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This article considers visual perception, the nature of the information on which perceptions seem to be based, and the implications of a wholly empirical concept of perception and sensory processing

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Starting points

Variability, compensation, and modulation in neurons and circuits

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Illusions

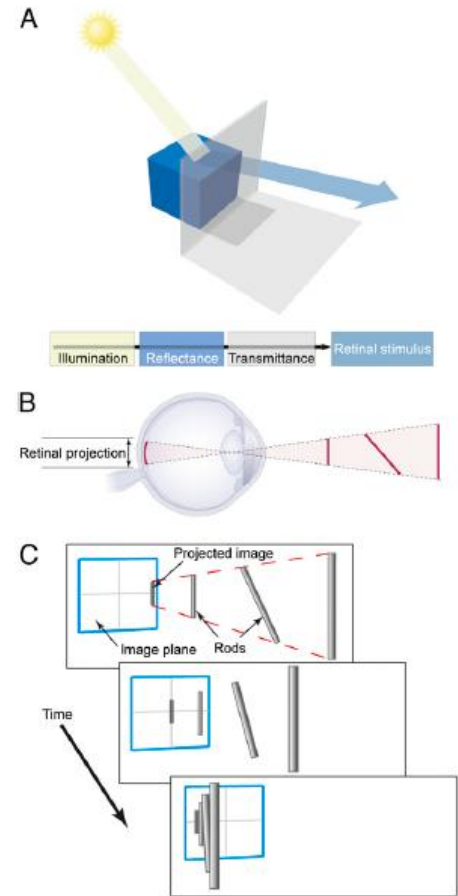
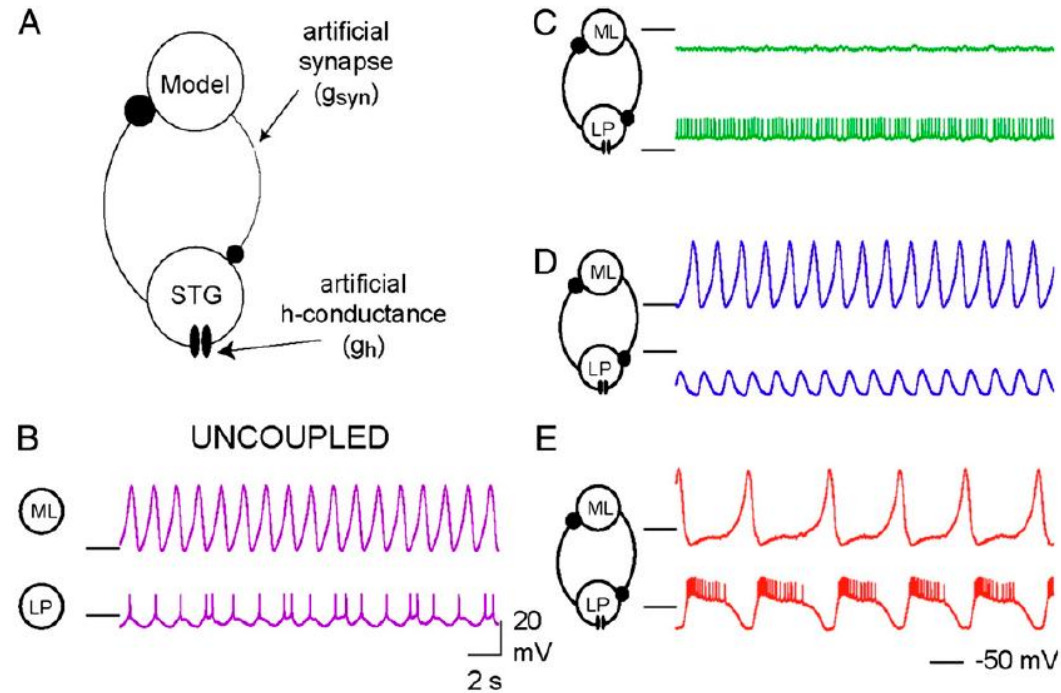


Fig. 1. The inverse optics problem. (A) The conflation of illumination, reflectance, and transmittance in retinal images. Many combinations of these physical characteristics of the world can generate the same retinal stimulus. (B) The conflation of physical geometry in images. The same image can be generated by objects of different sizes, at different distances from the observer, and in different orientations. (C) The conflation of speed and direction in images of moving objects. The same projected motion on the retina can be generated by different objects with various orientations moving in different directions and at different speeds in the physical world.

lobster somatogastric ganglia

large,
thin,
nonconvex



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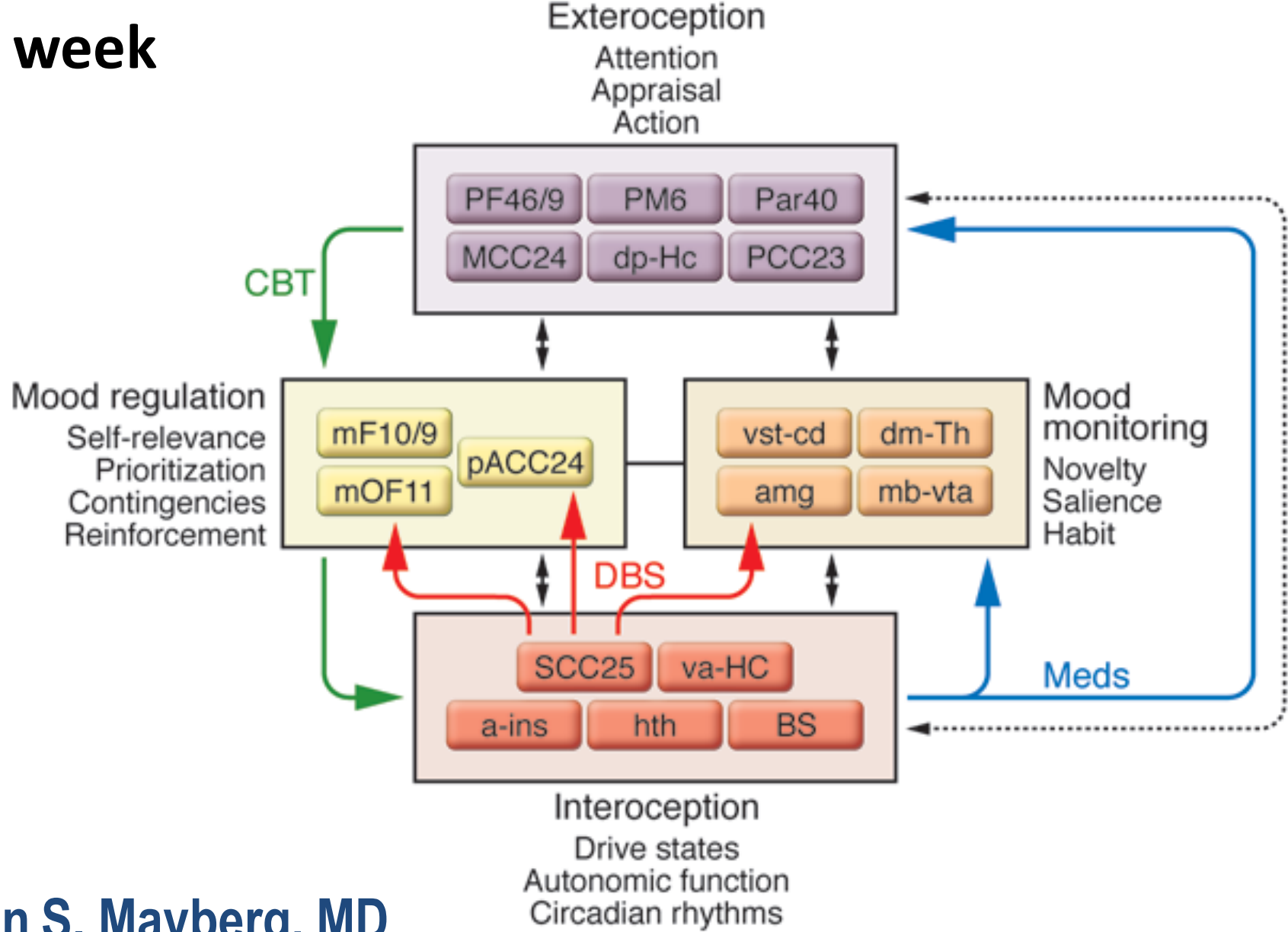
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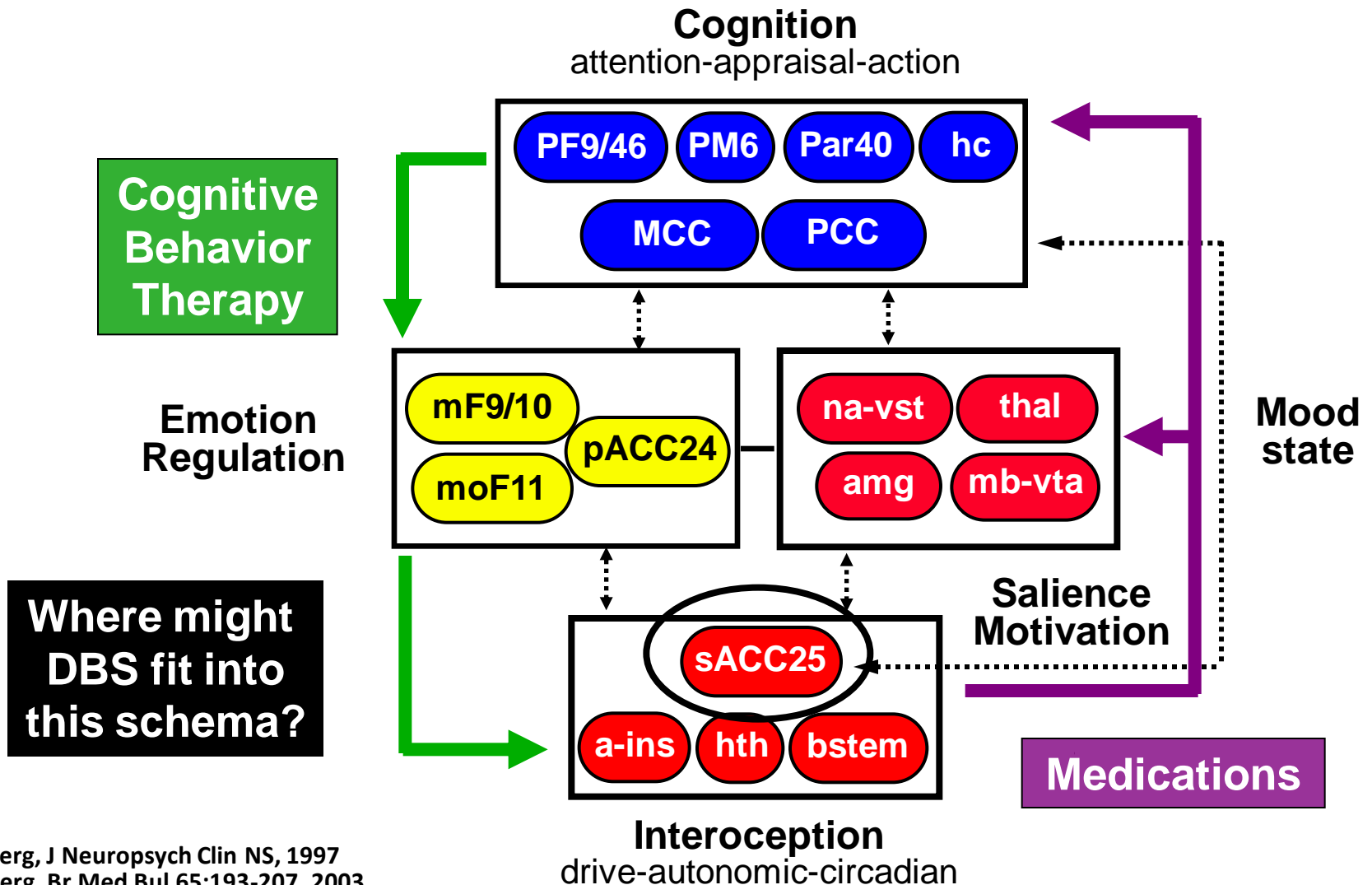


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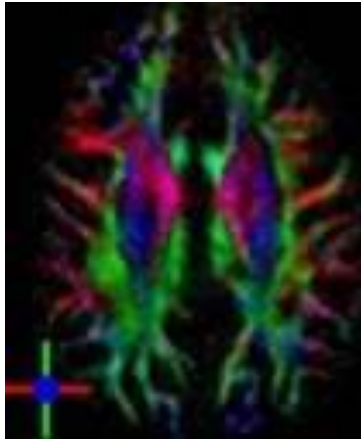
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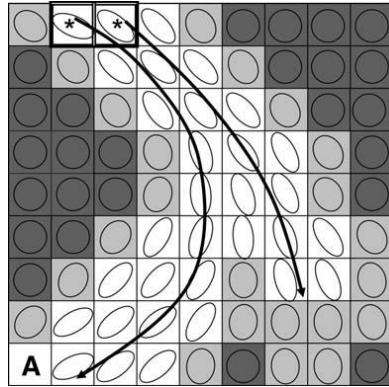


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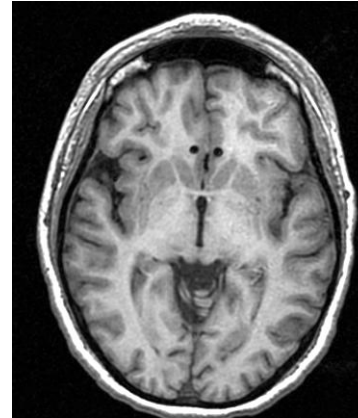
Mapping Fibers of Passage thru SCC25



Diffusion Tensor Imaging



Fiber Assignment by Continuous Tracking along adjacent pixels

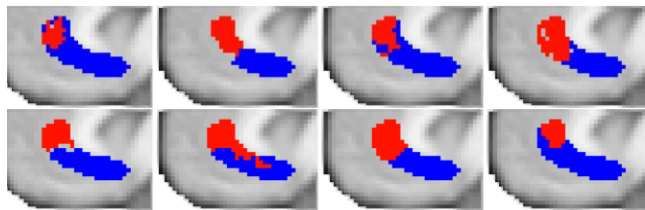
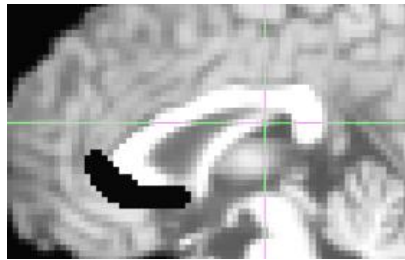


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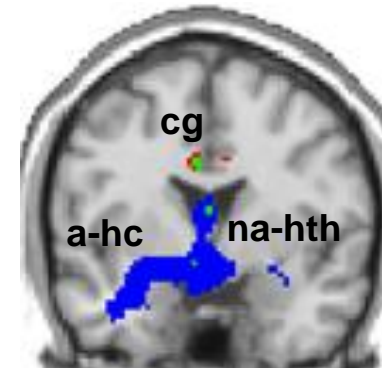
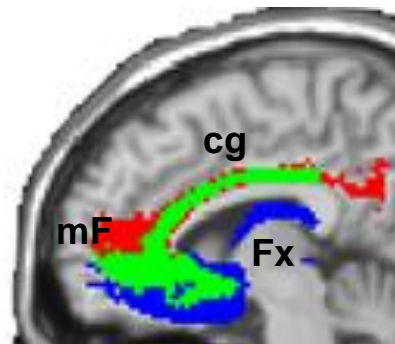
Tracts thru Seed

Cingulate ROI



DTI: Blind ACC Parcellation → SVD 2 clusters: **sACC** ≠ **Pacc** (n=18)

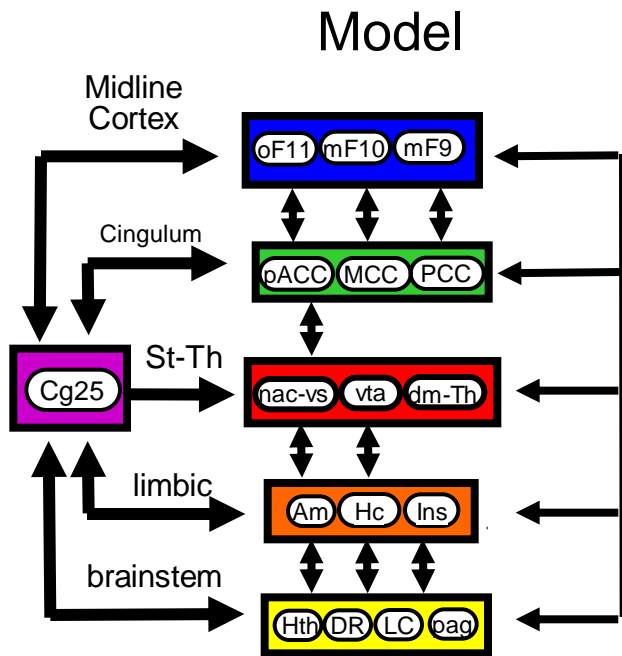
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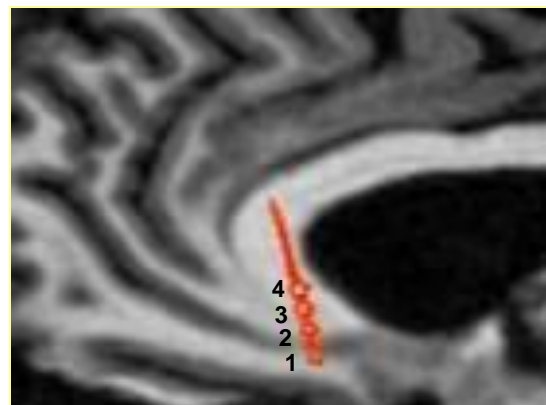
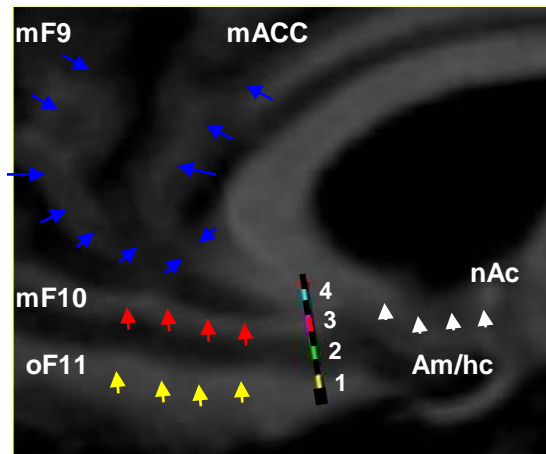
- Overlap
- Unique inferior ROI
- Unique superior ROI

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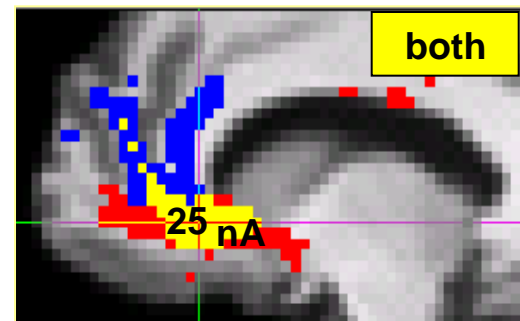
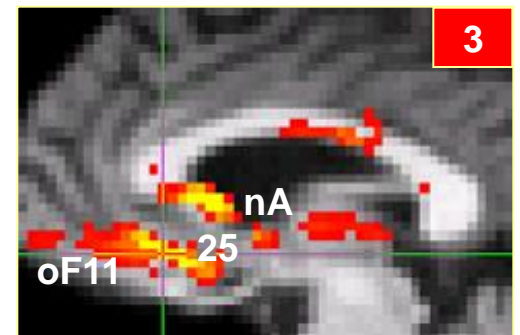
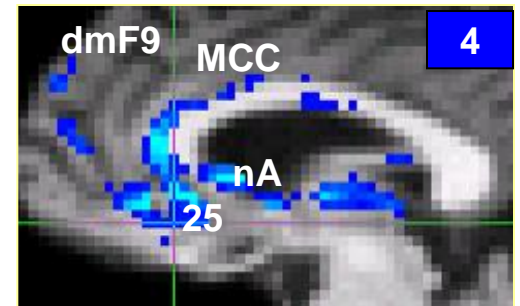


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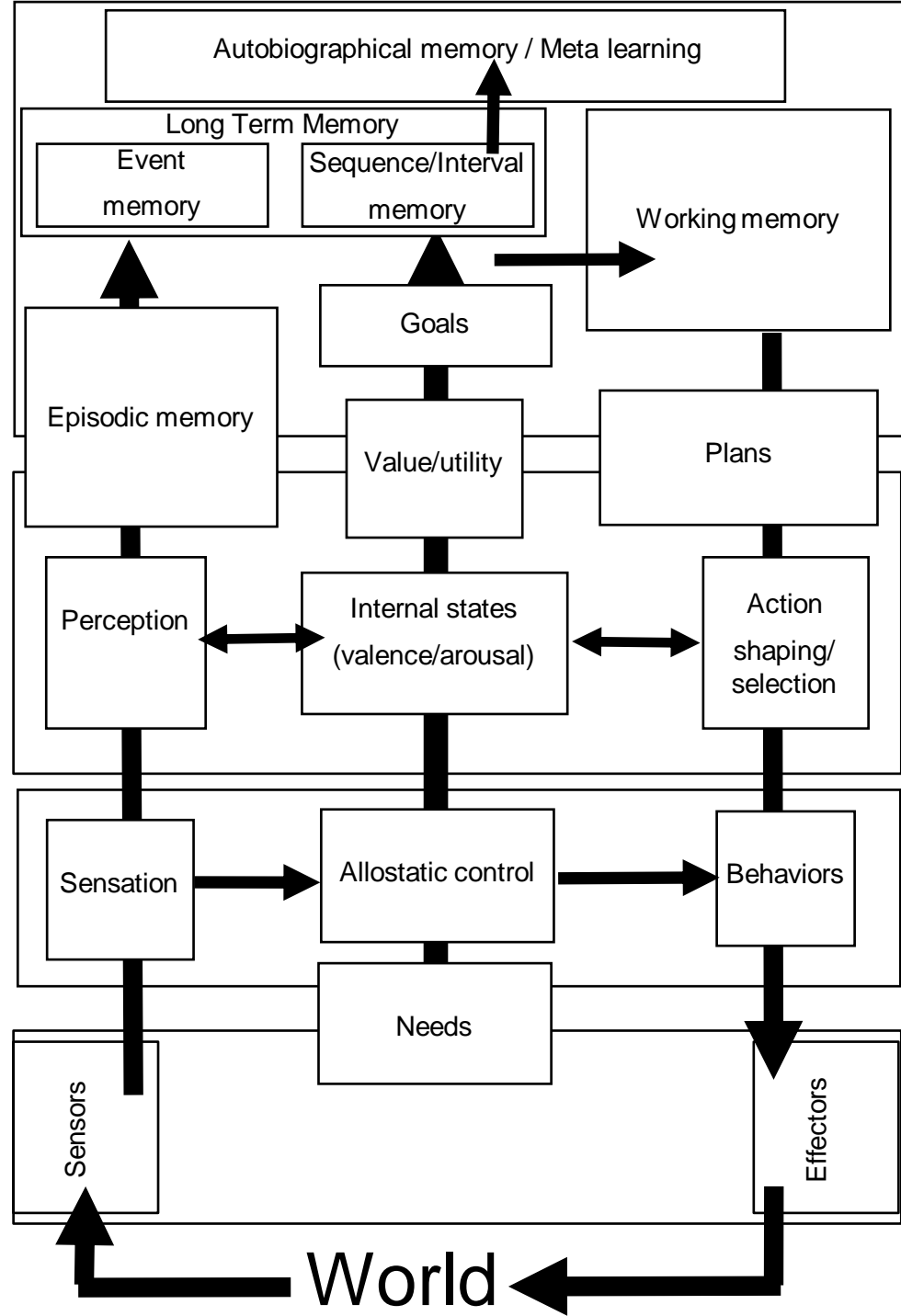


Post-op CT/MRI merge

Differences between Adjacent contacts



The Distributed Adaptive Control Architecture



Contextual

Adaptive

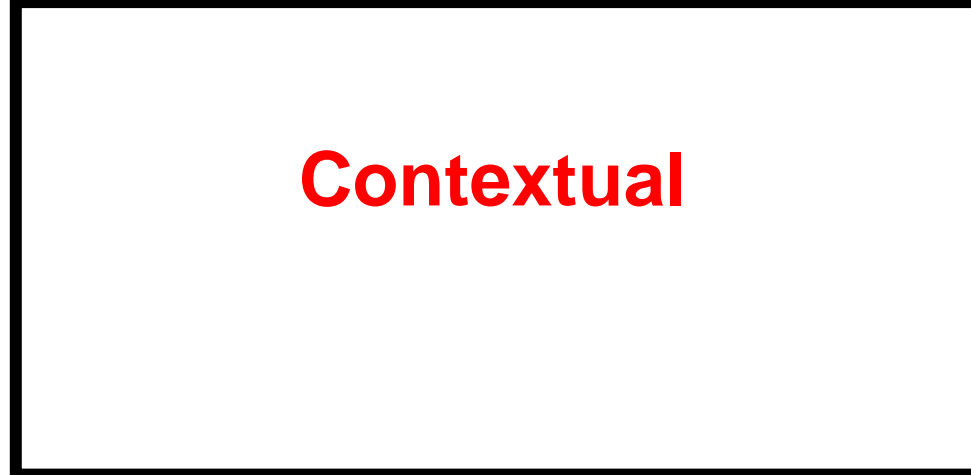
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Soma

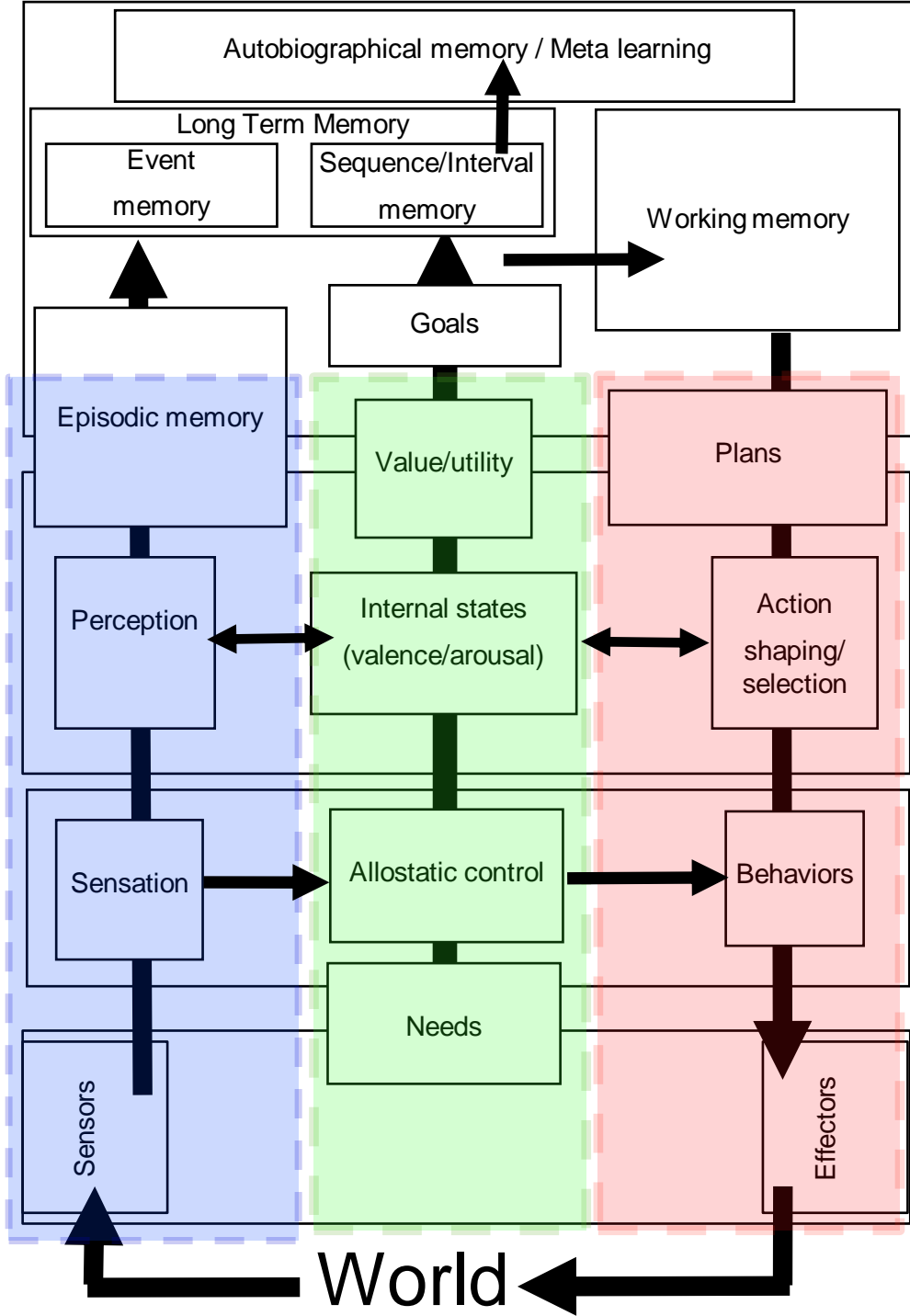
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**Layered
Distributed
Adaptive
Control
Architecture**



The Distributed Adaptive Control Architecture

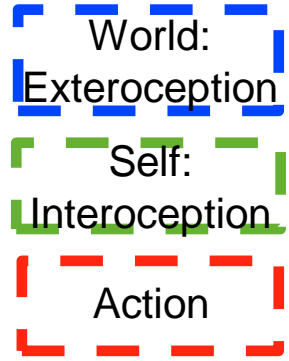


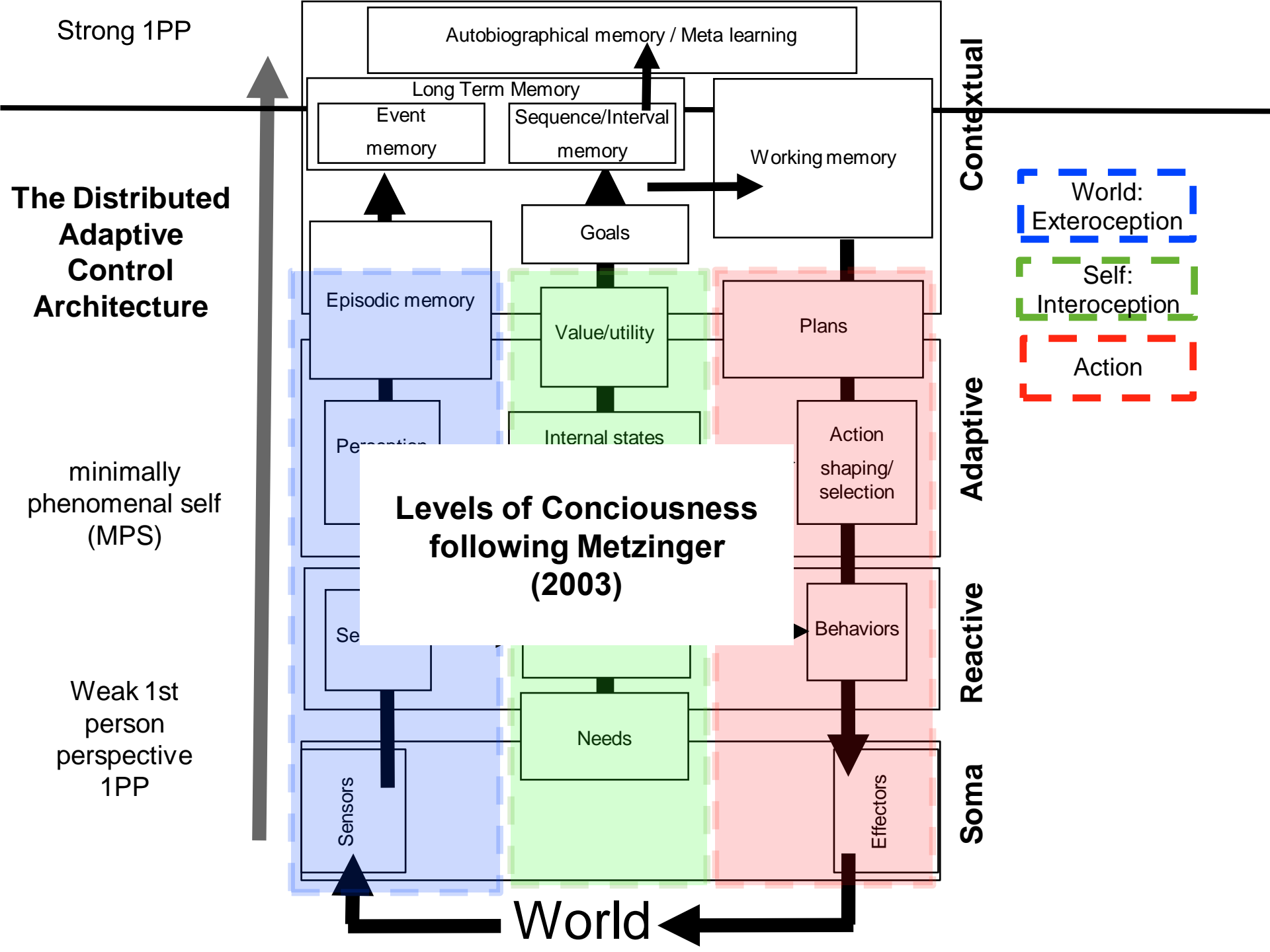
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“Laws” and architectures

- Theory of hard limits, constraints,... (“laws”)
- Theory of “architecture”?
 - From platforms to
 - “systems of systems” to
 - Architecture
- Case studies: Internet, turbulence, smartgrid, cell biology, wildfire ecology, earthquakes, stat mech, brain architecture, UAVs, ...

Contrasting Views of Complexity and Their Implications For Network-Centric Infrastructures

David L. Alderson, *Member, IEEE*, and John C. Doyle

Abstract—There exists a widely recognized need to better understand and manage complex “systems of systems,” ranging from biology, ecology, and medicine to network-centric technologies. This is motivating the search for universal laws of highly evolved systems and driving demand for new mathematics and methods that are consistent, integrative, and predictive. However, the theoretical frameworks available today are not merely fragmented but sometimes contradictory and incompatible. We argue that complexity arises in highly evolved biological and technological systems primarily to provide mechanisms to create robustness. However, this complexity itself can be a source of new fragility, leading to “robust yet fragile” tradeoffs in system design. We focus on the role of robustness and architecture in networked infrastructures, and we highlight recent advances in the theory of distributed control driven by network technologies. This view of complexity in highly organized technological and biological systems is fundamentally different from the dominant perspective in the mainstream sciences, which downplays function, constraints, and tradeoffs, and tends to minimize the role of organization and design.

Index Terms—Architecture, complexity theory, networks, optimal control, optimization methods, protocols.

other complex engineering systems, but much of advanced technology has, if anything, made things worse. Computer-based simulation and rapid prototyping tools are now broadly available and powerful enough that it is relatively easy to demonstrate almost anything, provided that conditions are made sufficiently idealized. We are much better at designing, mass-producing, and deploying network-enabled devices than we are at being able to predict or control their collective behavior once deployed in the real world. The result is that, when things fail, they often do so cryptically and catastrophically.

The growing need to understand and manage complex systems of systems, ranging from biology to technology, is creating demand for new mathematics and methods that are consistent and integrative. Yet, there exist fundamental incompatibilities in available theories for addressing this challenge. Various “new sciences” of “complexity” and “networks” dominate the mainstream sciences [3] but are at best disconnected from medicine, mathematics, and engineering. Computing, communication, and control theories and technologies flourish but

Human complexity

Robust

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

Fragile

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

Mechanism?

Robust

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

Fragile

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What's the difference?


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Fluctuating
energy



Static
energy



Accident or necessity?

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Controlled
Dynamic

Low mean
High variability

Uncontrolled
Chronic

High mean
Low variability

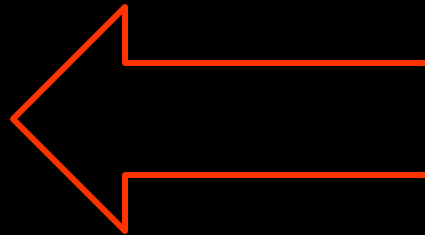
Restoring robustness

Robust

Fragile

Controlled
Dynamic

Low mean
High variability



Uncontrolled
Chronic

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Mechanism?

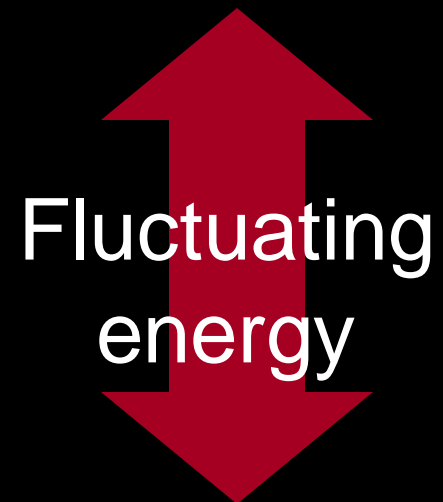
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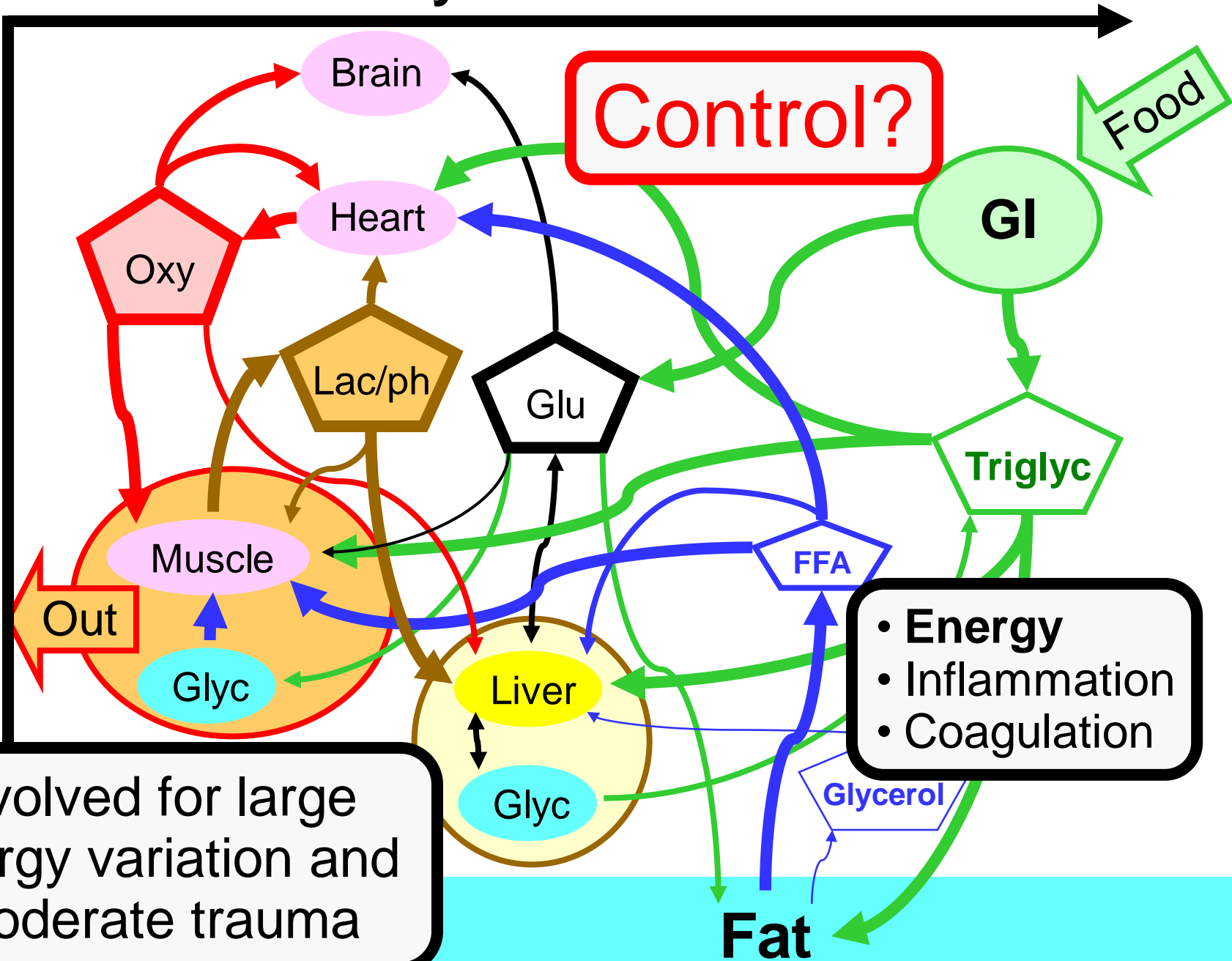
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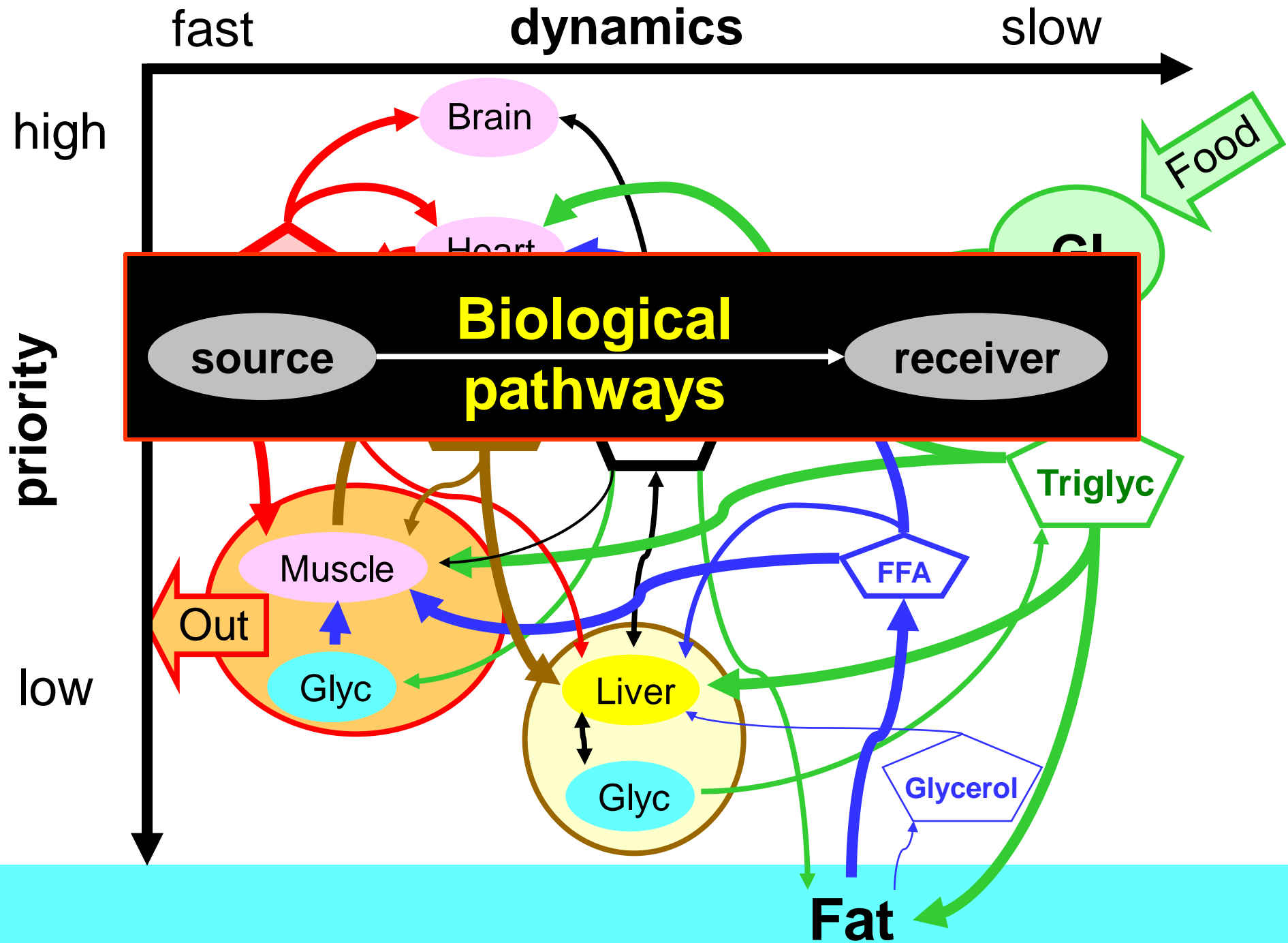
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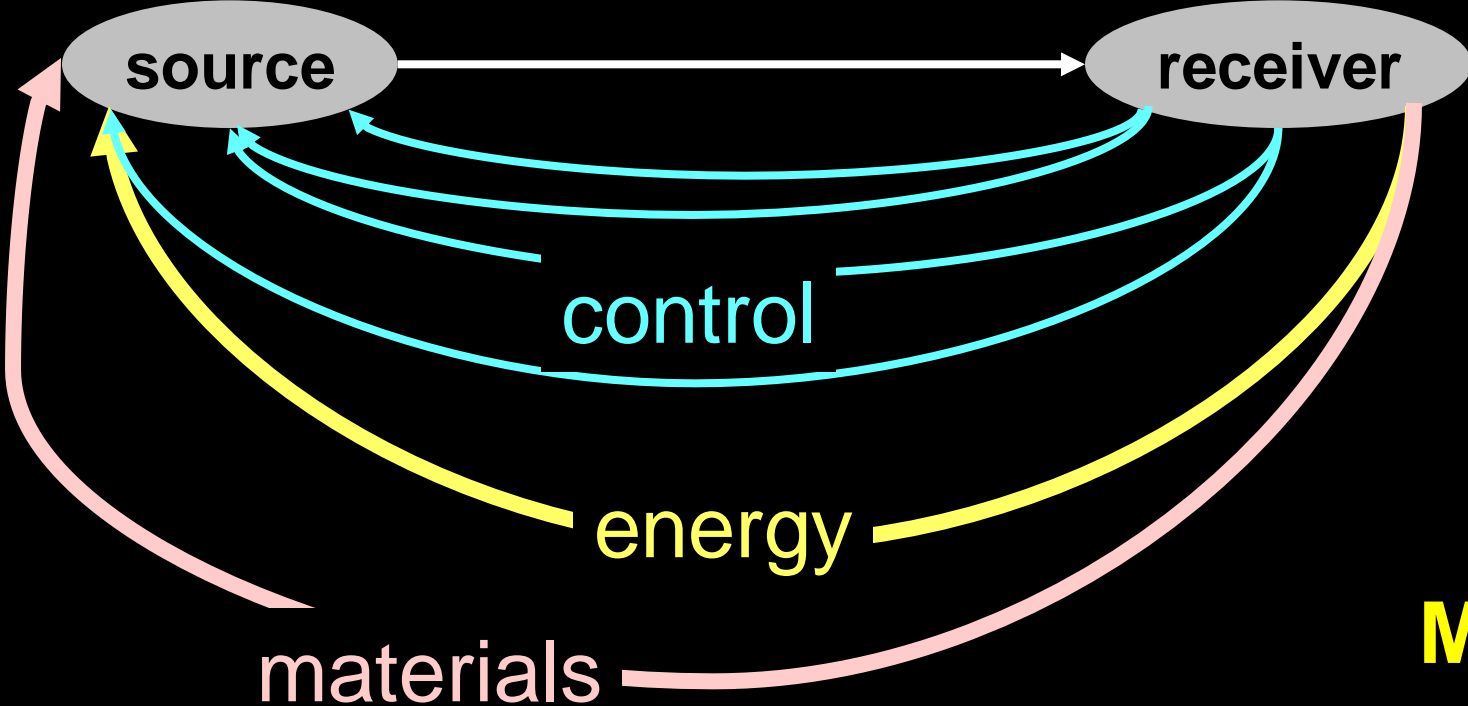
signaling
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**Biological
pathways**

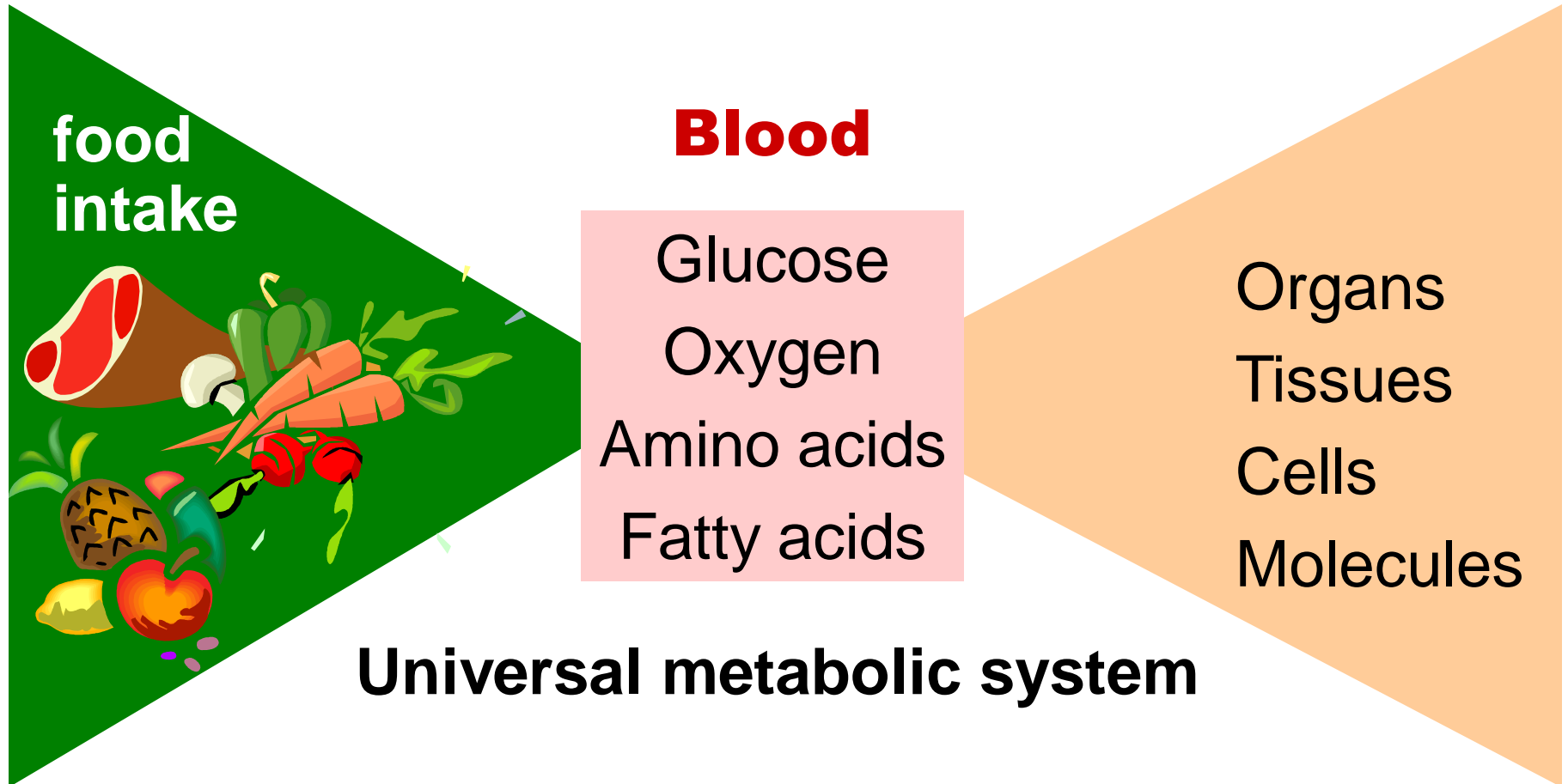


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**More
complex
feedback**

Peter Sterling and Allostasis



**Highly
variable
supply**

Robust

**Highly
variable
demand**

**food
intake**



Efficient

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules

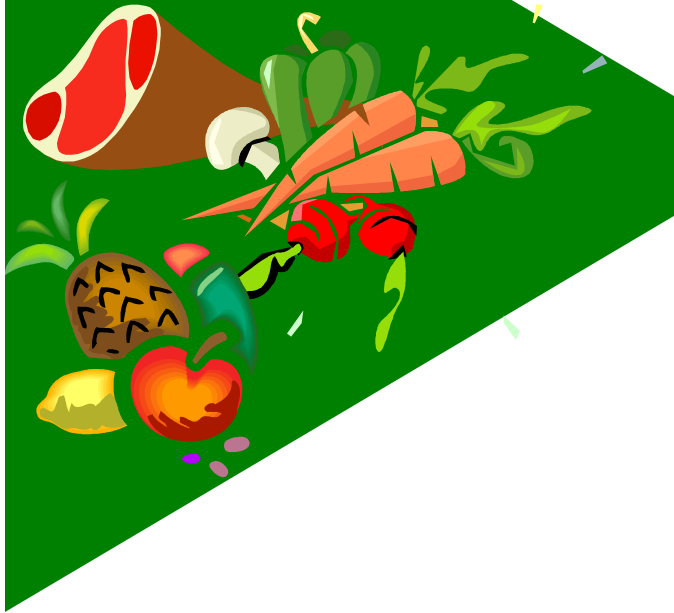
**evolving
diet**

Evolvability

**evolving
function**

Highly
variable
supply

food
intake



evolving
diet

**Conserved
core
building
blocks**

Glucose
Oxygen

Blood

Highly
variable
demand

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules

evolving
function

Universal reward systems

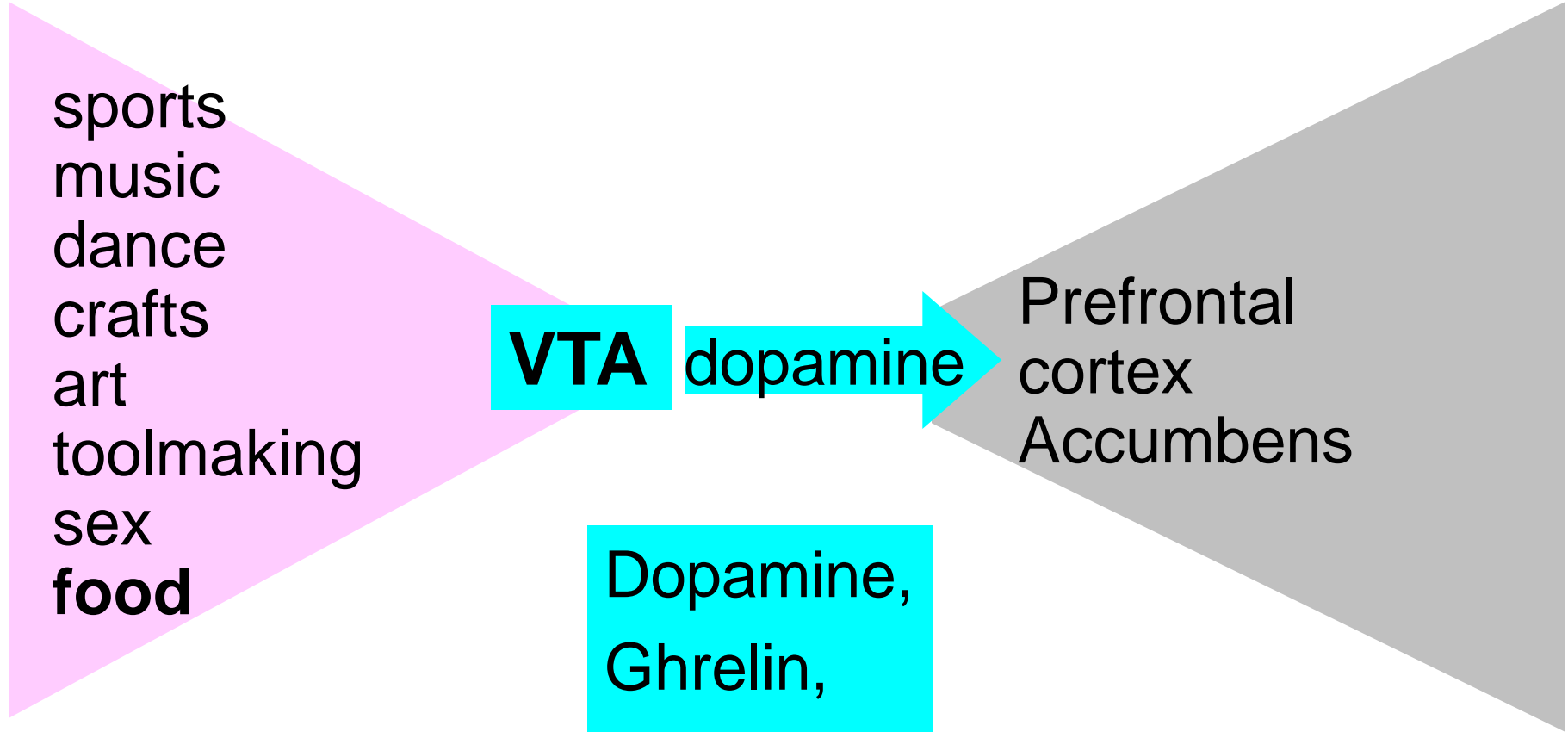
sports
music
dance
crafts
art
toolmaking
sex
food

VTA

dopamine

Dopamine,
Ghrelin,
Leptin,...

Prefrontal
cortex
Accumbens



Universal reward systems

sports
music
dance
crafts
art
toolmaking
sex
food

VTA

dopamine

PFC
CG
OFC
NAcc
Amyg
STR
TH PIT
HIP
SN

**Reward
Drive
Control
Memory**

Robust and evolvable

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



Blood

Glucose

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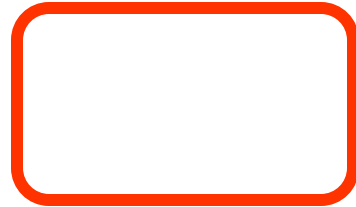
**that
deconstrain**

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules



Layered architectures

diverse



diverse

“bow-tie”

Universal reward/metabolic systems

work
family
community
nature

food
sex
toolmaking
sports
music
dance
crafts
art

dopamine

Blood

Reward
Drive
Control
Memory

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules

Robust and adaptive, yet ...

Modularity 1.0

work
family
community
nature

food
sex
toolmaking
sports
music
dance
crafts
art

Reward
Drive
Control
Memory

Organs
Tissues
Cells
Molecules

“Weak linkage”

Modularity 2.0

Most important “modules”

dopamine 

Blood

Not weakly connected to others,
but *highly* connected

Universal reward/metabolic systems

work
family
community
nature

food
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dopamine

Blood

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Robust and adaptive, yet ...

work
family
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art

cocaine
amphetamine

dopamine

Blood

Reward
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Organs
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work
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market/
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money

salt
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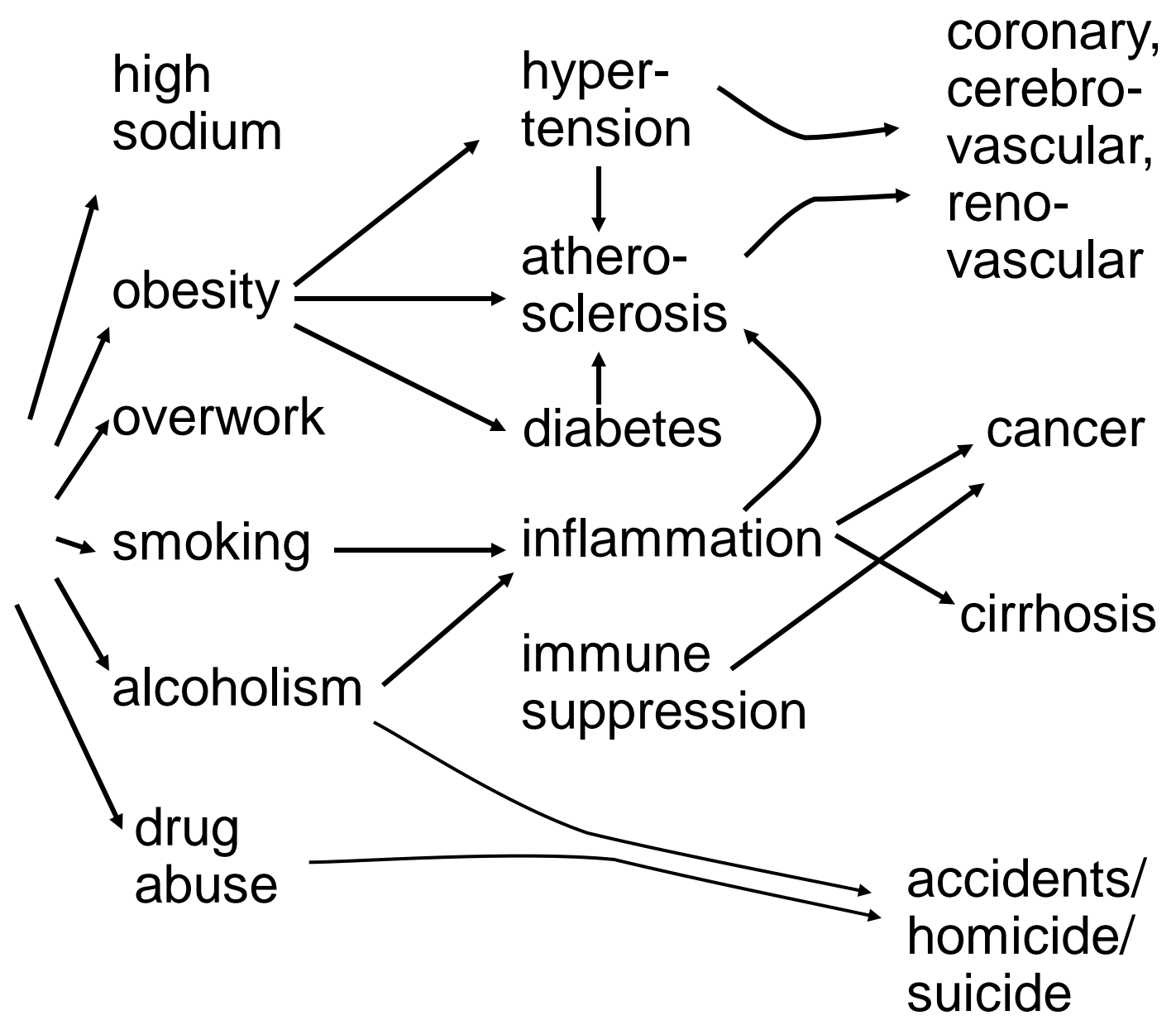
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Universal reward systems

sports
music
dance
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sex
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ROBUST

VTA dopamine

Prefrontal cortex

Accumbens

Blood

Glucose

Oxygen

Organs

Tissues

Cells

Molecules

Universal metabolic system

ROBUST

Yet Fragile

money

salt
sugar/fat
nicotine
alcohol

Vicarious

high sodium

hyper-tension

coronary, cerebro-vascular, reno-vascular

athero-sclerosis

cancer

cirrhosis

immune suppression

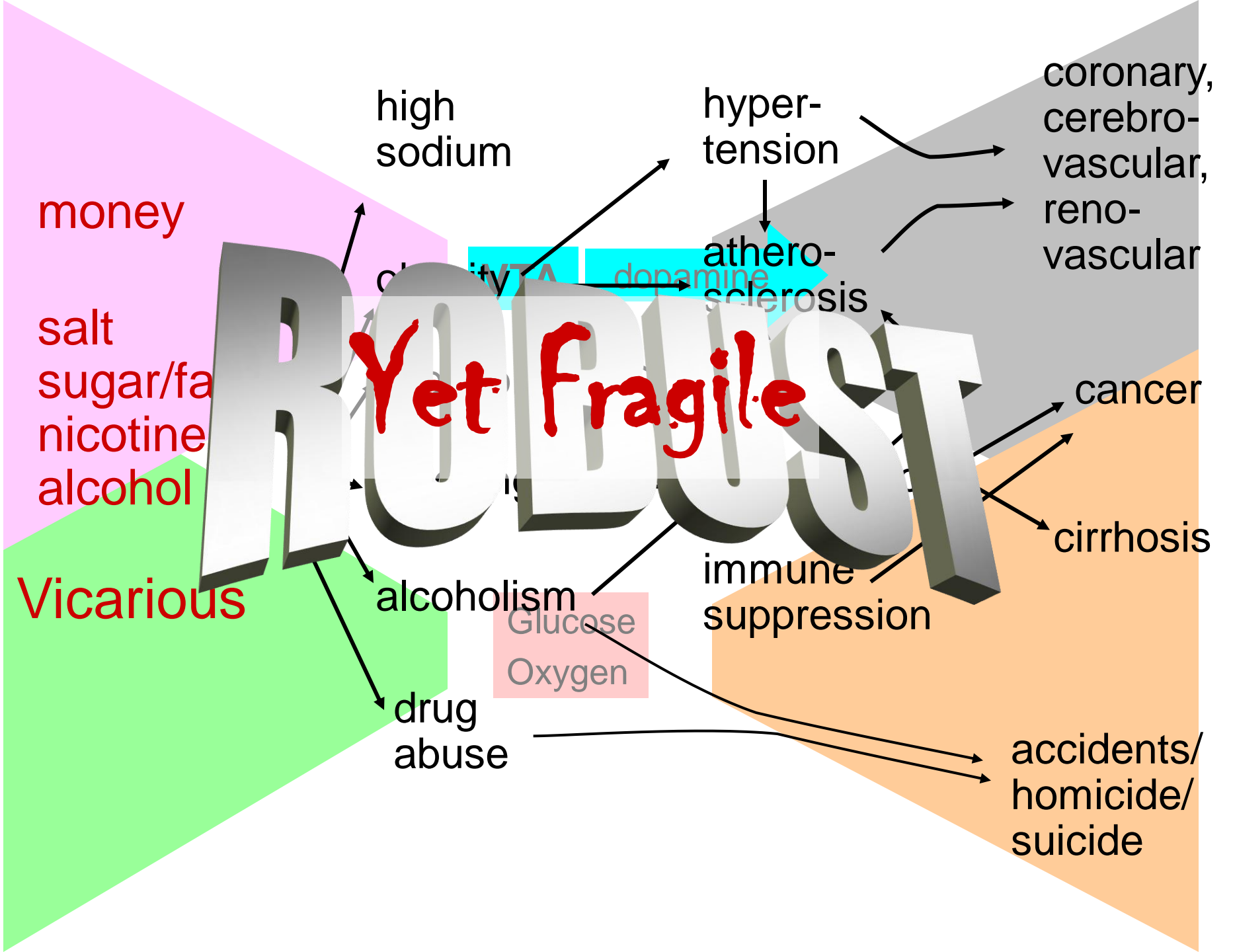
accidents/homicide/suicide

alcoholism

drug abuse

Glucose
Oxygen

clarity
VTA
dopamine



Human complexity

Robust

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

Yet Fragile

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

Accident or necessity?

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😊 Metabolism

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

Both

Accident or necessity?

Glycolytic Oscillations and Limits on Robust Efficiency

Fiona A. Chandra,^{1*} Gentian Buzi,² John C. Doyle²

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.

uvate kinase (PK) produces $q + 1$ molecules of y for a net (normalized) production of one unit, which is consumed in a final reaction modeling 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

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Fix?

Yet Fragile

“Architecture”

- ☹ Obesity, diabetes
- ☹ Cancer
- ☹ Parasites, infection
- ☹ AutoImmune/Inflame
- ☹ Addiction, psychosis...
- ☠ Epidemics, war...
- 💣 Catastrophes
- 💣 Obfuscate, amplify,...

Don't worry ...

- “There’s an app for that.”
- “The rapture is near.”
- “There’s a gene...”
- “The market will...”
- “The new sciences of ...”
- “Order for free..”
- “Like, dude, like, chill...”



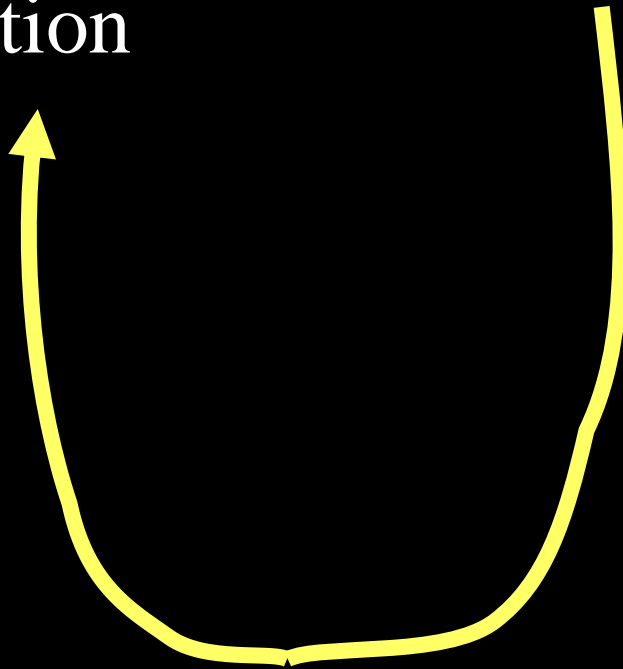
In the real (vs virtual) world

What matters:

- Action

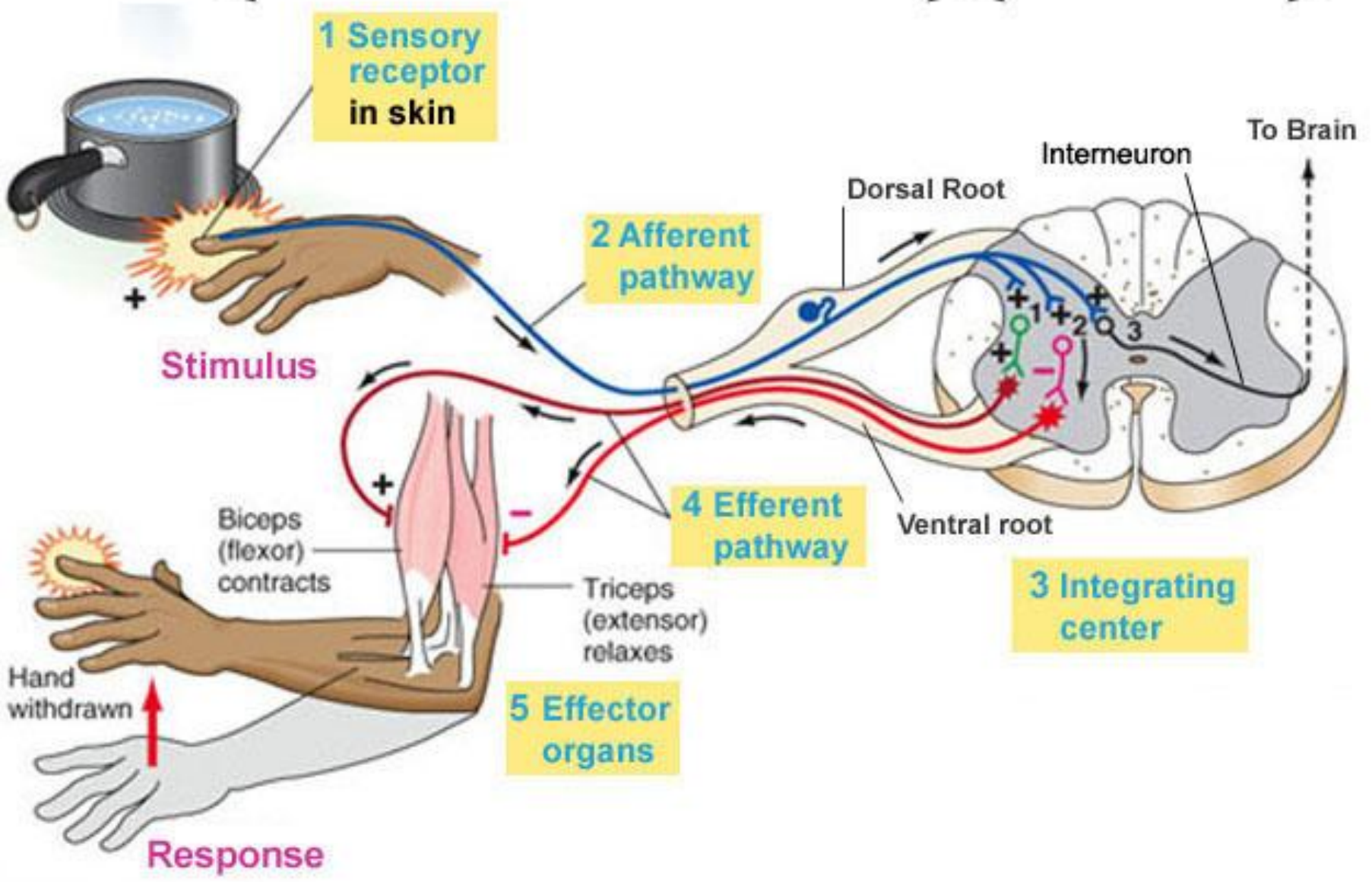
What doesn't:

- Data
- Information
- Computation
- Learning
- Decision
- ...



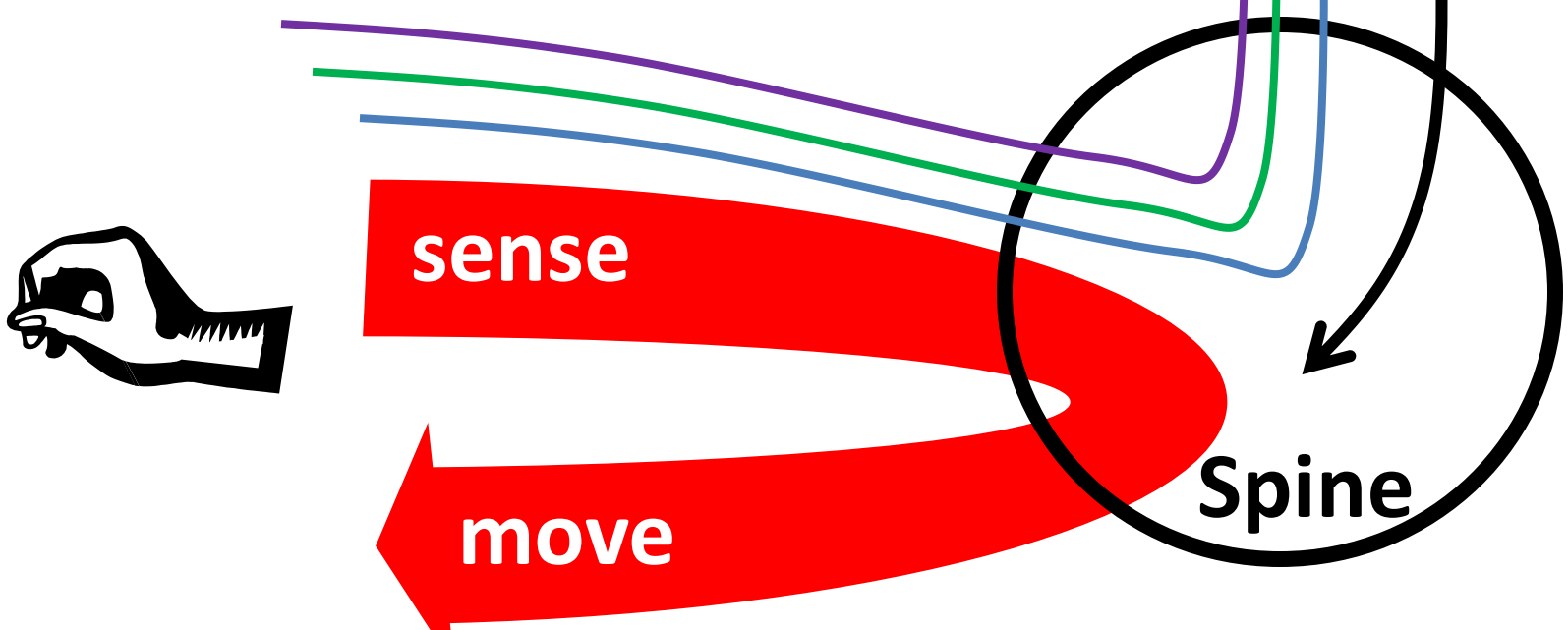
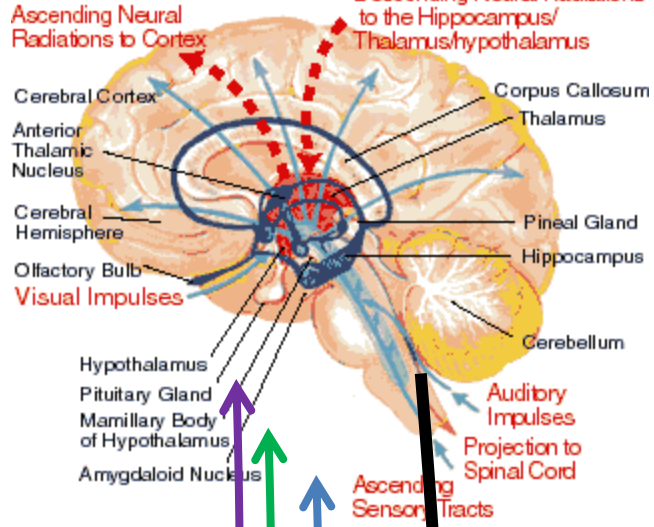
Peripheral nervous system

Central nervous system



Control Loop

Feed-Back Differential

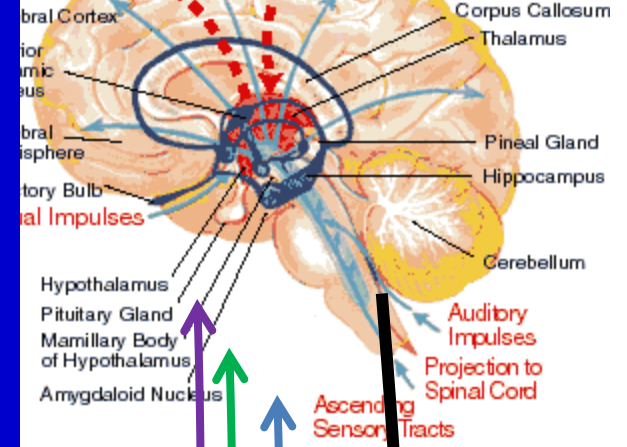


Control Loop

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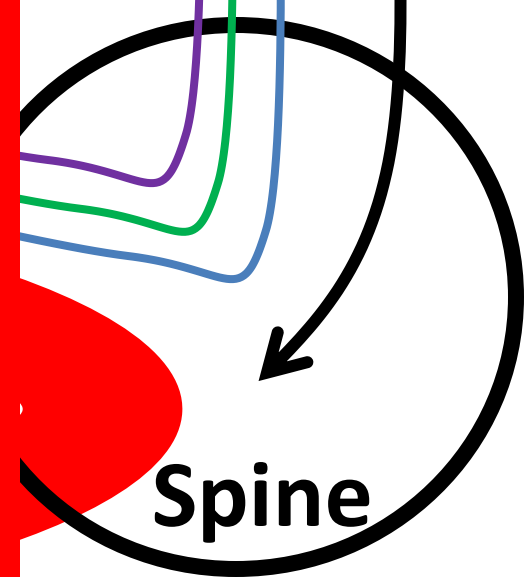
Ascending Neural Radiations to Cortex

Descending Neural Radiations to the Hippocampus/Thalamus/hypothalamus



Reflect

Reflex

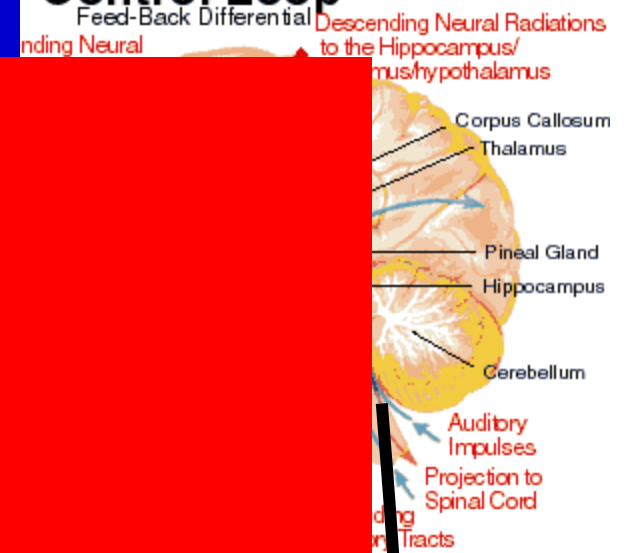


Spine



Reflect

Control Loop



Reflex

Fix?

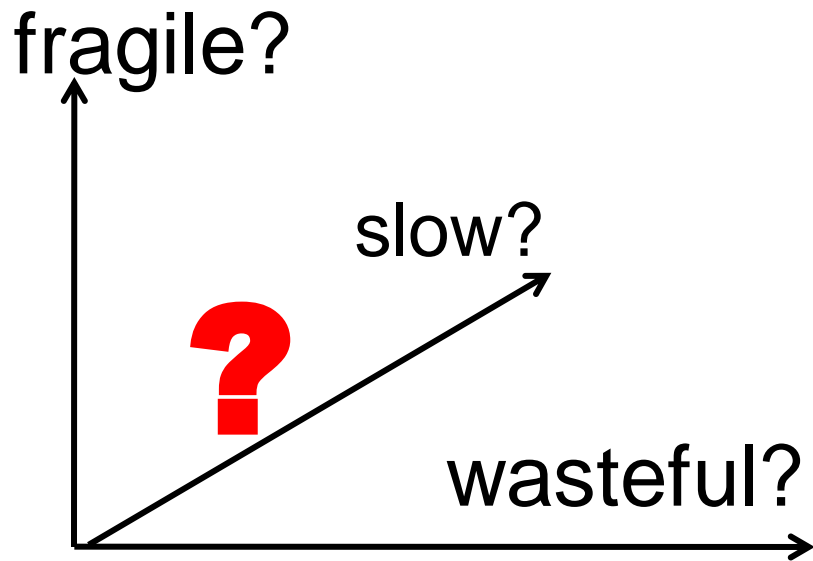
Yet Fragile

What matters:

- Action
- Automation
- Limits
- Tradeoffs

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Accident or necessity?



**What we want
to avoid.**

Contrasting Views of Complexity and Their Implications For Network-Centric Infrastructures

David L. Alderson, *Member, IEEE*, and C. Doyle

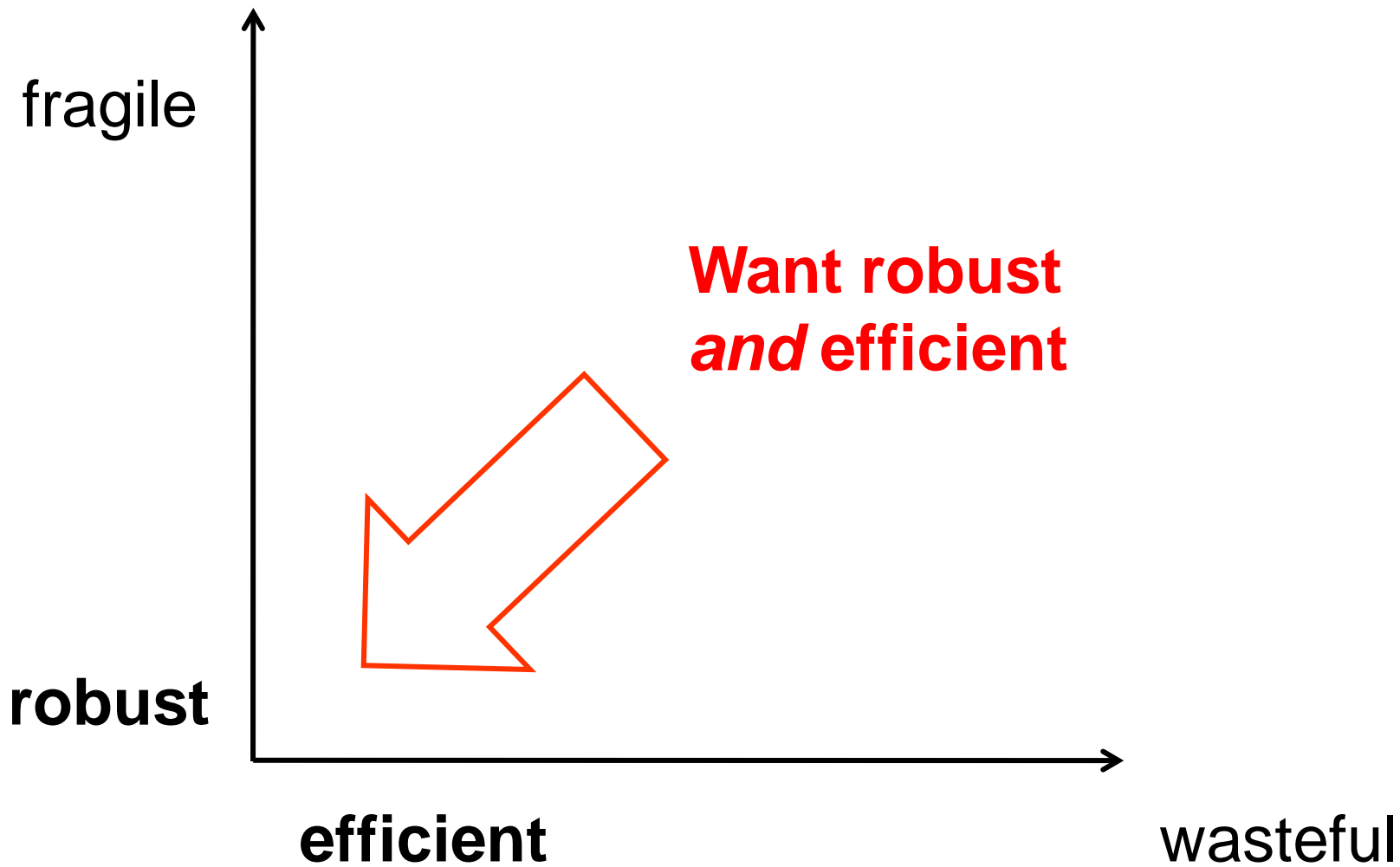
Abstract—There exists a widely recognized need to understand and manage complex “systems of systems” in biology, ecology, and medicine to technology. This is motivating the search for new methods and driving demand for new methods that are consistent, integrative, and robust. However, the theoretical frameworks available today are not merely fragmented but sometimes contradictory and incompatible. We argue that complexity arises in highly evolved biological and technological systems primarily to provide mechanisms to create robustness. However, this complexity itself can be a source of new fragility, leading to “robust yet fragile” tradeoffs in system design. We focus on the role of robustness and architecture in networked infrastructures, and we highlight recent advances in the theory of distributed control driven by network technologies. This view of complexity in highly organized technological and biological systems is fundamentally different from the dominant perspective in the mainstream sciences, which downplays function, constraints, and tradeoffs, and tends to minimize the role of organization and design.

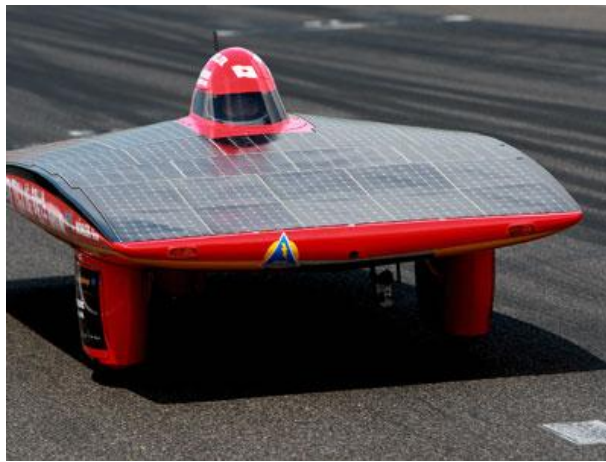
Index Terms—Architecture, complexity theory, networks, optimal control, optimization methods, protocols.

Complex engineering systems, but much of advanced technology has, if anything, made things worse. Computer-based simulation and rapid prototyping tools are now broadly available and powerful enough that it is relatively easy to demonstrate almost anything, provided that conditions are made sufficiently idealized. We are much better at designing, mass-producing, and deploying network-enabled devices than we are at being able to predict or control their collective behavior once deployed in the real world. The result is that, when things fail, they often do so cryptically and catastrophically.

The growing need to understand and manage complex systems of systems, ranging from biology to technology, is creating demand for new mathematics and methods that are consistent and integrative. Yet, there exist fundamental incompatibilities in available theories for addressing this challenge. Various “new sciences” of “complexity” and “networks” dominate the mainstream sciences [3] but are at best disconnected from medicine, mathematics, and engineering. Computing, communication, and control theories and technologies flourish but

Fundamentals?





fragile

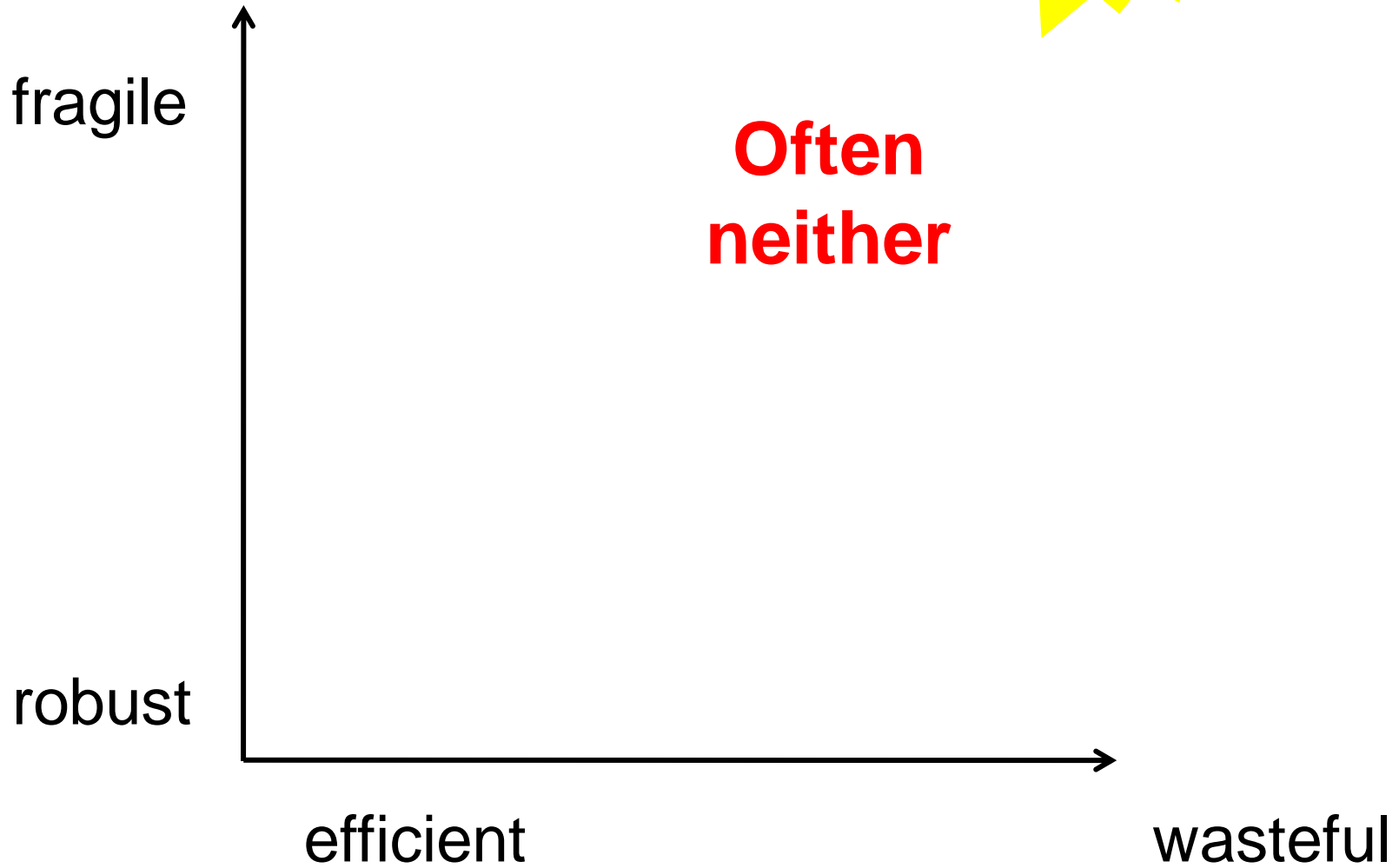
**At best we
get one**

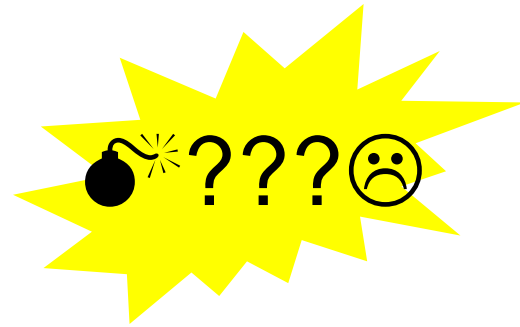
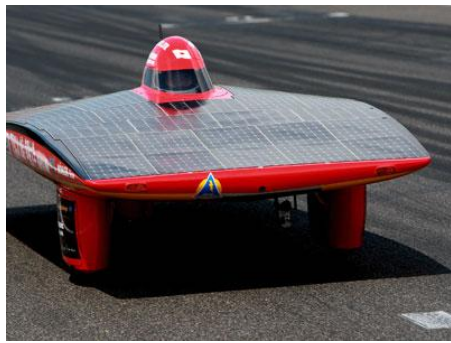


robust

efficient

wasteful



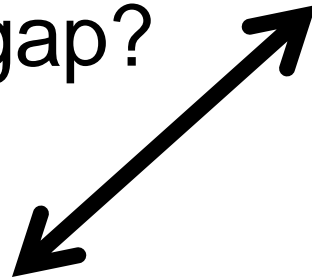


Bad architectures?

fragile

?

gap?



Bad theory?

?



robust

efficient

wasteful

Control

Bode

Comms

Shannon

Theory?

Deep, but fragmented,
incoherent, incomplete

Carnot

Turing

Boltzmann

Compute

Godel

Heisenberg

Einstein

Physics

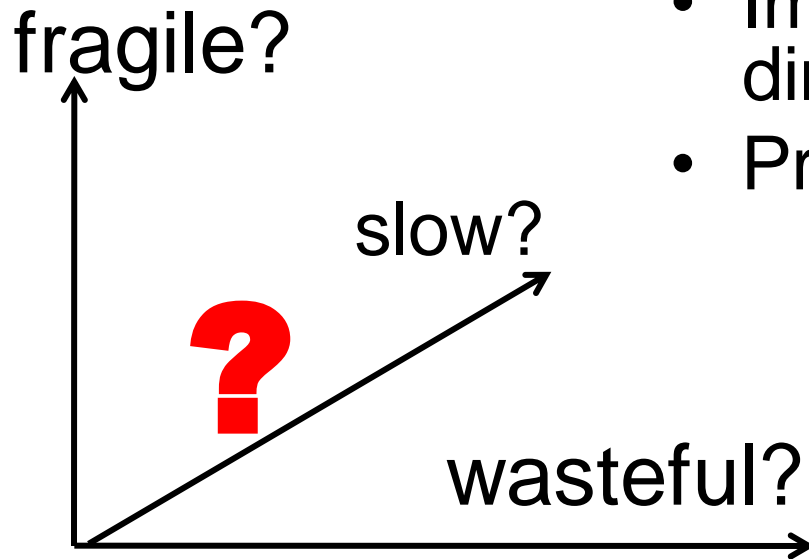
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- Each theory \approx one dimension
- Important tradeoffs **across** dimensions
- Progress is encouraging but...



Carnot

Turing

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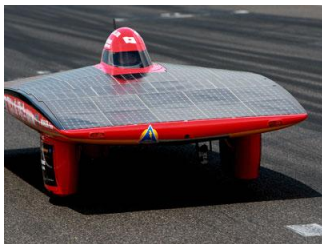
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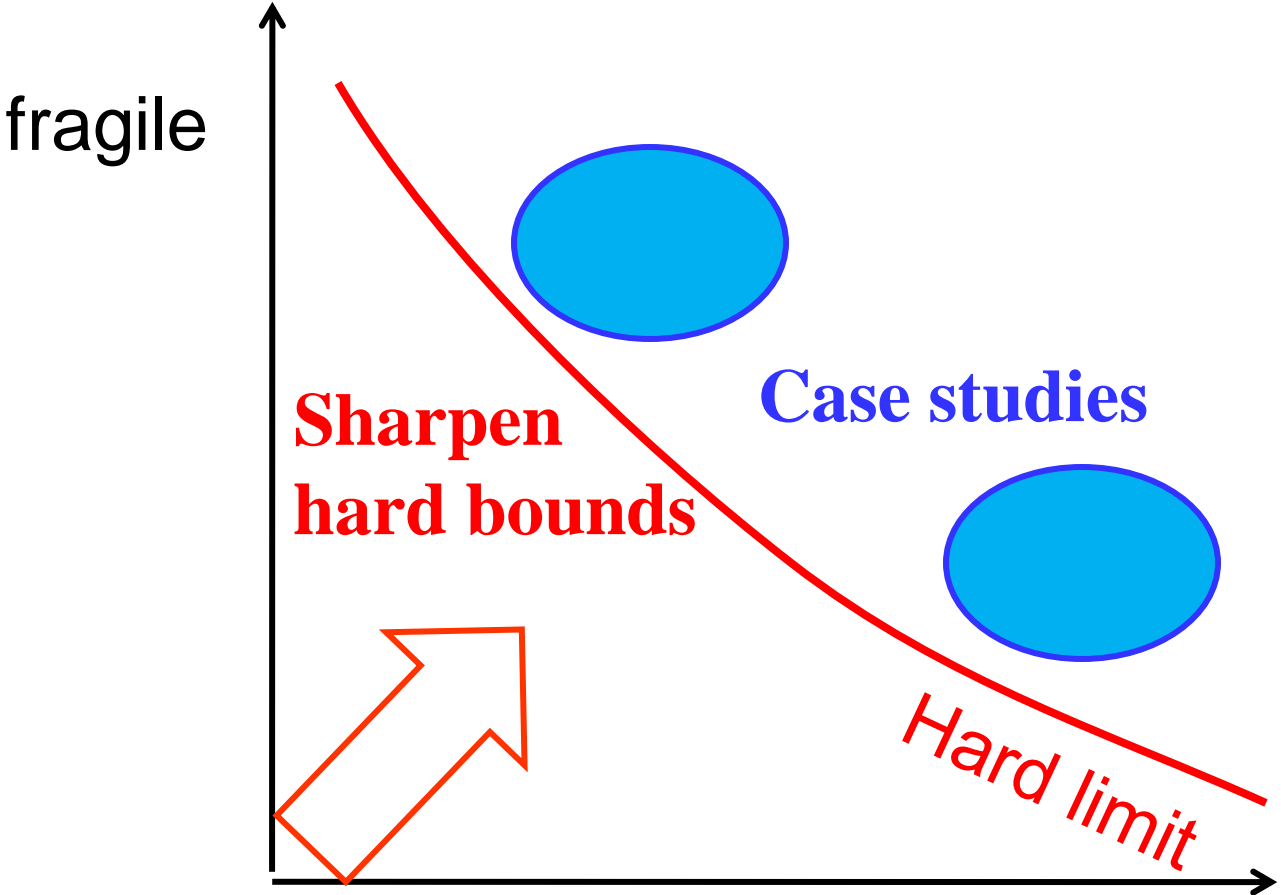
Compute

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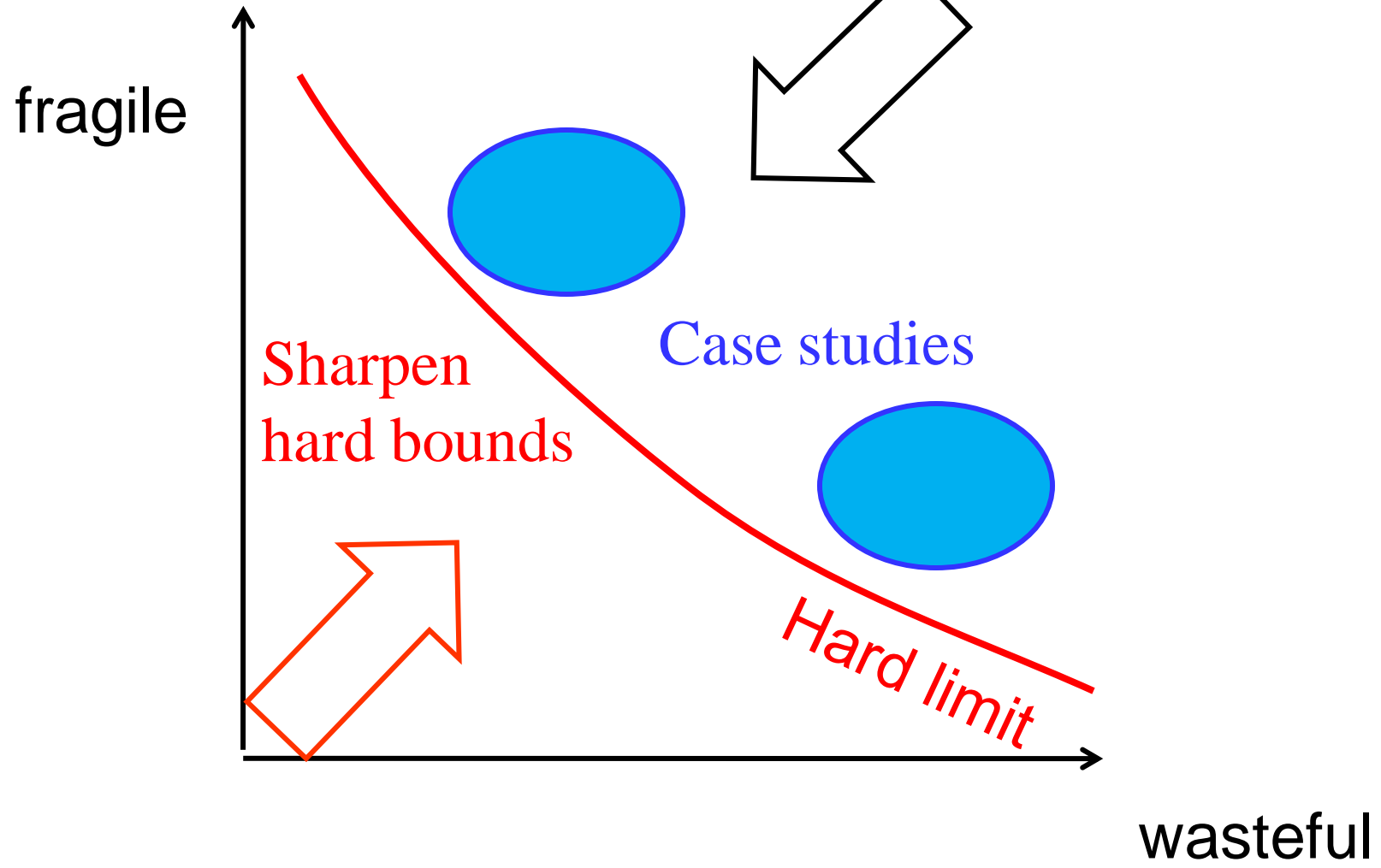
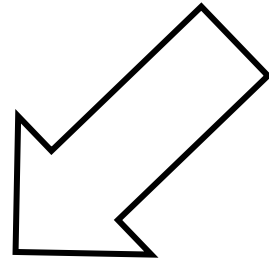


Conservation “laws”?



wasteful

Find and fix bugs



Sharpen
hard bounds

Case studies

Hard limit

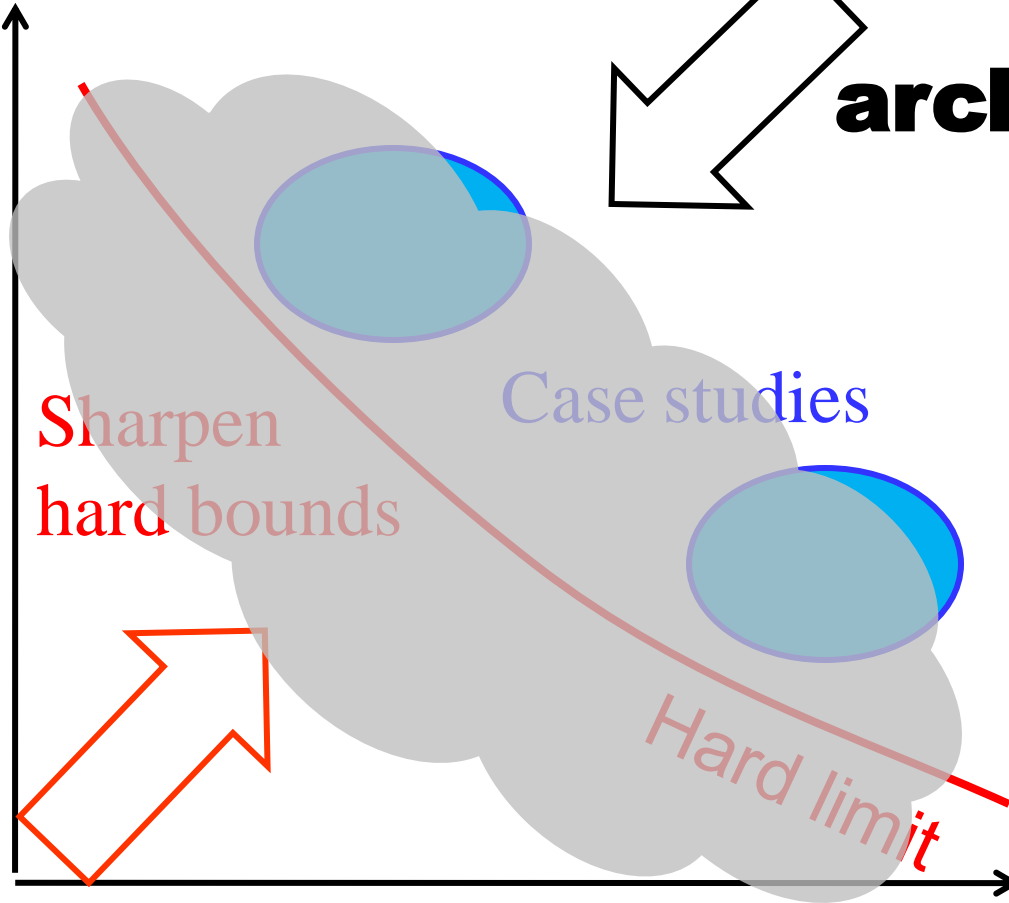
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**Find and
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**Bad
architectures?**

fragile



Case studies

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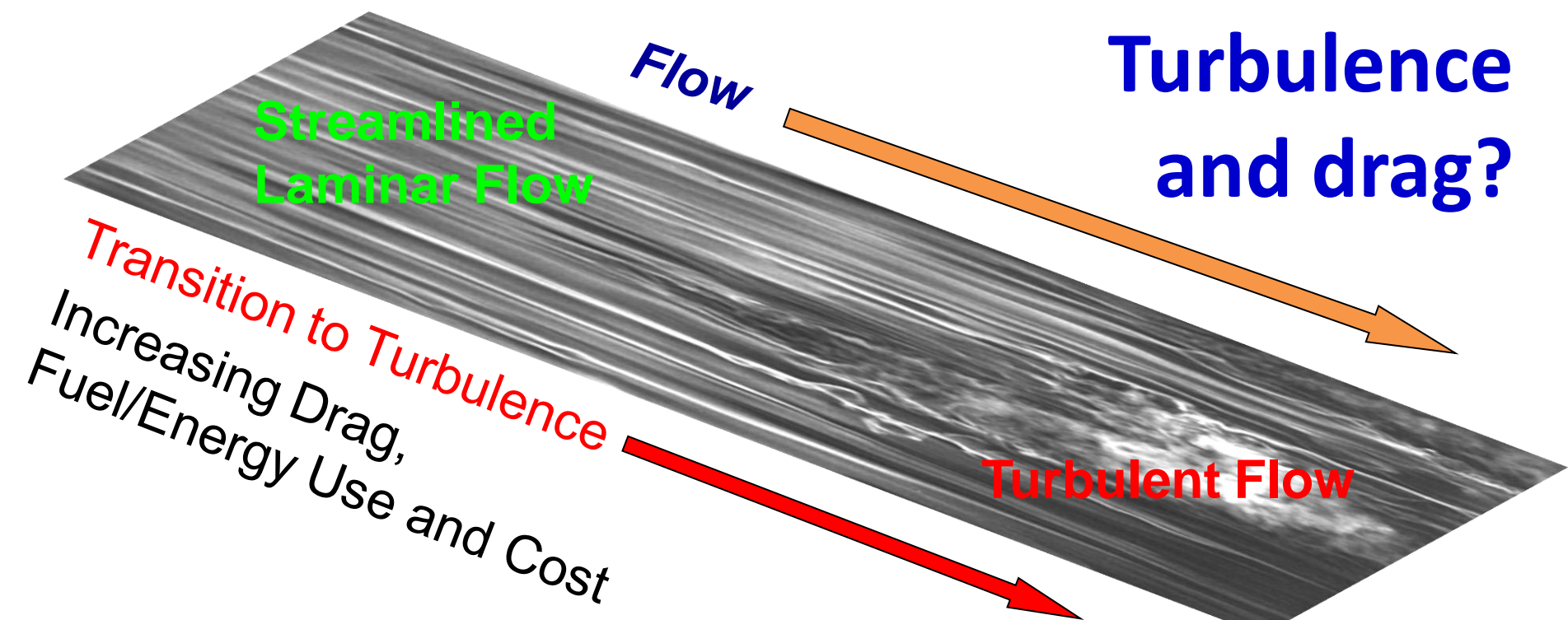
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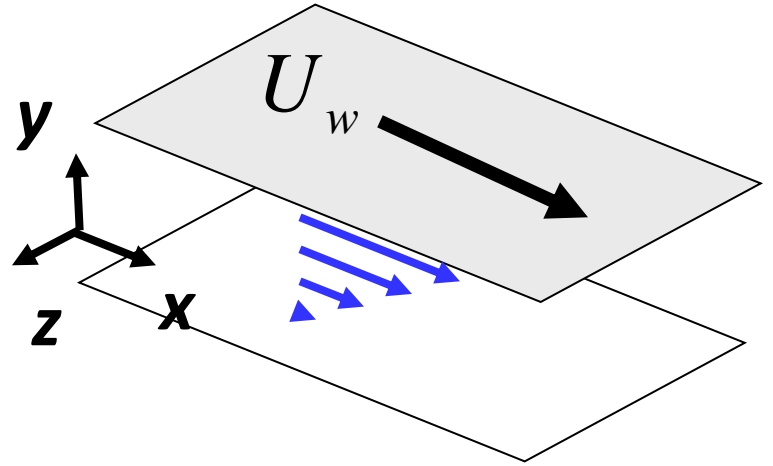
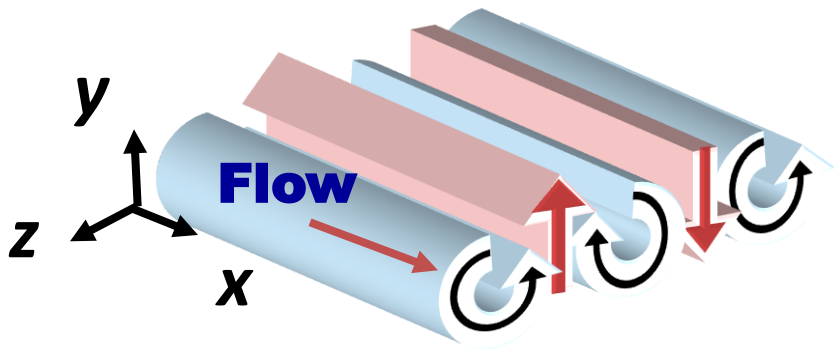
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J. Fluid Mech (2010)

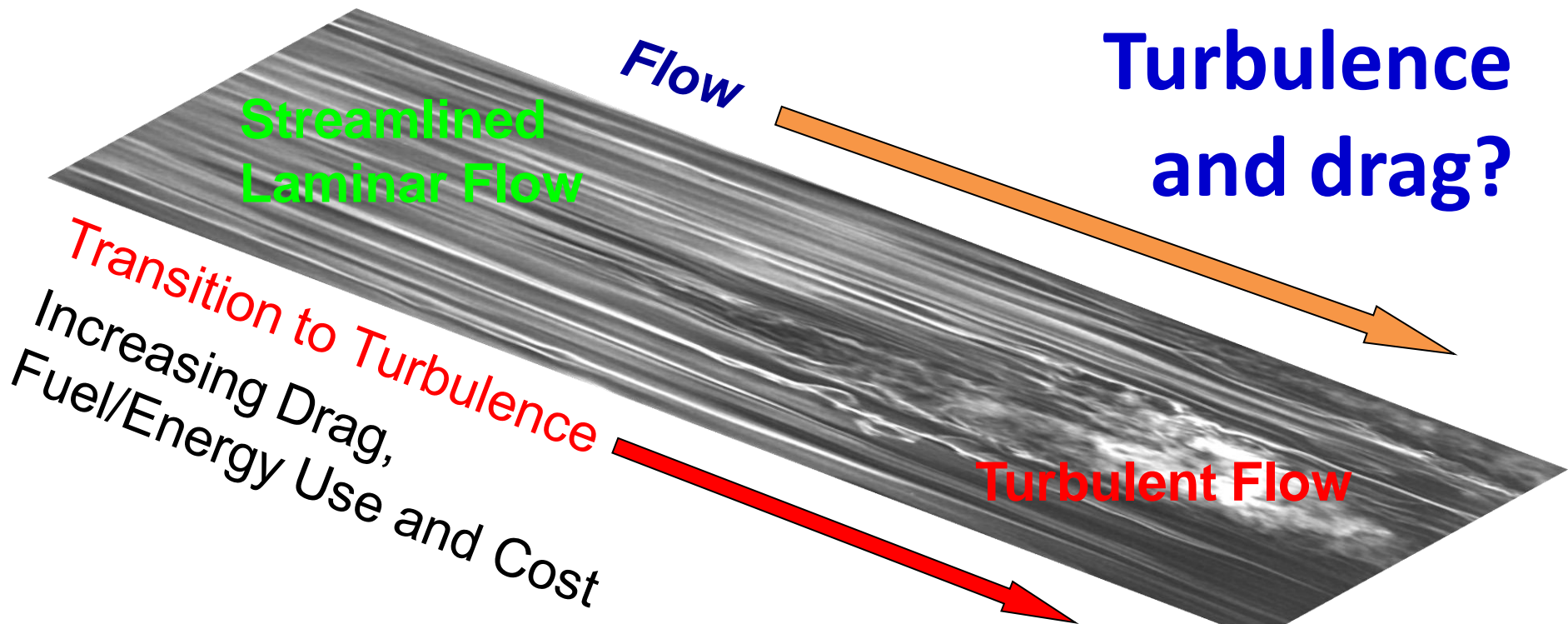
A streamwise constant model of turbulence in plane Couette flow

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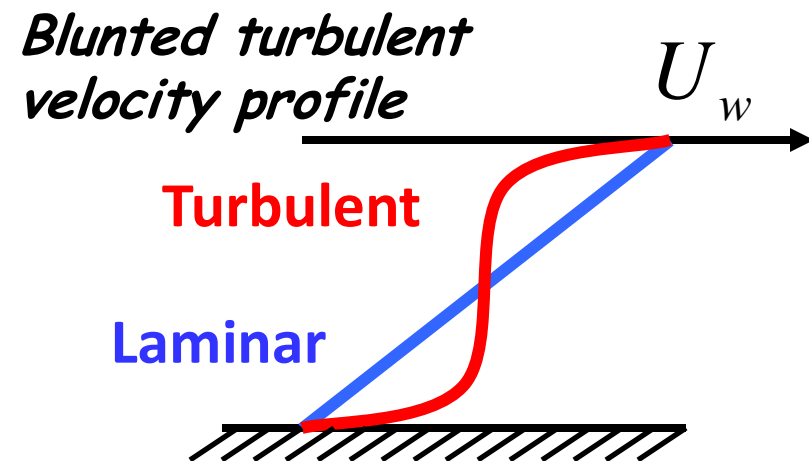
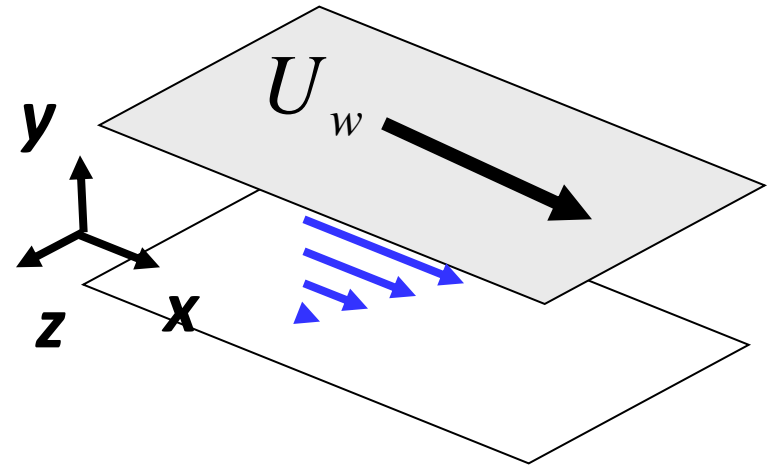
Coherent structures



$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{R} \Delta \underline{u}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

“turbulence is a highly nonlinear phenomena”



$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{R} \Delta \underline{u}$$

Complexity?

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

	Small	Large
Robust	Simple	Organized
Fragile	<i>chaocritical</i>	<i>Irreducible</i>

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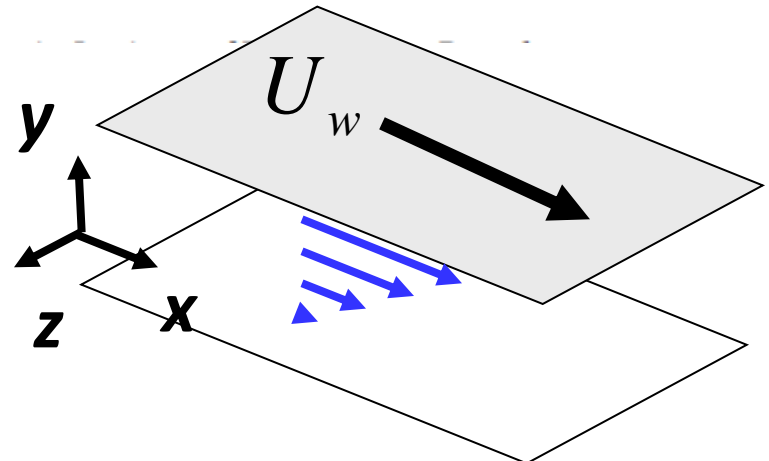
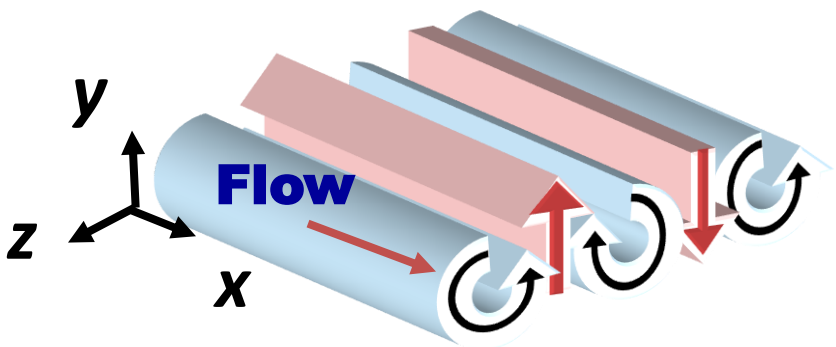
	Small	Large
Robust	Simple 2d, linear	Organized Computer
Fragile	<i>chaocritical</i> 3d, nonlinear	<i>Irreducible?</i>

mildly
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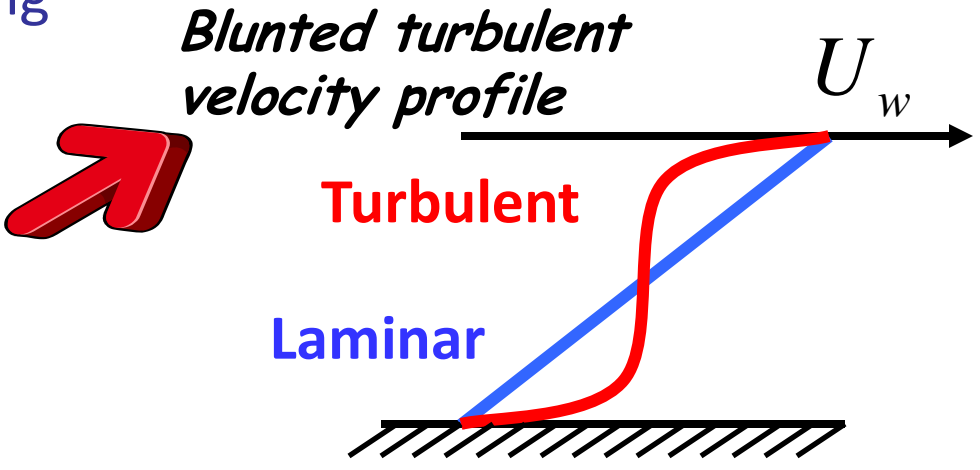
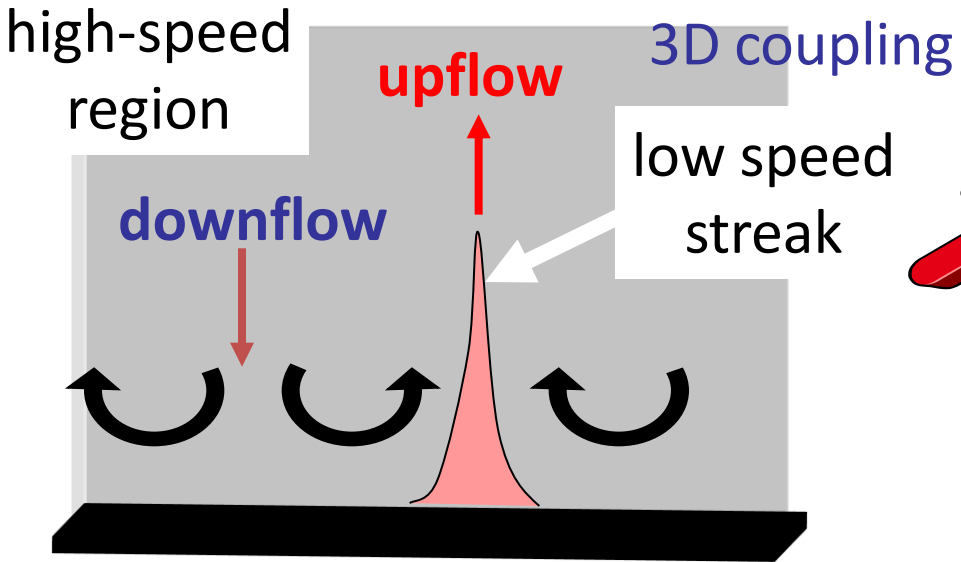
highly
nonlinear

Amplification and nonlinear mechanisms in plane Couette flow

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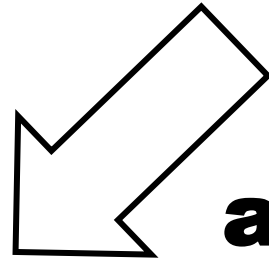
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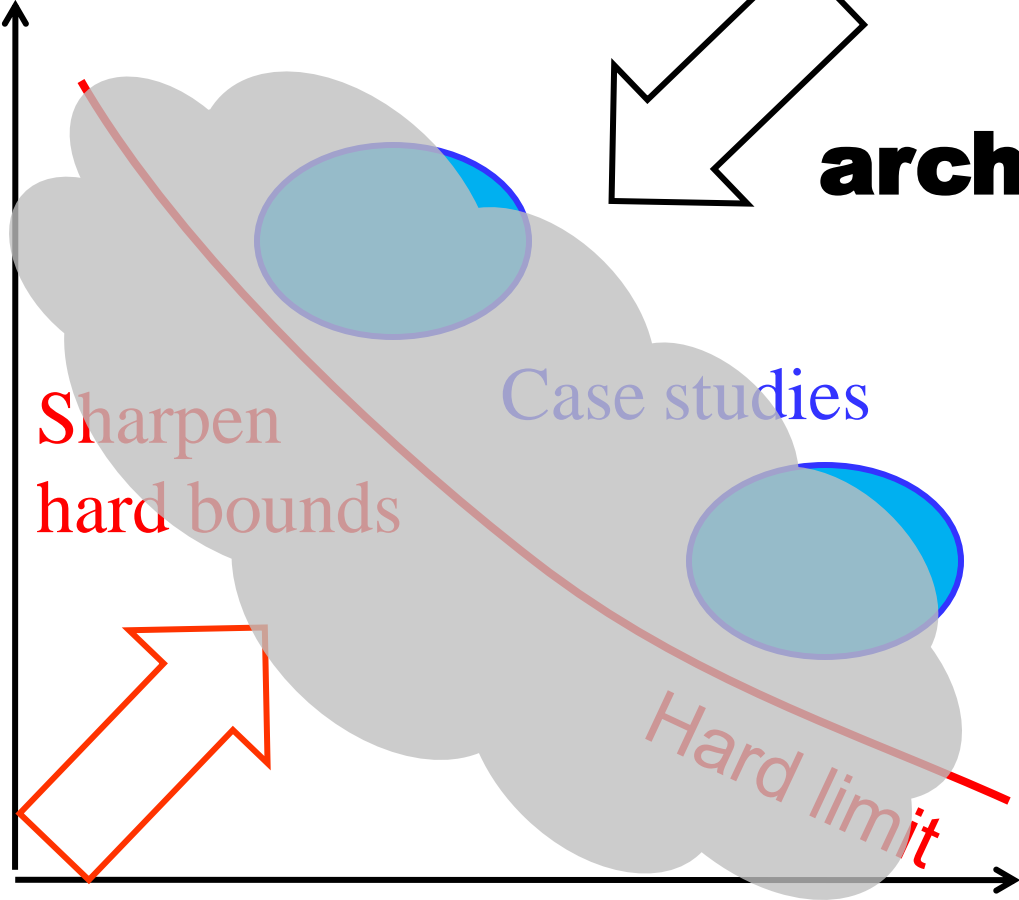
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**Bad
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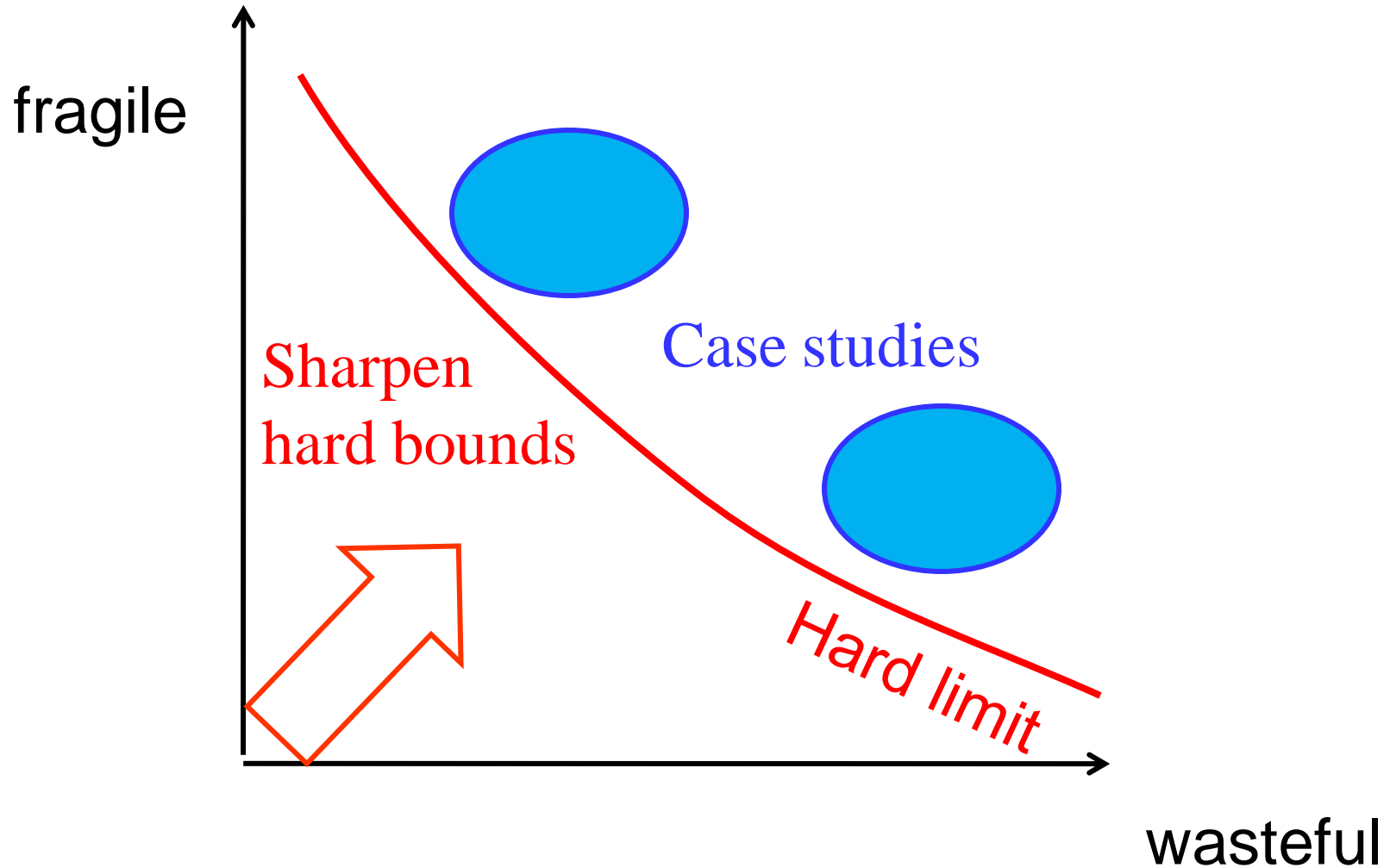
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Theory + biology case study



Glycolytic Oscillations and Limits on Robust Efficiency

Fiona A. Chandra,^{1*} Gentian Buzi,² John C. Doyle²

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.

uvate kinase (PK) produces $q + 1$ molecules of y for a net (normalized) production of one unit, which is consumed in a final reaction modeling 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

Chandra, Buzi, and Doyle



Theory + biology case study

- Universal issues
- Longstanding mystery (century? millennia?)
- Accessible, components “well-known”
- Evolution + physiology + “CDS/CME”
- Broadly relevant
- *Science* paper in press (w/ Fiona Chandra, Genti Buzi)
- Extreme responses typical

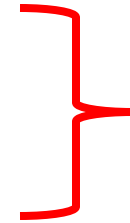
Glycolytic oscillations

Hard tradeoffs between

1. Fragility (disturbance rejection)

2. Amount (of enzymes)

3. Complexity (of enzymes)

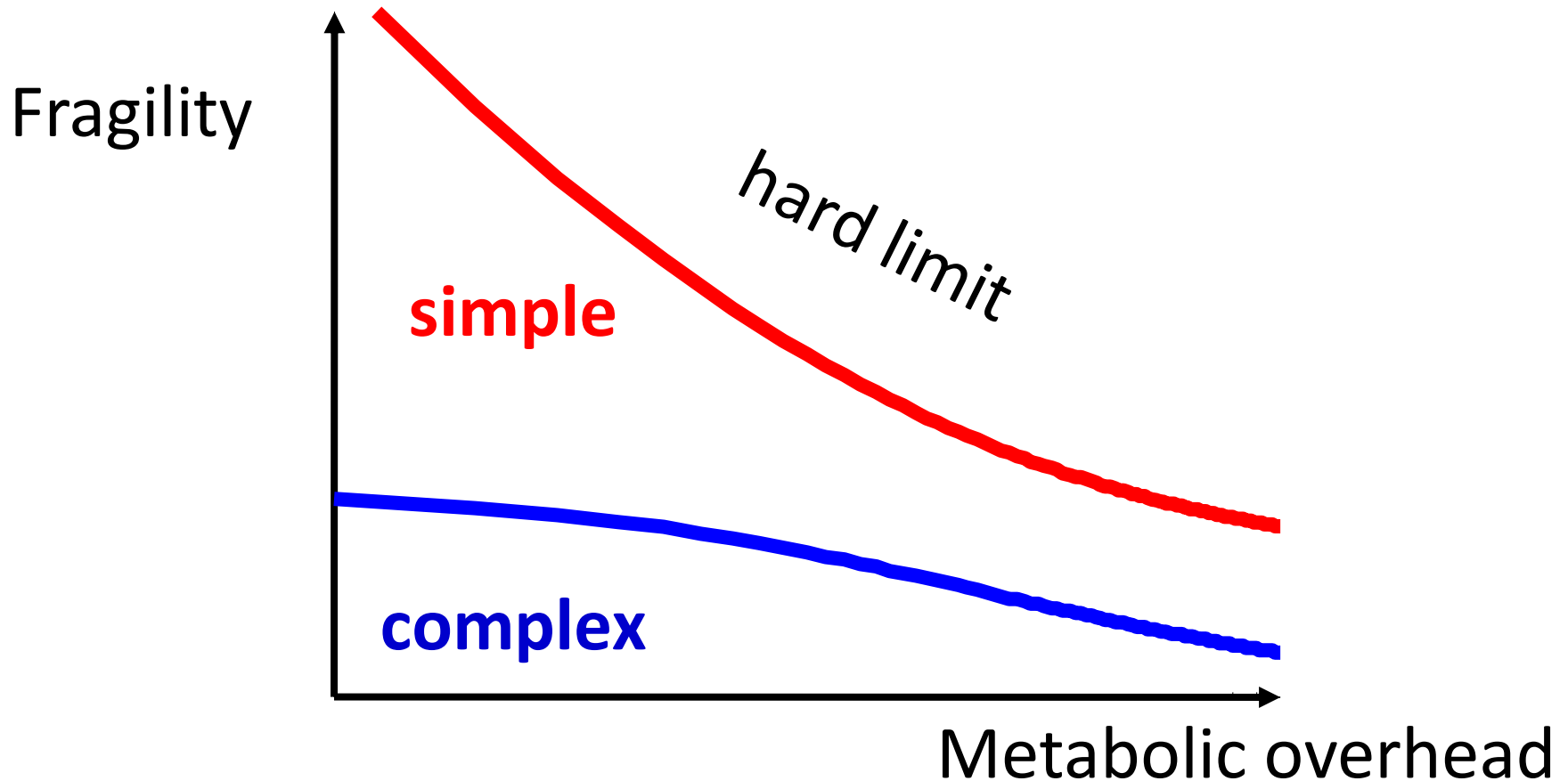


**Metabolic
overhead**

- Most ubiquitous/studied “circuit” in science/engineering
- New insights and experiments

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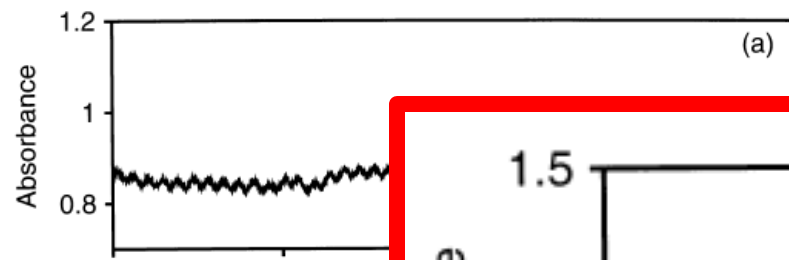
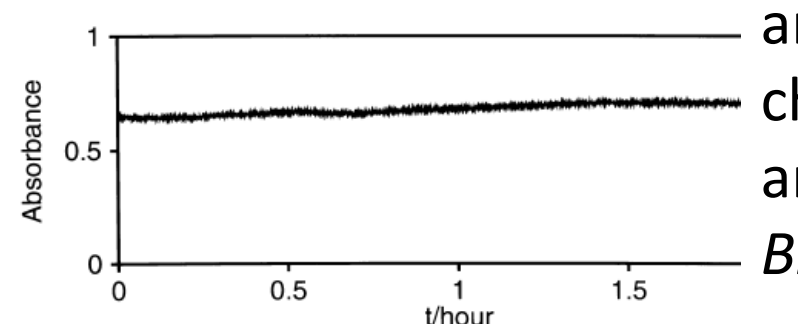
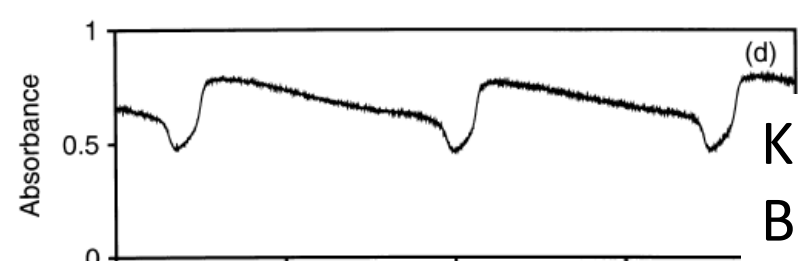
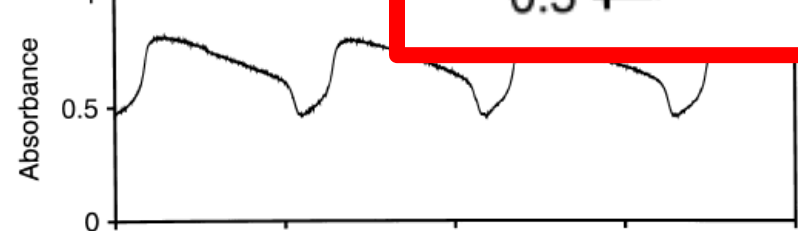
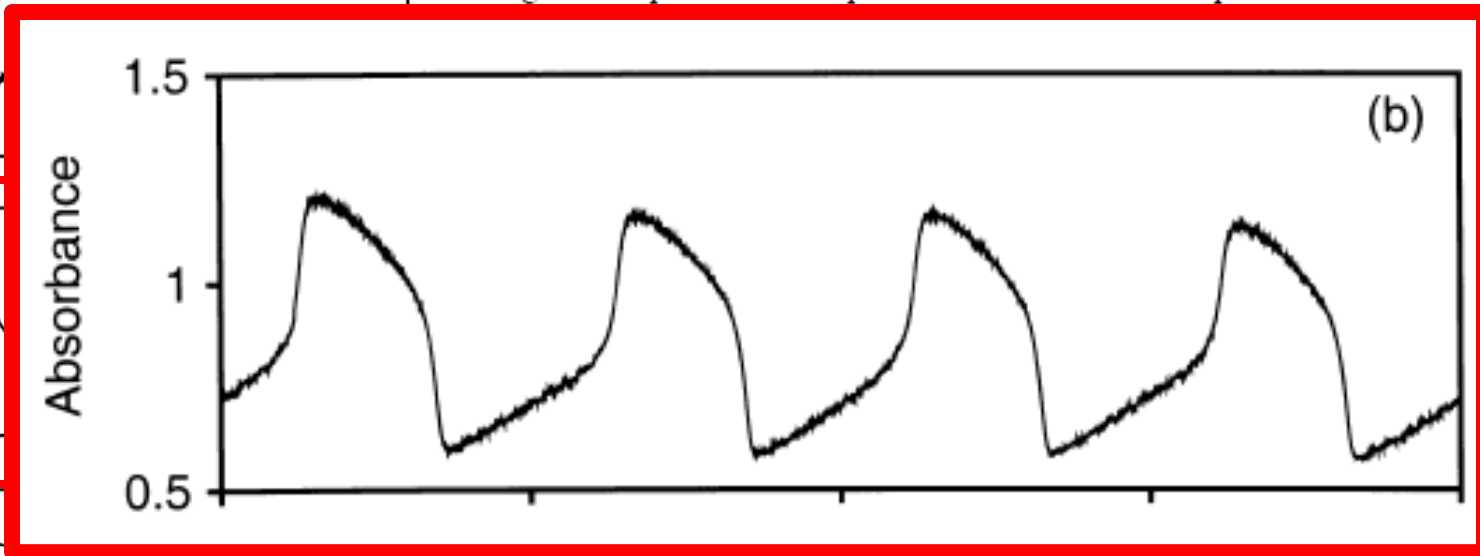
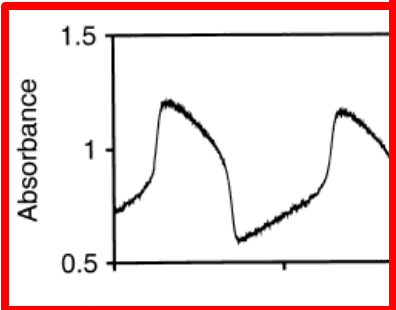


Fig. 2. Dependence of pattern on flow rate. Experimental time



tion becomes longer (b–d), and at the highest flow rate (e), the state is stationary.

← **Experiments**

K Nielsen, PG Sorensen, F Hynne, H-G Busse. **Sustained oscillations in glycolysis:** an experimental and theoretical study of chaotic and complex periodic behavior and of quenching of simple oscillations. *Biophys Chem* 72:49-62 (1998).

“Standard” Simulation

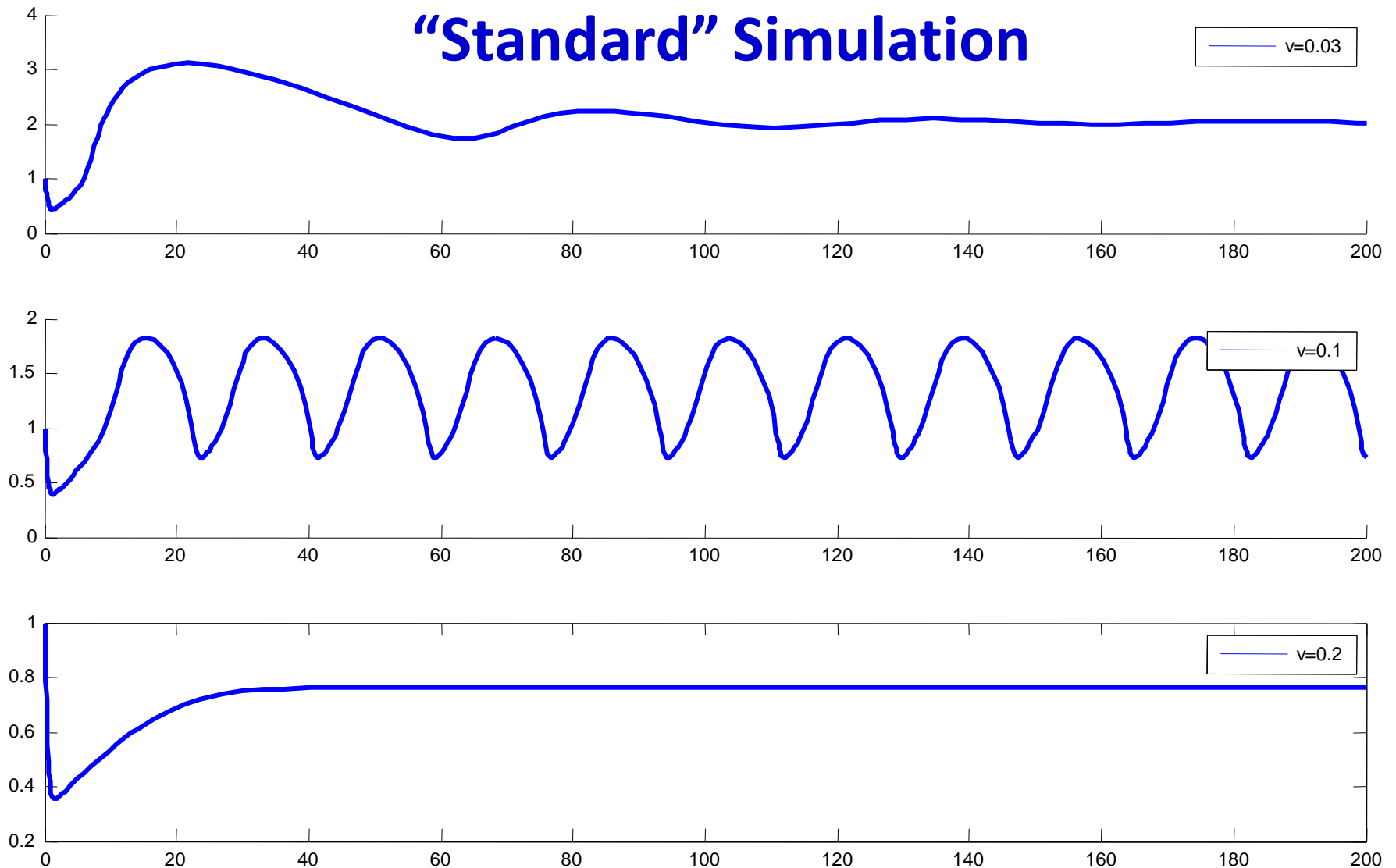
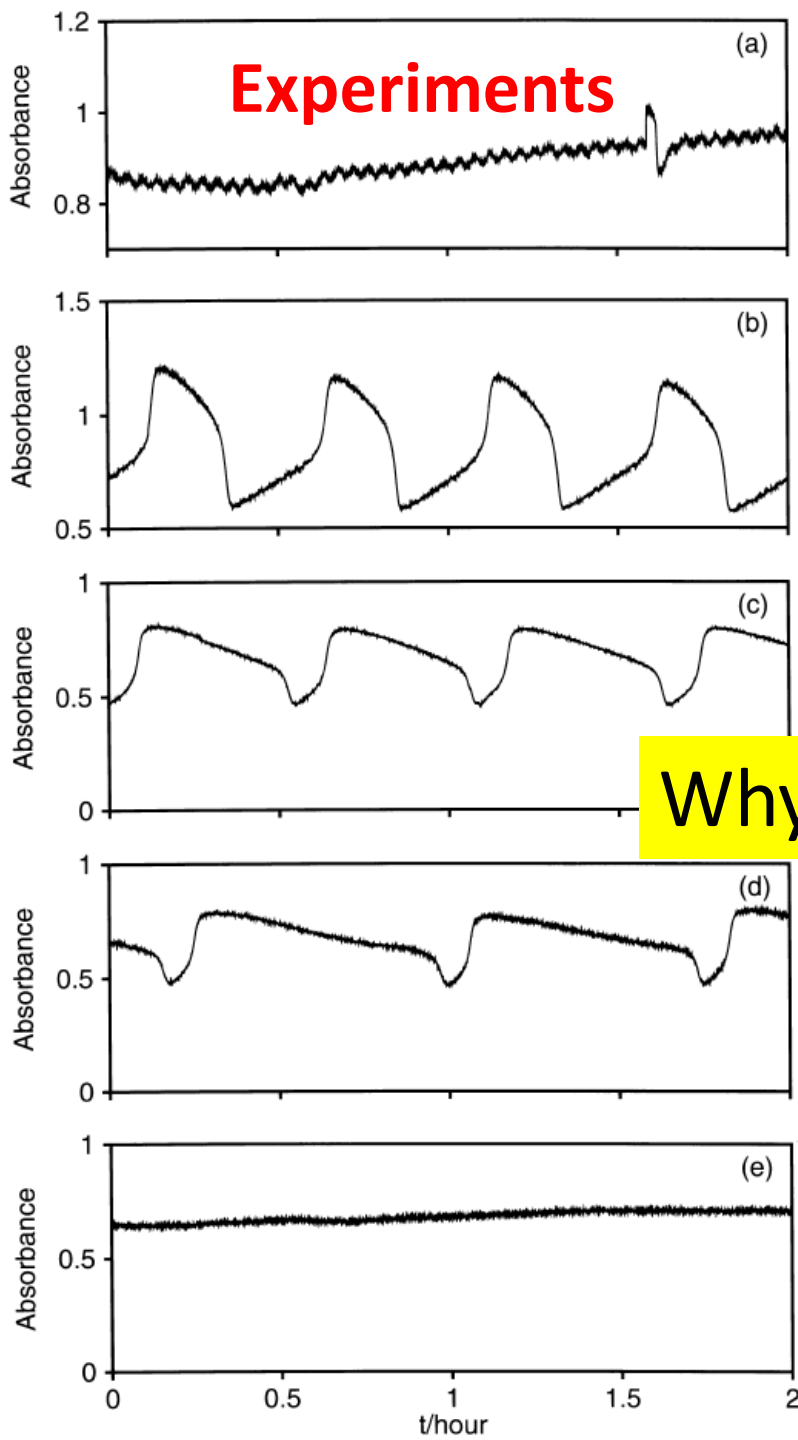


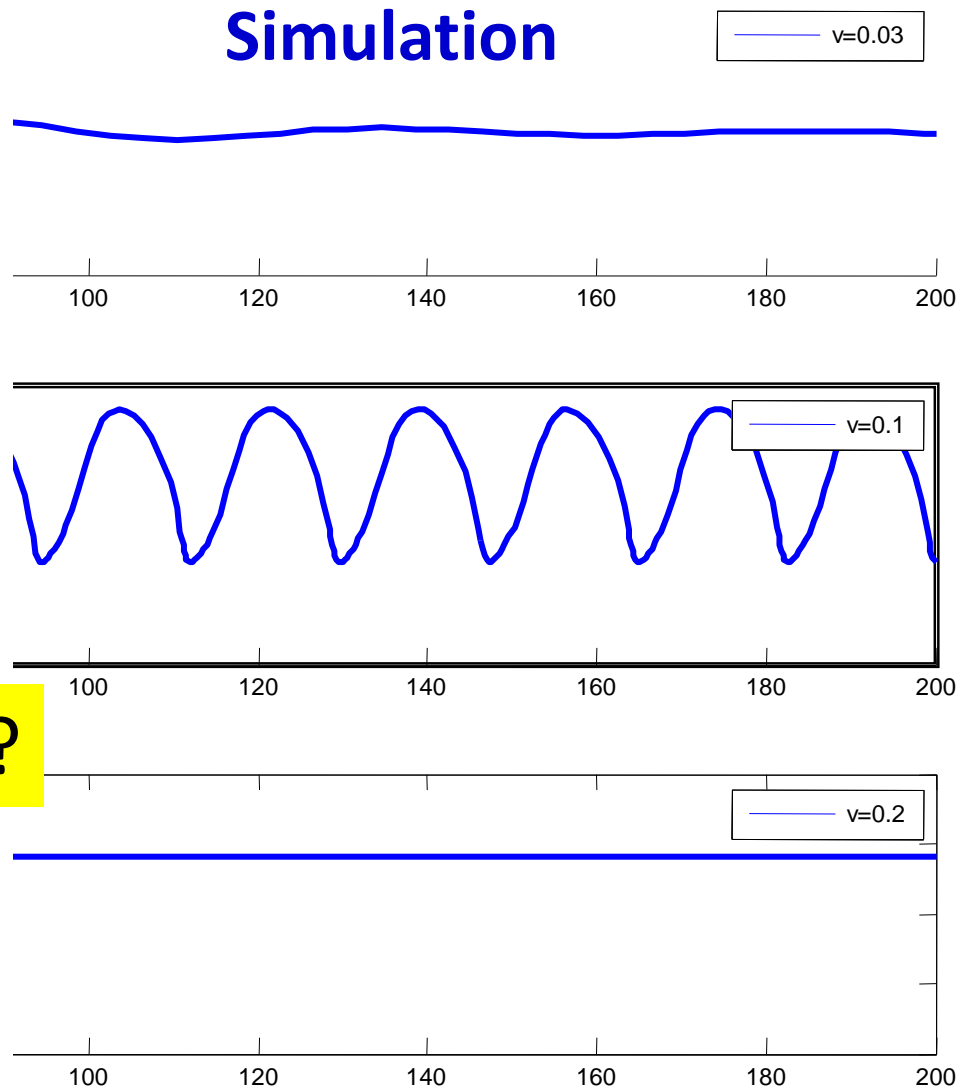
Figure S4. Simulation of two state model (S7.1) qualitatively recapitulates experimental observation from CSTR studies [5] and [12]. As the flow of material in/out of the system is increased, the system enters a limit cycle and then stabilizes again. For this simulation, we take $q=a=Vm=1$, $k=0.2$, $g=1$, $u=0.01$, $h=2.5$.

Experiments



Why?

Simulation



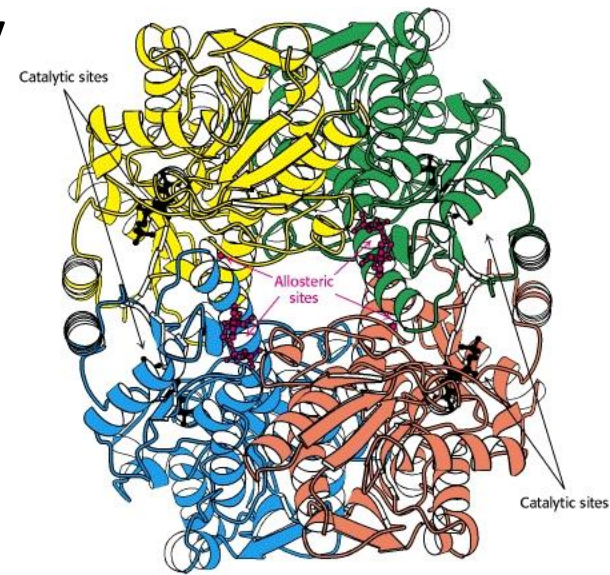
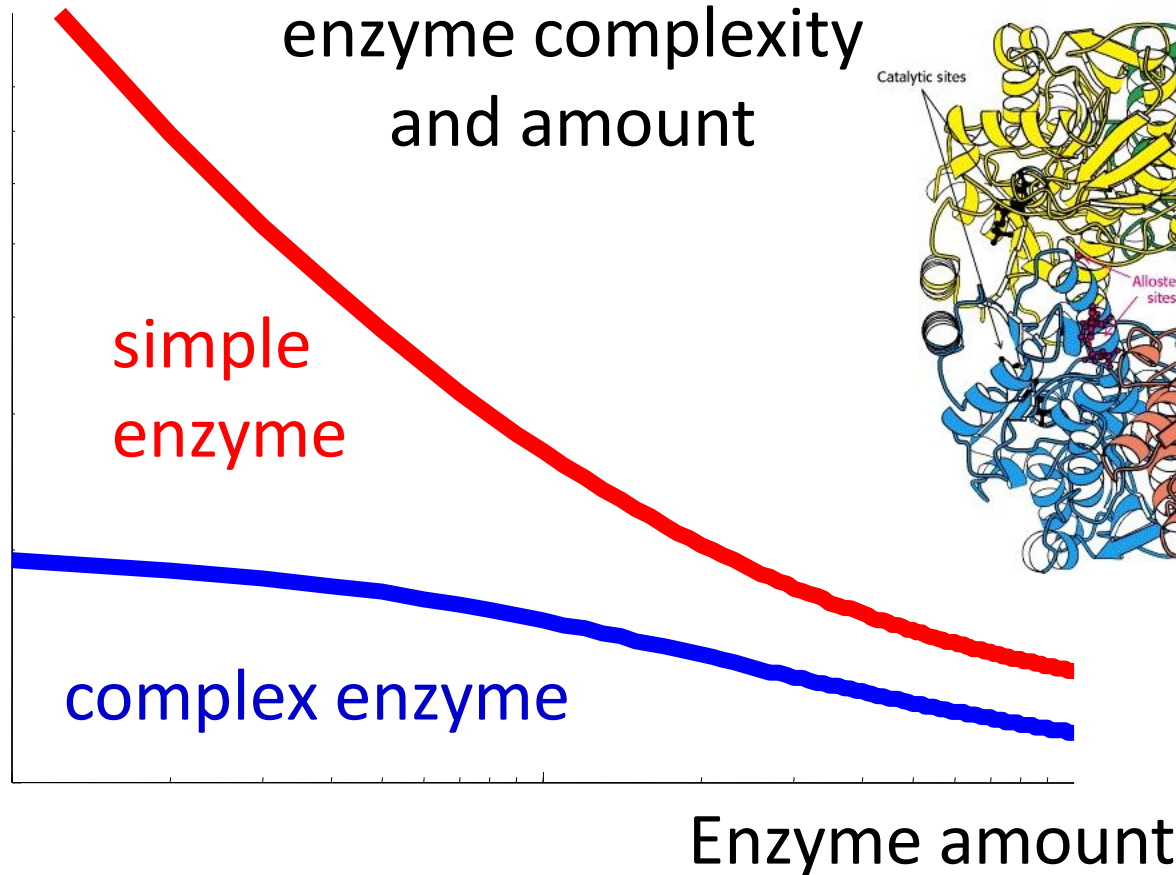
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Theorem $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |S(j\omega)| \left(\frac{z}{z^2 + \omega^2} \right) d\omega \geq \ln \left| \frac{z+p}{z-p} \right|$

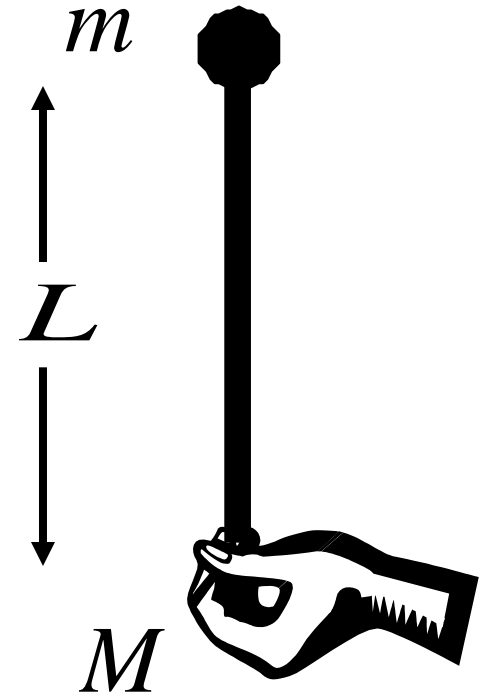
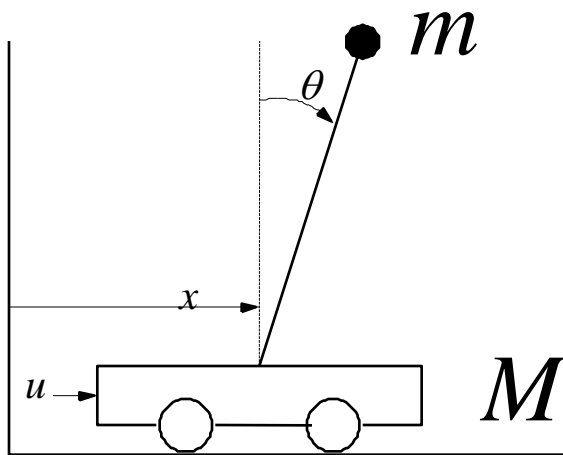
z and p functions of enzyme complexity and amount

Fragility

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



Linearized pendulum on a cart

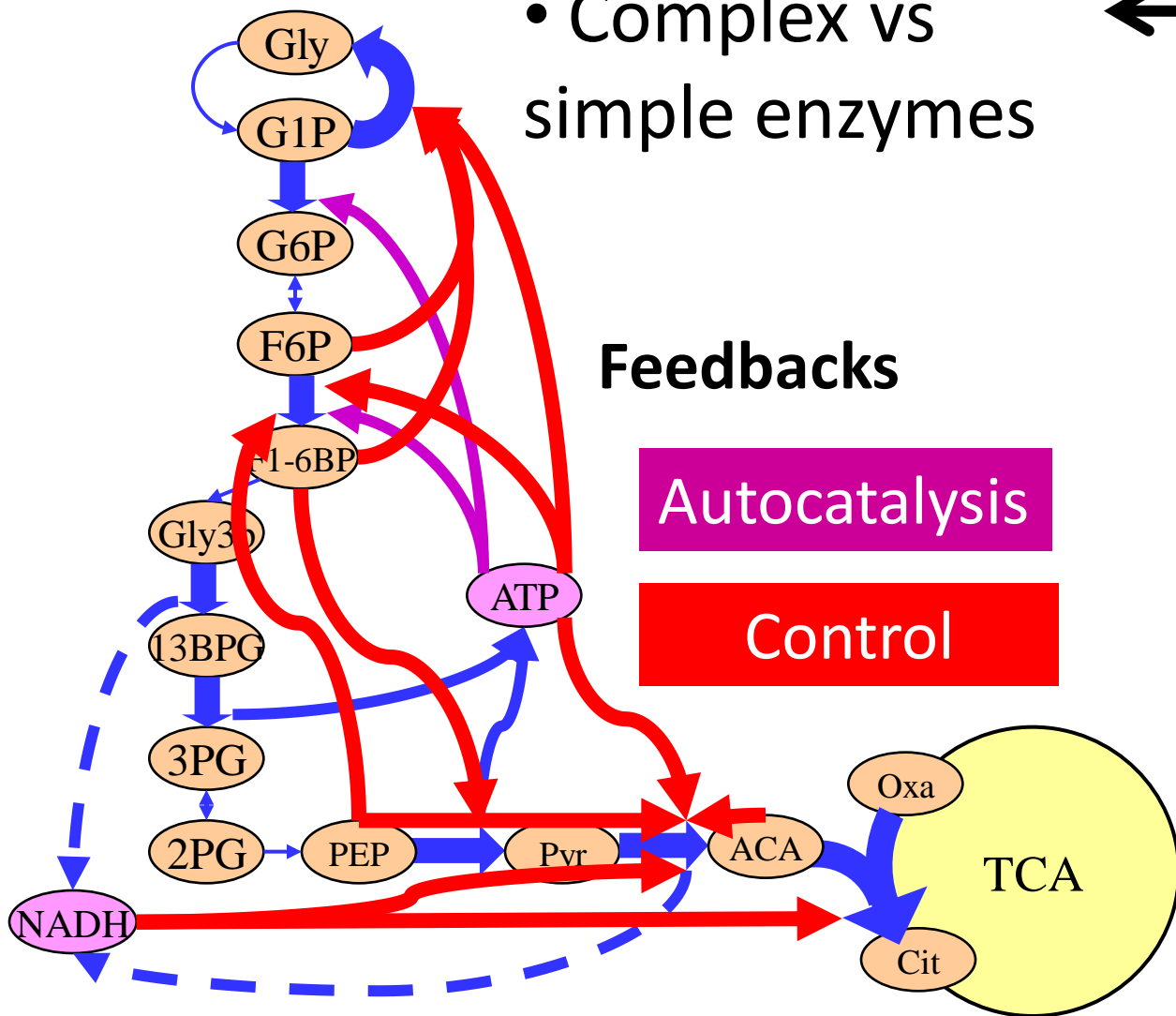


$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \theta \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{m^2 g l^2}{q} & \frac{-(J + m l^2) b}{q} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{m g l (M + m)}{q} & \frac{-m l b}{q} & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{J + m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

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

Translation

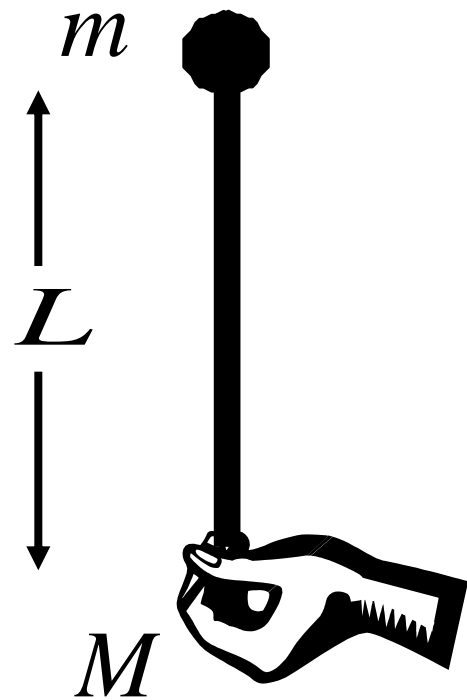
- Autocatalytic \longleftrightarrow • \approx Up
- Complex vs simple enzymes \longleftrightarrow • \approx eyes vs no eyes



Feedbacks

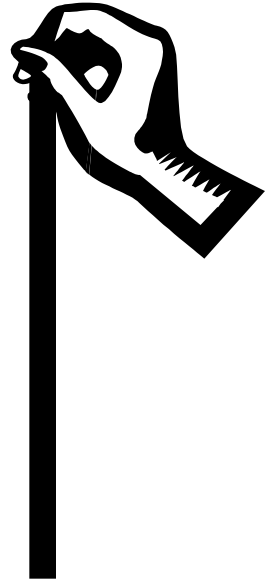
Autocatalysis

Control





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



Easy, even with eyes closed
No matter what the length

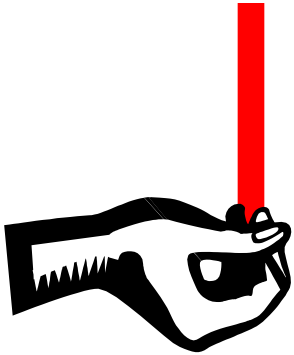
Gratuitous fragility
versus
fragile robustness

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$\gg \Rightarrow$ Gratuitous fragility

$= \Rightarrow$ Fragile robustness

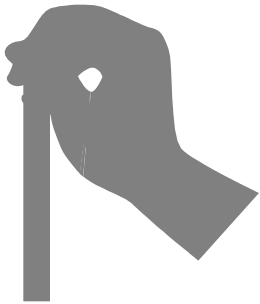
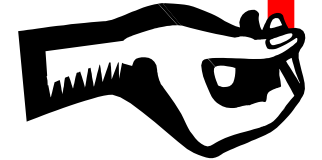
Up is hard for shorter lengths



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

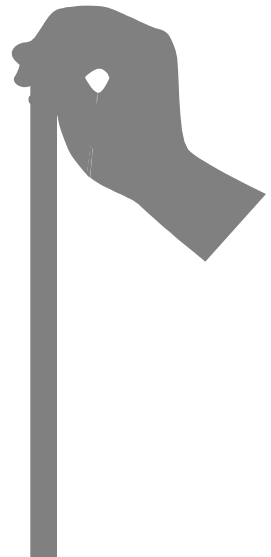
$$p = z\sqrt{1+r} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}(1+r)}$$

p small $\Rightarrow L$ large



Down easy, even with

- eyes closed
- all lengths



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

This is a cartoon,
but can be made
precise.

Fragility

Too
fragile

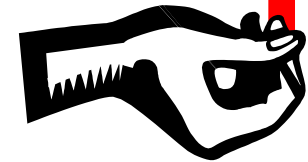


Why oscillations?
Side effects of
hard tradeoffs

L

complex

L



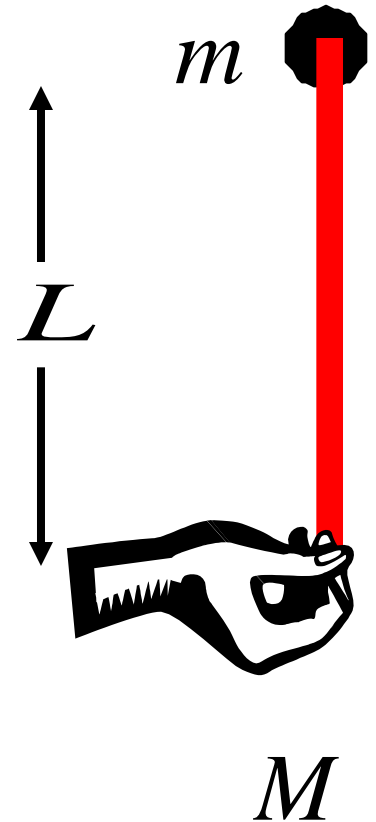
$$p \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{L}}$$

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Eyes closed

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

$$\frac{p+z}{p-z} = \frac{\sqrt{1+r}+1}{\sqrt{1+r}-1}$$



Want r and z large (but p small).

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

up, no eyes



hopeless

Fragility

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

up + eyes

down



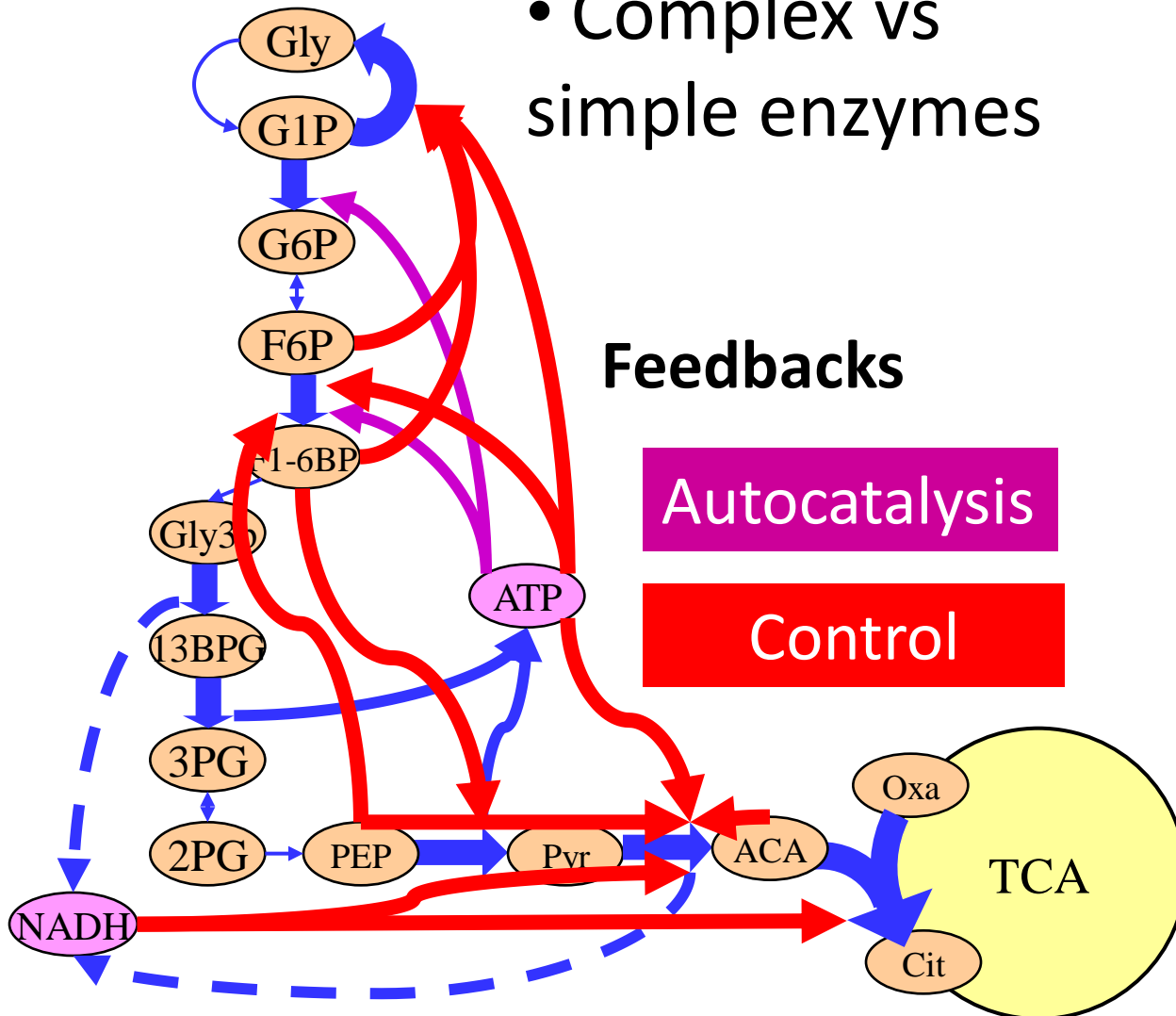
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Translation

- Autocatalytic
- Complex vs simple enzymes

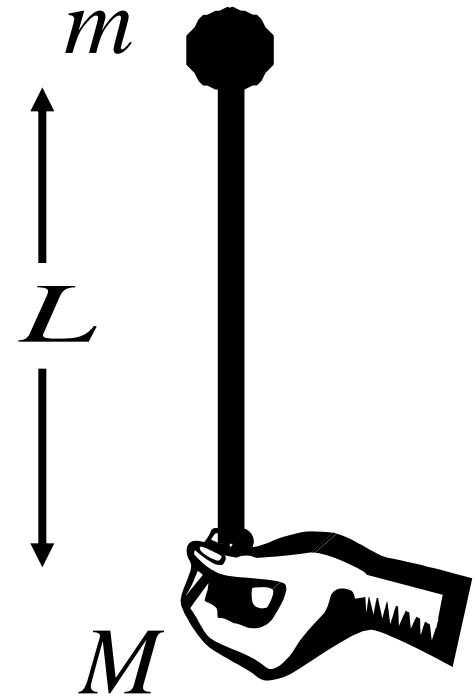
- \approx Up
- \approx eyes vs no eyes



Feedbacks

Autocatalysis

Control



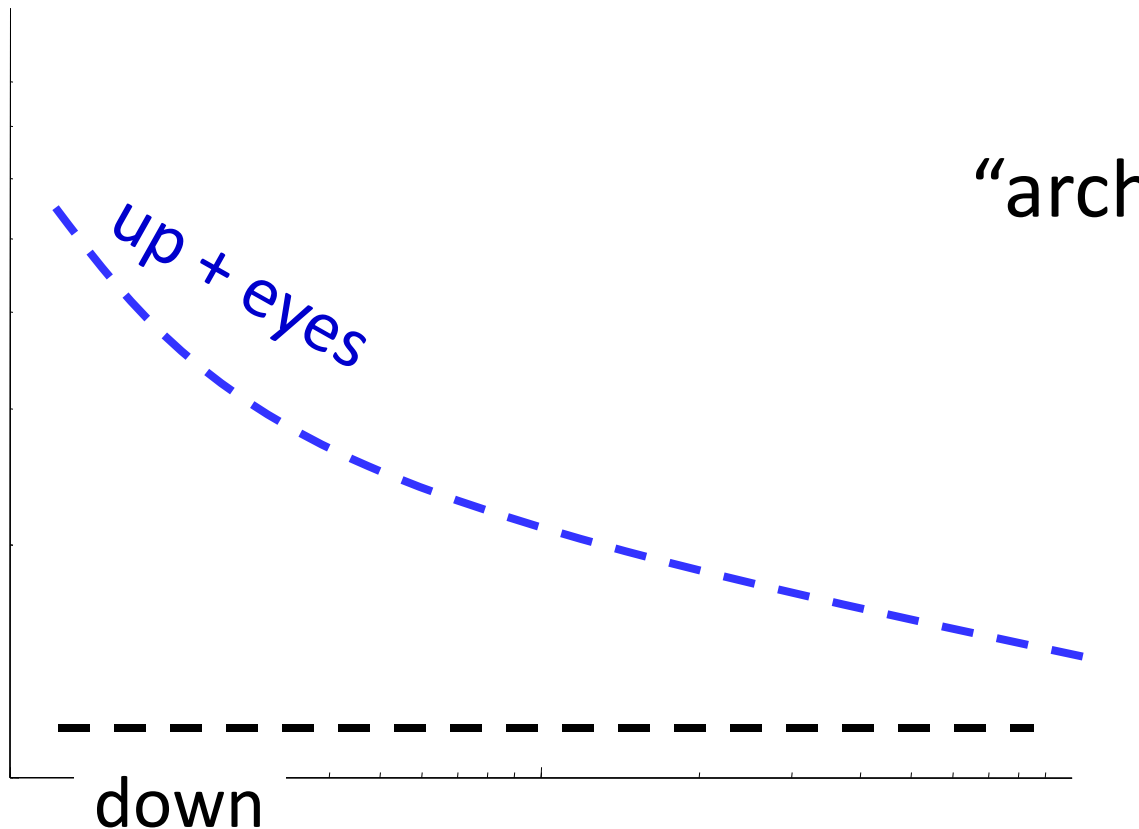
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up-eyes

Fragility

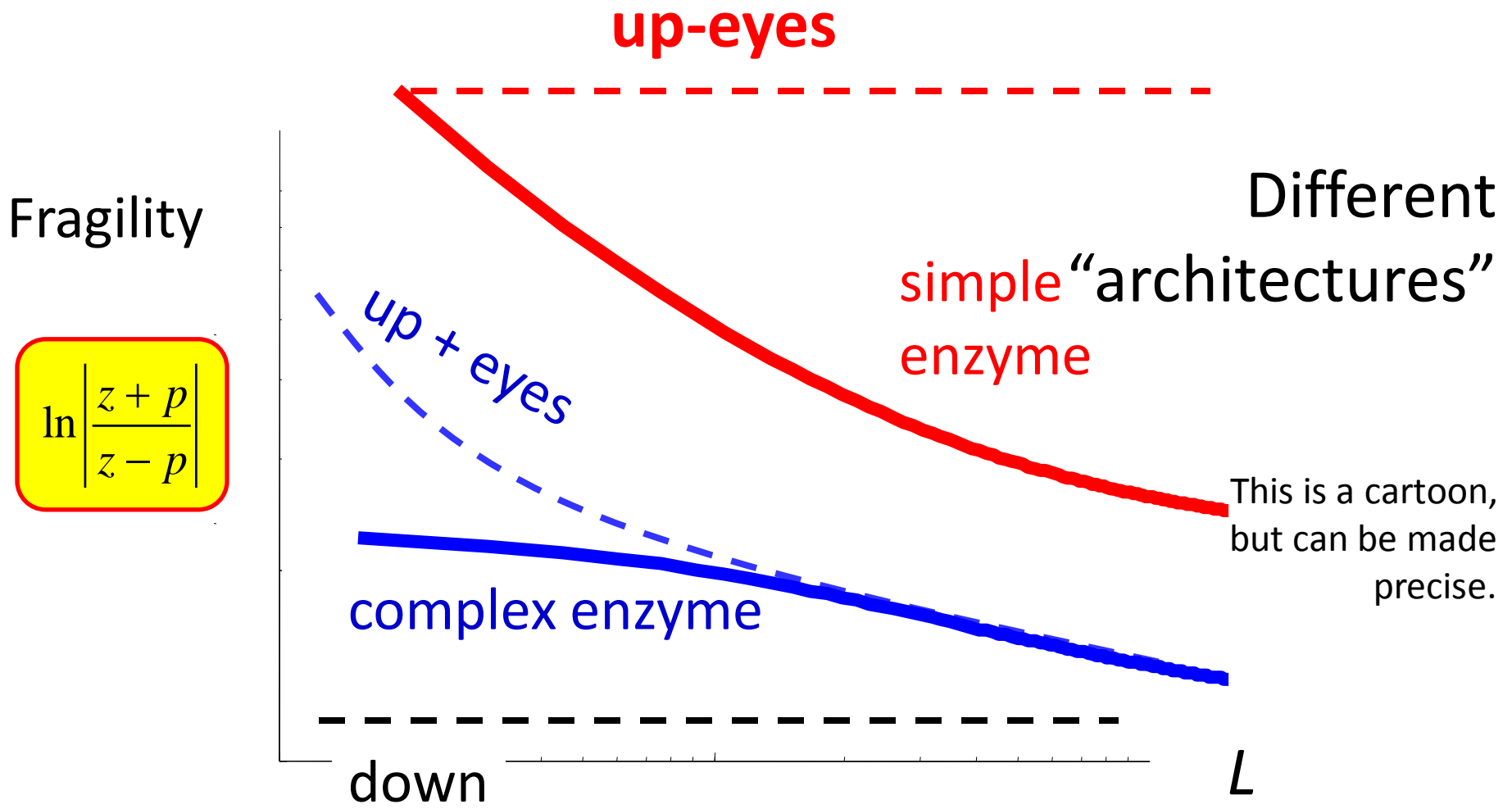
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Different
“architectures”

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Too fragile

up-eyes

Fragility

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

simple
enzyme

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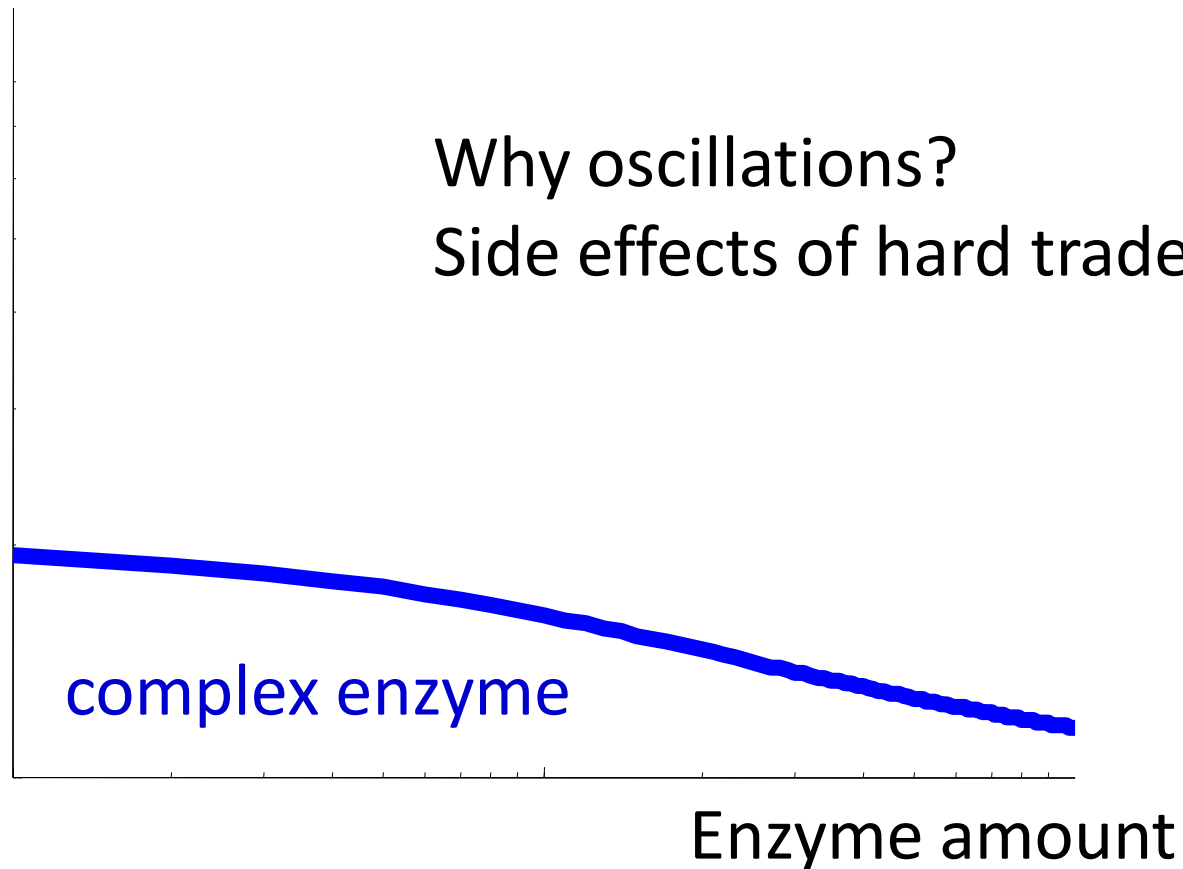
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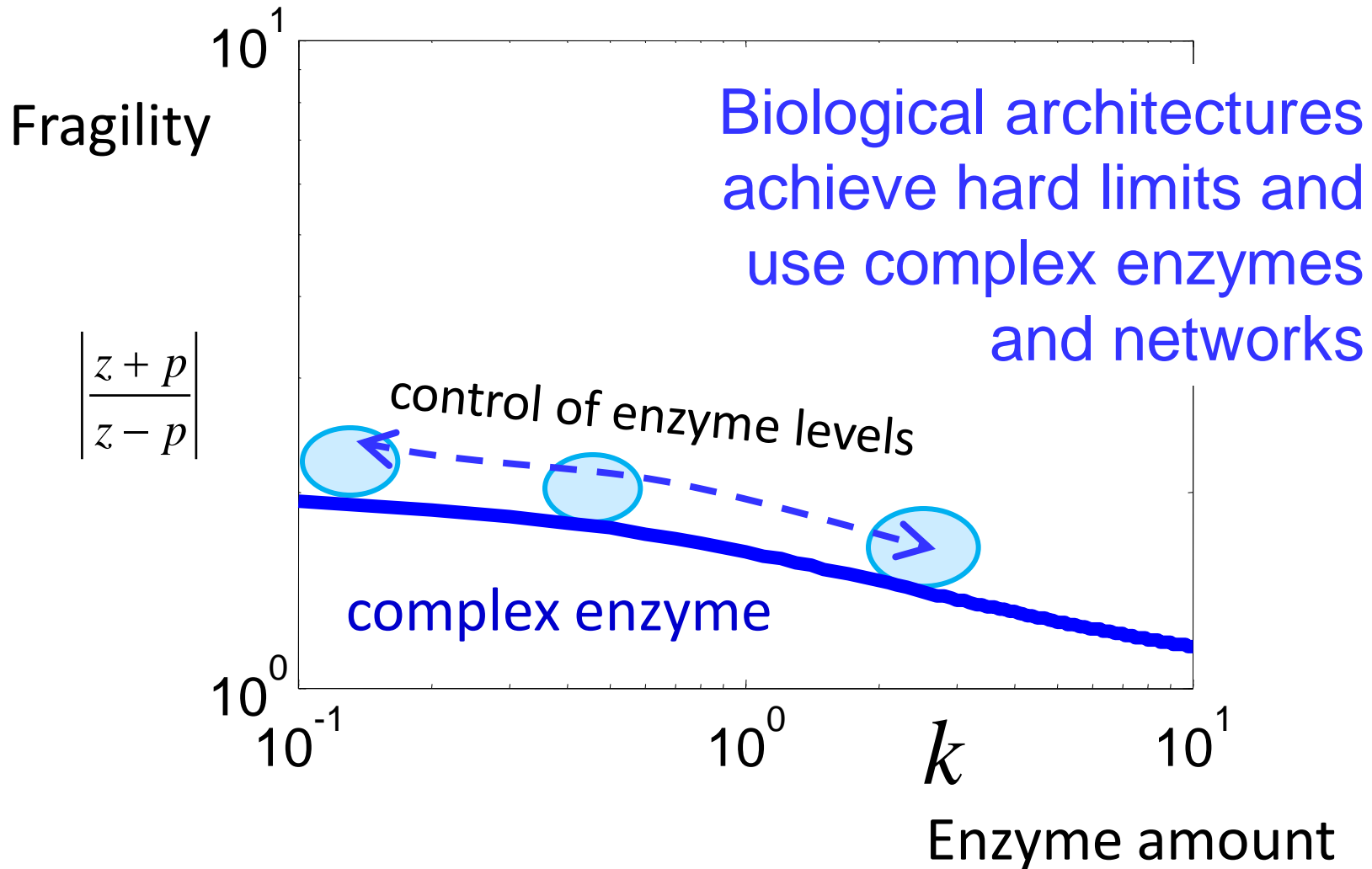
Fragility

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

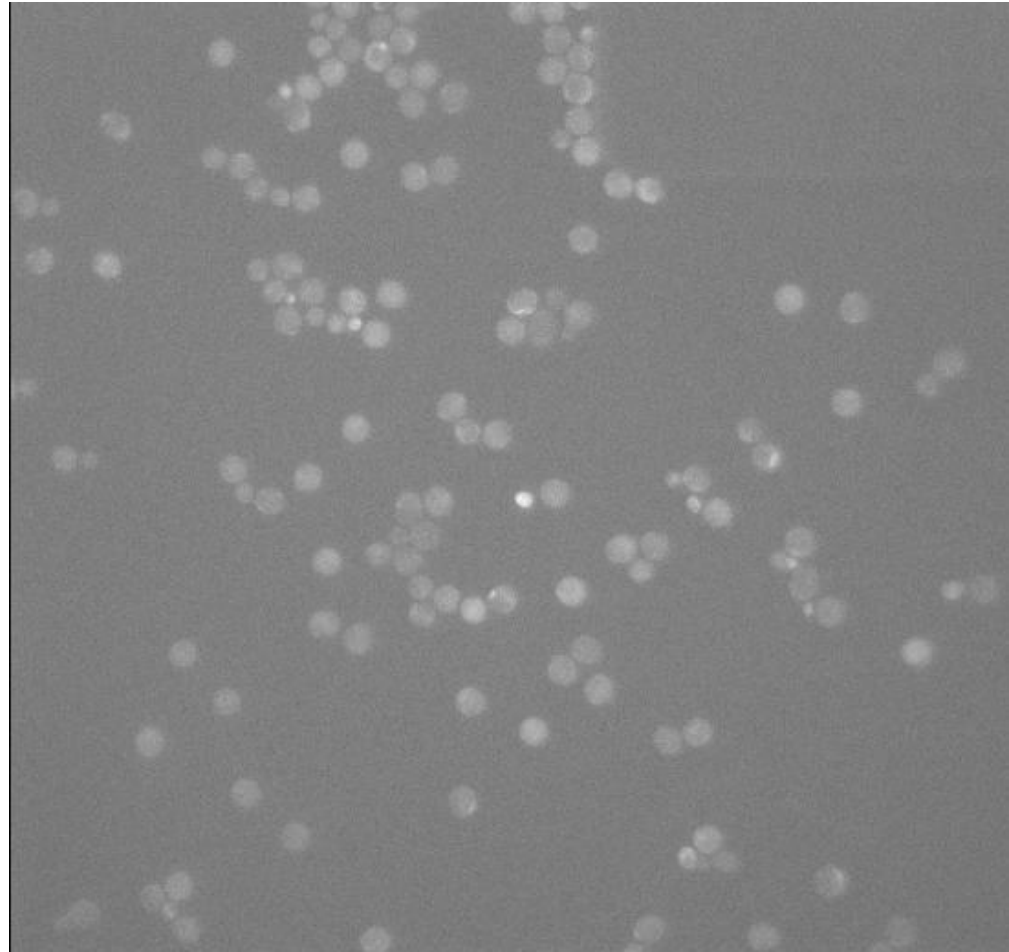
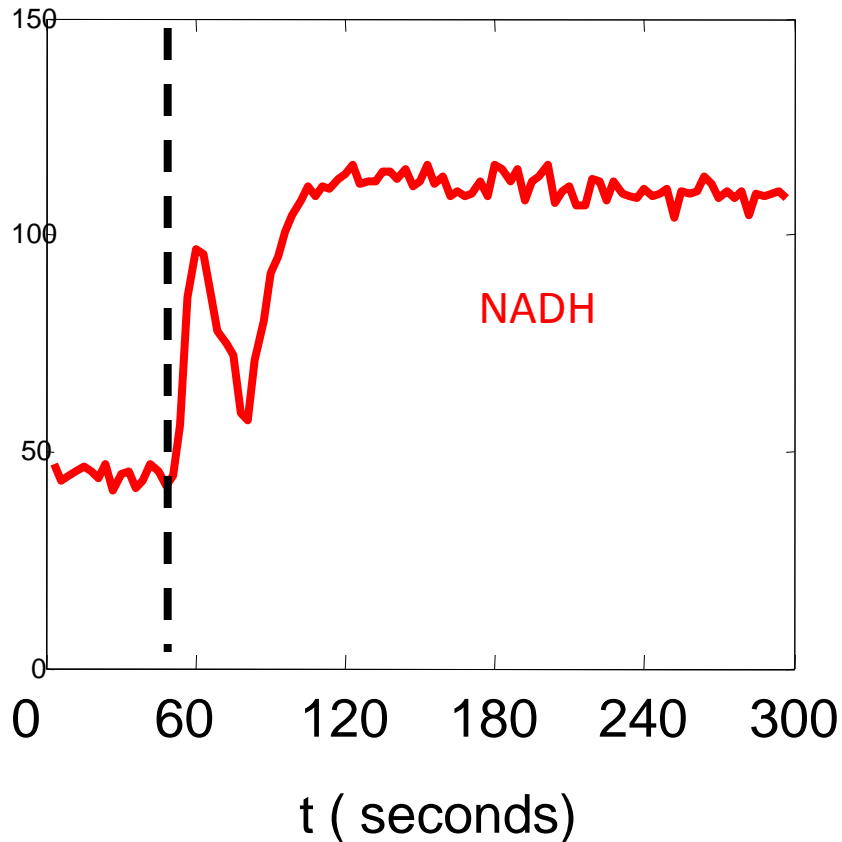
Why oscillations?
Side effects of hard tradeoffs



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

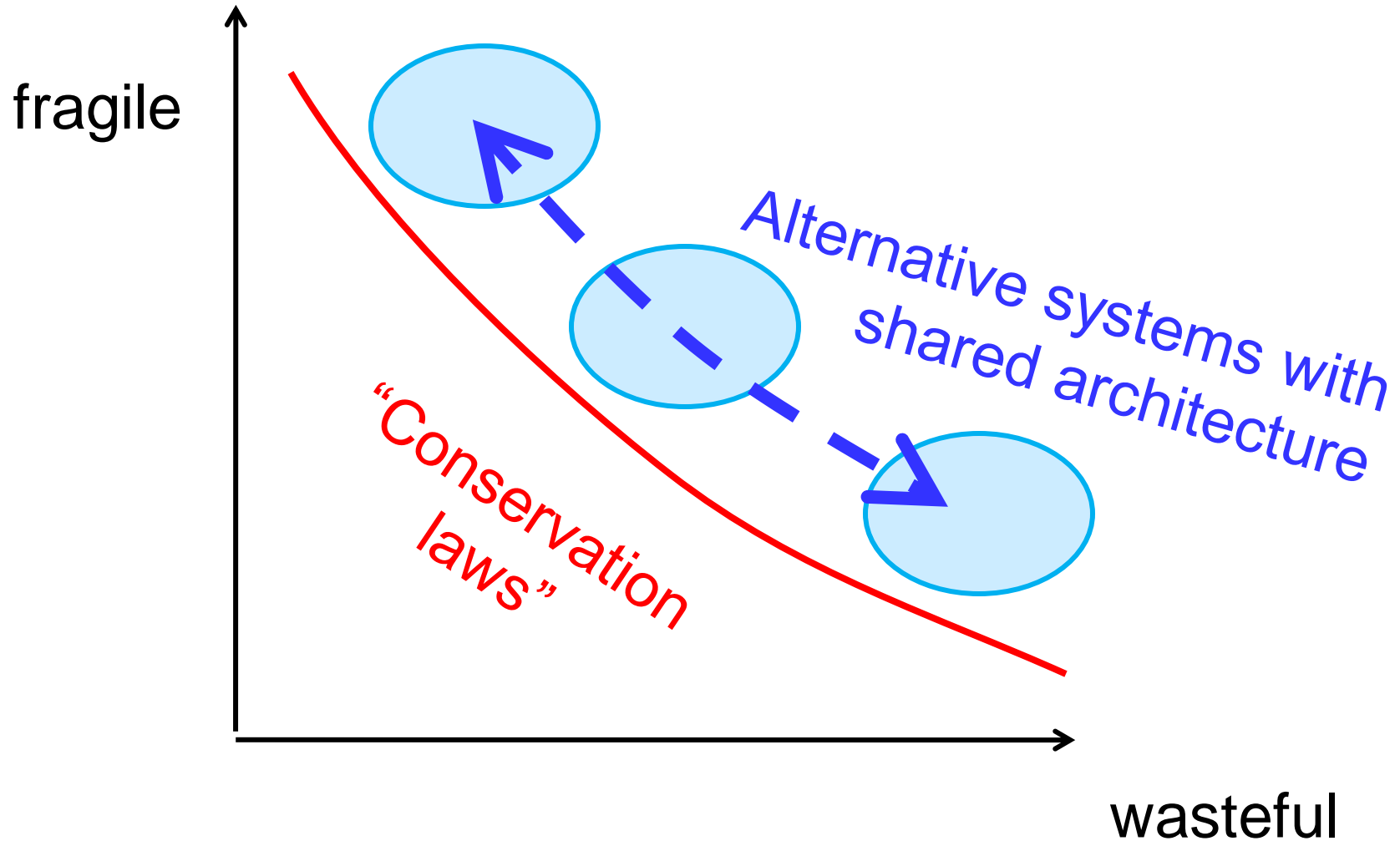


- Microfluidic experiments
- Yeast strain W303 grown in Ethanol
- Glucose and KCN added → anaerobic glycolysis
- NADH measured every 3 s



Architecture

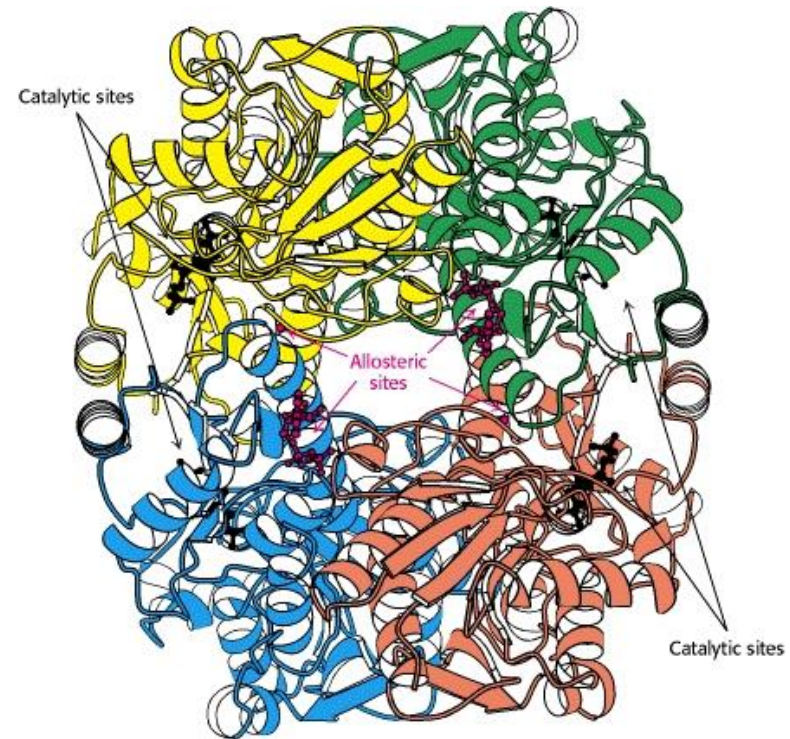
Good architectures
allow for effective
tradeoffs



Theorem
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- z and p are functions of enzyme complexity and amount
- standard biochemistry models
- **phenomenological**

- **first principles?**



What reviewers say

- “If such oscillations are indeed optimal, why are they not universally present?”
- “The approach to establish universality for all biological and physiological systems is **simply wrong**. It cannot be done...”
- “While the notion of universality is well justified in physics, it is perhaps not so useful in biological sciences and medicine. To develop a set of universal principles for biological and physiological systems is mostly likely **a dream that will never be realized**, due to the vast diversity in such systems.”
- “**...does not seem to have an understanding or appreciation** of the vast diversity of biological and physiological systems...”
- “...desire to develop rigorous framework is understandable, but usually this can be done only by imposing a high degree of abstraction, which would then **make the model useless ...**”
- “... a mathematical scheme **without any real connections to biological or medical problems...**”

Fragility

hard limits

- General
- Rigorous
- First principle

simple

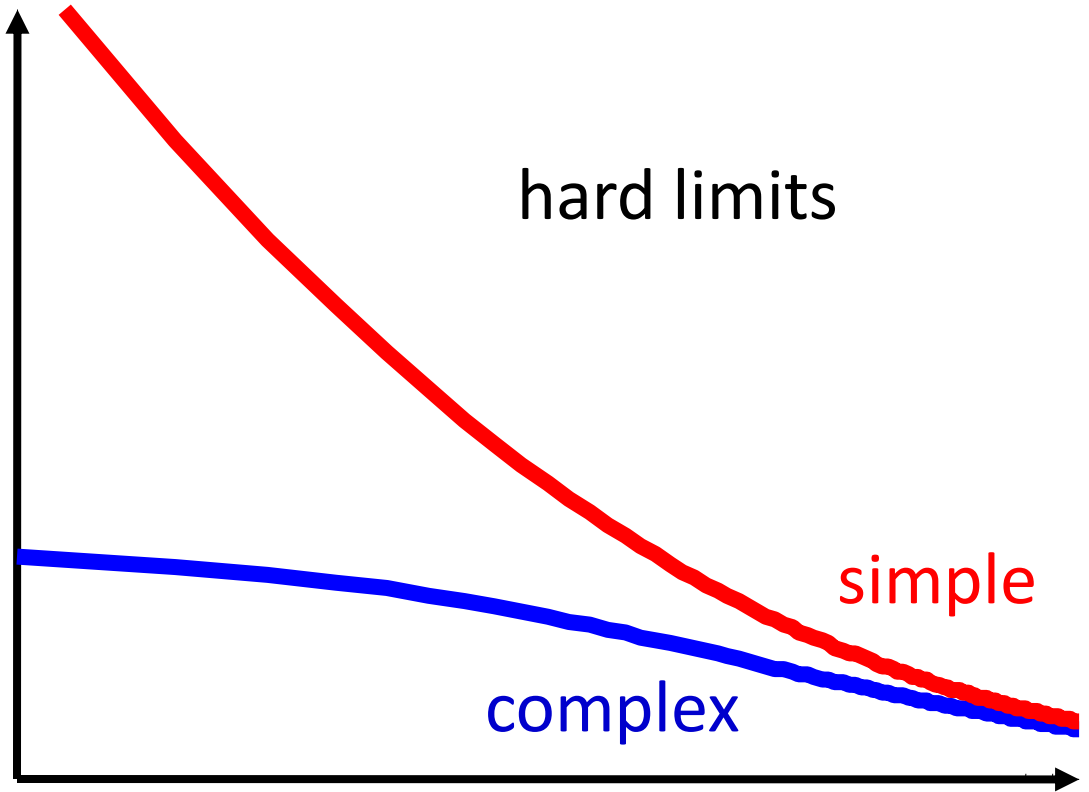
complex

Overhead, waste

**Plugging in
domain details**

?

- Domain specific
- Ad hoc
- Phenomenological



Control

Wiener

Comms

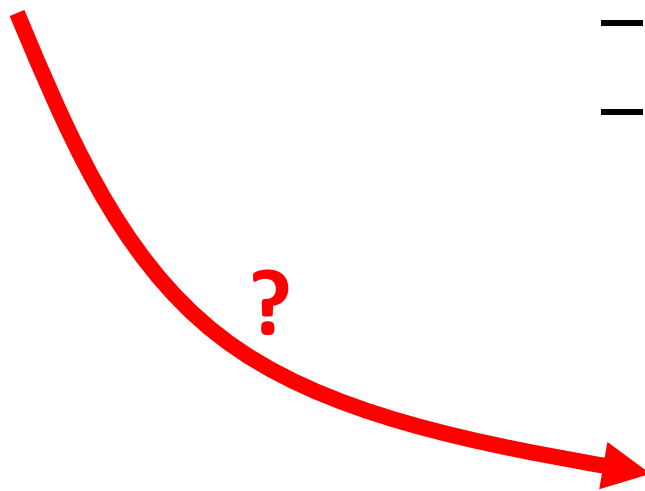
Bode

robust control

Kalman

- General
- Rigorous
- First principle

- **Fundamental multiscale physics**
- Foundations, origins of
 - noise
 - dissipation
 - amplification



Carnot

Boltzmann

Heisenberg

Physics

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<http://arxiv.org/abs/1009.2830>

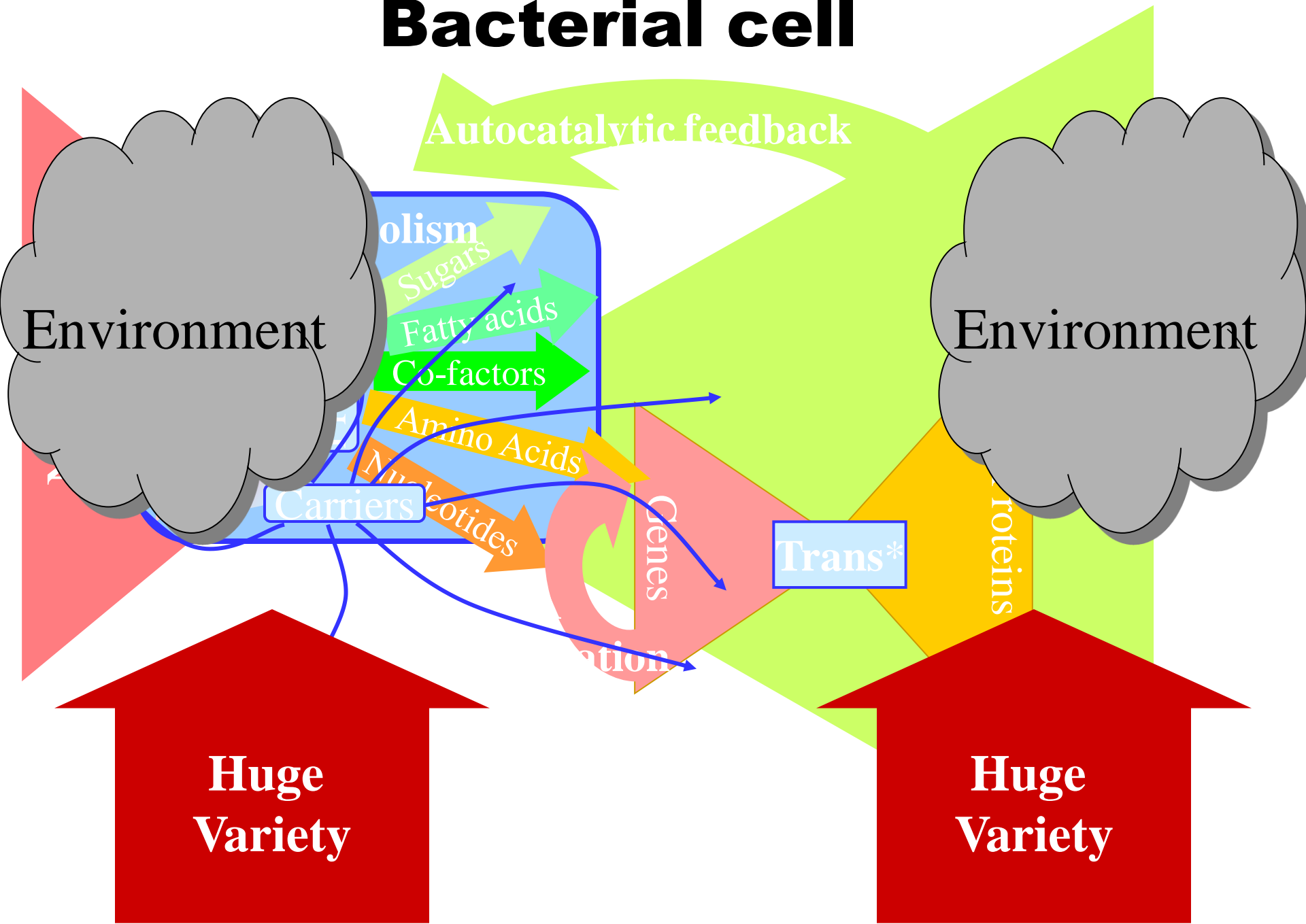
On Lossless Approximations, the Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem, and Limitations of Measurements

Henrik Sandberg, Jean-Charles Delvenne, and John C. Doyle

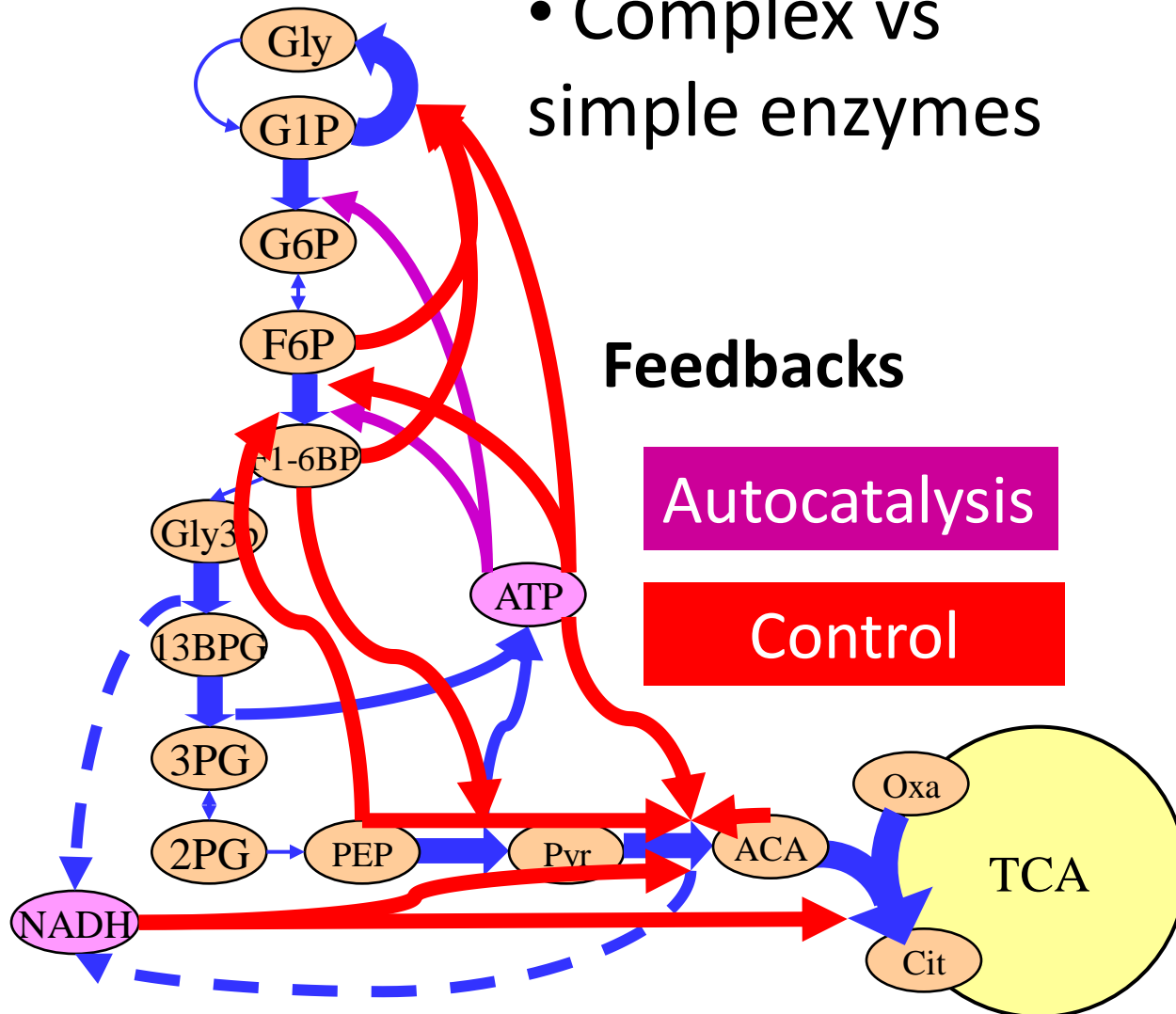
Abstract—In this paper, we take a control-theoretic approach to answering some standard questions in statistical mechanics, and use the results to derive limitations of classical measurements. A central problem is the relation between systems which appear macroscopically dissipative but are microscopically lossless. We show that a linear system is dissipative if, and only if, it can be approximated by a linear lossless system over arbitrarily long time intervals. Hence lossless systems are in this sense dense in dissipative systems. A linear active system can be approximated by a nonlinear lossless system that is charged with initial energy. As a by-product, we obtain mechanisms explaining the Onsager relations from time-reversible lossless approximations, and the fluctuation-dissipation theorem from uncertainty in the initial state of the lossless system. The results are applied to measurement devices and are used to quantify limits on the so-called observer effect, also called *back action*.

Derivation of limitations is also at the core of physics. Well-known examples are the laws of thermodynamics in classical physics and the uncertainty principle in quantum mechanics [6]–[8]. The exact implications of these physical limitations on the performance of control systems have received little attention, even though all components of a control system, such as actuators, sensors, and computers, are built from physical components which are constrained by physical laws. Control engineers discuss limitations in terms of location of unstable plant poles and zeros, saturation limits of actuators, and more recently channel capacity in feedback loops. But how does the amount of available energy limit the possible bandwidth of a control system? How does the ambient temperature affect the

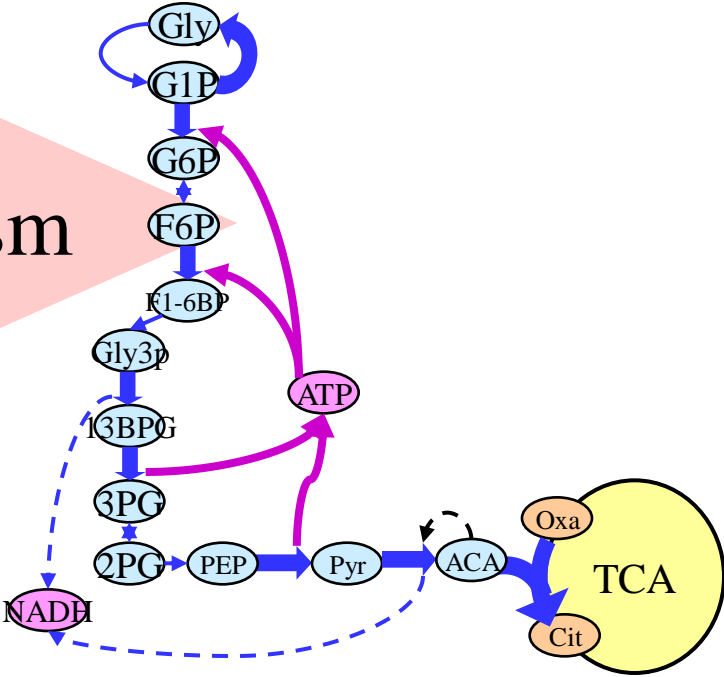
Bacterial cell



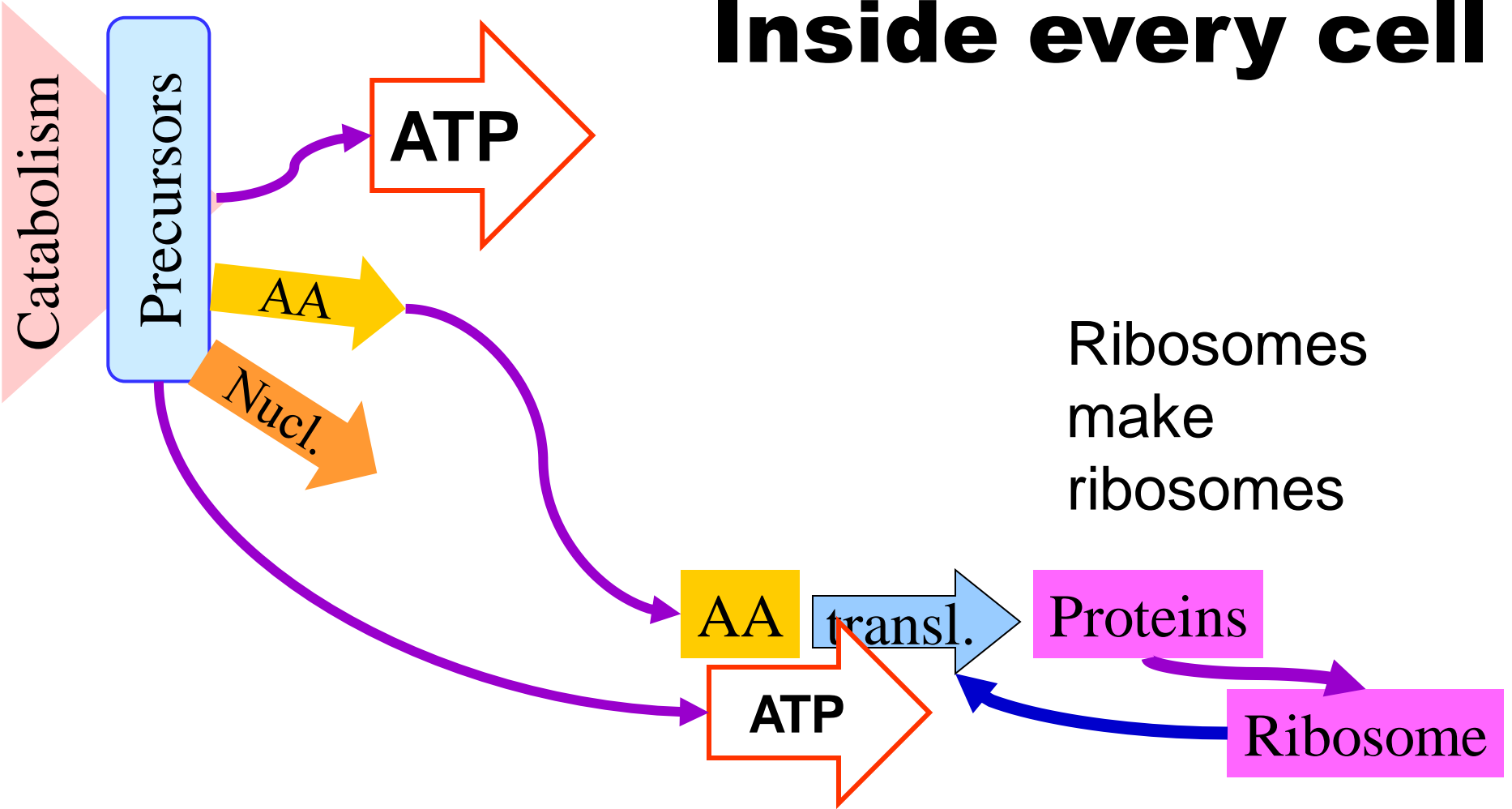
- Autocatalytic
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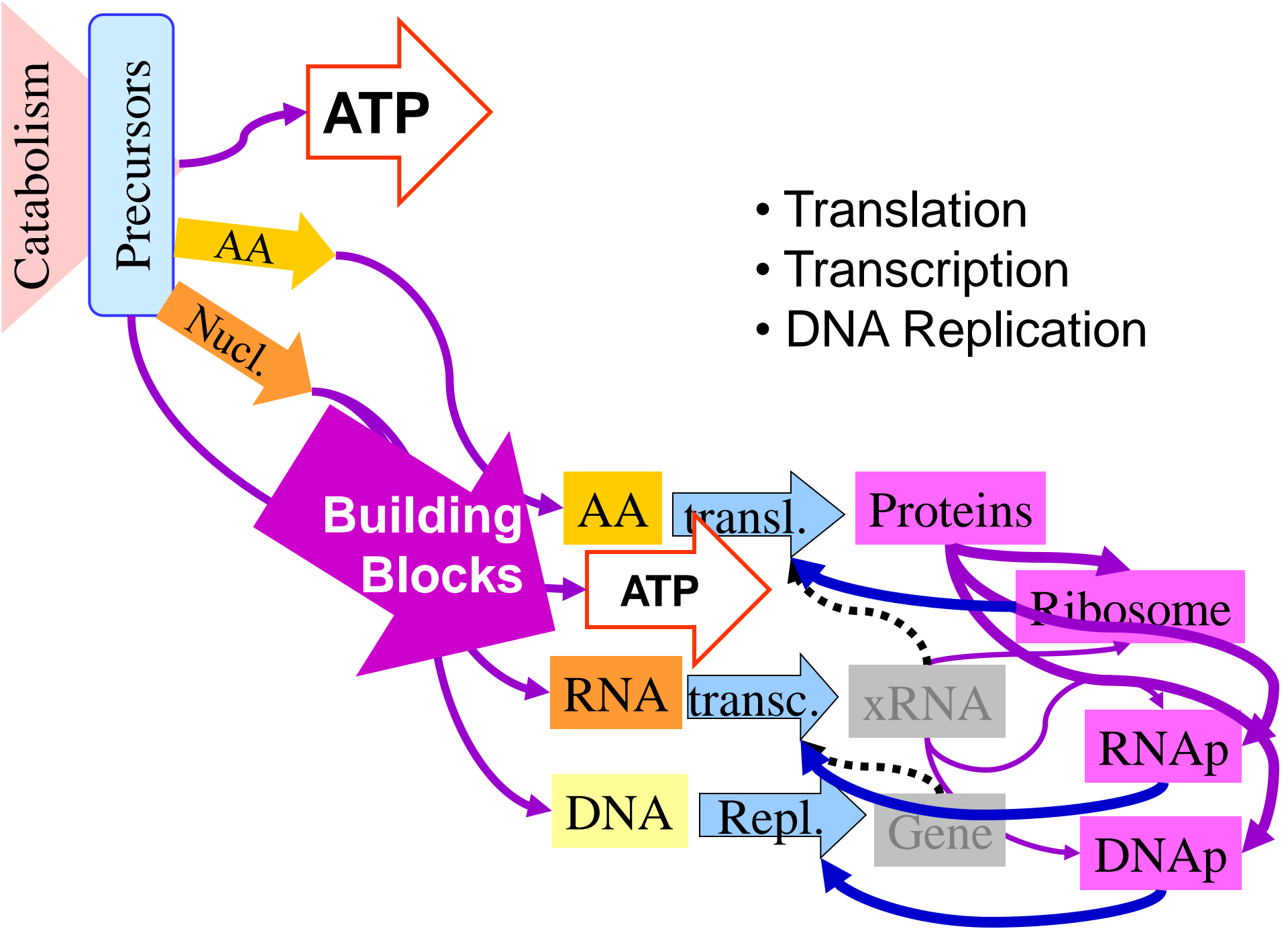
Catabolism



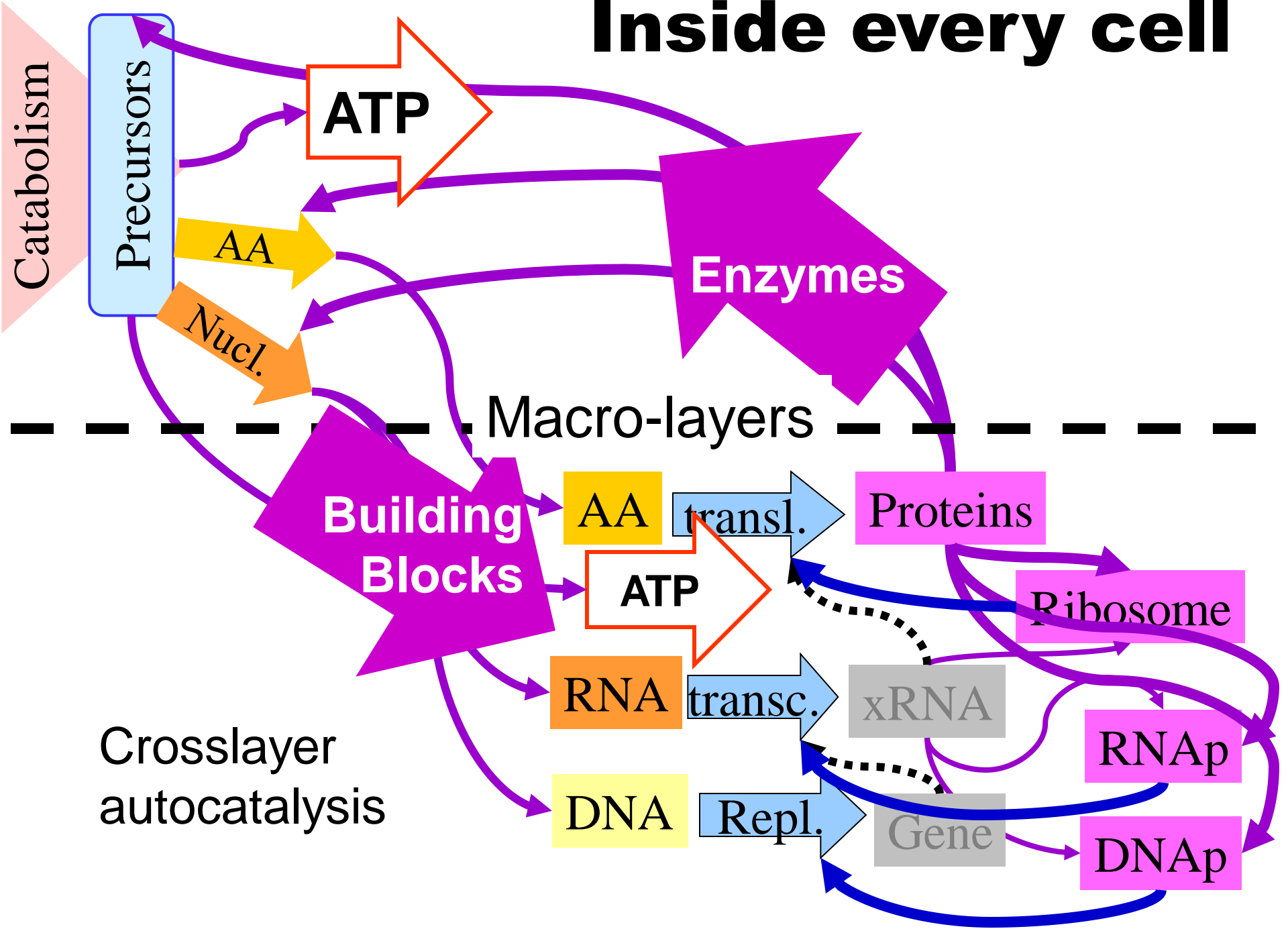
Inside every cell



Translation: Amino acids polymerized into proteins

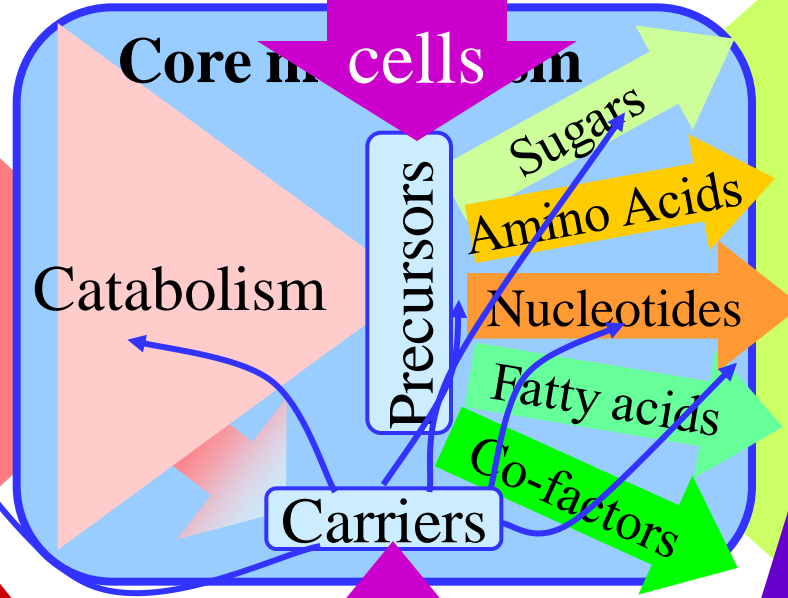


Inside every cell



Taxis and transport

Nutrients



Same
12
in all
cells

Same
8
in all
cells

≈100
≈same
in all
organisms

**Huge
Variety**

Taxis and transport

Autocatalytic feedback

Polymerization and complex assembly

Nutrients

Core metabolism

Catabolism

Precursors

Sugars

Fatty acids

Co-factors

Amino Acids

Nucleotides

Carriers

Genes

Trans*

Protein

Reproduction

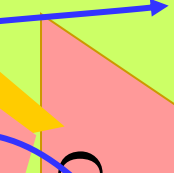
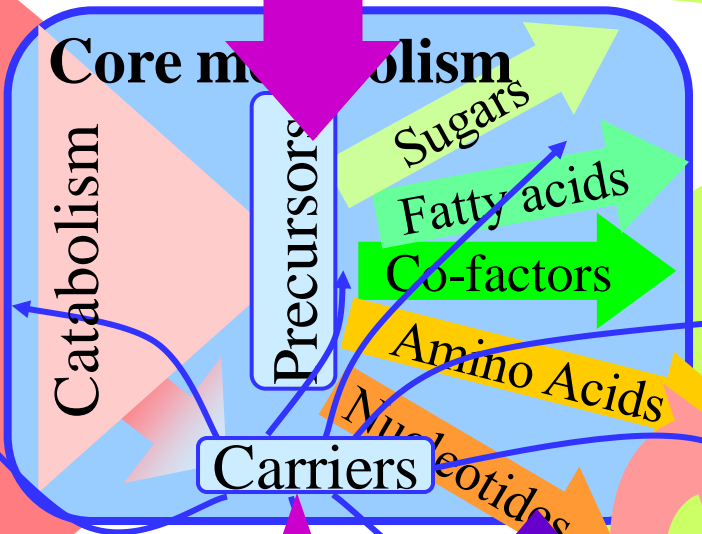
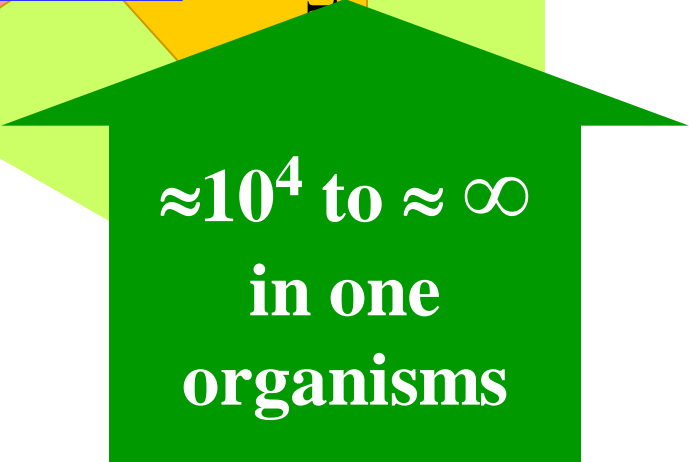
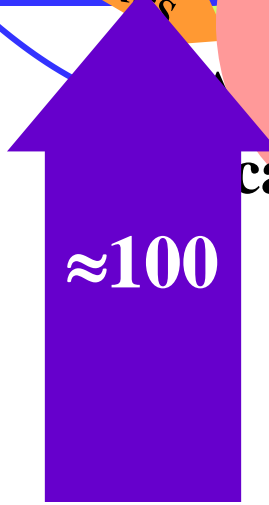
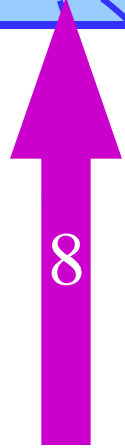
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∞

≈ 100

$\approx 10^4$ to $\approx \infty$
in one organisms

Huge Variety



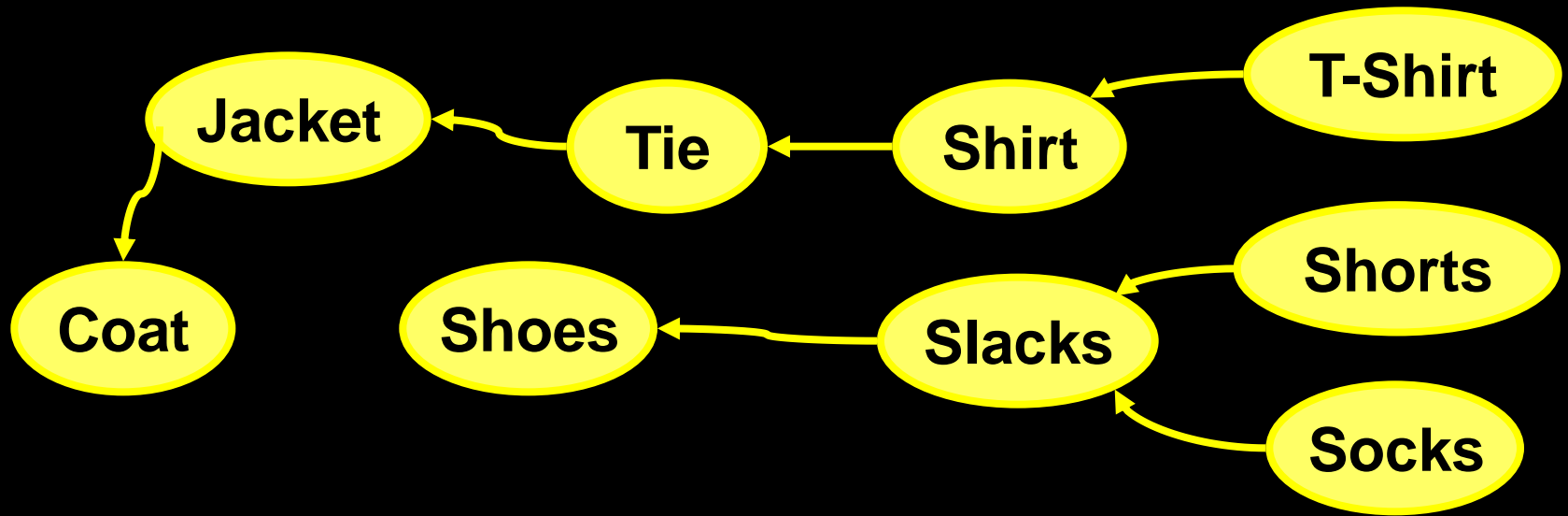
Other examples

Clothing

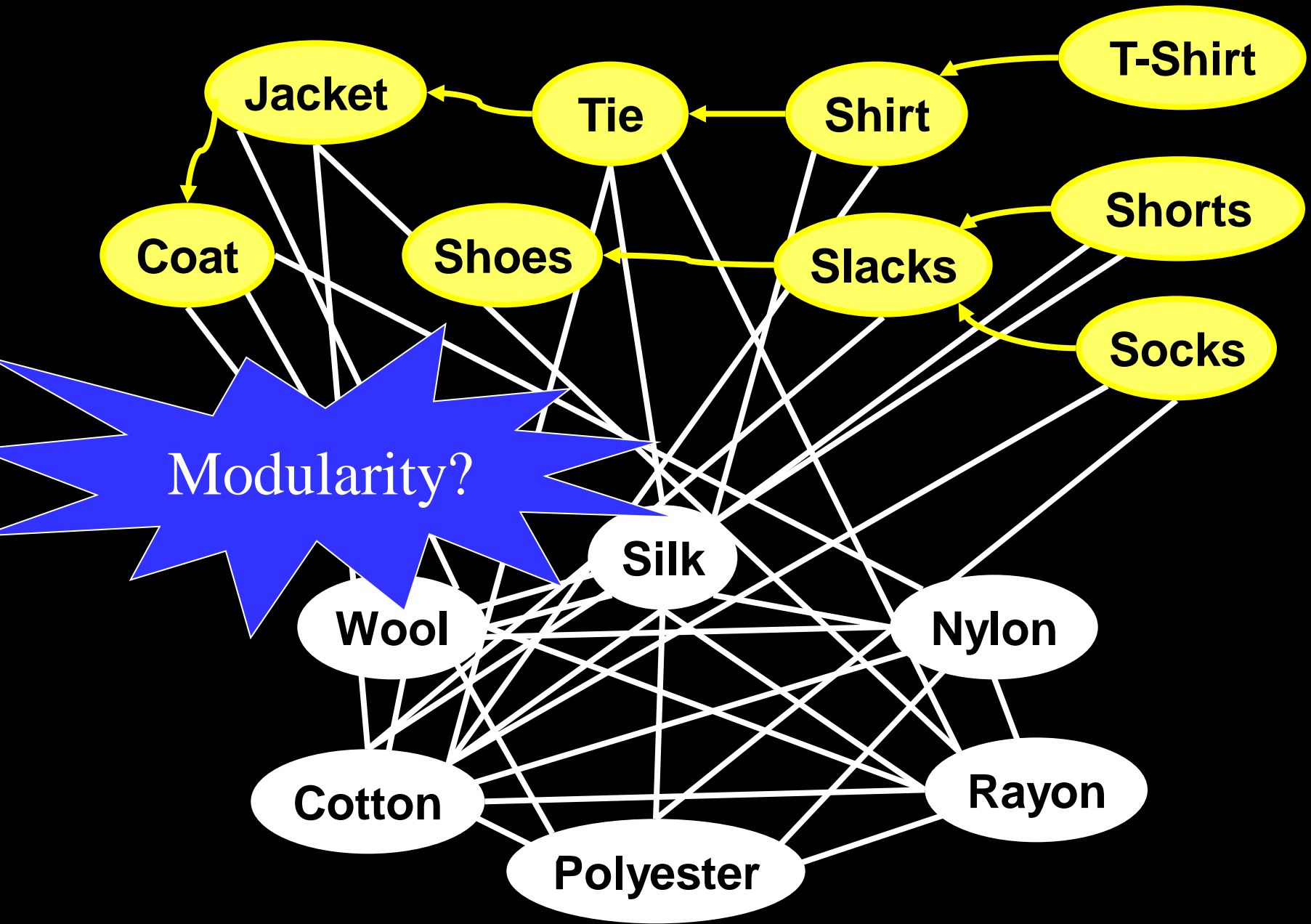
Lego

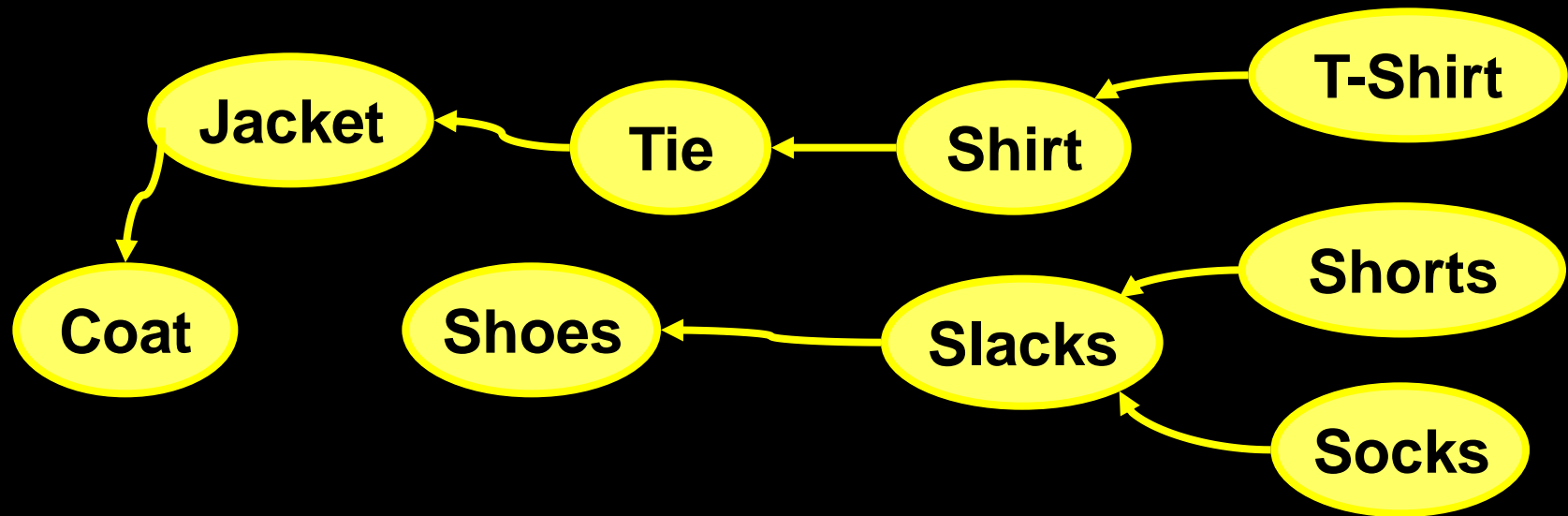
Money

Cell biology



Soft layering

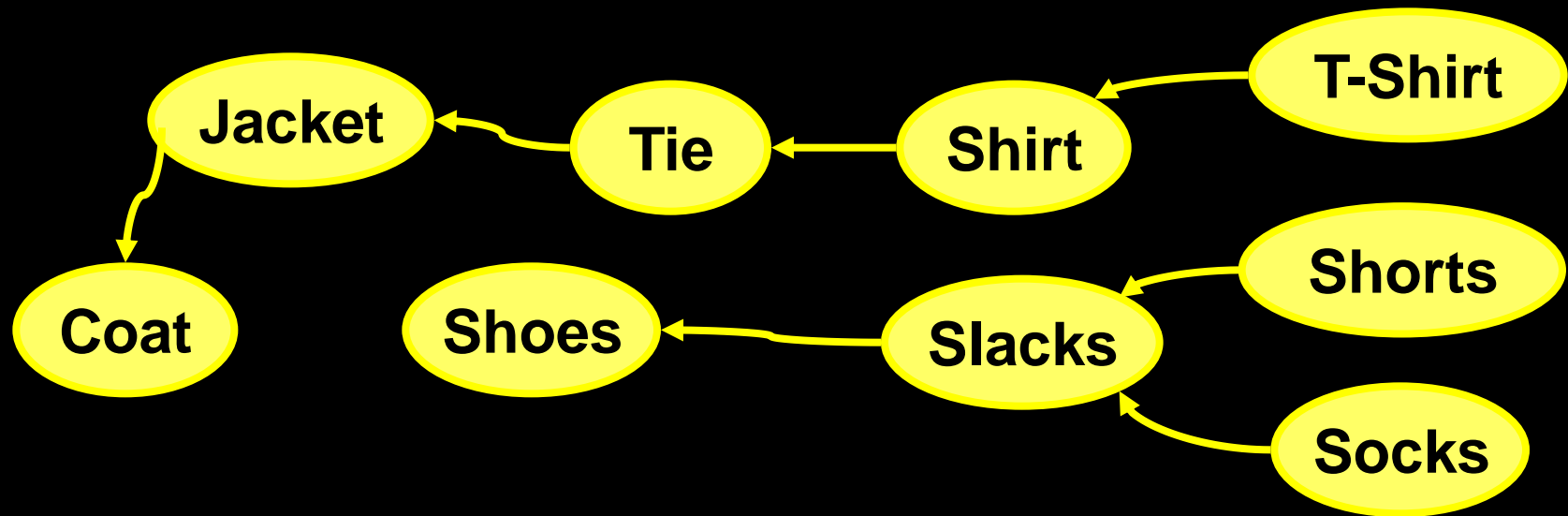




Given a wardrobe (set of garments)

$1 \ll \# \text{ outfits} \ll \# \text{ non-outfits}$

(random heaps of garments are never outfits)



large

thin

$1 \ll \# \text{ outfits} \ll \# \text{ non-outfits}$

(random heaps are of garments are never outfits)



large **thin**

$1 \ll \# \text{ toys} \ll \# \text{ non-toys}$

~~“order for free”~~



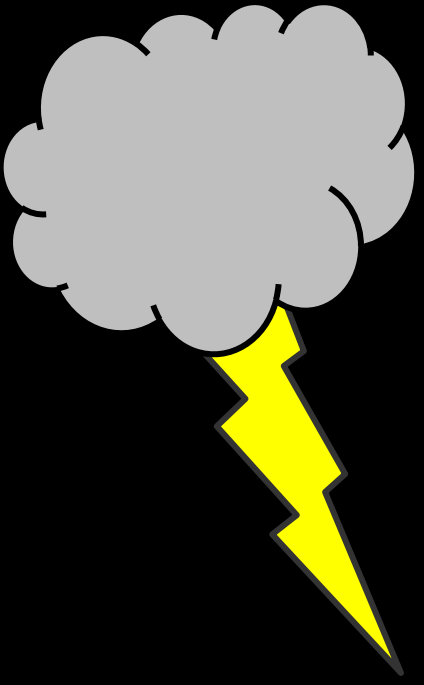
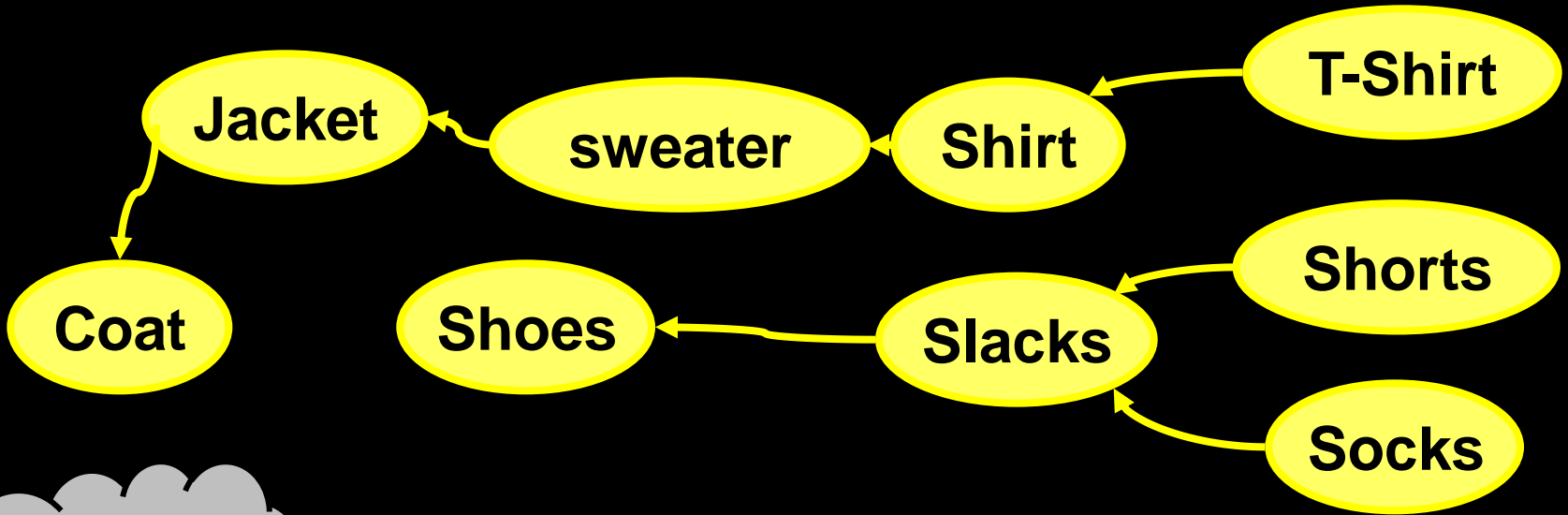
Letters and words

- 9 letters: adeginorz
- $9! = 362,880$ sequences of 9 letters
- Only “organized” is a word

1 \ll (# words) \ll (# non-words)

large

thin



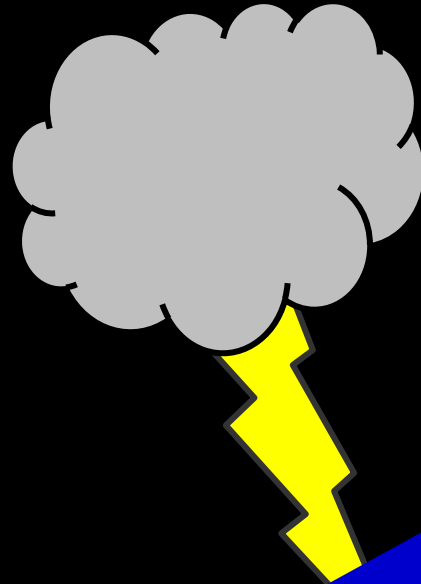
Outer

Middle

Inner

Skin

System constraints



Hidden

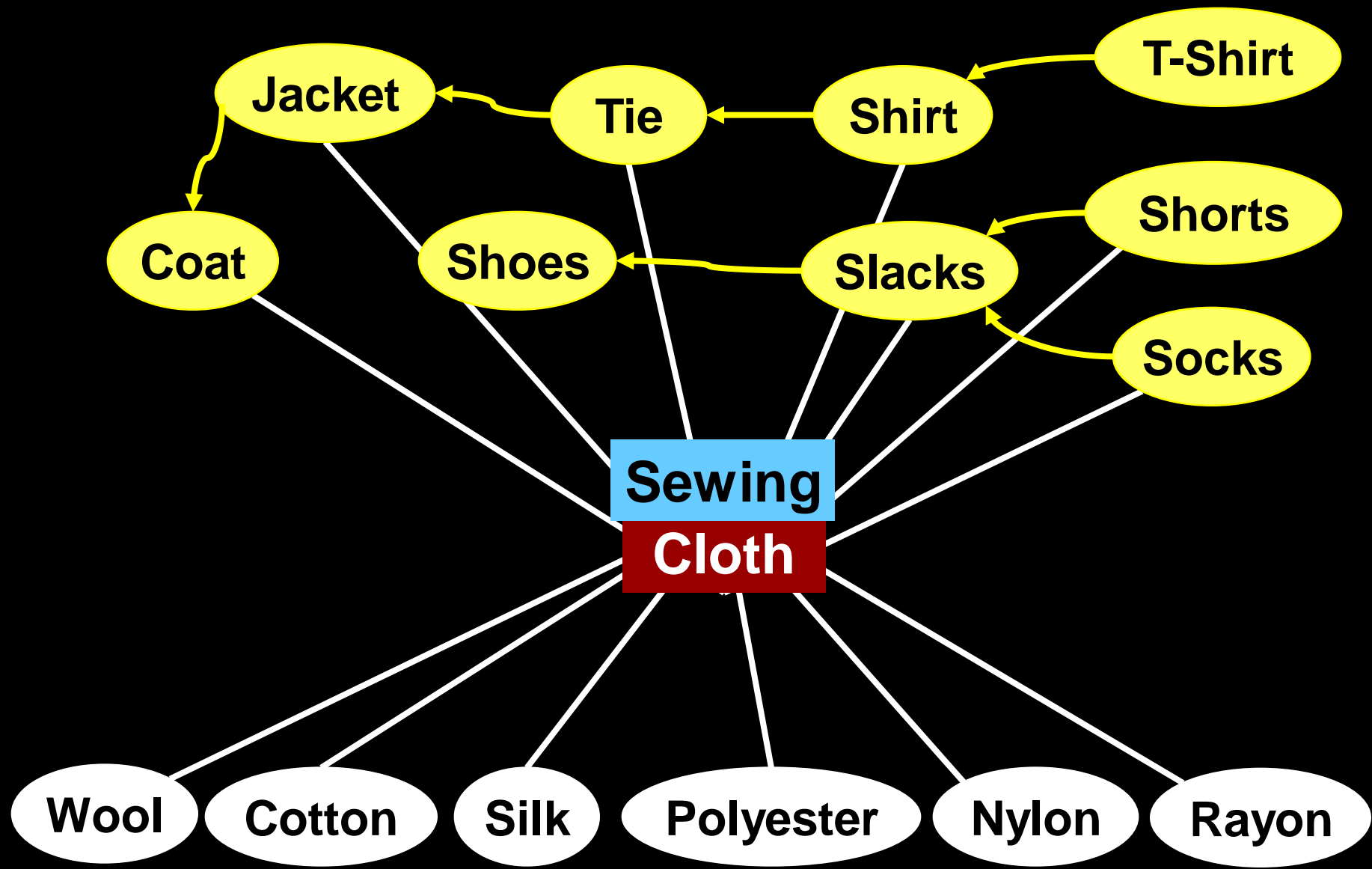
Outer

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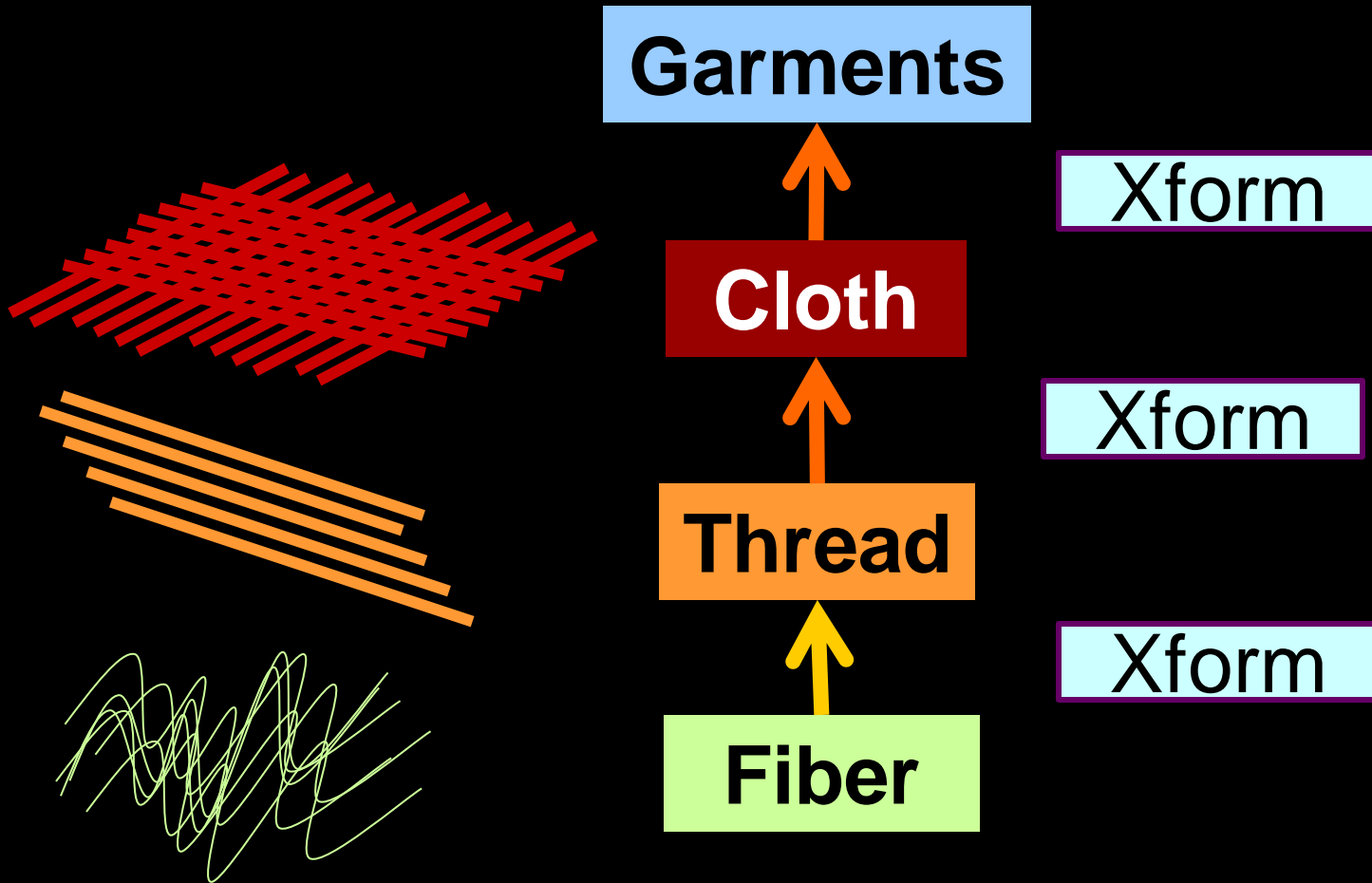
Inner

Skin

- Robust to variations in
- weather
 - activity
 - appearance requirements
 - wear and tear
 - cleaning

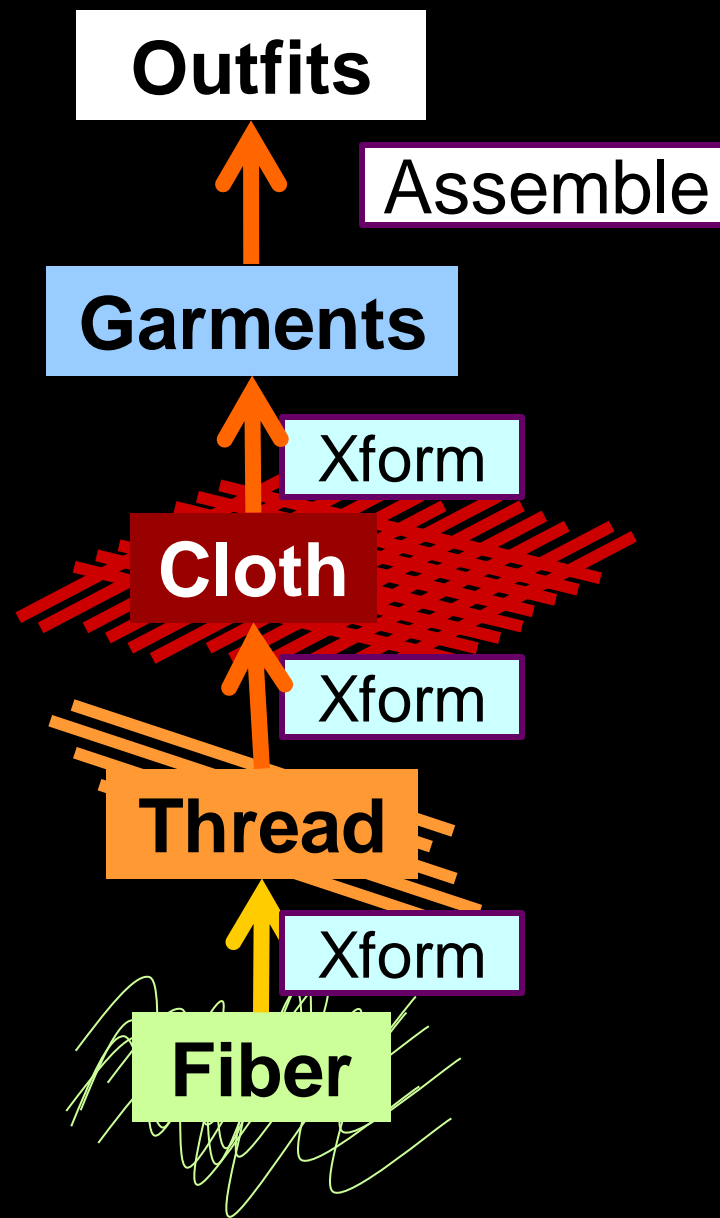


Modularity 2.0



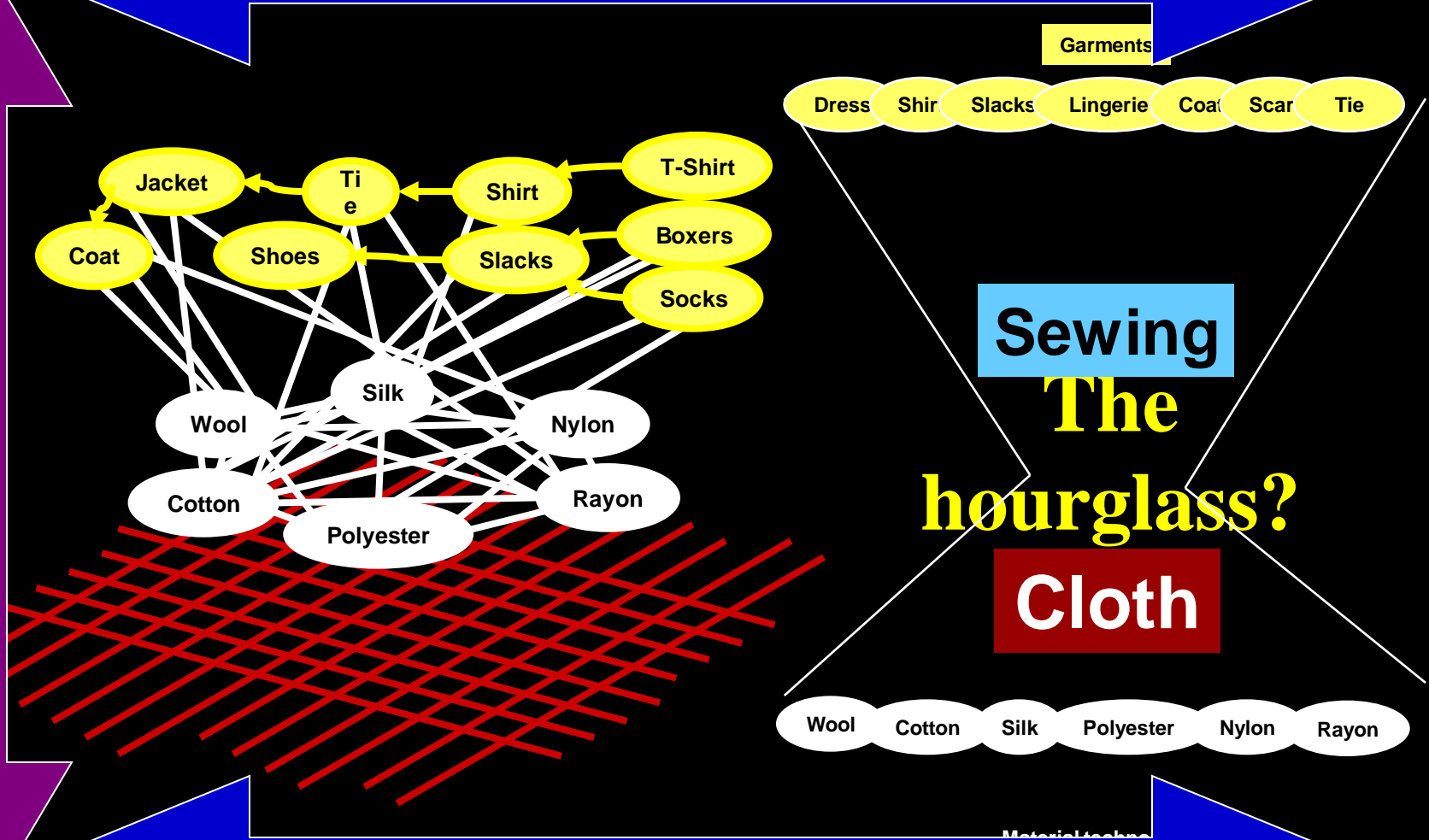
Prevents unraveling of lower layers

Hidden,
large, thin,
nonconvex



Horizontal networks of garments

Vertical decomposition



Horizontal networks of fibers

Horizontal networks of garments

Outer

Middle

Inner

Vertical decomposition

Garments

Xform

Cloth

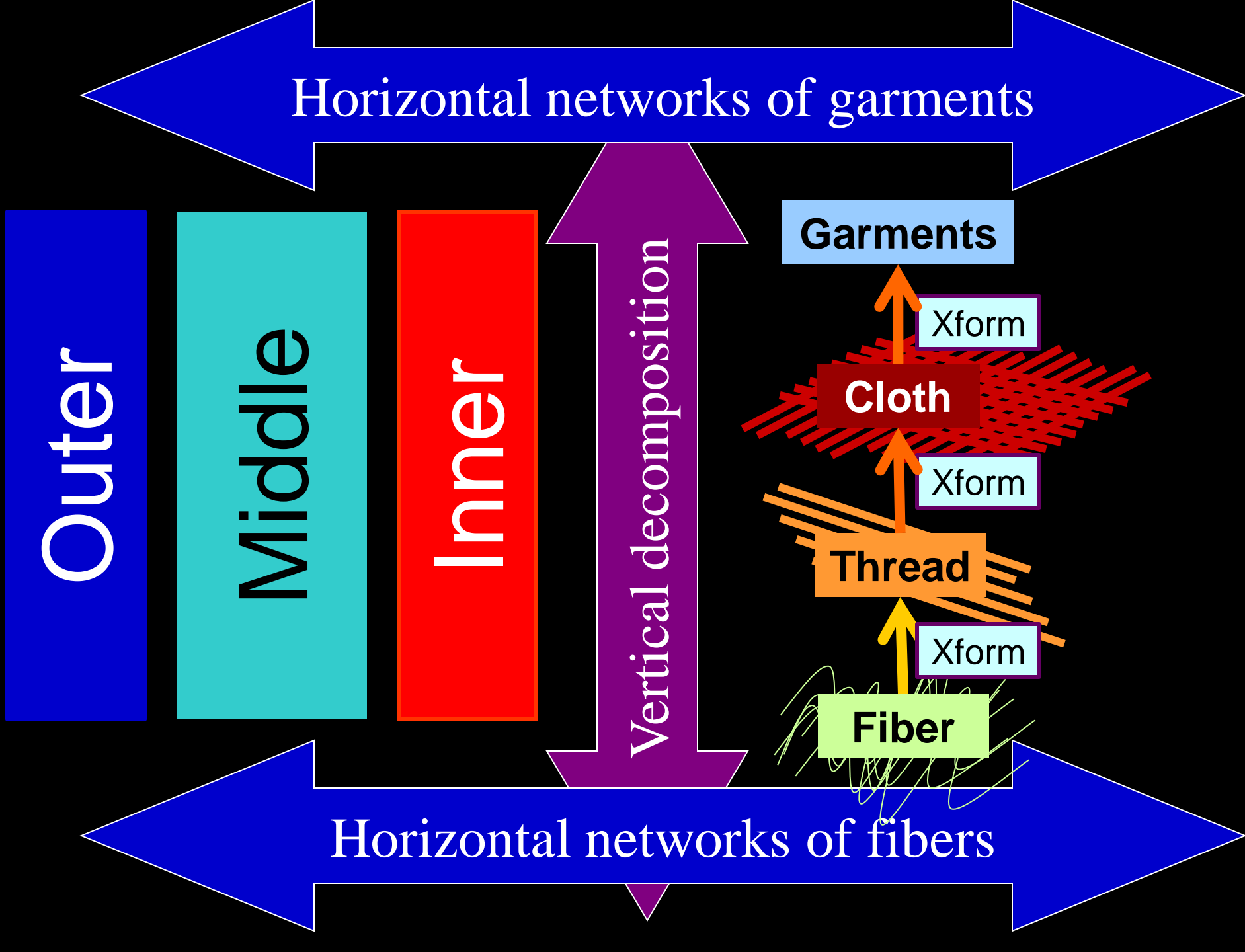
Xform

Thread

Xform

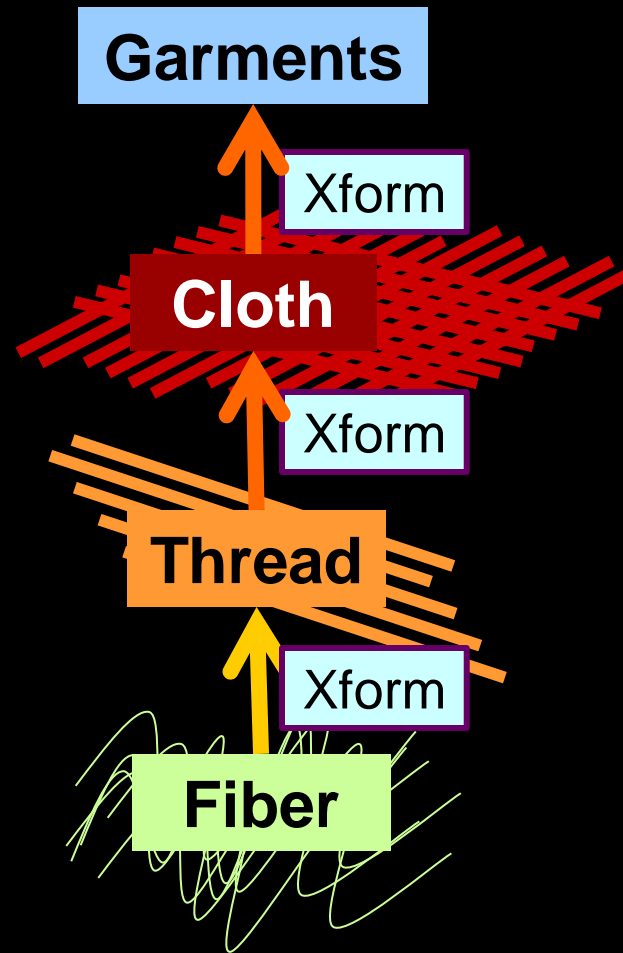
Fiber

Horizontal networks of fibers



Universal strategies?

Even though garments seem analog/continuous



Garments have limited access to threads and fibers

quantization for robustness

constraints on cross-layer interactions

Prevents unraveling of lower layers

Functionally diverse garments

sew

Diverse fabric

knit, weave

Diverse Thread

spin

Fiber

Geographically diverse sources

General
purpose
machines

~~Functionally diverse garments~~



Garments

Fragilities?

Thread

Fiber



Garments



Cloth



Thread



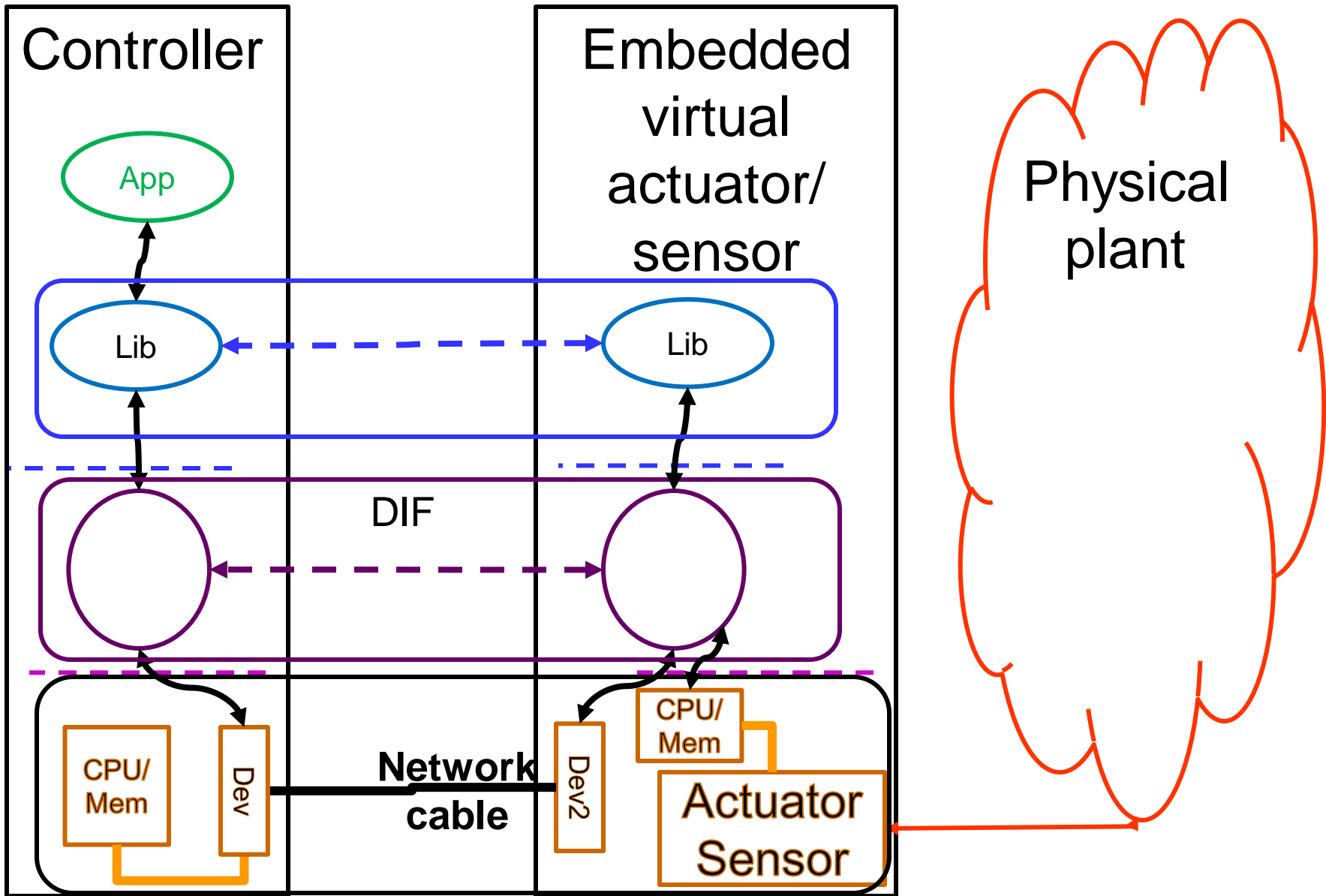
Fiber



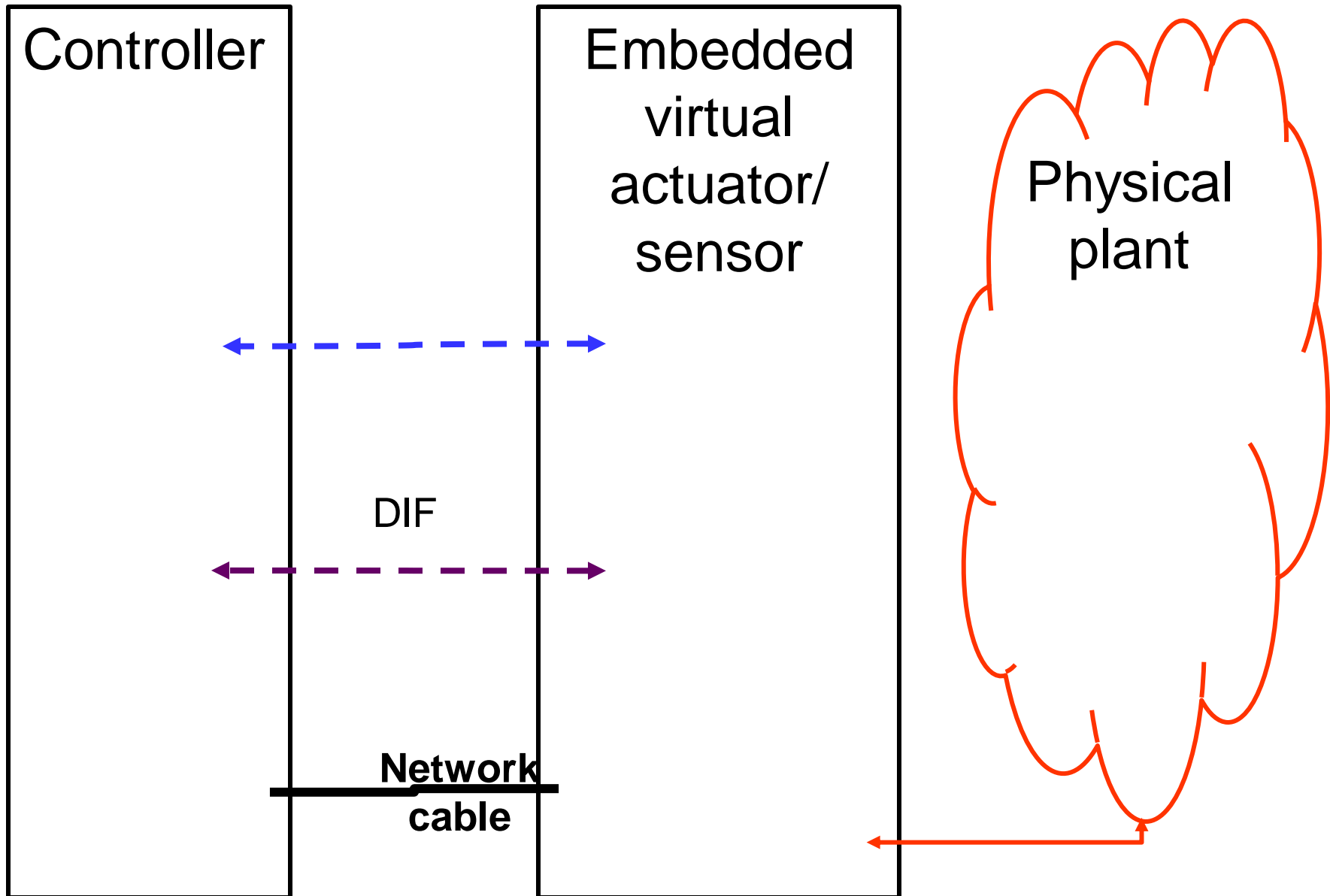
Scalable

Sustainable?

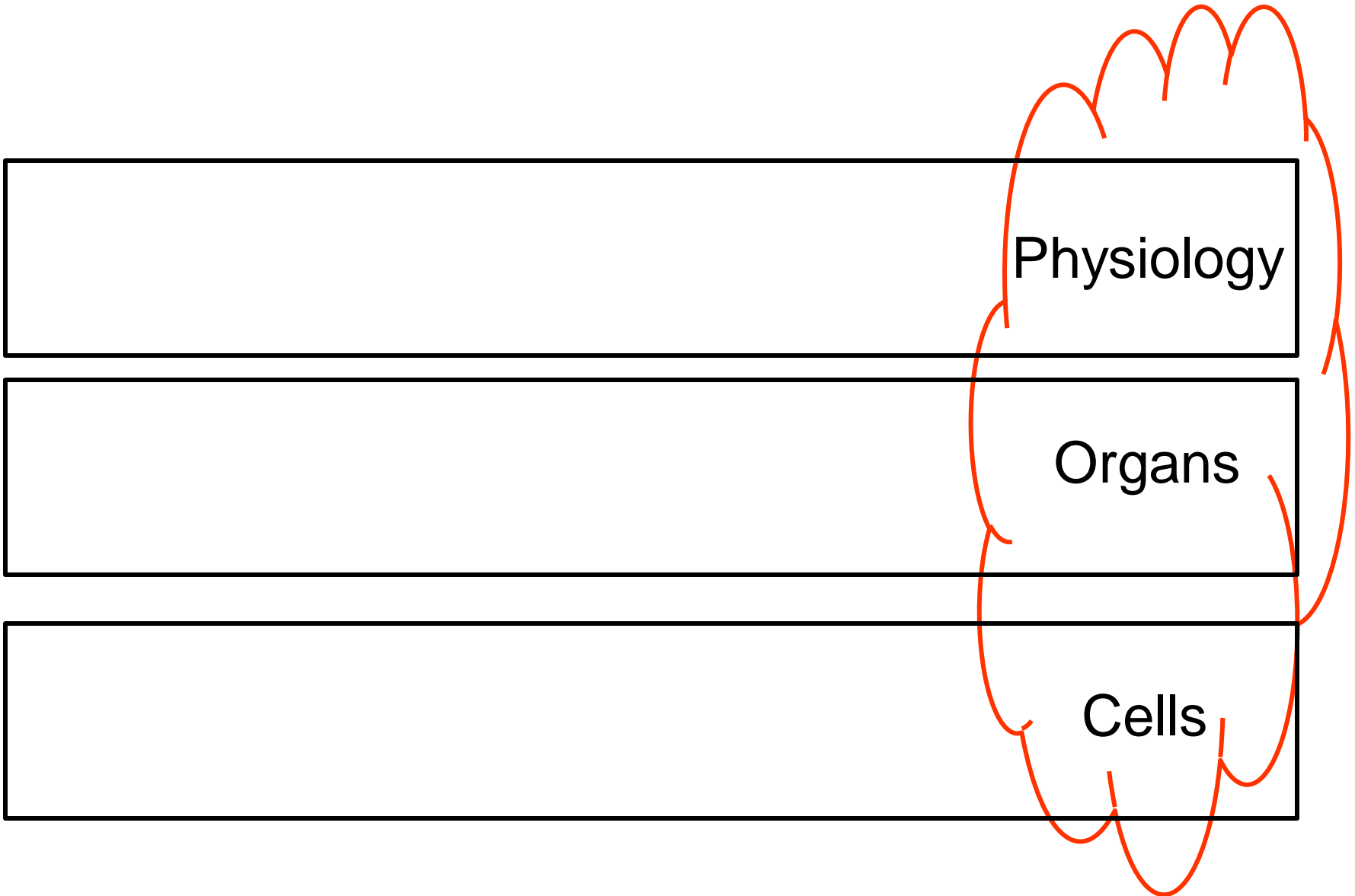
Networked/embedded/layered



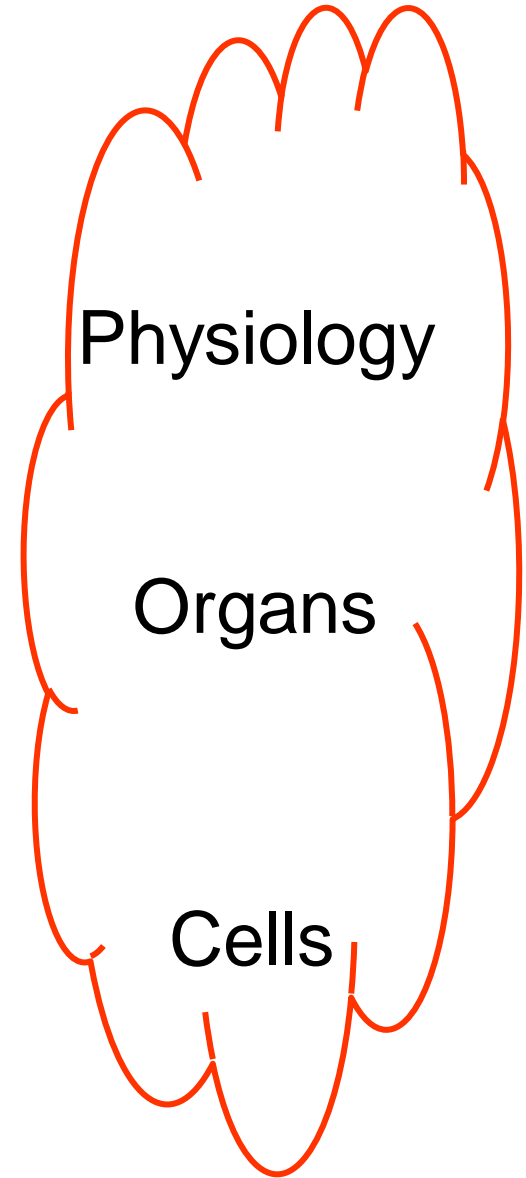
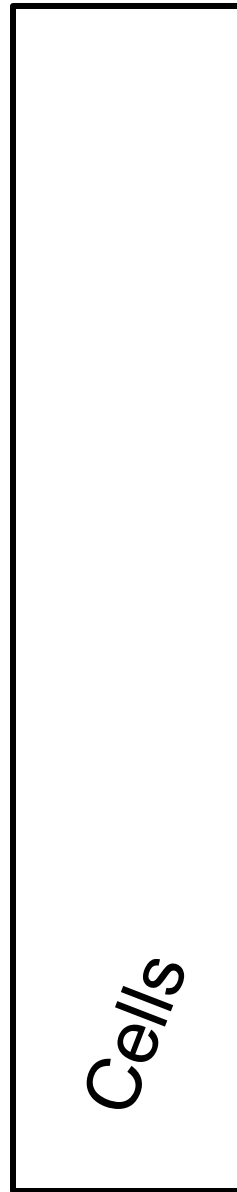
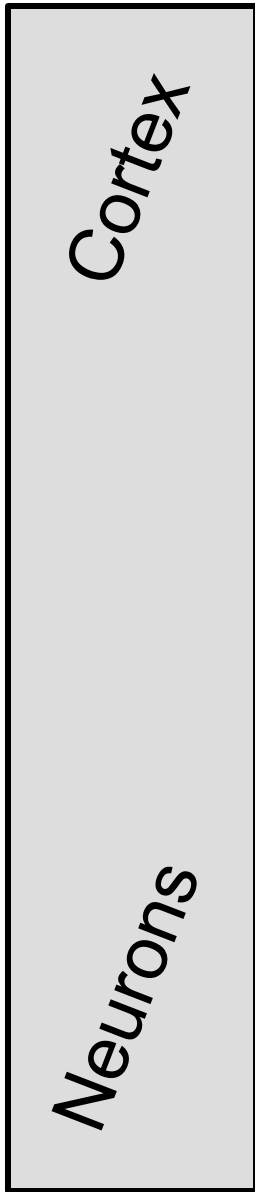
Meta-layering of cyber-phys control



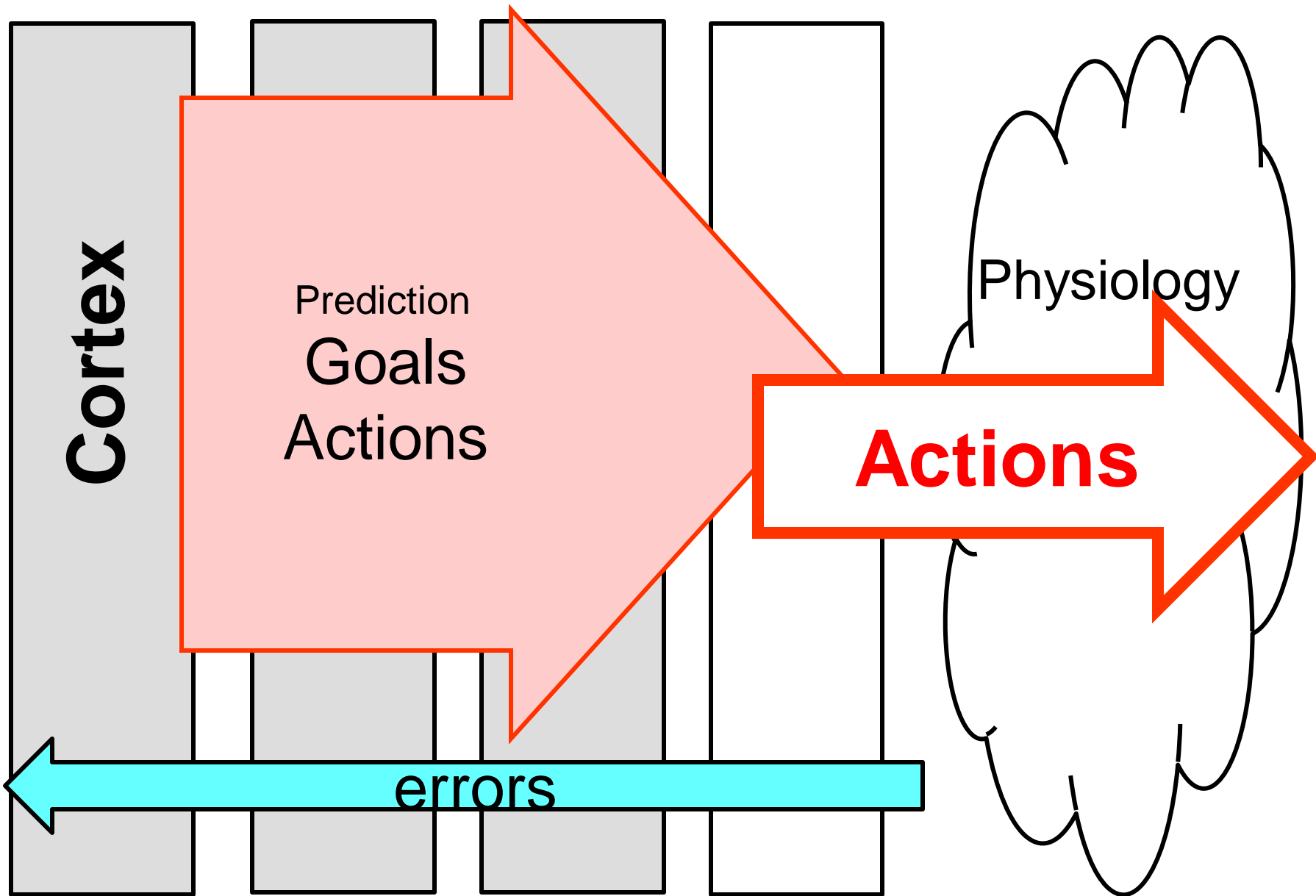
Layered architectures



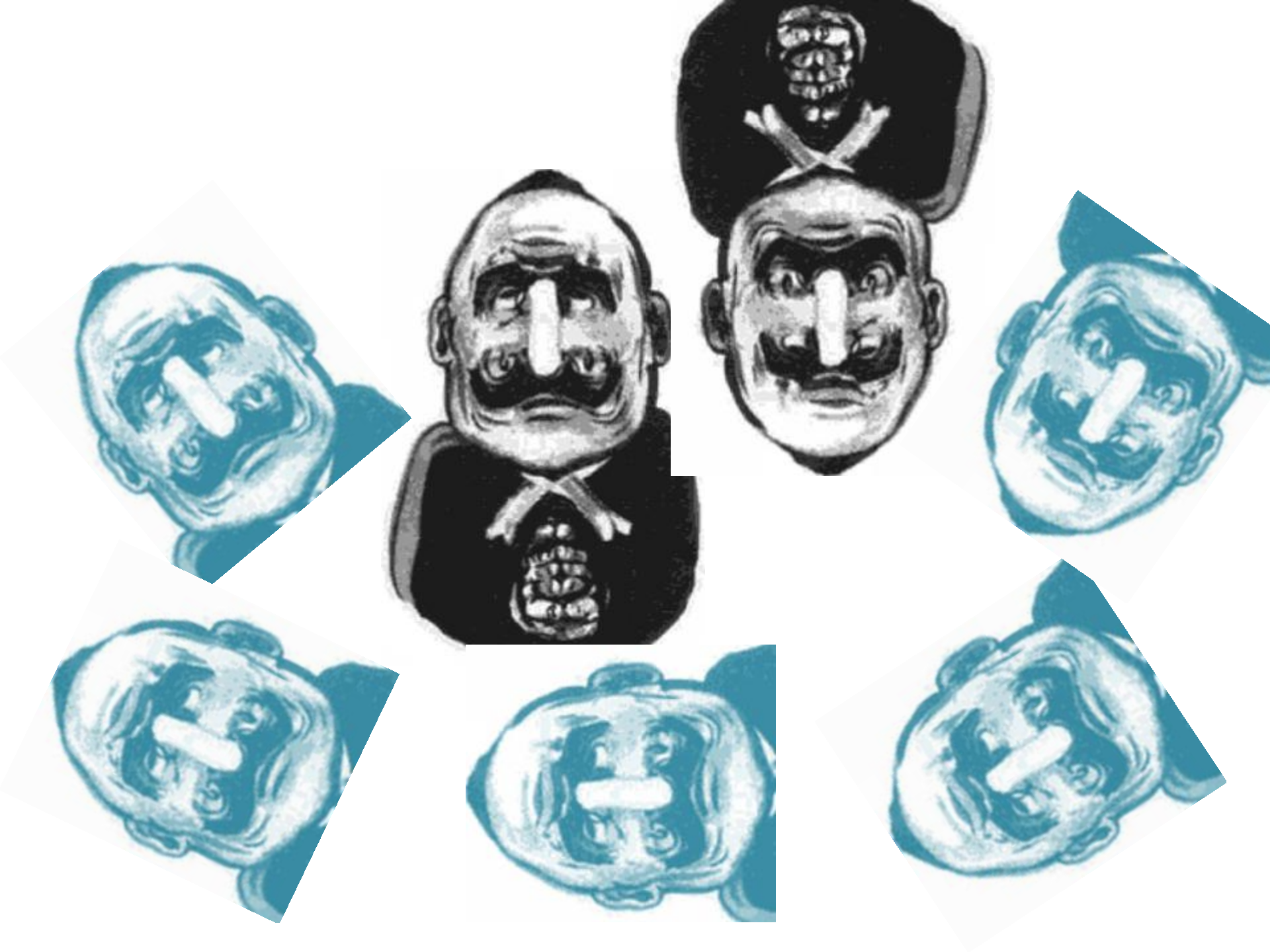
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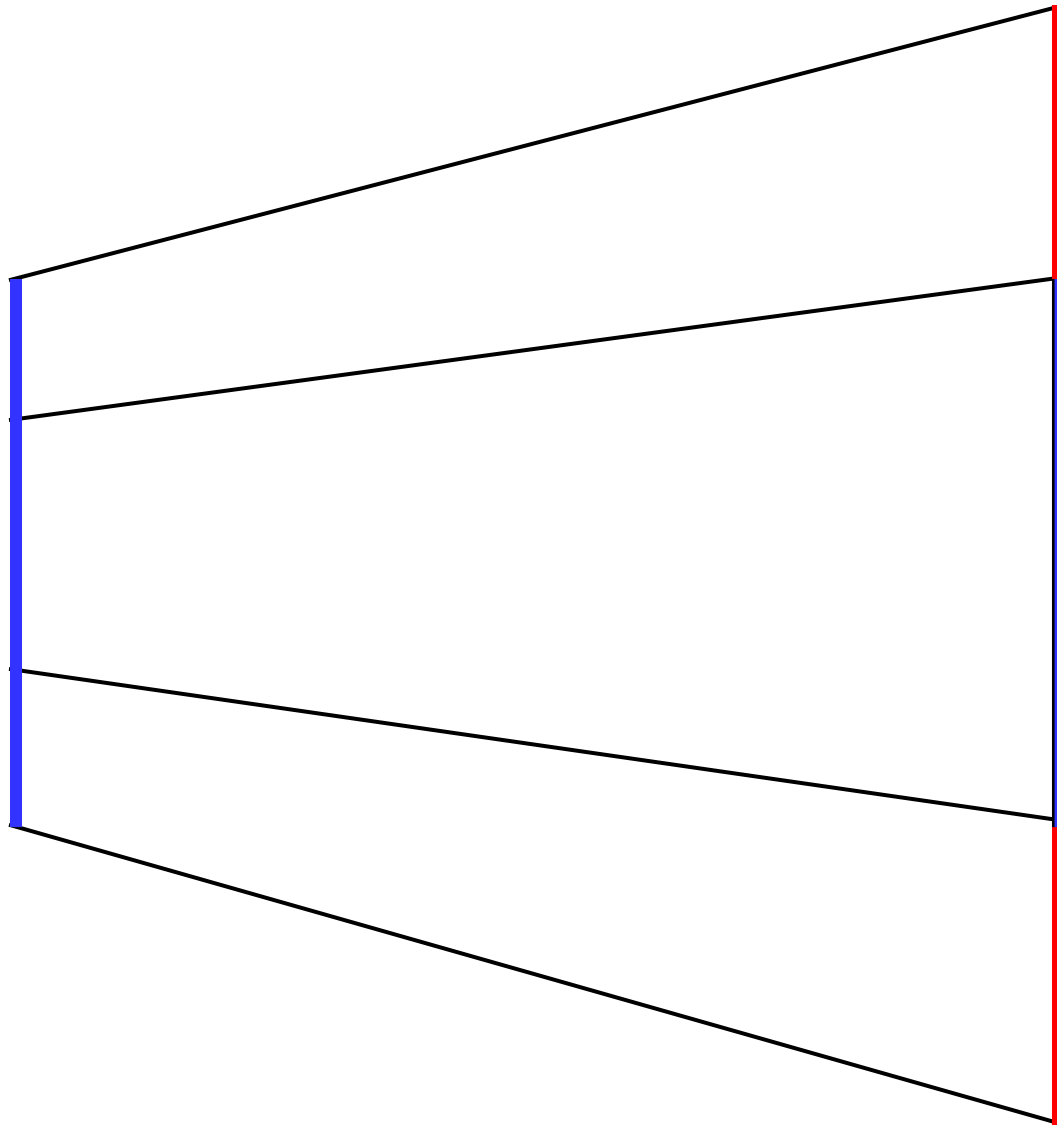
Meta-layers



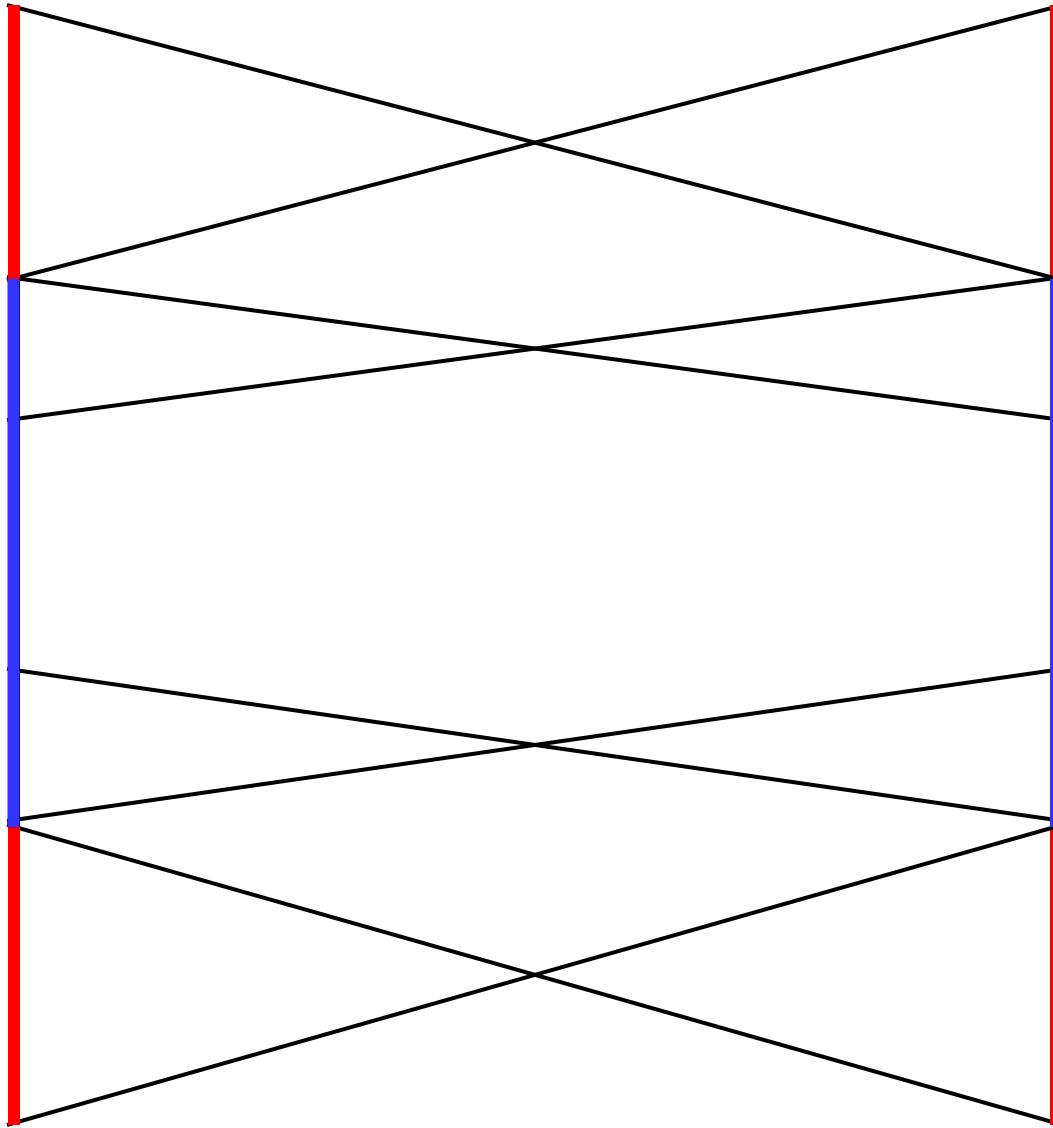




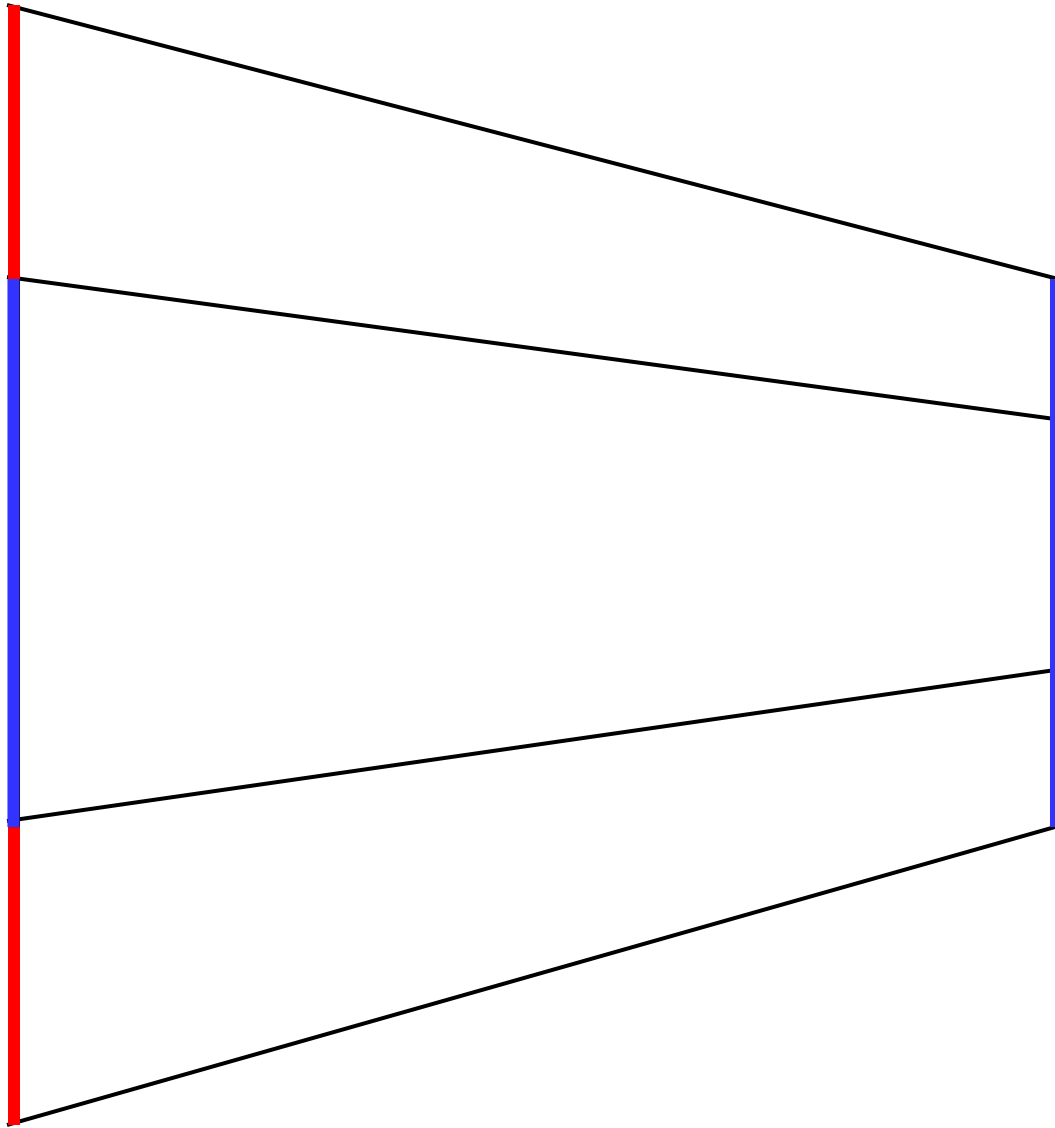
Which blue line is longer?



Which blue line is longer?



Which blue line is longer?

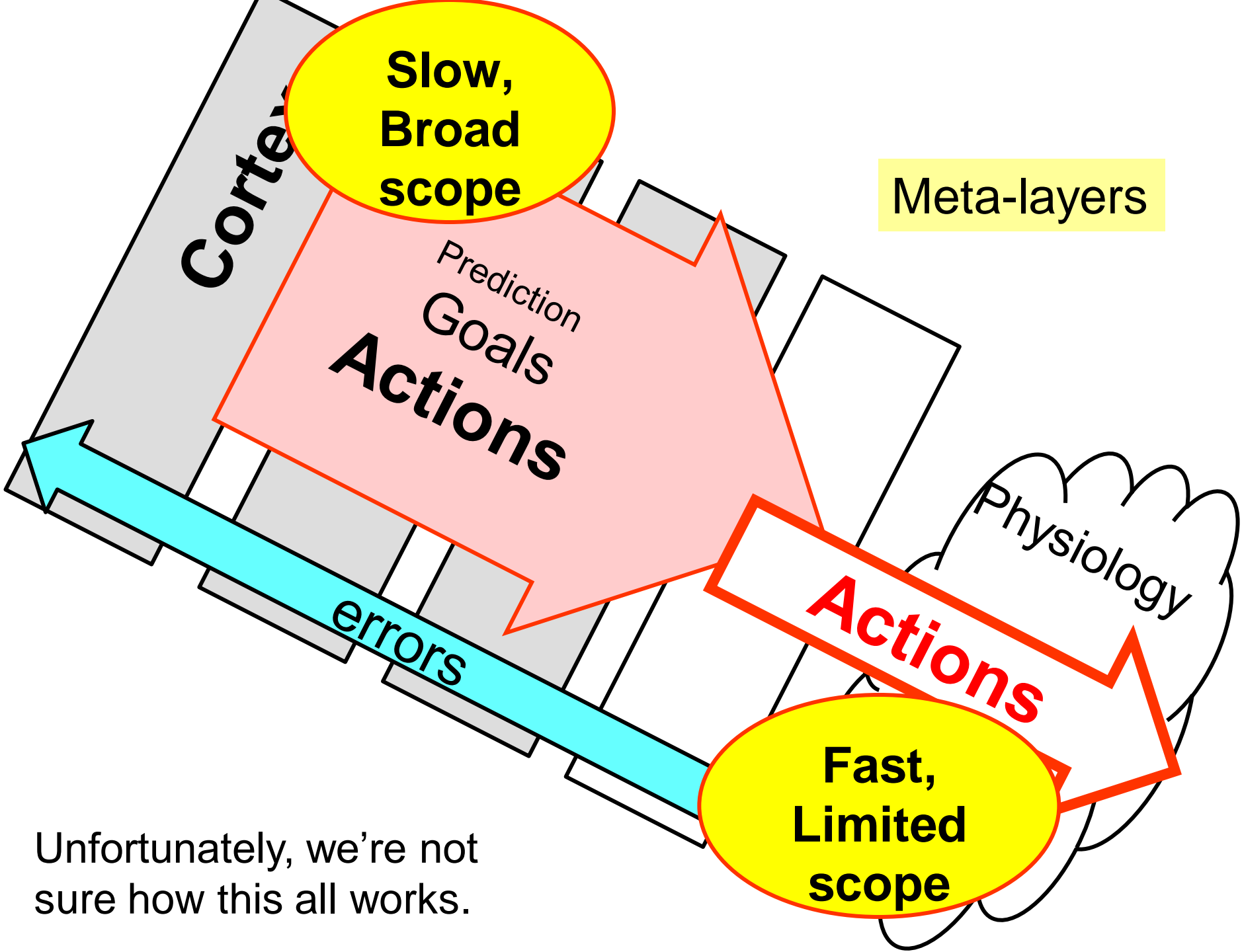


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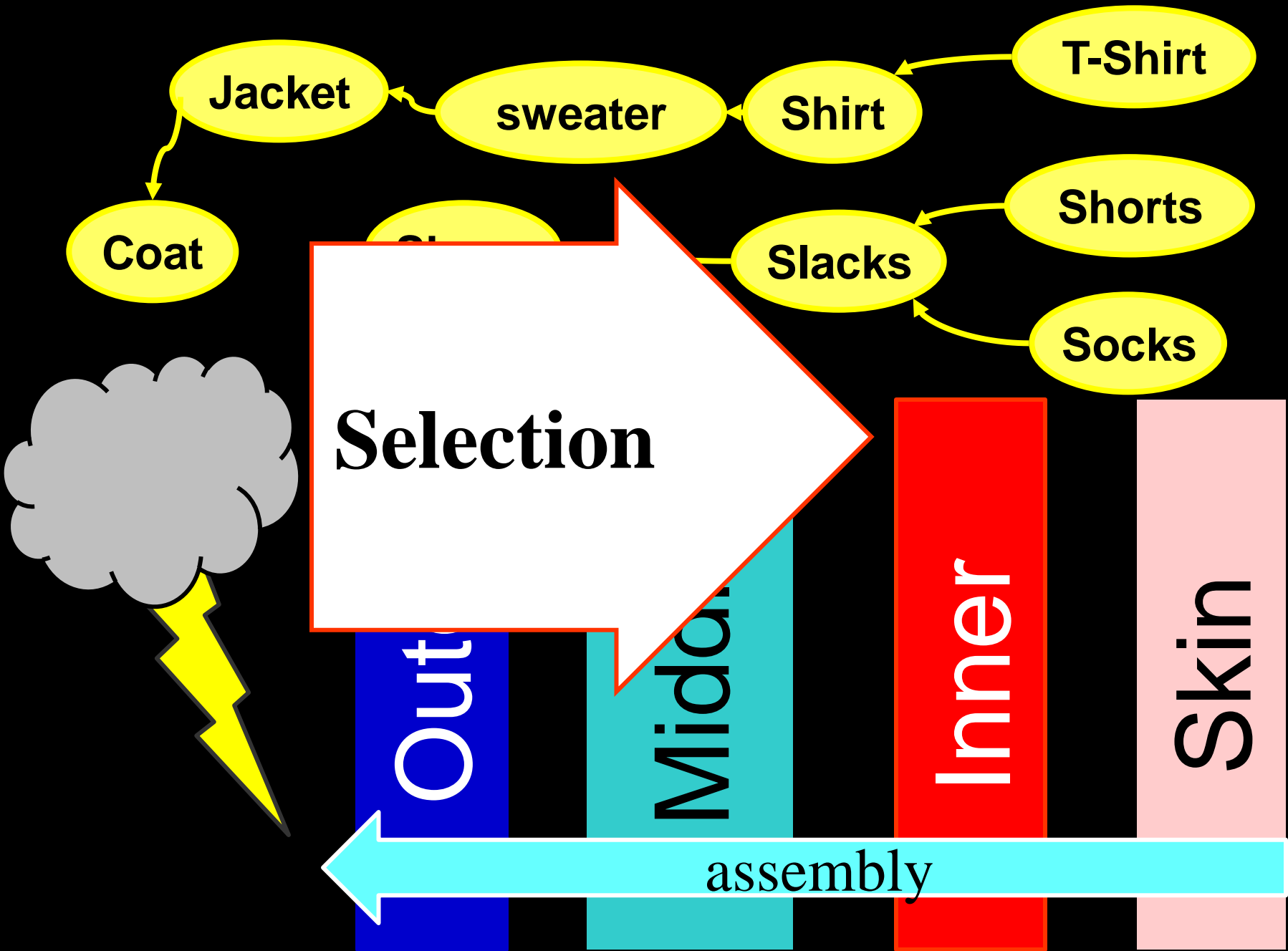


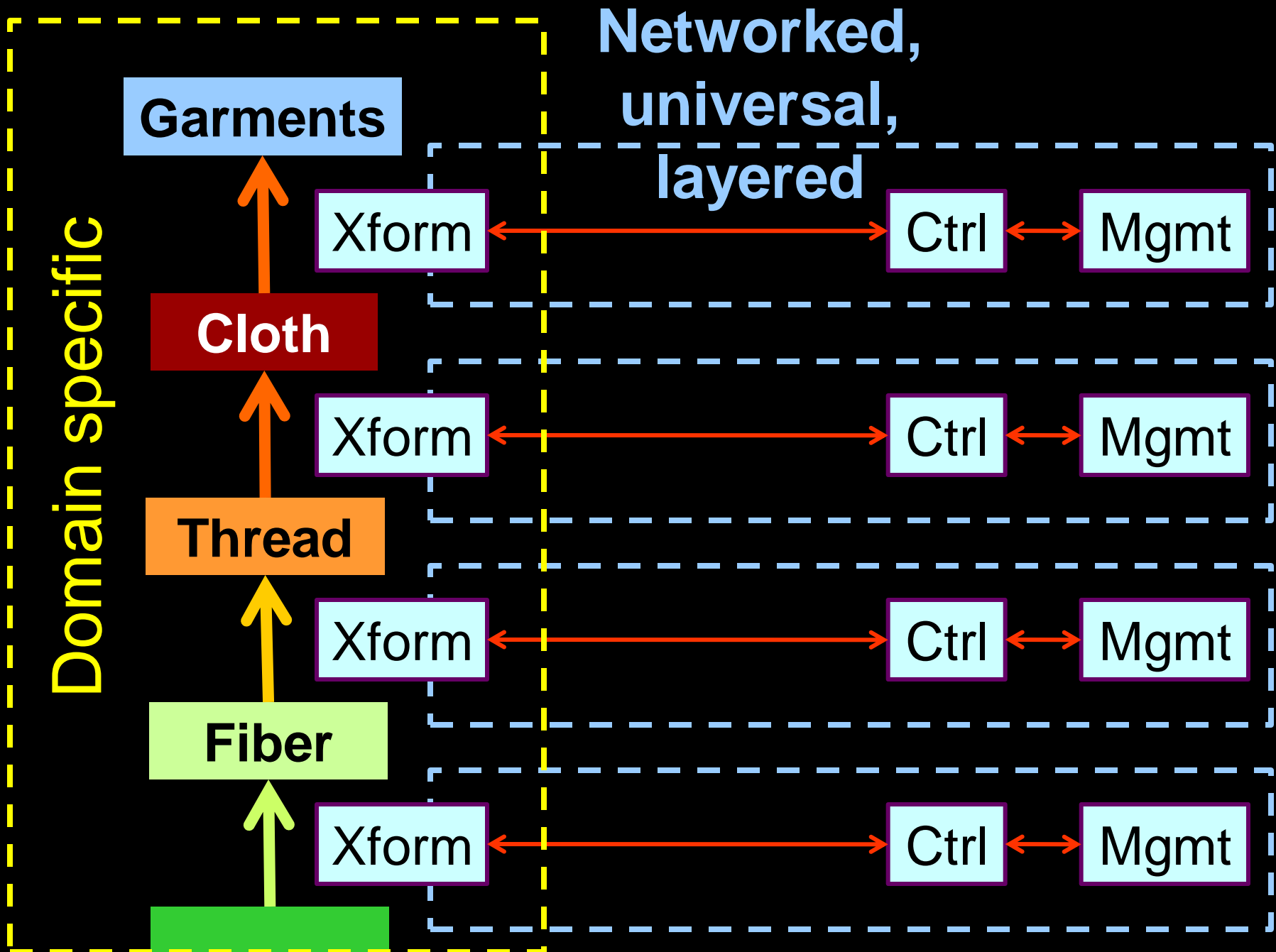
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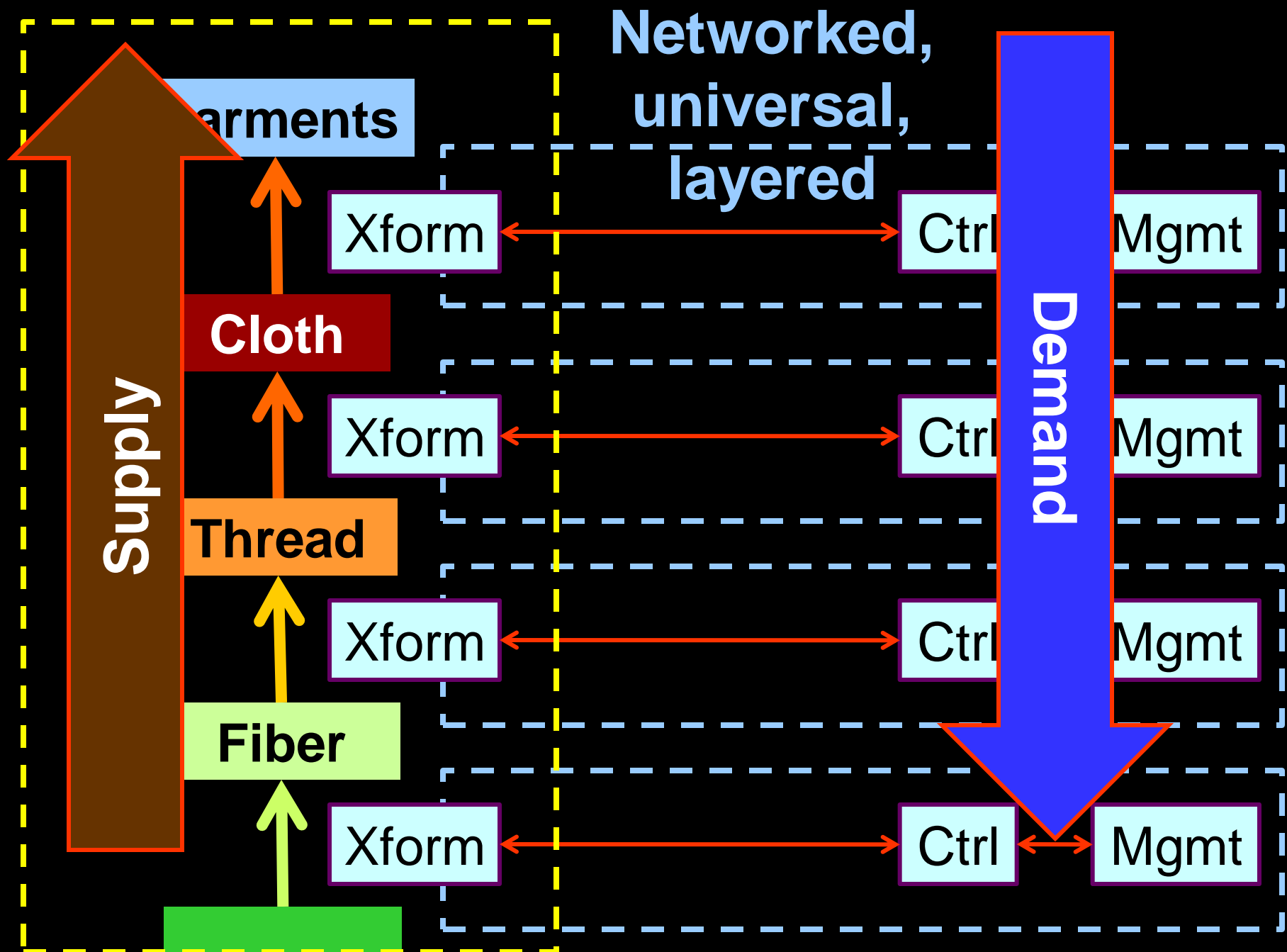




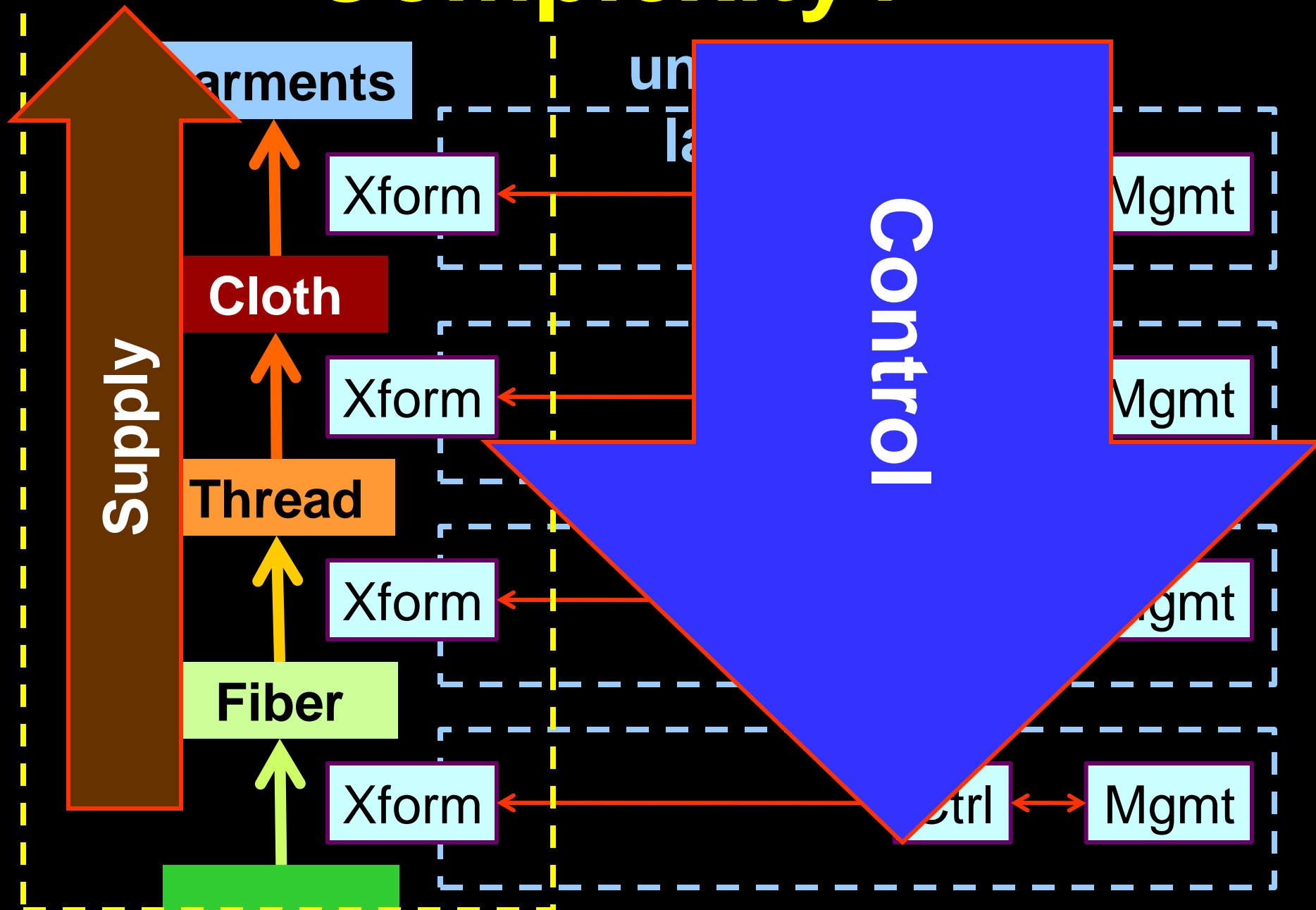
Unfortunately, we're not sure how this all works.







Complexity?



Fix?

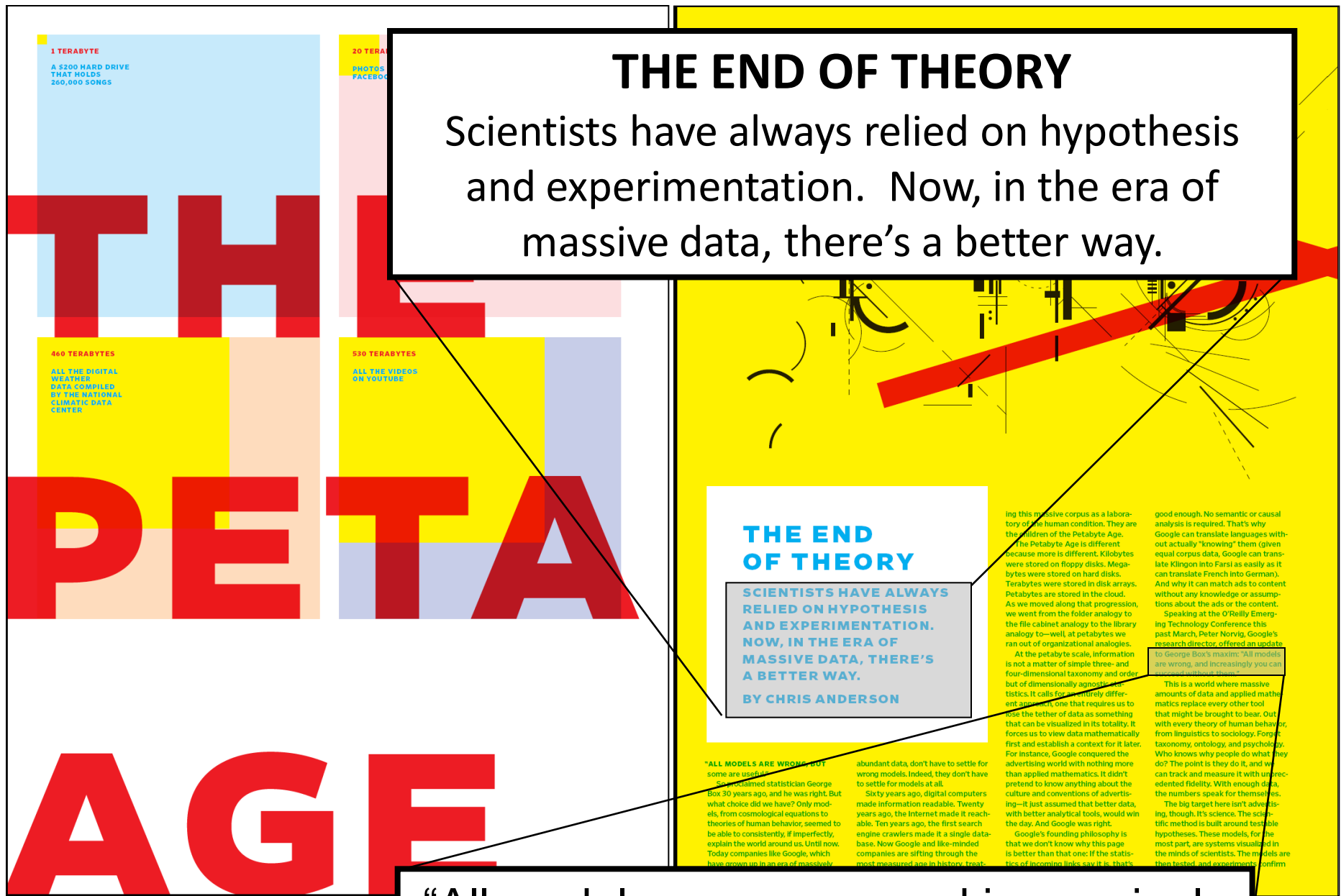
Yet Fragile

What matters:

- Action
- Automation
- Limits
- Tradeoffs

- ☹ Obesity, diabetes
- ☹ Cancer
- ☹ Parasites, infection
- ☹ AutoImmune/Inflame
- ☹ Addiction, psychosis...
- ☠ Epidemics, war...
- 💣 Catastrophes
- 💣 Obfuscate, amplify,...

Accident or necessity?



1 TERABYTE
A \$200 HARD DRIVE
THAT HOLDS
260,000 SONGS

20 TERABYTE
PHOTOS
FACEBOOK

460 TERABYTES
ALL THE DIGITAL
WEATHER
DATA COMPILED
BY THE NATIONAL
CLIMATIC DATA
CENTER

530 TERABYTES
ALL THE VIDEOS
ON YOUTUBE

THE END OF THEORY

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SCIENTISTS HAVE ALWAYS RELIED ON HYPOTHESIS AND EXPERIMENTATION. NOW, IN THE ERA OF MASSIVE DATA, THERE'S A BETTER WAY.
BY CHRIS ANDERSON

"ALL MODELS ARE WRONG, BUT some are useful."
So, proclaimed statistician George Box 30 years ago, and he was right. But what choice did we have? Only models, from cosmological equations to theories of human behavior, seemed to be able to consistently, if imperfectly, explain the world around us. Until now. Today companies like Google, which have grown up in an era of massively

abundant data, don't have to settle for wrong models. Indeed, they don't have to settle for models at all.
Sixty years ago, digital computers made information readable. Twenty years ago, the Internet made it reachable. Ten years ago, the first search engine crawlers made it a single database. Now Google and like-minded companies are sifting through the most measured age in history. Treat-

ing this massive corpus as a laboratory of the human condition. They are the children of the Petabyte Age.
The Petabyte Age is different because more is different. Kilobytes were stored on floppy disks. Megabytes were stored on hard disks. Terabytes were stored in disk arrays. Petabytes are stored in the cloud. As we moved along that progression, we went from the folder analogy to the file cabinet analogy to the library analogy to—well, at petabytes we ran out of organizational analogies.

At the petabyte scale, information is not a matter of simple three- and four-dimensional taxonomy and order but of dimensionally agnostic statistics. It calls for a entirely different approach, one that requires us to lose the tether of data as something that can be visualized in its totality. It forces us to view data mathematically first and establish a context for it later. For instance, Google conquered the advertising world with nothing more than applied mathematics. It didn't pretend to know anything about the culture and conventions of advertising—it just assumed that better data, with better analytical tools, would win the day. And Google was right.

Google's founding philosophy is that we don't know why this page is better than that one: If the statistics of incoming links say it is, that's

good enough. No semantic or causal analysis is required. That's why Google can translate languages without actually "knowing" them (given equal corpus data, Google can translate Klingon into Farsi as easily as it can translate French into German). And why it can match ads to content without any knowledge or assumptions about the ads or the content.
Speaking at the O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference this past March, Peter Norvig, Google's research director, offered an update

to George Box's maxim: "All models are wrong, and increasingly you can succeed without them."
This is a world where massive amounts of data and applied mathematics replace every other tool that might be brought to bear. Out with every theory of human behavior, from linguistics to sociology, Freud's taxonomy, ontology, and psychology. Who knows, why people do what they do? The point is they do it, and we can track and measure it with unprecedented fidelity. With enough data, the numbers speak for themselves.

The big target here isn't advertising, though. It's science. The scientific method is built around testable hypotheses. These models, for the most part, are systems visualized in the minds of scientists. The models are then tested, and experiments confirm

"All models are wrong, and increasingly you can succeed without them."

Save our
children

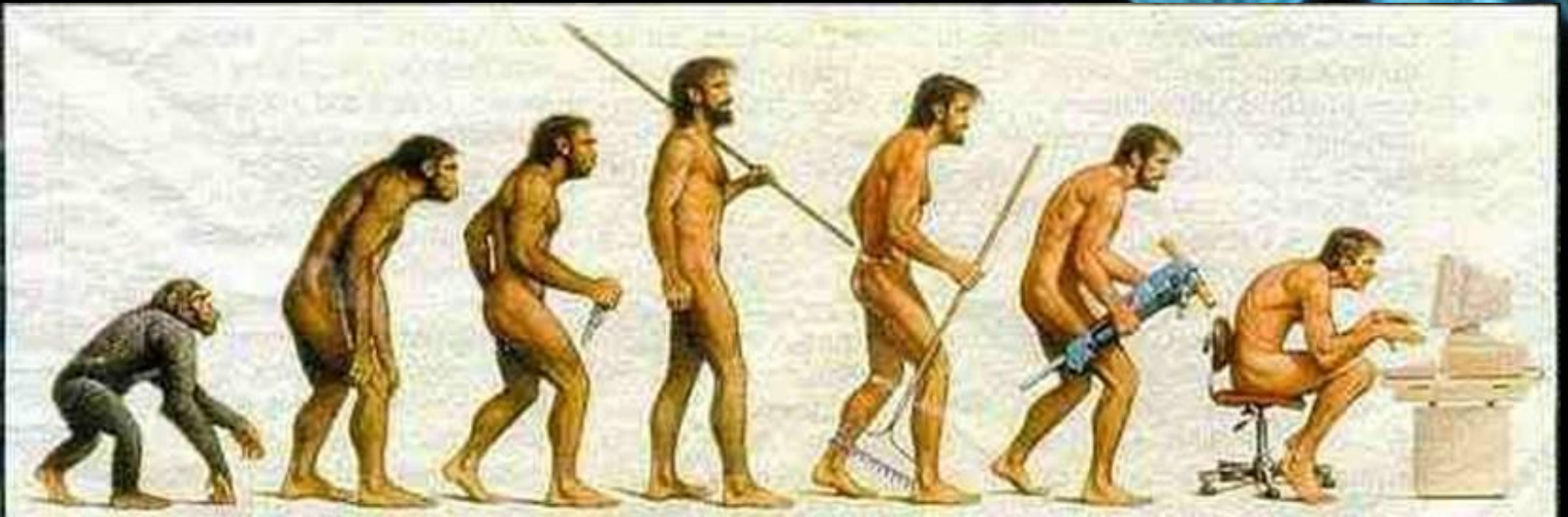
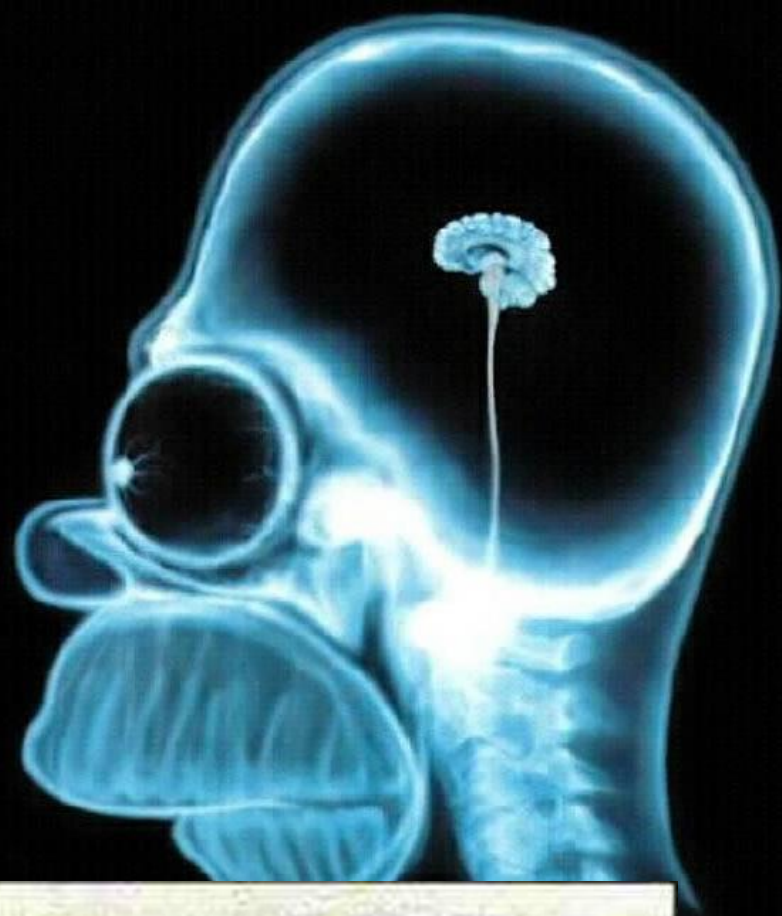


There is a
treatment.

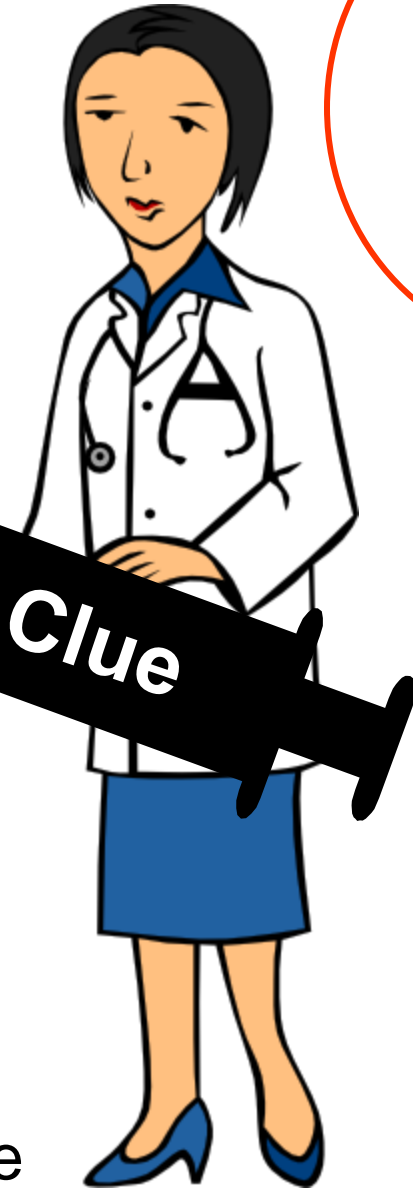


New words

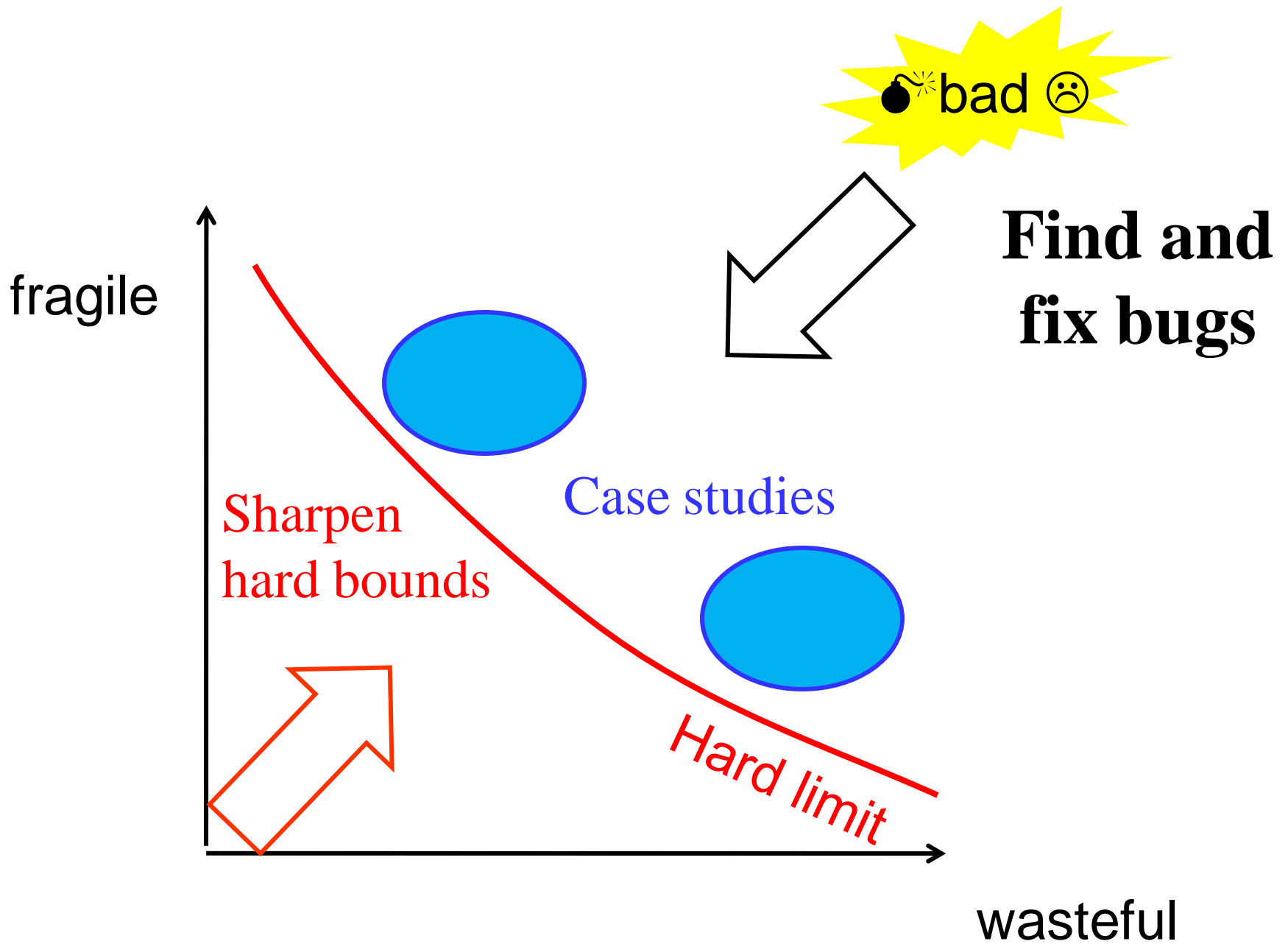
- **Peta-philia:** Perverse love of data and computation
- **Peta-fop:** Someone who profits from peta-philia
- **Exa-duhs:** Loss of clue from excessive peta-philia



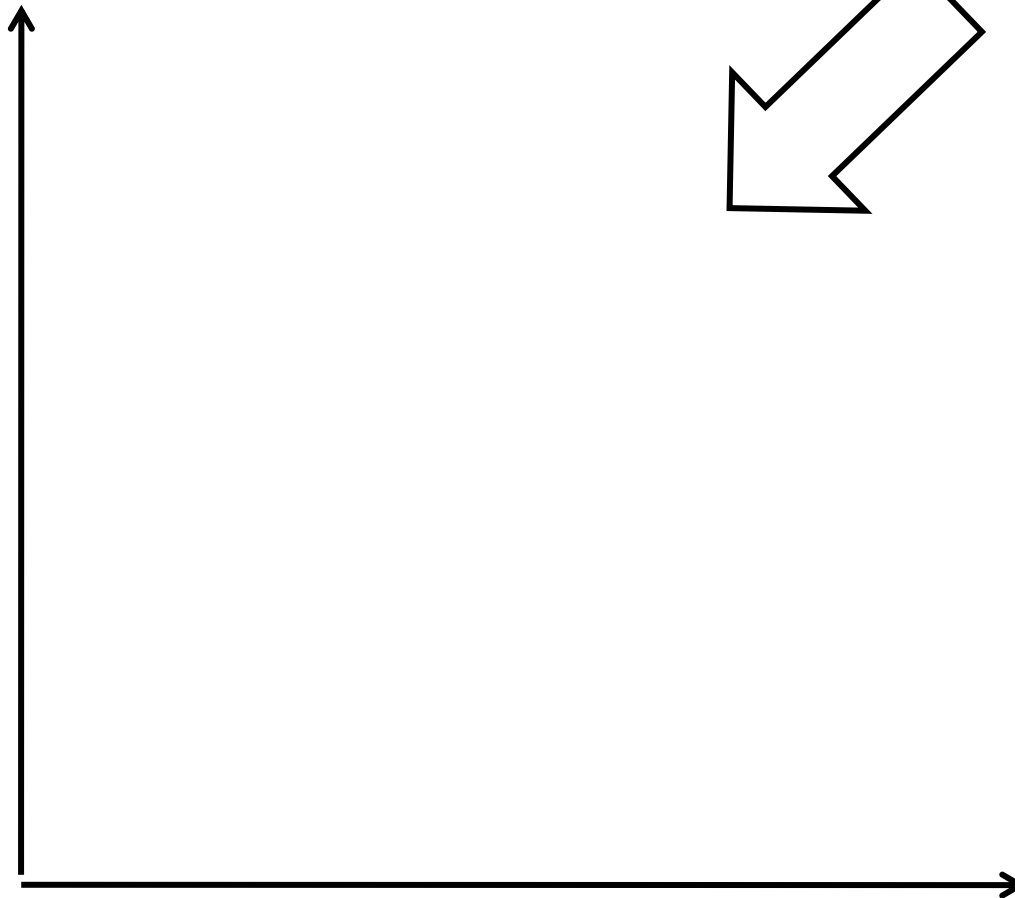
Fortunately
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Not yet in
widespread use



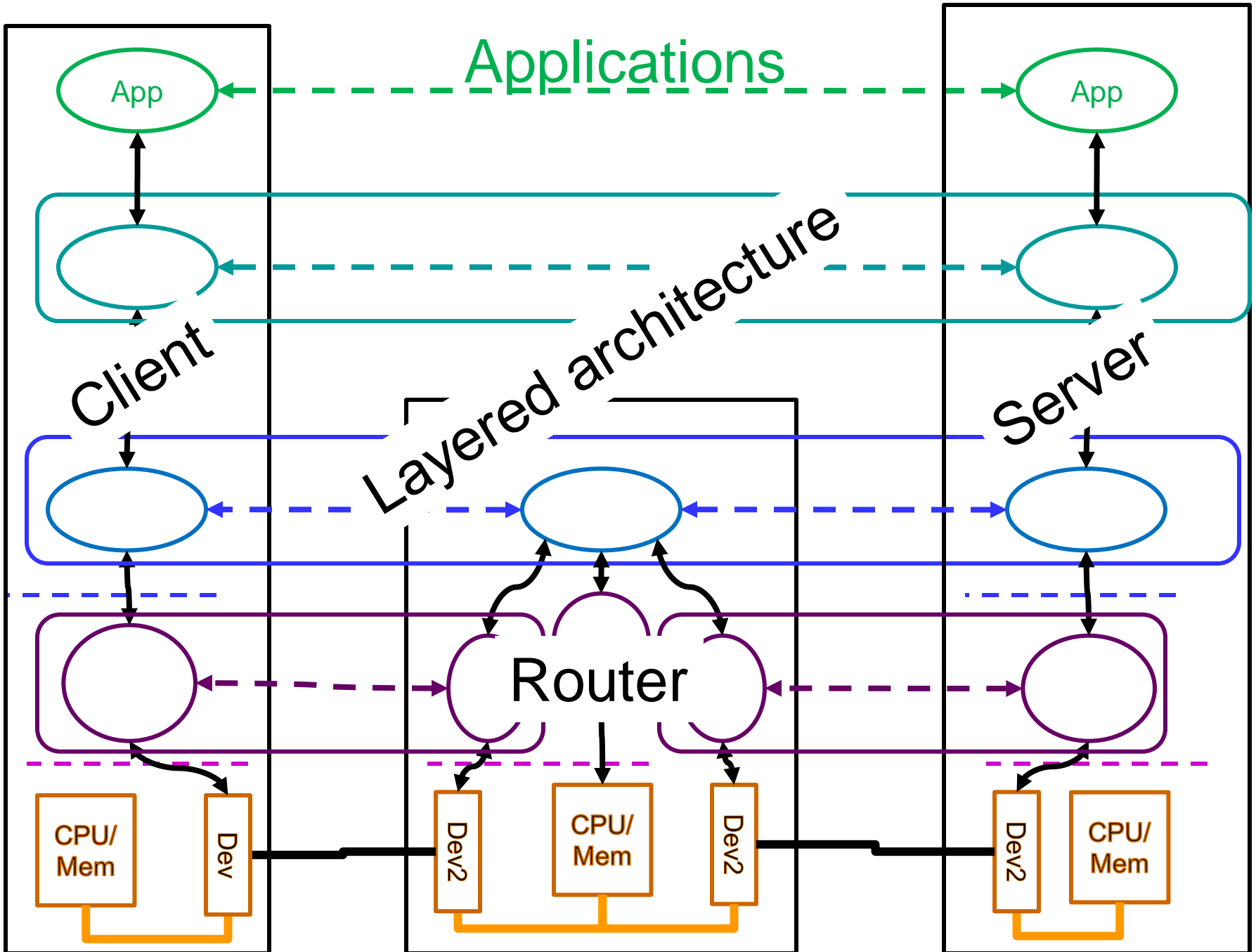
fragile



💣 bad 😞

**Find and
fix bugs**

wasteful



Layering as Optimization Decomposition: A Mathematical Theory of Network Architectures

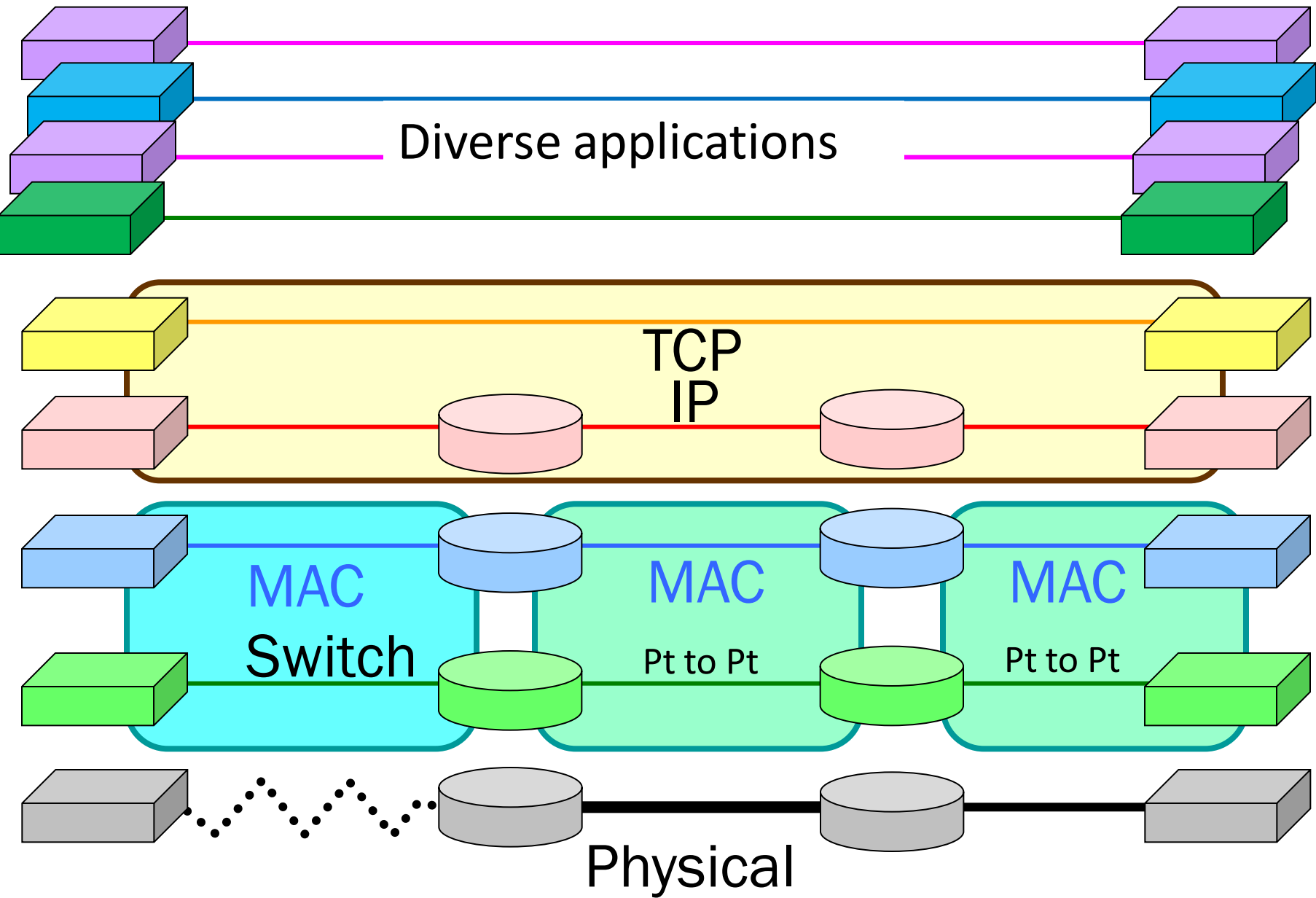
There are various ways that network functionalities can be allocated to different layers and to different network elements, some being more desirable than others. The intellectual goal of the research surveyed by this article is to provide a theoretical foundation for these architectural decisions in networking.

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Layered architectures



Control

“Layering as optimization”

robust control

- 10+ years of progress & impact...
- Static optimization → dynamic control
- Wireless, scheduling, net coding, ...

Internet

optimization

- But....
- Something is ***wrong architecturally***
- Better protocols/control won't fix it
- Design: from protocols to architectures

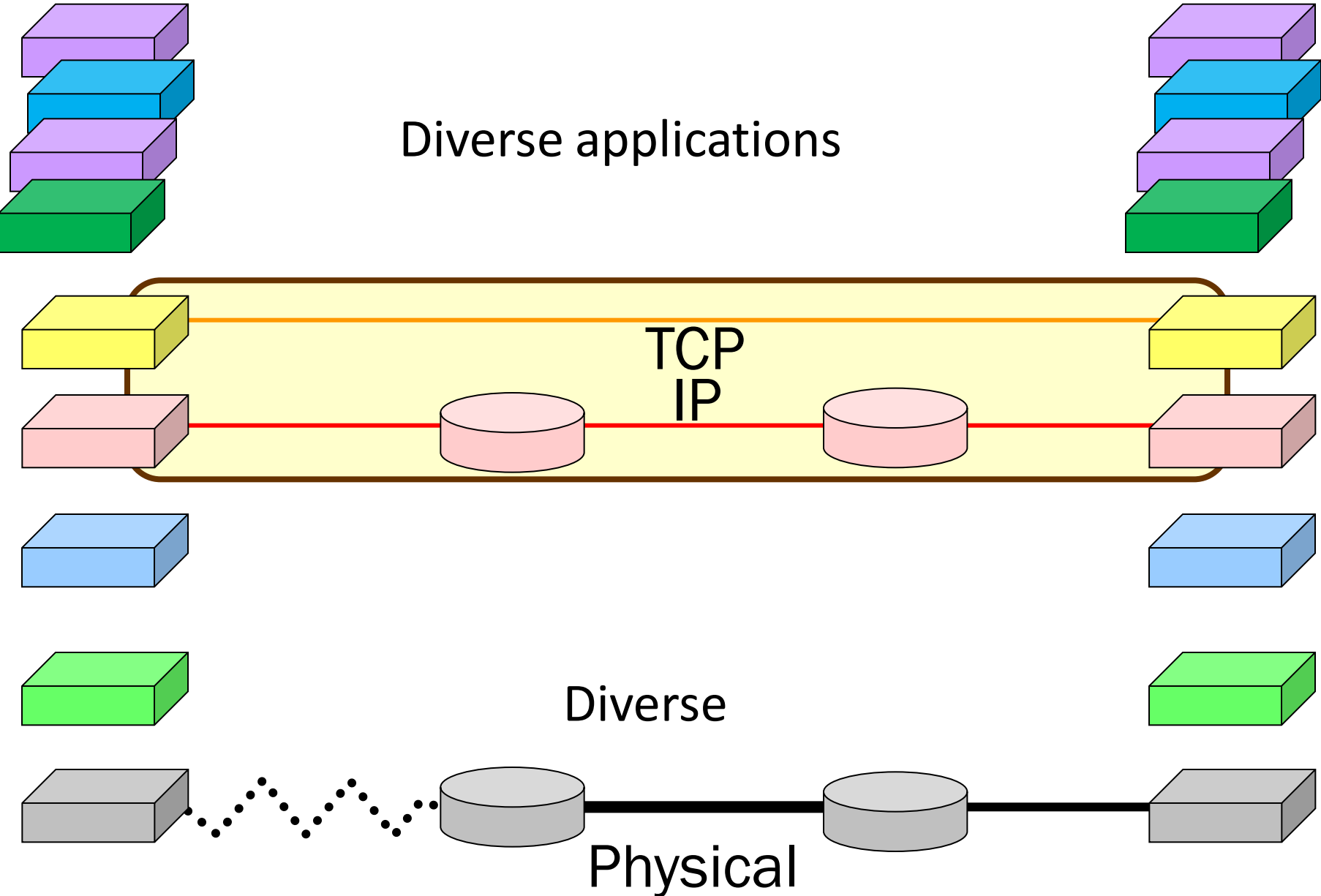
Compute

operating systems

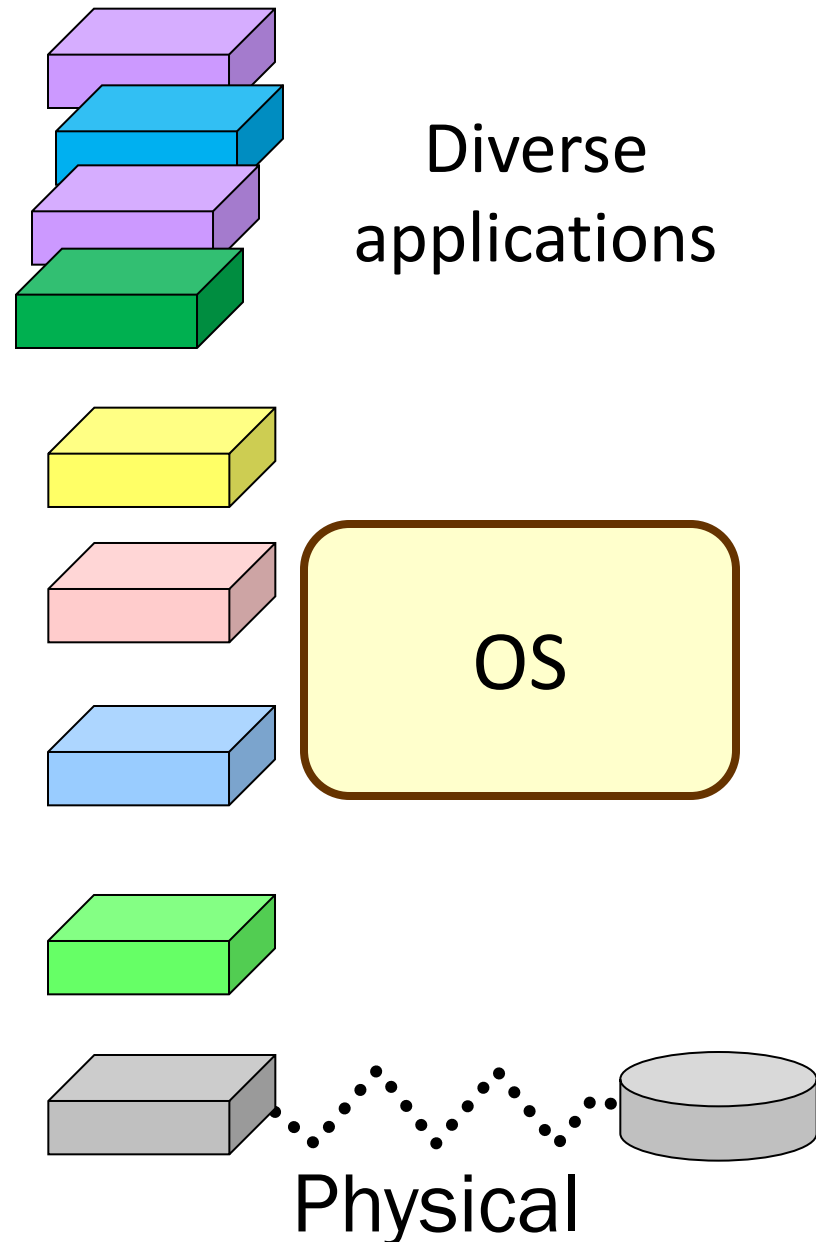
Layered architectures everywhere

- Computers, Internet, software... cyber-physical?
- Bacterial biosphere
- Evo-devo
- Brain
- Lego, clothing, supply chain, ...
- Useful “comparative physiology”

Layered architectures



Layered architectures



- OS allocates/shares
 - diverse resources among
 - diverse applications
- “Strict layering” crucial, e.g. clearly separate
 - Application name space
 - Logical (virtual) name/address space
 - Physical (name/) address space
- Name resolution w/in apps
- Name/addr transl X layers

Layered architectures

Diverse applications

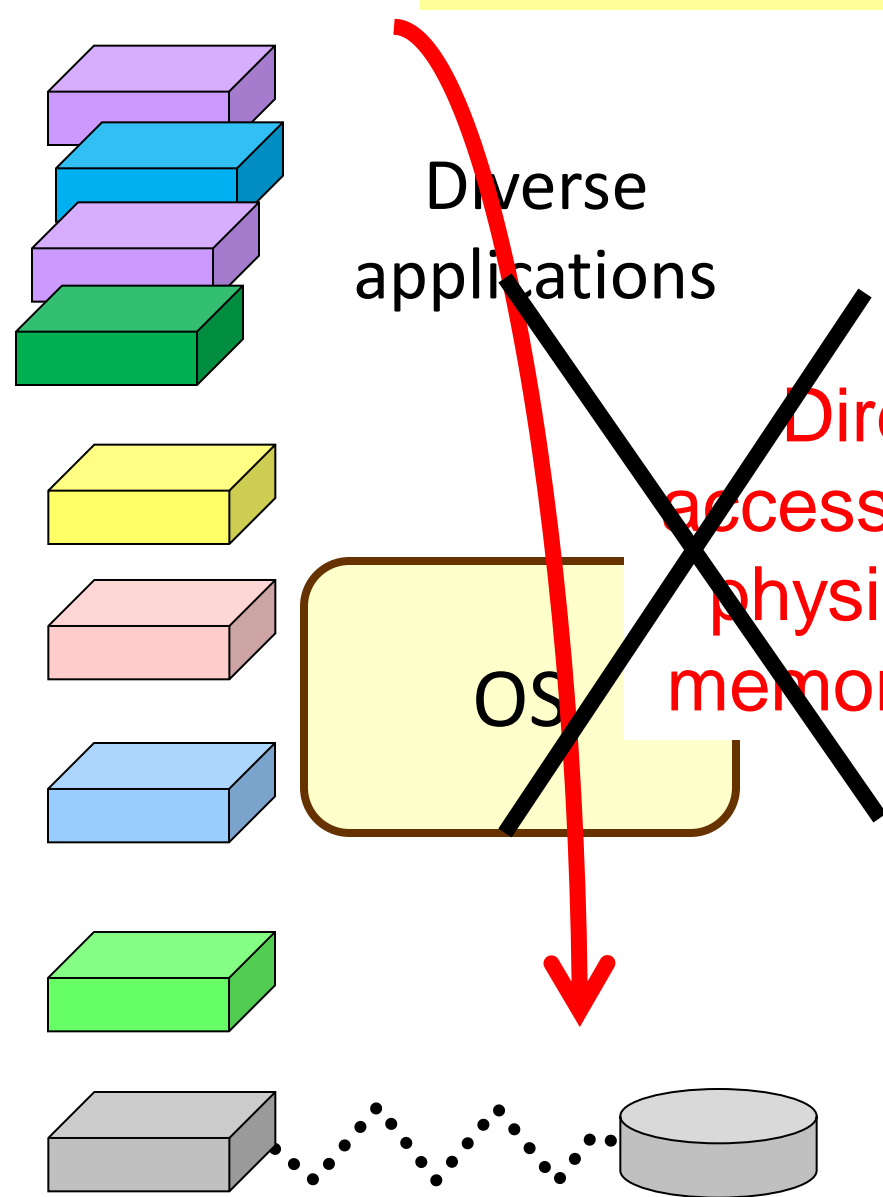
**In programming:
No global variables**

**Direct
access to
physical
memory?**

**In operating systems:
Don't cross layers
(rings)**

OS

Physical

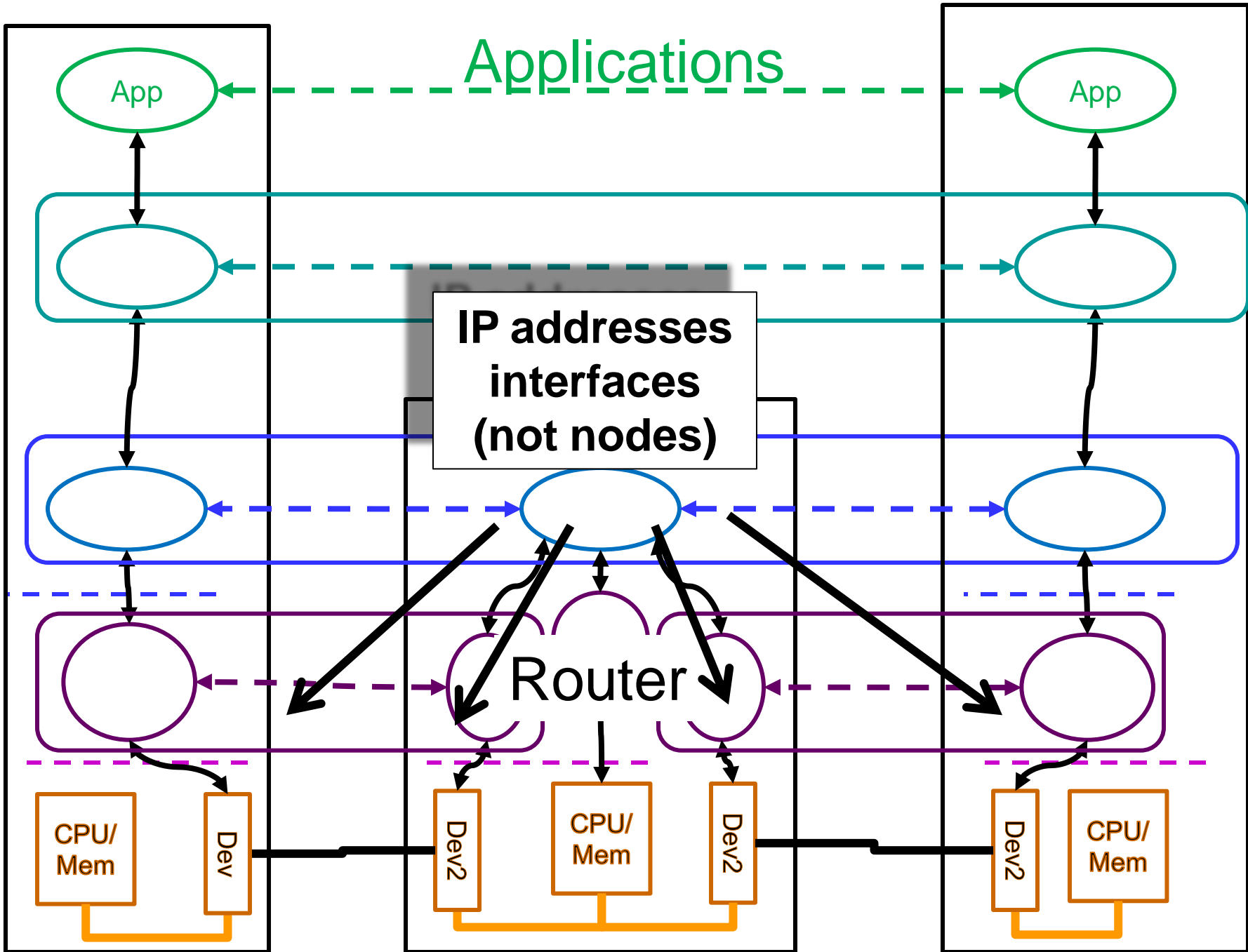


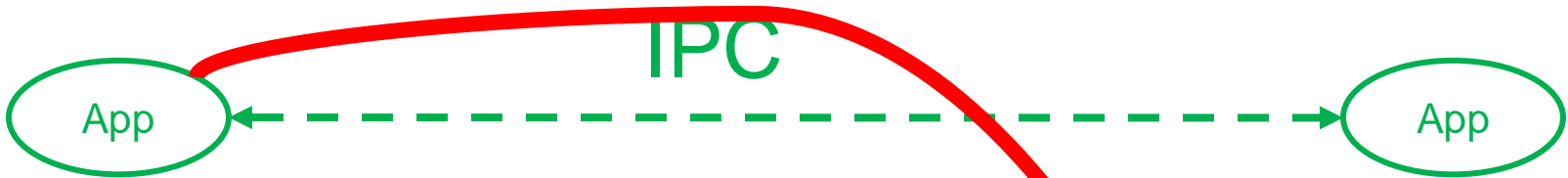
Problems with *leaky* layering

Modularity benefits are lost

- Global variables? @\$%*&!^% @&
- Poor portability of applications
- Insecurity of physical address space
- Fragile to application crashes
- No scalability of virtual/real addressing
- Limits optimization/control by duality?

Applications





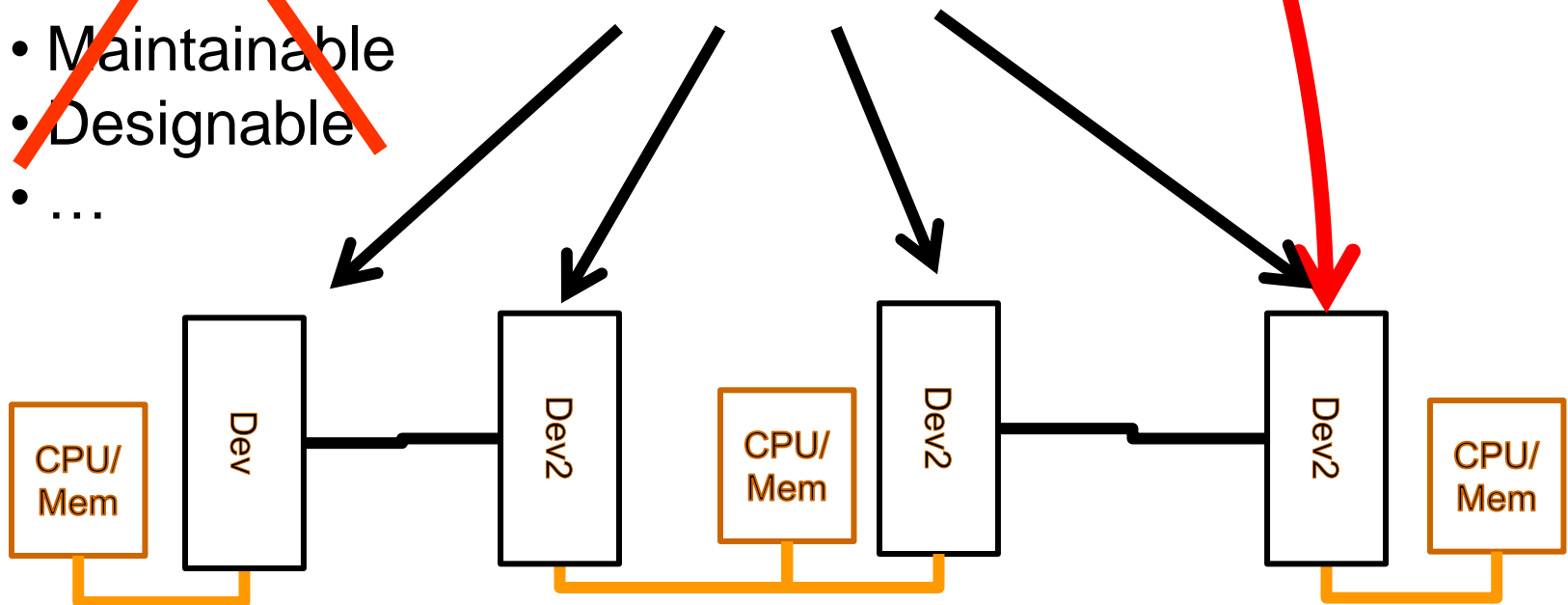
DNS

Global
and direct
access to
physical
address!

~~Robust?~~

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

**IP addresses
interfaces
(not nodes)**



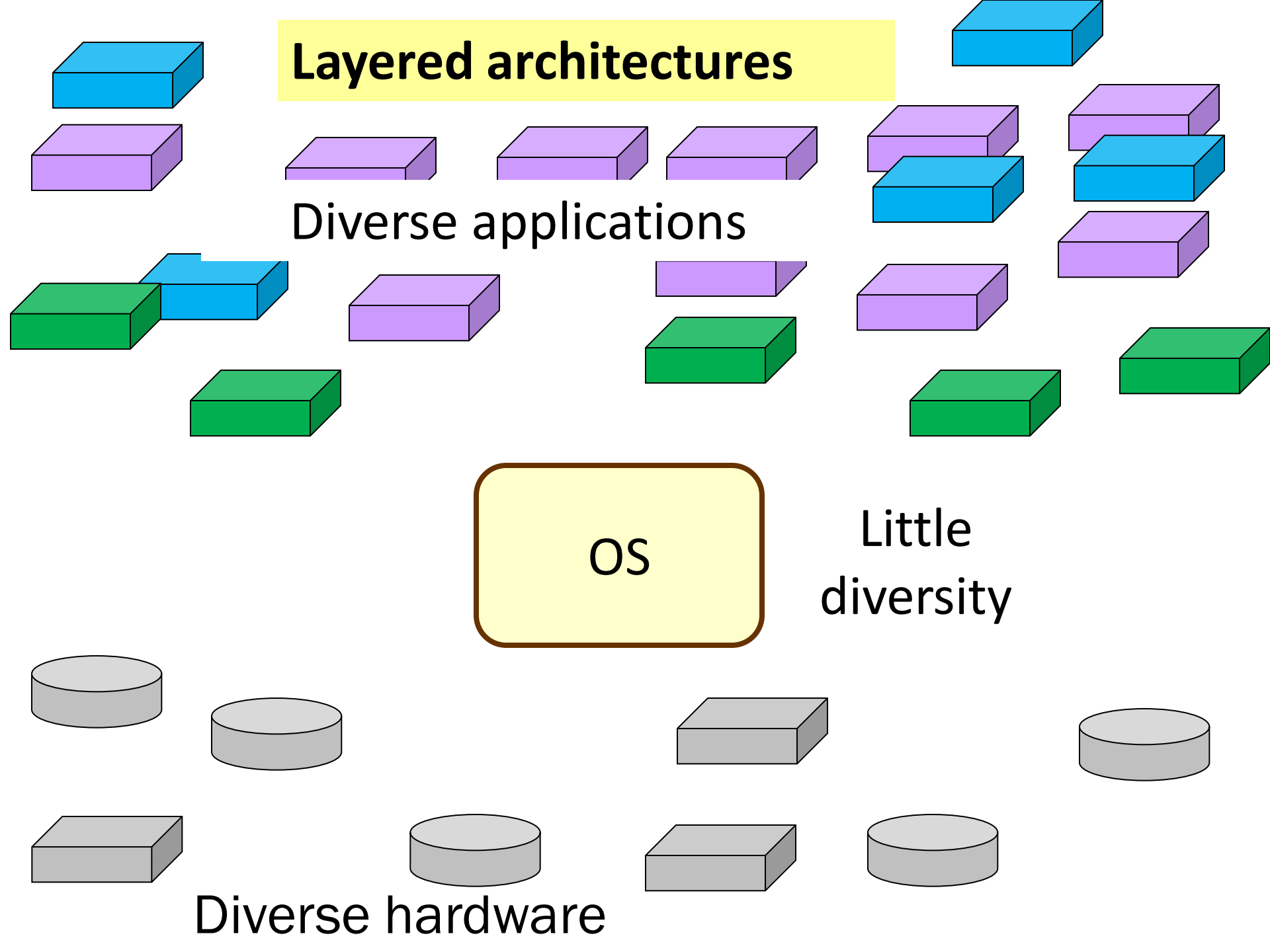
Layered architectures

Diverse applications

Little diversity

OS

Diverse hardware



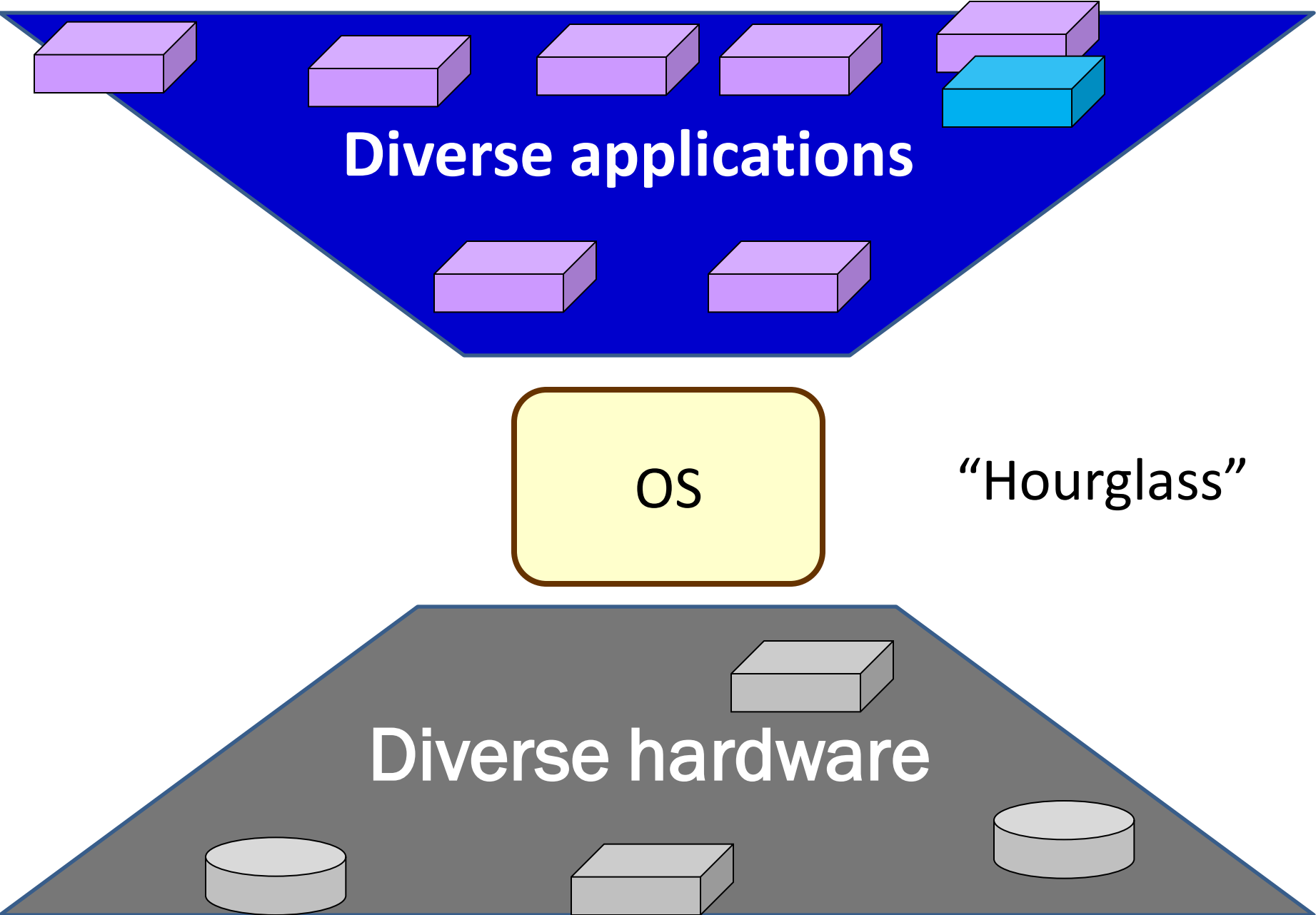
Layered architectures

Diverse applications

OS

“Hourglass”

Diverse hardware

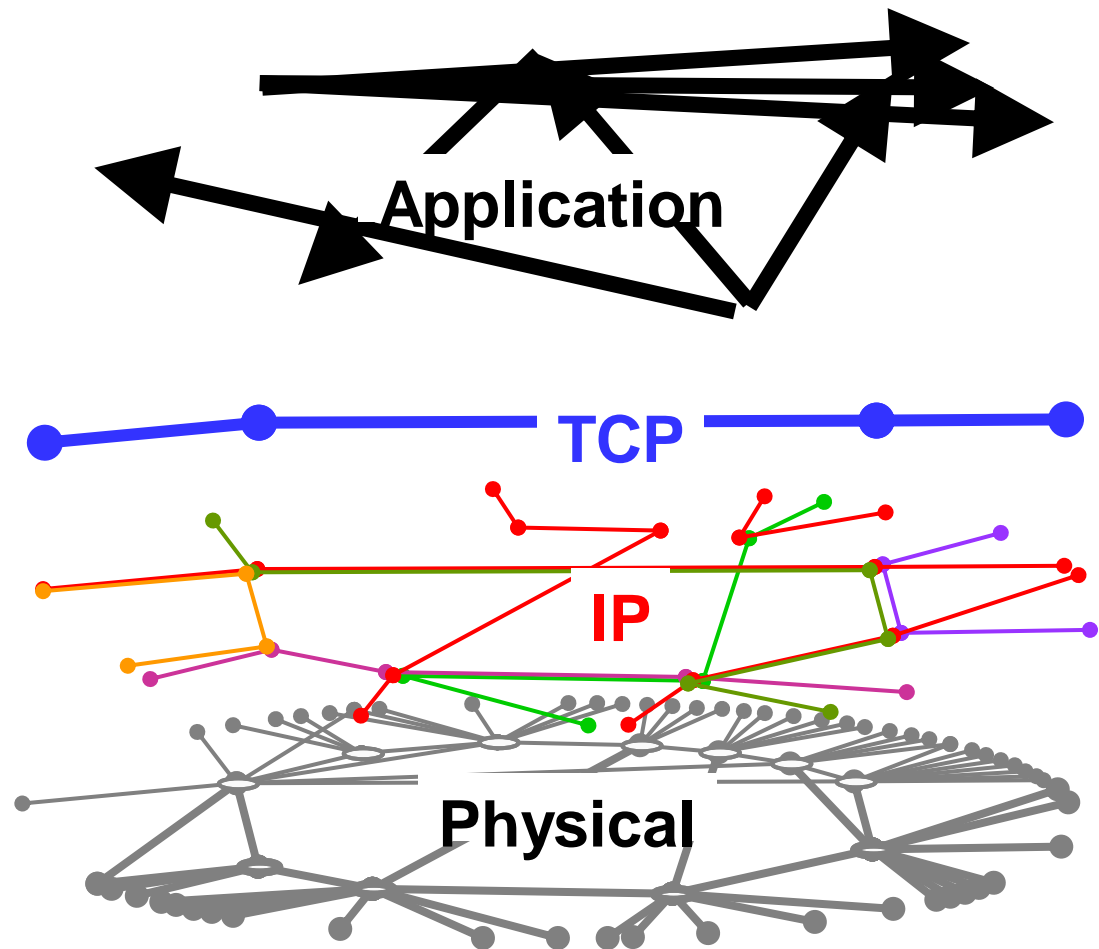


Naming and addressing need to be

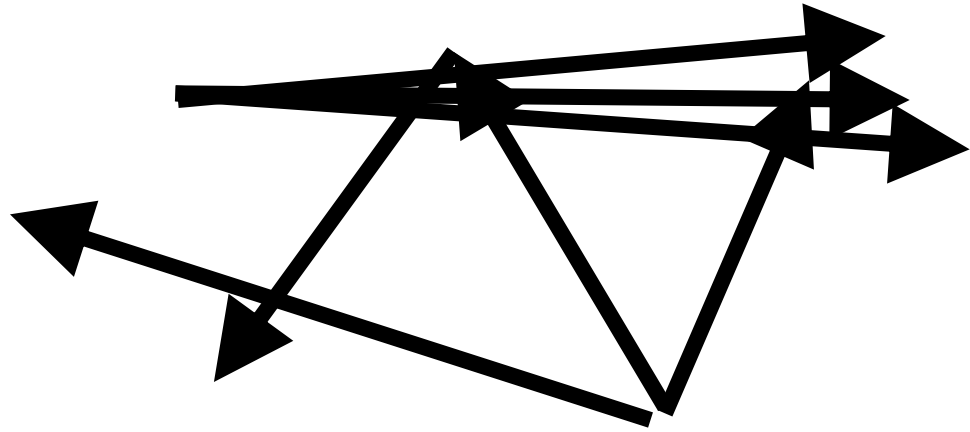
- resolved within layer
- translated between layers
- not exposed outside of layer

Related “issues”

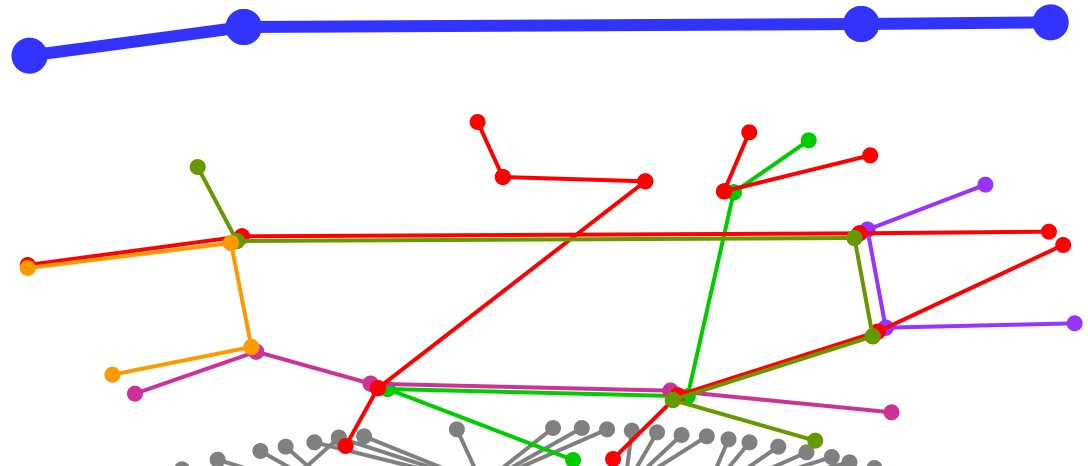
- DNS
- NATS
- Firewalls
- Multihoming
- Mobility
- Routing table size
- Overlays
- ...



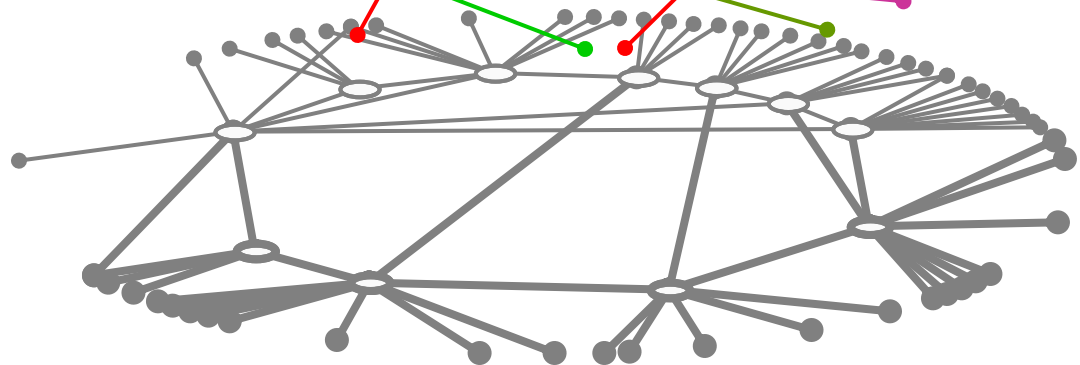
Persistent
errors and
confusion.



Architecture
is *not* graph
topology.



Architecture
facilitates
arbitrary graphs.



The “robust yet fragile” nature of the Internet

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The search for unifying properties of complex networks is popular, challenging, and important. For modeling approaches that focus on

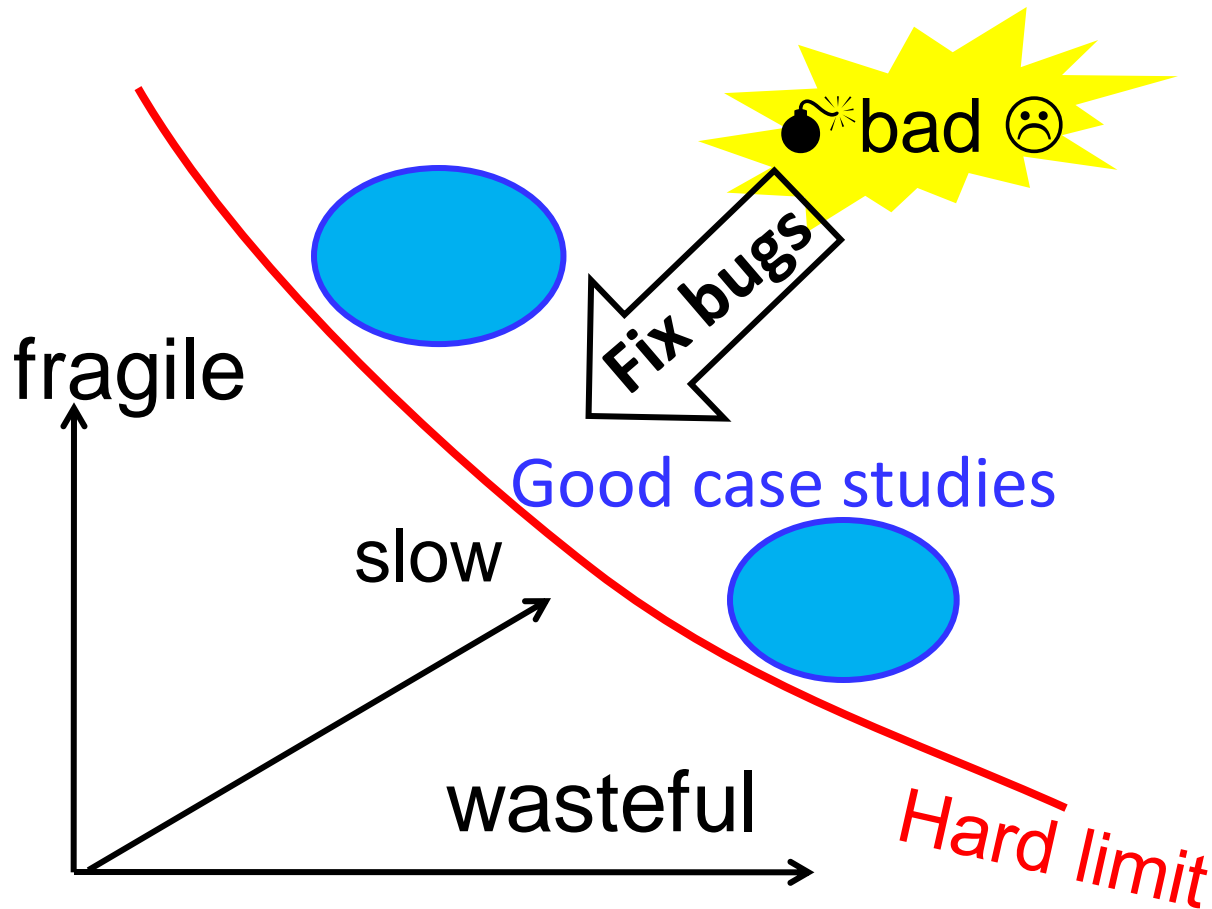
no self-loops or parallel edges) having the same graph degree. We will say that graphs $g \in G(D)$ have scaling-degree sequen-

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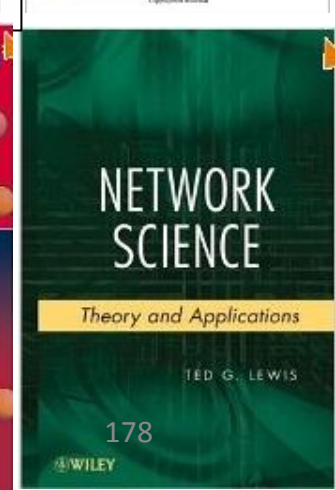
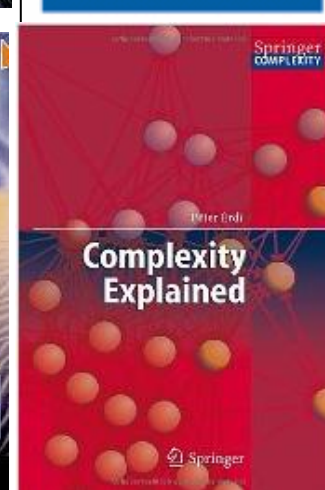
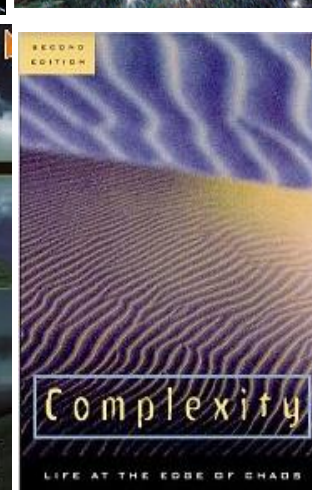
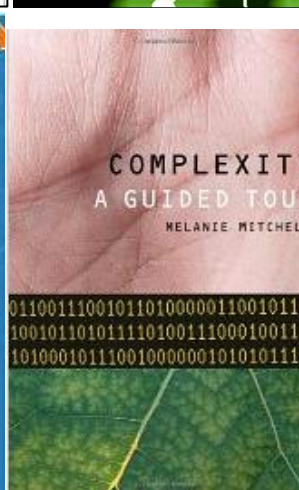
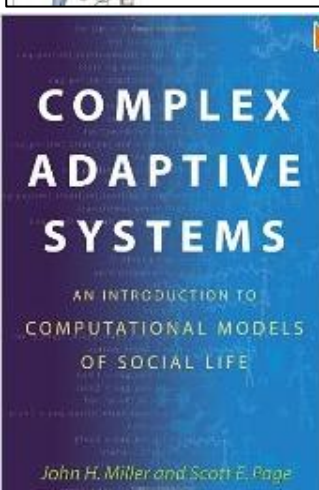
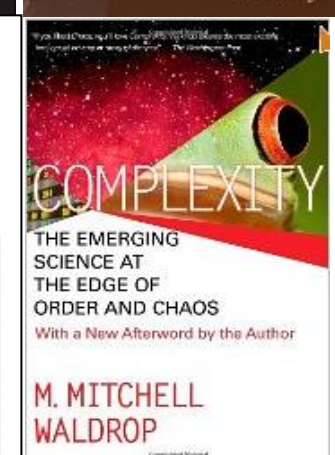
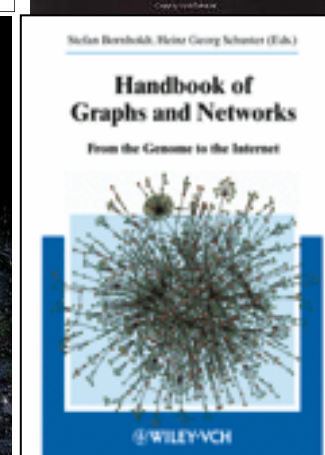
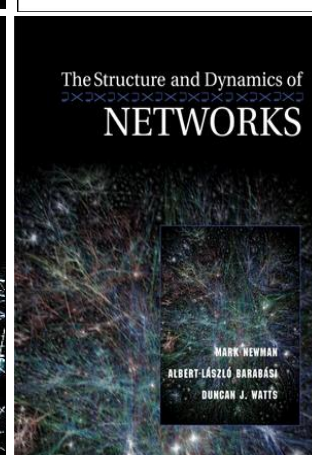
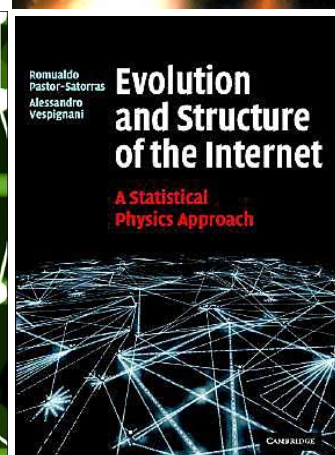
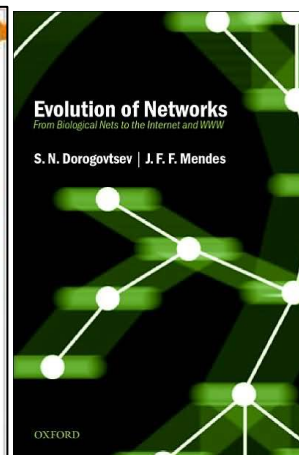
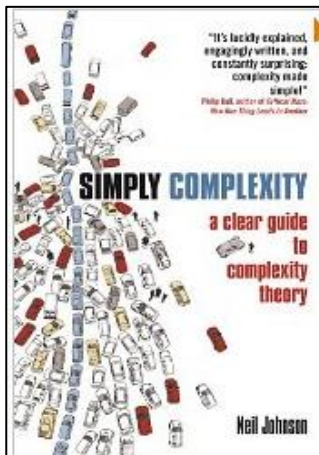
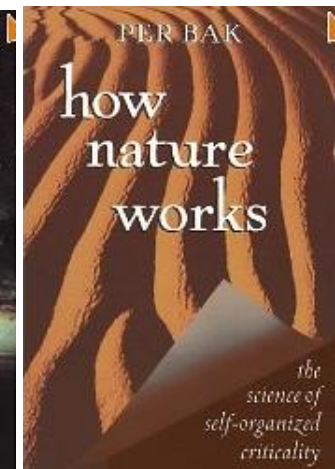
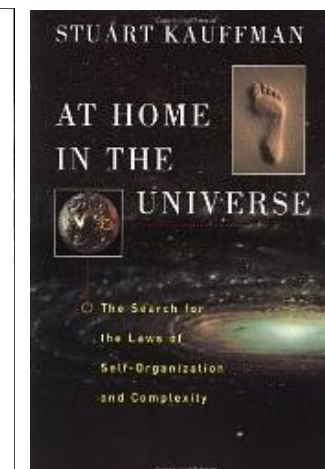
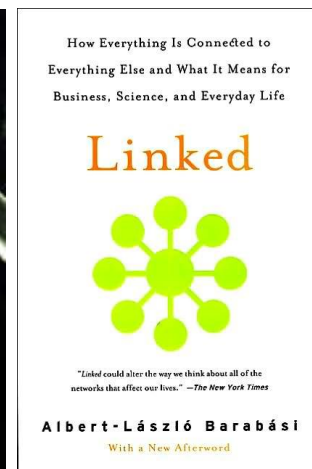
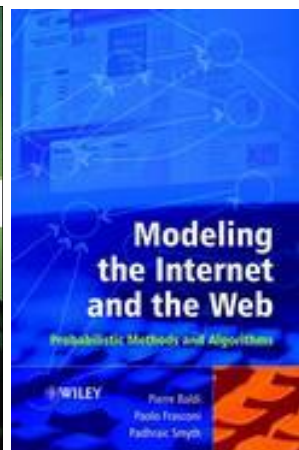
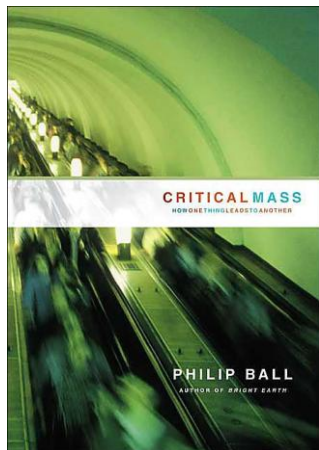


“New sciences” of “complexity” and “networks”?



- Science as pure fashion
- Ideological
- Political
- Evangelical
- Nontech trumps tech

- Edge of chaos
- Self-organized criticality
- Scale-free “networks”
- Creation “science”
- Intelligent design
- Financial engineering
- Risk management
- “Merchants of doubt”
- ...



Complexity = hard to understand, explain

- “Complexity science” = persistently in error
 - bionetworks: gene regulation, metabolism, PPI
 - wildfires, earthquakes
 - Internet, power grid
- Minimal impact on technology
- Diminishing impact on biology
- Of concern in medicine, neuroscience

Complex systems?

Even small
amounts can
create
bewildering
complexity

Fragile

- Scale
- Dynamics
- Nonlinearity
- Nonequilibrium
- Open
- Feedback
- Adaptation
- Intractability
- Emergence
- ...

Complex systems?

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 - Organized
 - Structured
 - Extreme
 - ***Architected***
 - ...

Architecture

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New words

Emergent

**Emergence
at the edge of
chaocritiplexity**

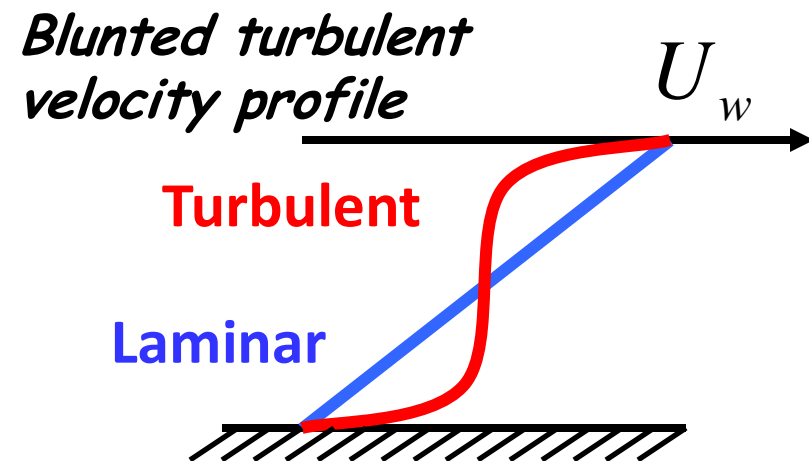
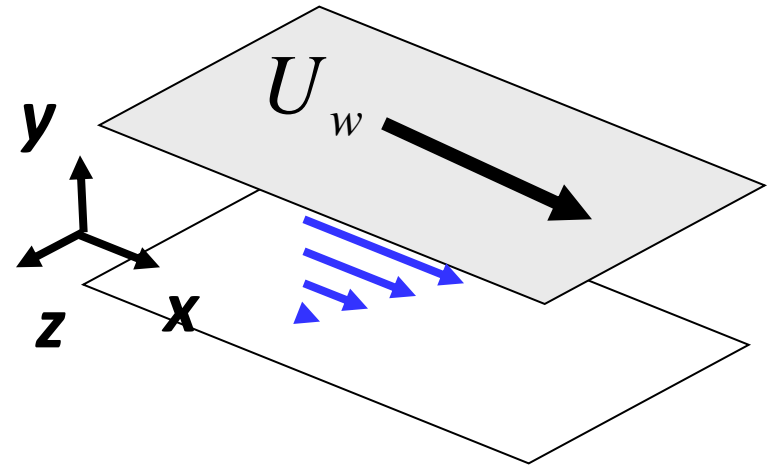
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$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

“turbulence is a highly nonlinear phenomena”



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Complexity?

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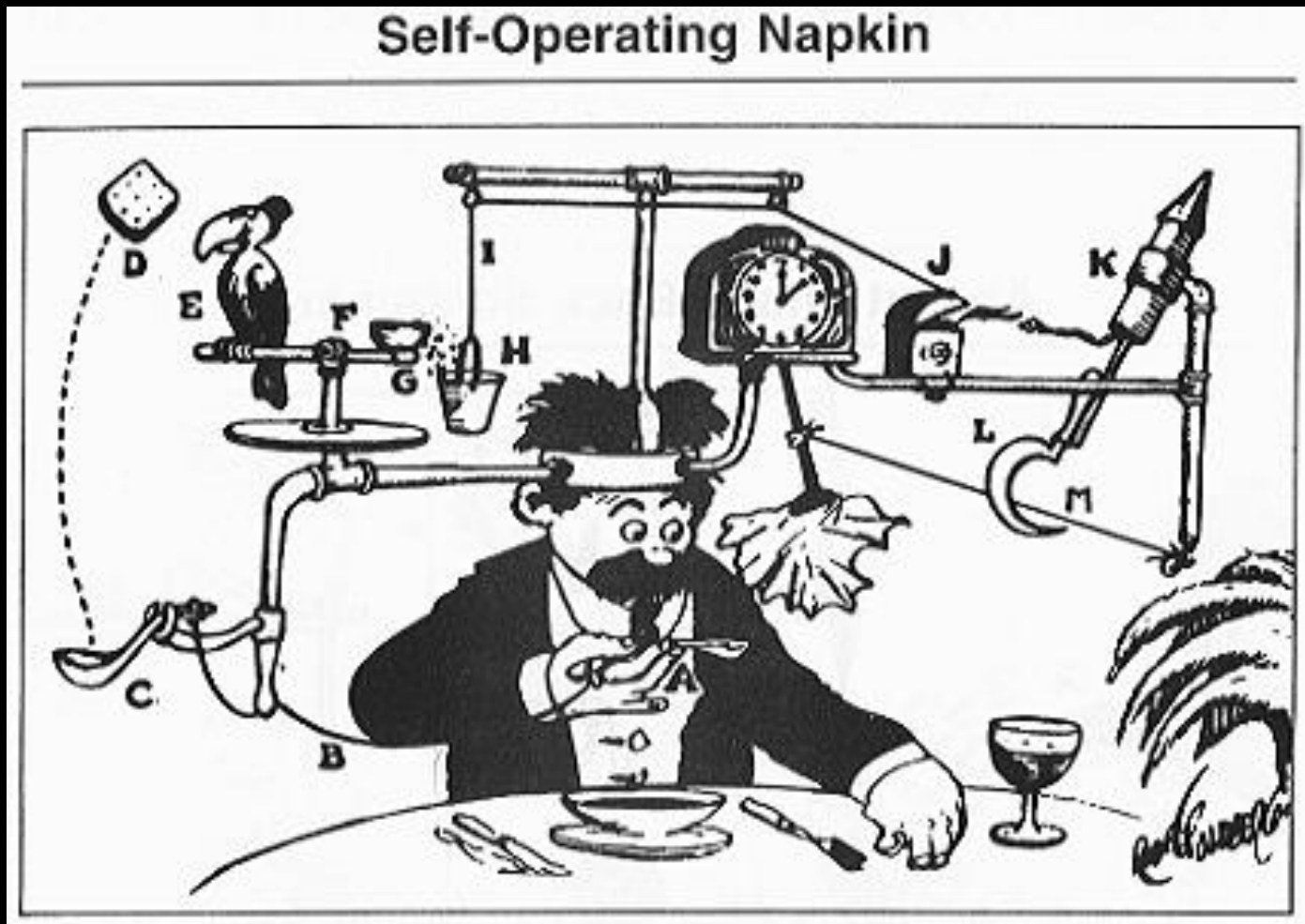
	Small	Large
Robust	Simple 2d, linear	Organized Computer
Fragile	<i>chaocritical</i> 3d, nonlinear	<i>Irreducible?</i>

mildly
nonlinear

highly
nonlinear



Irreducibility and “intelligent design”

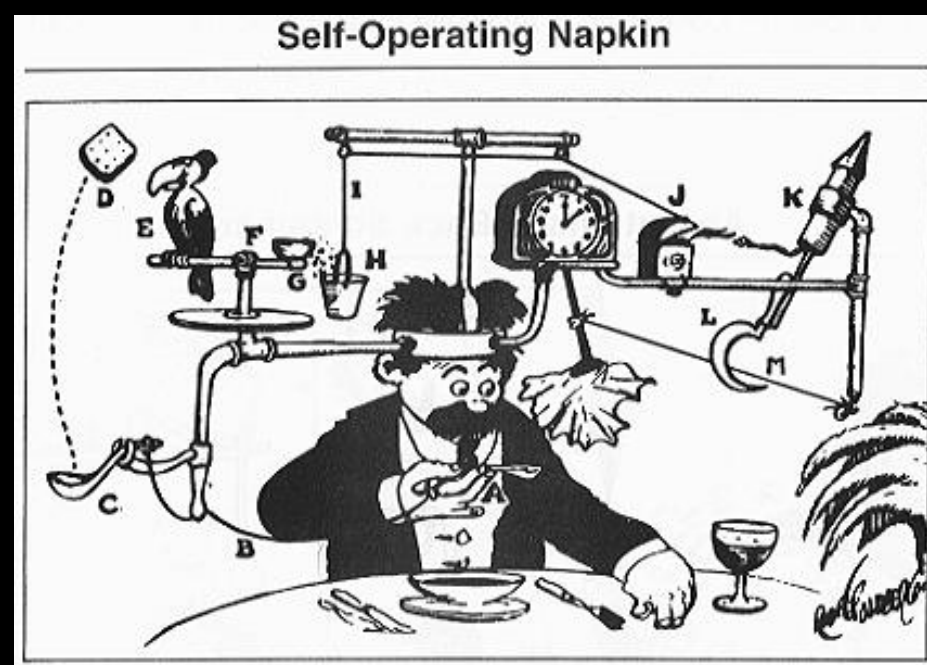


Rube Goldberg

The essential ID argument

If biology is like this,
then it could not have evolved.

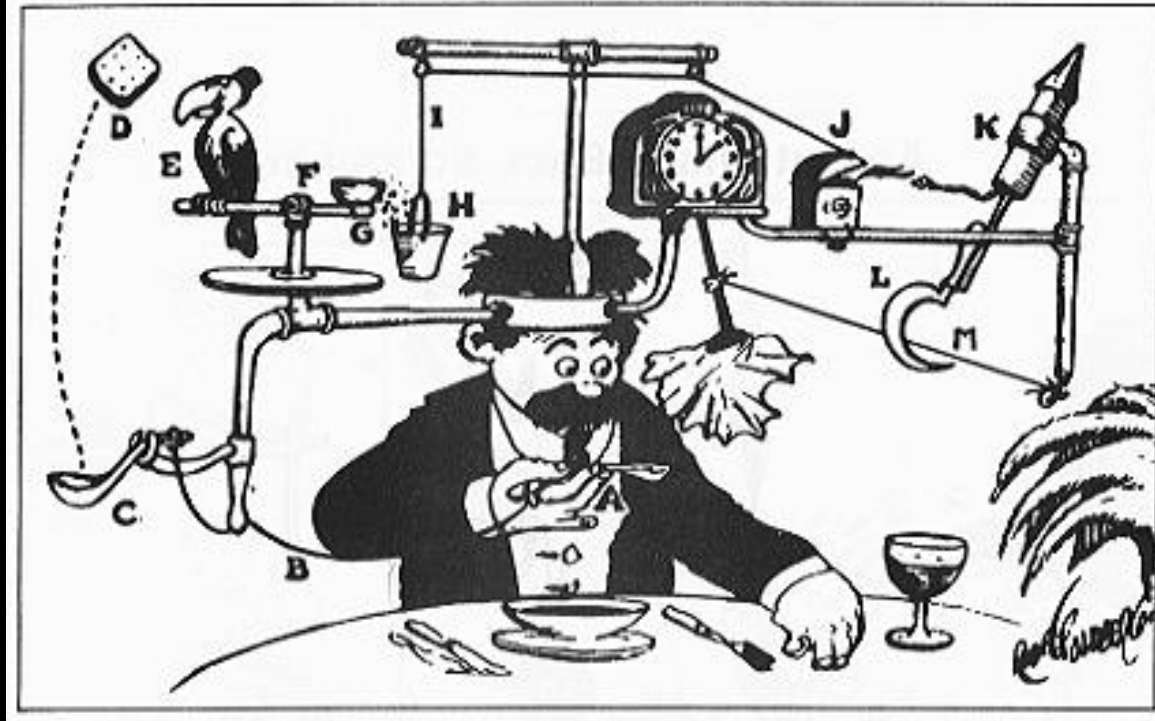
- This is actually *true*, and in fact...
- *If* biology is like this,
- *then* it would be too fragile to persist,
- and would need the *constant intervention* of supernatural forces



Self-Operating Napkin

The flaw

This is a cartoon.



- It is too fragile to actually build.
- Neither biology nor (most of) technology is *anything* like this.
- Who said otherwise? Lots of *real* scientists!
- Oops! (But we *are* too fragile and unsustainable.)