

# Dynamical Learning: Spectral methods for reducing large datasets with motion

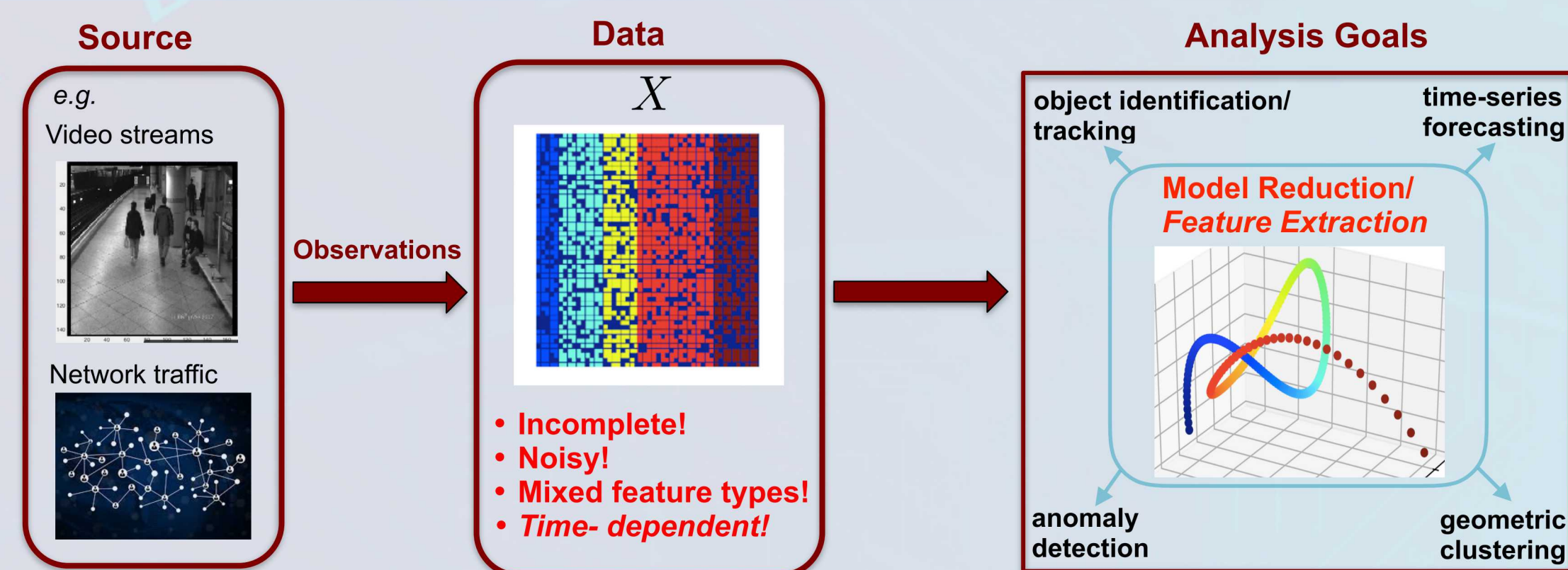
Sandia National Laboratories

A. Kumar\*, I. Mezić†, R. Mohr†, C. Brown†

\* Sandia National Laboratories, California 94551

† Department of Mechanical Engineering, UCSB, California 93106

## Problem



$$N \times N \text{ pixels} \Rightarrow X \in \mathbb{R}^M \quad M \geq N^2 \text{ evolving variables with complex dynamics}$$

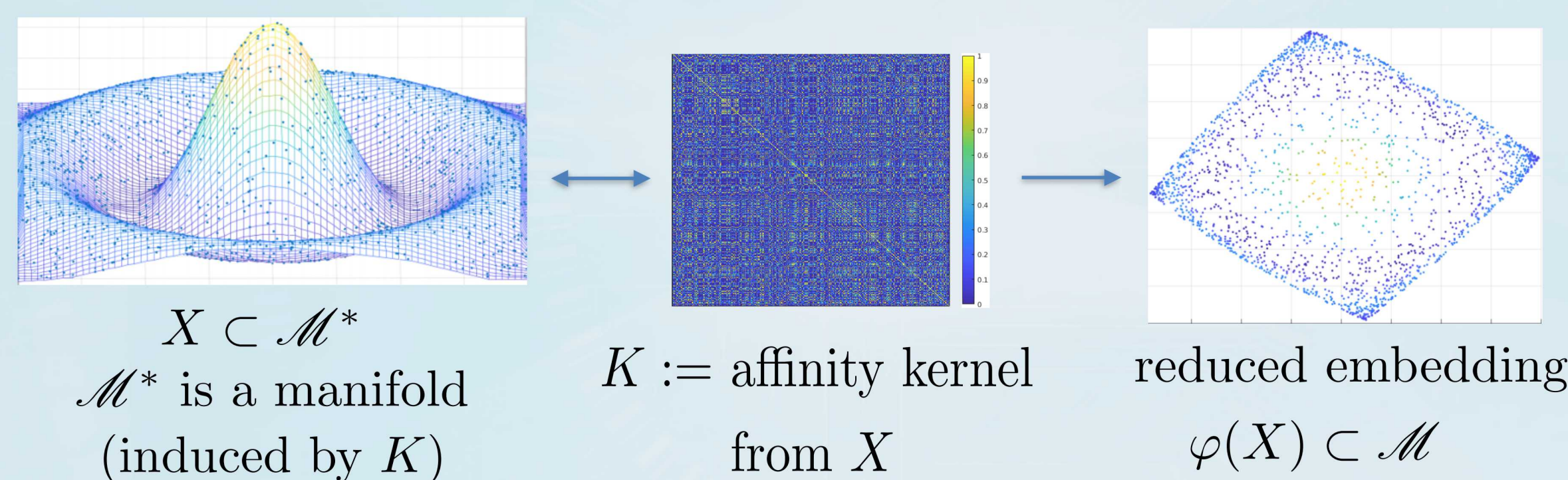
Data has internal structure (spatial) that evolves according to its dynamical characteristics

**Goals:** Develop efficient, data-driven representations of time-dependent datasets with high dimensionality and presence of noise/chaos:  
Spatial dimensionality reduction, with  
Dynamical (temporal) separation & robust evolution

## Approach

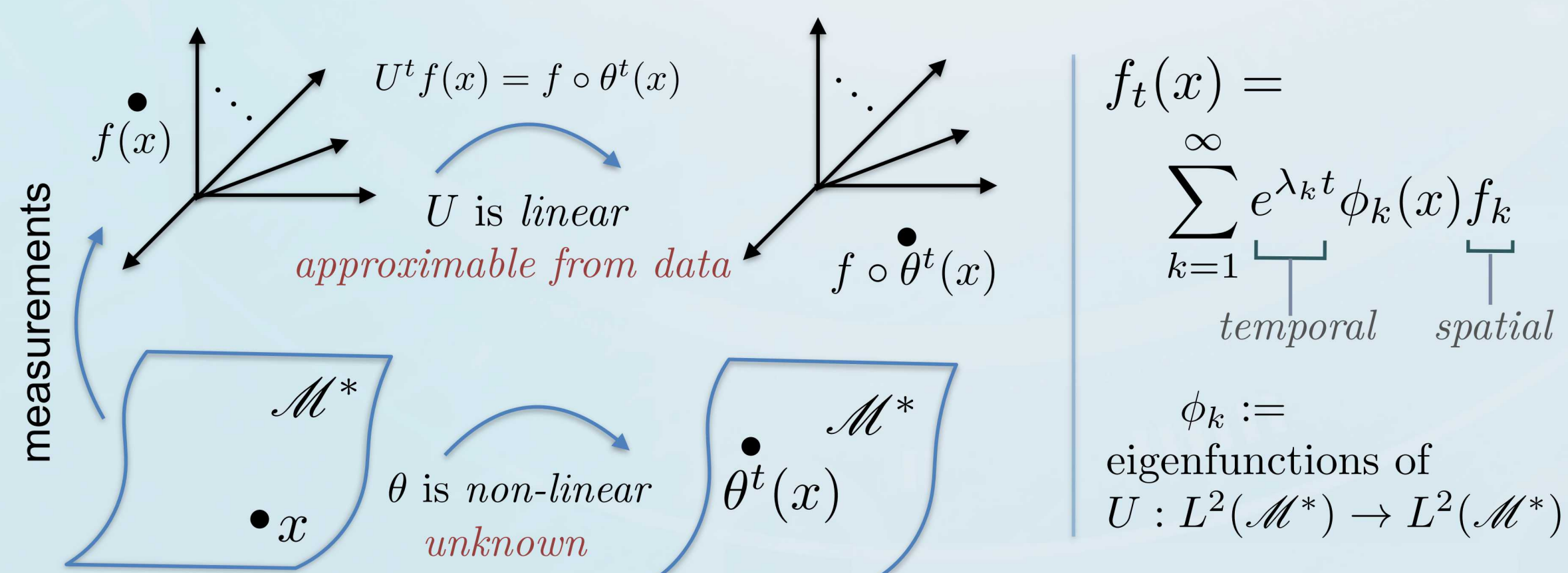
**Hypothesis:** Data with structure has low intrinsic dimensionality and small number of primary governing dynamical features

*Spatial organization & reduction: Manifold learning*



Computation of  $\varphi$  amounts to a low-order eigen-decomposition  
Robust to noise & sampling density; typically,  $\dim(\mathcal{M}) \ll \dim(X)$

*Data-driven dynamical recovery: Koopman theory*



**Approach:** Combine these spectral methods to achieve reduced representations of complex, high-dimensional datasets

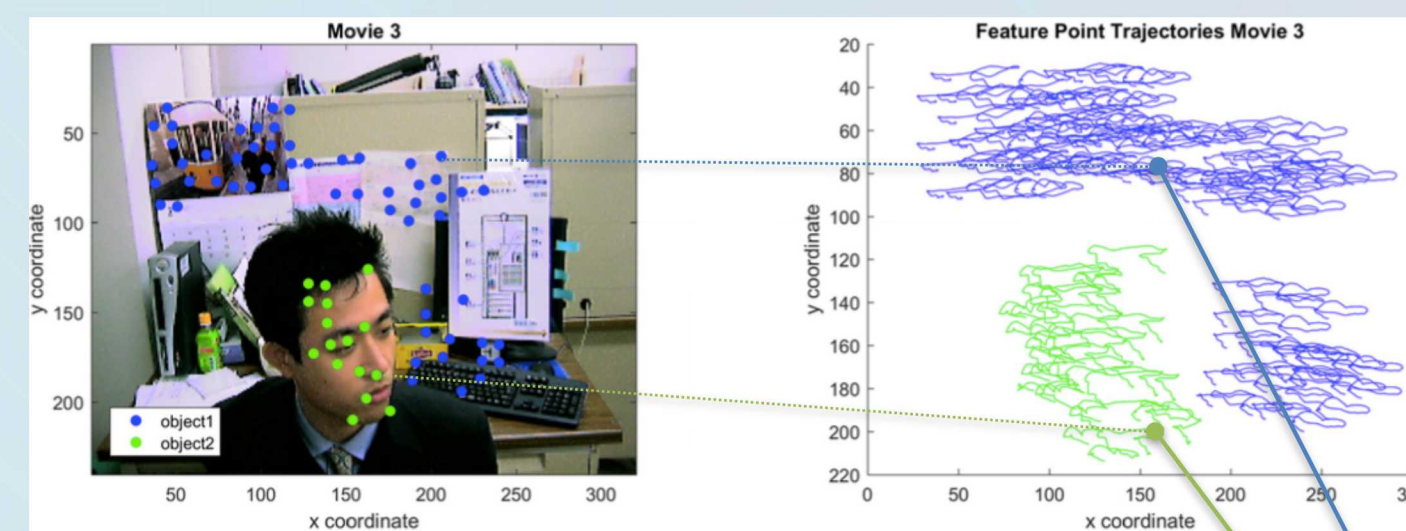
## Results

Techniques reveal structure in video datasets with several motions, allowing decomposition into simpler primitives & lower-dimensional representations

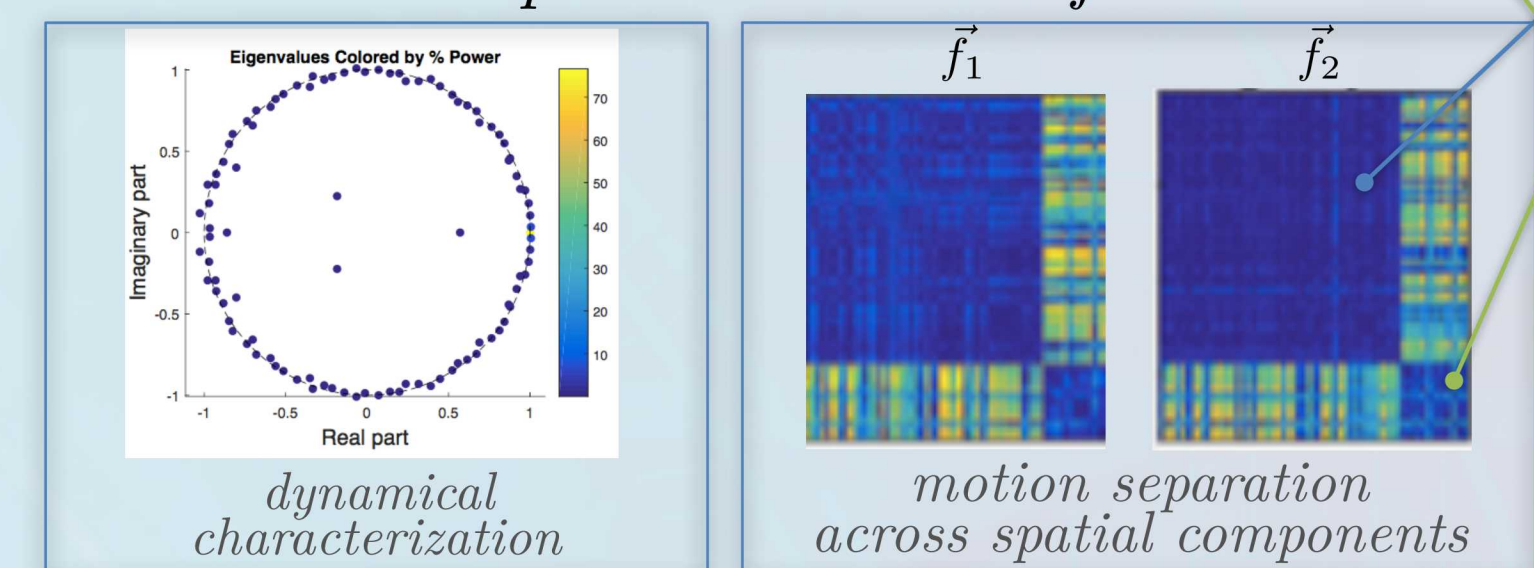
**Method:**  $(X, \theta) \rightarrow ((f^1, \dots, f^m) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \theta)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $((\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n), \vec{f}_k)$   
 $\downarrow$   
Dynamical classification & spatial reduction through manifold learning

Data-driven dynamical feature extraction with application-specific observables  $f^j$

**Application:**



Dynamical clustering:  
Motion separation & classification



Modal structures separate objects by geometry & dynamics

Structural recovery & low-dimensional representation enable efficient identification & tracking of multiple motions

## Significance

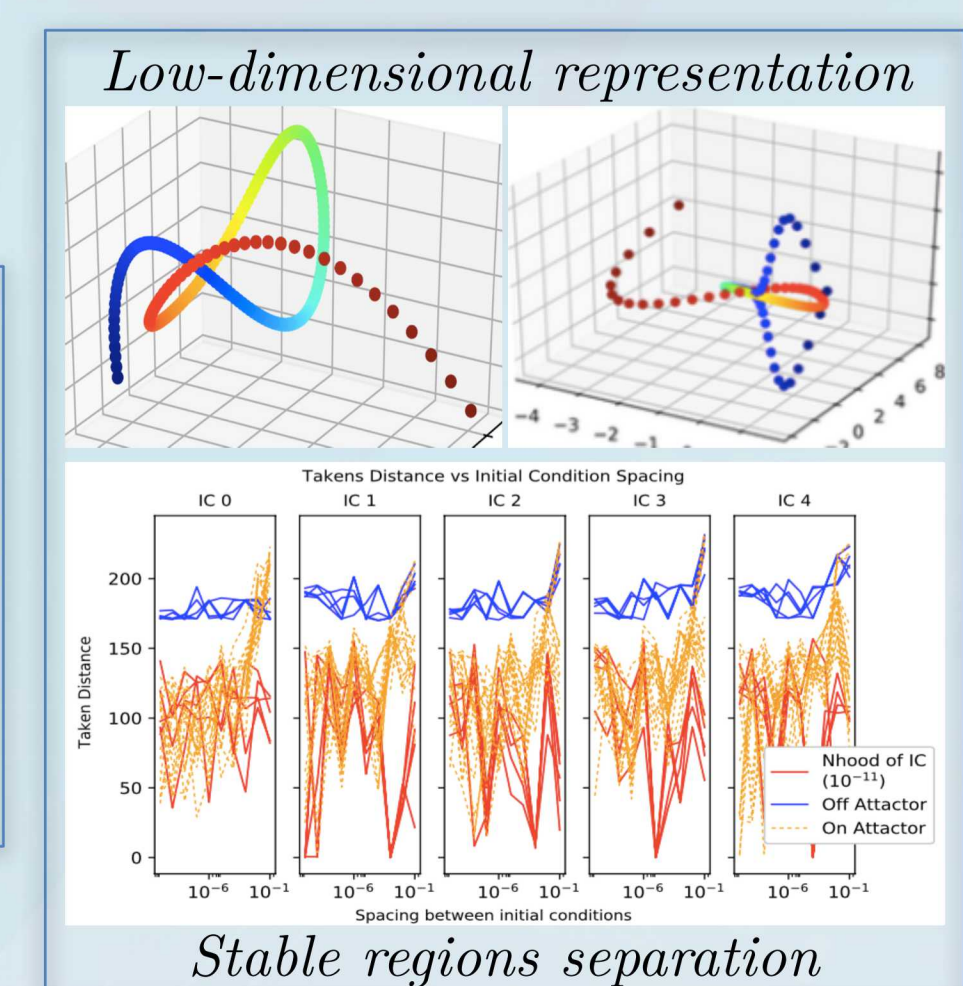
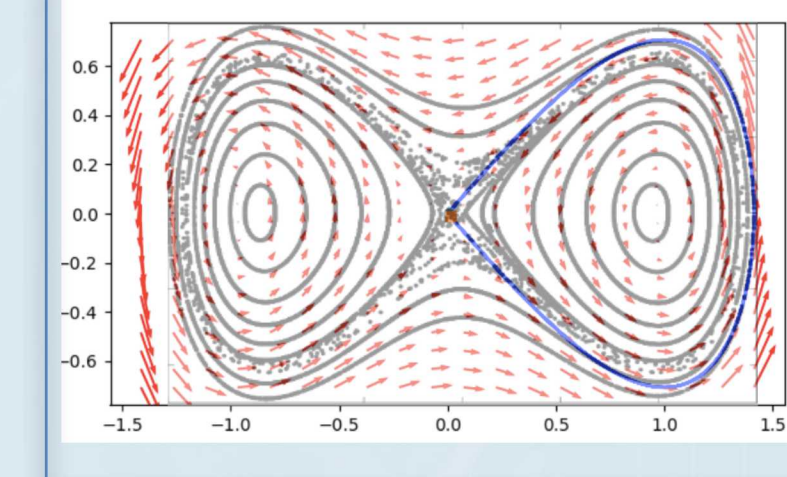
*Algorithms grounded firmly in theory:* framework and theory are kept general so they are effective across analysis on all types of time-dependent datasets; *Application-dependence* is separated into choice of observables & embedding parameters

Results reveal structure in *natural* data, extendible to a *dictionary* between structure in reduced representations & dynamical characteristics

*Wide application space across mission areas:* Fluid dynamics, anomaly detection, pattern classification & tracking, quantum dynamics

**Example:**

*Chaotic systems:*



**Future work:** Extend to datasets with *implicit* time-dependence & complex *small-scale* dynamics through *local-to-global* principles

**Funding:** Laboratory Directed Research & Development, Computing Information Sciences