

Neuromorphic computing with magnetic nano-oscillators

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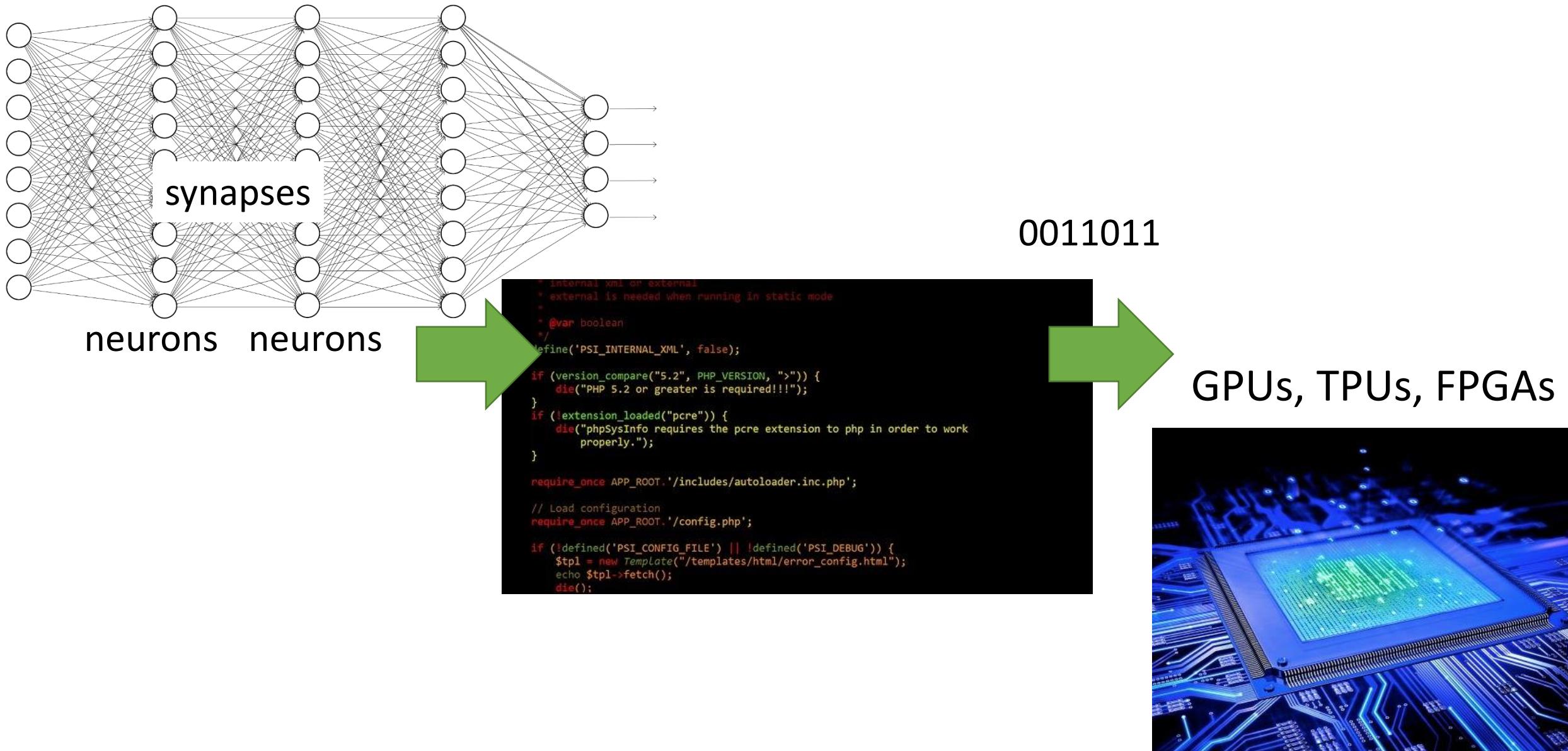
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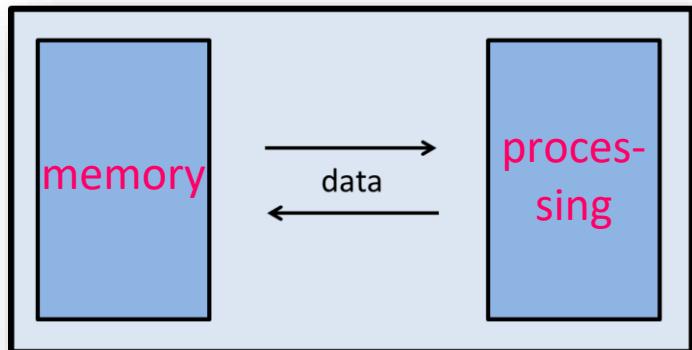
Neural networks run on unoptimized hardware



Entangling memory and processing allows for fast and energy efficient computing

Digital computer

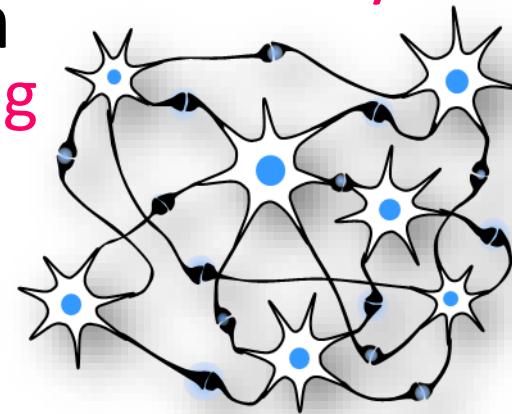
CPUs, GPUs, TPUs, FPGAs



100 W/cm²

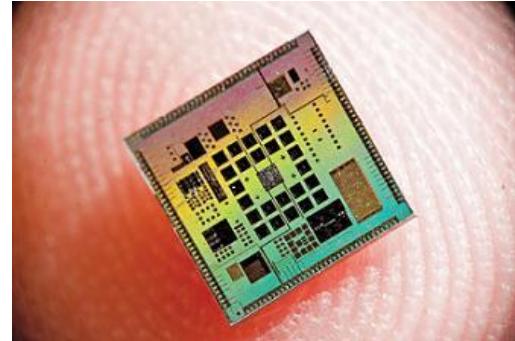
Brain

*synapse
memory*
*neuron
processing*
*neuron
processing*



20 W in total !

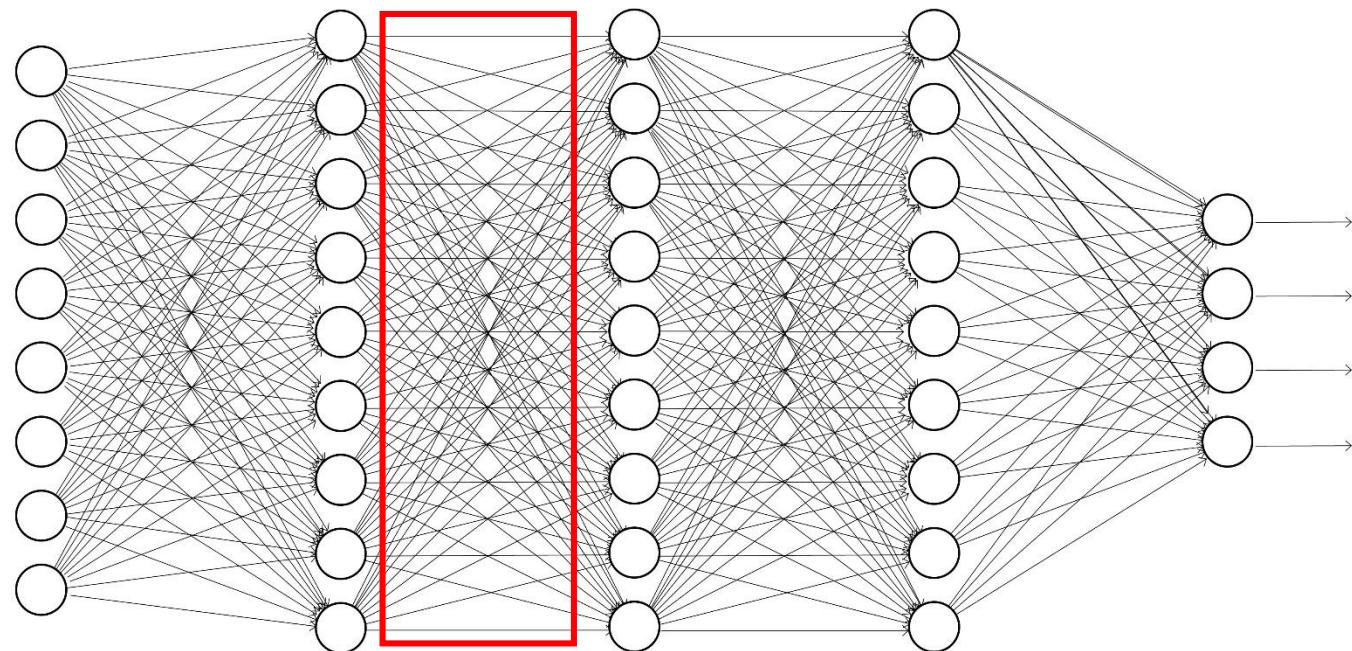
Can we build small neuromorphic chips that run deep neural networks ?



Nano
neurons

Nano-synapses

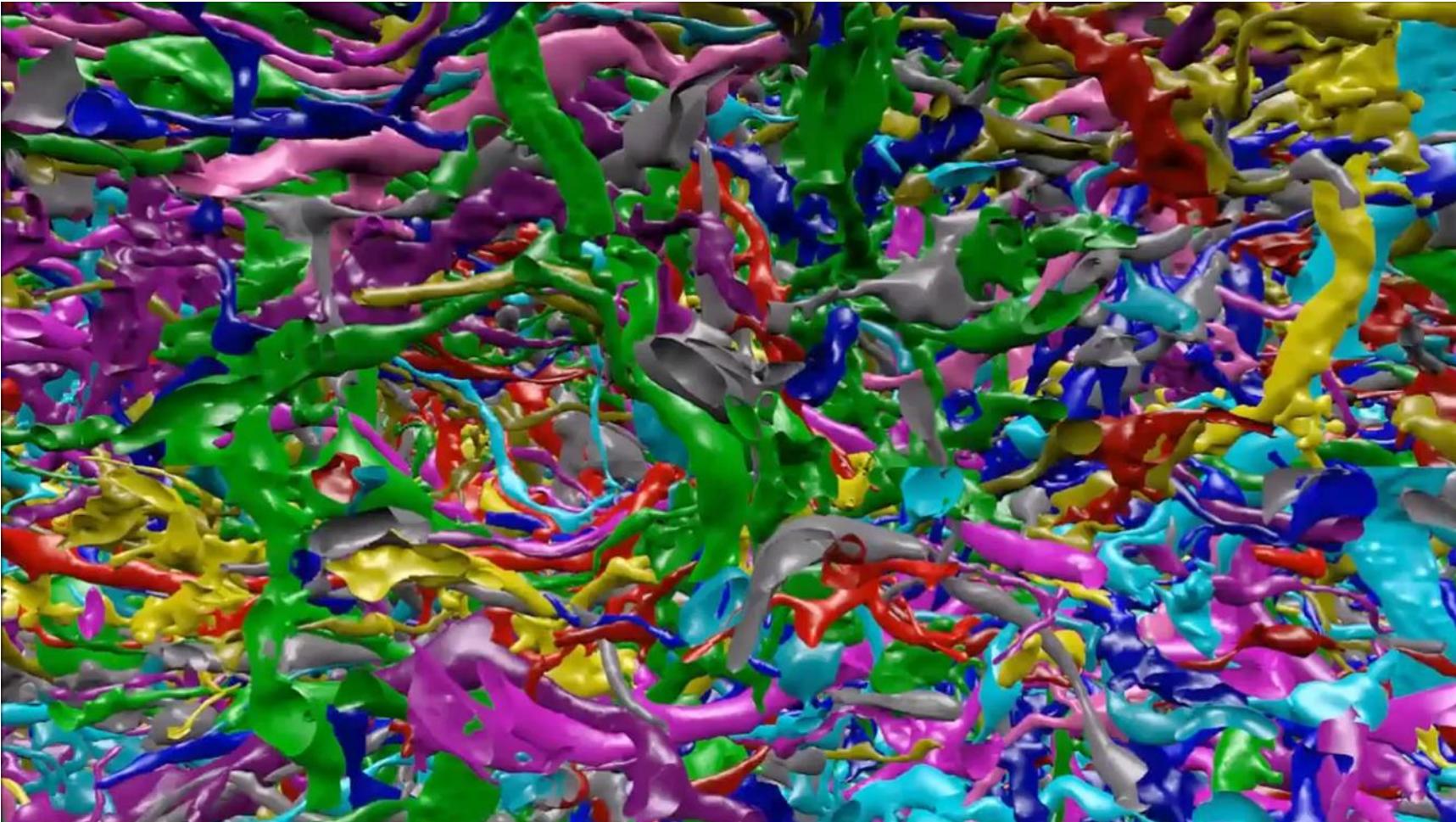
Nano
neurons



Hundred millions of neurons and synapses in a 1 cm^2 chip
→ Each device smaller than $1 \mu\text{m}^2$

Future AI will be massively interconnected

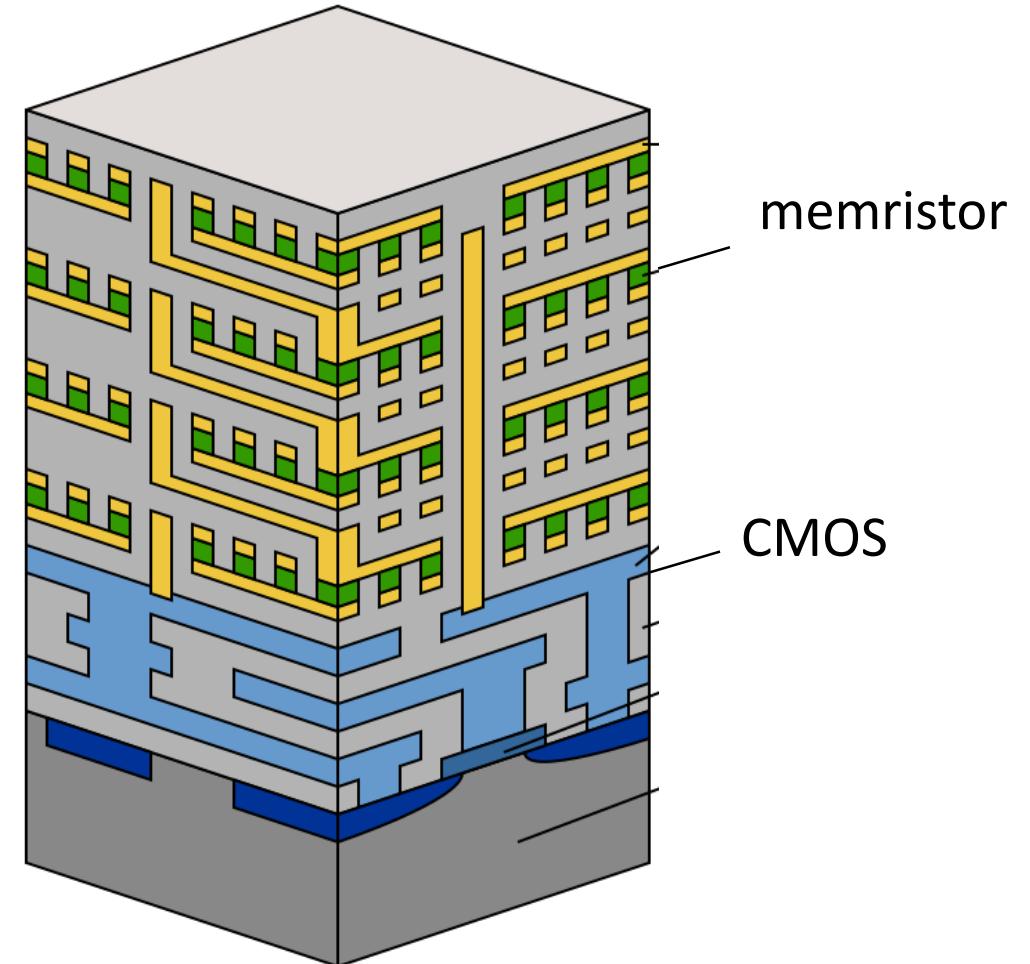
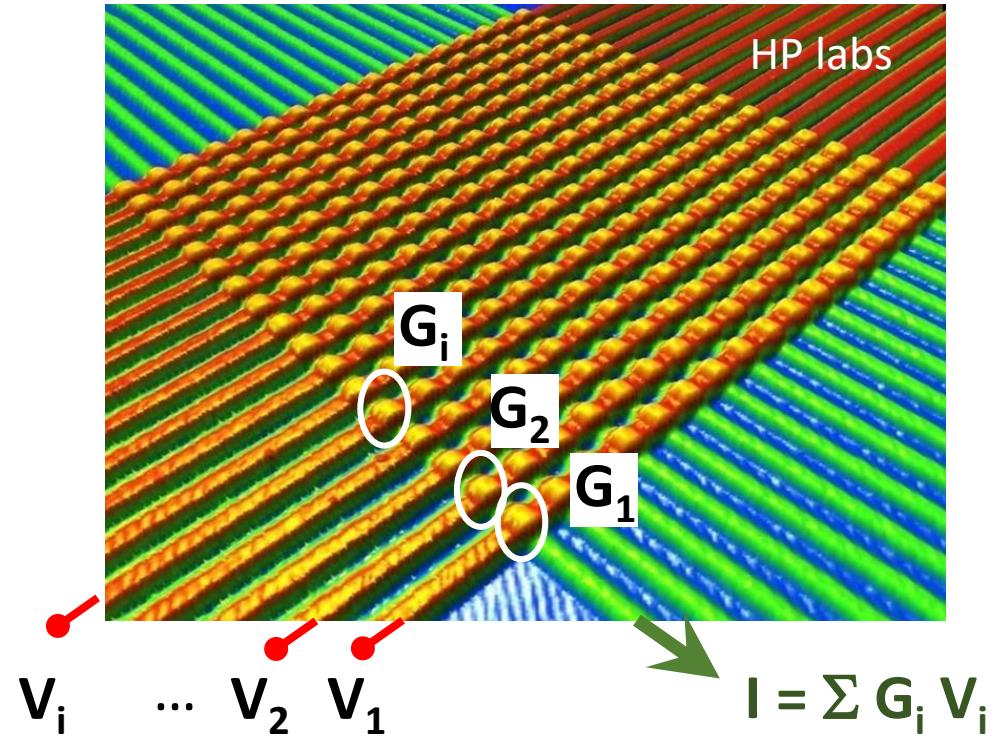
Brain: 10^4 synapses/neurons



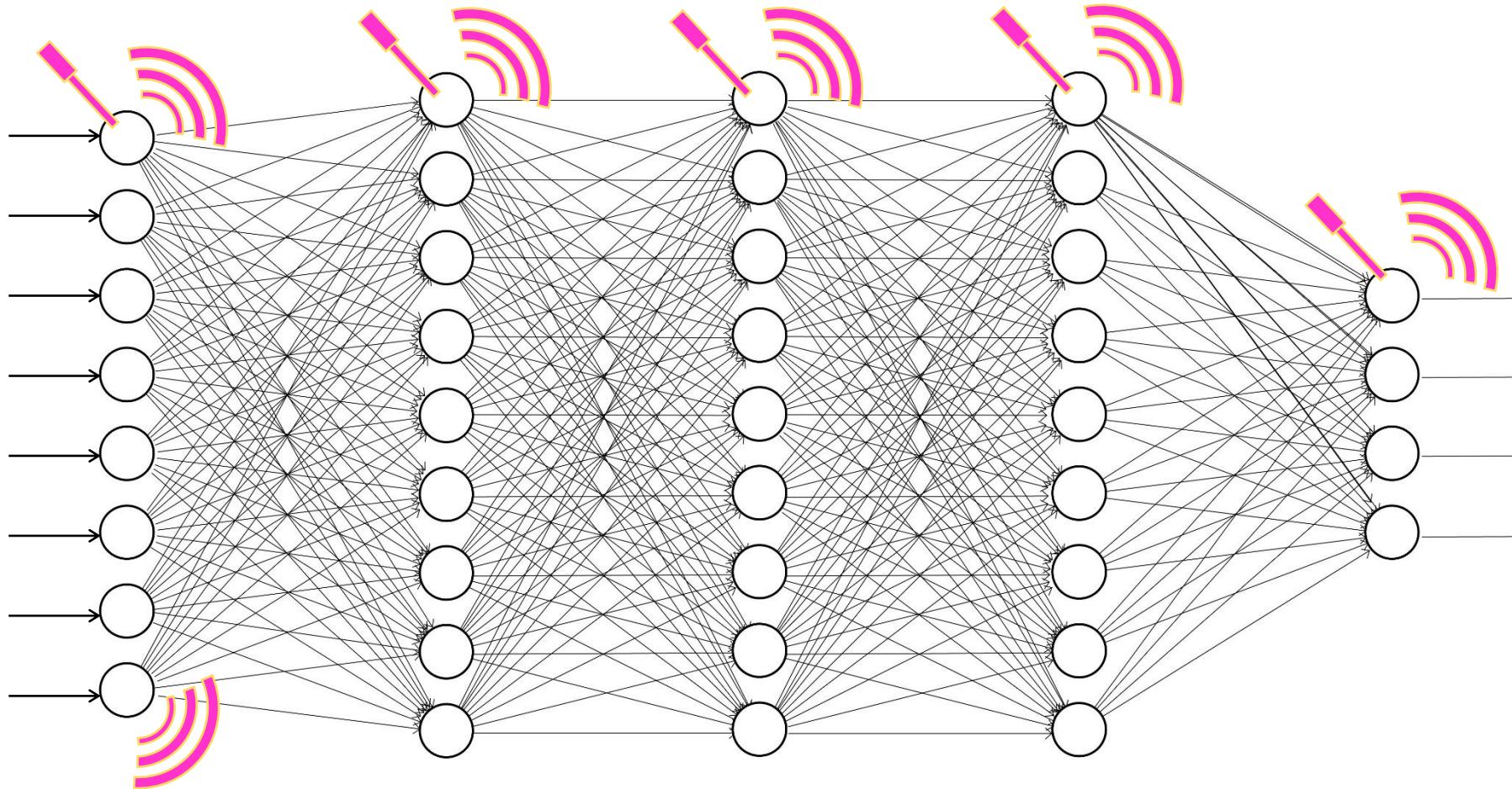
Moritz Helmstaedter lab, retina flight 2013

Main trend : CMOS neurons + Memristive synapses

10 000 synapses per neuron ?



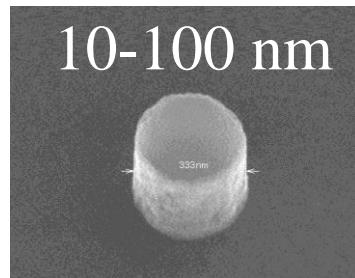
Wireless deep learning through radio-frequency (RF) communications



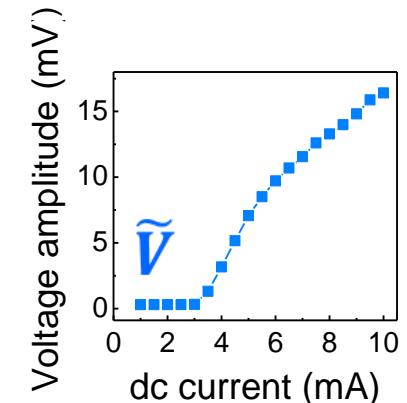
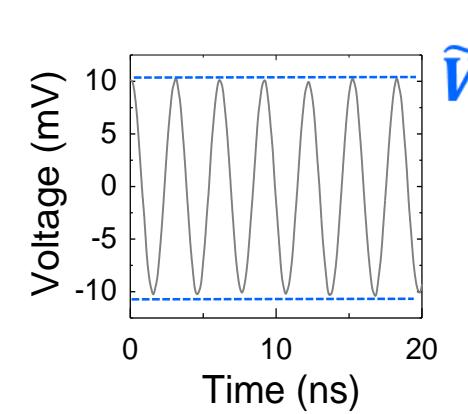
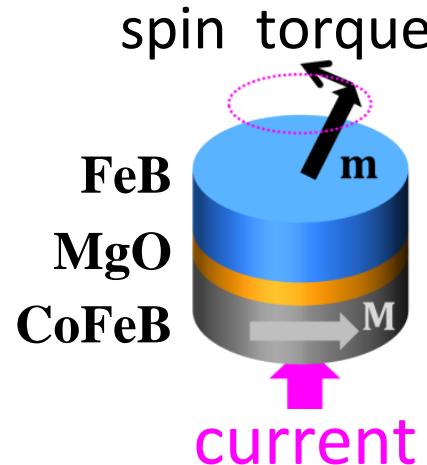
Magnetic nano-oscillators are non-linear nano-radios

Nanoscale, fast (GHz), non-linear and easily measurable

magnetic tunnel junction



compatible with CMOS

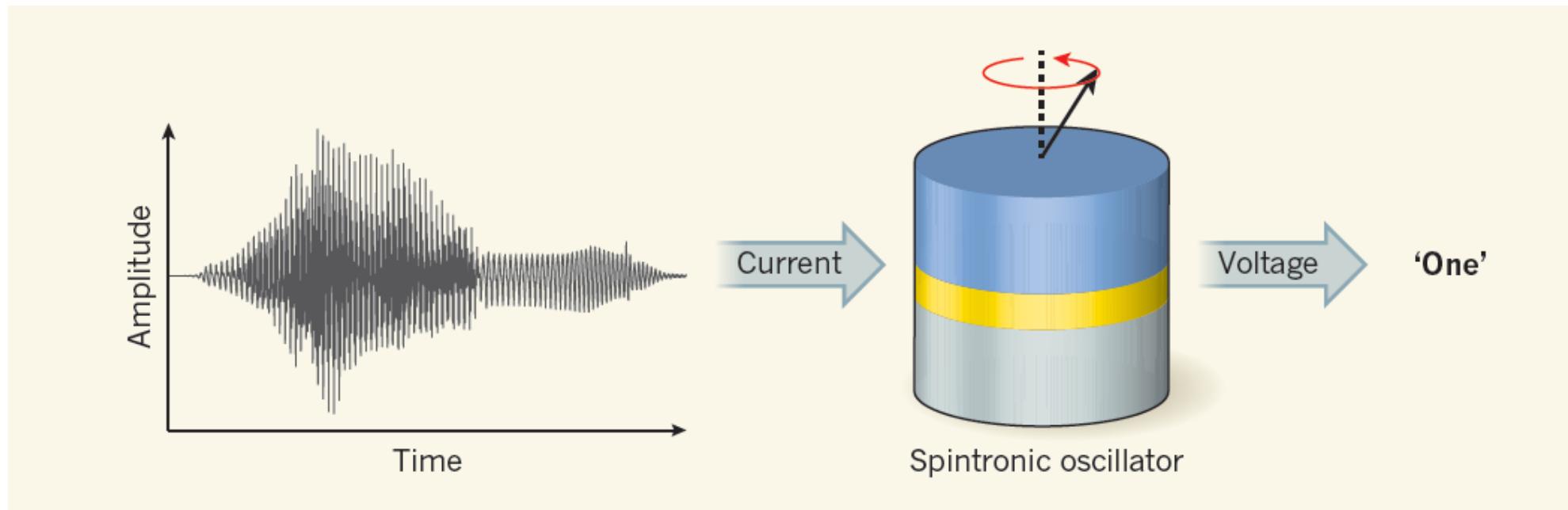


Same structure as magnetic memories

N. Locatelli, V. Cros and J. Grollier, Spin-torque building blocks, Nature Mat. 13, 11 (2014)

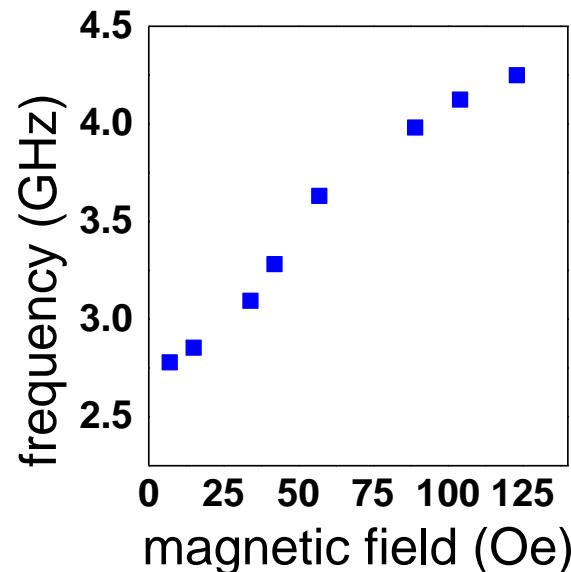
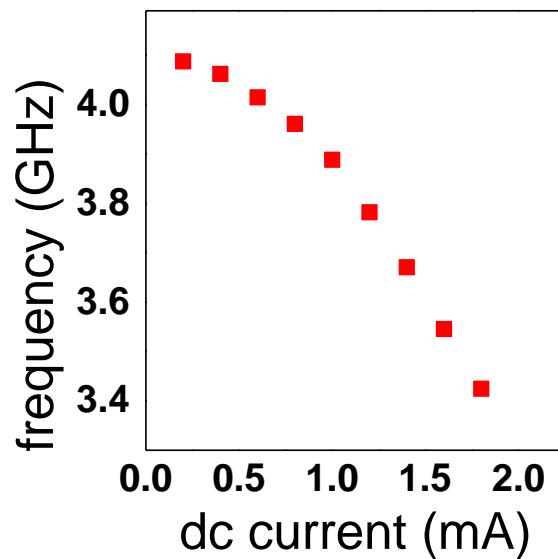
Due to its stability and non-linearity, a single magnetic oscillator can emulate an assembly of neurons and perform neuromorphic computing

Spoken digit recognition through reservoir computing



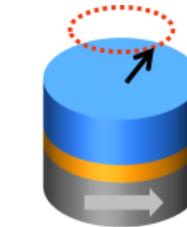
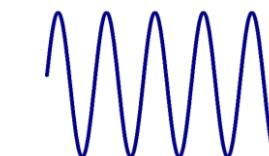
J. Torrejon, M. Riou, F. Abreu Araujo et al, Nature 547, 428 (2017)

Magnetic nano-oscillators have a high tunability : they are radio-receivers



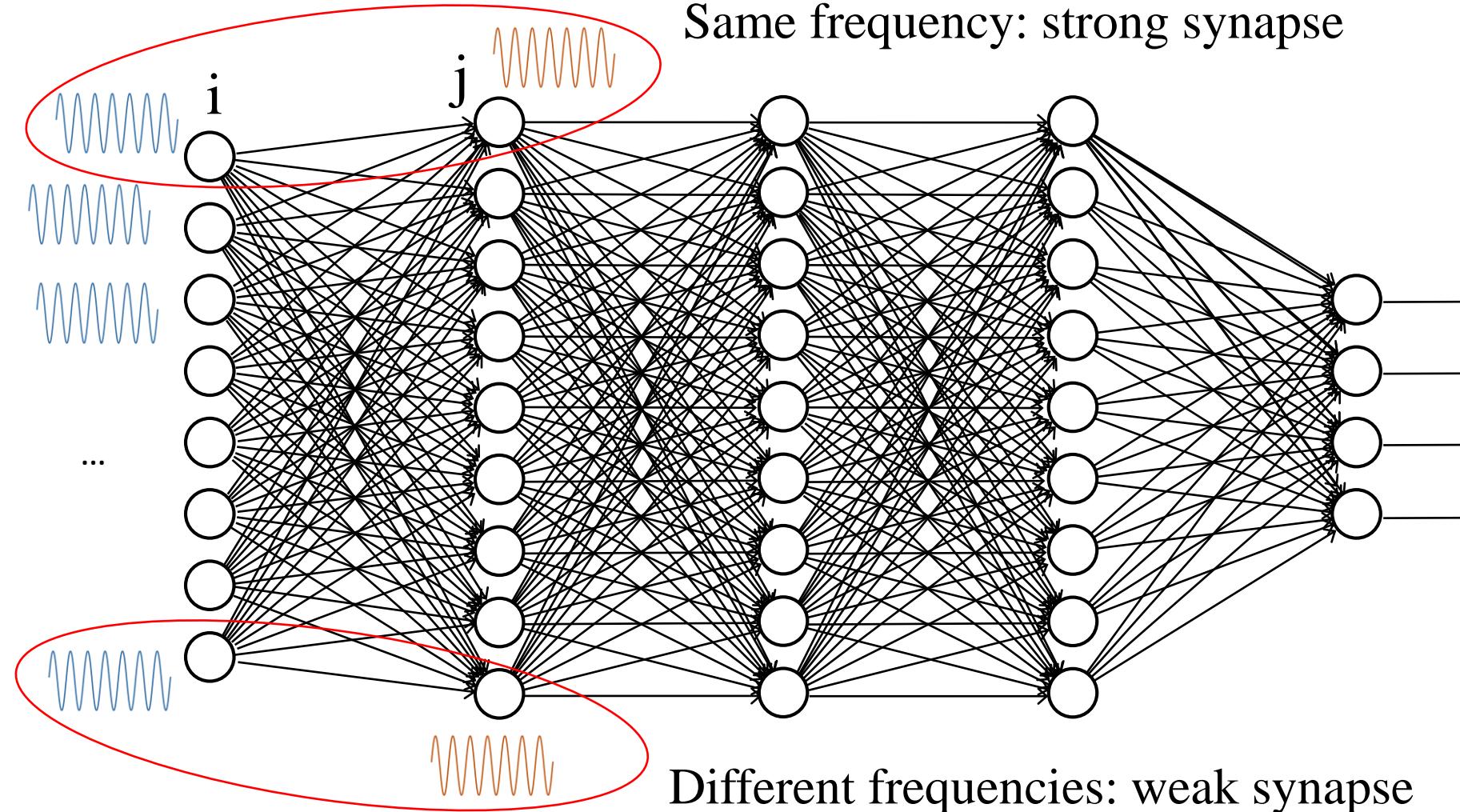
Enhanced sync ranges

AC signals

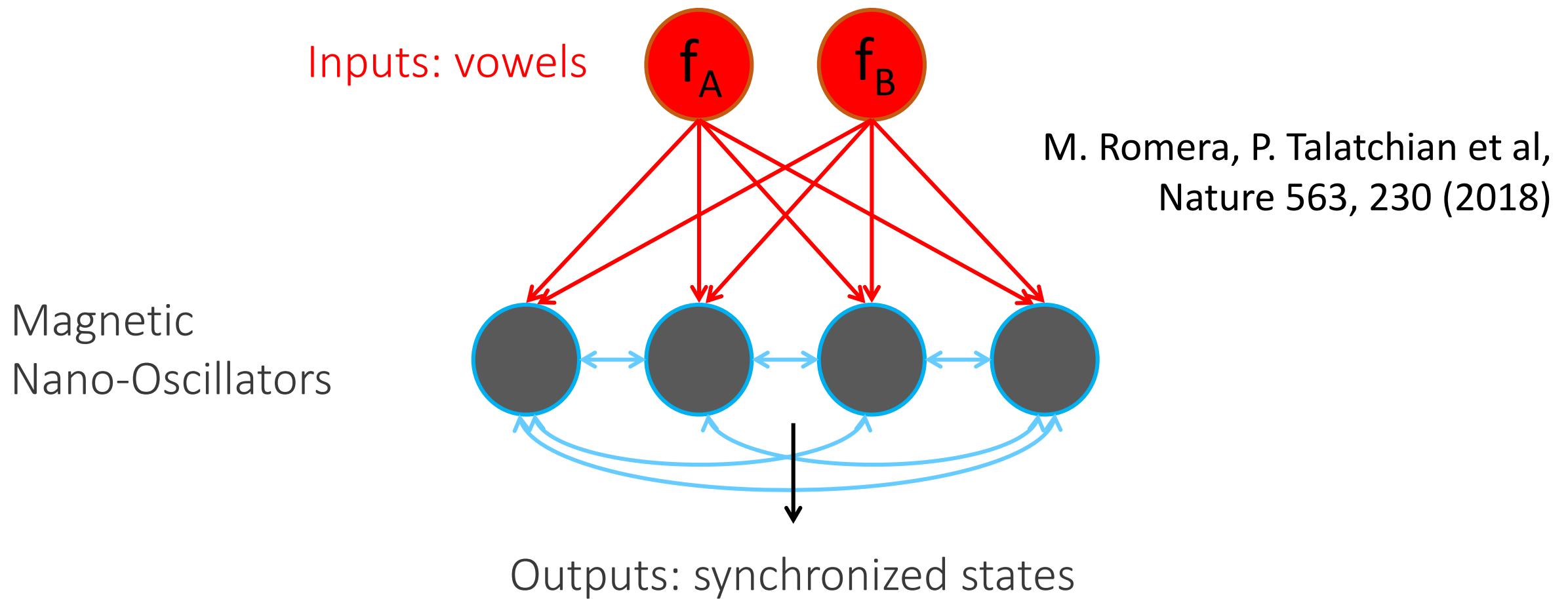


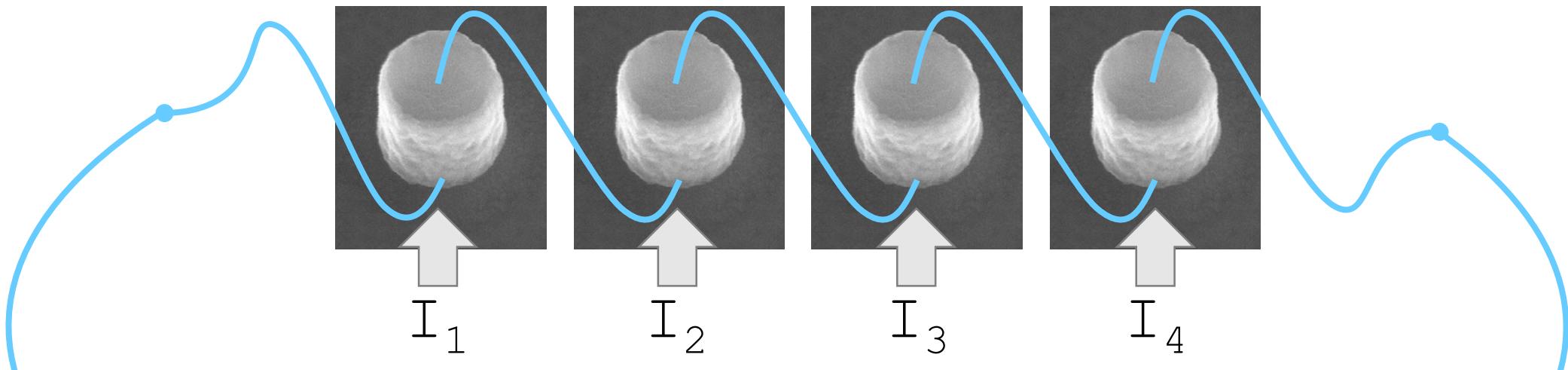
A. Slavin and V. Tiberkevich, IEEE TM 45, 1875 (2009)

The oscillators ability to mutually interact opens the path to RF on-chip communication between neuron layers

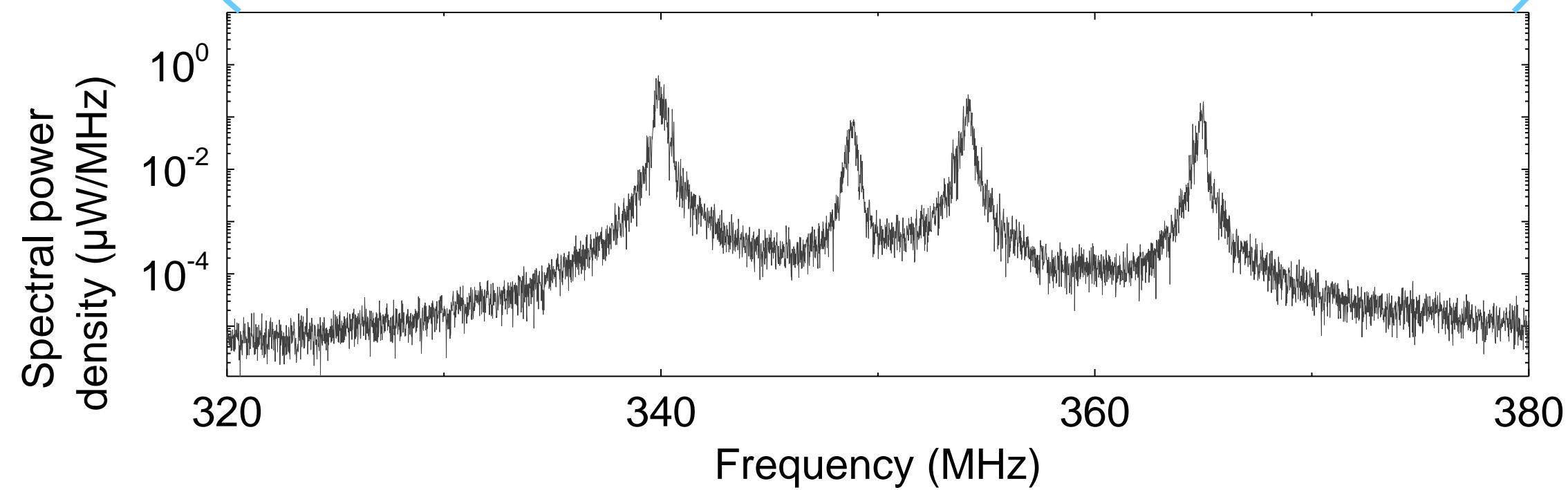


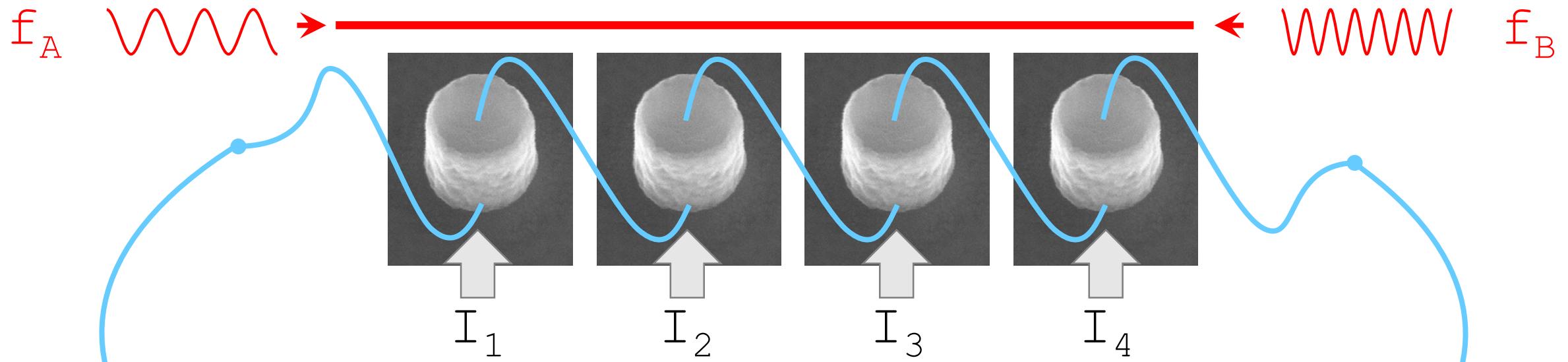
Vowels classification with spin-torque oscillator neural network



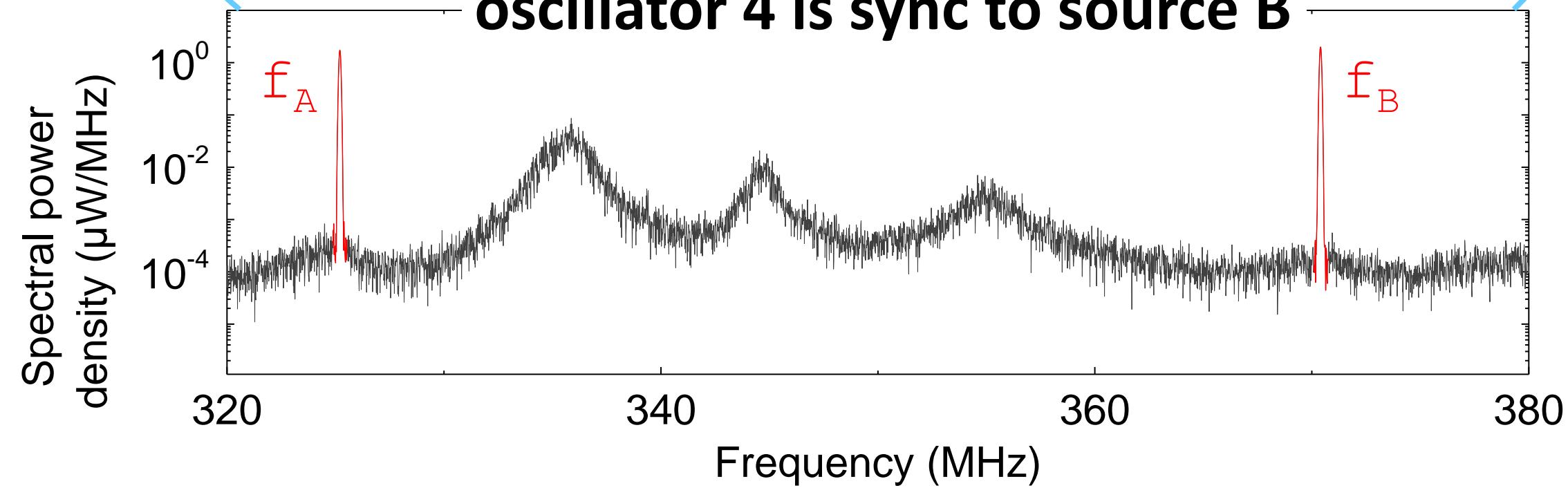


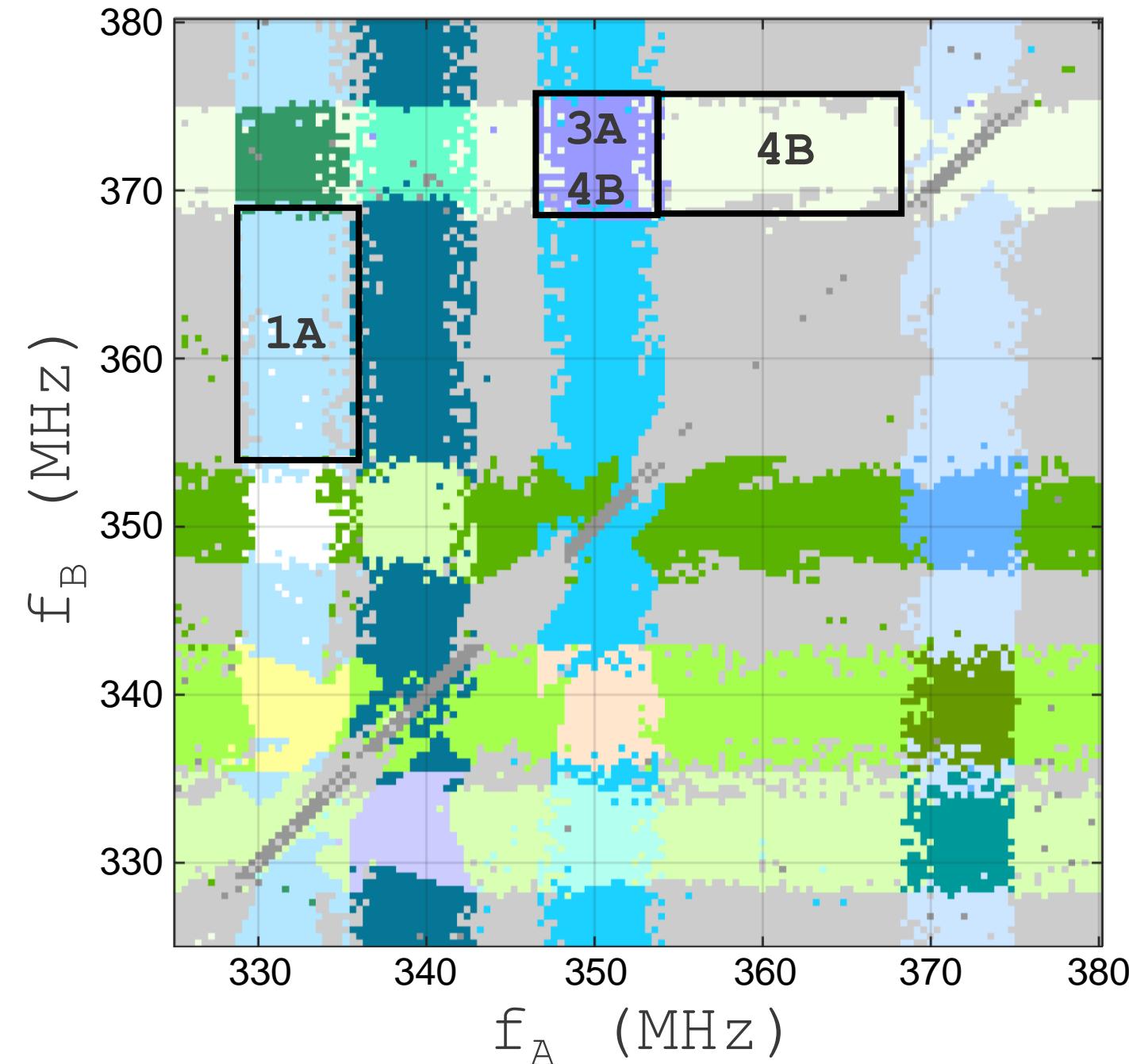
Response of the neural network without inputs





**The inputs modify the oscillator responses:
oscillator 4 is sync to source B**





We summarize all these measurements in a map where the different synchronization states have different colors

Input vowels

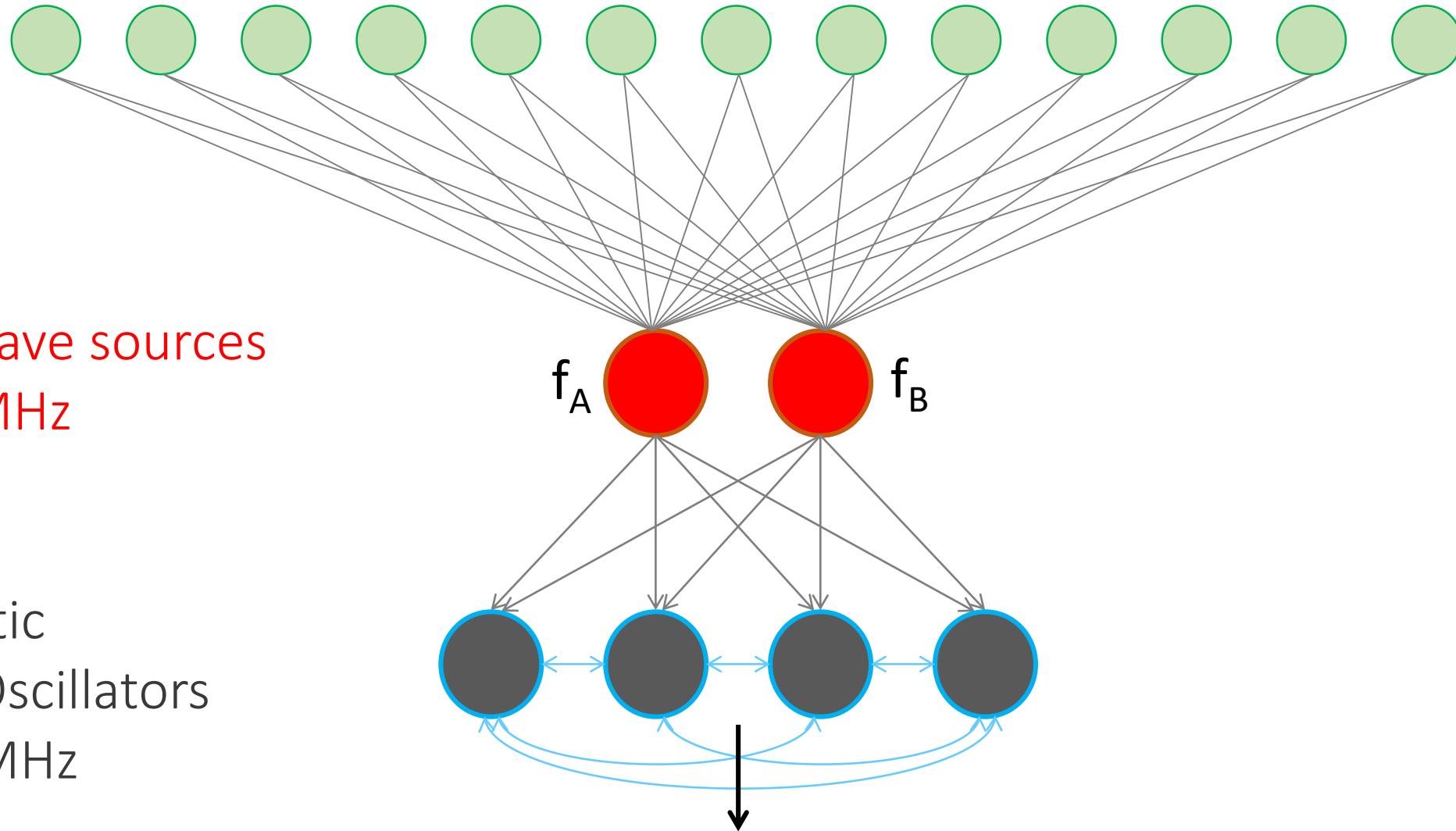
~ 1 kHz

Hillebrands Michigan
database

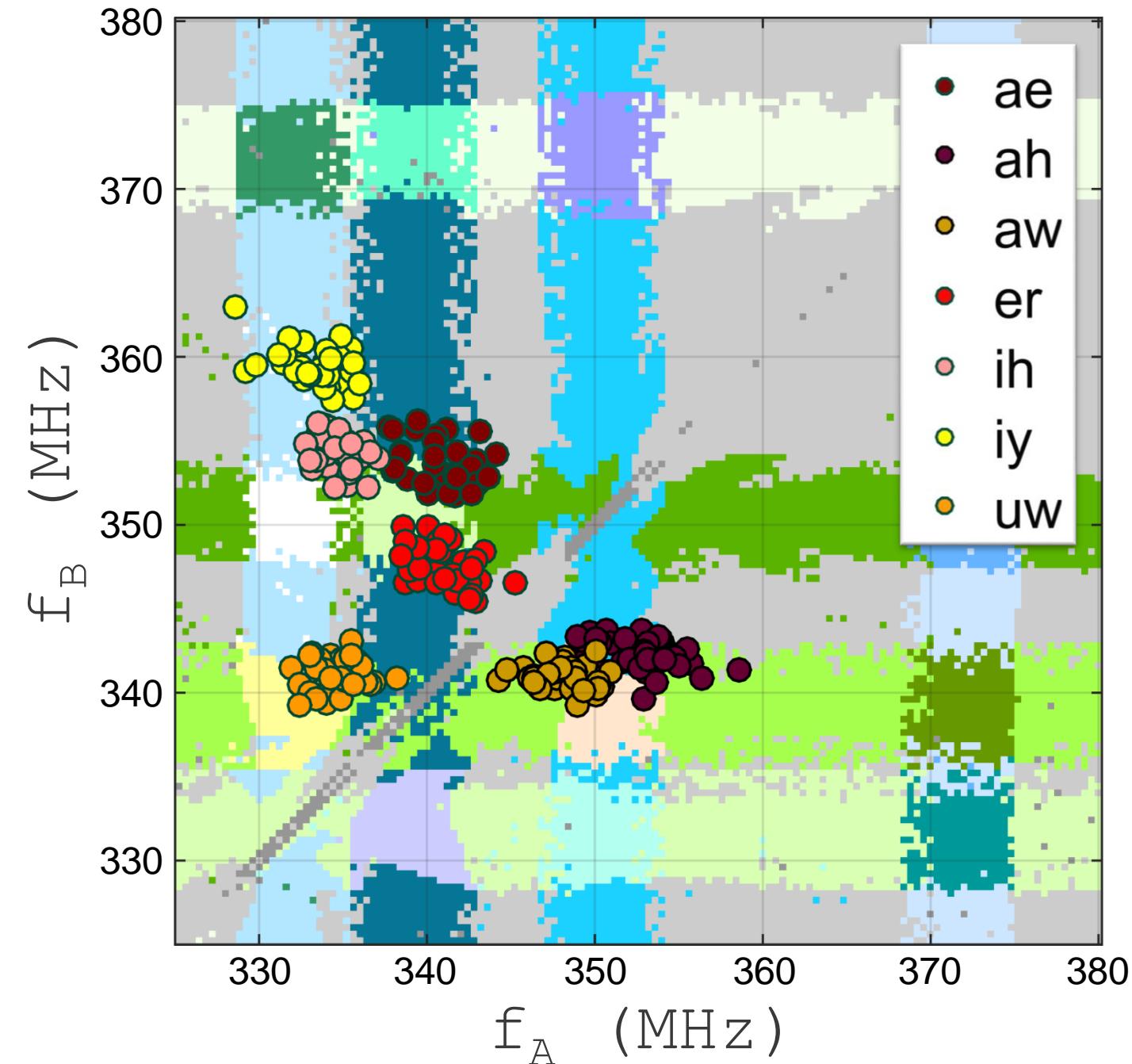
12 formant frequencies + 1 bias

Microwave sources
~ 300 MHz

Magnetic
Nano-Oscillators
~ 300 MHz

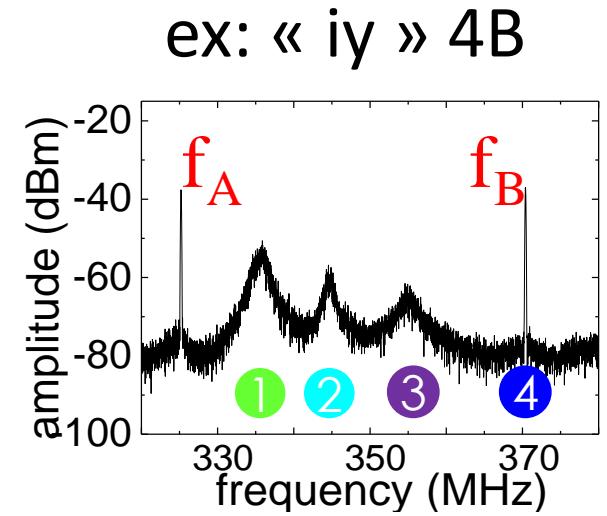
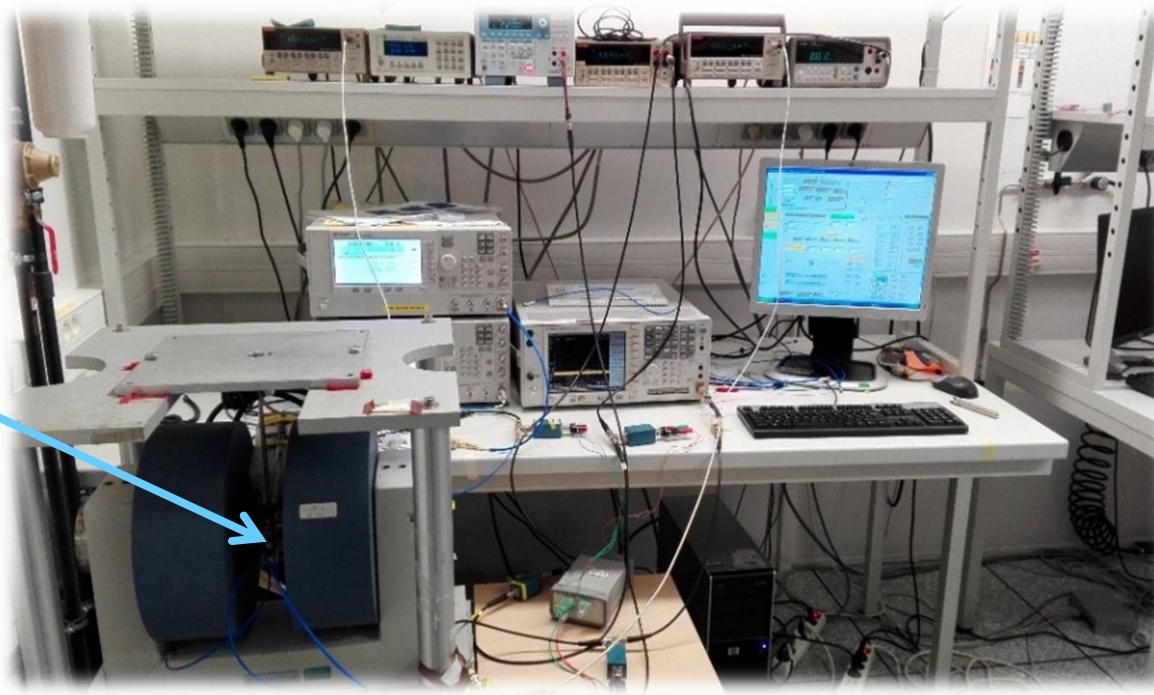
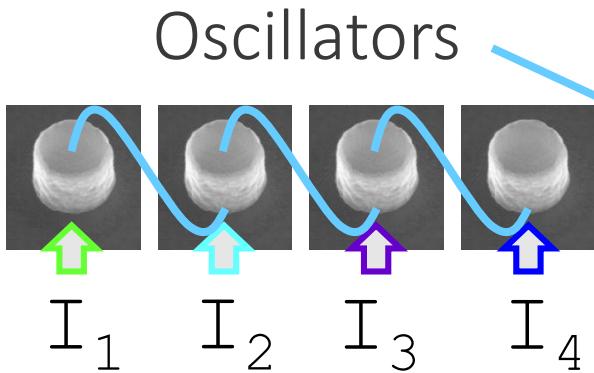


Outputs: synchronized states

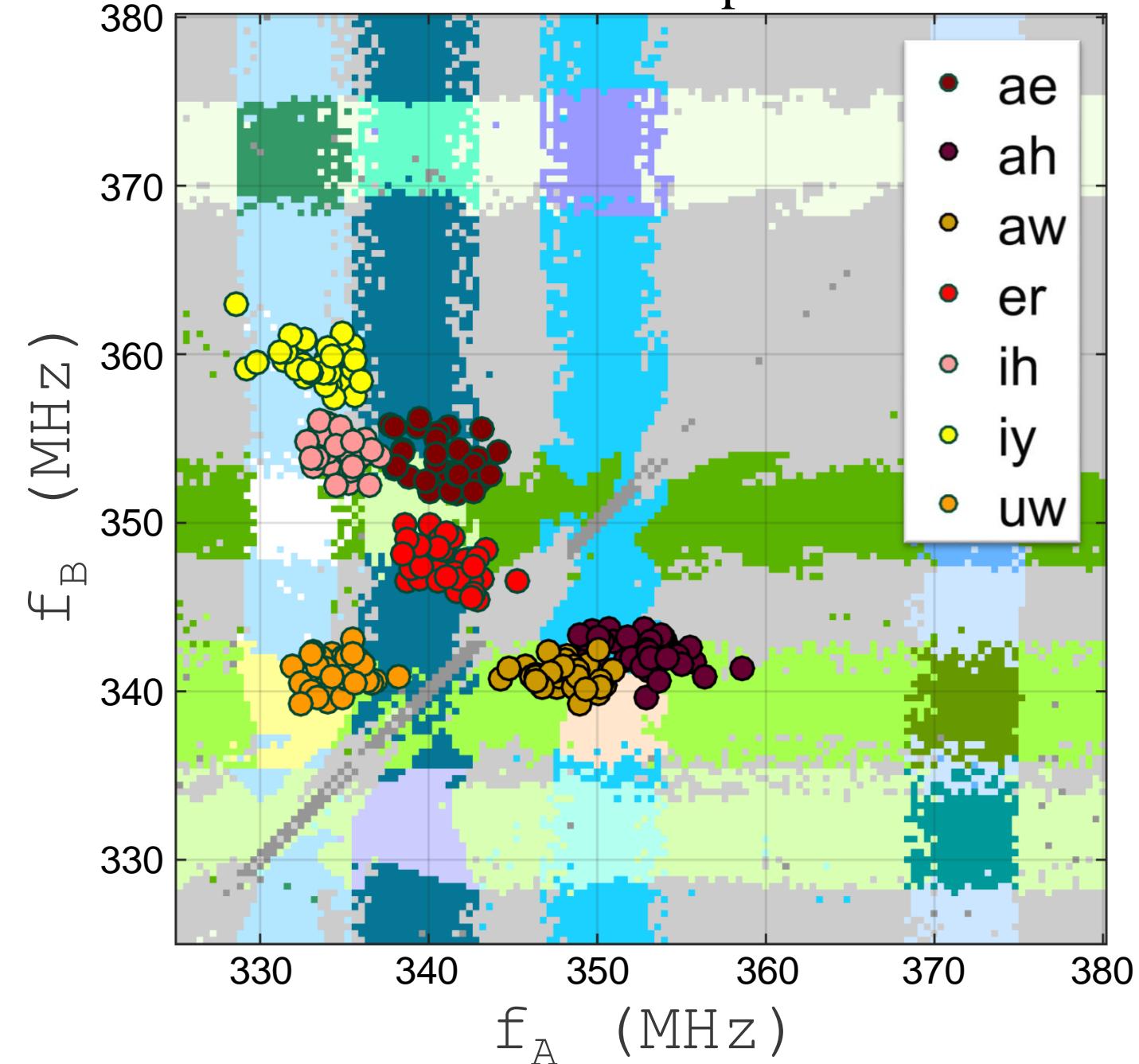


**For classification,
all the points
corresponding to one
vowel should fall in a
single synchronization
region**

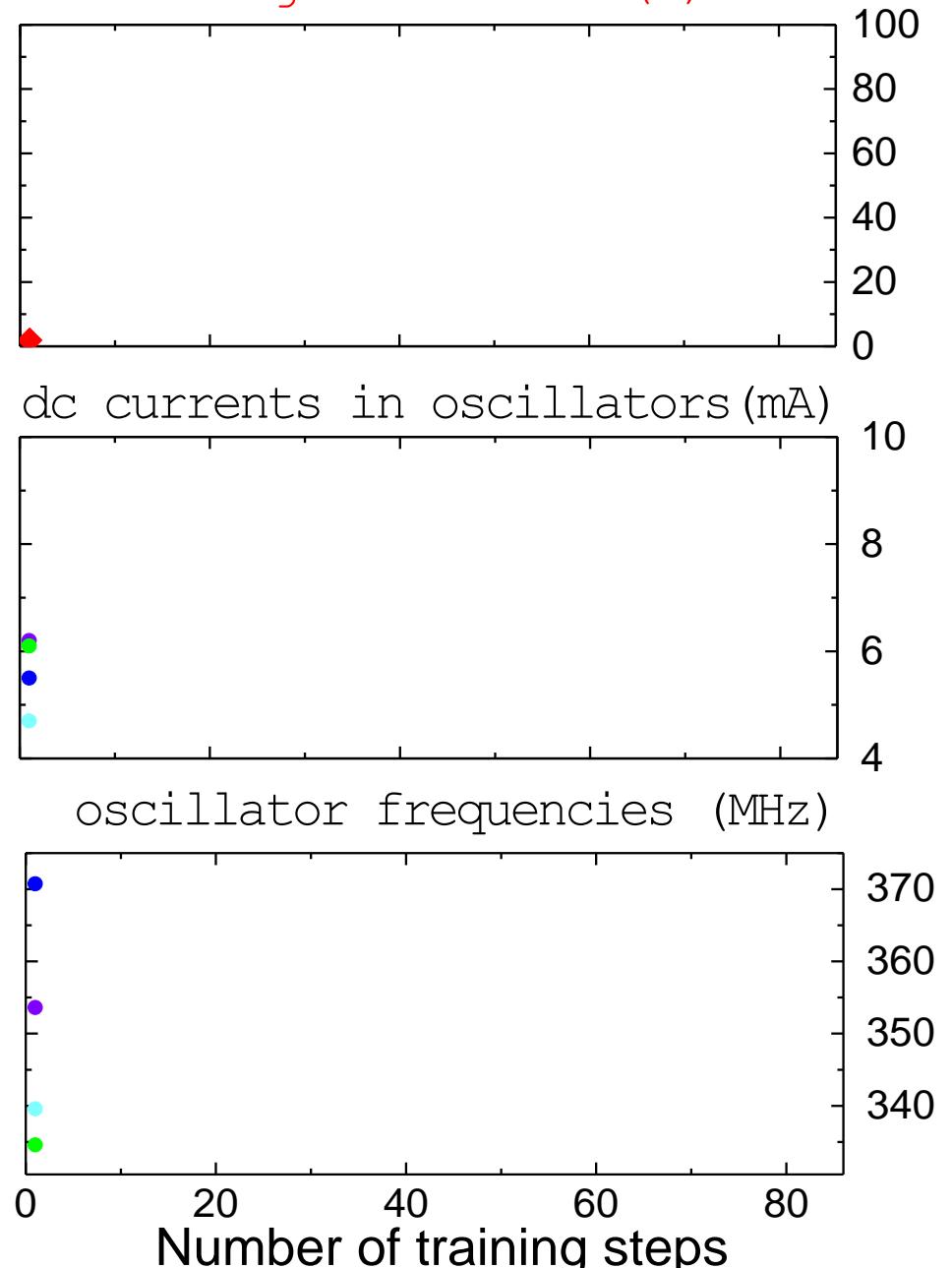
We train the network by tuning the currents through the oscillators according to an online learning rule



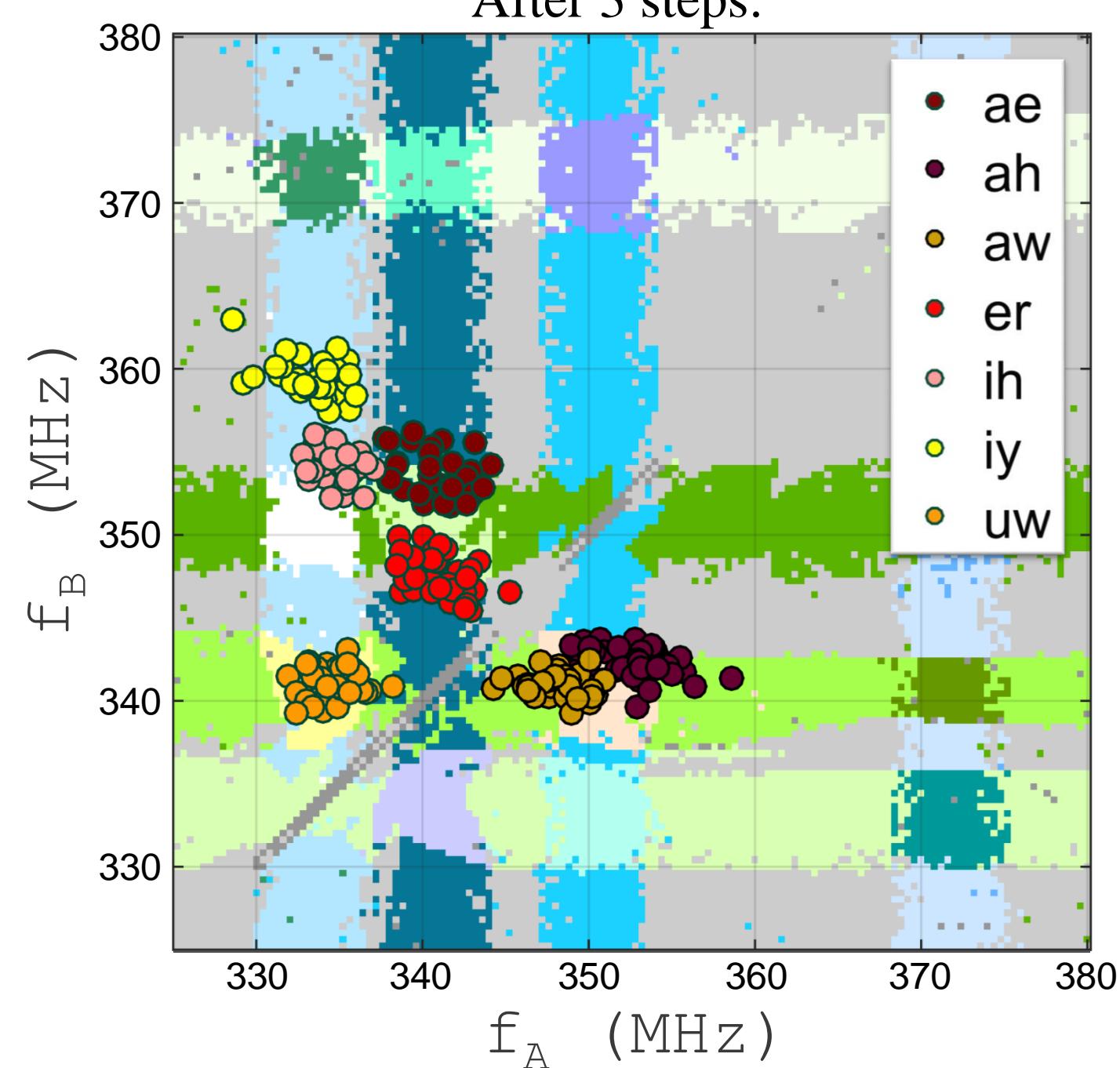
After 1 step:



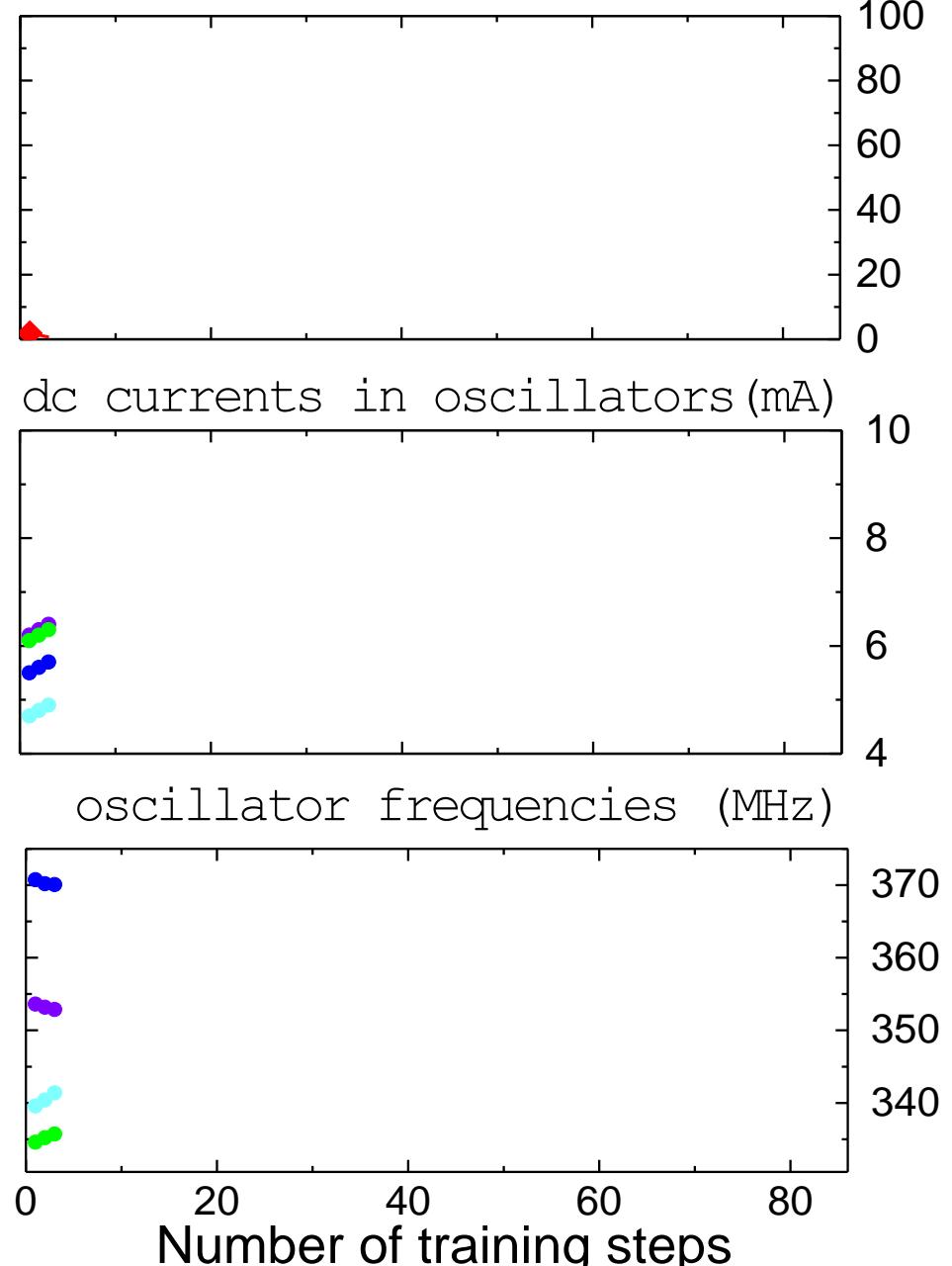
recognition rate (%)



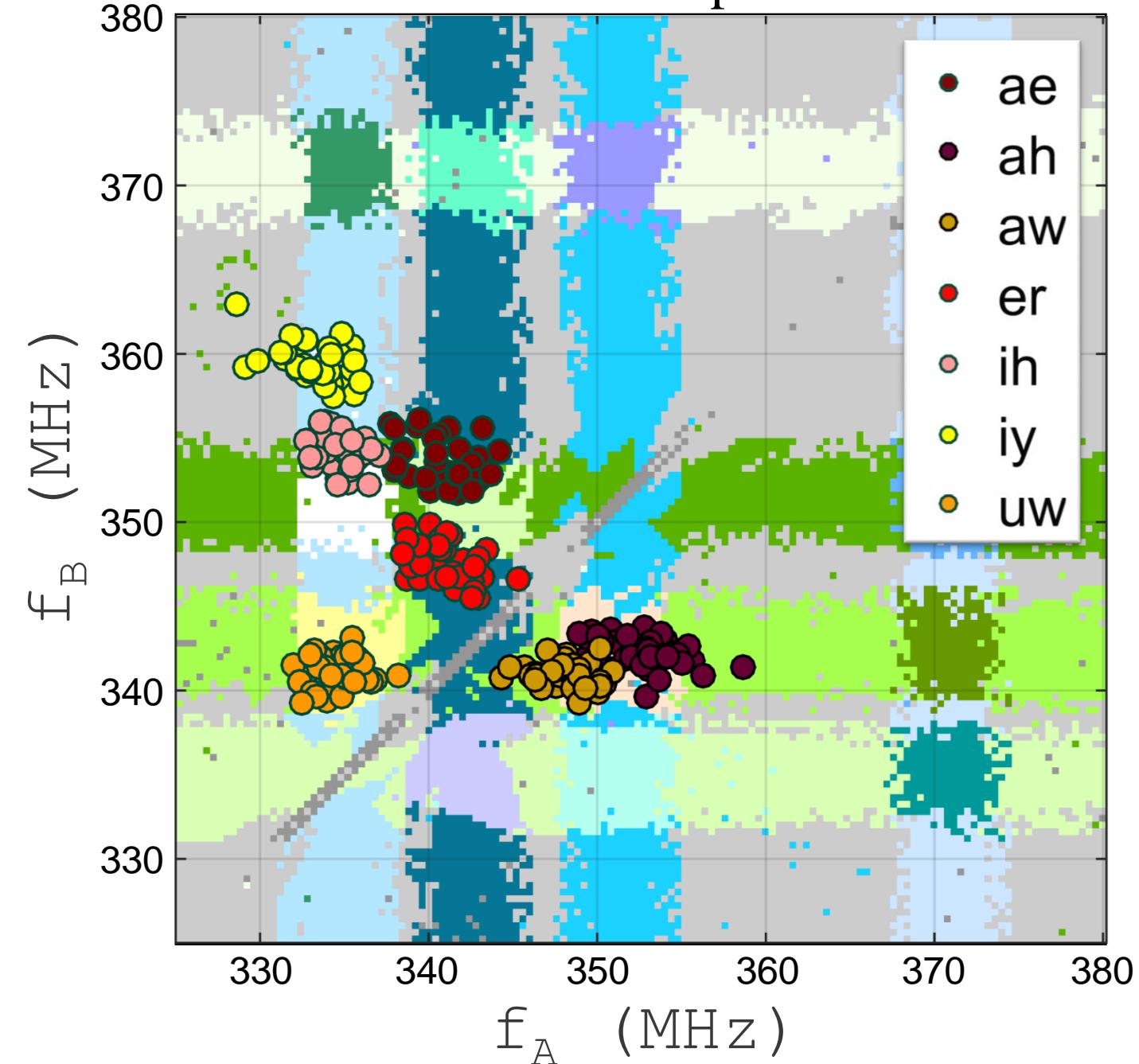
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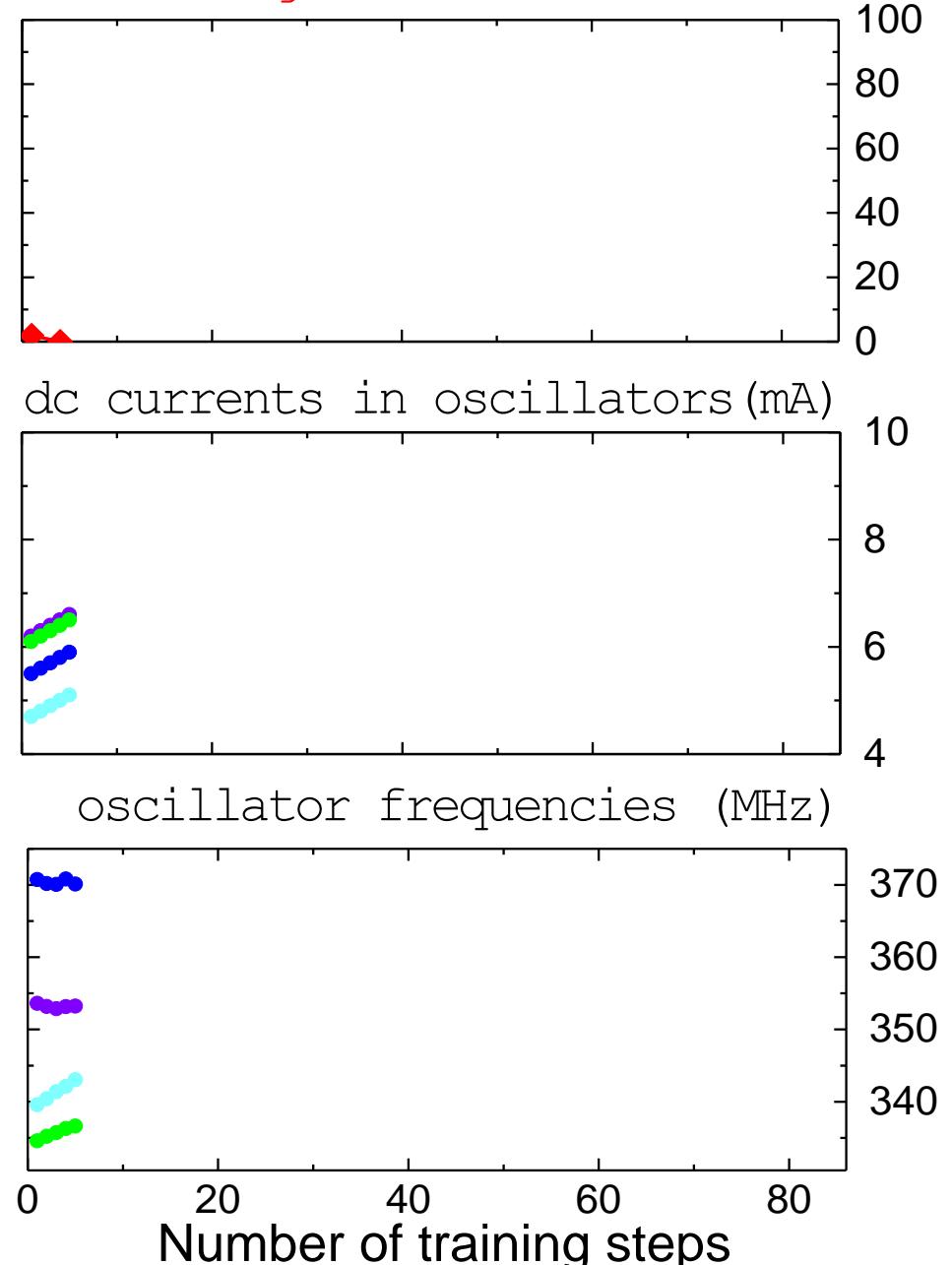
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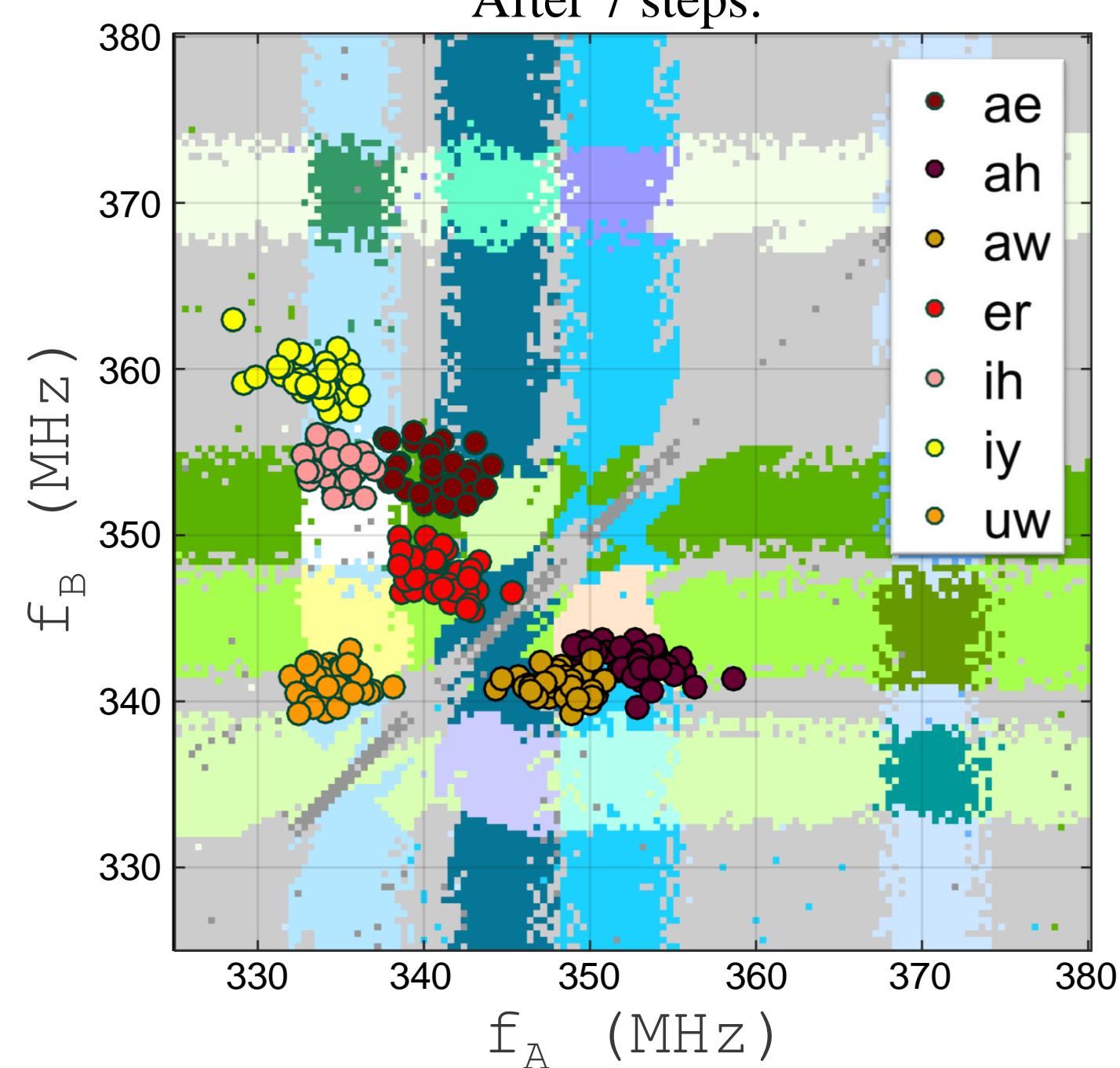
After 5 steps:



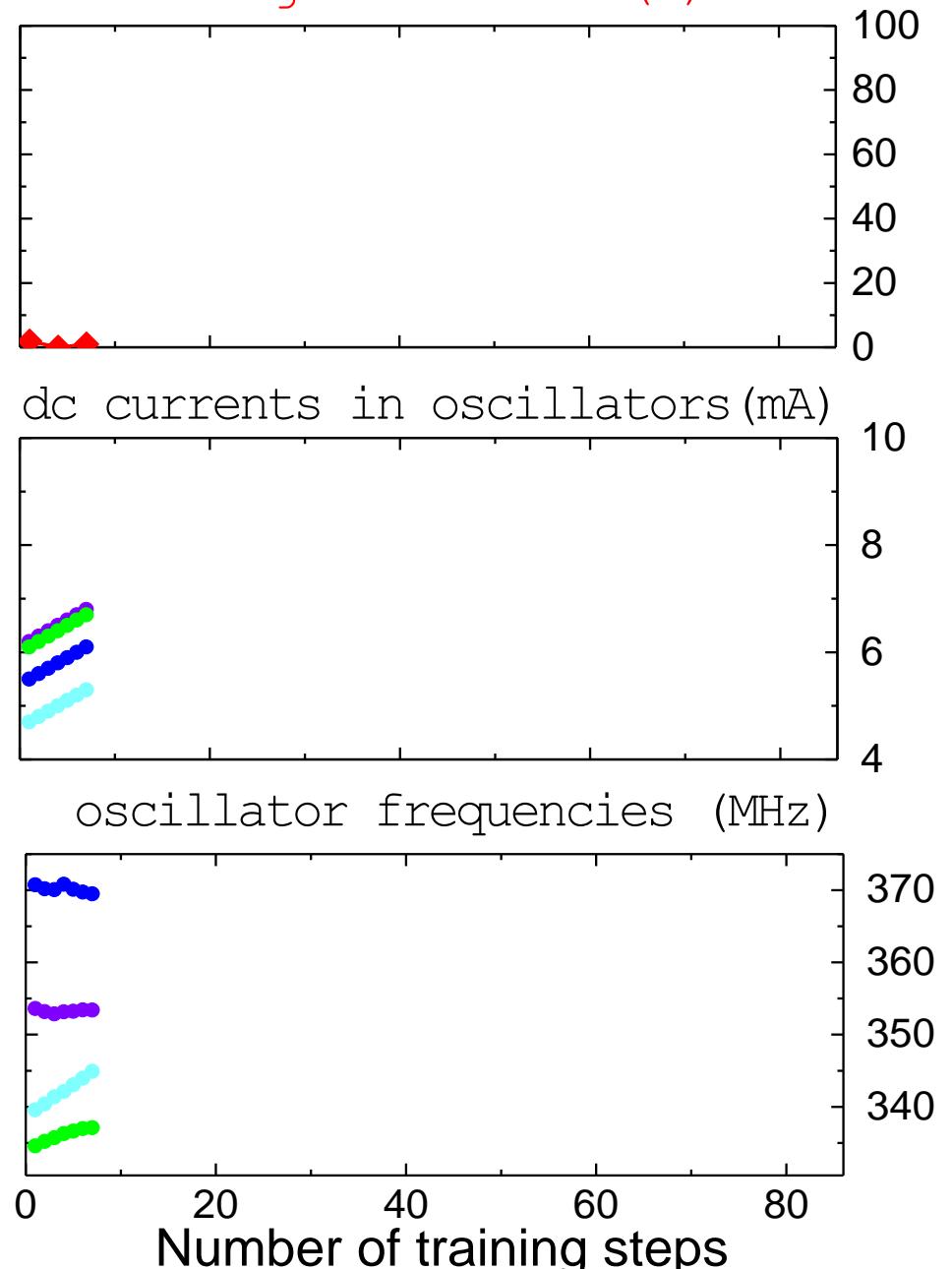
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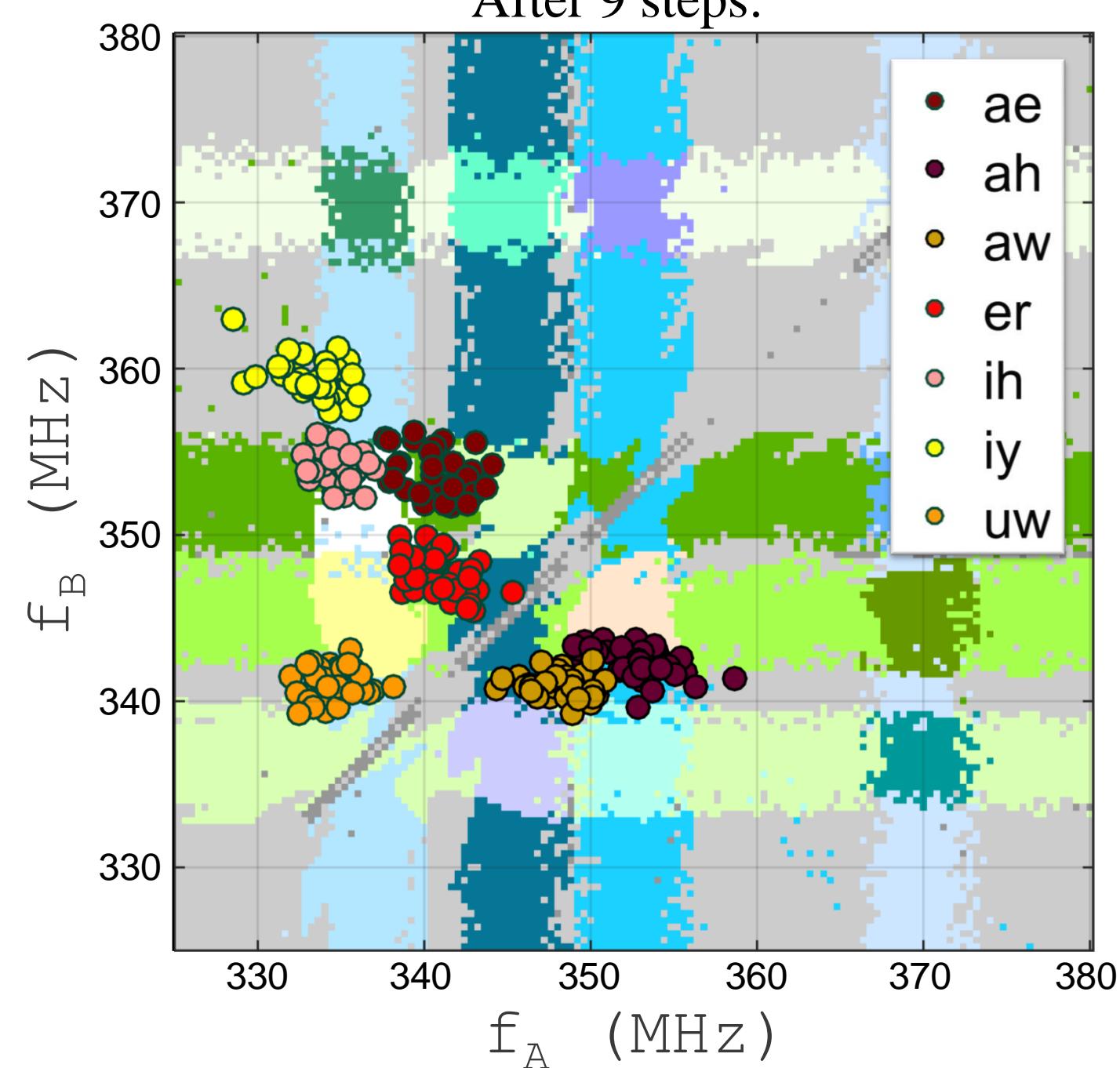
After 7 steps:



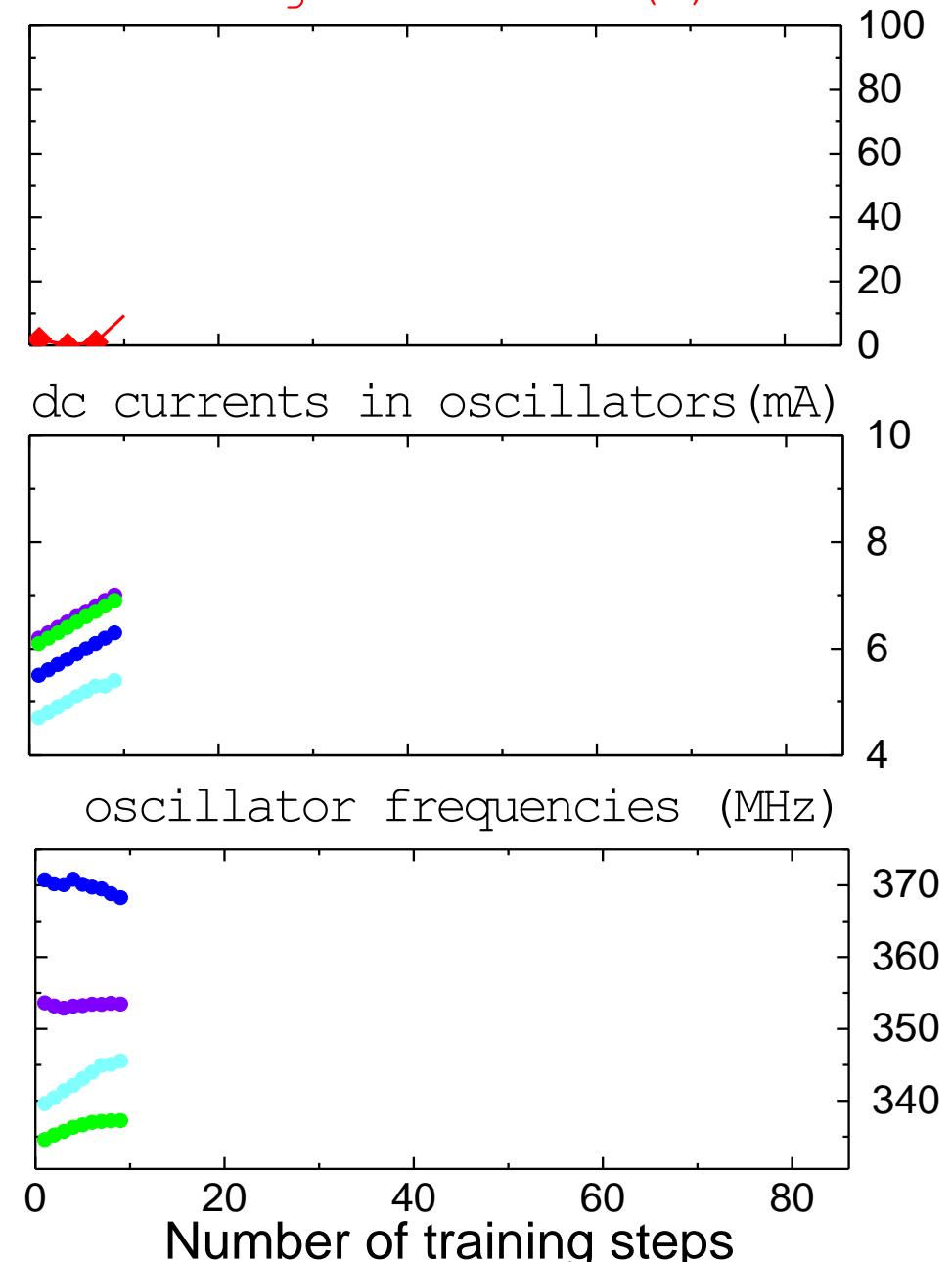
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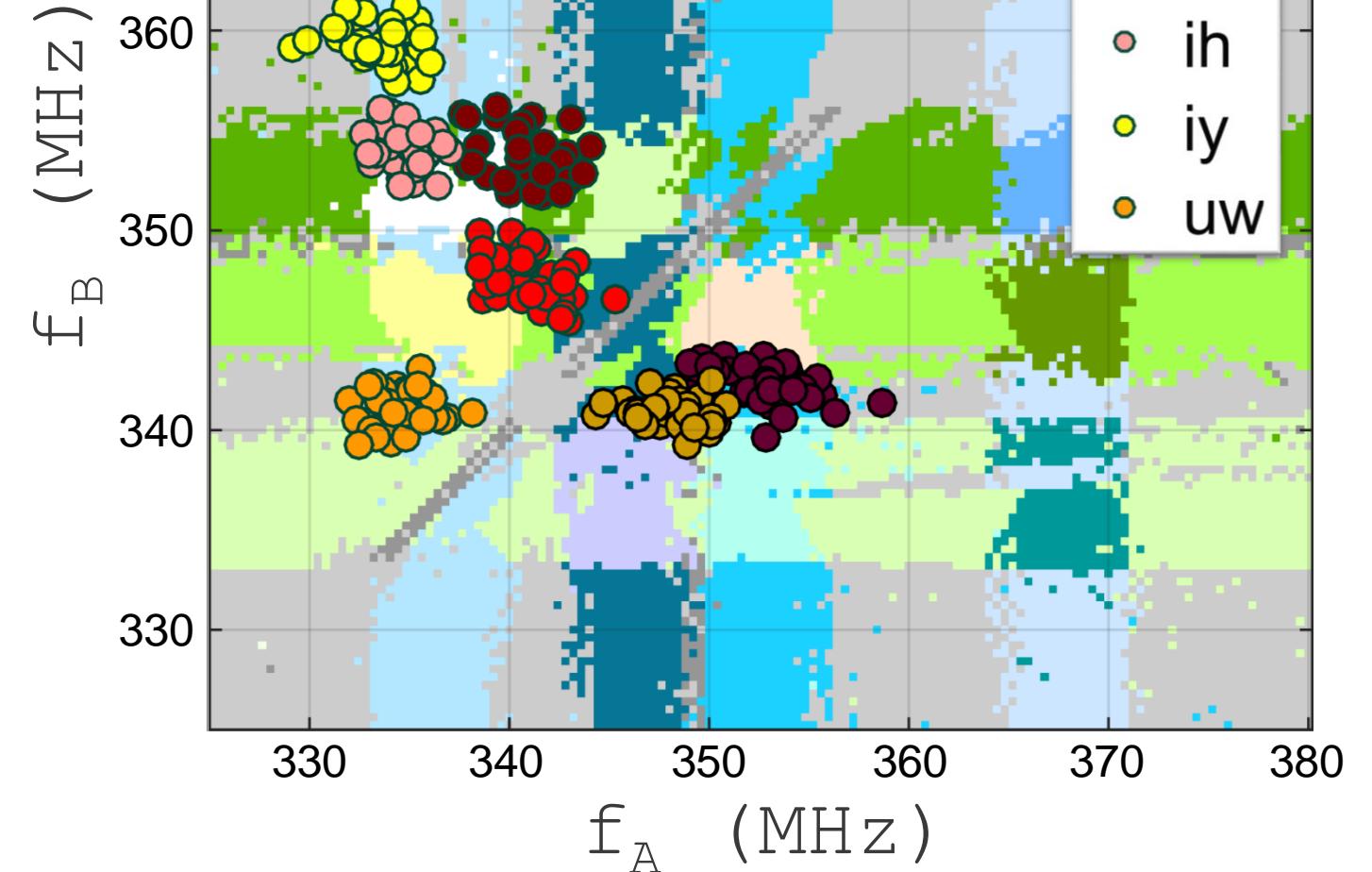
After 9 steps:



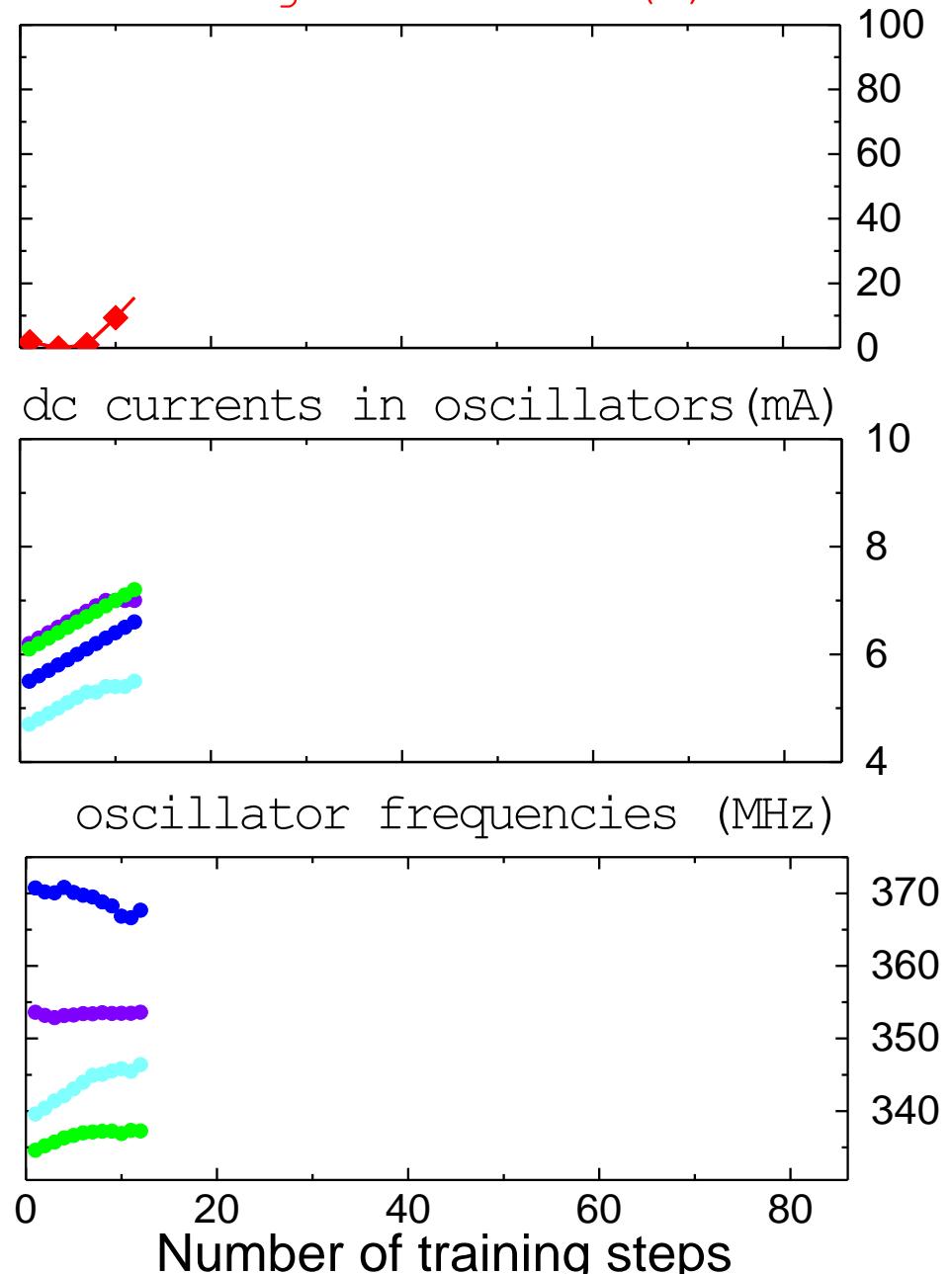
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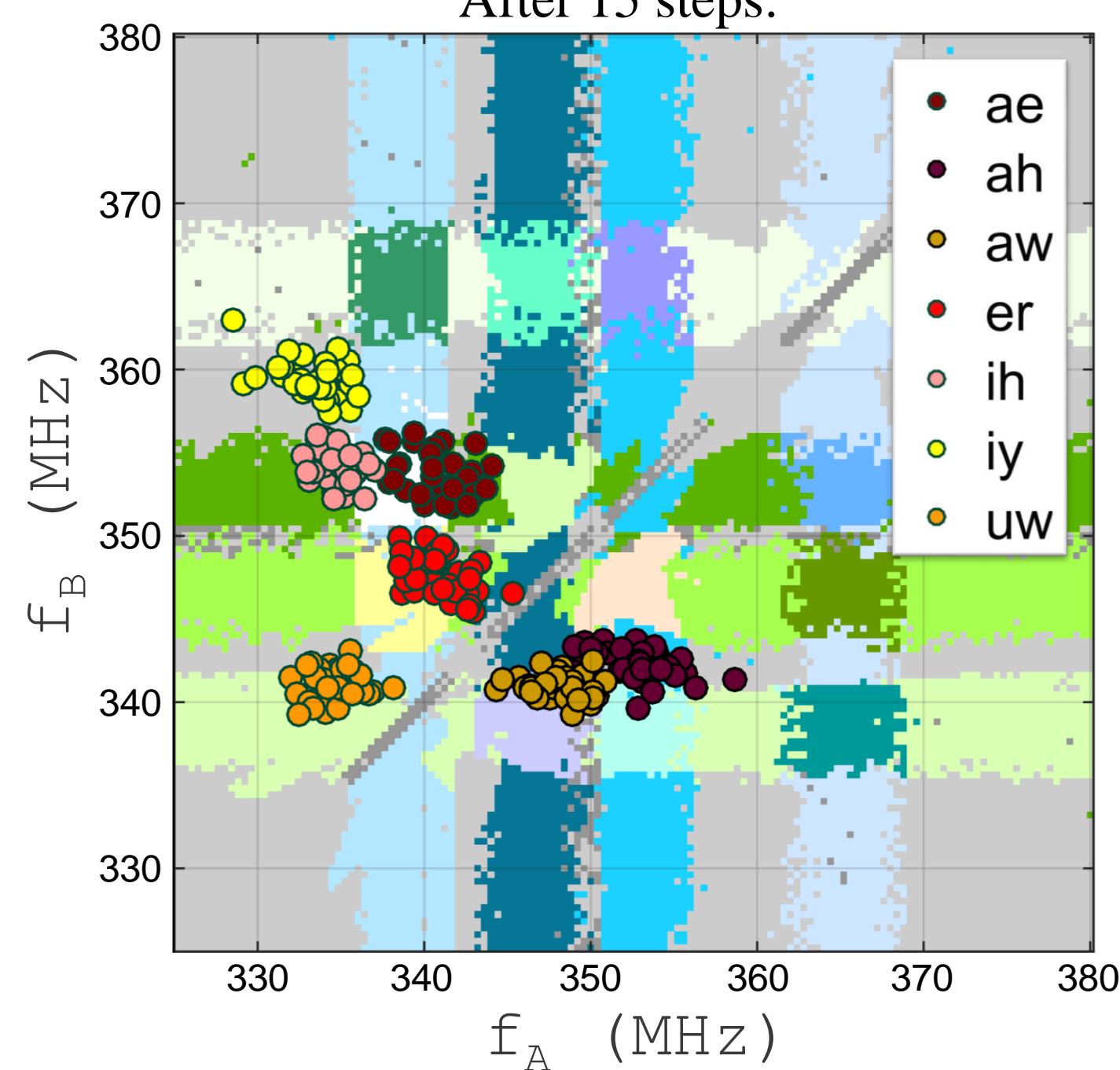
After 12 steps:



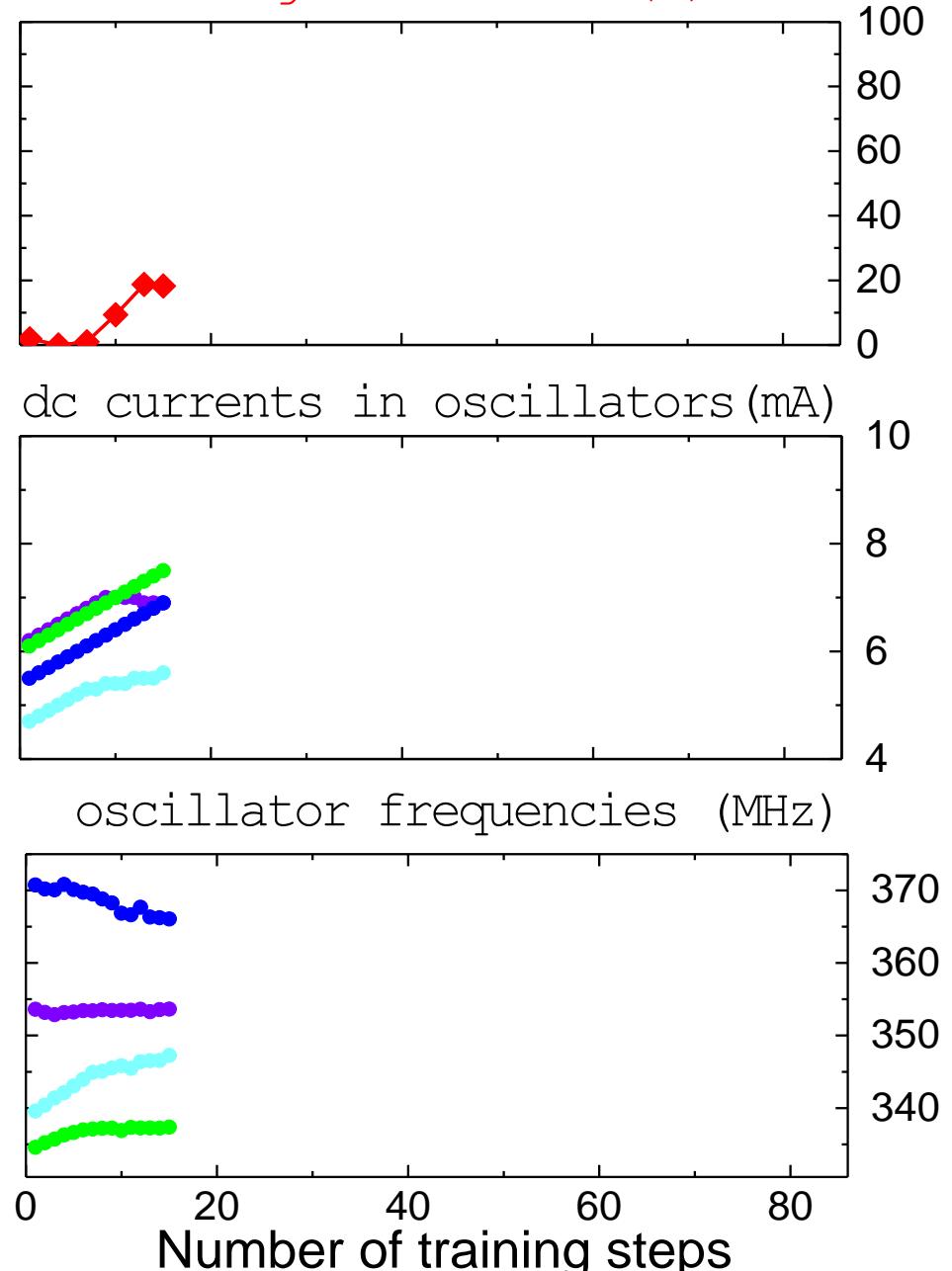
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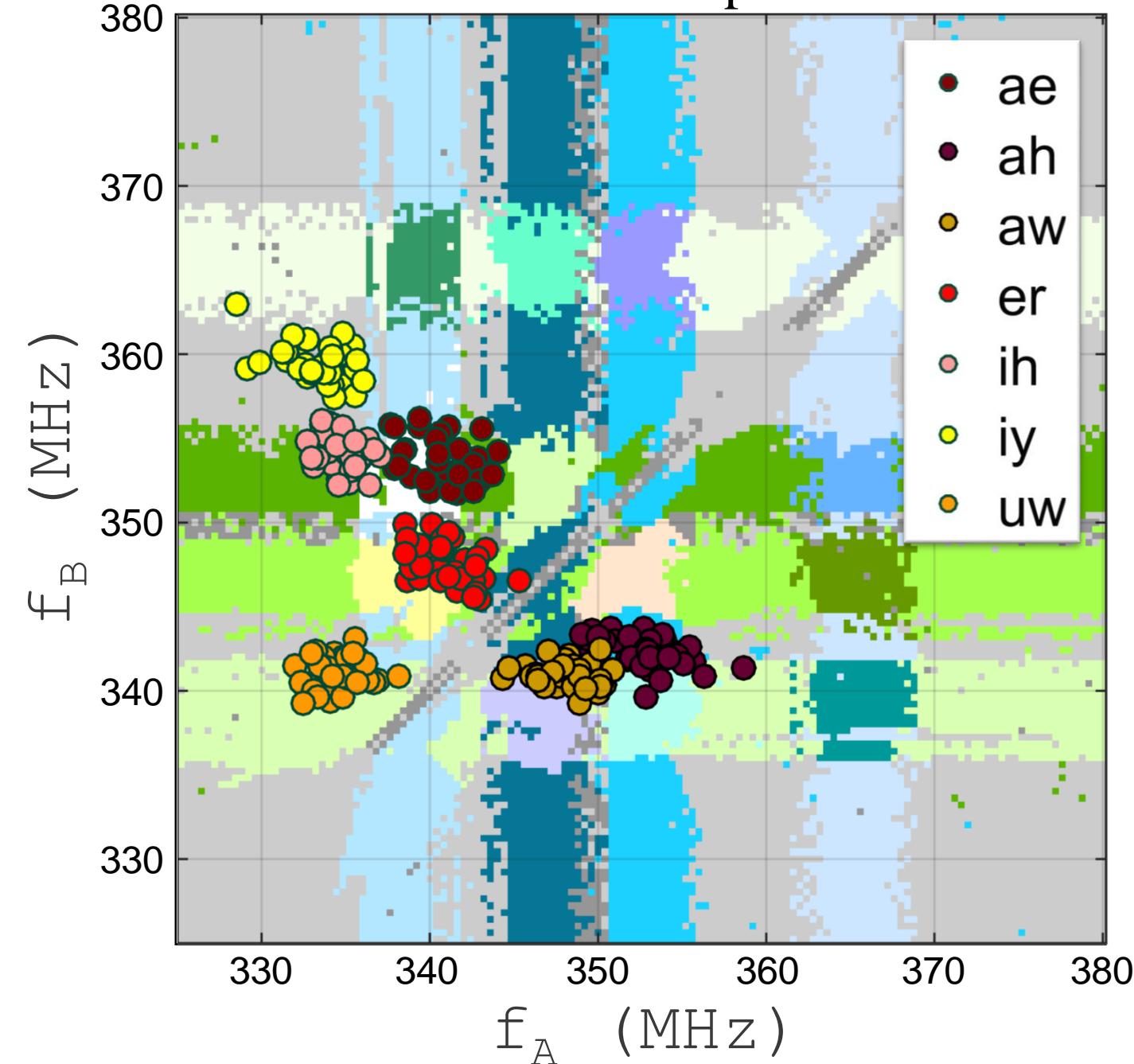
After 15 steps:



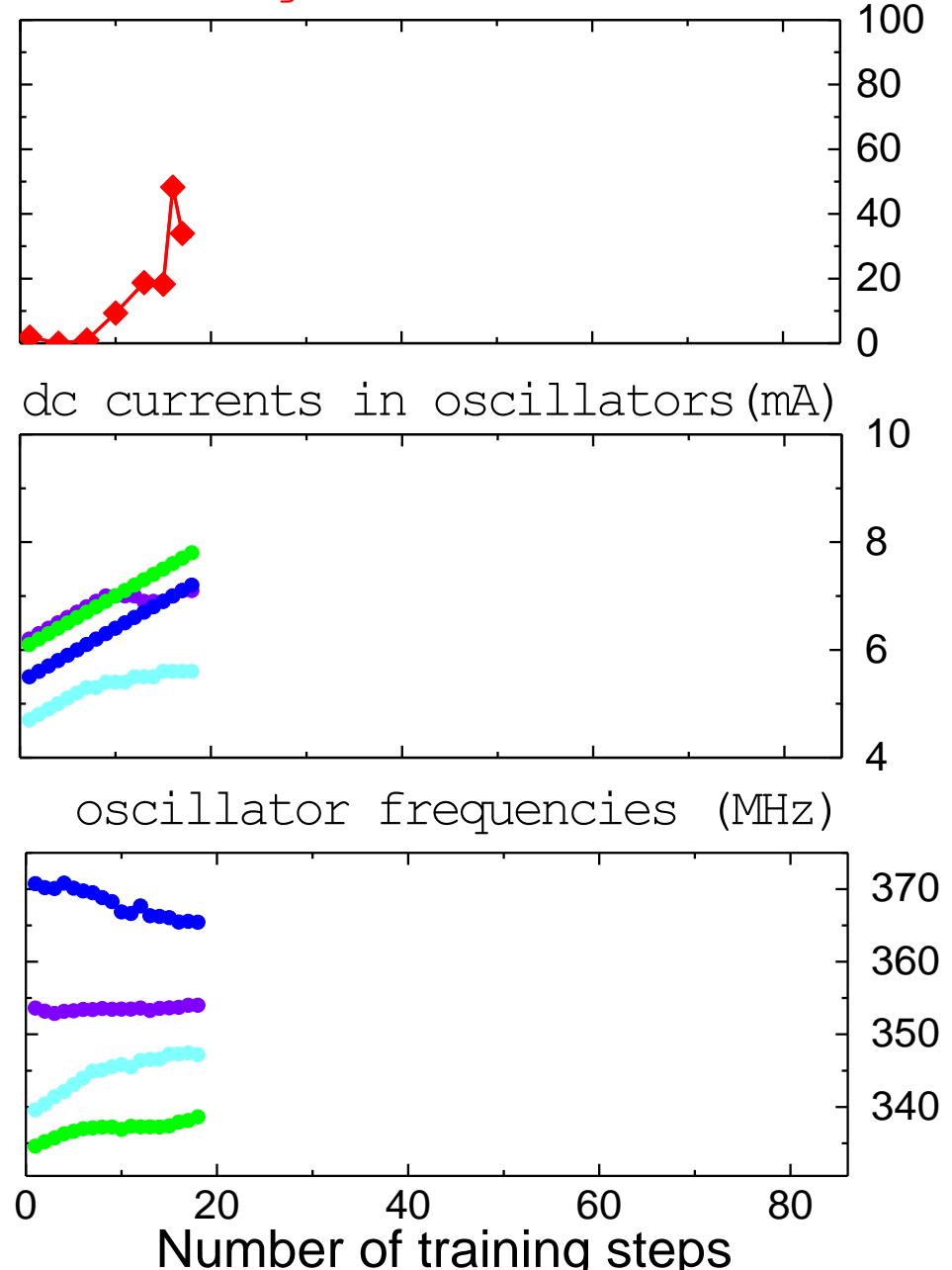
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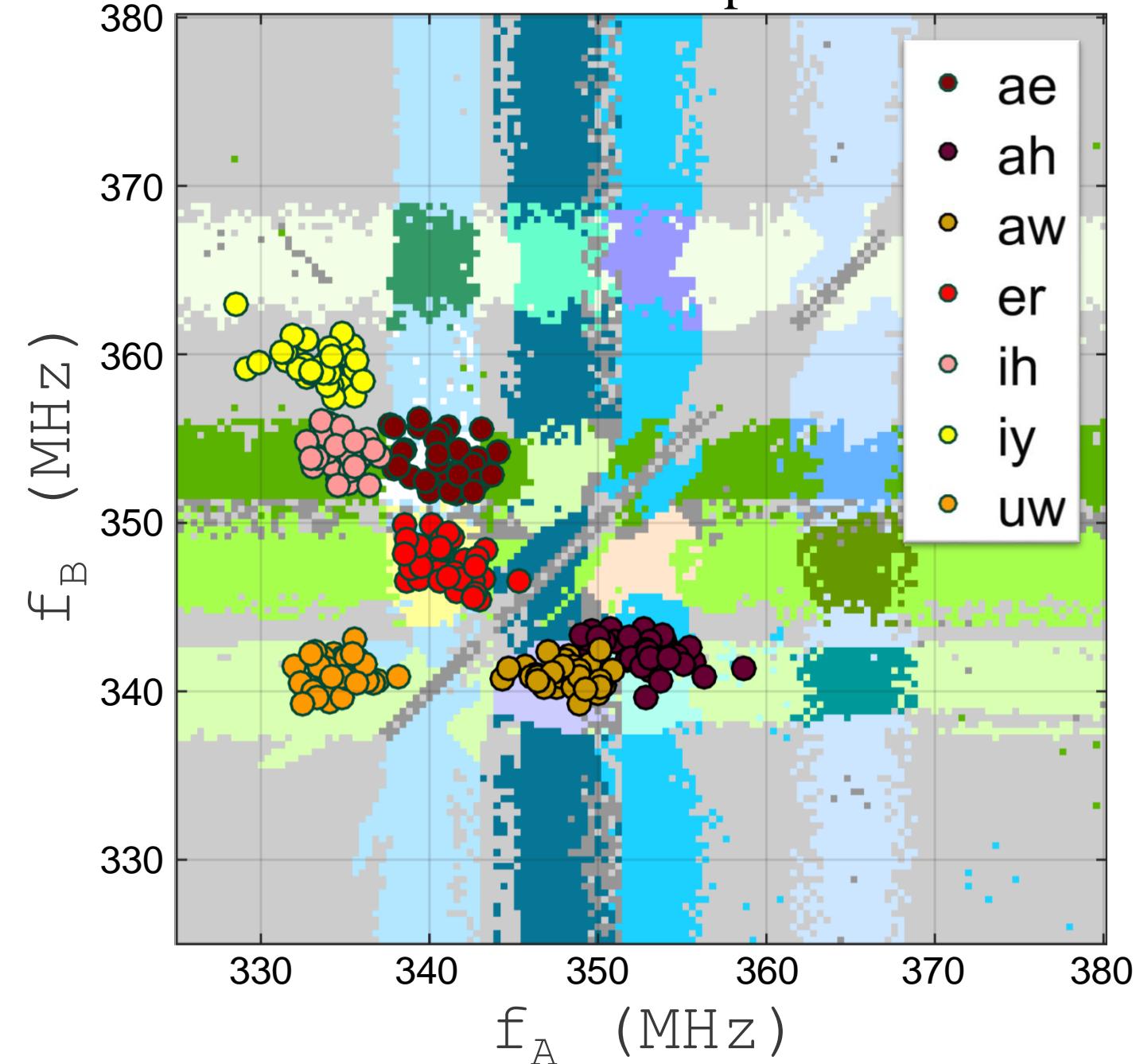
After 18 steps:



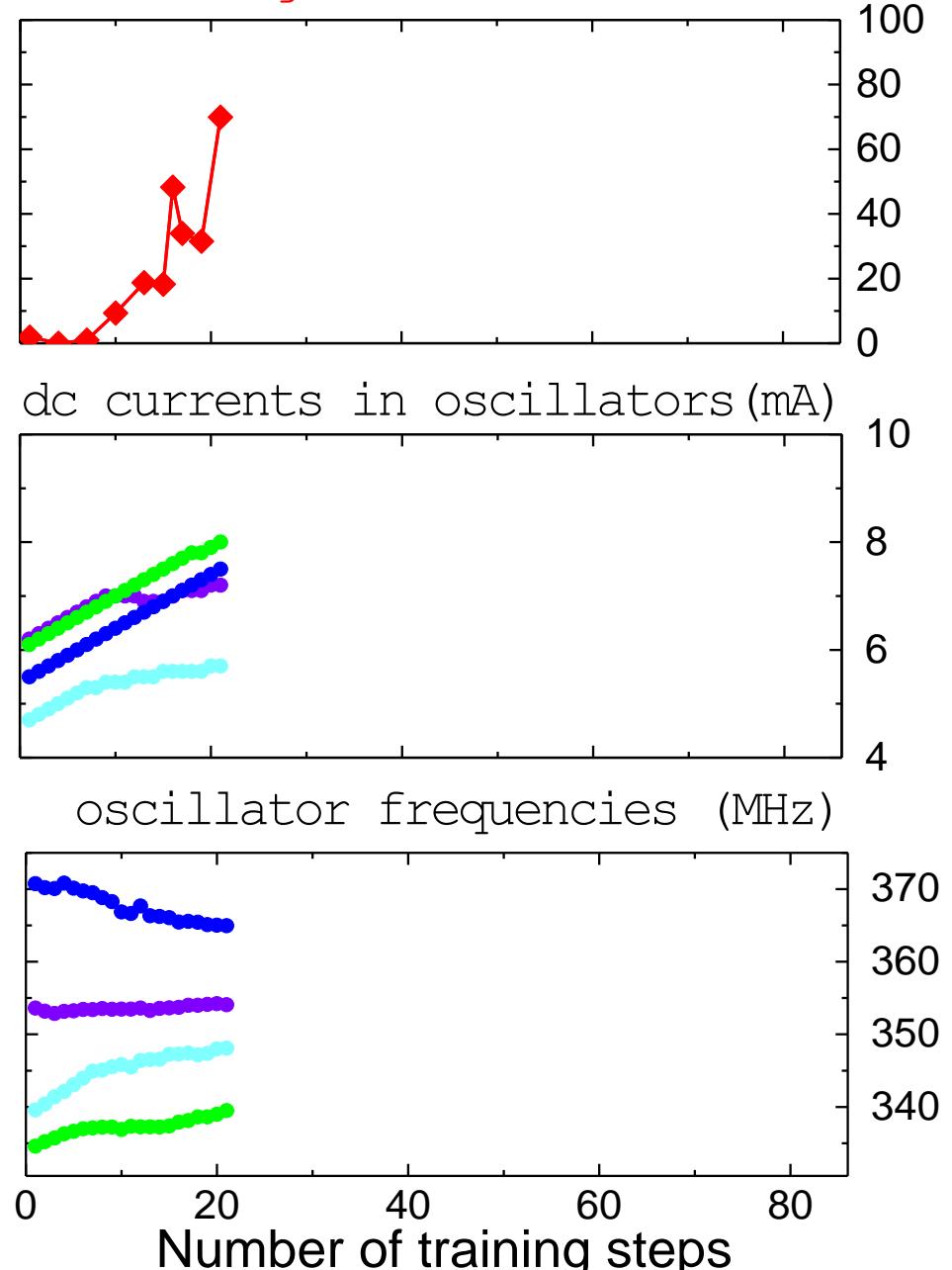
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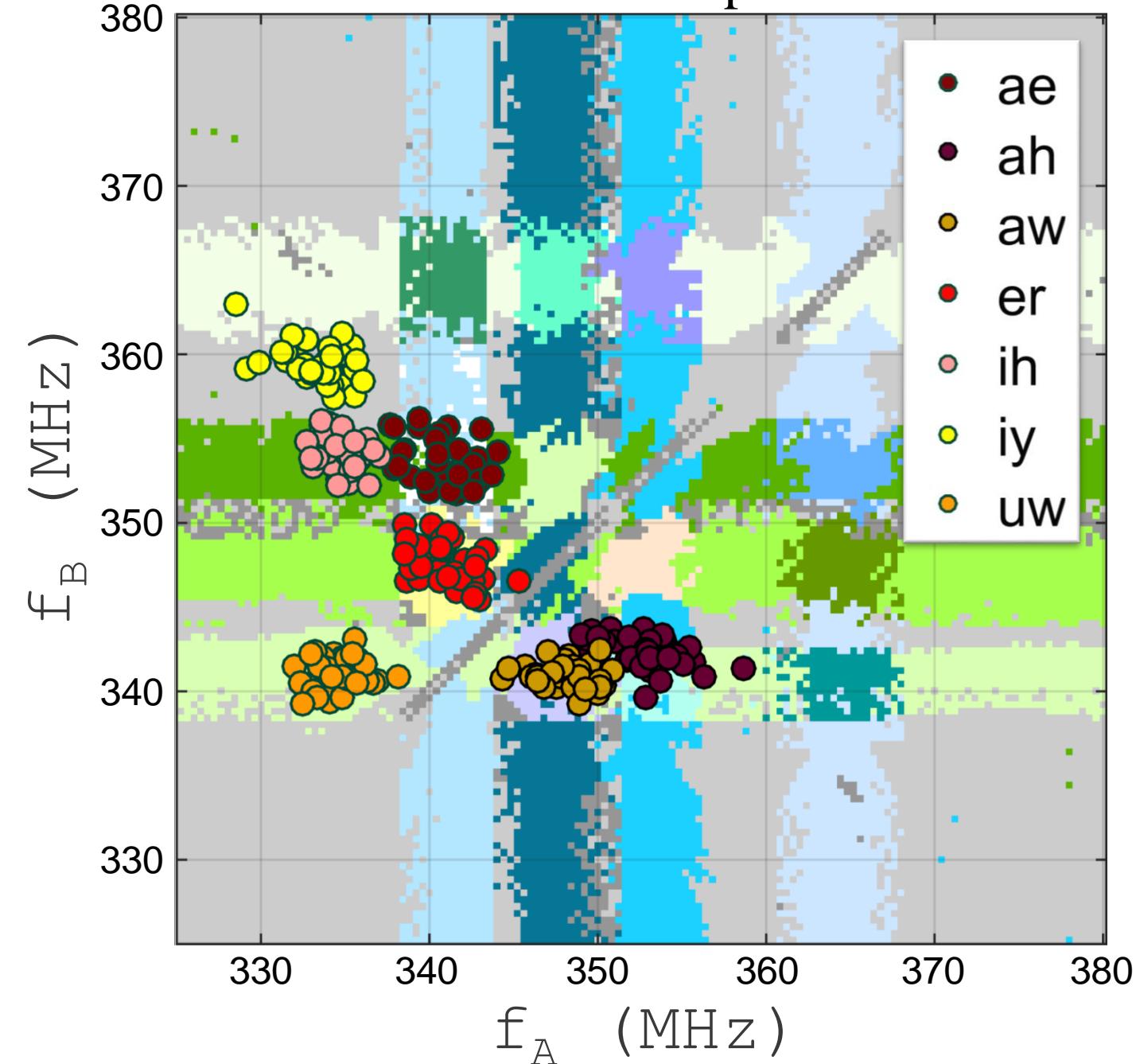
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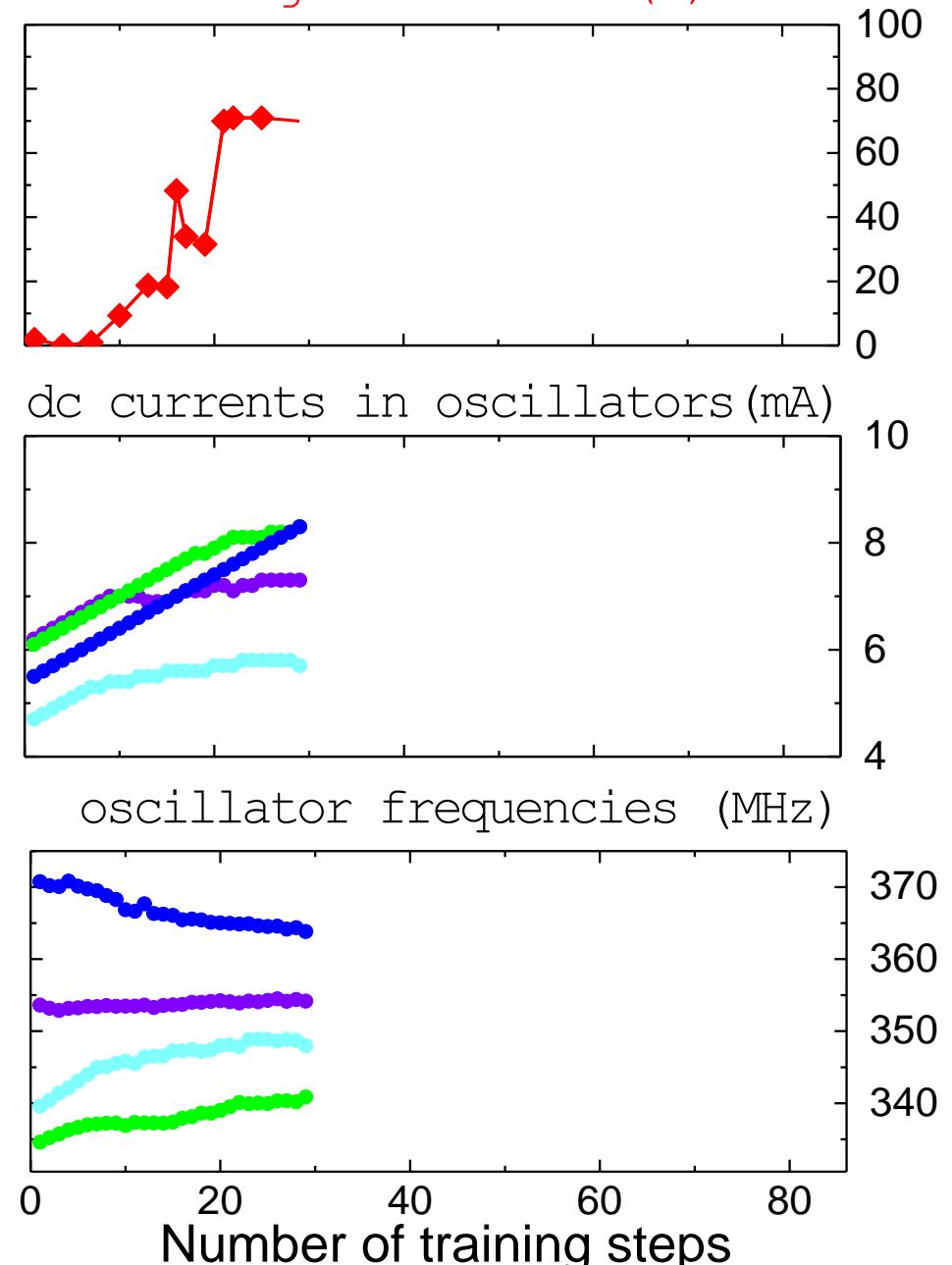
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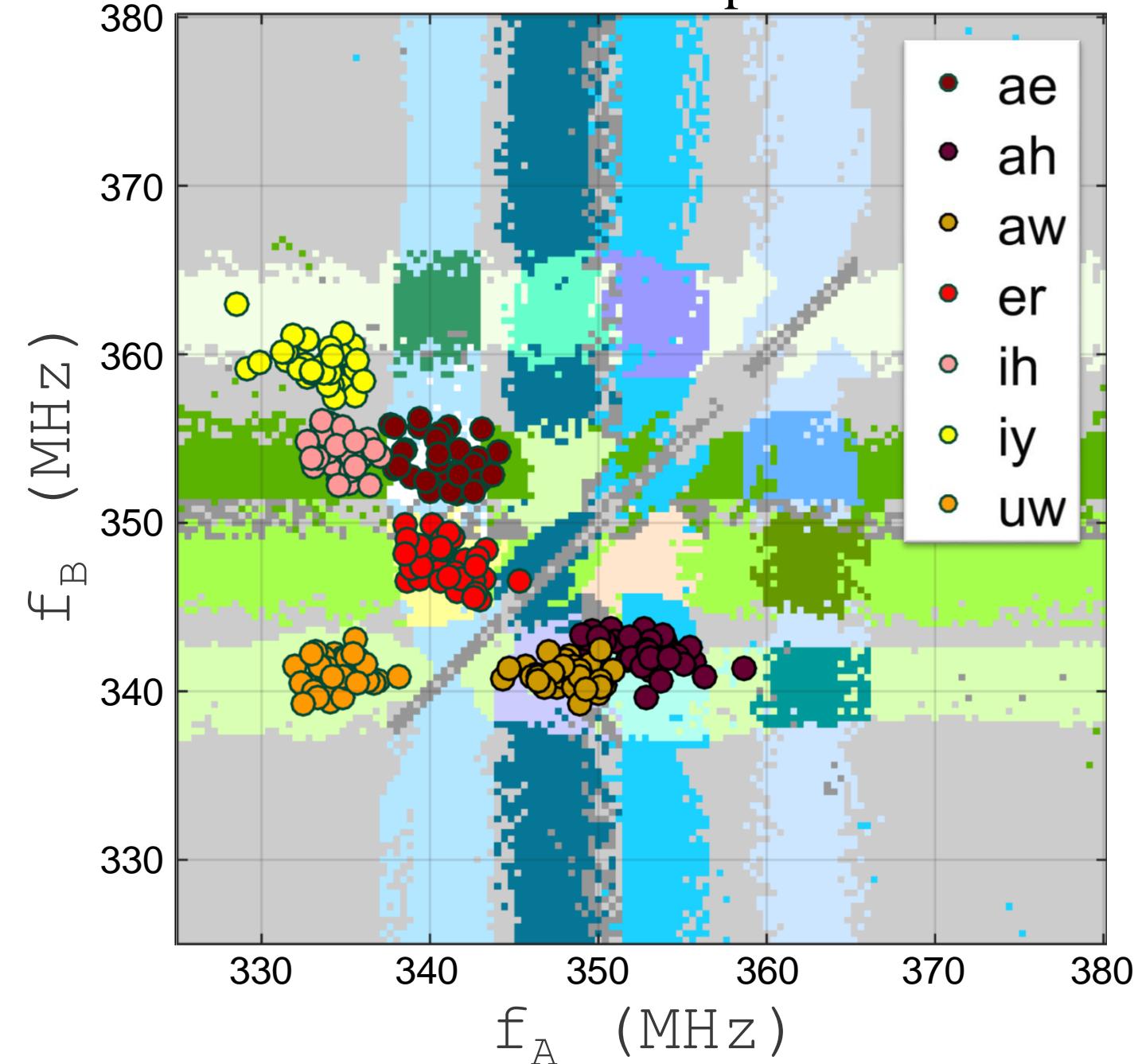
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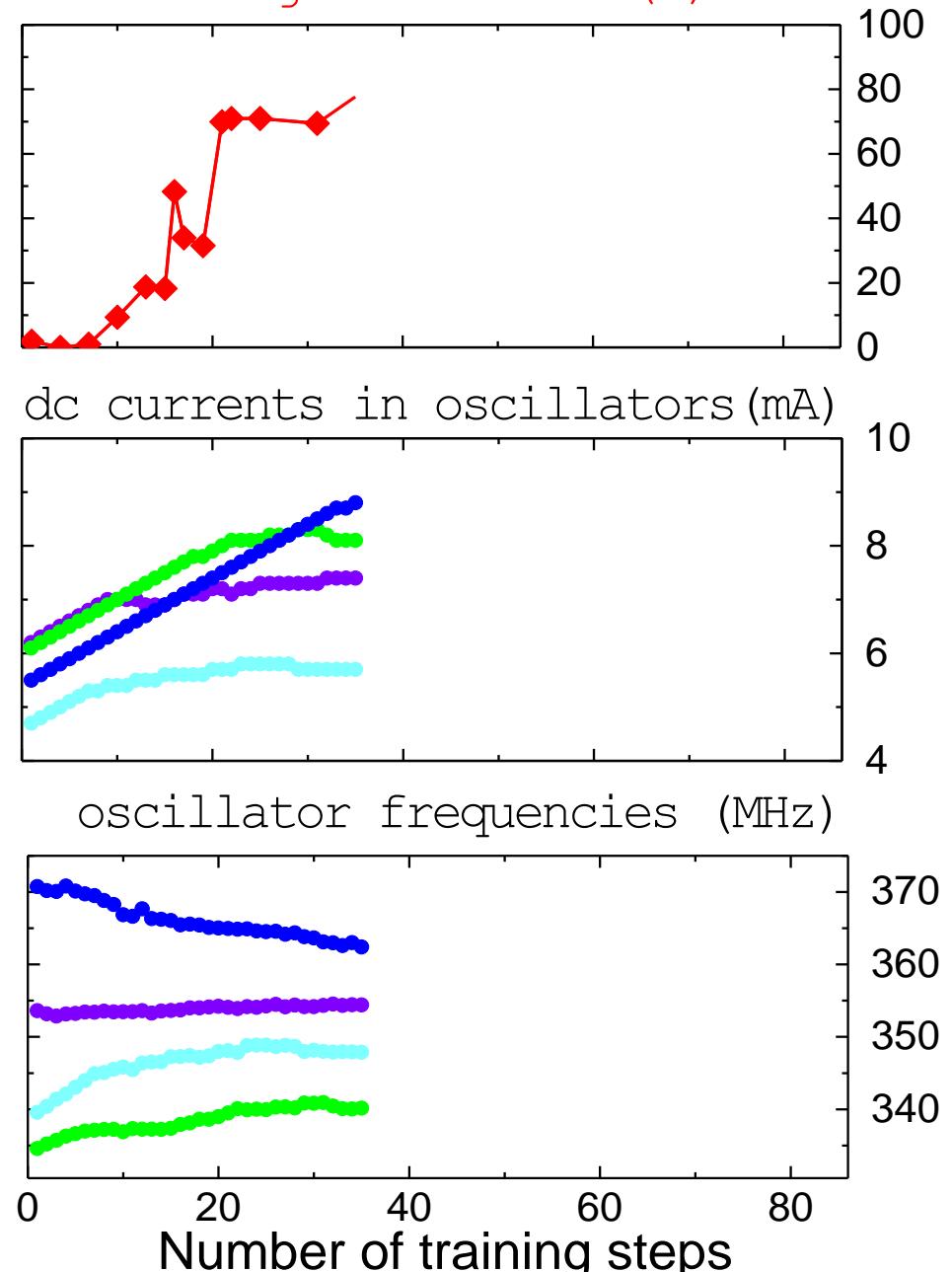
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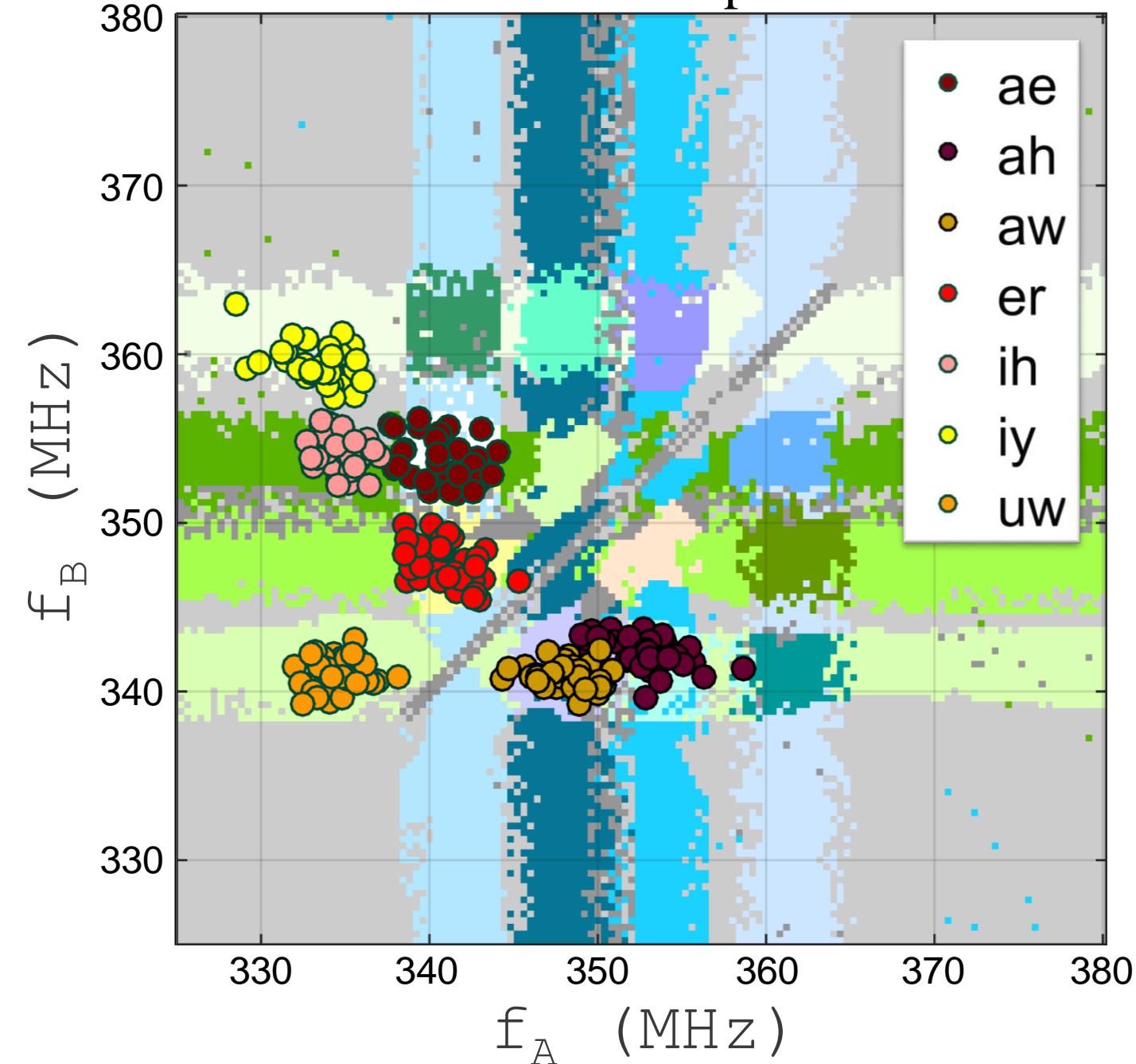
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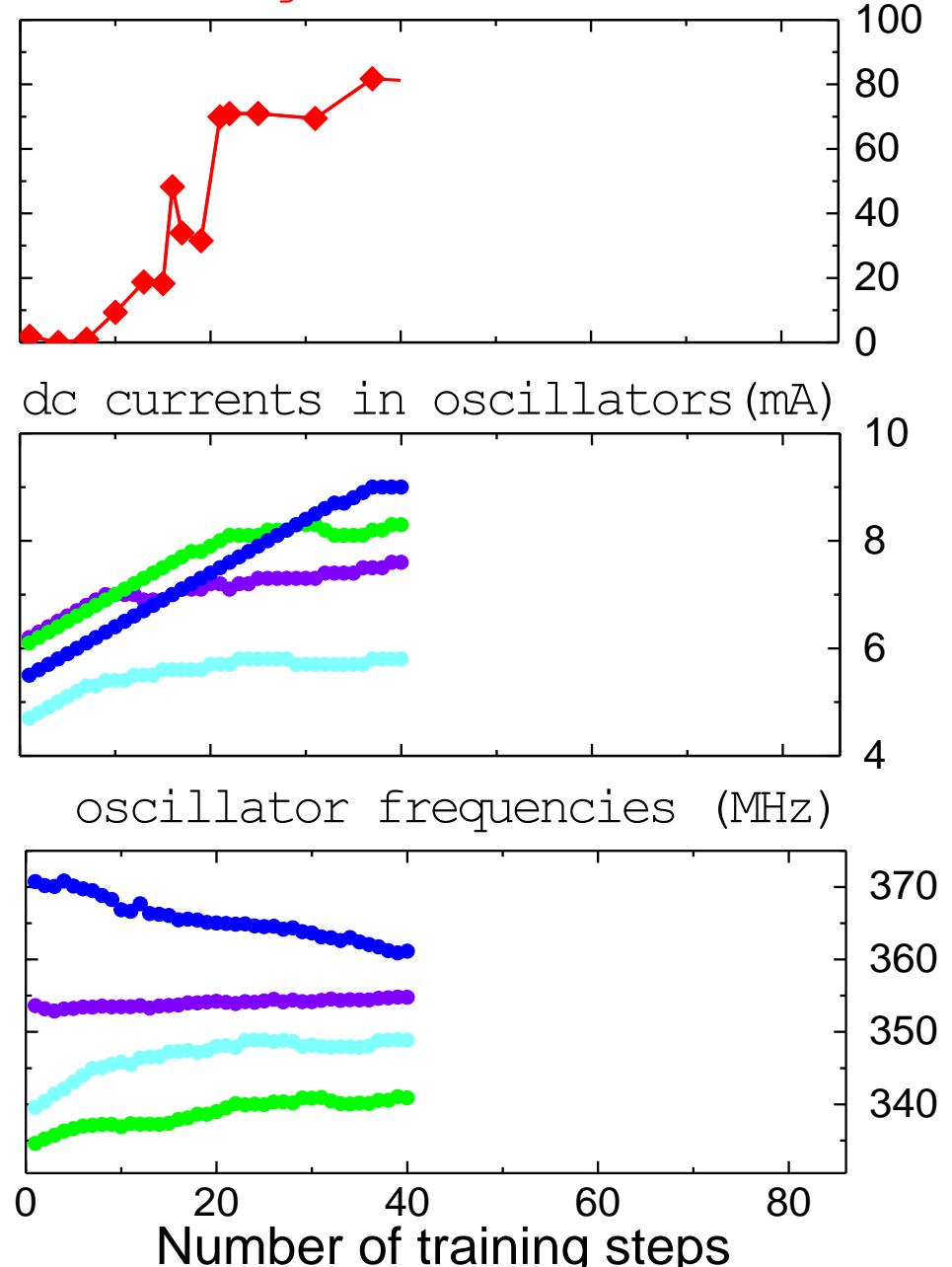
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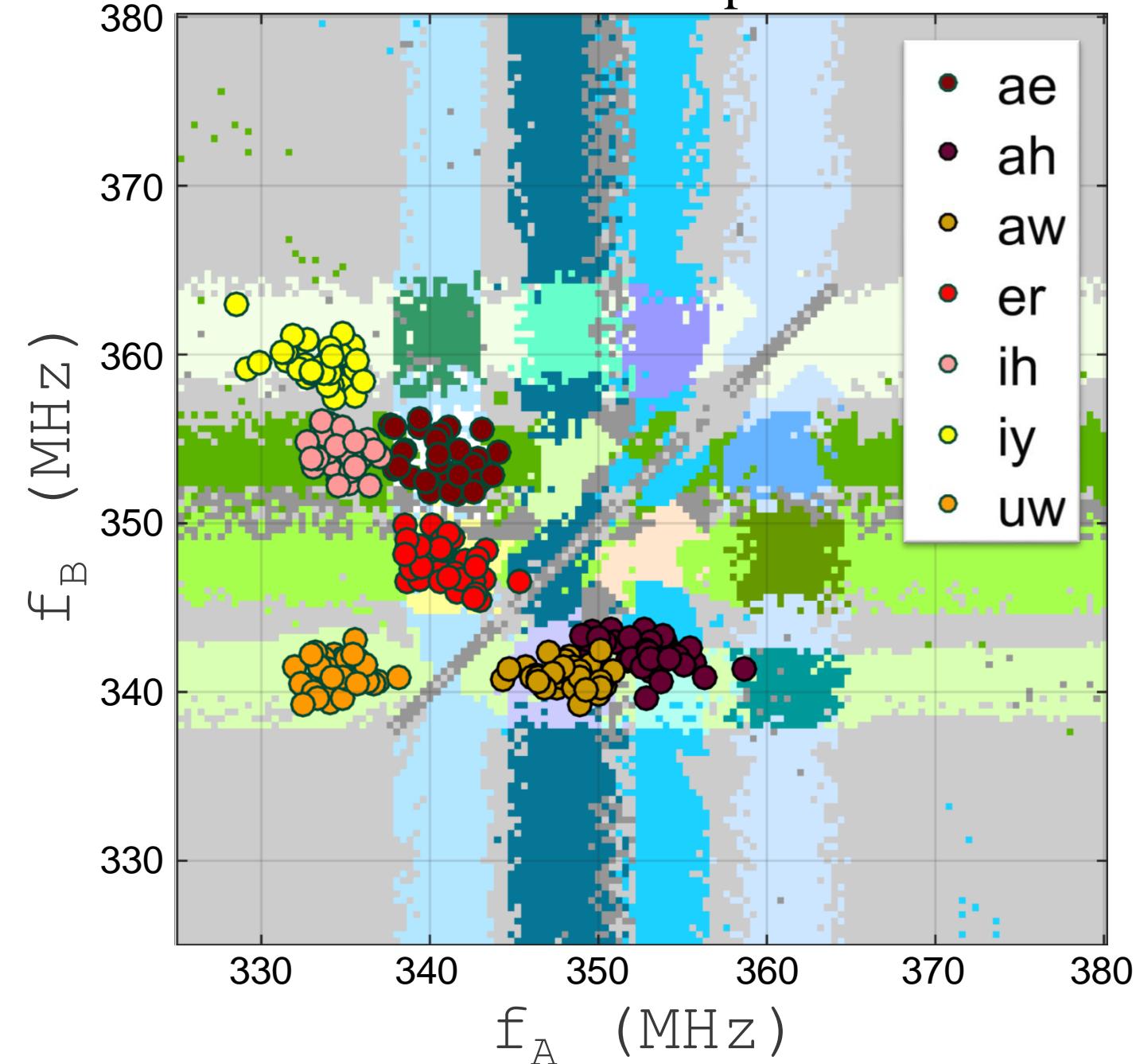
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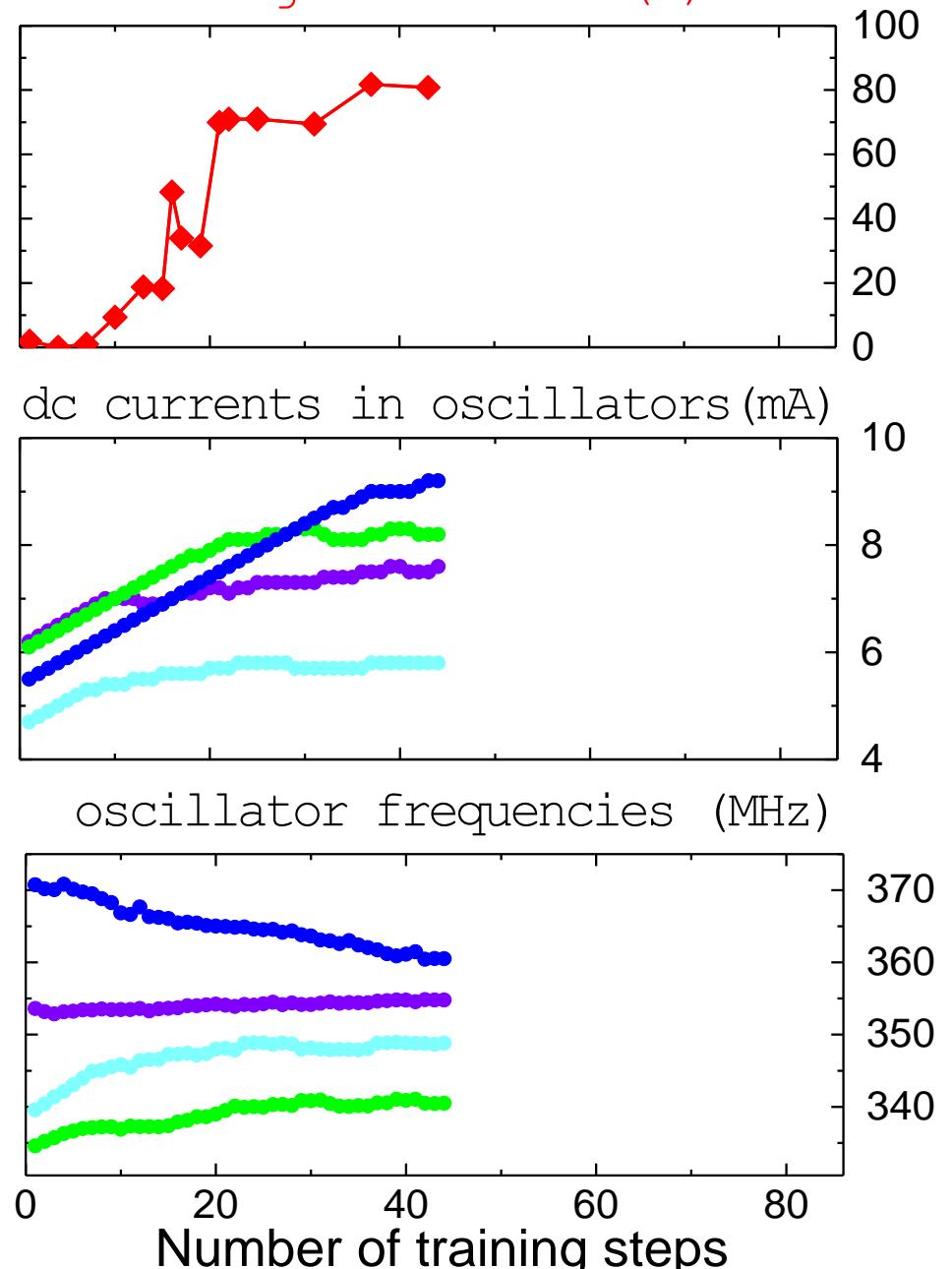
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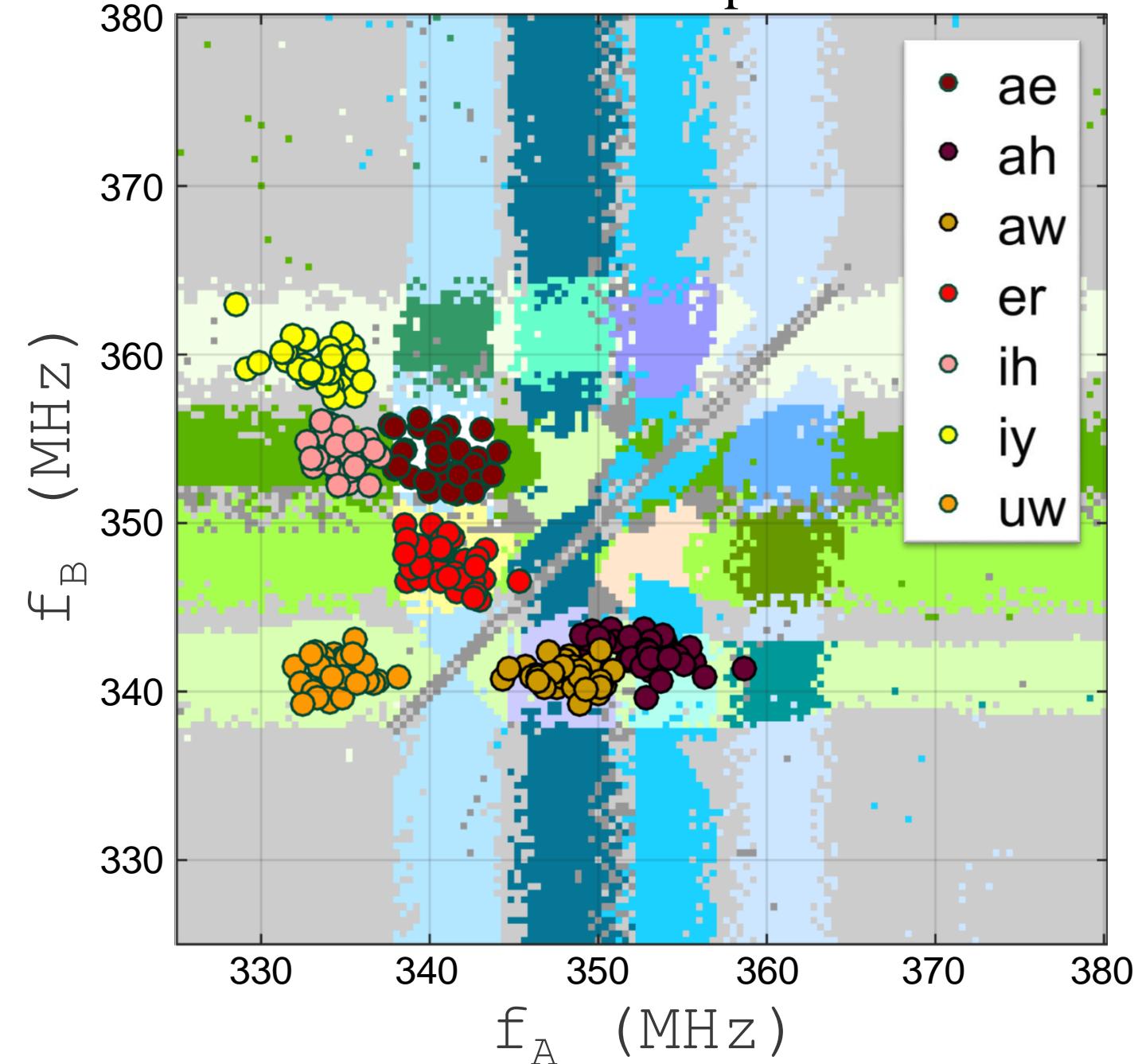
After 44 steps:



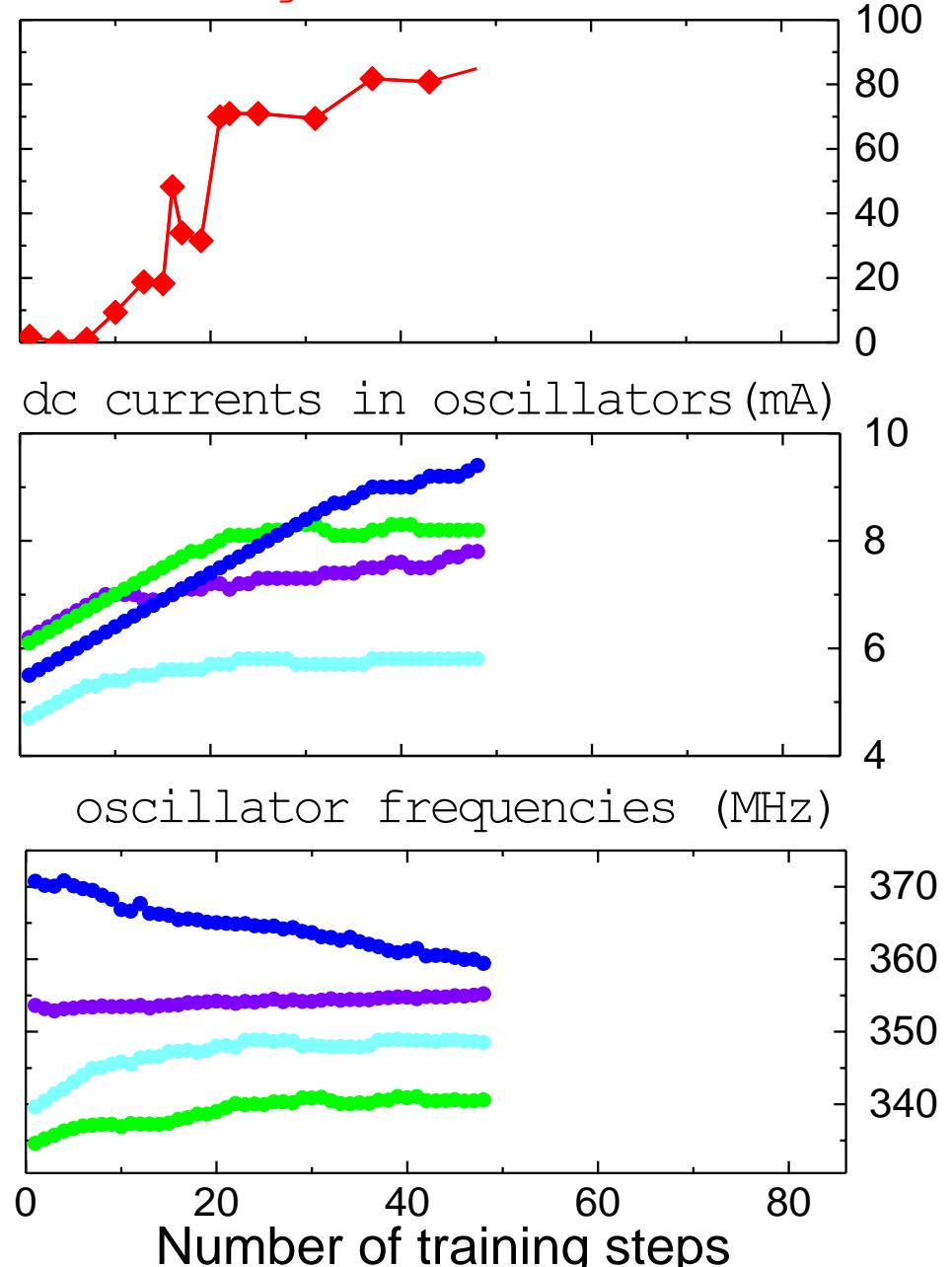
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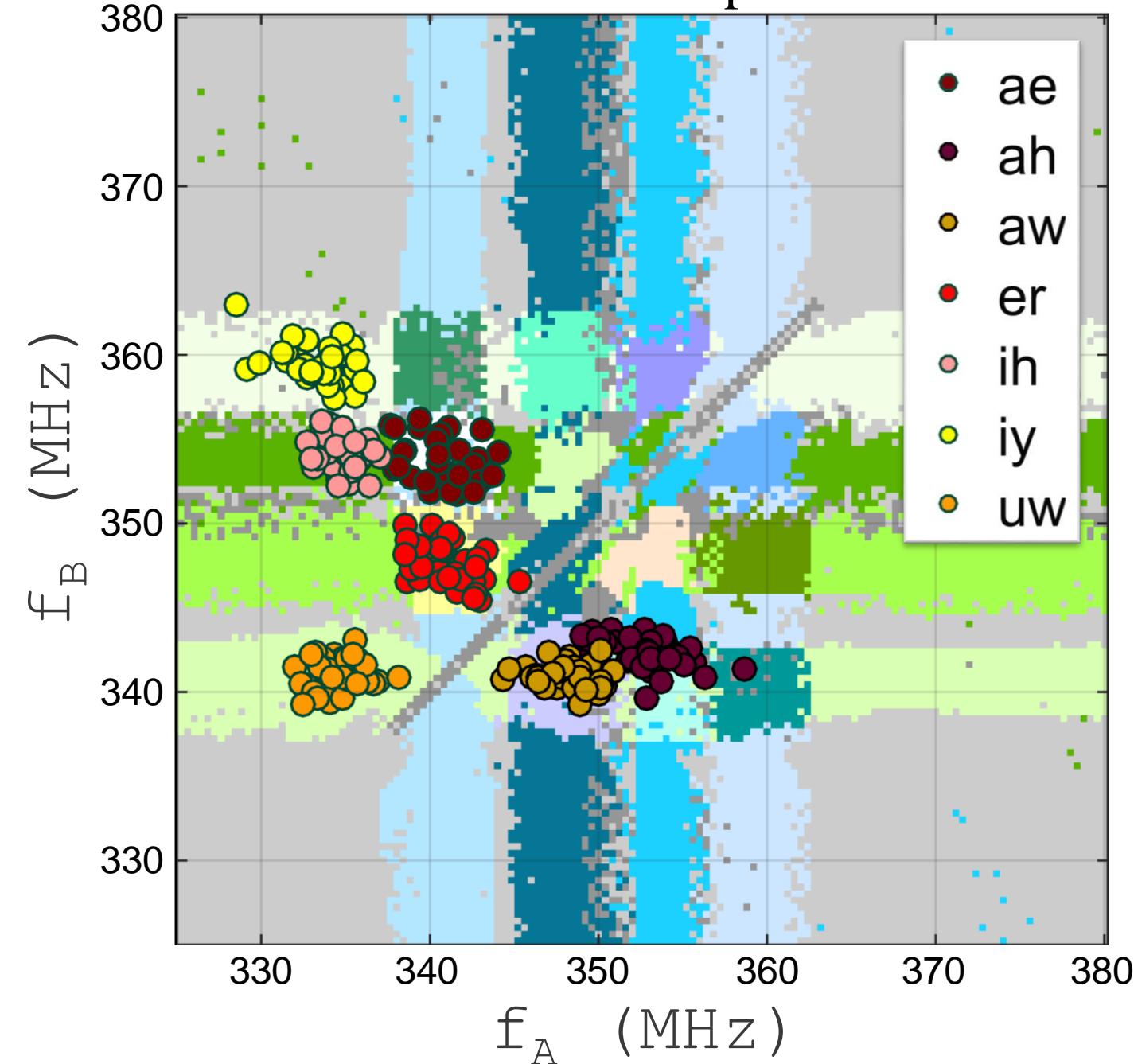
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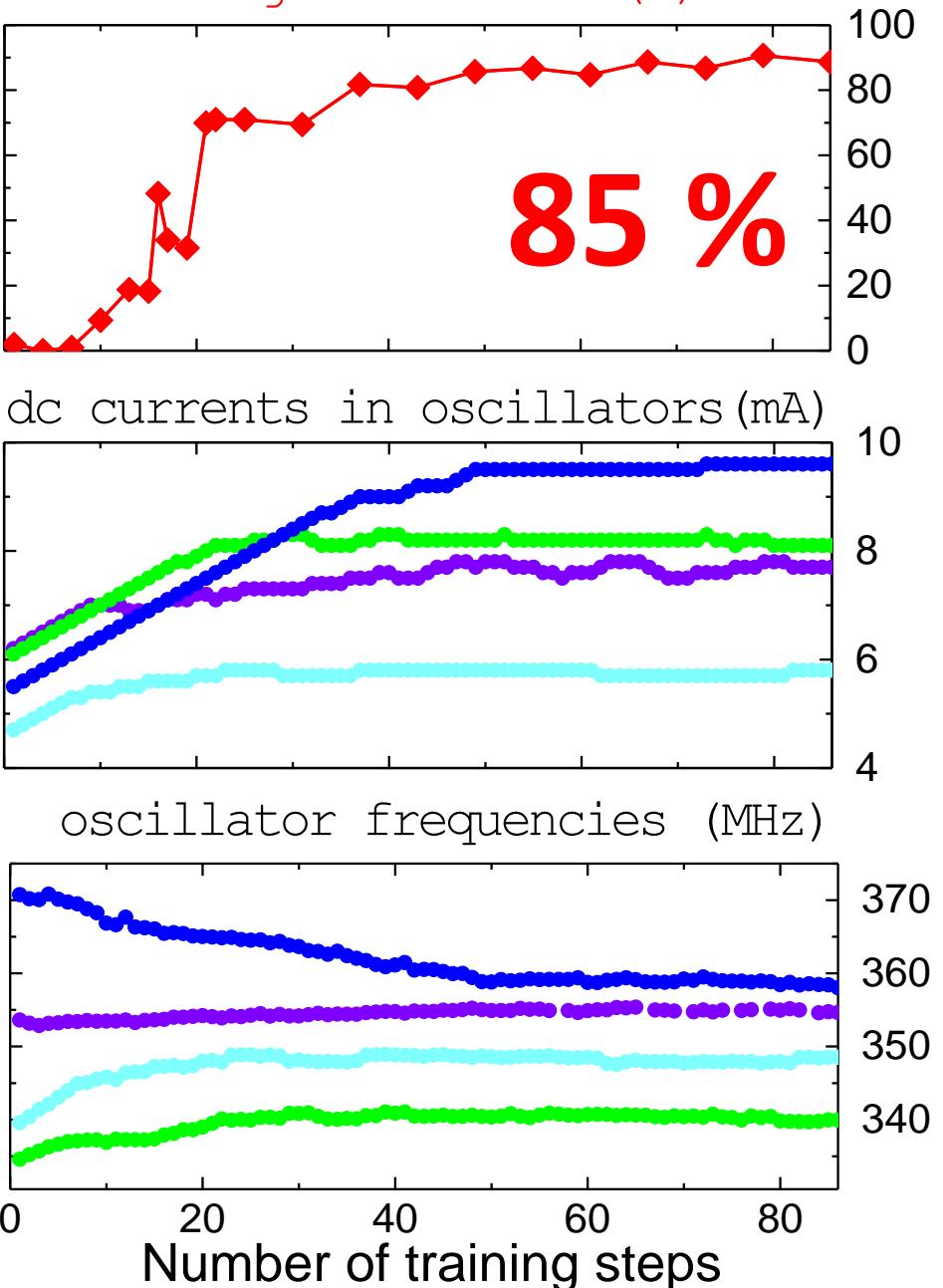
recognition rate (%)



After 86 steps:



recognition rate (%)



What's next ?

Deep neural networks that communicate through microwaves

