

# Creative Solutions to Fundamental Challenges

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# Is it possible for everyone

Fast operation



Smart Grid Stability

EV Traction Control

Gas Turbine Monitor

Adaptive Systems

LAAS Sigma Monitor

Magnetic Mapping

Mobile geolocation



GPS denied navigation



Properties of Security Systems

Multi-UAV Mission Planning

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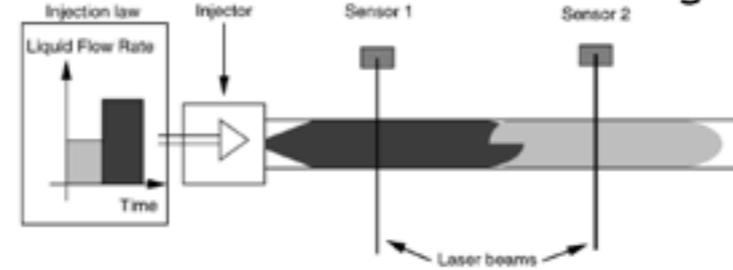
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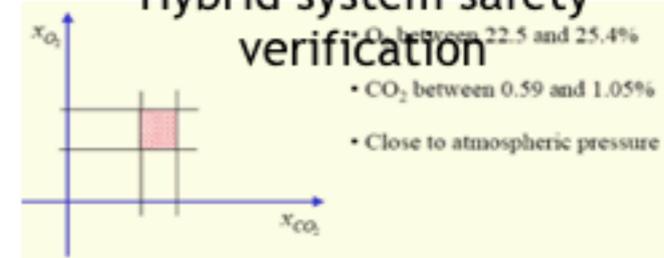
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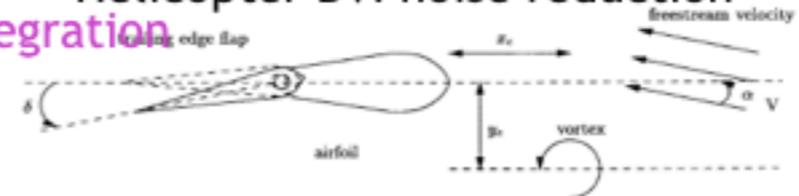
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Power Control in MaNets

Acoustic Mapping

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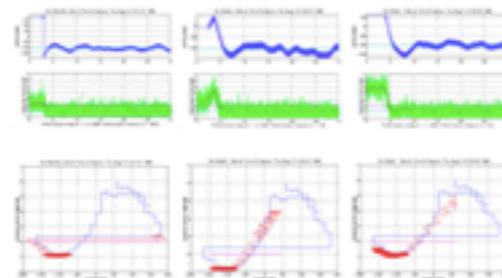
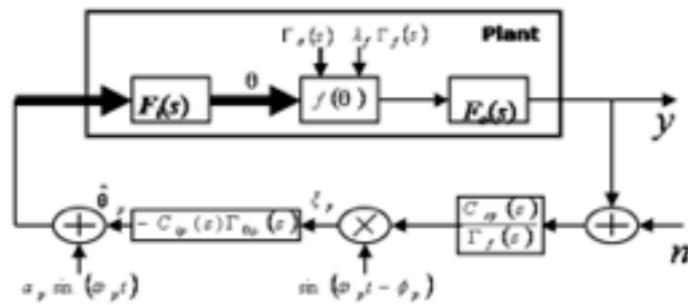


CDMA Adaptive Pilot Filter

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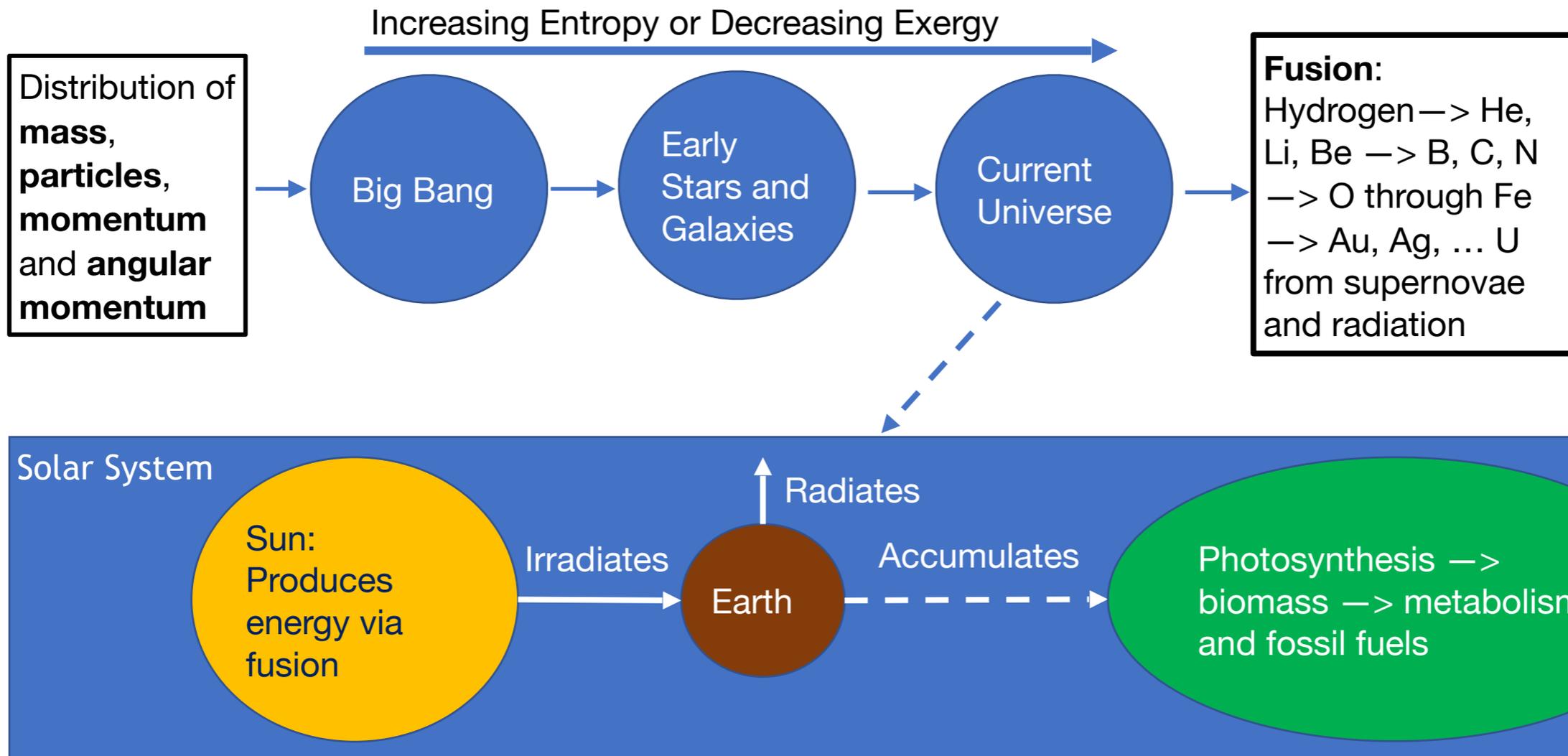
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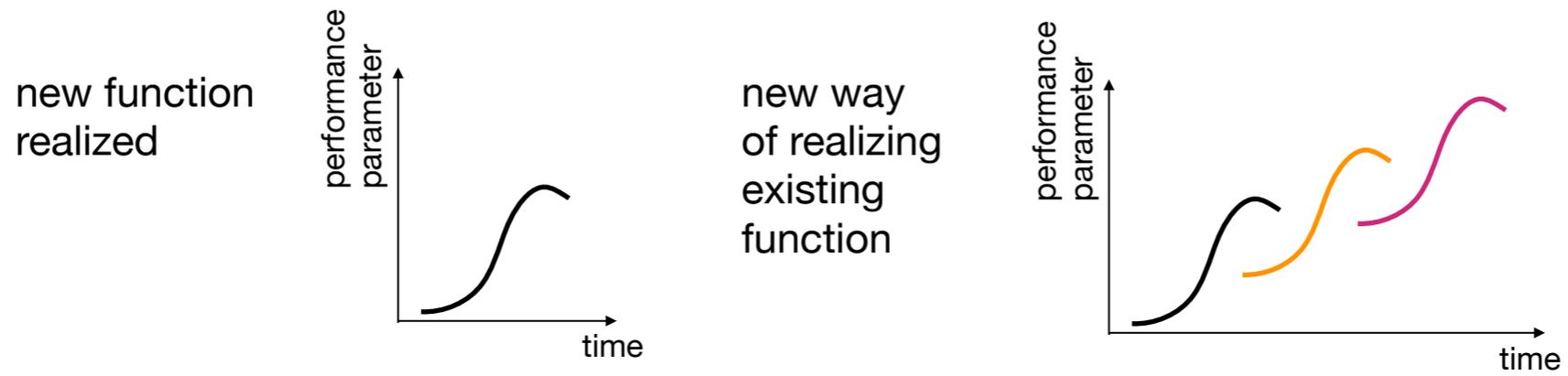
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# ...to be an innovator?

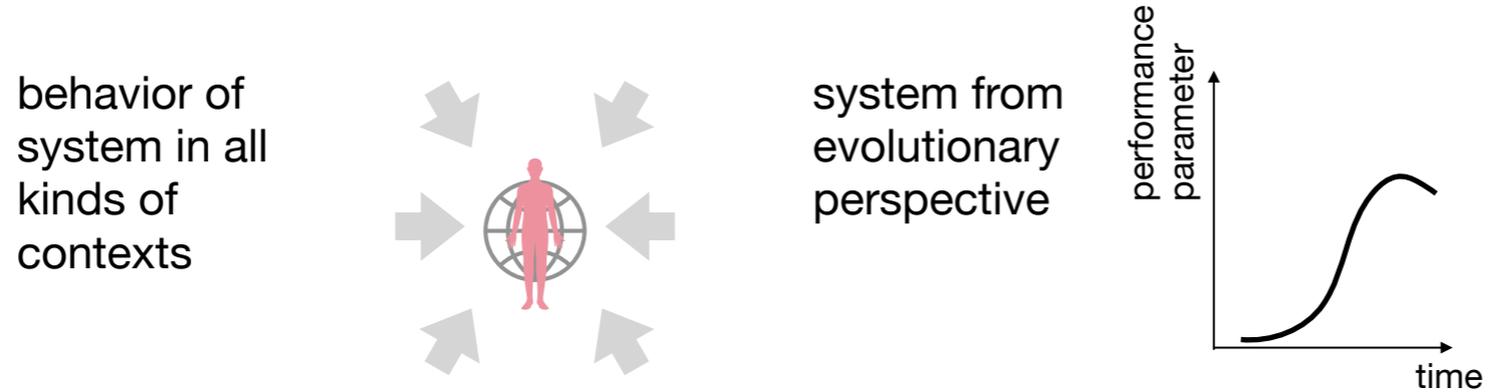
# The evolution of our Planet



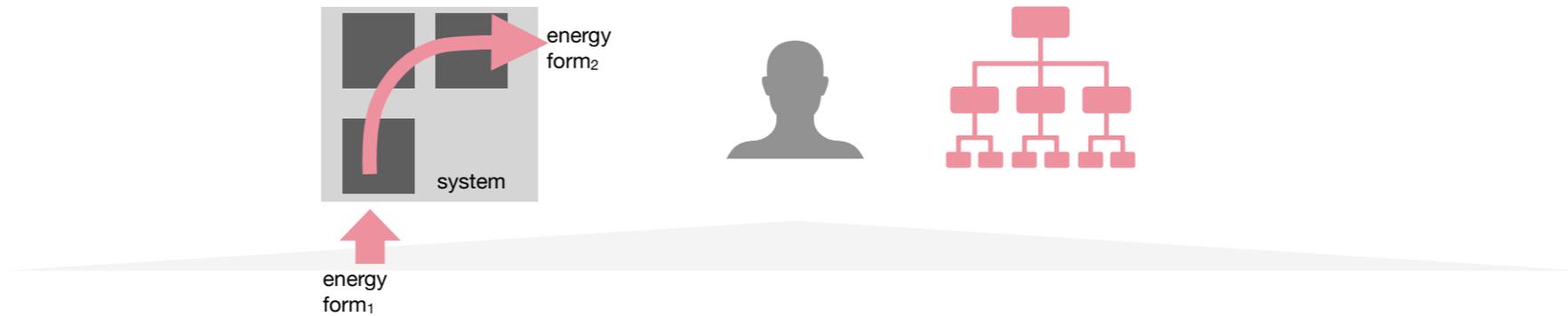
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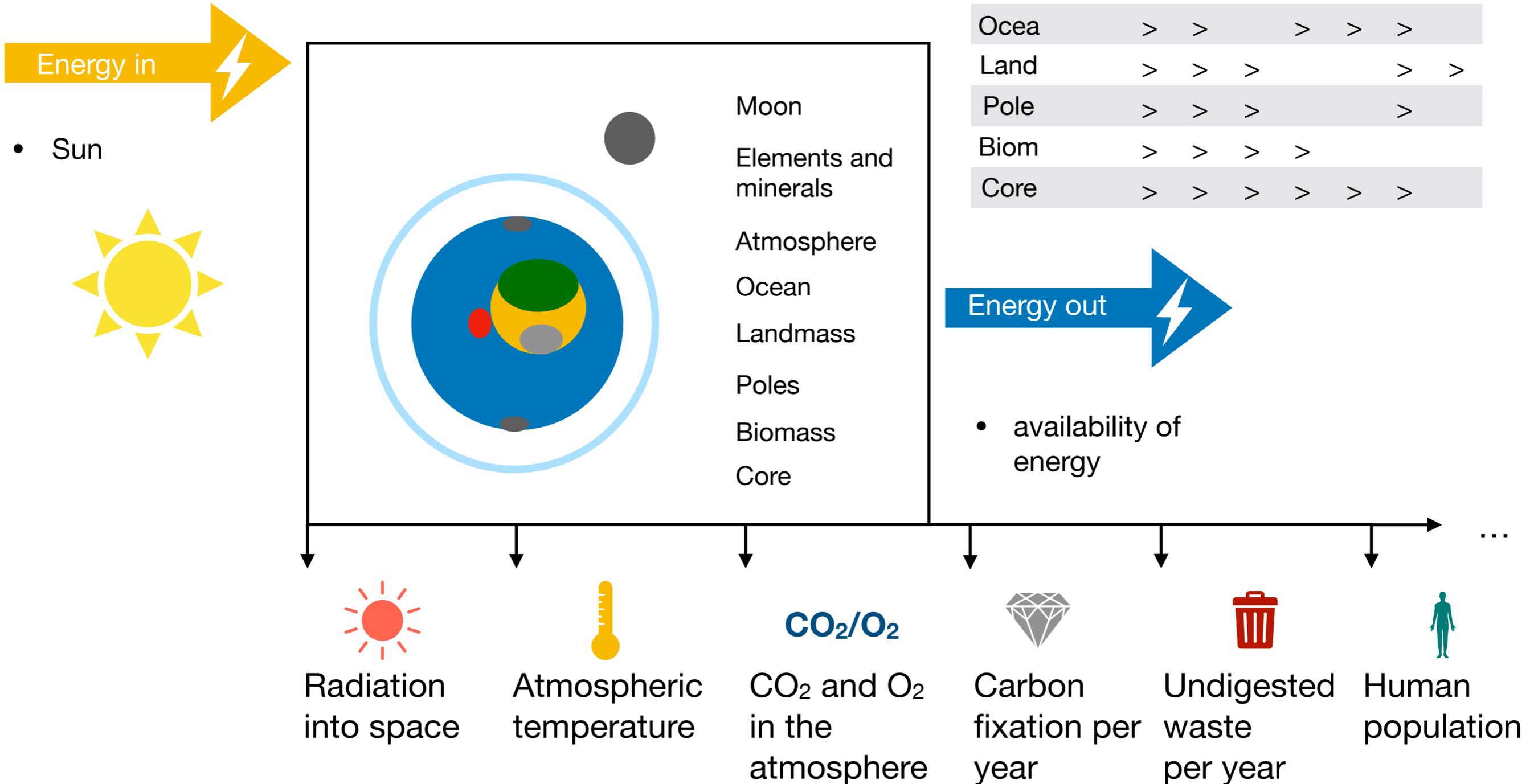
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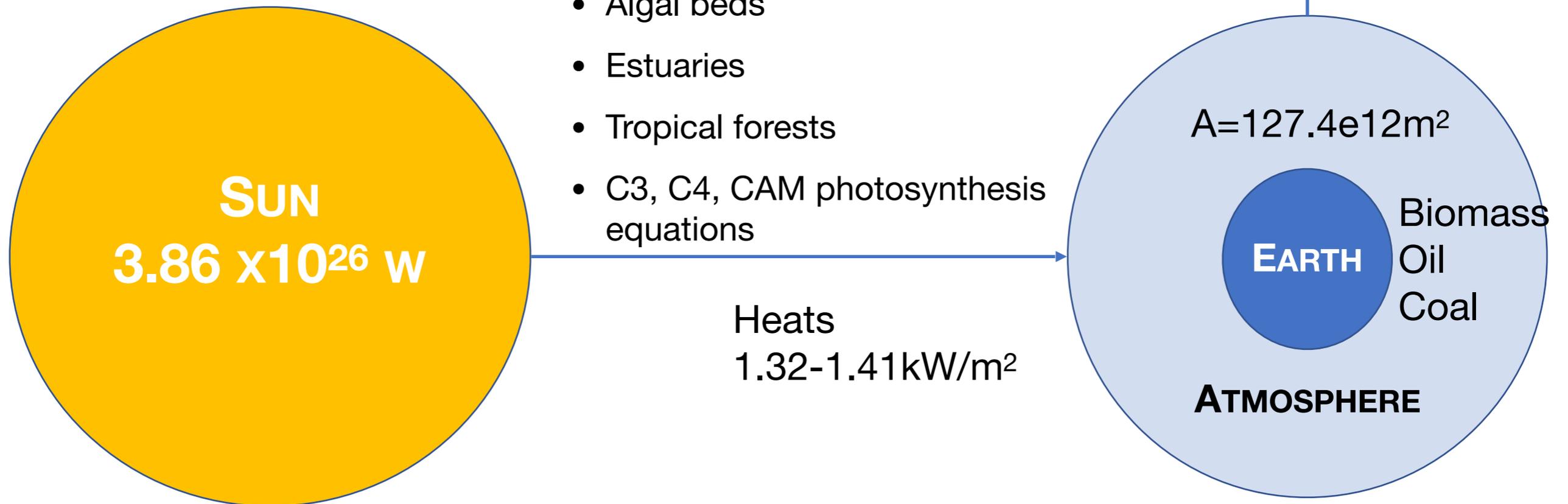


# Our Planet



# Some numbers

- 1% converted to biomass:
  - 10% of that is consumed by herbivores
  - 90% is detritus  
—> oil and coal eventually
- Most efficient:
  - Coral
  - Swamps
  - Algal beds
  - Estuaries
  - Tropical forests
  - C3, C4, CAM photosynthesis equations



# Question

- Can we live without fossil fuels? And if so: How?

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- What do you think are the most fundamental problems we are facing?
- 1) Increase energy availability
- 2) Decrease inefficiency in energy use
- 3) Improve problem solving ability

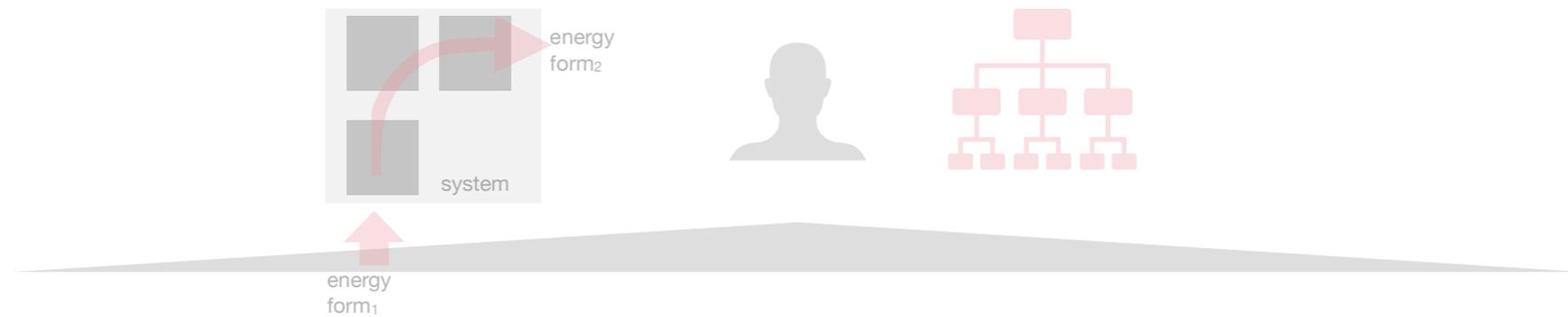
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# Hierarchical Decomposition of Solution Steps: Larry Ball Generalized Heuristics at [www.OpensourceTriz.com](http://www.OpensourceTriz.com)

**Market (Group and a Job)**



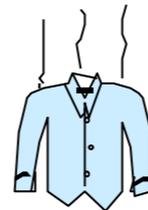
University Students—  
Drying Clothes

**Function**



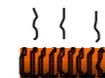
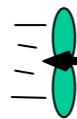
Move moisture

**Physical Phenomenon**



Evaporation

**Objects**

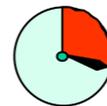


Fan

Heating  
coil

Drum

**Improvement**



Drying time

**Knobs**

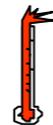


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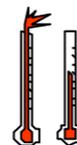
**Knob Settings**



HOT

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**Resolution of Contradictions**



Hot and cold

# Who is the Market ? (Group, Job, Circumstances) Focus on Non-Consumers



- Group—Non-Experts
- Job—”Suture” a wound
- Circumstances—  
Outdoors or at Home

Aha !!—There is a group of people that are non-consumers that want to do the job themselves—  
Since nobody meets this need, they will likely be forgiving.

# What Functions? What Part of the Job?



What Functions will our system steal from its job environment?



Aha!!—The Solar panel must take on the function of the roof tile

# What Constitutes Delight of the Market ? (How Well are the Functions Performed?)



Market: Women who want to exercise at home, but who lack the equipment or companionship to do this consistently.  
— Here is what they face.

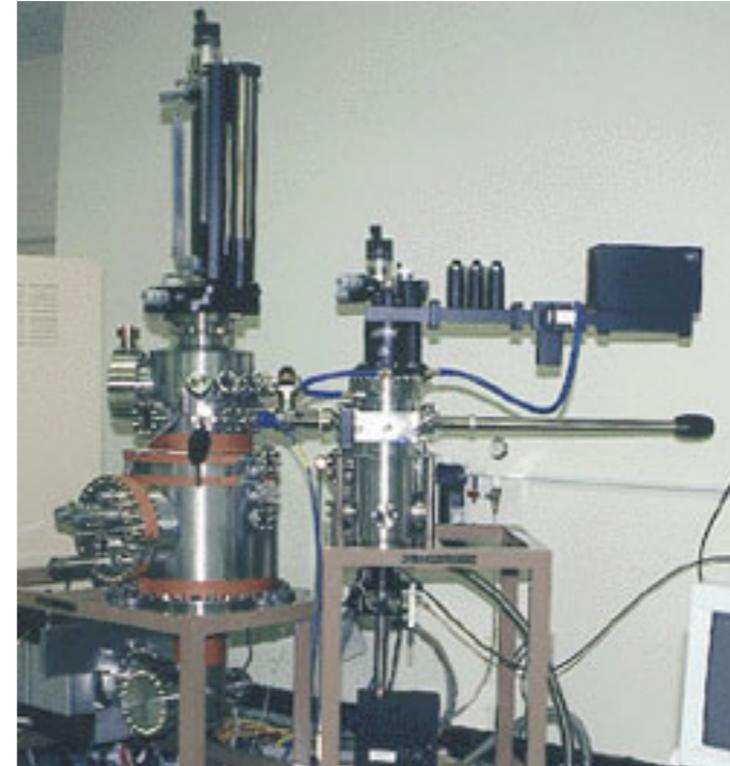


Aha!!—What they really want is a setting where they feel comfortable (like home) and can enjoy ready companionship. No fuss of changing the equipment—No mirrors, a private place to change and NO MEN! (*Curves*)

# What Phenomena Will Deliver The Function?



I want to split diamonds along the internal fault faces. How can I do this so that I do not create more faults?



Aha!!—A way exists to split many objects such as eggs, nuts and peppers. Apply high pressure and wait until the pressurized gas fills all the small spaces. Then suddenly release the tank pressure.

# What Objects Deliver the Phenomena?



How to get the scoop to the top after putting on the bottom and then filling the container with powder?



Aha!!—Use existing objects—The vibration of the Truck

# How Can We Simplify the System?



Situation—Cars that bolt often end up in a high speed police chase



Aha!!—Sticky GPS Tracking system shot from an air-powered rifle allows the police to vector the car rather than starting or continuing a high-speed chase

# What is the Main Problem?

(People take Things for Granted)



We build bathtubs—For most people, our tubs are adequate—we take for granted how people interact with bathtubs



Aha!!—When it comes to a new market:  
People who have trouble lifting their legs, (elderly, disabled) there is a discovered problem.

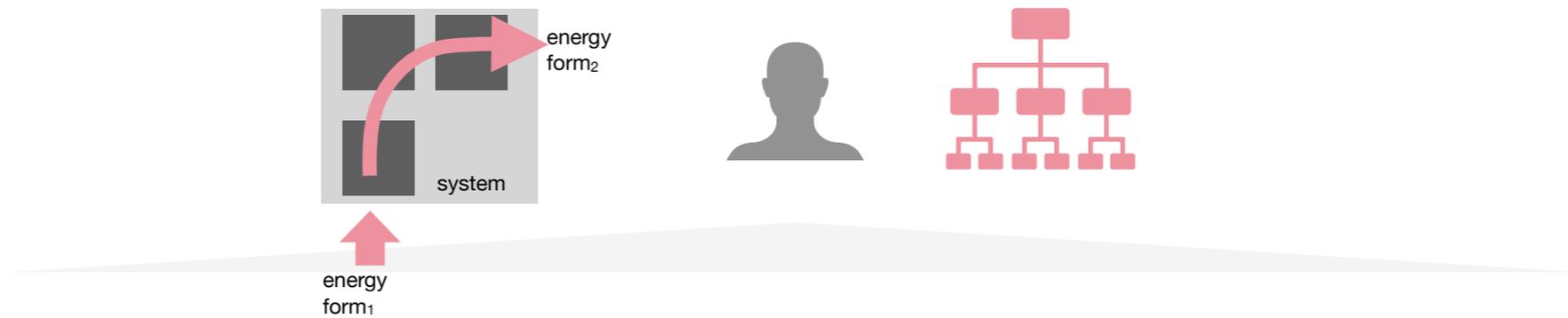
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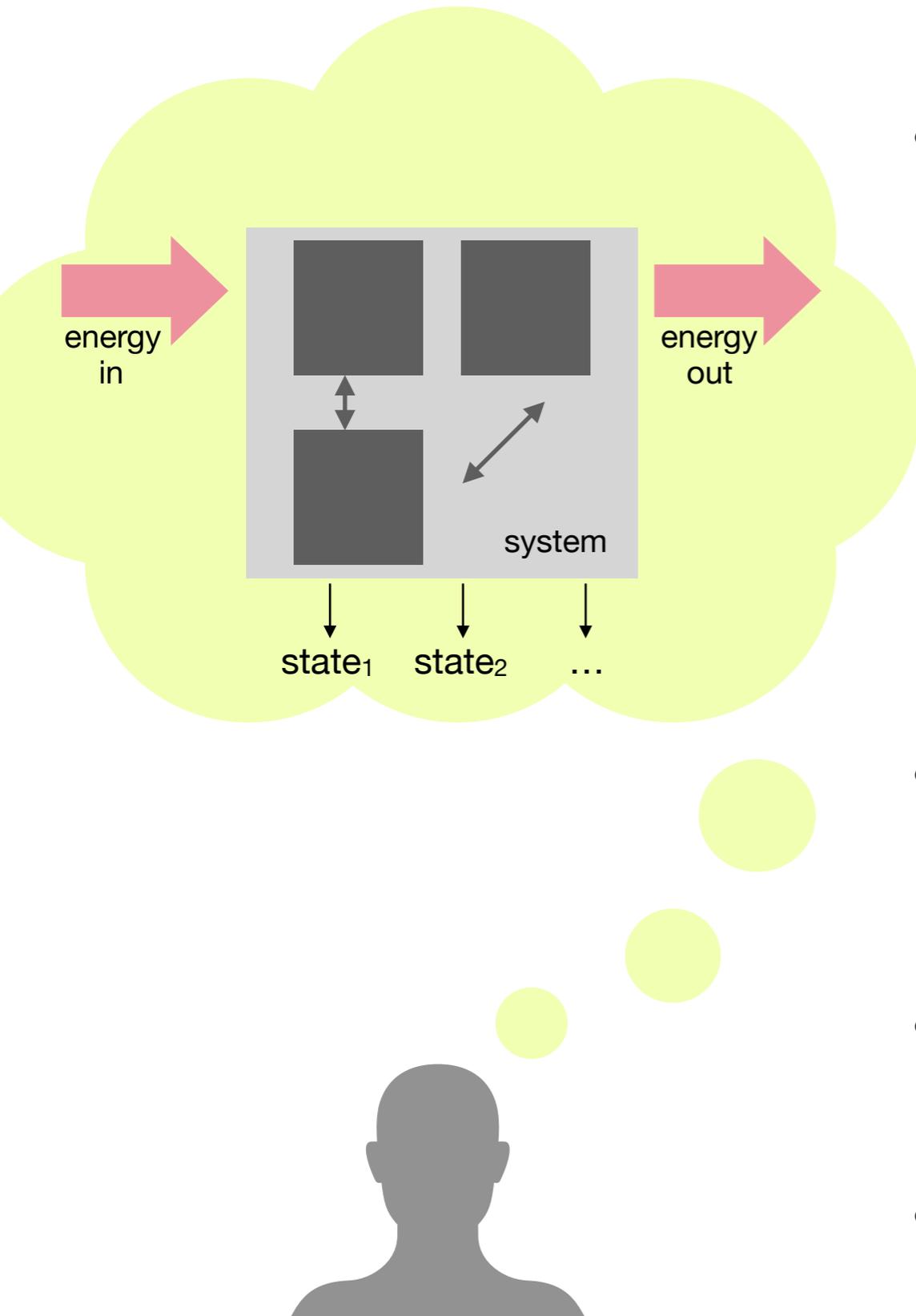
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# Problem Formulation From a Systemic Perspective



- A system is a collection of energy storage elements
  - The energy levels are characterized as states (can be classical or quantum)
  - Subsystems: Subsets of the collection of elements.
  - Supersystems: Collections of systems
- **All changes or functions involve interactions of such energy storage elements through energy exchange.**
- **Beliefs, or models** list the properties of systems and functions.
- **Problem solving** is action (sensing, actuation, calculation) attaining our aims.

# Acknowledgement: Larry Ball for function exercises

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# Describing the System Function

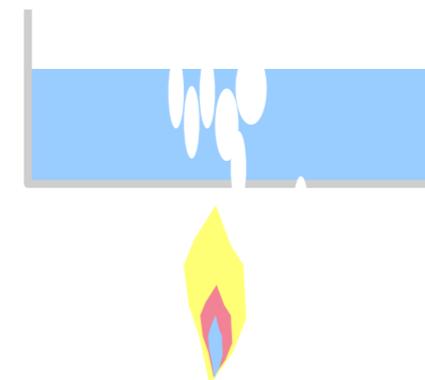
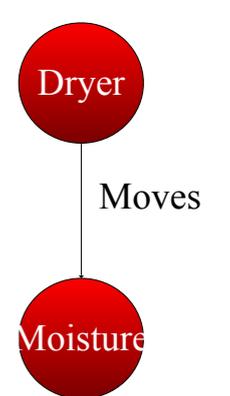
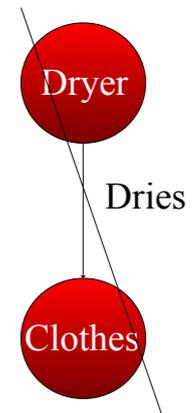
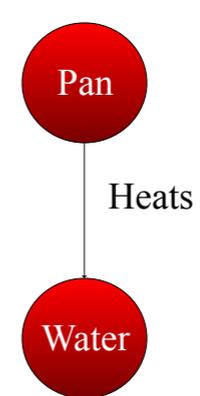
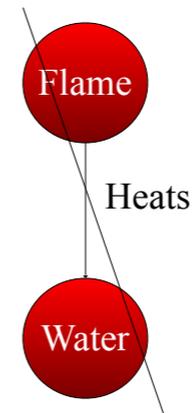
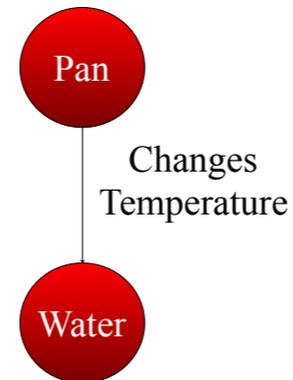
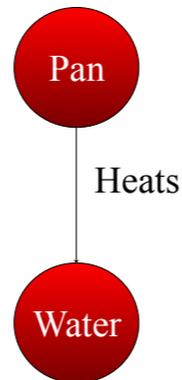
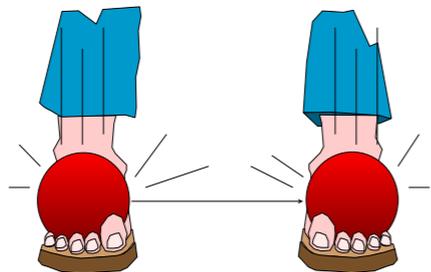
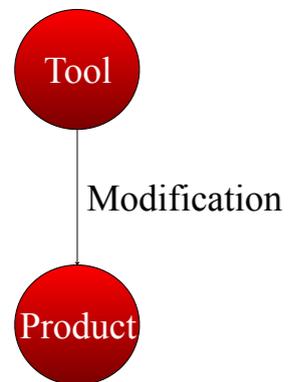
1. Are all of the functional elements present?

2. Are the tool and product something you could drop on your foot?  
(system or energy storage elements)

3. Does the modification describe a physical change or control of the product?  
(use longhand if conventional language isn't accurate)

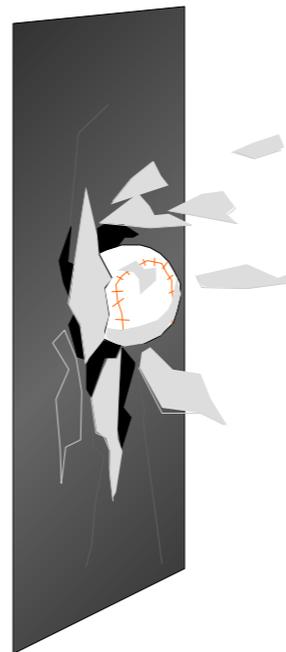
4. Does the tool directly modify the product?

5. Does it describe what is really happening?  
(be careful with confusing functions)



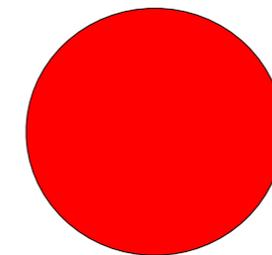
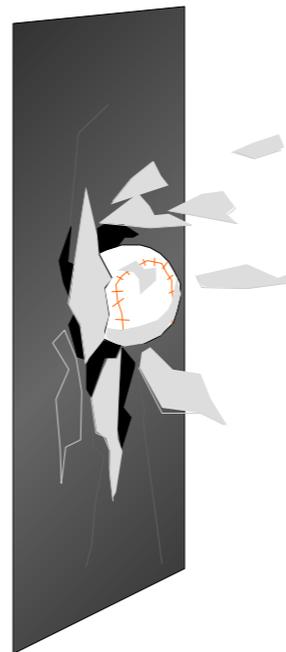
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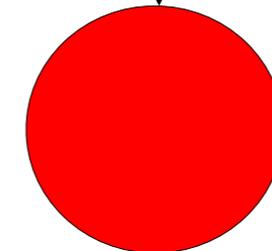
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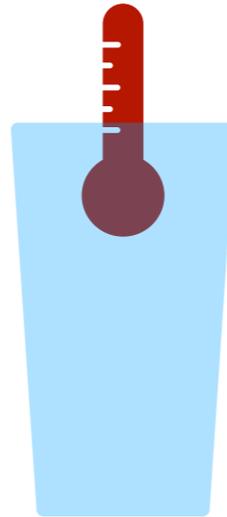
Breaks  
(changes  
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Glass

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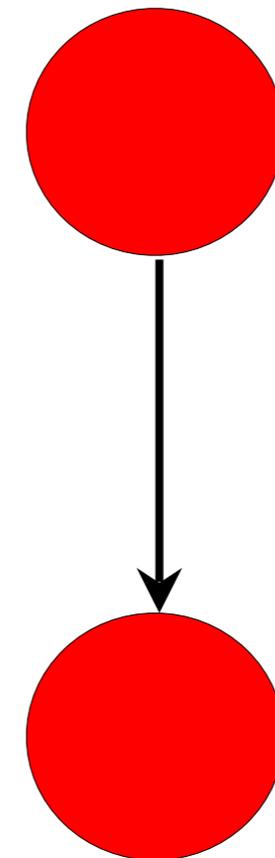
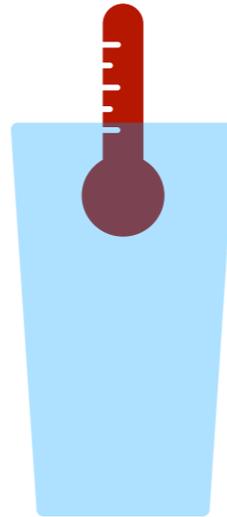
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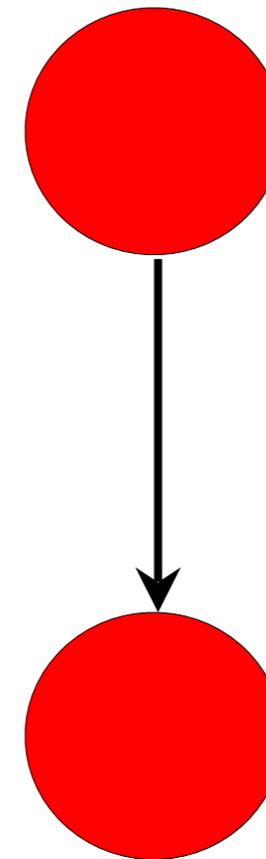
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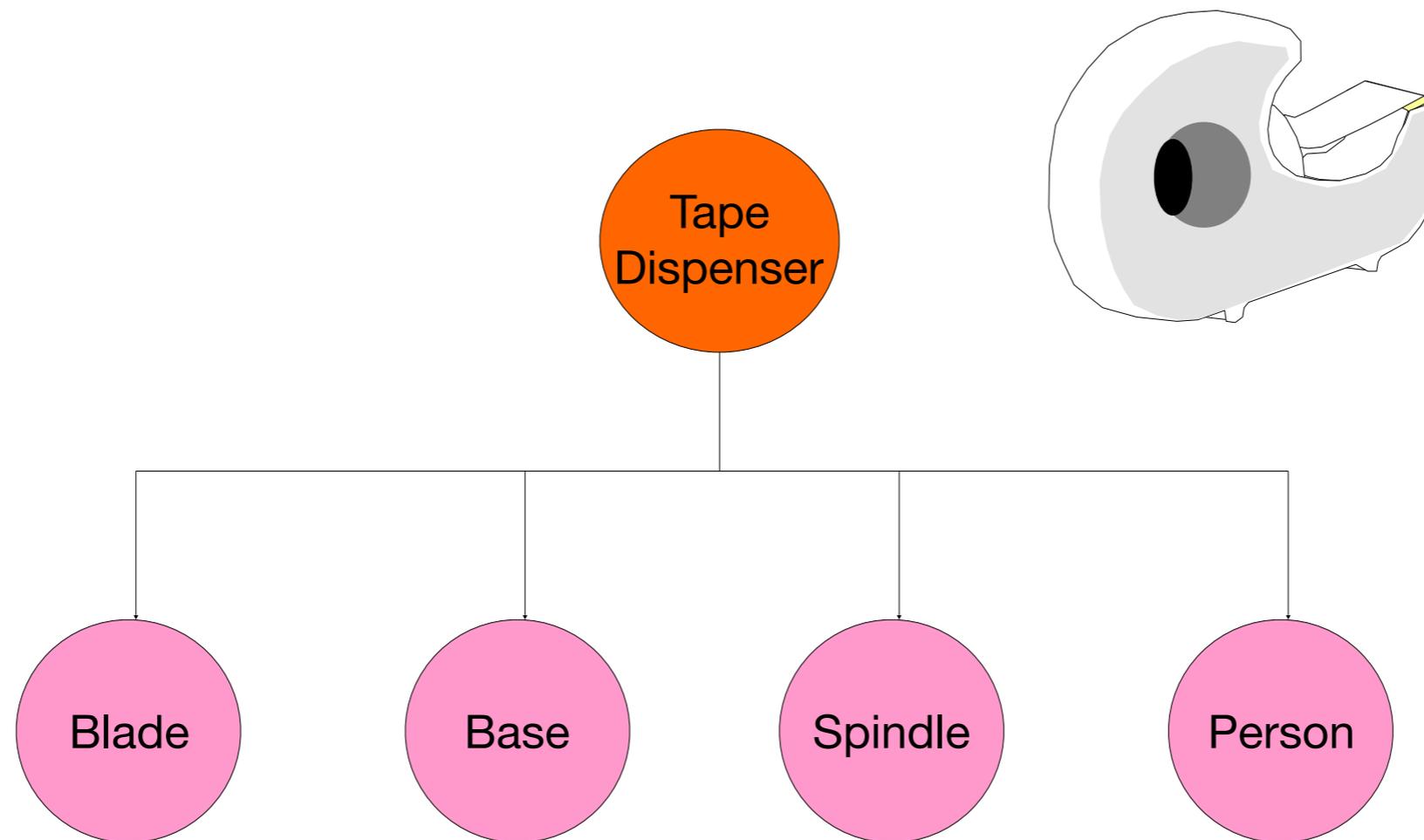
Wire

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(controls  
path)

Charges

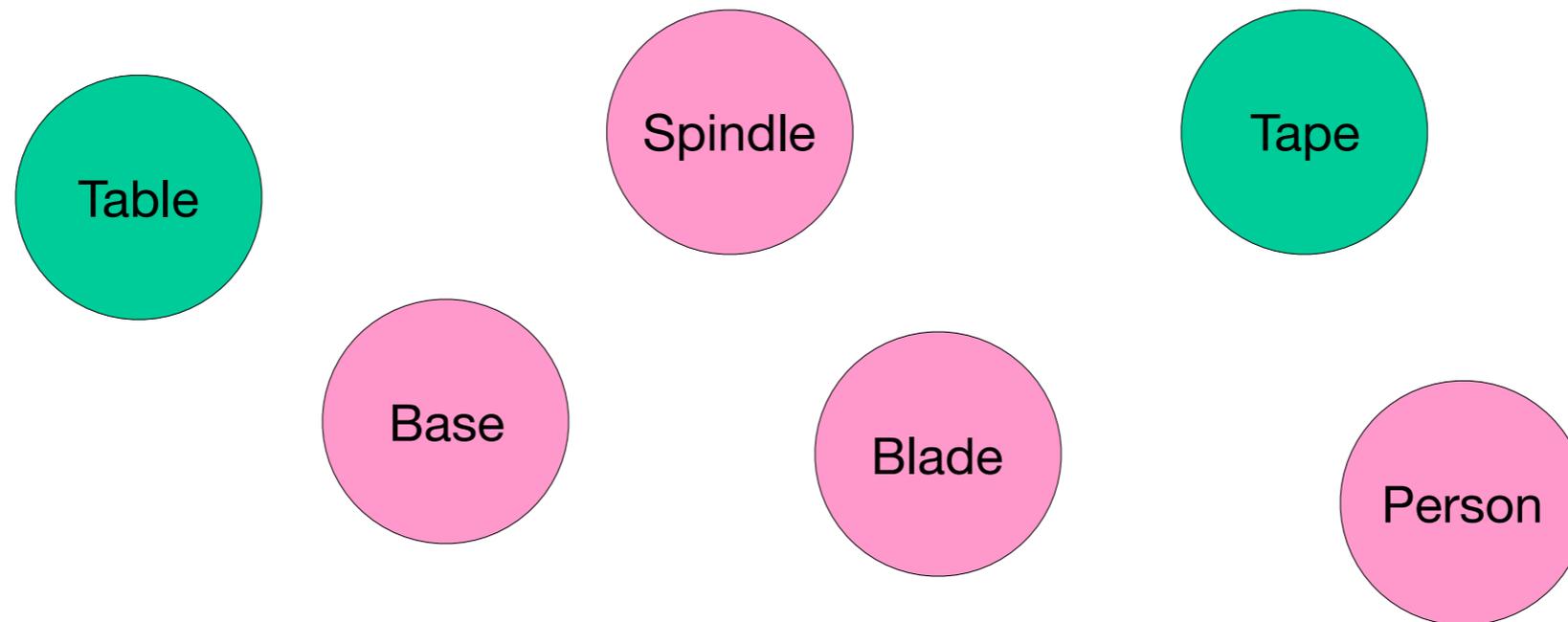
# Writing Systems of Functions

# 1. Break System Down into Functional Parts



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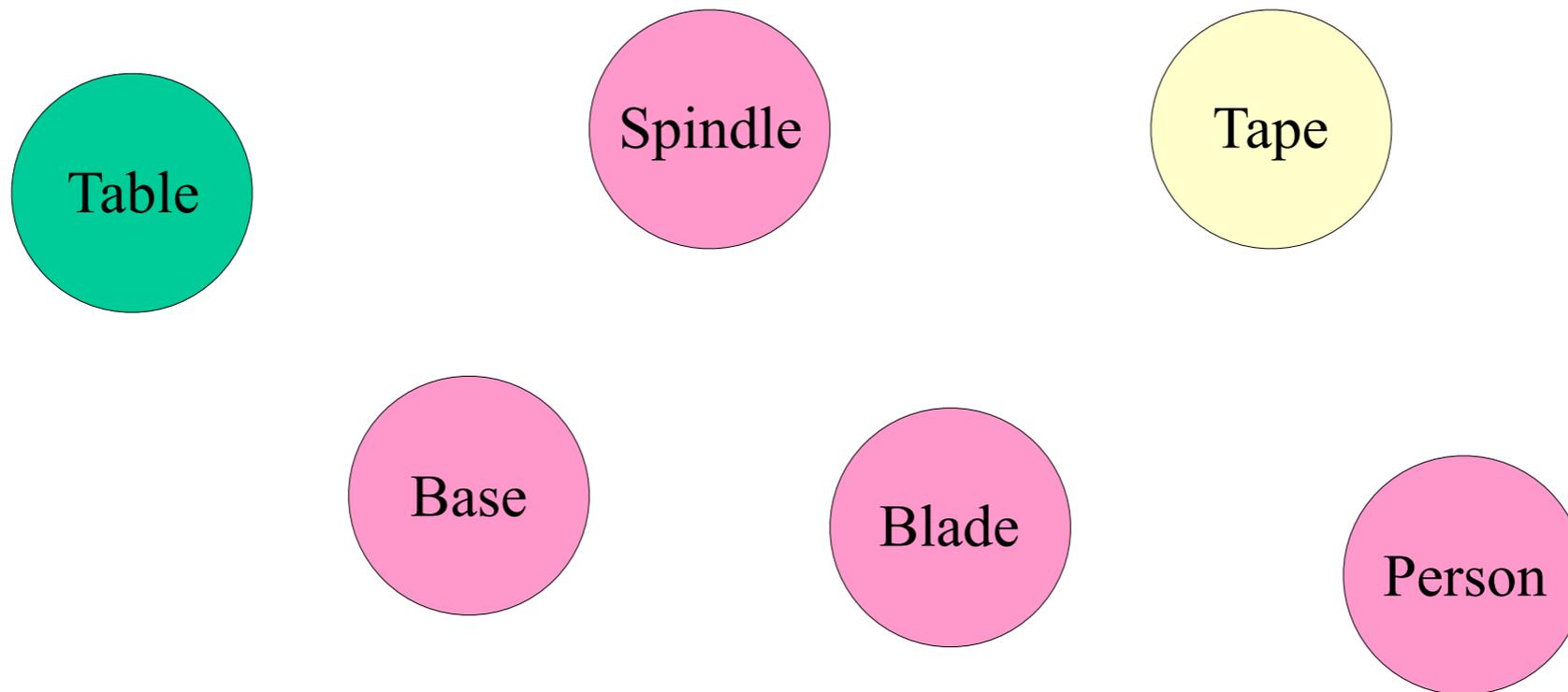
(The system interacts directly with these Objects—  
These Objects are involved in the Job being done)



Super-System Elements are those we do not have  
direct control over

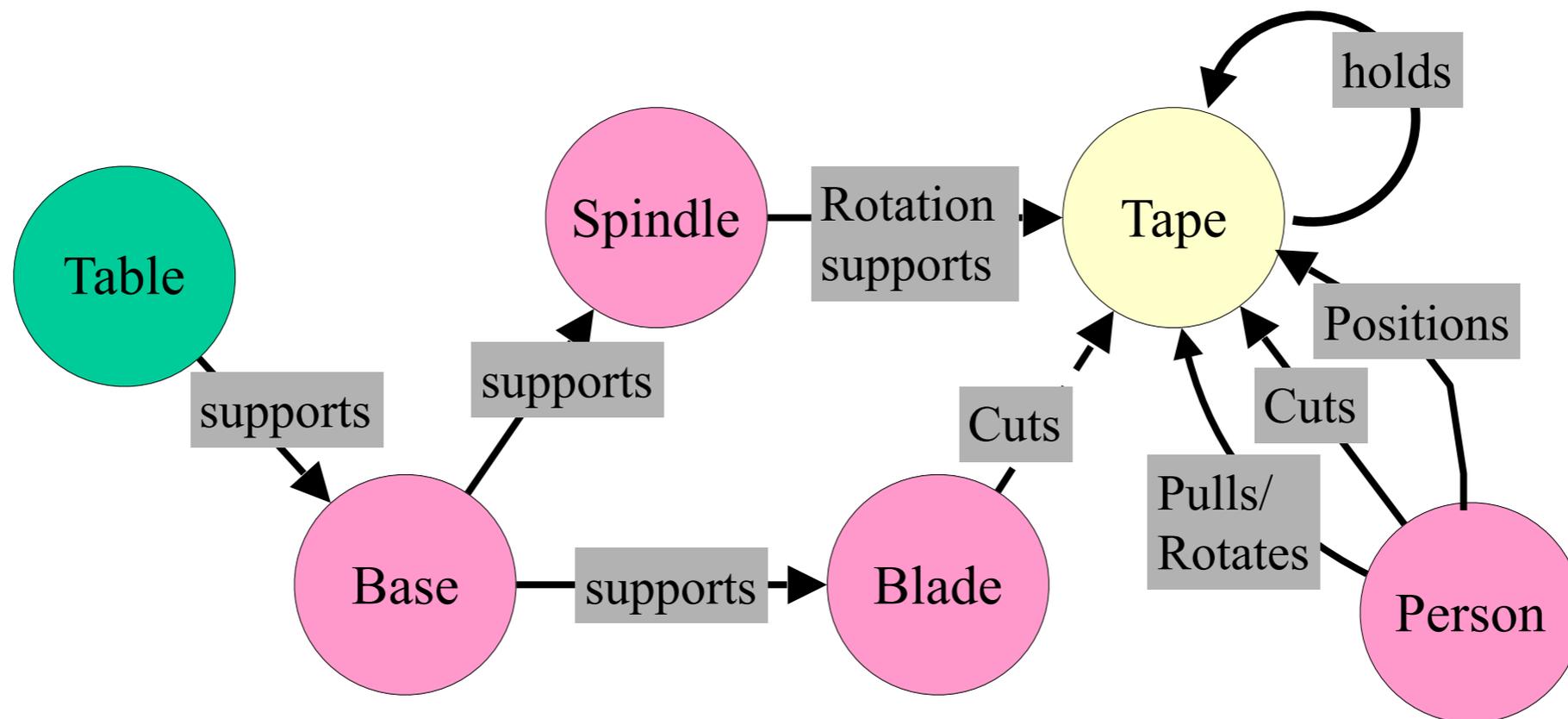
# 3. Identify the “System Products”

(The primary objects that the system seeks to modify)



# 4. Draw function links between the elements

(links between super-system elements is not usually necessary)



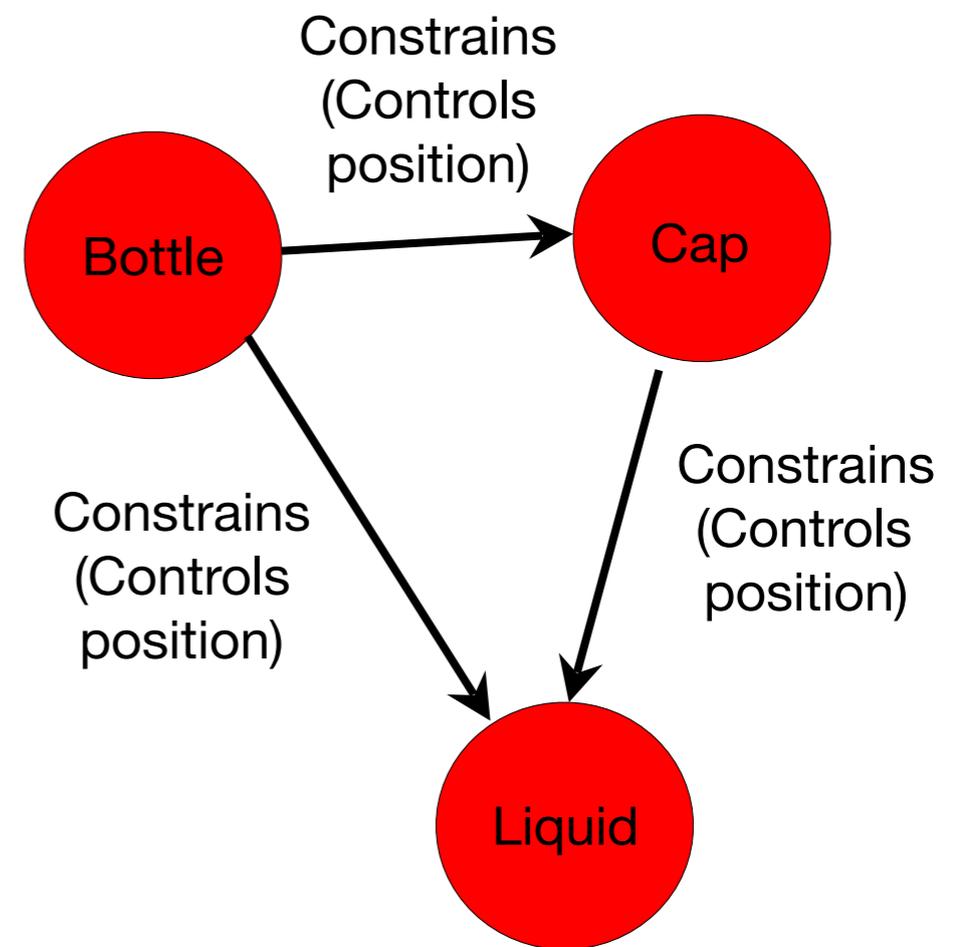
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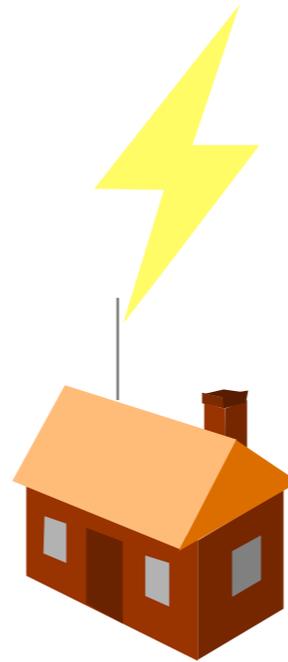
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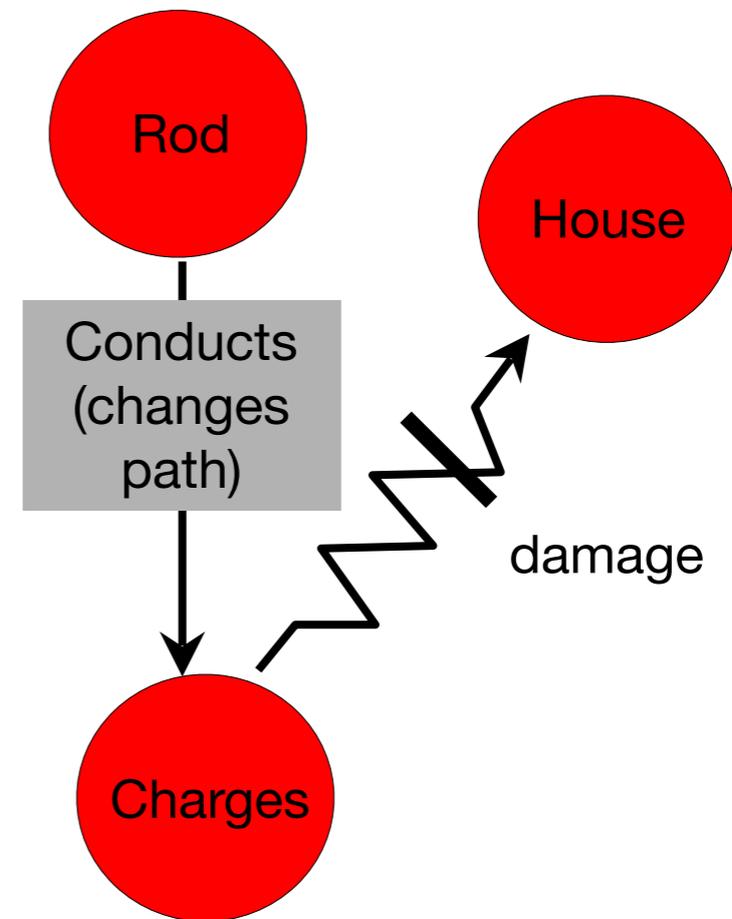
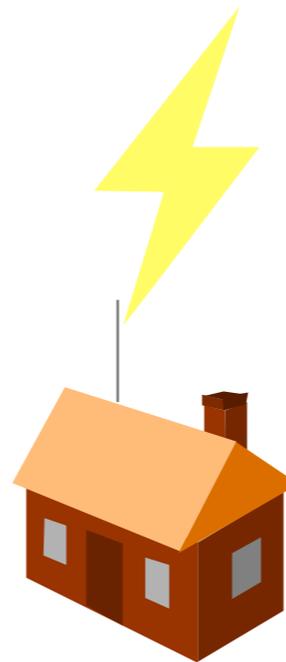
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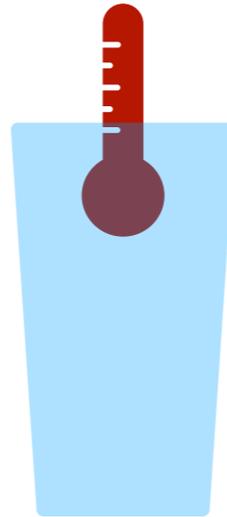
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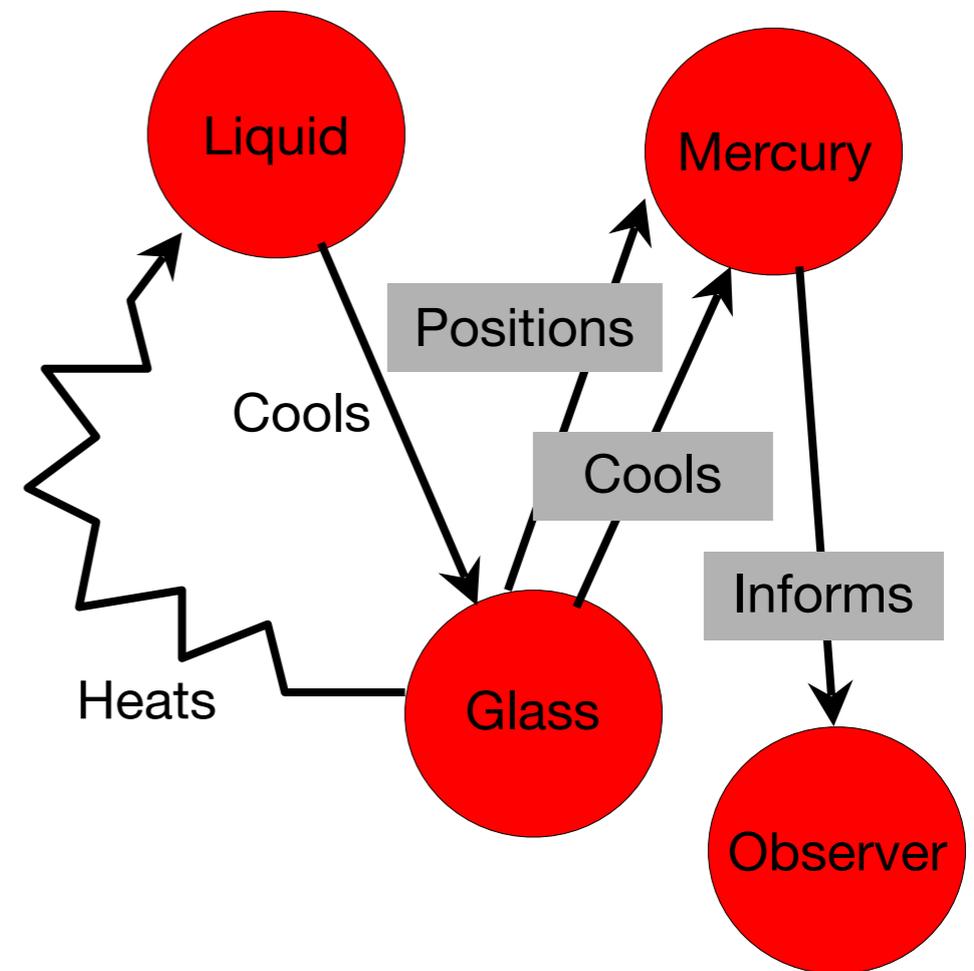
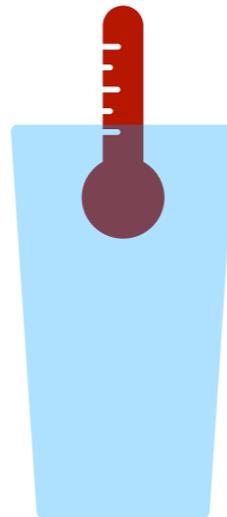
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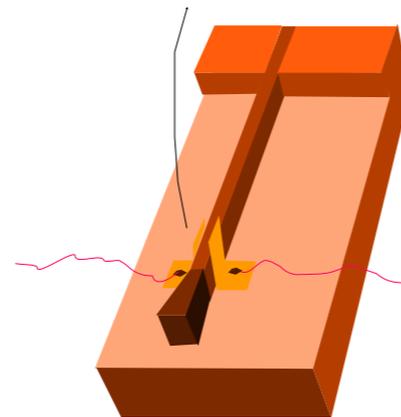


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The gold improves the reliability

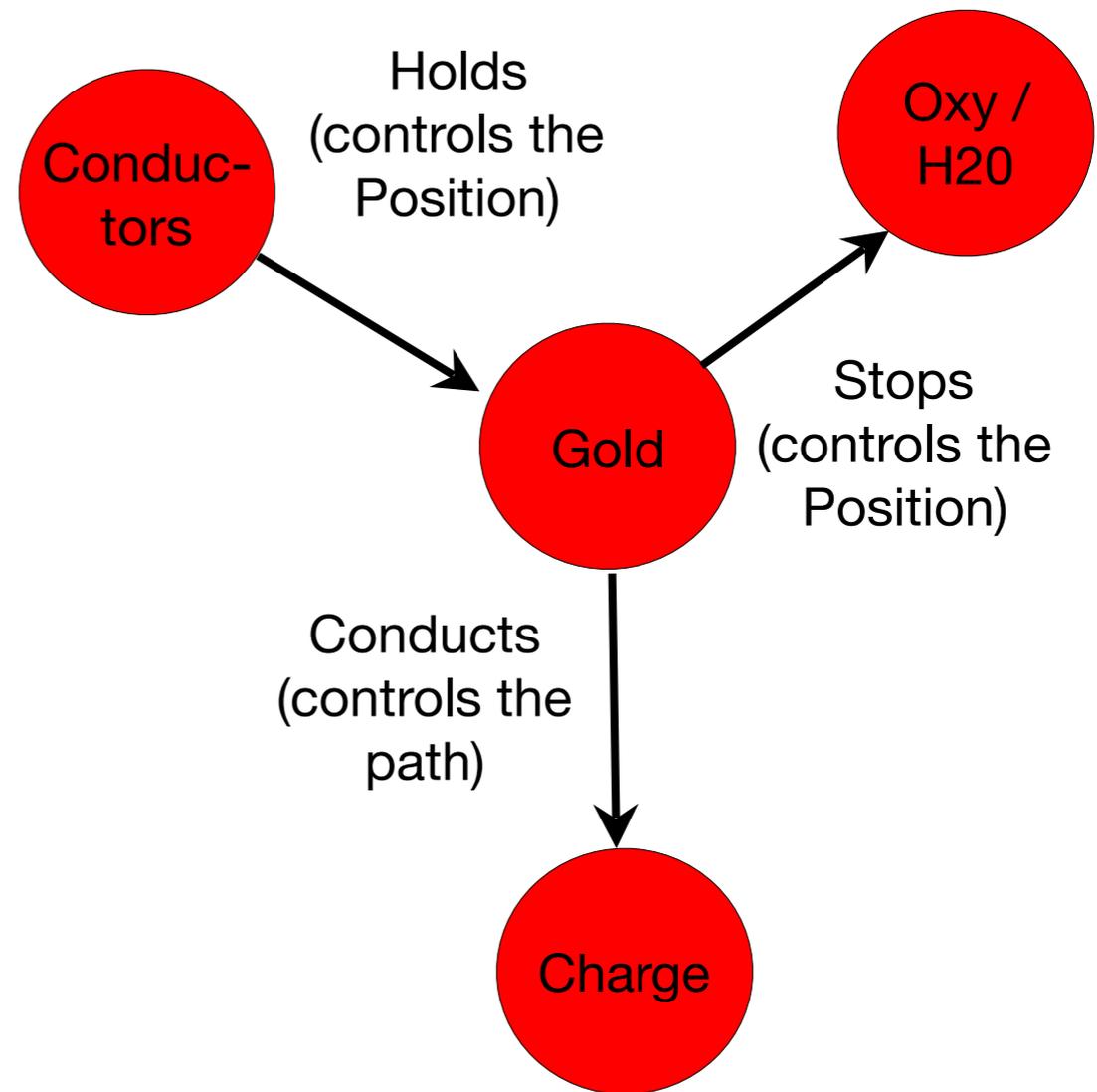
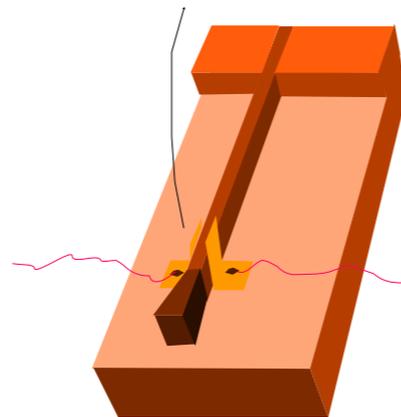
Shown is a sliding contact switch. Gold coats the switch arm and the contacts that stick up.



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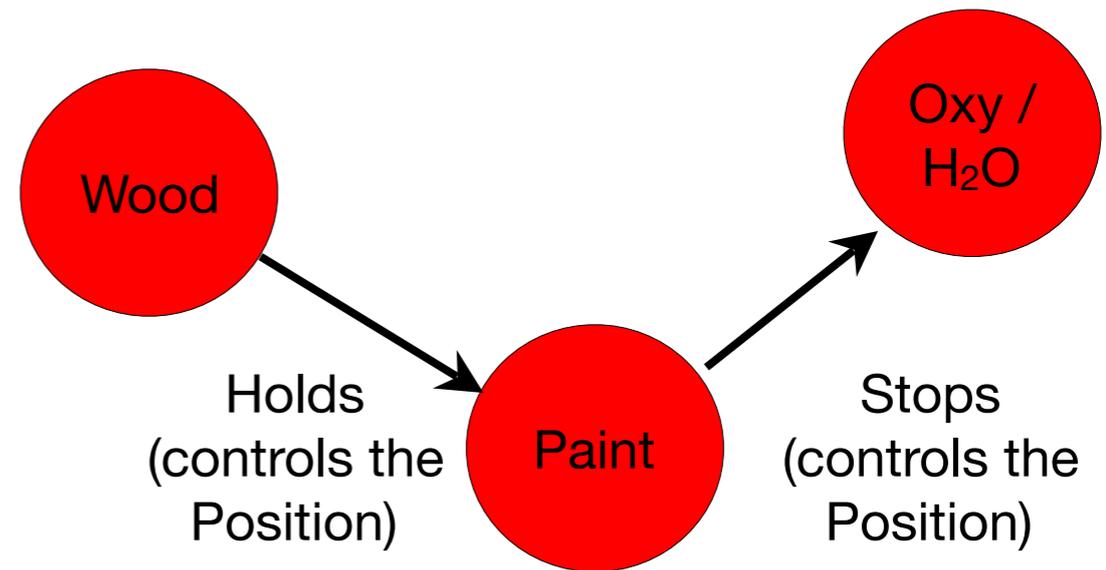
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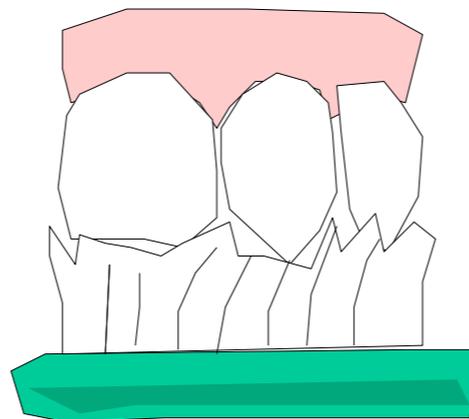
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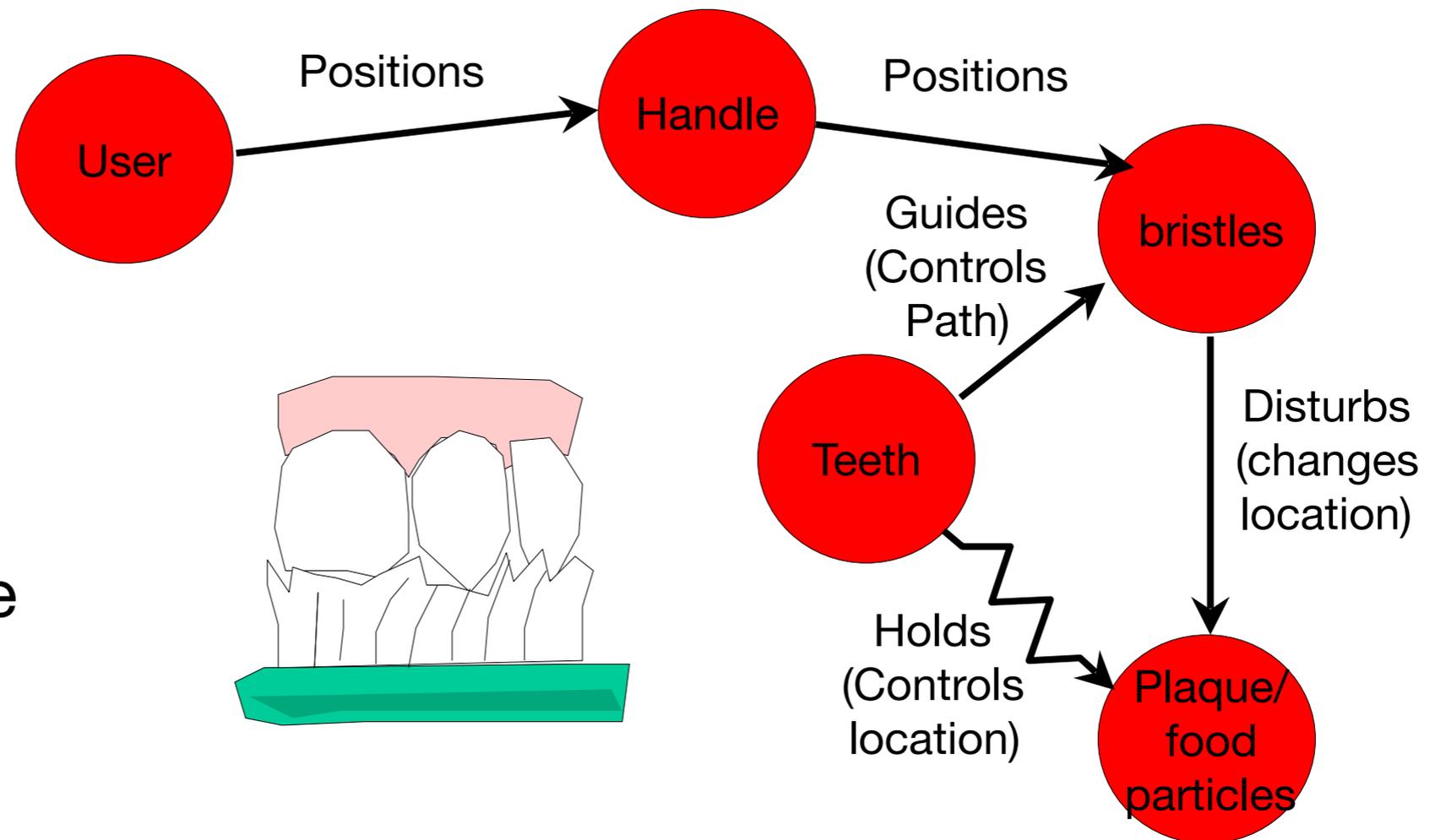
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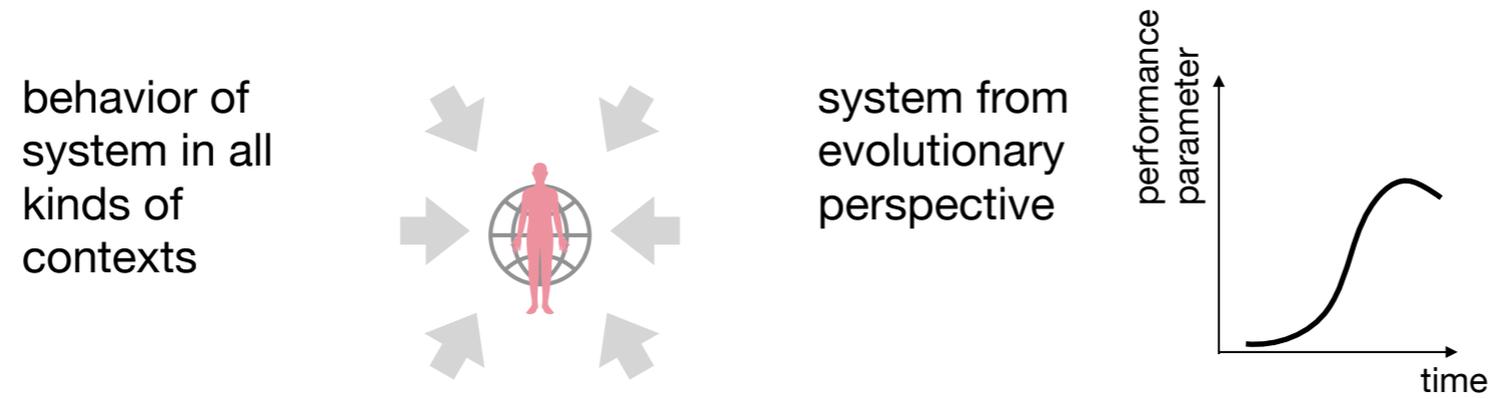
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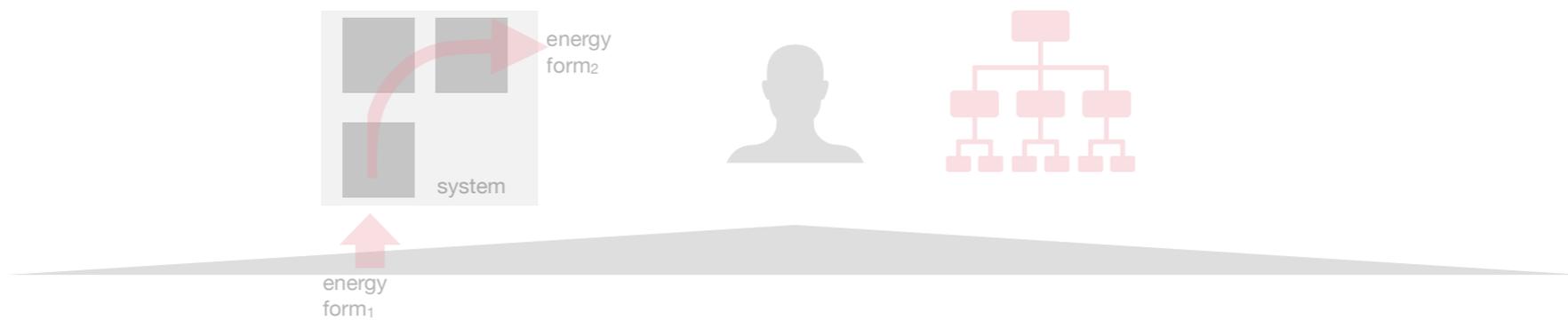
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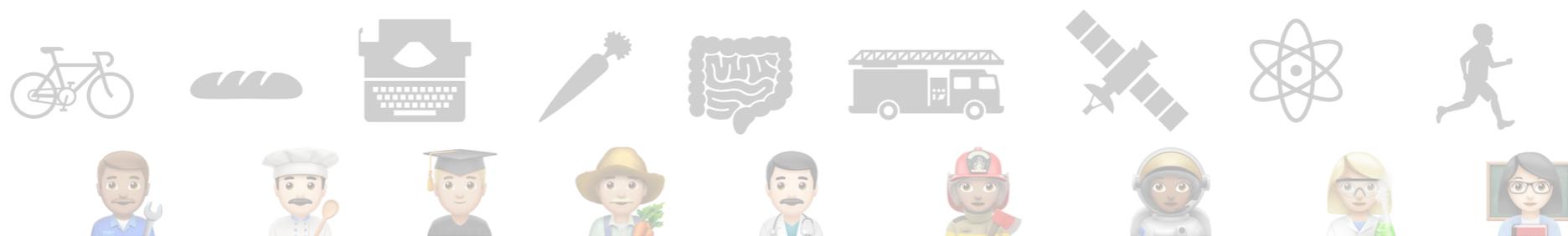
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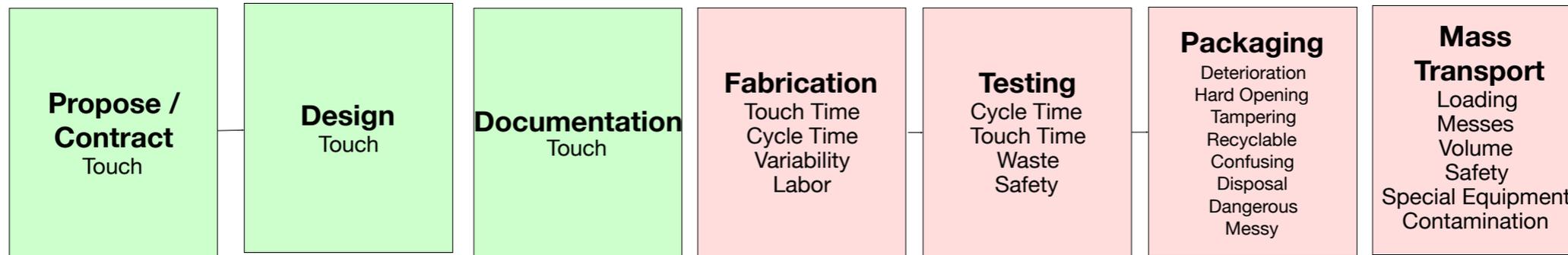


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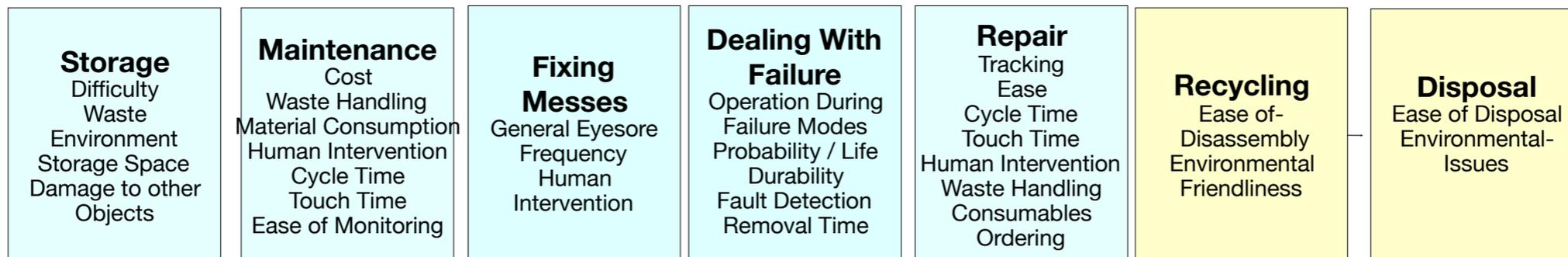
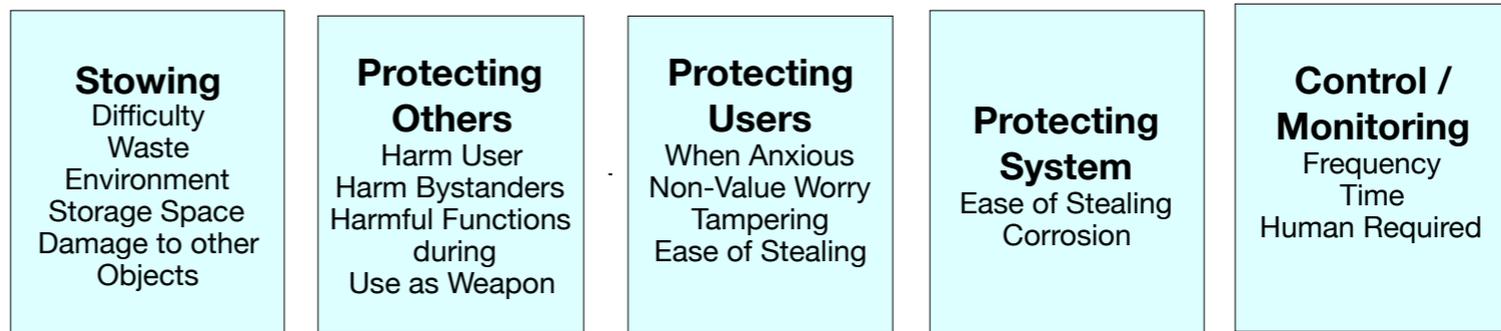
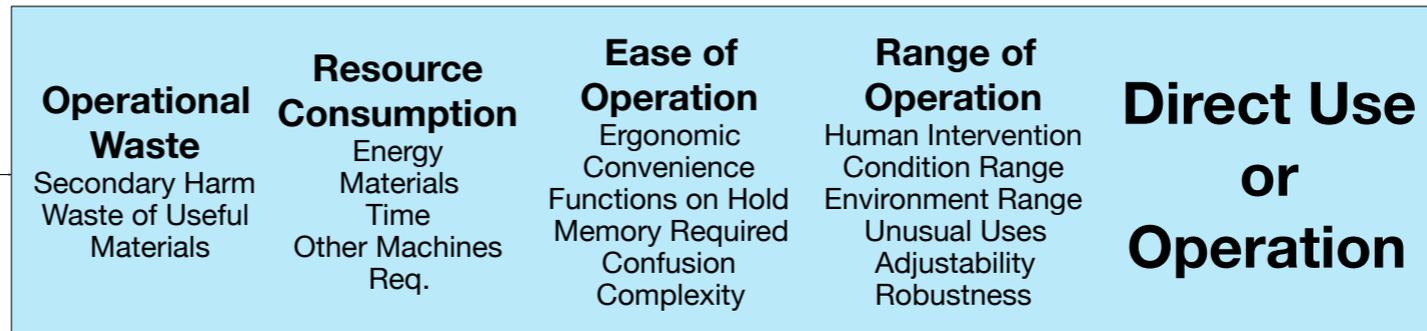


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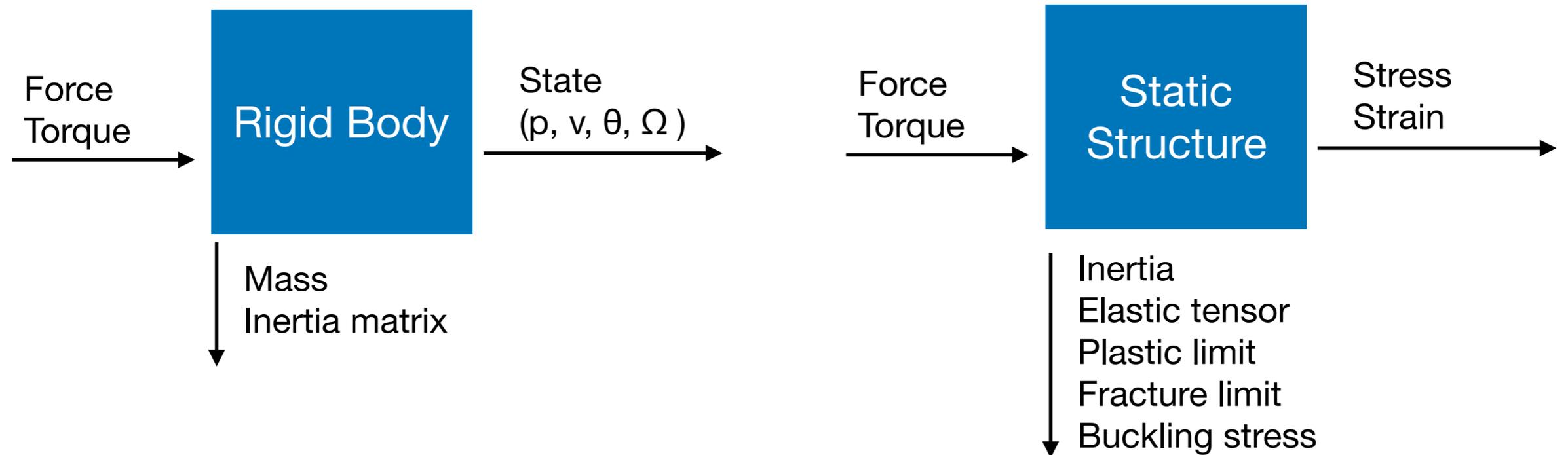




**Lifecycle Jobs and Competitive Factors**

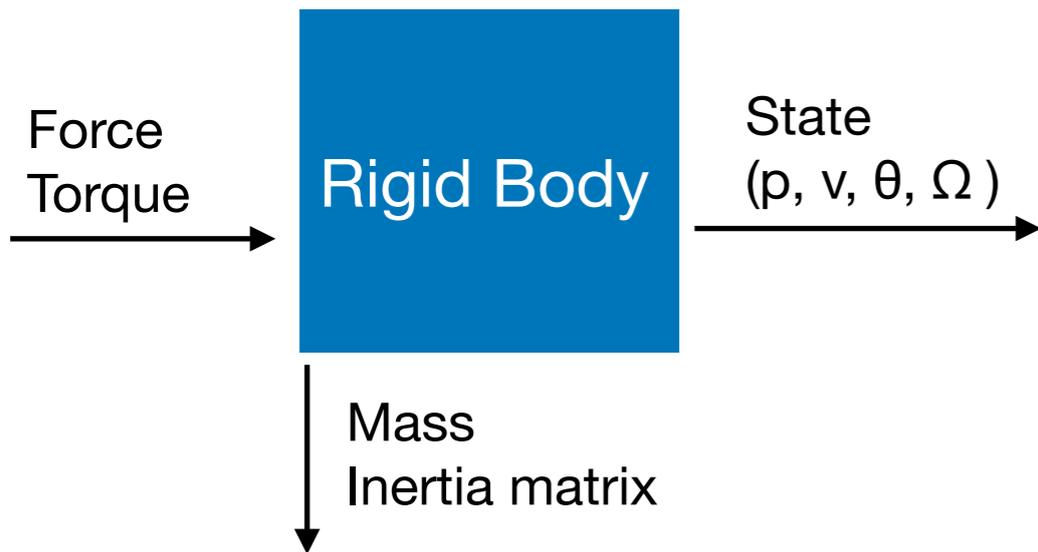


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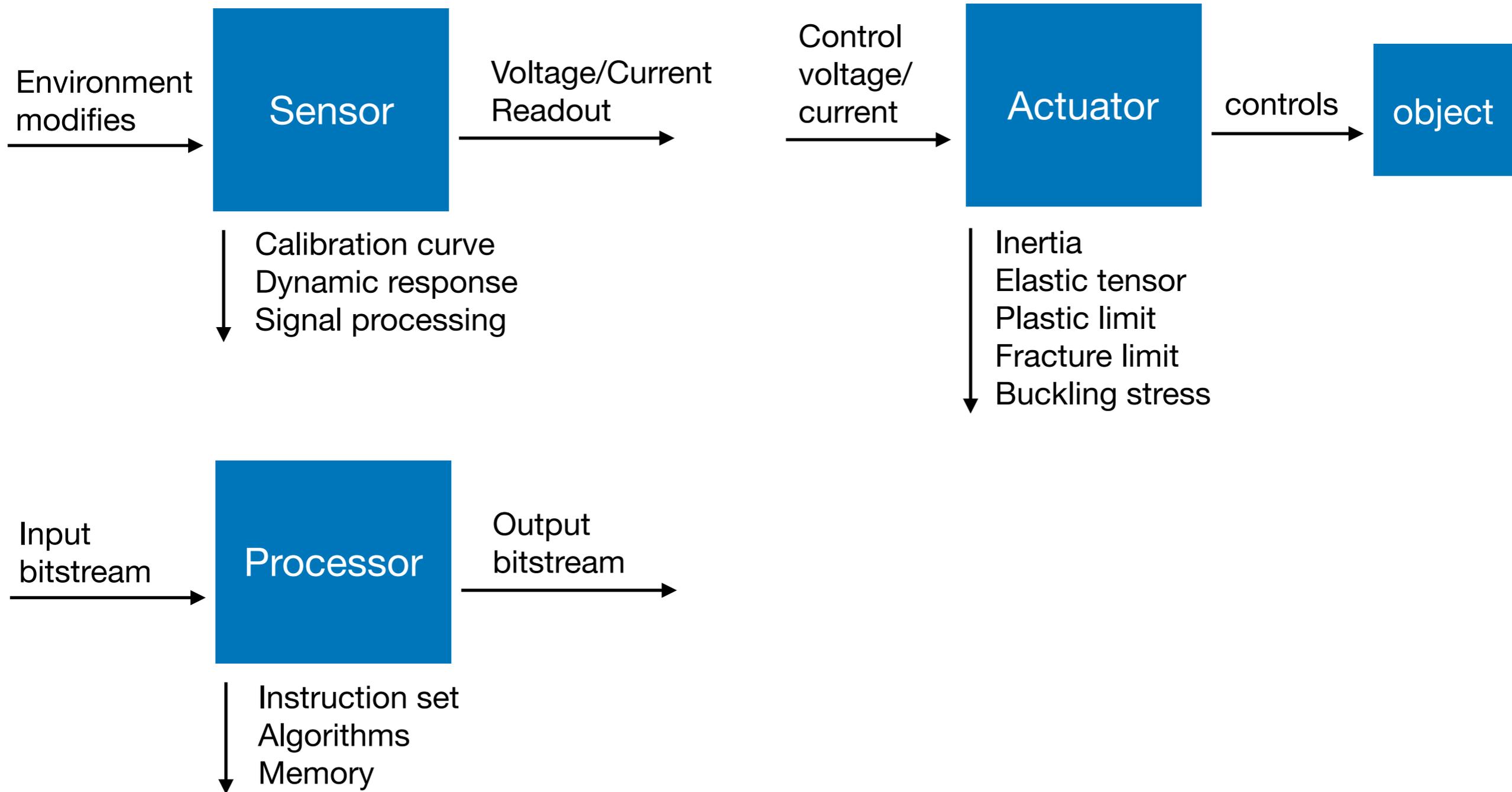
This universal representation permits us to proceed promptly from **representation** to **simulation**, **experiment**, and **optimization**

# Uncertainty As Important As Dynamics

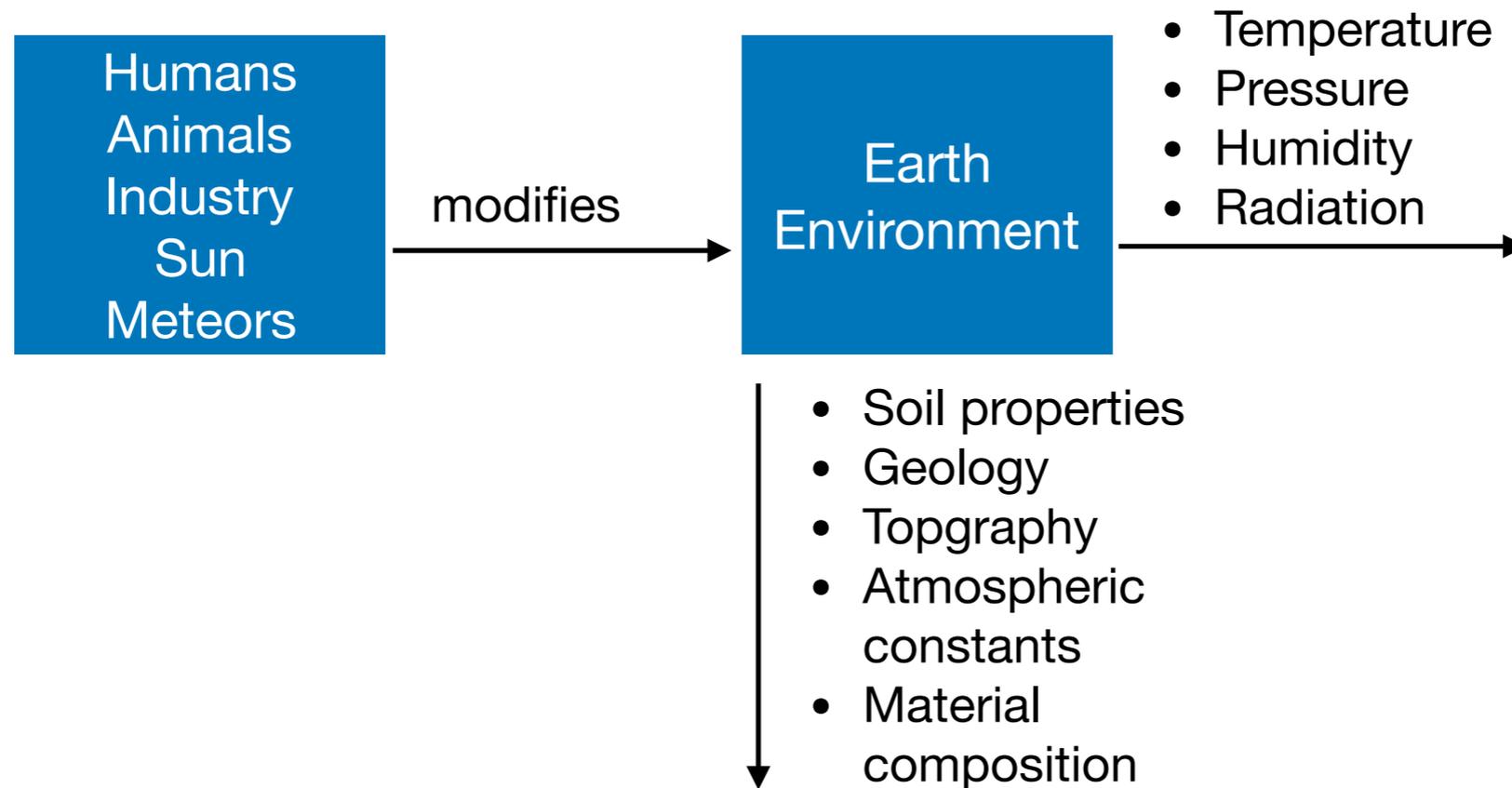


- **Noise**—Characterized probabilistically
  - Examples: Johnson noise, shot noise and flicker enter measurements additively
  - Arises from a great variety of interacting elements, and is therefore very stable in its properties such as amplitude distribution, frequency range, and temperature dependence.
  - This can arise from both components and environment. Many competitors resemble noise while just one or two are very uncertain.
- **Disturbance** from environment—properties or range of properties well known, e.g., frequency, amplitude, entry point into dynamics.
- **Interference**—measurable but irrelevant signals from environment or dynamics—can be systematically eliminated.
- **Component or environment parametric uncertainty**—characterized by parameter uncertainty intervals. This arises from uncertainty in measurements.
- **Input uncertainty**—other agents with other objectives operating the dynamics. Ex: pests, outlaws, weeds, competitors, friends, employees, neighbors

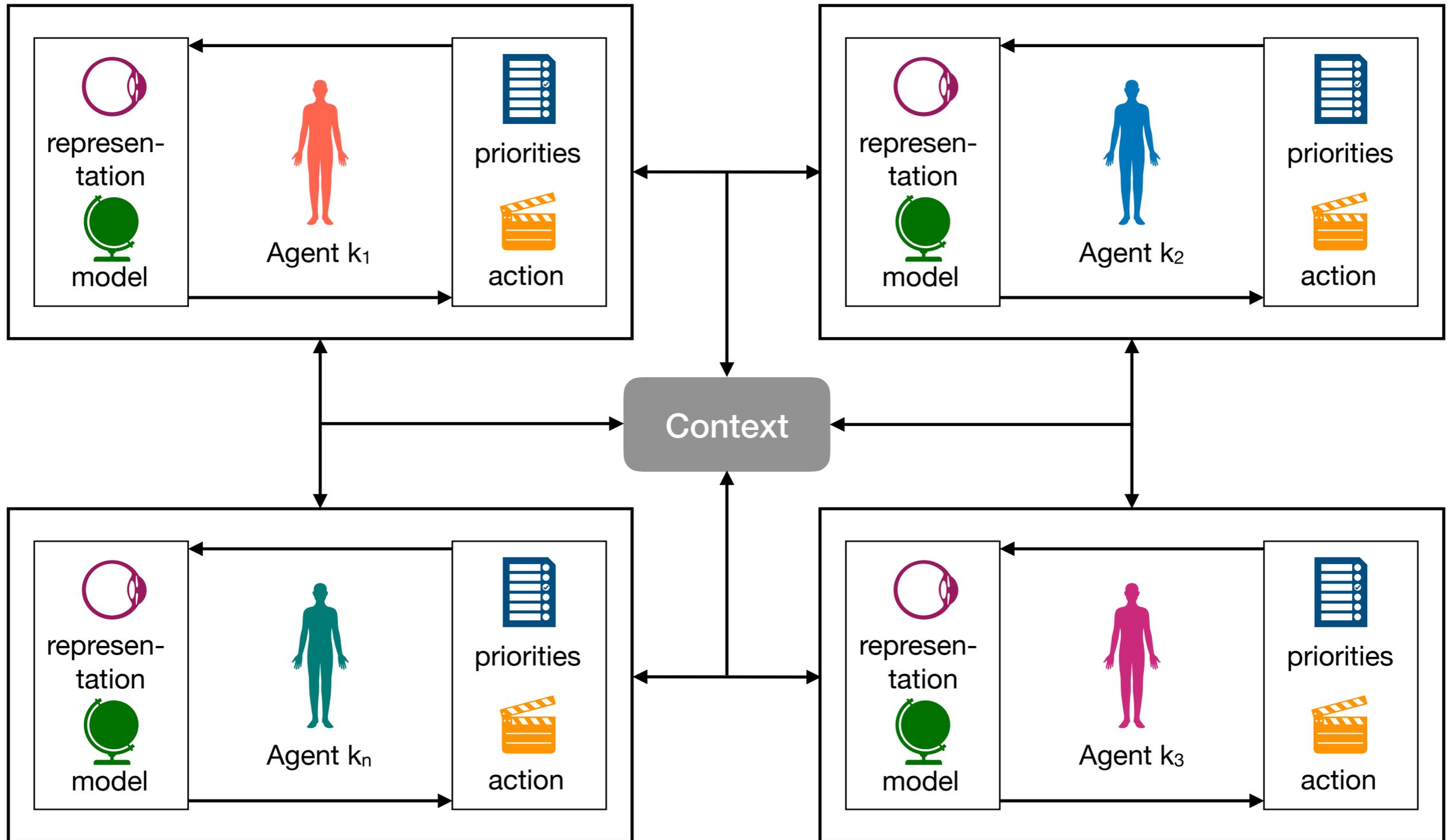
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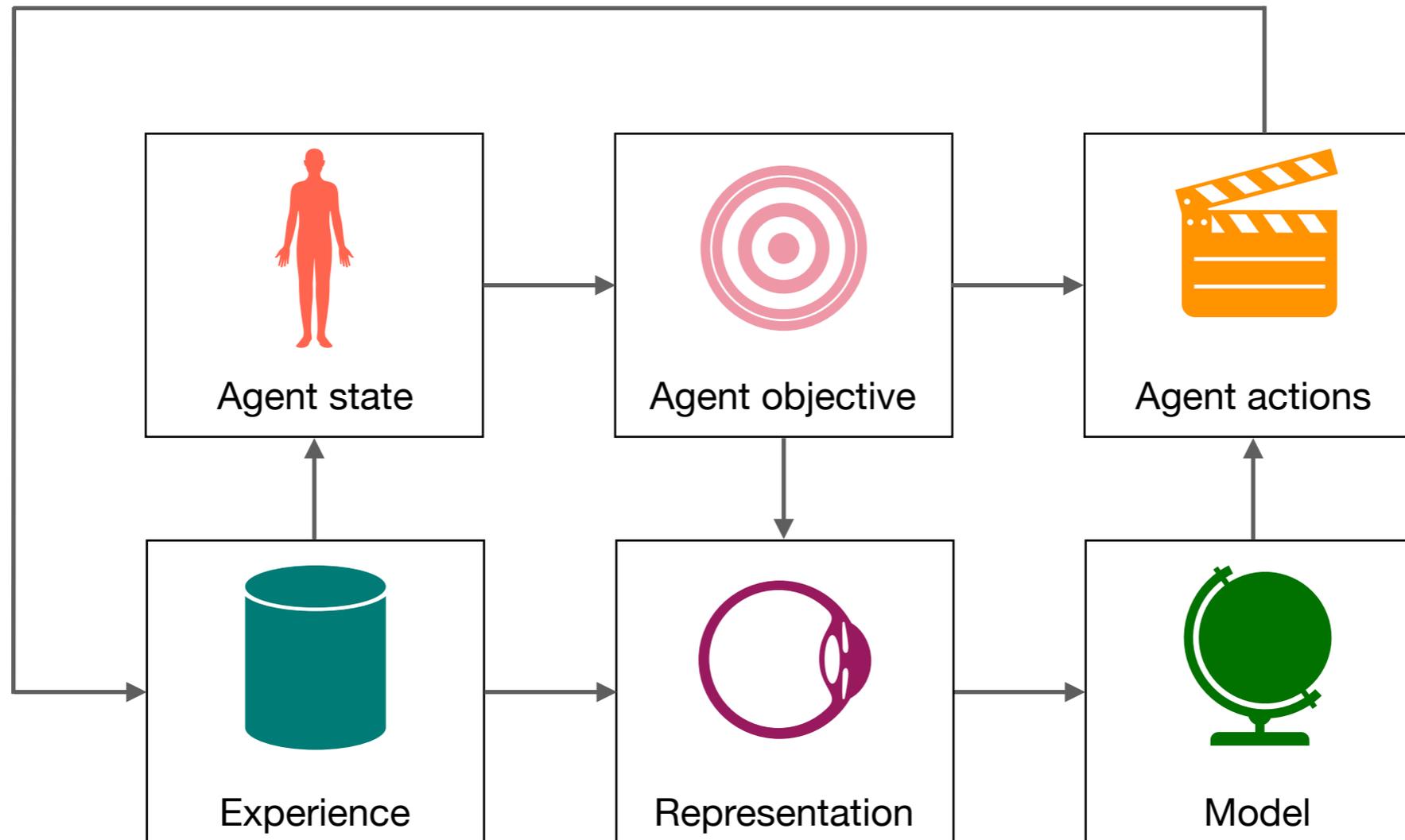
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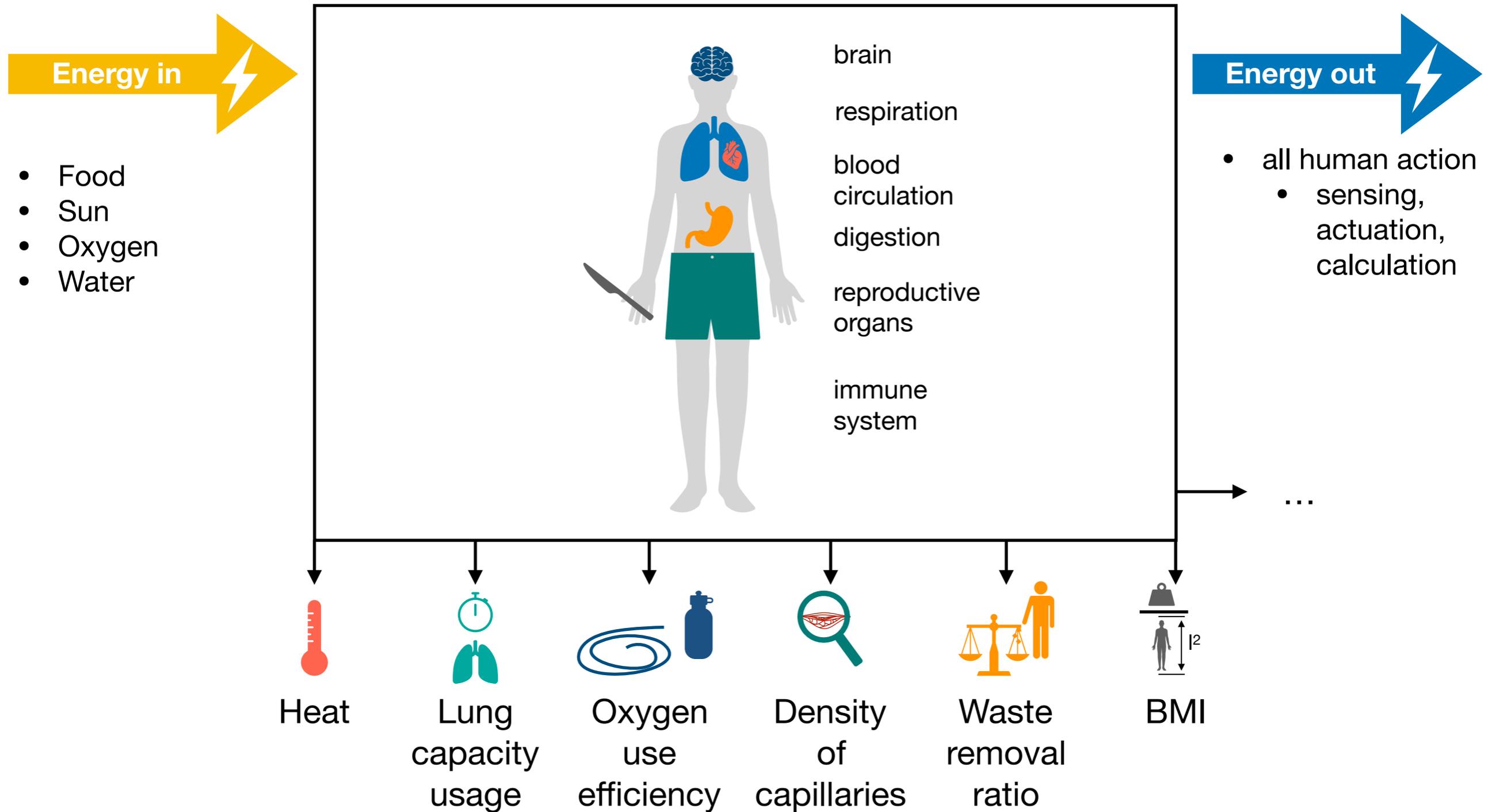
# Context or Human Environment on Earth (1)



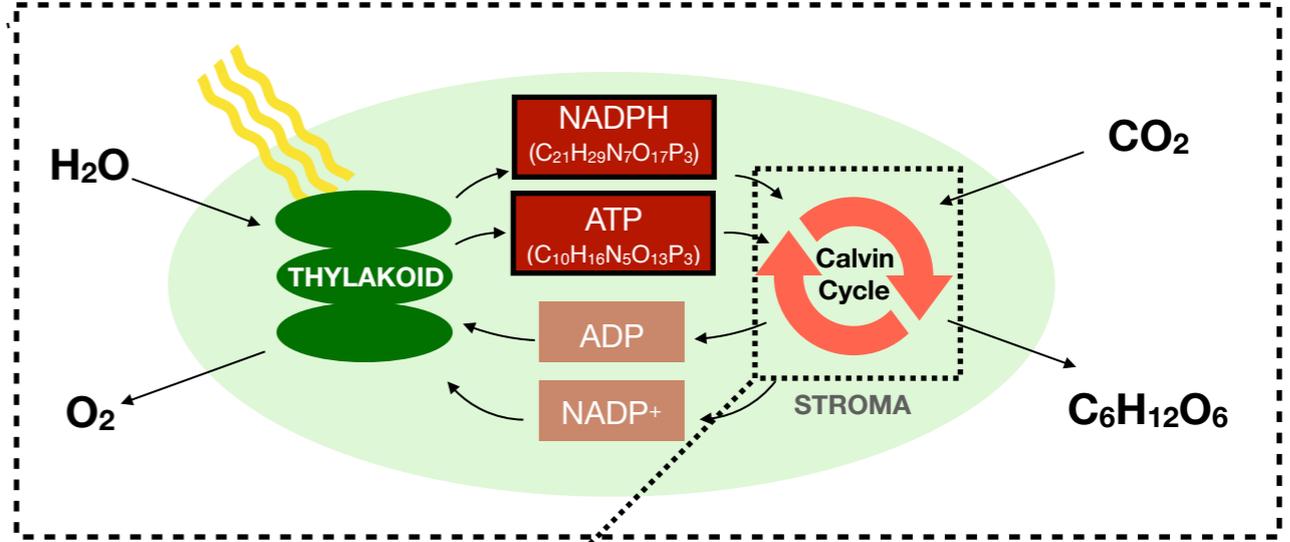
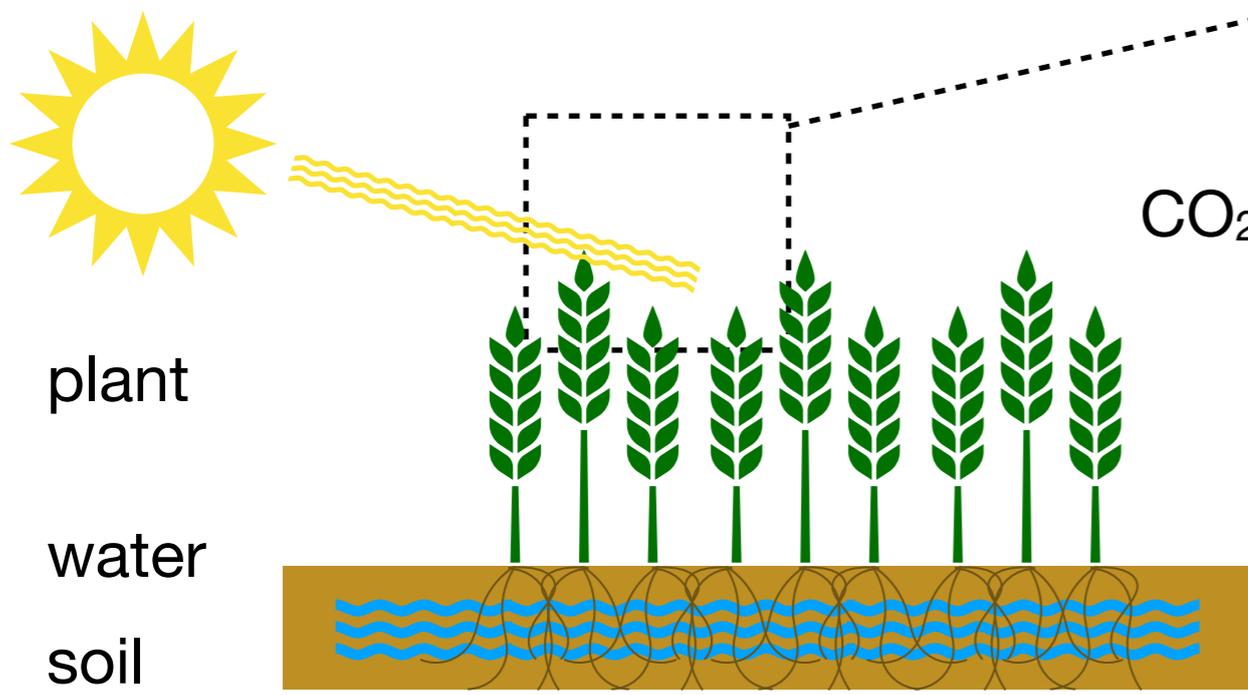
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# Human body



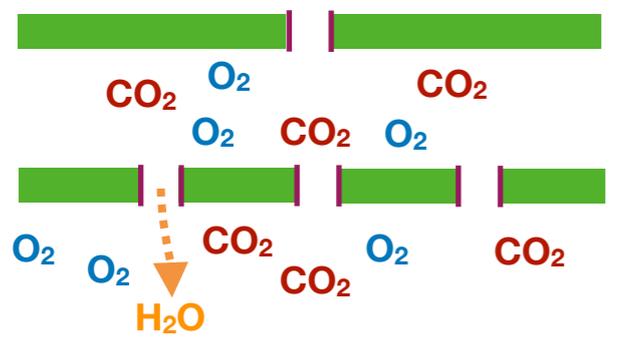
# Contradictions



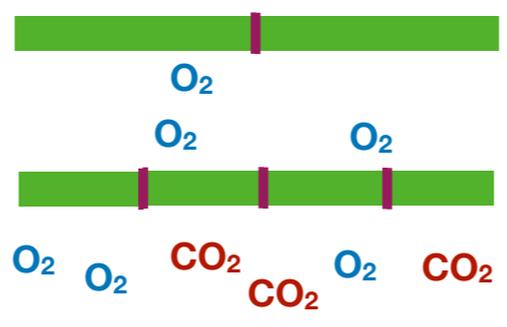
**Problem in C3 plants**



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—> photorespiration

System	Sub-System
Space 1	Space 2
Time 1	Time 2

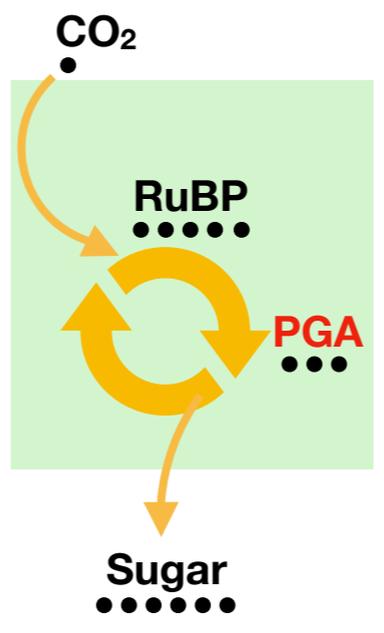


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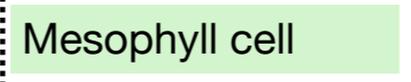


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**C3 plants**

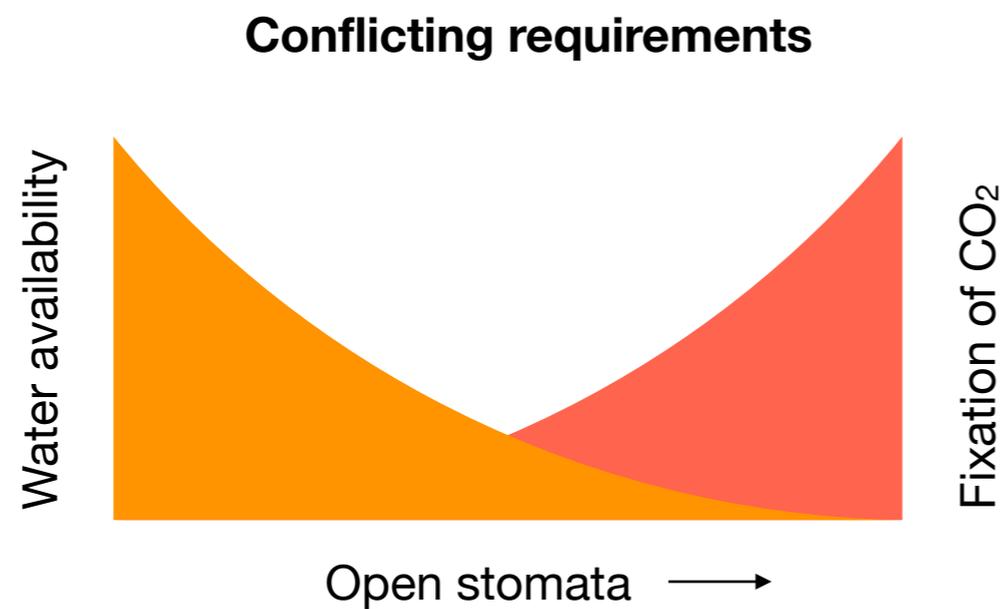


**Legend**



\* reaction center with chlorophyll; plants hold them in chloroplasts, bacteria in plasma membrane

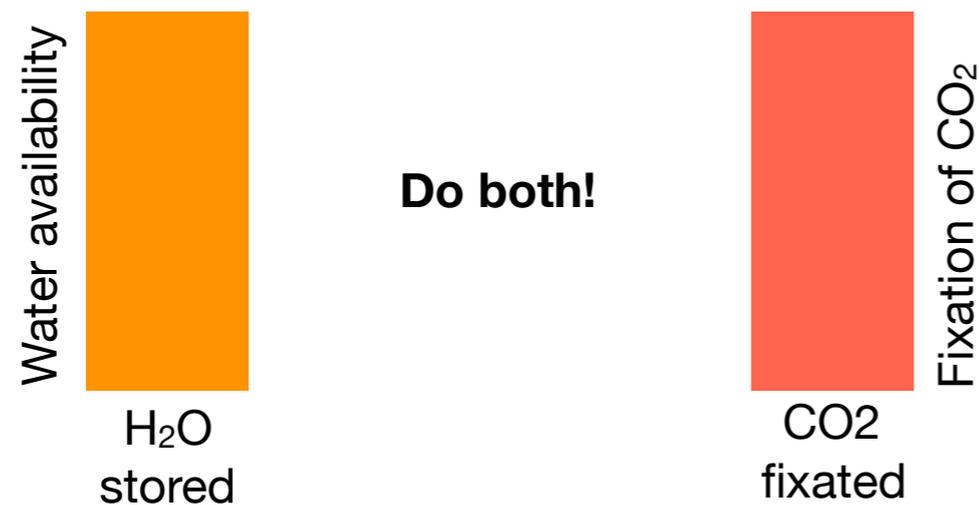
# Compromise Solutions



**Something improves  
Something else gets worse**

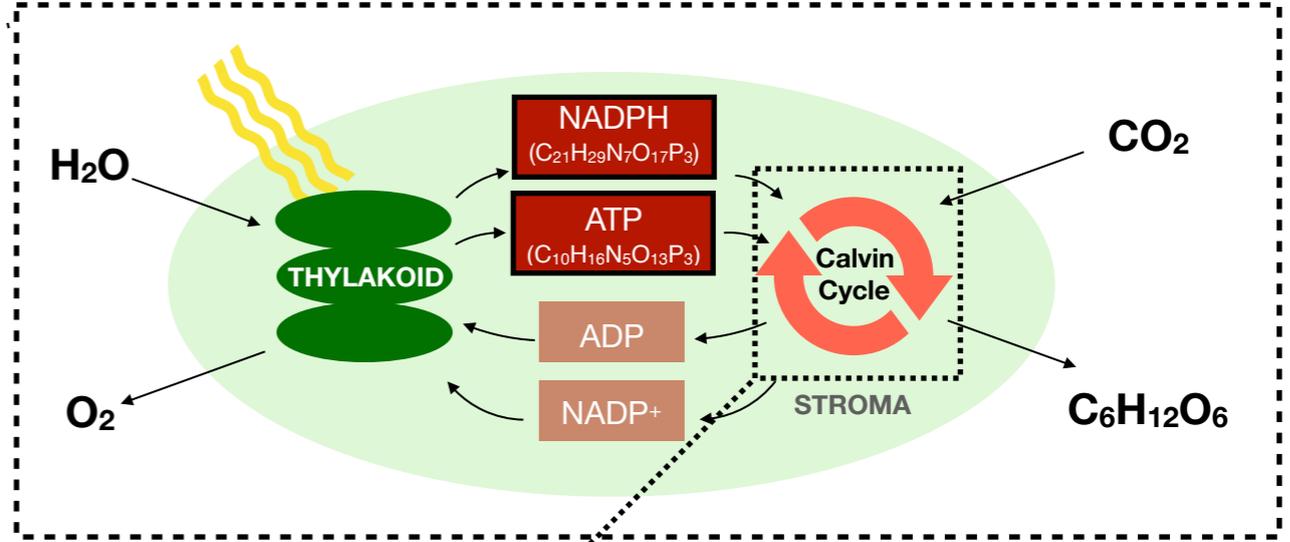
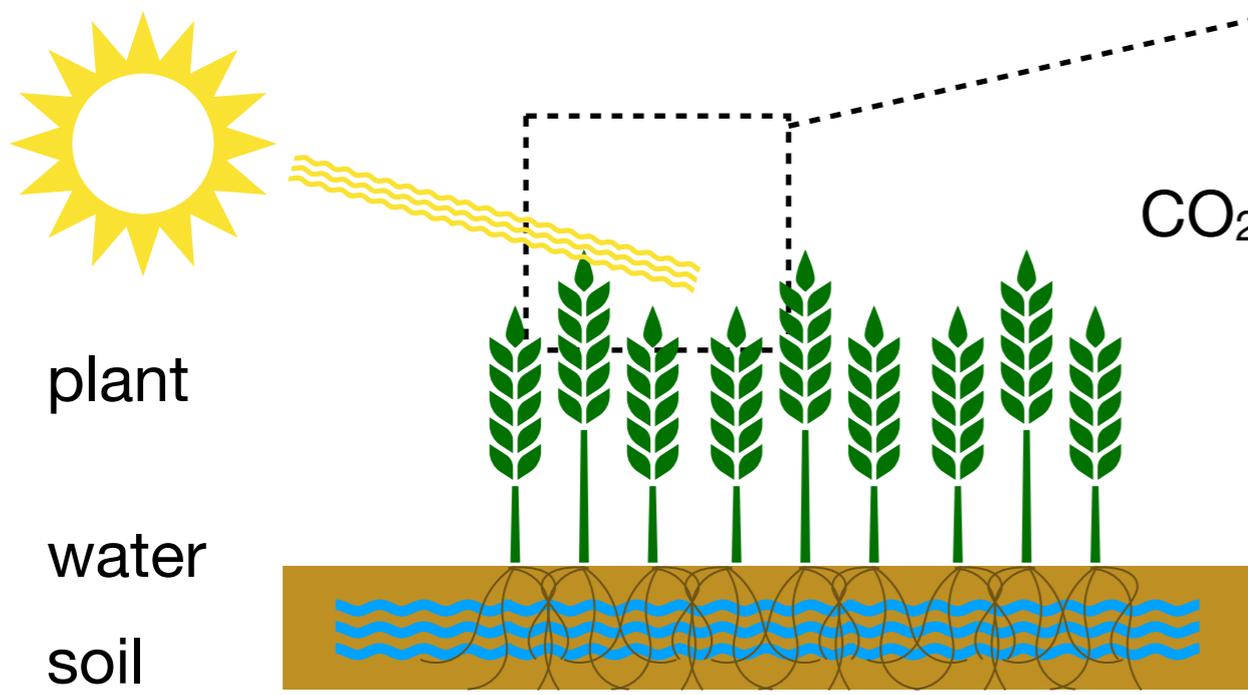
- Guarantees risk
- Consumes time
- Delays the solution

# Don't Compromise — Idealize (Do Both)!



**Create the invulnerable  
concept**

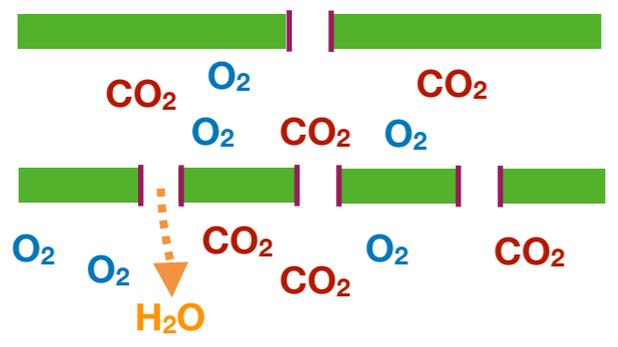
- Reduces risk
- Reduces analysis time
- Gives once-and-for-all solution



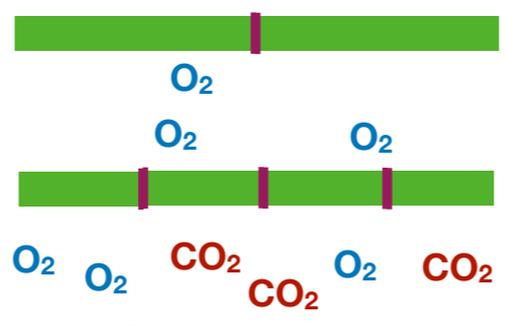
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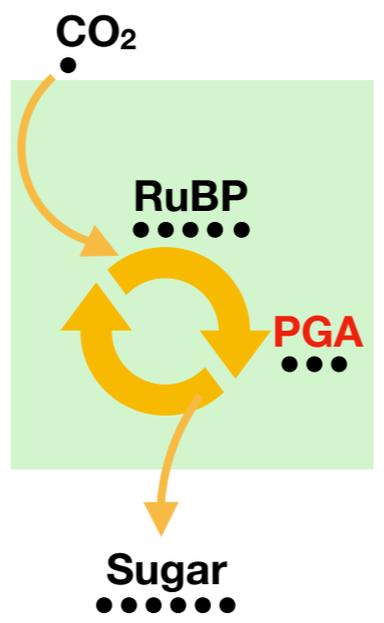


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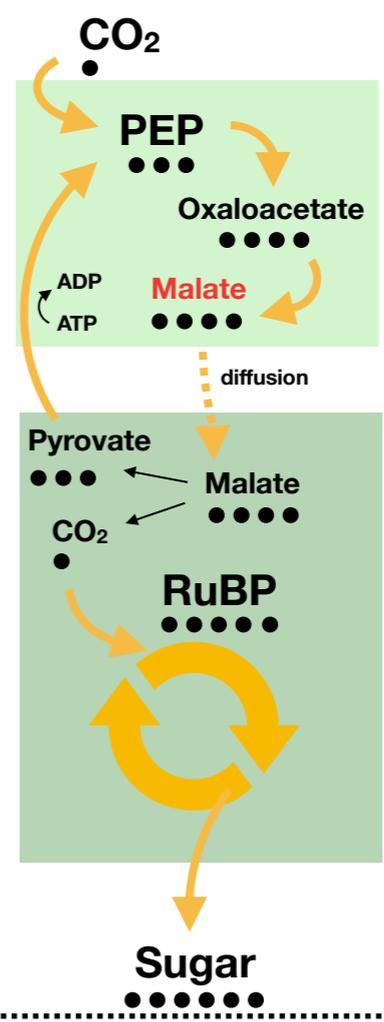


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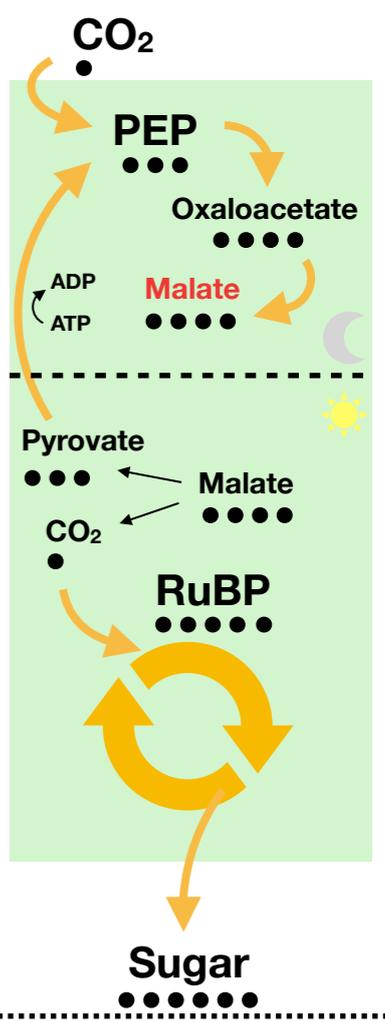
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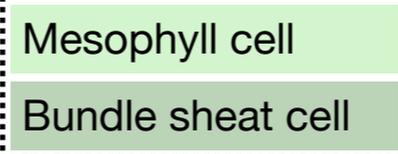
**C4 plants**



**CAM plants**



**Legend**



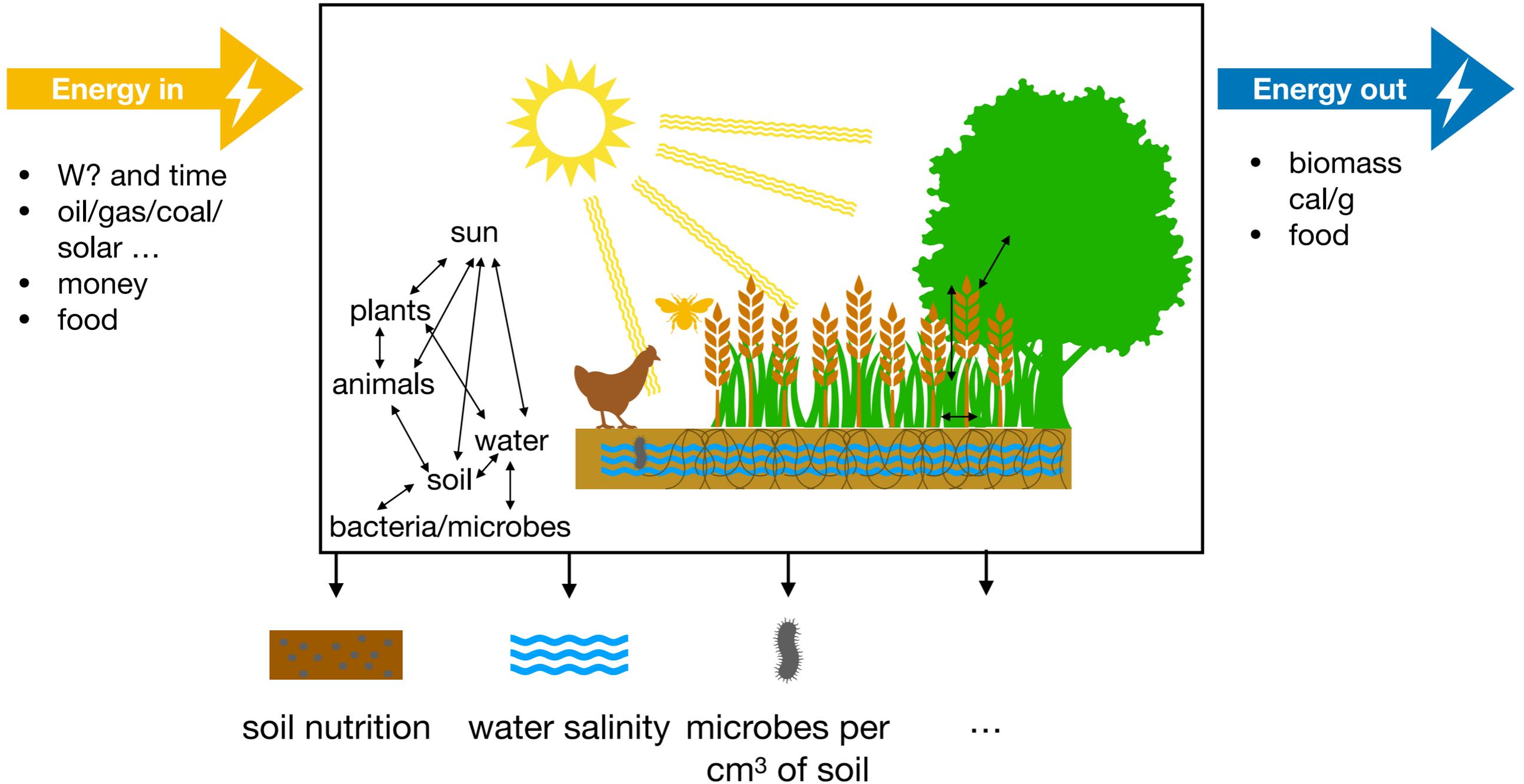
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# Contradiction Game

- Find objects that are **flexible & rigid**
- Points = number of systems in all categories X number of categories

# Harvesting solar energy

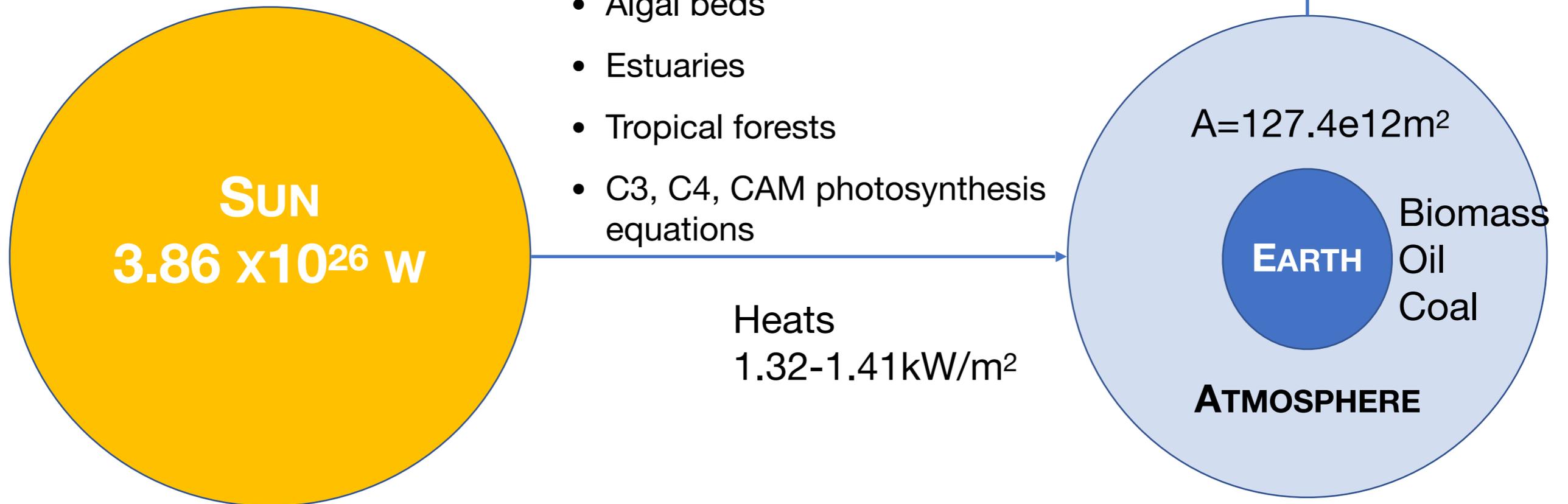


# Question

- How can we live without fossil fuels?

# Some numbers

- 1% converted to biomass:
  - 10% of that is consumed by herbivores
  - 90% is detritus
    - > oil and coal eventually
- Most efficient:
  - Coral
  - Swamps
  - Algal beds
  - Estuaries
  - Tropical forests
  - C3, C4, CAM photosynthesis equations



# Some EROIs

(from <http://www.daretothink.org/dfr-the-dual-fluid-reactor/>)

Pressurized water reactor a): 80

Run-of-the-river hydroelectricity: 36

Black-coal fired power: 29

Gas-steam power: 28

Solar thermal (desert)b): 9

Wind power (German coast)c): 4

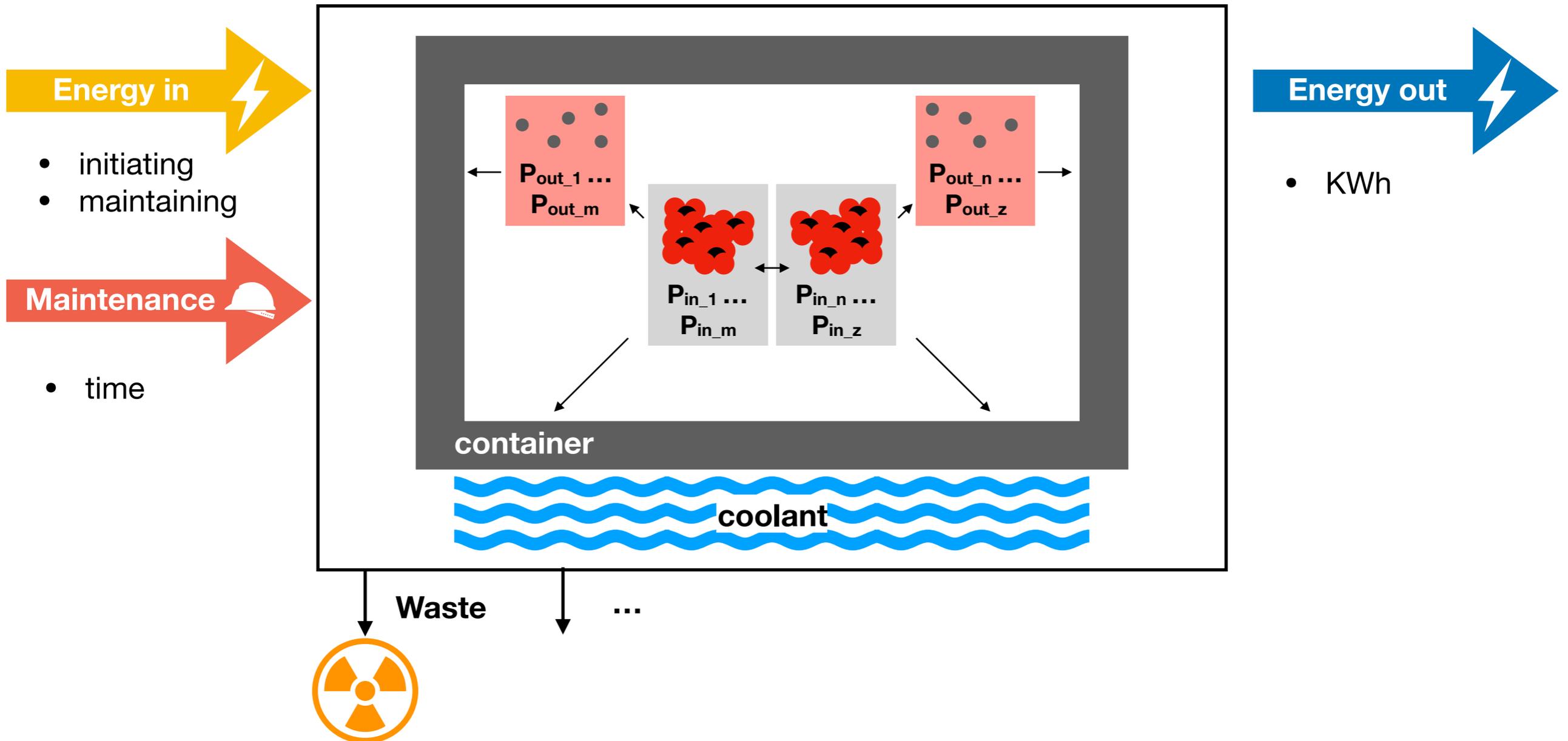
Photovoltaics (desert) b): 2,3

DFR (500 MWe powerplant): 1200

DFR (1500 MWe powerplant): 2000

- a-current fuel mixes; b and c: with pumped hydroelectric storage

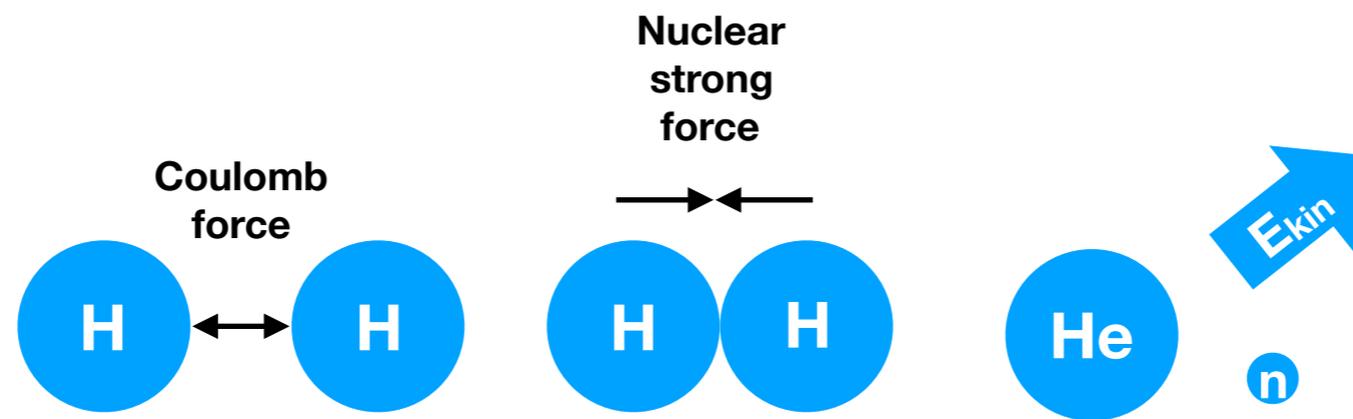
# Nuclear Reactions



# Question

- How will you harness nuclear reactions with high EROI

## Fusion

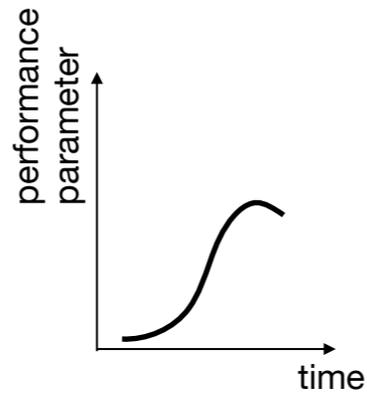


## Fission

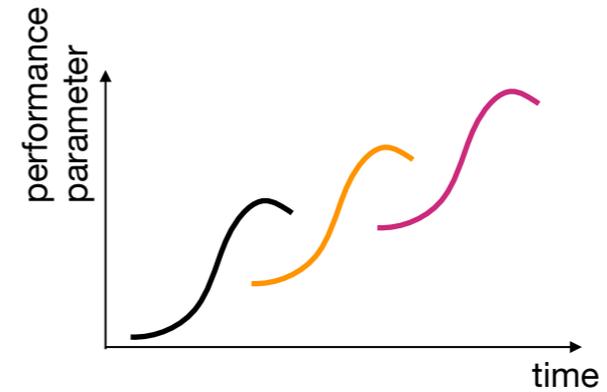


#### 4. Self-directed experimental inquiry is key for systemic innovation

new function realized



new way of realizing existing function

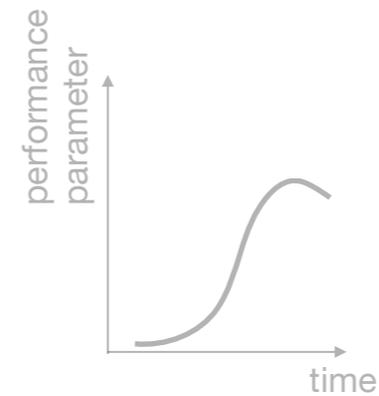


#### 3. Systemic thinking allows to understand and control global system behavior

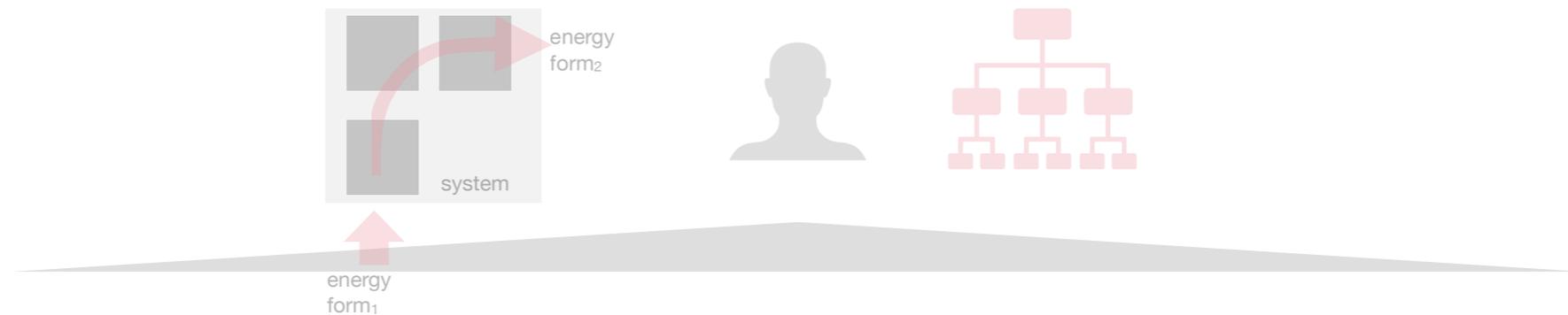
behavior of system in all kinds of contexts



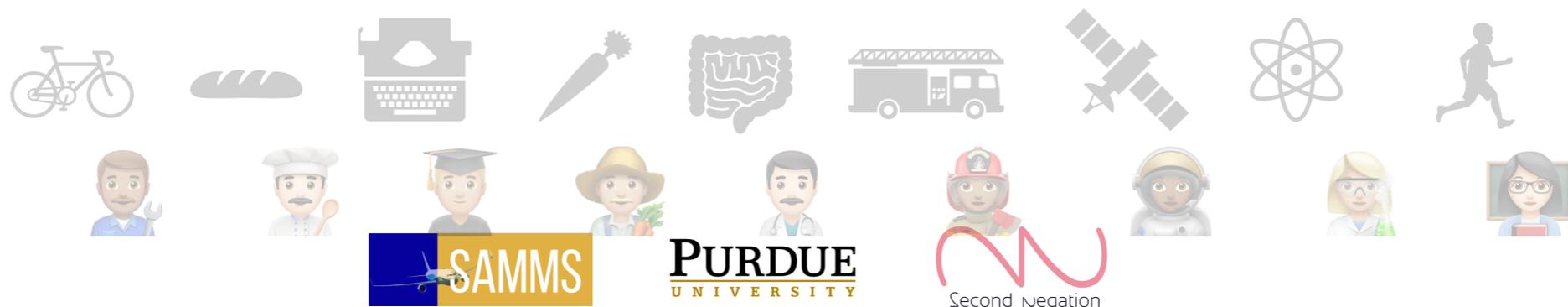
system from evolutionary perspective



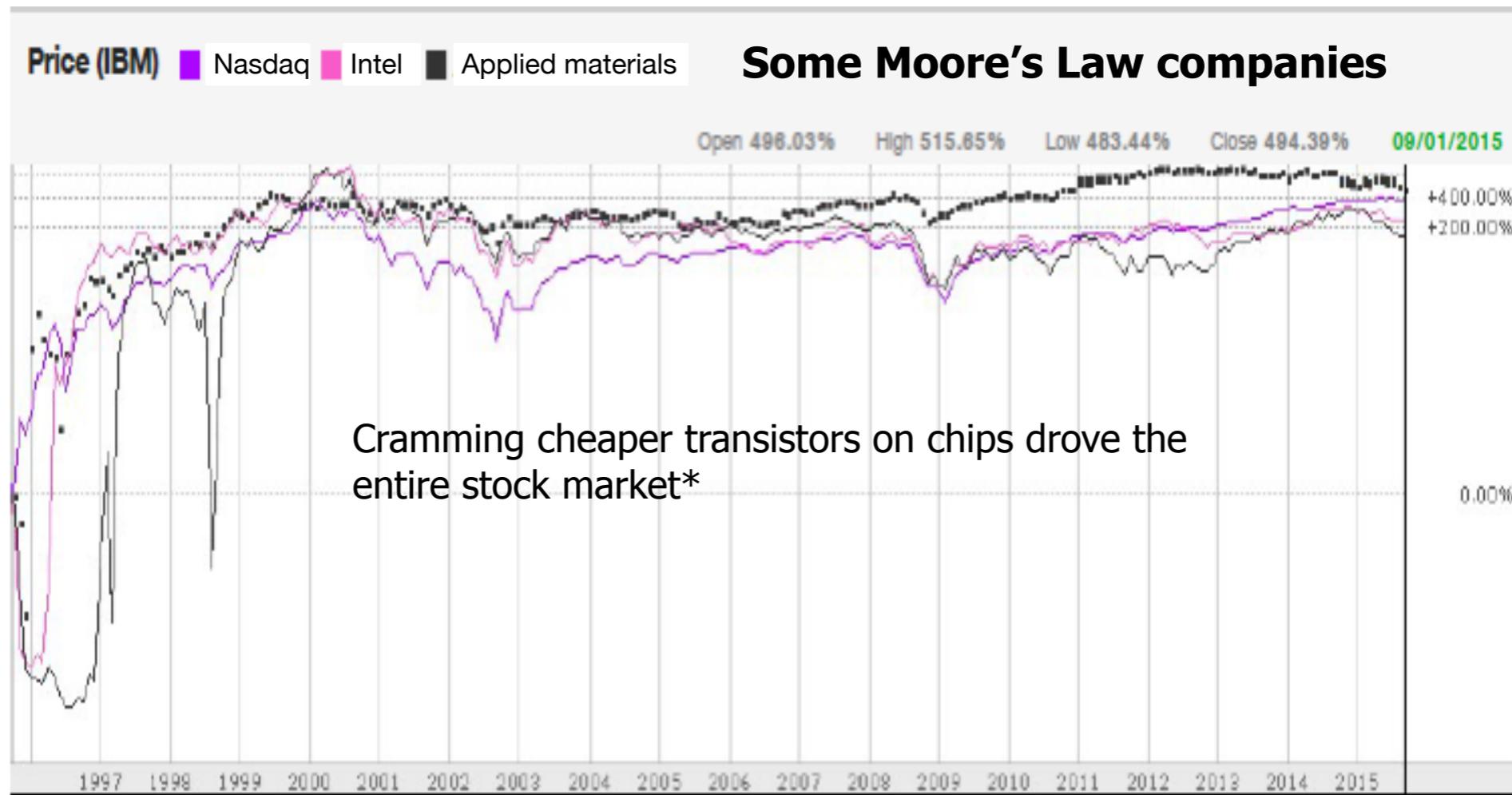
#### 2. Ability to understand systems as energy storage elements and their dynamics



#### 1. Specialized knowledge (specialized systems/contexts)



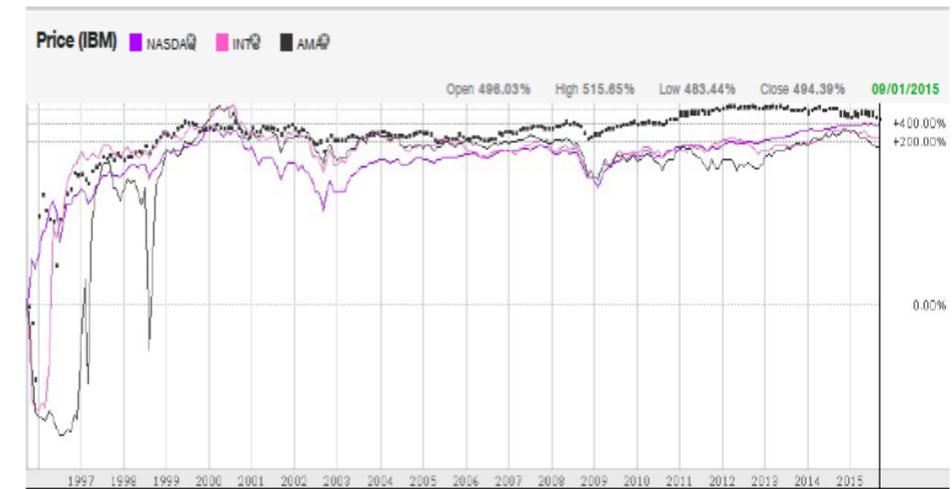
# Innovation at Work: Value Driven by Productivity Increases



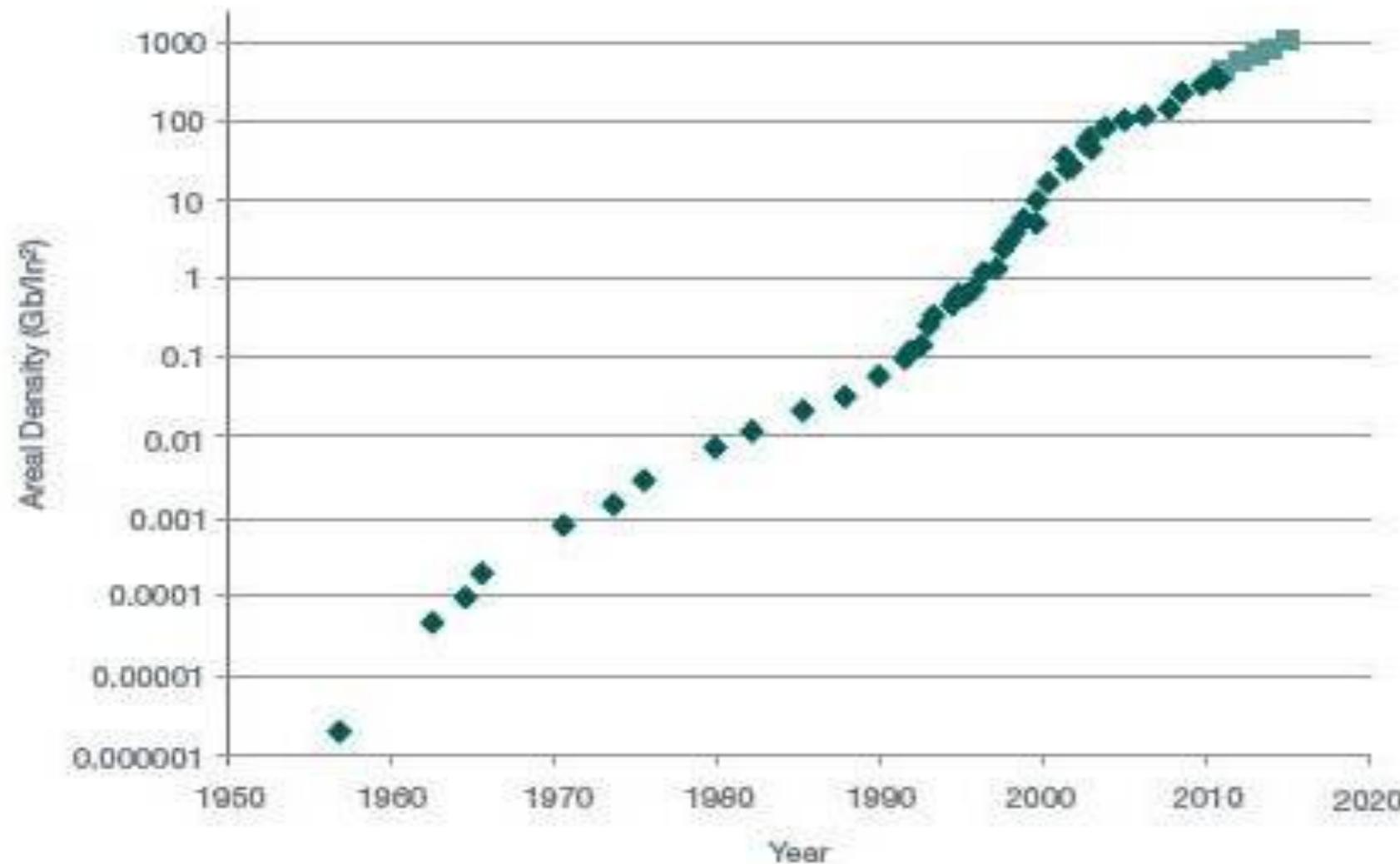
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\*Deviations predicted tipping points due to debt

# Example: Moore's Law in Memory



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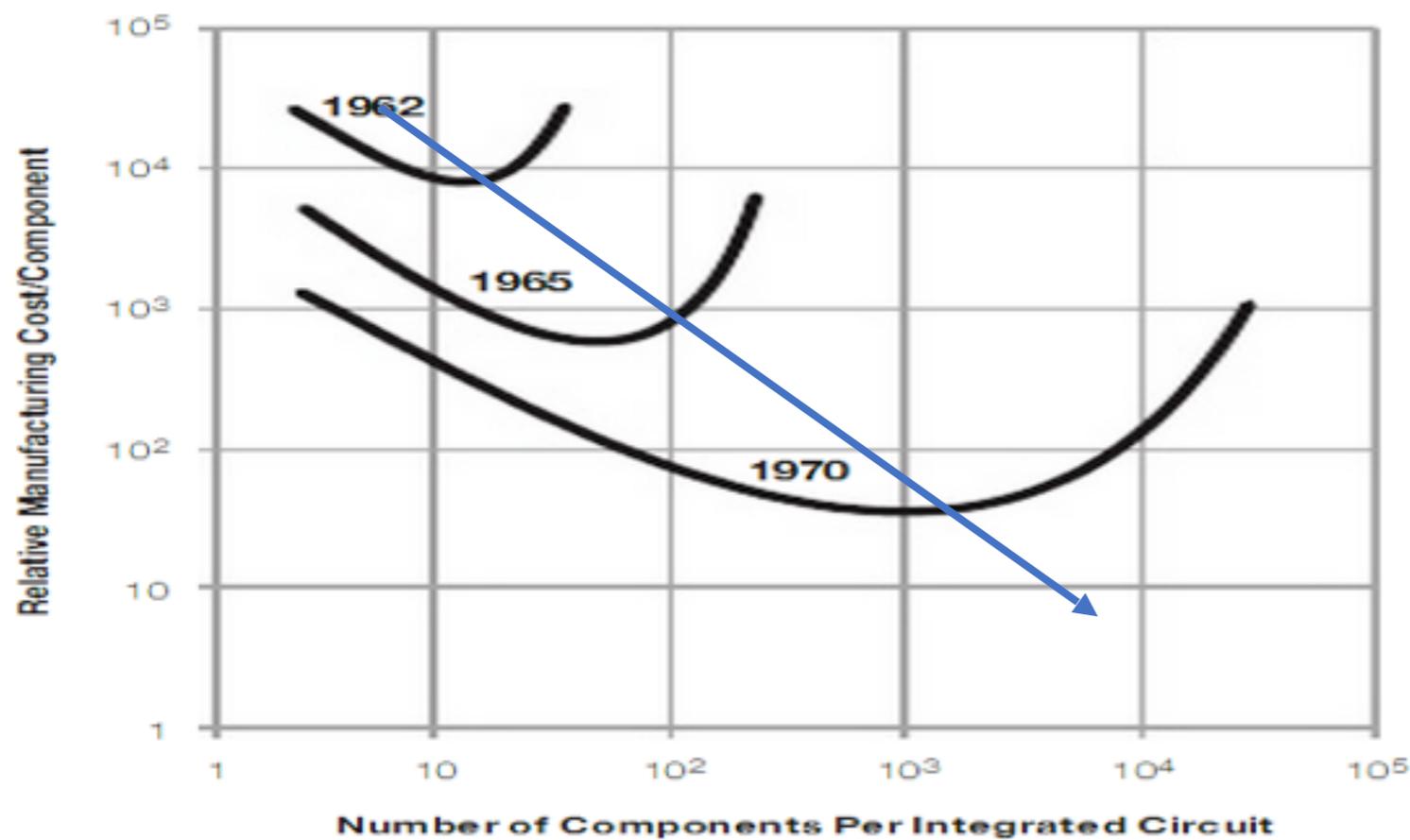
- Exponential productivity increase should imply hyper exponential stock growth
- However, the growth becomes flat
- Why?

Source: IBM

<http://www.seagate.com/point-of-view/sshd-and-natural-evolution-master-pov/>

# Moore's Law Arises from Design Optimization

*as do all supply curves*

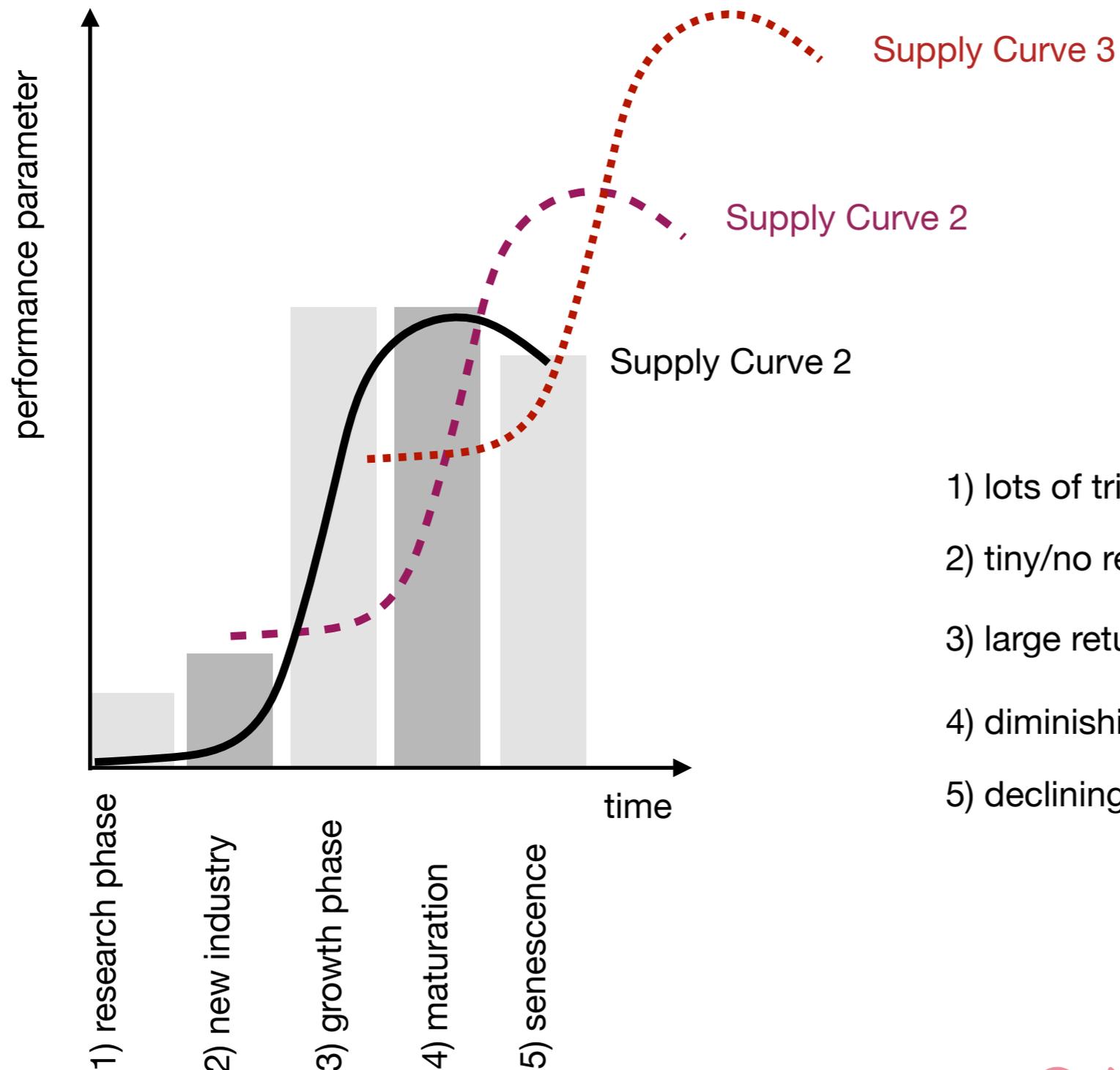


- Over the years the minimum transistor cost has occurred in a circuit with greater density of transistors

Source: <http://electroiq.com/blog/2014/03/moores-law-has-stopped-at-28nm/>

# Moore's Law Arises from Design Optimization

## *Supply Curves: Interplay of Interdependence and Modularity*



- 1) lots of trial & error/high quality team
- 2) tiny/no returns
- 3) large returns/competitive industry
- 4) diminishing returns/consolidation
- 5) declining returns

# Recent growth rates

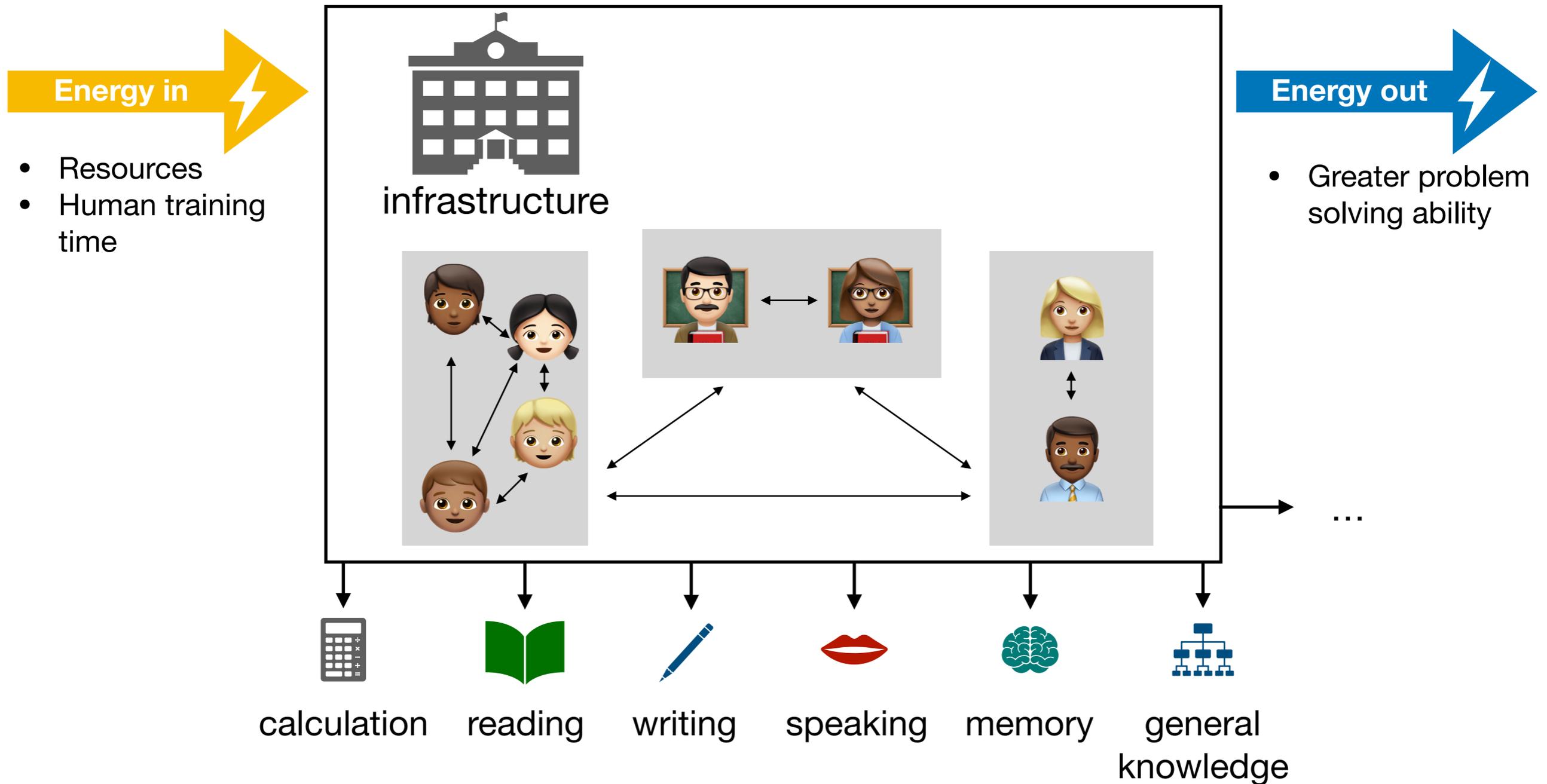
industry	period	Growth rate
transistors	1965—2005	46%
corn yield	1950—2015	2%
Lighting lumens/W	1881—2014	2.6% indoors 3.1% outdoors
Steel cost	1950—2010	1.7%
steam genr. eff.	1900—2000	1.5%
travel speed	1900—1958	5.6%
auto fuel eff.	1973—2014	2.5%

<http://spectrum.ieee.org/energy/renewables/moores-curse>

Negative growth rates exist:  
education, healthcare and government

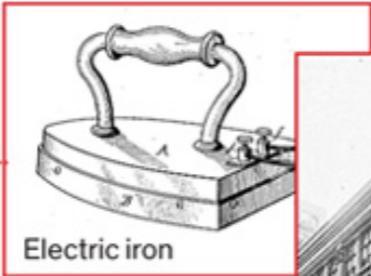
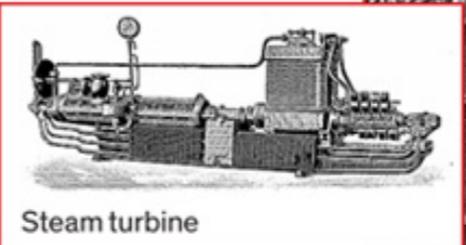
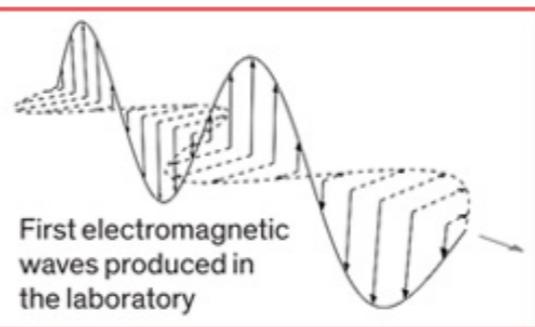
# Education

- How would you increase the productivity of our education system?



# When We Were Actually Creative!

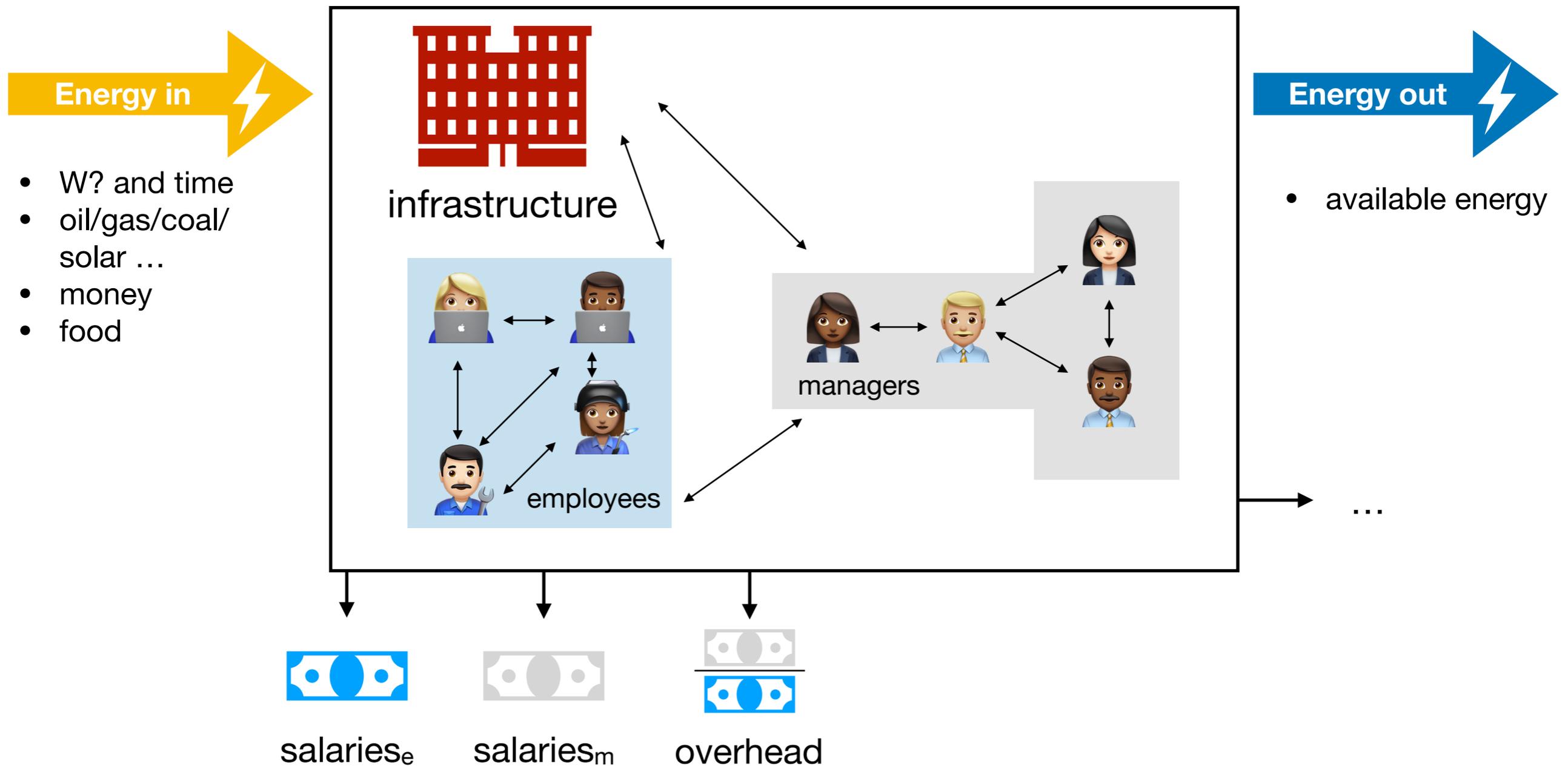
The Miraculous 1880s, Vaclav Smil, IEEE Spectrum, 06/29/2015

80	Thomas Edison's first central electricity station, London	 Electric iron	
81	Hydroelectric power		
82	Cash register	 Steam turbine	
83	Coin-operated vending machine		
84	Four-stroke internal-combustion engine		
85	Coca-Cola formulated	 Safety bicycle introduced	
86	Ballpoint pen patented		
87	First practical electric street railway, Richmond, Va.	 First electromagnetic waves produced in the laboratory	
88	Revolving door introduced		
88	First electric elevator installed, New York City		
89	The Wall Street Journal first published		

Deflation was good for those who were productive

# Overhead

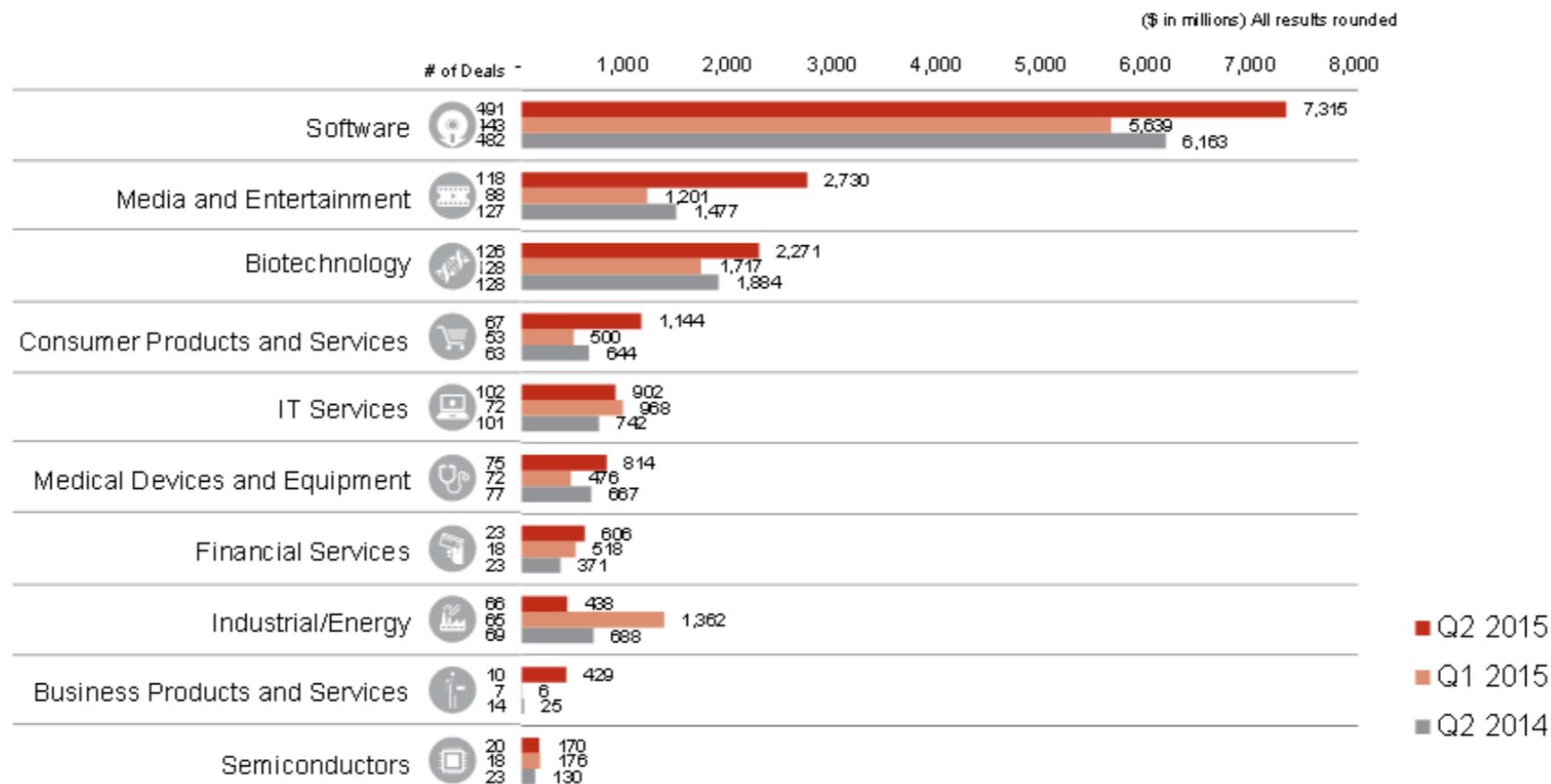
- How do we design more productive organizations?



# How to reach self directed experimental inquiry

increasing utilization ↑	humanities	Representation to communicate with minimum mutual entropy (min energy, max bandwidth).	↓ increasing overhead
	social sciences	Calculate, organize, and act to increase joint exergy	
	biology	Increase individual exergy	
	engineering	Achieve performance objectives amid uncertainty that contribute to exergy	
	physics	Most compact description of human experience available	
	mathematics	More efficient calculation via approximation	
Hierarchy of knowledge			

# The Hardest Problems Make the most Profit



[http://www.pwcmoneytree.com/Reports/FullArchive/National\\_2015-2.pdf](http://www.pwcmoneytree.com/Reports/FullArchive/National_2015-2.pdf)

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