nature Nanotech. (2015) Sorger lab, Majumdar Lab, Sci. Reports (2016) Sorger lab, Optics Letters (2016) Sorger lab, IEEE STQE (2014 & 2017)

Photonic Functions

Sorger lab, IEEE Photonics (2015) Sorger lab, Nanophotonics (2016) Sorger lab, Optics Letters (2016) Sorger lab, El-Ghazawi lab, IPCC (2017) Sorger lab, El-Ghazawi lab, Mircoprocess. & MS (2017) Sorger lab, Frontiers in Optics (2017)

Analogue Computing

Sorger lab, Nanophotonics (2017) Sorger Lab, Grace lab, Biofabrication (2017) Sorger lab, IEEE Rebooting Computing (2017) Prucnal lab, Sorger lab, (in preparation)







GW OPEN Lab Prof. Sorger Modulators = Optical Transistors







Sarpkaya, (in prep)

Ye, IEEE STQE (2014)

Light In

Ma, IEEE STQE (2017)



Sorger Group, J. Opt., special issue (submitted)

GW Prof. Sorger Hybrid Plasmon Photonics Interconnect

Chip-Scale Interconnect Performance



Physics & Material \leftarrow (E/bit)_{Device} \leftarrow SNR @ Rx \leftarrow Desired BER



GW Optical on-chip FFT

OPEN Lab Prof. Sorger



Sorger Group, Frontiers in optics (2017)

Convolutional Neural Networks based-on Optical FTT



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Sorger Group, IEEE Computing (2017)

Description	Assumption
FLOPS per convolution	$20N^2 log_2(N) + N^2$
ADC	56 GSa/s @ 2 W
DAC	100 GA/s @ 2.5 W
Optical loss first spiral	0.686 dB
Optical loss modulator	3.49 dB
Optical loss 2 x 2	0.99105 dB
Optical loss splitter	3 dB
Optical loss input grating coupler	4 dB



GW Delay in Spiking Neural Networks

Mean Squared Error











Gaussian Noise σ

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