

# What can we learn about a dynamical system from data?

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*“To classify is to bring order into chaos.”* - **George Pólya**

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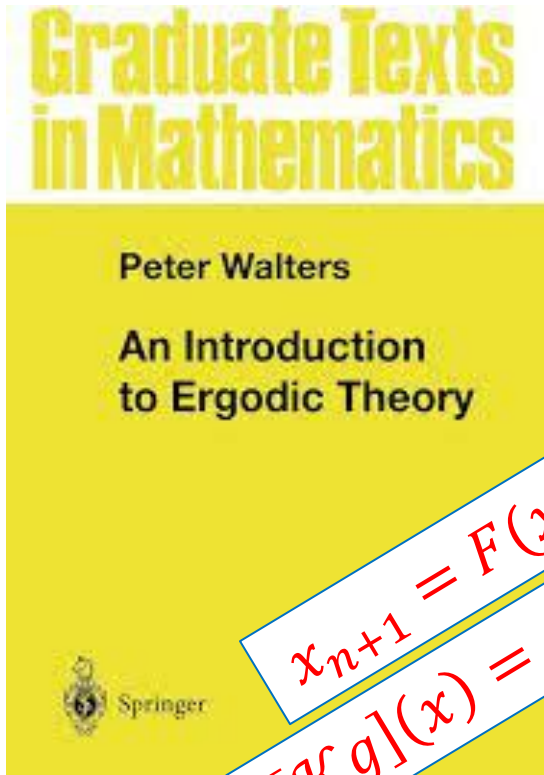
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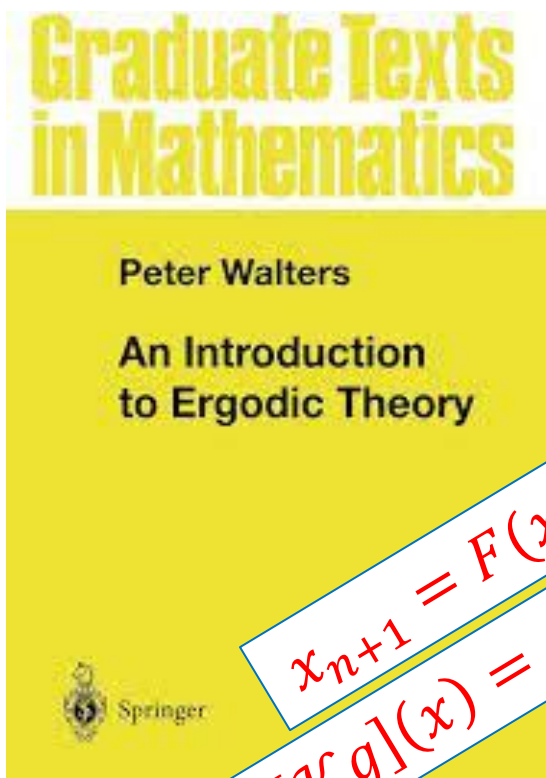
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Graduate Texts  
in Mathematics

Peter Walters

**+ HUGE recent interest in their spectral properties!**

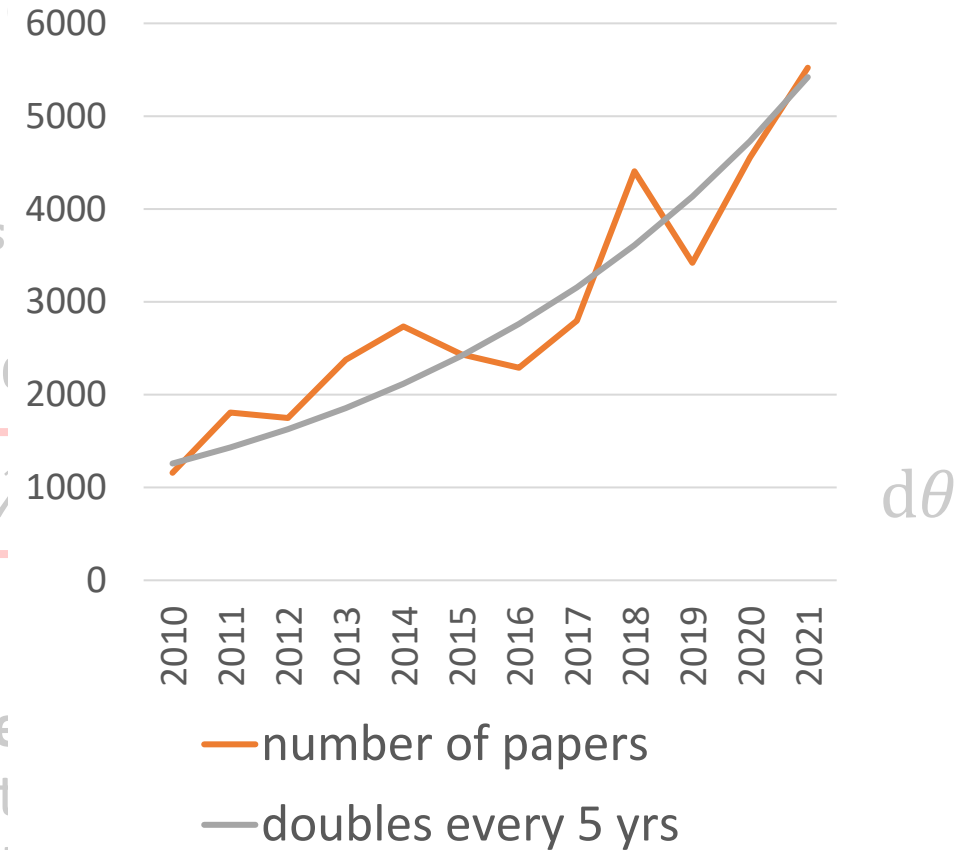


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New Papers on  
"Koopman Operators"



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$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddots & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Two-way infinite}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$$

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**Issue:** *Many practitioners view Koopman as a magic bullet, but standard algorithms typically fail to converge! (Inf-dim spectral problems.)*

**Question:** *When can we reliably learn Koopman spectral properties from system data, and when is it impossible?*

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Galerkin  
Approximation

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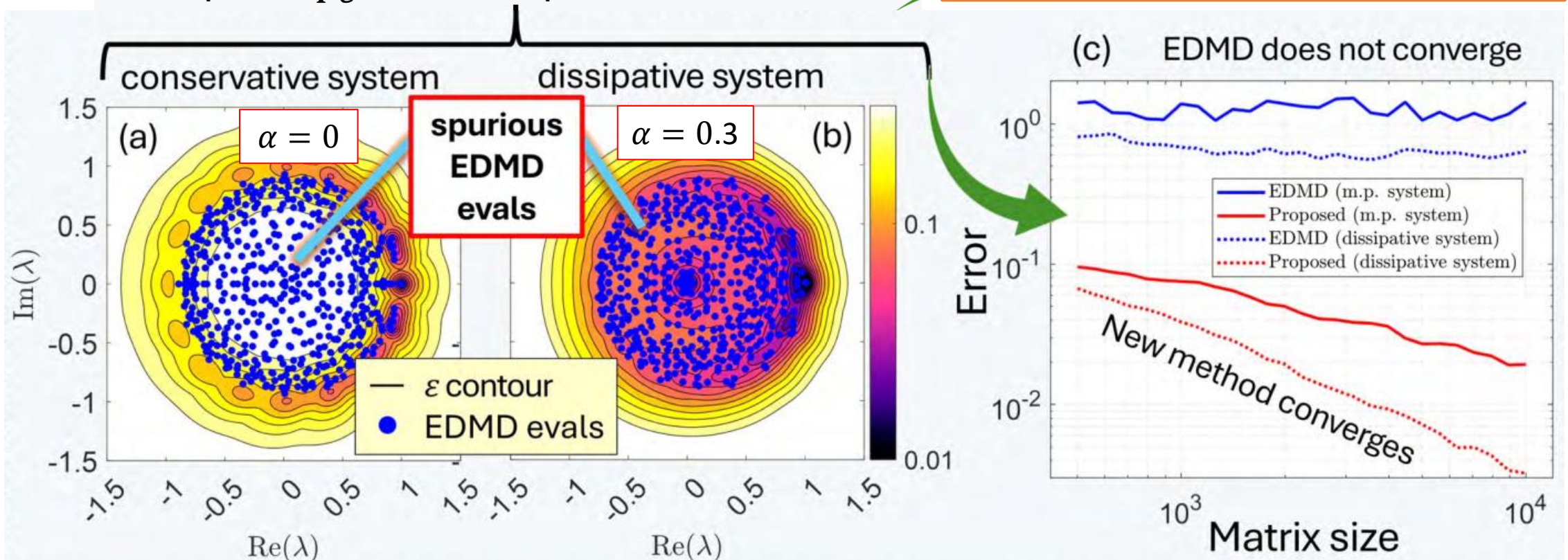
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# Example: EDMD does NOT converge

- Duffing oscillator:  $\dot{x} = y, \dot{y} = -\alpha y + x(1 - x^2)$ , sampled  $\Delta t = 0.3$ .
- Gaussian radial basis functions, Monte Carlo integration ( $M = 50000$ )

Compute  $\text{Sp}_\varepsilon$ , local adaptive control on  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$

$$\text{Sp}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{K}_F) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: \|(\mathcal{K}_F - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1} \leq \varepsilon\}$$



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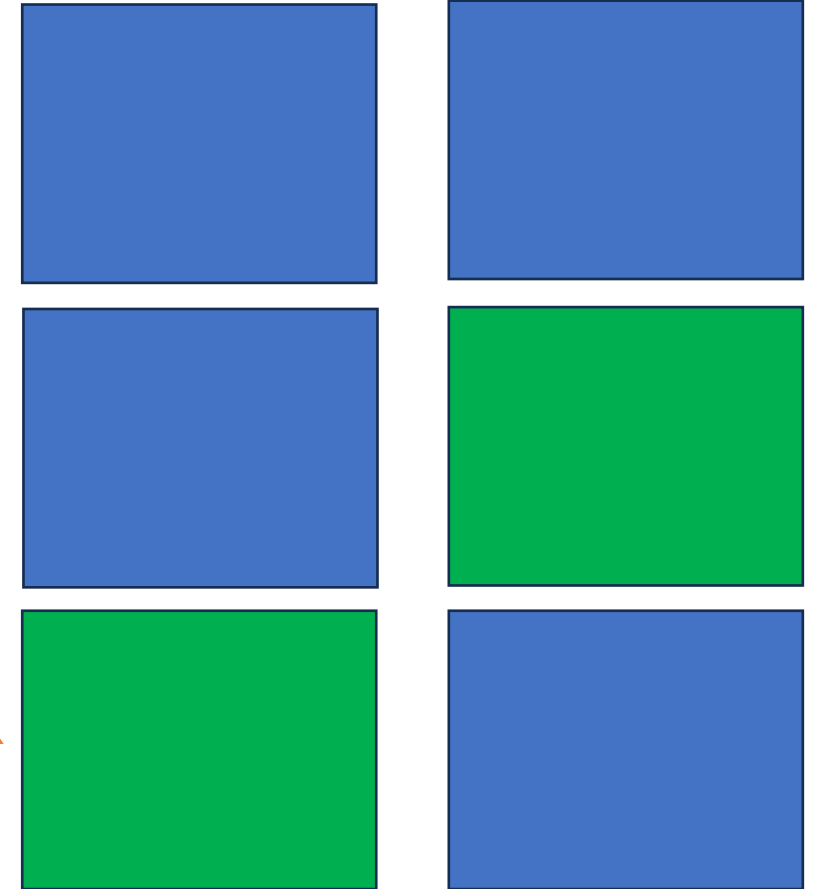


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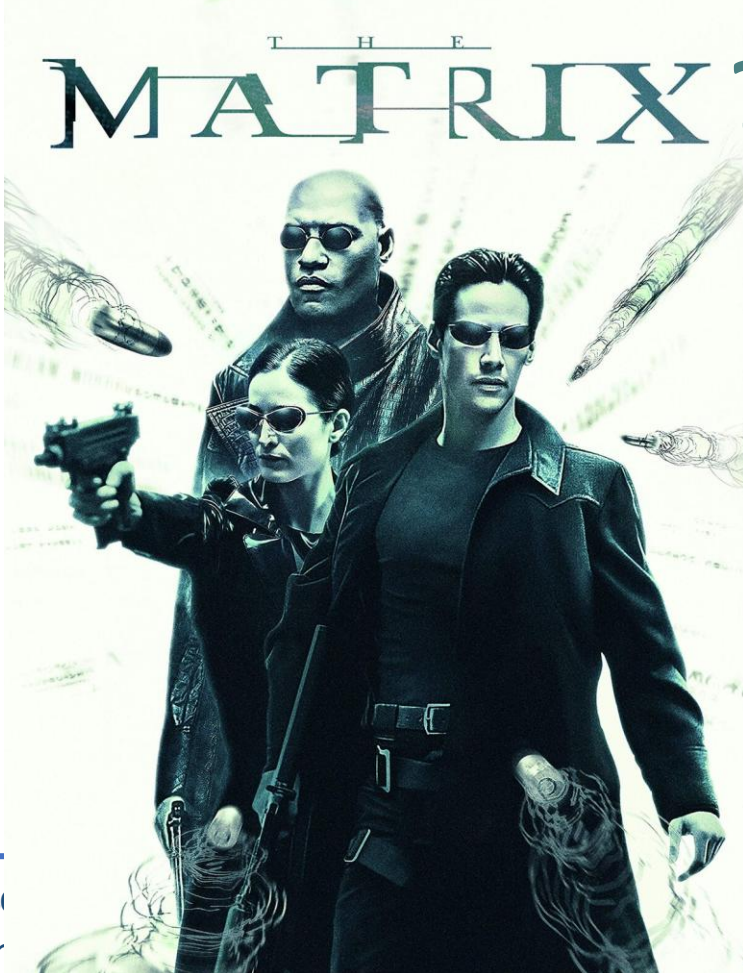


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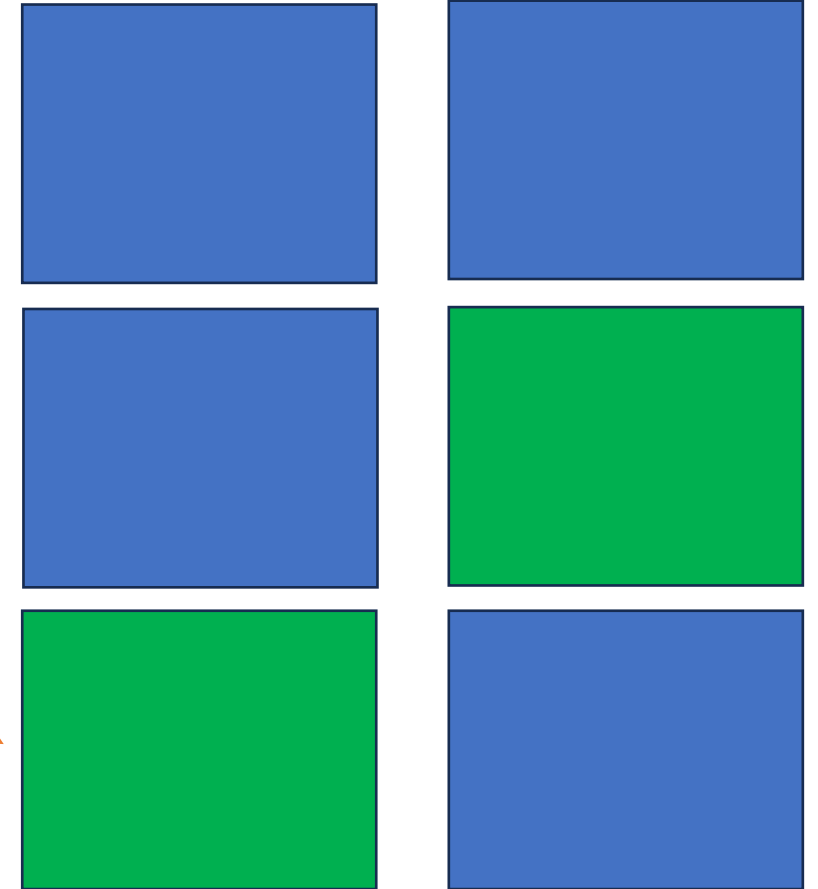
What's the missing



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Double limit  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty}$

**Can we do better?**

# Theorem B (impossibility)

Implies  $\mathcal{K}$  is unitary



*Class of systems:*  $\Omega_{\mathbb{D}} = \{F: \bar{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{D}} \mid F \text{ cts, measure preserving, invertible}\}.$

*Data an algorithm can use:*  $\mathcal{T}_F = \{(x, y_m) \mid x \in \bar{\mathbb{D}}, \|F(x) - y_m\| \leq 2^{-m}\}.$

**Theorem B:** There **does not exist** any sequence of deterministic algorithms  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  using  $\mathcal{T}_F$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_n(F) = \text{Sp}(\mathcal{K}_F) \quad \forall F \in \Omega_{\mathbb{D}}.$

**NB:** Similarly, no random algorithms converging with probability  $> 1/2$ .

**Double limit is necessary!**



# Proof idea: Constructing an adversary

$$F_0: \text{rotation by } \pi, \operatorname{Sp}(\mathcal{K}_{F_0}) = \{\pm 1\}$$

**Phase transition lemma:** Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}, Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$  be distinct points in annulus  $\mathcal{A} = \{x \in \mathbb{D} \mid 0 < R < \|x\| < r < 1\}$  with  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ . There exists a measure-preserving homeomorphism  $H$  such that  $H$  acts as the identity on  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \mathcal{A}$  and  $H(y_j) = F_0(H(x_j)), j = 1, \dots, N$ .

*Conjugacy of data ( $x_j \rightarrow y_j$ ) with  $F_0$*

**Idea:** Use lemma to trick any algorithm into oscillating between spectra.

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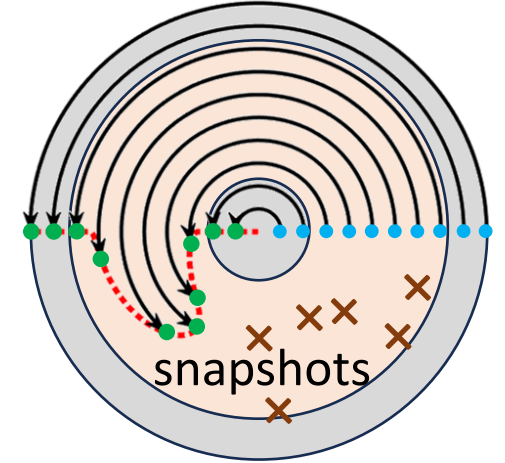
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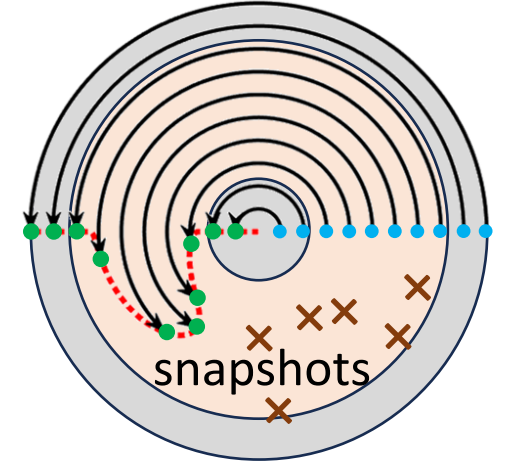
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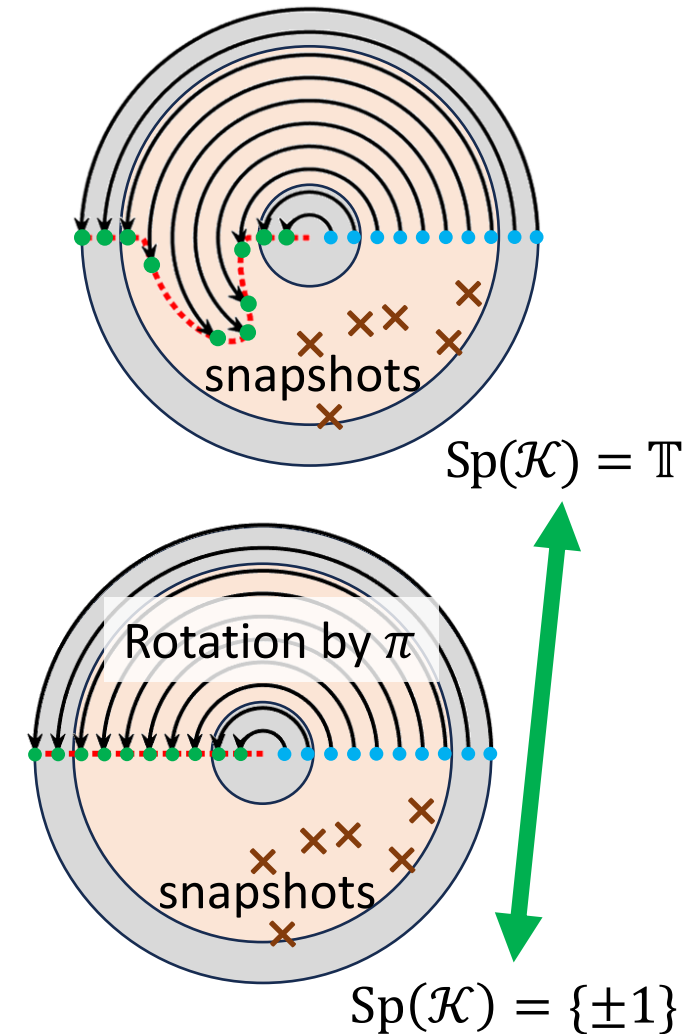
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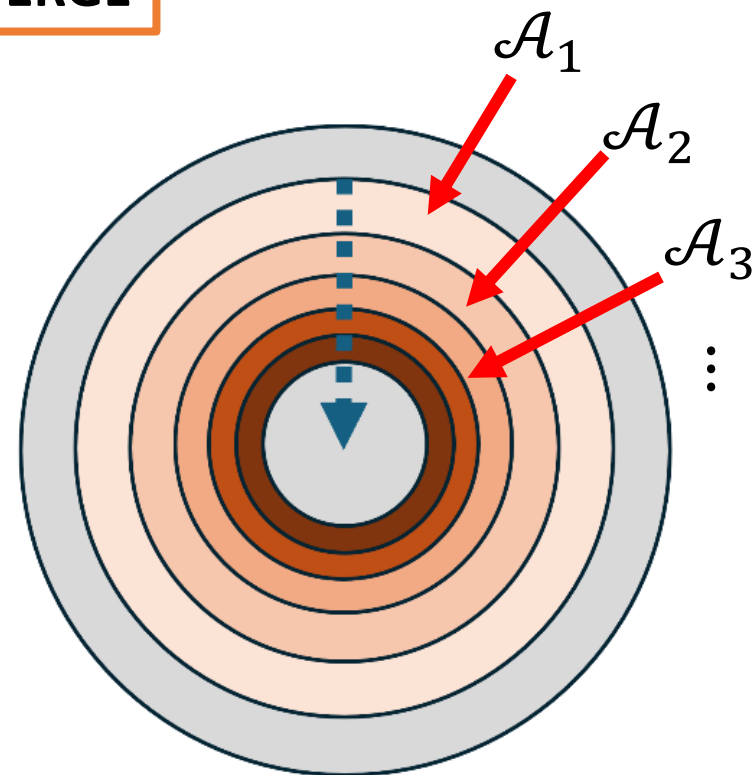
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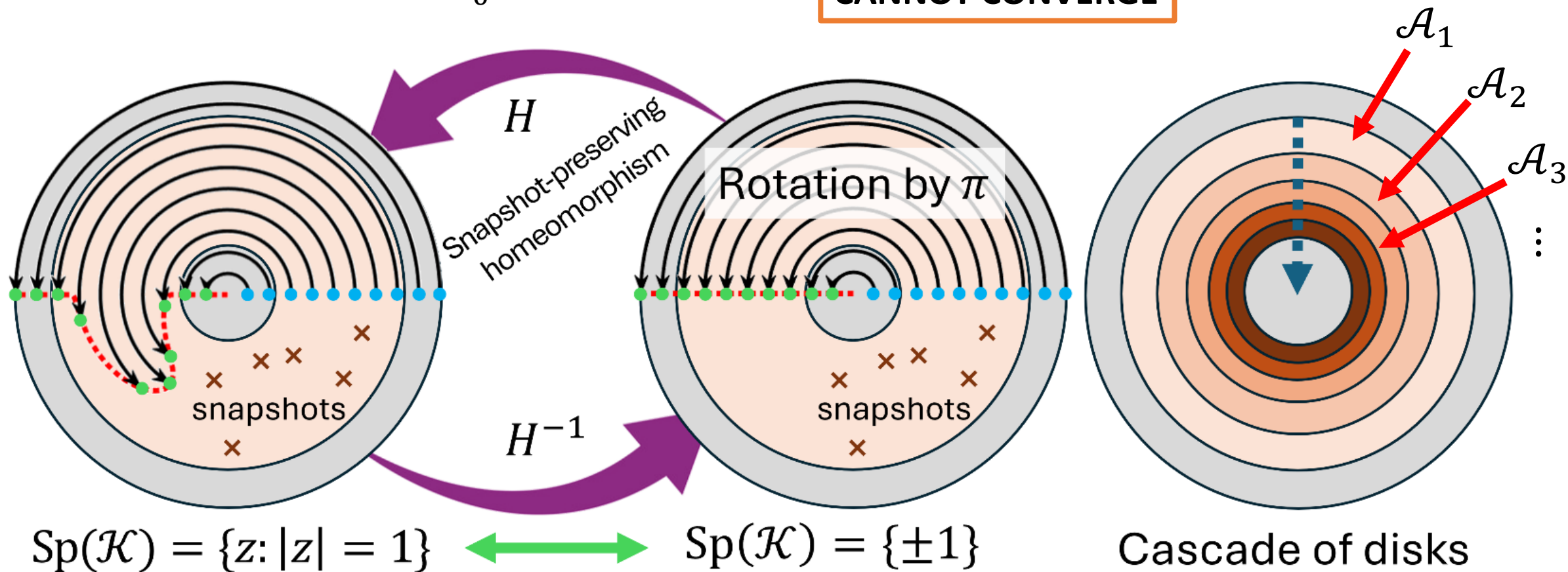
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# Successive limits seems unavoidable!?!?

**Def:**  $\{\Gamma_{n_k, \dots, n_1}\}$  with  $\lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} \dots \lim_{n_1 \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_{n_k, \dots, n_1}$  convergent a ***tower of algorithms***.

First appeared in dynamical systems theory: algorithms



Steve Smale

“Is there any purely iterative convergent rational map for polynomial zero finding?”



Curtis McMullen

“Yes for cubic, no for higher degree. Quartic and quintic can be solved using towers of algorithms. Sextic cannot be solved in any number of limits.”

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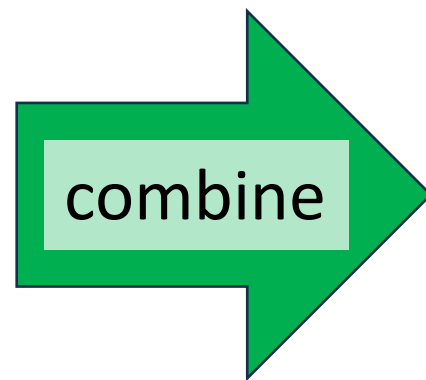
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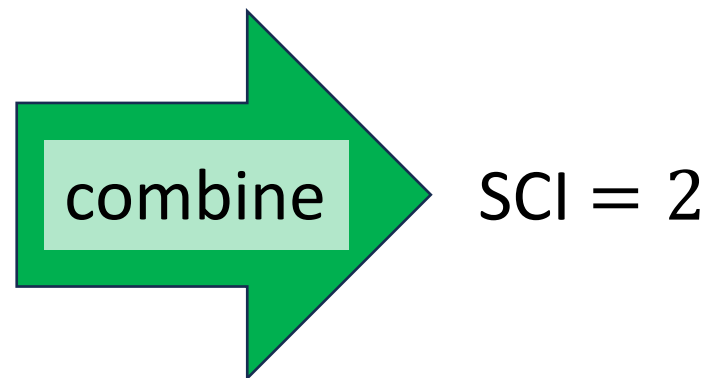
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# Koopman literature has tonnes of upper bounds!

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Algorithm	Comments/Assumptions	Spectral Problem's Corresponding SCI Upper Bound			
		<i>KMD</i>	<i>Spectrum</i>	<i>Spectral Measure (if m.p.)</i>	<i>Spectral Type (if m.p.)</i>
Extended DMD [47]	general $L^2$ spaces	$\text{SCI} \leq 2^*$	N/C	N/C	n/a
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Measure-preserving EDMD [45]	m.p. systems	$\text{SCI} \leq 1$	N/C	$\text{SCI} \leq 2^*$ (general) $\text{SCI} \leq 1$ (delay-embedding)	n/a
Hankel DMD [85]	m.p. ergodic systems	$\text{SCI} \leq 2^*$	N/C	N/C	n/a
Periodic approximations [86]	m.p. + $\omega$ a.c.	$\text{SCI} \leq 2$	N/C	$\text{SCI} \leq 2$ (see [87])	a.c. density: $\text{SCI} \leq 3$
Christoffel–Darboux kernel [40]	m.p. ergodic systems	$\text{SCI} \leq 3$	n/a	$\text{SCI} \leq 2$	e.g., a.c. density: $\text{SCI} \leq 2$
Generator EDMD [88]	cts.-time, samples $\nabla F$ (otherwise additional limit)	$\text{SCI} \leq 2$	N/C	$\text{SCI} \leq 2$ (see [89])	n/a
Compactification [42]	cts.-time, m.p. ergodic systems	$\text{SCI} \leq 4$	N/C	$\text{SCI} \leq 4$	n/a
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Diffusion maps [90] (see also [10])	cts.-time, m.p. ergodic systems	$\text{SCI} \leq 3$	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Are these sharp?**

**Previous techniques prove upper bounds on SCI.**

“N/C”: method need not converge. “n/a”: algorithm not applicable to problem.

Also in Ulam’s method for Markov processes, SRB measure computation, control,...

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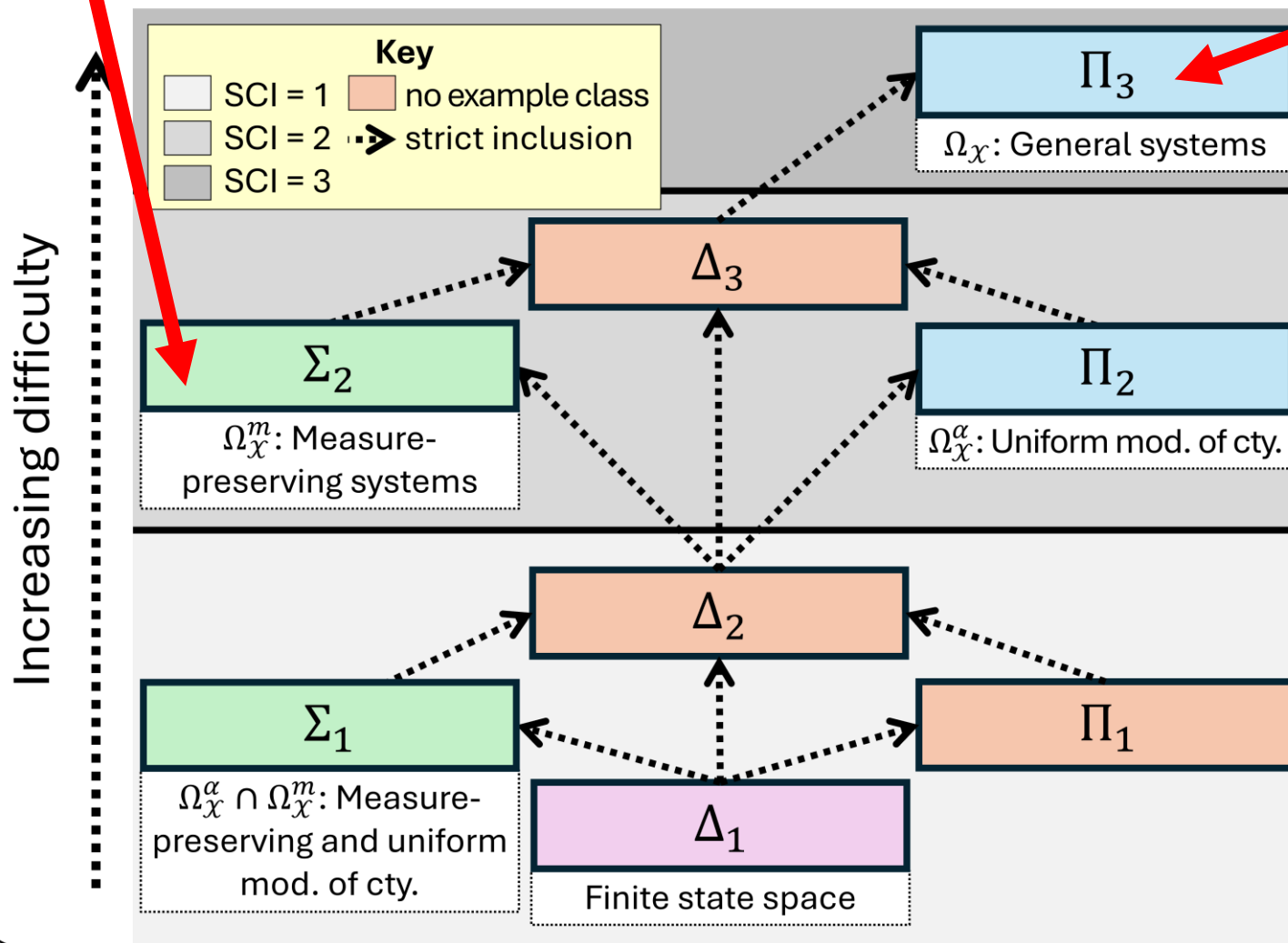
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## Theorems A + B

## Classification for Koopman I

3 limits needed  
in general!

## SCI hierarchy of computing the spectrum



## Different classes:

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$$\Omega_{\mathcal{X}}^m = \{F: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \mid F \text{ cts, m. p.}\}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{X}}^{\alpha} = \{F: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \mid F \text{ mod. cty. } \alpha\}$$

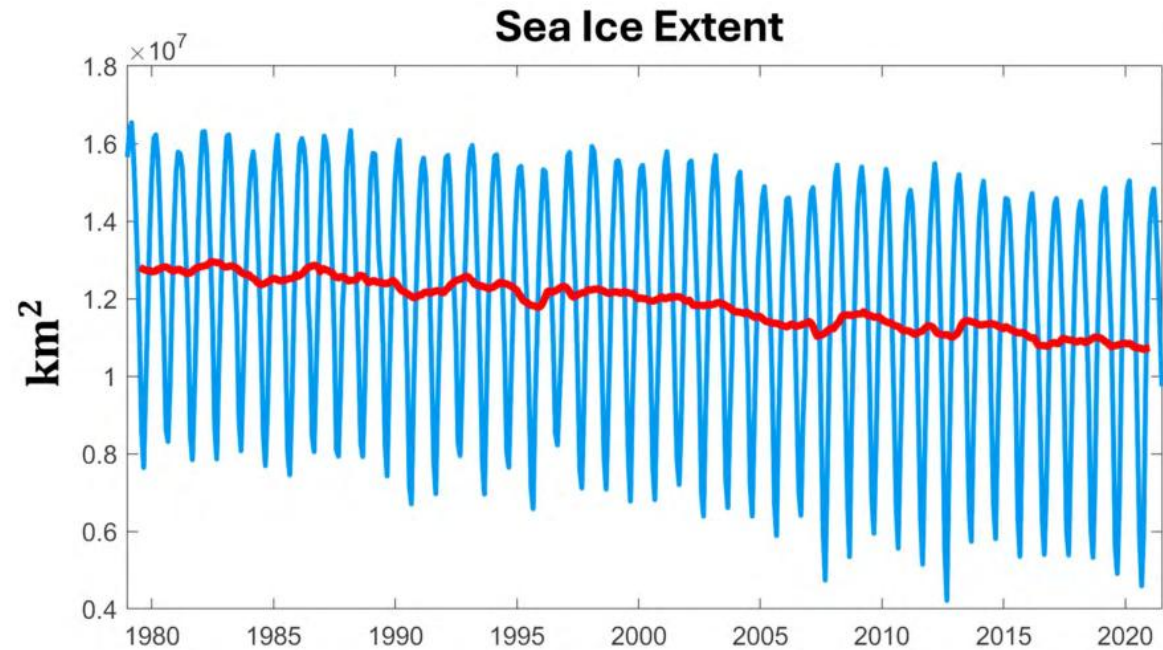
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Optimal algorithms and  
classifications of  
dynamical systems.



# Practical Gains: Arctic Sea Ice Forecasting

Monthly average from satellite passive microwave sensors. Data from the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites' (EUMETSAT) Ocean and Sea Ice Satellite Application Facilities (OSI-SAF) data record, comprising retrieval algorithms OSI-450 (1979–2015) and OSI-430-b (2016 onwards).

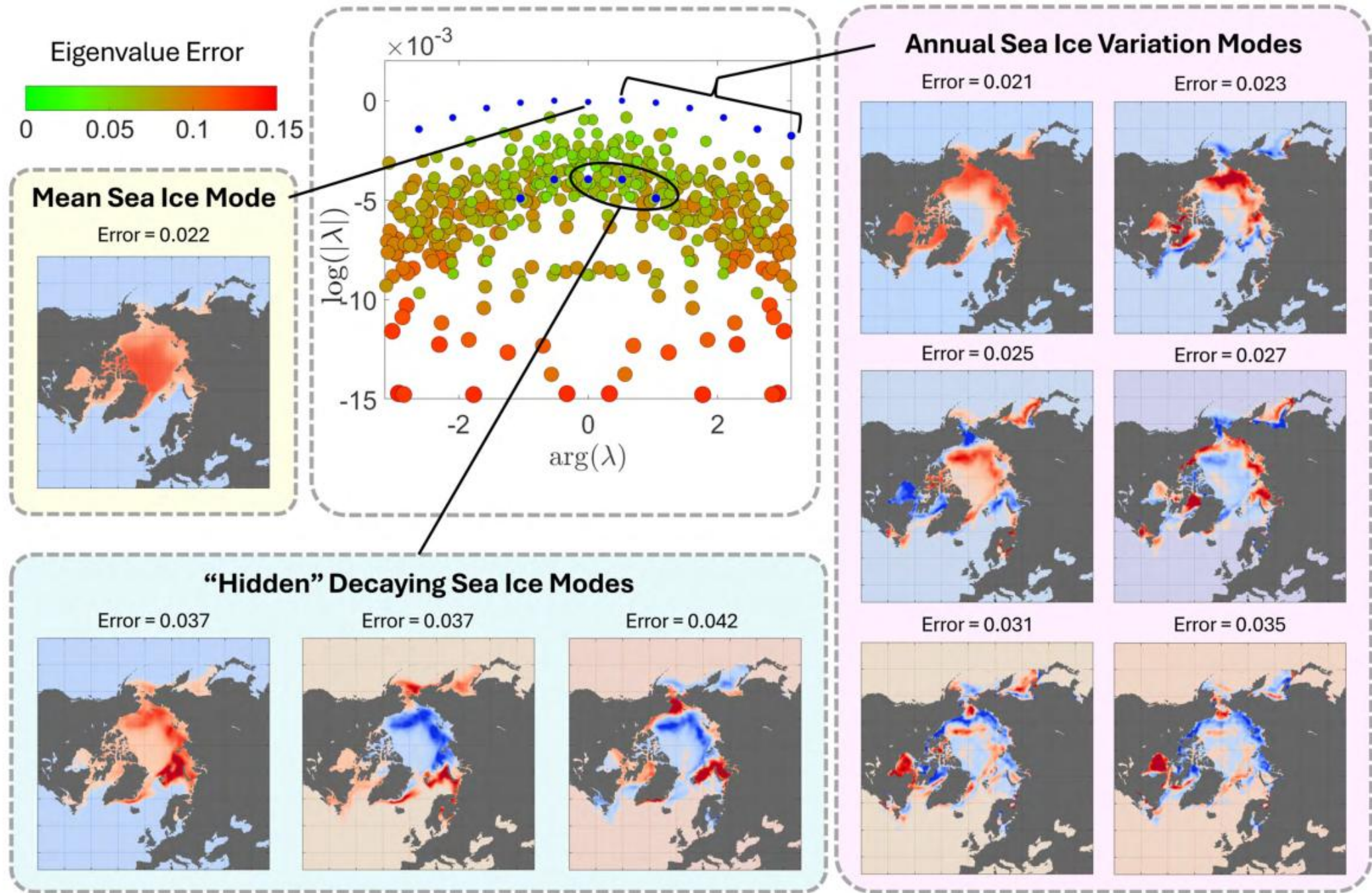


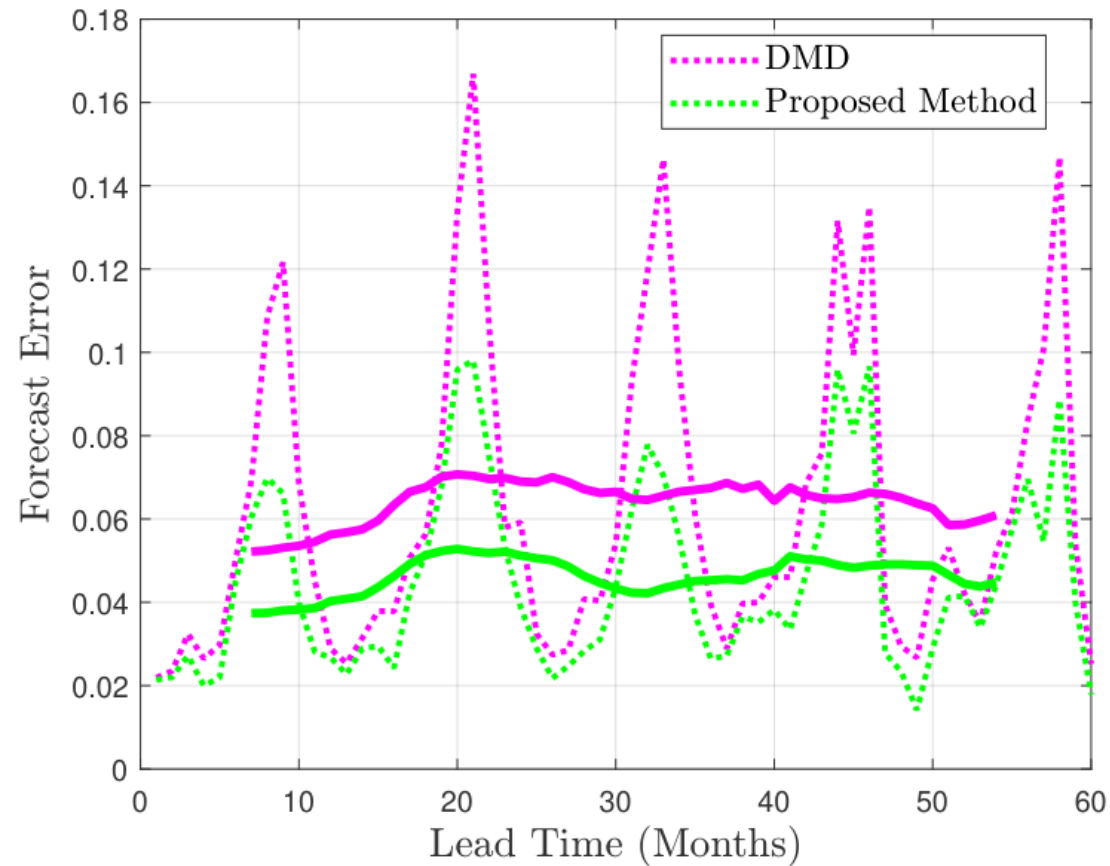
**Motivation:** Arctic amplification, polar bears, local communities, effect on extreme weather in Northern hemisphere,...

## Problems:

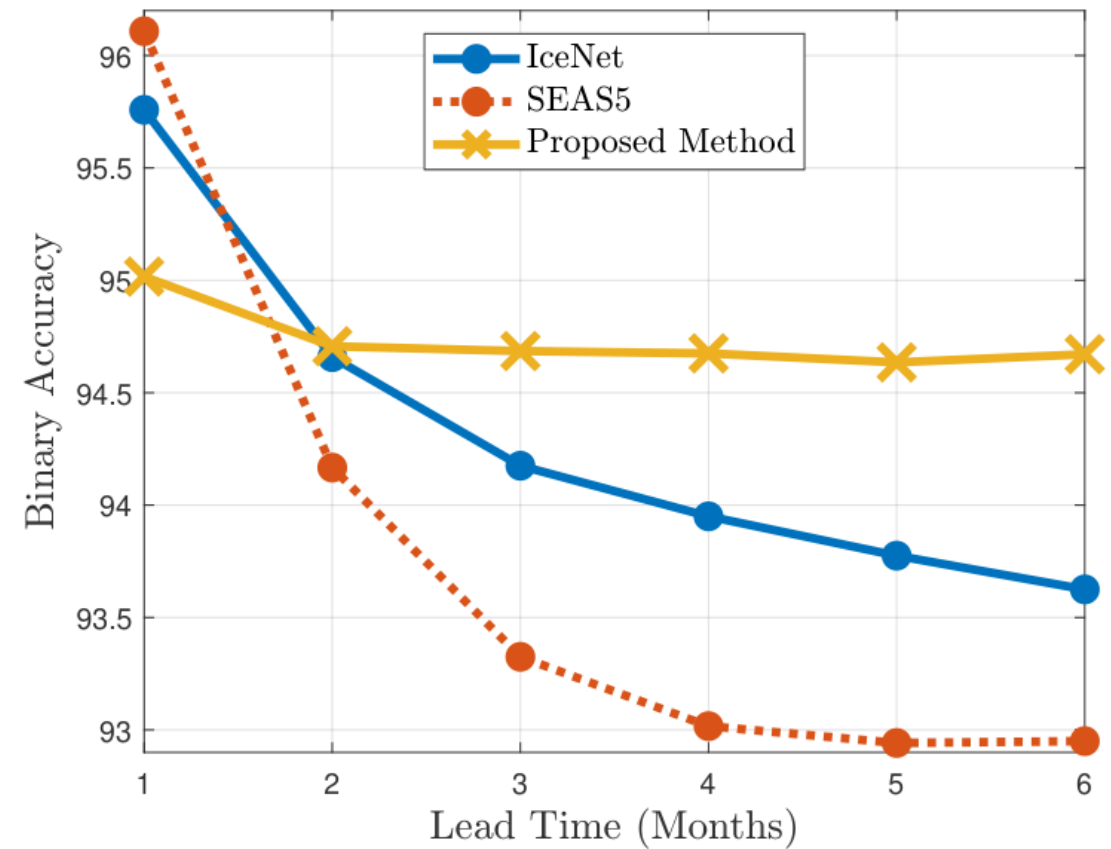
- Very hard to predict more than two months in advance.
- Which geographical regions are significant?





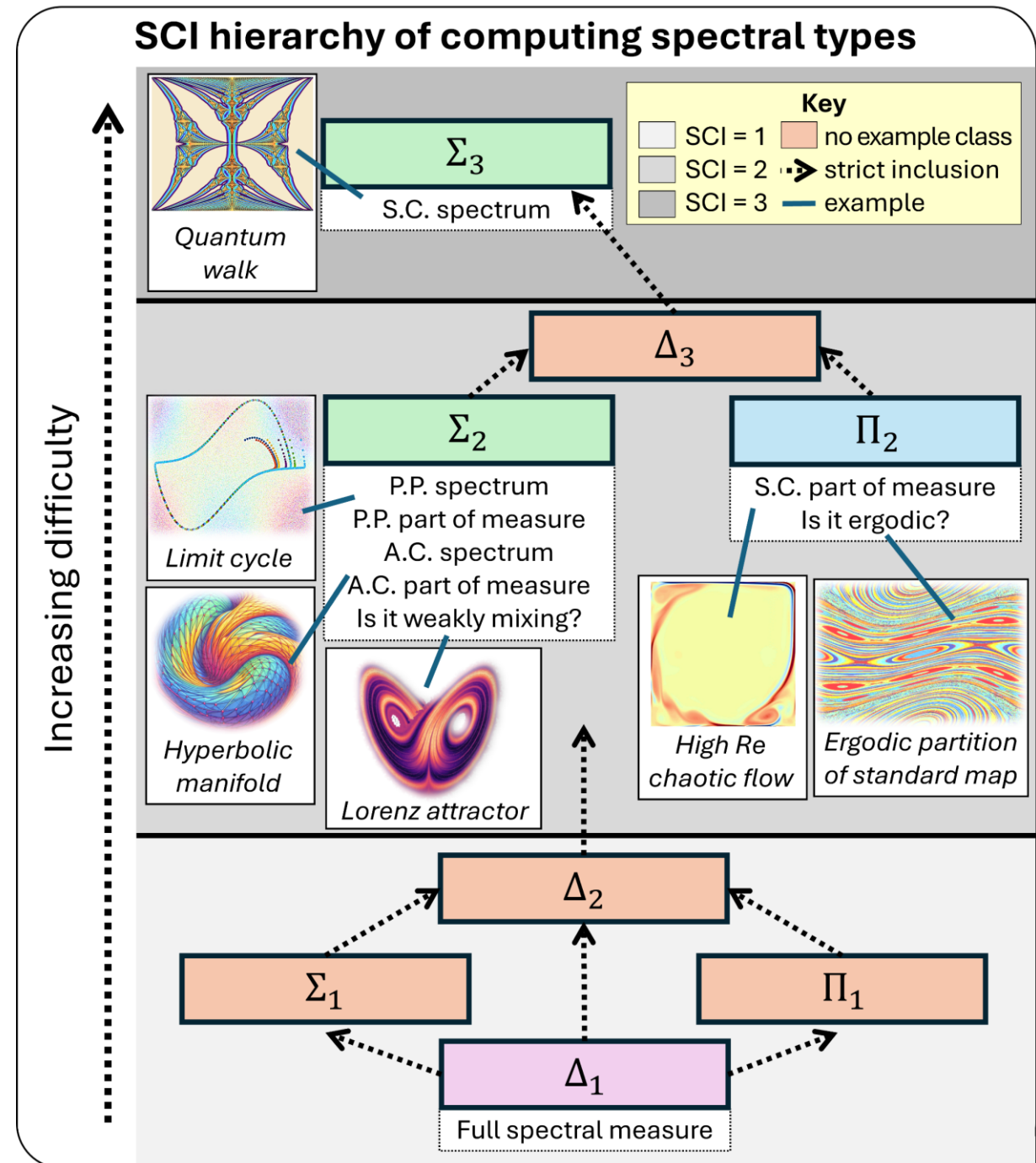


**Figure 4: Forecast error for entire sea ice concentration.** The relative mean squared error of forecasts over five years. The solid lines show the moving 12-month mean. In each case, the model is built using the data from the years 2005–2015, and then tested on 2016–2020. The proposed method consistently outperforms DMD.



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# Classification for Koopman II



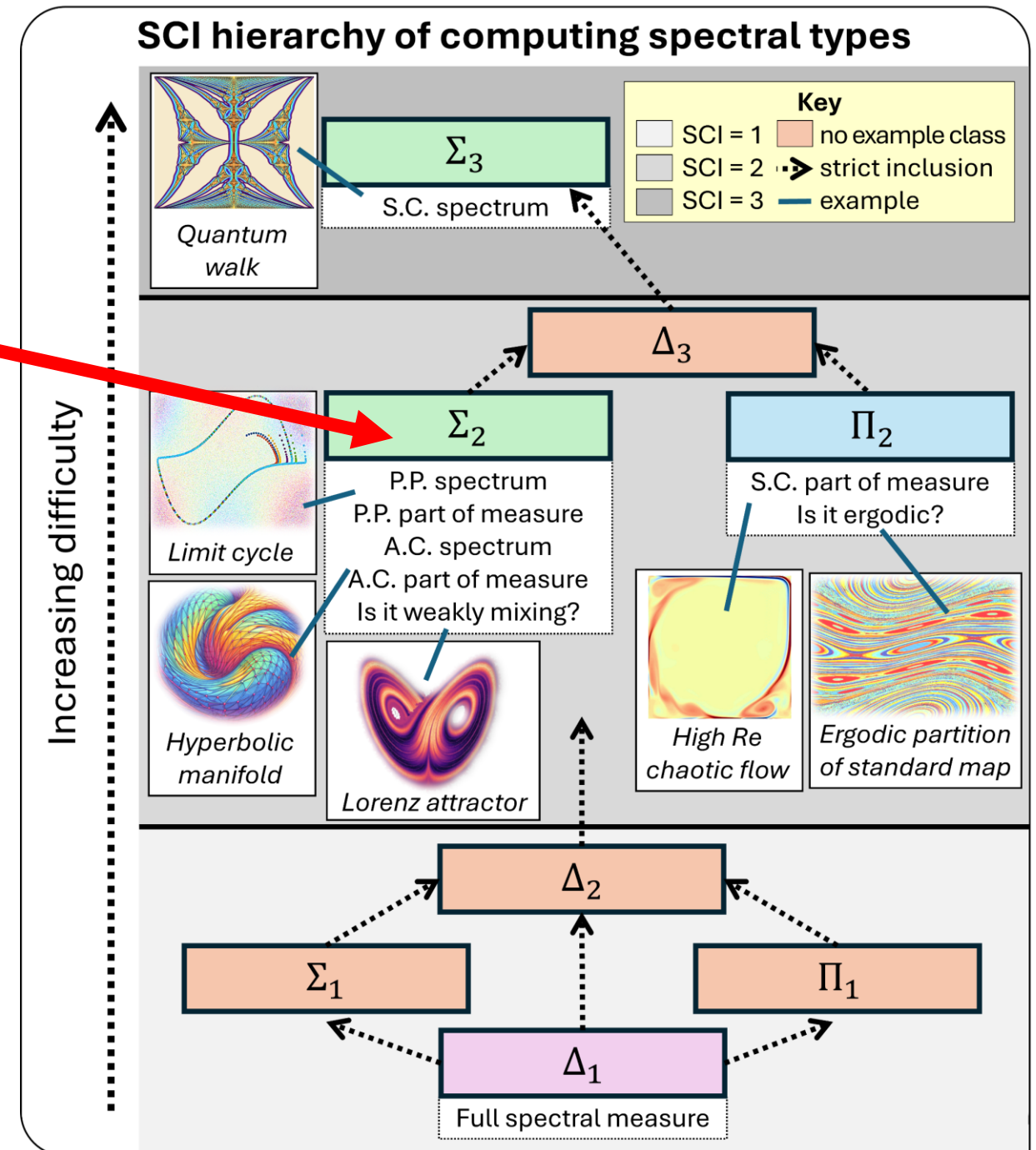


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## Example: Theorem C

For smooth, measure-preserving systems on a torus, learning eigenfunctions or even determining if there are any has  $\text{SCI} = 2$  (even if we can sample derivatives).

Finding finite-dimensional embeddings in which the dynamics are linear (e.g., autoencoders, latent space representation) is very hard!



# General tool in data-driven dynamical systems/PDEs

Adversarial arguments generalize to:

- “Learning the  $F$ ”. E.g., SINDy  $(x_{n+1} = F(x_n))$
- Solving PDEs with neural networks (PINNs)
- Learning PDEs from forcing-solution pairs (e.g., hyperbolic)

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**Where does your problem/method fit into the SCI hierarchy? Is it optimal?**



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