

# Experimentally Informed Signal Processing with Supervised Independent Component Analysis

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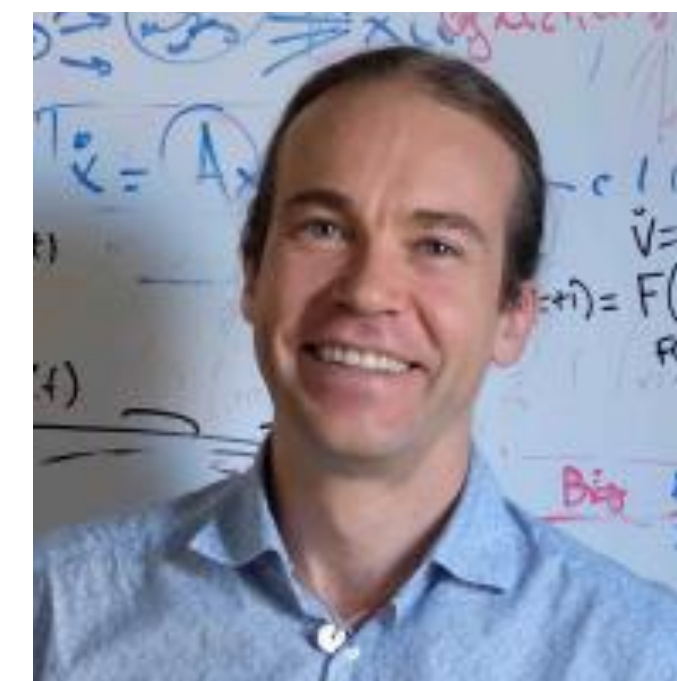
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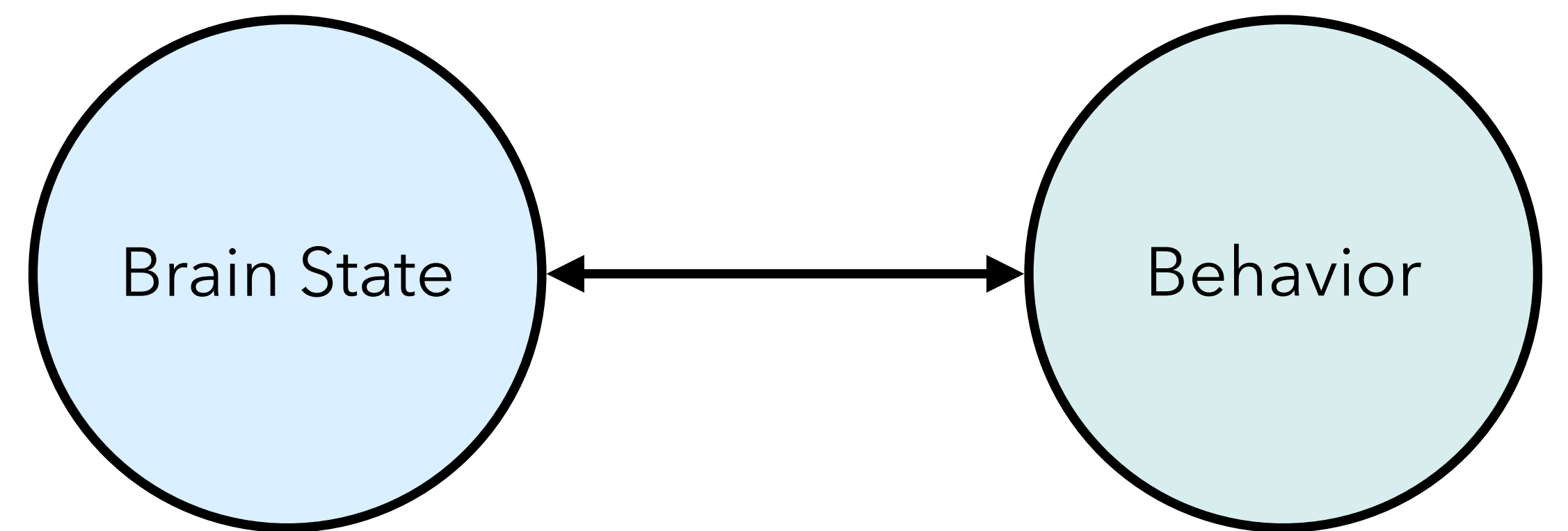


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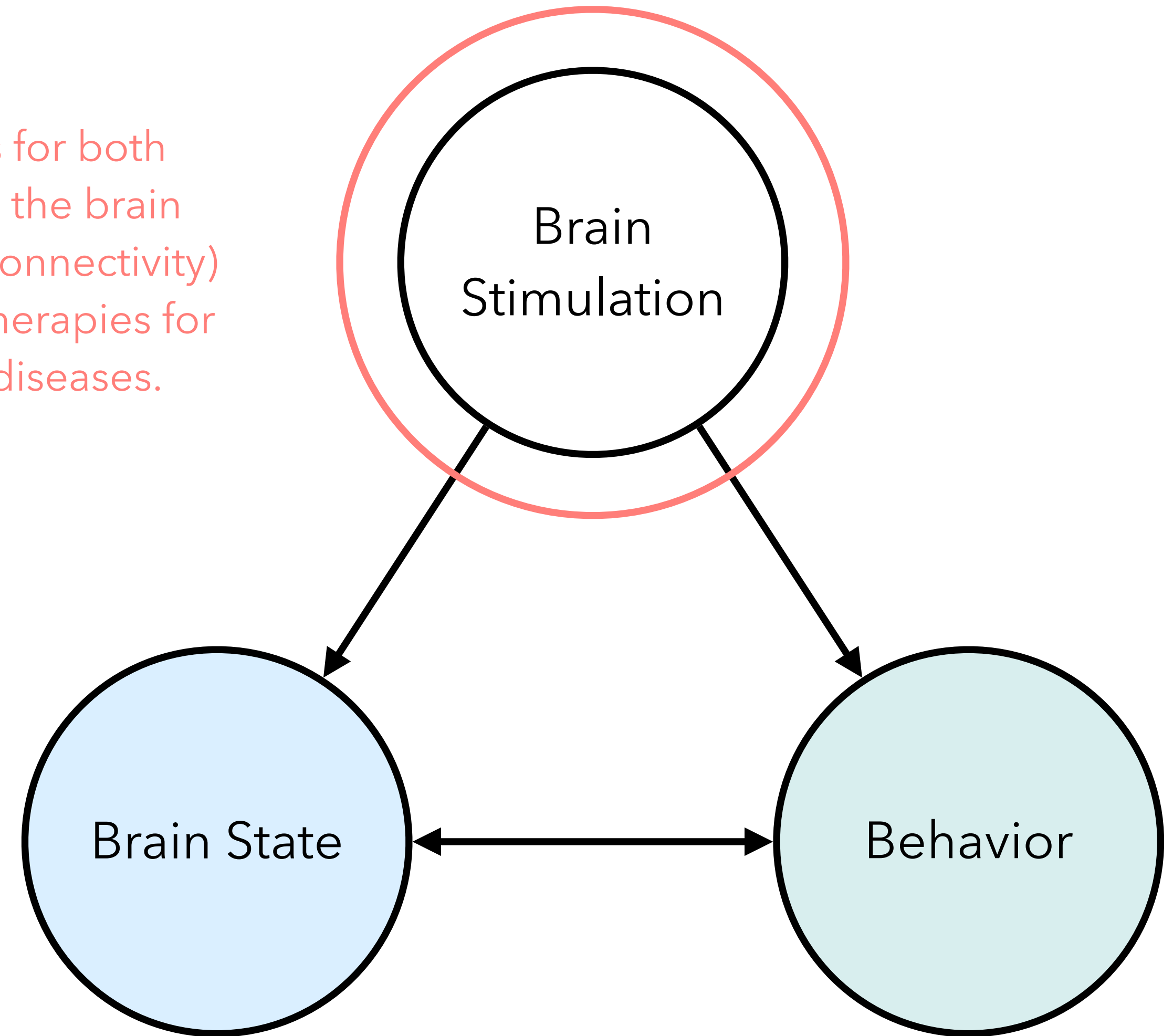


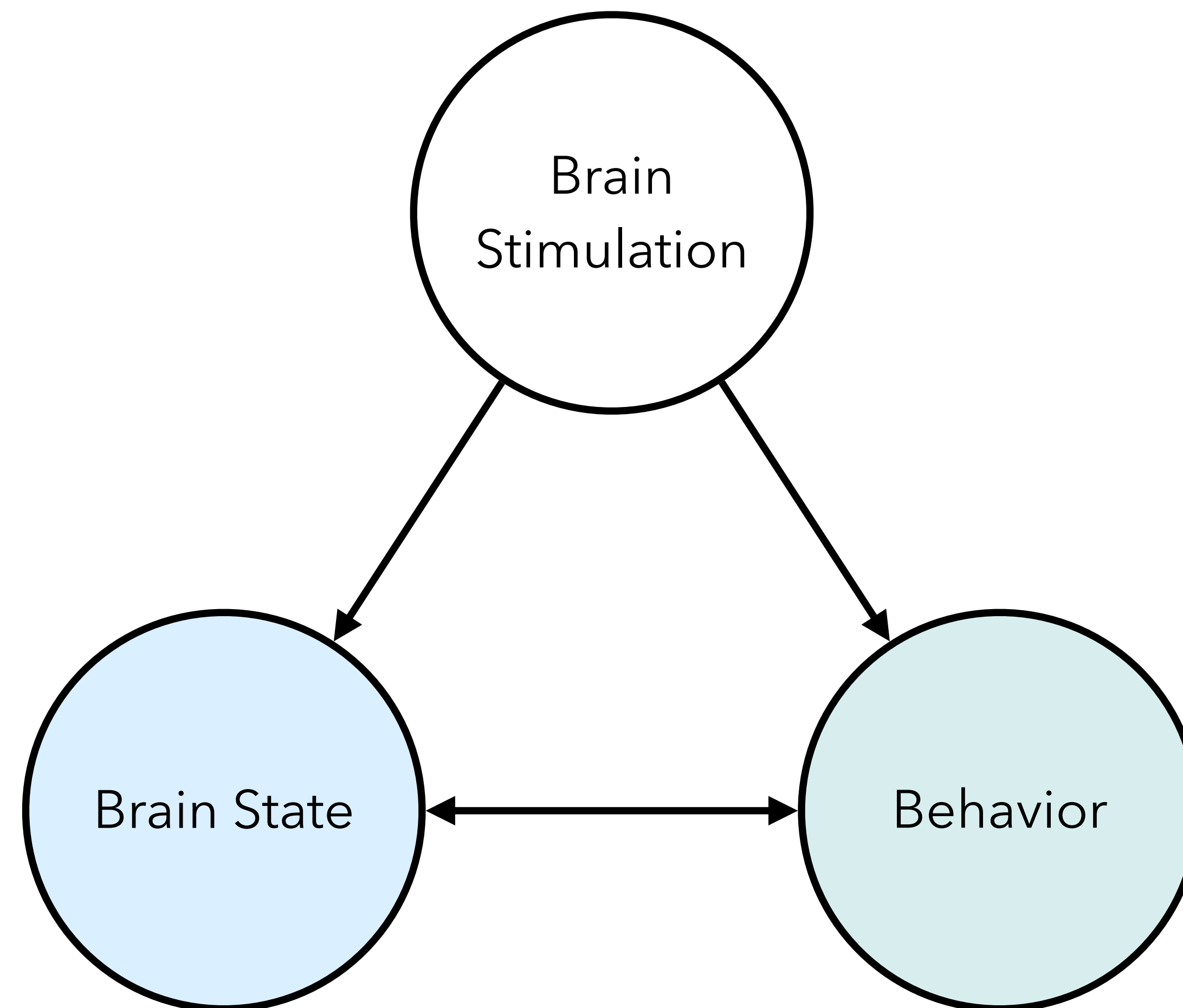
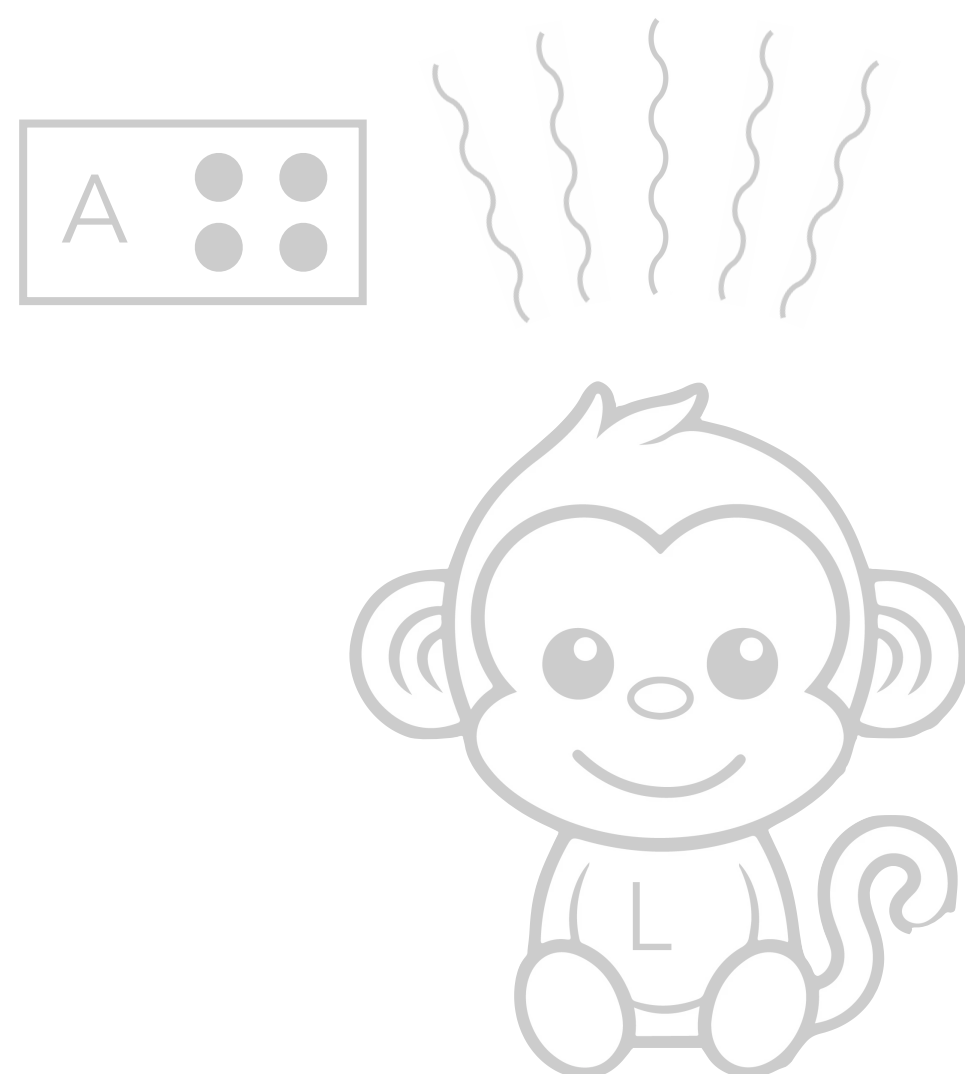
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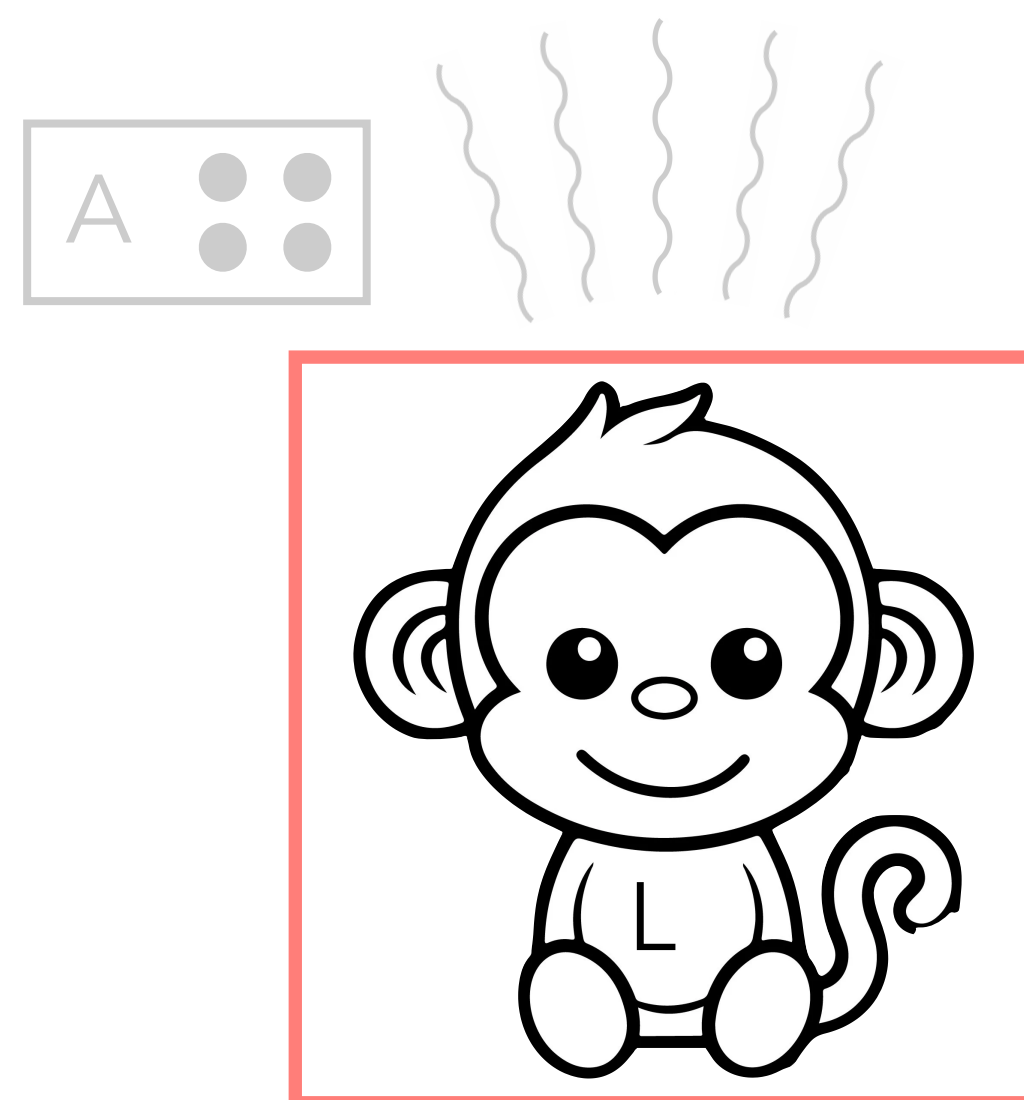




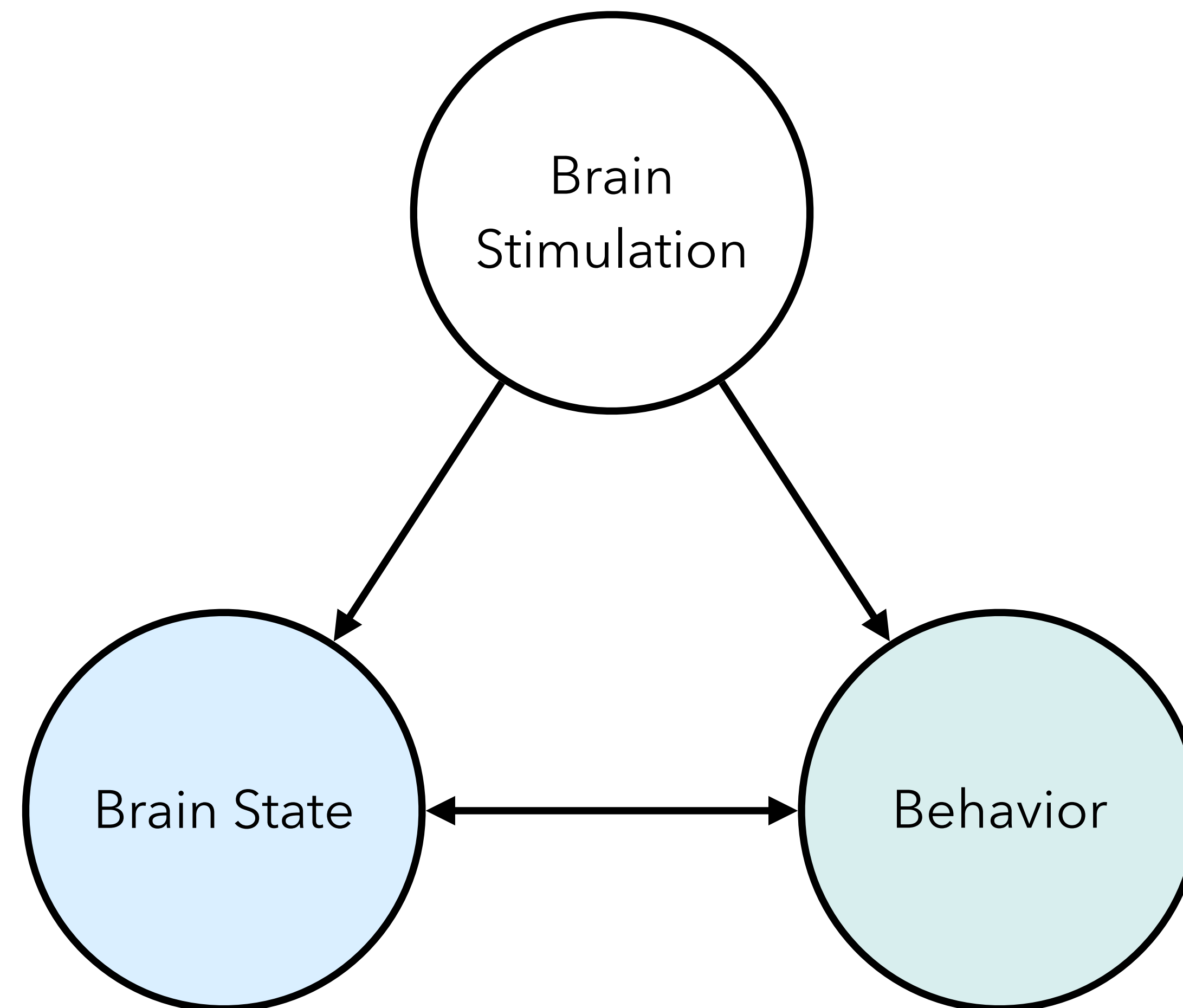
Opportunities for both  
understanding the brain  
(e.g. functional connectivity)  
and designing therapies for  
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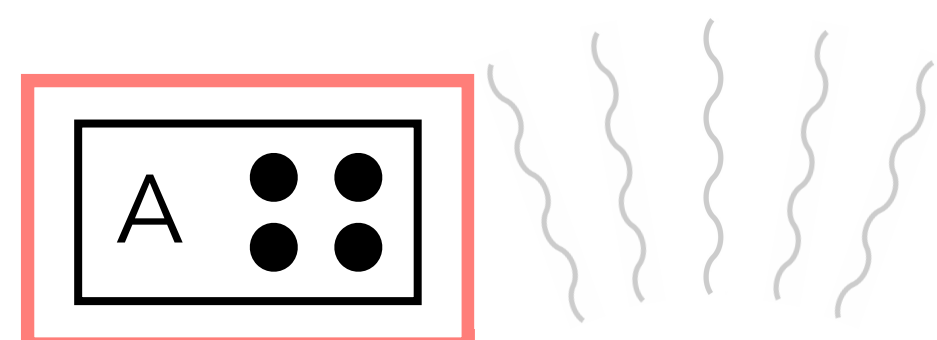




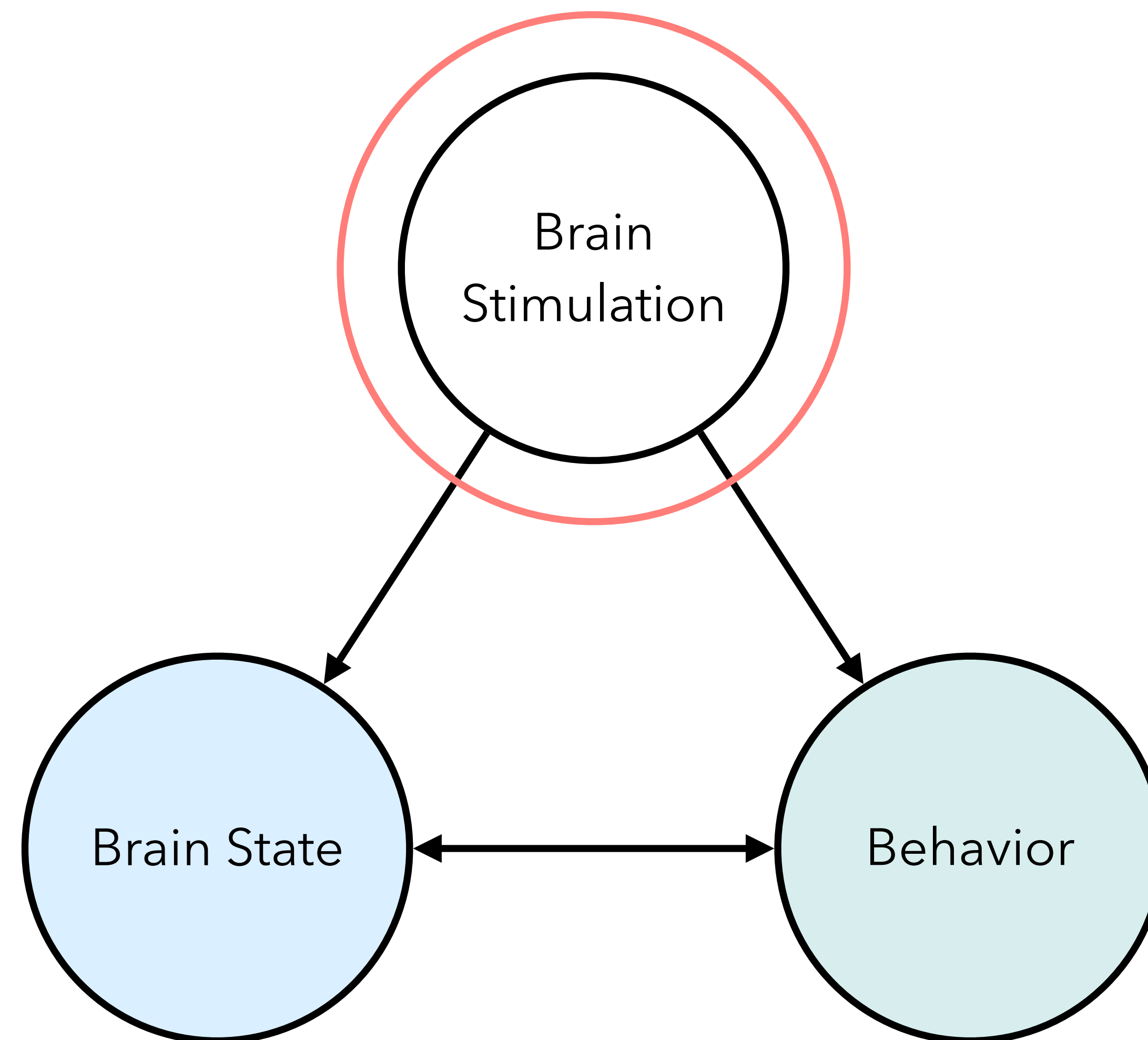
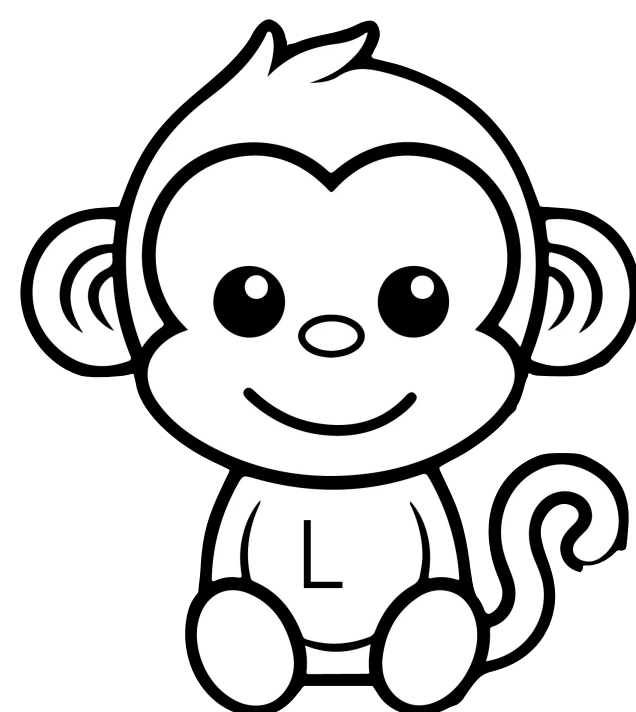


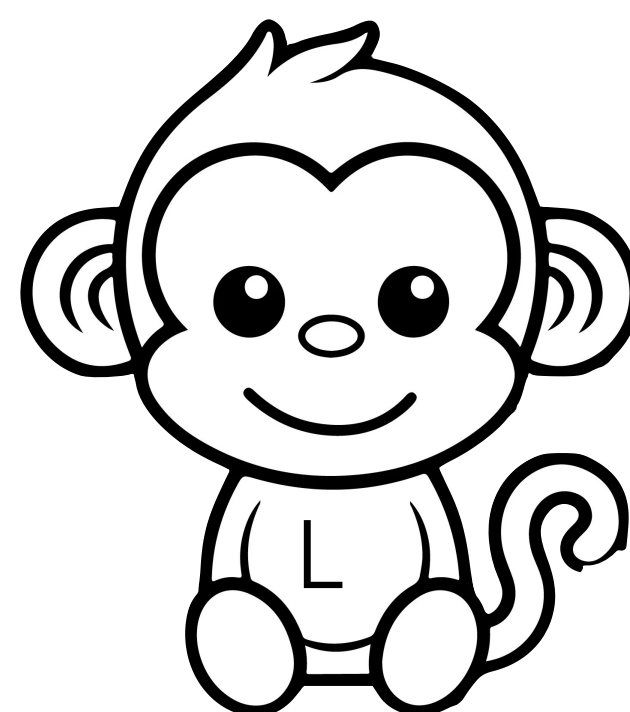
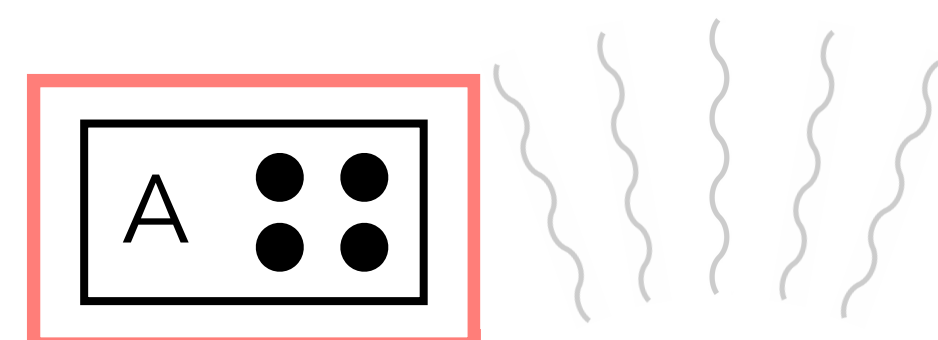
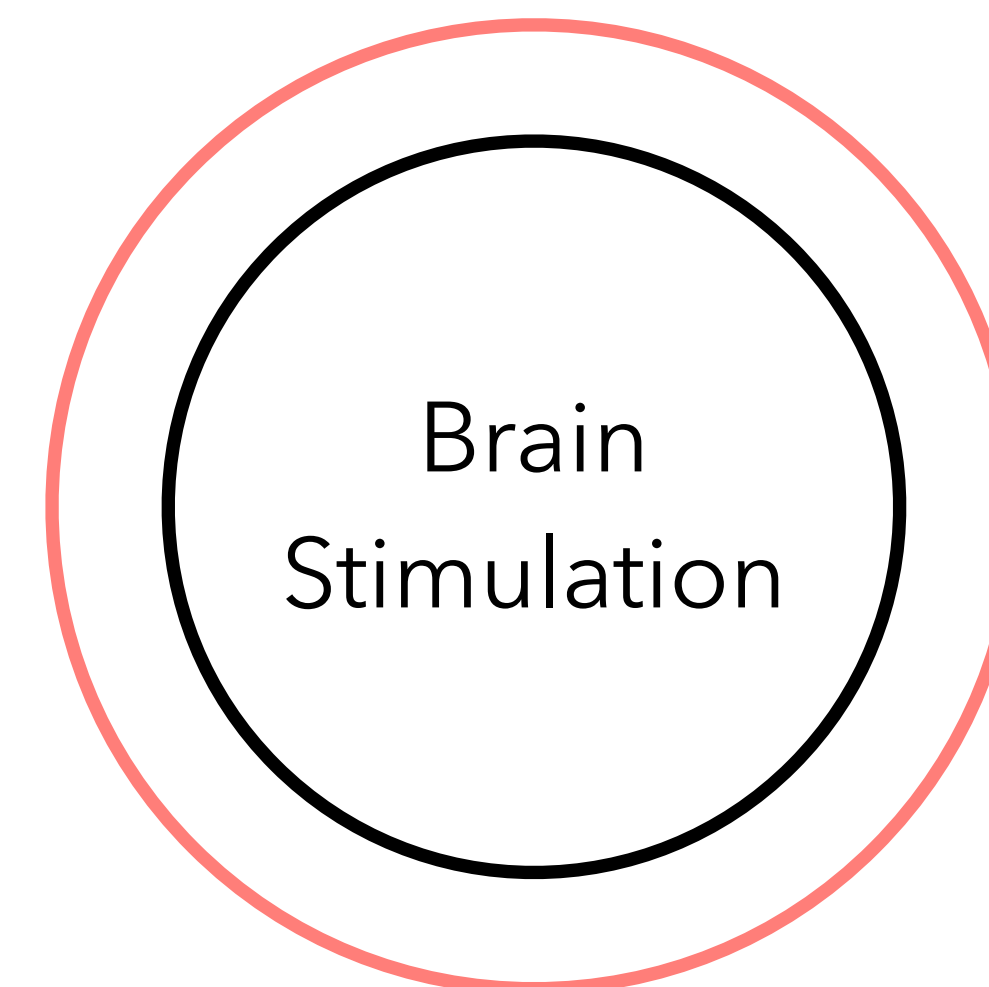
Adult male rhesus macaque monkey.



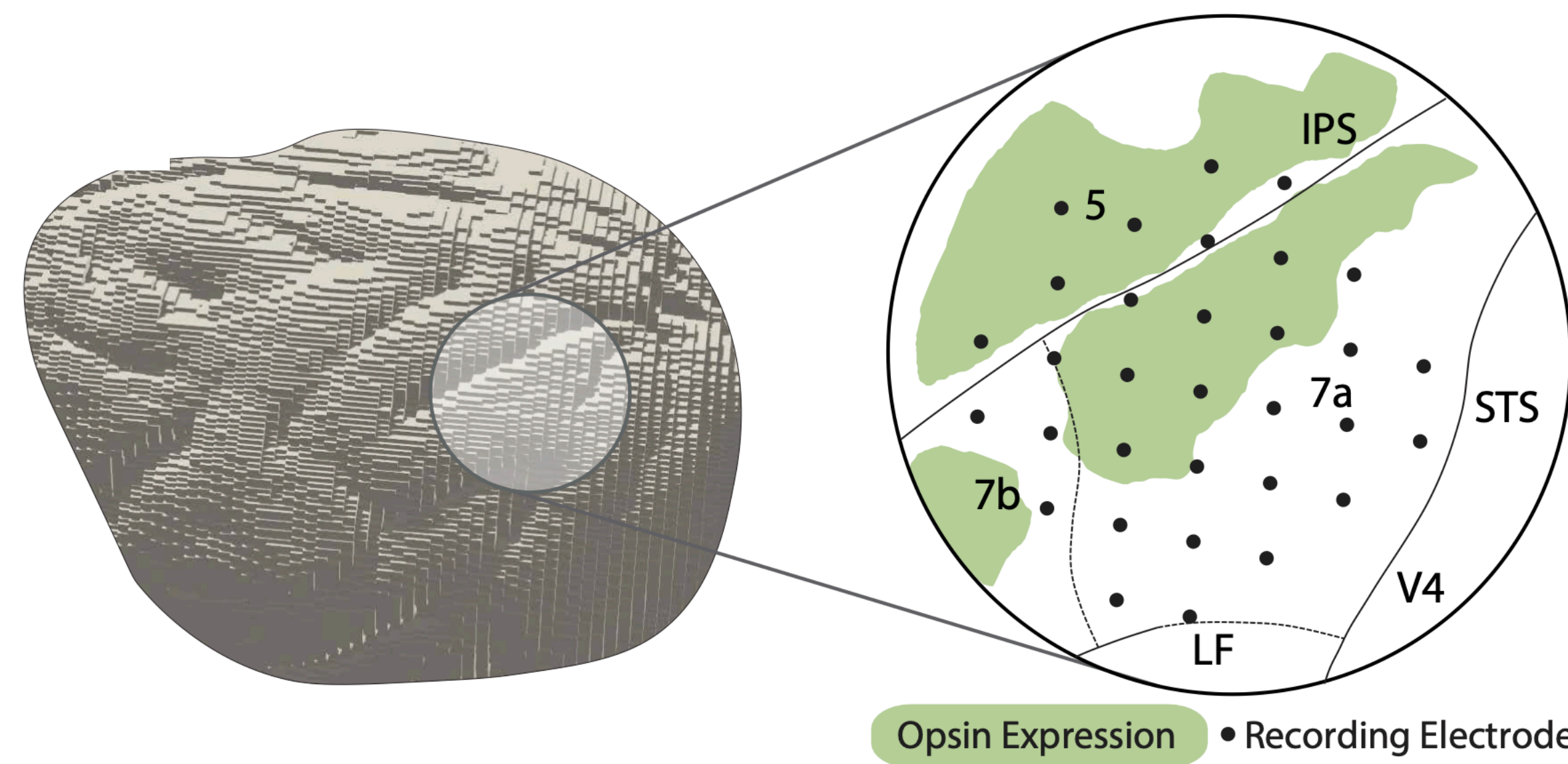


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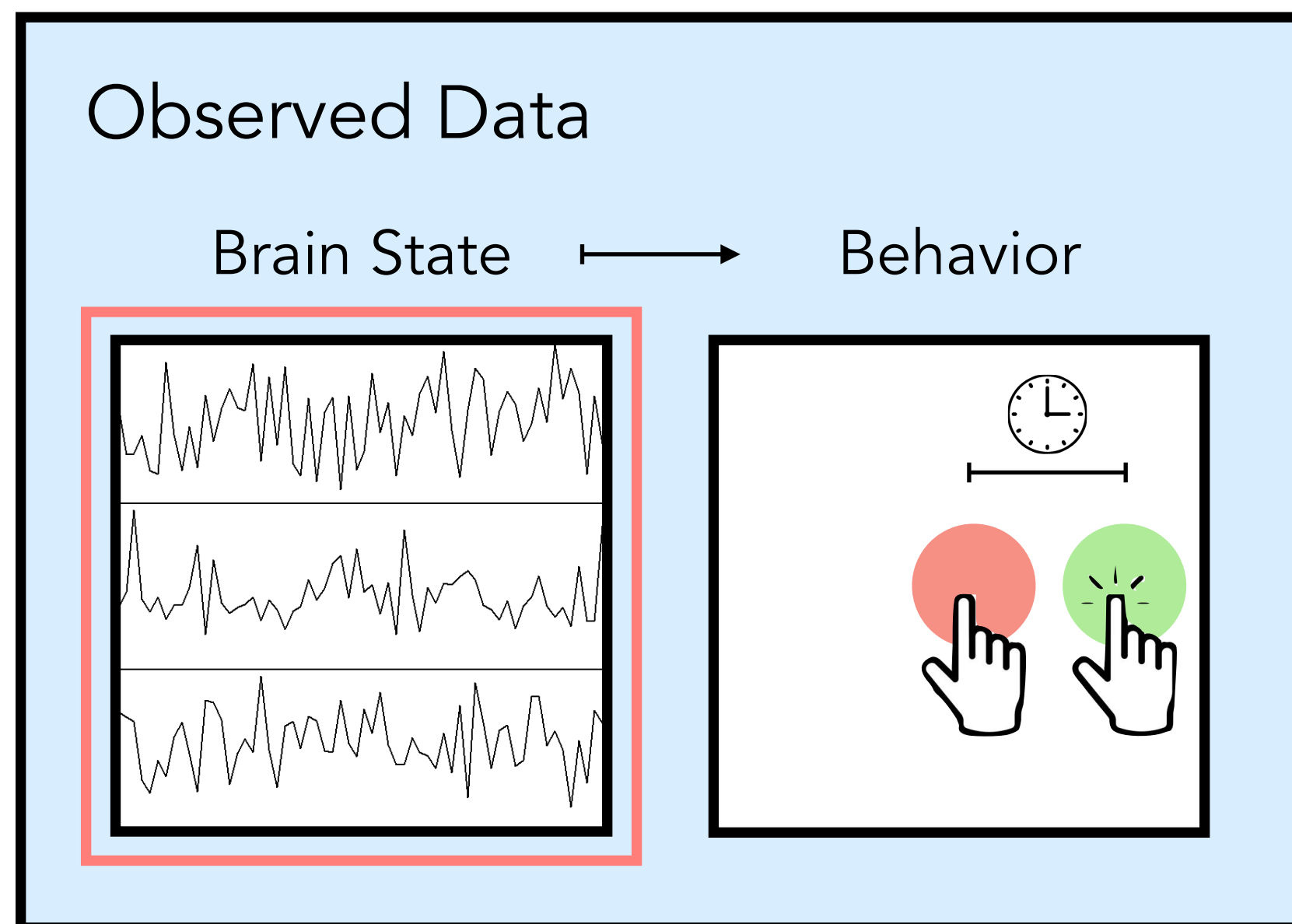




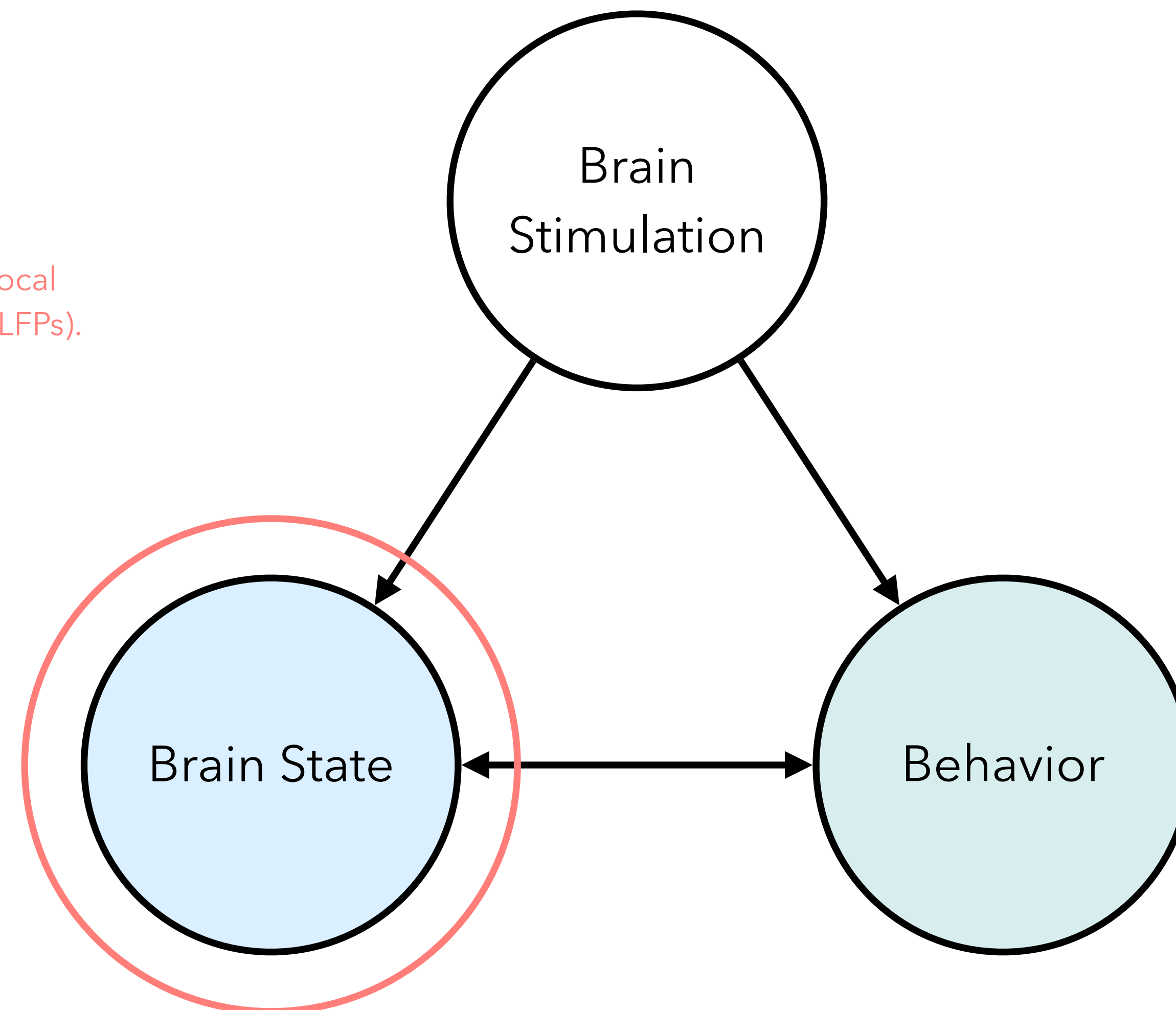
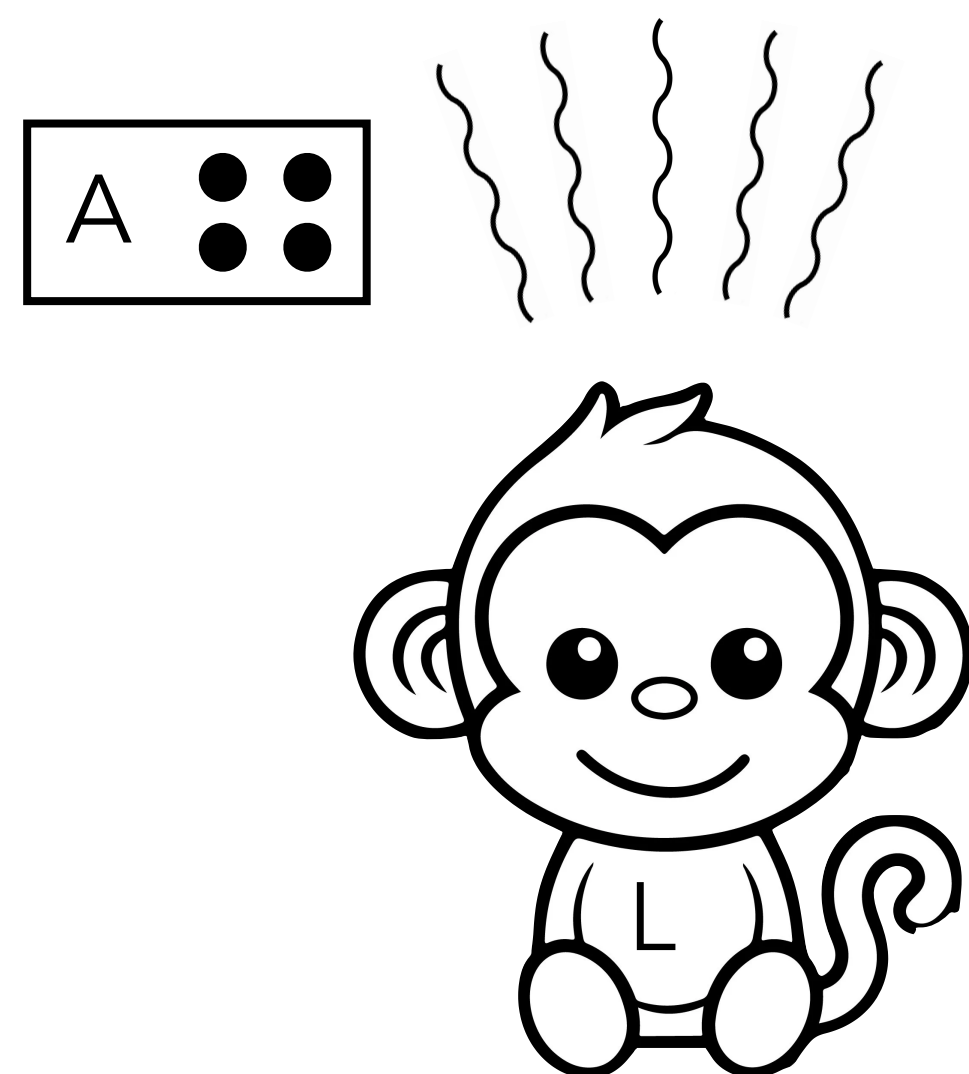
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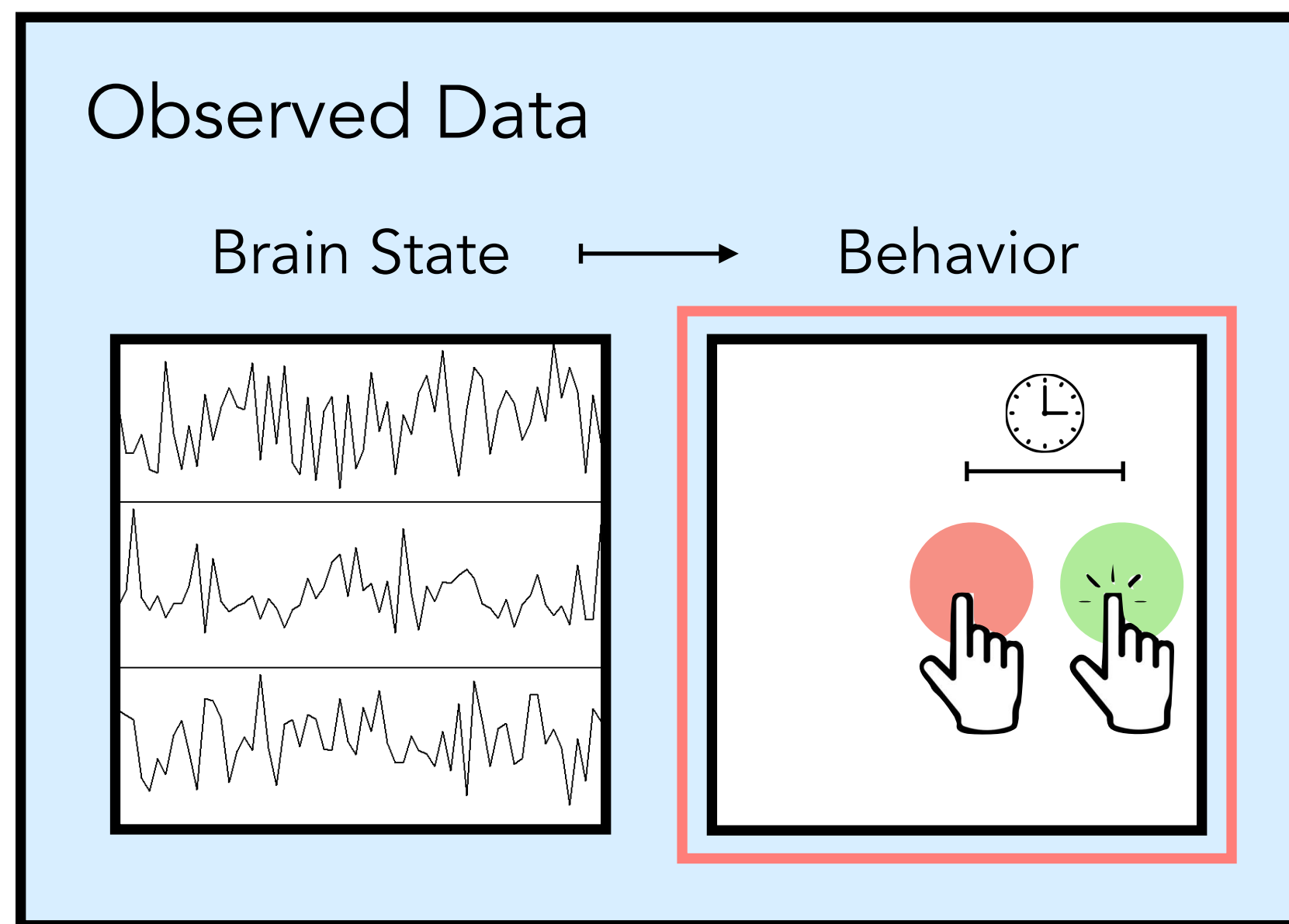


\*pan neuronal inhibitory optogenetic viral vector  
(AAV8-hSyn-Jaws-GFP, UNC Vector Core, NC, USA)

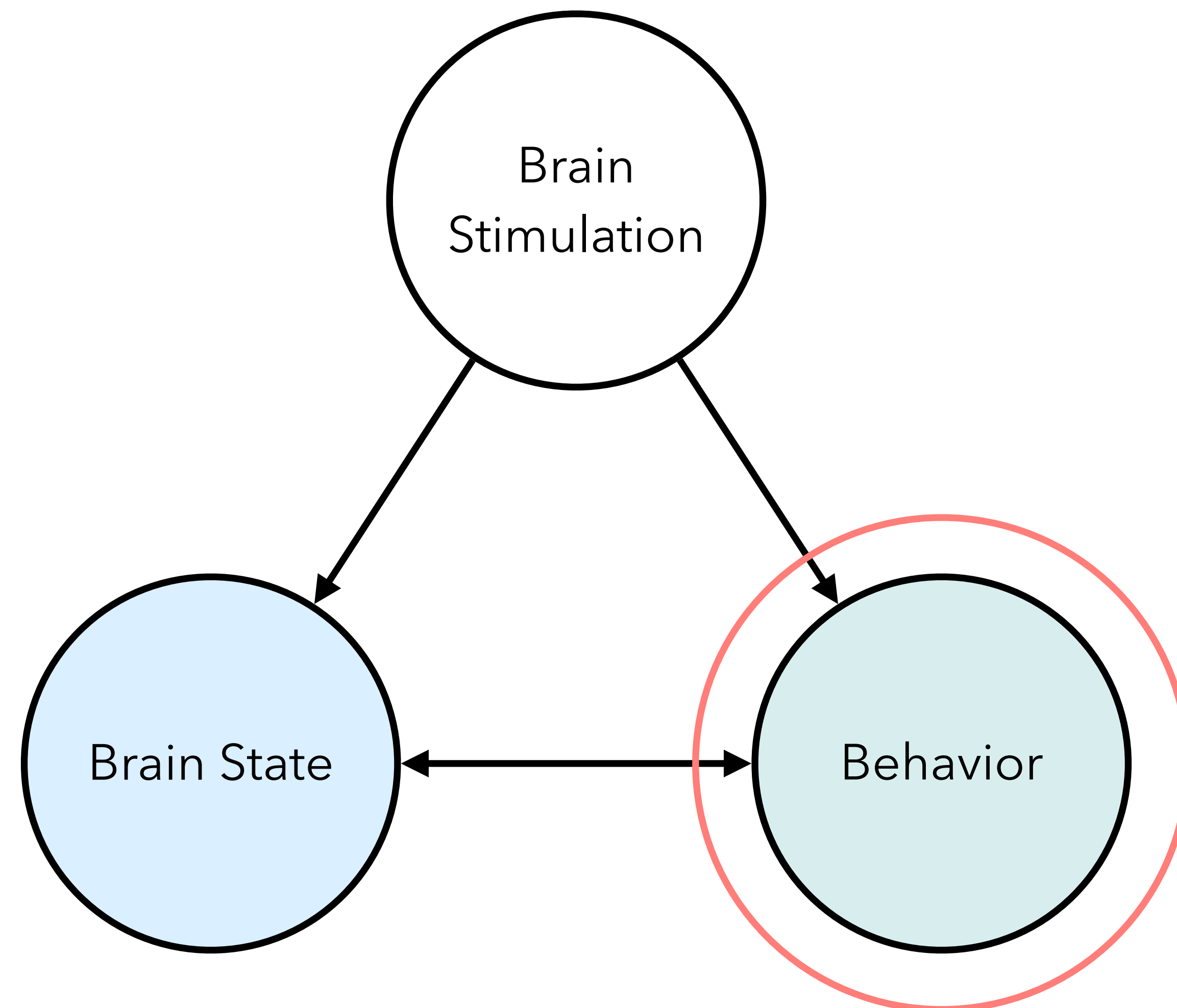
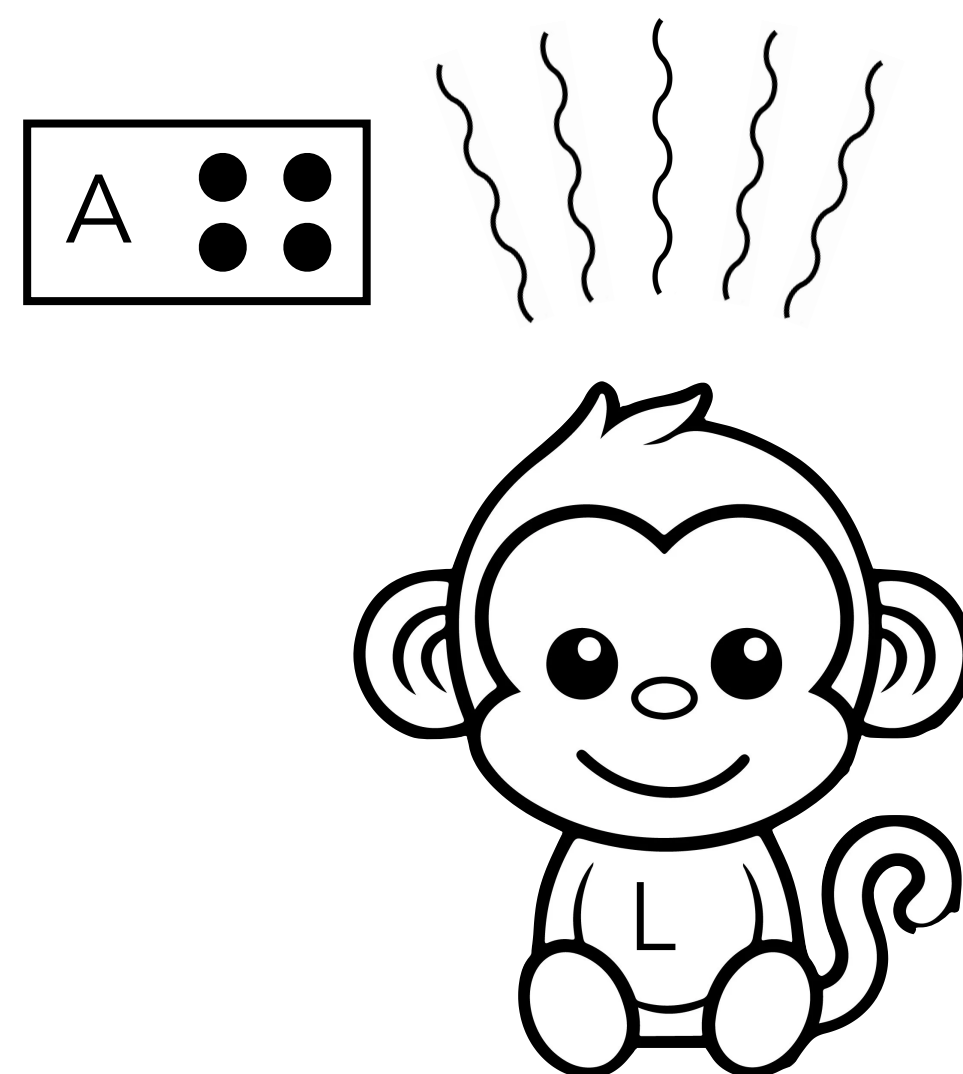


Light-evoked local  
field potentials (LFPs).





Delayed center-out  
reach task.

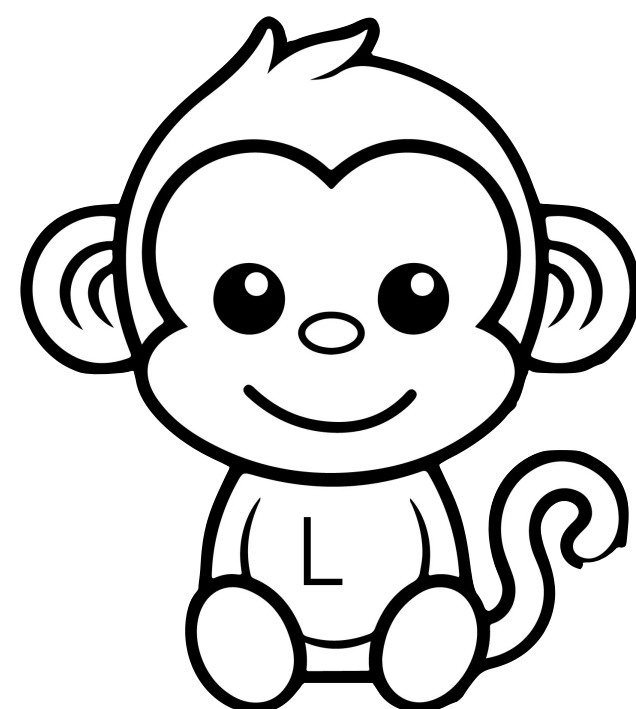
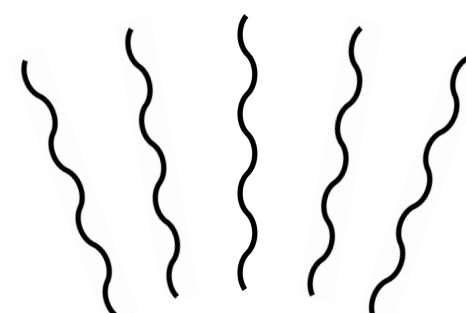
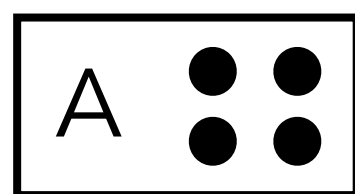
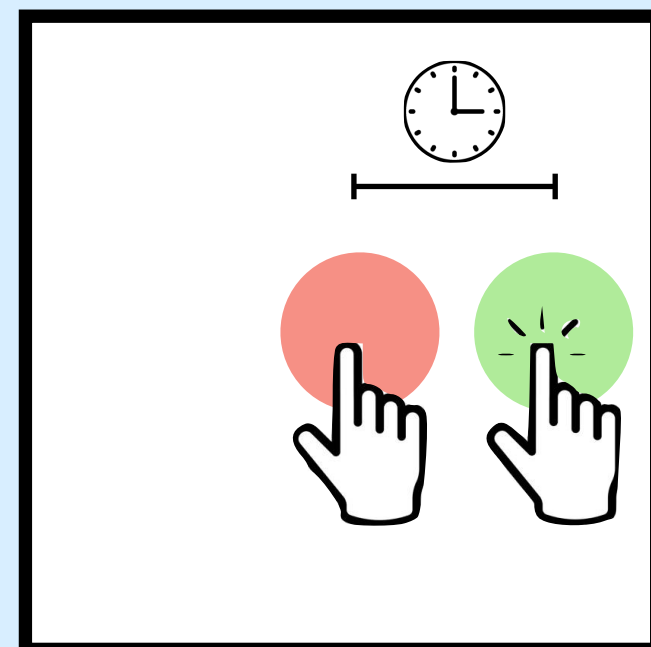
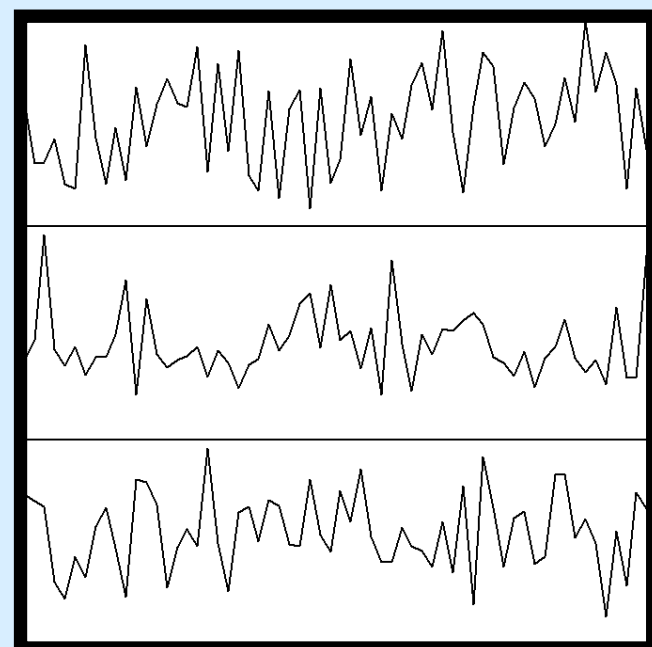


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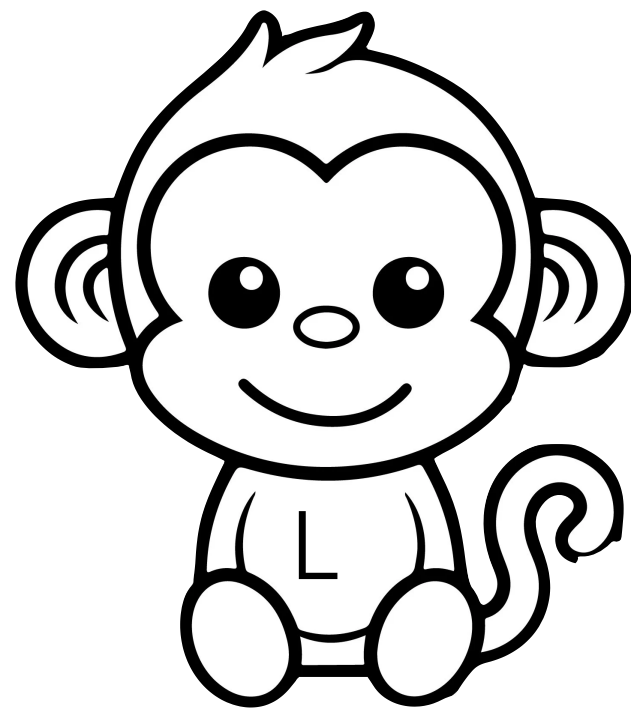
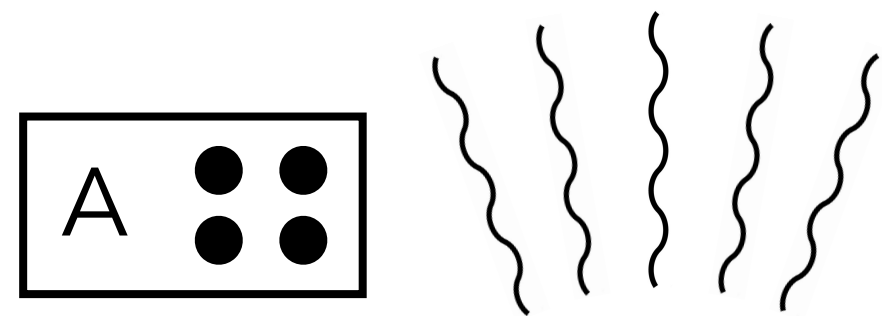
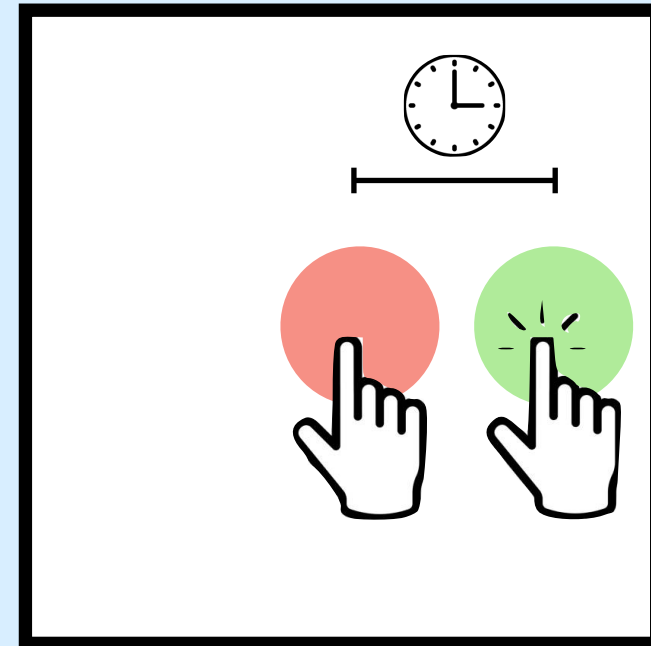
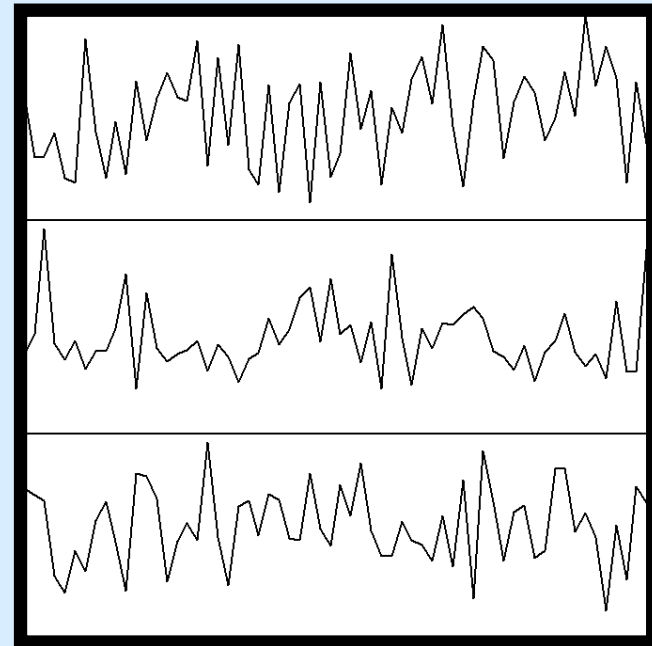
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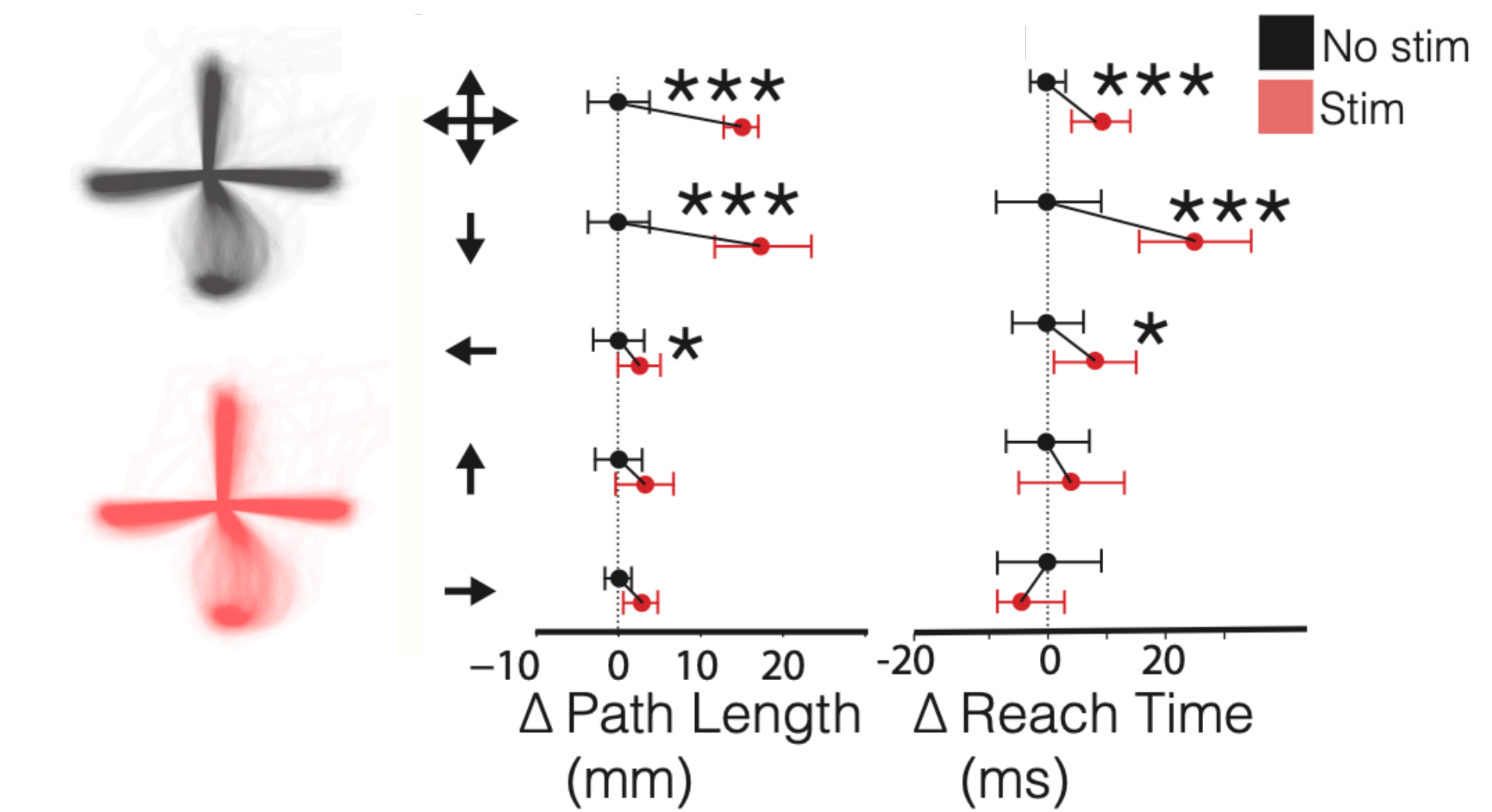
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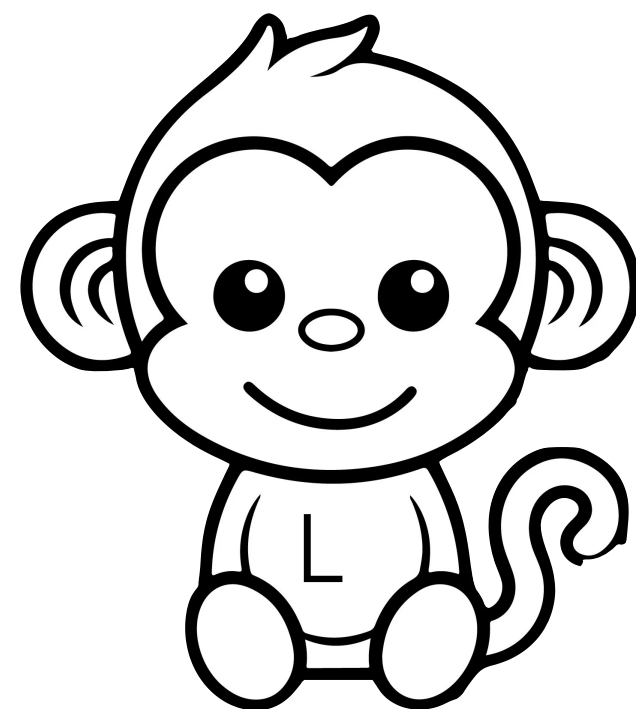
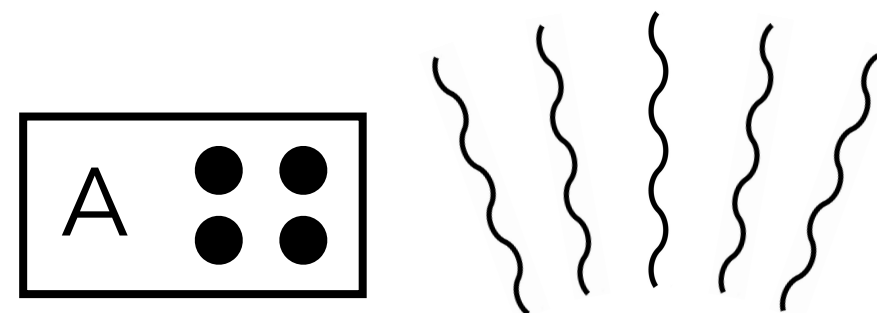
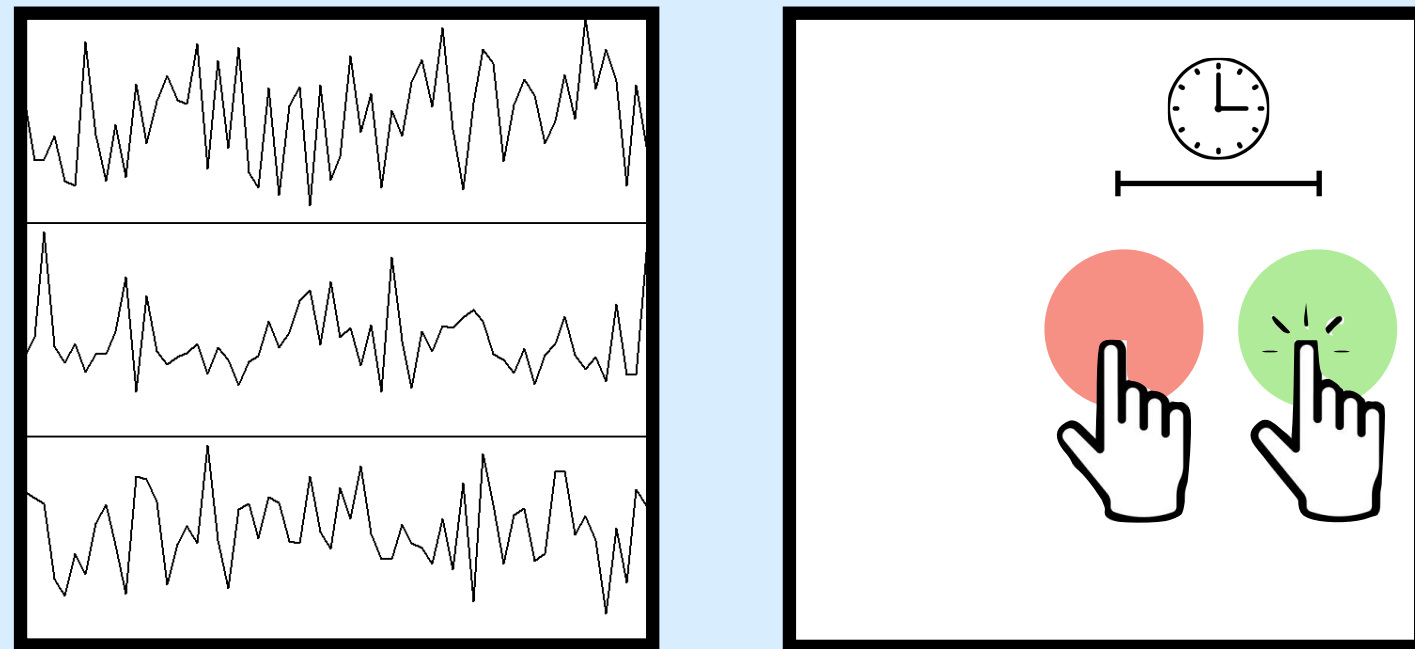


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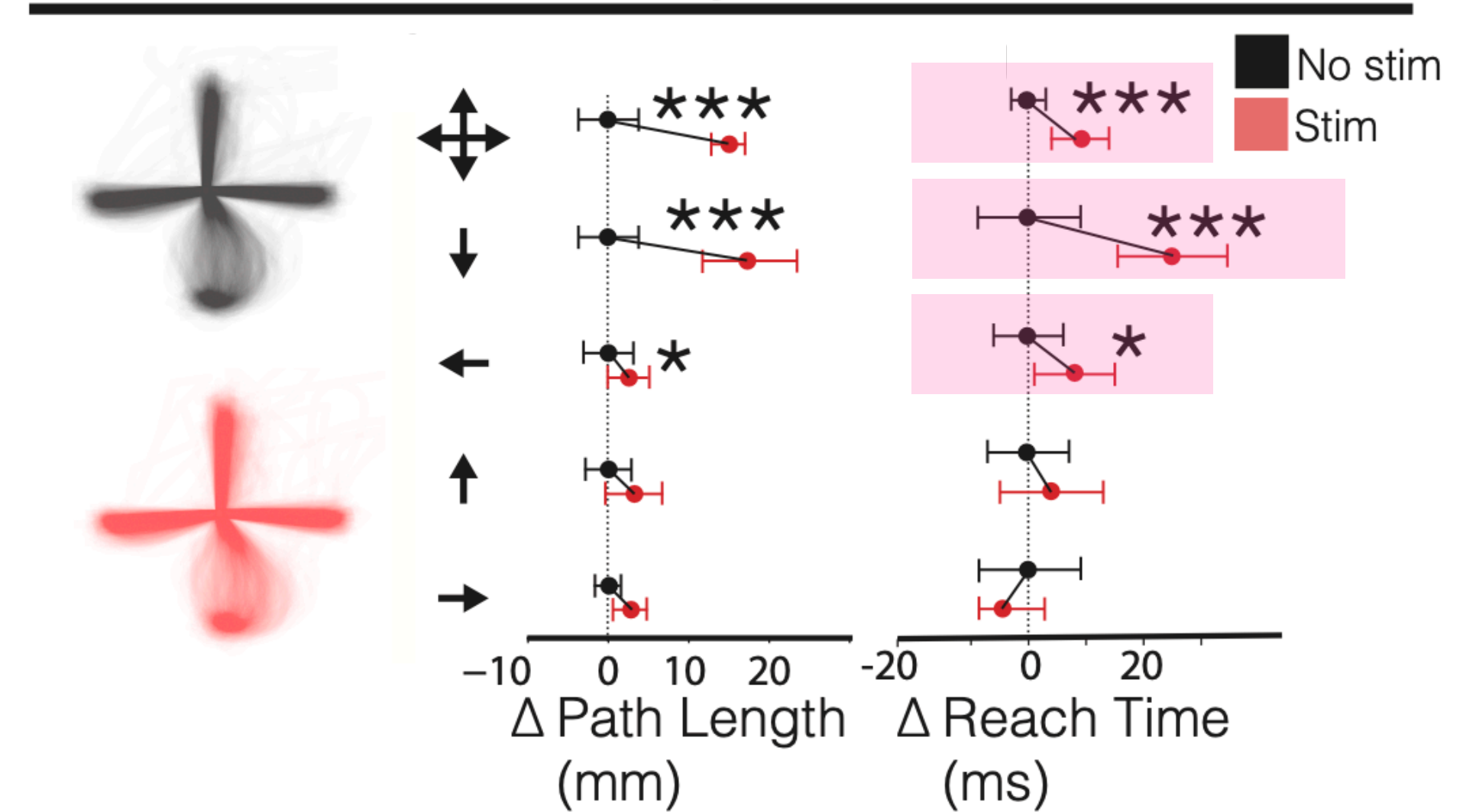
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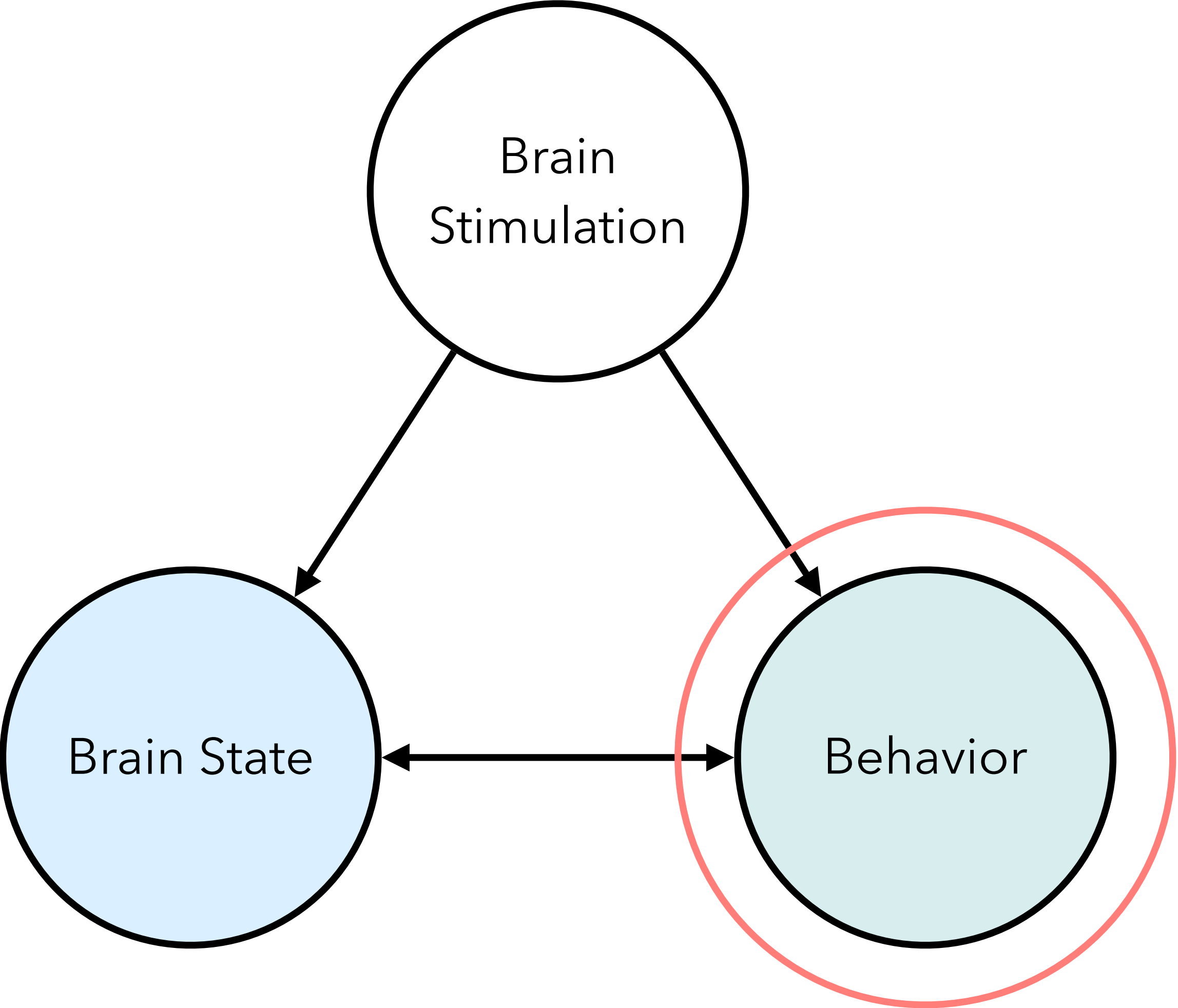


Optogenetic stimulation + inhibitory opsins result in delayed reach times.

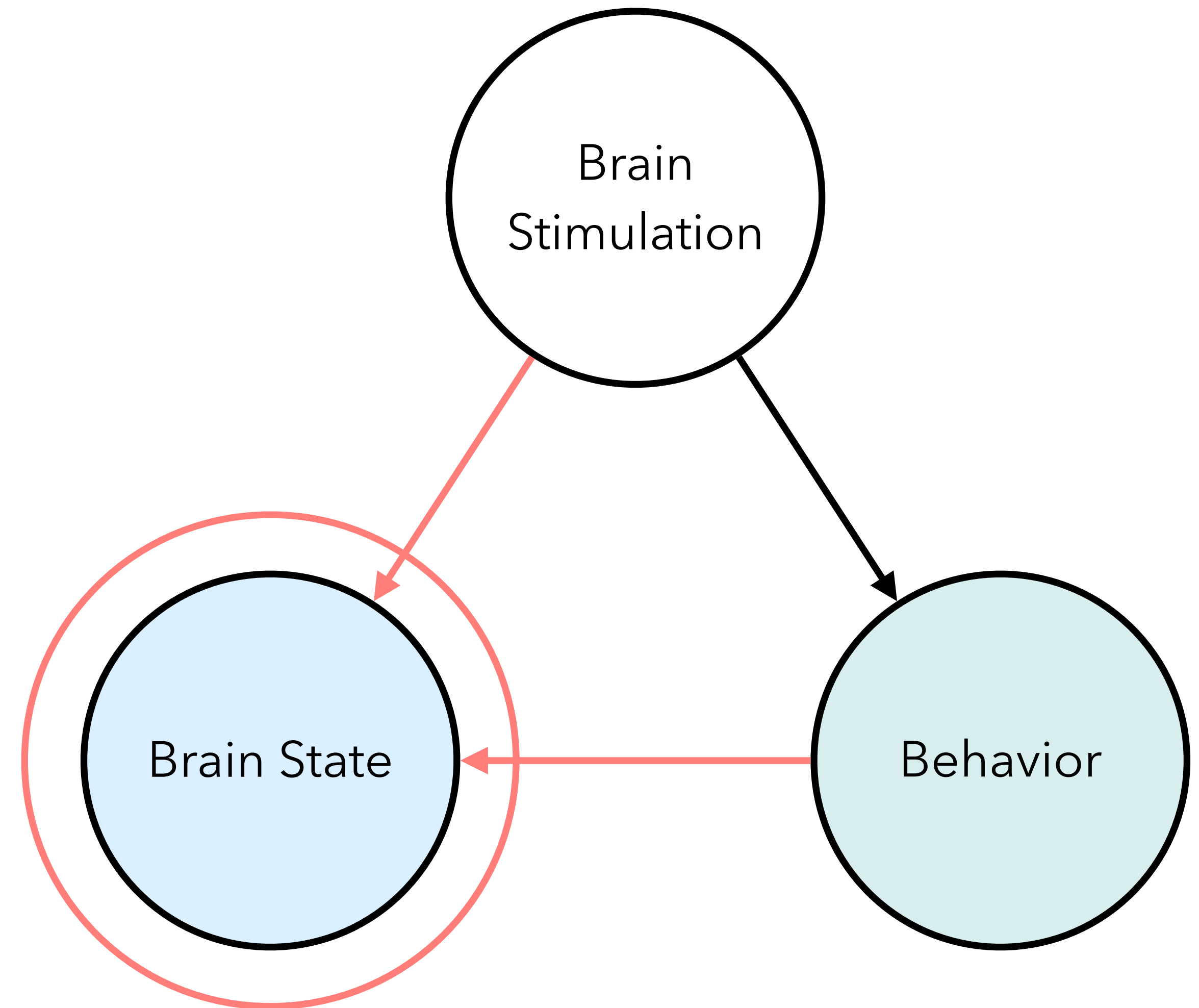
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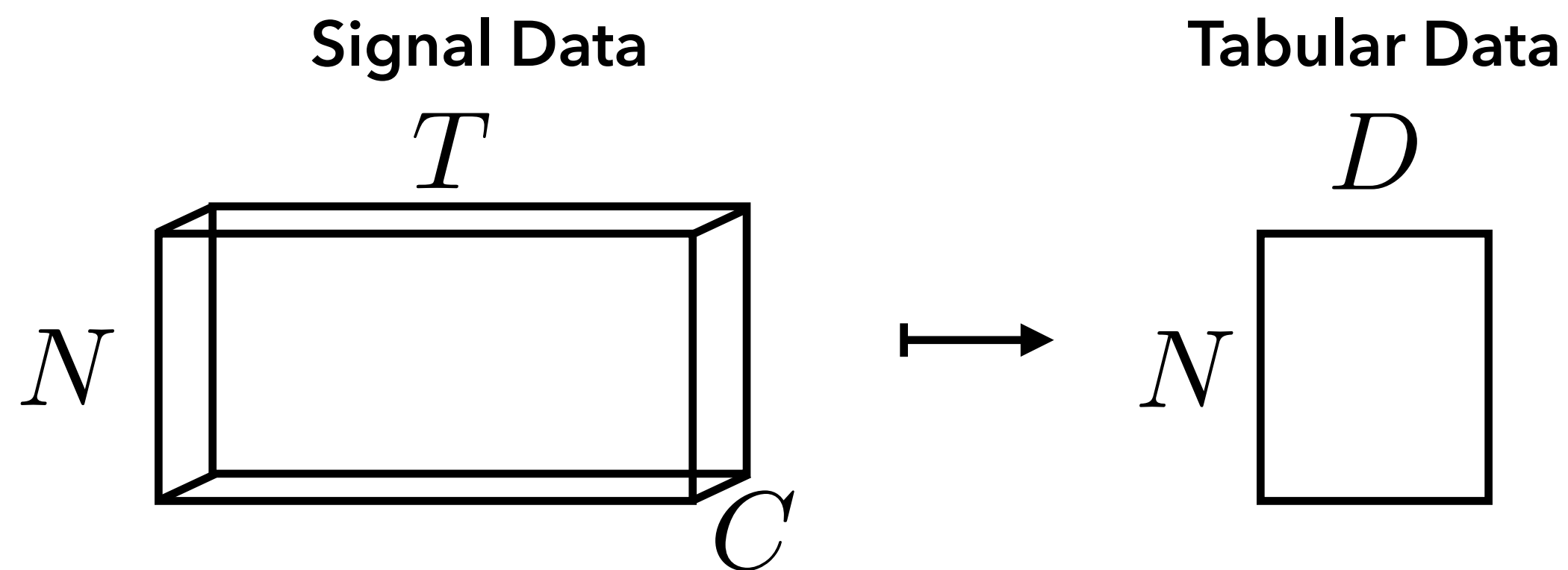
We observed changes in a one-dimensional measurement of behavior (reach time).



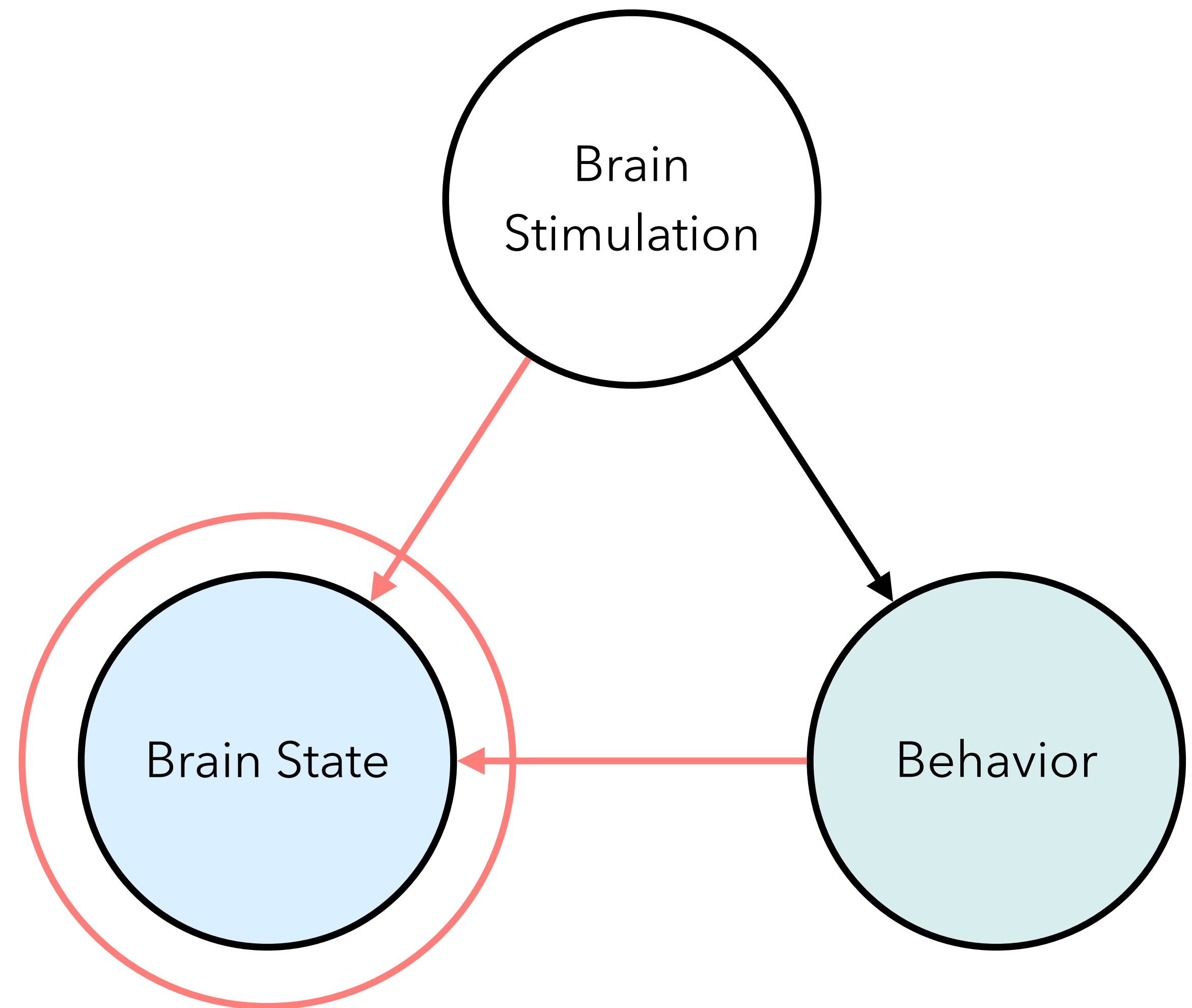
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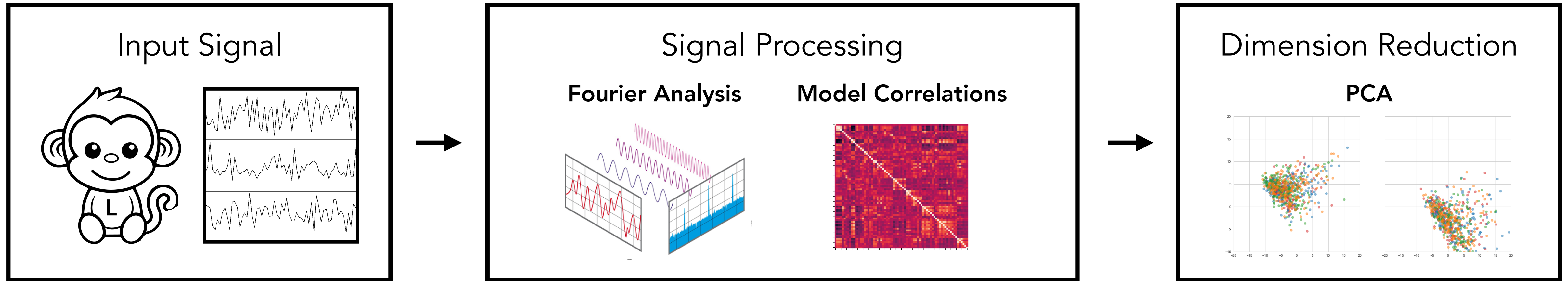
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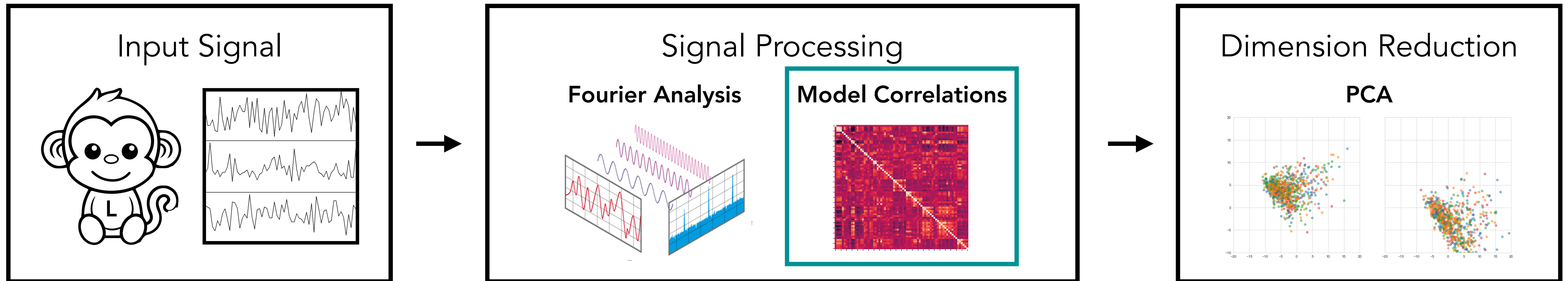
$N$  Trials  
 $T$  Samples  
 $C$  Channels  
 $D$  Dimensions



# A Possible Pipeline



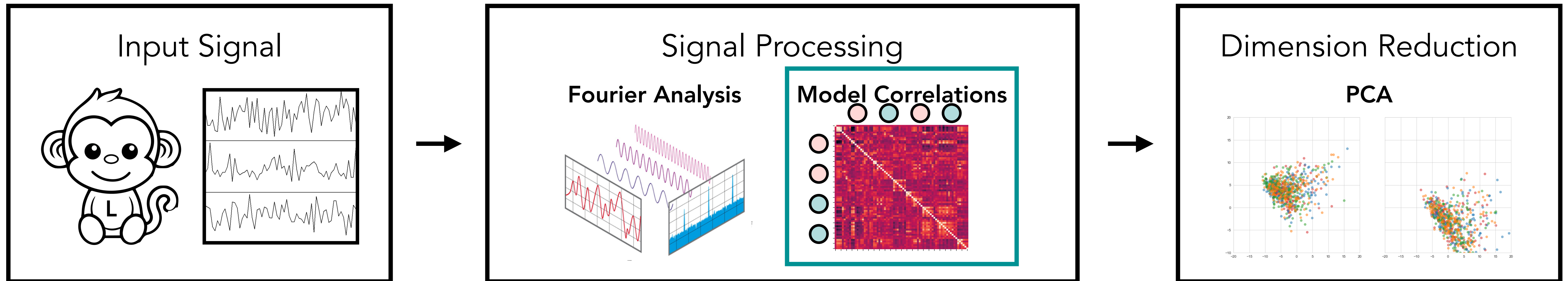
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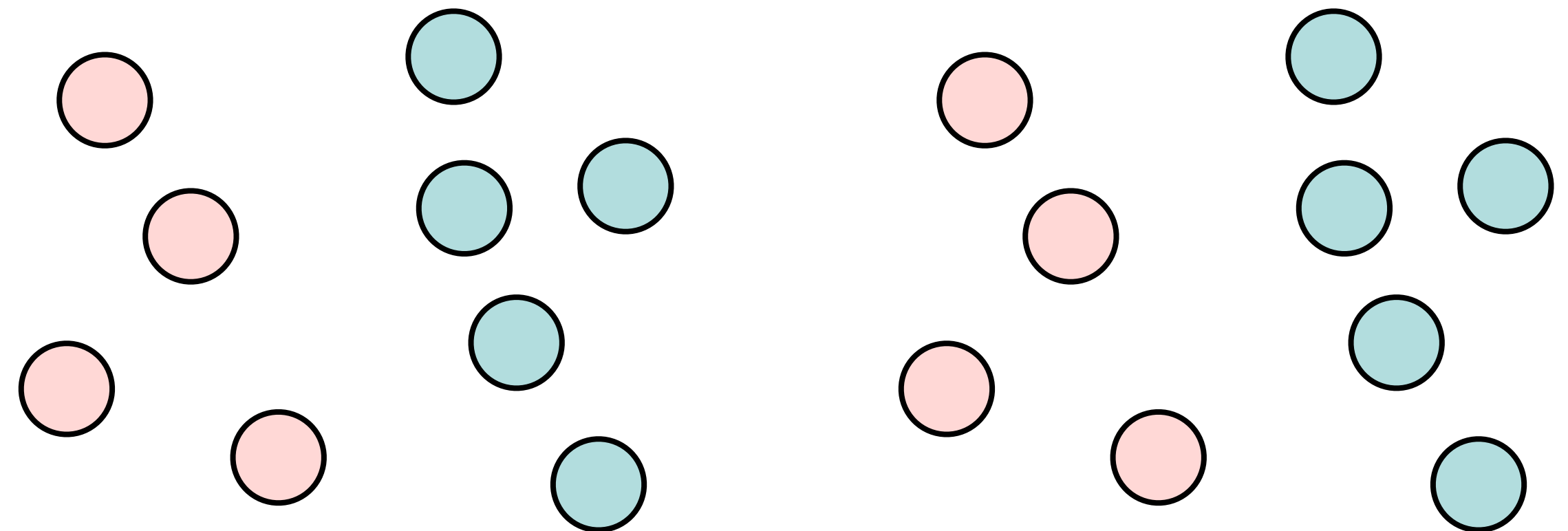
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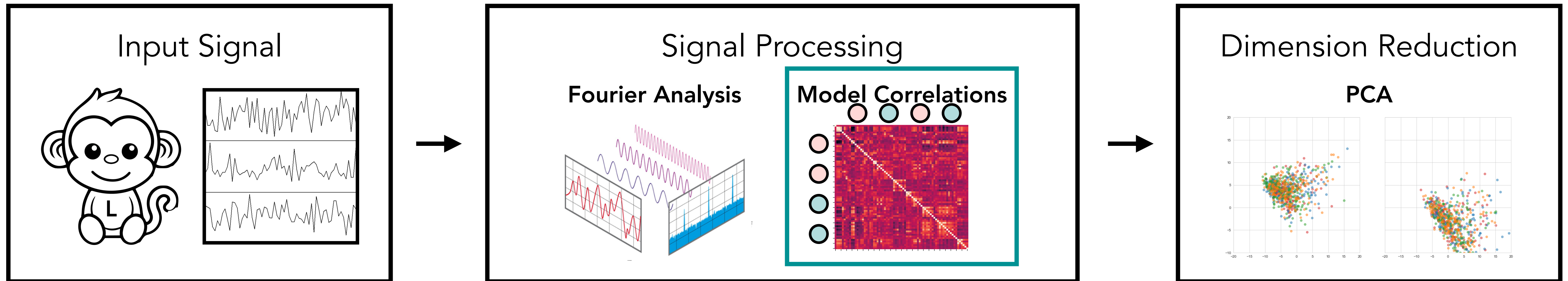


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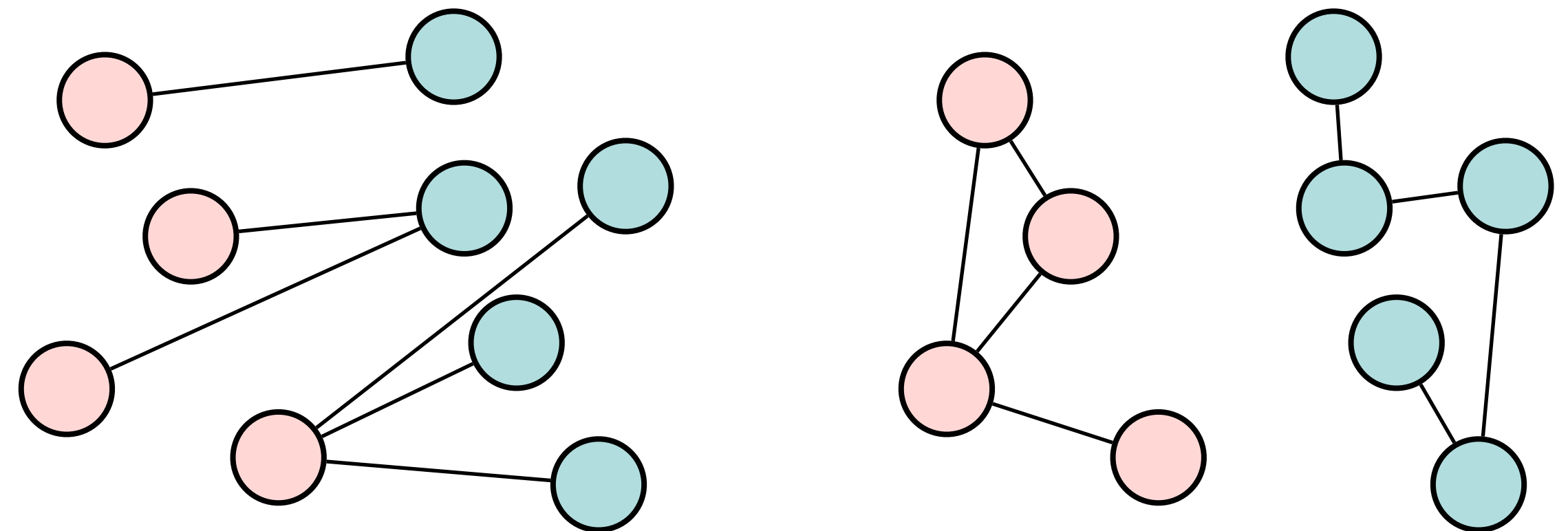
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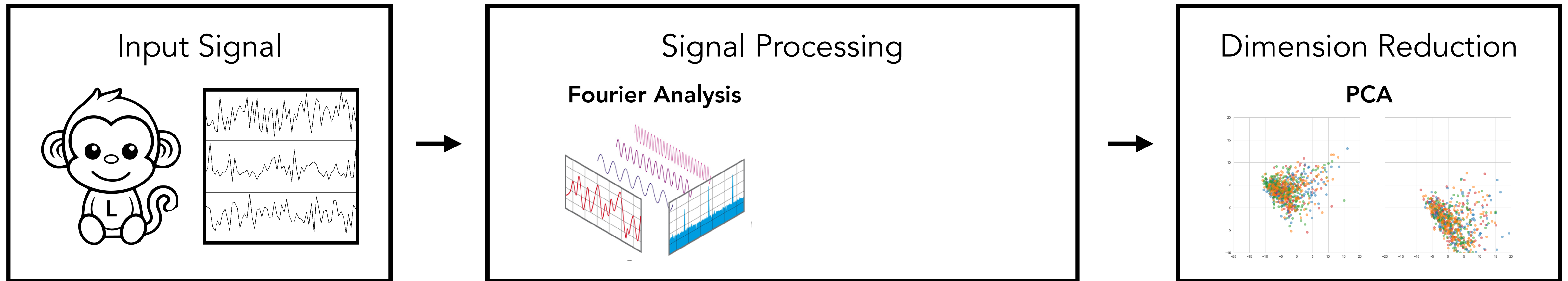
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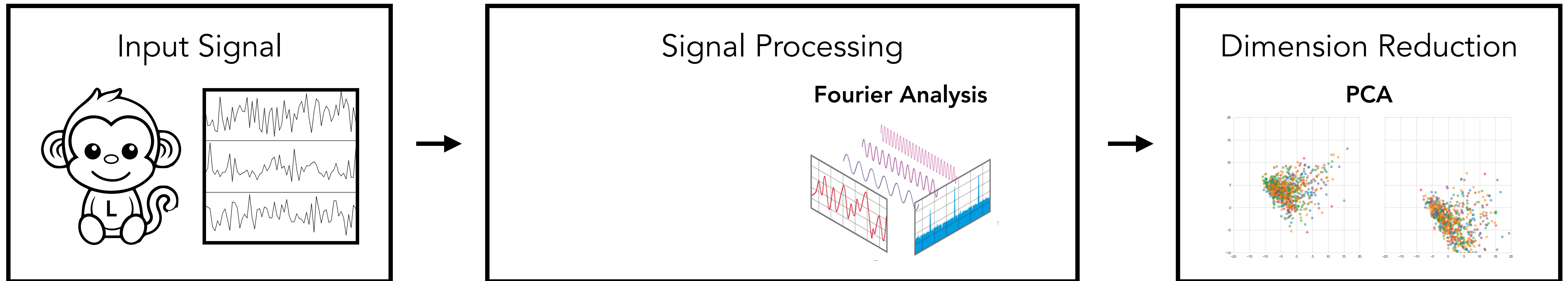
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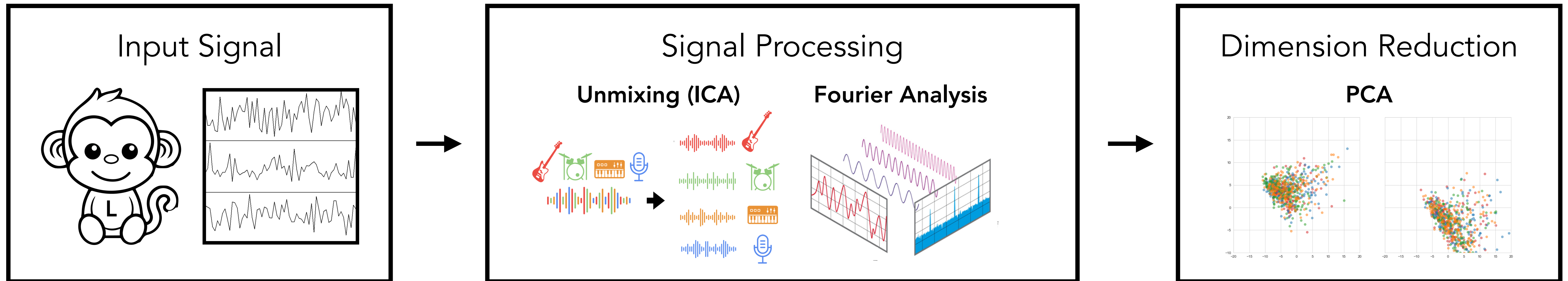
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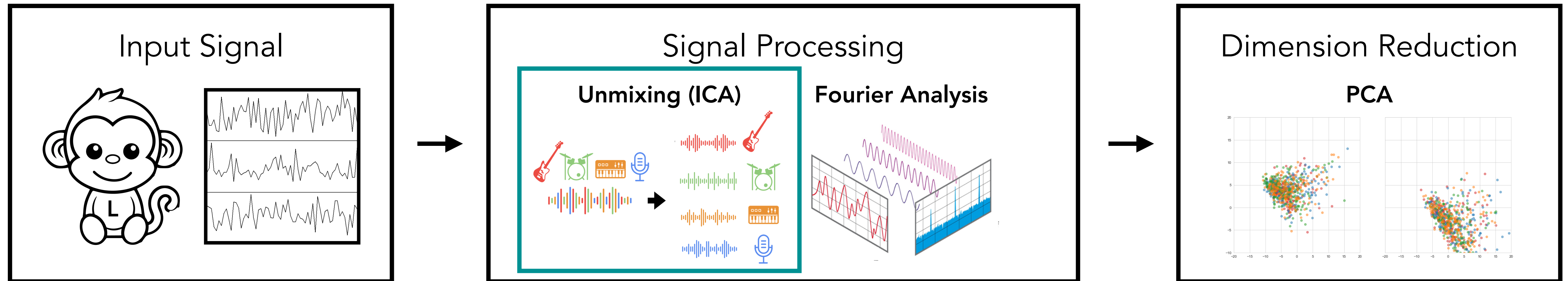
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Independent component analysis (**ICA**) separates the signals into **independent source** signals that have no correlation structure but recover the original signal when combined.

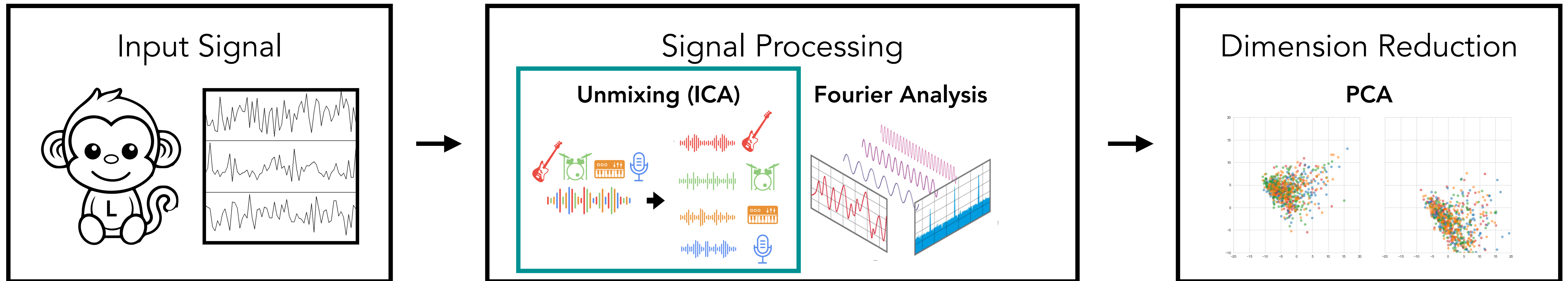
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$$

Observed Signal      Mixing Matrix      Source Signal

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} \sim \mathbf{s}$$

Unmixing Matrix

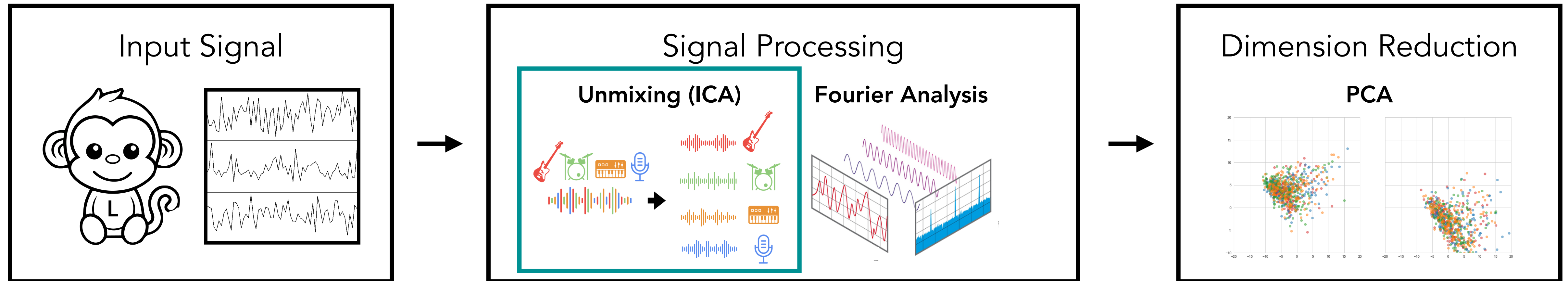
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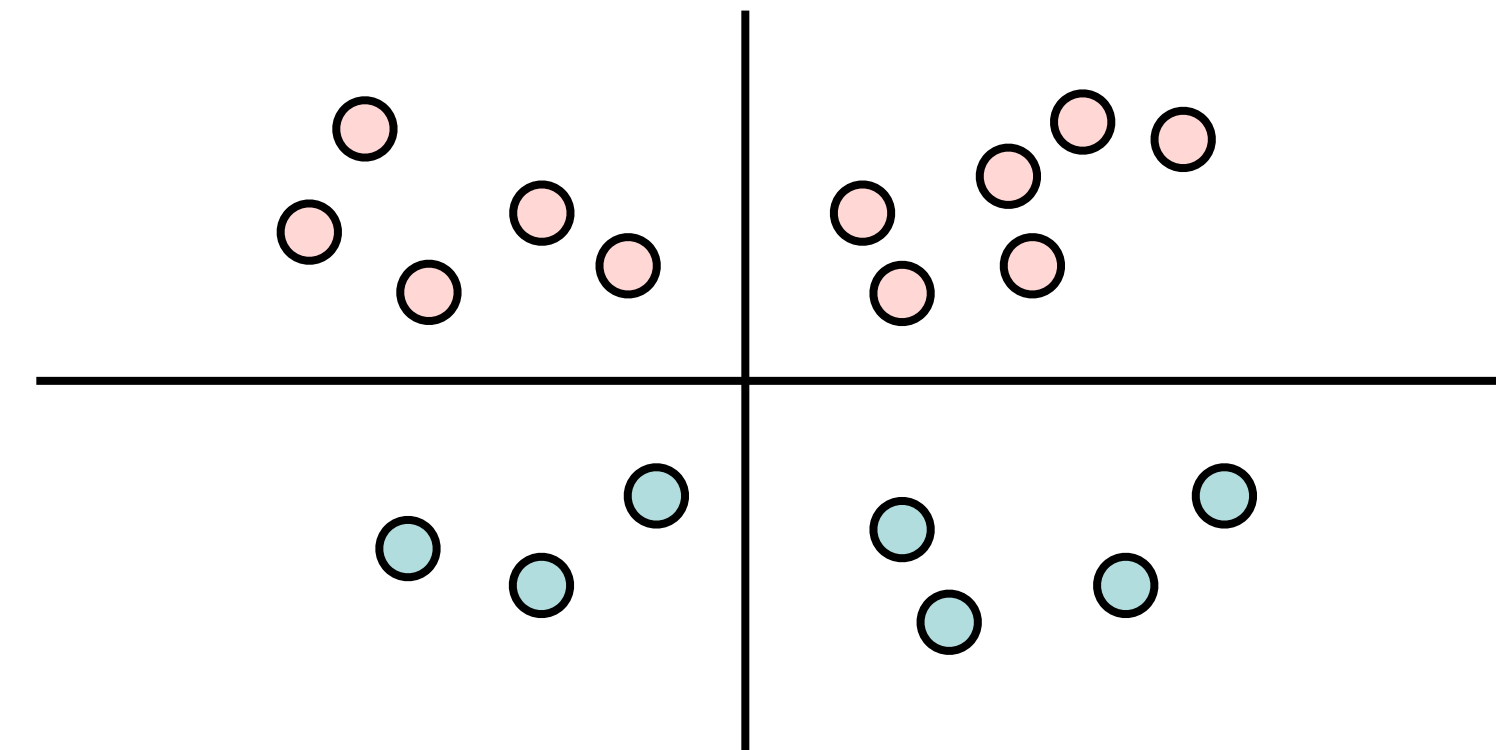
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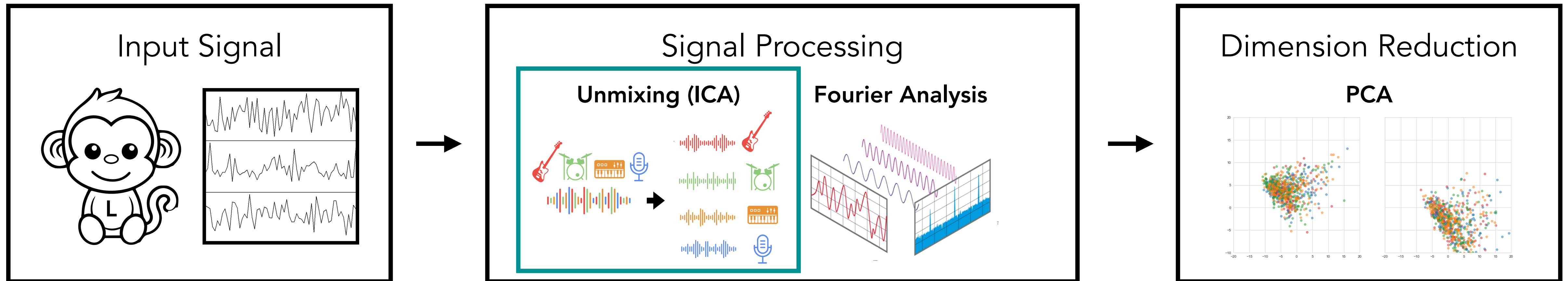


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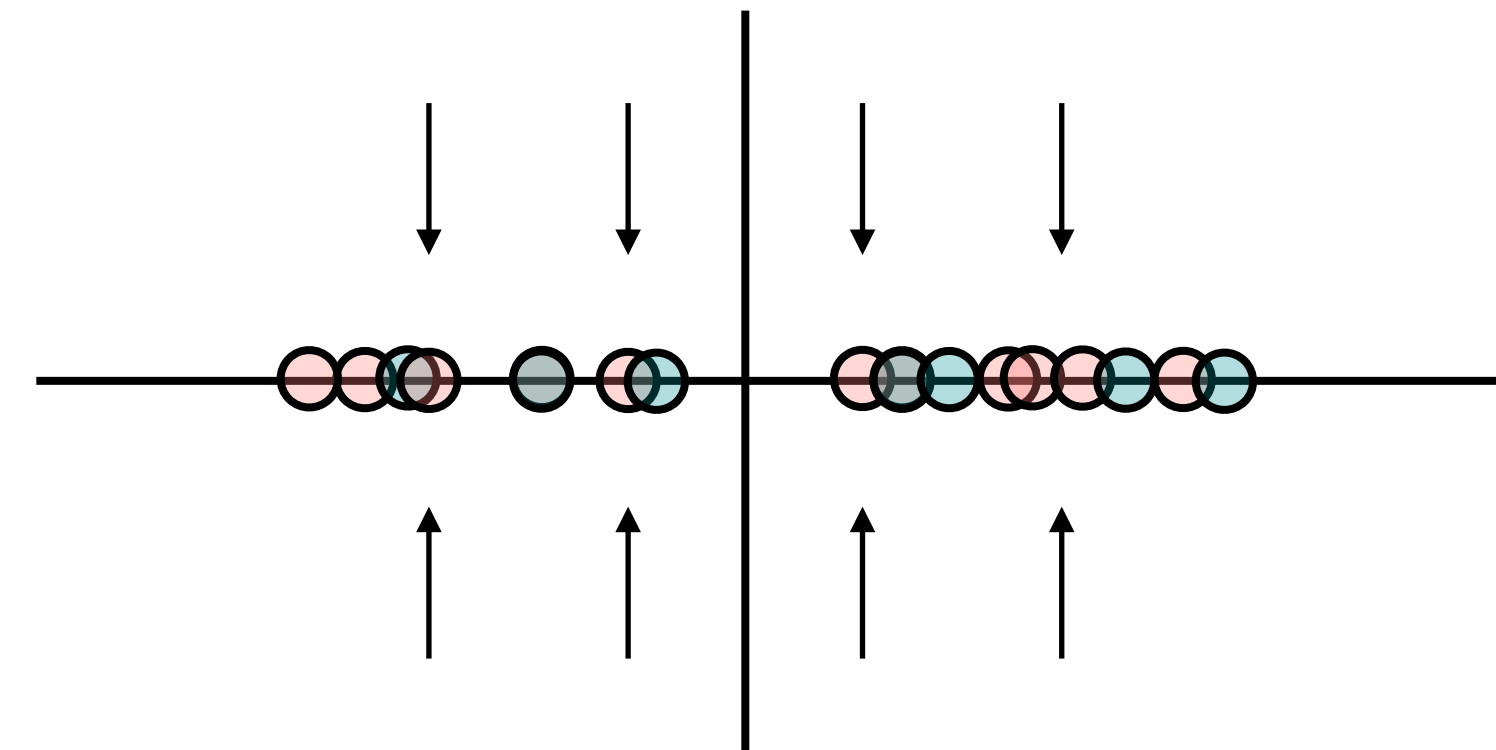


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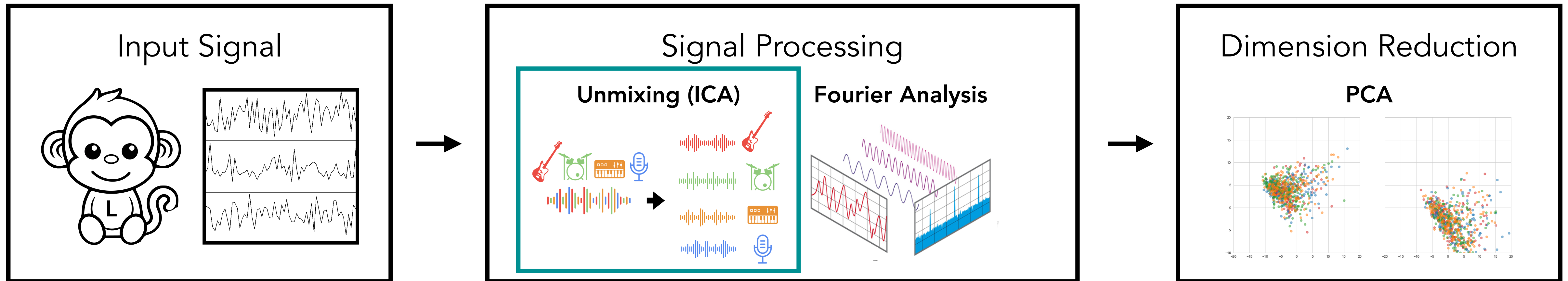
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Projection onto the first principal component destroys task information.

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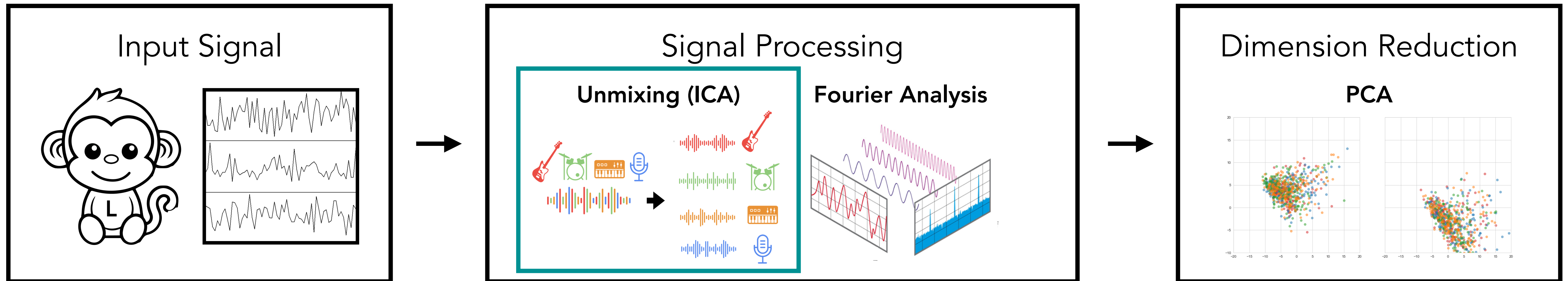


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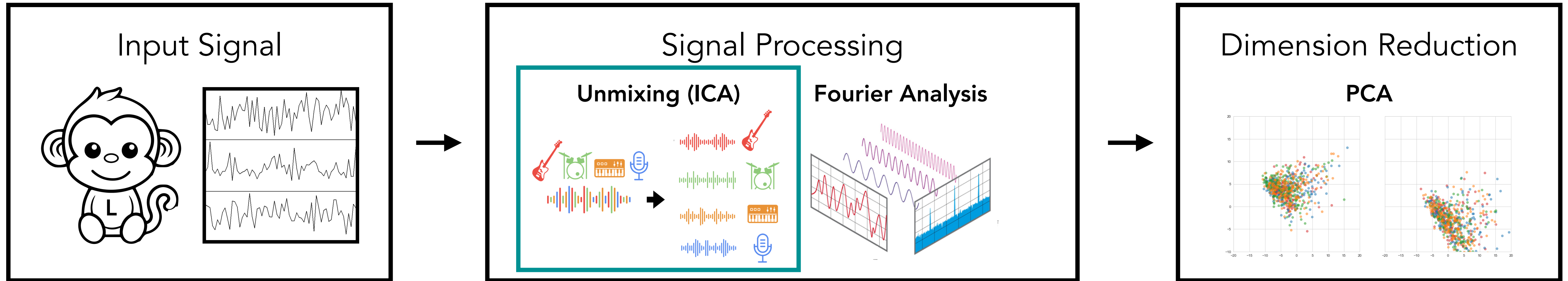
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Negative log-likelihood term enforces **independence**.

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Prediction loss term enforces  
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$$\ell(\mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}_i, y_i; \theta) = (f_{\theta}(\mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2$$

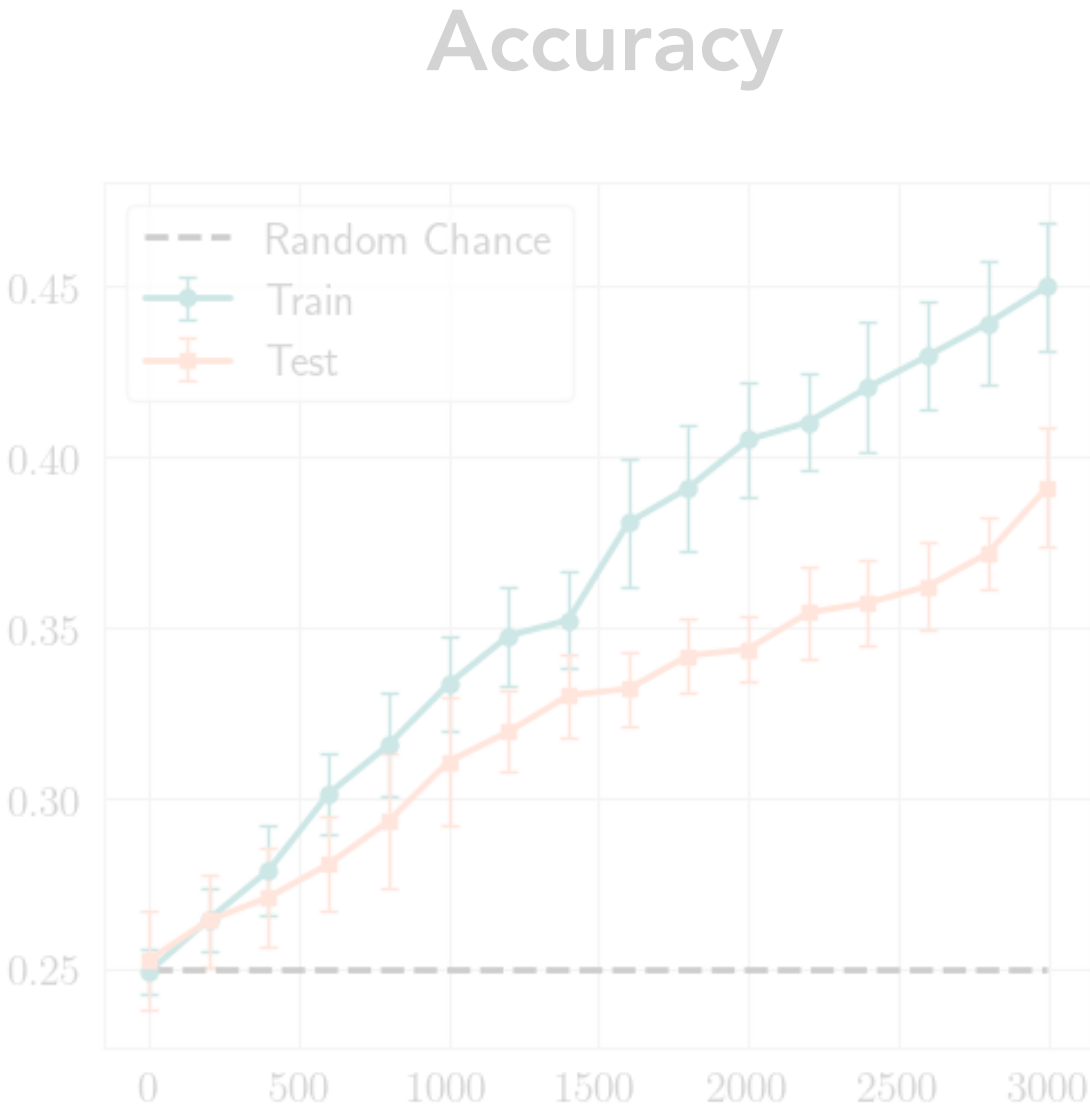
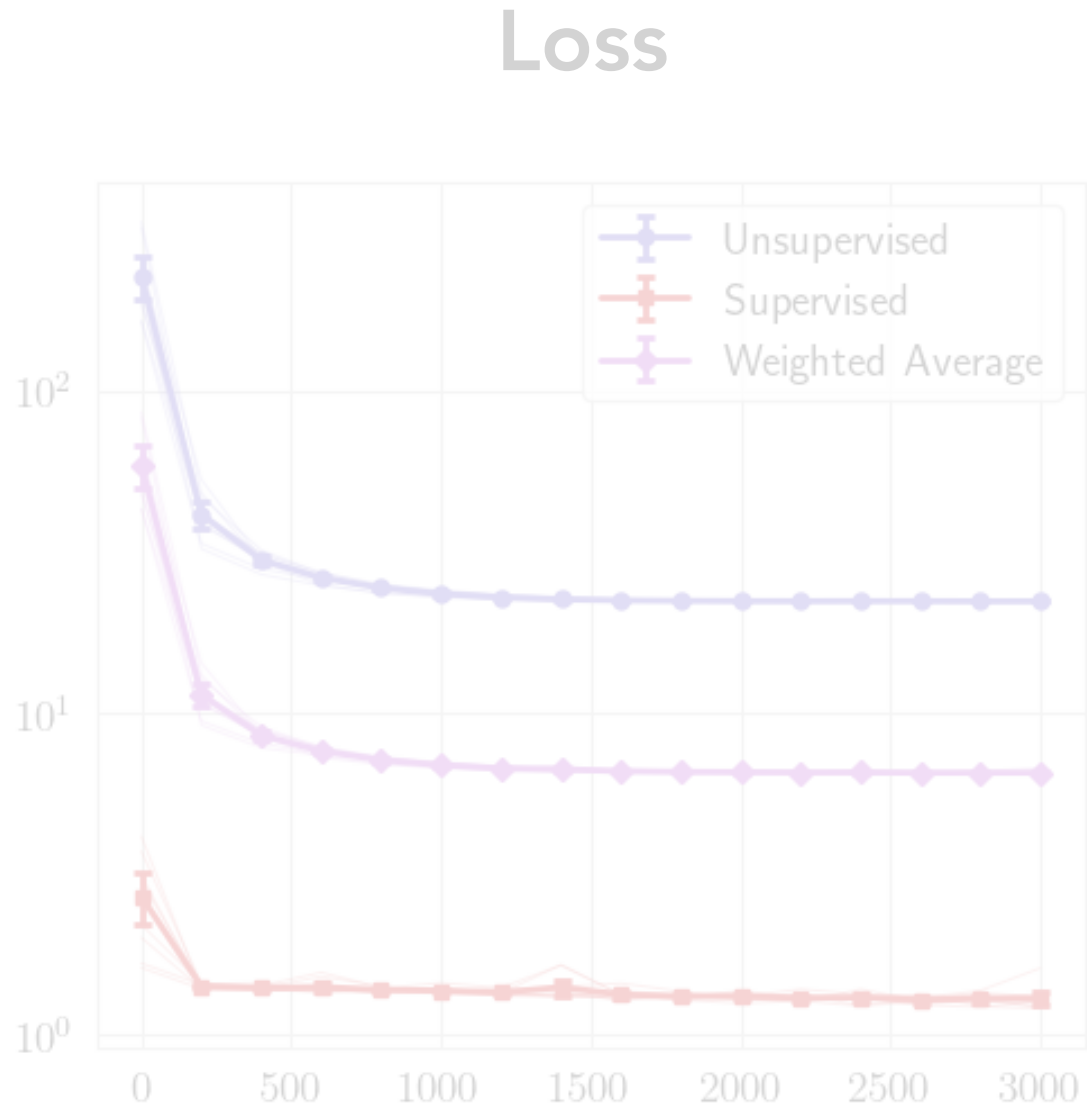
We use a simultaneous optimization scheme for the unmixing matrix and predictor parameter  $\theta$ .

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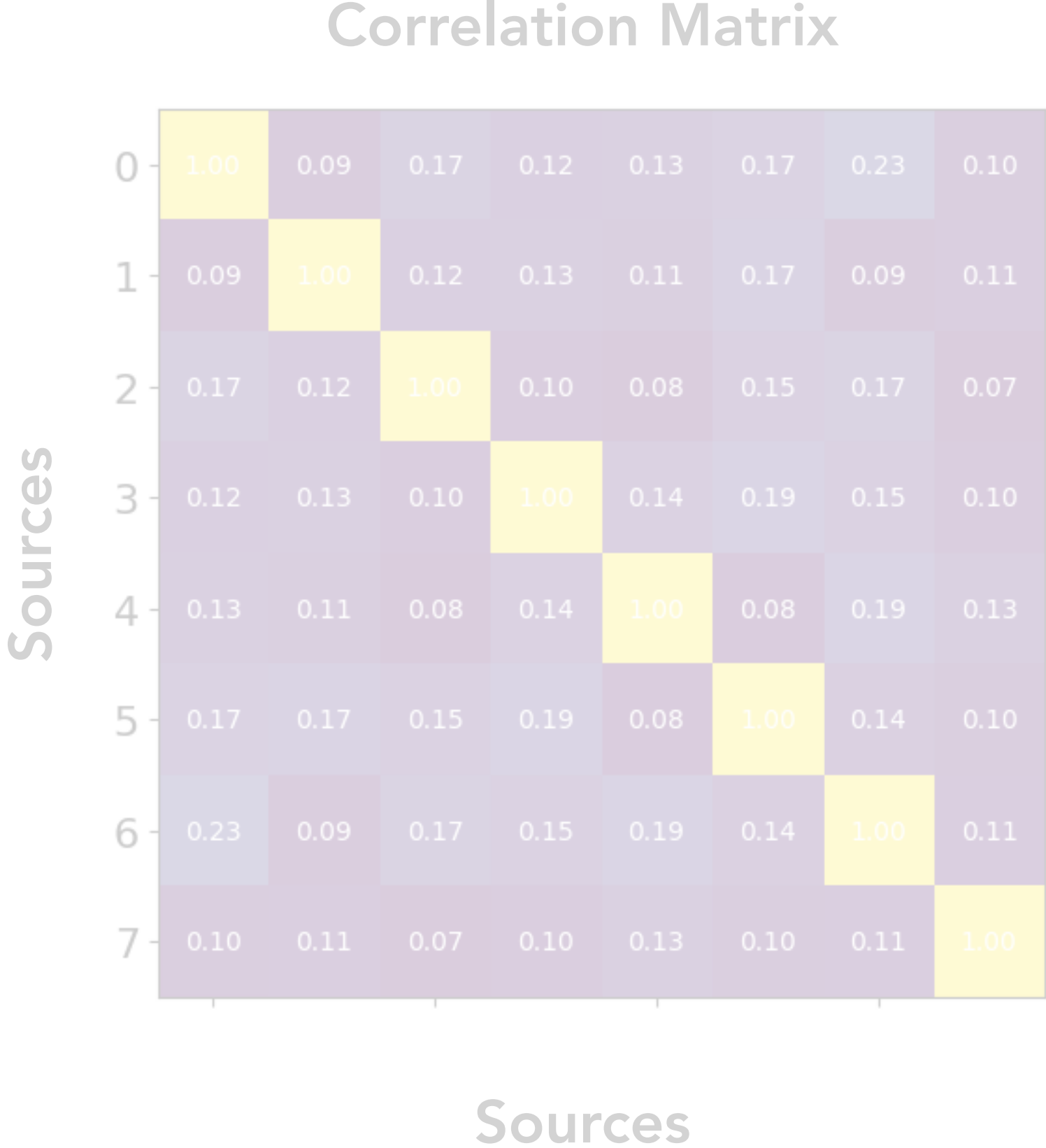
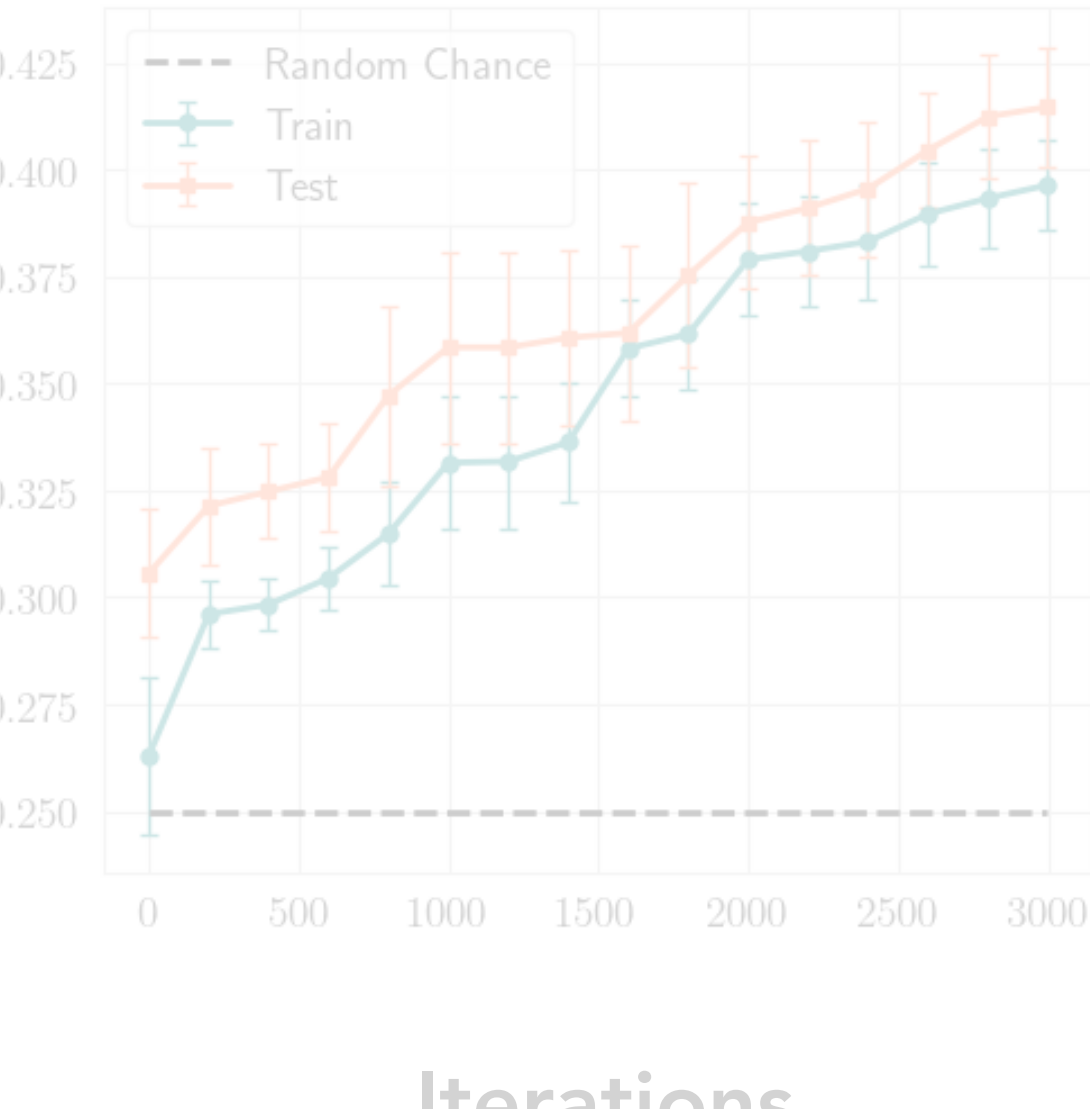
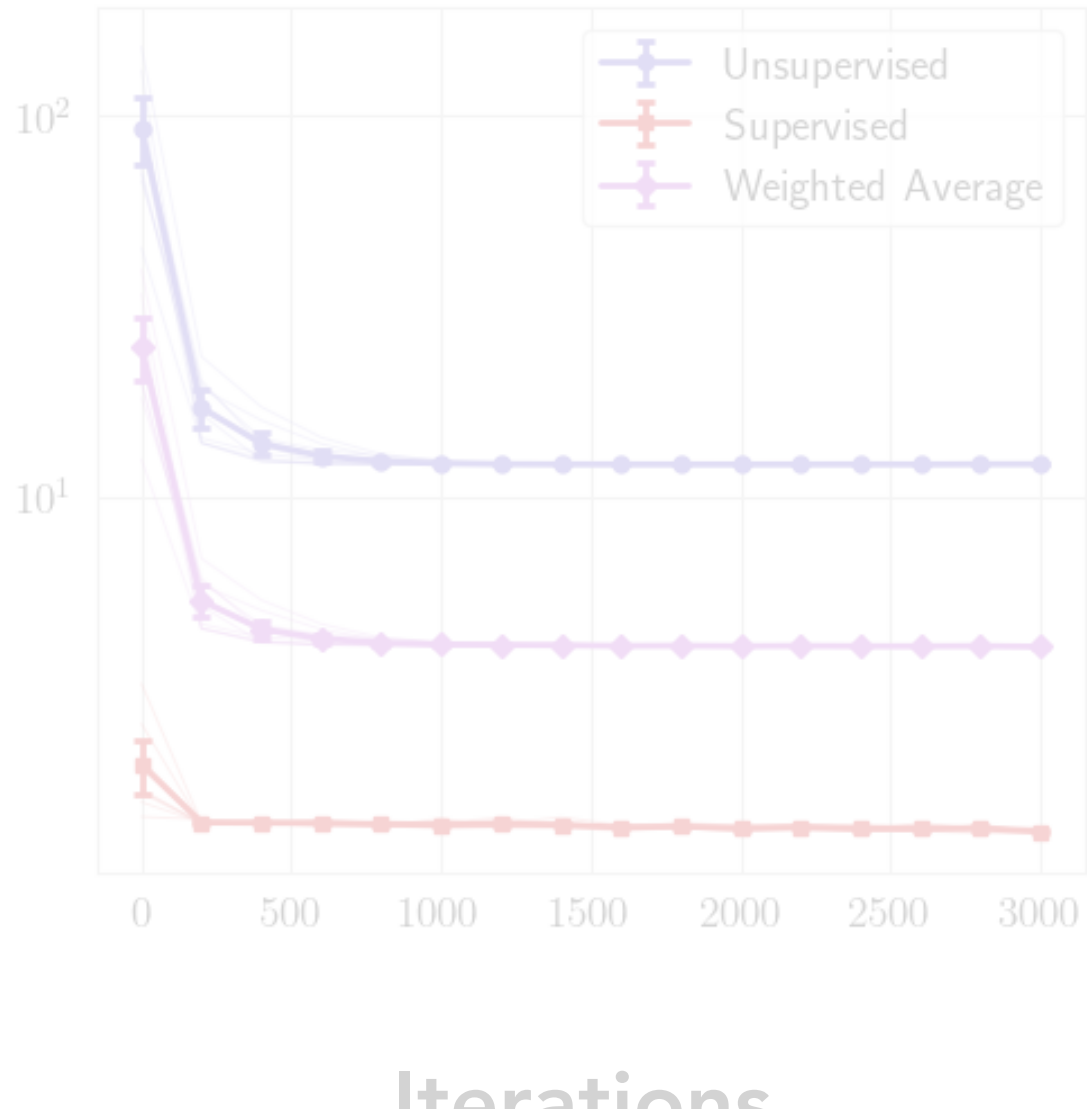
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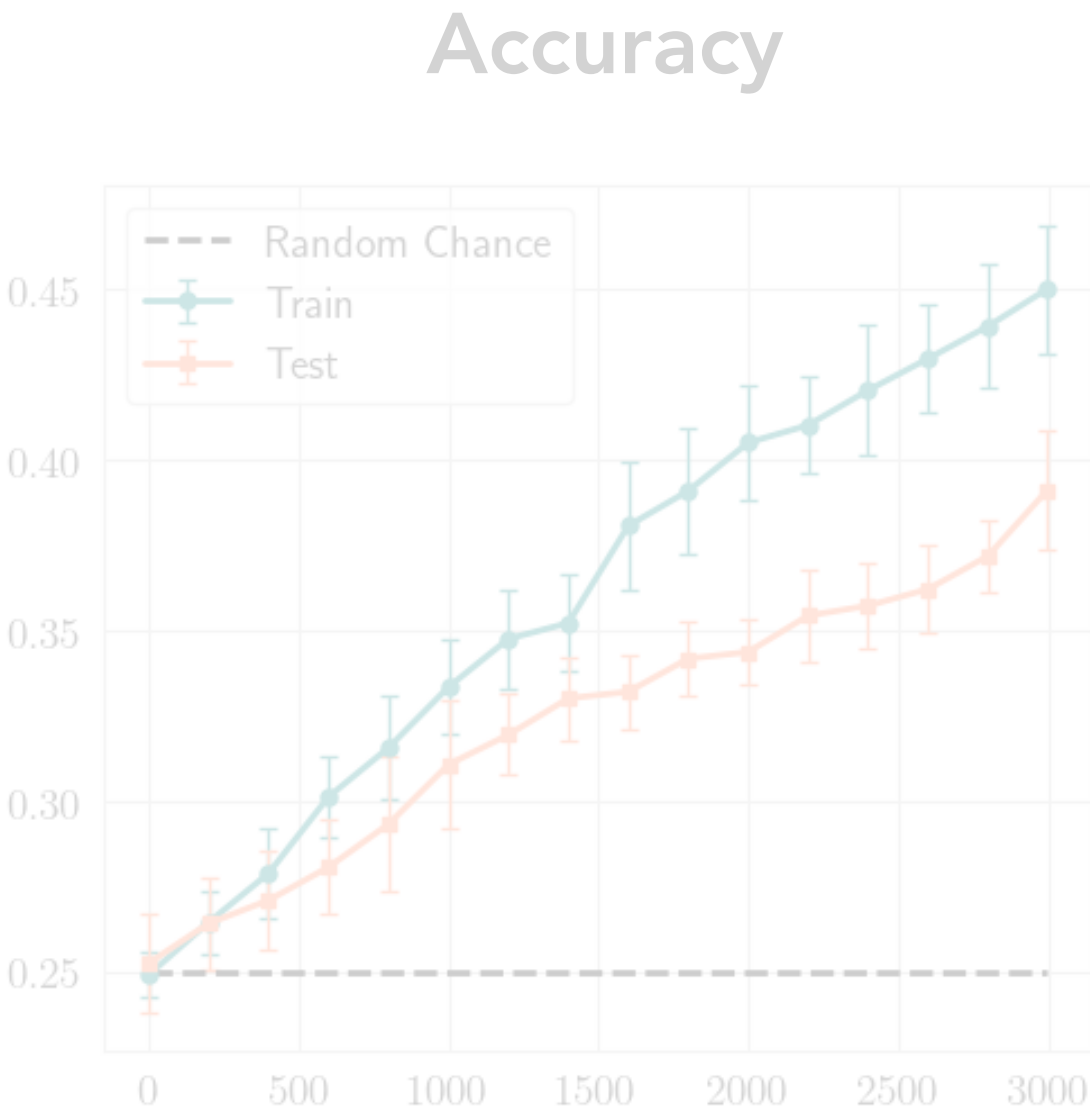


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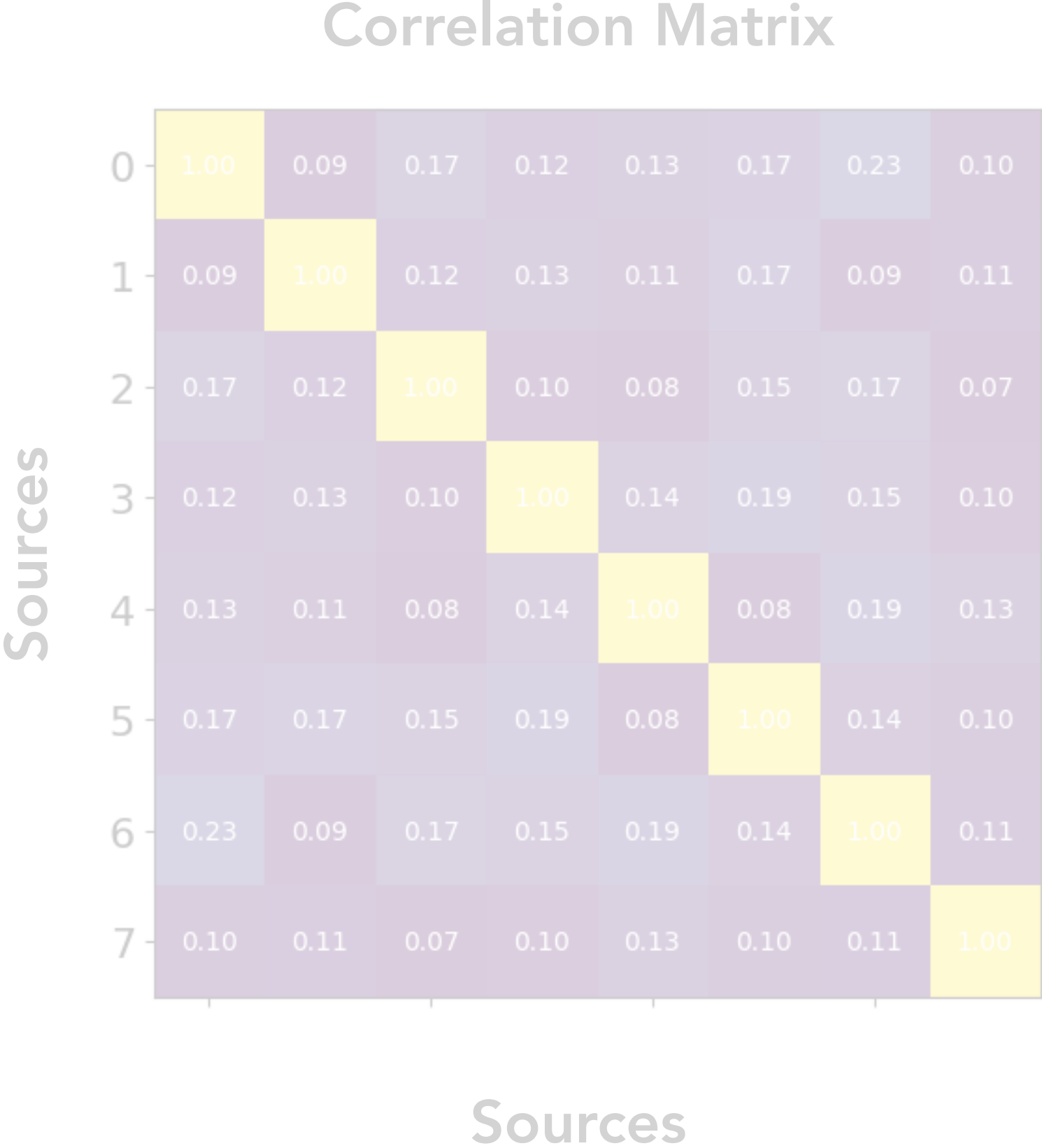
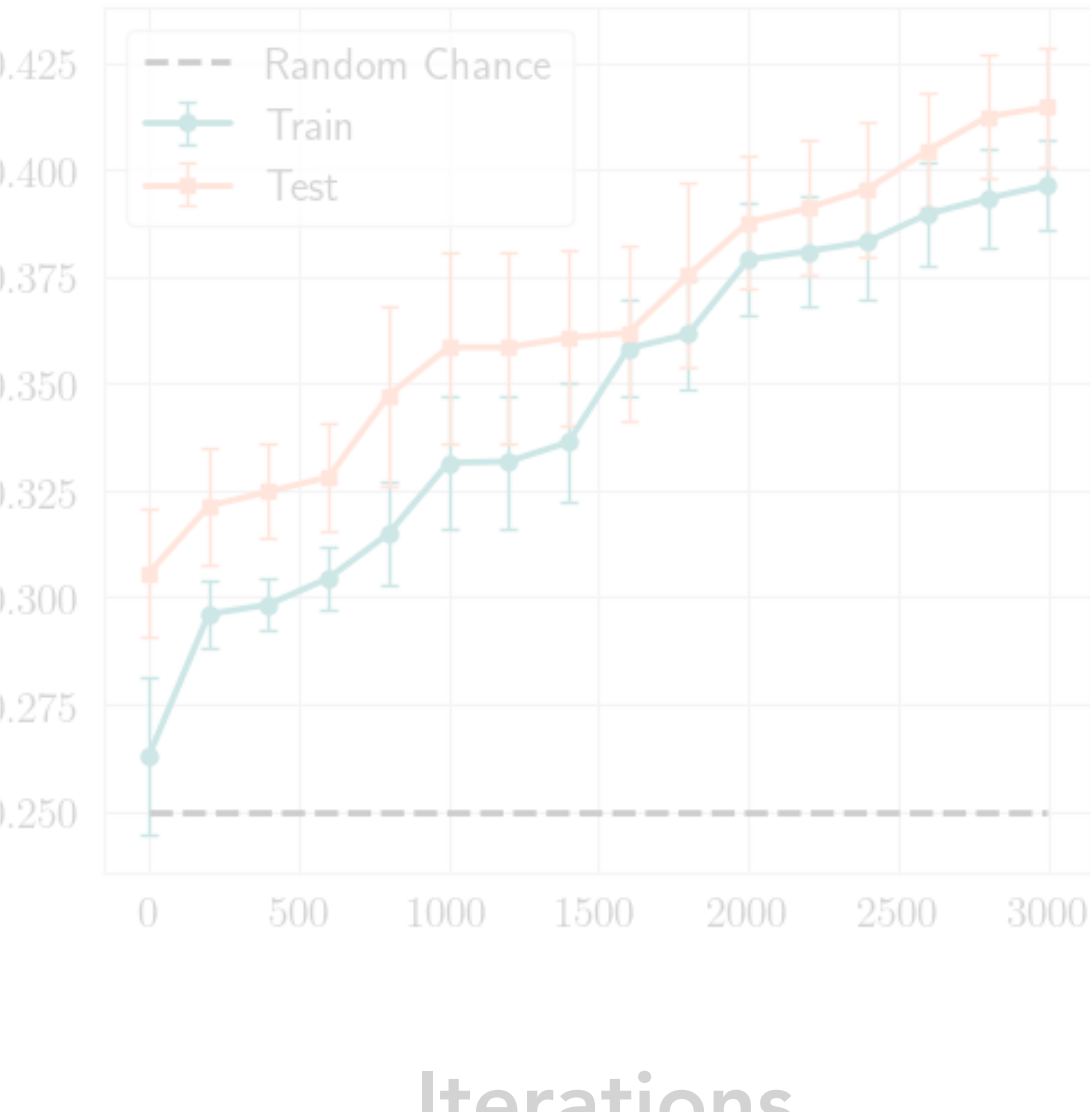
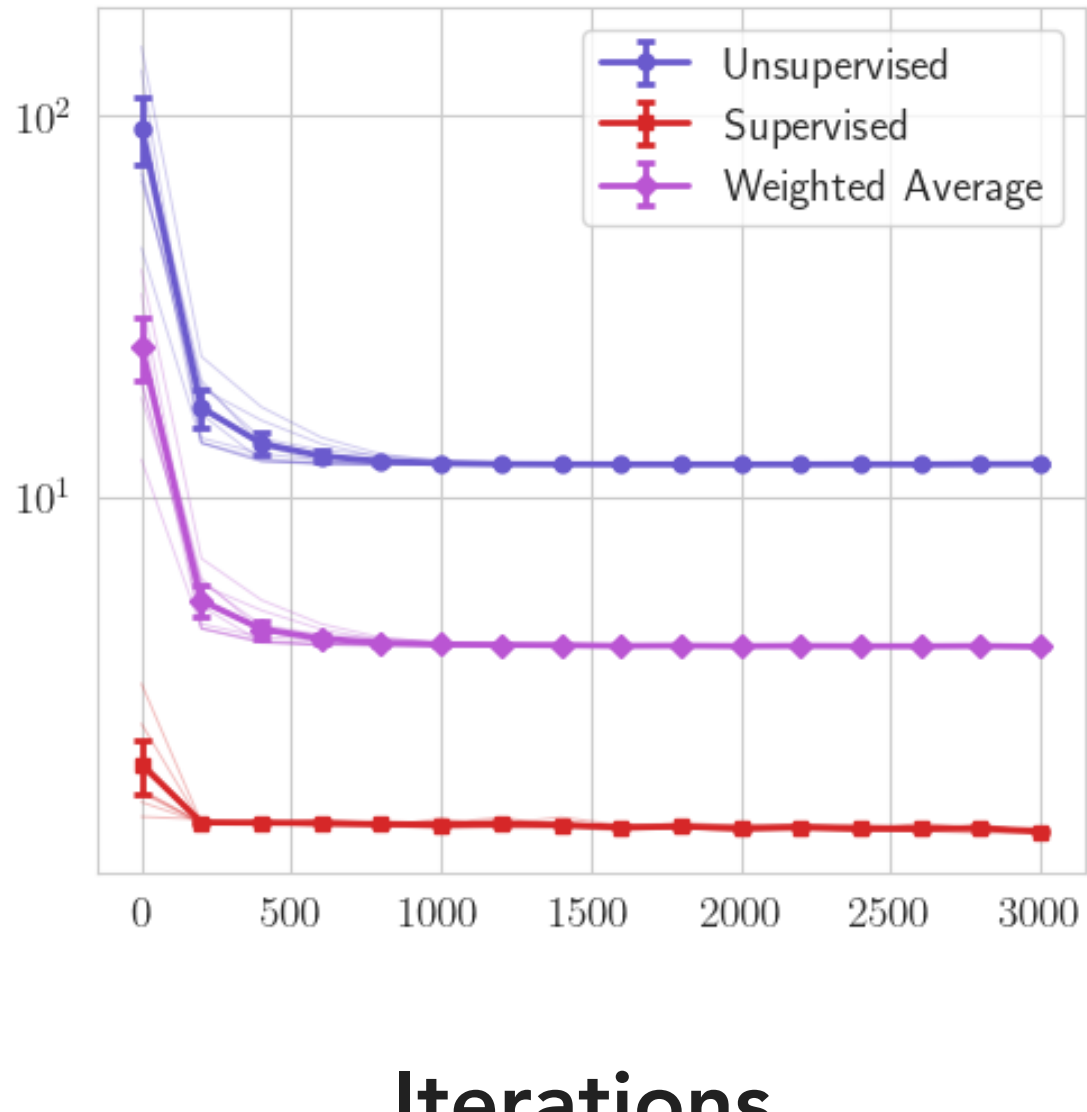
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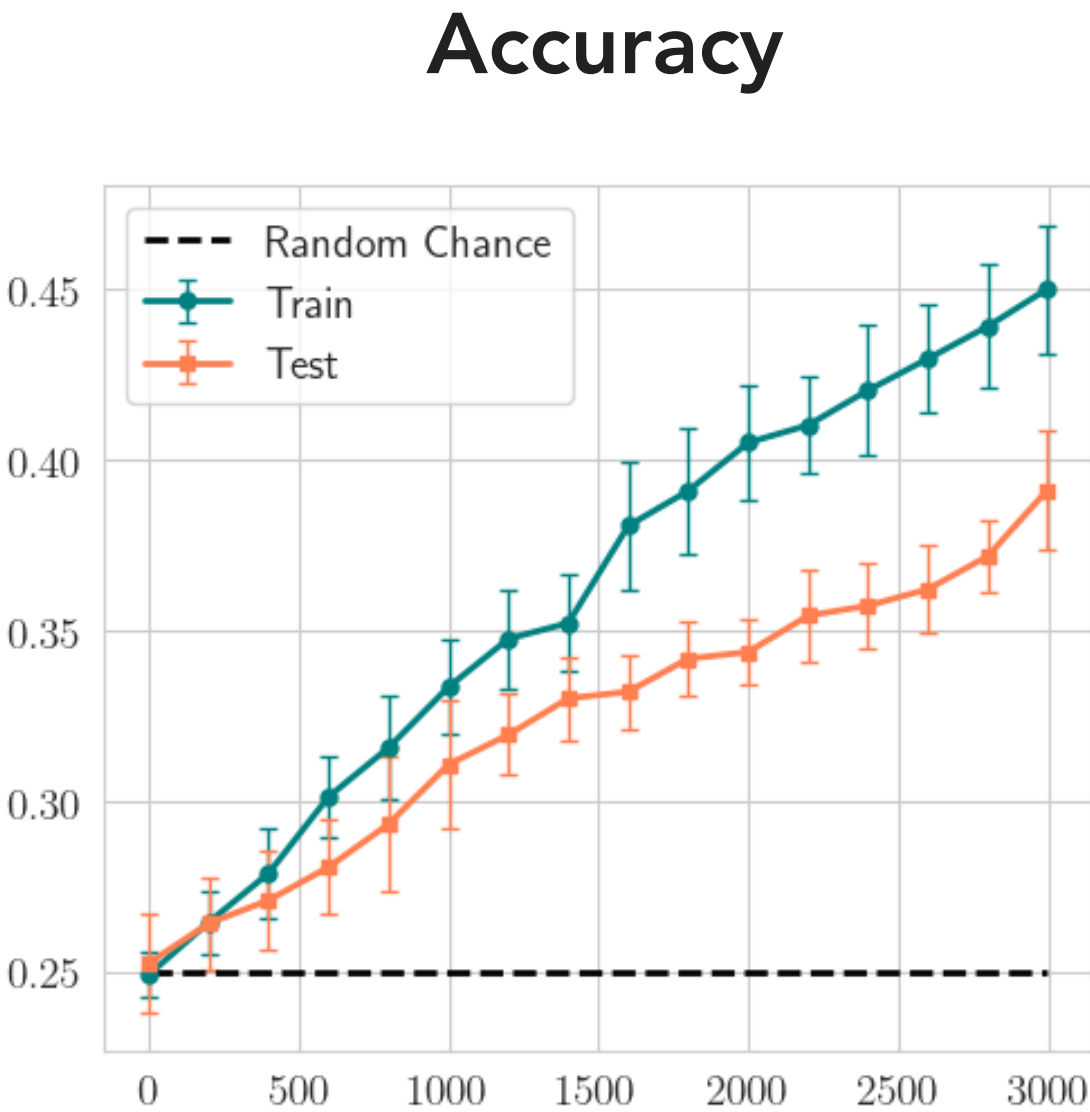


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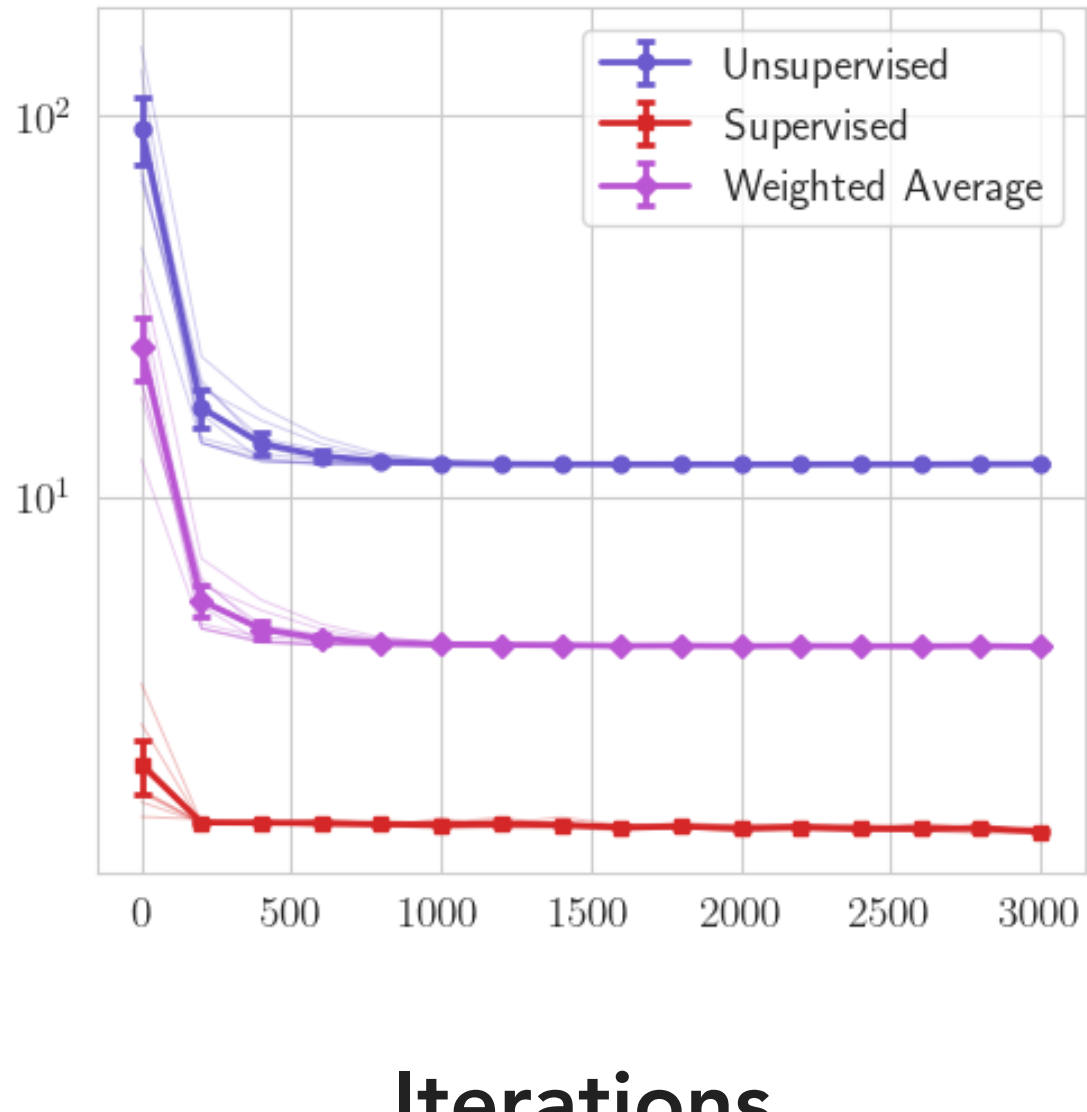
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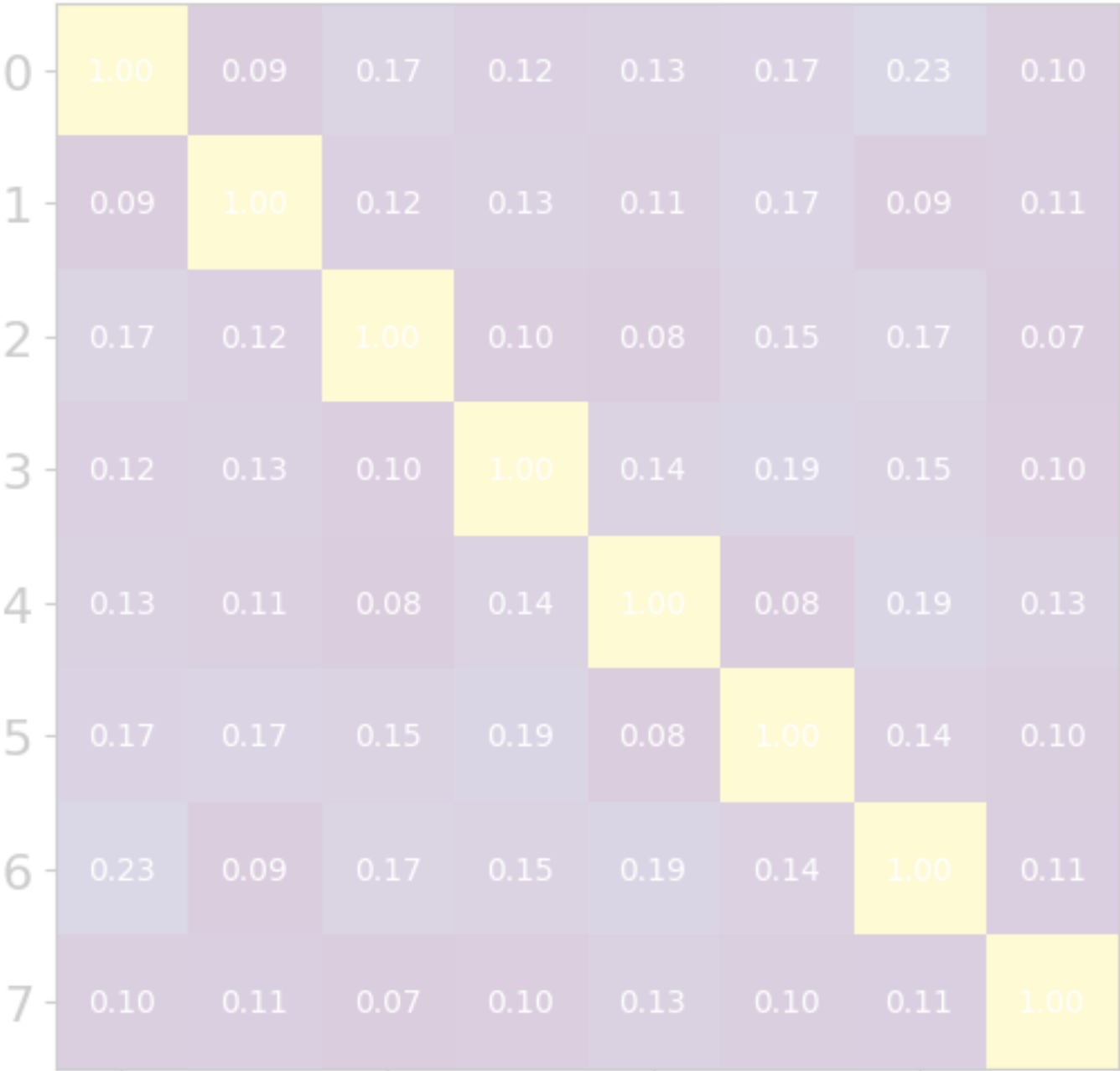


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Correlation Matrix



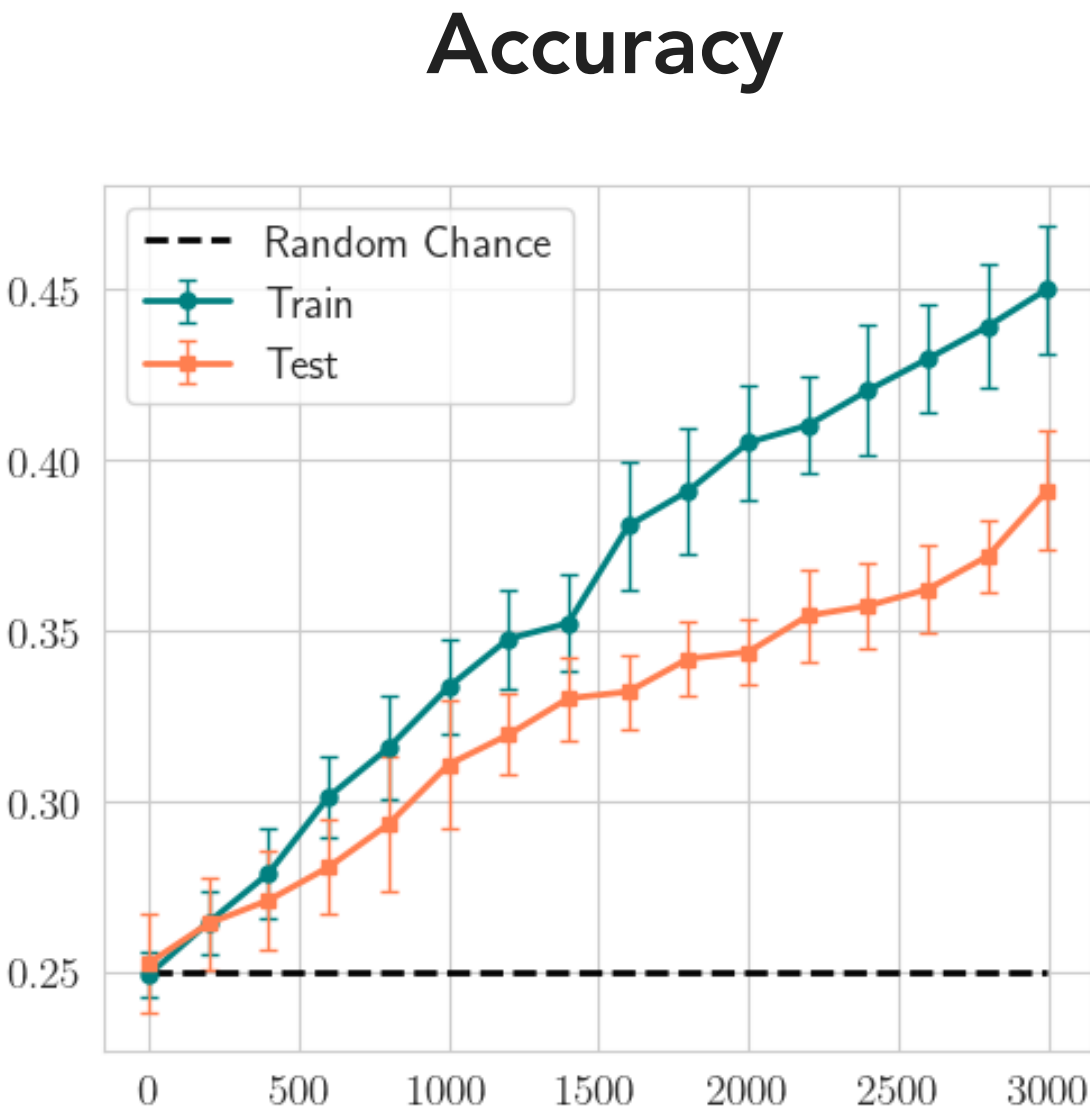
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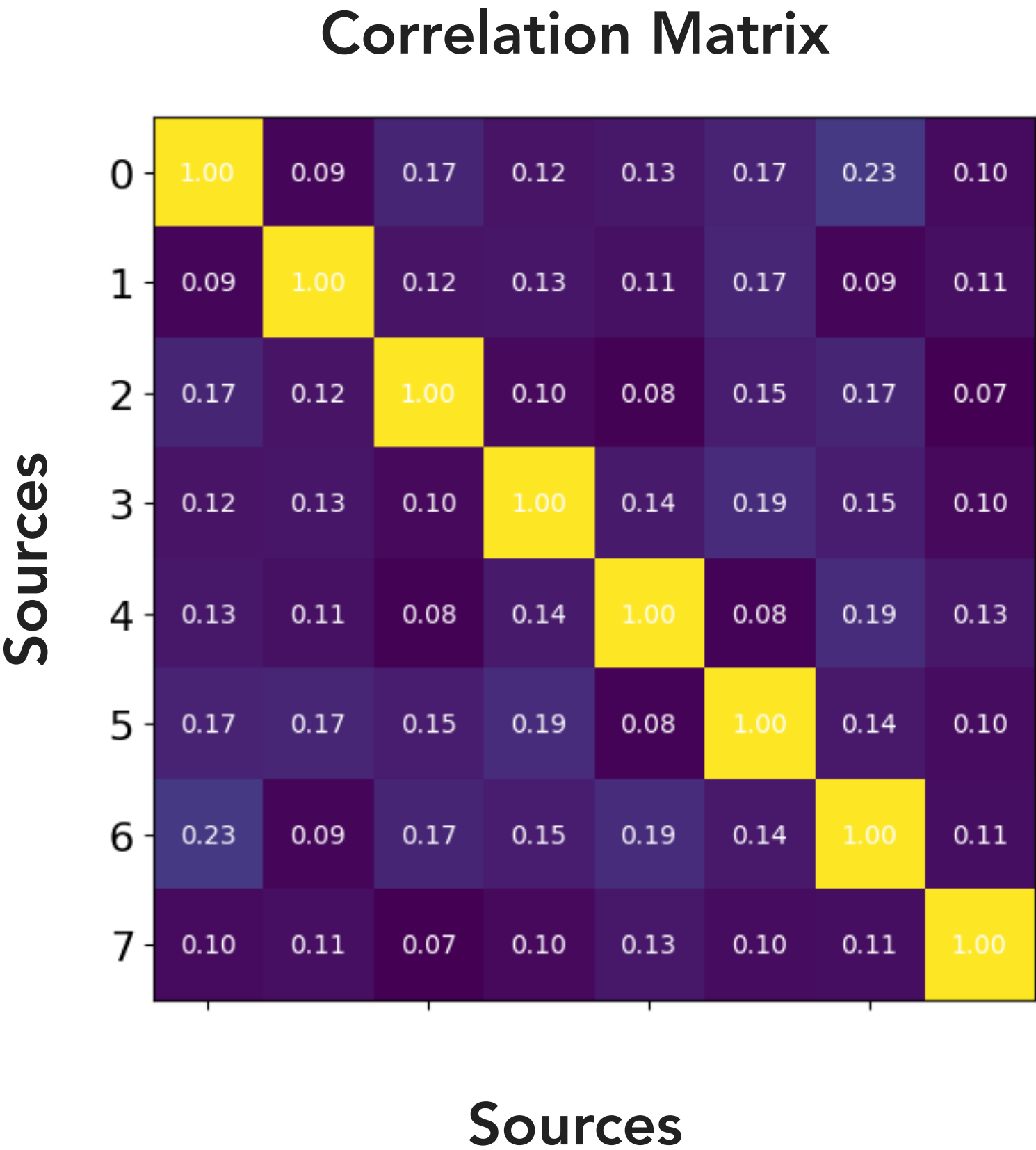
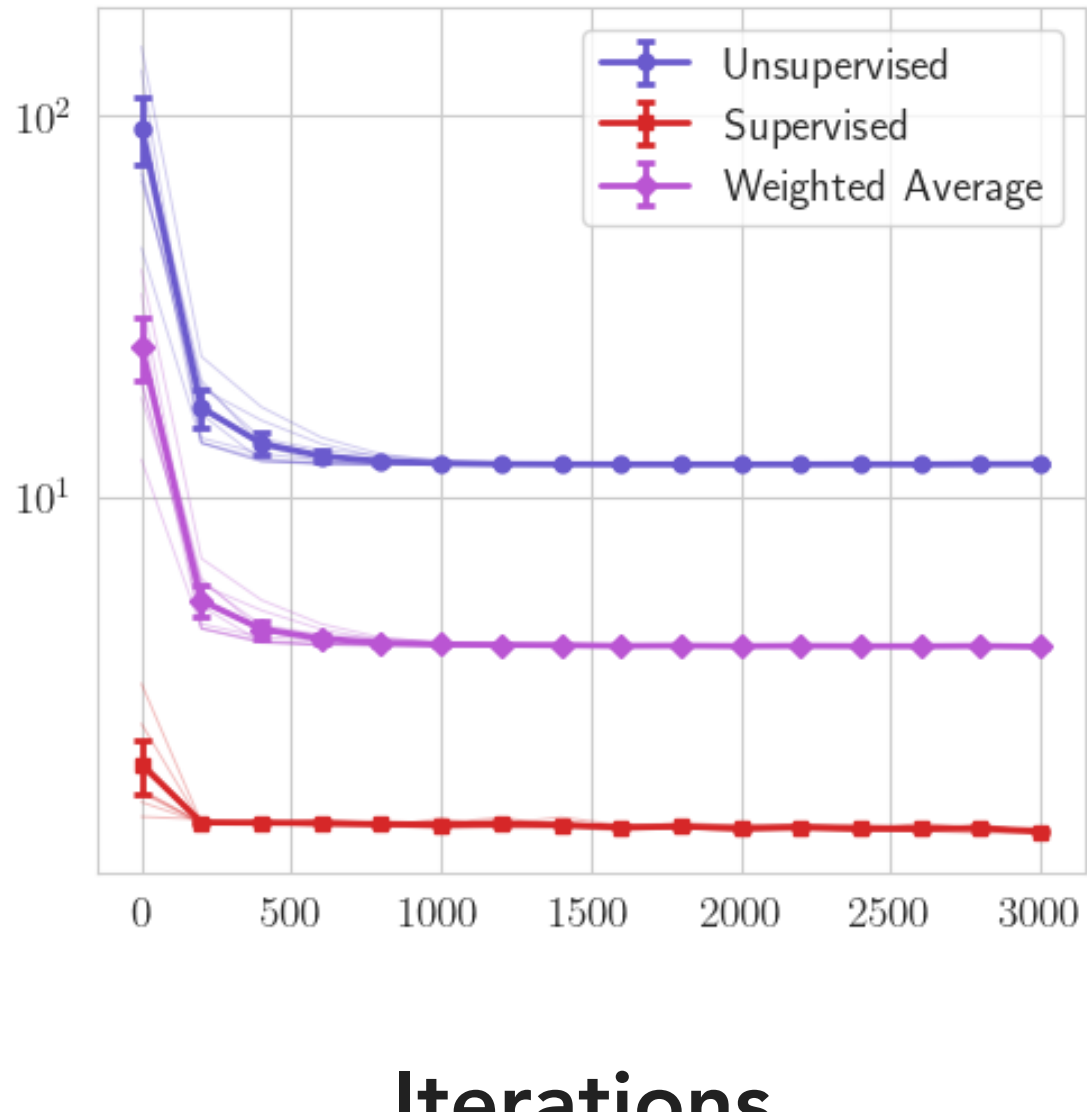
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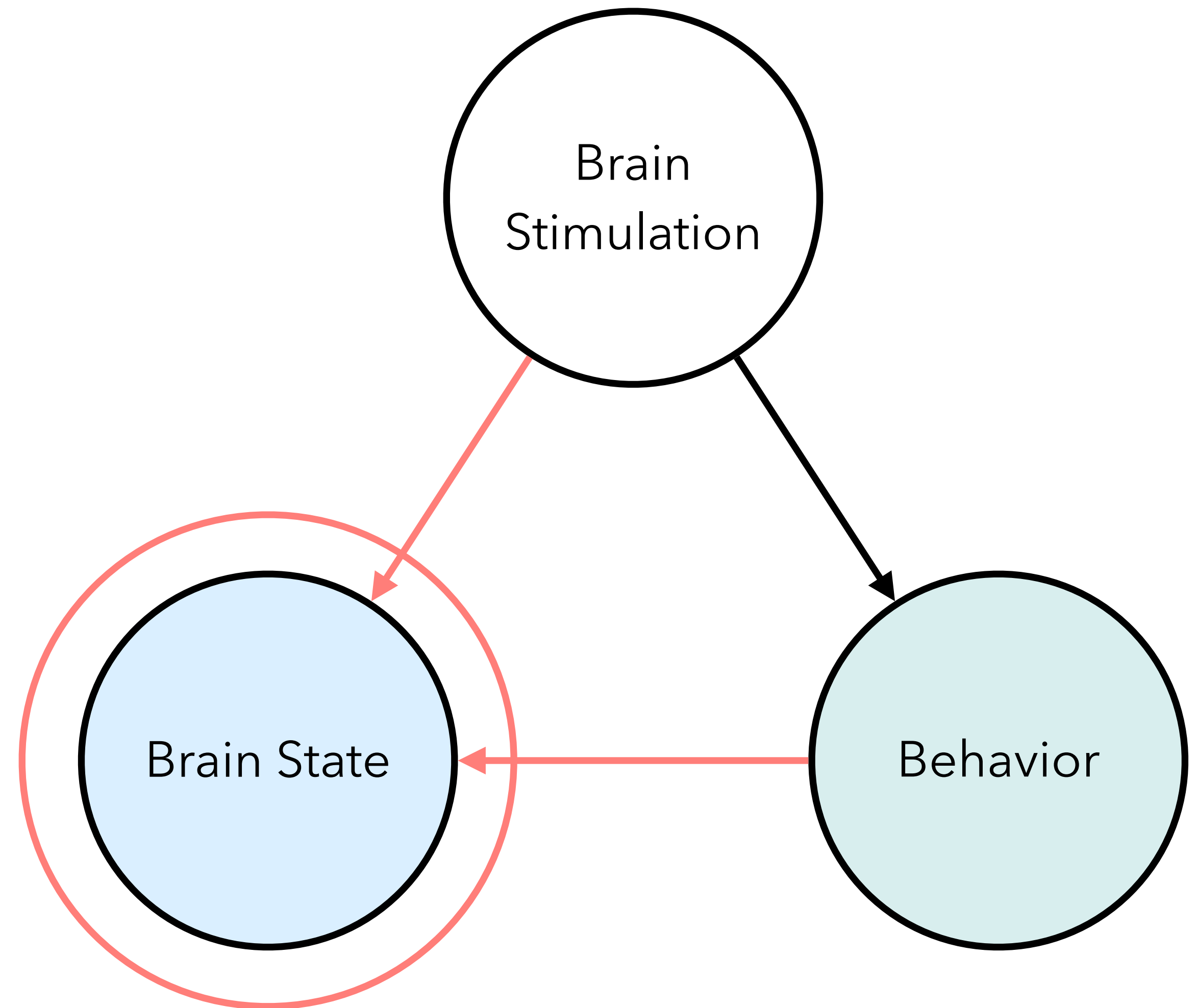
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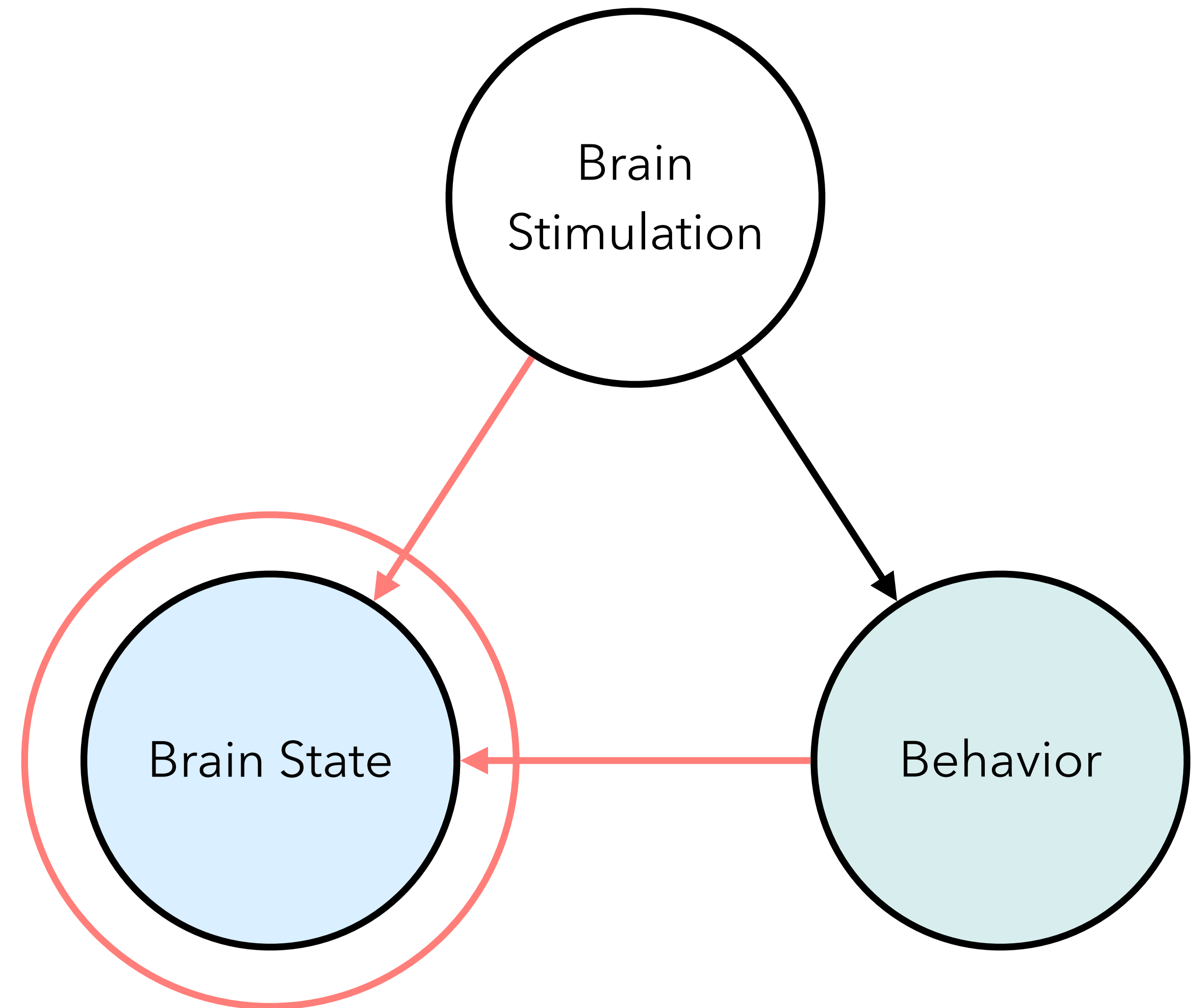
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Ongoing Work:

- 1) Analysis of downstream feature representations and interpreting the unmixing matrix **W**.
- 2) Using supervision to unmix **ill-conditioned** matrices.
- 3) Incorporating other applications such as audio data.



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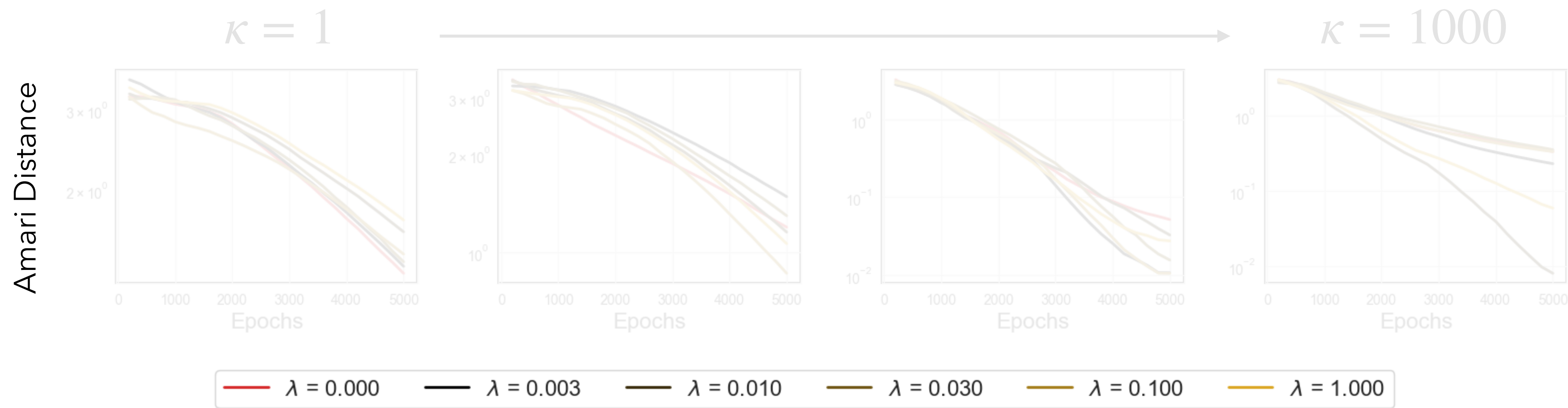
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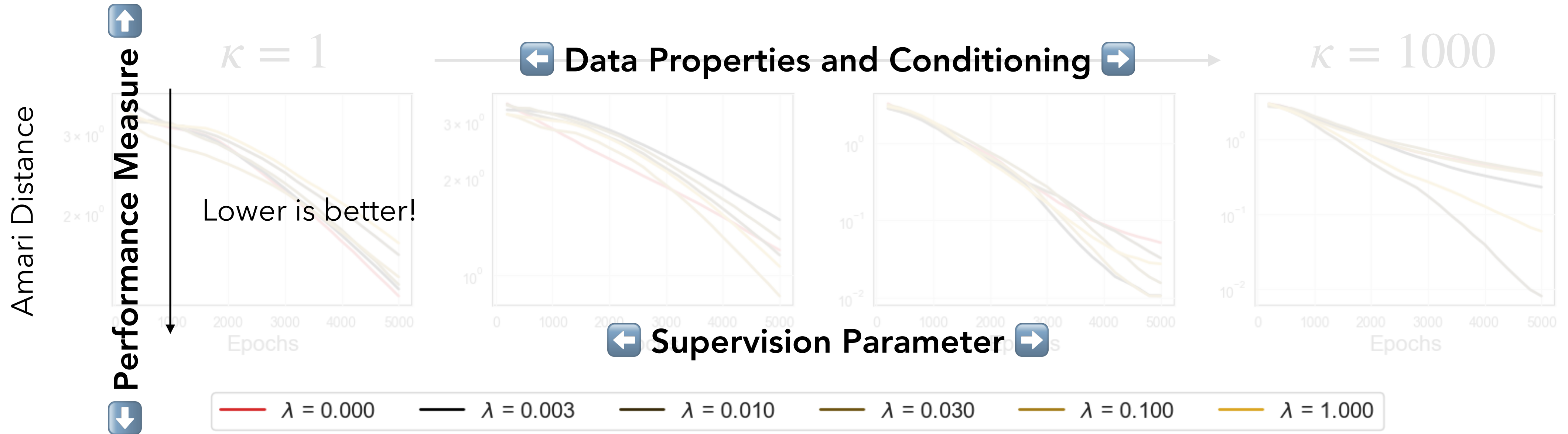
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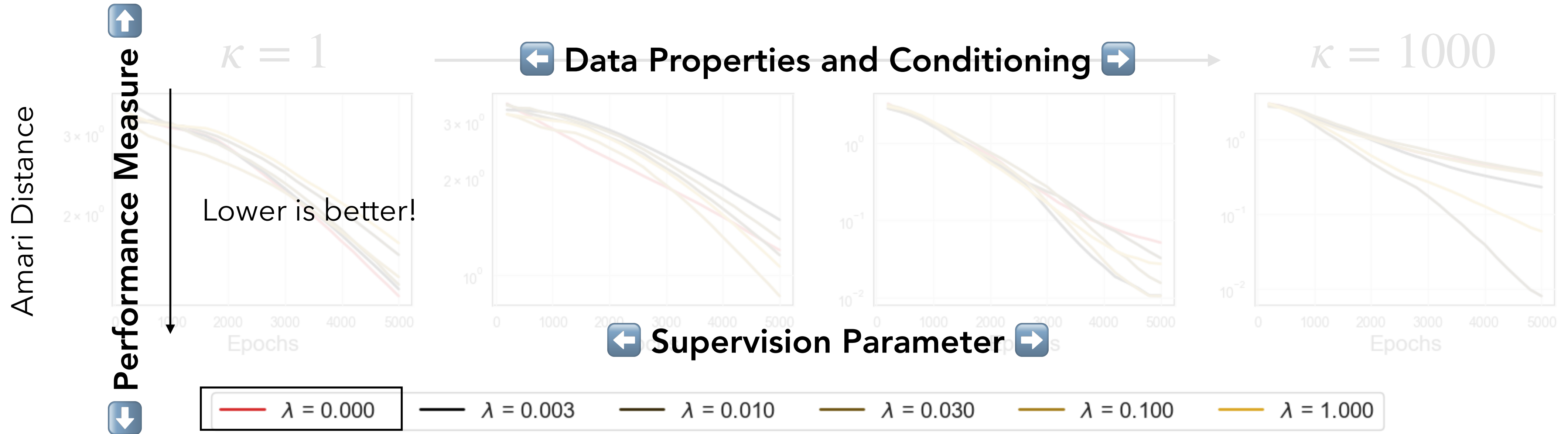
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