



J. Barkley Rosser Memorial Lecture

Universal laws and architectures

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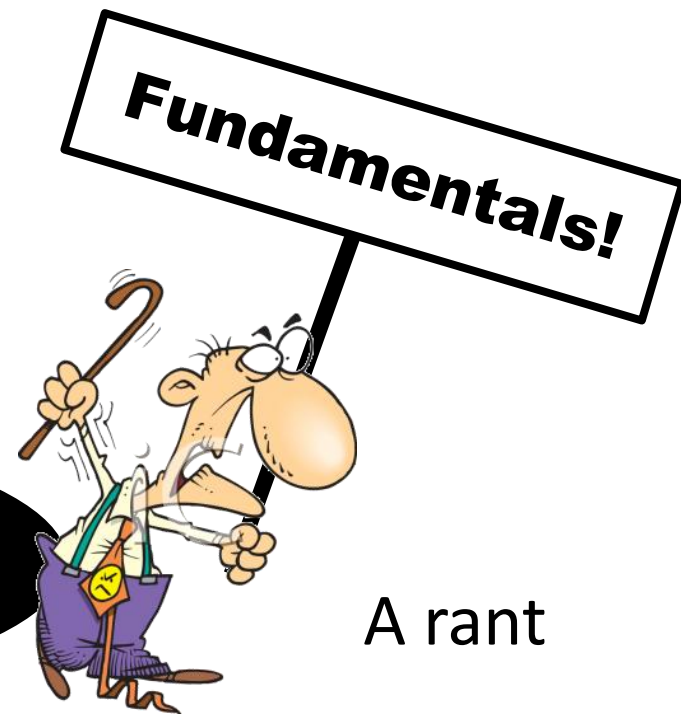
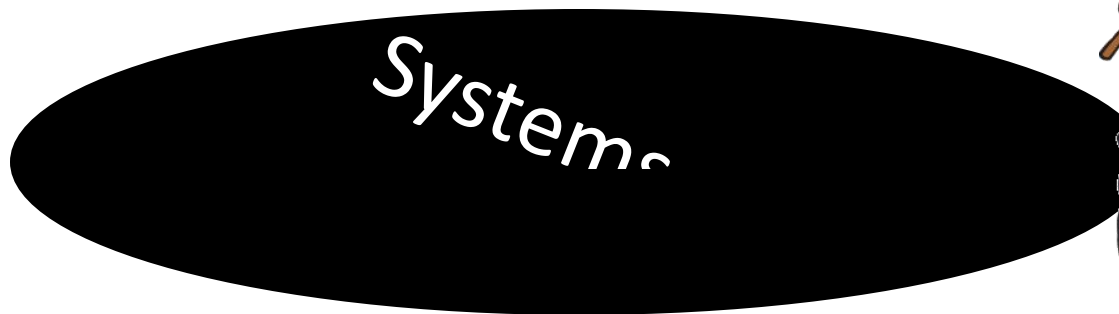
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“Universal laws and architectures?”

- **Universal “conservation laws” (constraints)**
- Universal architectures (constraints that deconstrain)
- Mention recent papers*
- Focus on broader context not in papers
- Lots of case studies (motivate & illustrate)
- You can have all of the slides

*try to get you
to read them?



Supplementary talk

Tomorrow, 12:30pm
Engineering Hall Rm 2305

Details and more rants

This paper aims to bridge progress in **neuroscience** involving sophisticated quantitative analysis of behavior, including the use of **robust control**, with other relevant conceptual and theoretical frameworks from **systems engineering, systems biology, and mathematics**.

Most accessible
No math

Architecture, constraints, and behavior

John C. Doyle^{a,1} and Marie Csete^{b,1}

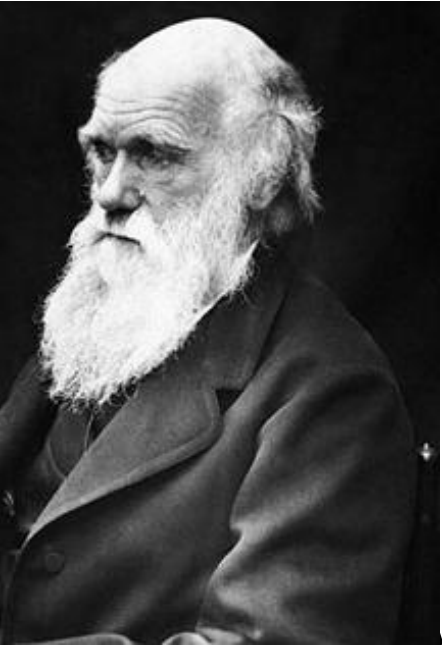
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This paper aims to bridge progress in neuroscience involving sophisticated quantitative analysis of behavior, including the use of robust control, with other relevant conceptual and theoretical frameworks from systems engineering, systems biology, and mathematics. Familiar and accessible case studies are used to illustrate concepts of robustness, organization, and architecture (modularity and protocols) that are central to understanding complex networks. These essential organizational features are hidden during normal function of a system but are fundamental for understanding the nature, design, and function of complex biologic and technologic systems.

evolved for sensorimotor control and retain much of that evolved architecture, then the apparent distinctions between perceptual, cognitive, and motor processes may be another form of illusion (9), reinforcing the claim that robust control and adaptive feedback (7, 11) rather than more conventional serial signal processing might be more useful in interpreting neurophysiology data (9). This view also seems broadly consistent with the arguments from grounded cognition that modal simulations, bodily states, and situated action underlie not only motor control but cognition in general (12), including language (13). Furthermore, the myriad constraints involved in the evolution of circuit

Doyle, Csete, *Proc Nat Acad Sci USA*, JULY 25 2011



Horizontal Meme Transfer

Software
Hardware

Prefrontal

Sensory

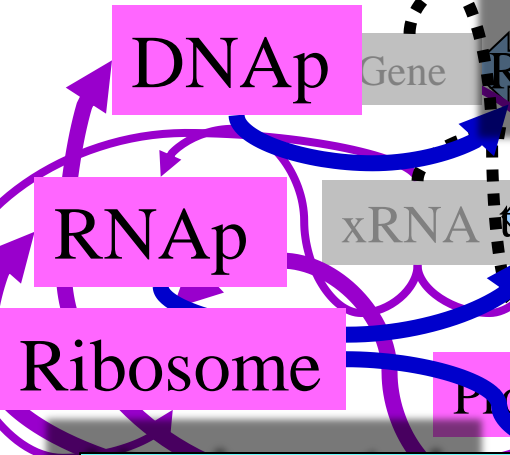
Learning

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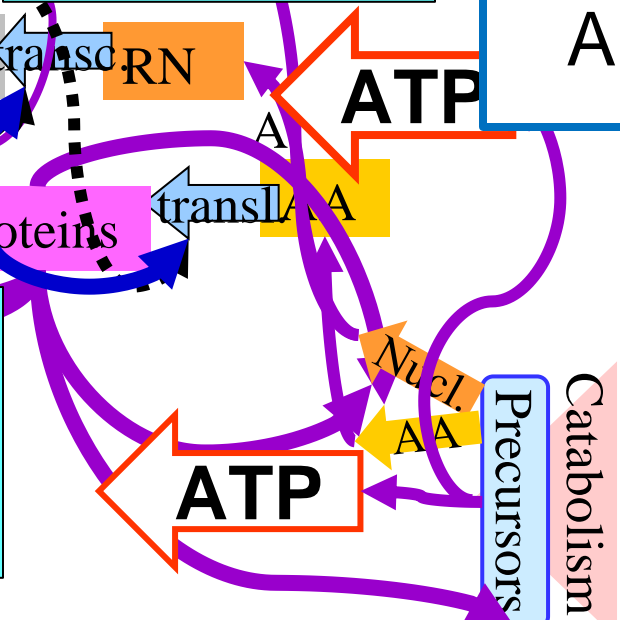
Reflex

Horizontal App Transfer

Digital
Analog



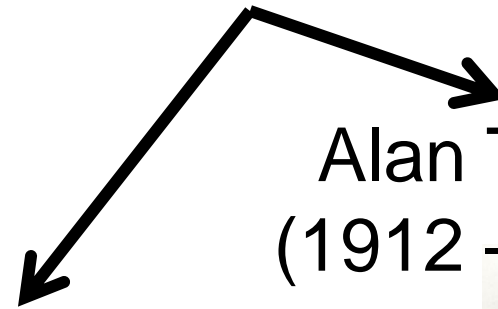
Horizontal Gene Transfer



Math genealogy



Alonzo Church
(1903–1995)



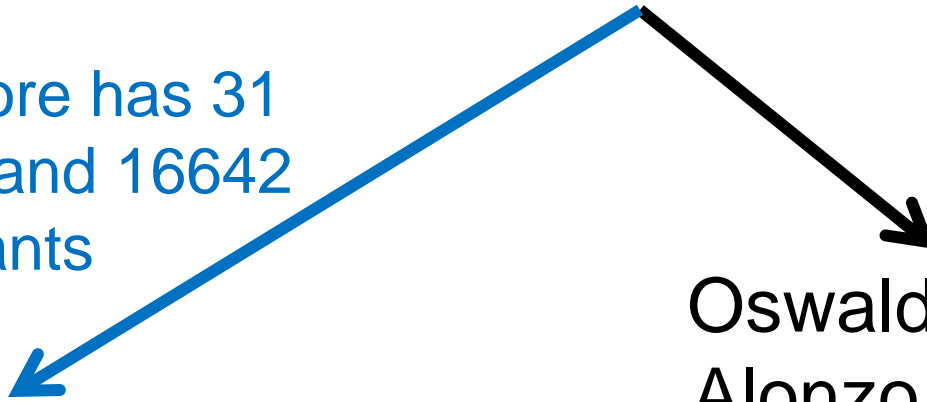
J Barkley Rosser Sr.
(1907 – 1989)

Alan Turing
(1912 – 1954)



E. H. (Eliakim Hastings) Moore (1862 –1932)

E. H. Moore has 31
students and 16642
descendants



George Birkhoff

Joseph Walsh

Joseph Doob

Paul Halmos

Donald Sarason

J Comstock Doyle
(1954-)

Oswald Veblen
Alonzo Church
(1903–1995)

Alan Turing
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J Barkley Rosser Sr.
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Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.

Leo Tolstoy,
Anna Karenina,
Chapter 1, first line

- What does this mean?
- Given ***diversity*** of people and environments?
- \Rightarrow About organization and ***architecture***.
- Happy \approx empathy + cooperation + simple rules?
- ***Constraints*** on components and architecture



System

Architecture
=Constraints
(that deconstrain)

“Laws” =
hard limits,
tradeoffs

data

TM

UTM

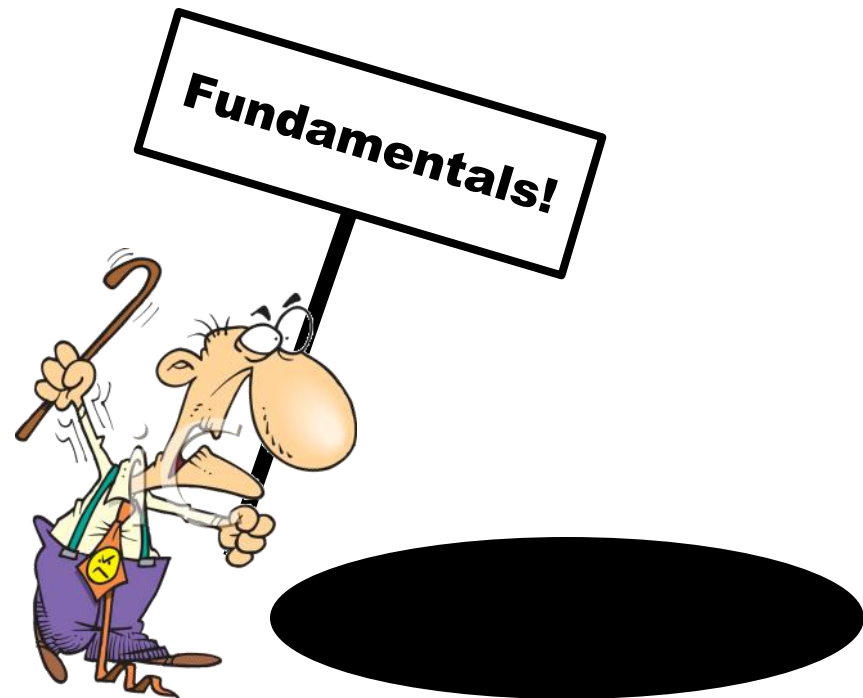
Protocols

Four types of constraints

Components

- **Cell biology**
- **Networking**
- **Neuroscience**
- **Medical physiology**
- Smartgrid, cyber-phys
- Wildfire ecology
- Earthquakes
- Lots of aerospace
- Physics:
 - turbulence,
 - stat mech (QM?)
- “Toy”:
 - Lego,
 - clothing,
- Buildings, cities
- **Synesthesia**

today's
and other
case
studies



Case studies (focus)

- Bacterial biosphere
- Internet, PC, smartphone, etc
- Human brain and mind
- **Human physiology**



















- ***Amazing*** evolvability (sustainability?)
- Illustrate architecture in (hopefully) accessible way

- Cyber-physical architecture is the technology challenge

Case studies (purpose)

- Illustrate/motivate theory and universals
 - Laws (constraints, hard limits, tradeoffs)
 - Architectures (design, forward and reverse engineering, organization)
- Impact for domain experts
 - Frameworks to organize existing, isolated facts
 - Suggests new experiments

Architecture case studies comparison

	Bacteria ⁺	Internet ⁺	Brain
Understood?			
By scientists?			
Live demos?!?			
Who cares?	 *		
Design quality?			
\exists Math?			

*Except for a few bacteriophiles (LC, SR, JD, ?)

⁺See also “Bacterial Internet” (LC)

“vertical” + “horizontal” evolution in Bacteria/Internet/Brain in Genes/Apps/Memes

- Vertical (lineages)
 - accumulation of small increments
 - de novo invention
 - Accelerated RosenCaporalian evolution
- Horizontal
 - Swap existing gene/app/meme
 - Source of most individual change?
- Both essential to large scale (r)evolution

“vertical” + “horizontal” evolution in Bacteria/Internet/Brain in Genes/Apps/Memes

- Evolution is ***not*** only (or even primarily) due to slow accumulation of random mutations
- Effective architectures facilitate ***all*** aspects of “evolvability”
- Lamarckian and Darwinian

“Evolvability”

- Robustness of lineages to large changes on long timescales
- Essentially an architectural question
 - What makes an architecture evolvable?
 - What does “architecture” mean here?
- What are the limits on evolvability?
- How does architecture, evolvability, robustness, and complexity relate?
- Key: tradeoffs, robustness, layering

“Nothing in *biology* makes sense except in the light of *evolution*.”

T Dobzhansky

“Nothing in *evolution* makes sense except in the light of *biology*.”

*Tony Dean (U Minn) paraphrasing
T Dobzhansky*

When concepts fail, words arise

Faust, Goethe

Mephistopheles. ...Enter the templed hall of Certainty.

Student. Yet in each word some concept there must be.

Mephistopheles. Quite true! But don't torment yourself too anxiously;

For at the point where concepts fail,

At the right time a word is thrust in there...

Requirements on systems and architectures

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Long term

Simplified, minimal requirements

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Lumping requirements into simple groups

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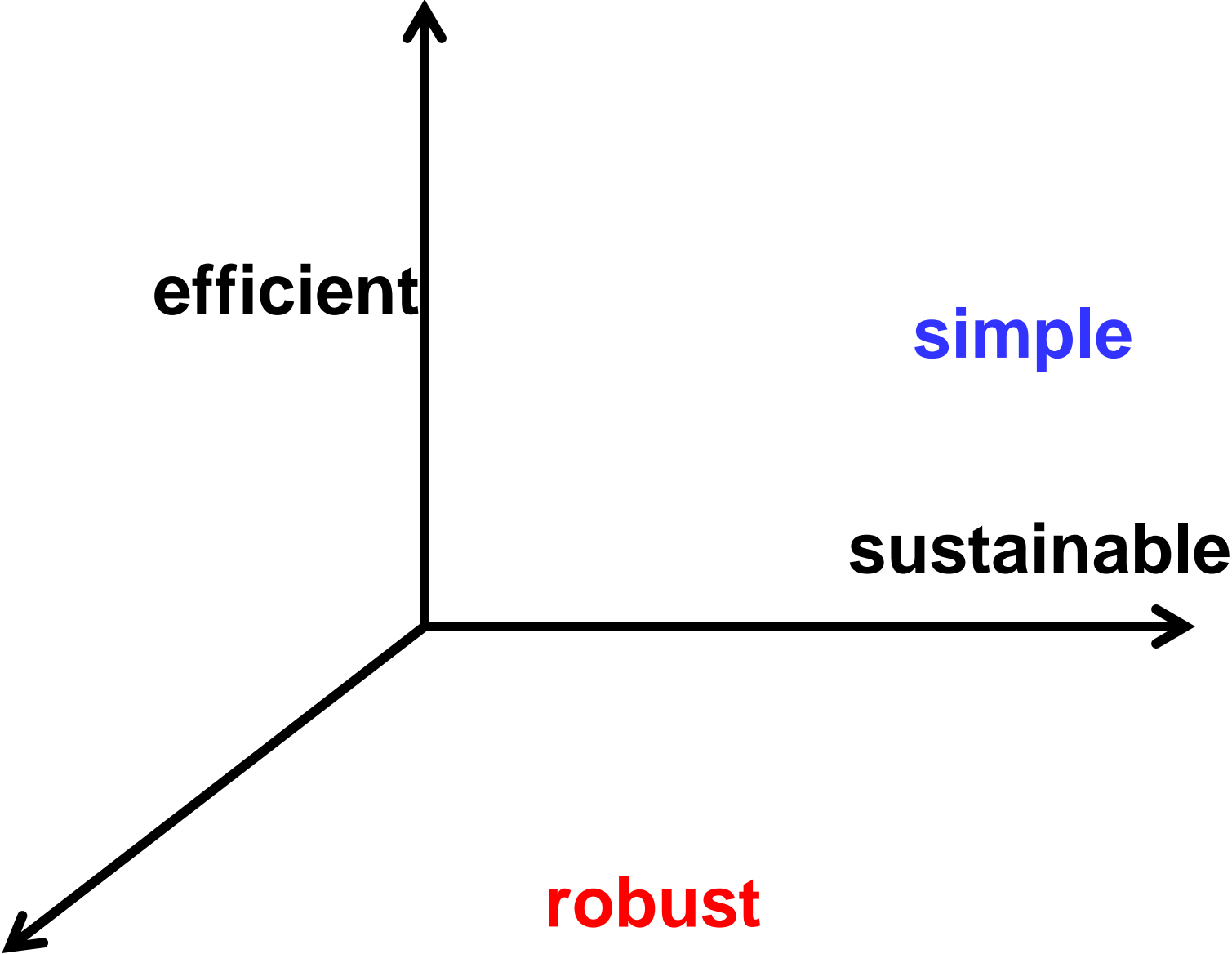
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simple

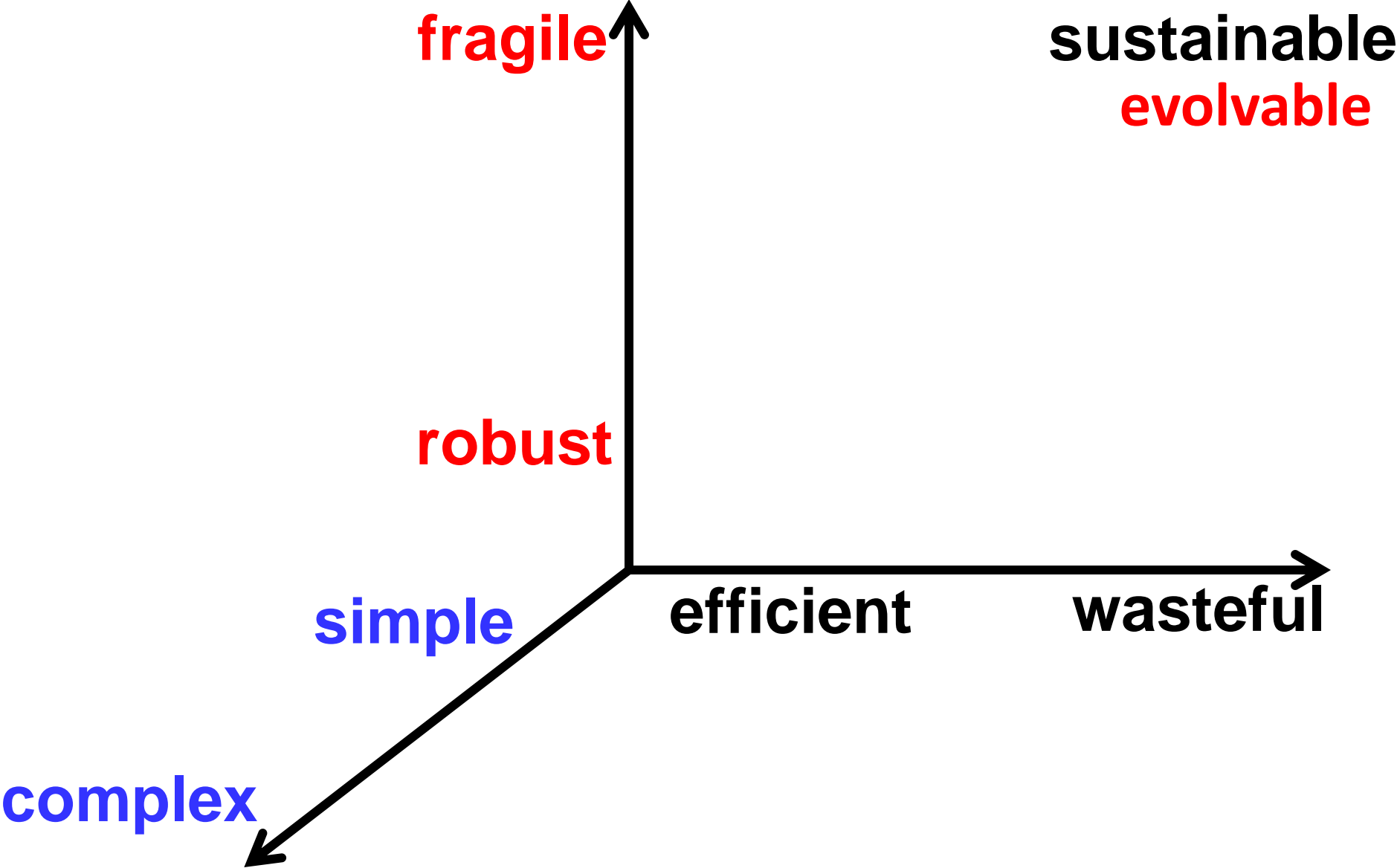
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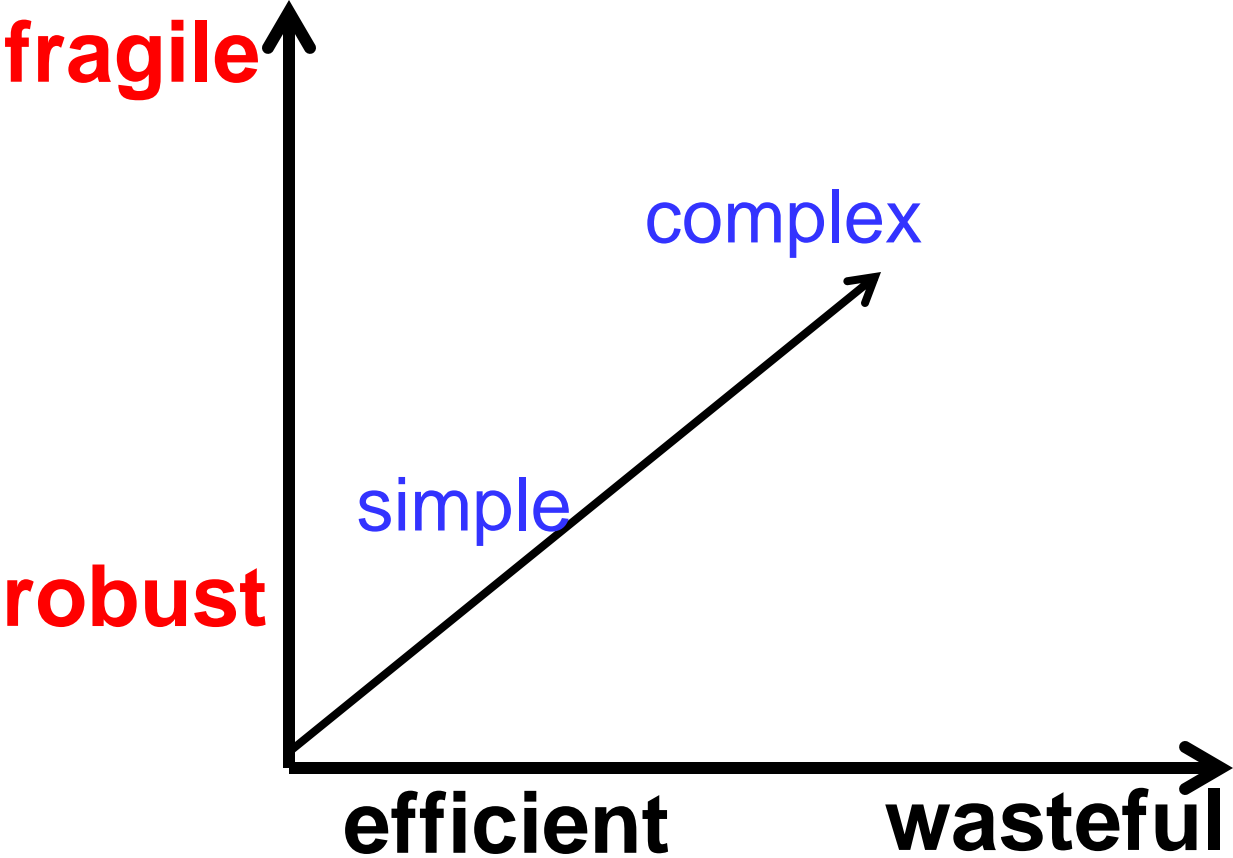


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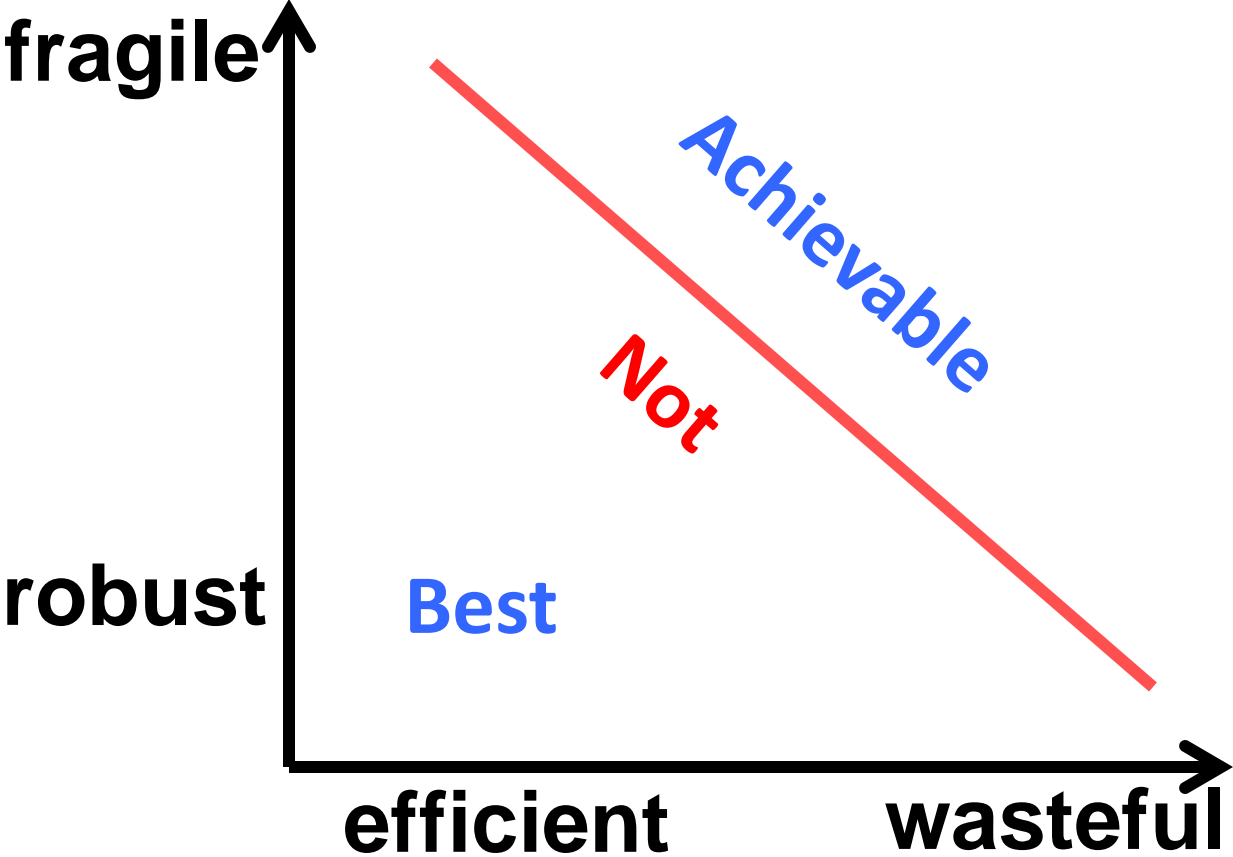
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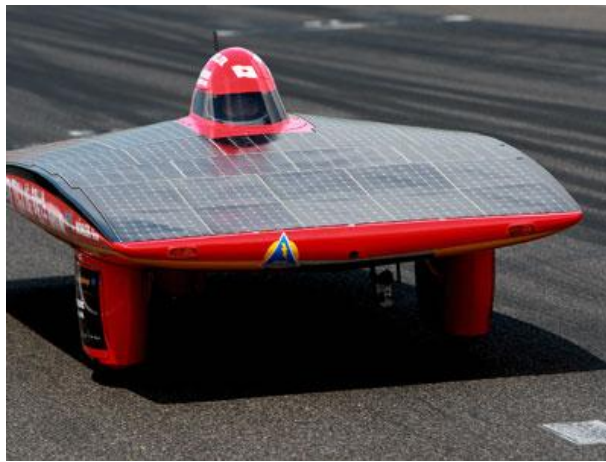
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Current Technology?

fragile

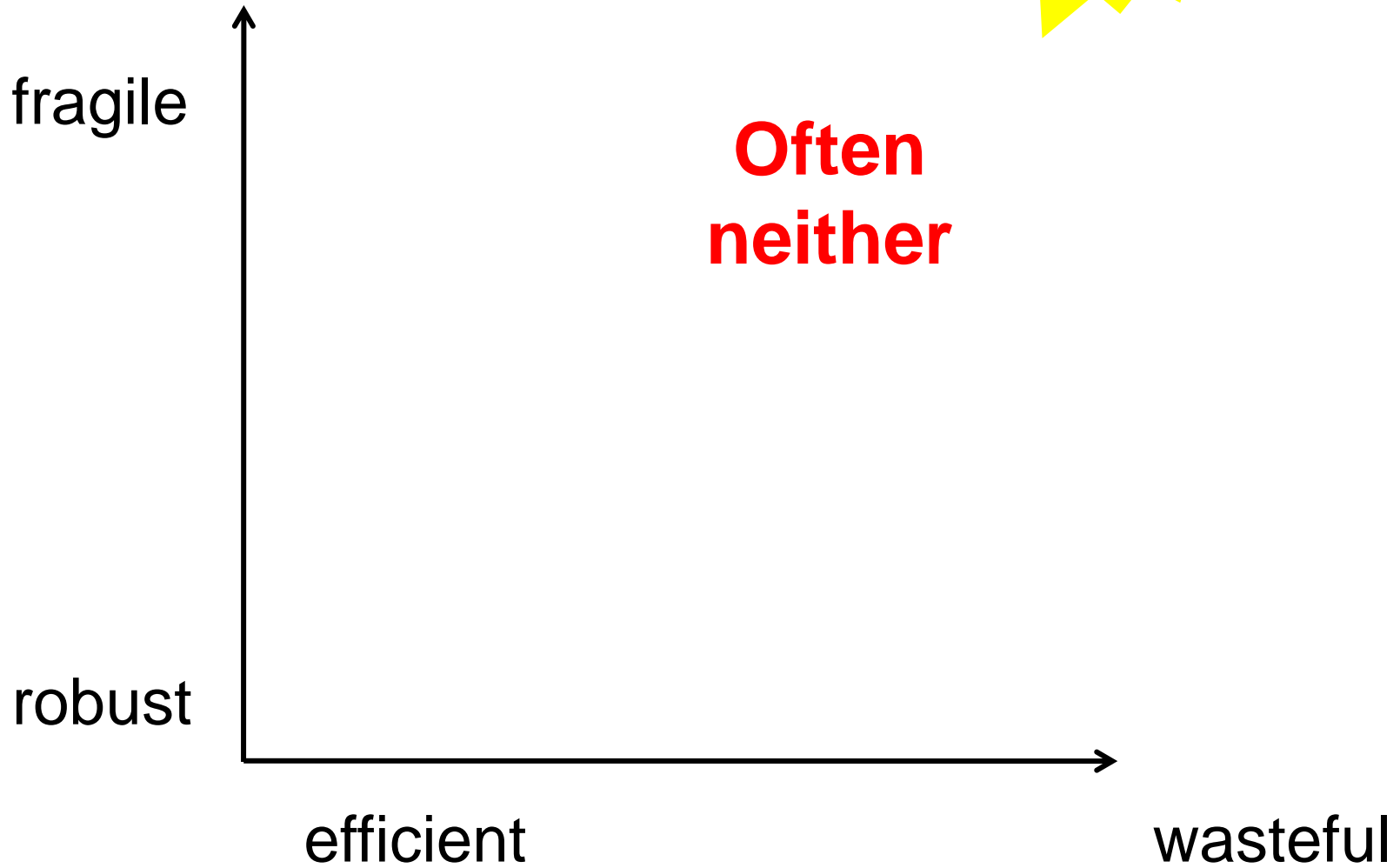
At best we
get one



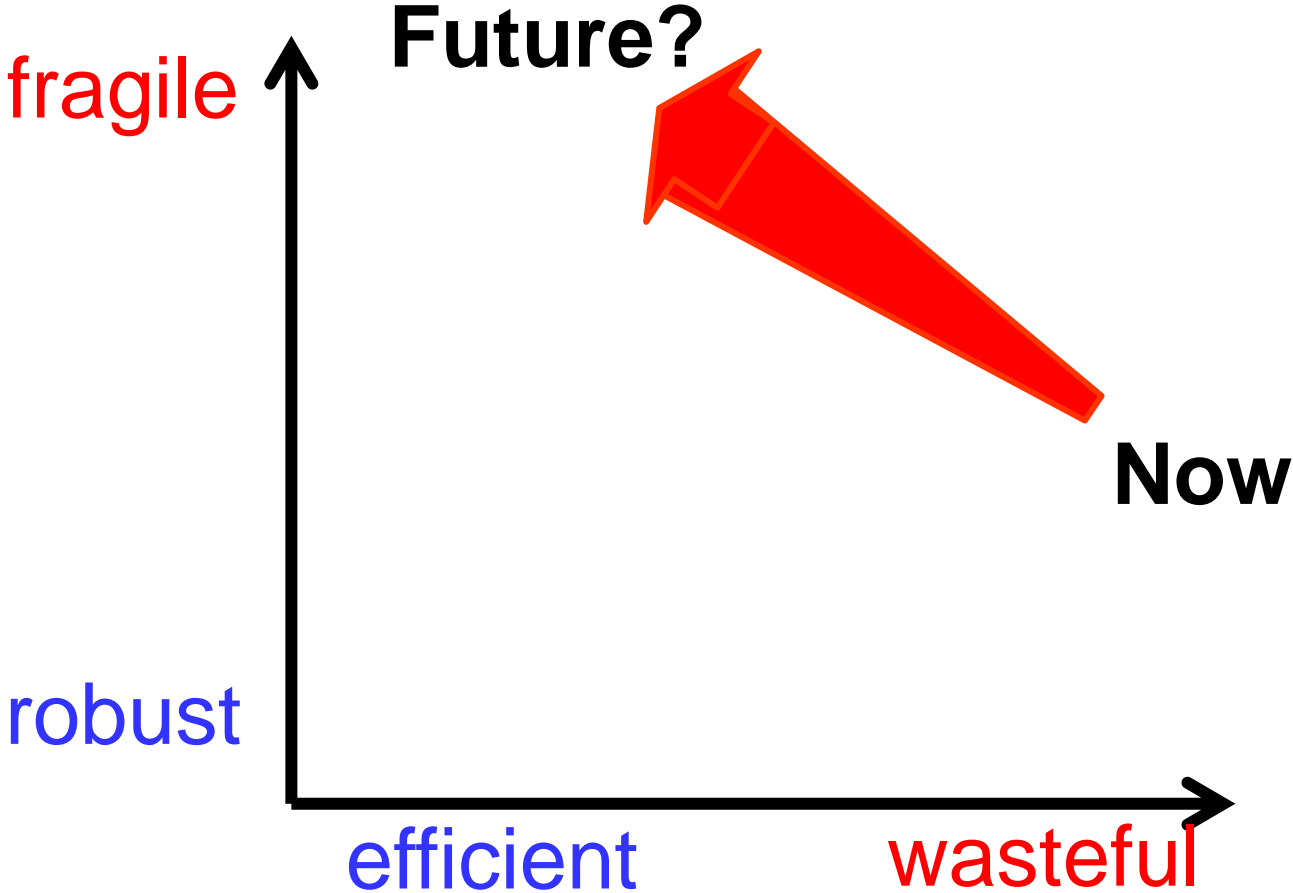
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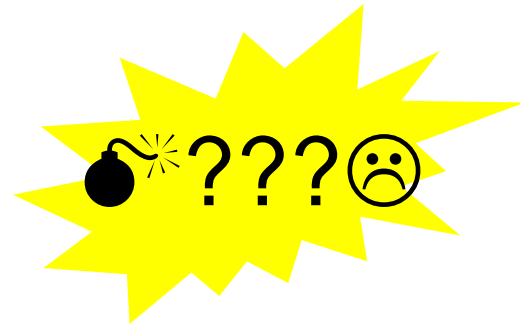
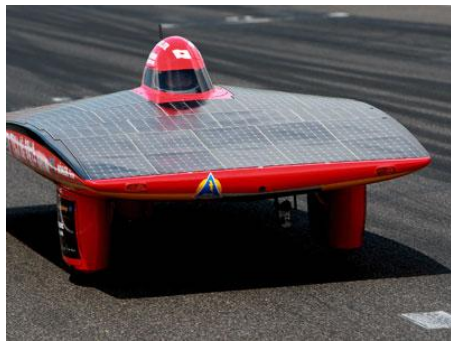
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wasteful



Future evolution of the “smart” grid?



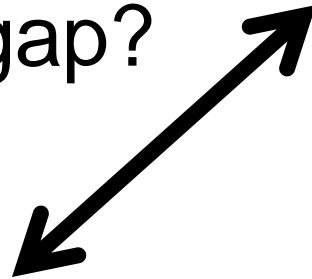


Bad architectures?

fragile

?

gap?



Bad theory?

?



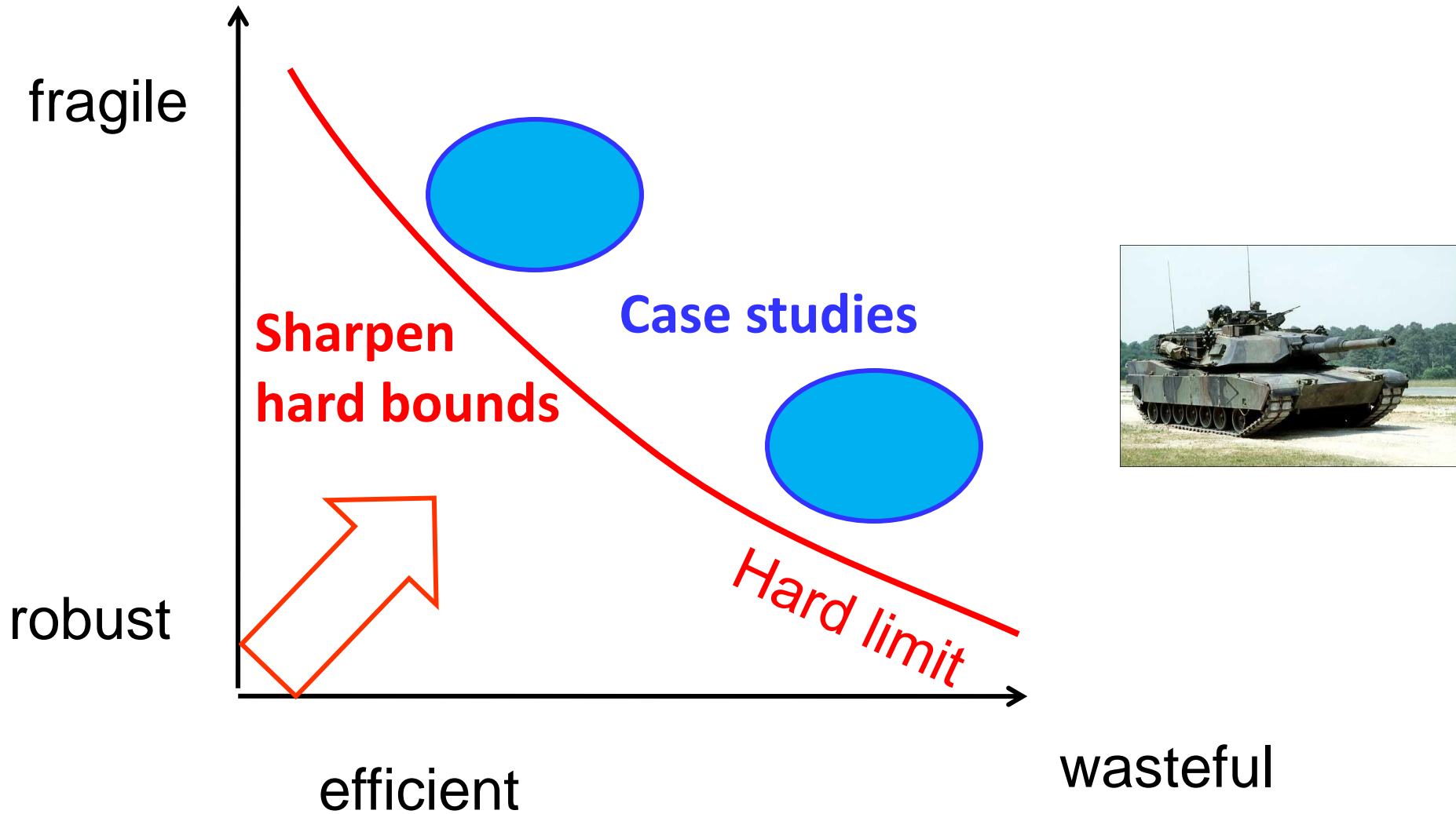
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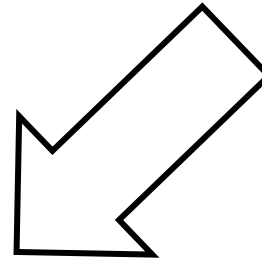
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laws and architectures?

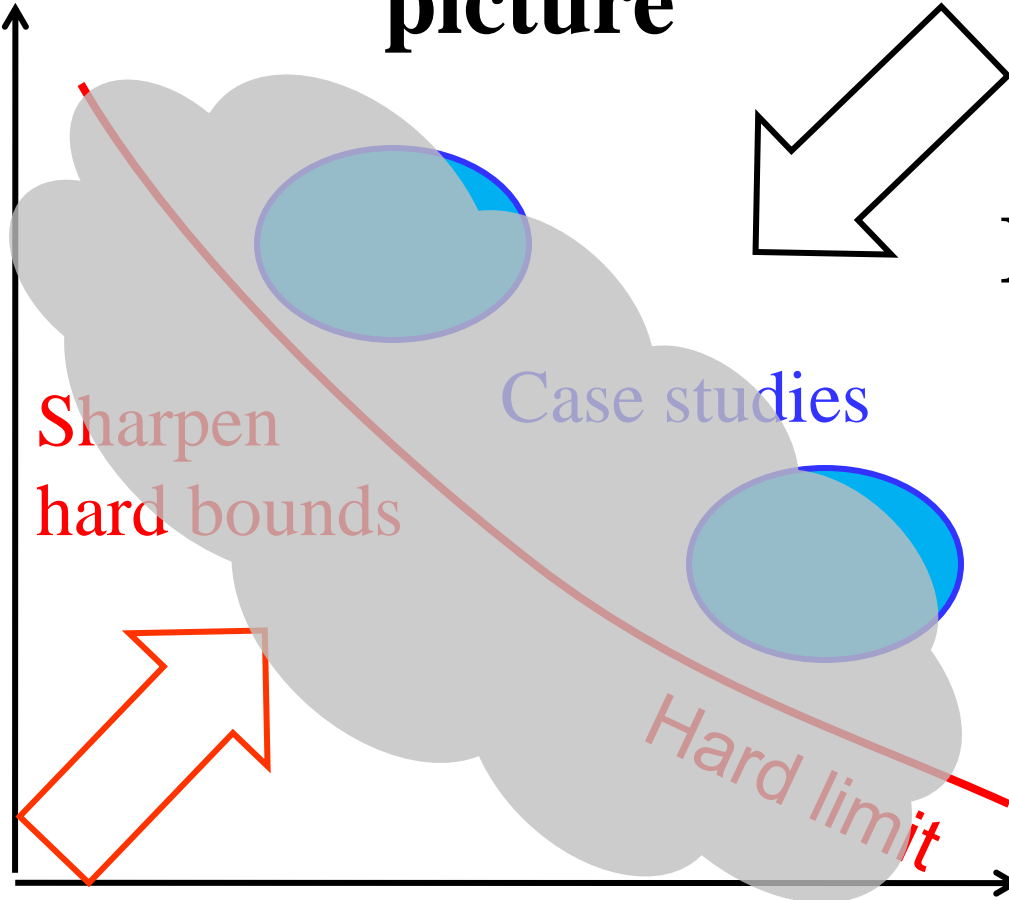


**Even with a
murky
picture**



**Find and
fix bugs**

fragile



Sharpen
hard bounds

Case studies

Hard limit

wasteful

Compute

Comms

Godel

Turing

Shannon

Von
Neumann

Theory?

Deep, but fragmented,
incoherent, incomplete

Nash

Bode

Carnot

Pontryagin

Boltzmann

Kalman

Heisenberg

Control, OR

Einstein

Physics

Compute

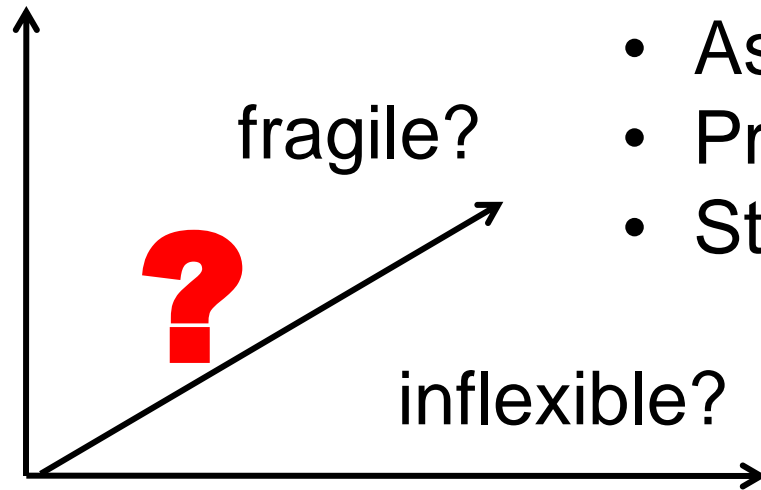
Comms

Godel

Shannon

Turing

slow?



- Each theory \approx one dimension
- Tradeoffs **across** dimensions
- Assume architectures a priori
- Progress is encouraging, but...
- Stovepipes are an obstacle...

Carnot

Boltzmann

Bode

Heisenberg

Control

Einstein

Physics

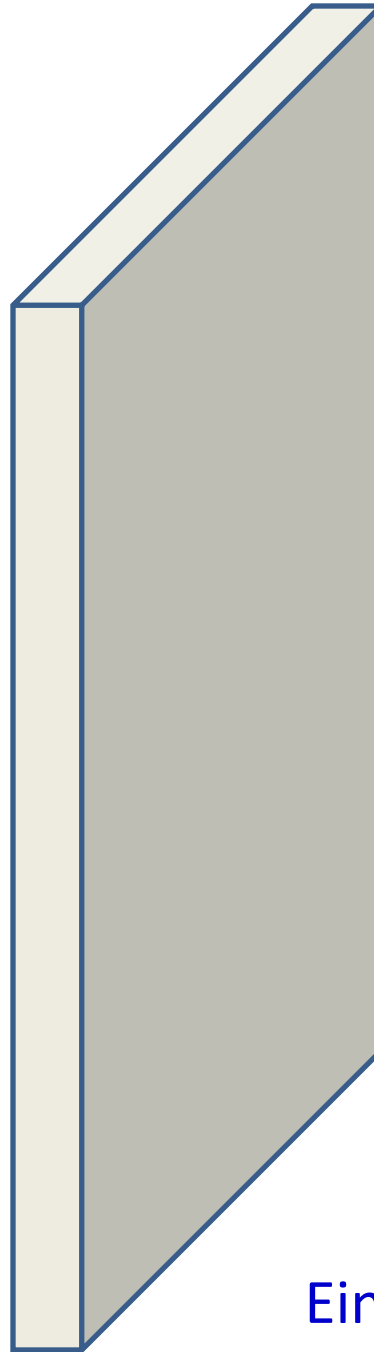
Compute

Turing

Delay is
most
important

Bode

Control, OR



Communicate

Shannon

Delay is
least
important

Carnot

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Physics

Einstein

Compute

Communicate

Turing

Lowering the barrier

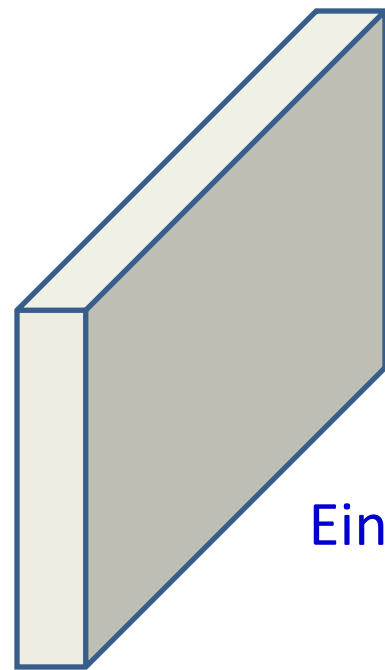
Shannon

**Delay is
most
important**

New progress!



**Delay is
~~least~~
important**



Bode

Carnot

Boltzmann

Control, OR

Heisenberg

Einstein

Physics

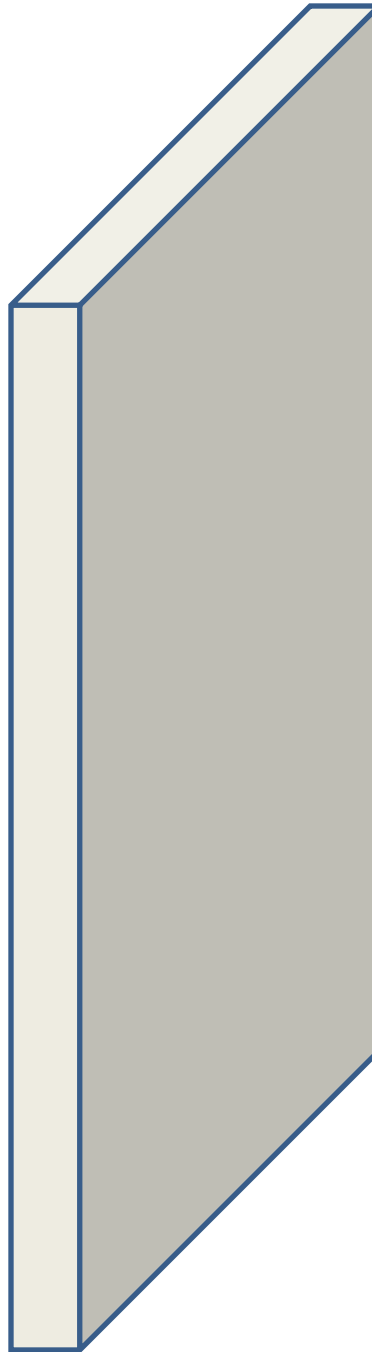
Compute

Turing

**Delay is
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important**

Bode

Control, OR



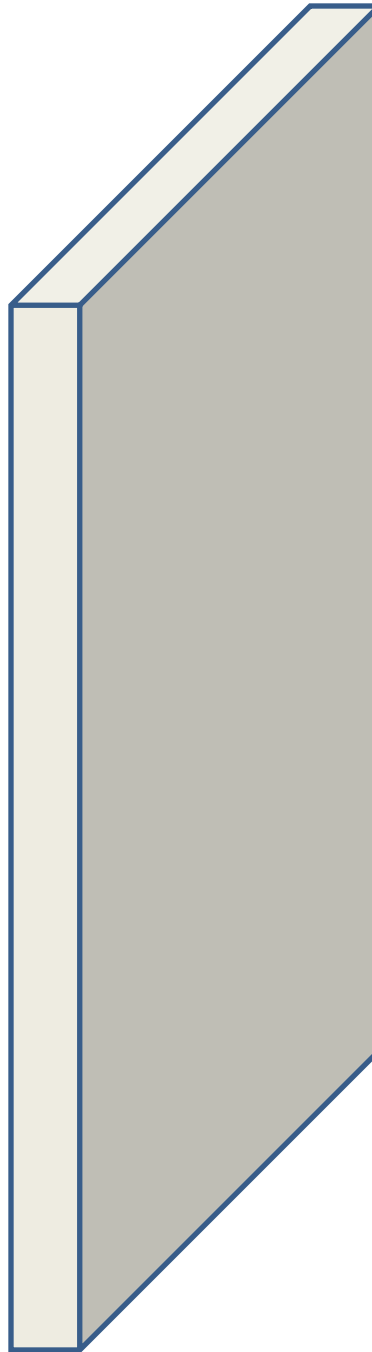
Compute

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Compute

Turing

large $t \rightarrow \infty$

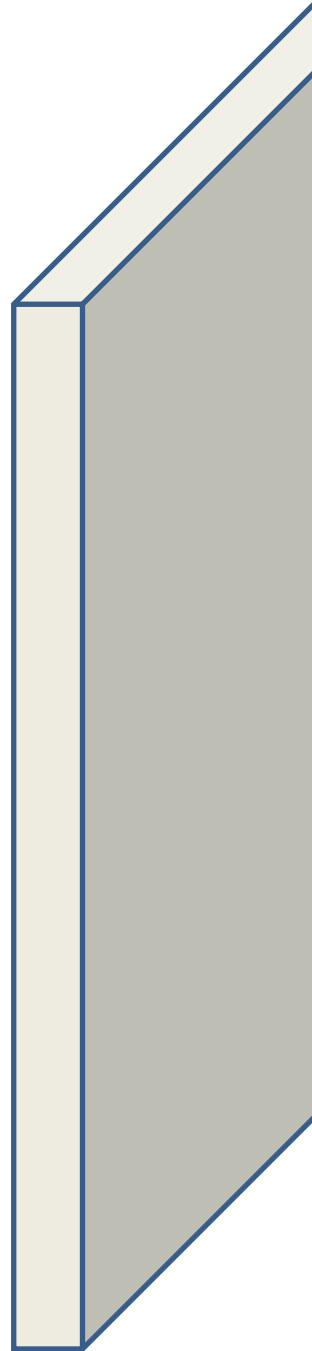
Differences?

Delay is
most
important

small t
(hopefully)

Bode

Control, OR



Compute

Turing (1912-1954)

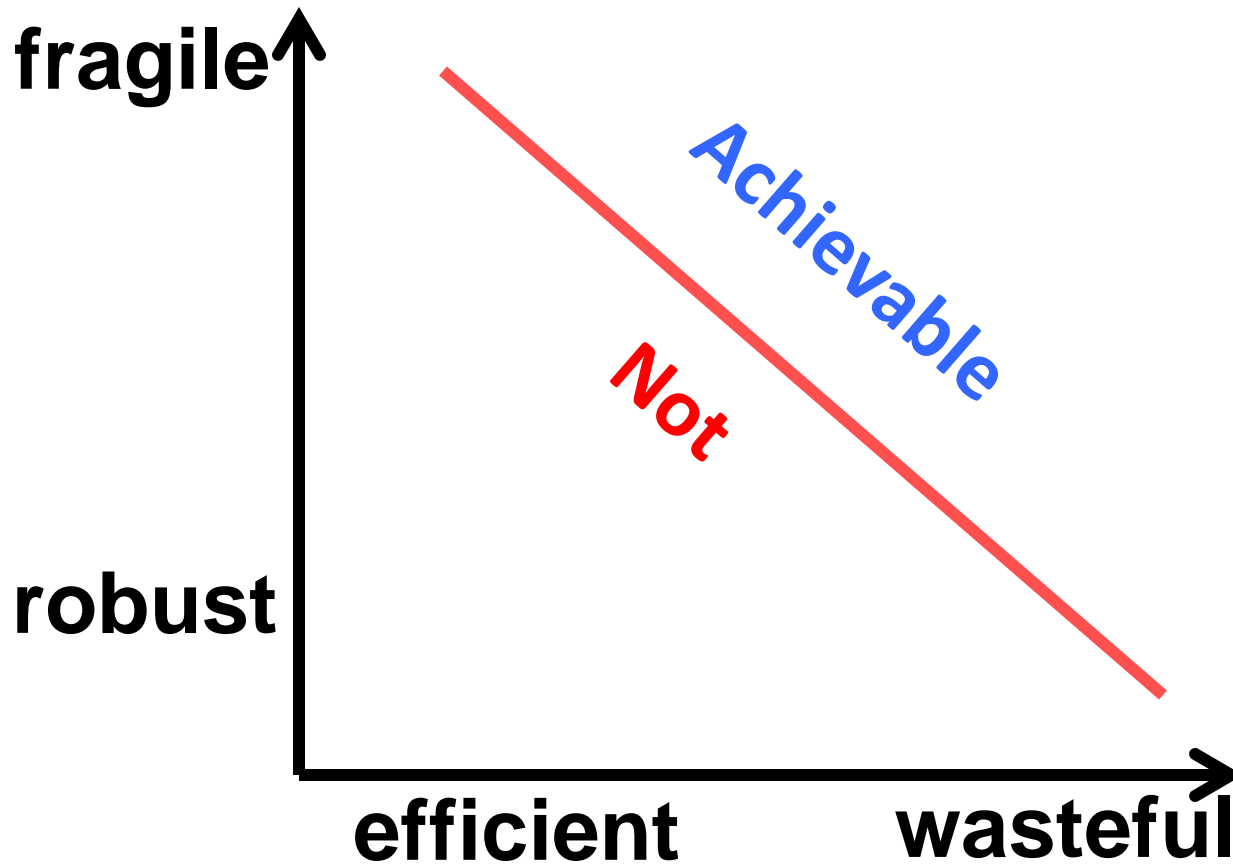
- Turing 100th birthday in 2012
- Turing
 - machine (math, CS)
 - test (AI, neuroscience)
 - pattern (biology)
- Arguably greatest*
 - all time math/engineering combination
 - WW2 hero
 - “invented” software

*Also world-class runner.

Key papers/results

- Theory (1936): Turing machine (TM), computability, (un)decidability, universal machine (UTM)
- Practical design (early 1940s): code-breaking, including the design of code-breaking machines
- Practical design (late 1940s): general purpose digital computers and software, layered architecture
- Theory (1950): Turing test for machine intelligence
- Theory (1952): Reaction diffusion model of morphogenesis, plus practical use of digital computers to simulate biochemical reactions

Components of robustness



Components of robustness

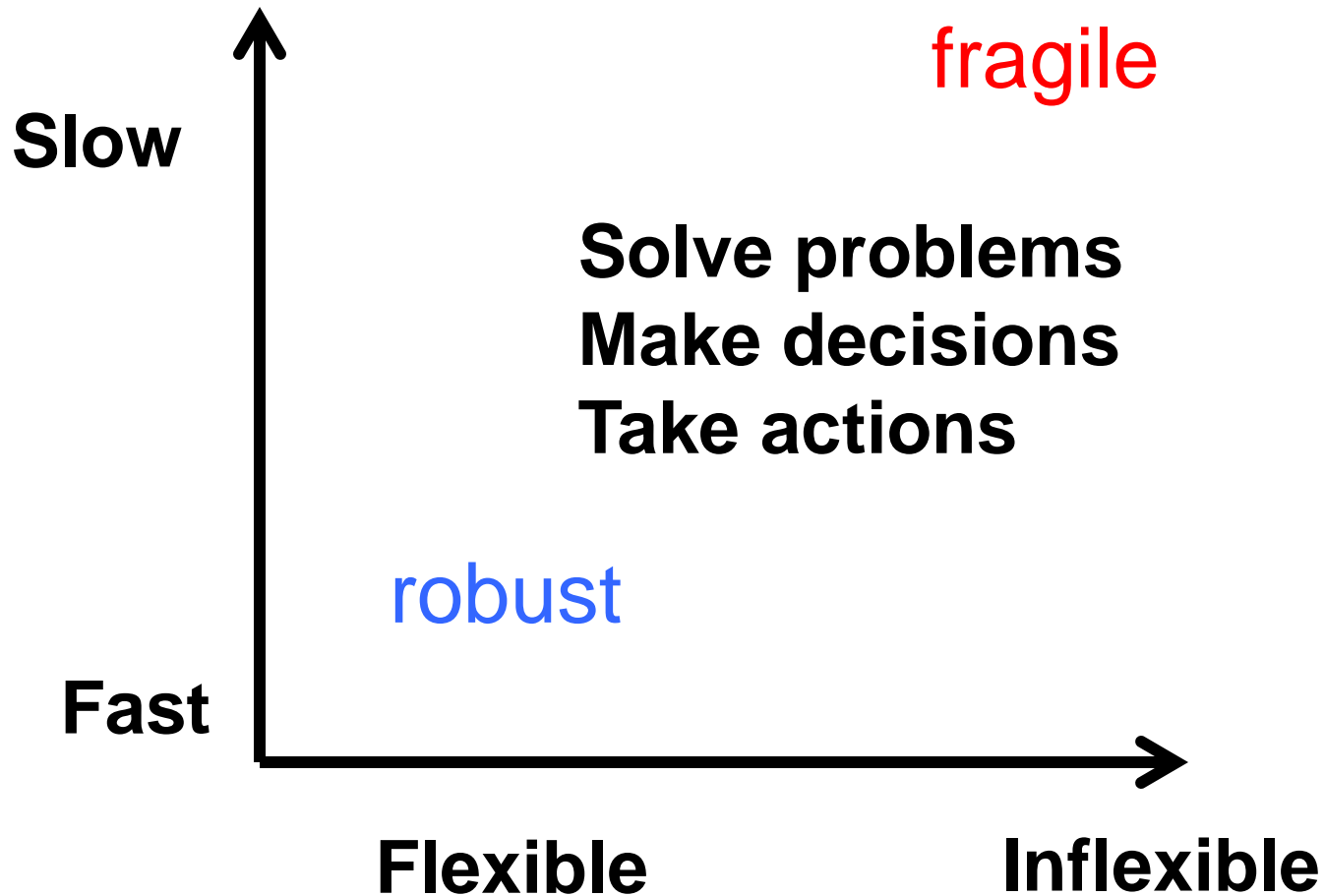
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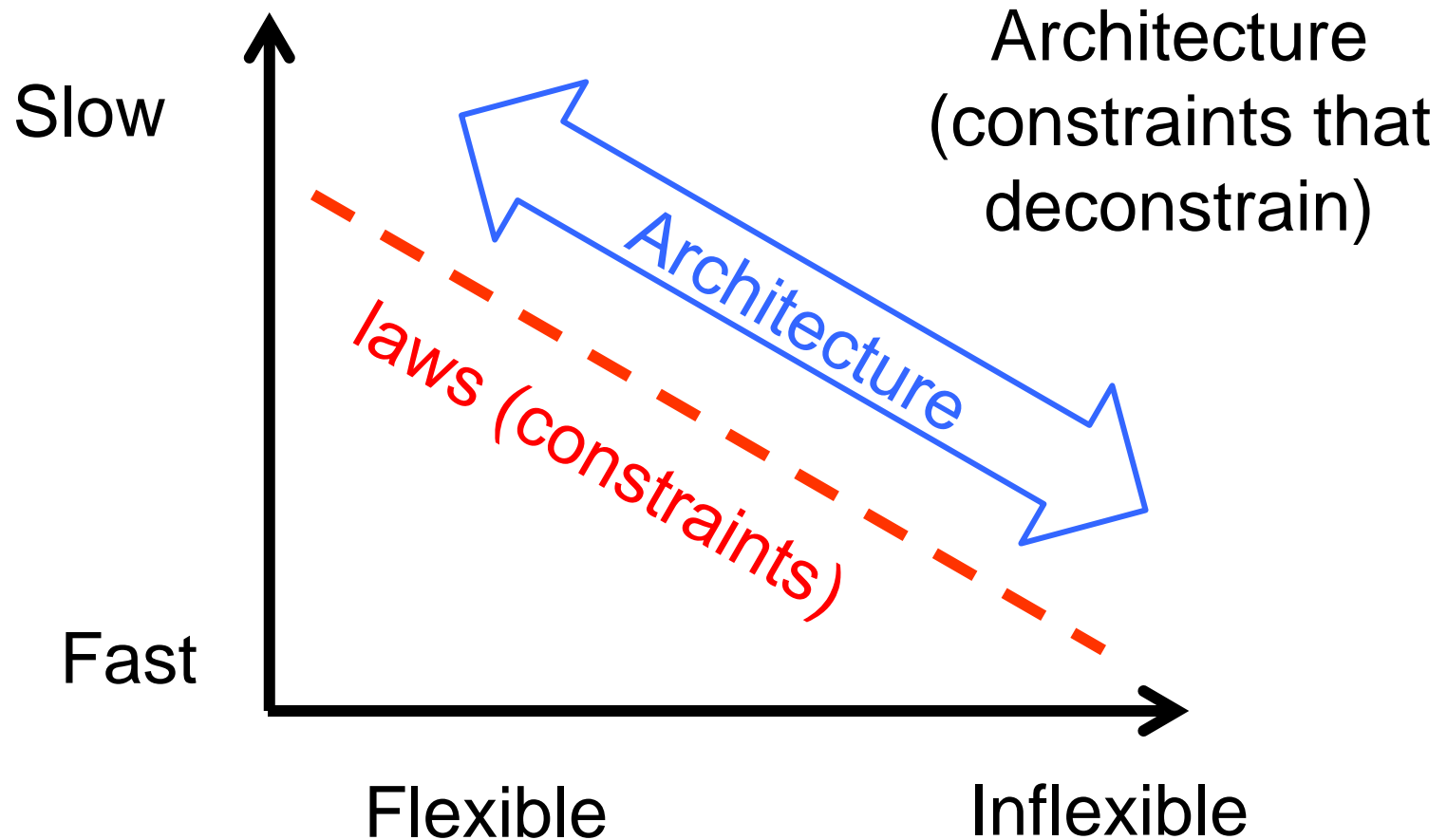
robust

robust

Speed and flexibility



Laws and architectures



big picture from high level with a bit of Internet

	Bacteria	Internet	Brain
Understood?	😊	😊😊	😞
By scientists?	😊	😞😞	😞
Live demos?!?	😞	😊	😊
Who cares?	😞*	😊	😊😊
Design quality?	😊😊	😊😞	😊😞
∃ Math?	😊	😊😊	😊😞

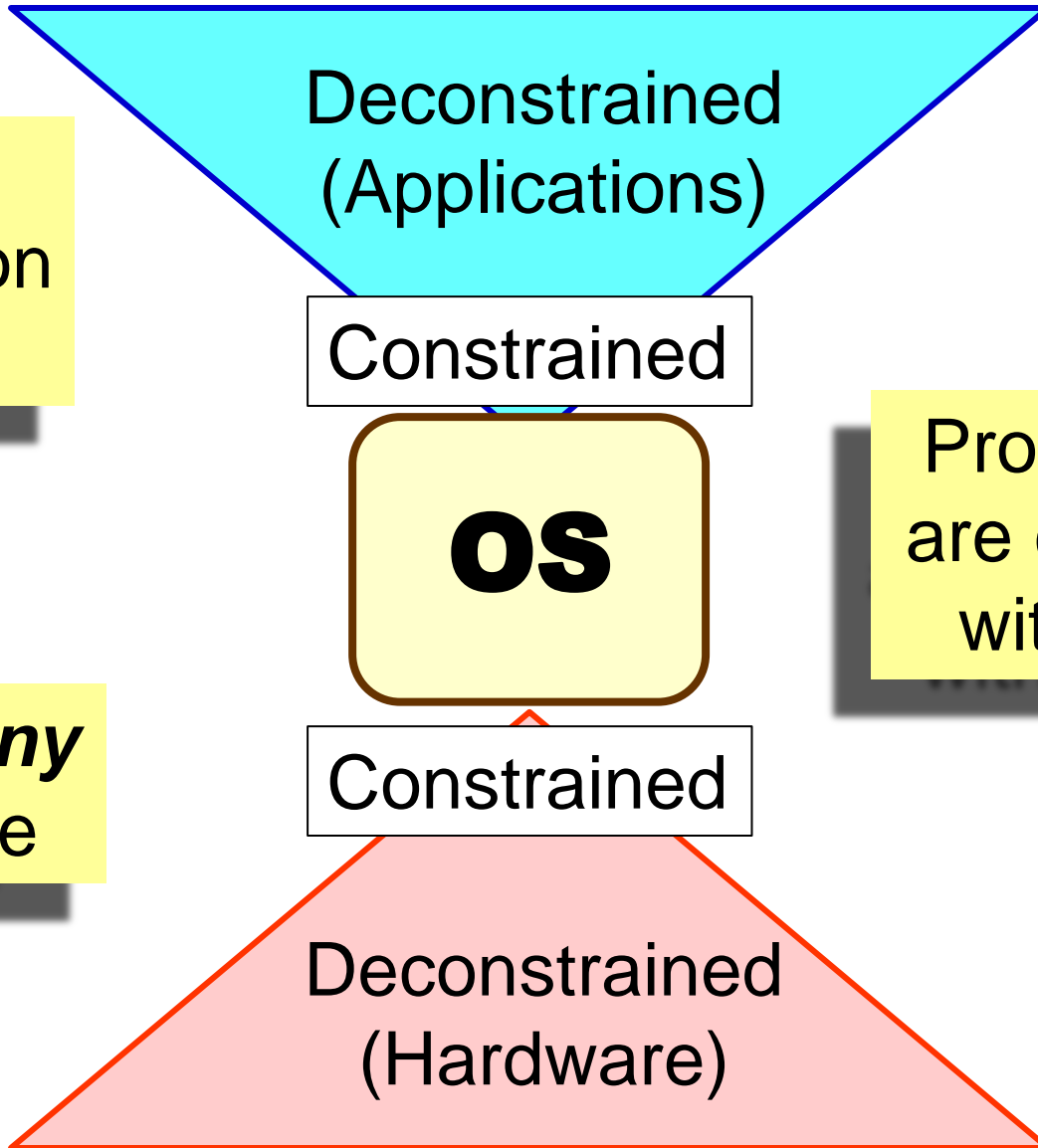


Apps
OS
Hardware
Digital
Lumped
Distributed

Familiar layered architecture:
PC, smartphone, router, etc



“hourglass”



Any
application
can

Provided they
are compatible
with the OS

Run on *any*
hardware

Deconstrained
(Hardware)

“hourglass”



Constrained

OS



Many
applications
can

Run on *this*
hardware

“hourglass”

almost

Any
application
can

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Constrained

OS



Run on **any**
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Layered architectures

Essentials CS 101

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Few global variables

Don't cross layers

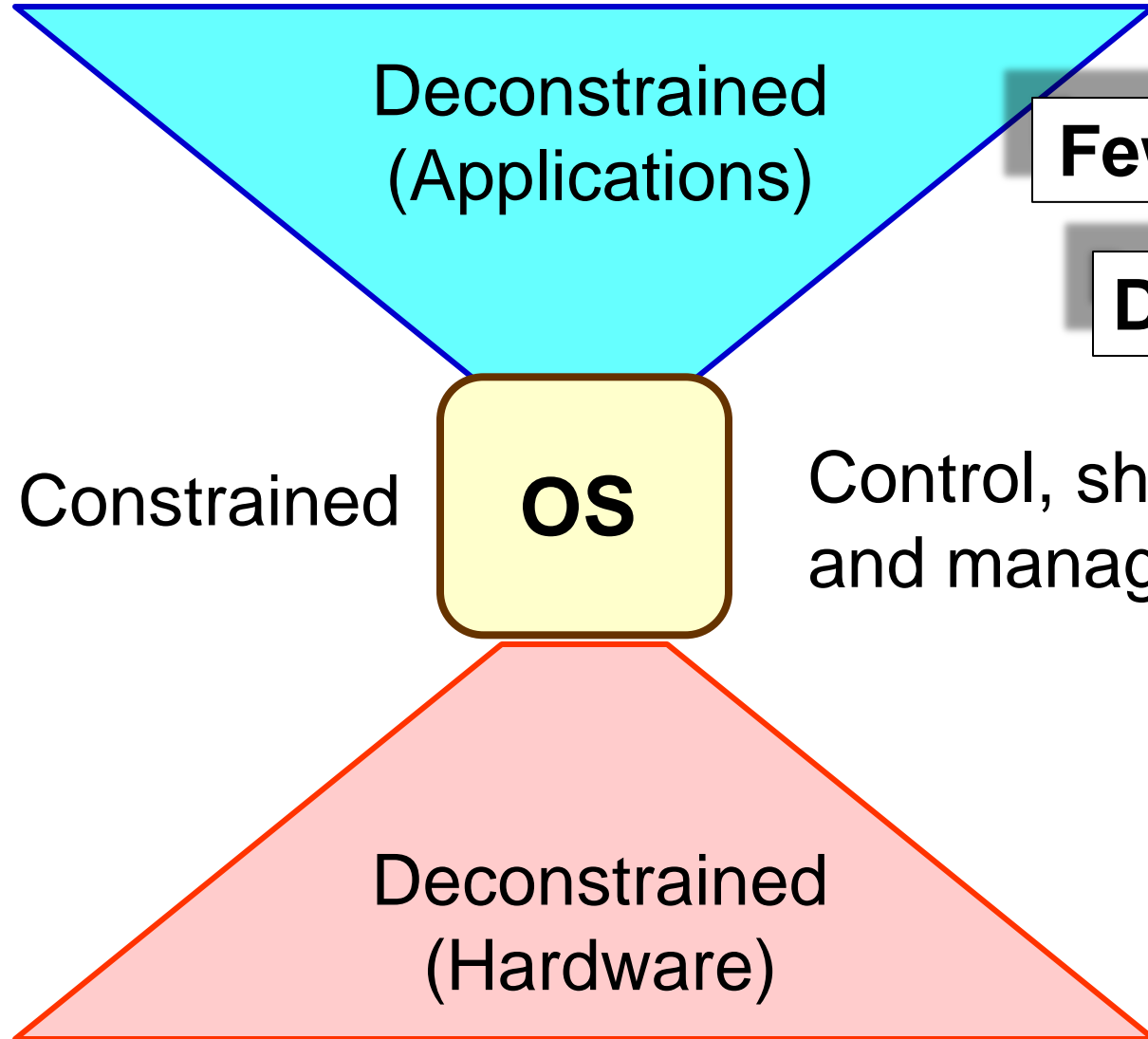
OS

Control, share, virtualize,
and manage resources

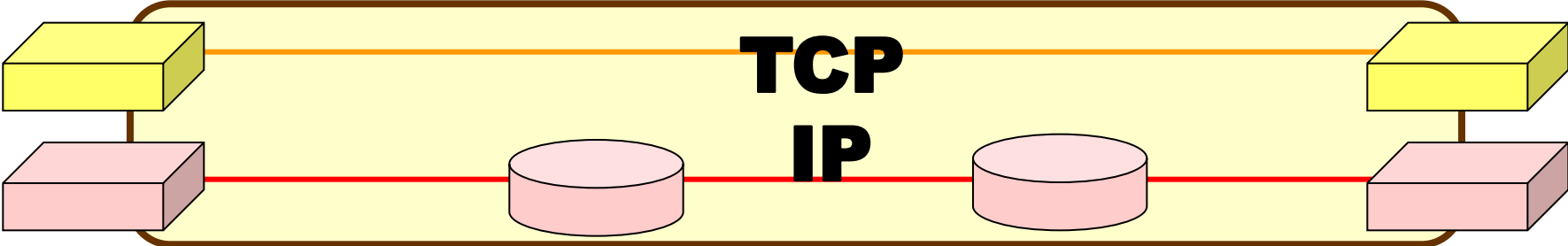
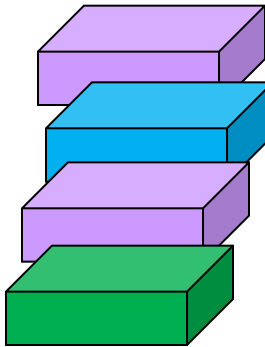
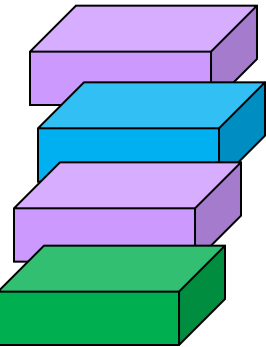
Processing
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(Hardware)

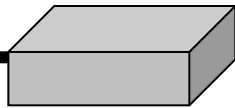
Constrained



Diverse applications



Diverse



Physical



Any
application
can

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Constrained

**OS/
TCP/IP**

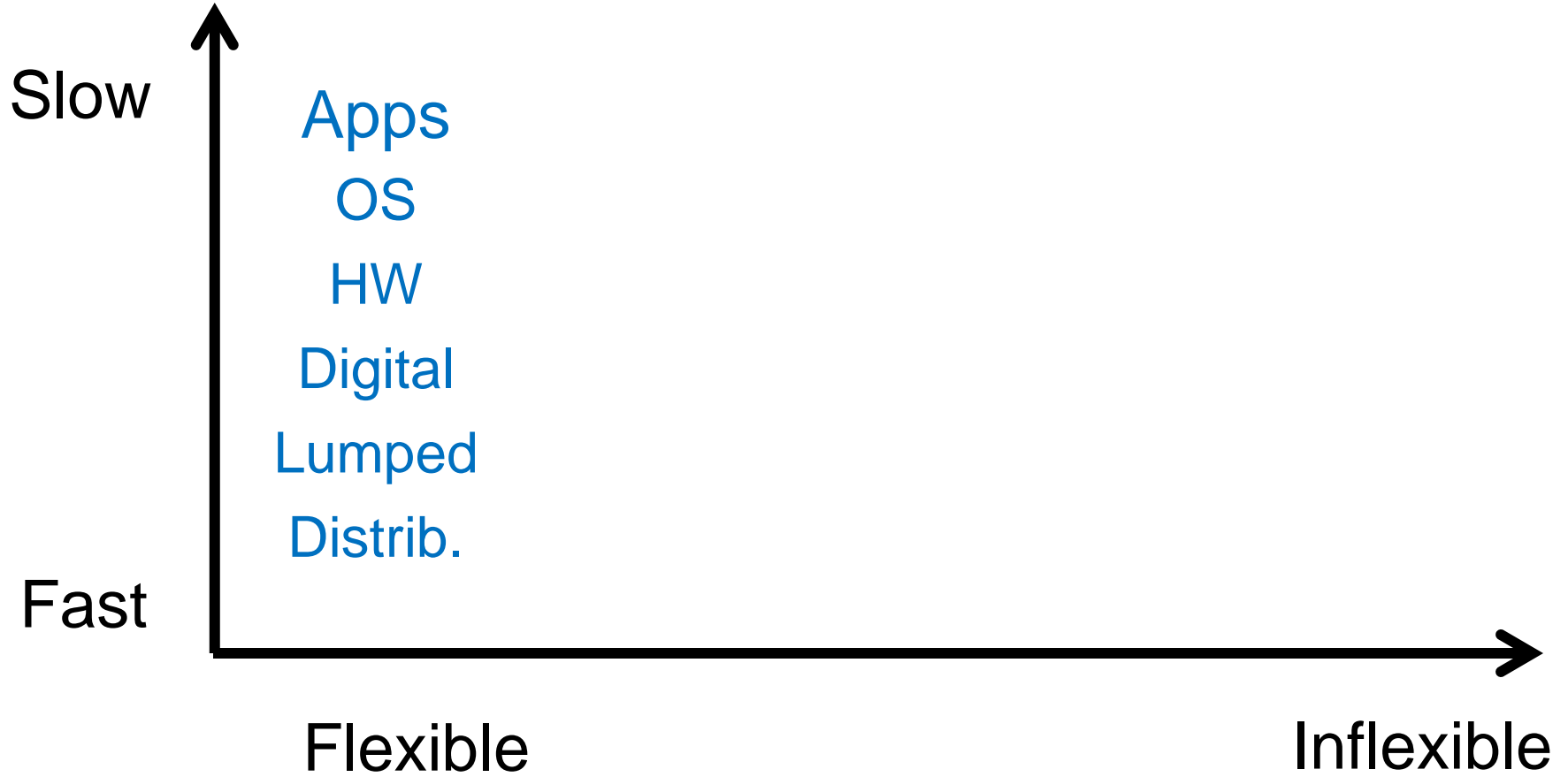
Provided they are
compatible with
the OS or TCP/IP

Constrained

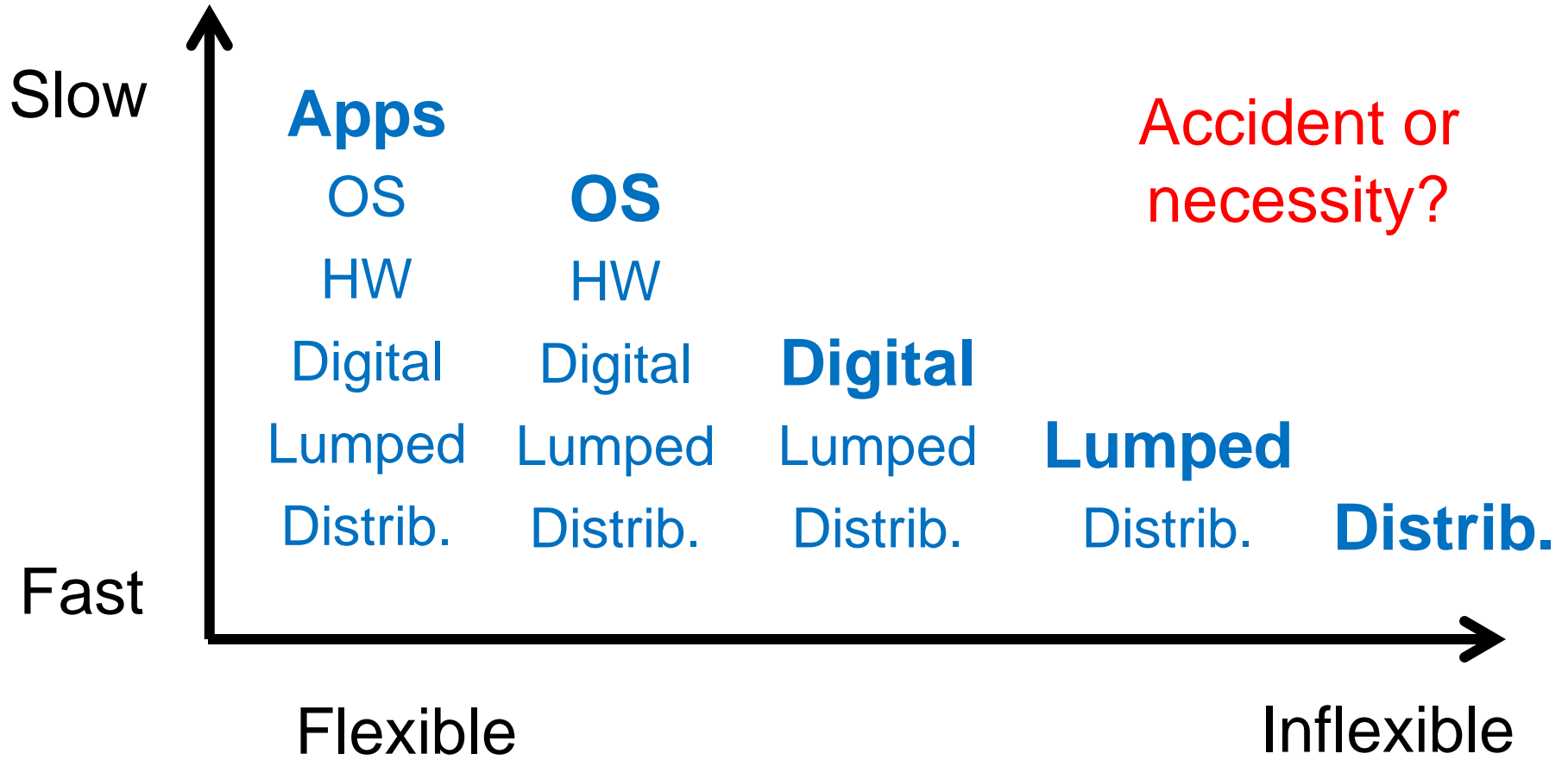
Run on **any**
hardware

Deconstrained
(Hardware)

Tradeoffs: PC, smartphone, router, etc



Tradeoffs: PC, smartphone, router, etc





Slow

Apps

OS

HW

Digital

Lumped

Distrib.

OS

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Architecture?

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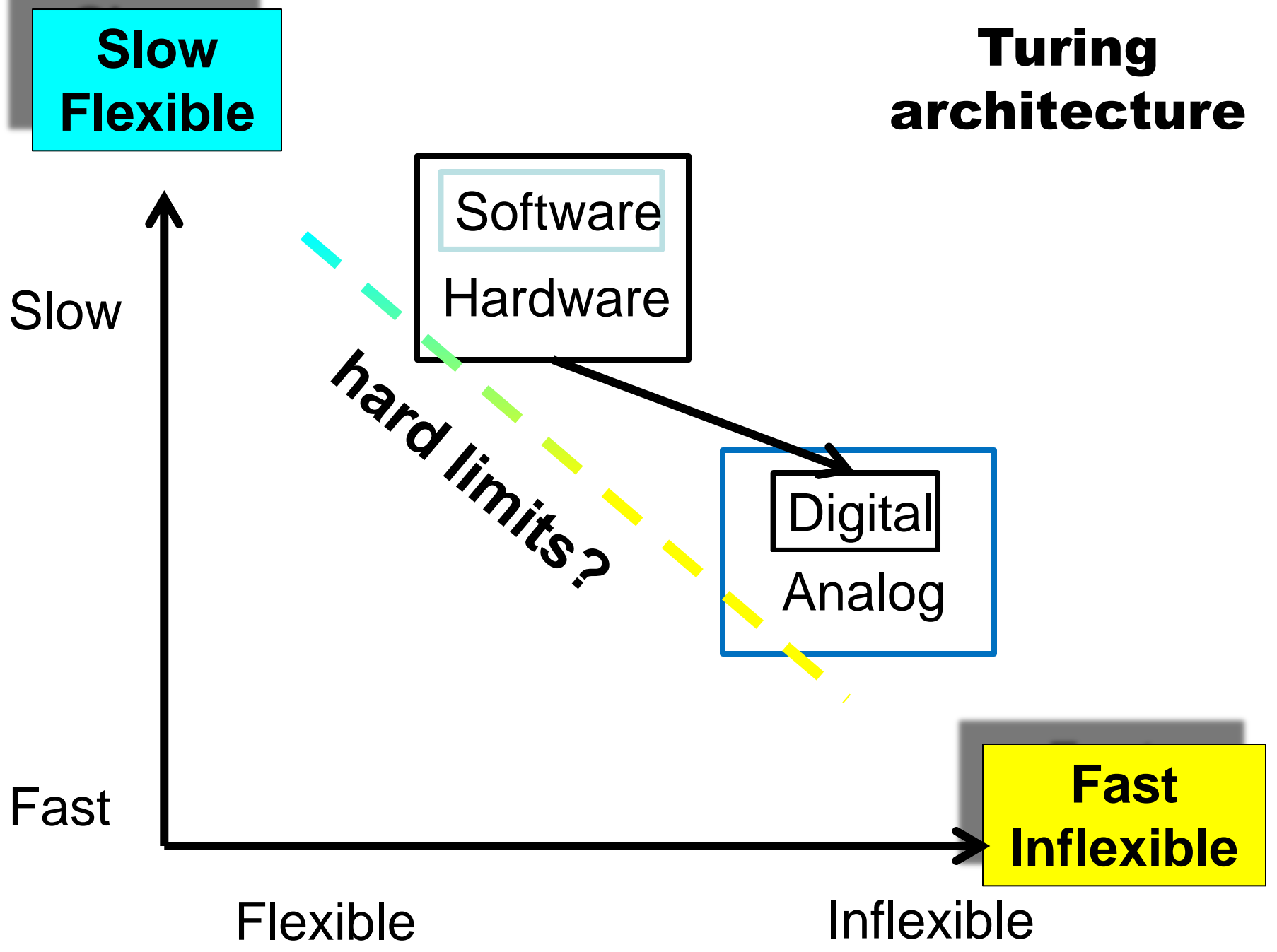
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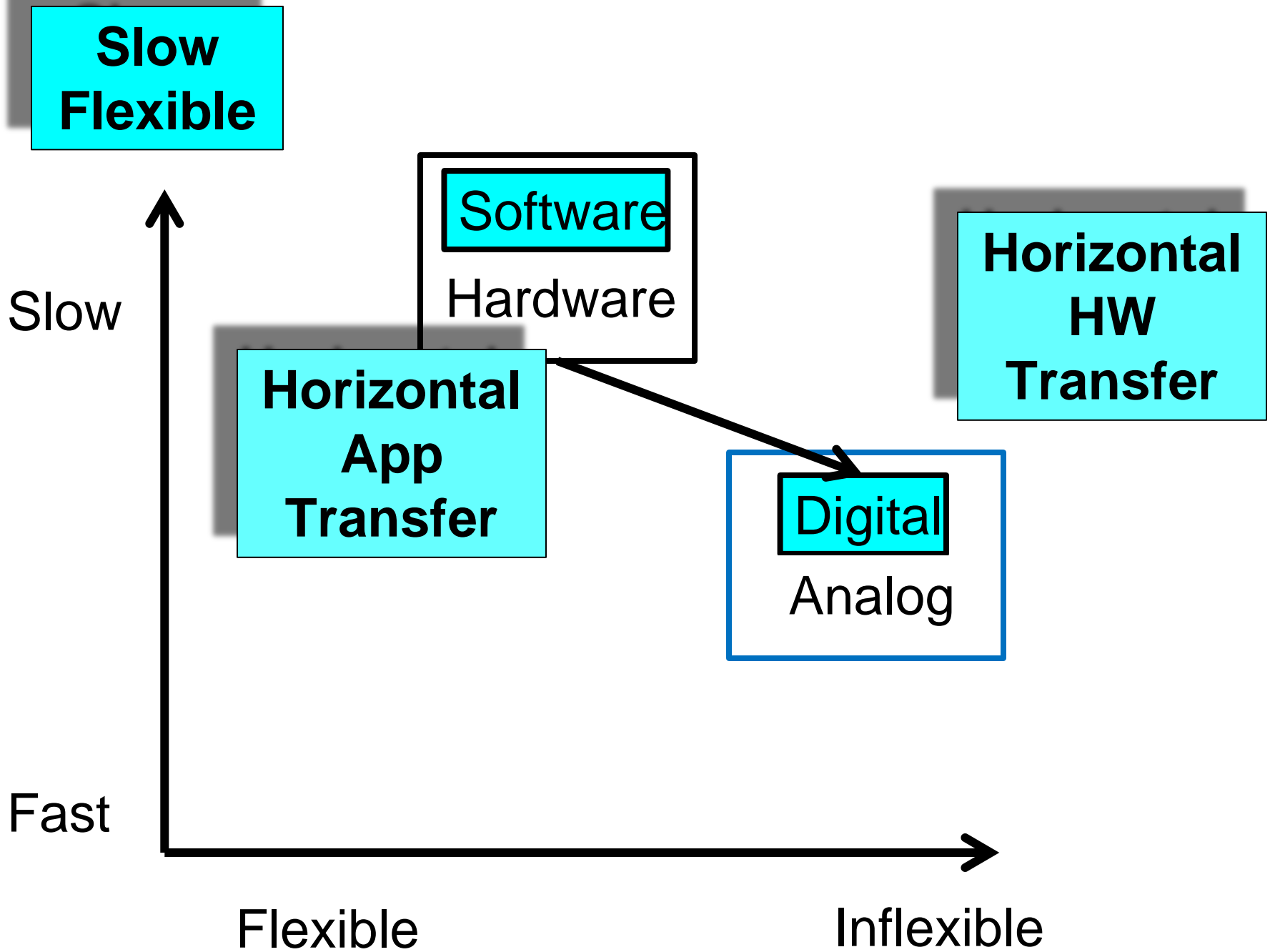
Fast

Flexible

Inflexible

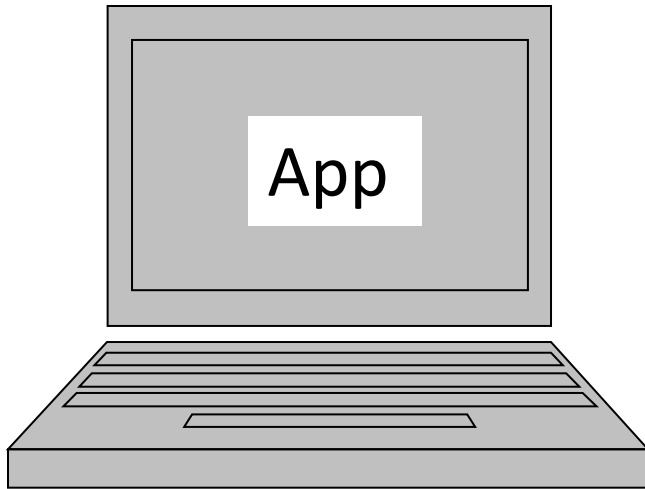
Turing architecture







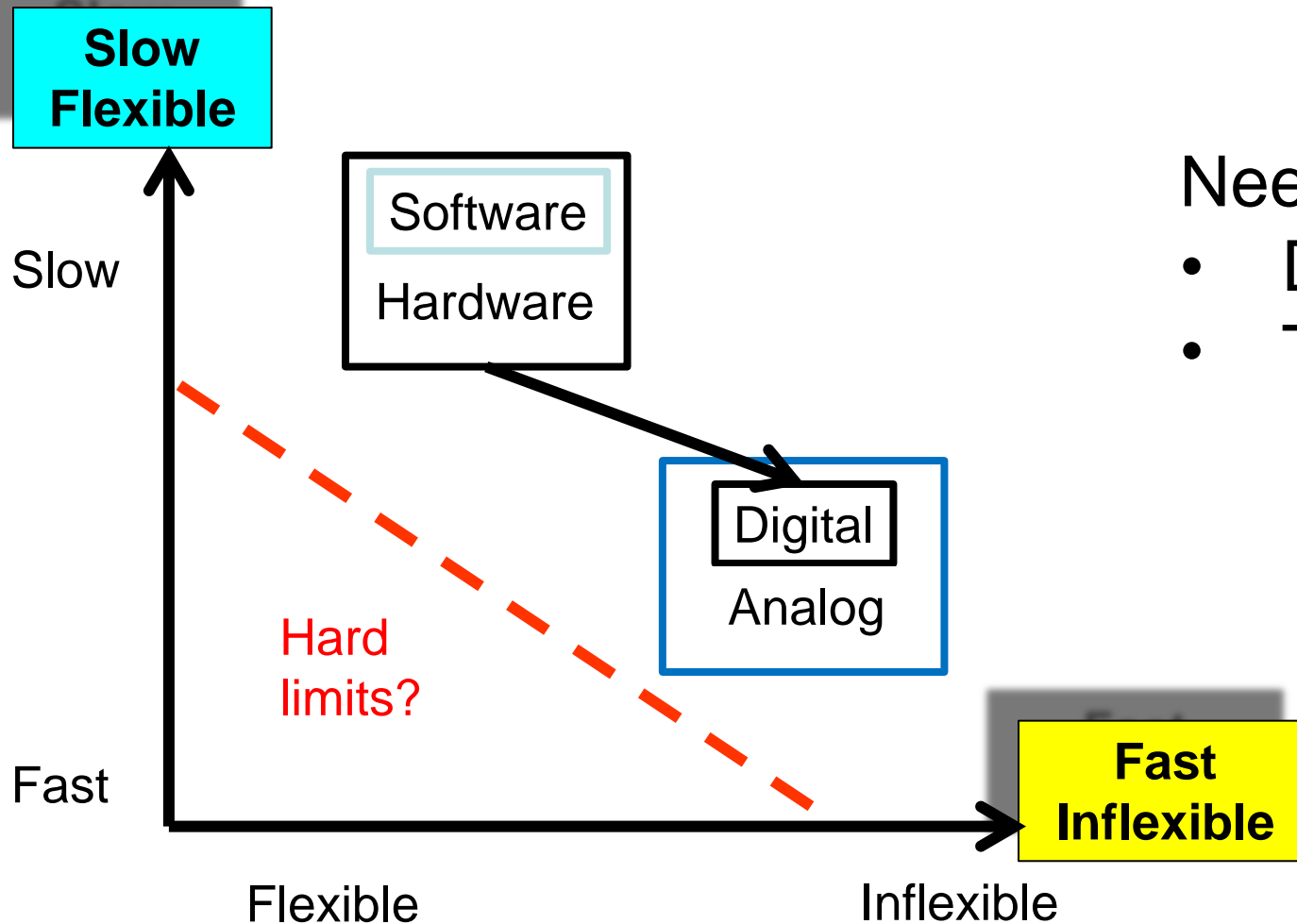
**What you see:
The hardware
interface and the
application
function**



Shared architecture
and infrastructure is
and ***must be*** mostly
hidden

Bacteria and brains have similar:

- layered architectures
- tradeoffs and constraints



Need

- Details
- Theorems

**Flexible/
Adaptable/
Evolvable**

**Horizontal
Meme
Transfer**

frontal

Sensory

Learning

Striatu

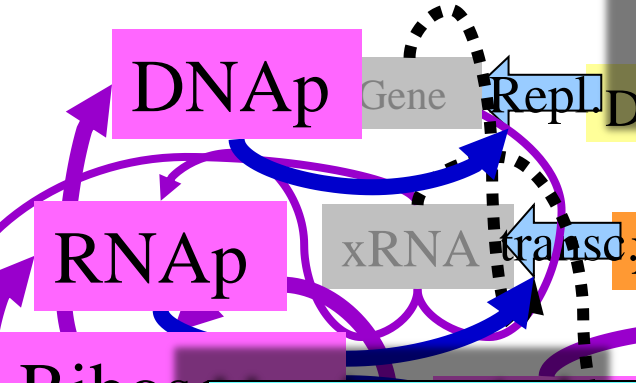
Reflex

Software
Hardware

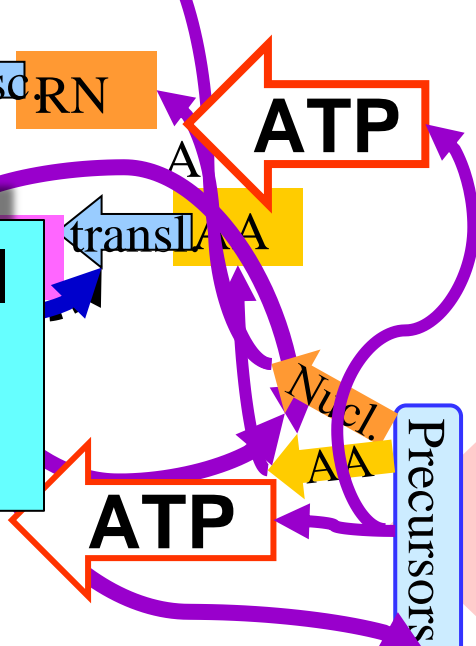
**Horizontal
App
Transfer**

Digital
Analog

**Depends
crucially on
layered
architecture**

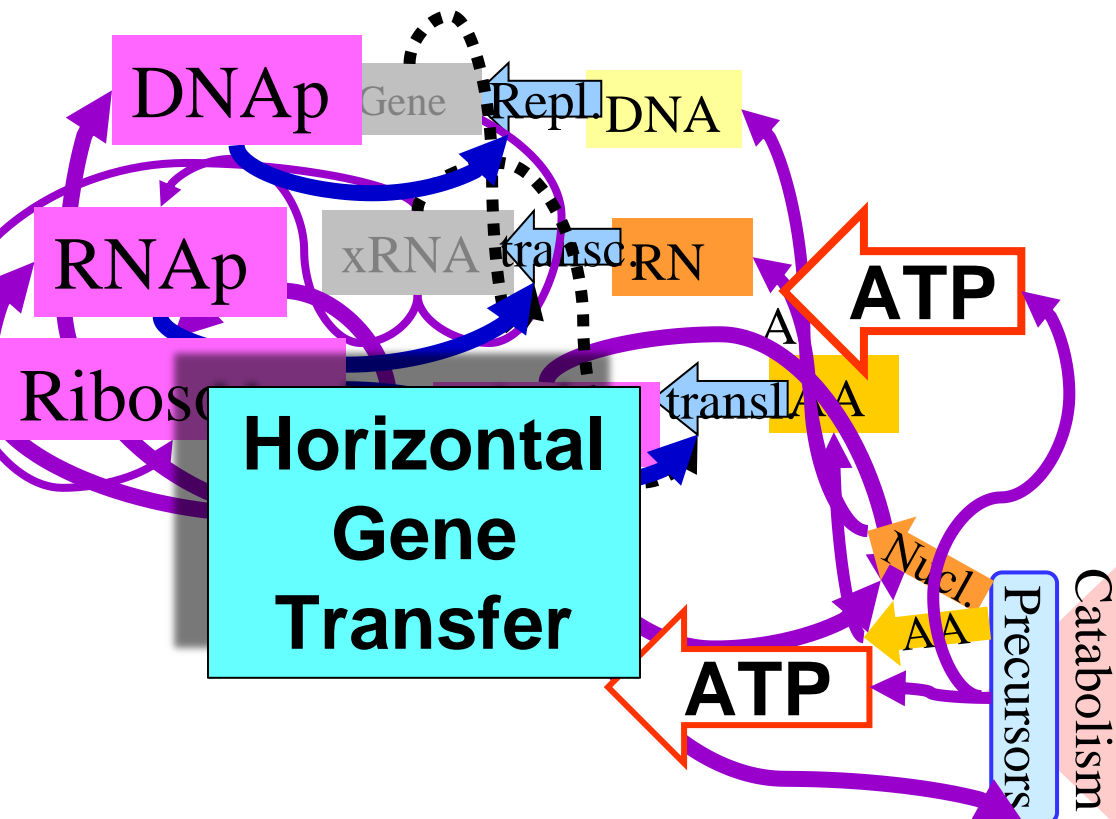


**Horizontal
Gene
Transfer**



Sequence ~100 E Coli (*not* chosen randomly)

- ~ 4K genes per cell
- ~20K *different* genes in total
- ~ 1K universally shared genes
- ~ 300 essential (minimal) genes



See slides on
bacterial
biosphere

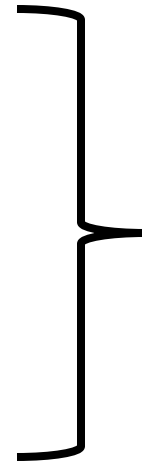
Mechanisms in molecular biology

0. HGT (Horizontal Gene Transfer)
1. DNA replication
2. DNA repair
3. Mutation
4. Transcription
5. Translation
6. Metabolism
7. Signal transduction
8. ...

Think of this as a “protocol stack”

Control 1.0

0. HGT
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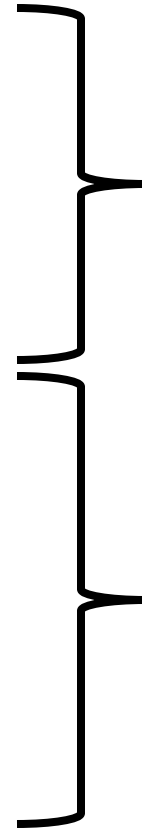


**Highly
controlled**

Think of this as a “protocol stack”

Control 2.0

0. HGT
1. DNA replication
2. DNA repair
3. Mutation
4. Transcription
5. Translation
6. Metabolism
7. Signal transduction
8. ...



Highly
controlled
?!?

Highly
controlled

Think of this as a “protocol stack”

CNS “stack”

Central nervous system

Brain

Prosencephalon

Telencephalon

Rhinencephalon, Amygdala,
Hippocampus, Neocortex, Basal ganglia, Lateral ventricles

Diencephalon

Epithalamus, Thalamus,
Hypothalamus, Subthalamus,
Pituitary gland, Pineal gland,
Third ventricle

Mesencephalon

Tectum, Cerebral peduncle,
Pretectum, Mesencephalic duct

Brain stem

Metencephalon

Pons,
Cerebellum

Rhombencephalon

Myelencephalon

Medulla oblongata

Spinal cord

Universal architectures

What can go wrong?

**Exploiting
layered
architecture**

**Horizontal
Bad Meme
Transfer**



**Horizontal
Bad App
Transfer**

Fragility?

**Horizontal
Bad Gene
Transfer**

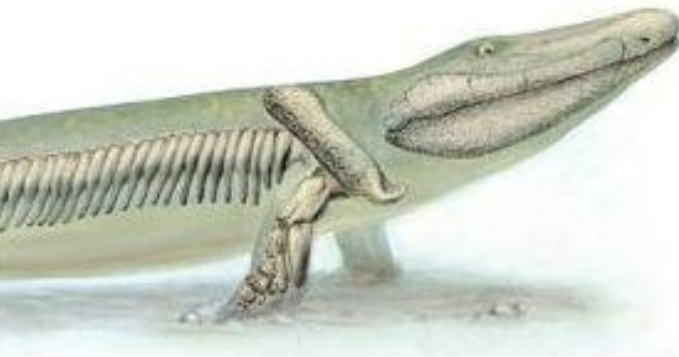


**Parasites &
Hijacking**

Unfortunately, not
intelligent design

YOUR INNER FISH

A JOURNEY INTO
THE
3.5-BILLION-YEAR HISTORY
OF THE
HUMAN BODY

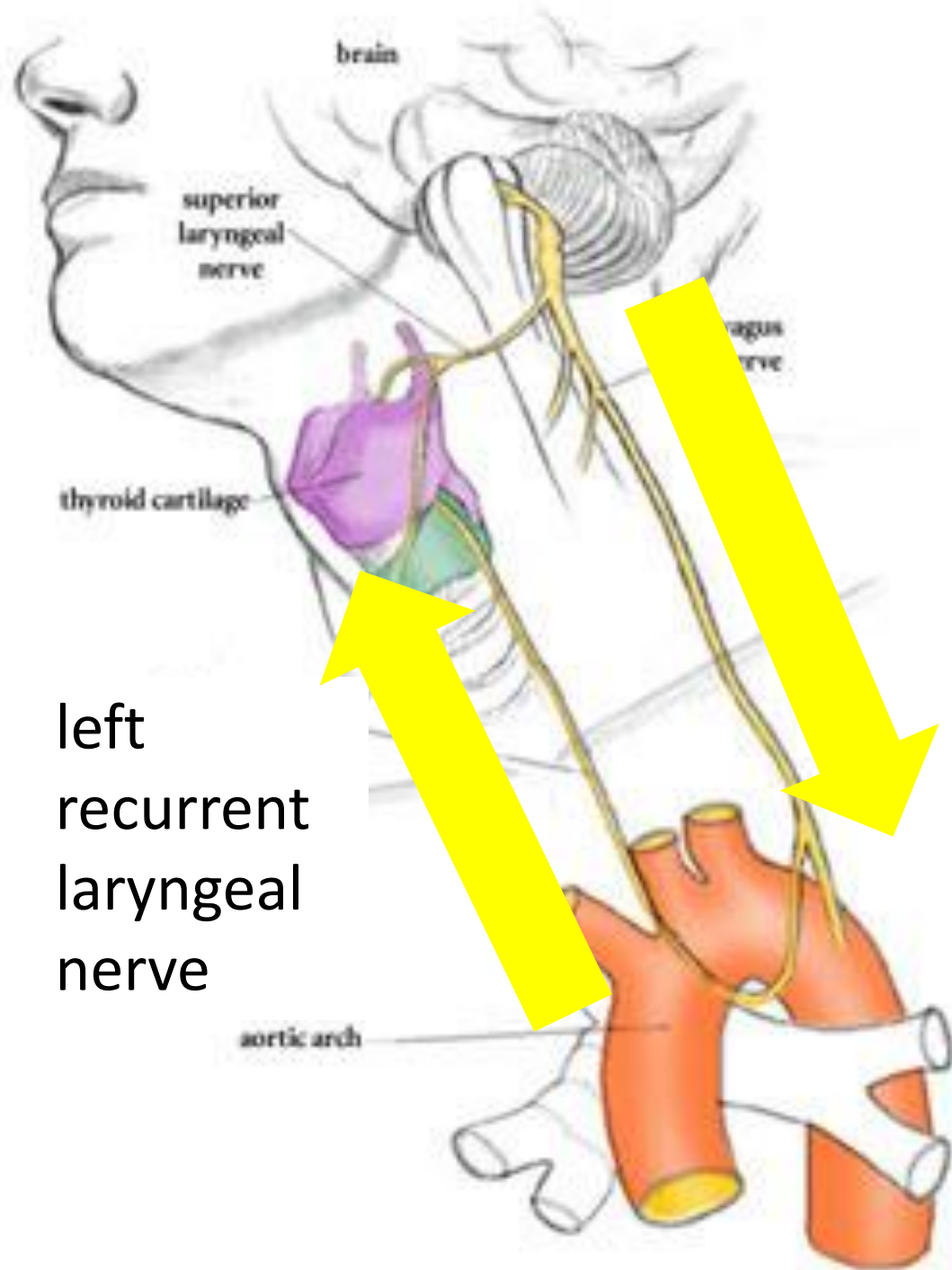
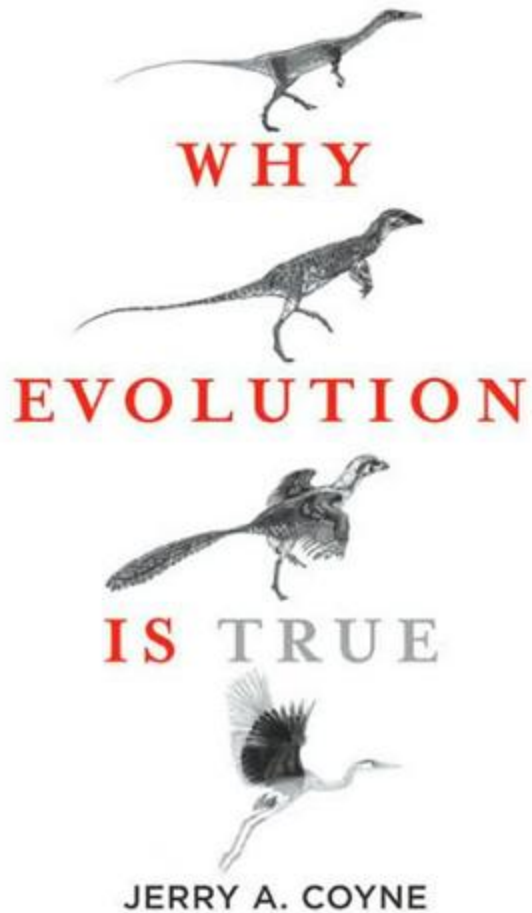


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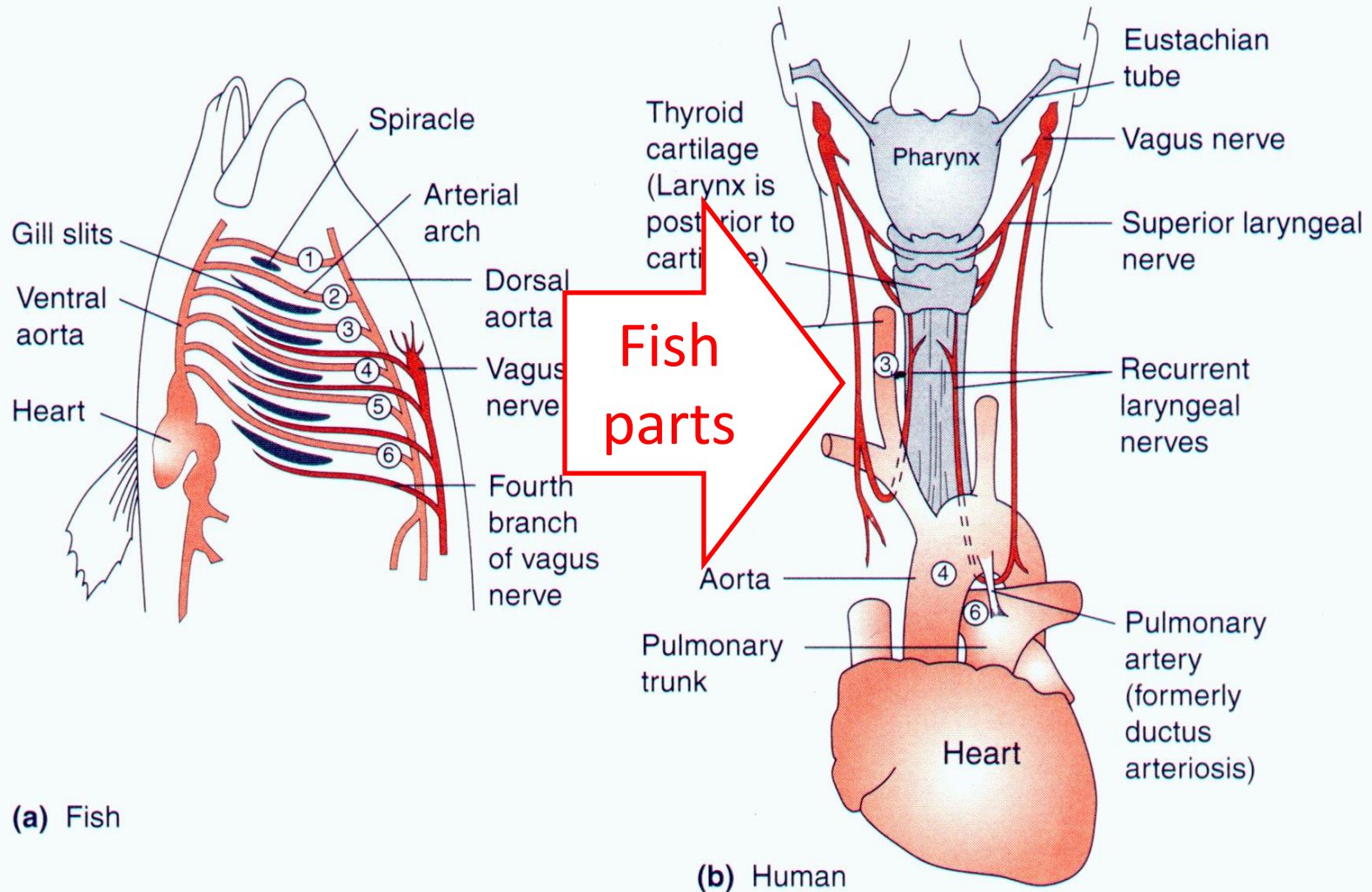


Ouch.

Why?



Why? Building humans from fish parts.

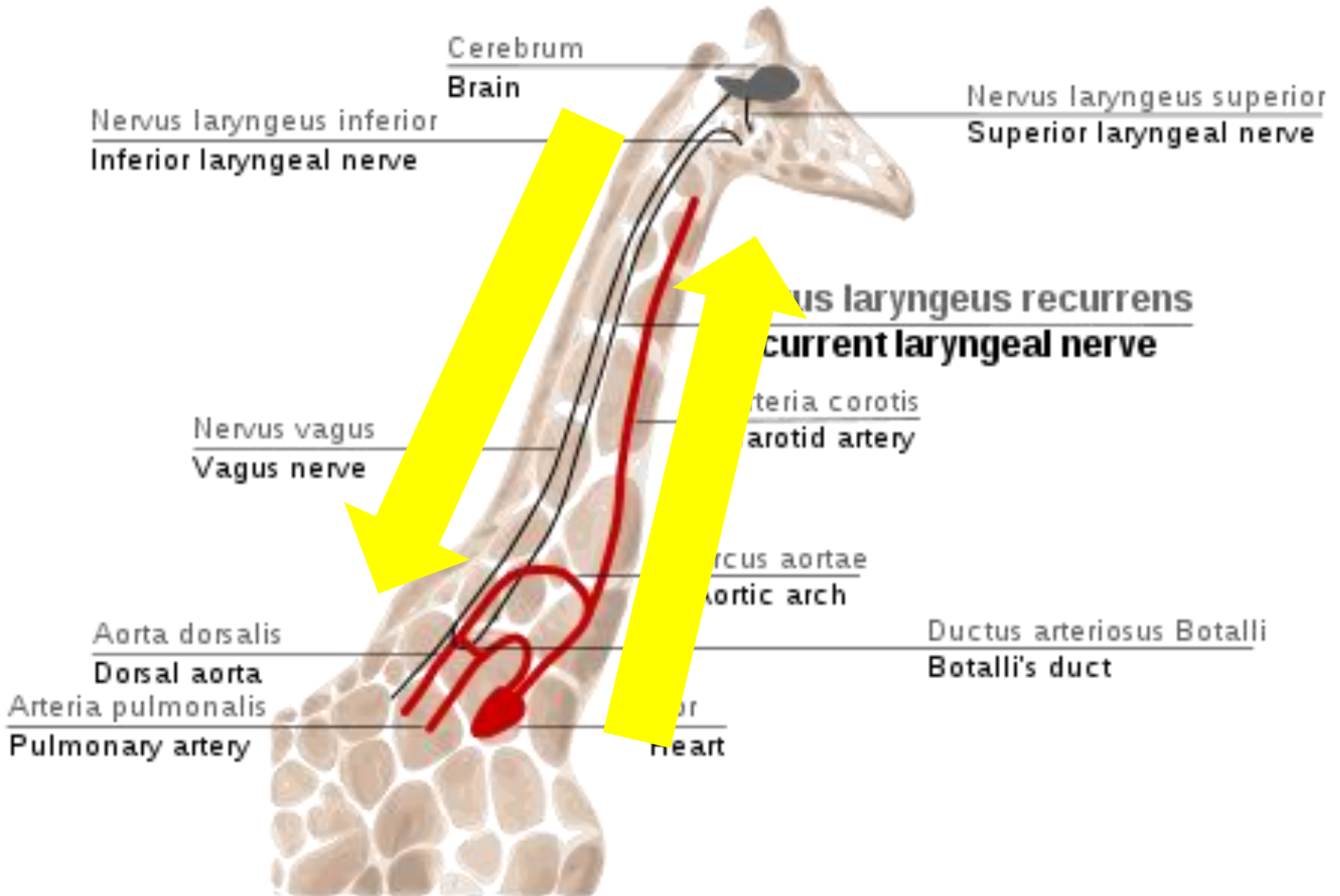


(a) Fish

(b) Human

FIGURE 3-11 Schematic diagram showing the relationship between the vagus cranial nerve and the arterial arches in fish (a) and human (b). Only the third, fourth, and part of the sixth arterial arches remain in placental mammals, the sixth acting only during fetal development to carry blood to the placenta. The fourth vagal nerve in mammals (the recurrent laryngeal nerve) loops around the sixth arterial arch just as it did in the original fishlike ancestor, but must now travel a greater distance since the remnant of the sixth arch is in the thorax.

It could be worse.



IPC



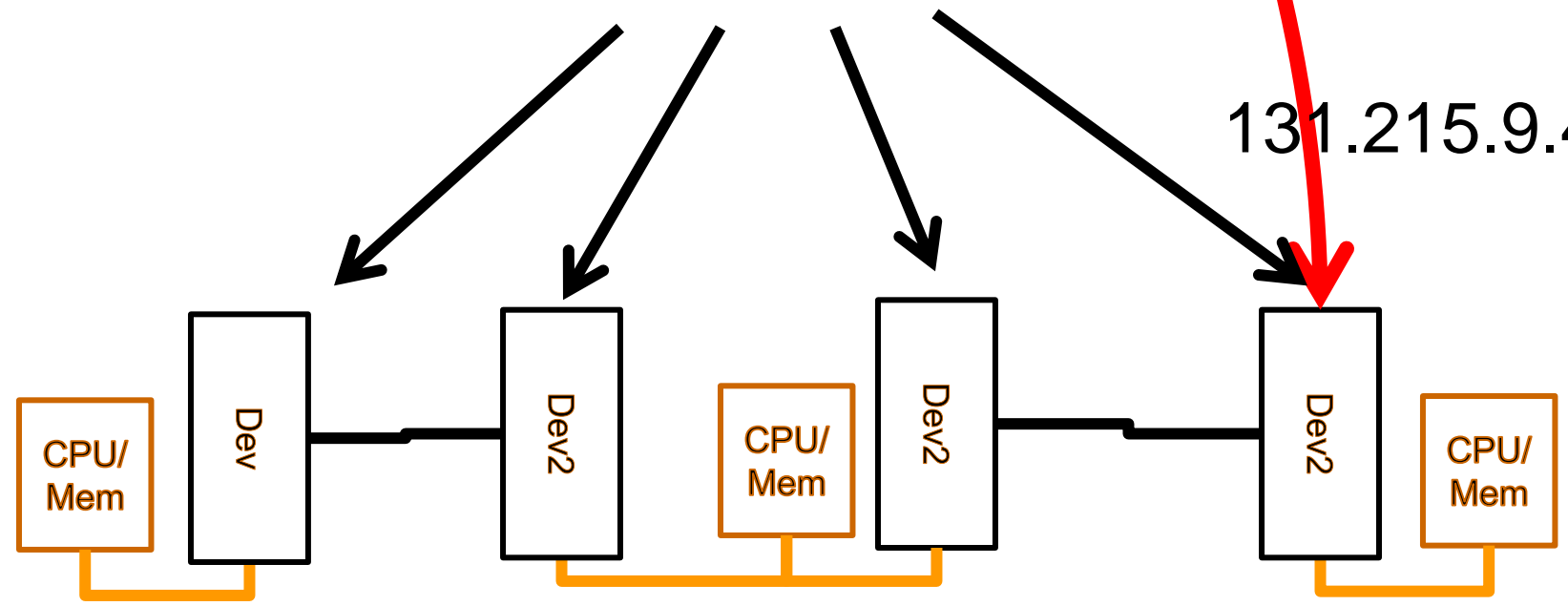
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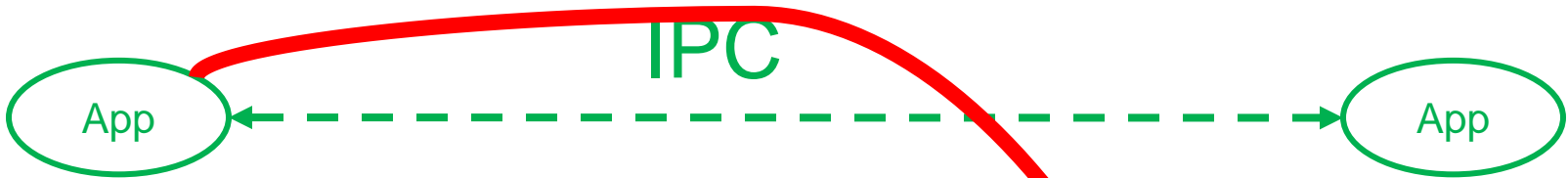
DNS

Global and direct access to physical address!

IP addresses interfaces (not nodes)

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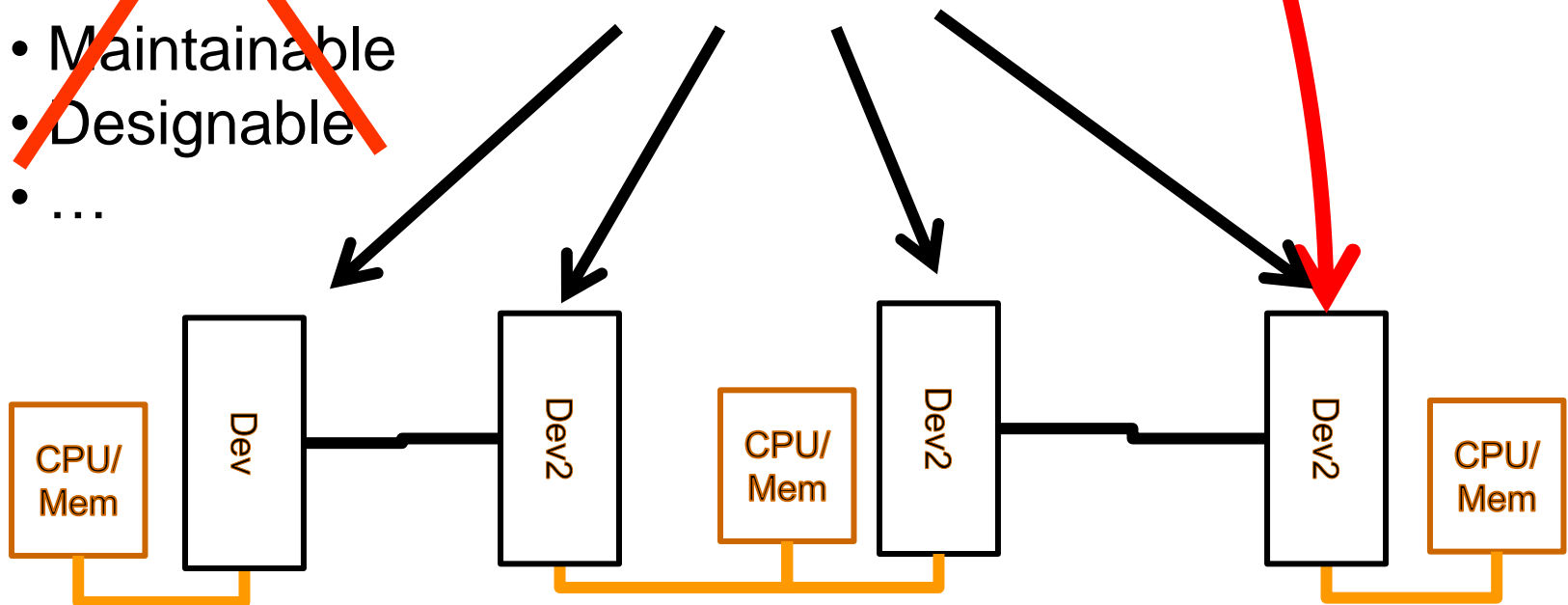
DNS

Global
and direct
access to
physical
address!

~~Robust?~~

- ~~• Secure~~
- ~~• Scalable~~
- ~~• Verifiable~~
- ~~• Evolvable~~
- ~~• Maintainable~~
- ~~• Designable~~
- ~~• ...~~

**IP addresses
interfaces
(not nodes)**

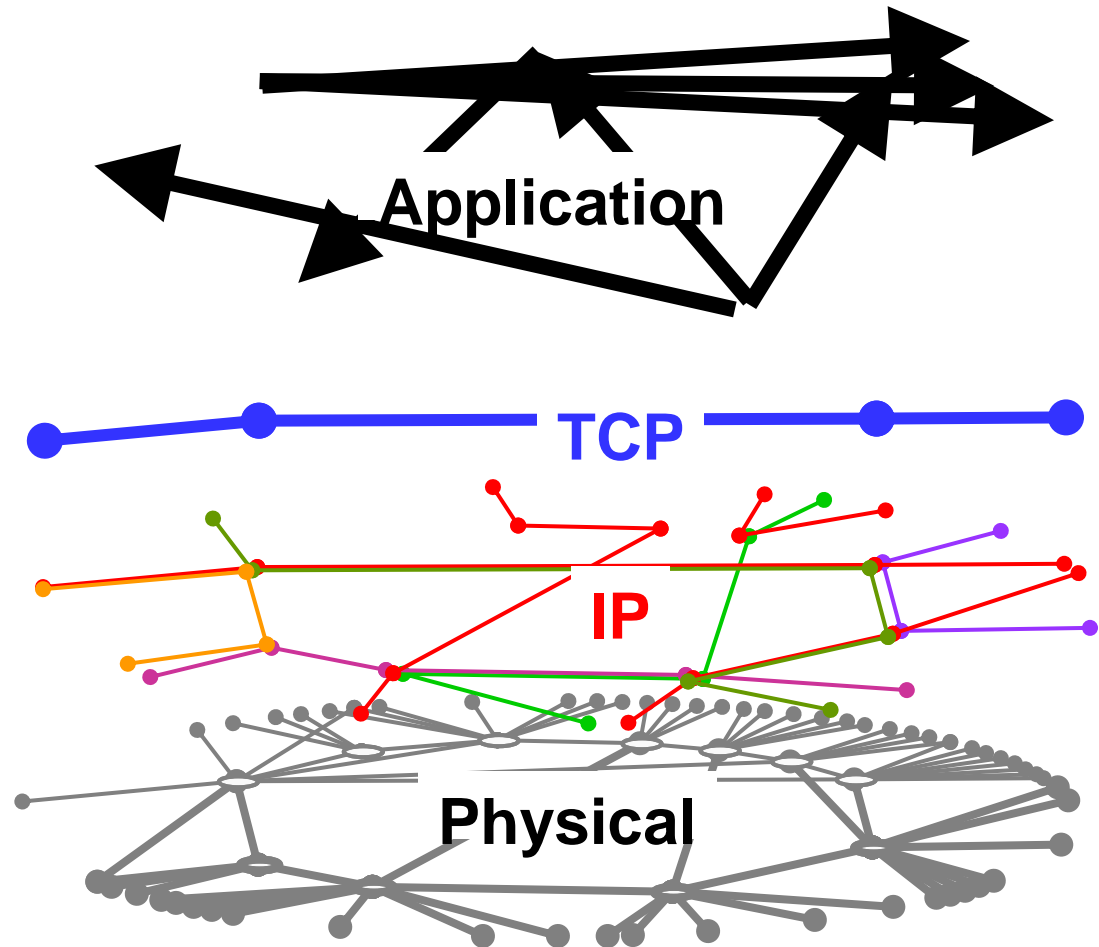


Naming and addressing need to have **scope** and

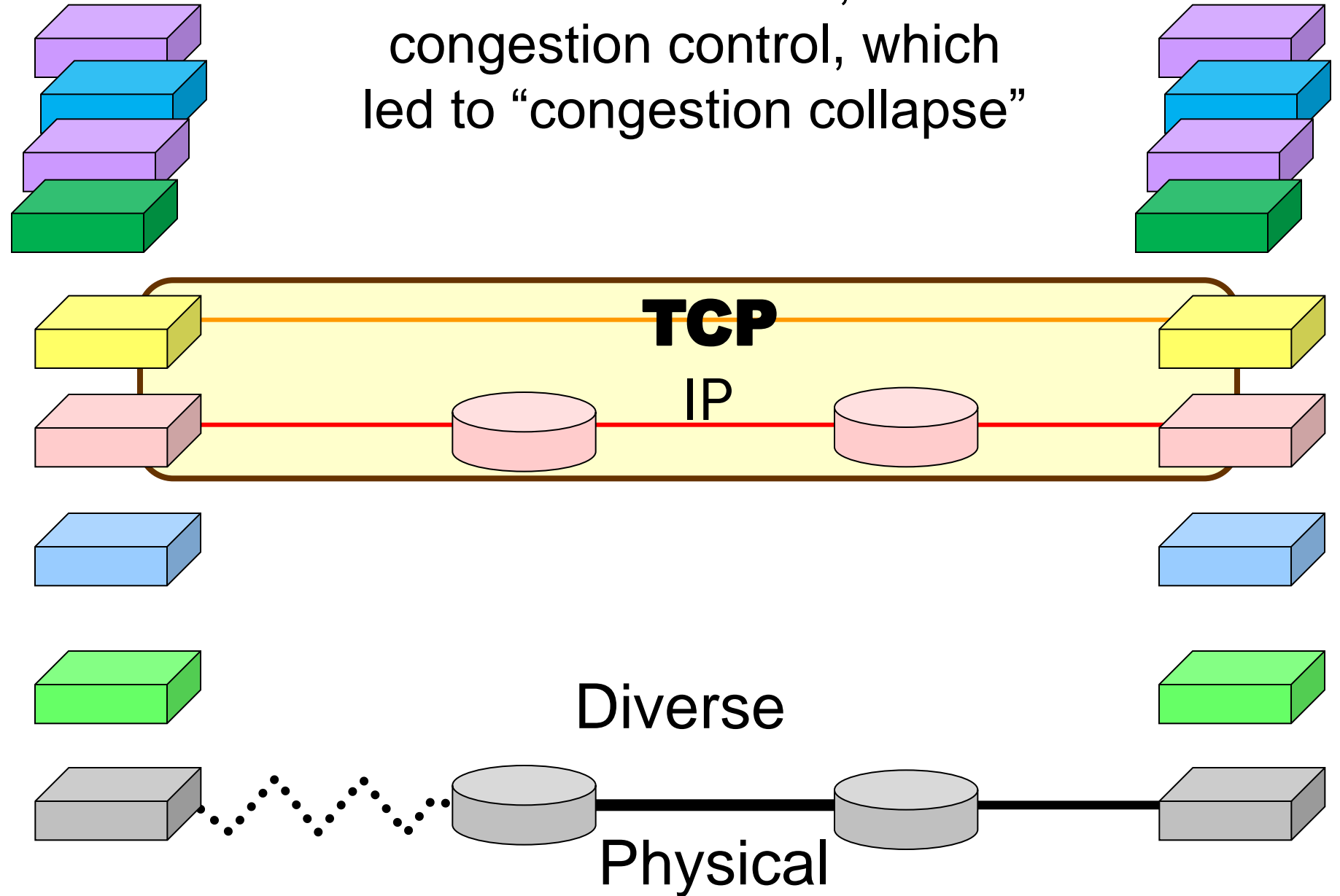
- resolved within layer
- translated between layers
- not exposed outside of layer

Related “issues”

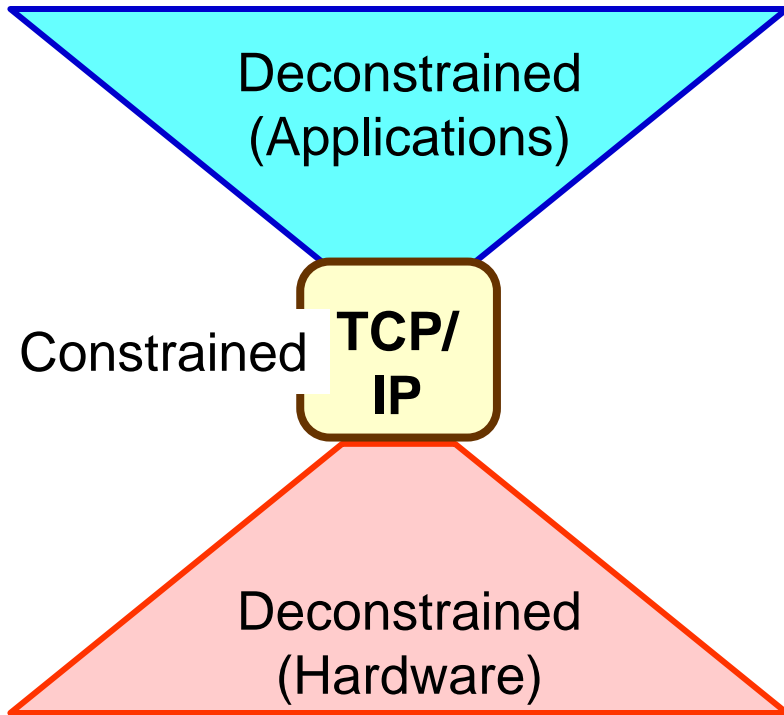
- VPNs
- NATS
- Firewalls
- Multihoming
- Mobility
- Routing table size
- Overlays
- ...



Until late 1980s, no congestion control, which led to “congestion collapse”



Original design challenge?



Networked OS

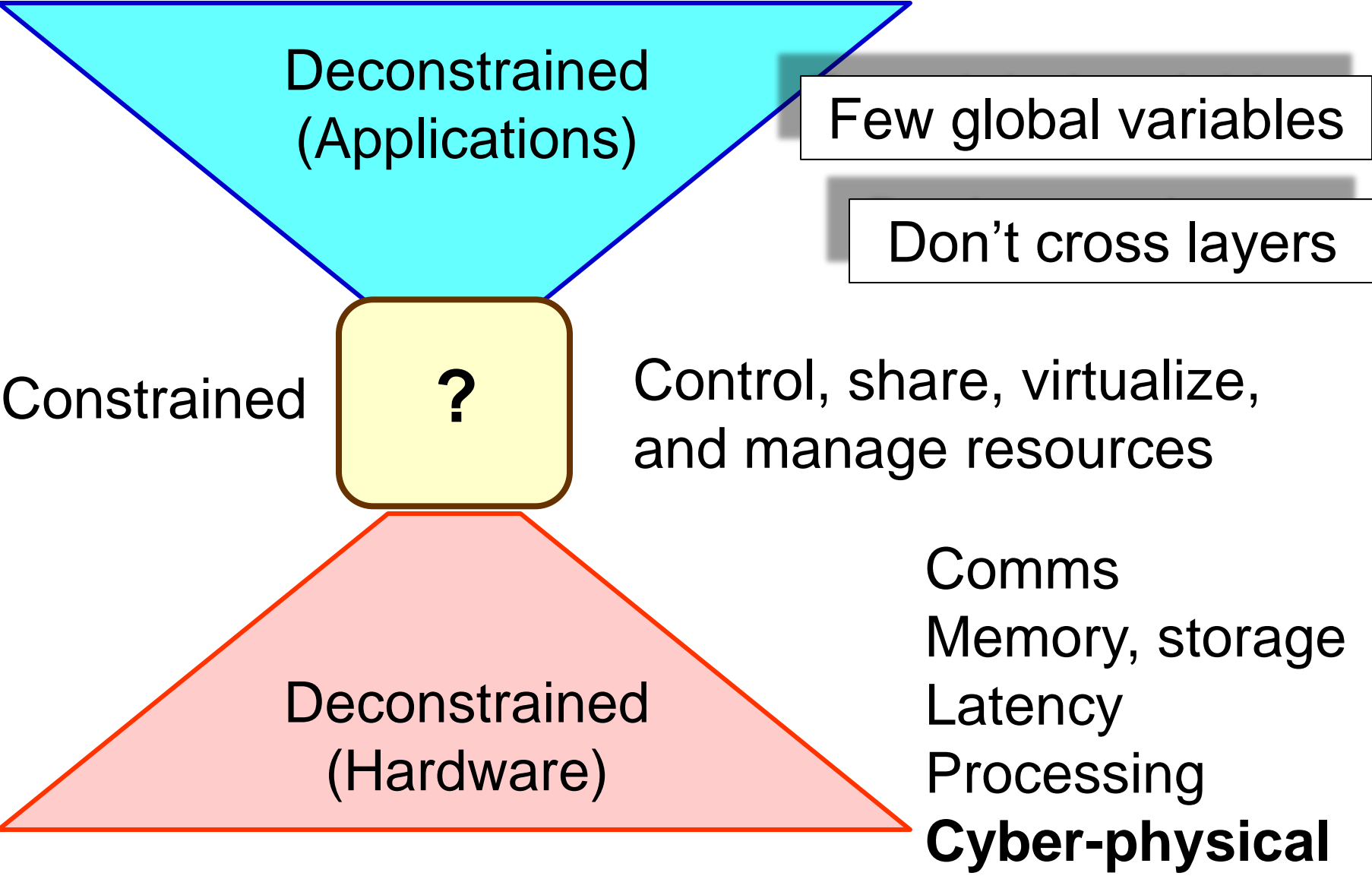
- Expensive mainframes
- Trusted end systems
- Homogeneous
- Sender centric
- Unreliable comms

Facilitated wild evolution

Created

- whole new ecosystem
- completely opposite

Next layered architectures



Deconstrained
(Applications)

Few global variables

Don't cross layers

?

Constrained

Control, share, virtualize,
and manage resources

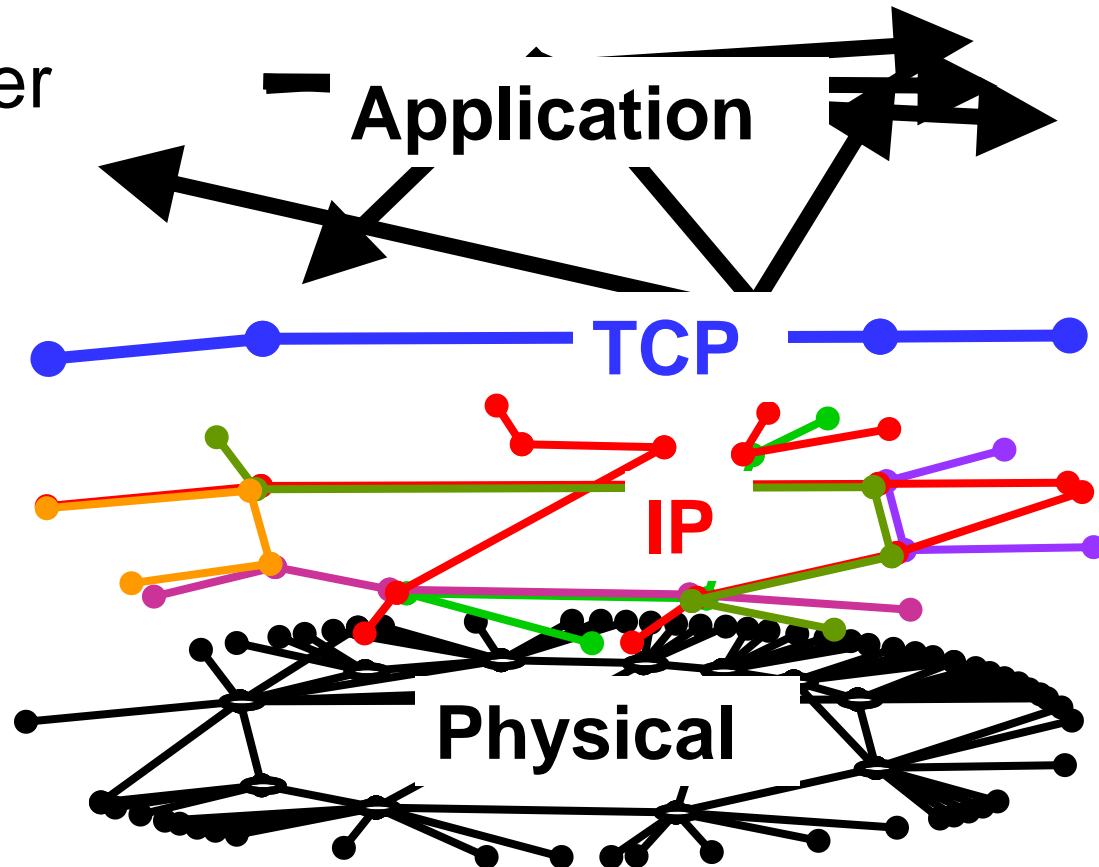
Deconstrained
(Hardware)

- Comms
- Memory, storage
- Latency
- Processing
- Cyber-physical**

**Persistent errors
and confusion
("network science")**

Architecture is *least*
graph topology.

Every layer
has
different
diverse
graphs.



Architecture
facilitates
arbitrary
graphs.

The “robust yet fragile” nature of the Internet

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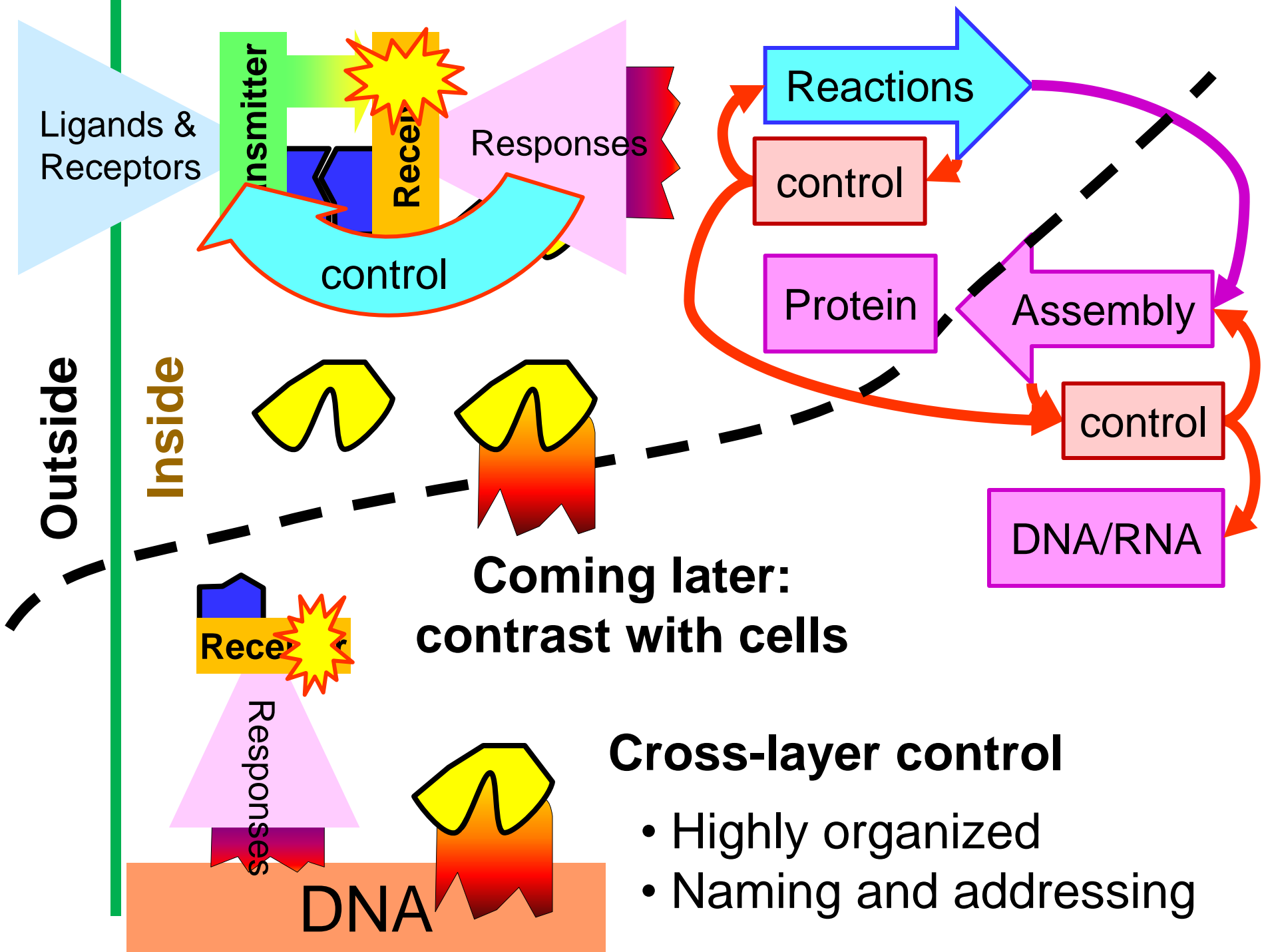
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Mathematics and the
Internet: A Source of
Enormous Confusion
and Great Potential

Walter Willinger, David Alderson, and John C. Doyle



Inside every cell

Catabolism

Precursors

ATP

AA

Nucl.

Enzymes

almost

Macro-layers

Building Blocks

AA

transl.

Proteins

ATP

Ribosome

RNA

transc.

xRNA

RNAP

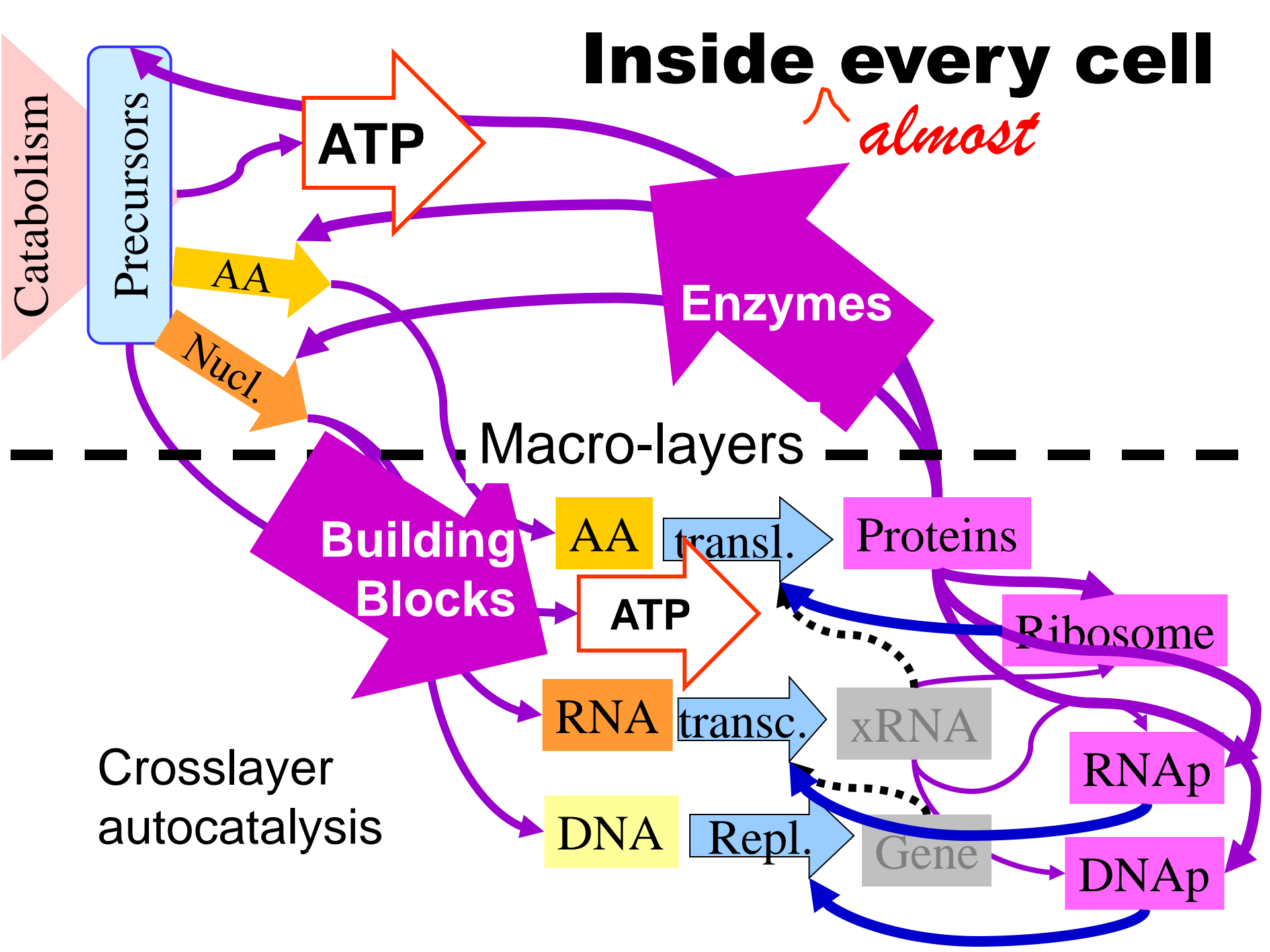
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Repl.

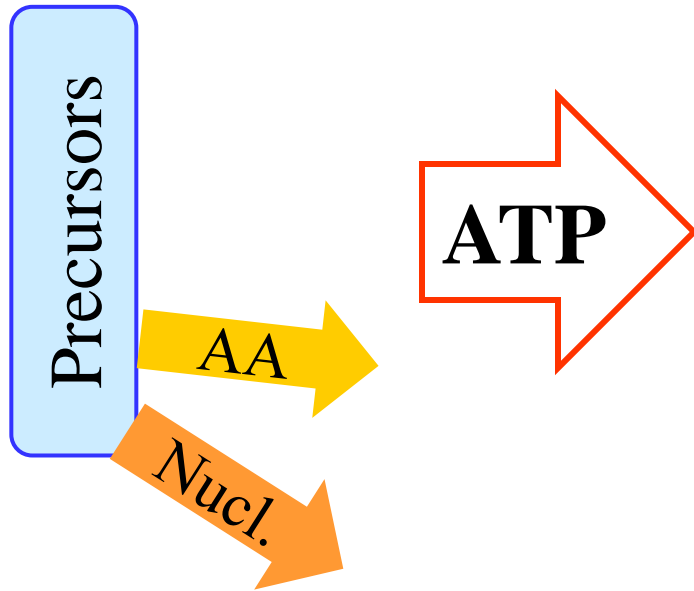
Gene

DNAP

Crosslayer autocatalysis

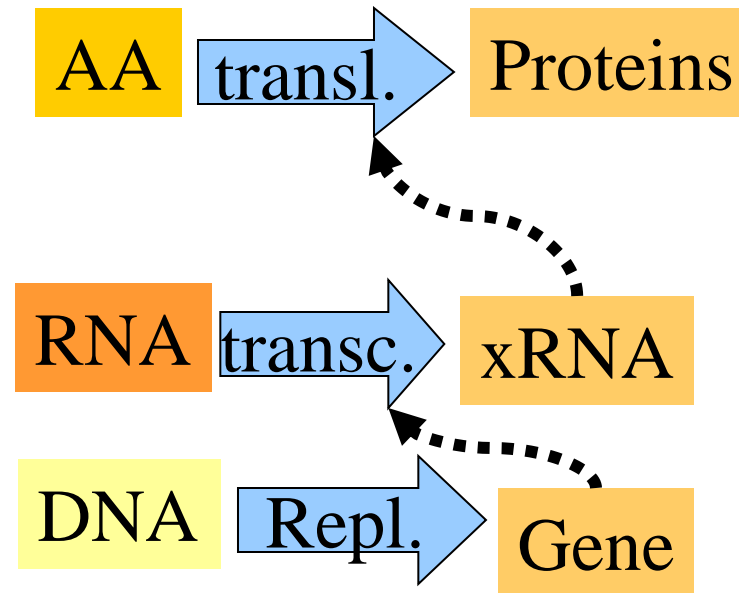


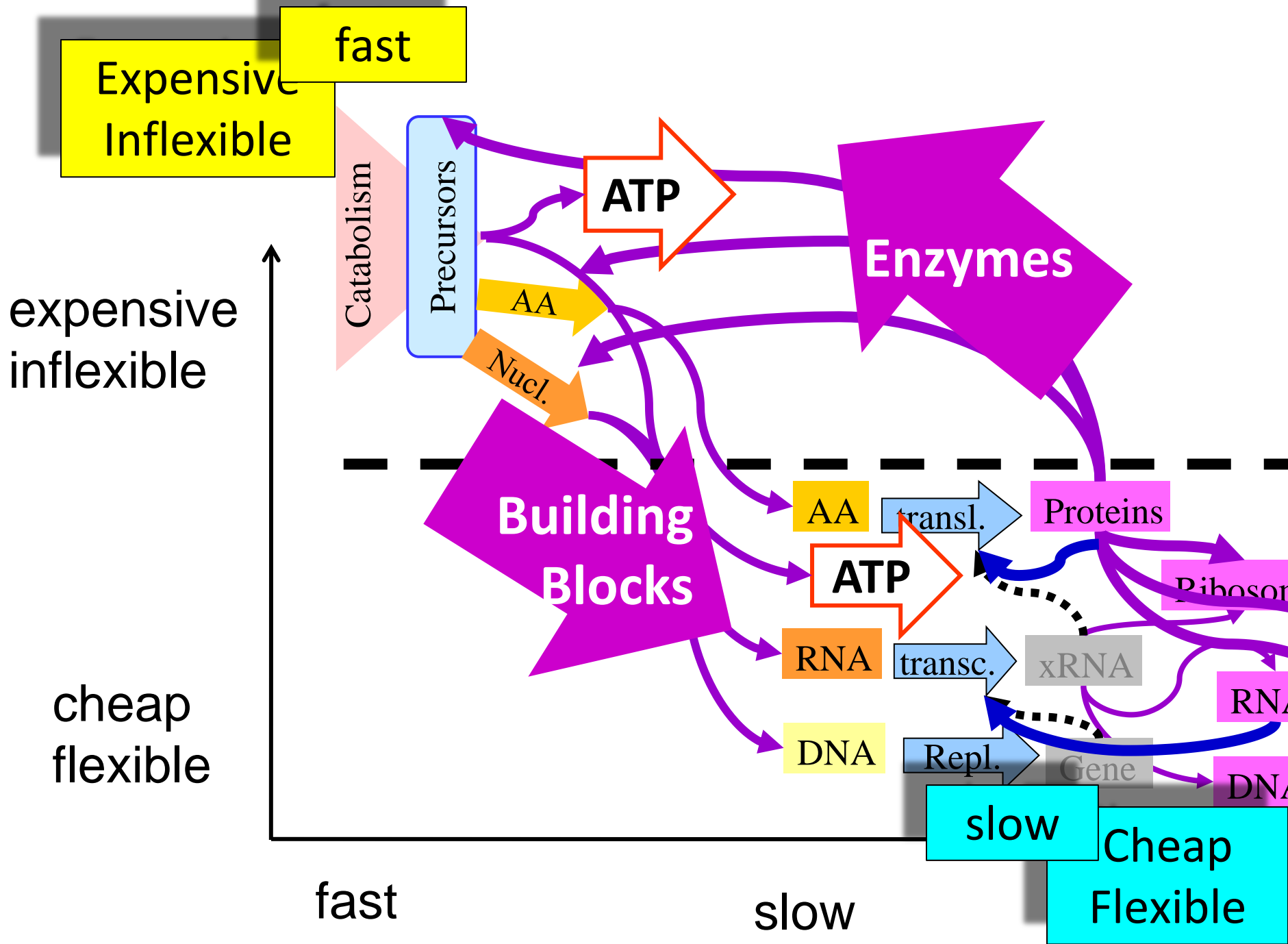
Shared protocols

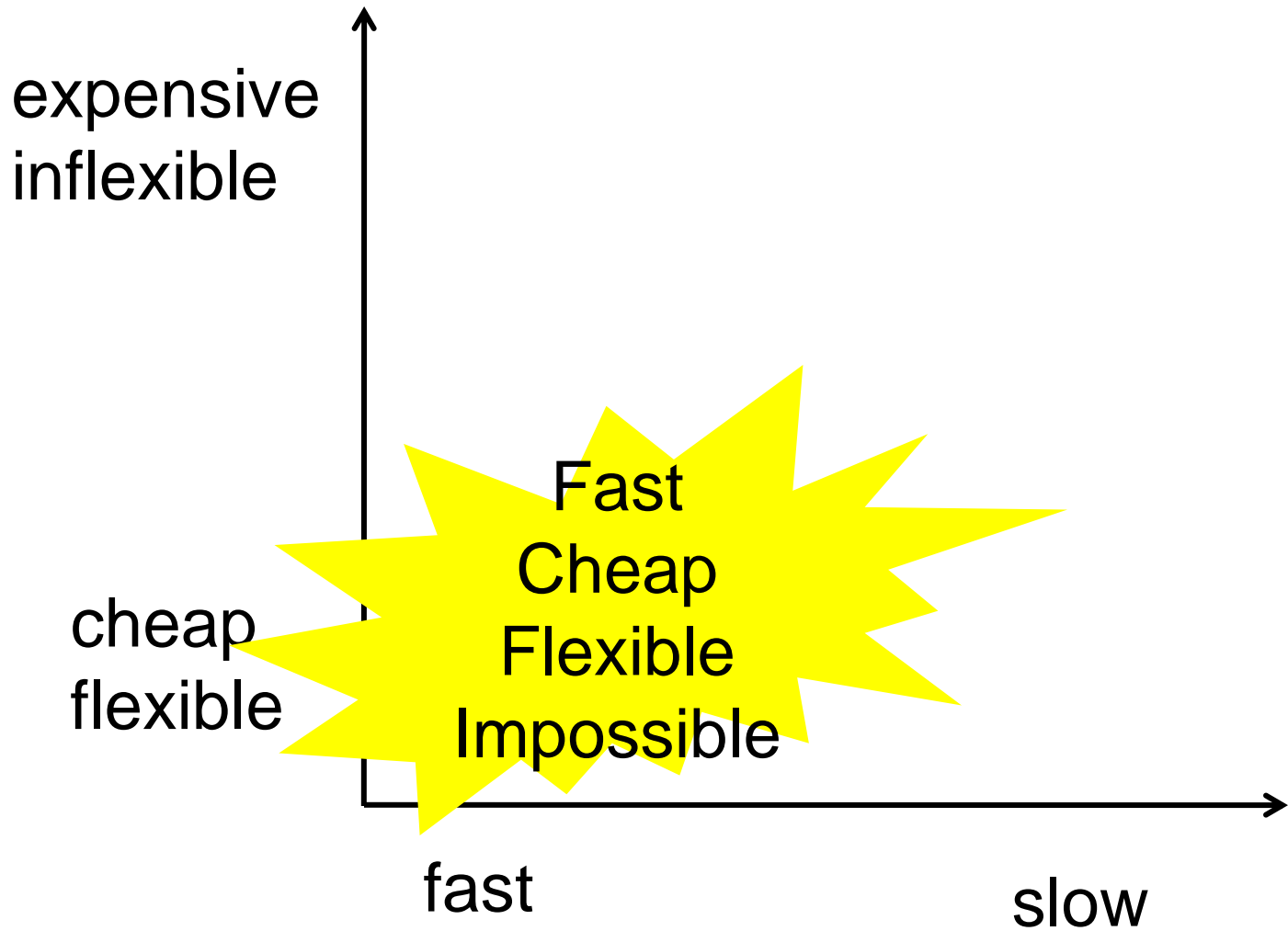


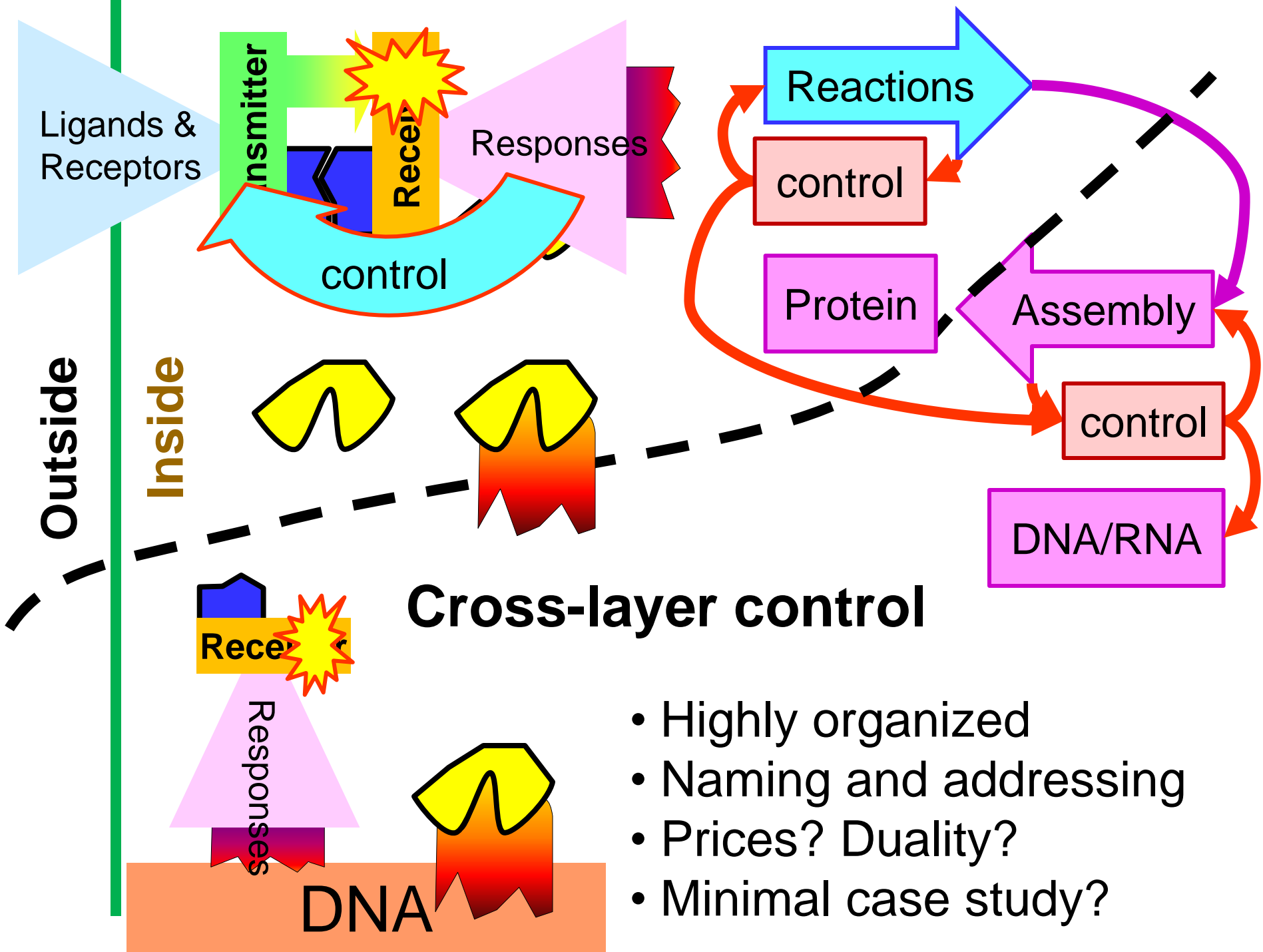
- Universal core constraints
- “virtual machines”

NAD



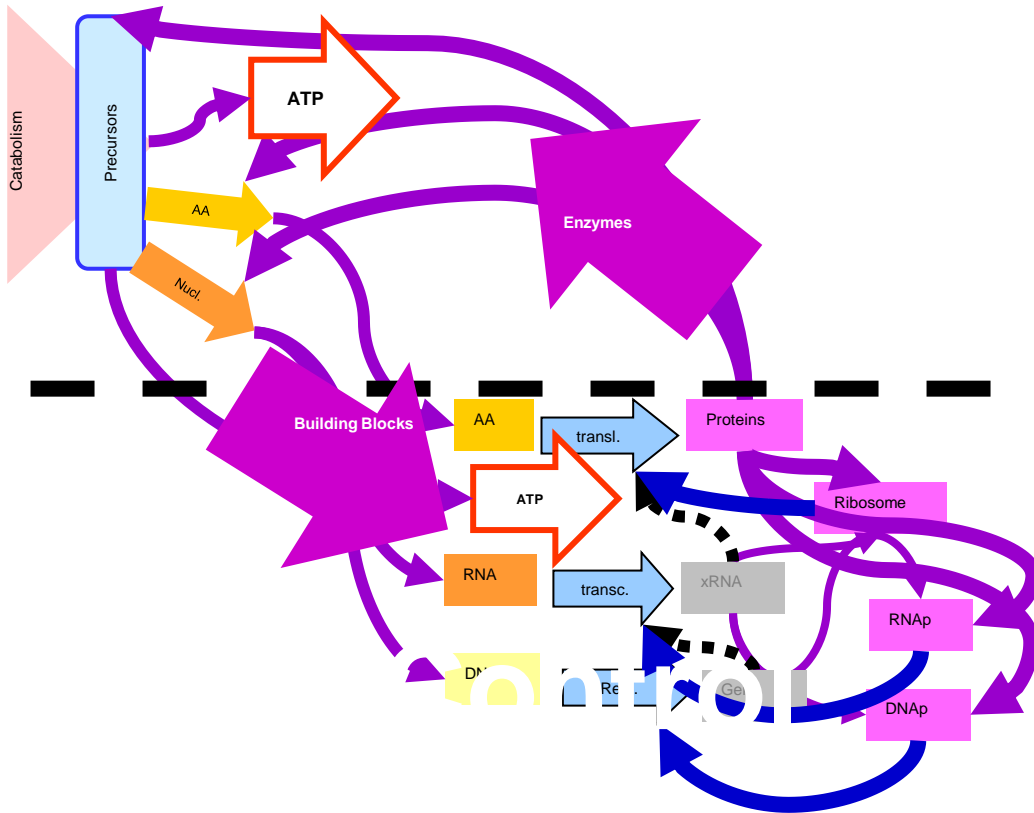






- Highly organized
- Naming and addressing
- Prices? Duality?
- Minimal case study?

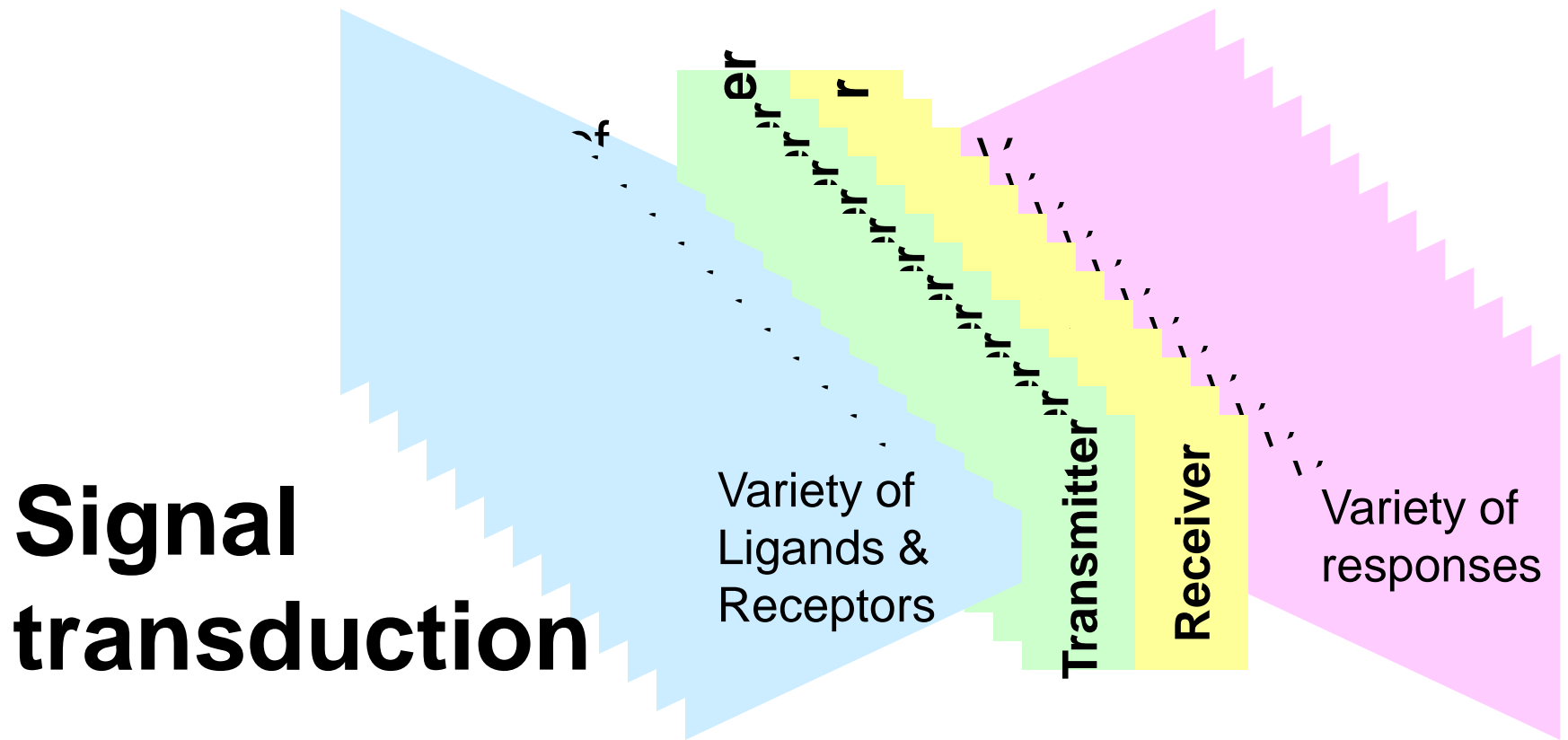
Upper megalayer/metalayer performs all cell functions, behaviors, scope is functional, distributed

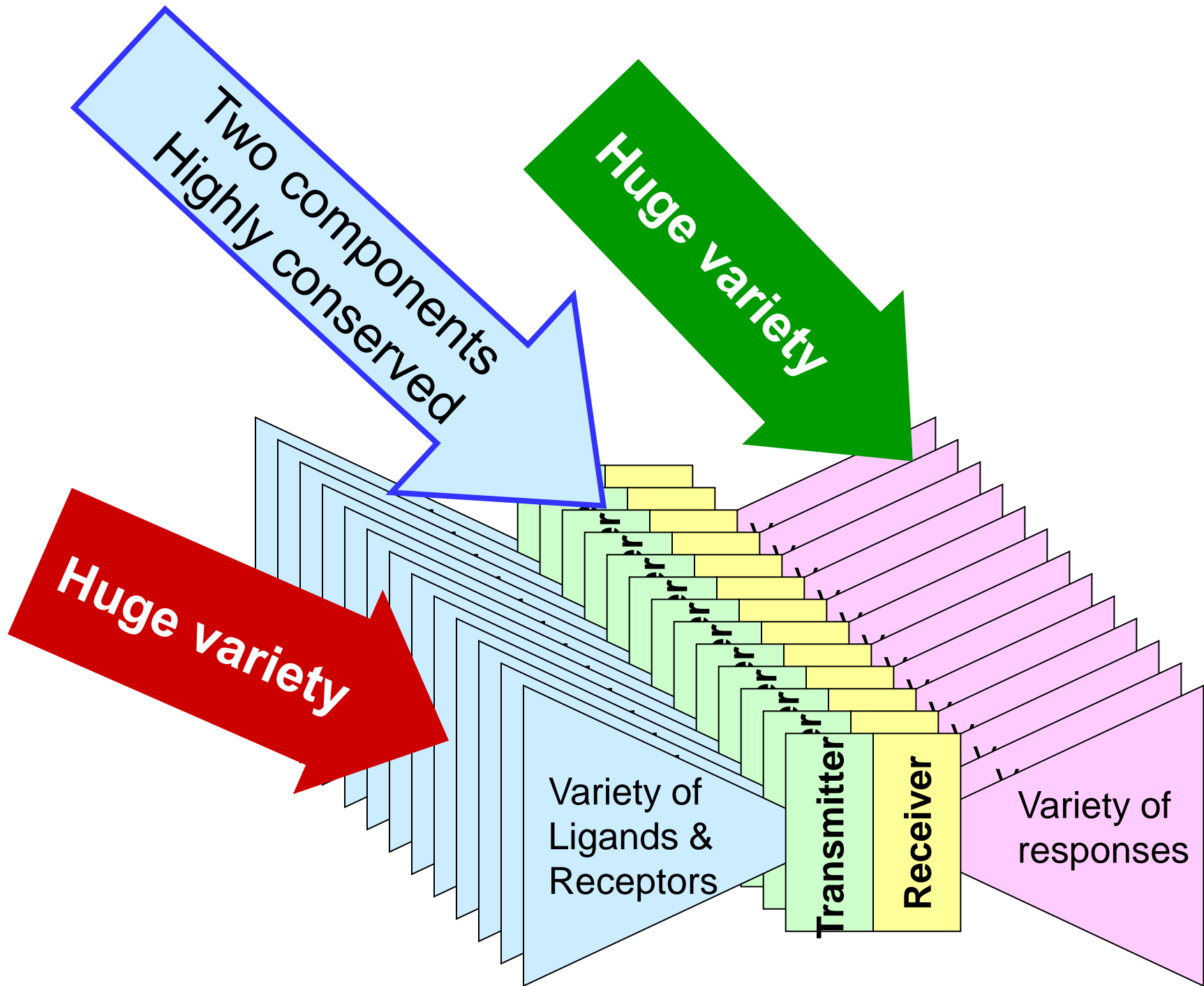


Signal transduction and transcription factors do name/address translation

Genome is physical, scope is location

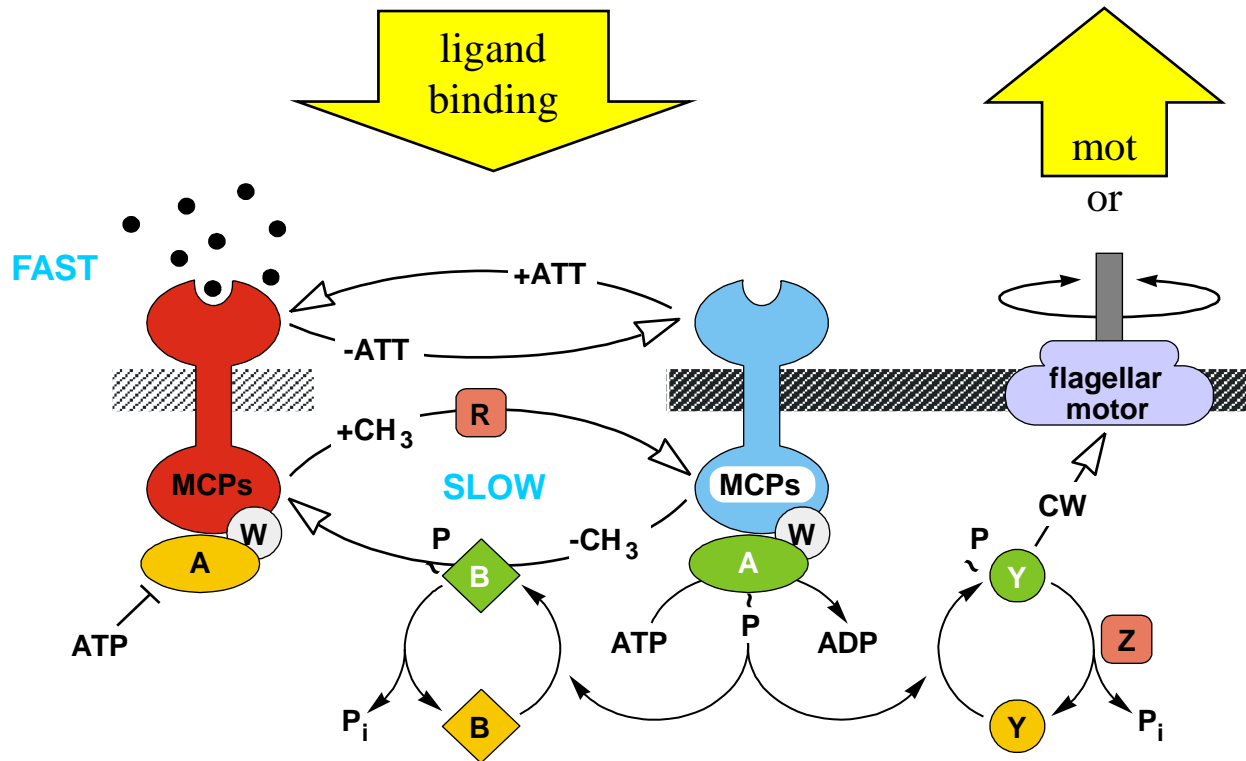
- ≈ 50 such “two component” systems in *E. Coli*
- All use the same protocol
 - Histidine autokinase transmitter
 - Aspartyl phospho-acceptor receiver
- Huge variety of receptors and responses
- Also multistage (phosphorelay) versions



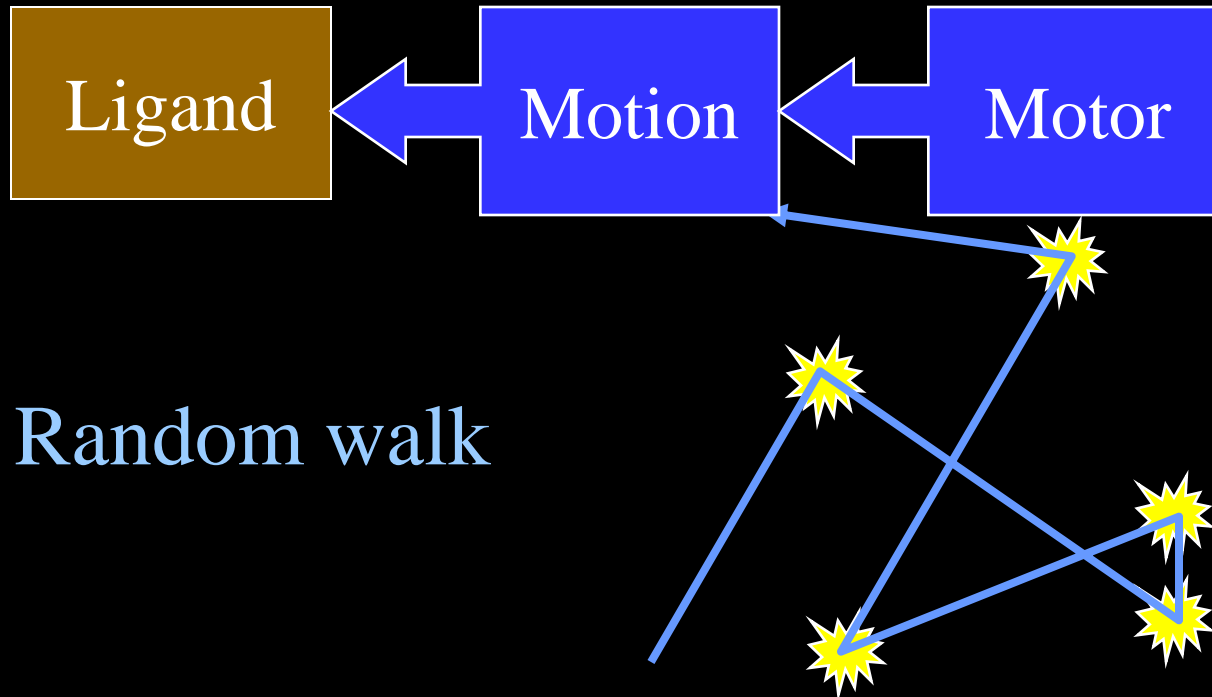


More necessity and robustness

- Integral feedback and signal transduction (bacterial chemotaxis, G protein) (Yi, Huang, Simon)
- Example of “exploratory process”

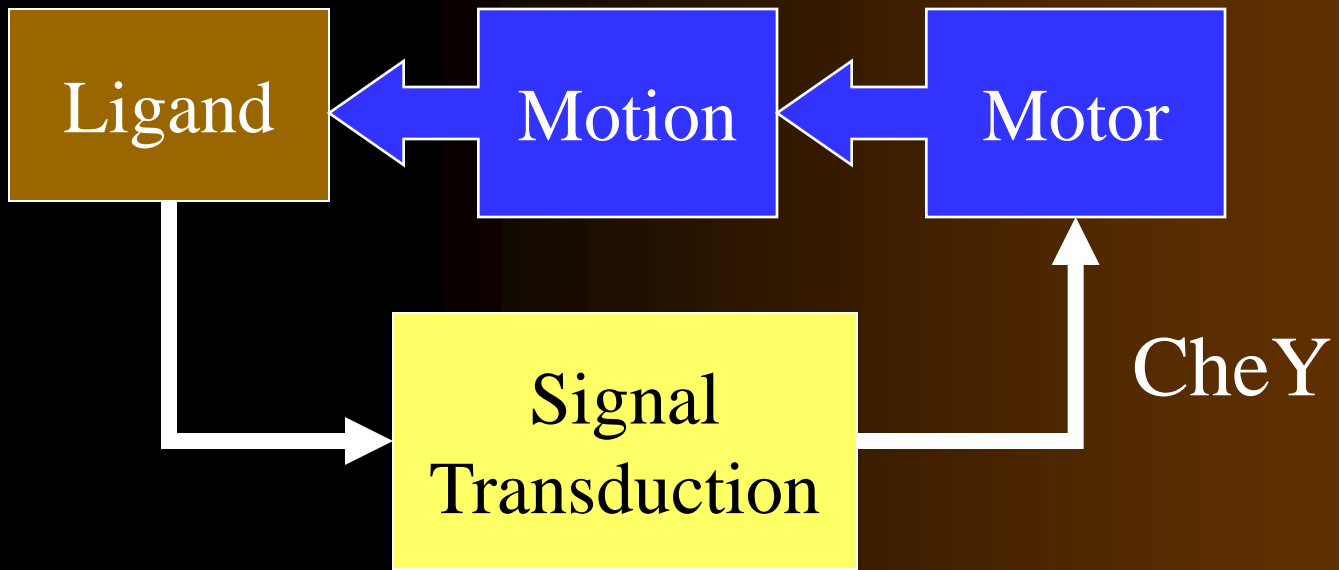


Bacterial chemotaxis

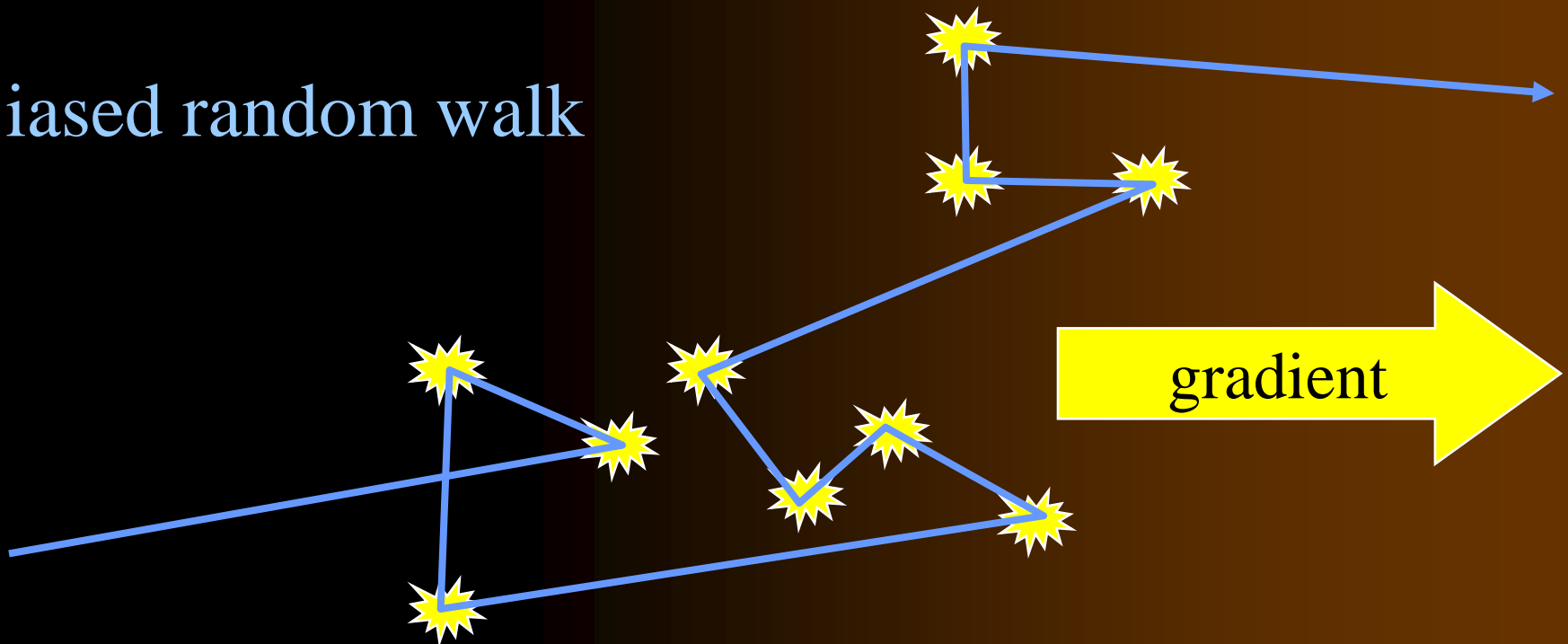


Robust perfect adaptation in bacterial chemotaxis through integral feedback control

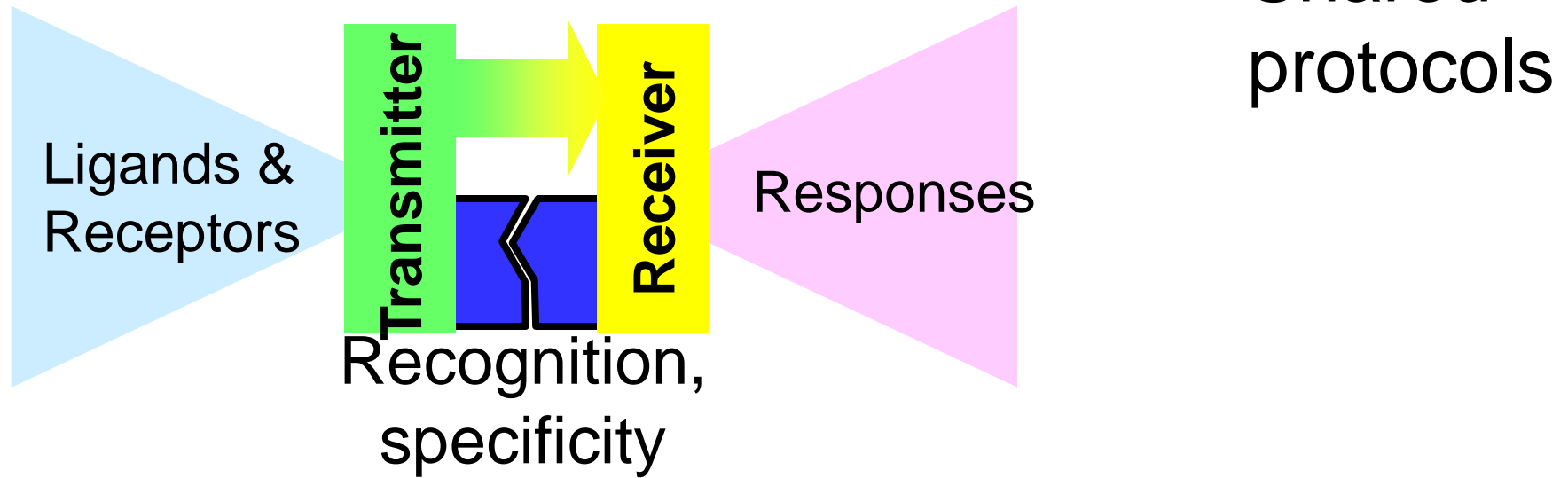
Tau-Mu Yi*[†], Yun Huang^{†‡}, Melvin I. Simon*[§], and John Doyle[‡]



Biased random walk



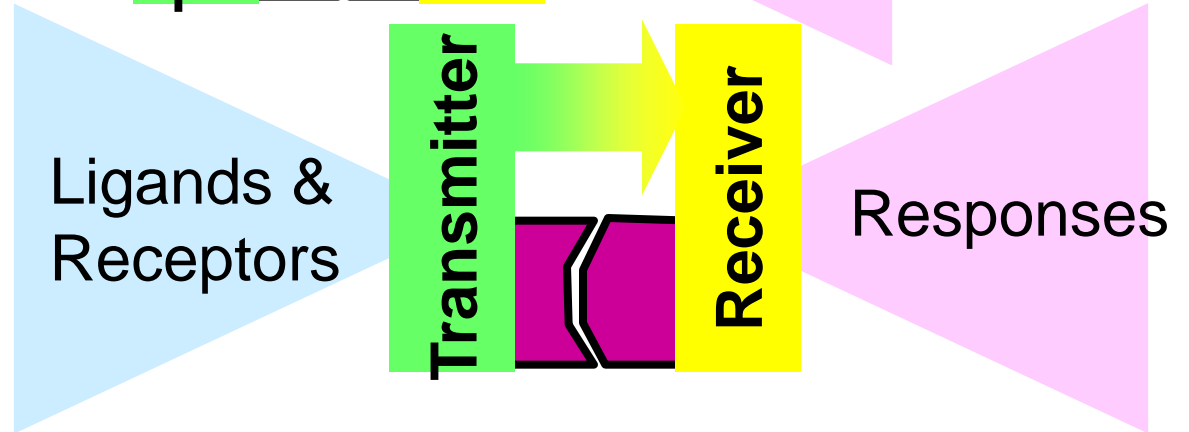
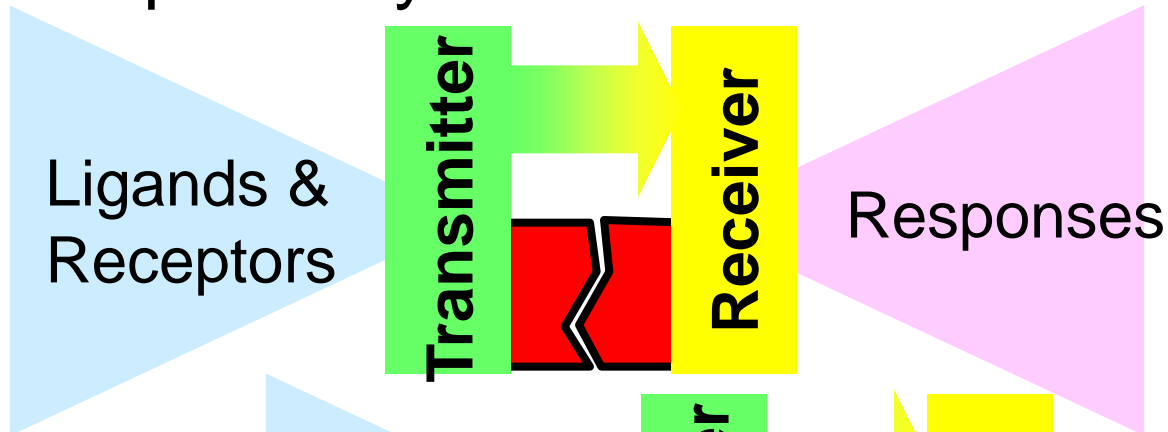
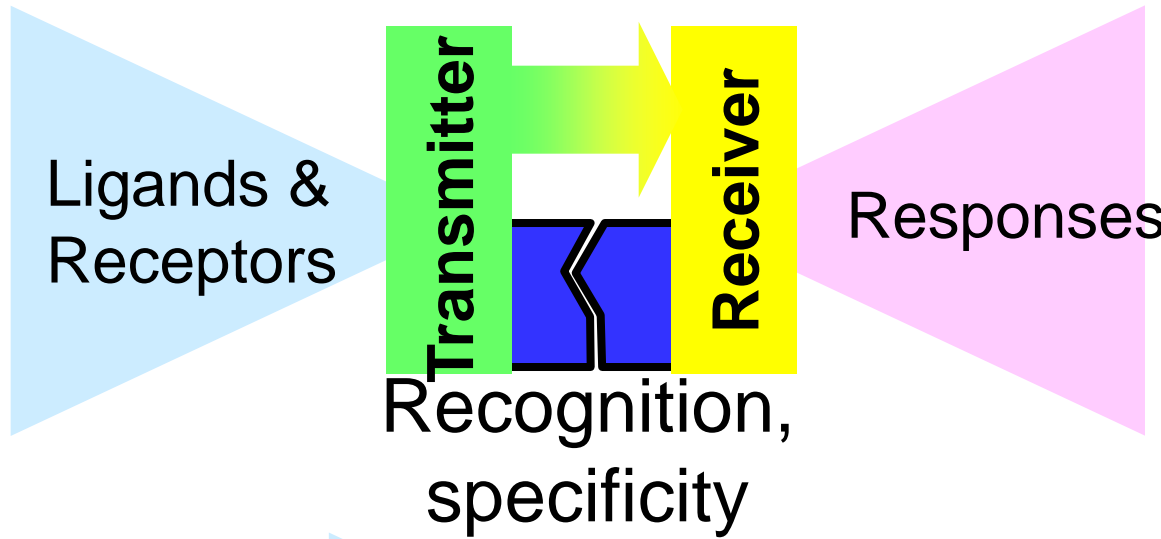
Flow of “signal”



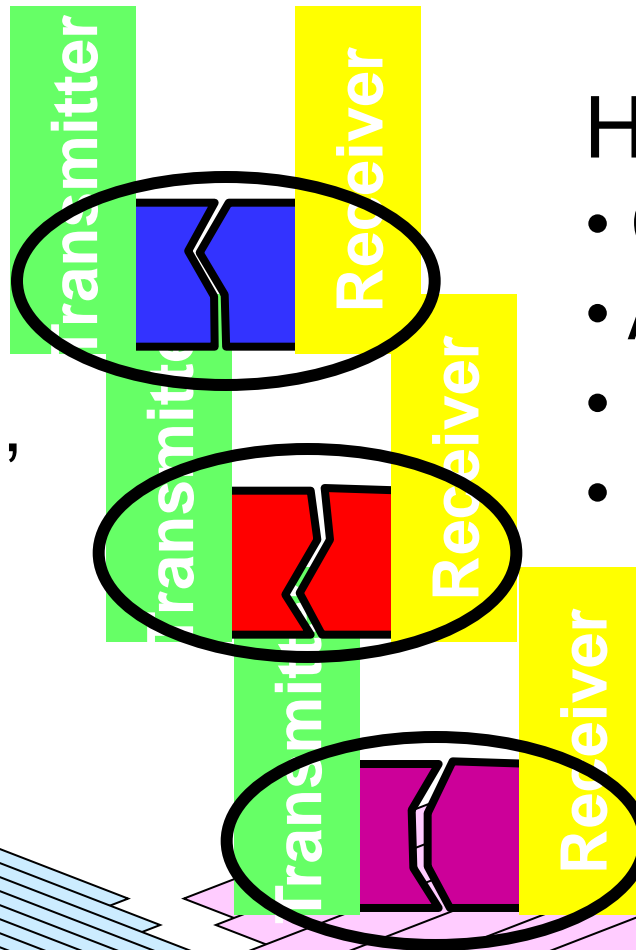
- “Name resolution” within signal transduction
- Transmitter must locate “cognate” receiver and avoid non-cognate receivers
- Global search by rapid, local diffusion
- Limited to very small volumes

Flow of "signal"

Shared protocols



Recognition,
specificity



Huge variety

- Combinatorial
- Almost digital
- Easily reprogrammed
- Located by diffusion

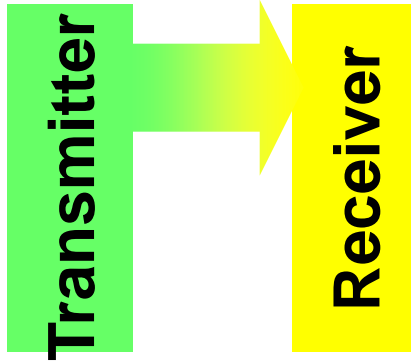
**Huge
variety**

Variety of
Ligands &
Receptors

Variety of
responses

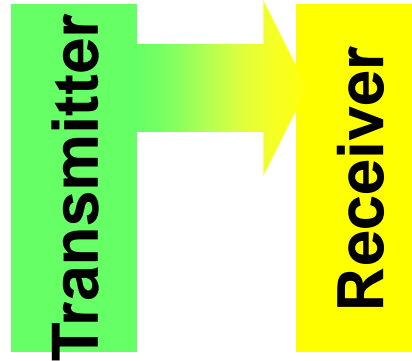
**Huge
variety**

Flow of “signal”

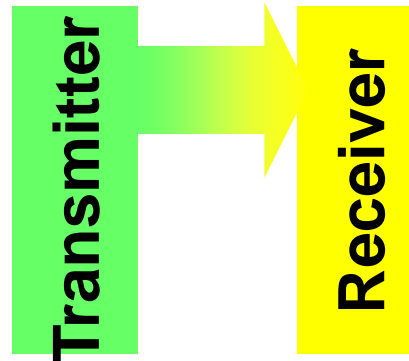


Limited variety

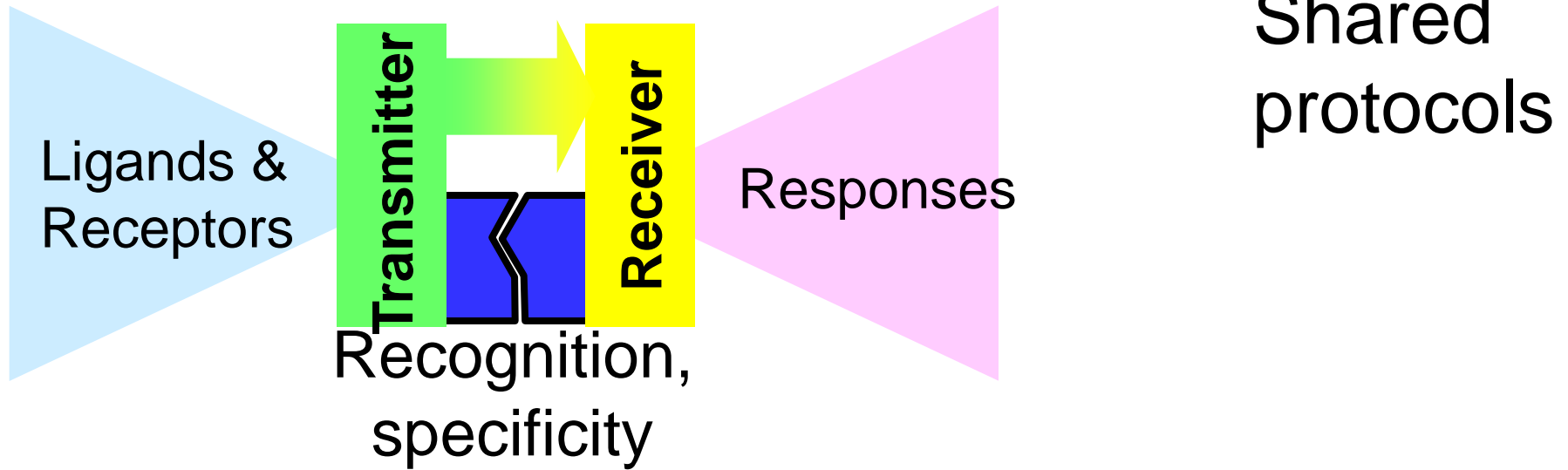
- Fast, analog (via #)
- Hard to change



Reusable in
different pathways

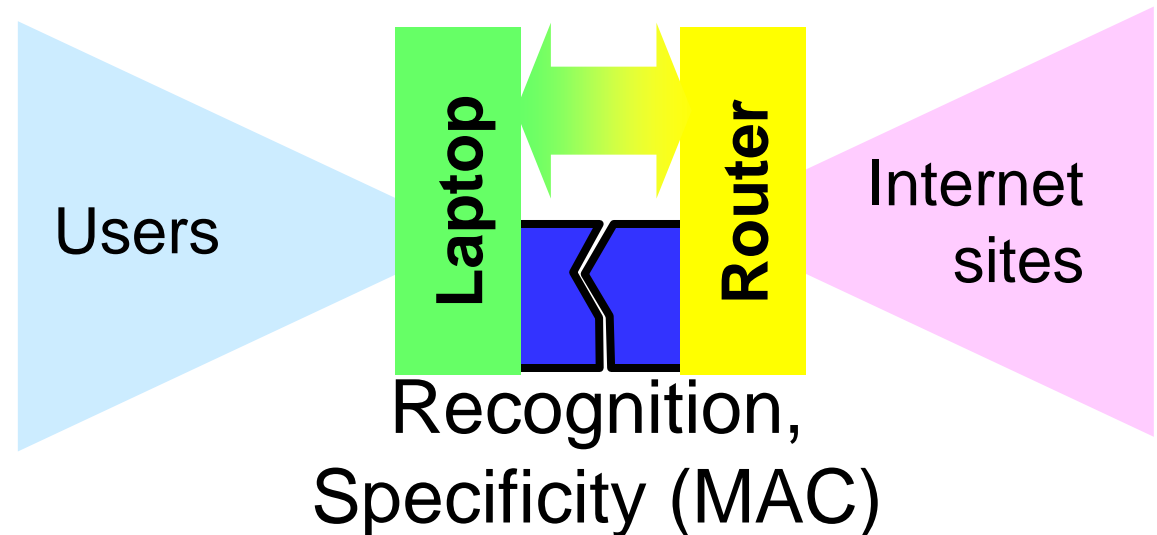


Flow of "signal"



Note: Any wireless system and the Internet to which it is connected work the same way.

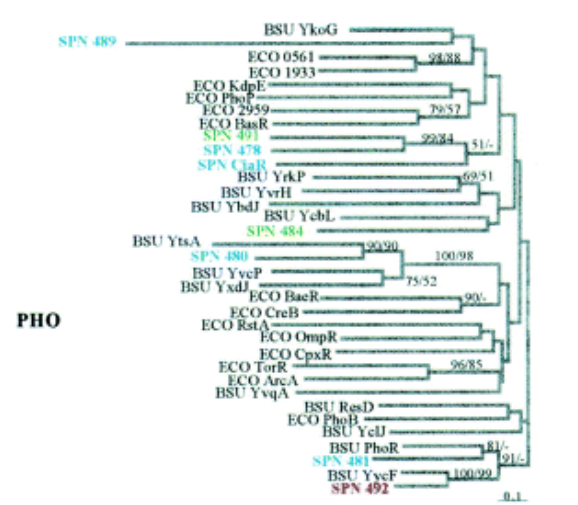
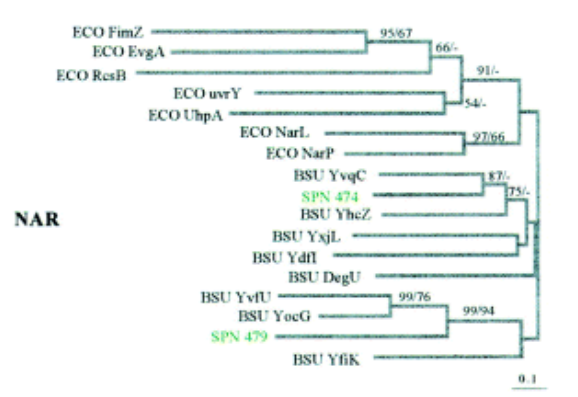
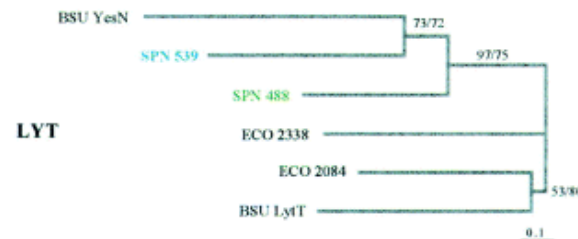
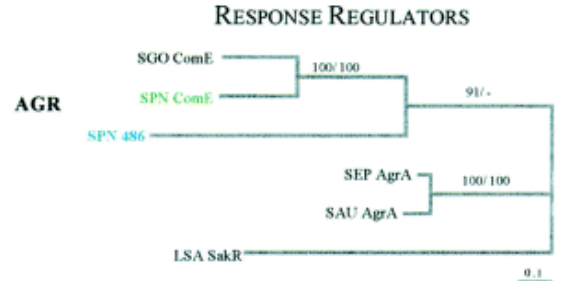
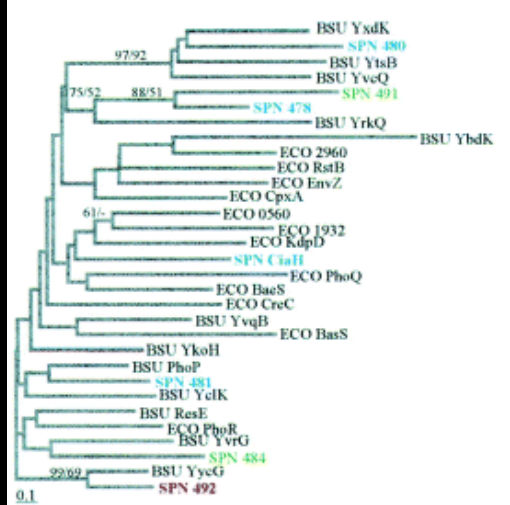
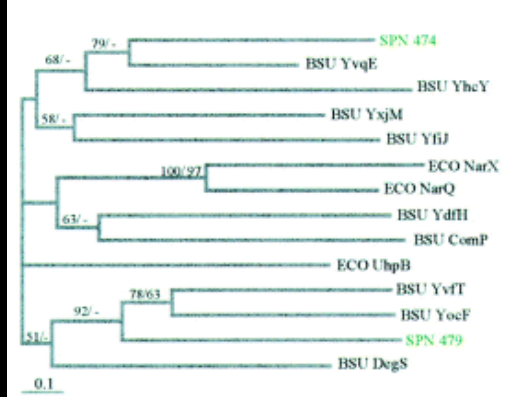
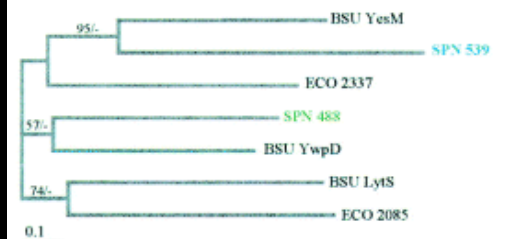
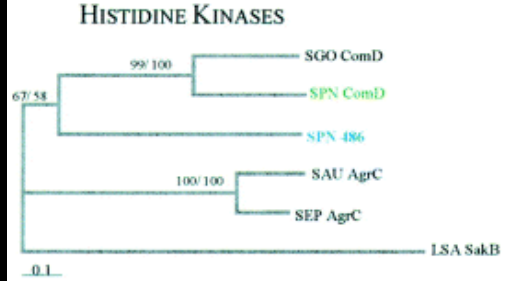
Flow of packets

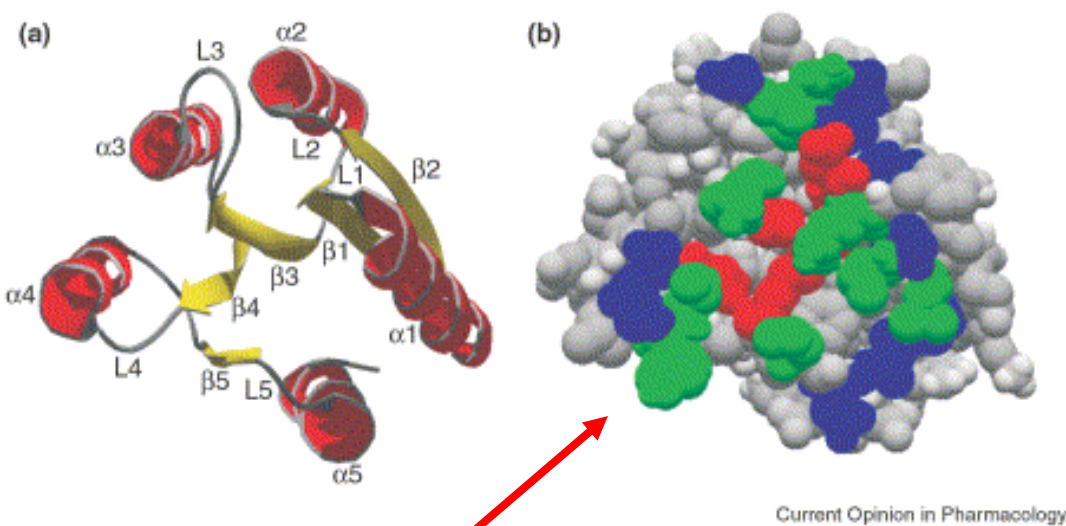


Molecular phylogenies show evolvability of this bowtie architecture.

“Name” recognition is almost digital.

Response regulators can translate these names to DNA addresses with another DNA-binding domain (also digital).



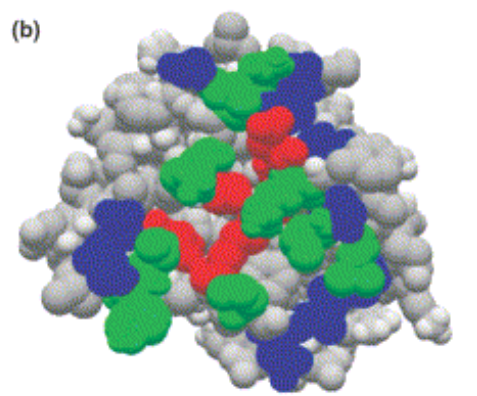
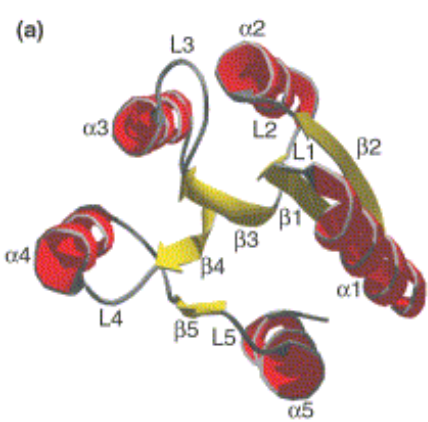


conserved residues of interaction surface with phosphotransferase domains

highly variable amino acids of the interaction surface that are responsible for specificity of the interaction

invariant active-site residues

	Loop 1 - $\alpha 1$	Loop 2	Loop 3	Loop 4	Loop 5
	9	33	53	81	103
	**		*	*	*
Bsu_Spo0F	VDDCYGIRIL LNEVF	AANGLOAL	LDMRIPGM	MTAYGELD	AKPFDID
Spy_CovR	IEDEKNLARFVSELEL	EYNGREGL	LDLMLPEM	MTARDSIM	VKPPFAIE
Efa_EtaR	IEDEKNLARFVELEL	HYNGRTGL	LDLMLPEL	MTARDSVI	VKPPFAIE
Mtu_PrrB	VDDSDVLA SLERGL	AVDGABAL	LDIMMPVL	LSARSSVD	VKPPVLA
Sty_PhoP	VEDNALLRHHLKVQL	AEDARRAD	VDLGLPDE	LTAREGWQ	TKPFHIE
Ype_PhoP	AEDNAHIRNGLMEVL	AENGVQAL	LDIMMPVL	LSANDEEI	SKPPGIH
Psa_AlgR	VDDEFLARERLARLV	ASNGEAL	LDIMMPGL	CTAHDEPA	VKPVRSB
Eco_OmpR	VDDIMRLRAL LERYL	VANAEQMD	LDLMLPGE	VTAKGEEV	PKPFNPR
Cal_CesK1	VEDNAINQATLGAFL	AKNGQRAI	MDIQLPVK	TASSNSSV	TKPVNLV



Current Opinion in Pharmacology

conserved functional domains

invariant active-site residues

highly variability for specificity of the interaction

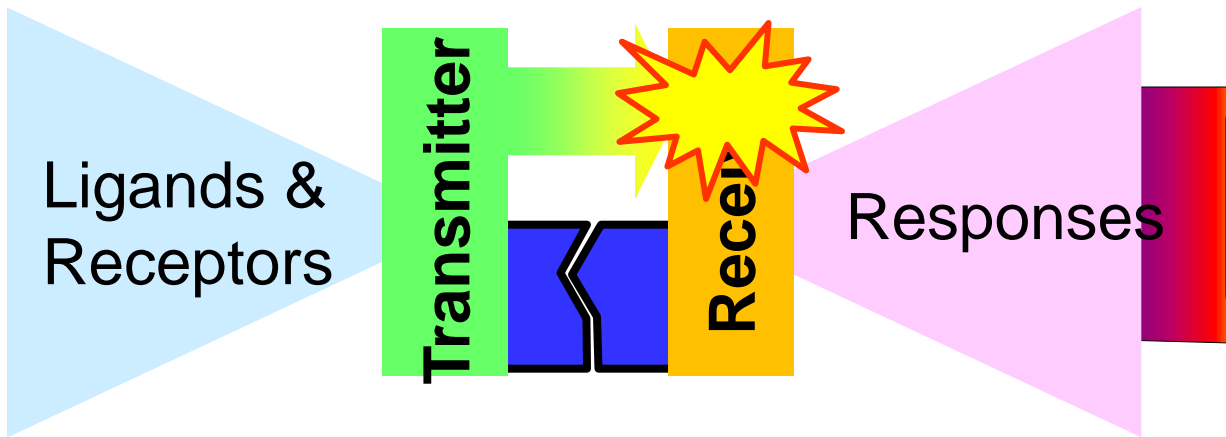
- **Automobiles:** Keys provide specificity but no other function. Other function conserved, driver/vehicle interface protocol is “universal.”



- **Ethernet cables:** Specificity via MAC addresses, function via standardized protocols.

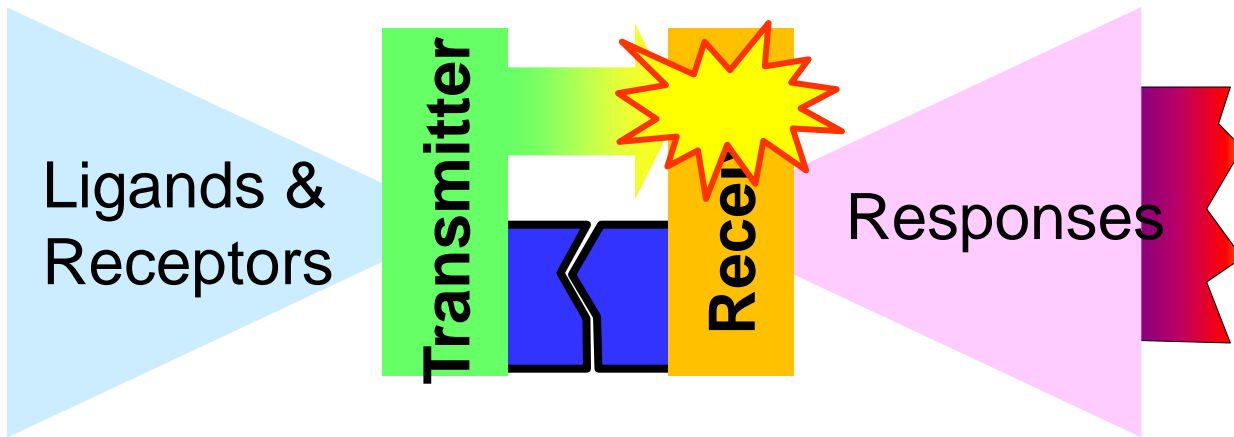
MAC





“Name” recognition
= molecular recognition
= localized functionally
= global spatially

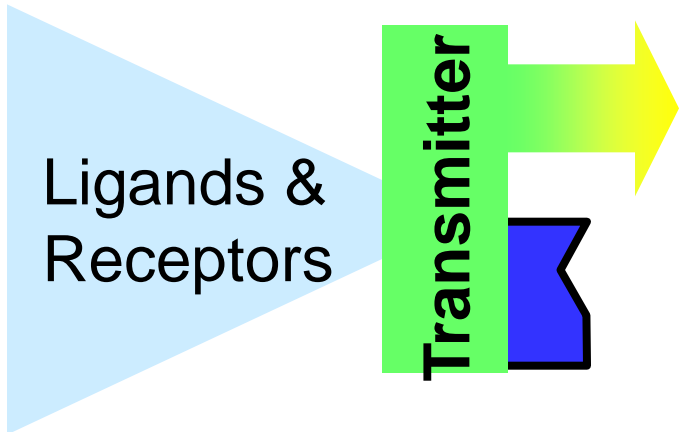
Transcription factors
do “name” to “address”
translation



“Name” recognition
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Transcription factors
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DNA



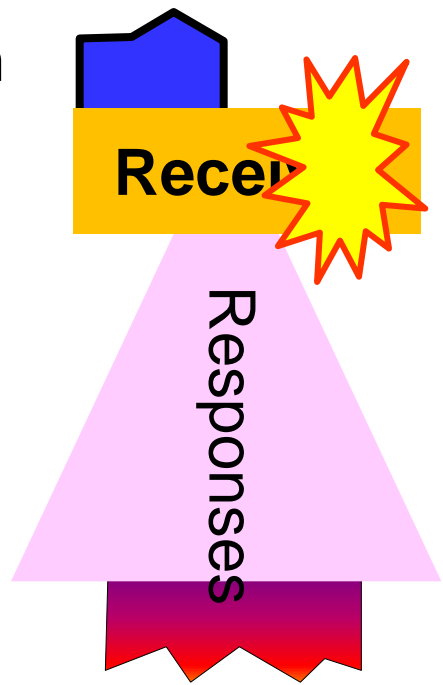
Ligands & Receptors

Transmitter

“Name” recognition
= molecular recognition
= localized functionally

Both are

- Almost digital
- Highly programmable



Receptor

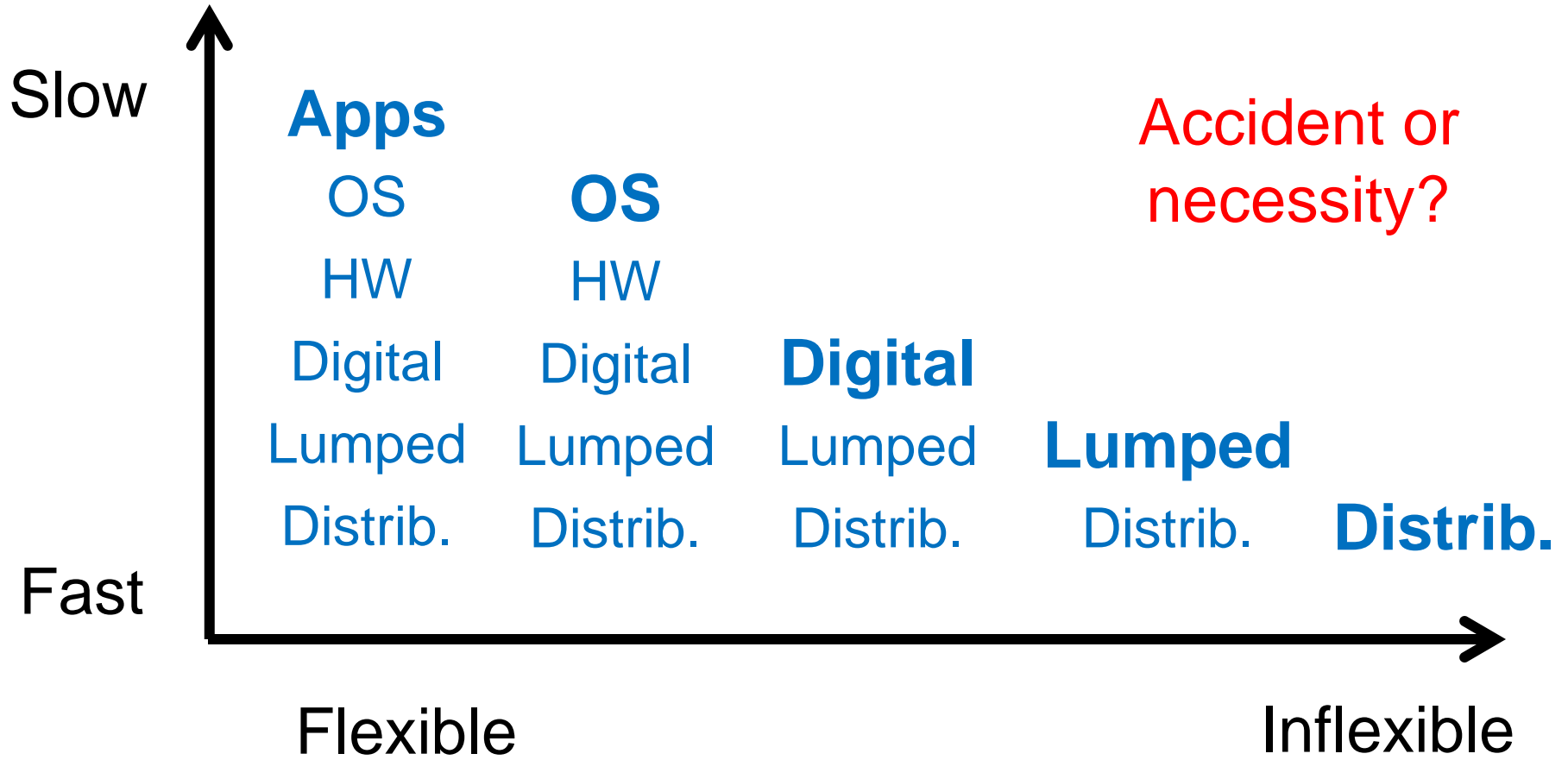
Responses

DNA

Transcription factors
do “name” to “address”
translation

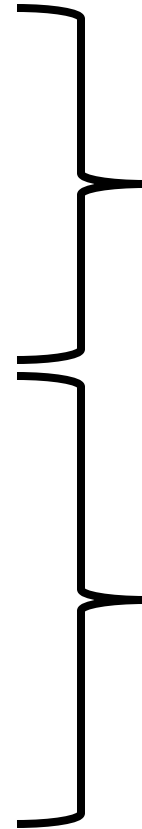
“Addressing”
= molecular recognition
= localized spatially

Tradeoffs: PC, smartphone, router, etc



Control 2.0

0. HGT
1. DNA replication
2. DNA repair
3. Mutation
4. Transcription
5. Translation
6. Metabolism
7. Signal transduction
8. ...

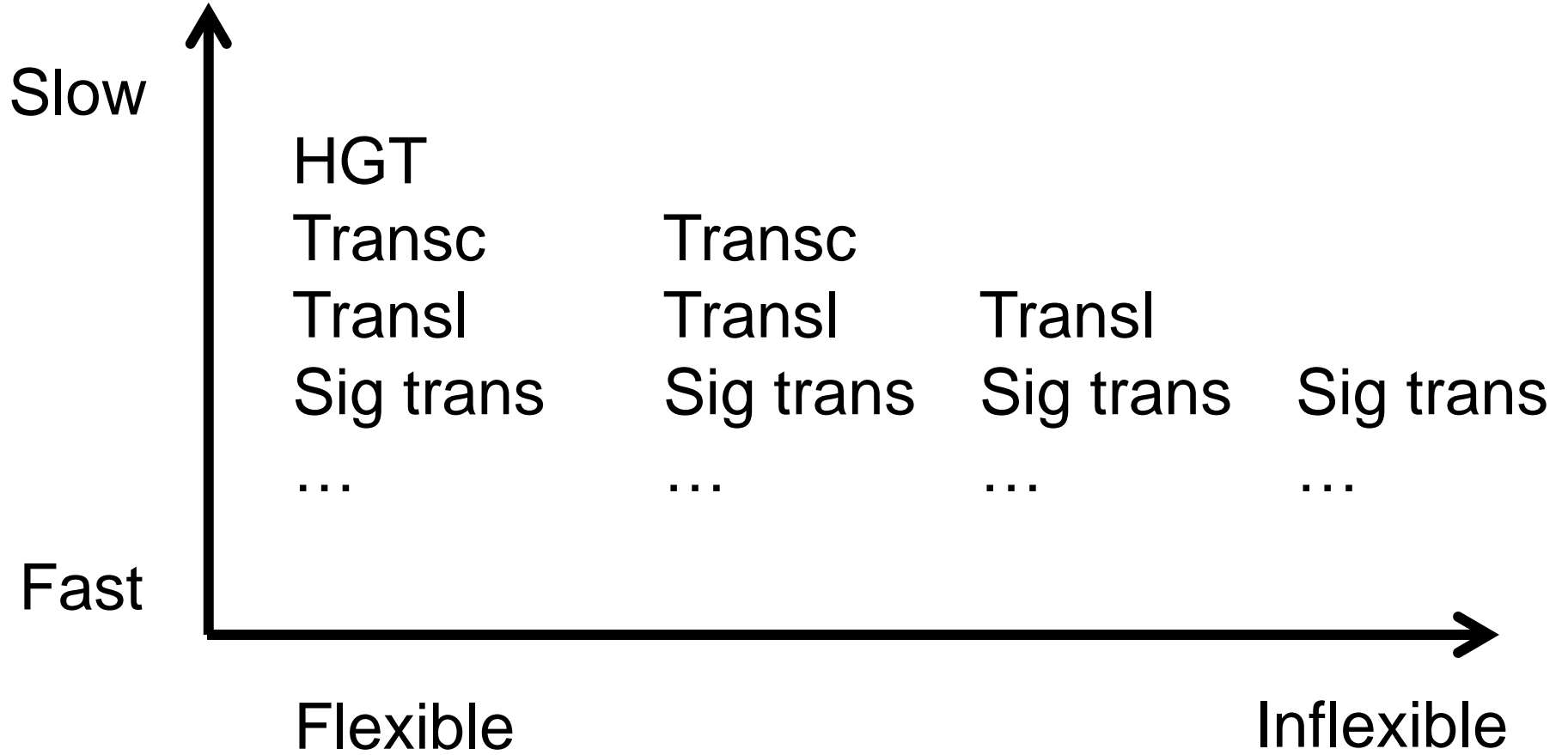


Highly
controlled
?!?

Highly
controlled

Think of this as a “protocol stack”

Control 3.0



Reverse Engineering of Biological Complexity

Marie E. Csete¹ and John C. Doyle^{2*}

1 MARCH 2002 VOL 295 SCIENCE

More (old, background) reading



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Opinion

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Bow ties, metabolism and disease

Marie Csete¹ and John Doyle²

Surviving heat shock: Control strategies for robustness and performance

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Molecular biology studies the cause-and-effect relationships **The hsr**

Robustness of Cellular Functions

Cell, Vol. 118, 675–685, September 17, 2004

Jörg Stelling,^{1,*} Uwe Sauer,² Zoltan Szallasi,³
Francis J. Doyle, III,⁴ and John Doyle⁵

Other fun stuff not for today

Not enough time

Wildfire ecosystem as ideal example

- Cycles on years to decades timescale
- Regime shifts: grass vs shrub vs tree
- Fire= keystone “specie”
 - Metabolism: consumes vegetation
 - Doesn’t (co-)evolve
 - Simplifies co-evolution spirals and metabolisms
- 4 ecosystems globally with convergent evo
 - So Cal, Australia, S Africa, E Mediterranean
 - Similar vegetation mix
 - Invasive species

Fire in the Earth System

I'm interested
in fire...

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Fire is a worldwide phenomenon that appears in the geological record soon after the appearance of terrestrial plants. Fire influences global ecosystem patterns and processes, including vegetation distribution and structure, the carbon cycle, and climate. Although humans and fire have always coexisted, our capacity to manage fire remains imperfect and may become more difficult in the future as climate change alters fire regimes. This risk is difficult to assess, however, because fires are still poorly represented in global models. Here, we discuss some of the most important issues involved in developing a better understanding of the role of fire in the Earth system.

Very accessible
No math



Wildfires, complexity, and highly optimized tolerance

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Recent, large fires in the western United States have rekindled debates about fire management and the role of natural fire regimes in the resilience of terrestrial ecosystems. This real-world experience parallels debates involving abstract models of forest fires, a central metaphor in complex systems theory. Both real and modeled fire-prone landscapes exhibit roughly power law statistics in fire size versus frequency. Here, we examine historical fire catalogs and a detailed fire simulation model; both are in agreement with a highly optimized tolerance model. Highly optimized tolerance suggests robustness tradeoffs underlie resilience in different fire-prone ecosystems. Understanding these mechanisms may provide new insights into the structure of ecological systems and be key in evaluating fire management strategies and sensitivities to climate change.

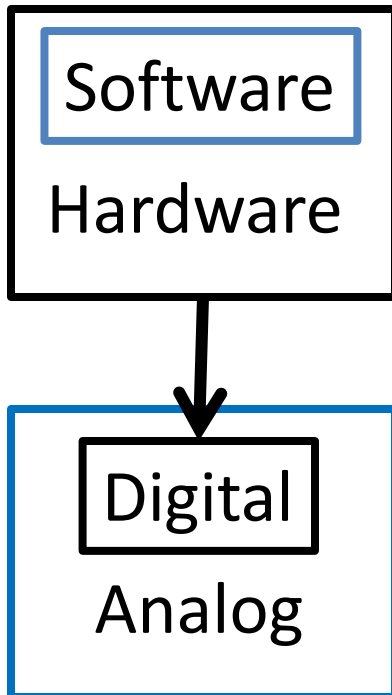
Highly optimized tolerance (HOT) is a conceptual framework for examining organization and structure in complex systems (18). Theoretically, HOT builds on models and mathematics from physics and engineering, and identifies robustness tradeoffs as a principle underlying mechanism for complexity and power law statistics. HOT has been discussed in the context of a variety of technological and natural systems, including wildfires (18, 22). A quantitative prediction for the distribution of fire sizes has come from an extremely simple analytical HOT model, referred to as the PLR (probability–loss–resource) model (22). As a precursor to results presented later in this article, Fig. 2 demonstrates the PLR prediction and truncated power law statistics (23) for several fire history catalogs. This plot represents the rank data as rank or cumulative frequency of fires $P(I)$ greater than

Accessible ecology
UG math

Universal “laws” (constraints)

- Some constraints on bio & tech rise “bottom up” from physics/chemistry
 - Gravity
 - Speed of light
 - Small moieties (energy, redox, ...)... more later
- ***But***, the most universal laws for bio&tech are largely ***independent*** of physics
- Most scientists and many engineers don’t understand and/or believe this is even possible
- So skepticism is warranted

Turing as
“new”
starting
point?



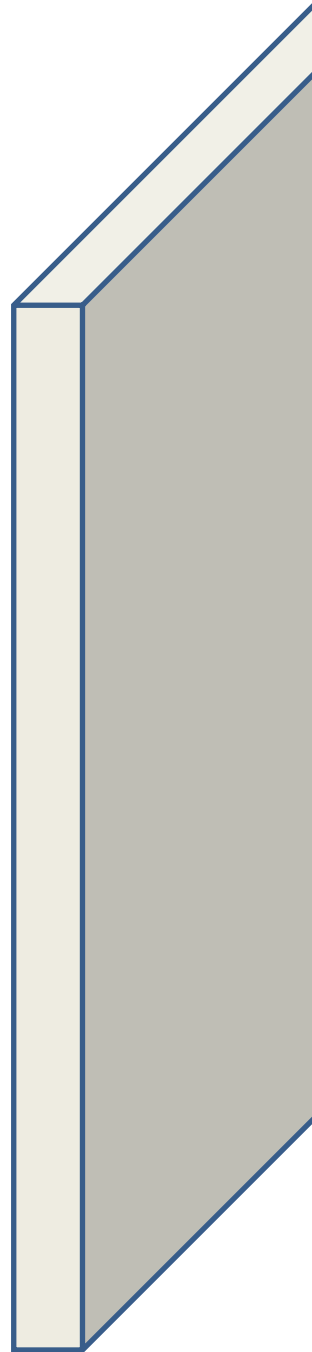
Compute

Turing

**Delay is
most
important**

Bode

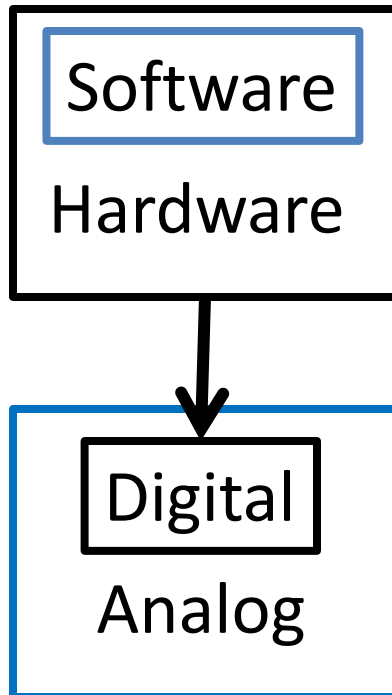
Control, OR



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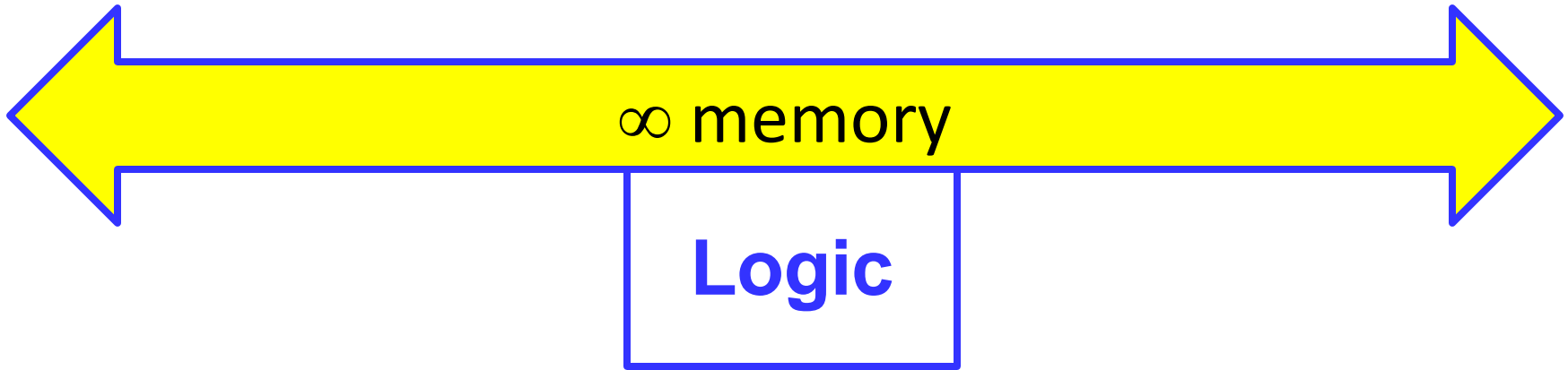
Essentials:

- 0. Model**
- 1. Universal laws**
- 2. Universal architecture**
- 3. Practical implementation**



Turing’s 3 step research:

0. Virtual (TM) machines
1. hard limits, (un)decidability using standard model (TM)
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TM
Hardware

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System constraint
=
“algorithm”

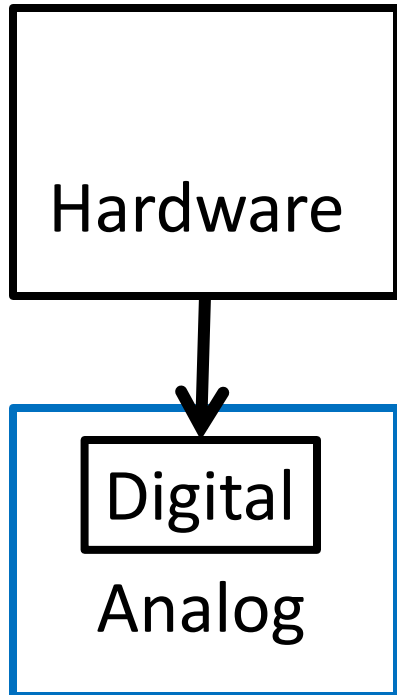
Constraints

Component
constraint

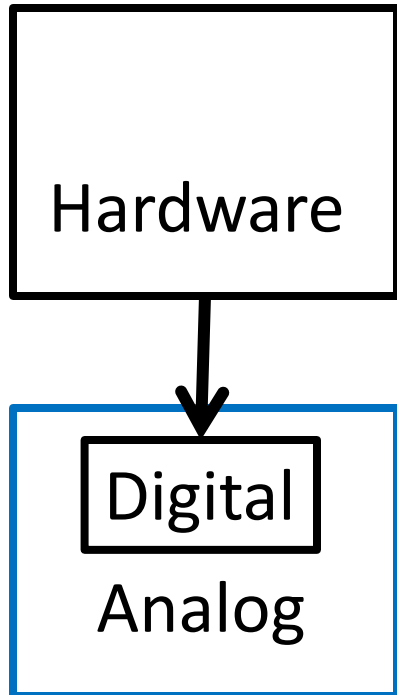
∞ memory

Logic

- ...**being digital** should be of **greater interest than** that of being **electronic**. That it is electronic is certainly important because these machines owe their high speed to this... But this is virtually all that there is to be said on that subject.
- That the machine is digital however has more subtle significance. ... One can therefore **work to any desired degree of accuracy**.



1947 Lecture to LMS

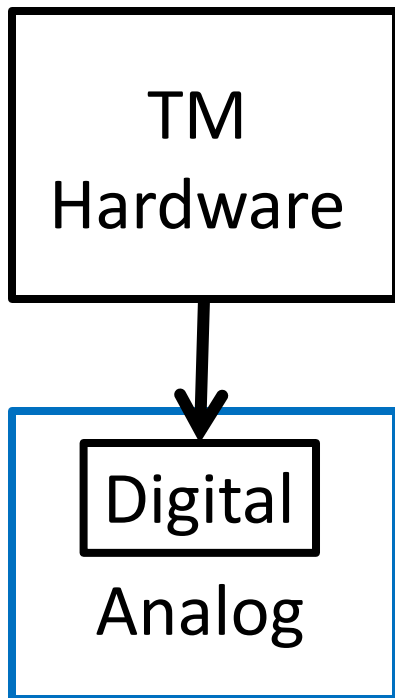


- ... digital ... of greater interest than that of being electronic ...
- ...any desired degree of accuracy...
- This accuracy is not obtained by more careful machining of parts, control of temperature variations, and such means, but by **a slight increase in the amount of equipment** in the machine.

1947 Lecture to LMS

Summarizing Turing:

- Digital more important than electronic...
- Robustness: accuracy and repeatability.
- Achieved more by internal hidden complexity than precise components or environments.



Turing Machine (TM)

- Digital
- Symbolic
- Logical
- Repeatable

avalanche

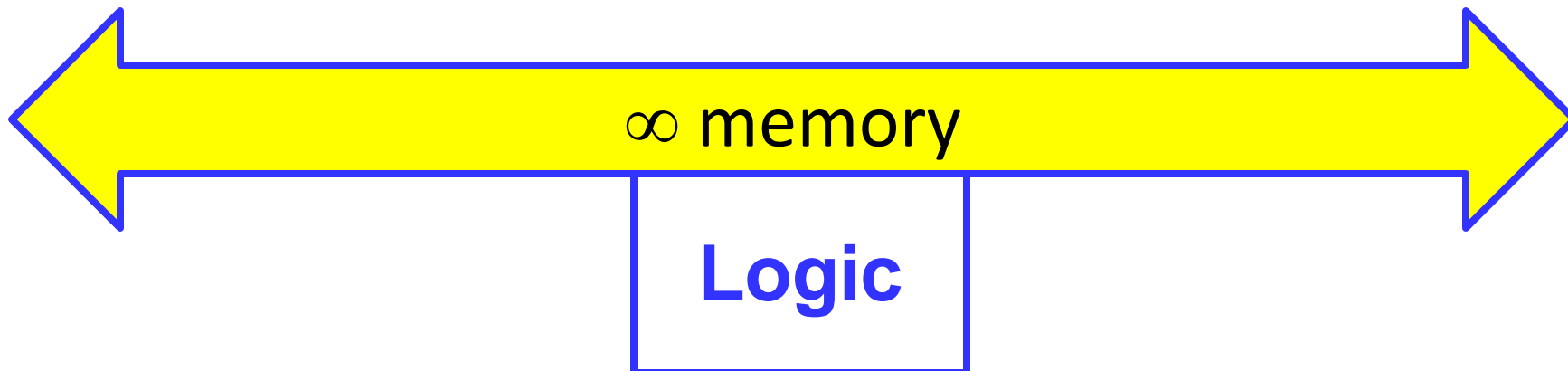
The ~~butterfly~~ effect

- ... quite **small errors in the initial conditions** can have an overwhelming effect at a later time. The displacement of a single electron by a billionth of a centimetre at one moment might make the difference between a man being killed by an avalanche a year later, or escaping.

1950, Computing Machinery and Intelligence,
Mind

- ... small errors in the initial conditions can have an overwhelming effect at a later time....
- It is an **essential** property of the mechanical systems which we have called 'discrete state machines' **that this phenomenon does not occur.**
- Even when we consider the actual physical machines instead of the idealised machines, reasonably accurate knowledge of the state at one moment yields reasonably accurate knowledge any number of steps later.

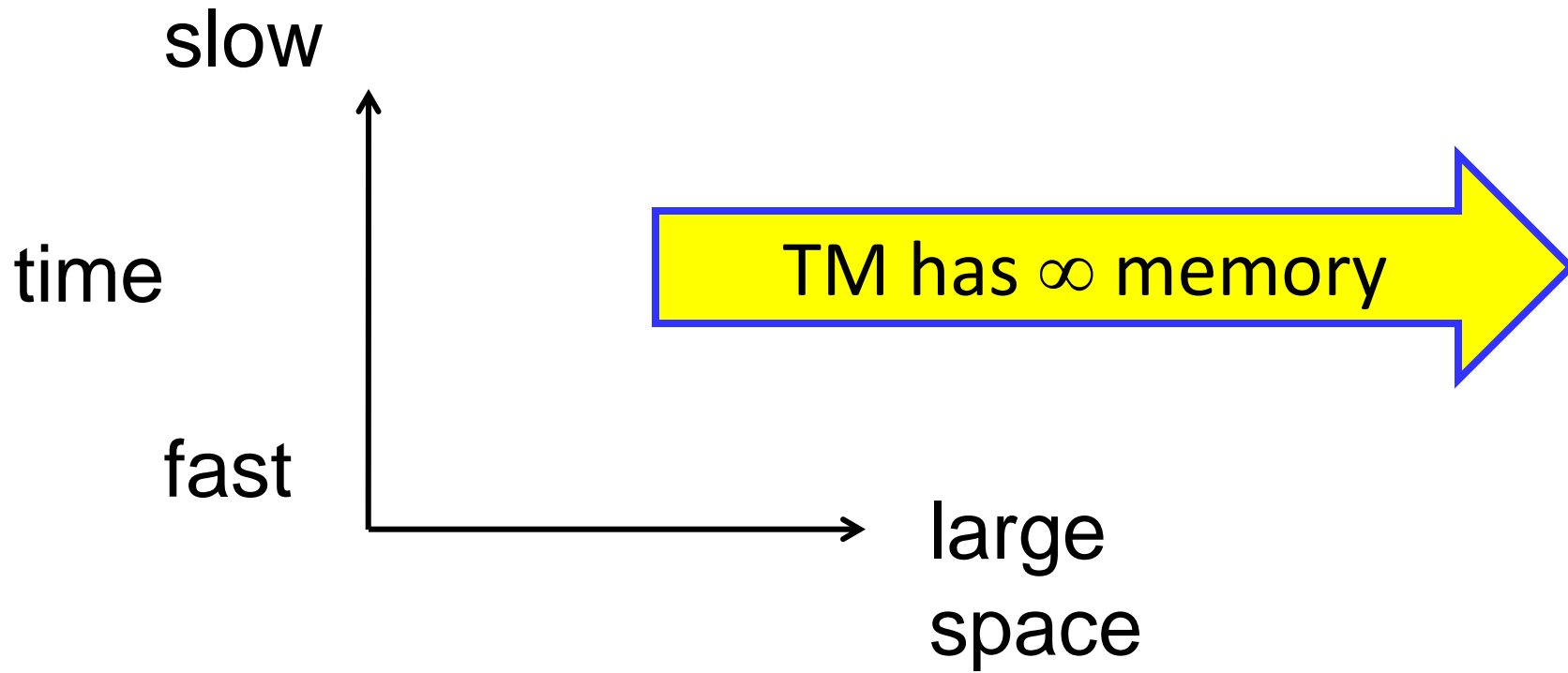
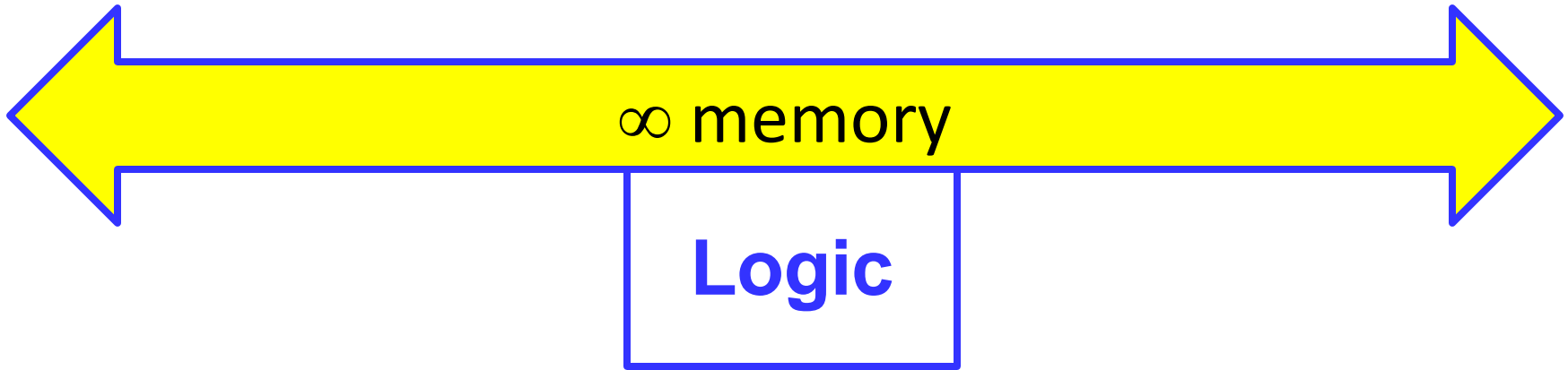
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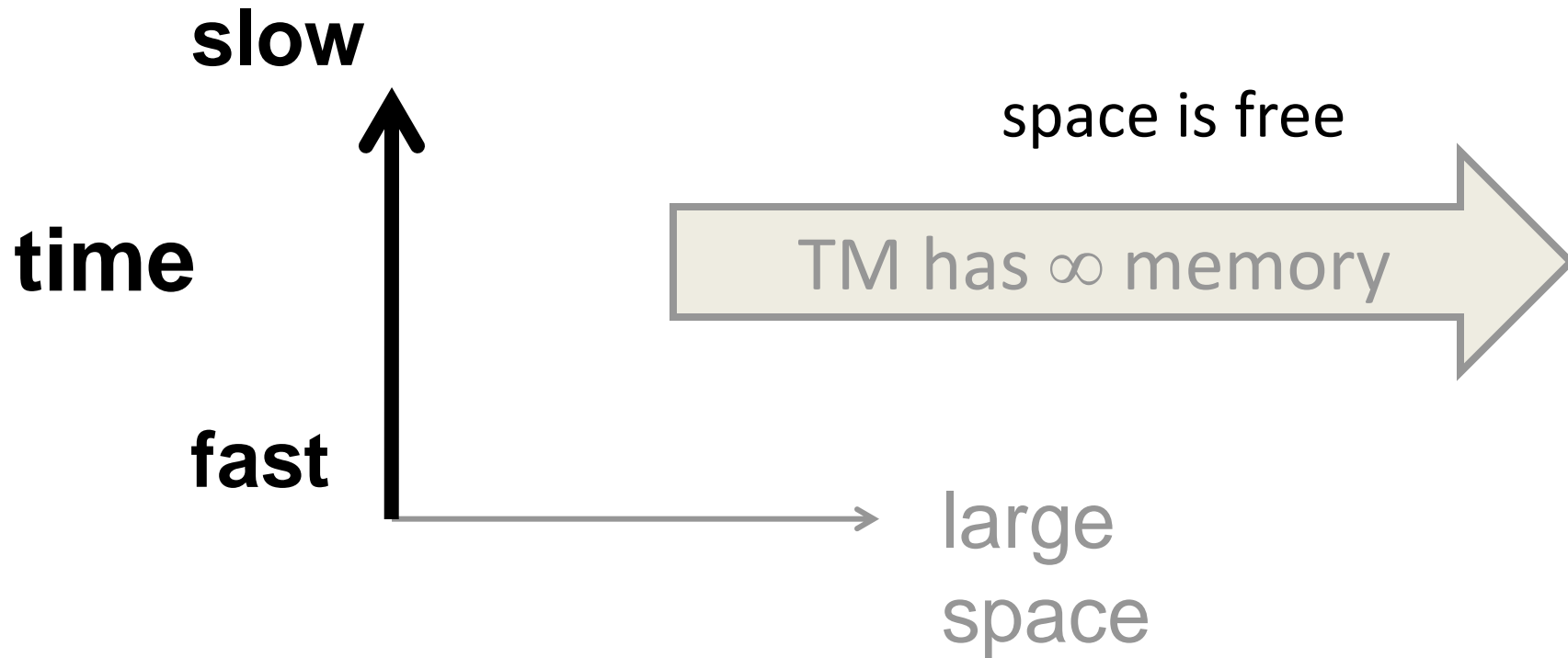
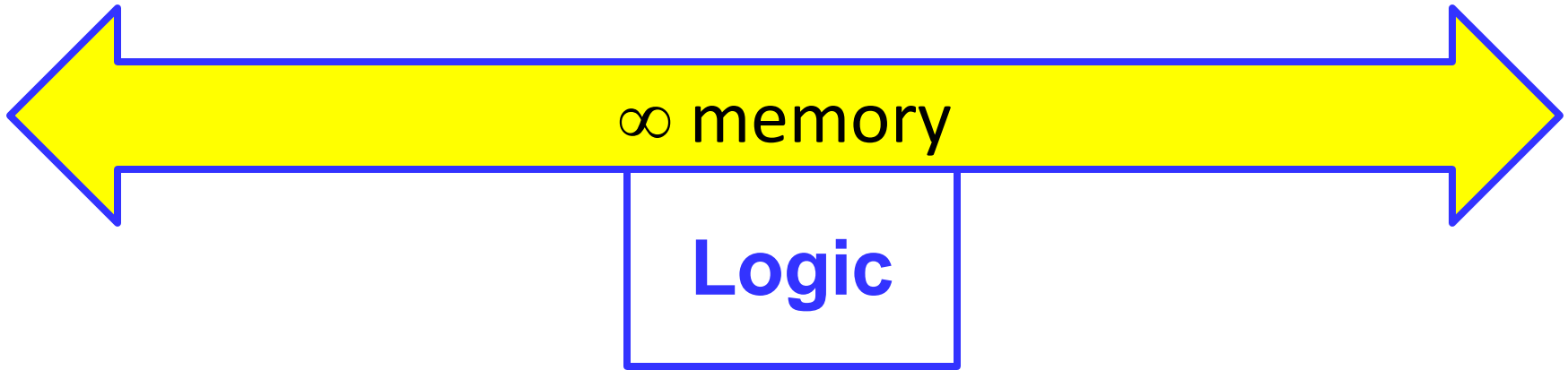


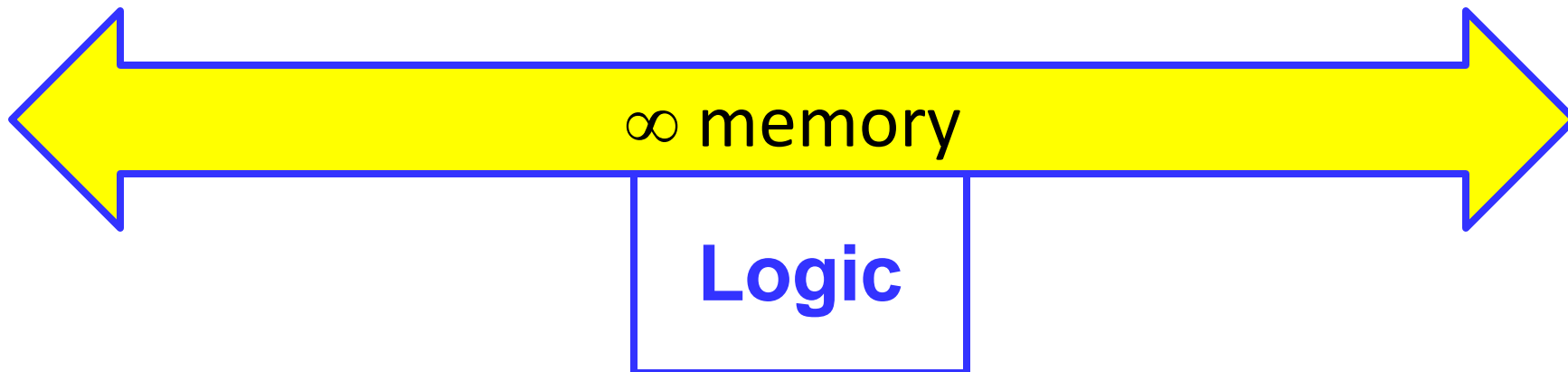
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time?

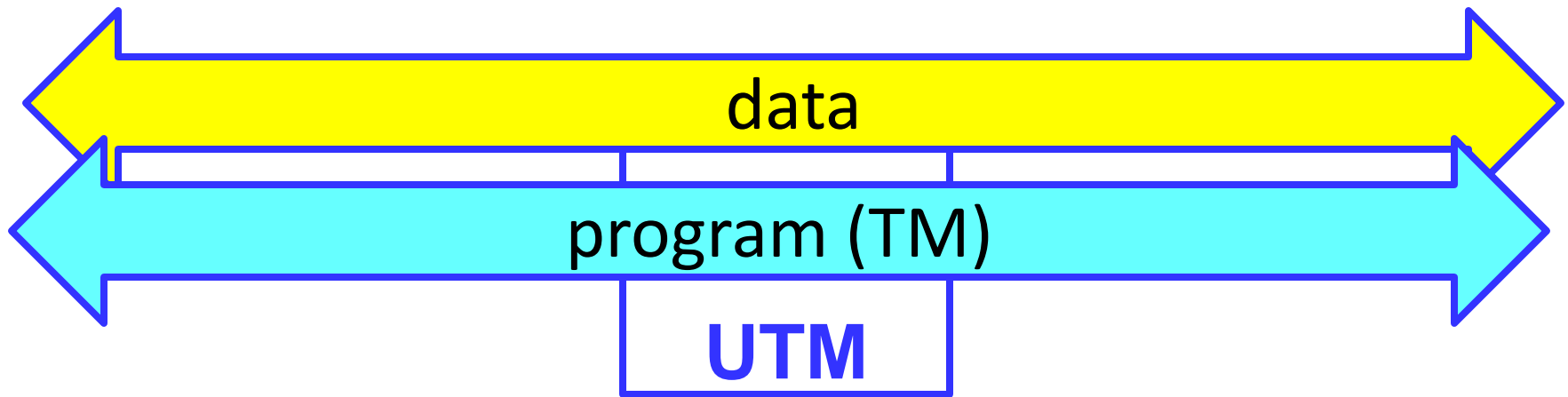
Decidable problem = \exists algorithm that solves it

Most naively posed problems are undecidable.

System

“Laws” =
(un)decidability

Components



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System

Architecture
=Constraints
(that deconstrain)

“Laws” =
hard limits,
tradeoffs

data

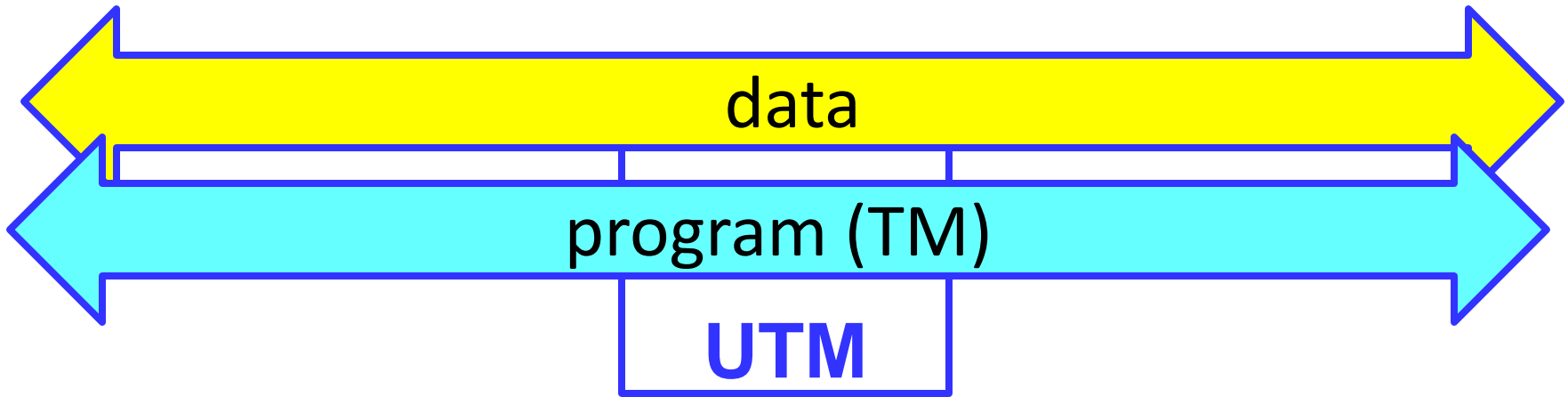
TM

UTM

Protocols

Four types of constraints

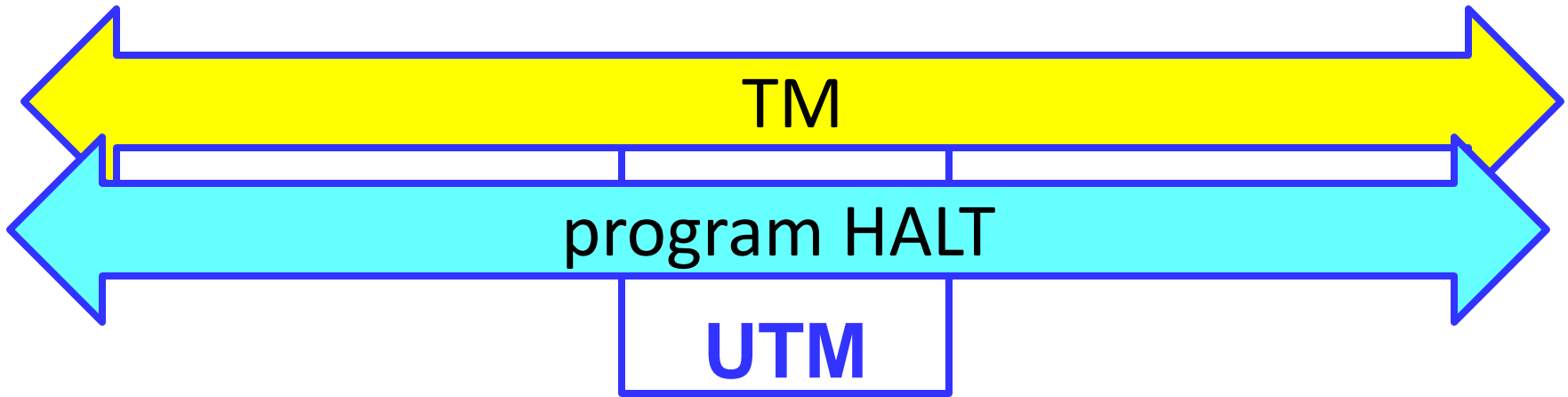
Components



Software
Hardware

2. Universal architecture achieving hard limits (UTM)

- Software: A Turing machine (TM) can be data for another Turing machine
- A Universal Turing Machine can run any TM
- A UTM is a virtual machine.
- There are lots of UTMs, differ only (but greatly) in speed and programmability (space assumed free)



The halting problem

- Given a TM (i.e. a computer program)
- Does it halt (or run forever)?
- Or do more or less anything in particular.
- Undecidable! There does not exist a special TM that can tell if any other TM halts.
- i.e. the program HALT does not exist. ☹️

Thm: TM H=HALT does not exist.

That is, there does not exist a program like this:

$$H(TM, input) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } TM(input) \text{ halts} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof is by contradiction. Sorry, don't know any alternative. And Turing is a god.

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Thm: No such H exists.

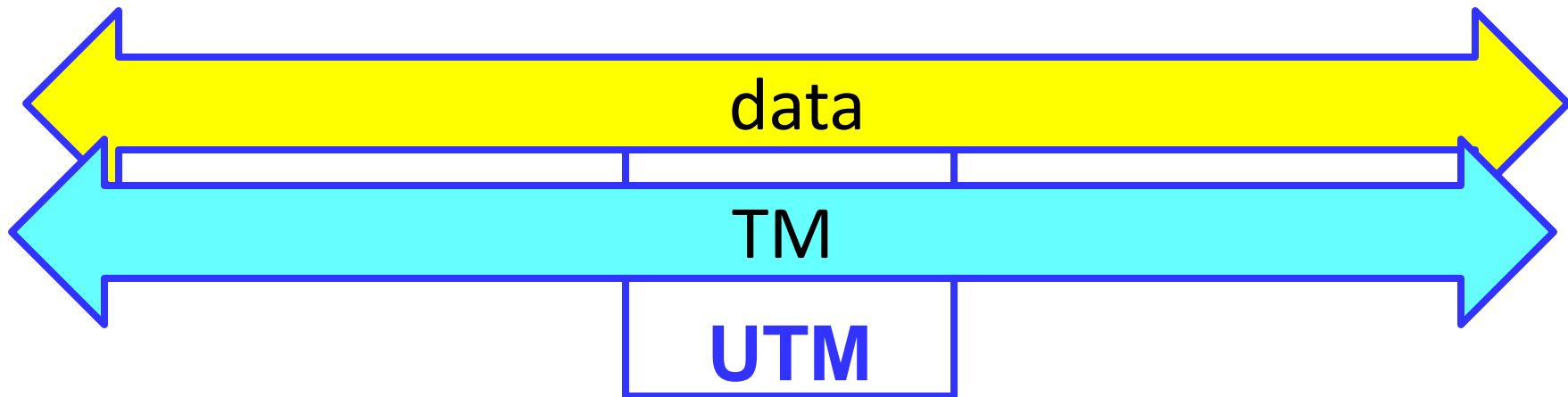
Proof: Suppose it does. Then define 2 more programs:

$$H'(TM, input) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } H(TM, input) = 0 \\ \text{loop forever} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H^*(TM) \triangleq H'(TM, TM)$$

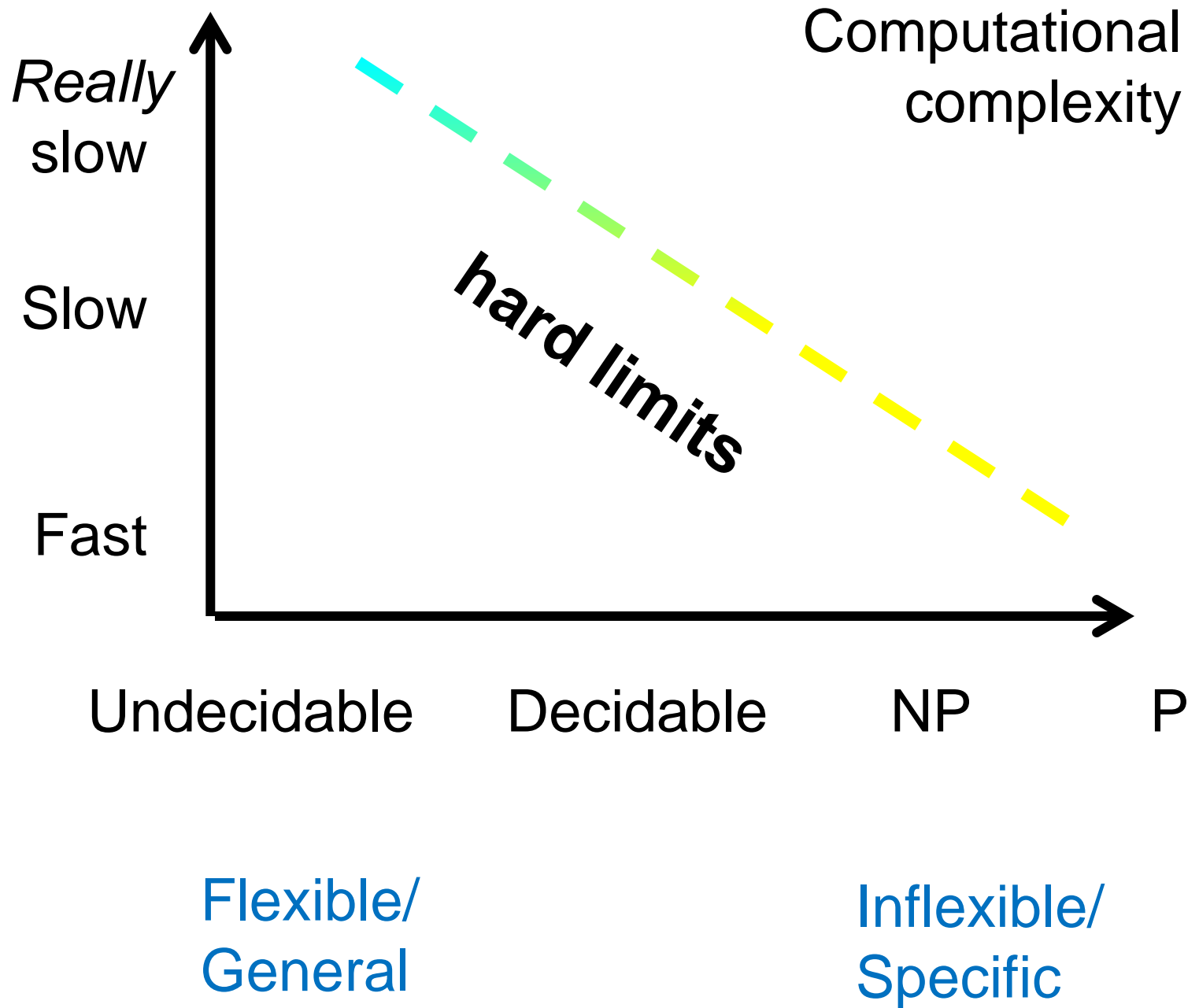
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Run } H^*(H^*) &= H'(H^*, H^*) \\ &= \begin{cases} \text{halt} & \text{if } H^*(H^*) \text{ loops forever} \\ \text{loop forever} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction!



Implications

- Large, thin, nonconvex everywhere...
- TMs and UTMs are perfectly repeatable
- But perfectly unpredictable
- Undecidable: Will a TM halt? Is a TM a UTM? Does a TM do X (for almost any X)?
- Easy to make UTMs, but hard to recognize them.
- Is anything decidable? Yes, questions NOT about TMs.

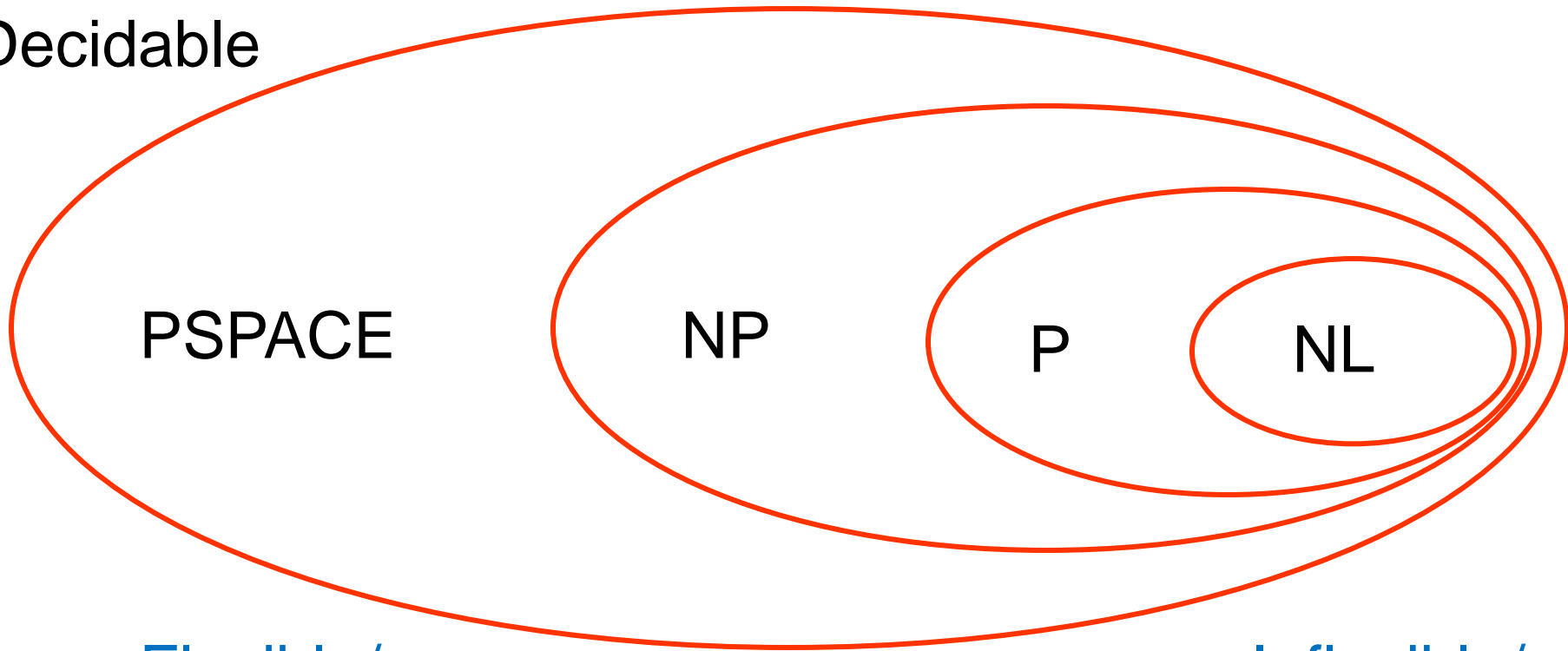


$PSPACE \subset NP \subset P \subset NL$
 $PSPACE \neq NL$

Computational complexity

Space is powerful and/or cheap.

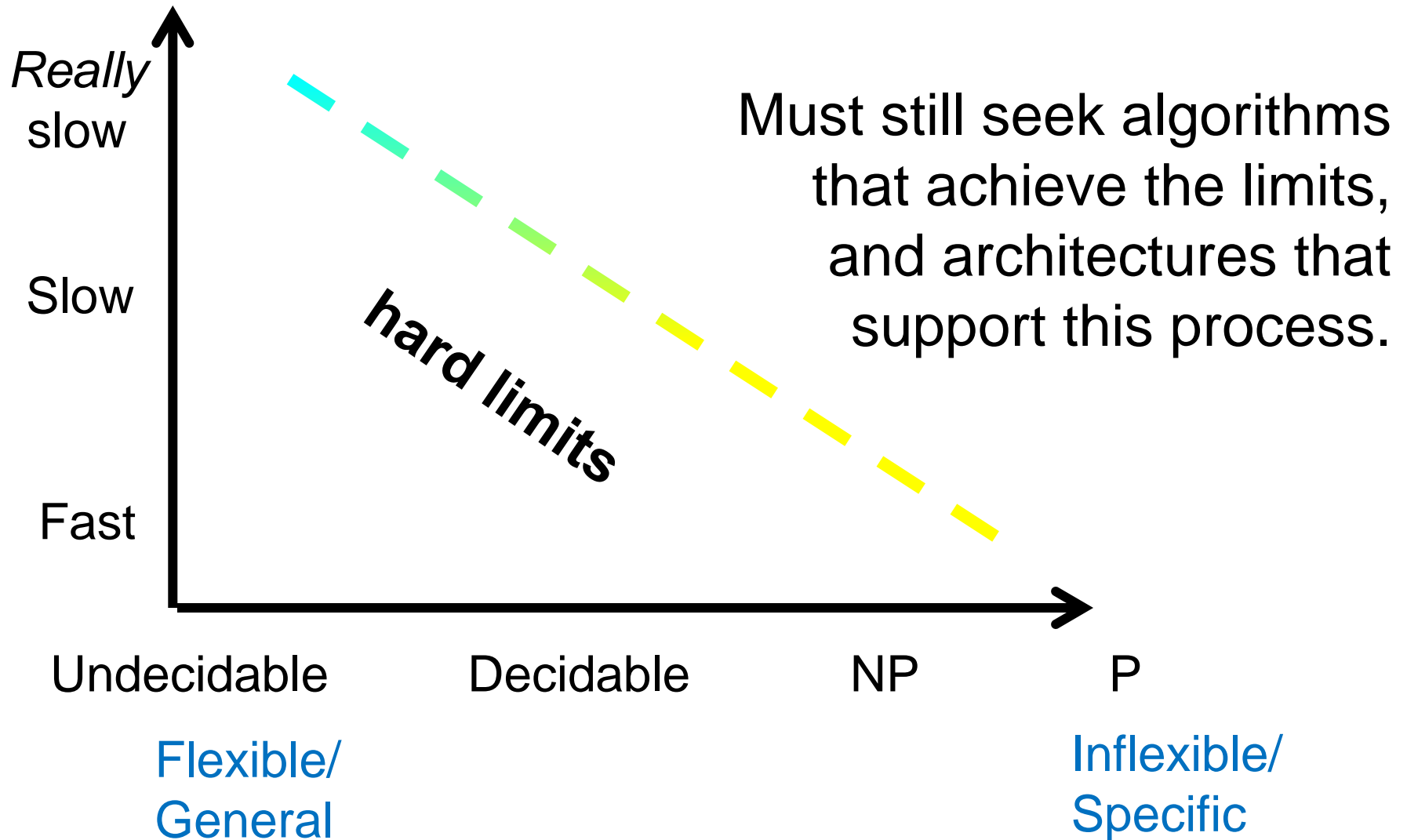
Decidable



Flexible/
General

Inflexible/
Specific

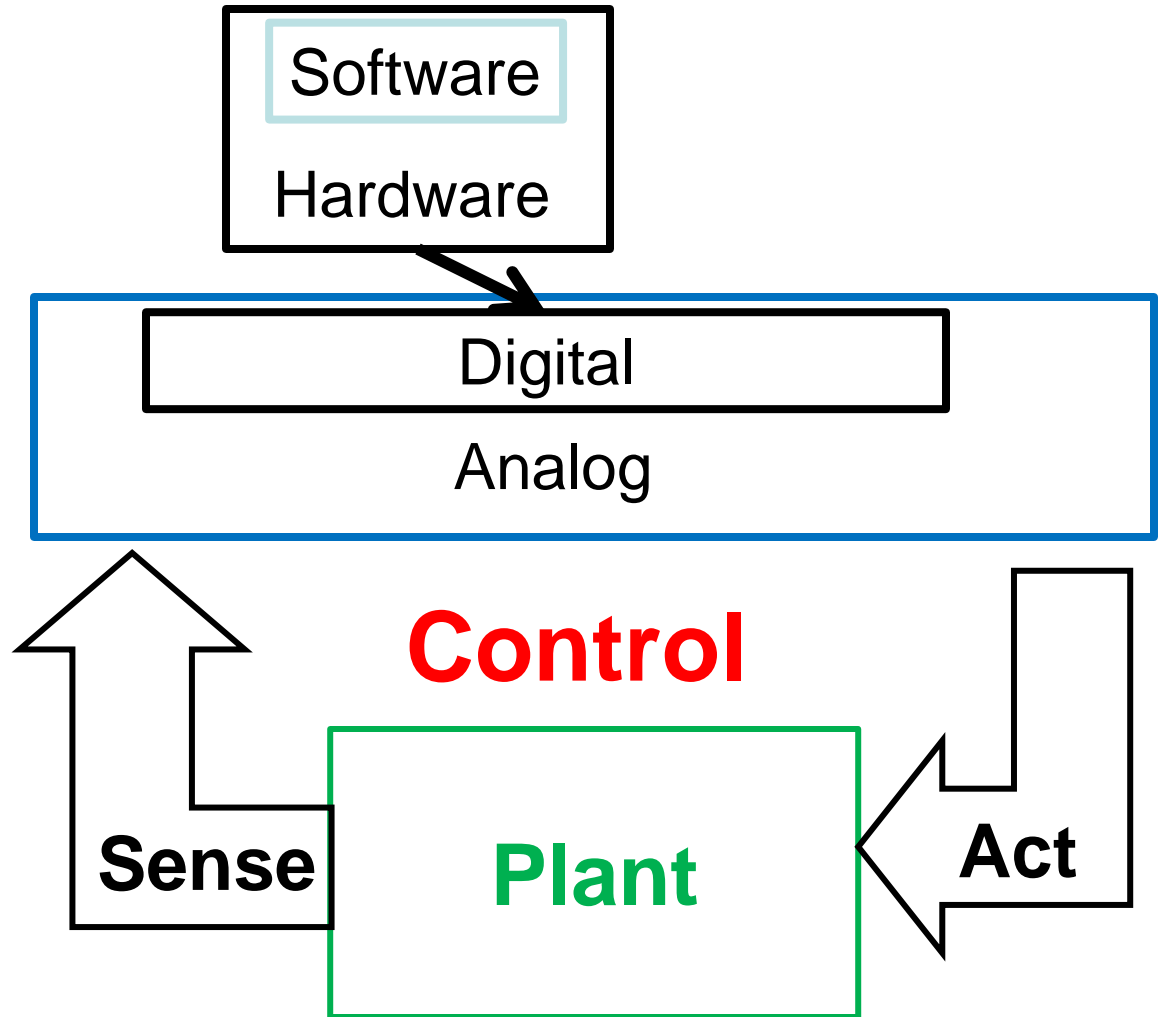
These are hard limits on the *intrinsic* computational complexity of *problems*.



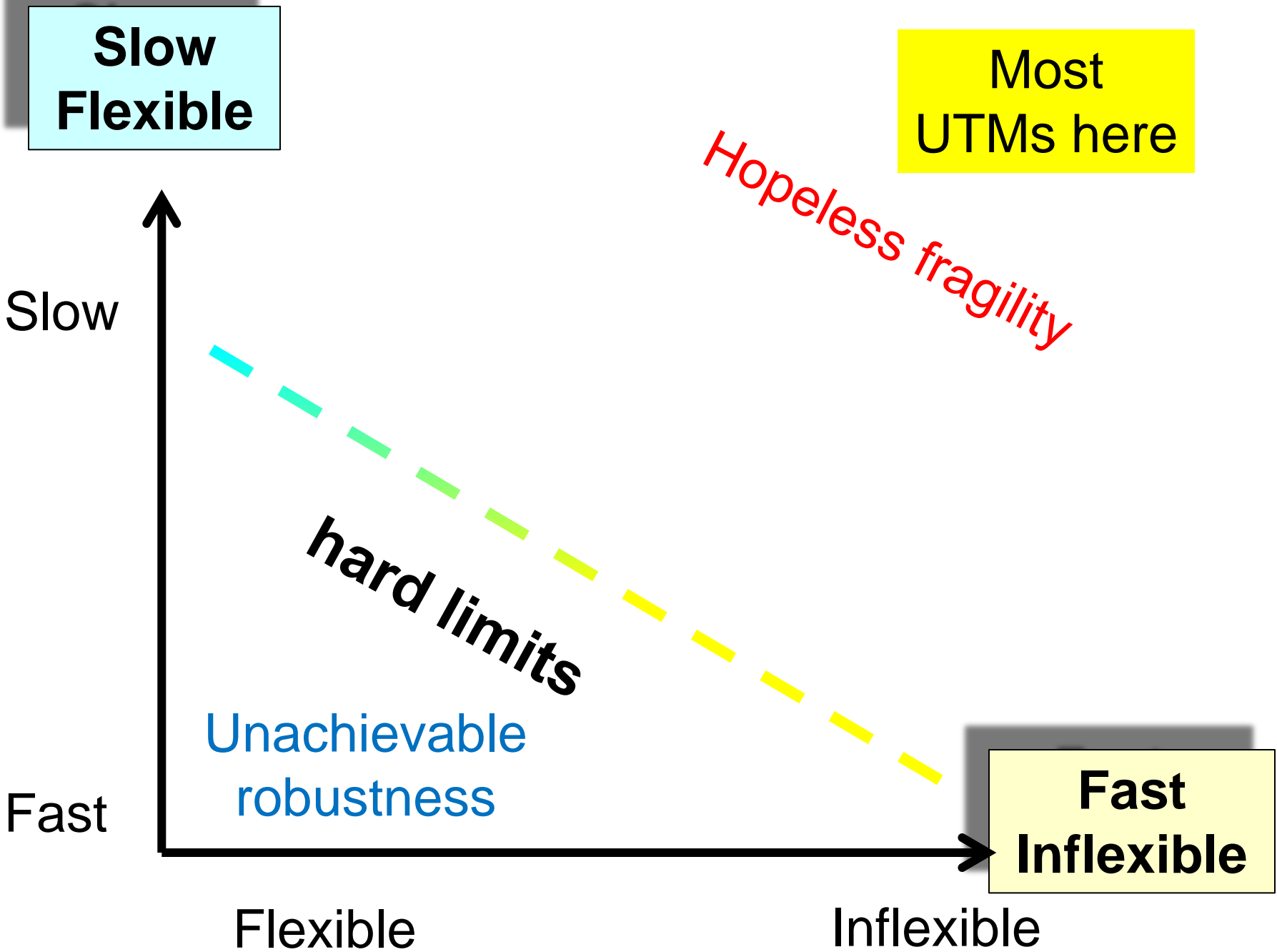
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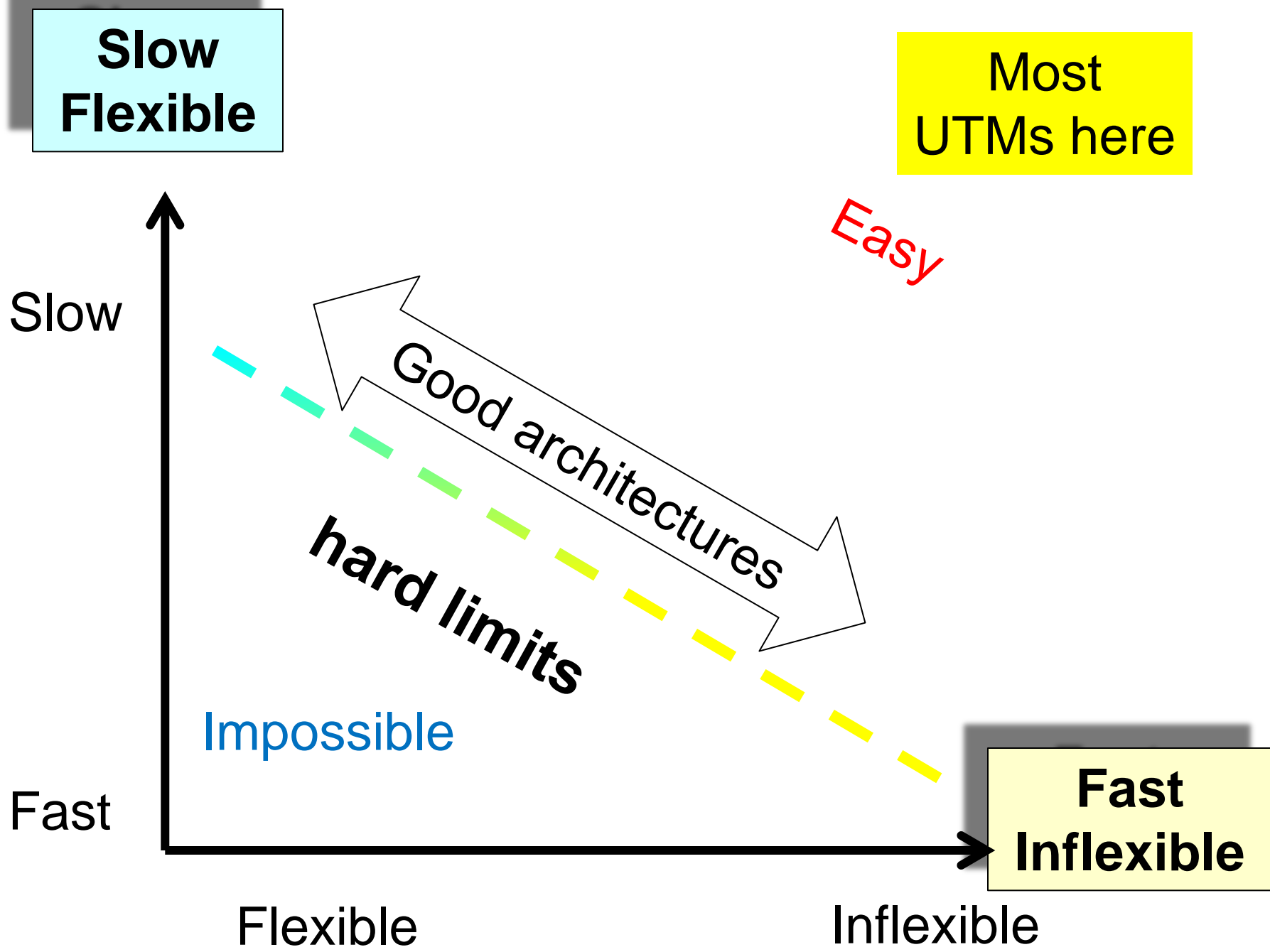
- Computational complexity of
- **Designing** control algorithms
 - **Implementing** control algorithms

**Delay is
even more
important
in control**



Control





Issues for engineering

- Turing remarkably relevant for 76 years
- UTMs are \approx implementable
 - Differ only (but greatly) in speed and programmability
 - Time/speed/delay is most critical resource
 - Space (memory) almost free for most purposes
- Read/write random access memory hierarchies
- Further gradations of decidable (P/NP/coNP)
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 - UTMs differ vastly in speed, usability, and programmability
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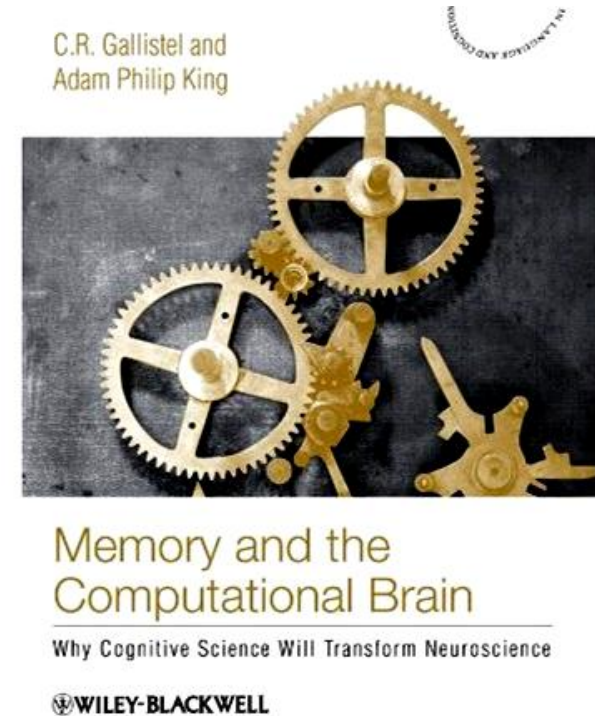
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Conjectures, biology

- Memory potential $\approx \infty$
- Examples
 - Insects
 - Scrub jays
 - Autistic Savants

Gallistel and King



- But why so rare and/or accidental?
- Large memory, computation of limited value?
- Selection favors fast robust **action**?
- Brains are distributed (not studied by Gallistel)

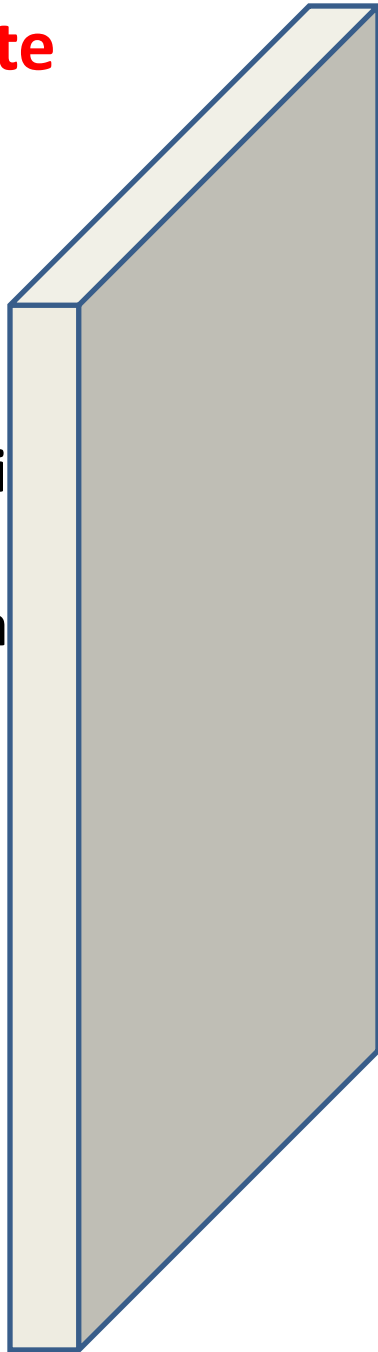
Compute

Turing

Delay is
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Bode

Control,



Communicate

Shannon

Delay is
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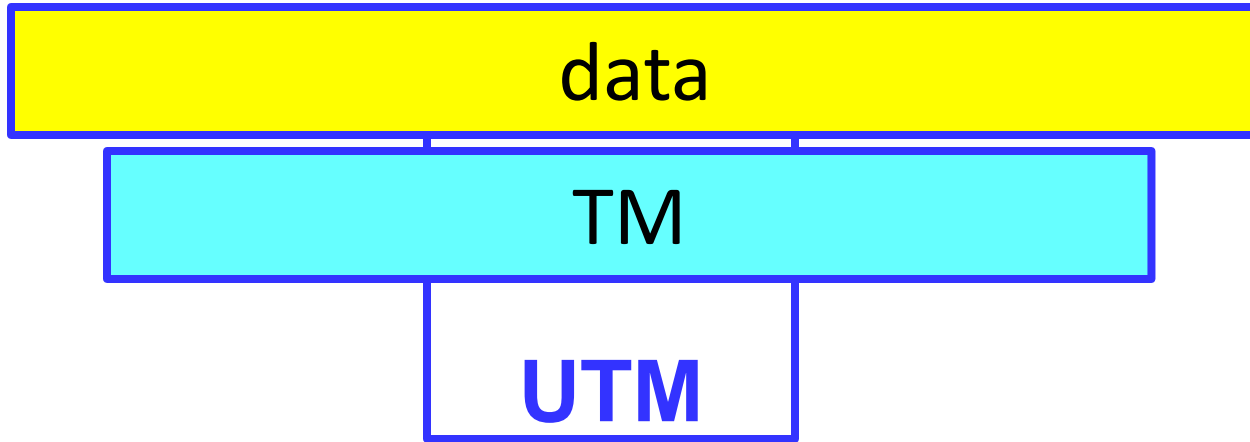
Carnot

Boltzmann

Heisenberg

Physics

Einstein



- Suppose we only care about space?
- And time is free
- Bad news: compression undecidable.
- Shannon: change the problem!

time



space



Communications

Shannon

Shannon's brilliant insight

- Forget time
- Forget files, use *infinite random ensembles*

Good news

- Laws and architecture!
- Info theory most popular and accessible topic in systems engineering
- *Fantastic* for some engineering problems

Communications

Shannon

Shannon's brilliant insight

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Bad news

- Laws and architecture very brittle

- Less than zero impact on internet architecture
- Almost useless for biology (But see Lestas et al, 2010)
- Mised, distracted generations of biologists (and neuroscientists)

Compute

Communicate

Turing

Lowering the barrier

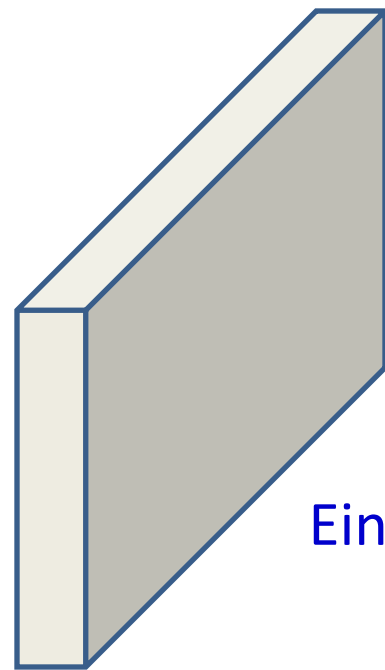
Shannon

**Delay is
most
important**

New progress!



**Delay is
~~*least*~~
important**



Bode

Carnot

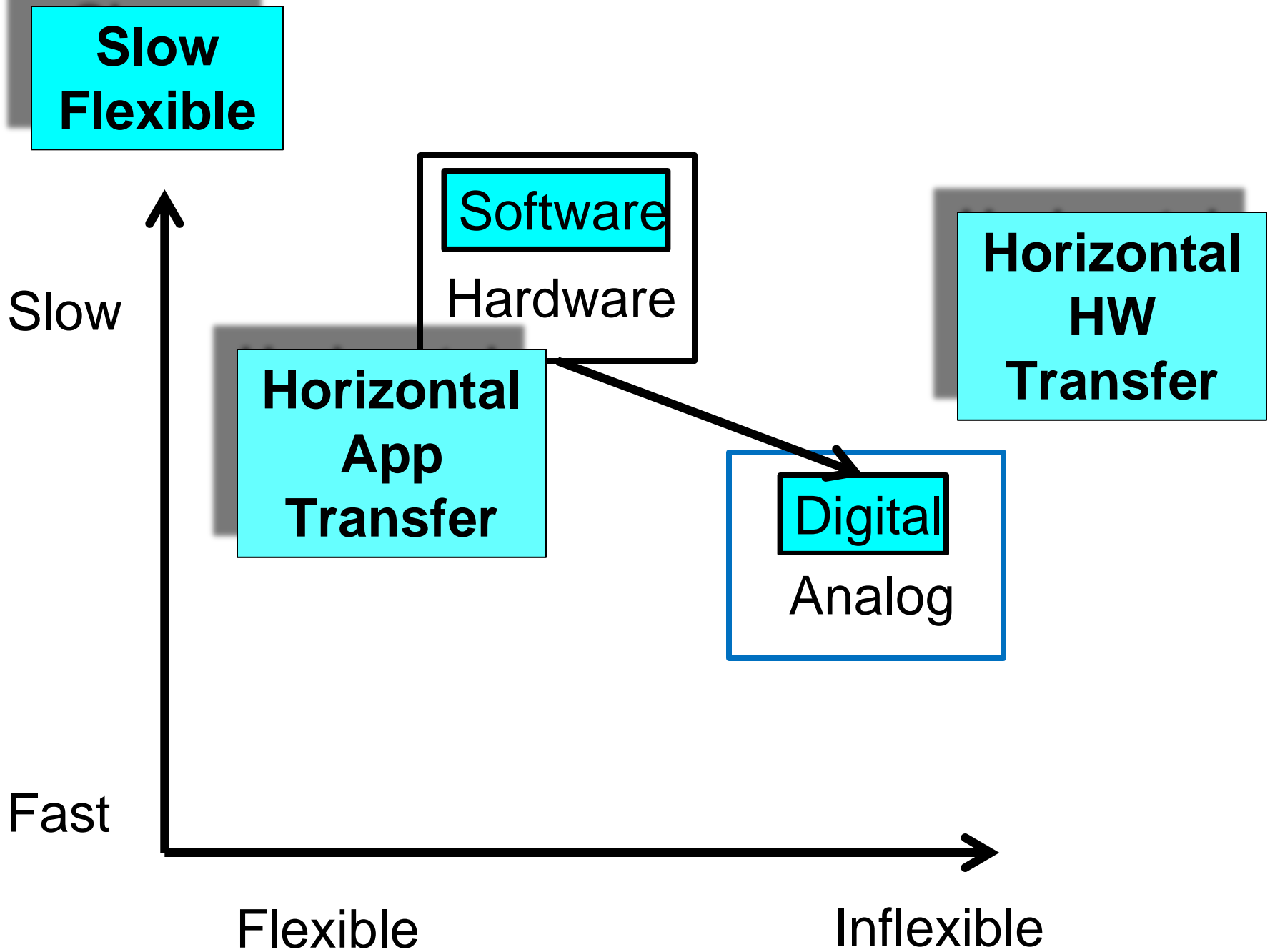
Boltzmann

Control, OR

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Einstein

Physics



**Flexible/
Adaptable/
Evolvable**

**Horizontal
Meme
Transfer**

frontal

Sensory

Learning

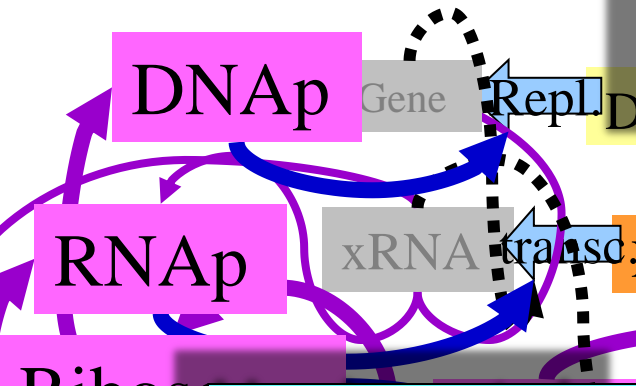
Striatu

Reflex

Software
Hardware

**Horizontal
App
Transfer**

Digital
Analog



**Horizontal
Gene
Transfer**

**Depends
crucially on
layered
architecture**

Human complexity

Robust

- ☺ Metabolism
- ☺ Regeneration & repair
- ☺ Healing wound /infect

Fragile

- ☹ Obesity, diabetes
- ☹ Cancer
- ☹ AutoImmune/Inflame

Start with physiology

Lots of triage

Benefits

Robust

- ☺ Metabolism
- ☺ Regeneration & repair
- ☺ Healing wound /infect

- ☺ Efficient
- ☺ Mobility
- ☺ Survive uncertain food supply
- ☺ Recover from moderate trauma and infection

Mechanism?

Robust

- ☺ Metabolism
- ☺ Regeneration & repair
- ☺ Healing wound /infect
- ☹ Fat accumulation
- ☹ Insulin resistance
- ☹ Proliferation
- ☹ Inflammation

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What's the difference?

Robust

- 😊 Metabolism
- 😊 Regeneration & repair
- 😊 Healing wound /infect

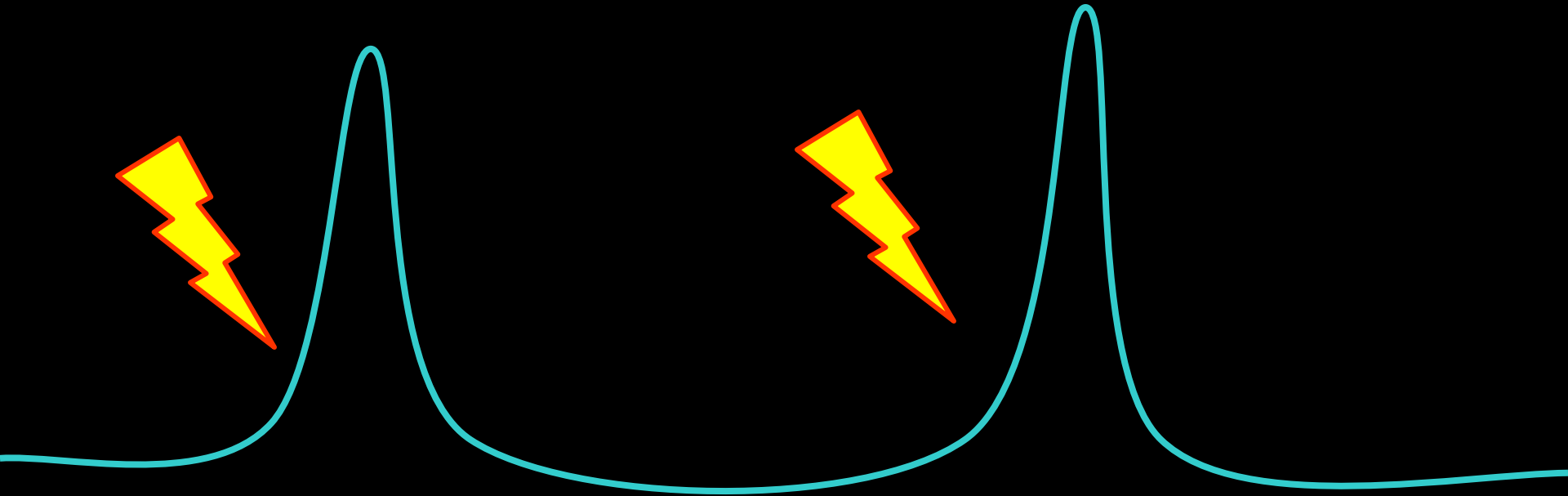
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Controlled
Dynamic

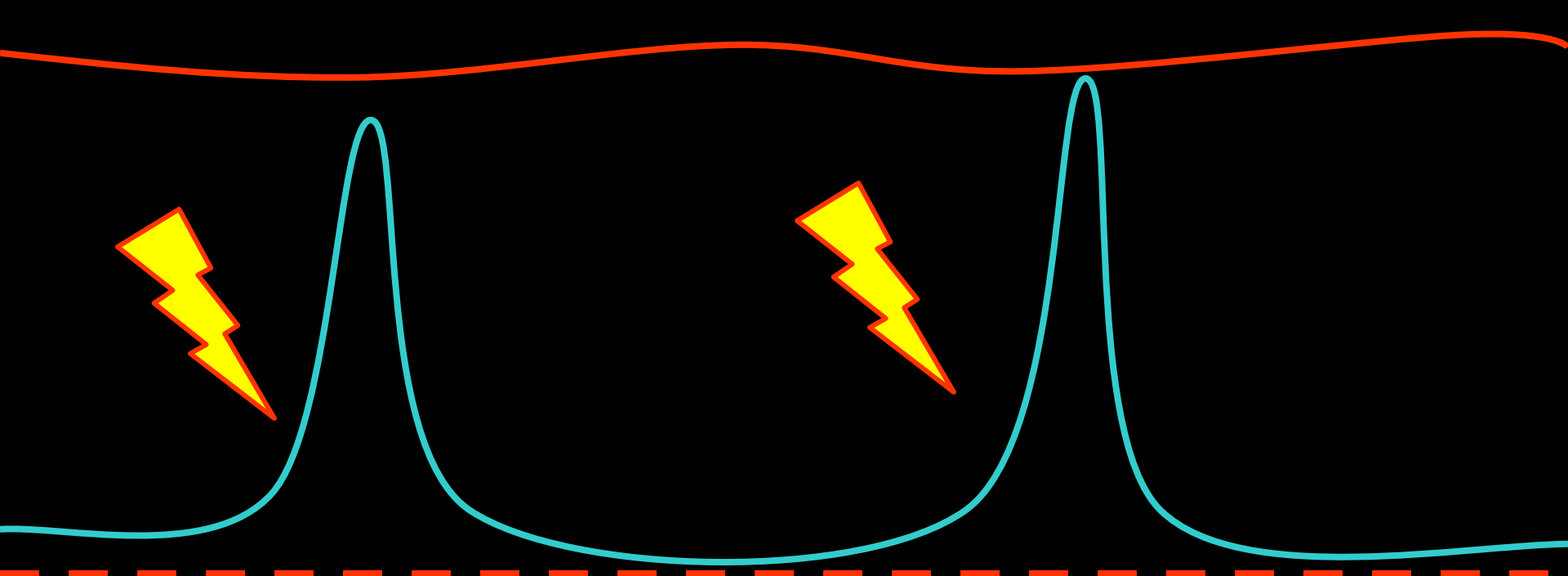
Uncontrolled
Chronic



- ☹ Fat accumulation
- ☹ Insulin resistance
- ☹ Proliferation
- ☹ Inflammation

Controlled
Dynamic

Low mean
High variability



Death

- ☹ Fat accumulation
- ☹ Insulin resistance
- ☹ Proliferation
- ☹ Inflammation

Controlled
Dynamic

Low mean
High variability

Uncontrolled
Chronic

High mean
Low variability

Restoring robustness?

Robust

- 😊 Metabolism
- 😊 Regeneration & repair
- 😊 Healing wound /infect

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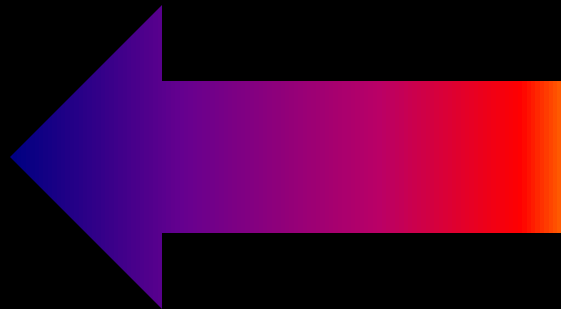
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Controlled
Dynamic

Low mean
High variability



Uncontrolled
Chronic

High mean
Low variability

Human complexity

Robust

- ☺ Metabolism
- ☺ Regeneration & repair
- ☺ Immune/inflammation
- ☺ Microbe symbionts
- ☺ Neuro-endocrine
- 📄 Complex societies
- 📄 Advanced technologies
- 📄 Risk “management”

Yet Fragile

- ☹ Obesity, diabetes
- ☹ Cancer
- ☹ AutoImmune/Inflame
- ☹ Parasites, infection
- ☹ Addiction, psychosis,...
- ☠ Epidemics, war,...
- 💣 Disasters, global &!%\$#
- 💣 Obfuscate, amplify,...

Accident or necessity?

Robust

- ☺ Metabolism
- ☺ Regenerati
- ☺ Healing wo

Fragile

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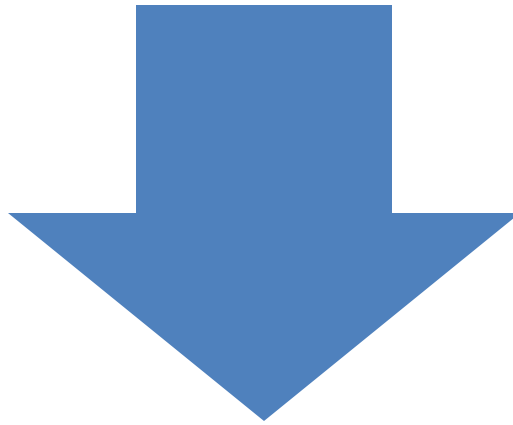
- Fragility ← Hijacking, side effects, unintended...
- Of mechanisms evolved for robustness
- Complexity ← control, robust/fragile tradeoffs
- Math: robust/fragile constraints (“conservation laws”)

Both

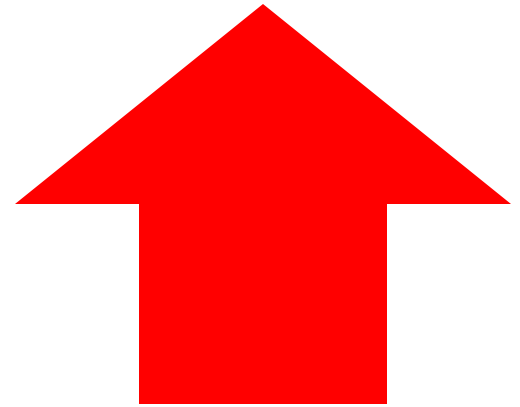
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fragile



**Some features
robust to some
perturbations**



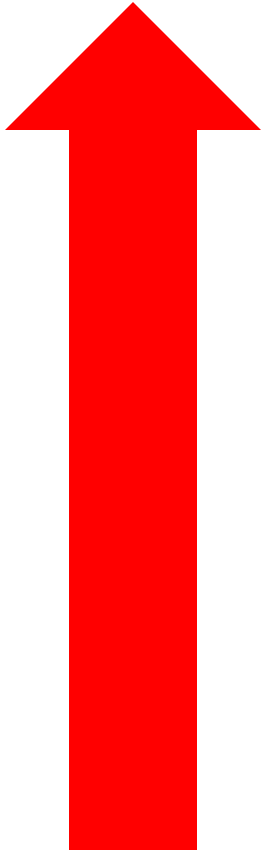
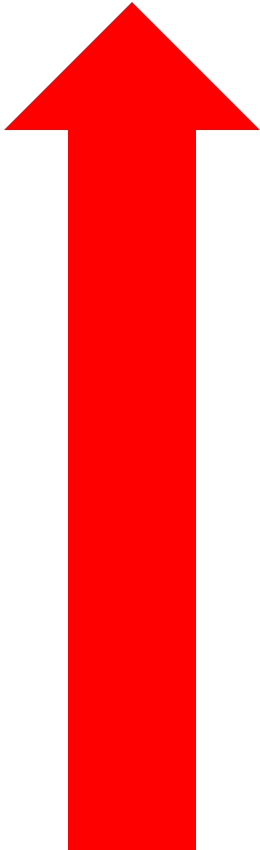
**Other features or
other
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robust



Increased complexity?

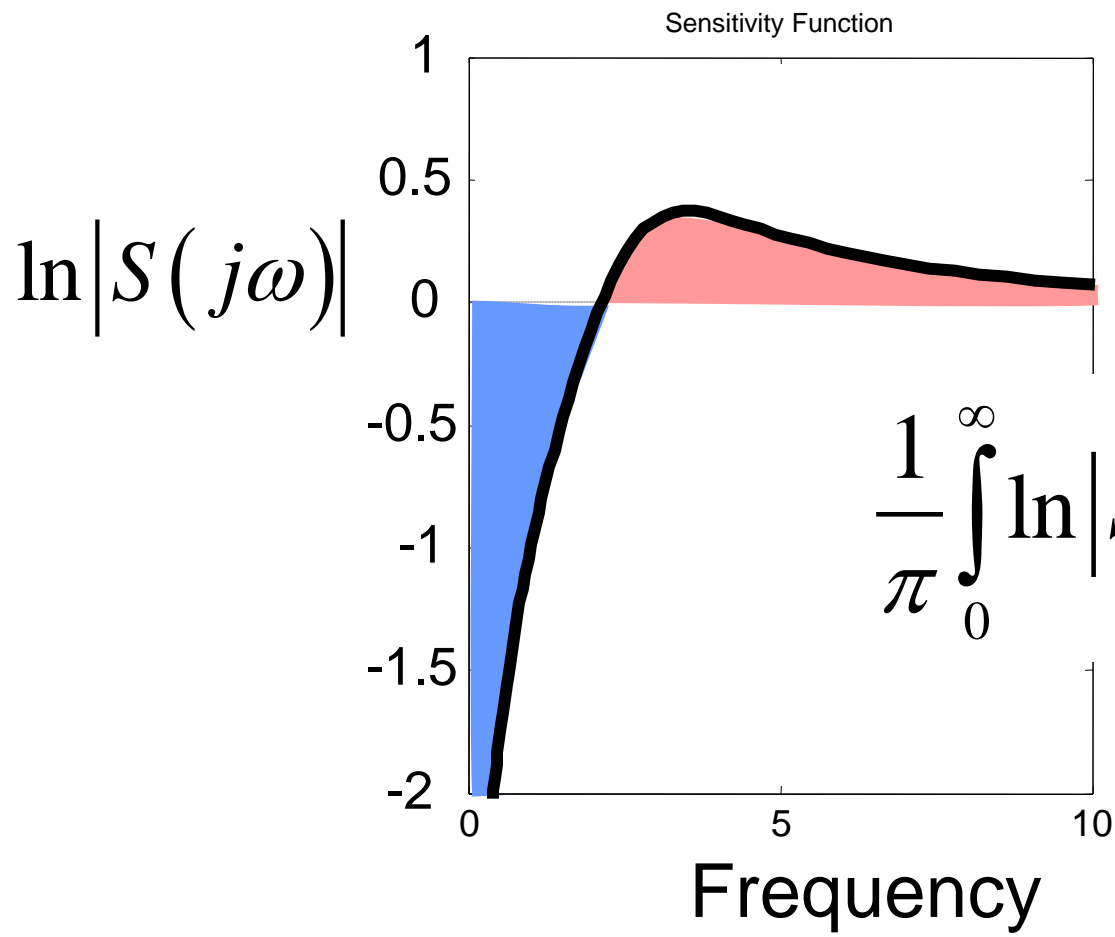
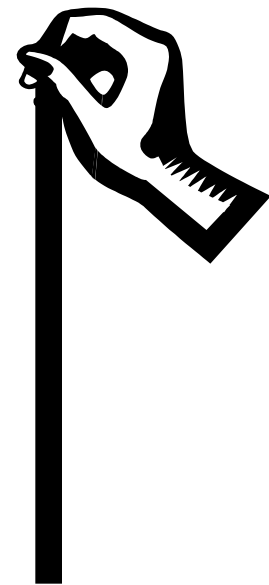
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robust

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$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln|S(j\omega)| d\omega = 0$$

Compute

Turing

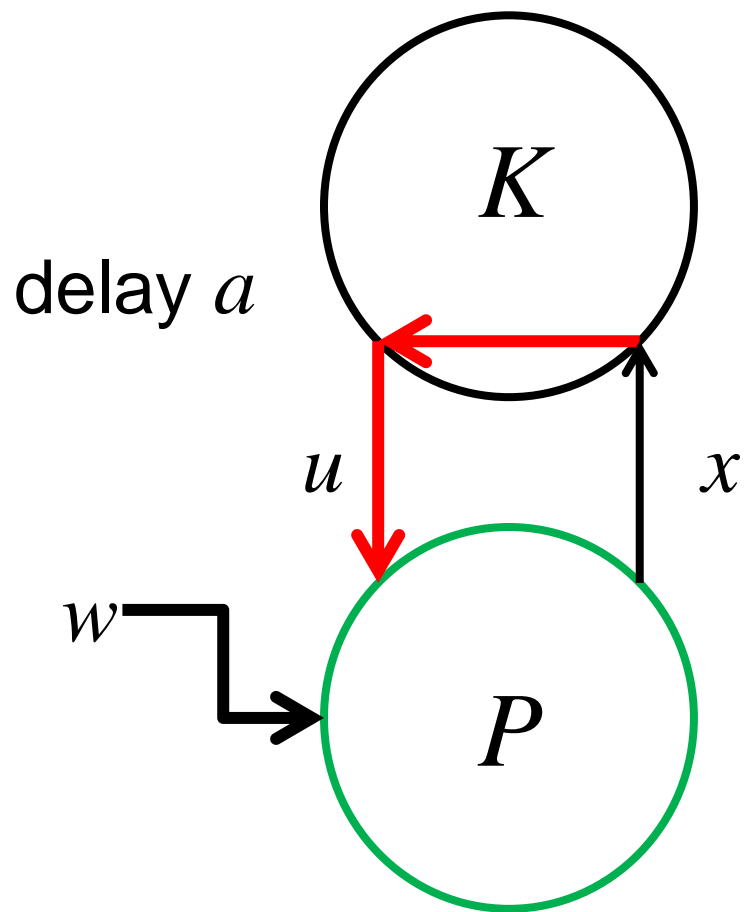
**Delay is
most
important**

Bode

Control, OR

Why

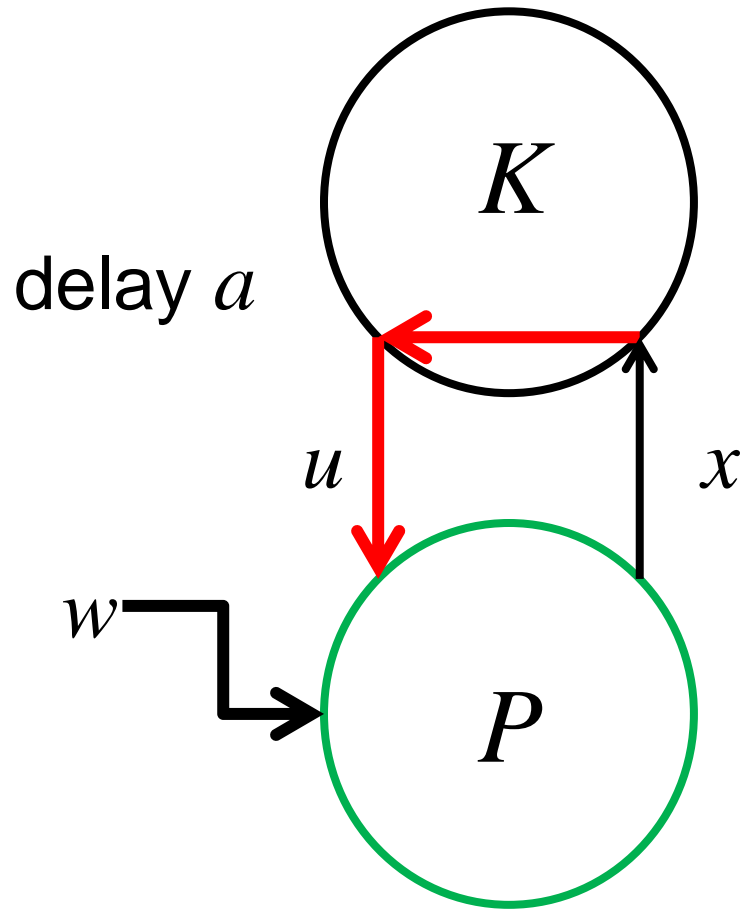
Necessity



$$x_{t+1} = px_t + w_t + u_{t-a}$$

$$p > 1$$

delay a



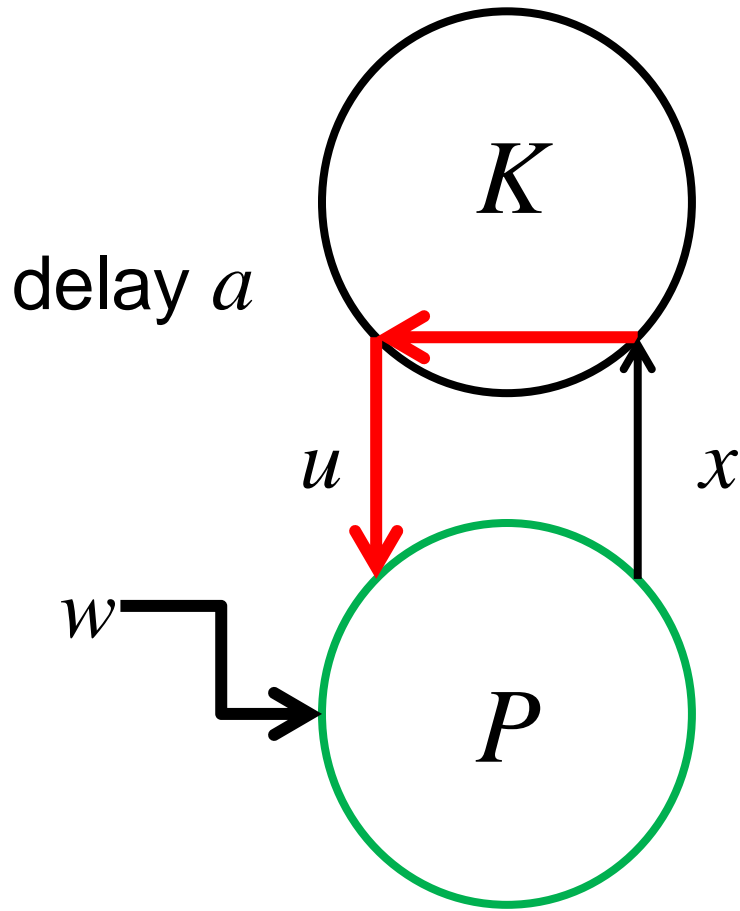
No delay or
no uncertainty

$$u_{t-a} = -(px_t + w_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\| \approx 0 \quad \|u\| \approx \|w\|$$

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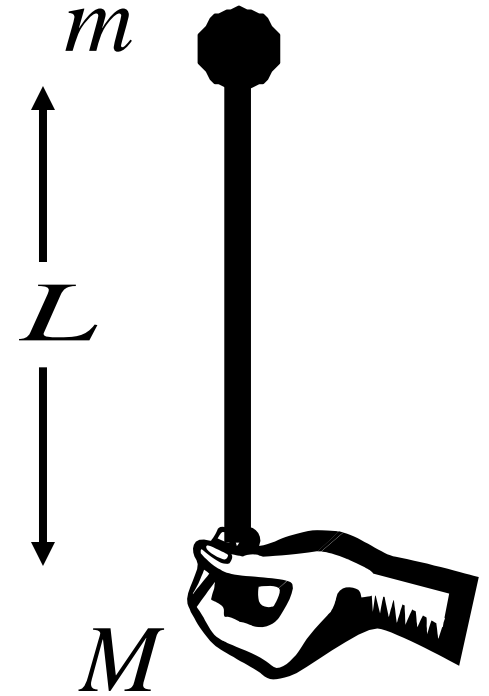
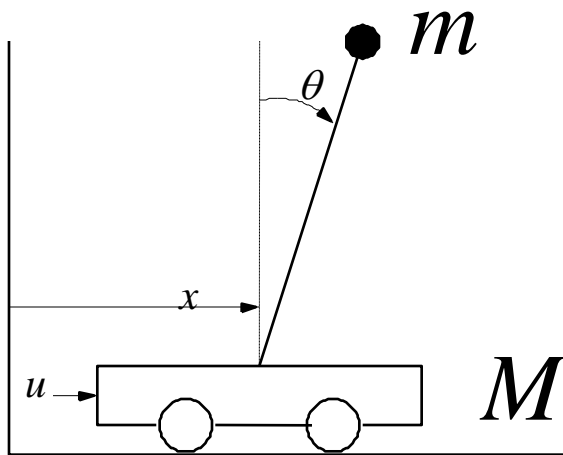
With delay **and**
uncertainty

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$$\Rightarrow \|x\| \approx \|u\| \approx p^a \|w\|$$

Linearized pendulum on a cart



$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \theta \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{m^2 g l^2}{q} & \frac{-(J + m l^2) b}{q} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{m g l (M + m)}{q} & \frac{-m l b}{q} & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{J + m l^2}{q} \\ \frac{m l}{q} \end{bmatrix} u$$

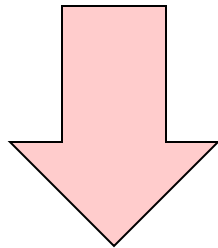
$$q = J(M + m) + M m l^2$$

$$(M + m)\ddot{x} + ml(\ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - \dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta) = u$$

$$\ddot{x} \cos \theta + l\ddot{\theta} + g \sin \theta = 0$$

$$y = x + \alpha l \sin \theta$$

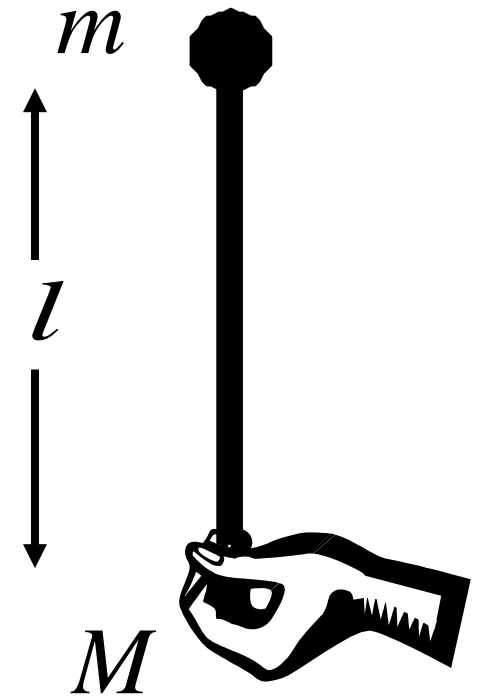
linearize



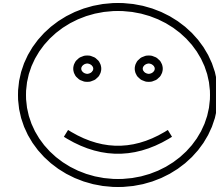
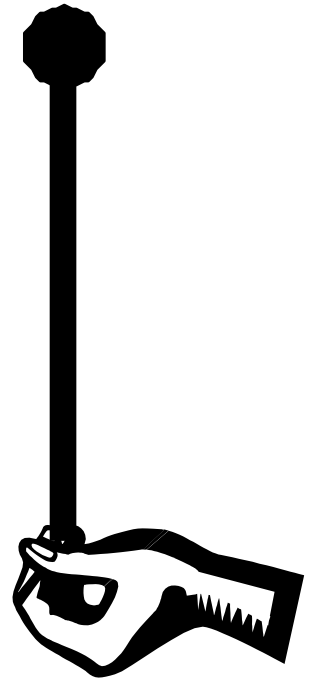
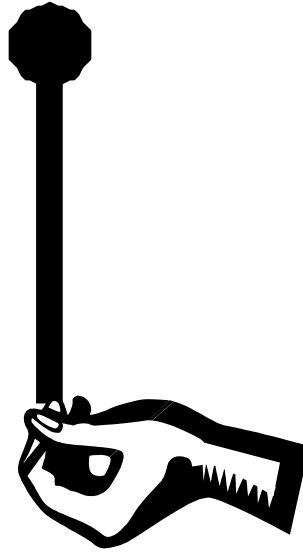
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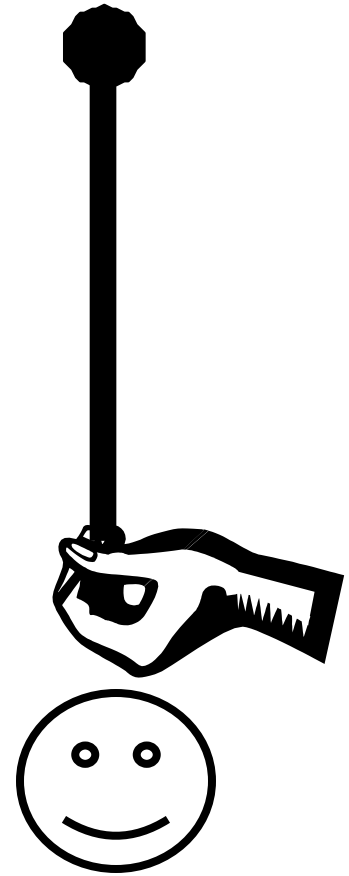
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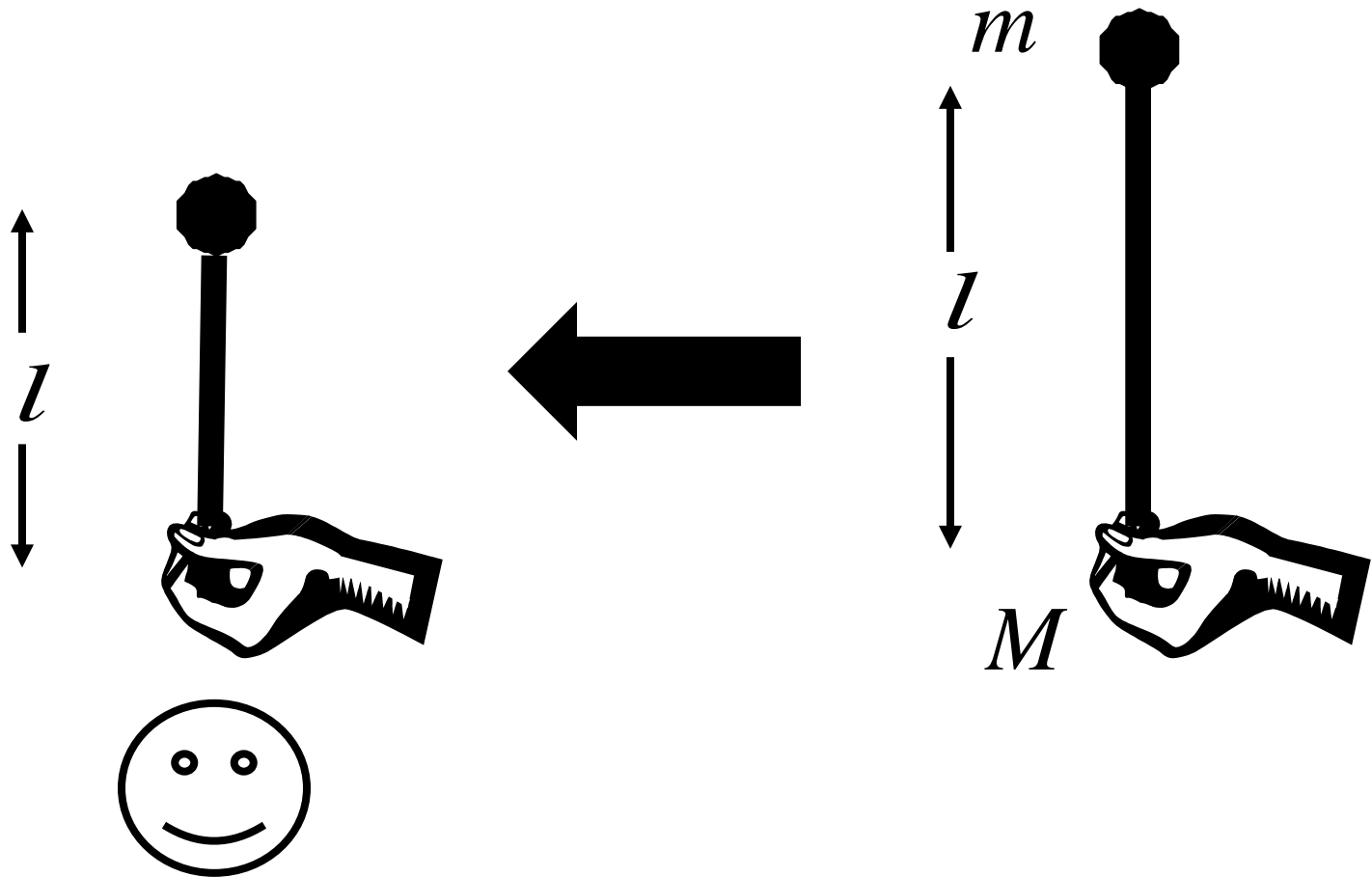


Robust
=agile and
balancing



Robust
=agile and
balancing





Efficient=length of
pendulum (artificial)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{D(s)} \begin{bmatrix} ls^2 \pm g \\ -s^2 \end{bmatrix} u$$

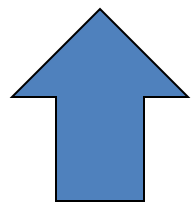
$$D(s) = s^2 (Mls^2 \pm (M + m)g)$$

$$y = x + \alpha l \theta = \frac{\varepsilon ls^2 \pm g}{D(s)}$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \alpha$$

$$p = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{1+r} \quad r = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$$

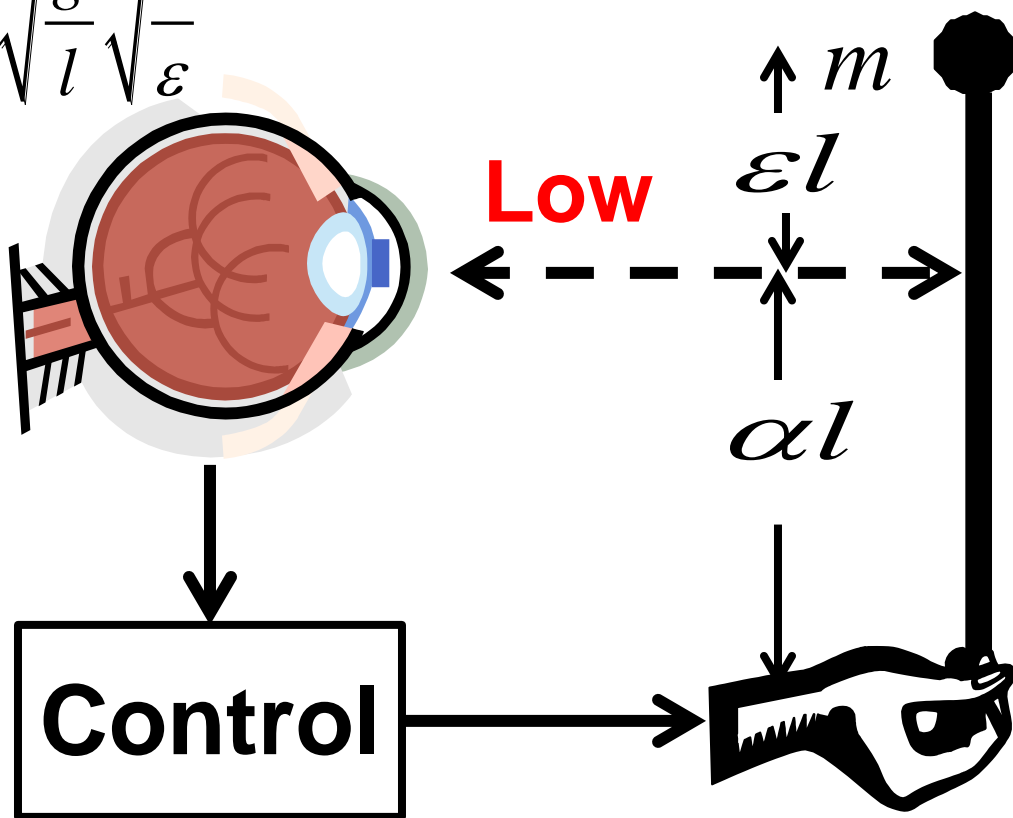


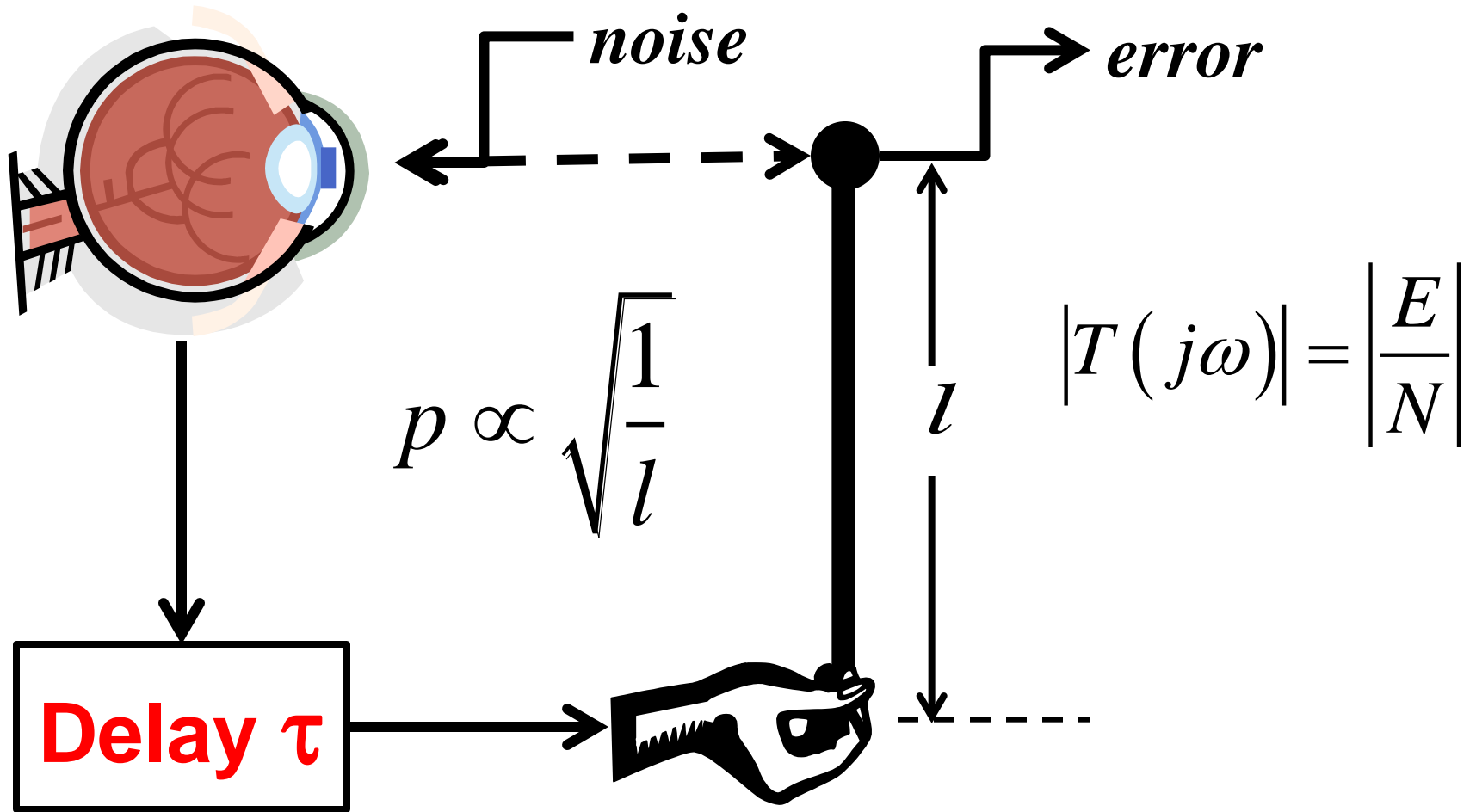
transform+
algebra

$$(M + m)\ddot{x} + ml\ddot{\theta} = u$$

$$\ddot{x} + l\ddot{\theta} \pm g\theta = 0$$

$$y = x + \alpha l \theta$$

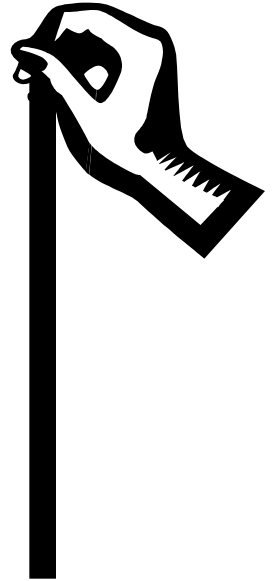






$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |T(j\omega)| d\omega \geq 0$$

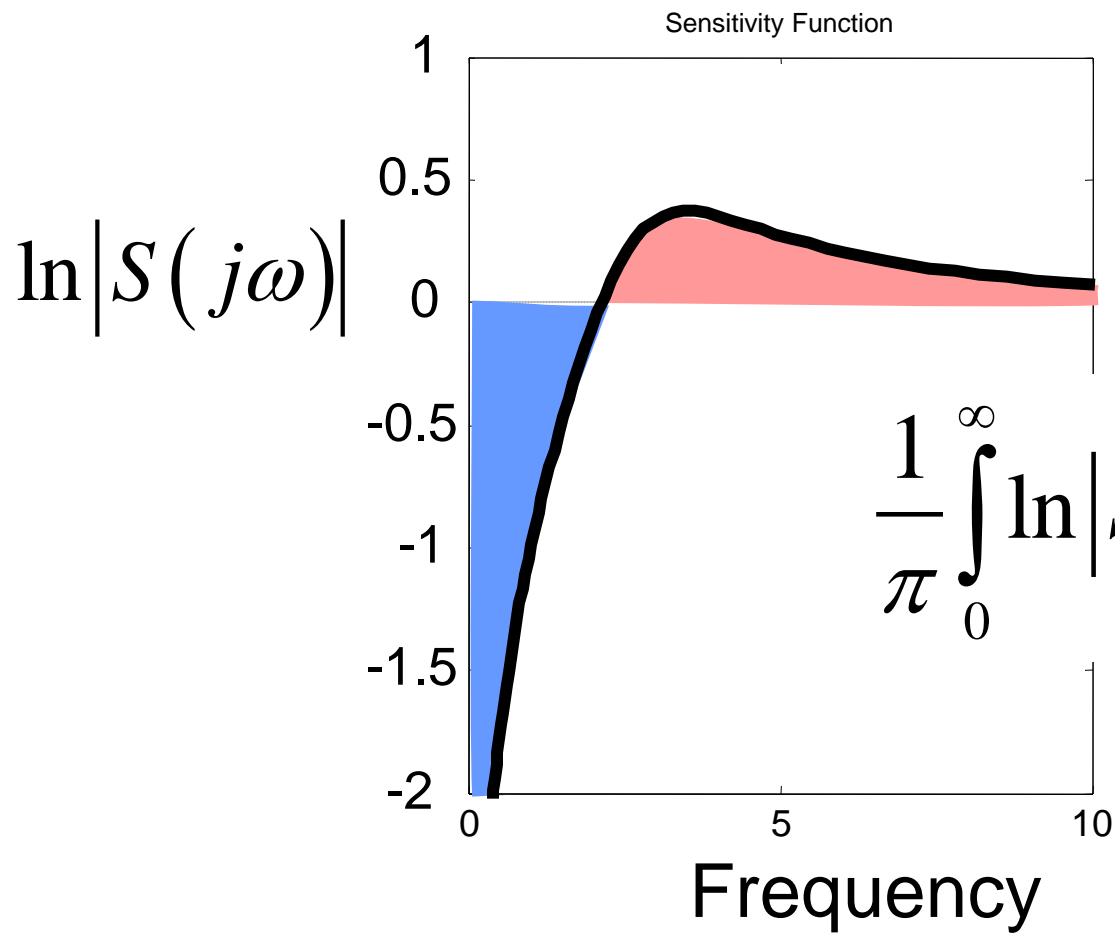
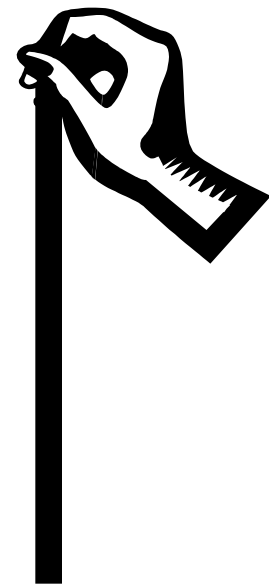
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Easy, even with eyes closed
No matter what the length

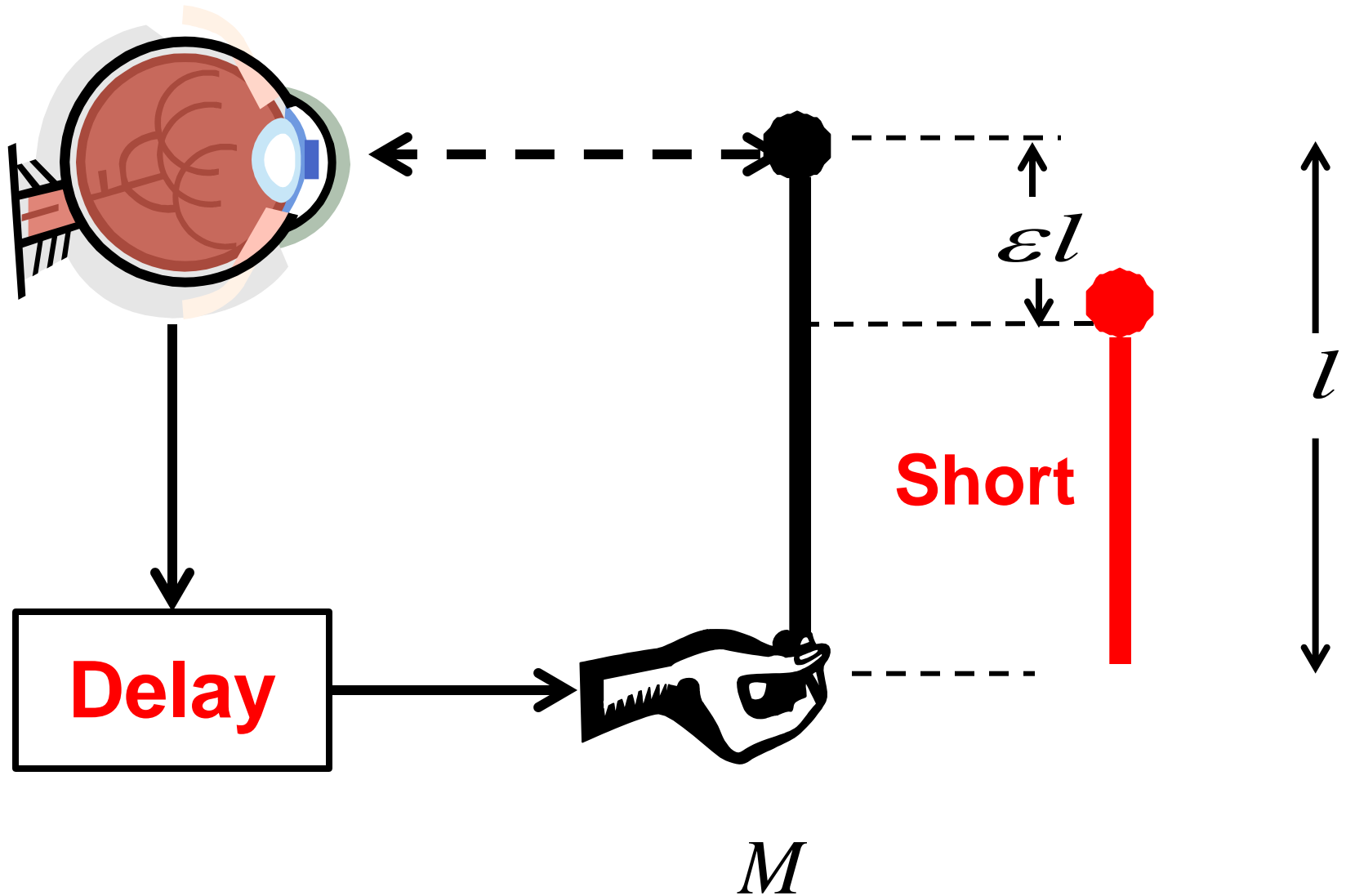
Proof: Standard UG control theory:

Easy calculus, easier contour integral,
easiest Poisson Integral formula



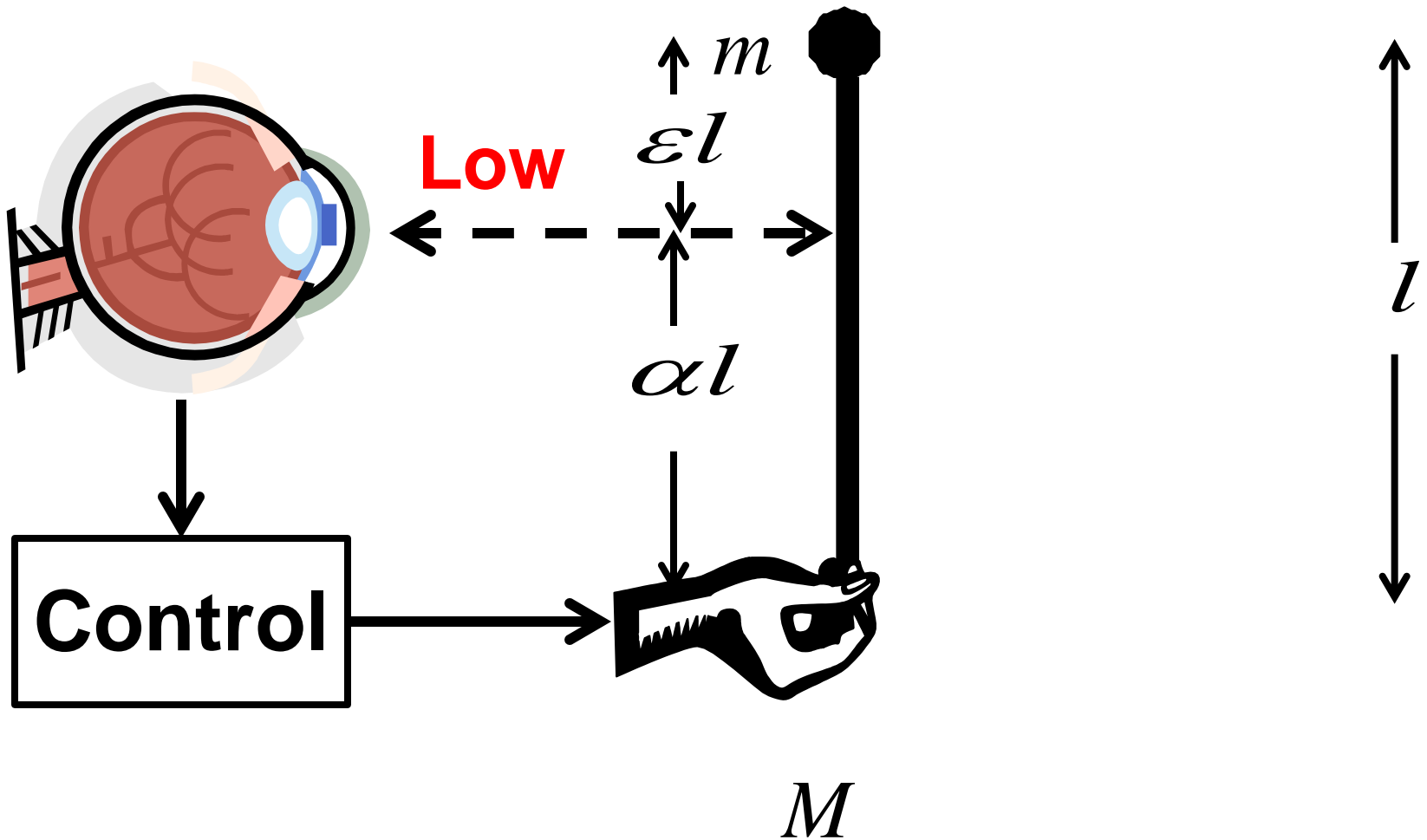
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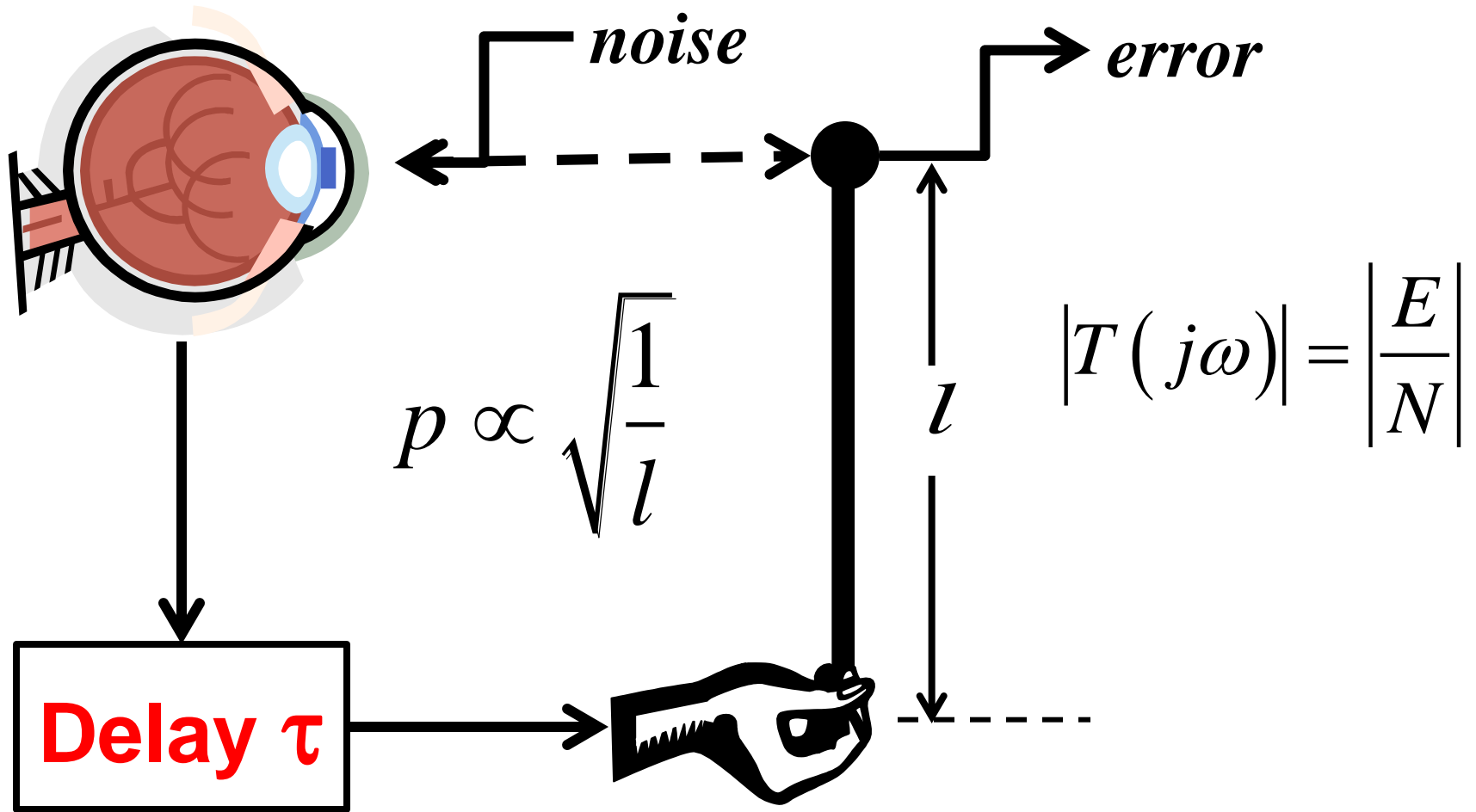
Harder if delayed or short

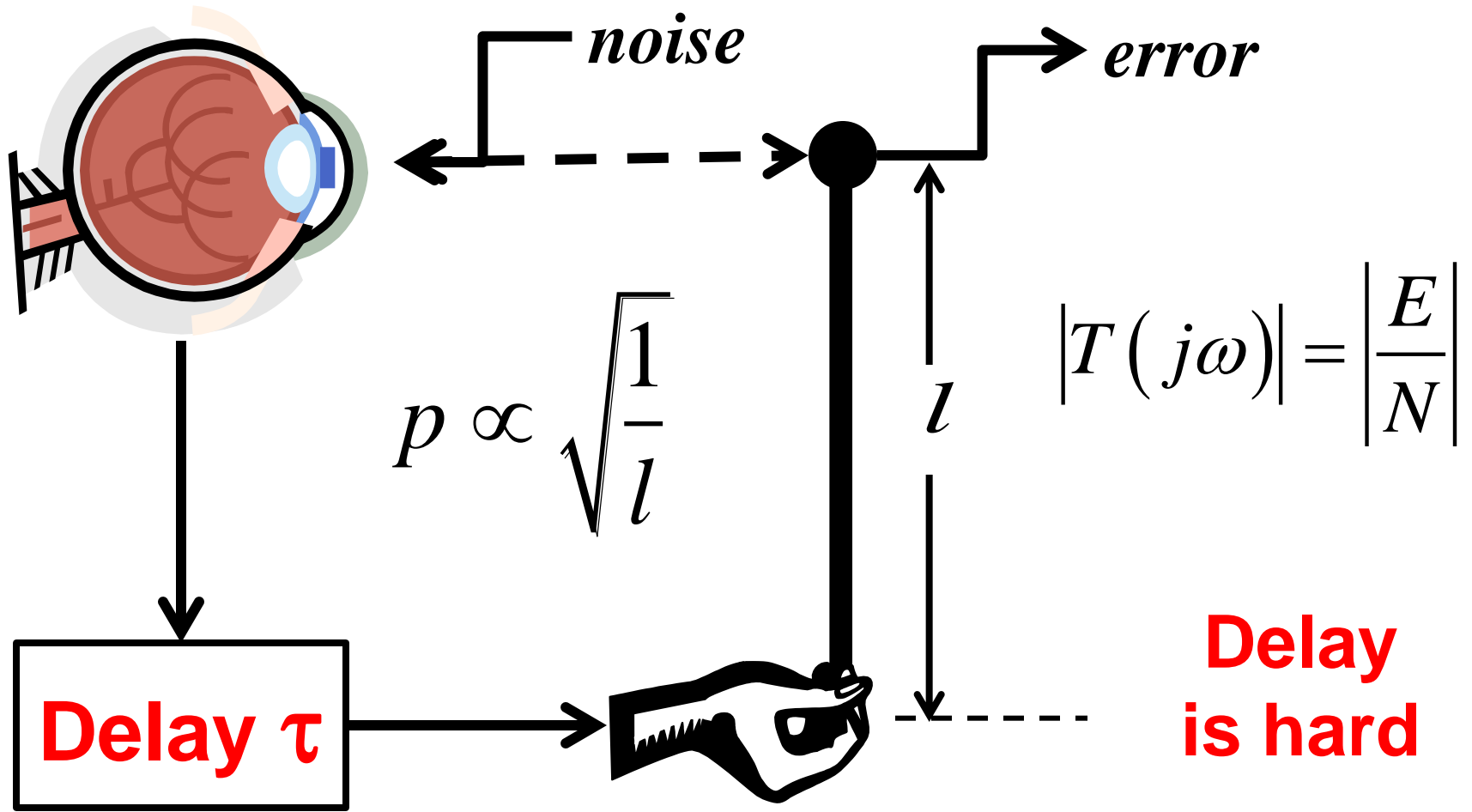


Also harder if sensed low
(details later)

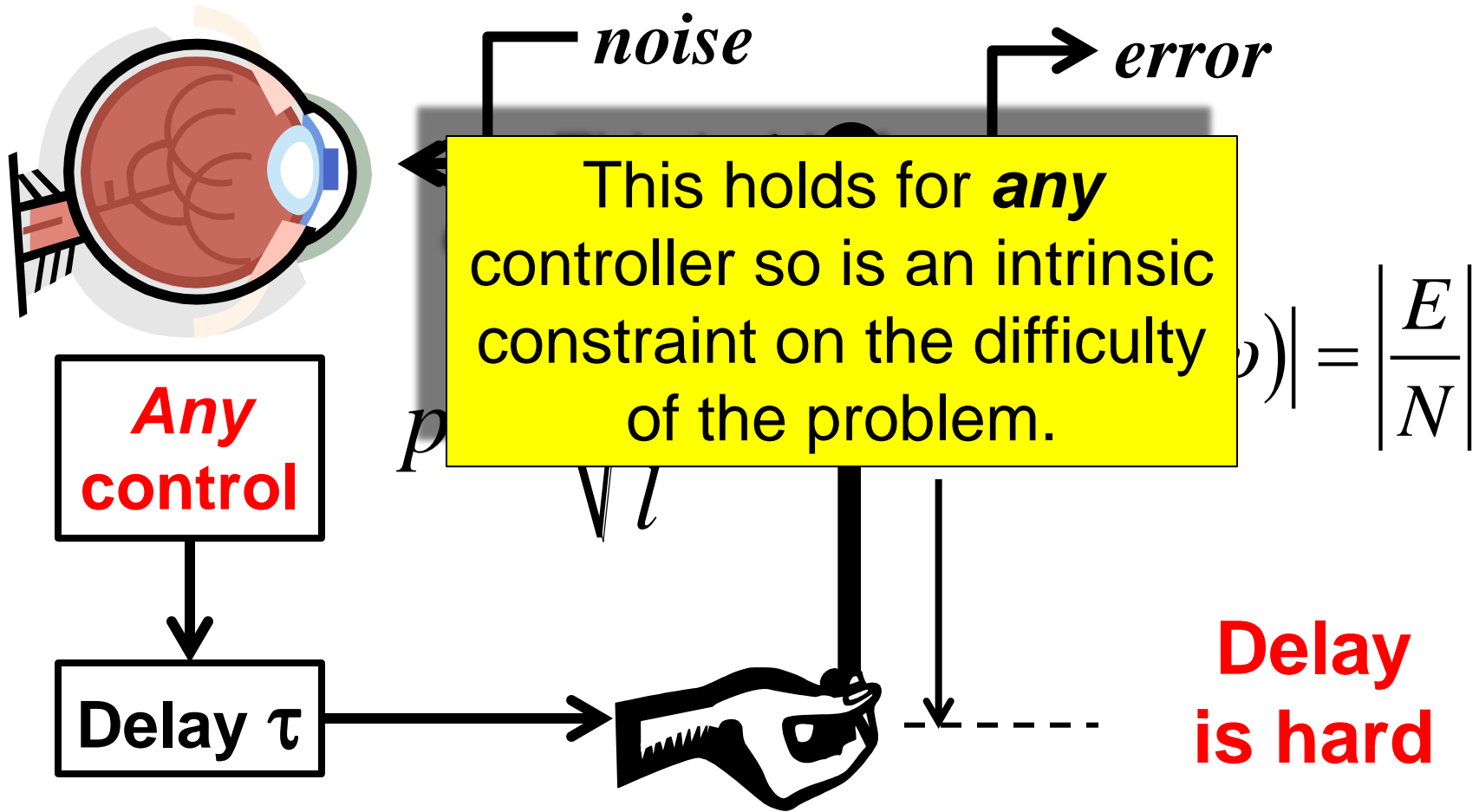
$$r = \frac{m}{M}$$







$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |T(j\omega)| \frac{2p}{p^2 + \omega^2} d\omega \geq \ln |T_{mp}(p)| = p\tau \propto \tau \sqrt{\frac{1}{l}}$$



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Fragility

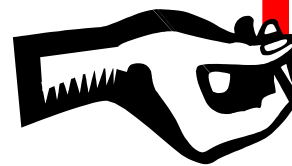
$$\tau \sqrt{\frac{1}{l}}$$

Too fragile

For fixed length

L

up



down

large τ
small $1/\tau$

small τ
large $1/\tau$

$1/\text{delay}$

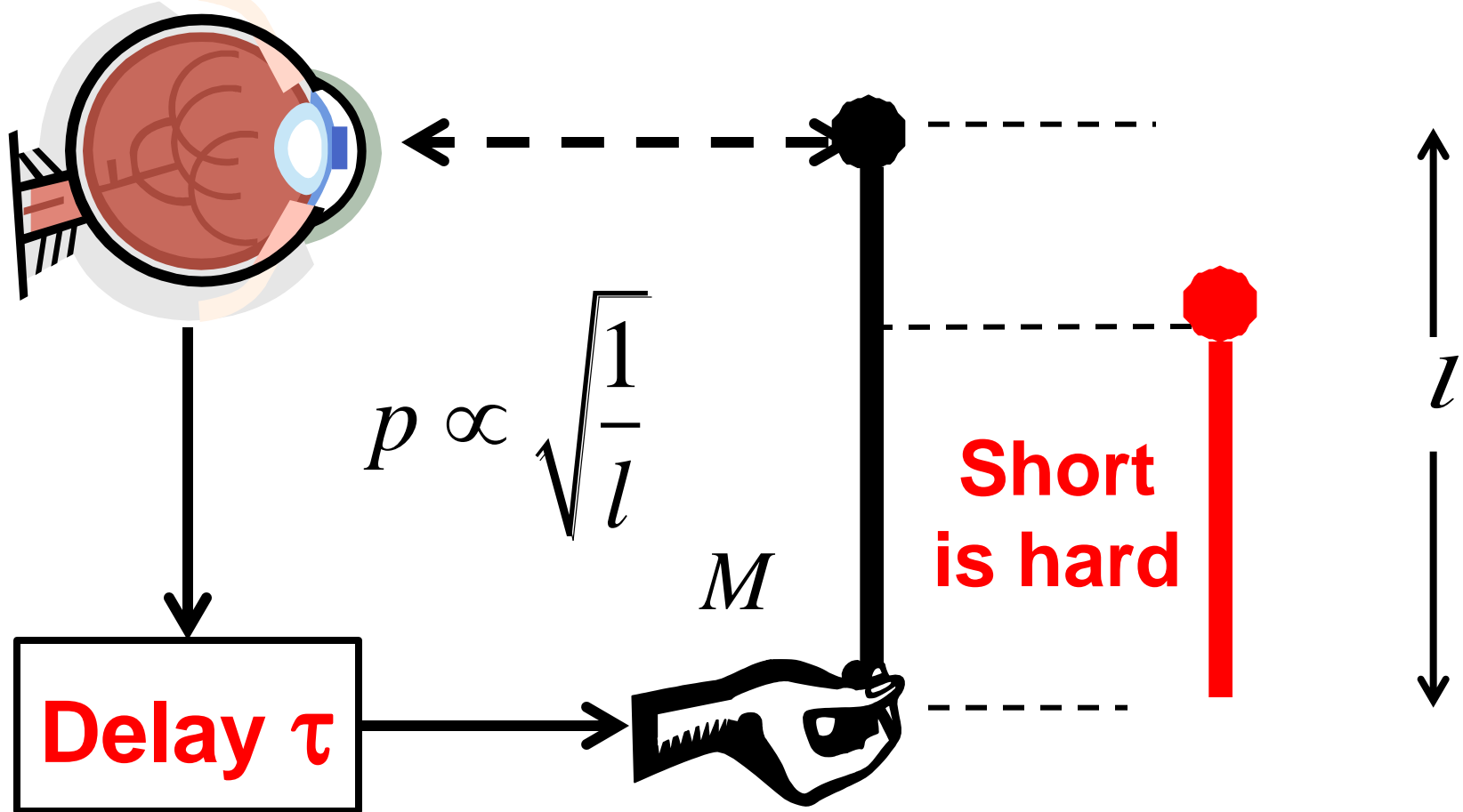
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We would like to tolerate large delays (and small lengths), but large delays severely constrain the achievable robustness.



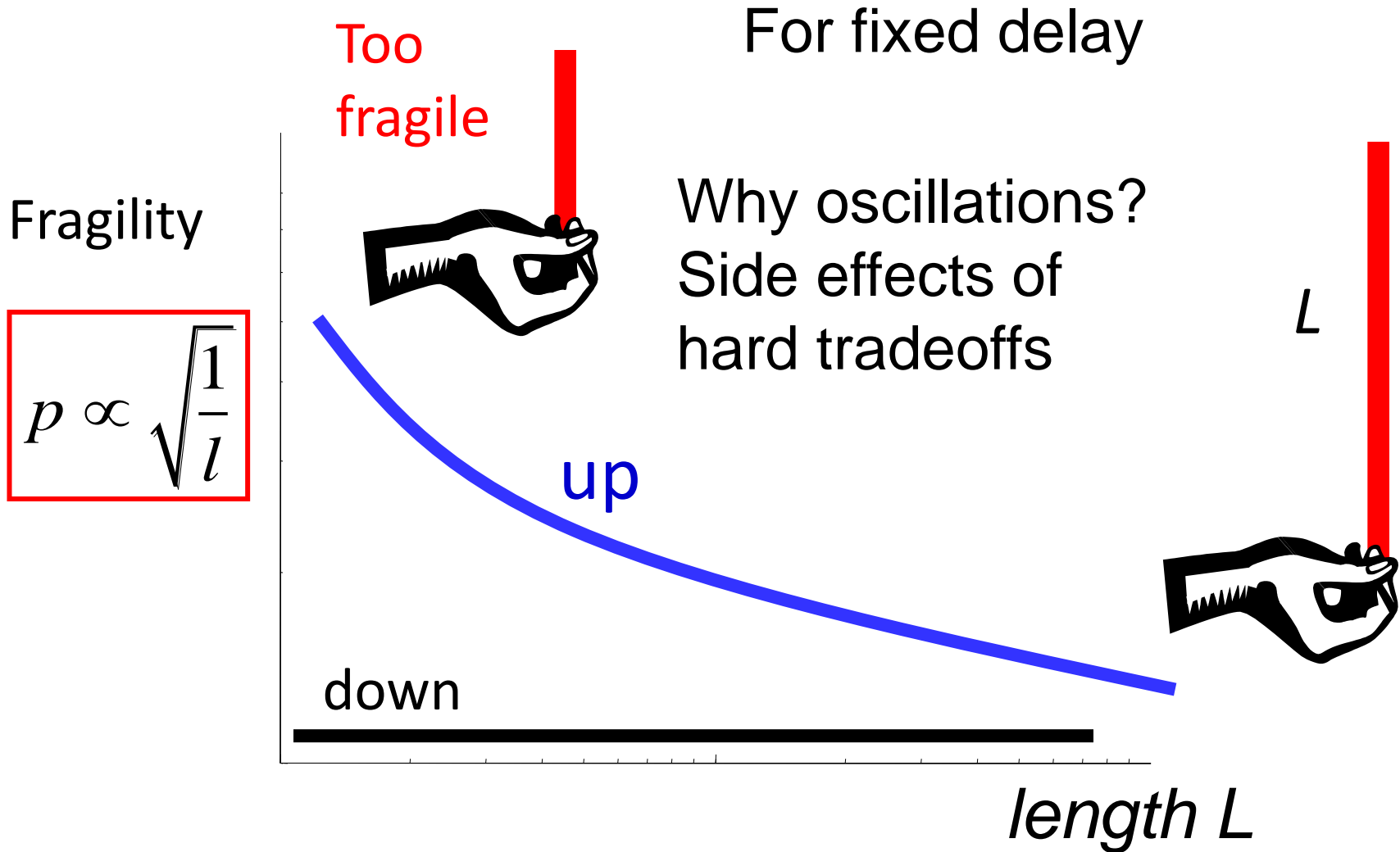
large τ
small $1/\tau$

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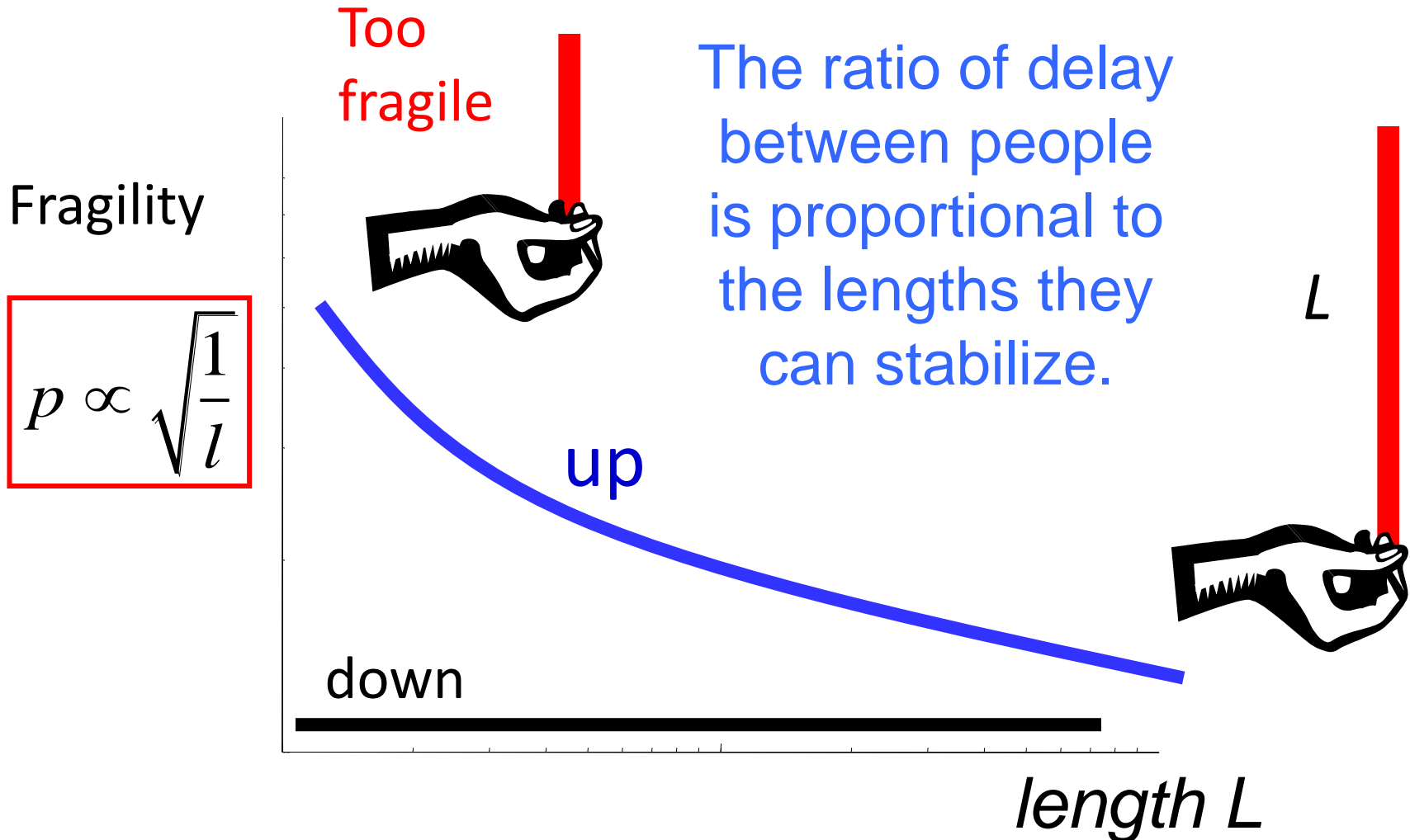


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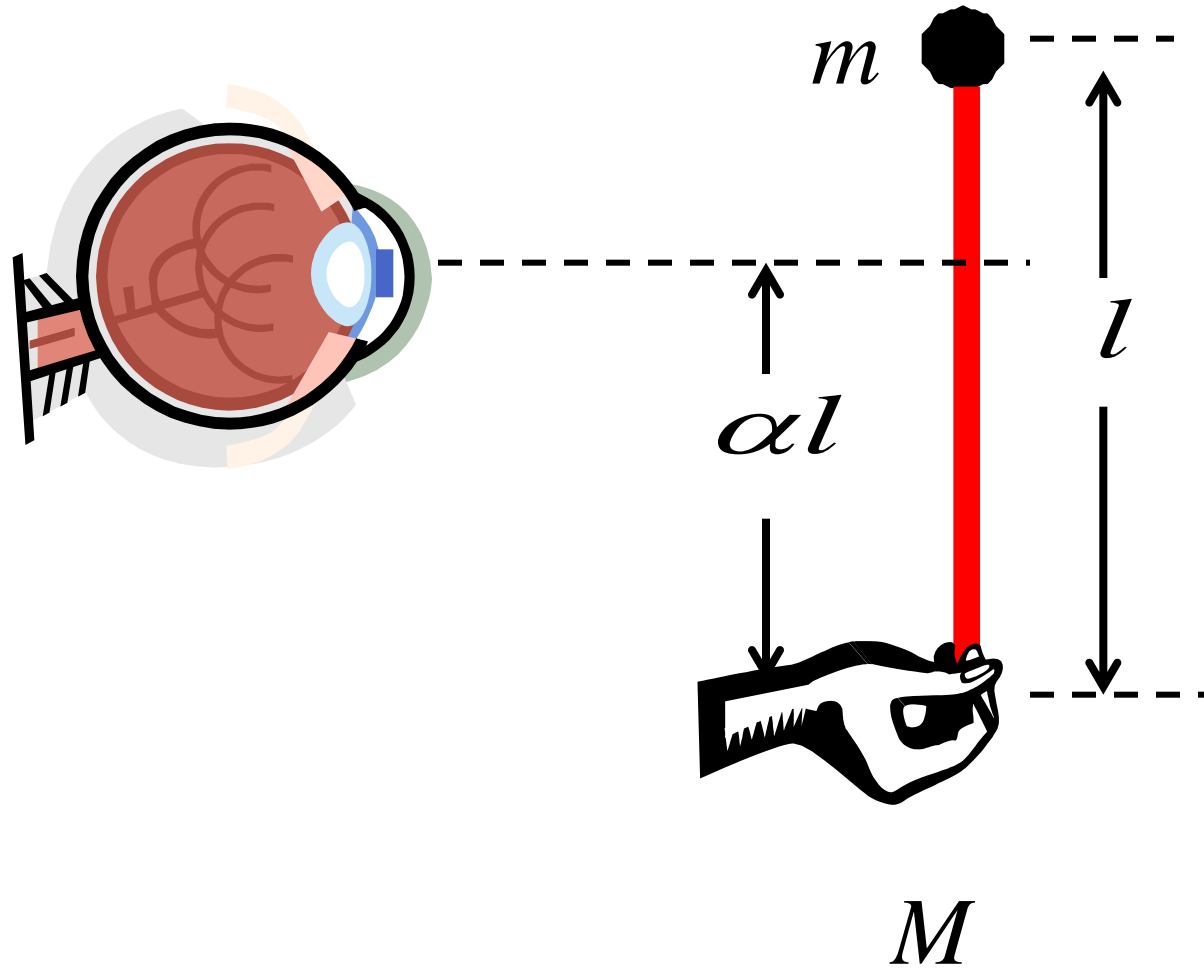
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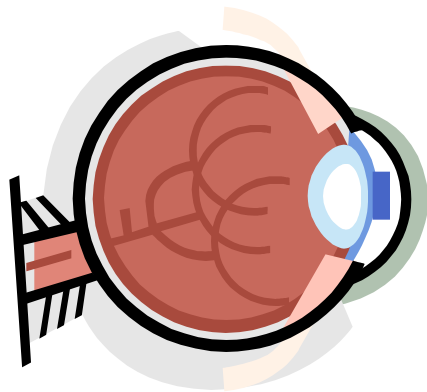


Eyes moved down is harder
(RHP zero)
Similar to delay

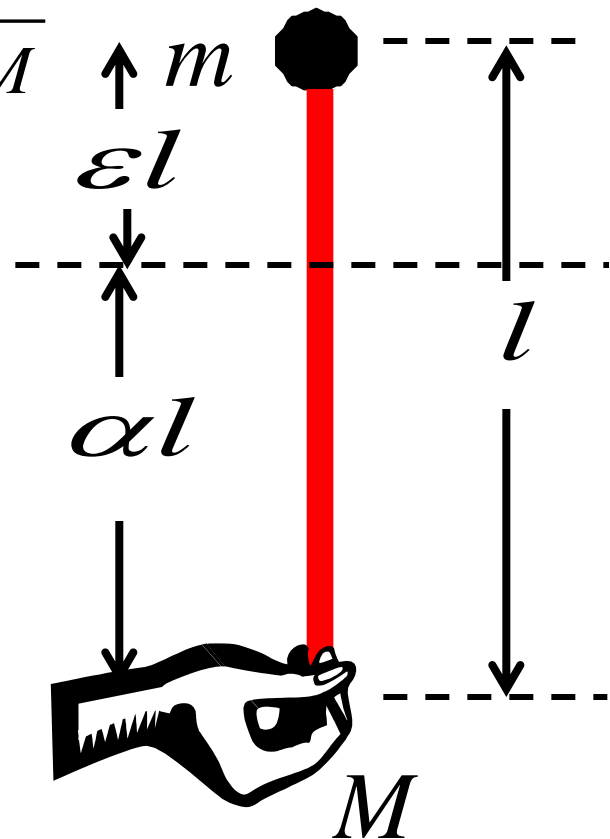


Suppose $r = \frac{m}{M} \ll 1$

Units $\Rightarrow M = g = 1$



$$r = \frac{m}{M}$$



$$y = x + \alpha l \theta = \frac{\epsilon l s^2 \pm g}{s^2 (l s^2 \pm g)} \quad \epsilon = 1 - \alpha$$

$$p \approx \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \quad z = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} \Rightarrow \frac{z + p}{z - p} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{\epsilon}}{1 - \sqrt{\epsilon}}$$

Compare

$$p = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l(1-\varepsilon)}} \sqrt{1+r} = p_0 \sqrt{\frac{1}{(1-\varepsilon)}} \approx p_0 \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)$$

Move eyes

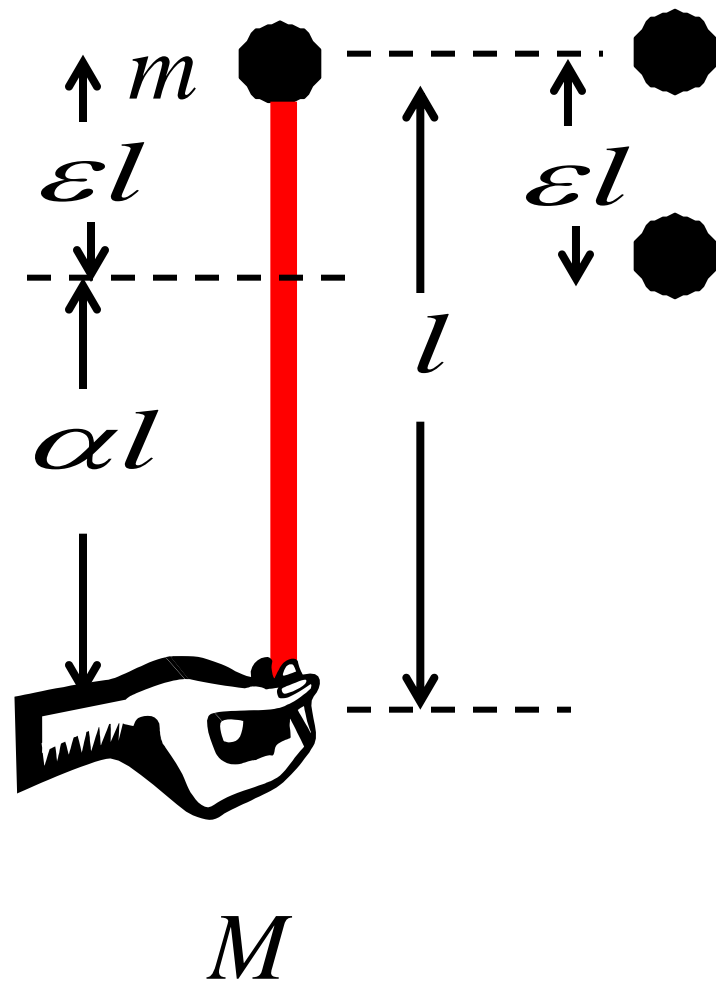
$$p = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{1+r} \quad r = \frac{m}{M} \quad z = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$$

$$p = z \Rightarrow 1+r = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow \varepsilon = \frac{1}{1+r}$$

$$p \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{p^2}{z^2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{1+r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \varepsilon\right) = p \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{3}\right)$$

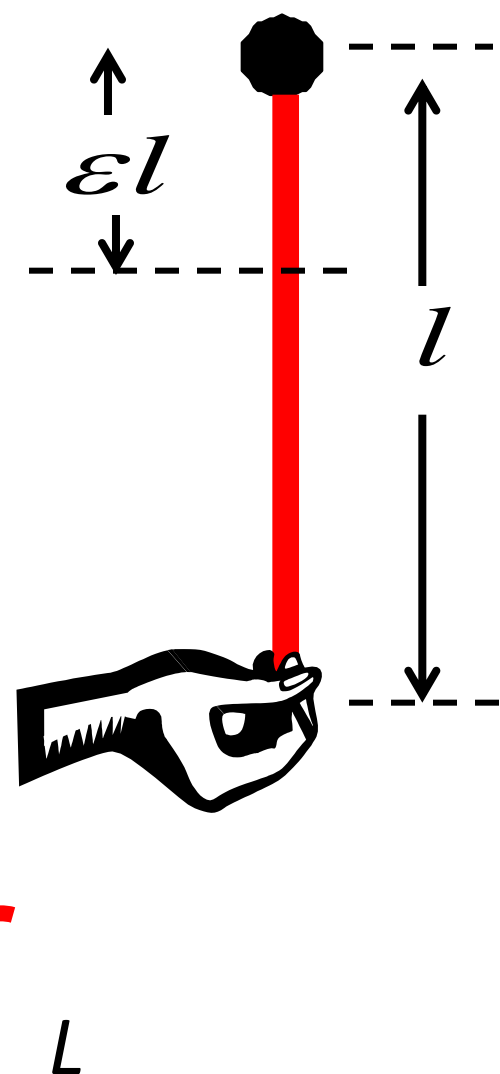
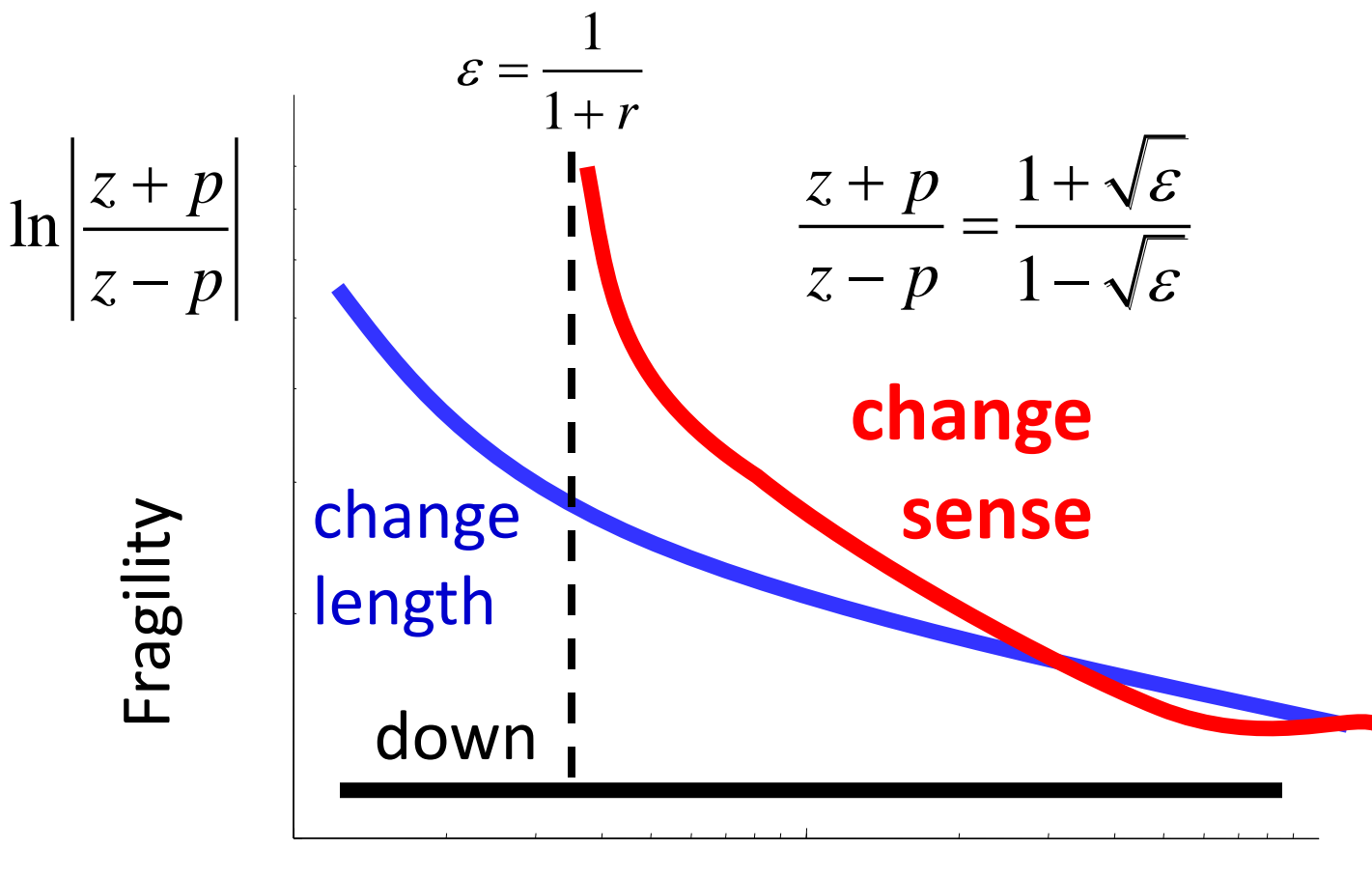
$$= p \left(1 + \frac{1-\alpha}{3}\right)$$

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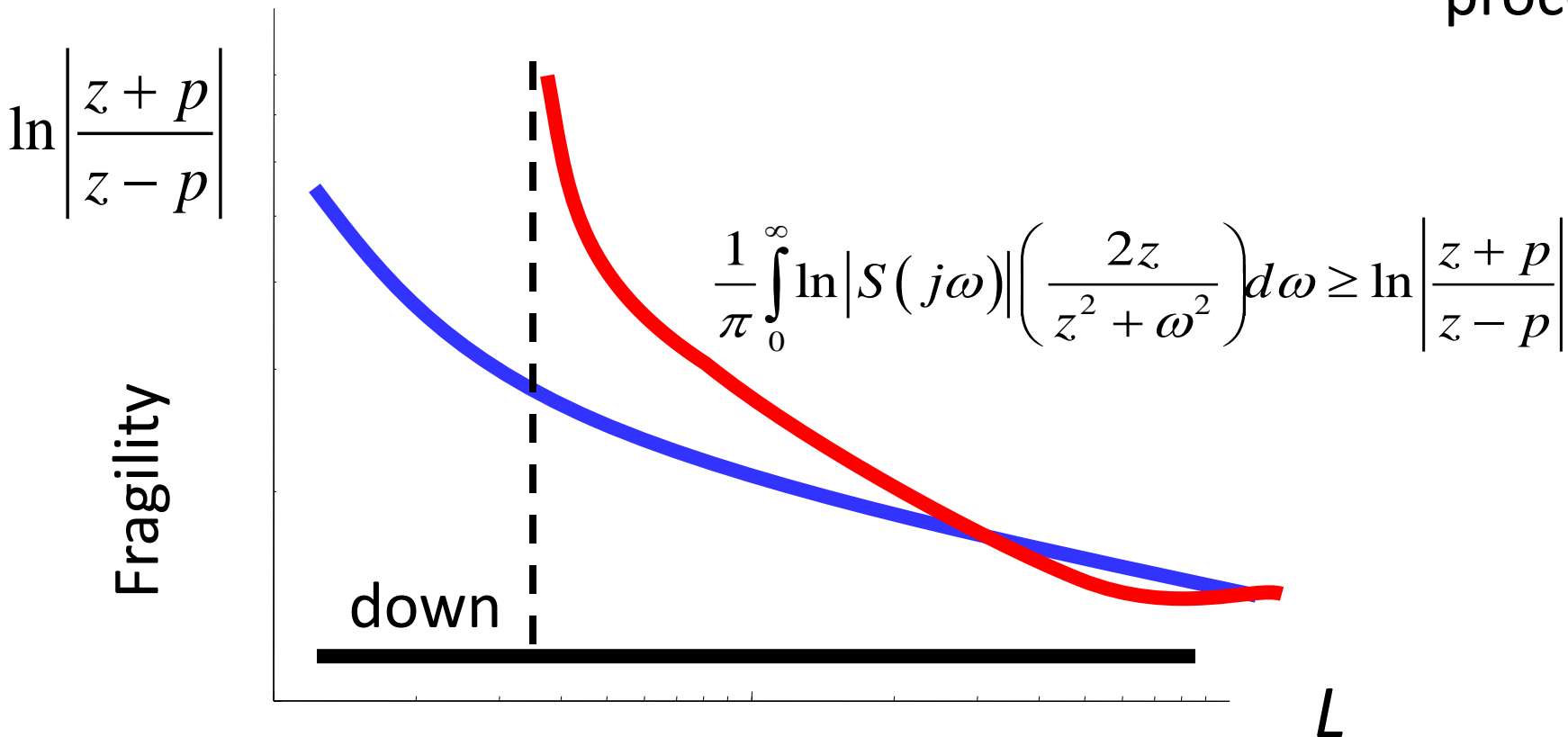
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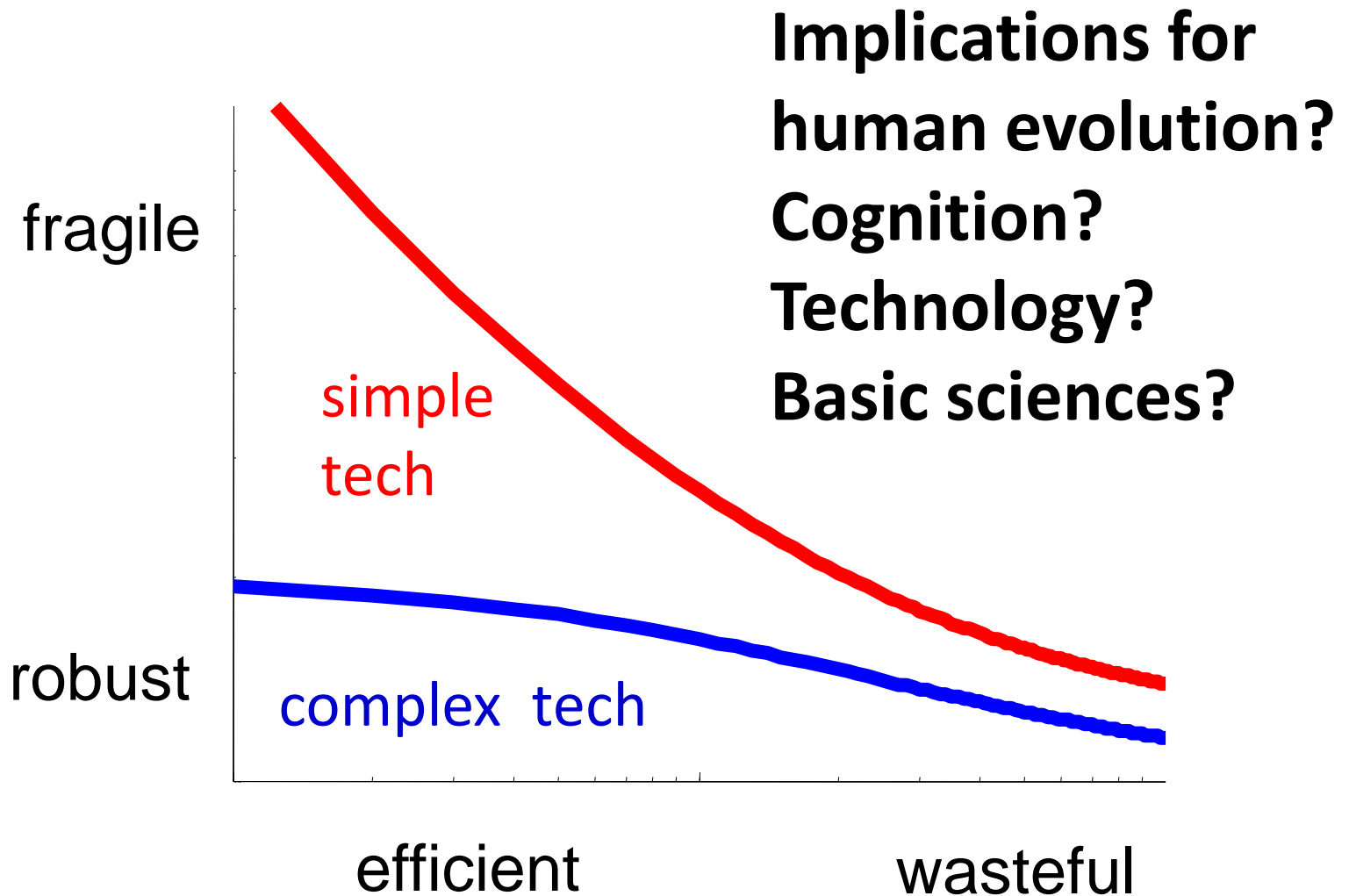
Hard limits on the *intrinsic* robustness of control *problems*.

Must (and do) have algorithms that achieve the limits, and architectures that support this process.



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How general is this picture?



Viruses' Life History: Towards a Mechanistic Basis of a Trade-Off between Survival and Reproduction among Phages

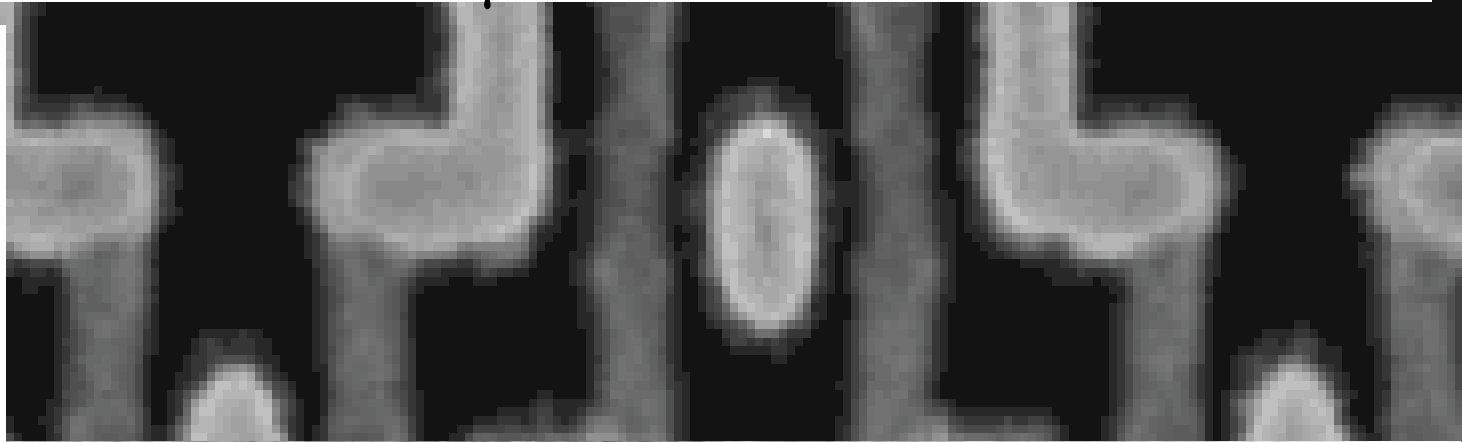
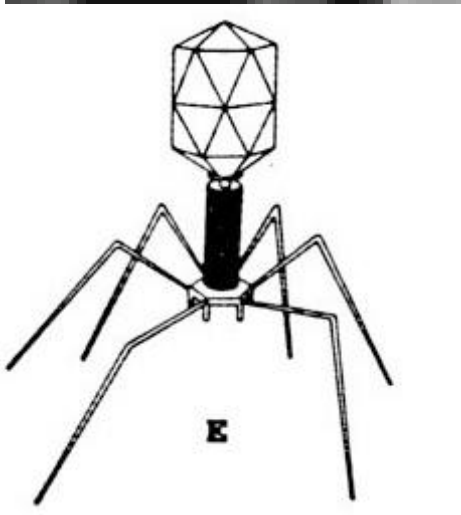
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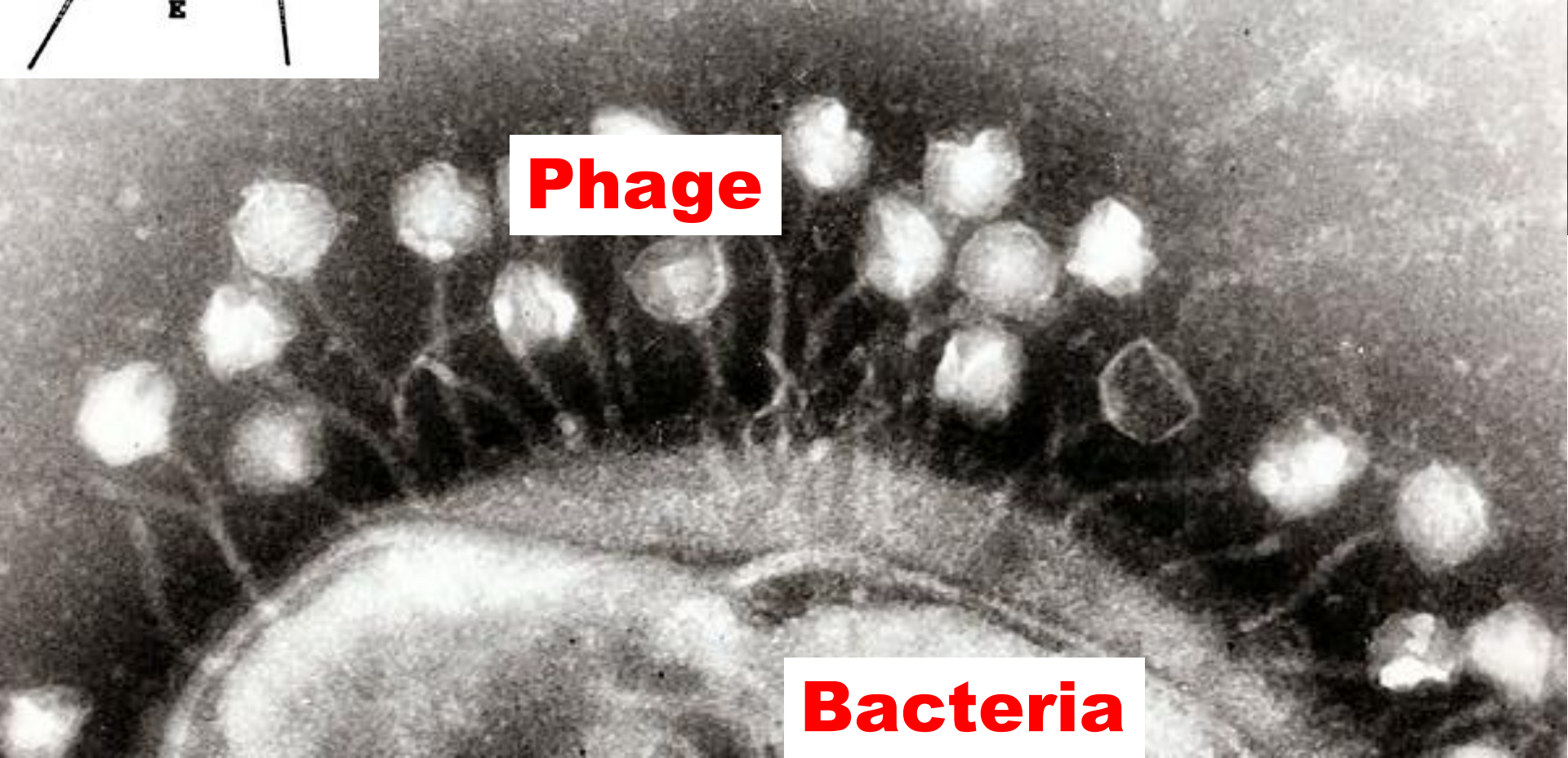
I recently found this paper, a rare example of exploring an explicit tradeoff between robustness and efficiency. This seems like an important paper but it is rarely cited.

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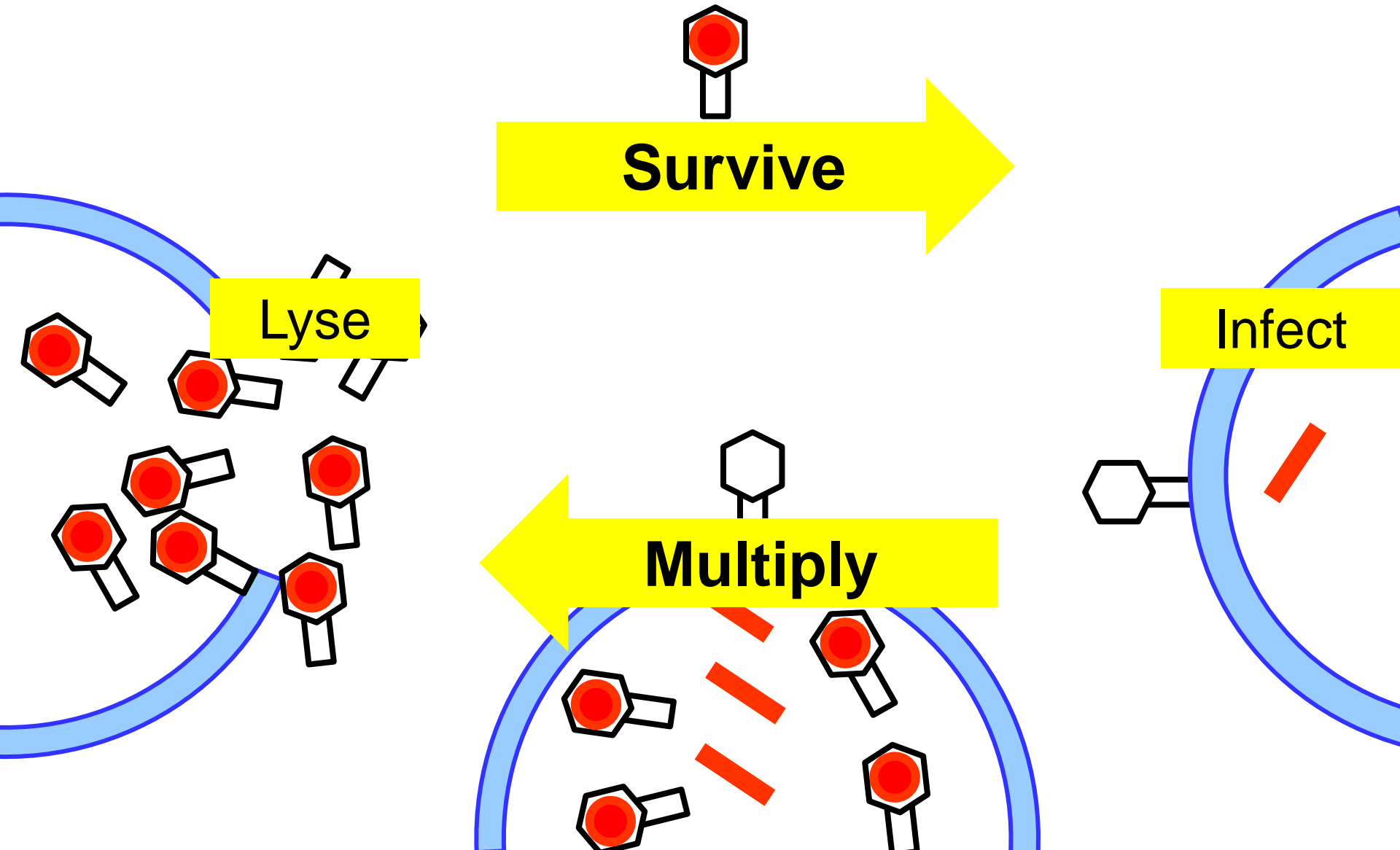


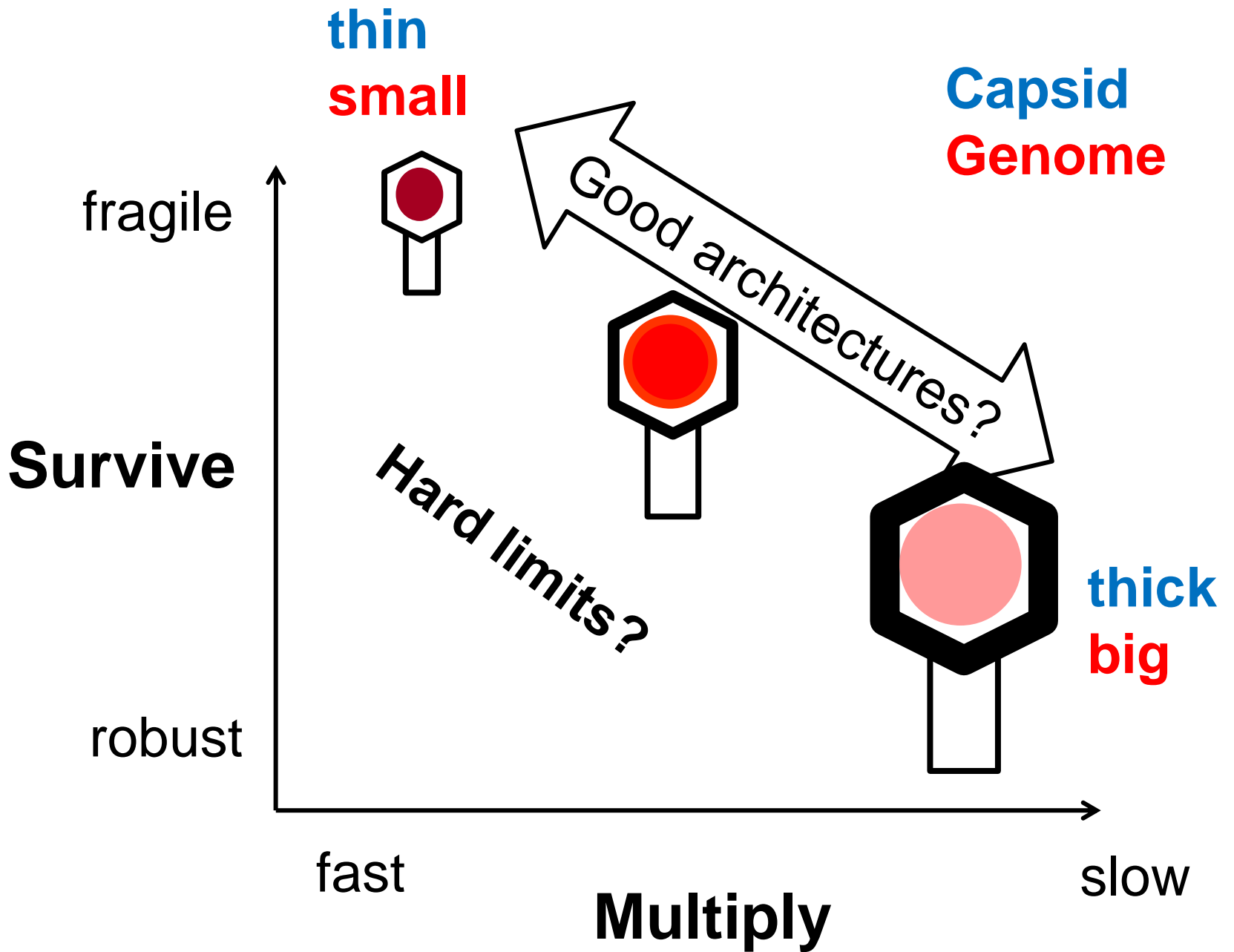
Phage

Bacteria



Phage lifecycle





Glycolytic Oscillations and Limits on Robust Efficiency

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Both engineering and evolution are constrained by trade-offs between efficiency and robustness, but theory that formalizes this fact is limited. For a simple two-state model of glycolysis, we explicitly derive analytic equations for hard trade-offs between robustness and efficiency with oscillations as an inevitable side effect. The model describes how the trade-offs arise from individual parameters, including the interplay of feedback control with autocatalysis of network products necessary to power and catalyze intermediate reactions. We then use control theory to prove that the essential features of these hard trade-off “laws” are universal and fundamental, in that they depend minimally on the details of this system and generalize to the robust efficiency of any autocatalytic network. The theory also suggests worst-case conditions that are consistent with initial experiments.

Chandra, Buzi, and Doyle

Most important paper so far.

UG biochem, math, control theory

the cell's use of ATP. In glycolysis, two ATP molecules are consumed upstream and four are produced downstream, which normalizes to $q = 1$ (each y molecule produces two downstream) with kinetic exponent $a = 1$. To highlight essential trade-offs with the simplest possible analysis, we normalize the concentration such that the unperturbed ($\delta = 0$) steady states are $\bar{y} = 1$ and $\bar{x} = 1/k$ [the system can have one additional steady state, which is unstable when $(1, 1/k)$ is stable]. [See the supporting online material (SOM) part I]. The basal rate of the PFK reaction and the consumption rate have been normalized to 1 (the 2 in the numerator and feedback coefficients of the reactions come from these normalizations). Our results hold for more general systems as discussed below and in SOM, but the analysis



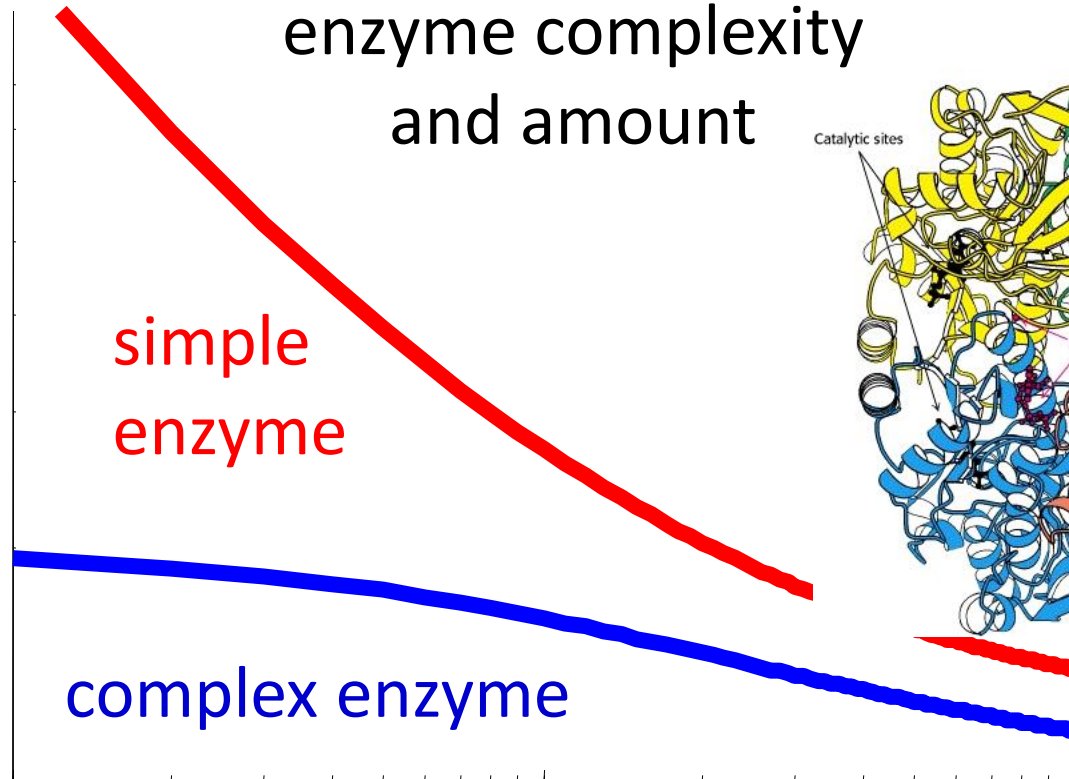
Theorem!

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |S(j\omega)| \left(\frac{z}{z^2 + \omega^2} \right) d\omega \geq \ln \left| \frac{z+p}{z-p} \right|$$

z and p functions of enzyme complexity and amount

Fragility

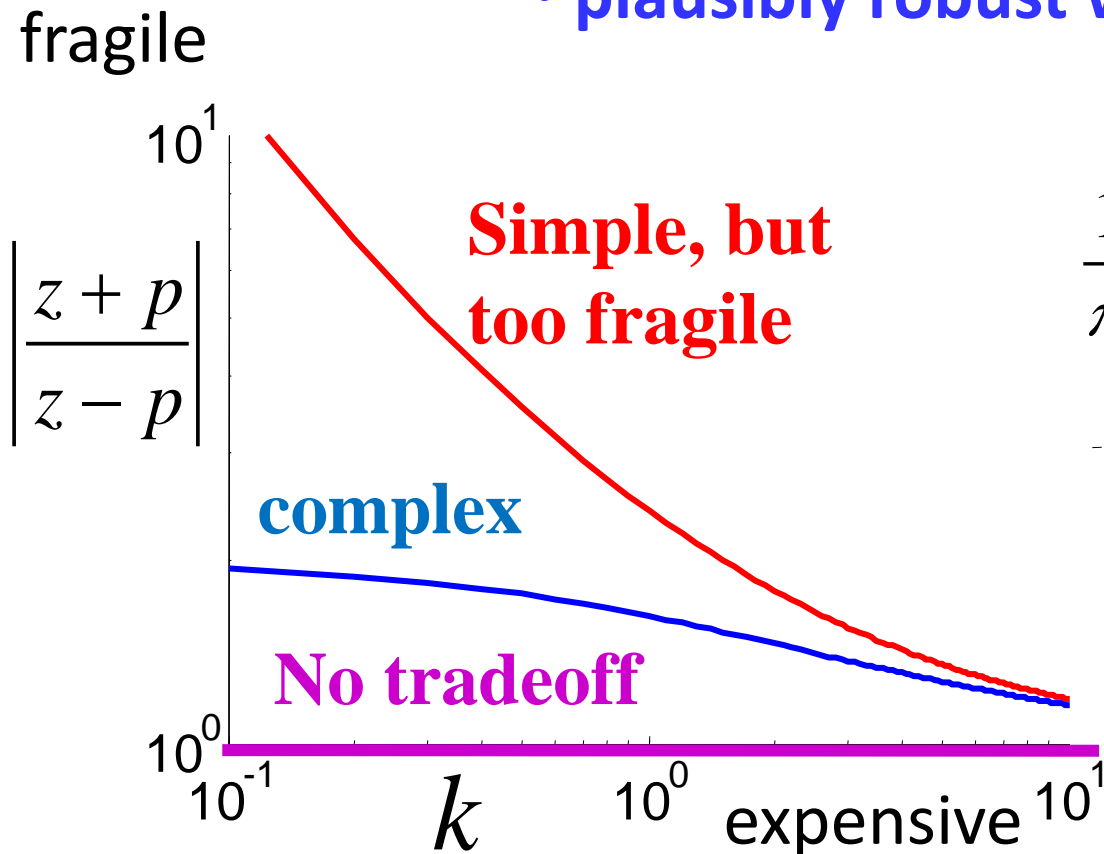
$$\ln \left| \frac{z+p}{z-p} \right|$$



Enzyme amount

Hard tradeoff in glycolysis is

- **robustness vs efficiency**
- **absent without autocatalysis**
- **too fragile with simple control**
- **plausibly robust with complex control**



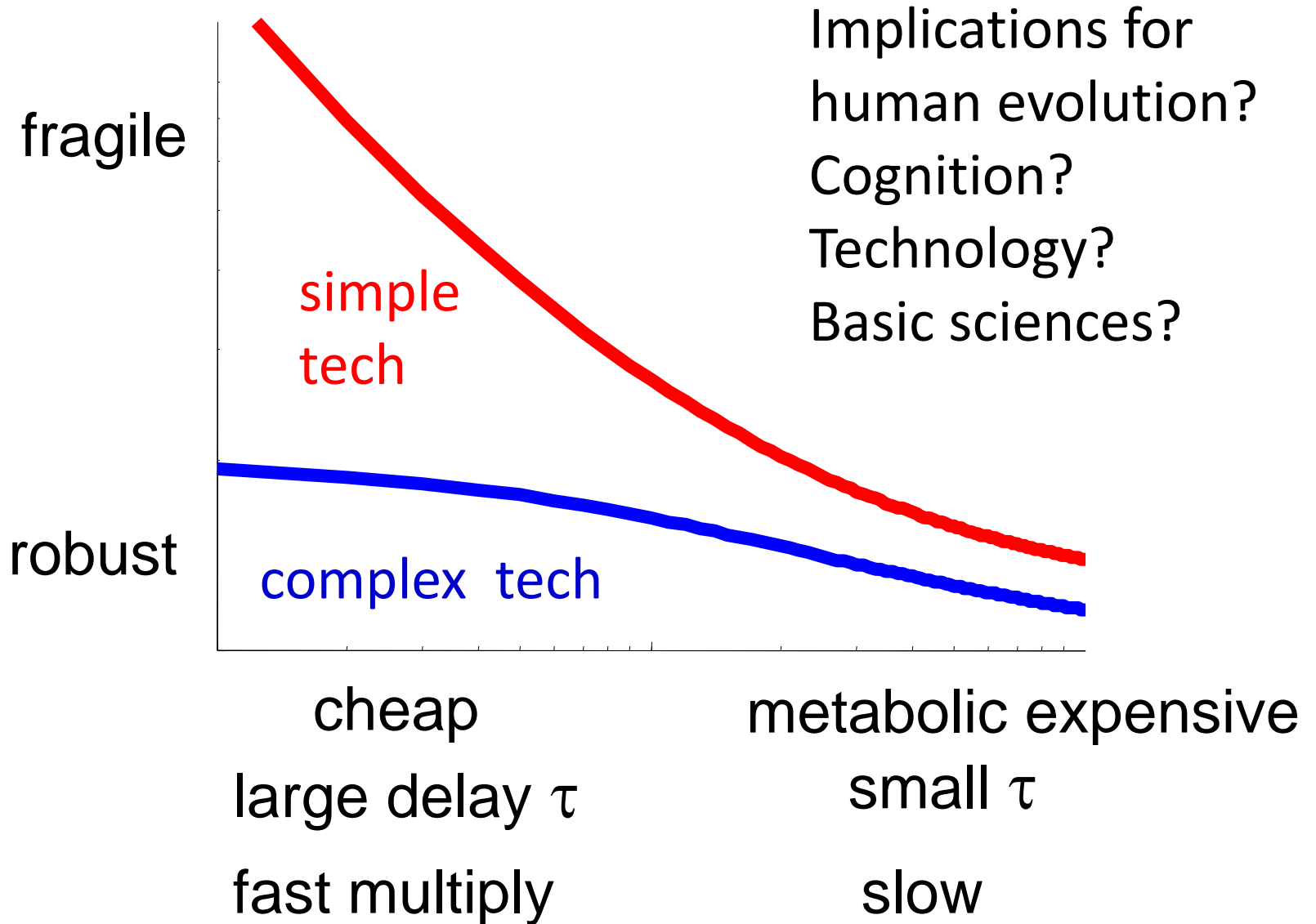
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What (some) reviewers say

- “...to establish universality for all biological and physiological systems is **simply wrong**. It cannot be done...
- ... a mathematical scheme **without any real connections to biological or medical...**
- ...universality is well justified in physics... for biological and physiological systems **...a dream that will never be realized**, due to the vast diversity in such systems.
- **...does not seem to understand or appreciate** the vast diversity of biological and physiological systems...
- ...a high degree of abstraction, which ...make[s] **the model useless ...**

This picture is very general



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Domain specific costs/tradeoffs

metabolic
overhead

cheap



metabolic
expensive

CNS reaction
time τ (delay)

large τ



small τ

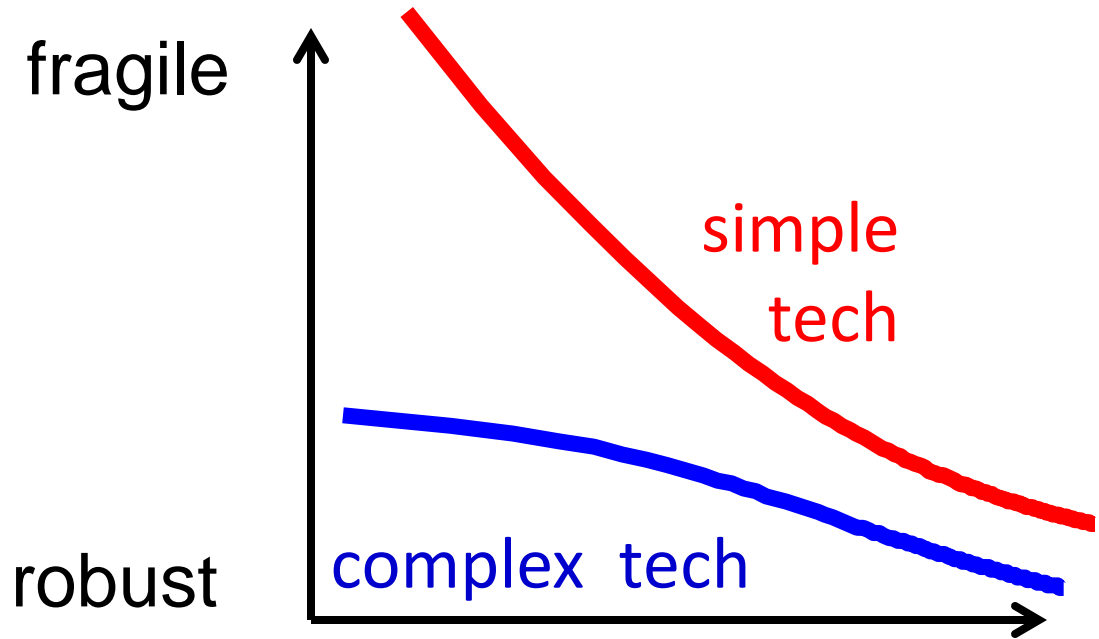
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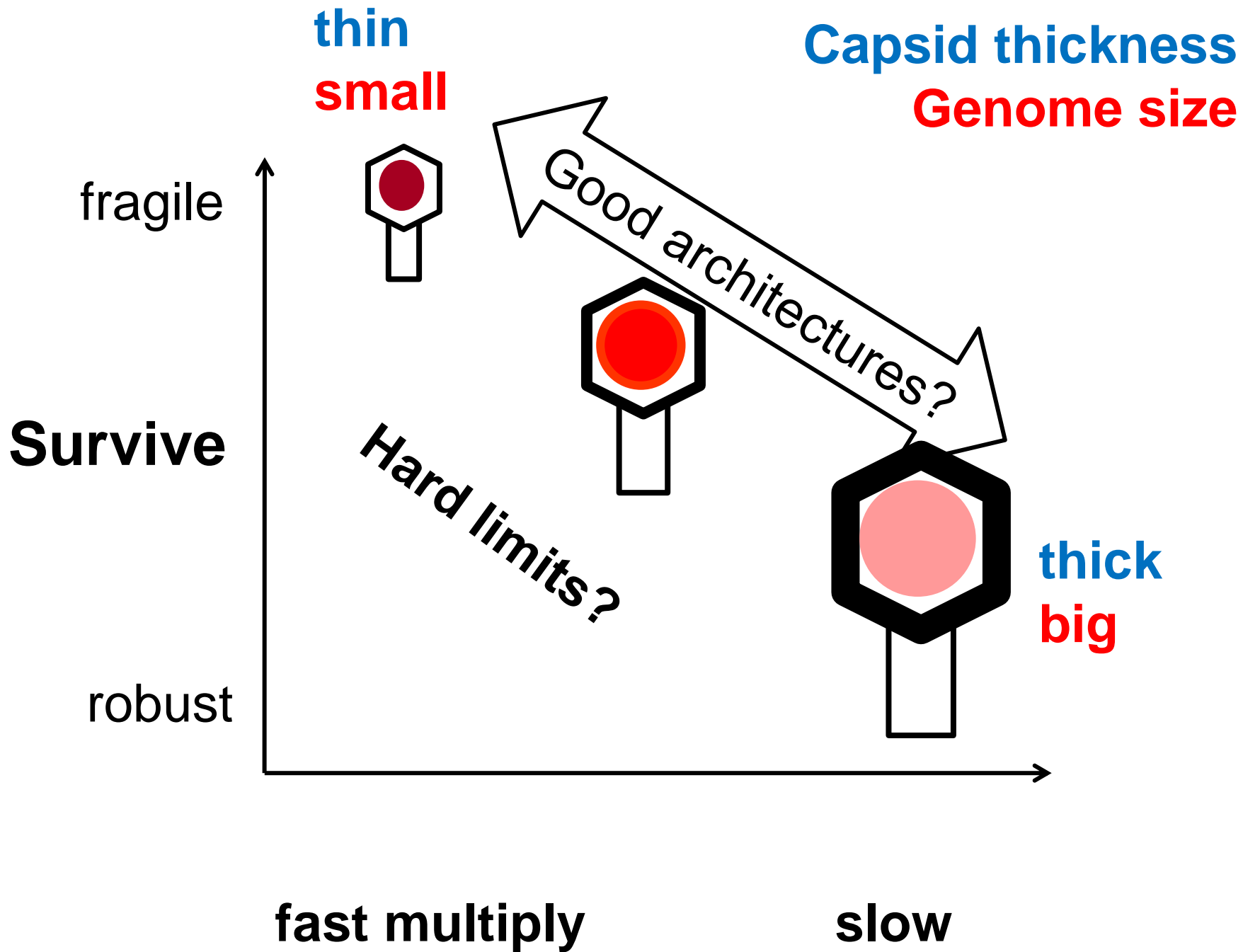
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Fragility

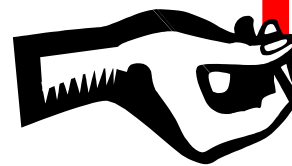
$$\tau \sqrt{\frac{1}{l}}$$

Too fragile

For fixed length

L

up



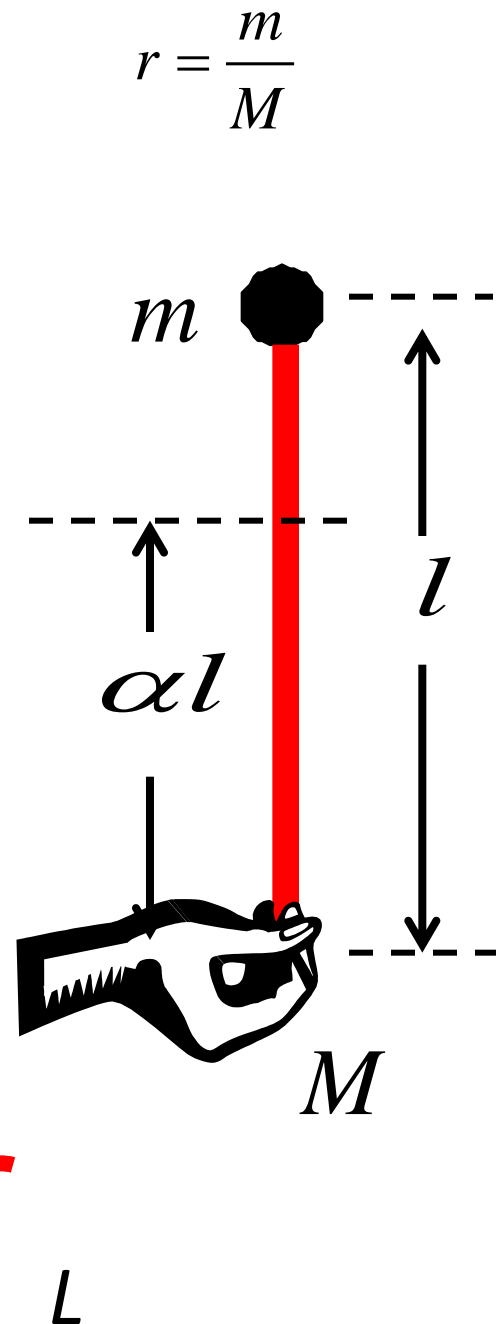
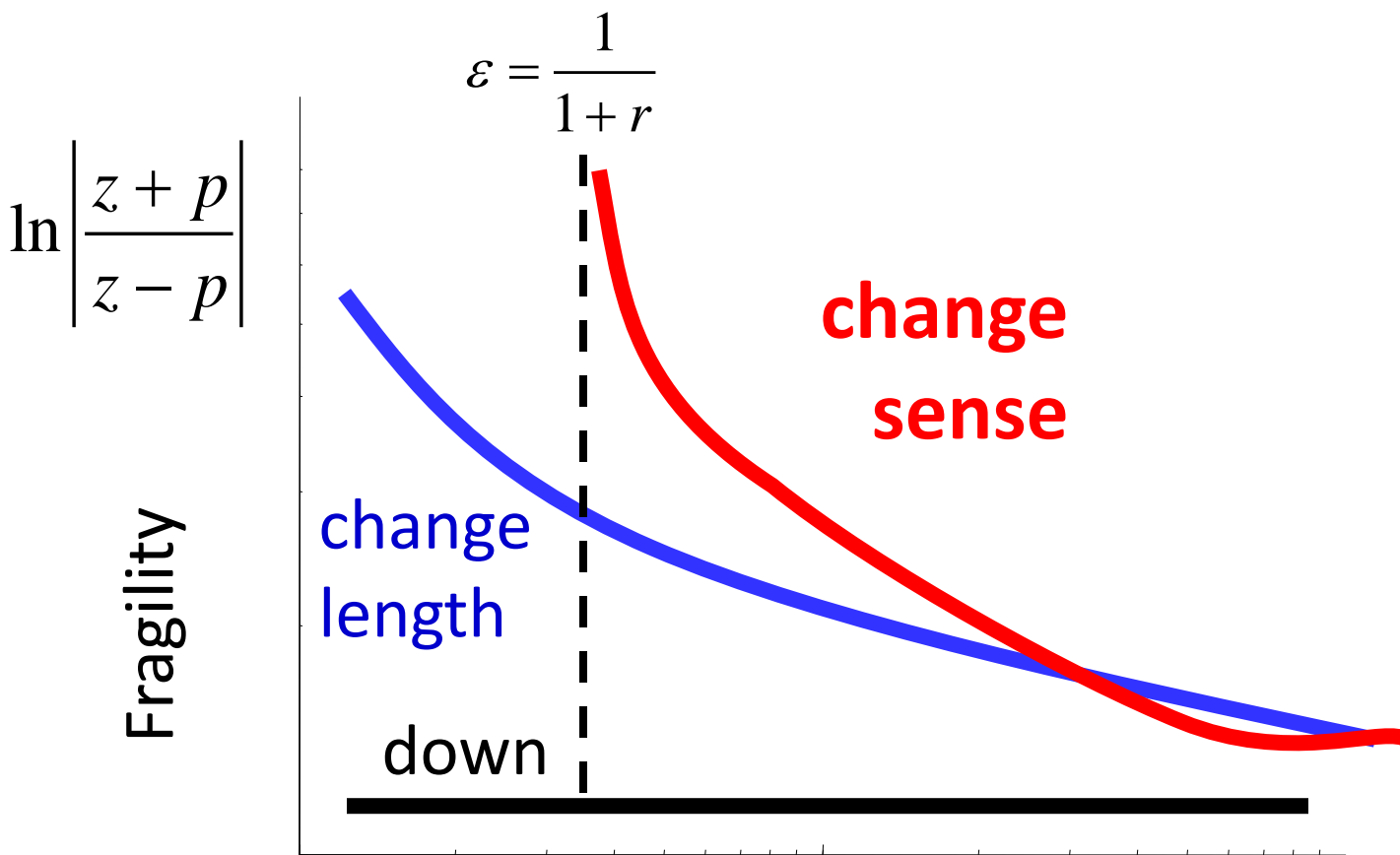
down

large τ
small $1/\tau$

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large $1/\tau$

$1/\text{delay}$

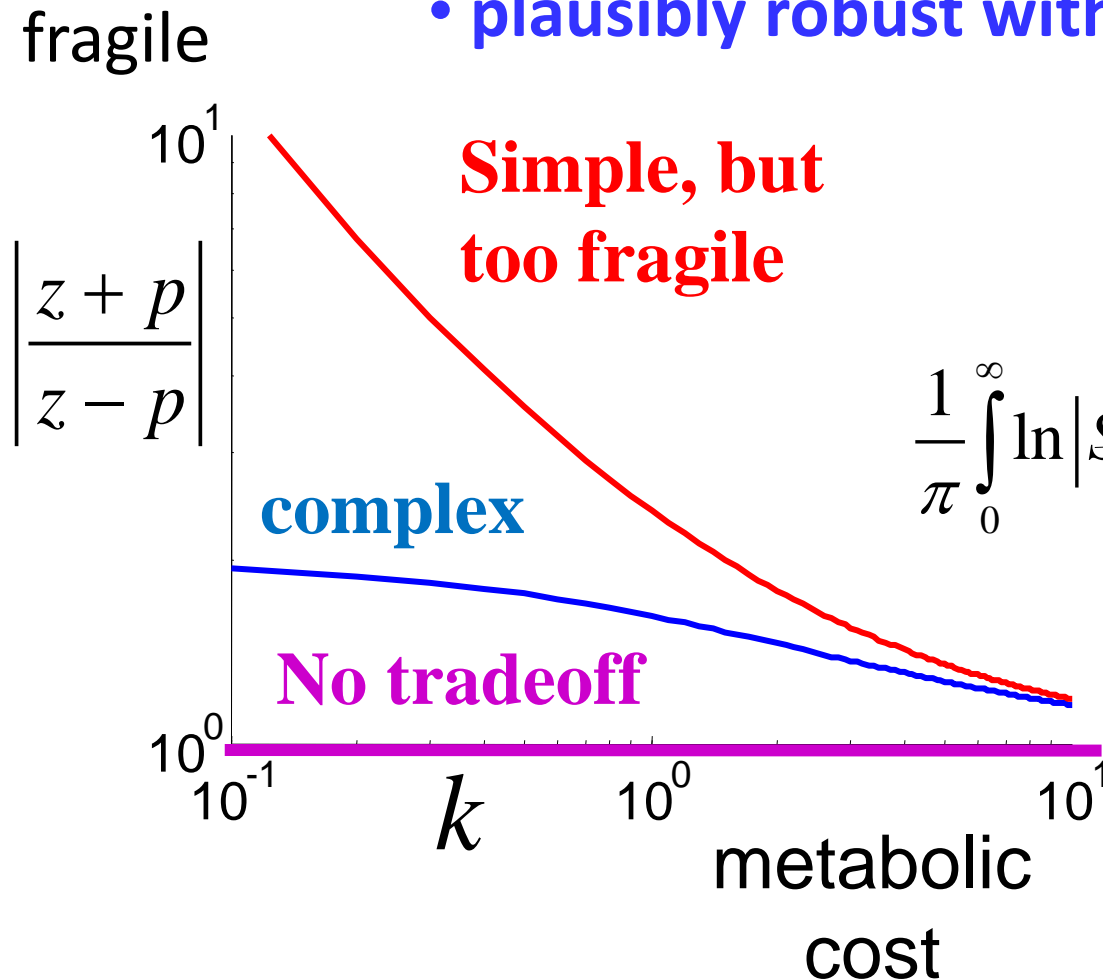
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This is a cartoon, but can be made precise.

Hard tradeoff in glycolysis is

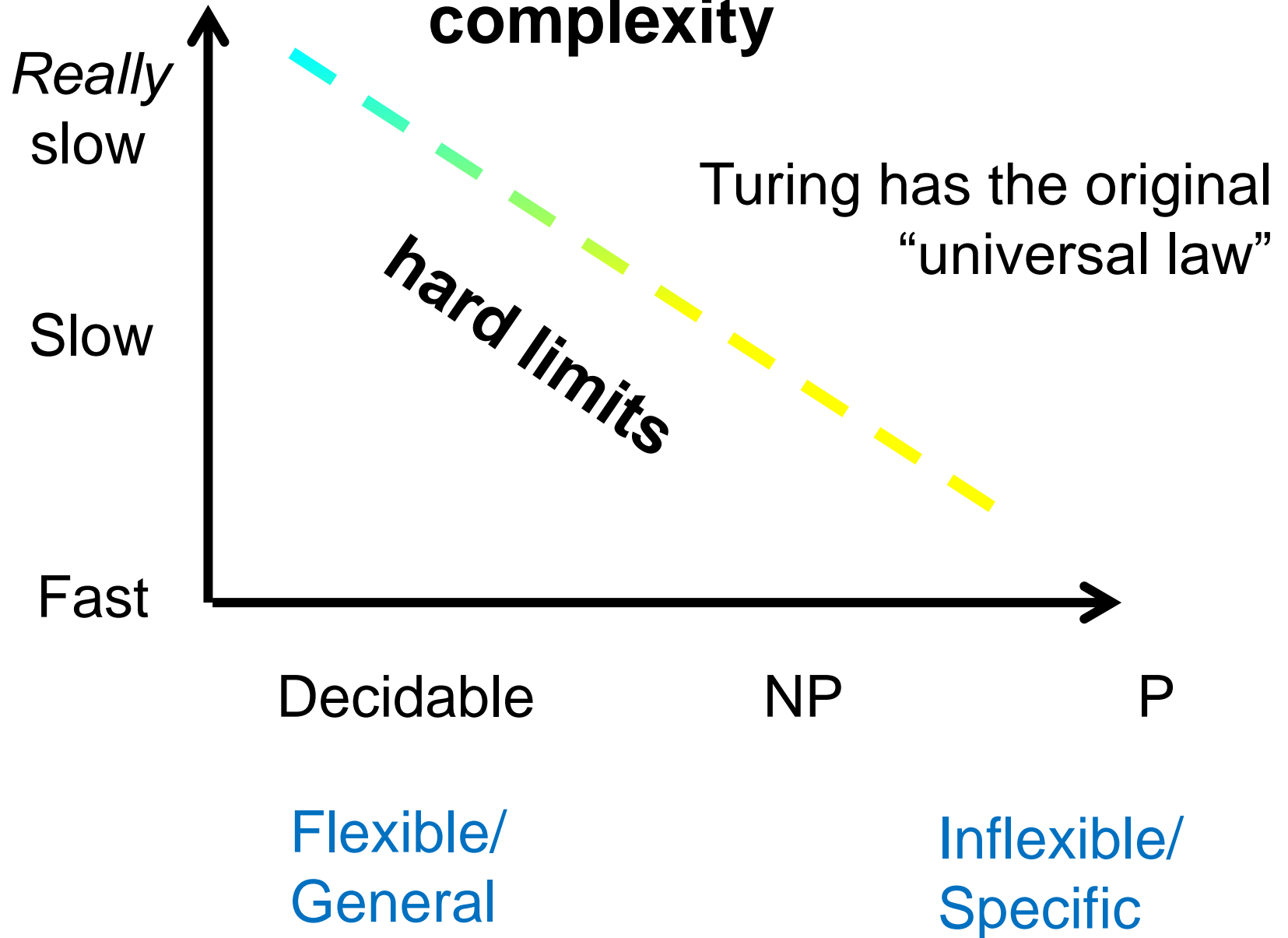
- **robustness vs efficiency**
- **absent without autocatalysis**
- **too fragile with simple control**
- **plausibly robust with complex control**



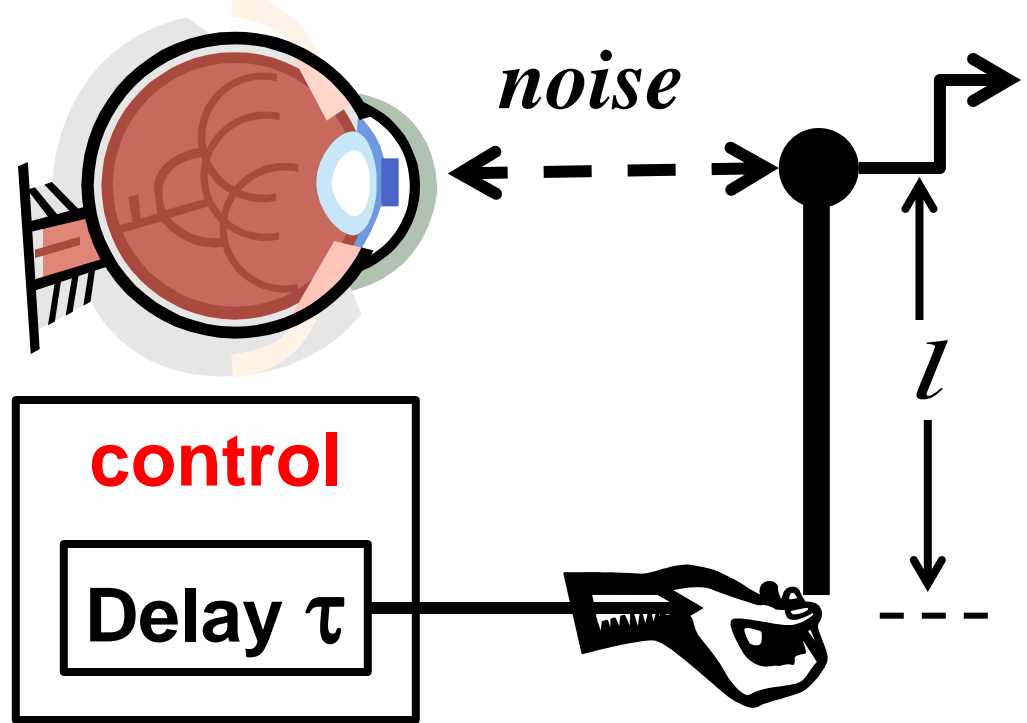
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |S(j\omega)| \left(\frac{z}{z^2 + \omega^2} \right) d\omega$$

$$\geq \ln \left| \frac{z+p}{z-p} \right|$$

Computational complexity

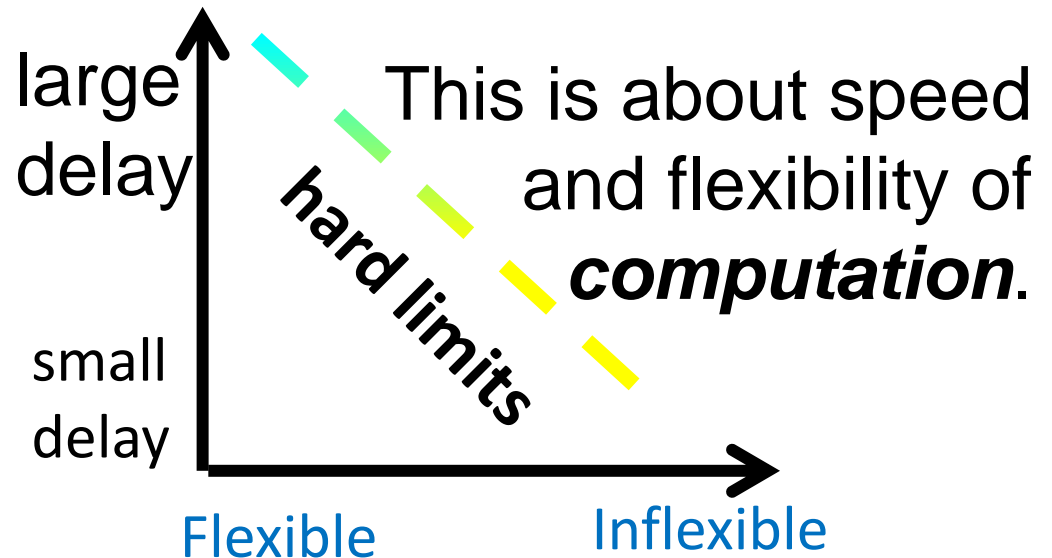


How do these two constraints (laws) relate?

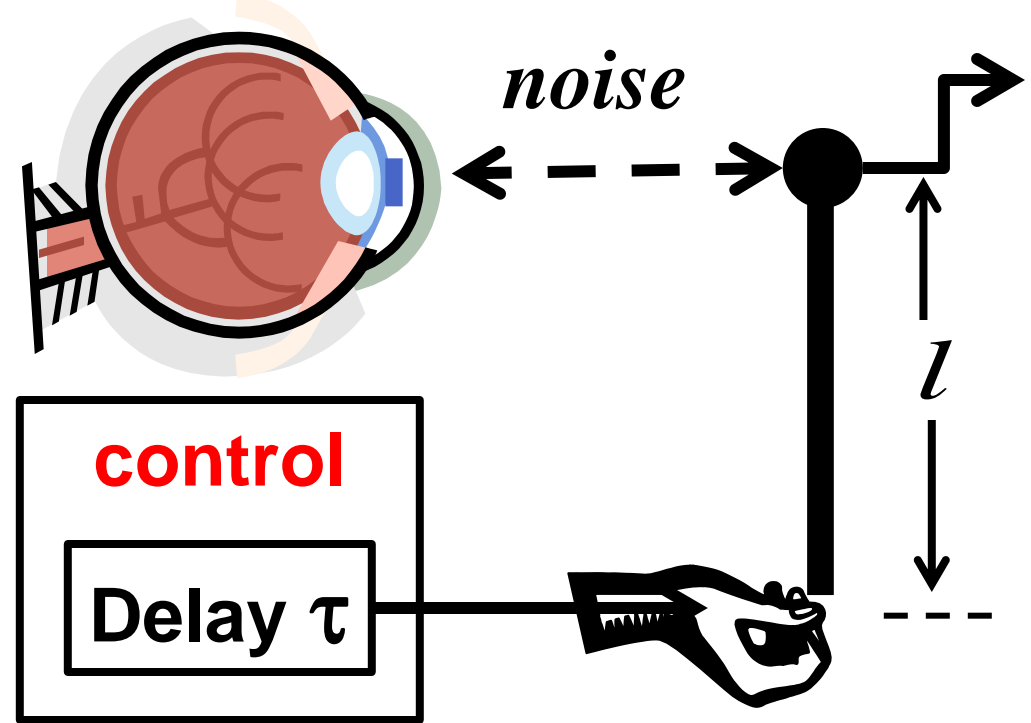


Computation delay adds to total delay.

Computation is a component in control.



Delay comes from sensing, communications, computing, and actuation. Delay limits robust performance.



$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |T(j\omega)| \frac{2p}{p^2 + \omega^2} d\omega \geq \ln |T_{mp}(p)| = p\tau \propto \tau \sqrt{\frac{1}{l}}$$

Delay makes control hard.



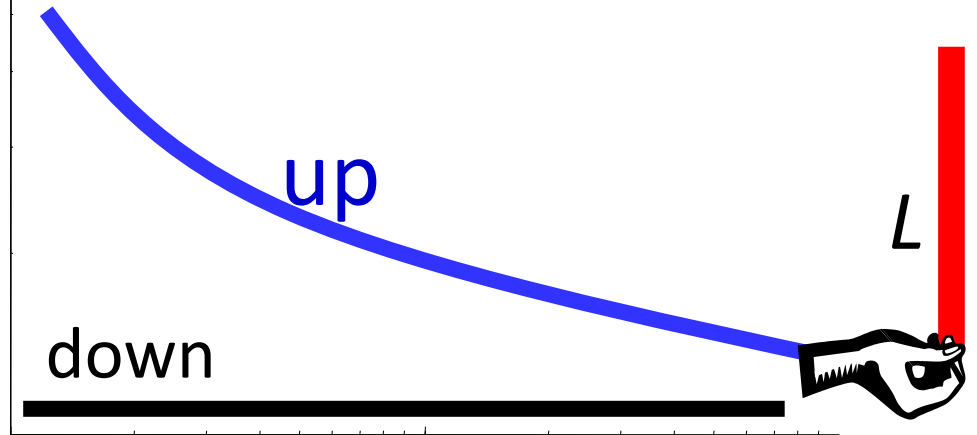
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Fragility

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$$\tau \sqrt{\frac{1}{l}}$$



large τ

small τ

large delay

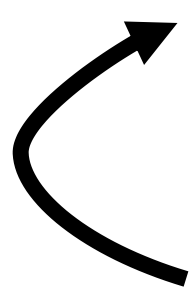
small delay

Flexible

Inflexible

hard limits

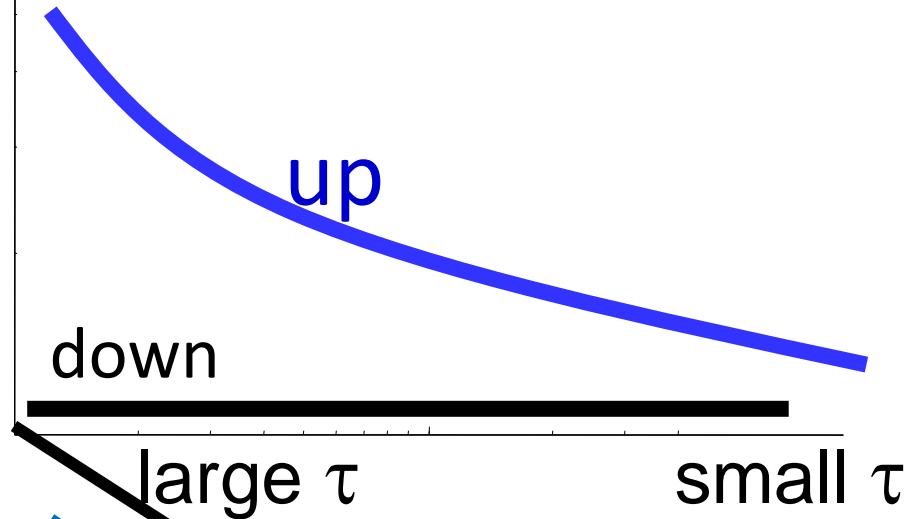
computation



Fragility

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$$\tau \sqrt{\frac{1}{l}}$$



This needs formalization:

What **flexibility** makes control hard?

Large, structured uncertainty?

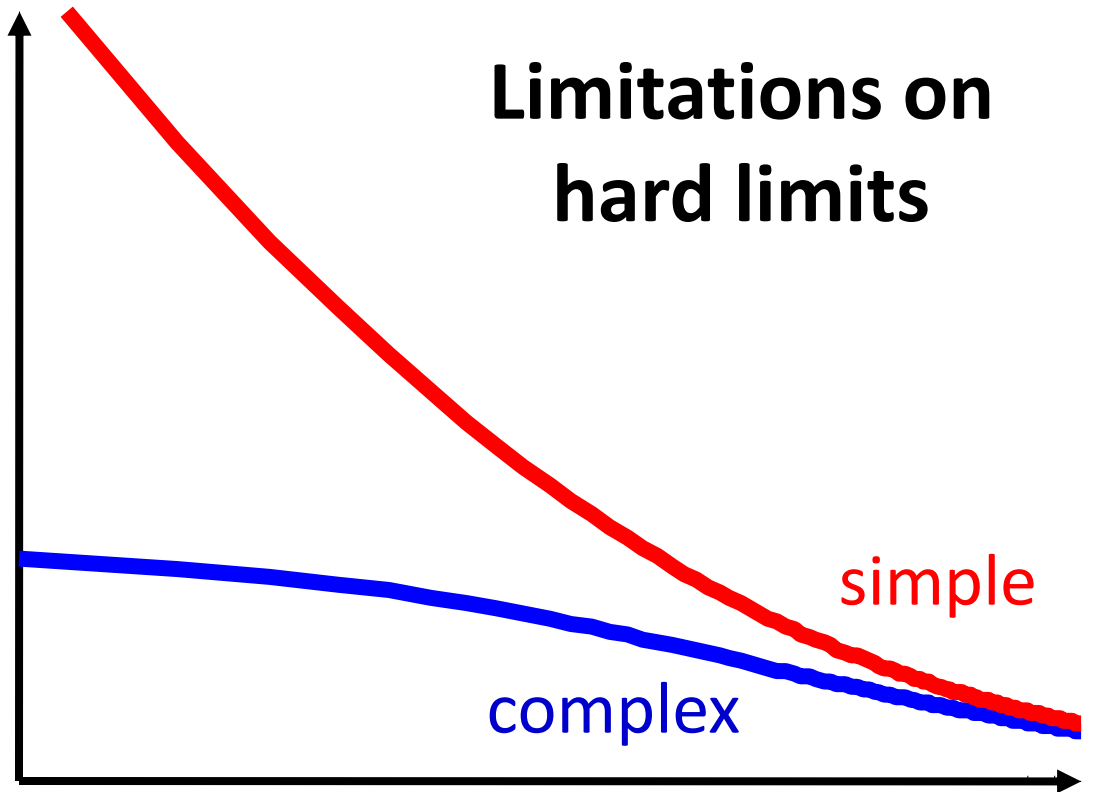
Flexible

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Fragility

Limitations on hard limits

- General
- Rigorous
- First principle



Overhead, waste

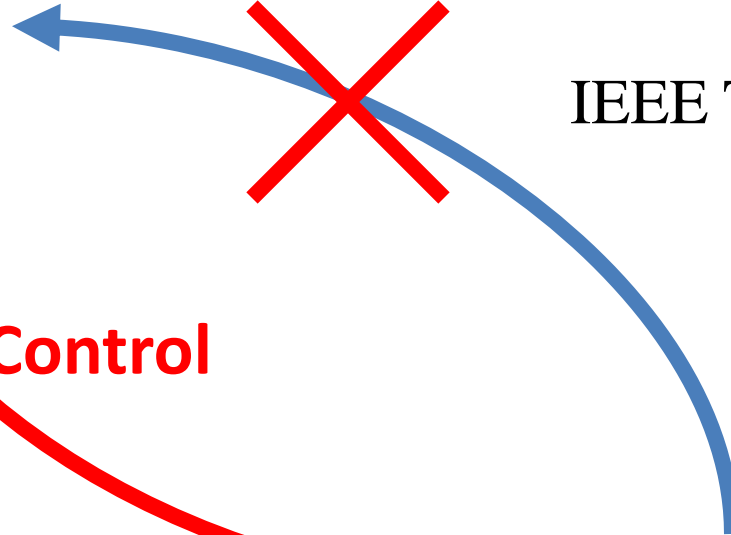
Plugging in domain details

?

- Domain specific
- Ad hoc
- Phenomenological

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Control

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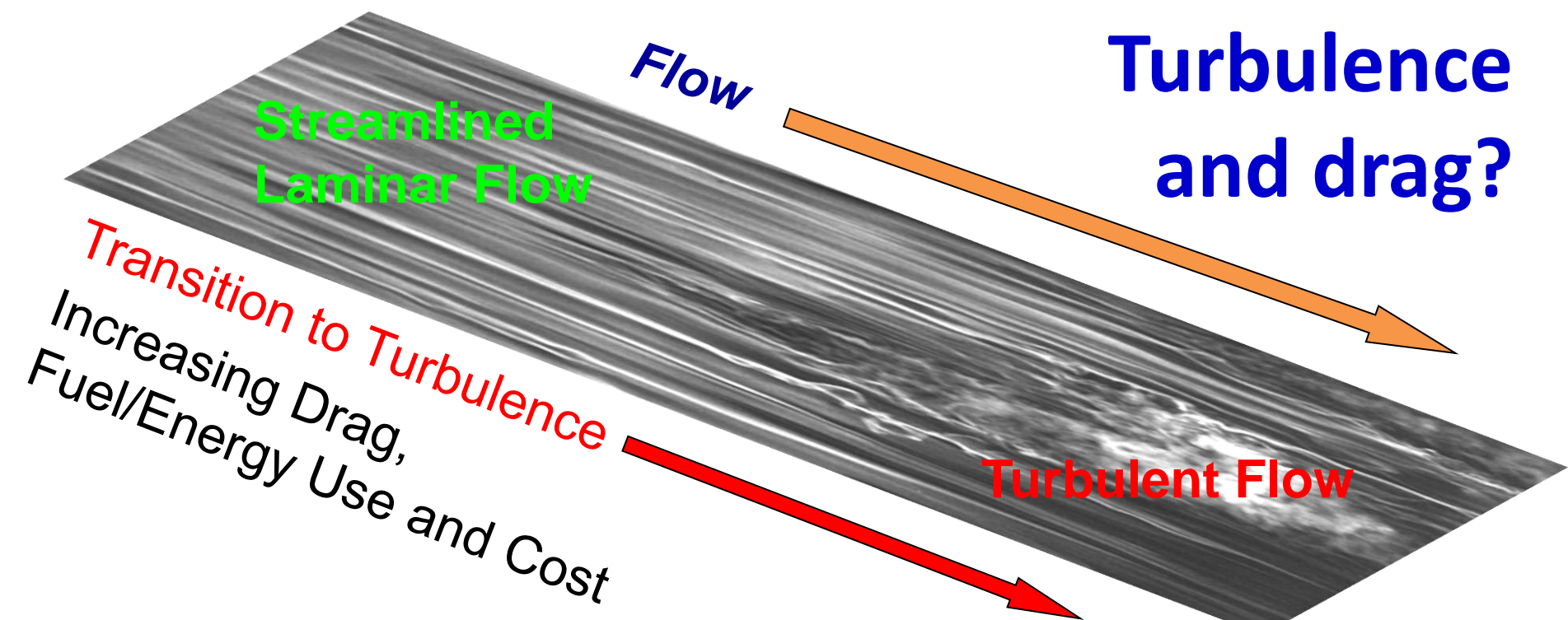
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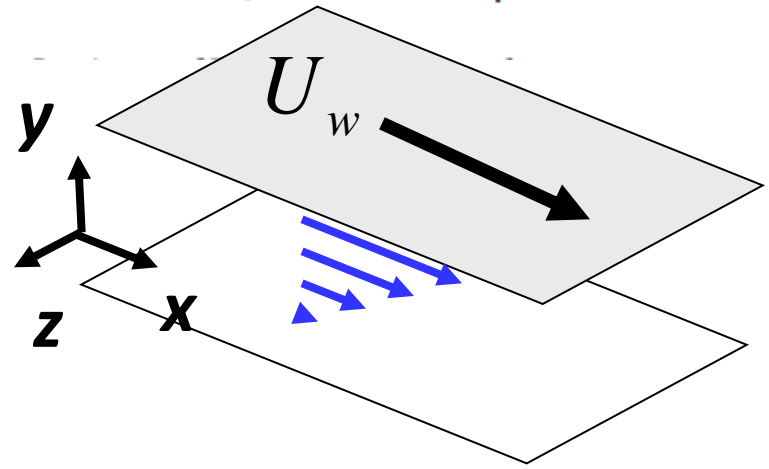
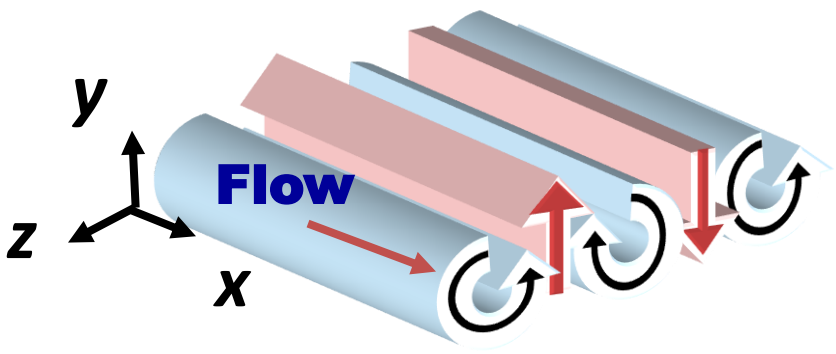
A streamwise constant model of turbulence in plane Couette flow

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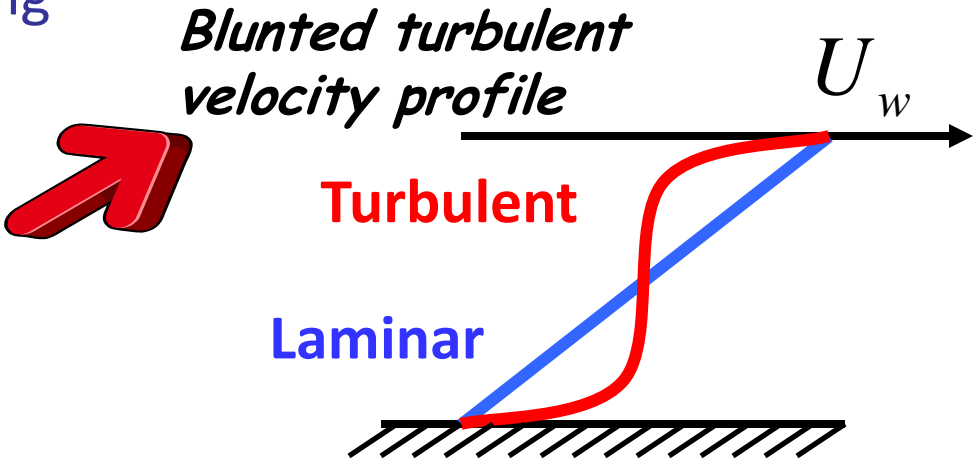
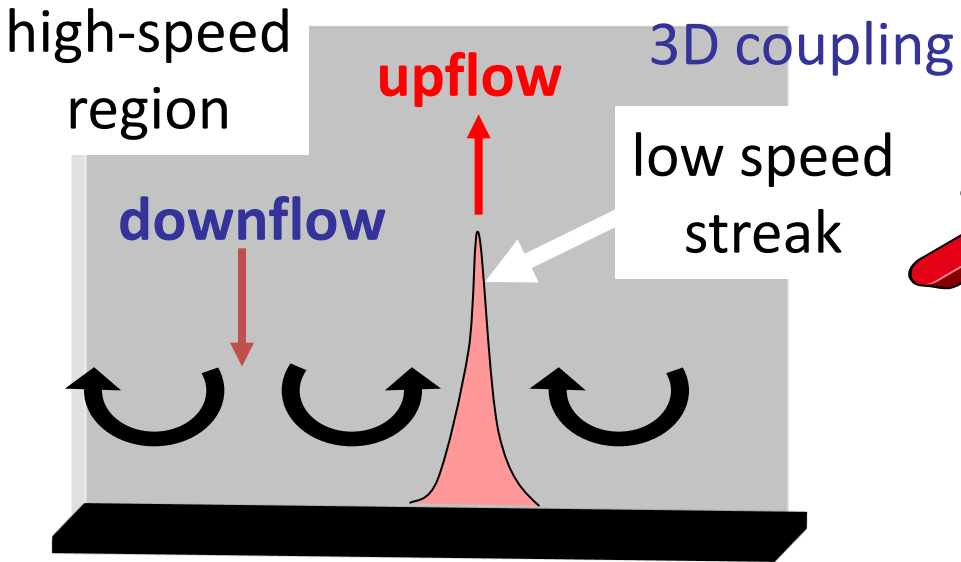


Amplification and nonlinear mechanisms in plane Couette flow

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Coherent structures and turbulent drag





fragile

Laminar

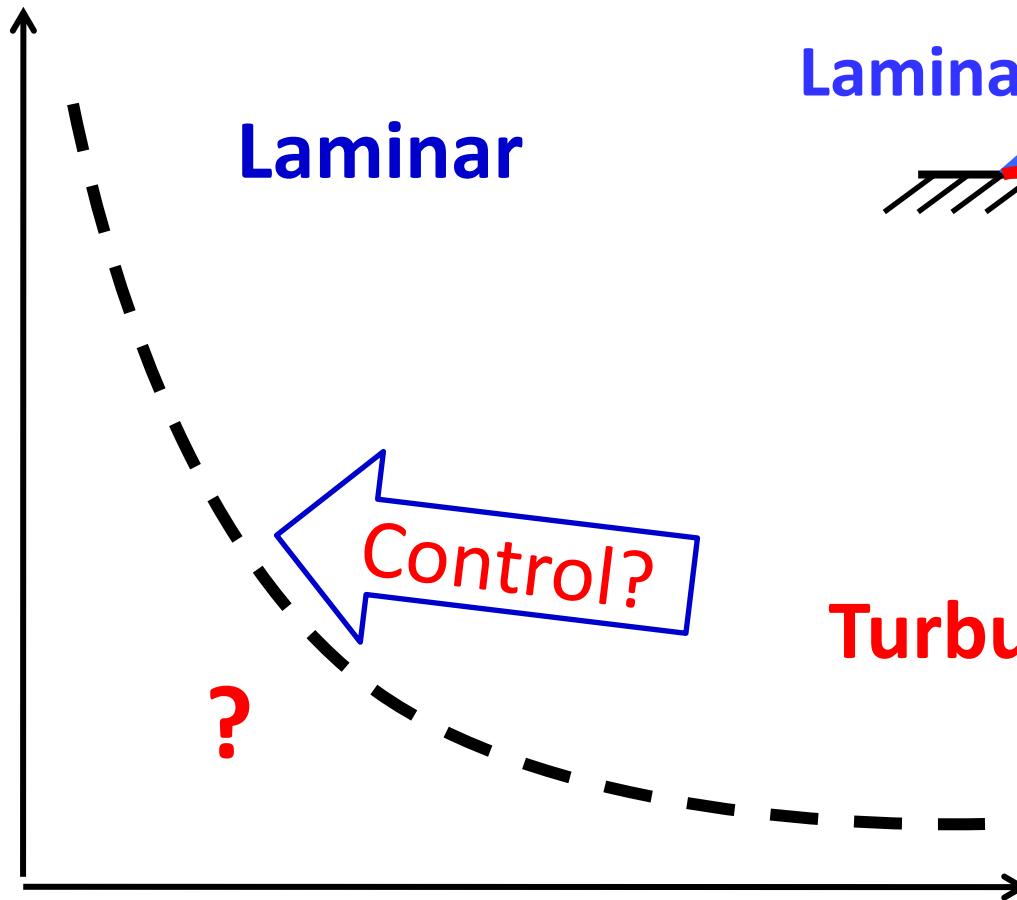
robust

efficient

Laminar

Turbulent

wasteful



Turbulent

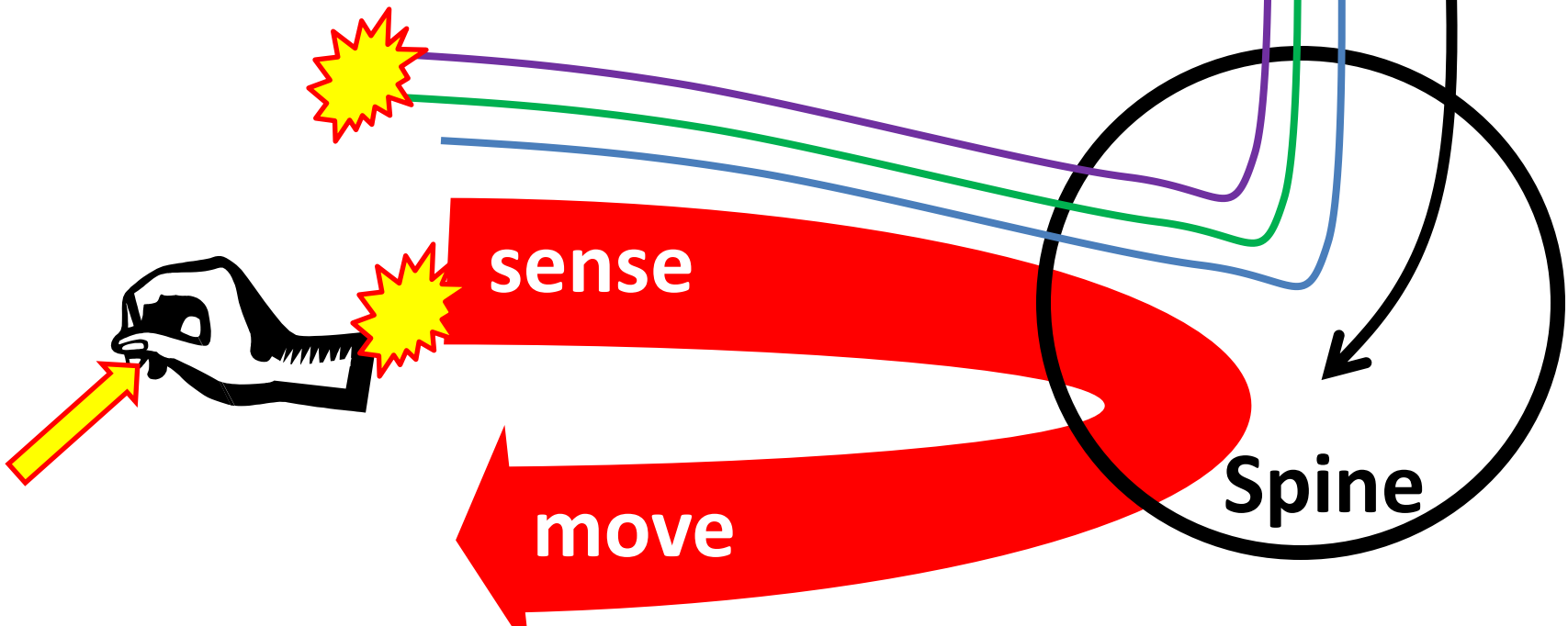
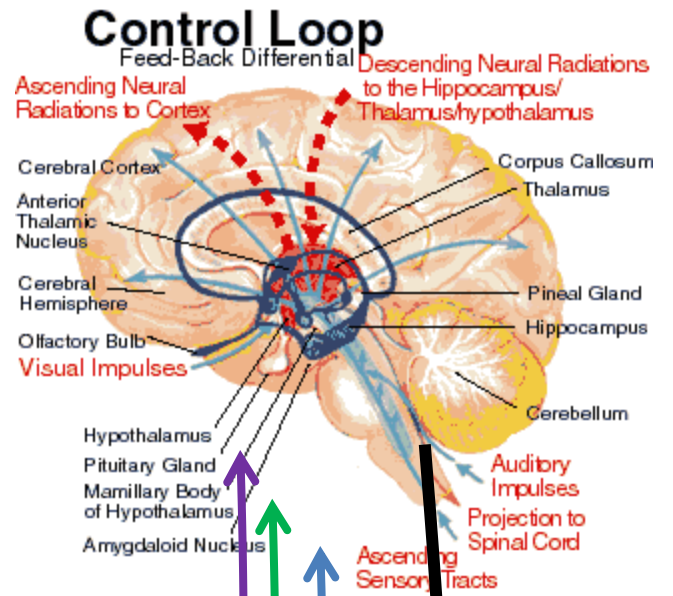
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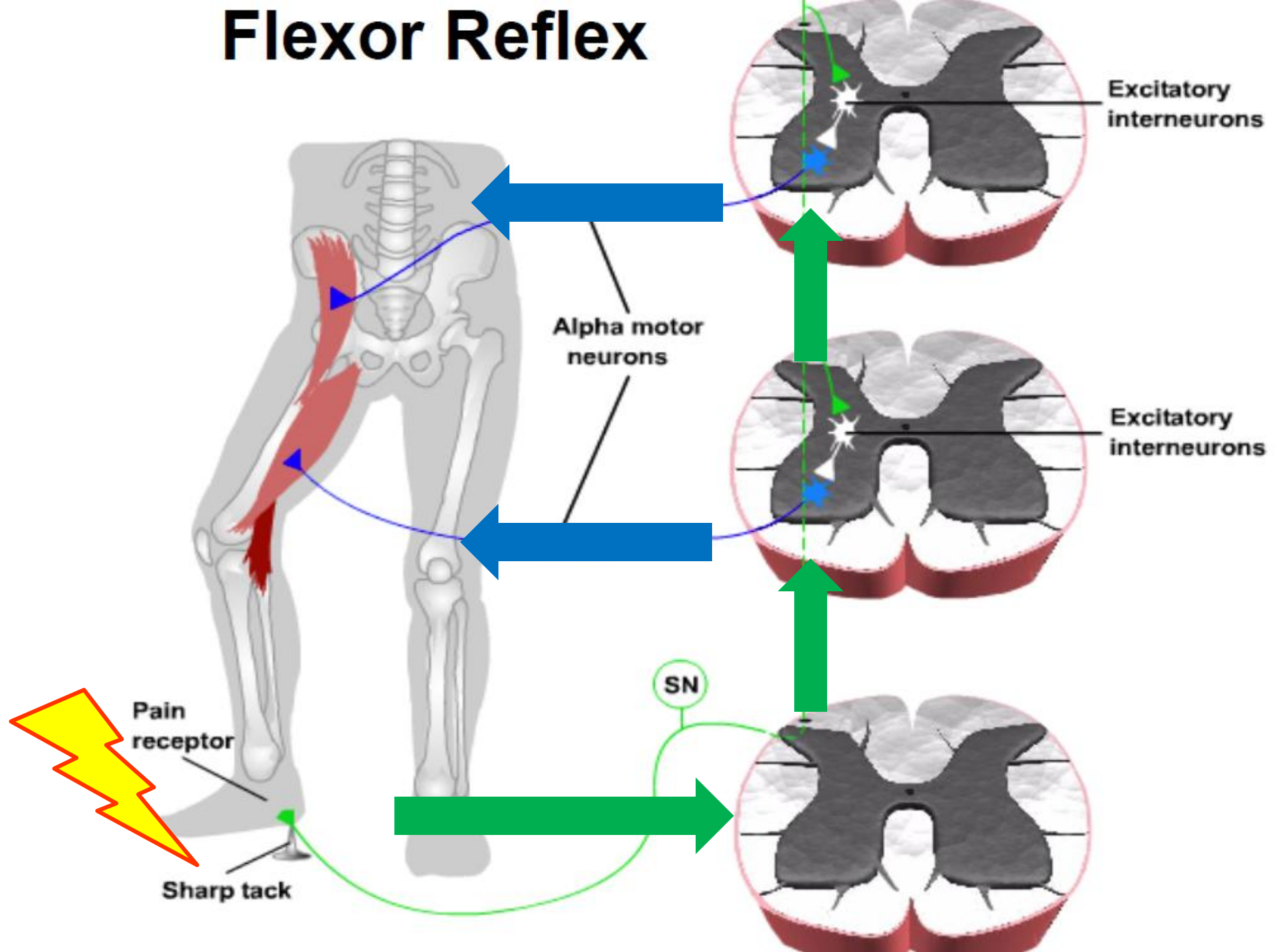
Delays and layering

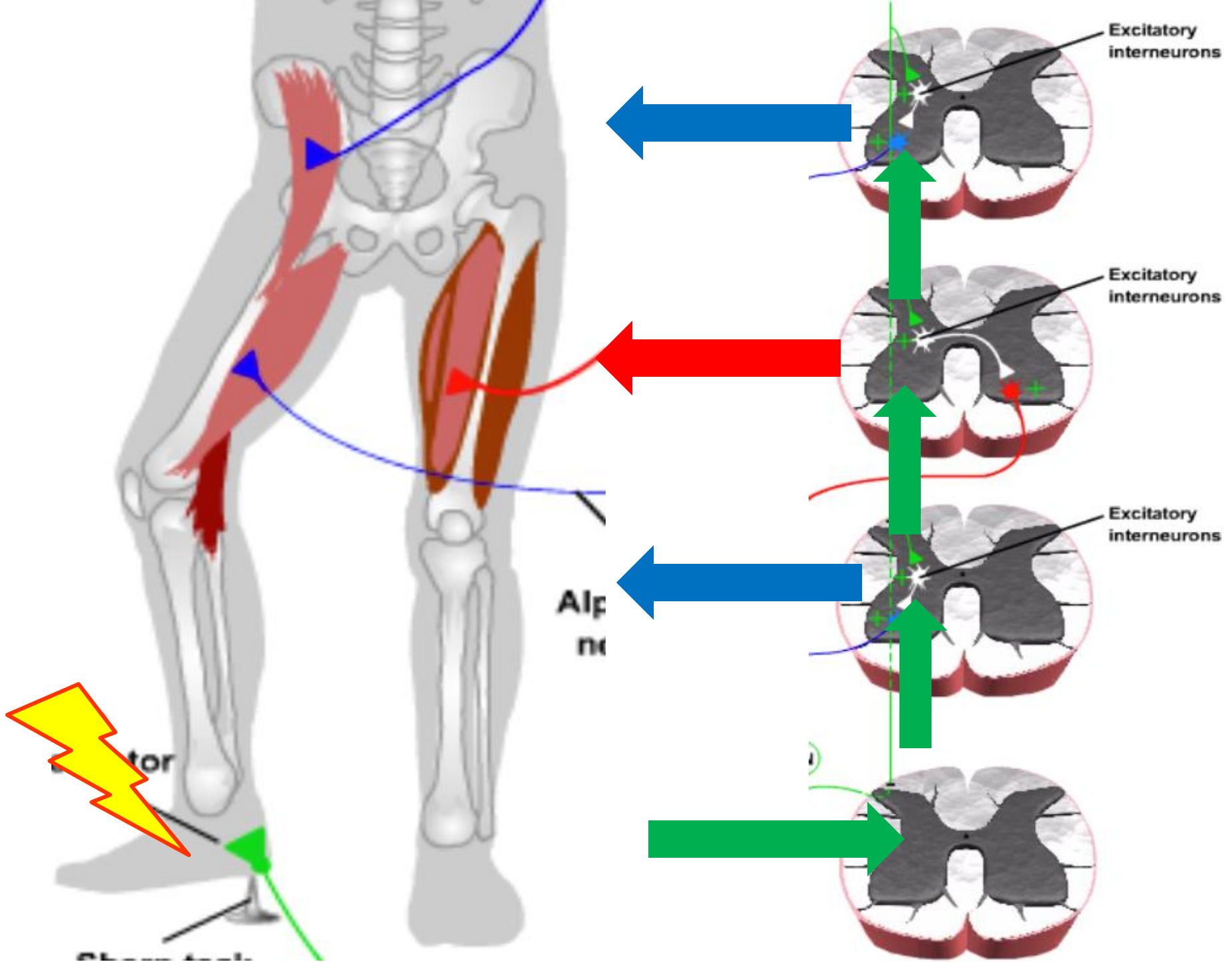
Demos and cartoons

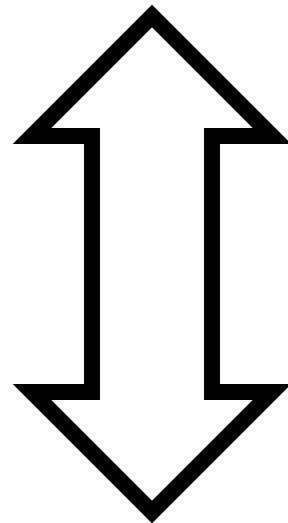
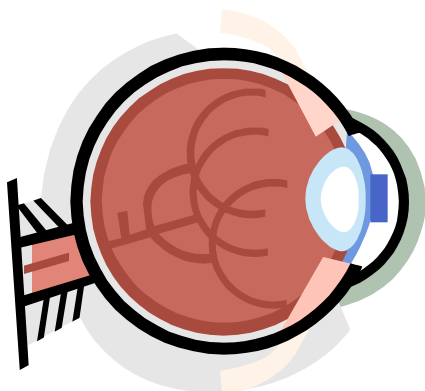
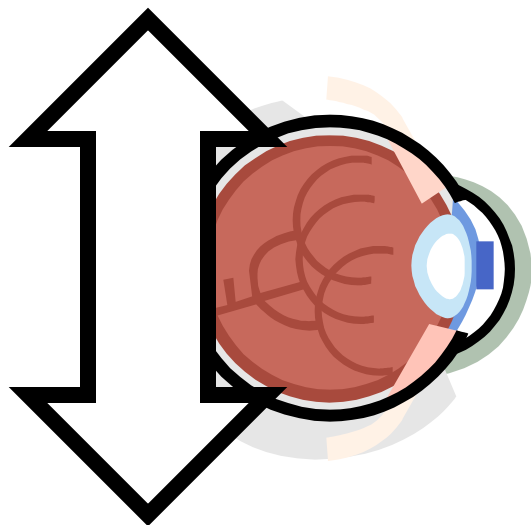
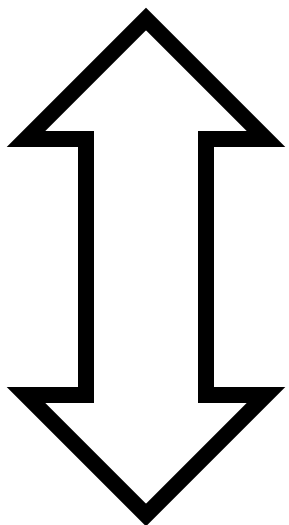
delay=death

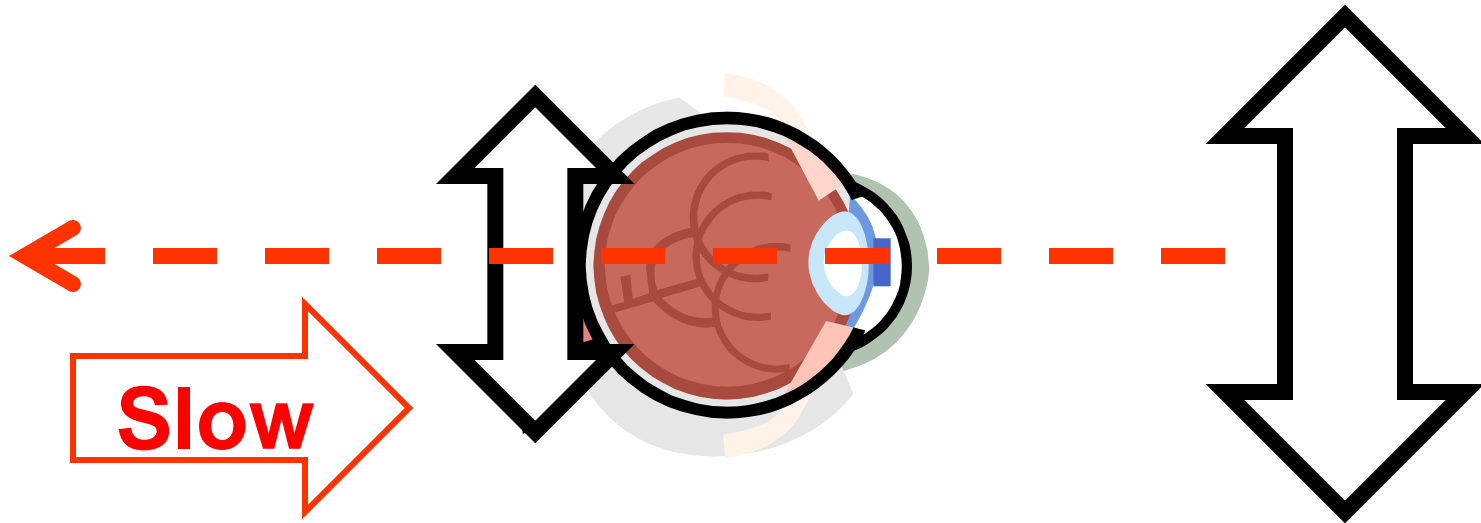
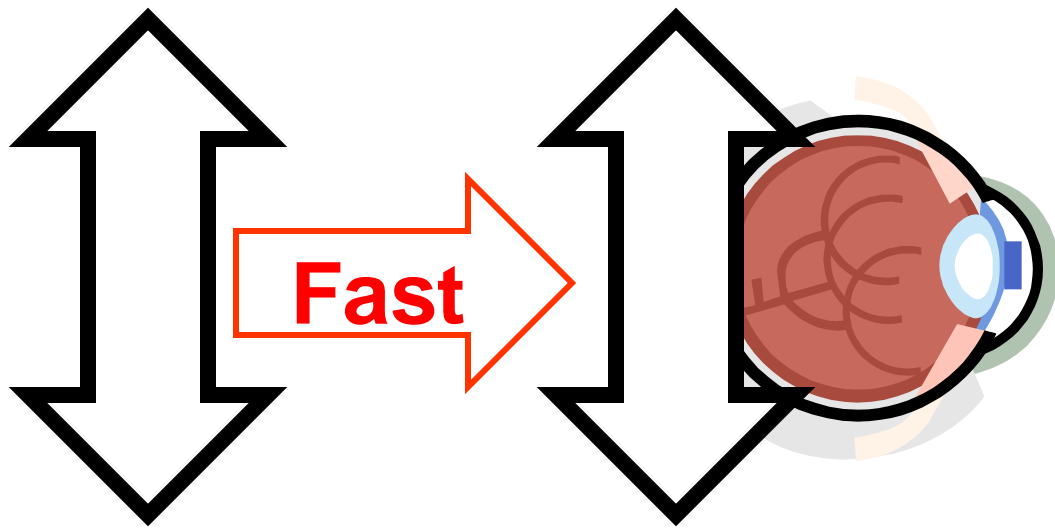


Flexor Reflex









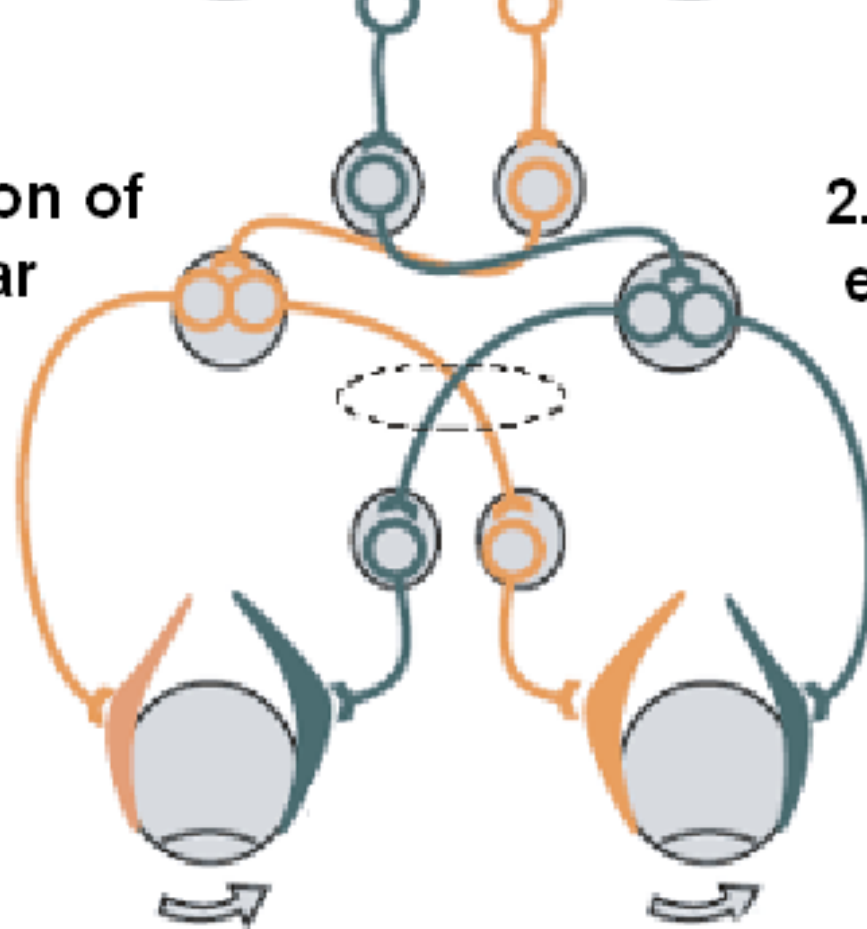
Vestibulo-ocular reflex

1. Detection of rotation

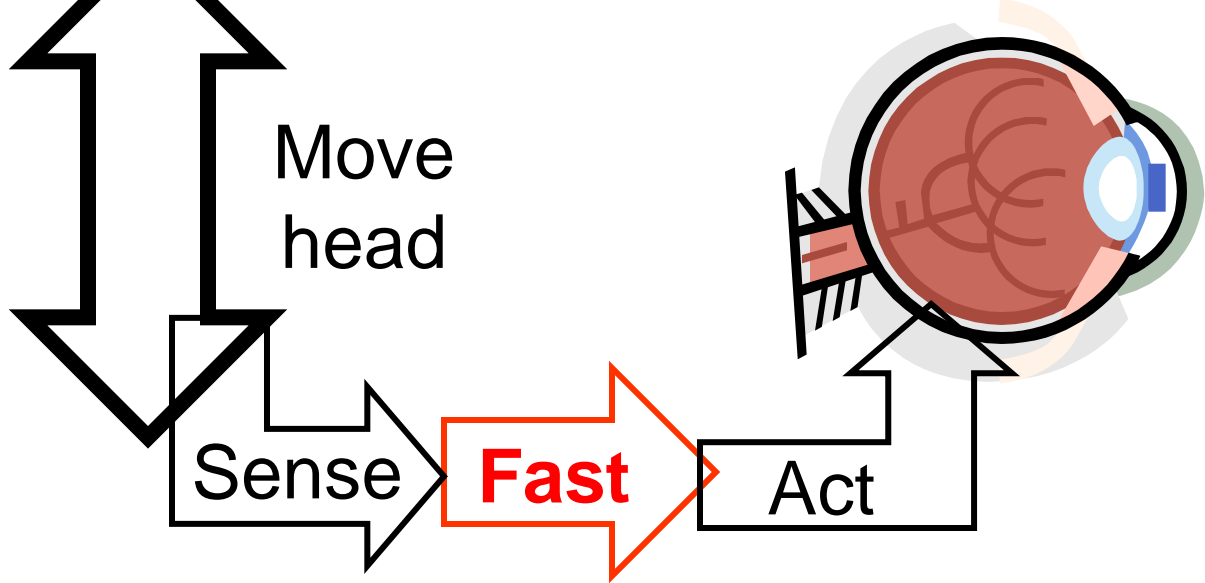


2. Inhibition of extraocular muscles on one side.

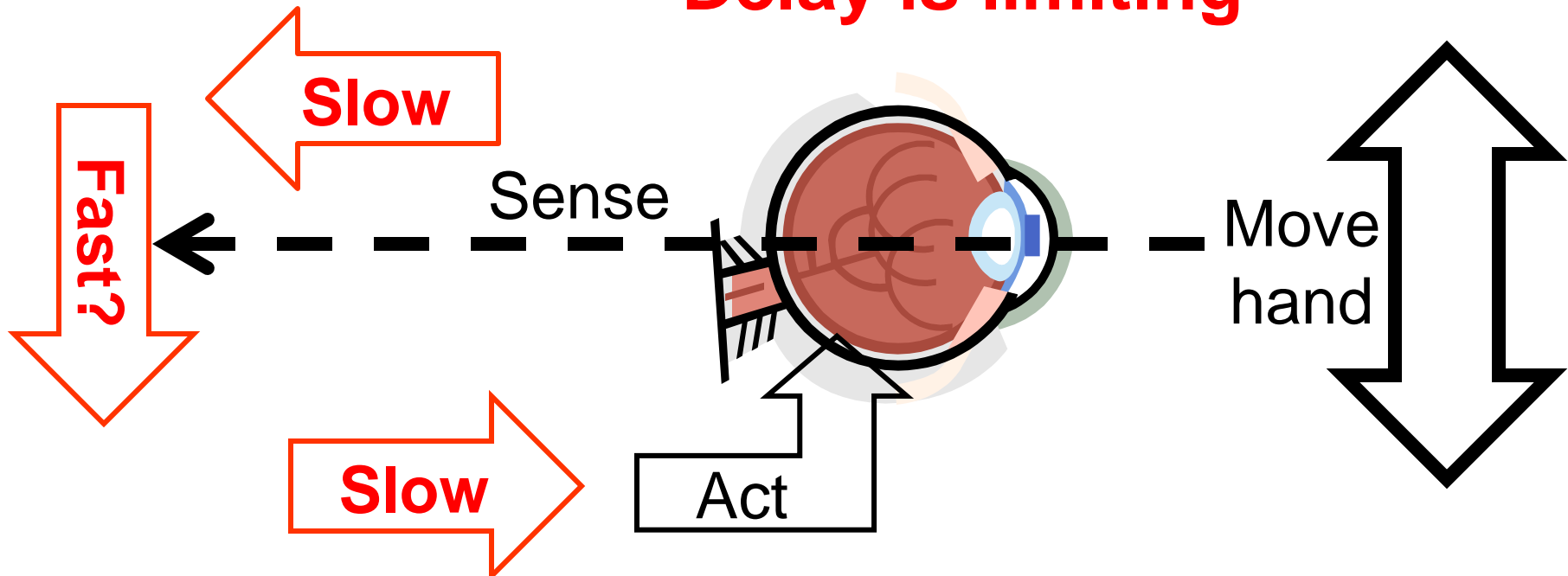
2. Excitation of extraocular muscles on the other side



3. Compensating eye movement

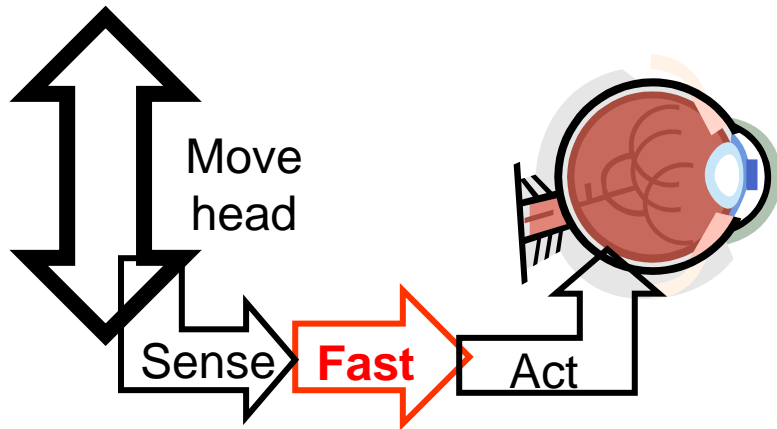


Same actuators
Delay is limiting

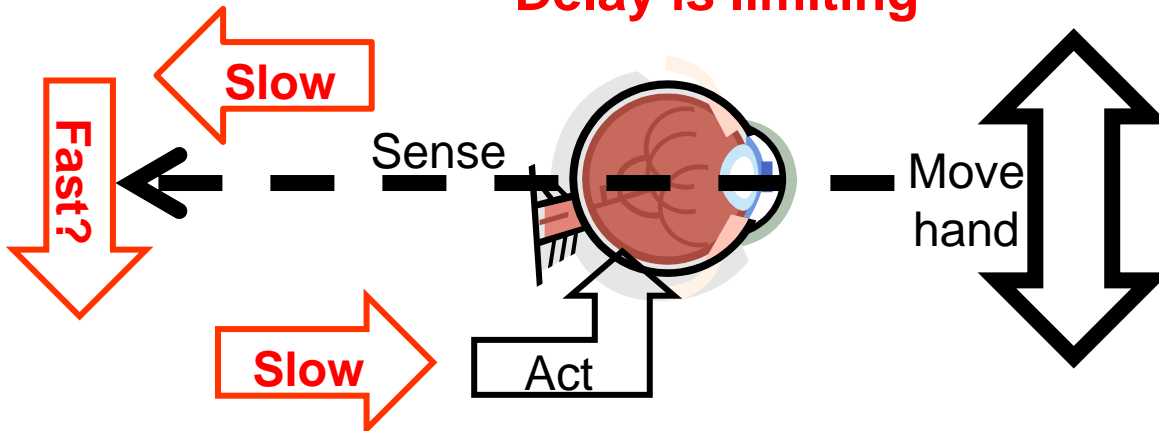


Versus standing on one leg

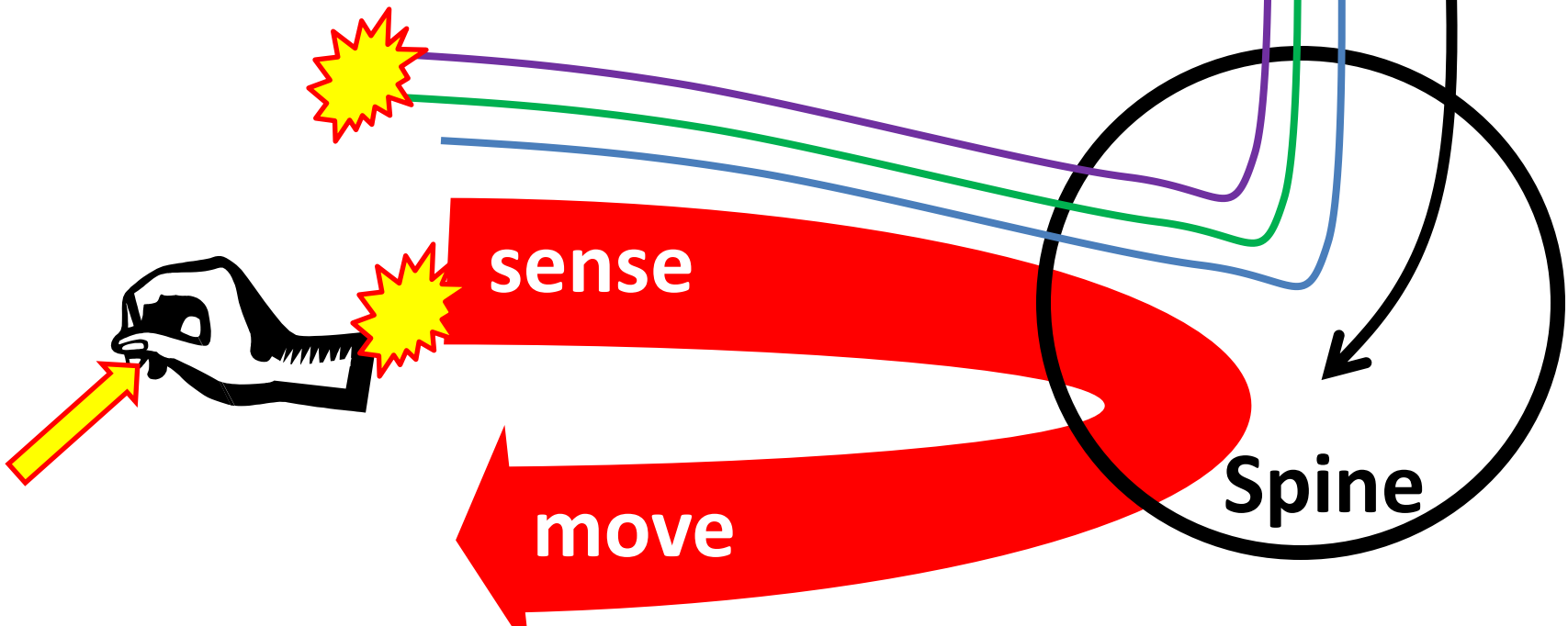
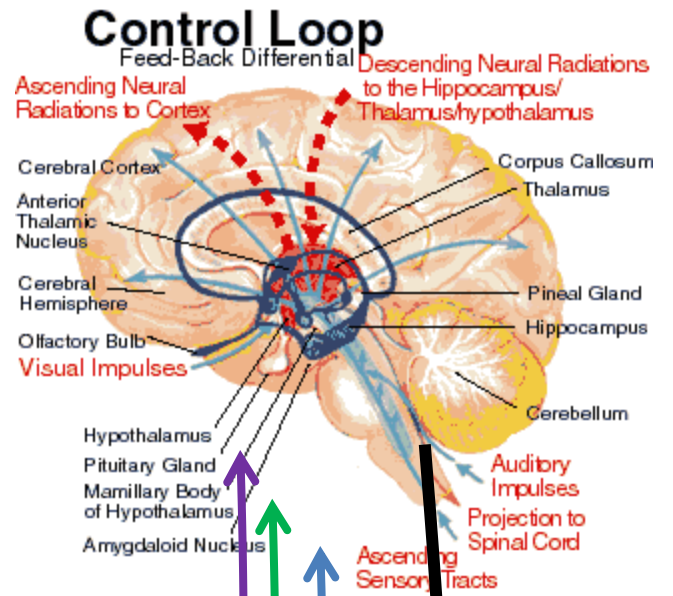
- Eyes open vs closed
- Contrast
 - young surfers
 - old football players



Same actuators
Delay is limiting



delay=death

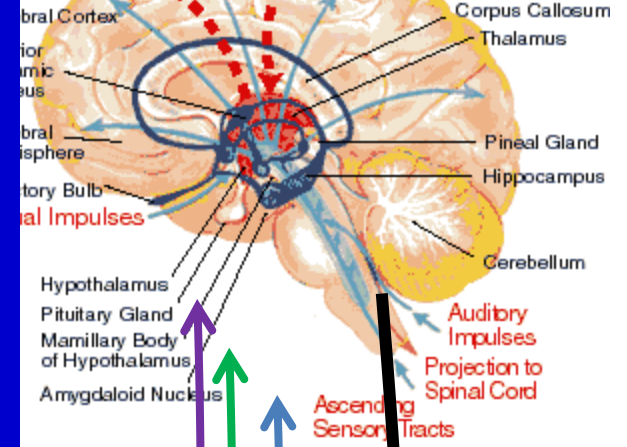


Control Loop

Feed-Back Differential

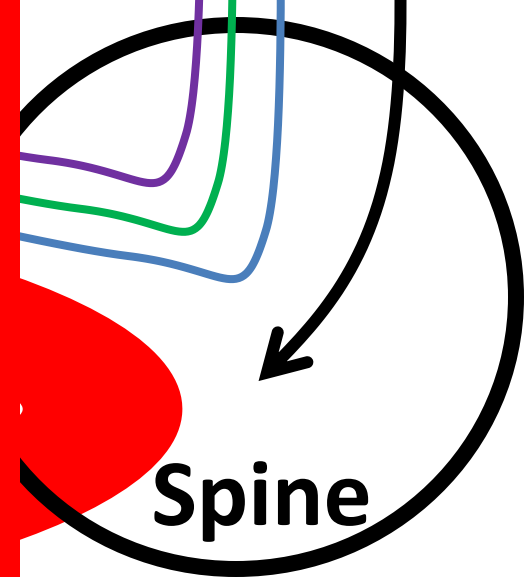
Ascending Neural Radiations to Cortex

Descending Neural Radiations to the Hippocampus/Thalamus/hypothalamus



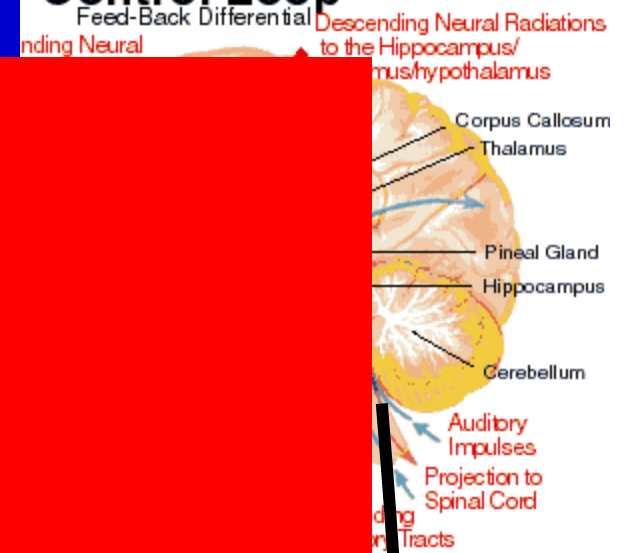
Reflect

Reflex



Reflect

Control Loop



Reflex

Reflect

Control Loop

Feed-Back Differential
Descending Neural Radiations to the Hippocampus/
mus/hypothalamus

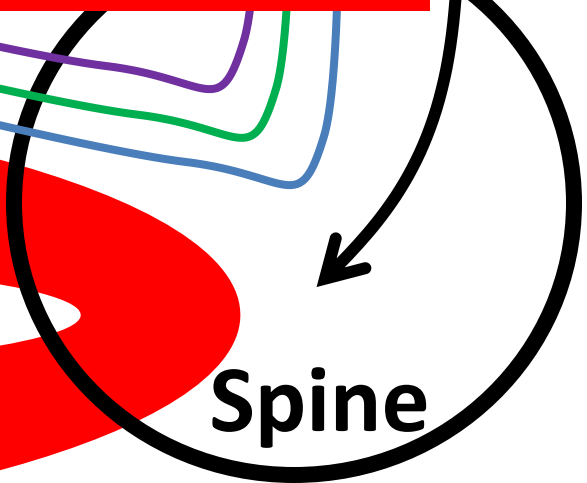
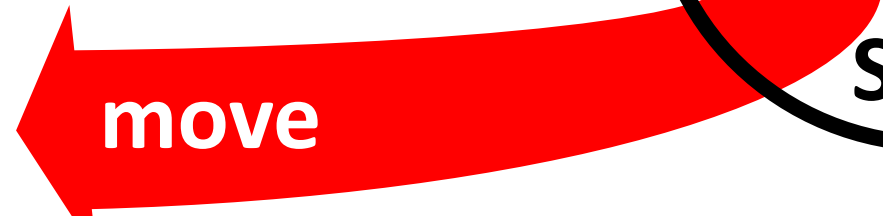
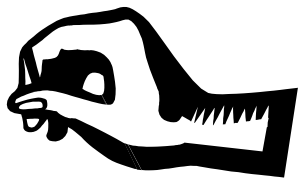


of Hypothalamus
Amygdaloid Nucleus
Ascending
Tracts

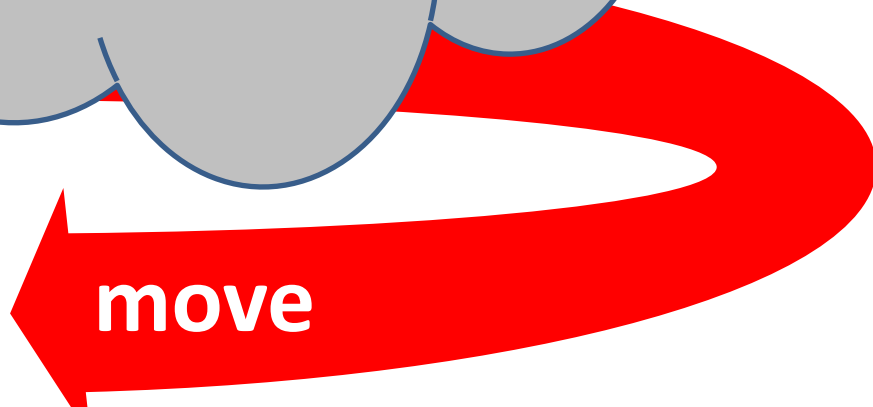
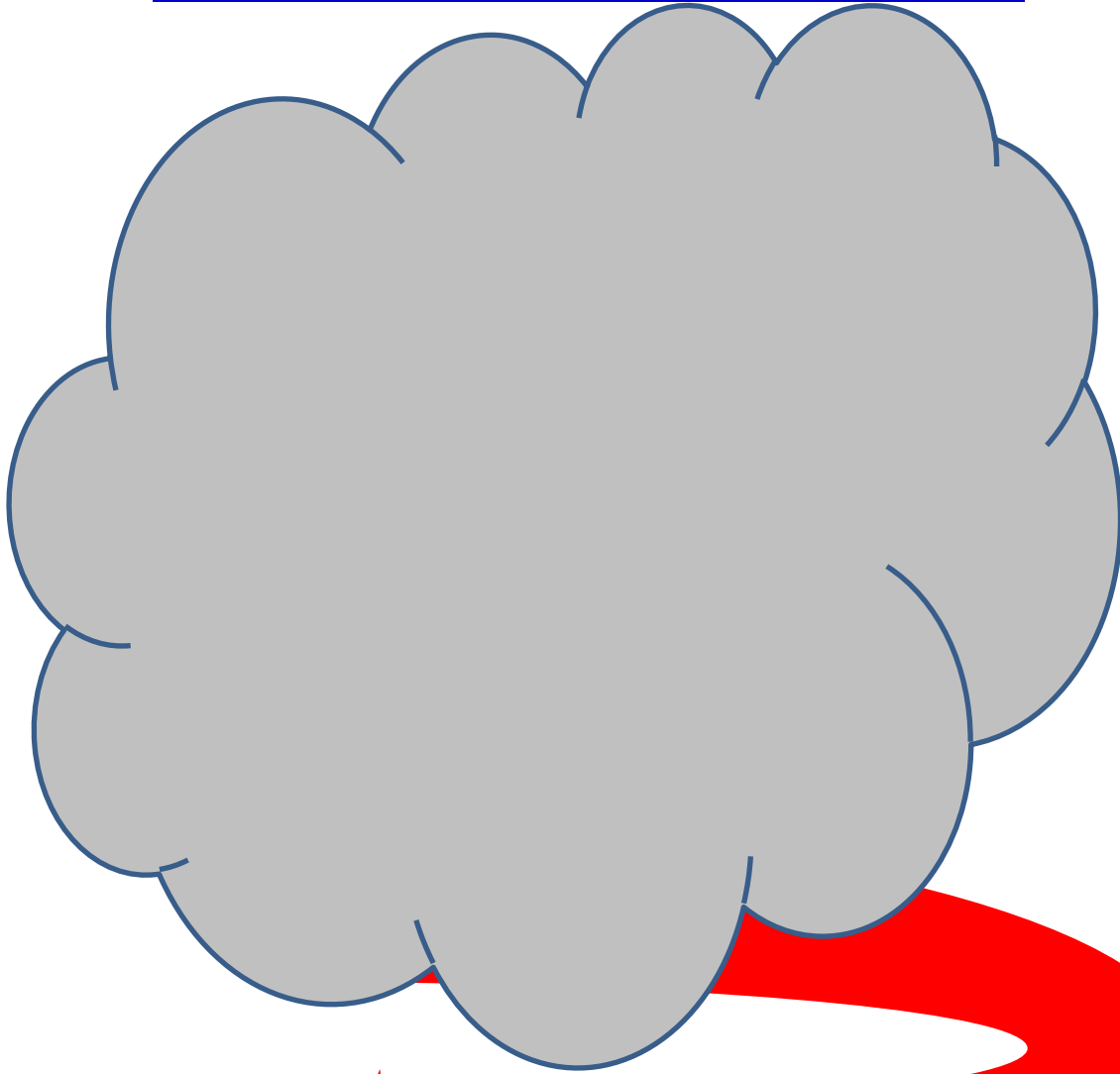
Auditory Impulses
Projection to Spinal Cord

Layered

Reflex



Reflect



Reflect

Control Loop

Feed-Back Differential
Descending Neural Radiations to the Hippocampus/
Auditory Impulses to Hypothalamus

Corpus Callosum
Thalamus

Cerebral Hemisphere

Pineal Gland
Hippocampus

Cerebellum

Auditory Impulses
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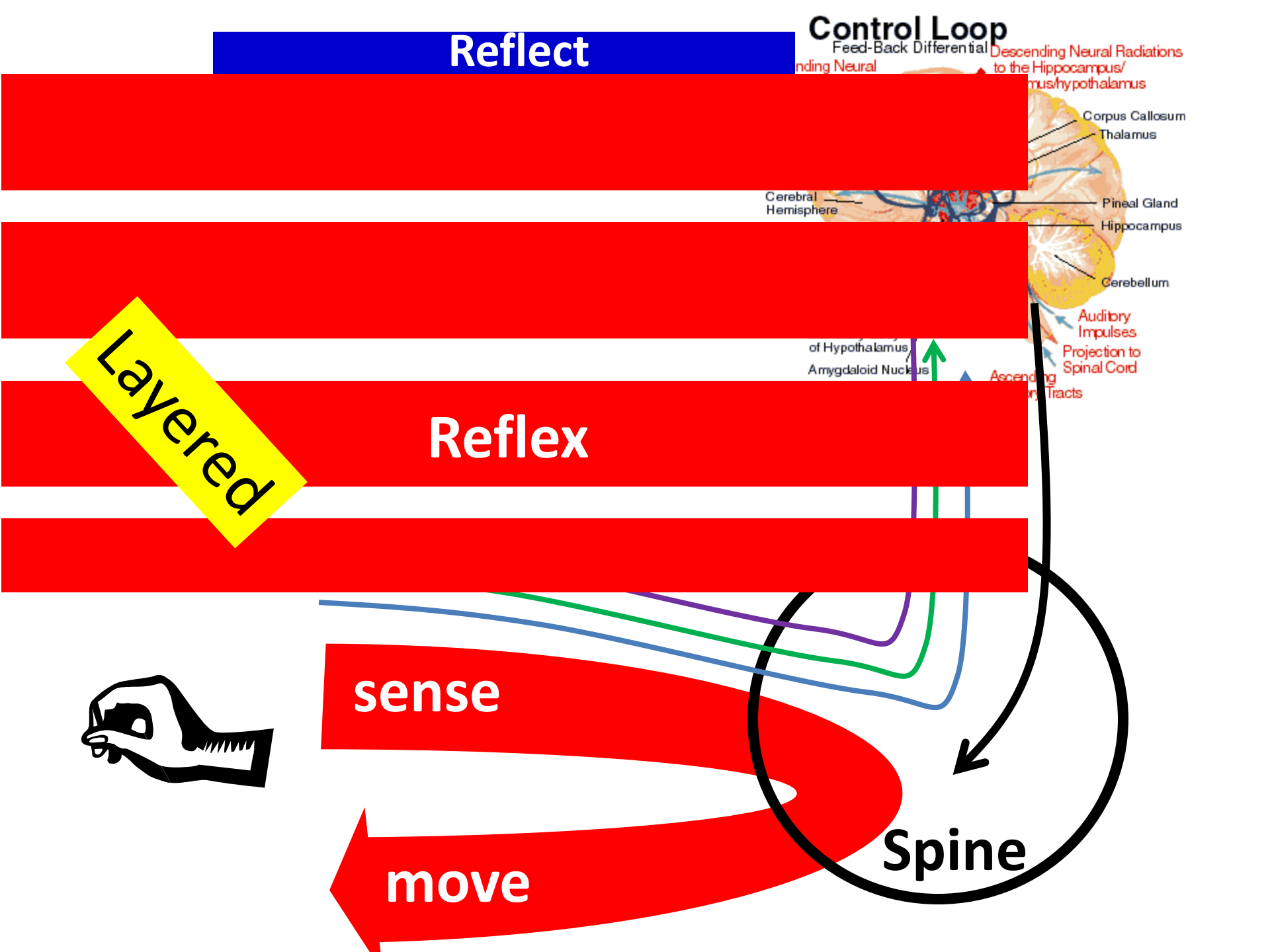
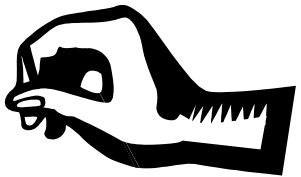
Layered

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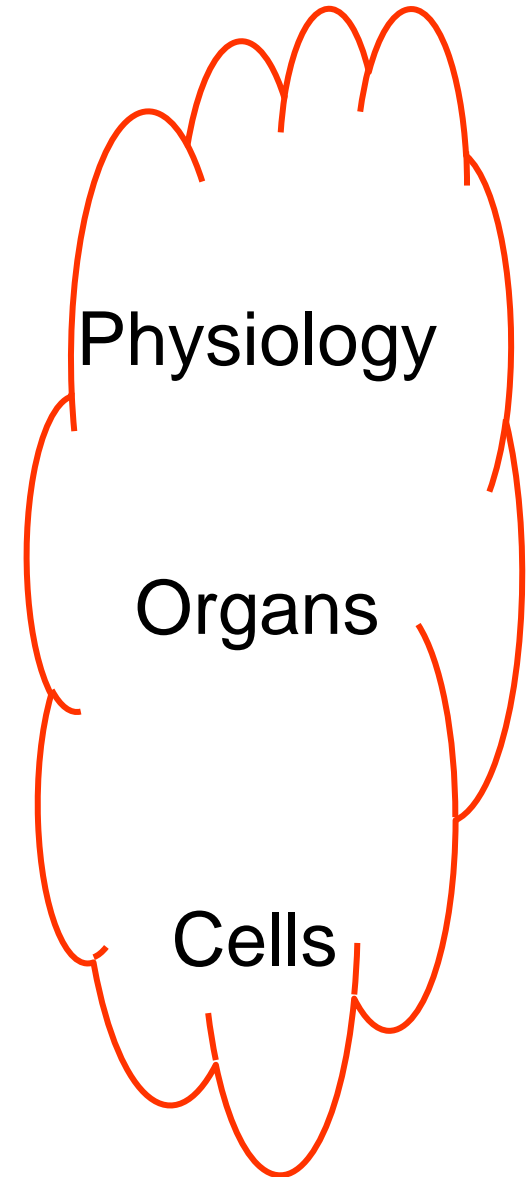
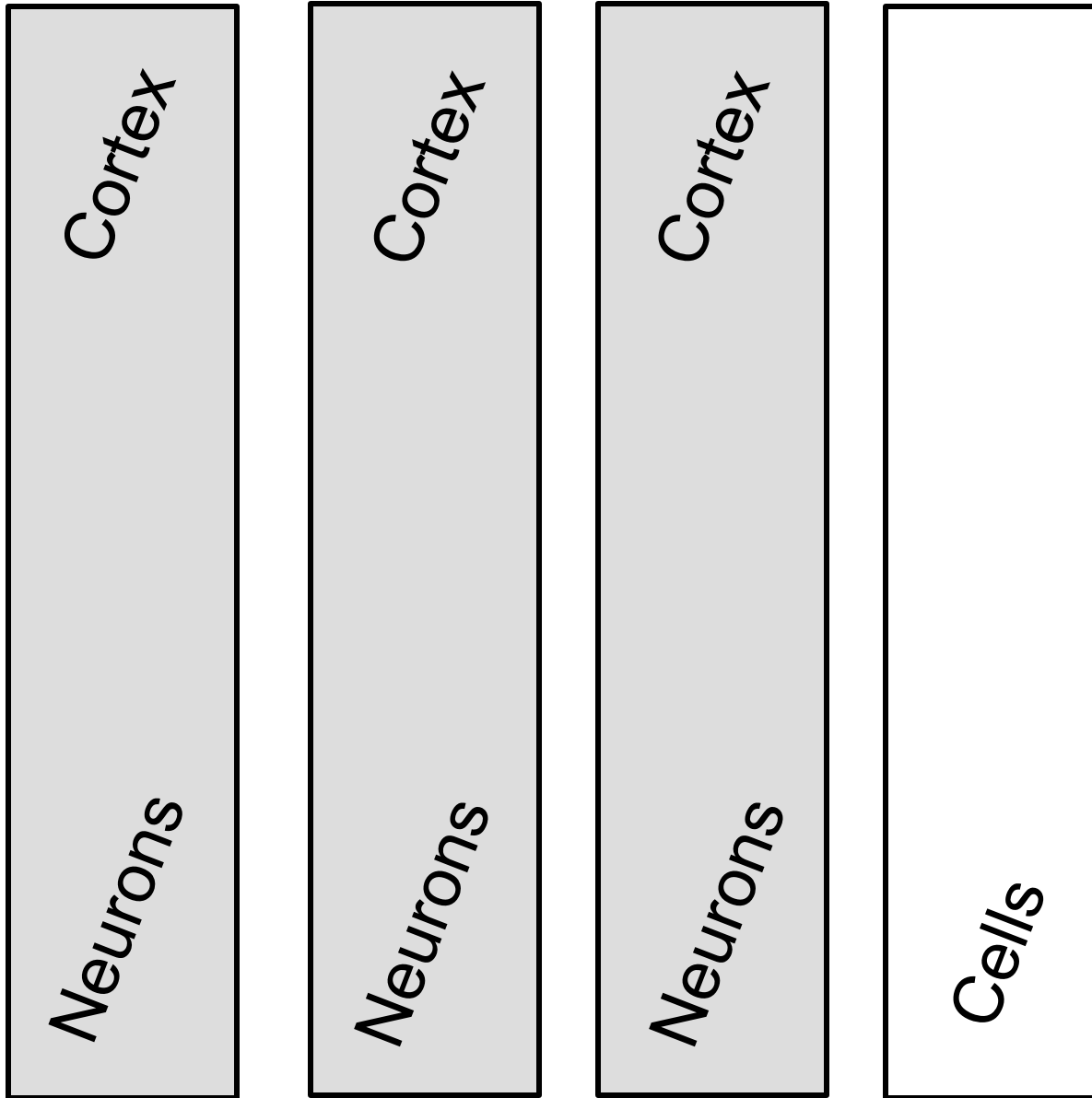
sense

move

Spine



Layered architectures (cartoon)



Control Loop

Feed-Back Differential
Ascending Neural
to the Hypothalamus'

Reflect

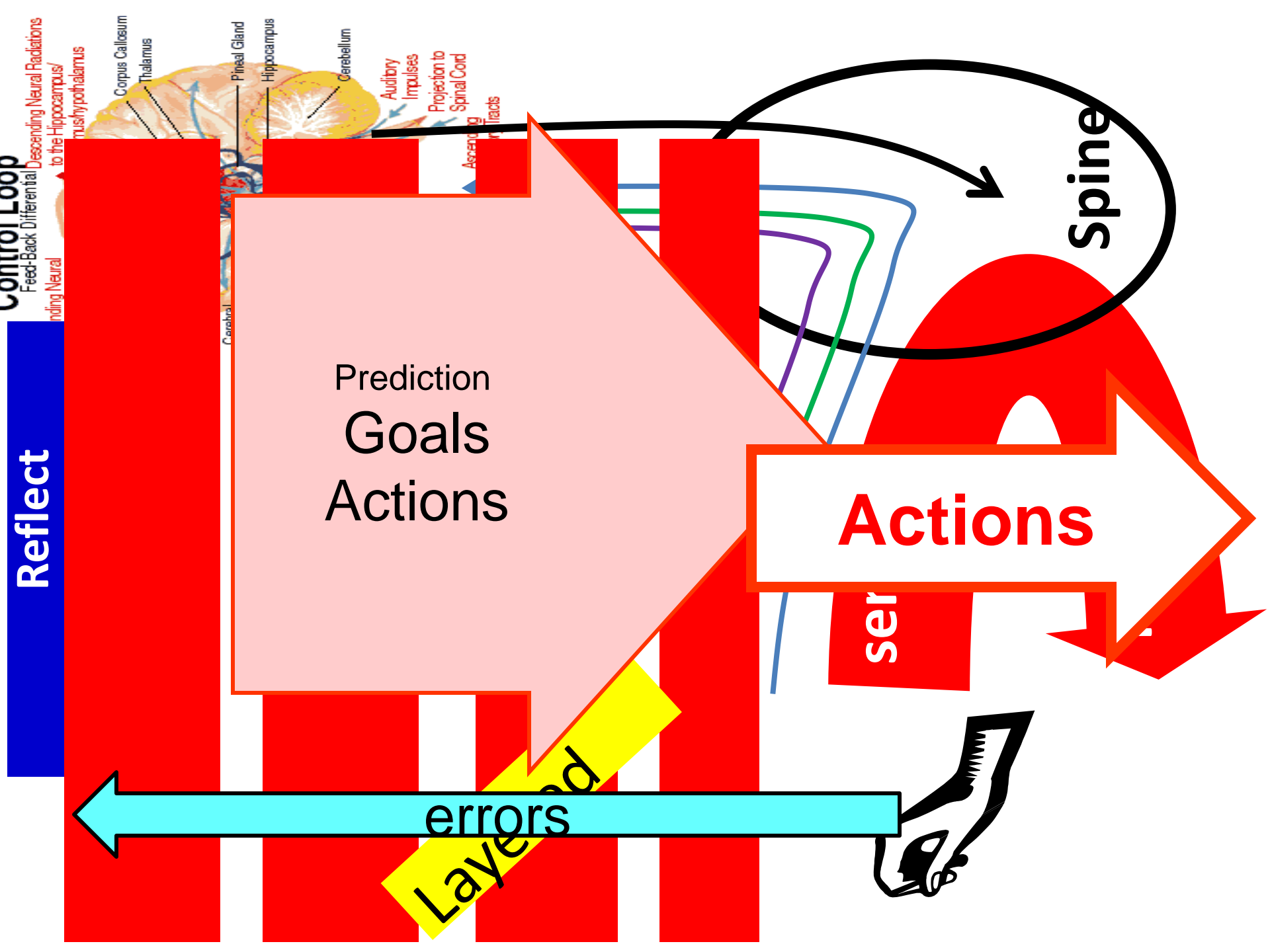
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Goals
Actions

Actions

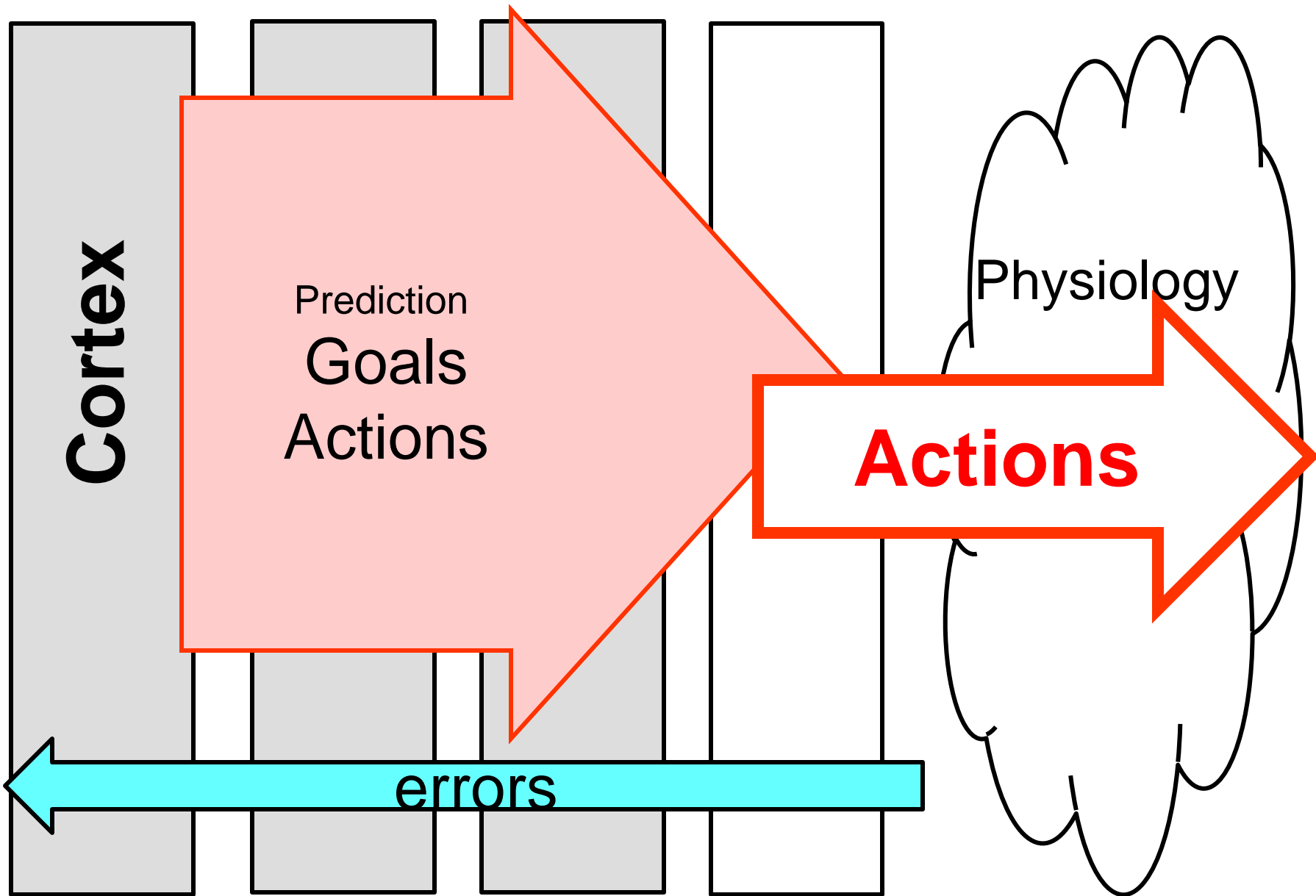
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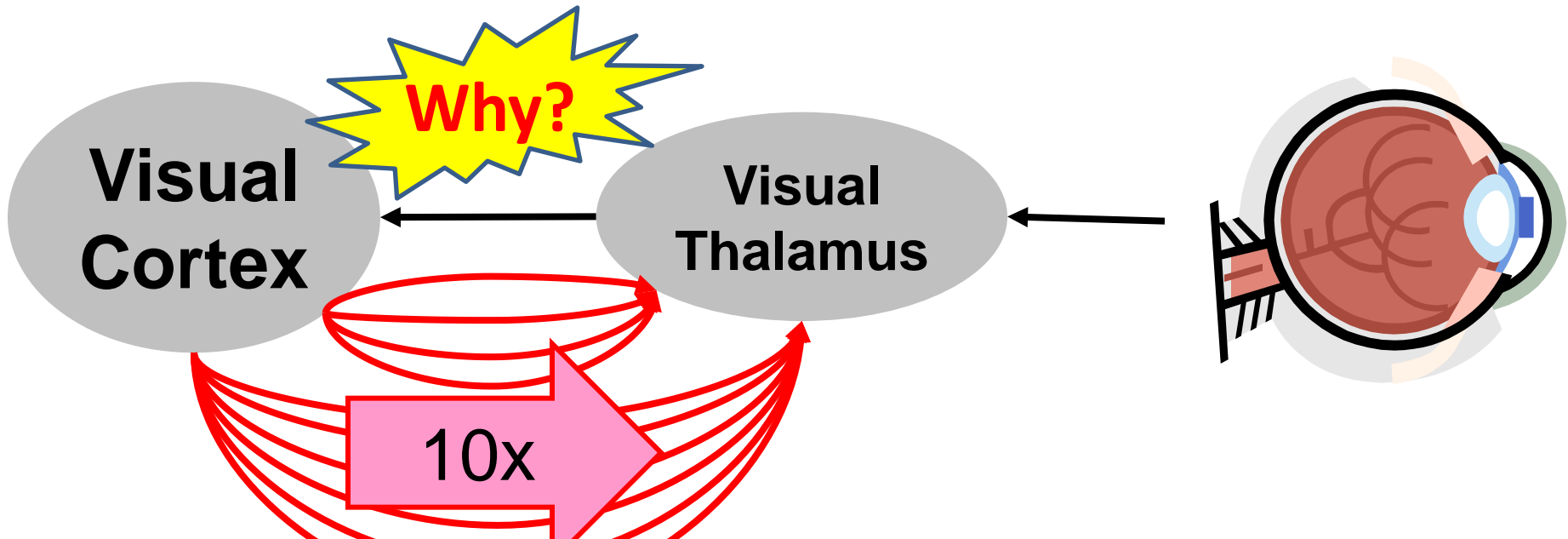
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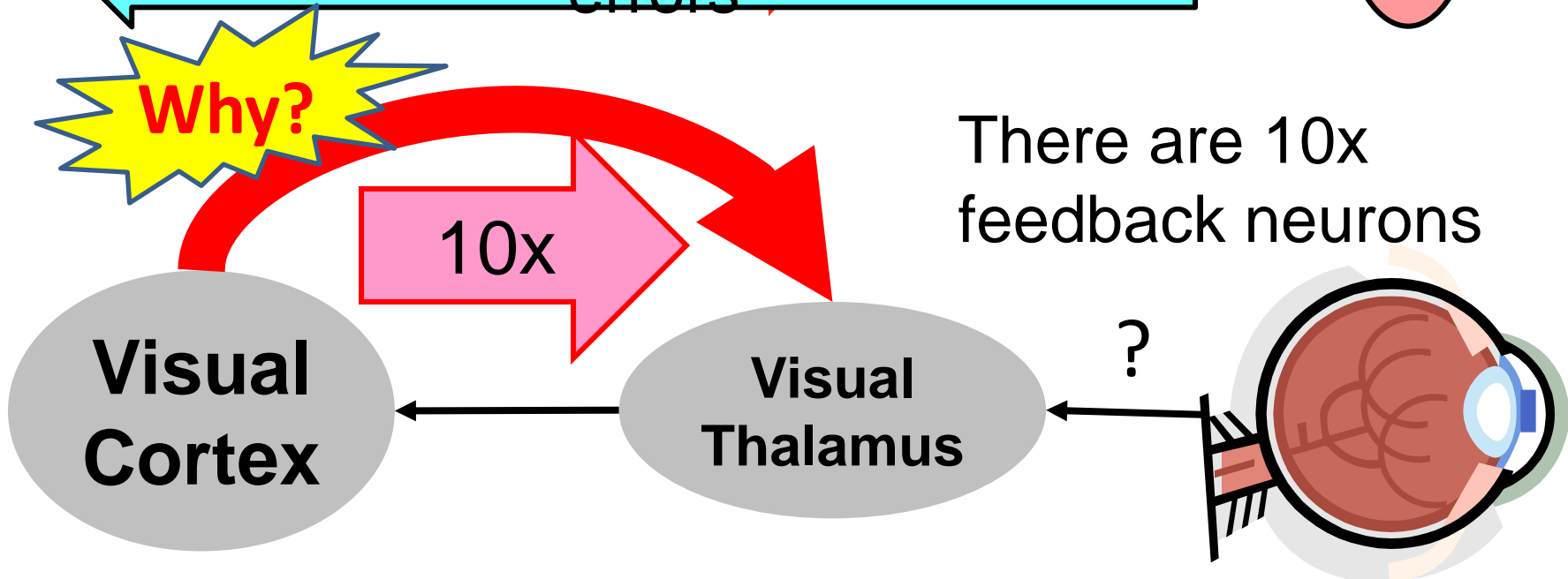
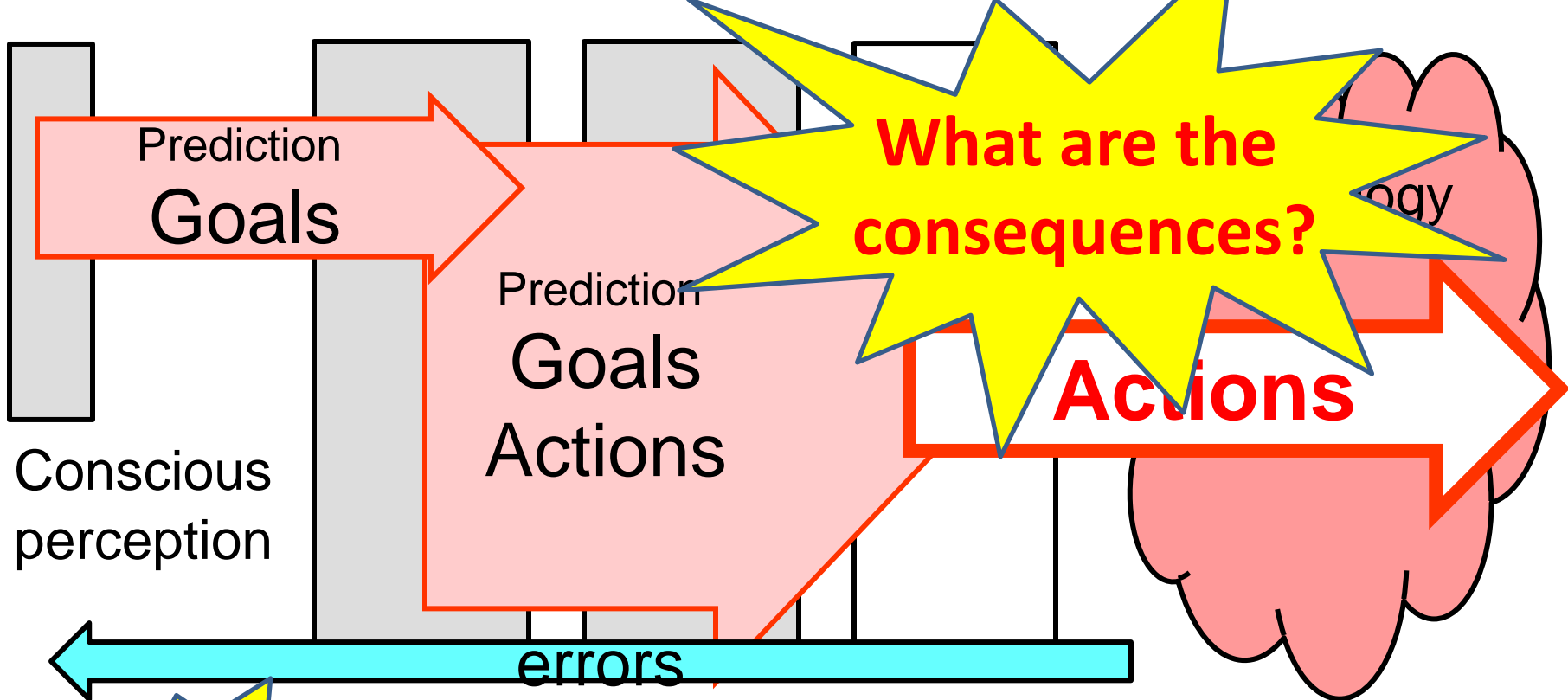
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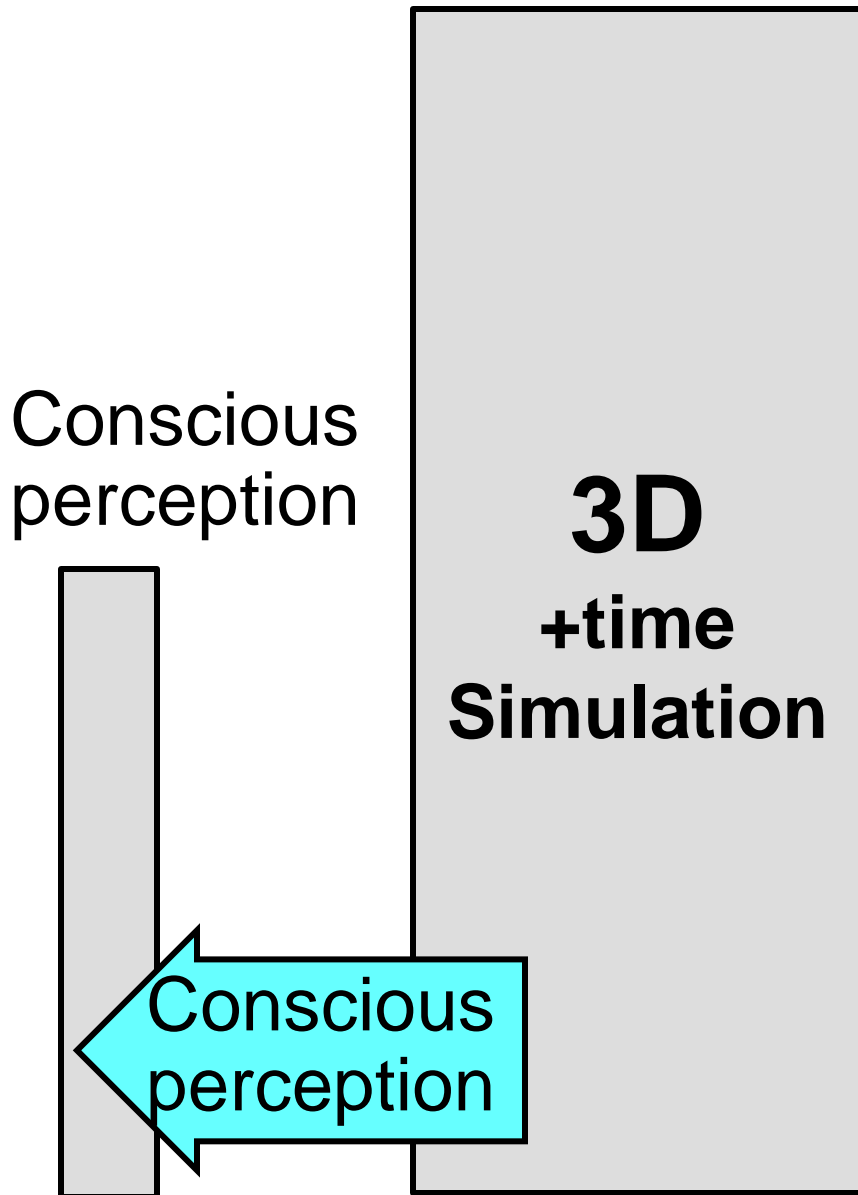
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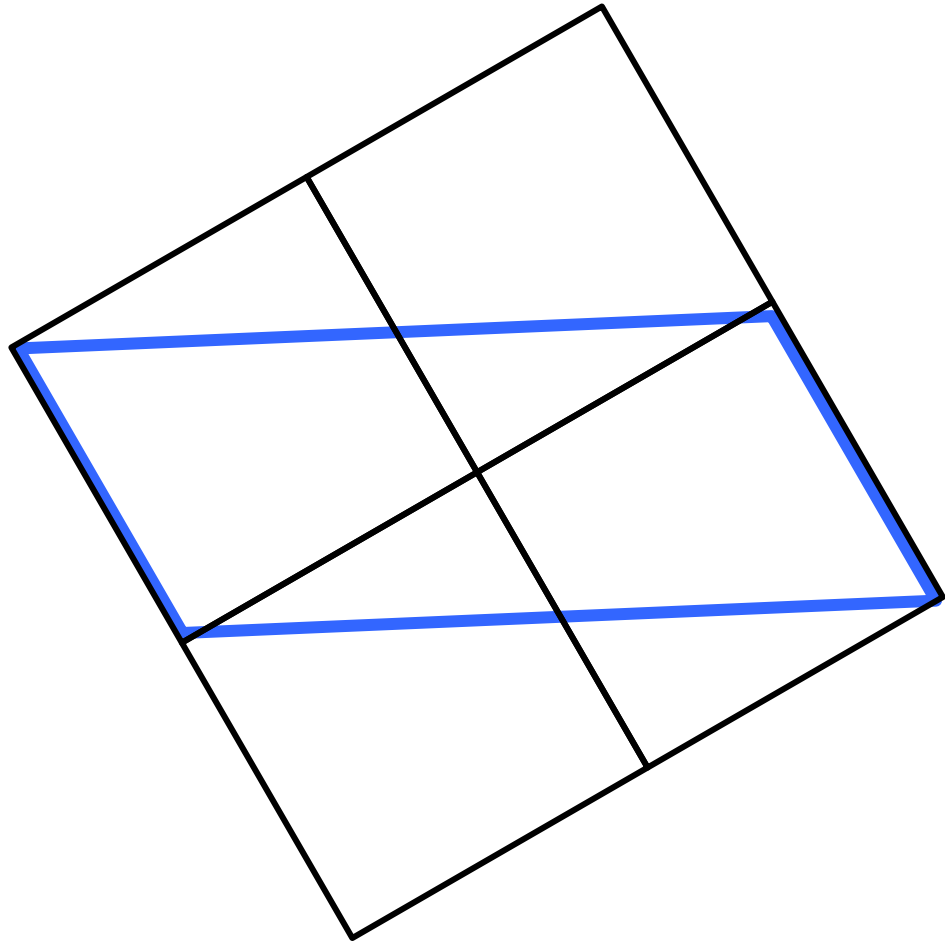
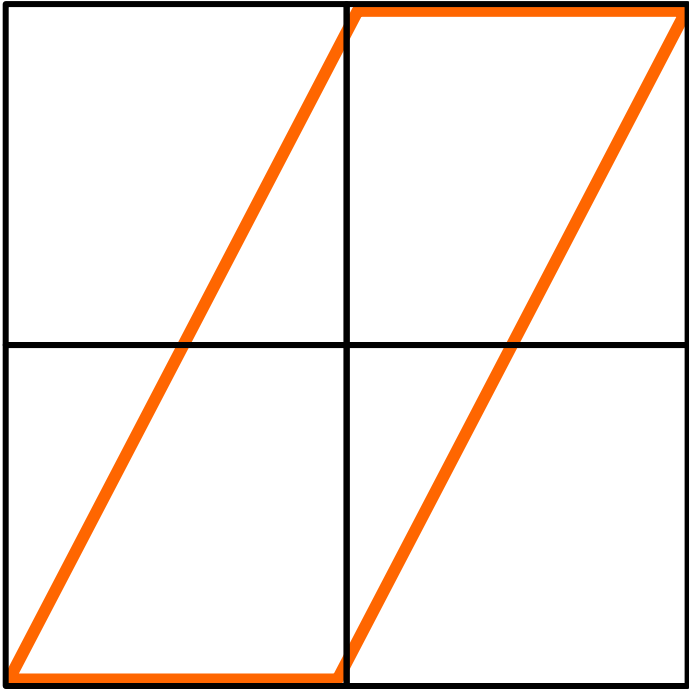
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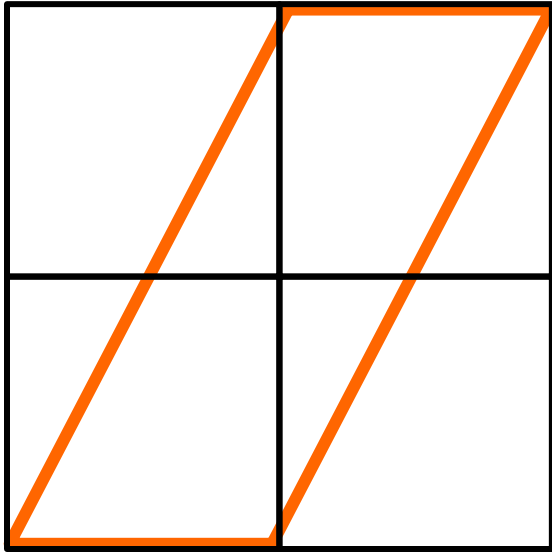




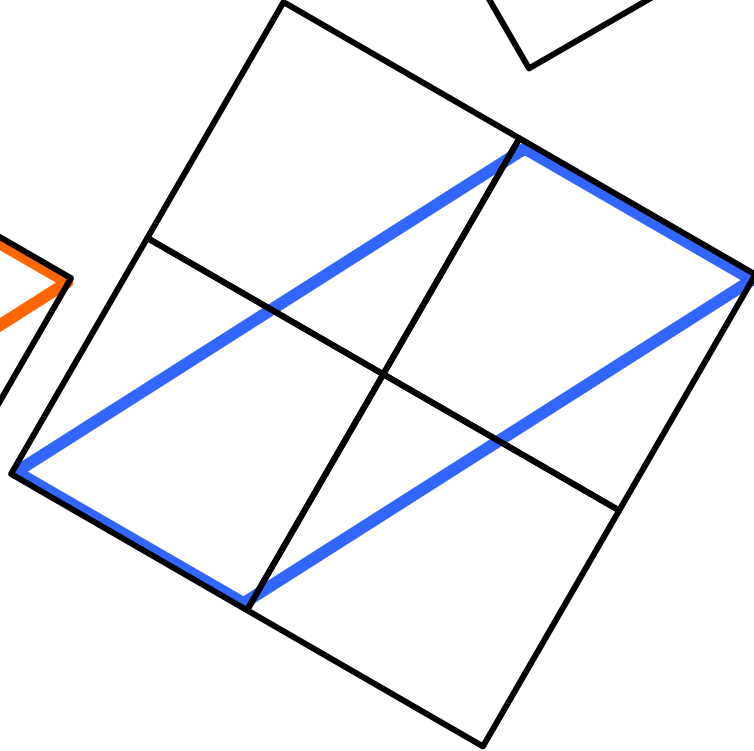
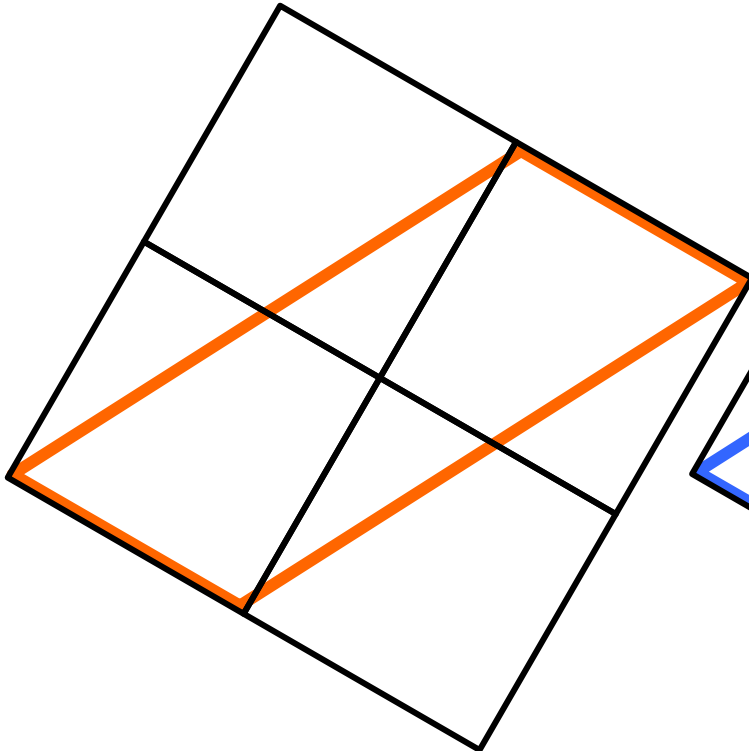
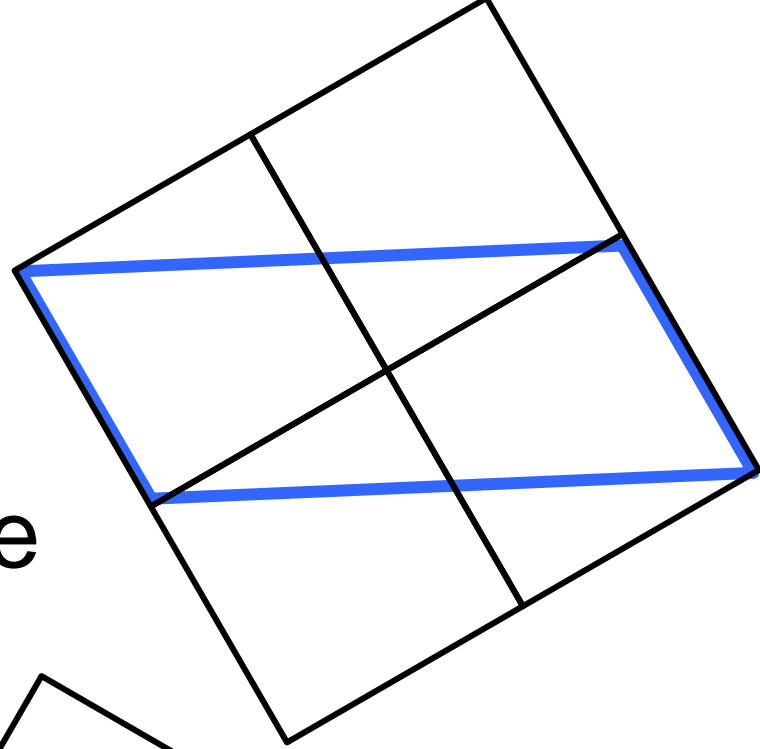
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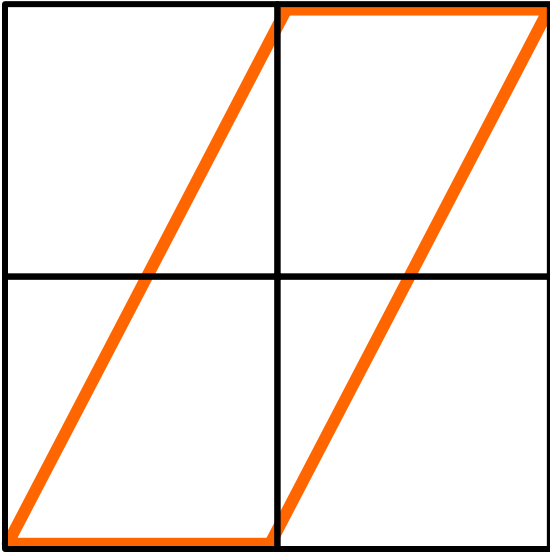




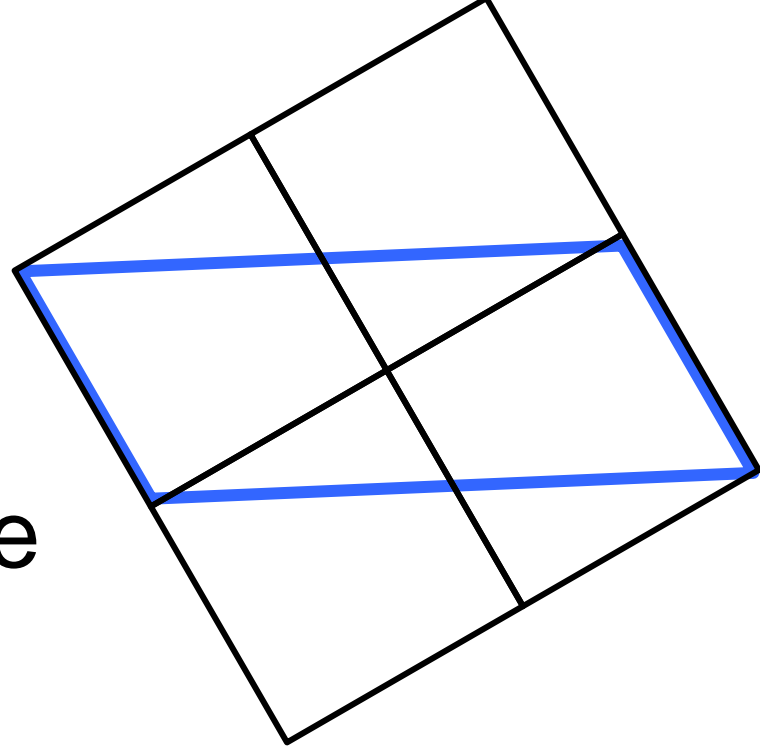


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Toggle between this slide and
the ones before and after

Even when you “know” they are
the same, they appear different



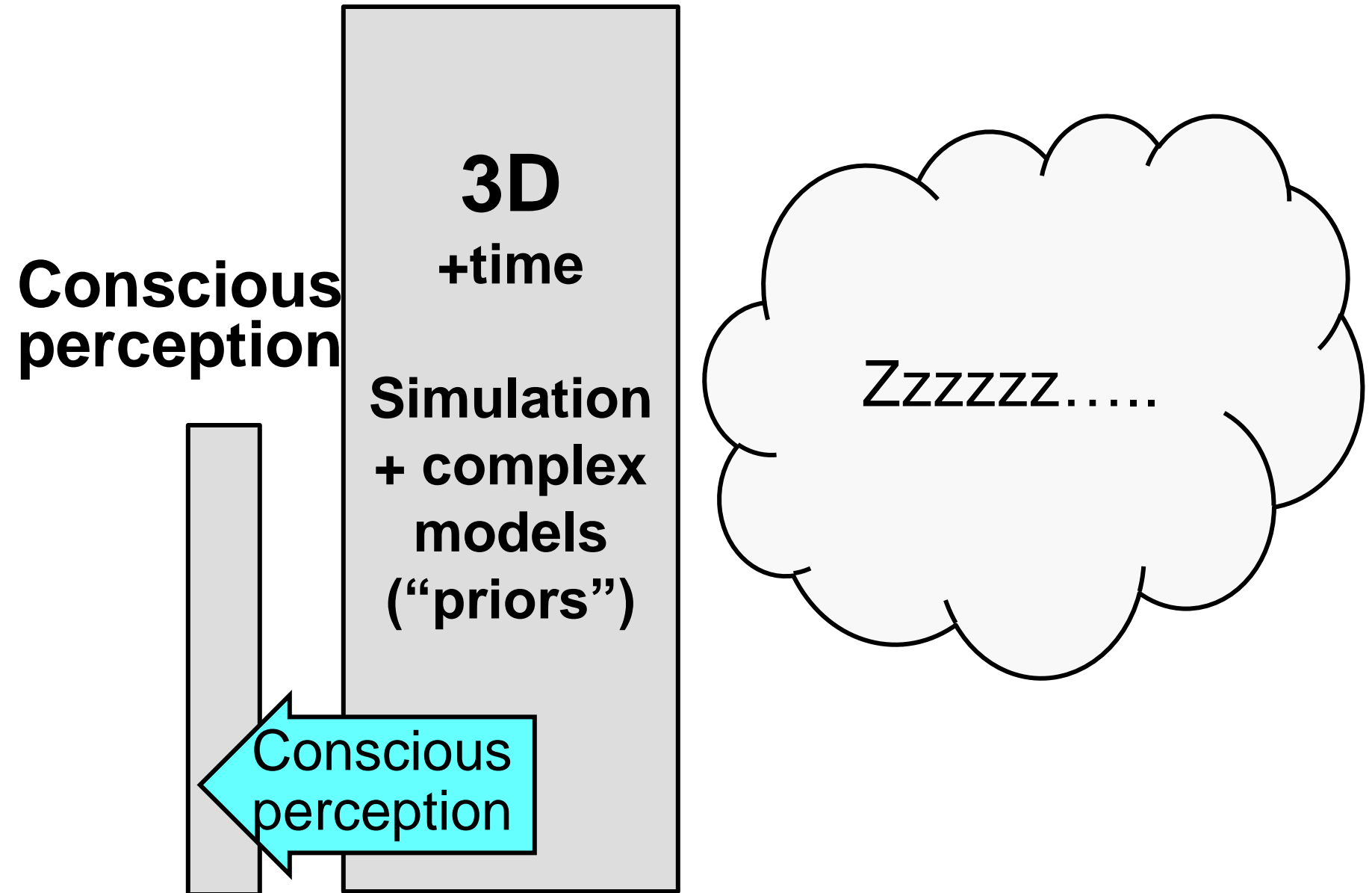
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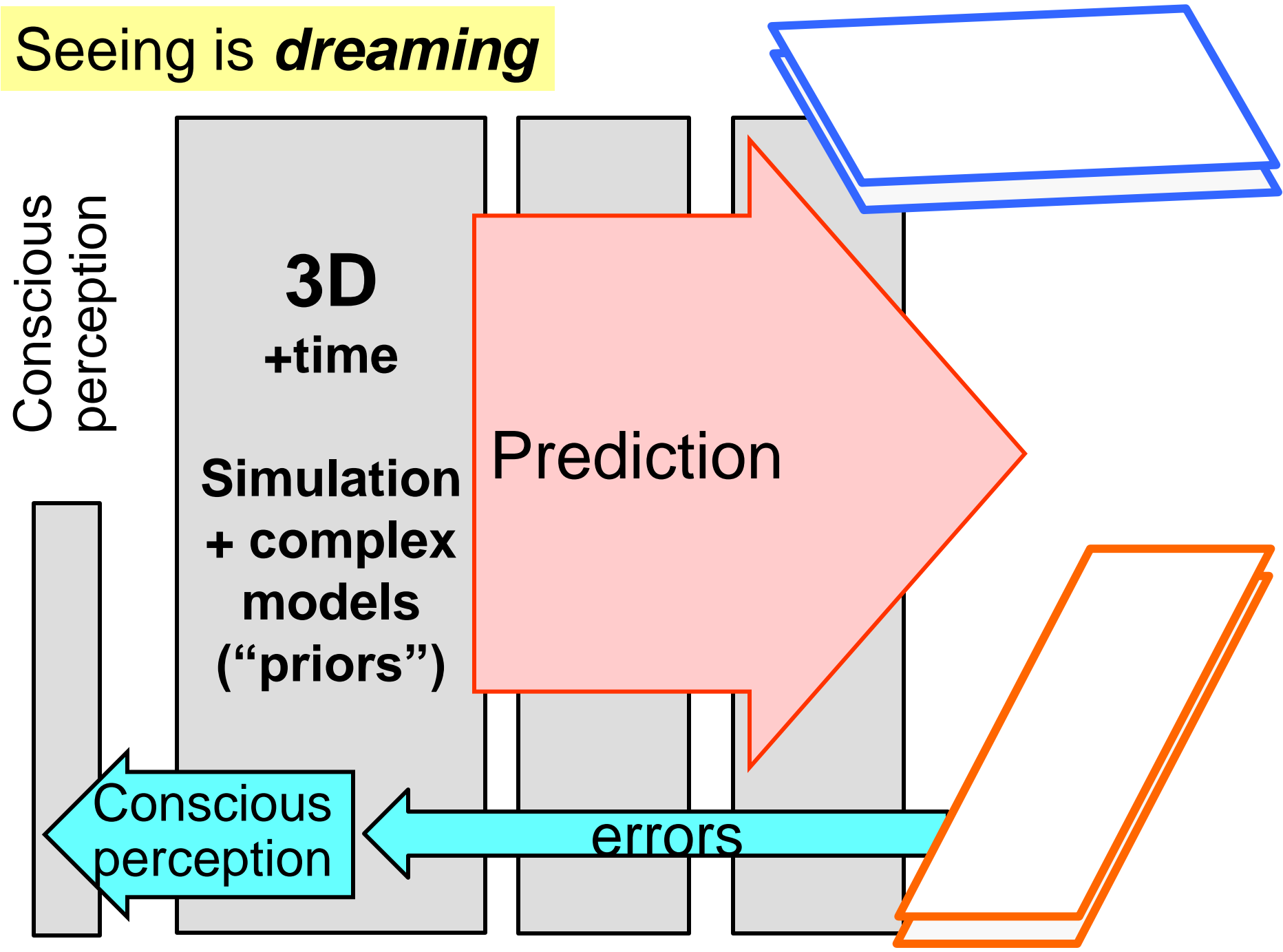
Vision: evolved for complex simulation and control, not 2d static pictures

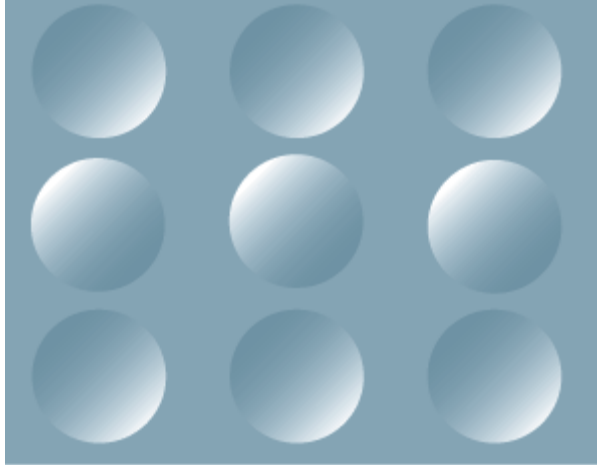
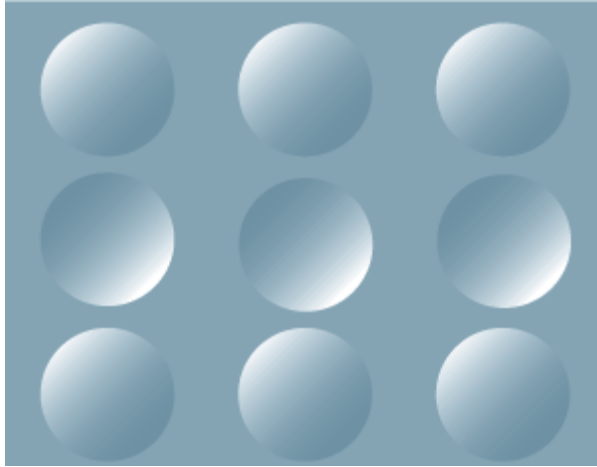
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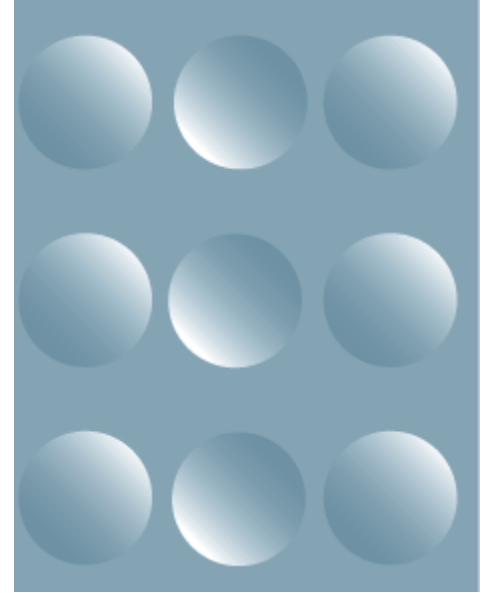


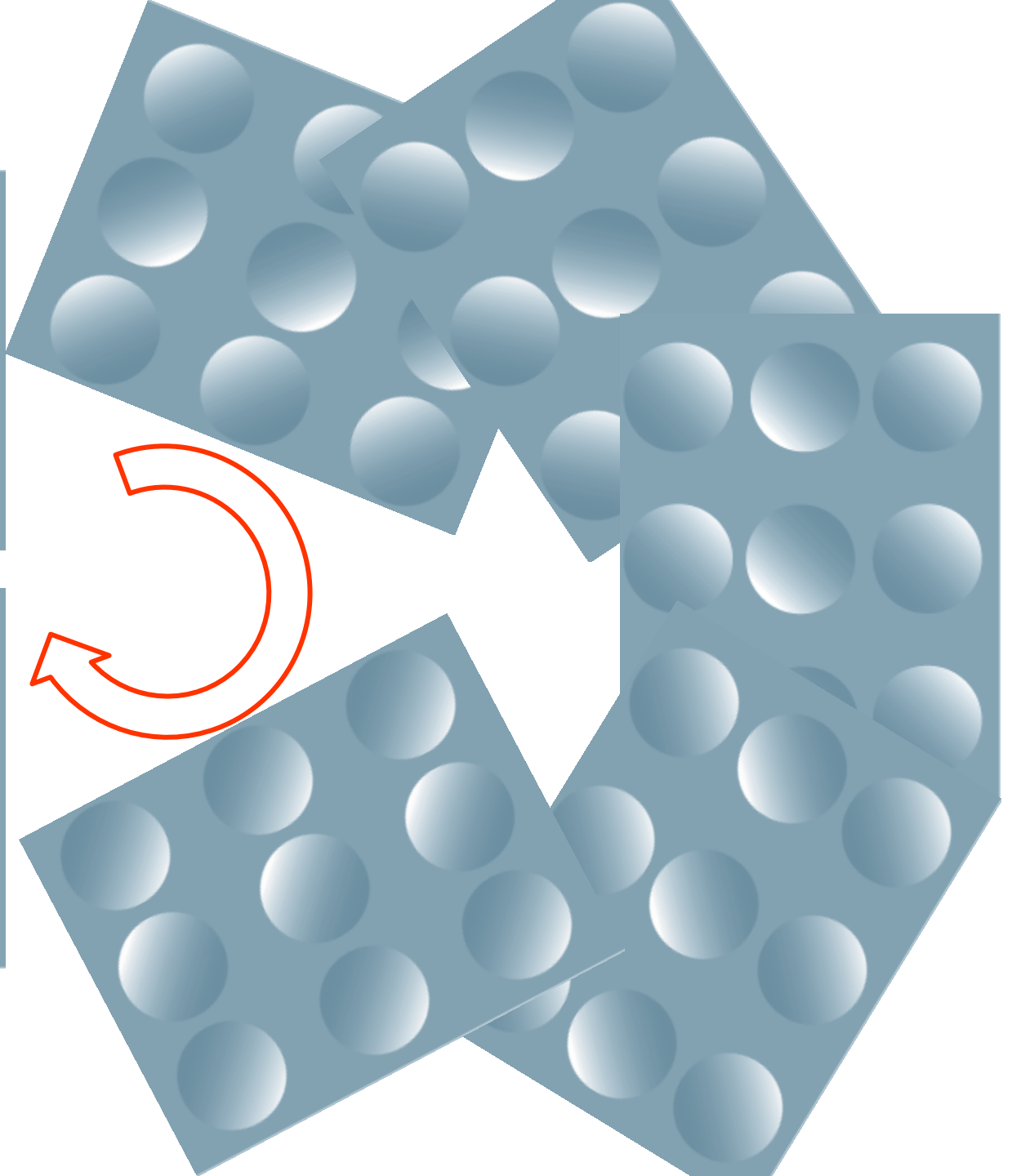
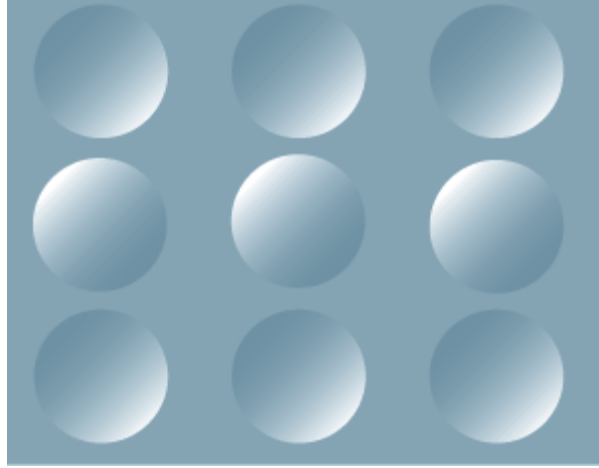
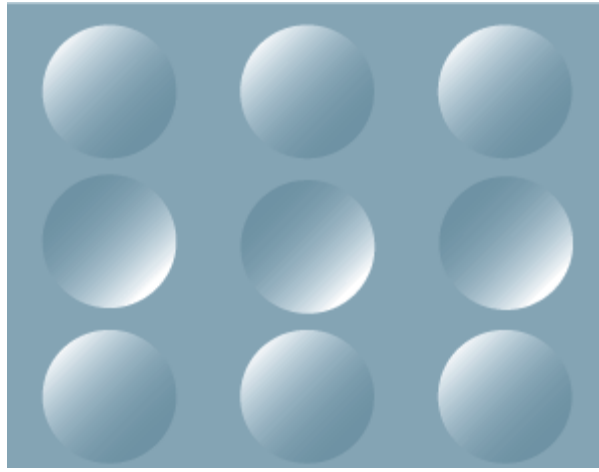
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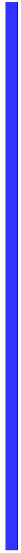


Inferring shape
from shading

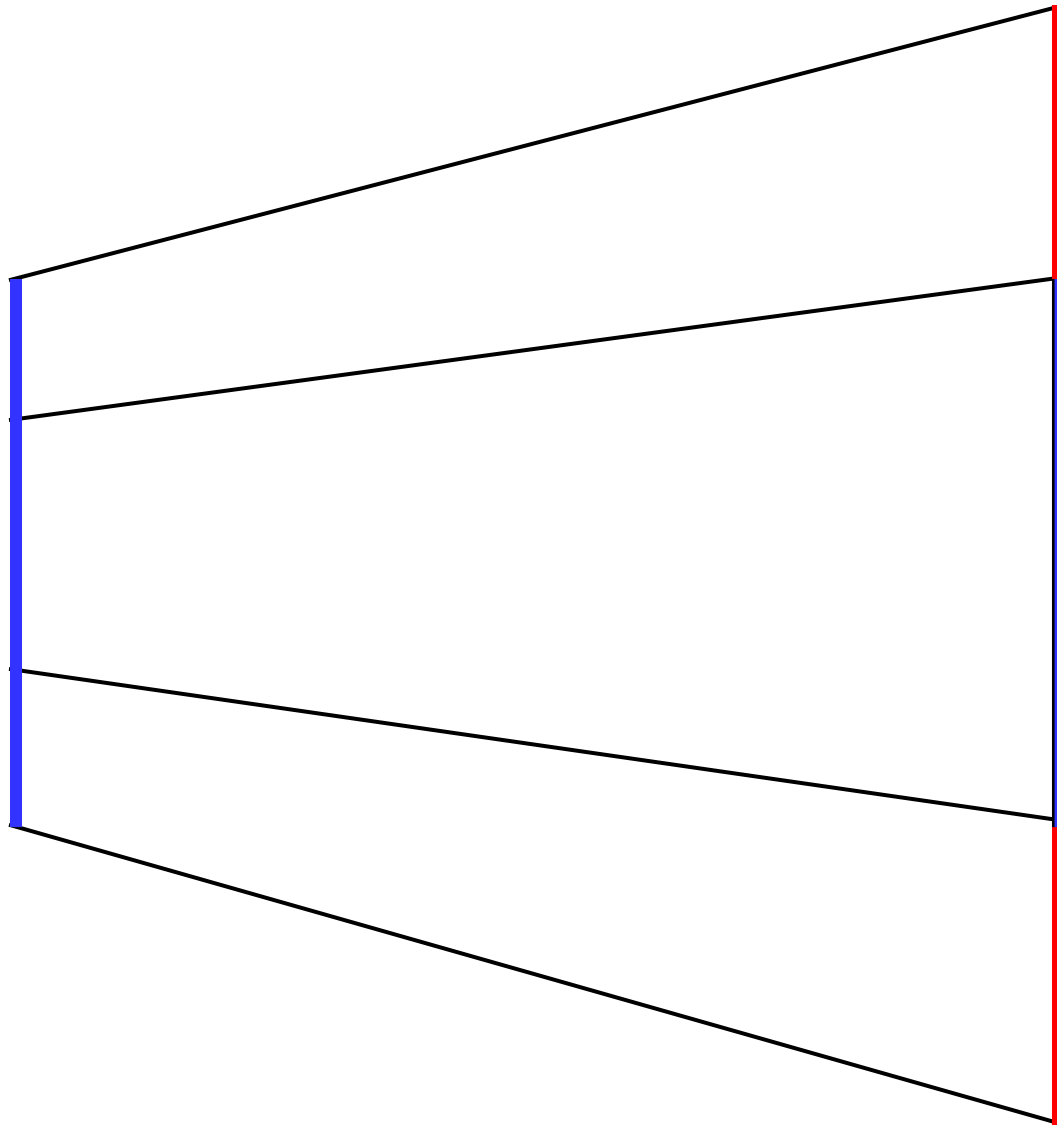




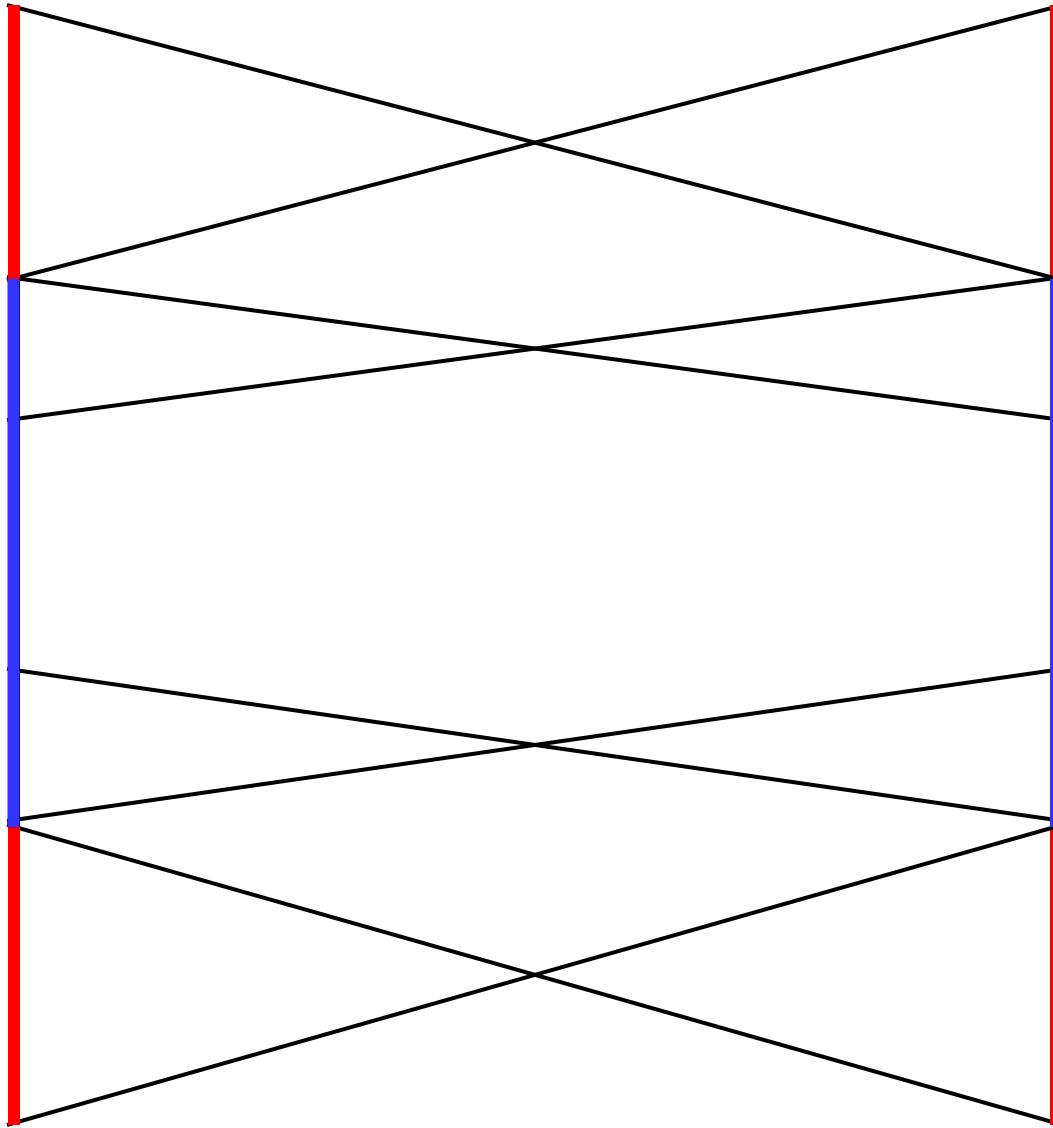
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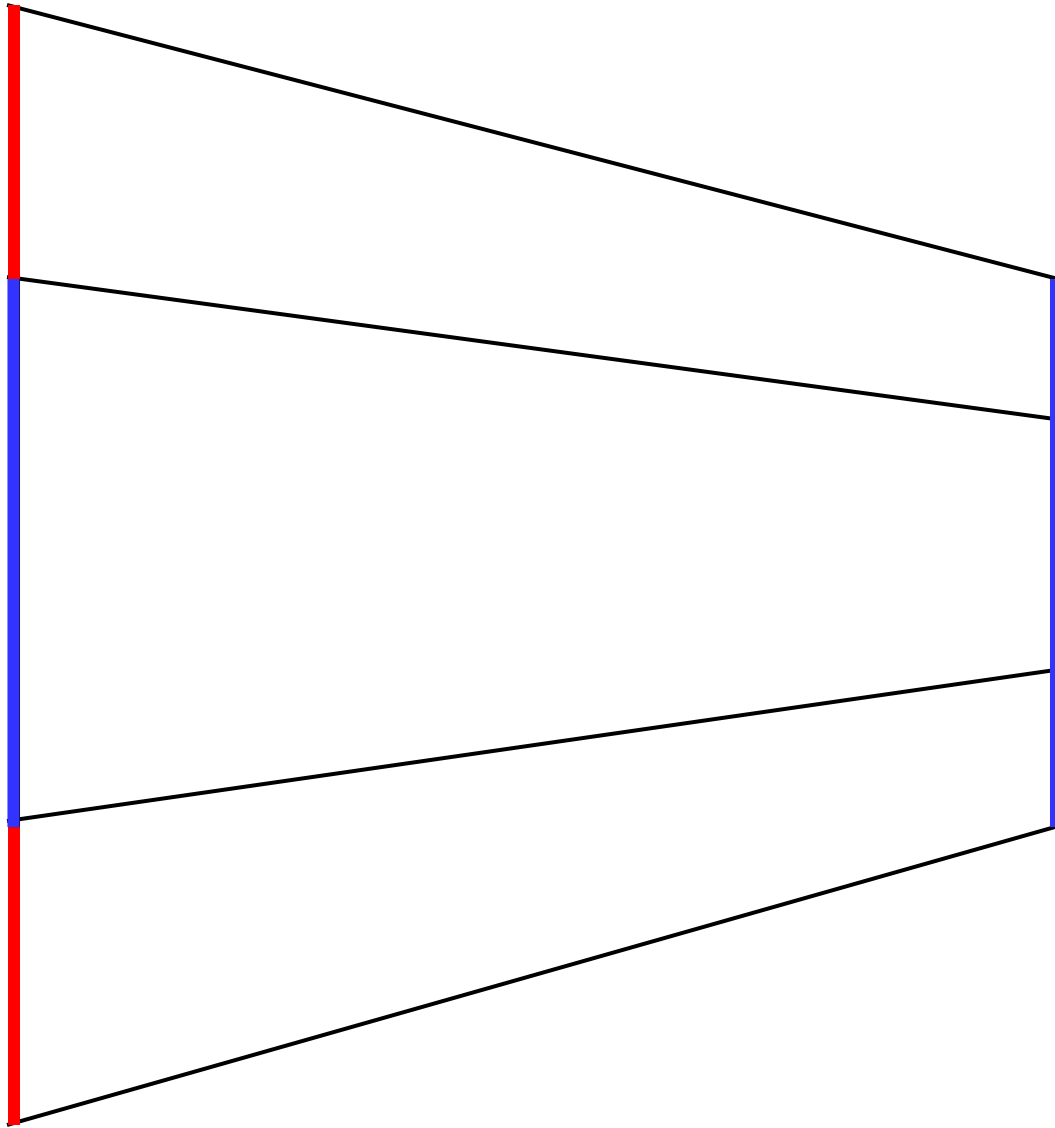
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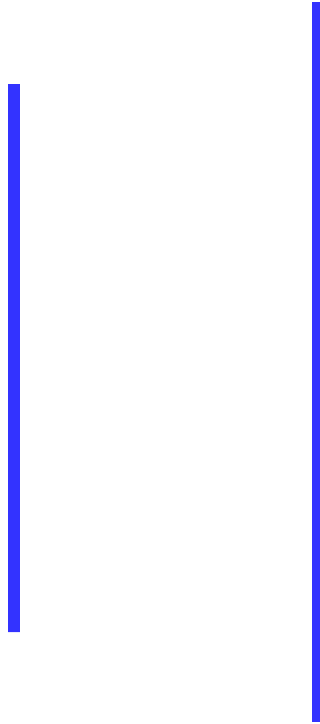
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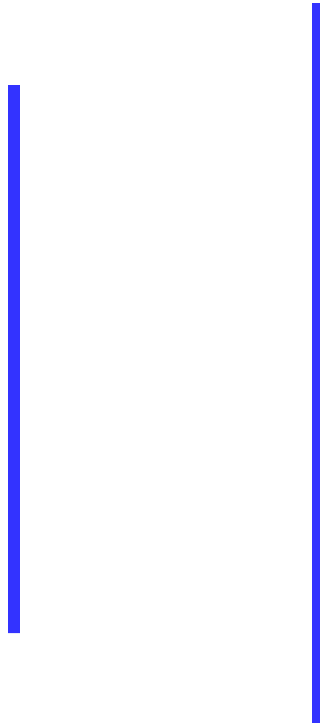
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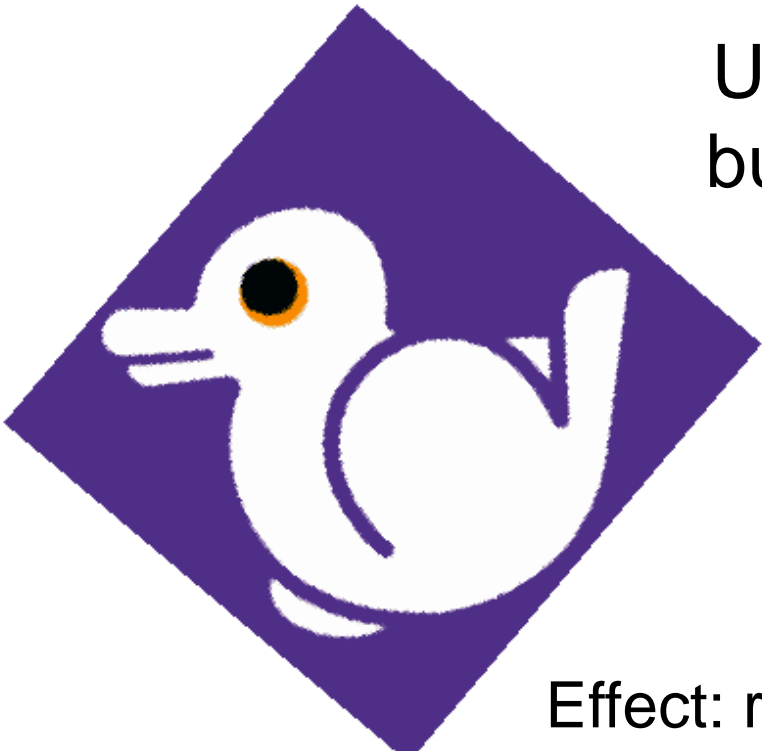


Standard social psychology experiment.





Unconscious
but high level

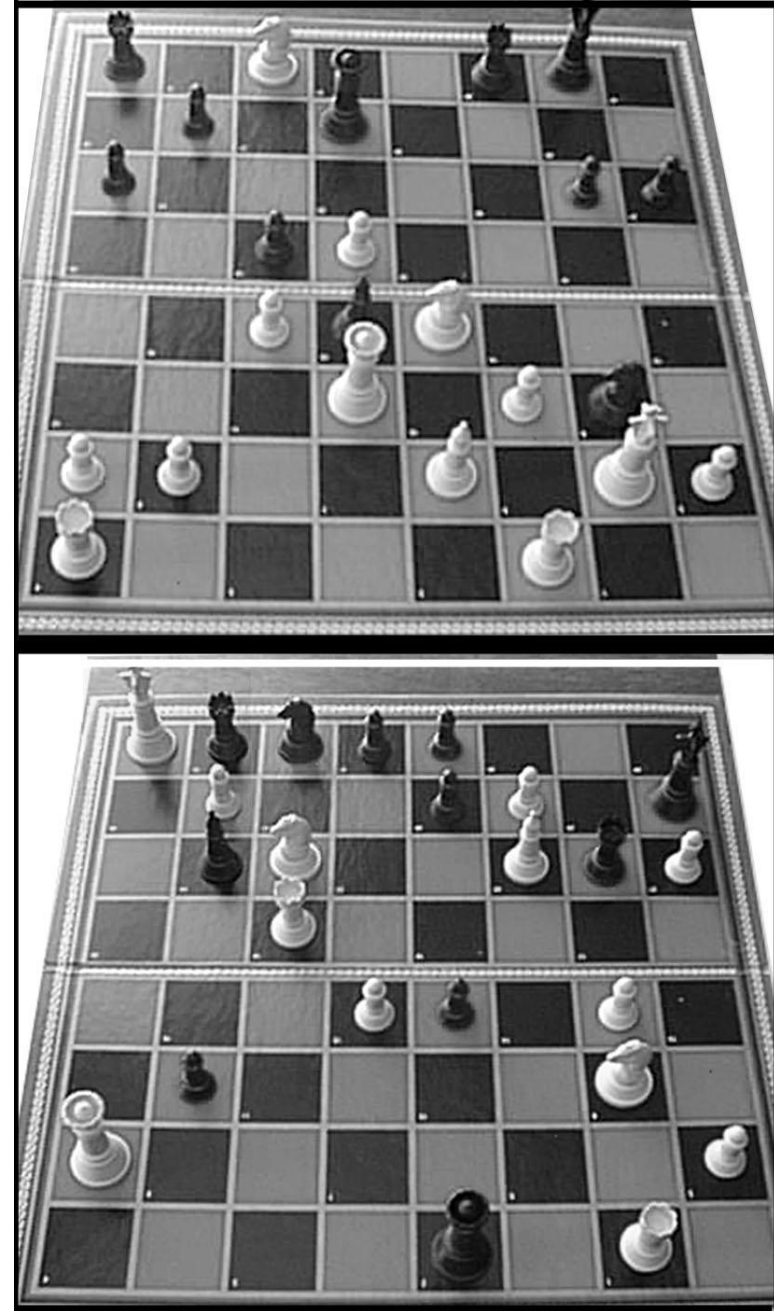


Effect: rival-schemata ambiguity

Chess experts

- can reconstruct entire chessboard with $< \sim 5s$ inspection
- can recognize $1e5$ distinct patterns
- can play multiple games blindfolded and simultaneous
- are no better on random boards

(Simon and Gilmartin, de Groot)



Specialized Face Learning Is Associated with Individual Recognition in Paper Wasps

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Michael J. Sheehan* and Elizabeth A. Tibbetts

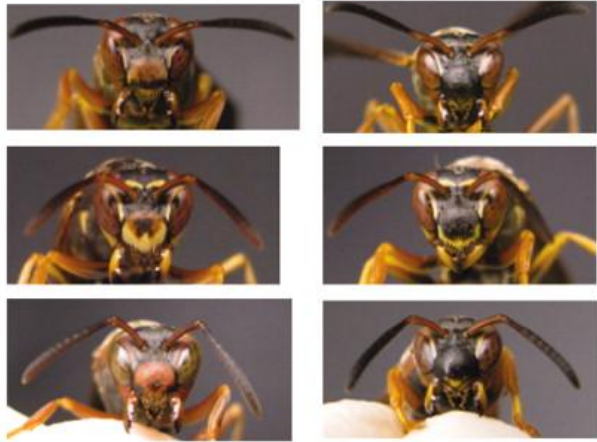
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When needed, even wasps can do it.

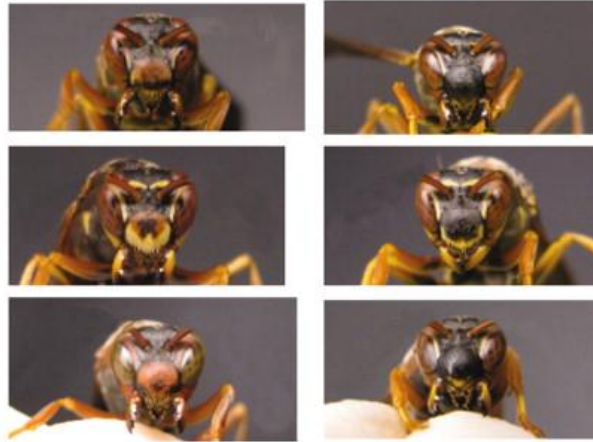
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Fig. 1 Images used for training wasps.

***P. fuscatus* faces**



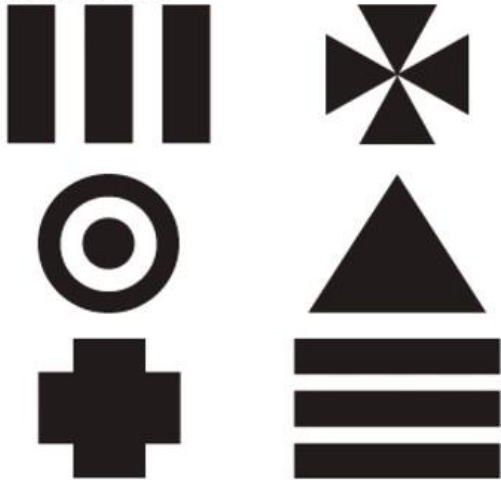
Antenna-less faces



Rearranged faces



Patterns

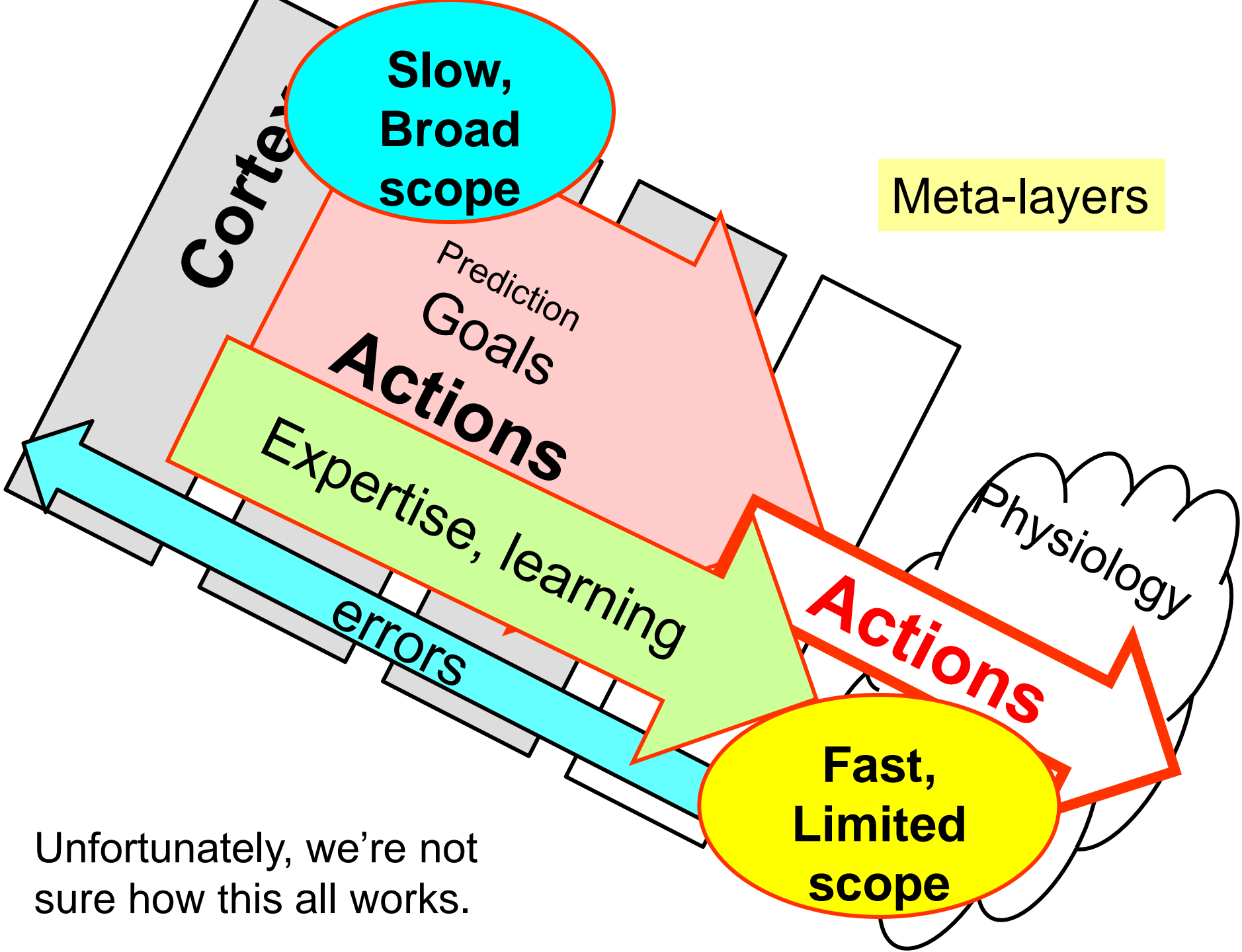


Caterpillars



***P. metricus* faces**





**Flexible/
Adaptable/
Evolvable**

**Horizontal
Meme
Transfer**

frontal

Sensory

Learning

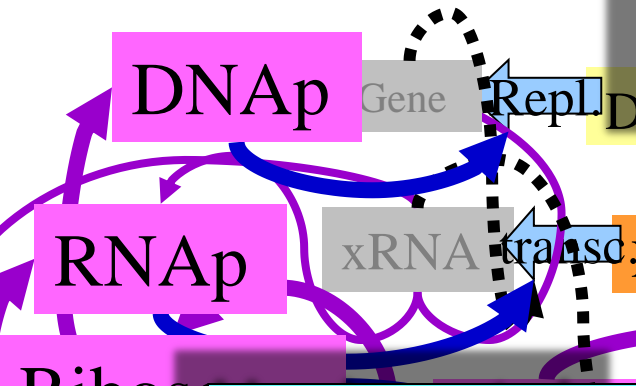
Striatu

Reflex

Software
Hardware

**Horizontal
App
Transfer**

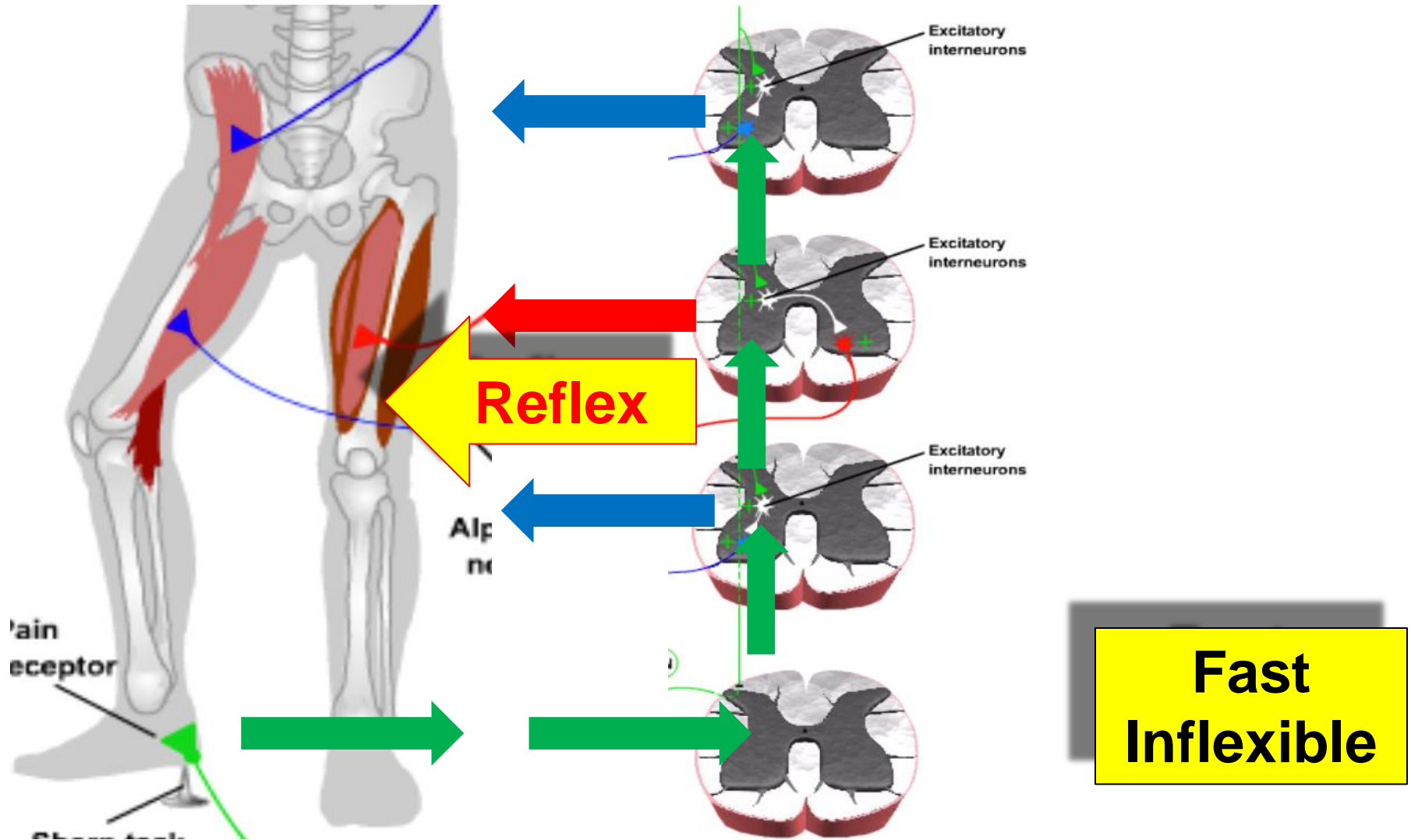
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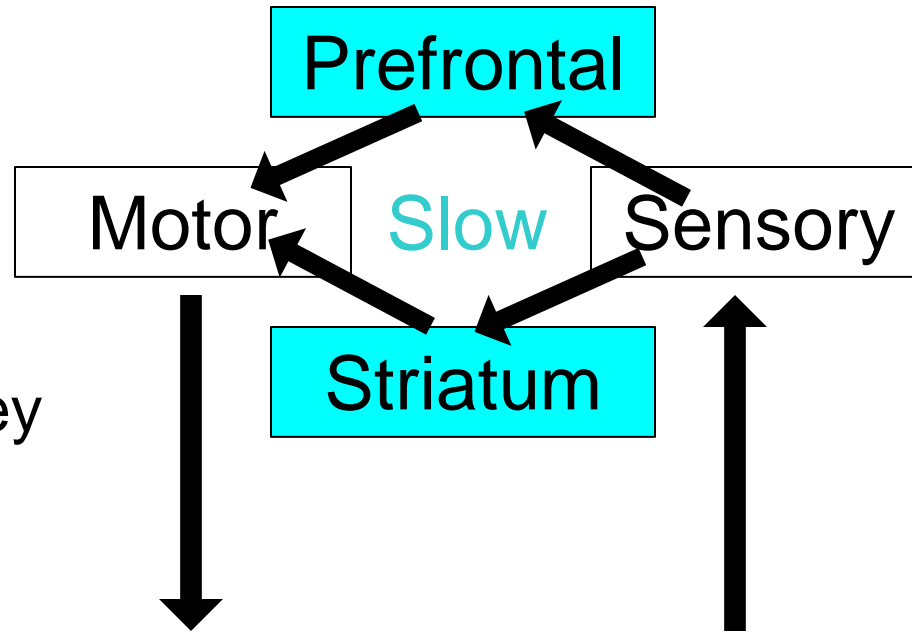
**Depends
crucially on
layered
architecture**

Neuro motivation



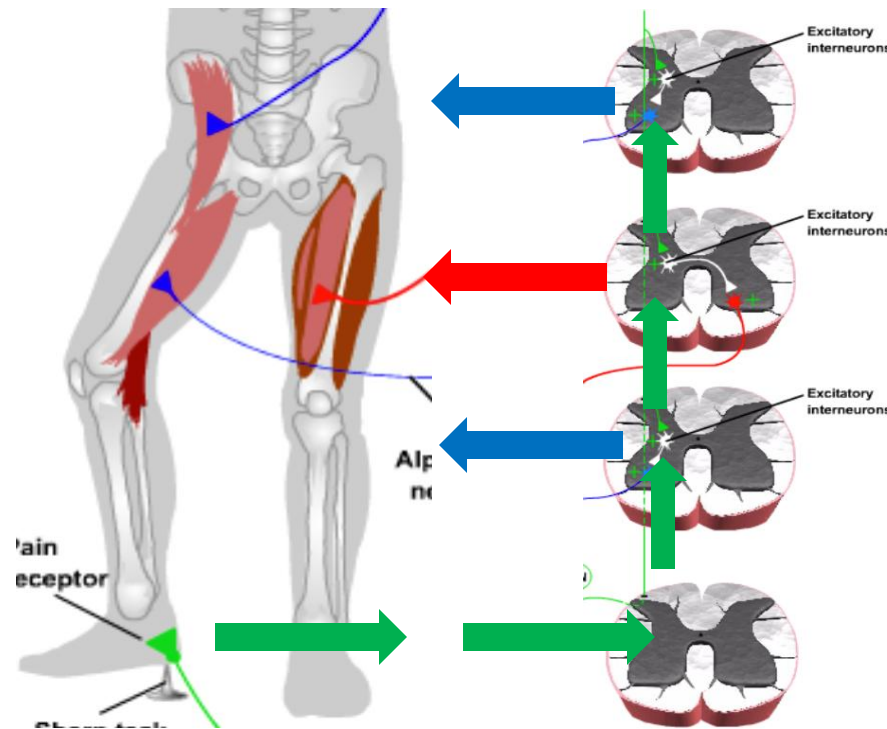
Learning

**Slow
Flexible**



Ashby & Crossley

- **Acquire**
- **Translate/
integrate**
- **Automate**



Thanks to
Bassett & Grafton

**Slow
Flexible**

Prefrontal

Motor ← Fast → Sensory

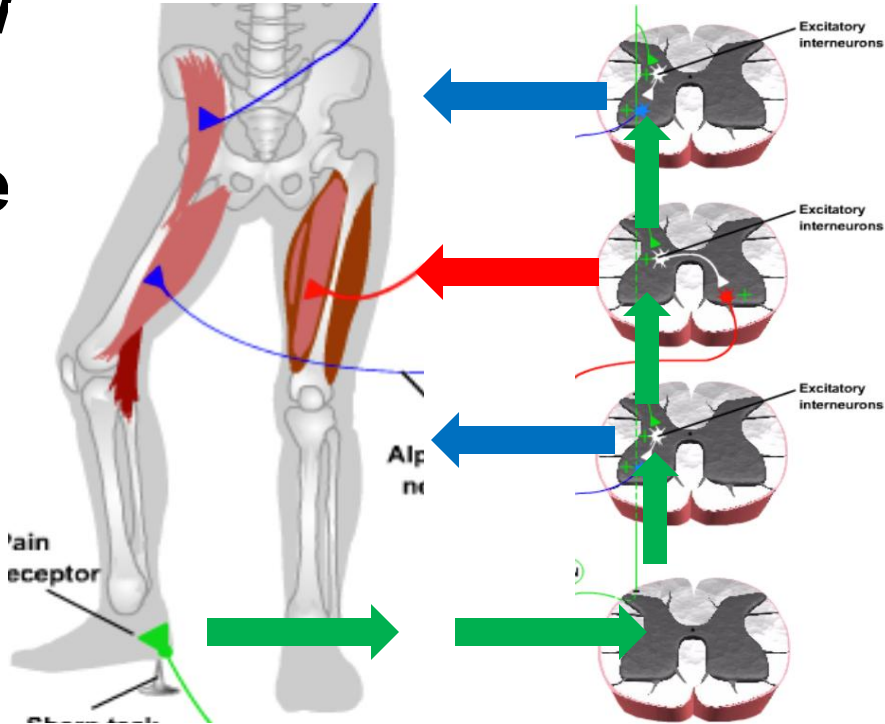
Striatum

Learning

**Fast
Inflexible**

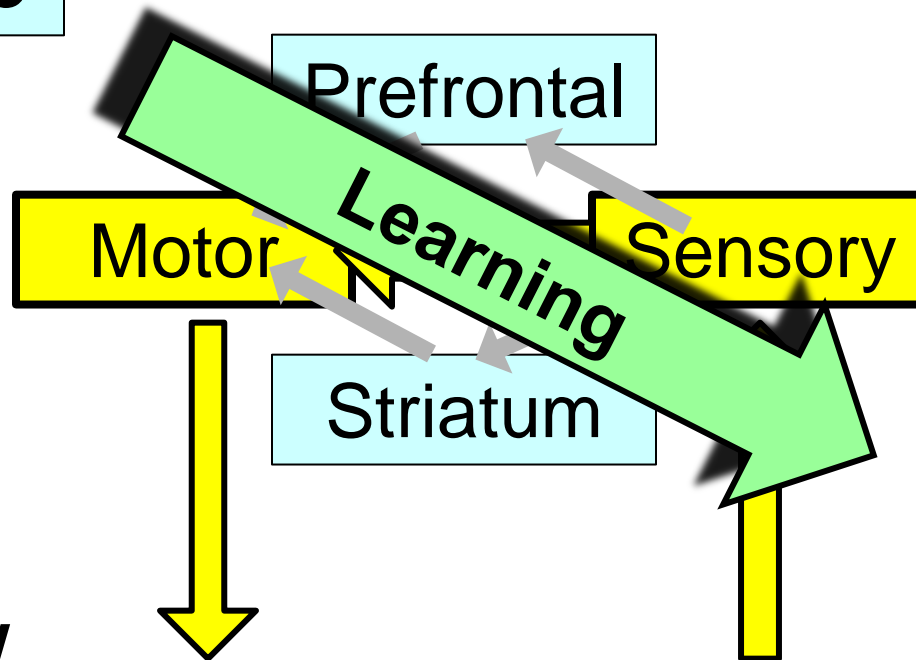
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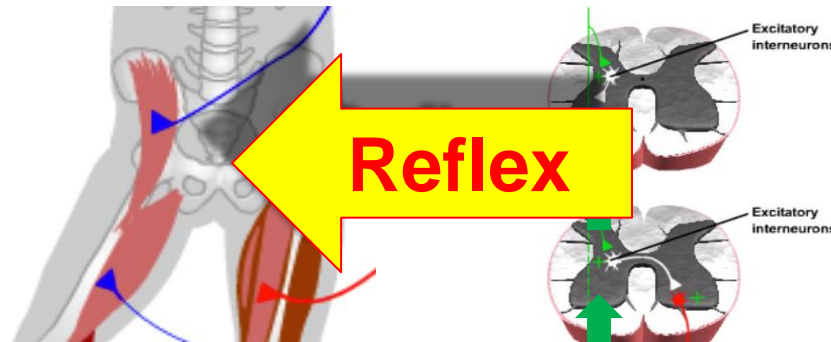
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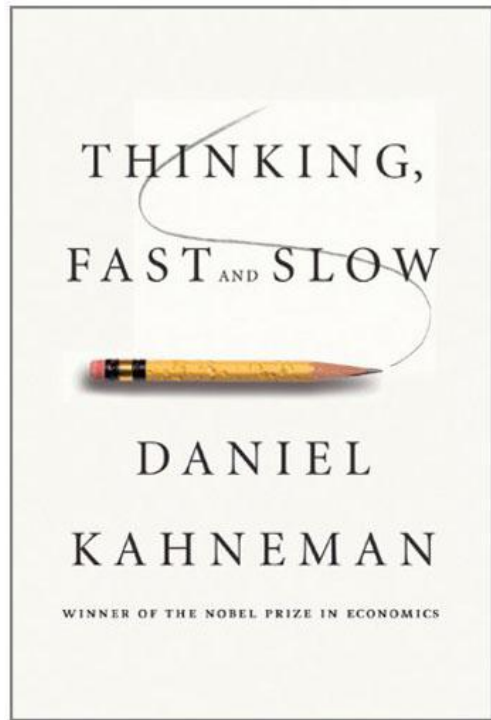
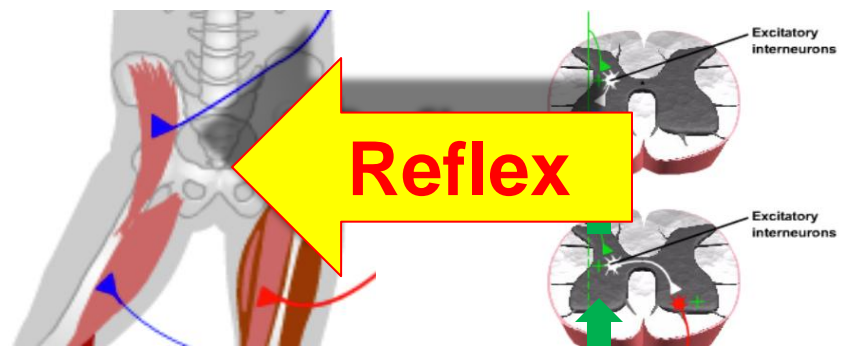
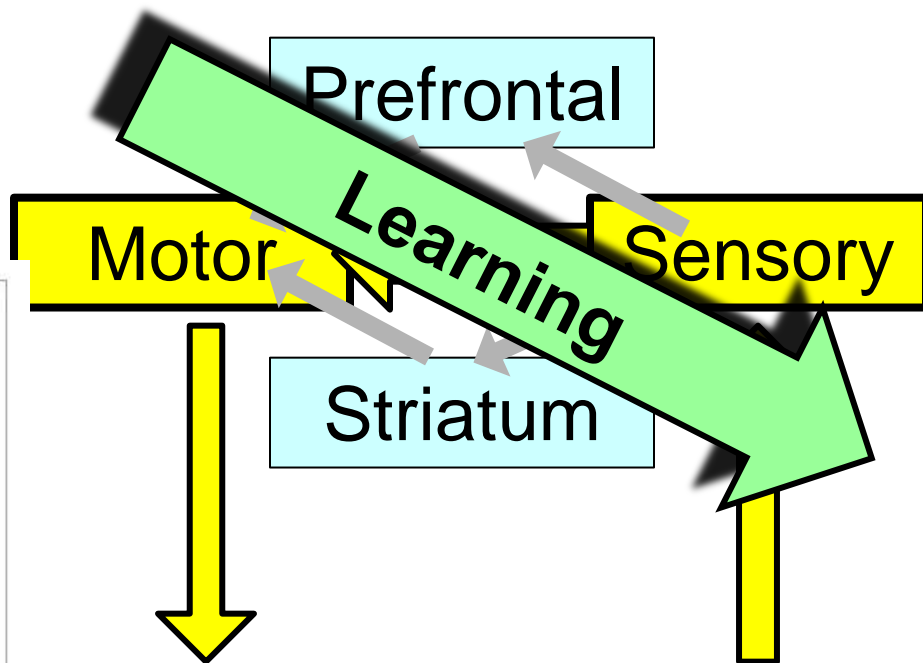
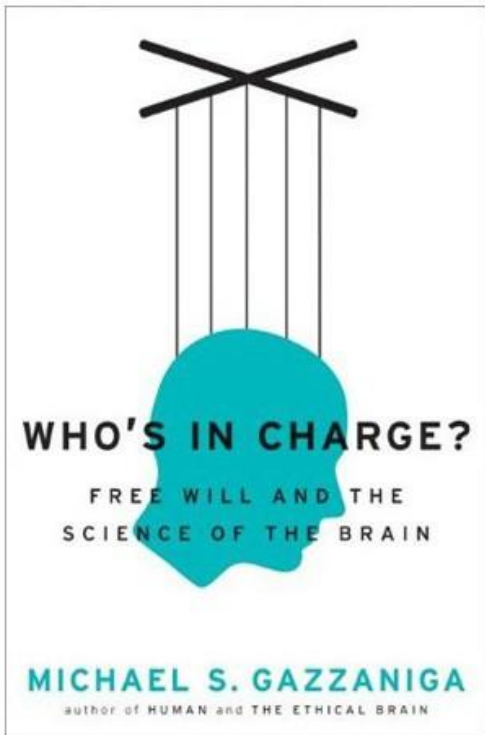
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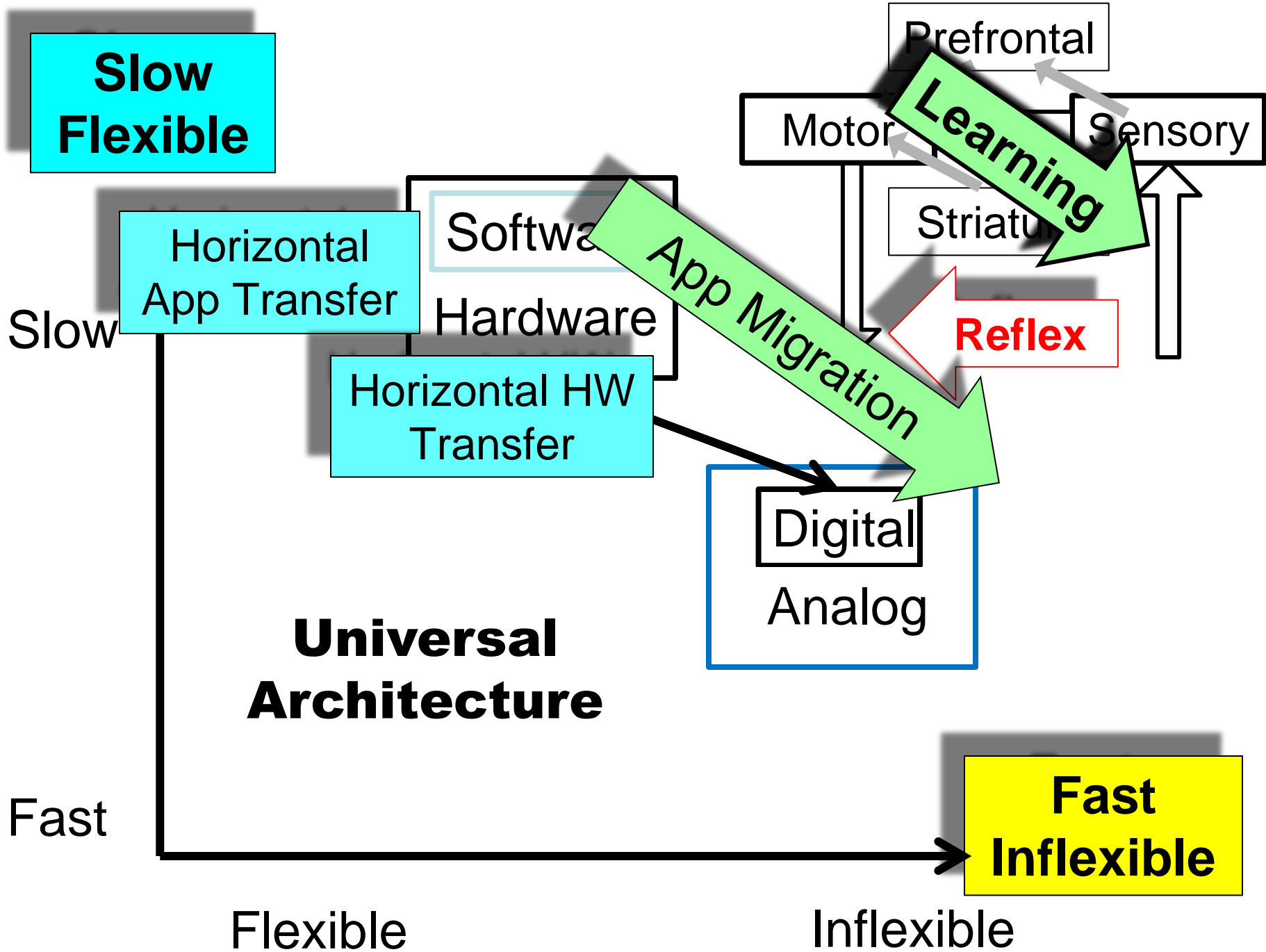


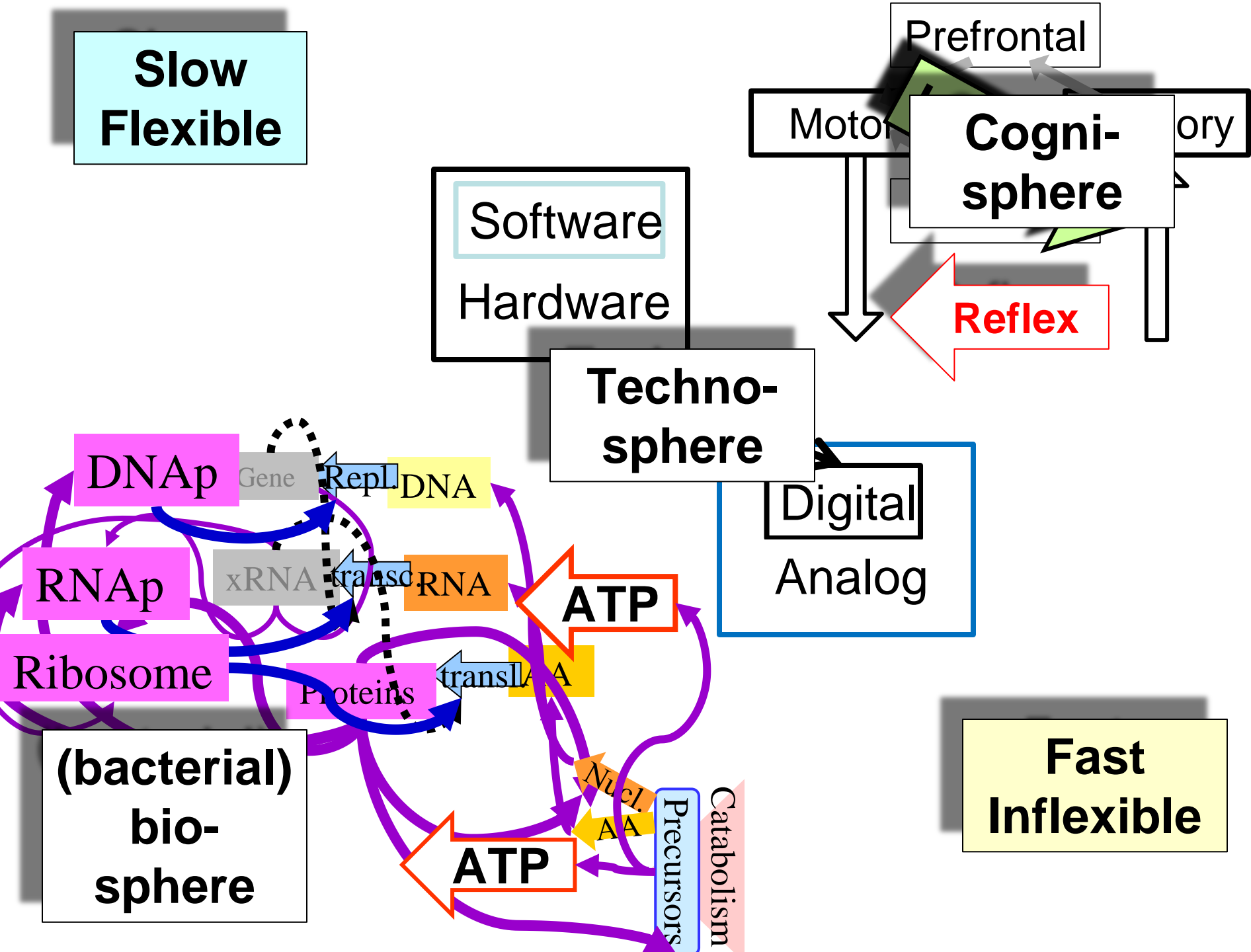
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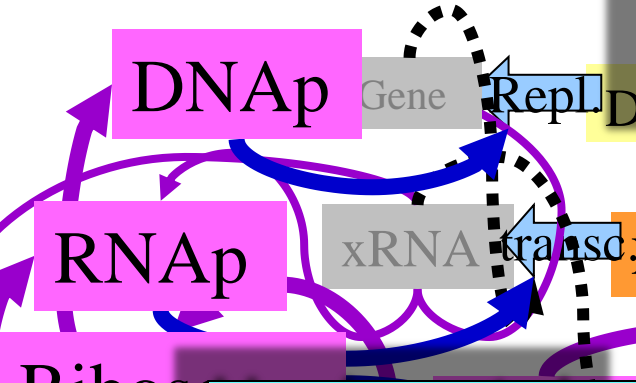
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Universal reward systems

sports
music
dance
crafts
art
toolmaking
sex
food

VTA dopamine

Reward
Drive
Control
Memory

**Constraints
that
deconstrain**

Blood

Glucose

Oxygen

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules

Universal metabolic system



Modularity 2.0

Constraints

dopamine



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Universal reward/metabolic systems

work
family
community
nature

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toolmaking
sports
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crafts
art

dopamine

Blood

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Organs
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Robust and adaptive, yet ...

work
family
community
nature

sex
food
toolmaking
sports
music
dance
crafts
art

cocaine
amphetamine

dopamine

Blood

Reward
Drive
Control
Memory

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules

work
family
community
nature

market/
consumer
culture

money

salt
sugar/fat
nicotine
alcohol

dopamine

Reward
Drive
Control
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Vicarious

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toolmaking
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Organs
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money

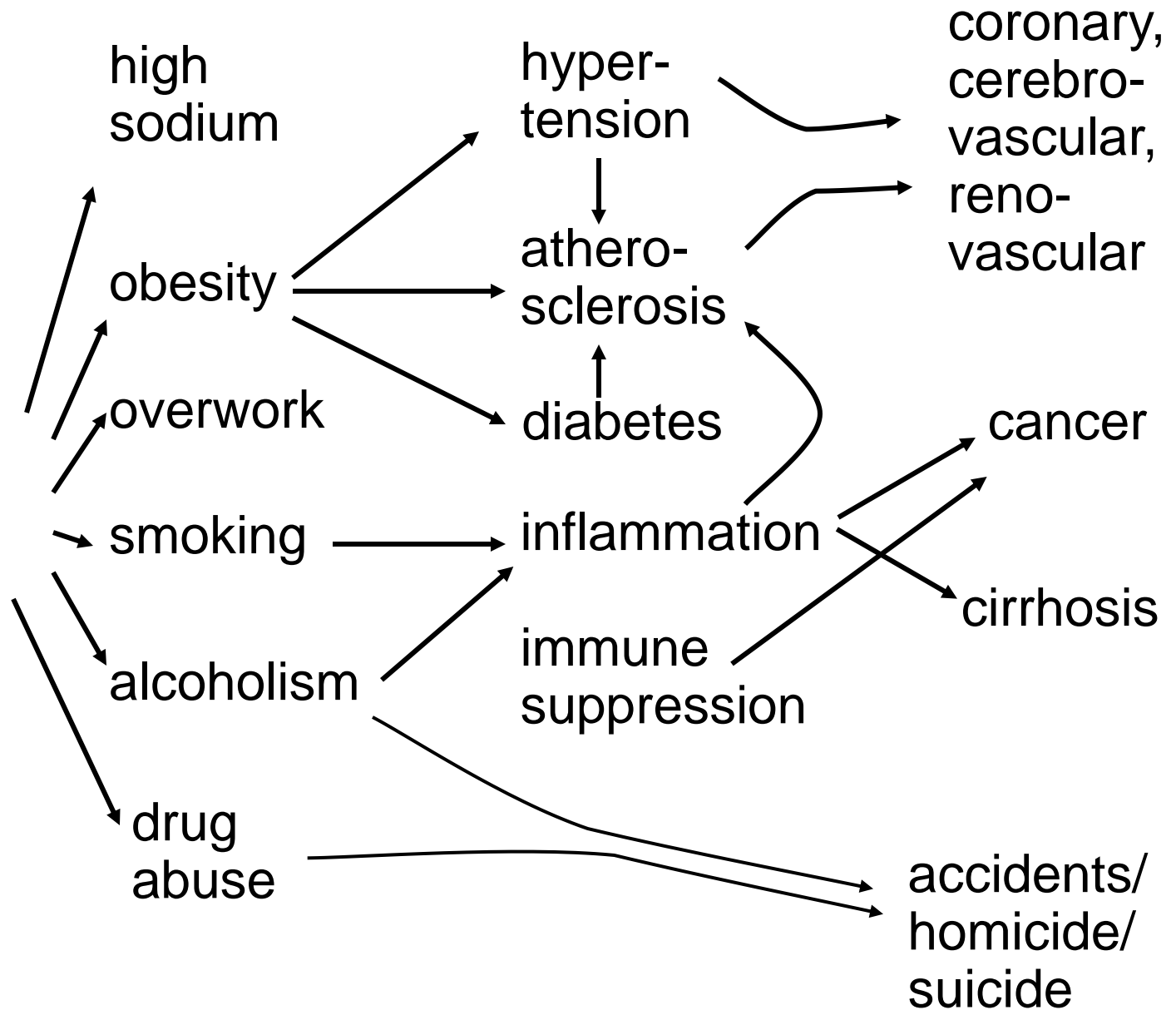
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Prefrontal
cortex

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ROBUST

Blood

Glucose
Oxygen

organs

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Universal metabolic system

ROBUST

Yet Fragile

money

salt
sugar/fat
nicotine
alcohol

Vicarious

high sodium

hyper-tension

athero-sclerosis

coronary, cerebro-vascular, reno-vascular

cancer

cirrhosis

alcoholism

immune suppression

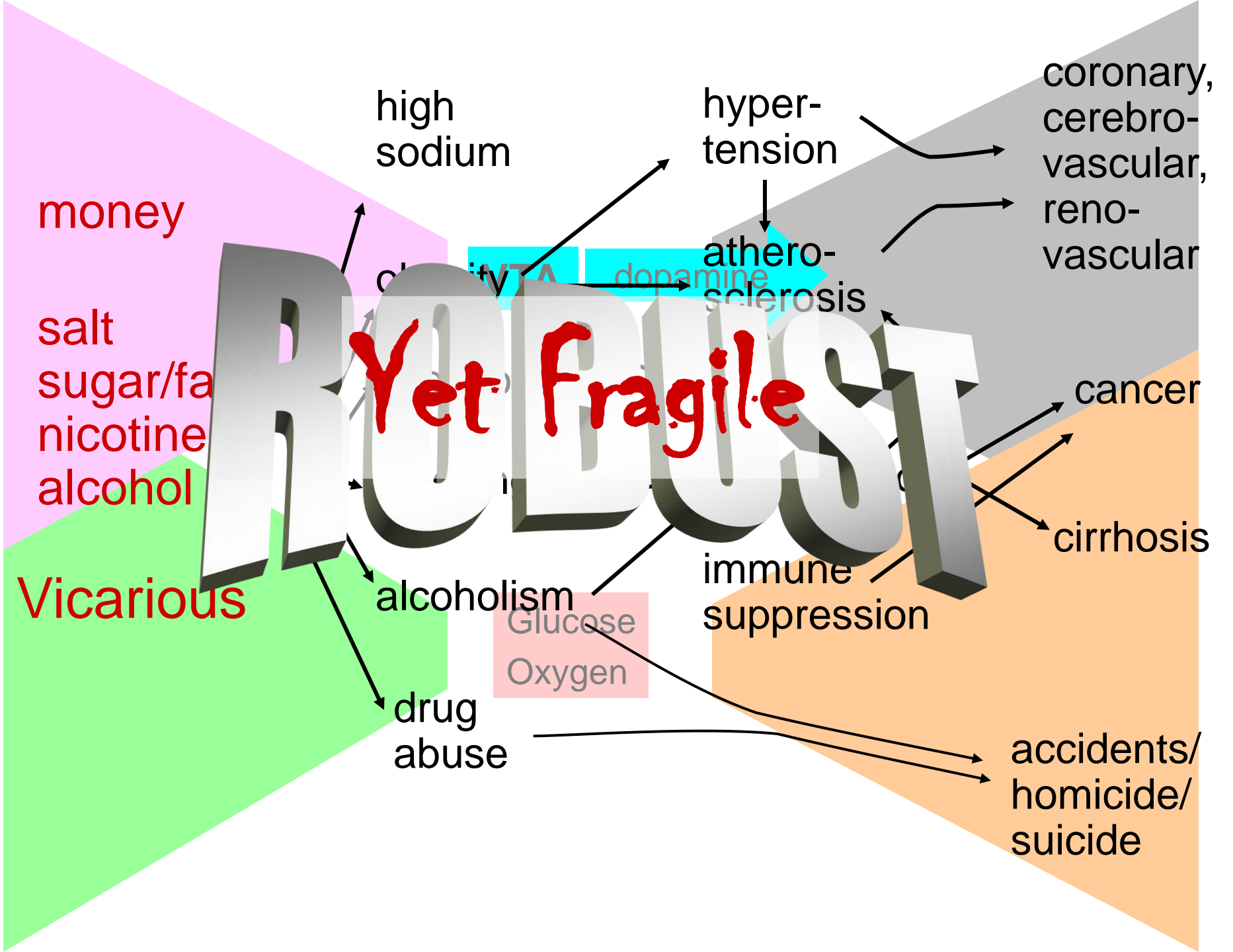
drug abuse

accidents/homicide/suicide

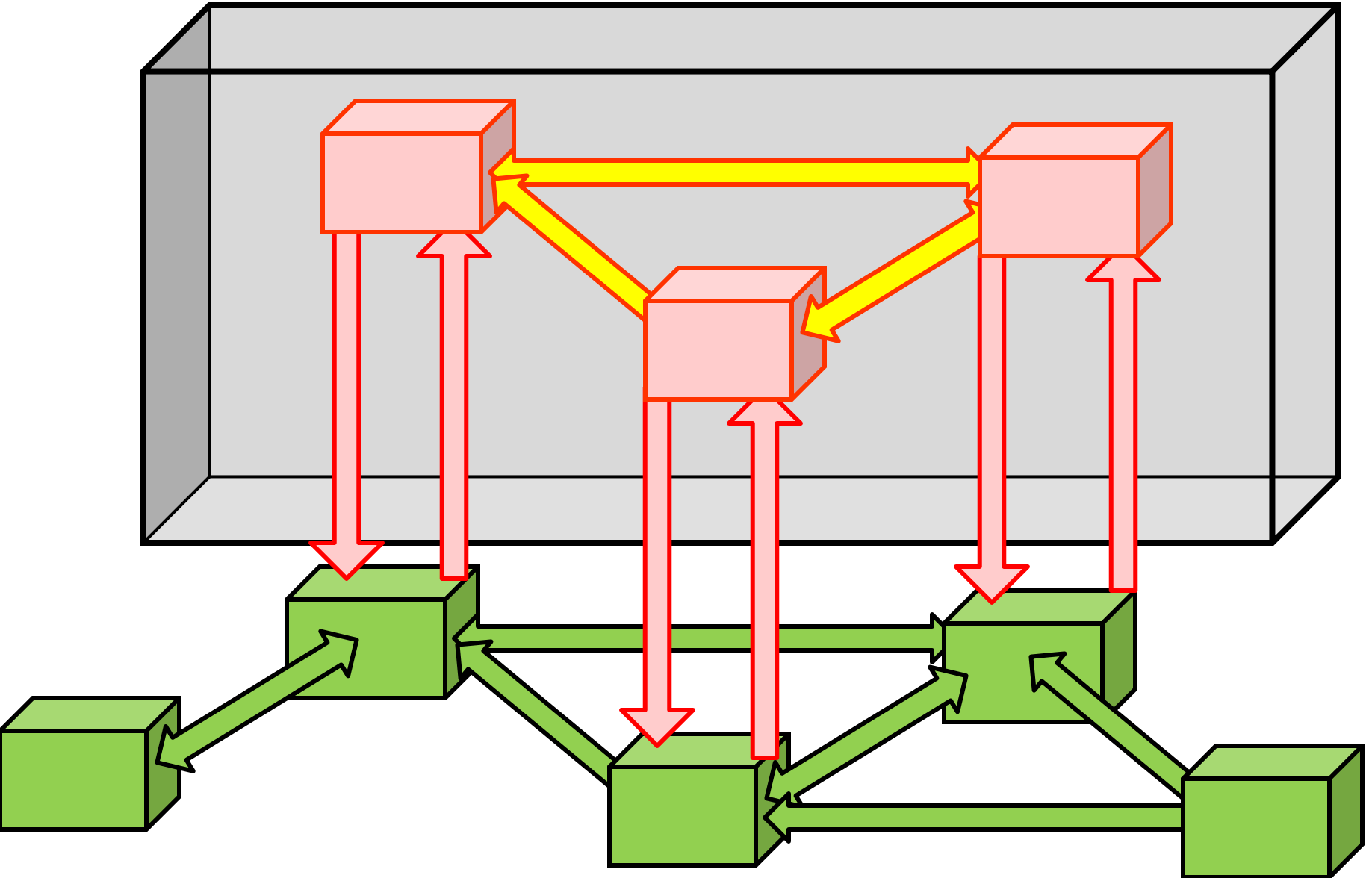
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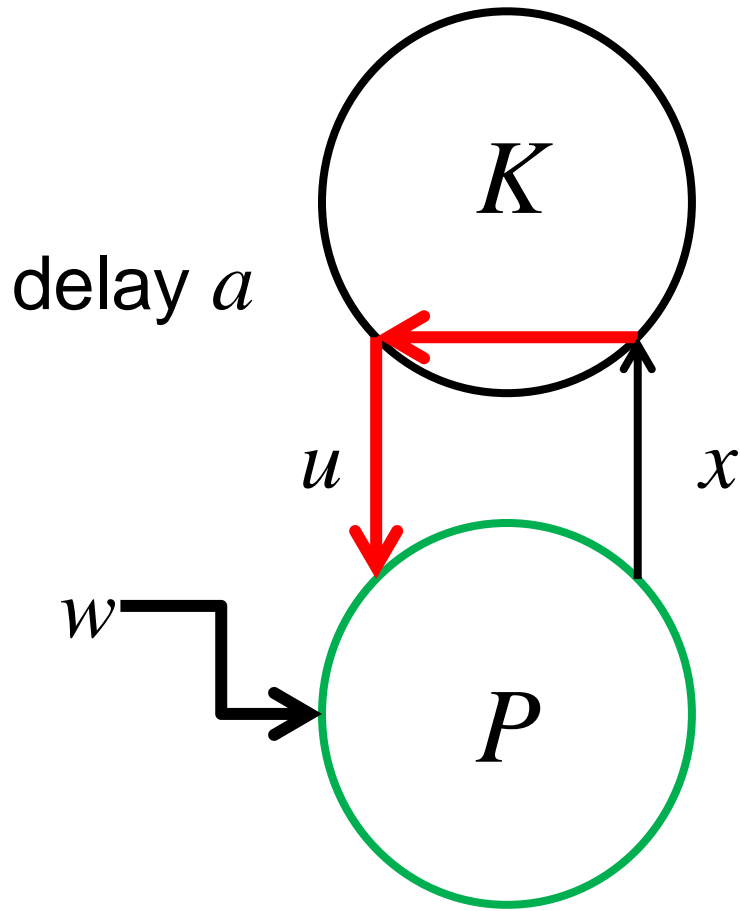
dopamine

Glucose
Oxygen



What about: CNS and Cyber-physical:
decentralized control with internal delays?





No delay or
no uncertainty

$$u_{t-a} = -(px_t + w_t)$$

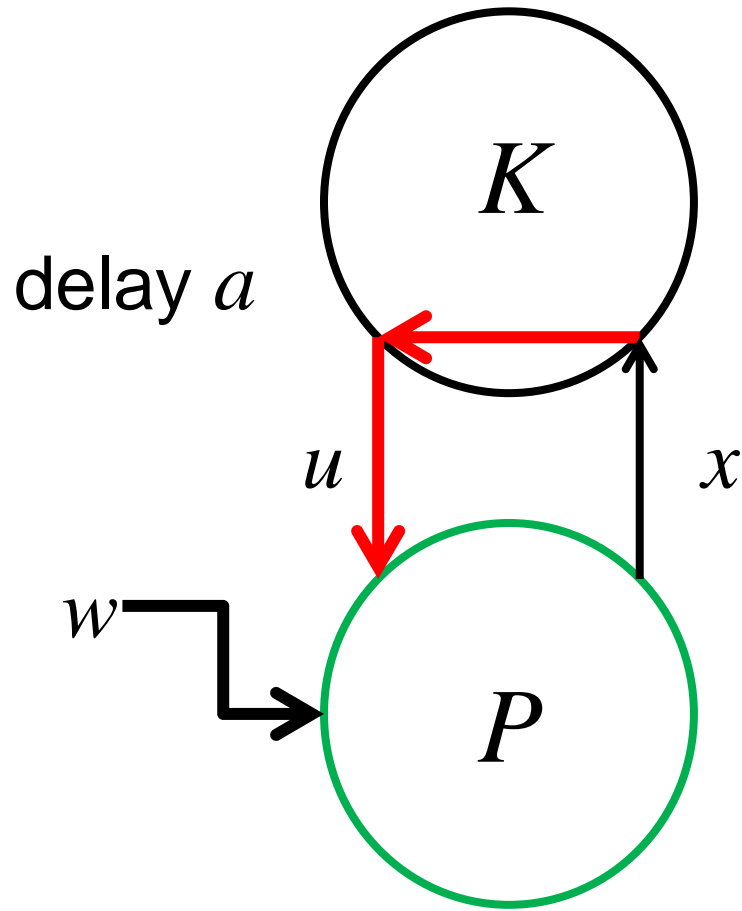
$$\Rightarrow \|x\| \approx 0 \quad \|u\| \approx \|w\|$$

With delay **and**
uncertainty

$$x_{t+1} = px_t + w_t + u_{t-a}$$

$$p > 1$$

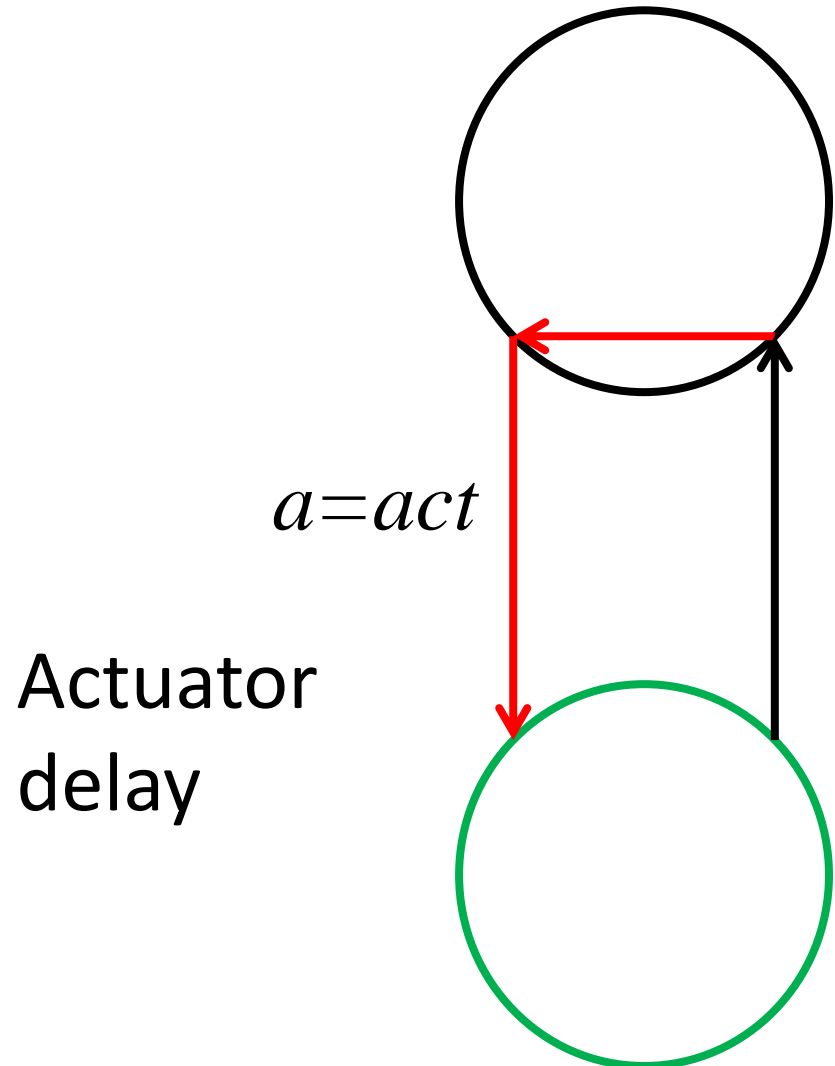
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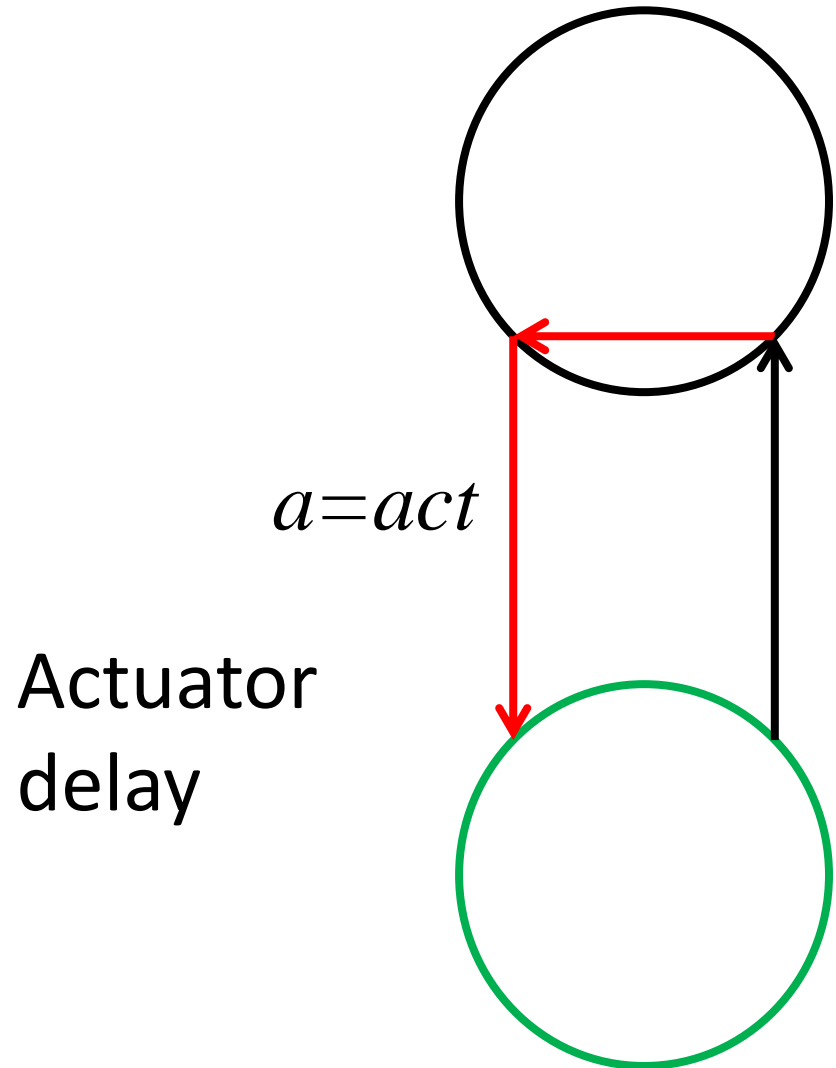
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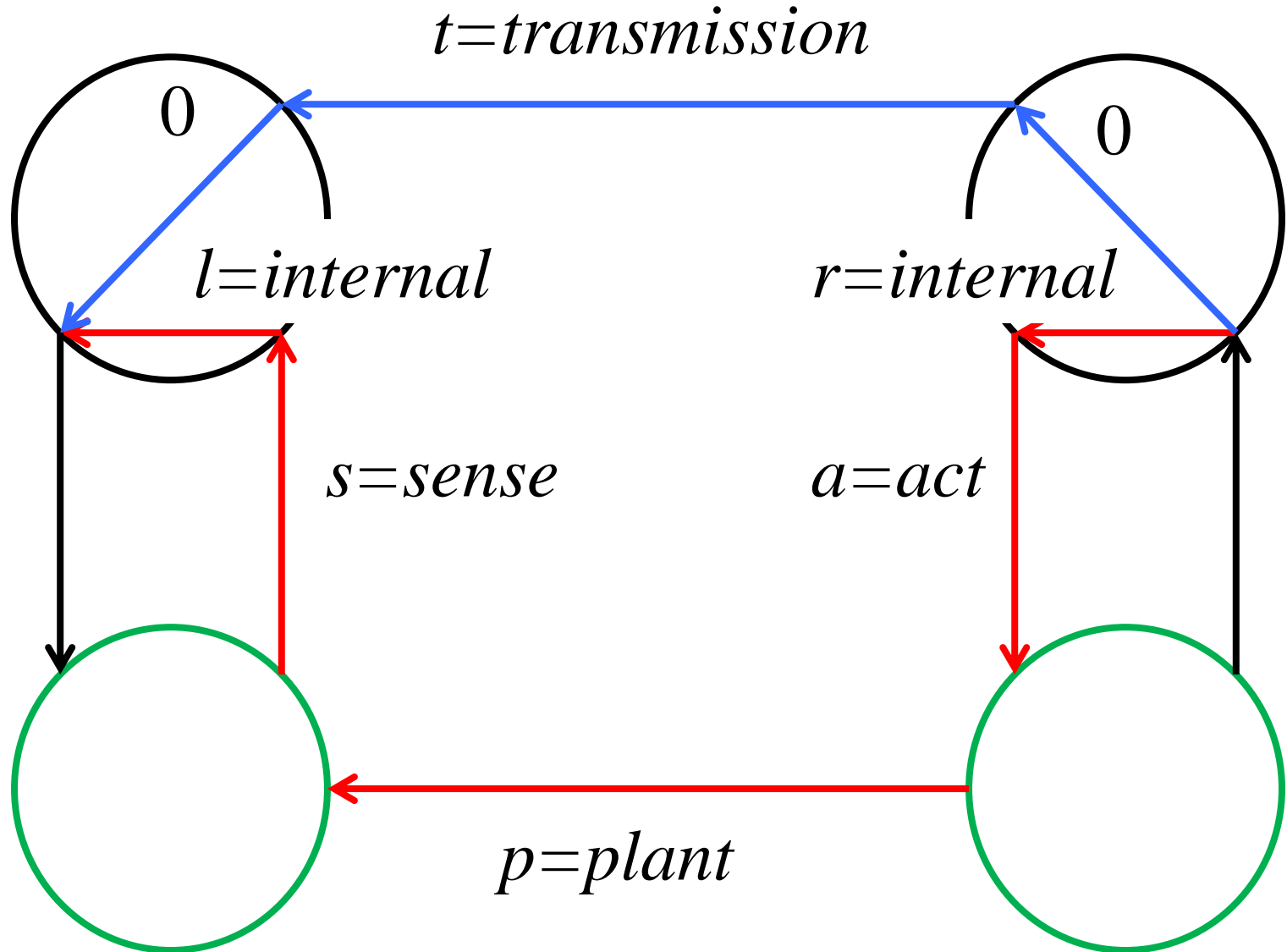
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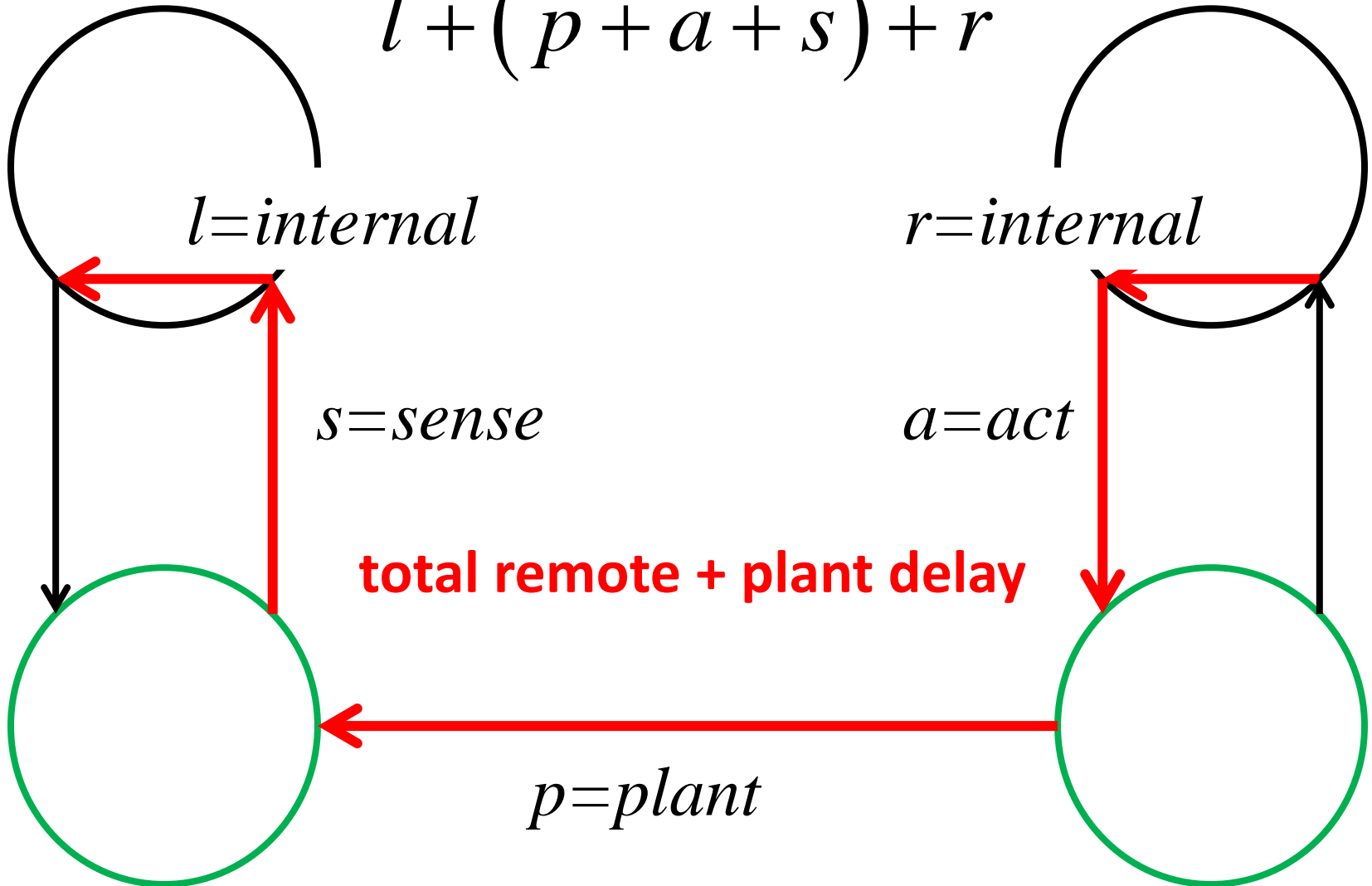
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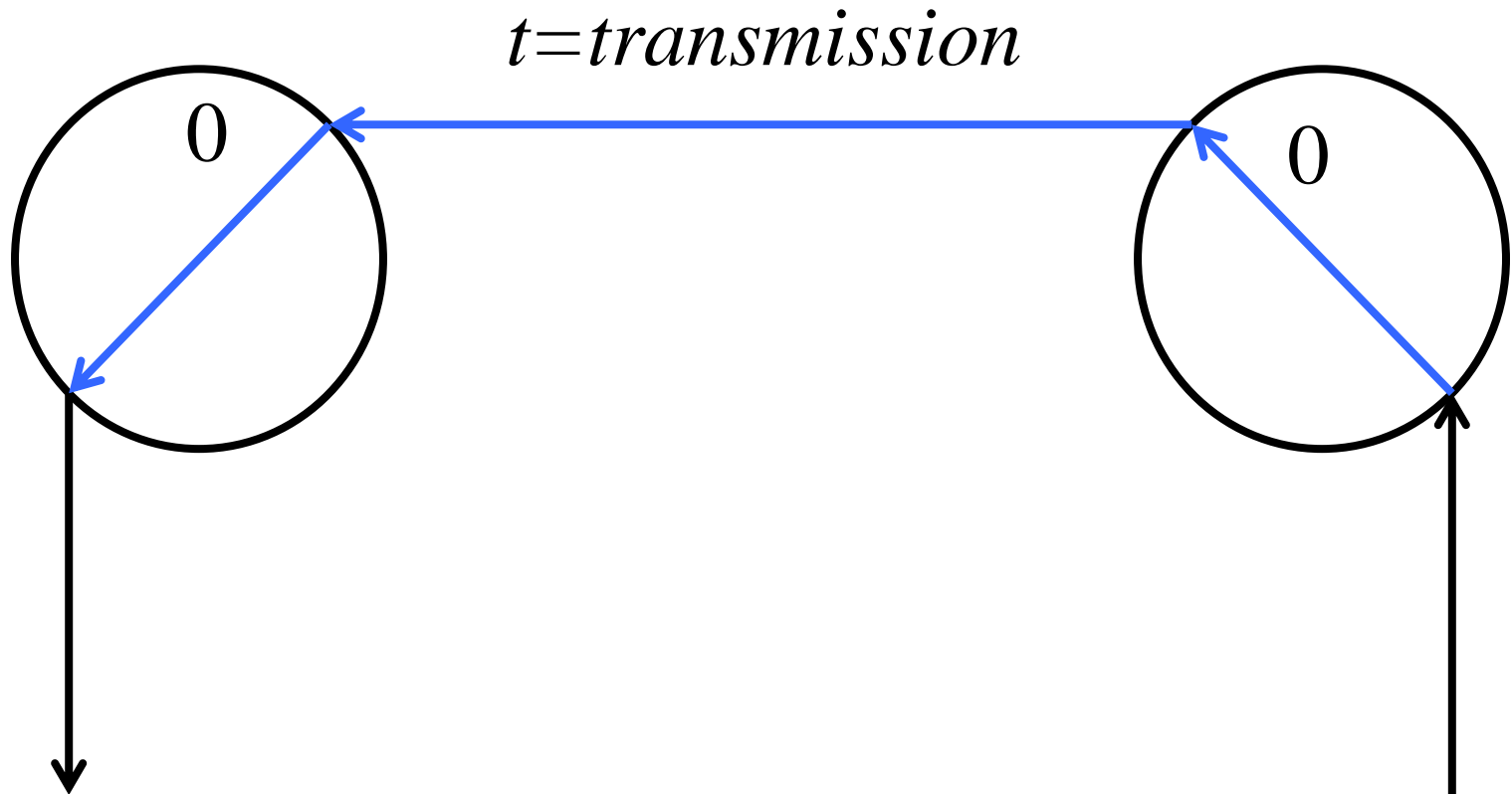
Decentralized control



$$l + (p + a + s) + r$$

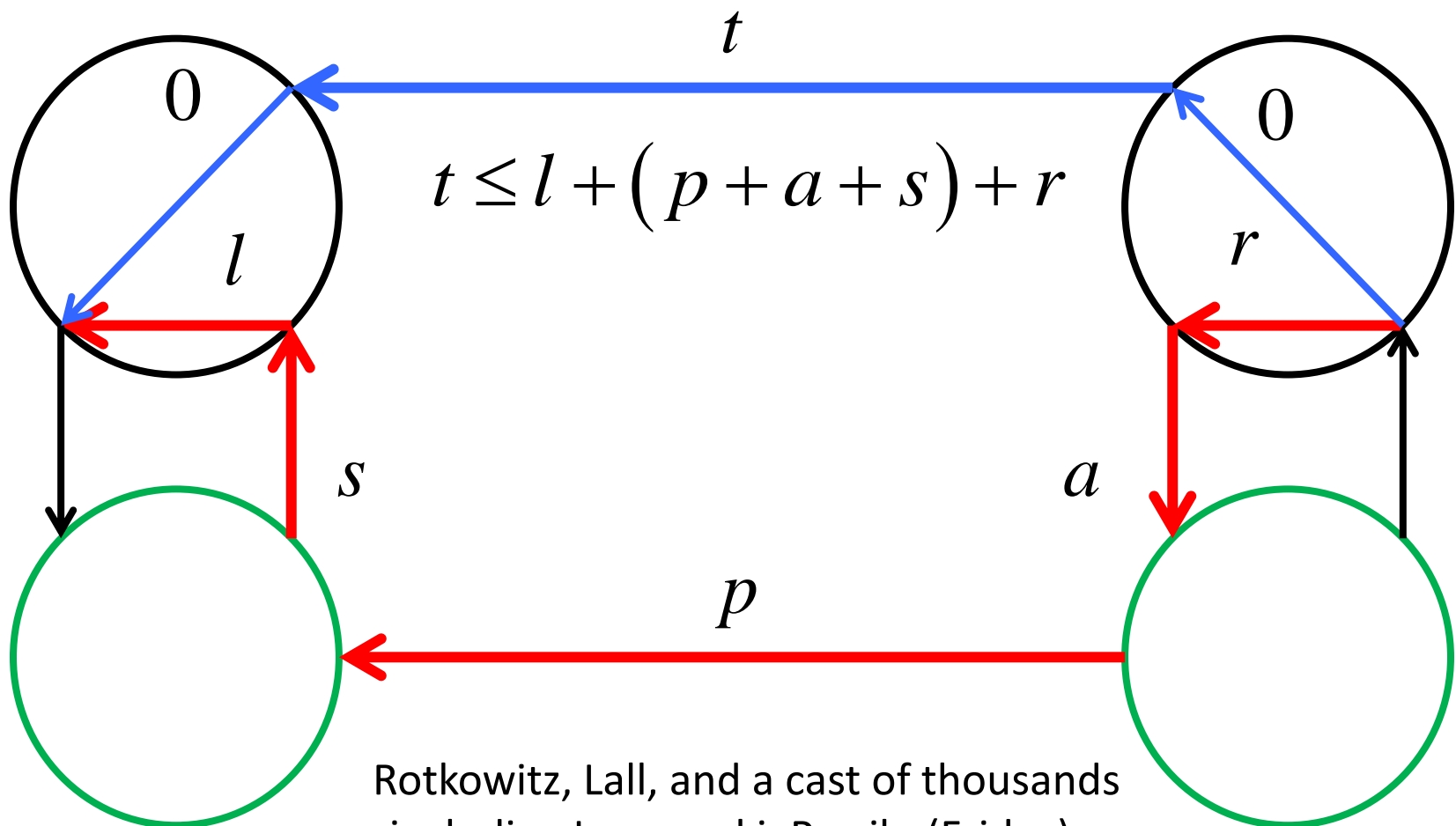


Communications delay



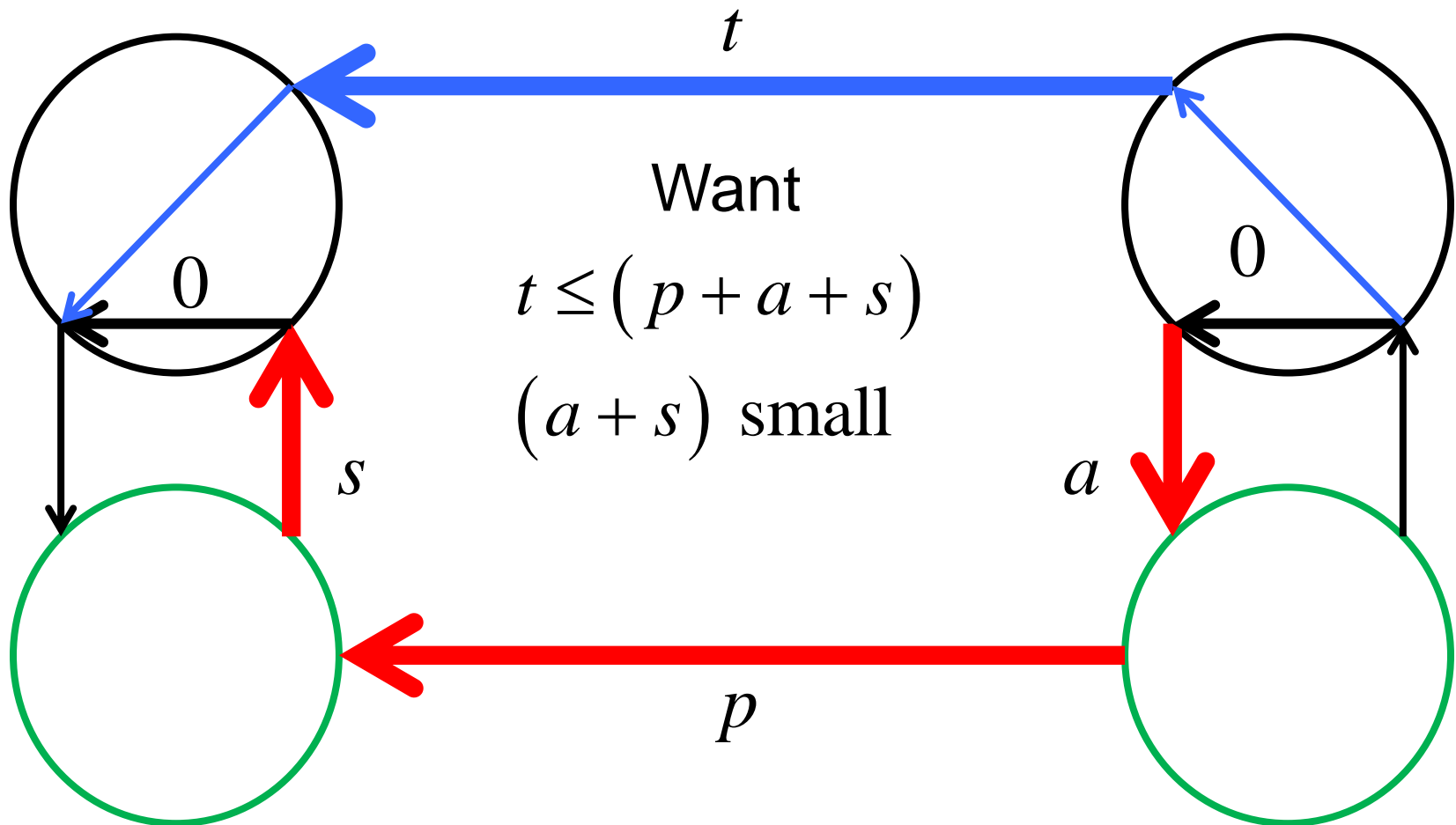
$$t \leq l + (p + a + s) + r$$

Then decentralized control design can be made **convex**



Rotkowitz, Lall, and a cast of thousands including Lamperski, Parrilo (Friday)...

A primary driver of human brain evolution?

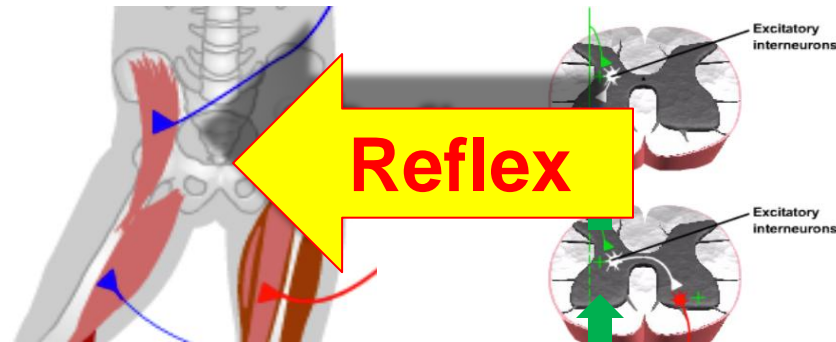


Wolpert, Grafton, etc

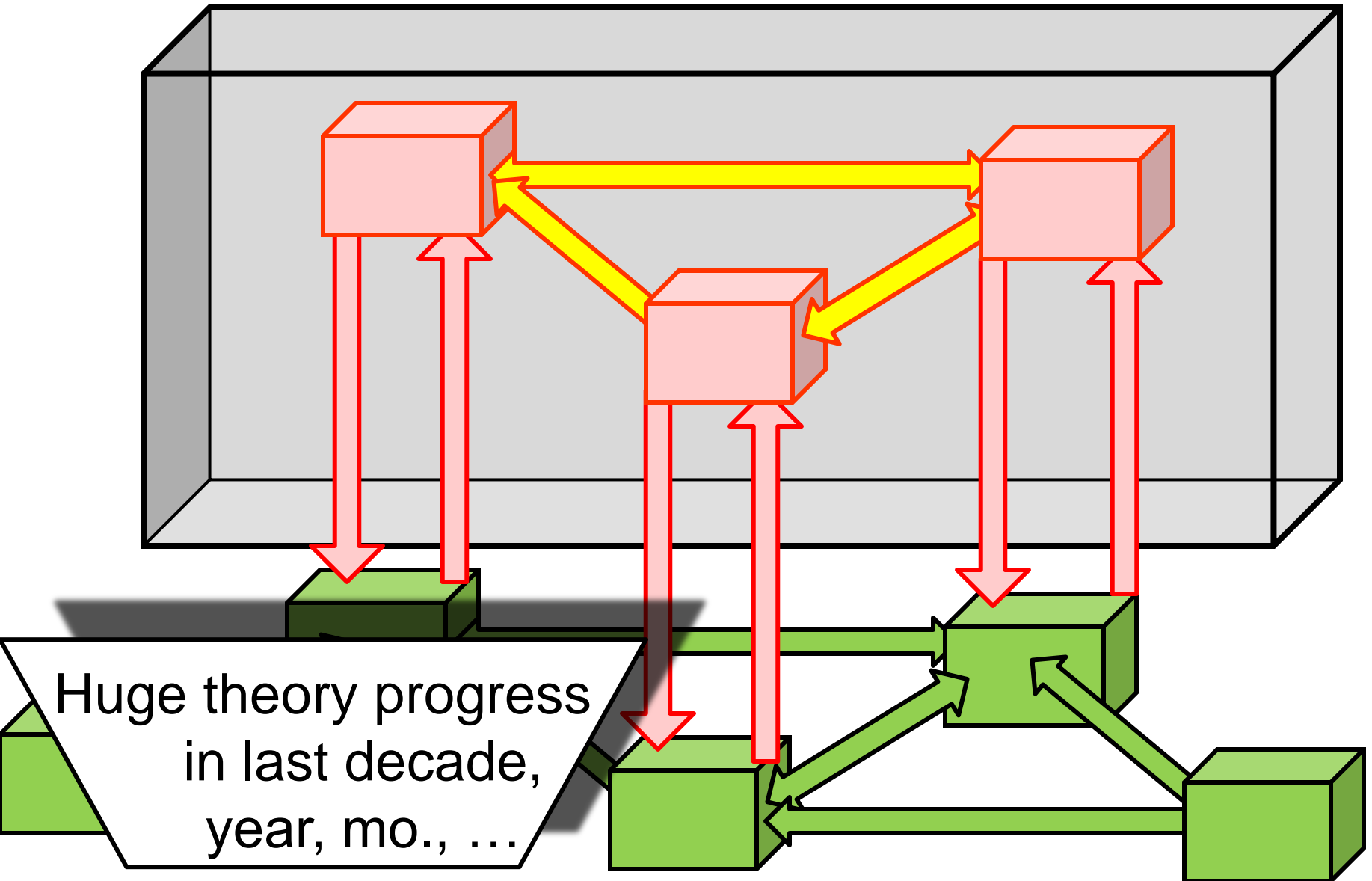
robust

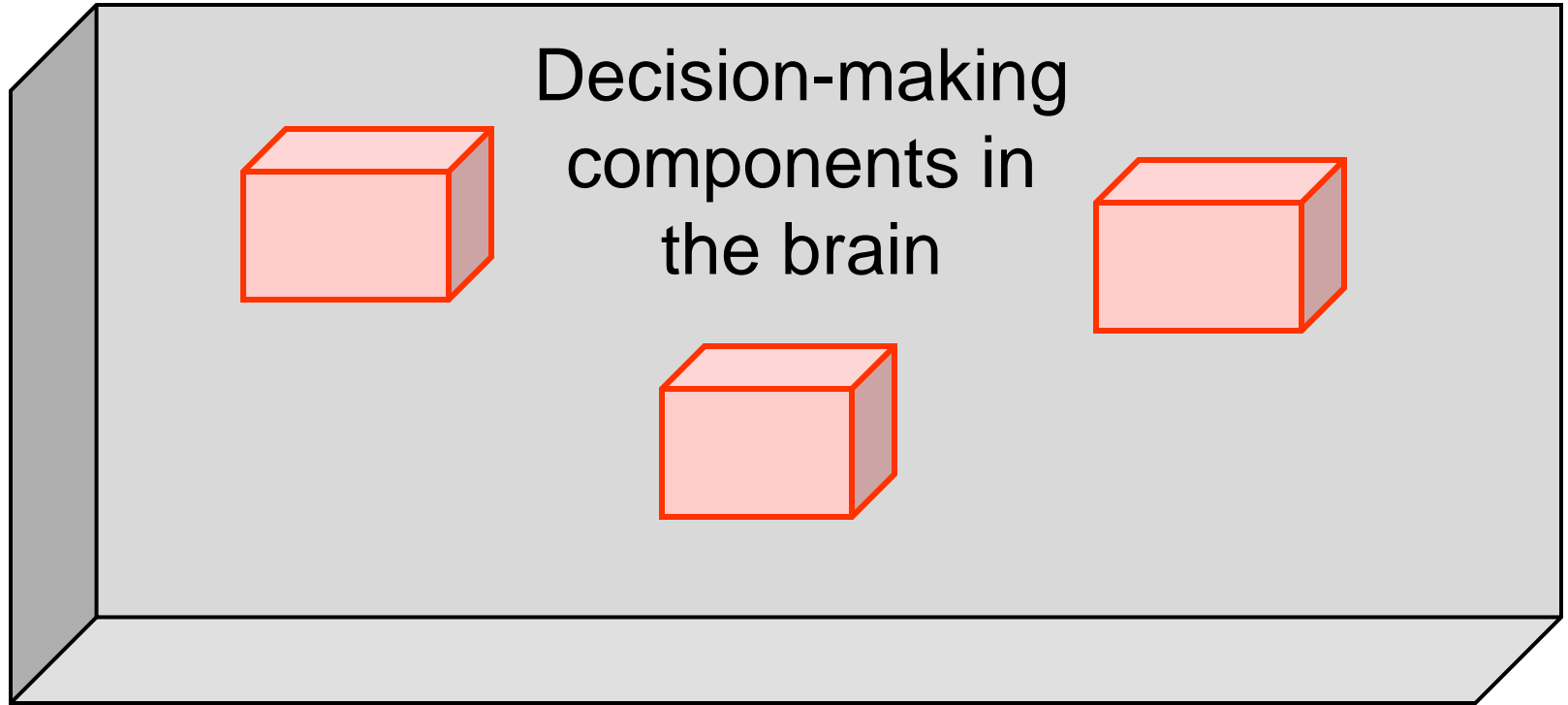
Brain as ~~optimal~~ controller

- Acquire
- Translate/
integrate
- **Automate**

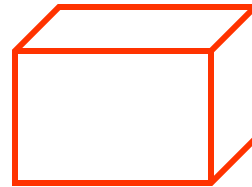
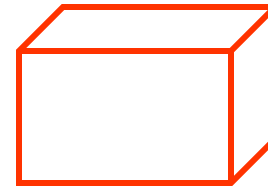
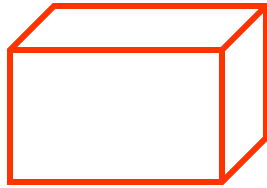


Going beyond black box: control is decentralized with internal delays.

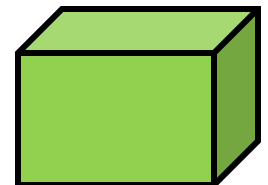
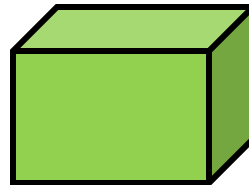
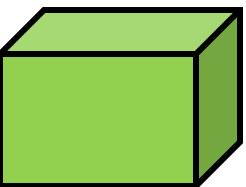
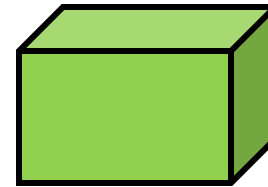
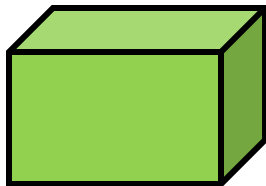




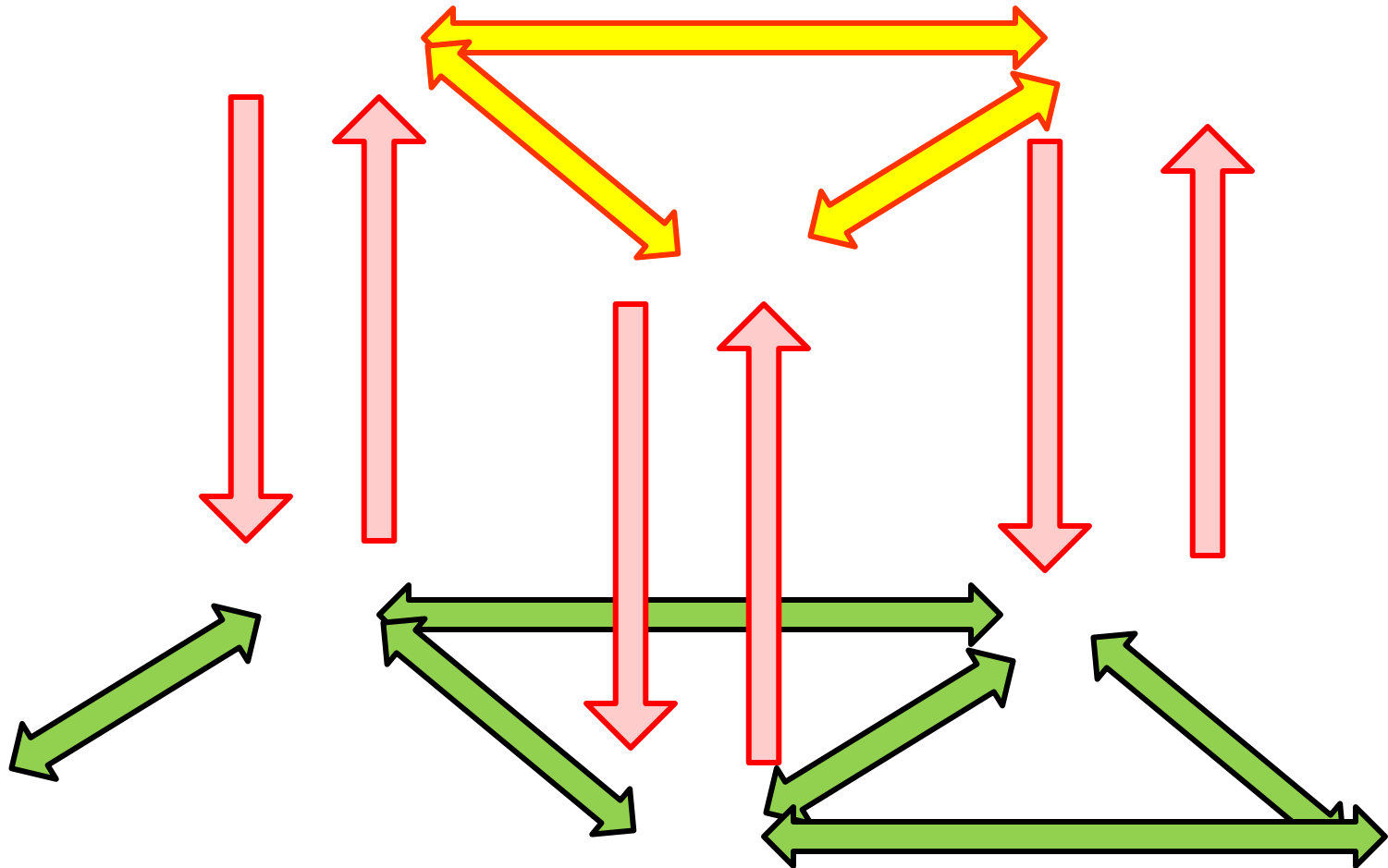
Decentralized, but initially assume
computation is fast and memory is abundant.



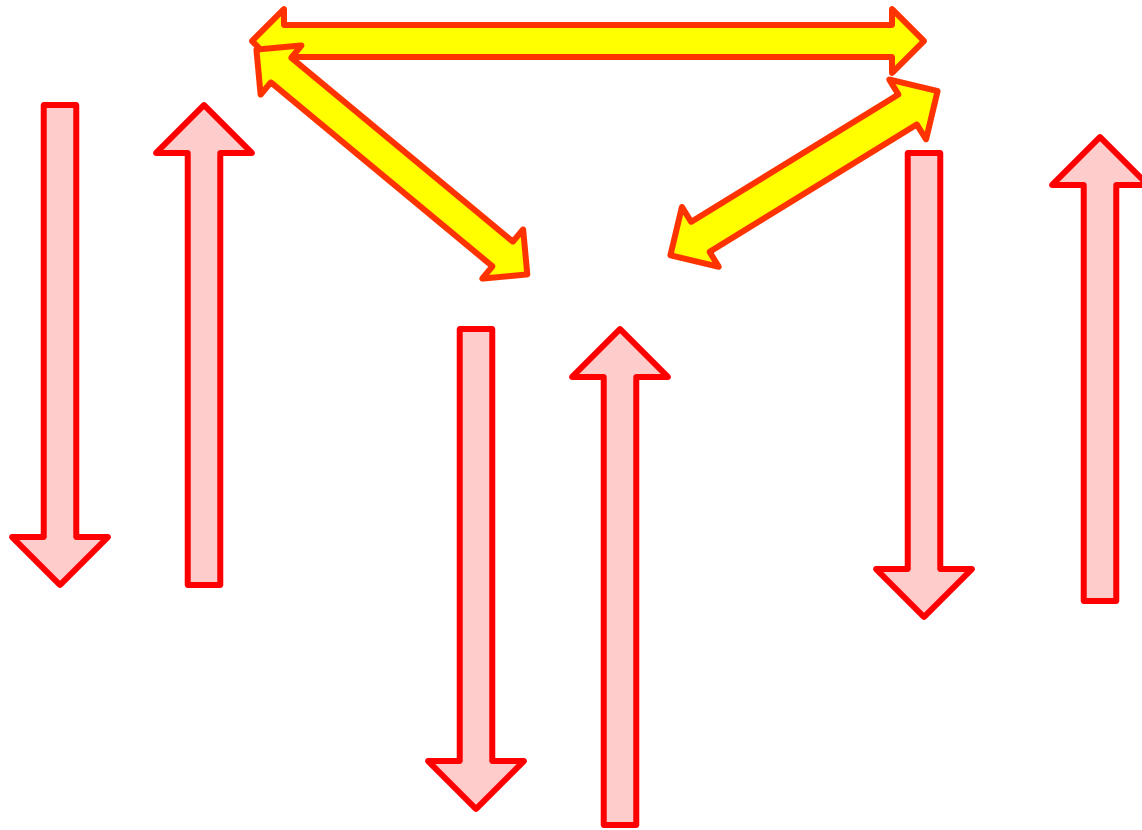
Plant is also distributed with its own component dynamics



Internal delays between brain components, and their sensor and actuators, and also externally between plant components



Internal delays involve both computation and communication latencies



Compute

Communicate

Turing

Shannon

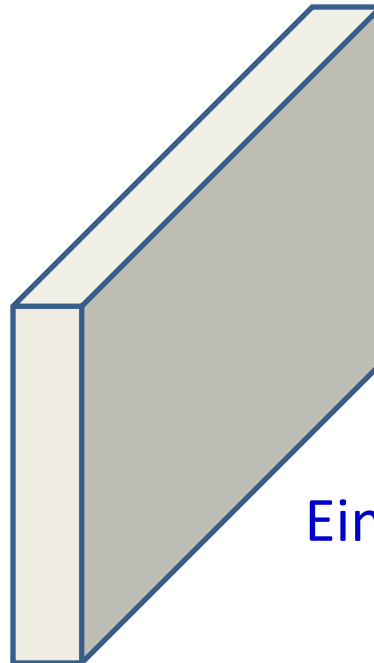
**This progress
is important.**

**Delay is
most
important**

New progress!



**Delay is
~~*least*~~
important**



Carnot

Bode

Boltzmann

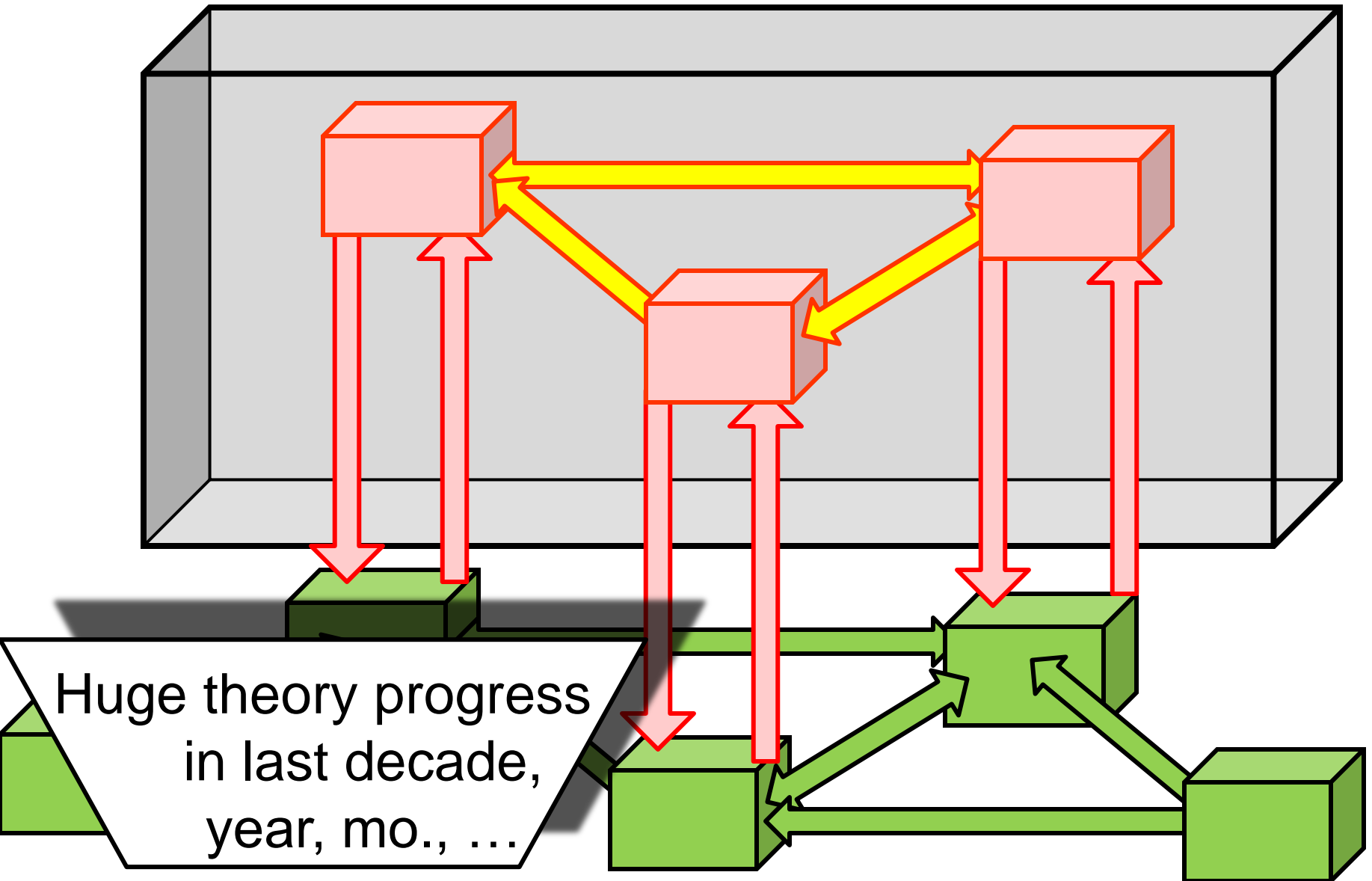
Control, OR

Heisenberg

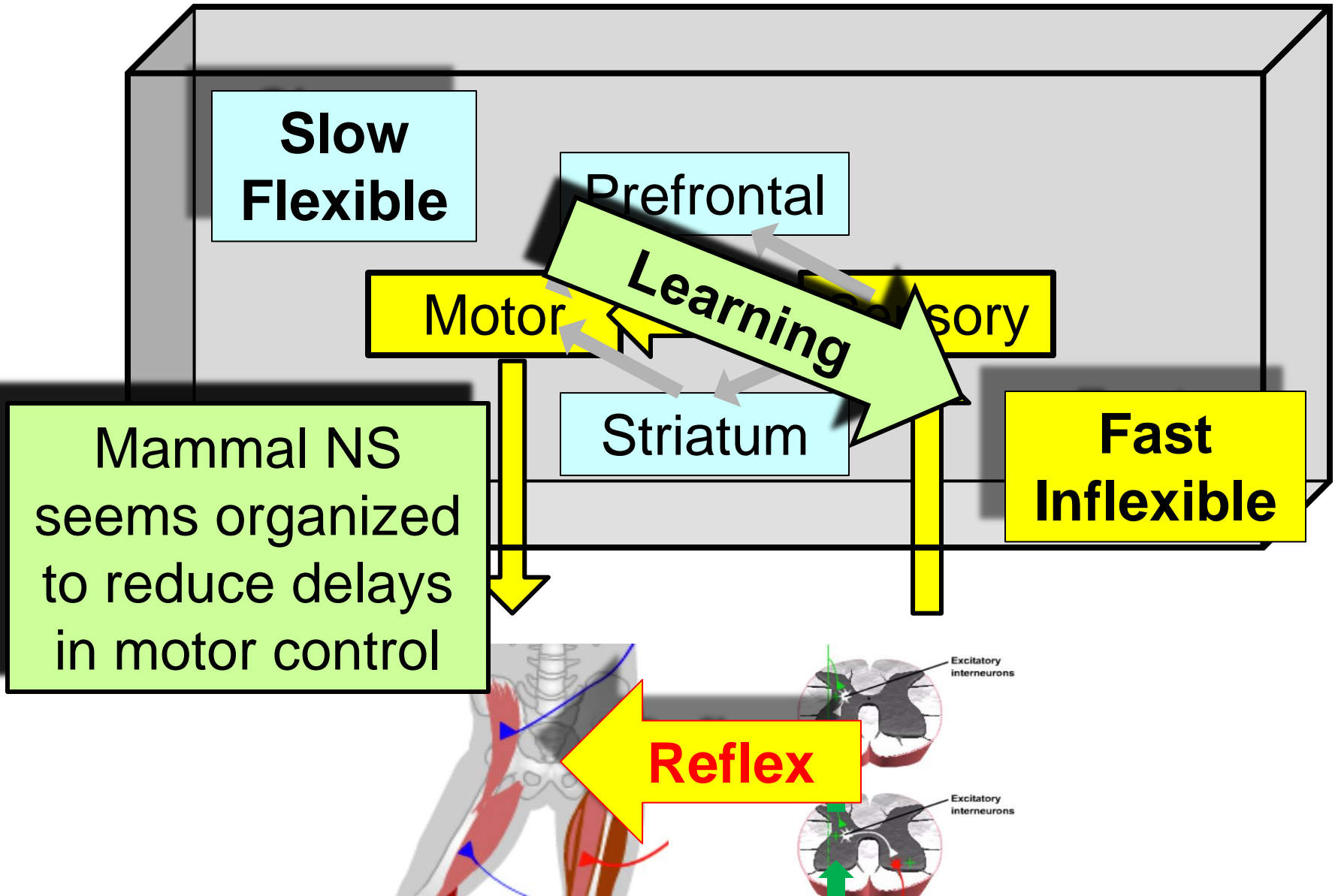
Einstein

Physics

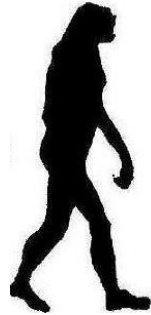
Going beyond black box: control is decentralized with internal delays.



Going beyond black box: control is decentralized with internal delays.



weak
fragile
slow



Human evolution

hands
feet
skeleton
muscle
skin
gut
long helpless childhood

All very
different.

strong
robust
fast



Apes

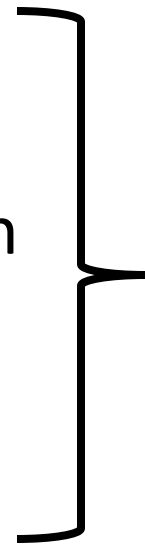
How is this
progress?

Homo Erectus?

weak
fragile



hands
feet
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gut



Roughly
modern

Very
fragile

This much seems pretty
consistent among experts
regarding circa 1.5-2Mya

strong
robust

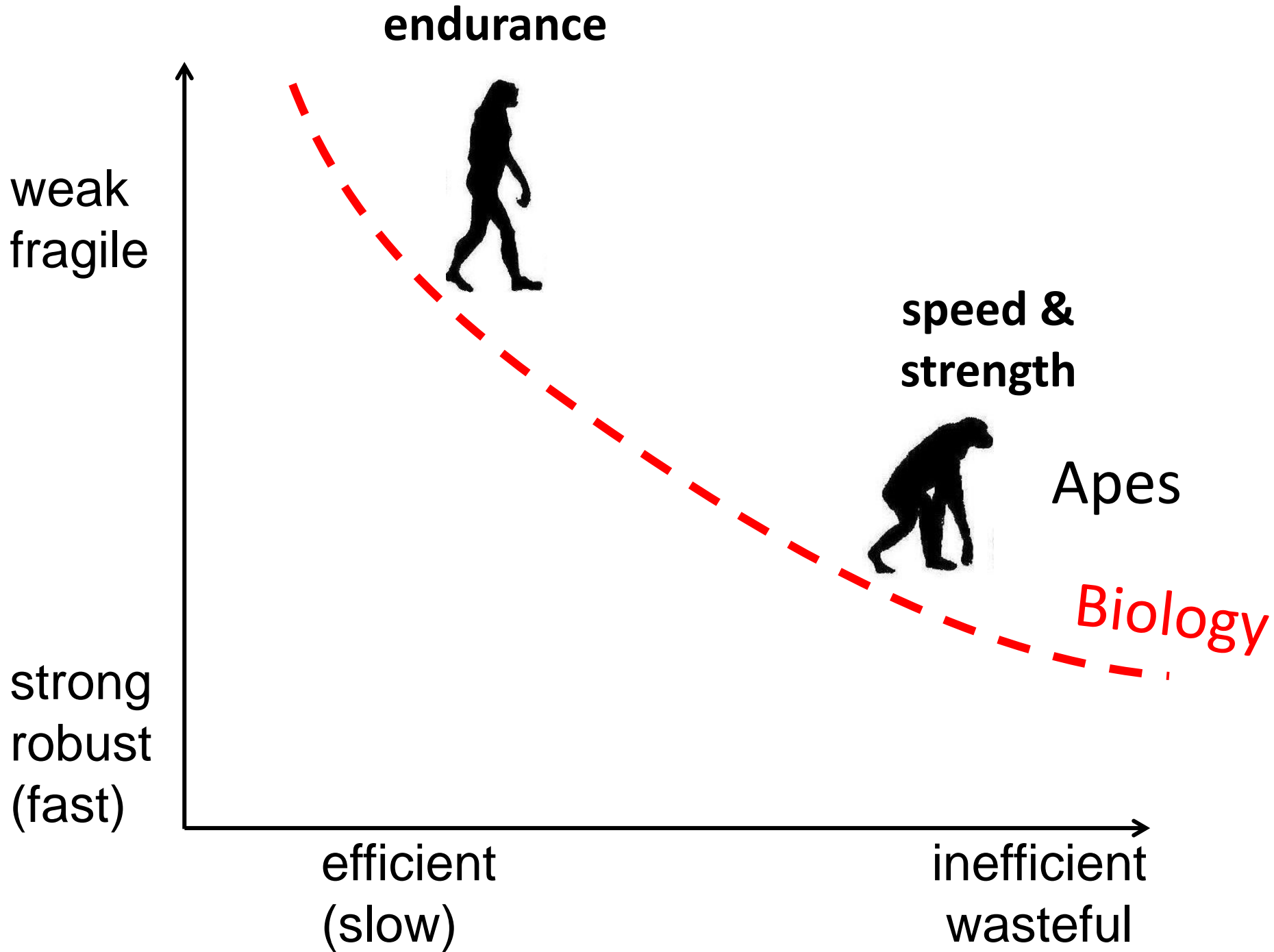


So how did H. Erectus
survive and expand globally?



efficient
(slow)

inefficient
wasteful



weak
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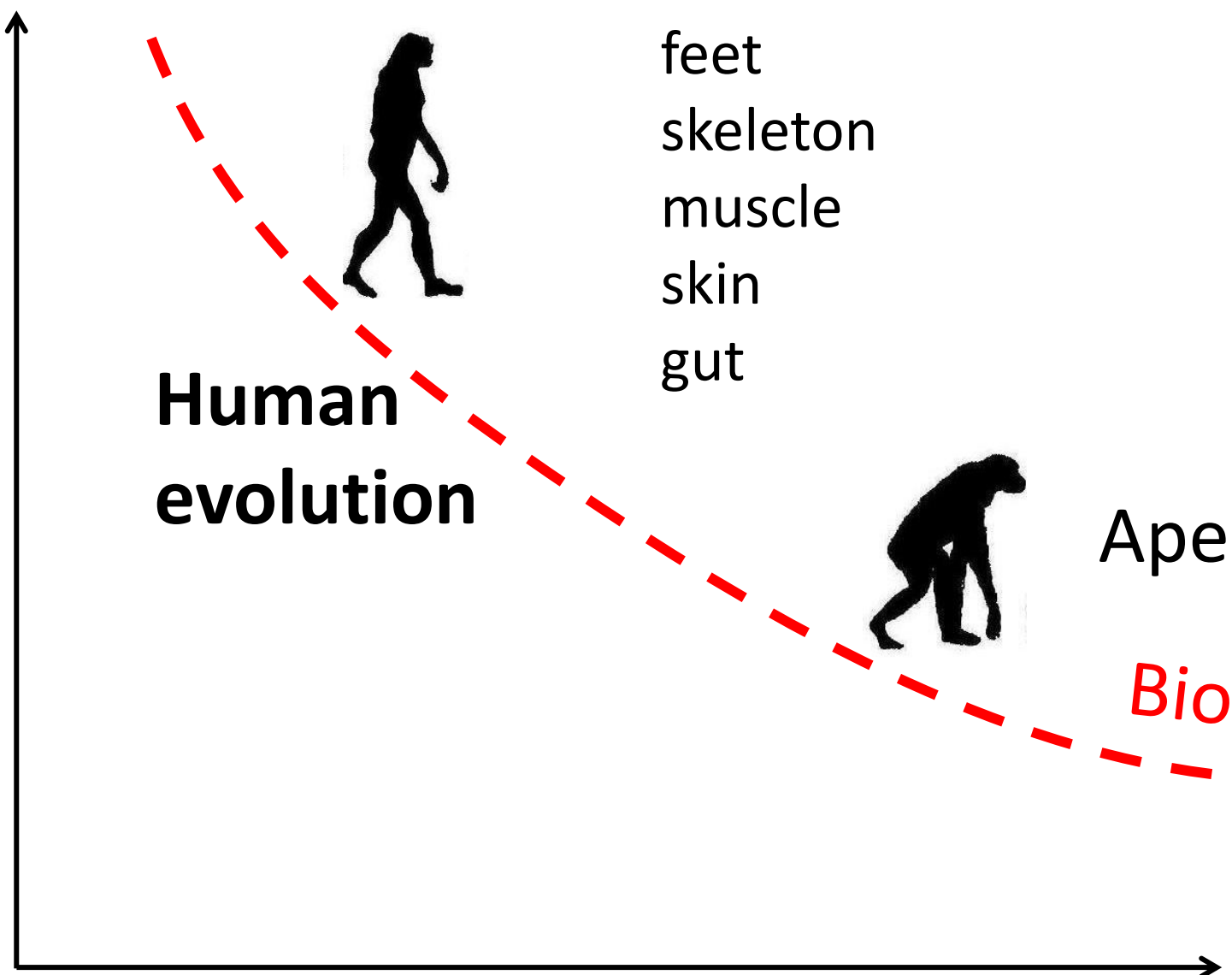
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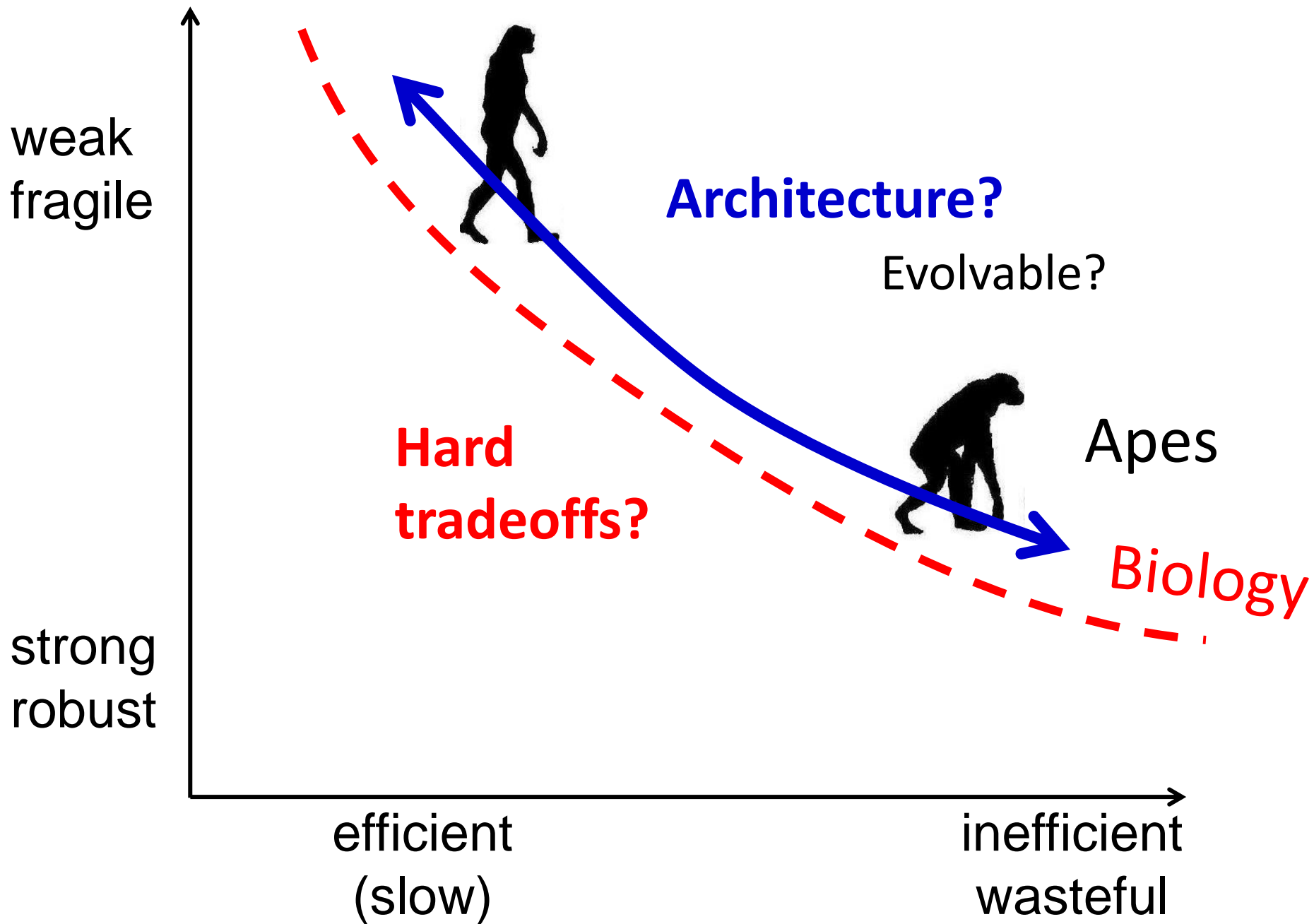
Biology

strong
robust
(fast)

efficient
(slow)

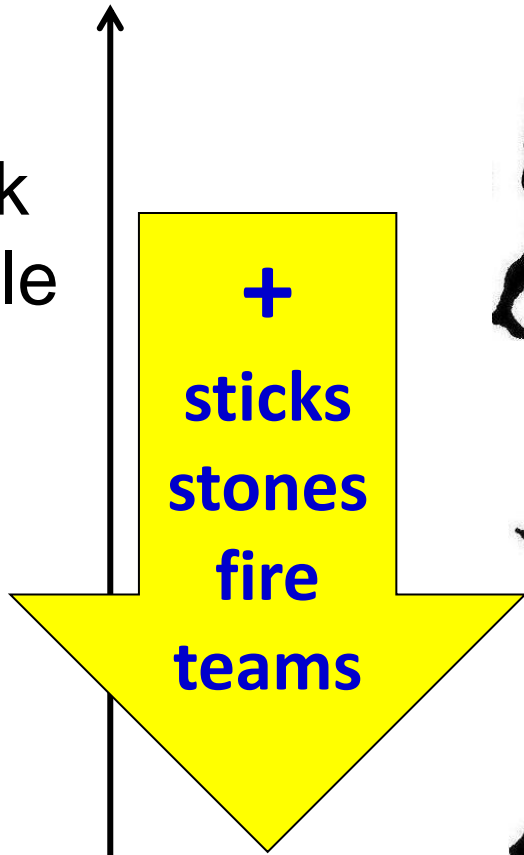
inefficient
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endurance

weak
fragile



From weak prey
to invincible
predator?

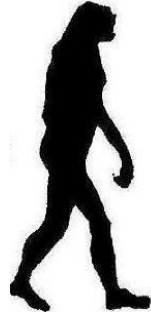


strong
robust

efficient
(slow)

Speculation? There is only evidence for crude stone tools. But sticks, fire, teams might not leave a record?

weak
fragile



Speculation? With only evidence for crude stone tools. But sticks and fire might not leave a record?

+
sticks
stones
fire
teams



From weak prey to invincible predator



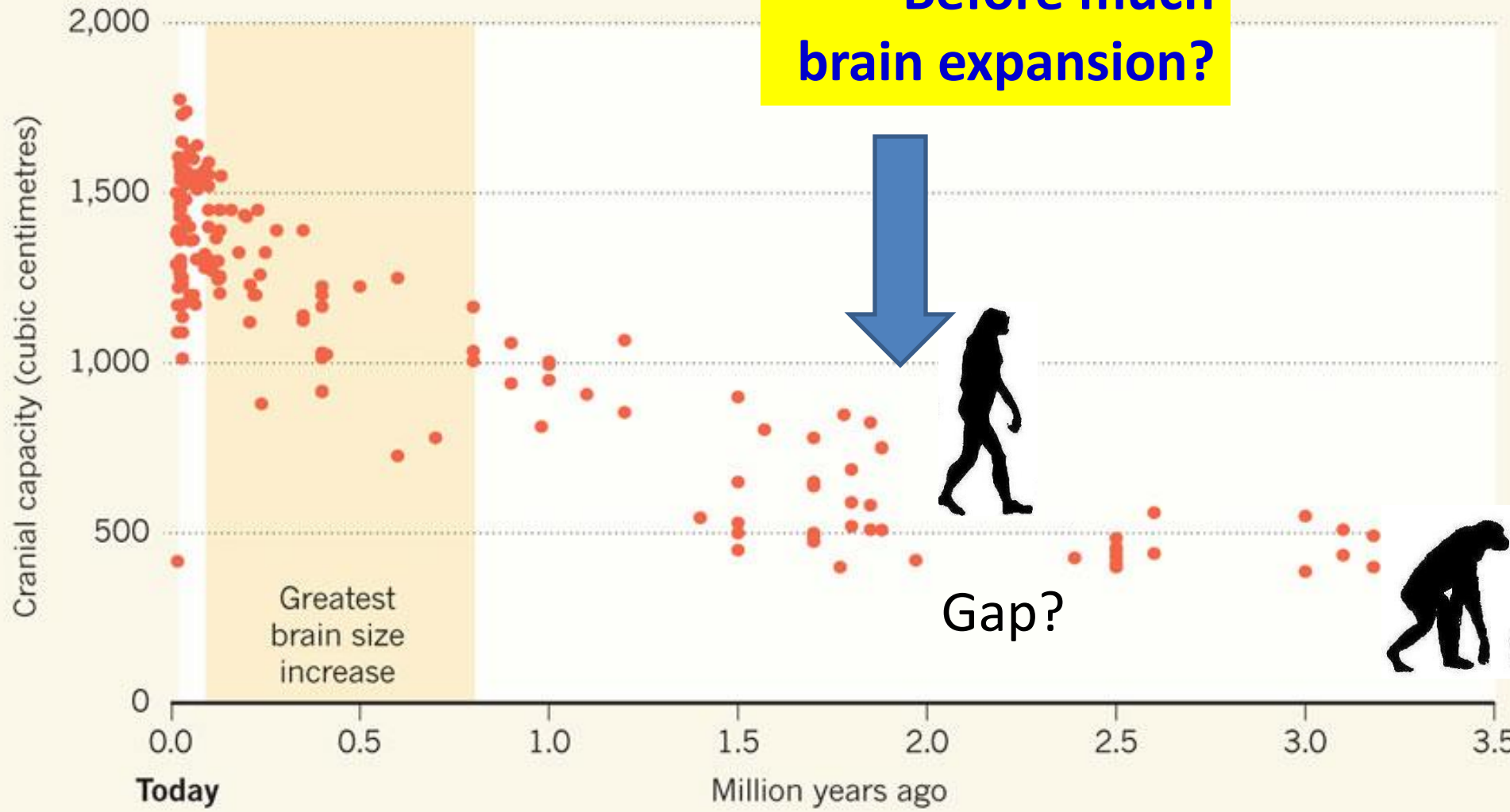
**Before much
brain expansion?**

strong
robust

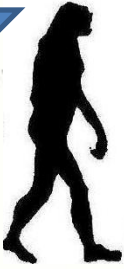
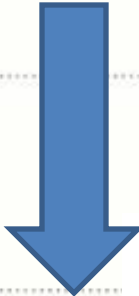
efficient
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Plausible but speculation?

Cranial capacity



Before much brain expansion?



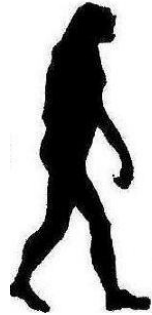
Gap?



Today

2Mya

weak
fragile



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+



sticks
stones
fire



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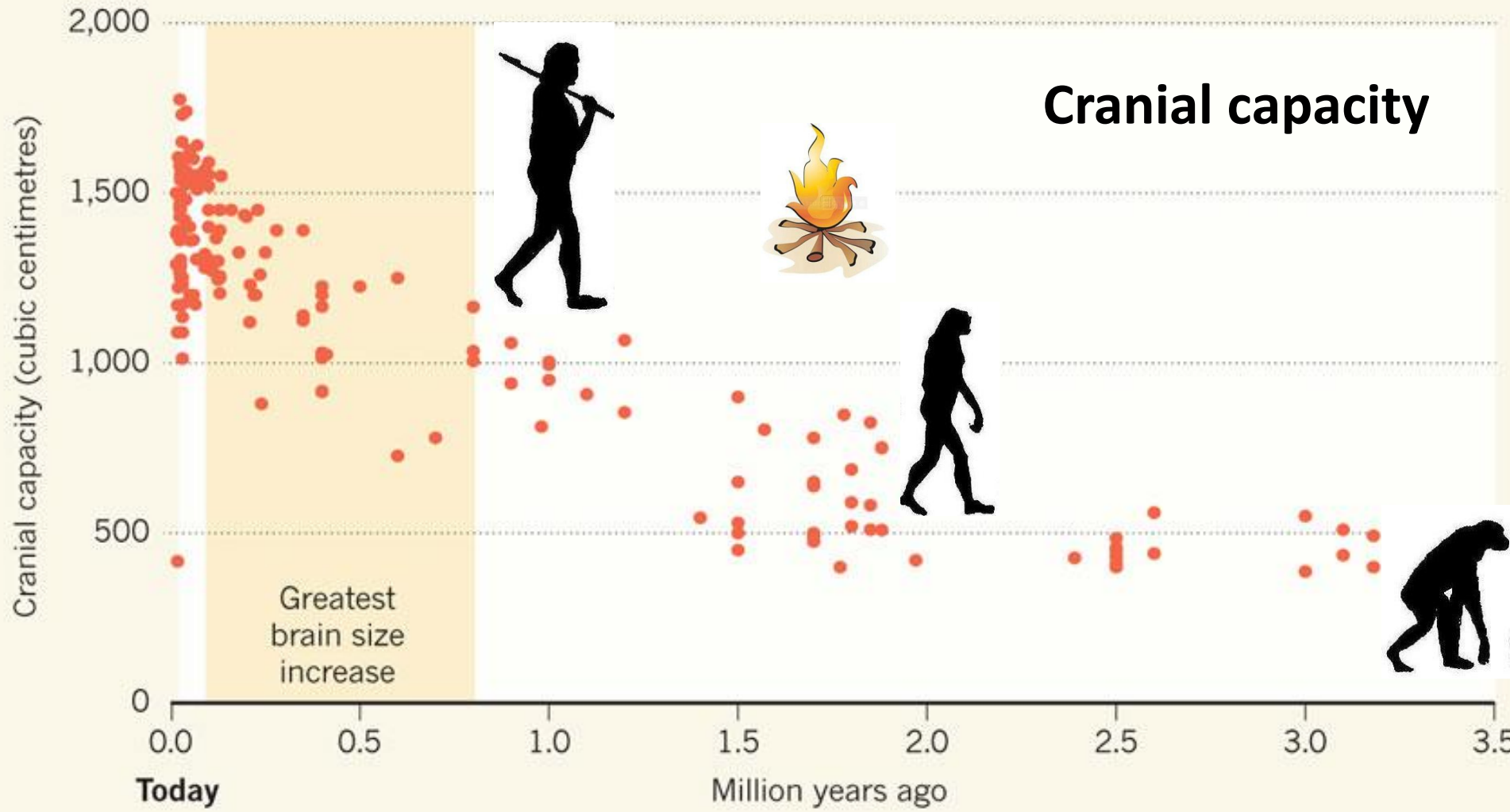
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Key point:
Our physiology,
technology,
and brains
have co-
evolved

Probably true
no matter what

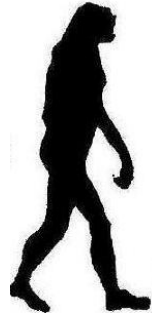
Huge
implications.



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**Key point needing
more discussion:**
The evolutionary
challenge of big brains
is *homeostasis*, not
basal metabolic load.

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+

sticks
stones
fire



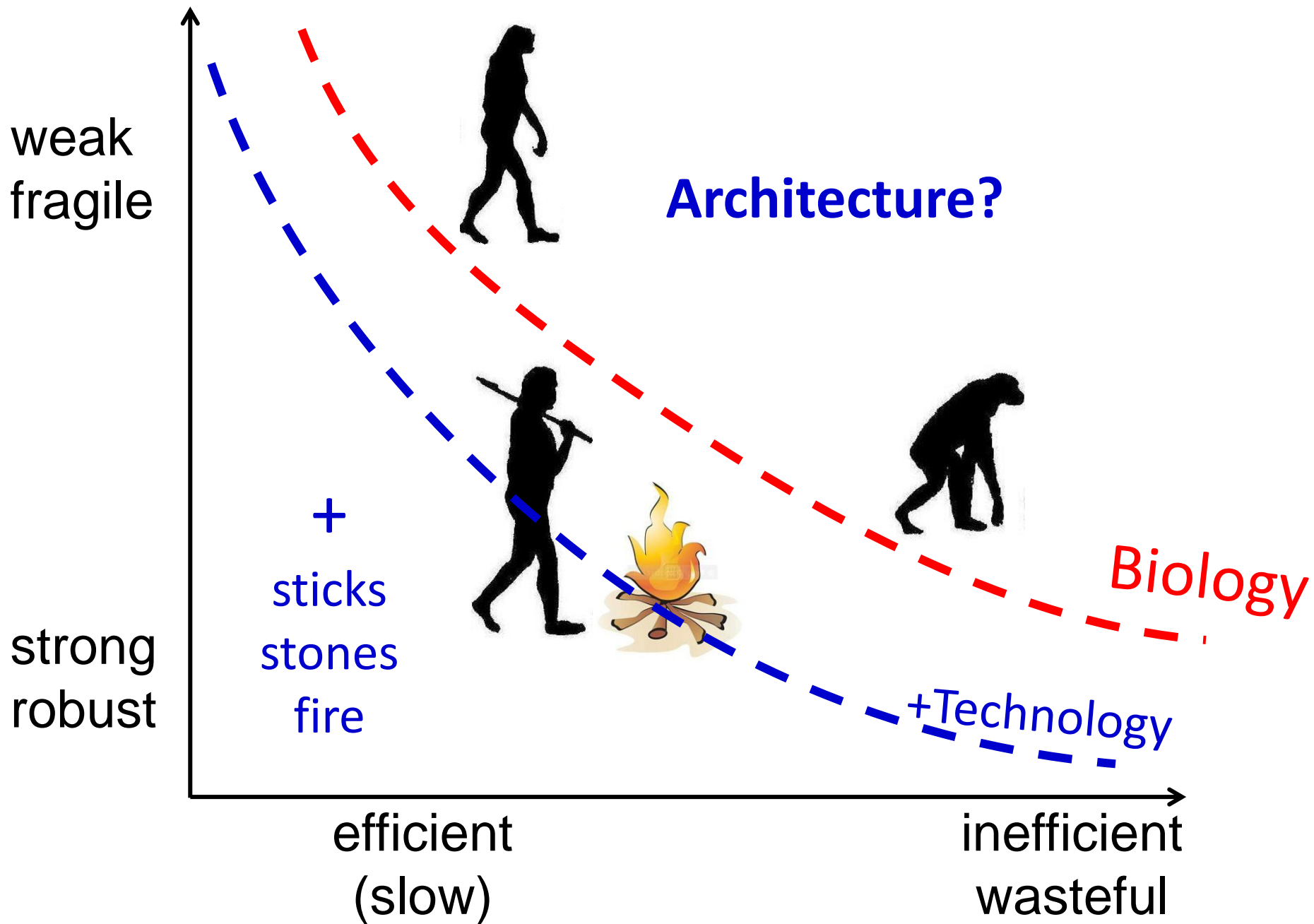
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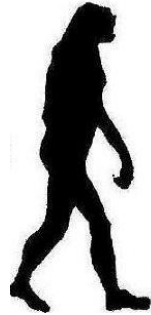
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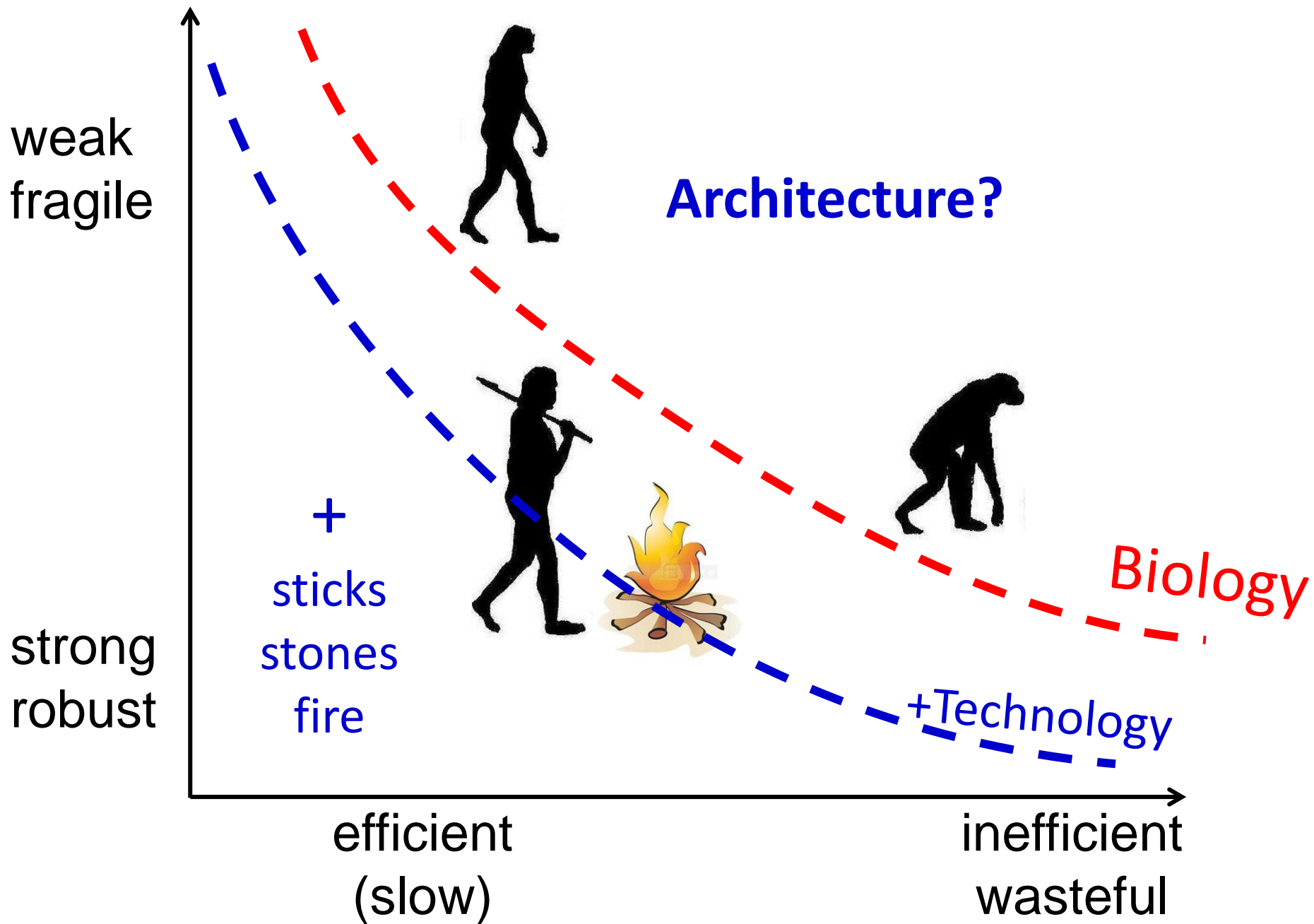


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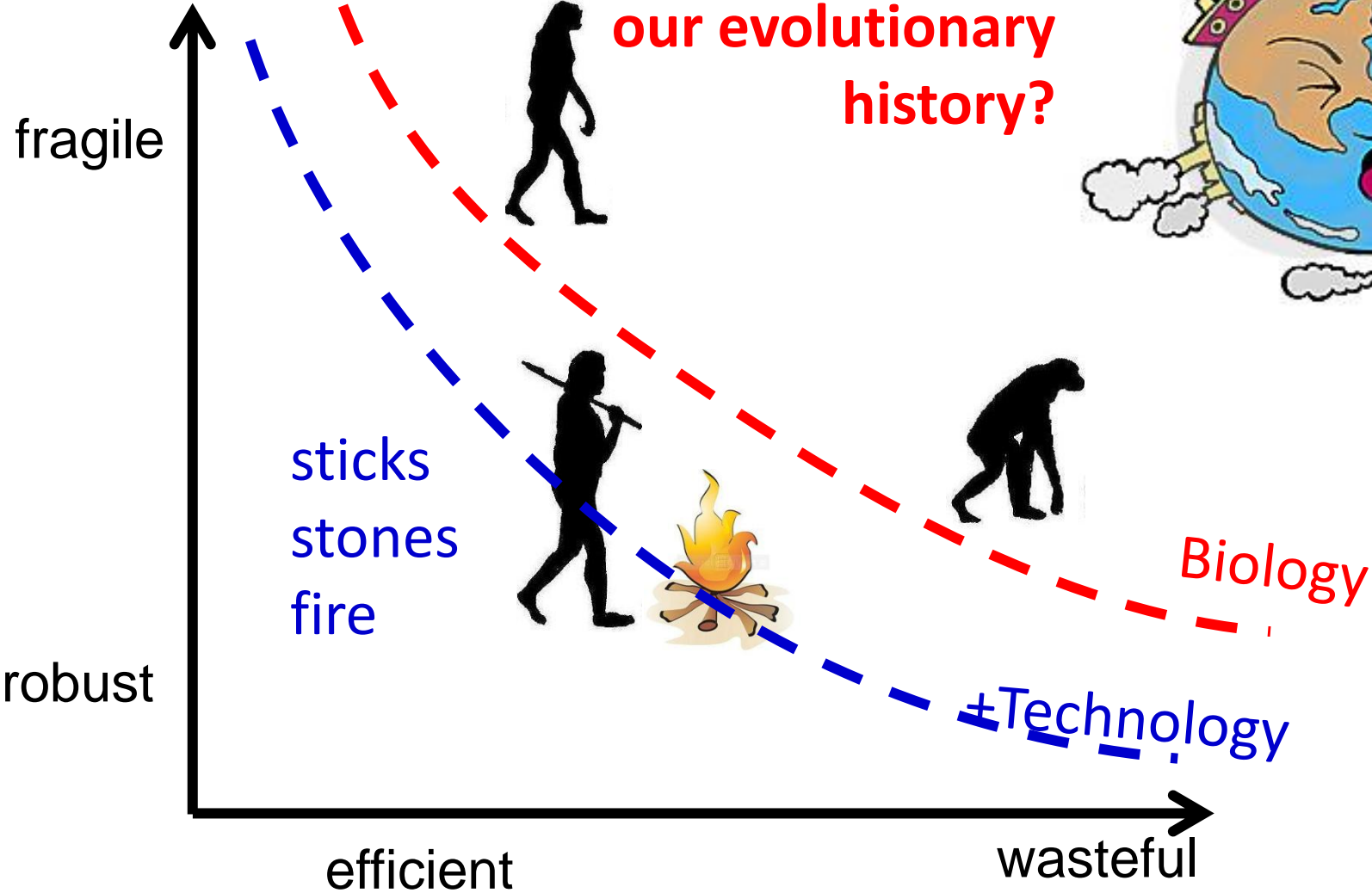
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Before much
brain expansion?



Human complexity?

Consequences of our evolutionary history?



Constraints (that deconstrain)

fragile



Architecture?

robust

**Hard
tradeoffs?**

efficient

wasteful