

# Chaos in reservoir computing

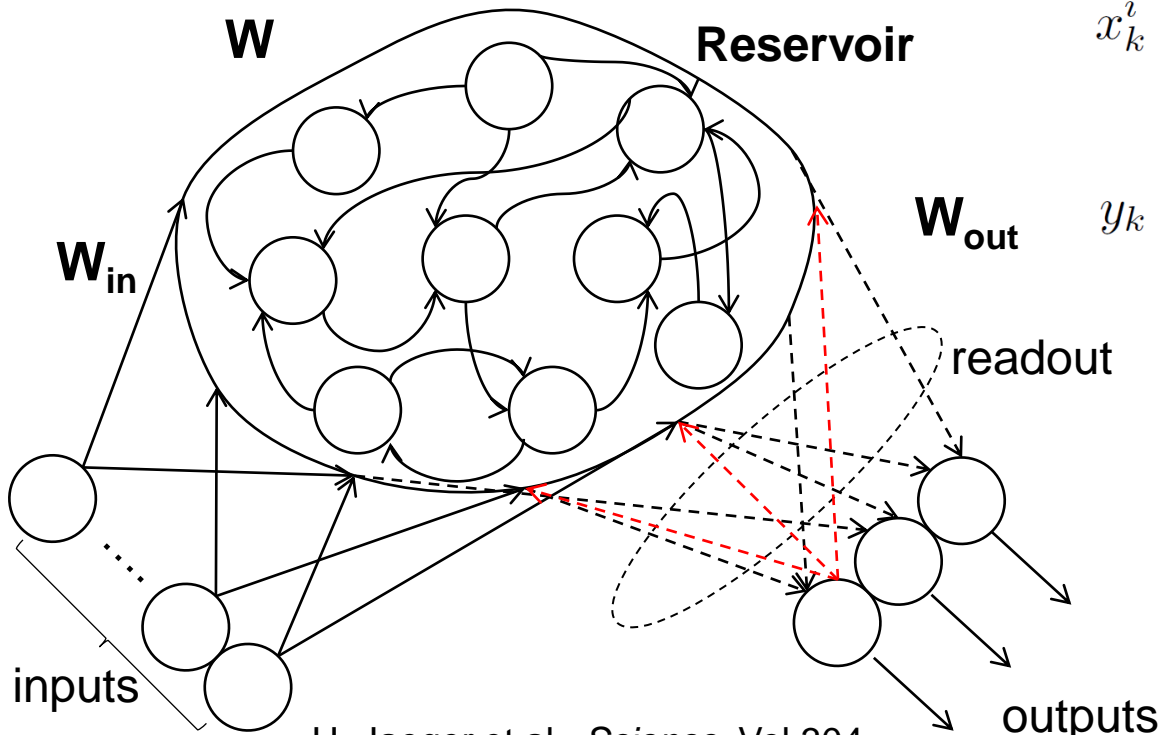
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# Computing with soft body dynamics?



# Reservoir computing: basic settings



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$$x_k^i = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^M w^{ij} x_{k-1}^j + w_{in}^i u_k\right)$$

$$y_k = \sum_{i=0}^M w_{out}^i x_k^i, \quad f(x) = \tanh(x)$$

**Adjust only the readout!**

$$W_{out} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$



Use  $W_{out}$  for information processing!

$$\hat{y} = X W_{out}$$

(Good points)

- Learning is fast and stable!
- Feasible for physical platform.

(Computational power)

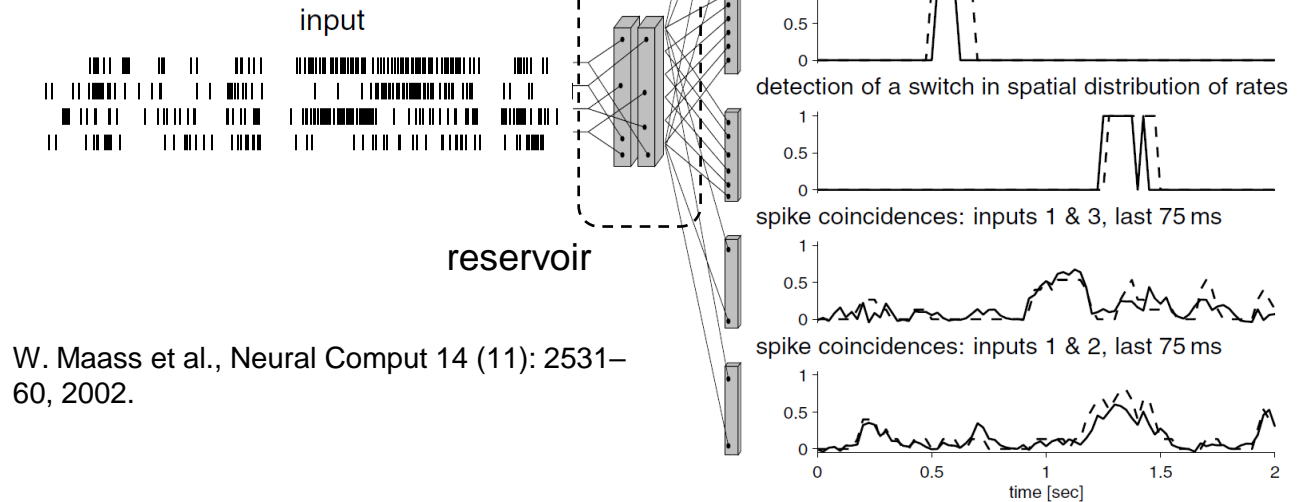
- **Nonlinearity**
- **Memory**

# Typical settings

## • Open-loop

By attaching the readout weights, multiple functions can be emulated simultaneously!

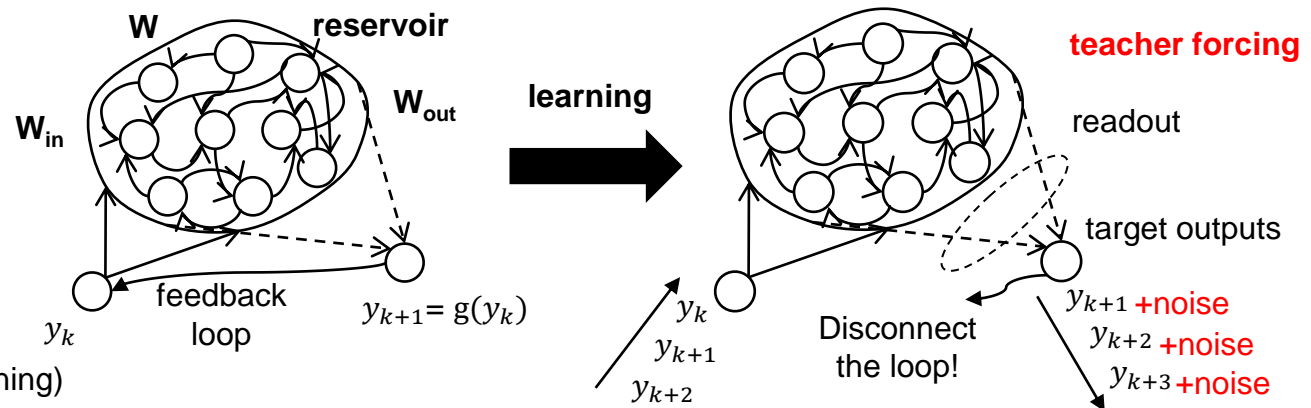
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= f(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k &= \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_k) \end{aligned}$$



W. Maass et al., Neural Comput 14 (11): 2531–60, 2002.

## • Close-loop

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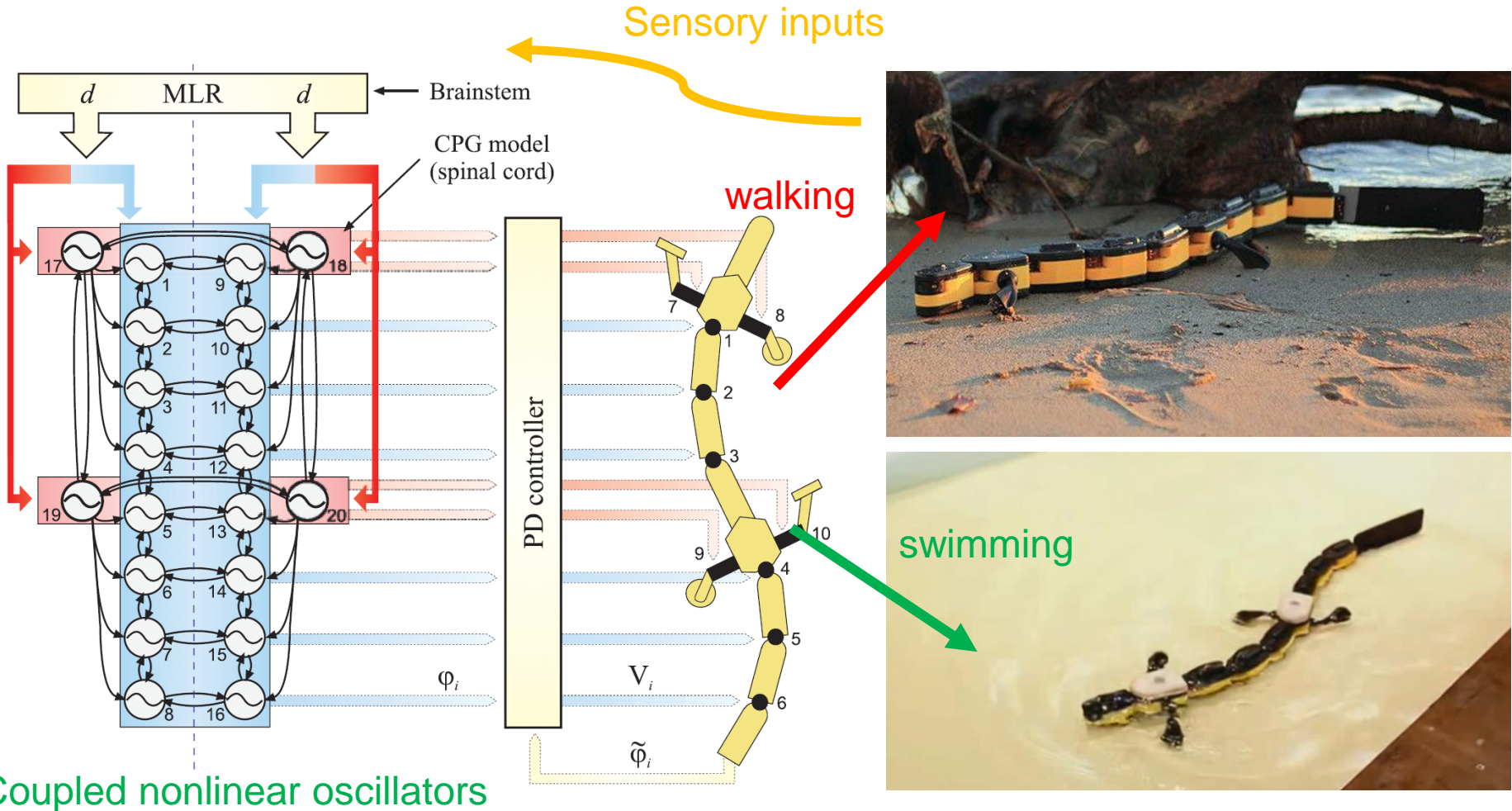


\*On-line learning

(e.g. FORCE learning, Innate learning)

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# Designing locomotion patterns and switching them



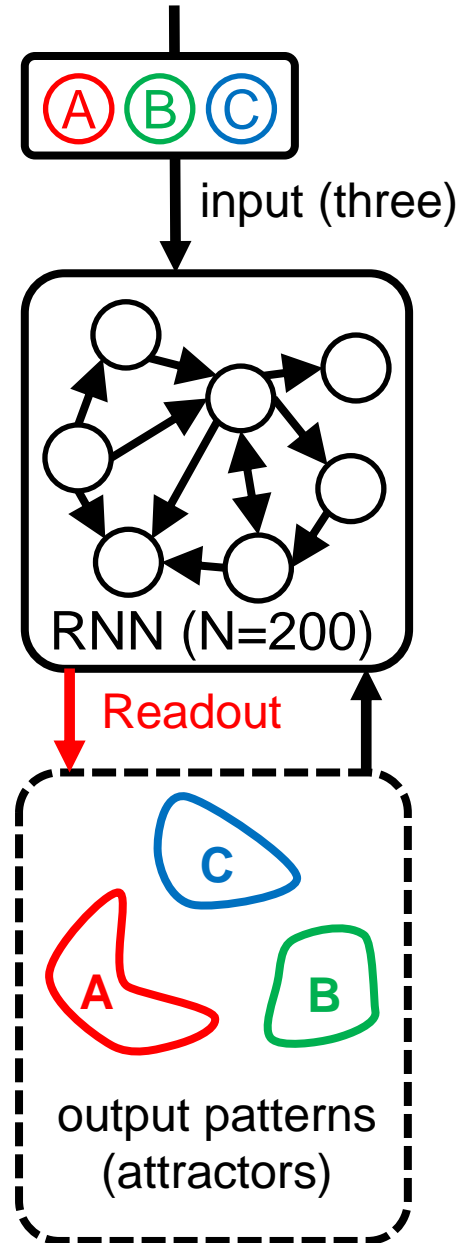
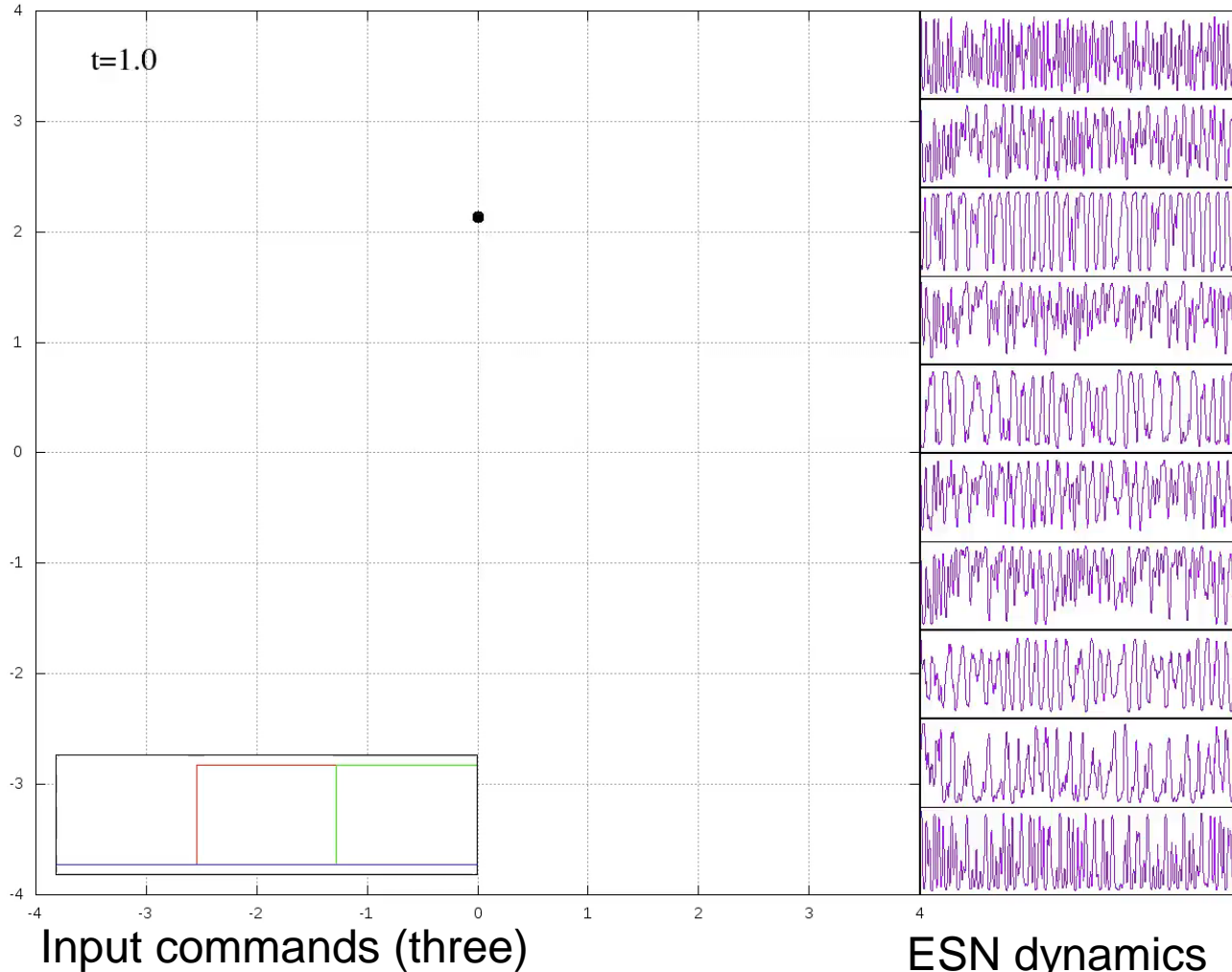
Coupled nonlinear oscillators

Ijspeert, A. J., Crespi, A., Ryczko, D., & Cabelguen, J. M. (2007). From swimming to walking with a salamander robot driven by a spinal cord model. *Science*, 315(5817), 1416-1420.

- Locomotion through central pattern generators!
- Switching the locomotion patterns via external stimuli! (e.g., sensors or external controllers)

# Embedding three limit cycles according to corresponding inputs

Output patterns

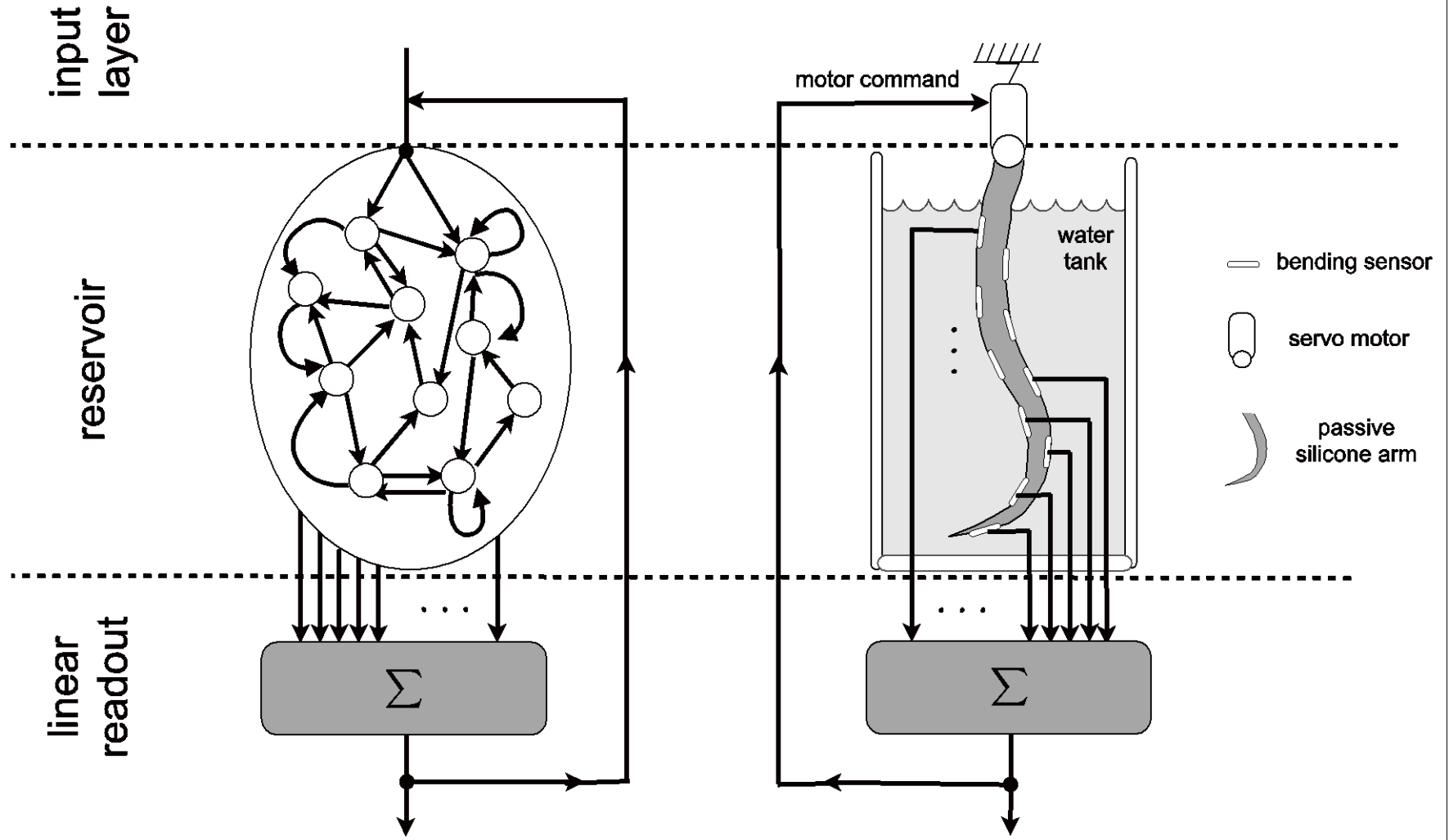


**High Operability!**

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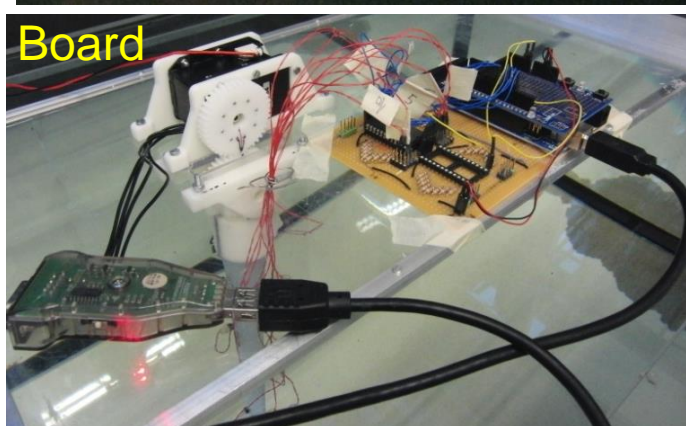
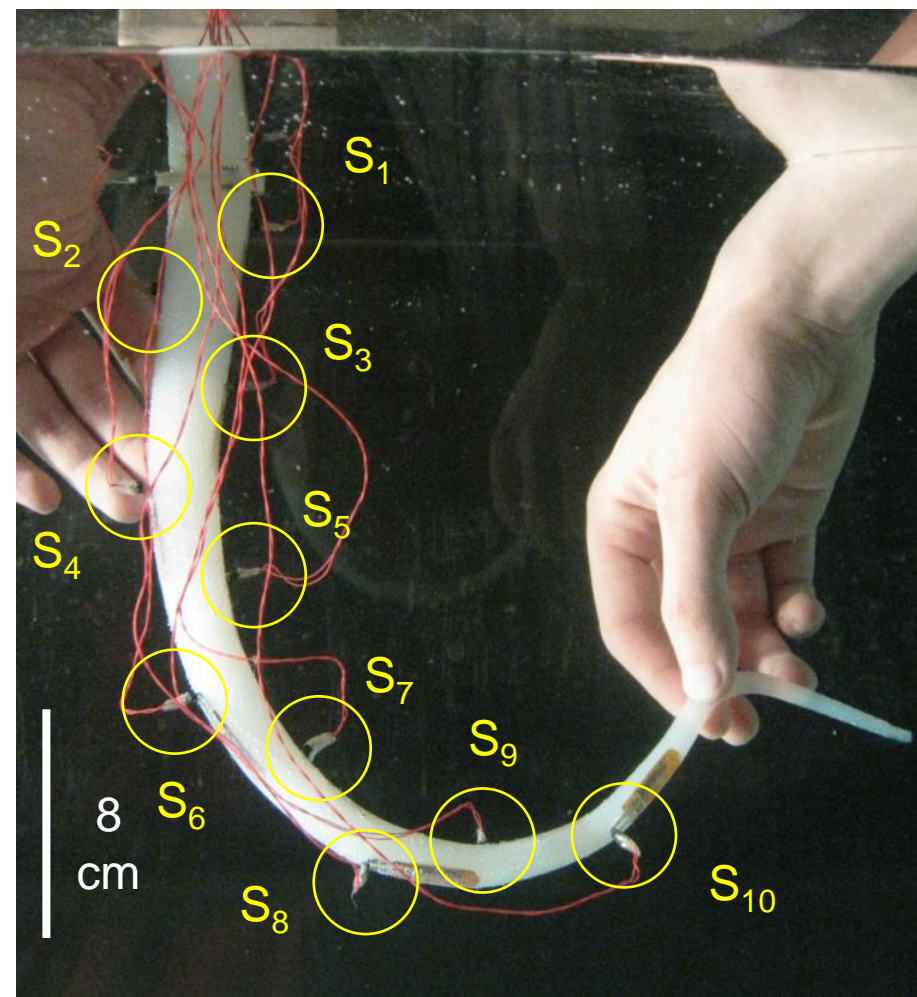
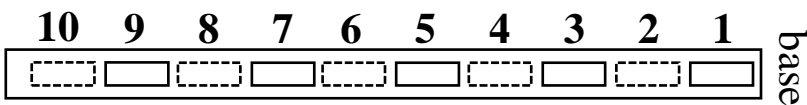
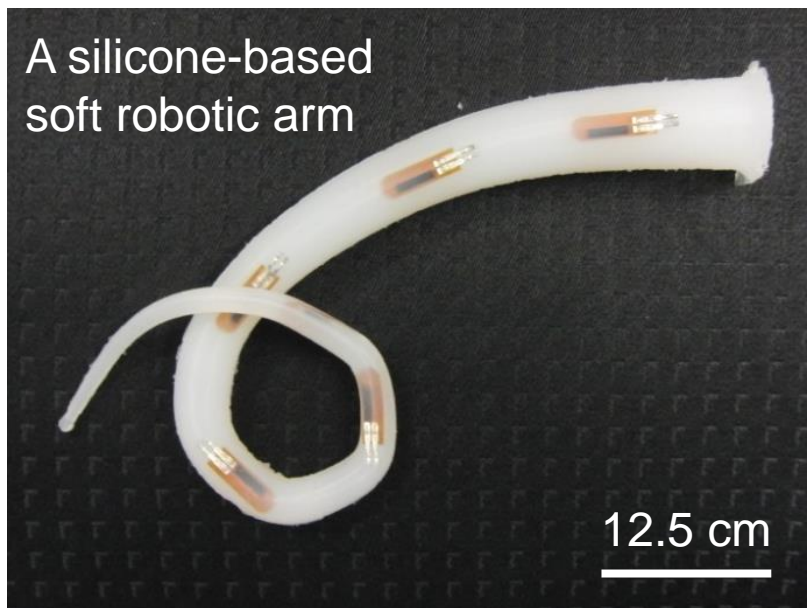
# Physical Reservoir Computing



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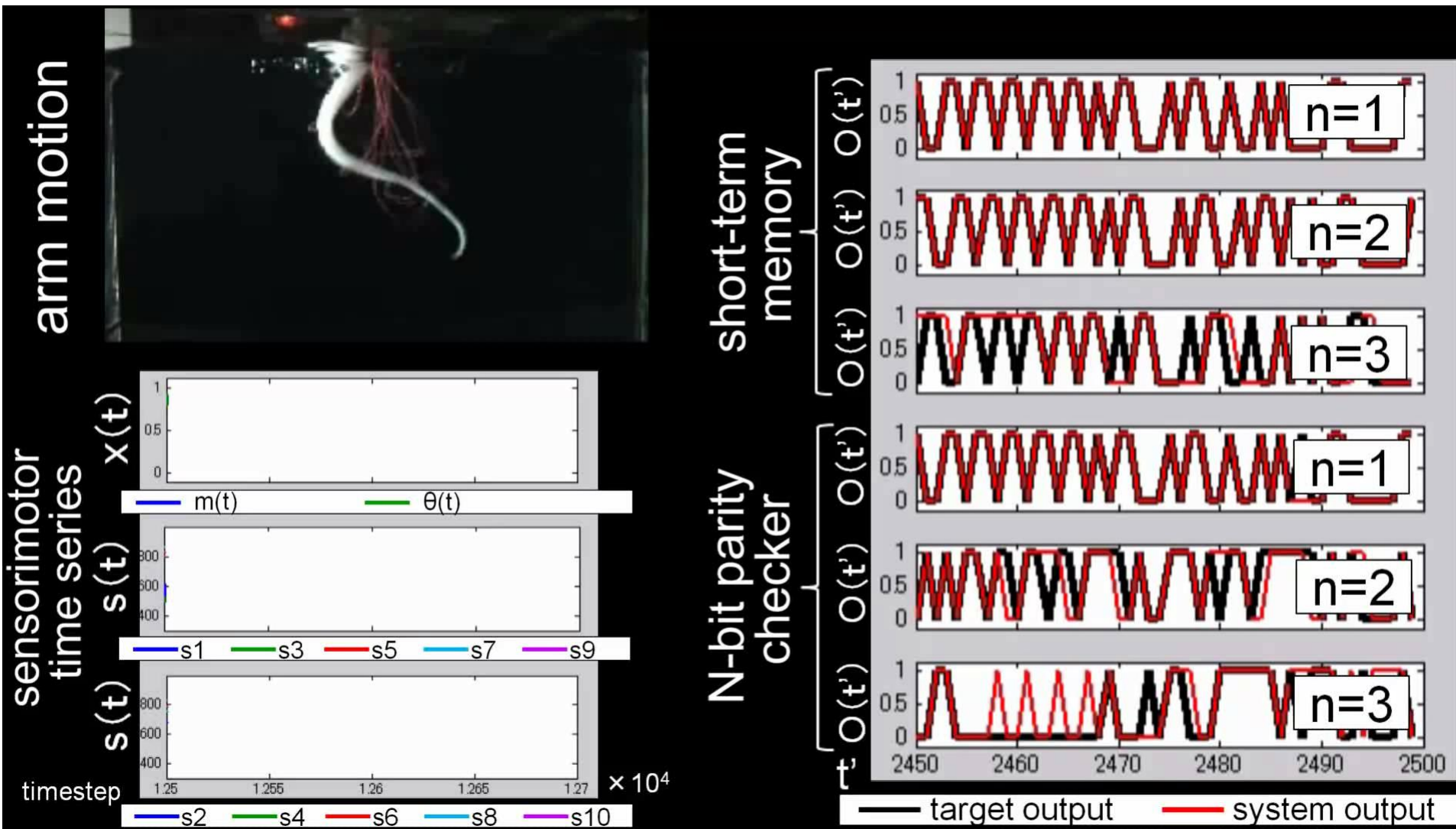
**Soft body dynamics as  
computational resource!**

# Physical platform

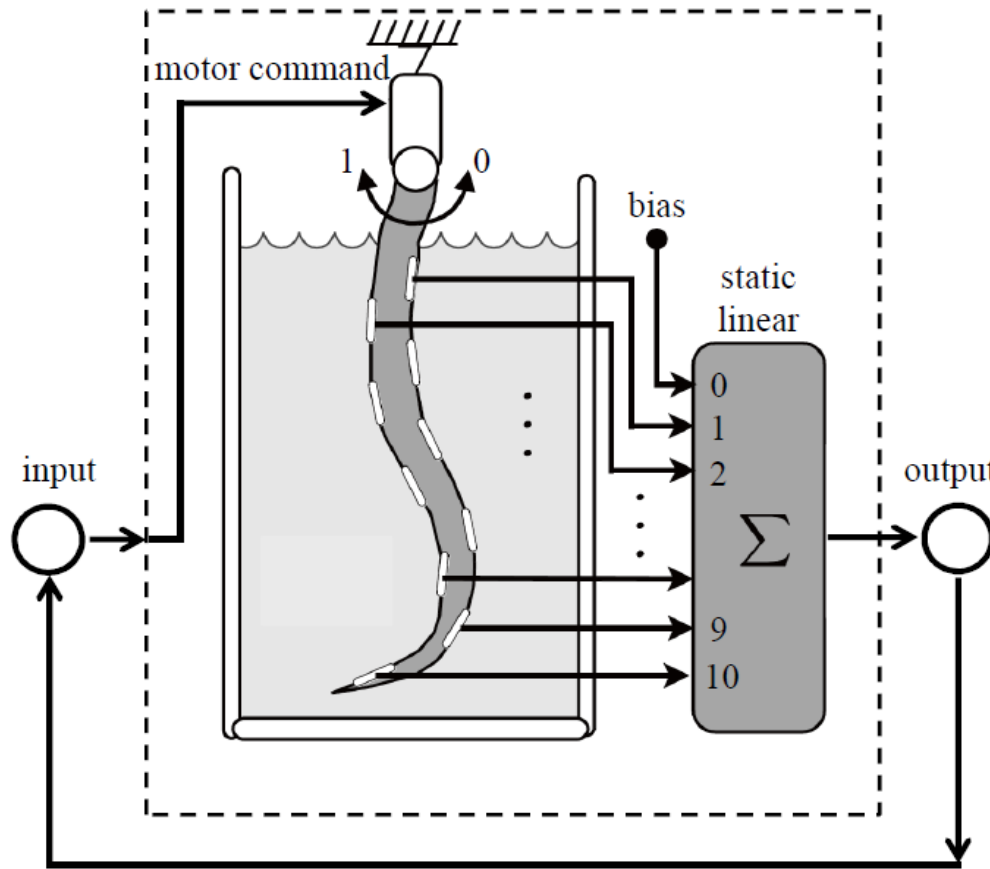




# Arm behavior with $\tau_{\text{state}}=5$

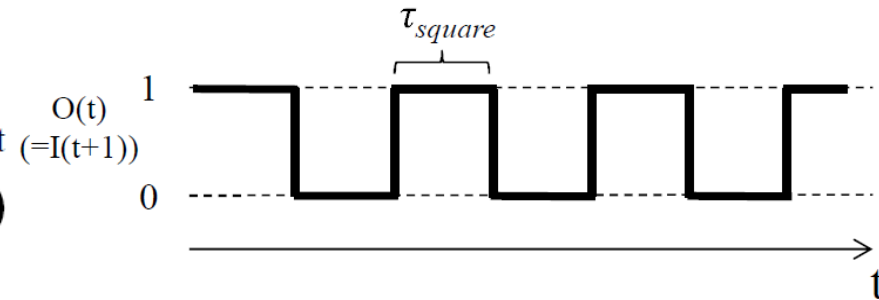


# Closed-loop control: embedding motor program into the body



(Oscillatory pattern)

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{sgn} \left( \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{\tau_{\text{square}}} t \right) \right) + 1 \right)$$



Similar motor command with  
octopus swimming robot!

- No addition of memory from external controller!
- Autonomous behavior control by closing the loop!
- Investigate its robustness!

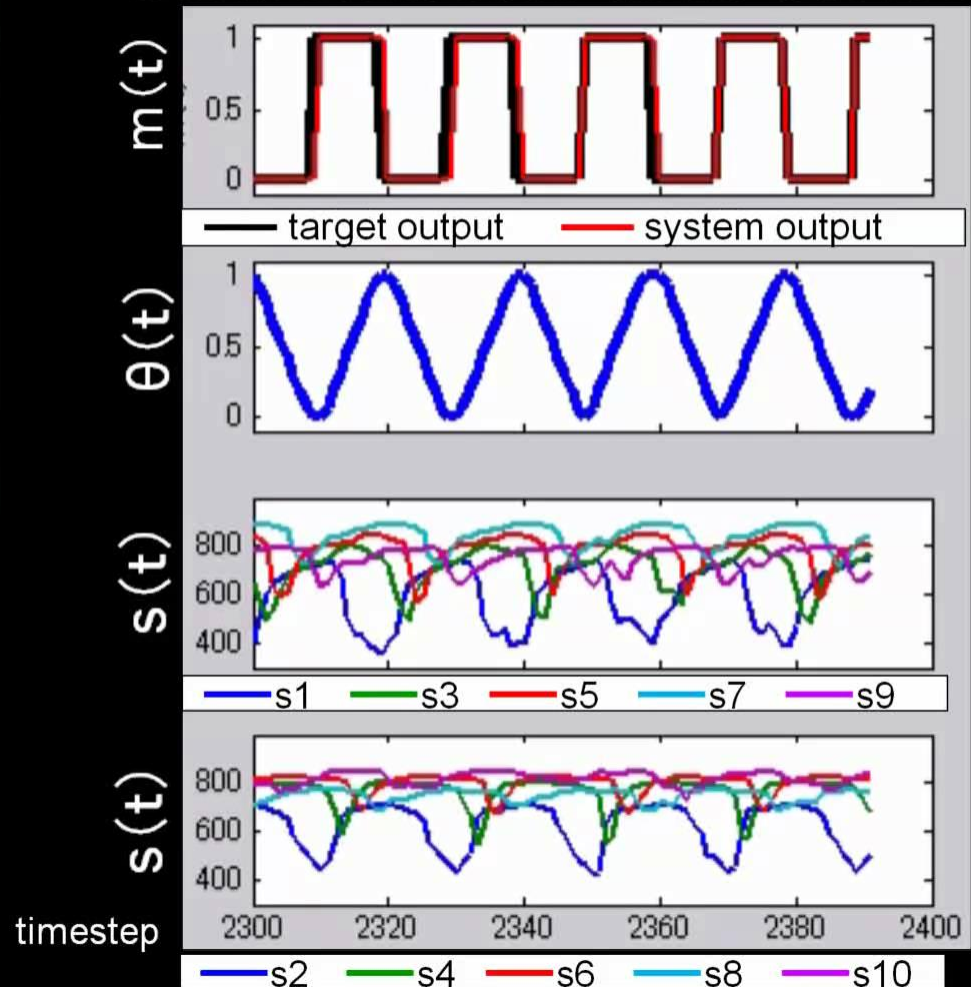
# Closed loop control with $\tau_{\text{square}} = 10$ (manual perturbation)



arm motion

$\tau_{\text{square}} = 10$

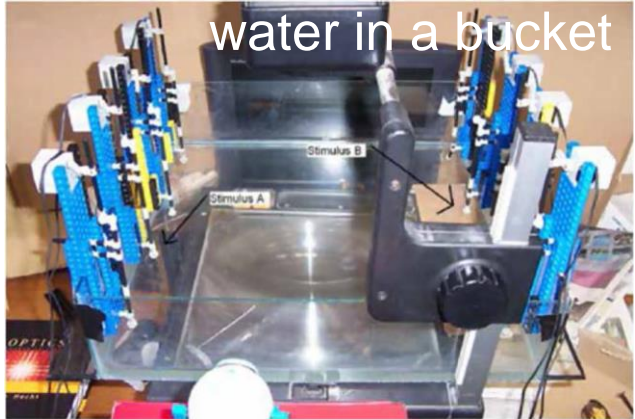
## sensorimotor time series



# Physical reservoirs ...

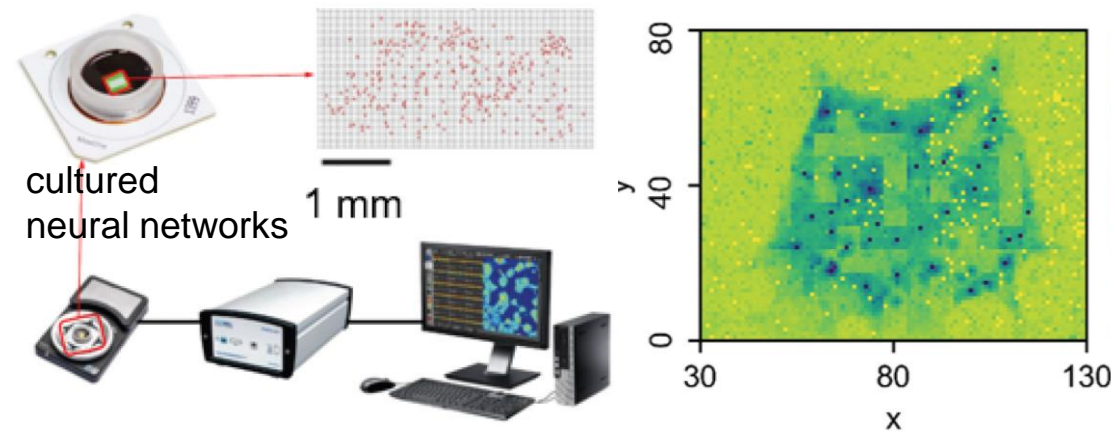
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## Liquid brain



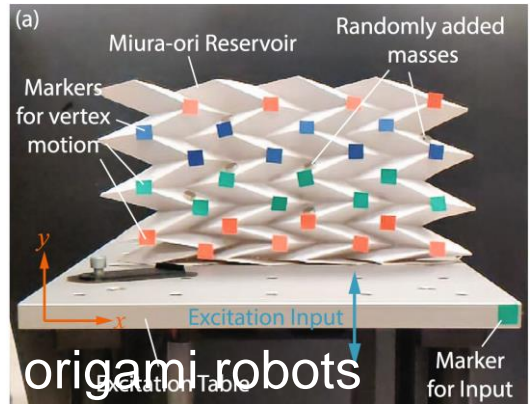
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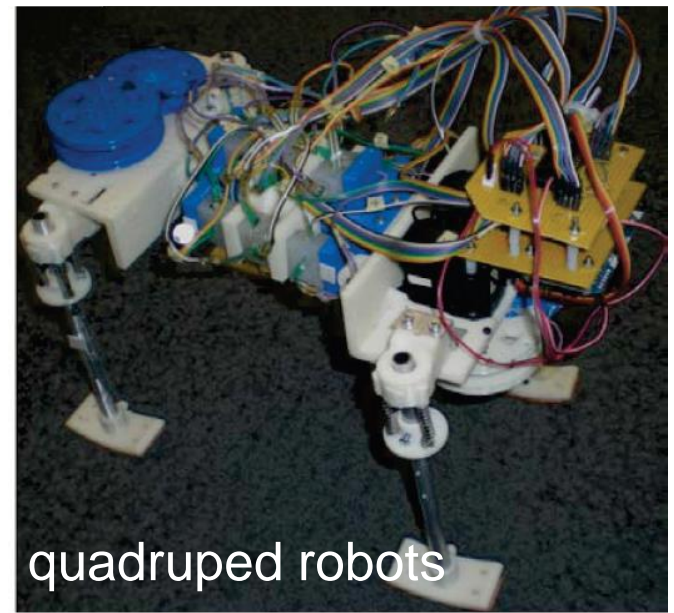
## Soft robots



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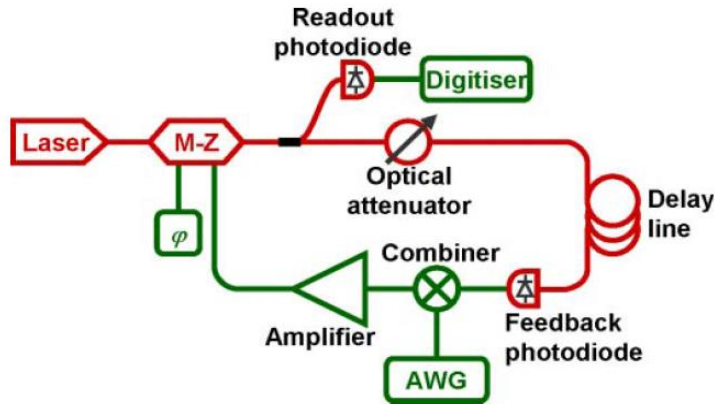
tensegrity structures



quadruped robots

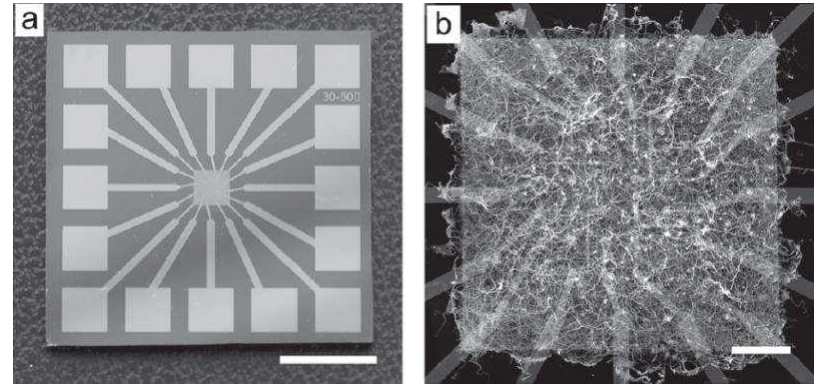
# PRC for neuromorphic devices

## Photonic reservoirs



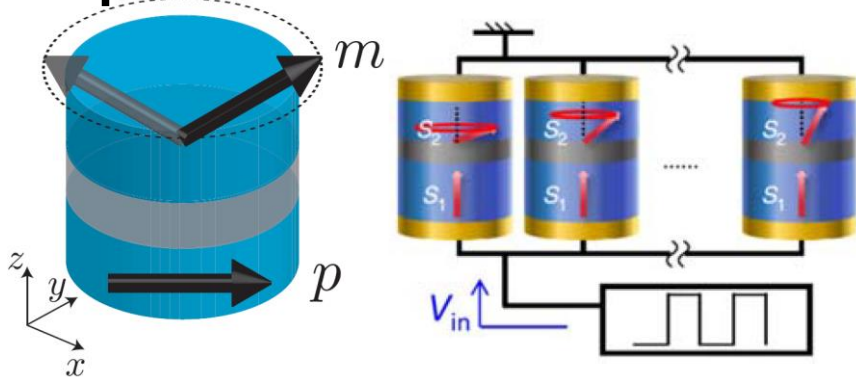
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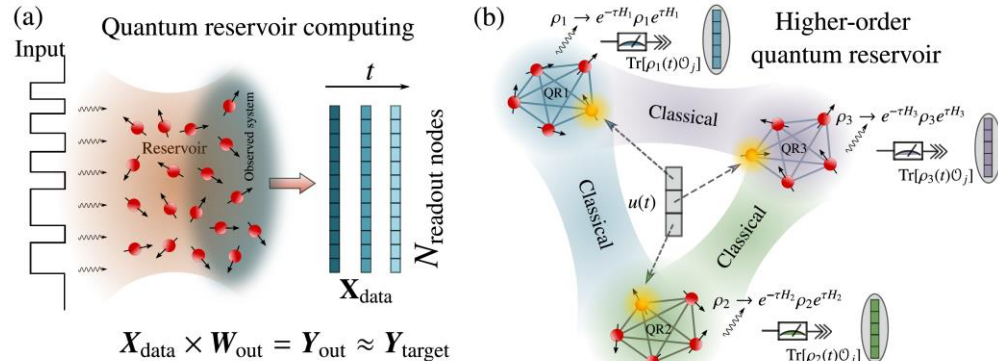
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# \*Prerequisite: “*reproducible response*”

(target function)

$$y_{k+1} = g(u_k, u_{k-1}, \dots)$$

(reservoir computing)

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = f(\mathbf{x}_k, u_k) \\ \hat{y}_{k+1} = \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) \end{cases}$$


$$g(u_k, u_{k-1}, \dots) \approx \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})$$

We want to emulate  
(learn) function “g”!

(prerequisite)

- Reproducible response to the same input sequence!
- Reservoir states should not depend on the initial condition!

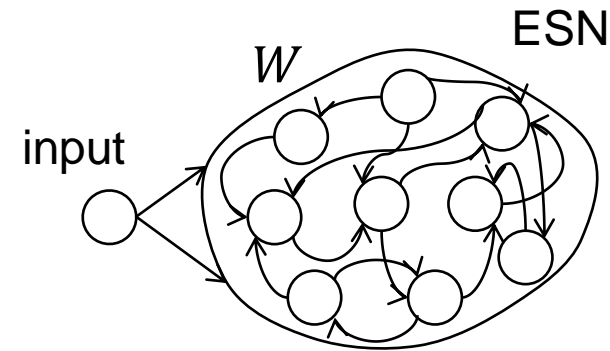
$$f(\mathbf{x}_k, u_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k^*, u_k) \approx 0 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \mathbf{x}_k = \boldsymbol{\phi}(u_{k-1}, u_{k-2}, \dots)$$

(common-signal-induced synchronization/  
Negative conditional Lyapunov exponents)

(echo state property (ESP))

# Echo-state network (ESN)

- number of nodes :  $N$
- state of neuron  $i$  at  $t$  :  $x_i(t)$
- action potential of neuron  $i$  at  $t$  :  $a_i(t)$
- input :  $u(t)$
- internal weights :  $w_{ij}$
- input weights :  $w_{in}$
- activation function :  $f(a) = \tanh(a)$
- dynamics :



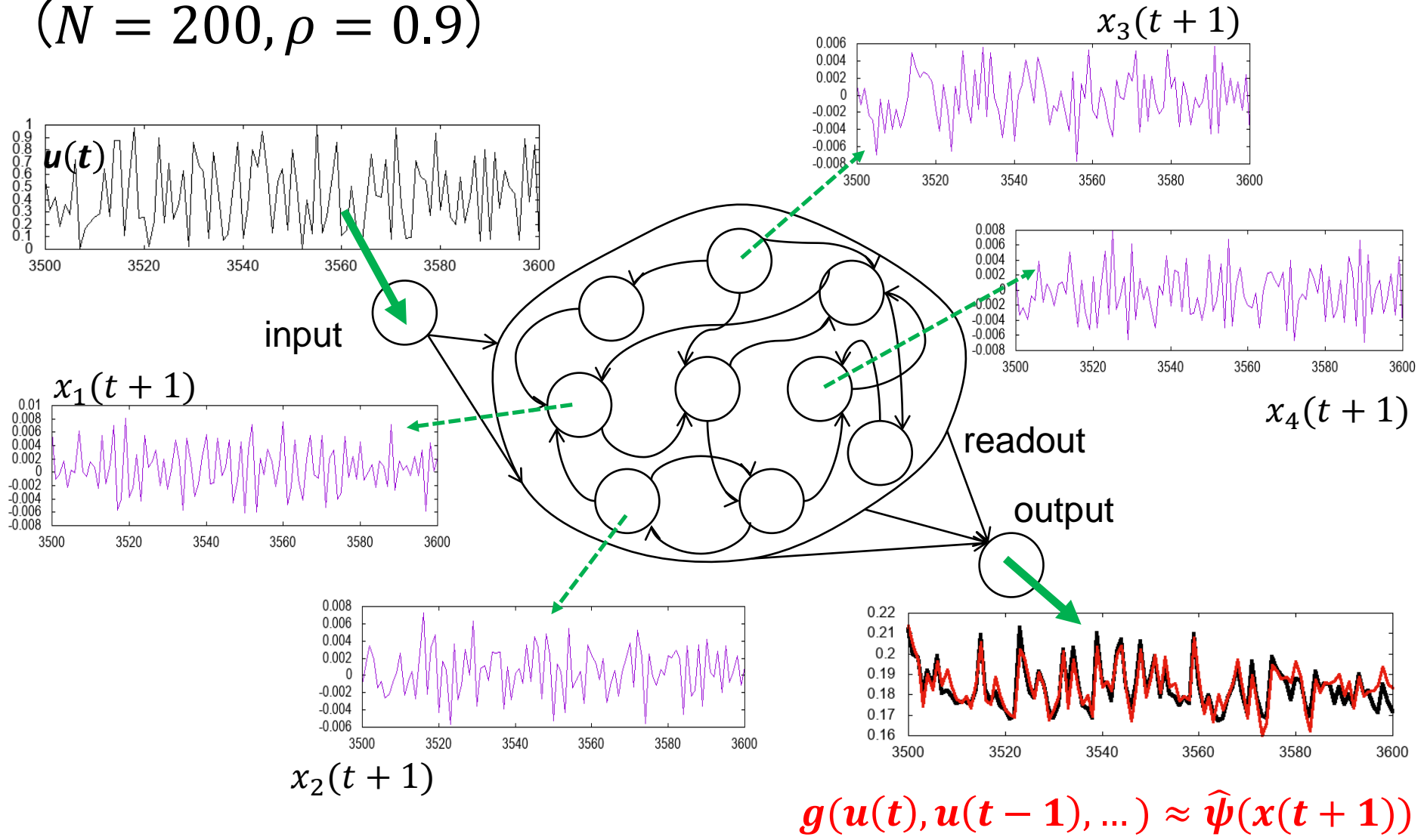
spectral radius of  $W$

$$\rho(W) = \max\{|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_N|\}$$

$$x_i(t + 1) = f(a_i(t)), \quad a_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij}x_j(t) + w_{in}u(t)$$

# Example of ESN dynamics

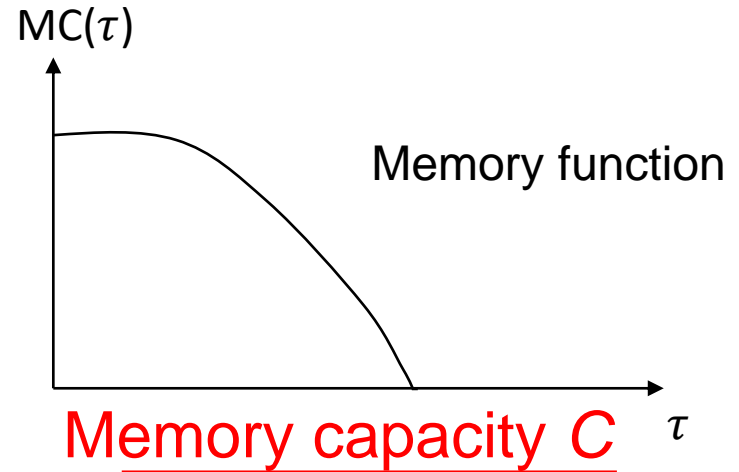
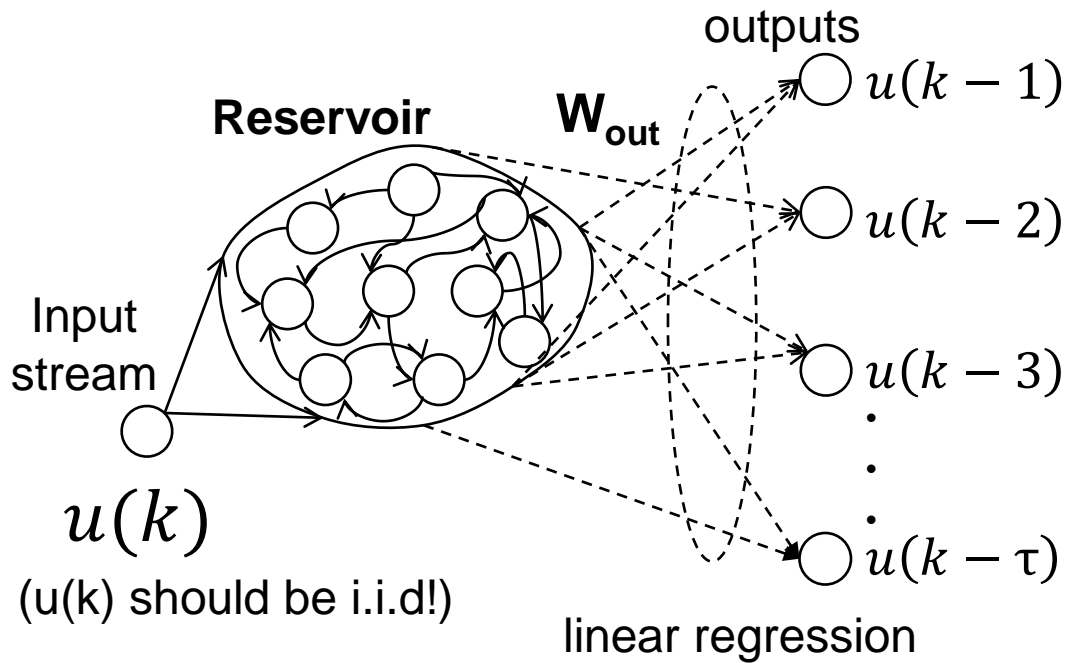
( $N = 200, \rho = 0.9$ )



- Diverse dynamics within the reservoir!



# Memory Capacity



$$C = \sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} MC(\tau)$$

## Memory function

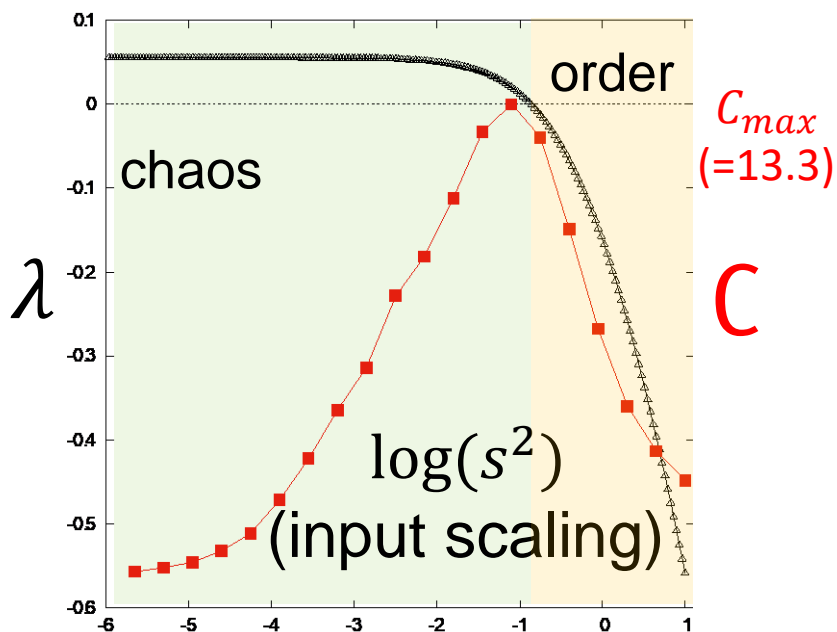
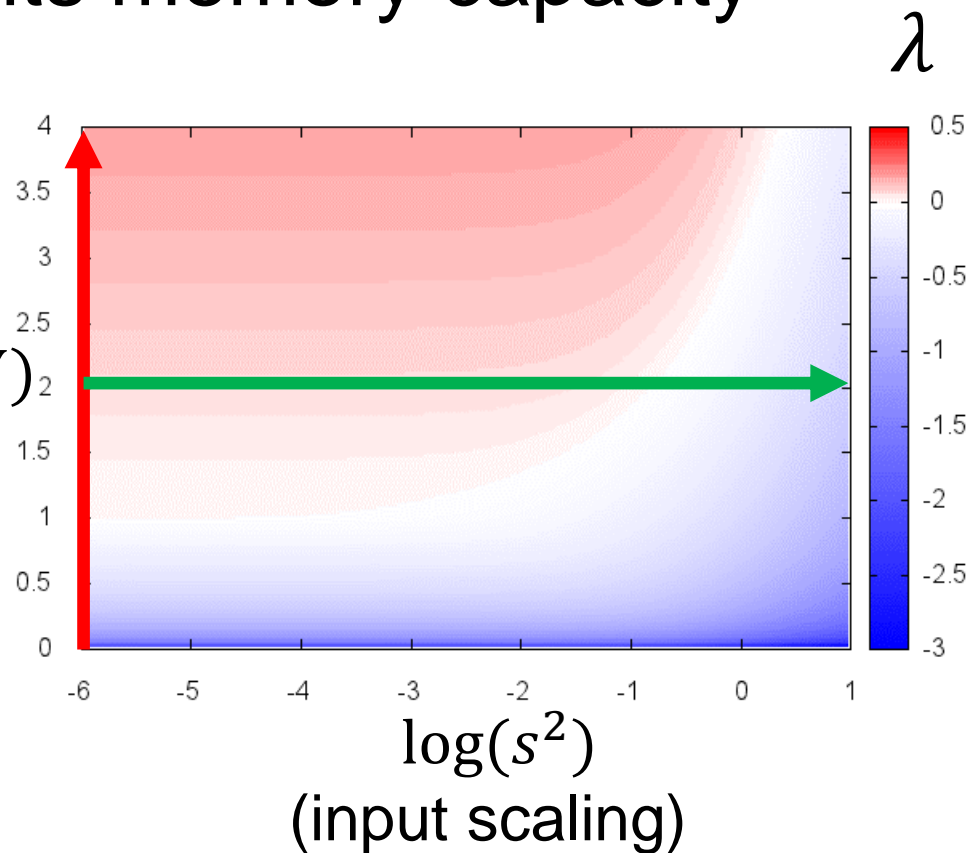
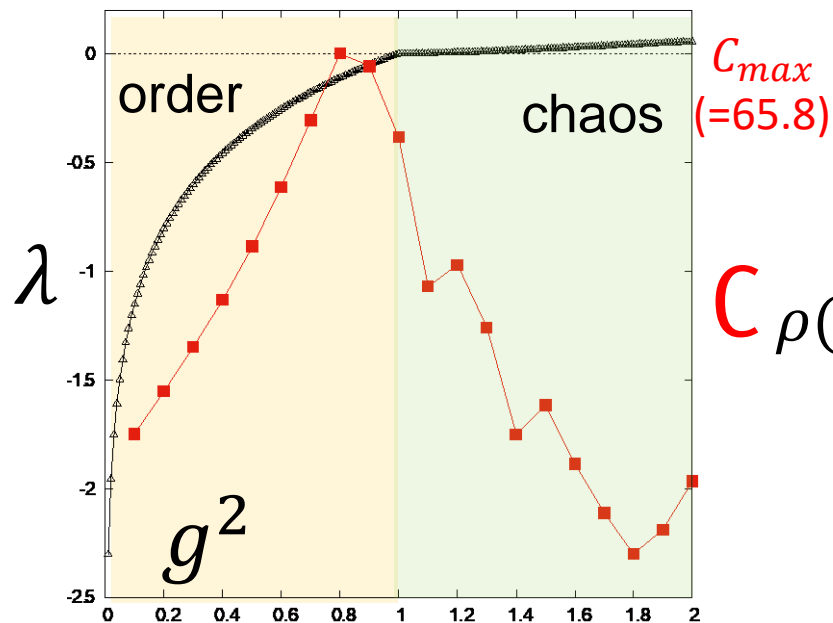
$$MC(\tau) = \frac{cov^2(y_s(k), u(k-\tau))}{\sigma^2(y_s(k))\sigma^2(u(k-\tau))}$$

H. Jaeger et al., "Short term memory in echo state networks," GMD Report 152 (2002).

Only by using current state of the reservoir, how much of the past input can be reconstructed?

→  $C$  is called memory capacity of the reservoir

# Bifurcation of ESN and its memory capacity



$C$

$C$  is maximized around  
the bifurcation point!  
( $C$  is normalized in the left plots)

# Is chaos useless in RC?

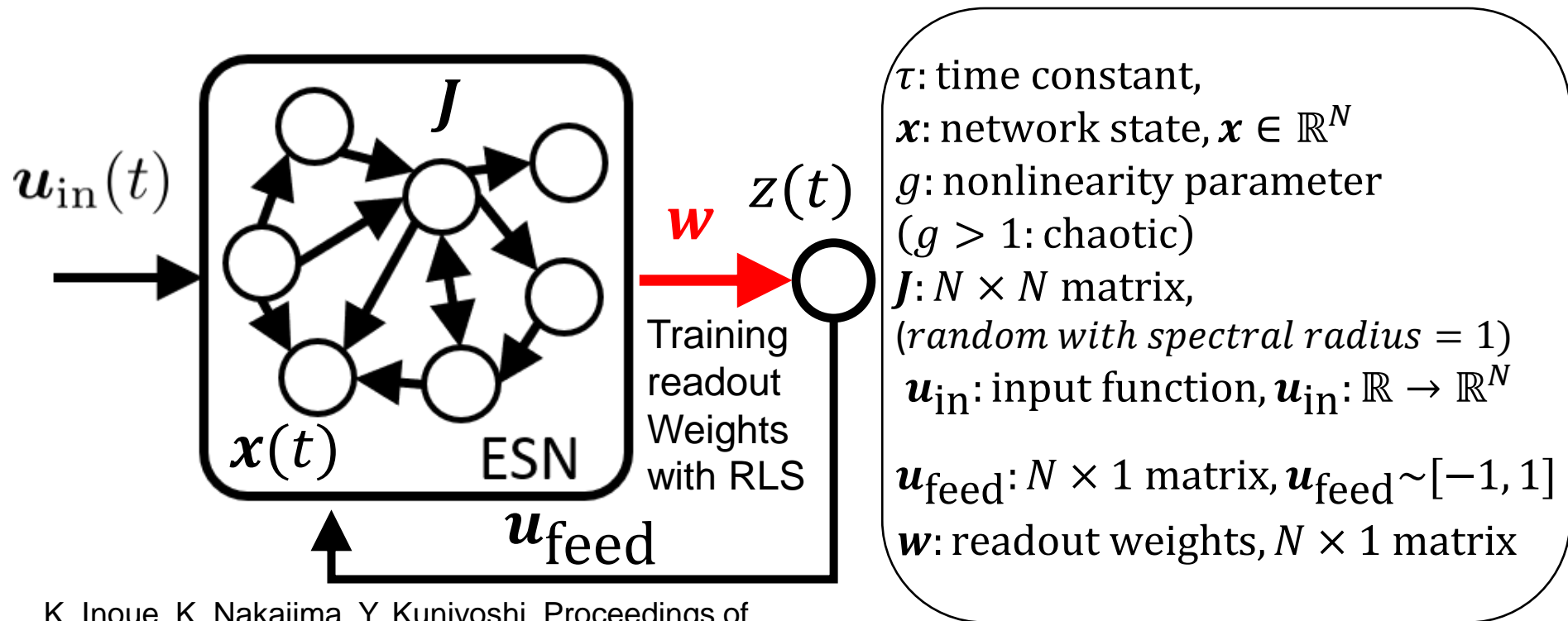
-> several ways proposed

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Liu, S., Akashi, N., Huang, Q., Kuniyoshi, Y., & Nakajima, K. (2024). Exploiting Chaotic Dynamics as Deep Neural Networks. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.02580*.

# Reservoir settings: chaotic ESN



K. Inoue, K. Nakajima, Y. Kuniyoshi, Proceedings of NOLTA2018, pp. 412-414, 2018.

$$\tau \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{x}(t) + \tanh(gJ\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{u}_{\text{feed}}z(t) + \mathbf{u}_{\text{in}}(t))$$
$$z(t) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}(t)$$

Use chaotic ESN ( $g = 1.5$ )

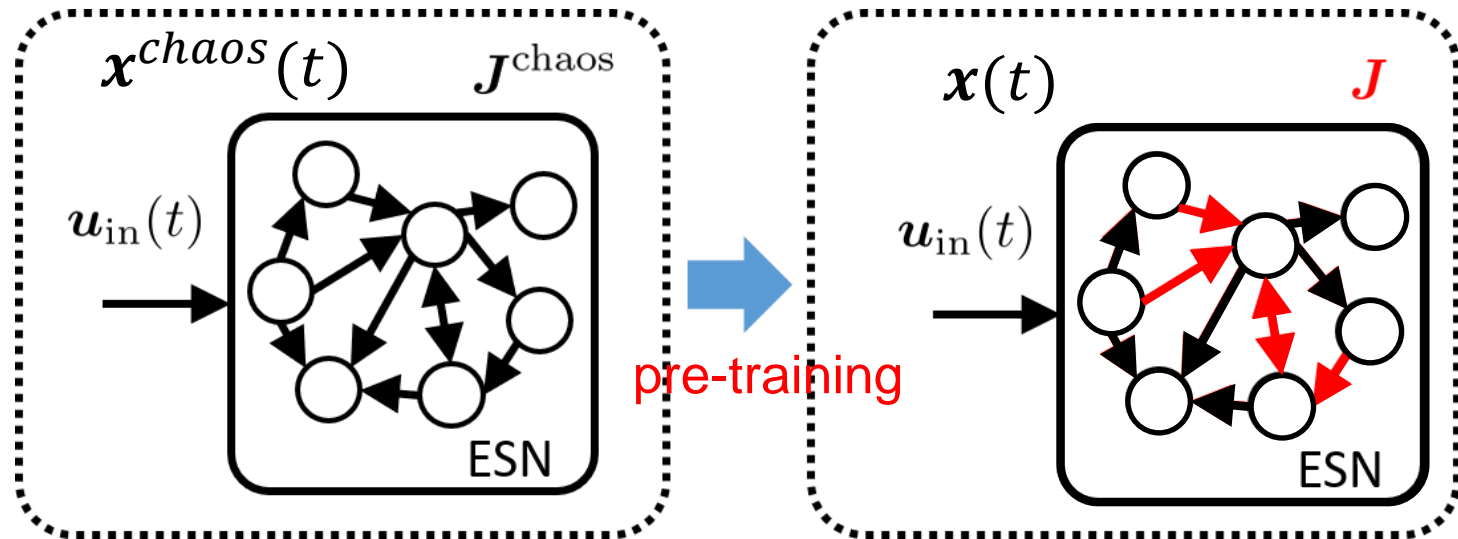
# Innate training:

“exploiting intrinsic chaotic dynamics”

(Points)

1. Method with **chaotic reservoir**
2. **Pre-training**
3. **Semi-supervised** method (*innate trajectory*)
4. Robustness to **external perturbation**
5. Coexisting **chaotic and locally stable trajectory**

# Innate training approach: exploiting chaos



Train  $J$  to minimize

$$C_J = \int_{T_0}^{T_1} \|\mathbf{x}^{chaos}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t)\|^2 dt$$

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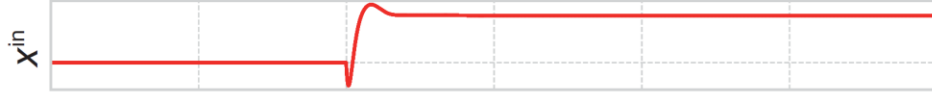
The system is...

- globally chaotic
- locally stable and reproducible dynamics

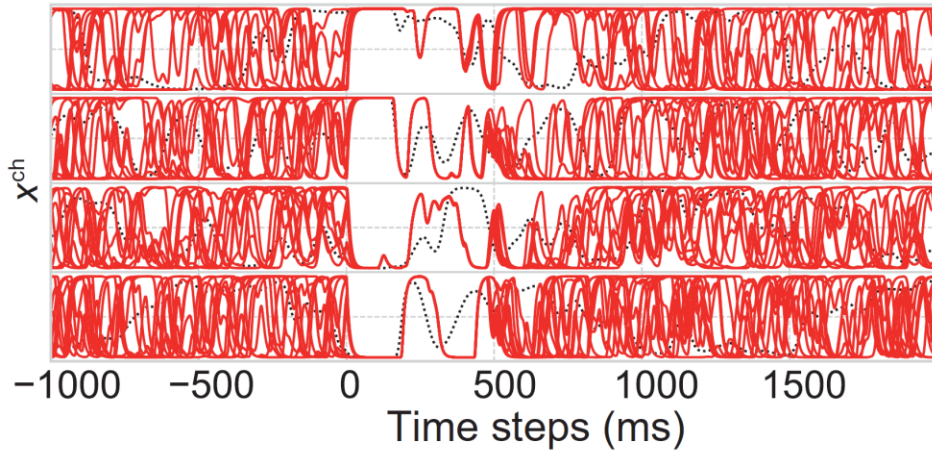
# Innate training: example

Before innate training

Input ESN

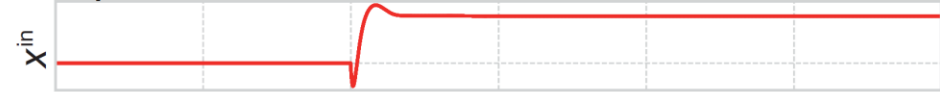


Chaotic ESN

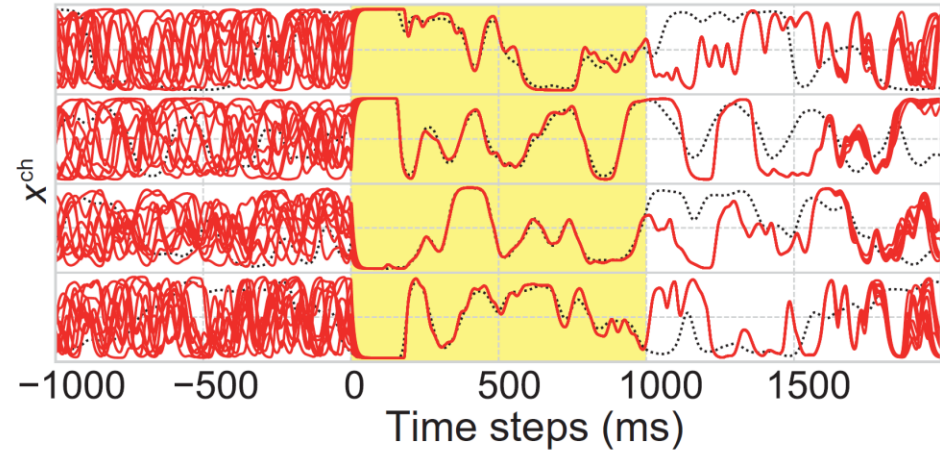


After innate training

Input ESN Training condition:  $(M, L_{\text{innate}}) = (1, 1000)$



Chaotic ESN

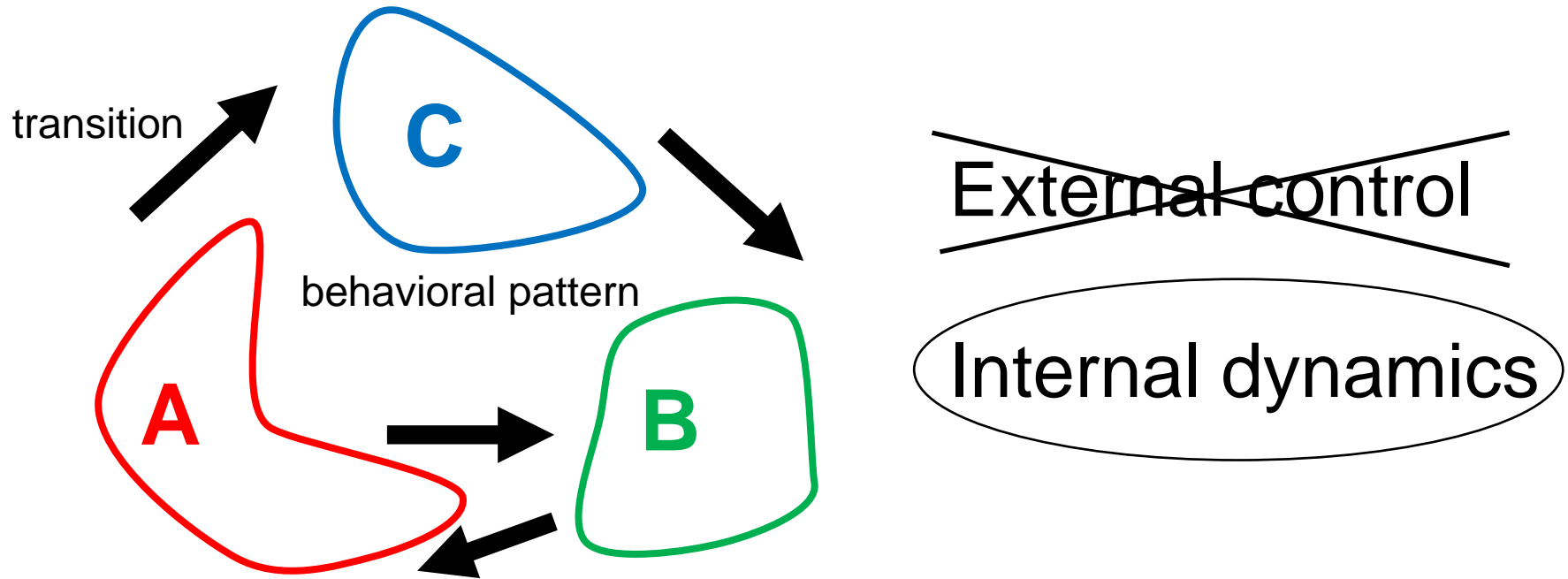


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## (Features)

- Generate the same innate trajectory reproducibly according to the corresponding input!
- Learned innate trajectory is stable, but the ESN is still chaotic!

# Designing spontaneous behavioral switching



- **Step 1:** Behavioral patterns
- **Step 2:** Periodic transitions among the patterns
- **Step 3:** Random transitions among the patterns

Step 3 is related to chaotic itinerancy!



# What is chaotic itinerancy?

Schematic Representation of Chaotic Itinerancy  
in phase space

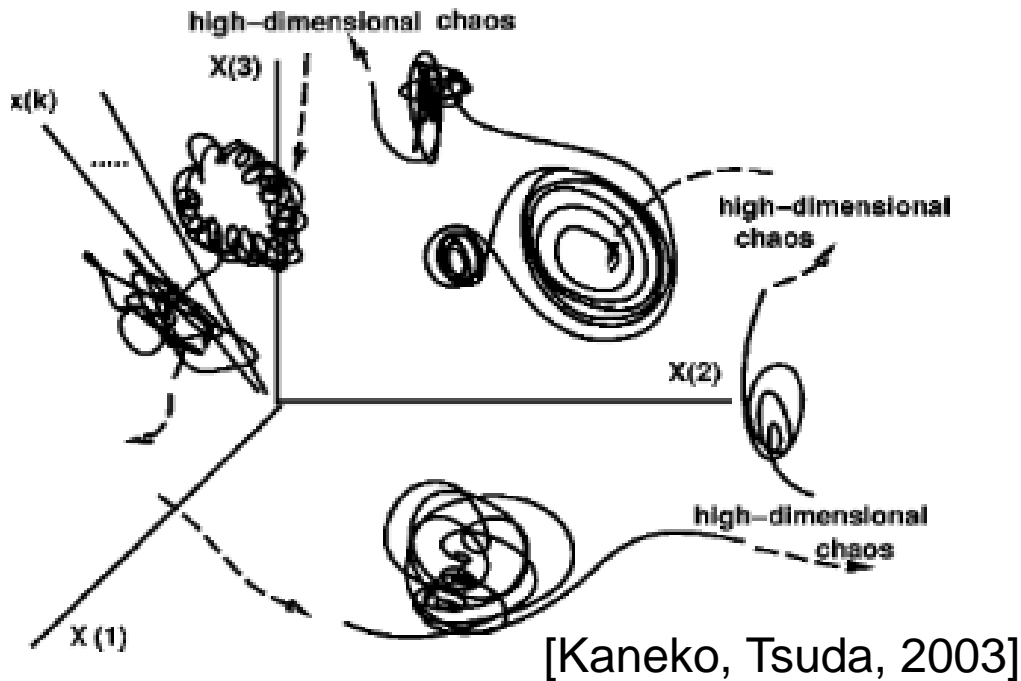


FIG. 1. Schematic representation of chaotic itinerancy.

First found in...

- Optical turbulence  
[K. Ikeda et. al., 1989]
- A globally coupled chaotic system  
[K. Kaneko, 1990; 1991]
- Nonequilibrium neural networks  
[I. Tsuda, 1991; 1992]

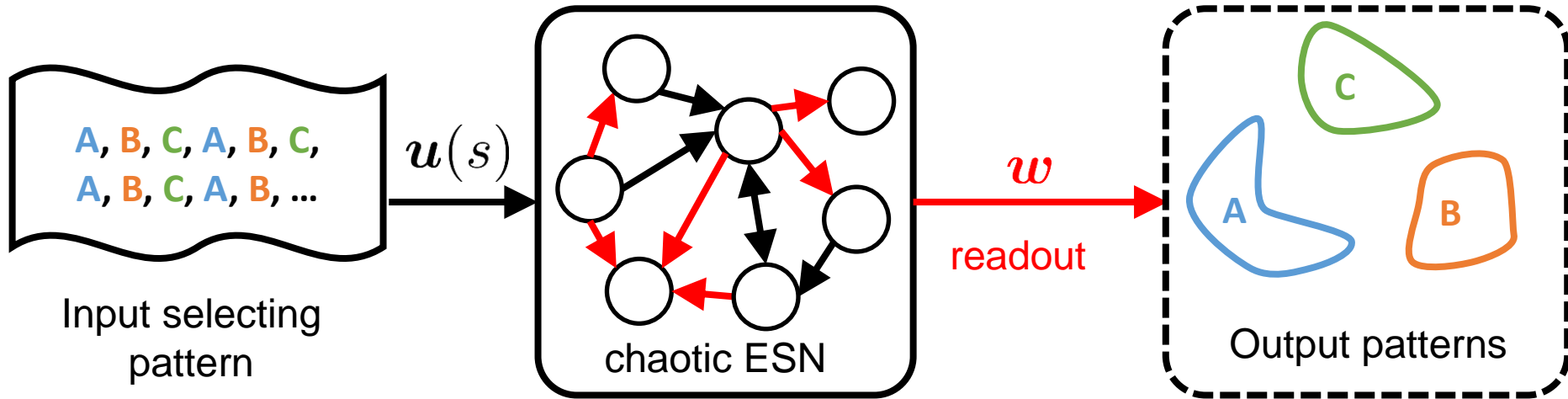
## (Features)

- Frequently observed in high-dimensional nonlinear dynamical systems
- Seemingly random transitions among quasi-attractors



Propose a  
scheme to  
design CI!

# Step 1: Designing complex pattern corresponding to input signal



## Pre-training chaotic ESN and embed complex patterns

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\*note that in the original paper, a construction called input reservoir is introduced, but this time we skip it for simplicity.

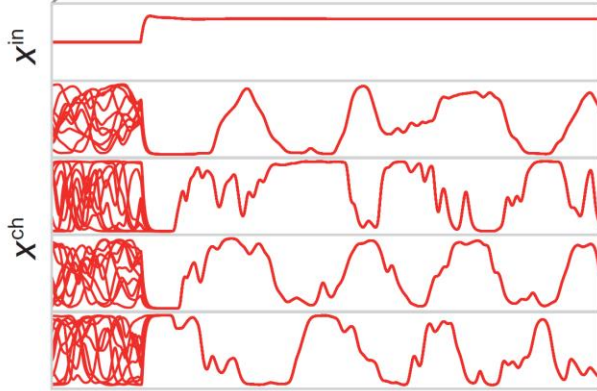
# Step 1

## Embedding quasi-attractor

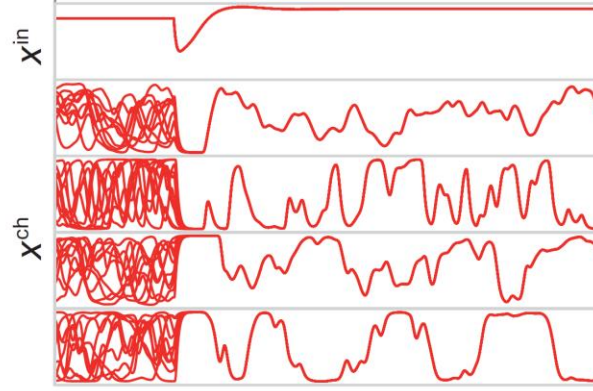
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# Generate complex patterns according to the input

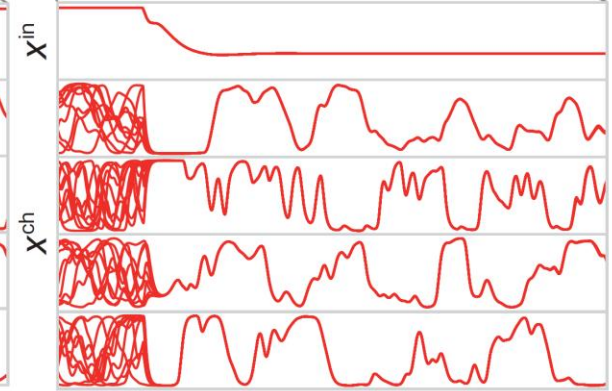
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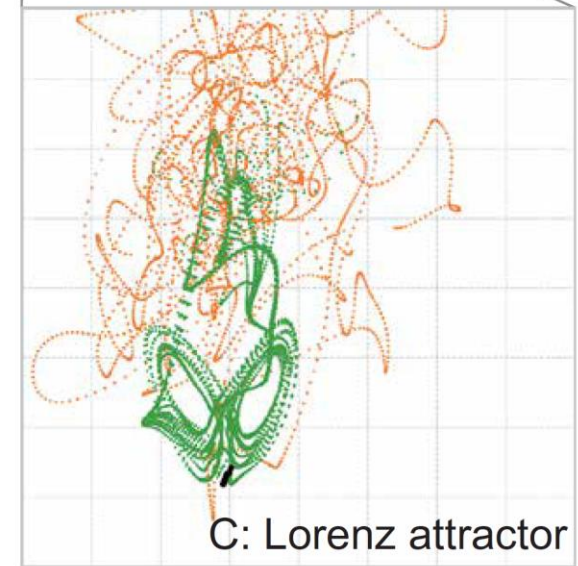
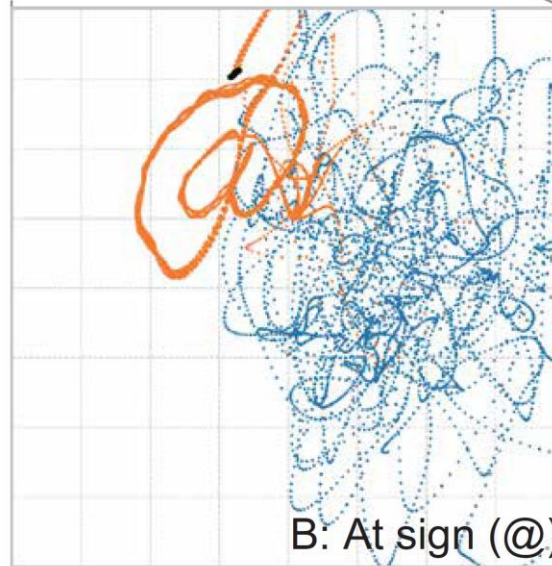
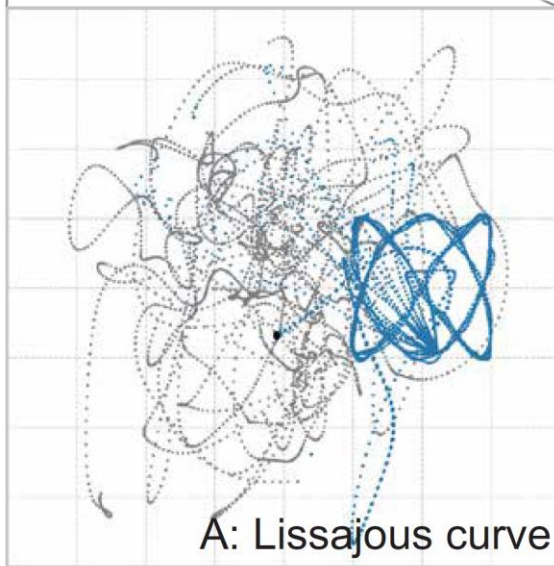
Input B



Input C



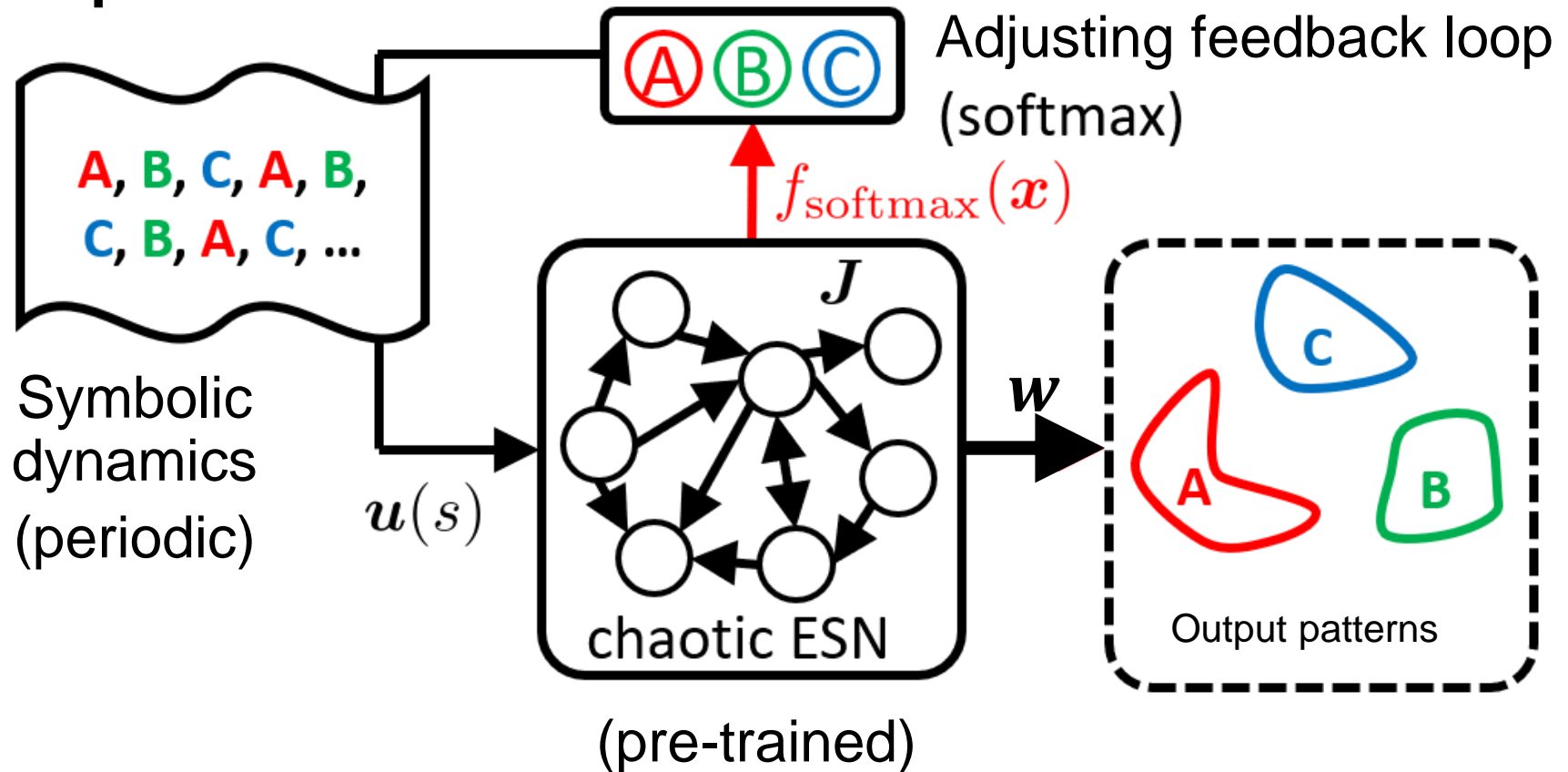
Output dynamics (2-dim)



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- Required patterns are successfully learned!

# Step 2: switching embedded patterns in a periodic manner



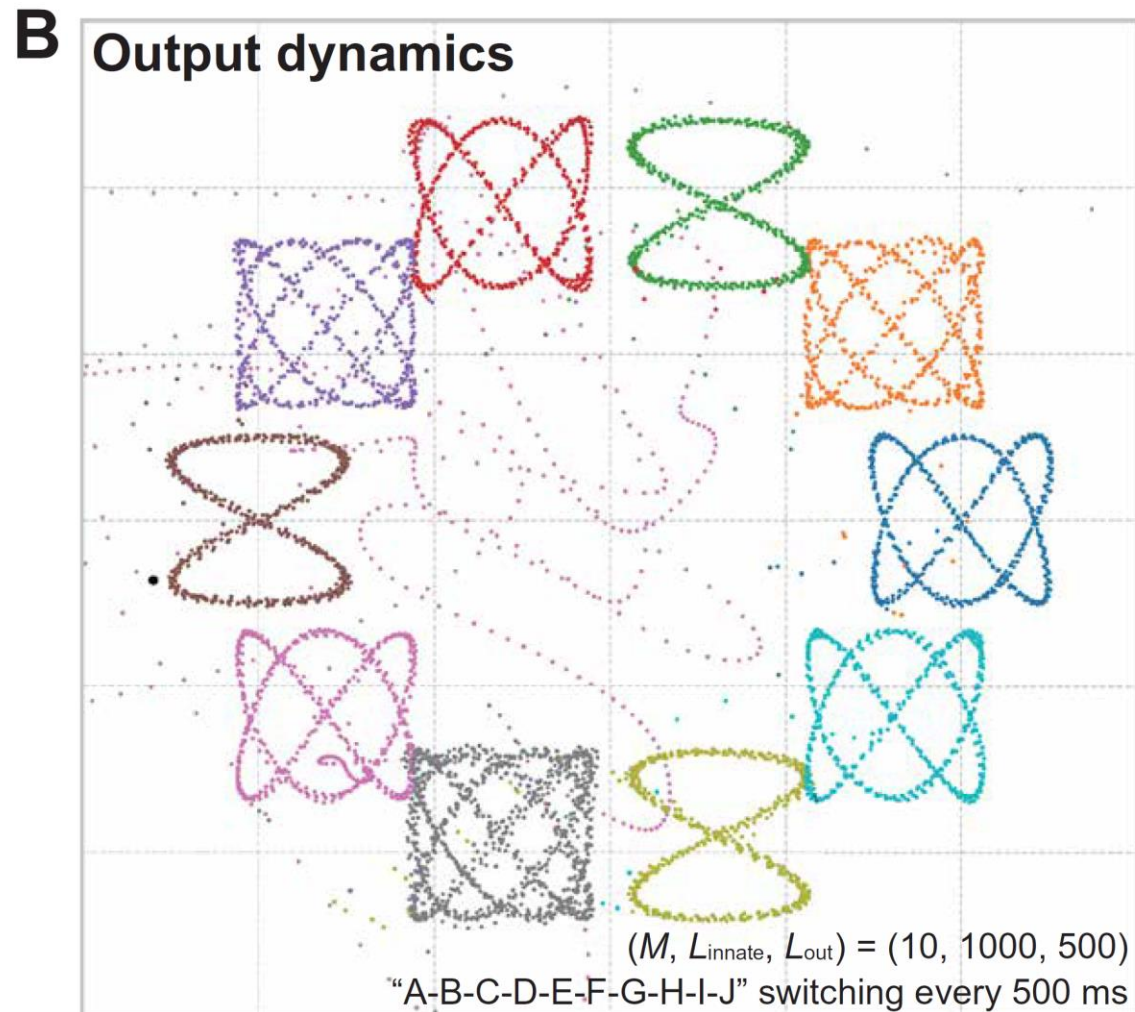
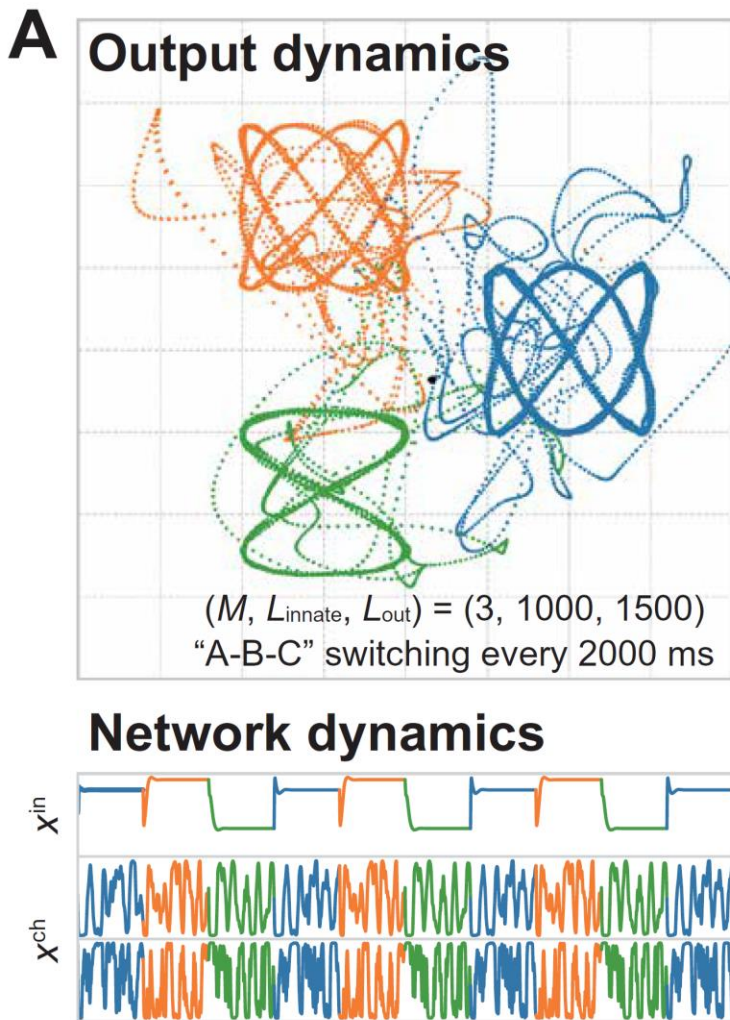
- Internalizing the external control through feedback loop!
- Should estimate the duration of time for each pattern (switch in appropriate timing) using the same reservoir!

# Step 2

## Periodic symbol transition

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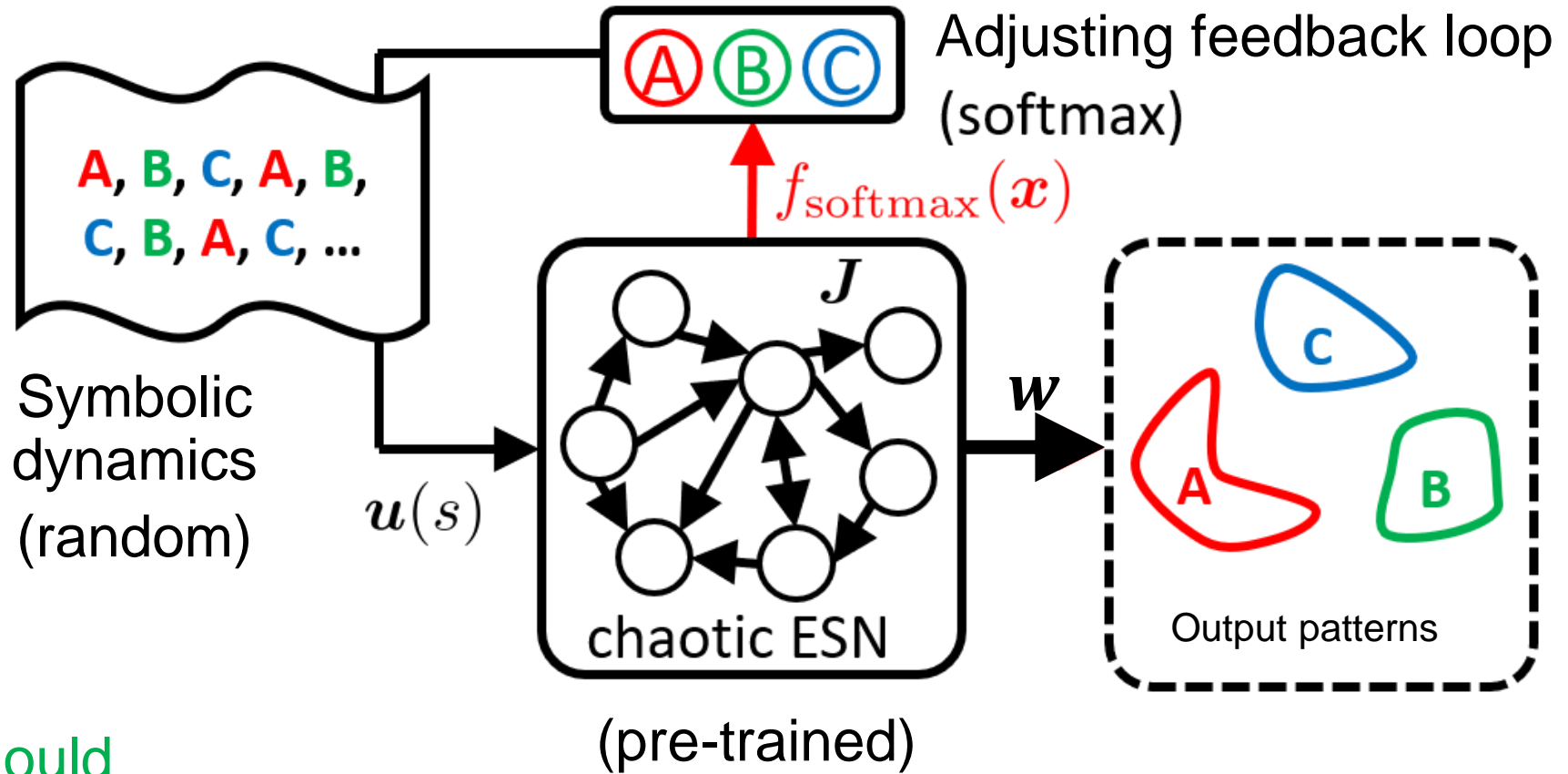
# Periodic transitions are embedded!



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- Can design a fine structure in a limit cycle.

# Step 3: switching embedded patterns in a random manner



Should

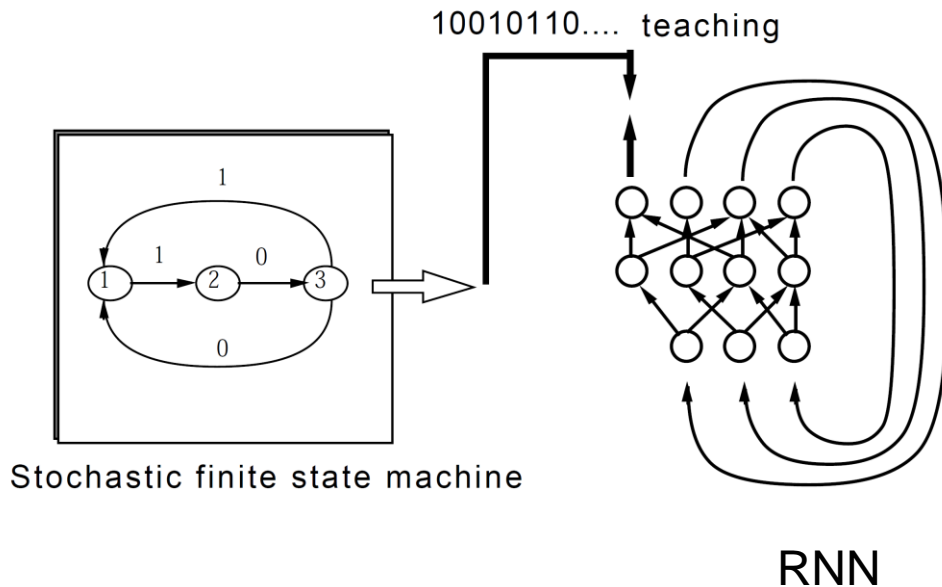
(estimate the duration of time for each pattern)

+ (emulate transition probability)

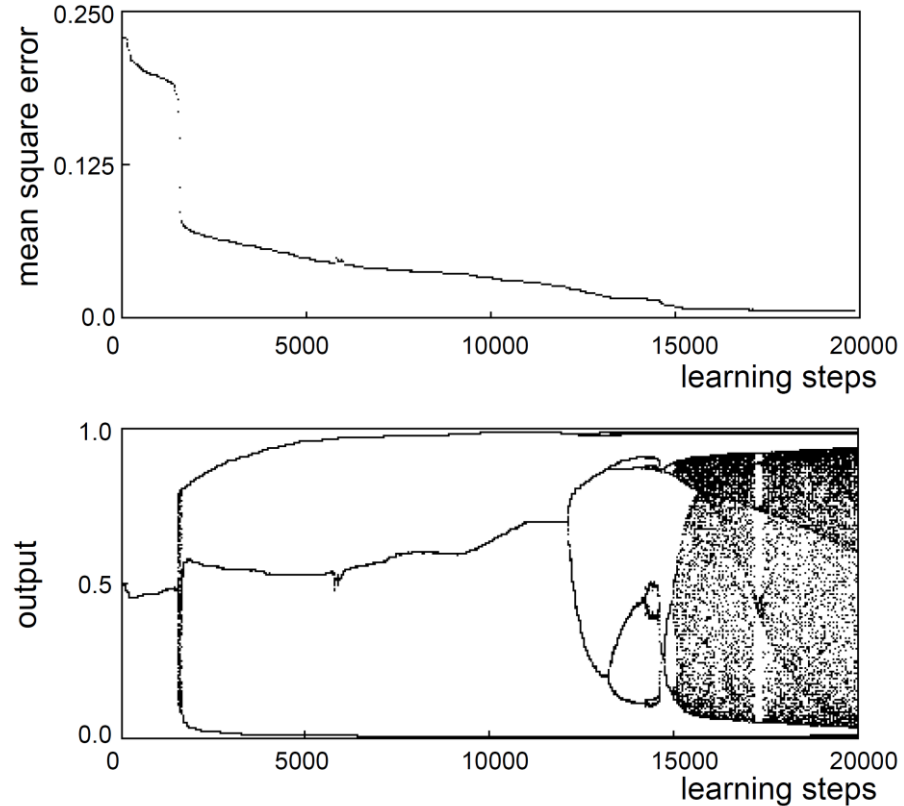
using the same chaotic reservoir!



# Learning stochastic process with deterministic system generates chaos



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**Chaos is generated!**

- In our system, chaos already exists in the network!

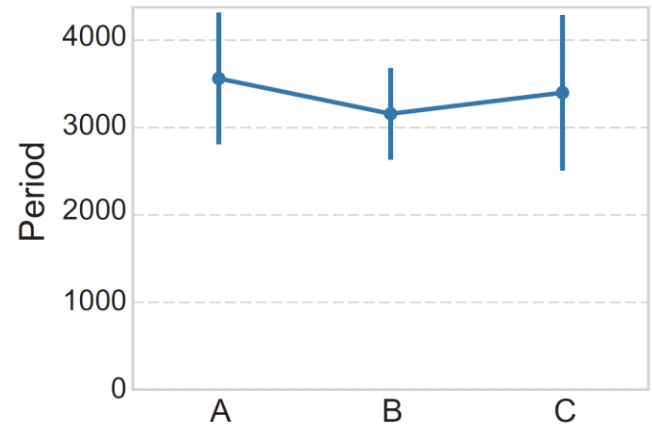
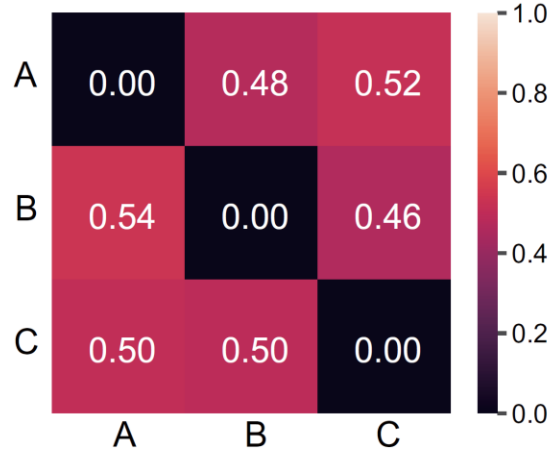
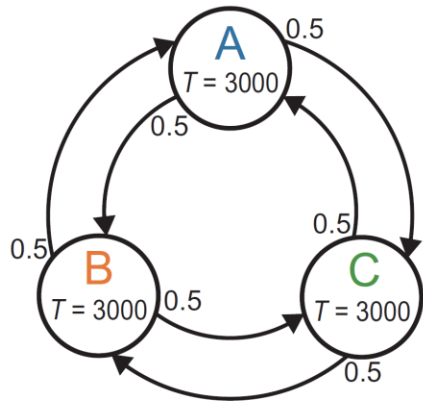
# Step 3

## Designing chaotic itinerancy

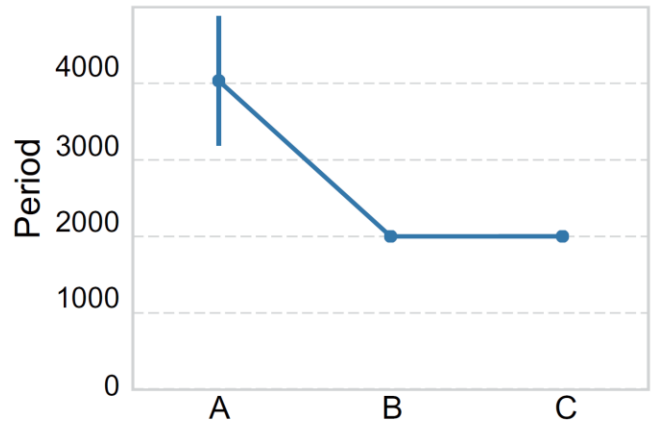
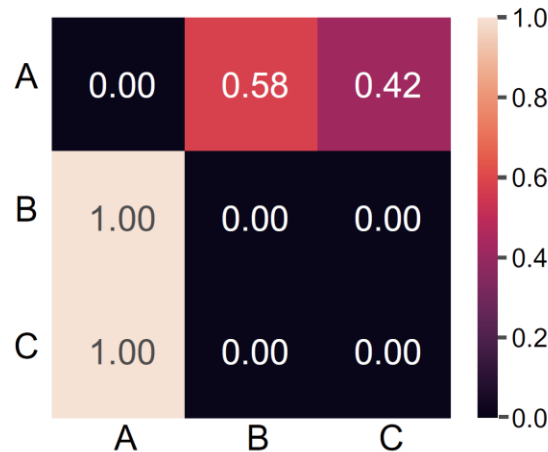
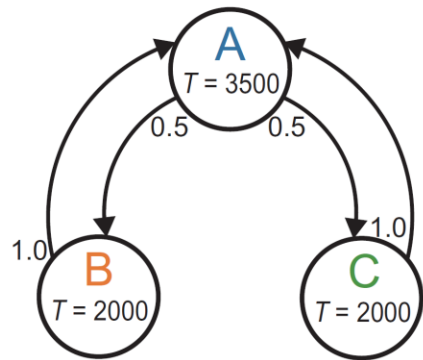
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# Designing transition probabilities

## Stochastic pattern 1



## Stochastic pattern 2



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Transition probability and duration for each pattern are designed successfully!

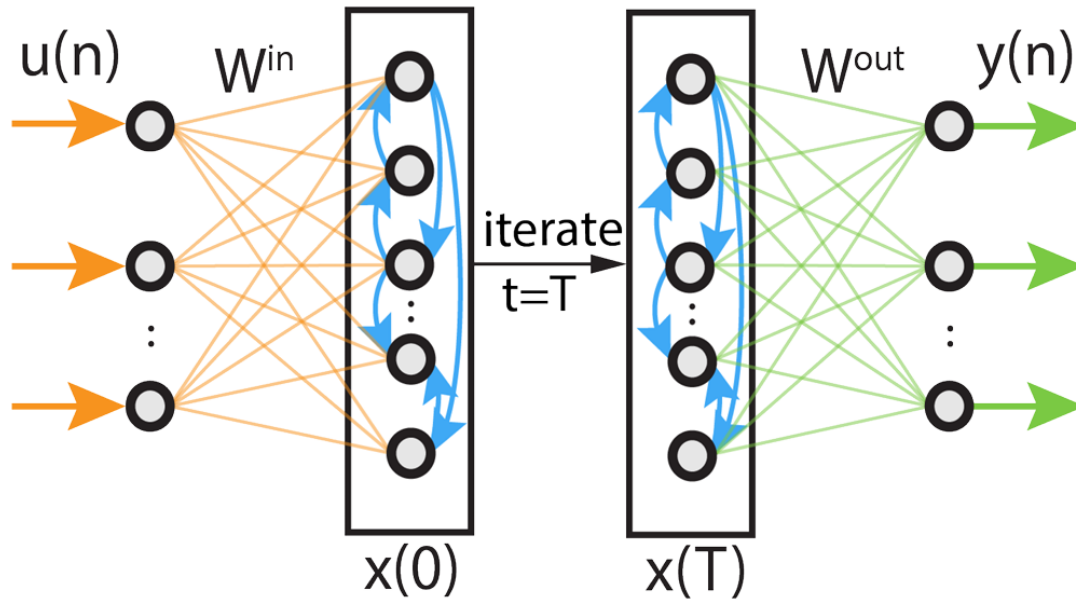
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**Exploiting Chaotic Dynamics as Deep Neural Networks.**

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# Feed-forward ESN

$$x(t + 1) = \mathcal{F}(W x(t))$$



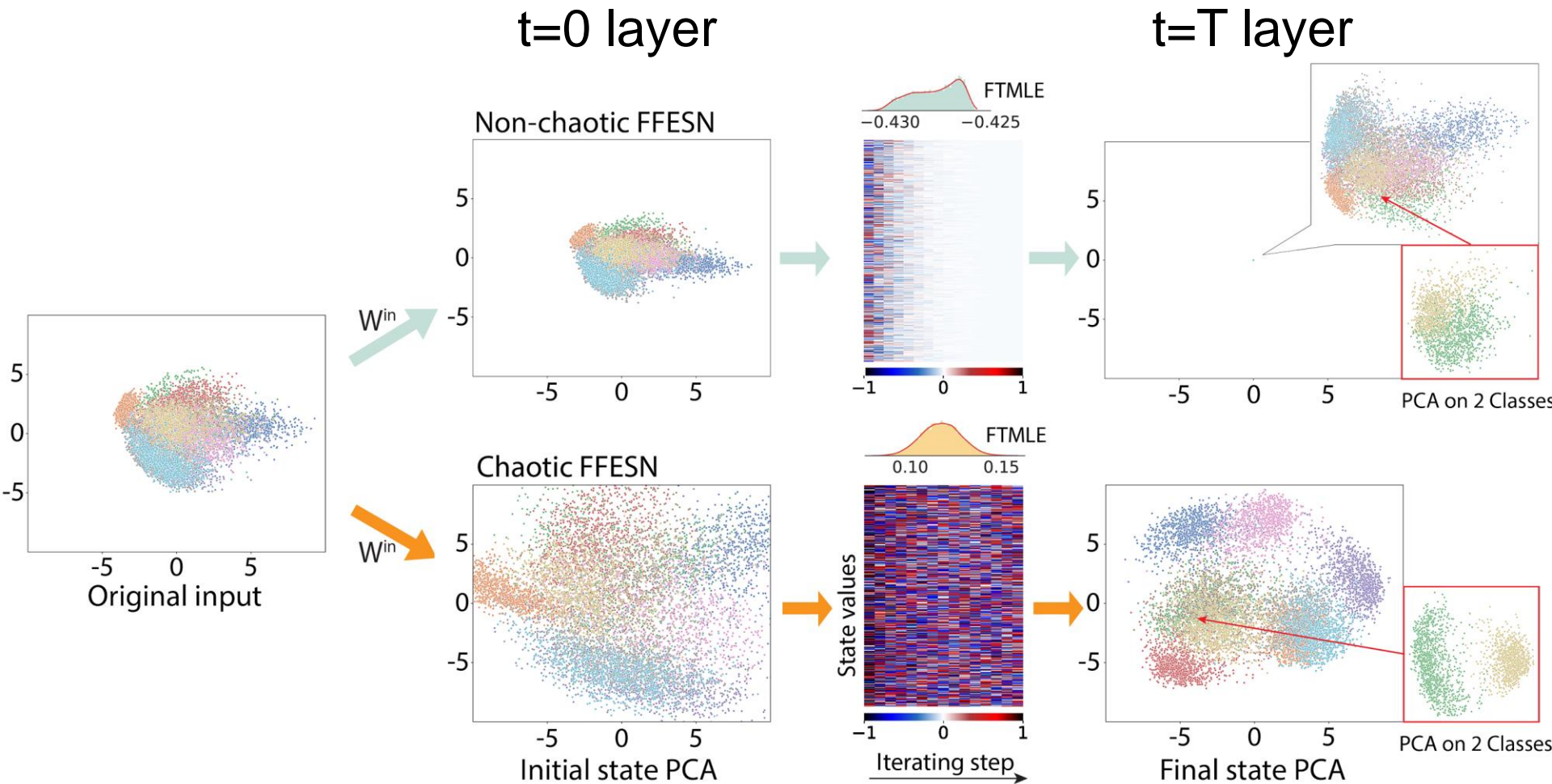
$$x(0) = W_{in} u ,$$

$$x(i + 1) = f(W' x(i)) ,$$

$$y = W_{out} x(n) .$$

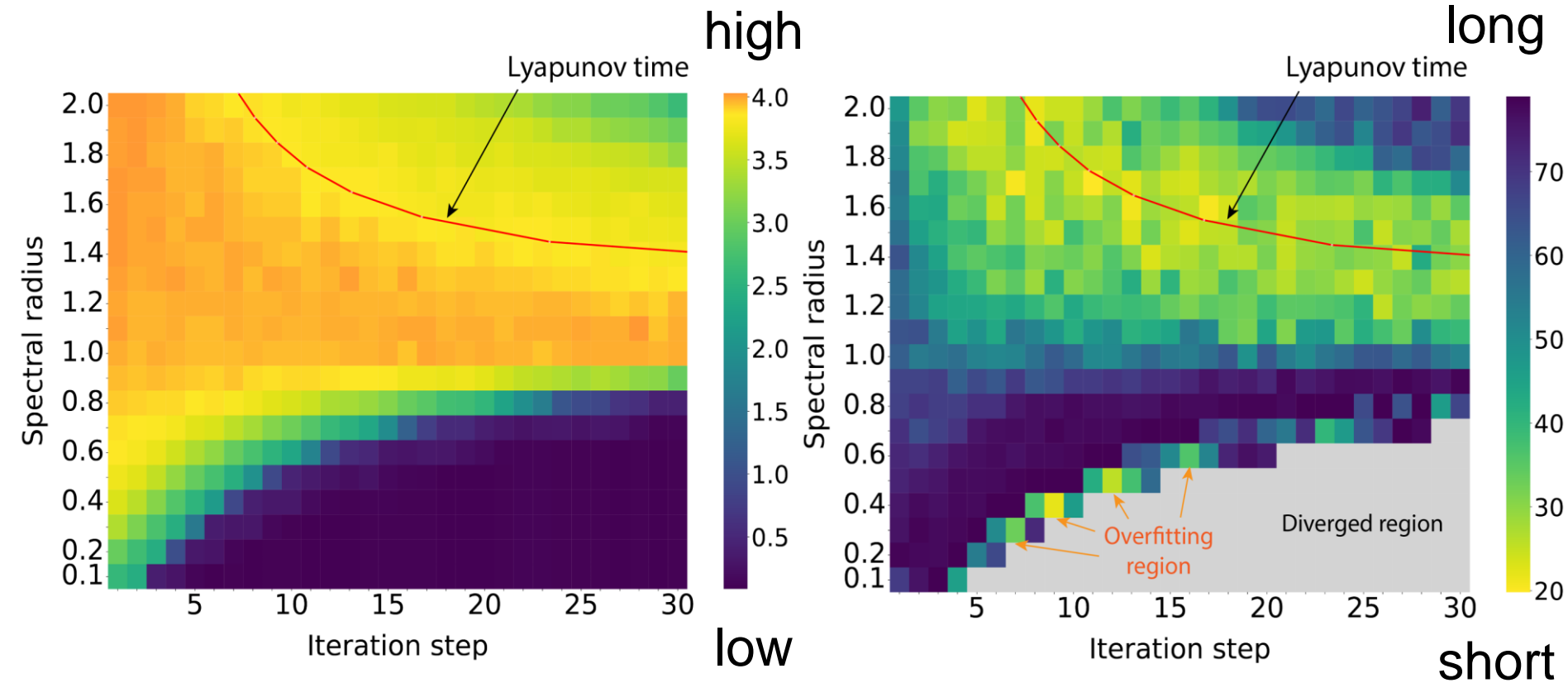
- Iteration timesteps as layers of deep neural networks (DNN)!
- $W_{in}$ ,  $W_{out}$  are trained through BP
- $W_{in}$  determines how to set the initial conditions

# Implementing MNIST classification task



- Memory of initial conditions are rather required!  
(= broken down of ESP)
- Chaos generates high separability!

# Performance and convergence time



- Lyapunov time characterizes the optimal timesteps (layers) of the network in chaotic region

# High performance similar to DNN

System	High.(%)	Avg.(%)
Linear Regression	92.52	92.48
MLP ( $N = 500$ )	97.53	97.45
FFESN ( $\rho = 0.9, N = 500, T = 1$ )	98.16	98.08
FFESN ( $\rho = 1.0, N = 500, T = 1$ )	98.26	98.12
FFESN ( $\rho = 1.8, N = 500, T = 2$ )	98.34	98.23
Lorenz 96 ( $F = 0.5, N = 500, T = 0.4$ )	98.29	98.17
Lorenz 96 ( $F = 4.75, N = 500, T = 0.2$ )	98.20	98.02
CNN ( $N = 600$ )	98.77	98.69
CSTOs ( $N = 600, A_{cp} = 17.8 \text{ Oe}, T = 300 \text{ ps}$ )	98.43	98.33
Deep CSTOs ( $A_{cp} = \{10, 0.1, 10\}, T = 100 \text{ ps}$ )	98.56	98.33
CNN + CSTOs ( $N = 600, cp = 745 \text{ Oe}, T = 200 \text{ ps}$ )	<b>99.05</b>	<b>99.00</b>

MLP and CNN all have only one hidden layer with  $N$  neurons.

- Chaotic dynamics is useful!



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