

MACHINE LEARNING FOR ANALYSIS OF HIGH-DIMENSIONAL CHAOTIC SPATIOTEMPORAL DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

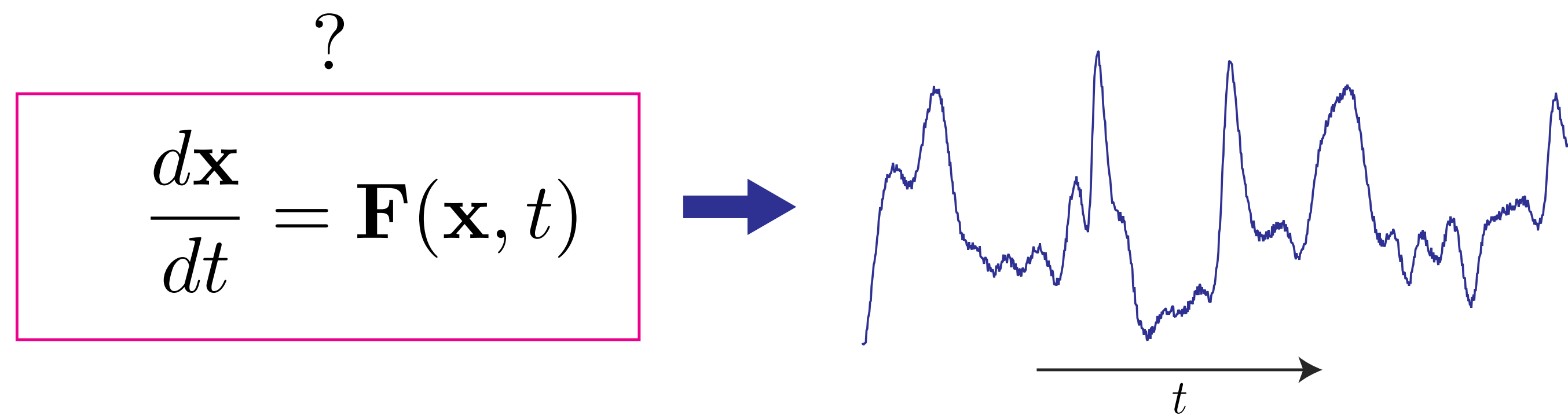
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Given some data from a dynamical system, what can we say about the dynamical process that generated this data?



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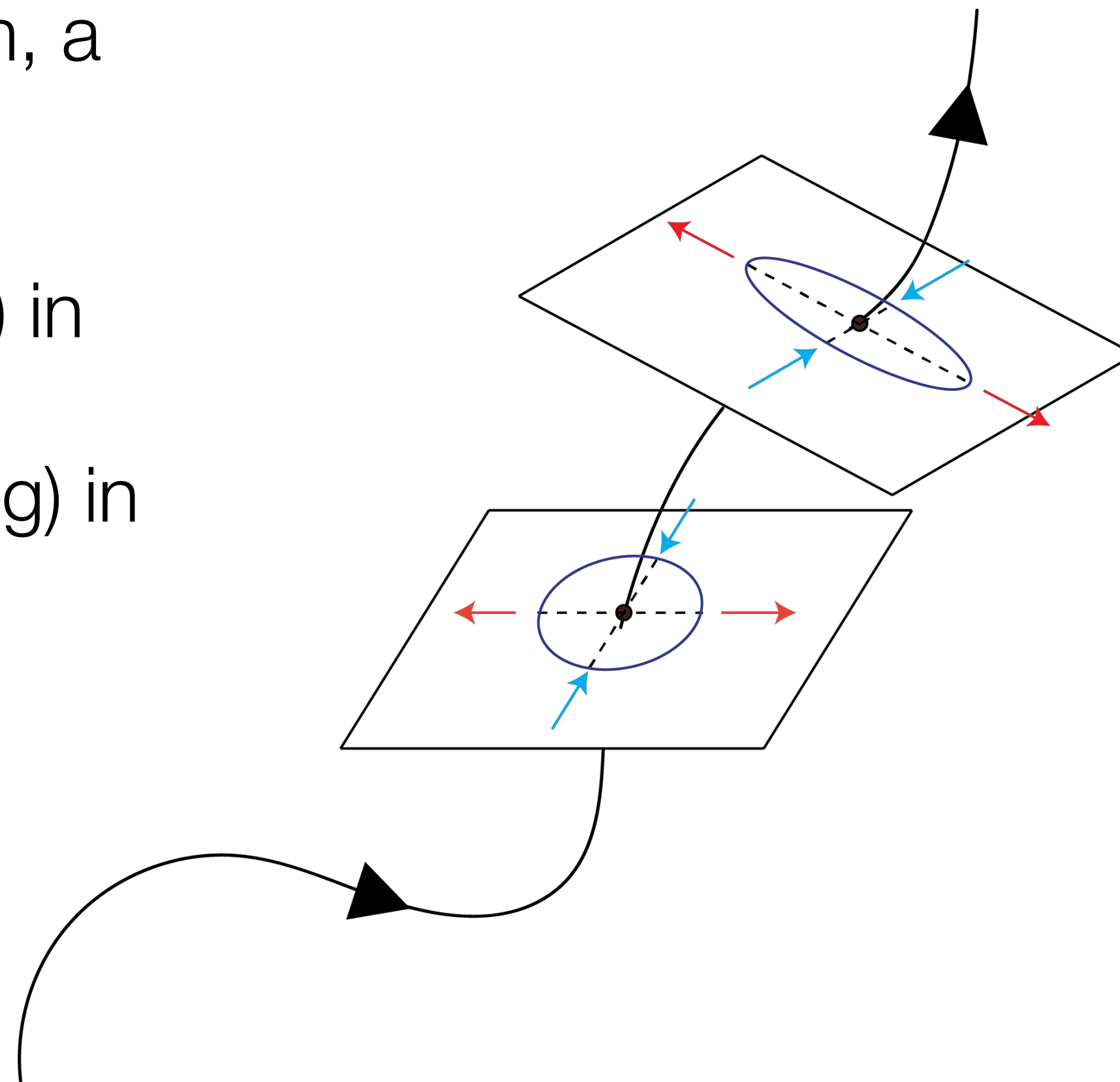
Operationally, we say a dynamical system is **chaotic** if, in a bounded phase space, two nearby **trajectories** **diverge exponentially**.

$$\mathbf{x}_1(t) - \mathbf{x}_2(t) = \delta\mathbf{x}(t)$$

$$\|\delta\mathbf{x}(t)\| \sim \|\delta\mathbf{x}(0)\| \exp(\Lambda t)$$

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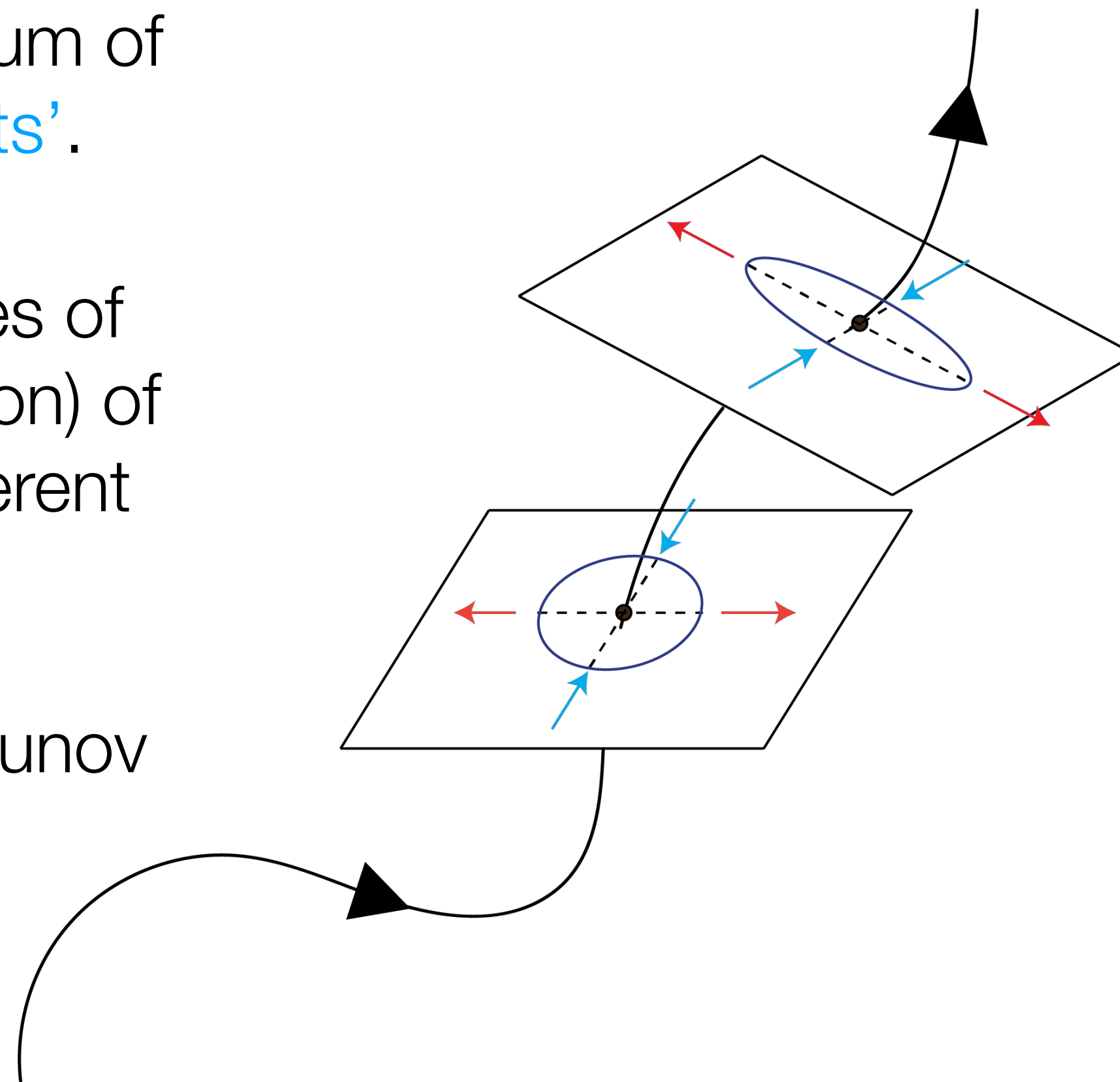
In a chaotic system, a perturbation to the trajectory may be **stable** (contracting) in some directions, **unstable** (expanding) in some directions.



INTRODUCTION

This leads to the concept of a spectrum of ‘Lyapunov exponents’.

The exponential rates of growth (or contraction) of perturbations in different directions are characterized by corresponding Lyapunov exponents.



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The Lyapunov exponents of a dynamical system are an important characteristic and provide us with a lot of useful information.

Is a system chaotic?

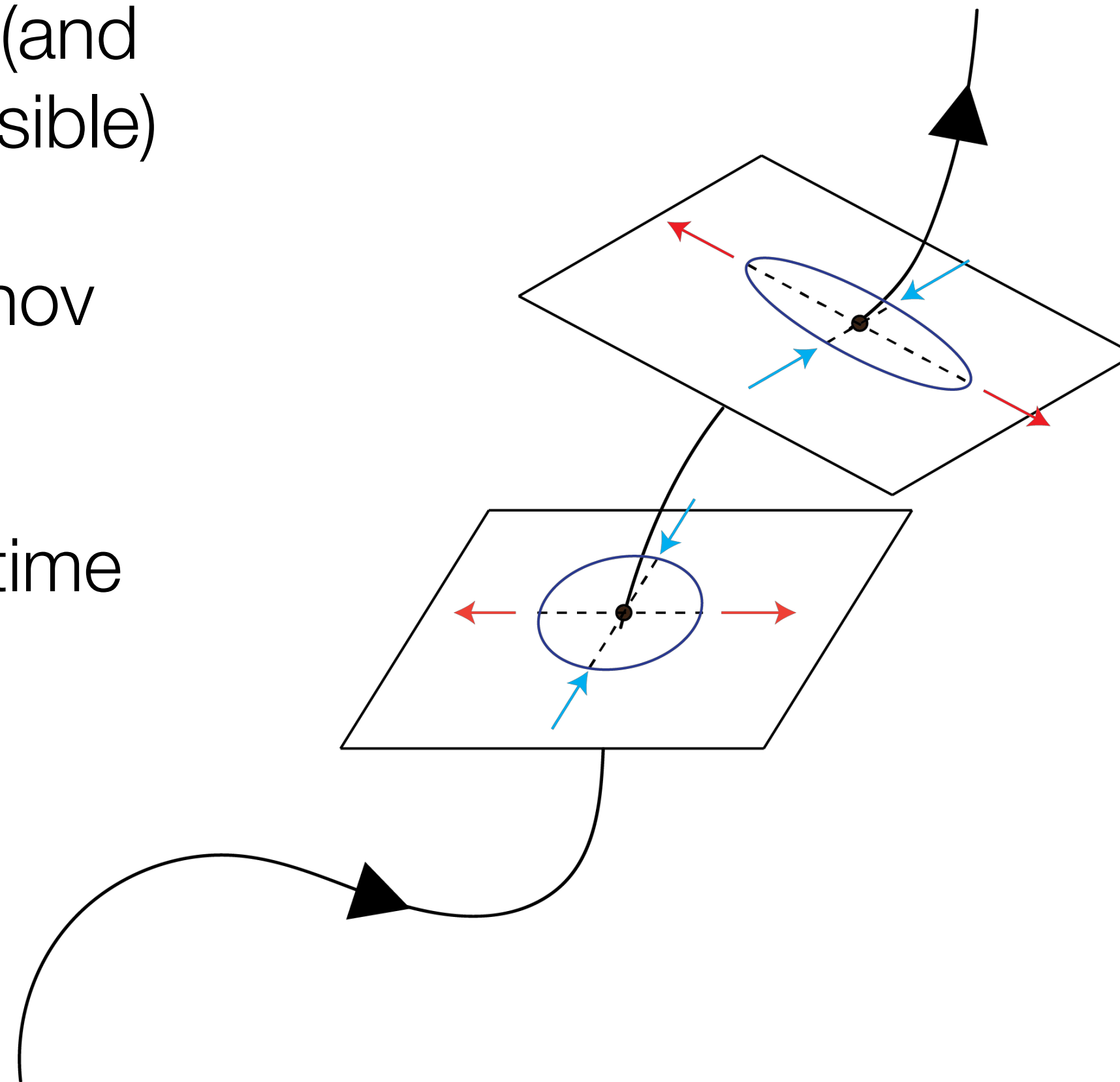
What is the 'complexity' of the system

What is the effective dimension of the chaotic attractor of the system (via the 'Kaplan-Yorke conjecture')?

What is the possible prediction horizon?

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In general, in the past it has proven difficult (and sometimes not possible) to estimate the spectrum of Lyapunov exponents of a dynamical system purely from limited time series data.



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MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUE: RESERVOIR COMPUTING

Provides a way to train Recurrent Neural Networks.

Introduced by Jaeger (2001), and Maass et al. (2002).

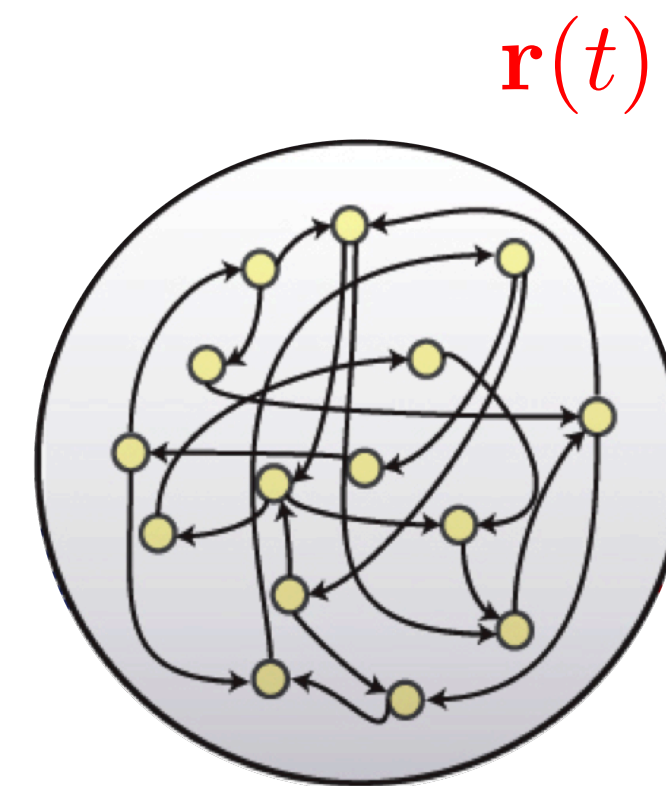
Can be interpreted as a **very high-dimensional system**, called the **reservoir** (not to be confused with the measured dynamical system) which provides a rich repository of dynamics.

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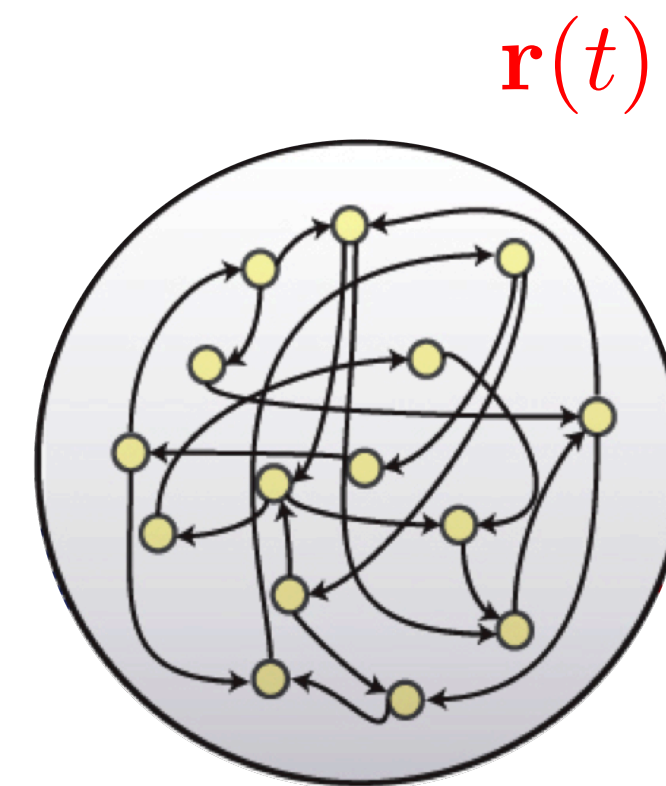
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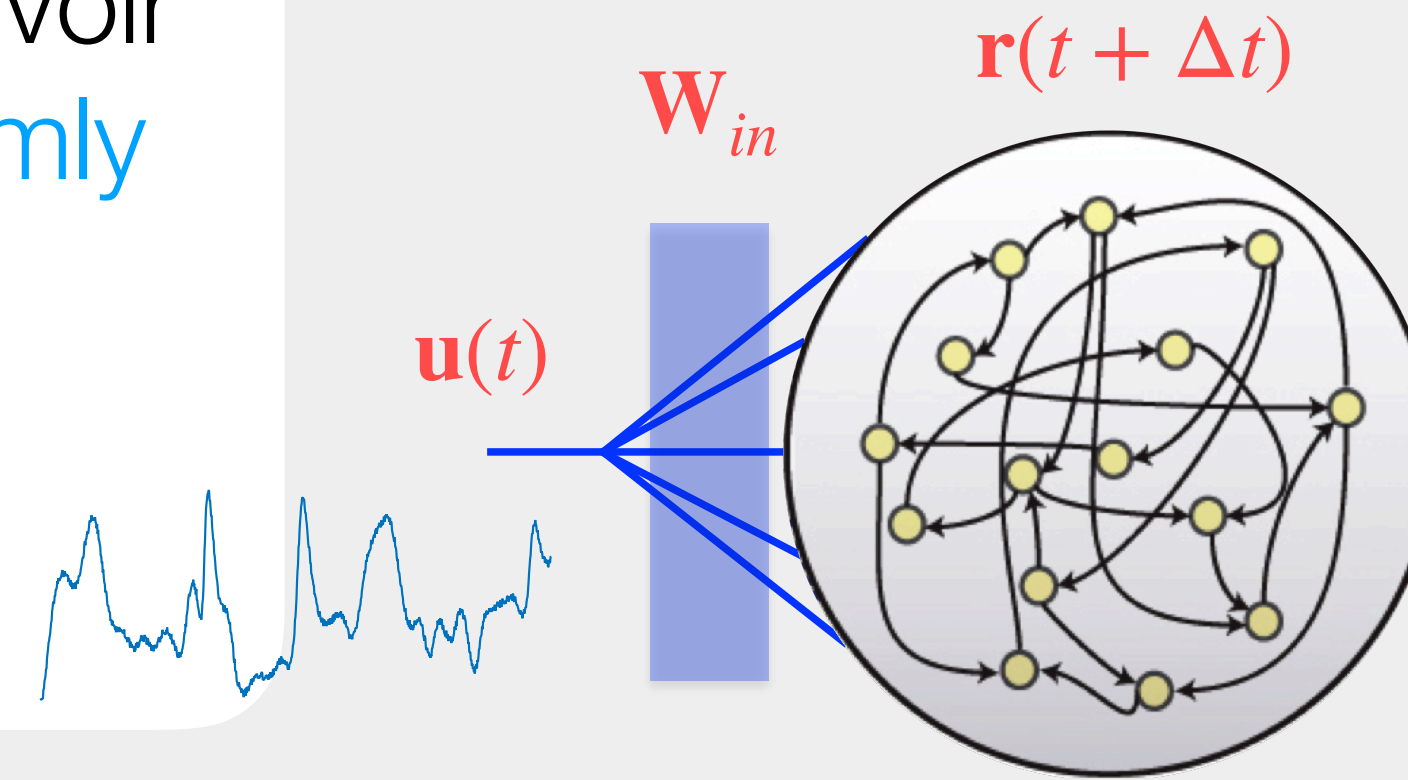
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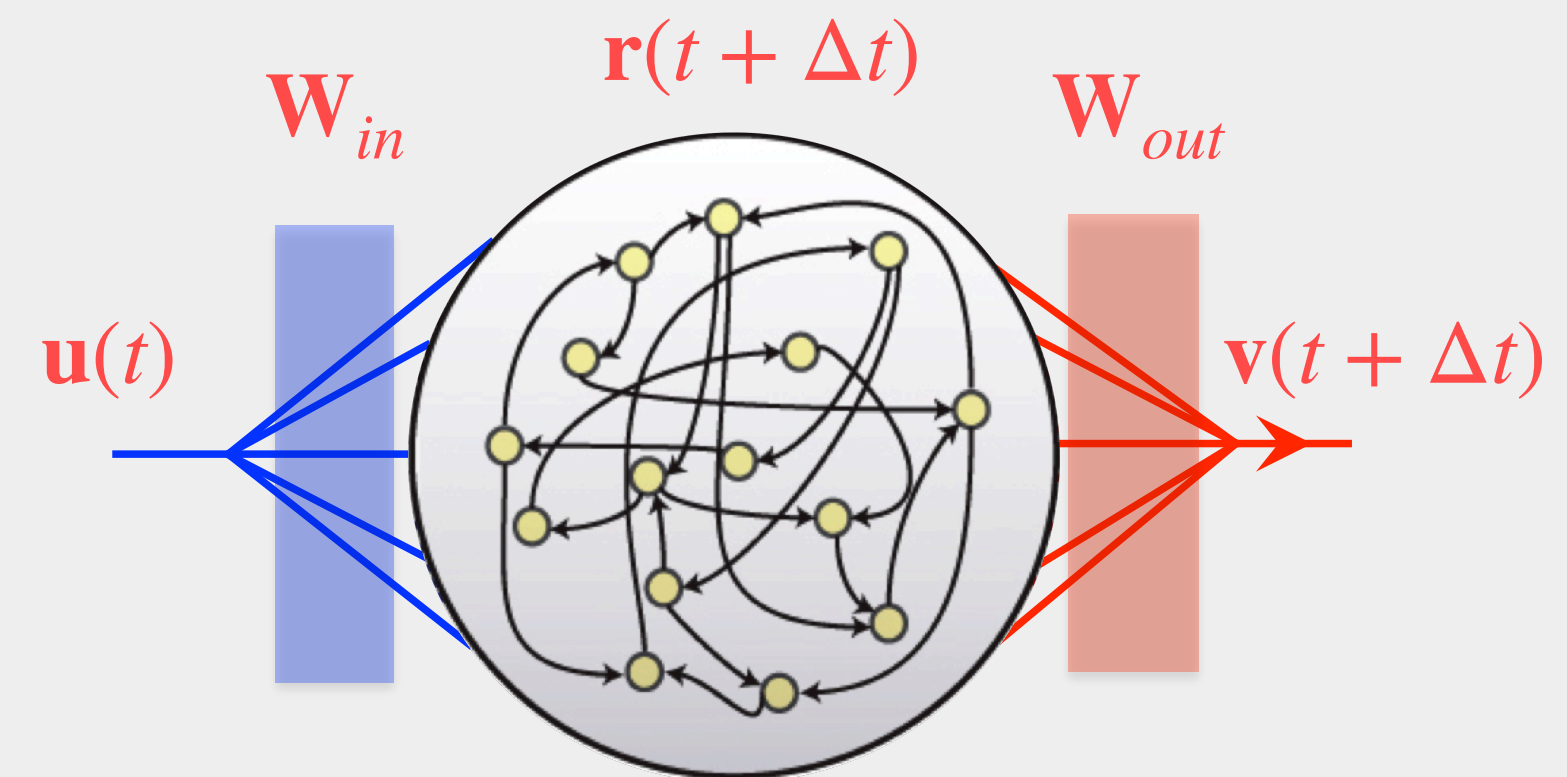
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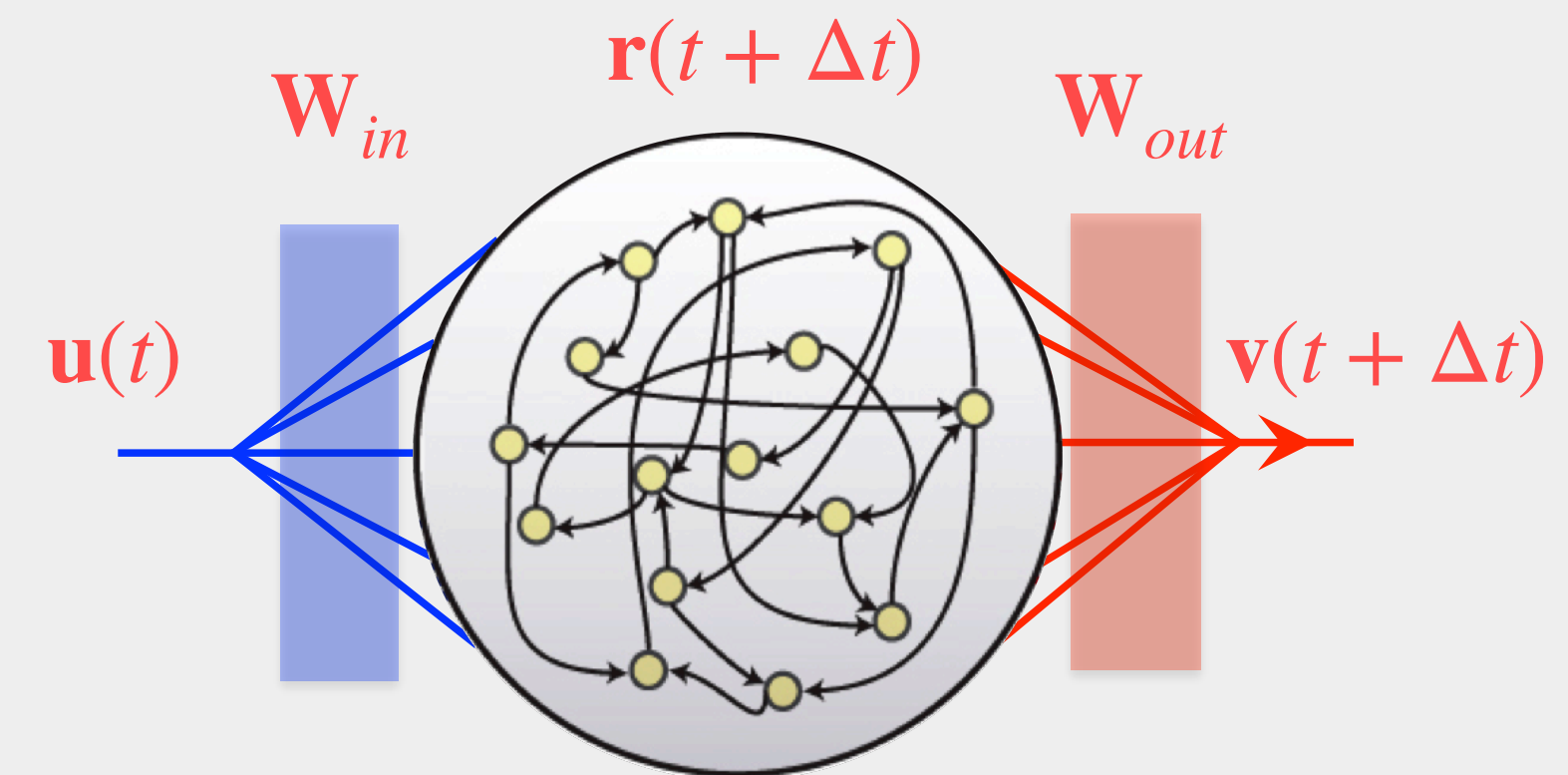
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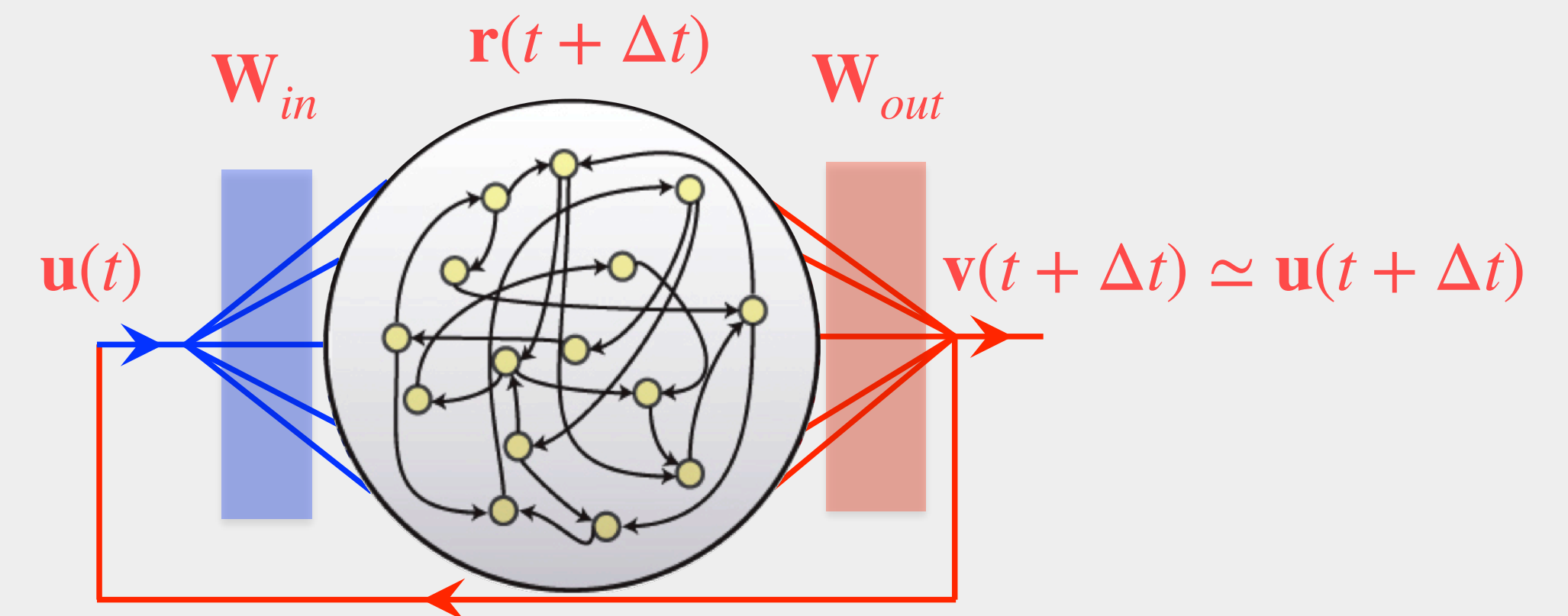
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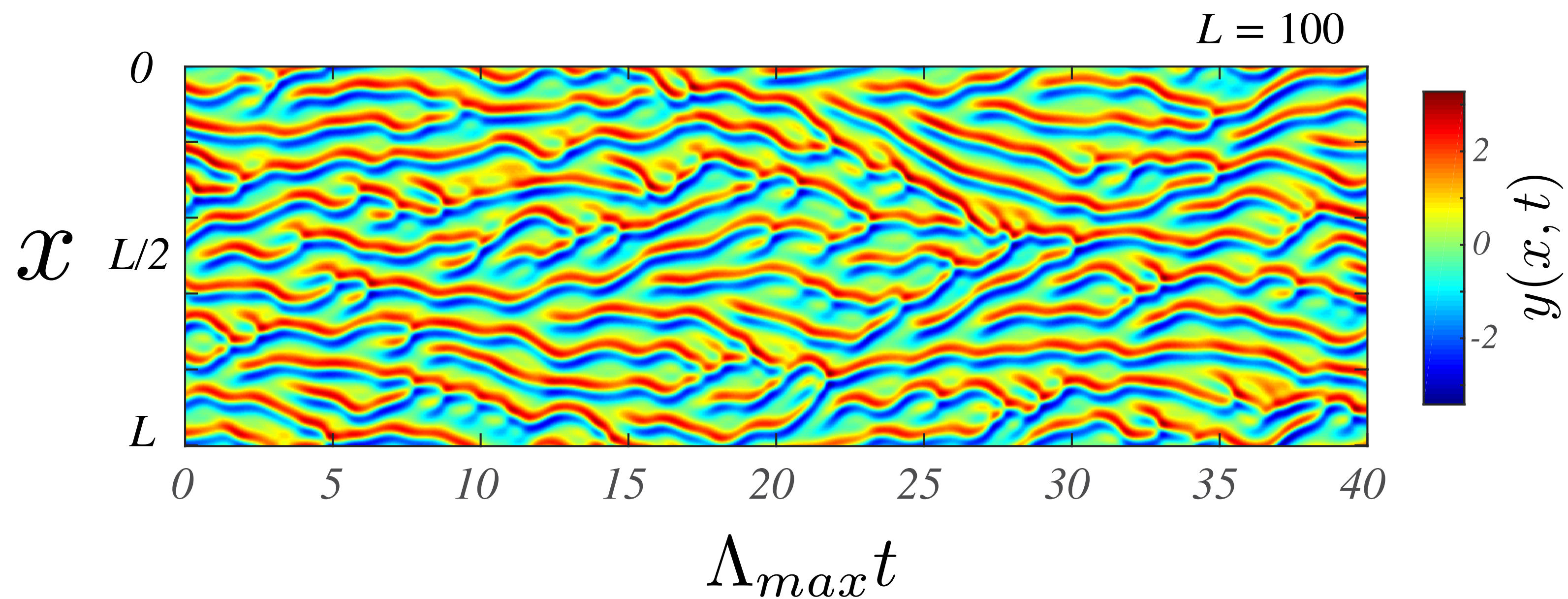
THE KURAMOTO-SIVASHINSKY (KS) SYSTEM

A nonlinear, spatiotemporal chaotic PDE

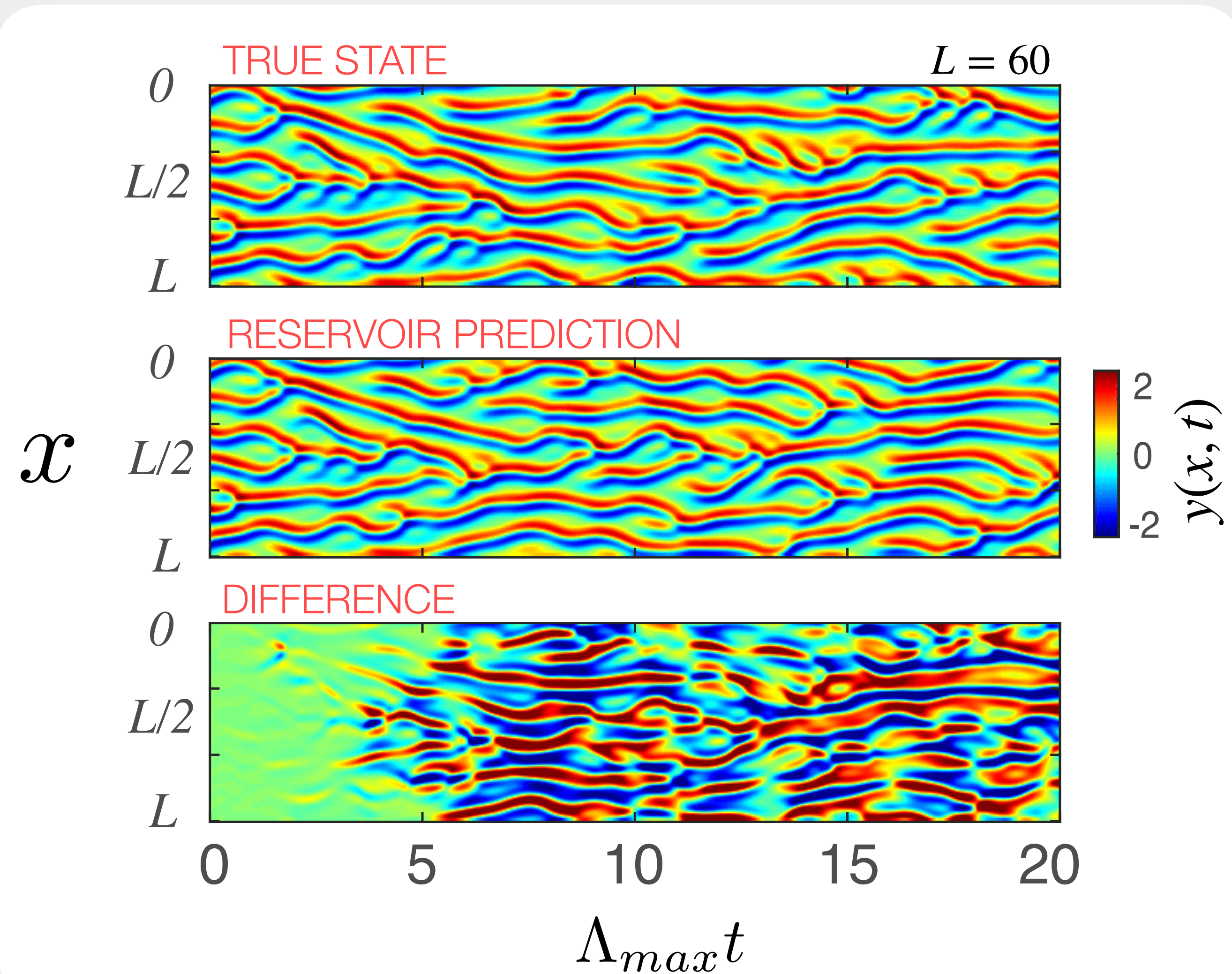
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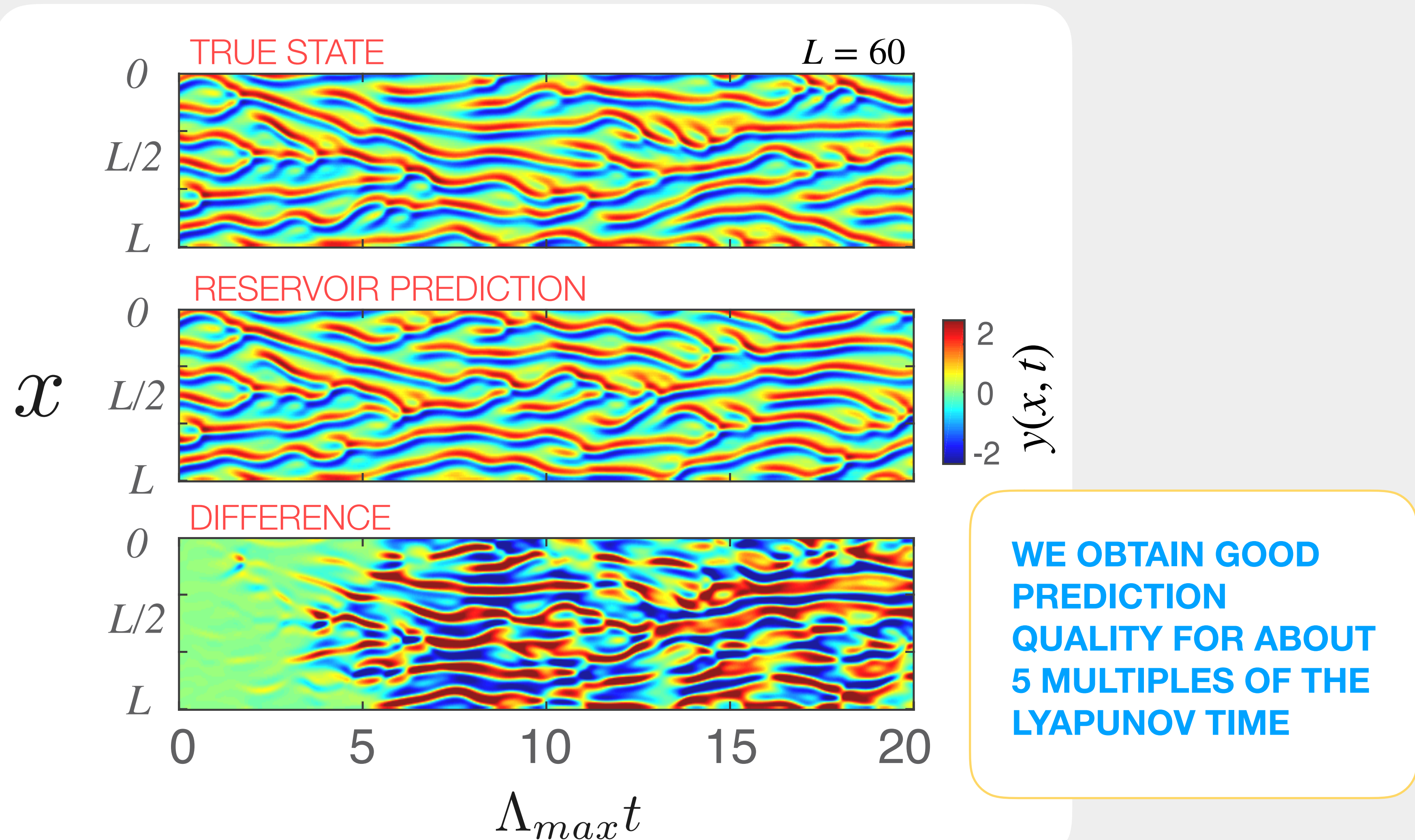
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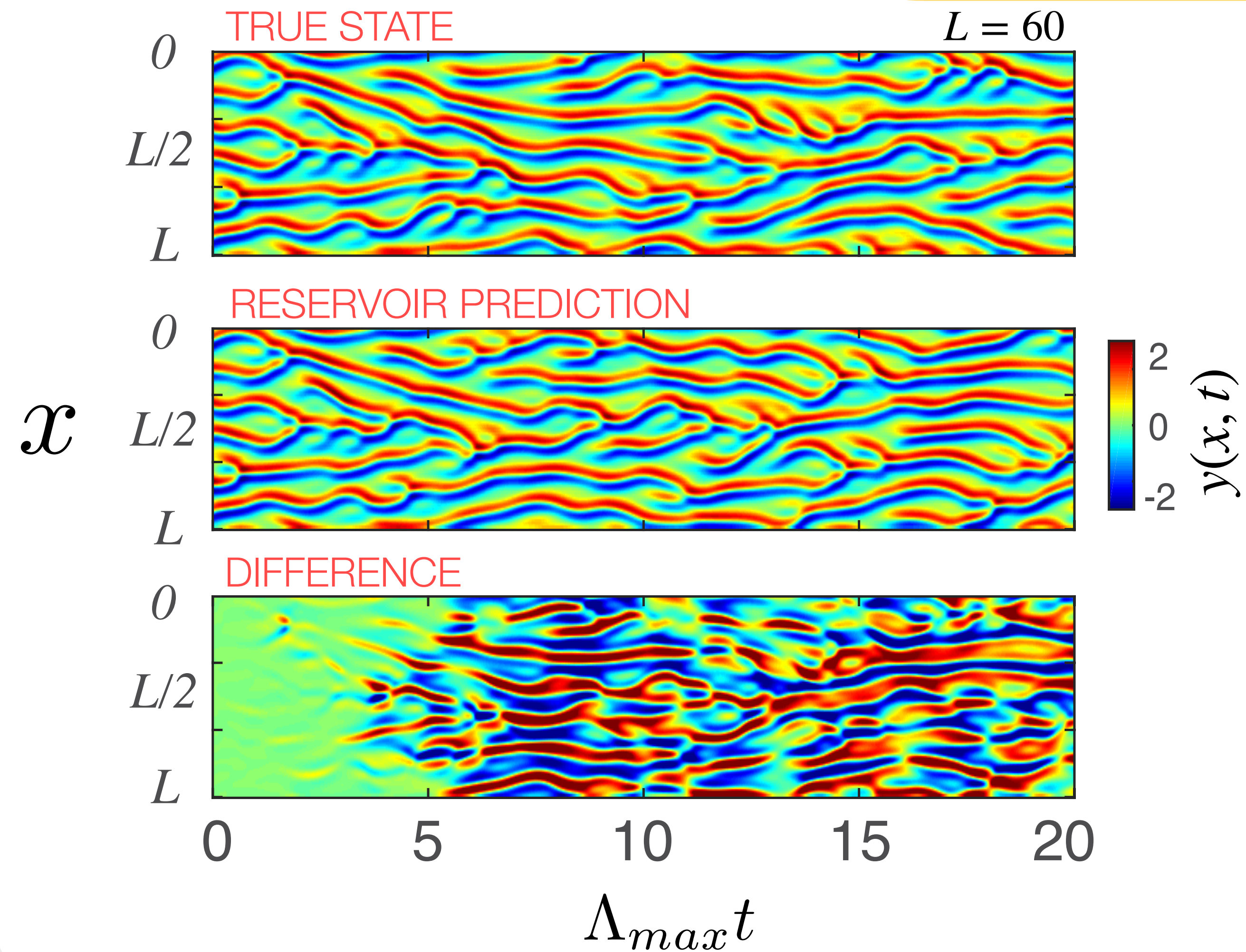


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The reservoir computer is really good at learning the dynamics from data alone.

It is capable of making high quality short term predictions when the system dynamics is unknown.

NOTICE THAT THE DYNAMICS LOOKS 'KS LIKE' EVEN WHEN THE PREDICTION HAS DIVERGED FROM THE TRUE STATE



'CLIMATE' OF THE RESERVOIR DYNAMICS

Has the reservoir truly learned the dynamical behavior of the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky system?

If it has, the ergodic properties of the autonomous reservoir dynamical system should resemble those of the true system.

Is there a way to verify this?

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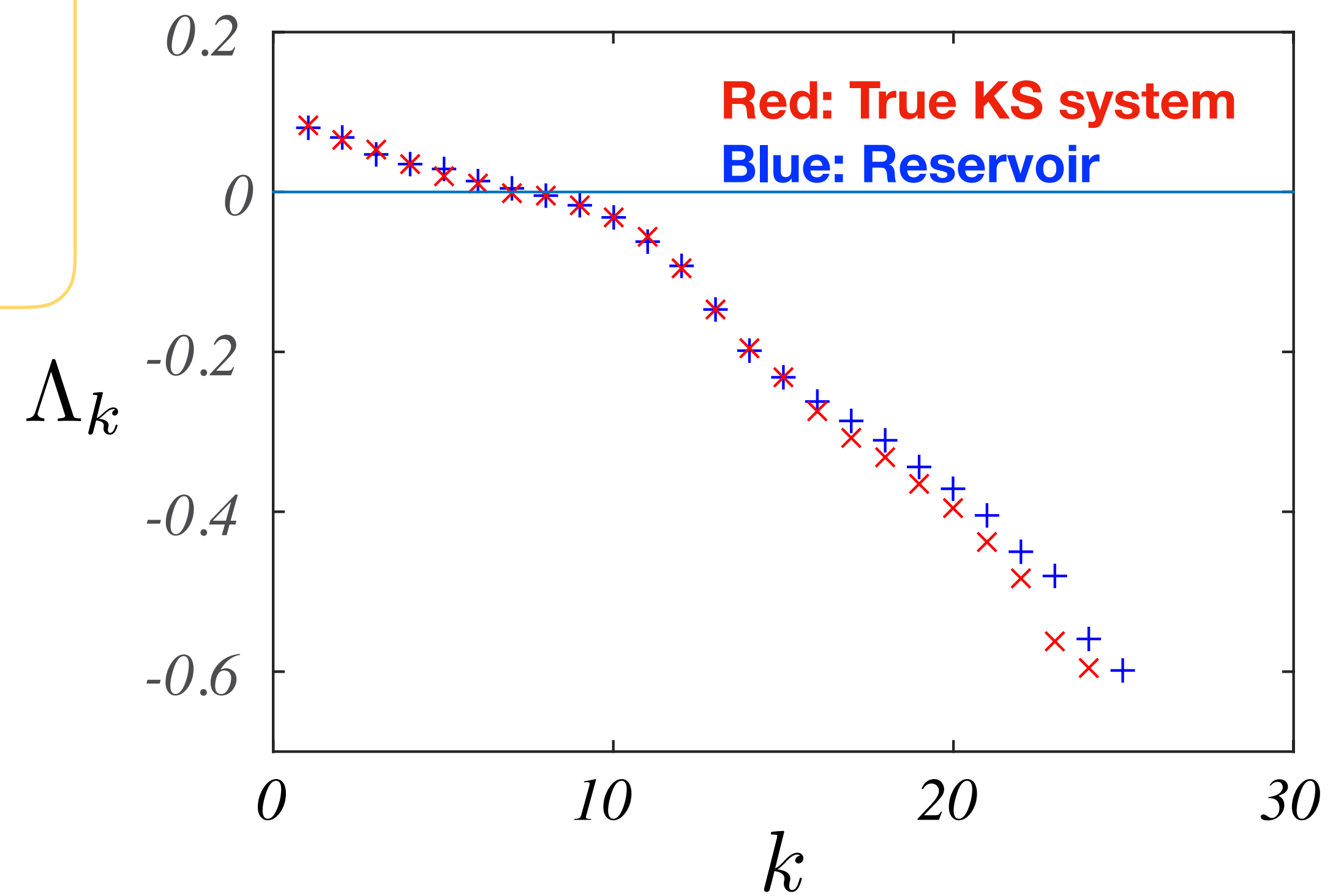
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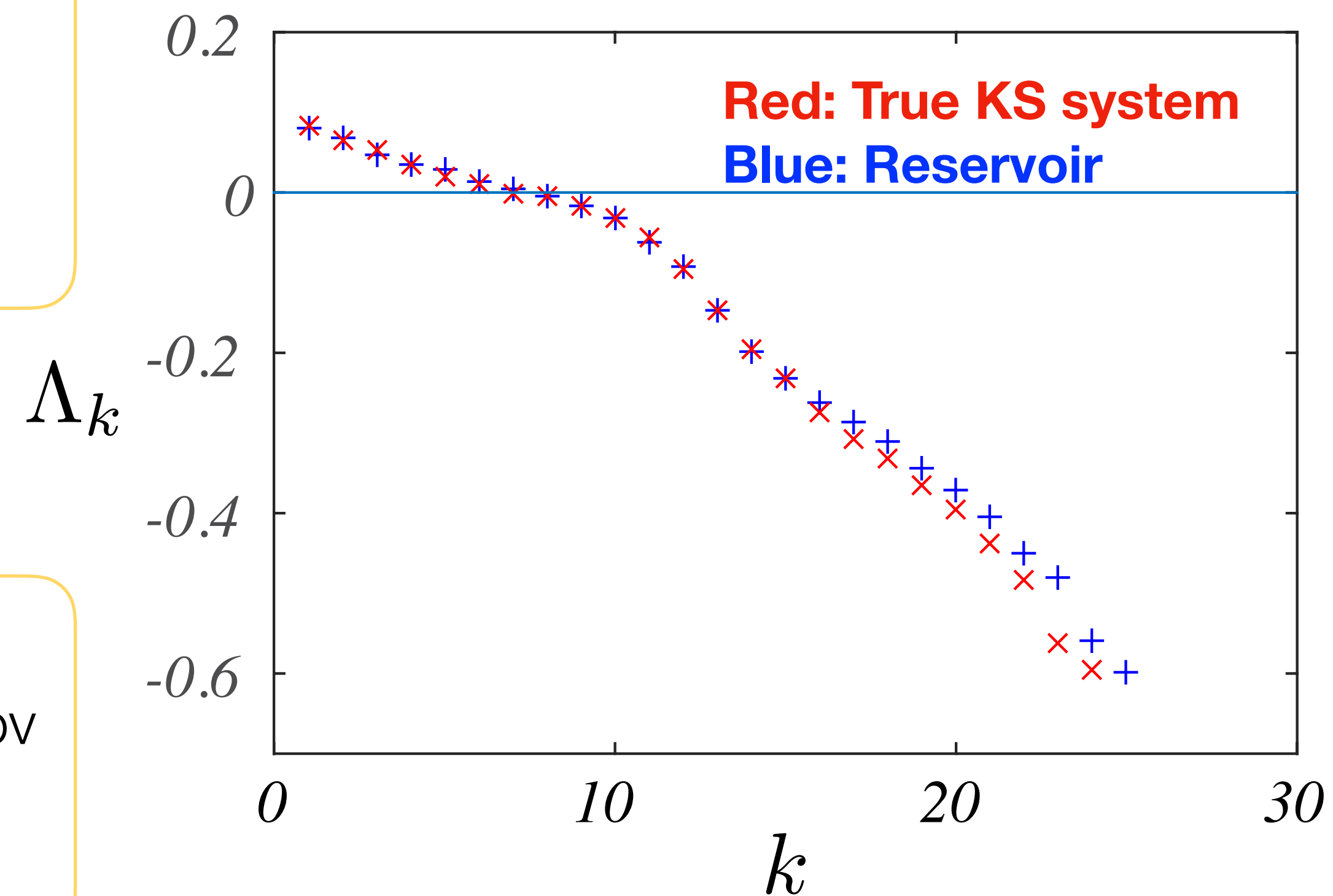
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The reservoir fails at obtaining symmetry-related zero Lyapunov exponents. This aspect is discussed further in our paper.



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As you **increase the size/complexity** of the dynamical system, you need a **bigger neural network**.

But if we keep increasing the nodes, the training problem becomes intractable.

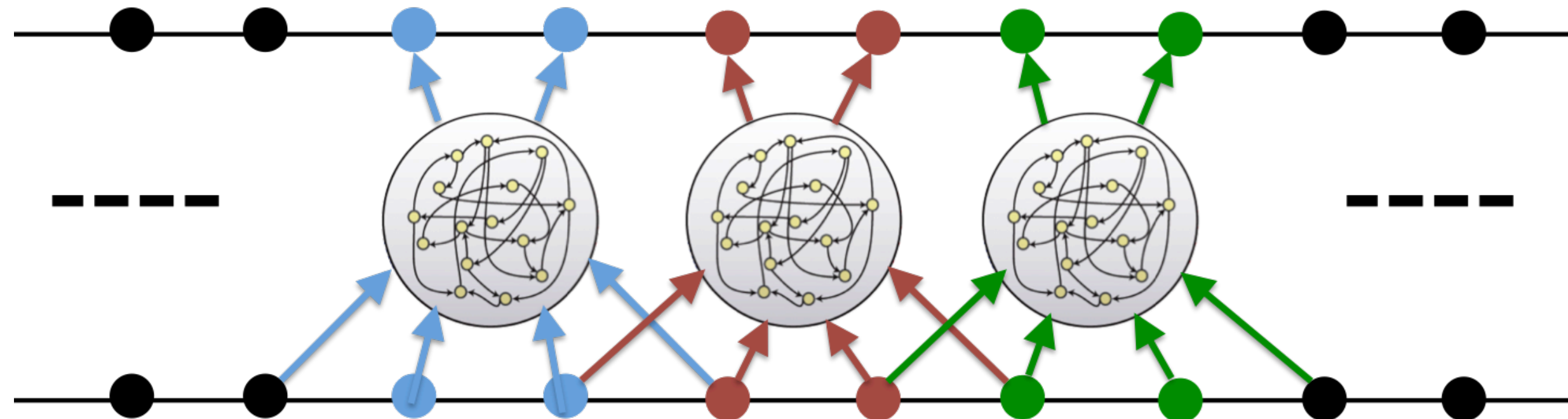
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We use some knowledge of the physics of spatiotemporal systems: our system has short-range spatial correlations.

The training and prediction of spatiotemporal chaos can be very effectively parallelized

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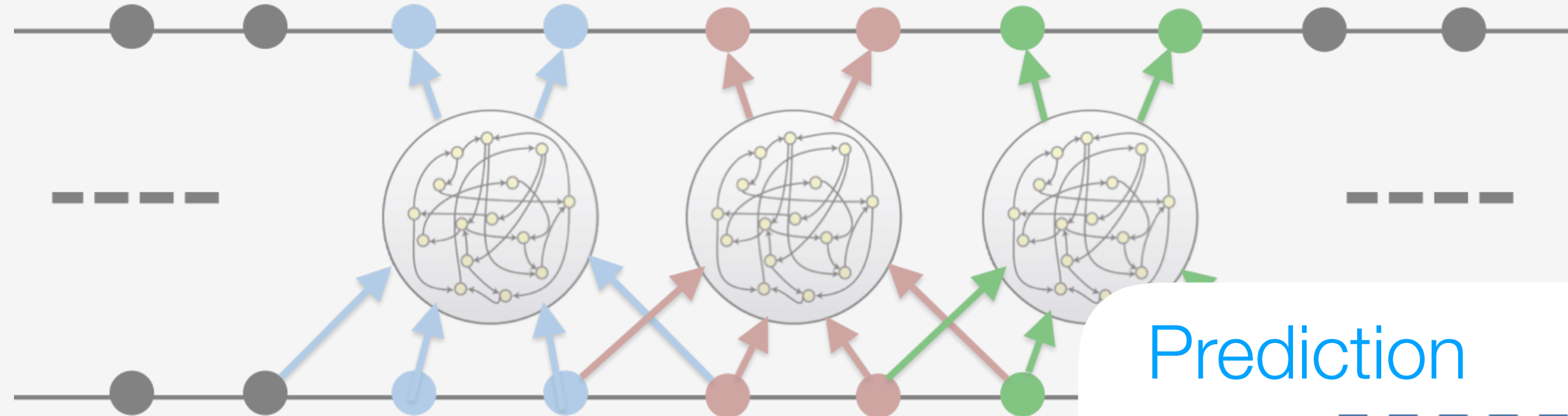
Each reservoir is assigned to [a local neighborhood](#) on the spatial grid and is trained to predict a subset of its inputs.

The local neighborhood consists of the grid points to be predicted plus [buffer zones](#) on each side.

Each of the relatively small parallel reservoirs has its own relatively small [independently trained](#) output matrix.

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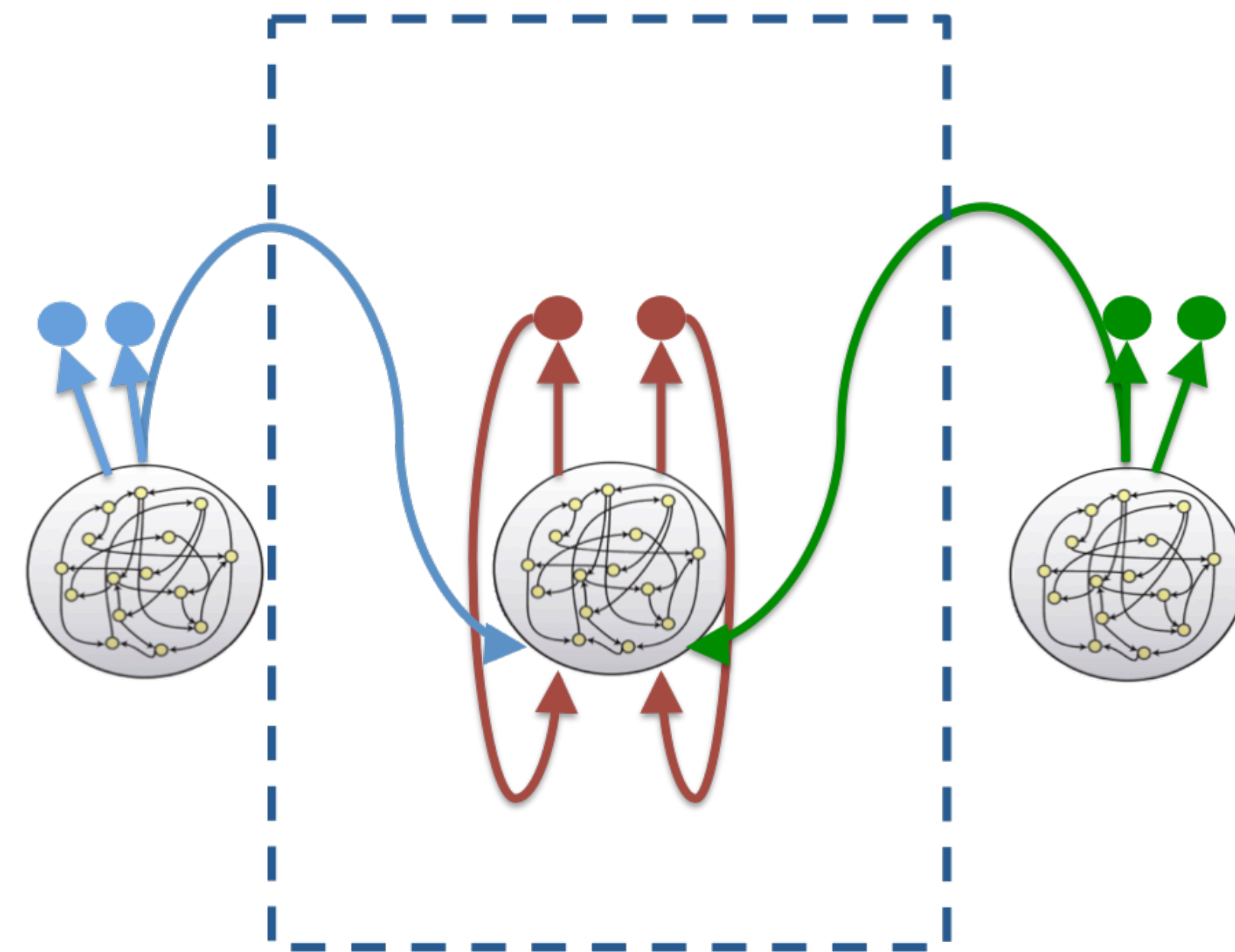
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We use a KS type system with periodic boundary conditions $y(x + L, t) = y(x, t)$.

The attractor dimension of this system increases linearly with the periodicity length L .

L	D_{KY}
100	23
200	43
400	85
800	167
1600	338

D_{KY} : Kaplan-Yorke Dimension of the Chaotic Attractor (Measure of Complexity)

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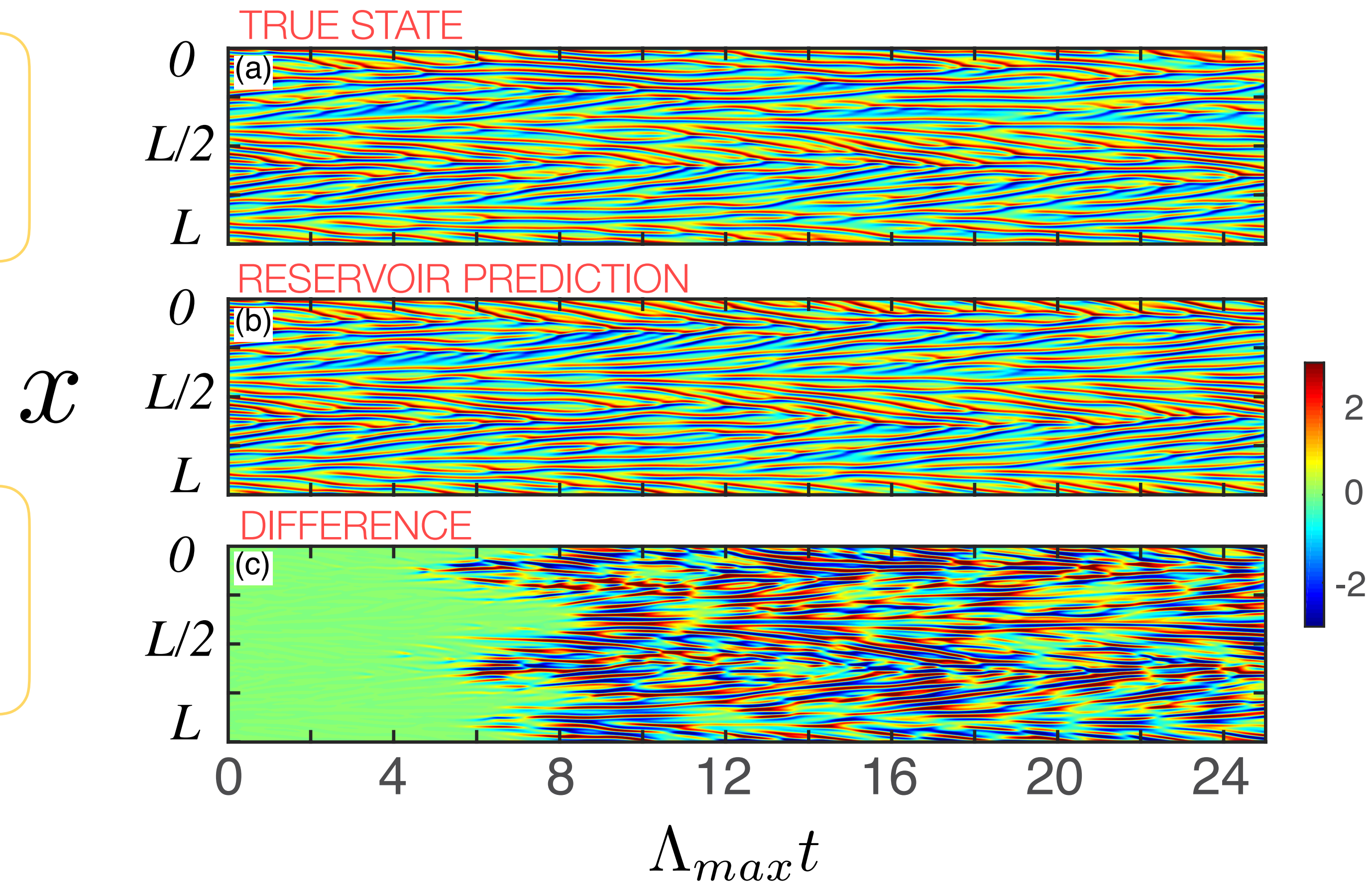
Model Parameters:

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$$D_{KY} = 43$$

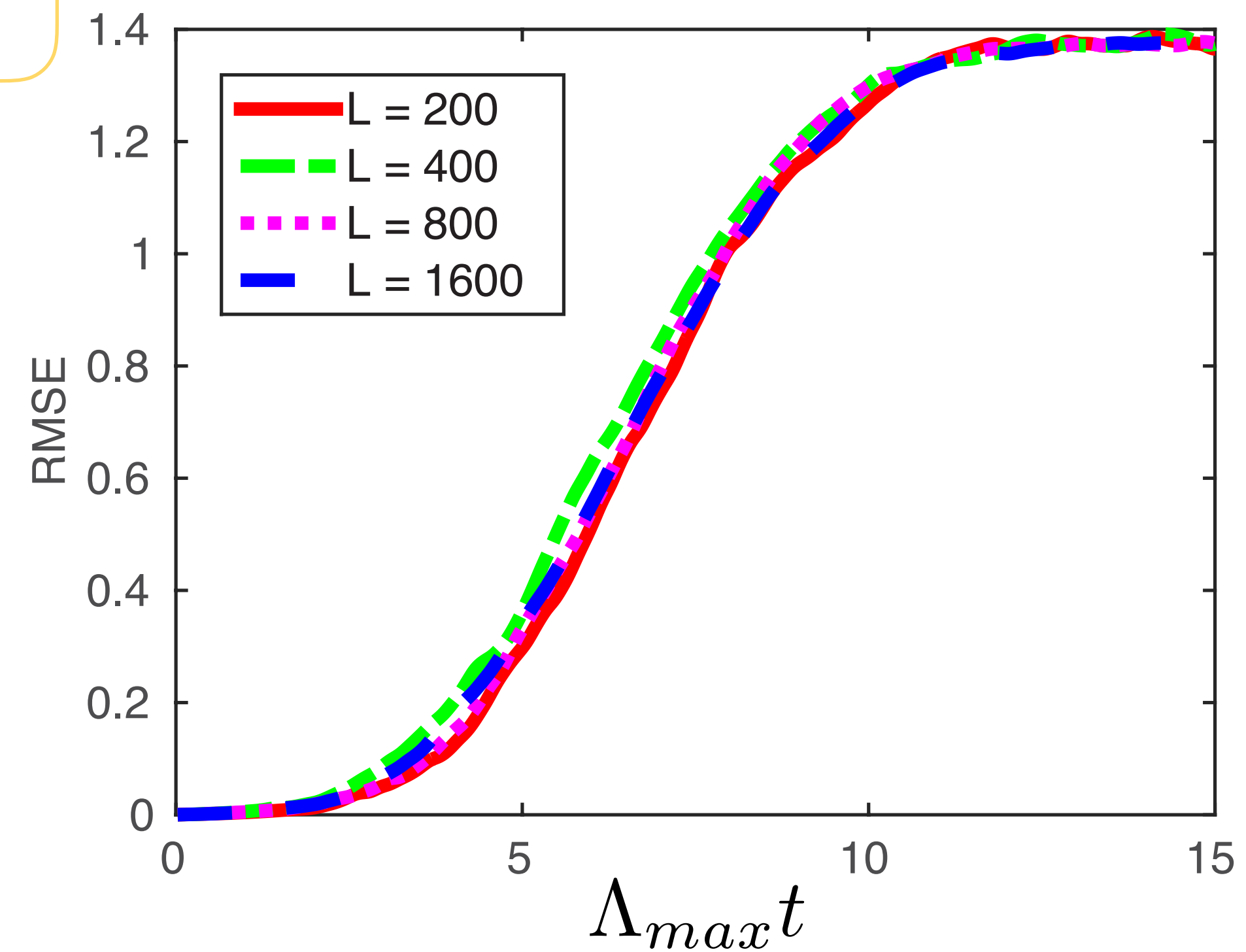
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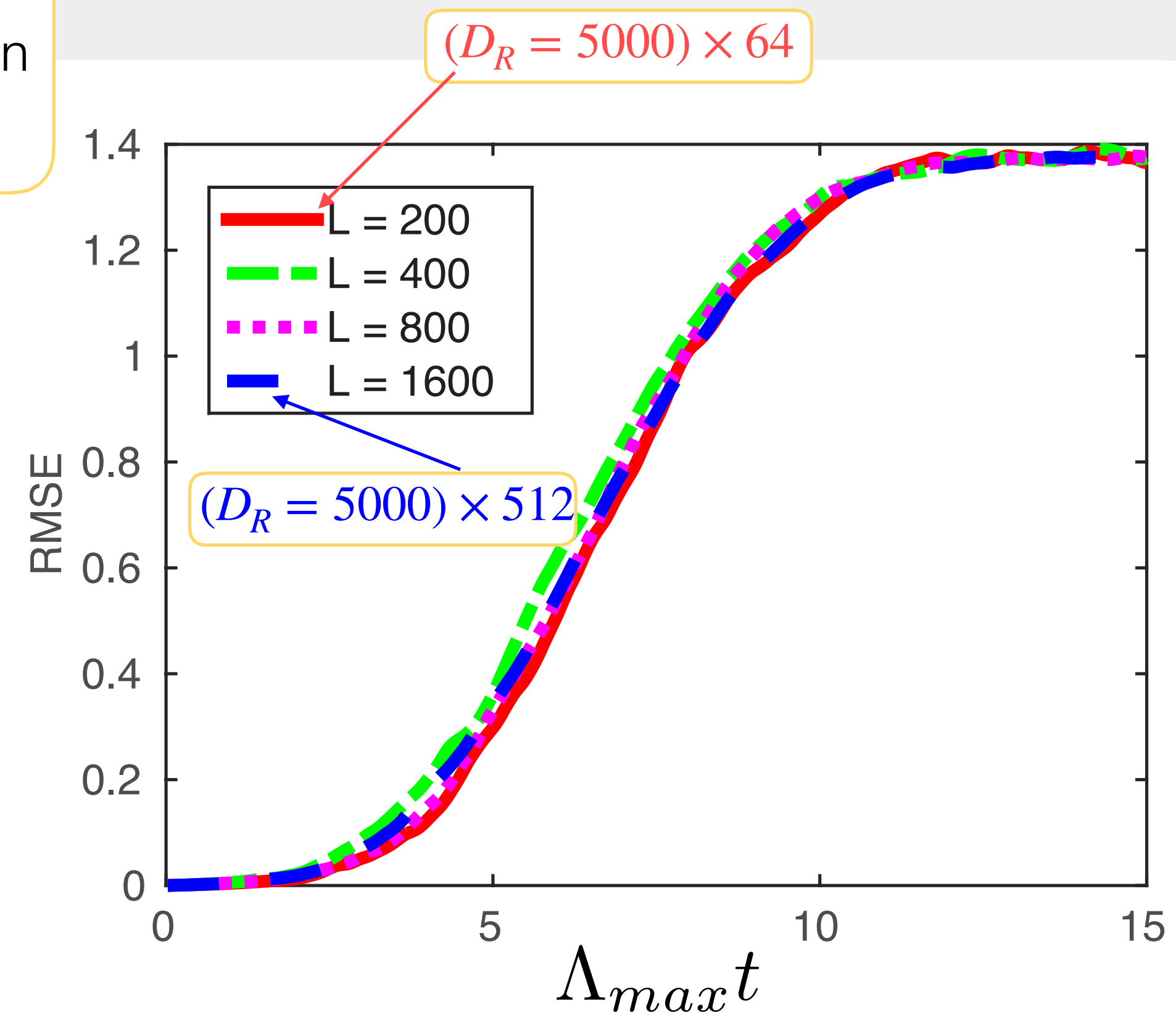
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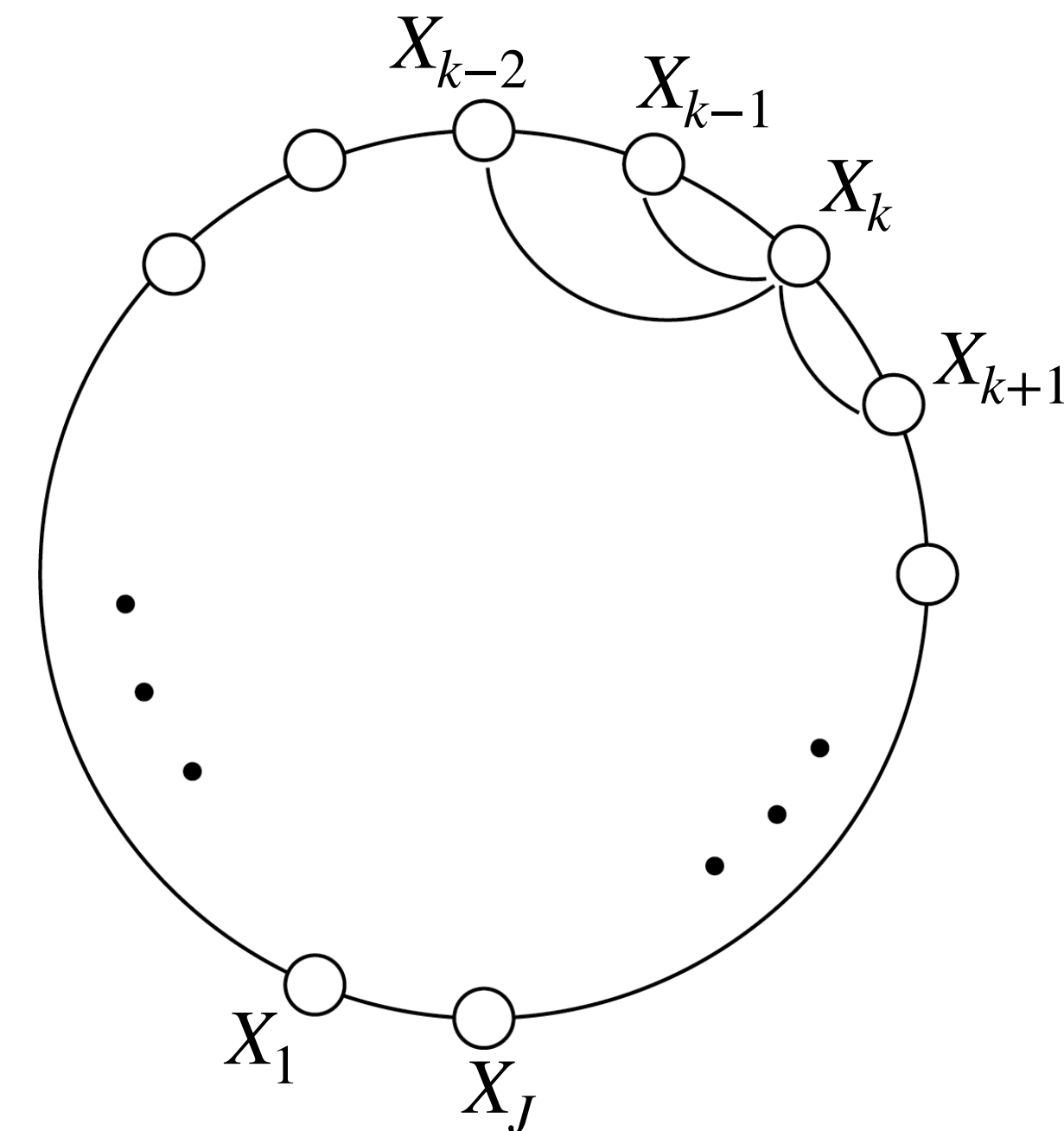


VERY HIGH-DIMENSIONAL DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS: THE LORENZ 1996 TOY WEATHER MODEL

As another example, we consider the Lorenz 1996 model of atmospheric dynamics often used for testing techniques in weather prediction.

$$\frac{dX_k}{dt} = -X_k + (X_{k+1} - X_{k-2})X_{k-1} + F$$

$$k = 1, 2, \dots, J$$



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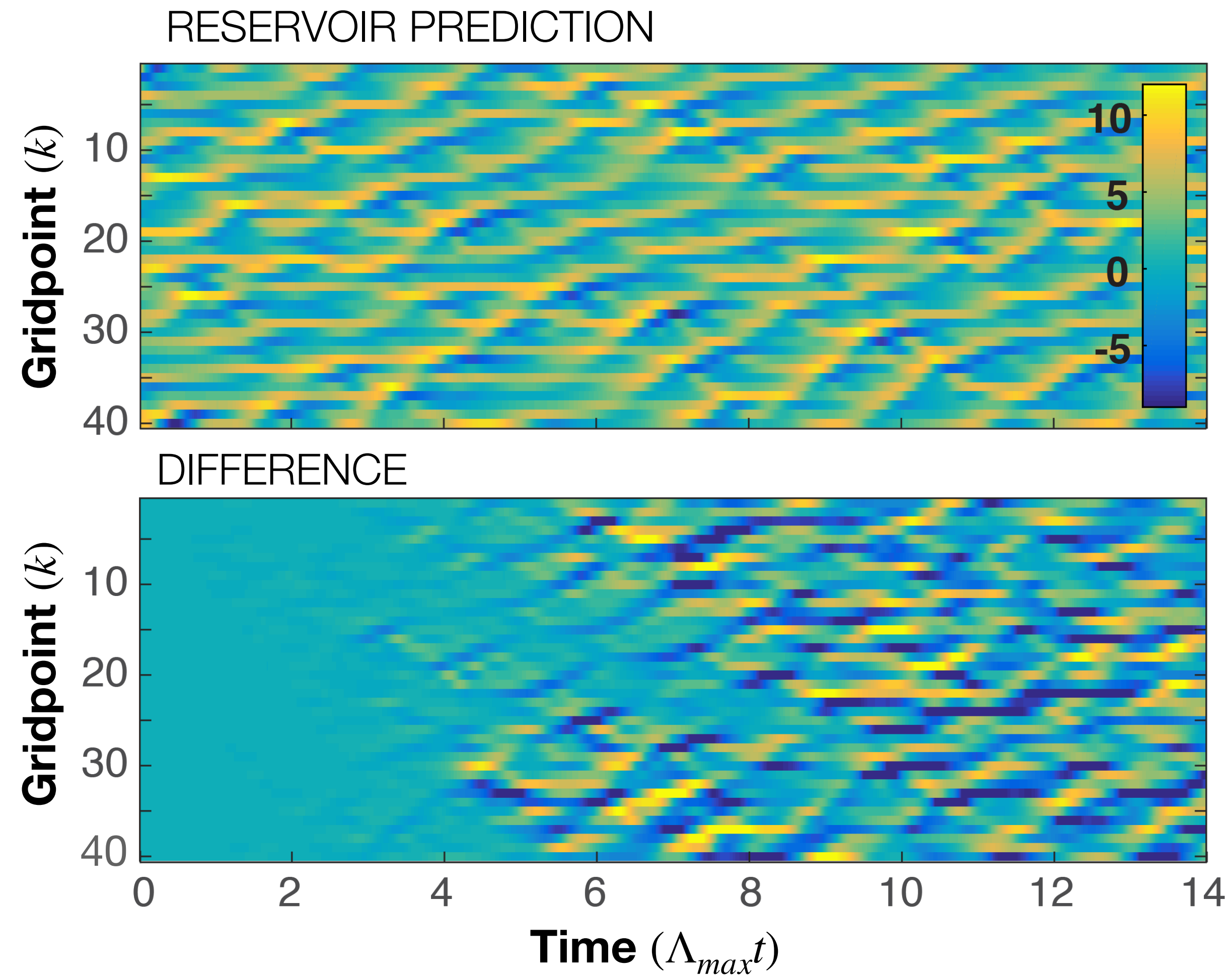
Model Parameters:

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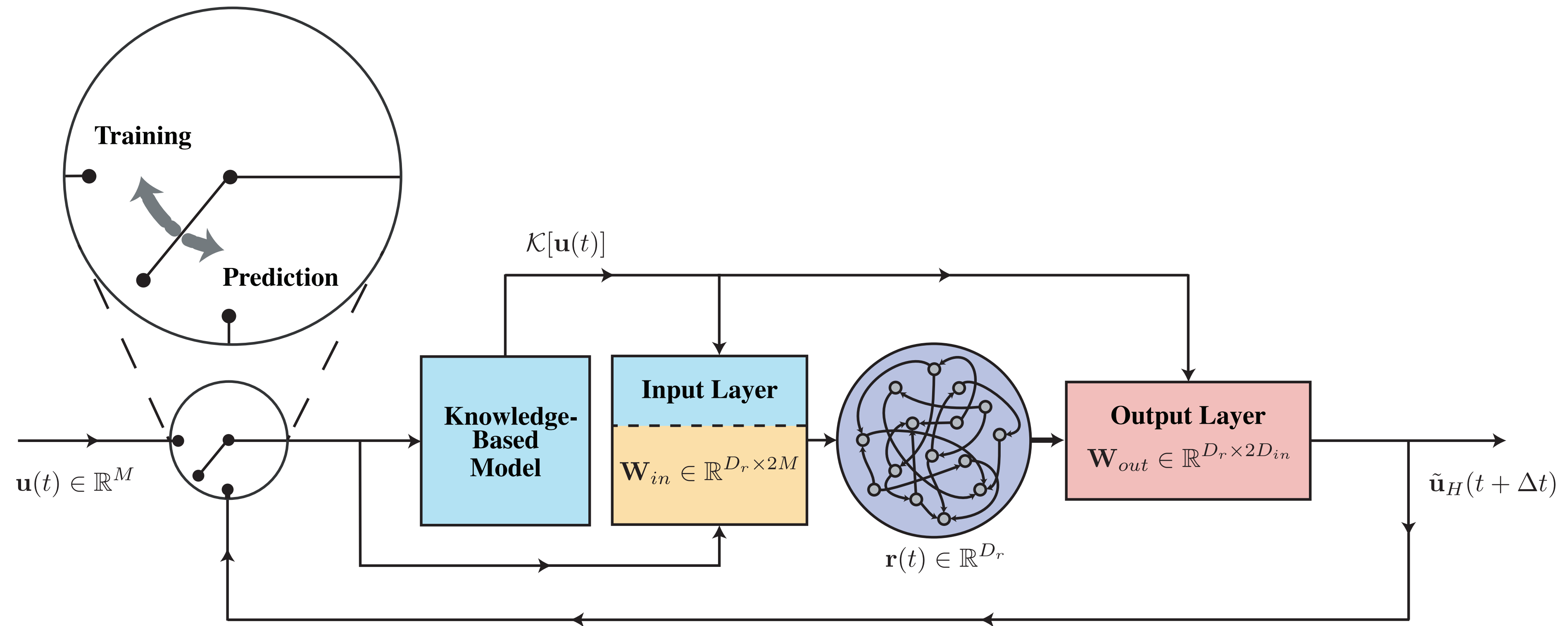
DATA-ASSISTED MODELS: COMBINING KNOWLEDGE AND DATA

Even with parallelization, if the system is very complex, a purely data-driven approach may require a prohibitive amount of training data or computational resources.

However, in many cases, we may have partial knowledge of the dynamics which can give us an imperfect physics-based model.

This motivates the question: Can we build a hybrid data-assisted model that combines machine learning with an imperfect knowledge-based model?

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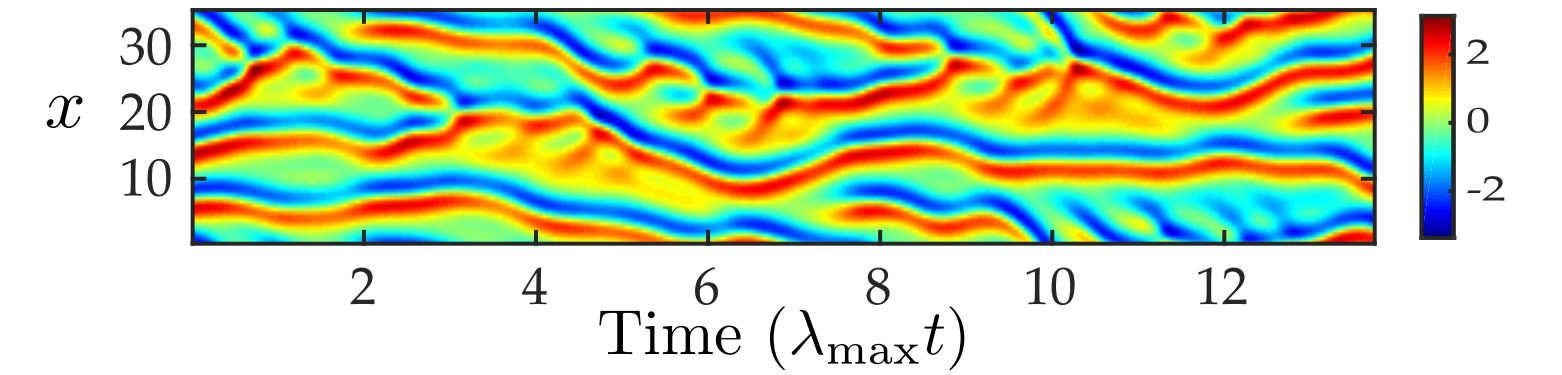
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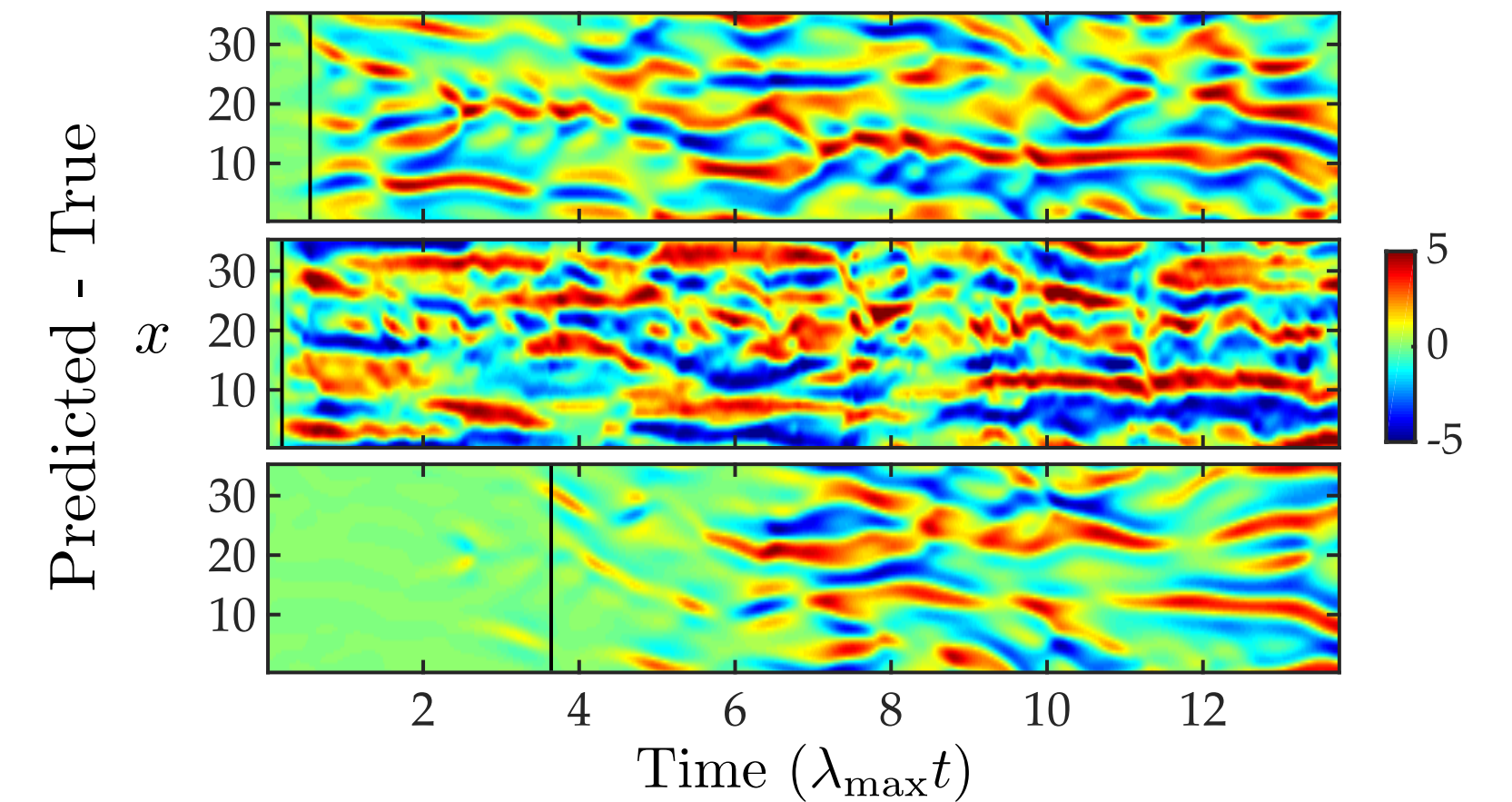
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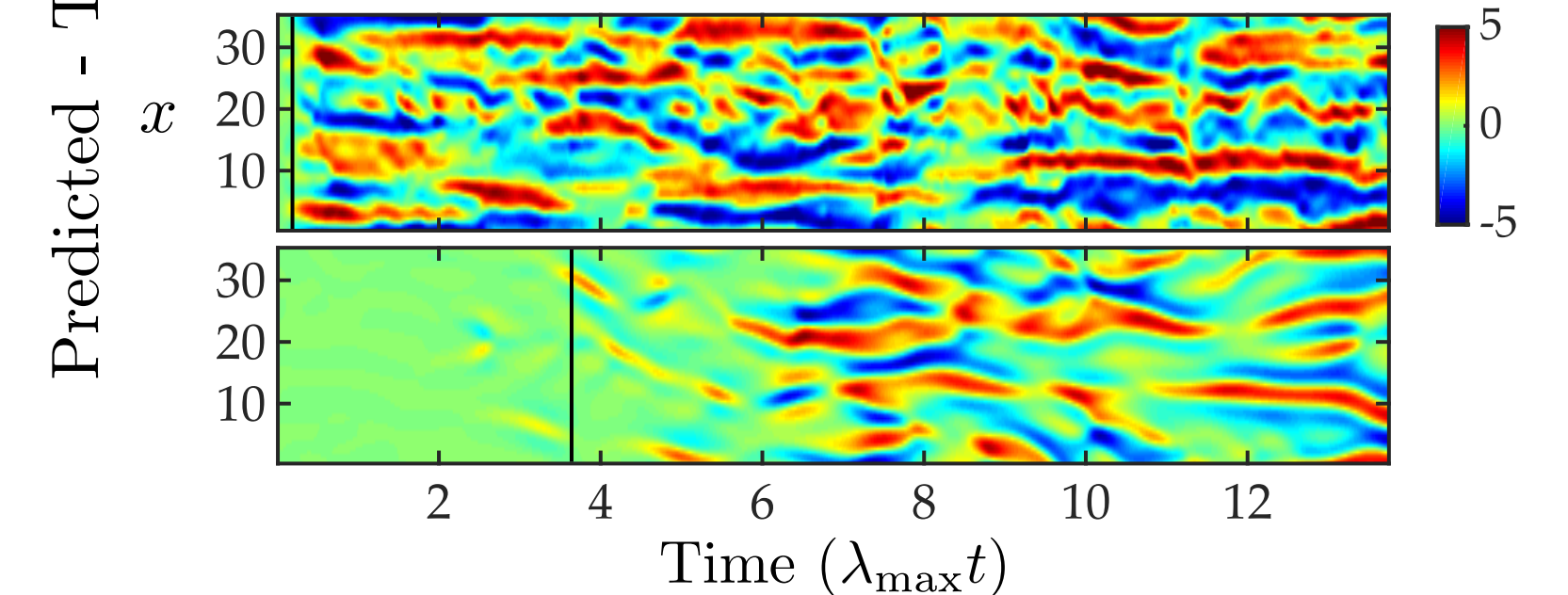
(a) True State



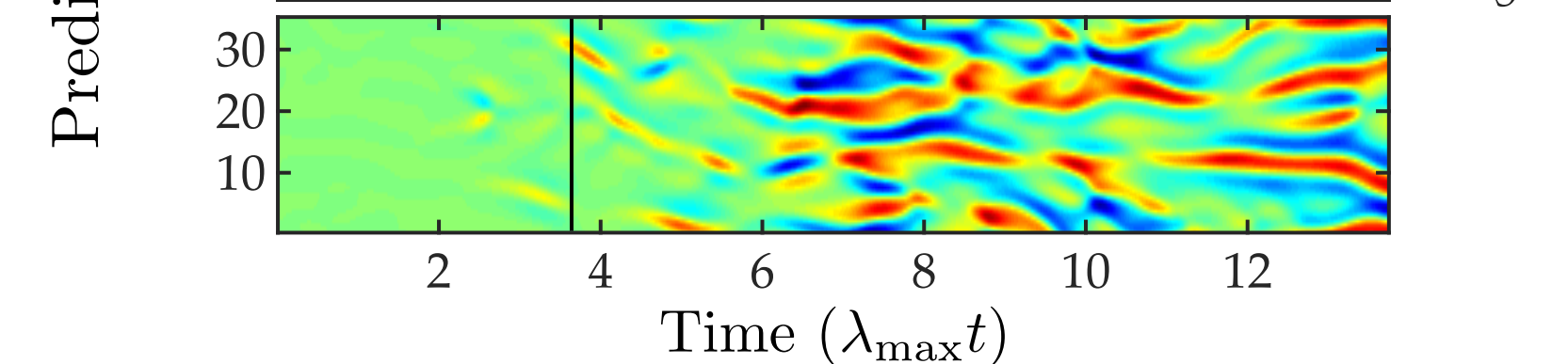
(b) High Model Error
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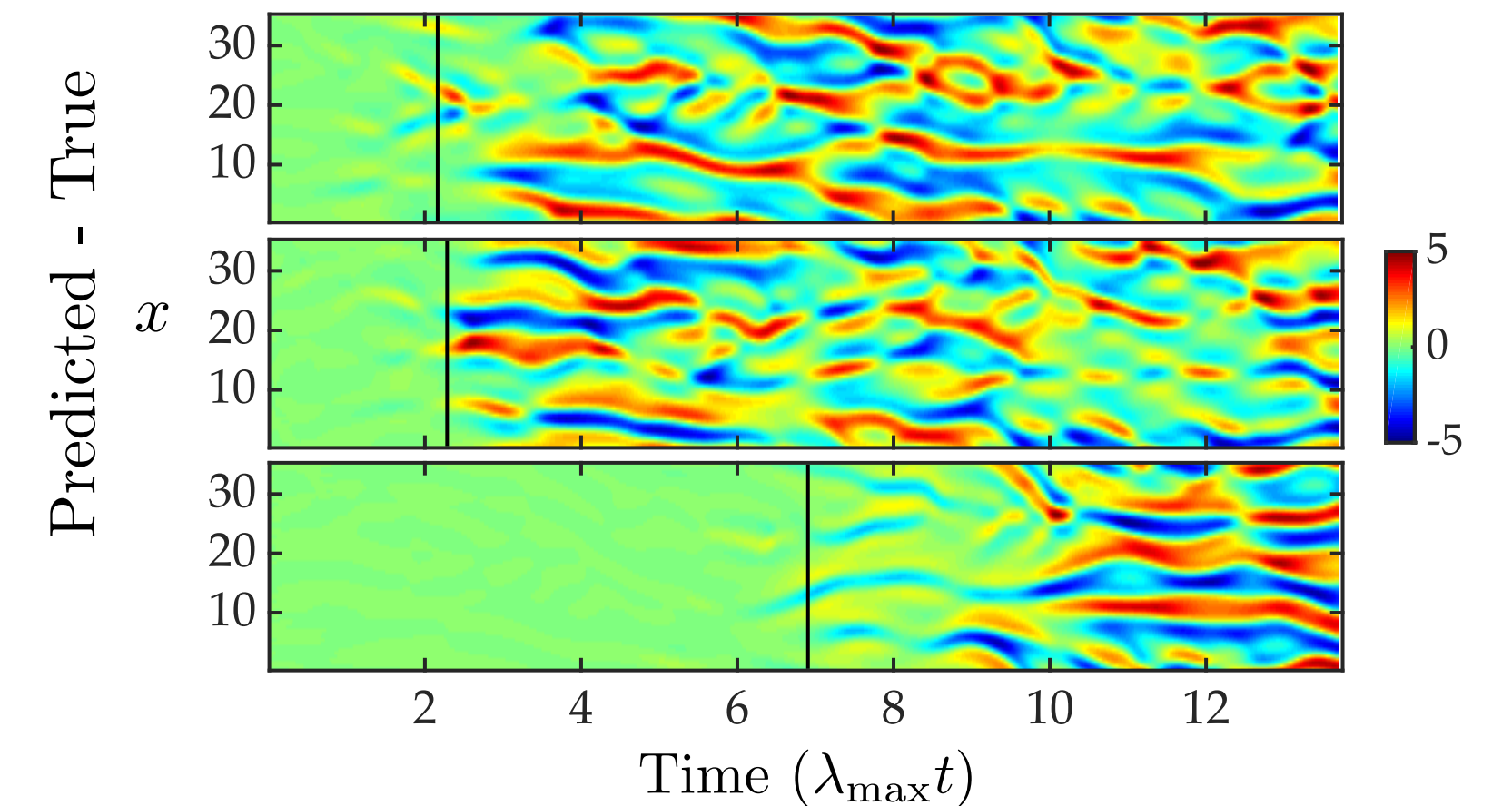
(c) Small Reservoir
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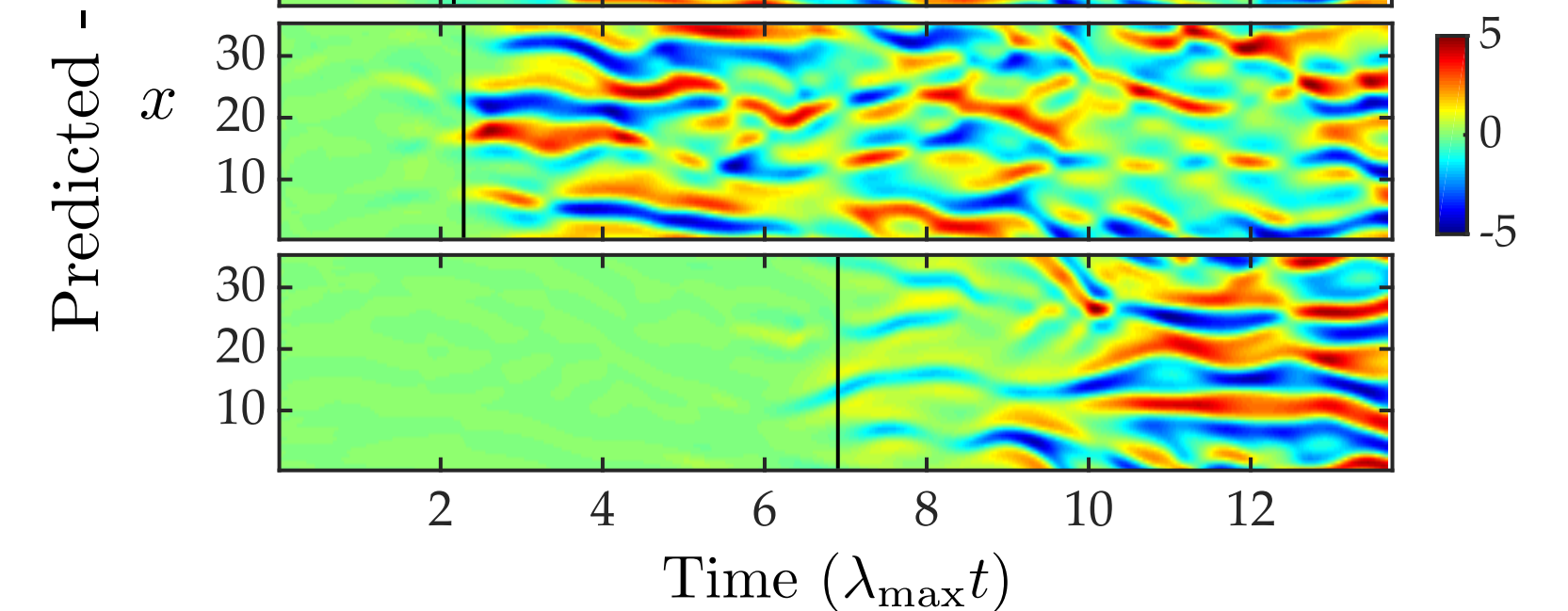
(d) Hybrid (b) + (c)



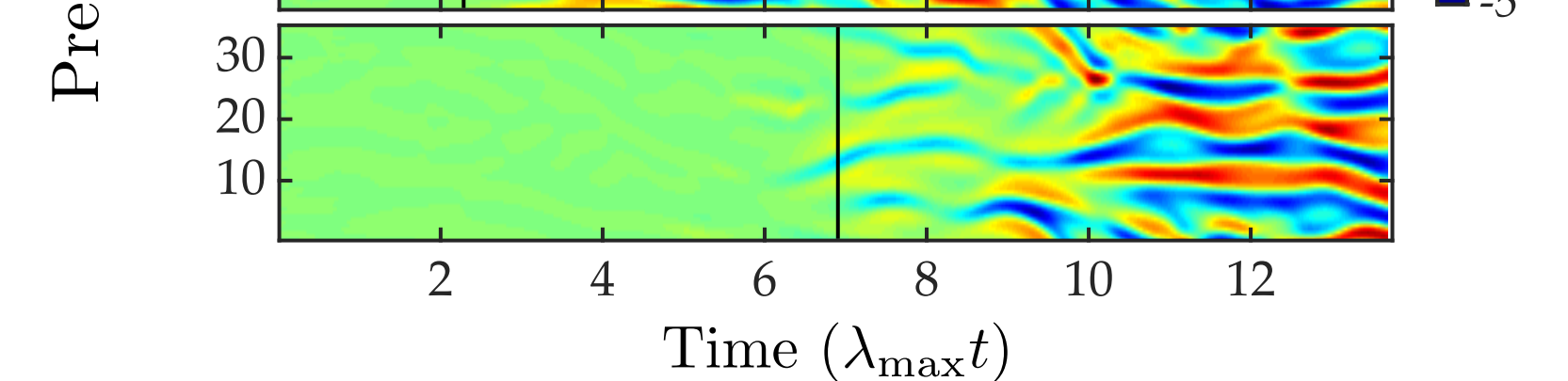
(e) Low Model Error
($\epsilon = 0.01$)



(f) Large Reservoir
($D_r = 8000$)



(g) Hybrid (e) + (f)



RESERVOIR COMPUTING AND OTHER RNN ARCHITECTURES

Reservoir computers/ Echo state networks offer very quick and cheap training as compared to Recurrent Neural Networks trained using gradient descent and backpropagation (e.g. deep layered models like LSTM networks). We are currently performing systematic comparisons.

Training time for the examples shown today is approximately ~10 min on our cluster of CPUs. Although, this is at the cost of using hundreds of cores for large spatiotemporal systems.

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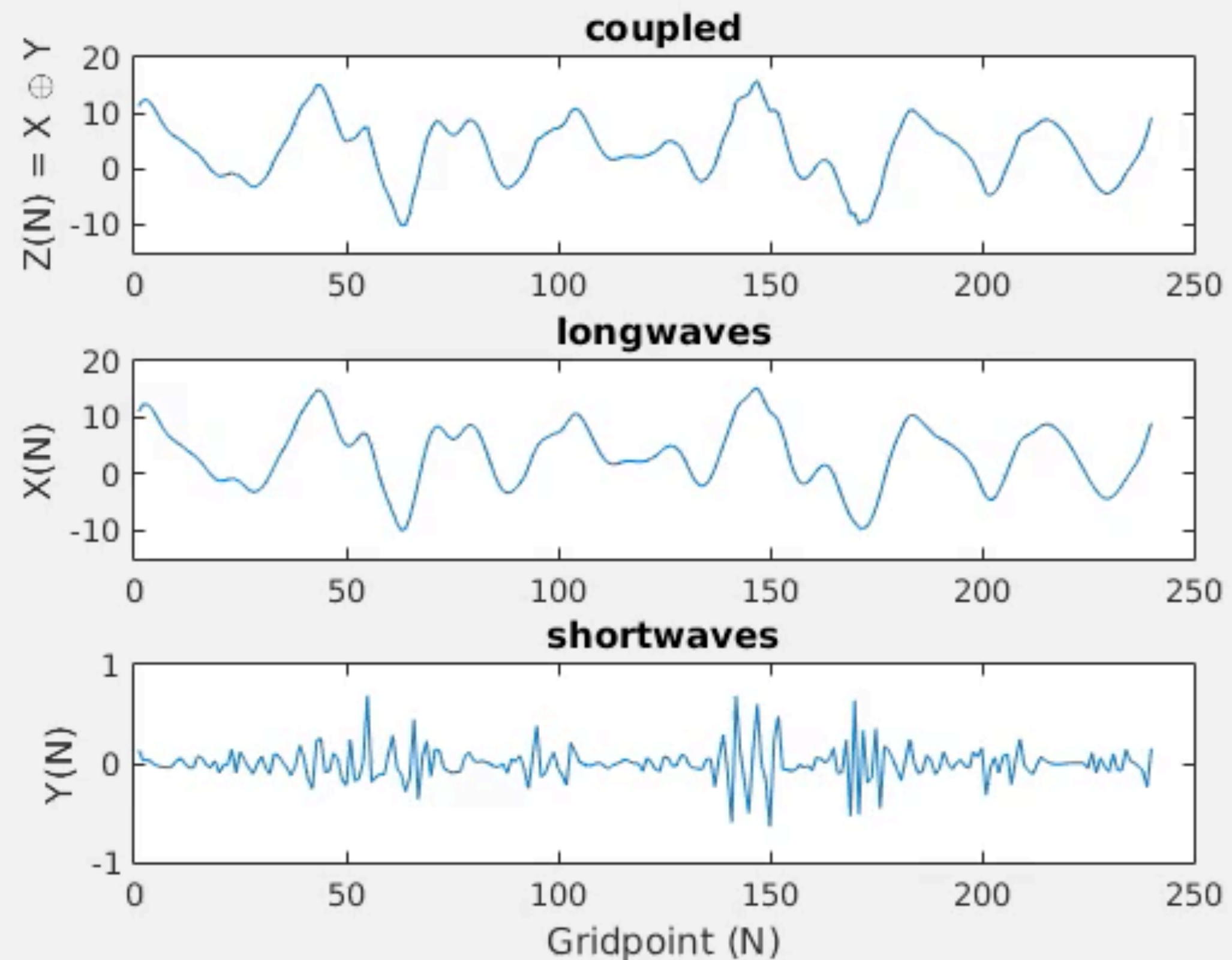
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Use data assimilation methods such as an [ensemble Kalman filter](#) to incorporate [sparse and noisy measurements](#) into the machine learning framework.

CONCLUSIONS

Machine Learning can be a very effective tool for studying high dimensional chaos, including problems which are difficult to tackle with traditional tools.

Potential applications include weather prediction, understanding neural activity, control of chaos, improved simulation techniques for PDEs.

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