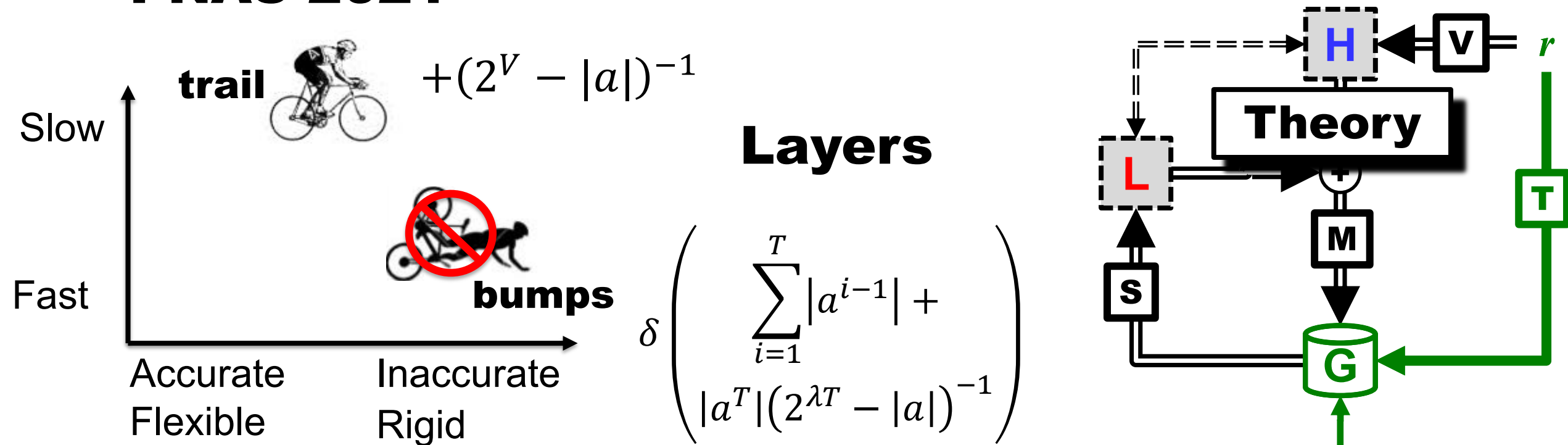


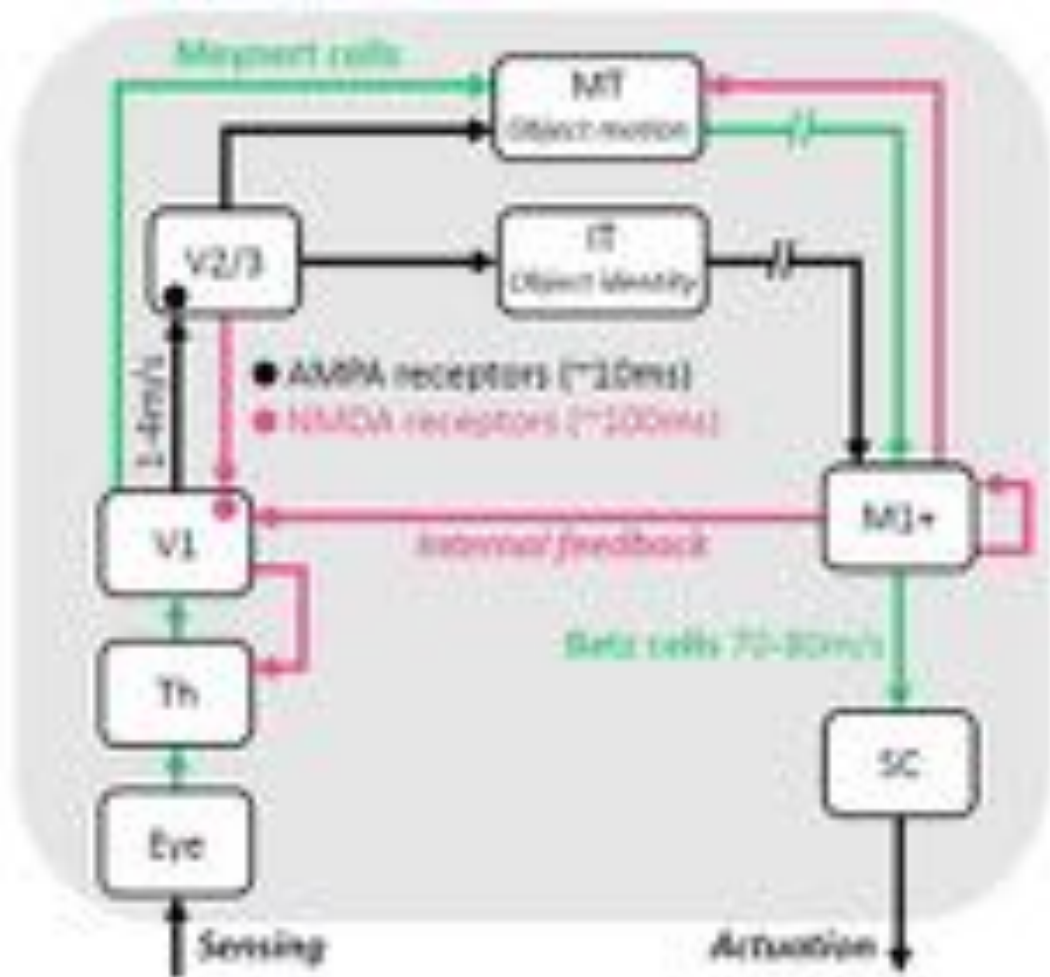
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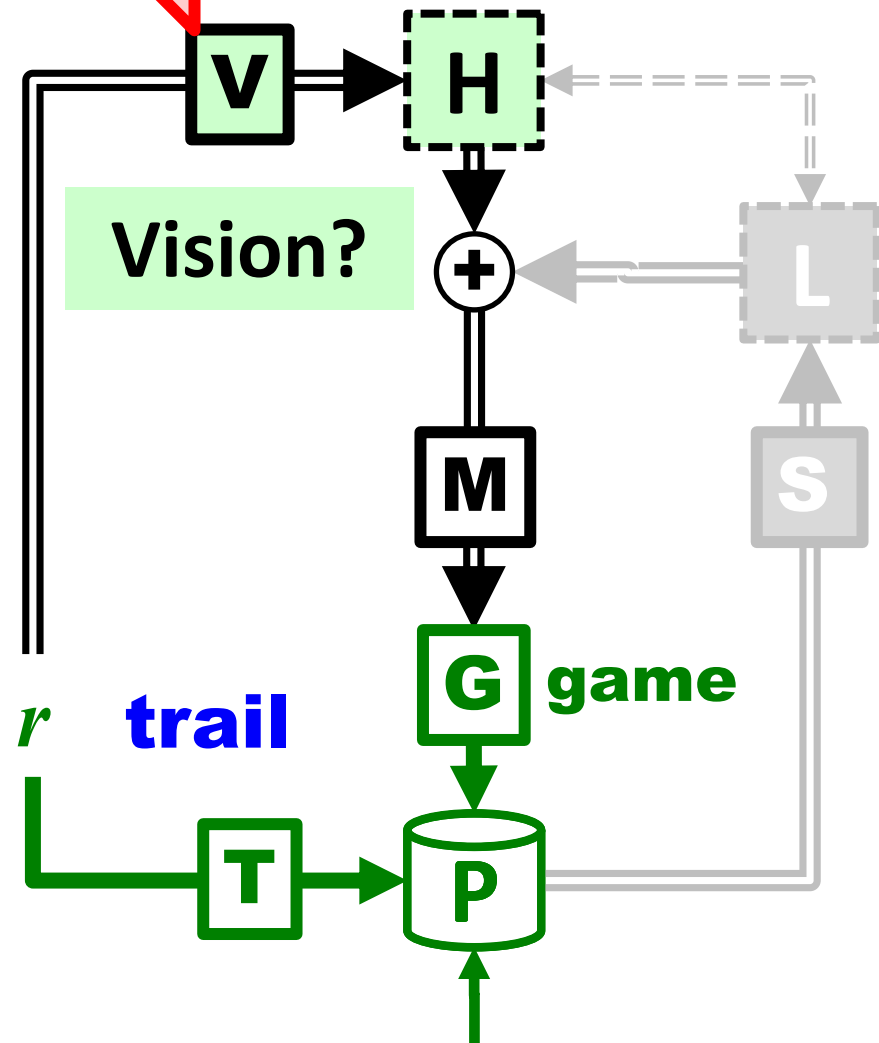
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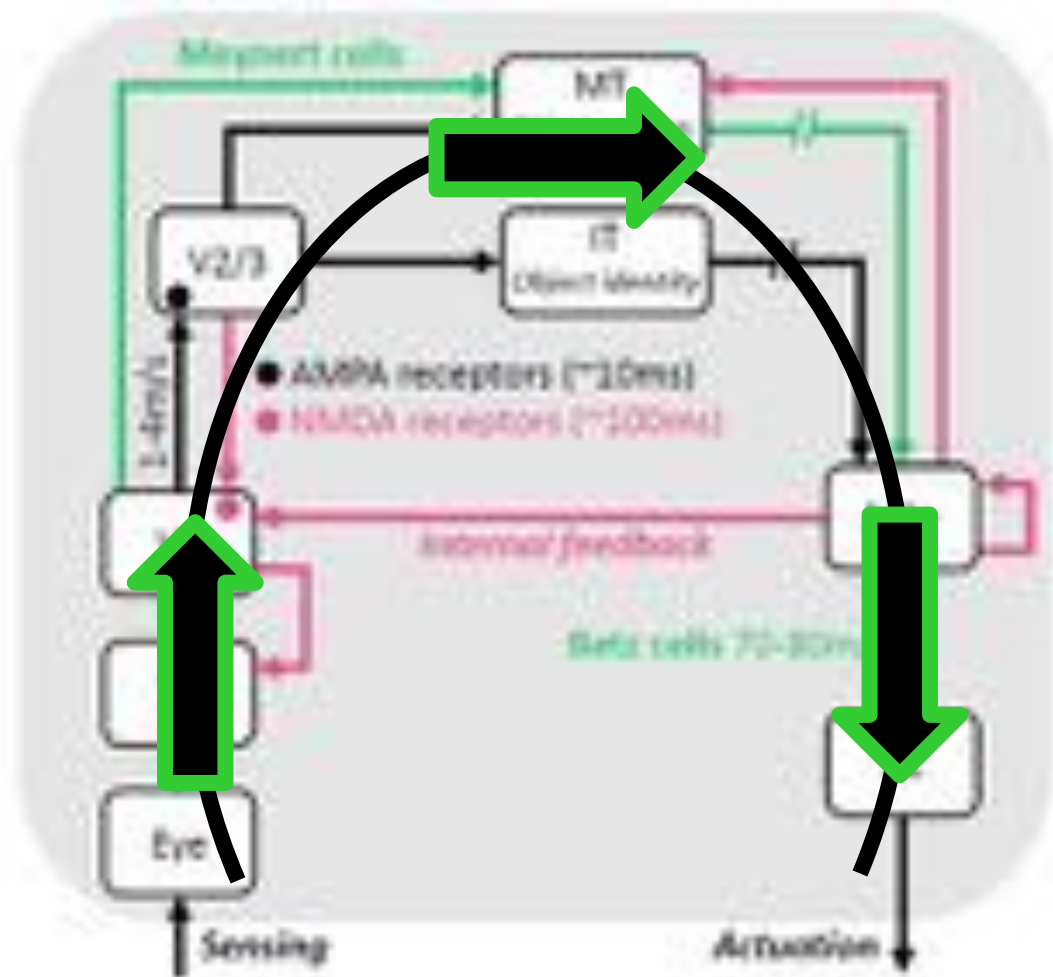
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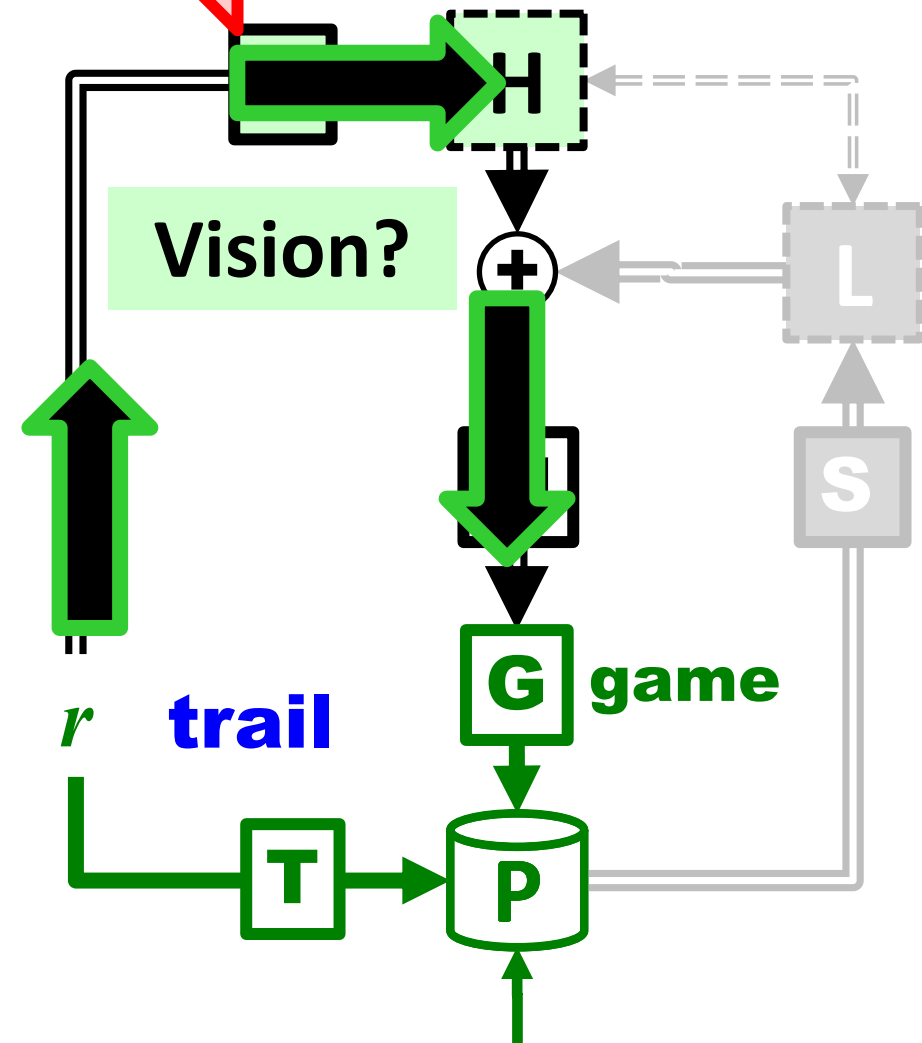


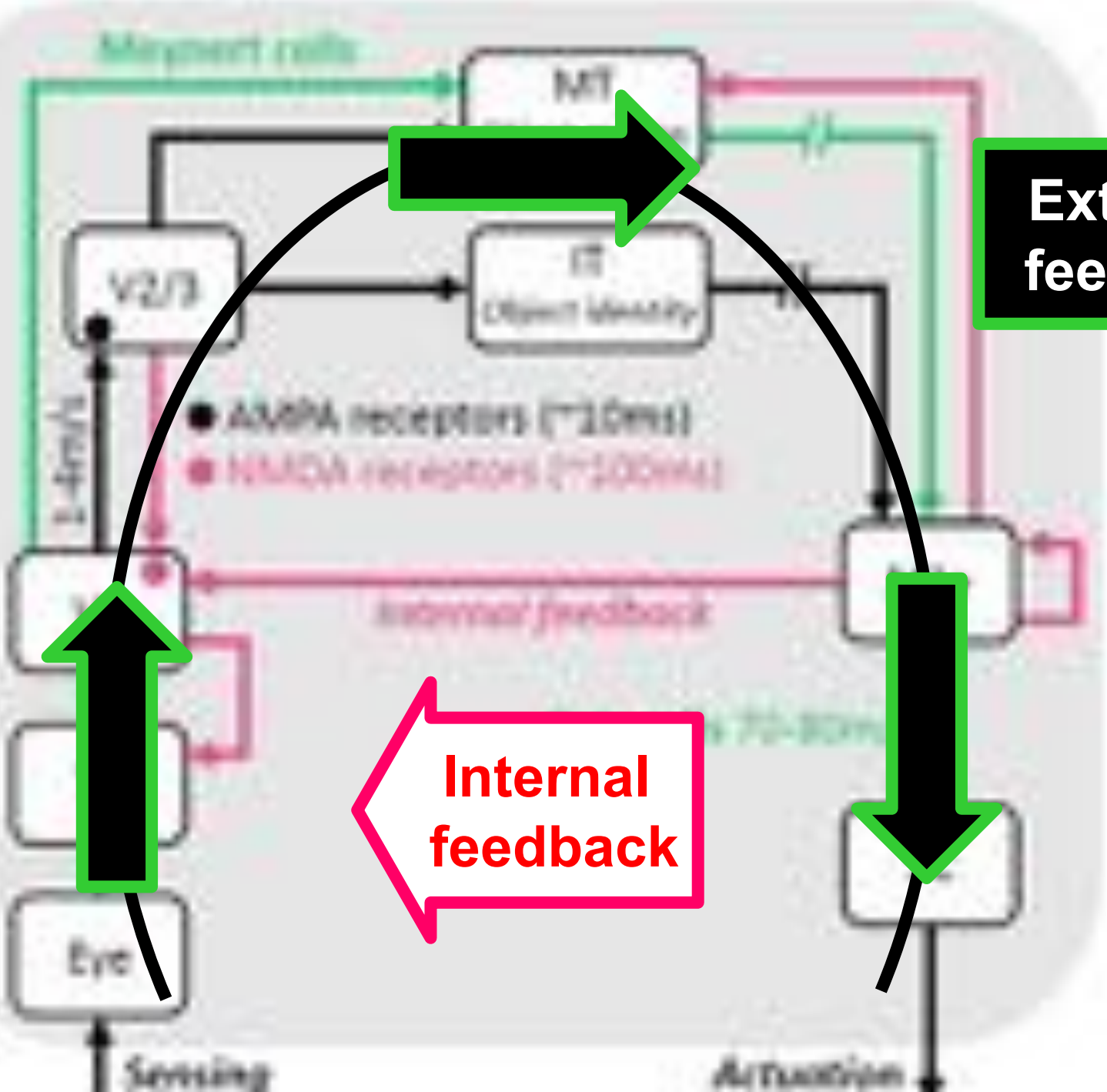
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External feedback

Complex?





**External feedback**

**External feedback is standard from sensors to actuators.**

**Internal feedback is more complex.**

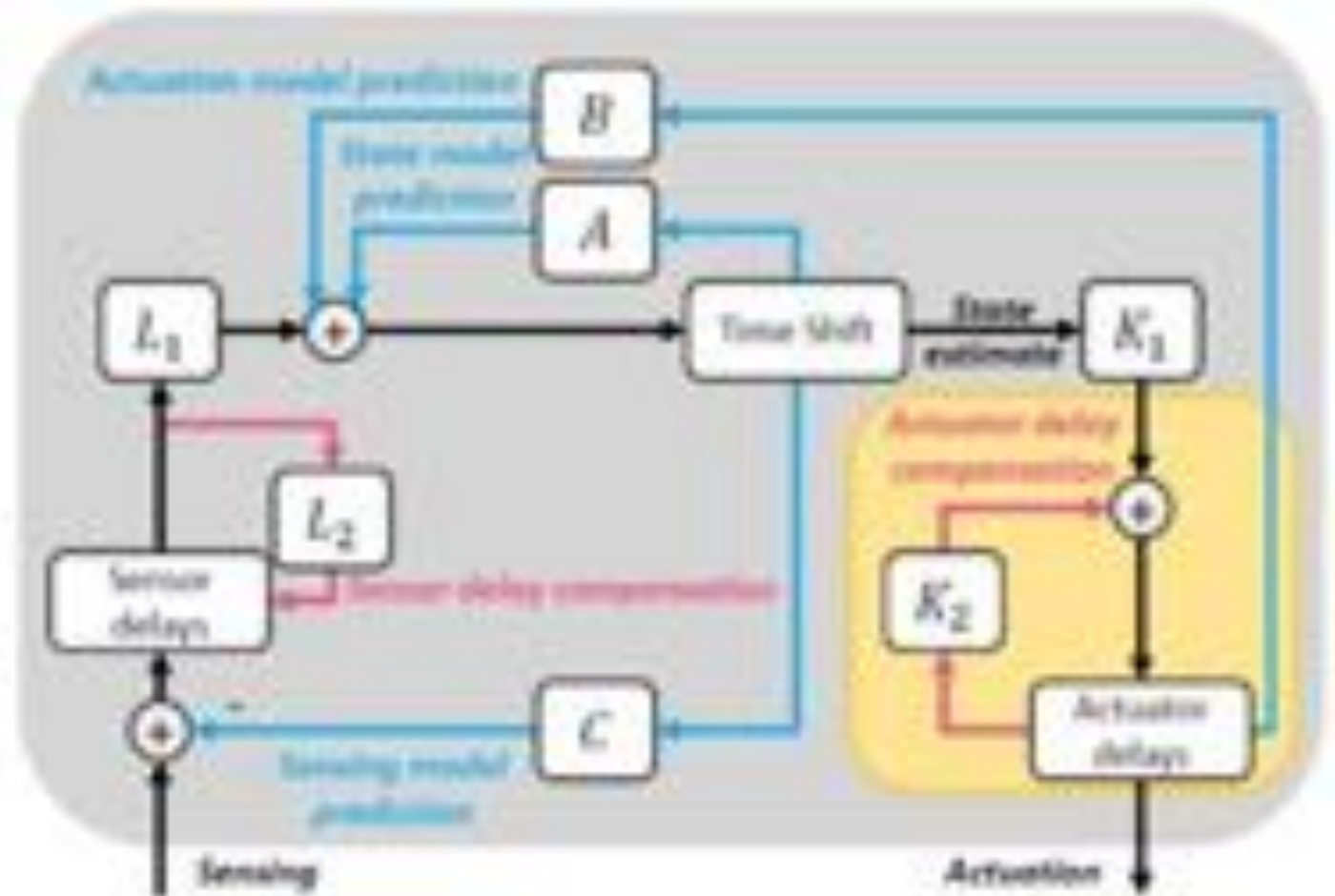
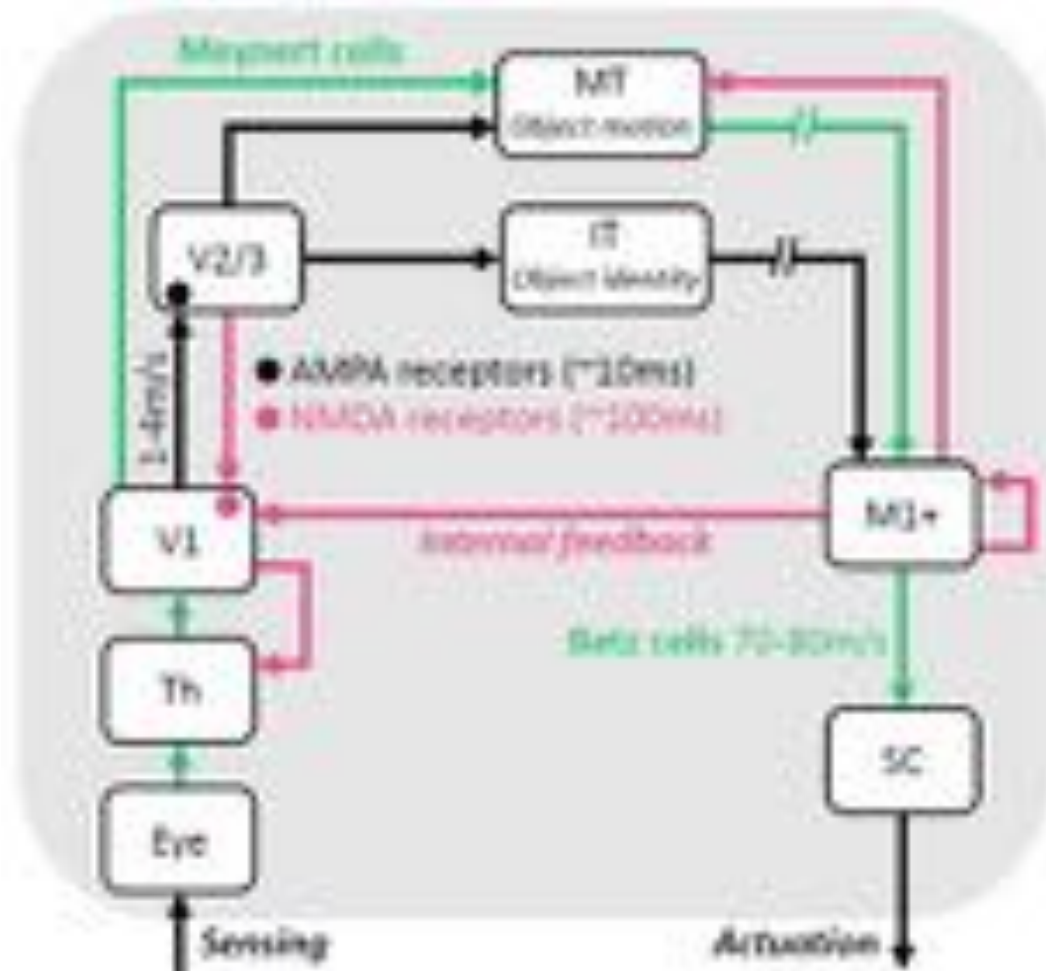
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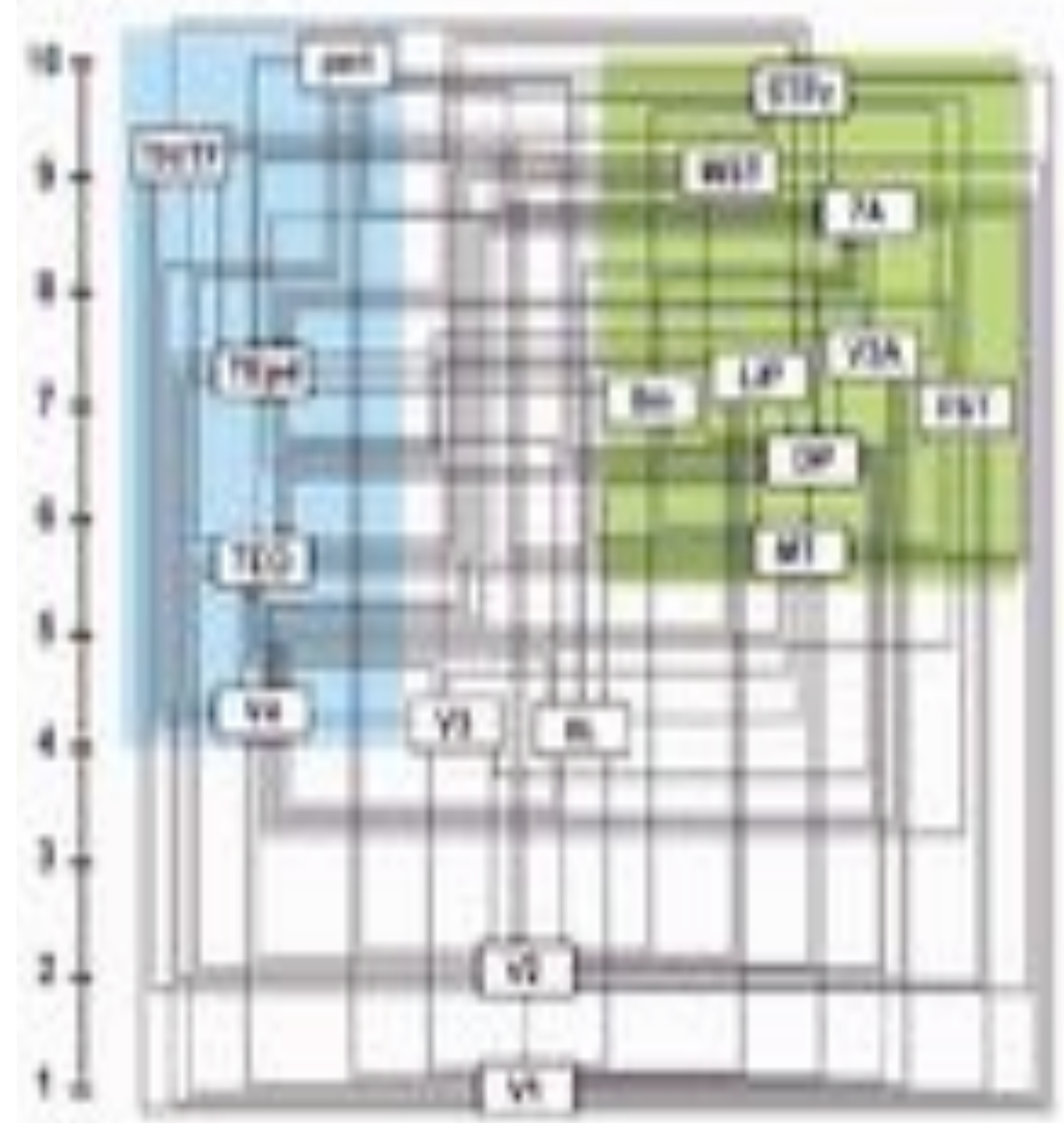
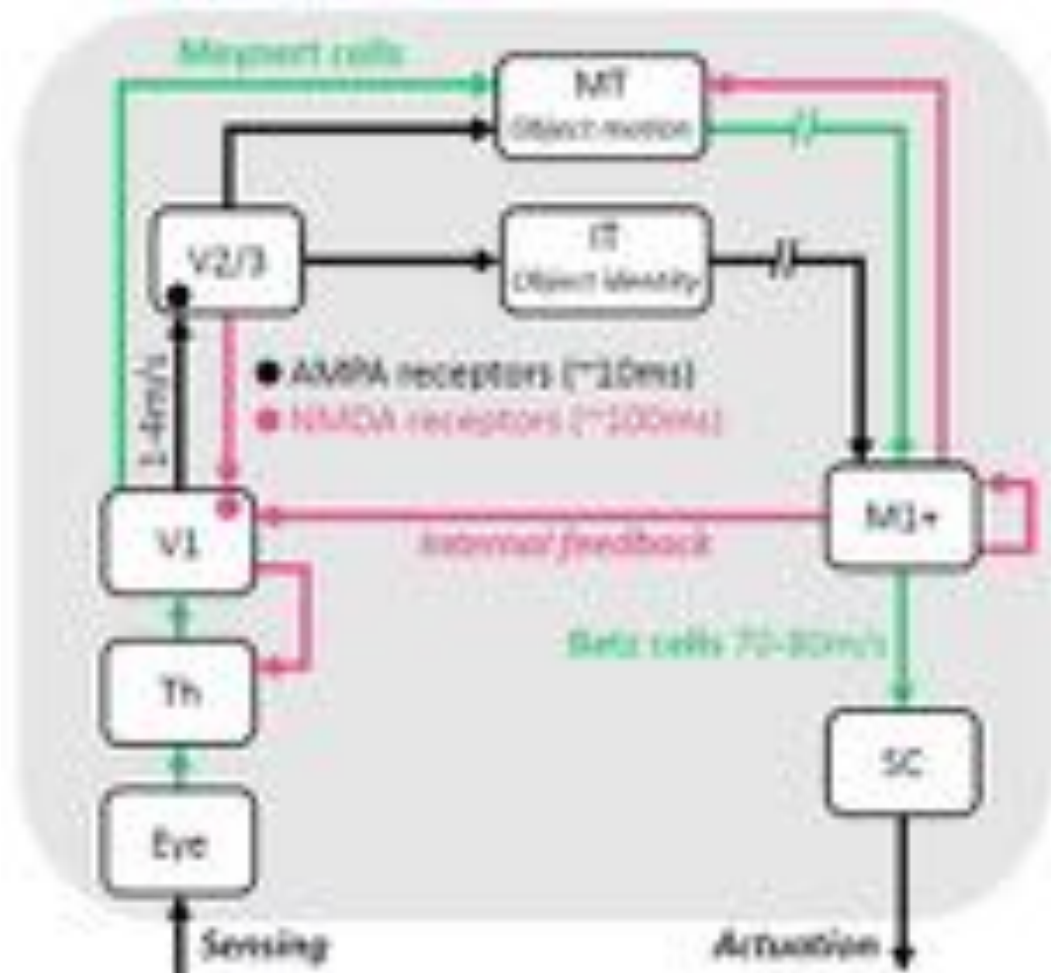
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# Layers

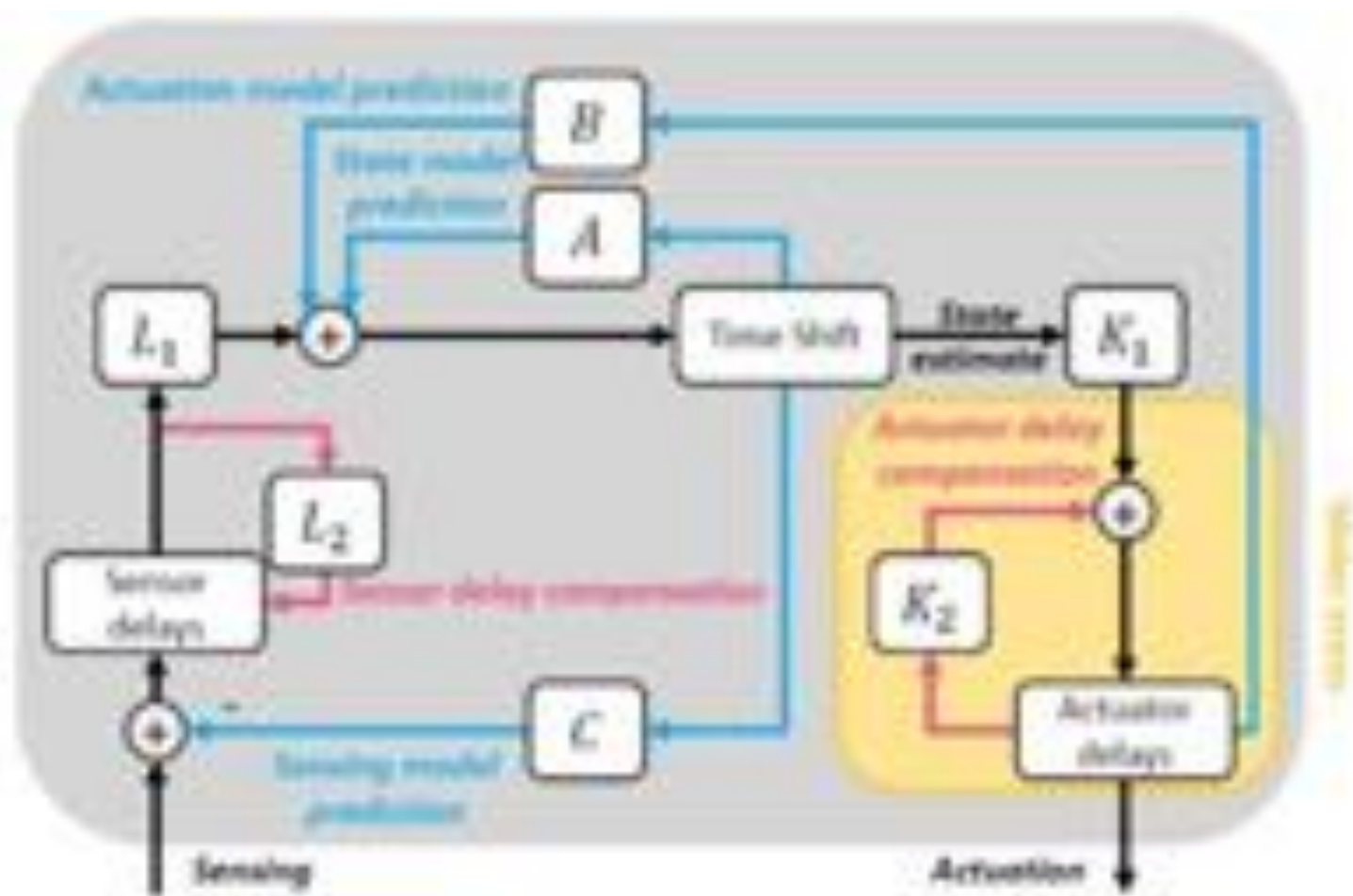
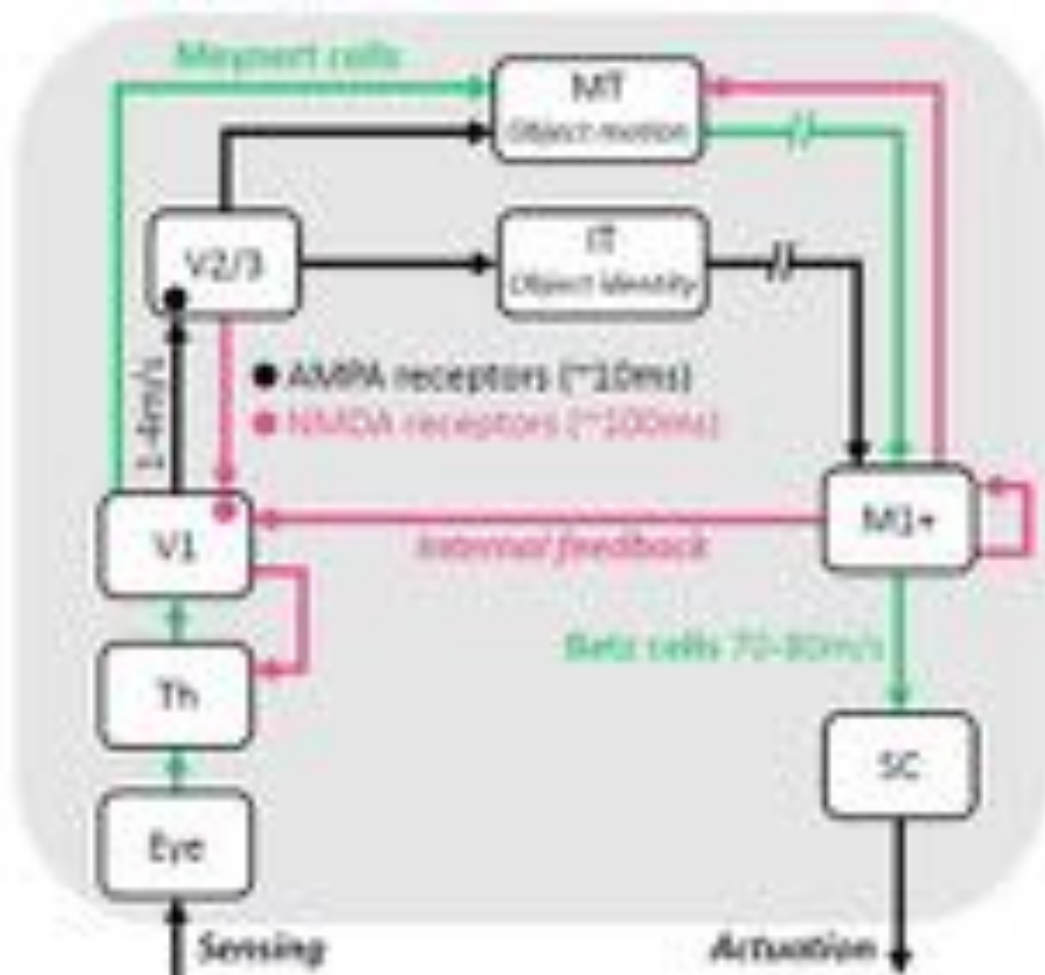


Felleman & Van Essen, 1991



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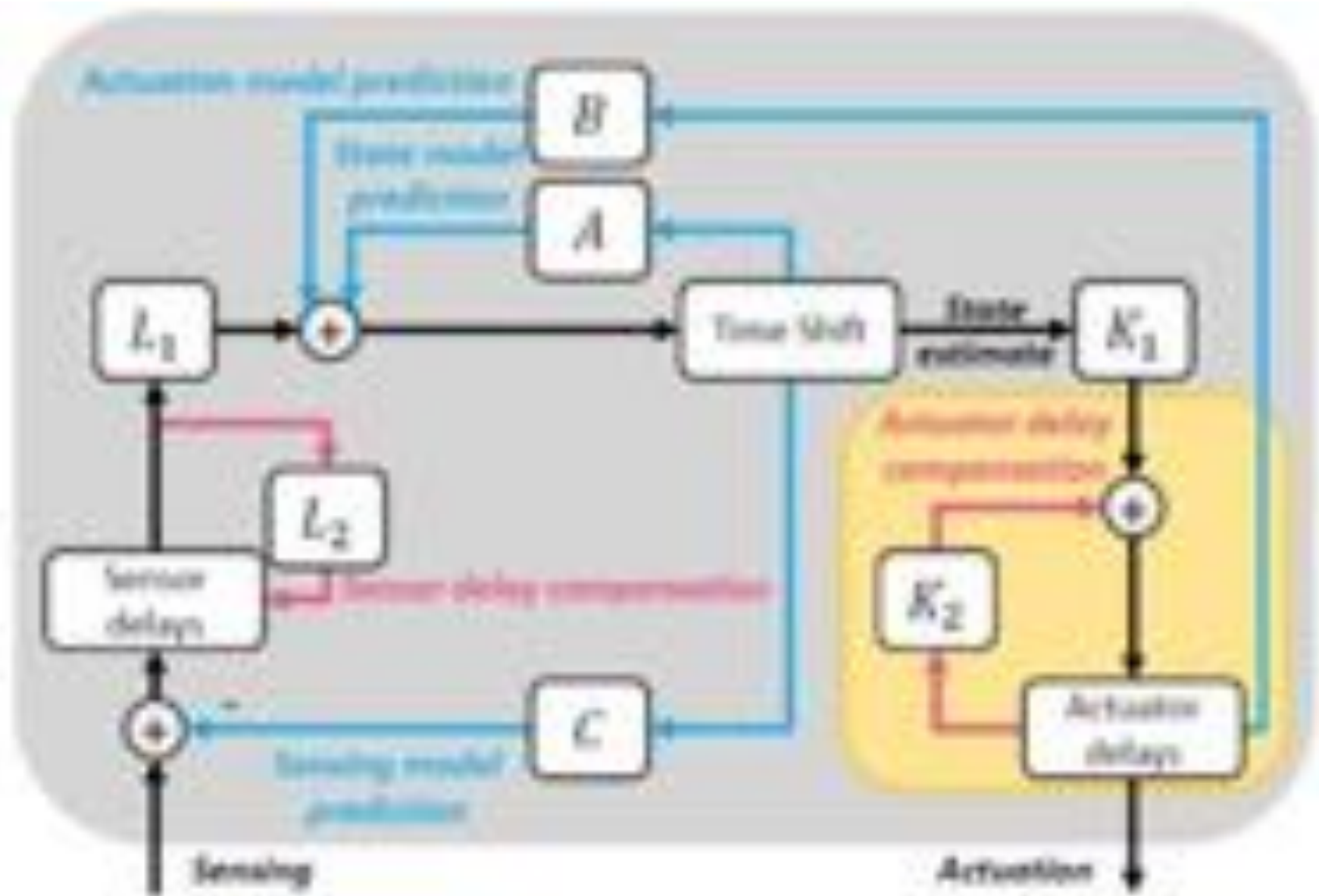


# Delays in blue signals?

**Needs SLS**

**Beyond Bayes  
and Kalman**

Unneeded in most  
engineering with fast  
electronics



# System Level Synthesis

Sparse  
Delayed  
Quantized

Control

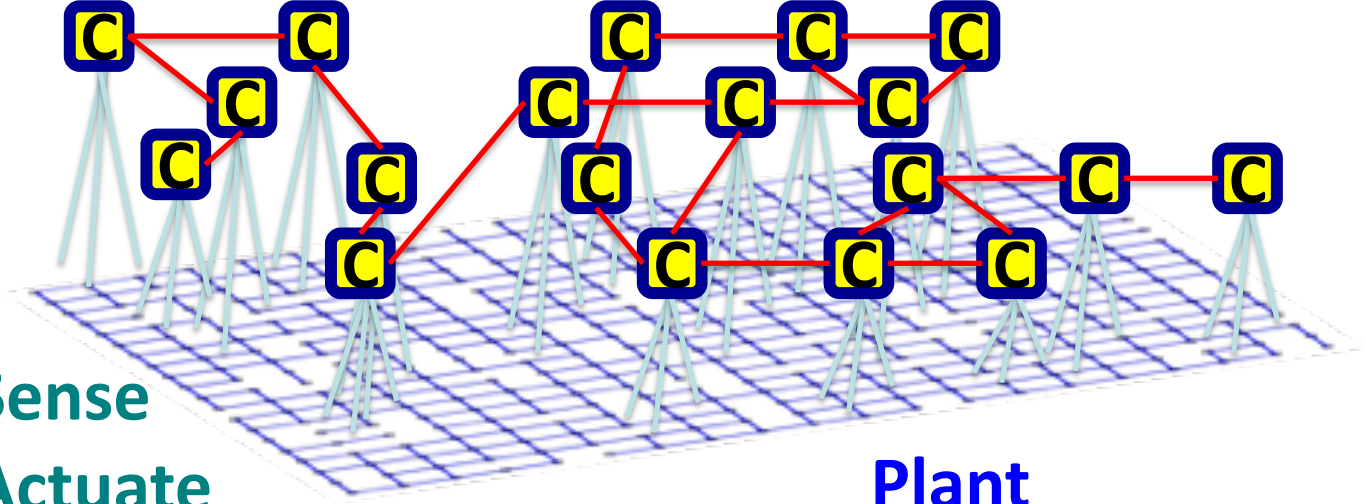
Sense  
Comms  
Compute  
Actuate  
Plant

Compute

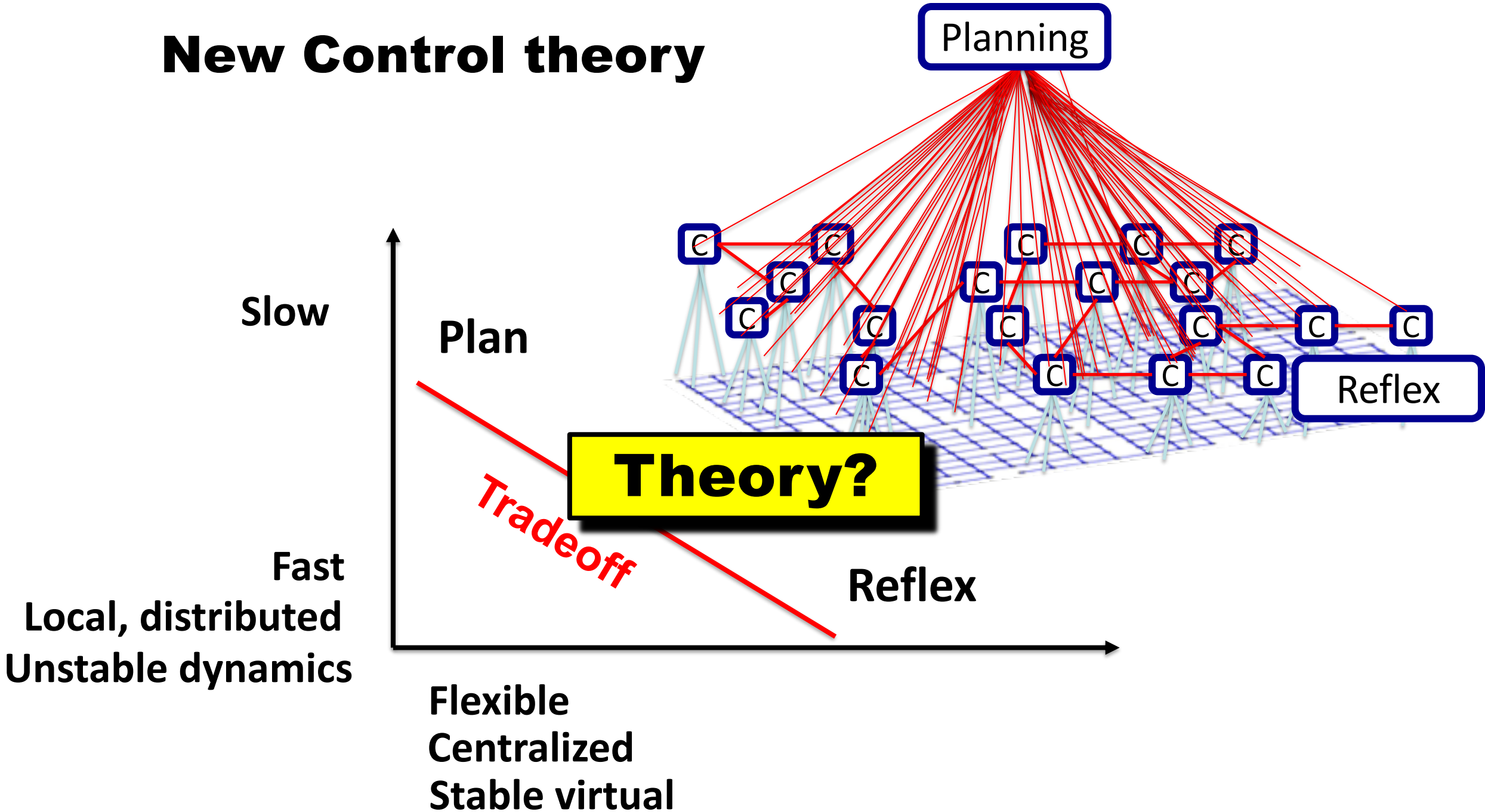
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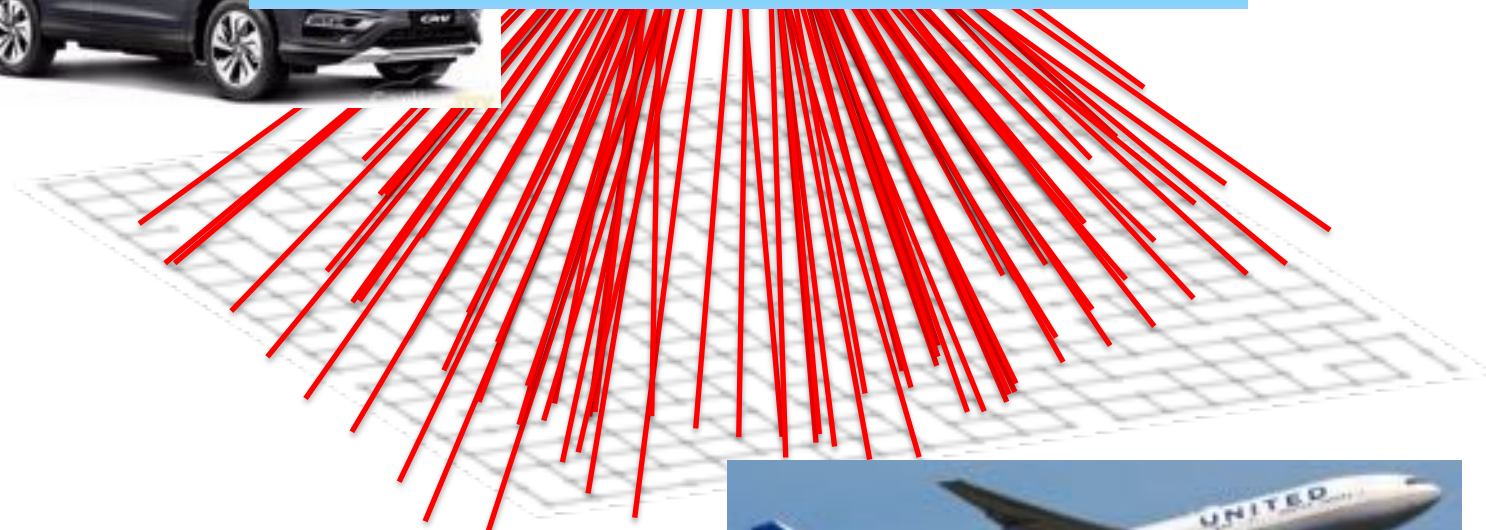
# New Control theory



# Control

Controller

**Cheap fast electronics**



Fast



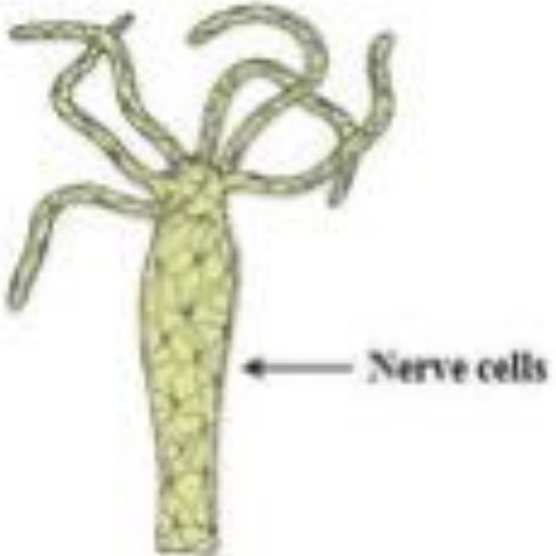
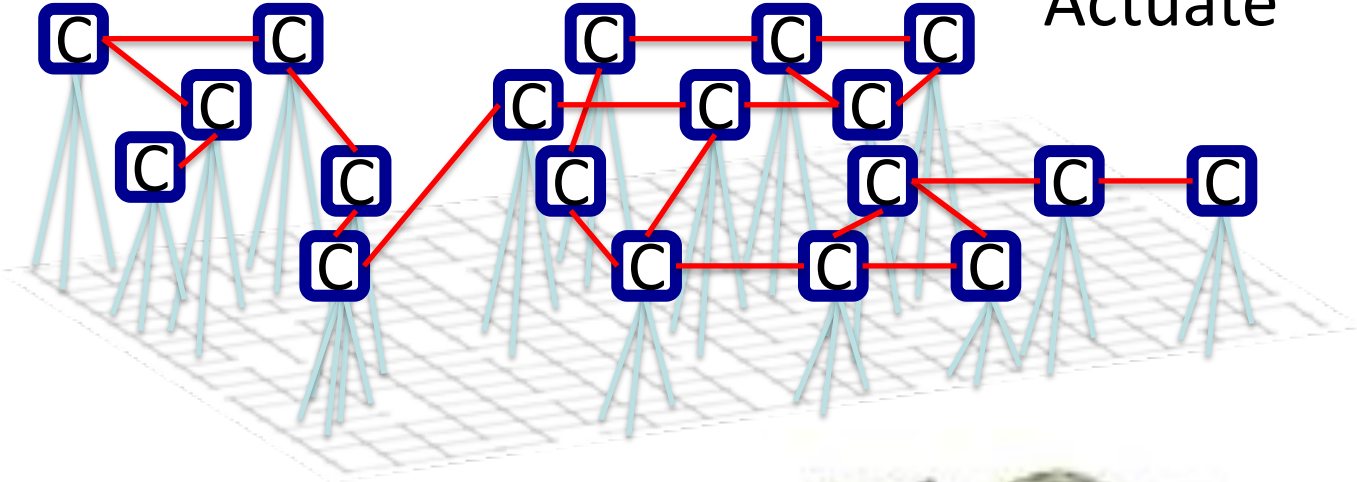
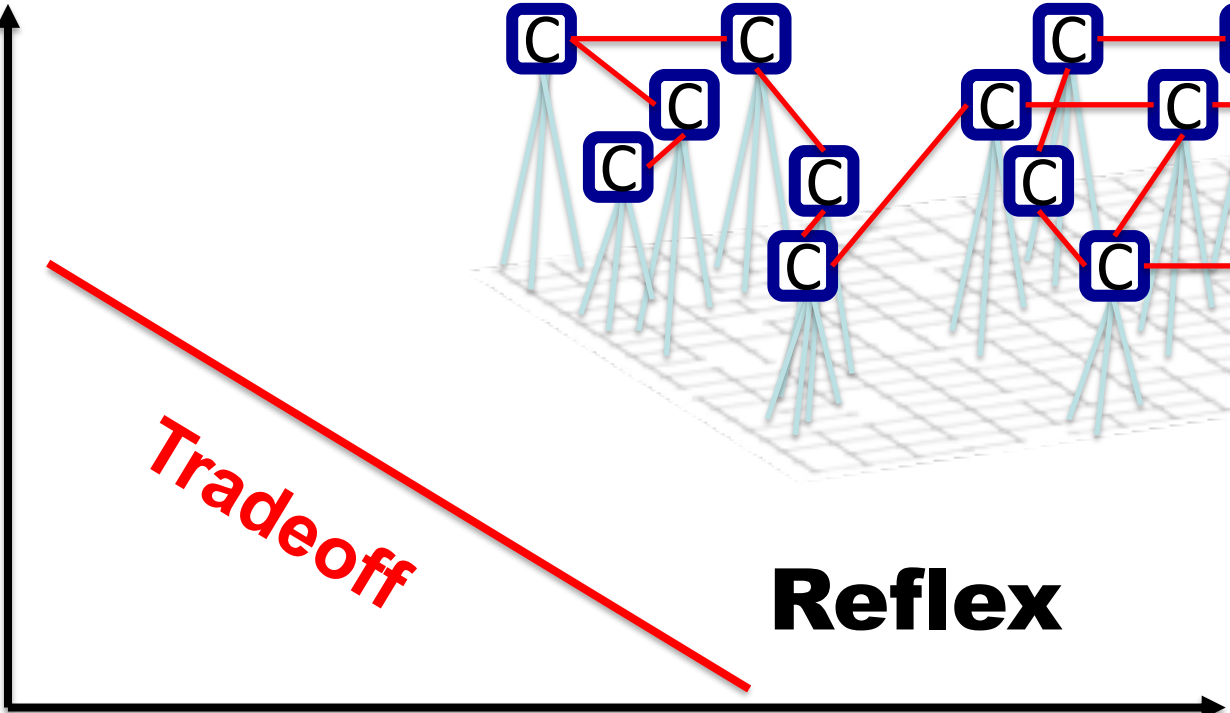
Flexible  
Centralized  
~~Stable~~ virtual

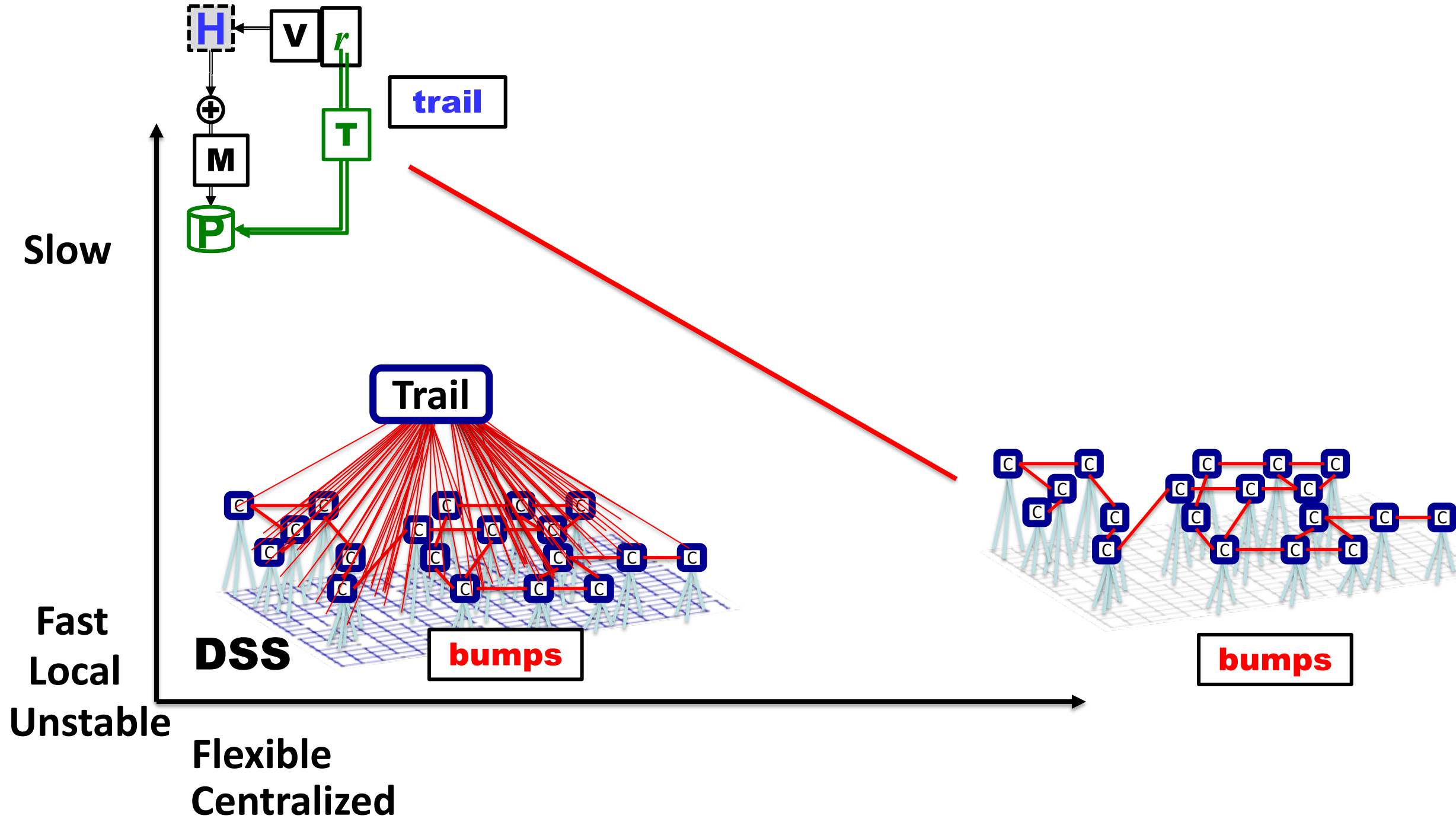


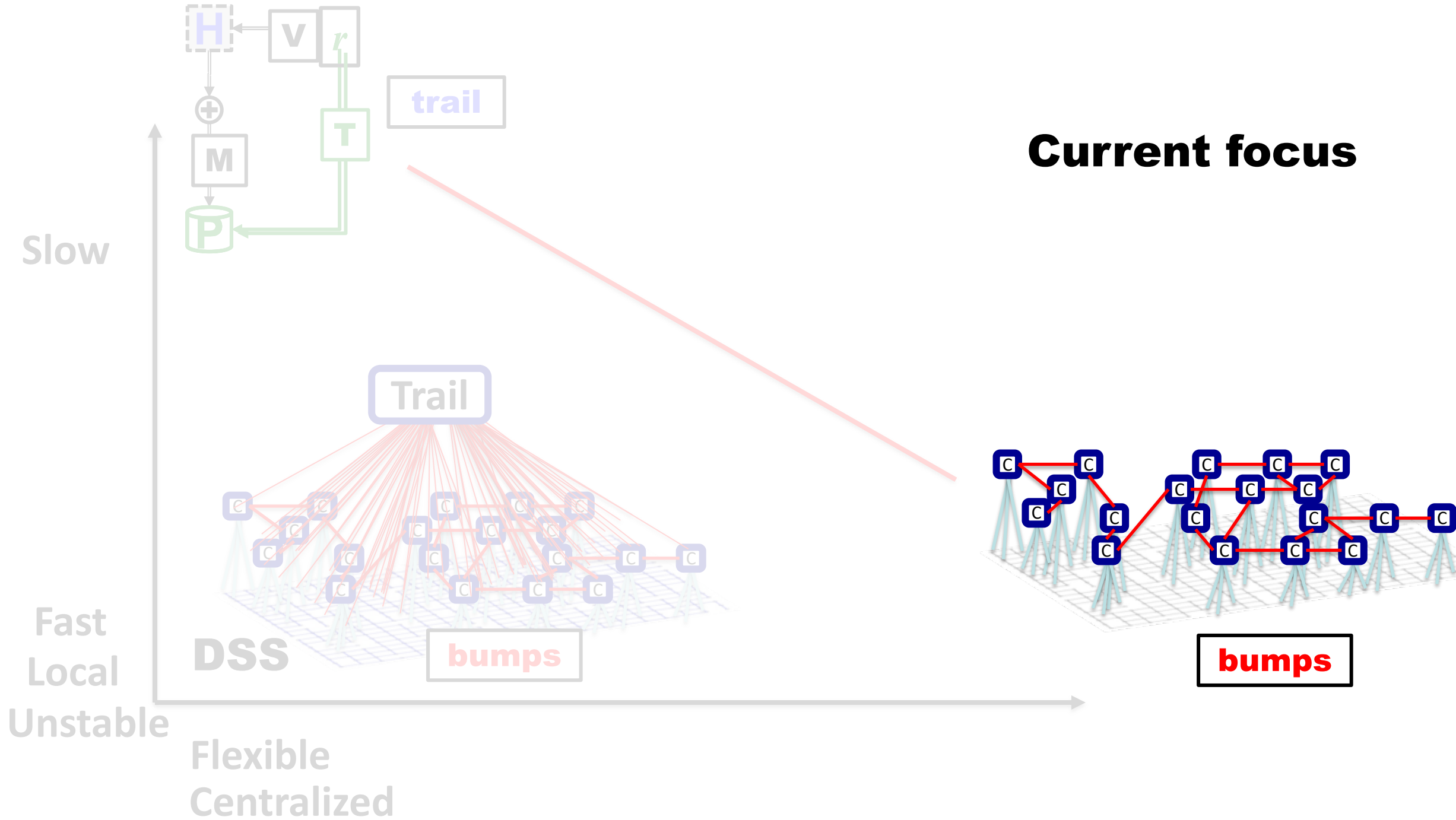
# Cheap slow biology

Sparse  
Delayed  
Quantized

Sense  
Comms  
Compute  
Actuate

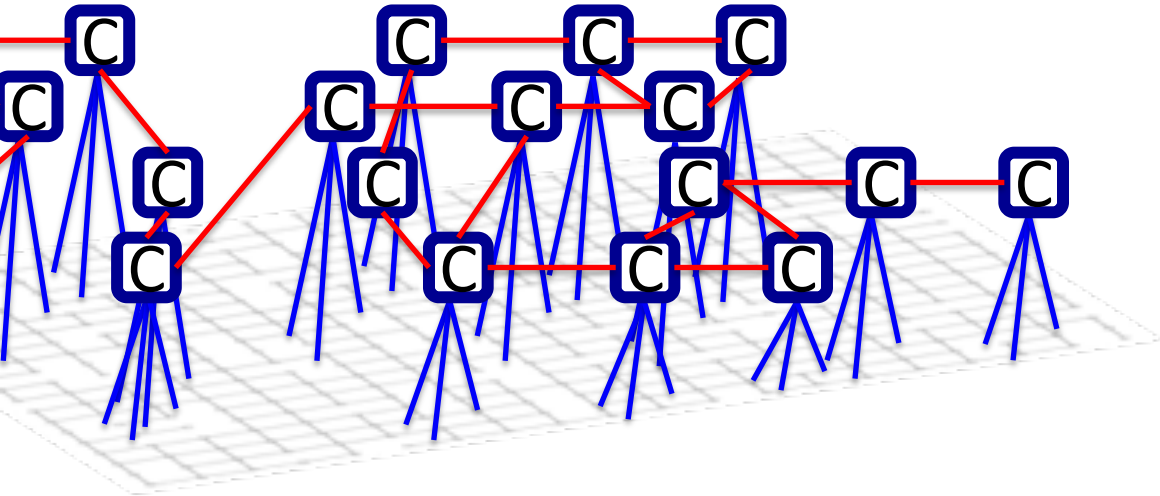






# Everything:

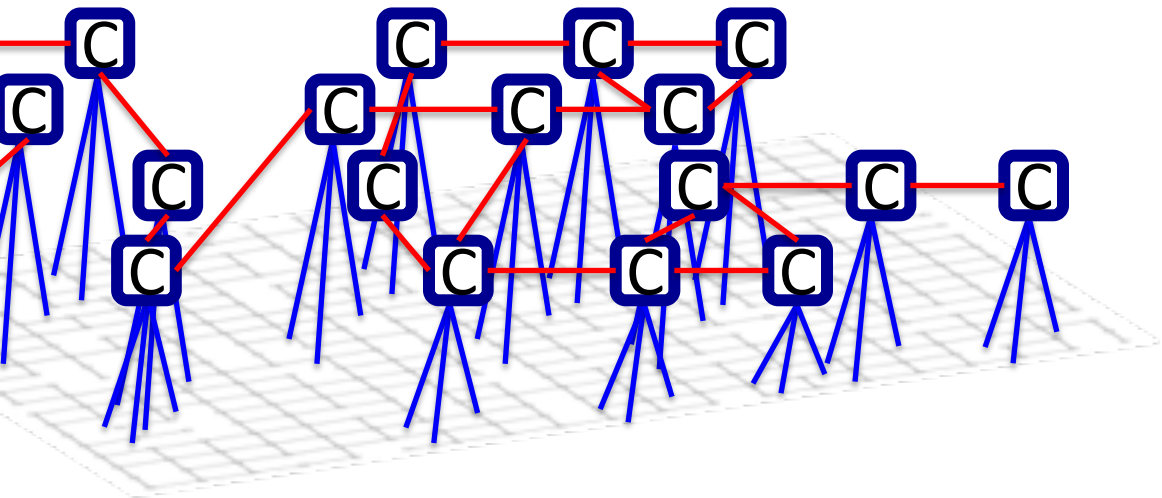
- **Sparse**
- **Delayed**





# Everything:

- **Sparse**
- **Delayed**
- **Layered**

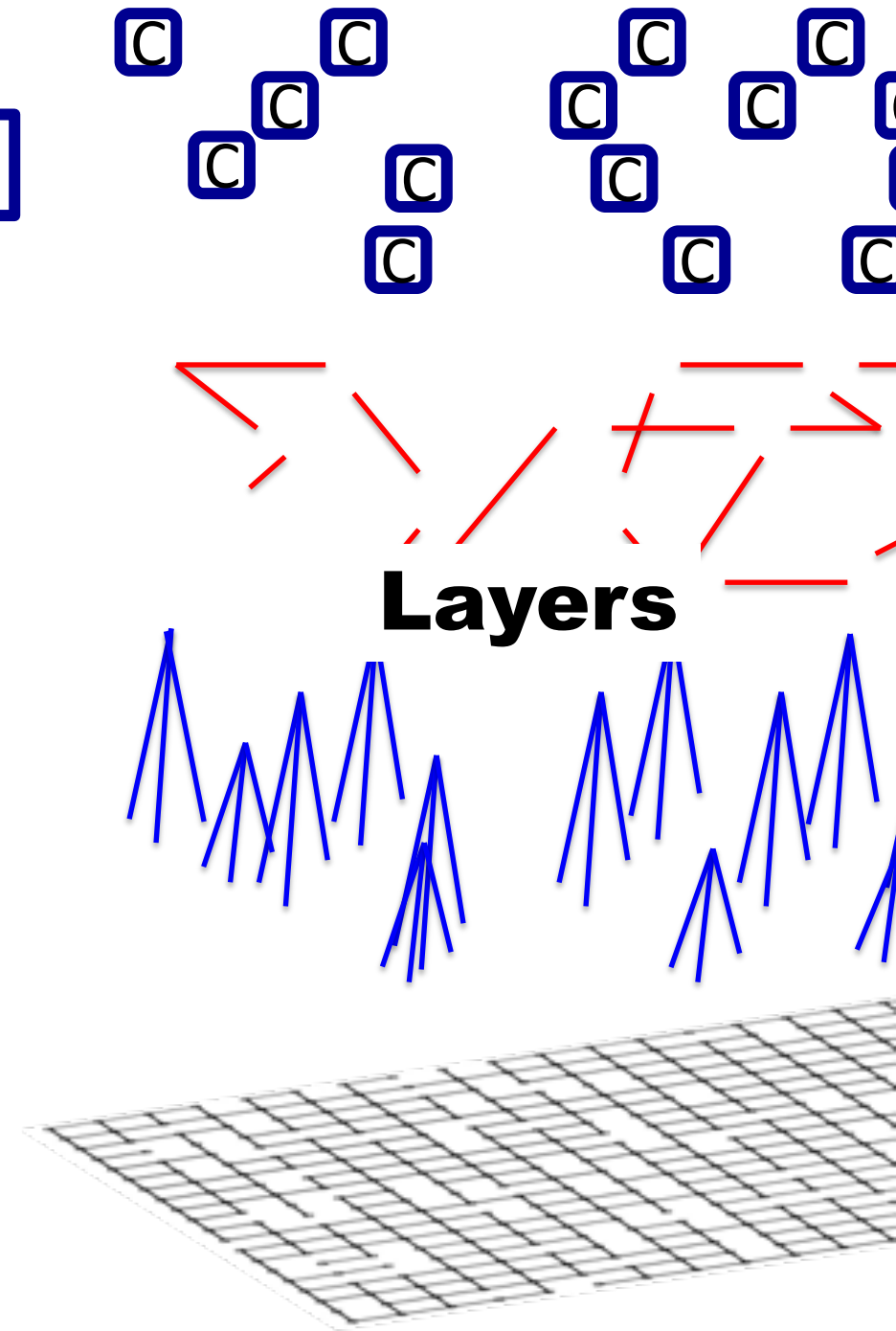


Compute

Comms

Sense  
Actuate

Plant

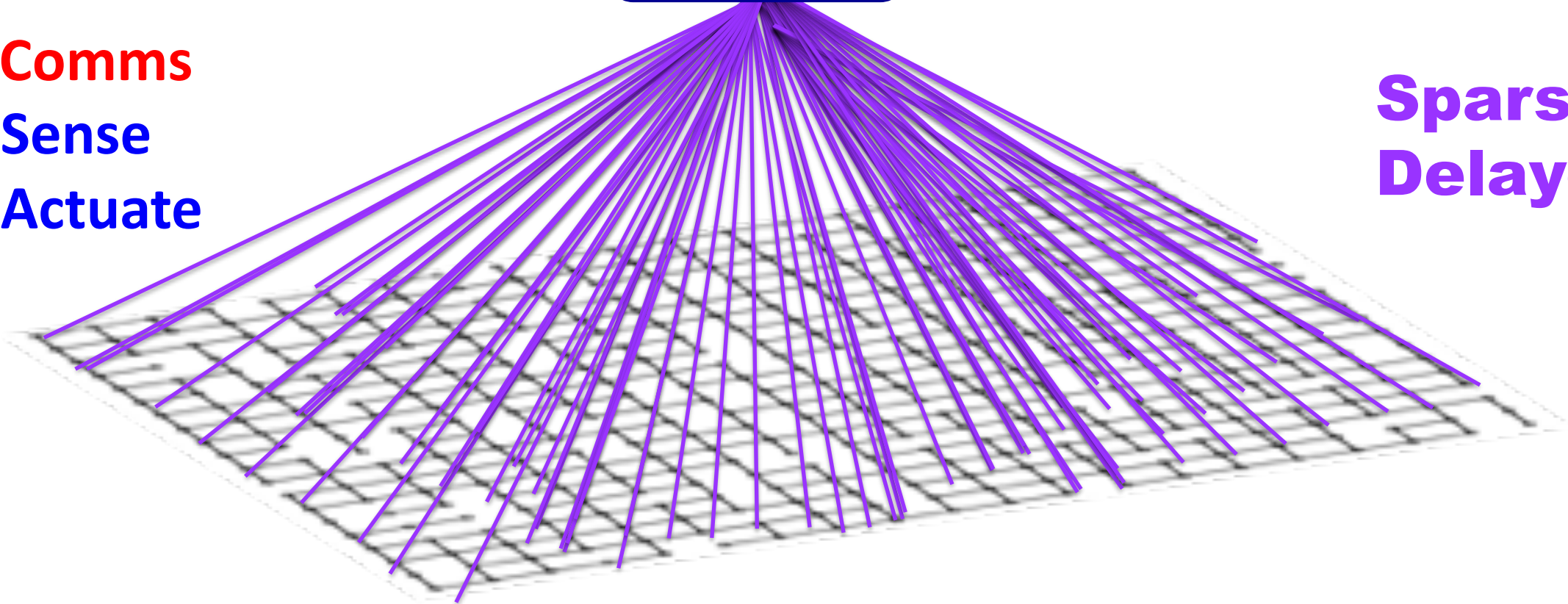


**Central  
Dense  
Delayed**



**Comms**  
**Sense**  
**Actuate**

**Sparse  
Delayed**



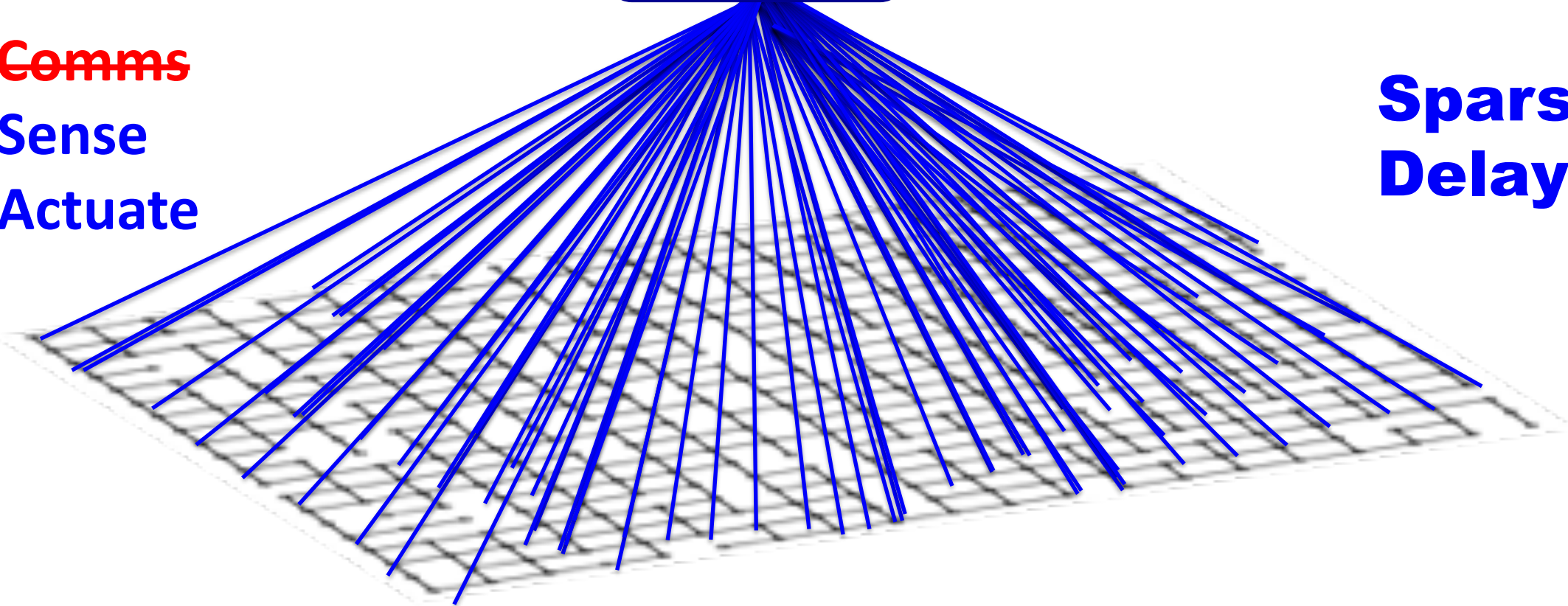
**Comms modeled  
as if in sense/act**

**Central  
Dense  
Delayed**



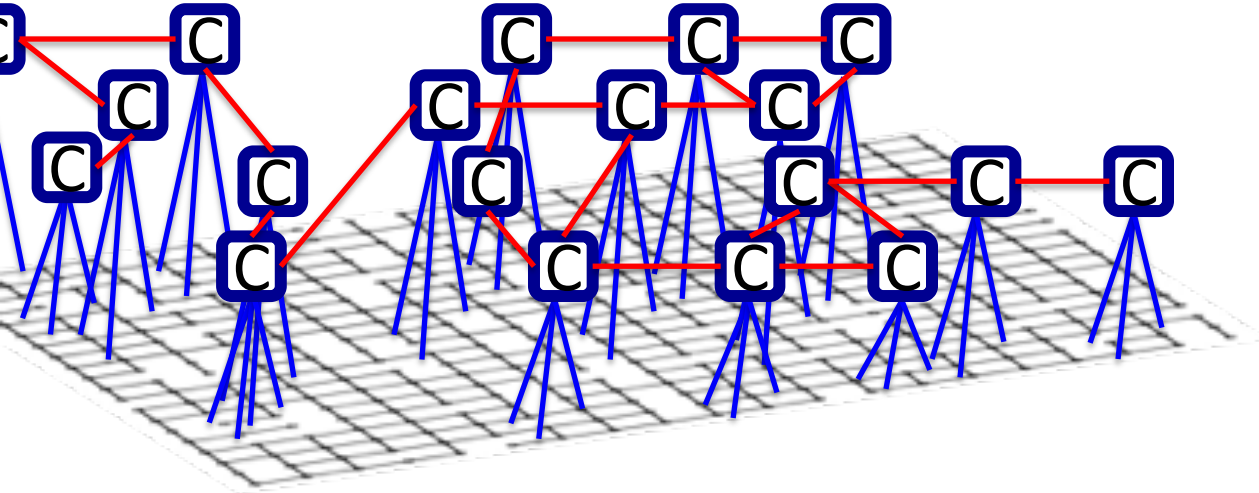
**Comms**  
Sense  
Actuate

**Sparse  
Delayed**



## Everything:

- **Sparse**
- **Delayed**

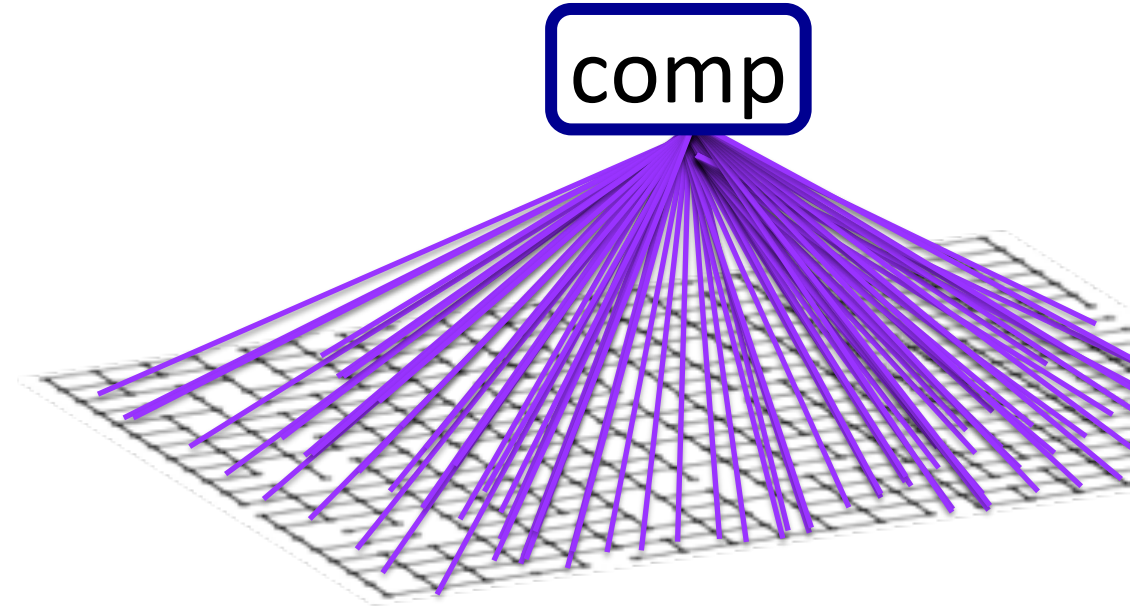


**Need SLS**

**Previously intractable.**

## Sense&Act

- **Sparse**
- **Delayed**

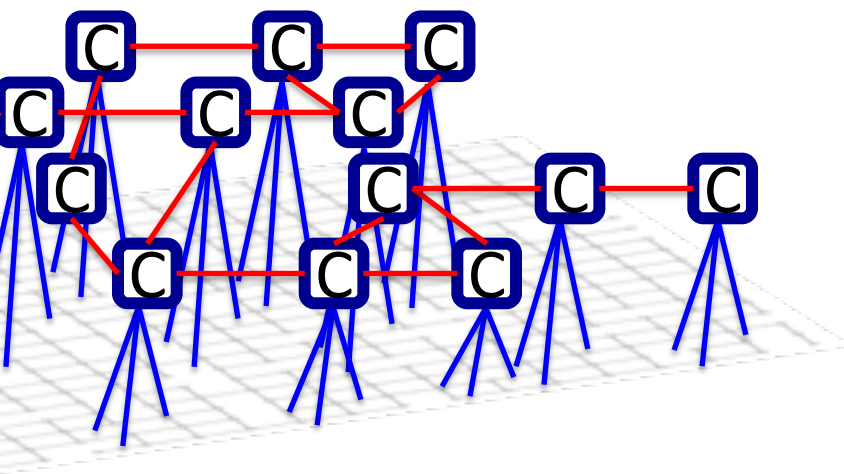


**preSLS**

**Can do more  
than we realized.**

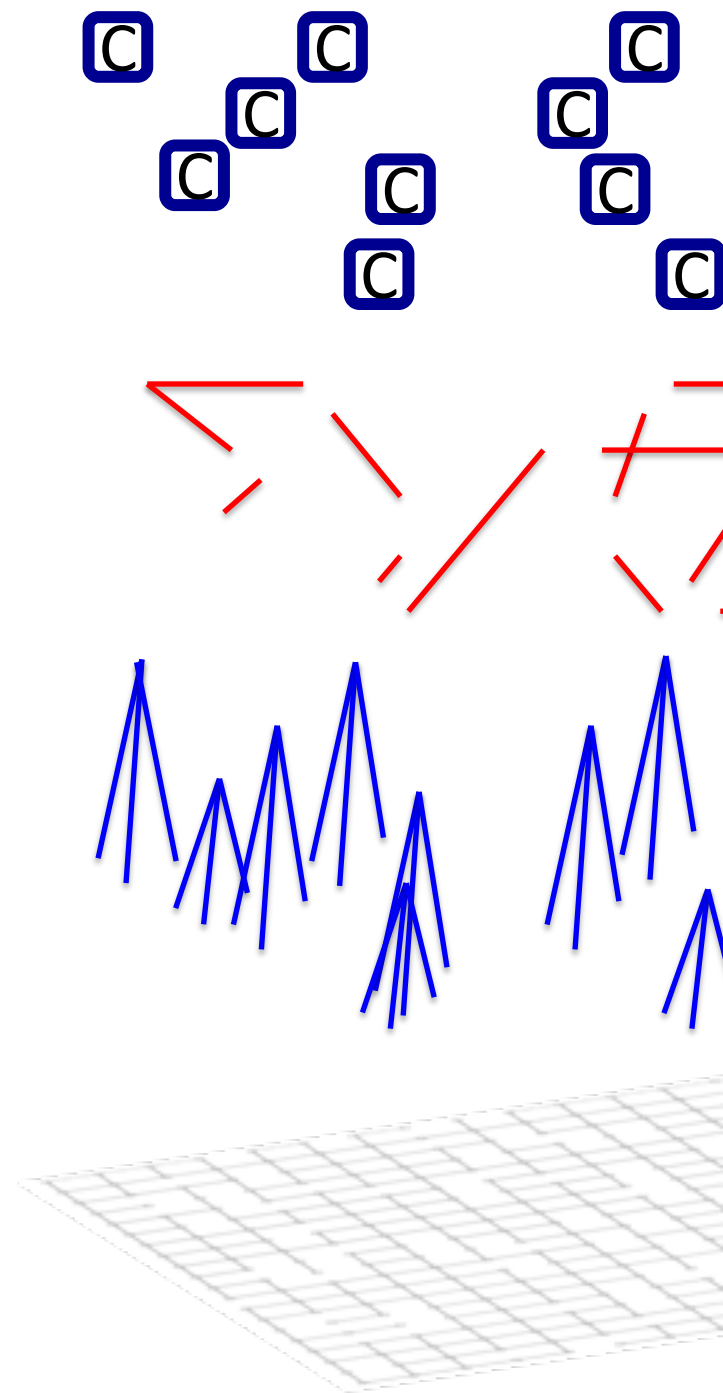


**How does  
SLS work?**

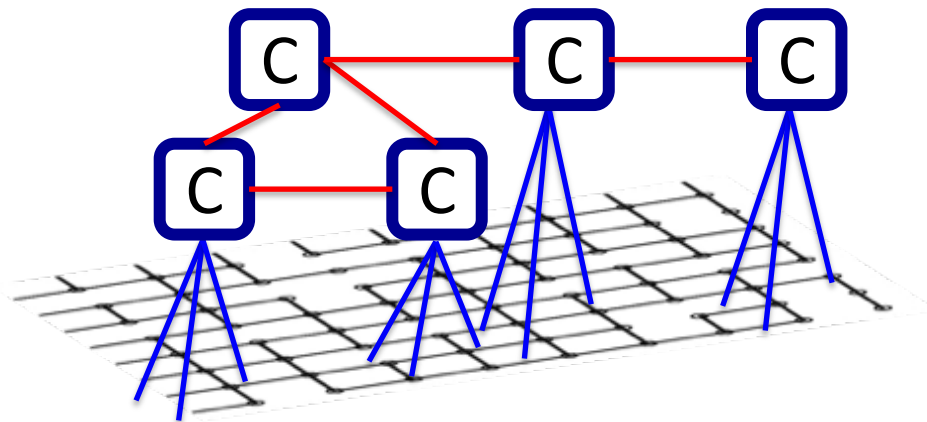
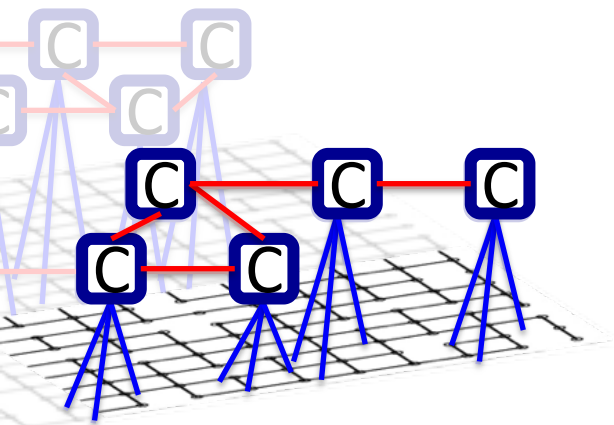


**Need SLS**

**Layers**

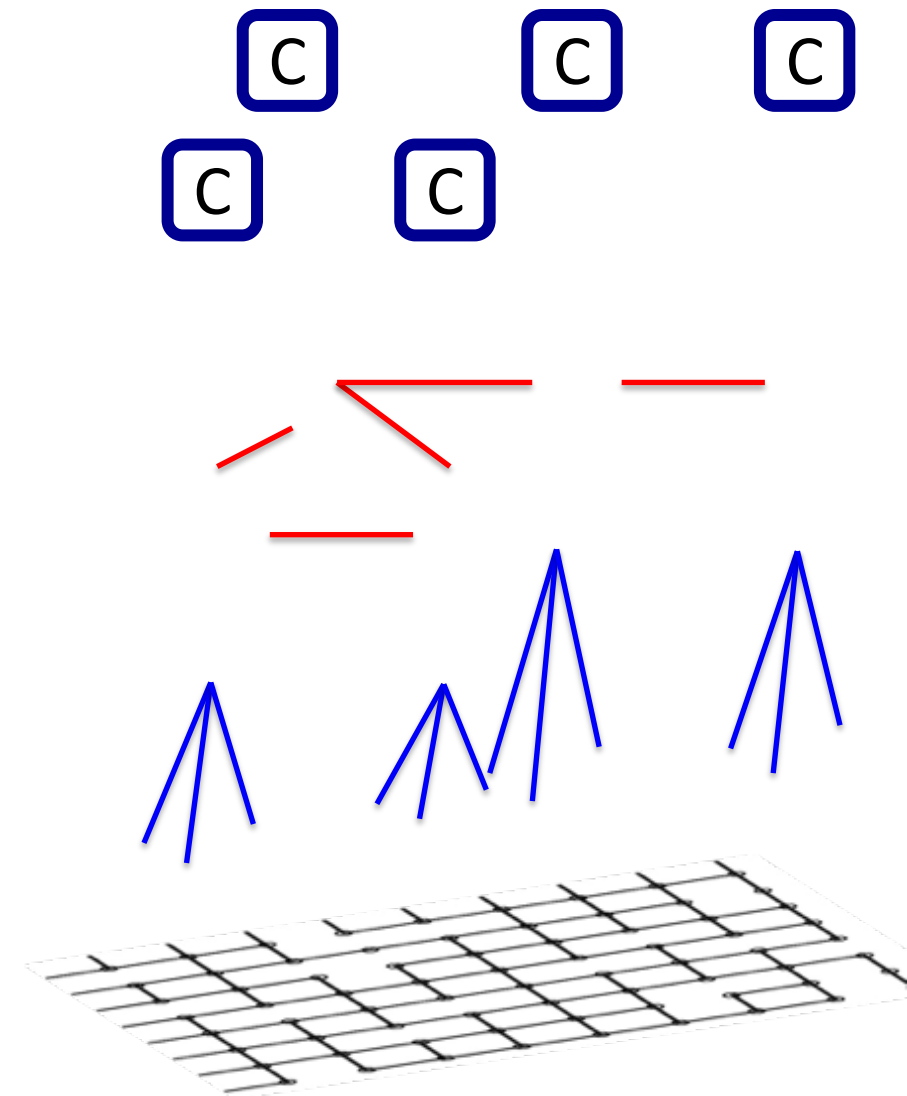


## Zoom into a patch

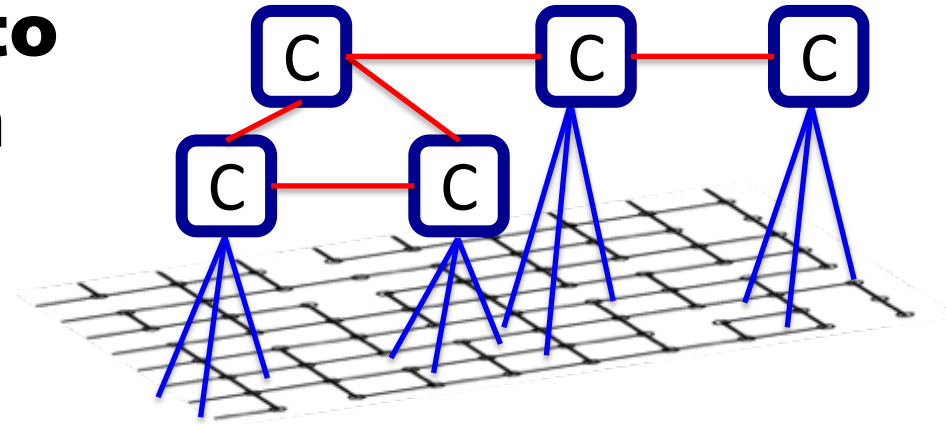


Patches are  
design choices

## Layers



**Zoom into  
a patch**



**(Overlapping)  
Patches are  
design choices**

**Think global,  
act local**

**Design/implement  
in patches with  
coordinated  
objectives**

**Scalable and  
implementable**



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