

CDS 212

2011 website:

https://www.cds.caltech.edu/wiki/index.php/CDS_212_Fall_2011

The two primary texts for the course (available via the online) are

[DFT] J. Doyle, B. Francis and A. Tannenbaum, *Feedback Control Theory*, Dover, 2009 (originally published by Macmillan, 1992). Available online at <http://www.control.utoronto.ca/people/profs/francis/dft.html>.

[DP] G. Dullerud and F. Paganini, *A Course in Robust Control Theory*, Springer, 2000.

The following additional texts may be useful for some students:

[FBS] K. J. Astrom and R. M. Murray, *Feedback Systems: An Introduction for Scientists and Engineers*, Princeton University Press, 2008. Available online at <http://www.cds.caltech.edu/~murray/amwiki>.

“Universal laws and architectures?”

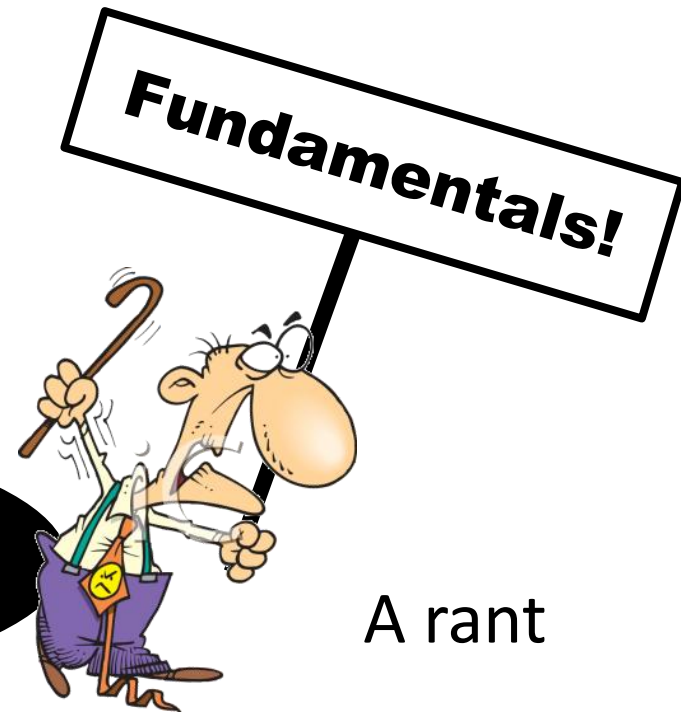
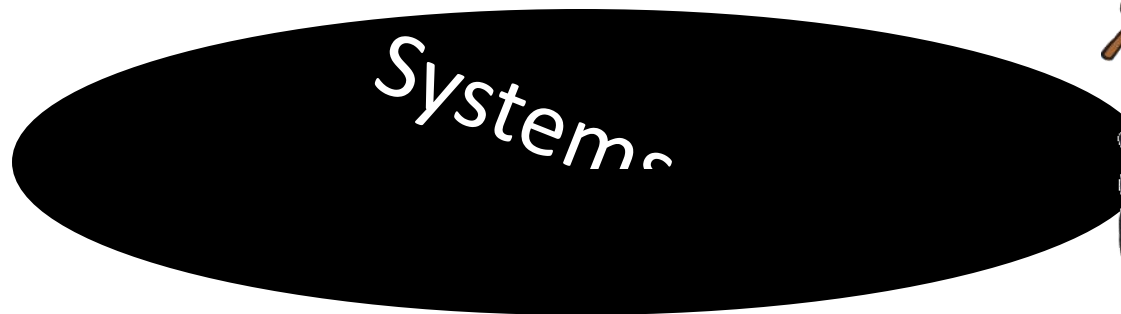
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- Lots of case studies (motivate & illustrate)
- You can have all of the slides

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A rant

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Most accessible
No math

Architecture, constraints, and behavior

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

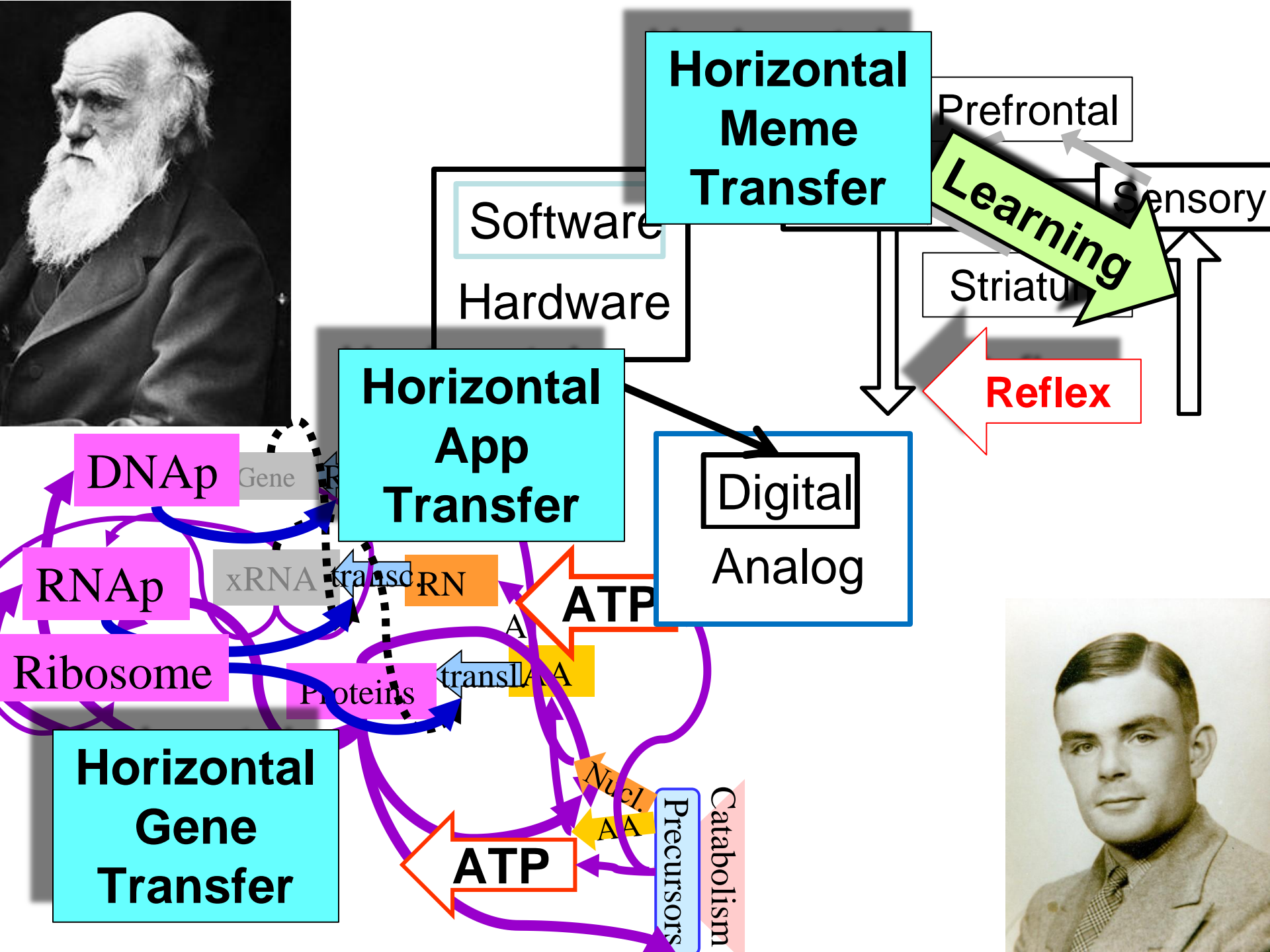
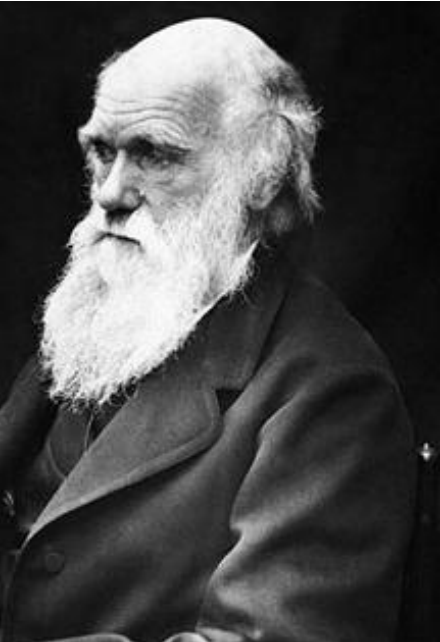
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This paper aims to bridge progress in neuroscience involving sophisticated quantitative analysis of behavior, including the use of robust control, with other relevant conceptual and theoretical frameworks from systems engineering, systems biology,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

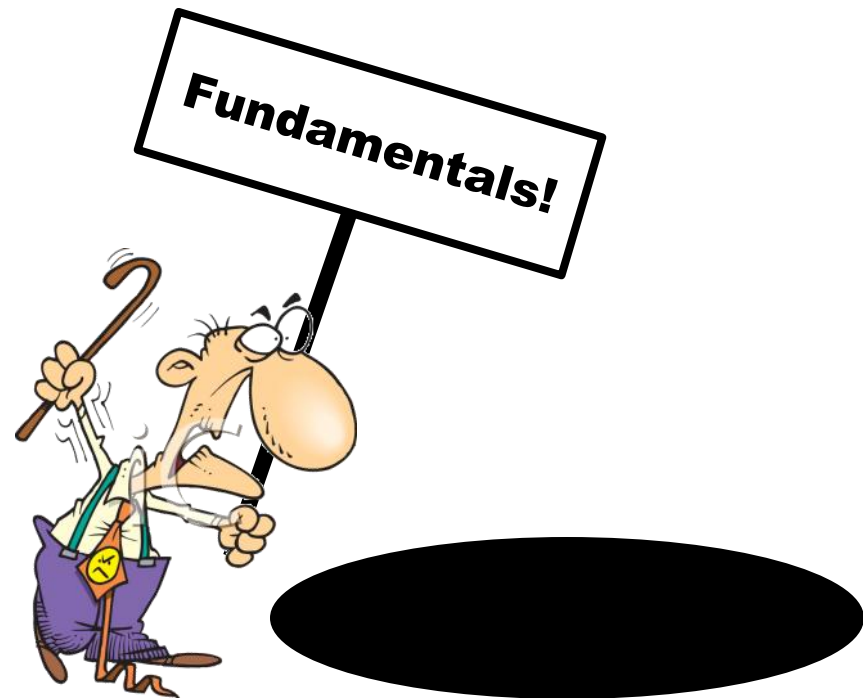
evolved for sensorimotor control and retain much of that evolved architecture, then the apparent distinctions between perceptual, cognitive, and motor processes may be another form of illusion (9), reinforcing the claim that robust control and adaptive feedback (7, 11) rather than more conventional serial 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



- 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**

case studies



Case studies (recent focus)

- Bacterial biosphere
- Internet, PC, smartphone, etc technology
- Human brain and mind
- Human physiology
- ***Amazing*** evolvability (sustainability?)
- Illustrate universal laws and architecture in (hopefully) accessible way

Case studies (purpose)

- Illustrate/motivate theory and universals
 - Laws (constraints, hard limits, tradeoffs)
 - Architectures (design, forward and reverse engineering, organization)
 - Otherwise publish in eng/systems/math journals
- Impact for domain experts
 - Frameworks to organize existing, isolated facts
 - Suggests new experiments
 - Publish in core domain journals (*Science, Cell, PNAS, ACM Sigcomm, Science Trans Med, ...*)

Universal “laws” (constraints)

- Constraints “bottom up” from physics/chemistry
 - Gravity, speed of light
 - Energy, carbon, ...
 - Small moieties (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
- We’ll come back to this after we discuss universal architectures

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

Lumping requirements into simple groups

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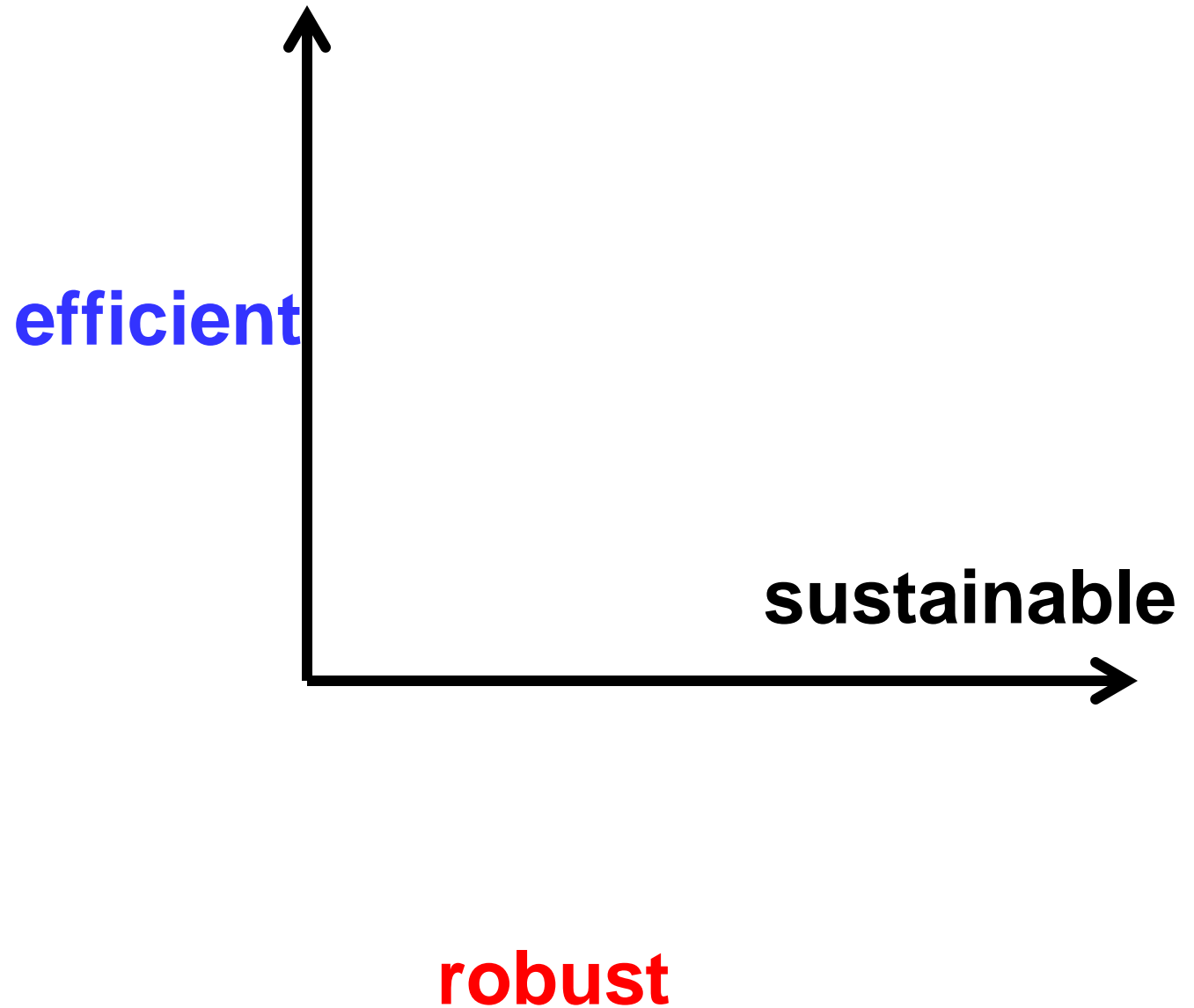
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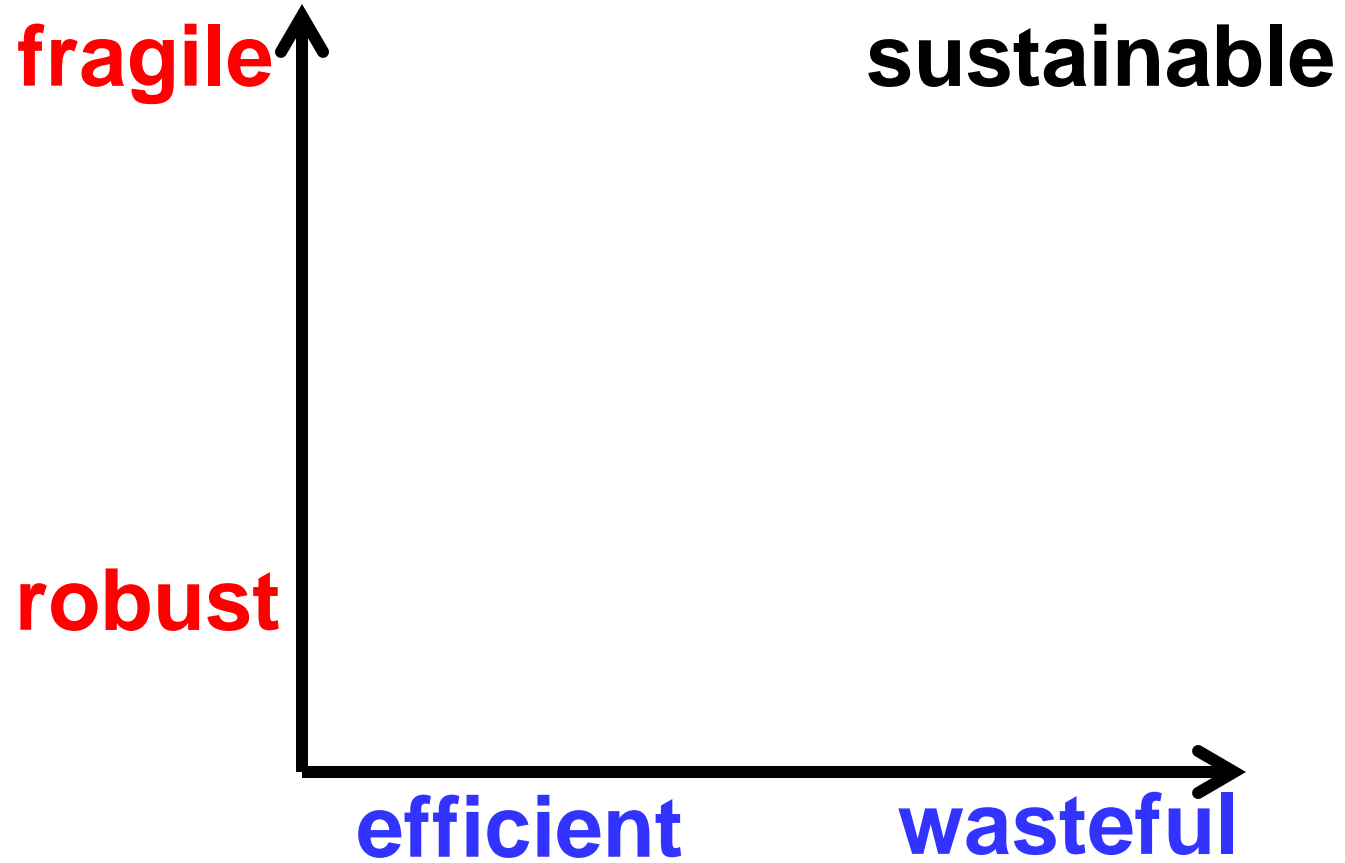
sustainable

robust

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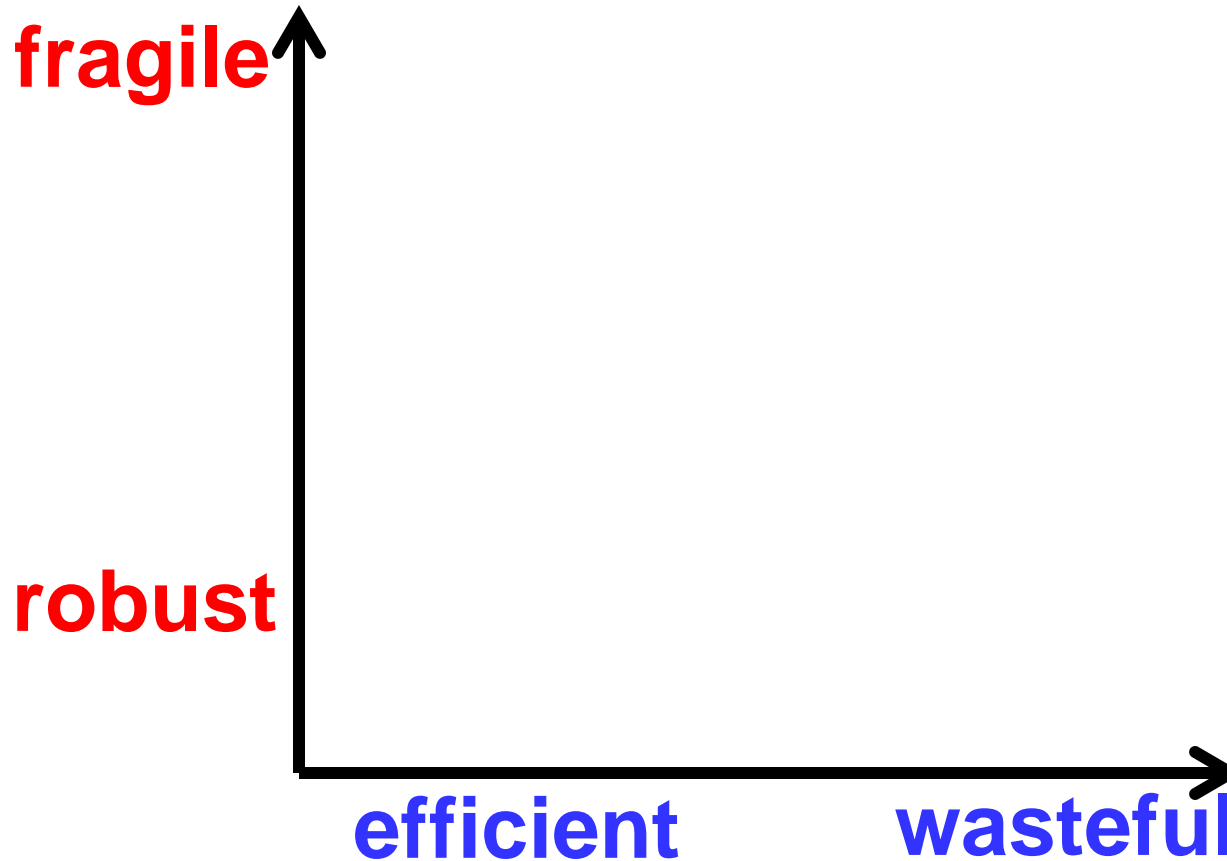


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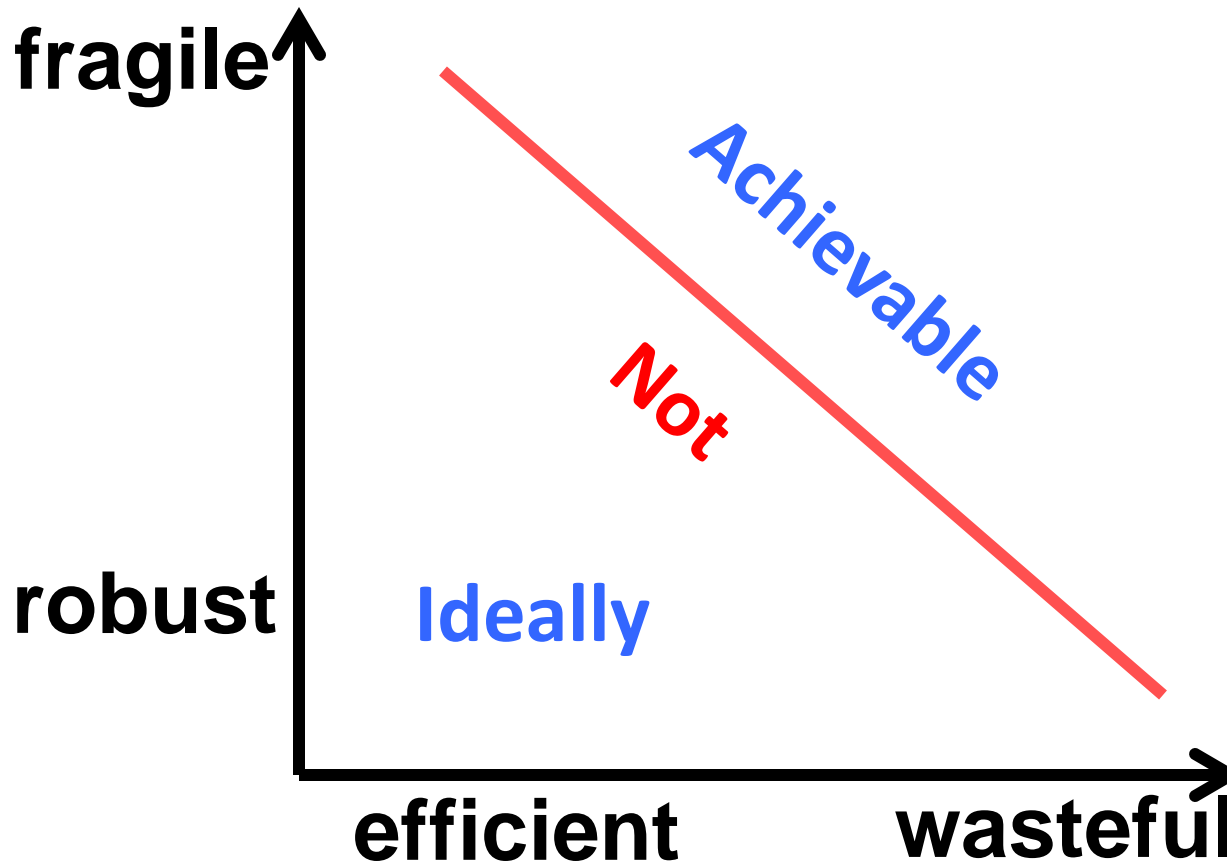
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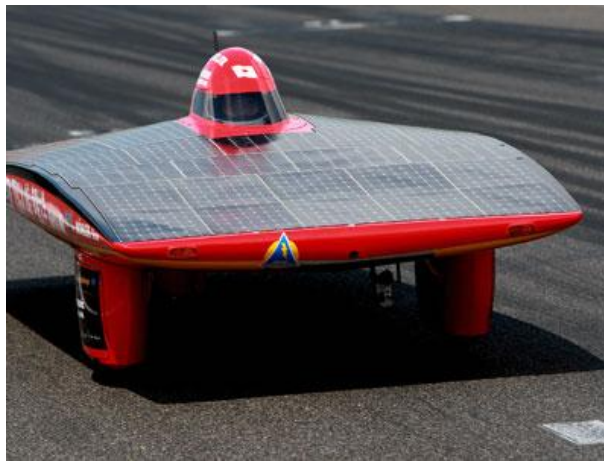


Requirements on systems and architectures

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Current Technology?



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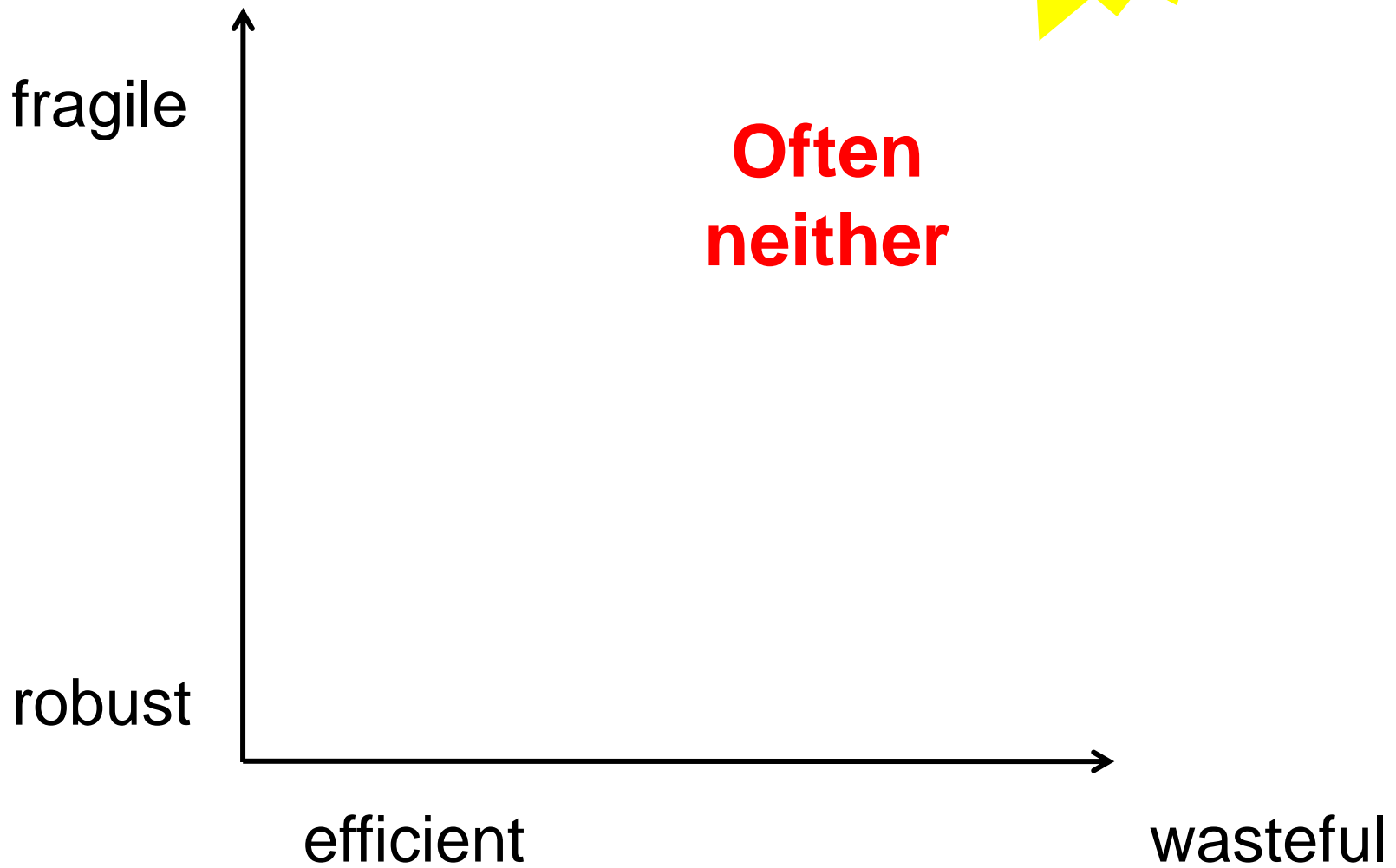
**At best we
get one**

robust

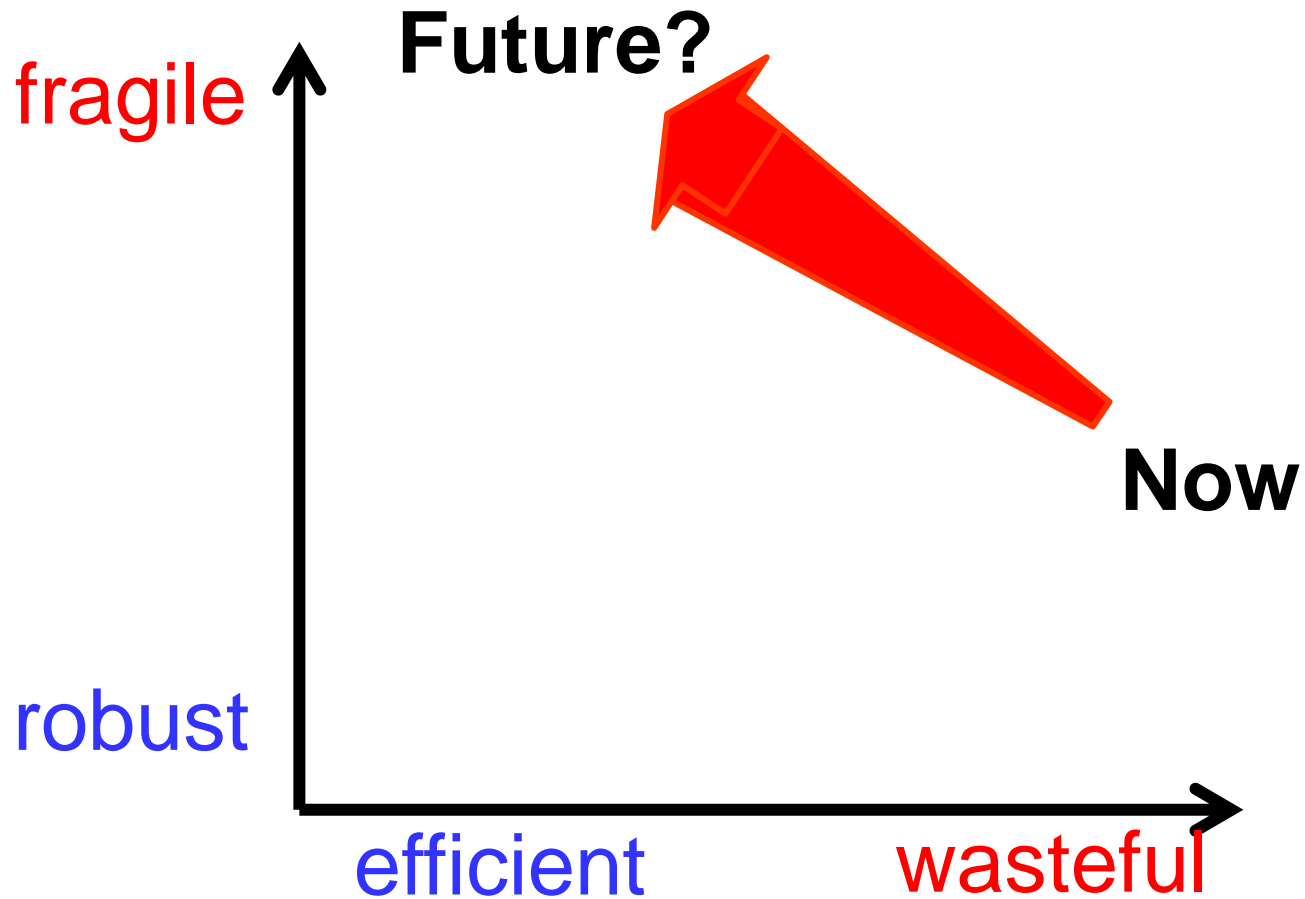
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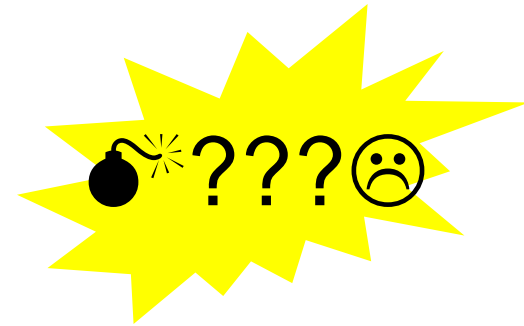
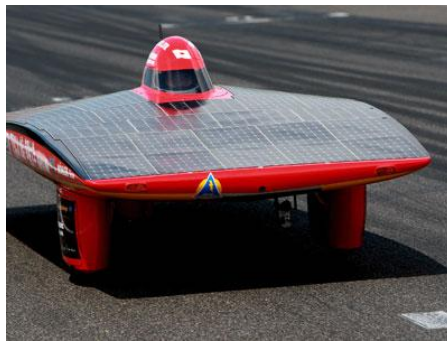
wasteful



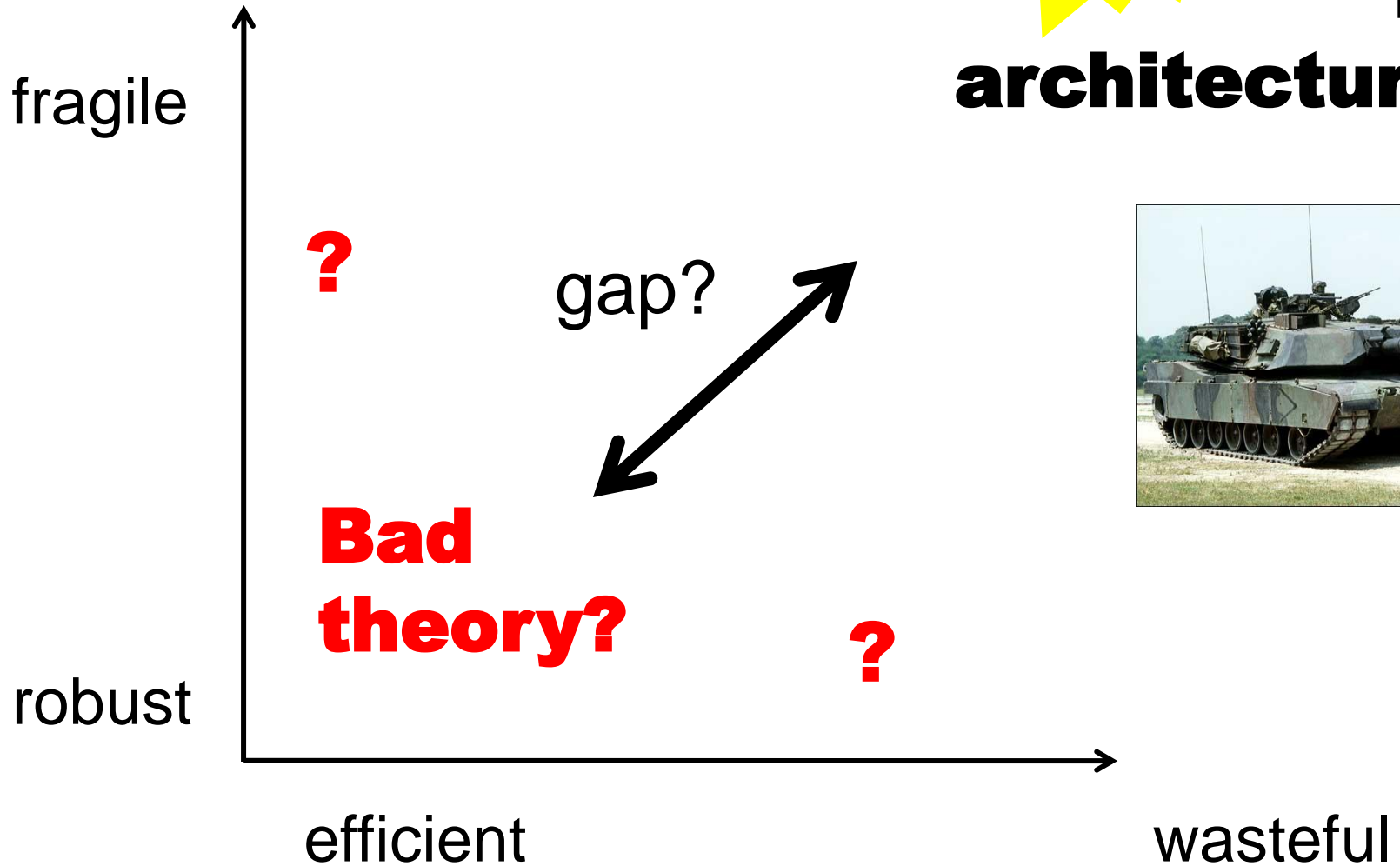


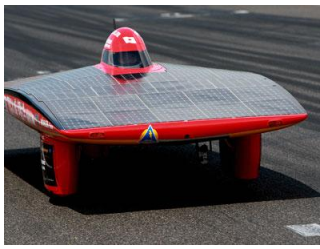
Future evolution of the “smart” grid?



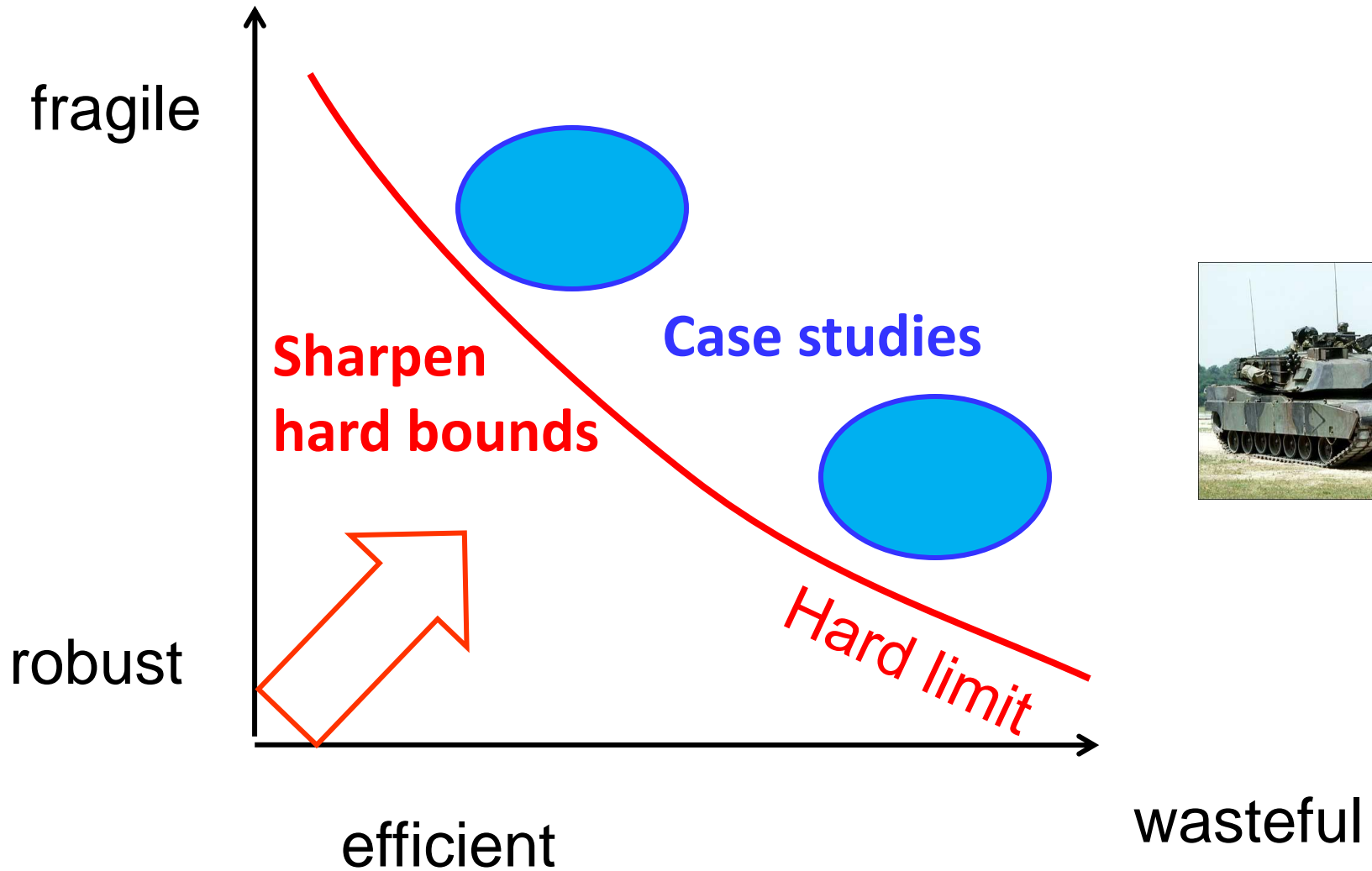


**Bad
architectures?**

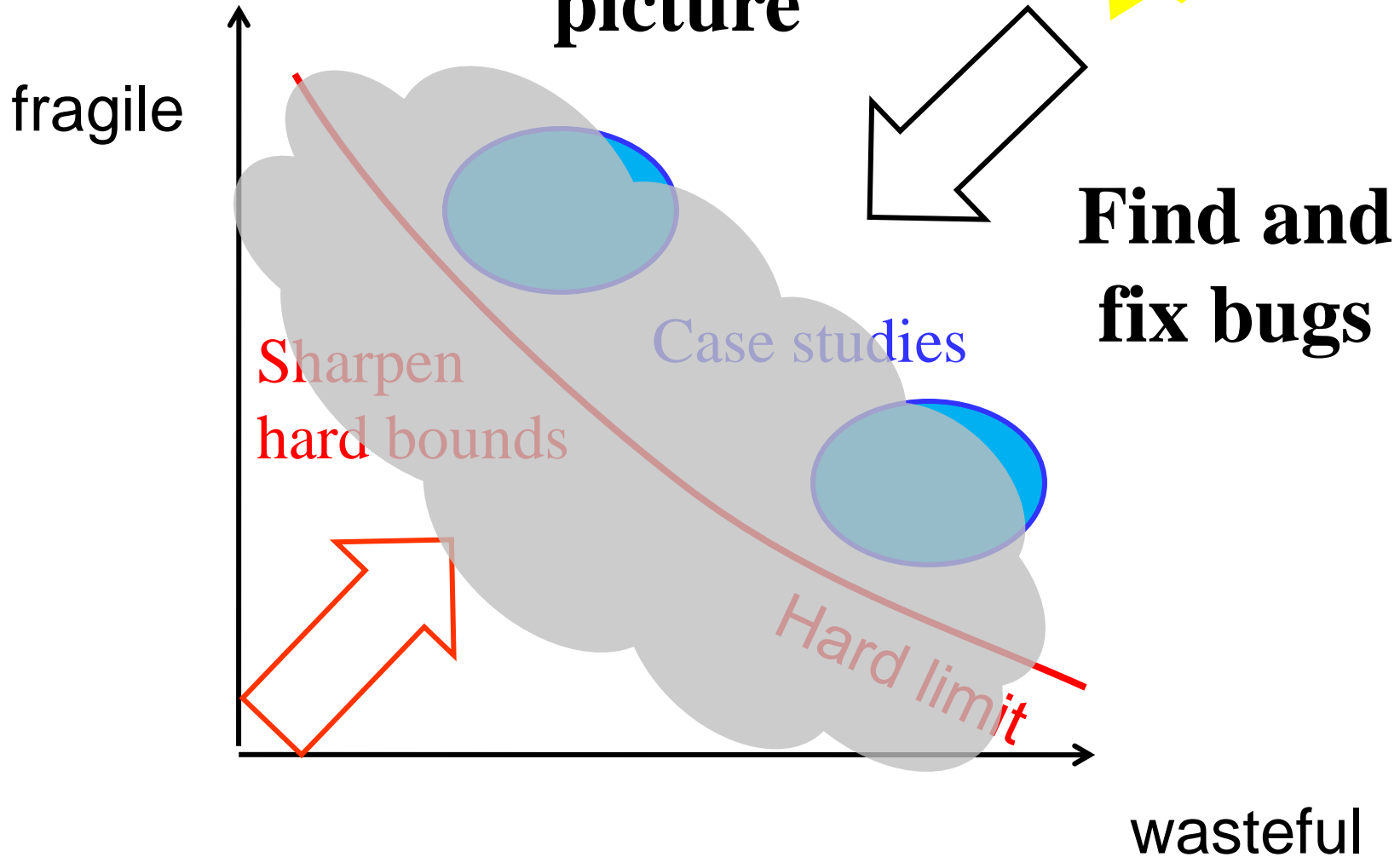




laws and architectures?

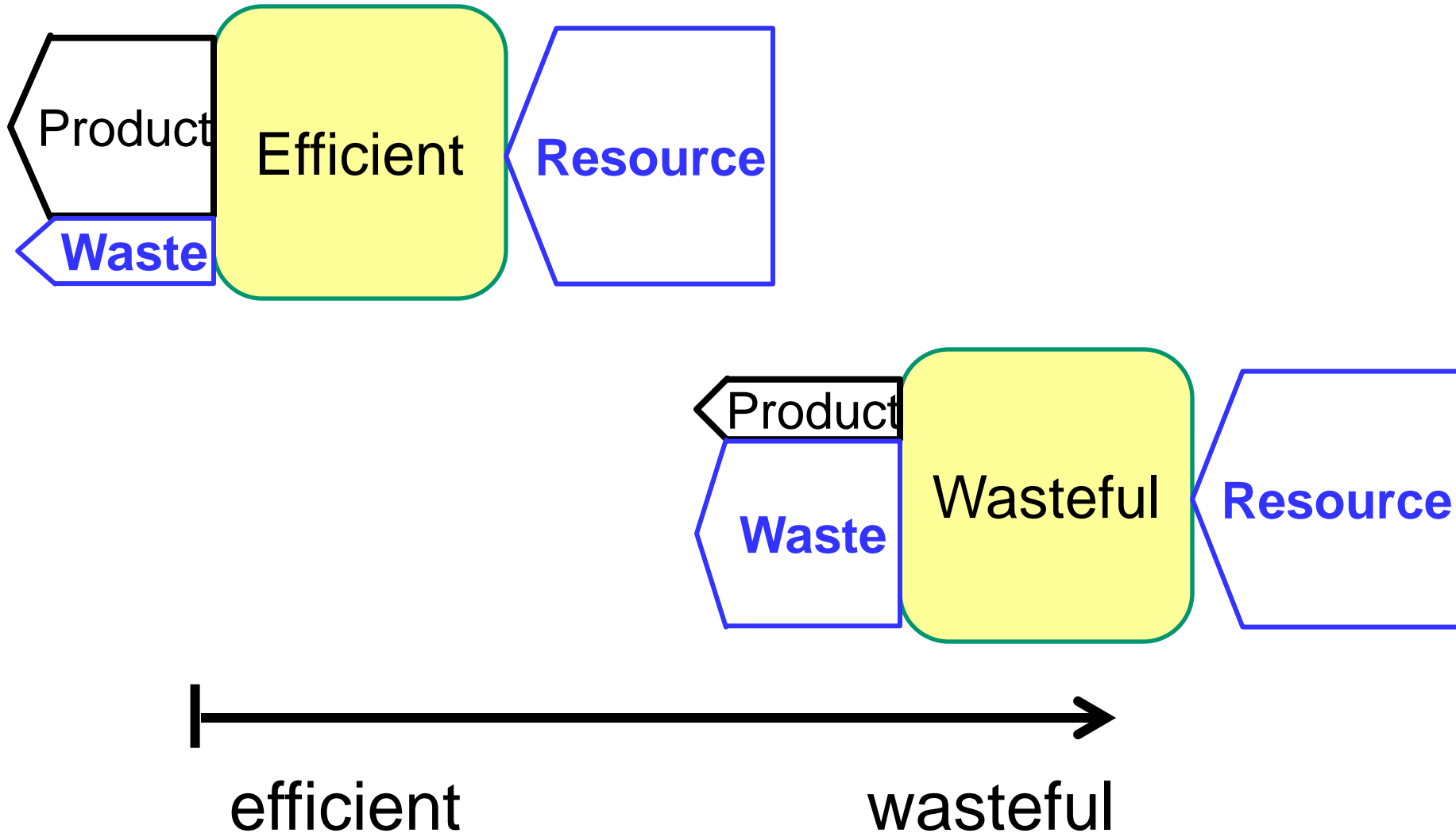


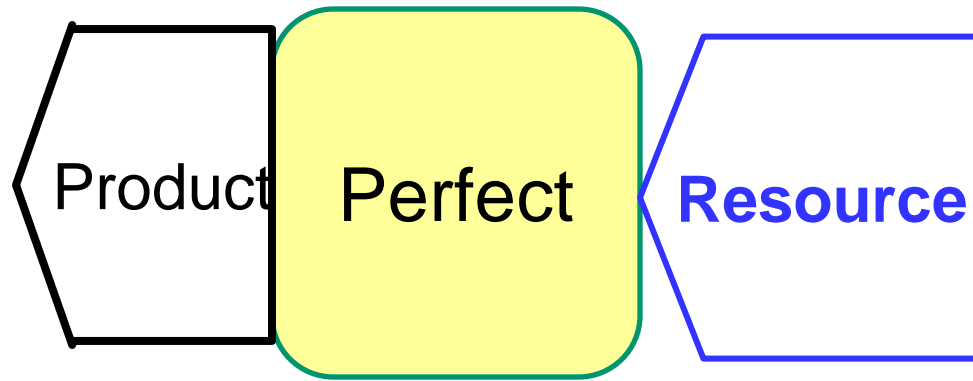
**Even with a
murky
picture**





Flow of materials and energy

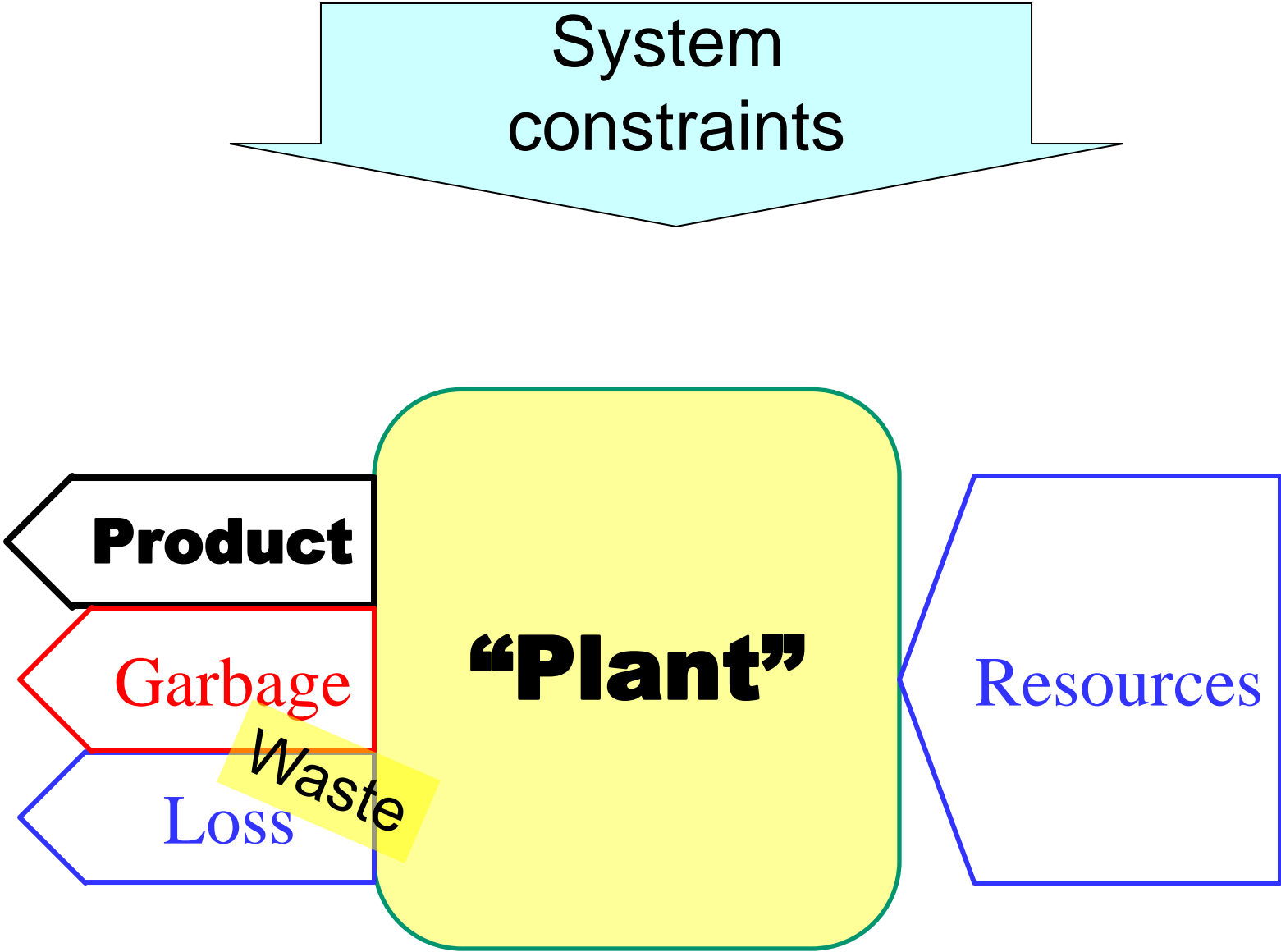




Perfect = all conserved resources
are converted into product



System
constraints



Product

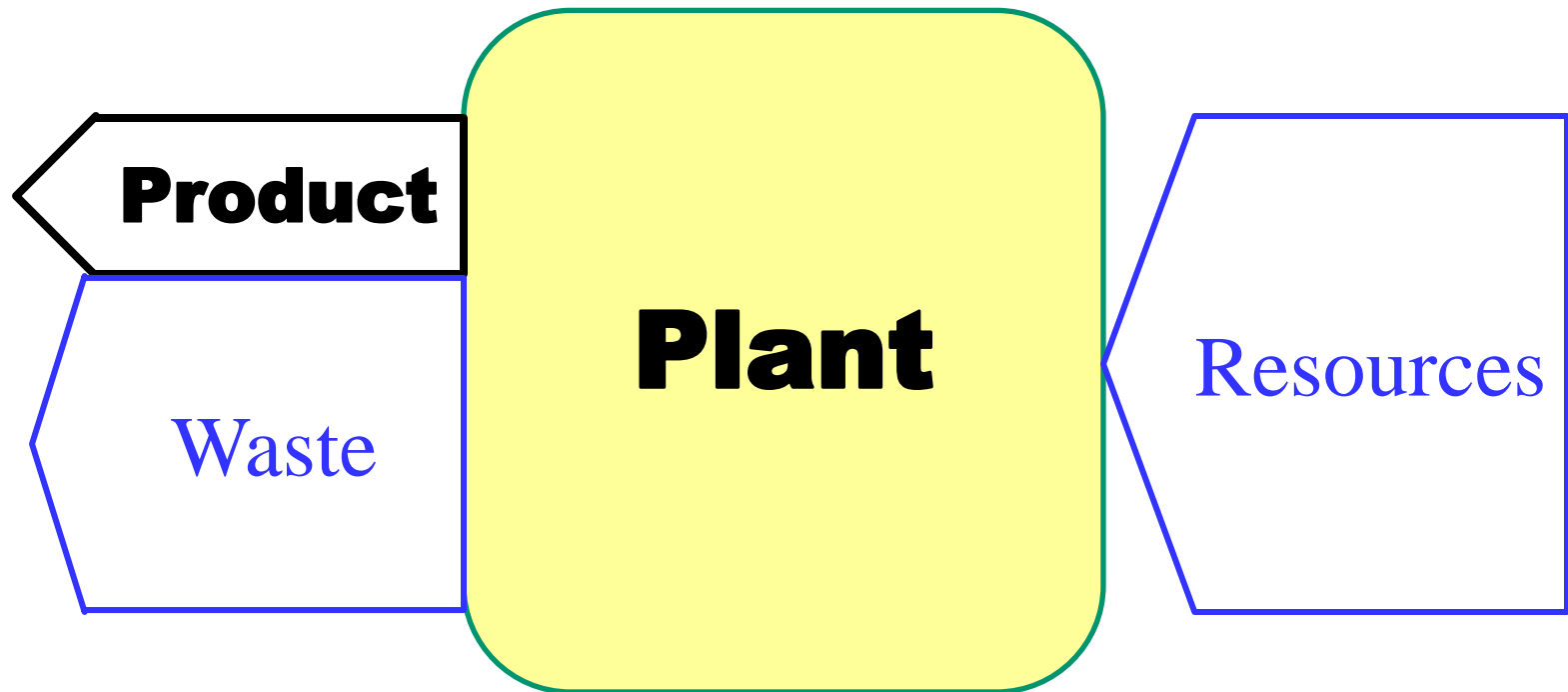
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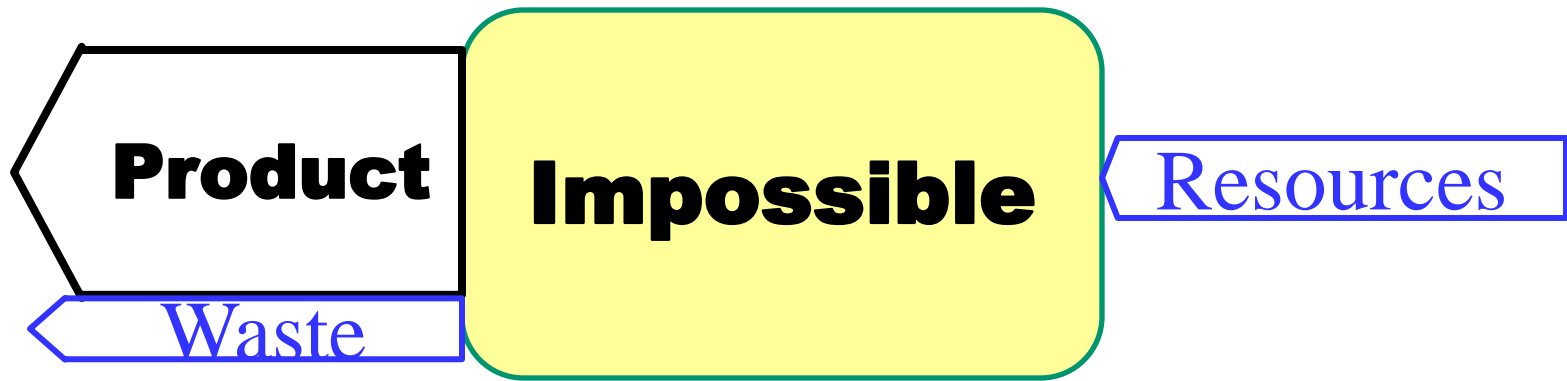
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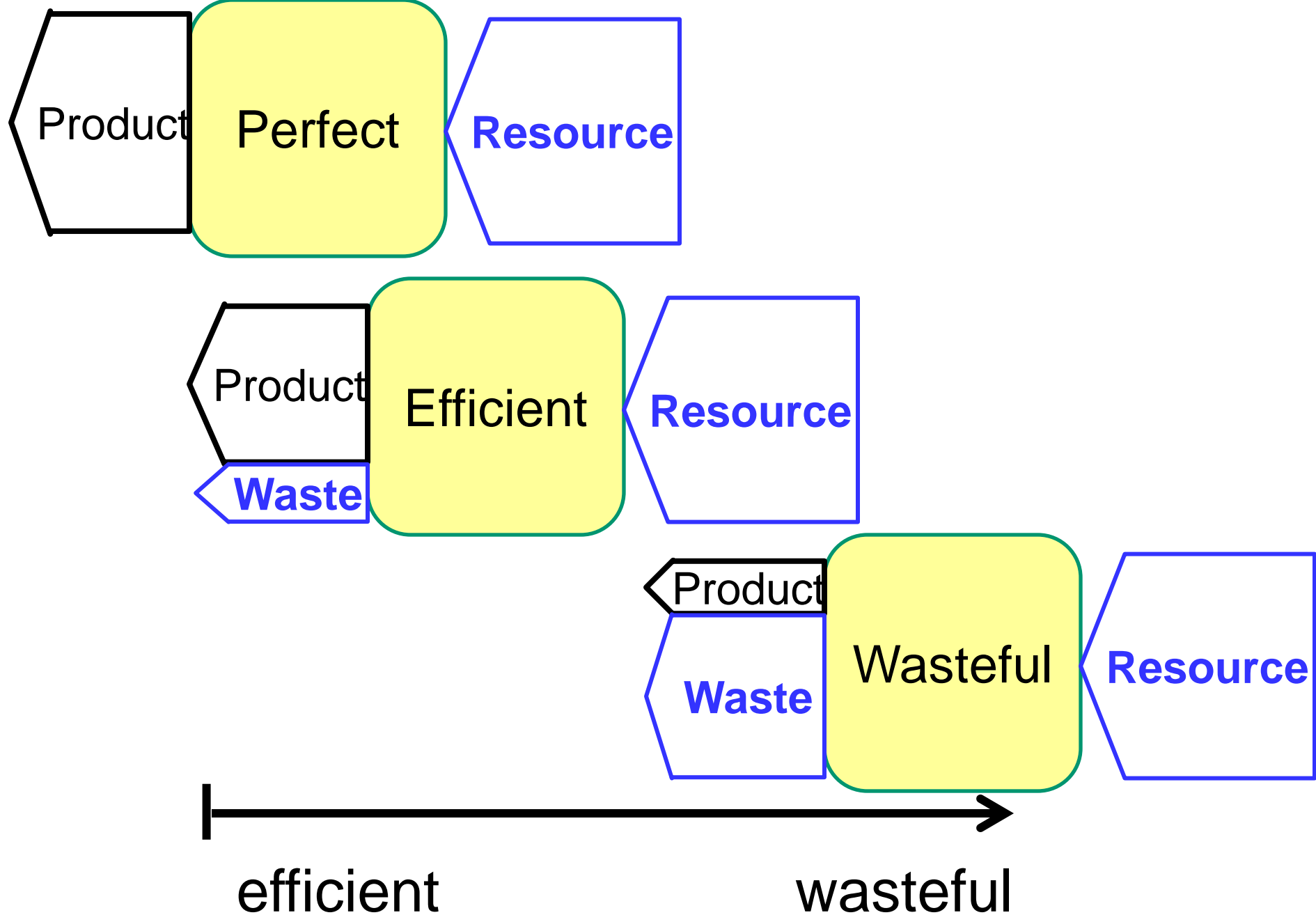
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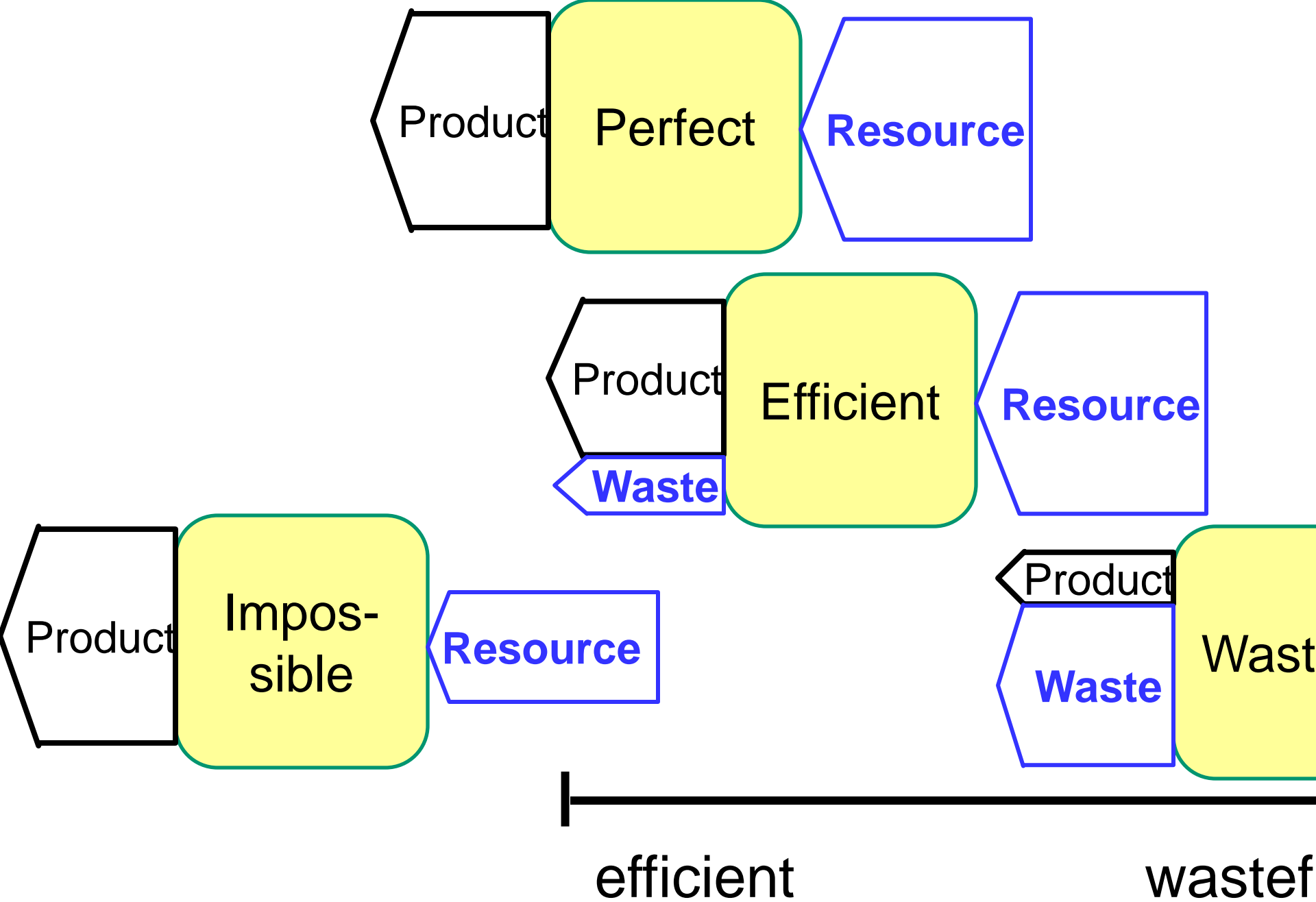
“Plant”

Resources

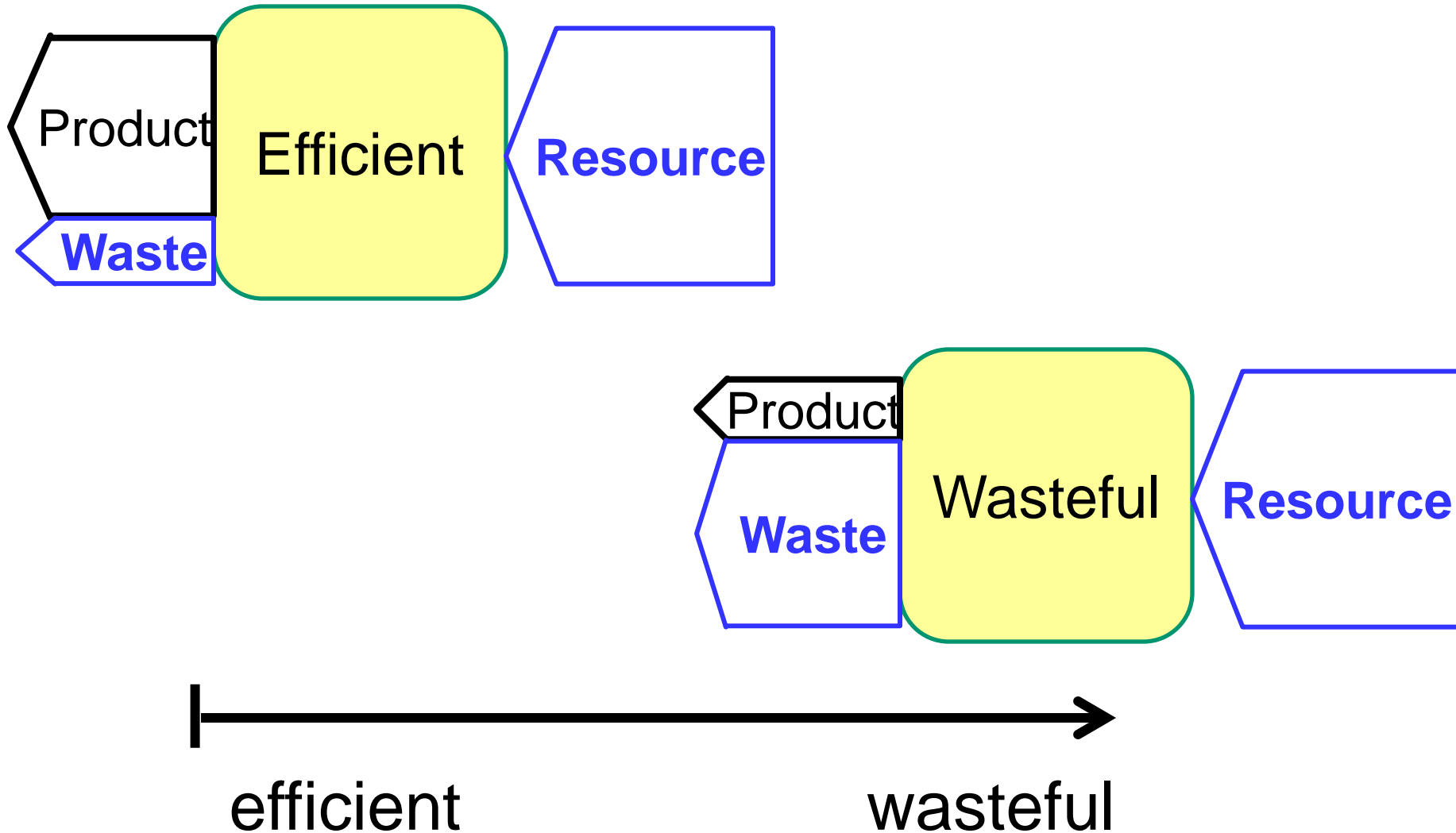


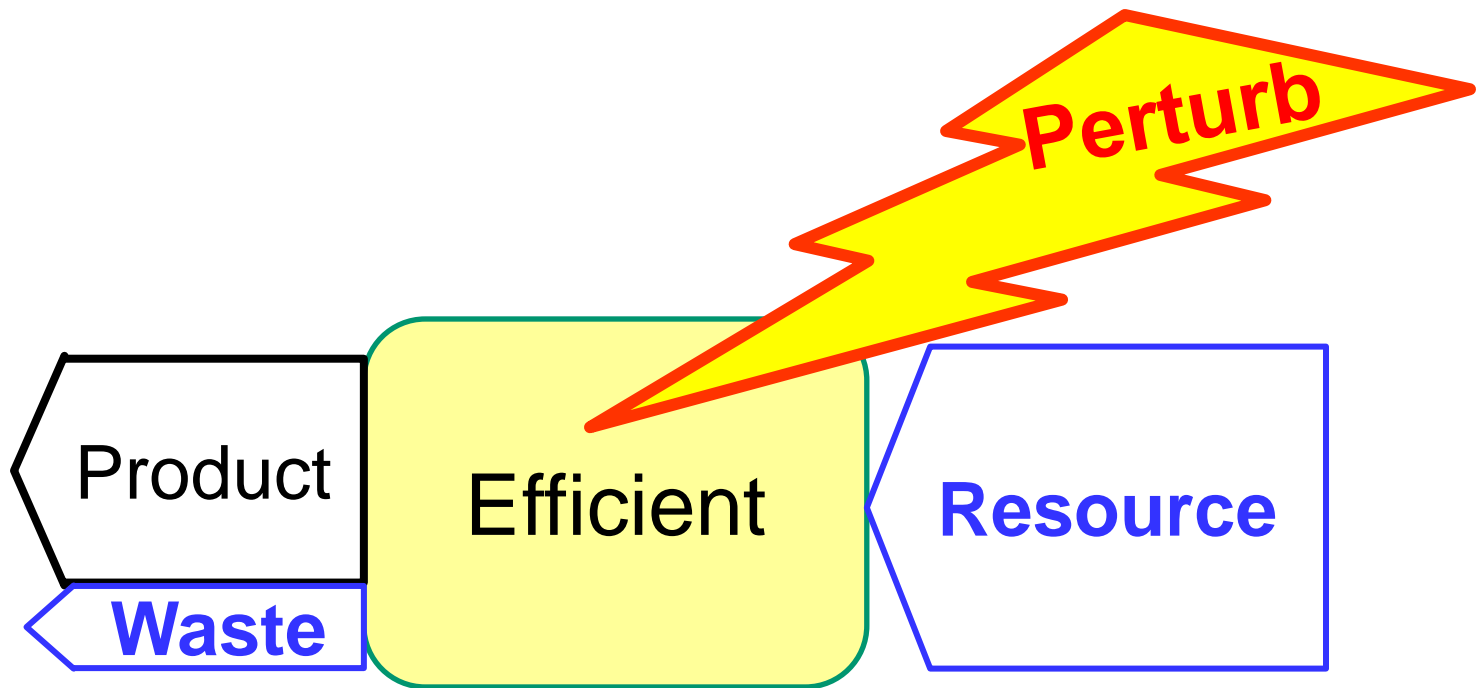


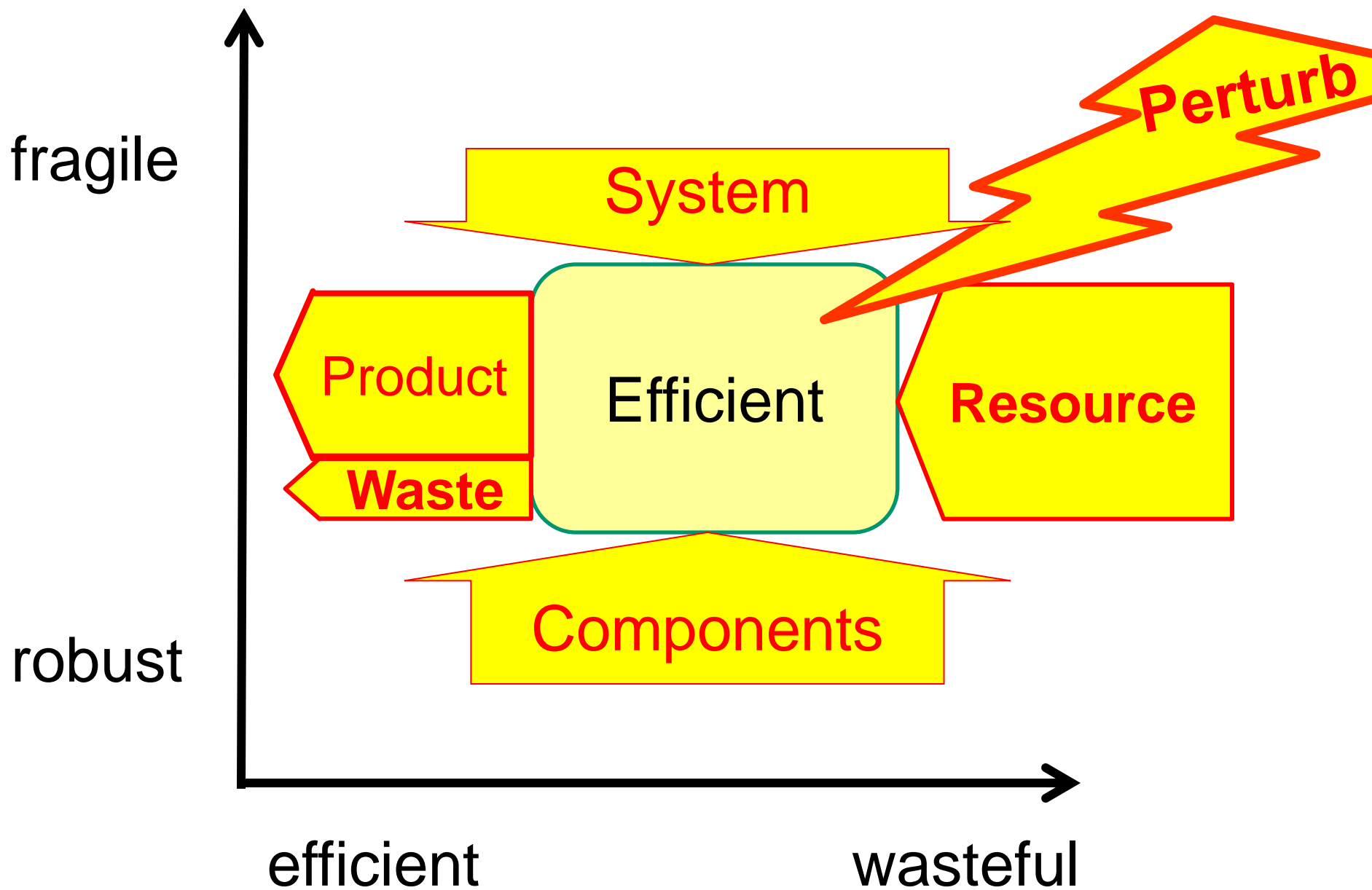




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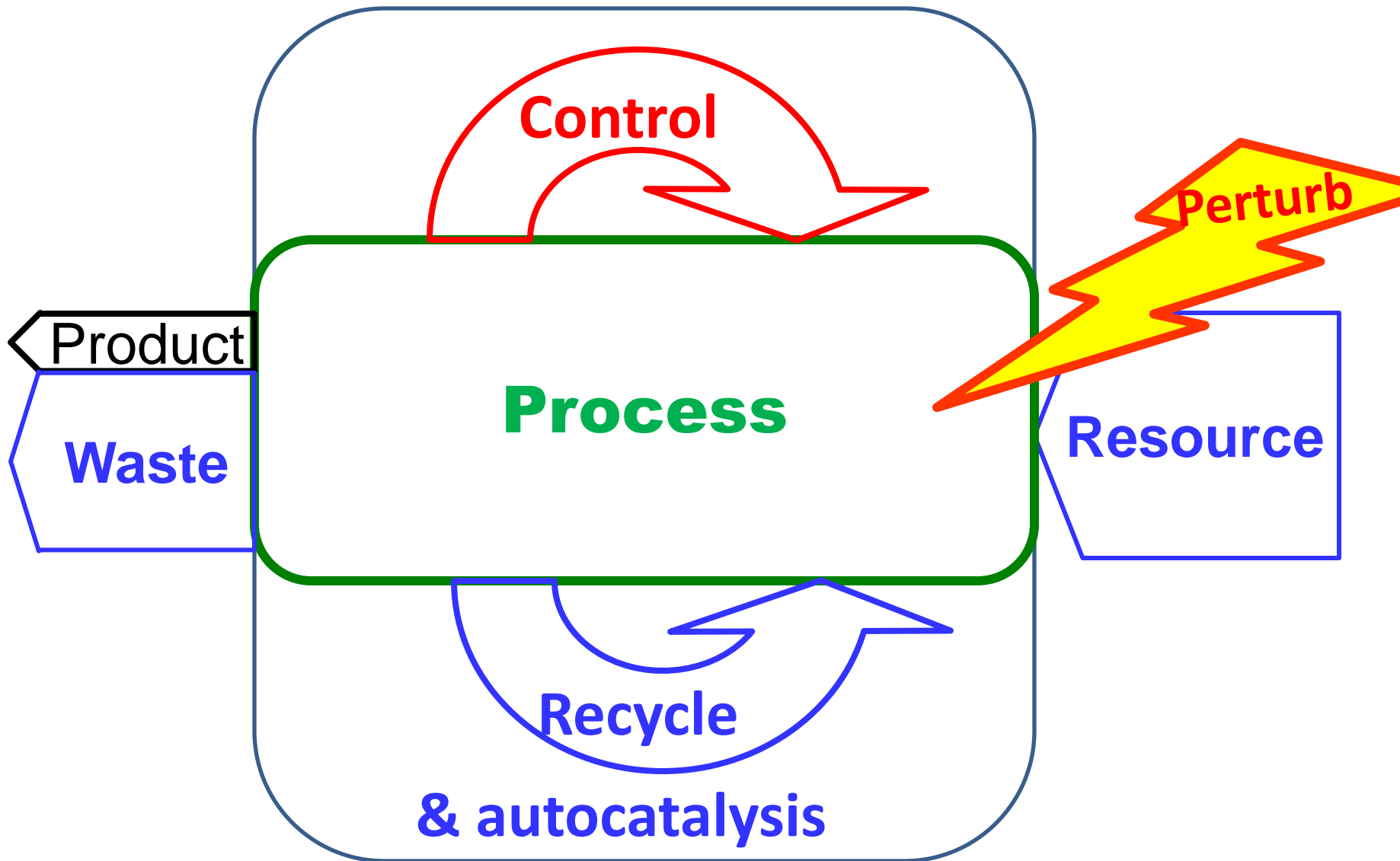




fragile

robust

Feedbacks for **robustness** and **efficiency**



Compute

Godel

Comms

Turing

Shannon

Von
Neumann

Theory?

Deep, but fragmented,
incoherent, incomplete

Nash

Bode

Carnot

Pontryagin

Boltzmann

Kalman

Heisenberg

Control, OR

Einstein

Physics

Compute

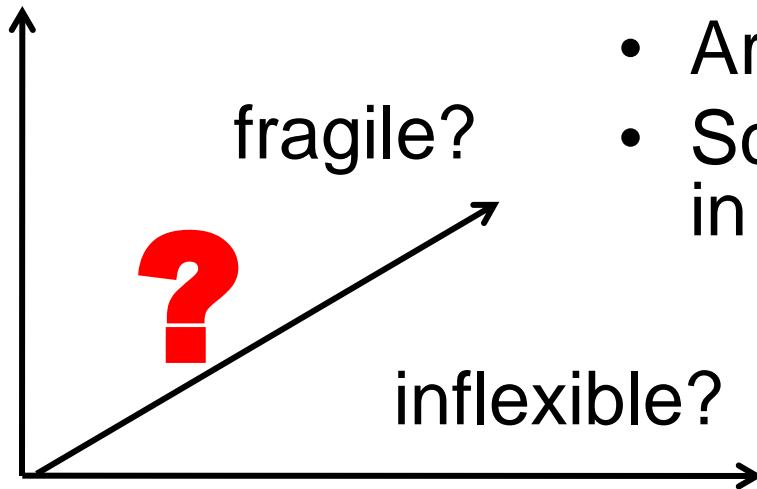
Comms

Godel

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Turing

slow?



- Each theory \approx one dimension
- Laws=hard limits
- Architectures fixed
- Scalable algorithms for design in comp/comm/cont

Carnot

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slow?

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

fragile?



inflexible?

Carnot

Boltzmann

Bode

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Einstein

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**Delay is
most
important**

Bode

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Communicate

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**Delay is
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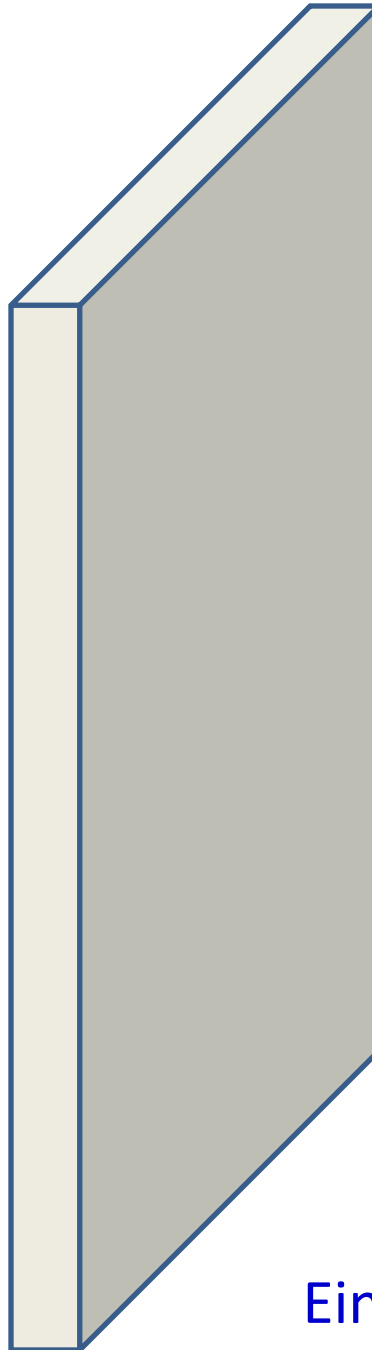
Carnot

Boltzmann

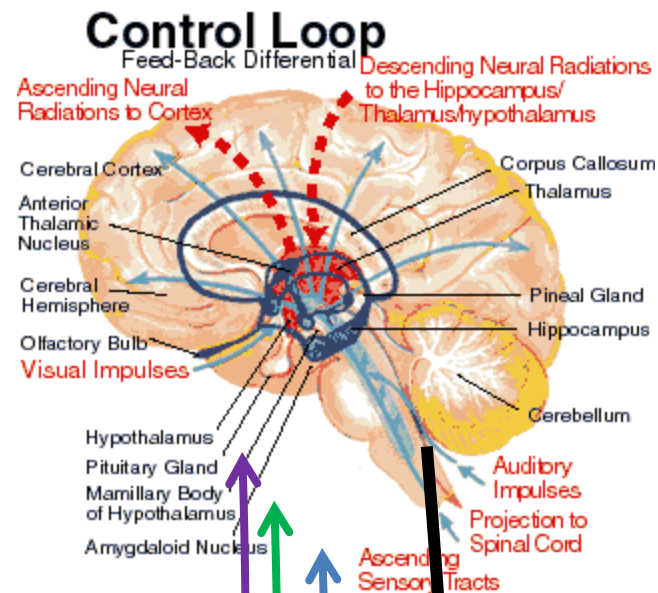
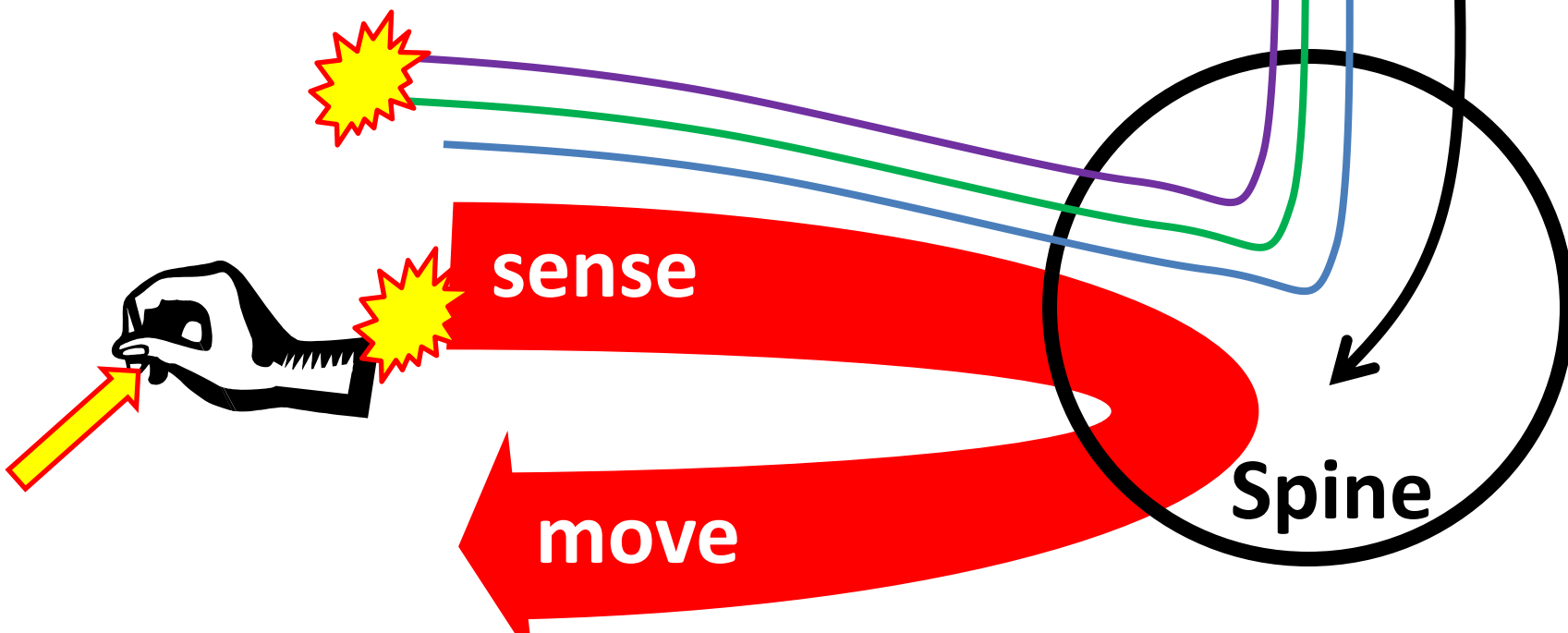
Heisenberg

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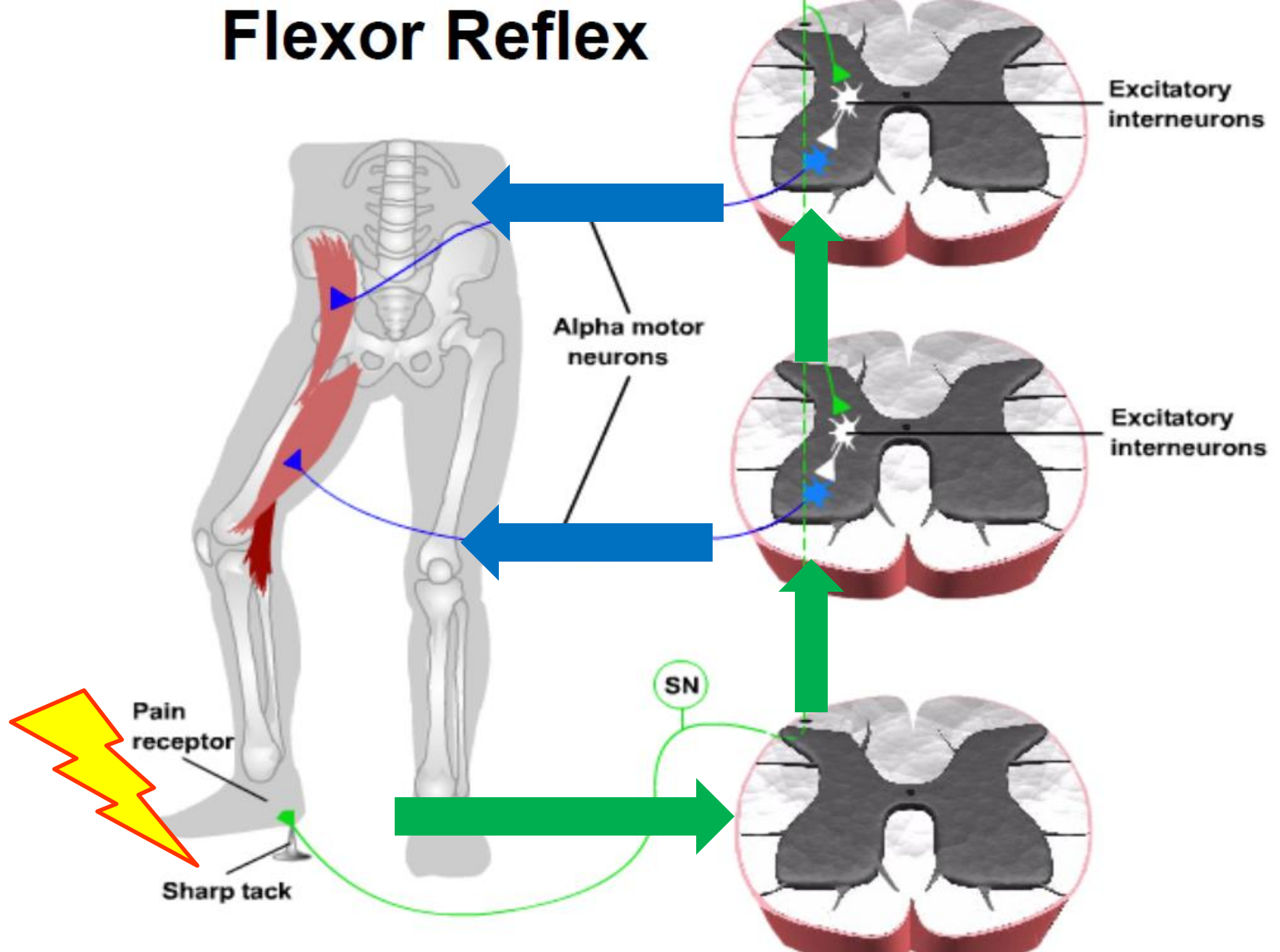
Einstein

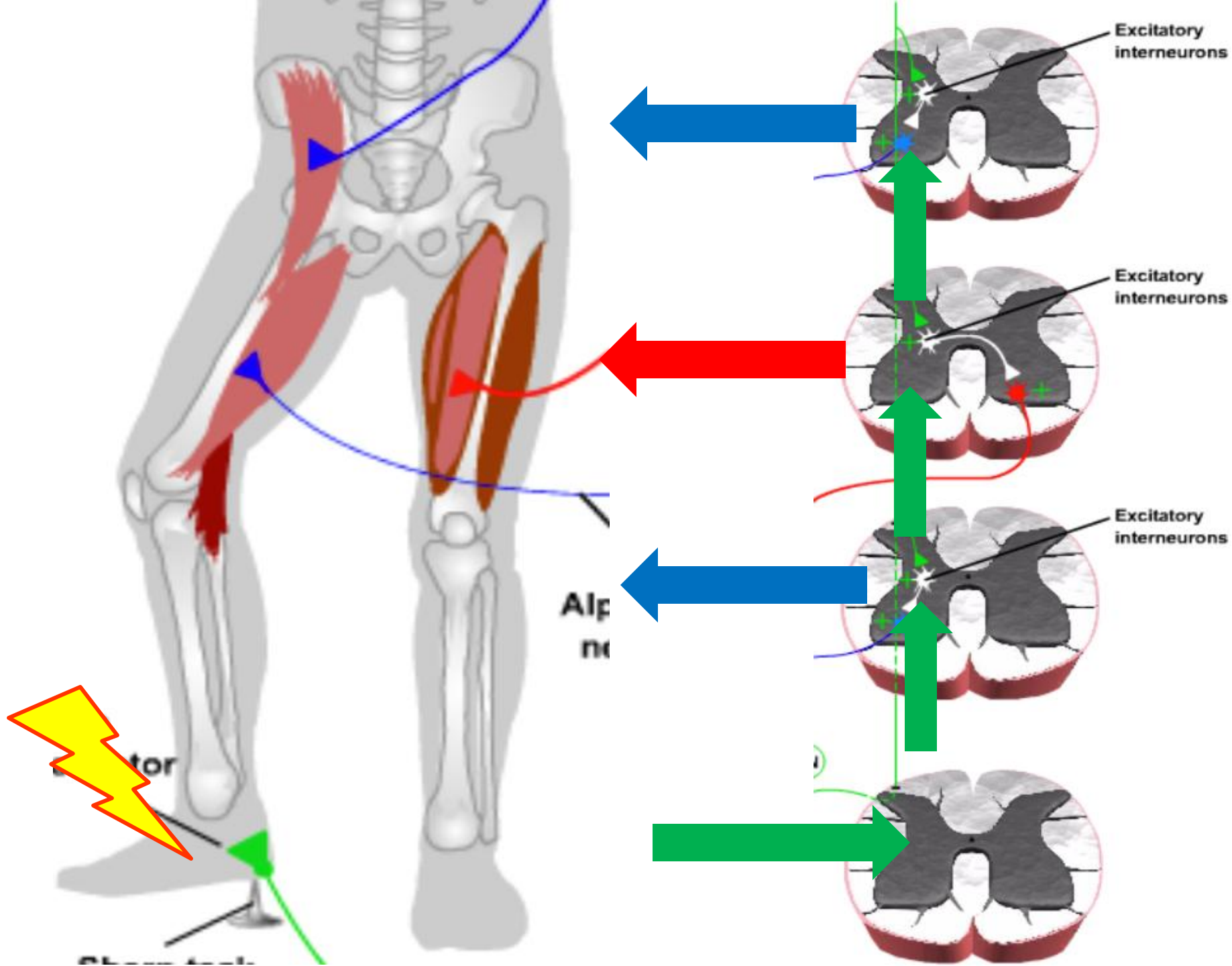


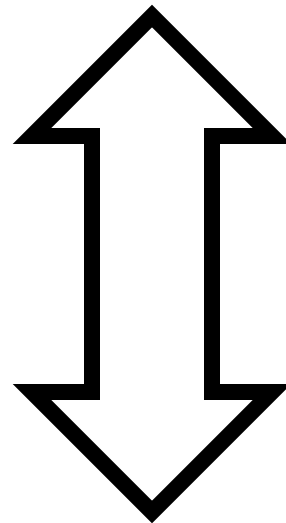
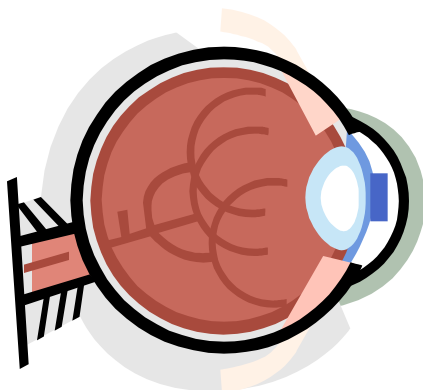
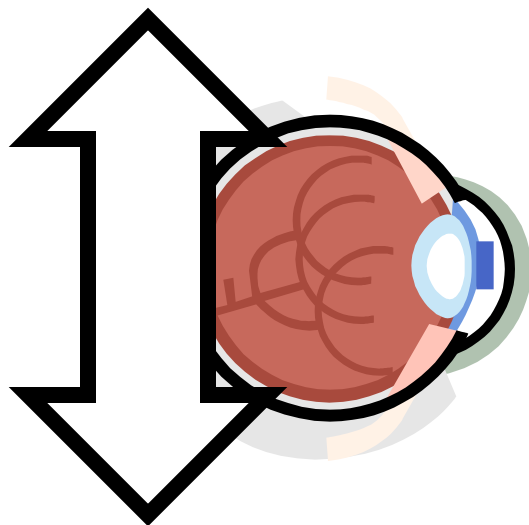
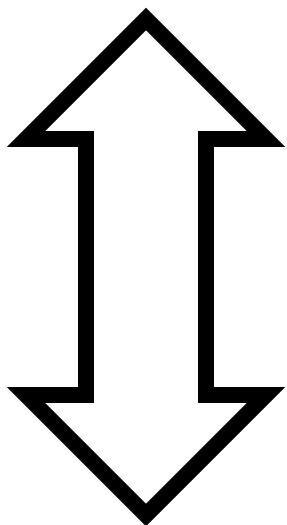
delay=death

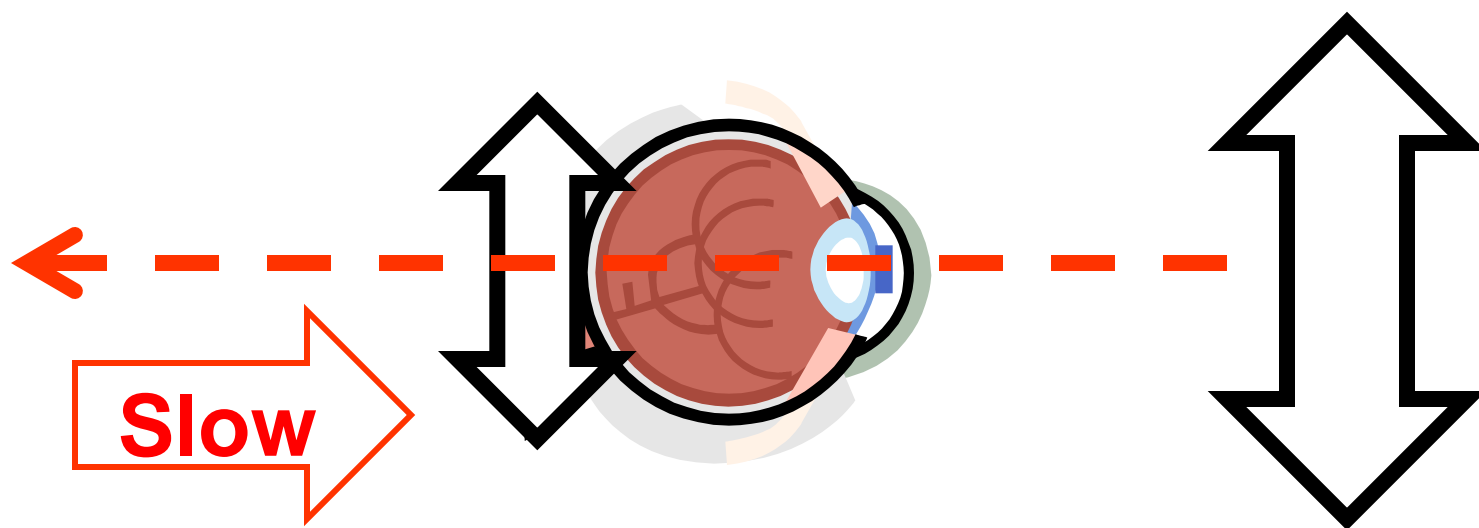
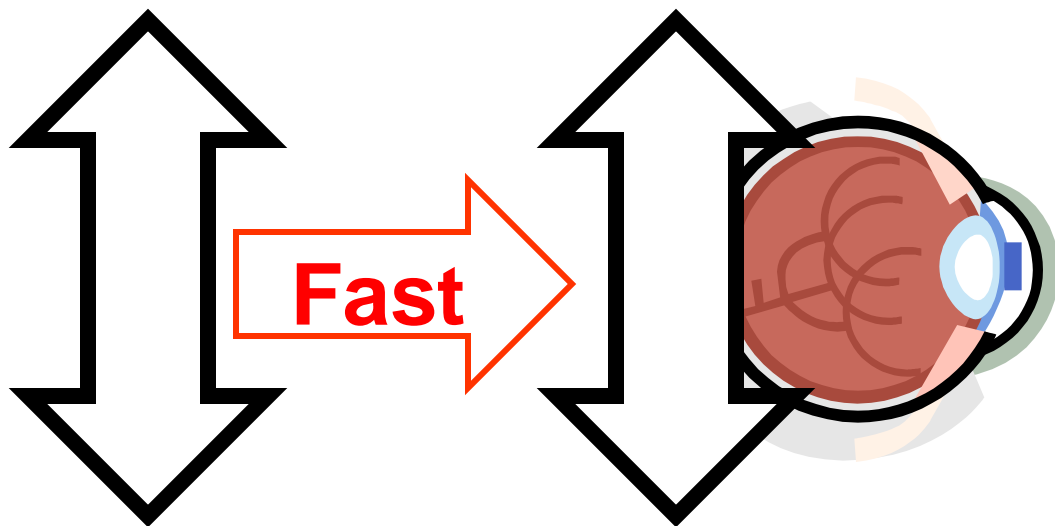


Flexor Reflex









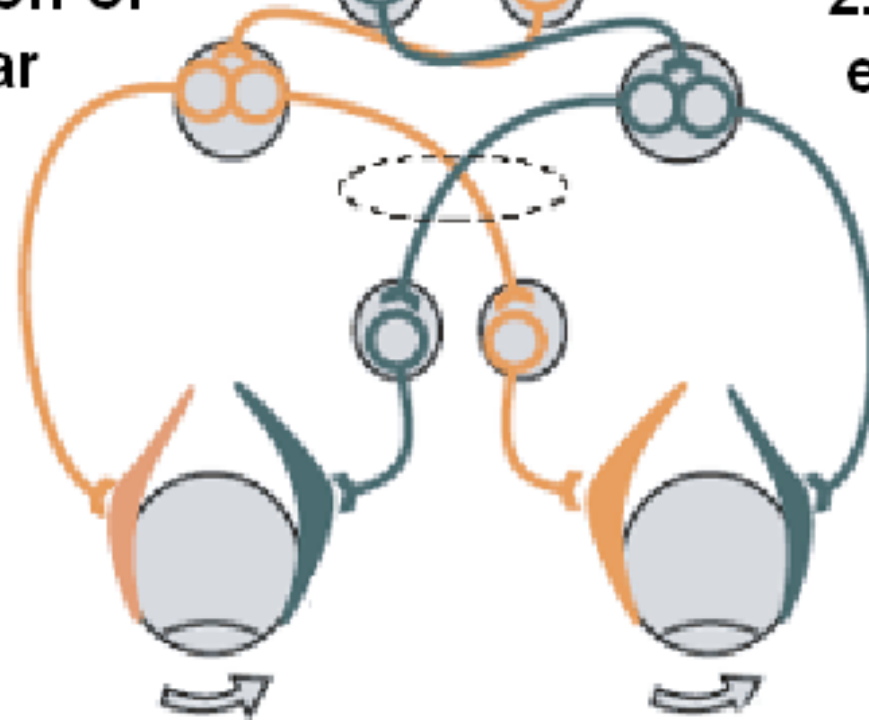
Vestibulo-ocular reflex

1. Detection of rotation

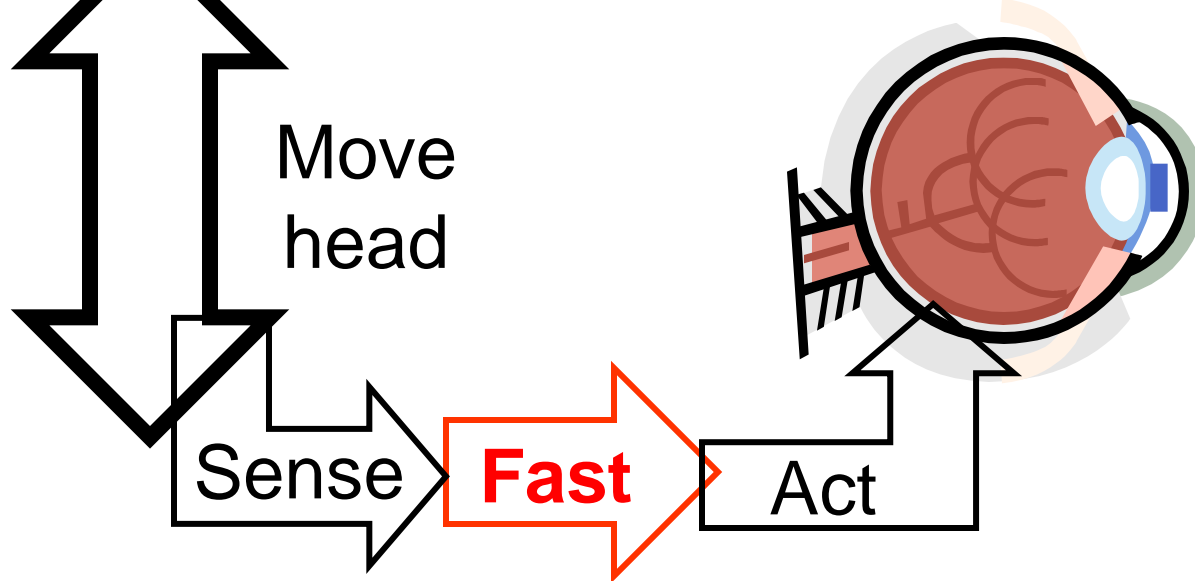


2. Inhibition of extraocular muscles on one side.

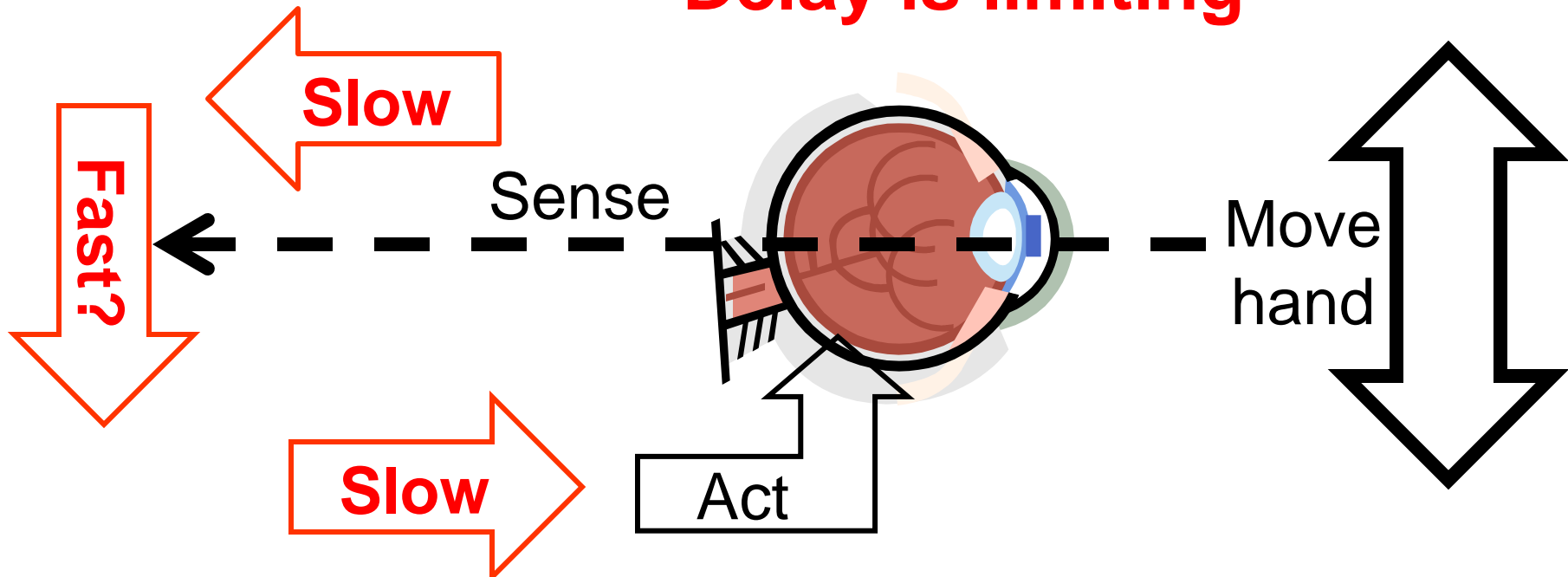
2. Excitation of extraocular muscles on the other side

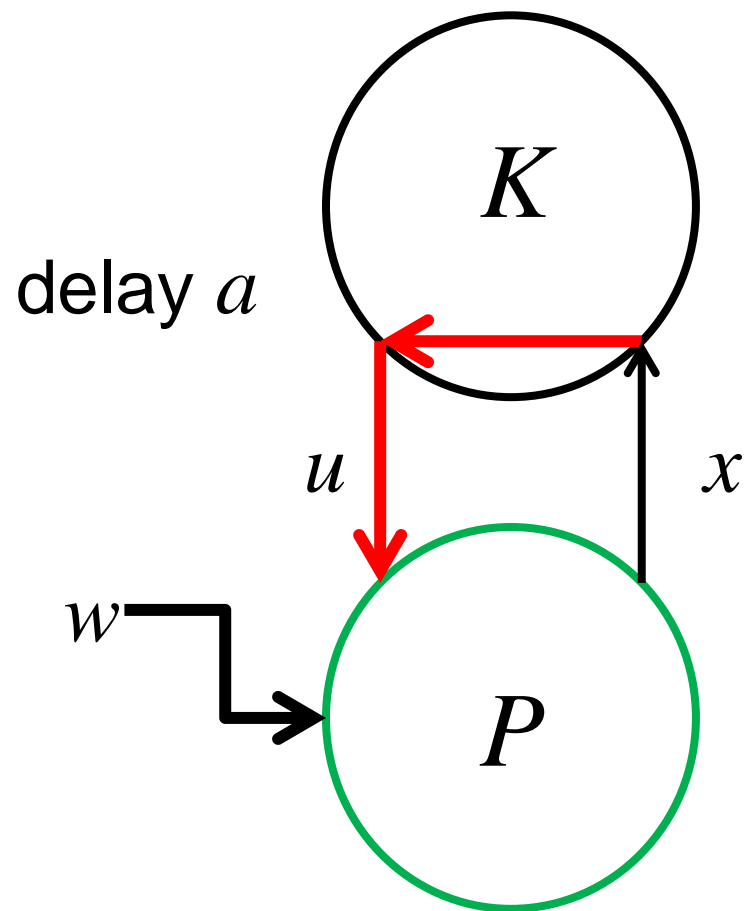


3. Compensating eye movement



Same actuators
Delay is limiting

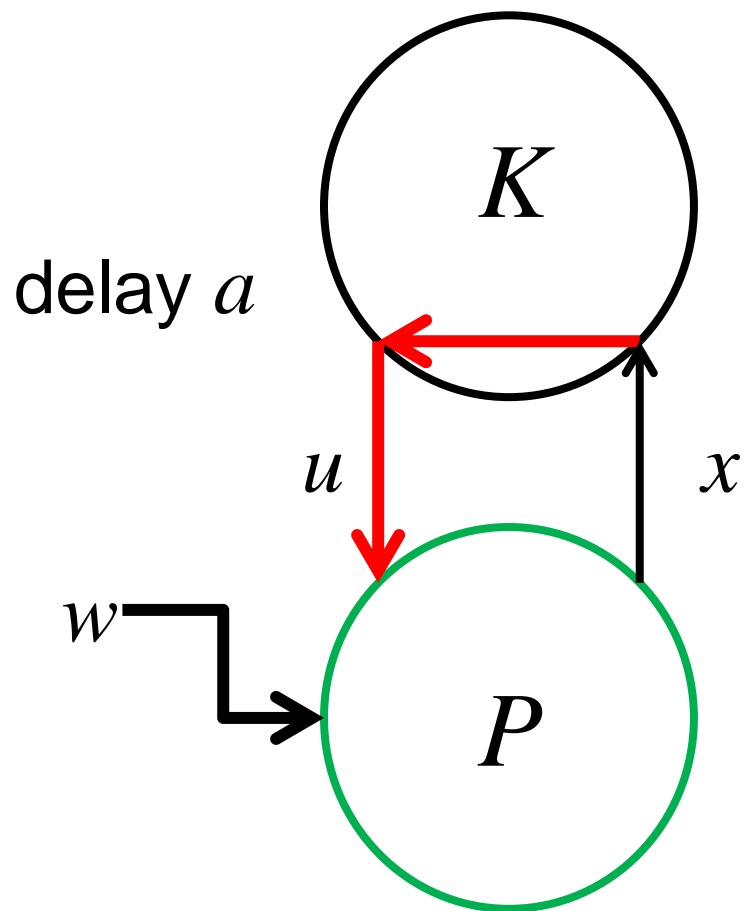




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$$p > 1$$

delay a



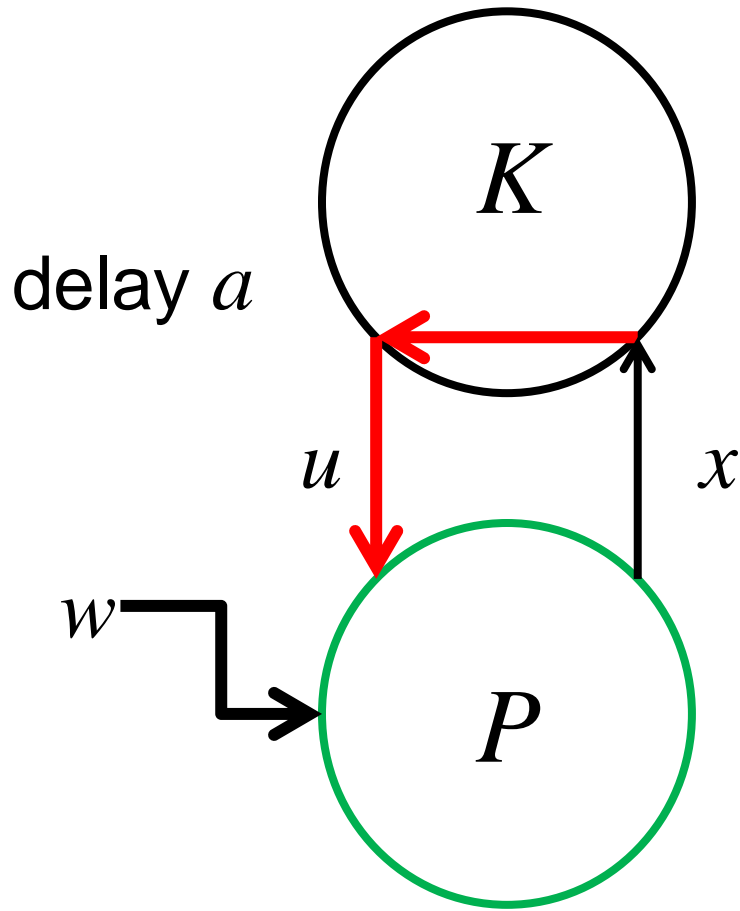
No delay or
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With delay **and**
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Compute

Turing

Lowering the barrier

Communicate

Shannon

**Delay is
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important**

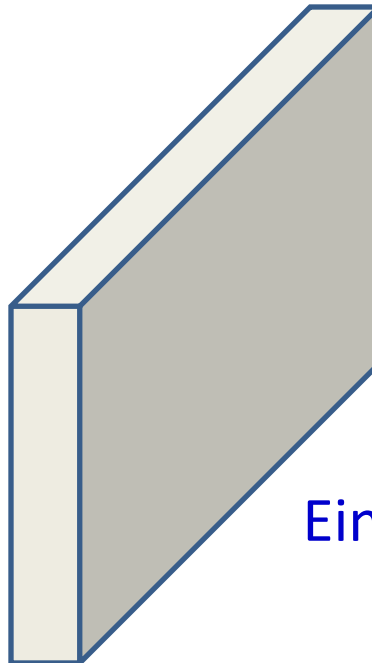
New progress!



**Delay is
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important**

Bode

Control, OR



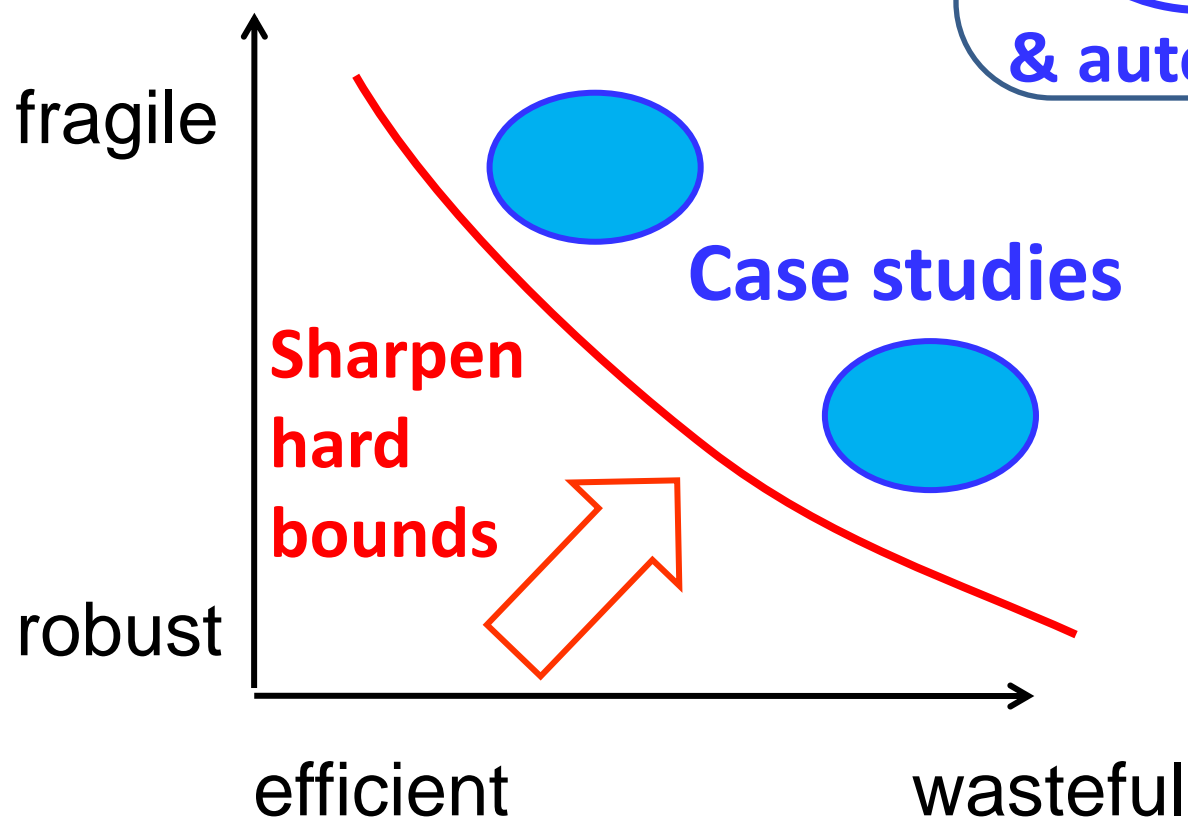
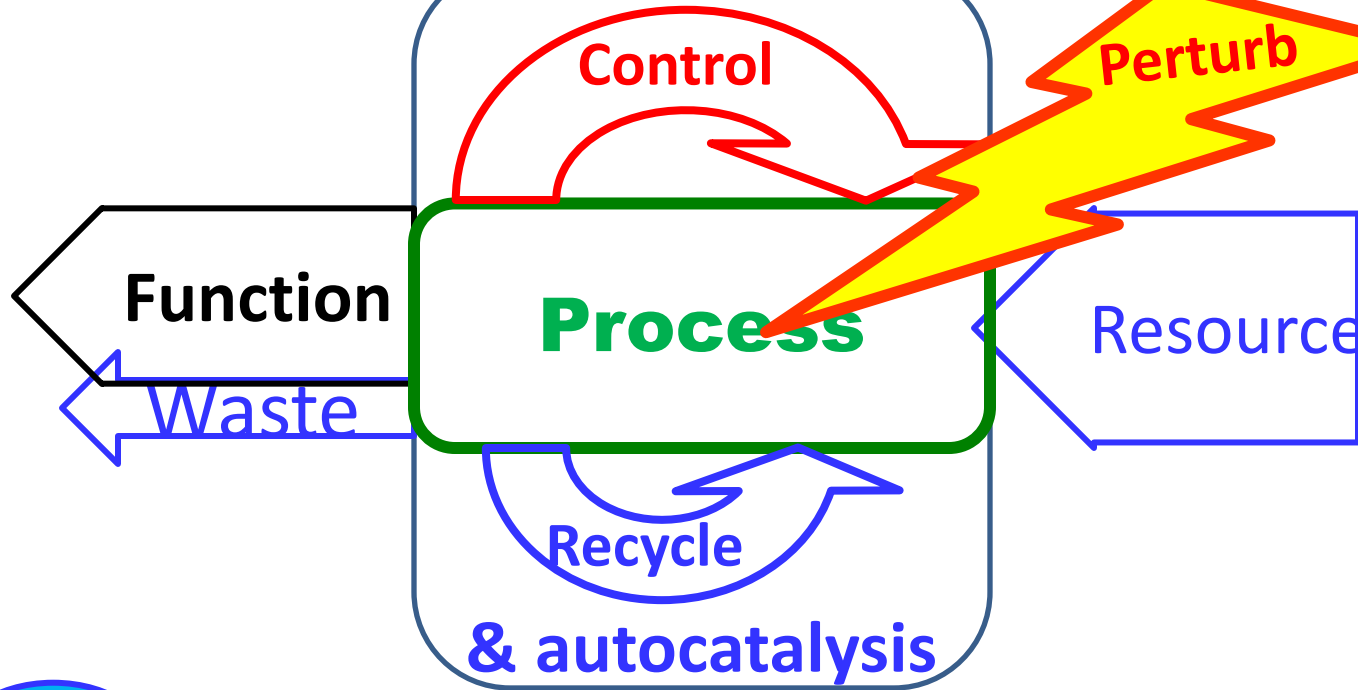
Einstein

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Boltzmann

Carnot

Physics



Glycolytic Oscillations and Limits on Robust Efficiency

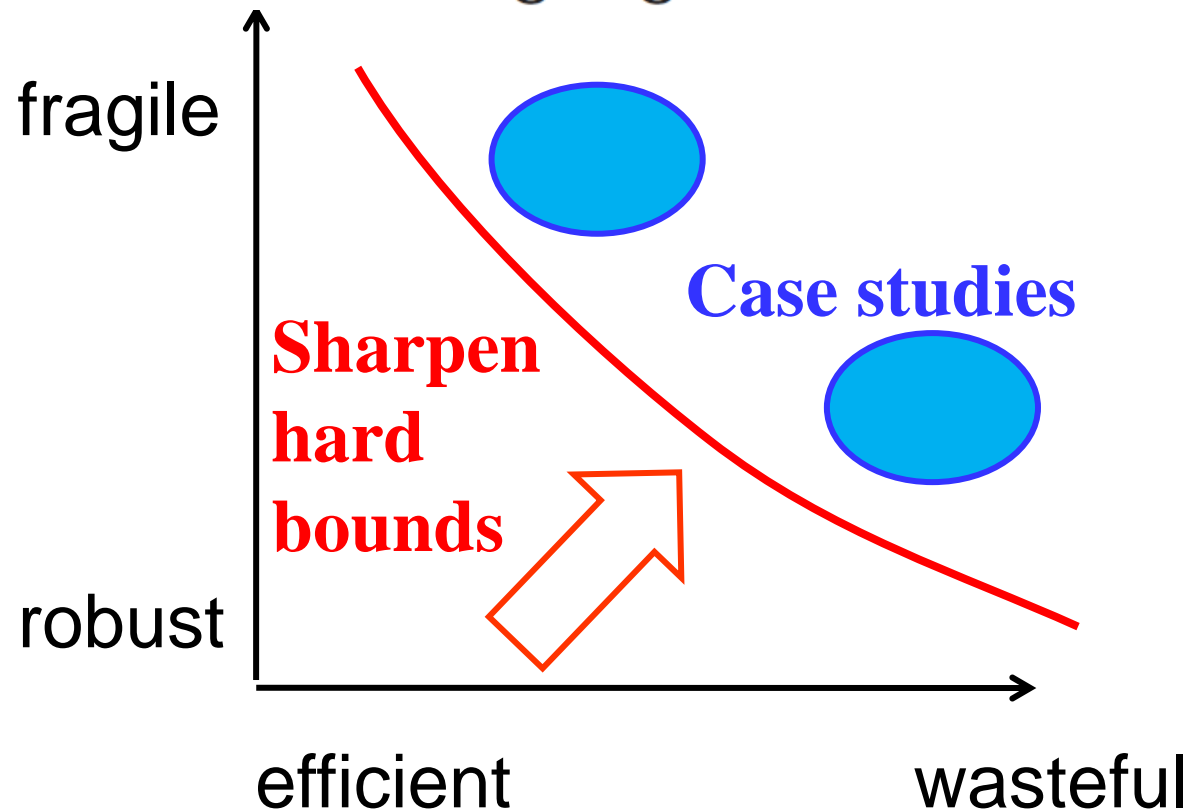
Fiona Chandra, Genti Buzi, and John Doyle

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Most important paper so far.



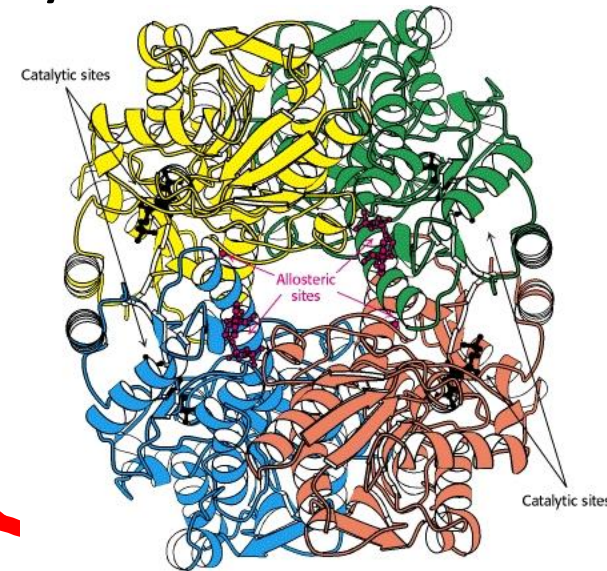
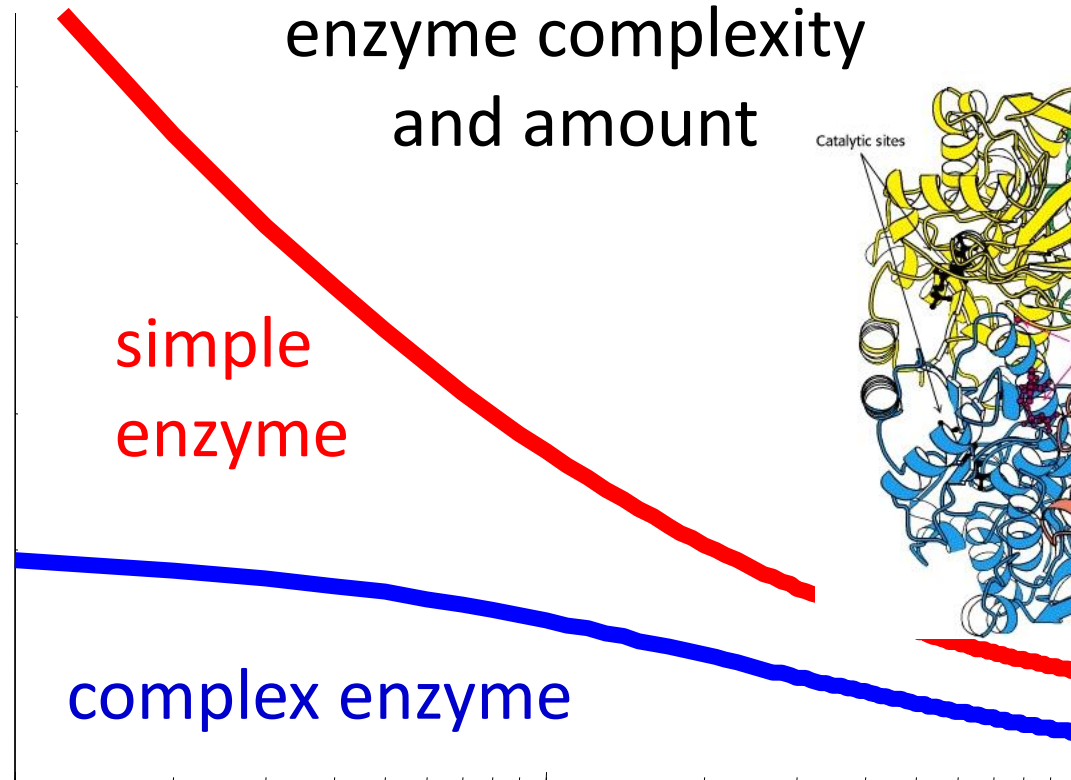
Theorem!

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

z and p functions of
enzyme complexity
and amount

Fragility

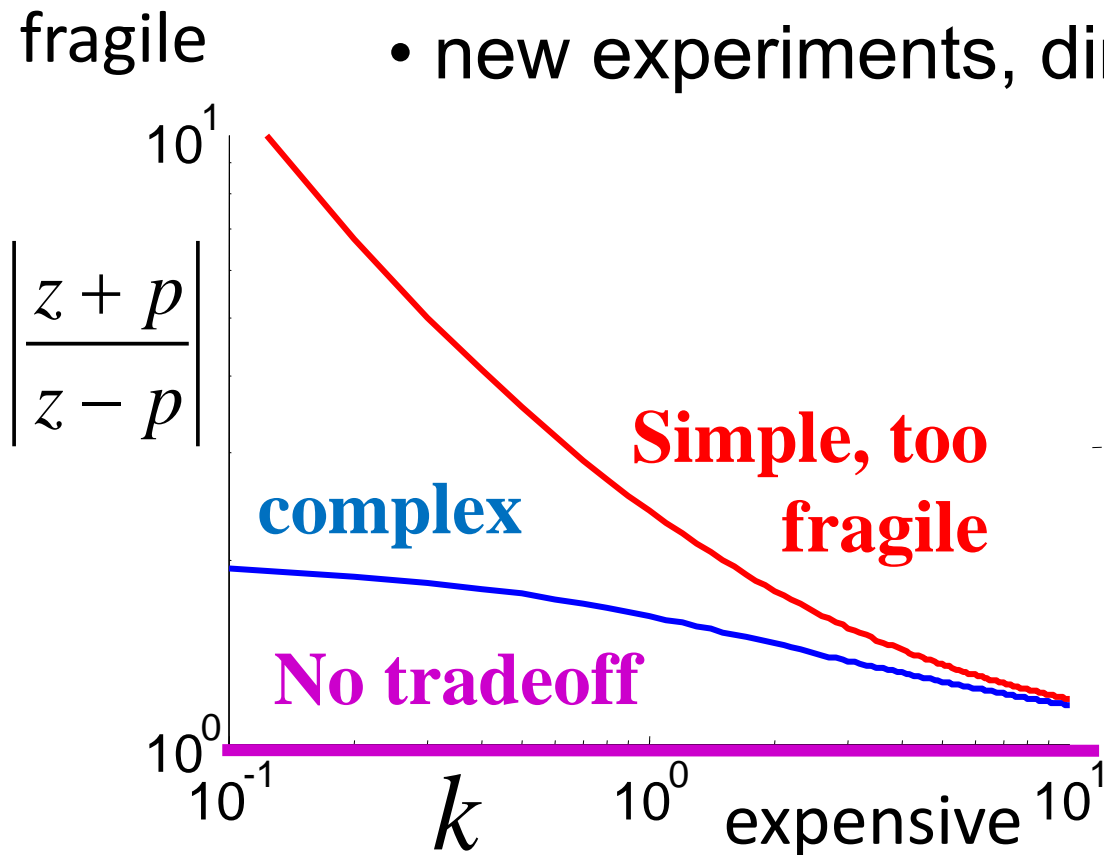
$$\ln \left| \frac{z + p}{z - p} \right|$$



Enzyme amount

Hard tradeoff/constraint in glycolysis

- resolves central, persistent mystery
- **robustness vs efficiency**
- **autocatalysis** has crucial role
- oscillations are side effects w/o “purpose”
- new experiments, directions, questions,...

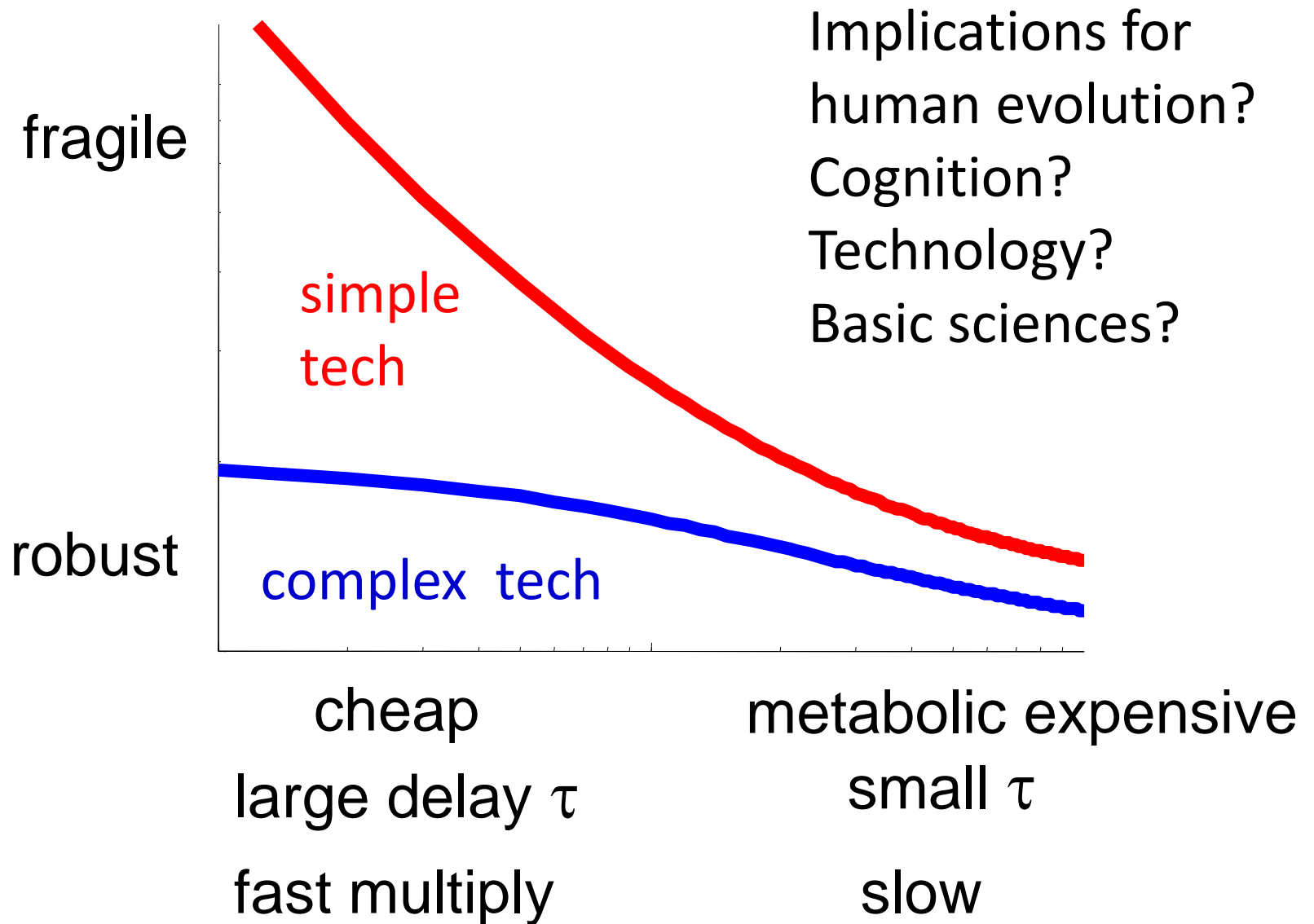


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$$\geq \ln \left| \frac{z+p}{z-p} \right|$$

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



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

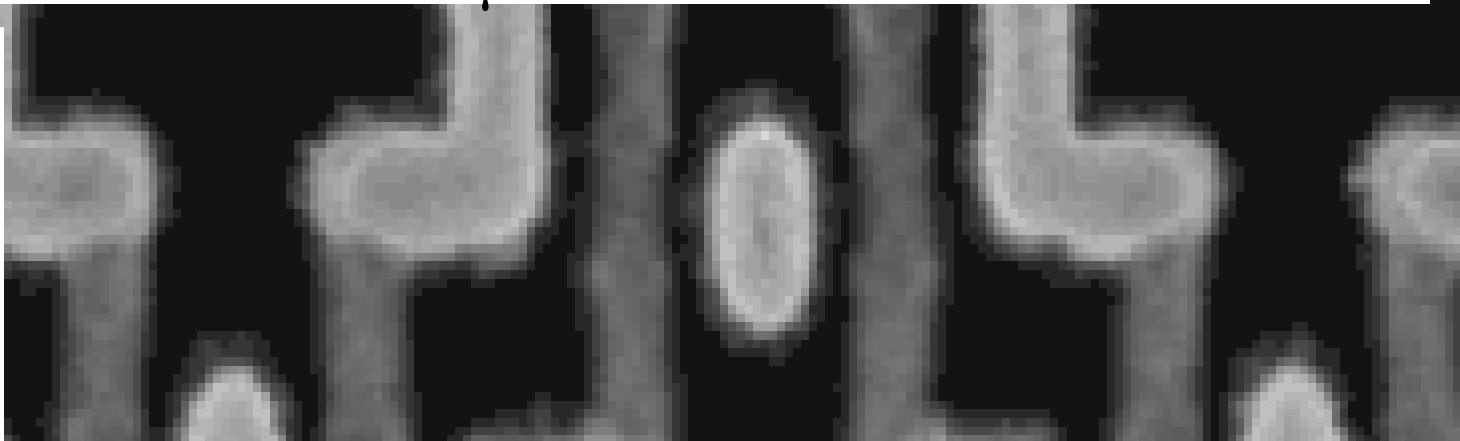
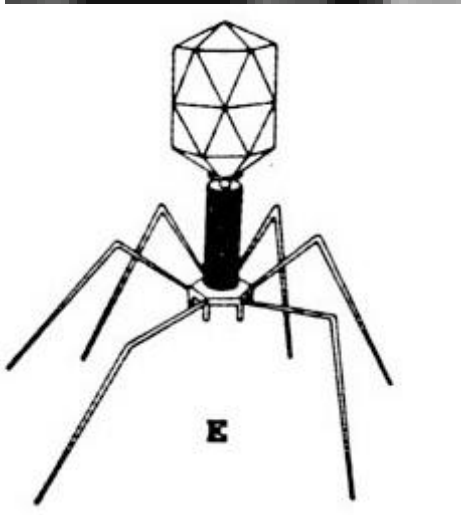
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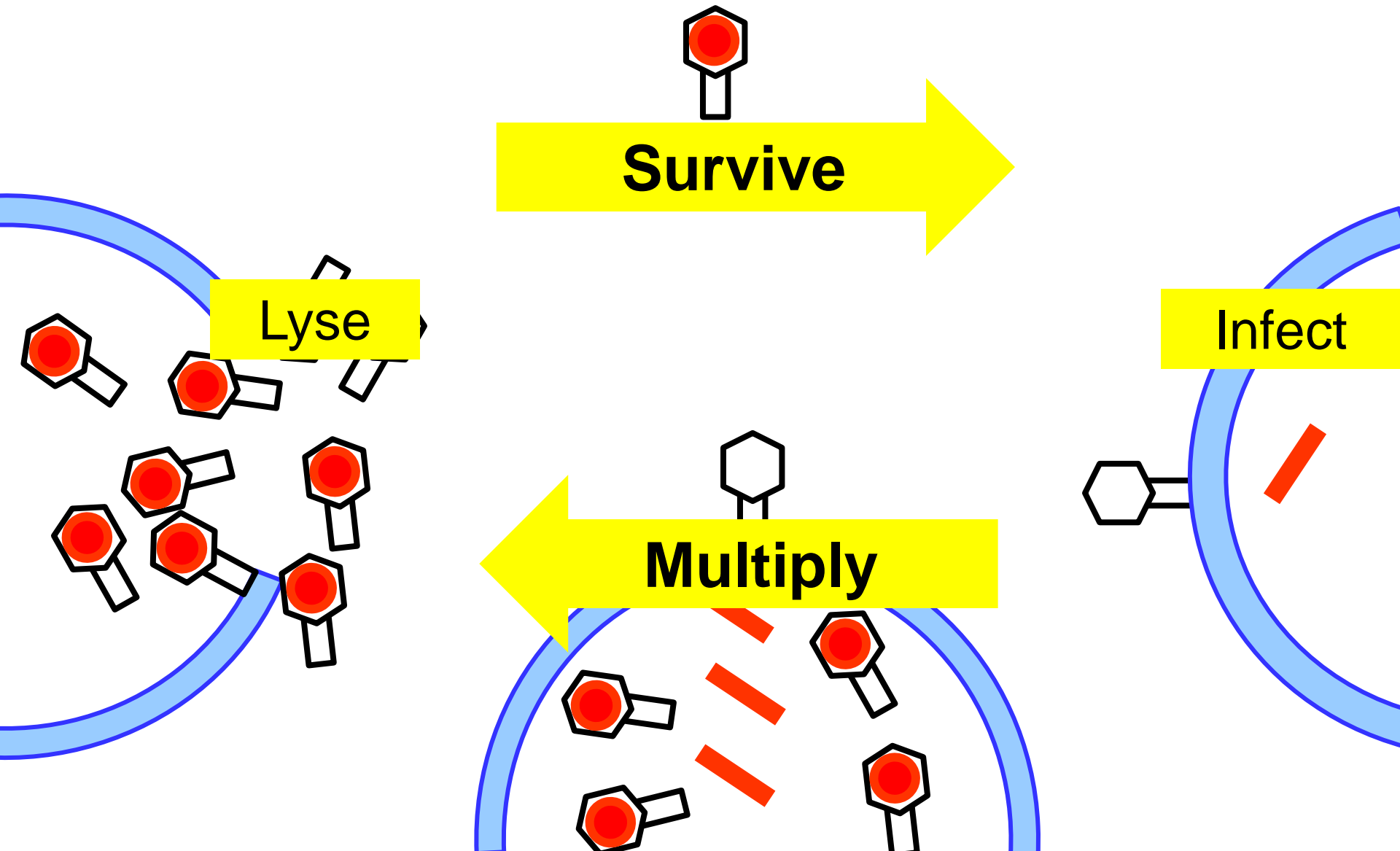
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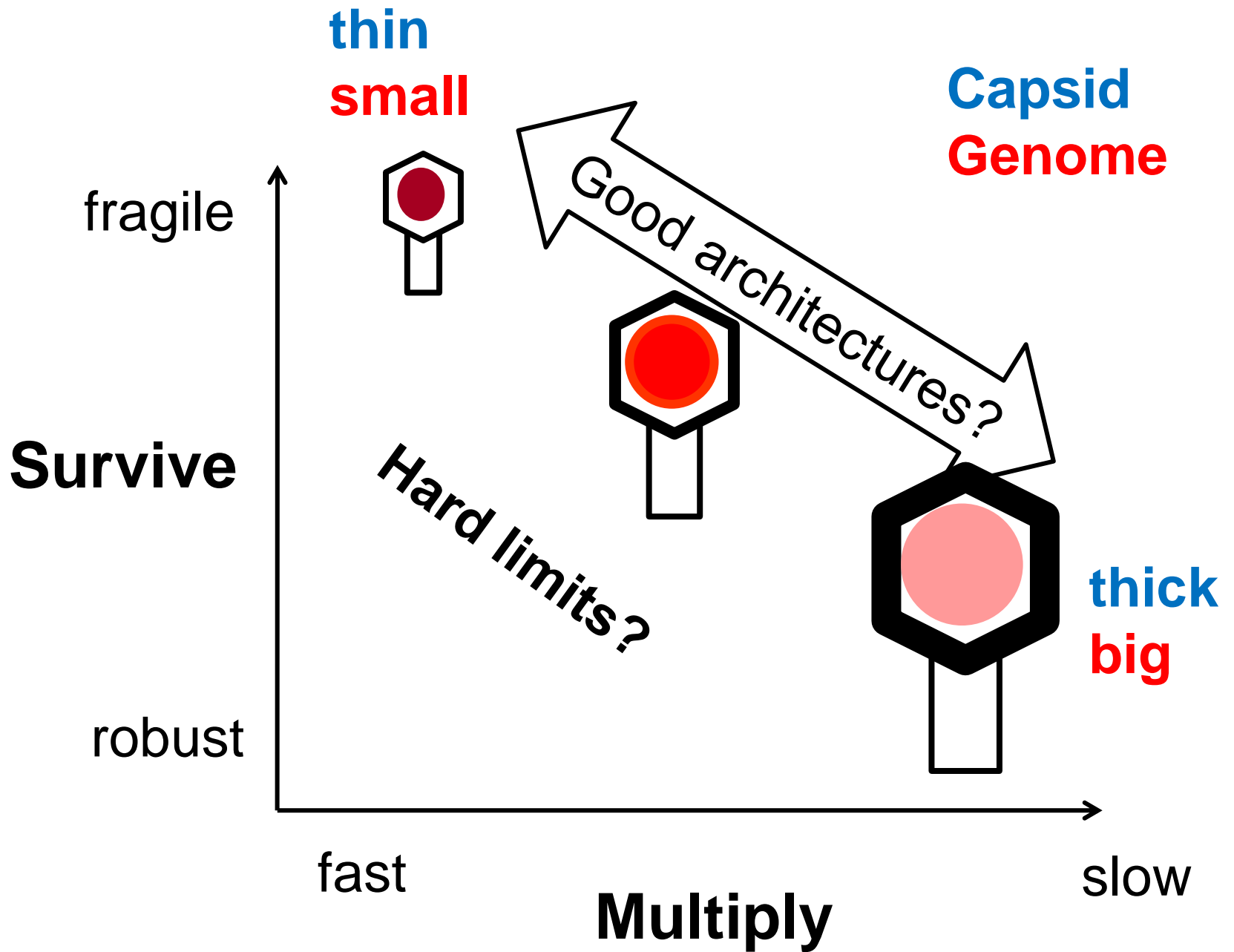


Phage

Bacteria

Phage lifecycle





Efficiency in Evolutionary Trade-Offs

Elad Noor and Ron Milo

Science **336**, 1114 (2012);

Evolutionary Trade-Offs, Pareto Optimality, and the Geometry of Phenotype Space

O. Shoval *et al.*

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Multidimensional Optimality of Microbial Metabolism

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Compute

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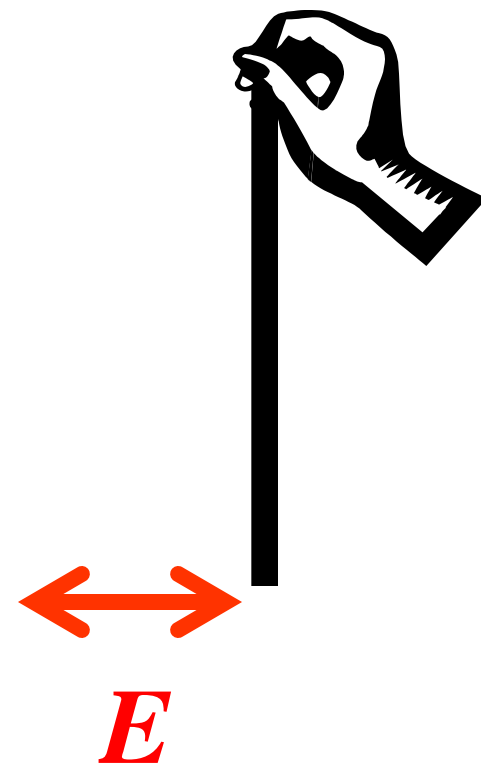
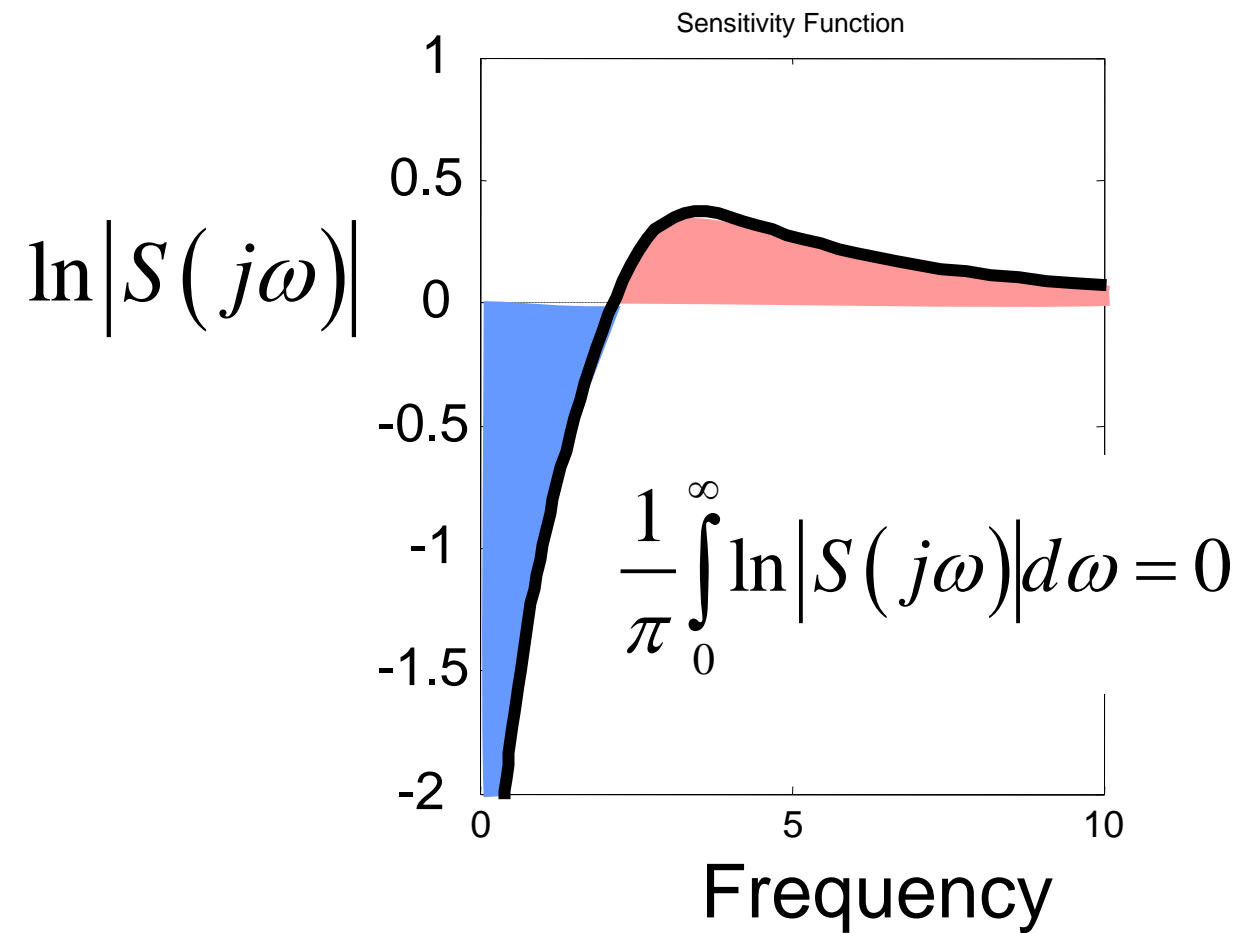
**Delay is
most
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Bode

Control, OR

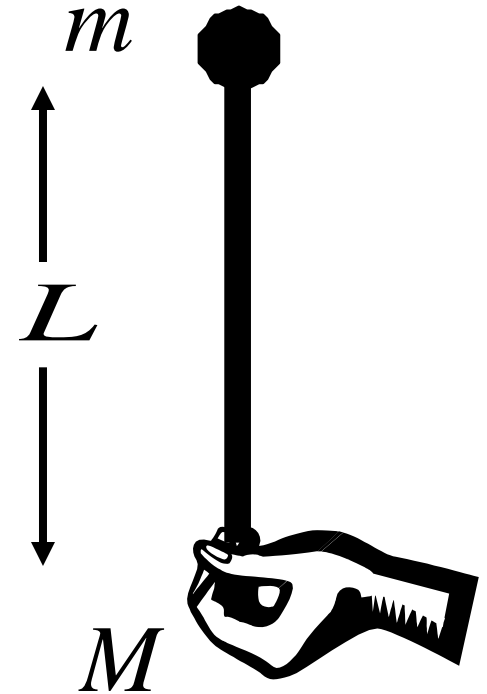
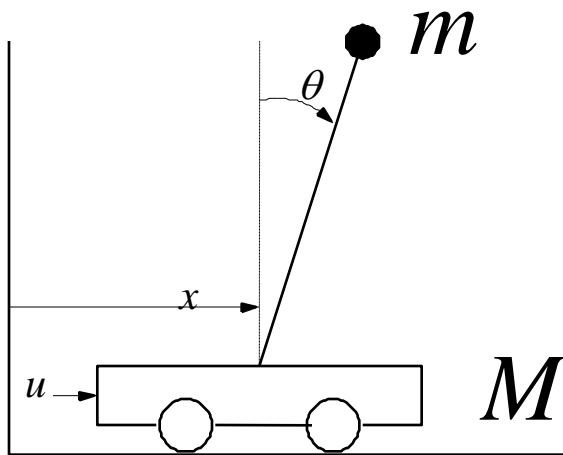
Why

Necessity



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Linearized pendulum on a cart



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

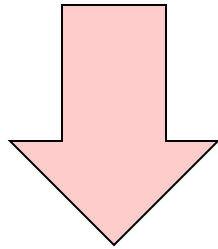
$$q = J(M + m) + M m l^2$$

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

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

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

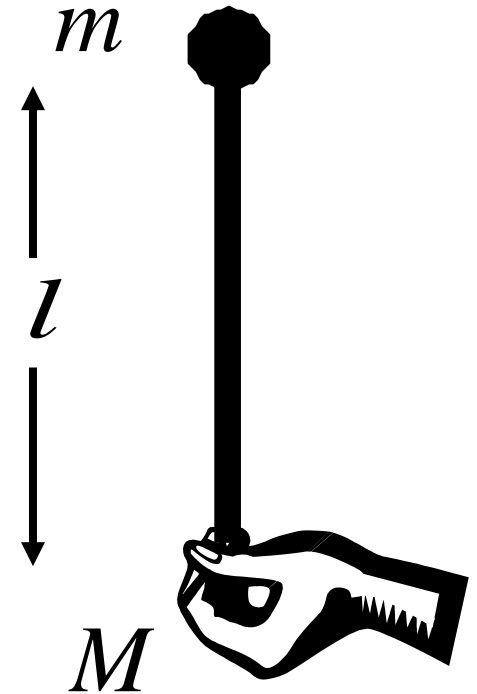
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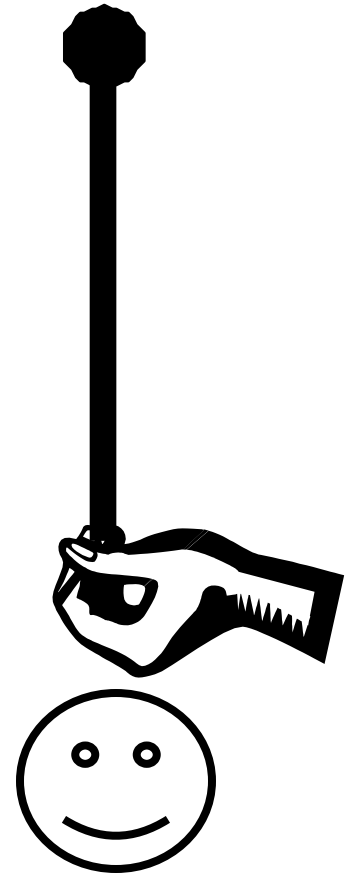
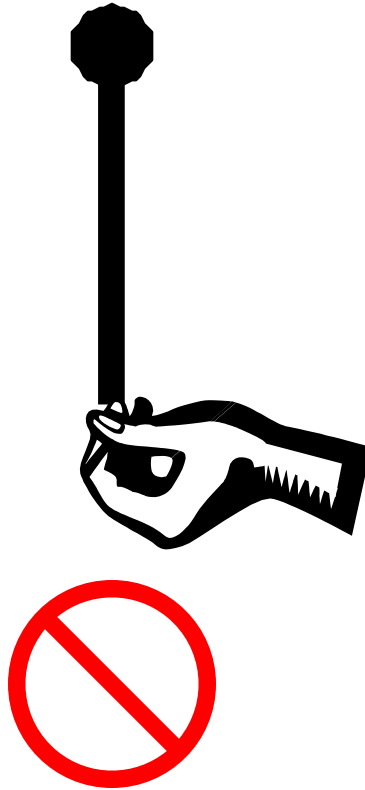
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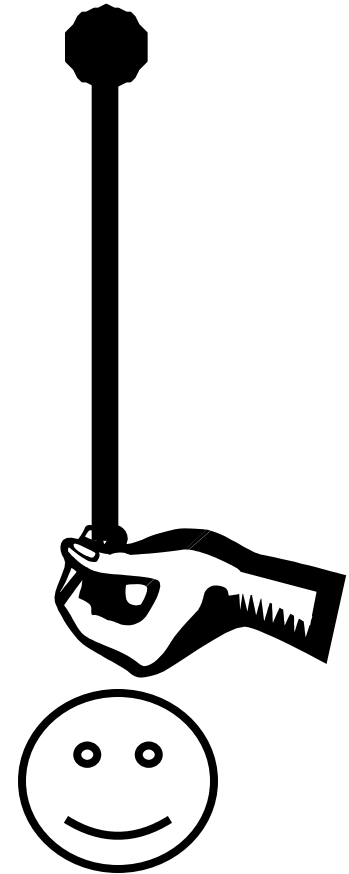
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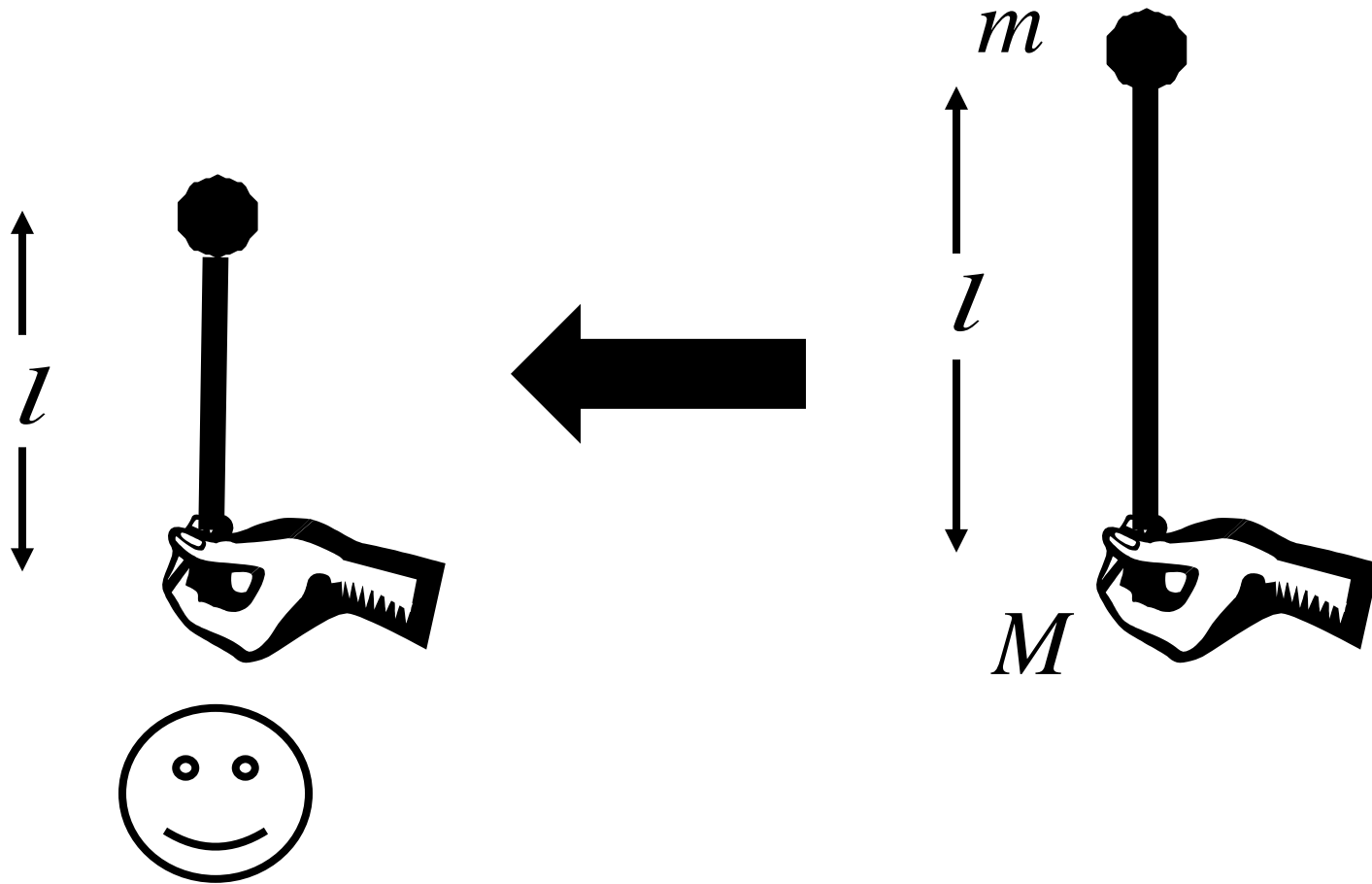


Robust
=agile and
balancing



Robust
=agile and
balancing





Efficient=length of
pendulum (artificial)

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

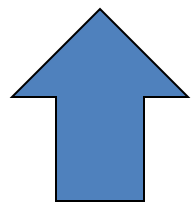
$$y = x + \alpha l \theta = \frac{\varepsilon ls^2 \pm g}{D(s)} u$$

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

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

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

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \alpha$$

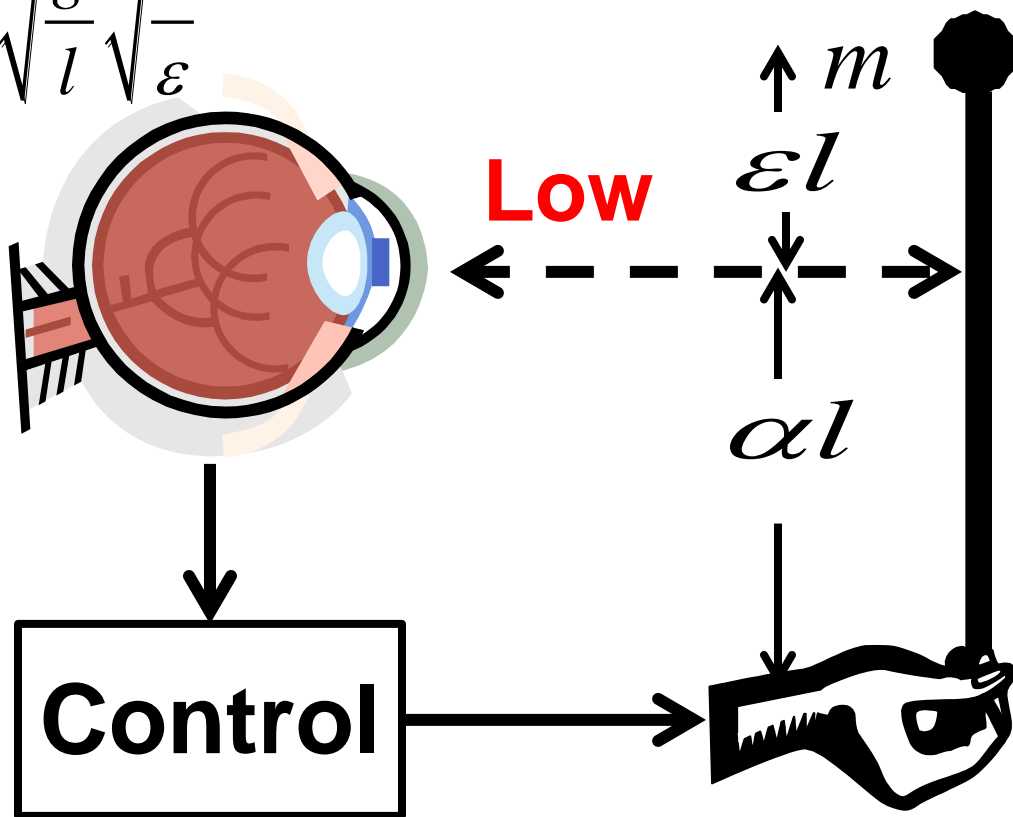


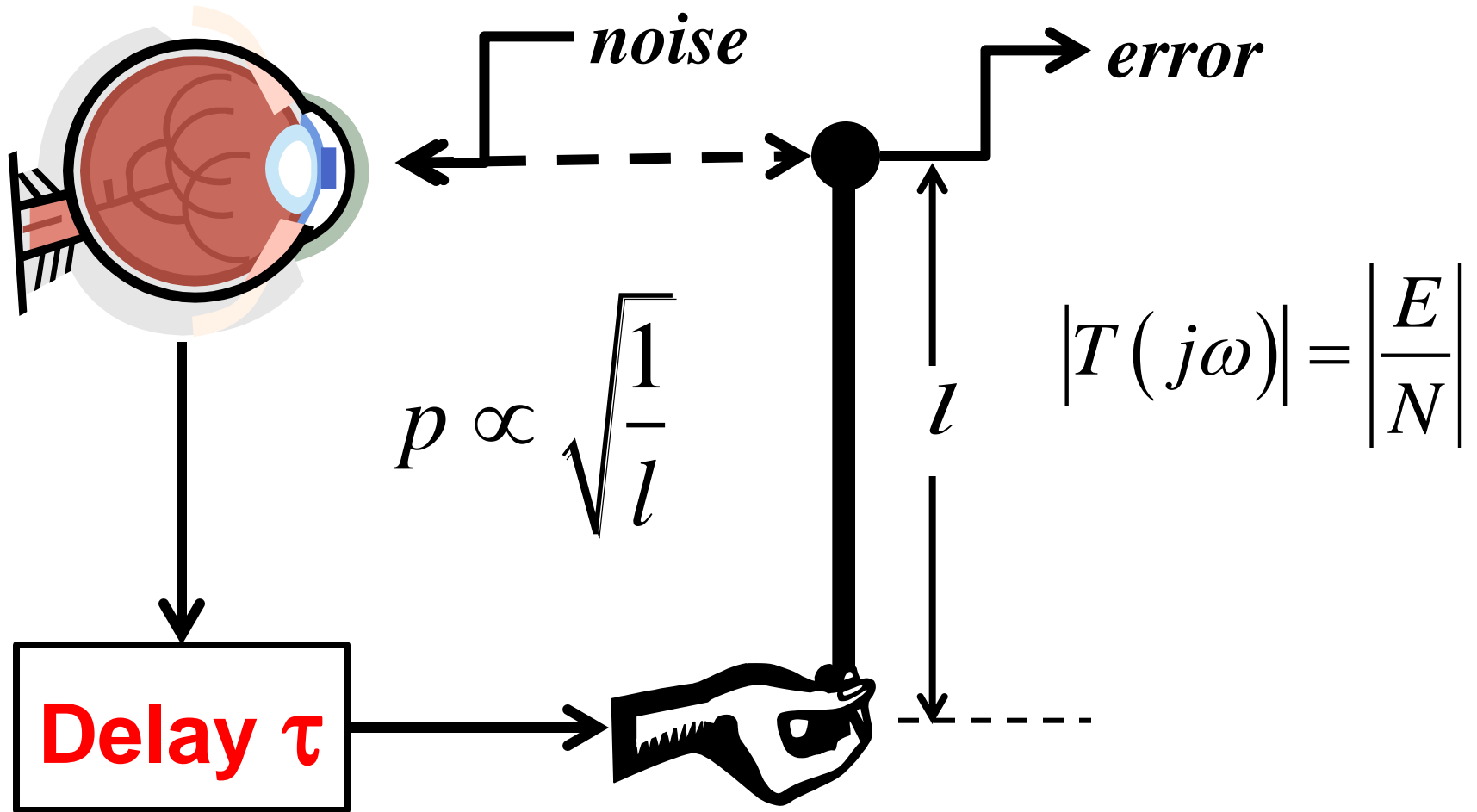
transform+
algebra

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

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

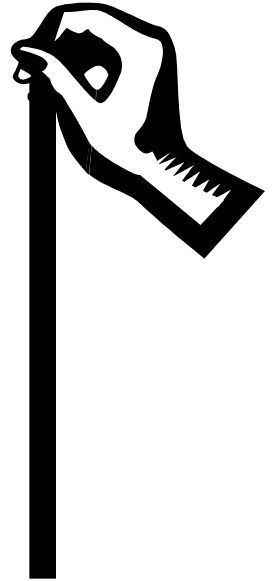
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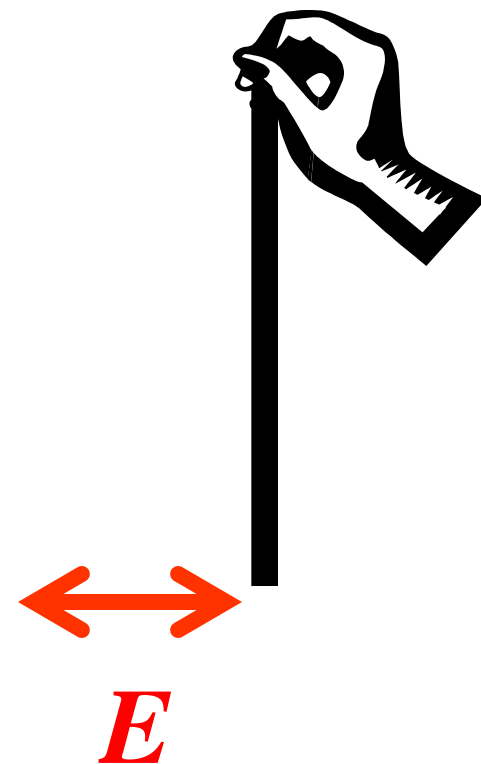
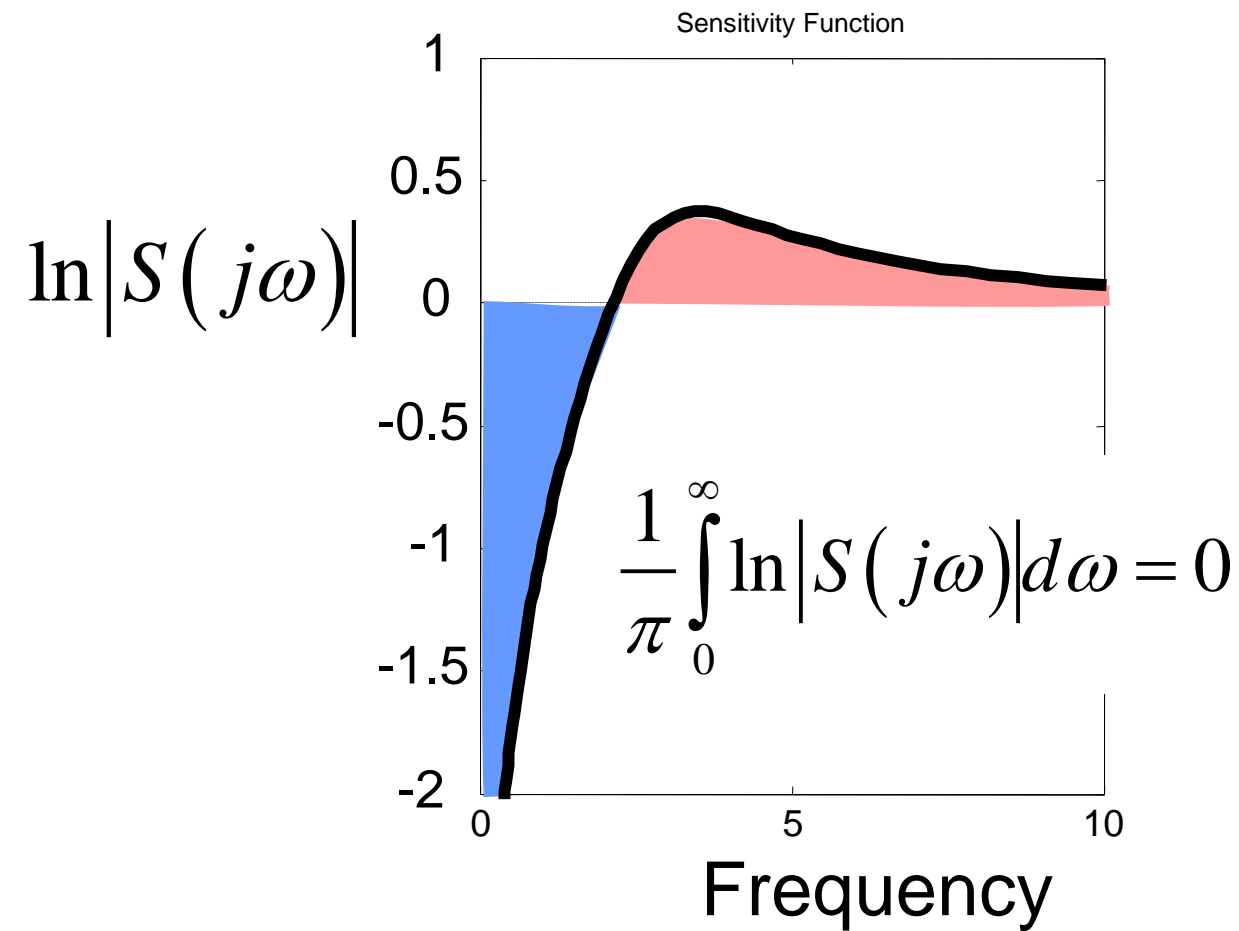


$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |T(j\omega)| d\omega \geq 0$$
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |S(j\omega)| d\omega \geq 0$$



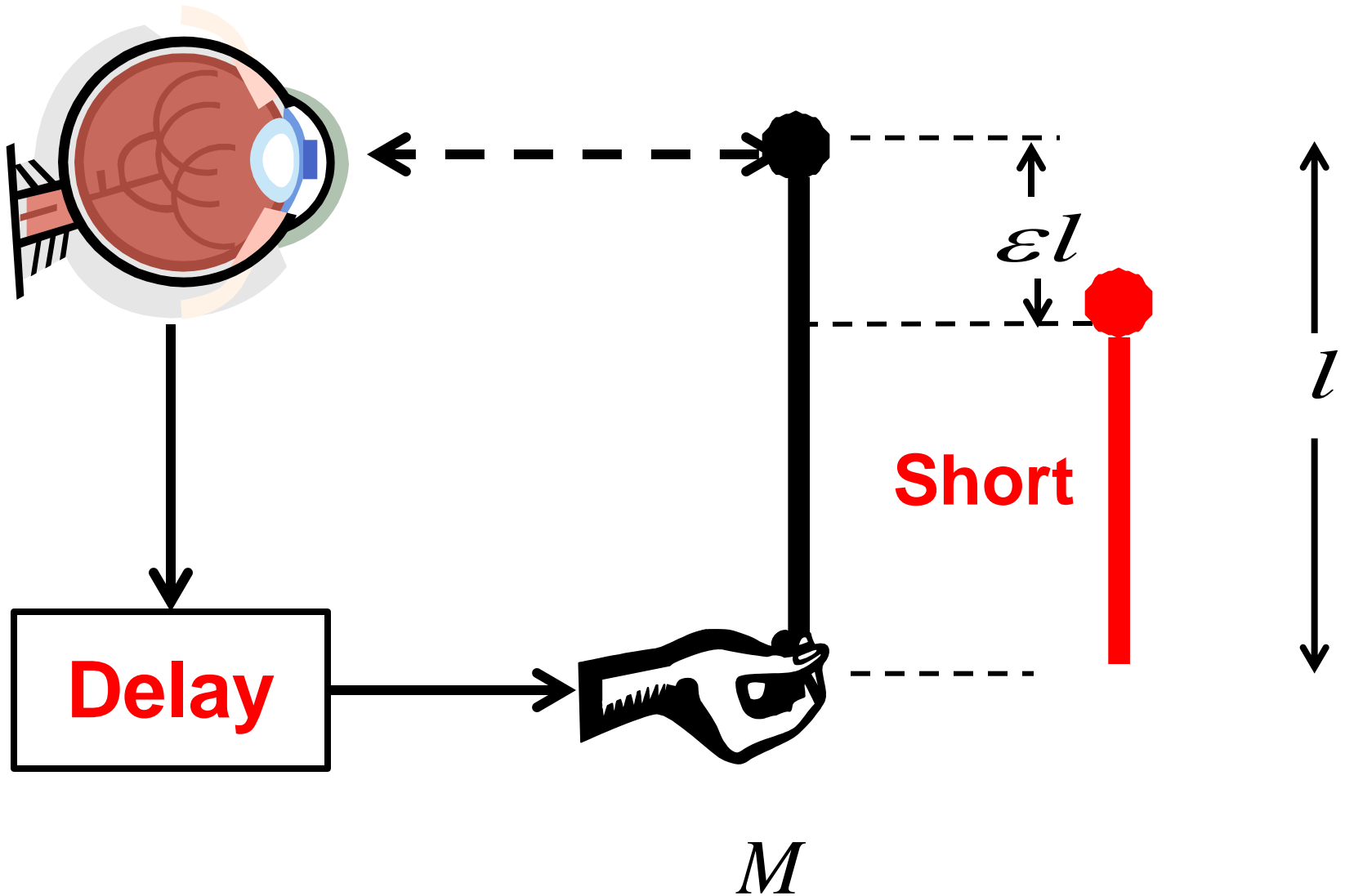
Easy, even with eyes closed
No matter what the length

Proof: Standard UG control theory:
Easy calculus, easier contour integral,
easiest Poisson Integral formula



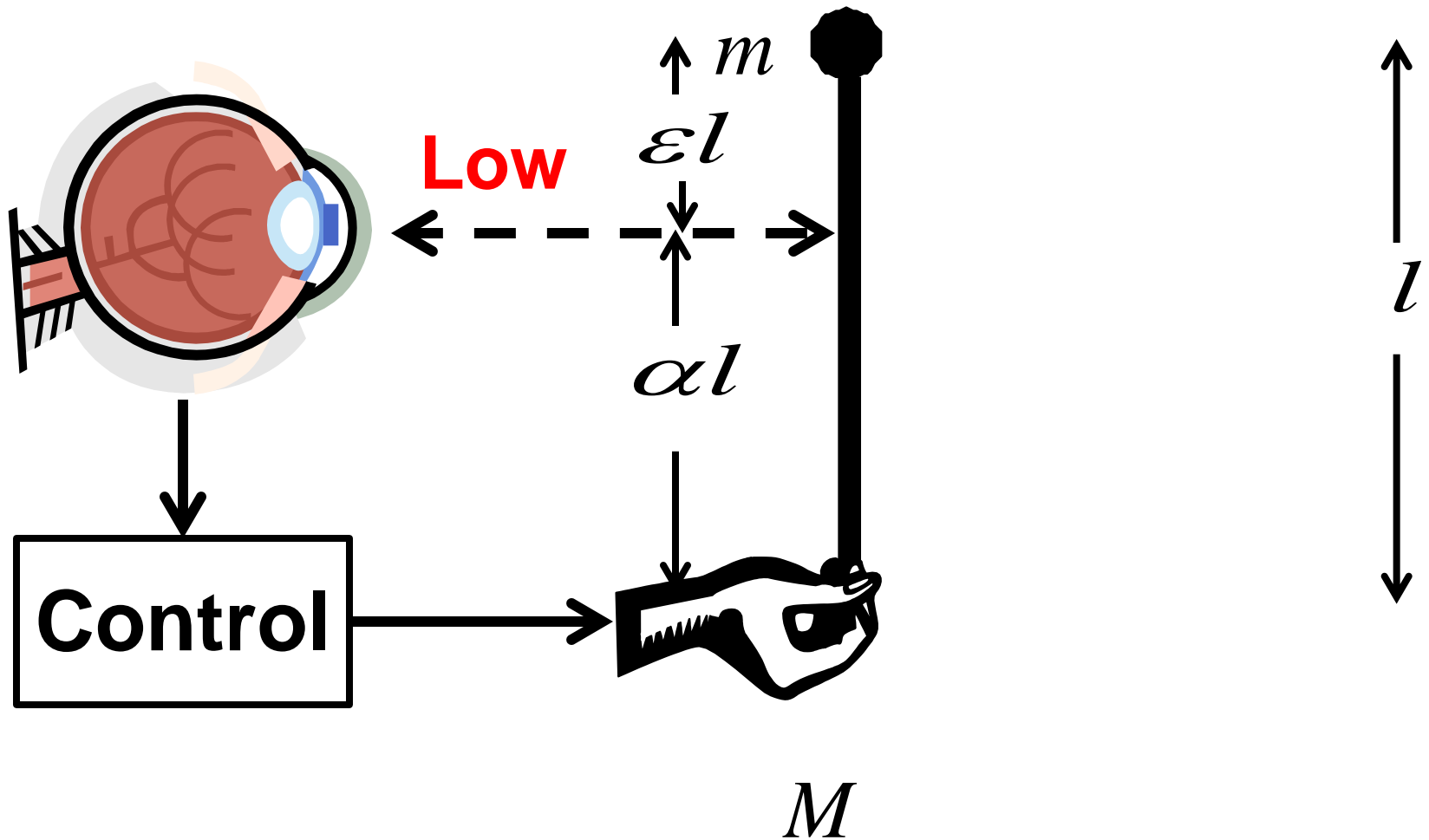
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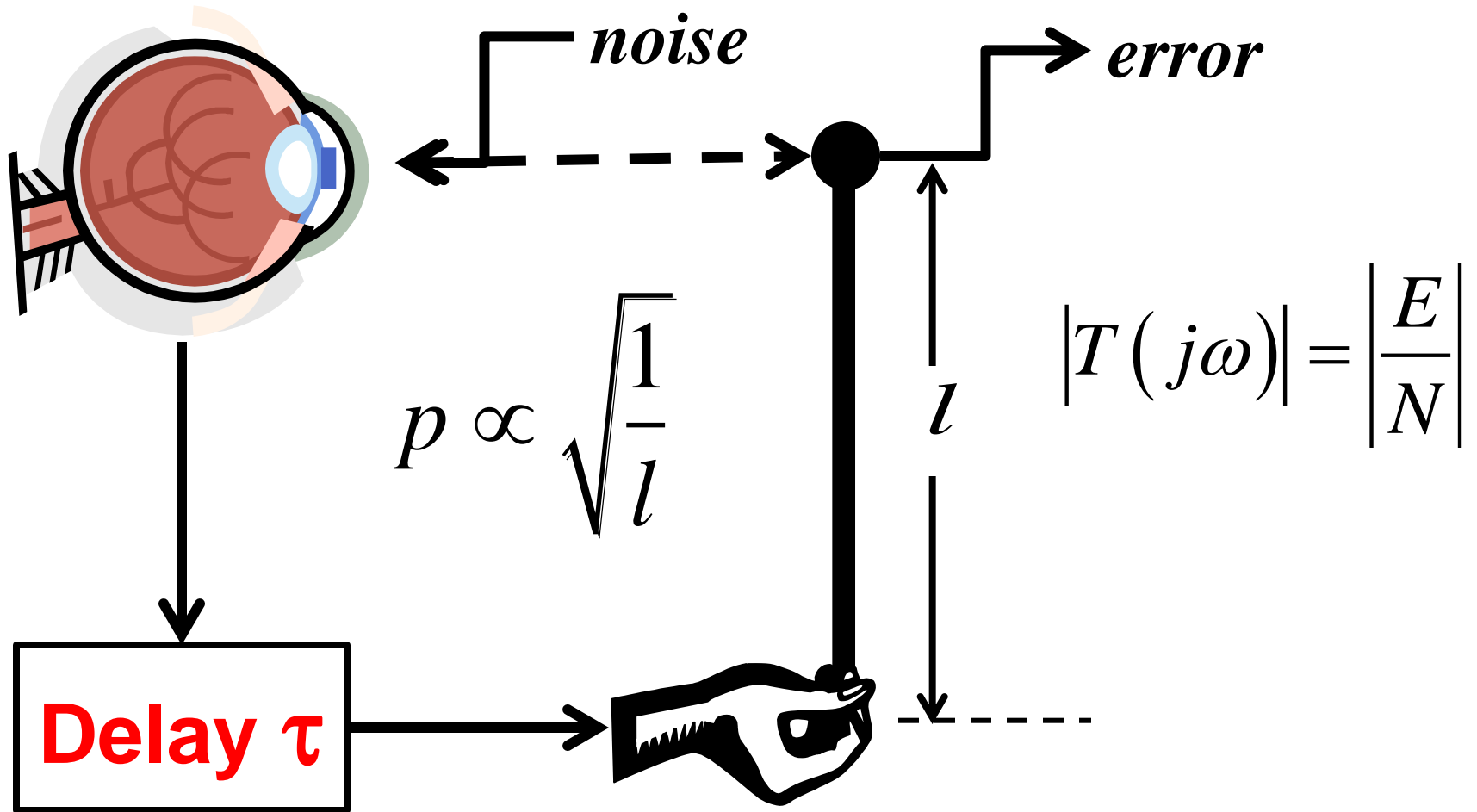
Harder if delayed or short

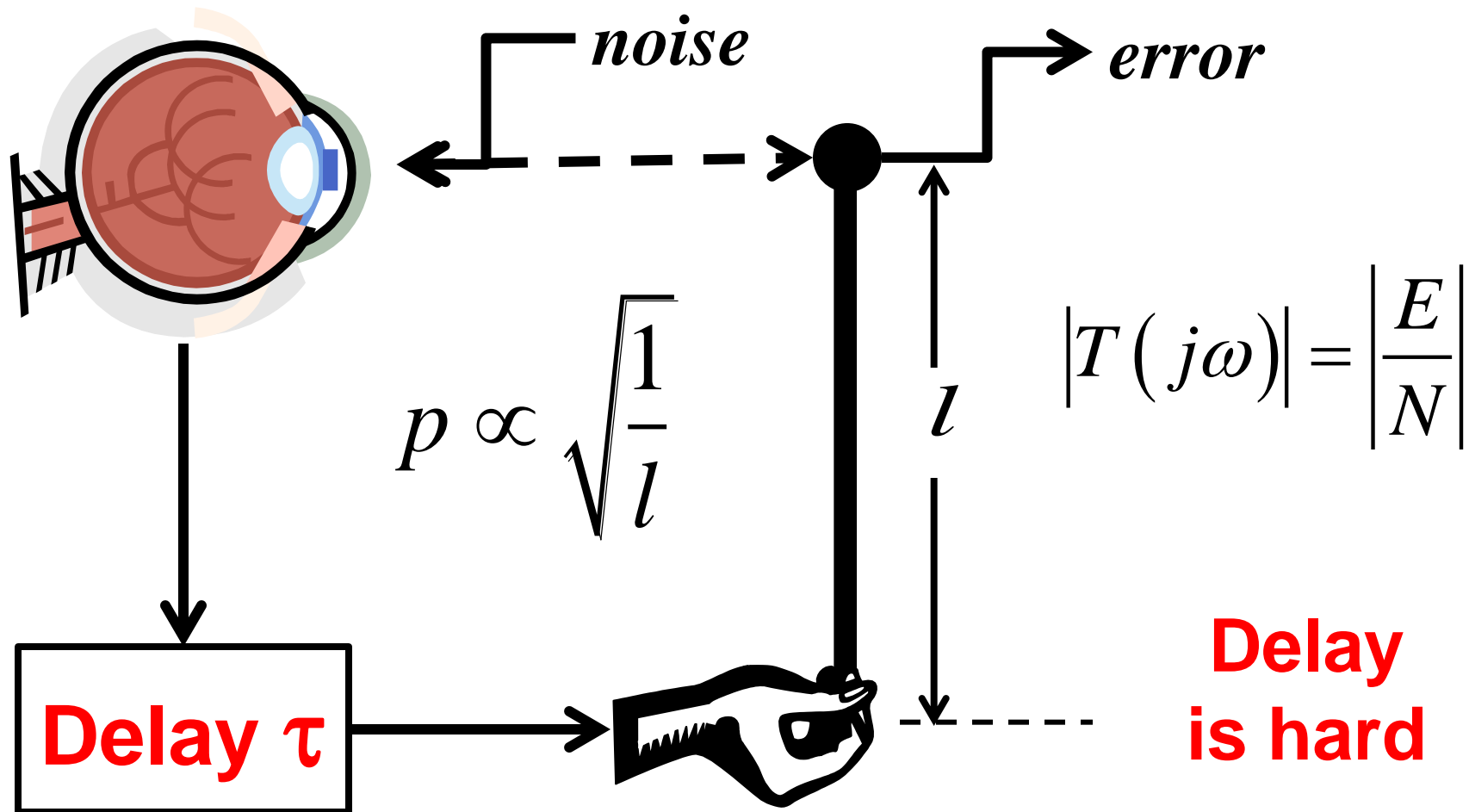


Also harder if sensed low
(details later)

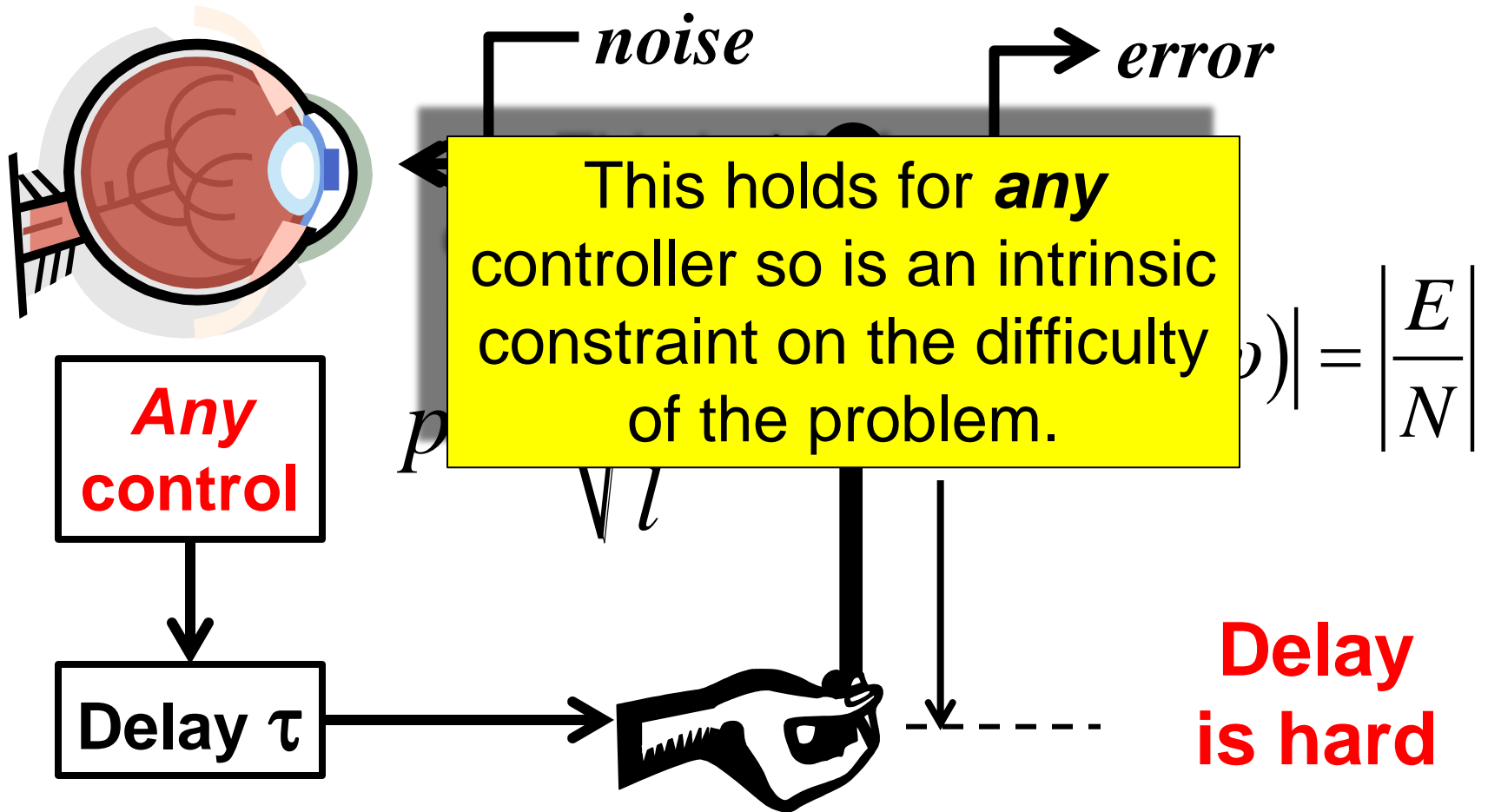
$$r = \frac{m}{M}$$







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



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Fragility

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

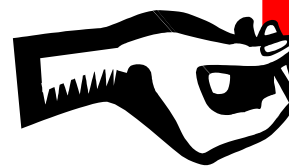
Too
fragile

For fixed length

L

up

down



large τ
small $1/\tau$

small τ
large $1/\tau$

$1/\text{delay}$

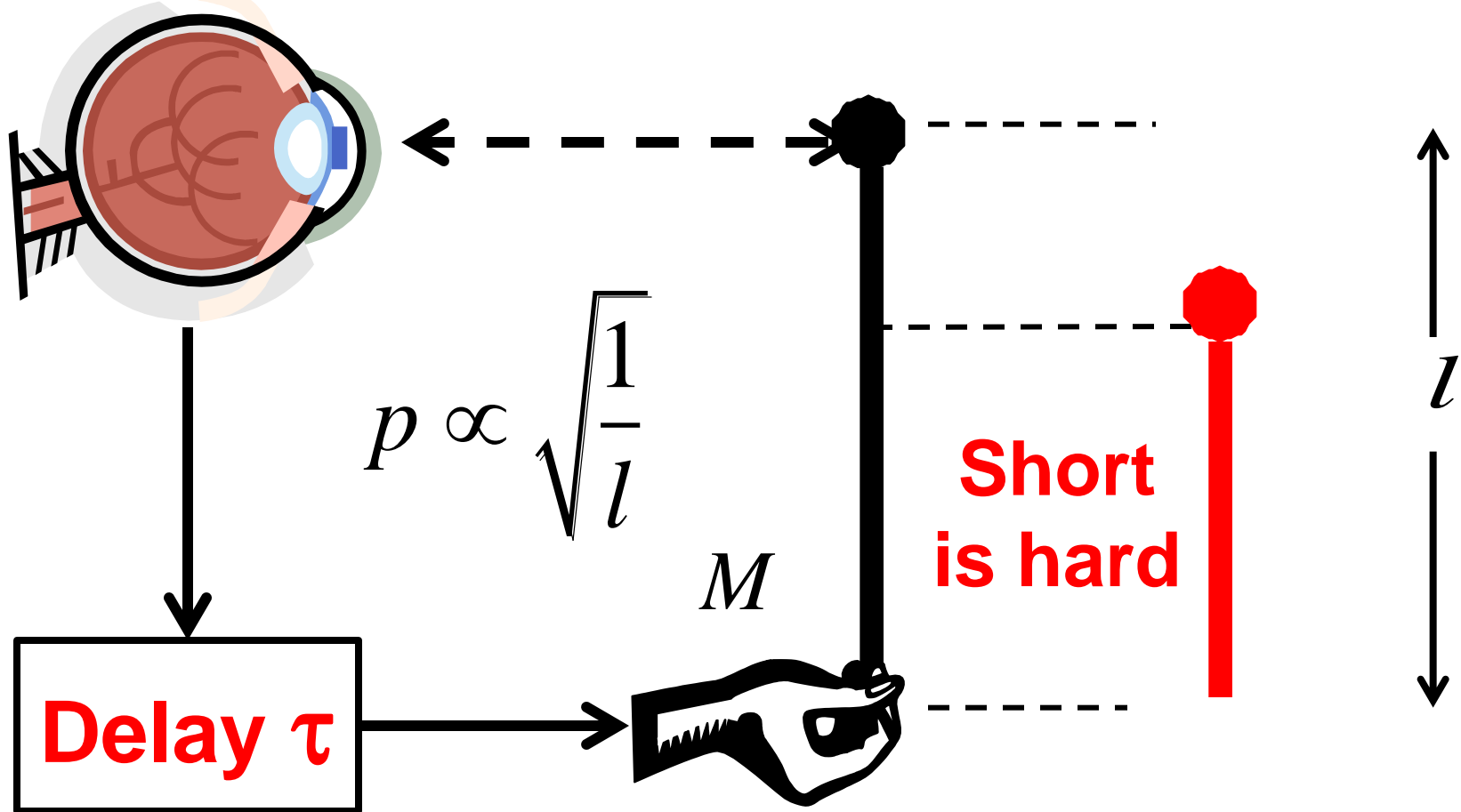
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We would like to tolerate large delays (and small lengths), but large delays severely constrain the achievable robustness.



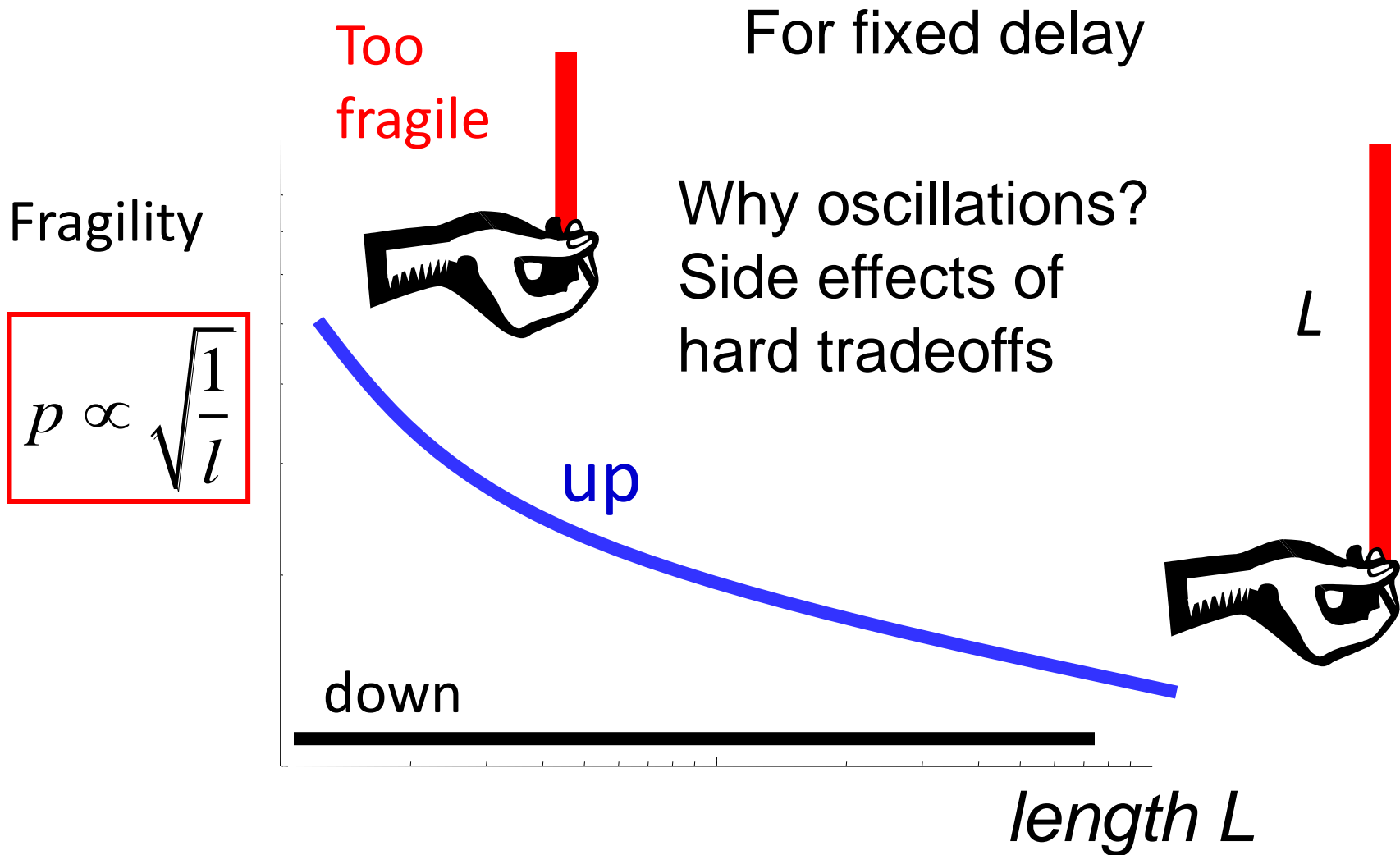
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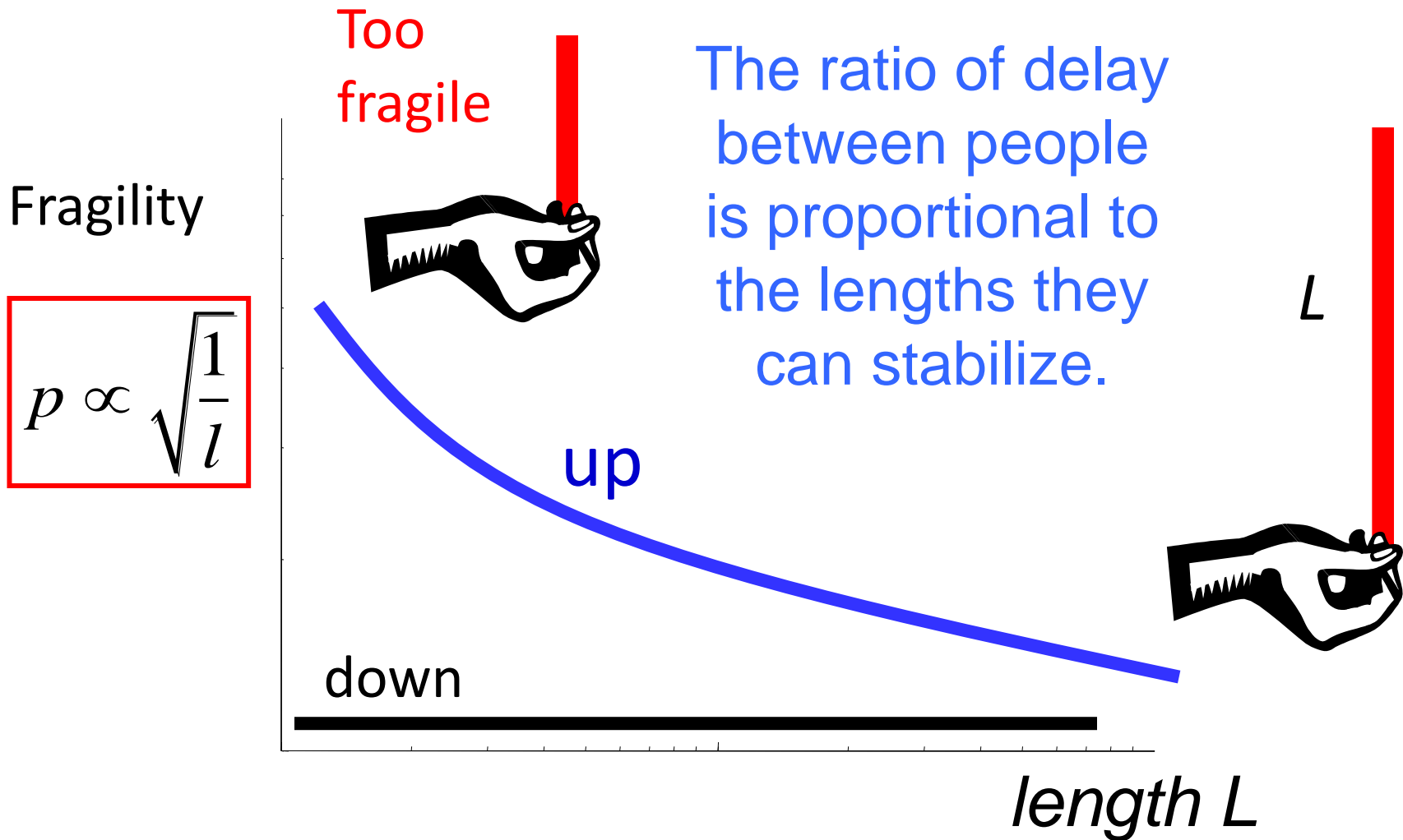


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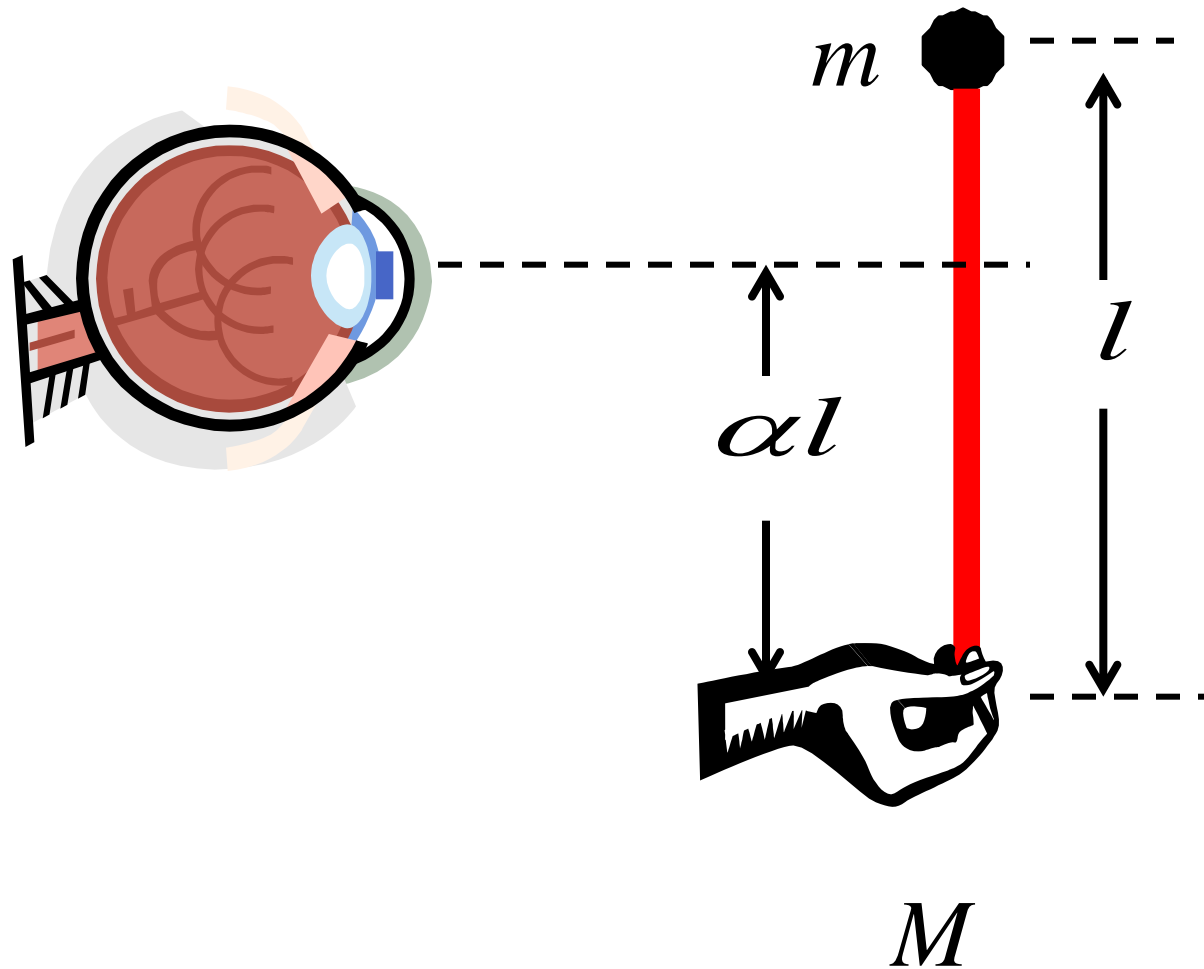
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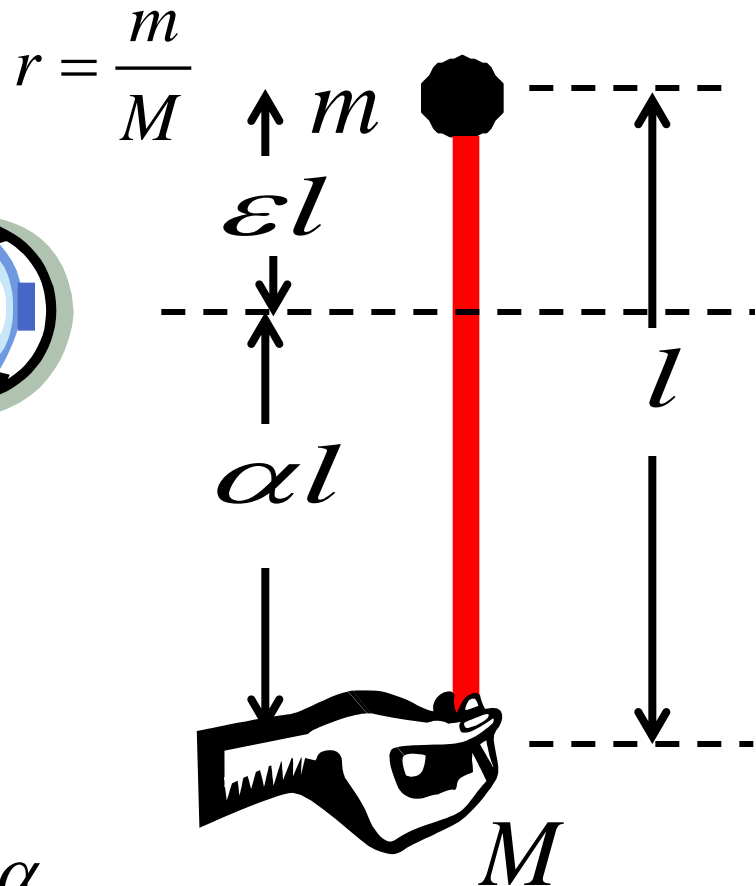
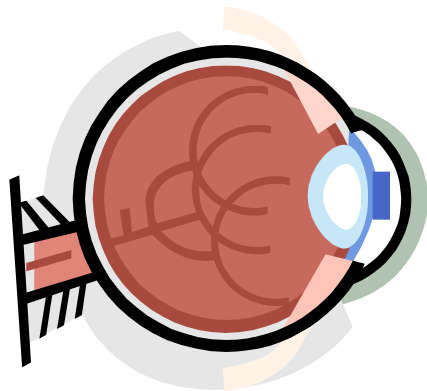


Eyes moved down is harder
(RHP zero)
Similar to delay



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

Units $\Rightarrow M = g = 1$



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

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

Compare

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

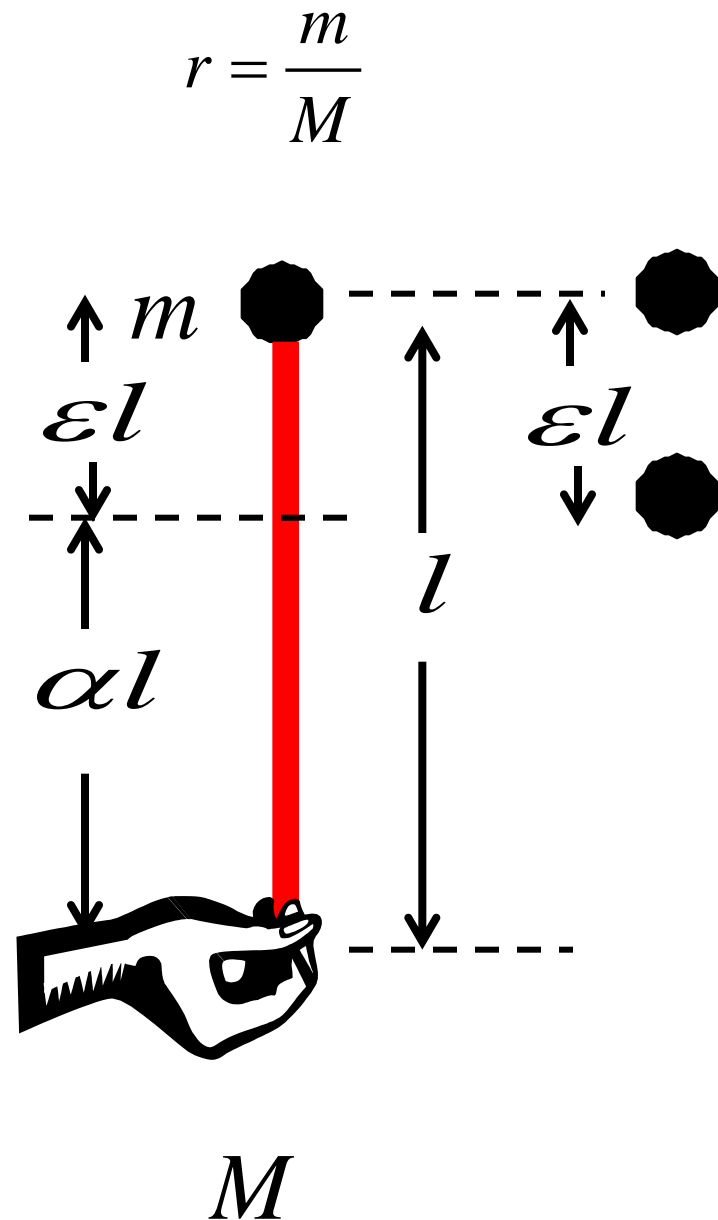
Move eyes

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

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

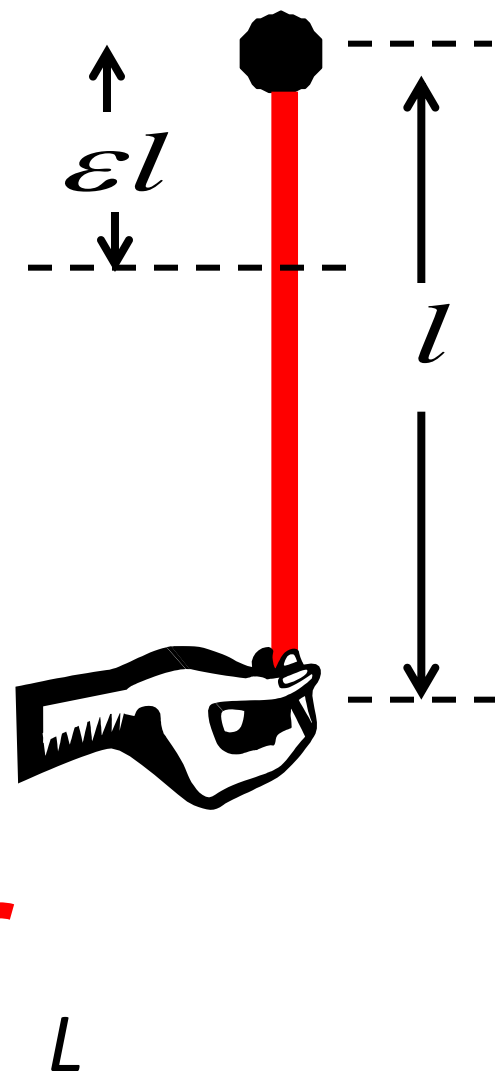
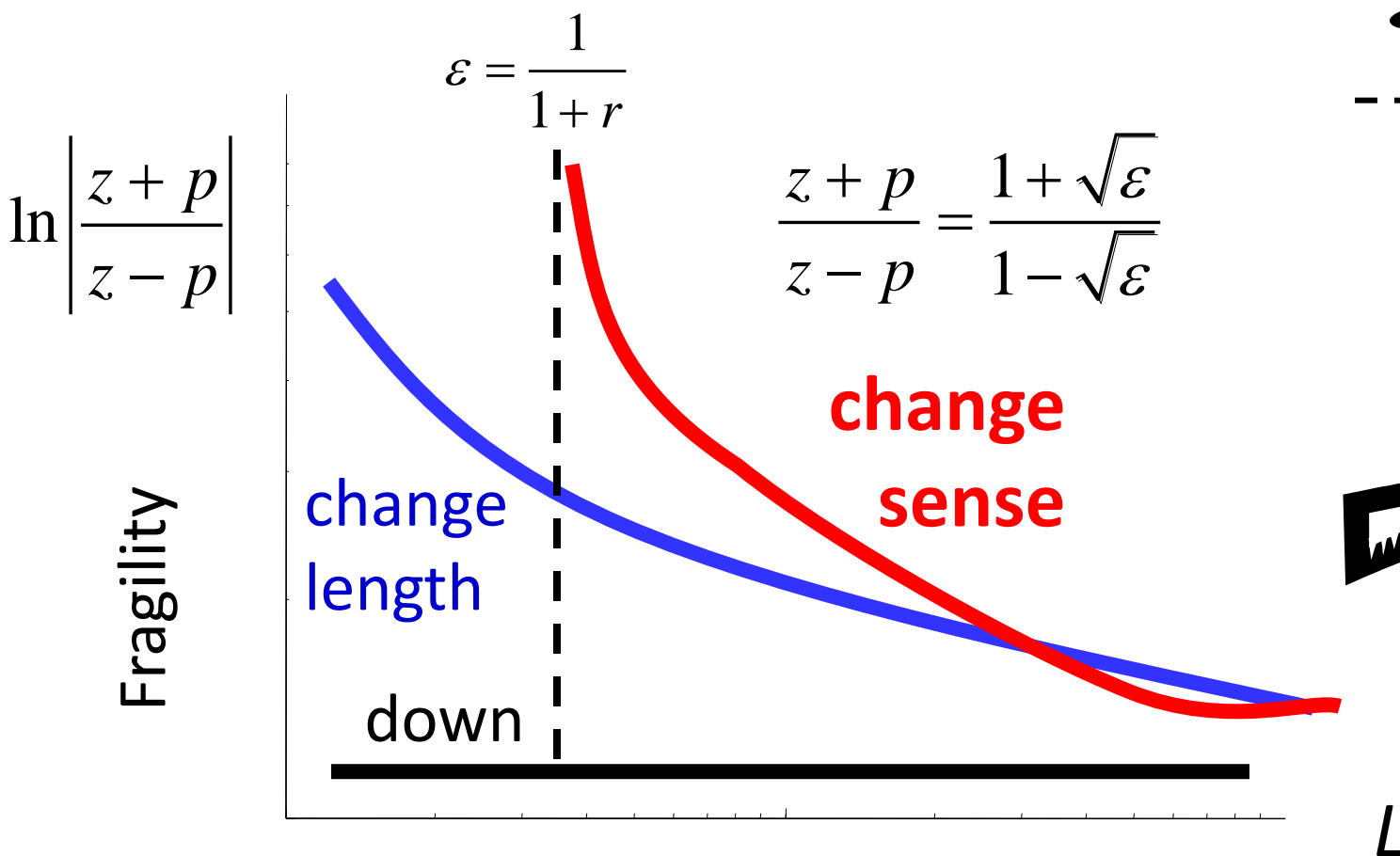
$$p \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{p^2}{z^2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{1+r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \varepsilon\right) = p \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{3}\right)$$

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



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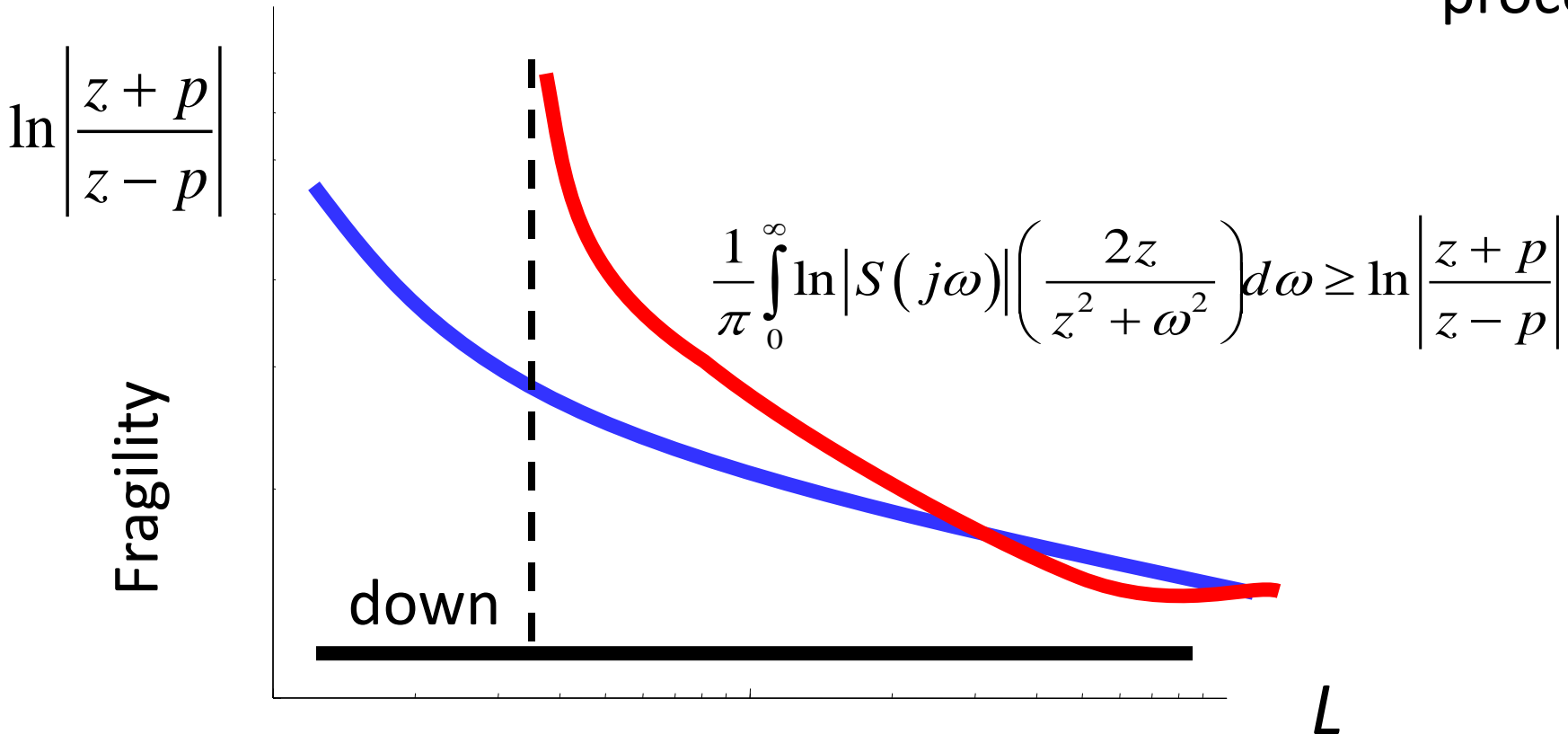
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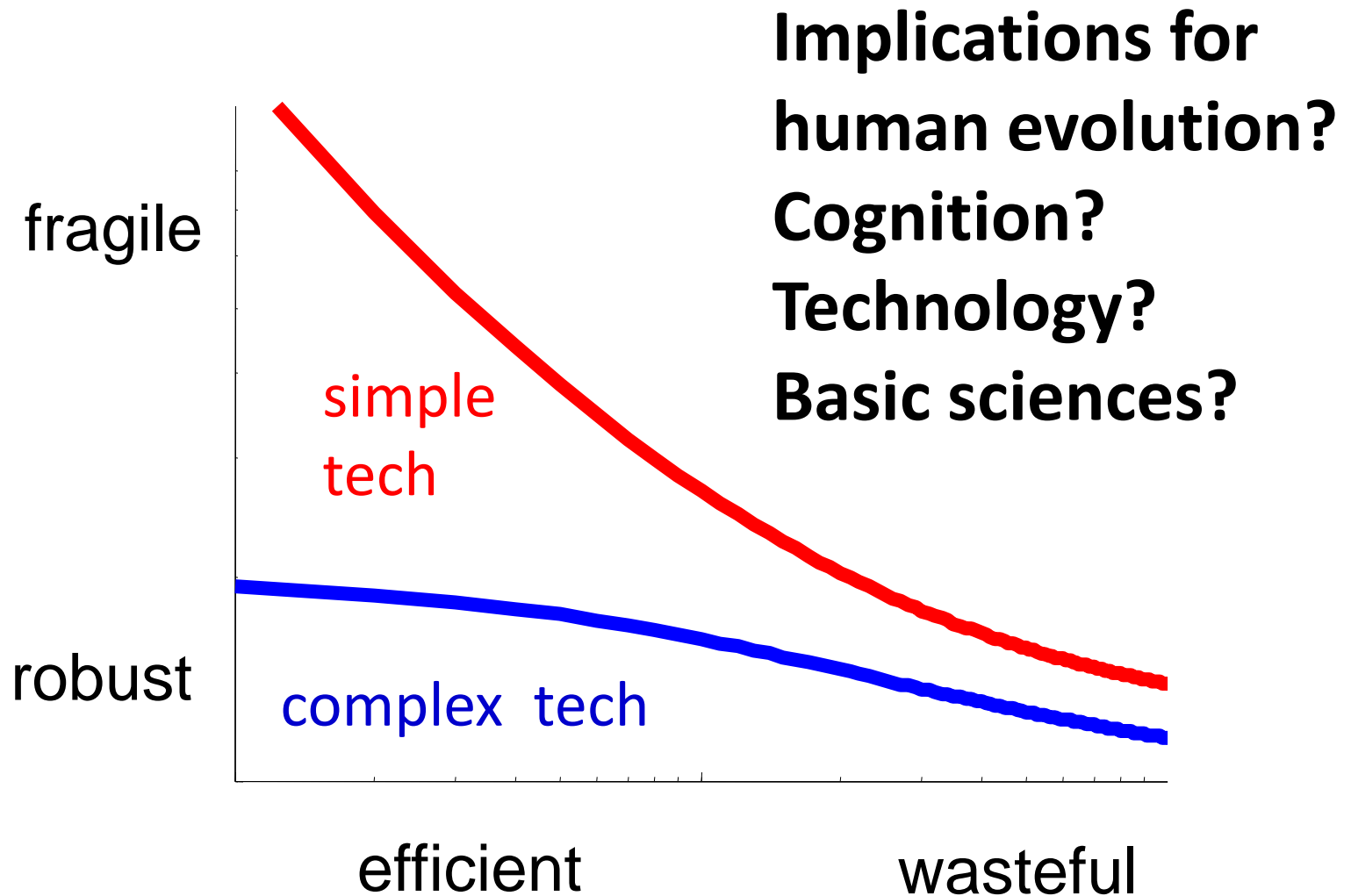
Hard limits on the *intrinsic* robustness of control *problems*.

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



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How general is this picture?



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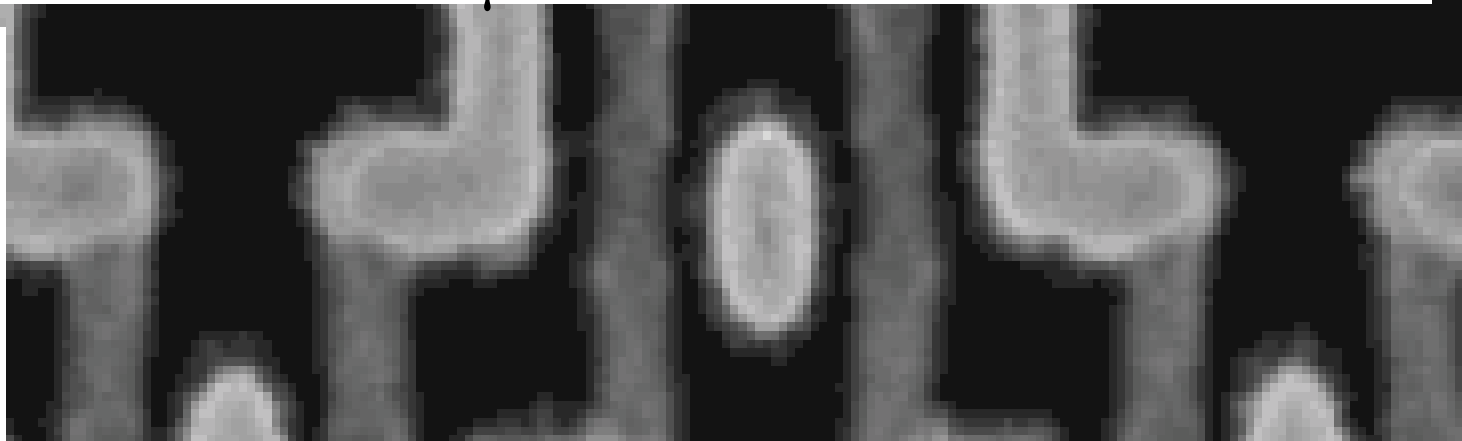
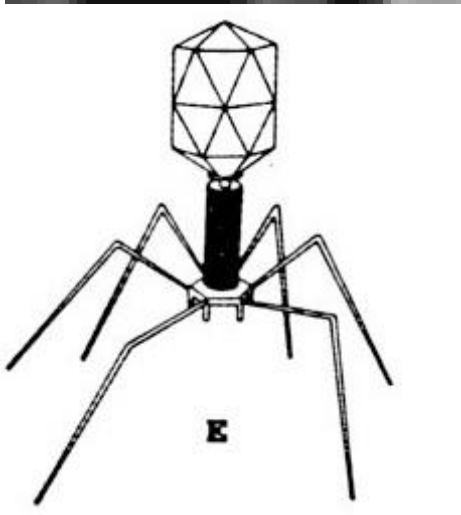
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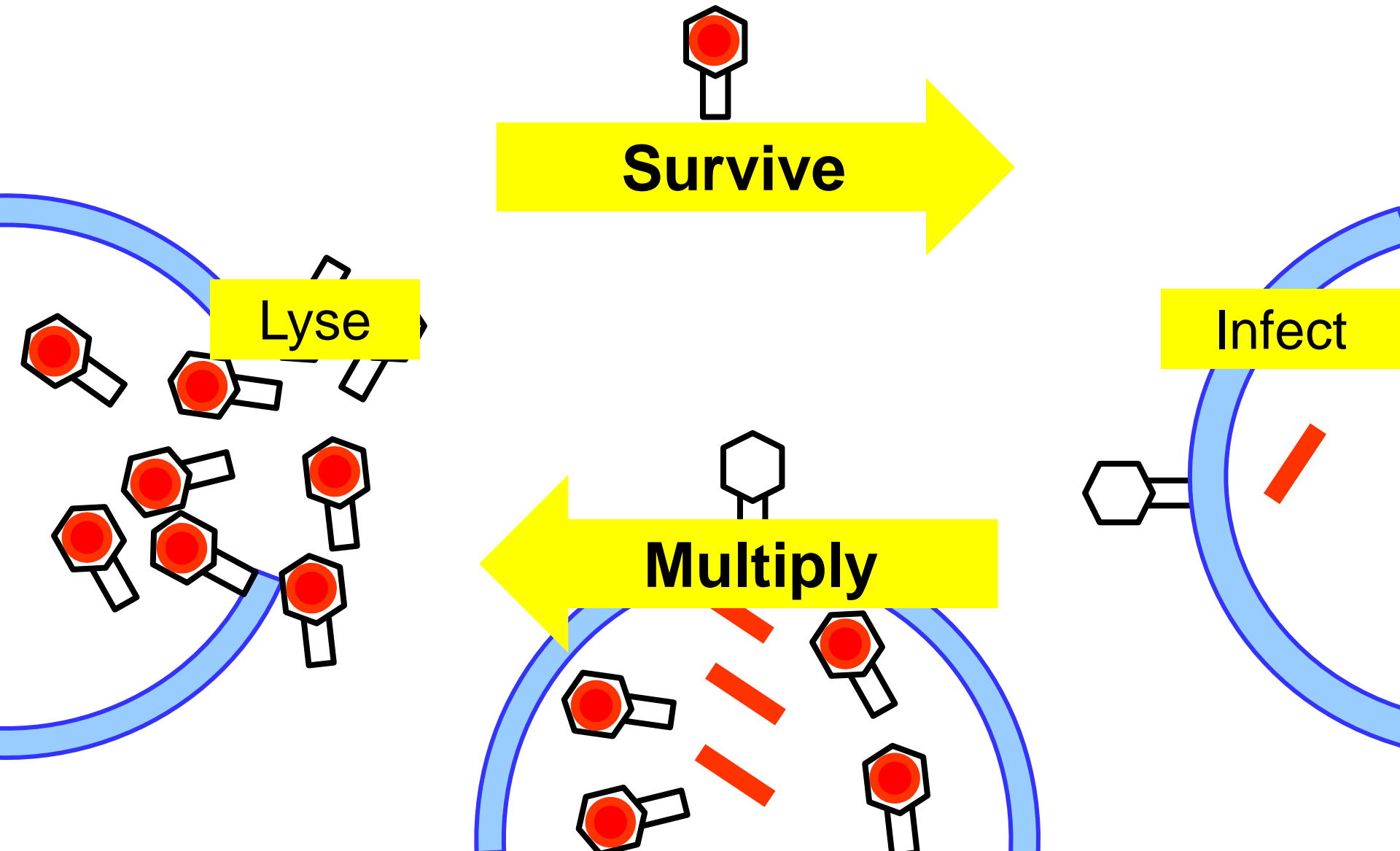
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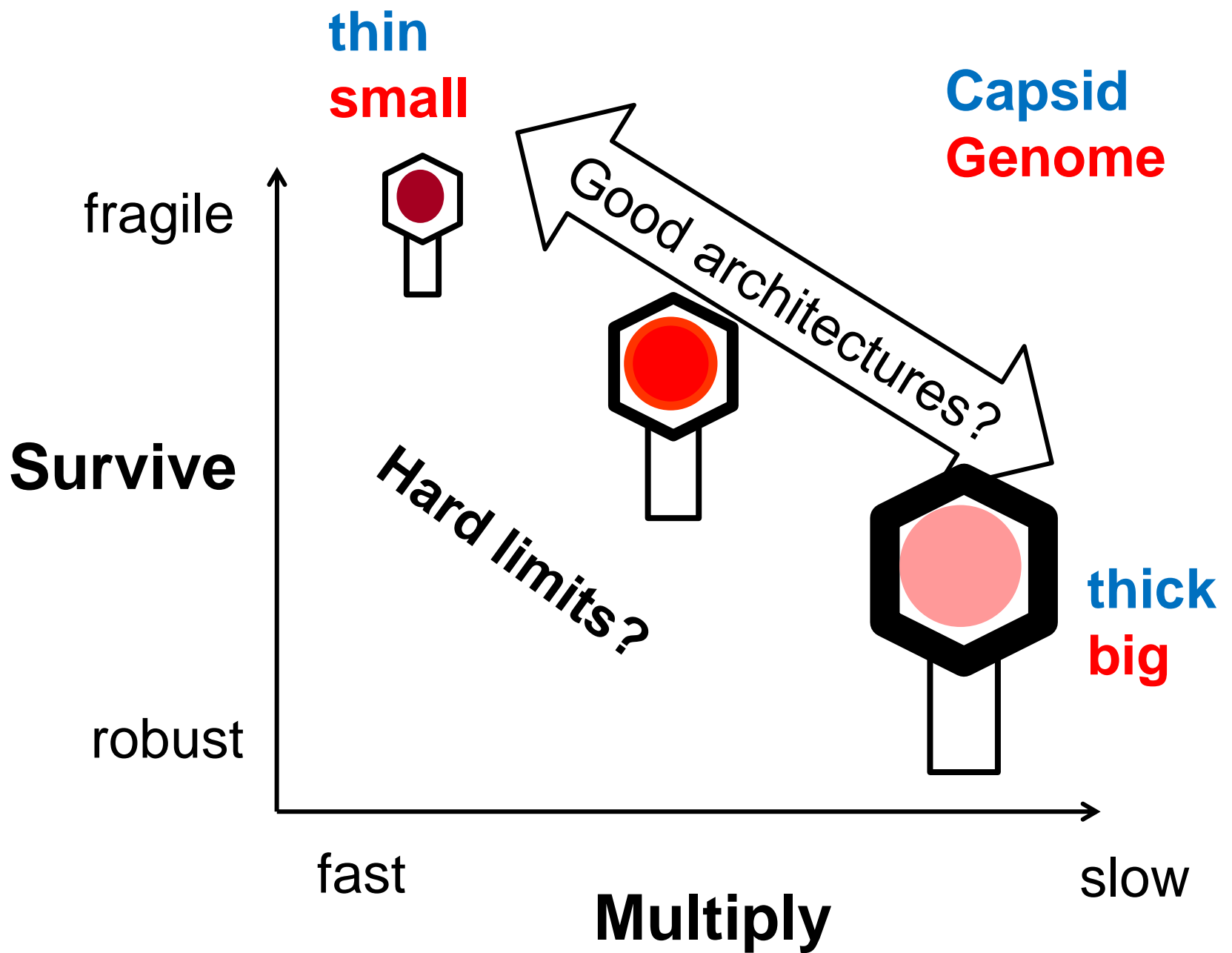


Phage

Bacteria

Phage lifecycle





UG biochem, math,
control theory

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.

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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

Most important paper so far.



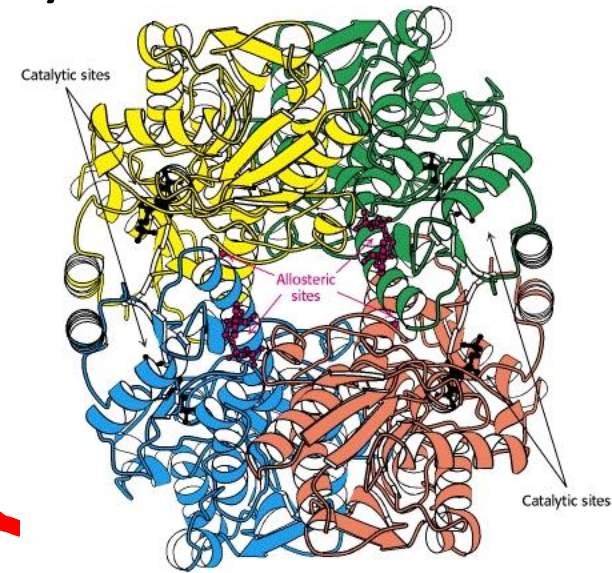
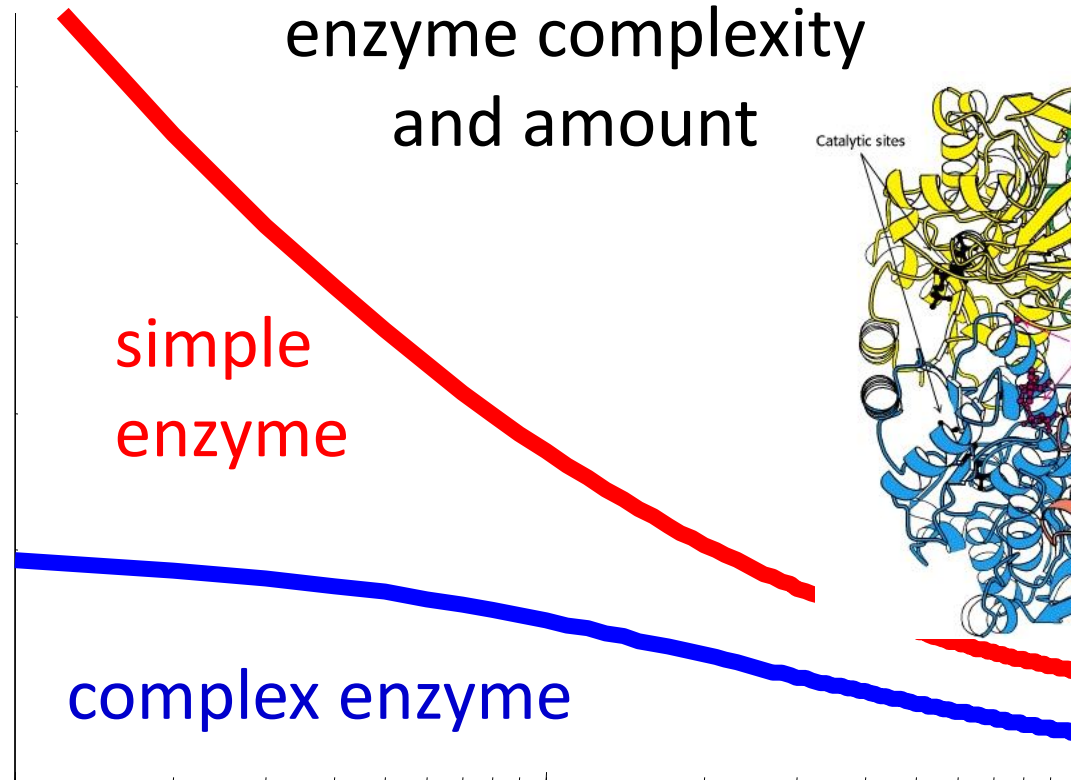
Theorem!

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

z and p functions of
enzyme complexity
and amount

Fragility

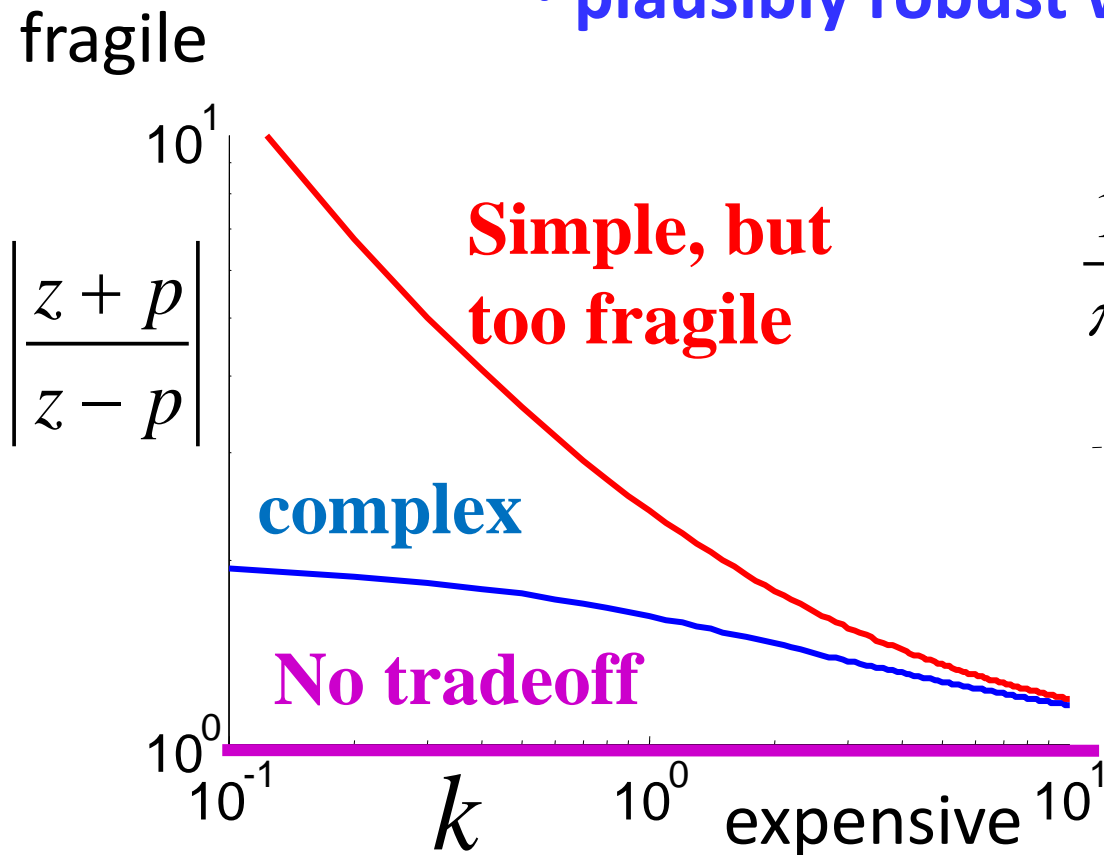
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Enzyme amount

Hard tradeoff in glycolysis is

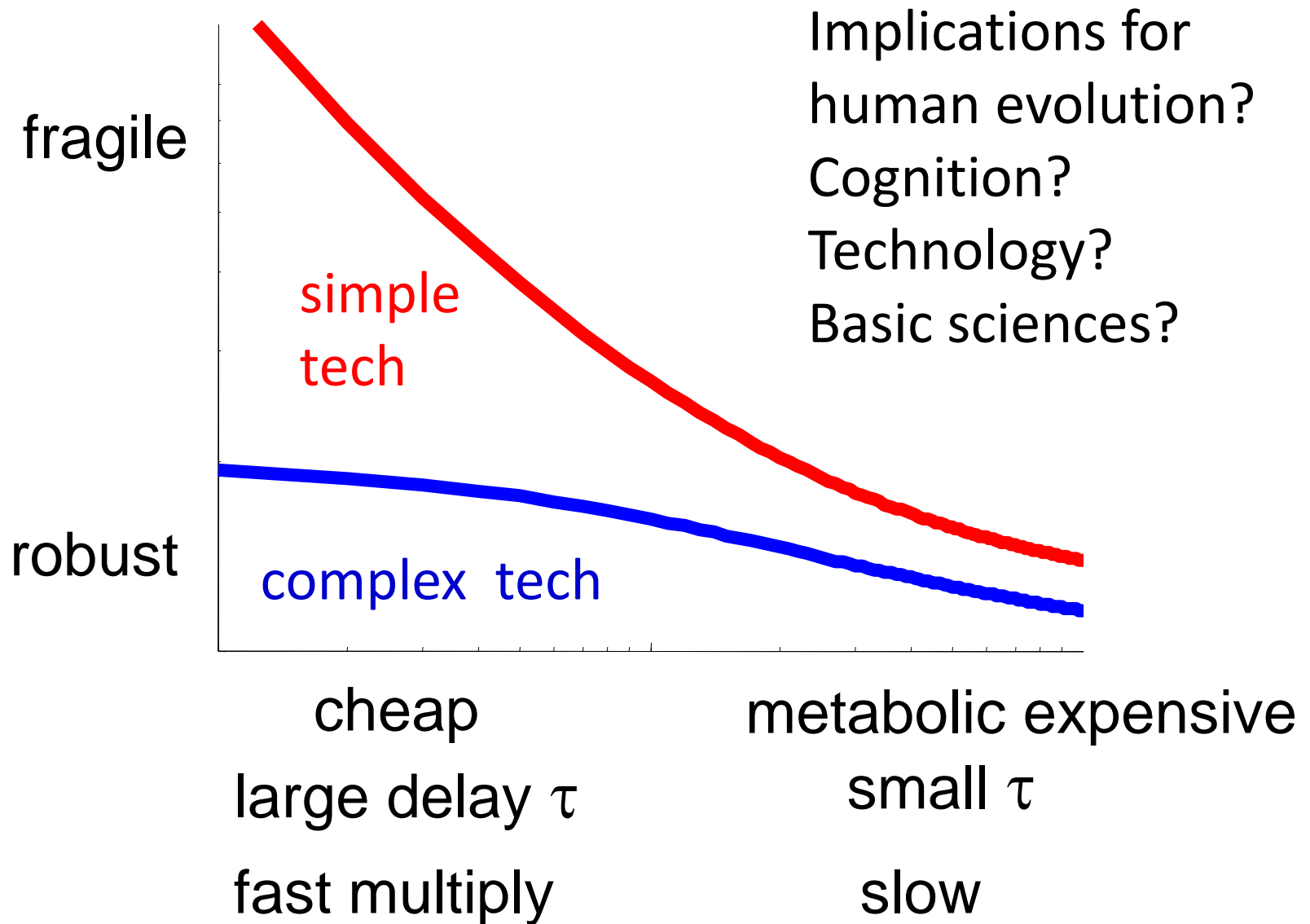
- **robustness vs efficiency**
- **absent without autocatalysis**
- **too fragile with simple control**
- **plausibly robust with complex control**



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Domain specific costs/tradeoffs

metabolic
overhead

cheap



metabolic
expensive

CNS reaction
time τ (delay)

large τ



small τ

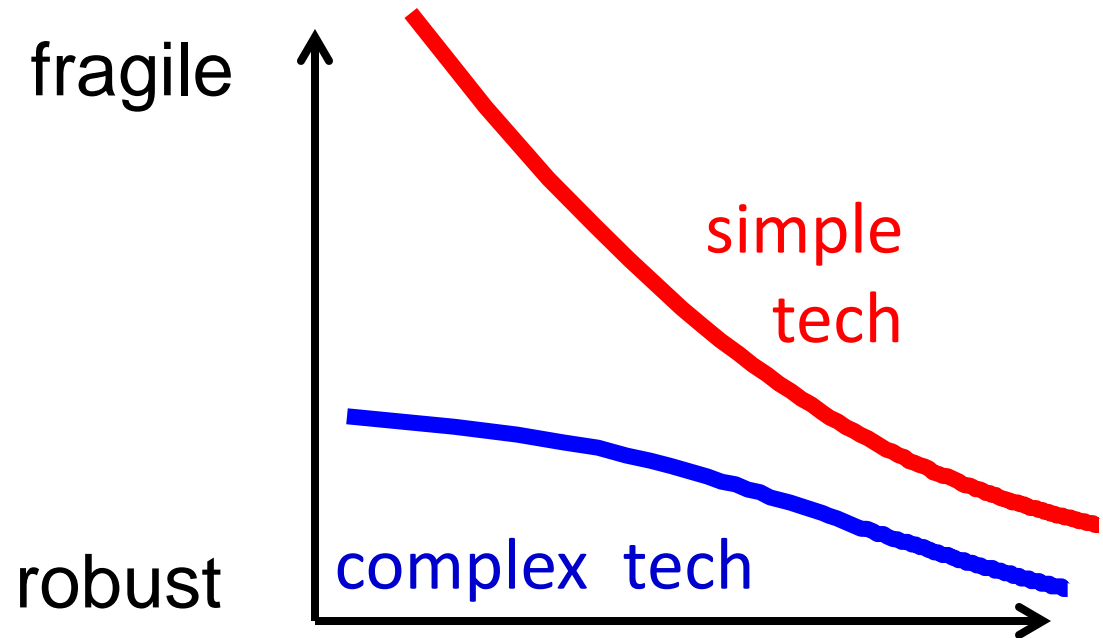
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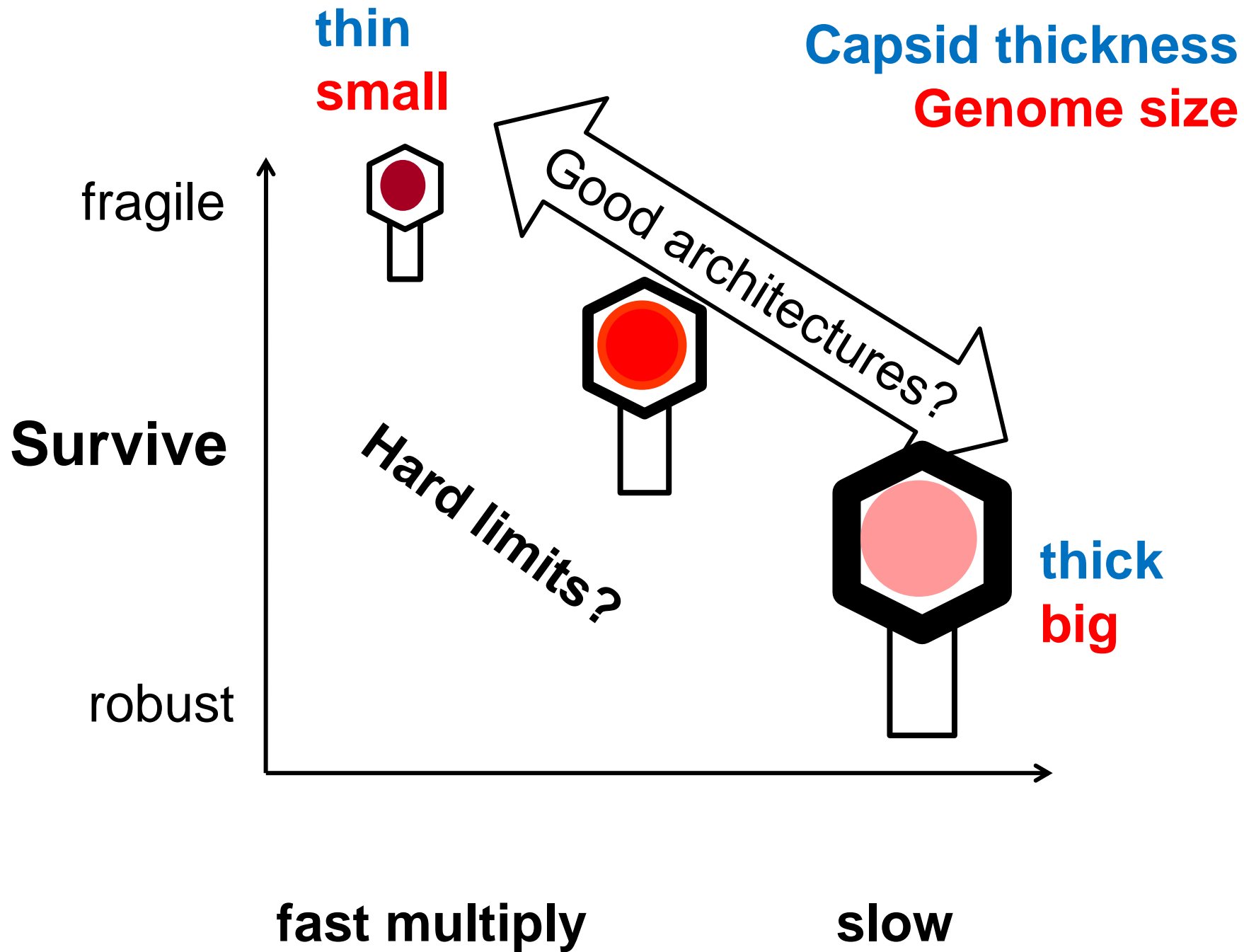
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Domain specific costs/tradeoffs



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Fragility

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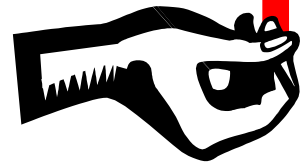
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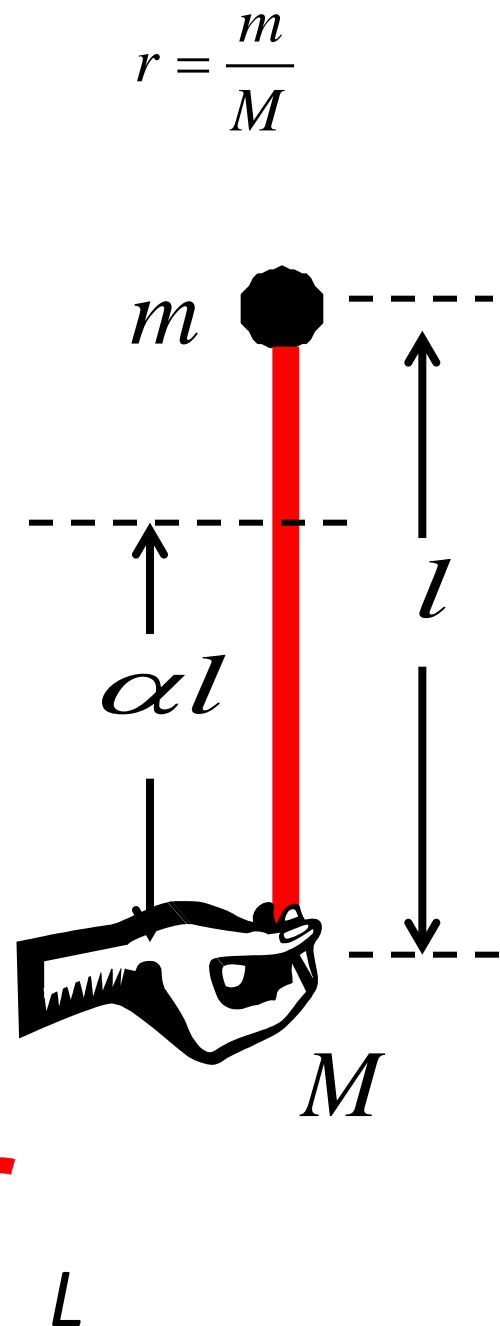
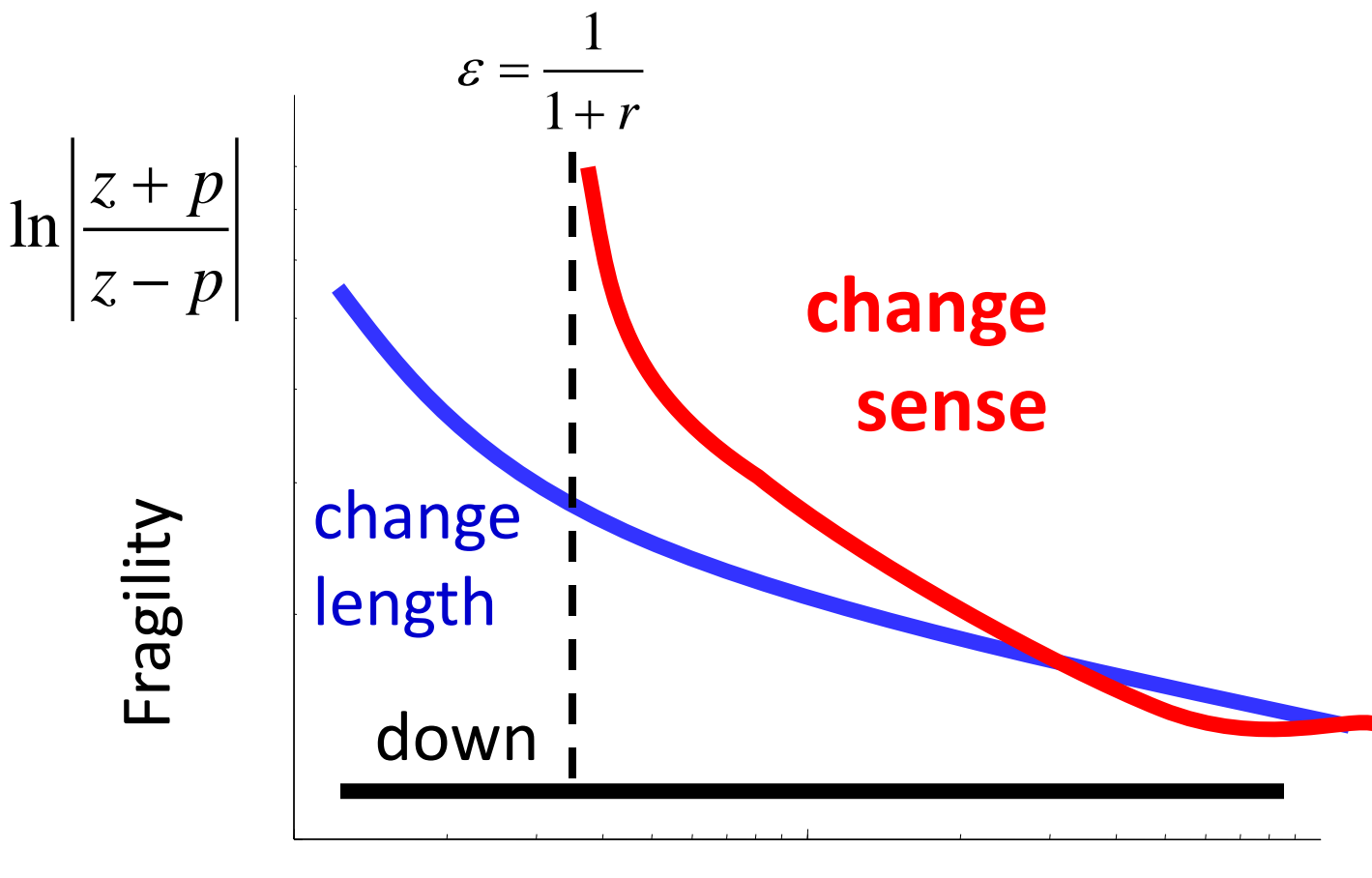


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$1/\text{delay}$

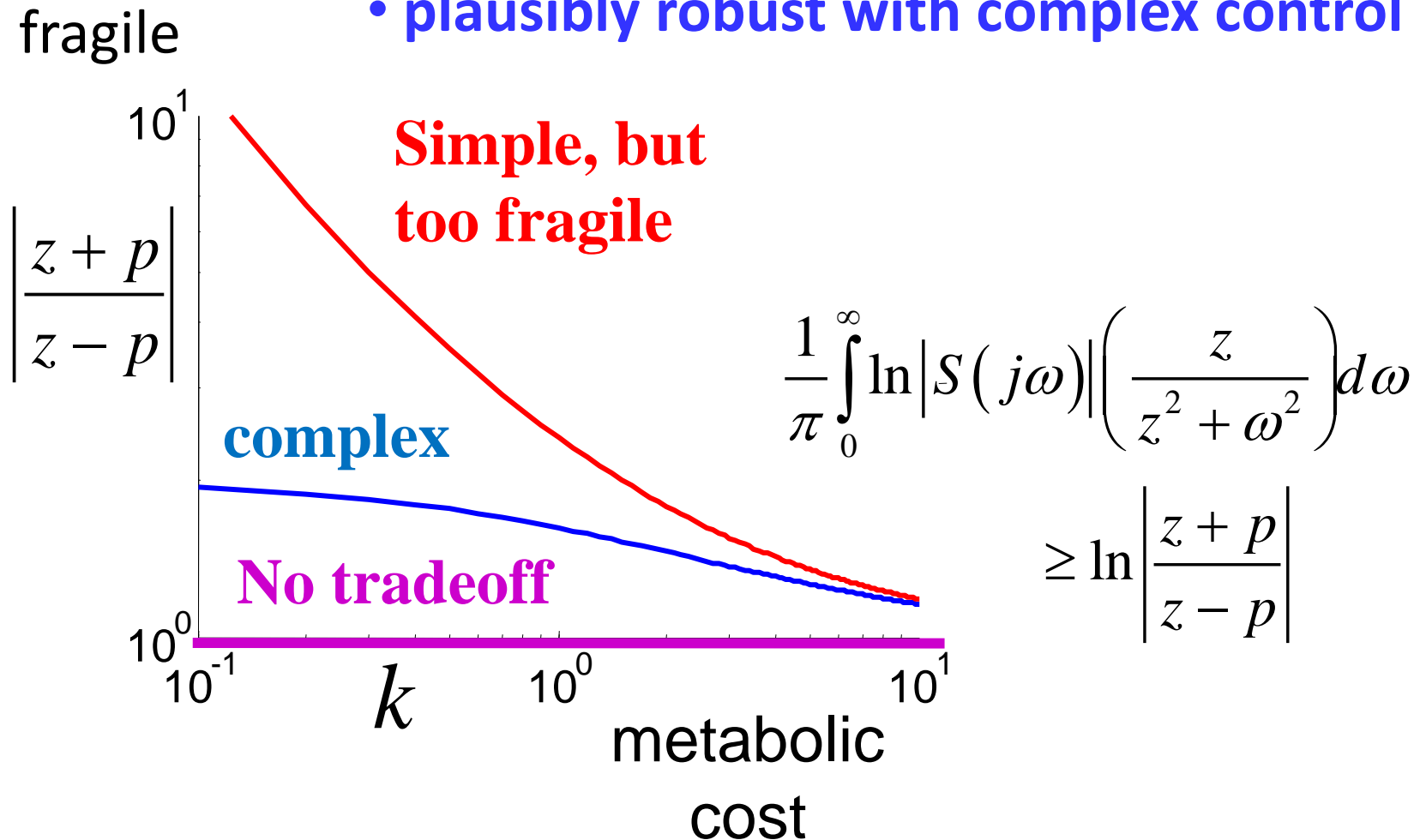
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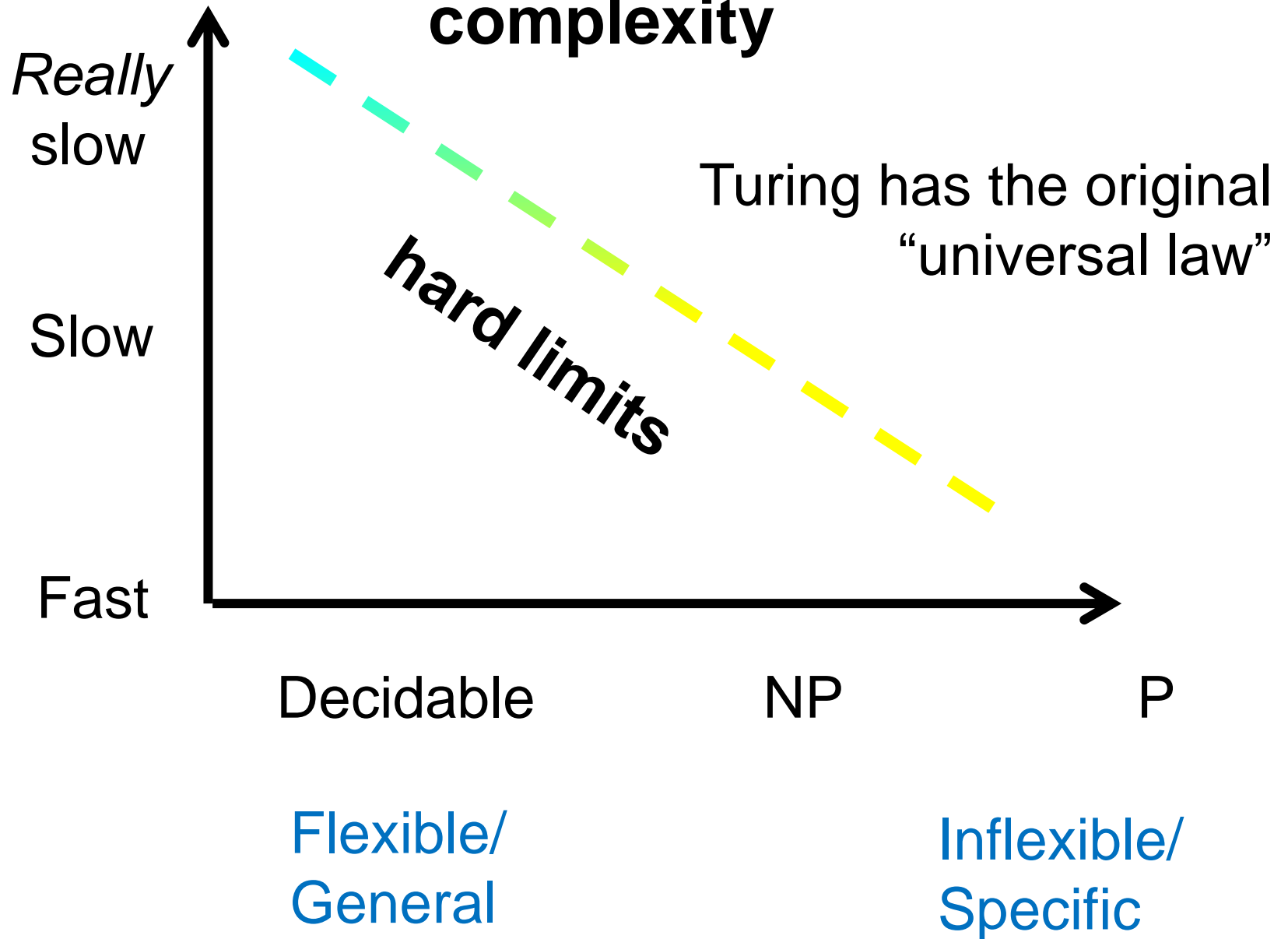
This is a cartoon, but can be made precise.

Hard tradeoff in glycolysis is

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



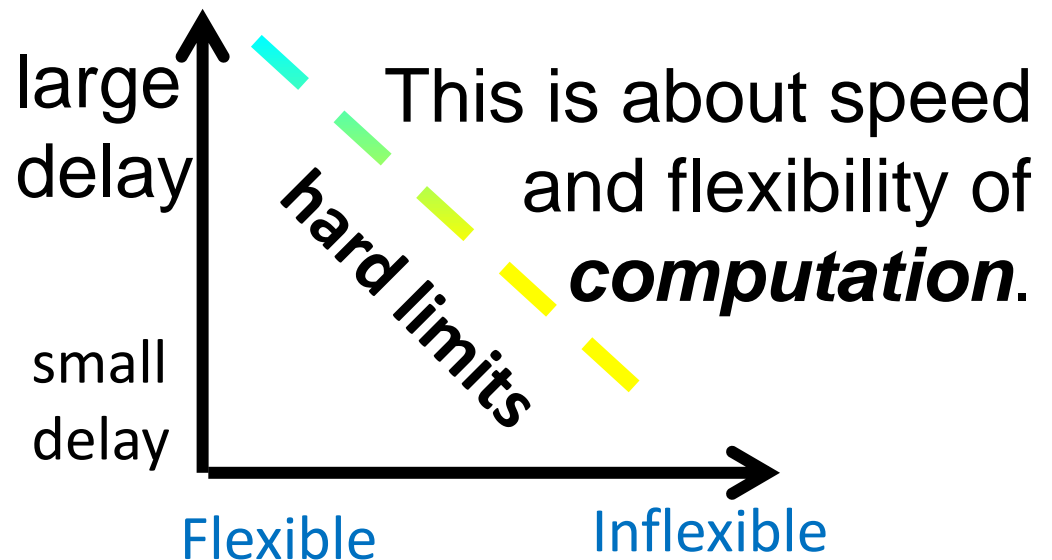
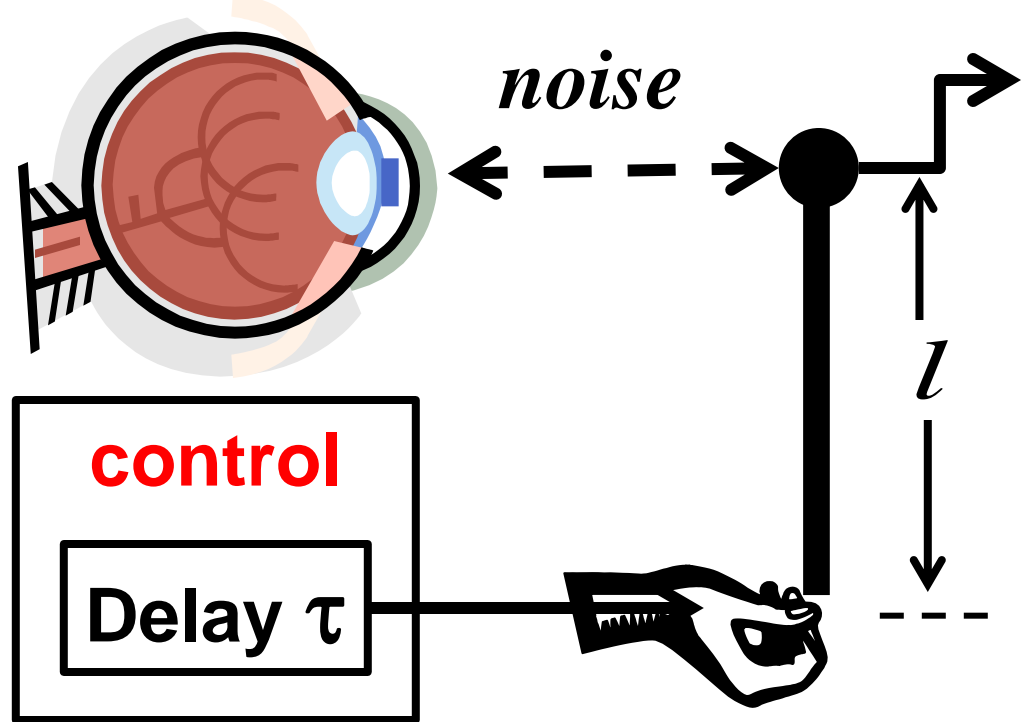
Computational complexity



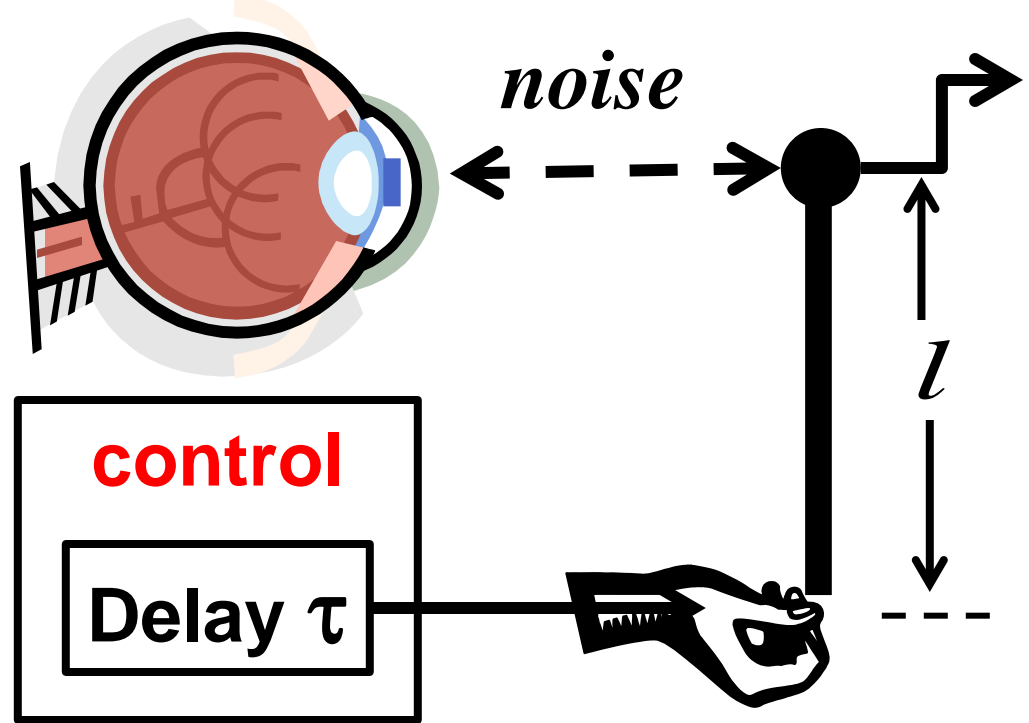
How do these
two constraints
(laws) relate?

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.



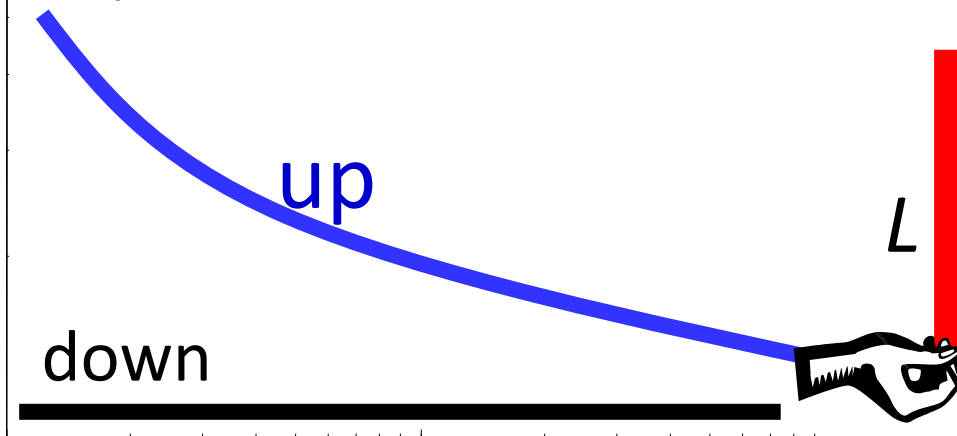
Computation delay adds to total delay.

Computation is a component in control.

Fragility

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

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large τ

small τ

large delay

small delay

hard limits

computation

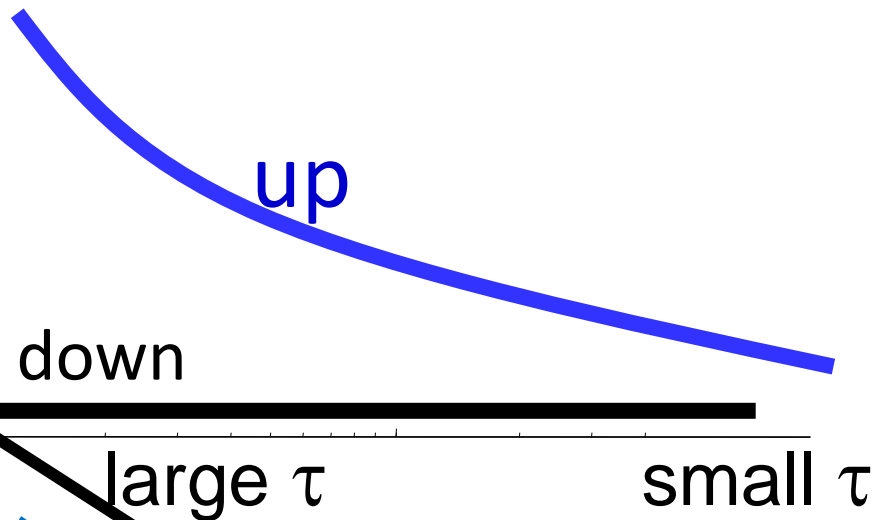
Flexible

Inflexible

Fragility

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

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This needs
formalization:

What ***flexibility***
makes control
hard?

Large,
structured
uncertainty?

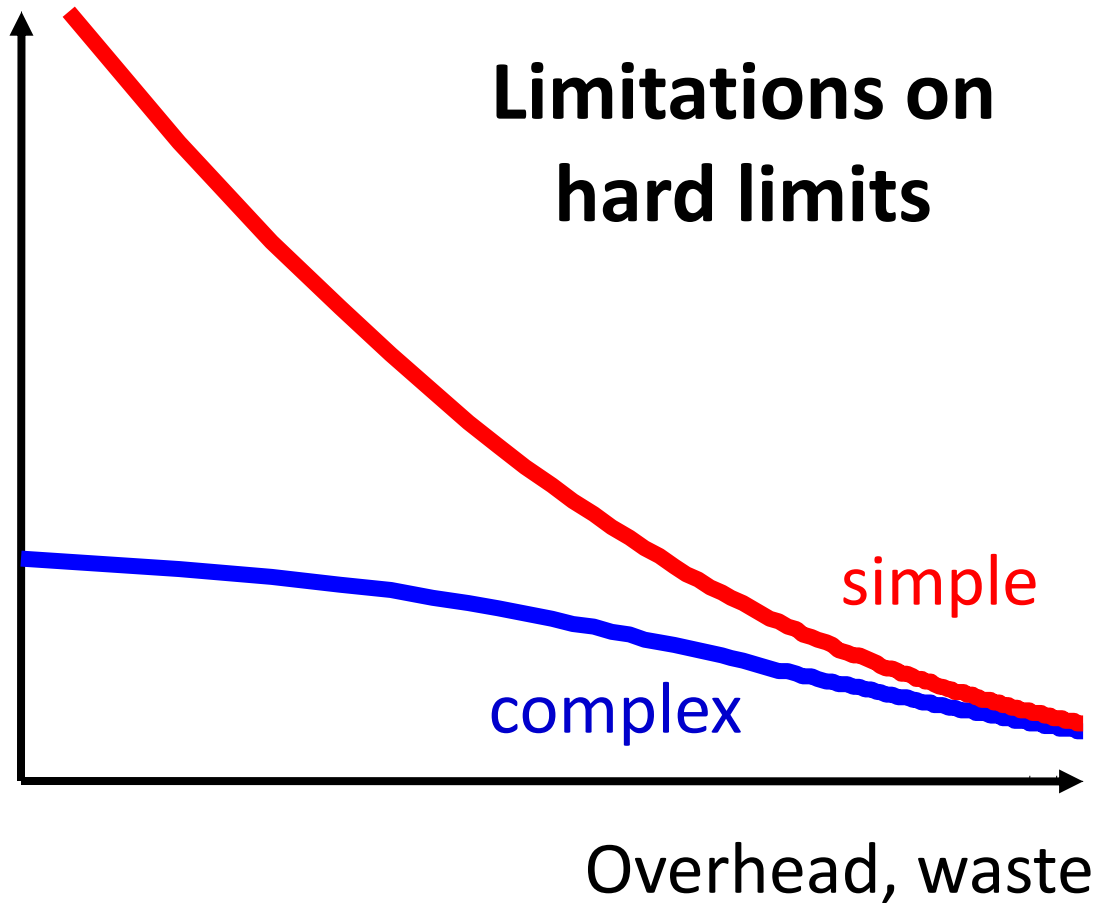
Flexible

Inflexible

Fragility

Limitations on hard limits

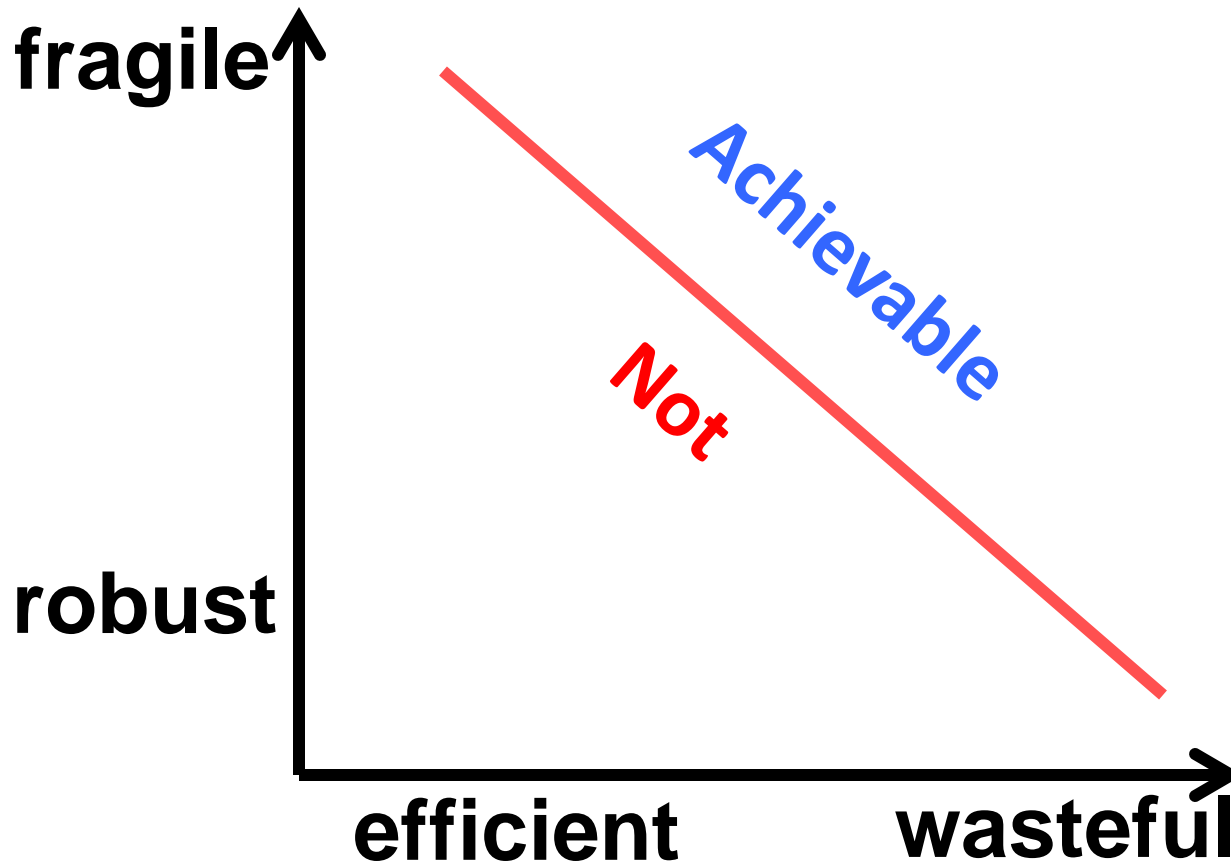
- General
- Rigorous
- First principle



**Plugging in
domain details**

- Domain specific
- Ad hoc
- Phenomenological

Components of robustness



Components of robustness

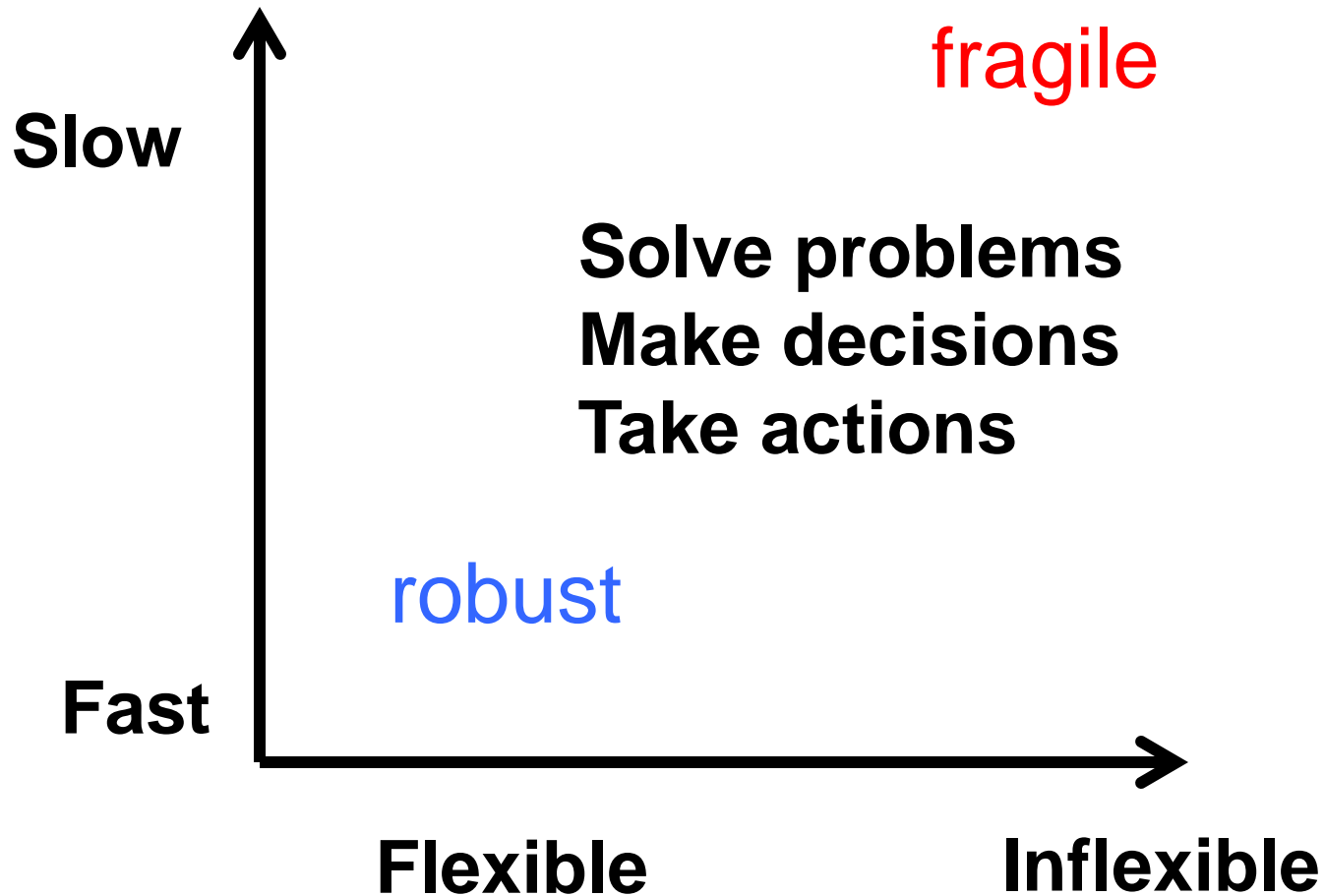
fragile

fragile

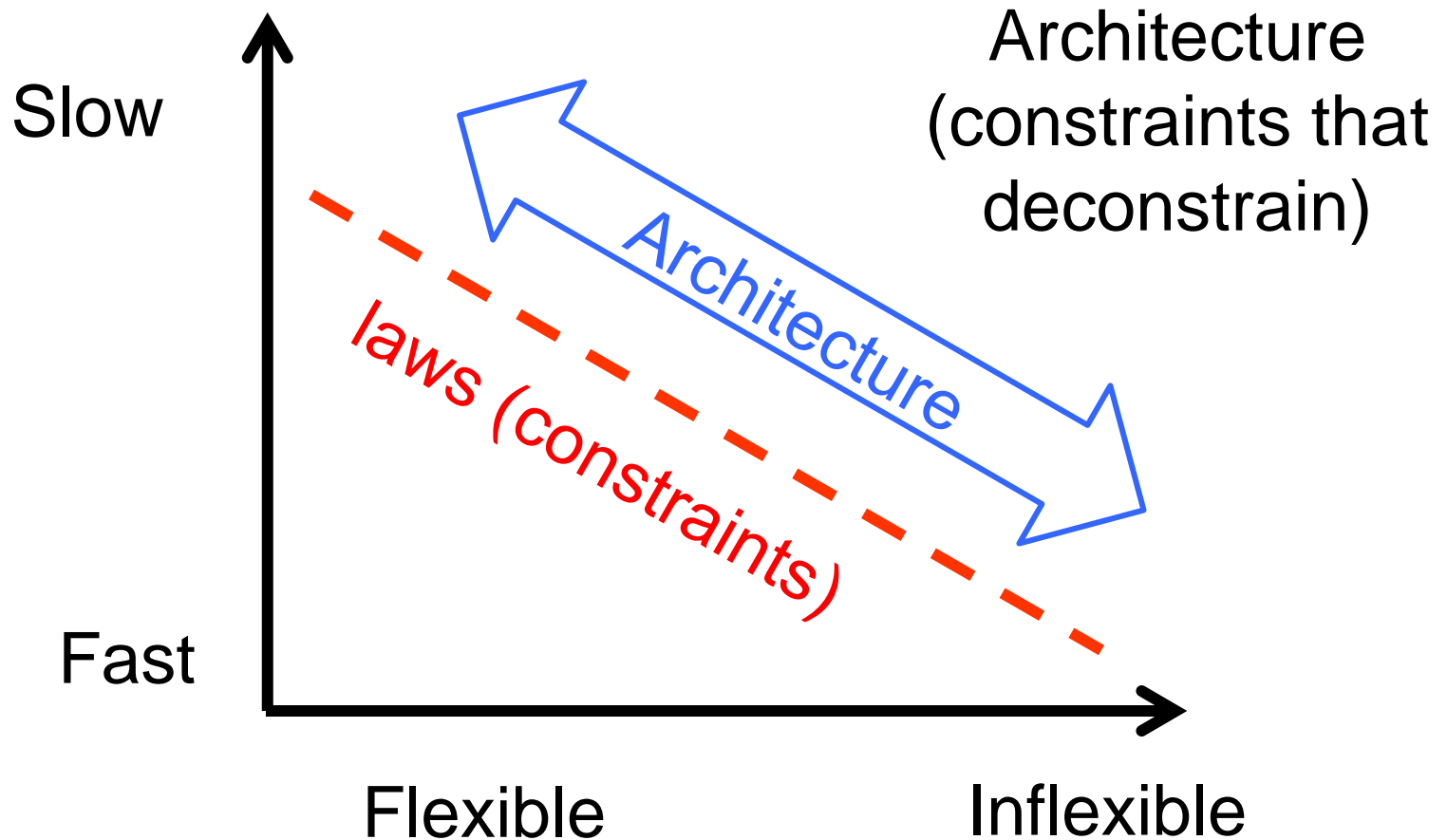
robust

robust



















Speed and flexibility



Laws and architectures



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*

big picture from high level with a bit of Internet

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



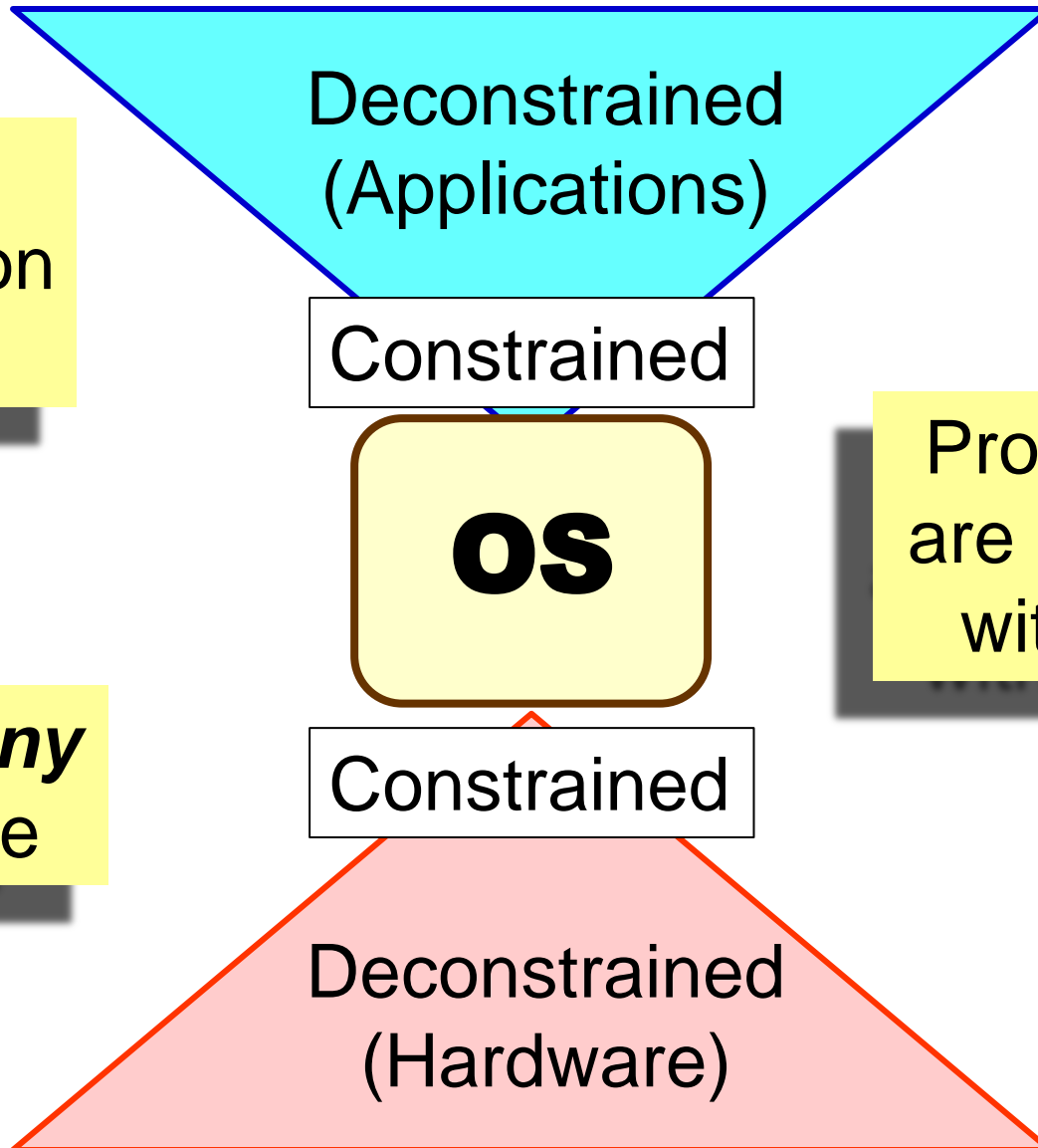
Apps
OS
Hardware
Digital
Lumped
Distributed



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”

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Constrained

OS

Many
applications
can

Run on *this*
hardware



“hourglass”

almost

Any
application
can

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Constrained

OS

Constrained

Run on **any**
hardware

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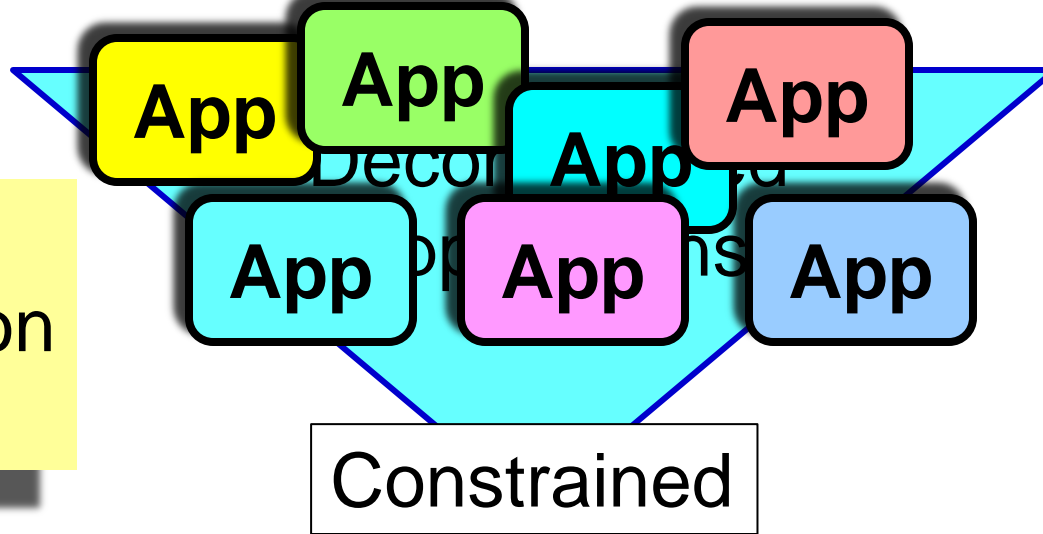
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almost

Any
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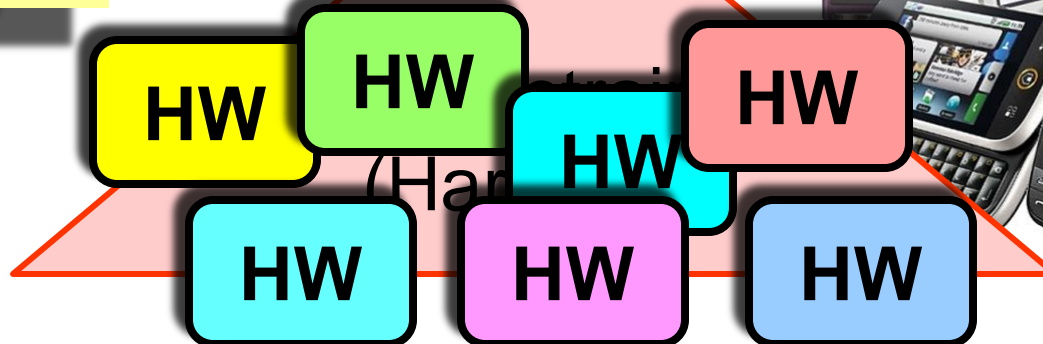


OS

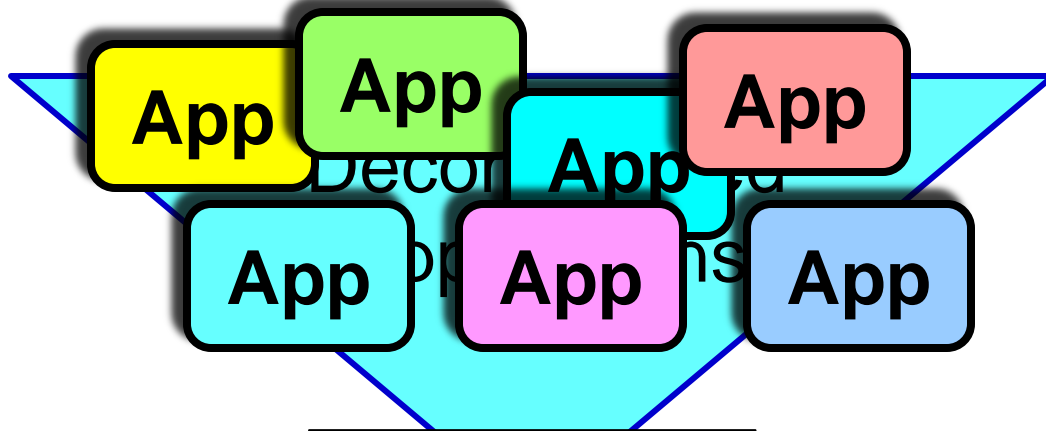
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Run on **any**
hardware

almost



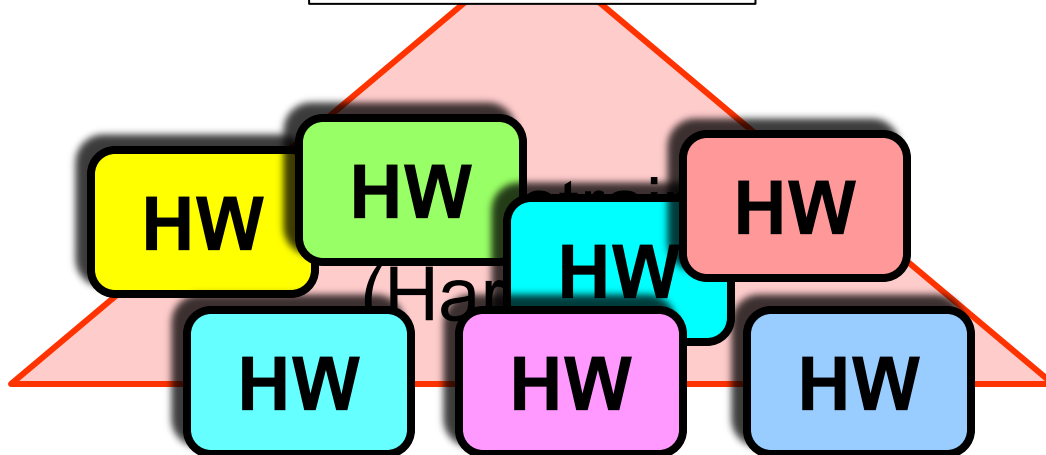
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OS

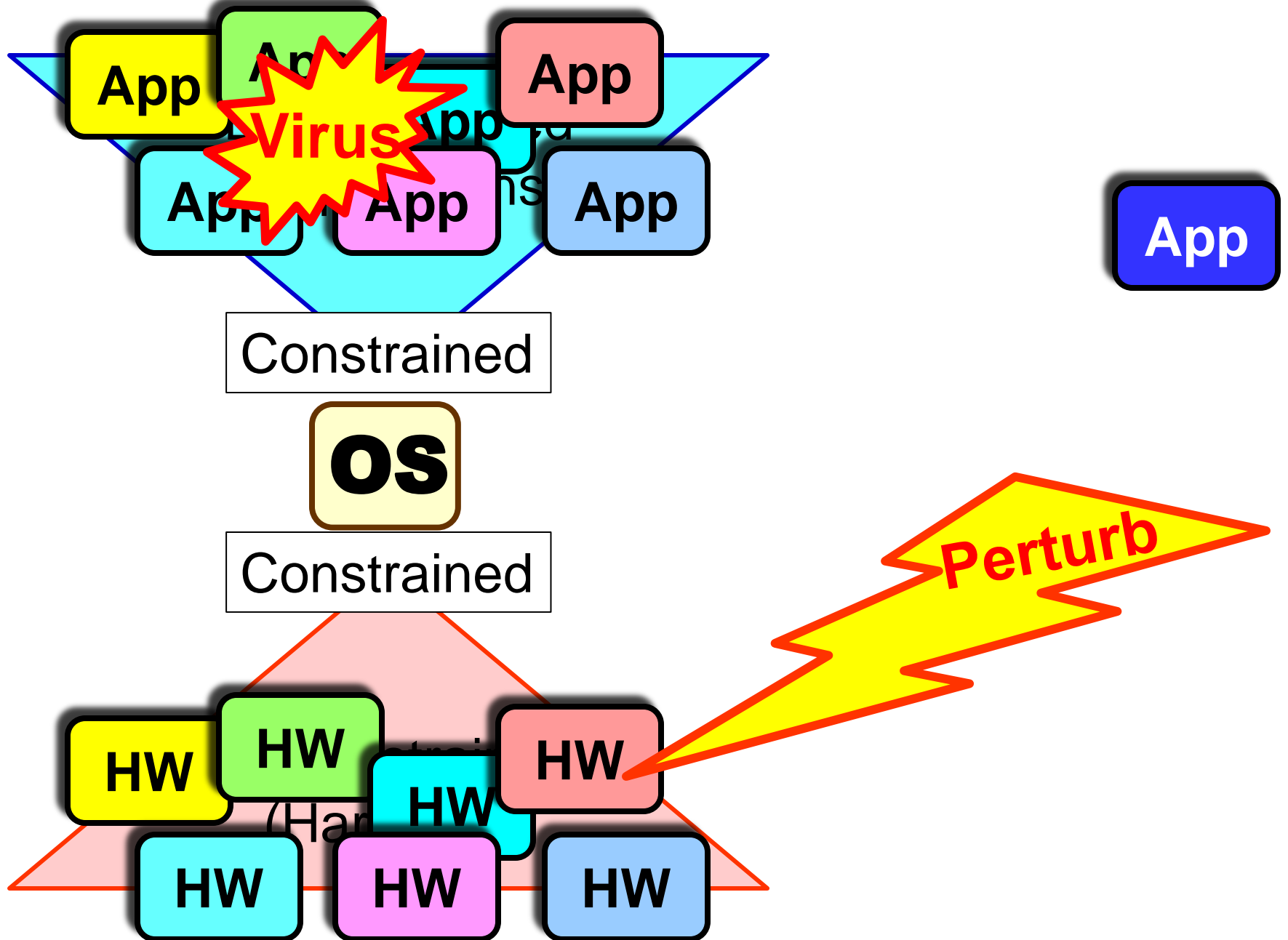
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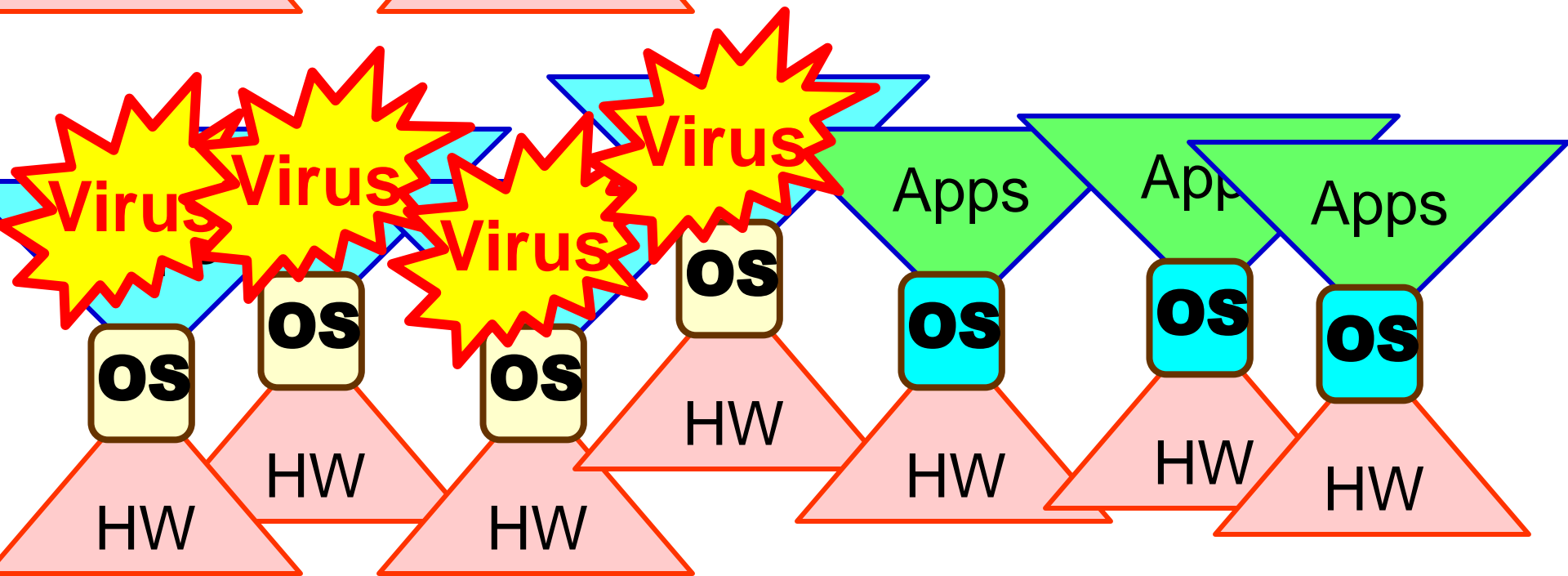
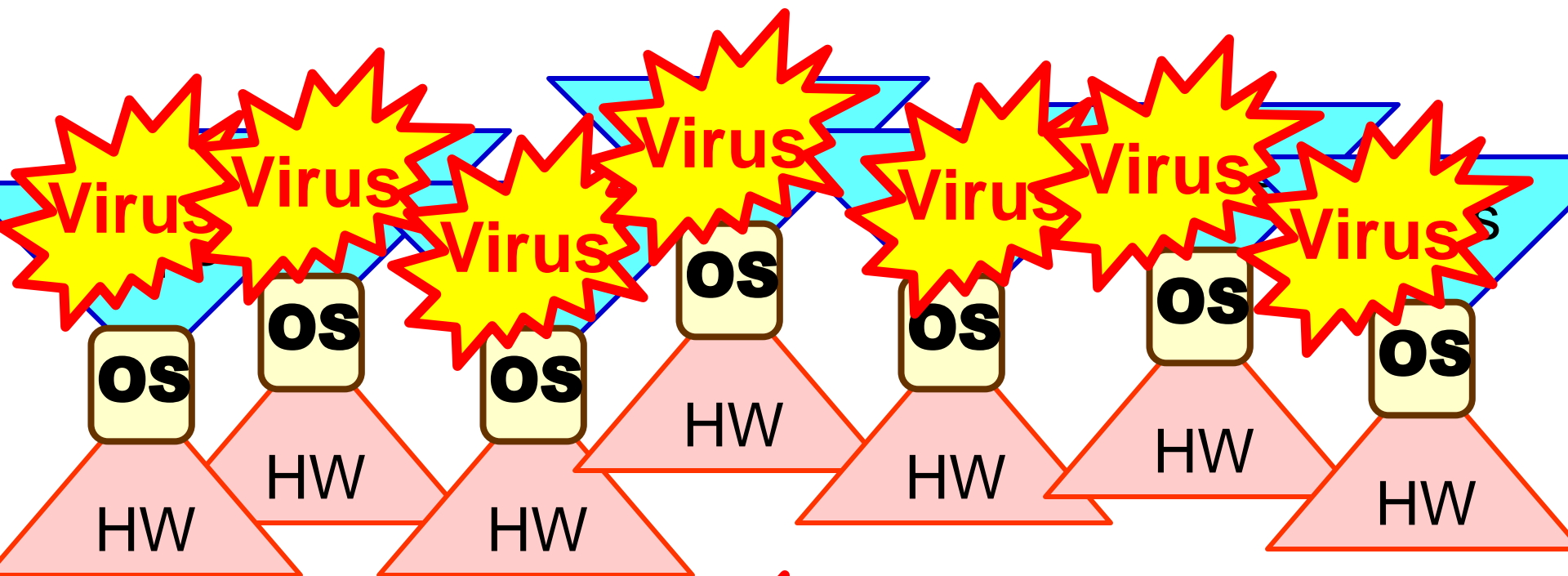


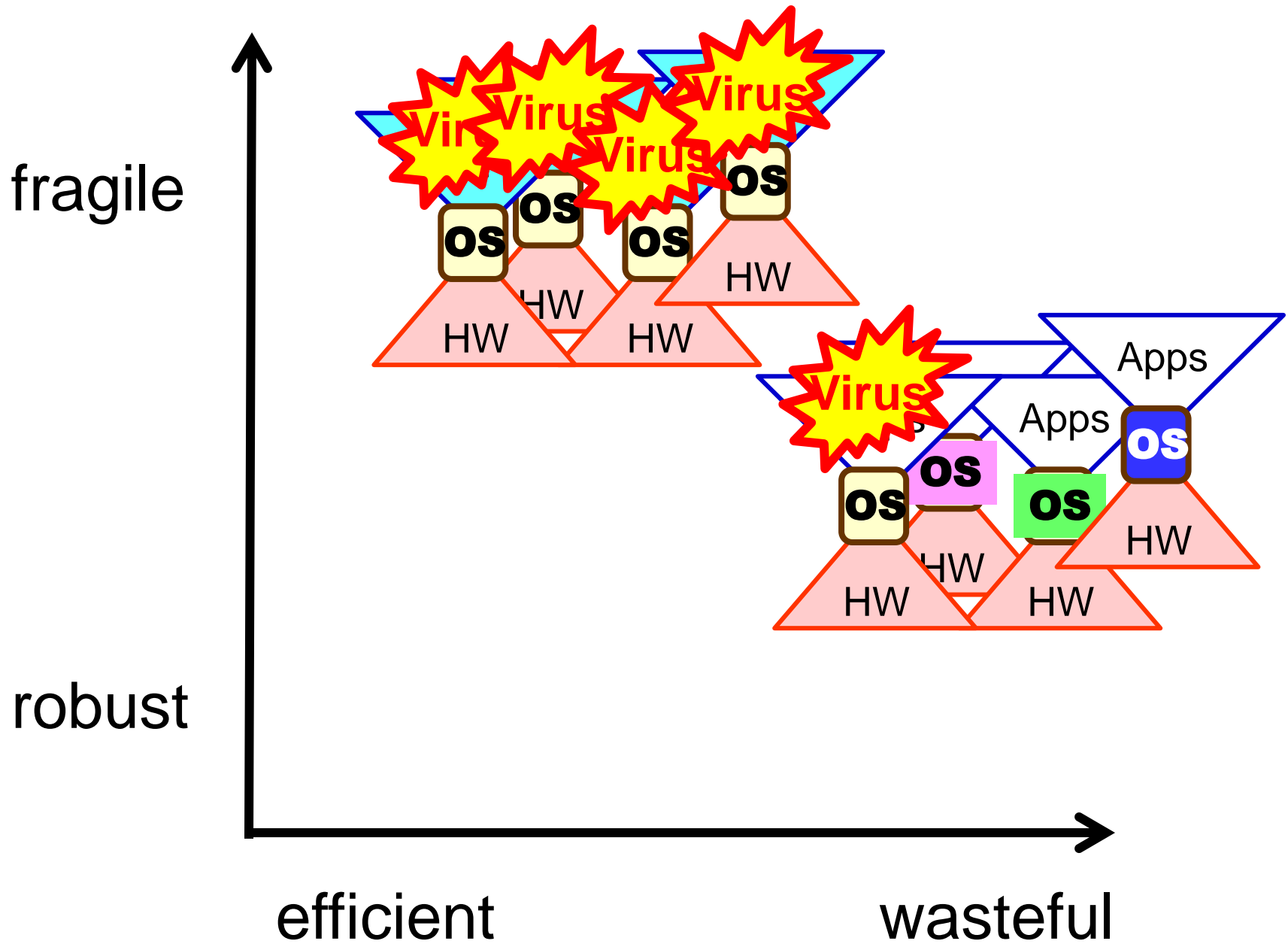
App

HW

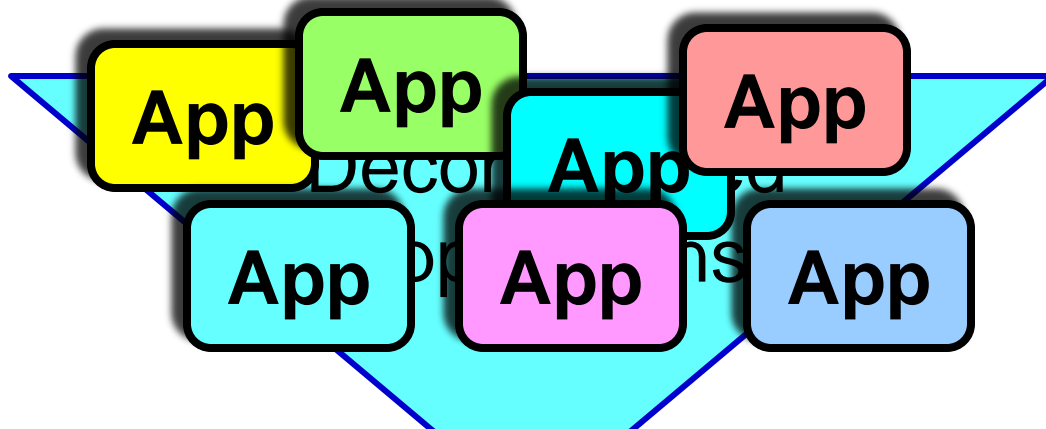
“hourglass”







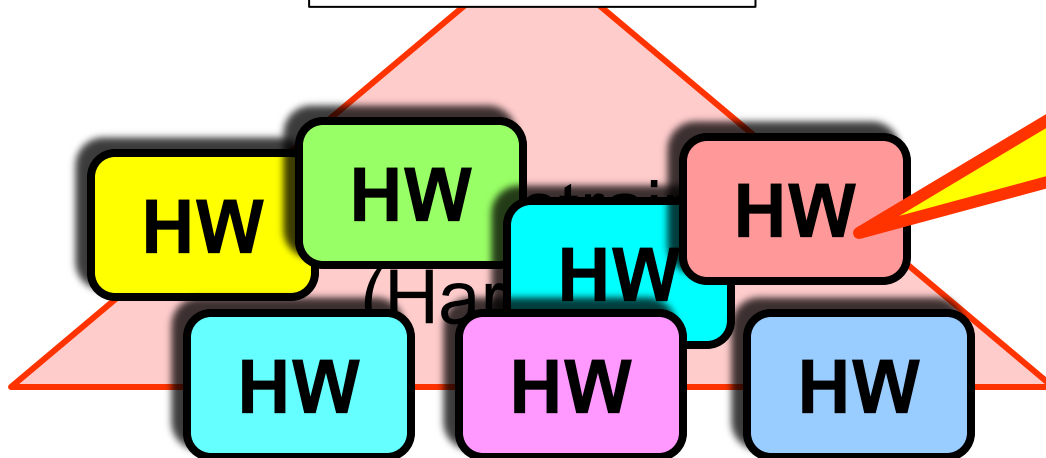
“hourglass”



Constrained

OS

Constrained



attack?

Layered architectures

Essentials CS 101

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Few global variables

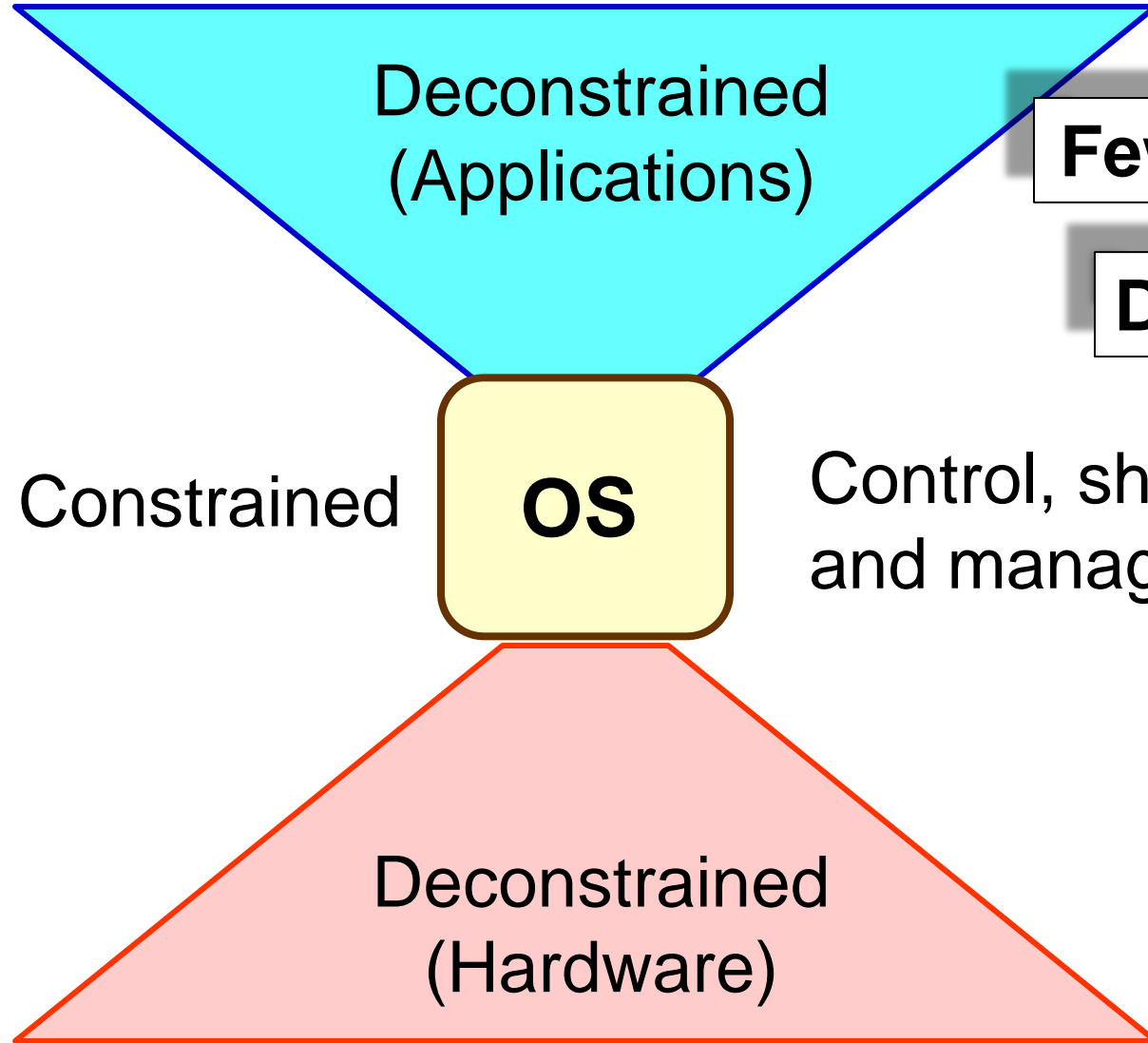
Don't cross layers

OS

Control, share, virtualize,
and manage resources

Processing
Memory
I/O

Deconstrained
(Hardware)

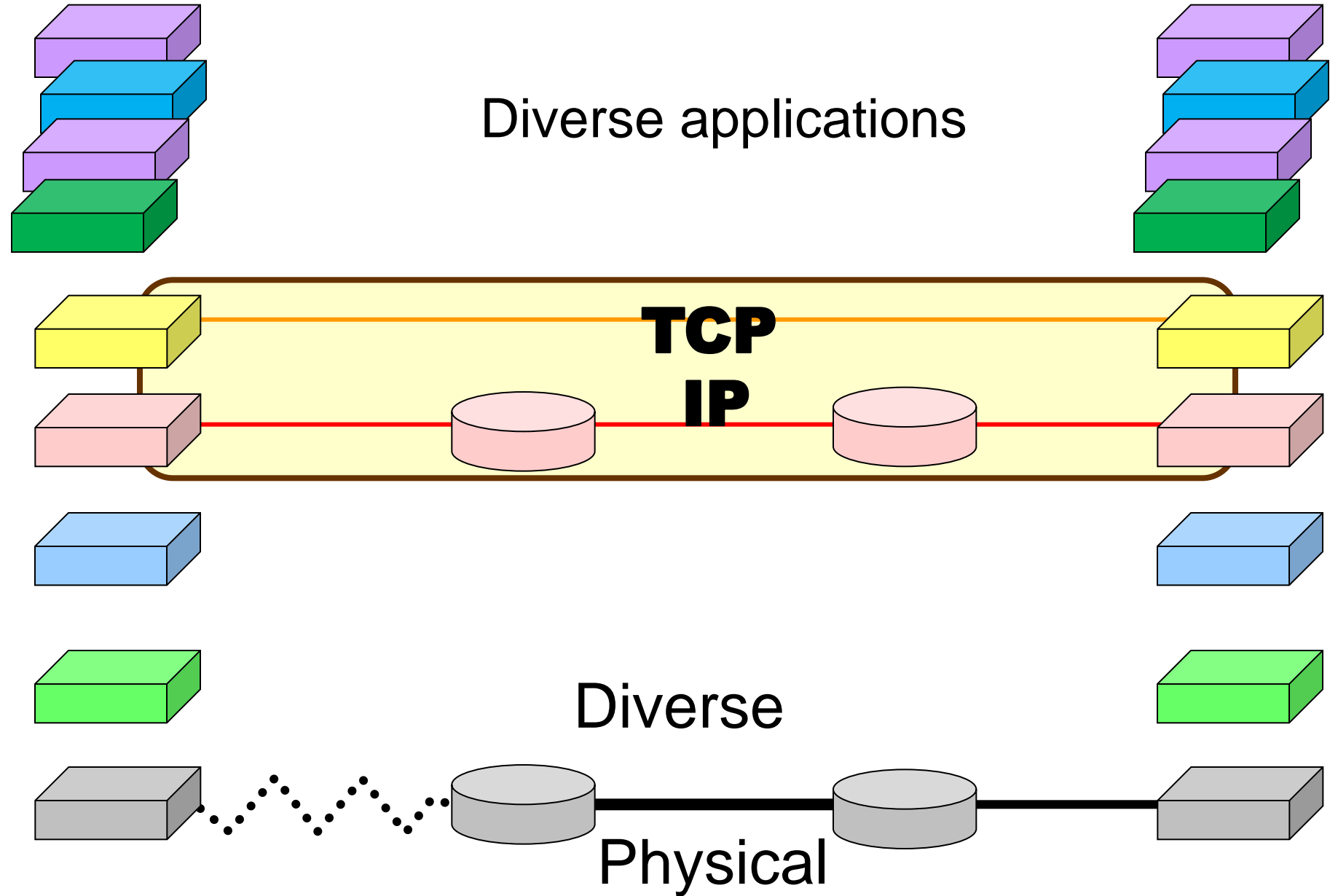


Diverse applications

TCP
IP

Diverse

Physical



Any
application
can

Deconstrained
(Applications)

Constrained

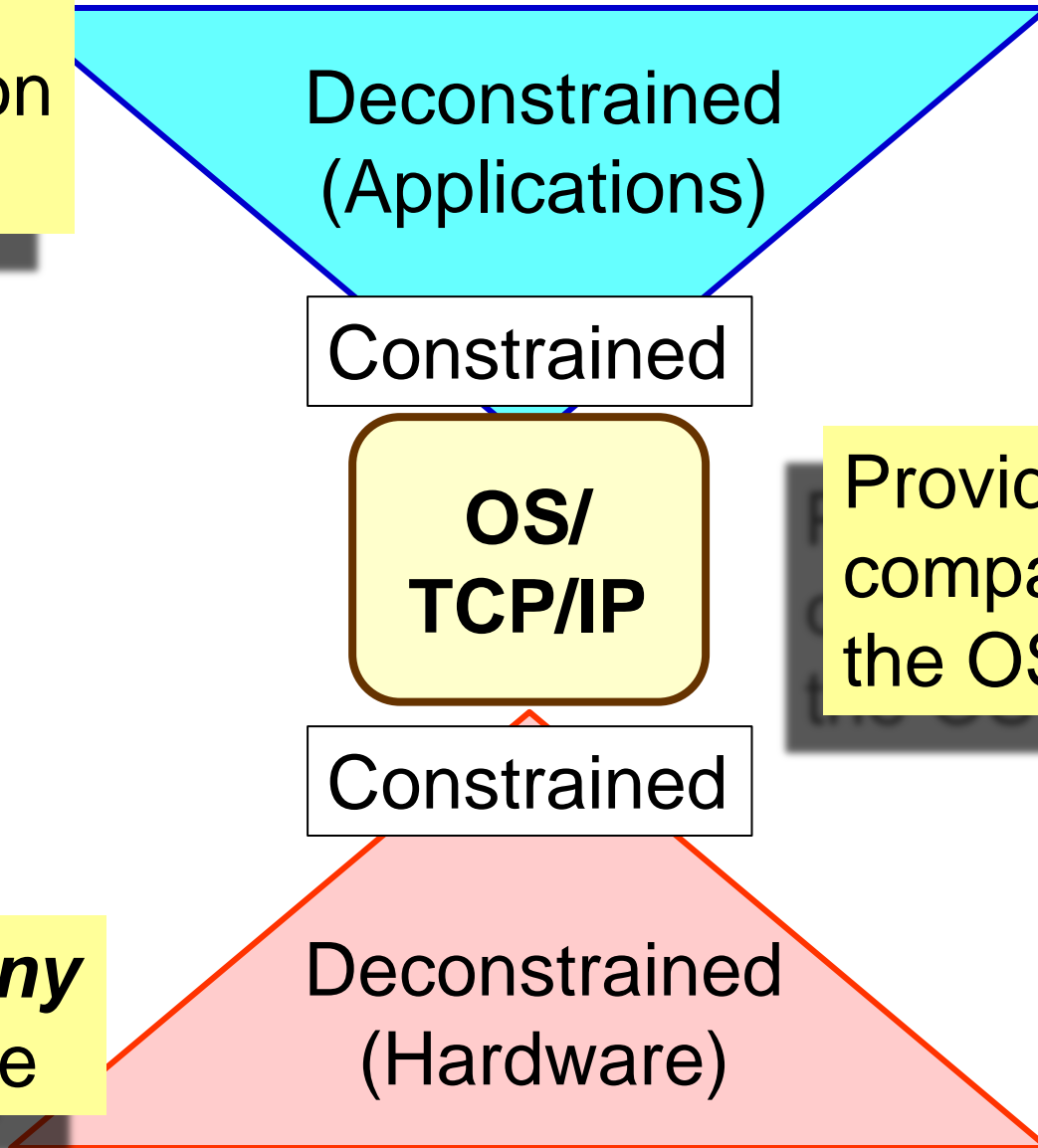
**OS/
TCP/IP**

Provided they are
compatible with
the OS or TCP/IP

Constrained

Run on ***any***
hardware

Deconstrained
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Tradeoffs:

PC, smartphone, router, etc

Apps

OS

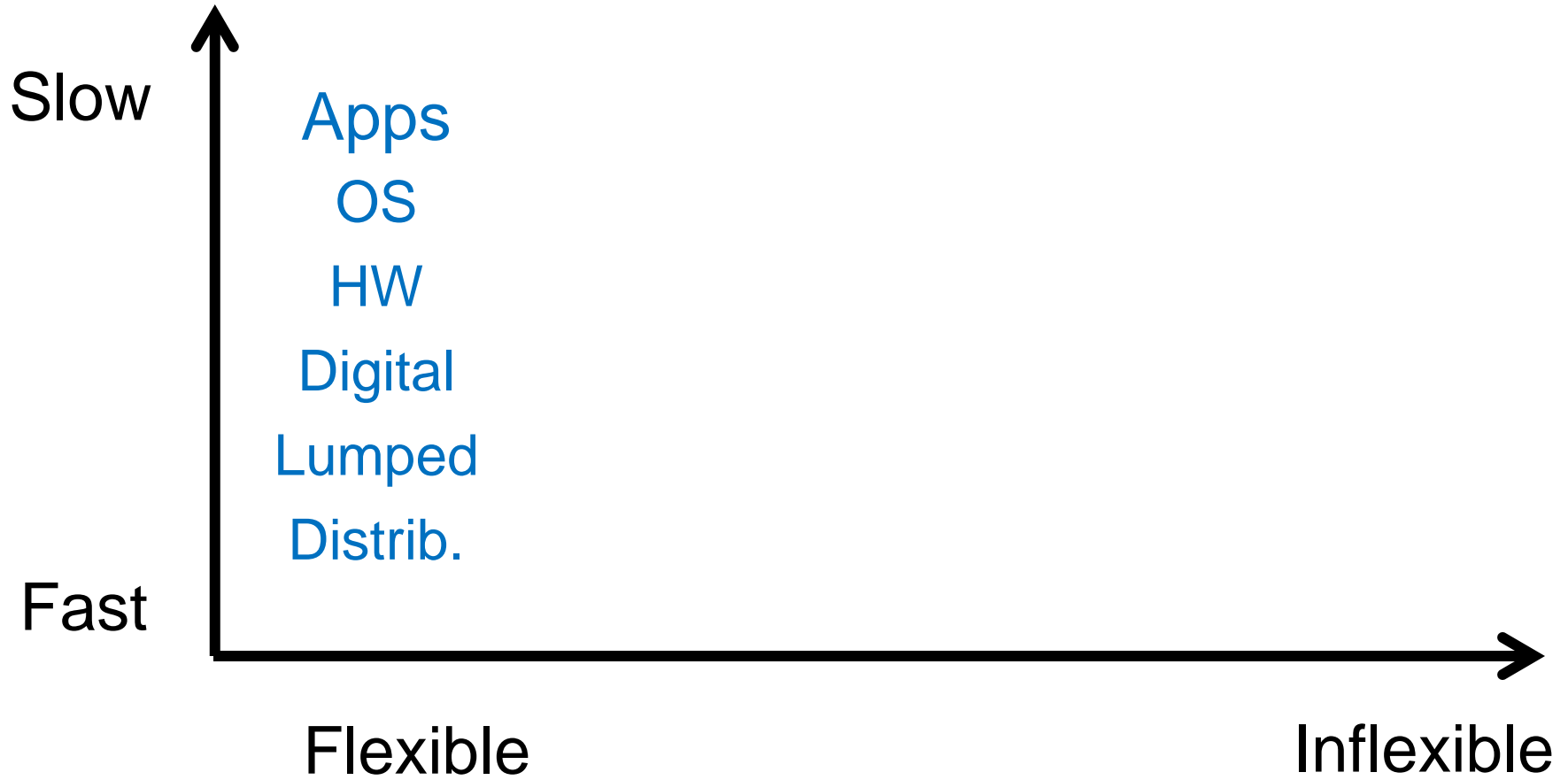
HW

Digital

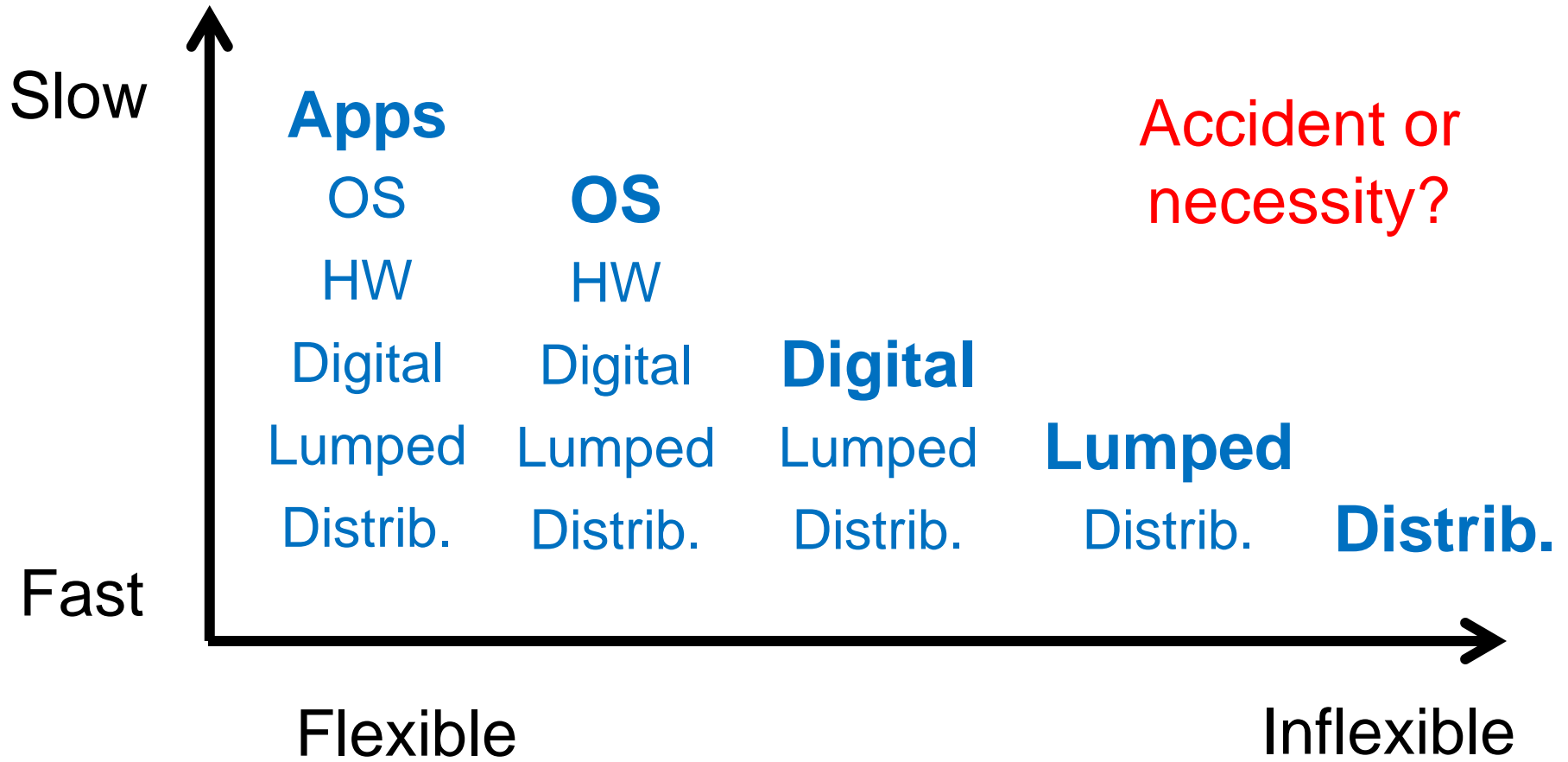
Lumped

Distrib.

Tradeoffs: PC, smartphone, router, etc



Tradeoffs: PC, smartphone, router, etc





Slow

Apps

OS

HW

OS

HW

Architecture?

Digital

Digital

Digital

Lumped

Lumped

Lumped

Lumped

Distrib.

Distrib.

Distrib.

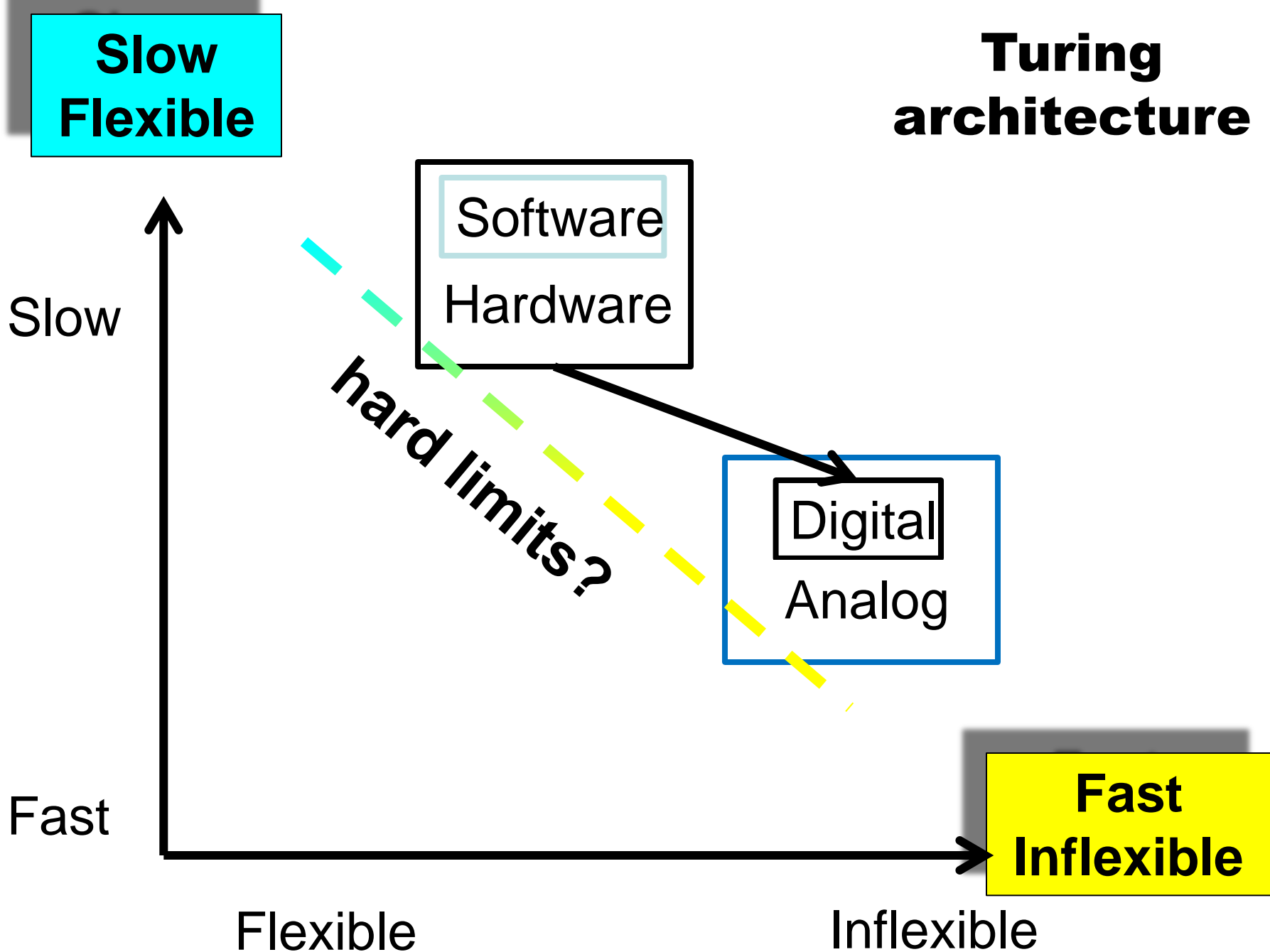
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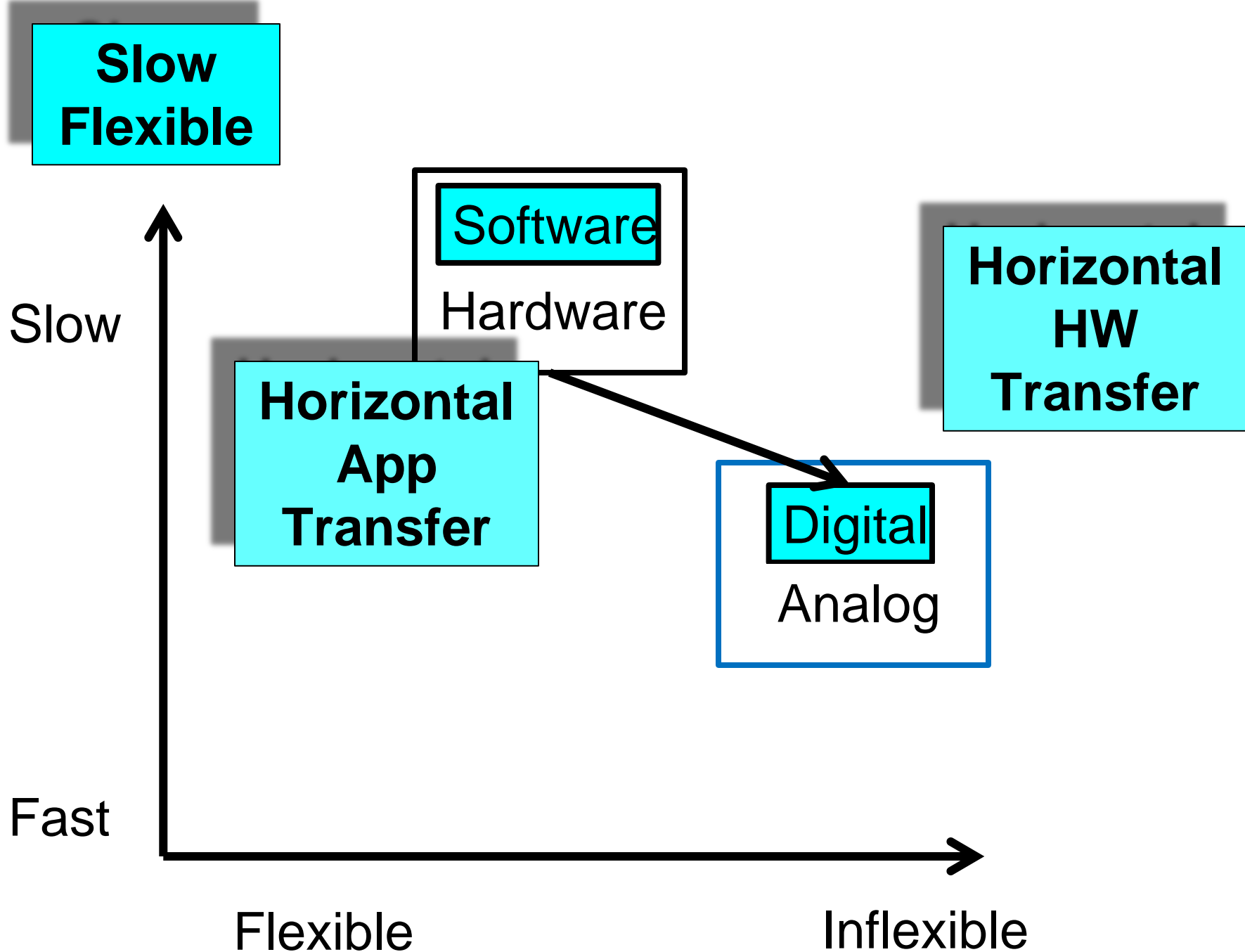
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Fast

Flexible

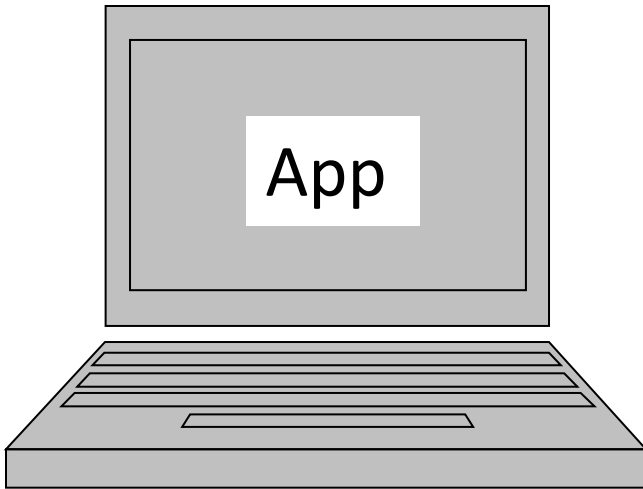
Inflexible



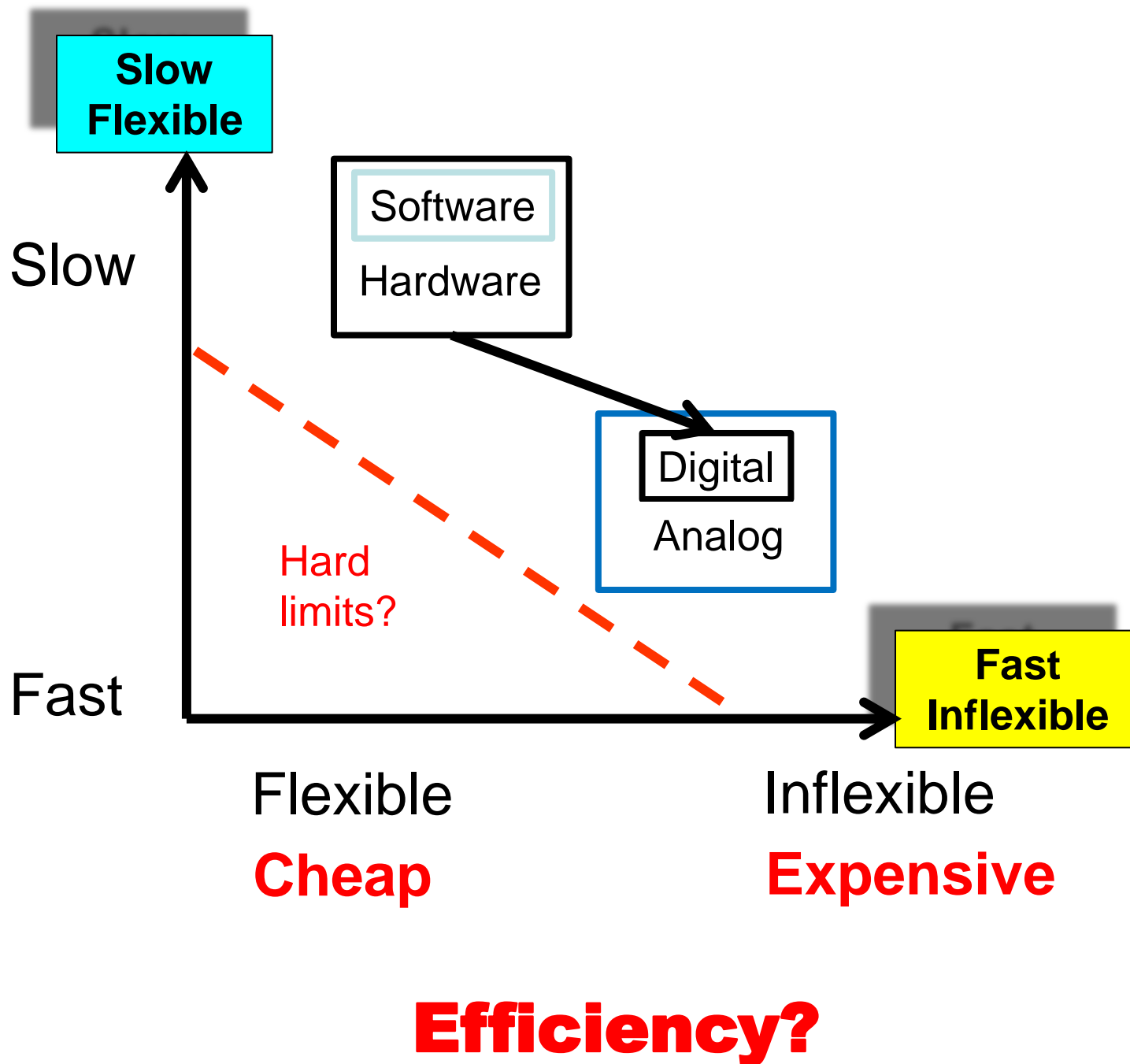


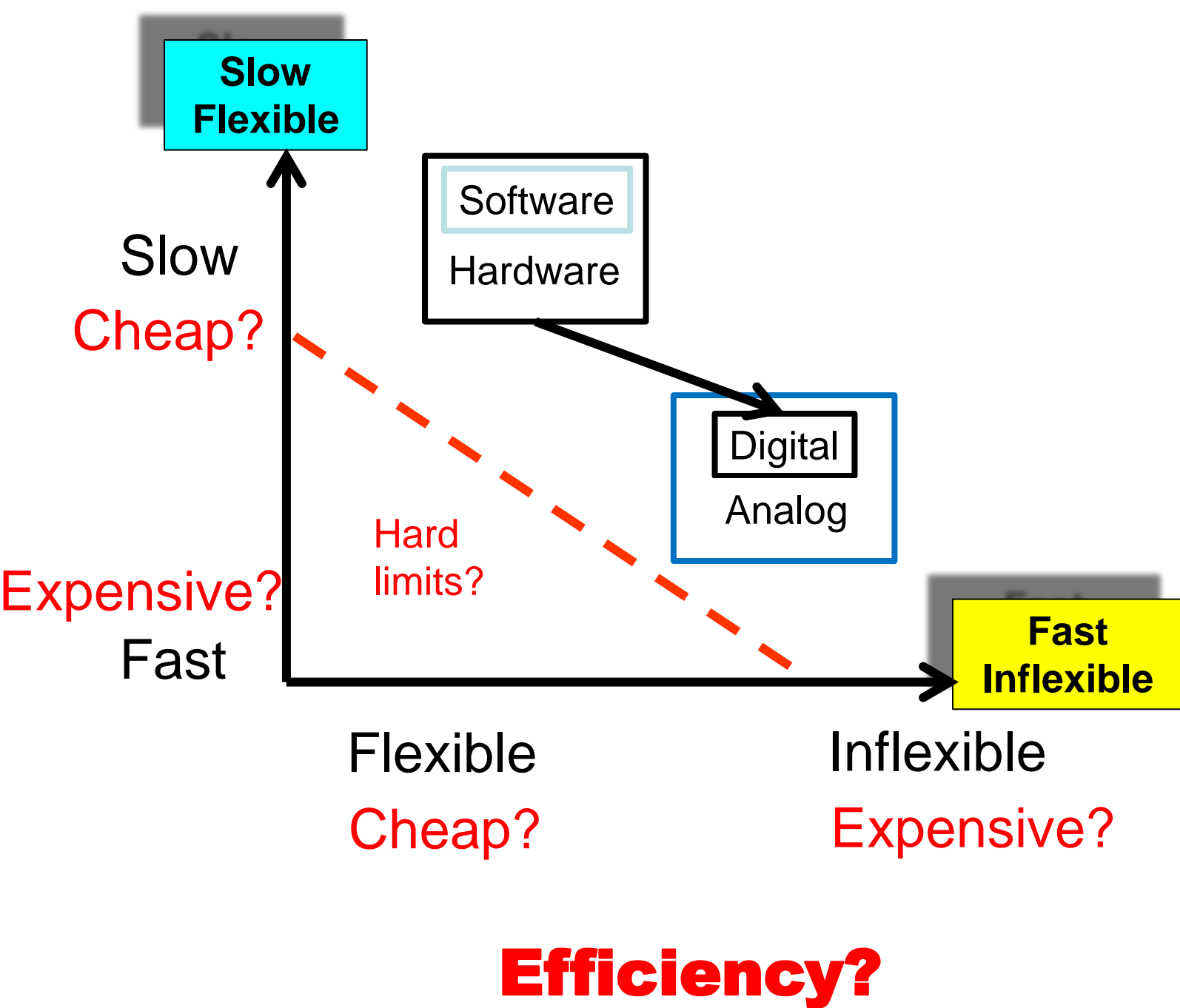


**What you see:
The hardware
interface and the
application
function**



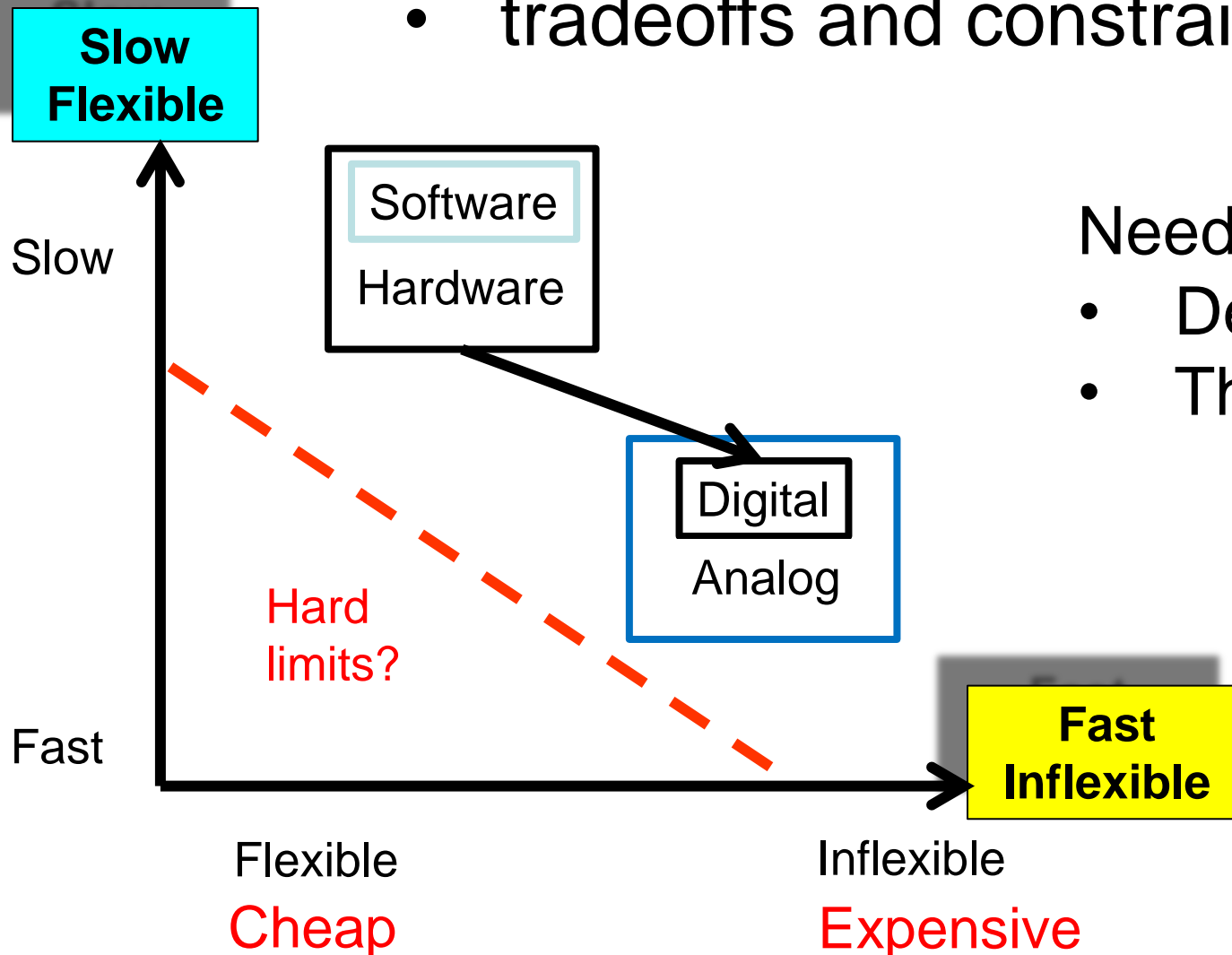
Shared architecture
and infrastructure is
and ***must be*** mostly
hidden





Bacteria and brains have similar:

- layered architectures
- tradeoffs and constraints



Need

- Details
- Theorems

**Flexible/
Adaptable/
Evolvable**

**Horizontal
Meme
Transfer**

Software

Hardware

**Horizontal
App
Transfer**

Digital
Analog

**Depends
crucially on
layered
architecture**

DNAp

Gene

Repl

D

RNAp

xRNA

transc

RN

ATP

A

AA

transl

AA

**Horizontal
Gene
Transfer**

Nucl

AA

ATP

Precursors

Catabolism

frontal

arning

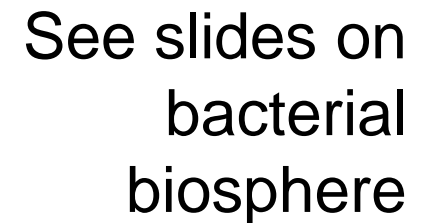
Sensory

Striatu

Reflex

Ribosc

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



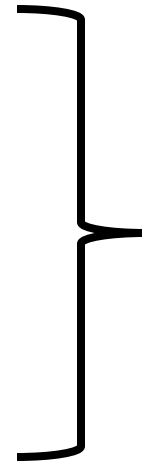
Mechanisms in molecular biology

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

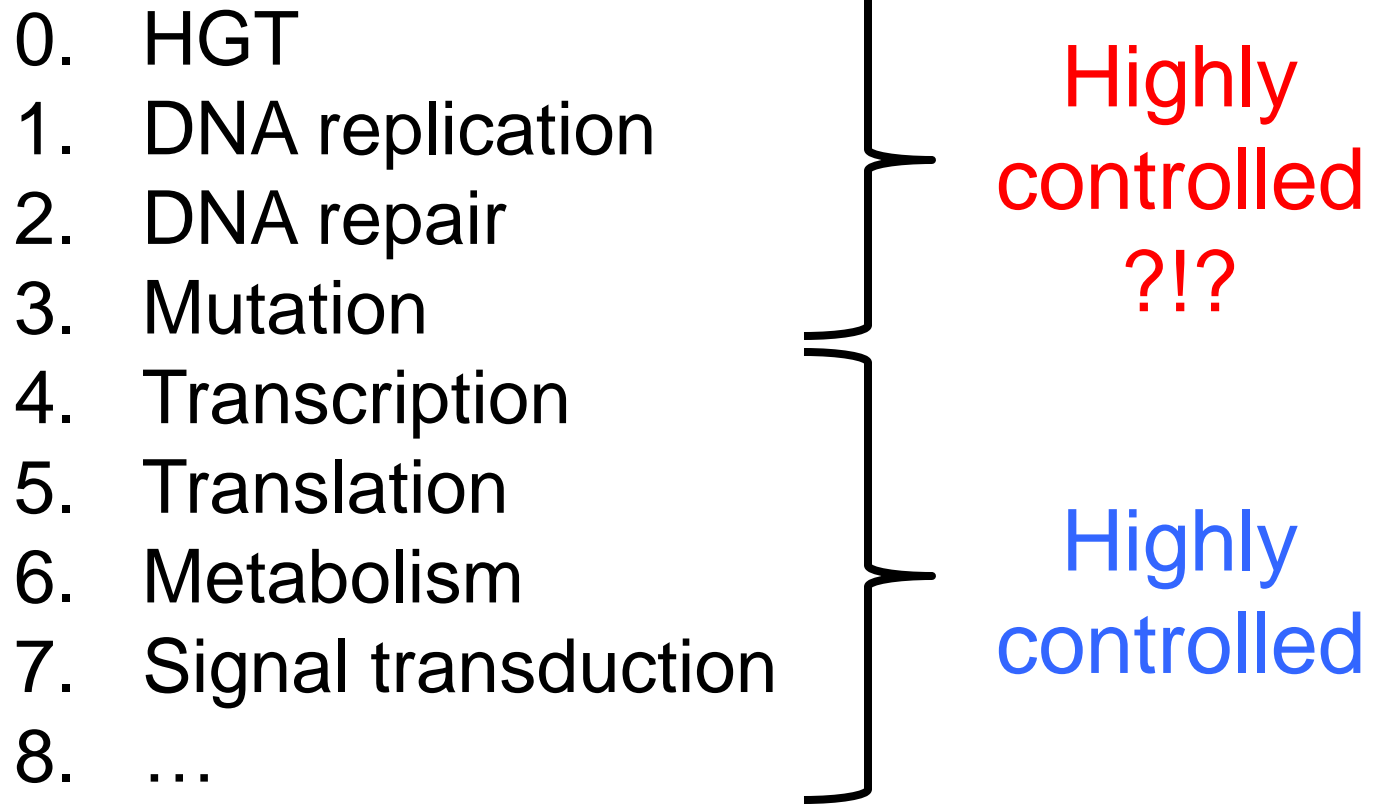
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**Highly
controlled**

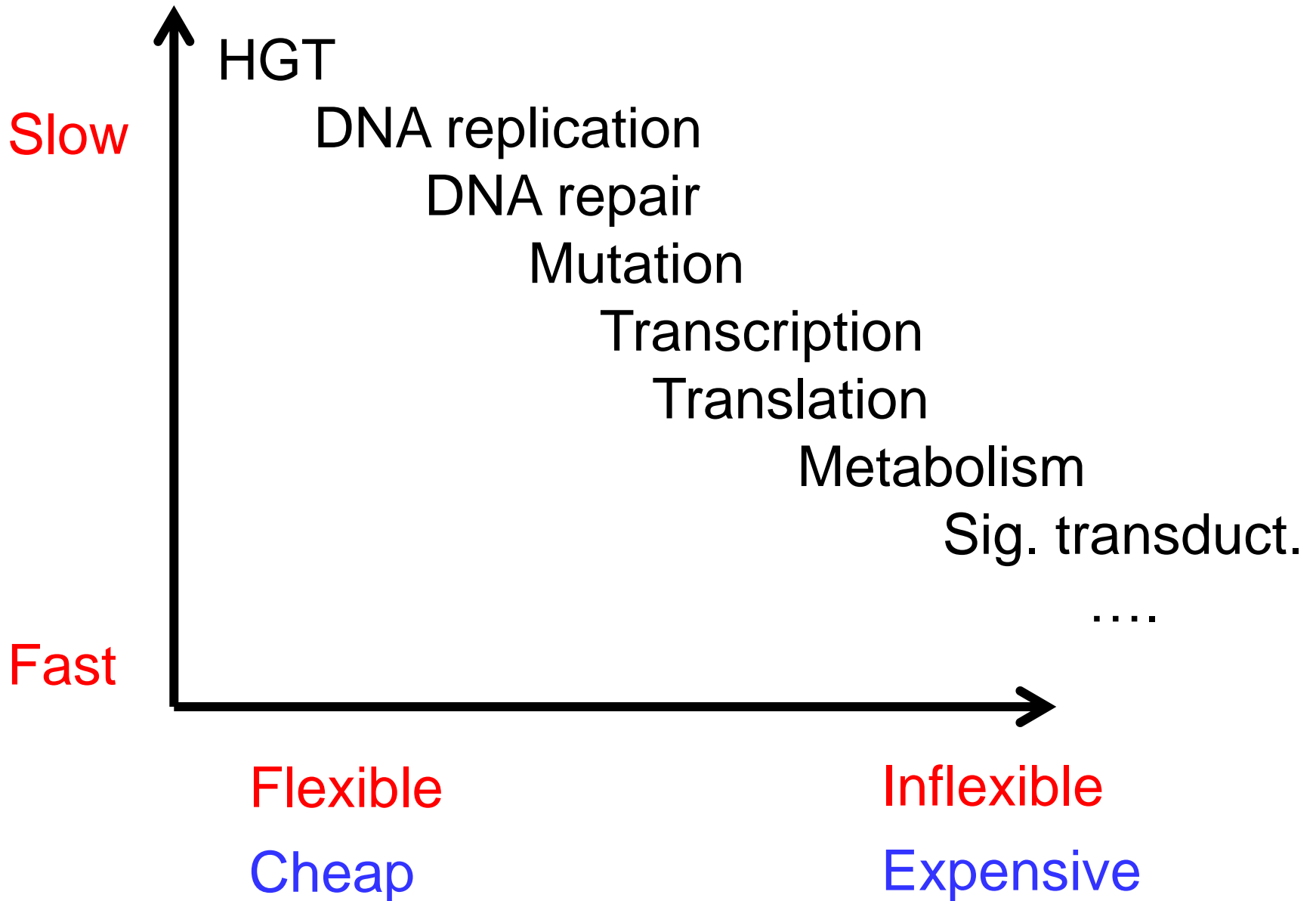
Think of this as a “protocol stack”

Control 2.0

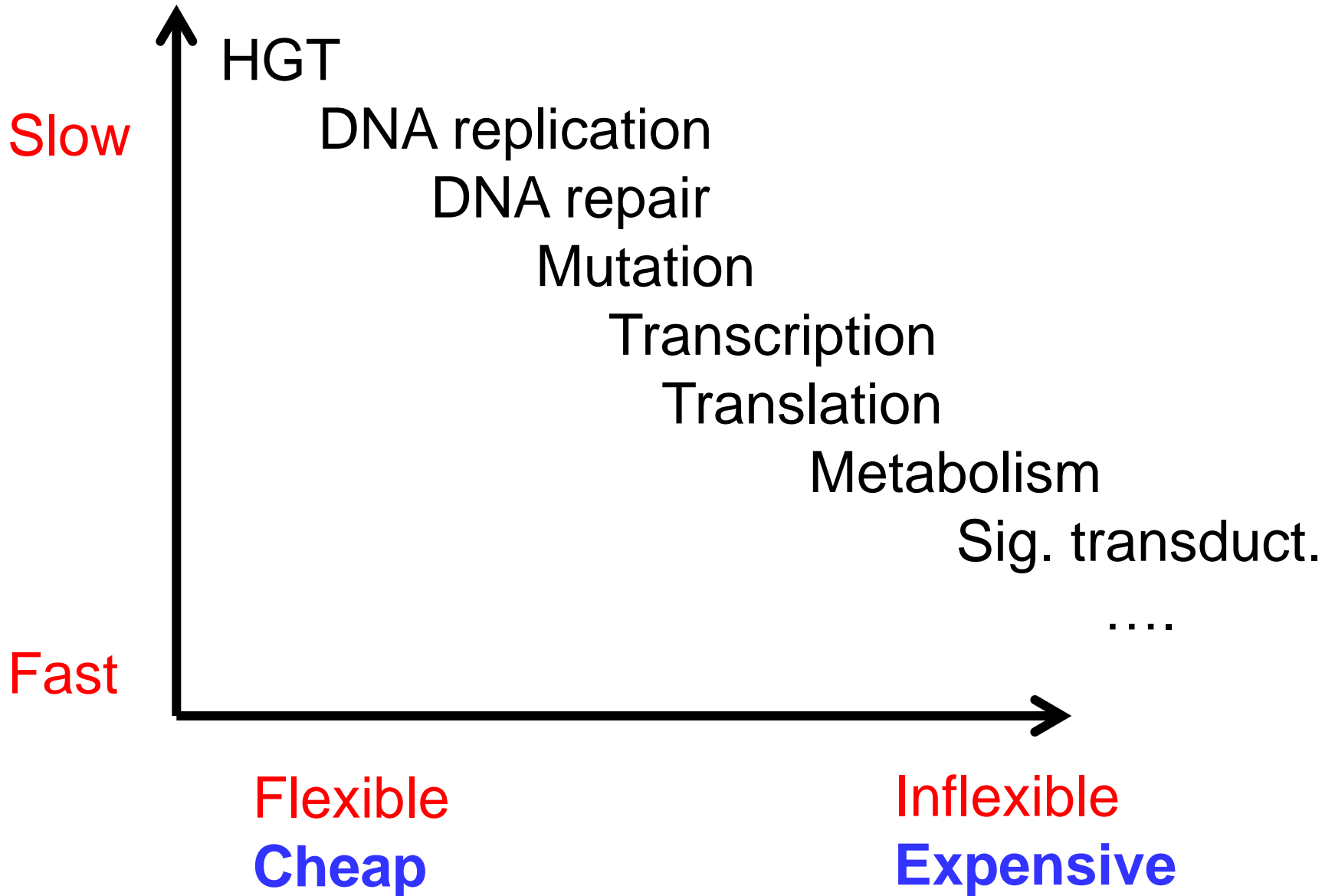


Think of this as a “protocol stack”

Control 2.0



Control 2.0



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

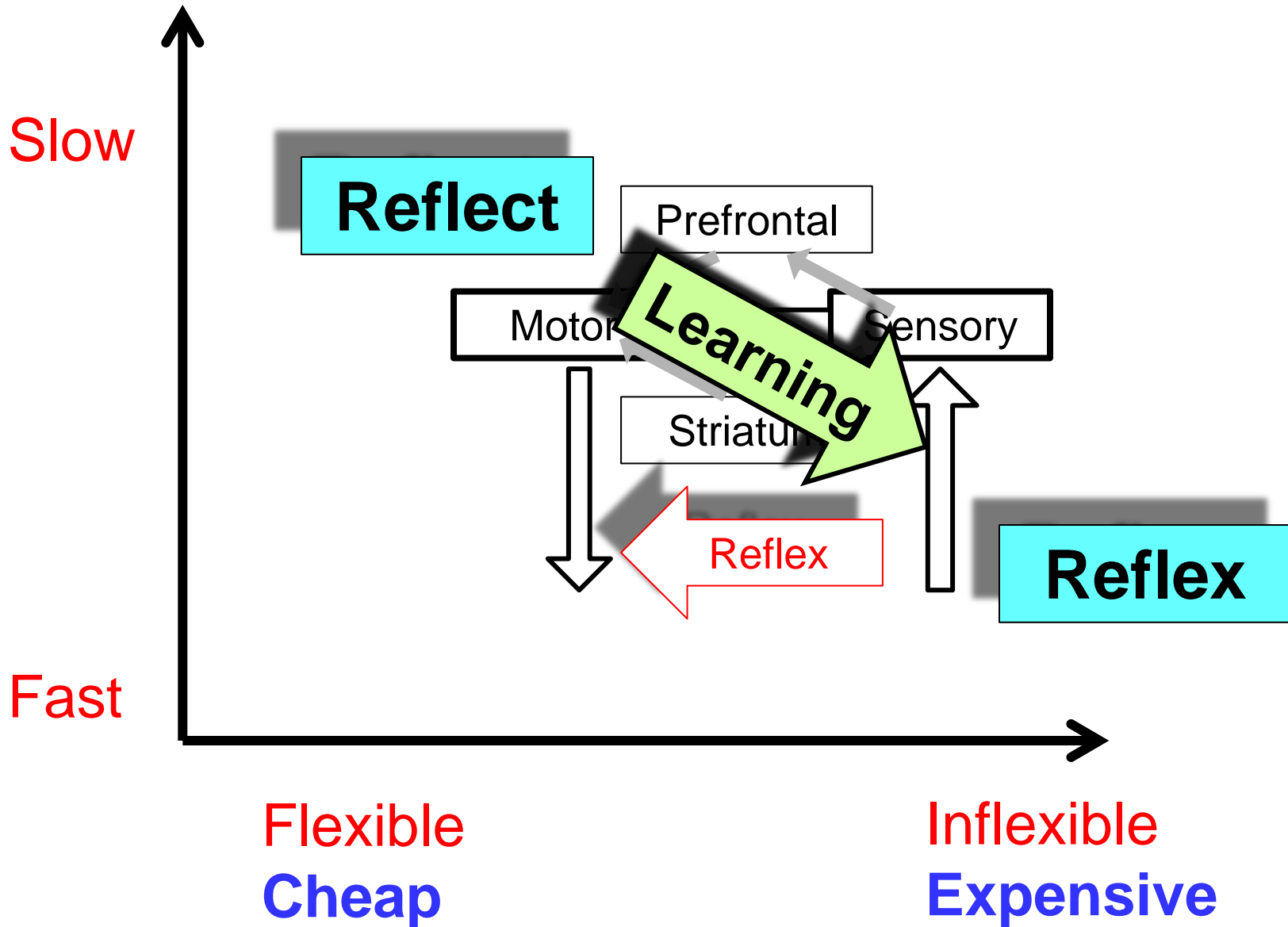
Rhombencephalon

Myelencephalon

Medulla
oblongata

Spinal cord

CNS “stack”



**Flexible/
Adaptable/
Evolvable**

Software

Hardware

**Horizontal
App
Transfer**

**Horizontal
Meme
Transfer**

frontal

Learning

Sensory

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Digital

Analog

DNAp

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**Horizontal
Gene
Transfer**

Nucl

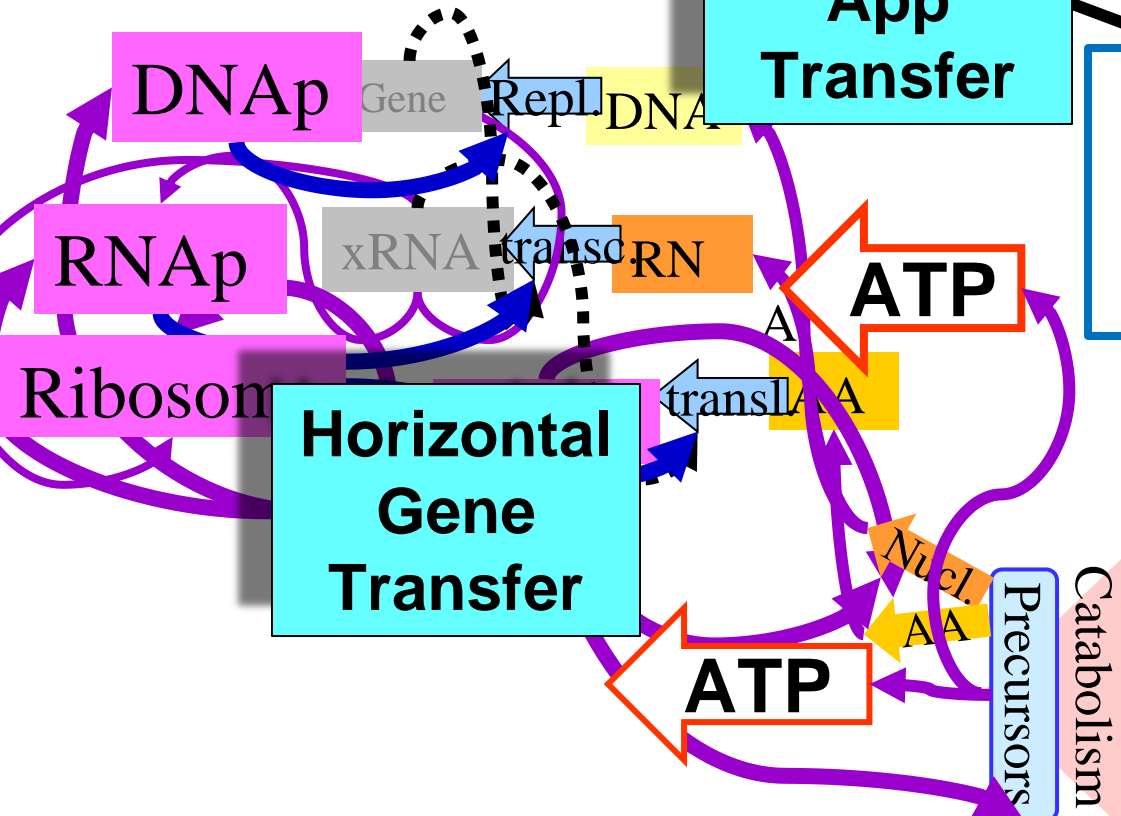
AA

Precursors

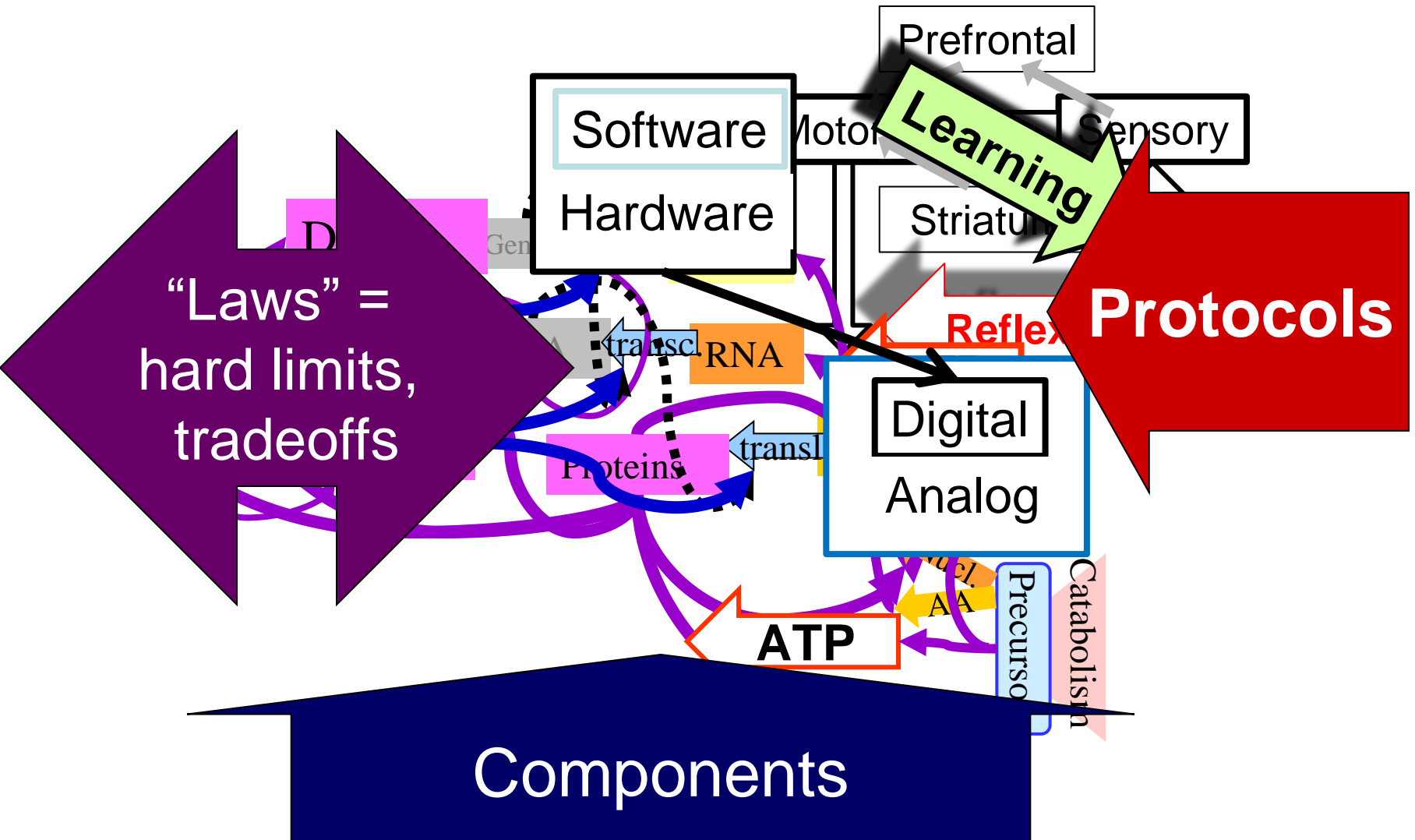
Catabolism

ATP

**Are these
“emergent”
properties?**



System



Components

The “whole” is
constrained to be
much less than the
possible sum of all
parts

System

Software
Hardware

Prefrontal

Learning

Sensory

Striatum

Motor

“Laws” =
hard limits,
tradeoffs

Protocols

Reflex

Digital
Analog

Are these
“emergent”
properties?

Components

ATP

Proteins

RNA

transl

transc

nuc

AA

Universal architectures

What can go wrong?

**Exploiting
layered
architecture**

**Horizontal
Bad Meme
Transfer**

Virus



**Horizontal
Bad App
Transfer**

Fragility?

**Horizontal
Bad Gene
Transfer**

Virus

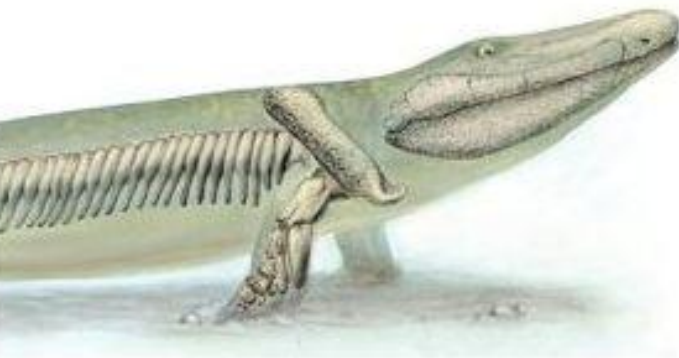


**Parasites &
Hijacking**

Unfortunately, not
intelligent design

YOUR INNER FISH

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

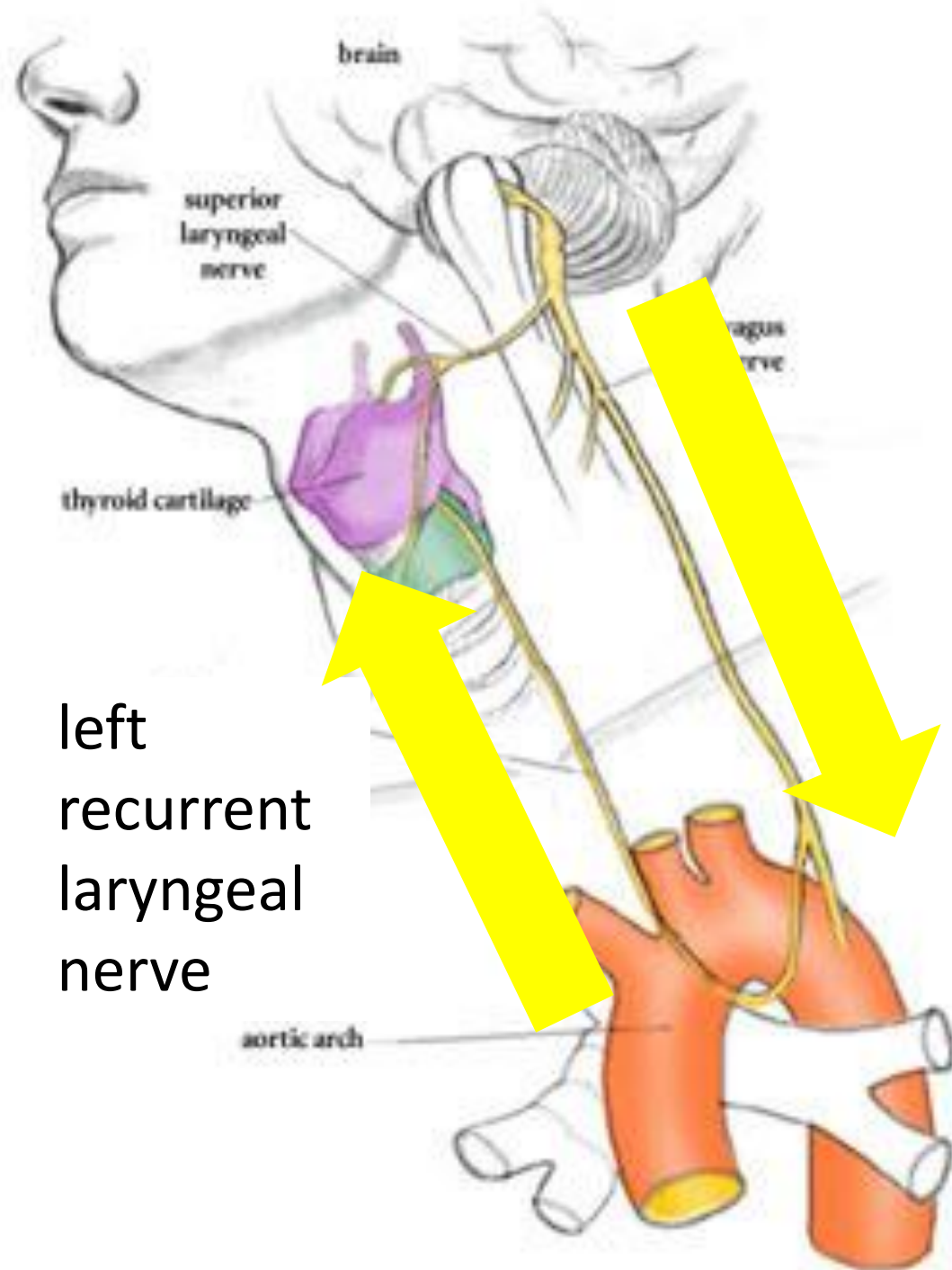
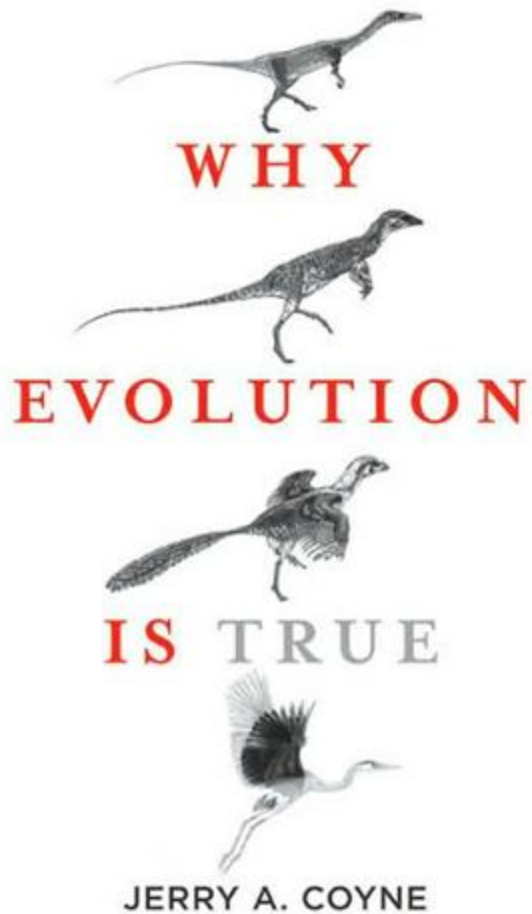


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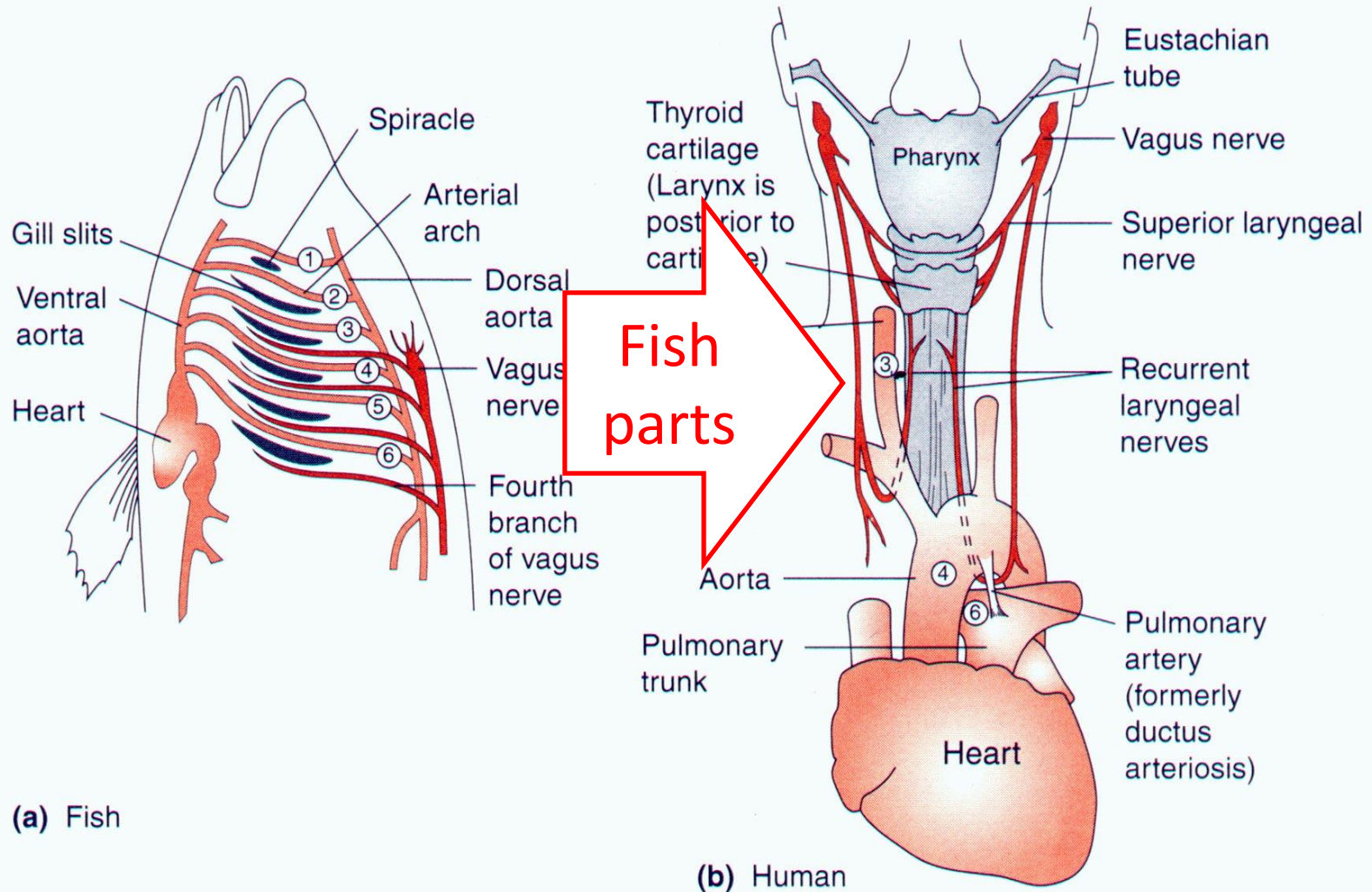


Ouch.

Why?



Why? Building humans from fish parts.

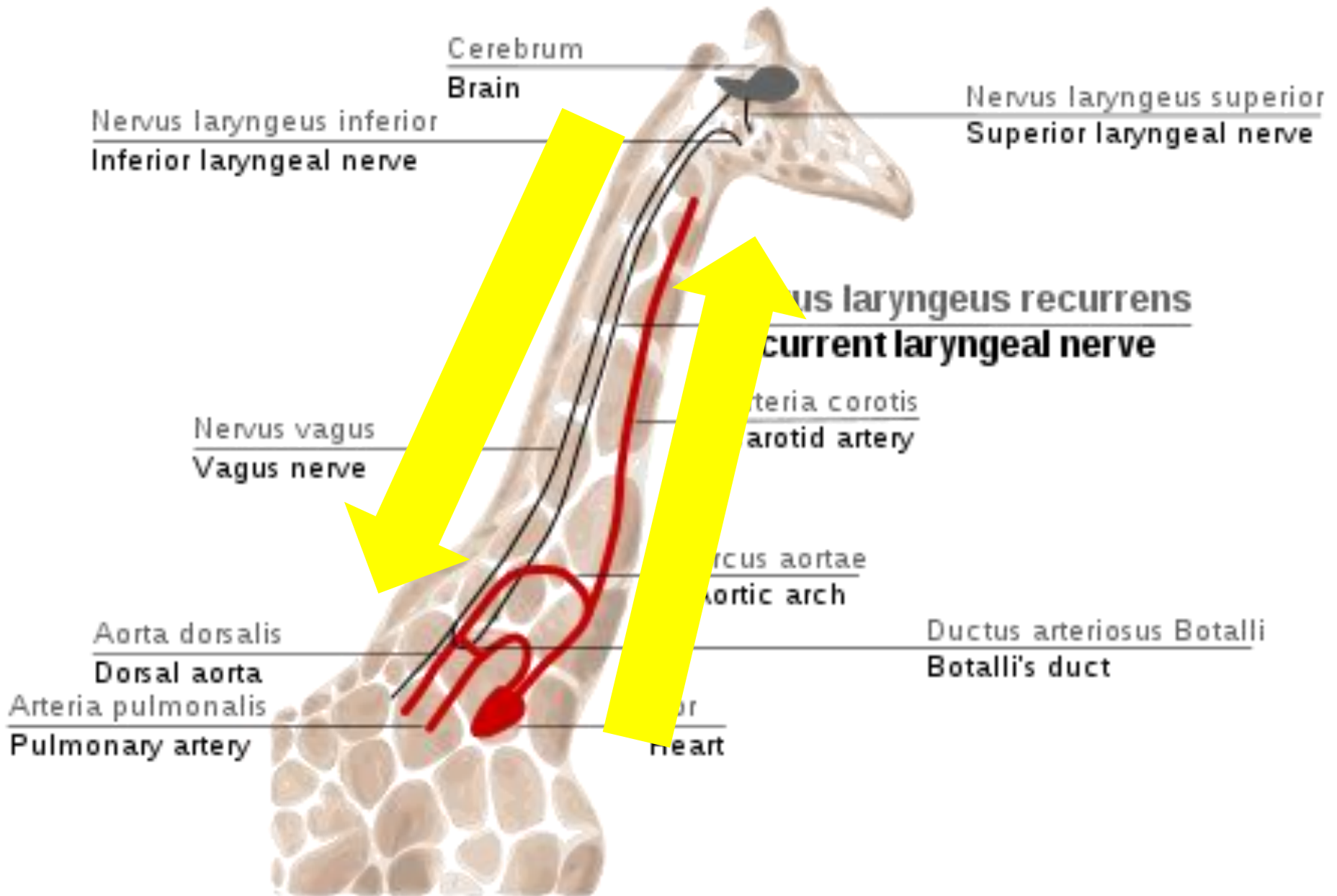


(a) Fish

(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

App

App

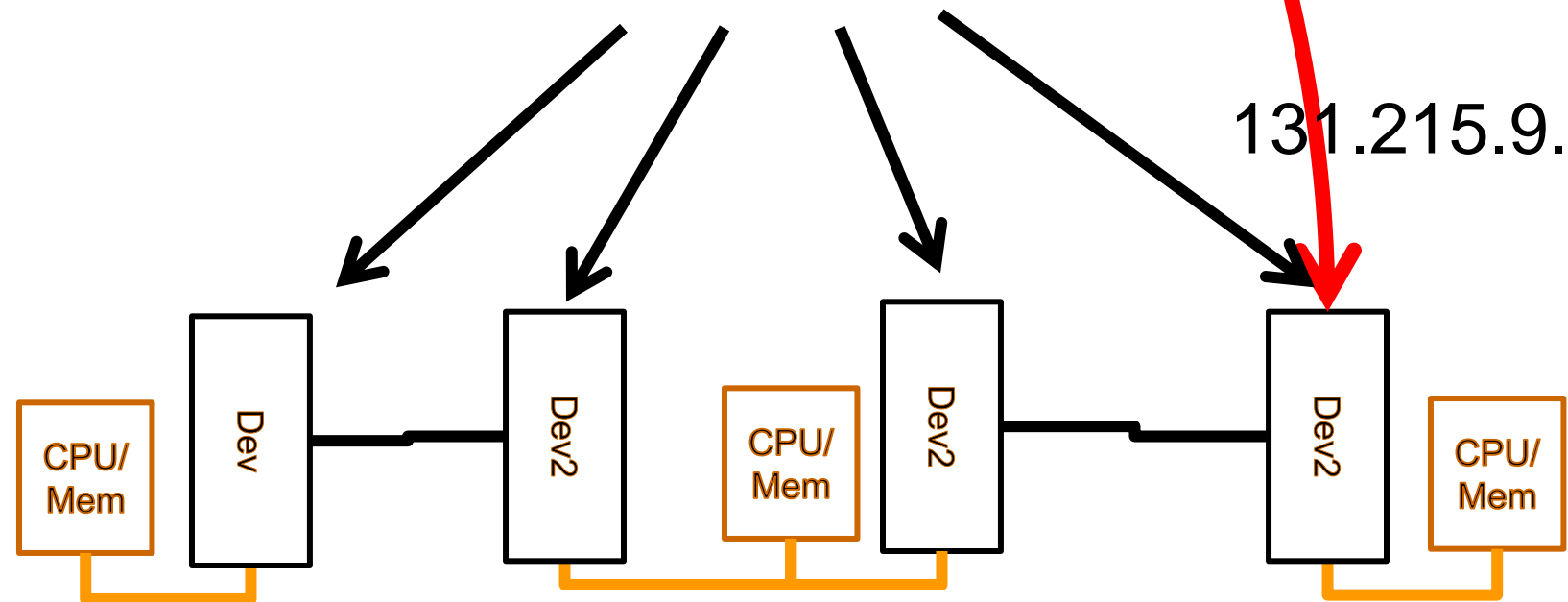
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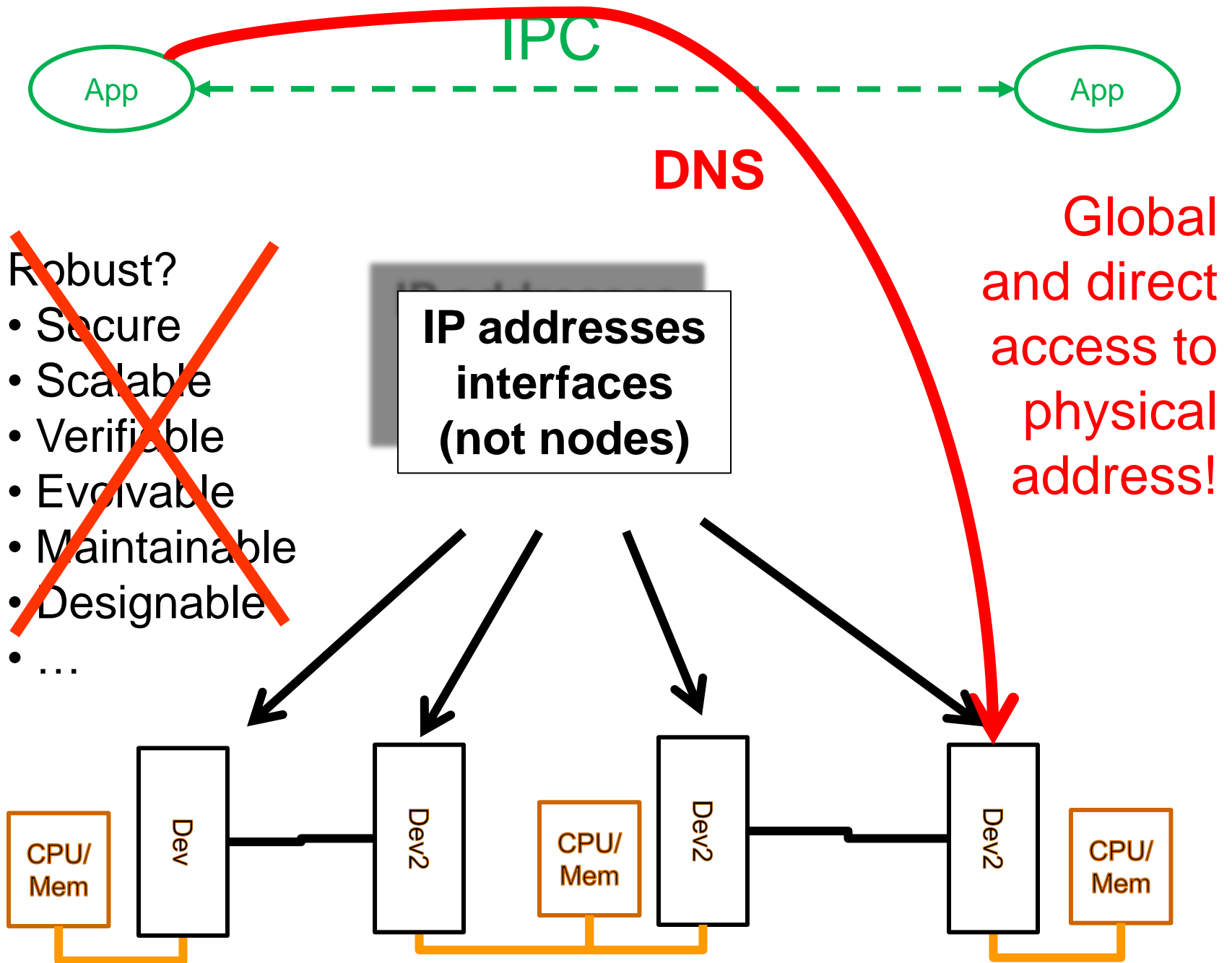
DNS

IP addresses
interfaces
(not nodes)

Global
and direct
access to
physical
address!

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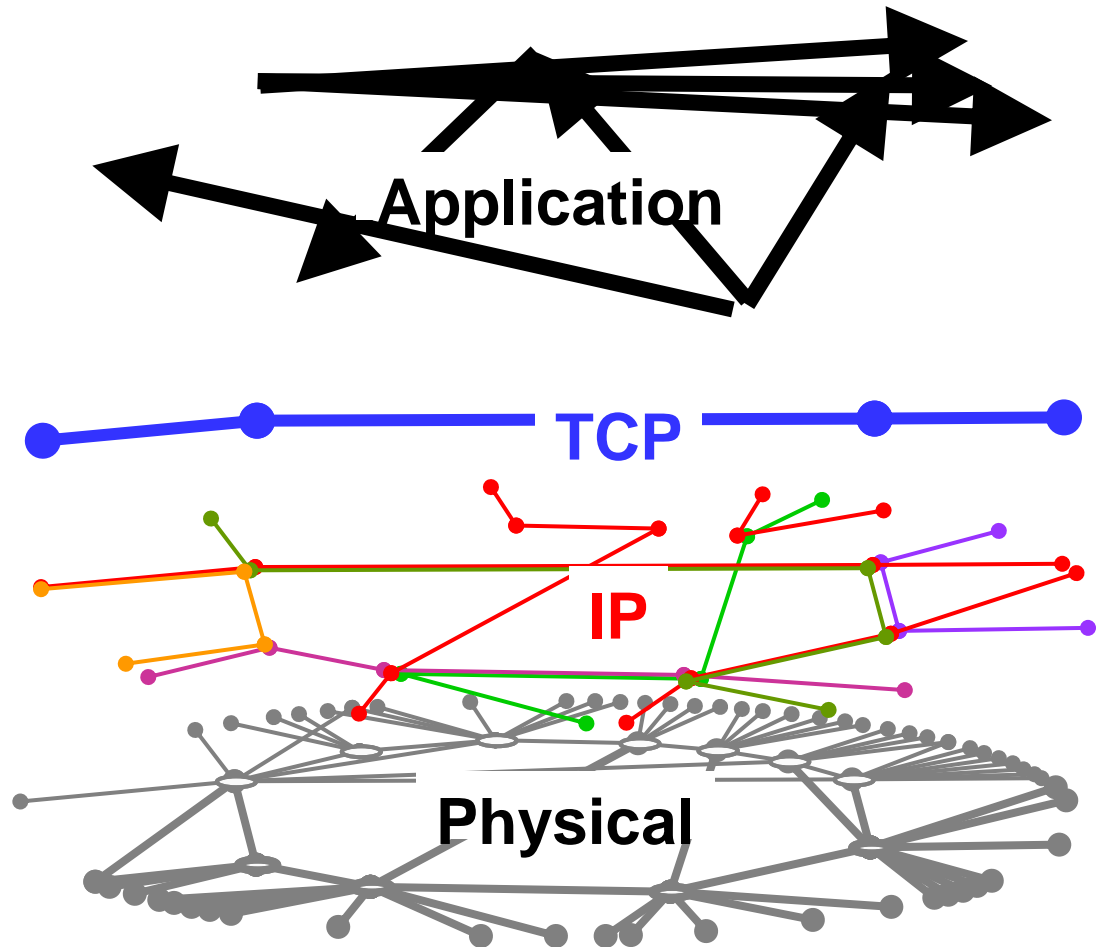


Naming and addressing need to have **scope** and

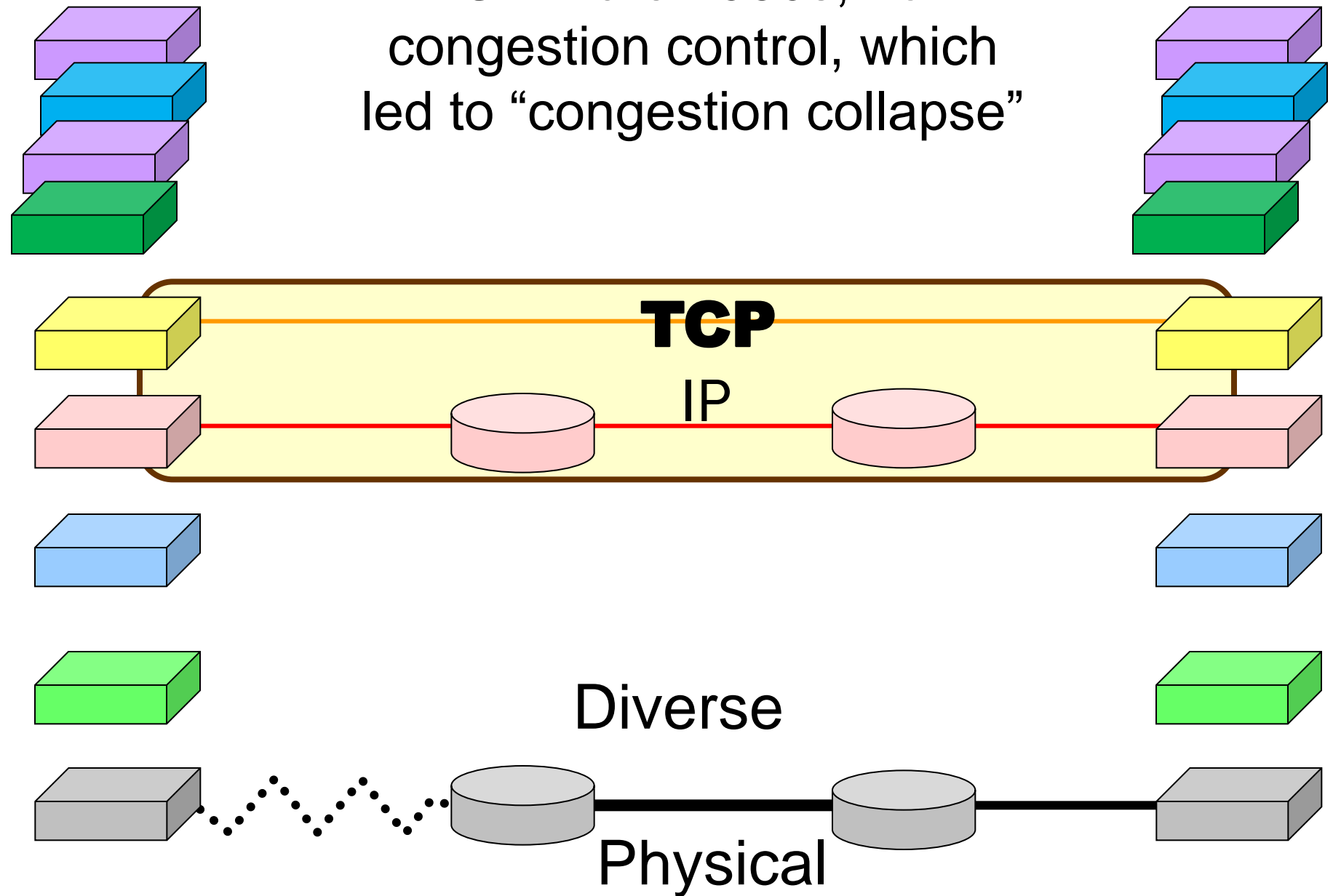
- resolved within layer
- translated between layers
- not exposed outside of layer

Related “issues”

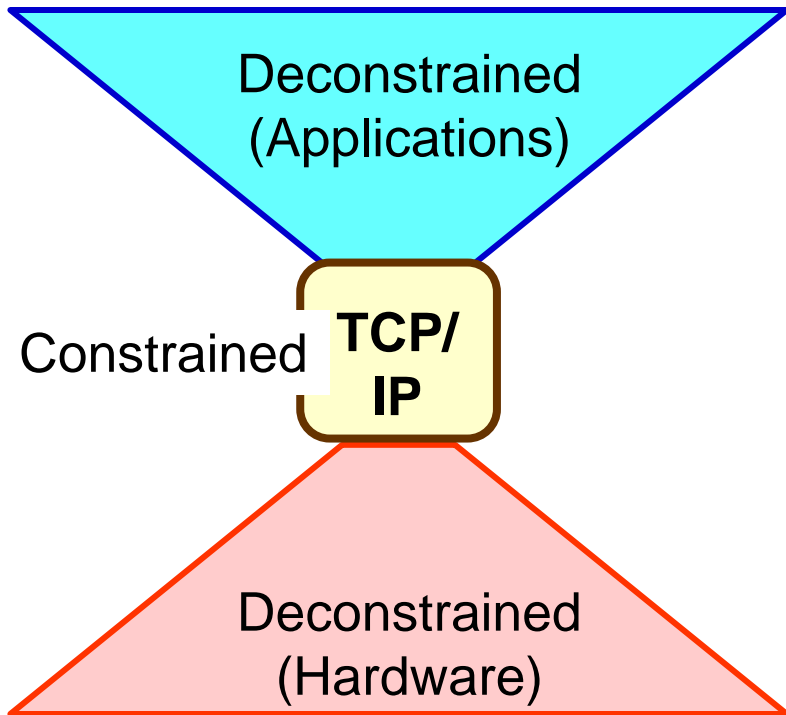
- VPNs
- NATS
- Firewalls
- Multihoming
- Mobility
- Routing table size
- Overlays
- ...



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

?

Control, share, virtualize,
and manage resources

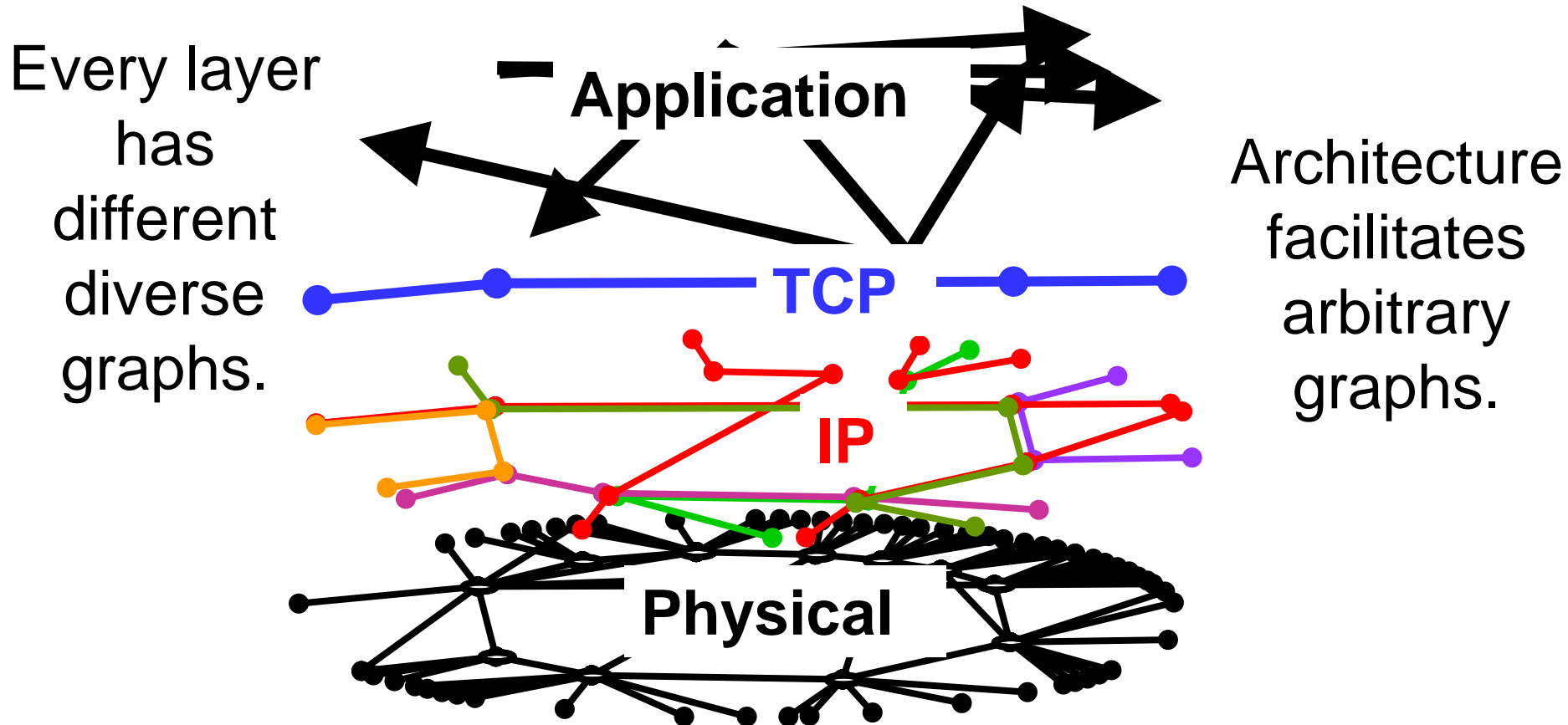
Deconstrained
(Hardware)

Comms
Memory, storage
Latency
Processing
Cyber-physical

Constrained

Persistent errors
and confusion
("network science")

Architecture is *least*
graph topology.



The “robust yet fragile” nature of the Internet

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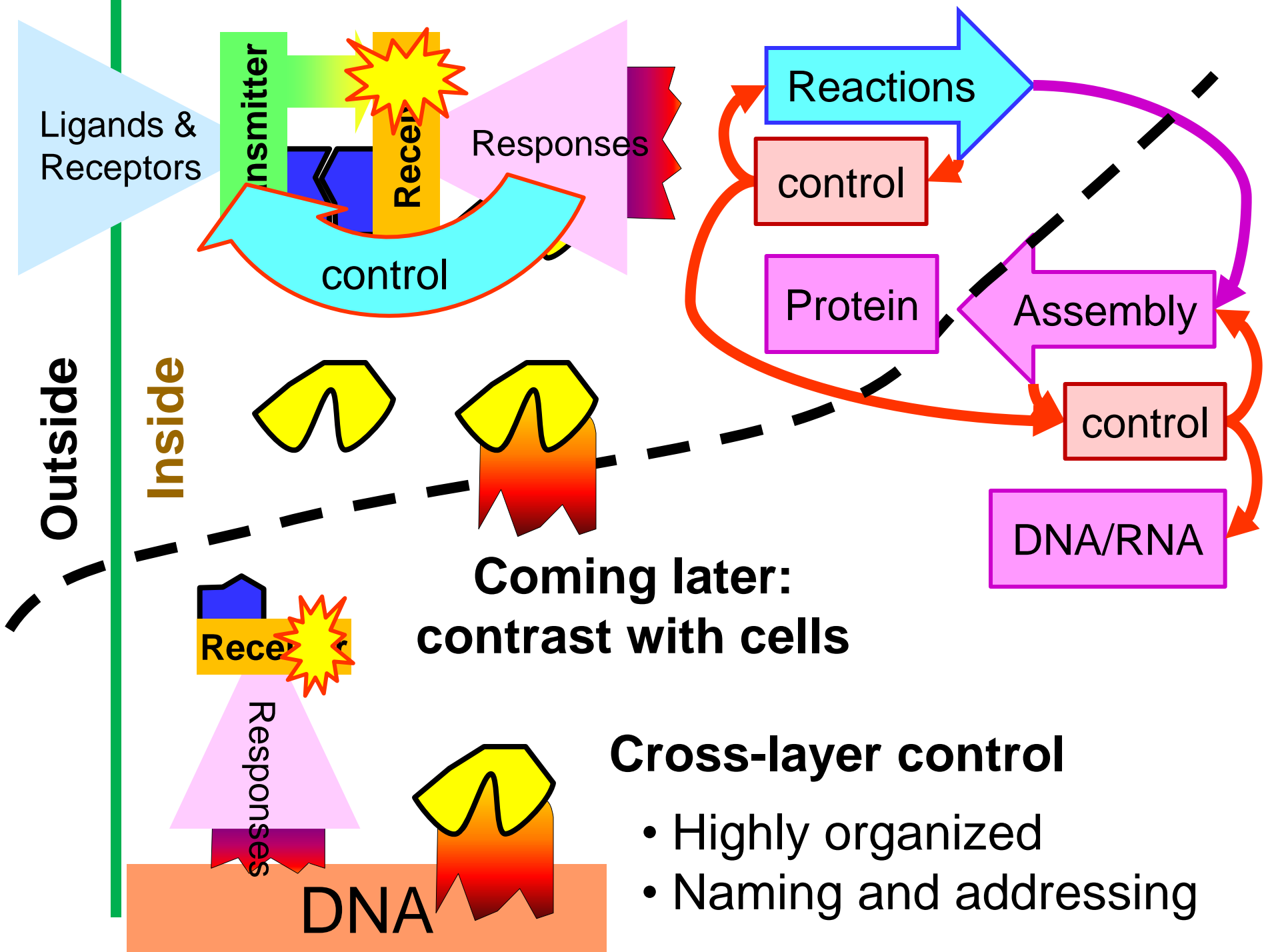
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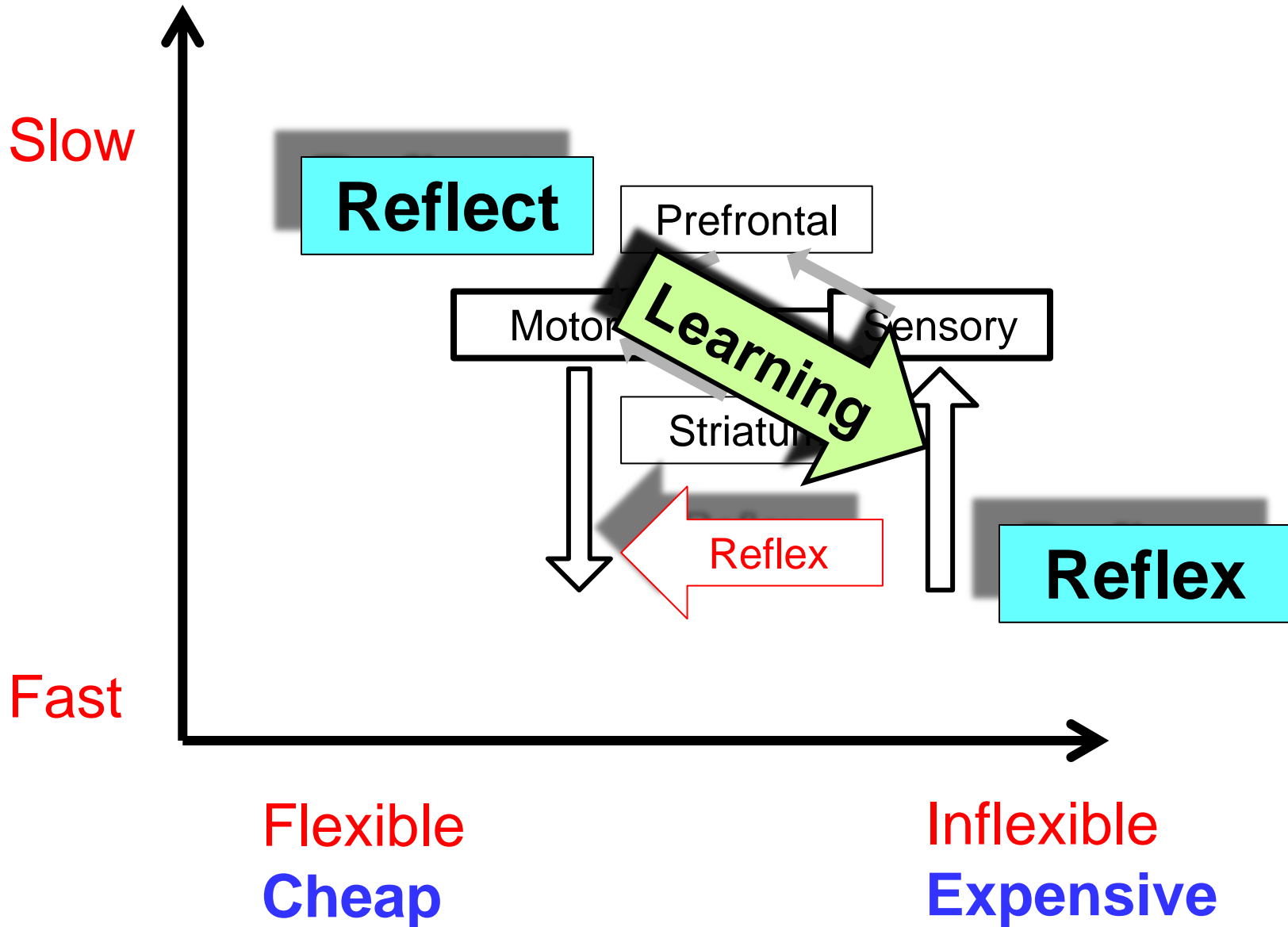
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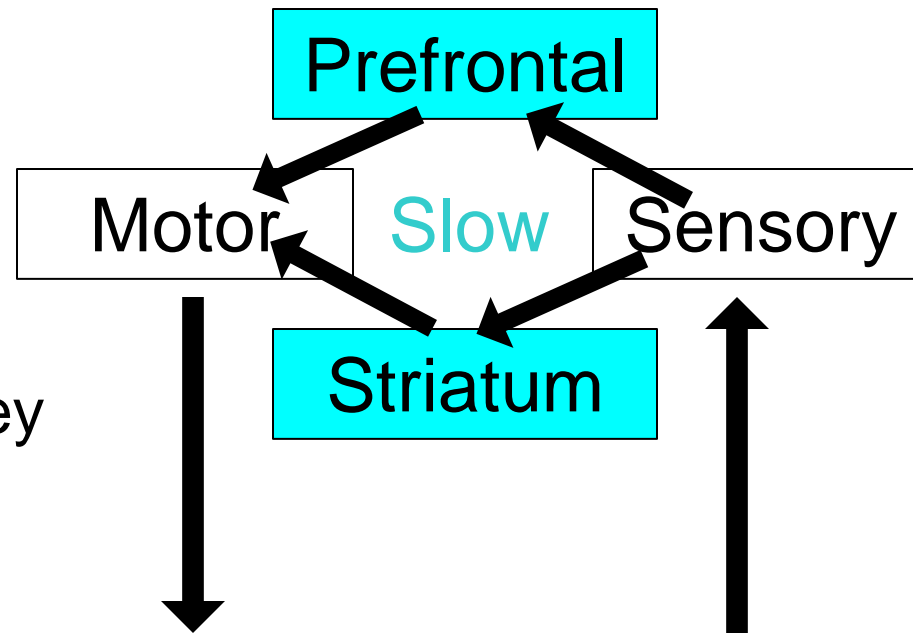


CNS “stack”



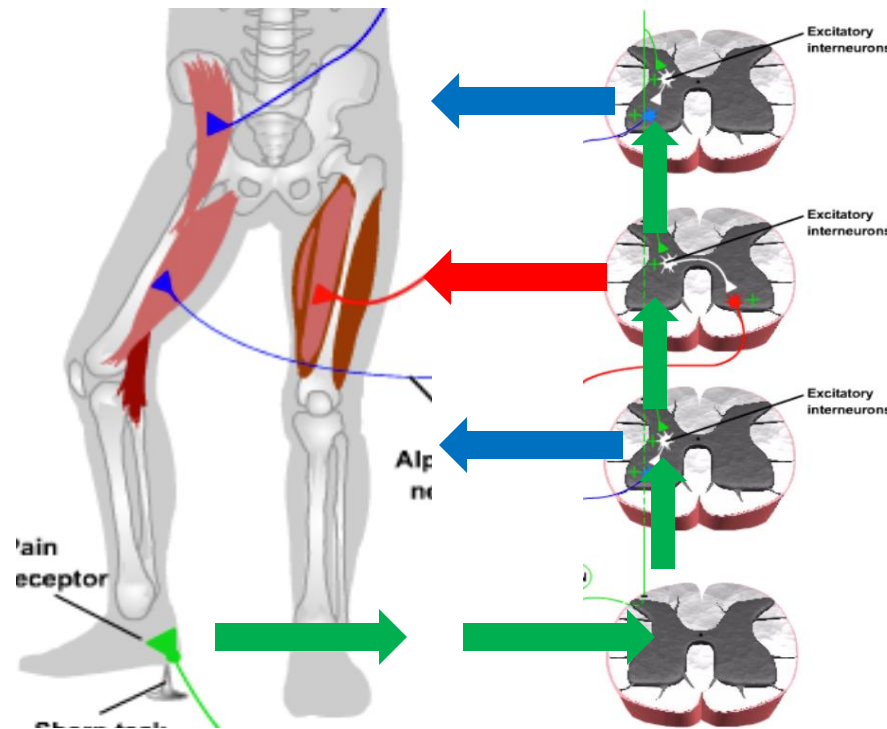
Learning

**Slow
Flexible**



Ashby & Crossley

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



Thanks to
Bassett & Grafton

**Slow
Flexible**

Prefrontal

Motor <



Fast

Sensory

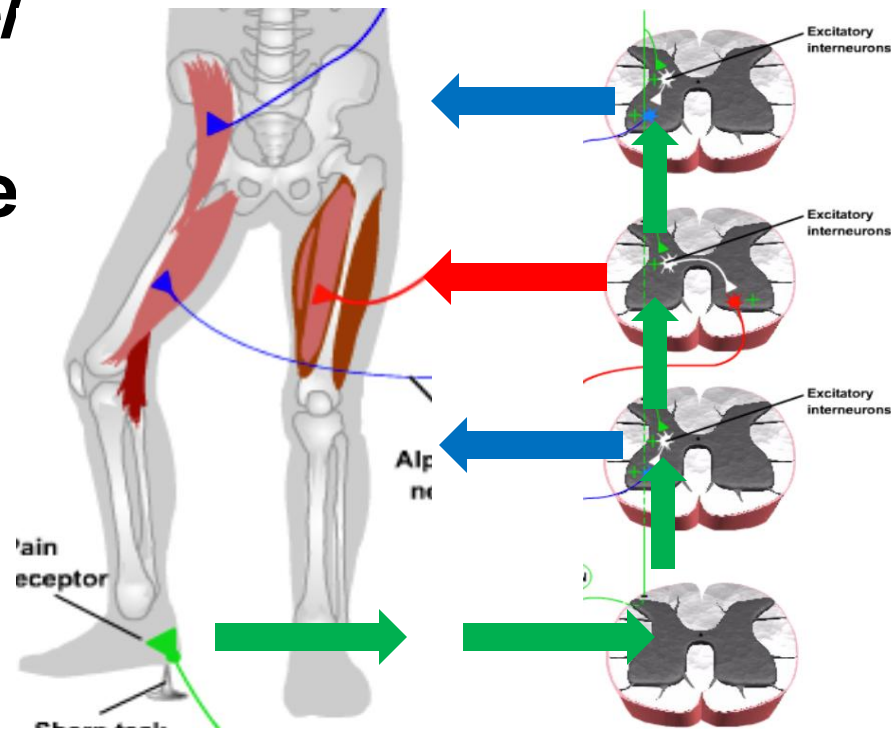
Striatum



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- **Translate/
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- **Automate**

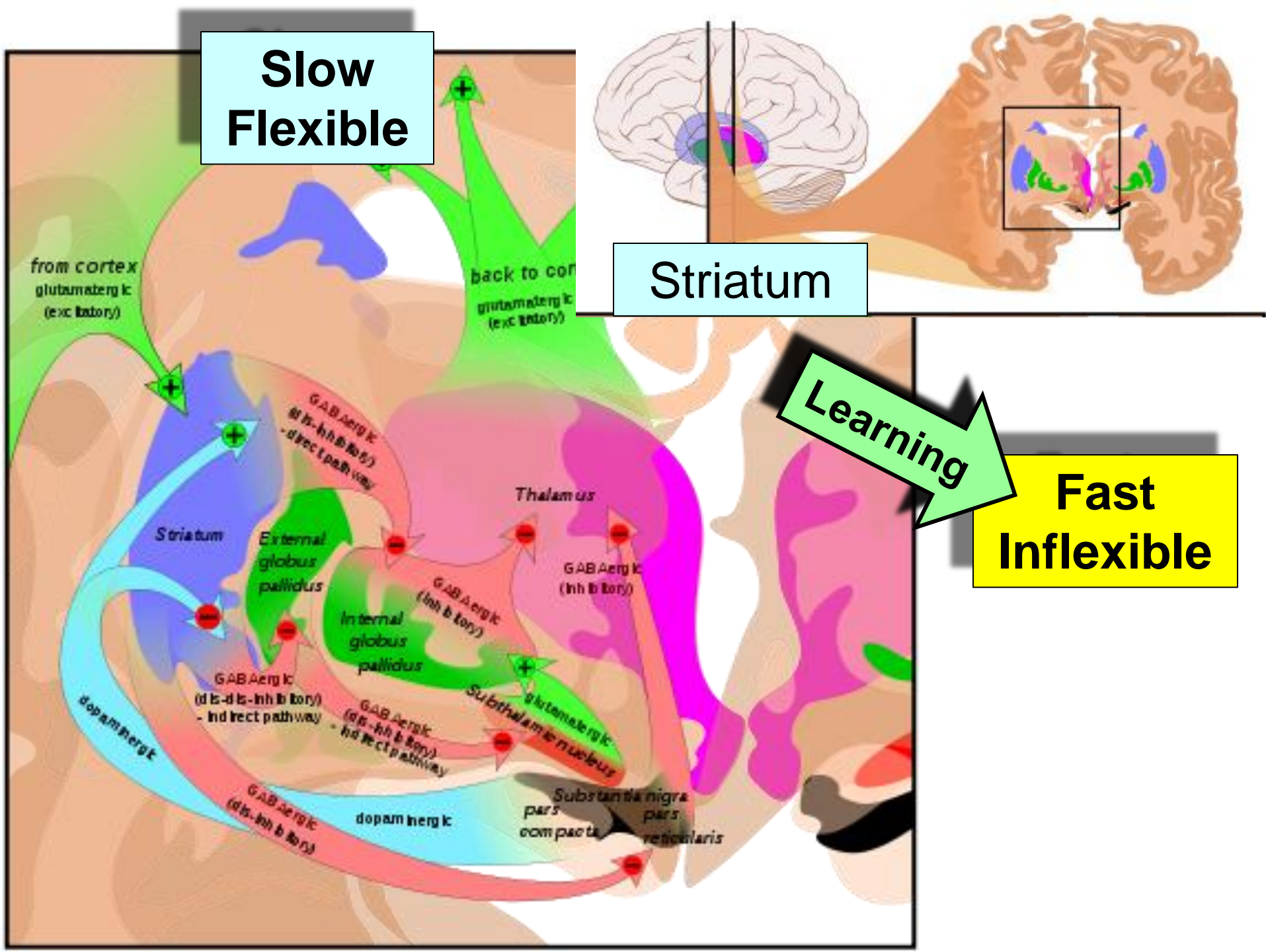


**Slow
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Striatum

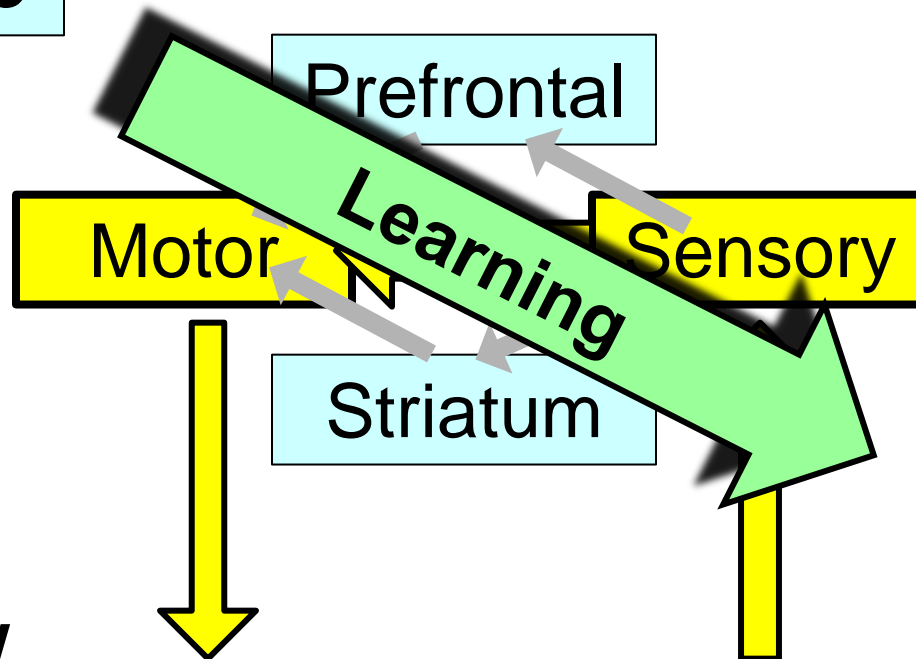
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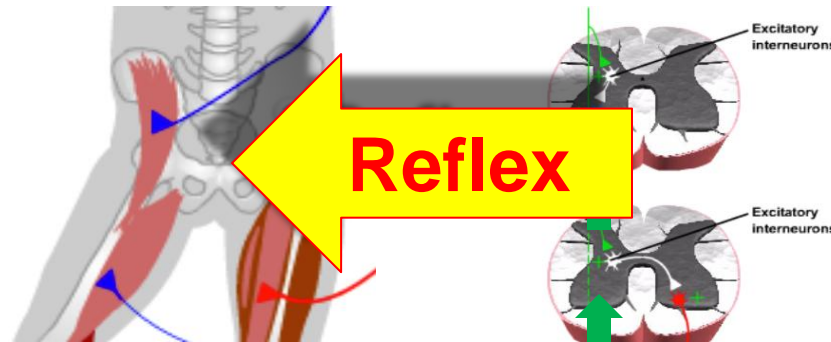
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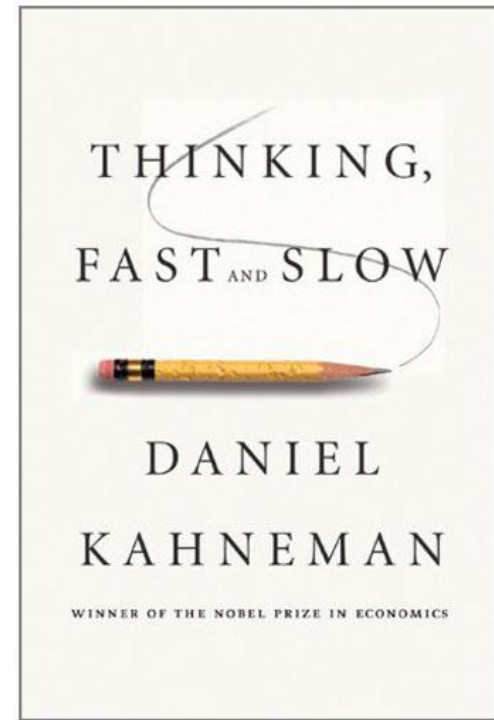
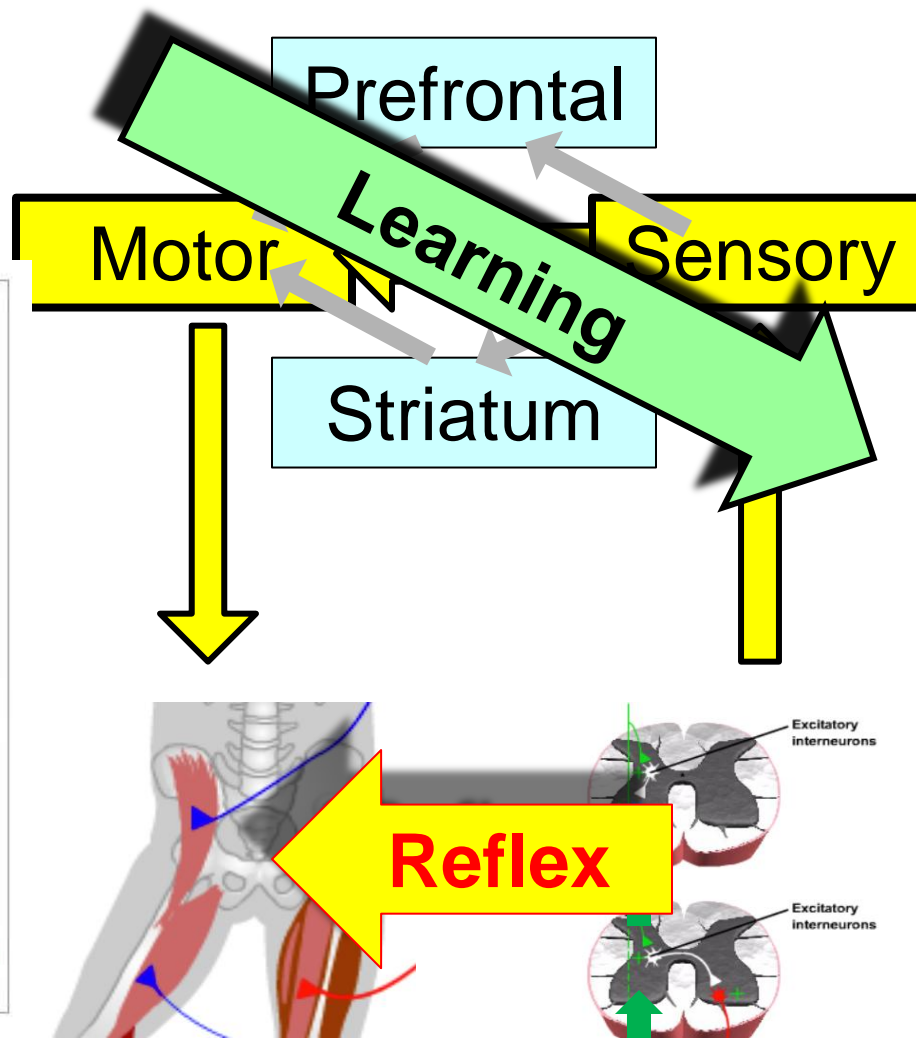
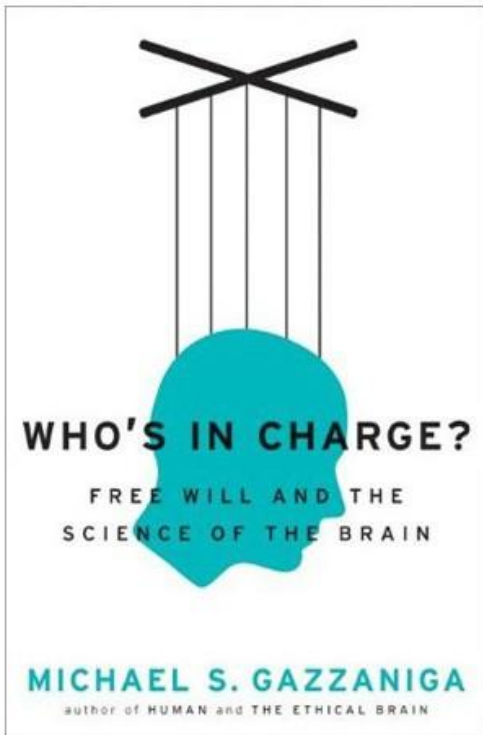
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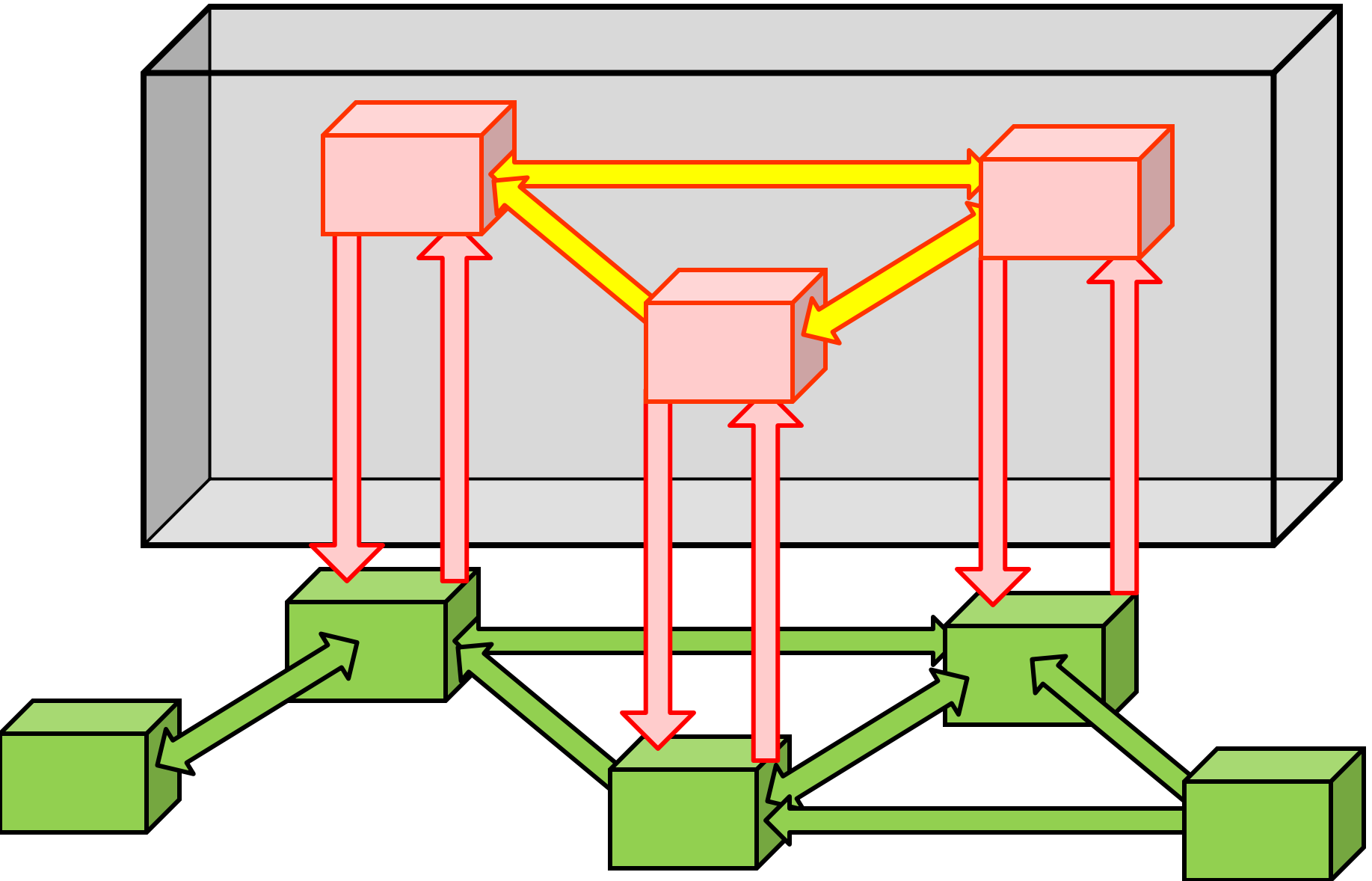
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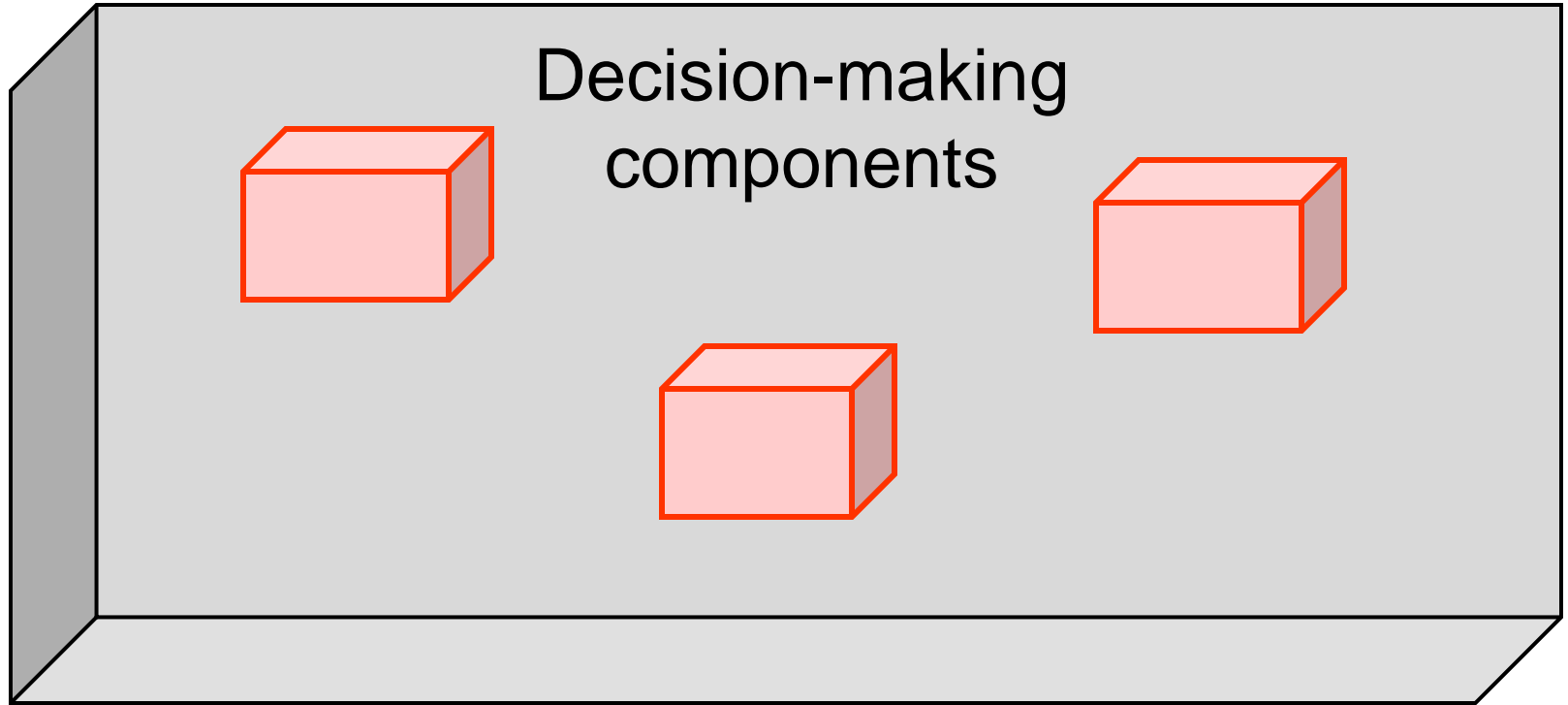
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- Translate/
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- Automate



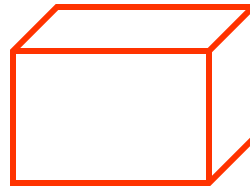
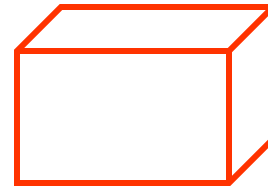
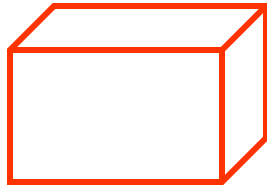


Cyber-physical: decentralized control with internal delays.

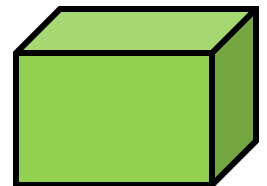
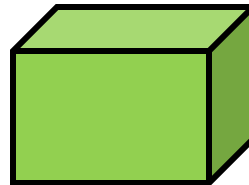
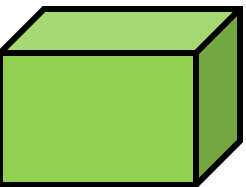
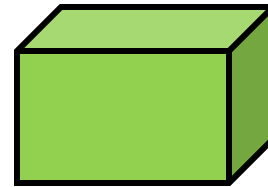
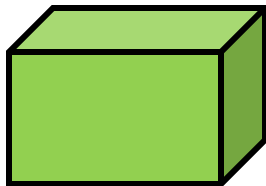




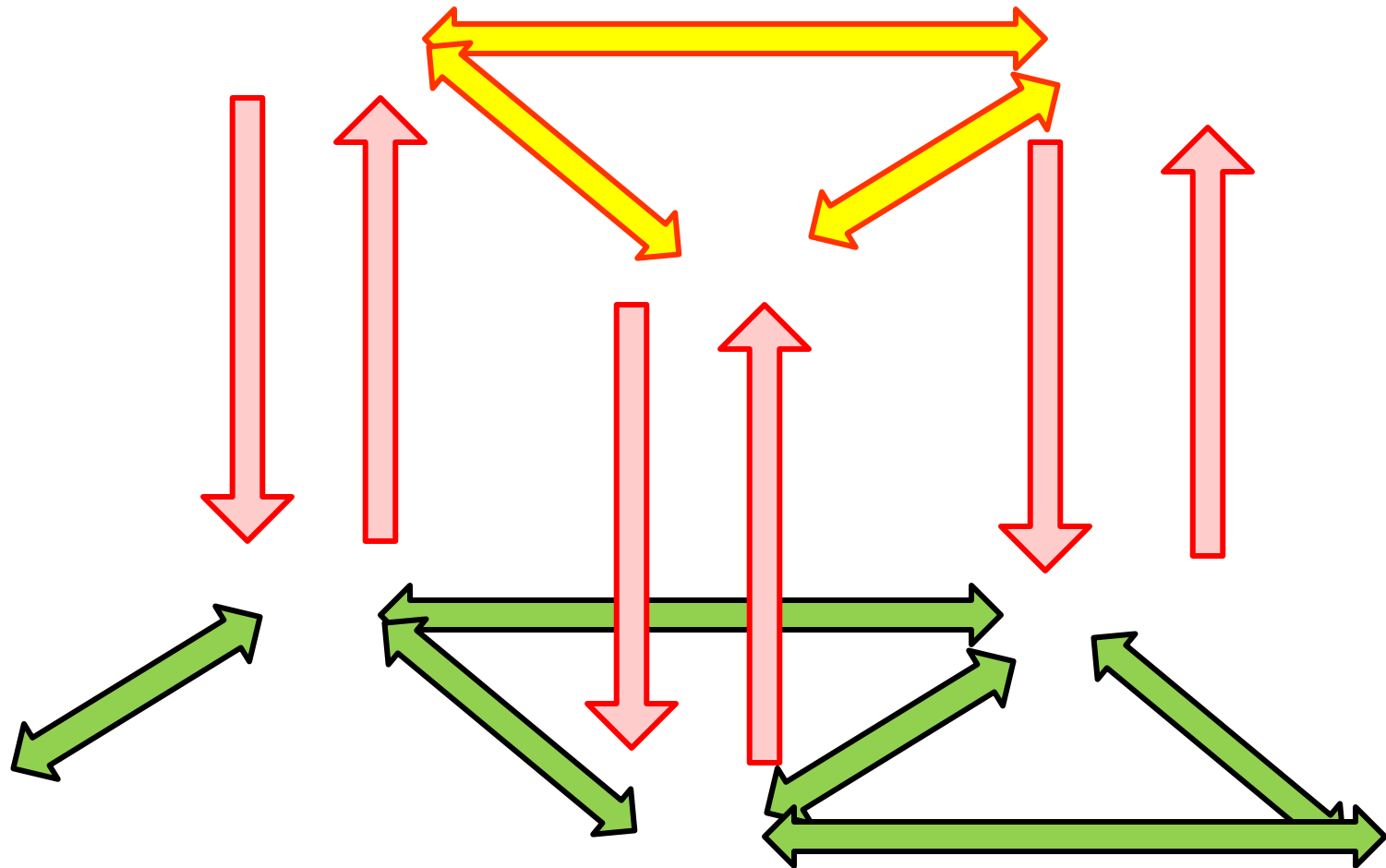
Decentralized, but initially assume
computation is fast and memory is abundant.



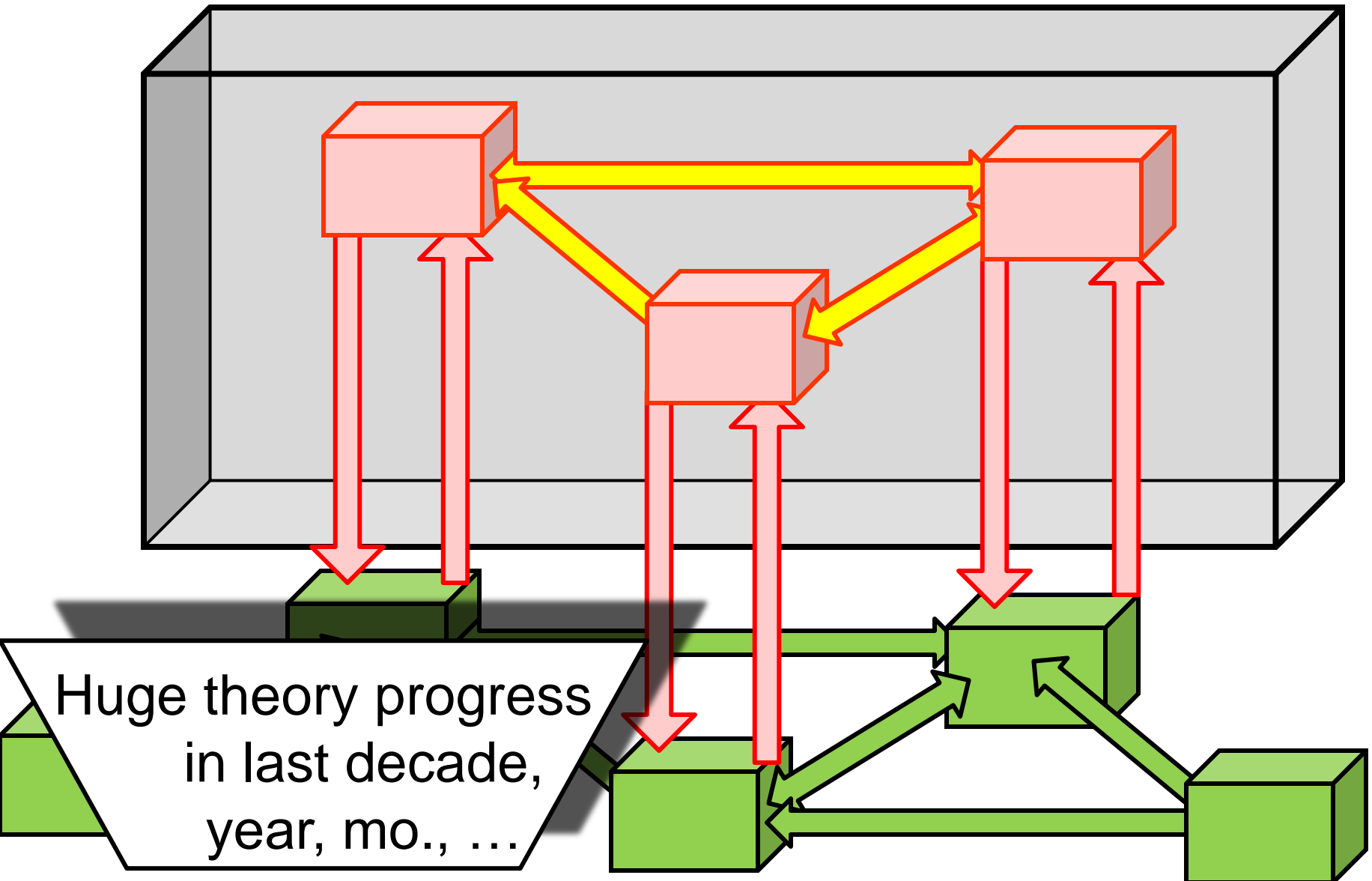
Plant is also distributed with its
own component dynamics



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



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



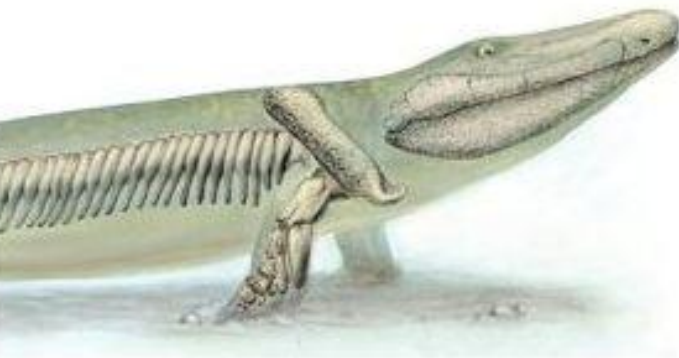
“Evolvability”

- **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

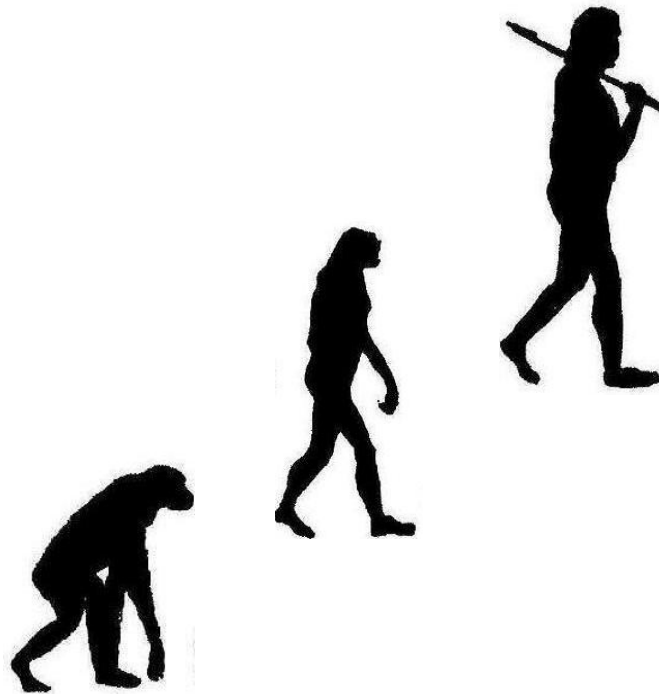
Unfortunately, not
intelligent design

YOUR INNER FISH

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



NEIL SHUBIN



Ouch.

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
skeleton
muscle
skin
gut

Roughly
modern

Very
fragile

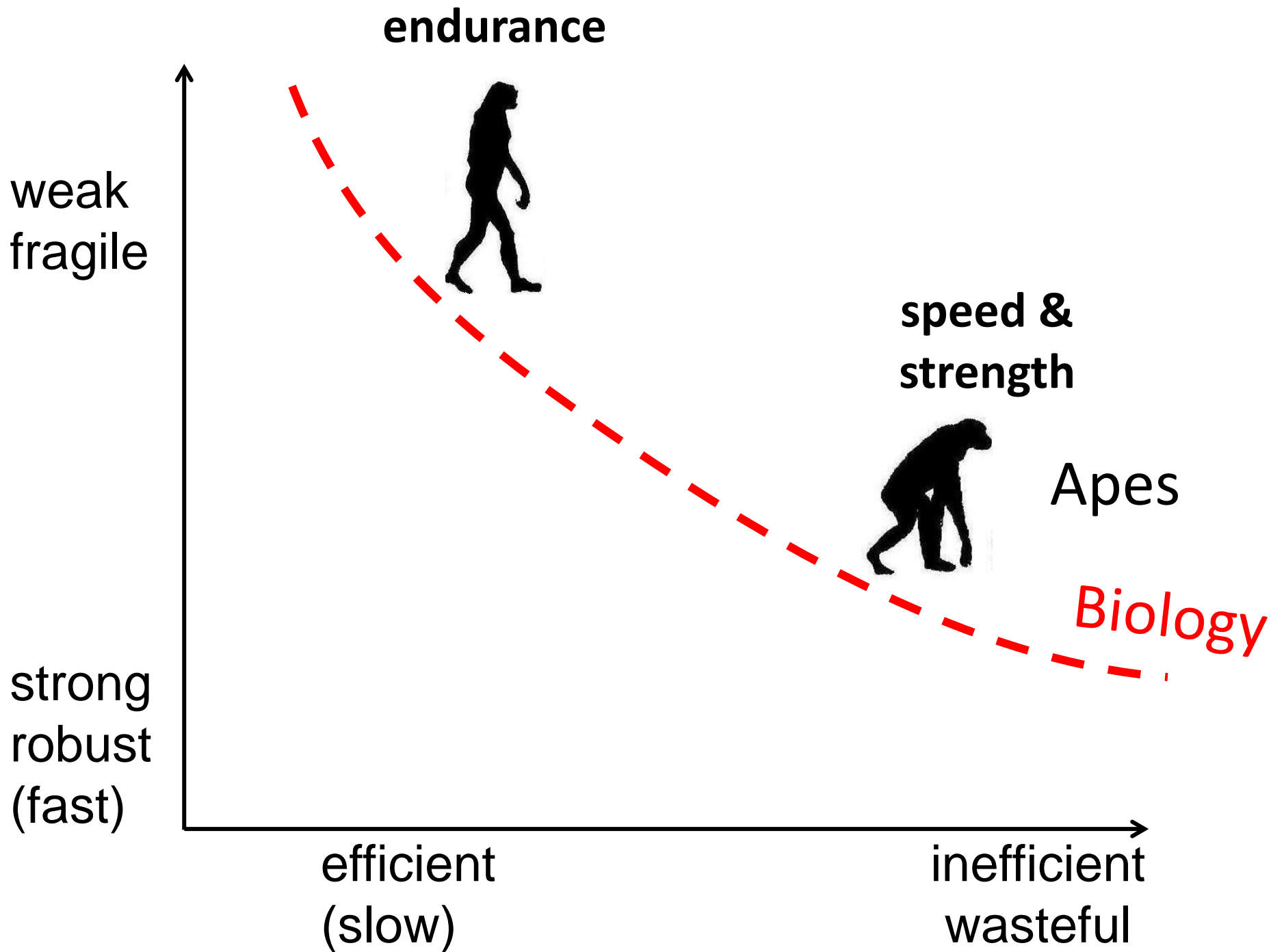
This much seems pretty
consistent among experts
regarding circa 1.5-2Mya

strong
robust

So how did H. Erectus
survive and expand globally?

efficient
(slow)

inefficient
wasteful



weak
fragile
(slow)

**Human
evolution**

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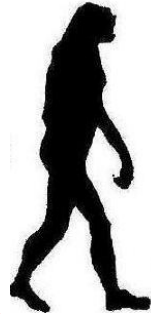
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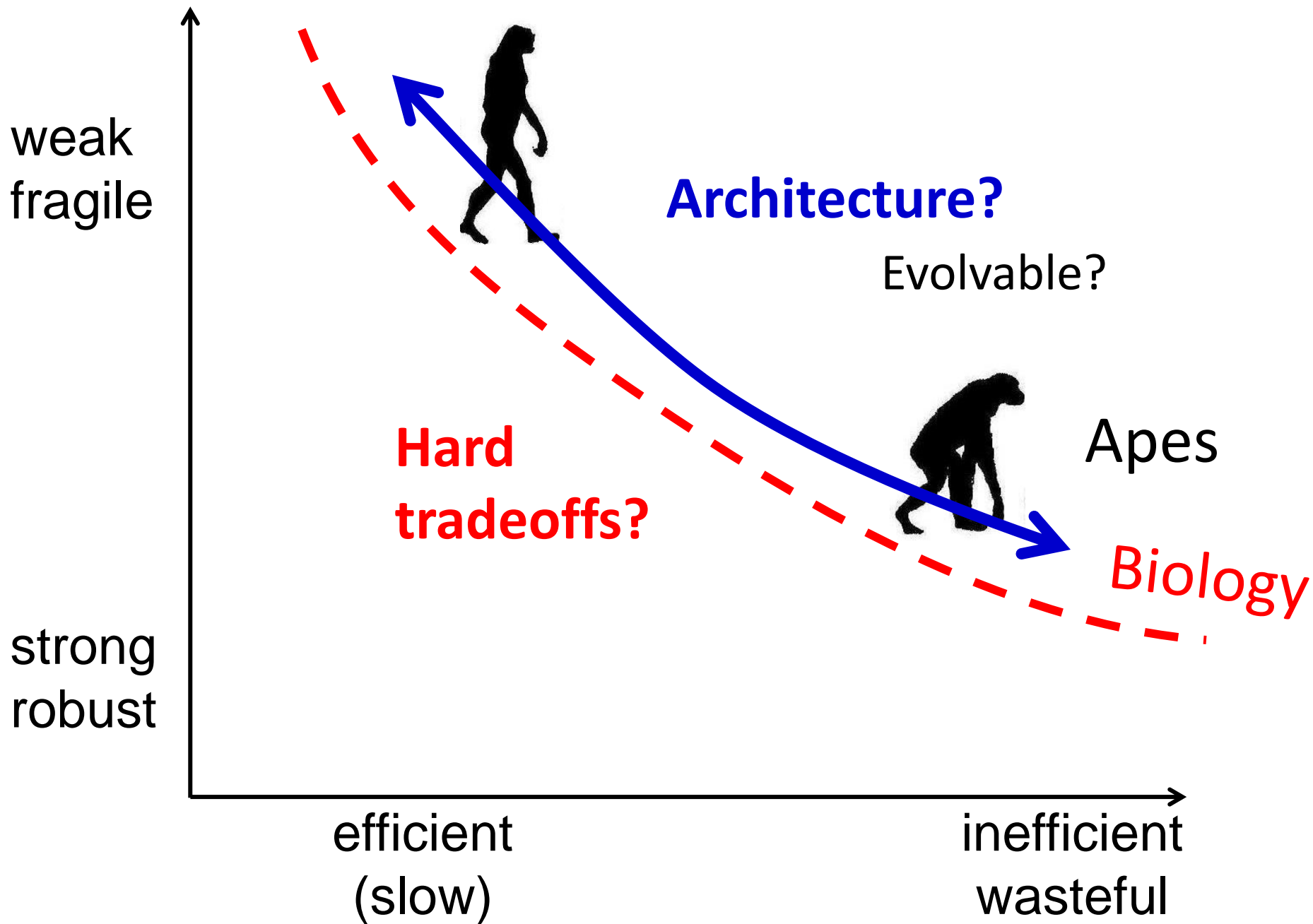
Biology

strong
robust
(fast)

efficient
(slow)

inefficient
wasteful

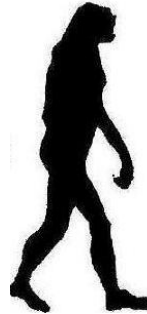




endurance

weak
fragile

+
sticks
stones
fire
teams



From weak prey
to invincible
predator?

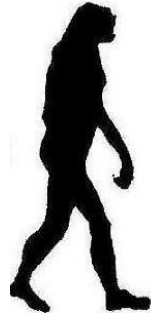


strong
robust

efficient
(slow)

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

weak
fragile



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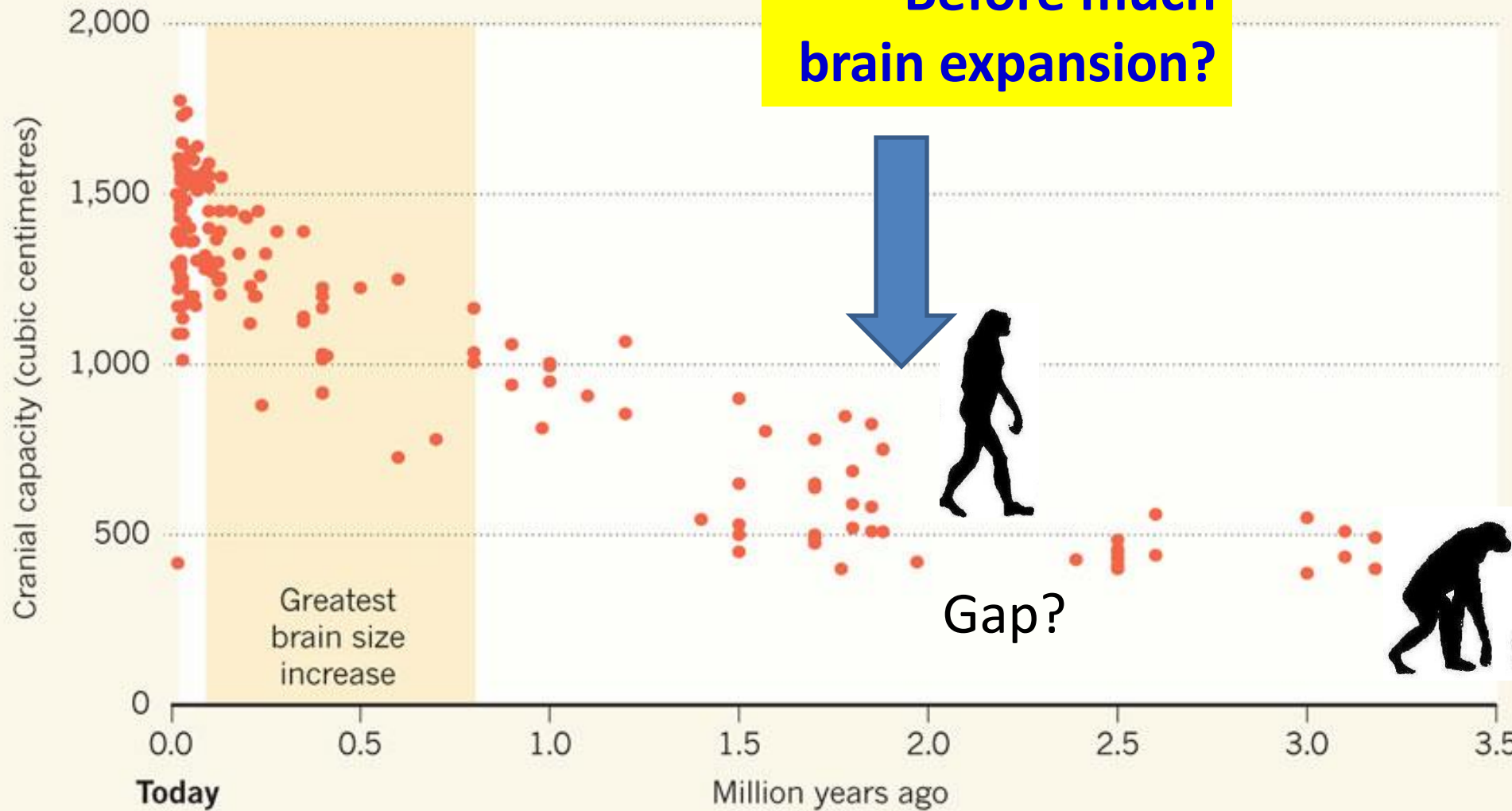
**Before much
brain expansion?**

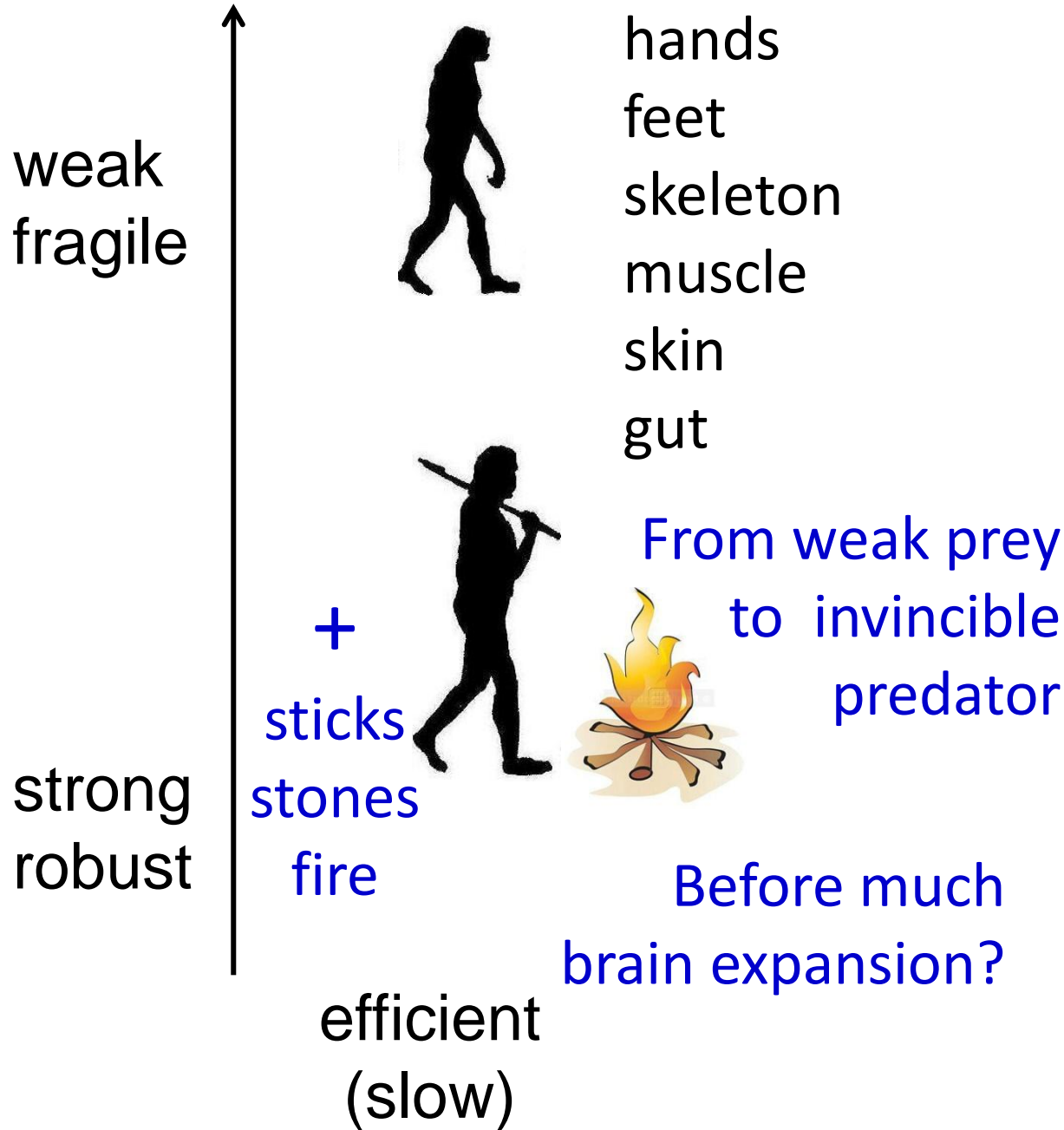
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Plausible but speculation?

Cranial capacity

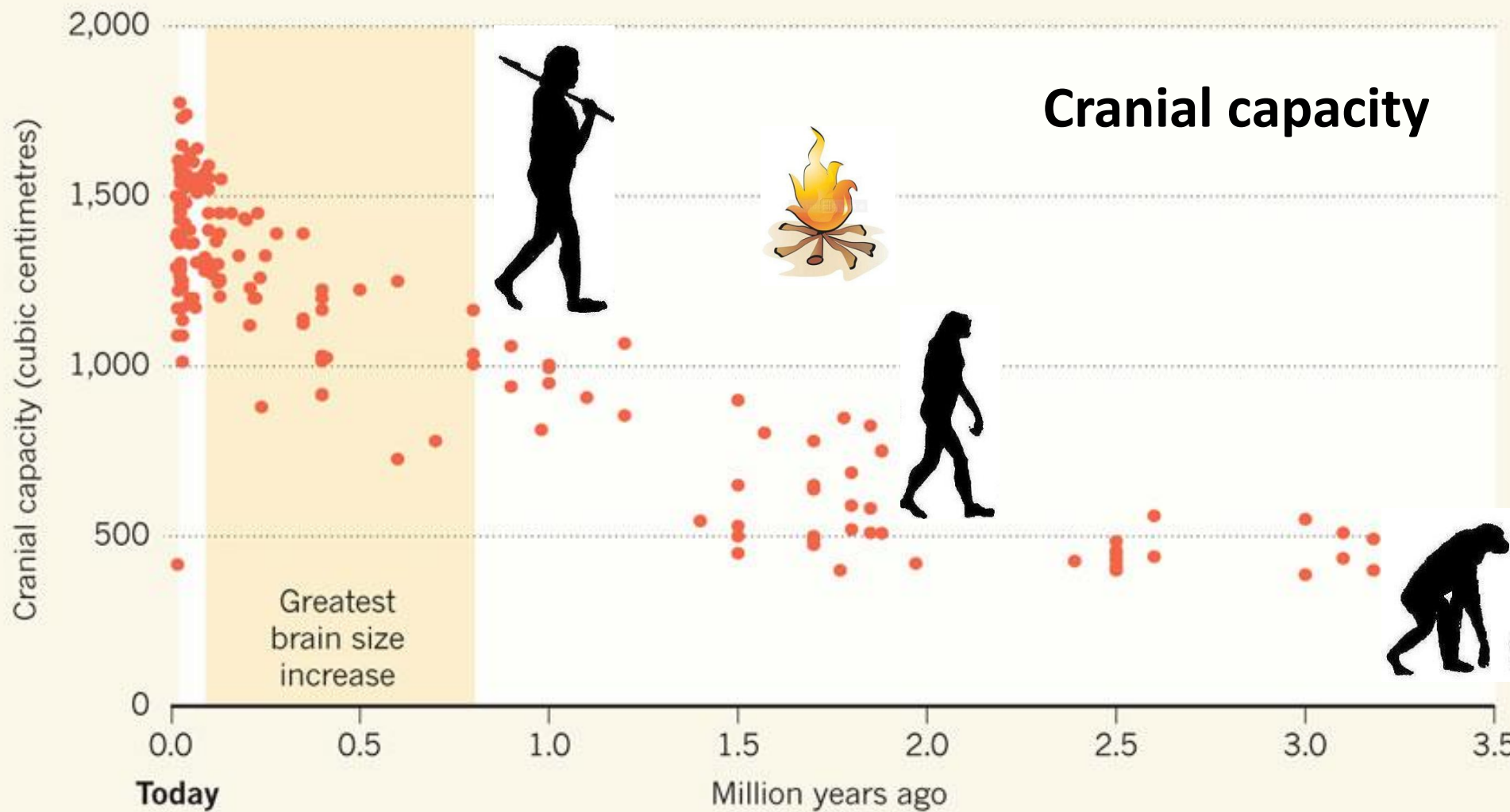




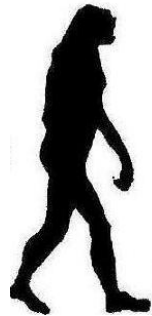
Key point:
Our physiology,
technology,
and brains
have co-
evolved

Probably true
no matter what

Huge
implications.



weak
fragile



hands
feet
skeleton
muscle
skin
gut

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

strong
robust

+

sticks
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fire



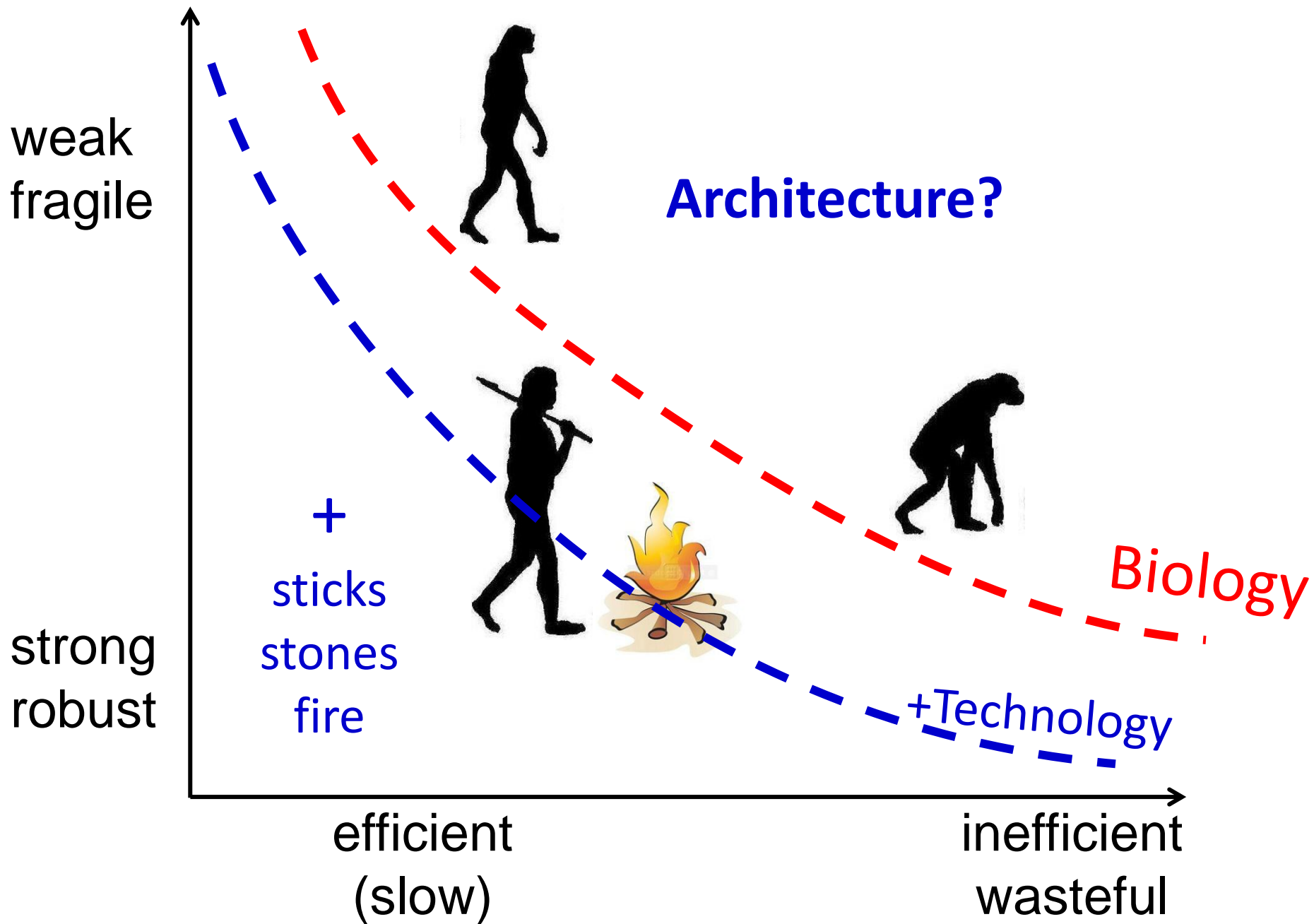
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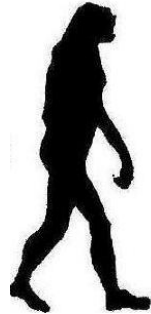
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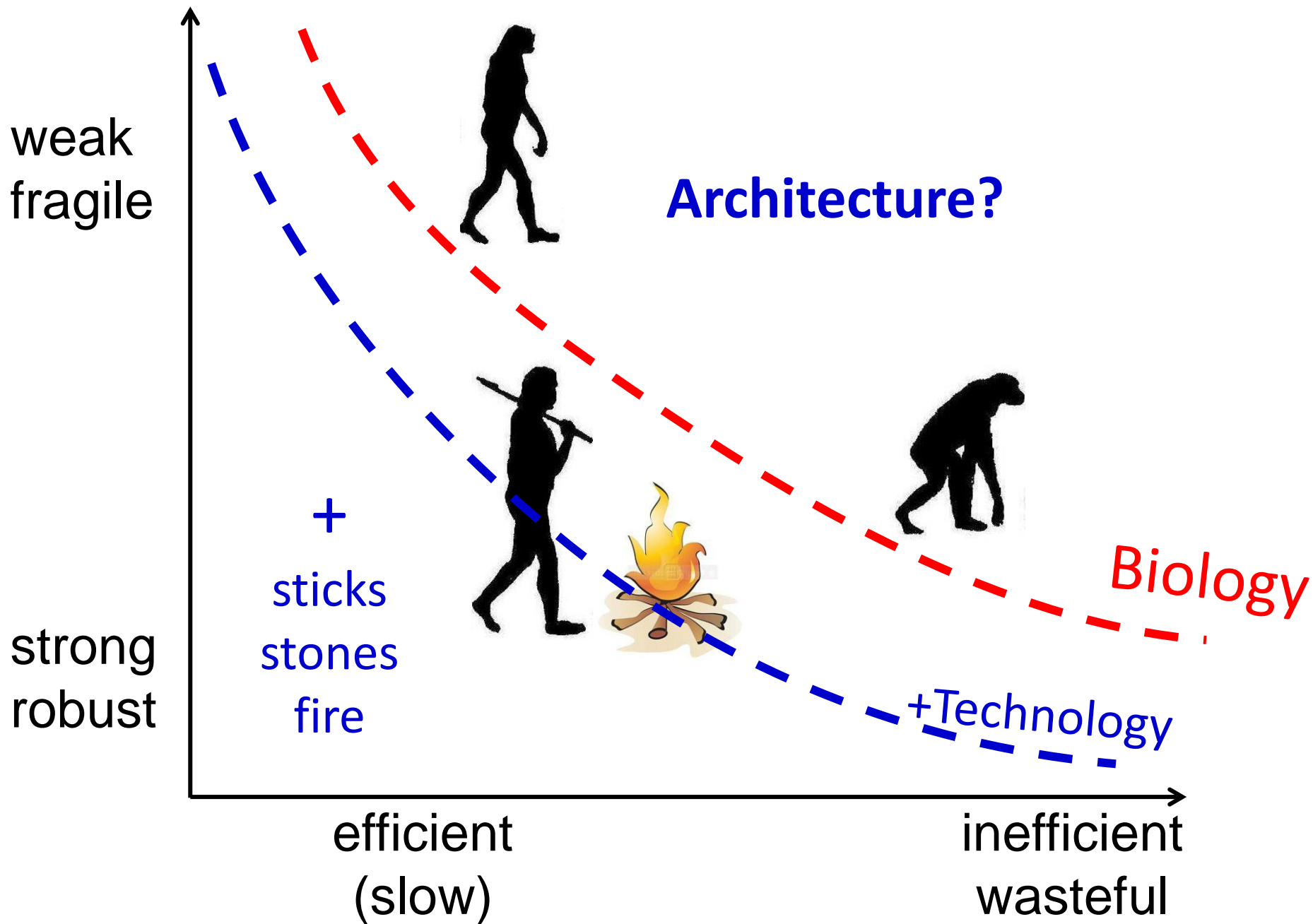


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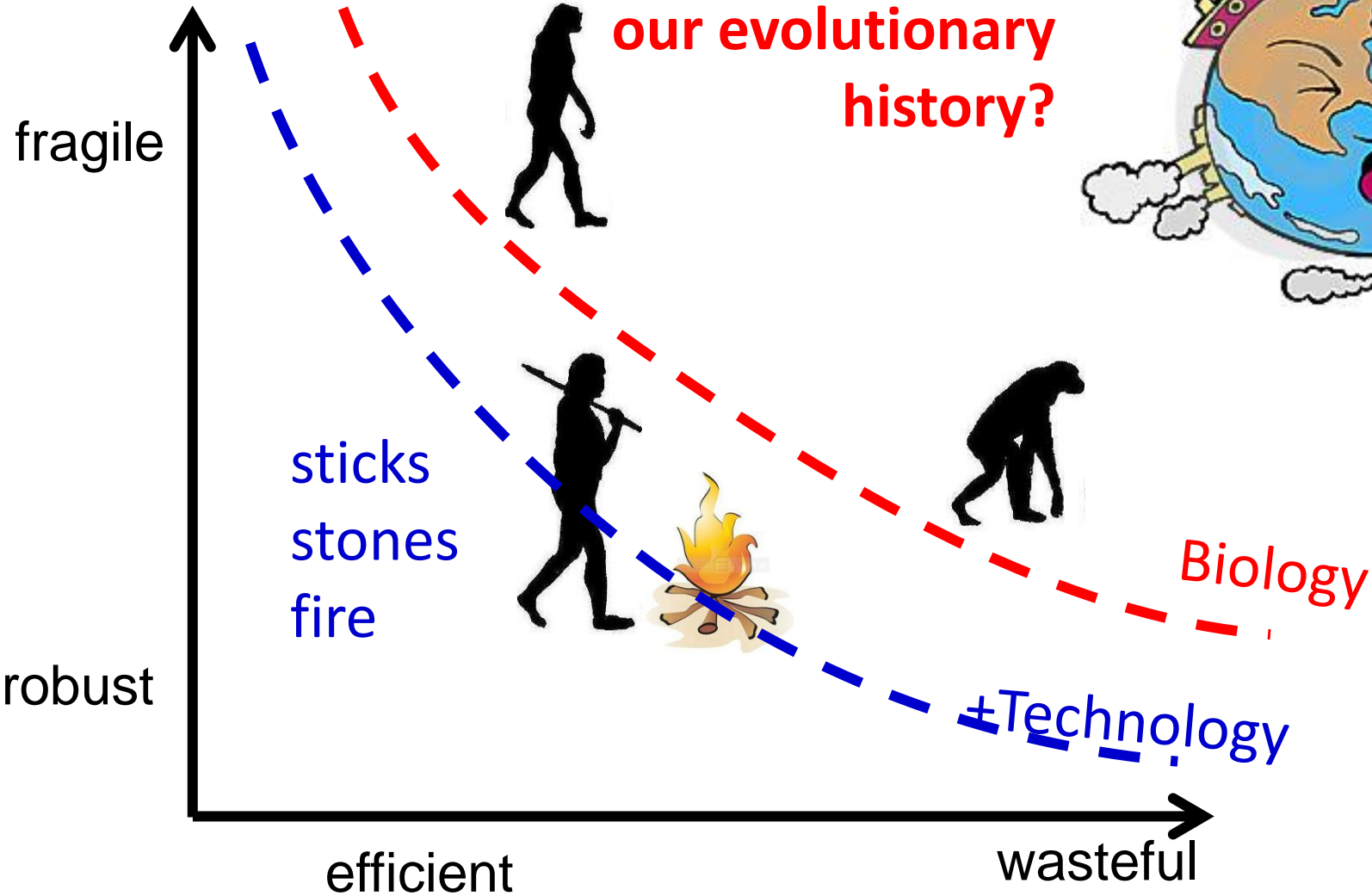
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Human complexity?

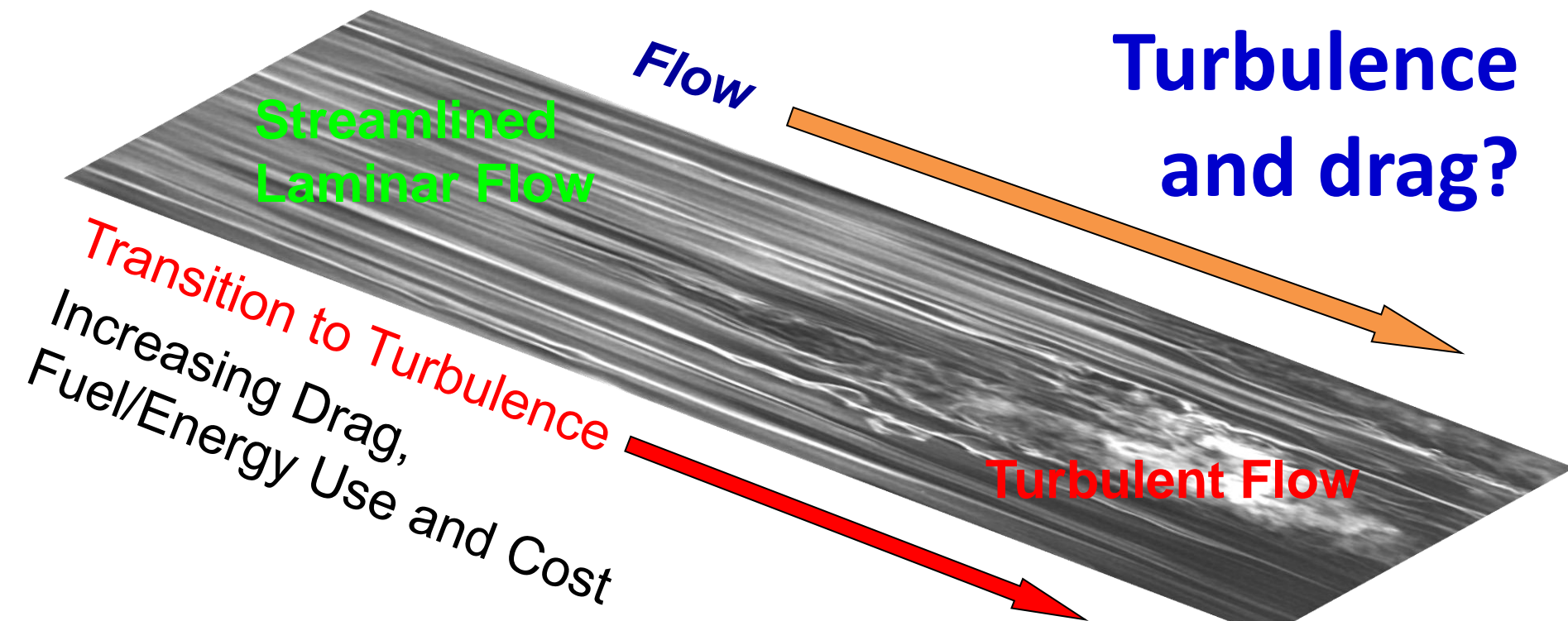
Consequences of
our evolutionary
history?



J. Fluid Mech (2010)

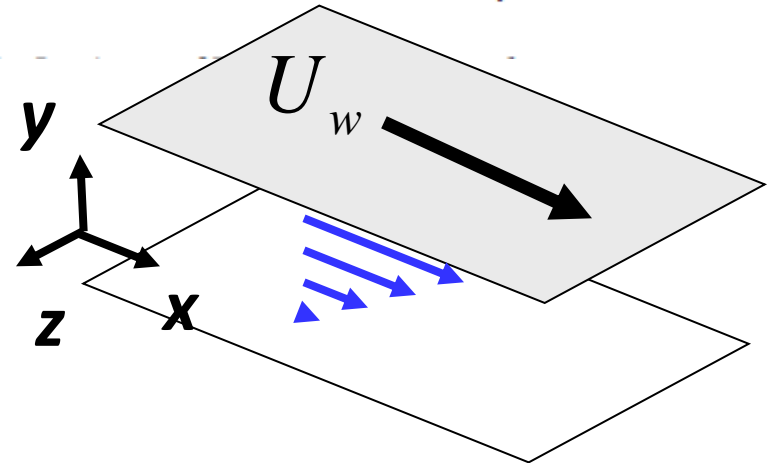
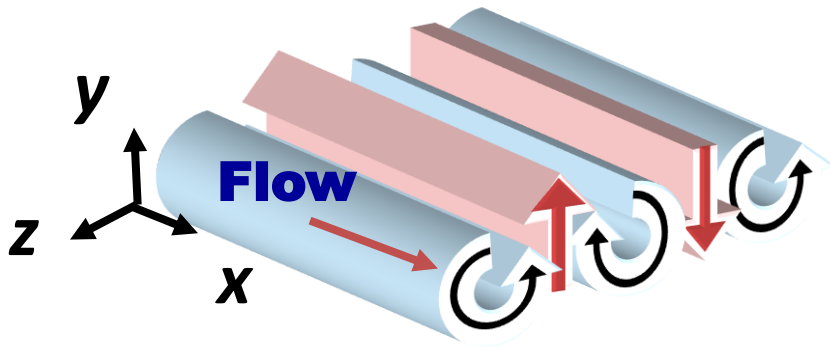
A streamwise constant model of turbulence in plane Couette flow

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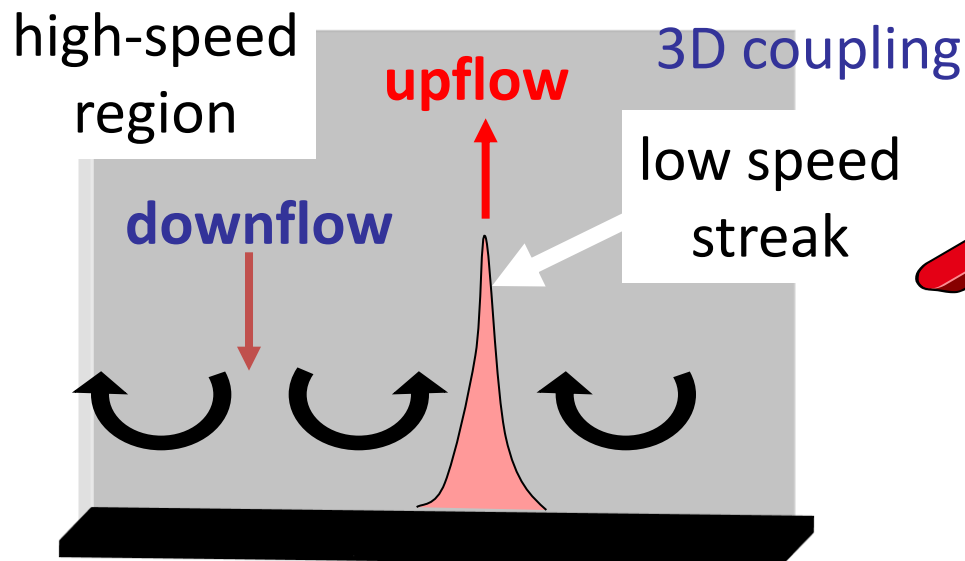


Amplification and nonlinear mechanisms in plane Couette flow

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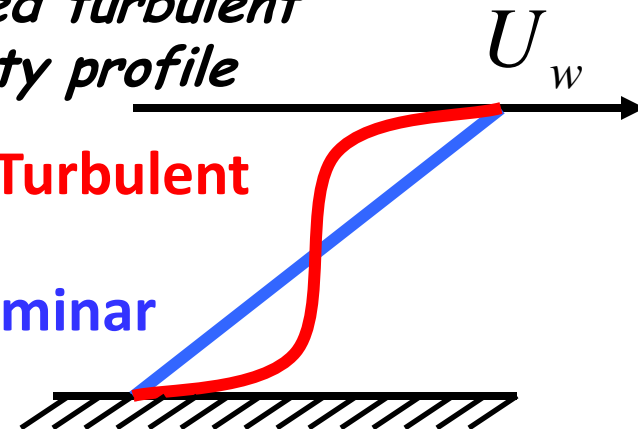


Coherent structures and turbulent drag



Blunted turbulent velocity profile

Turbulent
Laminar





fragile

Laminar

robust

efficient

wasteful

Control?

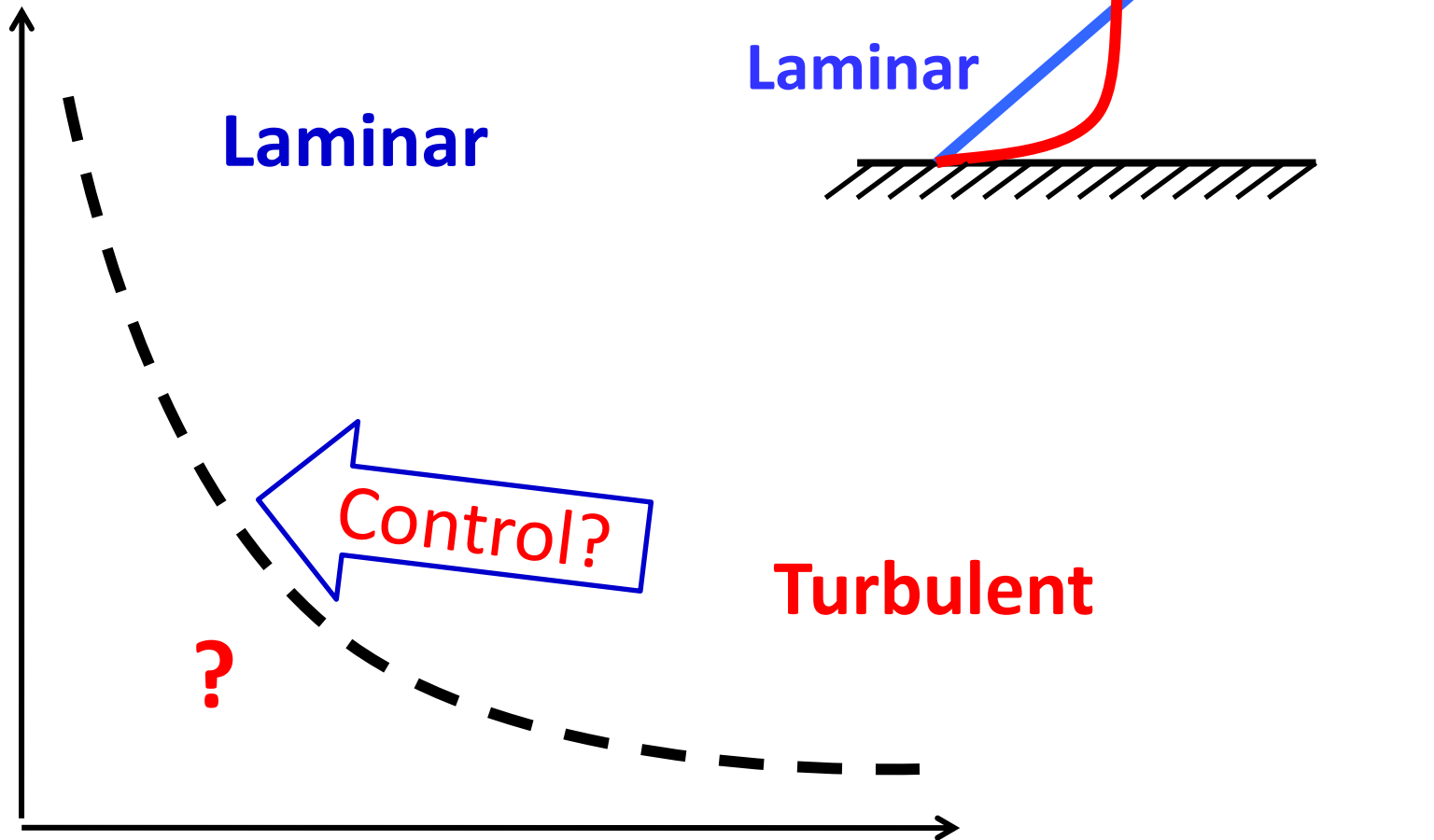
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Turbulent

Laminar

Turbulent

U_w

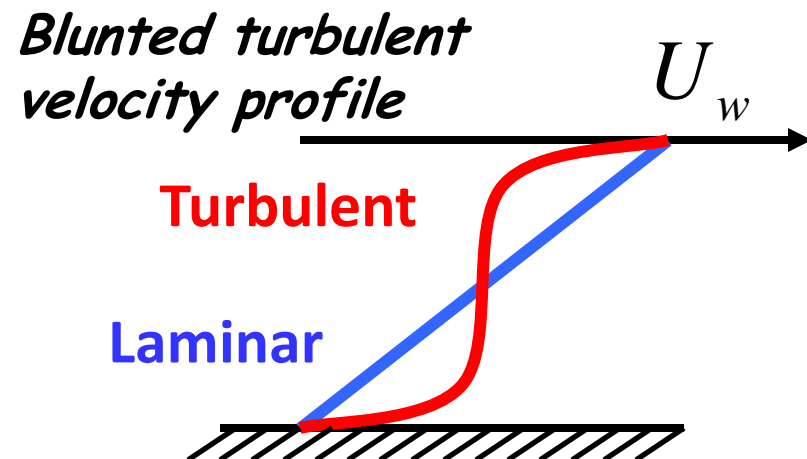
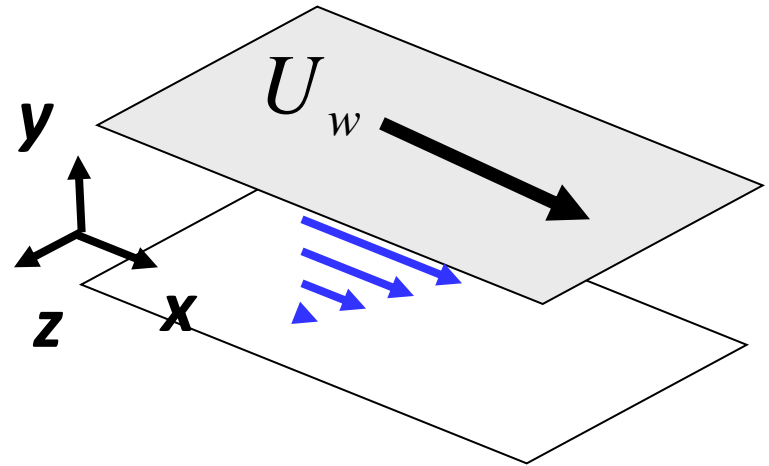


$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{R} \Delta \underline{u}$$

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

“turbulence is a highly nonlinear phenomena”

Really?



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

Complexity?

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

←Model→

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

mildly
nonlinear

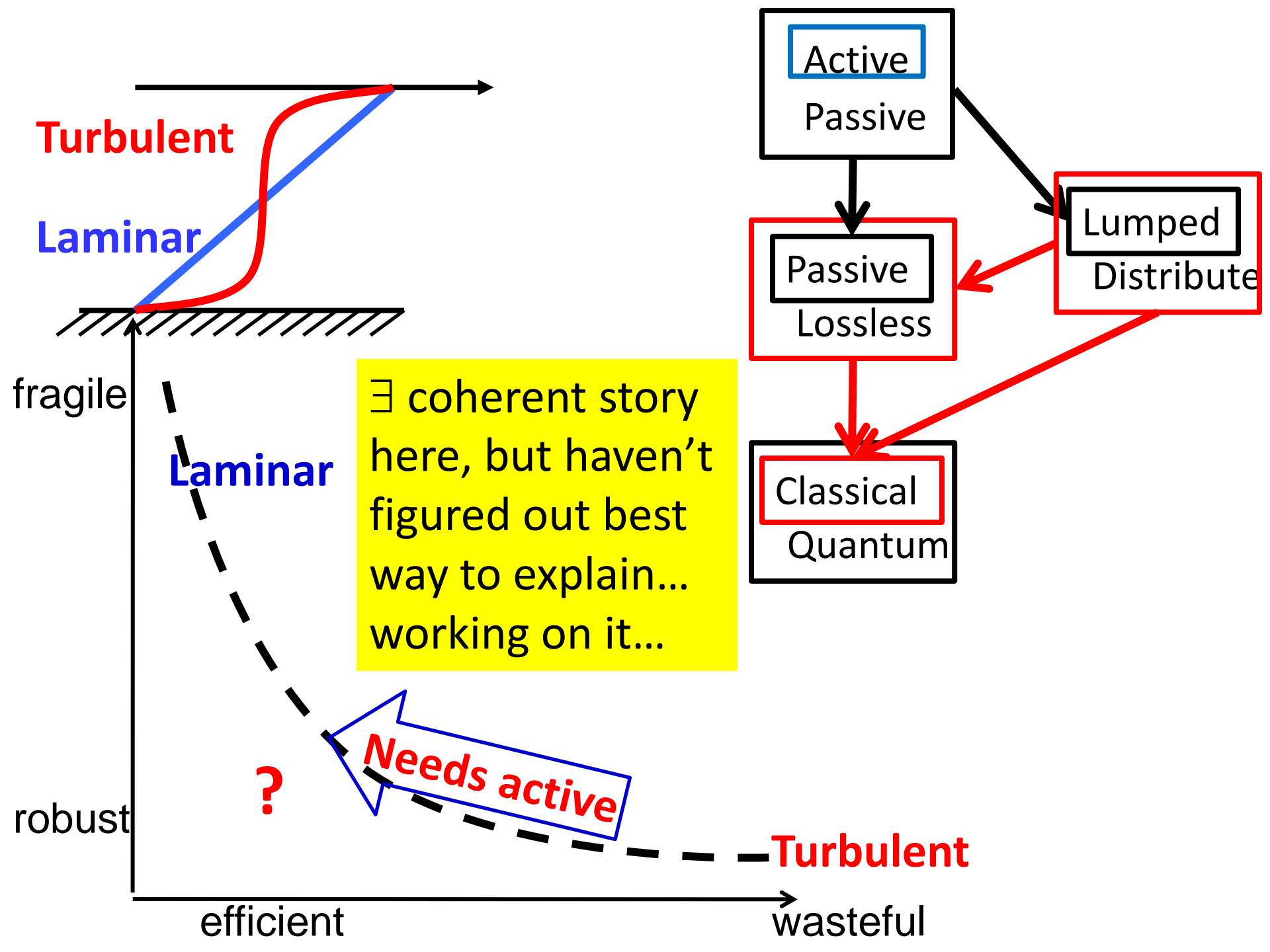
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Complexity?

- Numerical simulations can be **highly predictive** of real phenomena, yet still leave gaps in **understanding**
- Our research is all about this deeper understanding
- The “highly organized” computer on which the simulations are run are truly “highly nonlinear”
- The PDEs that are simulated are mildly nonlinear

	Small ← Model → Large	
Robust	Simple 2d, linear	Organized Computer highly nonlinear
Fragile	chaotic mildly nonlinear 3d nonlinear	Irreducible?



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



Other
nutrients

food



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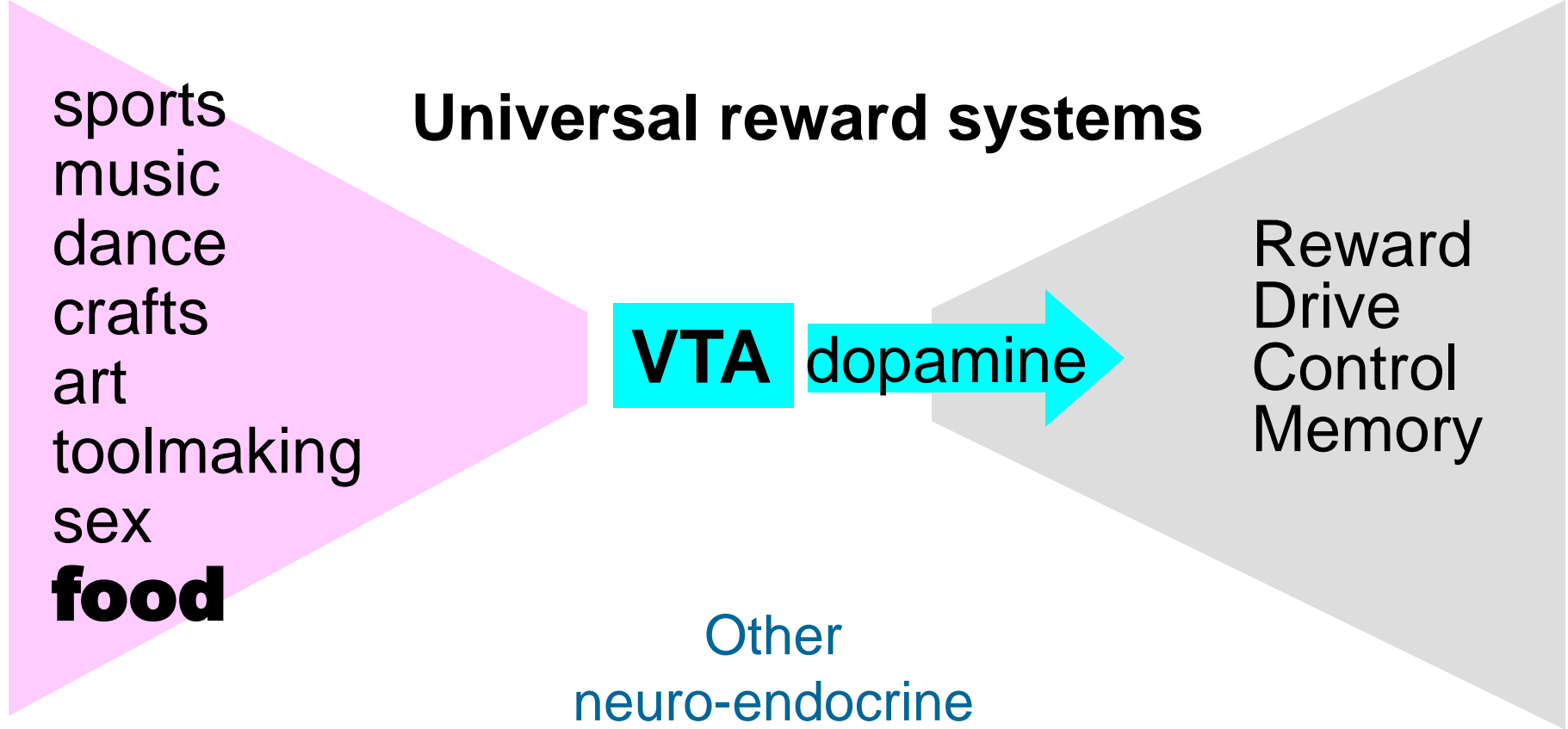
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Modularity 2.0 Architecture

Constraints

dopamine



Blood

Glucose
Oxygen

Fossil fuels
Electricity
Water

Modularity 2.0 Architecture

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Organs
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Extreme evolvability



Universal reward/metabolic systems

work
family
community
nature

food
sex
toolmaking
sports
music
dance
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art

dopamine

Blood

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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
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money
family
community
salt
sugar/fat
nicotine
alcohol
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work
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market/
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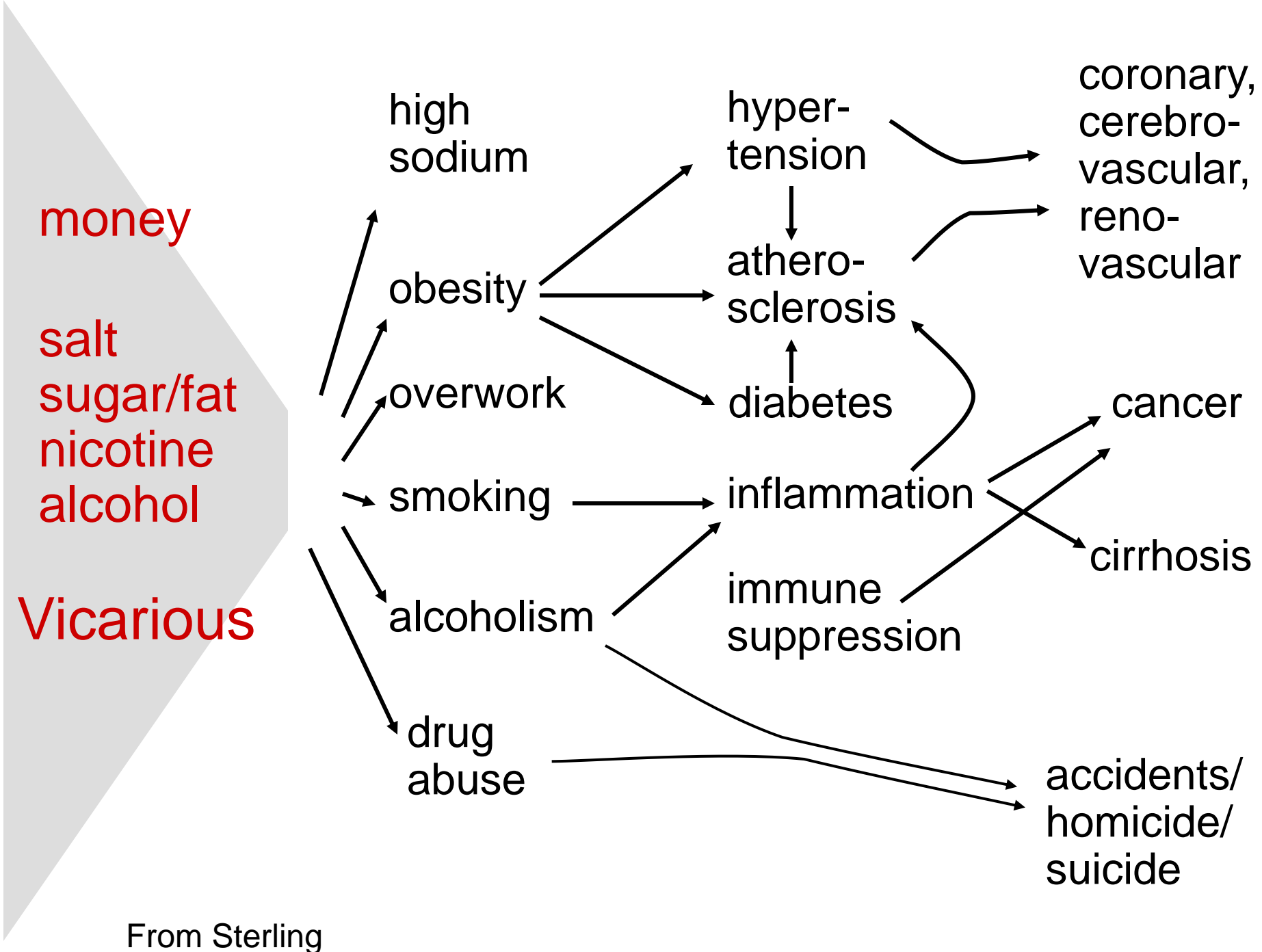
Vicarious

sex
toolmaking
sports
music
dance
crafts
art

industrial
agriculture

Reward
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Universal reward systems

sports
music
dance
crafts
art
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sex
food

ROBUST

VTA dopamine

Prefrontal
cortex

Nucleus 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

athero-
sclerosis

coronary,
cerebro-
vascular,
reno-
vascular

cancer

cirrhosis

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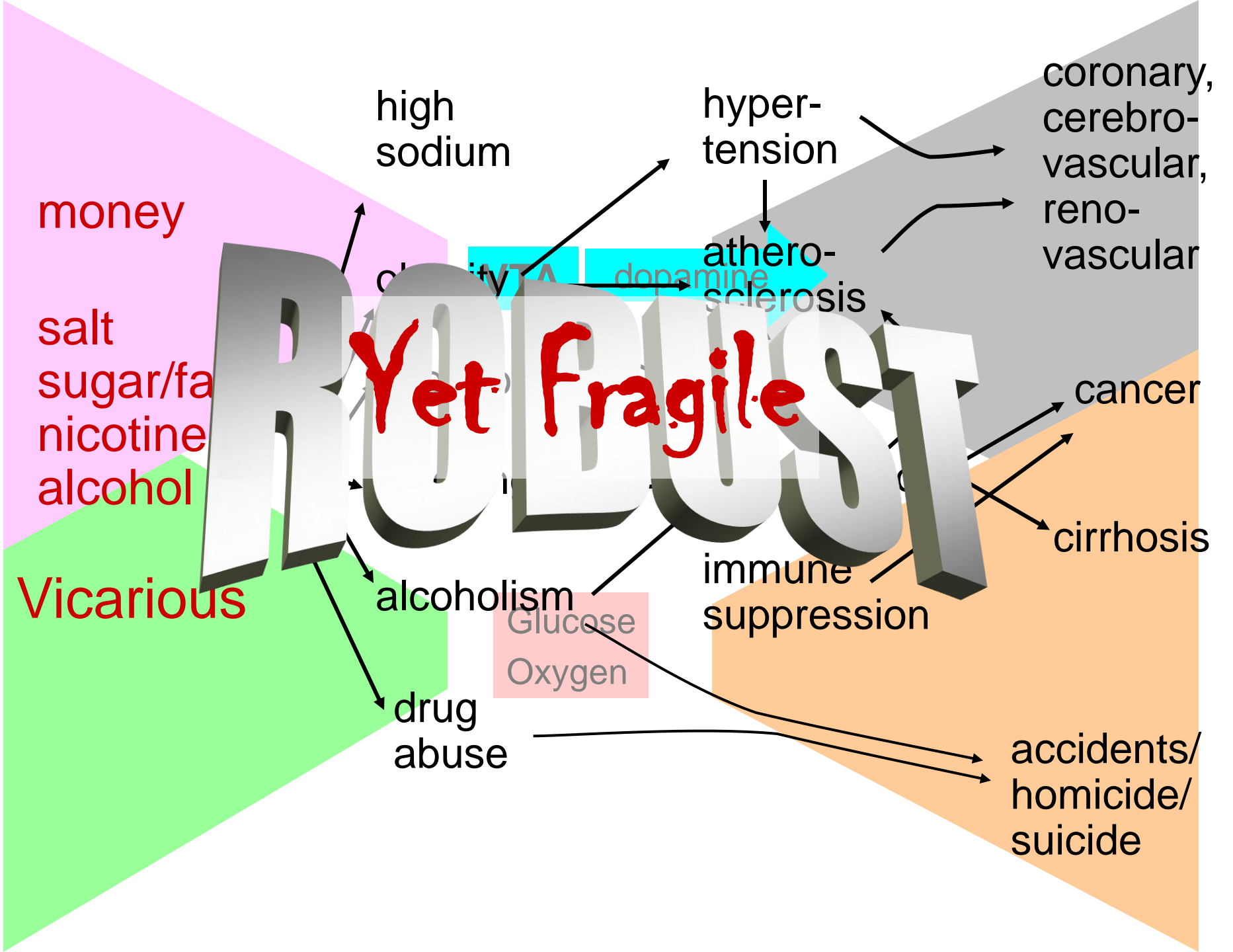
alcoholism

drug
abuse

accidents/
homicide/
suicide

Glucose
Oxygen

clonidine
norepinephrine
dopamine





System

Architecture
=Constraints
(that deconstrain)

“Laws” =
hard limits,
tradeoffs

data

TM

UTM

Protocols

Four types of constraints

Components

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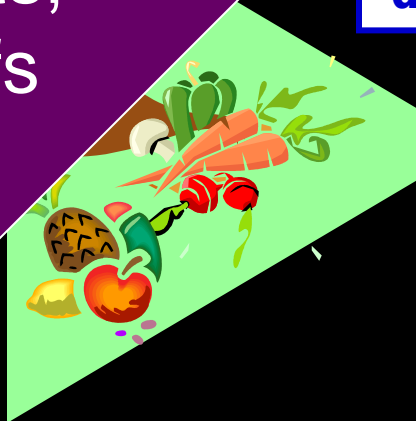
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Components

Human complexity

Robust

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

Fragile

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

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

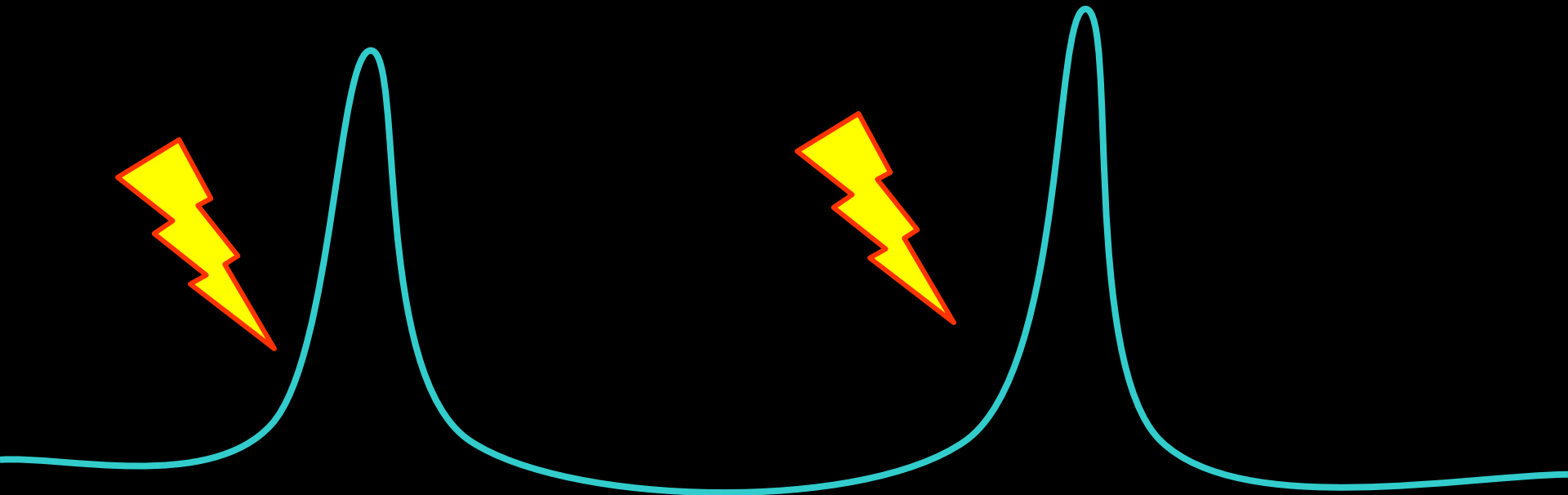
Fragile

- 😞 Obesity, diabetes
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- 😞 AutoImmune/Inflame

- 😞 Fat accumulation
- 😞 Insulin resistance
- 😞 Proliferation
- 😞 Inflammation

Controlled
Dynamic

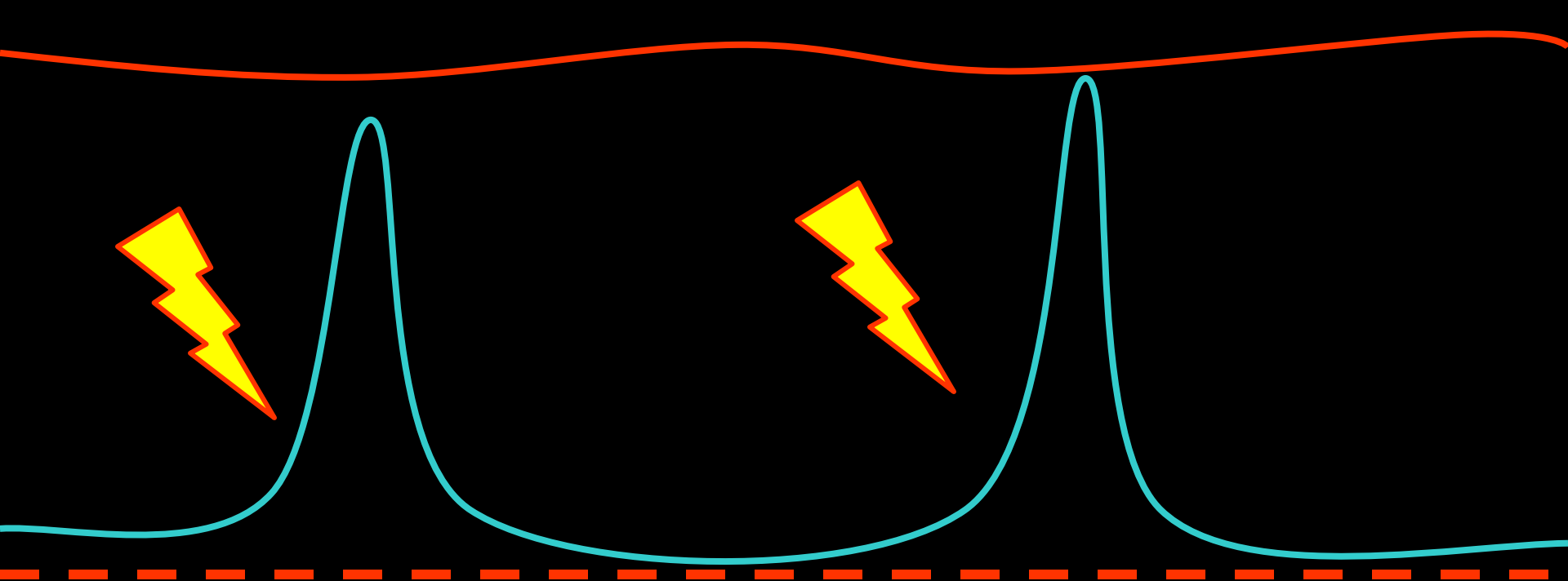
Uncontrolled
Chronic



- ☹ 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

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Low variability

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Mainstream view is health

- = good genes (reductionist)
- = emergent, edge of chaos, fractals,...
- **no** physiology, homeostasis, tradeoffs, constraints, architecture, etc etc
- change is hopefully coming

Restoring robustness?

Robust

- 😊 Metabolism
- 😊 Regeneration & repair
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- ☹ Proliferation
- ☹ Inflammation

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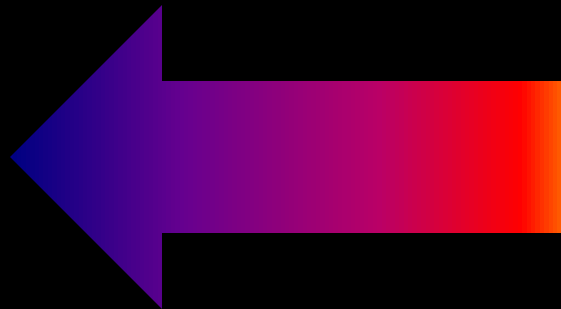
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- 😊 Regeneration & repair
- 😊 Immune/inflammation
- 😊 Microbe symbionts
- 😊 Neuro-endocrine
- 📄 Complex societies
- 📄 Advanced technologies
- 📄 Risk “management”

Yet Fragile

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

Accident or necessity?

Robust

☺ Metabolism

☺ Regeneration

☺ Healing wounds

Fragile

☹ Obesity, diabetes

☹ Fat accumulation

☹ Insulin resistance

☹ Proliferation

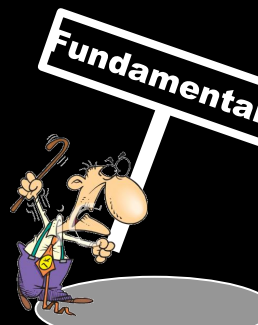
☹ Inflammation

Immunosuppressant/Immunostimulant/Immunomodulator/Immunotherapy/Immunosuppression/Immune/Inflame

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

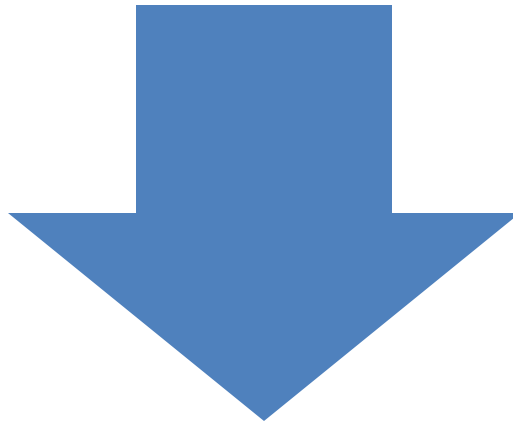
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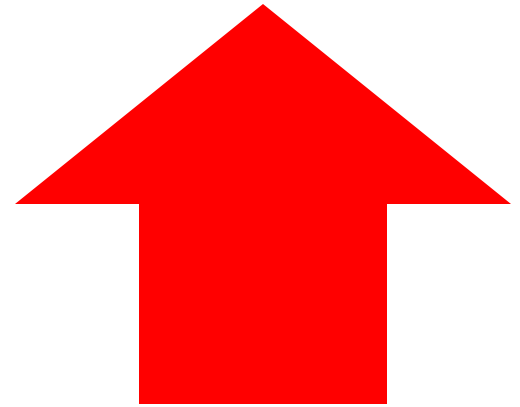


fragile

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robust to some
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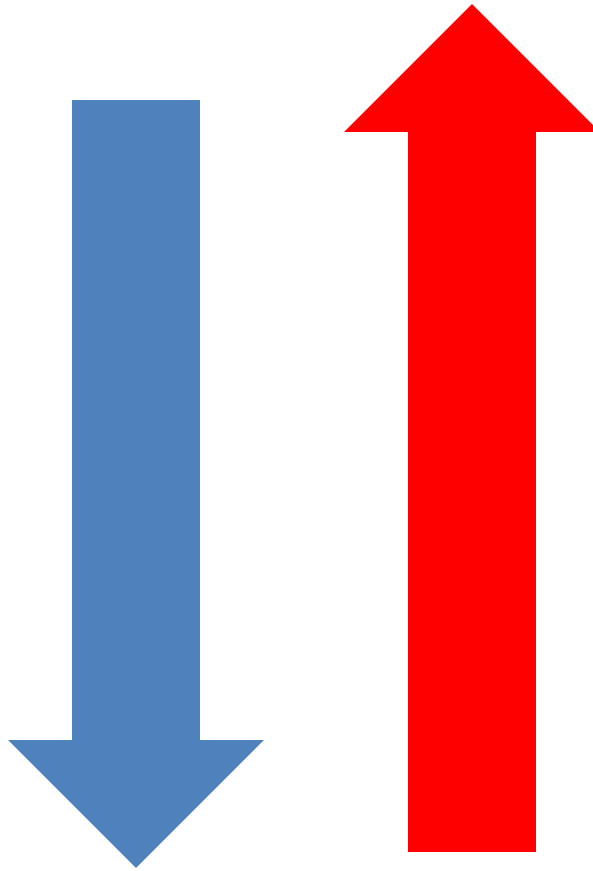


**Other features or
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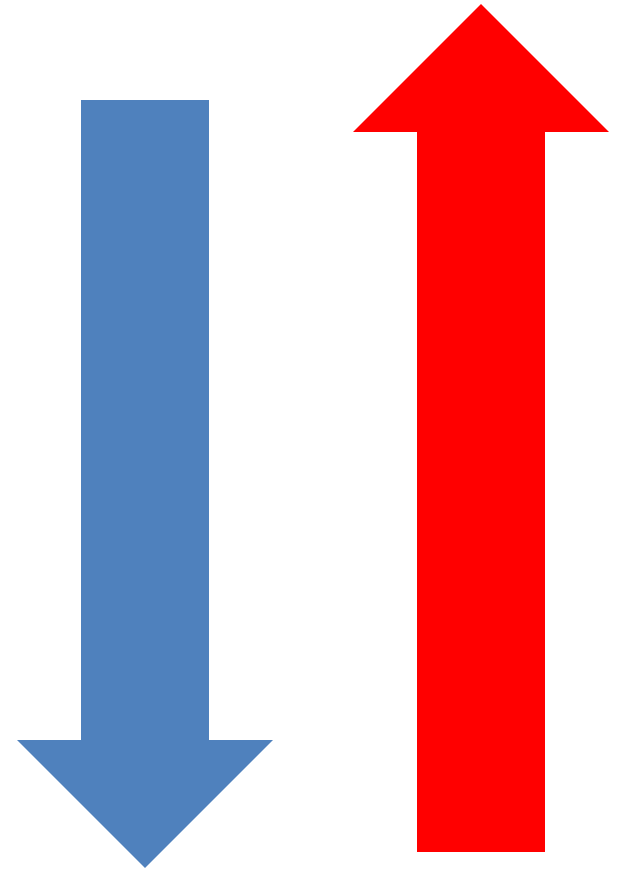
Increased complexity?

fragile

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