

Benchmarking and Optimizing Quantum Reservoirs

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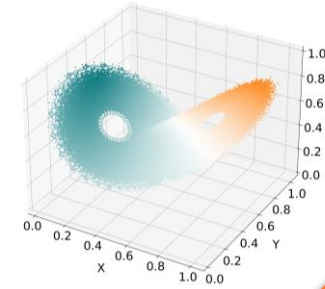
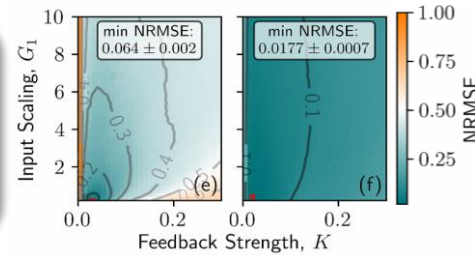
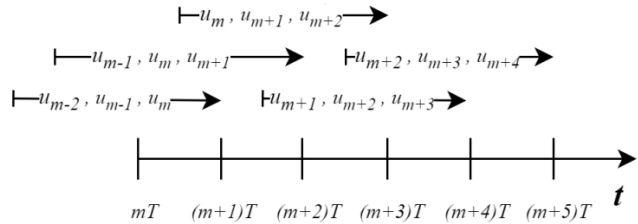
CZS Junior Research Group: Interpretable surrogates for efficient analog timeseries forecasting



Research interests

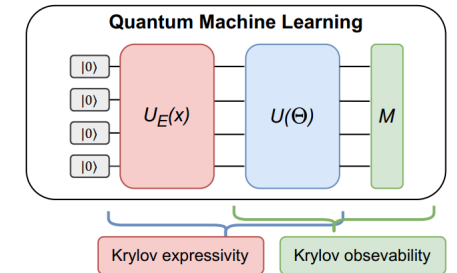
Reservoir computing optimisation

- Hyperparameter optimization
- Quantum reservoir algorithms

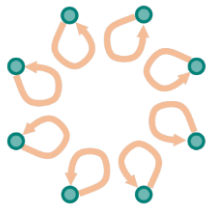


Metrics

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- Expressivity and observability

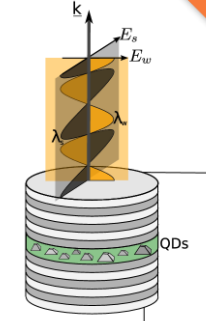
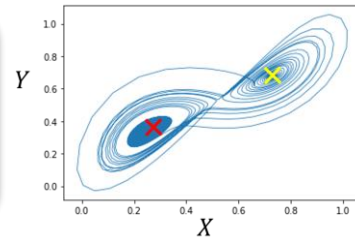


Algorithms for energy efficient edge devices for timeseries forecasting applications



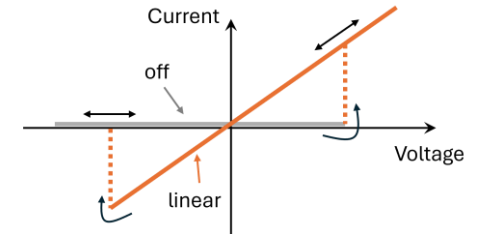
Echo-state networks

- Network size and topology
- Dynamics of trained systems



Physical nonlinearities

- Spin-VCSEL
- Memristors

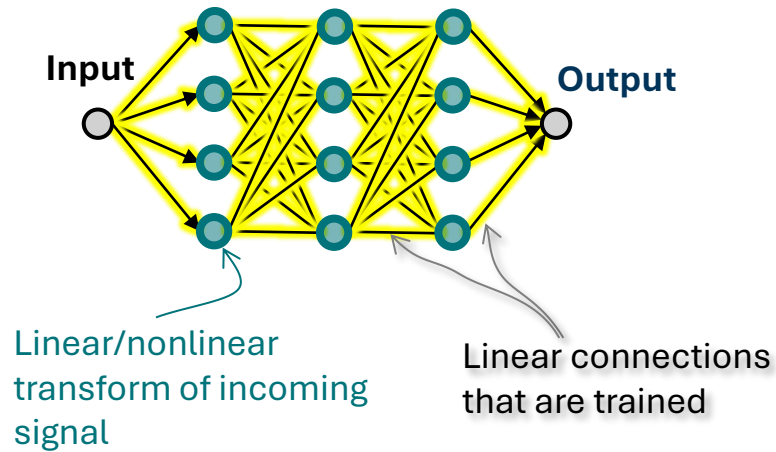


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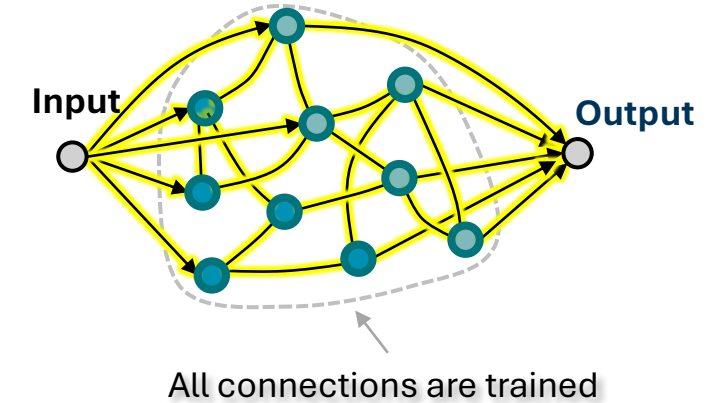
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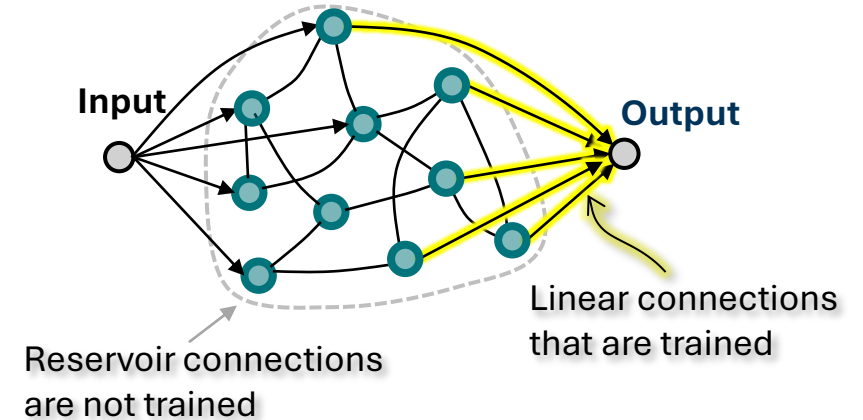
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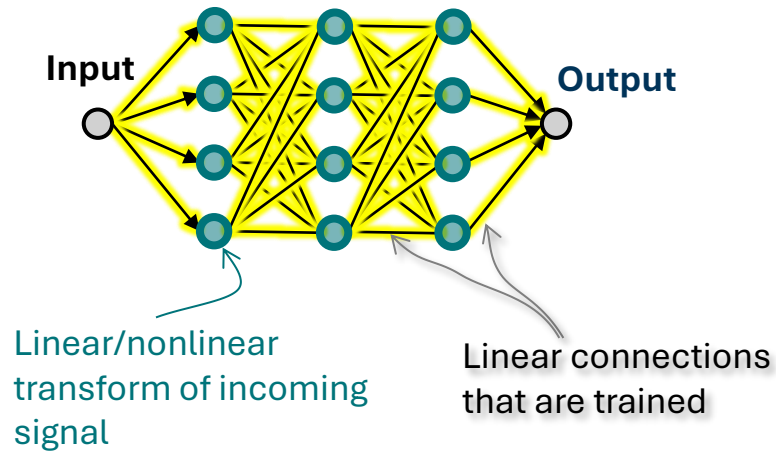
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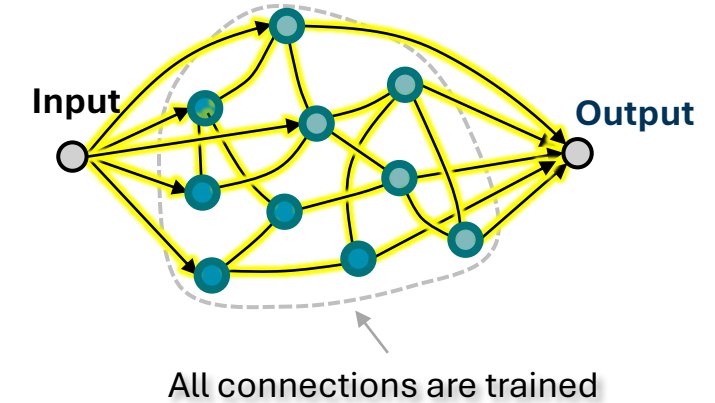
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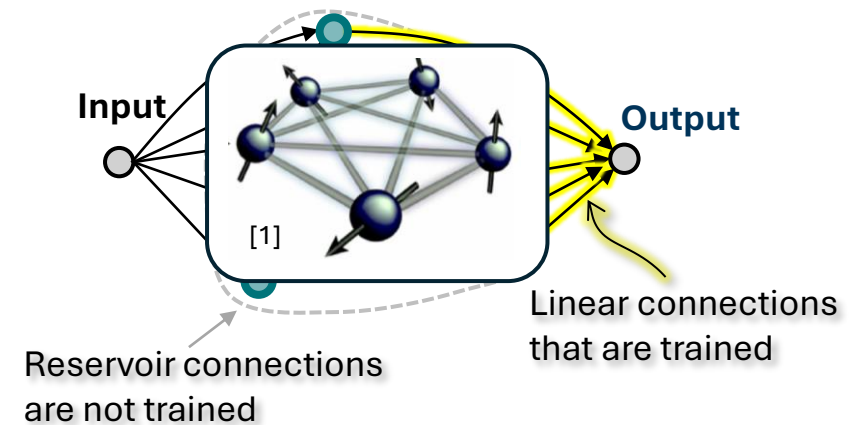
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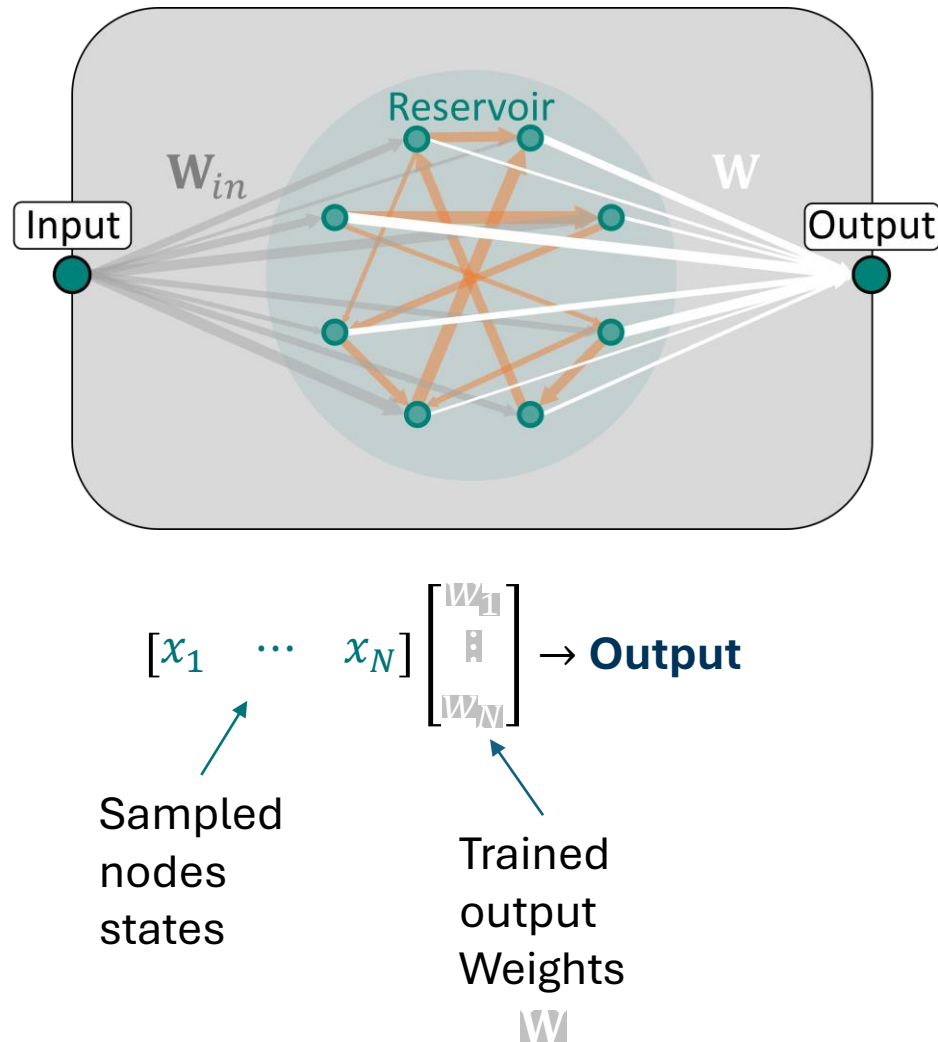
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Reservoir training



Training:

- Feed input sequence $I(k)$ of length K_{tr} into the reservoir
- Collect sampled reservoir responses into a state matrix

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(1) & \dots & x_N(1) & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1(k) & \dots & x_N(k) & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1(K_{tr}) & \dots & x_N(K_{tr}) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Minimize the distance to the target output $\mathbf{y}$

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}} |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{W}|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{W} = [(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} + \lambda \mathbf{1})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{y}]^T$$

Example reservoir: Echo State Network

Internal coupling matrix
(adjacency matrix)

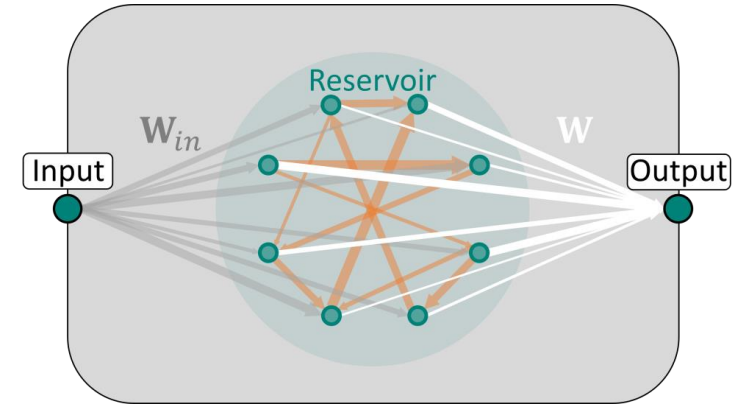
$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \tanh(\mathbf{W}_{int}\mathbf{x}(k) + \mathbf{w}_{in}I(k+1))$$

Vector of node
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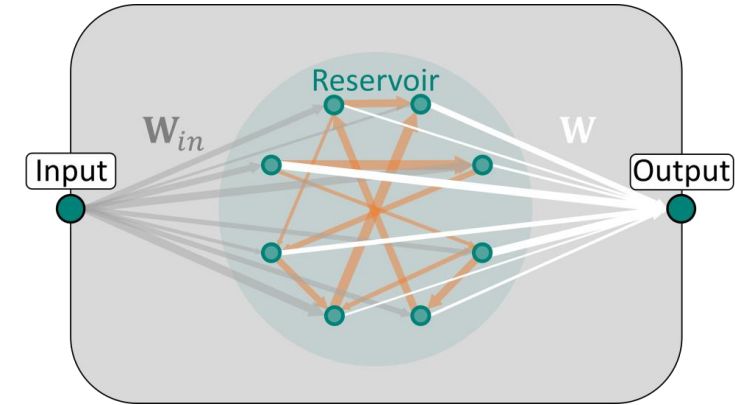
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$$\tanh(x) \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots$$

← Expansion about $x_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \tanh(x) \approx & 0.76159 + 0.41997(x-1) \\ & - 0.31985(x-1)^2 \\ & + 0.10360(x-1)^3 \\ & + 0.02771(x-1)^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

← Expansion about $x_0 = 1$

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Extreme learning machine

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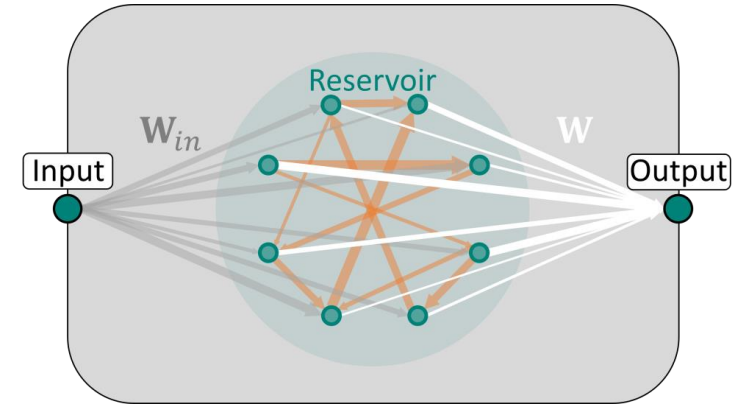
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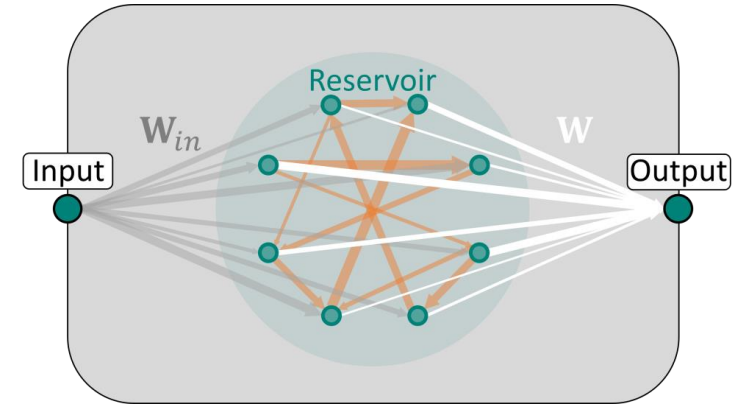
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- No memory of past inputs



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Nonlinear Vector Regression

Input sequence $I(k)$

→ Feature vector with chosen nonlinearities and past inputs:

$$[1 \quad I(k) \quad I(k-1) \quad I(k)^2 \quad I(k-1)^2 \quad I(k)I(k-1) \quad \dots]$$

→ Create state matrix out of sequential feature vector for the training phase:

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→ Solve of the output weights via linear (Ridge) regression:

$$\mathbf{W} = [(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} + \lambda \mathbf{1})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{o}]^T$$

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Fully connected transverse field Ising model

Hamiltonian:

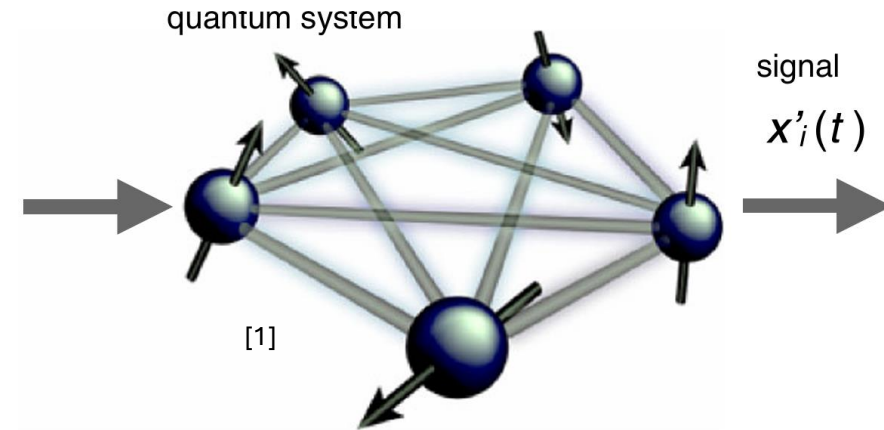
$$H = \sum_{i=1, j>i}^{N_S} J_{ij} X_i X_j + \sum_{i=1}^{N_S} h Z_i$$

Time evolution of closed quantum system:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} H t} |\psi_0\rangle$$

How do observables, like the Pauli Z operator, evolve in time?

How can these dynamics be utilized for computation?



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Example: 3 spins

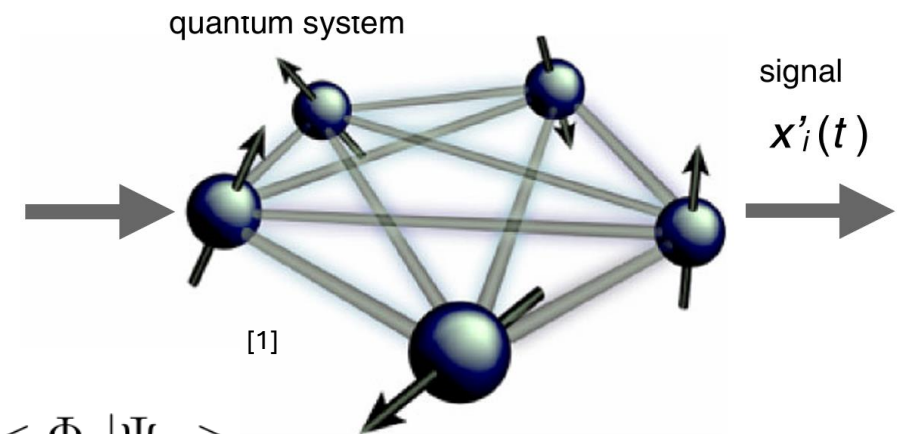
$$\langle Z_p \rangle (t) = \langle \Psi | Z_p | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{i=1, j=1}^8 e^{i(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)t} \langle \Psi_0 | \Phi_i \rangle \langle \Phi_i | Z_p | \Phi_j \rangle \langle \Phi_j | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

Initial state

Eigenstates

$$= \sum_{i=1, j>i}^8 2 \left(\operatorname{Re}(A_{i,j}^{(p)}) \cos(\omega_{i,j}t) - \operatorname{Im}(A_{i,j}^{(p)}) \sin(\omega_{i,j}t) \right)$$

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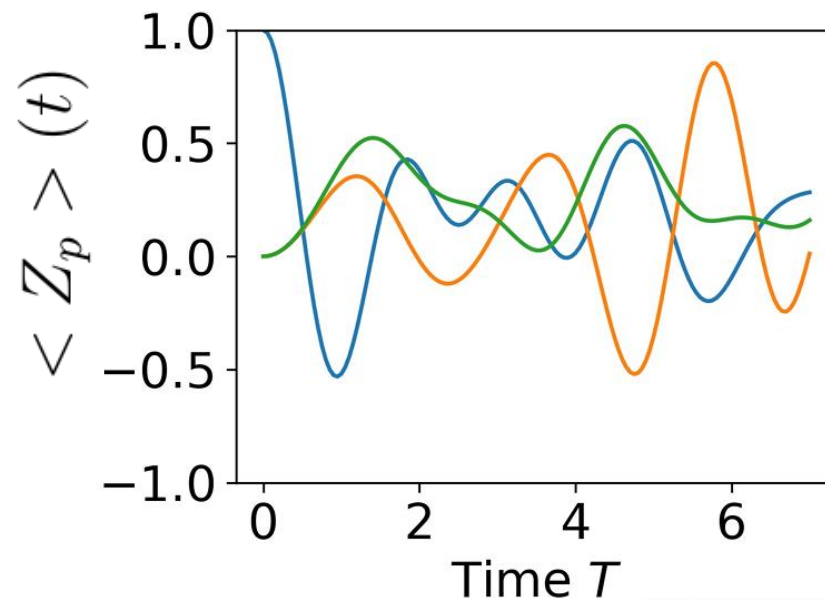


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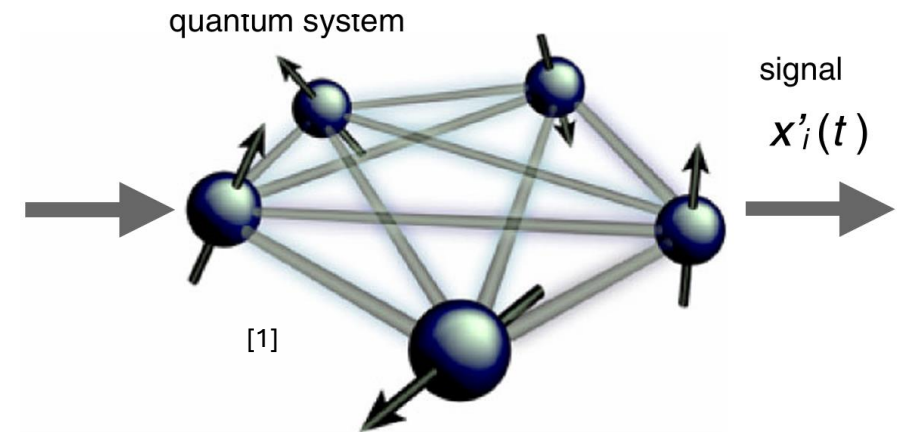
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- Amplitude depends on the initial state of the system
- Dynamics are periodic on long time scales

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Input encoded in the state of **spin 1**

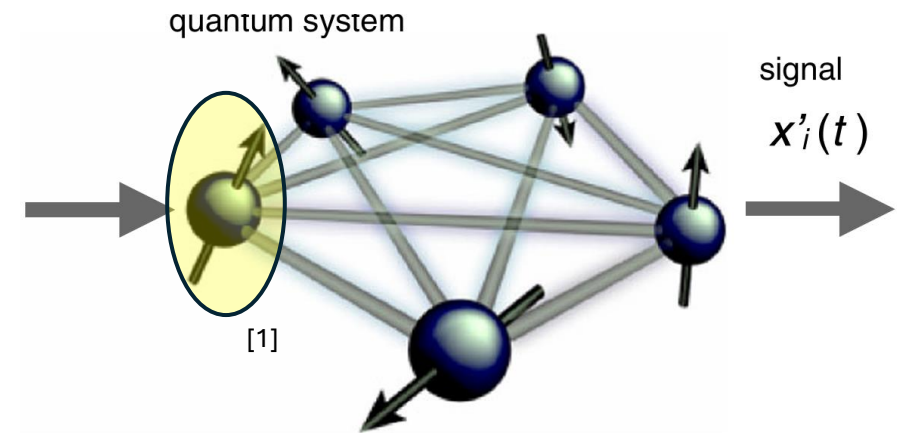
$$|\Psi_E(u_i)\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1-u_i}{2}}|0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1+u_i}{2}}|1\rangle$$

u_i - input at time step i

Remaining spins hold information about previous inputs

Over writing of the time evolved state of spin 1 induces fading memory

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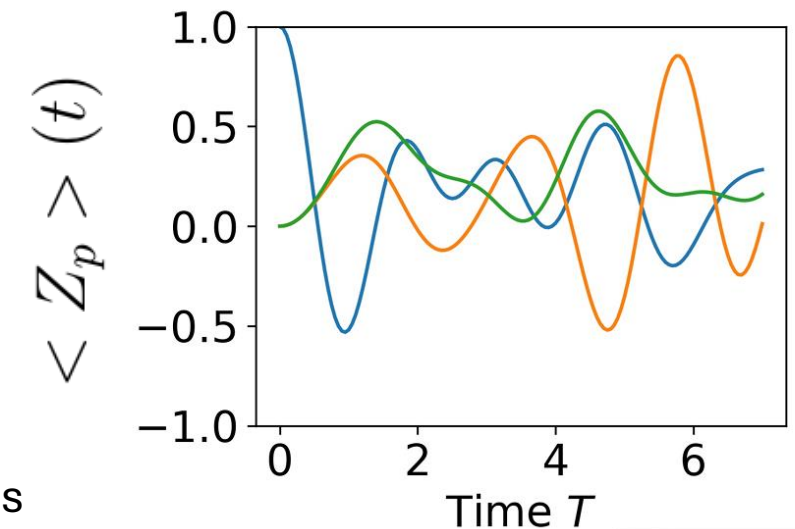
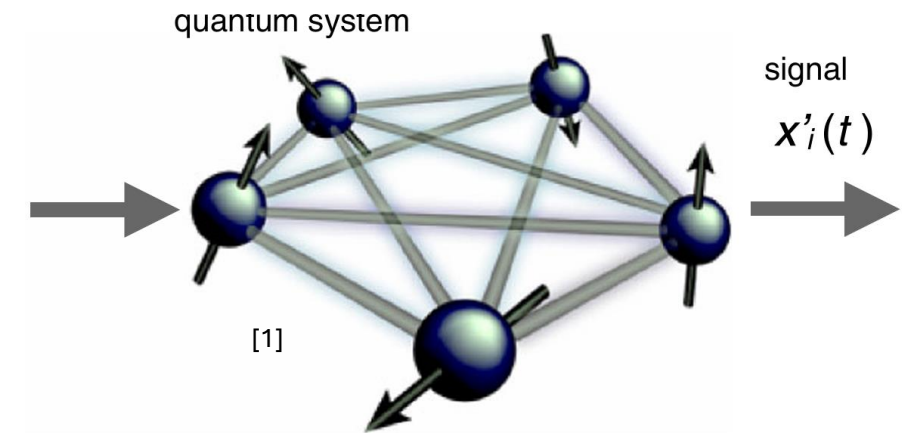
Sampled reservoir responses:

Time-multiplexed expectation values of Pauli-Z operator

- For each input the system is evolved for time T . The expectation value for each spin is measured N_v during this time interval

→ number of state matrix features is $N \times N_v$, where N is the number of spins

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How can the performance be assessed/benchmarked?

- image classification tasks
- timeseries forecasting tasks
- expressivity/information processing measures

Common timeseries tasks:

- NARMA
- Santa Fe (chaotic laser)
- Lorenz 63
- Maskey-Glass

Task independent measures:

- Information processing capacity (IPC)
- Covariance rank

Timeseries forecasting task – Lorenz 63

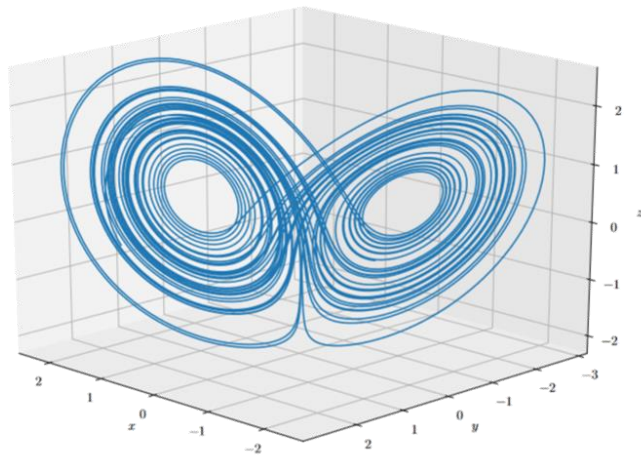
Lorenz system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = c_1 y - c_1 x, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x(c_2 - z) - y, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = xy - c_3 z$$

$$c_1 = 10$$

$$c_2 = 28$$

$$c_3 = 8/3$$



Chaotic dynamics:

- Trajectories are sensitivity to the initial conditions
- Timeseries are difficult to predict

What is the Lorenz timeseries prediction task?

→ There are many and they all require different reservoir properties

Task options:

($t = k\Delta t$)

- Temporal discretization Δt
- Input variables, e.g. only $x(k)$, or a combination of $x(k)$, $y(k)$, $z(k)$, etc.
- Target variables, e.g. $x(k + 1)$, $x(k + n)$ or $z(k)$, etc.
- Prediction mode, e.g. open-loop or closed loop (autonomous)

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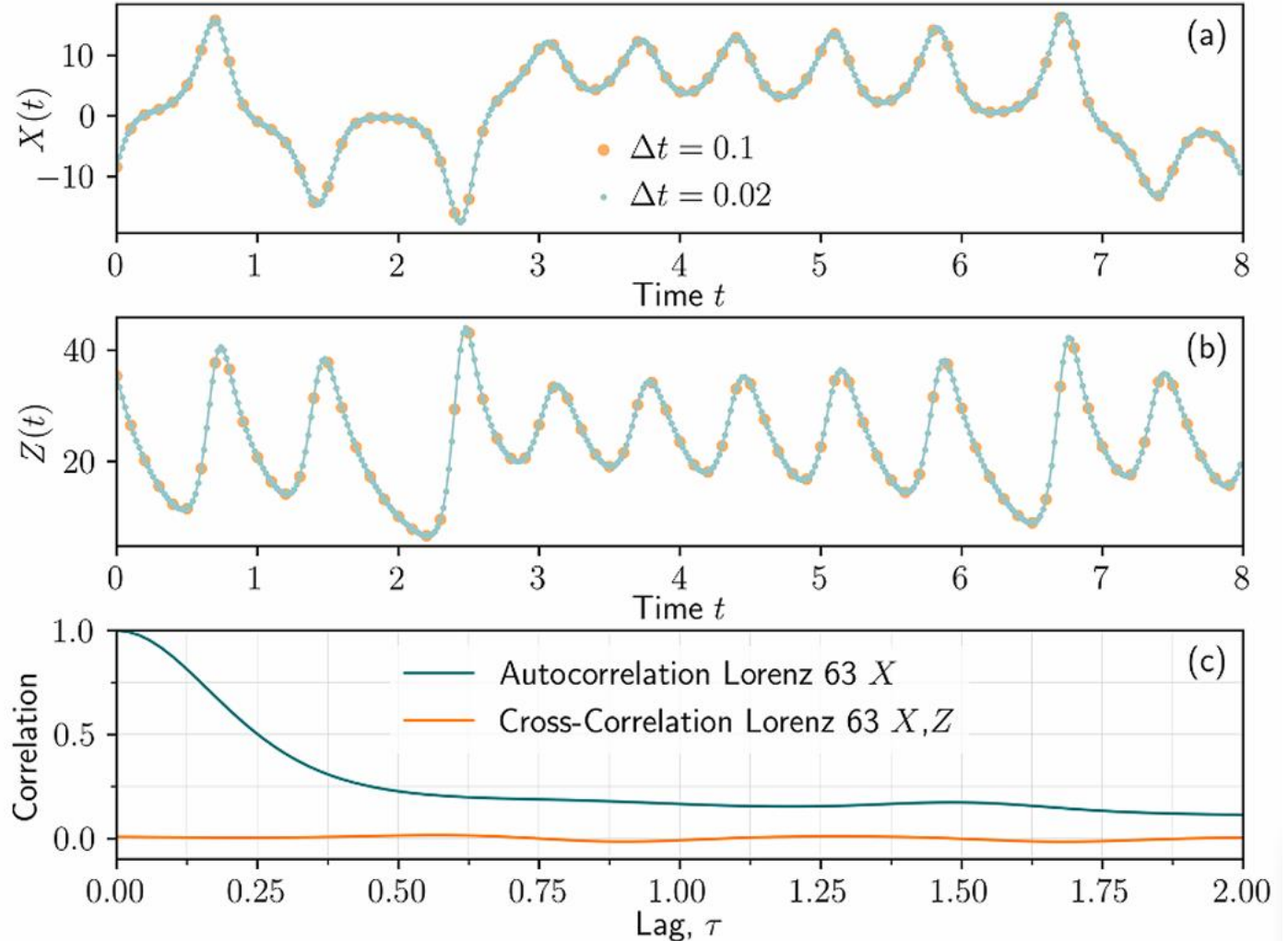
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Input

Target

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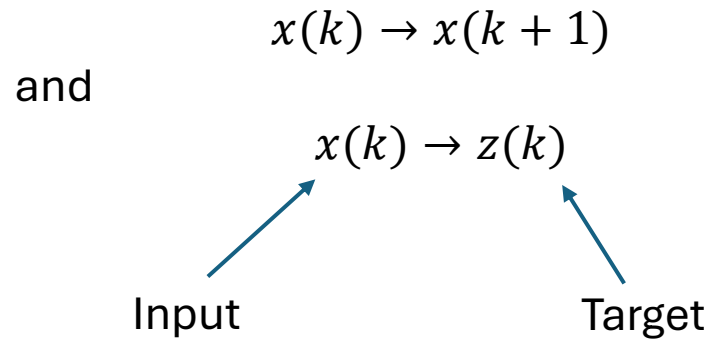
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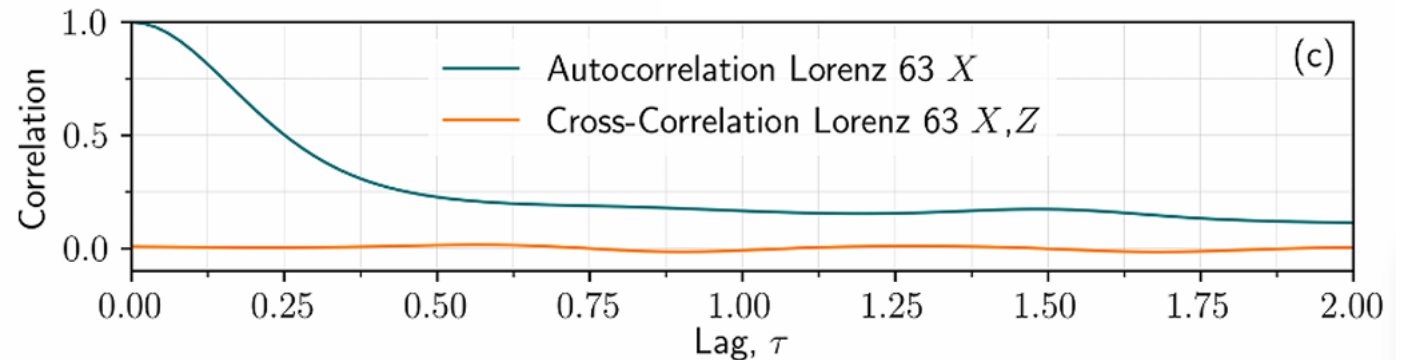
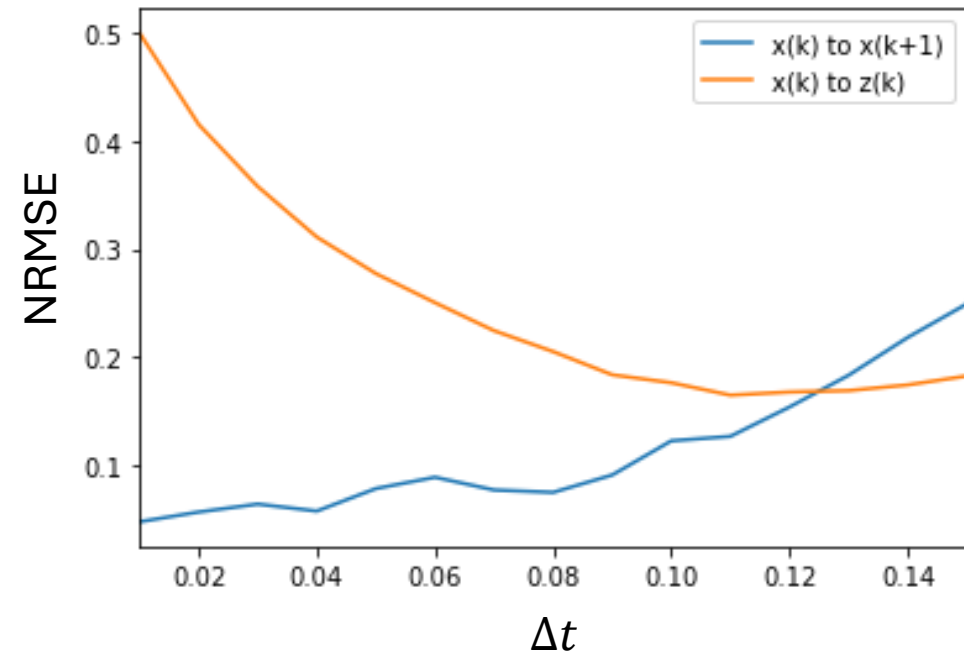
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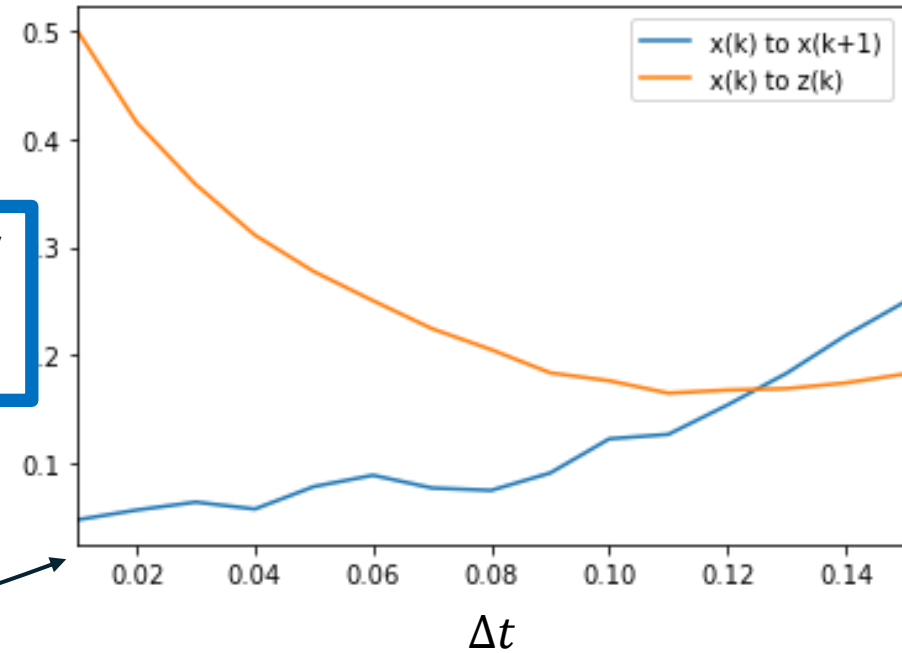
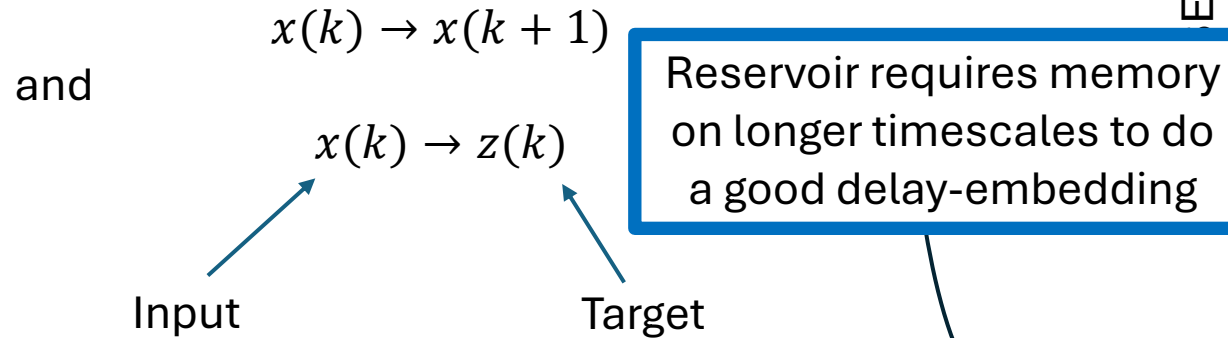
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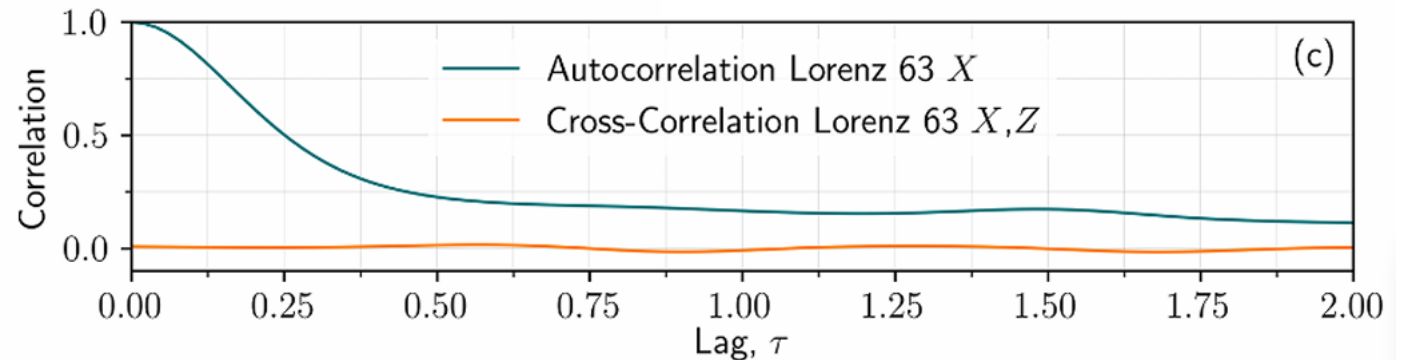
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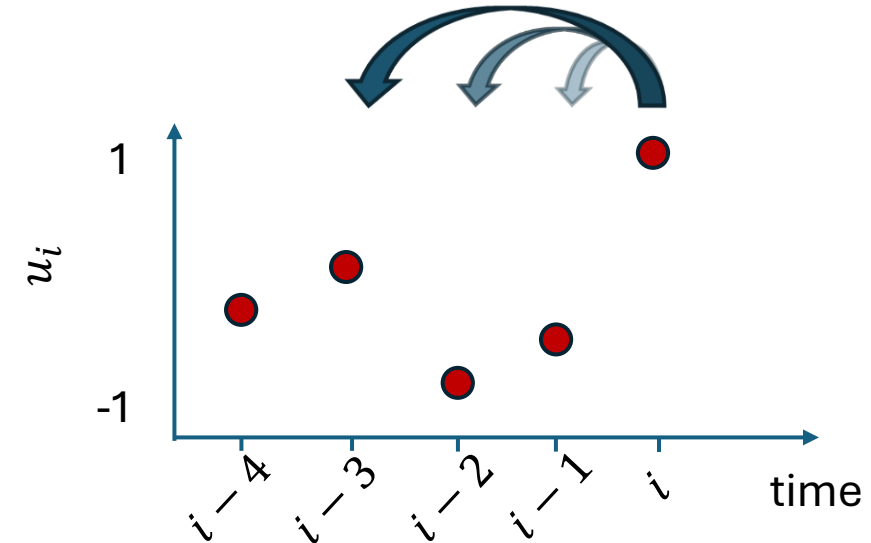
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Example: linear components (i.e. memory capacity)
- recall of input m steps in the past



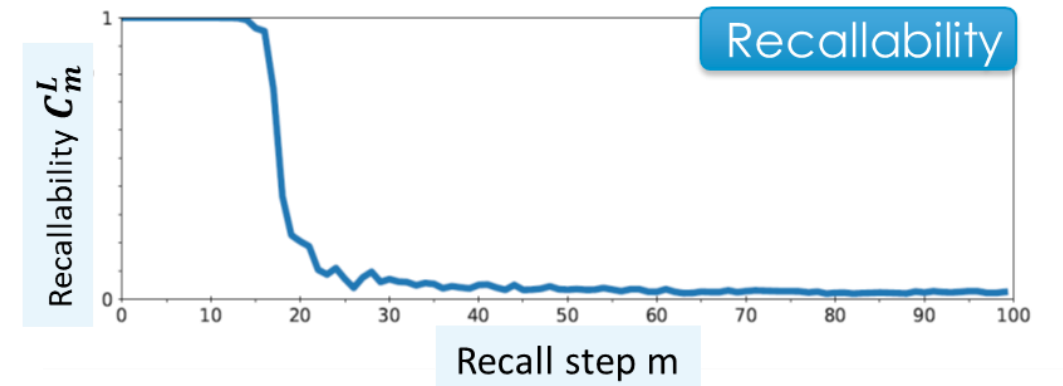
Recallability

$$C_m^L = 1 - \text{NMSE}(\hat{o}_k^m)$$

Target: $\hat{o}_k^m = u_{k-m}$ input m steps ago

Linear memory capacity

$$C^L = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m^L$$



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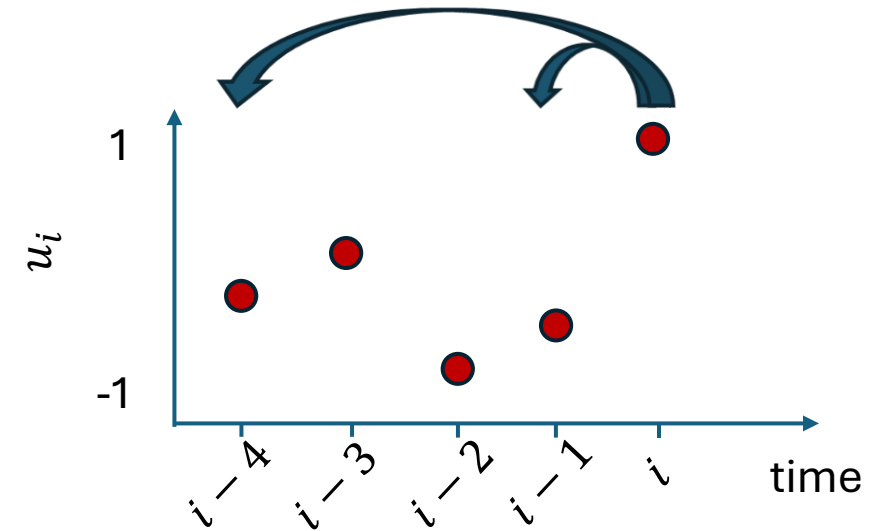
$$l_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{n+1}xl_n(x) - \frac{n}{n+1}l_{n-1}(x), \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

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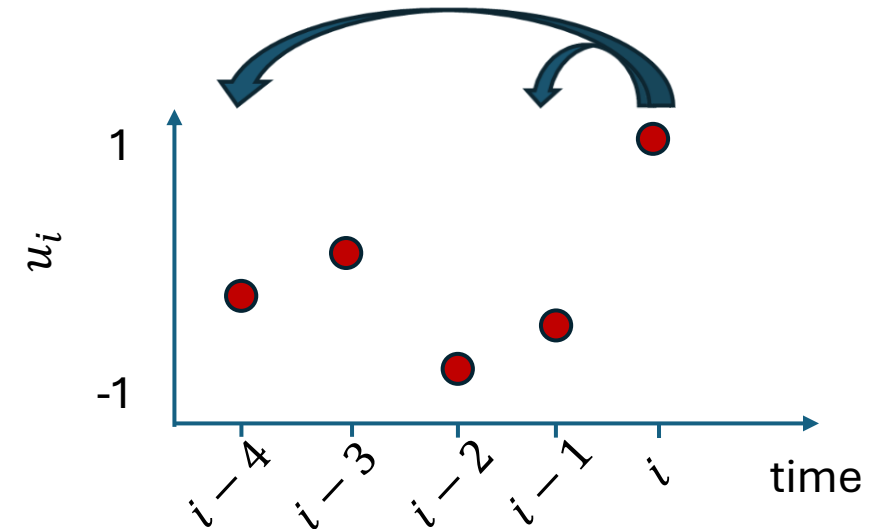
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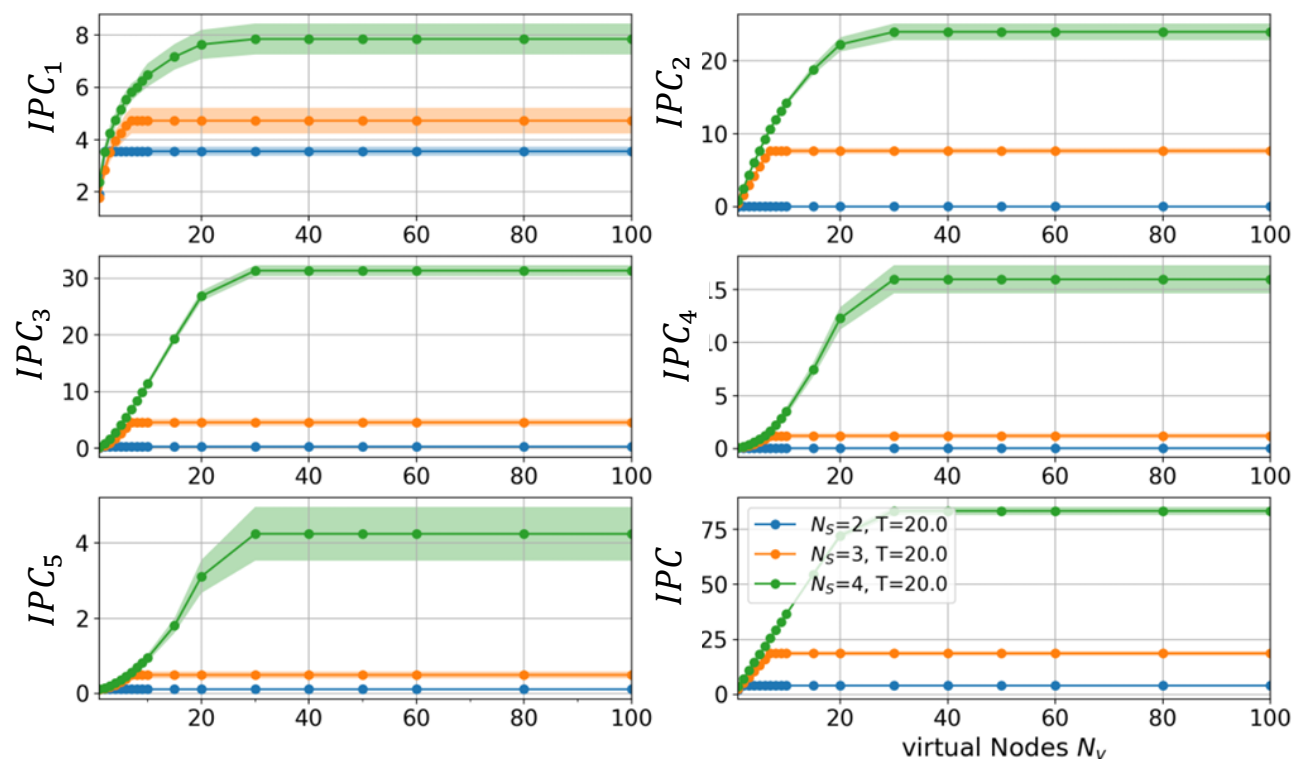
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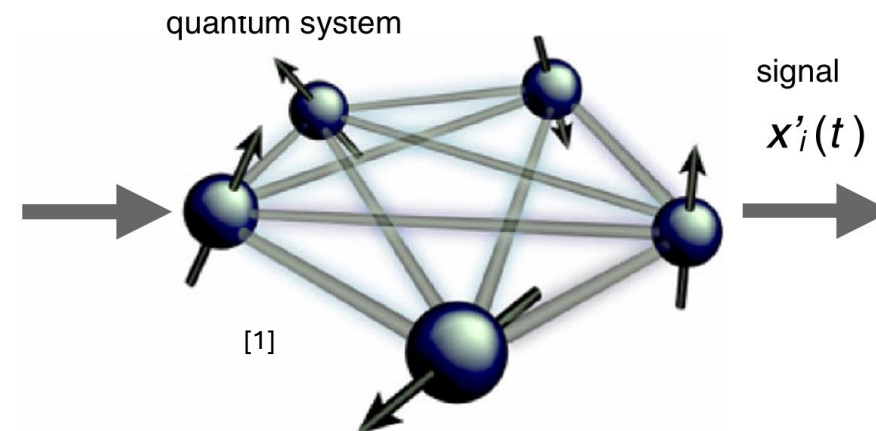
Quantum Reservoir Computer

IPCs of Ising model reservoirs



Maximum possible IPC is $N_s \times N_v$

[1] Image source: K. Fujii et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 8, (2017)

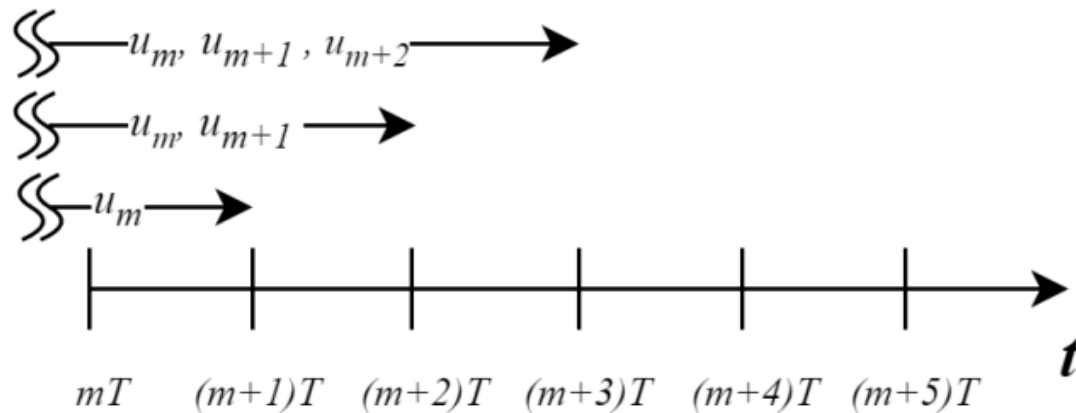


IPC does not generally correlation with task performance

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Quantum reservoir computing optimisation

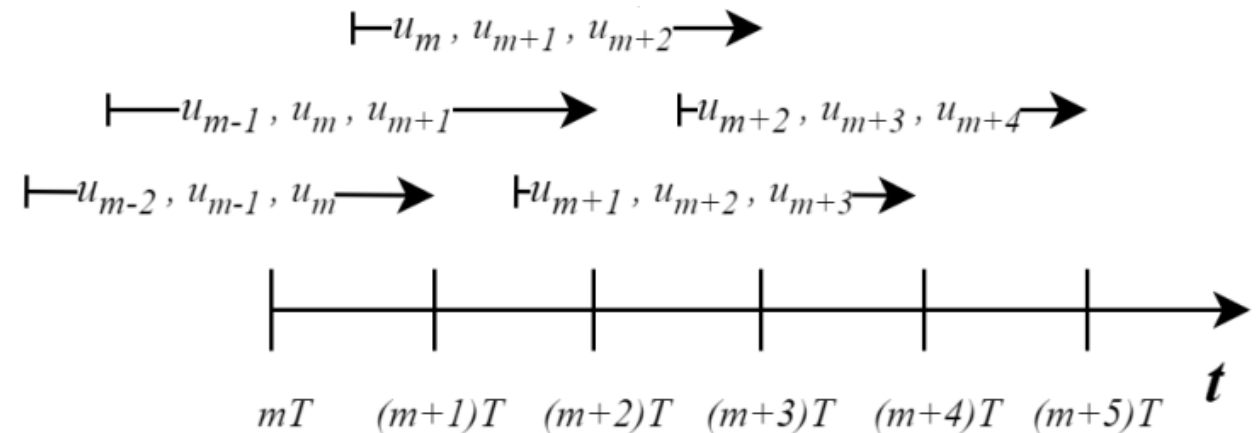
Time-complexity problem:
measurement collapse of the quantum states
→ system must be reinitialized from beginning
after each measurement



Number of operations scale with M^2 , where M is the length of the timeseries

Solution: Fixed reset length

→ The entire history isn't needed due to fading memory
→ reduced time-complexity



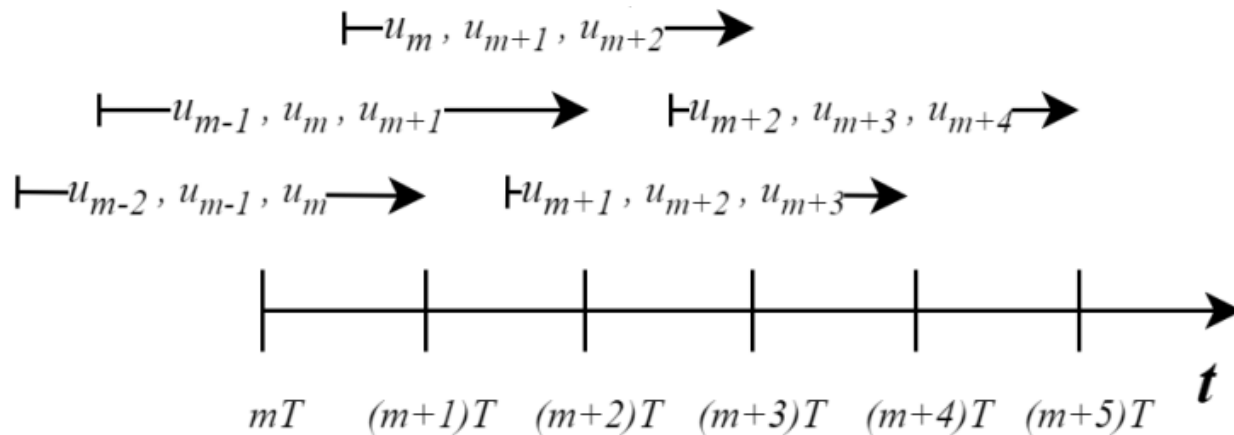
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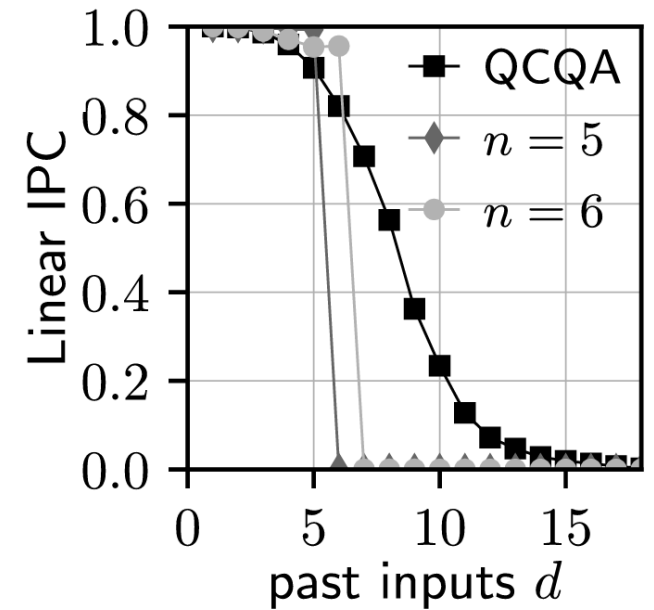
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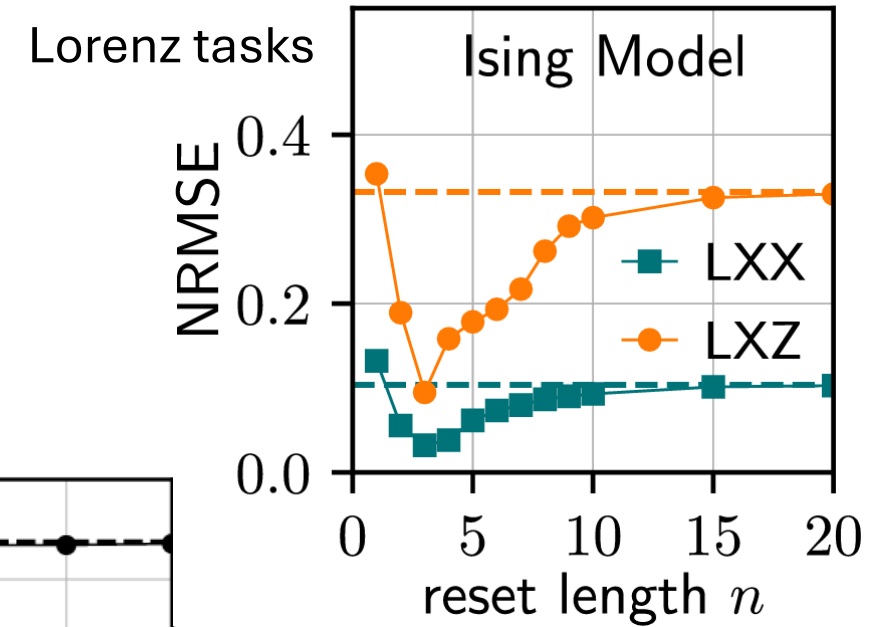
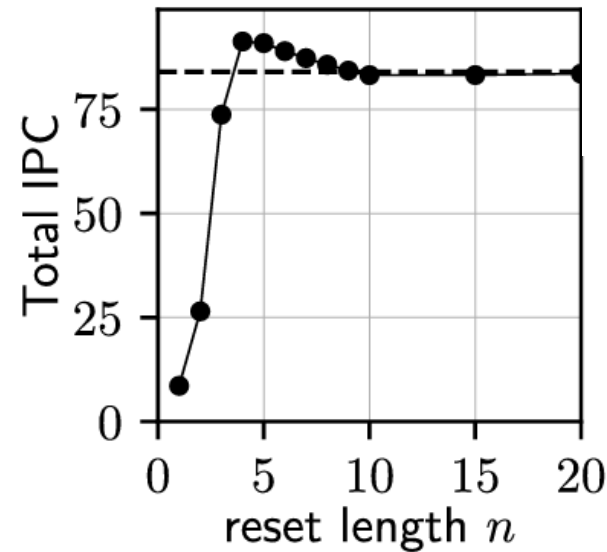
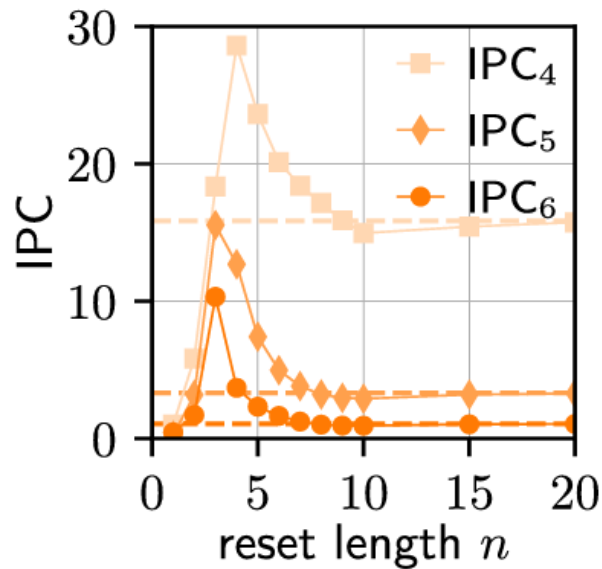
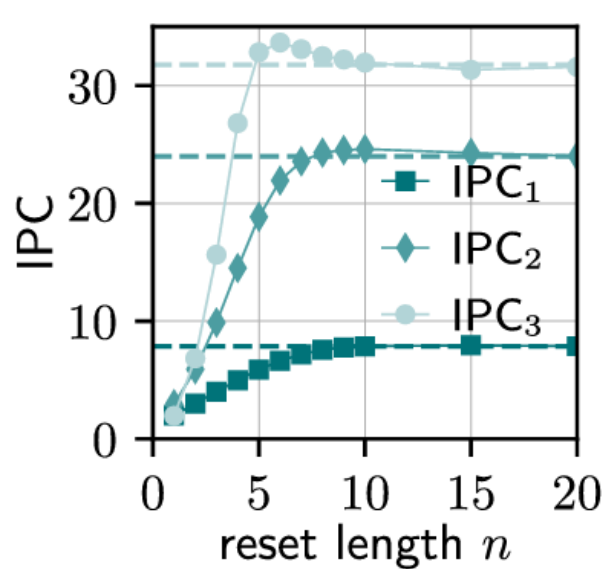


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Solution: Fixed reset length

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- reduced time-complexity
- **Improved performance**



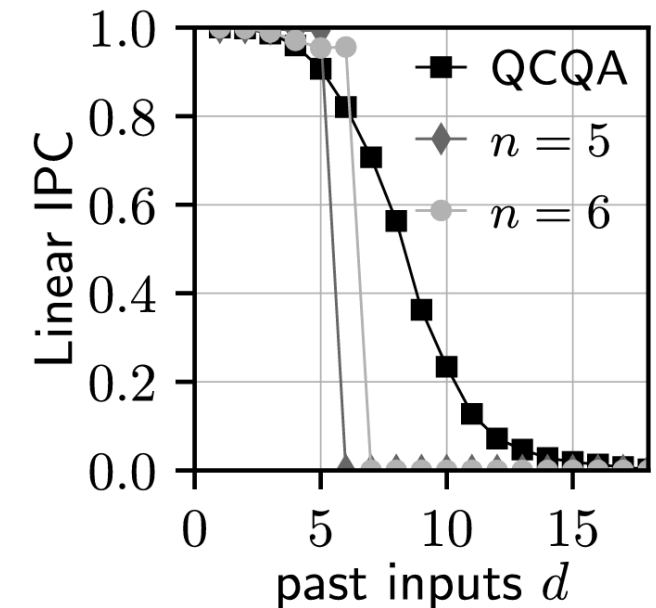
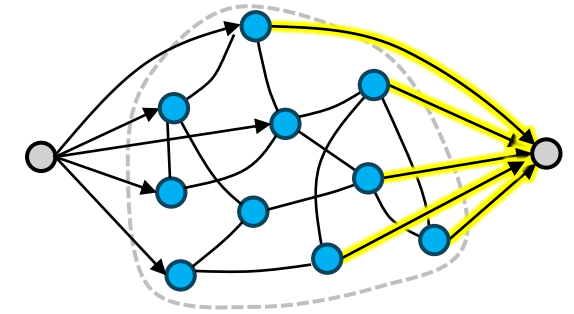
Memory-nonlinearity trade-off

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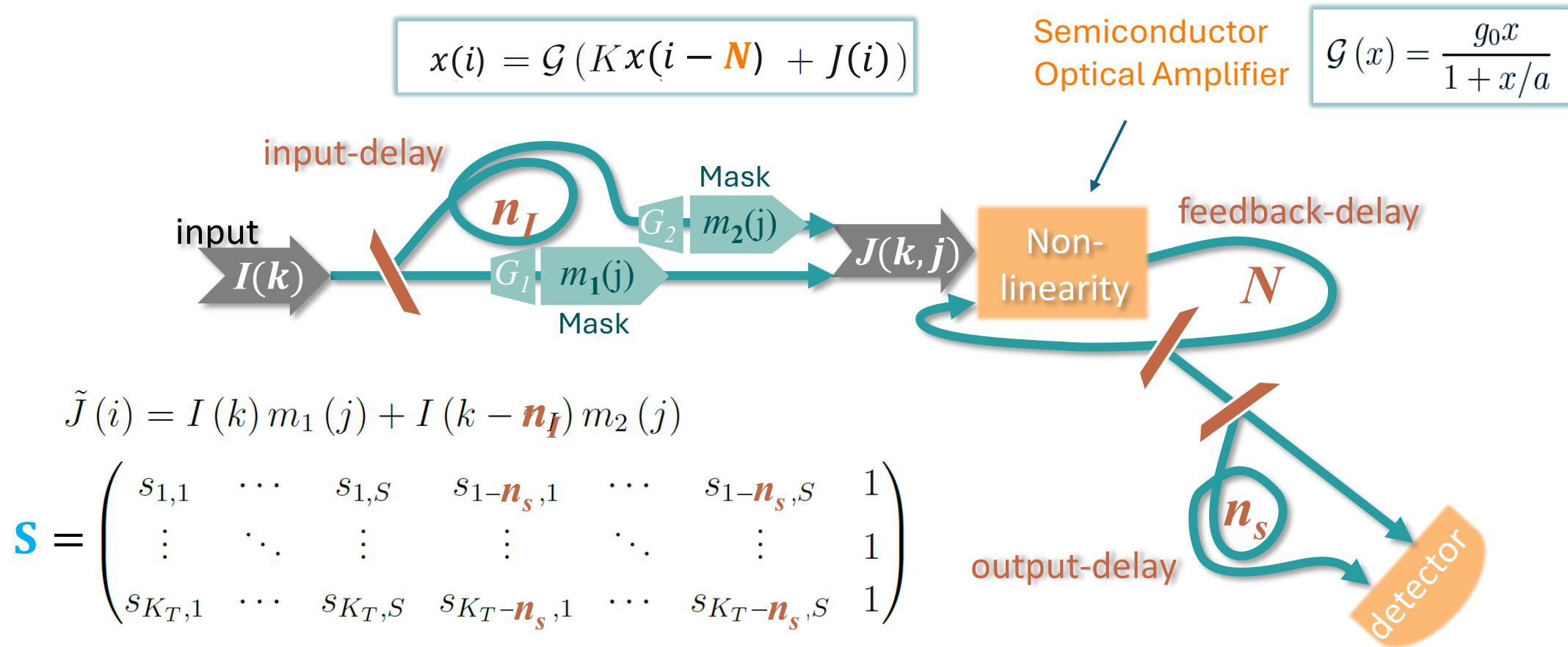
The memory and nonlinearity of reservoir computing approaches can be augmented at the input and output layers

- Concatenation of the state matrix with
 - nonlinear transforms of the state matrix, e.g. $[s, s^2]$
 - delayed versions of the state matrix, e.g. $[s_k, s_{k-d}]$
- Preprocessing of the input sequence by
 - addition of delayed inputs, e.g. $I(k) + I(k - d)$
 - addition of nonlinear transforms of the input, e.g. $I(k) + I(k)^2$



- 📖 K. Takano, C. Sugano ... A. Uchida et al. , *Opt. Express* **26**, 29424 (2018).
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Memory augmentation methods



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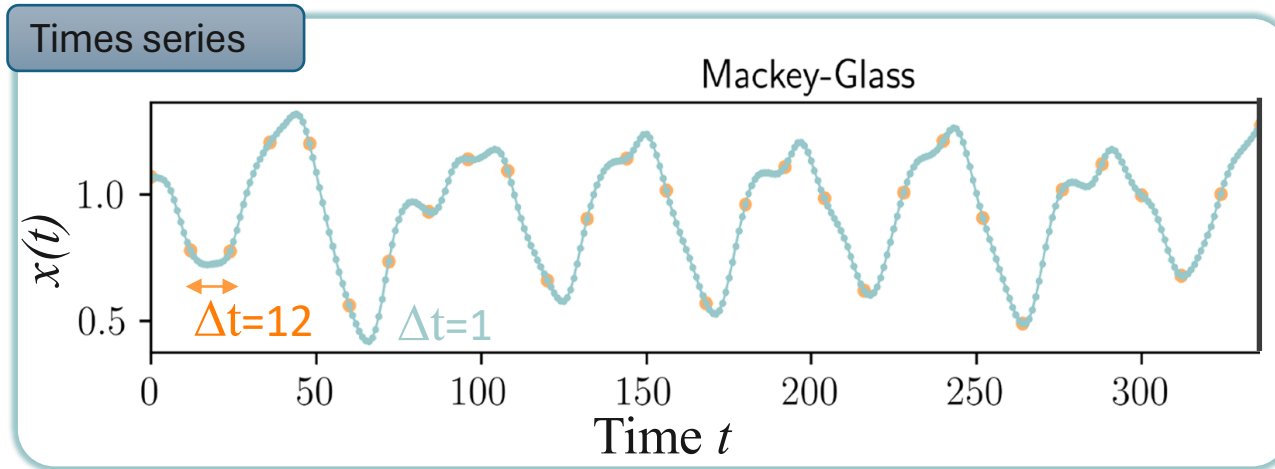
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Mackey-Glass timeseries prediction

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

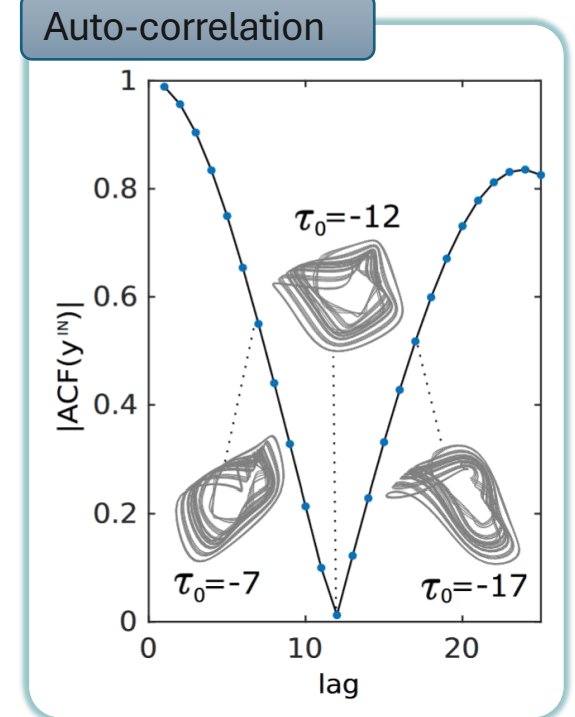
$\tau = 17$, $n = 10$, $\beta = 0.2$ and $\gamma = 0.1$

Time series prediction task defined by **discretization** Δt (sampling step size) and **number** of predicted steps s (prediction horizon = $s\Delta t$)



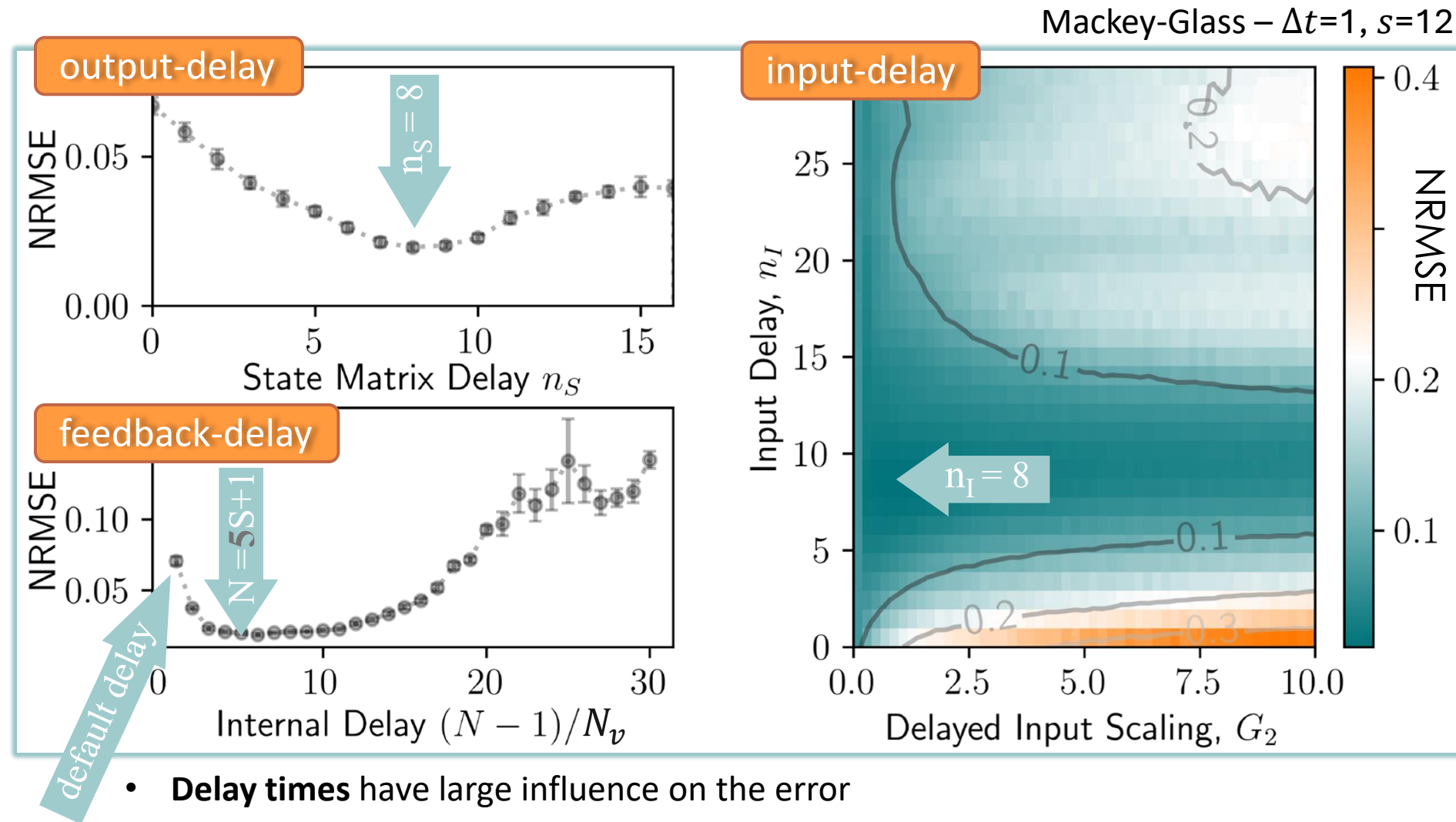
- Optimal embedding step (Takens) is $\Delta t = 12$
- For small Δt the reservoir requires longer memory

📖 F. Takens, *Detecting strange attractors in turbulence*, Springer (1981).



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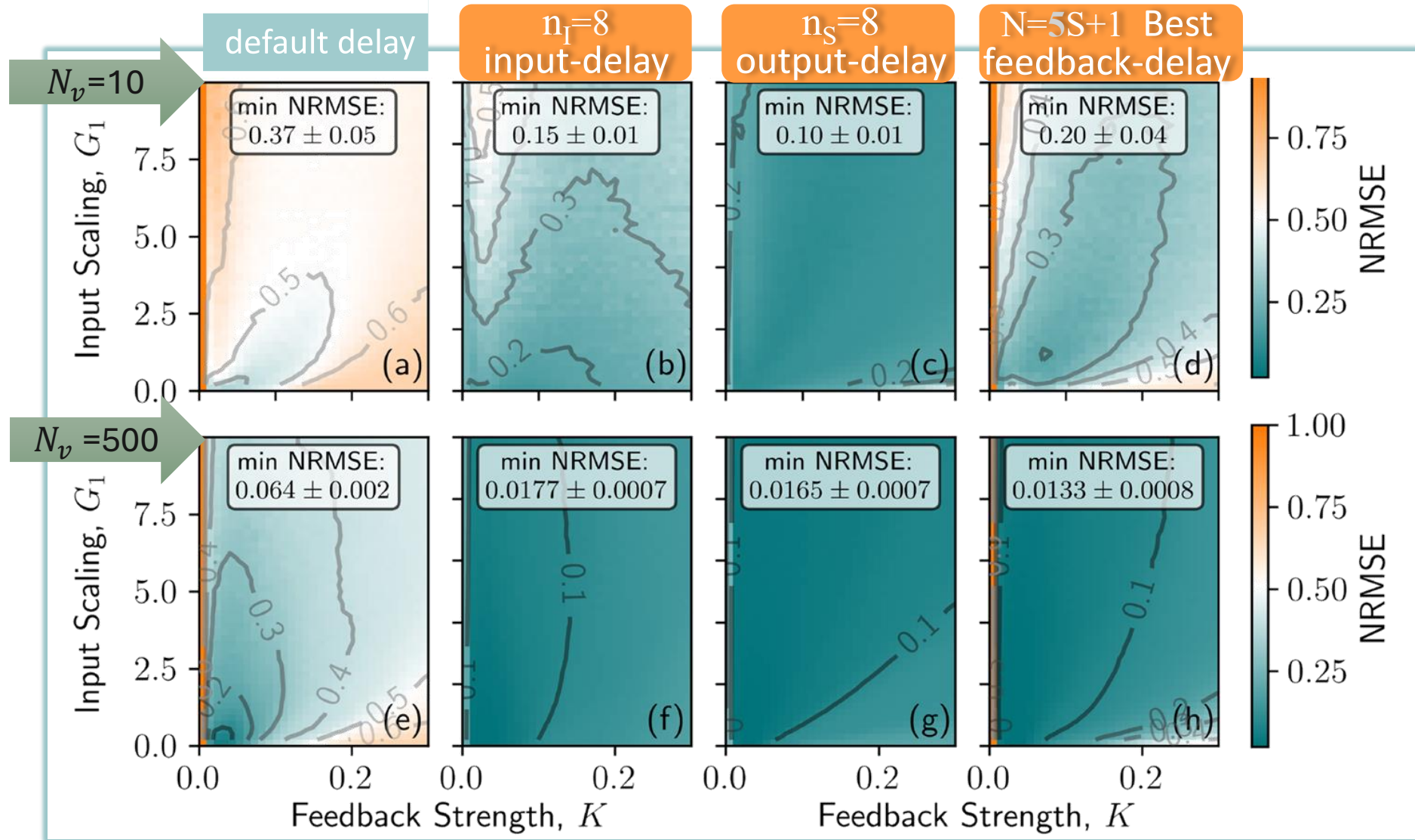
Memory augmentation methods



- **Delay times** have large influence on the error
- **Optimal values** exist for each task (not identical for output, input or internal delay)

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Memory augmentation methods



- Reduced hyperparameter sensitivity when the correct timescales are introduced

Krylov expressivity and Krylov observability

Can we quantify the computational potential of quantum systems?

→ Measurable Krylov expressivity calculated from time evolved quantum states

Can we predict the relative performance of quantum reservoir computers?

→ Krylov observability calculated from time evolved quantum observables



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Krylov space: smallest basis in which all time evolved states lie

Krylov expressivity:

→ explains how encoded states map to the Hilbert space of the trained unitary.

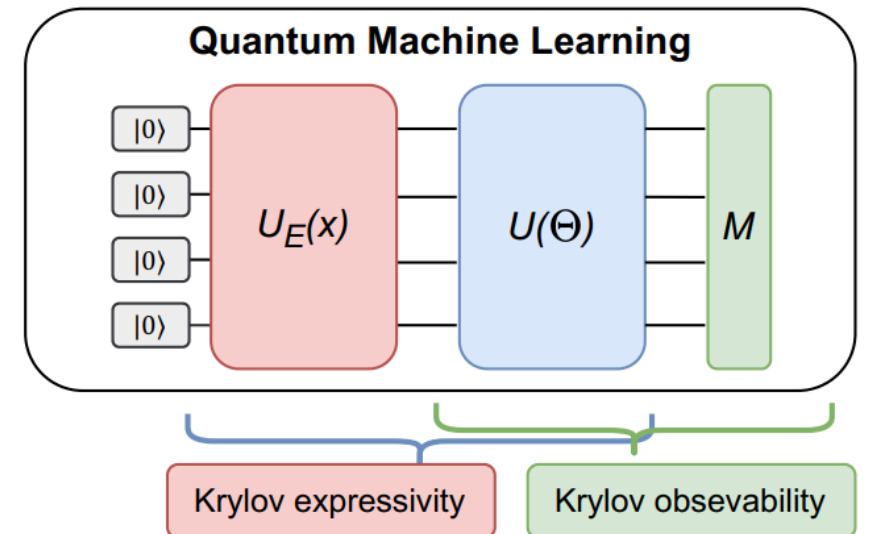
Krylov observability:

→ a measure of how much of the Hilbert space of the trained unitary can be sampled.

📖 S. Čindrak, A. Paschke, **L.C. Jaurigue**, K. Lüdge, *Journal of High Energy Physics* **10**, 1-21 (2024)

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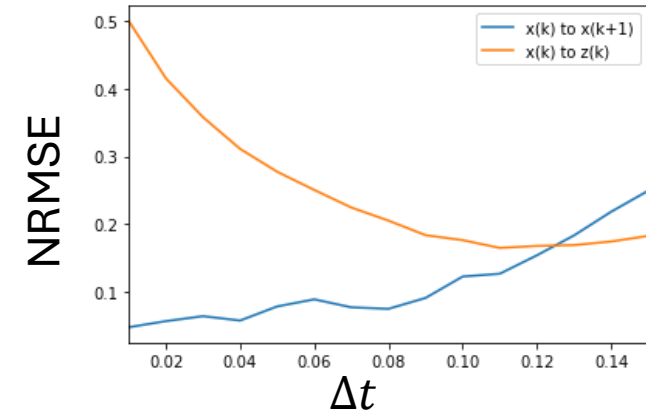
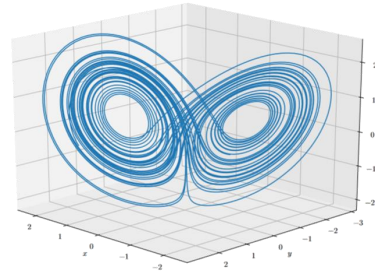
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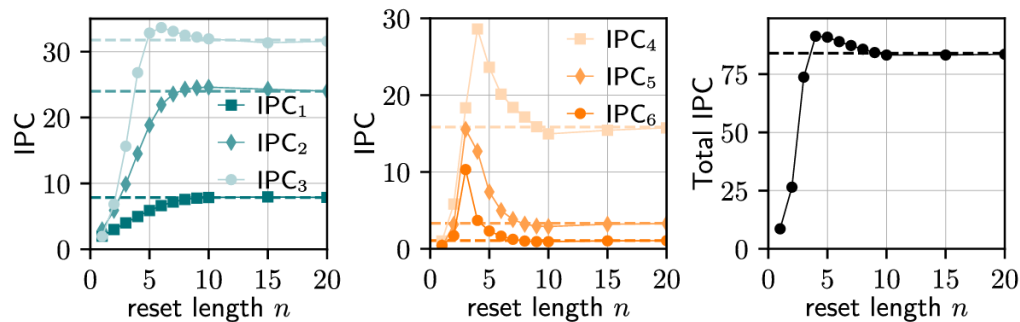
Summary

Timeseries prediction tasks – Details matter!

Input?
Target?
Discretization?



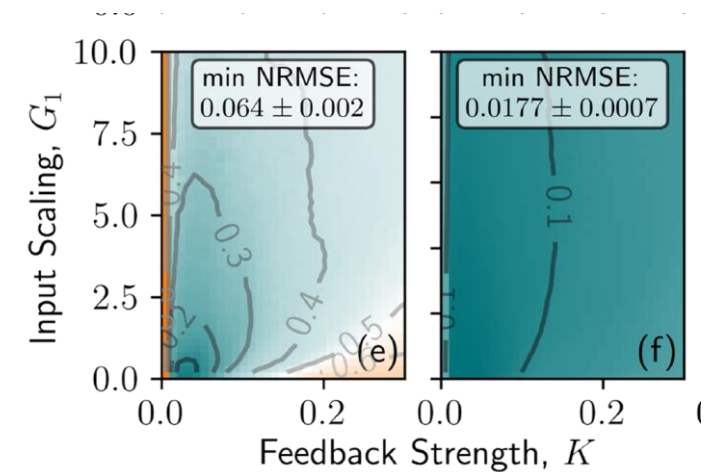
Memory – nonlinearity trade off in QRC which can be controlled by the reset length



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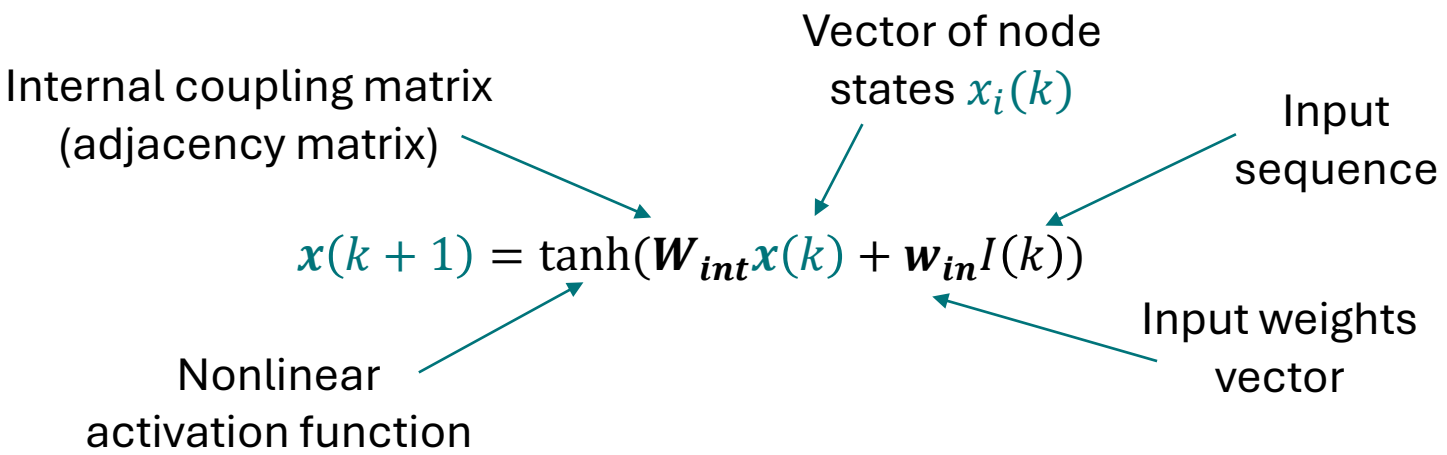
The memory of a reservoir can be augmented on the input and output layers

→ reduced hyperparameter sensitivity
→ improved performance



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Echo State Network

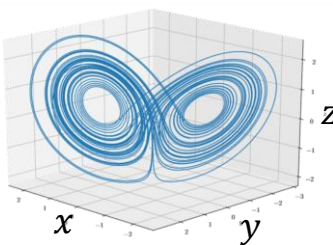


Lorenz system:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = c_1y - c_1x, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x(c_2 - z) - y, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = xy - c_3z$$

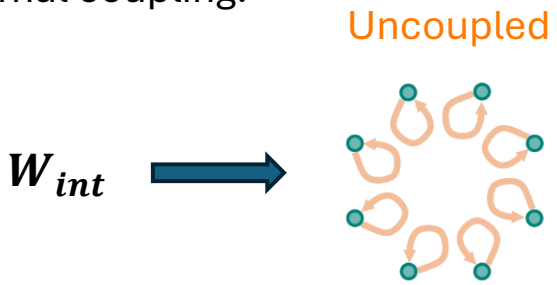
Sampling step size: $\Delta t = 0.1$

Reservoir is trained for one step ahead prediction:

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &\rightarrow X(t + \Delta t) \\ Y(t) &\rightarrow Y(t + \Delta t) \\ Z(t) &\rightarrow Z(t + \Delta t) \end{aligned}$$


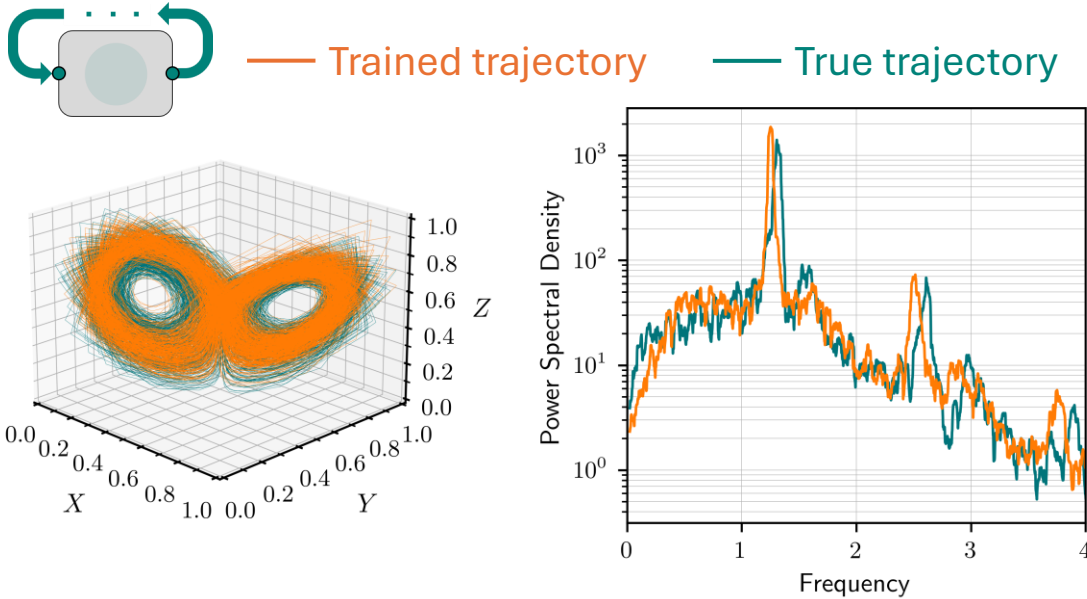
Can we reconstruct a chaotic attractor using a simple coupling topology and few nodes?

Internal coupling:



- Easier to implement experimentally
- Less resources required

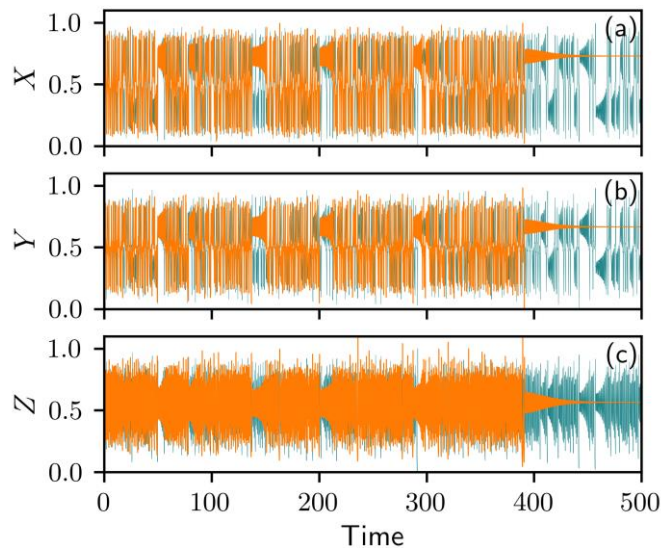
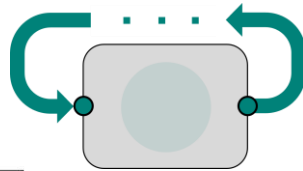
20 nodes
(typically 100s-1000s are used)



L.C. Jaurigue, Mach. Learn.: Sci. Technol. 5(3), 035058 (2024).

Dynamics of the closed system:

- Diverging (large excursions in phase space)
- Oscillatory
- Steady state



Dynamics depend on:

- Random input weights
- Starting point of the prediction phase

Can we learn more by analysing the dynamics of the trained systems?

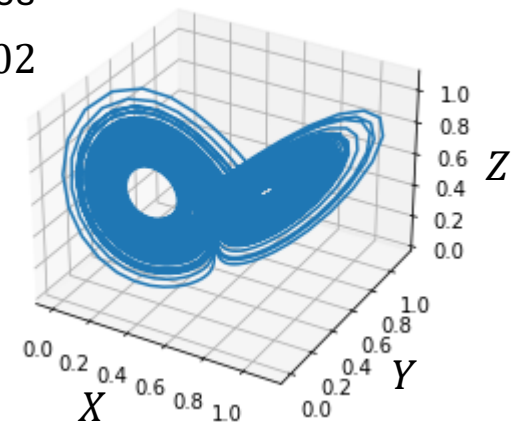
Further reduction network size $\rightarrow$ 10 nodes

Task: Lorenz reconstruction with $\Delta t = 0.02$

Correlation dimension:

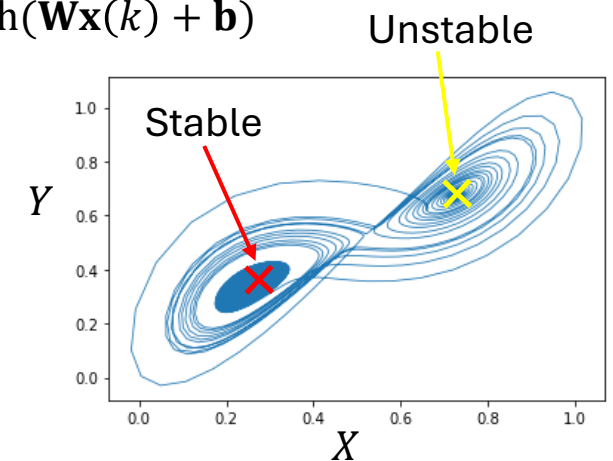
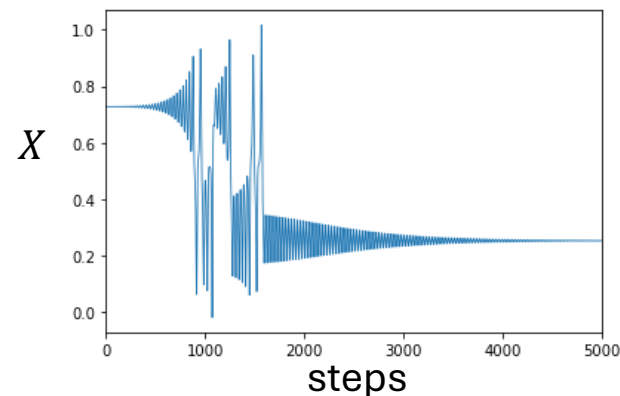
Trained system $\rightarrow \approx 2.02$

True Lorenz attractor $\rightarrow 2.05 \pm 0.01^{[1]}$



Fixed point stability analysis:

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \tanh(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}(k) + \mathbf{b})$$



[1] P. Grassberger, I. Procaccia, *Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena* **9** (1–2), 189–208 (1983).