



Neuromorphic magnon-spintronic networks

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Neuromorphic computing

Use of novel ways to compute which are inspired by the astonishing **energy efficiency** of the human brain

Digital Computing (CMOS power density)





Human Brain

Only 20 W total power consumption ...

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Artifical Neural networks



P. Prucnal and B. Shastri, Neuromorphic photonics, CRC PRess (2017)

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Neuromorphic networks

Inherently analog processing

 \rightarrow digital systems are rather inefficient, wave-based approaches have a natural advantage

- **Nonlinearity**: every neuron has a build-in nonlinear function
- Highly interconnected systems: the (energy) efficiency of the connections can be more important than the efficiency of the neurons
- **Reprogramming**: to learn, the strengths of the interconnections ("weights") between neurons need to be changed

Human brain:

- About 85 billion neurons connected by about 10¹⁴ synapses
- Every neuron has about 1.000-30.000 direct connections to other neurons
- Total length of the connections: 5.6 million km



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Outline

- General concept of an all-spintronic network using spintronic auto-oscillators and spin waves
- Neuromorphic computing using spintronic auto-oscillators
- Nano-magnonic building blocks
- Inverse design magnonics
- Coupling of spintronic auto-oscillators and nano-magnonic building blocks





Use of spin waves (quasi particle: magnon) to transport and process data



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Direct physical realization?

Connectivity challenge

Electrical wiring scheme

A network with *N* neurons needs $\frac{N(N-1)}{2}$ physical connections to create *all-to-all connectivity*

"Hopfield network": J. J. Hopfield, Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA 79, 2554 (1982).

Connection by waves

Use of **coherent coupling effects** allows to use 2D systems



Additional reduction of physical interconnects by **frequency multiplexing**

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Our concept: all-spintronic approach



Artificial Neurons: spintronic auto-oscillators (SAO) Nanoscaled objects with high intrinsic nonlinearity

Interconnects: coherent spin waves

- Artificial synapses created by ultralow-damping magnonic nano-conduits
- Including coherent coupling effects, interference, spin-wave nonlinearity and frequency multiplexing

Programming: magnetic memory cells

Nanomagnets like those used in MRAM influencing the spin-wave propagation

Not the focus of this talk, but several realizations exist

K. Baumgaertl and D. Grundler, "Bistable nanomagnet as programable phase inverter for spin waves," Appl Phys Lett, **118**, 162402, (2021).



Further neuromorphic spintronic elements



J. Grollier, D. Querlioz, K. Y. Camsari, K. Everschor-Sitte, S. Fukami, and M. D. Stiles, "*Neuromorphic spintronics*," *Nature Electronics* **3**, 360–370 (2020).

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Spintronic (auto)-oscillators

Example: Spin torque nano-oscillator (STNO)



- Converts a DC electronic current in a sustained magnetic auto-oscillation
- Frequency ranges from 0.1 to several tens of GHz
- Both amplitude and frequency of the auto-oscillation depend nonlinearly on injected current, external signals



M. Romera, *et al.*, *Nature* **563**, 230–234, (2018). J. Torrejon, *et al.*, *Nature* **547** 428–431 (2017).

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Uniformly magnetized oscillators

Vortex oscillators

Spin Hall nano oscillators (SHNO) based on spin current injected via the Spin Hall effect in an adjacent heavy metal like Pt

T. Chen, et al., Proc. IEEE, 104, 1919–1945 (2016).

J. Torrejon, *et al. Nature*, 547 428–431 (2017). A. Hamadeh, *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett., 112, 257201 (2014).

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Spintronic auto-oscillators for neuromorphic computing







- Electrically coupled SAOs synchronize to external microwave signals representing the input data
- Training: Oscillator frequencies are tuned electrically by changing the DC current
- After training, vowel is recognized from the synchronization state: which oscillators synchronizes to which input frequency

M. Romera, et al., "Vowel recognition with four coupled spin-torque nano-oscillators," Nature 563, 230–234, (2018).

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Spintronic auto-oscillators for neuromorphic computing

Similar approach is possible using Spin Hall Nano Oscillators...



Synchronization map

However, challenge to change the connection between oscillators and to adjust individual oscillators for training...

M. Zahedinejad, et al., Nature Nanotech., 104, 1-6, (2019).

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Synchronization for max. 500 nm separation



Spin-wave medium: 5 nm NiFe

S. Kaka, *et al.*, *Nature* **437**, 389–392 (2005).

Spin-wave based synchronization of SAOs



4.5 nm NiFe F. B. Mancoff, *et al.*, *Nature* **437** 393–395, (2005)

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Synchronization for max. 1000 nm separation



Spin-wave medium: 4.5 nm NiFe

A. Houshang, *et al.*, *Nature Nanotech*. **11**,280–286, (2016).

Systems are optimized for spin-toque effects, no emphasis on the magnonic aspects

- Very small spin-wave decay length (material, no dedicated waveguiding), no interference effects possible
- Only applicable for closely spaced SAOs with next-neighbor coupling, no change of connections possible
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Pure magnonic neuromorphic approaches



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S. Watt and M. P. Kostylev, Phys. Rev. Applied, 13, 034057 (2020).

- Uses strong **nonlinearity** of the spin-wave system
- Delayed response, fading memory for reservoir computing

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- Uses strong **nonlinearity** of the spin-wave system
- Small permanent magnets to train the system for pattern recognition





Our concept

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Theory for SAO coupled by spin waves

Extended Kuramoto model for the coupling of nonlinear oscillators by waves:

 c_n : amplitude of oscillator n p_n : power of oscillator n

 $\Omega_{n,m}$: coupling strength between two SAOs

 $\beta_{n,m}$: coupling phase between two SAOs

$$\frac{dc_n}{dt} + \left[i \,\omega_n(p_n) + \Gamma_{+,n}(p_n) - \Gamma_{-,n}(p_n)\right]c_n = \sum_m \Omega_{n,m} \cdot e^{i\beta_{n,m}} \, c_m + f(t)$$
Dynamics of free running oscillator *n*
External force to other oscillators *m* (via SW)

 $\Omega_{n,m} \propto \frac{1}{d} e^{-d_{n,m}/\delta}$ for unguided spin-waves in an infinite thin film

 $\Omega_{n,m} \propto e^{-d_{n,m}/\delta}$ for spin waves guided in a waveguide

$$\beta_{n,m} = k \cdot d$$
 for spin-wave with wave vector k

 δ : exponential spin-wave decay length

A. Slavin and V. Tiberkevich, "Nonlinear Auto-Oscillator Theory of Microwave Generation by Spin-Polarized Current," IEEE Trans. on Magn, **45**, 1875–1918 (2009).

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Increasing connectivity range

High coupling strength also for large distances:

 $\Omega_{n,m} \propto \frac{1}{d} e^{-d_{n,m}/\delta}$ for **unguided** spin-waves in an infinite thin film

 $\Omega_{n,m} \propto e^{-d_{n,m}/\delta}$ for spin waves guided **in a waveguide**

→ Switching to guided waves removes geometrical decay

Need to maximize the **spin-wave decay length** δ to increase the coupling:







Yttrium Iron Garnet (YIG, Y₃Fe₅O₁₂)

- Room temperature ferrimagnet $(T_{\rm C} = 560 \text{ K})$
- Low phonon damping
- Magnon lifetime up to 500 ns !





Scientific Research Company "Carat", Lviv, Ukraine

LPE grown YIG films with very low damping down to 10 nm thickness:

C. Dubs, Phys. Rev. Materials, 4, 024416, (2020).



Magnetic moment of a unit cell is 20 Bohr magnetons μ_B at T=0 K

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Exciting dynamics (CRC1242/TRR 227) Slide 19 16.02.2021



Micro-focused Brillouin Light scattering

Scattered photon

 ω_{incident}

K_{inciden}



B. Heinz, PP et al., Nano Letters, 20, 4220 (2020).

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Exciting dynamics (CRC1242/TRR 227) Slide 20



 ω_m, k_m

Magnon



Spin-wave unpinning on the nanoscale



- Increase of the quantized **exchange** energy $\propto A_{ex} \left(\frac{\pi}{w_{eff}}\right)^2$ leads to suppression of dipolar pinning of the modes: unpinning for waveguide widths below a critical value w_{crit}
- Unpinning increases the dynamic dipolar coupling between nanostructures
 → key factor for directional coupler, ring resonator, coupling to spintronic auto-oscillators...

Q. Wang, B. Heinz, PP, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 247202 (2019).

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Decay length in 50nm wide YIG waveguides



k_{prop} **M**_s, **H**_{ext} 0.4 Decay length (µm) Group velocity (µm ns⁻¹) 0.1 (C 8 6 Group velocity 2 Decay length 50 e Lifetime (ns) 40 Plain film 30 20 10 n 7.55 7.3 7.35 7.45 7.5 7.6 7.4 Frequency (GHz)

"Surface wave geometry"

- Decrease of exponential decay length δ for small width due to drop in group velocity of dipolar spin waves
- B. Heinz, PP et al., Nano Letters, 20, 4220 (2020).

Long-range spin-wave propagation in transversely magnetized nano-scaled conduits:

exponential decay length δ > 5 μ m

B. Heinz, PP, et al., APL **118**, 132406, (2021).

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Spin-wave directional coupler

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Coupling length depends on wavelength/frequency and magnetic field

→ Switching of functionality with changing wavelength: crossing, power splitter, simple waveguide

Q. Wang, PP, et al., Science Advances 4, e1701517 (2018)





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Nonlinear spin-wave directional coupler

In contrast to nonlinear SAO, nonlinear spin-wave devices usually work at **fixed frequency** employ a nonlinear change of the wave vector k:



Nanoscaled directional coupler (YIG)



Q. Wang, PP, et al., Nature Electronics 3, 765–774, (2020).

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Nonlinear spin-wave coupler



Directional coupler changes the output depending on the input power

Q. Wang, PP, et al., Nature Electronics **3**, 765–774, (2020).

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Nonlinear directional coupler: experimental validation



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Nonlinear magnonic ring resonator

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Ring resonator:

- Frequency-dependent resonance for wave multiplexing
- Intrinsic spin-wave nonlinearity to create activation function





Magnonic activation function

Q. Wang, PP, et. al., npj Comput Mater, 6, 453 (2020).

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How to design devices faster?



Use automized optimization algorithms to run micromagnetic simulations



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Inverse design magnonics



Q. Wang, A. Chumak, P. Pirro, Nature Commun., 12, 2636 (2021)

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Inverse design magnonics



Q. Wang, A. Chumak, P. Pirro, Nature Commun., 12, 2636 (2021)

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Inverse design magnonics: frequency multiplexer



Q. Wang, A. Chumak, P. Pirro, Nature Commun., 12, 2636 (2021)

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Inverse design magnonics: nonlinear systems





Inverse design: next steps



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Matching the SAO and the magnonic system

Frequency mismatch: large precession amplitudes of SAO

 → associated nonlinear frequency shift: SAO are not well
 matched in their frequency to the spin-wave system in the
 same structure.

 Materials, film thicknesses and geometries cannot be optimized for both systems simultaneously

ightarrow Create a hybrid system with tunable coupling



YIG spin-wave waveguide (100nm width): spin-wave dispersion relation and frequency of an auto-oscillation (blue dot) induced, e.g., by Spin Hall effects



Matching the SAO and the magnonic system



ightarrow Create a hybrid system with tunable coupling

Example: NiFe-base auto-oscillator coupled to a YIG nanowaveguide

*M*_s=800 kA/m

*M*_s=140 kA/m

 \rightarrow Very different M_s lead to very different ferromagnetic resonance frequencies allow for easier matching



Tuning the coupling and SAO frequency

- Dipolar coupling: excitation strength of spin waves depends on the
 - Gap between SAO and waveguide,
 - SAO size and excited spin-wave wavelength
 - Relative orientation of the SAO and the spin-wave waveguide
- Spin-wave excitation is a radiation loss mechanism for the SAO: it increases the threshold current and changes the auto-oscillation frequency.



Parallel M_s

- ightarrow weak dipolar coupling
- \rightarrow low spin-wave emission amplitude
- \rightarrow high SAO amplitude
- \rightarrow high (negative) nonlinear shift

Antiparallel M_s

- \rightarrow strong dipolar coupling
- \rightarrow high spin-wave emission amplitude
- \rightarrow low SAO amplitude
- \rightarrow small (negative) nonlinear shift

SWs emitted from a NiFe SHNO, into a 5 nm thick YIG waveguide



 $j_{\rm DC}$ = 1.9·10¹¹ A/m², $B_{\rm ext}$ = 10 mT

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Tuning the spin-wave emission

 Uniform oscillators emit reciprocally, but vortex oscillators have a particular rich reconfigurability since the spin-wave emission depends on the chirality and the polarity of the oscillator.



- Non-reciprocal emission into a completely reciprocal magnonic system (Backward-Volume geometry) due to the interplay of the different in-plane and out-of-plane components of the dynamic fields created by the vortex
 - \rightarrow Enables directionality in a network, can be tuned by the ellipticity of the oscillator



Tuning the spin-wave emission

Summary: Vortex oscillator coupled to a Backward Volume spin-wave waveguide





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Synchronization to a magnonic signal

Inverse process to the emission of spin waves: SAO synchronizes to magnonic signal in the waveguide:



- SAO synchronizes to the magnonic input signal
- Phase of the SAO depends on the spin-wave wavelength \checkmark
- Amplification depends on spin-wave frequency, can be enhanced by frequency selective elements

Elliptical NiFe SHNO (80x40x5 nm) coupled to a 10 nm thick, 100nm wide YIG waveguide





Synchronization of SAO via spin waves



Most efficient synchronization: $\beta = k(f) \cdot d = \arctan(\nu) + l \cdot \pi$, $l \in 0,1,2 \dots$

u: normalized nonlinear frequency shift of the oscillators

Two possibilities for the phase difference between oscillators:

 $\Delta \Phi = \arcsin(\delta \omega / \Delta_2) \text{ or } \Delta \Phi = \pi - \arcsin(\delta \omega / \Delta_2)$ $\delta \omega: \text{ frequency mismatch to the free running oscillator}$ $\Delta_2: \text{ synchronization bandwidth}$ Stable solution depends on β and ν

A. Slavin and V. Tiberkevich, IEEE Trans. on Magn, 45, 1875–1918 (2009).

Two elliptical NiFe SHNO (80x40x5 nm), distance $d=2 \mu m$ coupled to a 10 nm thick, 100 nm wide YIG waveguide,



Current density (× 10¹¹) in A/m^{2 in SAO 2}

Synchronization for larger distances *d* achievable without further optimization.

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Synchronization patterns

 If synchronization is reached, the resulting interference pattern depends on the realized wavelength, the relative phase- and spatial difference of the oscillators:



Spin-wave intensity (time averaged)

In this case (uniform SHNO), the non-synchronized system is completely reciprocal (emission of spin waves etc).

Where does the non-reciprocity come from?



Synchronization patterns

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Spin-wave intensity (time averaged)



Transition to the **synchronized state**:

phase transition with **ordering parameter** $\Delta \Phi$ which **decides on the intensity pattern** outside the oscillator pair \rightarrow defines the direction in which an initial **synchronization spreads through the network**

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Time-modulation of the spin-wave coupling

What happens if we time-modulate the connecting spin-wave band structure with a frequency below the magnon gap?





- Modulation of the spin waves leads to coherent mode-locking of SAOs running at different f_{SAO}
- Spin waves pulses develop whose duration decreases if more SAOs are locked with different f_{SAO}



Time-modulation of the spin-wave band structure

Modulation of the spin-wave band structure can **couple very different oscillator types**:



 \rightarrow There are plenty of coherent phenomena for coupled SAO which go beyond simple synchronization.

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Last but not least: connectivity challenge



Connection by waves

Use of coherent coupling effects allows to use 2D systems



Additional reduction of physical interconnects by frequency multiplexing

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Optical neuronal networks

All-optical spiking neurosynaptic networks with self-learning capabilities

J. Feldmann, *et al.*, *Nature* **569**, 208–214 (2019).

J. Feldmann¹, N. Youngblood², C. D. Wright³, H. Bhaskaran² & W. H. P. Pernice¹*



Main ingredients:

- Photonic ring resonators
- Nonlinear functionality (phase change material)
- Multiplexing und Demultiplexing
- Embedded memory (phase change material)

Perform in the optical domain: pattern recognition, supervised and unsupervised learning



Main problem in optics: scalability of the individual elements

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Frequency-division multiplexing

Photonic neural network using N different frequencies/wavelengths



The use of frequency-dependent elements creates an *all-to-all connection* of neurons in a 2D structure using a *linear scaling* number of connecting elements.

J. Feldmann, *et al.*, *Nature* 569, 208–214 (2019).
D. Marković, et al., *Nat. Rev. Phys.* 2, 499–510, (2020).

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Wiring schemeneeds $\frac{N(N-1)}{2}$ physical connections to create all-to-all

connectivity



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Frequency-division multiplexing (FDM) for spin-waves

"Several spin-wave frequencies in the same device"



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Caustic-based demultiplexer



Coupler-based demultiplexer



F. Heussner, PP, et al., Phys. Status Solidi RRL, 7, 1800409 (2018).
F. Heussner, PP, et al., Phys. Status Solidi RRL, 14,1900695 (2020).

Q. Wang, PP, et al., Nature Electronics 3, 765-774, (2020).

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Synchronization of SAO via frequency multiplexing

Four individual SAOs coupled to the same waveguide:



How will they synchronize?

Most efficient synchronization:

 $k(f) \cdot d_{mn} = \arctan(\nu) + l \cdot \pi, l \in 0, 1, 2 \dots$

This condition might be fulfilled for a distant oscillator, whereas it is not fulfilled for the next neighbor....

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Synchronization of SAO via frequency multiplexing



Additional effect: nonlinear magnon interaction seems to mode-lock the clusters \rightarrow Spin-wave pulses develop, network starts to spike with shorter pulses if more clusters are involved

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- Proposition of an all-spintronic neural network based on spintronic auto-oscillators as artificial neurons connect by spin-waves in nanowaveguides acting as artificial synapses
- Oscillators can be efficiently coupled to ultralow damping magnonic structures and synchronize over large distances
- Manipulation of the connecting spin waves allows to modify the synchronization properties, create phase-locked states...
- Frequency-multiplexing in the spin-wave domain allows to reduce the number of physical interconnects in a scalable and efficient way

Thank you for your attention!

Conclusions

