

# Neuromorphic Electronics @ BME



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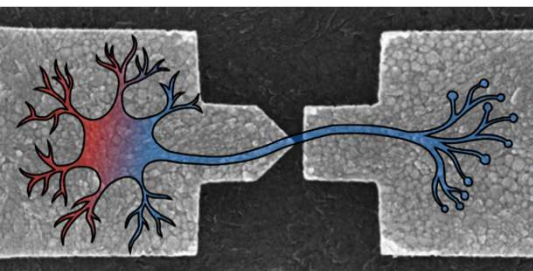


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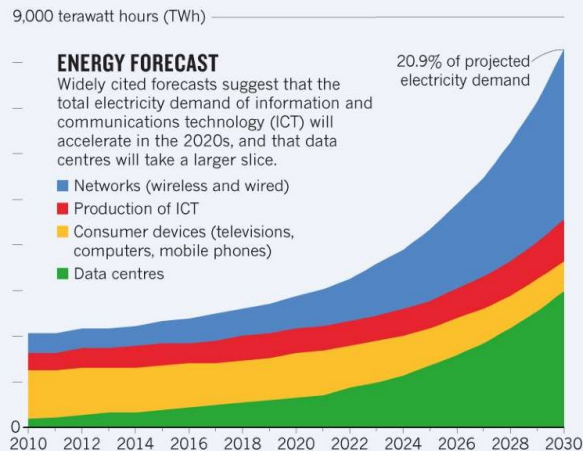
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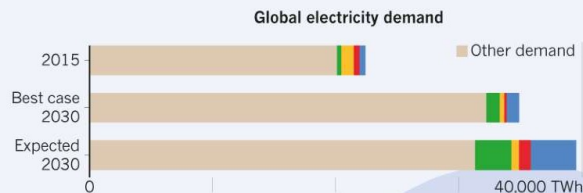
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# Energy efficient computing?



The chart above is an 'expected case' projection from Anders Andrae, a specialist in sustainable ICT. In his 'best case' scenario, ICT grows to only 8% of total electricity demand by 2030, rather than to 21%.

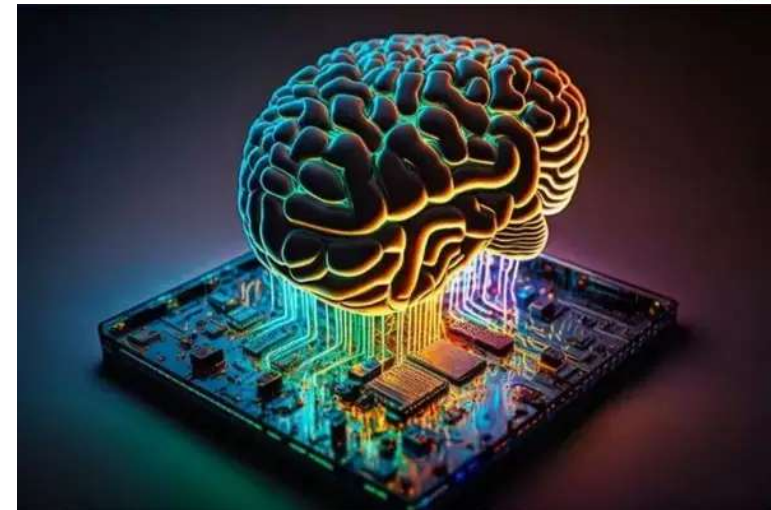
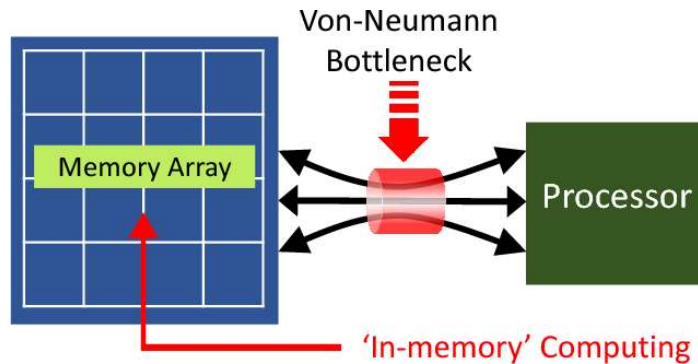


**INTERNET EXPLOSION**  
Internet traffic\* is growing exponentially, and reached more than a zettabyte (ZB,  $1 \times 10^{21}$  bytes) in 2017.



\*Traffic to and from data centres.  
†TB, terabyte ( $10^{12}$  bytes); PB, petabyte ( $10^{15}$  bytes); EB, exabyte ( $10^{18}$  bytes).

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**von Neumann computer**

Digital (0,1)

Separate memory and processor

General hardware + software

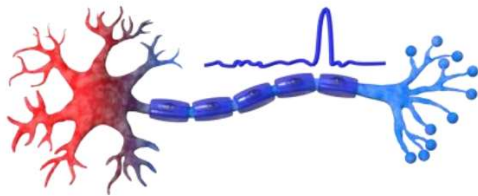
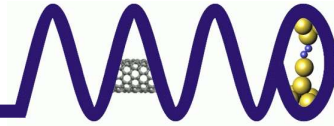
**Neuromorphic computing**

Analog

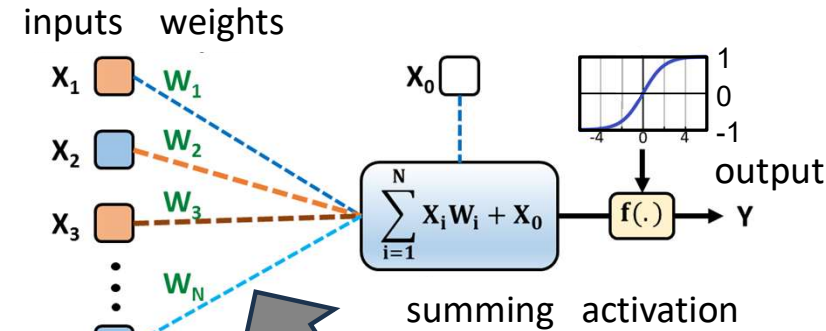
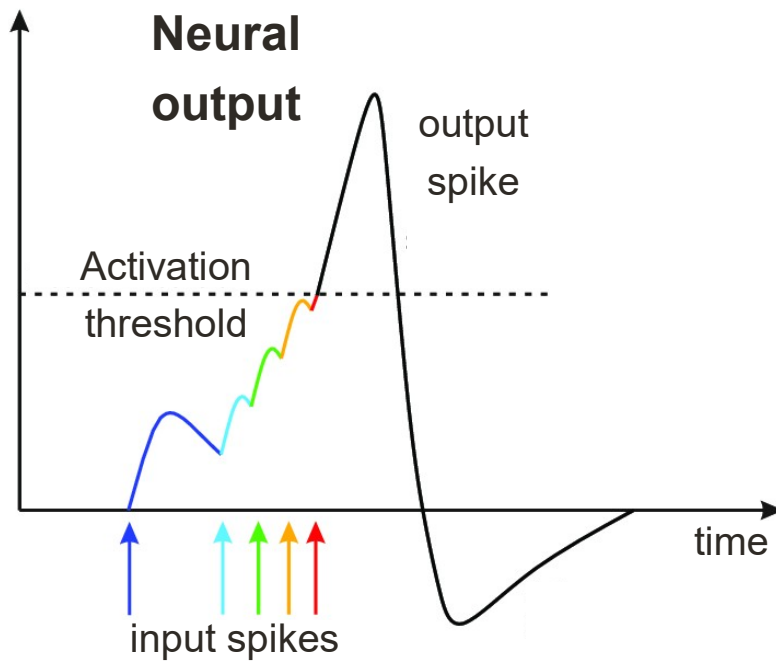
In memory computing

"Edge computing" with targeted hardware

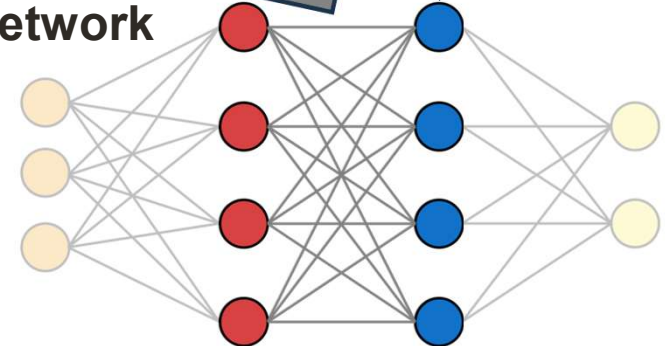
# Biological and artificial neurons



Artificial  
neuron

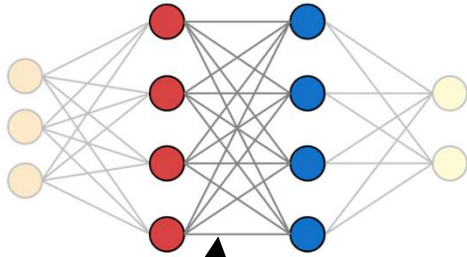
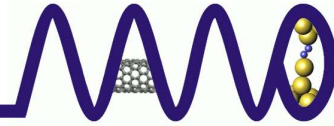


Neural  
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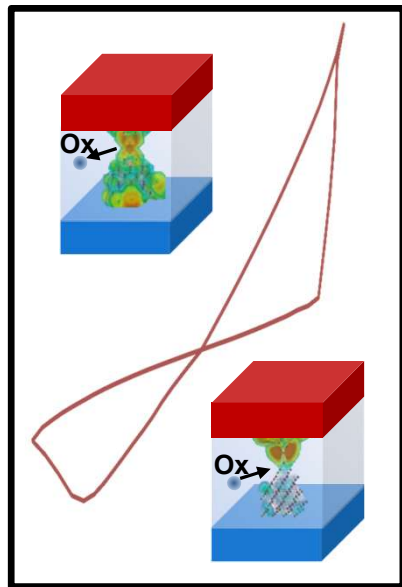


Learning: variation of synaptic weights

# Memristors as artificial synapses

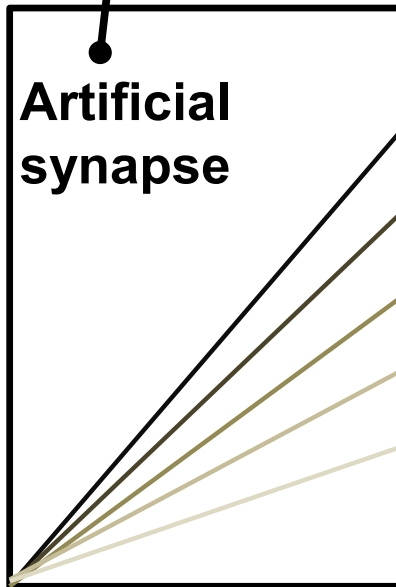


**MEMRISTOR**

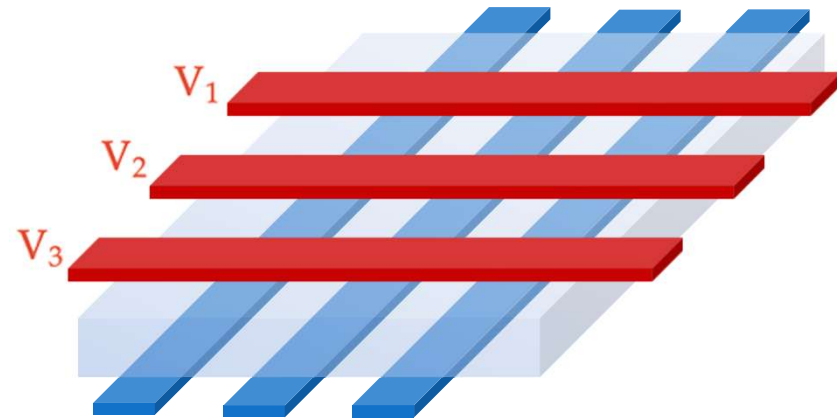


**VOLTAGE**

**Artificial  
synapse**



**VOLTAGE**

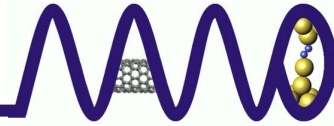


$$I_2 = V_1 \cdot G_{12} + V_2 \cdot G_{22} + V_3 \cdot G_{32}$$

$N^2$  hardware  
multiplications  
in a single step



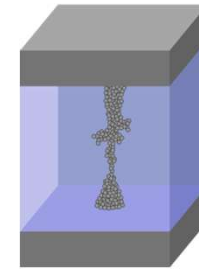
# Memristive artificial synapses



**How small? Down to single atom!**

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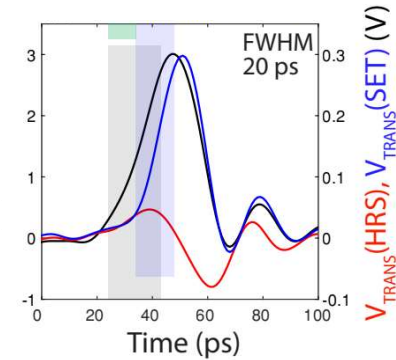
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**How fast?**

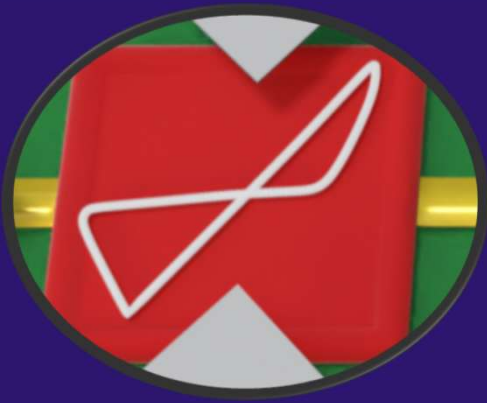
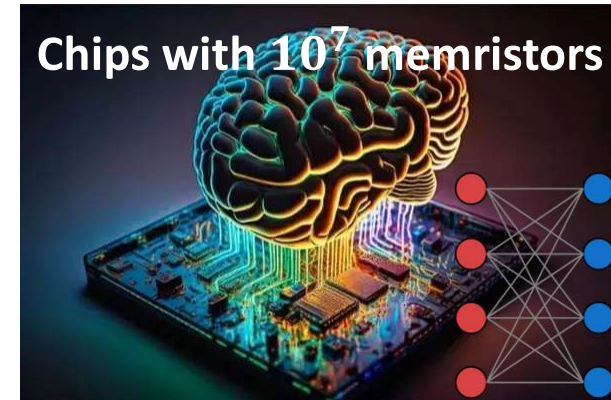
**Down to 15ps switching!**

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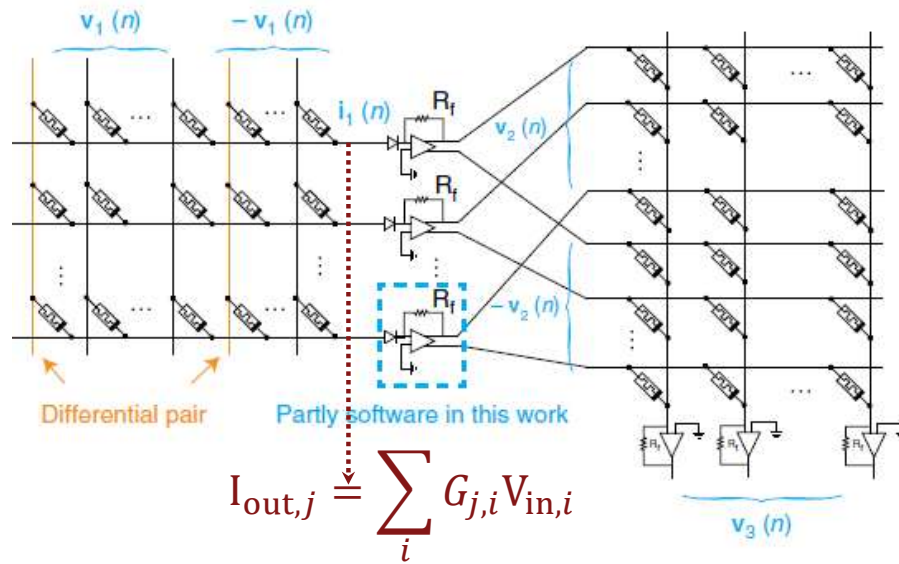
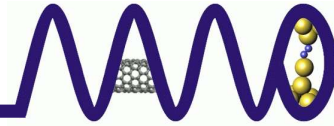


**How many?**

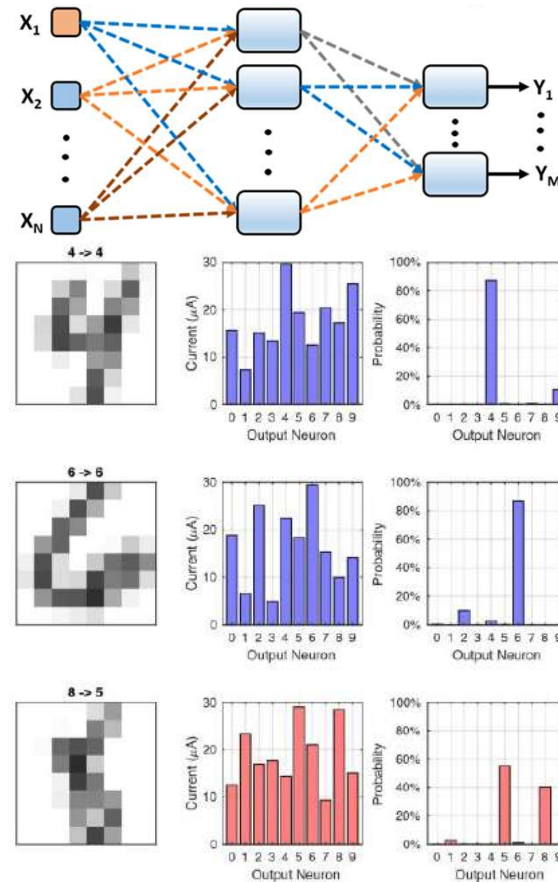
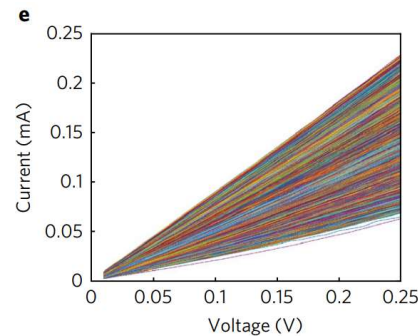
**Chips with  $10^7$  memristors**



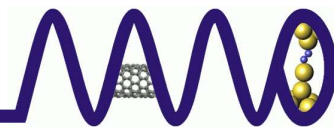
# Memristive neural networks



*Efficient and self-adaptive in-situ learning in multilayer memristor neural networks* **NATURE COMM. 9:2385 (2018)**



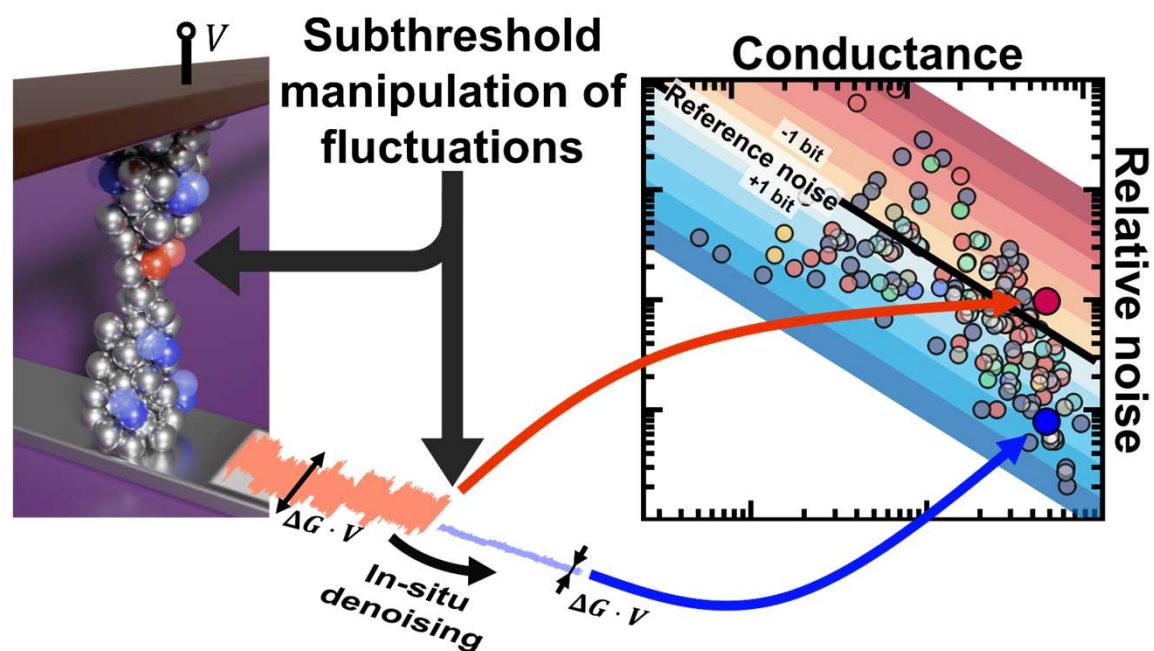
**High accuracy handwritten digit recognition (8200 memristors)**



## Benchmarking Stochasticity Behind Reproducibility: Denoising Strategies In Memristive Filaments

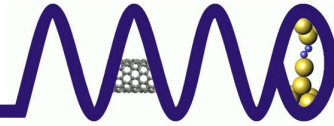


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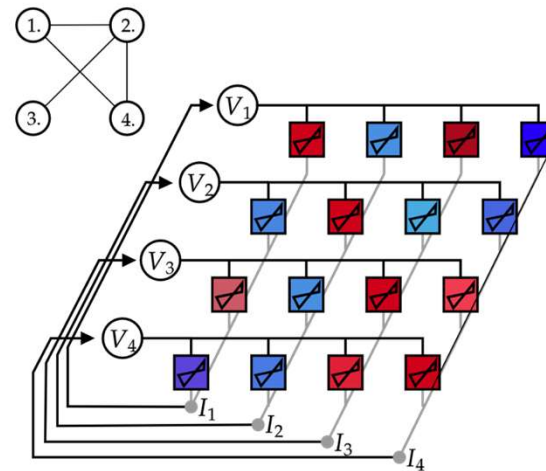




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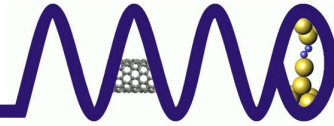


## Noise tailoring, noise annealing and external perturbation injection strategies in memristive Hopfield neural networks



J.G. Fehérvári et al., *Noise tailoring, noise annealing and external perturbation injection strategies in memristive Hopfield neural networks*, **APL MACHINE LEARNING** 2 016107 (2024)

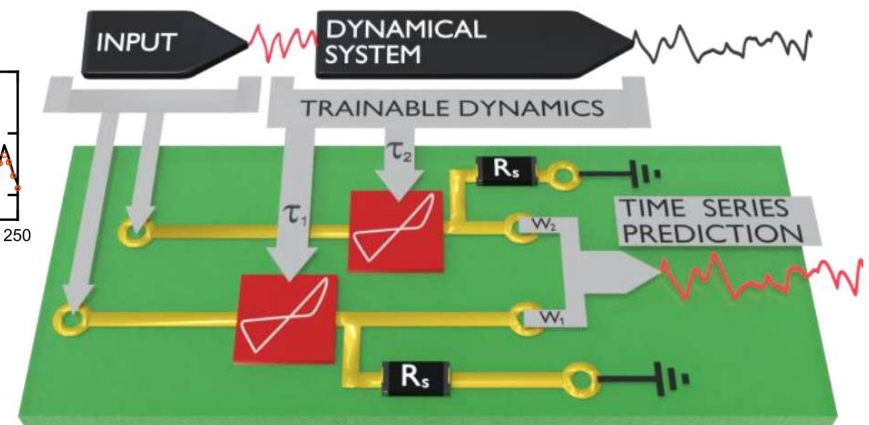
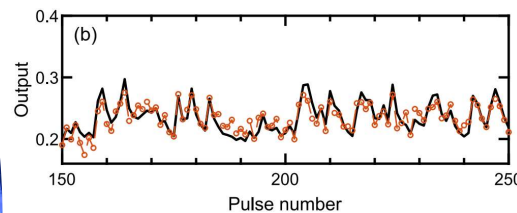




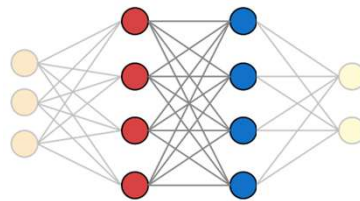
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### Temporal Signal Recognition and Time Series Prediction with Dynamical Memristors

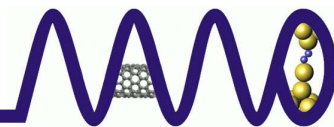


network complexity  $\rightarrow$  dynamical complexity

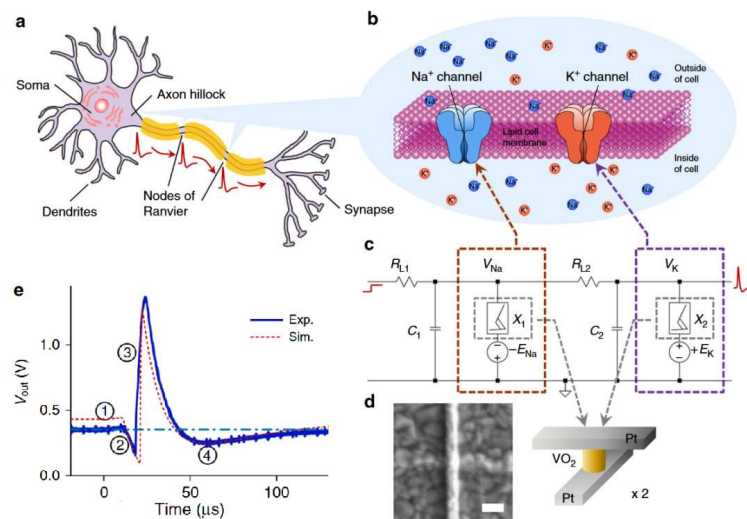
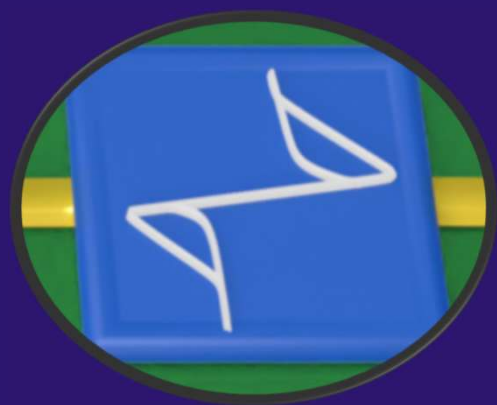


D. Molnár et al., *Neural information processing and time-series prediction with only two dynamical memristors*, *Adv. Electron. Mater.* 2025, e00353

# VO<sub>2</sub> memristor – artificial neuron



## VO<sub>2</sub> Mott memristor



*“23 biological neuron spiking behaviors experimentally demonstrated in VO<sub>2</sub> active memristor neurons”*

Yi et al. **NATURE COMM 9**, 4661 (2018)

**Size:**

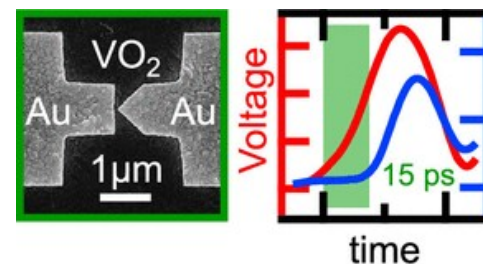
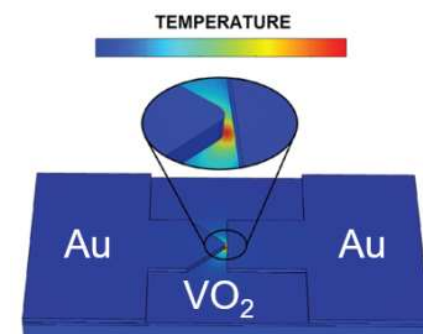
**Switching focused to 30nm active region**

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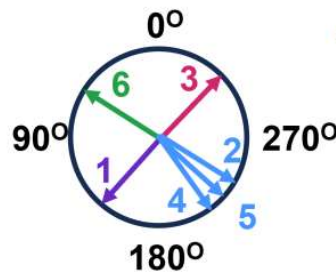
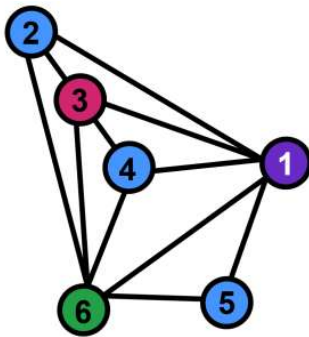
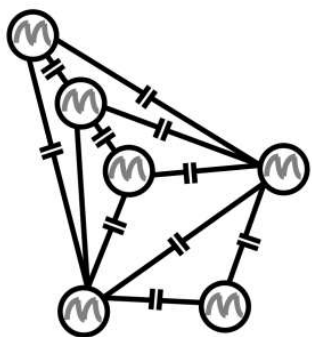
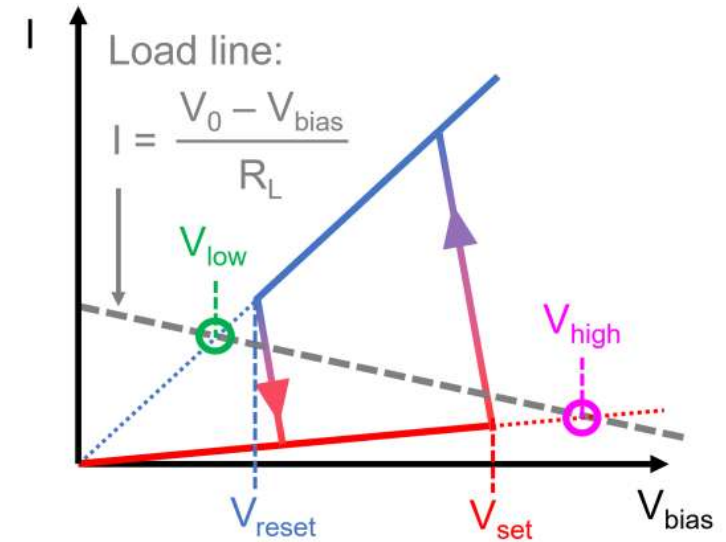
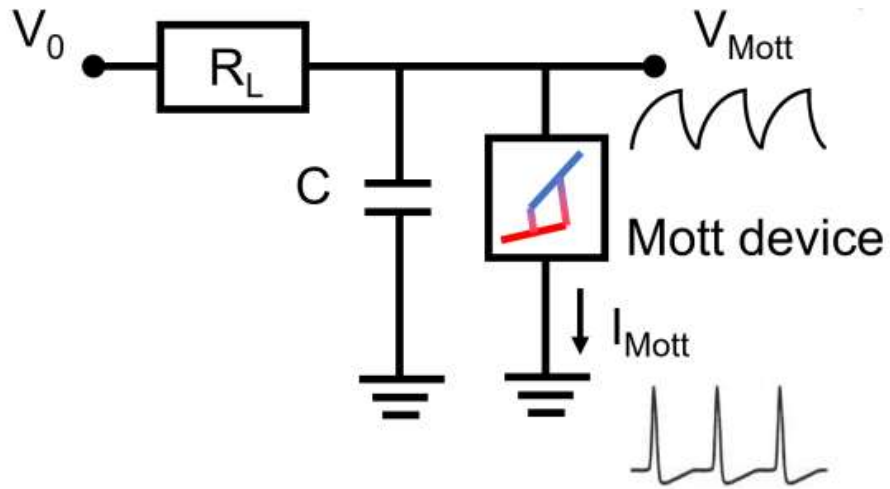
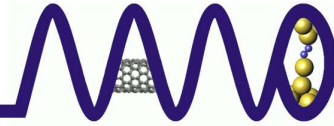
**Speed:**

**Down to 15ps switching!**

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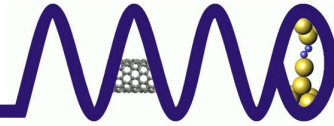


# Oscillating neural networks from VO<sub>2</sub> memristors

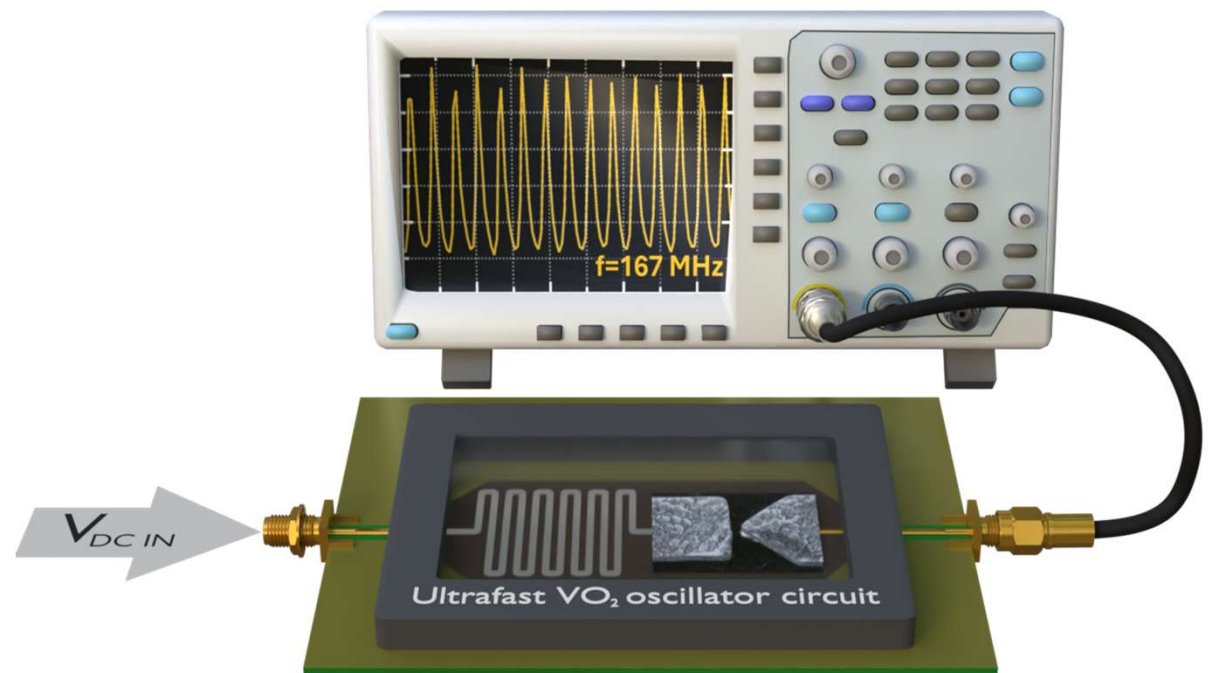


Maher et al., *CMOS-compatible oscillation-based VO<sub>2</sub> Ising machine solver*,  
**NATURE COMMUNICATIONS 15, 3334 (2024)**

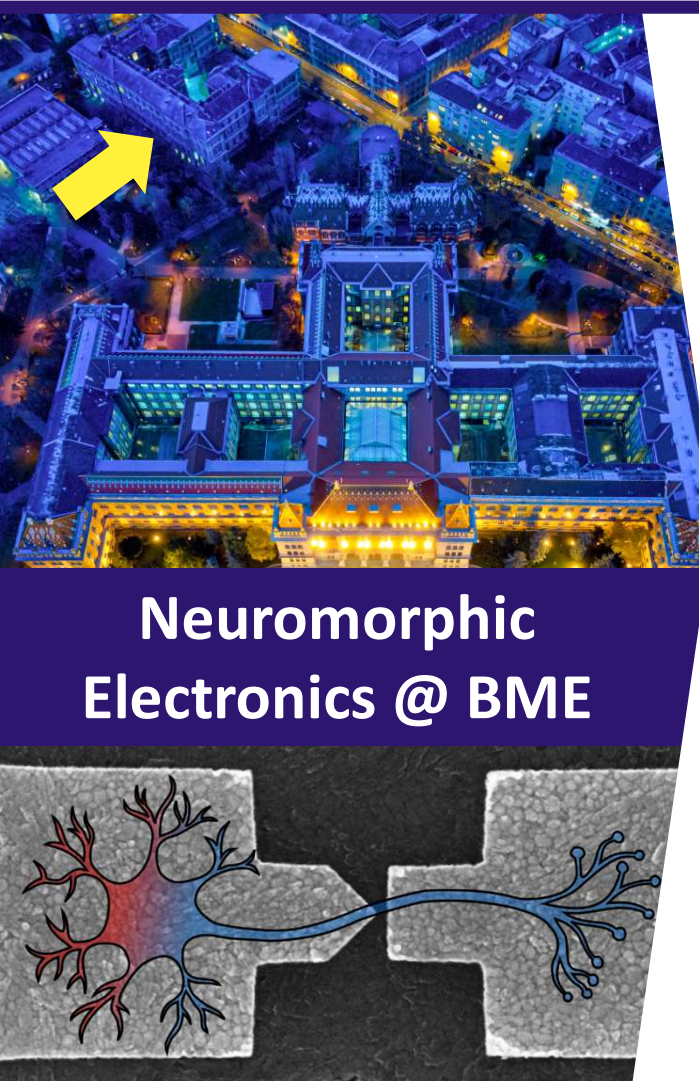




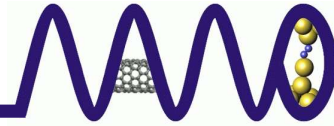
## Development of ultrafast VO<sub>2</sub> oscillator circuits



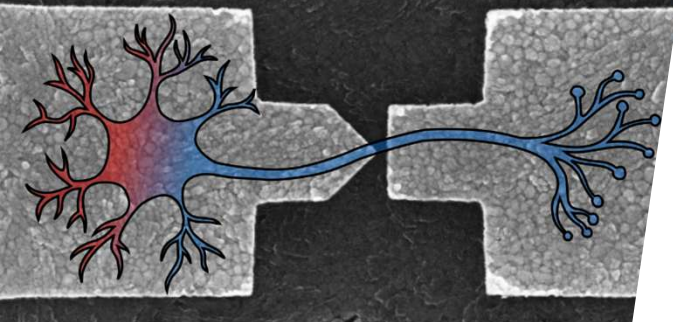
Pollner et al., VO<sub>2</sub> oscillator circuits optimized for ultrafast, 100 MHz-range operation, *Adv. Electron. Mater.* 2025, e00433



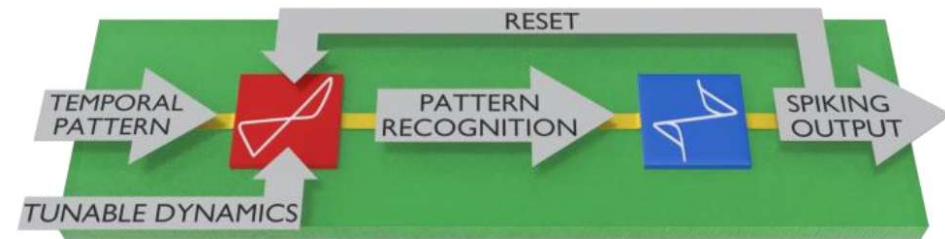
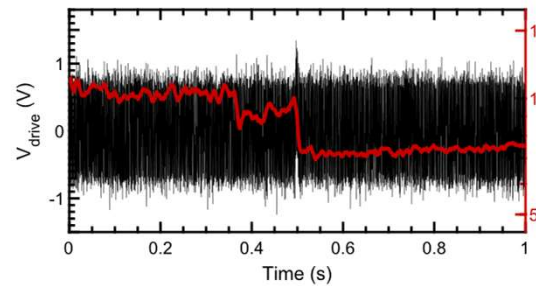
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### Neural circuit with a synapse and a neuron type memristor



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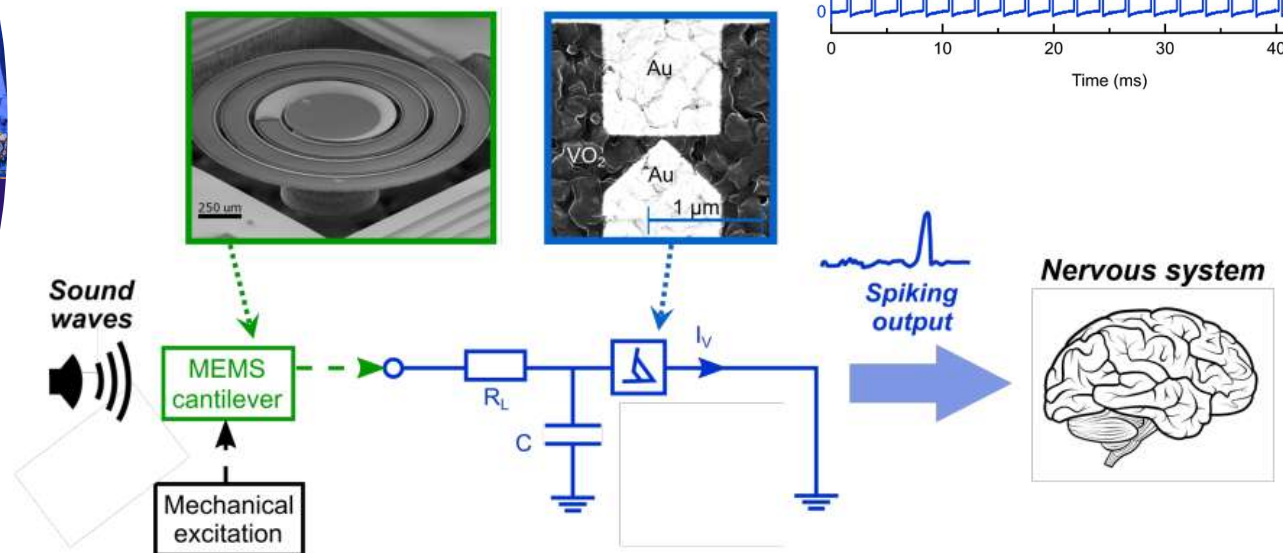




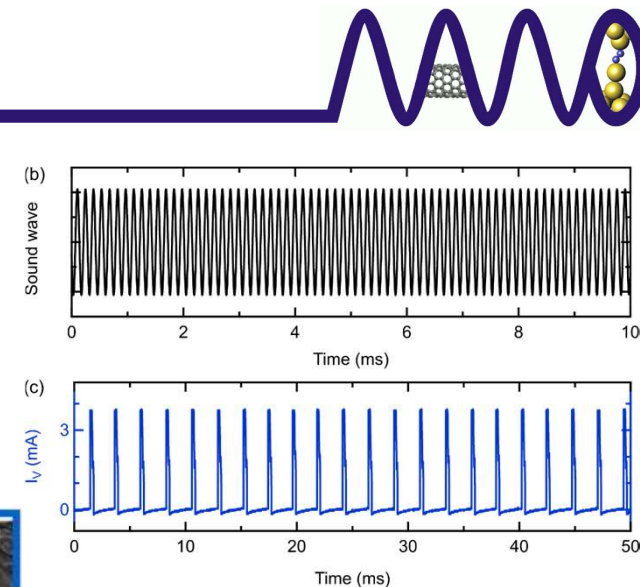
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### Artificial hearing with a memristive neural circuit



T. N. Török et al., *Memristor-Driven Spike Encoding for Fully Implantable Cochlear Implants*, [arXiv:2509.26582](https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.26582)





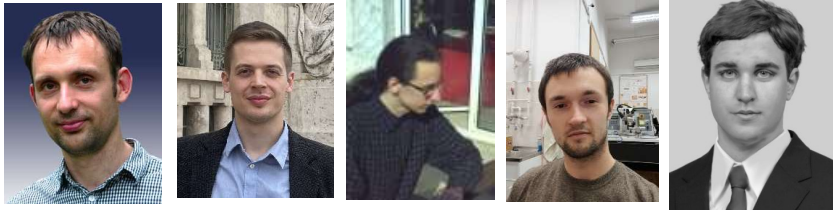
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