

# Machine learning based on physical dynamics

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# DEEP LEARNING REVOLUTION

2012

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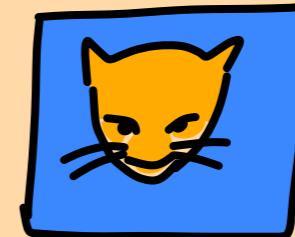
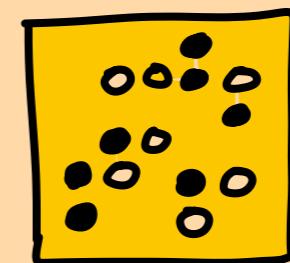


IMAGE  
RECOGNITION

2017

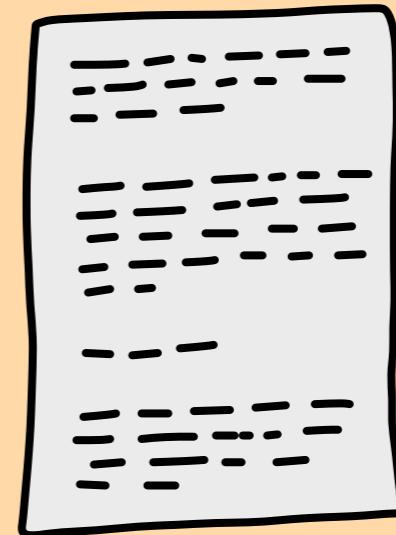
ALPHA ZERO



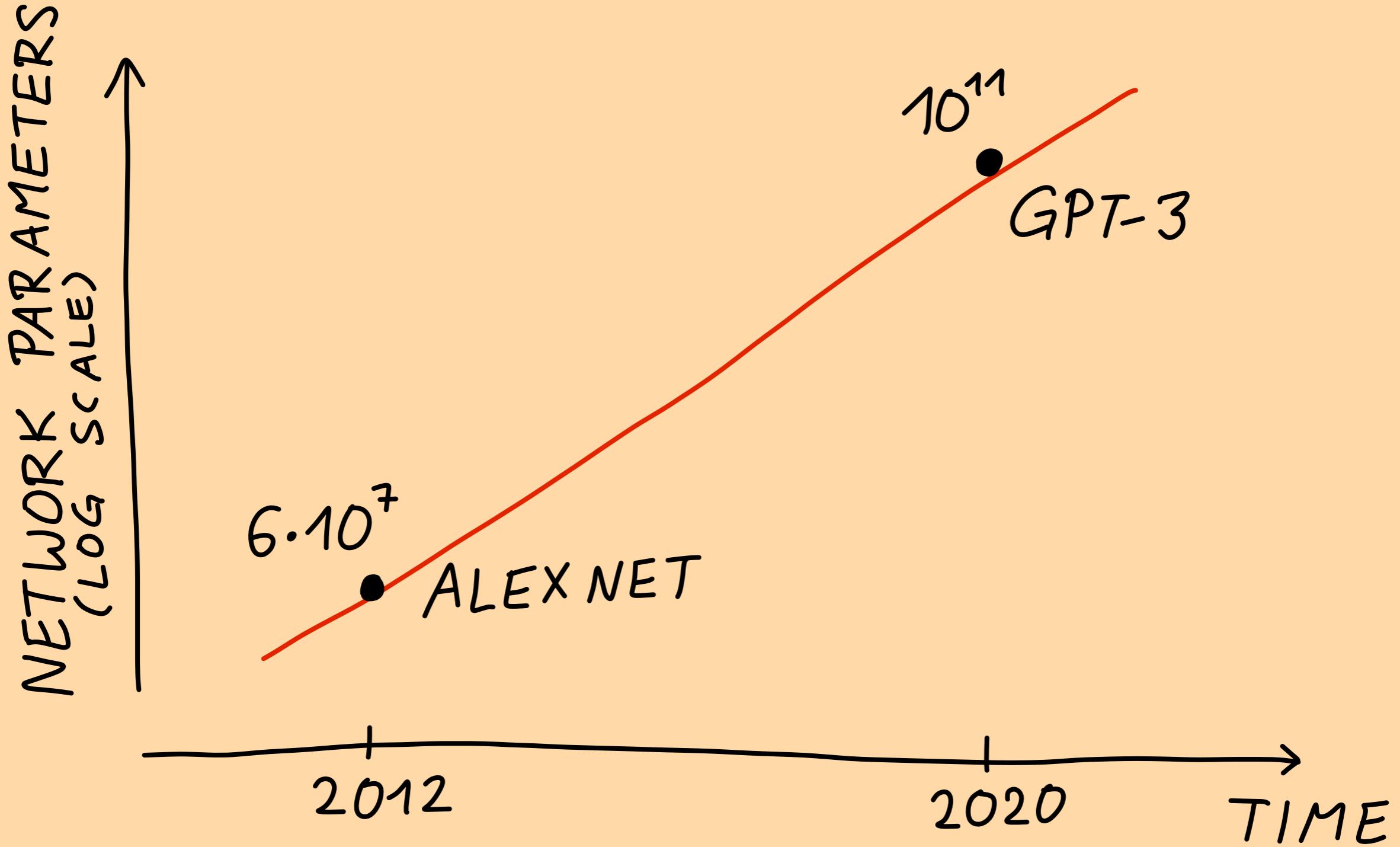
PLAYING  
GAMES

2020

GPT-3

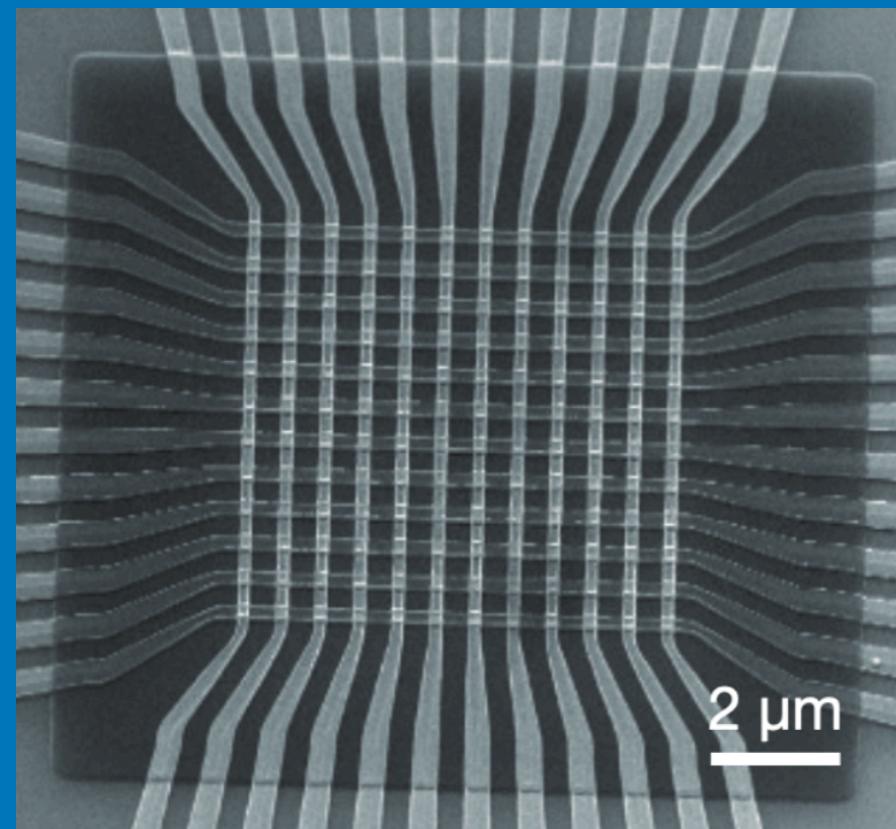


WRITING  
TEXT



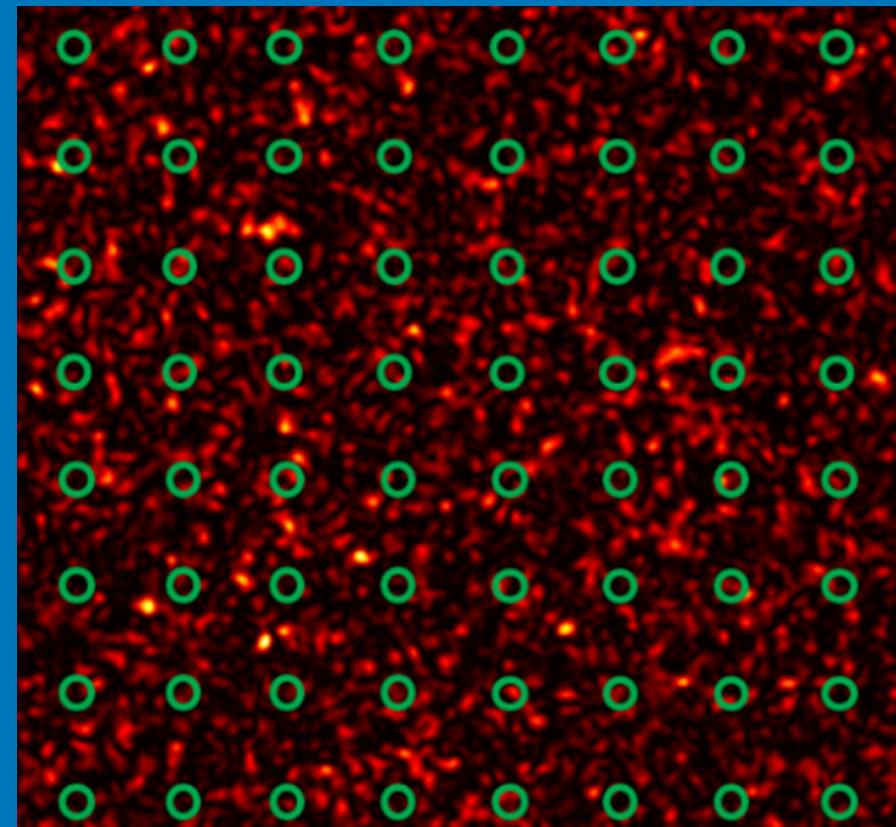
- CAN WE BUILD BETTER HARDWARE?  
FAST, HIGHLY PARALLEL, ENERGY-EFFICIENT
- NEUROMORPHIC COMPUTING

# NEUROMORPHIC COMPUTING



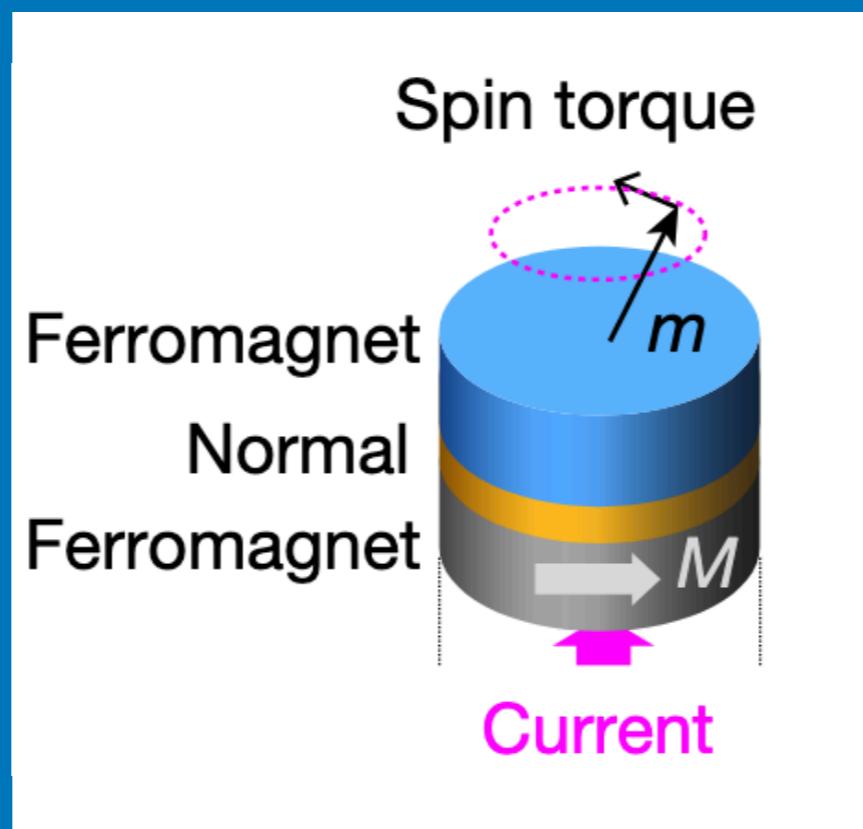
(Prezioso et al 2015)

## MEMRISTORS



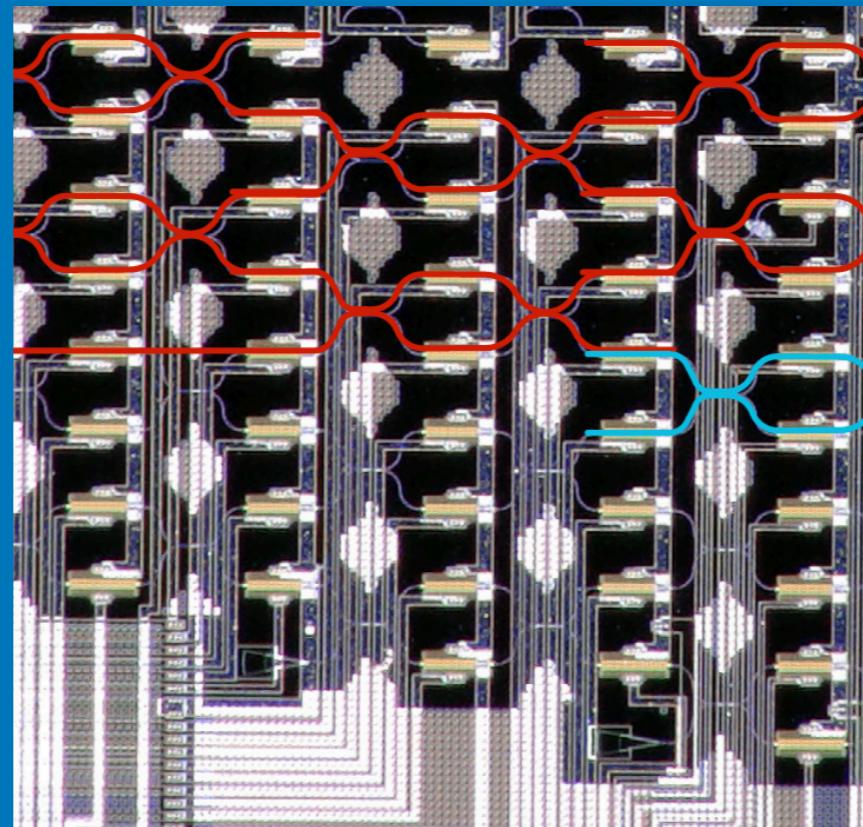
(Dong et al 2019)

## OPTICS IN COMPLEX MEDIA



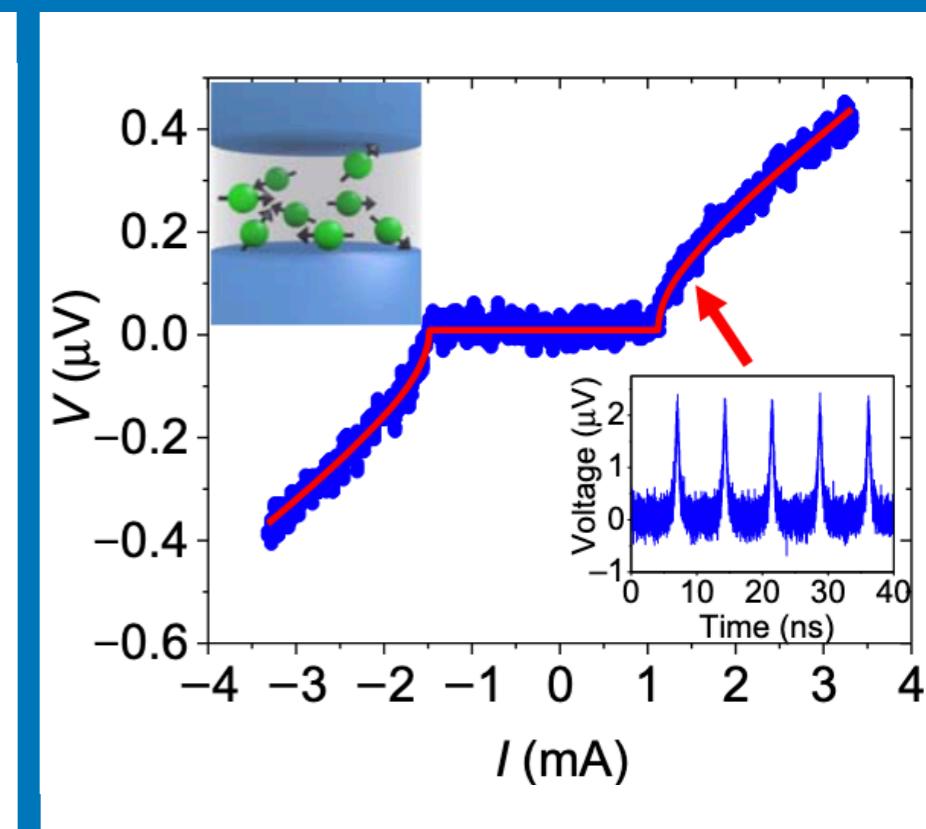
(Torrejon et al 2017)

## SPINTRONIC OSCILLATORS



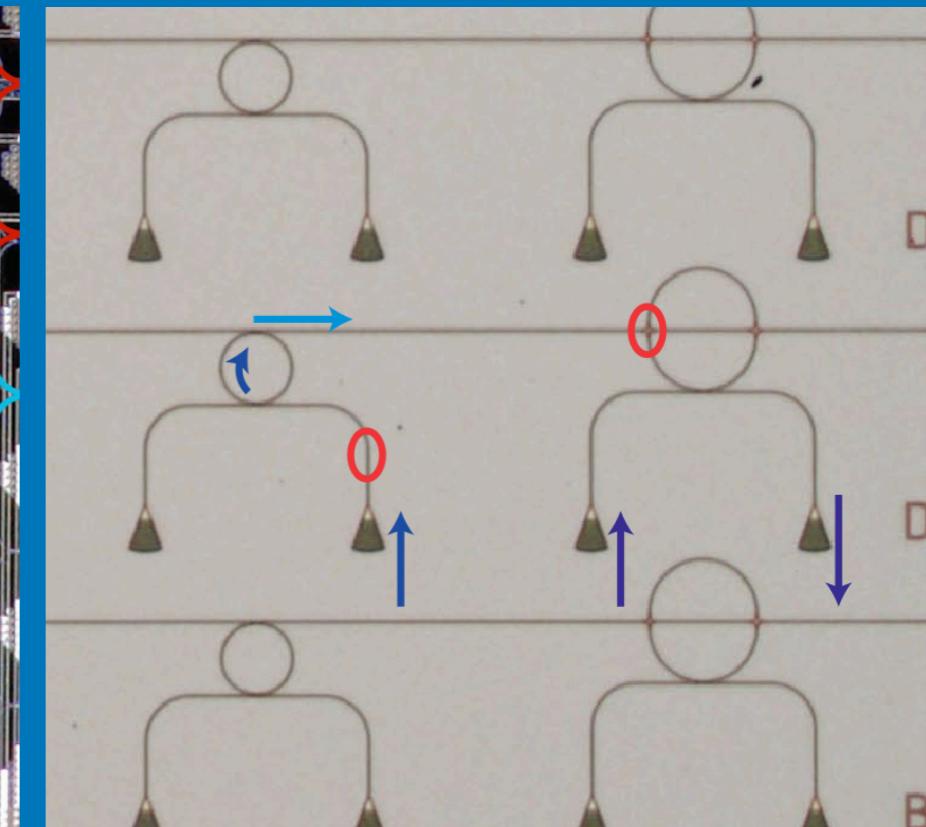
(Shen et al 2017)

## TUNEABLE INTERFEROMETER



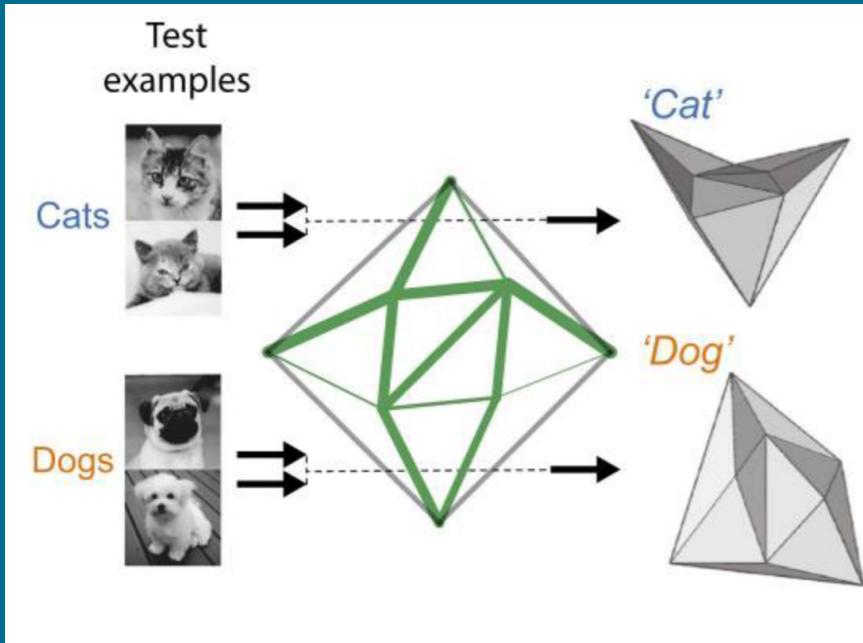
(Schneider et al 2018)

## MAGN. JOSEPHSON JUNCTIONS



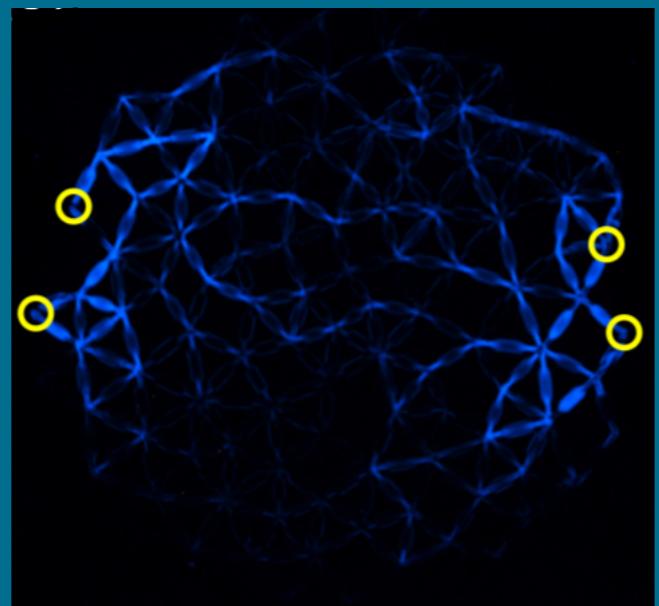
(Feldmann et al 2019)

## PHASE-CHANGE MATERIALS



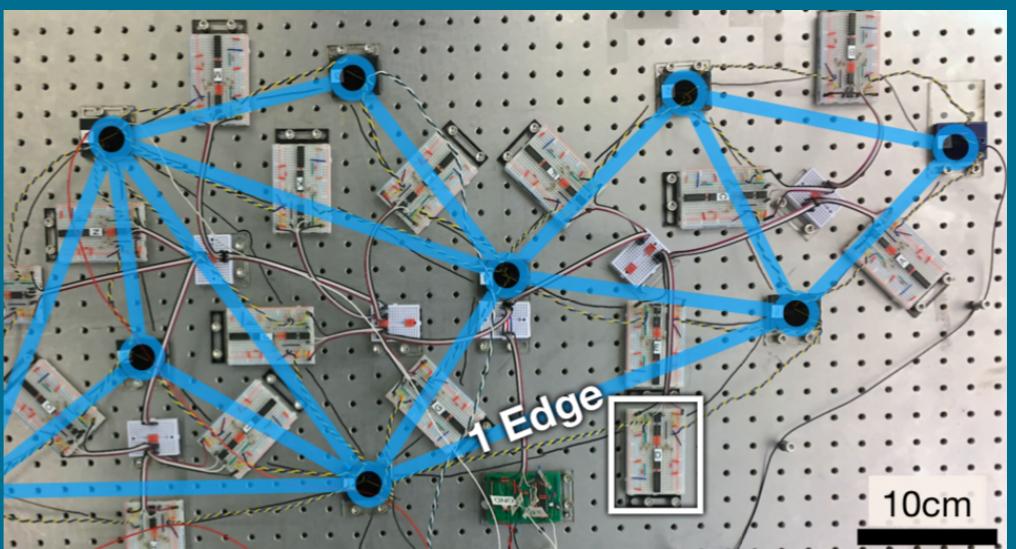
(Stern et al 2020)

## LEARNING TO FOLD



(Pashine 2021)

## RESISTOR NETWORKS



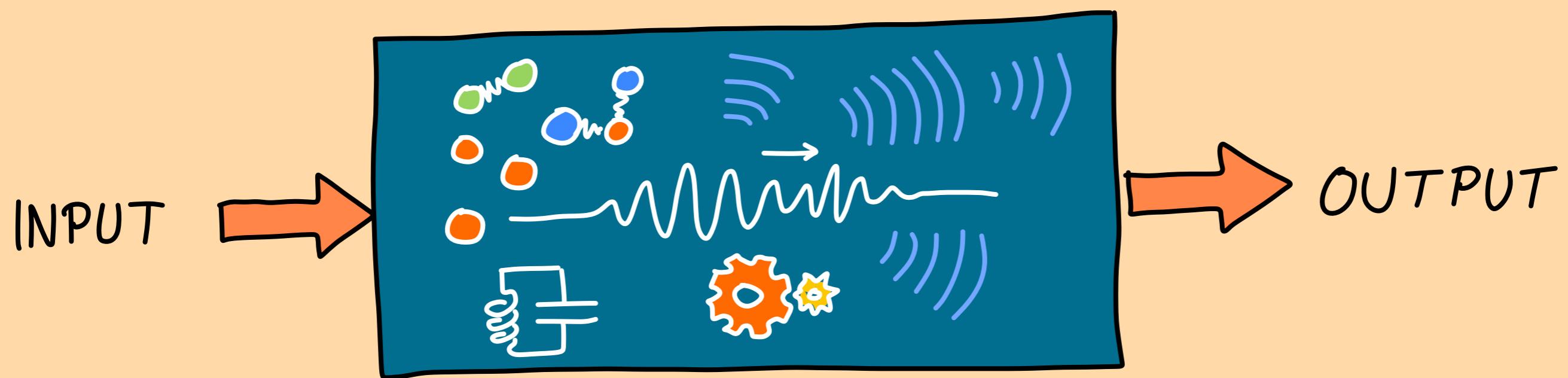
(Dillavou et al 2022)

# A new way to learn: Hamiltonian Echo Backpropagation

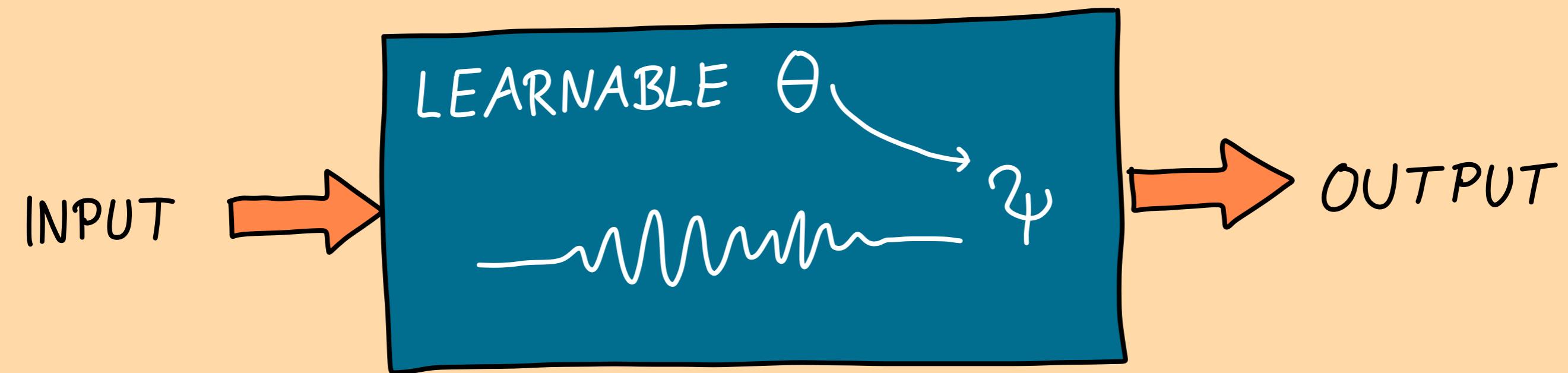


Victor Lopez-Pastor & F.M.  
Phys. Rev. X 13, 031020 (2023)

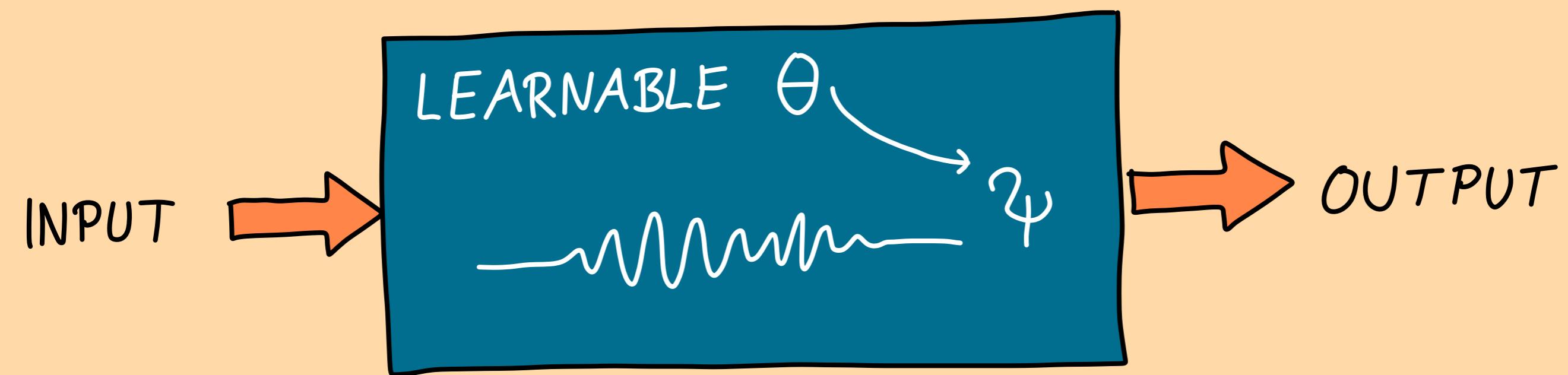
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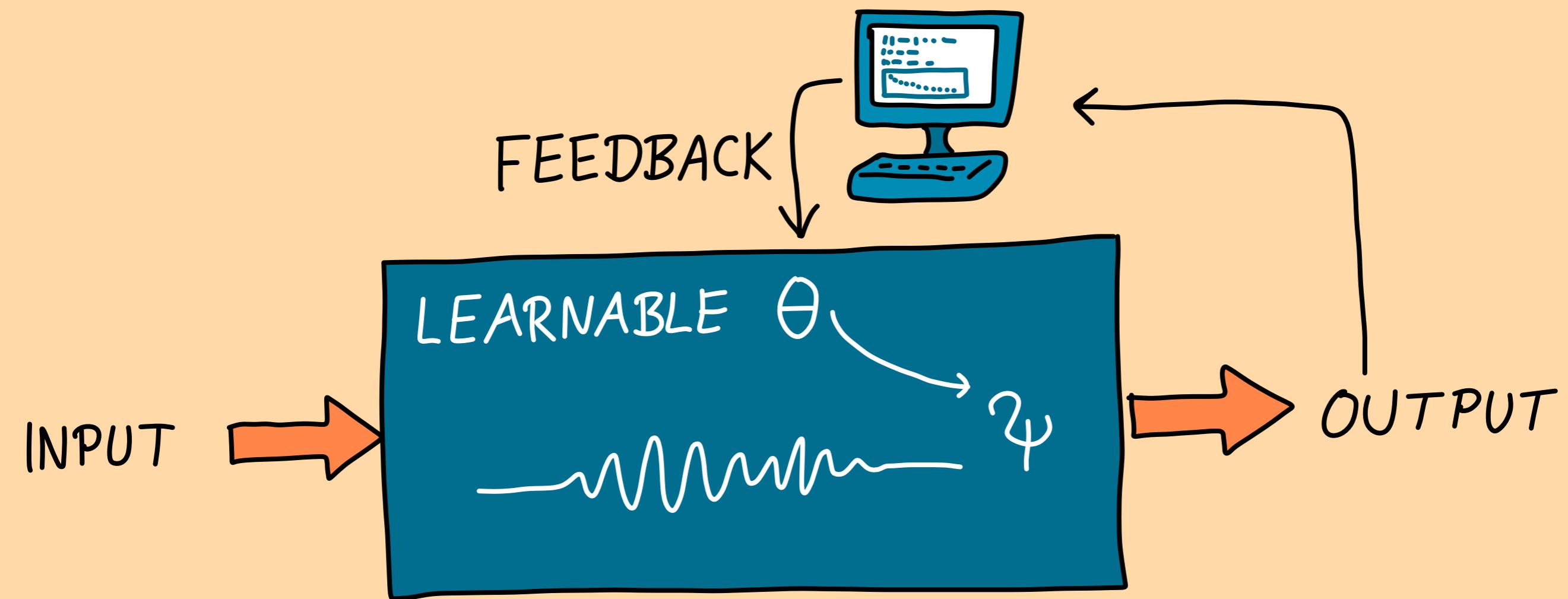
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HOW TO LEARN?

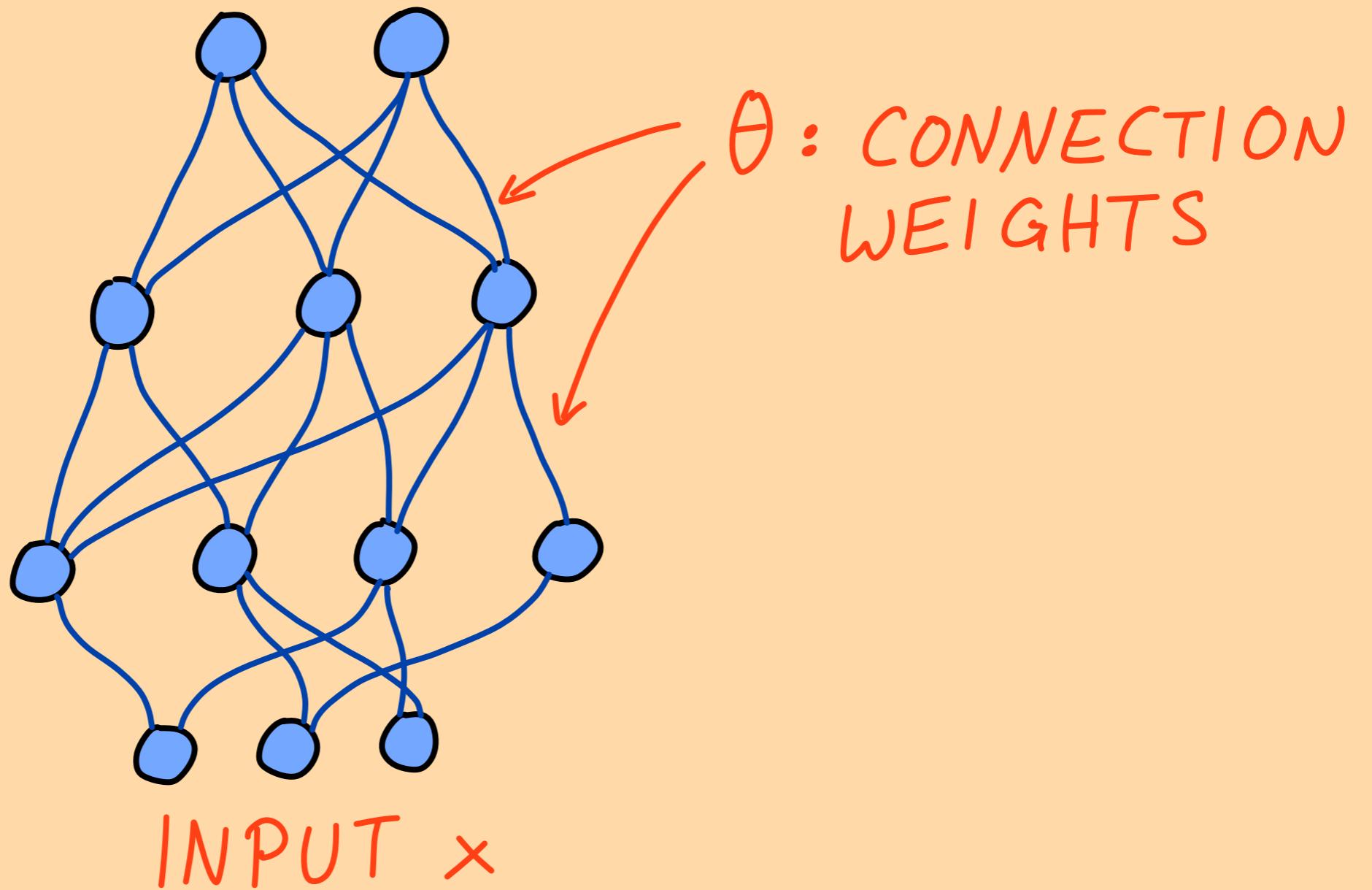
(FIND RIGHT  $\theta$  TO  
GET DESIRED INPUT  $\rightarrow$  OUTPUT)

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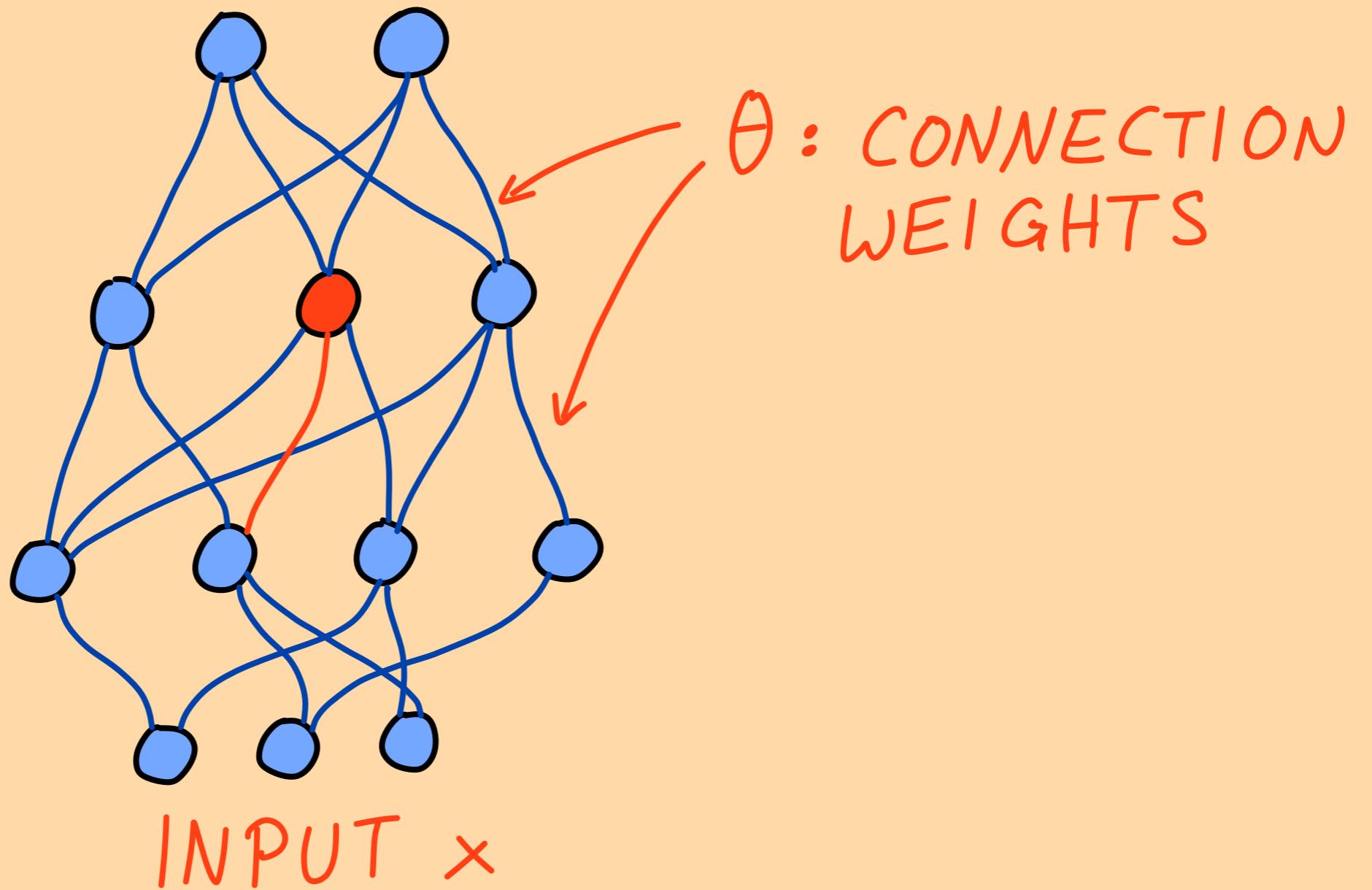
# ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

OUTPUT  $y = F_{\theta}(x)$



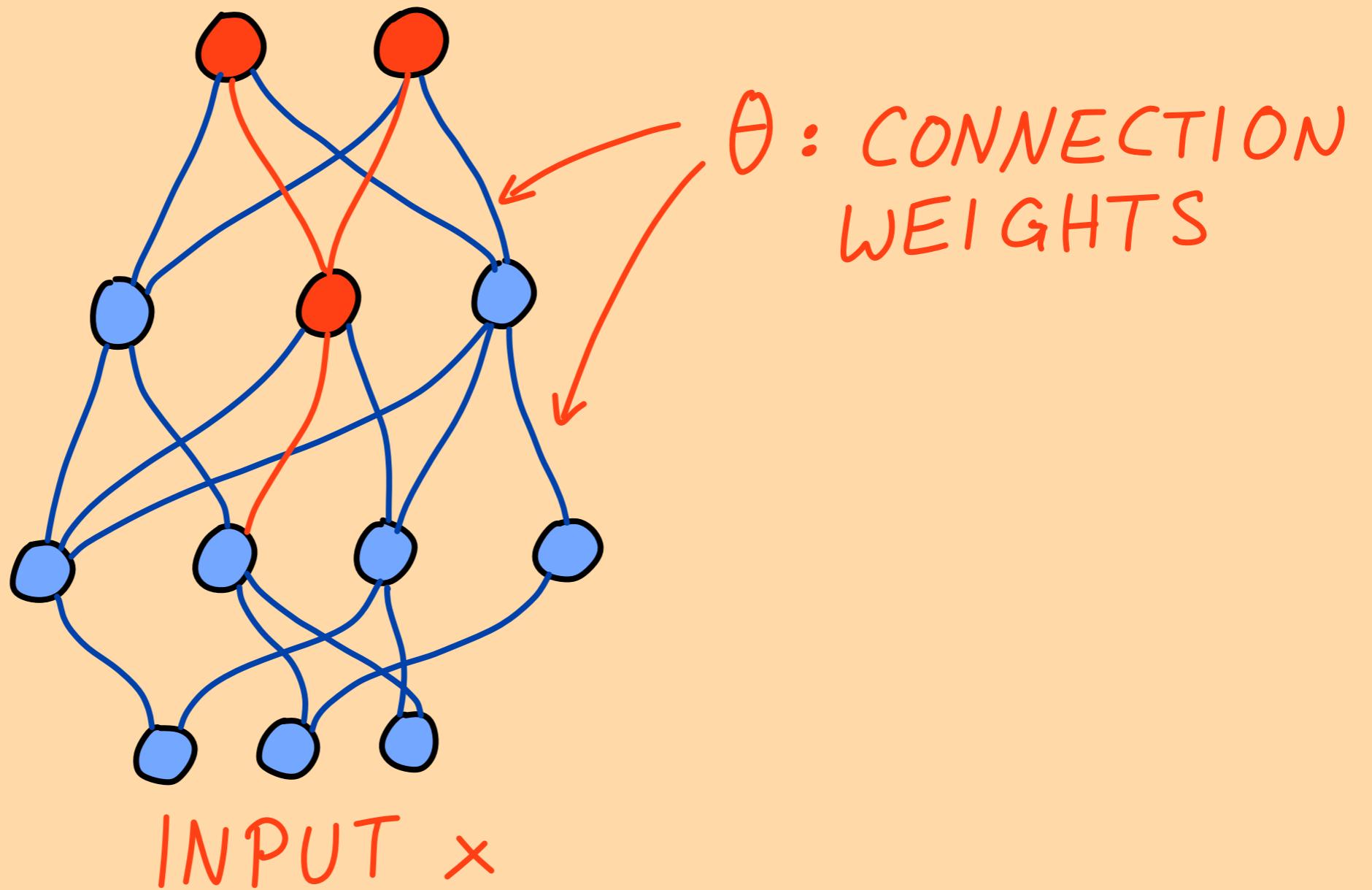
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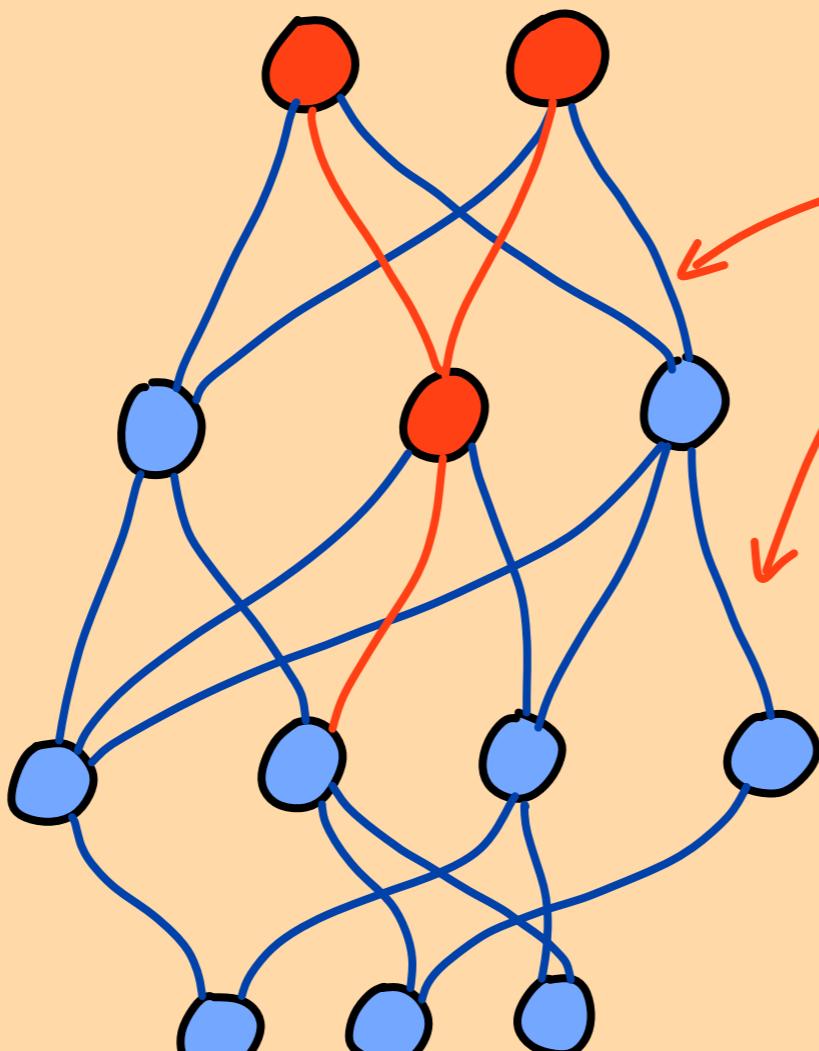
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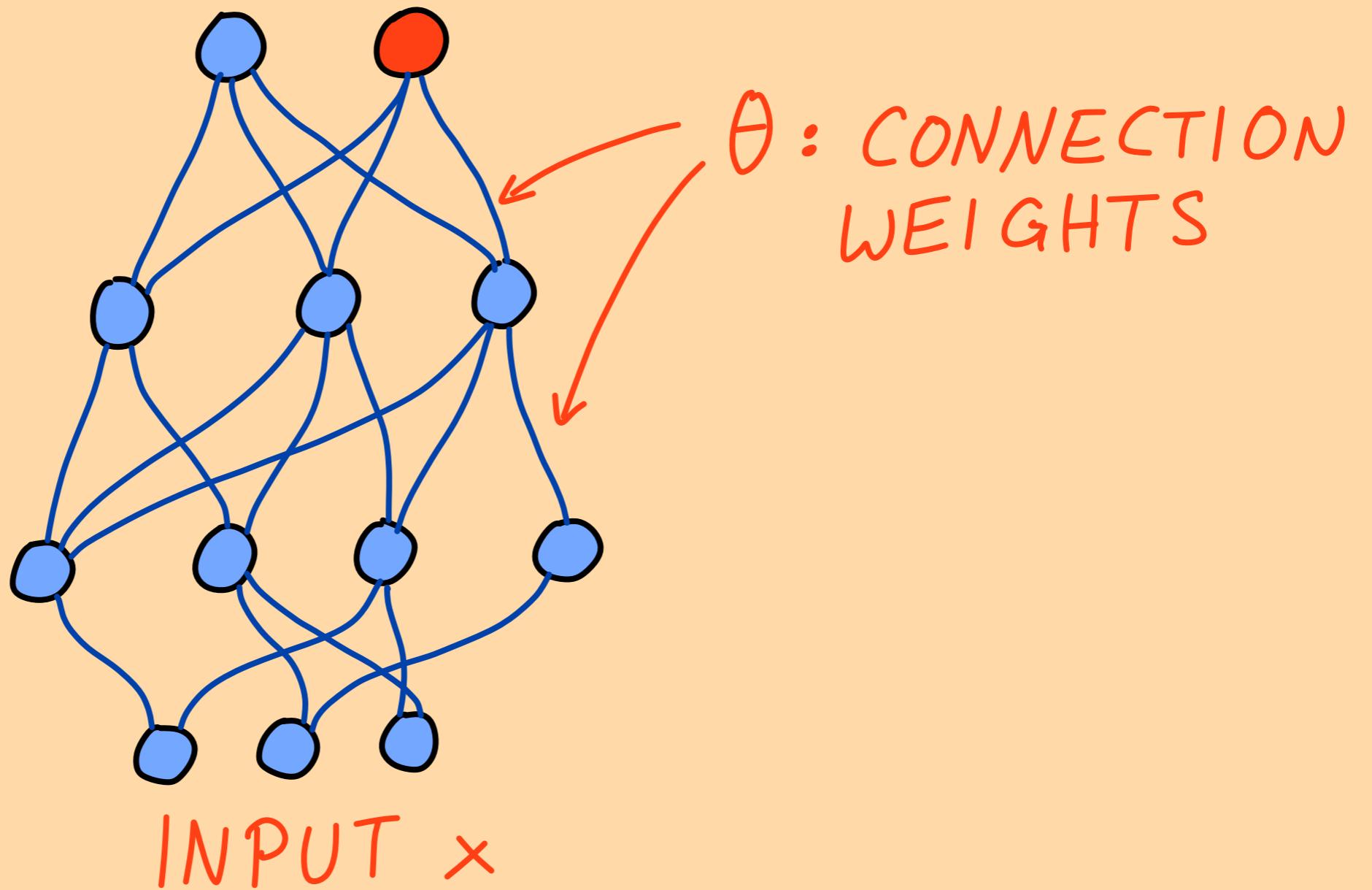
$\theta$ : CONNECTION  
WEIGHTS

PARAMETER SHIFT  
METHOD:

- ALWAYS POSSIBLE
- VERY INEFFICIENT  
EFFORT  $\sim \# \text{PARAMS}$

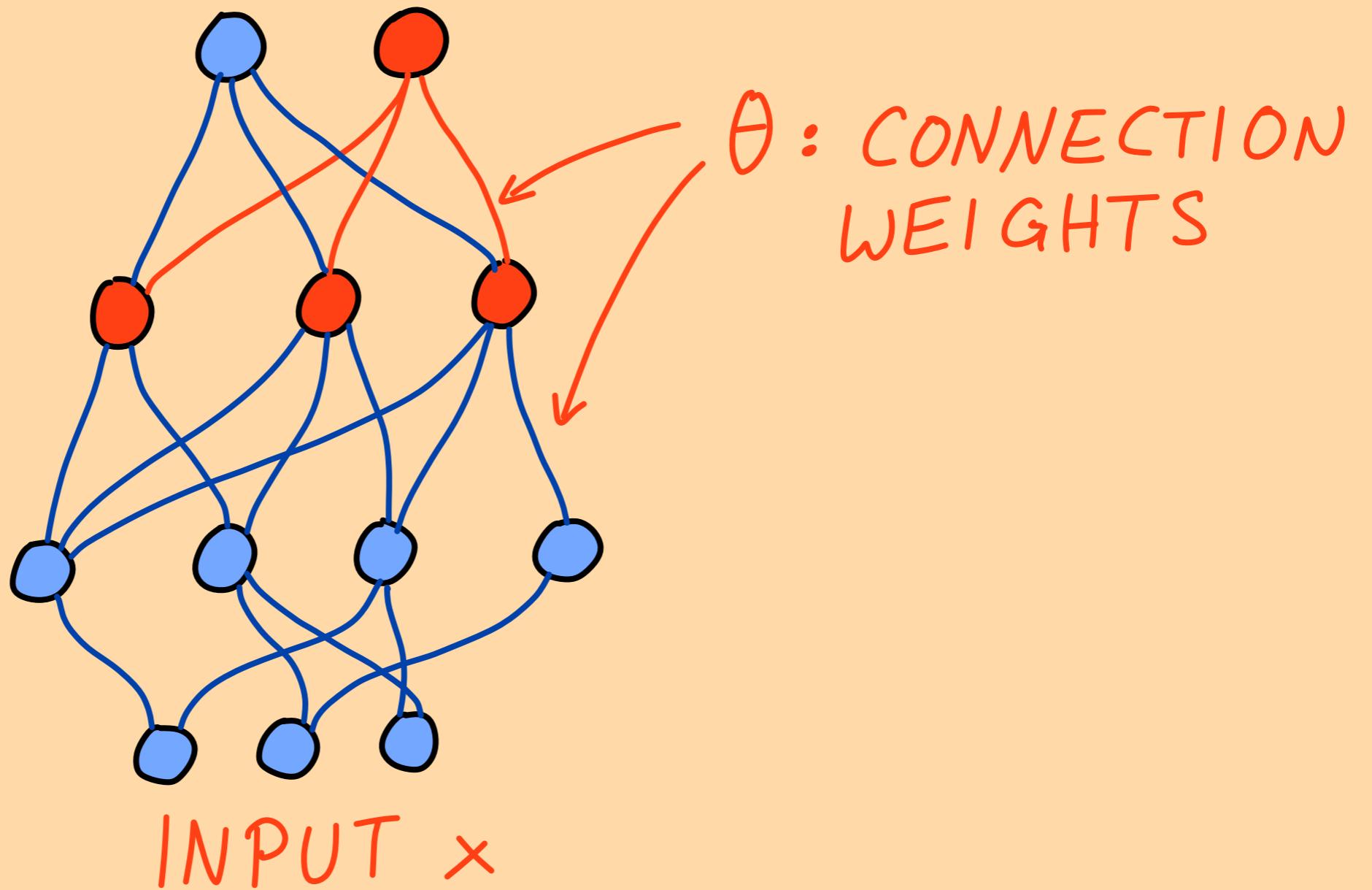
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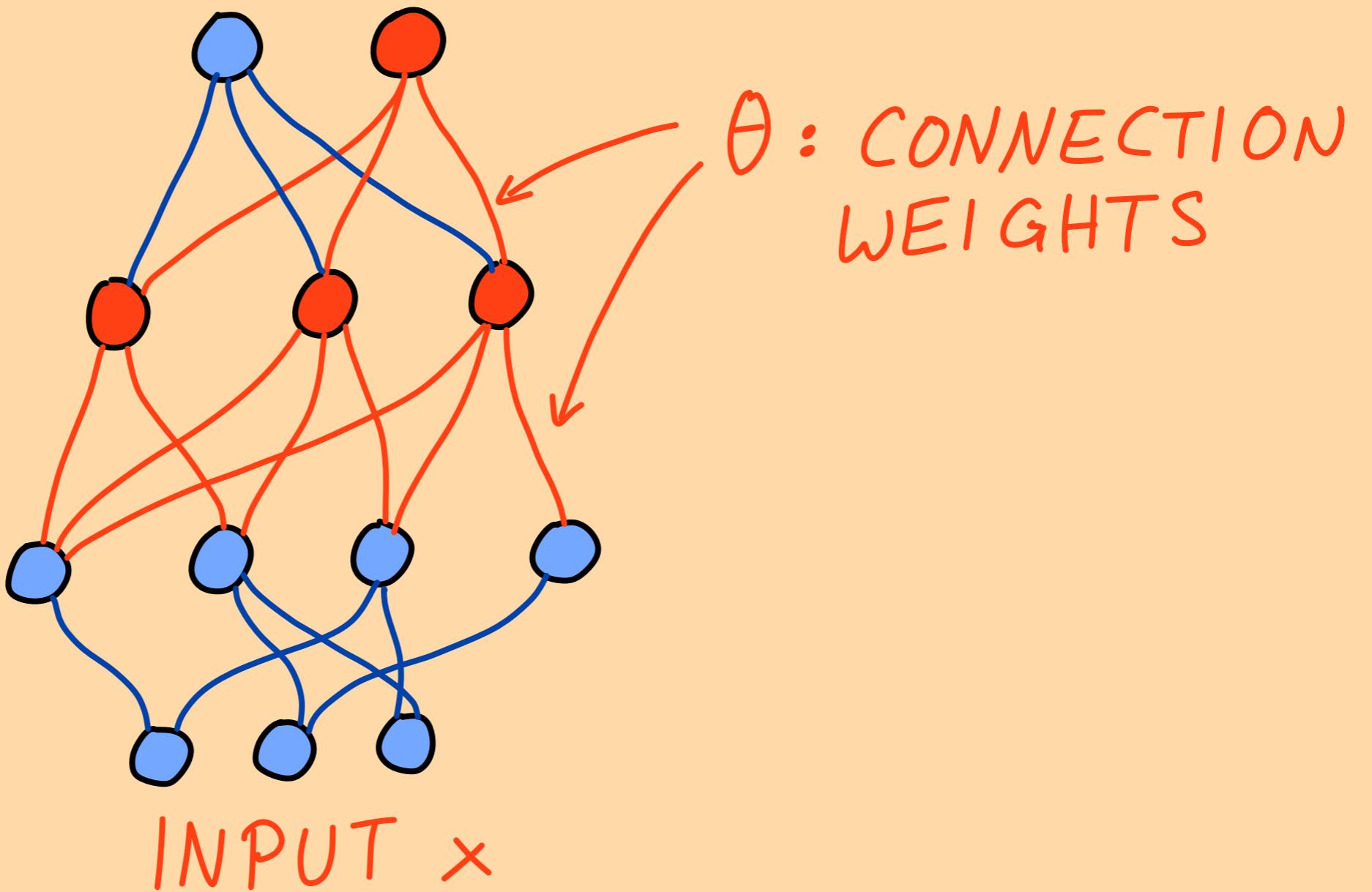
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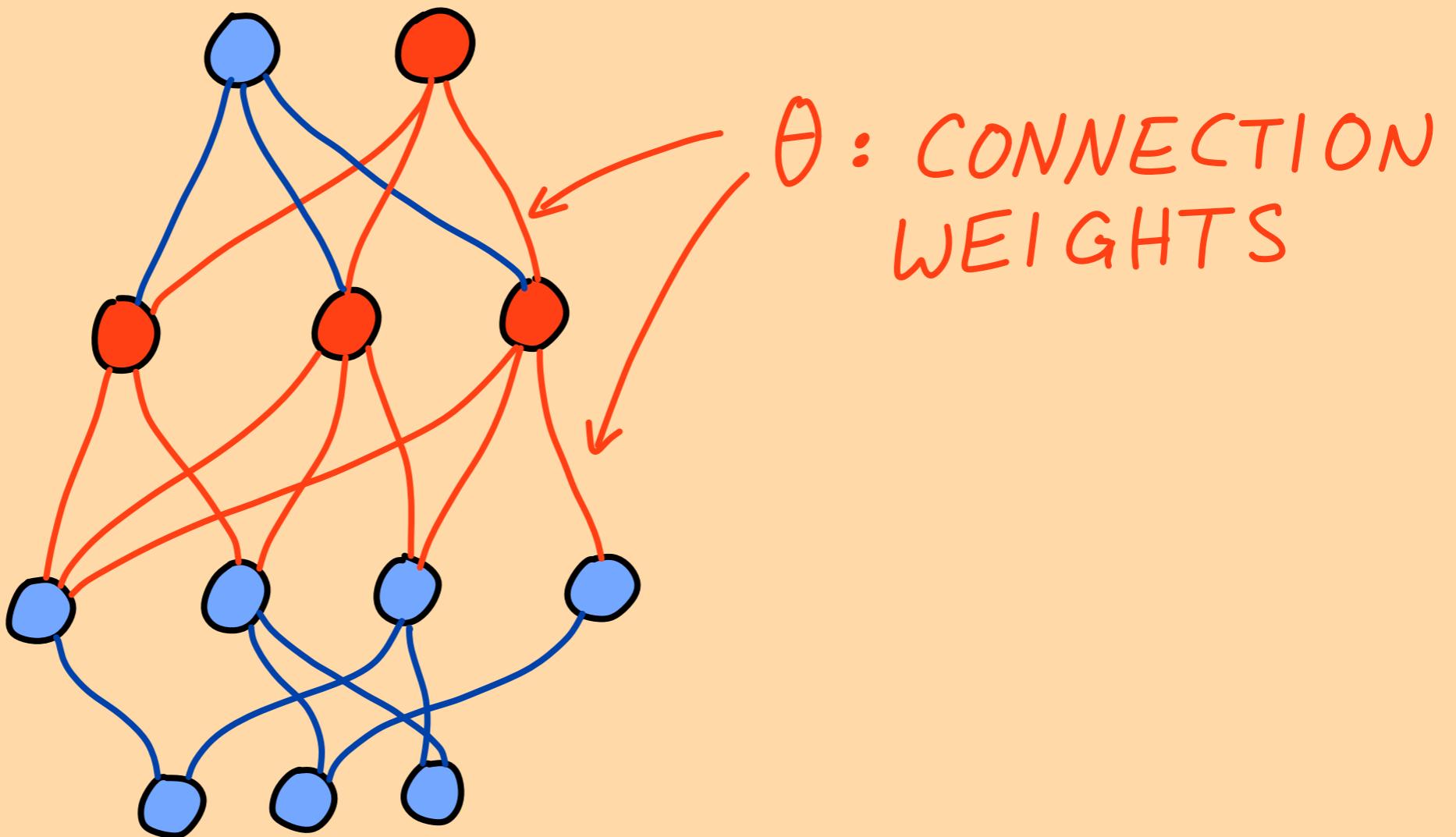
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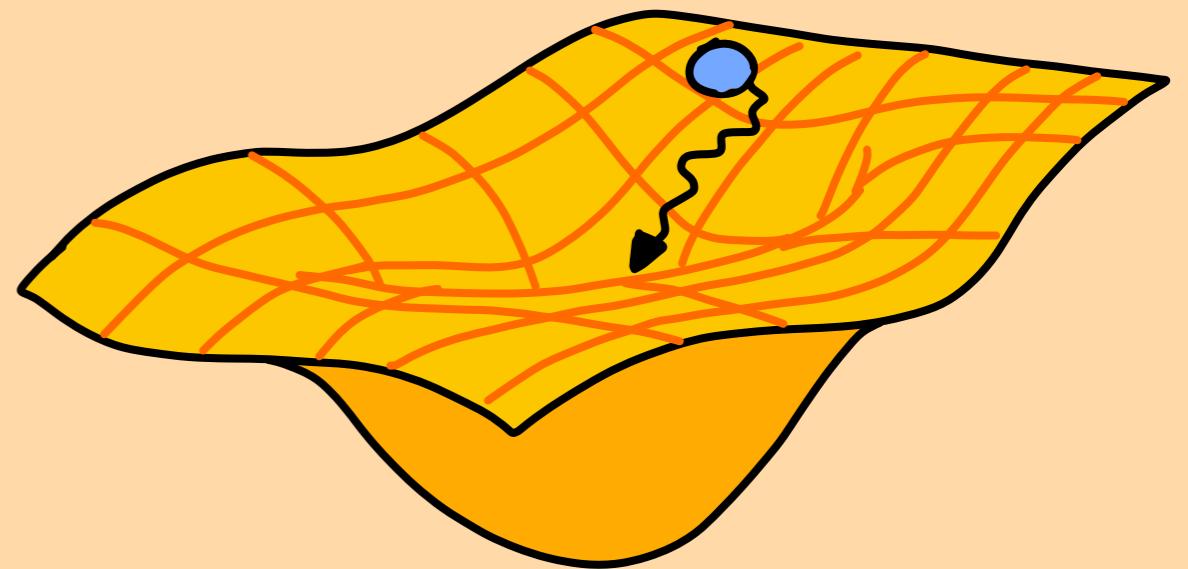
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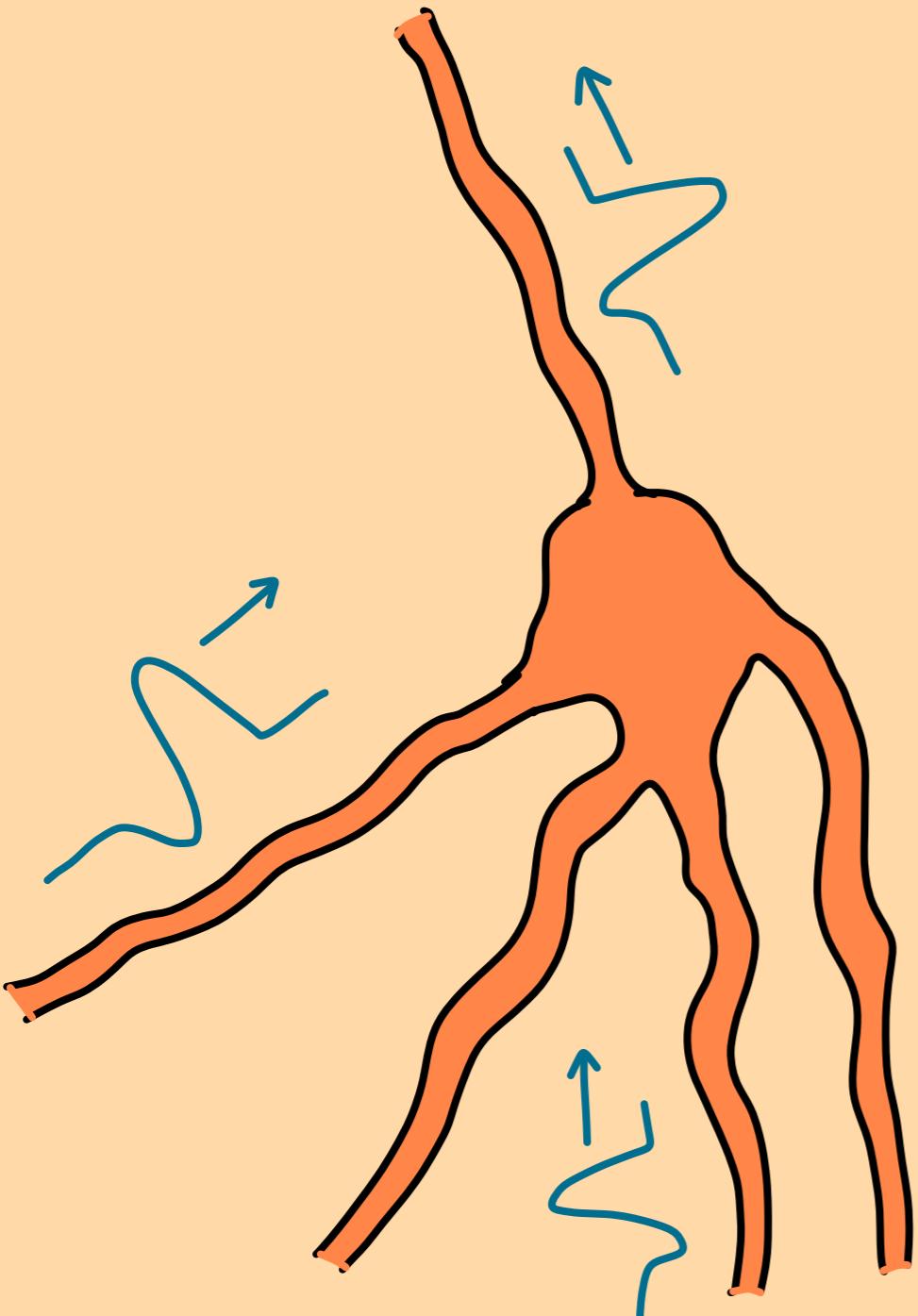
"BACKPROPAGATION": ALL GRADIENTS  
FOR PRICE OF ONE EVALUATION

# OPTIMIZATION- BASED RULES

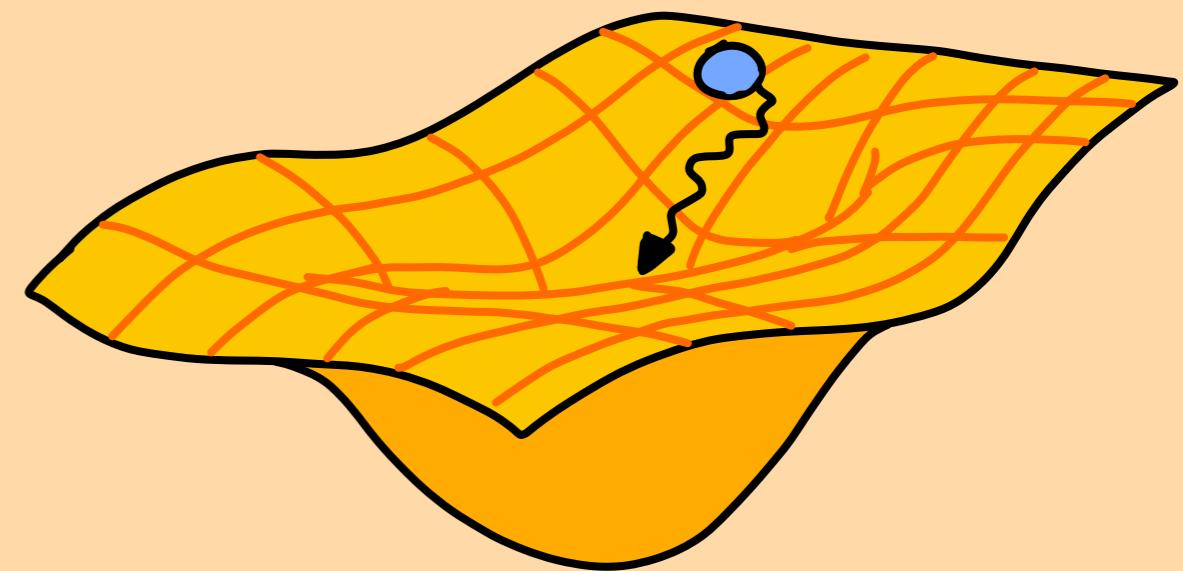


GRADIENT DESCENT  
OF COST FUNCTION

# BIOLOGY-INSPIRED LEARNING RULES



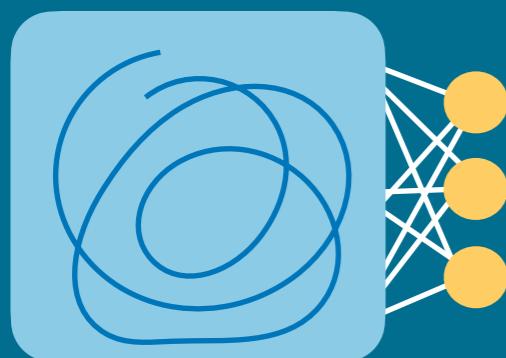
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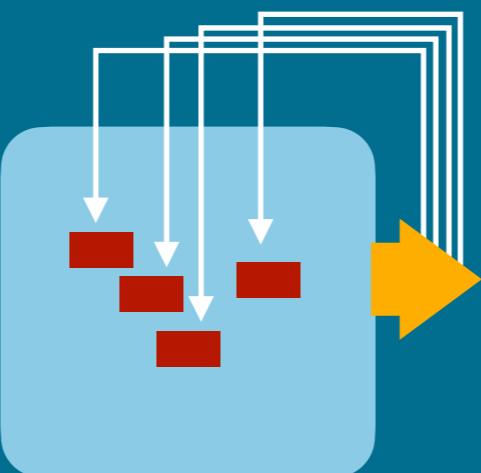
GRADIENT DESCENT  
OF COST FUNCTION

"NEURONS THAT  
FIRE TOGETHER  
WIRE TOGETHER"

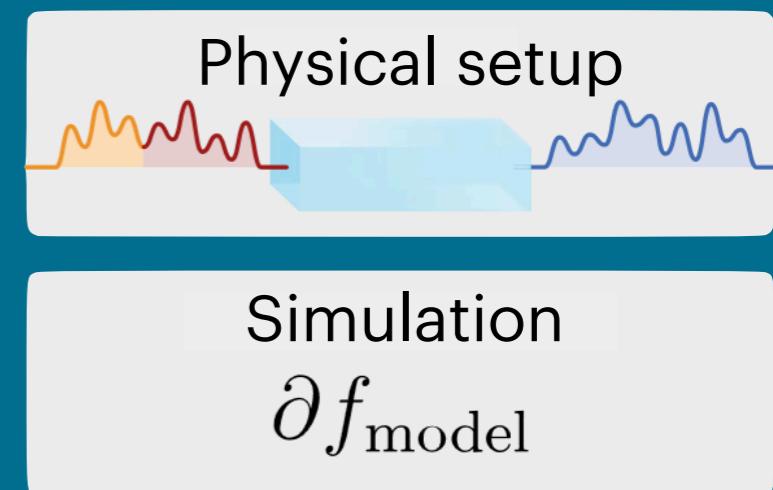
# Training neuromorphic devices



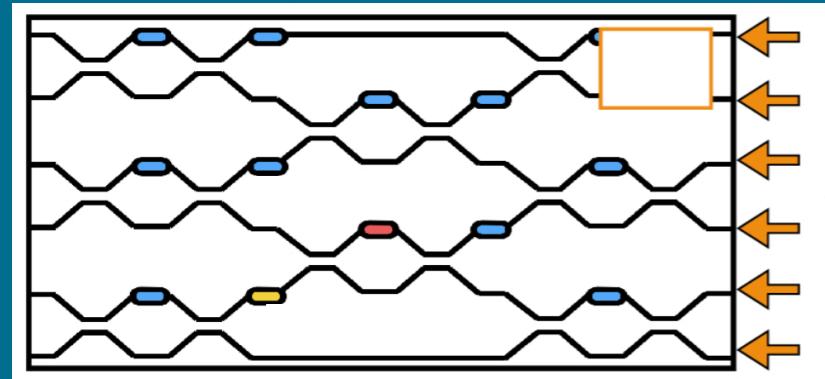
Reservoir computing



Parameter shift  
method

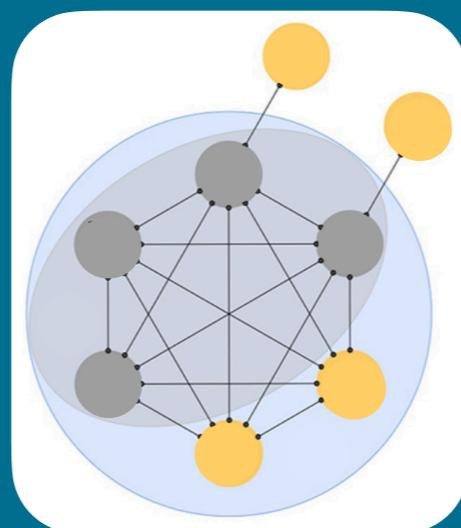


Hybrid method  
Wright,Onodera,...,  
McMahon 2022



Physical backprop. for  
special systems

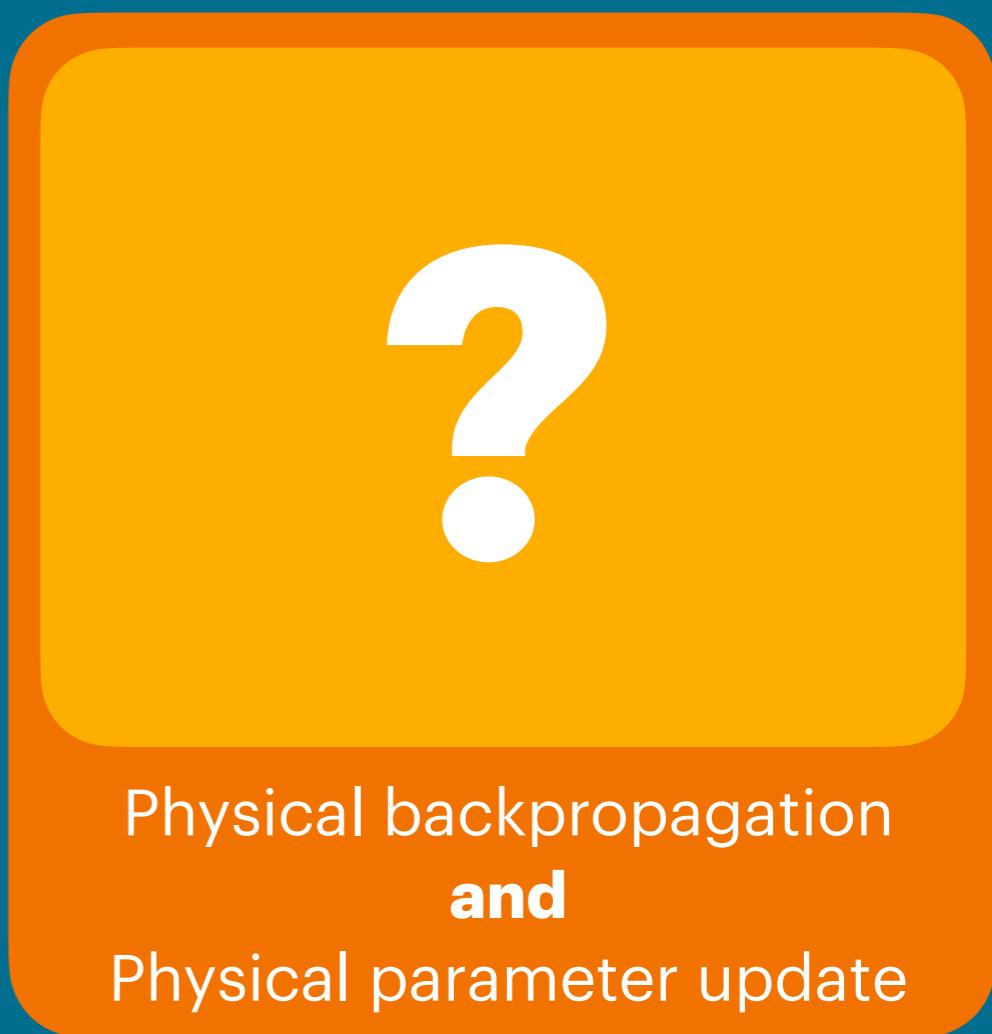
Wagner & Psaltis 1987  
Hughes,...,Fan 2018  
Guo,...,Lvovsky 2021



Equilibrium  
Propagation

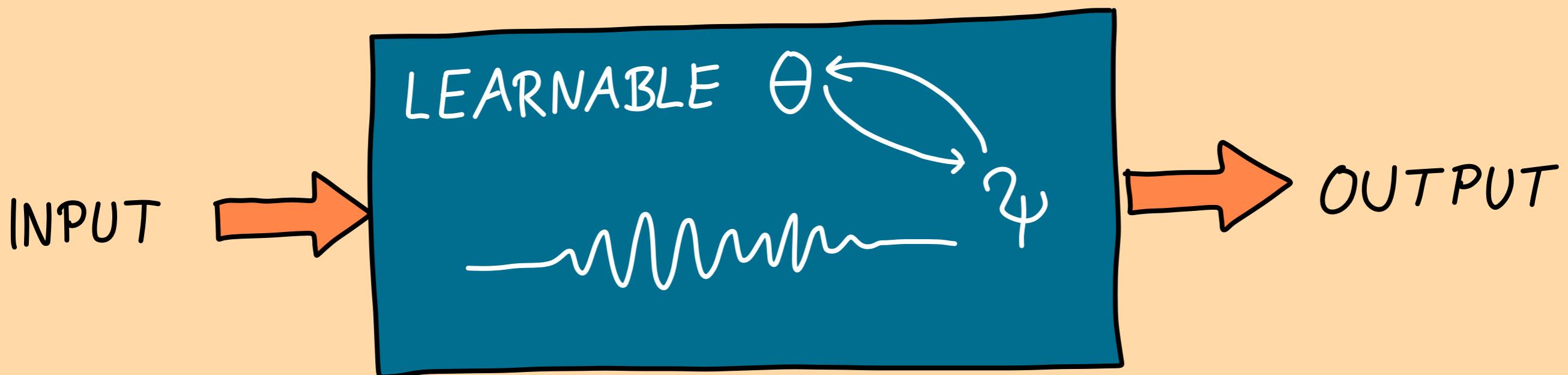
Scellier,..., Bengio 2017

Stern,...,Liu 2021



# PHYSICAL SELF-LEARNING MACHINE

AUTONOMOUS, NO FEEDBACK



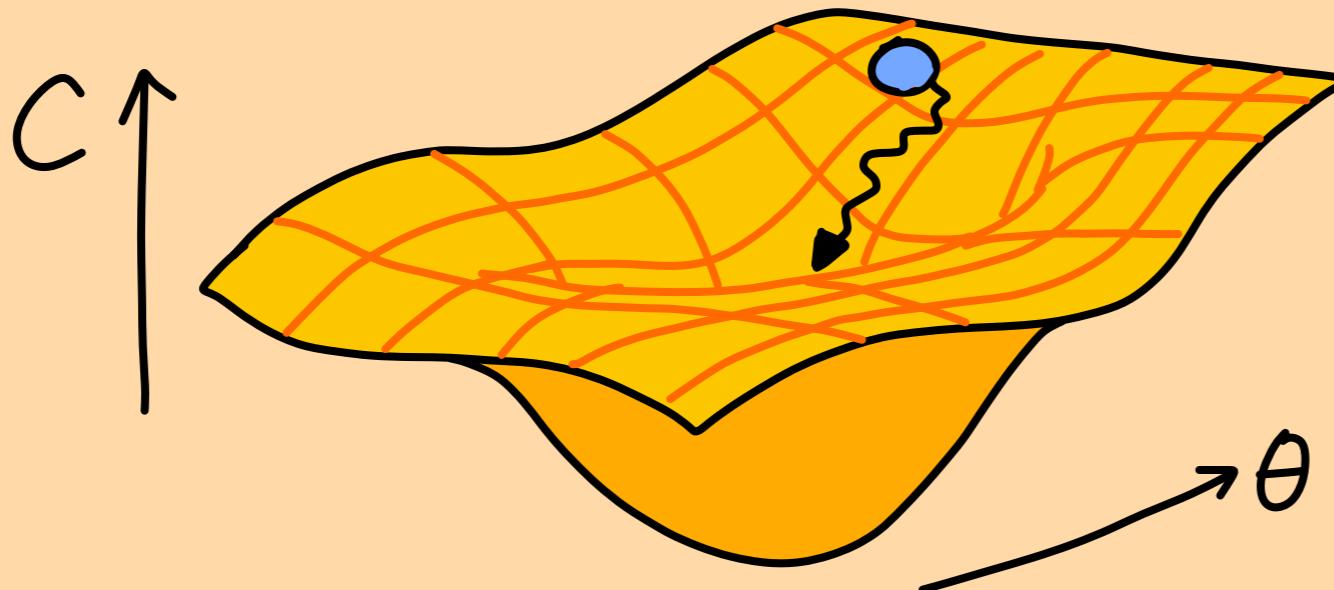
WE WANT: PHYSICAL BACKPROPAGATION  
AND PHYSICAL  
LEARNING UPDATE

GOAL : MINIMIZE COST FUNCTION

$$C = (\text{OUTPUT} - \text{TARGET})^2$$

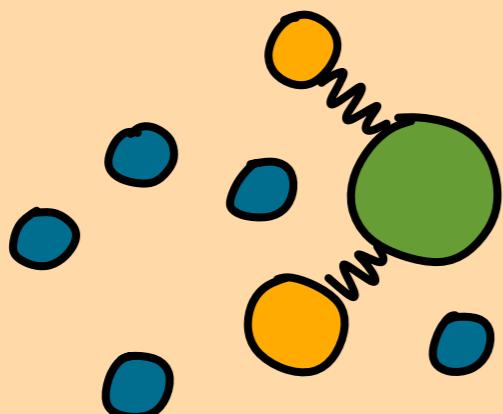
$$\theta_{\text{NEW}} = \theta_{\text{OLD}} - \gamma \frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta}$$

GRADIENT DESCENT



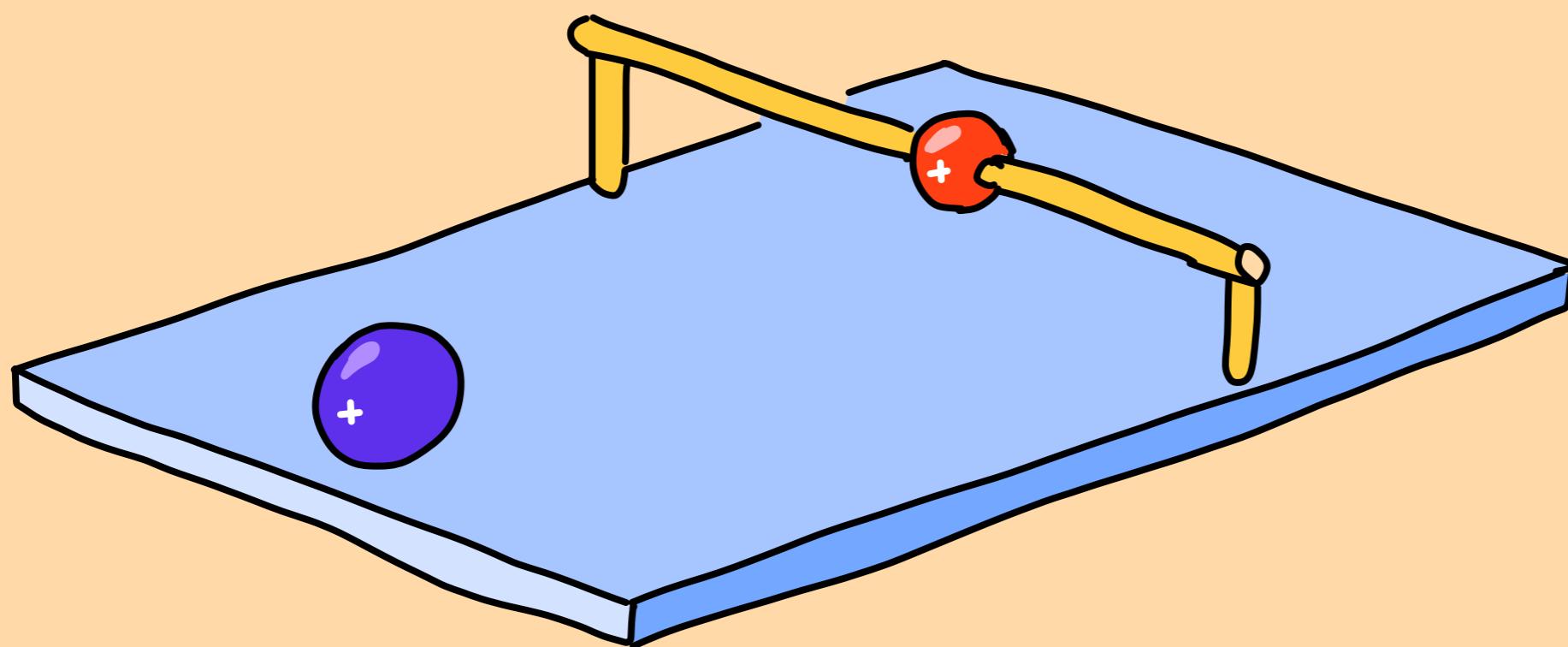
HERE:

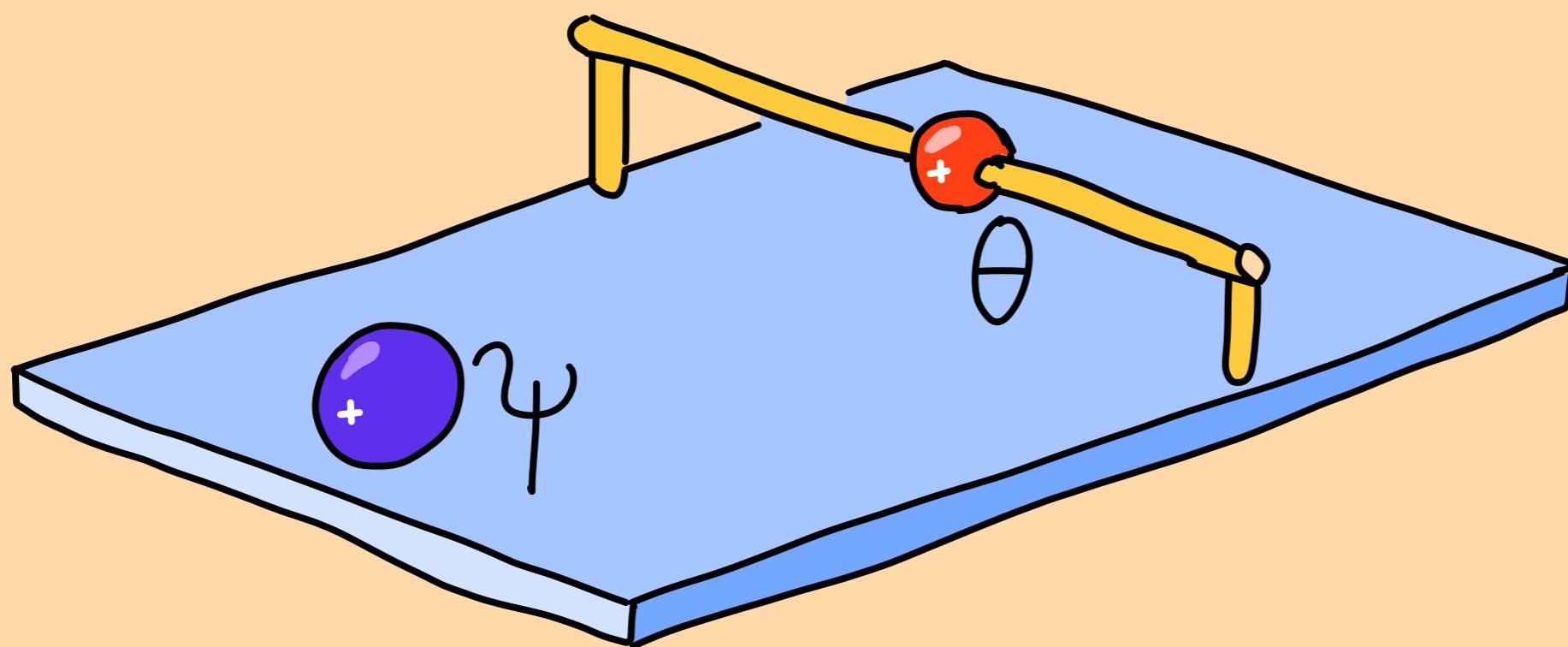
ARBITRARY  
TIME-REVERSAL-  
INVARIANT  
HAMILTONIAN

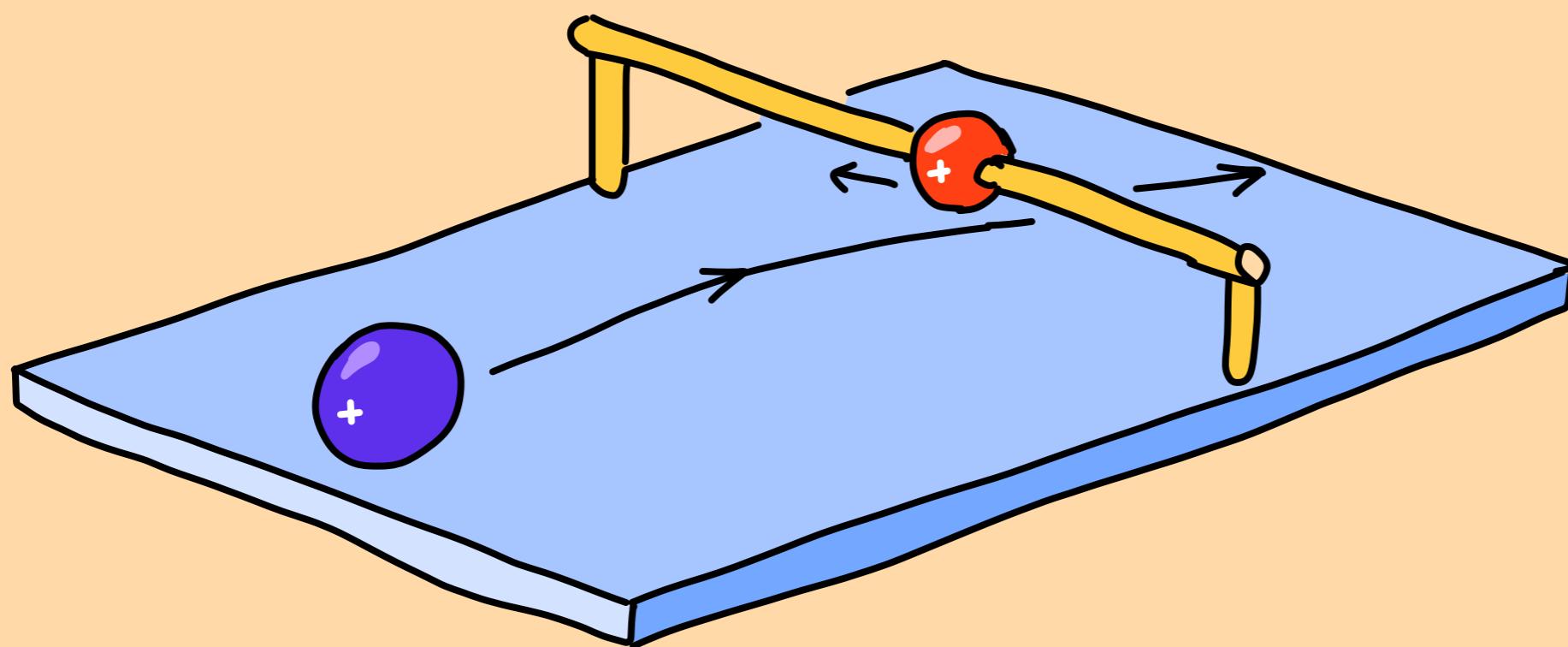


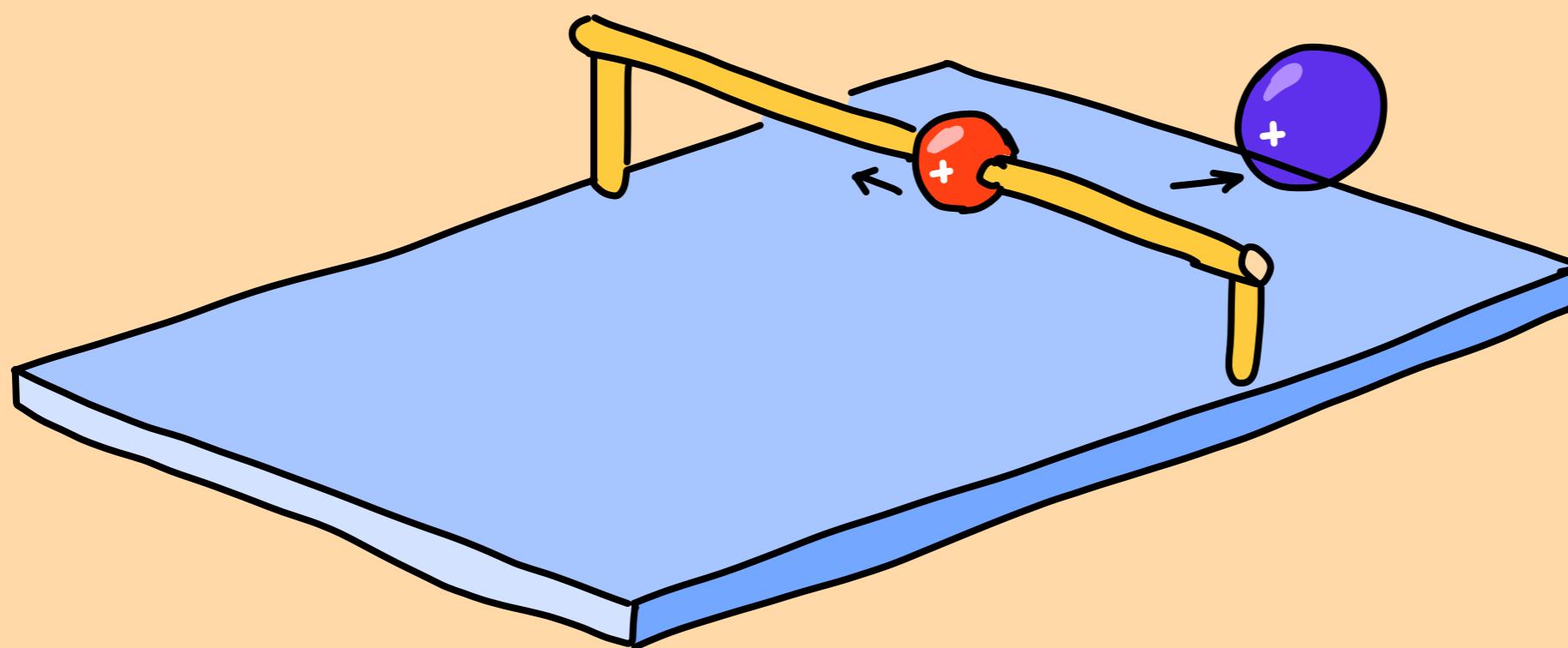
WITH TIME-REVERSAL  
OPERATION (!)

THE SELF-LEARNING  
PINBALL MACHINE

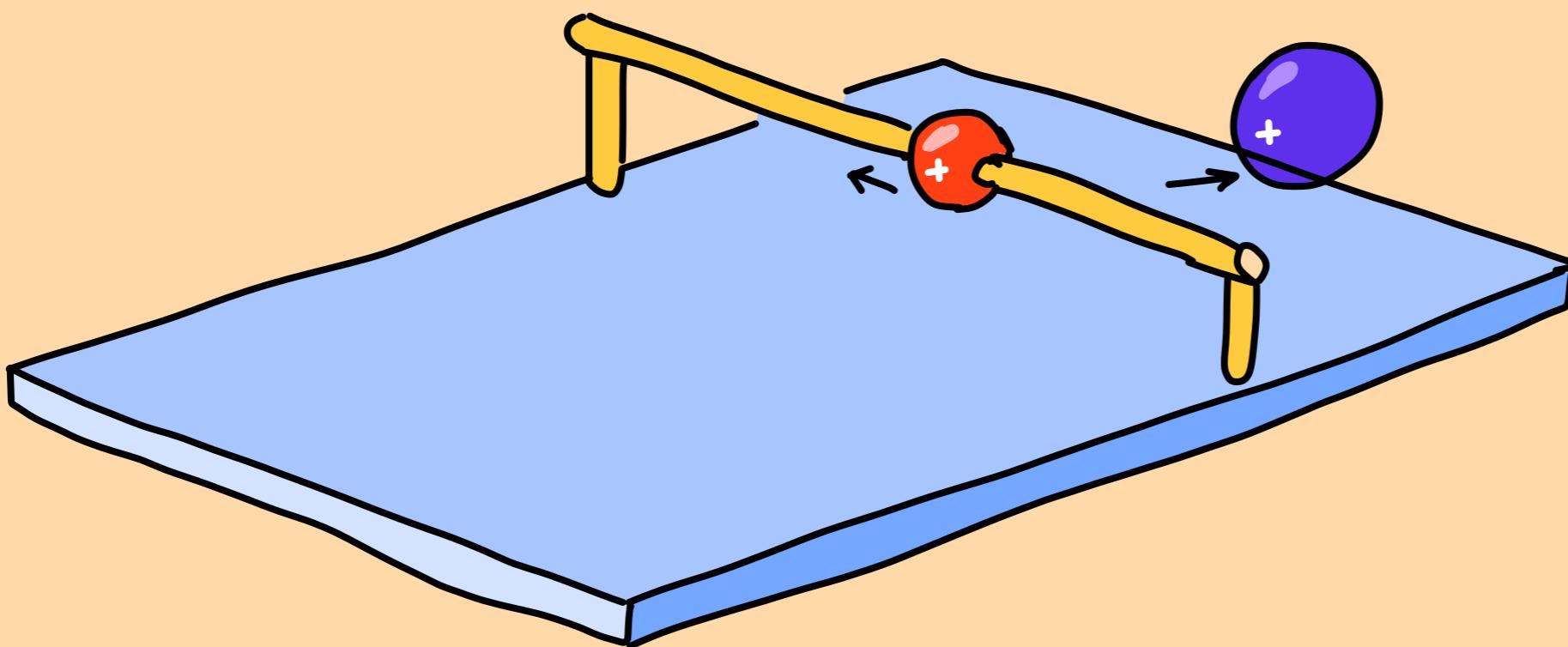


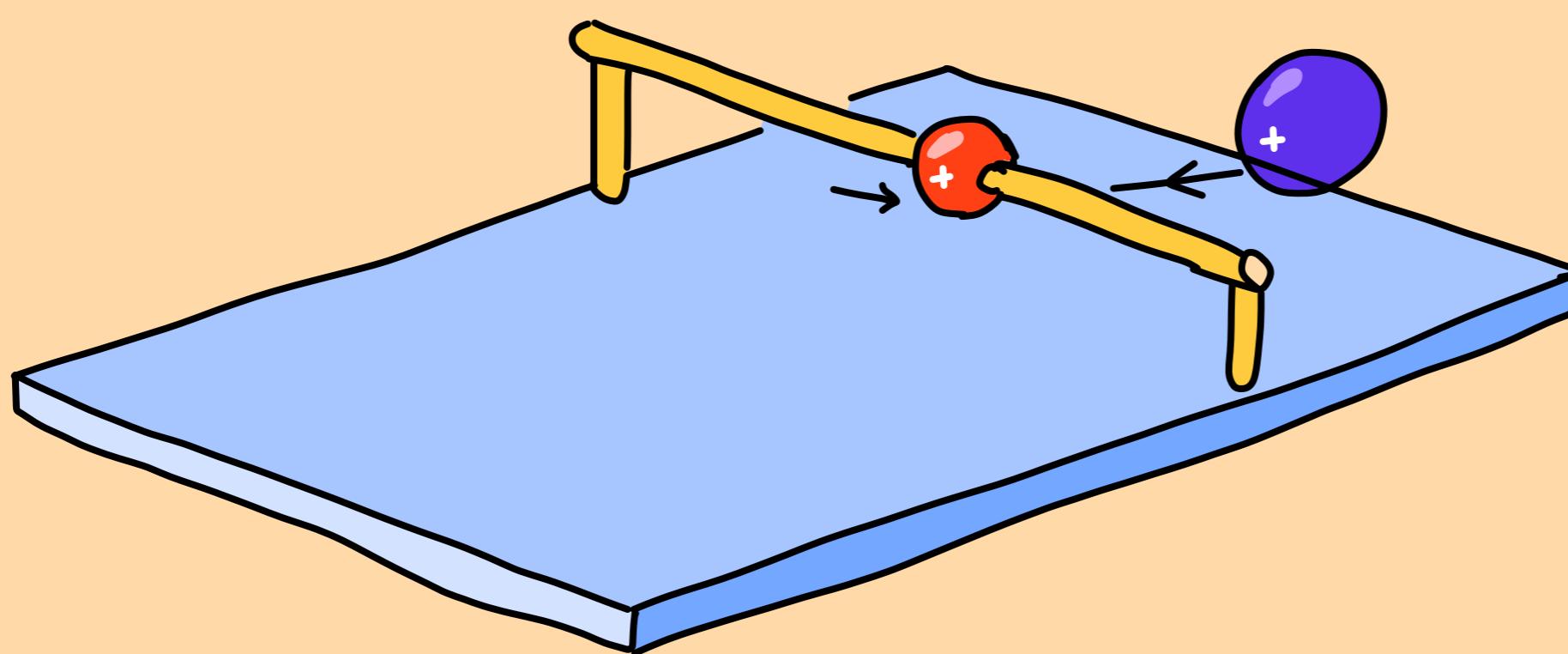


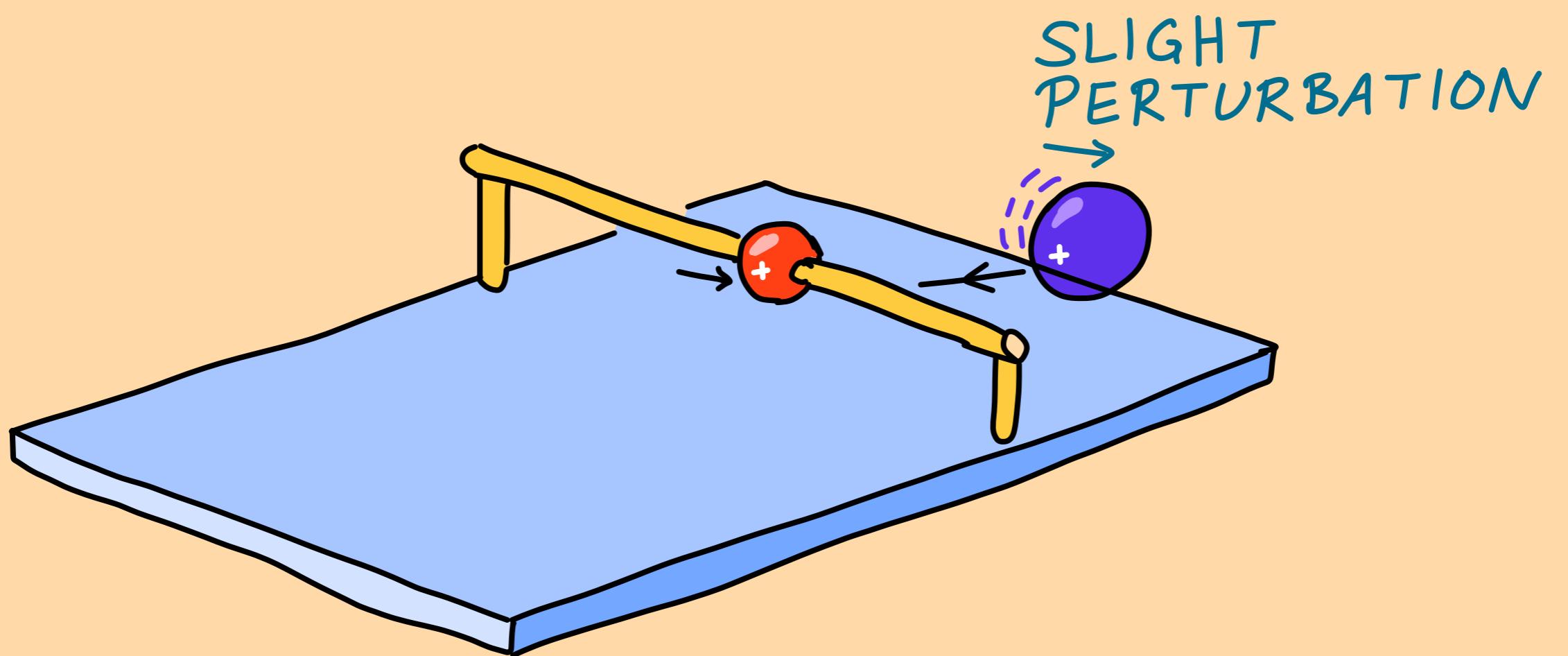


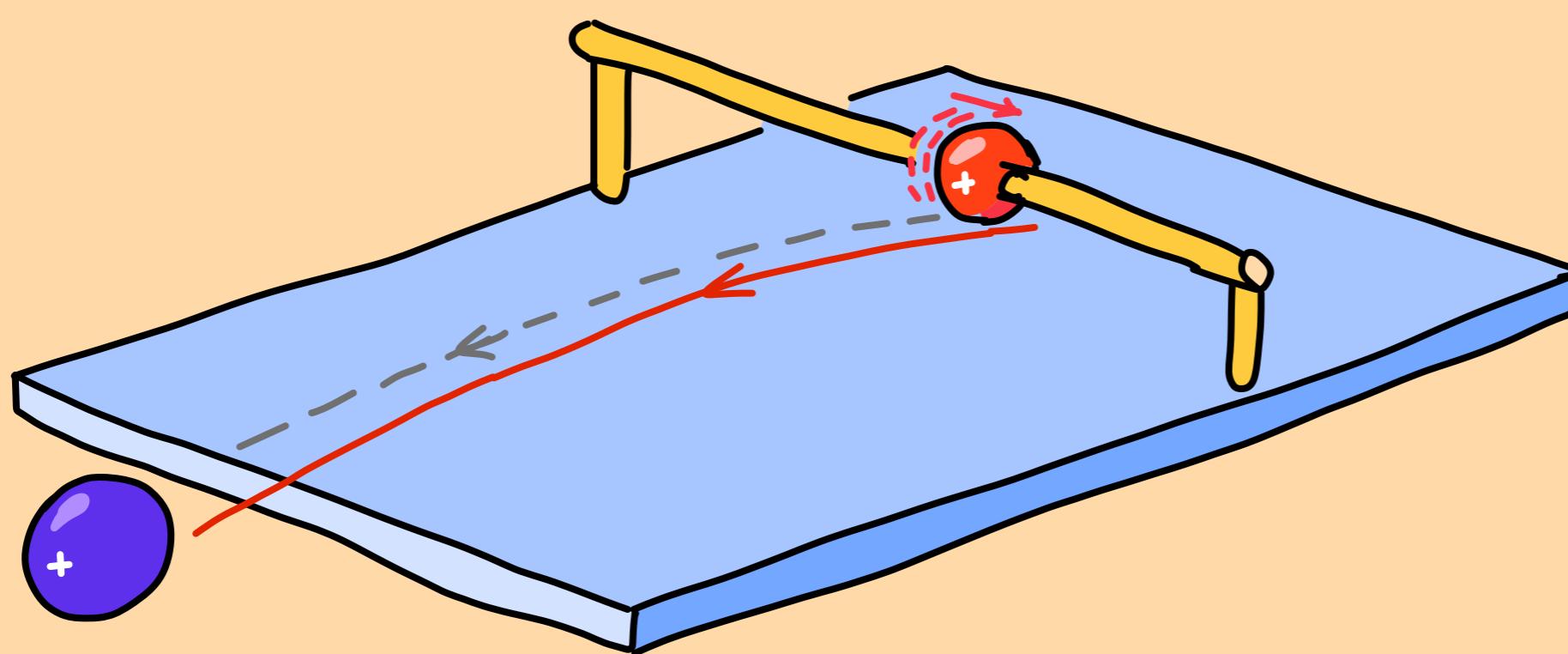


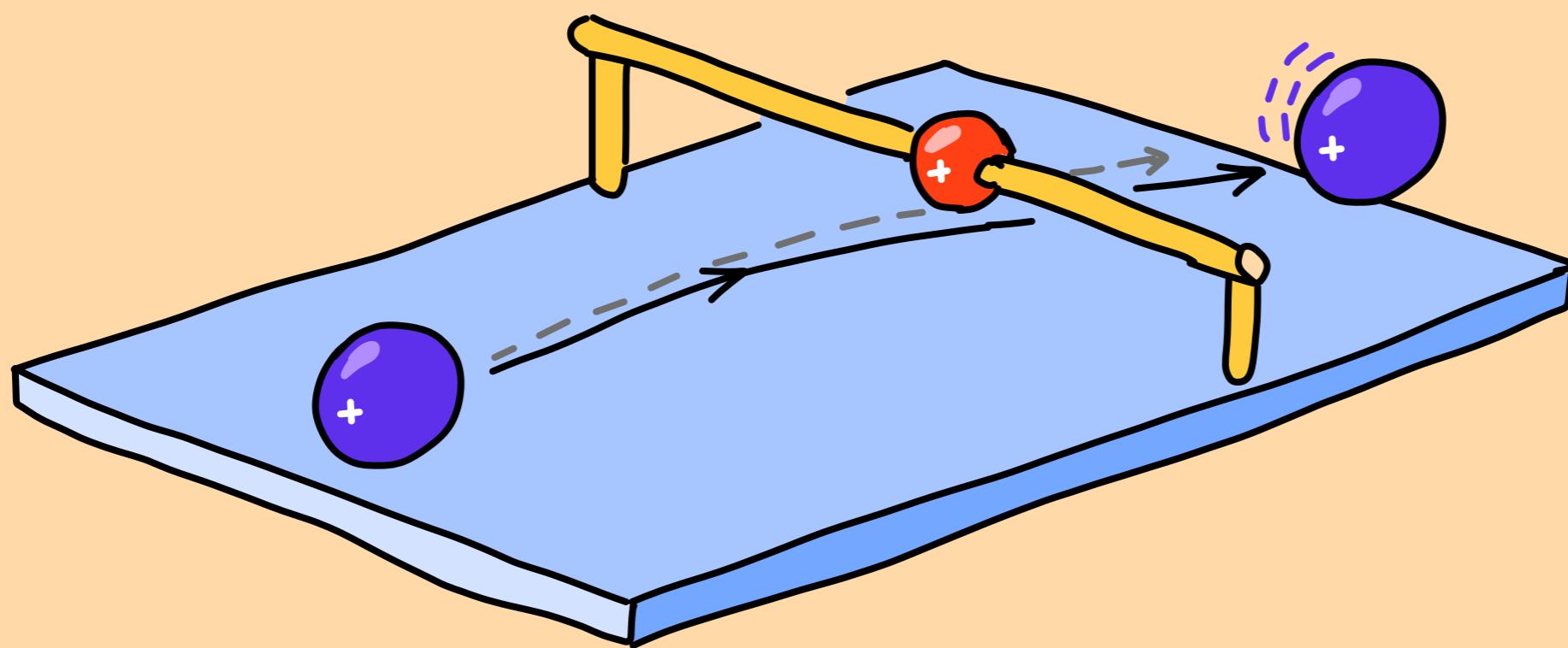
NOW: TIME-REVERSAL  
OPERATION



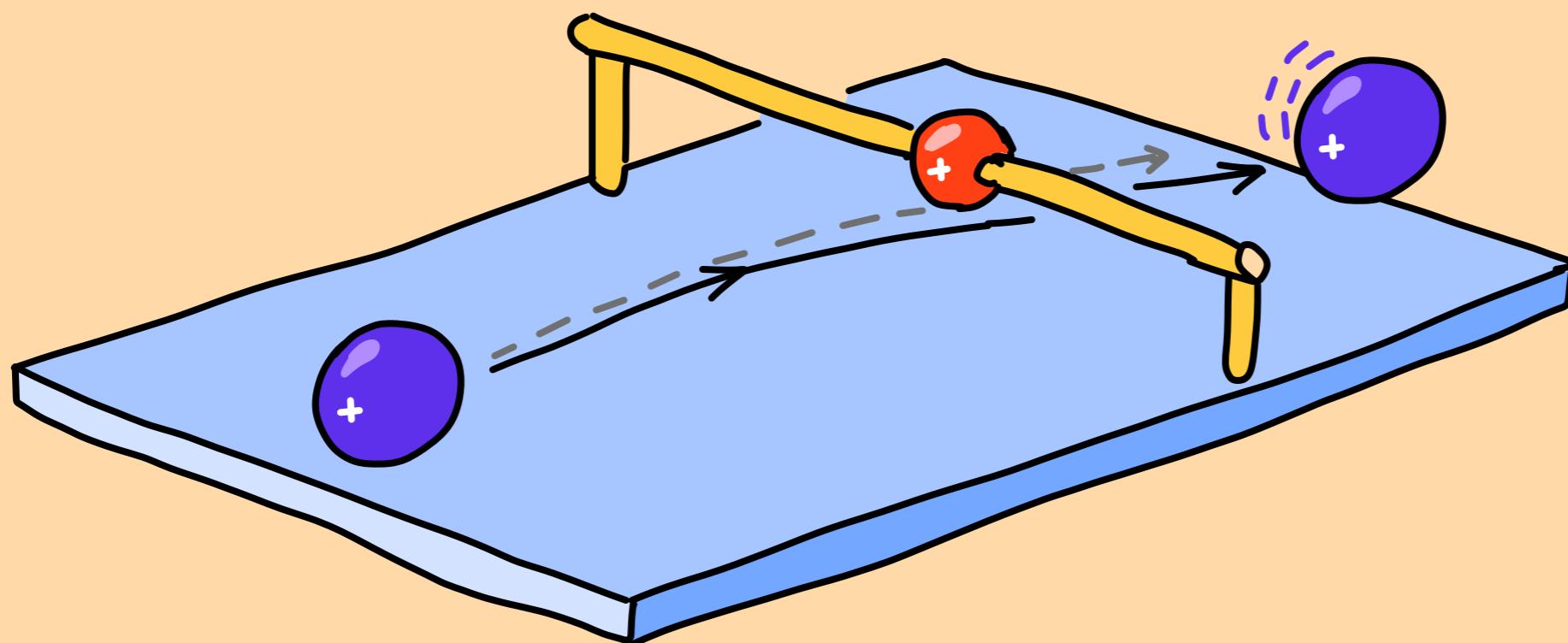


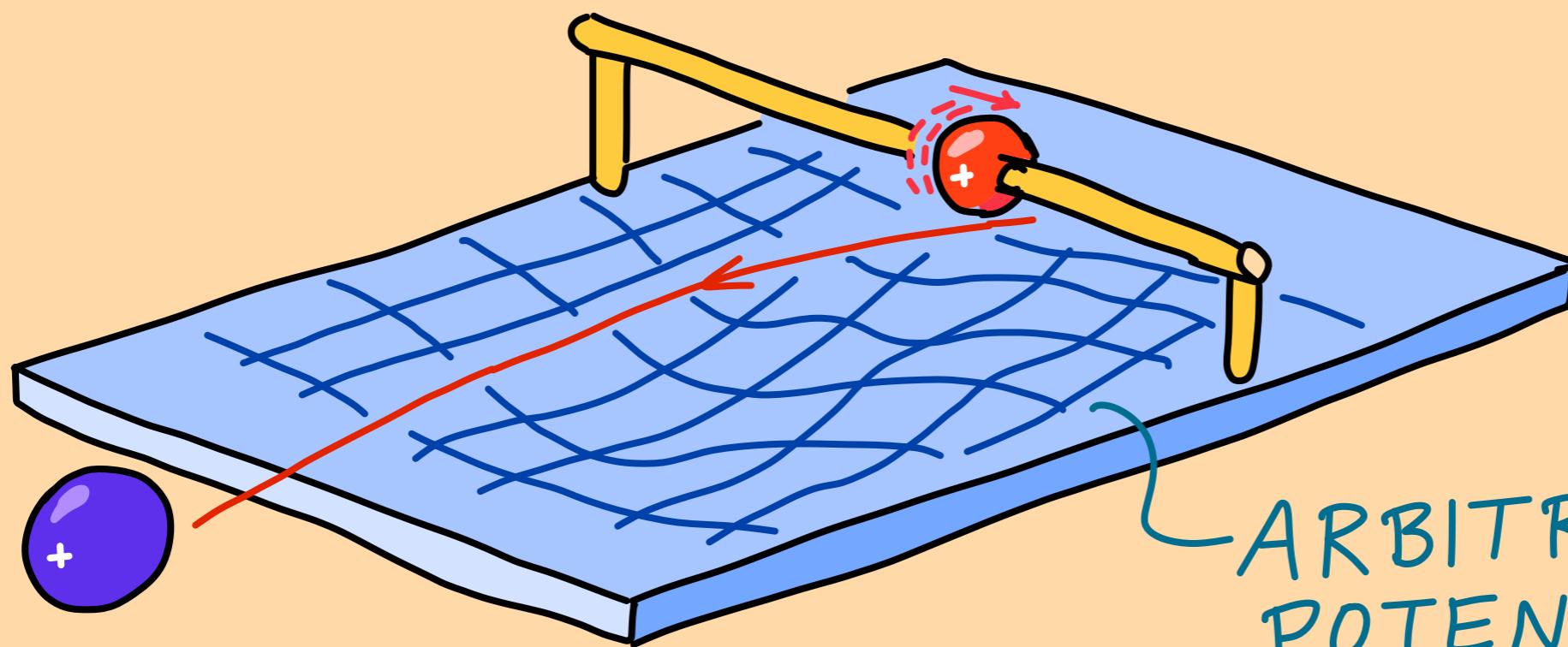






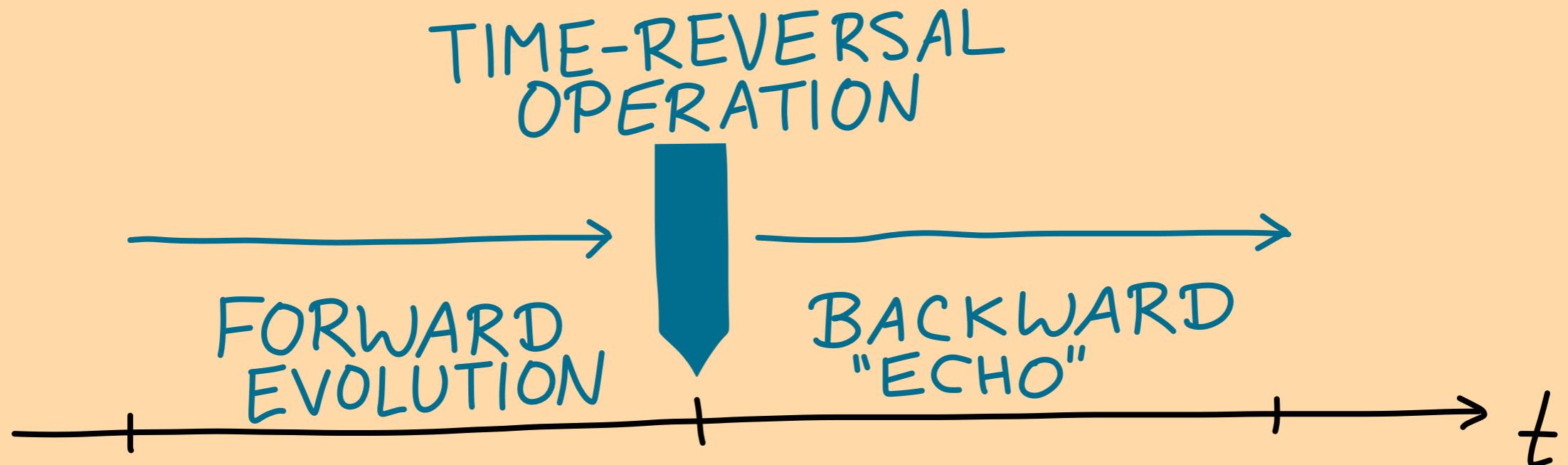
DYNAMICS CHANGED IN  
THE RIGHT WAY  $\Rightarrow$  "LEARNING"!



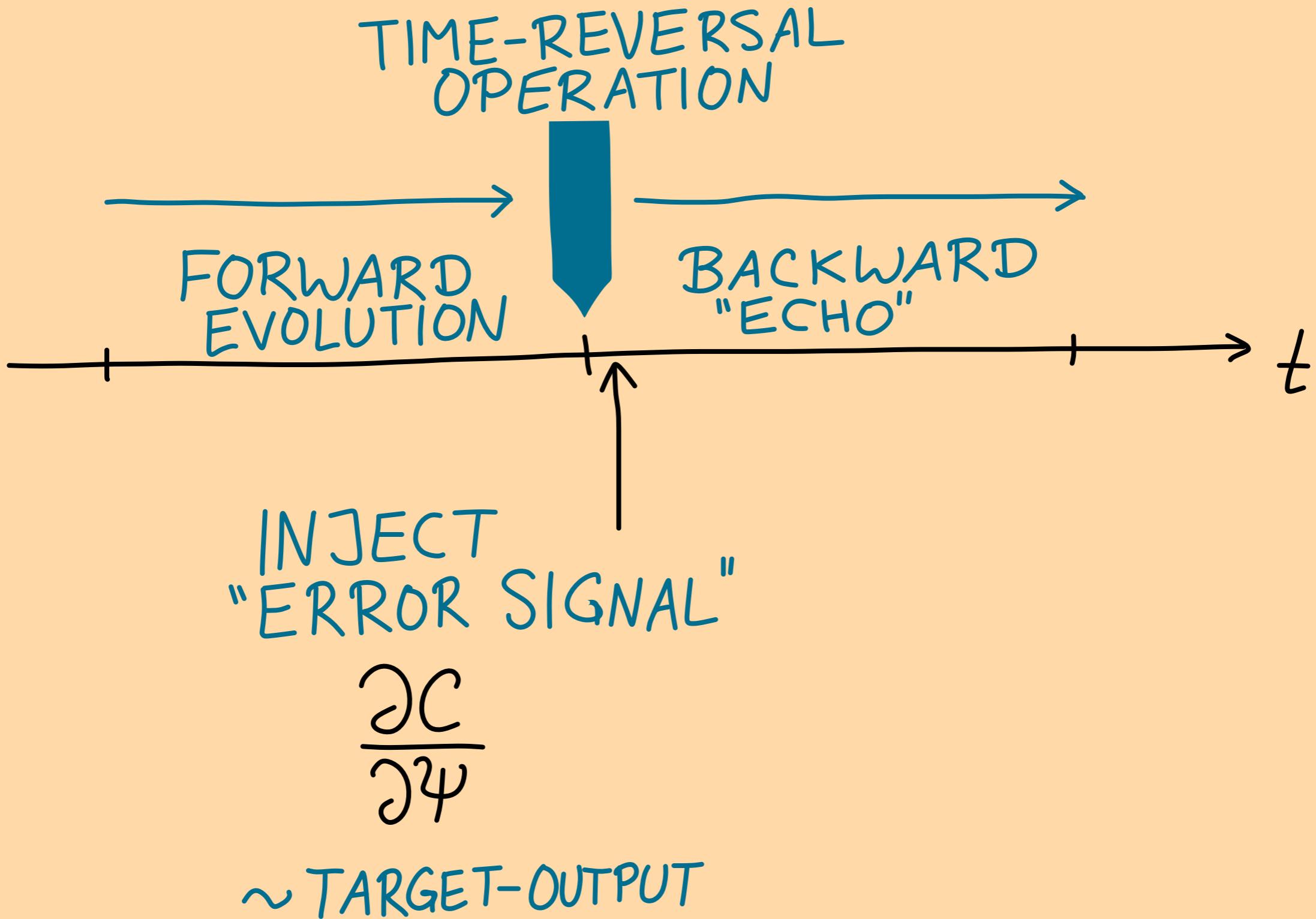


ARBITRARY  
POTENTIAL

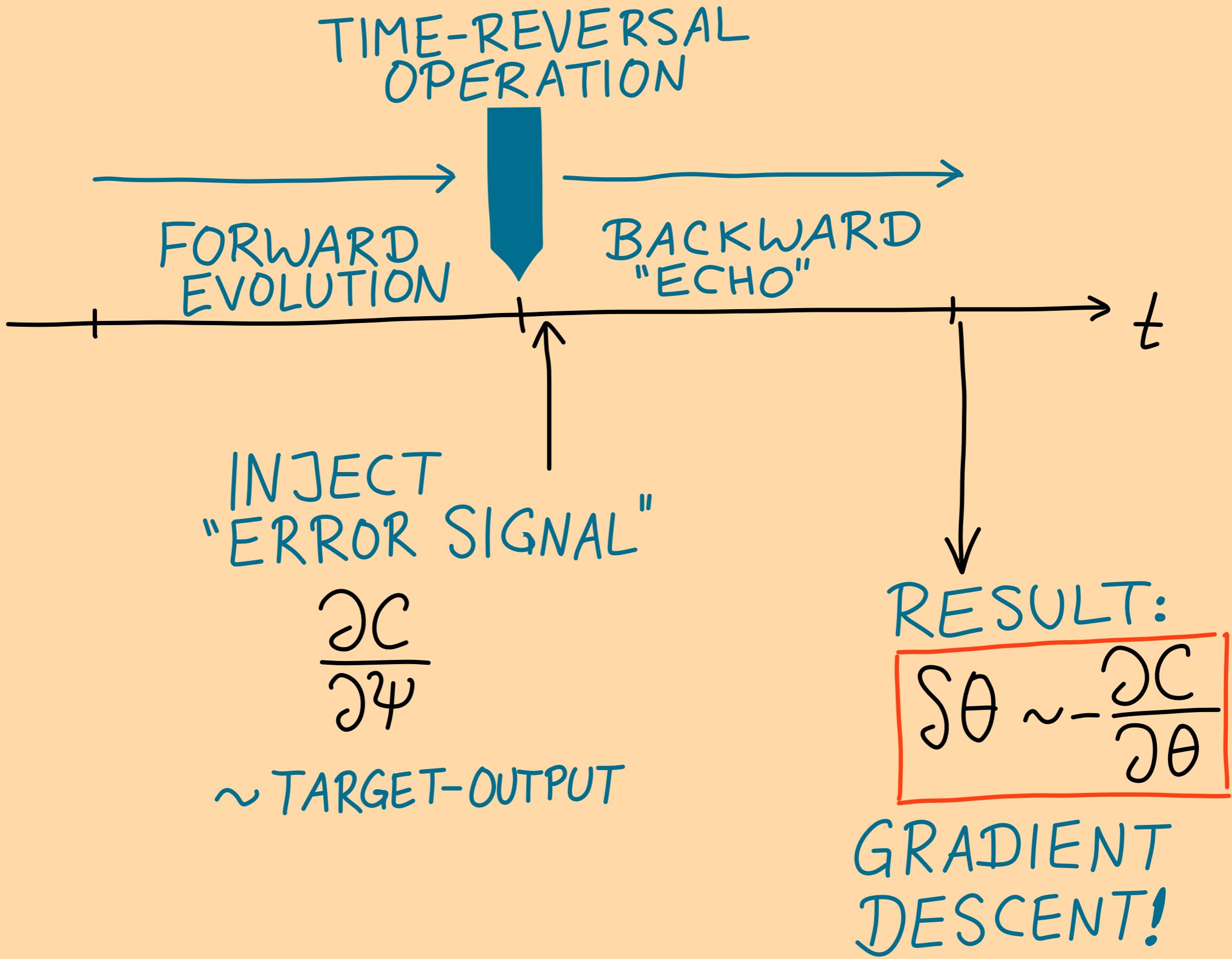
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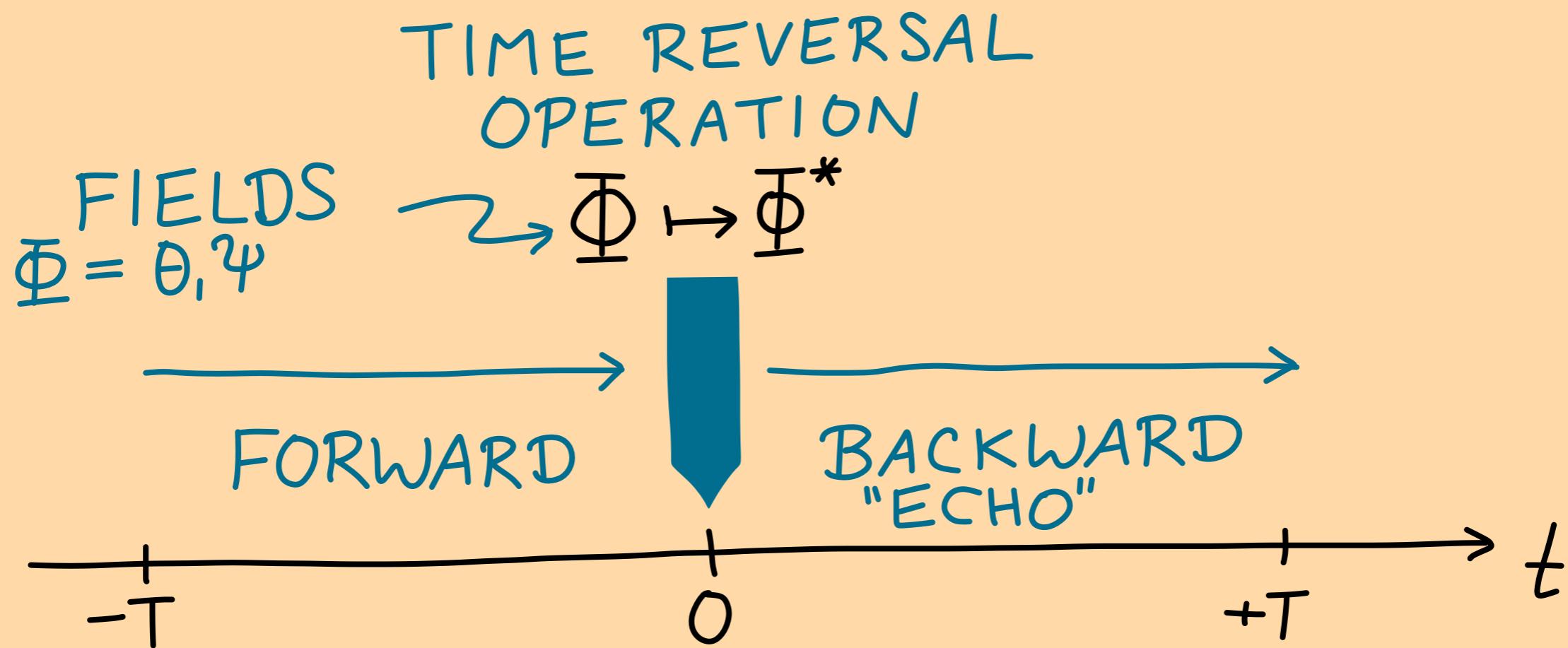
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# BRIEFLY : THE MATH



TIME-REVERSAL INVARIANCE

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\Phi}_{\text{ECHO}}(t) = \underline{\Phi}^*(-t)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta} = ?$$

NEEDED:

PERTURBED  
FORWARD  
EVOLUTION

$$g_{\Phi}(0, -T)^+$$

GREEN'S  
FUNCTION

cf adjoint  
method

ACCESSIBLE:

PERTURBED  
BACKWARD  
EVOLUTION

$$g_{\Phi_{\text{ECHO}}}(T, 0)$$

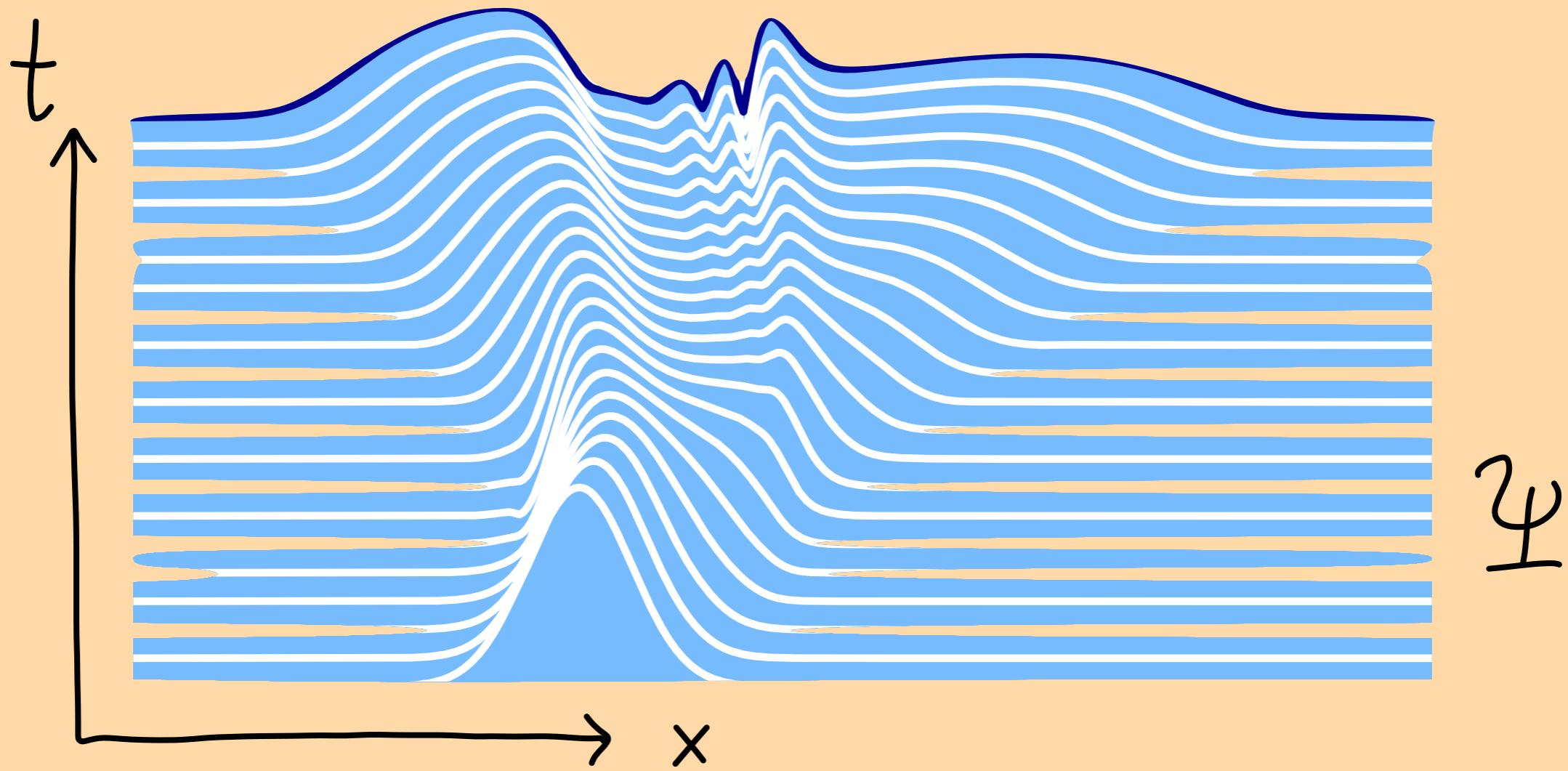
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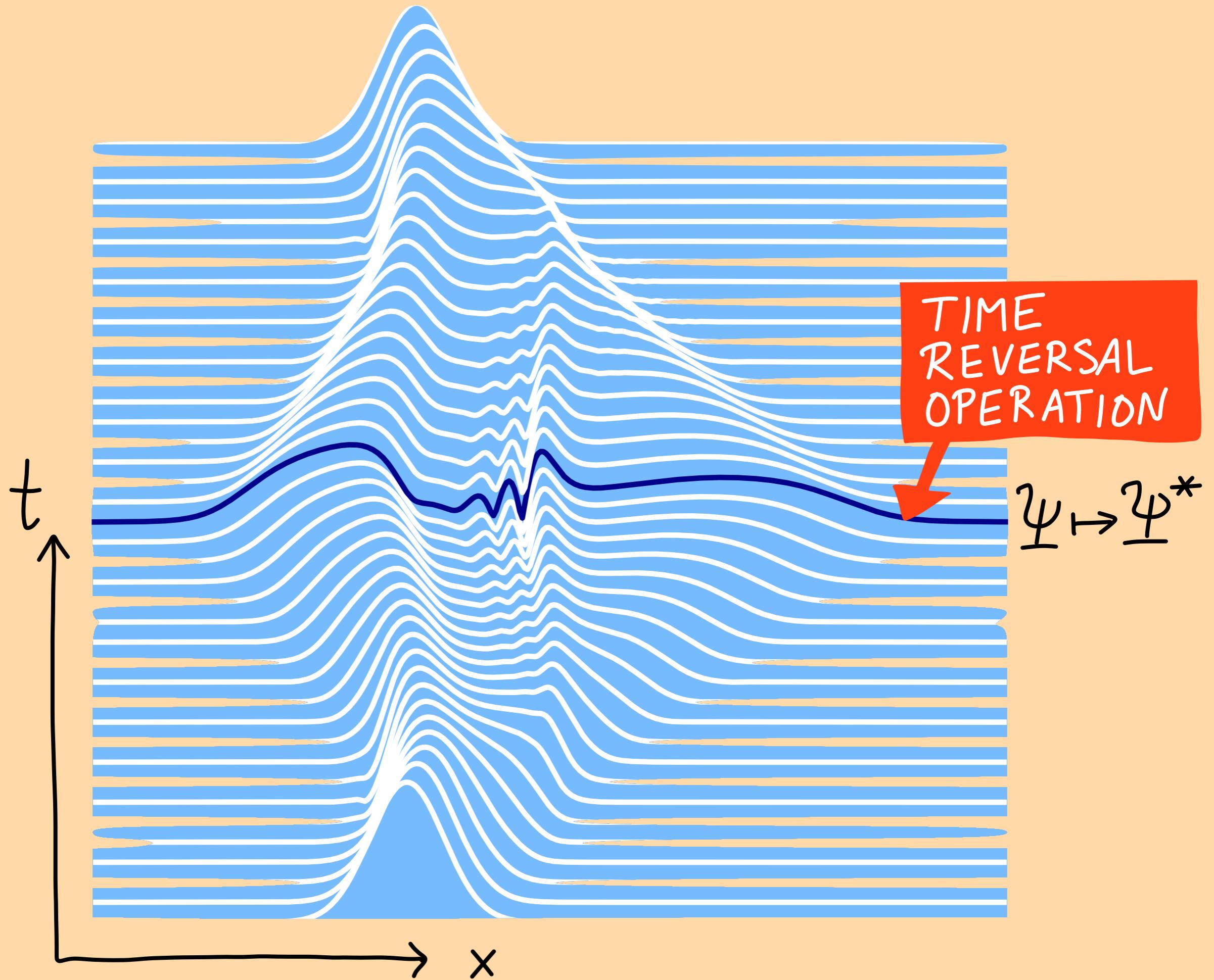
RESULT:

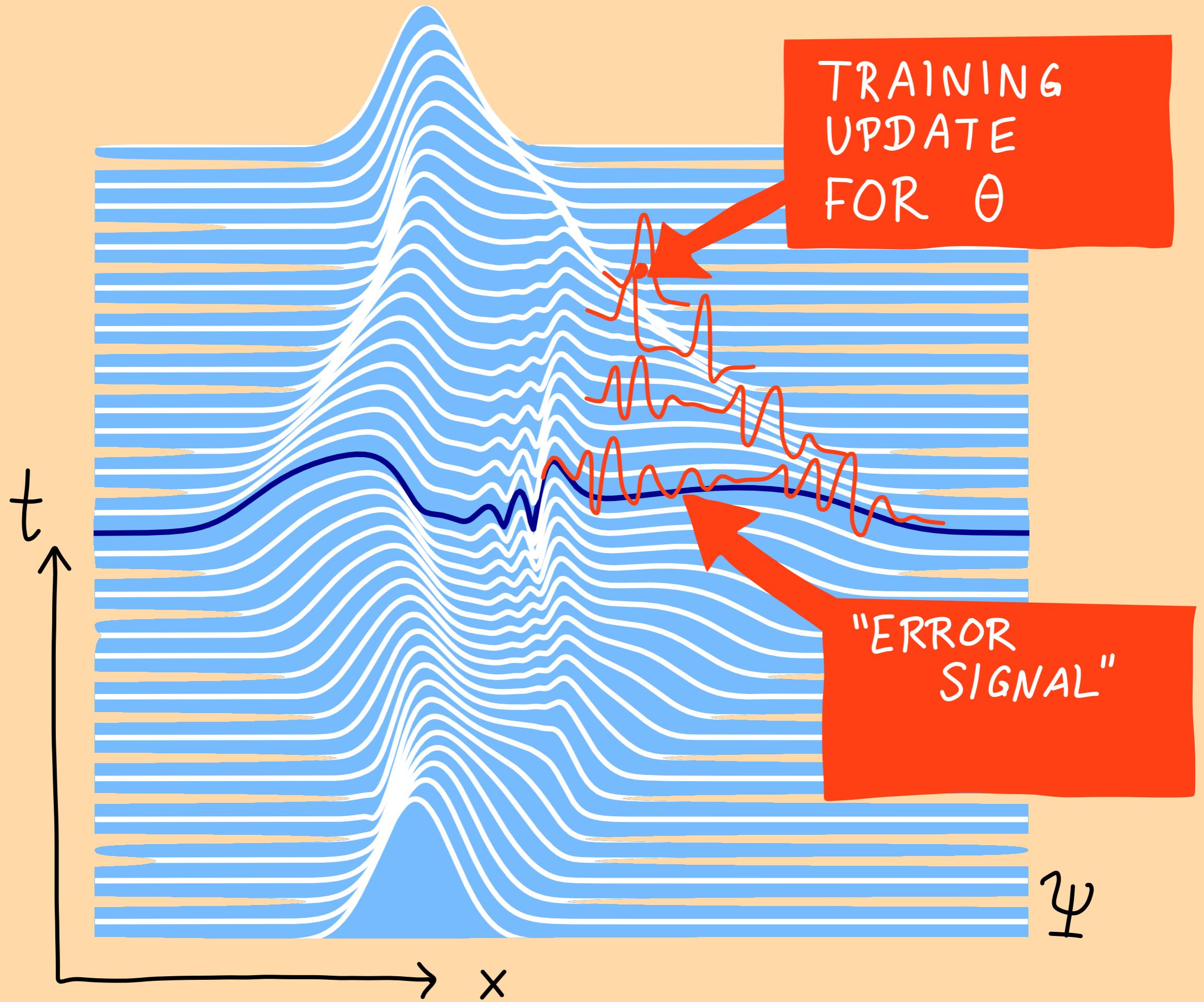
$$\boxed{S\theta \sim -\frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta}}$$

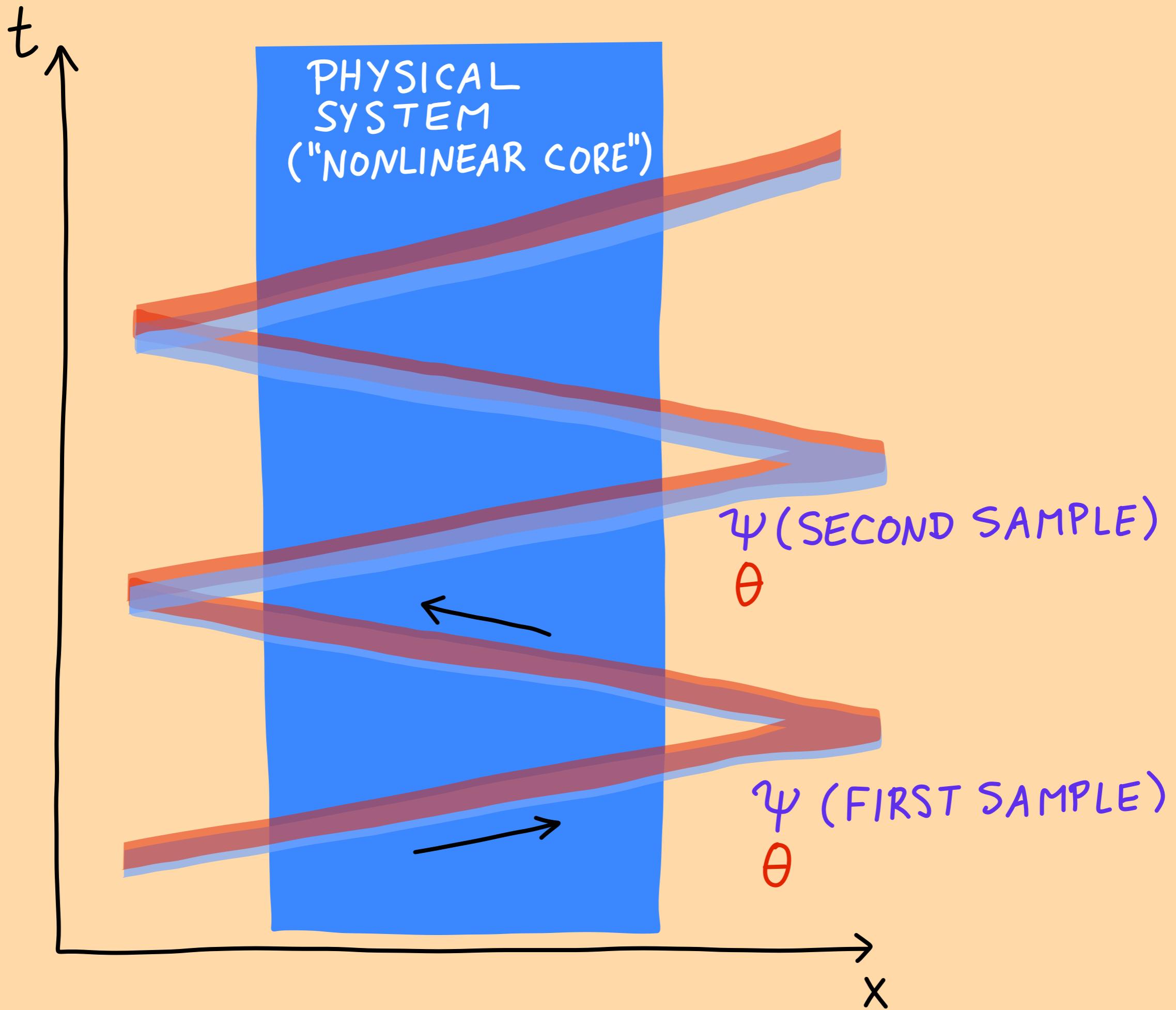
RELATED  
DUE TO  
TIME-REVERSAL-  
INVARIANCE

SELF-LEARNING  
NONLINEAR  
WAVE FIELDS









# COMPARE ...

PSALTIS ET AL  
(1987 FF)

NONLIN. OPTICS  
SELF-LEARNING

BUT: NEED TO  
ENGINEER  
FORWARD vs  
BACKWARD  
TRANSMISSION

HUGHES, ..., FAN  
(2018)

GENERAL PHYSICAL  
BACKPROP

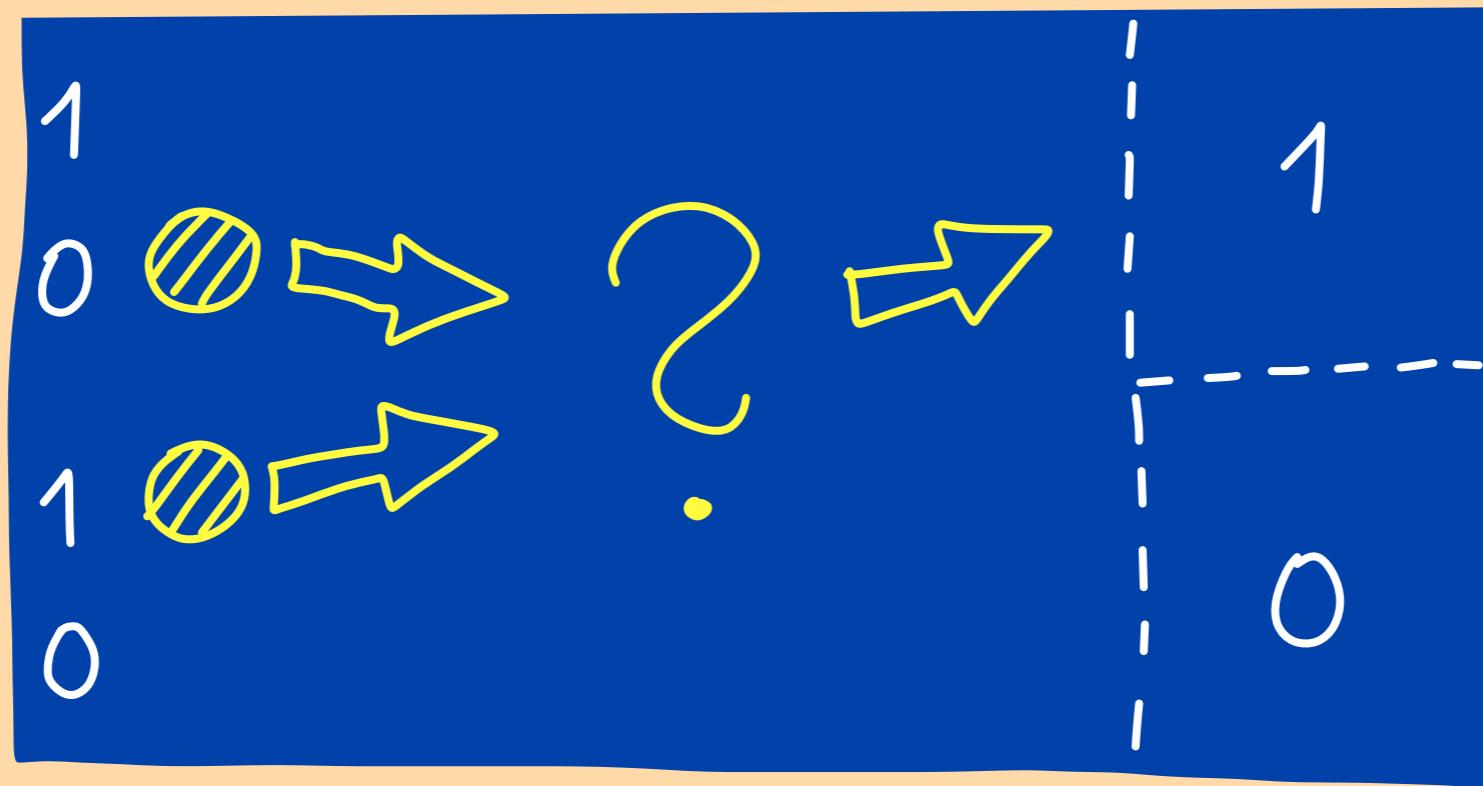
BUT: NO PHYSICAL  
UPDATE

# SUMMARY: HAMILTONIAN ECHO BACKPROPAGATION

- ✓ PHYSICAL BACKPROPAGATION
- ✓ PHYSICAL LEARNING UPDATE  
(VIA INTRINSIC DYNAMICS)
- ✓ HAMILTONIAN-INDEPENDENT  
(ANY TIME-REVERSAL-INVARIANT  
SYSTEM)
- ✓ NO ACCESS TO INTERNALS  
OF "NONLINEAR CORE" = PHYSICAL SYSTEM  
NEEDED
- ✓ AGNOSTIC OF PHYSICS PLATFORM

# FIRST NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

# LEARNING XOR

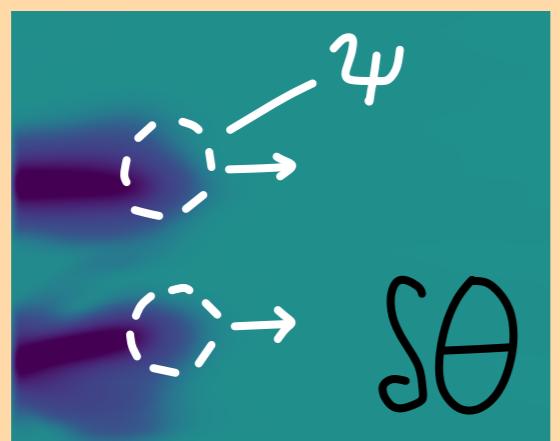


## COUPLED NONLINEAR WAVES

$$i\dot{\Psi} = \frac{\beta}{2}\Delta\Psi + (\chi\theta + g|\Psi|^2)\Psi$$

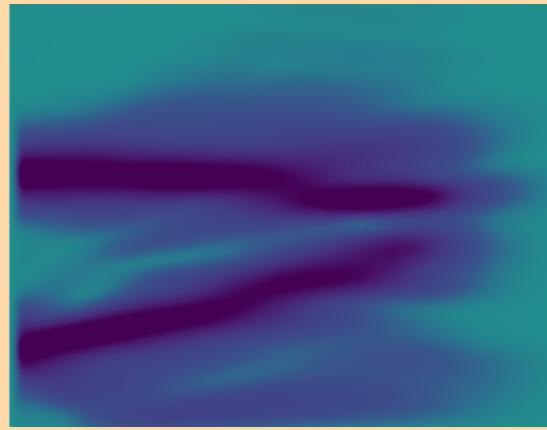
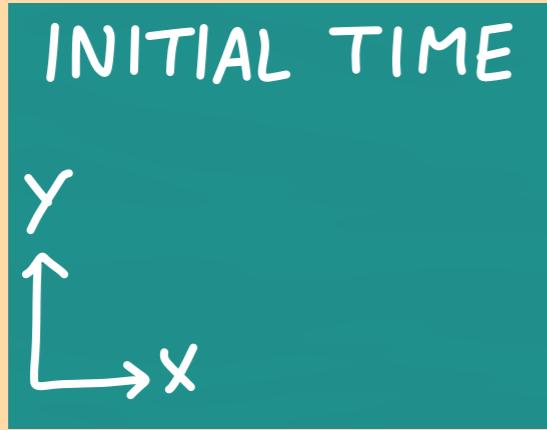
KERR

$$i\dot{\Theta} = i\Omega\pi_\theta + \chi|\Psi|^2$$



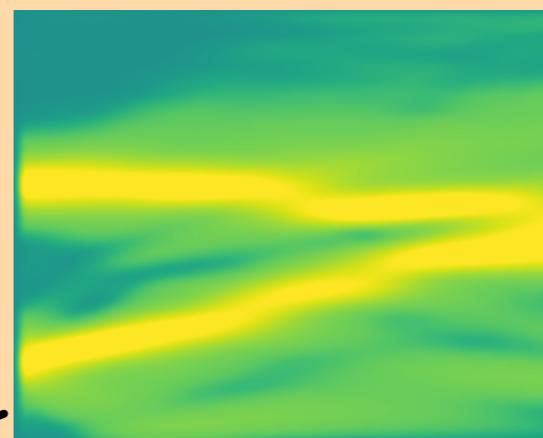
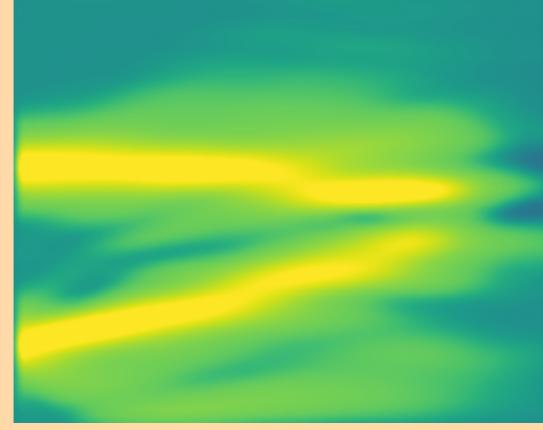
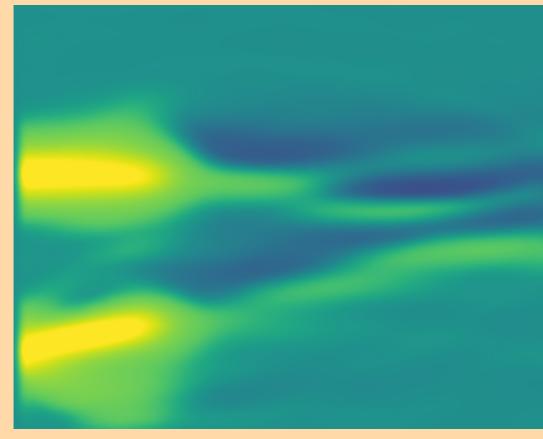
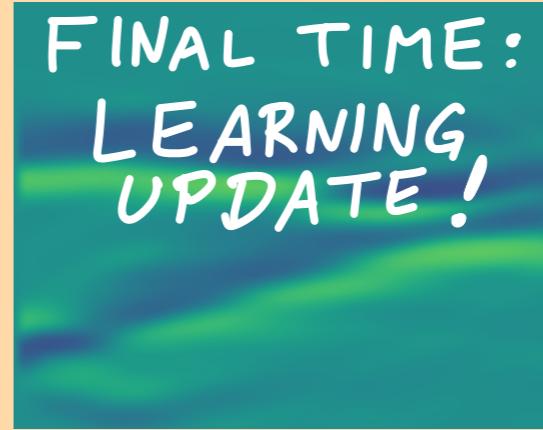
FORWARD

TIME



TIME  
REVERSAL  
OPERATION

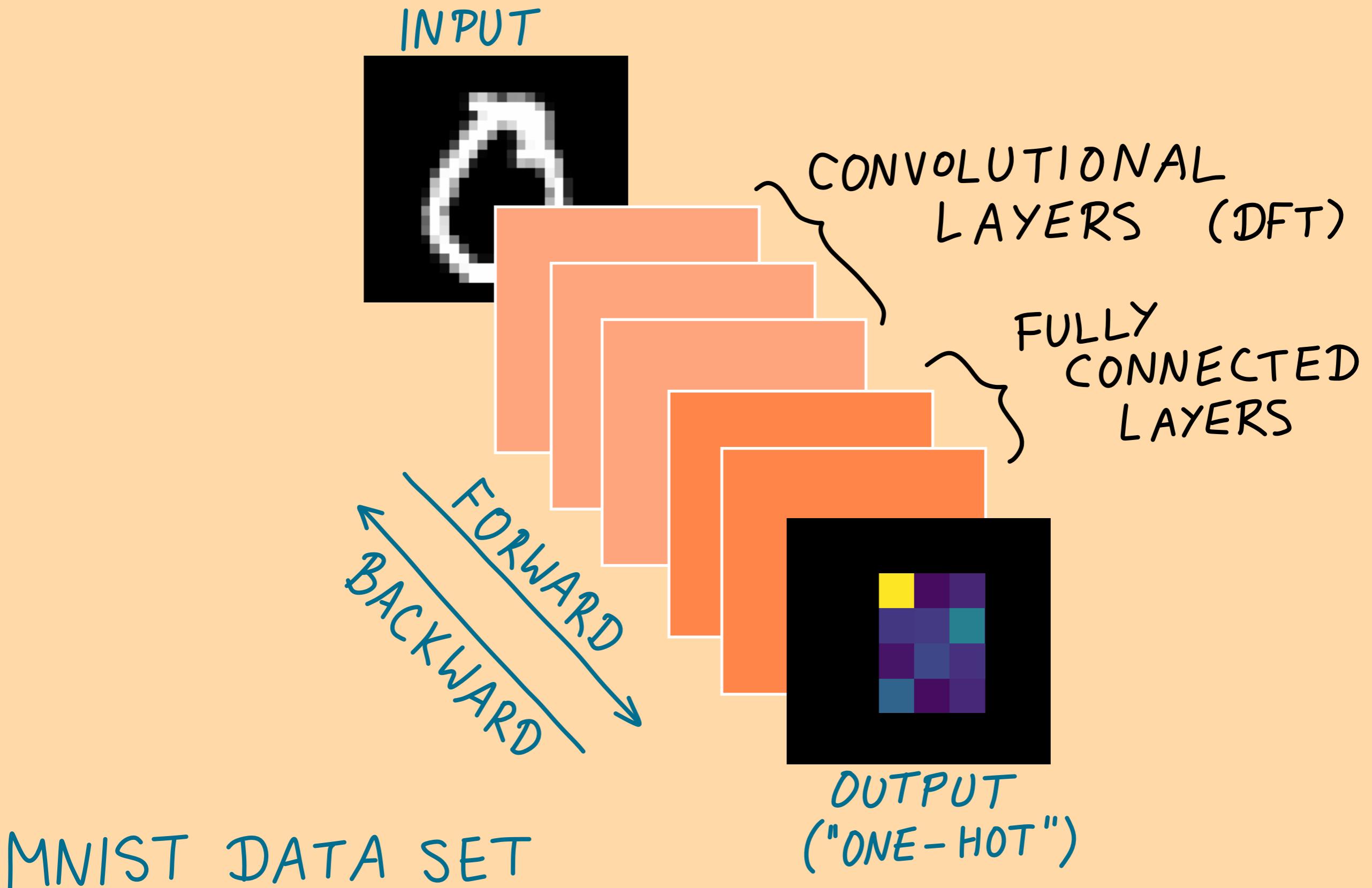
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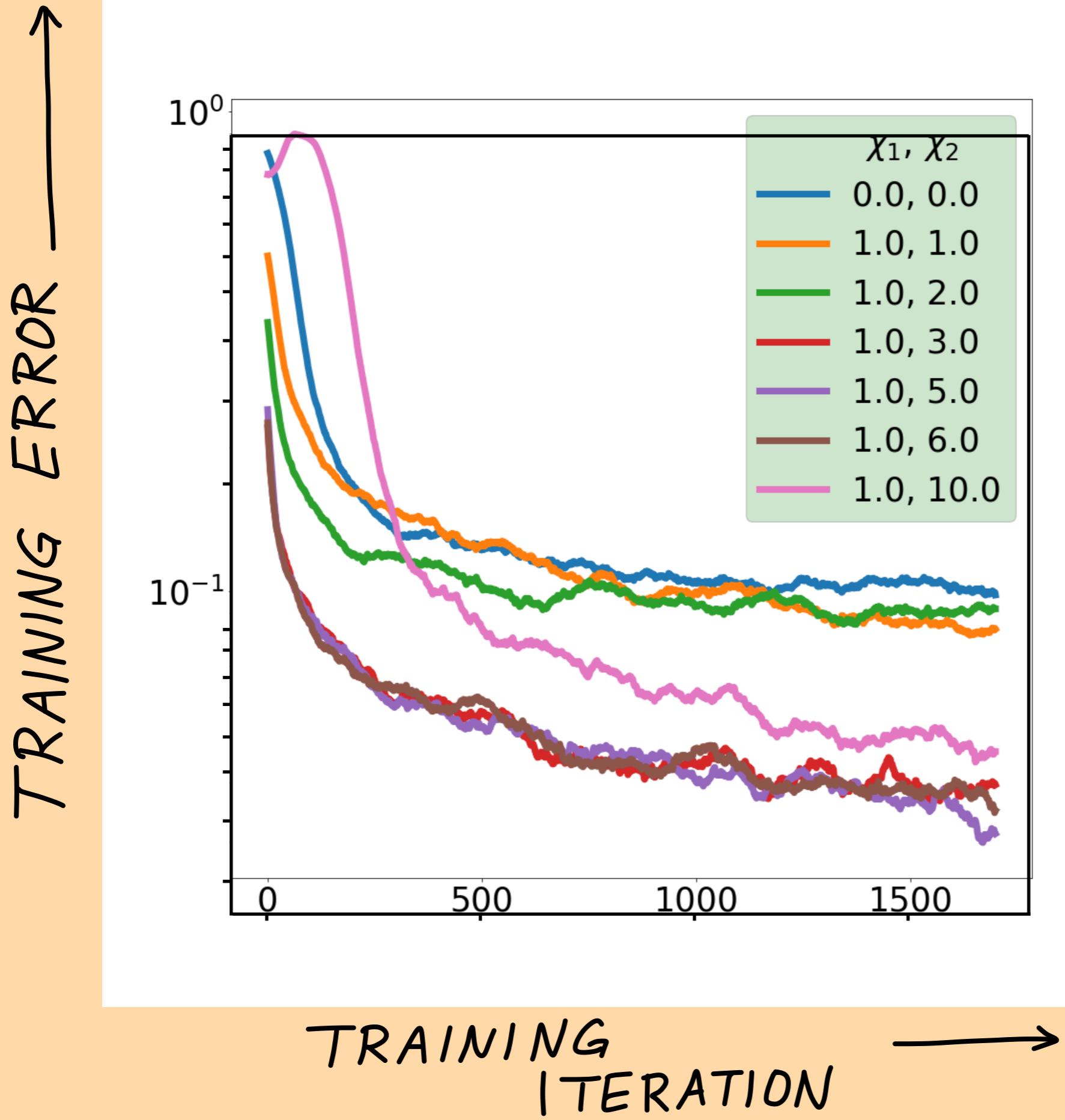


BACKWARD

TIME

# IMAGE CLASSIFICATION





POSSIBLE EXPERIMENTAL  
PLATFORMS

# REQUIREMENTS & CHALLENGES

- NONLINEAR
- LOW LOSS

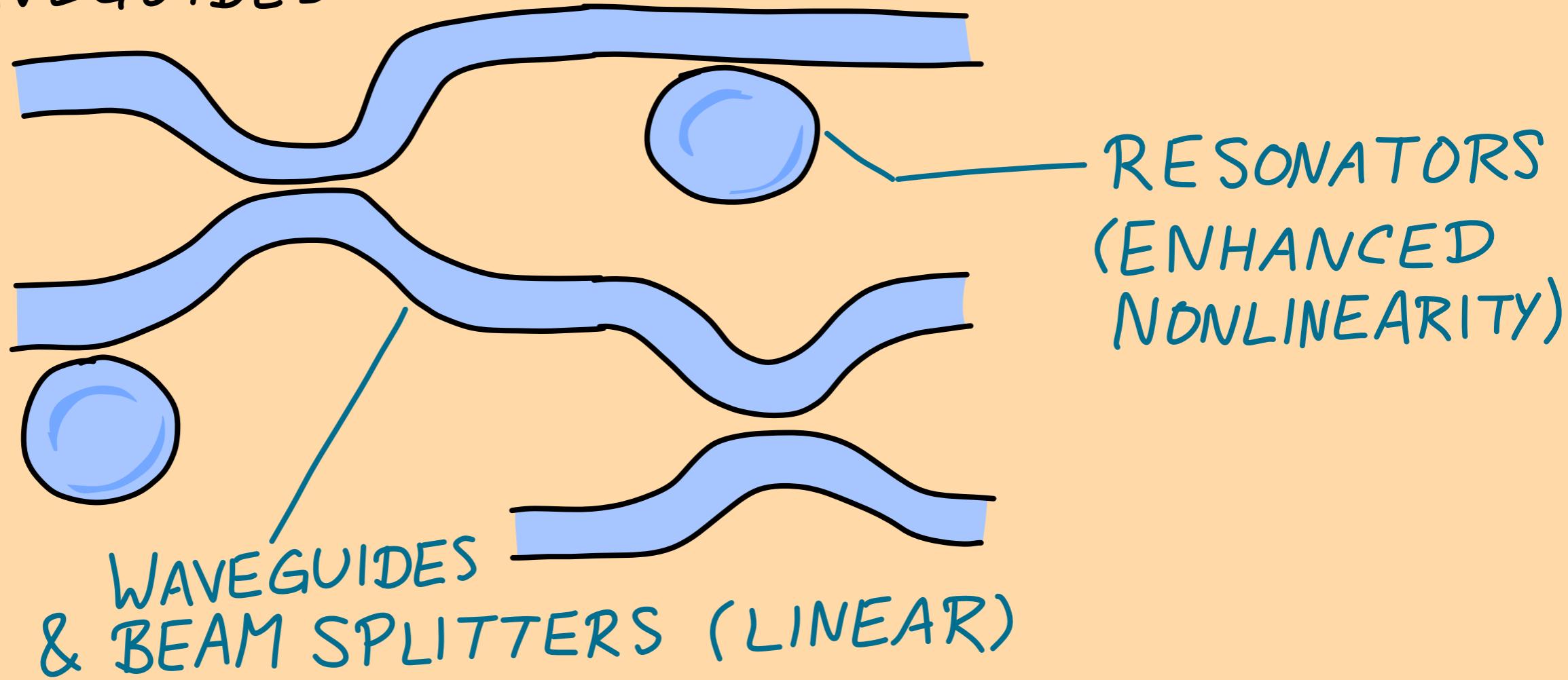
(→ RE-AMPLIFICATION)

- TIME-REVERSAL OPERATION [& "DECAY STEP"]
- NOISE, NONIDEALITY IN THESE OPERATIONS  
(→ CALIBRATION, ROBUSTNESS)
- LONG-TERM STORAGE OF LEARNING FIELD  
(→ READOUT)

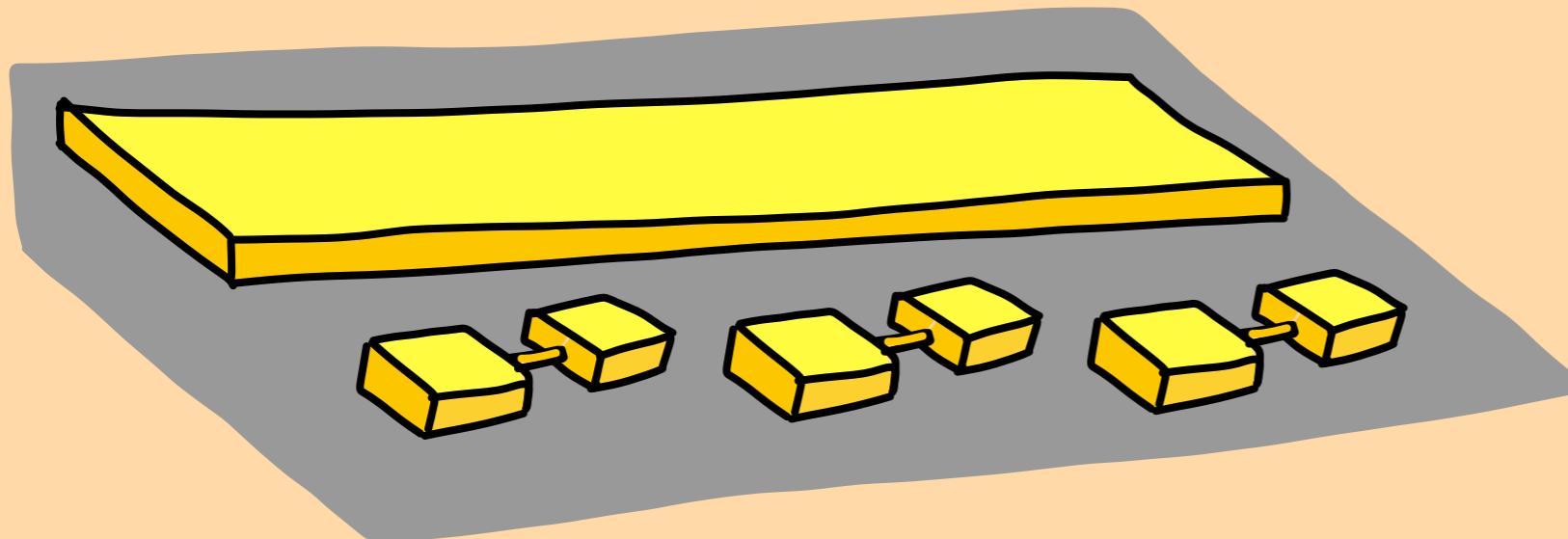
# NONLINEAR OPTICS

## EXAMPLE: INTEGRATED PHOTONICS

### WAVEGUIDES & NONLINEAR RESONATORS



BUILD ON OPTICAL NEURAL NETWORKS:  
WAGNER & PSALTIS (1987f.), SKINNER ET AL (1995),  
SHEN, ..., ENGLUND, SOLJACIC (2017), HUGHES, ..., FAN (2018),  
GUO, ..., LVOVSKY (2019), FELDMAN, ..., PERNICE (2019), ...  
REVIEW: WETZSTEIN ET AL (2020)



## SUPERCONDUCTING MICROWAVE CIRCUITS

↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑  
SOME SPIN WAVES  
(TIME-REVERSAL SYMMETRY!)



NONLINEAR  
MATTER WAVES

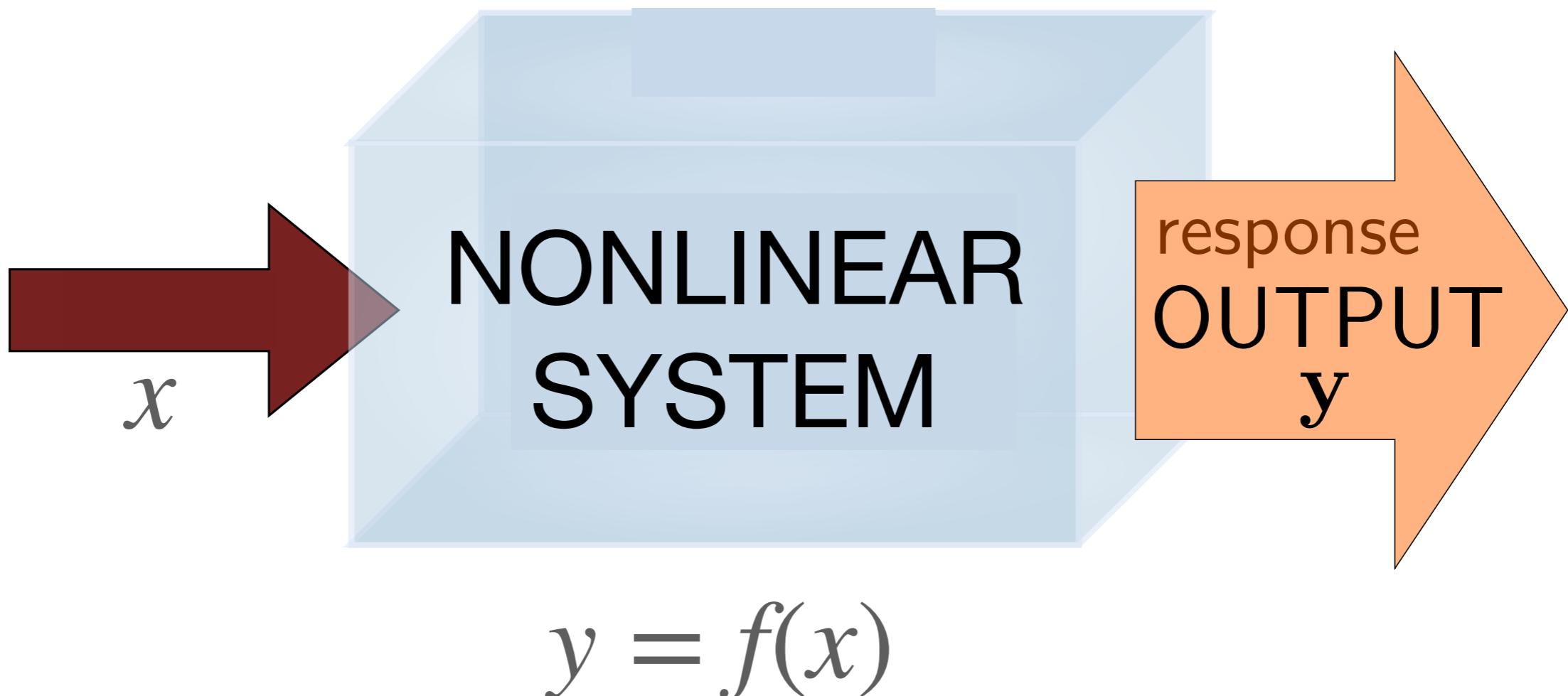
# **Nonlinear neuromorphic system from linear wave scattering**

Clara Wanjura & F.M. arXiv 2308.16181



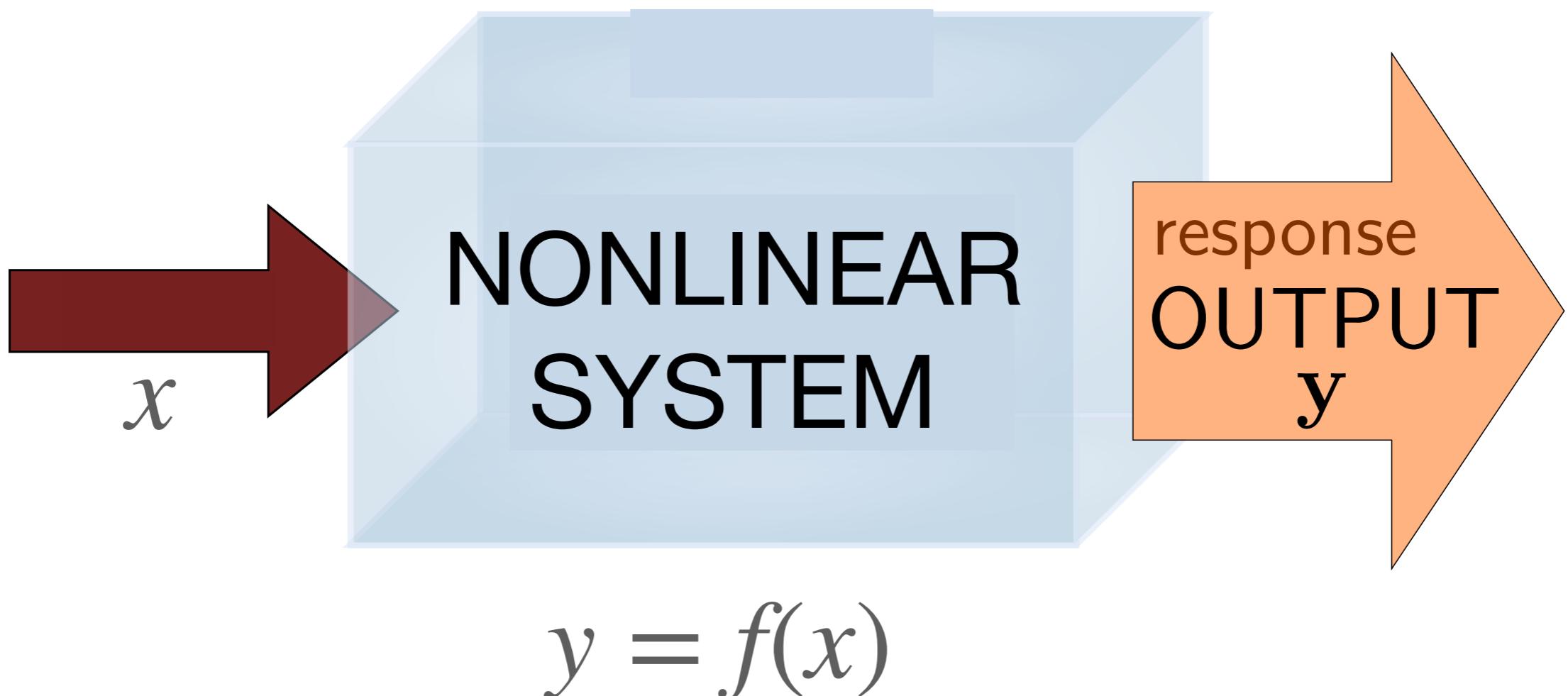
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nonlinearity for expressivity



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optical nonlinearities (but: power levels)  
optoelectronics (but: delays, power)

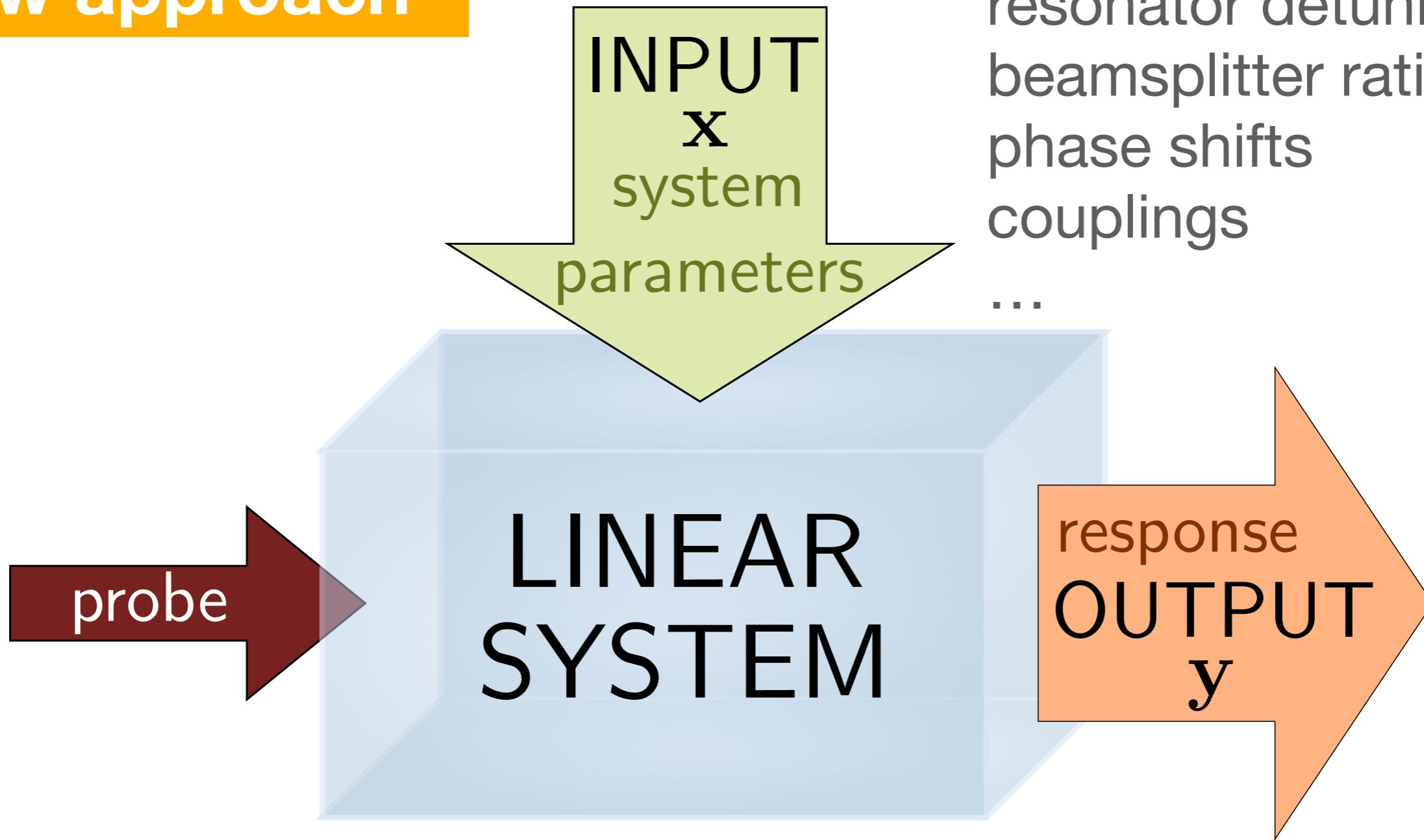




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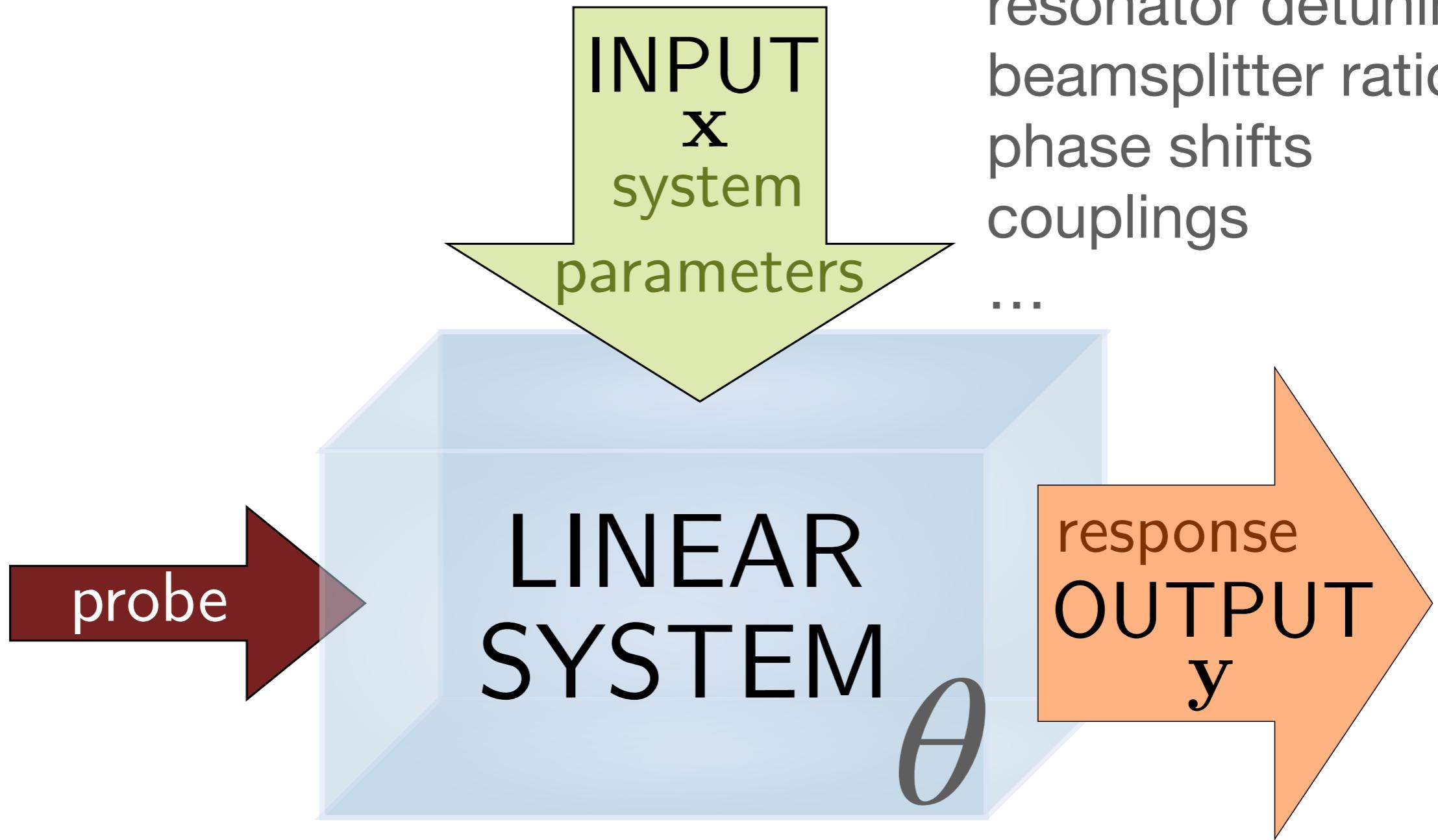
**Scattering Matrix**

## new approach



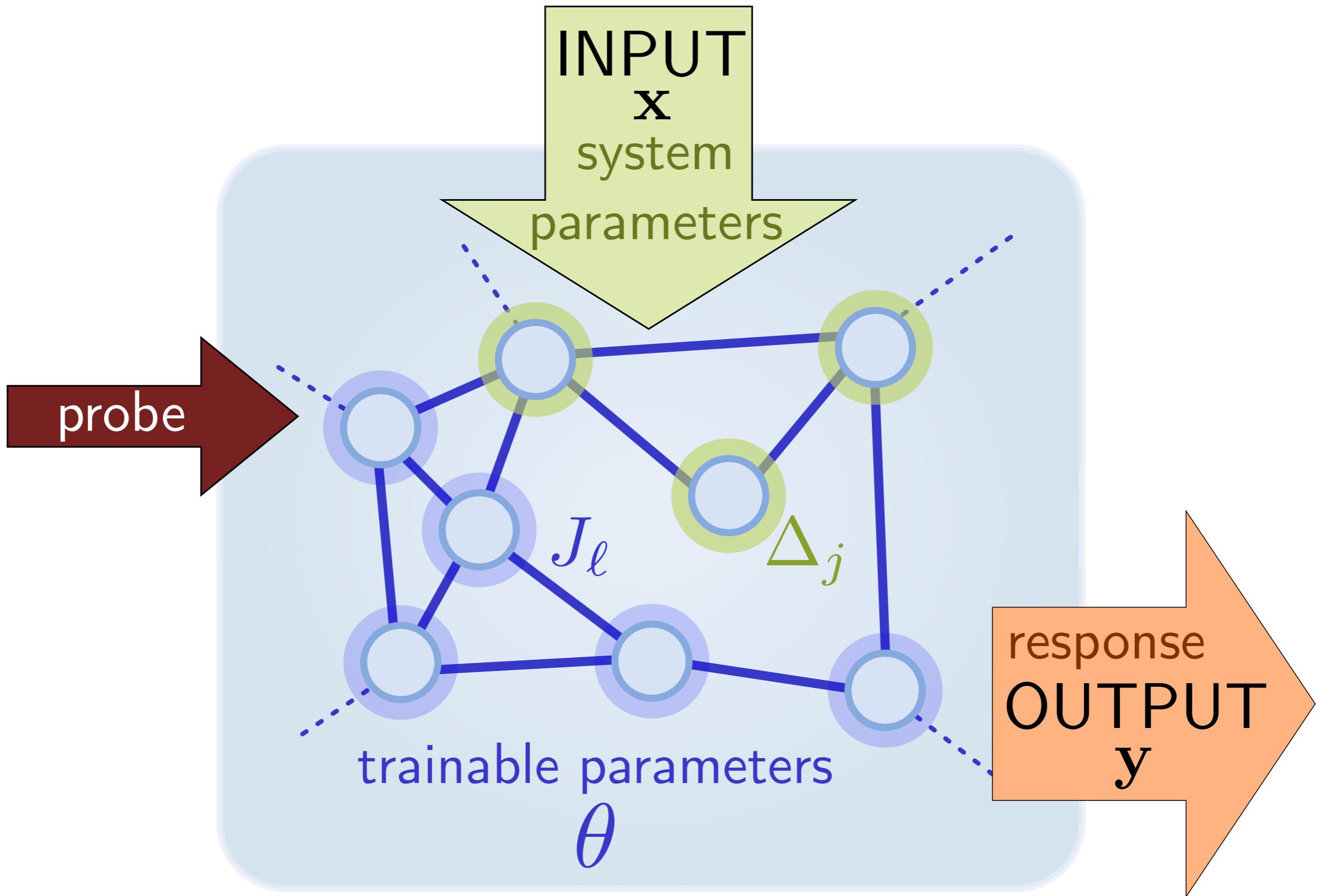
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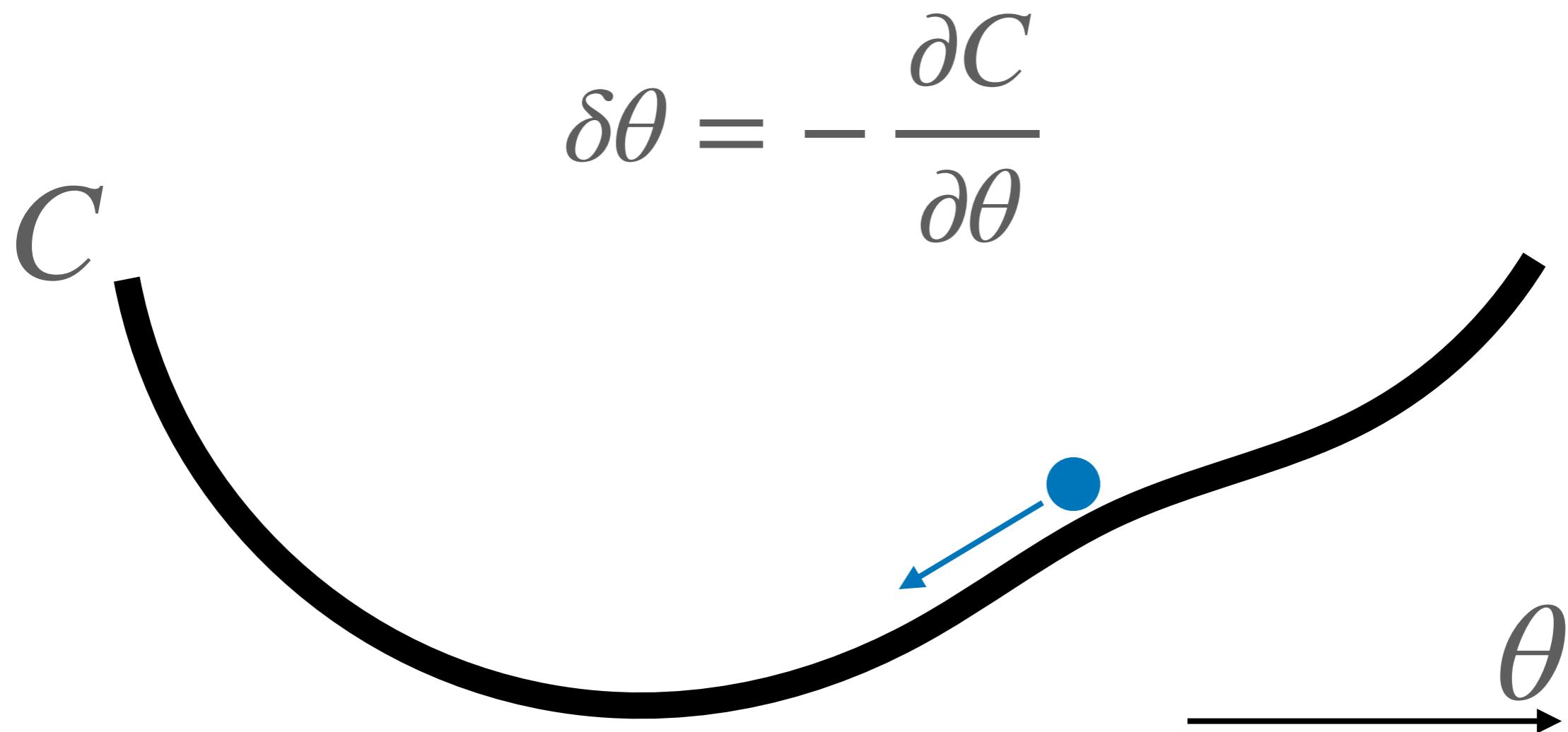
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**nonlinear trainable function of input x**



# Training

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$$\delta\theta = - \frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta}$$

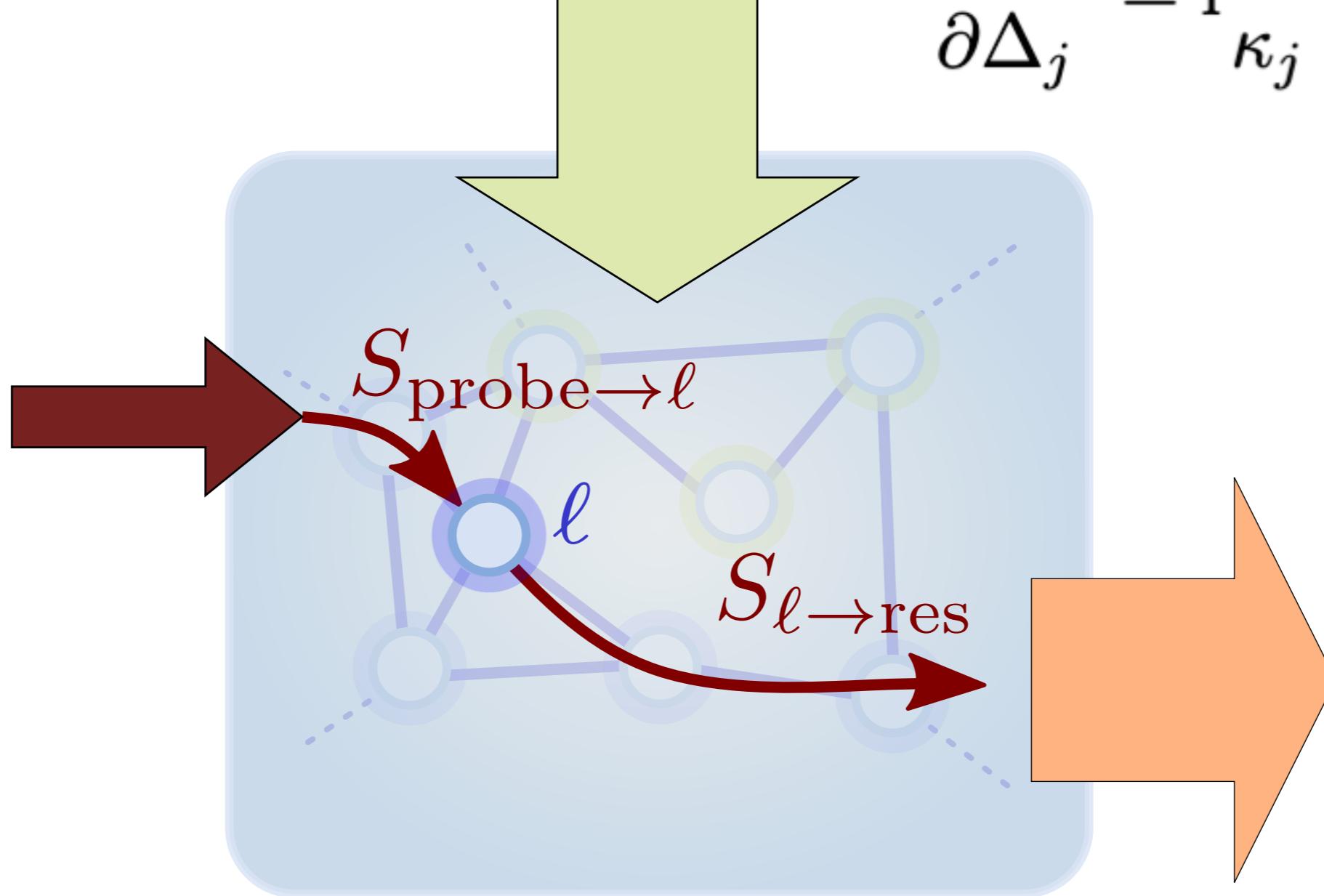
**Challenge: obtain gradients efficiently  
for a physical system!**

Backpropagation on a model (but: model?)  
Hamiltonian Echo Backpropagation (time-reversal)  
Equilibrium propagation (relaxation system)

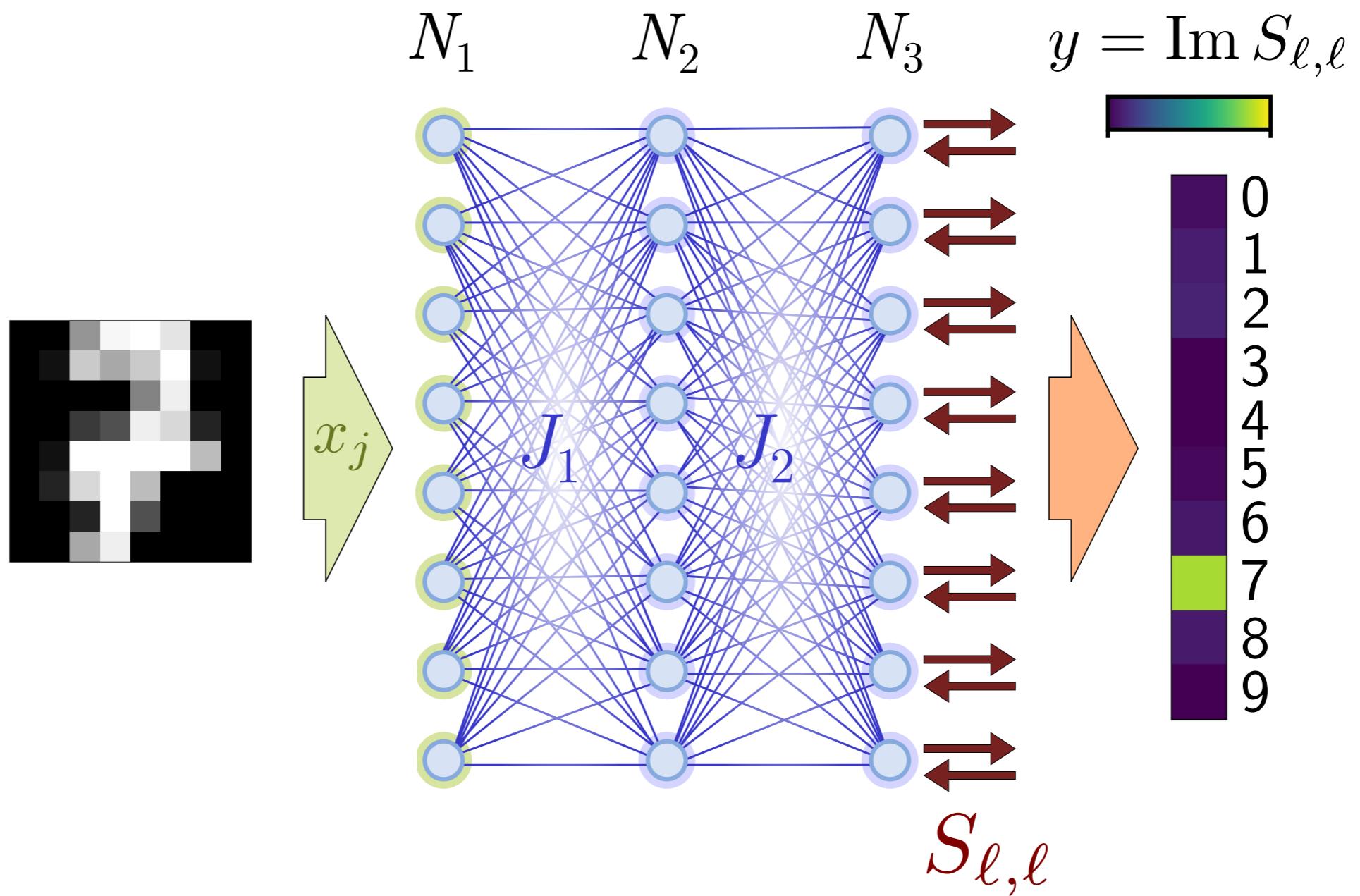
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Here: Gradients from simple scattering matrix measurements!

$$\frac{\partial S_{r,p}}{\partial \Delta_j} = i \frac{1}{\kappa_j} G_{j,p} G_{r,j}$$

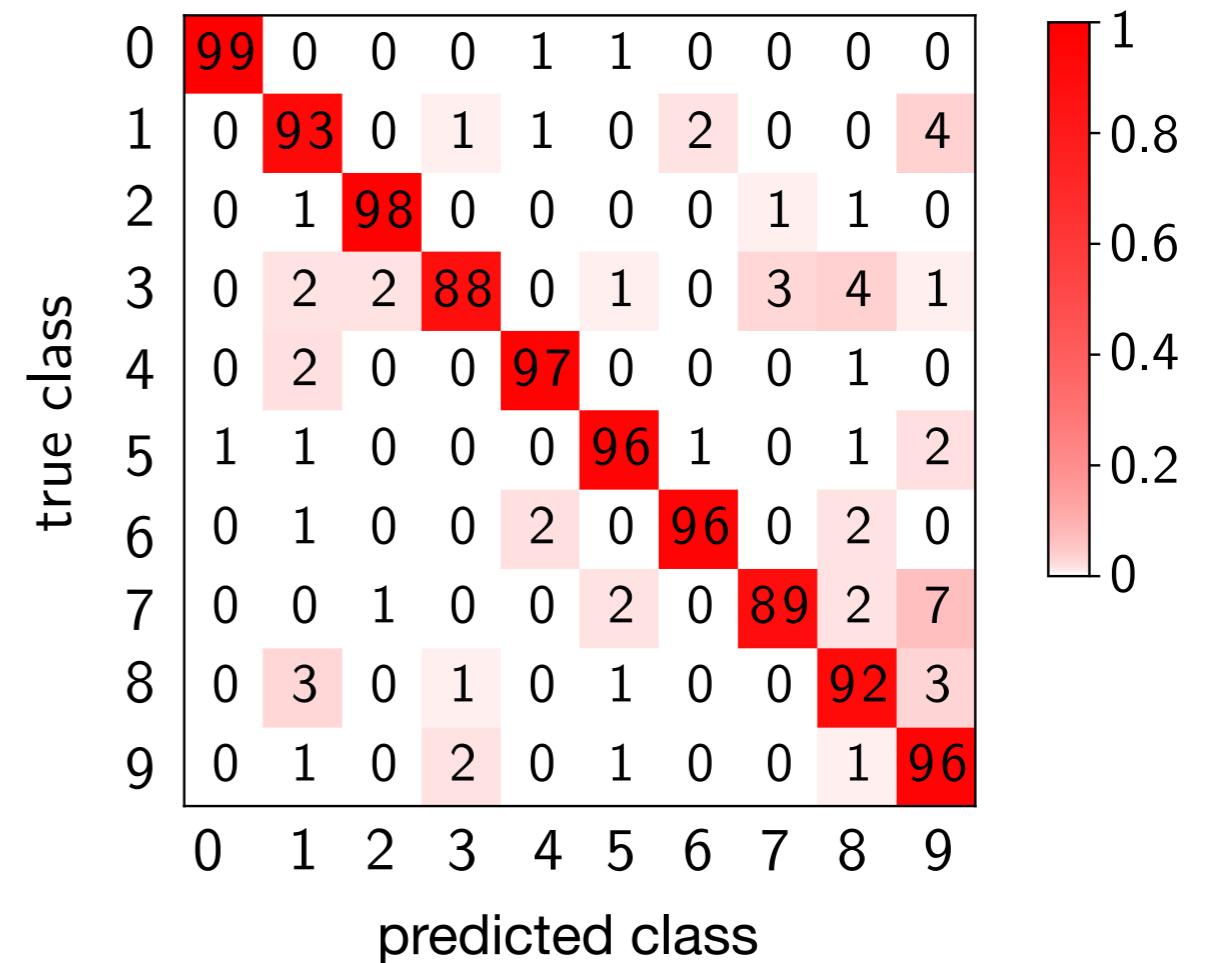
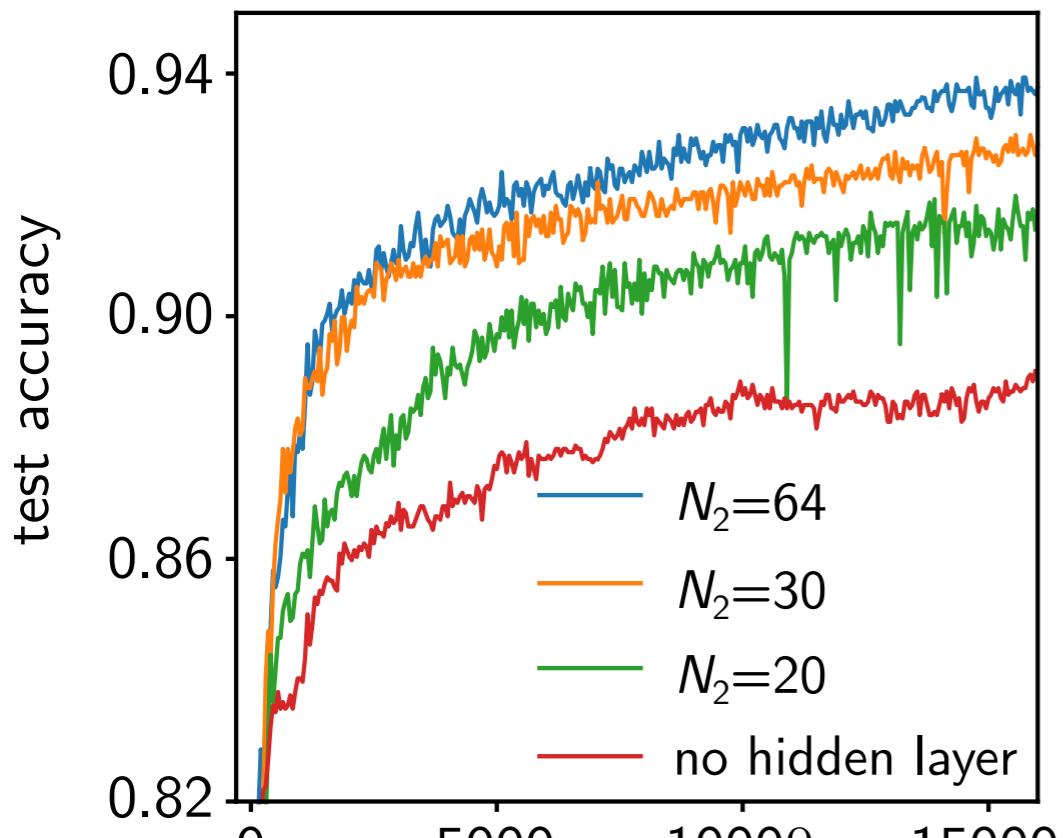


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Training on handwritten digits

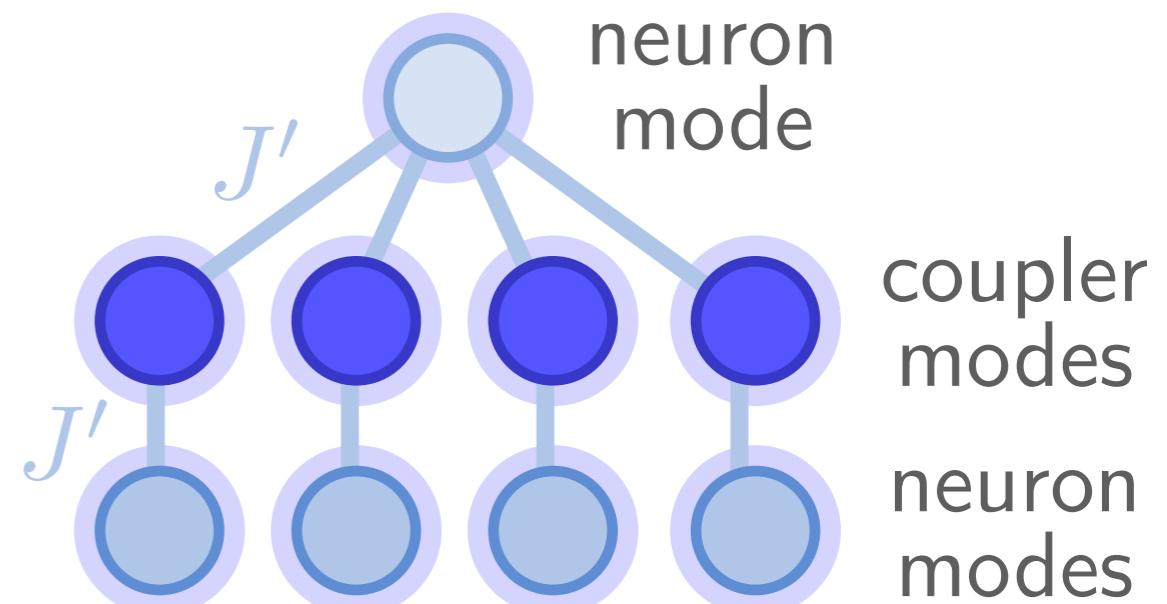
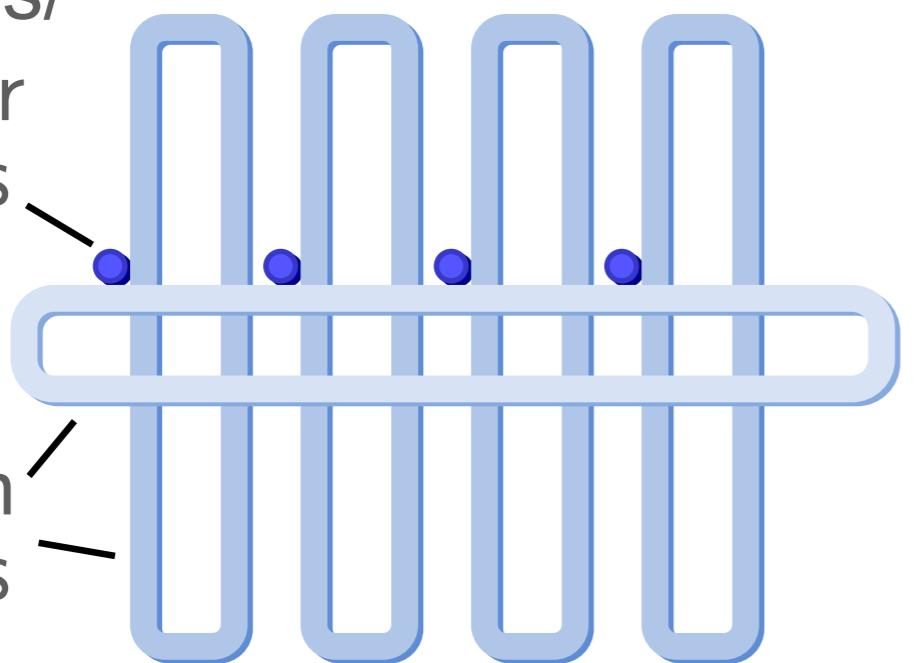


Better accuracy than purely linear neural network

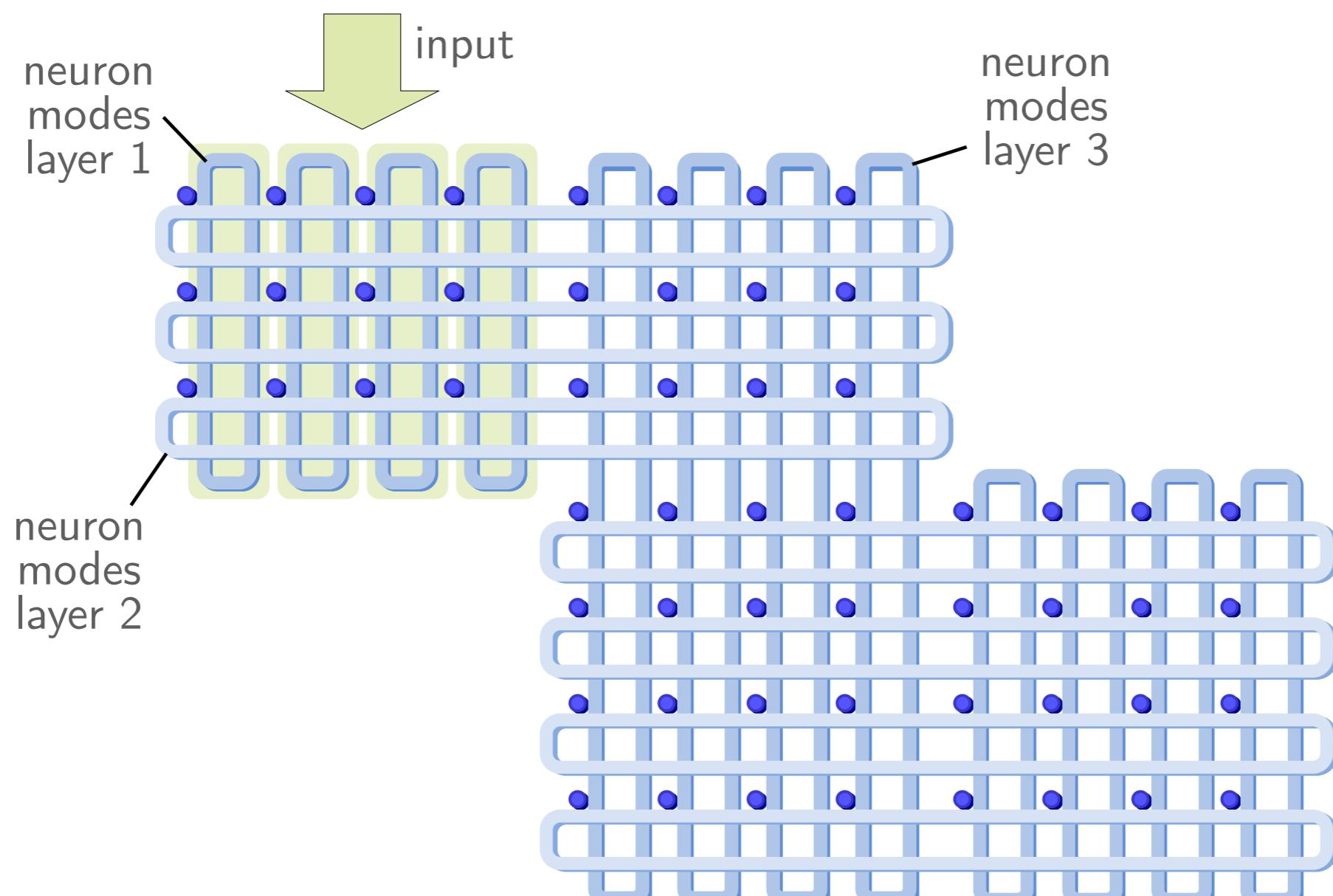
# Possible optical implementation

## racetrack resonators

tunable  
couplers/  
coupler  
modes  
  
neuron  
modes



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**read off gradients needed  
for training:  
grating tap monitors**

# Fully nonlinear neuromorphic learning machine based on linear wave scattering

...should work in many platforms  
simple training, simple inference

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similar ideas & free-space experiments:

M. Yildirim, N. U. Dinc, I. Oguz, D. Psaltis,  
and C. Moser, arXiv:2307.08533

F. Xia, K. Kim, Y. Eliezer, L. Shaughnessy, S. Gigan,  
and H. Cao, arXiv:2307.08558

# Physical self-learning machines as new tools for machine learning



## **Hamiltonian Echo Backpropagation**

General physical training procedure

Victor Lopez-Pastor & F.M.

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## **Nonlinear neuromorphic system via linear waves**

Suitable for any linear platform

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