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UNDERSTANDING AND LEVERAGING SYNCHRONIZATION IN RESERVOIR COMPUTING

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Roadmap:

- Problem and Motivation
 - High-dimensional system
 - Low-dimensional surrogate model
 - Reservoir Computing (RC)
- RC and Synchronization
 - “How” RC works
- Synchronization and Observers (Inference)
 - Inferring missing data
- Conclusions



System and Measurements

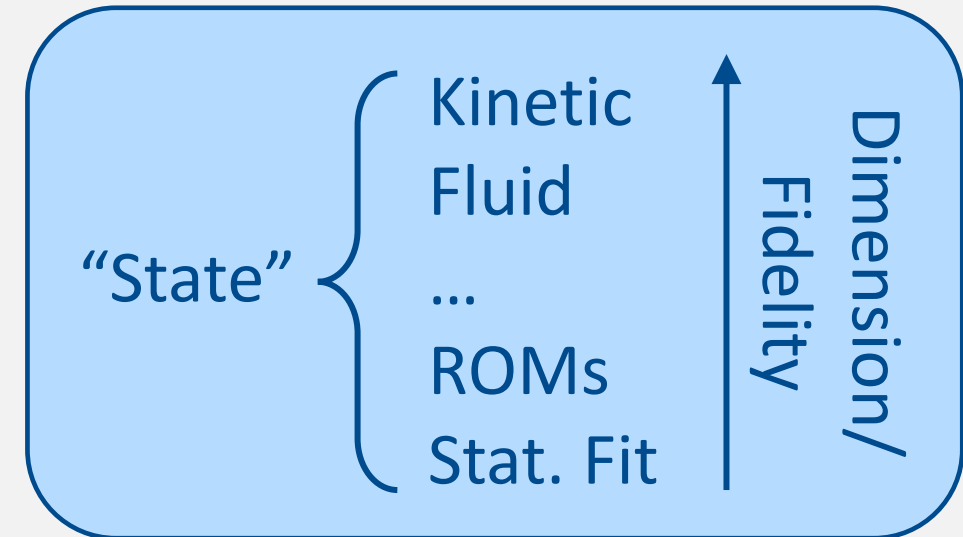
$$\dot{x} = f(x; p) \text{ [ODE or PDE]}$$

x : “state” of the system

p : parameters

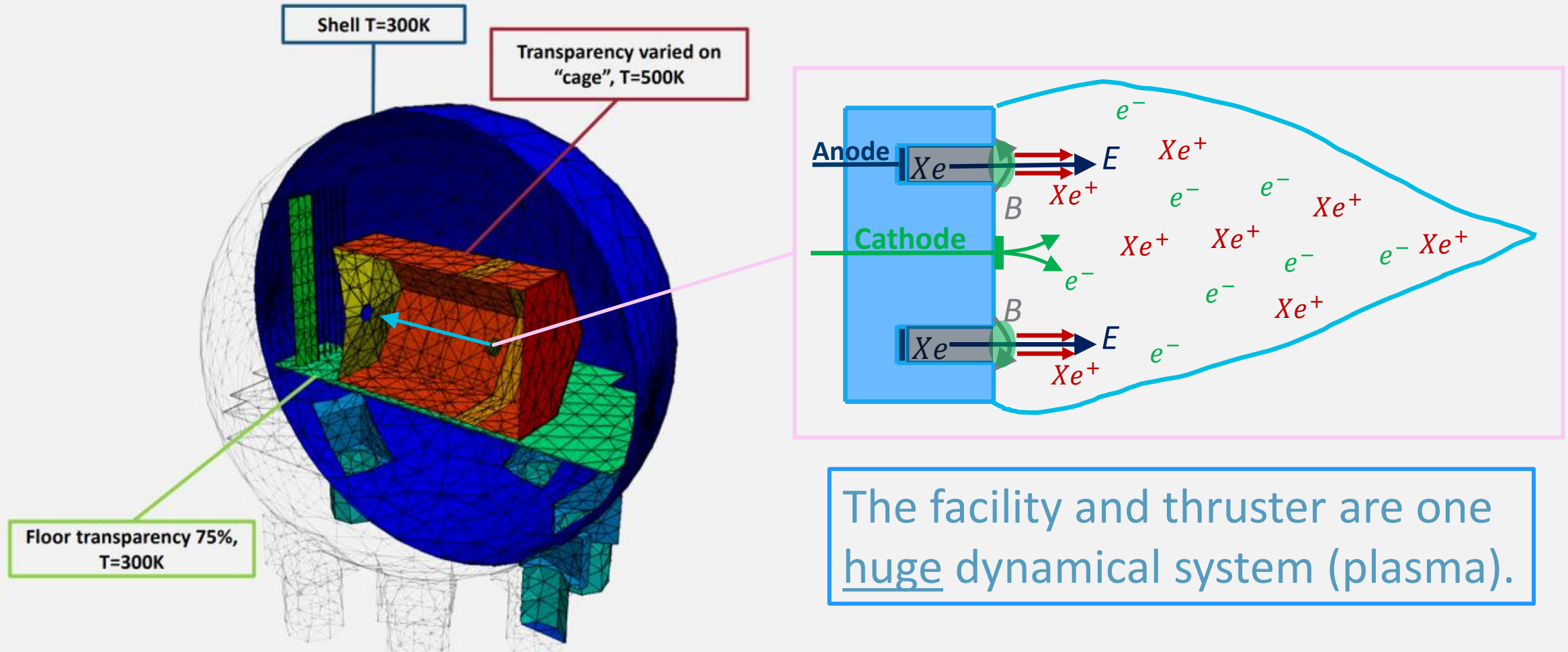
$$y = h(x) + \text{noise}$$

y : measurements



Experimental Constraint: $\dim y \ll \dim x$

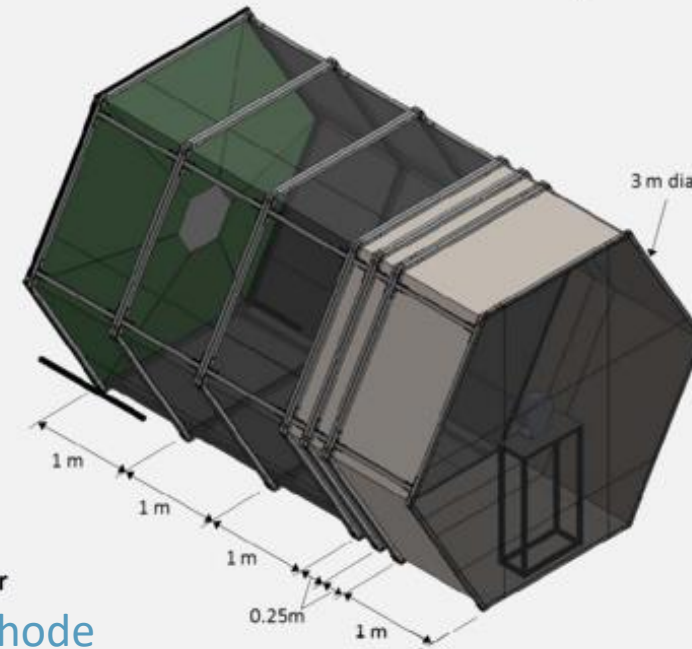
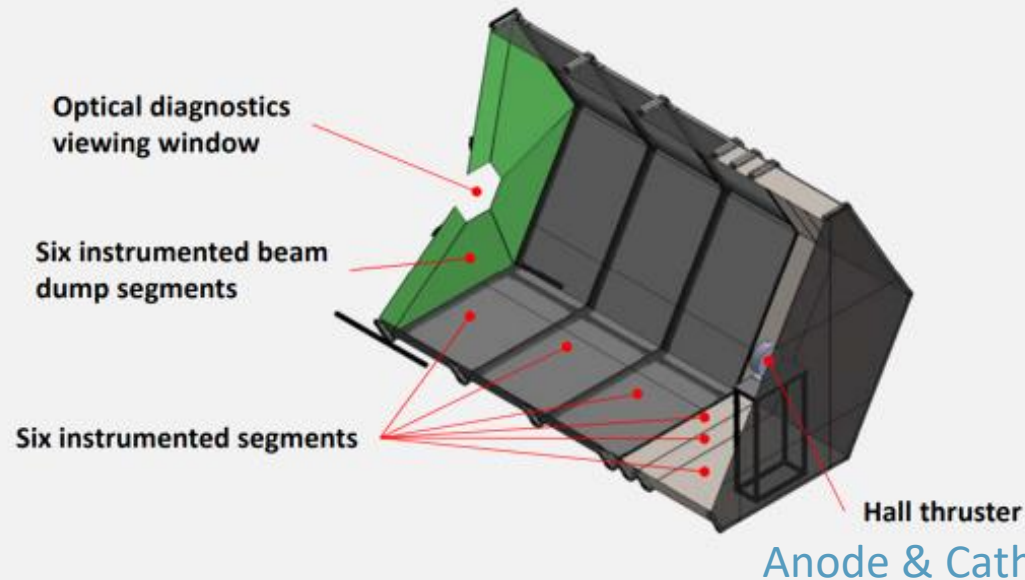
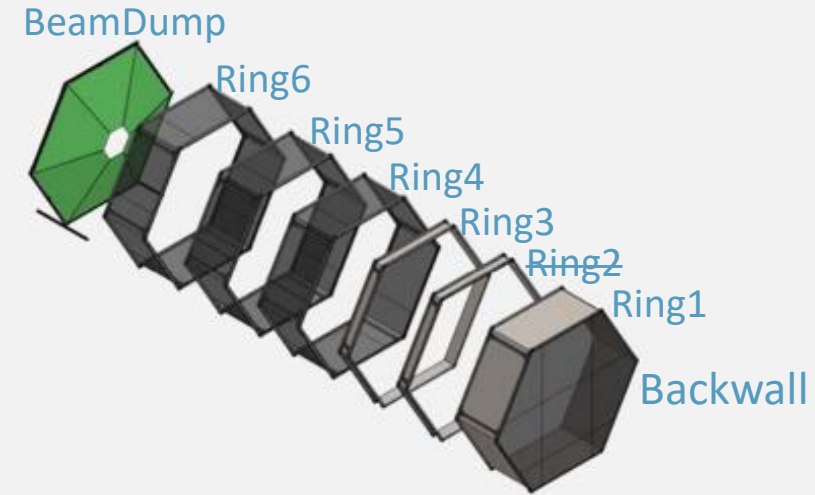
Hall-Effect Thruster Interacting with Cage



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Measurements

- “High Dimensional” Plasma
 - Complex system, multiscale, multiphysics
 - Difficult to model computationally
- 9 current measurements: y



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Learning Dynamics

Unknown

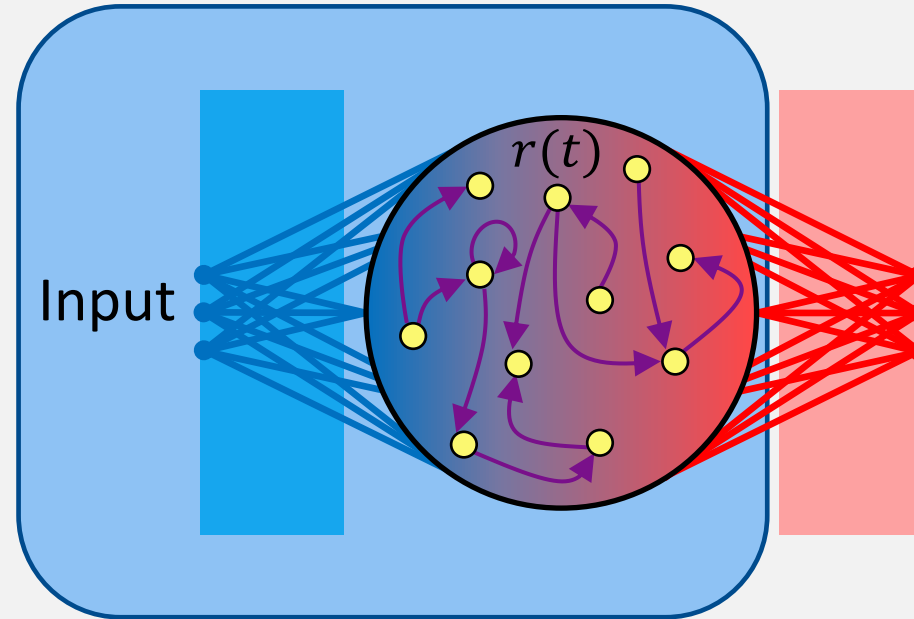
True Dynamics
Measurement

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = f(x; p) \\ y = h(x) + \text{noise} \end{array} \right\} y_{n+1} = F(y_n) \text{ Effective Dynamics}$$

Given data $\{y\}$, ^(learn) find F such that $y_{n+1} = F(y_n)$ beyond measurement window.

“Can we predict future measurements from data alone?”

Reservoir Computing: Listening Phase (1/3)



Input Data:

Reservoir State:

Driven Reservoir:

Integrate (*RK2*):

y

r

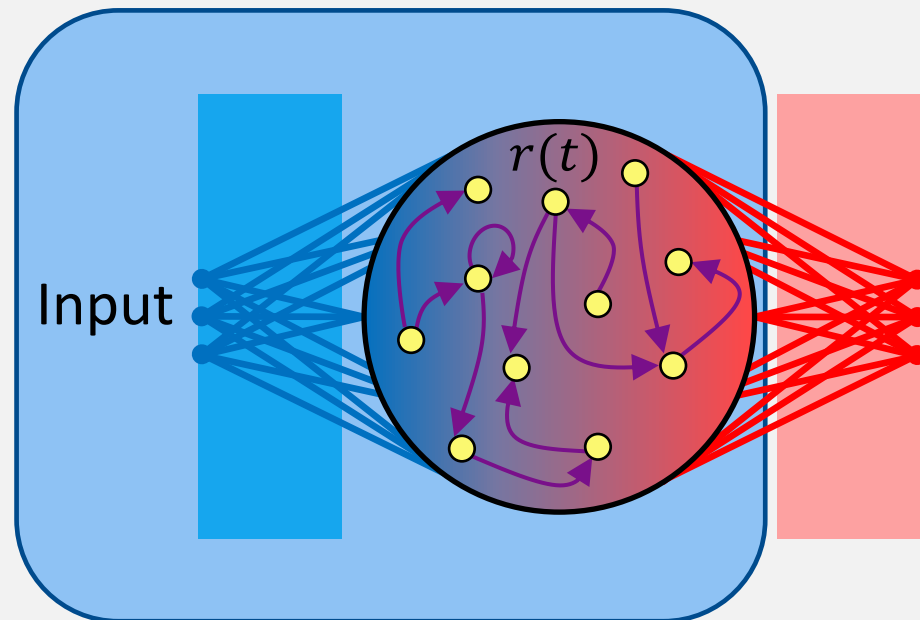
$$\dot{r} = -r + \tanh(Ar + By)$$

$$\{r(t_1), r(t_2), \dots, r(t_M)\}$$

Set $r(t_1) = 0$. Stochastic Initialization* for A, B .

* A sparse (2%) and scaled so $\rho(A) \sim 1$

Reservoir Computing: Listening Phase (1/3)



$$B =$$



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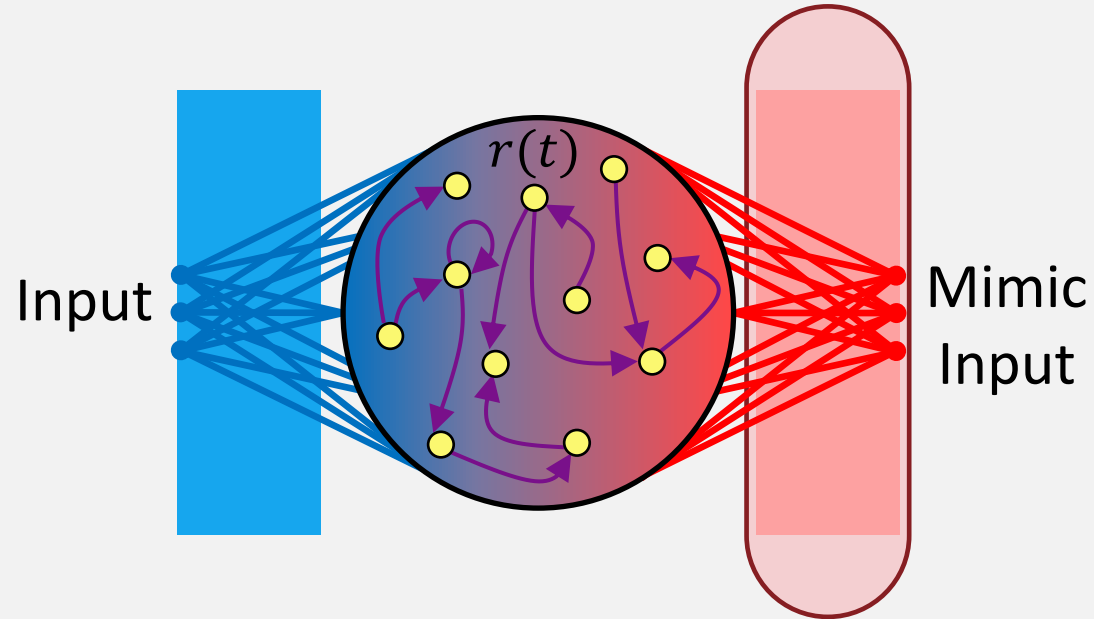
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Reservoir Computing: Training Phase (2/3)



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Estimate:

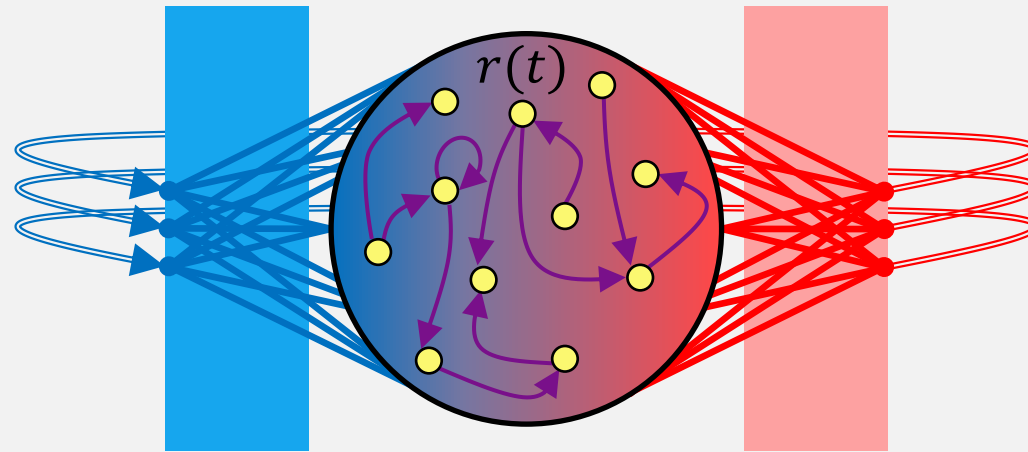
Solve for W :

y

\hat{y}

$$y \simeq \hat{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Wr \Rightarrow \underset{W}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - Wr\|^2$$

Reservoir Computing: Predicting Phase (3/3)



Driven Reservoir:

$$\dot{r} = -r + \tanh(Ar + By)$$

Predicting Reservoir:

$$\dot{r} = -r + \tanh([A + BW]r)$$

Integrate (*RK2*):

$$\{r(t_{M+1}), r(t_{M+2}), \dots\}$$

Readout:

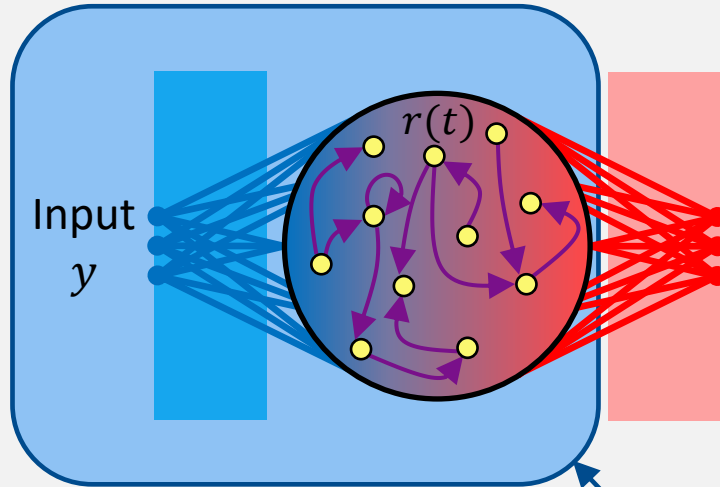
$$\hat{y} = Wr$$

Compare \hat{y} and y .

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Reservoir Computing Phases

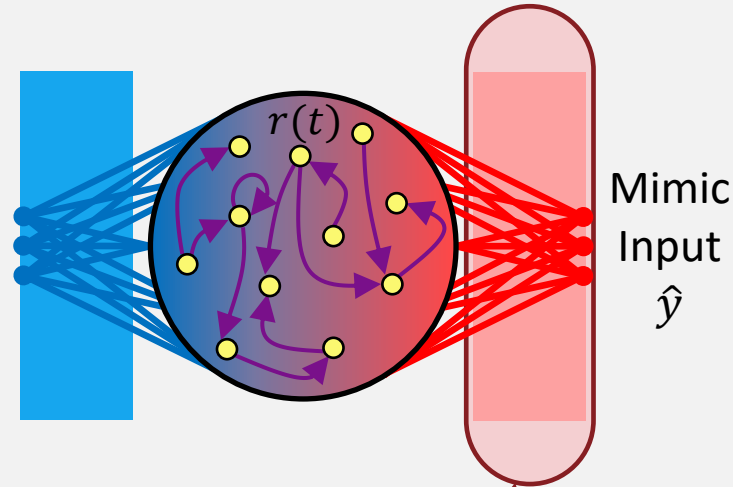
Listen



- Drive fixed system
- A and B arbitrary
- $\dot{r} = -r + \tanh(Ar + By)$

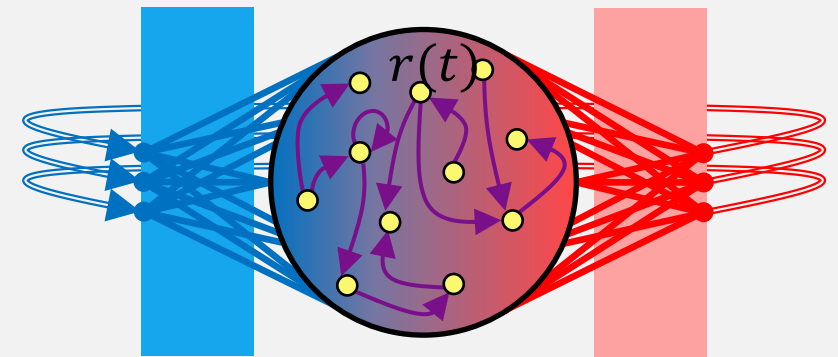
State-Contracting \Rightarrow
Generalized Synchronization

Train



- Solve for W
- $y \simeq \hat{y} = Wr$
 - Linear, fast

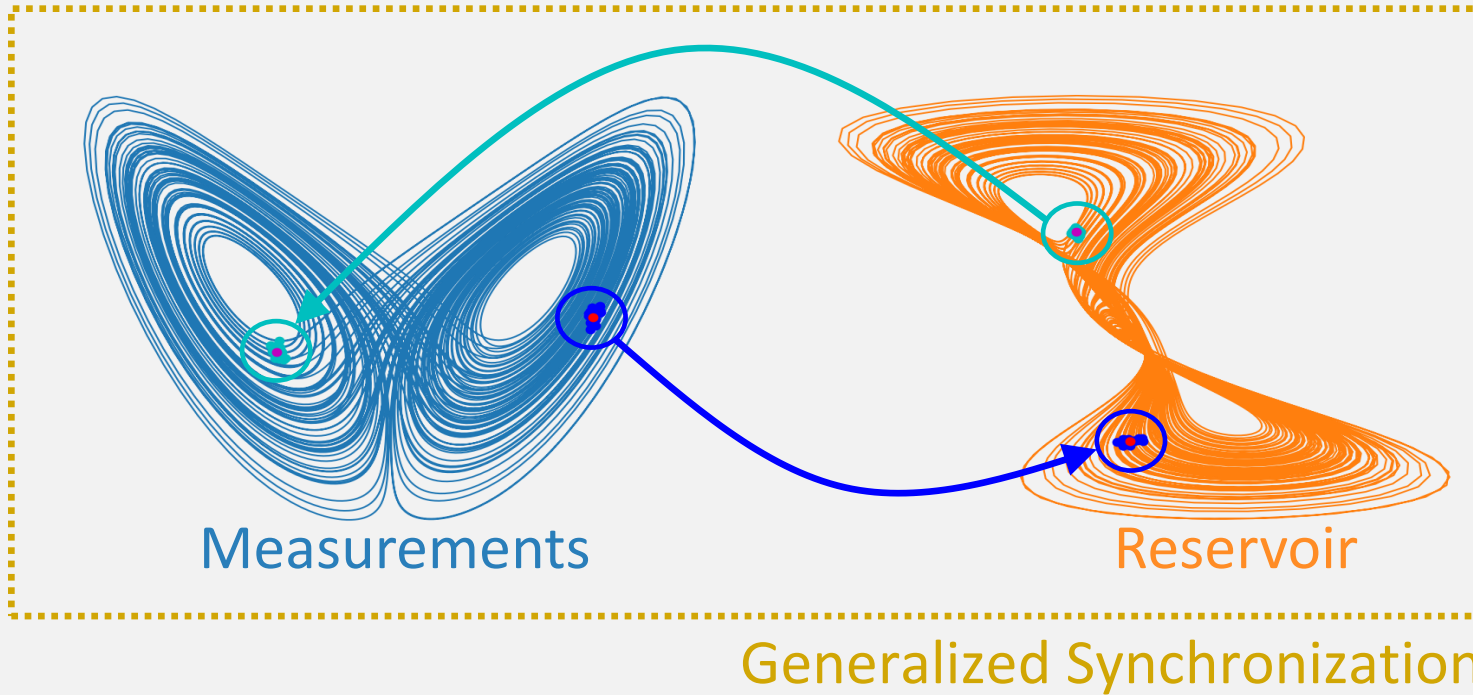
Predict



- Close the feedback loop
- $\dot{r} = -r + \tanh(Ar + By)$
 $\simeq -r + \tanh(Ar + B\hat{y})$
 $= -r + \tanh([A + BW]r)$

Universal Approx.

Unique Continuous Map across Attractors



$$\Psi(\mathcal{A}_y) = \mathcal{A}_r$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$

Conjecture:

If $\dim r > 2 \dim y$, then Ψ is almost-surely an embedding.

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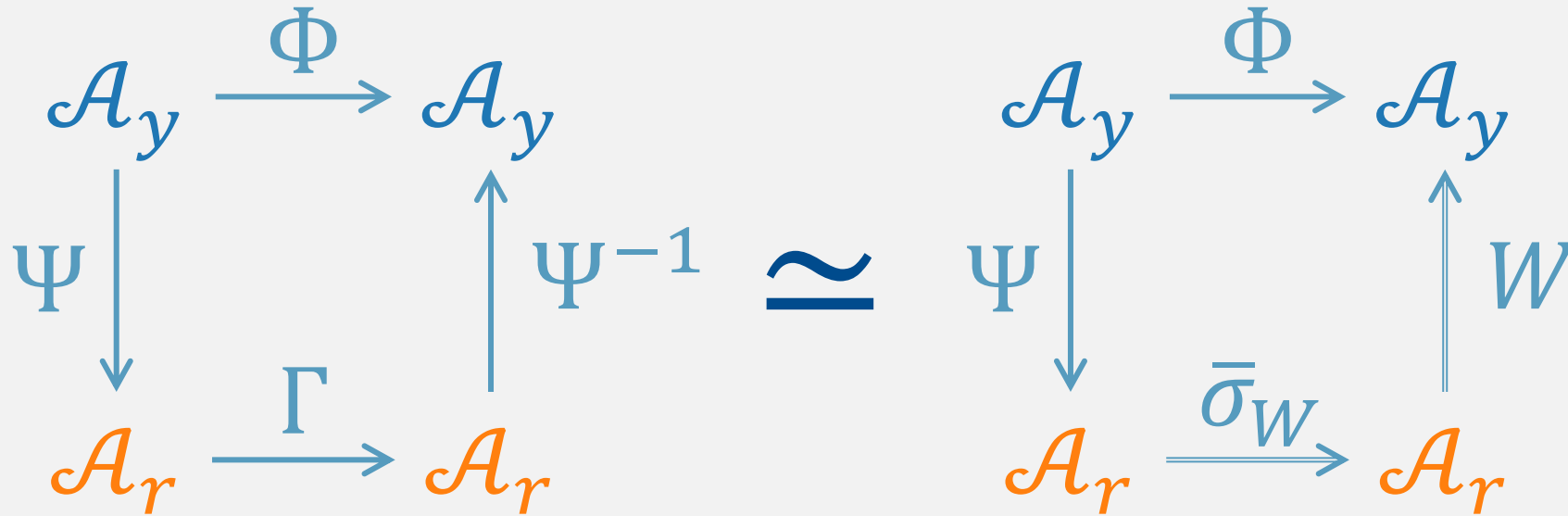
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Role of Each Phase

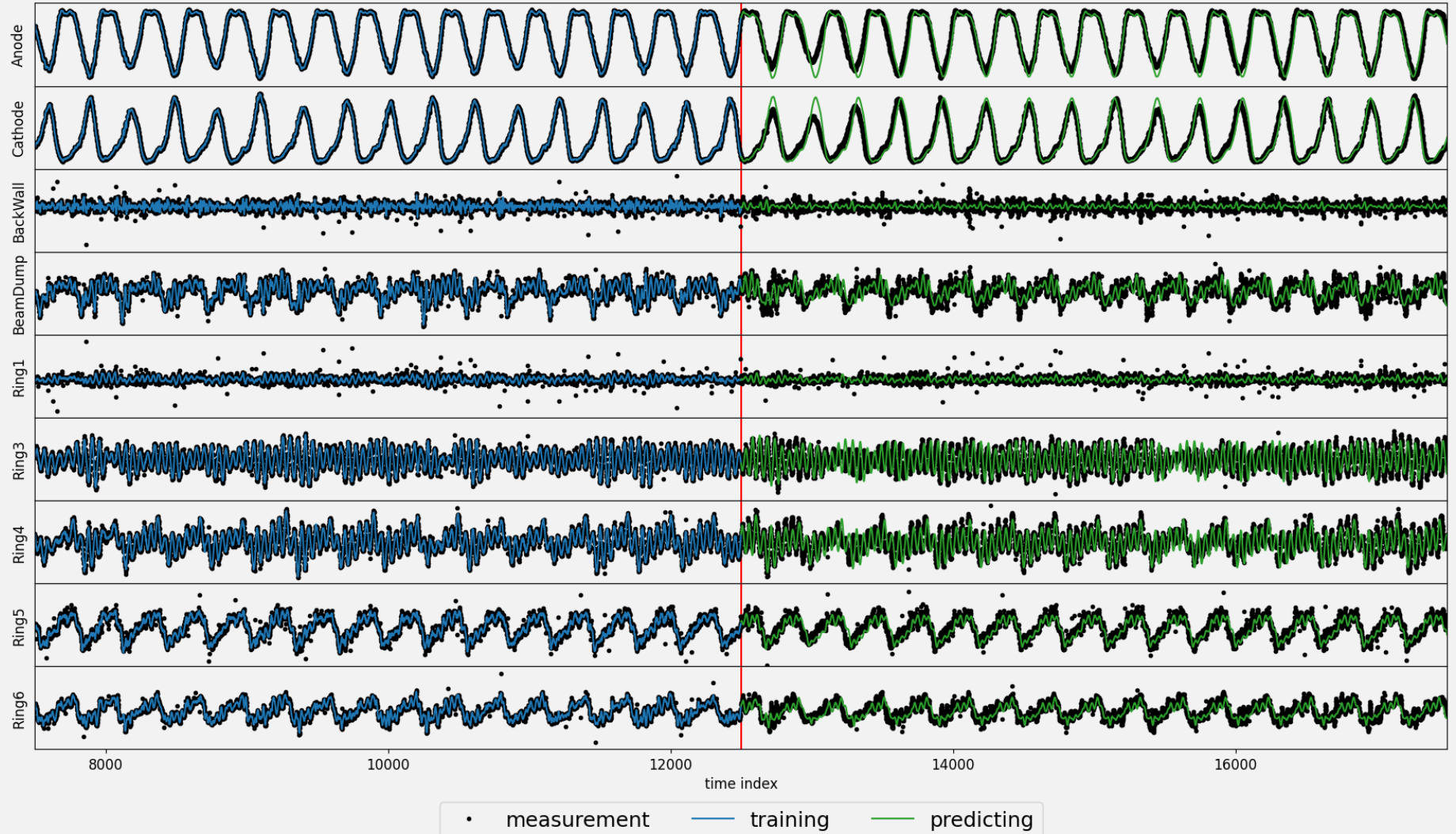


1. Setup: Arbitrary reservoir implies arbitrary map Ψ .
2. Listen: Driven system samples pairs $\{y(t), r(t)\}$ such that $\Psi(y(t)) = r(t)$.
3. Train: Find (linear) **approx.** W s.t. $y(t) = \Psi^{-1}(r(t)) \simeq Wr(t)$.
4. Predict: Get $\bar{\sigma}_W$ “for free” from 2. and 3.



RC as Surrogate Model

- 9 measurements
- 12,500 examples
- ~2.6 sec run time
 - Python, (old) desktop
- $7209 \approx 85^2$ weights
 - But 400 nodes/neurons
- Disclaimer:
 - Predictions “decay” to periodic
 - Tune-by-hand necessary
 - RK2: $\Delta t = 0.22$





Leveraging Synchronization of RC



Identical Synchronization

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Synchronization in Chaotic Systems

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(Received 20 December 1989)

- Certain nearly-identical systems can synchronize
 - (Identical) Synchronization:
 - Two (nearly identical, possibly chaotic) systems with different I.C. driven by the same input approach the same solution
 - Robust/stable in the presence of:
 - Measurement noise
 - Parameter mismatch
- Experimental data
- Applicable to surrogate models!



“Complete Replacement”

Fundamentals of synchronization in chaotic systems, concepts, and applications

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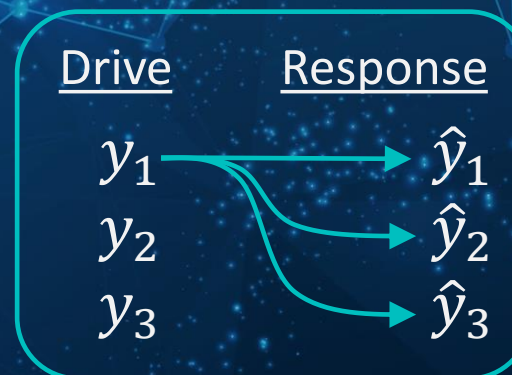
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Drive System y

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}_1 &= -\sigma(y_2 - y_1) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= y_1(\rho - y_3) - y_2 \\ \dot{y}_3 &= y_1 y_2 - \beta y_3\end{aligned}$$

Response System y

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\hat{y}}_1 &= -\sigma(\hat{y}_2 - y_1) \\ \dot{\hat{y}}_2 &= y_1(\rho' - \hat{y}_3) - \hat{y}_2 \\ \dot{\hat{y}}_3 &= y_1 \hat{y}_2 - \beta' \hat{y}_3\end{aligned}$$



Noiseless and Identical:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_{2,3} - \hat{y}_{2,3} = 0$$

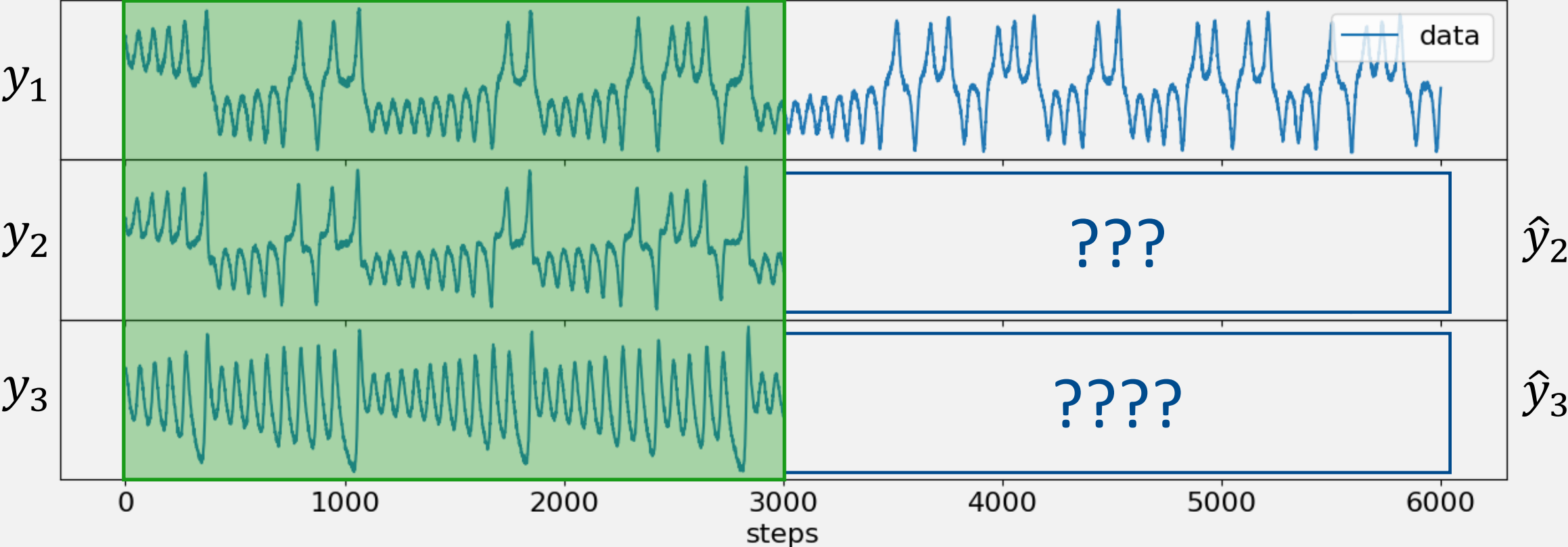
Noisy and/or Param. Mismatch:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{2,3} - \hat{y}_{2,3}\| \leq \epsilon$$



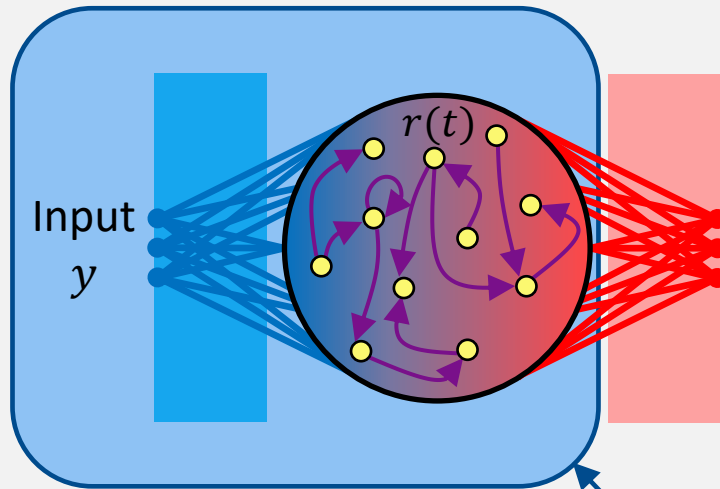
Synchronization for Observers (Inference)

Obtain/train surrogate model



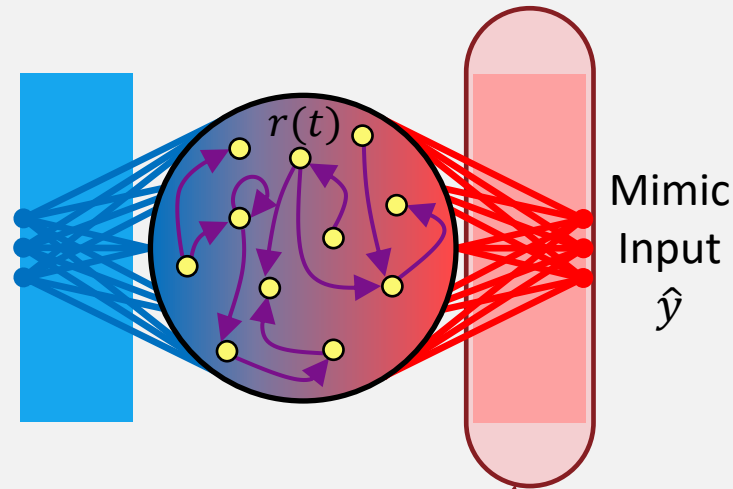
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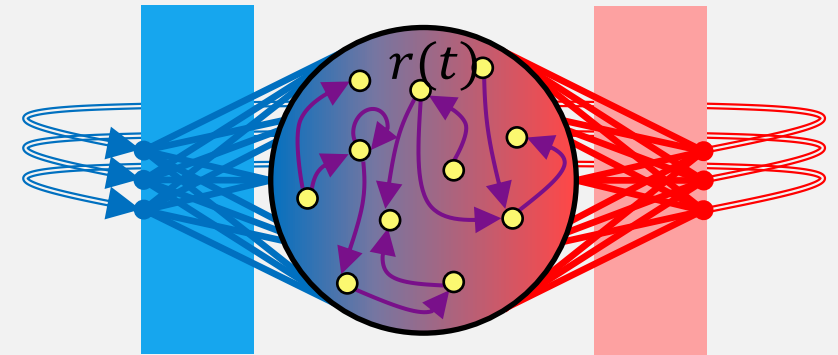
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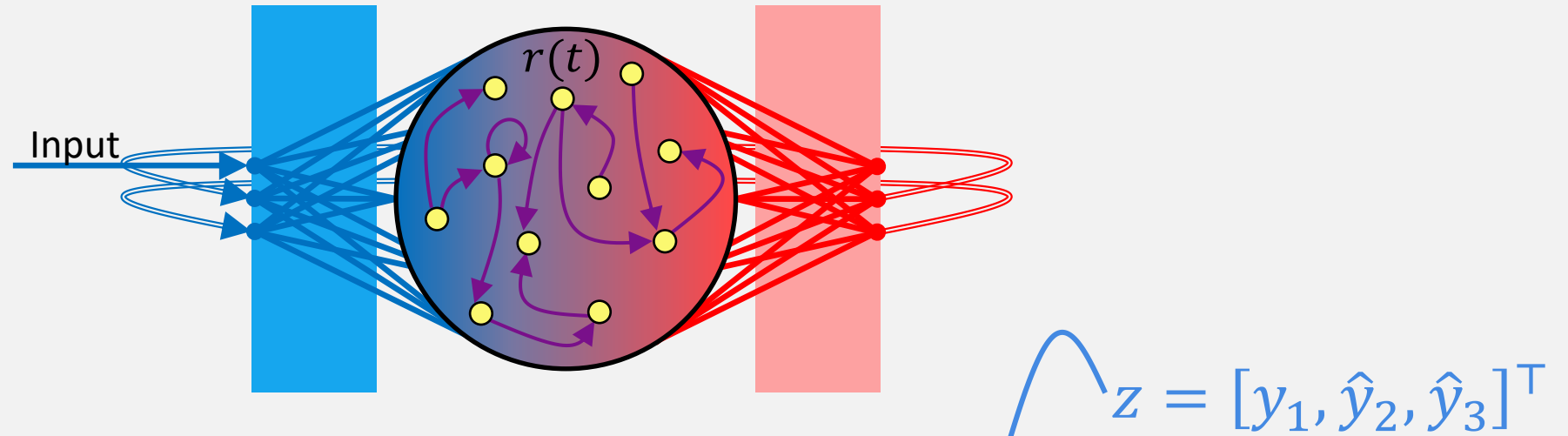
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Reservoir Computing: Inferring Phase



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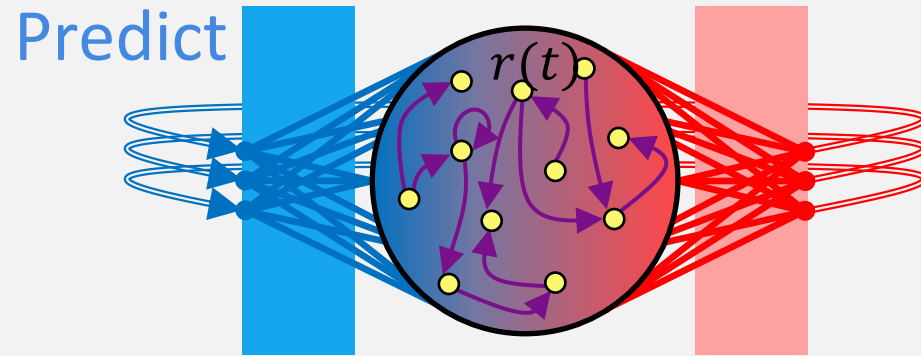
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Compare z and y .

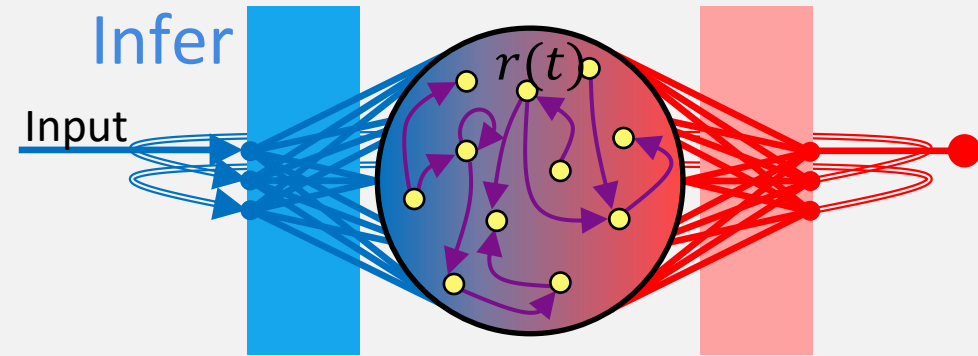
Synchronization for Observers (Inference)

- Integrate with $[y_1, \hat{y}_2, \hat{y}_3]$
- Approaches $[y_1, y_2, y_3]$
 - Even when \hat{y}_2, \hat{y}_3 have moderate noise
 - Even with slight system mismatch

Lu, Z., Pathak, J., Hunt, B., Girvan, M., Brockett, R., & Ott, E. (2017). Reservoir observers: Model-free inference of unmeasured variables in chaotic systems. *Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science*, 27(4).



$$\dot{r} = -r + \tanh(Ar + B\hat{y})$$

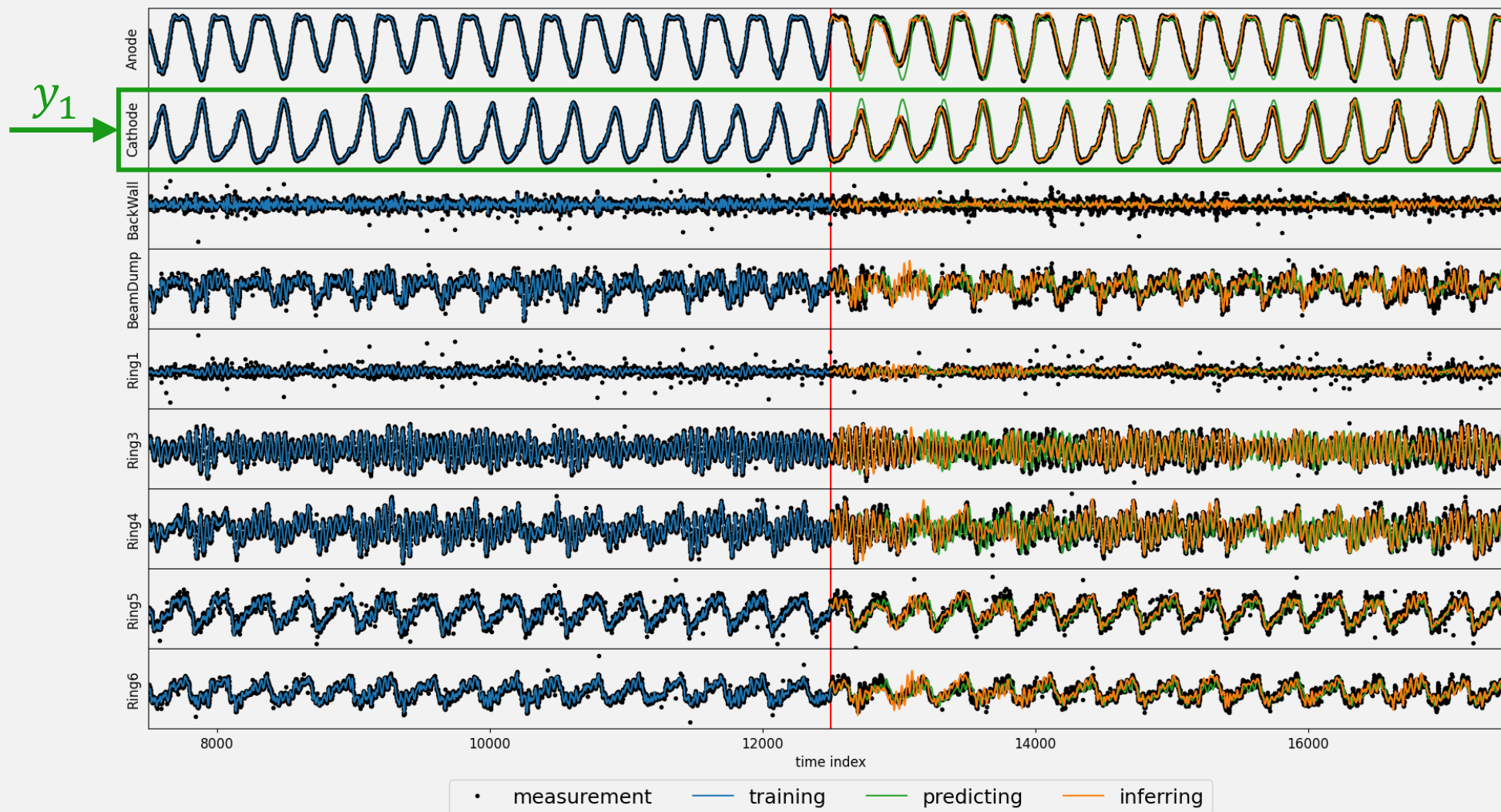


$$z = [y_1, \hat{y}_2, \hat{y}_3]^T$$

$$\dot{r} = -r + \tanh(Ar + Bz)$$

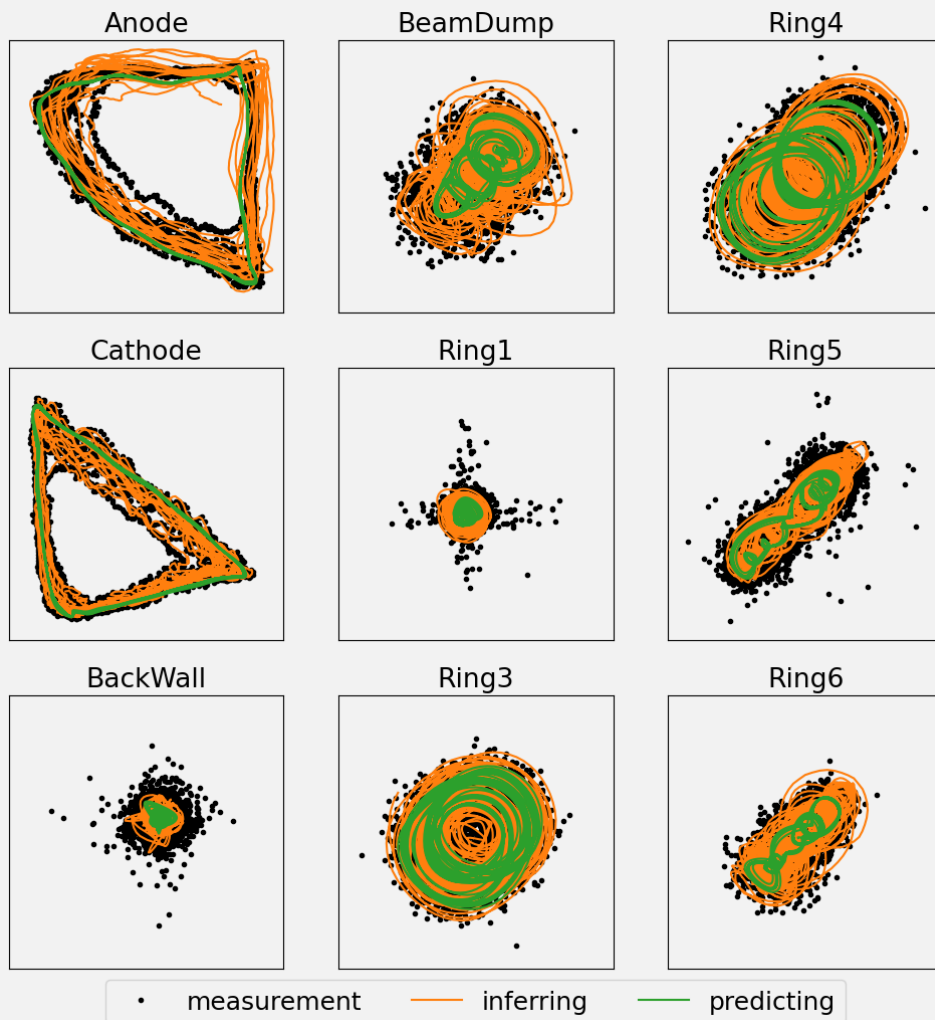


Predicting v. Inferring

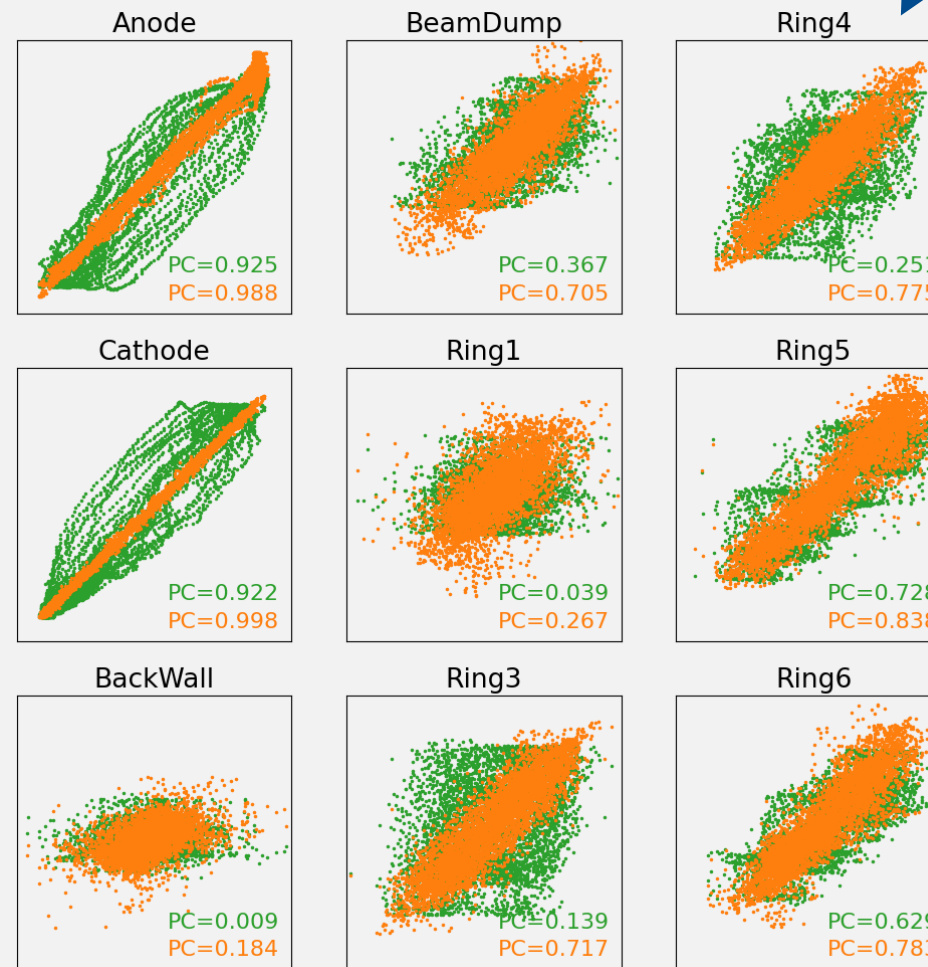


Predicting v. Inferring

Time
delay
attractor



“Synchronization” Plots





Conclusions:

- Thruster+Cage as a dynamical system
 - Sparsely measured
 - Find effective dynamical system
- Role of sync. in RC
 - Unique, continuous → generates samples
 - Learn inverse with samples
 - Close-loop → “self-consistent” prediction
- Sync. of surrogate models
 - Maintains sync. with noisy data
 - Allows for use as observer
 - Mechanism for low-fidelity Digital Twin (?)
 - Small footprint → Neuromorphic (RI?)
- Acknowledgments: Robert Martin, Justin Koo

Ongoing/Potential work:

- Extension to PDE data
- Pairing with Hi-Fi models
- Pruning of dynamics
- Time delay “preconditioner”
- RC for Controls
- Quantum RC 😊