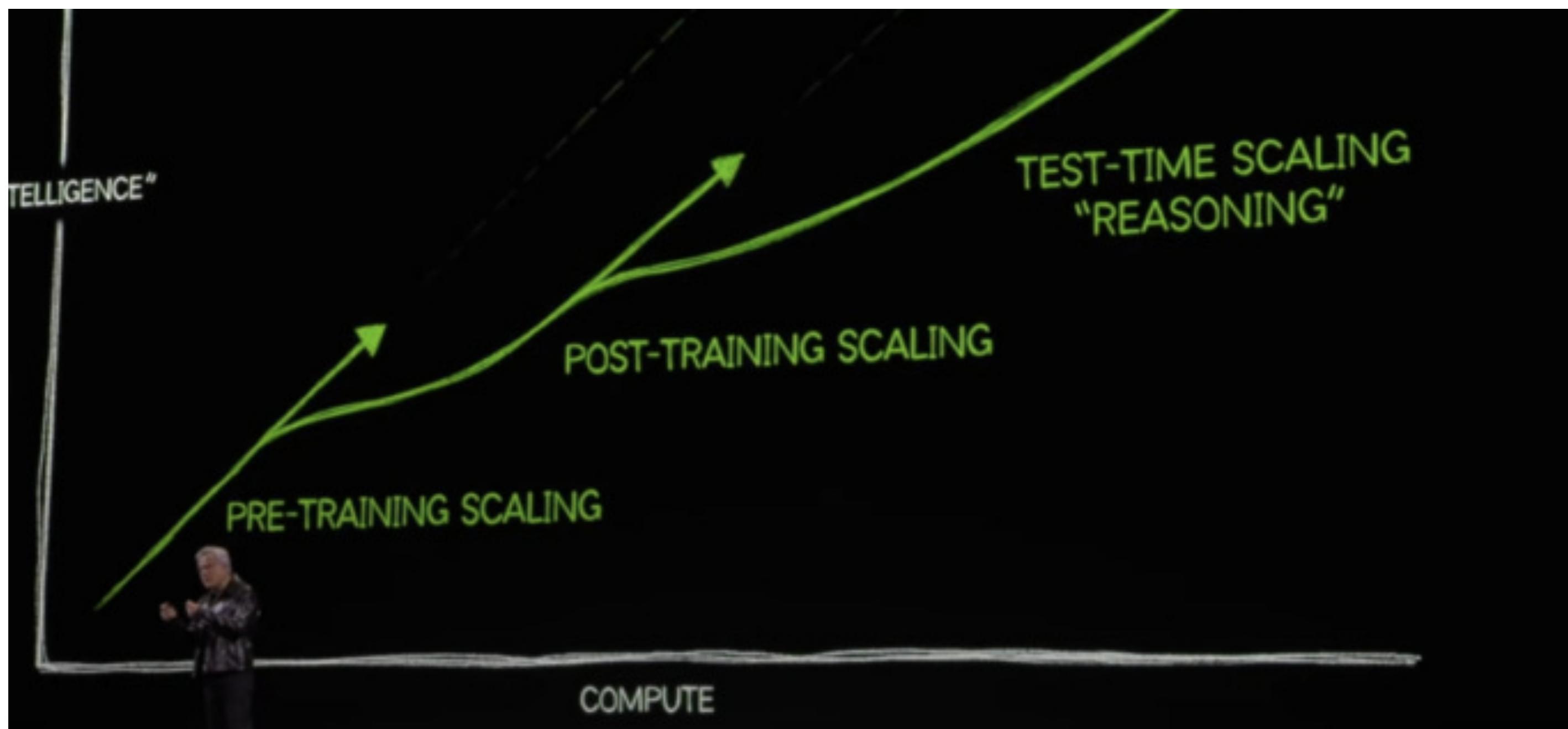


Two Tales, One Resolution for Physics-Informed Inference-time Scaling

Debiasing and Precondition

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Inference Time Scaling Law

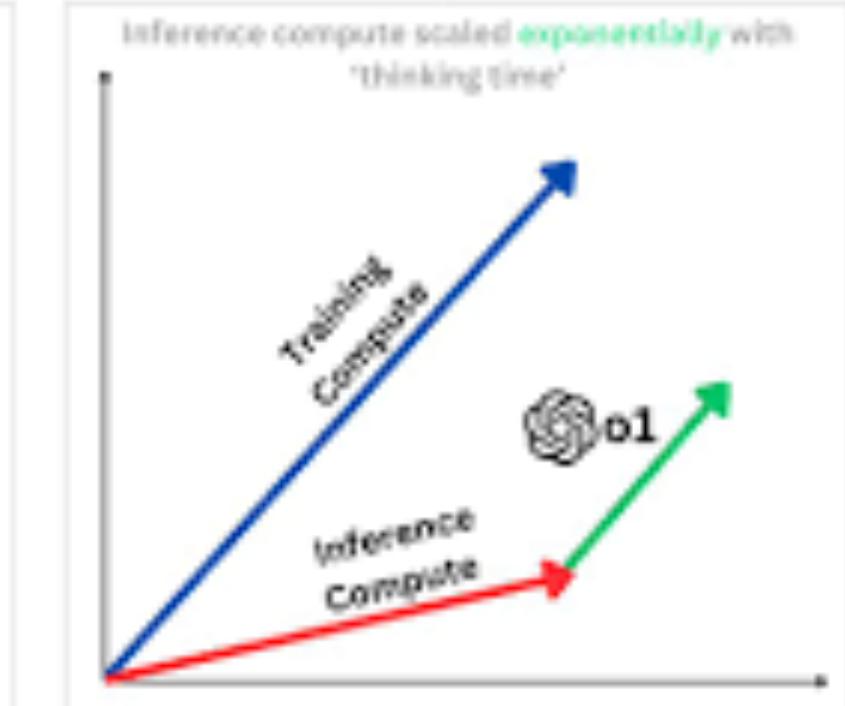


New scaling law: why OpenAI's o1 model matters
OpenAI created a new way to scale - through more compute during generation

Before OpenAI o1



After OpenAI o1



How can we perform Inference-Time Scaling for
Scientific Machine Learning?

Tale 1: Debiasing Hybrid Scientific Computing and Machine Learning

Consider How you use ChatGPT...

What is the most efficient route from Times Square to Chelsea Market that minimizes walking?

Option 1: Subway

1. **Walk to a Nearby Subway Entrance:** Head to the Times Sq–42nd Street station.
2. **Board the E Train:** Catch an E train heading downtown (toward World Trade Center).
3. **Ride to 8th Avenue–14th Street Station:** Get off at this station (roughly 4 stops).
4. **Walk to Chelsea Market:** Exit the station and walk east on 14th Street for a few blocks until you reach Chelsea Market at 75 9th Avenue.



double-check
with a map

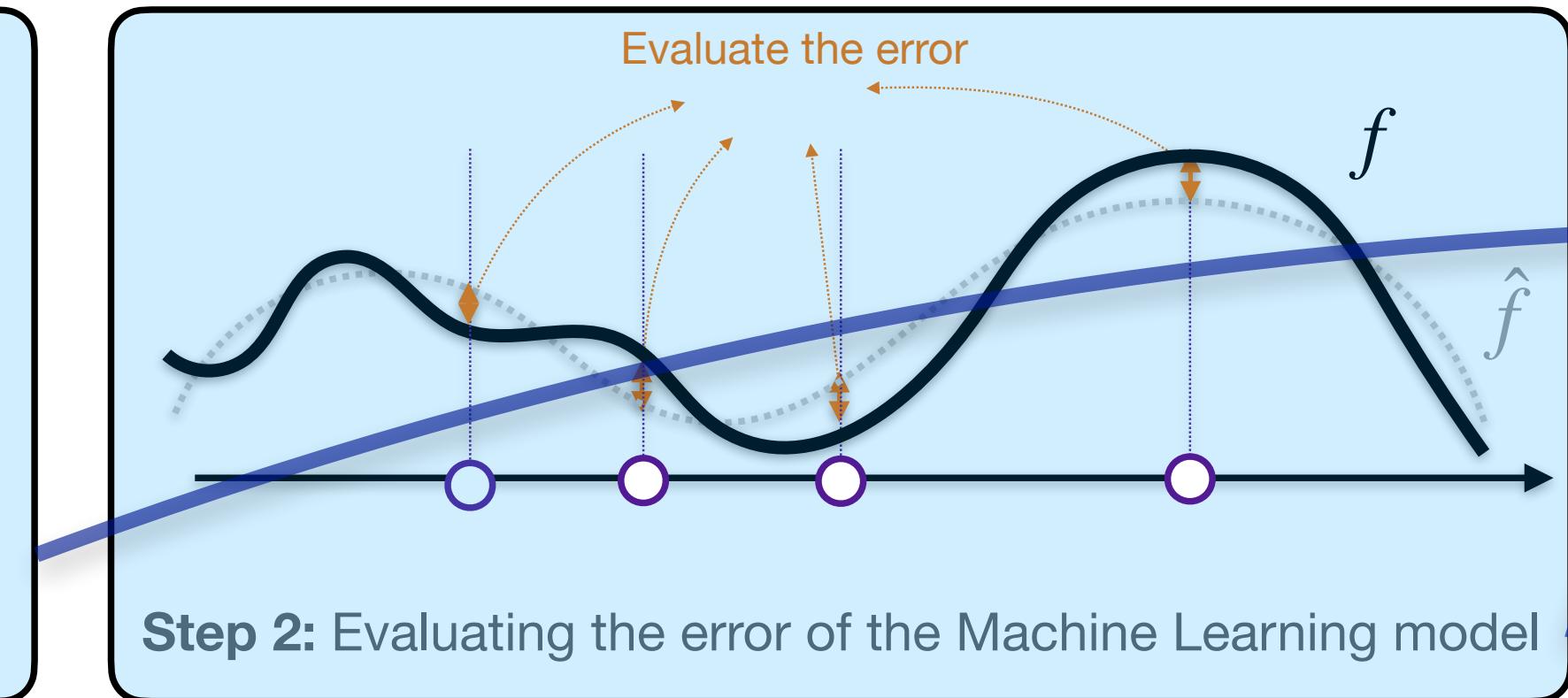
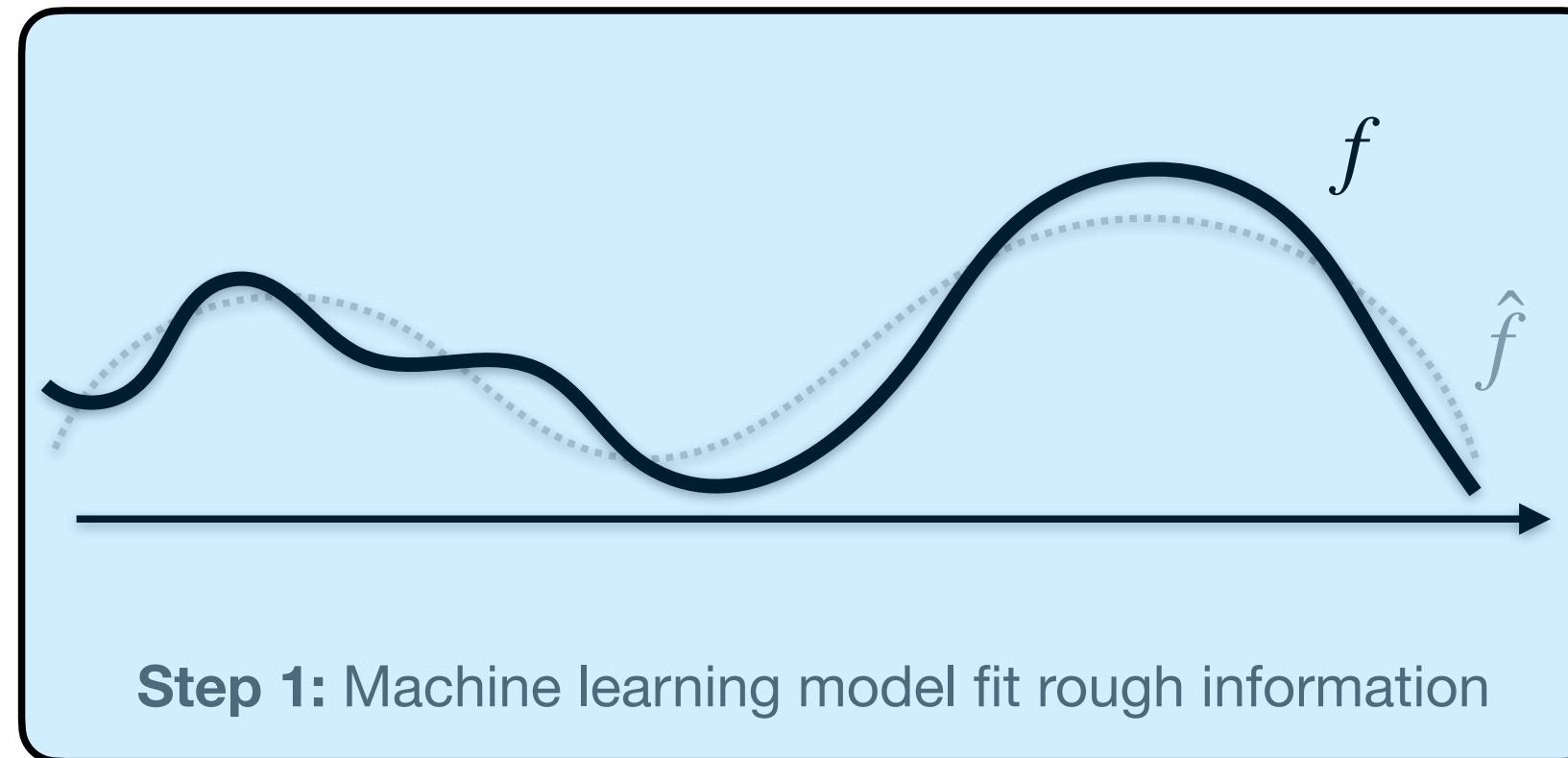
Port Authority

2 stops for A
3 stops for C/E

1. **At Times Square:** Enter the Times Square–42nd Street station.
2. **Board the 1 Train:** Hop on a downtown 1 train (the red line).
3. **Ride to 14th Street:** Stay on until you reach the 14th Street station.
4. **Exit Appropriately:** Use the exit that leads toward 9th Avenue—this drop-off point is just a short walk from Chelsea Market (located at 75 9th Ave).

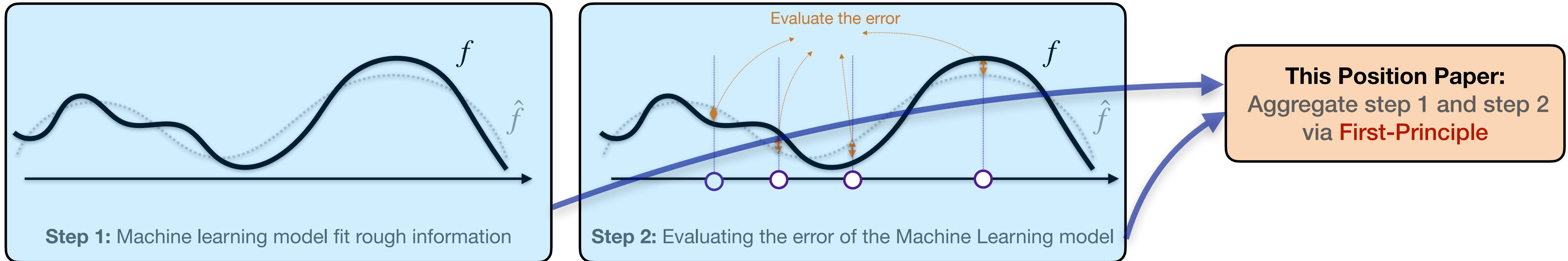


Physics-Informed Inference Time Scaling



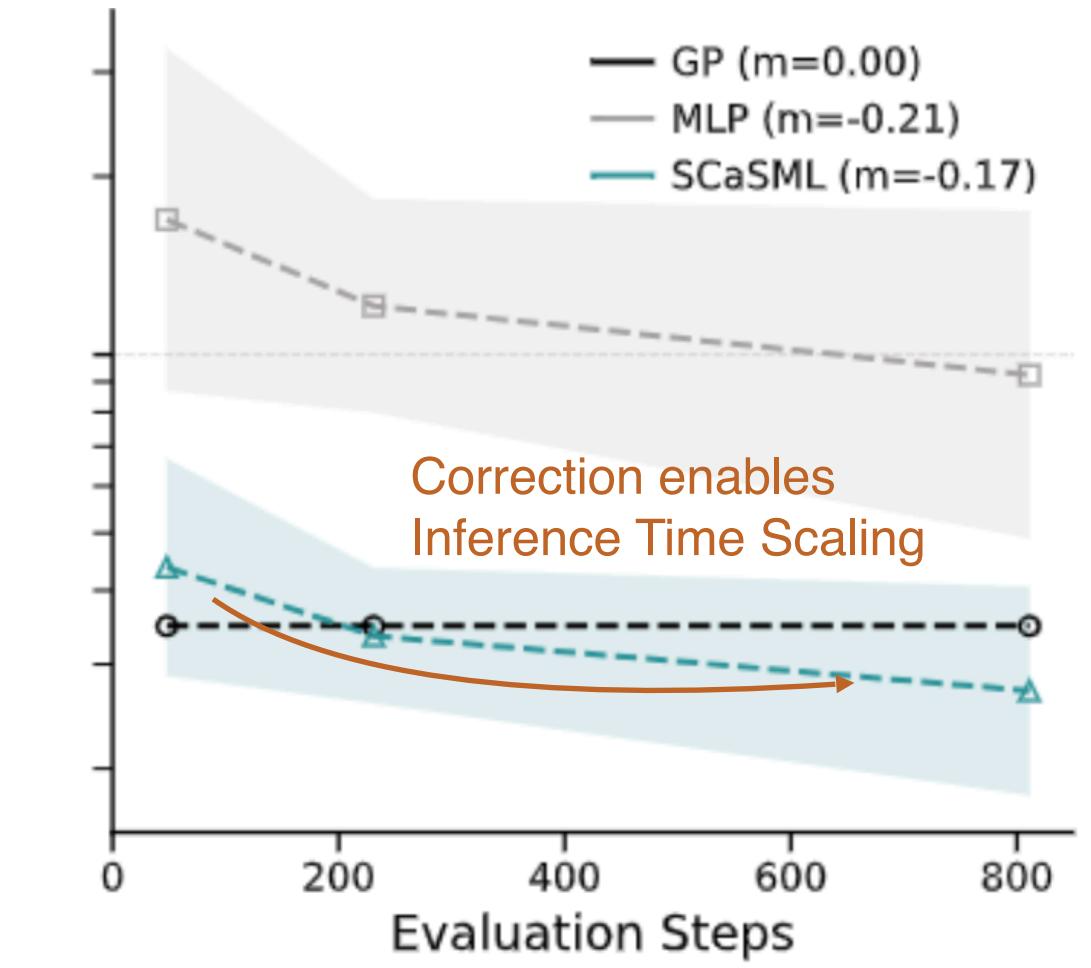
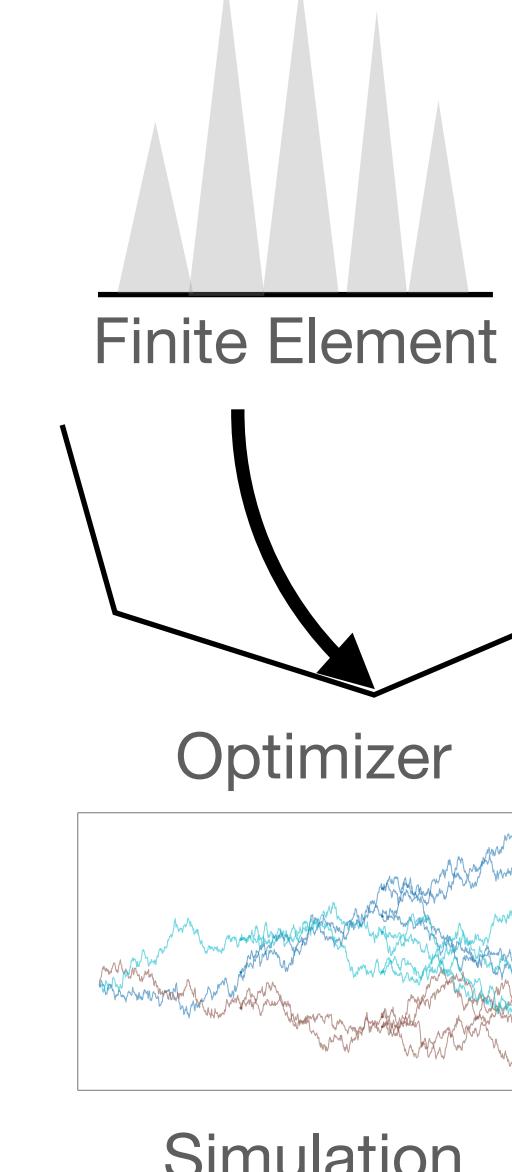
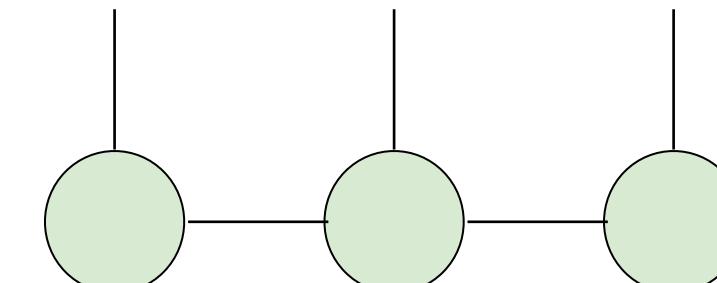
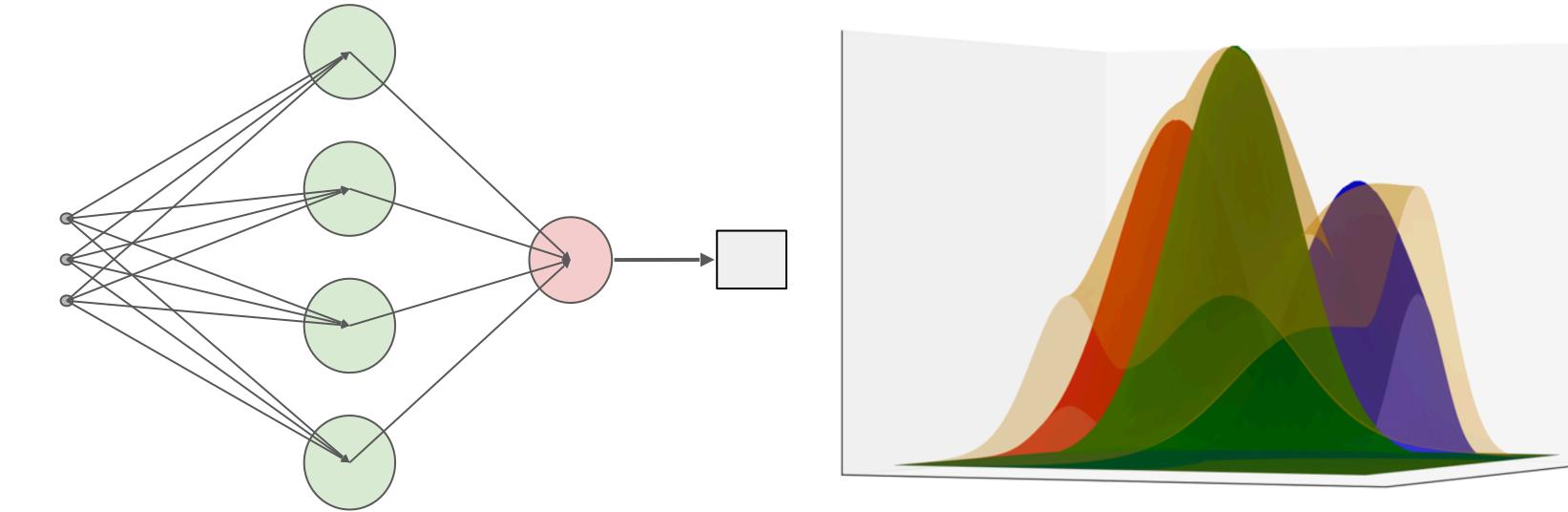
This Position Paper:
Aggregate step 1 and step 2
via First-Principle

Physics-Informed Inference Time Scaling

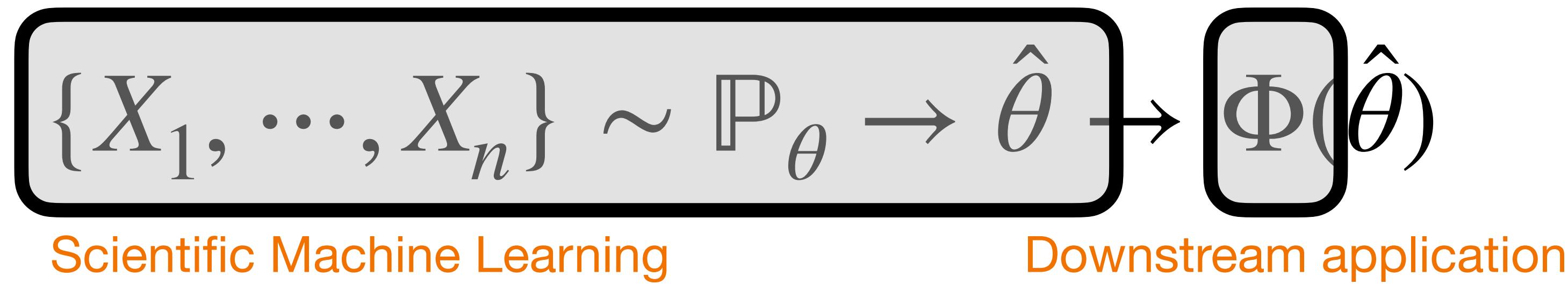


Step 2. Correct with a Trustworthy Solver

Step 1. Train a Surrogate (ML) Model

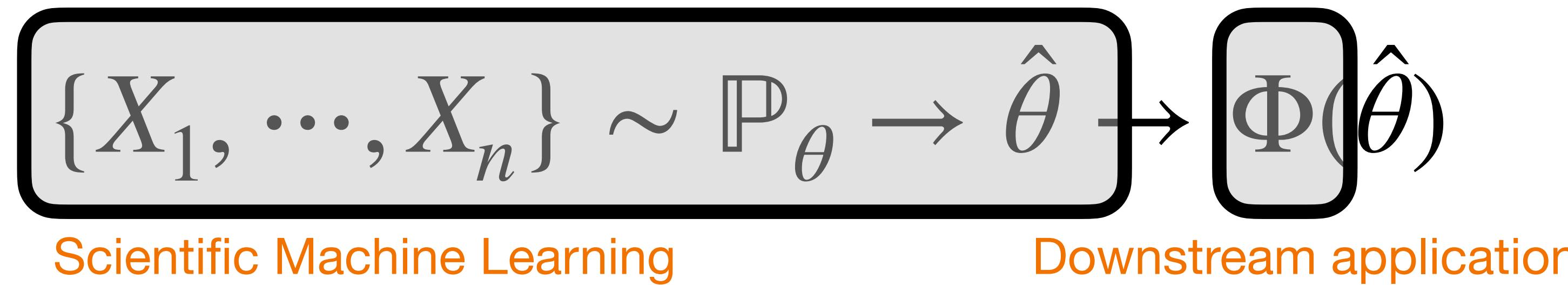


Our Framework



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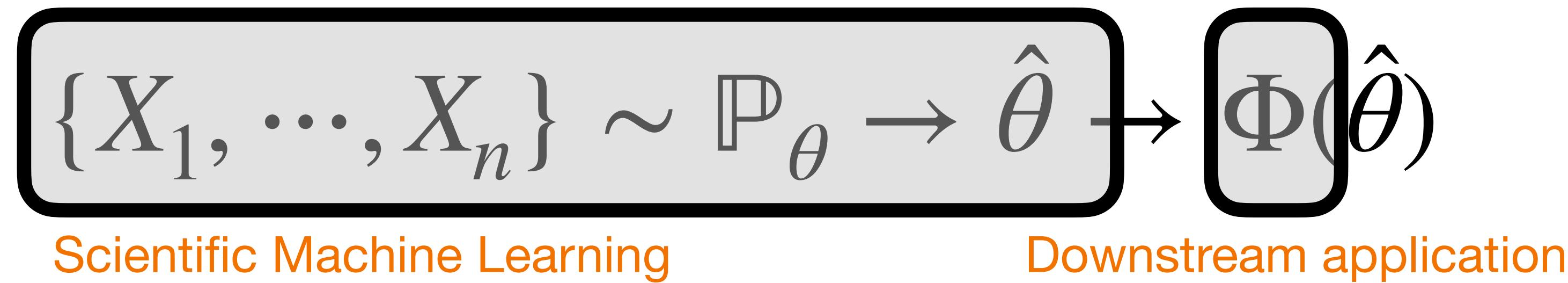
AIM: Unbiased prediction even with biased machine learning estimator

AIM: Compute $\Phi(\hat{\theta}) - \Phi(\theta)$ during Inference time



Using (stochastic) simulation to calibrate the (scientific) machine learning output !

Our Framework



AIM: Unbiased prediction even with biased machine learning estimator

How to estimate $\Phi(\hat{\theta}) - \Phi(\theta)$?

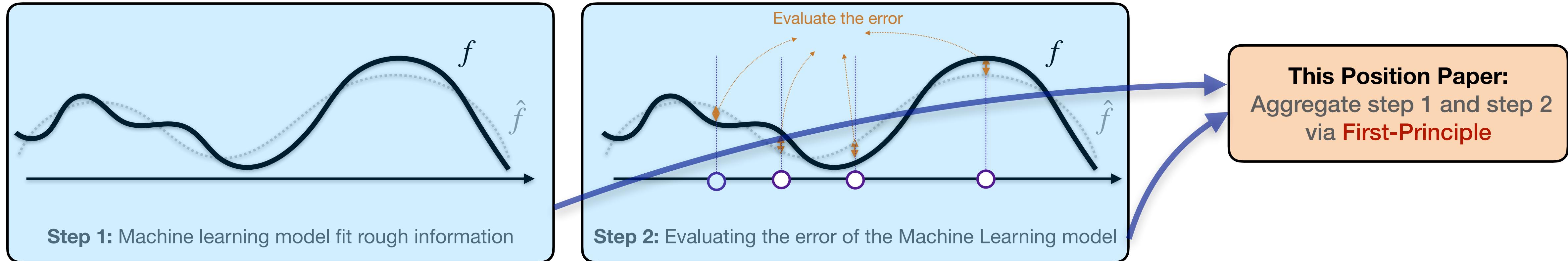


Physics-Informed! (Structure of Φ)

Why it is easier than directly estimate $\Phi(\theta)$?

Variance Reduction

Debiasing a Machine Learning Solution



$$\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \sim \mathbb{P}_\theta \rightarrow \hat{\theta} \rightarrow \Phi(\hat{\theta})$$

Scientific Machine Learning

Downstream application

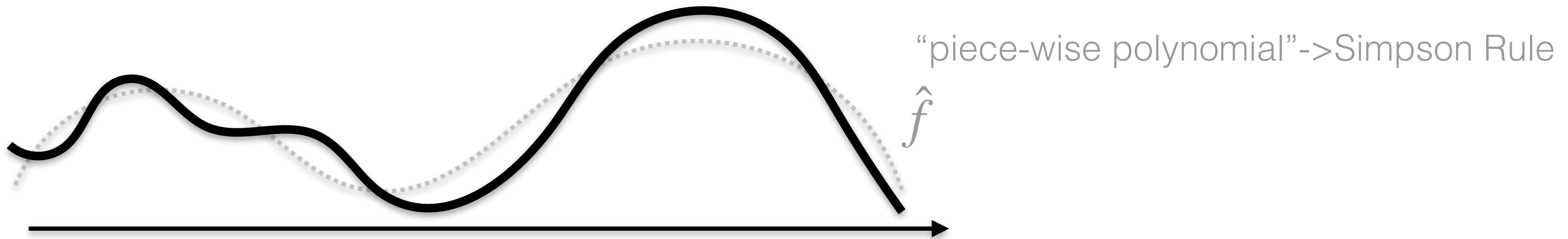
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Temperature, overall velocity...

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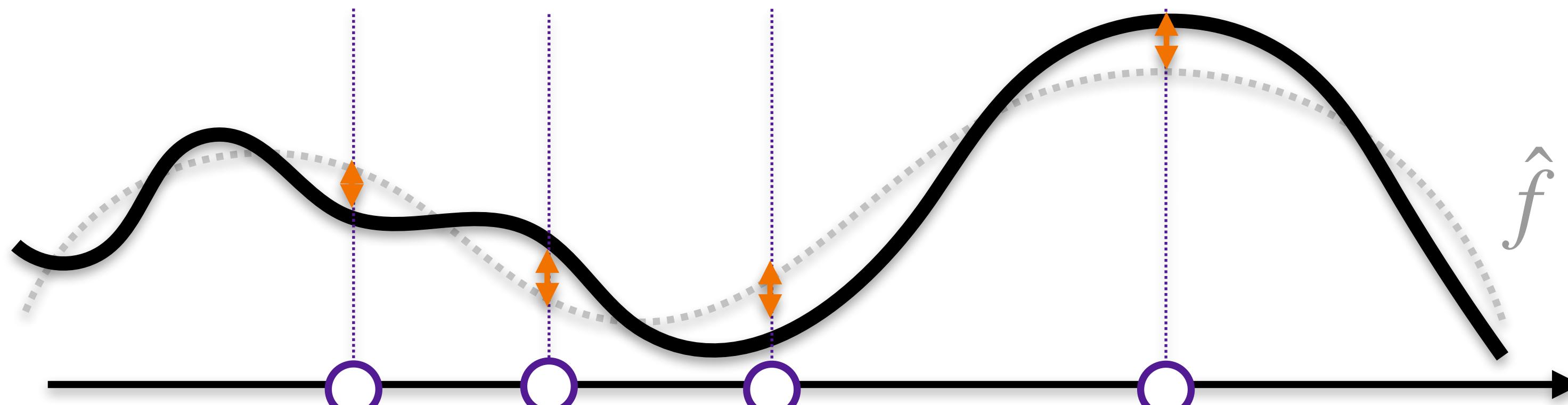
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Our Approach

$$\text{Estimate } \mathbb{E}_P f \approx \mathbb{E}_P \hat{f} + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{P}} f - \hat{f}$$

An estimate to $\Phi(\hat{\theta}) - \Phi(\theta)$



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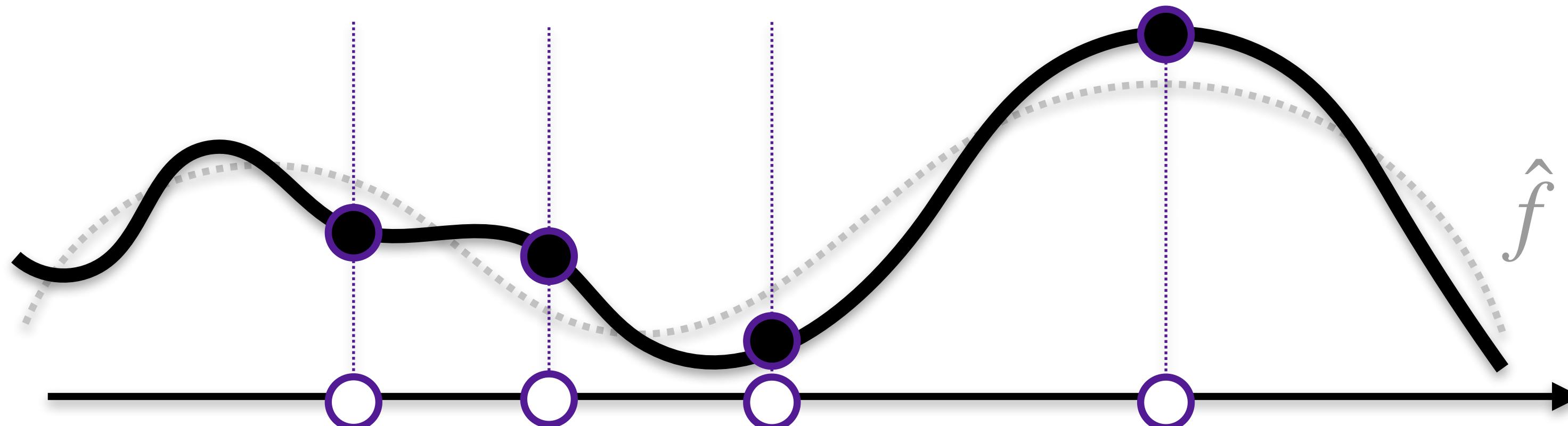
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Monte Carlo?

Estimate $\mathbb{E}_P f \approx \mathbb{E}_{\hat{P}} \hat{f}$



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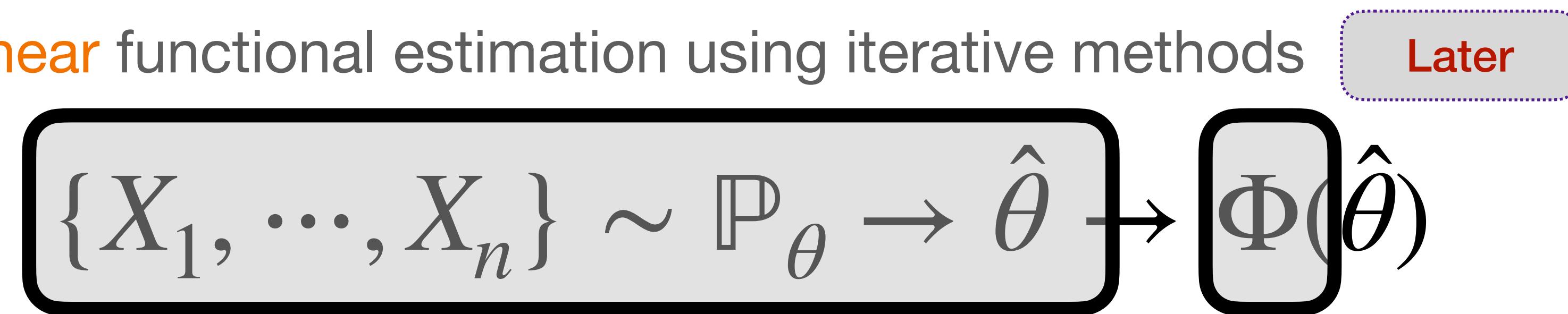


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Class we consider $\left\{ f : \int \|\nabla^s f\|^p \leq 1 \right\}$



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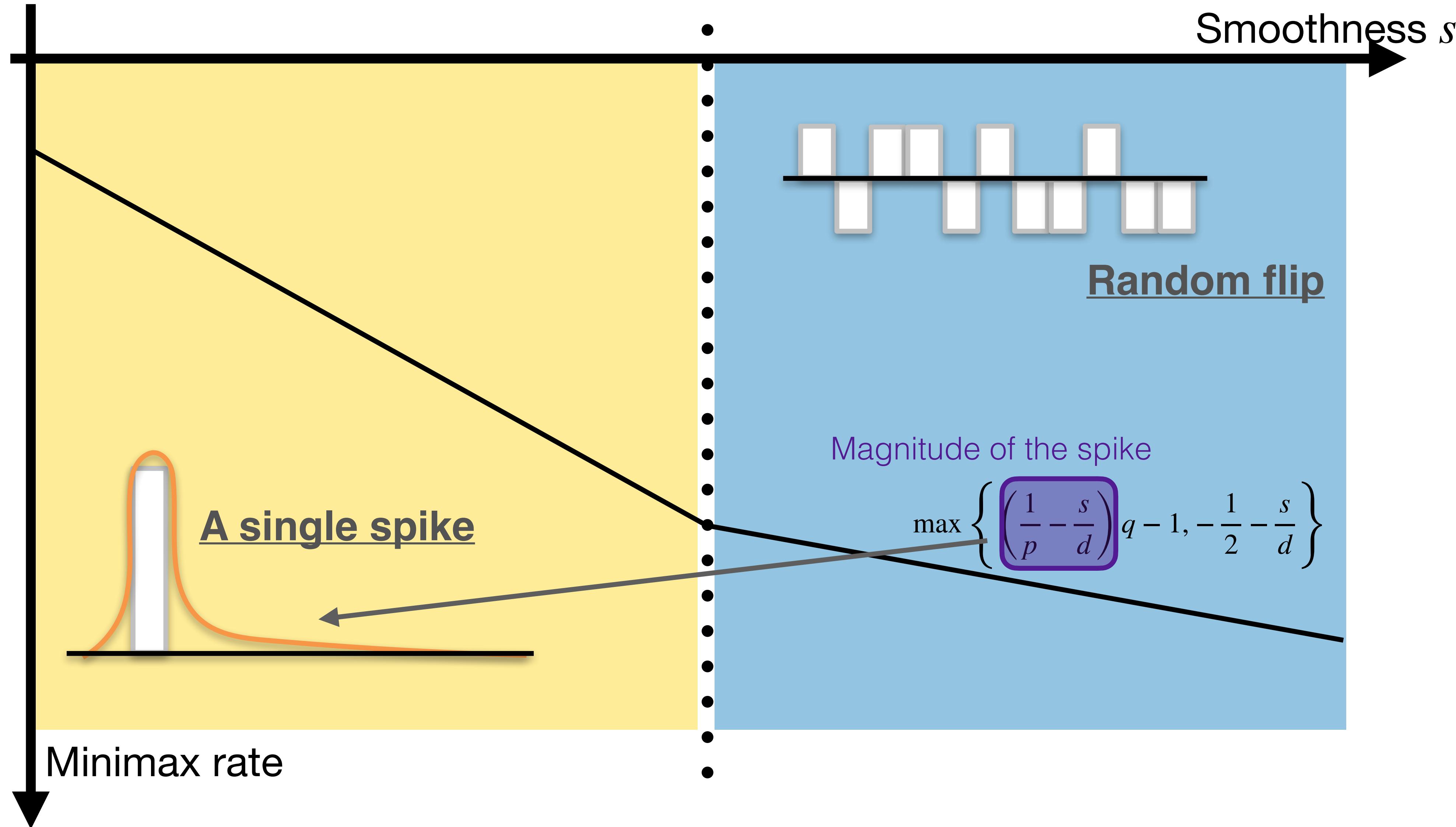
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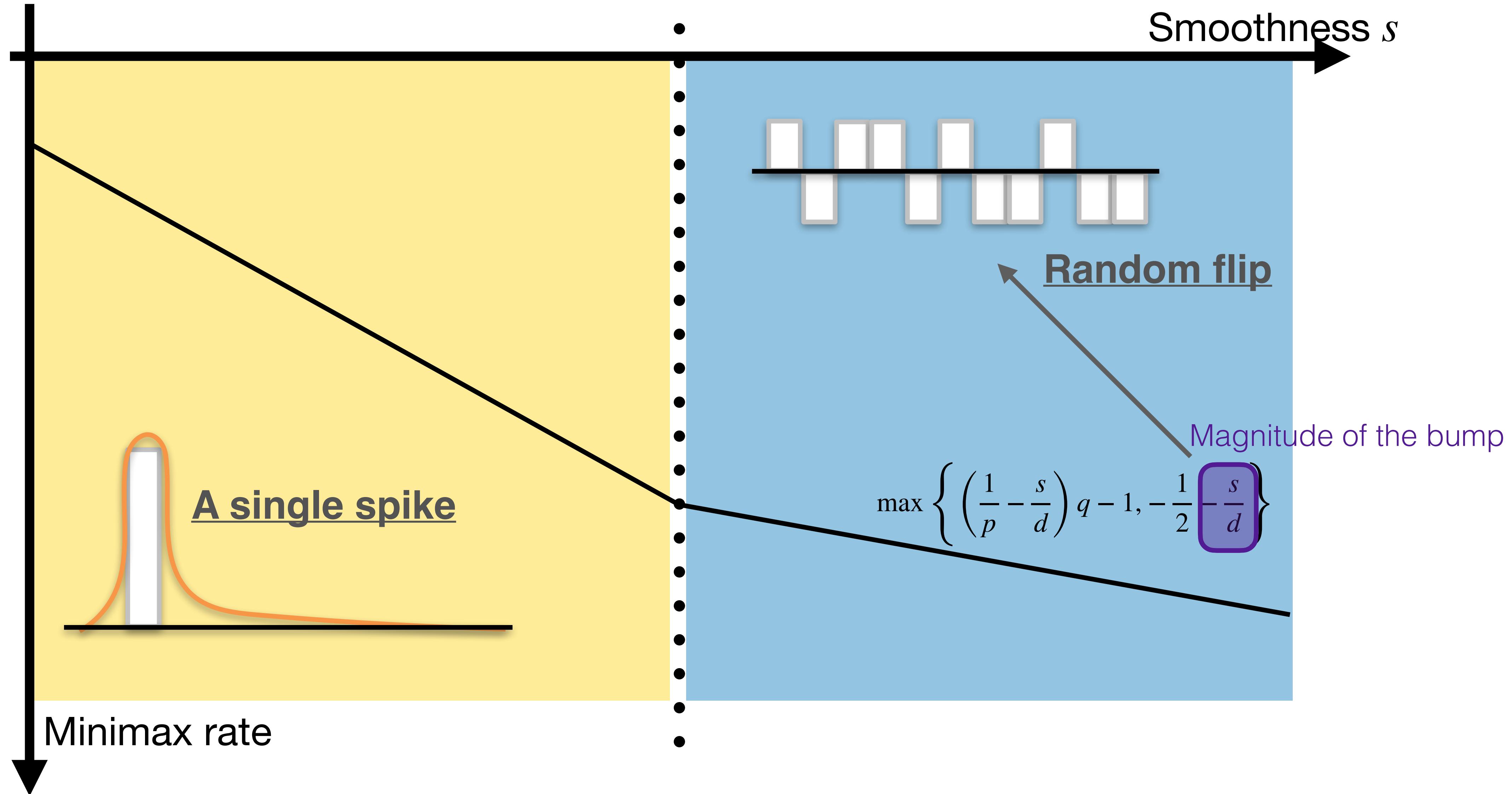
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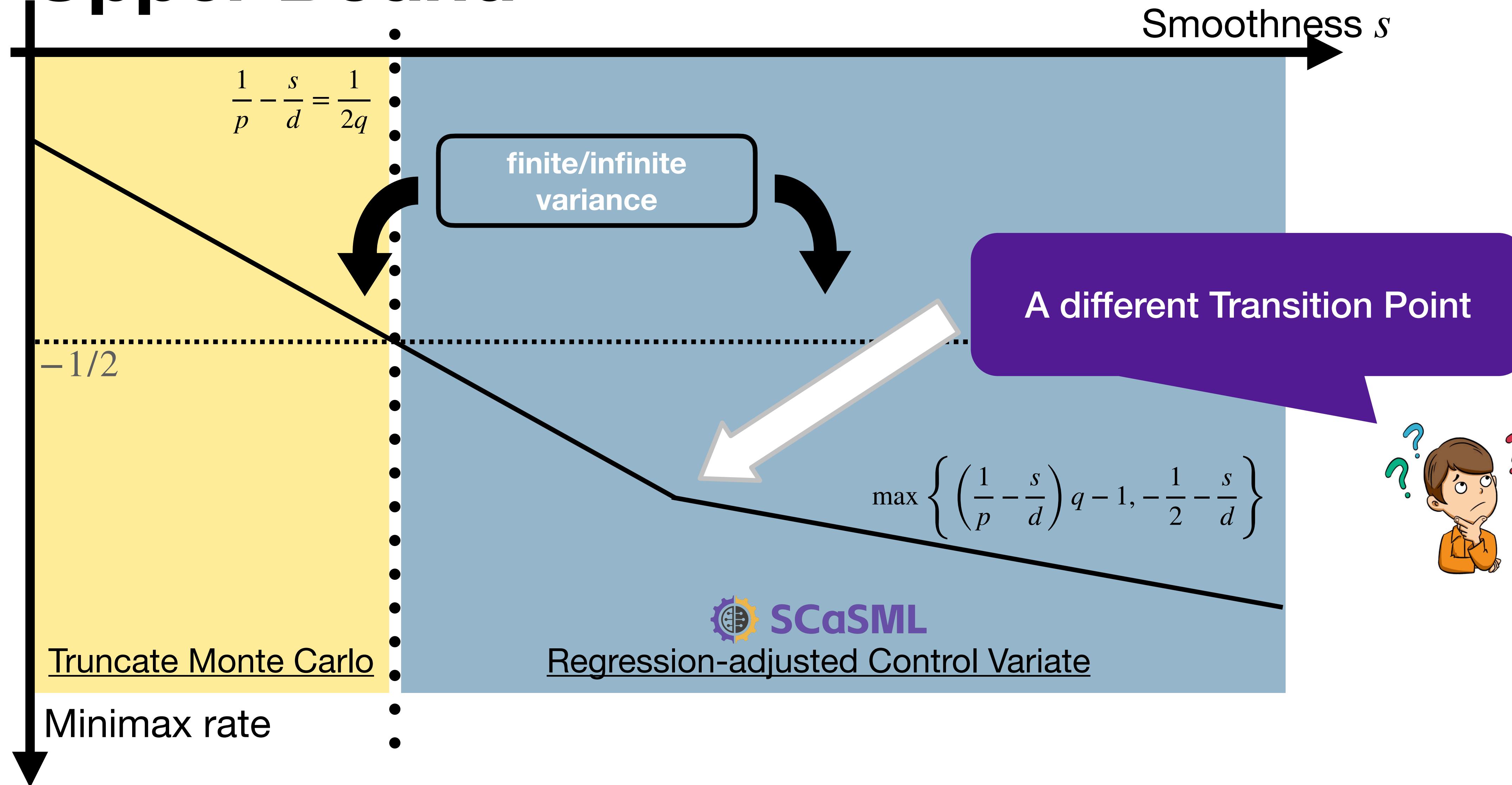
Lower Bound



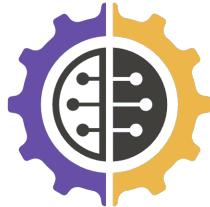
Lower Bound



Upper Bound



Why?

 **SCaML** estimate of $\mathbb{E}_P f^q, f \in W^{s,p}$



Step 1

Using half of the data to estimate \hat{f}

Step 2

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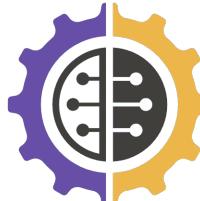
Low order term

$$f^{q-1}(f - \hat{f}) + (f - \hat{f})^q$$

How does step2 variance
depend on estimation error?

“influence function” (gradient) Error propagation

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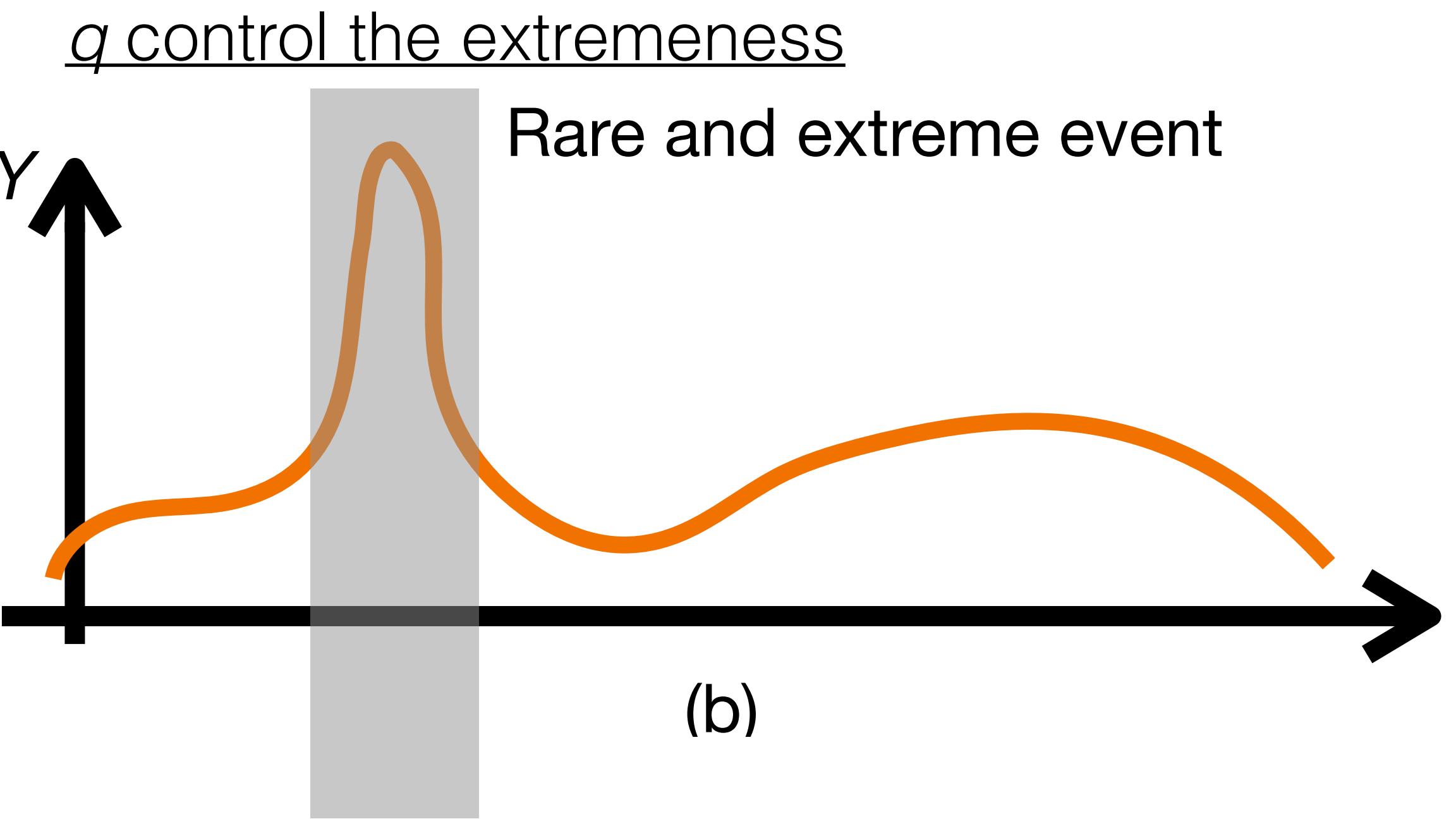
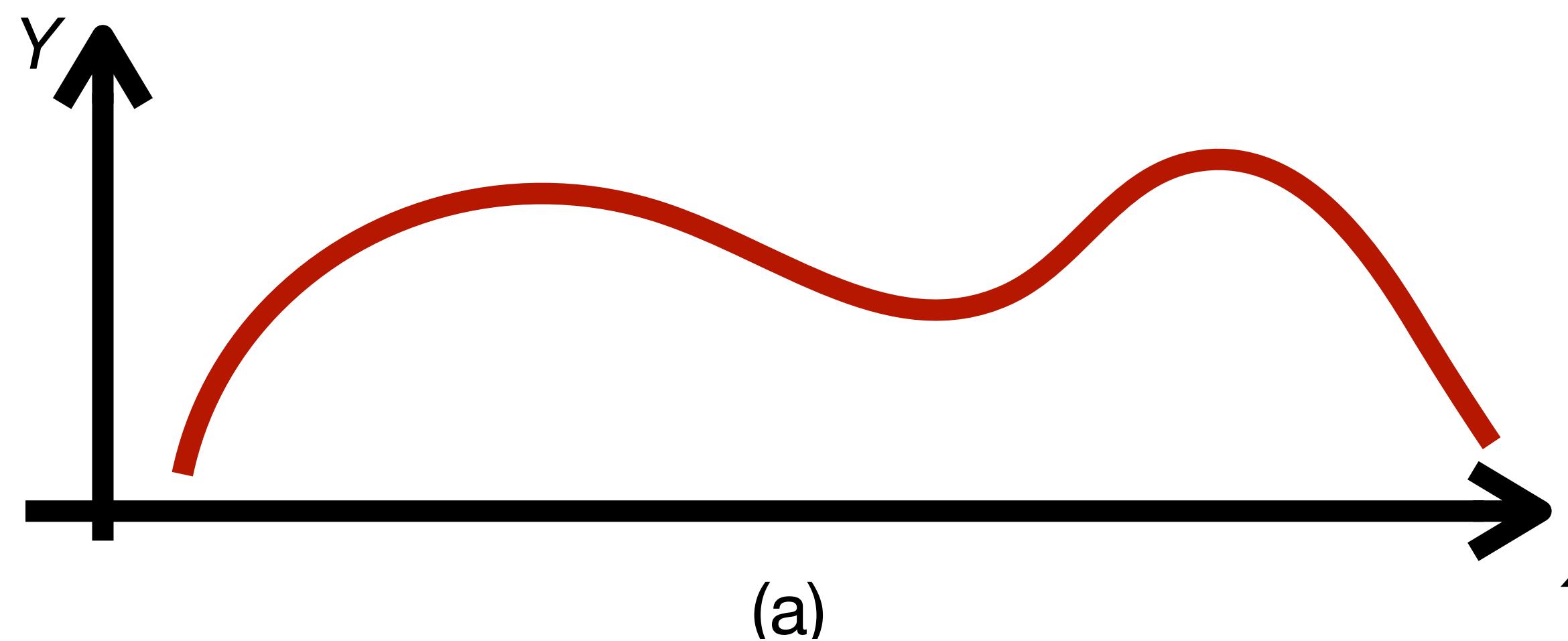
Embed f^{q-1} and $f - \hat{f}$ into “dual” space

How to select the Sobolev embedding?



Take Home Message

- a) Statistical optimal regression is the optimal control variate
- b) It helps only if there isn't a hard to simulate (infinite variance)
Rare and extreme event



sCaSML



Scientific Machine Learning

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Example 2

$$\theta = A, \quad X_i = (x_i, Ax_i)$$

$$\Phi(\theta) = \text{tr}(A)$$

Huch++

Estimation \hat{A} via Randomized SVD

Estimate $\text{tr}(A - \hat{A})$ via Hutchinson's estimator

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What if Φ is nonlinear?



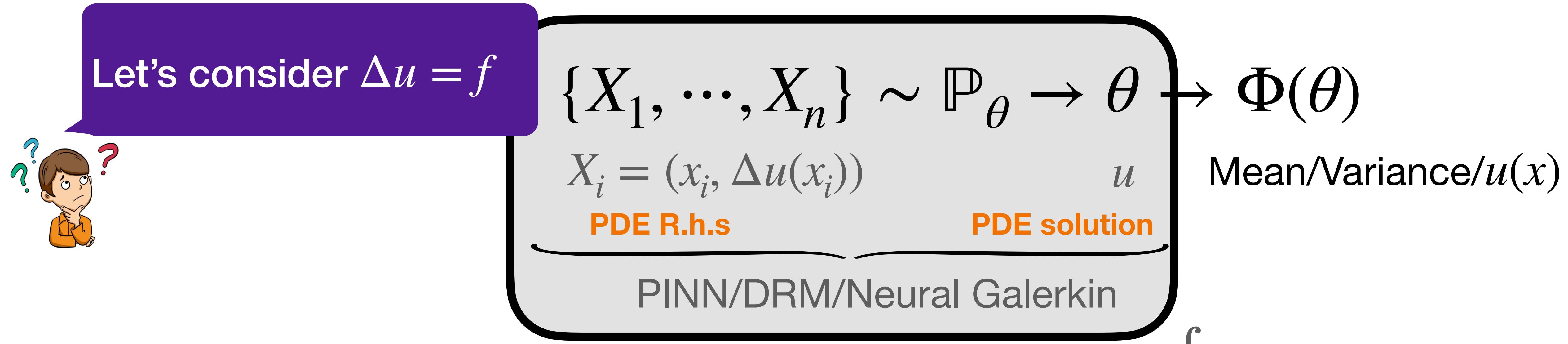
Iterative Solver!

This Talk: **Debiasing**

A new way for hybrid scientific computing and machine learning

- Eigenvalue decomposition
 - Preconditioned (randomized) computation of Eigenvalue Problem via Debiasing
- PDE-Solver
 - Inference time scaling for ML-based PDE solver

High Dimensional PDE-Solving

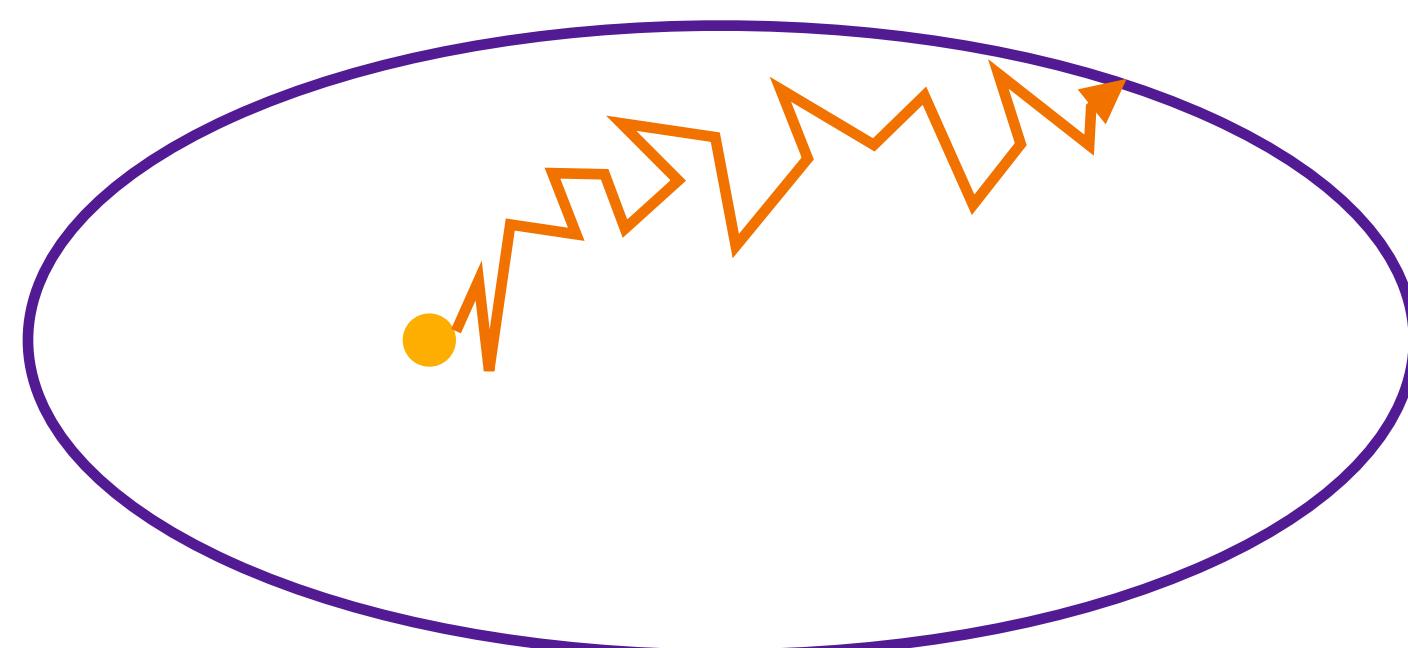


$$\Delta u = f$$

$$\Delta \hat{u} = \hat{f}$$

$$\Delta(u - \hat{u}) = f - \hat{f}$$

$$(u - \hat{u})(x) = \mathbb{E} \int (f - \hat{f})(X_t) dt$$



Works for Semi-linear PDE

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t}(x, t) + \boxed{\Delta U(x, t)} + f(U(x, t)) = 0$$

Keeps the structure to enable brownian motion simulation



Can you do simulation
for nonlinear equation?



Δ is linear!

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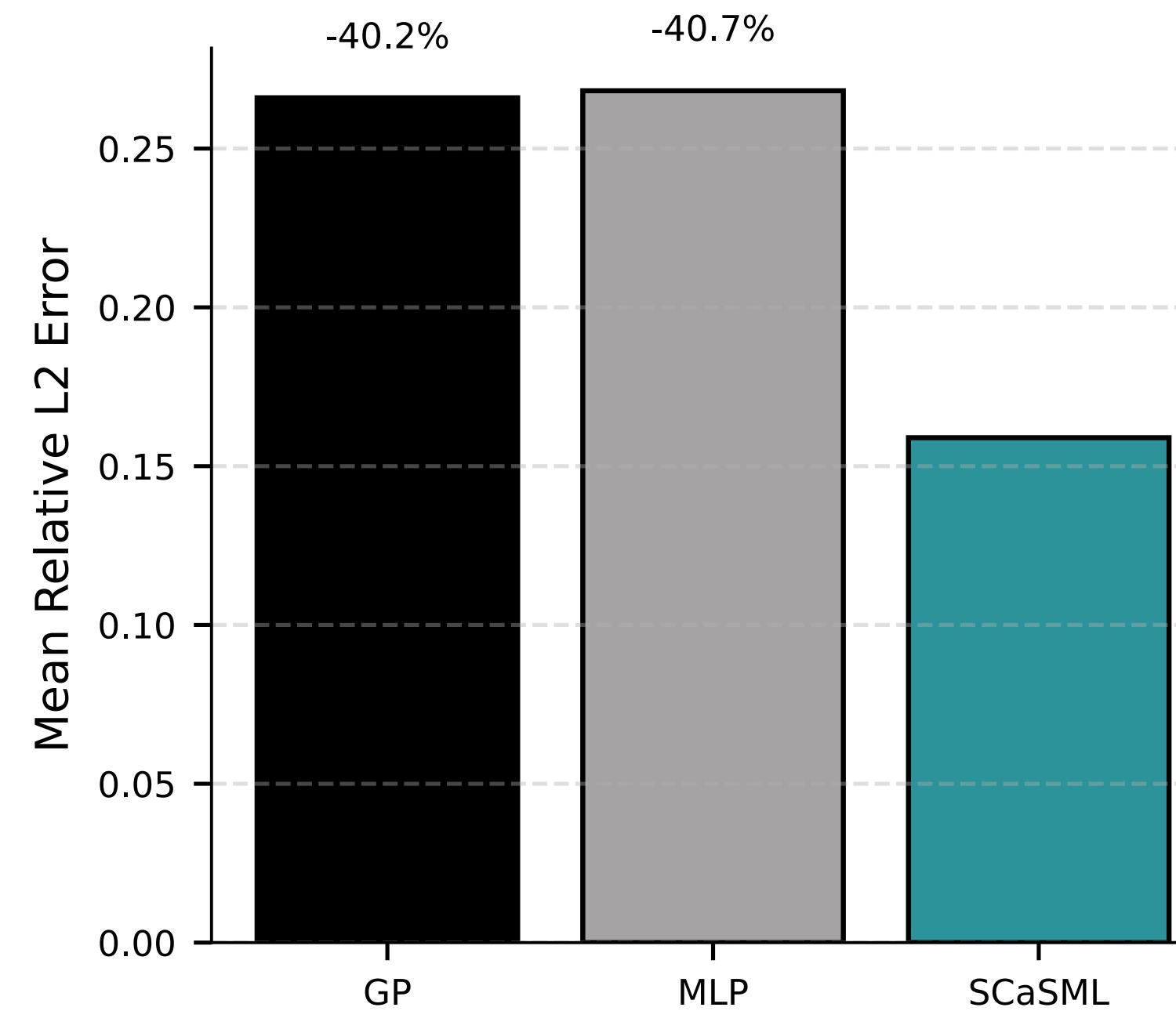
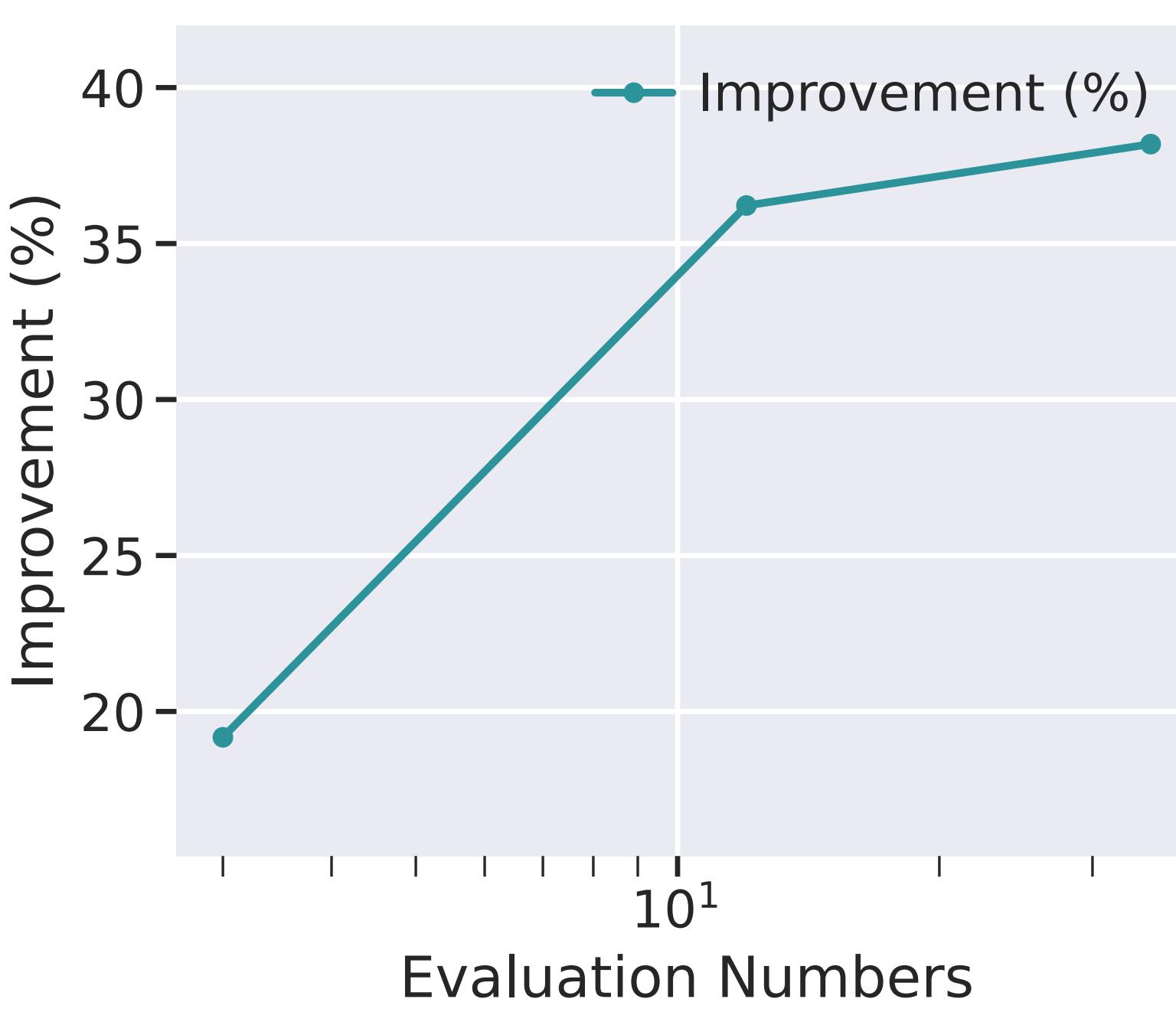
Subtract two equations

$$\frac{\partial(U - \hat{U})}{\partial t}(x, t) + \boxed{\Delta(U - \hat{U})(x, t)} + \underbrace{f(t, \hat{U}(x, t) + U(x, t) - \hat{U}(x, t)) - f(t, \hat{U}(x, t))}_{G(t, (U - \hat{U})(x, t))} = g(x, t).$$

Inference-Time Scaling

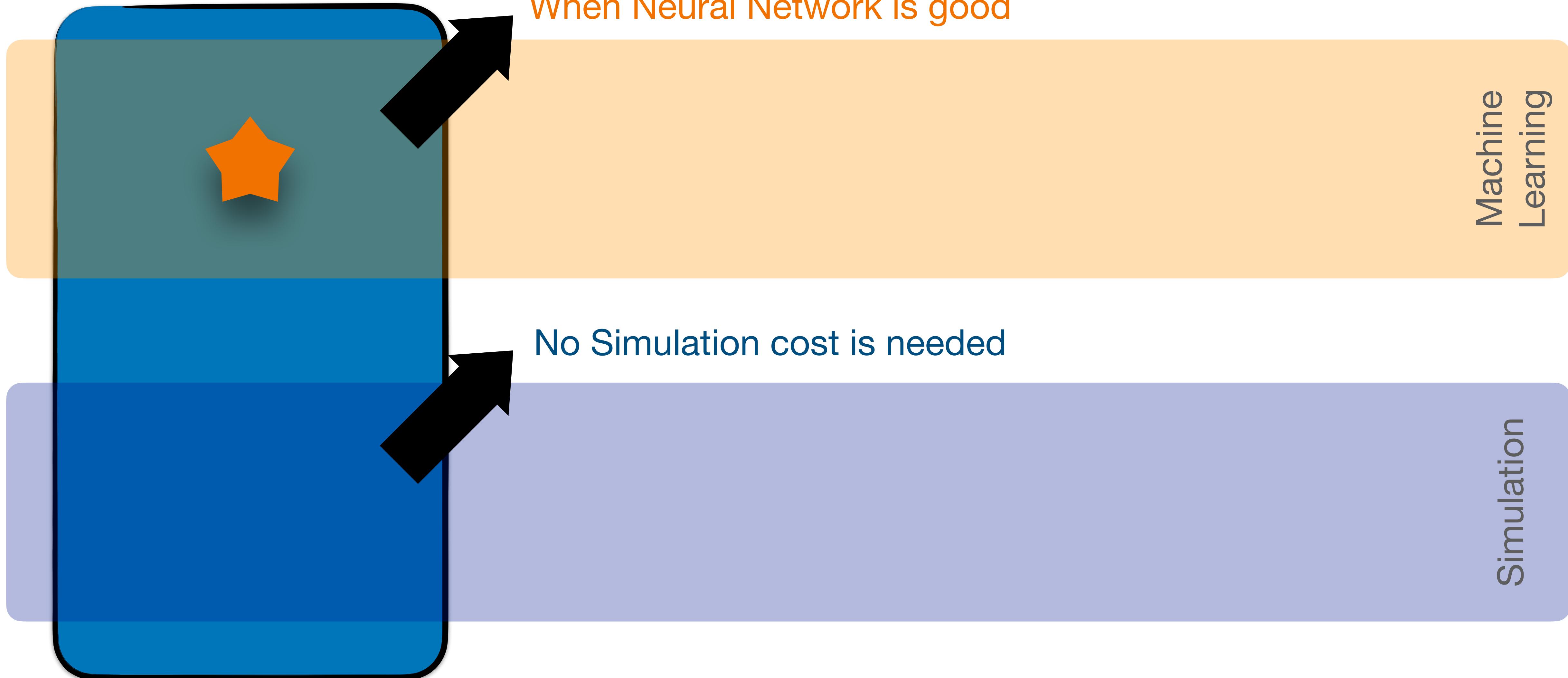
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u + \left[\sigma^2 u - \frac{1}{d} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} \right] (\nabla \cdot u) + \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} \Delta u = 0$$

have closed-form solution $g(x) = \frac{\exp(T + \sum_i x_i)}{1 + \exp(T + \sum_i x_i)}$



Method	Convergence Rate
PINN	$O(n^{-s/d})$
MLP	$O(n^{-1/4})$
SCaSML	$O(n^{-1/4-s/d})$

Our Aim Today : A Marriage



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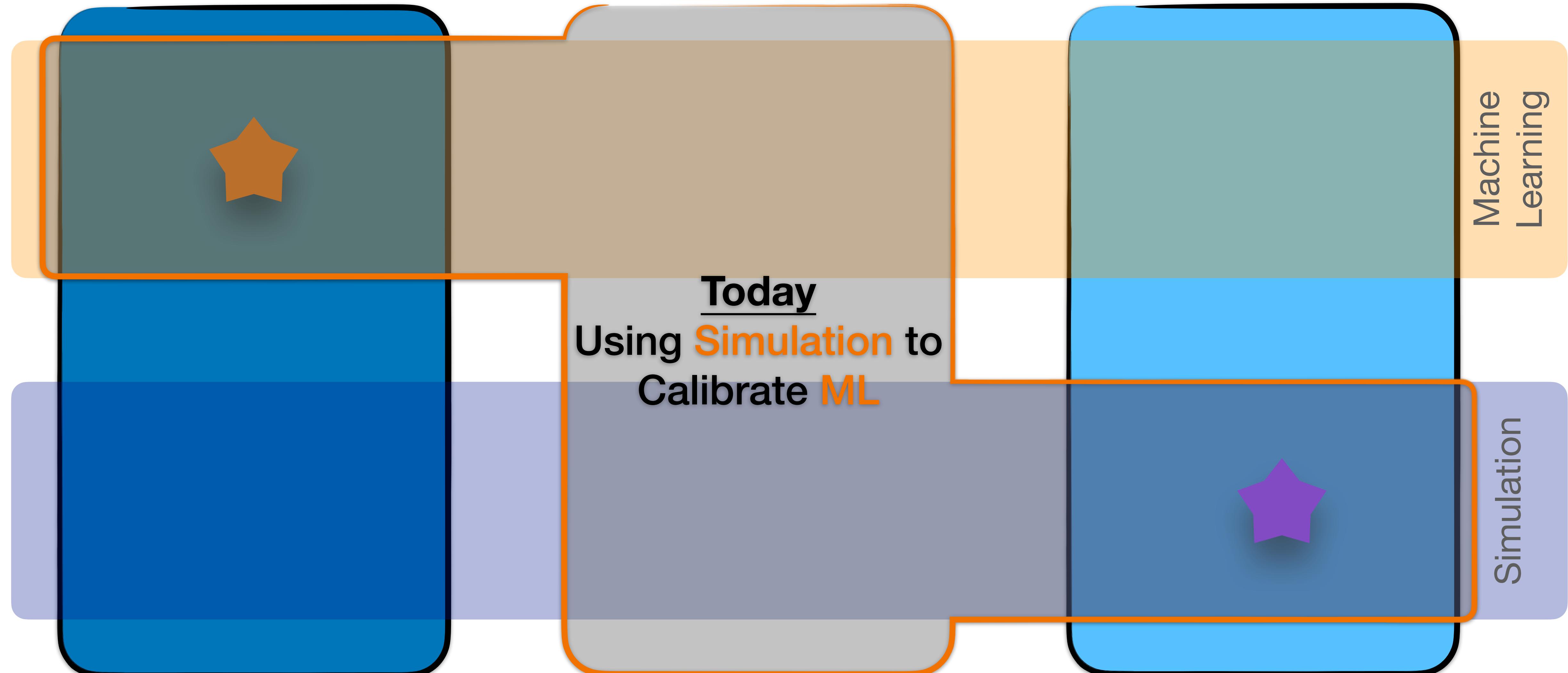
When Neural Network is bad

Provide pure Simulation solution

Machine
Learning

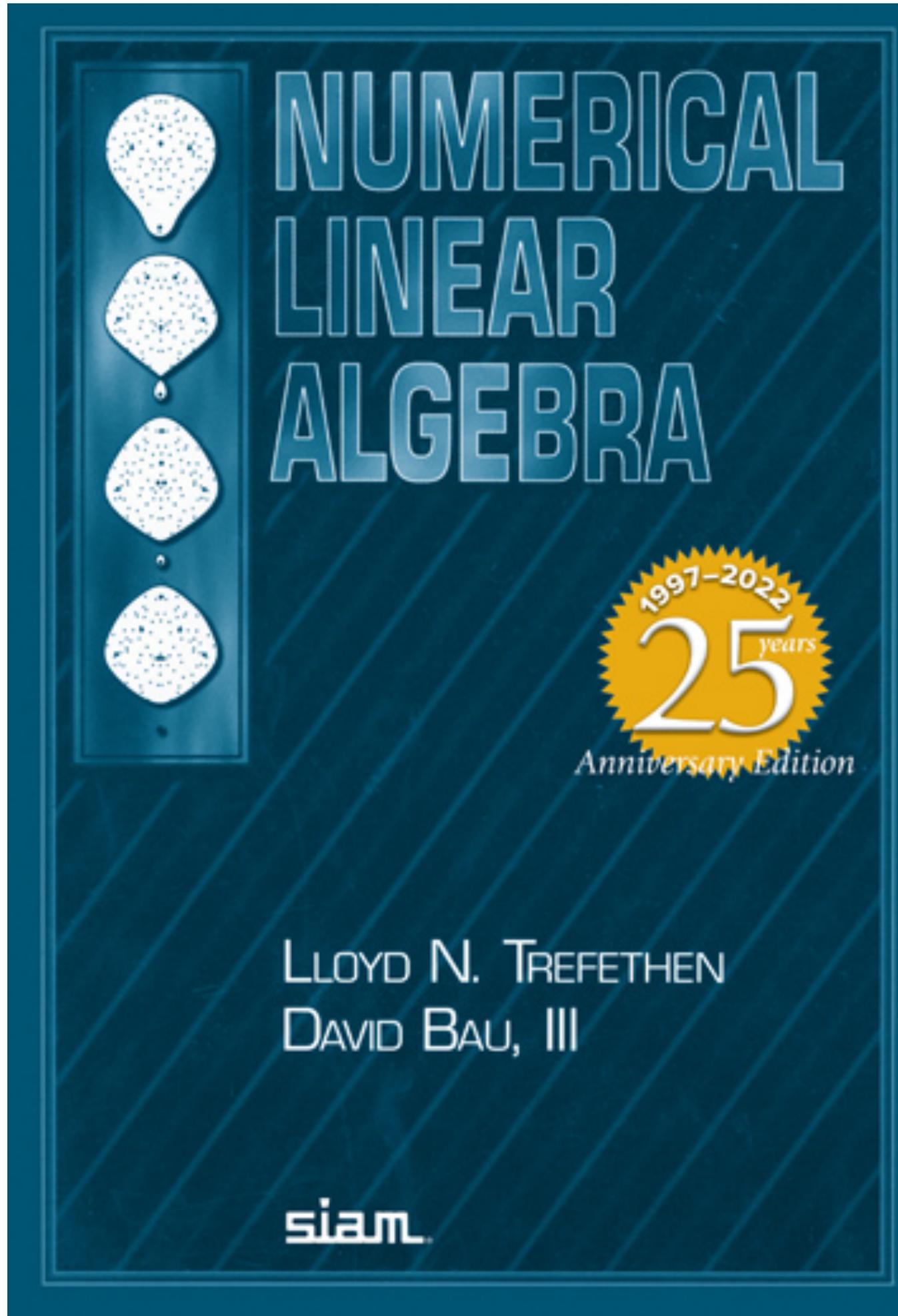
Simulation

Our AIM Today: A Marriage



Tale 2: Pre-condition with a surprising connection with debiasing

Tale 2: Preconditioning



"In ending this book with the subject of preconditioners, we find ourselves at the philosophical center of the scientific computing of the future."

— L. N. Trefethen and D. Bau III, Numerical Linear Algebra [TB22]



Nothing will be more central to computational science in the next century than **the art of transforming a problem that appears intractable into another whose solution can be approximated rapidly**.

What is precondition

- Solving $Ax = b$ is equivalent to solving $Bx = Bb$
hardness depend on $\kappa(A)$ hardness depend on $\kappa(BA)$

Become easier when $B \approx A^{-1}$

A New Way to Implement Precondition

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What is the error of $x_1 + x_2$?



$$\|A^{-1}(A - B)\|^2$$

Hardness depends on how $A^{-1}b$ near identity!

$$A(x_1 + x_2) = b - \underbrace{(A - B)}_{\text{Brings another } \|A^{-1}(A - B)\|} x_2$$

Same level as $\|A^{-1}(A - B)\|$

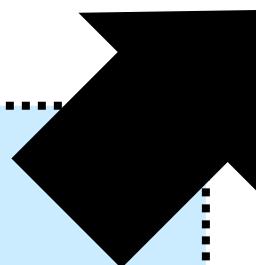
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Iterative Refinement Algorithm

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$$x_{i+1} = (I - B^{-1}A)x_i + B^{-1}b$$

Preconditioned Jacobi Iteration

This Talk: A New Way to Implement Precondition Via Debiasing

- **Step 1:** Aim to solve (potentially nonlinear) equation $A(u) = b$

use Machine Learning

- **Step 2:** Build an approximate solver $A(\hat{u}) \approx b$

Unreliable approximate
solver as preconditioner

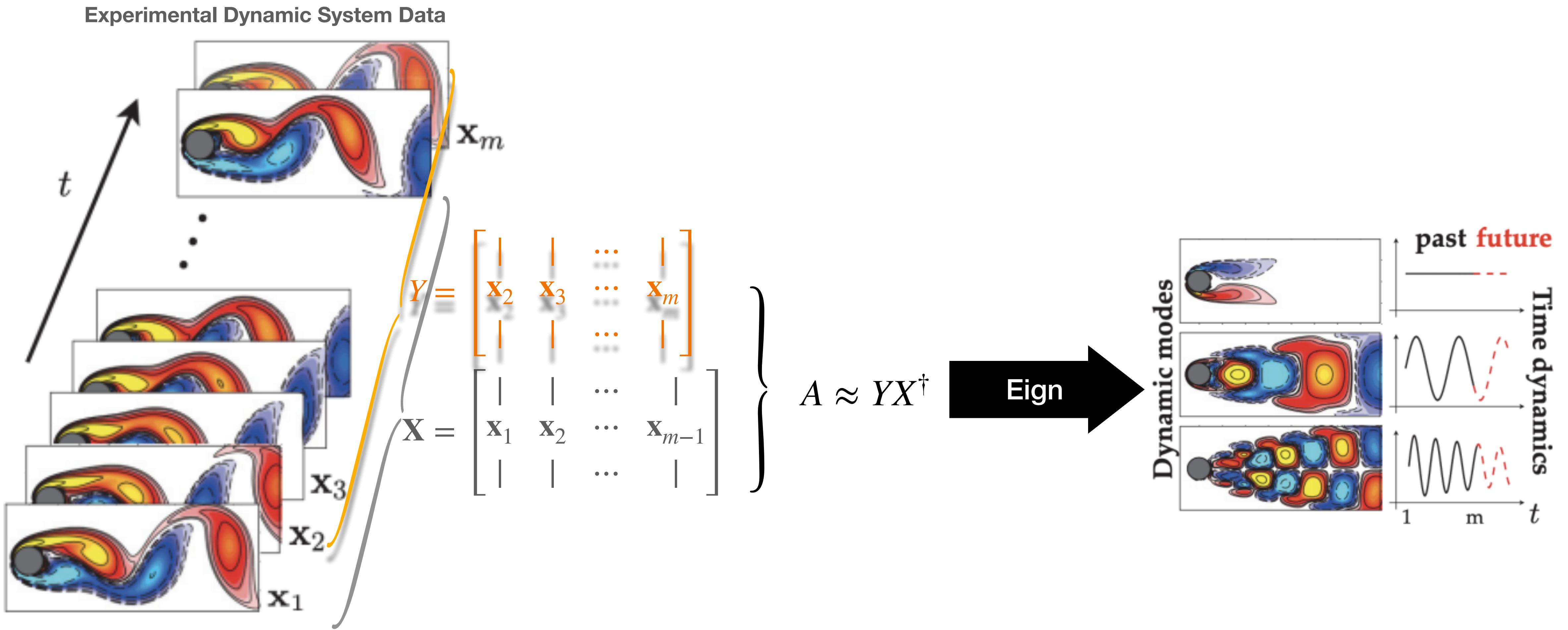
- Via machine learning/sketching/finite element....

- **Step 3:** Solve $u - \hat{u}$

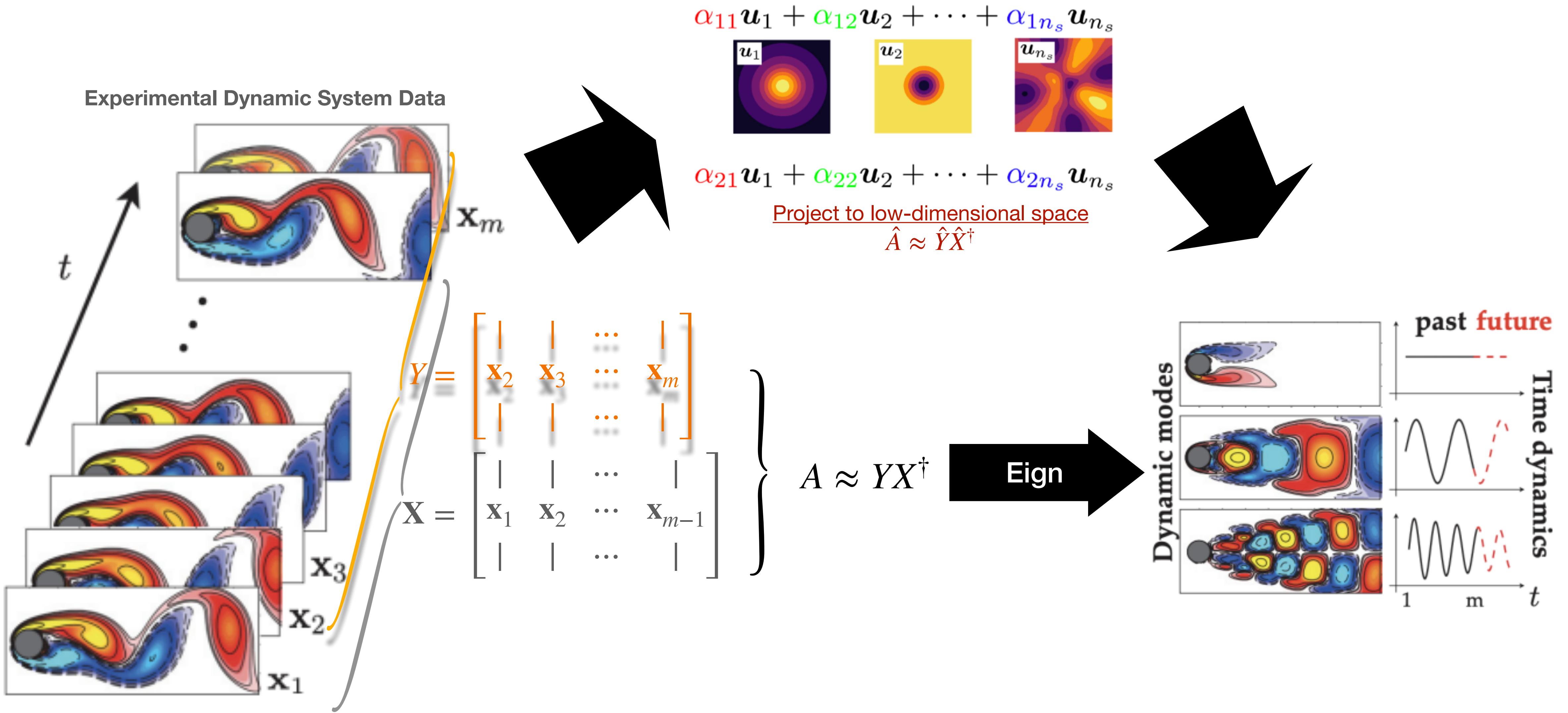


AIM: Debiasing a Learned Solution = Using Learned Solution as preconditioner!

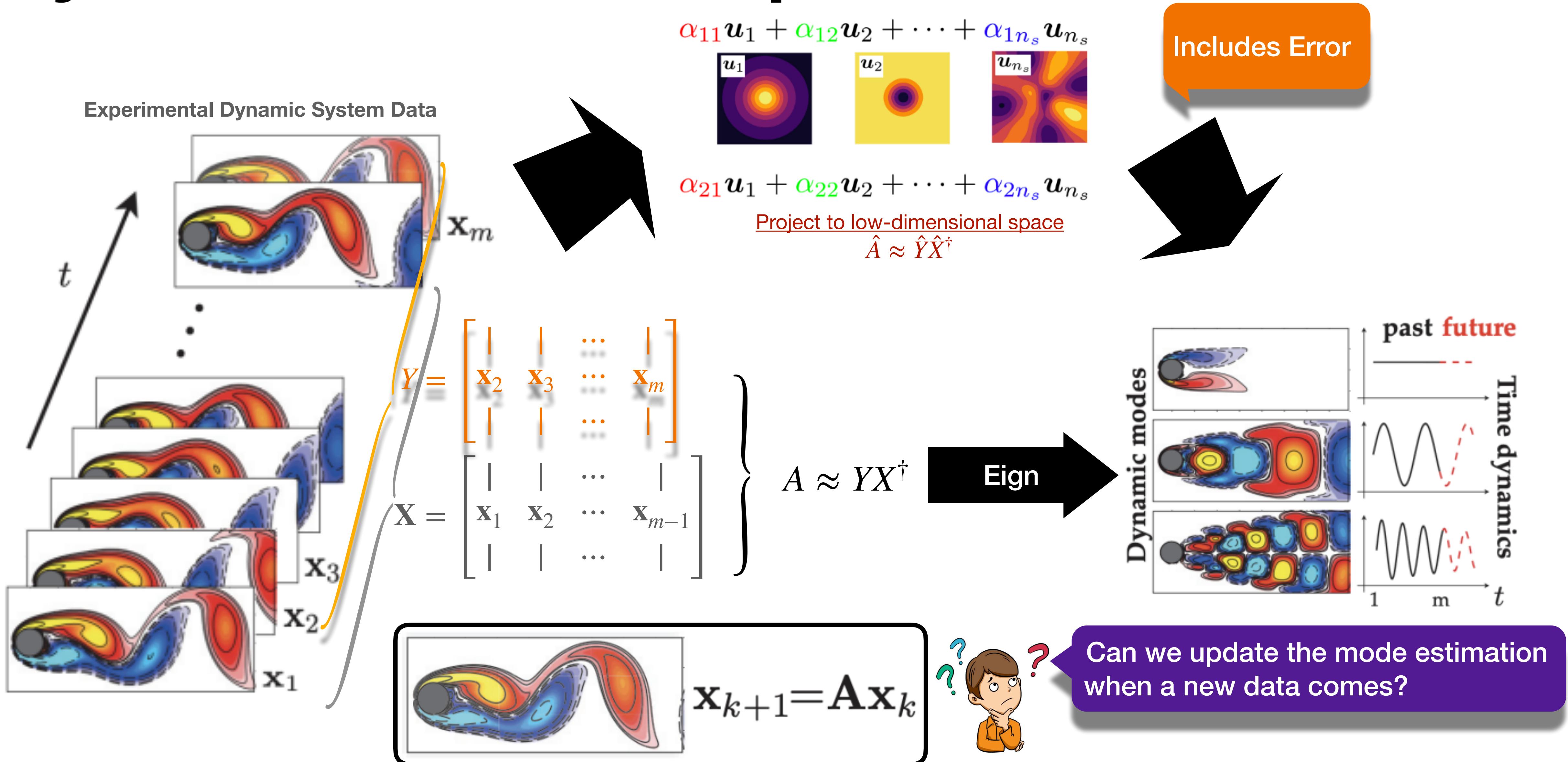
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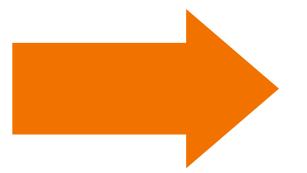
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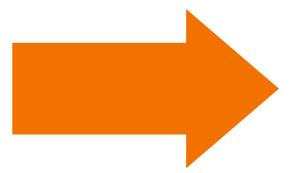
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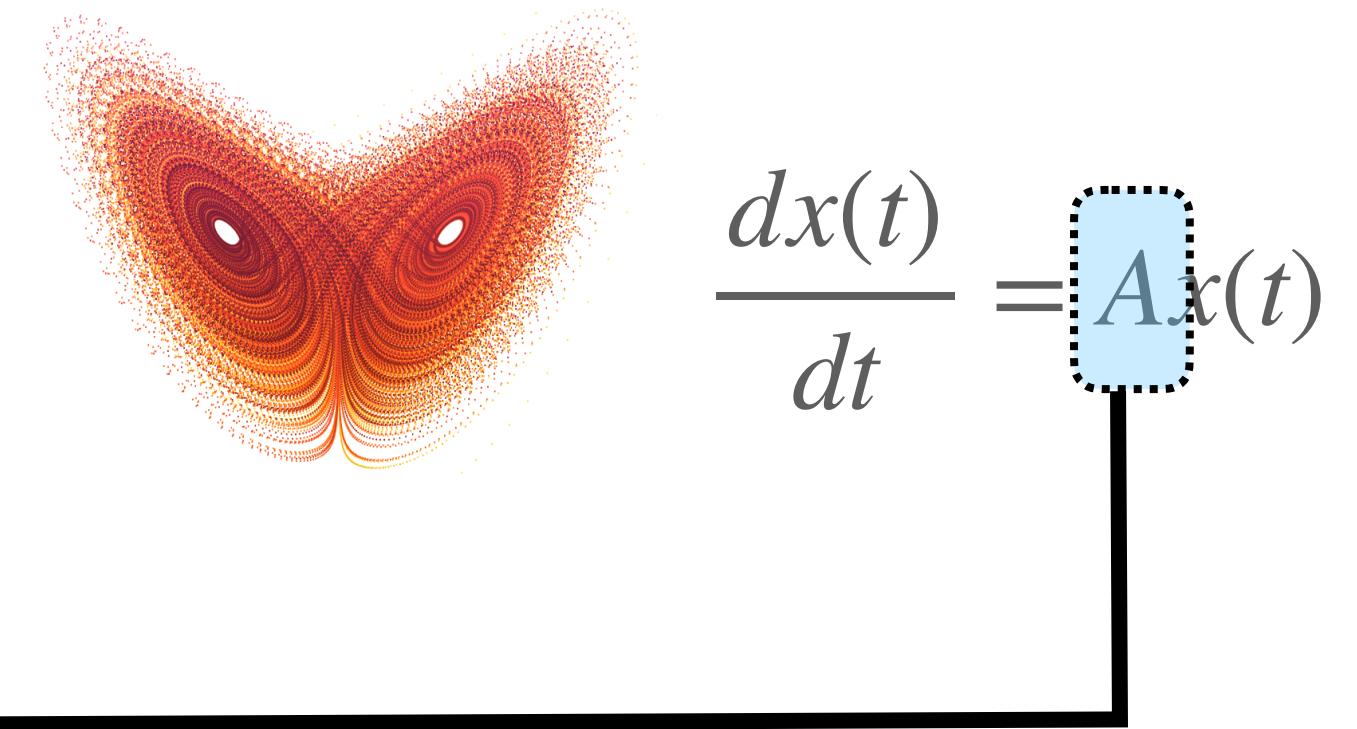
A Data-Driven View

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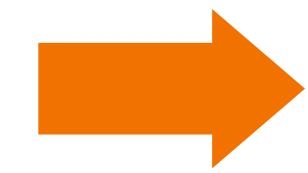
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$\theta = A$

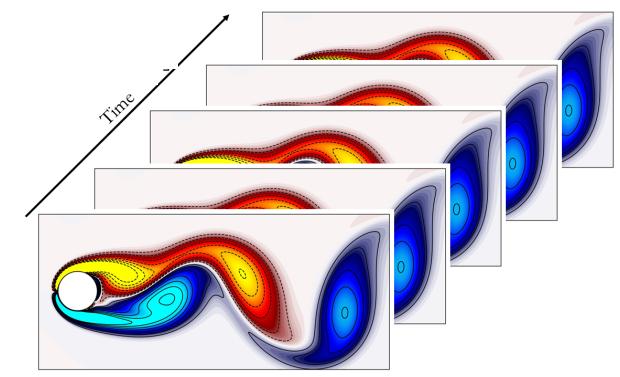


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Machine Learning



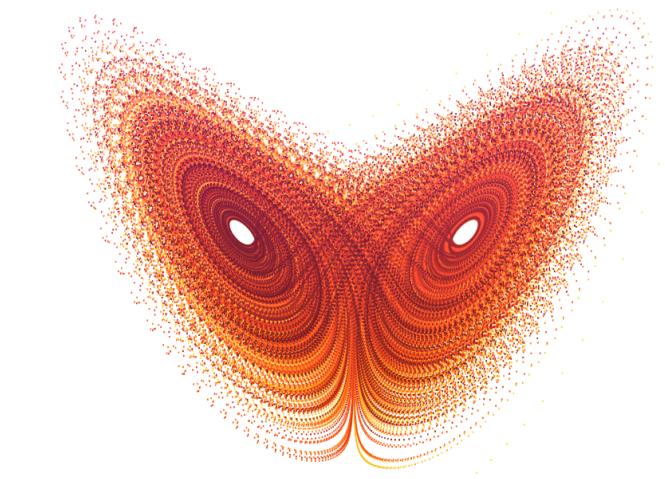
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Snapshot Data

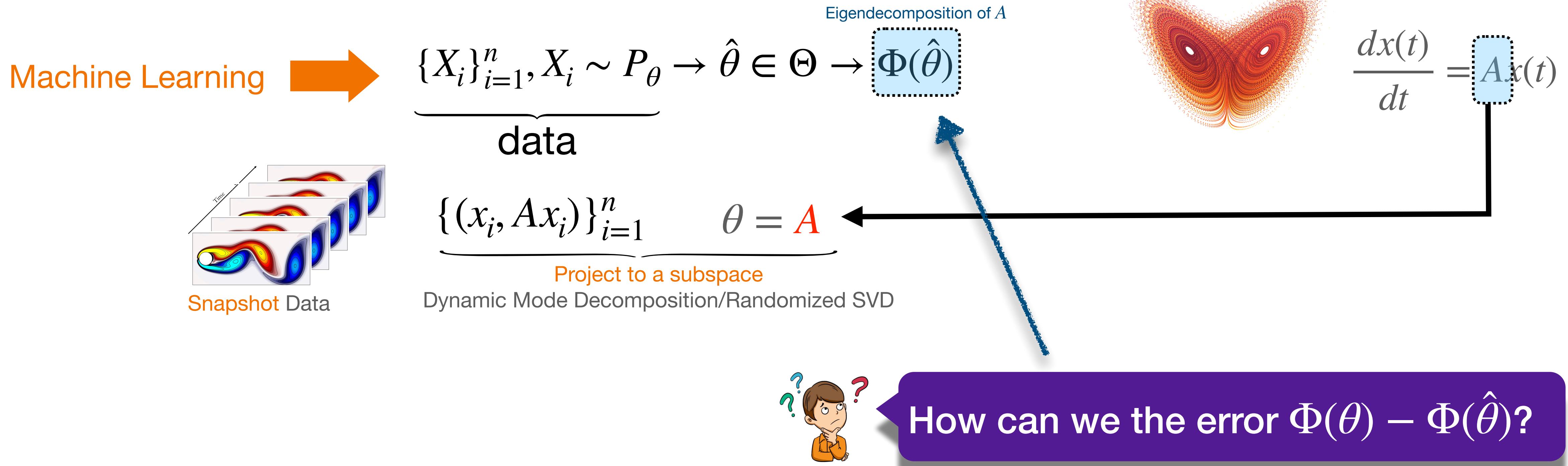
$$\underbrace{\{(x_i, Ax_i)\}_{i=1}^n}_{\text{Project to a subspace}} \quad \theta = A$$

Dynamic Mode Decomposition/Randomized SVD

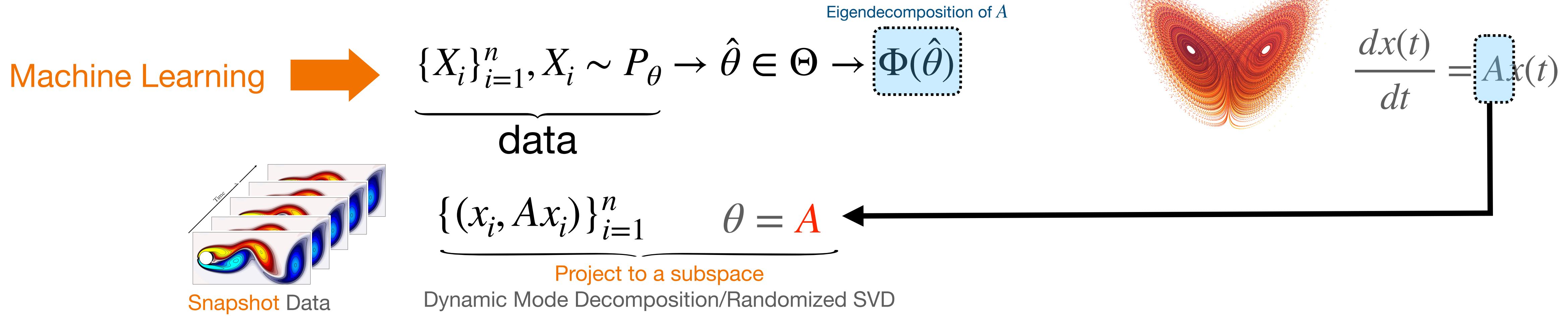


$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \boxed{Ax(t)}$$

A Data-Driven Debias View



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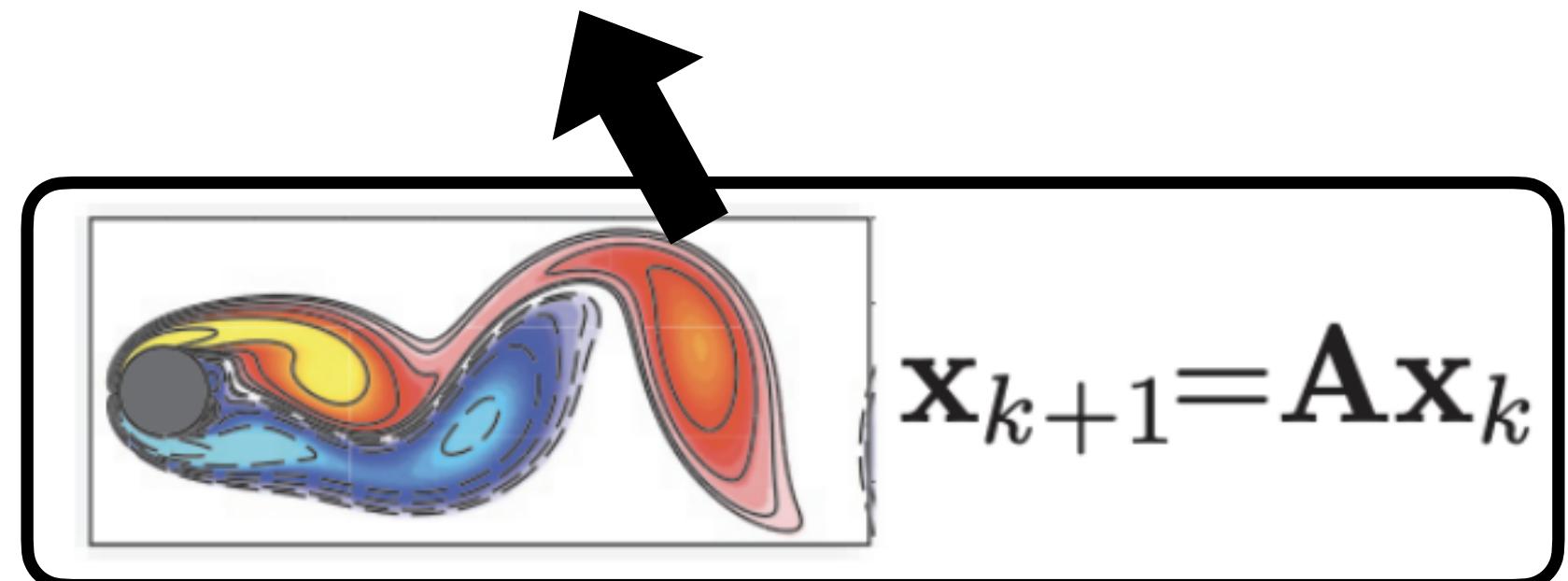


Debiasing using Taylor Expansion

$$\theta - \hat{\theta} = \epsilon \Rightarrow \Phi(\theta) - \Phi(\hat{\theta}) - \boxed{\nabla \Phi(\hat{\theta})(\theta - \hat{\theta})} = O(\epsilon^2)$$

Our Observation:

Taylor Expansion can be computed by snapshot data.



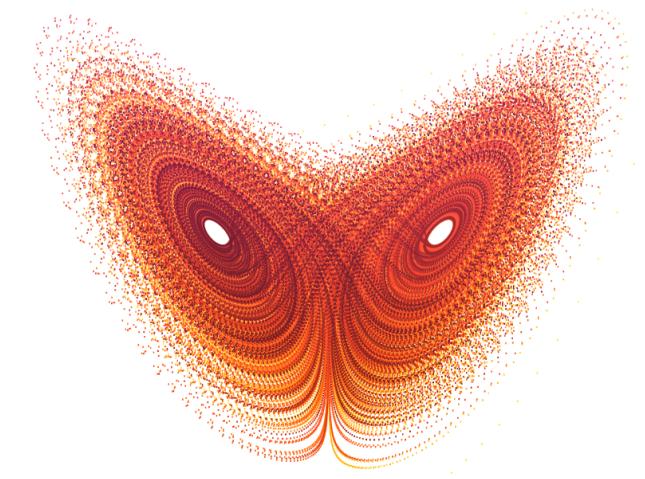
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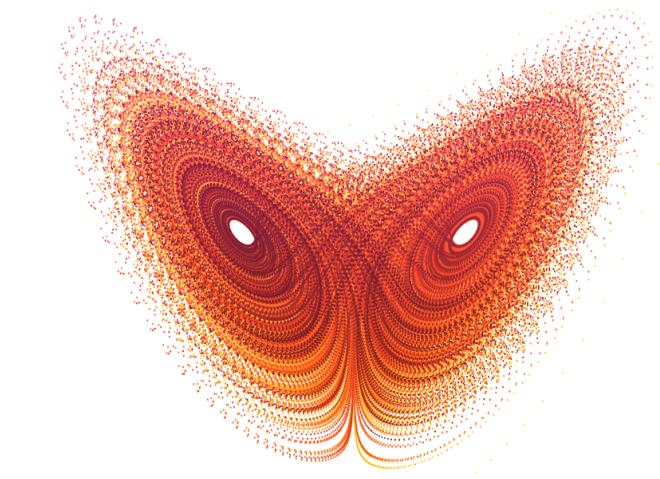


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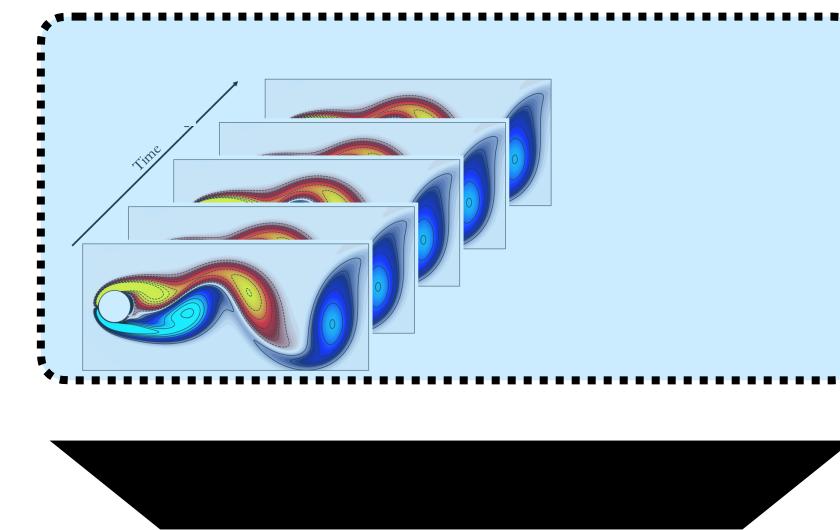


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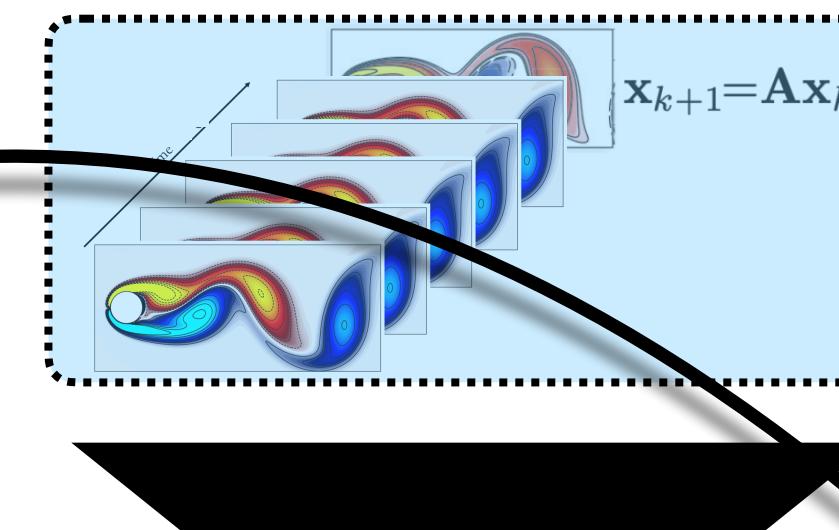
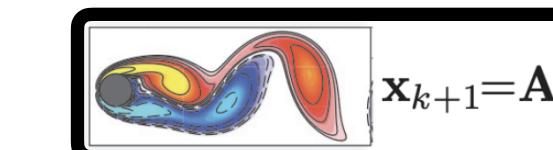


Our AIM



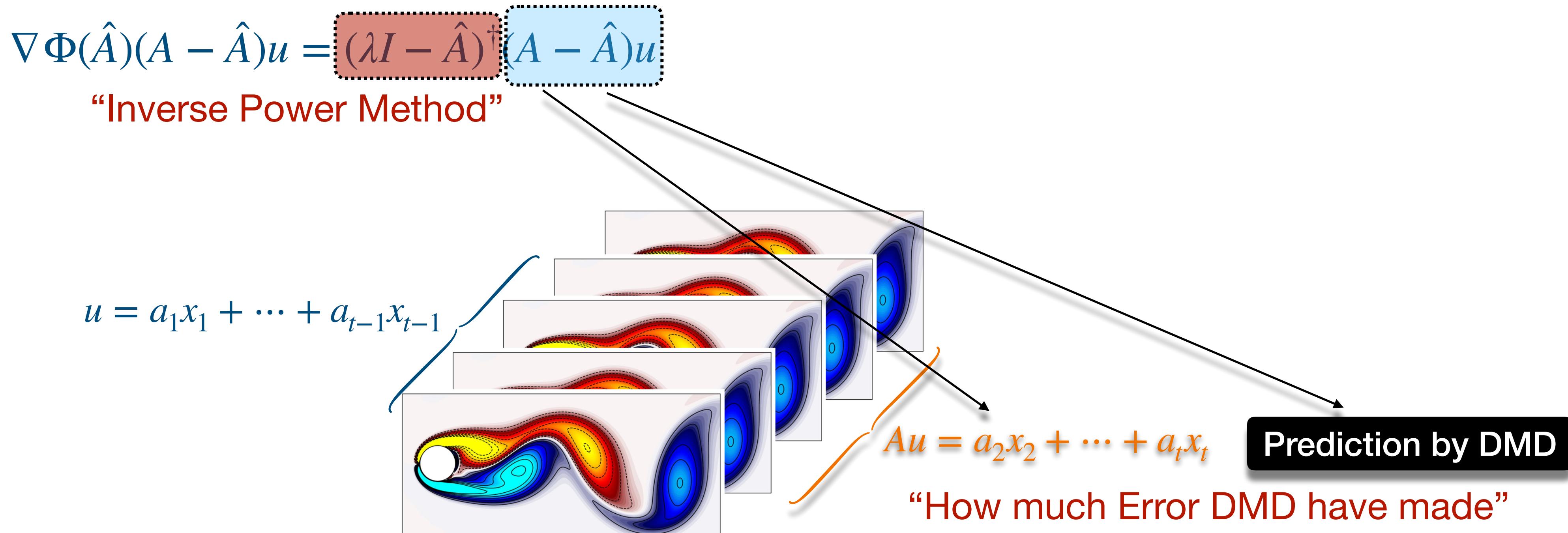
Embed dynamic to space Φ

update using online
snapshot data



Embed dynamic to space $\Phi + \nabla \Phi d\Phi$

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$$\nabla \Phi(\hat{A})(A - \hat{A})u = (\lambda I - \hat{A})^\dagger (A - \hat{A})u$$

“Inverse Power Method”

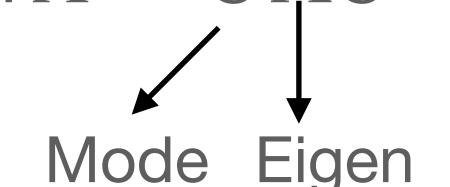
$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} (I - UU^\dagger)$$

Orthogonal to modes
Decrease λ times

$$+ U(\lambda I - \Lambda)^\dagger U^\dagger$$

Span of modes
“Inverse Power method”

when we know the Eigen decomposition $\hat{A} = U\Lambda U^\dagger$



Enables computation using snapshot data!

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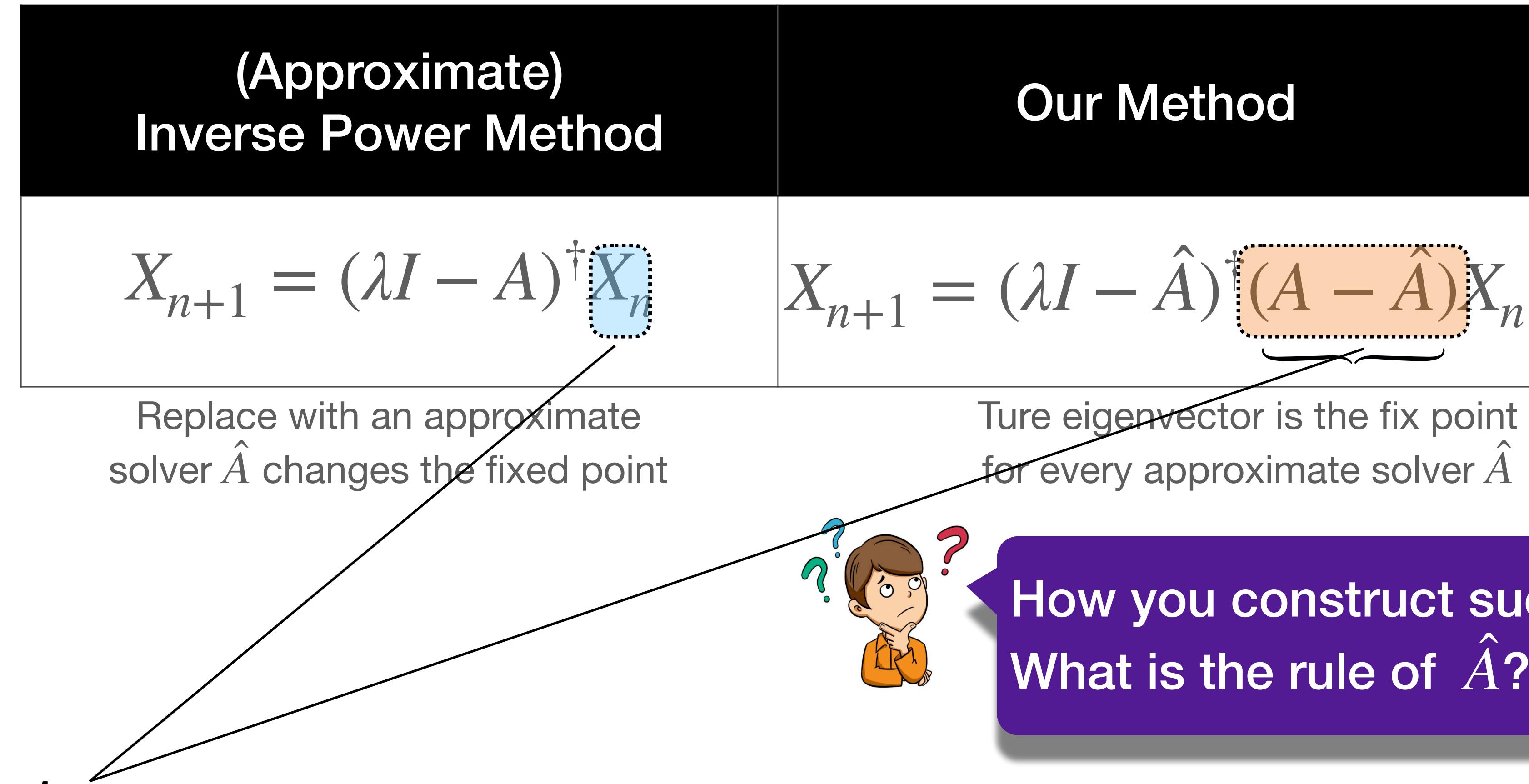
Relationship with Inverse Power Methods

(Approximate) Inverse Power Method	Our Method
$X_{n+1} = (\lambda I - A)^\dagger X_n$	$X_{n+1} = (\lambda I - \hat{A})^\dagger \underbrace{(A - \hat{A})}_{\text{True eigenvector is the fix point}} X_n$

Replace with an approximate
solver \hat{A} changes the fixed point

True eigenvector is the fix point
for every approximate solver \hat{A}

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Take Home Message 1:

Power the Residual but not Power the vector

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Sorry... but I can't see the
relationship....

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Idea: using (approximate) Newton method to solve the Lagrange from

$$\min u^\top A u - \lambda(x^\top x - 1)$$

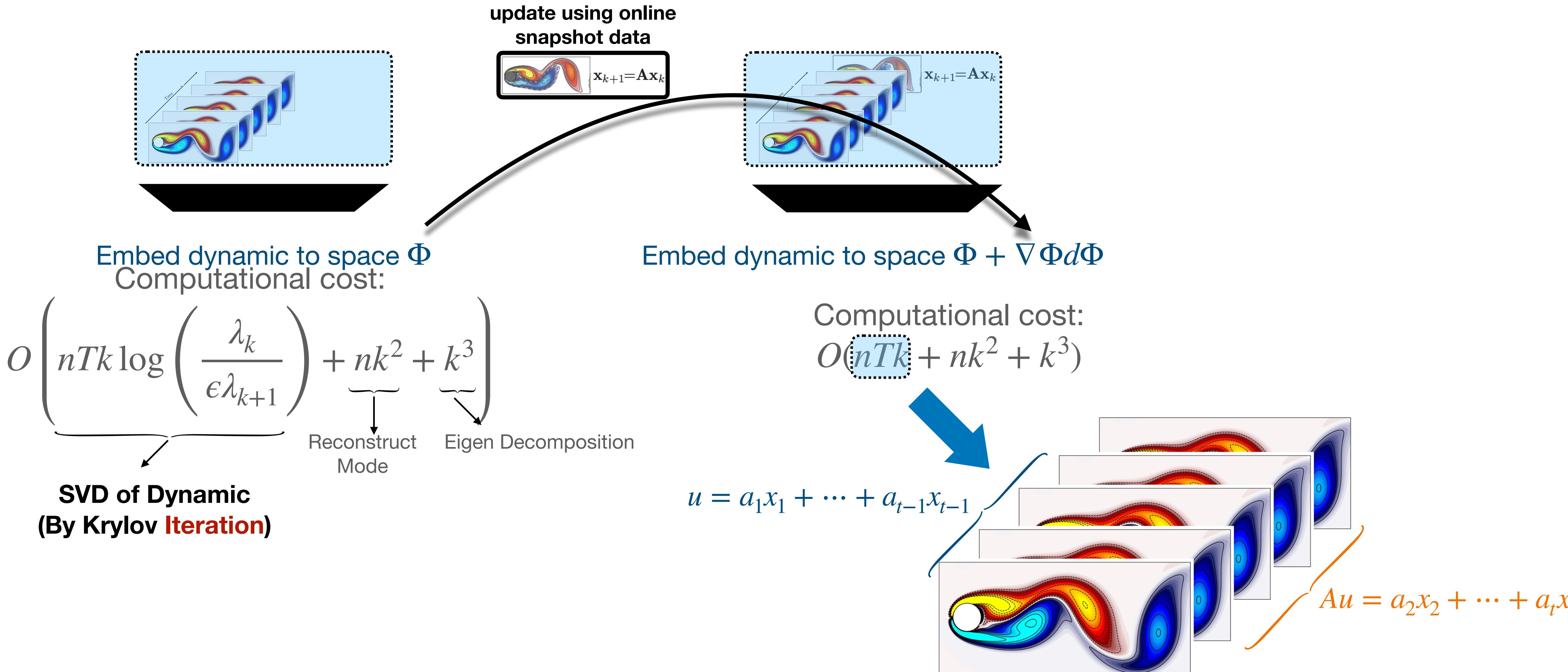
Thus Our convergence is u linear-quadratic



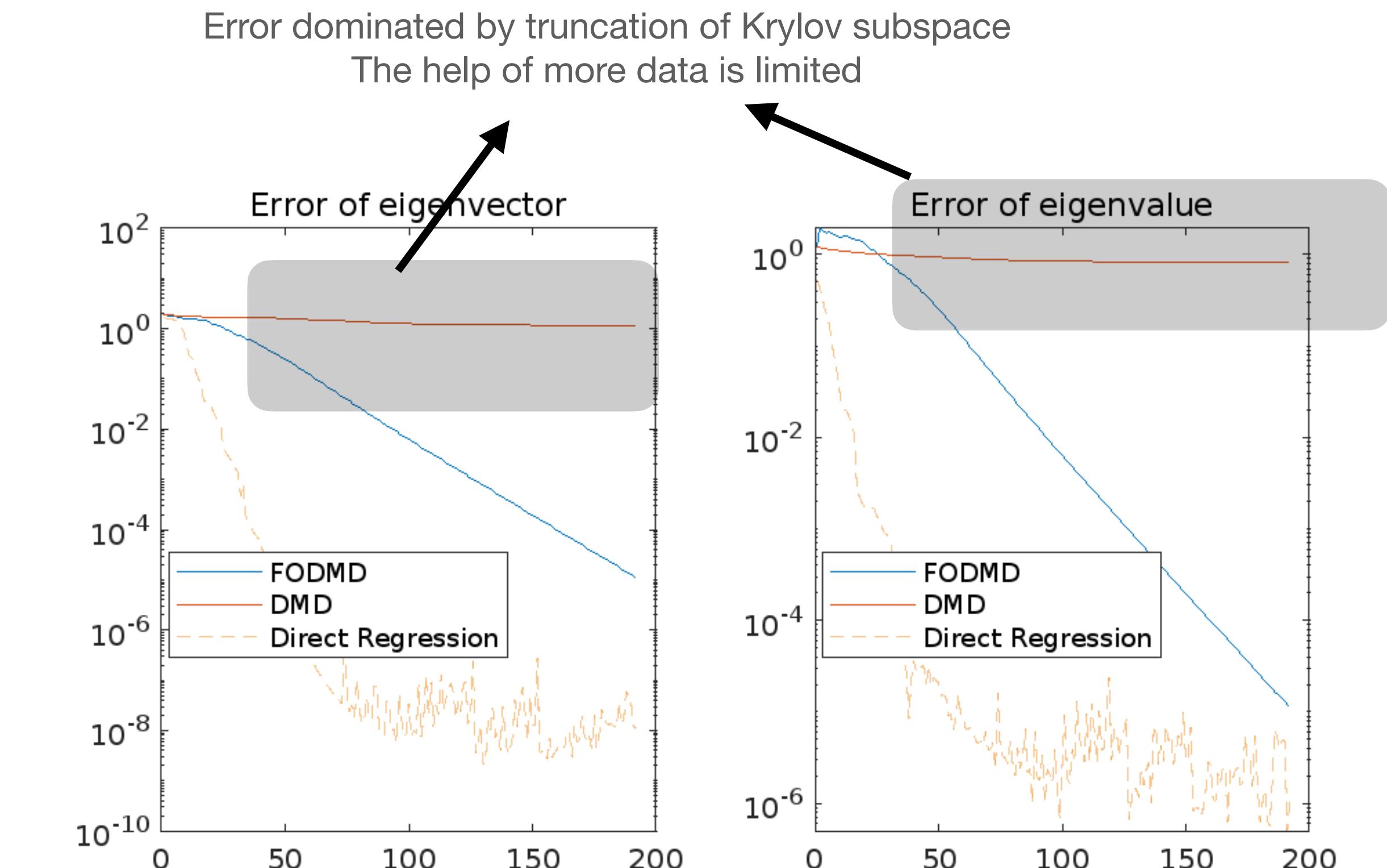
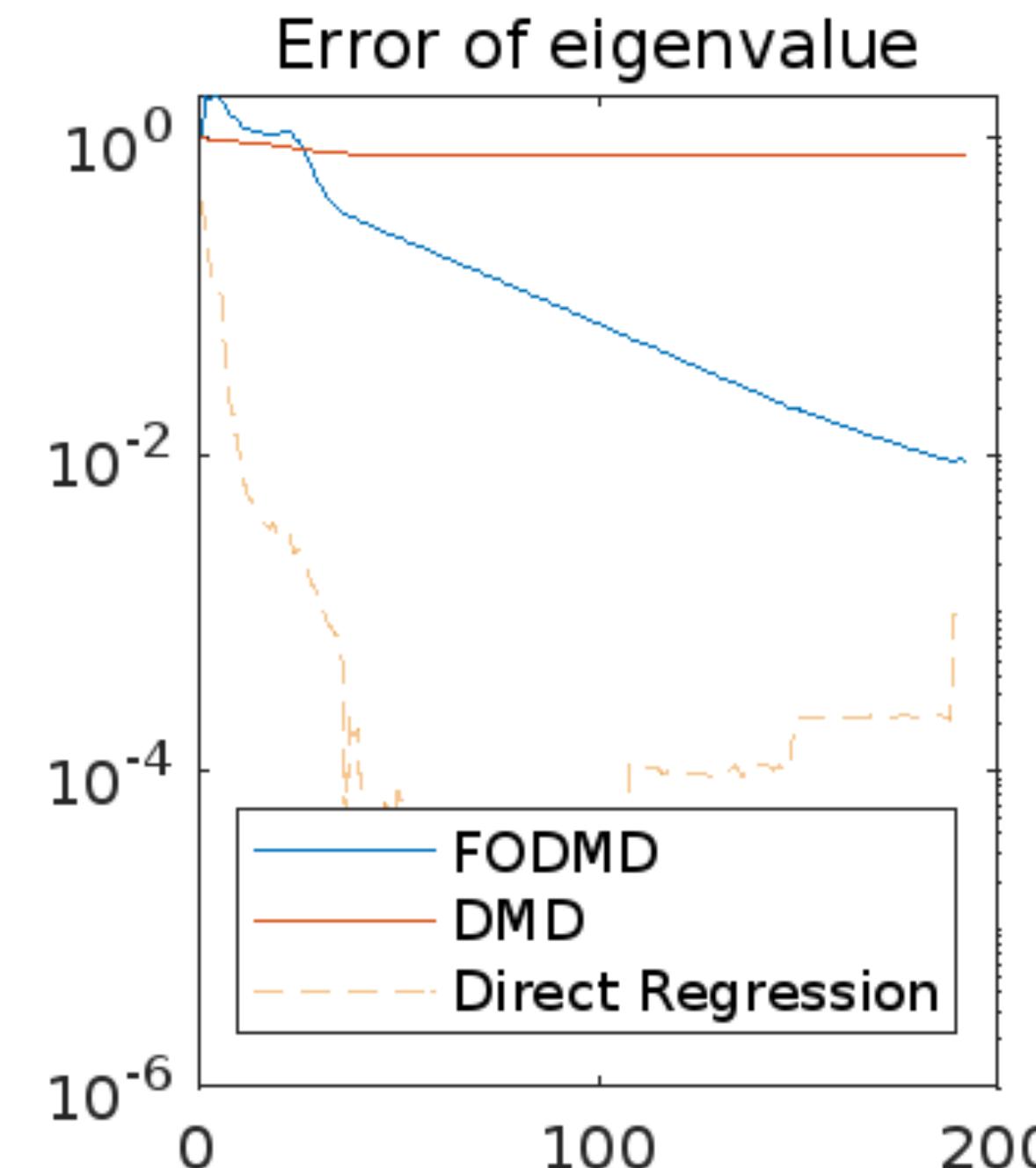
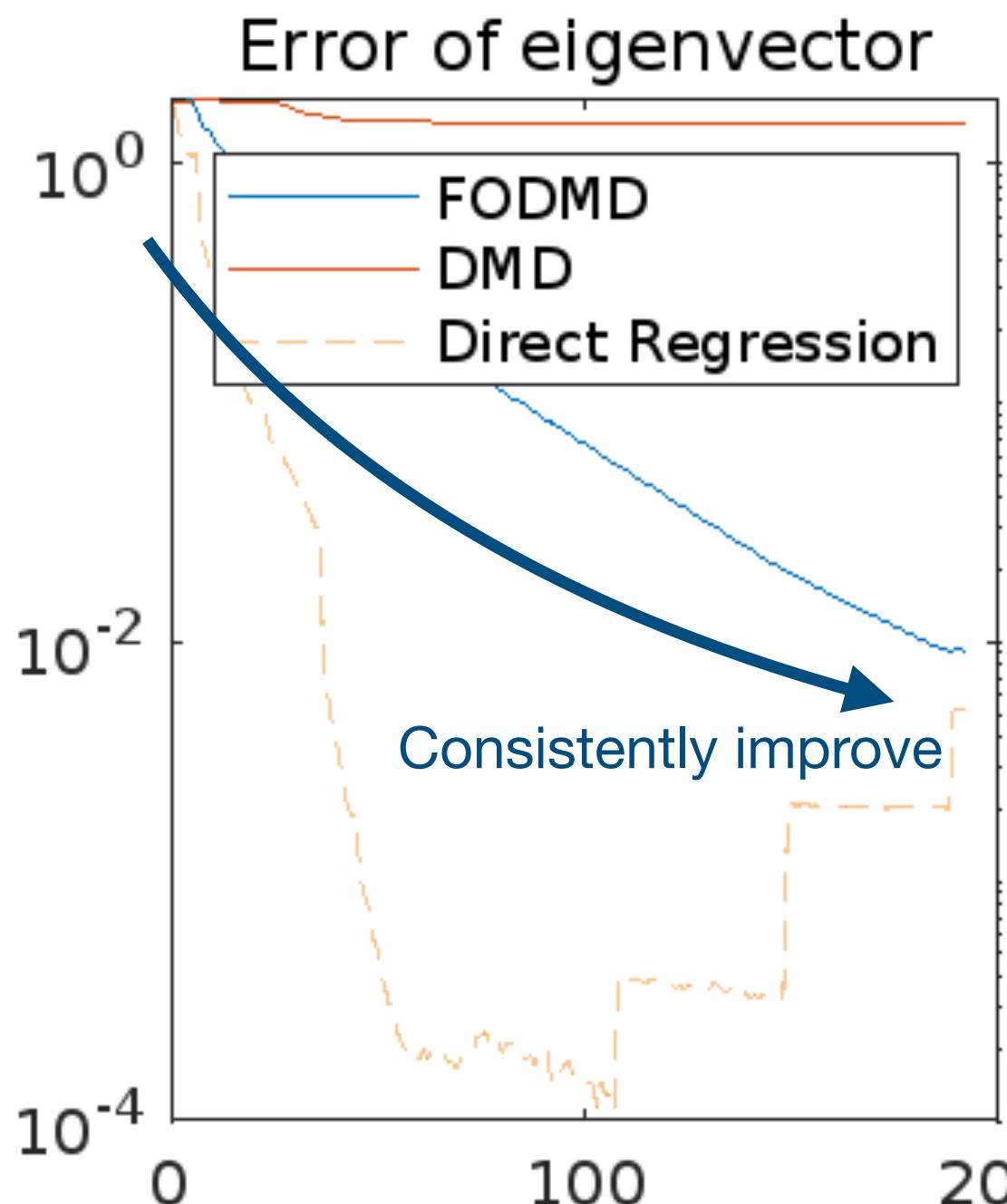
Contraction coefficient improves when sketching quality increases



Online Dynamic Mode Decomposition

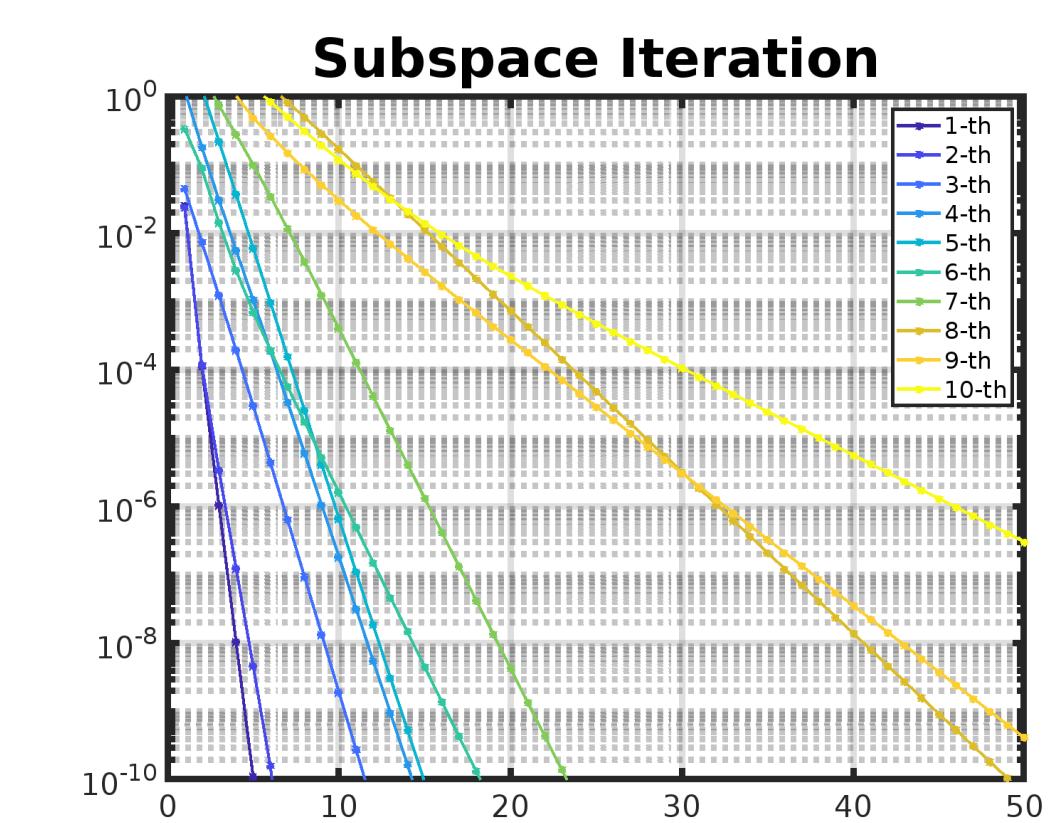
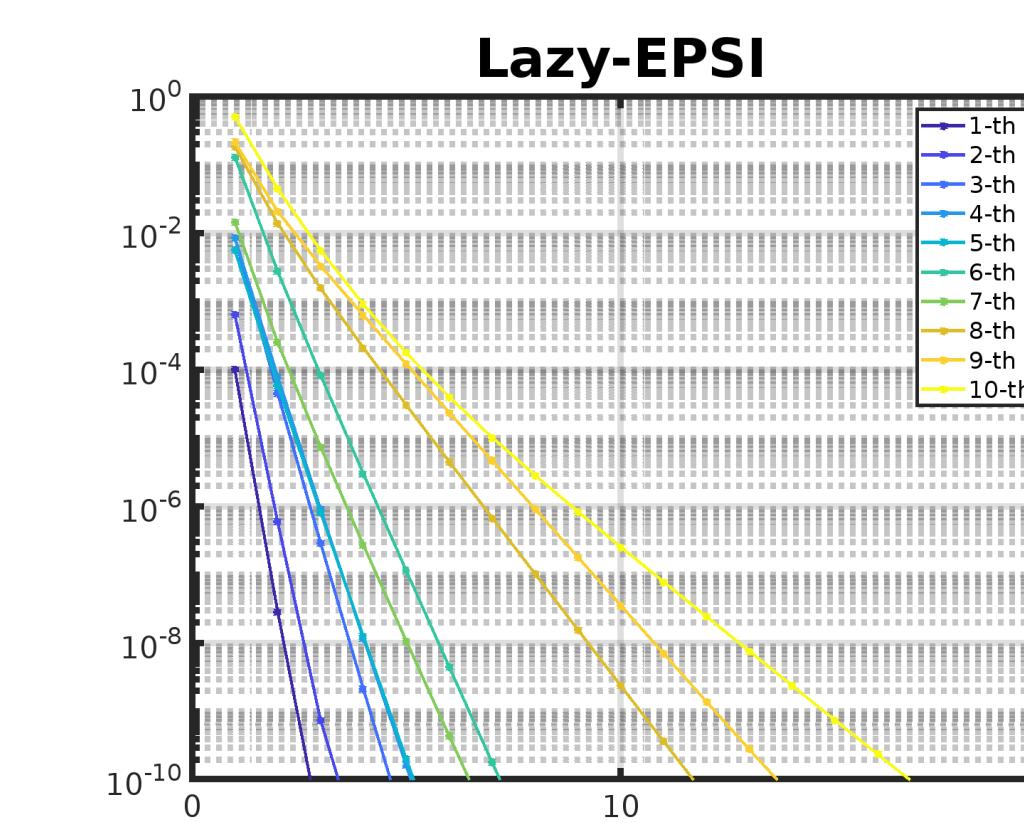
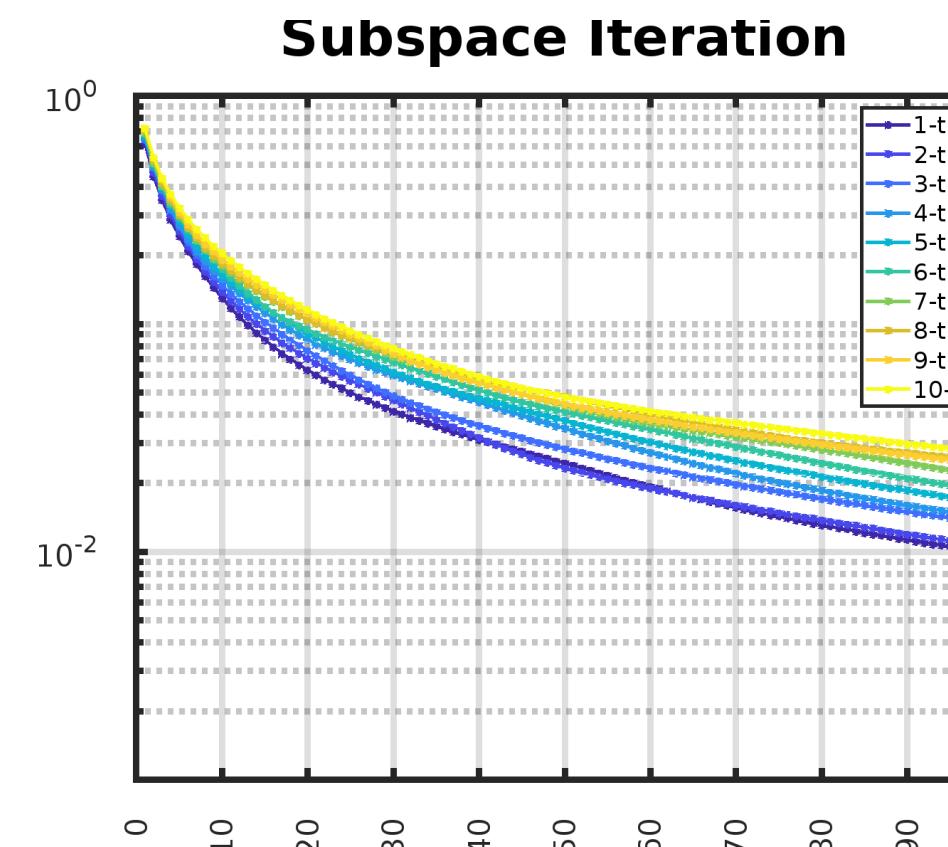
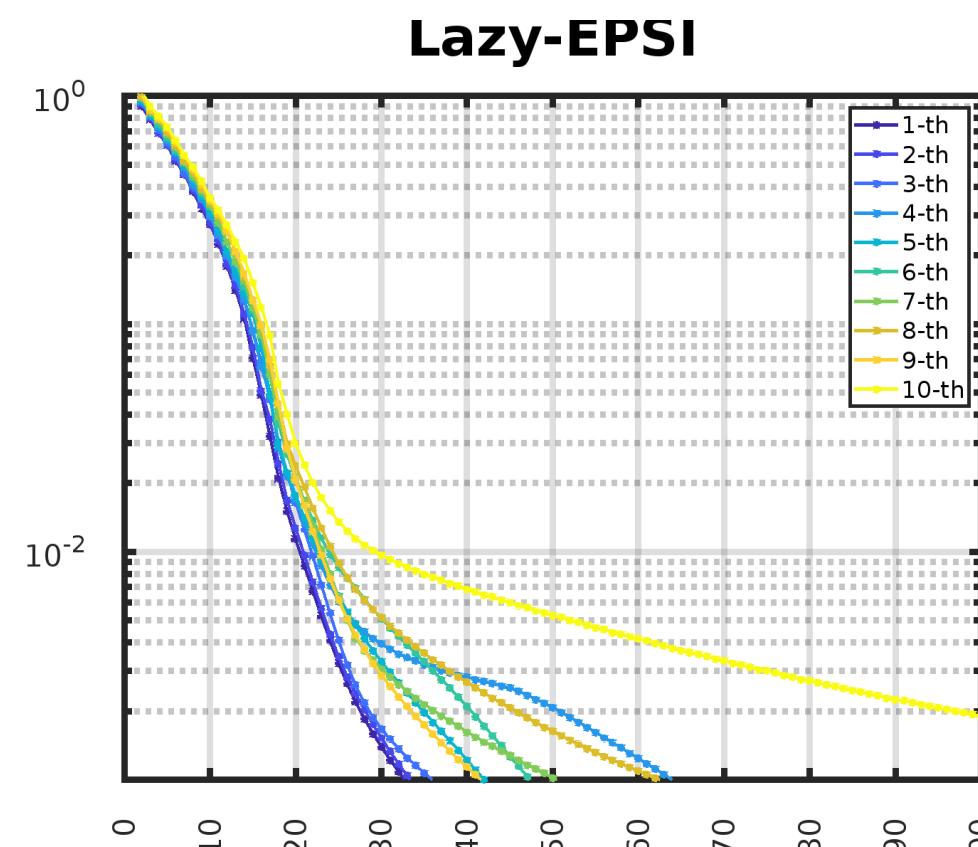
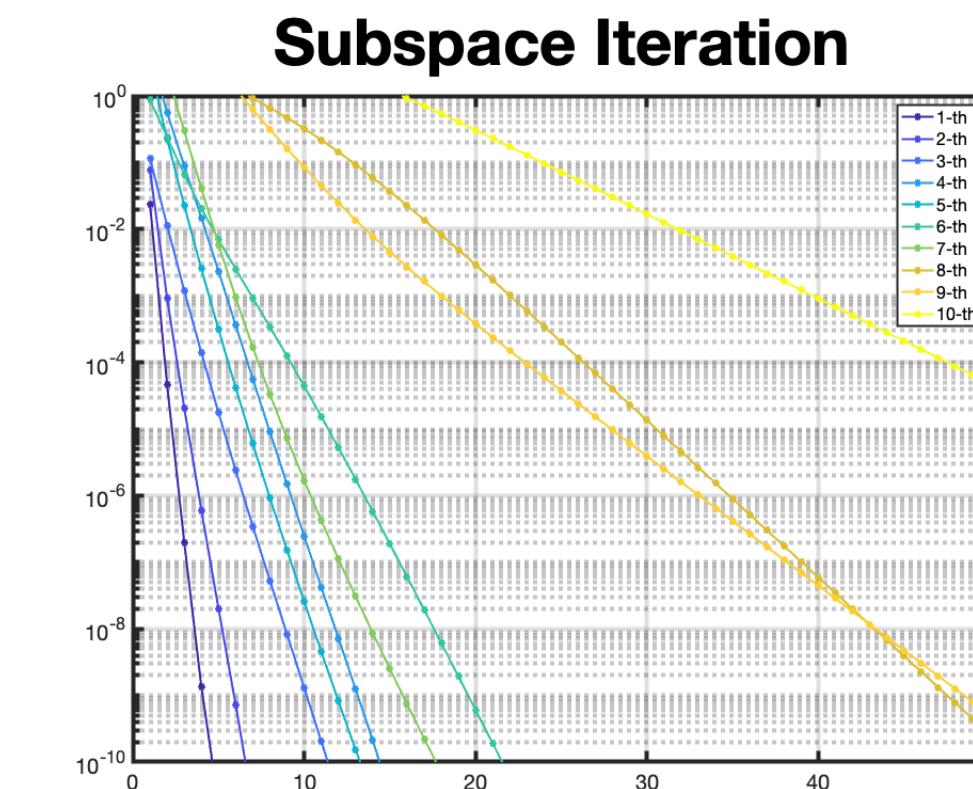
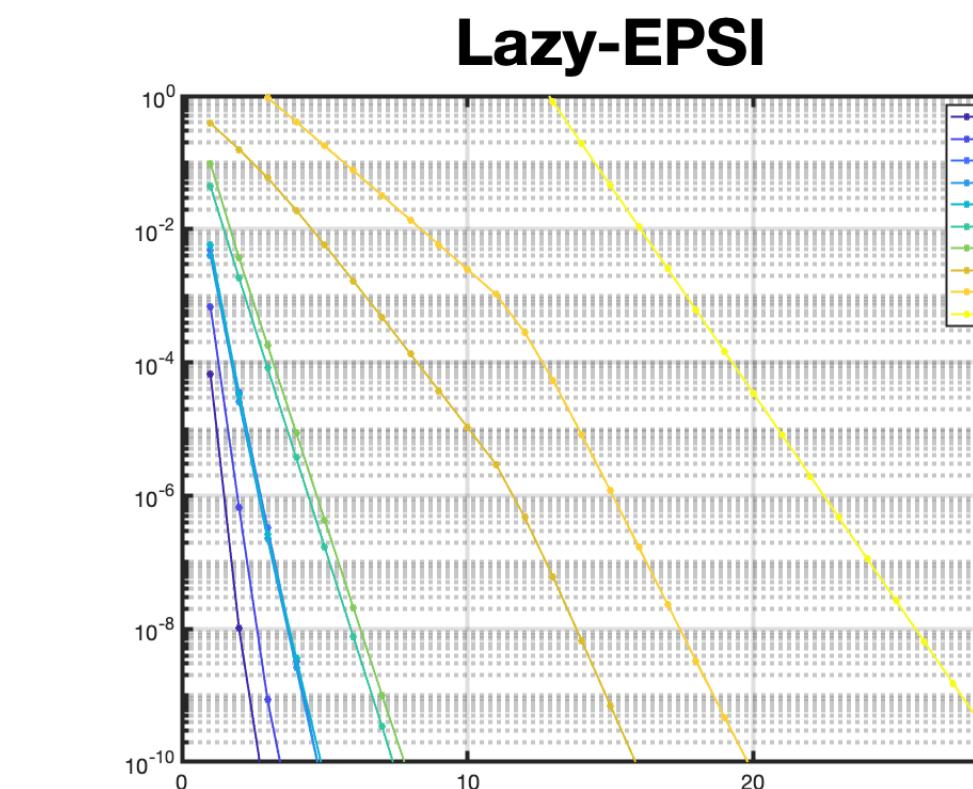
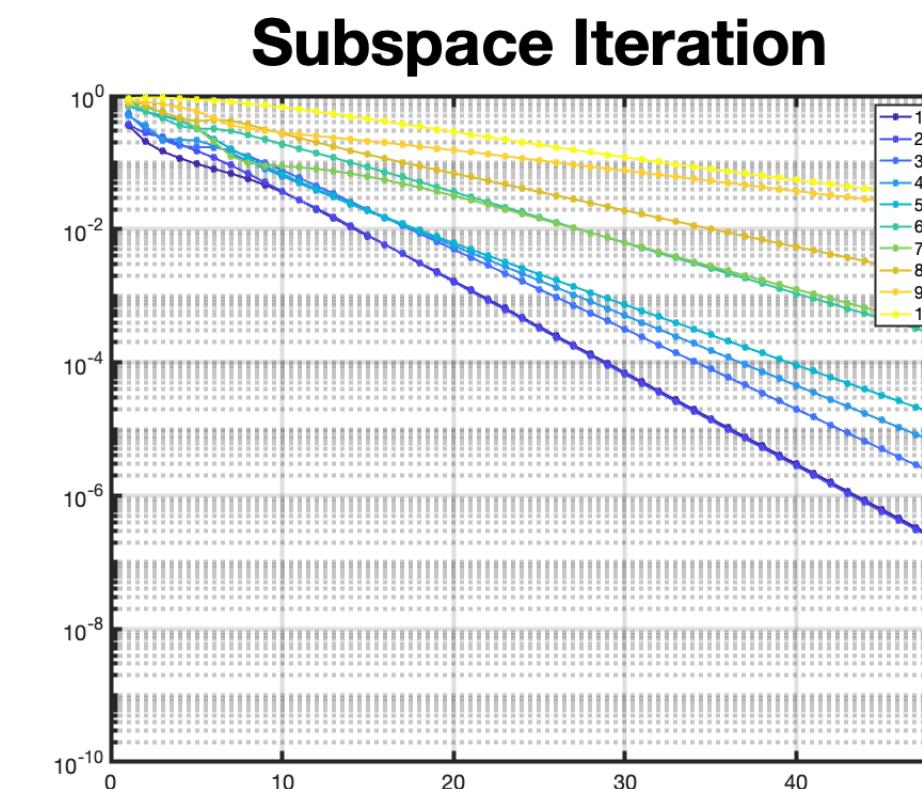
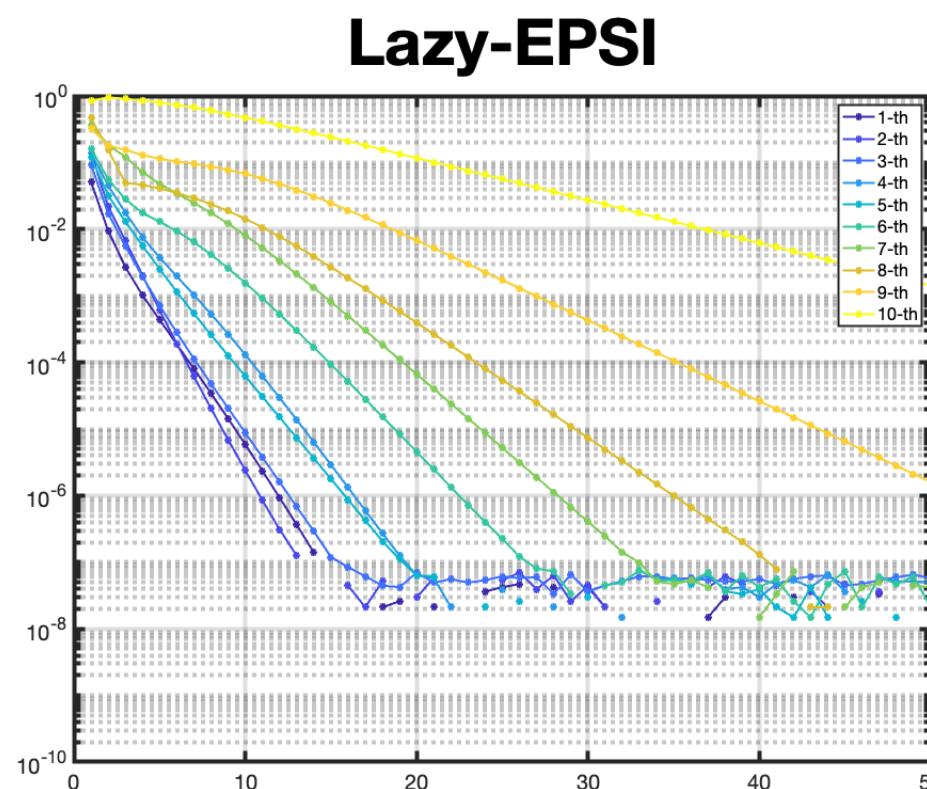


Experimental Results



A has four eigenvalue 1 and then decreasing to 0.1

Eigenvalue Computation



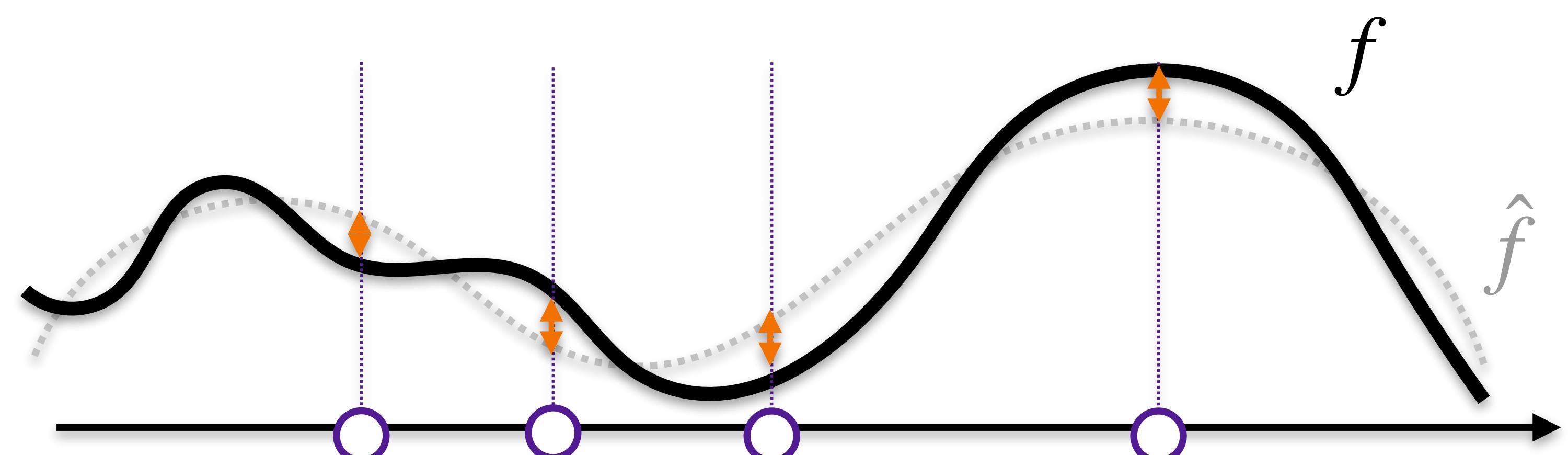
I What is SCaSML about?



$$\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \sim \mathbb{P}_\theta \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow \Phi(\theta)$$

Step 1: Using Machine Learning to fit the rough function/environment

Step 2: Using validation dataset to know how much mistake machine learning algorithm has made



Step 3: Using Simulation algorithm to estimate $\Phi(\theta) - \Phi(\hat{\theta})$



Examples Later!