

# Mathematicians meet Machine Learning

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# Self Introduction



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2000 Ph.D. The University of Tokyo

2001–2008 Nagoya University

2008— Keio University

Speciality: **Arithmetic Geometry** *pure mathematics*

- Various realizations of Polylogarithms
- Special Values of Hasse-Weil L-functions
- Bloch-Beilinson-Kato Conjecture

2016— RIKEN AIP/ Team Leader

# Today

- RIKEN AIP
- Research conducted by our team
- Some Thoughts

RIKEN AIP

# RIKEN (理化学研究所)

Research Institute dedicated to fundamental research in the natural sciences, including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Medicine, Engineering, Informatics & more recently, Mathematics



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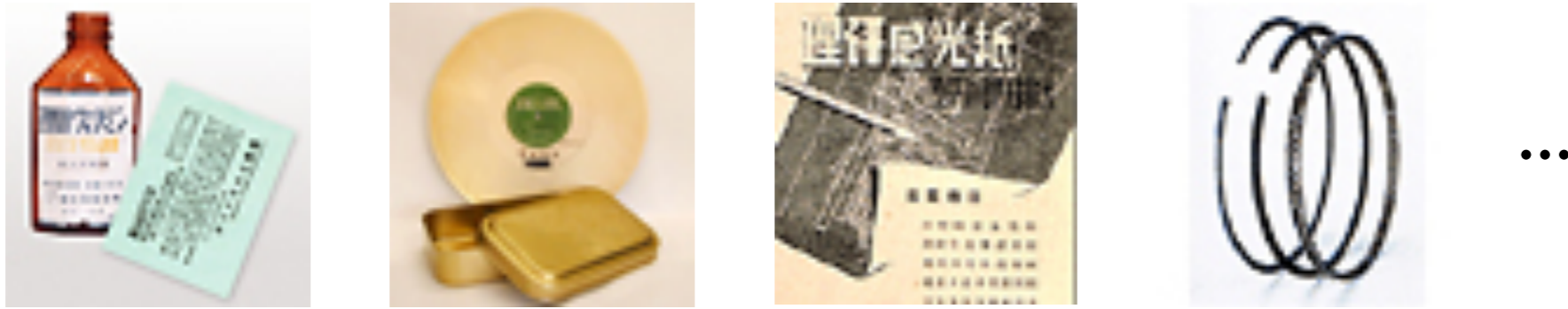
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# RIKEN (理化学研究所)

Founded in 1917

Tradition of Autonomy for Researchers  
“Paradise for Researchers”



Gave rise to many companies:



# RIKEN & Mathematics



Dairoku Kikuchi

1917

2016



**ITHEMS** Interdisciplinary Theoretical and Mathematical  
Sciences Program (Extension of **ITHES**)

**AIP** Center for Advanced Intelligence Project

# RIKEN AIP

## MEXT AIP Project

April 2016

March 2026



### Mission

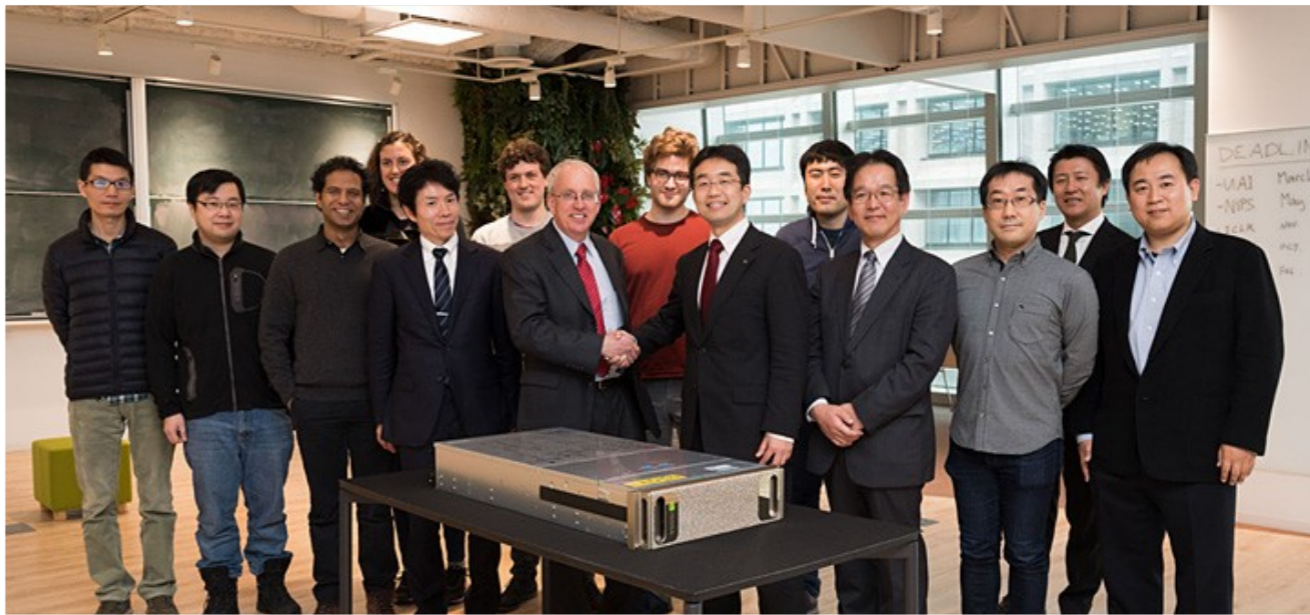
- Develop Next-Generation AI Technology
- Accelerate Scientific Research
- Solve Socially Critical Problems
- Consider Ethical, Legal and Social issues of AI
- Develop Next Generation of AI researchers



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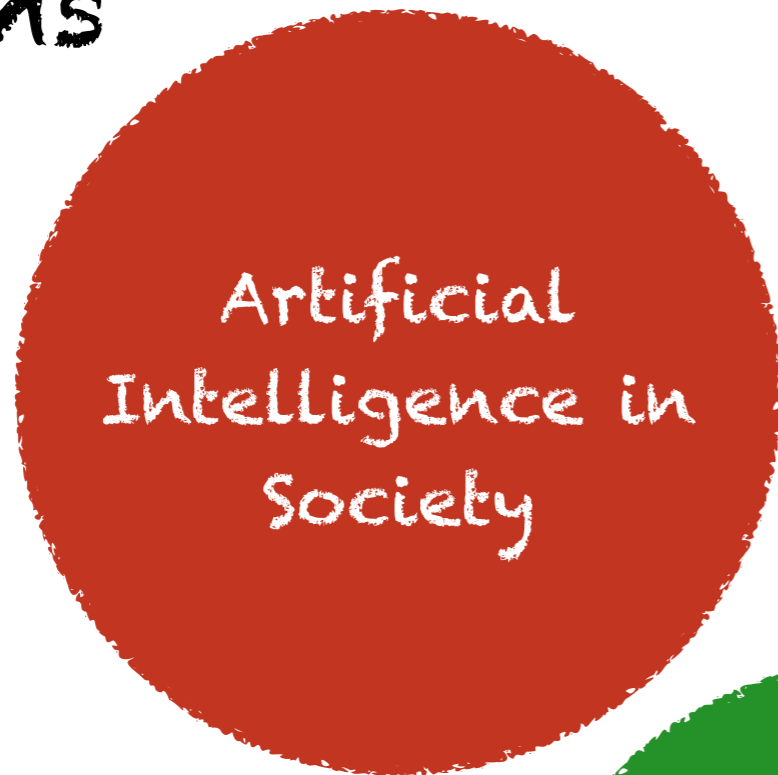


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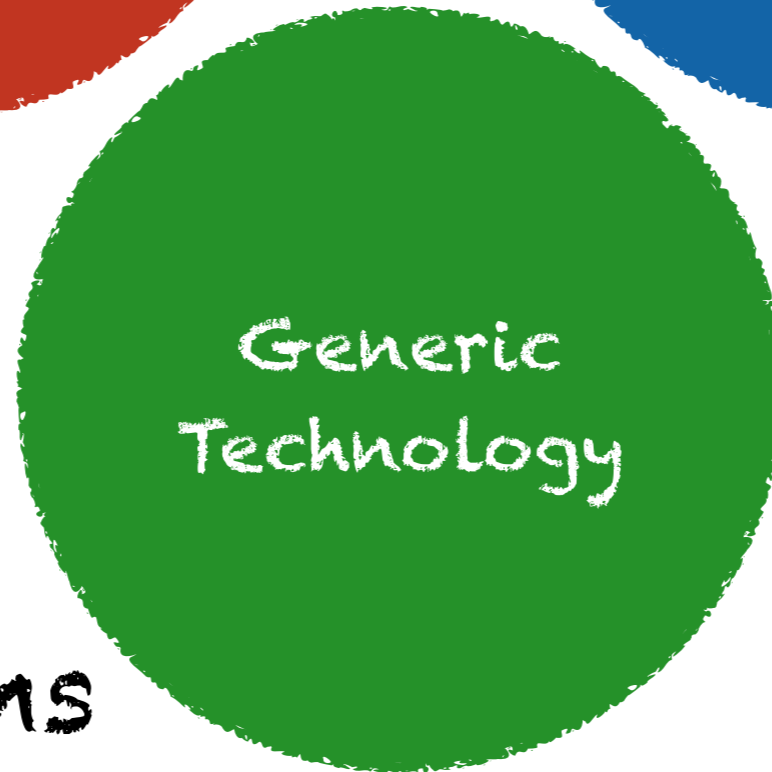


# RIKEN AIP

7 Teams



19 Teams

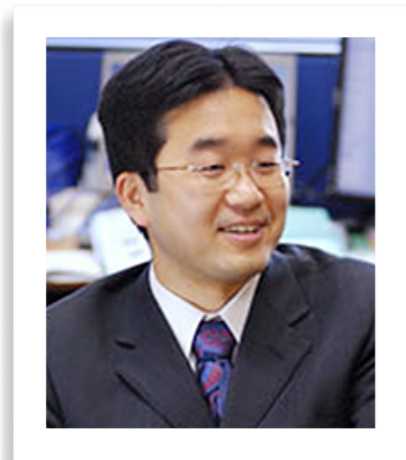


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16 Teams

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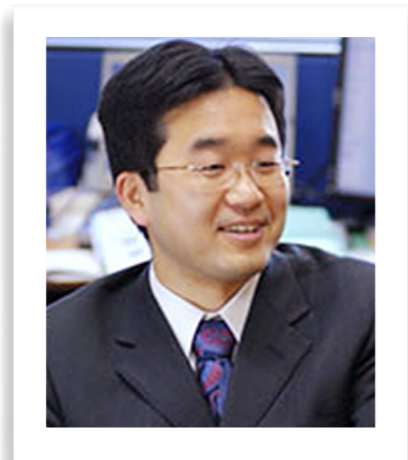
2016 No Experience  
except pure  
mathematics



Masashi Sugiyama  
Director AIP

Please organize a team of  
mathematicians to achieve a  
breakthrough in AI

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Behind each breakthrough,  
a mathematical theory

Statistical Inference

Optimization Theory

Manifold Theory



Machine  
Learning

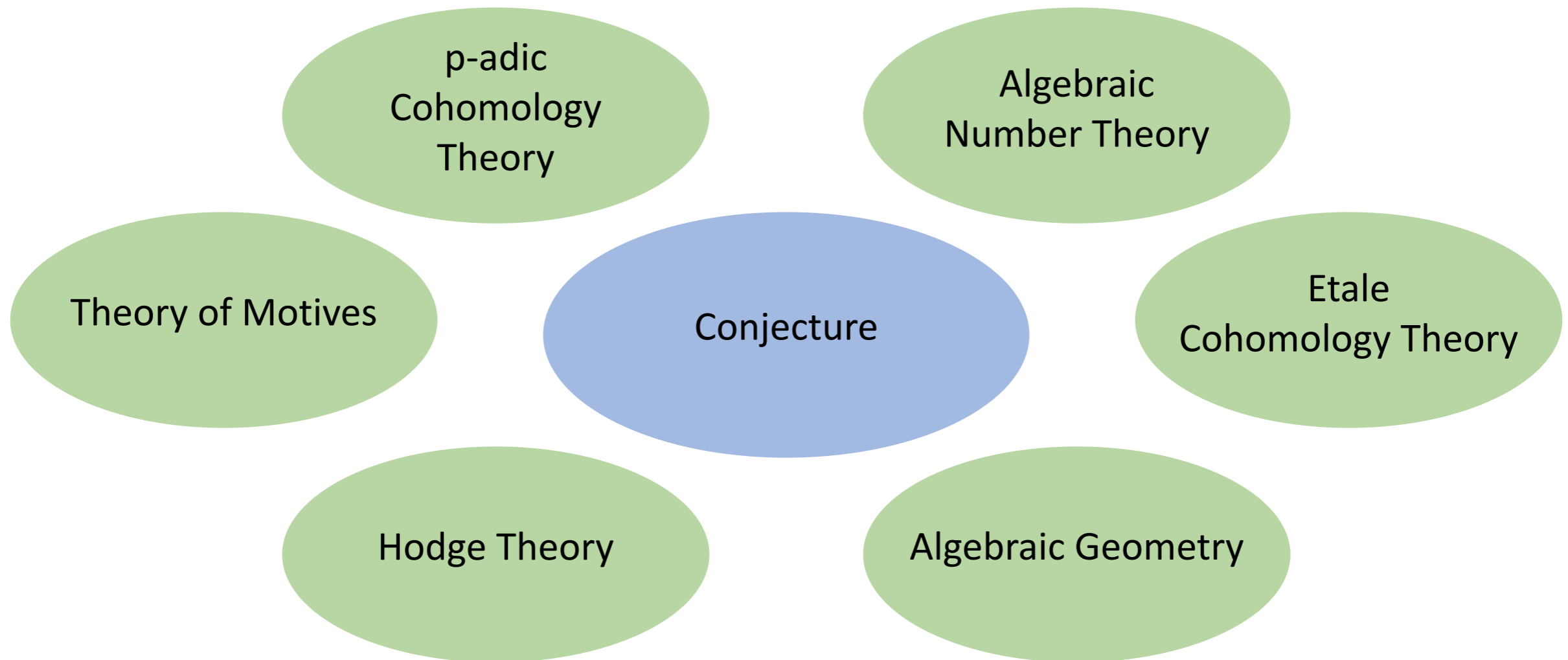


Breakthrough with New Mathematical Theory ?!

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## Bloch-Beilinson-Kato Conjecture

**Pure Mathematics** Special Values of L-functions of Algebraic Varieties

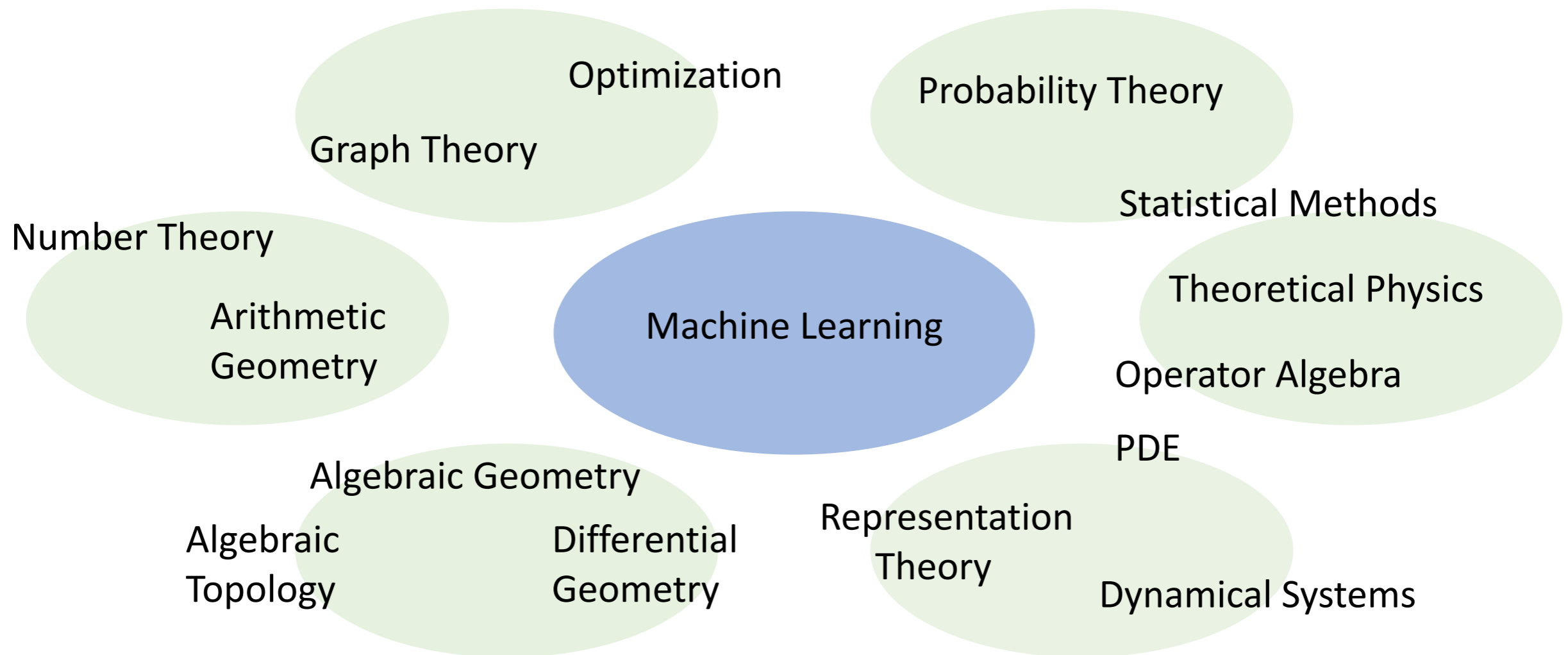


**Collaborative Research** with Experts of Different Fields

# RIKEN AIP

## Machine Learning

**Machine Learning** Fundamental Problems in Machine Learning



**Collaborative Research** with Experts of Different Fields

# The Team

## **Research Scientist/Postdoctoral Researcher**

K. Hagihara (Arithmetic Geometry)

M. Ikeda (PDE)

T. Kuwahara (Mathematical Physics)

A. Sannai (Algebraic Geometry)

K. Tojo (Representation Theory)

## **RIKEN SPDR (Own Research)**

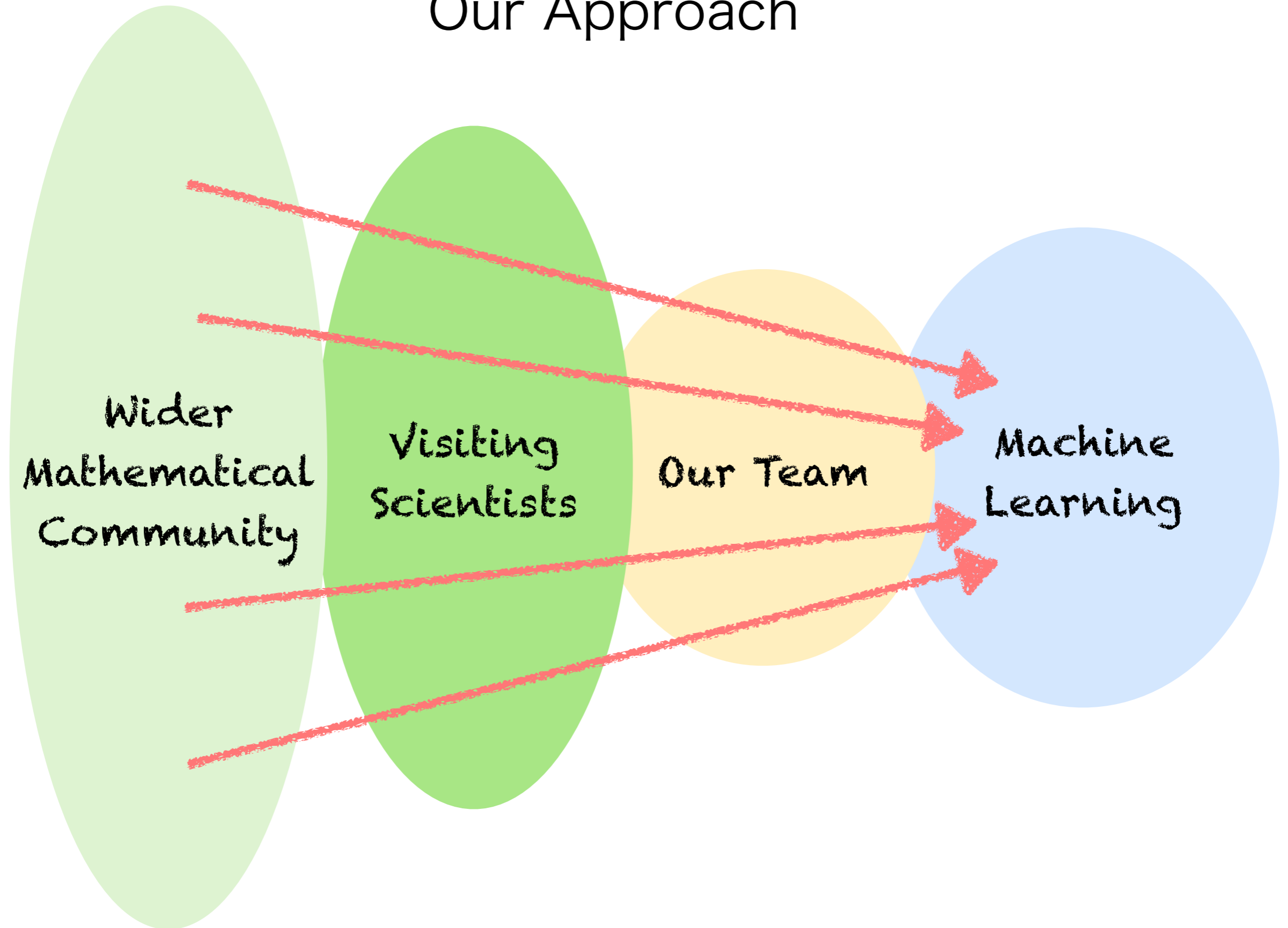
E. Kiral (Analytic Number Theory)

D. Takeuchi (Arithmetic Geometry)

R. Sakamoto (Number Theory)

**6 Ph.D. Students, Over 13 visiting scientists** in Arithmetic Geometry, Algebraic Topology, Differential Geometry, Graph Theory, Dynamical Systems, Real Analysis, Probability Theory, Optimization, Statistics

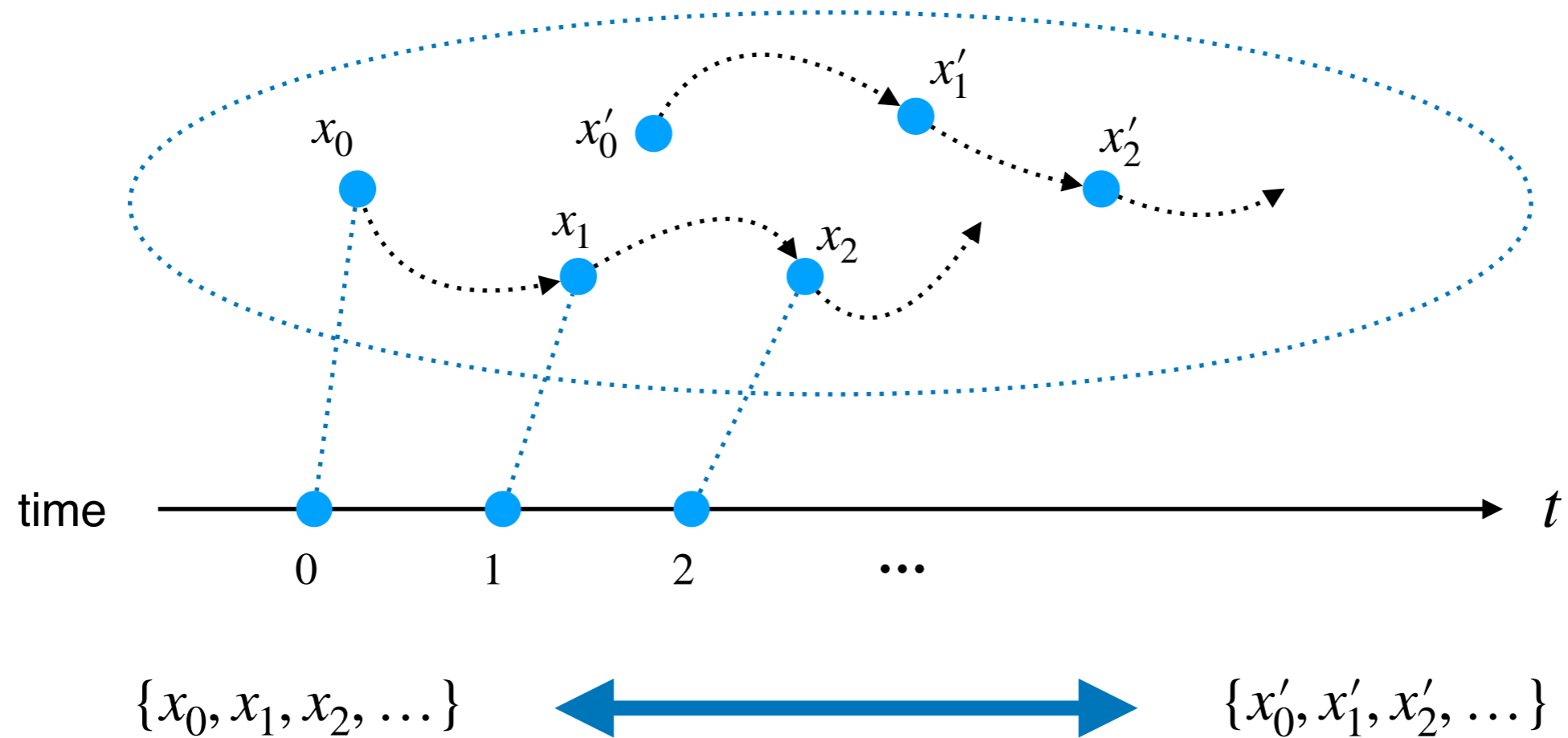
# Our Approach





# First Example

## Times Series Data



**How different?**

# First Example

## Times Series Data

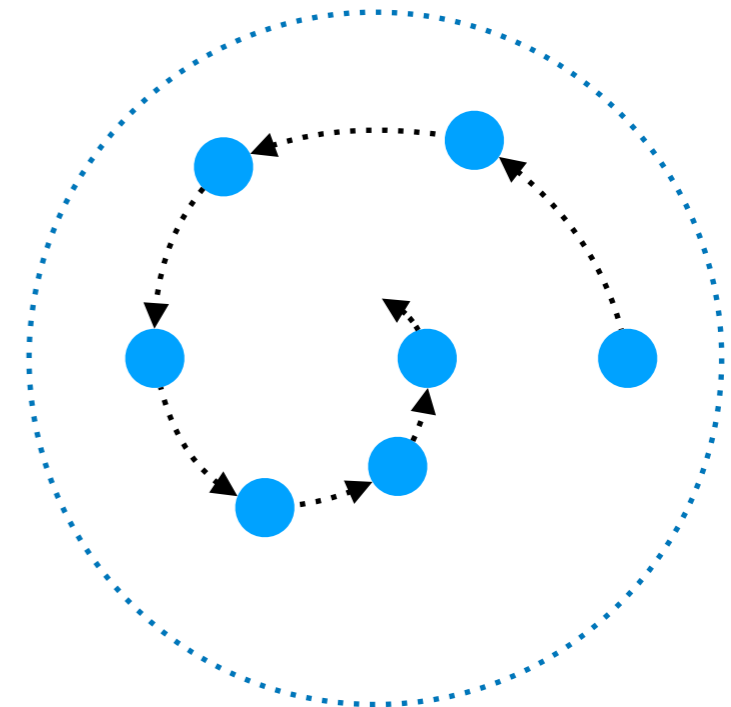
**Linear** and **Stable** case

$$x_{n+1} = Ax_n$$

Martin, *A Metric for ARMA Processes*,  
IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing,  
VOL. 48, NO. 4, APRIL 2000

K. De Cock and B. De Moor, Subspace angles  
between ARMA models, *Systems & Control  
Letters*, 46:4 (2002), pp. 265–270.

Example: Converging  
Rotation



Defined “distance” or “angle” measuring  
the difference of time-series data

**non-Linear** or **non-Stable** case?

# First Example

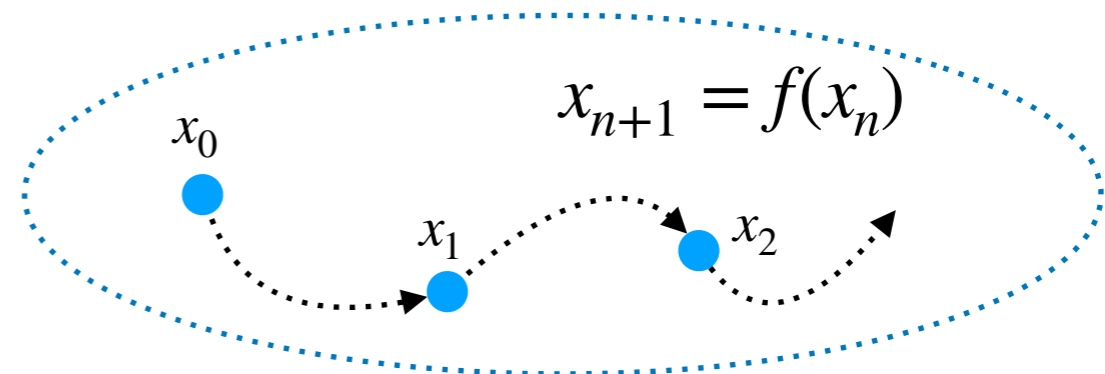
## Times Series Data

**non-Linear** or **non-Stable** case?

Dynamical System

**non-Linear**

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AIP Kawahara TL

- Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS)
- Koopman/Perron-Frobenius Operator

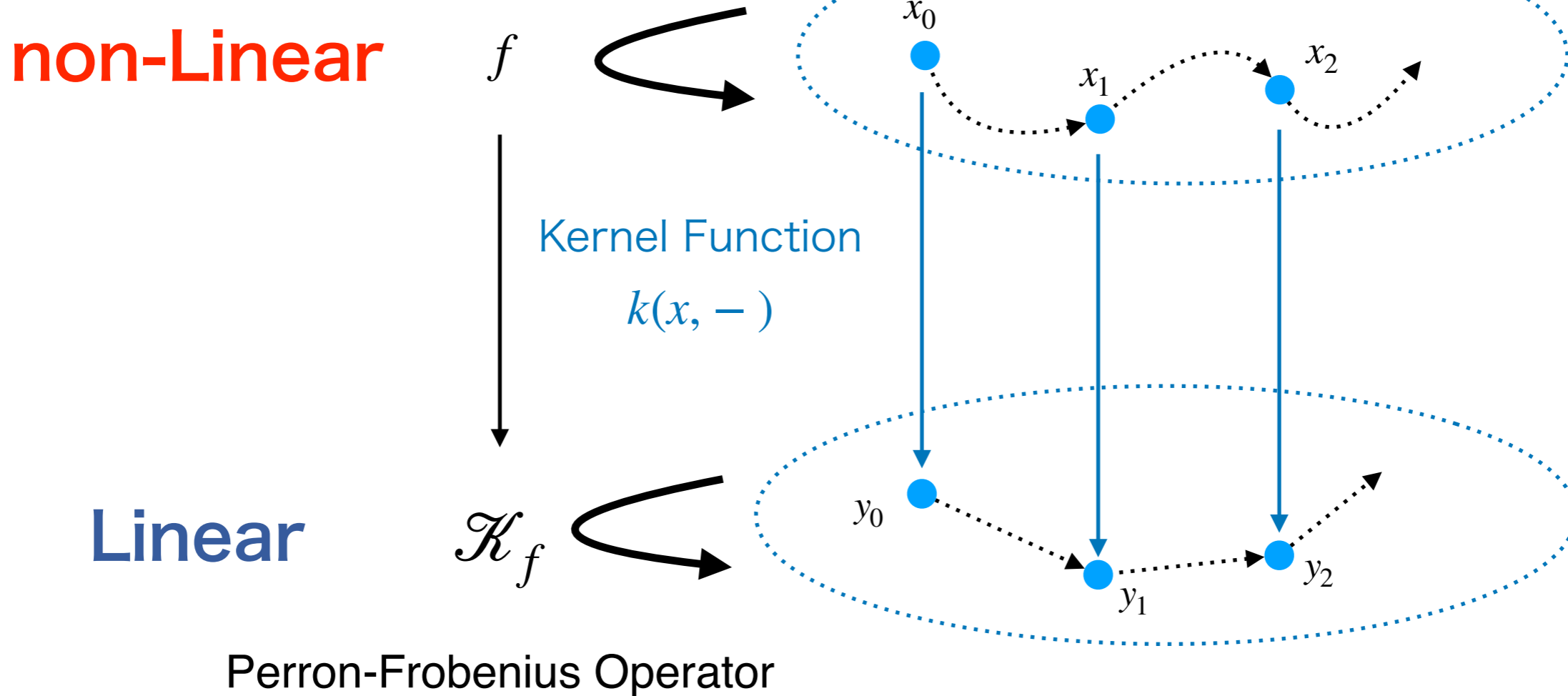
Y. Kawahara, Dynamic Mode Decomposition with Reproducing Kernels for Koopman Spectral Analysis, NeurIPS2016

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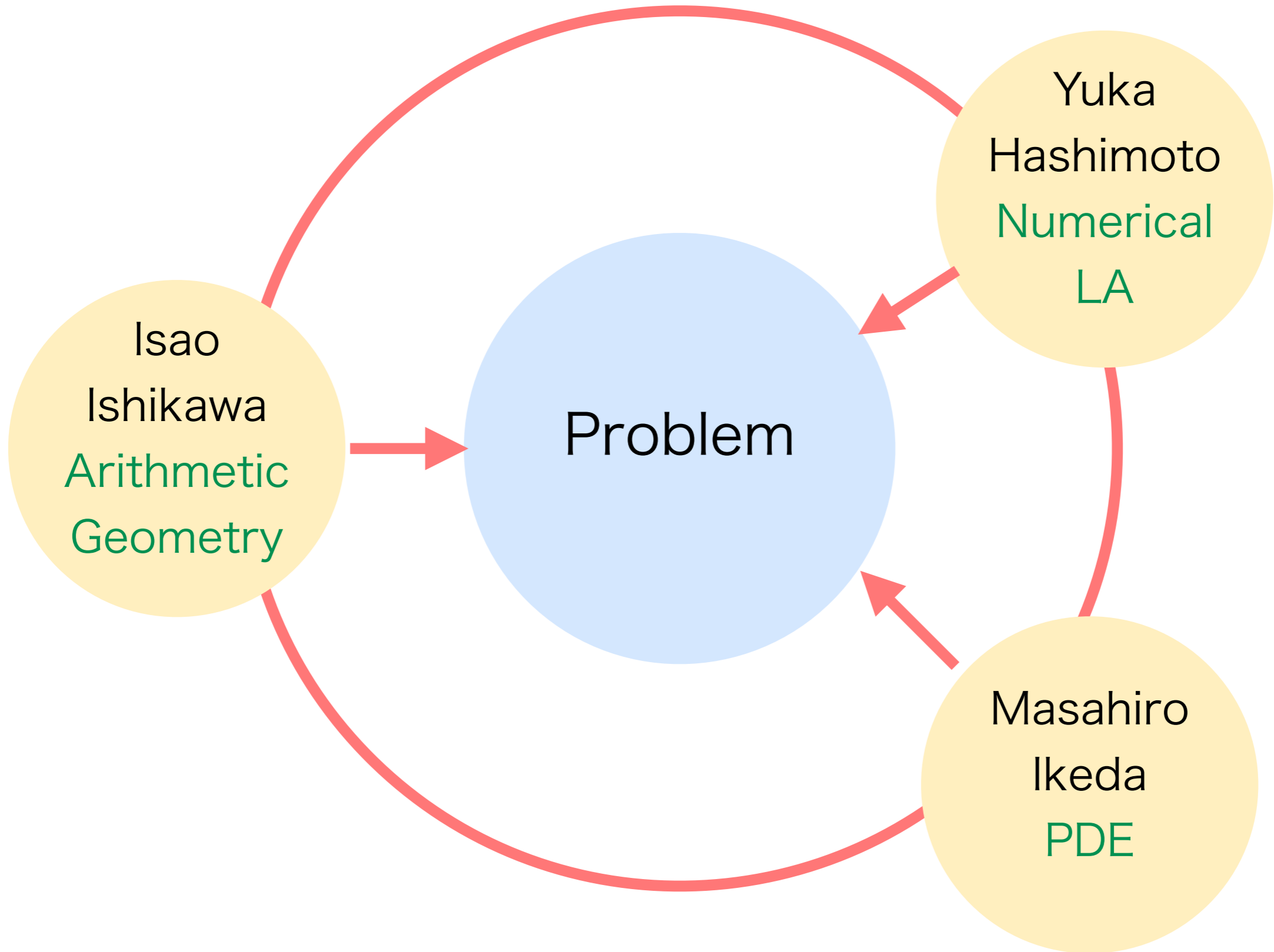
Times Series Data

**non-Linear** or **non-Stable** case?

Dynamical System



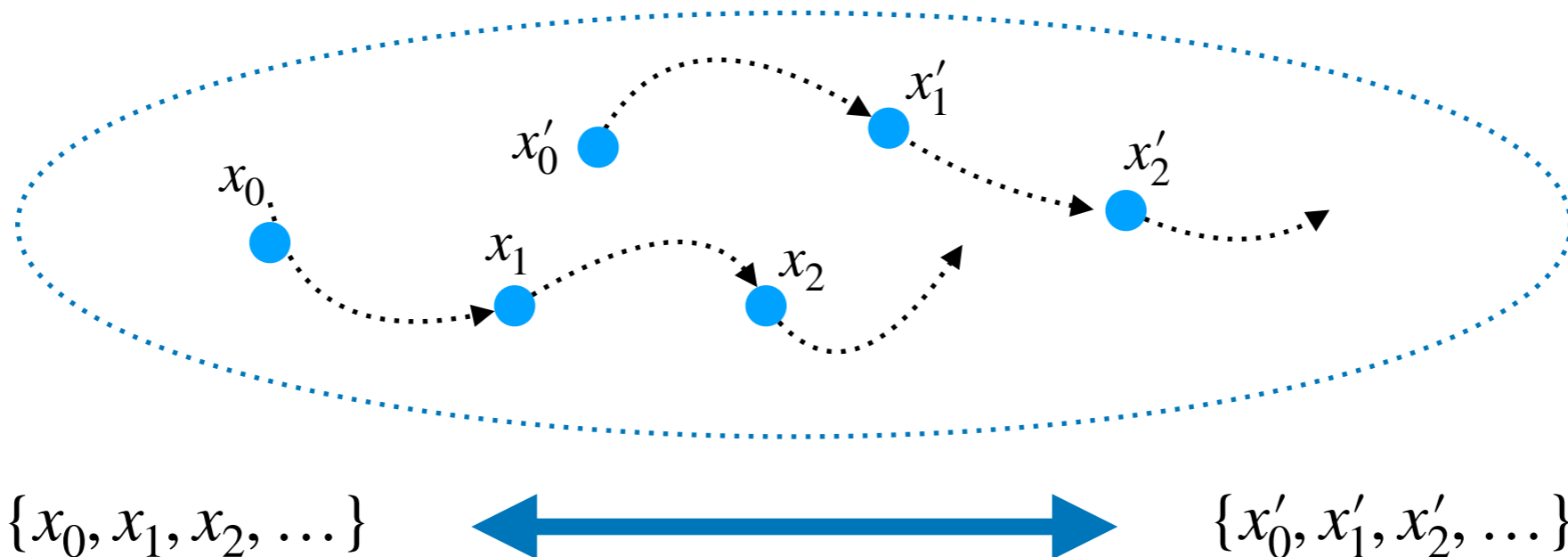
# First Example



# First Example

## Times Series Data

**non-Linear** or **non-Stable** case?



**Succeeded in Defining “distance”**

$$A_m(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A_m^t(\{x_0, \dots, x_t\}, \{x'_0, \dots, x'_t\})$$

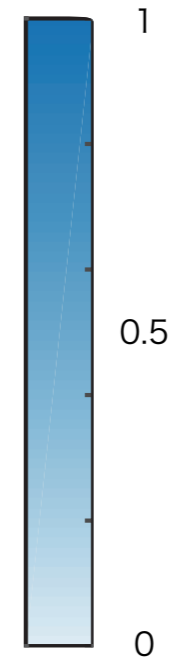
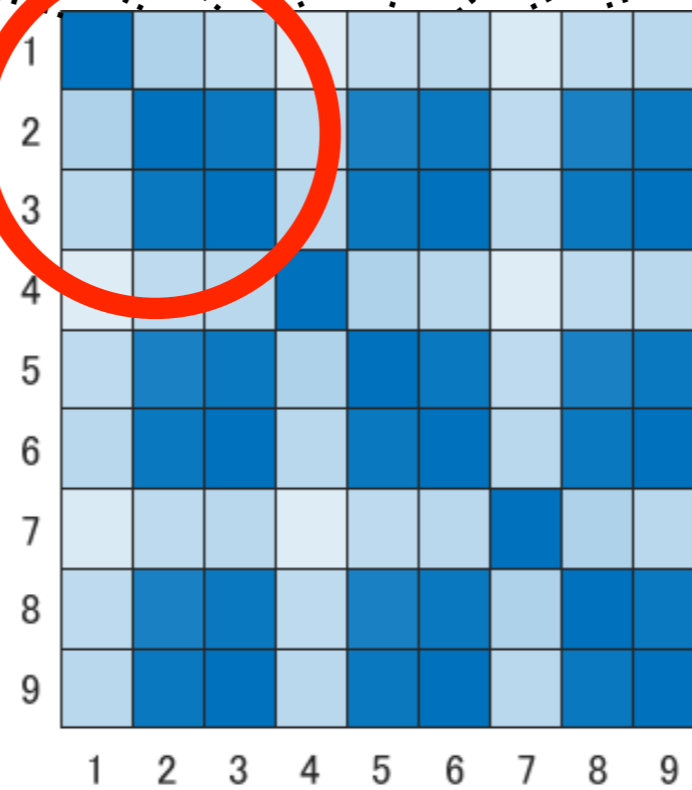
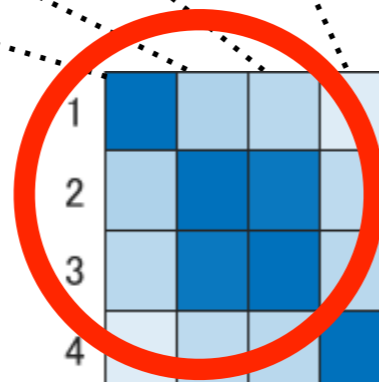
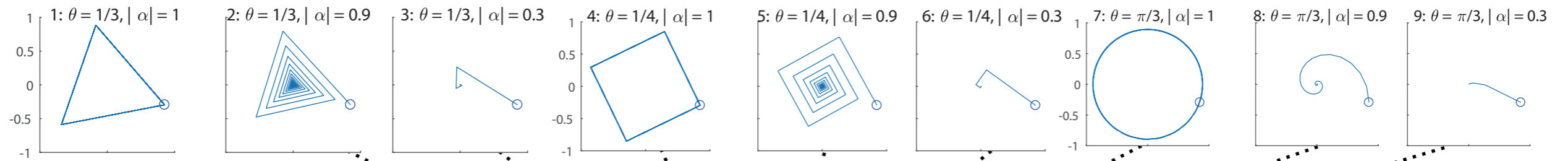


I. Ishikawa

I. Ishikawa, K. Fujii, M. Ikeda, Y. Hashimoto and Y. Kawahara,  
~~Metric on Nonlinear Dynamical Systems with Perron-Frobenius Operators~~,  
NeurIPS2018

Awarded 2019 RIKEN Ohbu Prize (理研櫻舞賞)

# Experimental Results

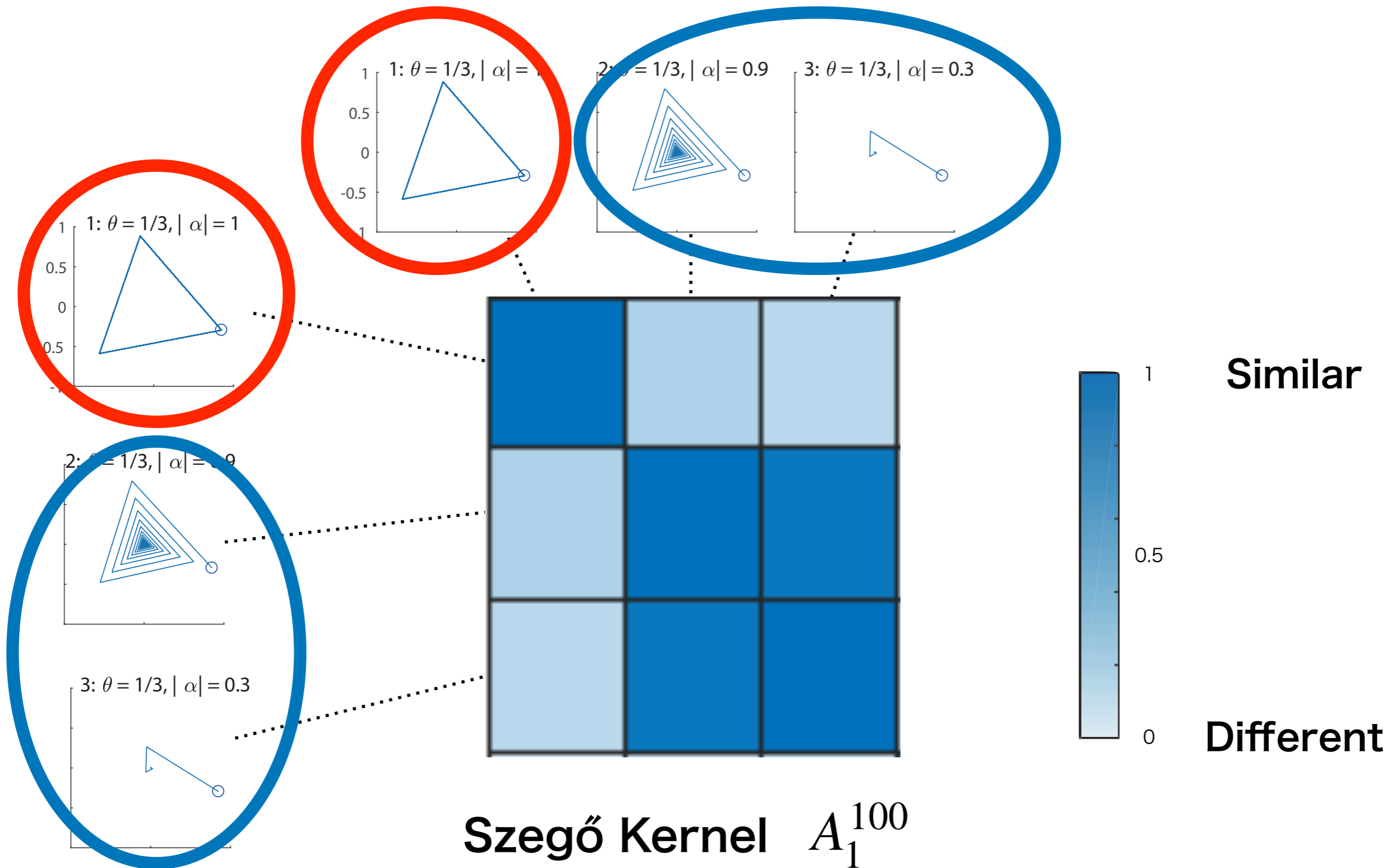


**Similar**

**Different**

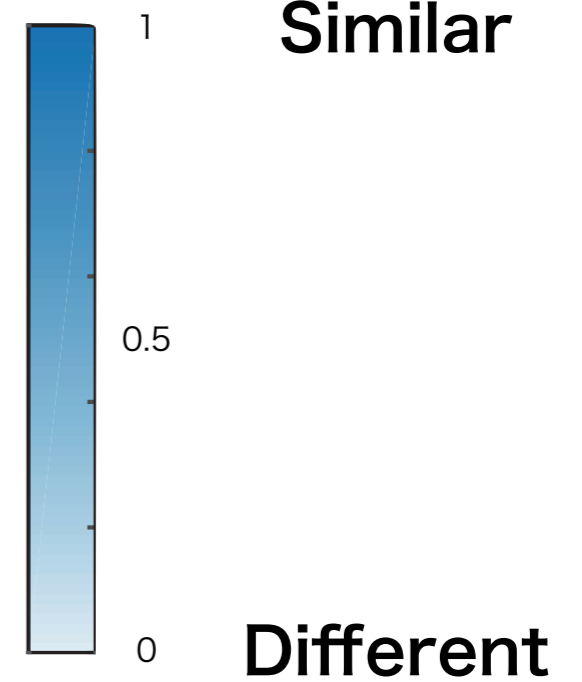
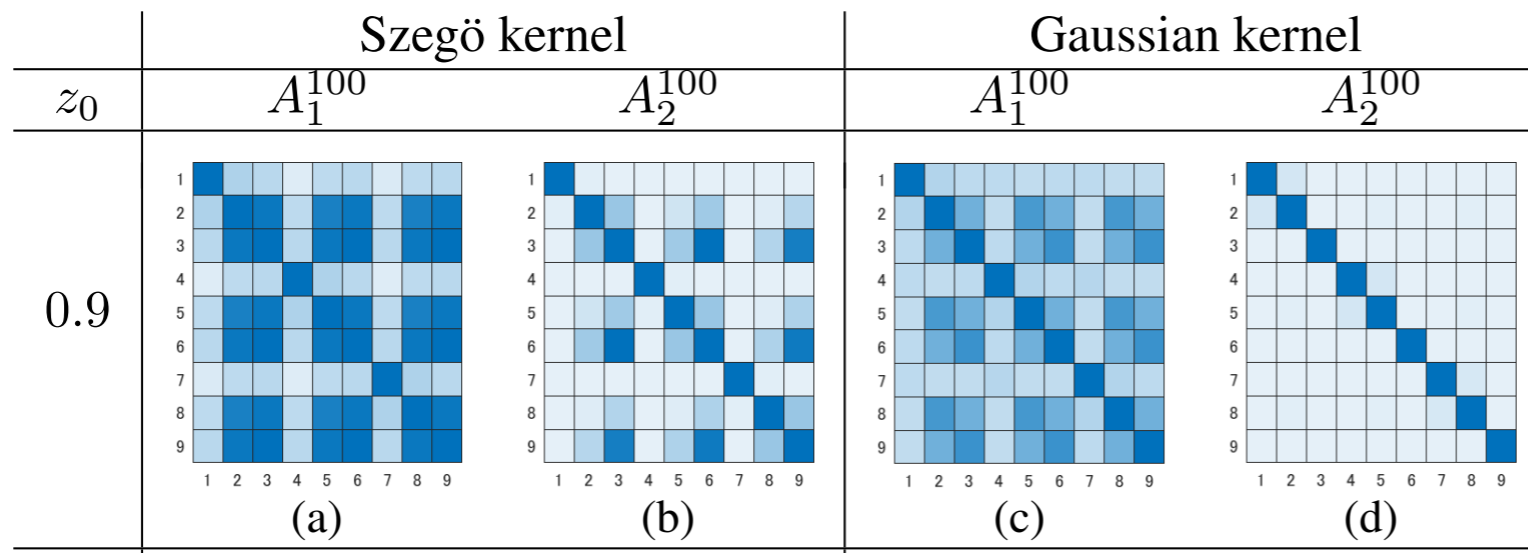
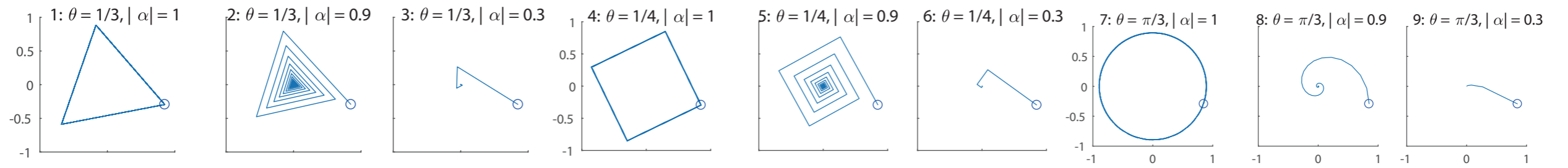
**Szegő Kernel  $A_1^{100}$**

# Experimental Results





# Experimental Results



# Development

## Times Series Data



Kawahara CREST



CREST: Operator theoretic data analysis of complicated dynamics and its integrated utilization with mathematical models  
FY2019—2024 (Oct. 2019—March 2025)

## Relation to Higher Mathematics

- $C^*$ -algebras
- Boundedness of Operators
- Random Noise (Probability Theory)

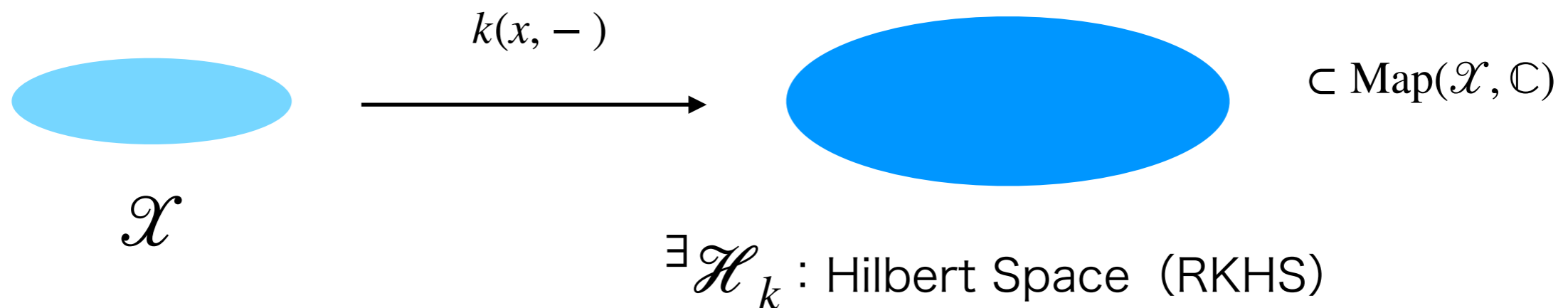
# Recent

## Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS)

**Def.**  $\mathcal{X}$ : set,  $k: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  : positive definite kernel

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{(i) } k(x, y) = \overline{k(y, x)}$$

$$\text{(ii) } \sum_{i,j=1}^n \bar{c}_i k(x_i, x_j) c_j \geq 0 \text{ for any } x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}, c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{C}$$



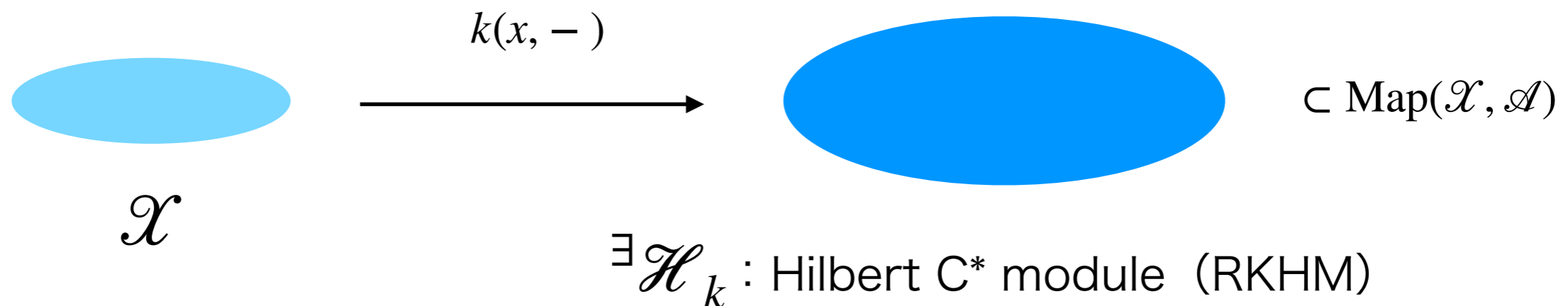
# Recent

## Reproducing Kernel Hilbert $C^*$ module (RKHM)

**Def.**  $\mathcal{X}$ : set,  $k: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$   $\mathcal{A}$  :  $C^*$  algebra

(i)  $k(x, y) = k(y, x)^*$

(ii)  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n c_i^* k(x_i, x_j) c_j \geq 0$  for any  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}, c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{C}$



+ Takeshi Katura, Fuyuta Komura

# $C^*$ algebra

## Def ( $C^*$ algebra)

- $\mathcal{A}$  :  $C^*$  algebra  $\Leftrightarrow$
- (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  : Banach Algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$
  - (ii)  $\exists$  involution  $*$ :  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$
  - (iii)  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \quad a \in \mathcal{A}, \quad (\lambda a)^* = \bar{\lambda} a^*$
  - (iv)  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A} \quad \|aa^*\|_{\mathcal{A}} = \|a\|_{\mathcal{A}} \|a^*\|_{\mathcal{A}}$

Example  $\mathcal{A} = M_n(\mathbb{C}) \quad A^* := \overline{A^t} \quad \forall A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$

Bounded operators on Hilbert space  
von Neumann algebras

First Idea: Replace  $\mathbb{C}$  by  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$

# Hilbert $C^*$ modules

$\mathcal{A}$  :  $C^*$  algebra     $\mathcal{M}$  : right  $\mathcal{A}$  module

**Def** ( $\mathcal{A}$  inner product on  $\mathcal{M}$ )

$\langle -, - \rangle : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  : inner product  $\Leftrightarrow$  (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  bilinear

$$(ii) \langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle^* \quad \forall u, v \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$(iii) \langle u, u \rangle \geq 0, \quad \langle u, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$$

Norm  $\|u\| := \|\langle u, u \rangle\|_{\mathcal{A}}^{1/2}$  gives distance (topology) on  $\mathcal{M}$

**Def** (Hilbert  $C^*$  module)

$\mathcal{A}$  module with  $\mathcal{A}$  inner product, whose topology is complete

# Representer Theorem

## Thm (Representer Theorem)

$\mathcal{A}$  : von Neuman algebra

$\mathcal{X}$  : set,  $k: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  : positive definite kernel

$\mathcal{H}_k \subset \text{Hom}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$  : Hilbert  $C^*$ -module

$h: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_+$  : loss function,  $\mathcal{A}_+ := \{aa^* \mid a \in \mathcal{A}\}$

For any data  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

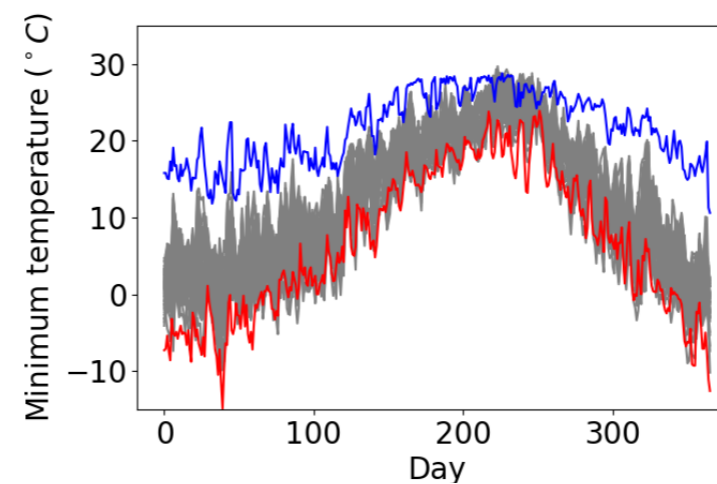
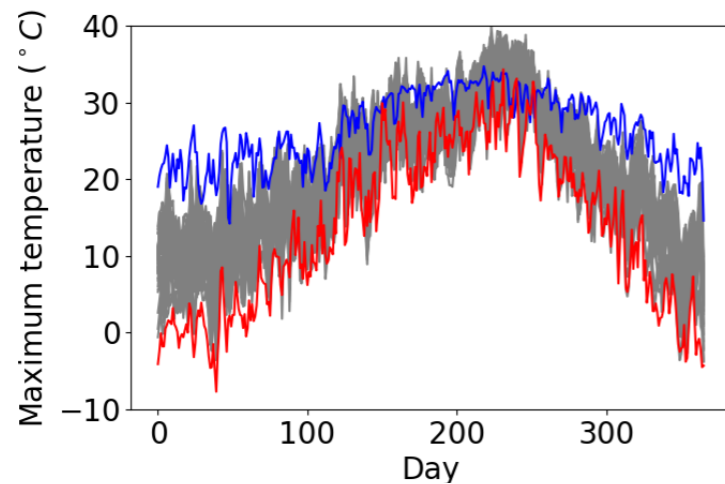
$u \in \mathcal{H}_k$  minimizing  $\sum_{i=1}^n h(x_i, a_i, u(x_i))$  is of the form

$$u(-) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \langle x_i, - \rangle \text{ for some } c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathcal{A}$$

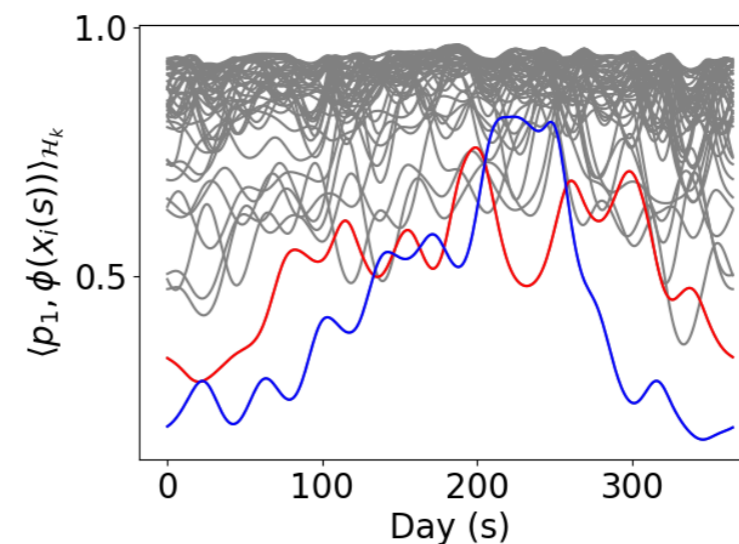
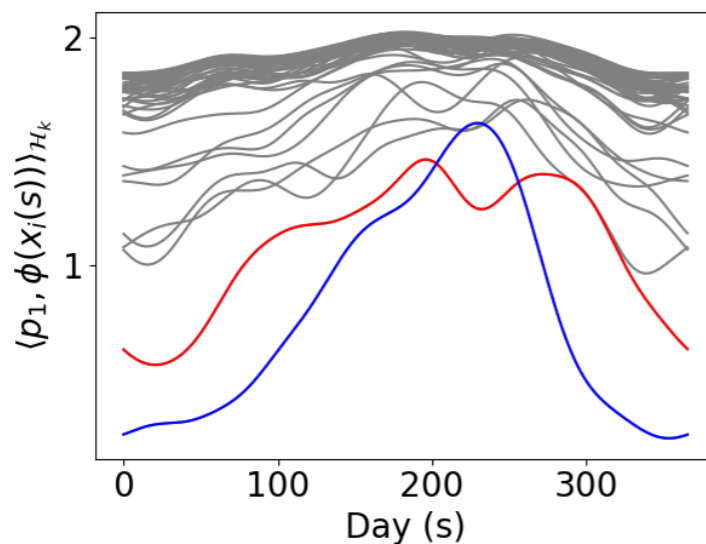
# Experiments

Experiments with climate data in Japan

(available at <https://www.data.jma.go.jp/gmd/risk/obsdl/>).



$$\mathcal{X} = C([0,366], \mathbb{R}^2) \quad k(x, y) = -\exp(-\|x - y\|^2) \quad \mathcal{A} = L^\infty([0,366], \mathbb{R})$$



Y. Hashimoto, I. Ishikawa, M. Ikeda, F. Komura, T. Katsura, Y. Kawahara,

**Reproducing kernel hilbert  $C^*$ -module and kernel mean embeddings,**

In: Journal of Machine Learning Research. 2021 ; Vol. 22.



# Other Collaborations

## Sugiyama Team

Takeshi Teshima, Isao Ishikawa, Koichi Toio, Kenta Oono, Masahiro Ikeda and Masashi Sugiyama, Coupling-based invertible neural networks are universal diffeomorphism approximator, Proc. of NeurIPS 2020.

## RAFCC (AIP-Fujitsu)

Kobayashi, K., Hamada, N., Sannai, A., Tanaka, A., Bannai, K., & Sugiyama, M. (2019). Bézier Simplex Fitting: Describing Pareto Fronts of Simplicial Problems with Small Samples in Multi-Objective Optimization. *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 33(01), 2304-2313.

Tanaka, A., Sannai, A., Kobayashi, K., & Hamada, N. (2020). Asymptotic Risk of Bézier Simplex Fitting. *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 34(03), 2416-2424.

Many other collaborations with eg. Suzuki Team, Hatano Team, Takeda Team, etc.

# The Bayes-Duality Project



Khan CREST

Emti Kahn

RIKEN AIP



CREST: Operator theoretic data analysis of complicated dynamics and its integrated utilization with mathematical models  
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# Other Research

See AIP Open Seminar Videos

18th AIP Open Seminar

[https://aip.riken.jp/events/event\\_113730/](https://aip.riken.jp/events/event_113730/)

- **Koichi Tojo:** A method to construct exponential families by representation theory
- **Tomotaka Kuwahara:** Information-theoretic structure of quantum Boltzmann distribution
- **Masahiro Ikeda:** Operator-theoretic approach for time-series data generated by nonlinear dynamical system
- **Akiyoshi Sannai:** Deep learning with symmetry

Thoughts

# Mathematics vs Mathematical Science

Pure Mathematics

Pure & Applied  
Mathematics

数学



数理科学

“Mathematic”

Axiomatic

Rigor

Bourbaki

+Numerical Computation

+Algorithms

+Applications

+Statistics

+Logic

+Category Theory

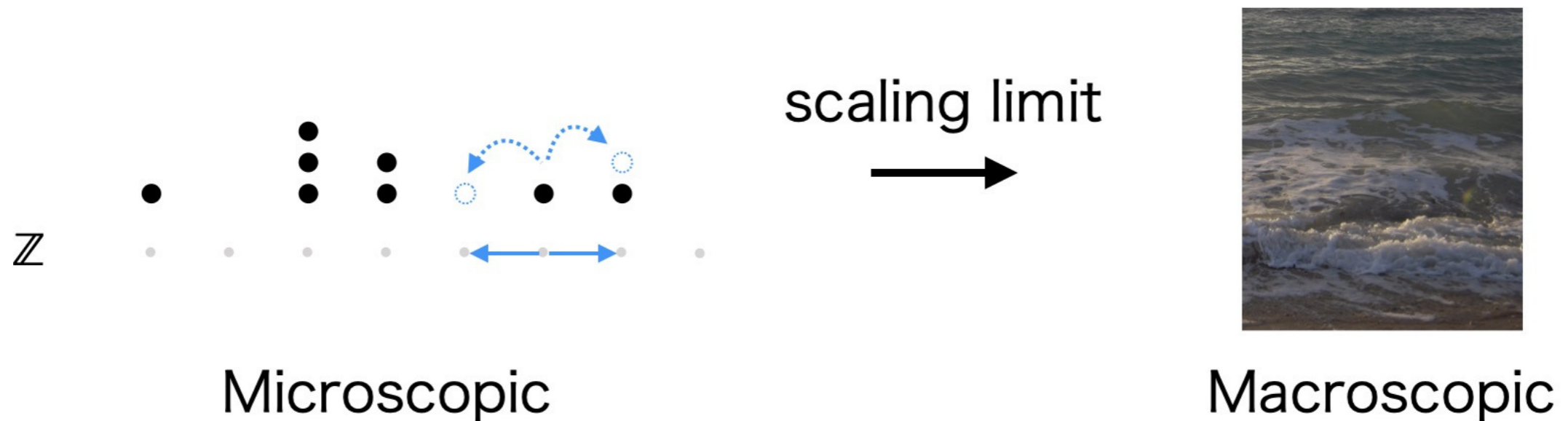
Reality

# Feedback to Pure Mathematics

(with Makiko Sasada and Yukio Kametani)

## Hydrodynamic Limit

Derive deterministic macroscopic partial differential equations from stochastic microscopic dynamics



# Feedback to Pure Mathematics

(with Makiko Sasada and Yukio Kametani)

## Results

- Proposed a general framework to describe the microscopic model (axiomatized the model)
- Divided the data of the model into the Geometric and Stochastic Data
- Interpreted the number of parameters of the deterministic PDE in terms of invariants of the Geometric Data

Group Cohomology

Cohomology of Graphs

Projective Systems and Systematic Use of Duality

# Feedback to Pure Mathematics

- K. Bannai, Y. Kametani, and M. Sasada, Topological Structures of Large Scale Interacting Systems via Uniform Locality, [arXiv:2009.04699](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.04699) [**math.PR**]
- K. Bannai and M. Sasada, A Decomposition Theorem of Varadhan Type for Co-local Forms on Large Scale Interacting Systems, [arXiv:2105.06043](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.06043) [**math.PR**]
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Working with people of various discipline gives very unexpected results

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is VERY IMPORTANT