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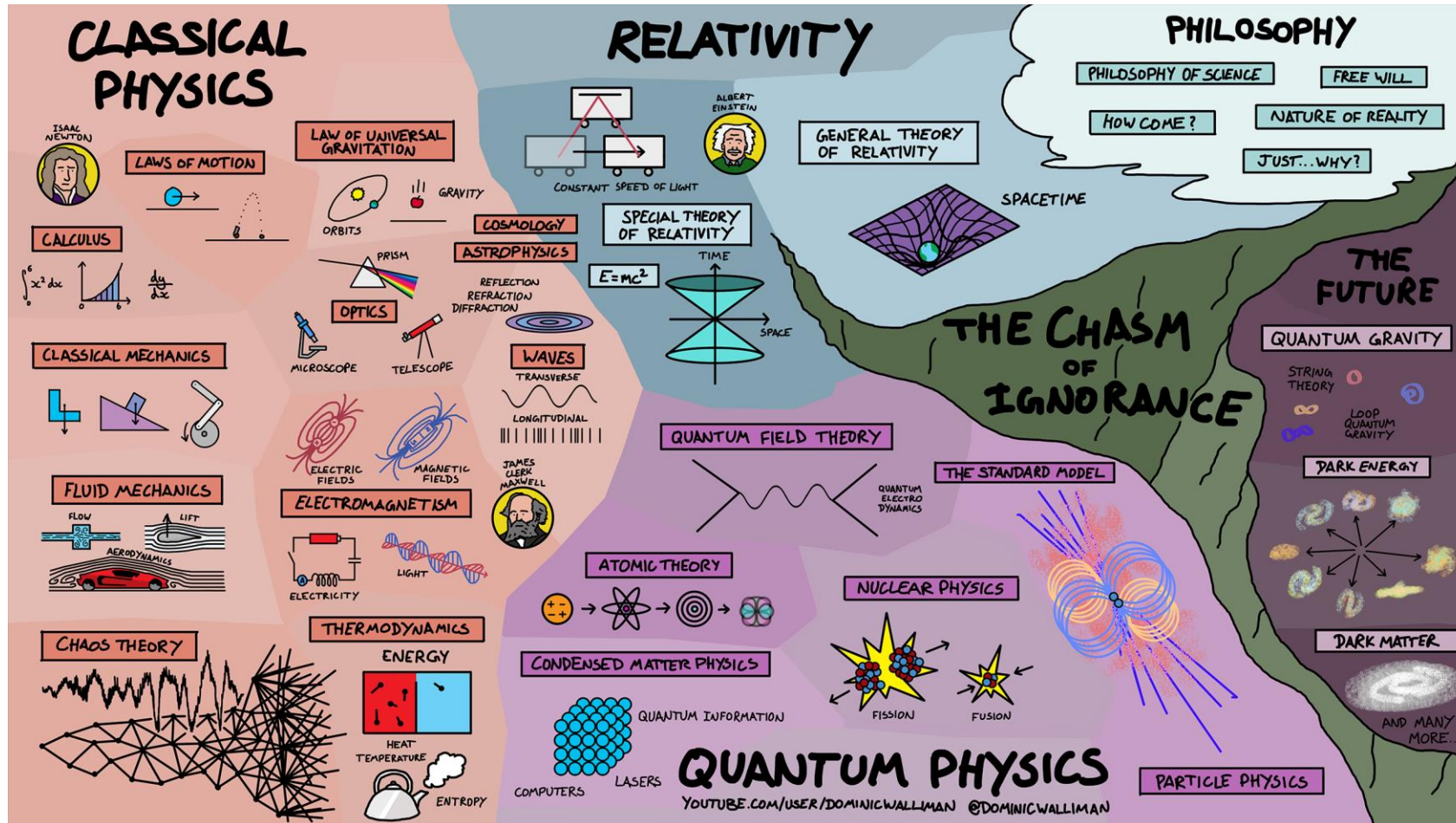
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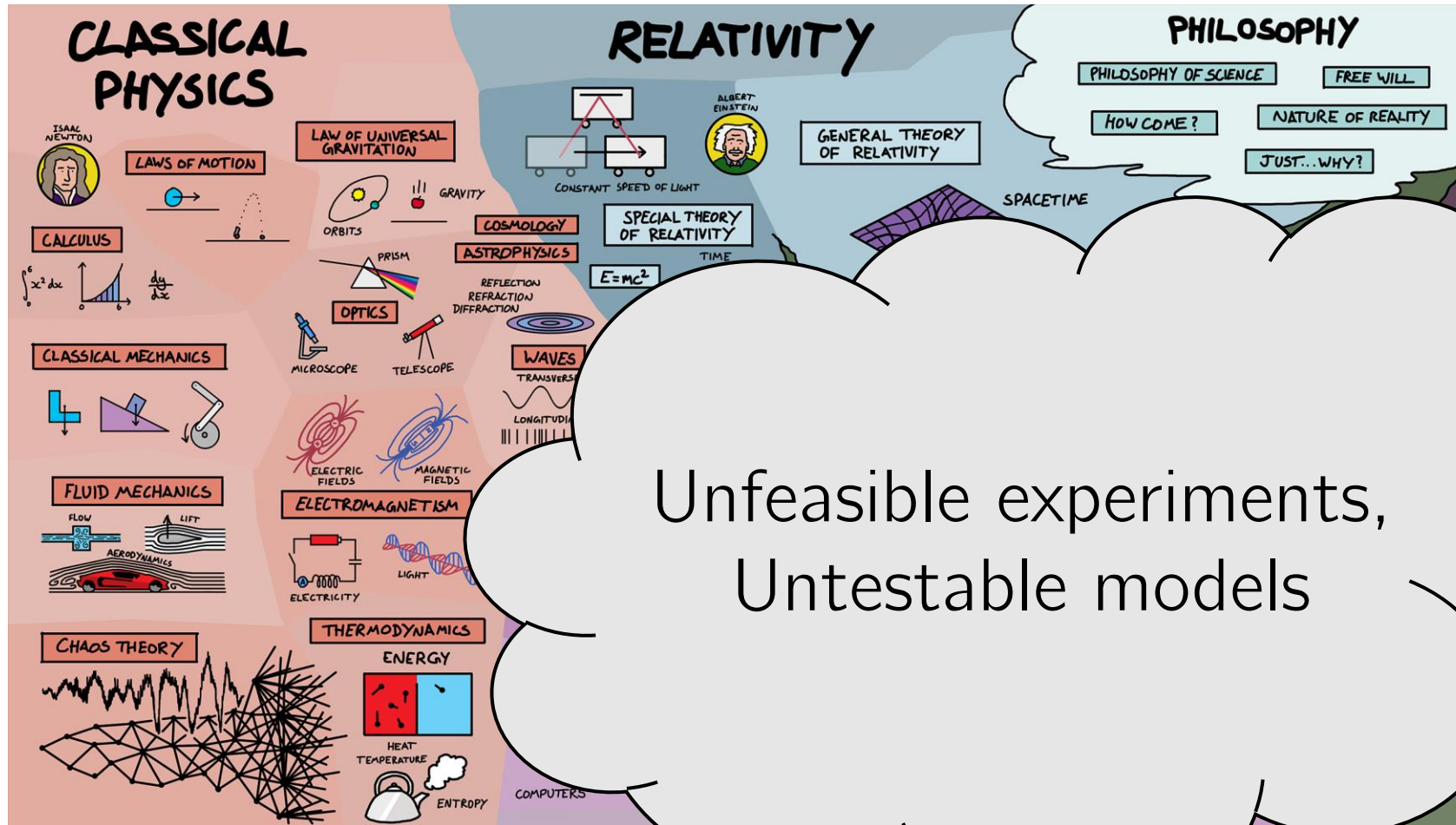
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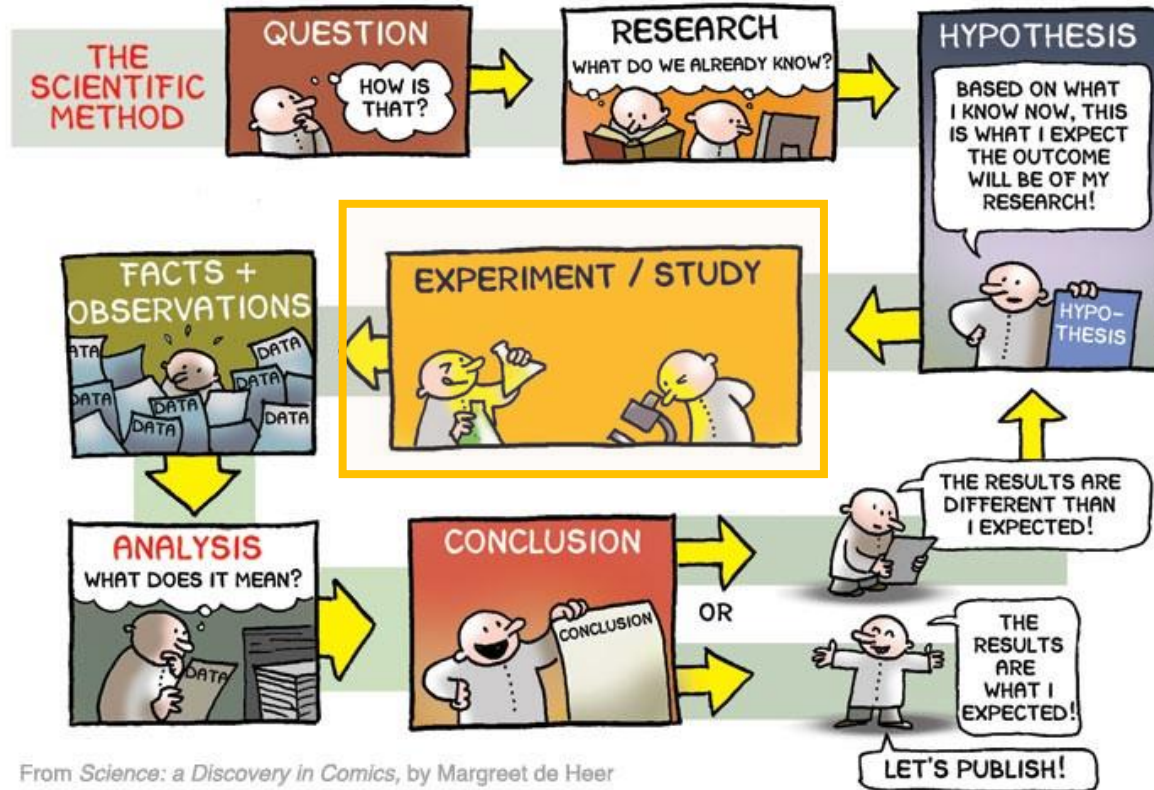
# 1//Analogue and Quantum Simulations

# My Usual Approach





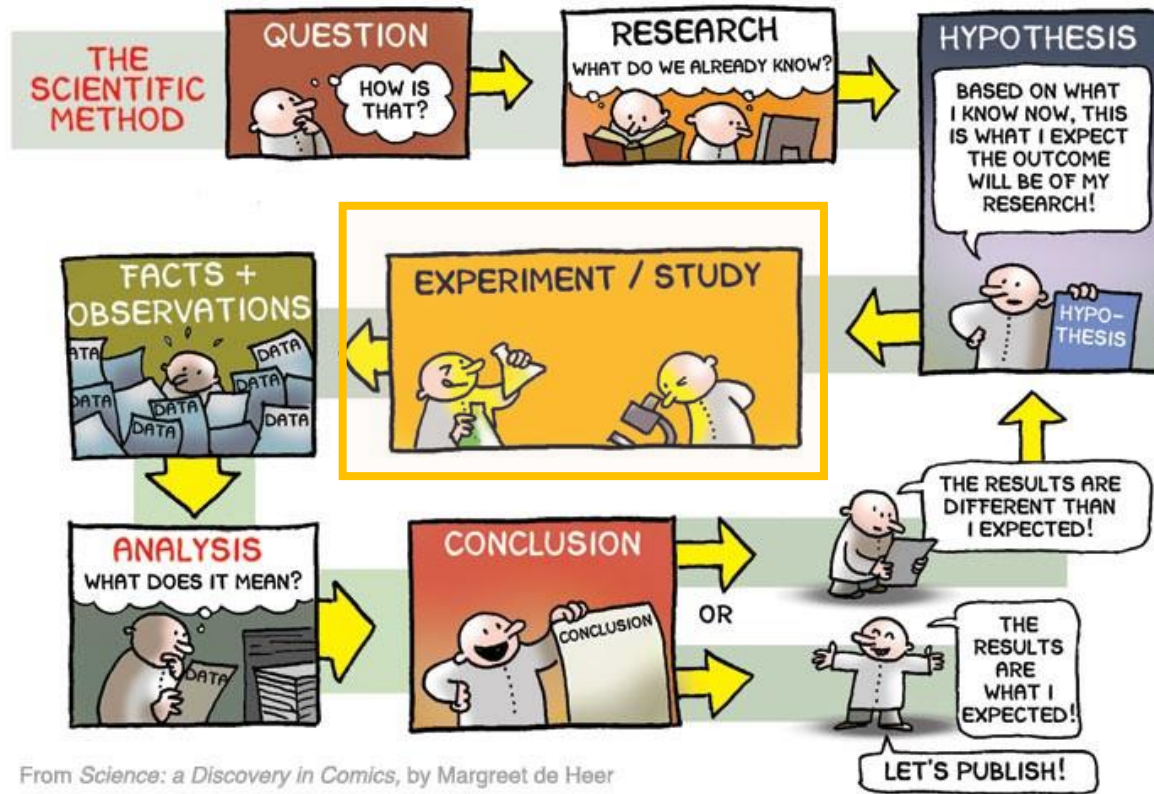
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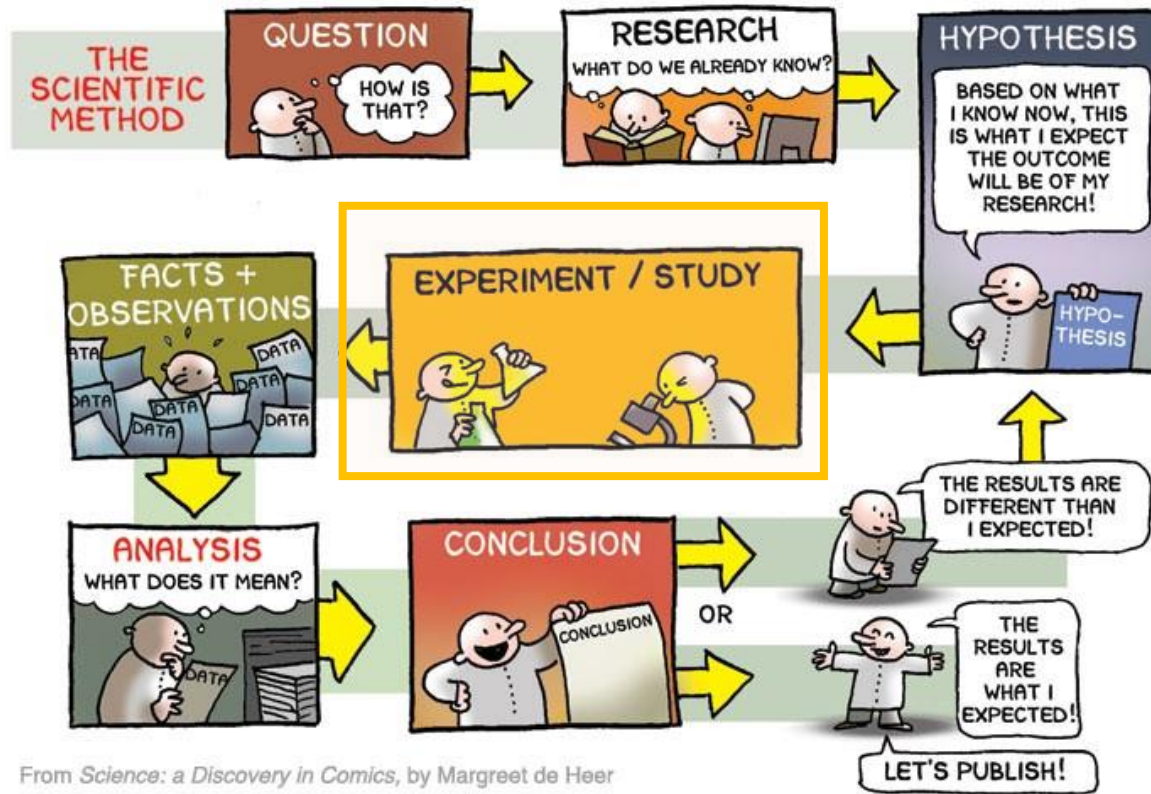
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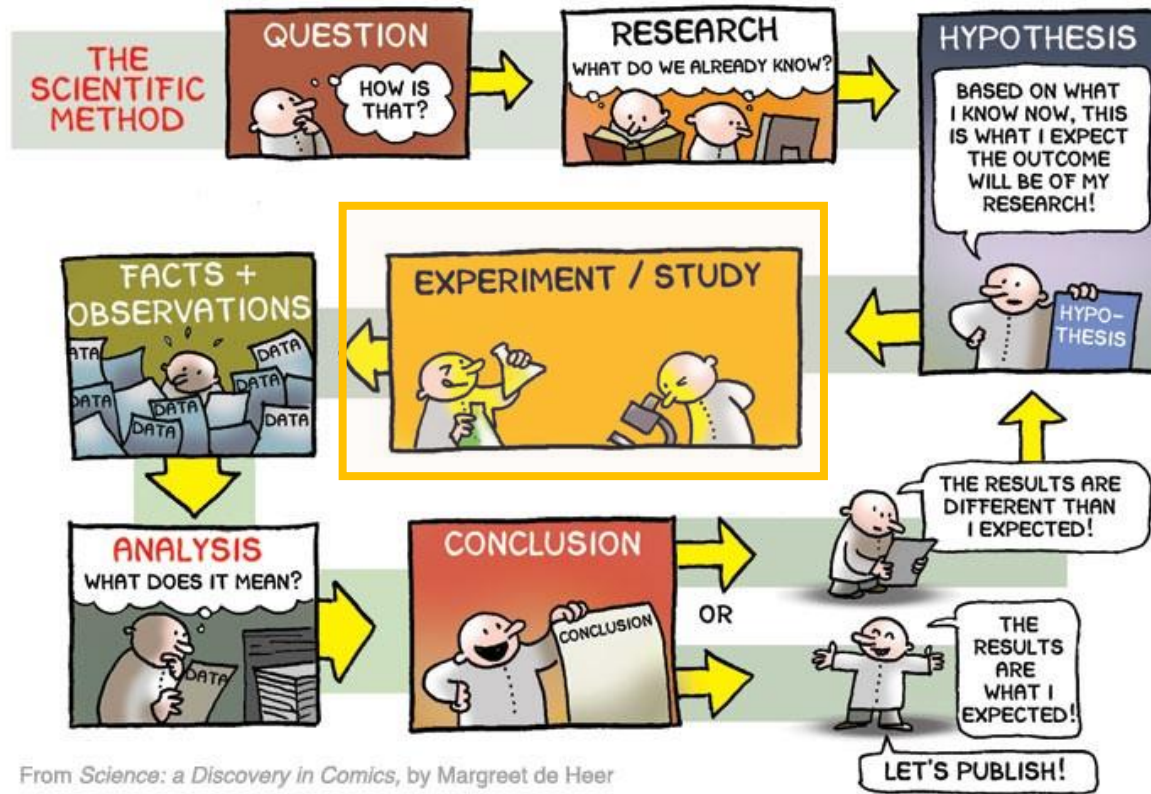


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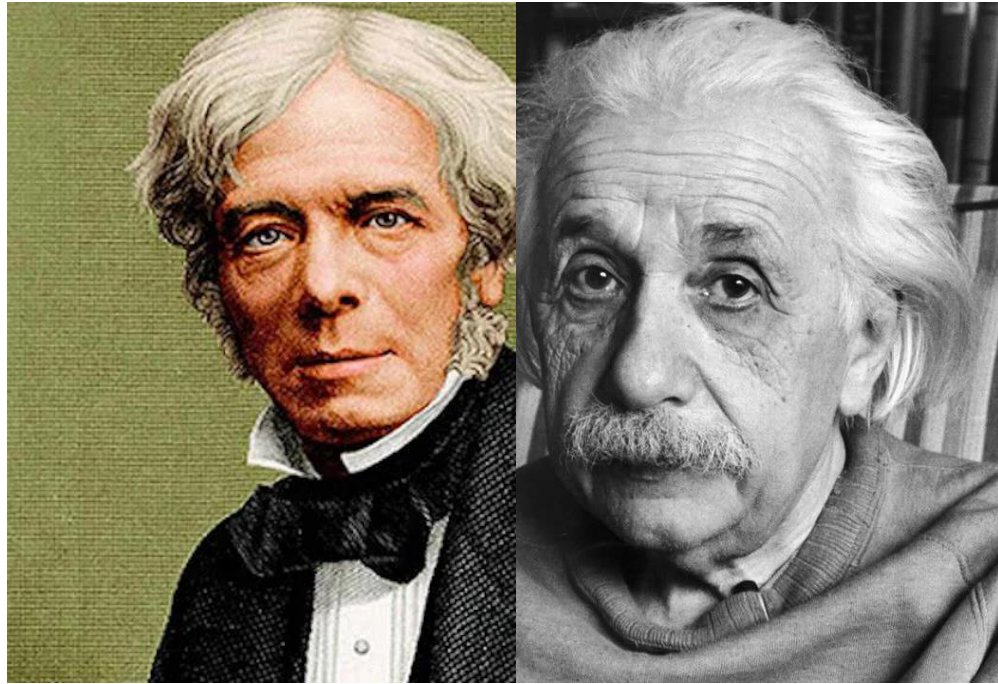
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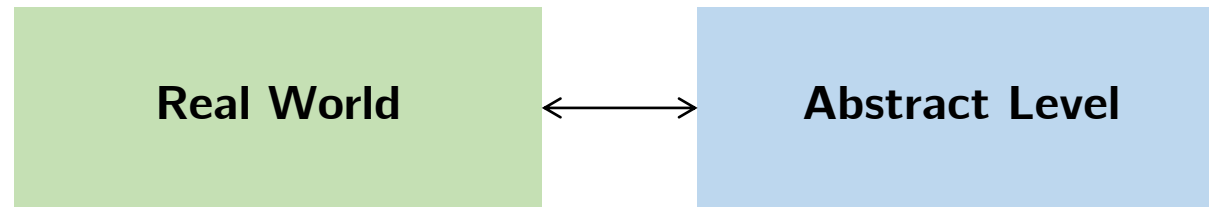
**Simplistic and Naive**



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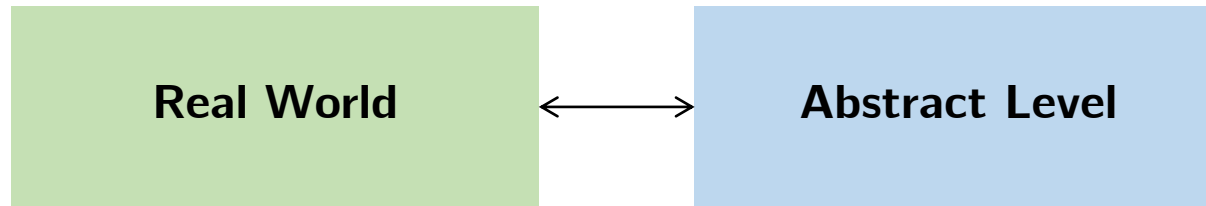
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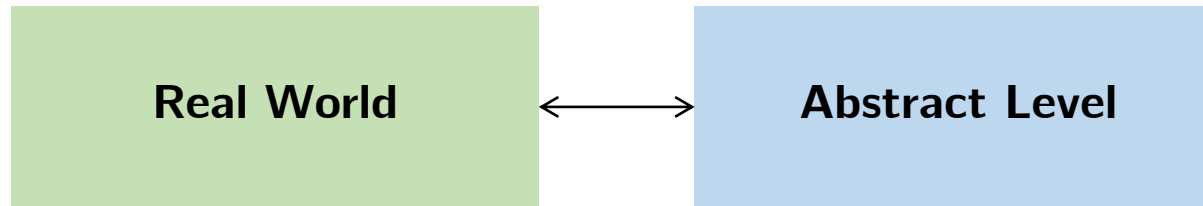
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**How do we approach a complex problem?**



## Analogies



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A **mental construction** to simplify understanding of complex situations by bridging two well-known concepts



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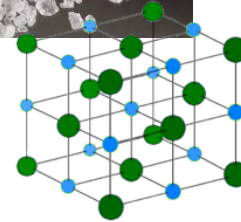
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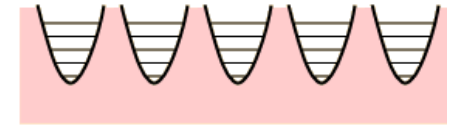
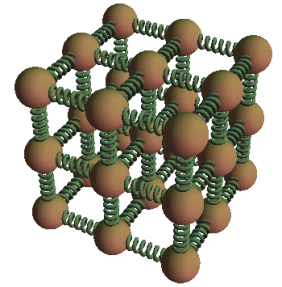
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Provide simpler approaches to complex problems

ex. Harmonic Oscillator



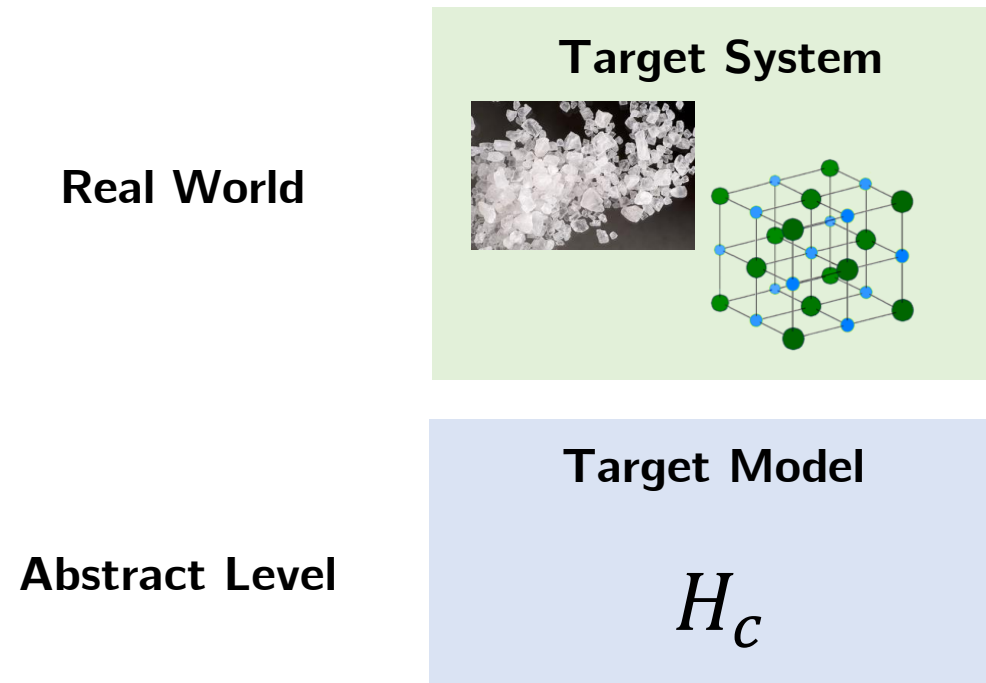
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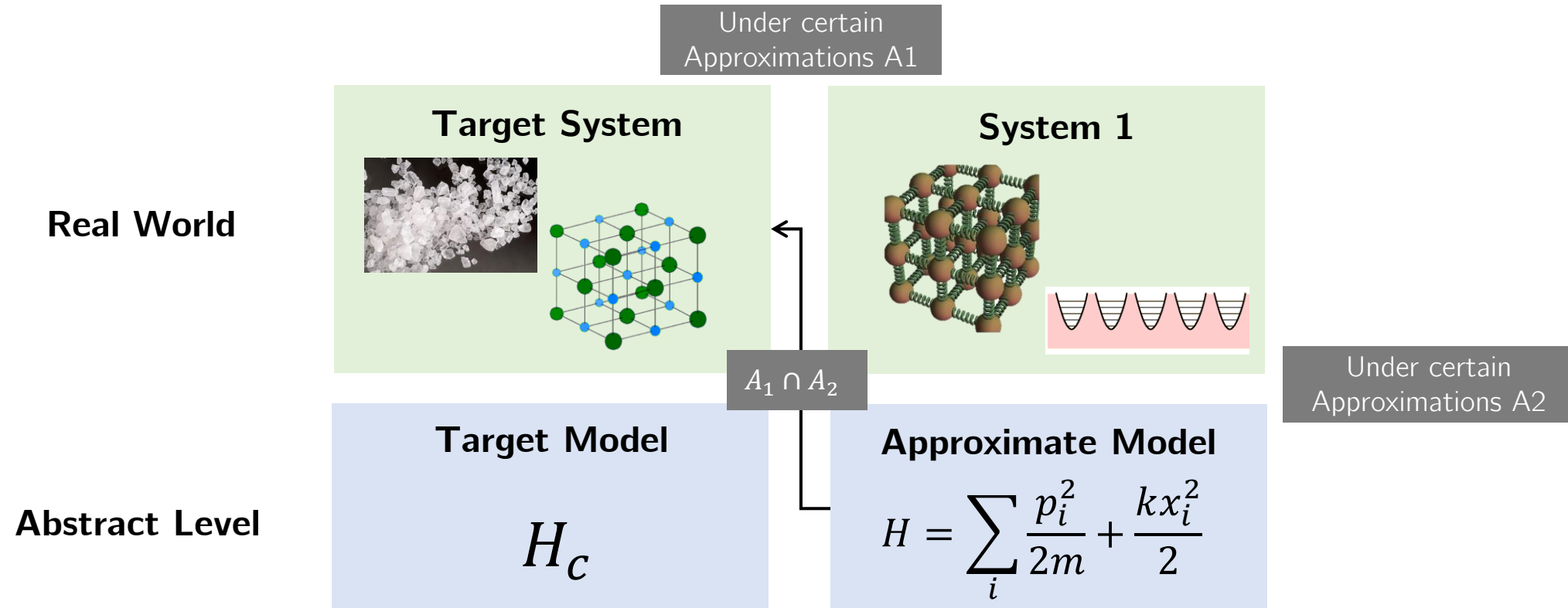
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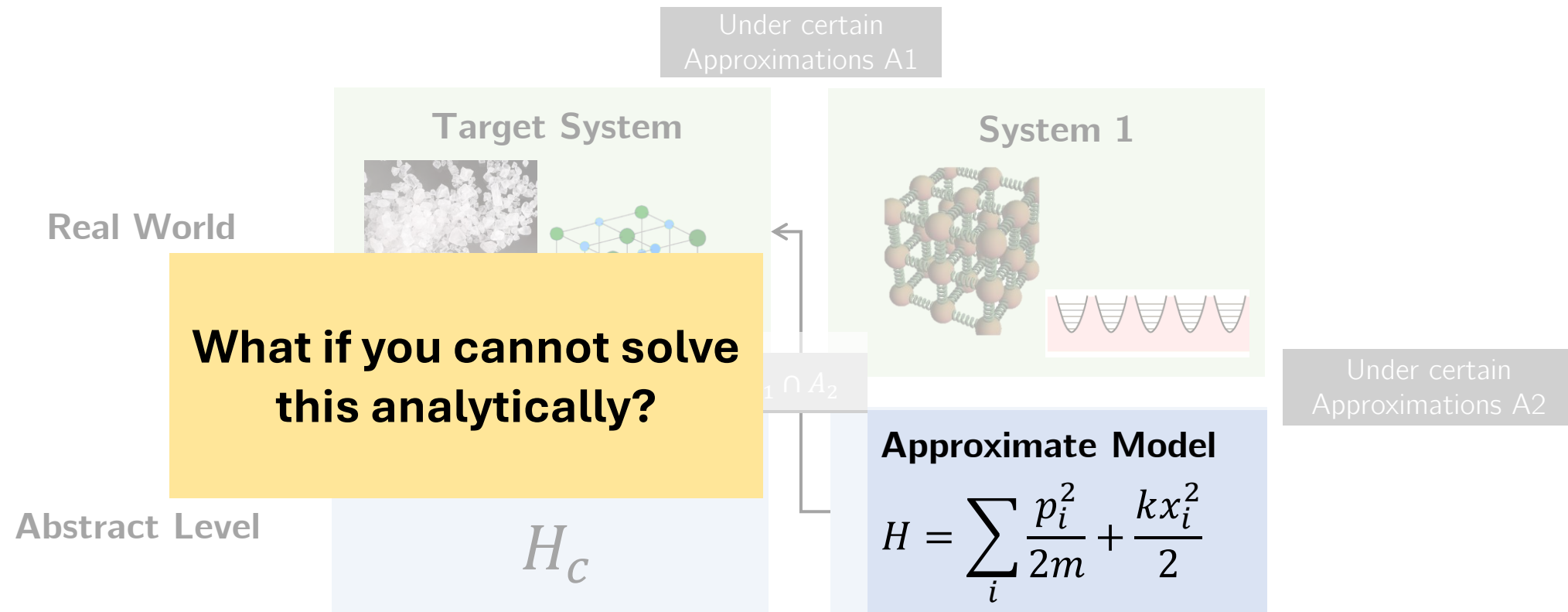
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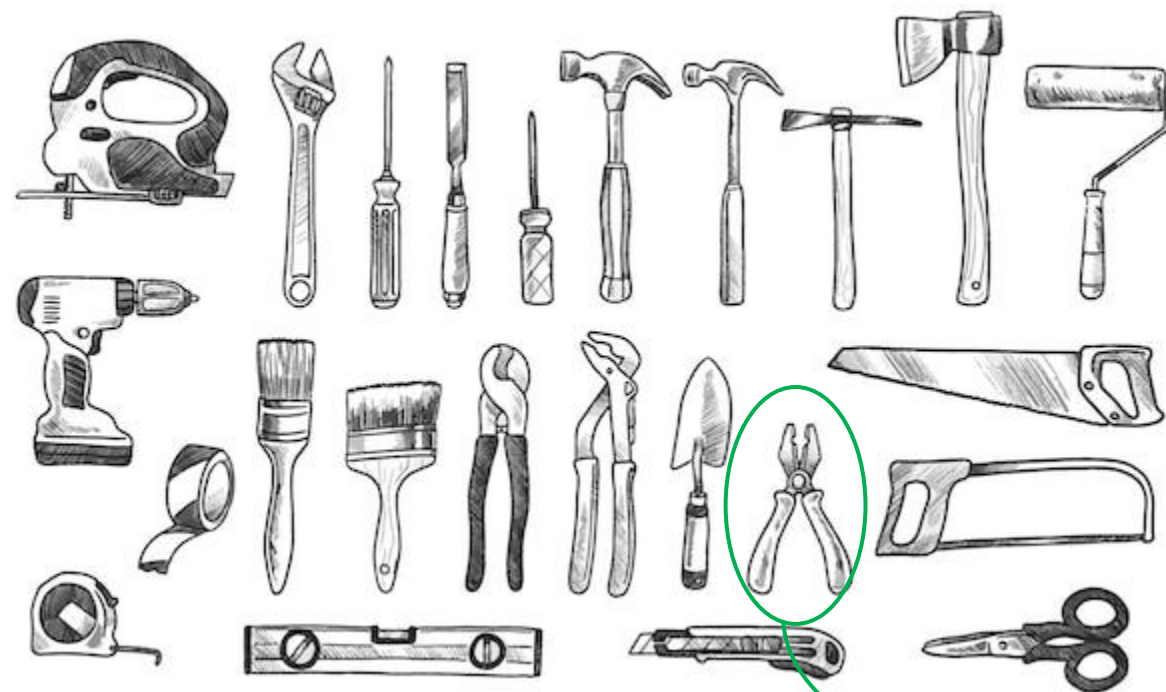
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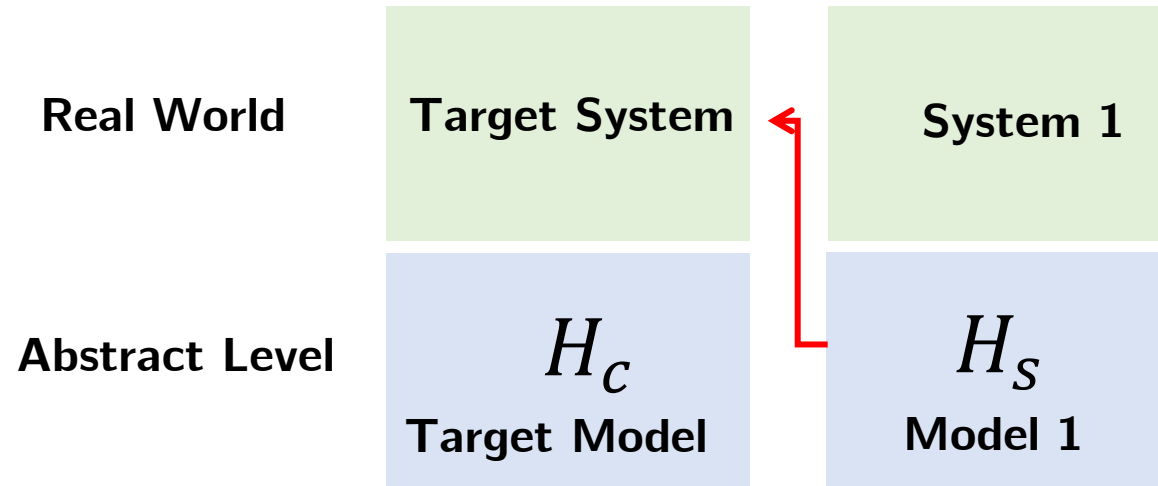
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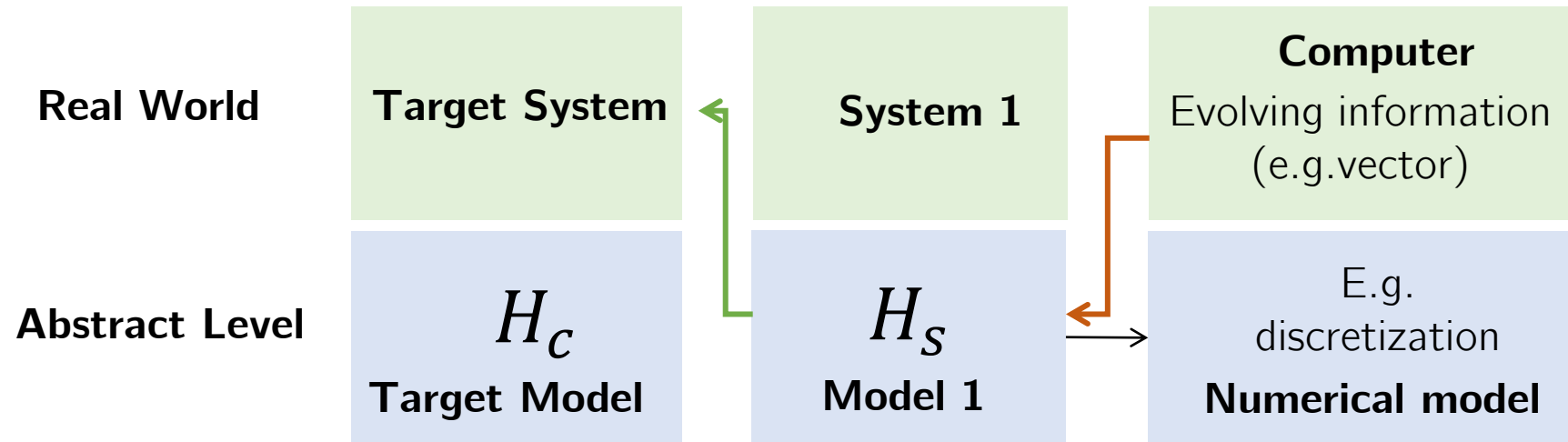
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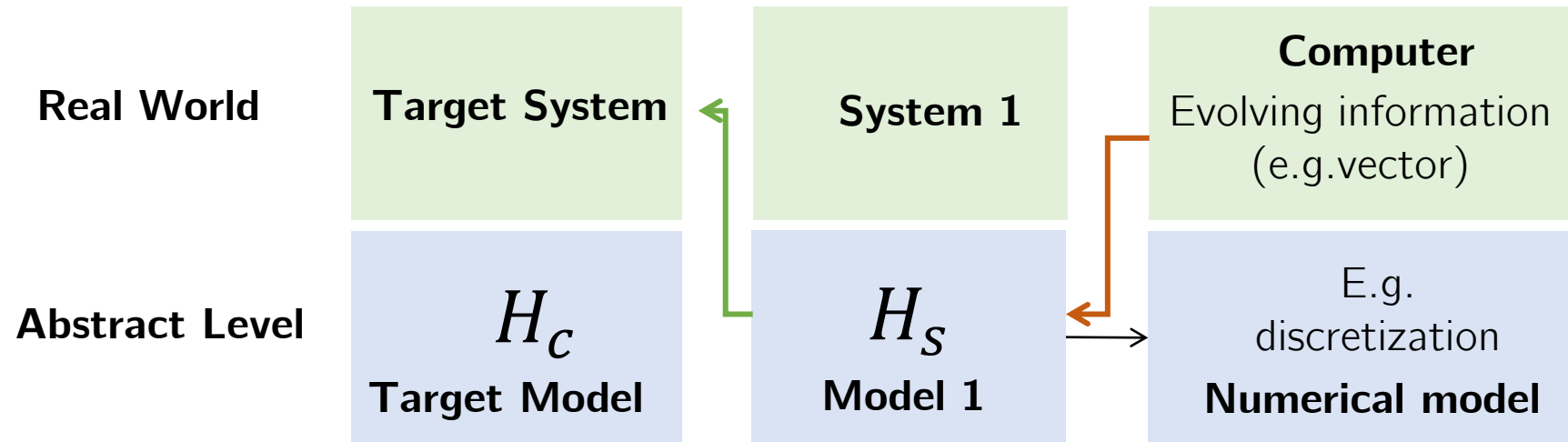




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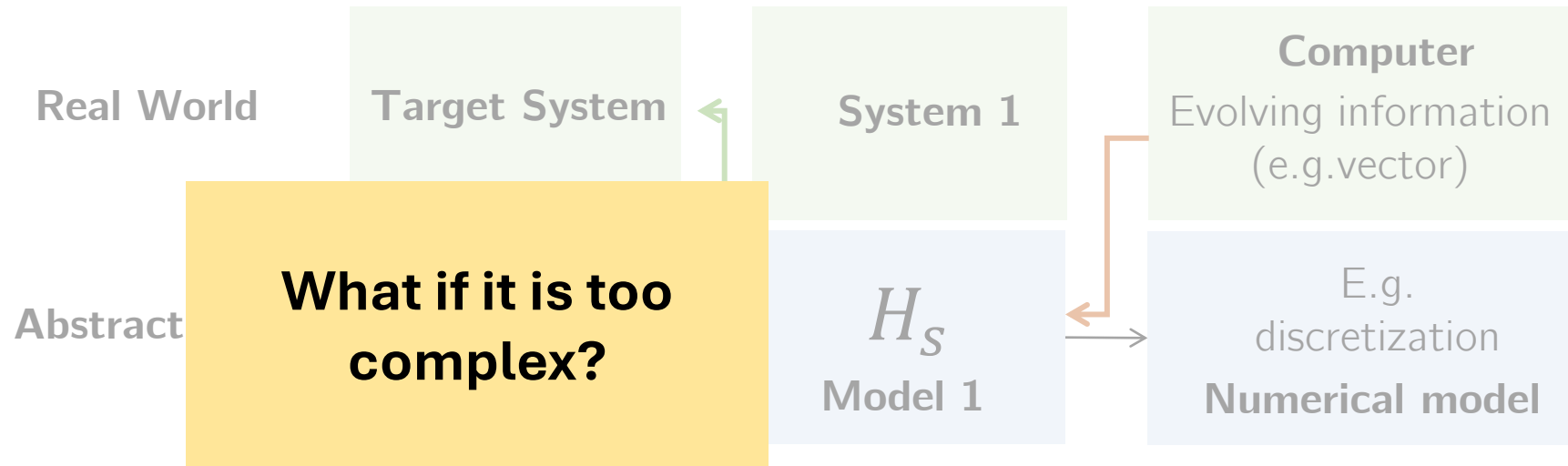
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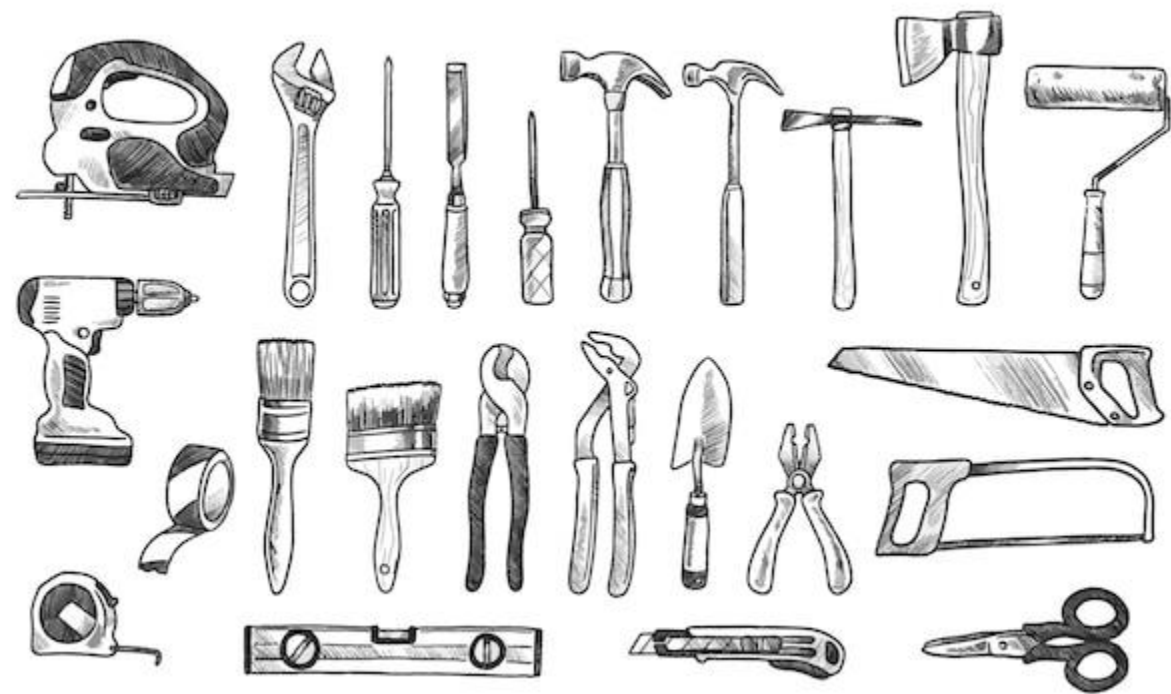
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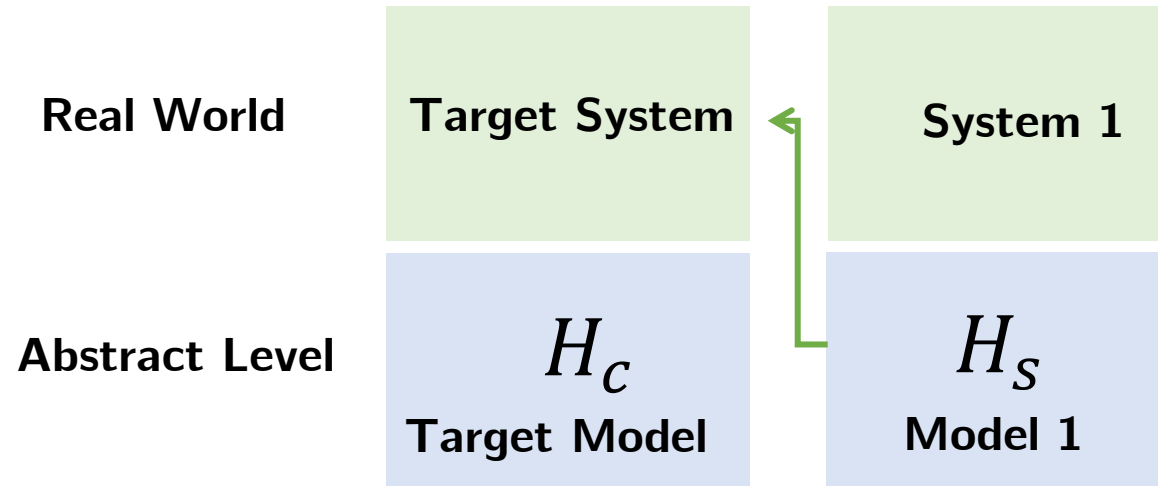




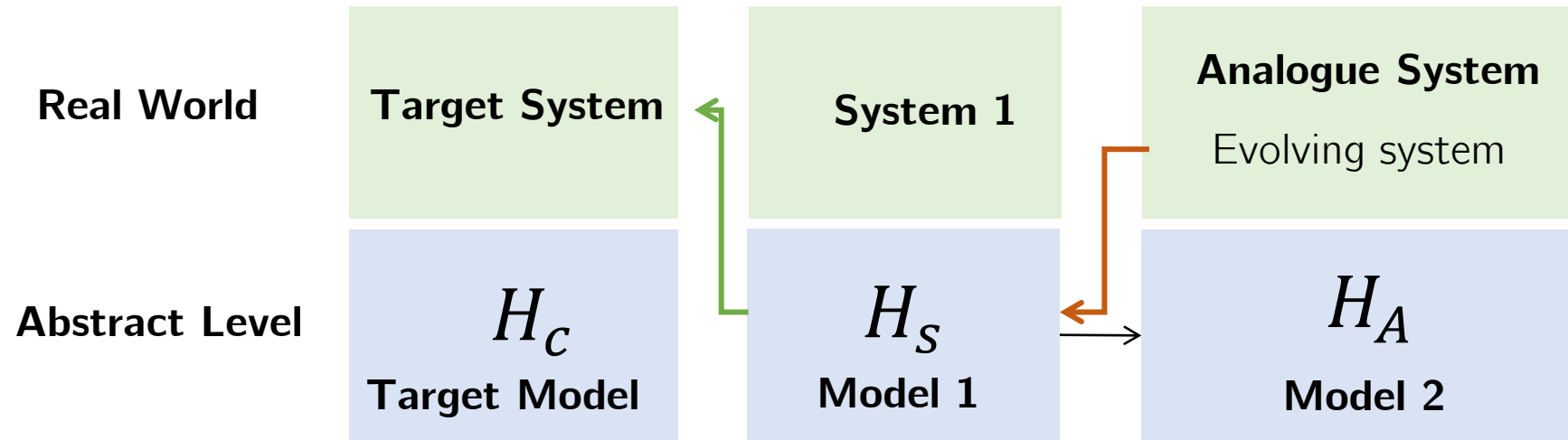
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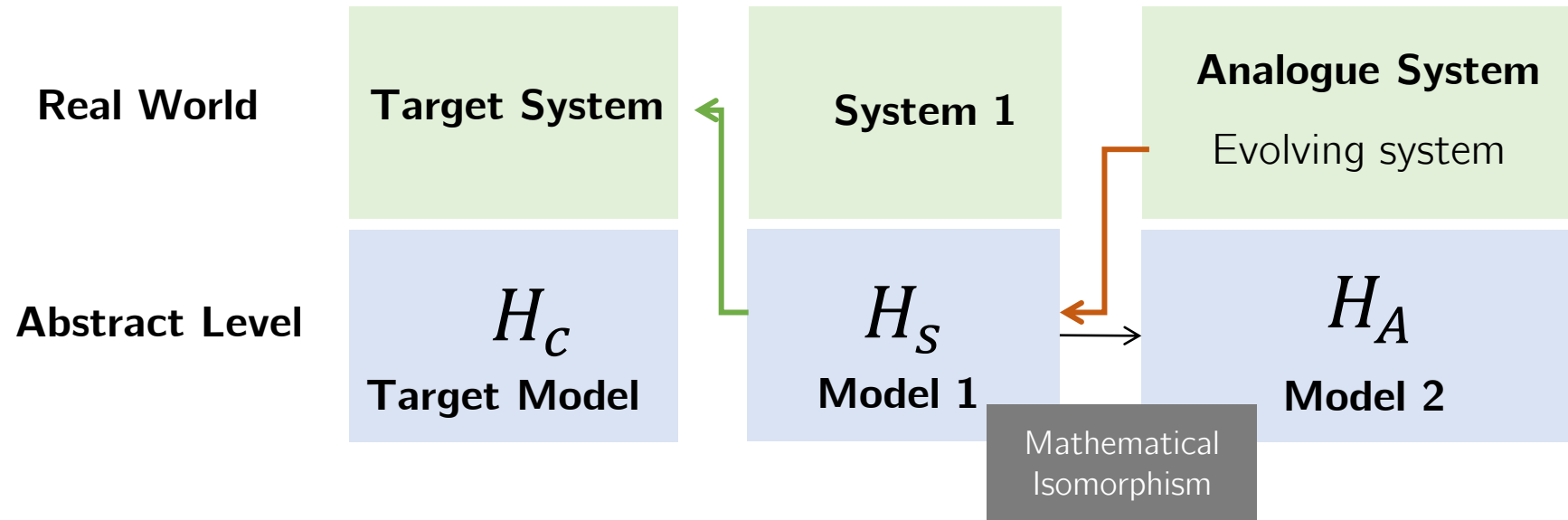
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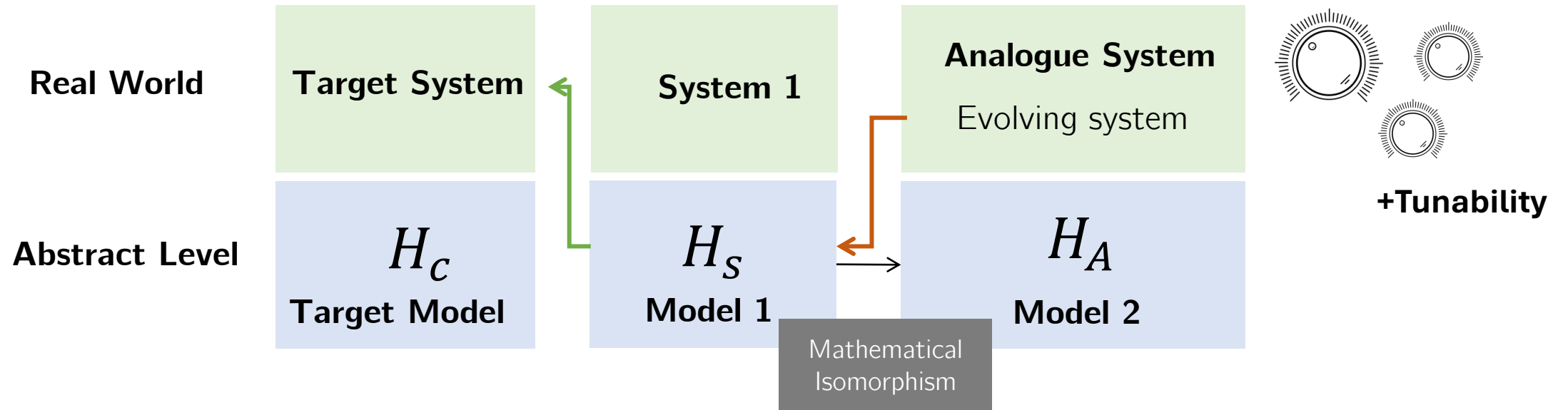
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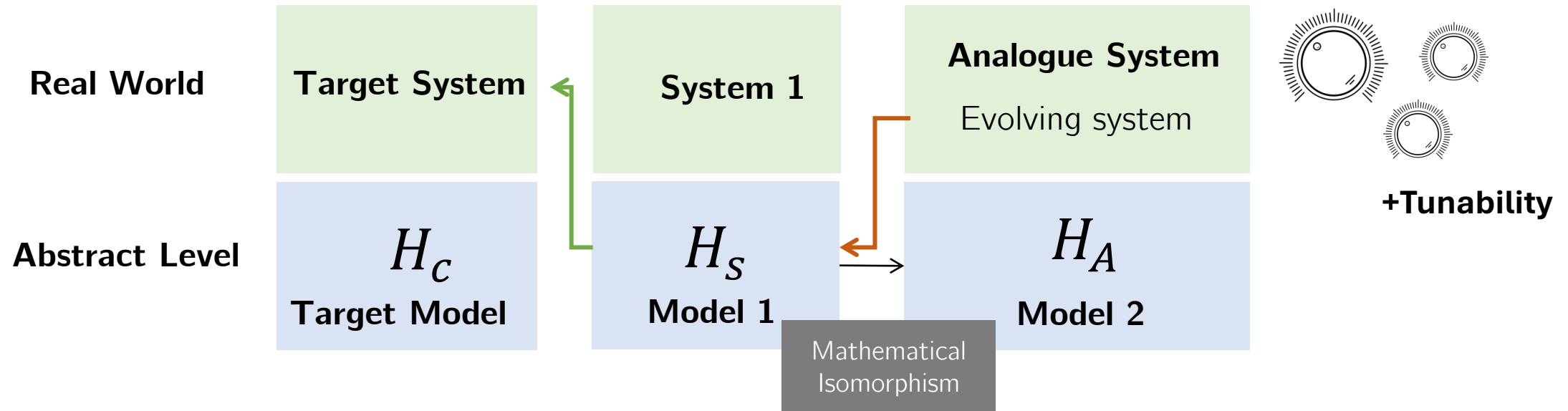


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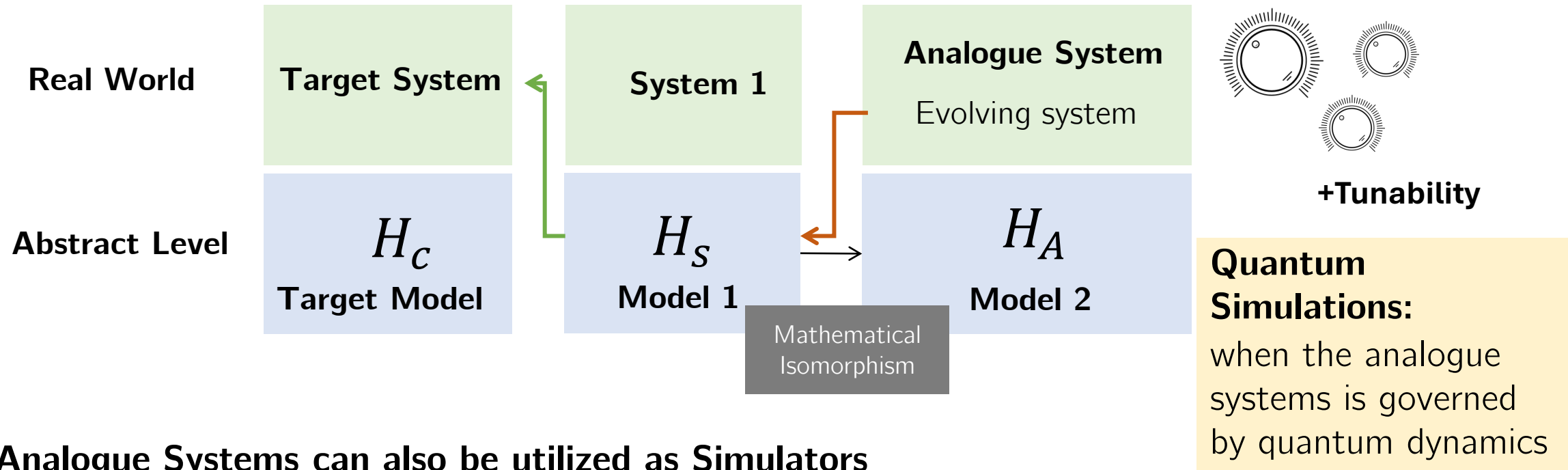
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# Key takeaways

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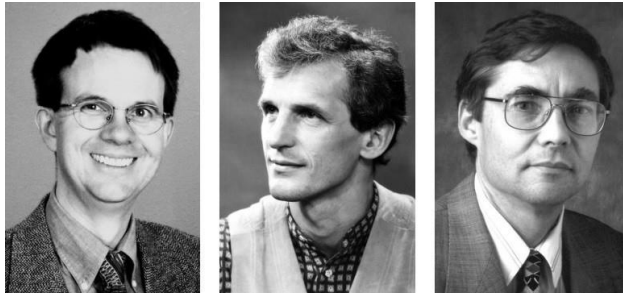
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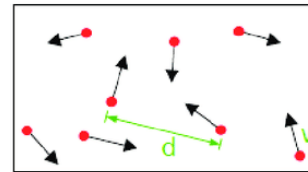
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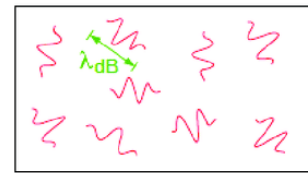
**E.g. a Bose-Einstein Condensate (BEC)**



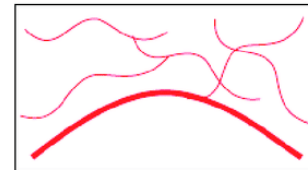
Nobel Prize in 2001 (Cornell, Ketterle, Wieman)



**High Temperature T:**  
thermal velocity  $v$   
density  $d^{-3}$   
"Billiard balls"



**Low Temperature T:**  
De Broglie wavelength  
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$   
"Wave packets"



**$T = T_{crit}$ :  
Bose-Einstein  
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 $\lambda_{dB} \approx d$   
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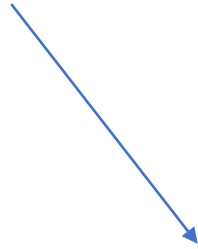
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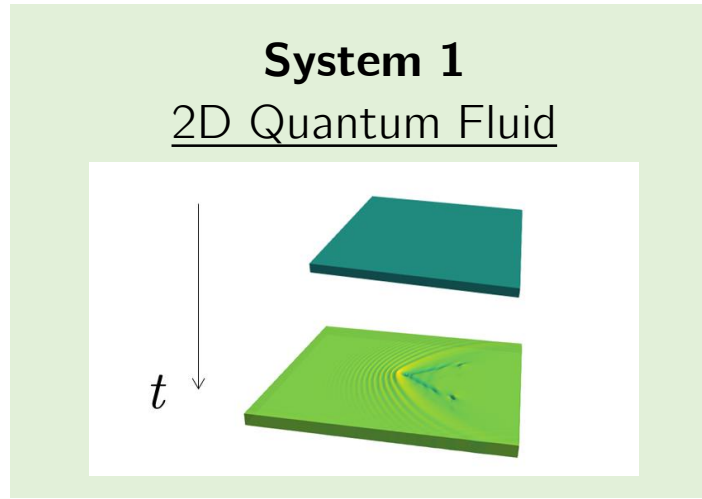
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Gross-Pitaevskii equation (GPE)

Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (NLSE)

# Analogue Simulation

Real World



Abstract Level

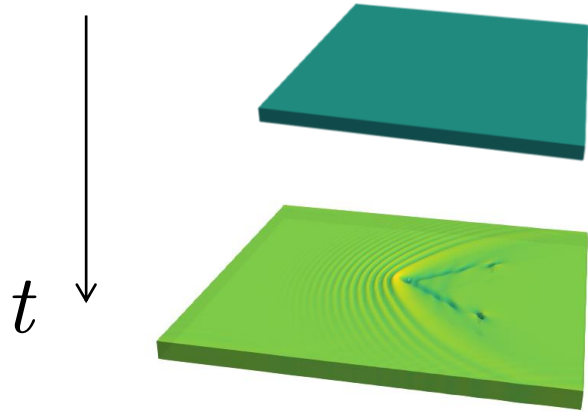
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**2D Gross-Pitaevskii**



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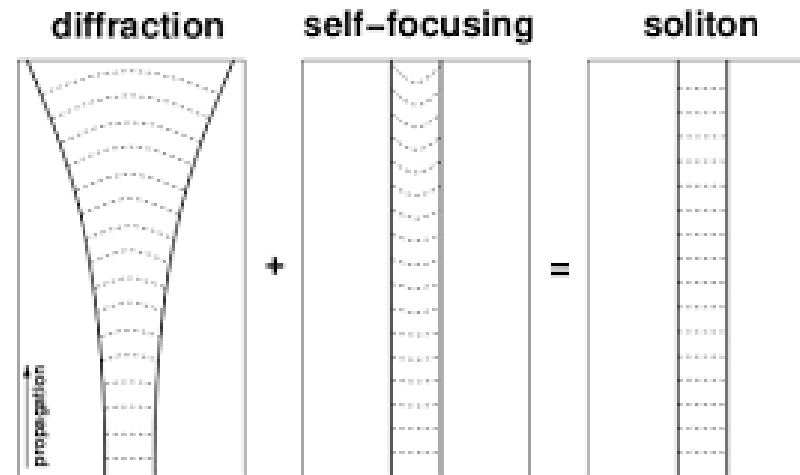
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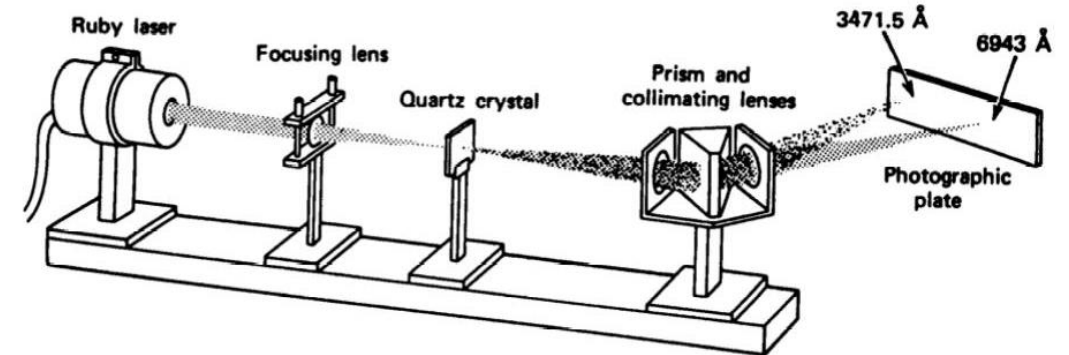
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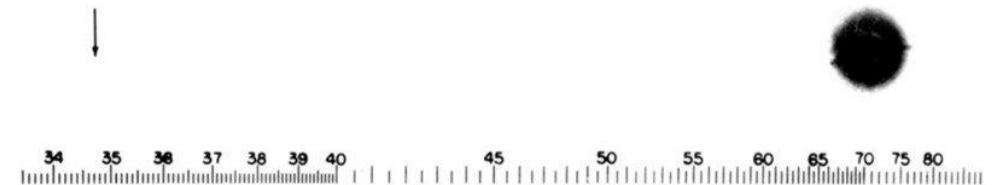
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**Figure 12.1.** Arrangement used in the first experimental demonstration of second-harmonic generation [1]. A ruby-laser beam at  $\lambda = 0.694 \mu\text{m}$  is focused on a quartz crystal, causing the generation of a (weak) beam at  $\frac{1}{2}\lambda = 0.347 \mu\text{m}$ . The two beams are then separated by a prism and detected on a photographic plate.



**FIG. 1.** A direct reproduction of the first plate in which there was an indication of second harmonic. The wavelength scale is in units of 100 Å. The arrow at 3472 Å indicates the small but dense image produced by the second harmonic. The image of the primary beam at 6943 Å is very large due to halation.

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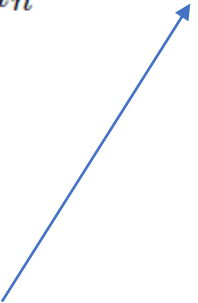
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$\chi^{(n)}$  Susceptibilities

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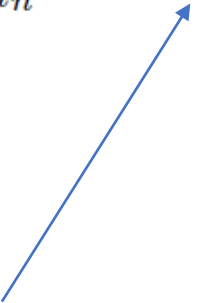
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**What does it mean for  
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# Neumann's principle

coordinate transformations (inversion, mirror image and rotation) **T**  
of field and polarization vectors **E** and **P**

$$\begin{pmatrix} E'_x \\ E'_y \\ E'_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{x'x} & T_{x'y} & T_{x'z} \\ T_{y'x} & T_{y'y} & T_{y'z} \\ T_{z'x} & T_{z'y} & T_{z'z} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.47)$$

$$\mathbf{E}' = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad (2.48)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{E}' \quad (2.49)$$

# Neumann's principle

employing Einstein's summation convention

$$E_i = (T_{ii'})^T E_{i'} = T_{i'i} E_{i'} \quad (2.51)$$

$$P_i = T_{i'i} P_{i'} \quad (2.52)$$

relations in the two coordinate systems

$$P_i^{(n)} = \varepsilon_0 \chi_{ij\dots s}^{(n)} E_j \cdots E_s, \quad (2.53)$$

$$P_{i'}^{(n)} = \varepsilon_0 \chi_{i'j'\dots s'}^{(n)} E_{j'} \cdots E_{s'}, \quad (2.54)$$

Then

$$T_{i'i} P_i^{(n)} = P_{i'}^{(n)} = \varepsilon_0 T_{i'i} \chi_{ij\dots s}^{(n)} T_{j'j} E_{j'} T_{k'k} E_{k'} \cdots T_{s's} E_{s'} \quad (2.55)$$

$$\chi_{i'j'\dots s'}^{(n)} = T_{i'i} T_{j'j} \cdots T_{s's} \chi_{ij\dots s}^{(n)} \quad (2.56)$$

# Neumann's principle

Example: let's consider inversion  $T_{i'i} = (-1)\delta_{i'i}$

susceptibility tensor of the inverted medium

$$\chi_{i'j'...s'}^{(n)} = (-1)^{n+1} \chi_{ij...s}^{(n)} \quad (2.57)$$

If the medium is invariant under inversion, it follows for  $n=\text{even}$

$$\chi_{ij...s}^{(n)} = (-1)^{n+1} \chi_{ij...s}^{(n)} = 0 \quad (2.58)$$

**i.e., in an inversion symmetric medium, the susceptibility tensors of even orders vanish**



Centro-symmetric media

# Polarization

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$$E(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} + \mathcal{E}^*(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\omega t}],$$

Third-order polarizations –  polarization oscillating at  $+\omega$   
**four-wave mixing**

$$\binom{3}{2} = 3$$

# Wave equation for a cubic nonlinear media

$$\nabla^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} [1 + \chi^{(1)}(\omega)] \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \chi^{(3)}(\omega) |\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r})|^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}).$$



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At the end we get (adding an absorption alpha)

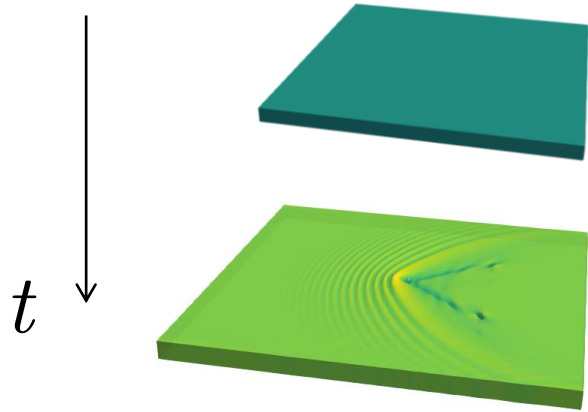
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Addition of a linear refractive index (obstacle-like, delta n)

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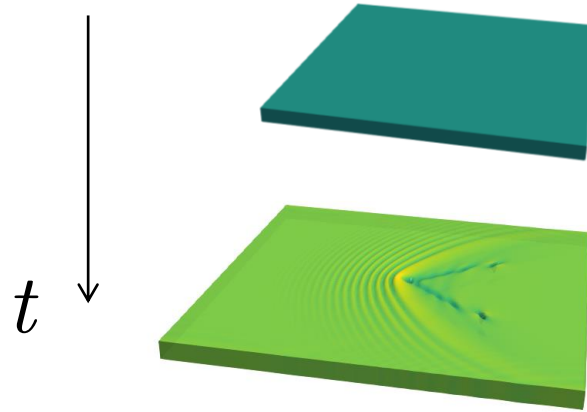


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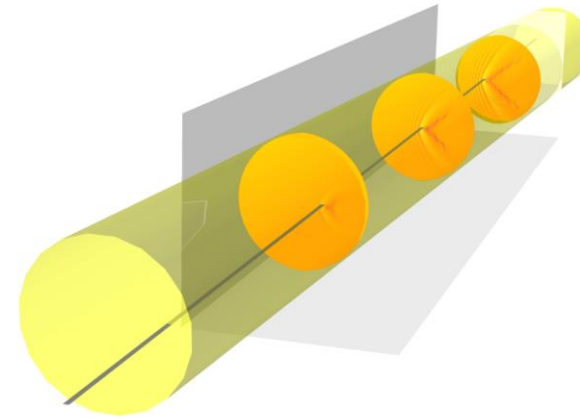
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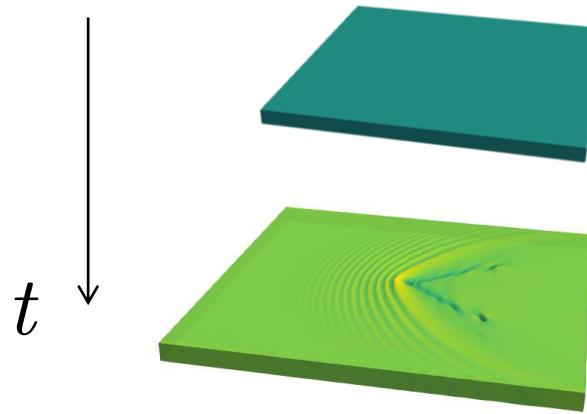
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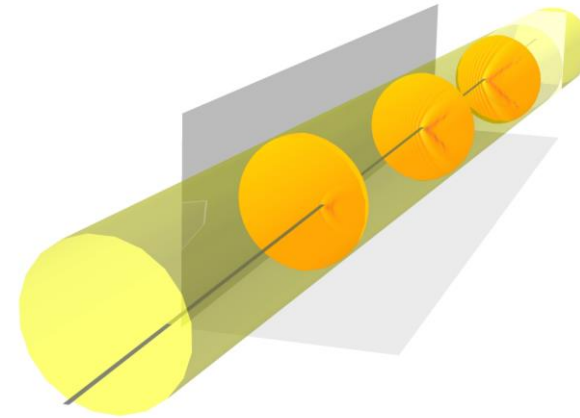
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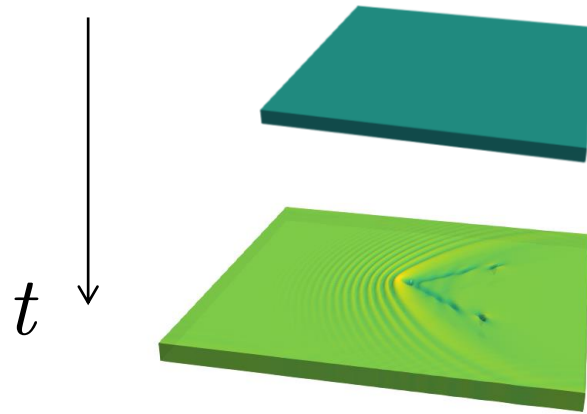


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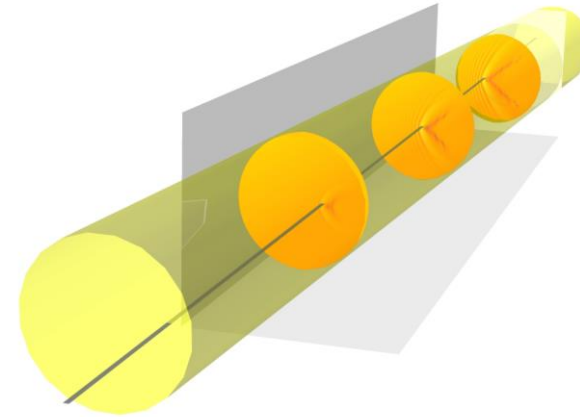
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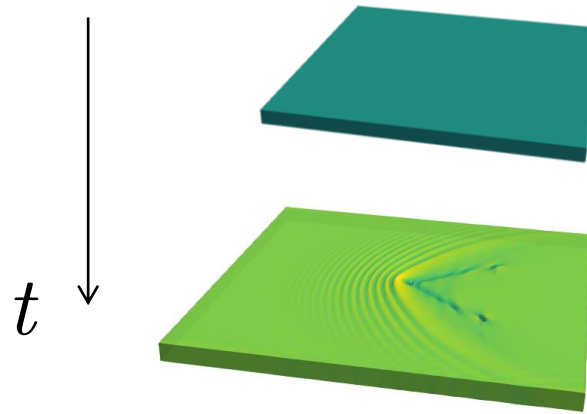
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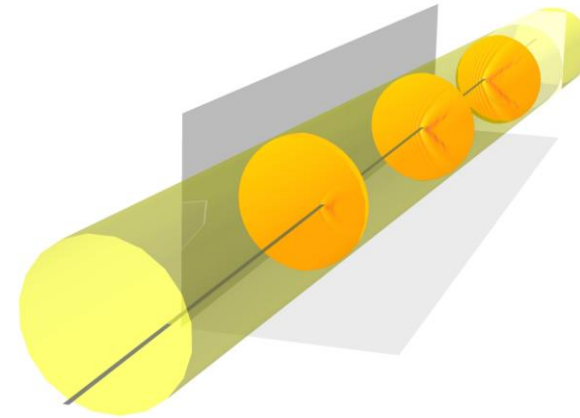
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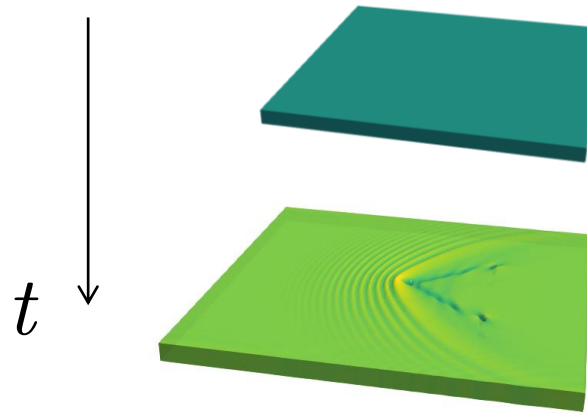


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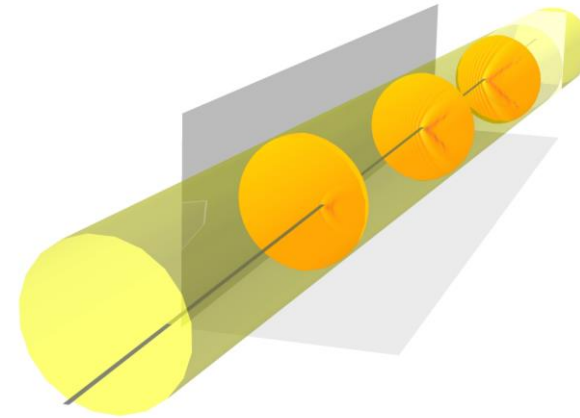
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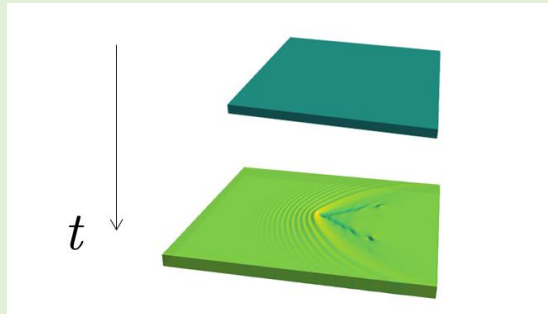


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Real World

Abstract Level

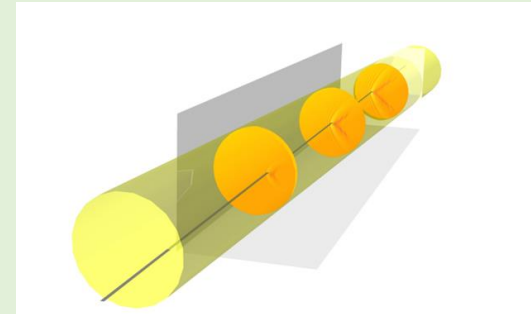
## System 1 2D Quantum Fluid



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2D Gross-Pitaevskii

## Analogue System Paraxial Fluid of Light



$$i\frac{\partial E}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2k}\nabla_{\perp}^2 E + \frac{k\chi^{(3)}}{2}|E|^2 E + \frac{k\Delta\chi^{(1)}(\mathbf{r})}{2}E = 0$$

Paraxial Propagation Model

Light Speed Simulation of a 2D Quantum Fluid under GPE  
With no discretization

# Hydrodynamic interpretation of light

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Madelung transformation

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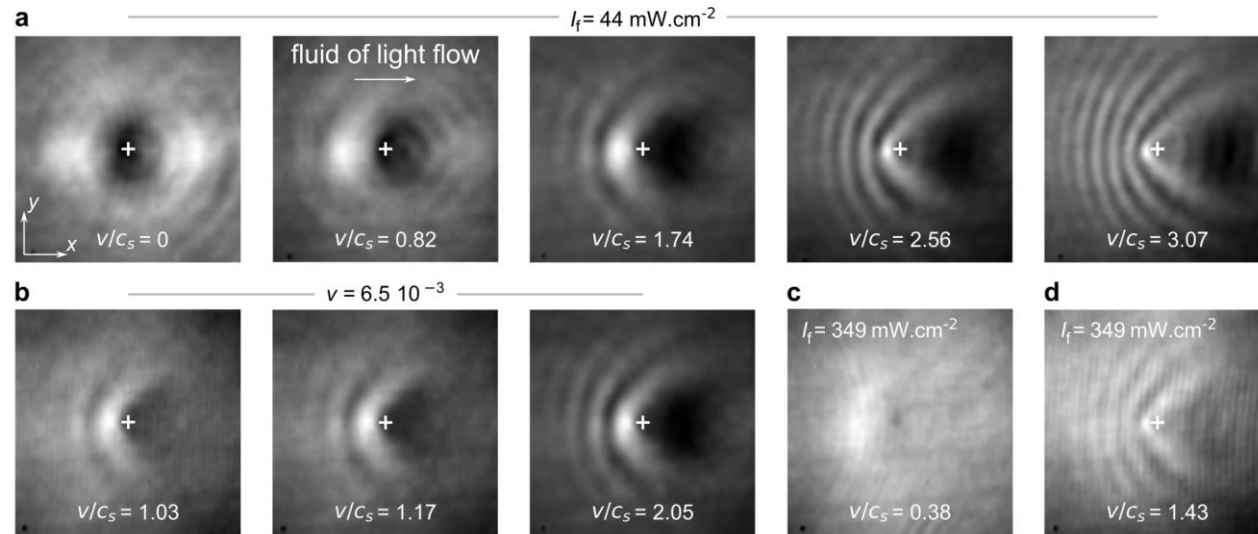
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# Hydrodynamic interpretation of light

Light shall behave like a fluid



**But we said quantum fluid, where is the quantum part?**



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In this self-interaction term, that  
emulates BECs

# Superfluid properties

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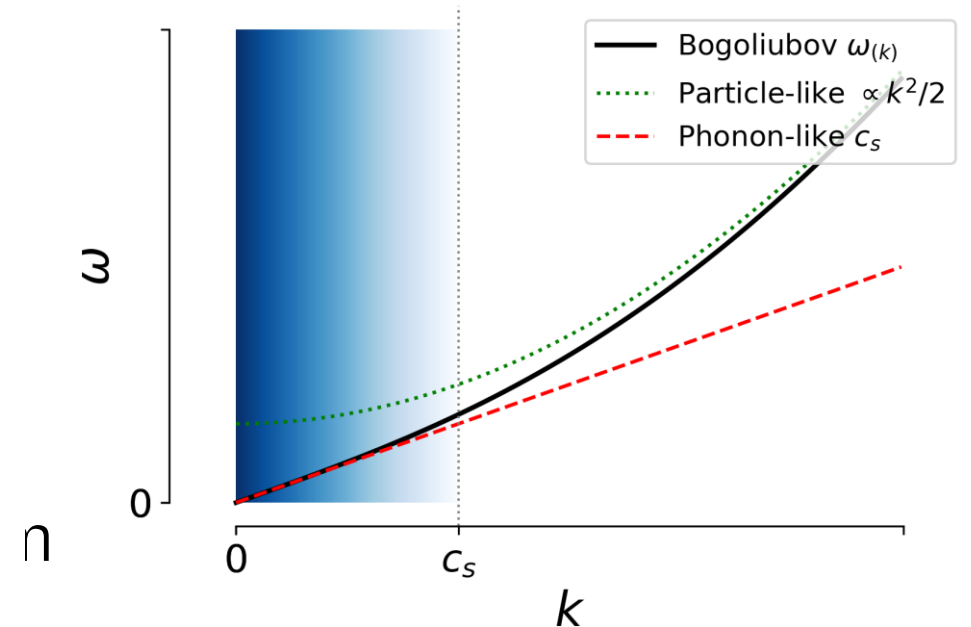
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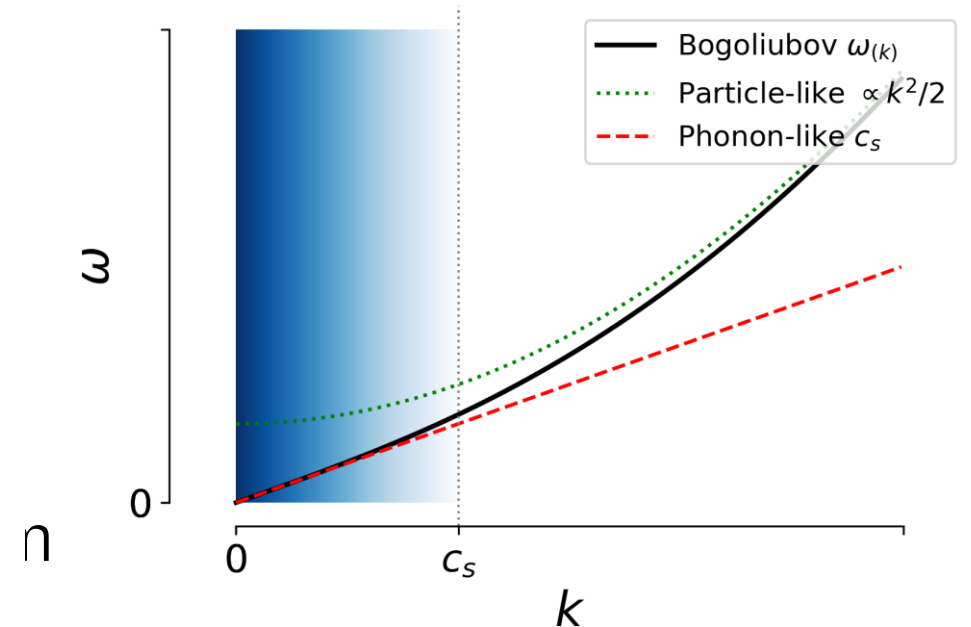
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