

Homogenization, Random Matrices and Integral Representations for Transport in Composites

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Can studying sea ice and its role in climate help advance variational analysis?

Calculus of Variations
Oberwolfach, August 2018

sea ice is a multiscale composite



millimeters



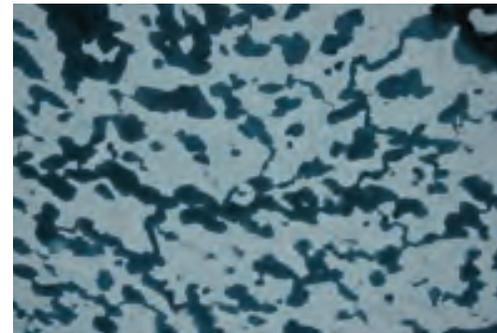
centimeters



meters



meters

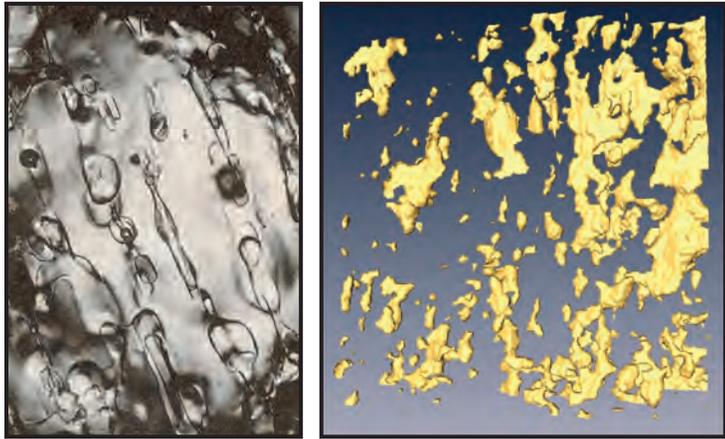


kilometers



multiscale structure of sea ice

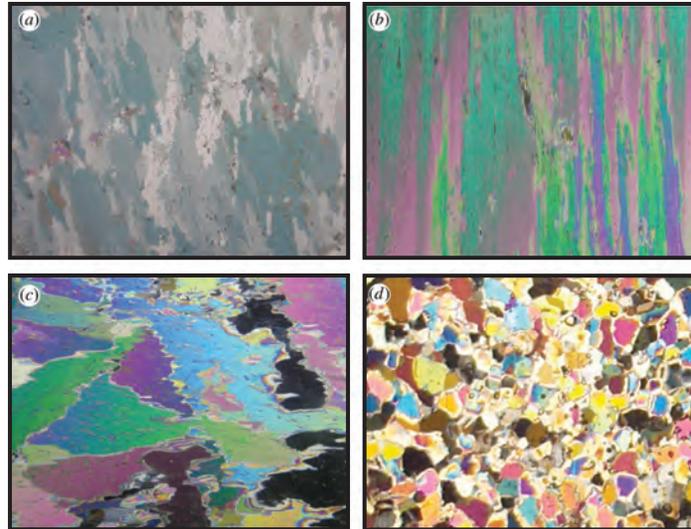
Brine Inclusions



mm

Golden et al GRL 2007

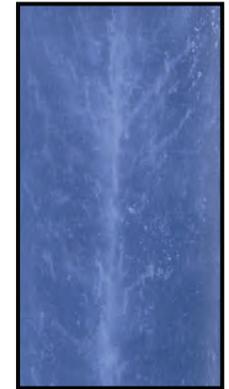
Polycrystals



cm

Gully et al. Proc. R. Soc. A 2015

Brine Channels



m

Arctic Melt Ponds



m

K. Frey

Pack Ice



km

J. Weller

How do scales interact in the sea ice system?



basin scale -
grid scale
albedo

Linking Scales

km
scale
melt
ponds



km
scale
melt
ponds



Linking

Scales

mm
scale
brine
inclusions



meter
scale
snow
topography



What is this talk about?

A tour of variational problems in the mathematical analysis of sea ice and its role in the climate system.

Addressing the problem of linking scales in Earth's sea ice system
MULTISCALE HOMOGENIZATION for SEA ICE
drives advances in theory of Stieltjes integrals for transport.

Find unexpected Anderson transition in composites along the way!

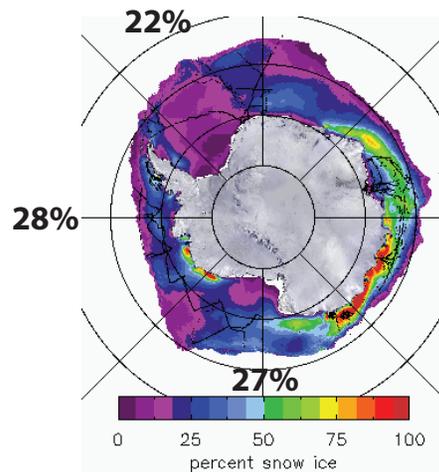
1. Fluid flow through sea ice, percolation
2. Analytic continuation for composites; BOUNDS
remote sensing, inversion, spectral measures
random matrix theory and Anderson transitions
3. Stieltjes representations for advection diffusion,
polycrystals, ocean waves in the sea ice pack
4. Arctic melt ponds, fractals, Ising model, Stieltjes integrals

fluid flow through the porous microstructure of sea ice governs key processes in polar climate and ecosystems

evolution of Arctic melt ponds and sea ice albedo



nutrient flux for algal communities



T. Maksym and T. Markus, 2008

*Antarctic surface flooding
and snow-ice formation*

September
snow-ice
estimates

- evolution of salinity profiles
- ocean-ice-air exchanges of heat, CO₂

fluid permeability of a porous medium



how much water gets through the sample per unit time?

Darcy's Law

for slow viscous flow in a porous medium

averaged
fluid velocity

pressure
gradient

$$\mathbf{v} = -\frac{\mathbf{k}}{\eta} \nabla p$$

viscosity

\mathbf{k} = fluid permeability tensor

HOMOGENIZATION

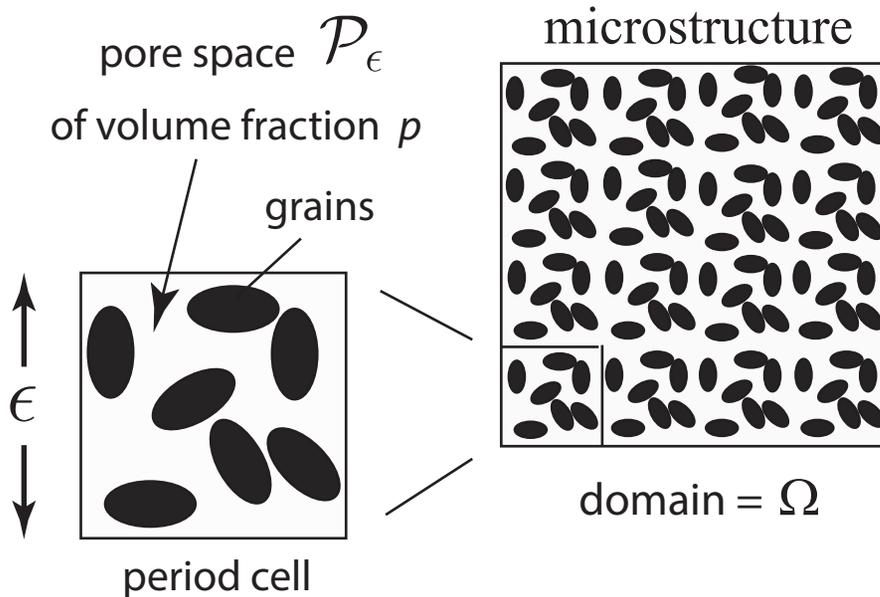
mathematics for analyzing effective behavior of heterogeneous systems

fluid permeability of a porous medium

HOMOGENIZE

how much fluid gets through the sample per unit time?

Stokes equations for fluid velocity \mathbf{v}^ϵ , pressure p^ϵ , force \mathbf{f} :



$$\begin{aligned} \nabla p^\epsilon - \epsilon^2 \eta \Delta \mathbf{v}^\epsilon &= \mathbf{f}, & x \in \mathcal{P}_\epsilon \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^\epsilon &= 0, & x \in \mathcal{P}_\epsilon \\ \mathbf{v}^\epsilon &= 0, & x \in \partial \mathcal{P}_\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\eta = \text{fluid viscosity}$

via two-scale expansion

MACROSCOPIC EQUATIONS $\mathbf{v}^\epsilon \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$, $p^\epsilon \rightarrow p$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

Darcy's law $\mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{k} \nabla p$, $x \in \Omega$ $\mathbf{k}(x) =$ **effective fluid permeability tensor**

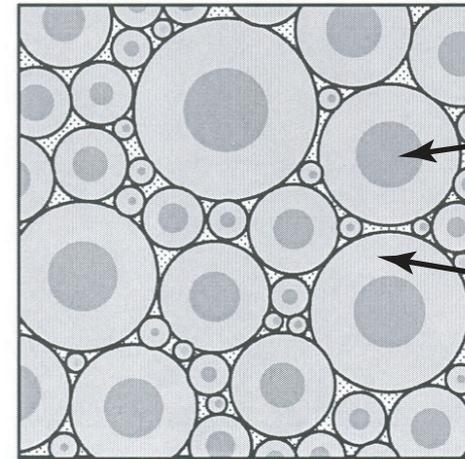
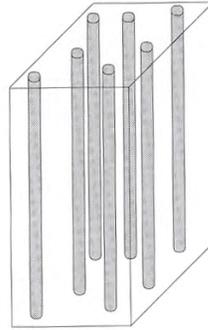
($\mathbf{f} = 0$) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, $x \in \Omega$

PIPE BOUNDS on vertical fluid permeability k

Golden, Heaton, Eicken, Lytle, Mech. Materials 2006

Golden, Eicken, Heaton, Miner, Pringle, Zhu, Geophys. Res. Lett. 2007

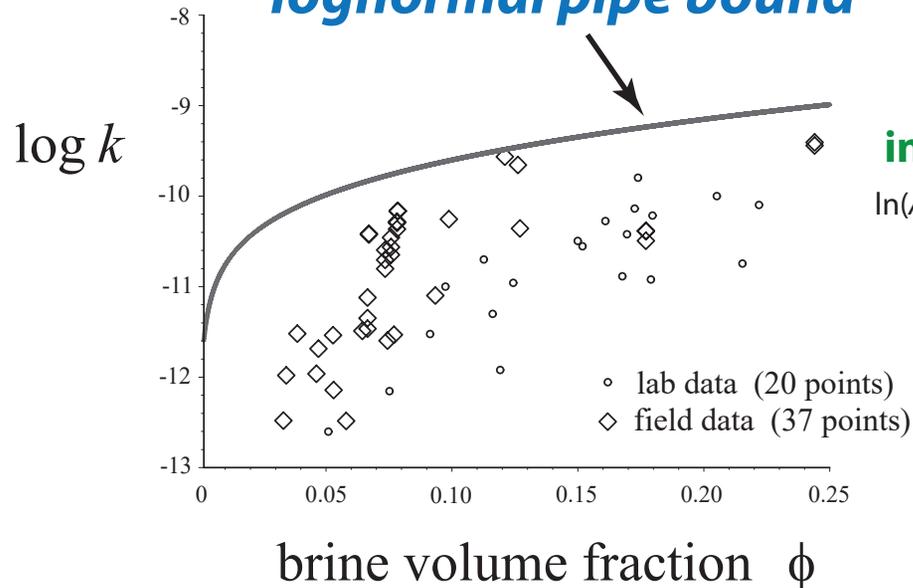
vertical pipes
with appropriate radii
maximize k



optimal coated
cylinder geometry

fluid analog of arithmetic mean upper bound for
effective conductivity of composites (Wiener 1912)

lognormal pipe bound



Golden et al., Geophys. Res. Lett. 2007

$$k \leq \frac{\phi \langle R^4 \rangle}{8 \langle R^2 \rangle} = \frac{\phi}{8} \langle R^2 \rangle e^{\sigma^2}$$

inclusion cross sectional areas A lognormally distributed

$\ln(A)$ normally distributed, mean μ (increases with T) variance σ^2 (Gow and Perovich 96)

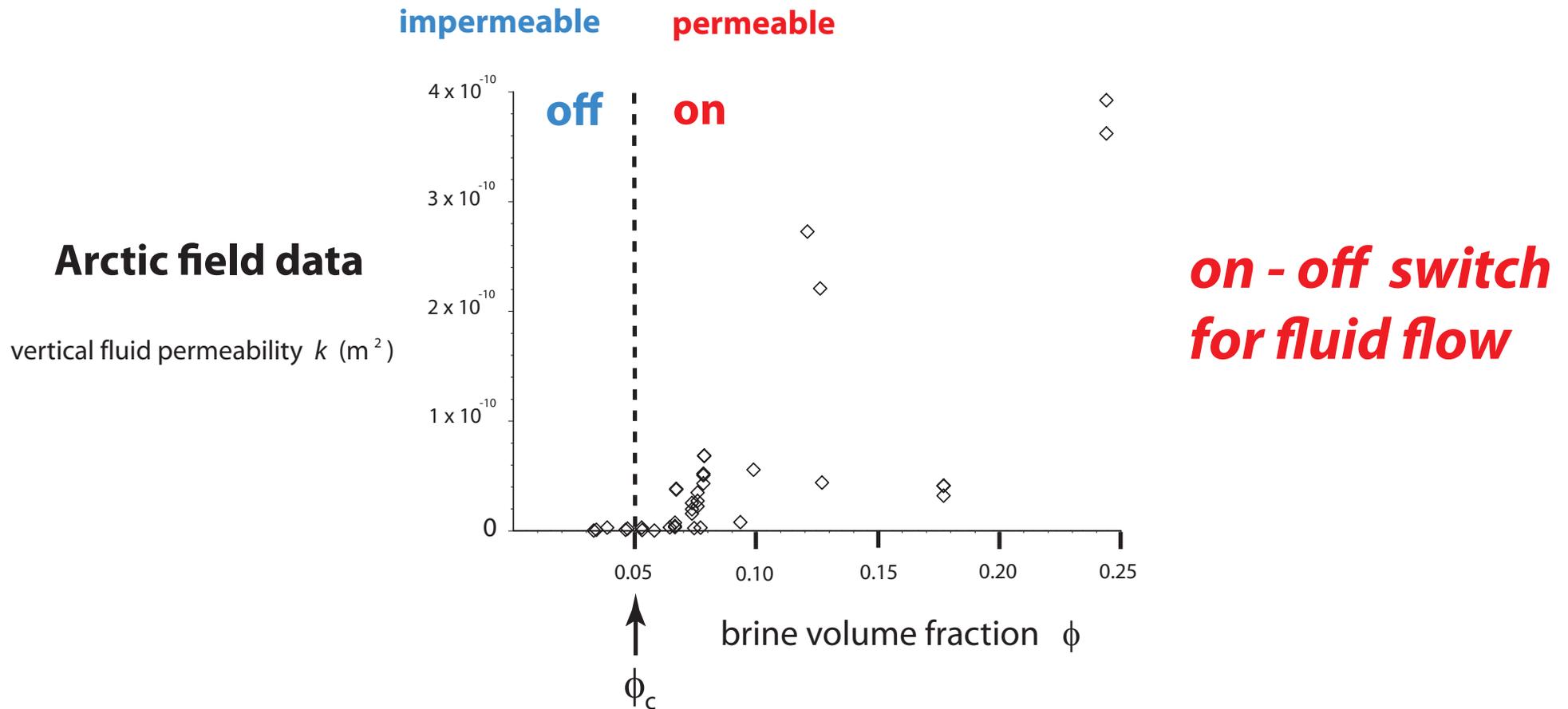
get bounds through variational analysis of
trapping constant γ for diffusion process
in pore space with absorbing BC

Torquato and Pham, PRL 2004

$$\mathbf{k} \leq \gamma^{-1} \mathbf{I}$$

for any ergodic porous medium
(Torquato 2002, 2004)

Critical behavior of fluid transport in sea ice



critical brine volume fraction $\phi_c \approx 5\%$ \longleftrightarrow $T_c \approx -5^\circ \text{C}$, $S \approx 5 \text{ ppt}$

RULE OF FIVES

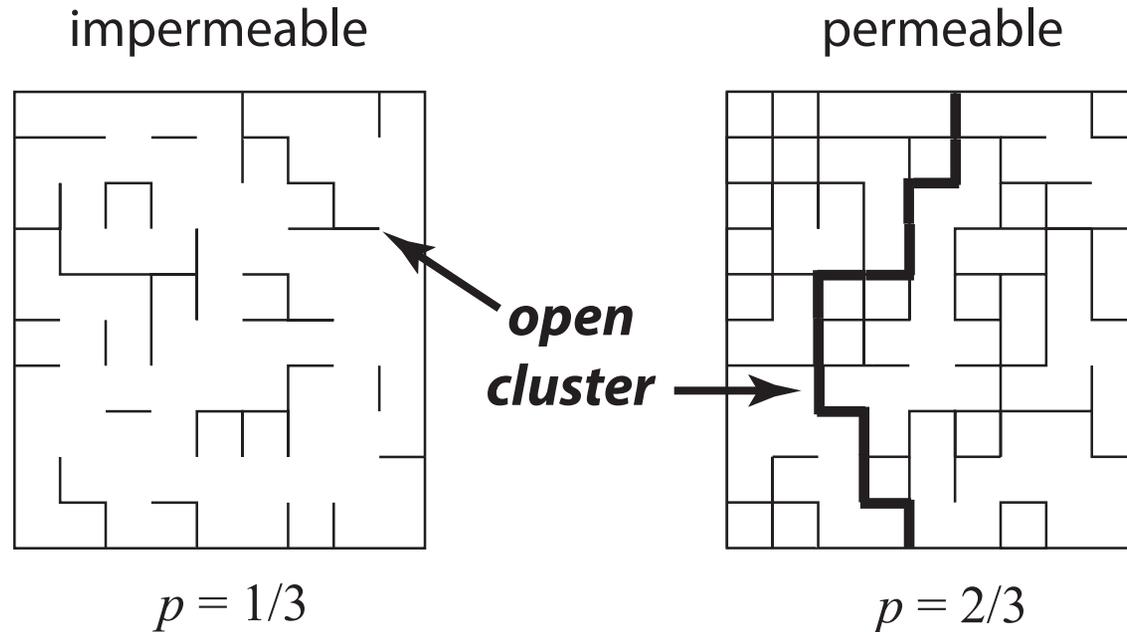
Golden, Ackley, Lytle *Science* 1998

Golden, Eicken, Heaton, Miner, Pringle, Zhu, *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 2007

Pringle, Miner, Eicken, Golden *J. Geophys. Res.* 2009

percolation theory

probabilistic theory of connectedness



bond \longrightarrow *open* with probability p
closed with probability $1-p$

percolation threshold

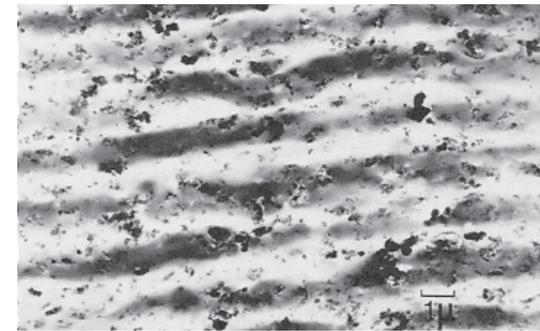
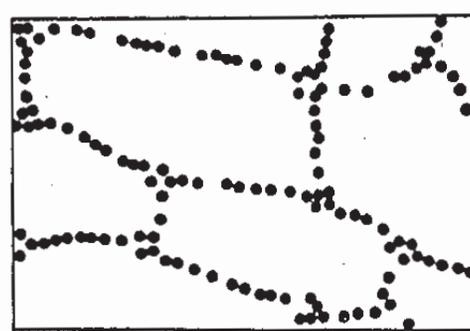
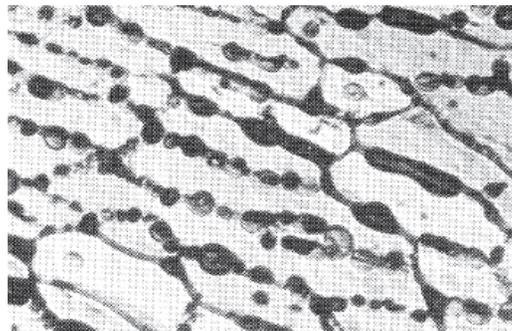
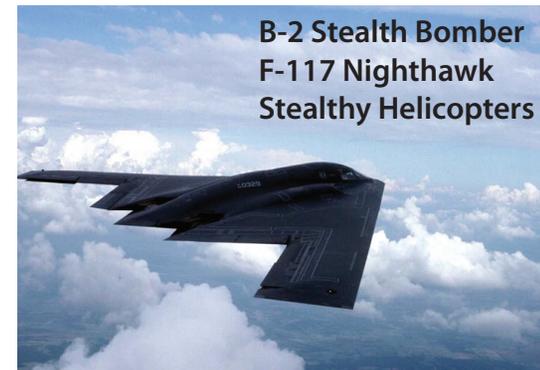
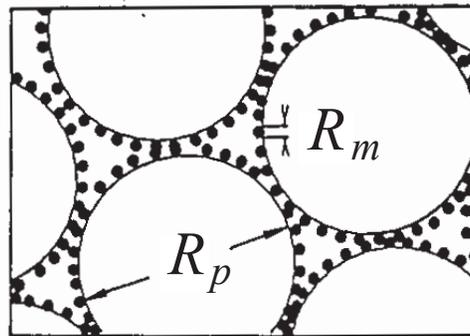
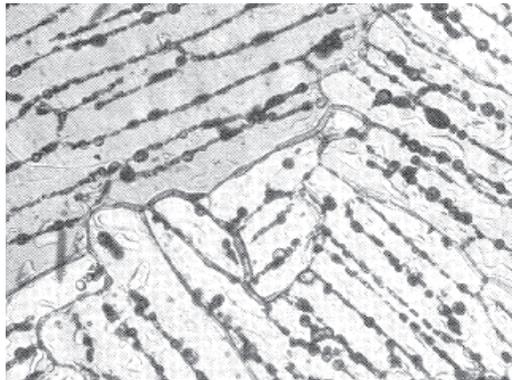
$$p_c = 1/2 \quad \text{for } d = 2$$

smallest p for which there is an infinite open cluster

Continuum percolation model for **stealthy** materials applied to sea ice microstructure explains **Rule of Fives** and Antarctic data on **ice production** and **algal growth**

$$\phi_c \approx 5\%$$

Golden, Ackley, Lytle, *Science*, 1998



sea ice

compressed powder

radar absorbing composite

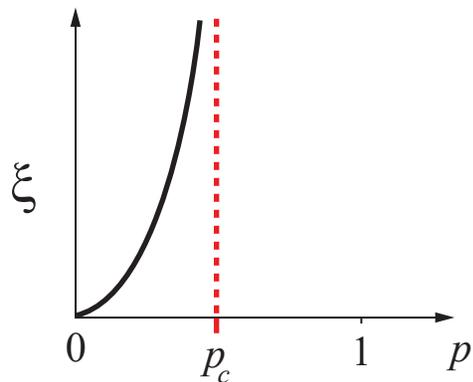
sea ice is radar absorbing

order parameters in percolation theory

geometry

correlation length

characteristic scale
of connectedness

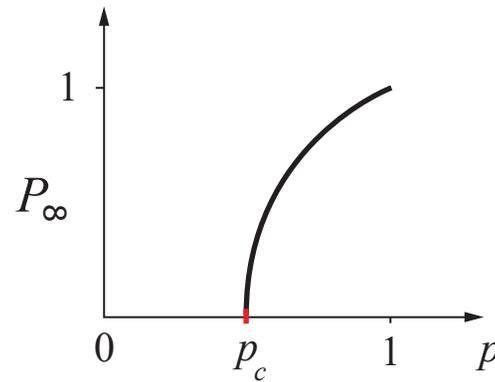


$$\xi(p) \sim |p - p_c|^{-\nu}$$

$$p \rightarrow p_c$$

infinite cluster density

probability the origin
belongs to infinite cluster

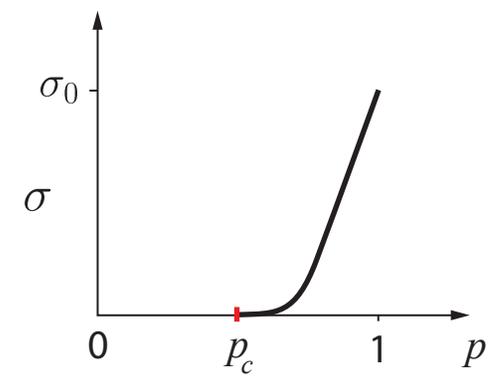


$$P_\infty(p) \sim (p - p_c)^\beta$$

$$p \rightarrow p_c^+$$

transport

effective conductivity
or fluid permeability



$$\sigma(p) \sim \sigma_0 (p - p_c)^t$$

$$p \rightarrow p_c^+$$

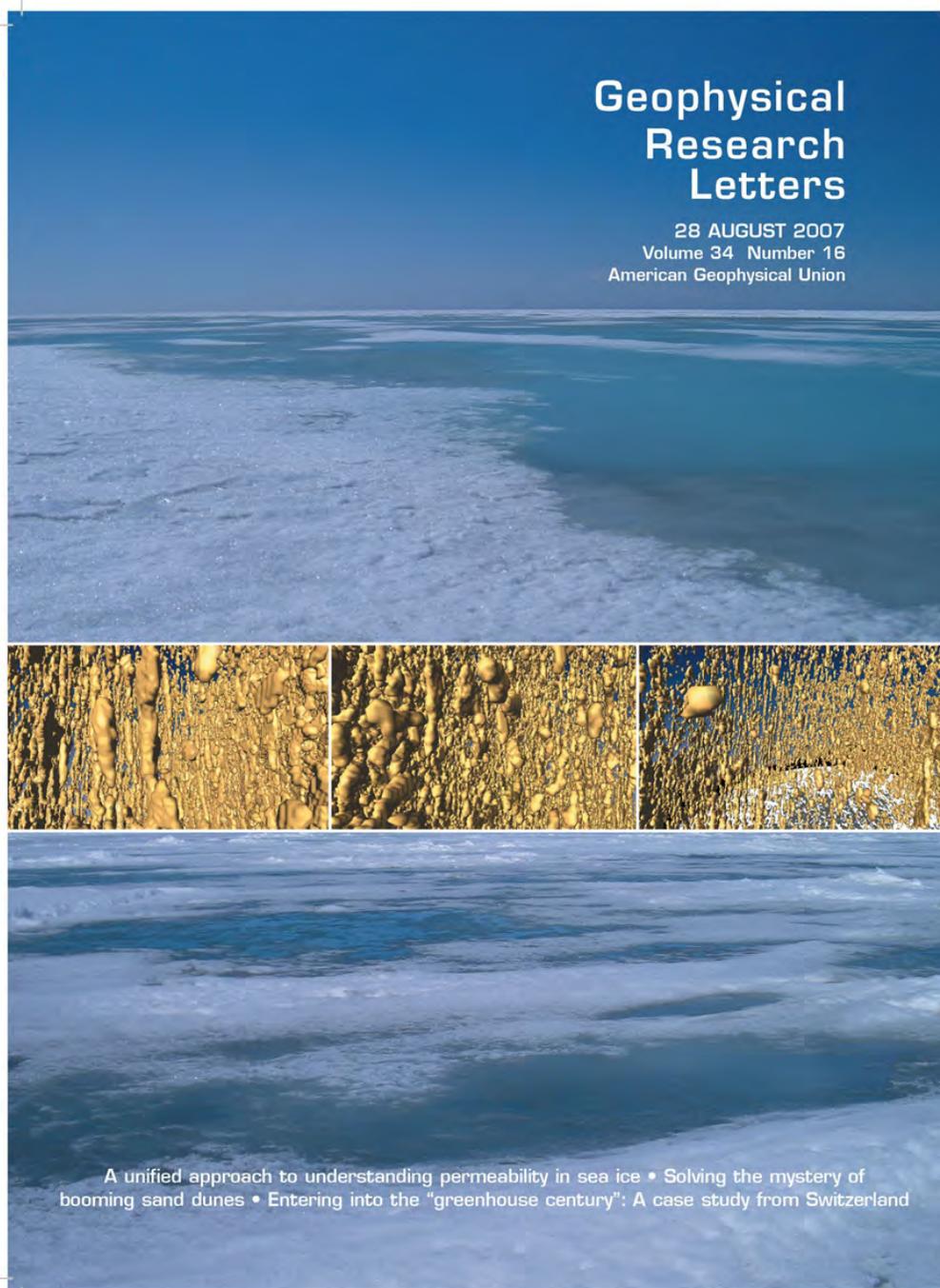
UNIVERSAL critical exponents for lattices -- depend only on dimension

$1 \leq t \leq 2$ (for idealized model), Golden, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 1990 ; *Comm. Math. Phys.* 1992

non-universal behavior in continuum

Thermal evolution of permeability and microstructure in sea ice

Golden, Eicken, Heaton, Miner, Pringle, Zhu, *Geophysical Research Letters* 2007



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Research
Letters

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Volume 34 Number 16
American Geophysical Union

percolation theory

$$k(\phi) = k_0 (\phi - 0.05)^2$$

critical exponent t

$$k_0 = 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2$$

hierarchical model
network model
rigorous bounds

agree closely
with field data

**X-ray tomography for
brine inclusions**

**unprecedented look
at thermal evolution
of brine phase and
its connectivity**

confirms rule of fives

**Pringle, Miner, Eicken, Golden
J. Geophys. Res. 2009**

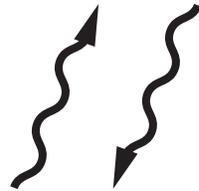
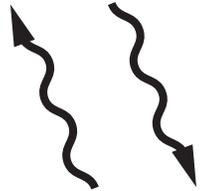
micro-scale

controls

macro-scale

processes

Remote sensing of sea ice



sea ice thickness
ice concentration

INVERSE PROBLEM

Recover sea ice
properties from
electromagnetic
(EM) data

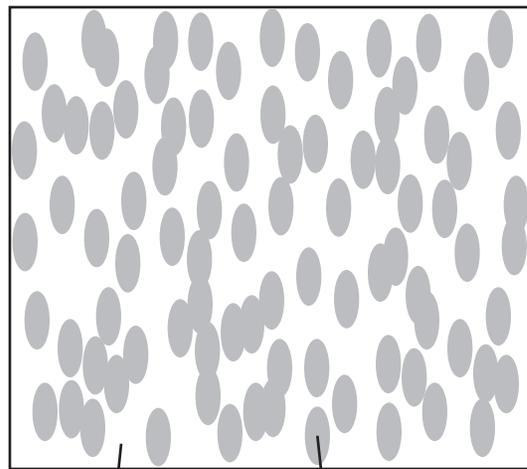
$$\epsilon^*$$

effective complex permittivity
(dielectric constant, conductivity)



brine volume fraction
brine inclusion connectivity

Effective complex permittivity of a two phase composite in the quasistatic (long wavelength) limit



ϵ_1

ϵ_2

} ϵ^*

$$D = \epsilon E$$

$$\nabla \cdot D = 0$$

$$\nabla \times E = 0$$

$$\langle D \rangle = \epsilon^* \langle E \rangle$$

p_1, p_2 = volume fractions of
the components

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon^* \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}, \text{ composite geometry} \right)$$

Herglotz function

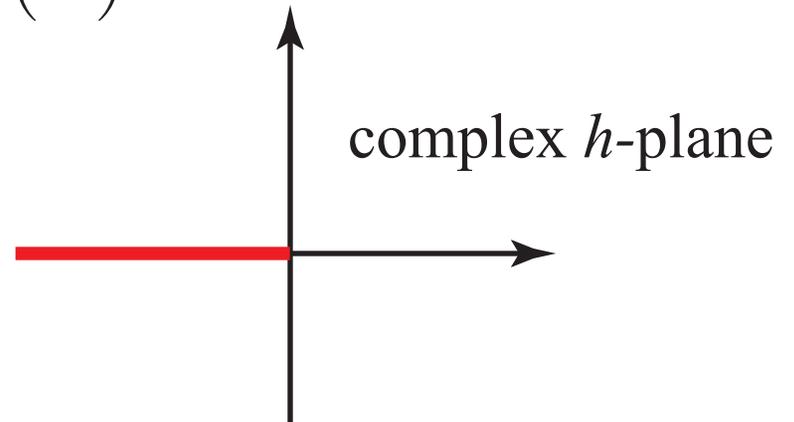
Analytic continuation method for bounding complex ϵ^*

Bergman (1978), Milton (1979), Golden and Papanicolaou (1983)

$$m(h) = \frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon_2} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad h = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}$$

Exploit analytic properties of $m(h)$

- $m(h)$ analytic off negative real axis



- $m(h) : \text{UHP} \longrightarrow \text{UHP}$

Theory of Effective Electromagnetic Behavior of Composites

analytic continuation method

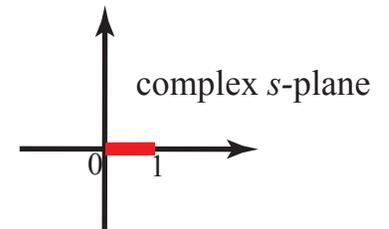
Forward Homogenization Bergman (1978), Milton (1979), Golden and Papanicolaou (1983)
Theory of Composites, Milton (2002)

composite geometry
 (spectral measure μ) \longrightarrow ϵ^*

integral representations, rigorous bounds, approximations, etc.

$$F(s) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon_2} = \int_0^1 \frac{d\mu(z)}{s - z}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon_1 / \epsilon_2}$$



Inverse Homogenization Cherkaev and Golden (1998), Day and Thorpe (1999), Cherkaev (2001)
 McPhedran, McKenzie, Milton (1982), *Theory of Composites*, Milton (2002)

ϵ^* \longrightarrow **composite geometry**
 (spectral measure μ)

recover brine volume fraction, connectivity, etc.

Stieltjes integral representation

separates geometry from parameters

$$F(s) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon_2} = \int_0^1 \frac{d\mu(z)}{s - z}$$

geometry ←

← *material parameters*

- μ {
- spectral measure of self adjoint operator $\Gamma\chi$
 - mass = p_1
 - higher moments depend on n -point correlations

$$\Gamma = \nabla(-\Delta)^{-1}\nabla.$$

χ = characteristic function of the brine phase

$$E = (s + \Gamma\chi)^{-1}e_k$$

$\Gamma\chi$: microscale \rightarrow macroscale

$\Gamma\chi$ *links scales*

using the Stieltjes integral representation to obtain bounds

“linear programming” Golden and Papanicolaou, *CMP* 1983

M_1 = the set of positive Borel measures on $[0,1]$, compact, convex

$$F_s(\mu) : M_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{linear functional}$$

extremal values (bounds) are images of extreme points of M_1

Dirac point measures $\frac{\mu_0}{s - z^*}$

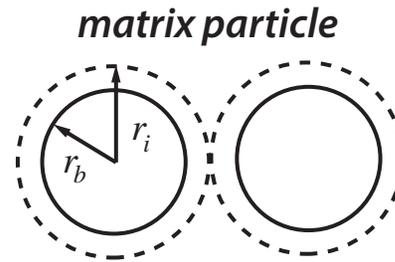
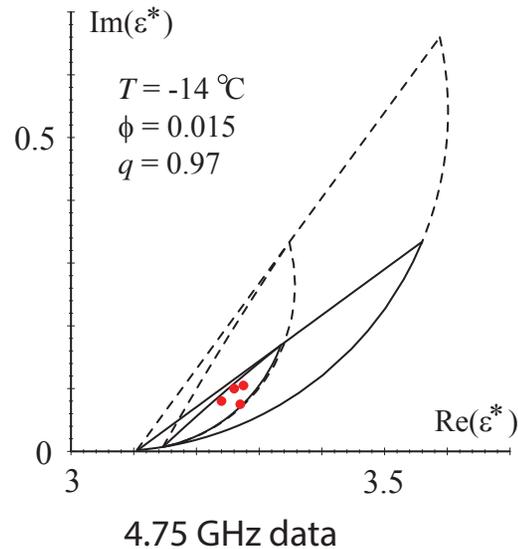
higher order bounds -- iterated fractional linear transformations

$$F_1(s) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} - \frac{1}{sF(s)}$$

← Baker 1969
Milton 1981
Bergman 1982
Felderhof 1984
Golden 1986

forward and inverse bounds on the complex permittivity of sea ice

forward bounds



$$q = r_b / r_i$$

$$0 < q < 1$$

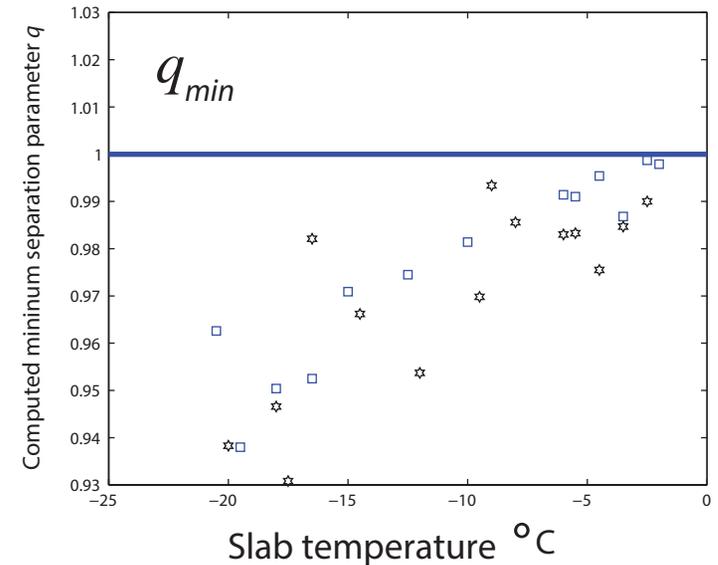
Golden 1995, 1997

Bruno 1991

inverse bounds and recovery of brine porosity

**Gully, Backstrom, Eicken, Golden
Physica B, 2007**

inverse bounds



inversion for brine inclusion separations in sea ice from measurements of effective complex permittivity ϵ^*

**rigorous inverse bound
on spectral gap**

*construct algebraic curves which bound
admissible region in (p,q) -space*

**Orum, Cherkaev, Golden
Proc. Roy. Soc. A, 2012**

direct calculation of spectral measure

1. Discretization of composite microstructure gives lattice of 1's and 0's (random resistor network).
2. The fundamental operator $\chi\Gamma\chi$ becomes a random matrix depending only on the composite geometry.
3. Compute the eigenvalues λ_i and eigenvectors of $\chi\Gamma\chi$ with inner product weights α_i

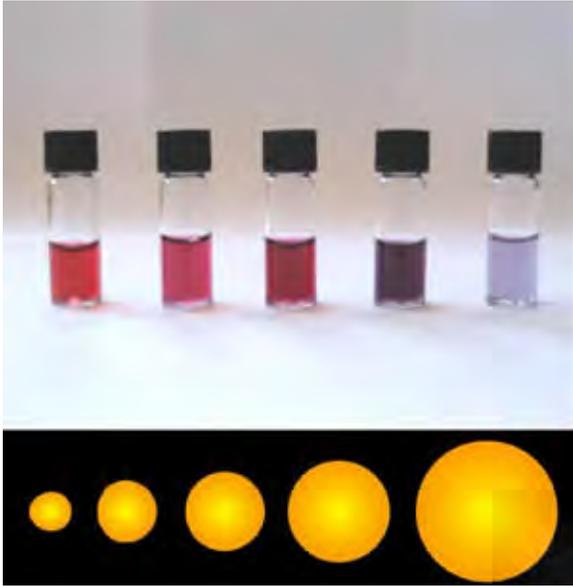
$$\mu(\lambda) = \sum_i \alpha_i \delta(\lambda - \lambda_i)$$



Dirac point measure (Dirac delta)

Surface Plasmon Resonances

collective oscillations of electrons on metal / dielectric interface



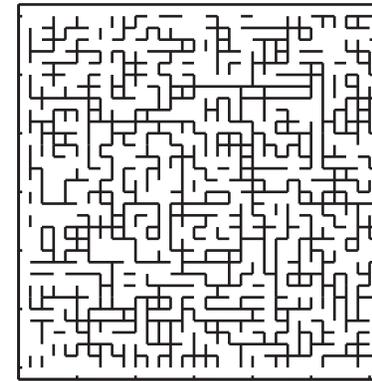
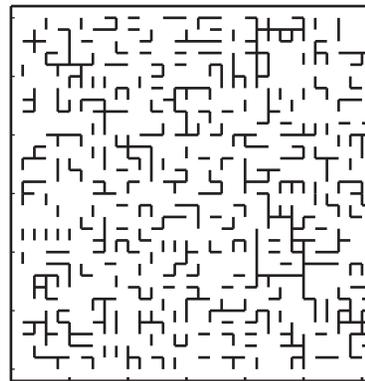
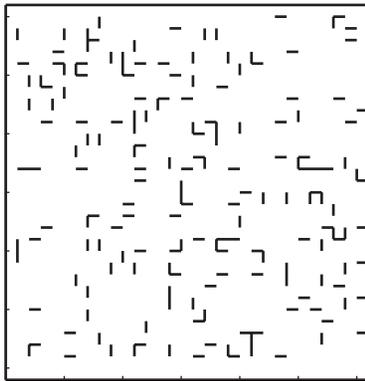
suspension of
gold nanoparticles
absorbs green
and blue light:

WE SEE RED



Michael Faraday's gold colloids - origins of nanoscience 1850s

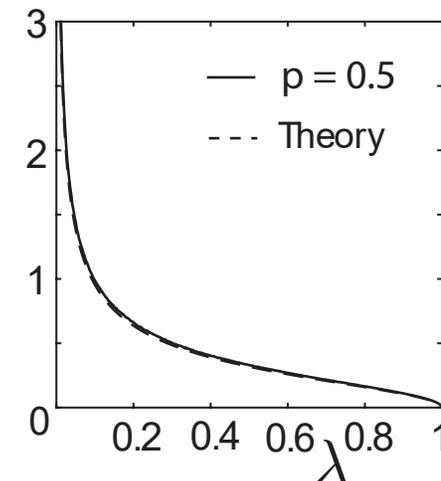
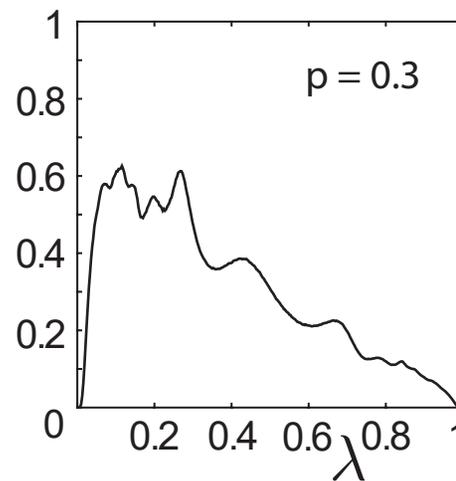
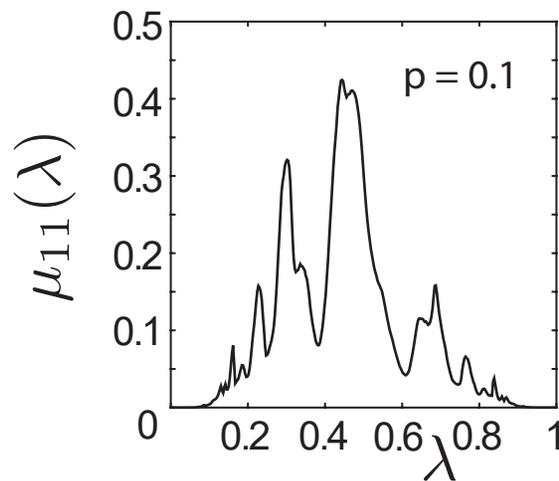
Spectral statistics for 2D random resistor network



Spectral Measures

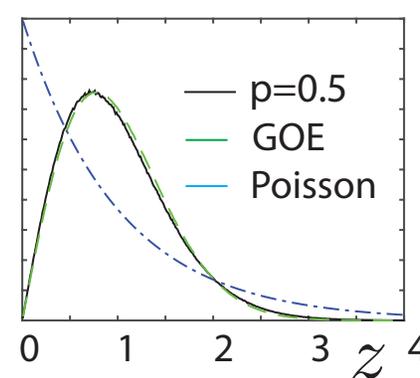
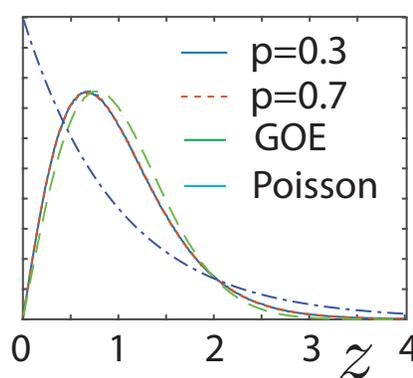
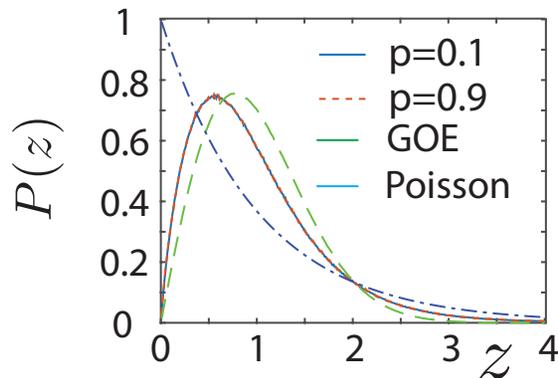
Murphy and Golden, *J. Math. Phys.*, 2012

Murphy et al. *Comm. Math. Sci.*, 2015



$p_c = 0.5$

Eigenvalue Spacing Distributions



Murphy,
Cherkaev,
Golden,
PRL, 2017

Eigenvalue Statistics of Random Matrix Theory

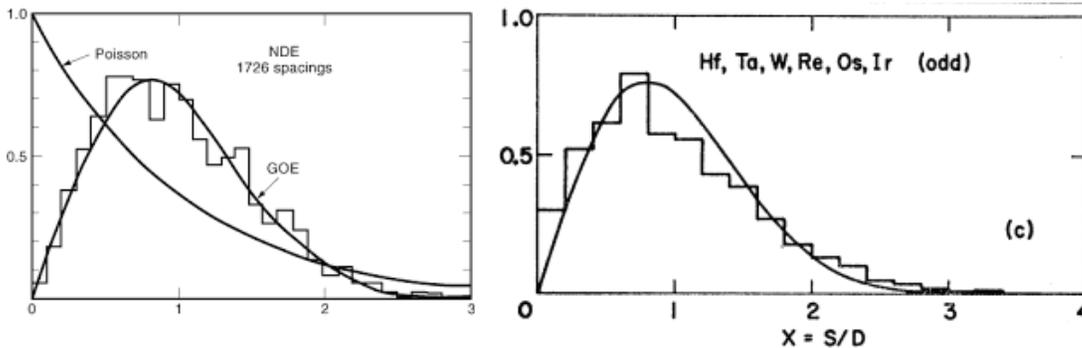
Wigner (1951) and Dyson (1953) first used random matrix theory (RMT) to describe quantized energy levels of heavy atomic nuclei.

$$[\mathbf{N}]_{ij} \sim N(0,1), \quad \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}^T)/2 \quad \text{Gaussian orthogonal ensemble (GOE)}$$

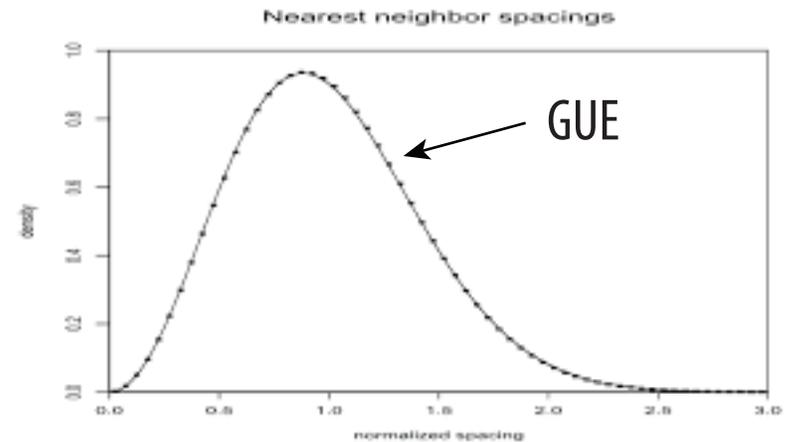
$$[\mathbf{N}]_{ij} \sim N(0,1) + iN(0,1), \quad \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}^\dagger)/2 \quad \text{Gaussian unitary ensemble (GUE)}$$

Short range and long range correlations of eigenvalues are measured by various eigenvalue statistics

Spacing distributions of energy levels for heavy atomic nuclei



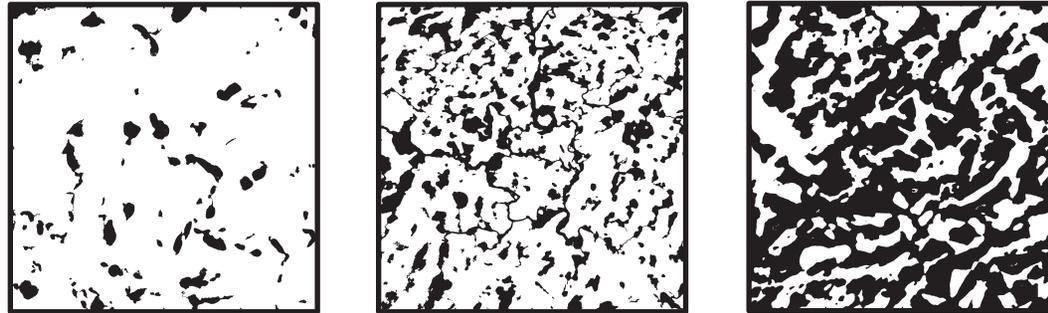
Spacing distributions of the first billion zeros of the Riemann zeta function



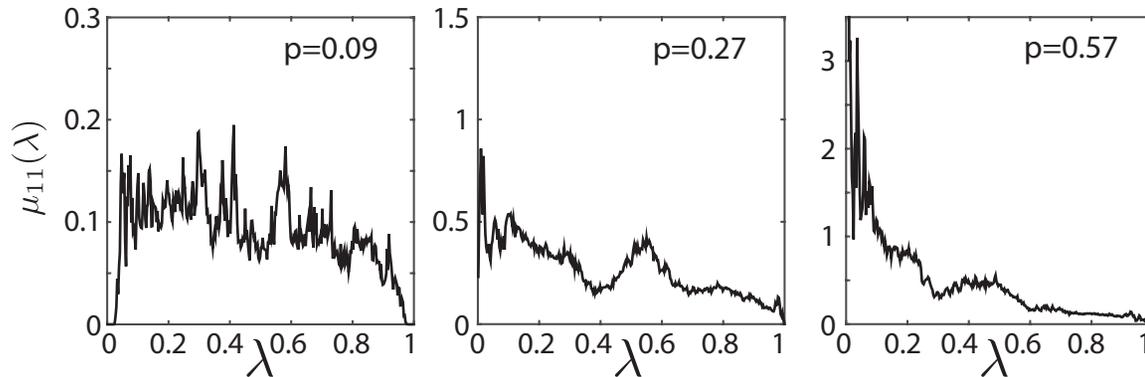
RMT used to characterize **disorder-driven transitions** in mesoscopic conductors, neural networks, random graph theory, etc.

Phase transitions ~ transitions in **universal eigenvalue statistics**.

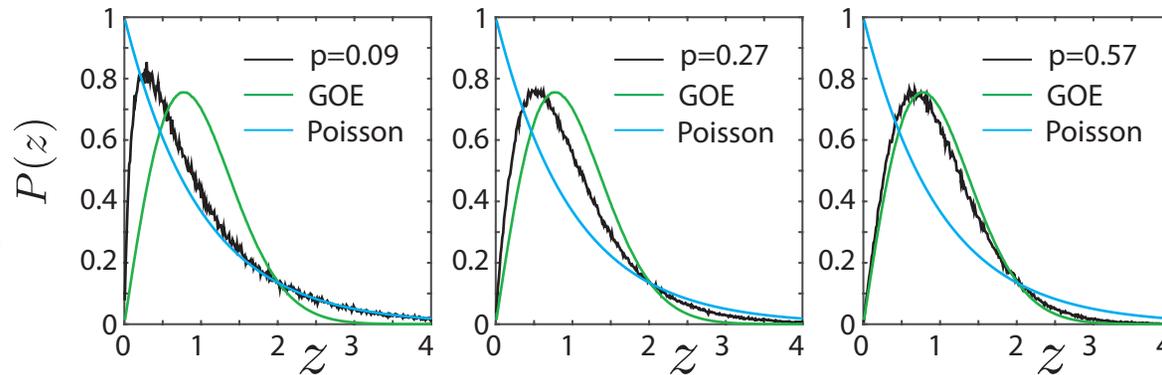
Spectral computations for Arctic melt ponds



spectral measures



eigenvalue spacing distributions



uncorrelated



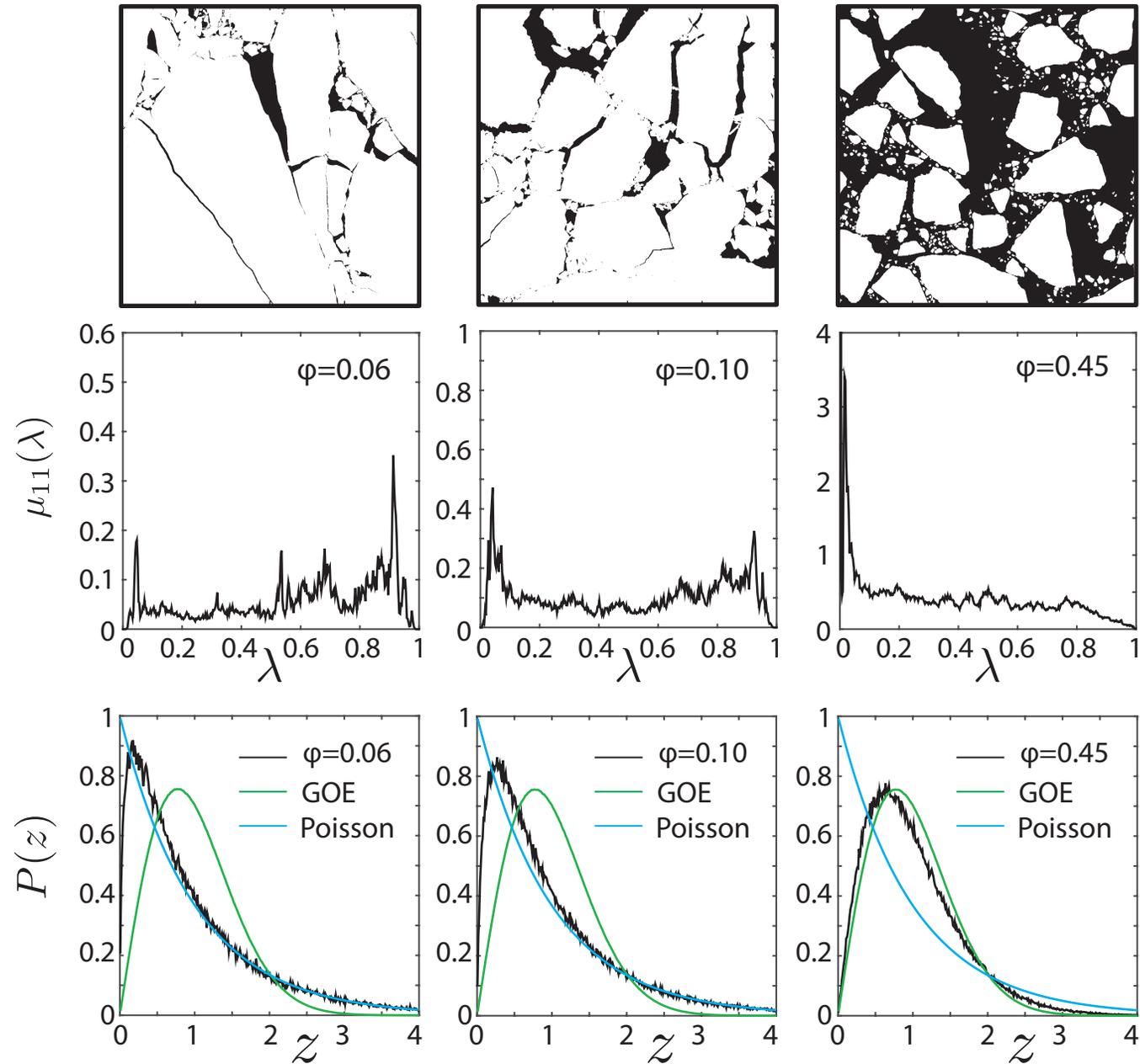
level repulsion

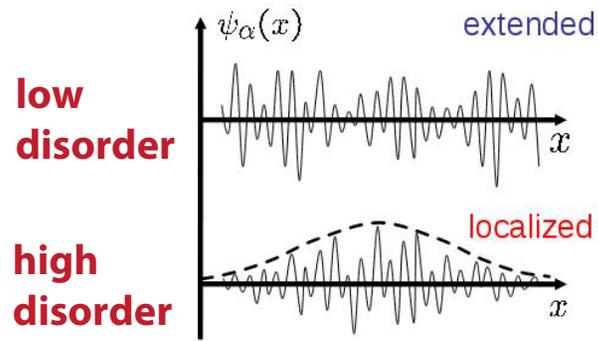
TRANSITION

Ben Murphy
Elena Cherkaev
Ken Golden
2017

*eigenvalue statistics for transport tend toward the **UNIVERSAL Wigner-Dyson distribution** as the “conducting” phase percolates*

Spectral computations for Arctic sea ice pack





metal / insulator transition
localization

Anderson 1958
Mott 1949
Shklovshii et al 1993
Evangelou 1992

**Anderson transition in wave physics:
 quantum, optics, acoustics, water waves, ...**

we find a surprising analog

Anderson transition for classical transport in composites

Murphy, Cherkhev, Golden Phys. Rev. Lett. 2017

**PERCOLATION
 TRANSITION**



**transition to universal
 eigenvalue statistics (GOE) *SPR*
 extended states, mobility edges**

-- but without wave interference or scattering effects ! --

eigenvector localization and mobility edges

Inverse Participation Ratio:
$$I(\vec{v}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^N |(\vec{v}_n)_i|^4$$

Completely Localized:
$$I(\vec{e}_n) = 1$$

Completely Extended:
$$I\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \vec{1}\right) = \frac{1}{N}$$

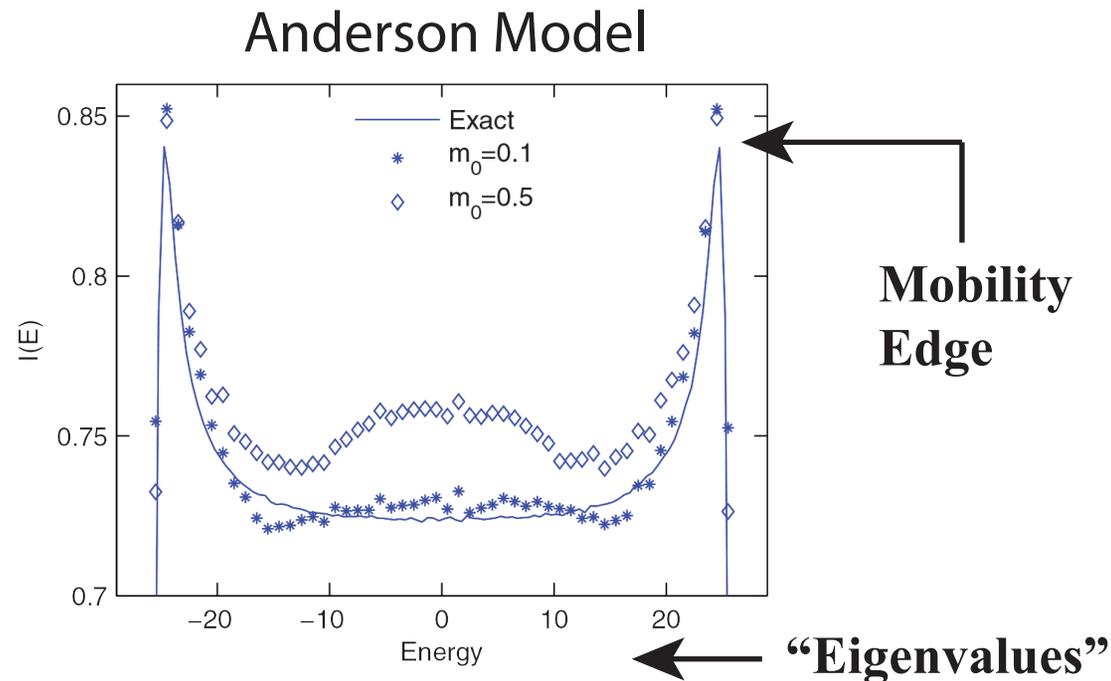
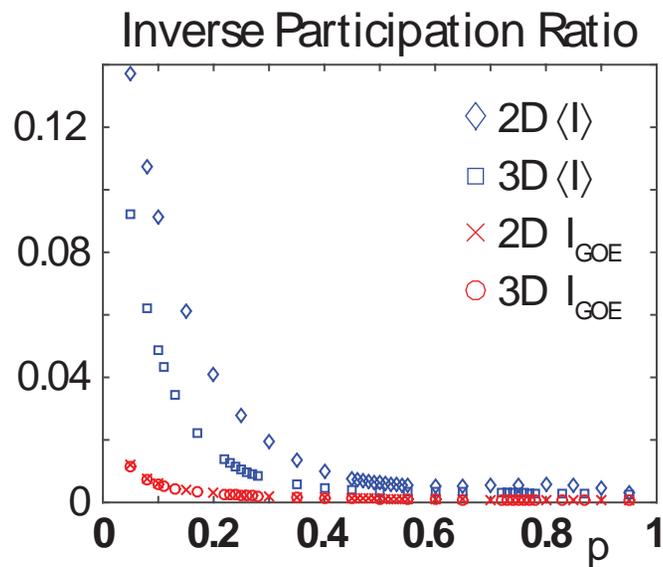
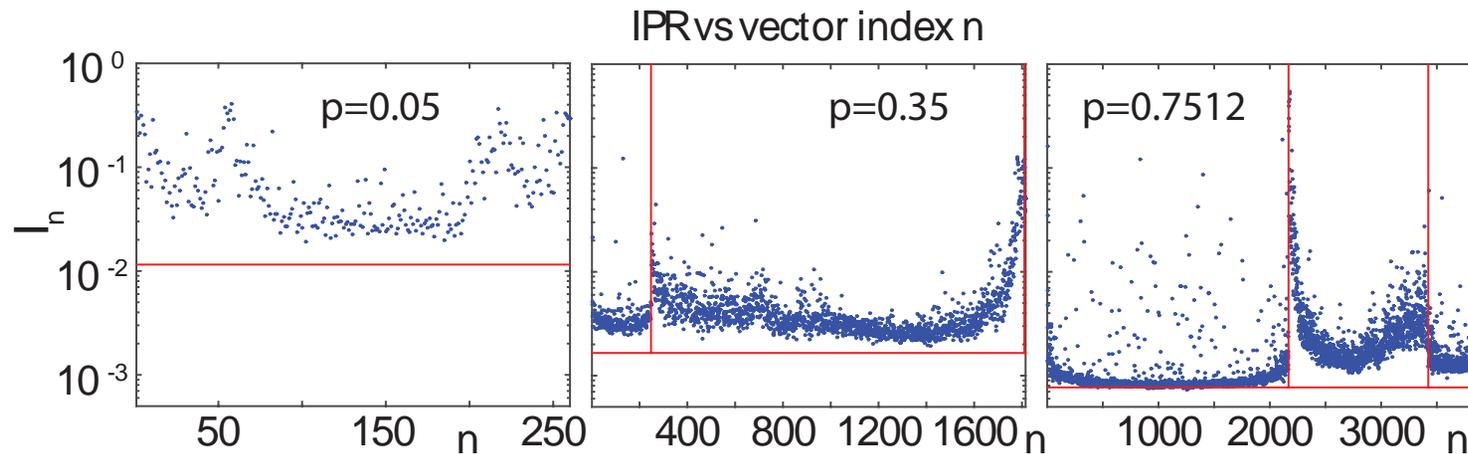


FIG. 4. (Color online) IPR for Anderson model in two dimensions with $x = 6.25$ ($w = 50$) from exact diagonalization (solid line) and from LDRG with different values of the cutoff m_0 . LDRG data are averaged over 100 runs of systems with 100×100 sites.

Localization properties of eigenvectors in random resistor networks

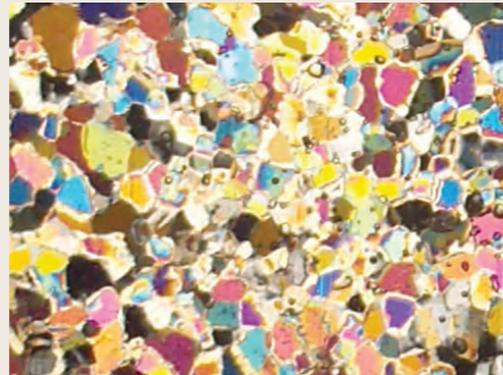


$$I_n = \sum_i (\vec{v}_n)_i^4$$

Bounds on the complex permittivity of polycrystalline materials by analytic continuation

Adam Gully, Joyce Lin,
Elena Cherkaev, Ken Golden

- **Stieltjes integral representation for effective complex permittivity**
Milton (1981, 2002), Barabash and Stroud (1999), ...
- **Forward and inverse bounds**
orientation statistics
- **Applied to sea ice using two-scale homogenization**
- **Inverse bounds give method for distinguishing ice types using remote sensing techniques**



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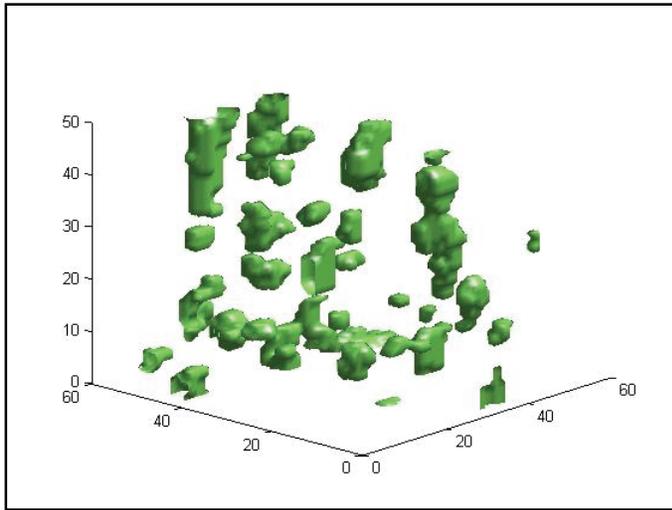
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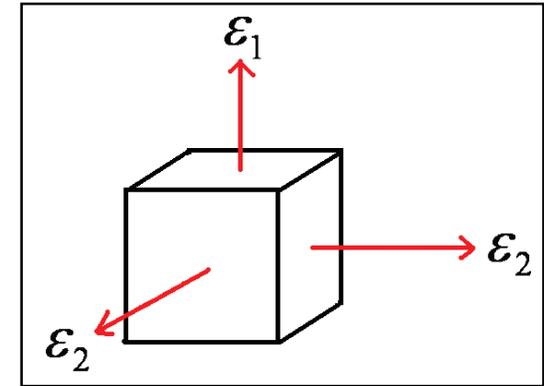


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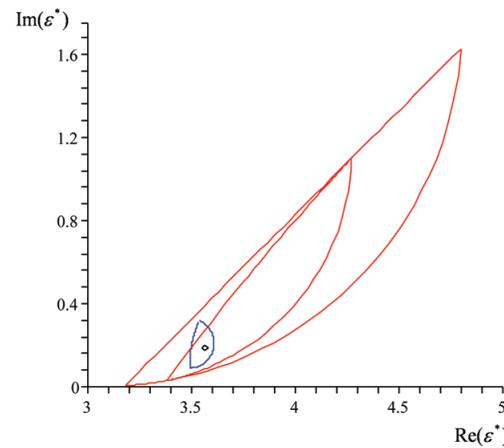
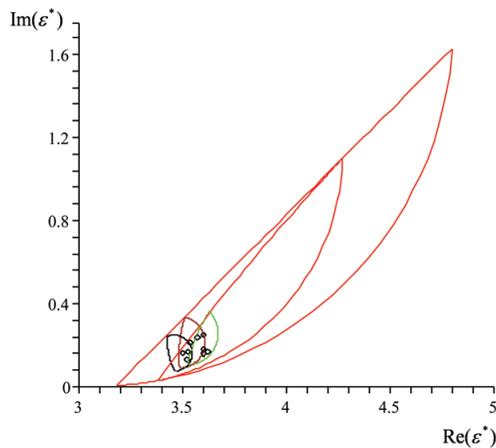
two scale homogenization for polycrystalline sea ice



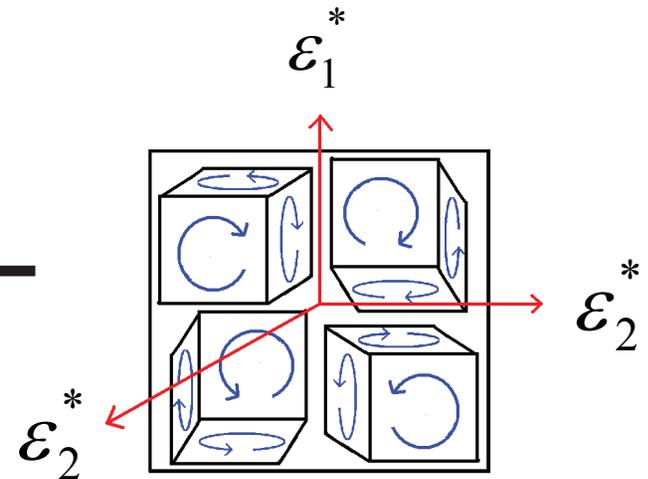
numerical homogenization
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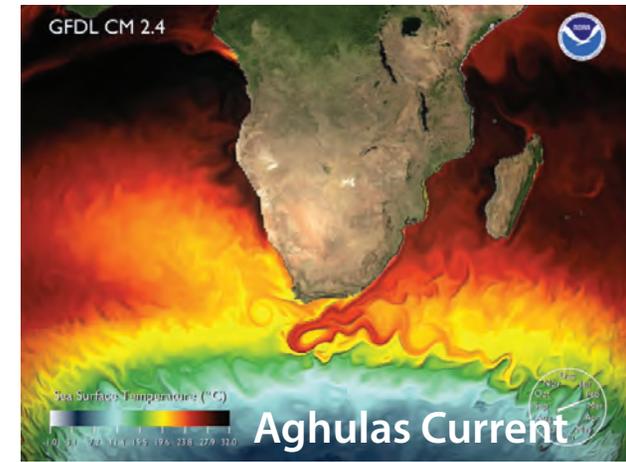
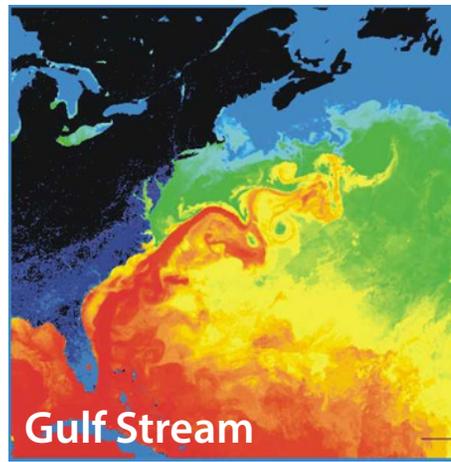
bounds



advection enhanced diffusion

effective diffusivity

- sea ice floes diffusing in ocean currents
- diffusion of pollutants in atmosphere
- salt and heat transport in ocean
- heat transport in sea ice with convection



advection diffusion equation with a velocity field \vec{u}

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T = \kappa_0 \Delta T$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

homogenize

$$\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} = \kappa^* \Delta \bar{T}$$

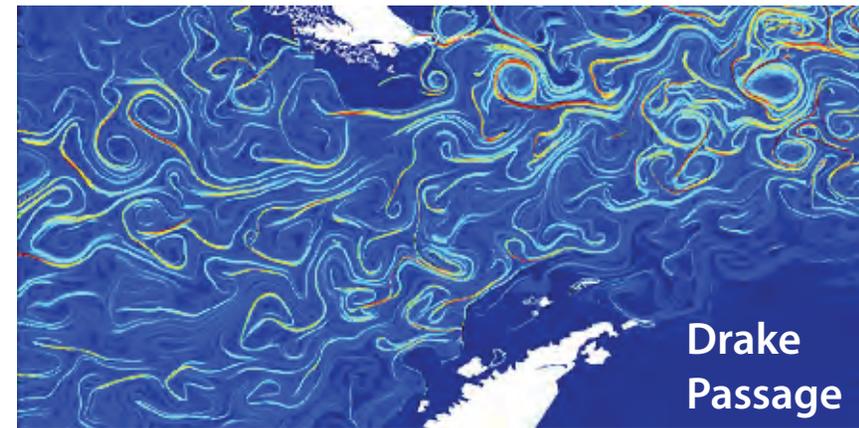
κ^* effective diffusivity

Stieltjes integral for κ^* with spectral measure

Avellaneda and Majda, PRL 89, CMP 91

Murphy, Cherkaev, Xin, Zhu, Golden, Ann. Math. Sci. Appl. 2017

Murphy, Cherkaev, Zhu, Xin, Golden, 2018



Stieltjes Integral Representation for Advection Diffusion

[Murphy, Cherkaev, Zhu, Xin & Golden 2018]

[Murphy, Cherkaev, Xin, Zhu & Golden 2017]

$$\kappa^* = \kappa \left(1 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\tau)}{\kappa^2 + \tau^2} \right), \quad F(\kappa) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\tau)}{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}$$

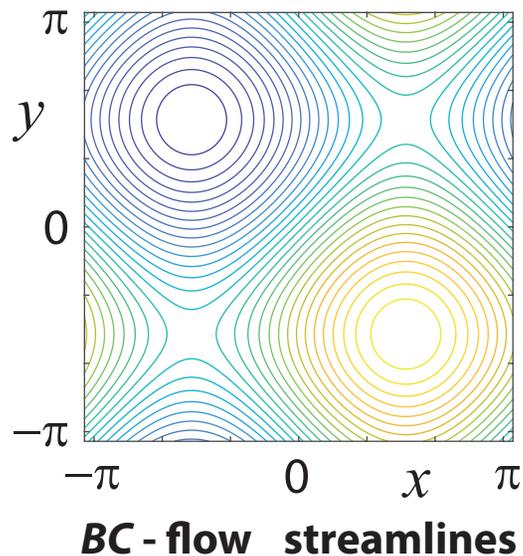
- μ is a positive definite measure corresponding to the spectral resolution of the self-adjoint operator $i\Gamma H\Gamma$
- $H =$ stream matrix , $\kappa =$ local diffusivity
- $\Gamma := -\nabla(-\Delta)^{-1}\nabla \cdot$, Δ is the Laplace operator
- $i\Gamma H\Gamma$ is bounded for time independent flows
- $F(\kappa)$ is analytic off the spectral interval in the κ -plane

separation of material properties and flow field

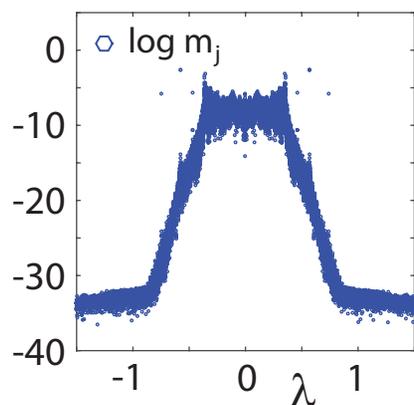
spectral measure calculations

RIGOROUS BOUNDS on convection - enhanced thermal conductivity of sea ice

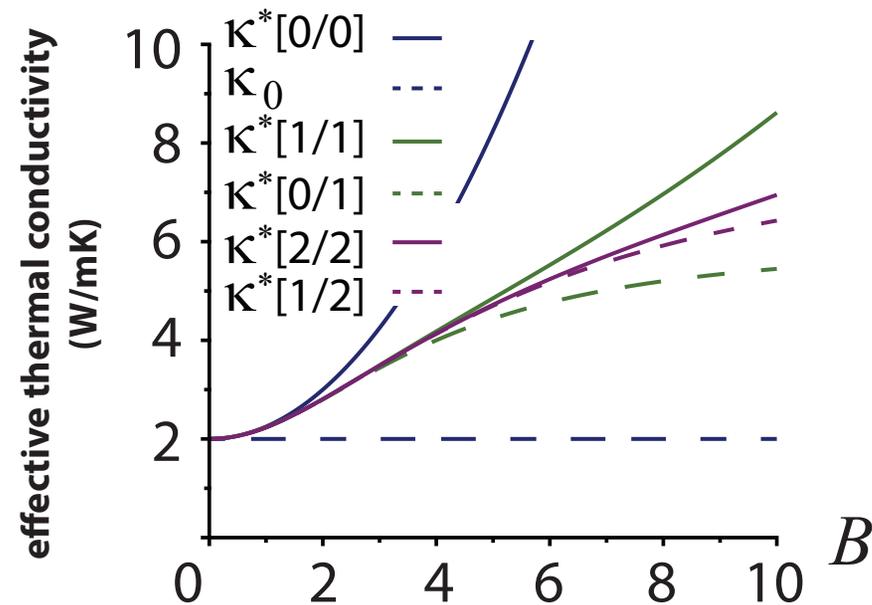
Kraitzman, Hardenbrook, Murphy, Zhu, Cherkaev, Golden 2018



$$H = B \sin x - C \sin y \quad B = C$$



Murphy, Cherkaev, Zhu, Xin, Golden 2017



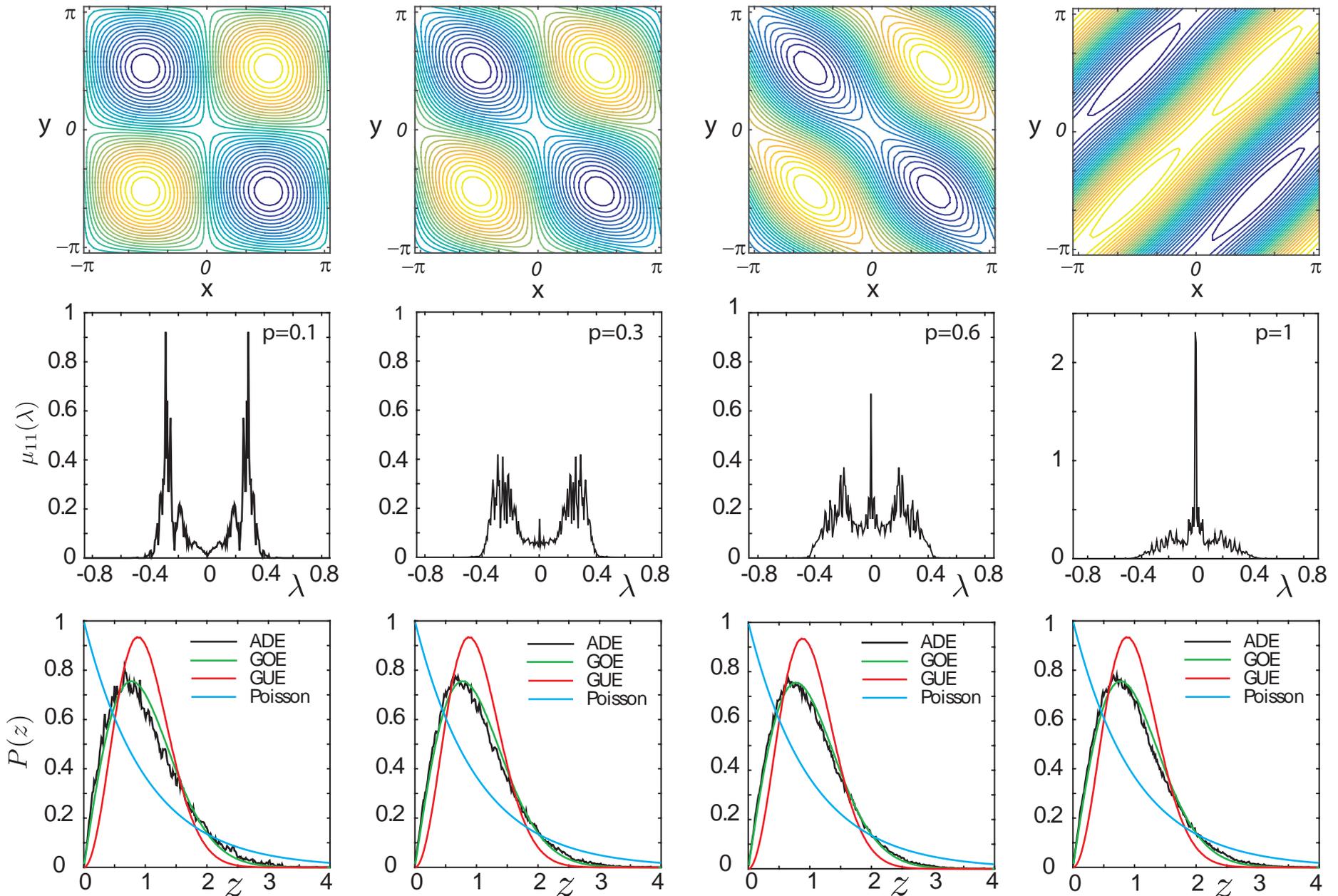
**rigorous Padé bounds
from Stieltjes integral
+ analytical calculations
of moments of measure**

**Advection Enhanced Diffusion
in a Porous Medium**

Kraitzman, Cherkaev, Golden, 2018

Spectral measures and eigenvalue spacings for cat's eye flow

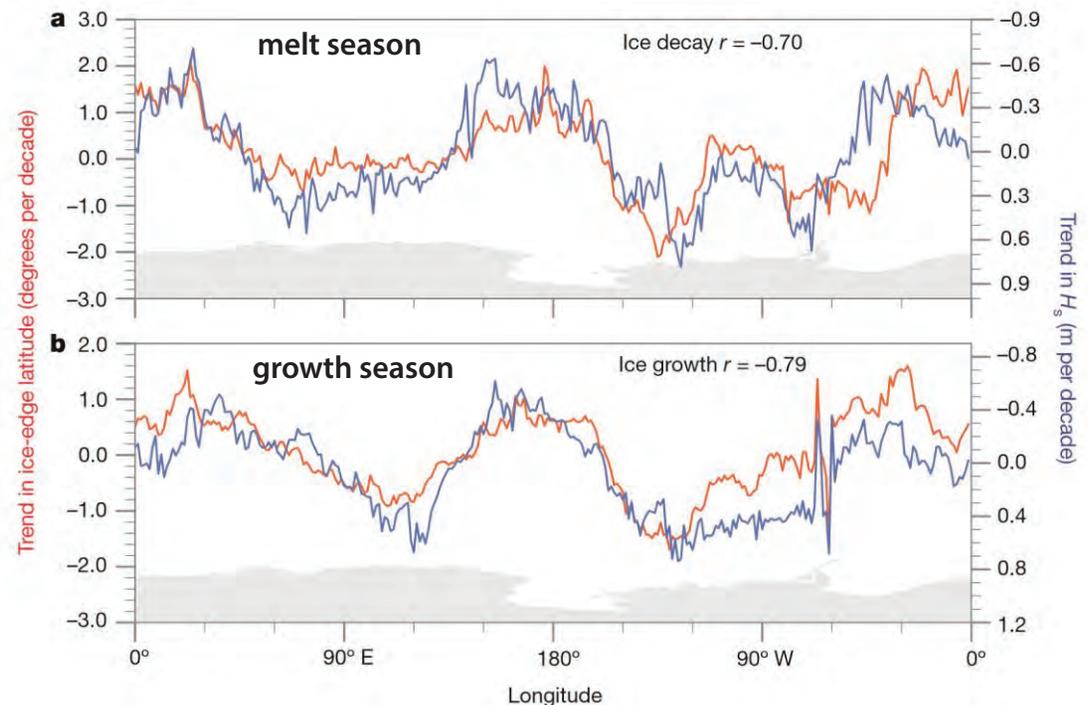
$$H(x,y) = \sin(x) \sin(y) + A \cos(x) \cos(y), \quad A \sim U(-p,p)$$



Storm-induced sea-ice breakup and the implications for ice extent

Kohout et al., *Nature* 2014

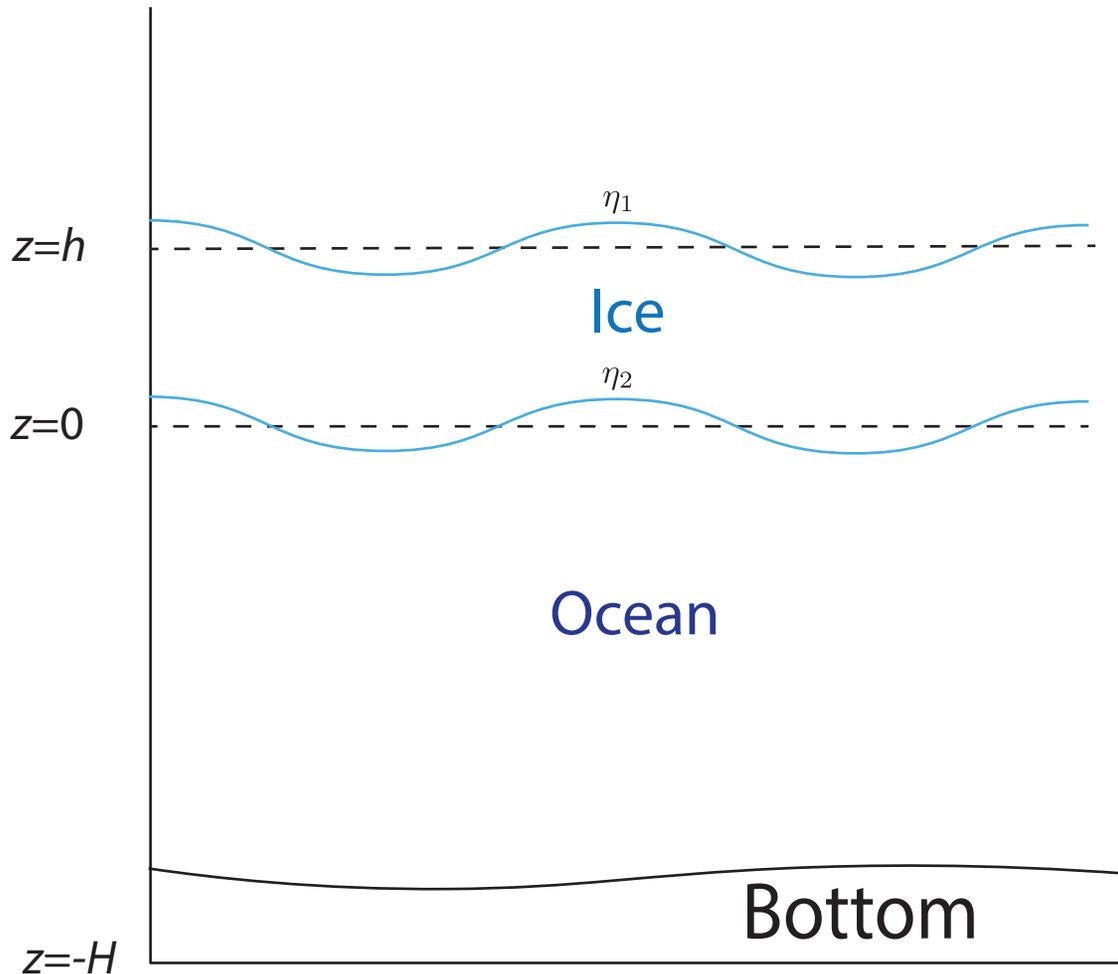
- during three large-wave events, significant wave heights did not decay exponentially, enabling large waves to persist deep into the pack ice.
- large waves break sea ice much farther from the ice edge than would be predicted by the commonly assumed exponential decay



ice extent compared with significant wave height

Waves have strong influence on both the floe size distribution and ice extent.

Two Layer Models and Effective Parameters



Viscous fluid layer (Keller 1998)

Effective Viscosity ν

Equations of motion:
$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 U + g$$

Viscoelastic fluid layer (Wang-Shen 2010)

Effective Complex Viscosity $\nu_e = \nu + iG/\rho\omega$

Equations of motion
$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \nu_e \nabla^2 U + g$$

Viscoelastic thin beam (Mosig *et al.* 2015)

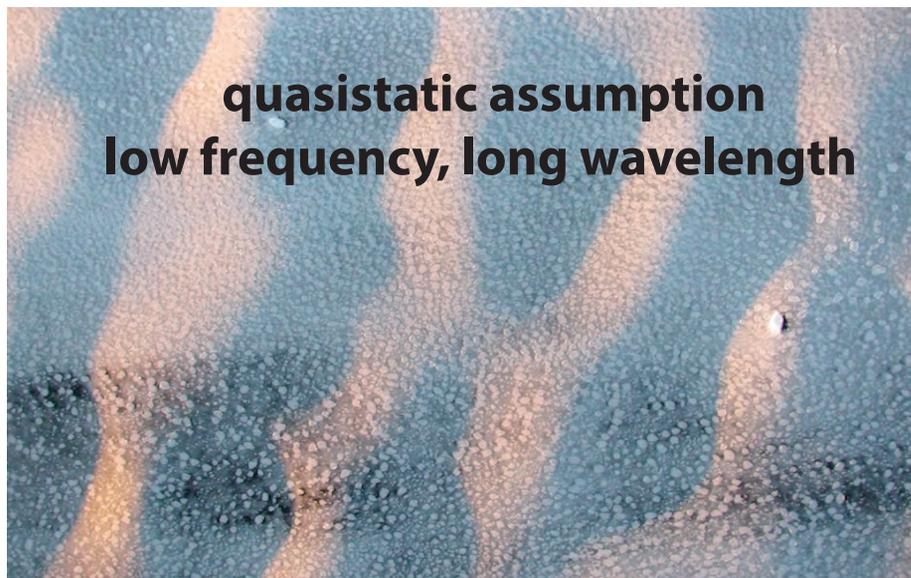
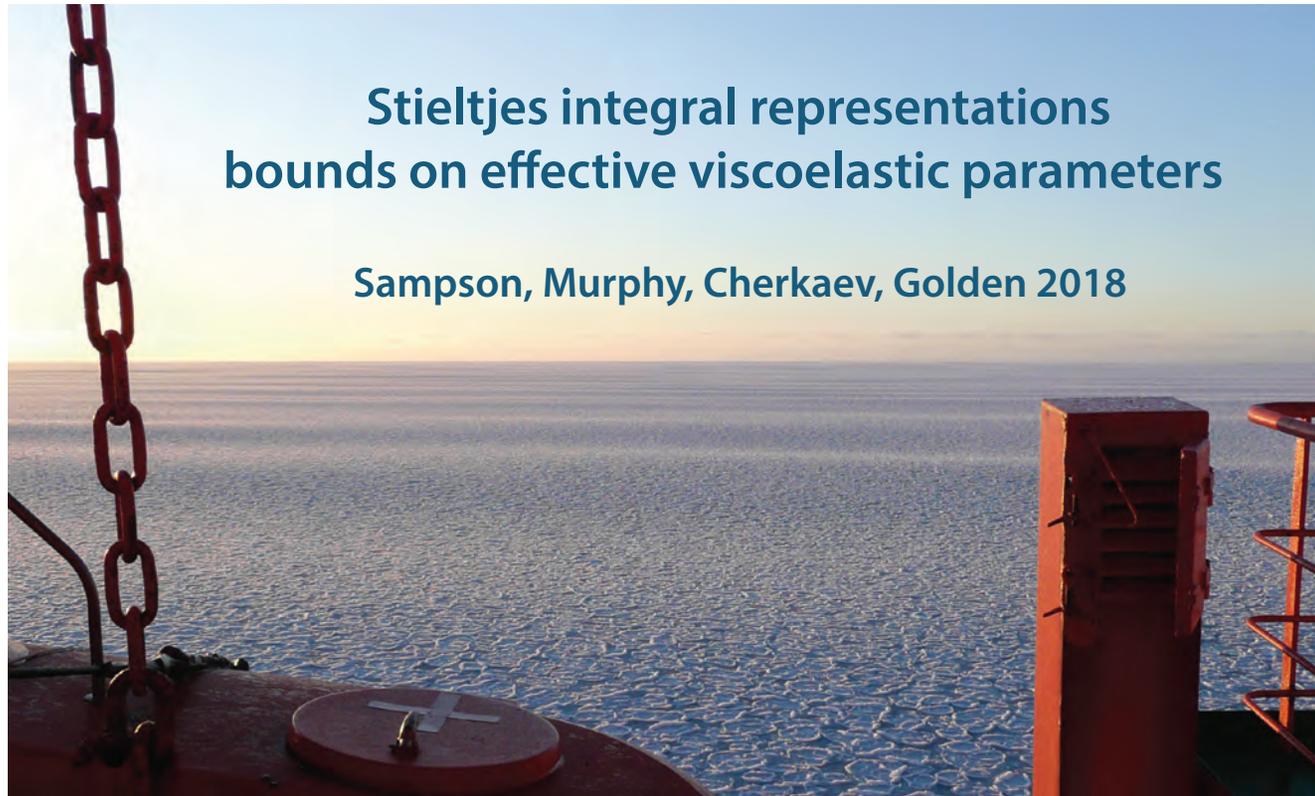
Effective Complex Shear Modulus $G_v = G - i\omega\rho\nu$

Stieltjes integral representation for effective complex viscoelastic parameter; bounds

Sampson, Murphy, Cherkaev, Golden 2018

G shear modulus P pressure ω angular frequency U velocity field
 ν viscosity λ Poission ratio ρ density g gravity

wave propagation in the marginal ice zone



Stieltjes Integral Representation for Complex Viscoelasticity

homogenized $\langle \sigma_{ij} \rangle = C_{ijkl}^* \langle \epsilon_{kl} \rangle$

local $\nabla \cdot \sigma = 0$ $\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl}$

Strain Field

$$C_{ijkl} = (v_1 \chi + (1 - \chi) v_2) \lambda_s$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T] = \nabla^s u$$

$$\nabla \cdot ((v_1 \chi + (1 - \chi) v_2) \lambda_s : \epsilon) = 0$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \epsilon_f \text{ where } \epsilon_f = \nabla^s \phi$$

$$s = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v_1}{v_2}}$$

Elasticity Tensor

$$C_{ijkl}^* = v^* \left(\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \right) = v^* \lambda_s$$

RESOLVENT $\epsilon = \left(1 - \frac{1}{s} \Gamma \chi \right)^{-1} \epsilon_0$ $\Gamma = \nabla^s (\nabla \cdot \nabla^s)^{-1} \nabla \cdot$ ϵ_0 avg strain

$$F(s) = 1 - \frac{v^*}{v_2} \quad F(s) = ||\epsilon_0||^{-2} \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{s - \lambda}$$

bounds on the effective complex viscoelasticity

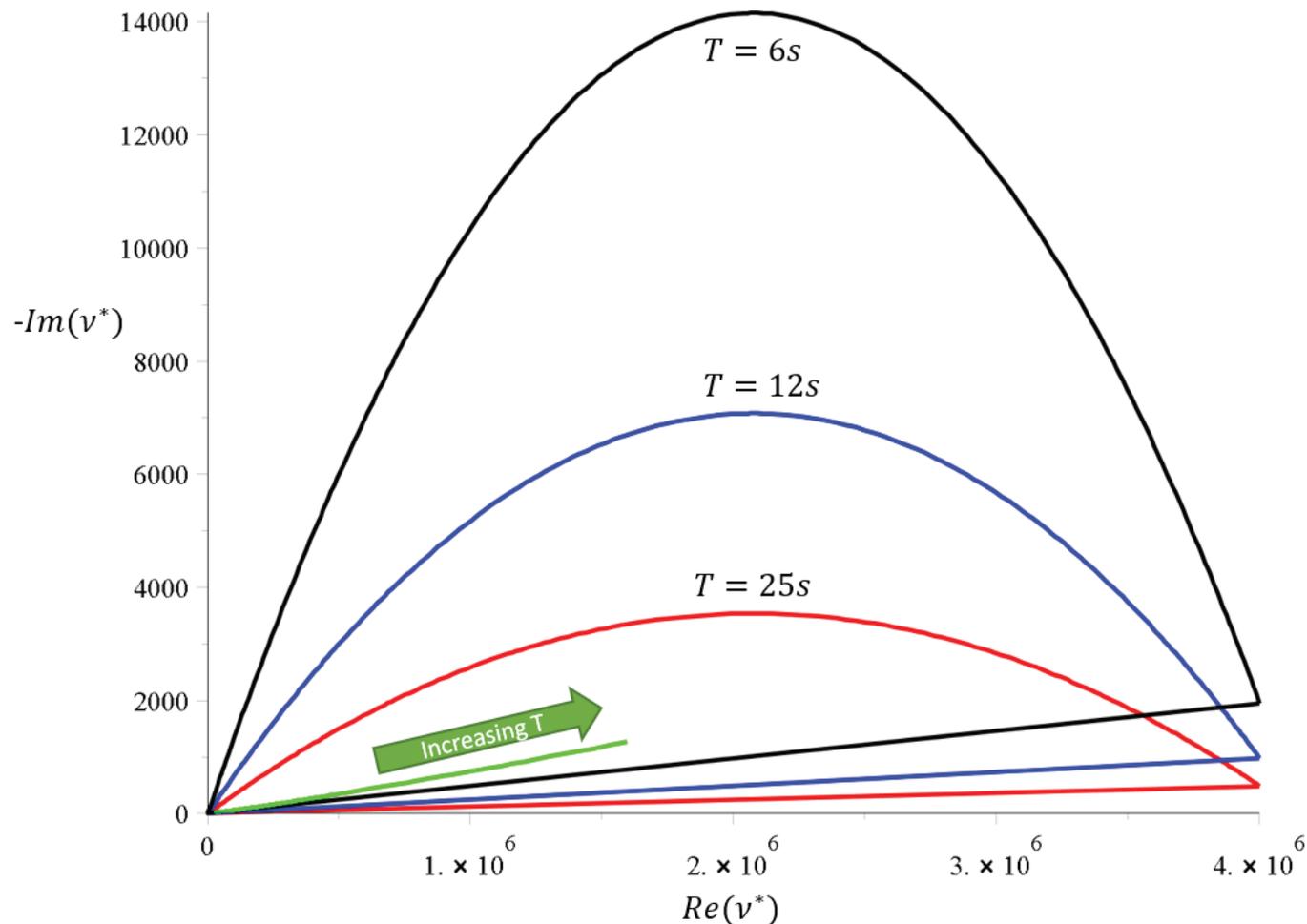
complex elementary bounds
(fixed area fraction of floes)

$$V_1 = 10^7 + i4875$$

pancake ice

$$V_2 = 5 + i0.0975$$

slush / frazil



Sampson, Murphy, Cherkaev, Golden 2018

melt pond formation and albedo evolution:

- *major drivers in polar climate*
- *key challenge for global climate models*

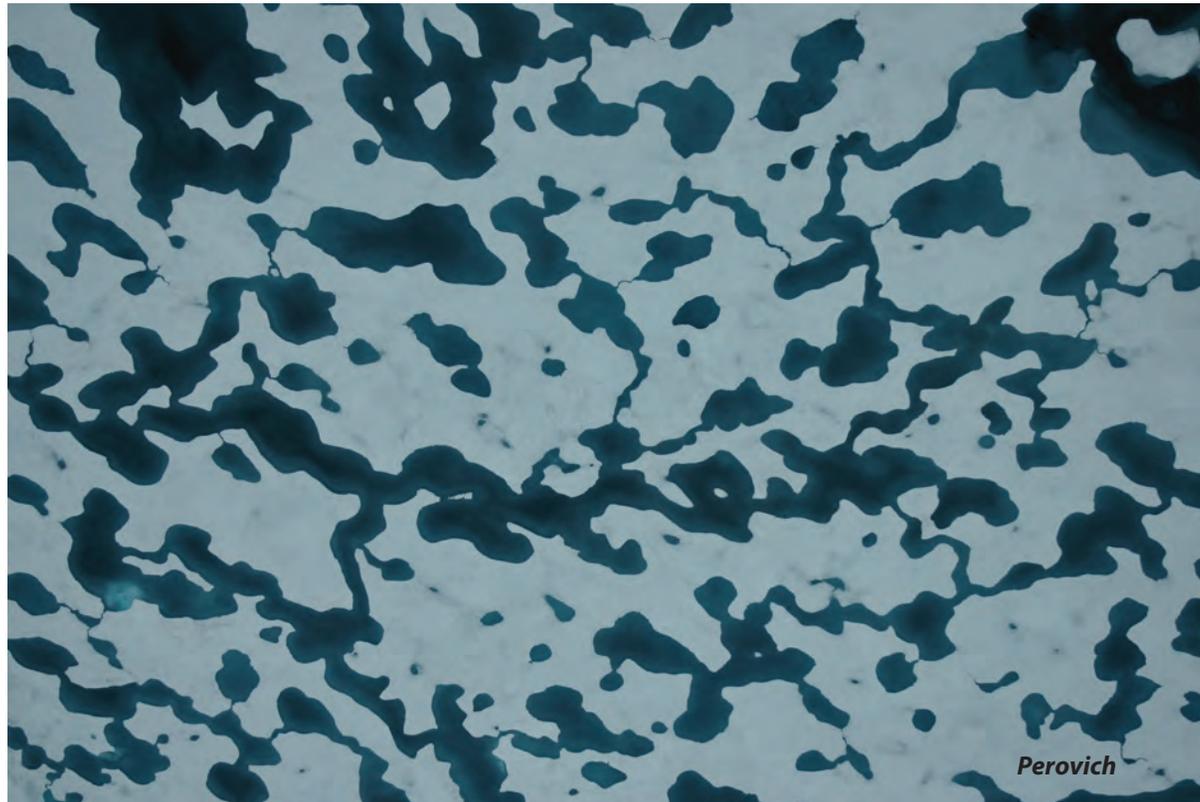
numerical models of melt pond evolution, including topography, drainage (permeability), etc.

Lüthje, Feltham,
Taylor, Worster 2006

Flocco, Feltham 2007

Skyllingstad, Paulson,
Perovich 2009

Flocco, Feltham,
Hunke 2012



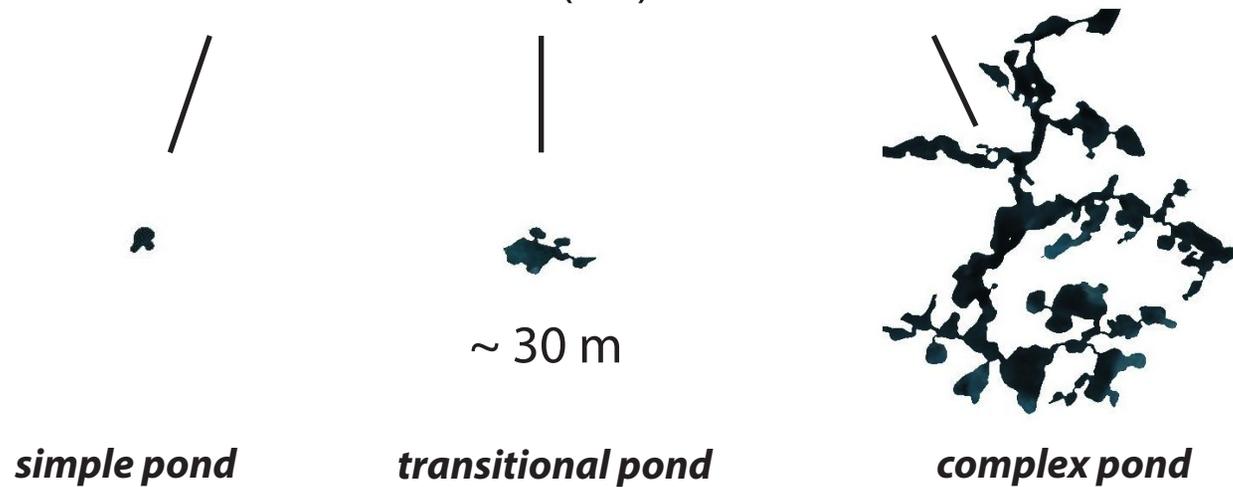
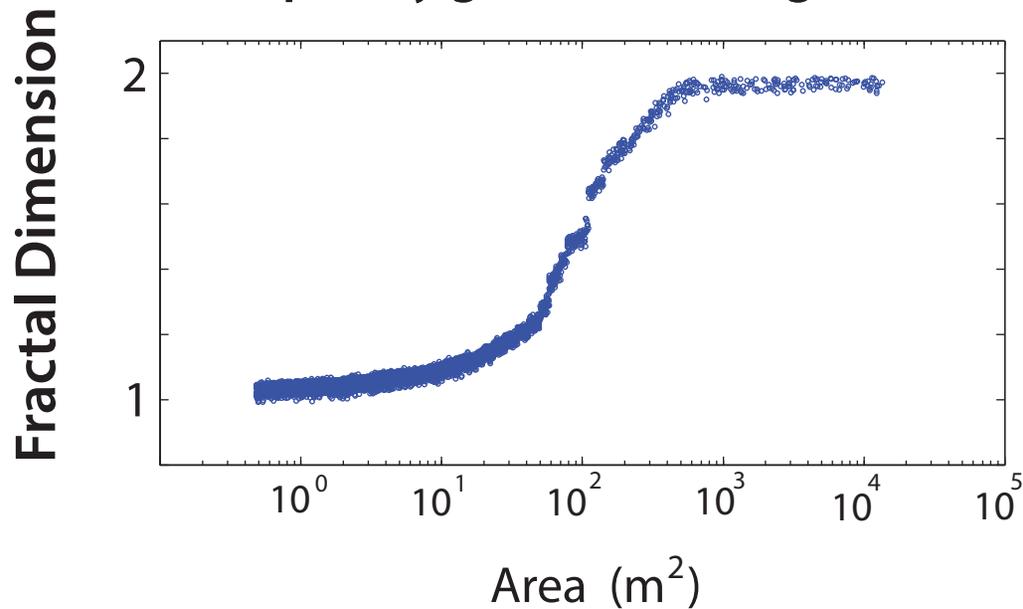
Are there universal features of the evolution similar to phase transitions in statistical physics?

Transition in the fractal geometry of Arctic melt ponds

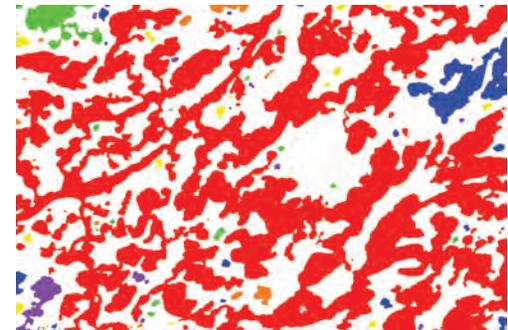
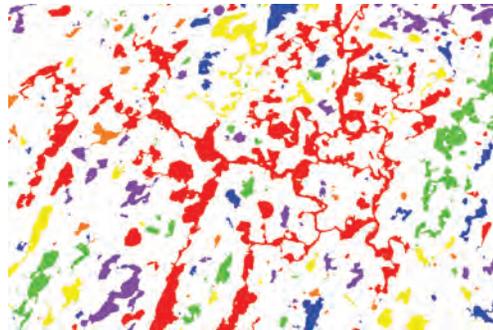
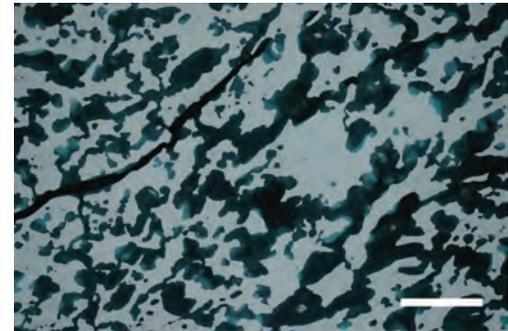
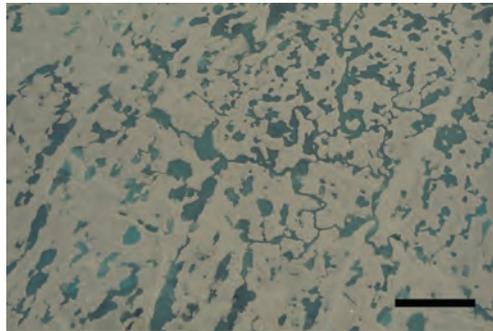
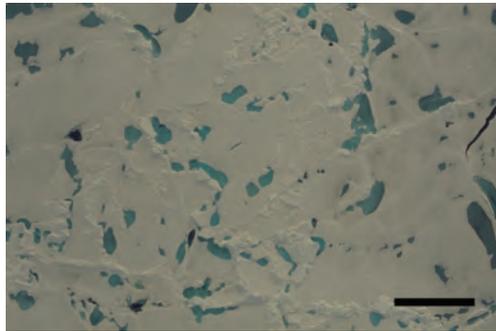
Christel Hohenegger, Bacim Alali, Kyle Steffen, Don Perovich, Ken Golden

The Cryosphere, 2012

complexity grows with length scale



***small simple ponds coalesce to form
large connected structures with complex boundaries***



melt pond percolation

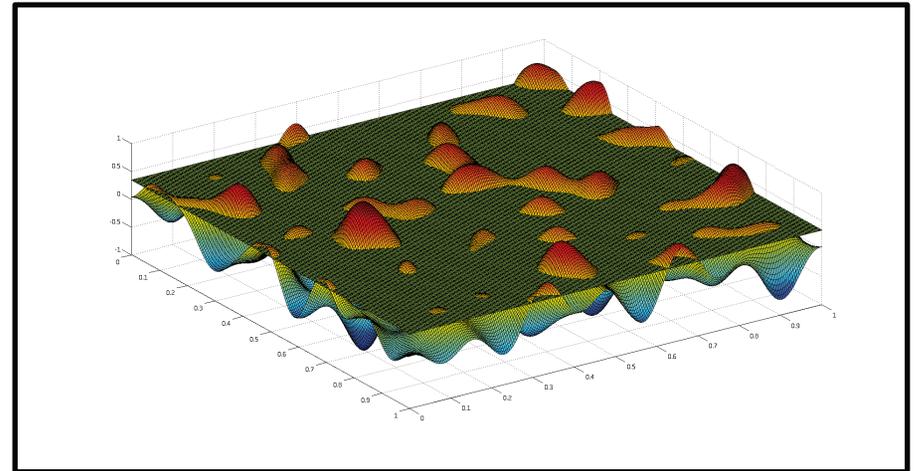
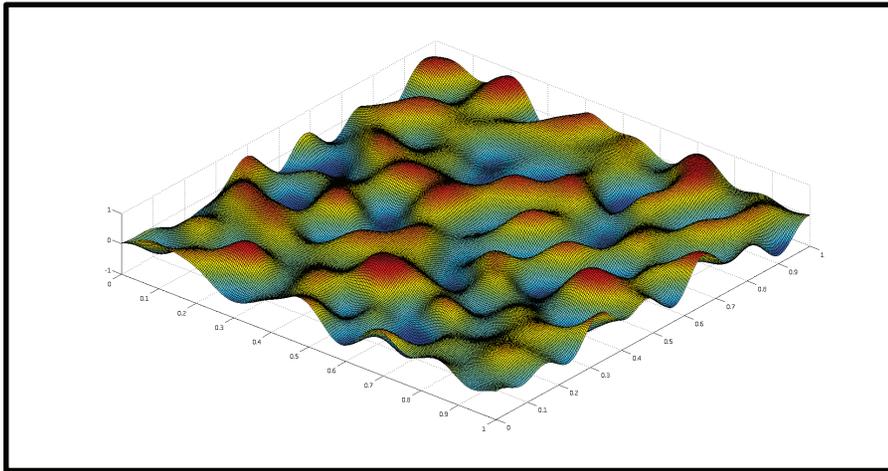
results on percolation threshold, correlation length, cluster behavior

Anthony Cheng (Hillcrest HS), Dylan Webb (Skyline HS), Court Strong, Ken Golden

Continuum percolation model for melt pond evolution

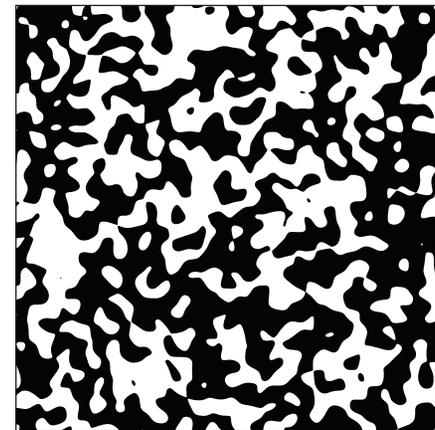
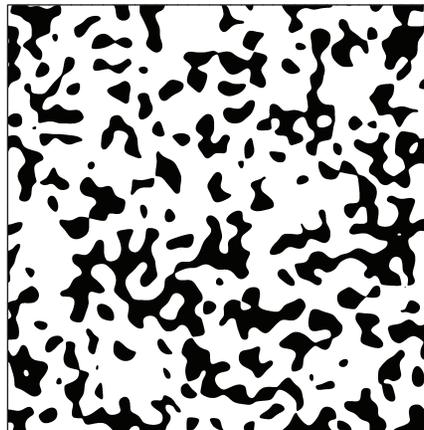
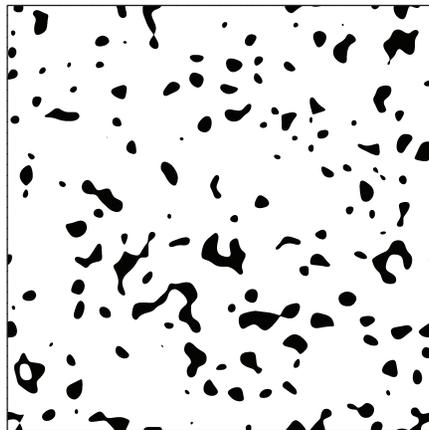
level sets of random surfaces

Brady Bowen, Court Strong, Ken Golden, J. Fractal Geometry 2018



random Fourier series representation of surface topography

intersections of a plane with the surface define melt ponds

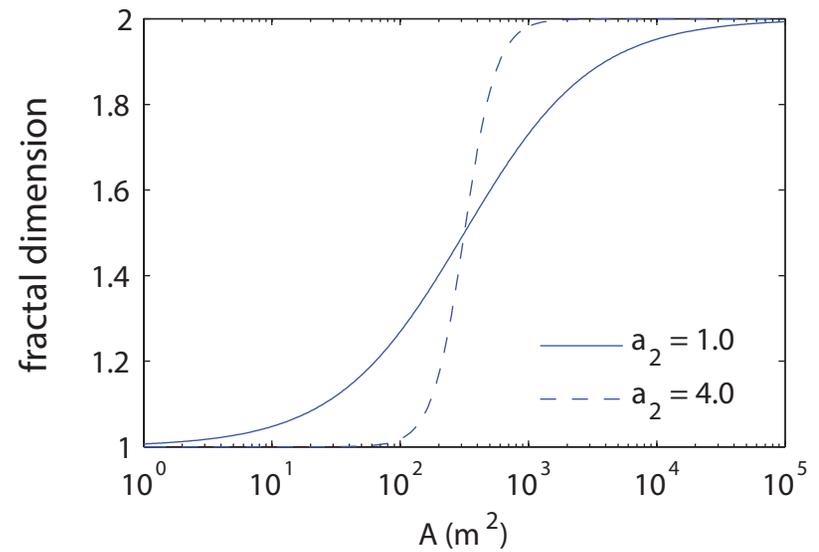
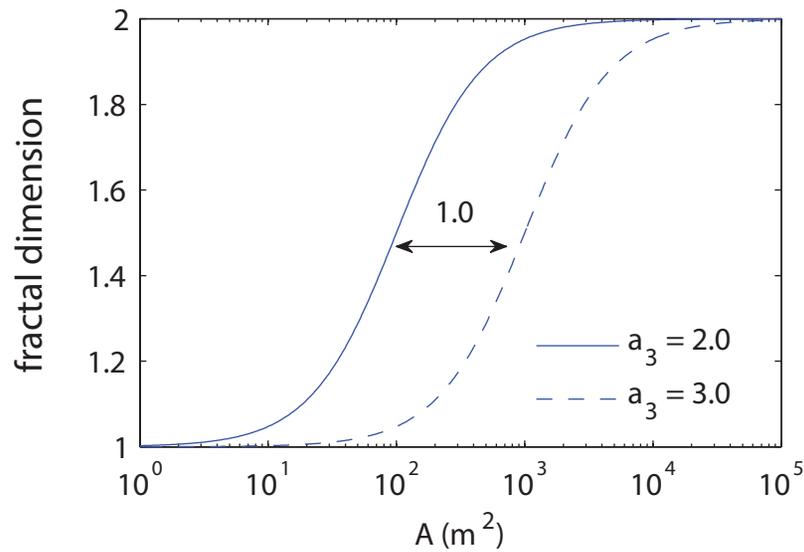


electronic transport in disordered media

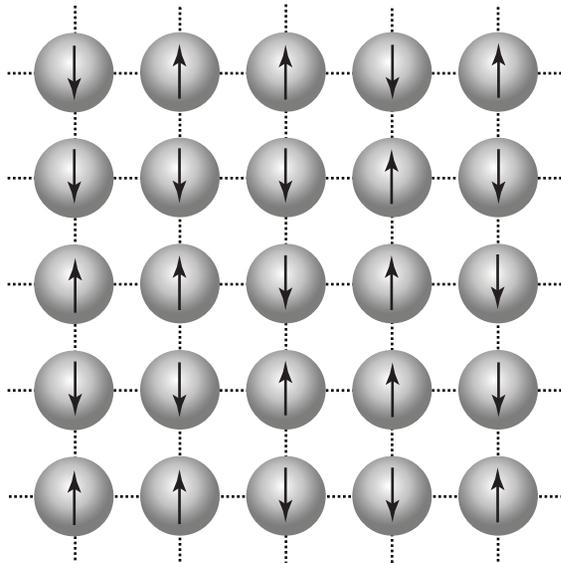
diffusion in turbulent plasmas

Isichenko, Rev. Mod. Phys., 1992

fractal dimension curves depend on statistical parameters defining random surface



Ising Model for a Ferromagnet



$$s_i = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{spin up} \\ -1 & \text{spin down} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\omega = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} s_i s_j - H \sum_i s_i$$

nearest neighbor Ising Hamiltonian

for any configuration $\omega \in \Omega = \{-1, 1\}^N$ of the spins

$$J \geq 0$$

applied
magnetic
field \uparrow
 H

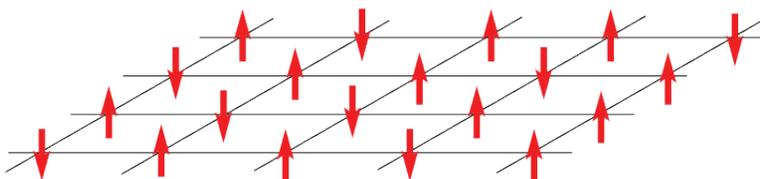
canonical partition function

$$Z_N(T, H) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \exp(-\beta \mathcal{H}_\omega) = \exp(-\beta N f_N)$$

$$\beta = 1/kT$$

free energy per site

$$f_N(T, H) = \frac{-1}{\beta N} \log Z_N(T, H)$$



2-D Ising Model

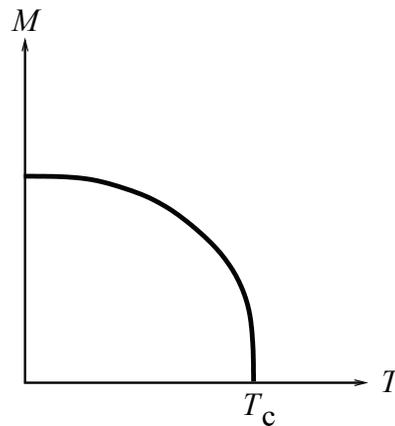
free energy

$$f(T, H) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N(T, H)$$

magnetization

homogenized parameter like effective conductivity

$$M(T, H) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_j s_j \right\rangle = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial H}$$



Curie point
critical temperature

magnetic
susceptibility

$$\chi(T, H) = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H} = -\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial H^2} \geq 0$$

Ising model for ferromagnets



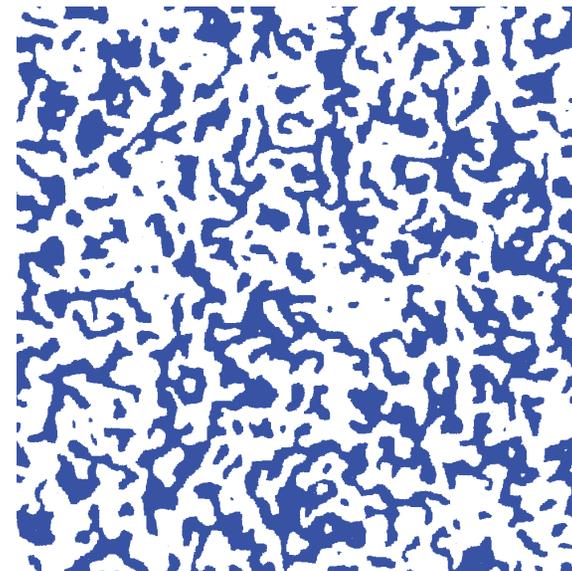
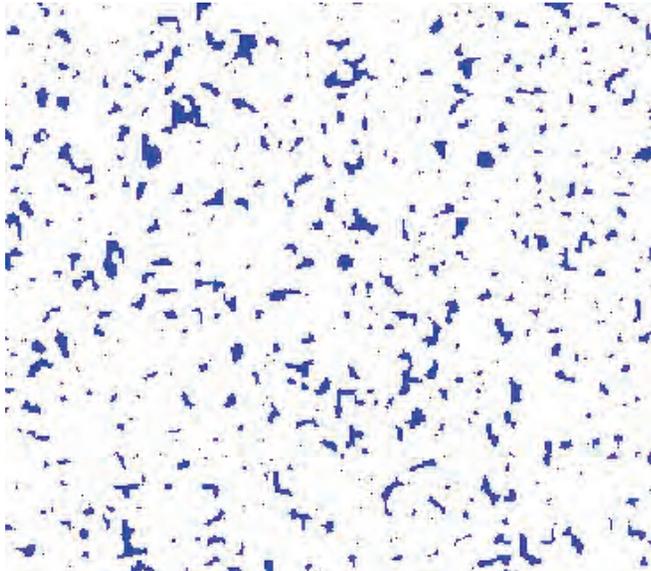
Ising model for melt ponds

$$\mathcal{H}_\omega = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} s_i s_j - H \sum_i s_i$$

$$s_i = \begin{cases} \uparrow & +1 & \text{water} & (\text{spin up}) \\ \downarrow & -1 & \text{ice} & (\text{spin down}) \end{cases}$$

magnetization $M = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_j s_j \right\rangle$

pond coverage $\frac{(M+1)}{2}$



“melt ponds” are clusters of magnetic spins that align with the applied field

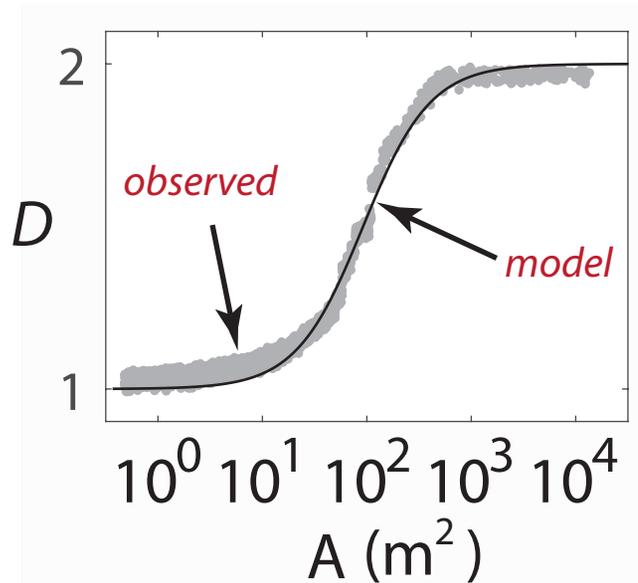
predictions of fractal transition, pond size exponent Ma, Sudakov, Strong, Golden 2018

Ising model results

Minimize Ising Hamiltonian energy

Random magnetic field represents snow topography; interaction term represents horizontal heat transfer.

Melt ponds — metastable islands of like spins in our random field Ising model.

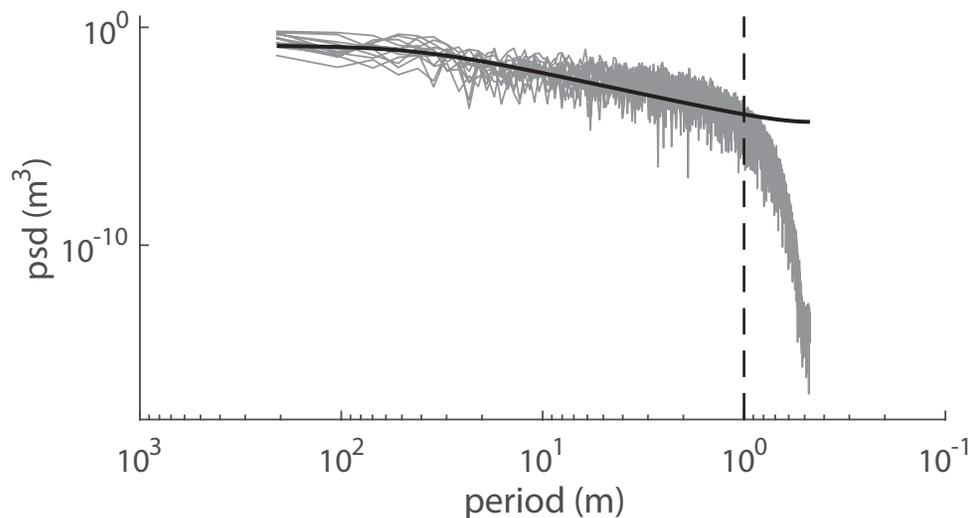


pond size distribution exponent

*observed -1.5
(Perovich, et al 2002)*

model -1.58

order out of disorder



The lattice constant a must be small relative to the 10-20 m length scales prominent in sea ice and snow topography. We set $a=1$ m as the length scale above which important spatially correlated fluctuations occur in the power spectrum of snow topography.

partition function N^{th} order polynomial in the “activity” $z = \exp(-2\beta H)$

$$Z_N(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n, \quad a_n \geq 0$$

with remarkable property:

Theorem (Lee -Yang 1952):

If $J \geq 0$, then $Z_N = 0$ implies z lies on the unit circle $|z| = 1$, or equivalently, H lies on the imaginary axis (with real β).

Then the partition function can be written as

$$Z_N(z) = a_N \prod_{n=1}^N (z - z_n), \quad |z_n| = 1$$

Then
$$f(T, H) = \frac{-1}{\beta} \int_{|t|=1} \log(z - t) d\nu(t) - 2d\beta J$$

Stieltjes integral representation for magnetization

and scaling relations for critical exponents

Baker *PRL* 1968

$$M(\tau) = \tau + \tau(1 - \tau^2)G(\tau^2) \quad \tau = \tanh(\beta H)$$

$$G(\tau^2) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\psi(y)}{1 + \tau^2 y}$$

Herglotz

$$M(T) = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial H} \sim (T_c - T)^\beta \quad T \rightarrow T_c^-$$

$$\beta = \Delta - \gamma$$

$$\chi = -\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial H^2} \sim (T - T_c)^{-\gamma} \quad T \rightarrow T_c^+$$

$$\delta = \Delta / (\Delta - \gamma)$$

Baker's inequalities

Along the critical isotherm $T = T_c$

$$M(H) \sim H^{1/\delta} \quad H \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$\gamma_{n+1} - 2\gamma_n + \gamma_{n-1} \geq 0$$

ψ supported in $[0, S(T)]$

critical exponents γ_n of higher derivatives of f

$$S(T) \sim (T - T_c)^{-2\Delta}, T \rightarrow T_c^+$$

$$\gamma_0 = \gamma$$

via analogous Herglotz structure for transport in composites, same critical analysis and scaling relations hold near percolation threshold

Golden, *J. Math. Phys.* 1995
Phys Rev. Lett. 1997

(Chuck Newman)

$$m(h) = \frac{\sigma^*}{\sigma_2} \quad h = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \sigma^*(p, h) \quad \text{effective conductivity of two phase composite - lattice or continuum}$$

$$F(s) = 1 - m(h) \quad F(s) = \int_0^1 \frac{d\mu(w)}{s - w} \quad w = \frac{y}{y + 1}$$

$$m(h) = 1 + (h - 1)g(h) \quad g(h) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\phi(y)}{1 + hy} \quad \text{Herglotz}$$

$$\sigma^*(p, 0) \sim (p - p_c)^t \quad p \rightarrow p_c^+$$

$$t = \Delta - \gamma$$

lattices and continua obey same scaling relations as in stat mech

$$\sigma^*(p_c, h) \sim h^{1/\delta} \quad h \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$\delta = \frac{\Delta}{\Delta - \gamma}$$

$$\chi(p) = \frac{\partial m}{\partial h} \sim (p_c - p)^{-\gamma} \quad p \rightarrow p_c^-$$

$$h = 0$$

Baker's inequalities for transport

$$\theta_h \sim (p_c - p)^\Delta \quad \text{spectral gap} \quad p \rightarrow p_c^-$$

$$\gamma_{n+1} - 2\gamma_n + \gamma_{n-1} \geq 0, \quad n \geq 1$$

Ising model

partition function

$$Z_N(z) = a_N \prod_{n=1}^N (z - z_n), \quad |z_n| = 1$$

free energy

$$f(T, H) = \frac{-1}{\beta} \int_{|t|=1} \log(z - t) d\nu(t)$$

order parameter

$$M(T) = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial H}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial H^2} \leq 0$$

G.H.S. inequality

Griffiths, Hurst, Sherman *JMP* 1970

transport in composites

$$\mathcal{Z}_N(s) = \prod_{n=1}^N (s - s_n), \quad s_n \in [0, 1]$$

$$\Phi(p, s) = \int_0^1 \log(s - t) d\mu(t)$$

$$F(p, s) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 m}{\partial h^2} \leq 0$$

Golden, *JMP* 1995; *PRL* 1997



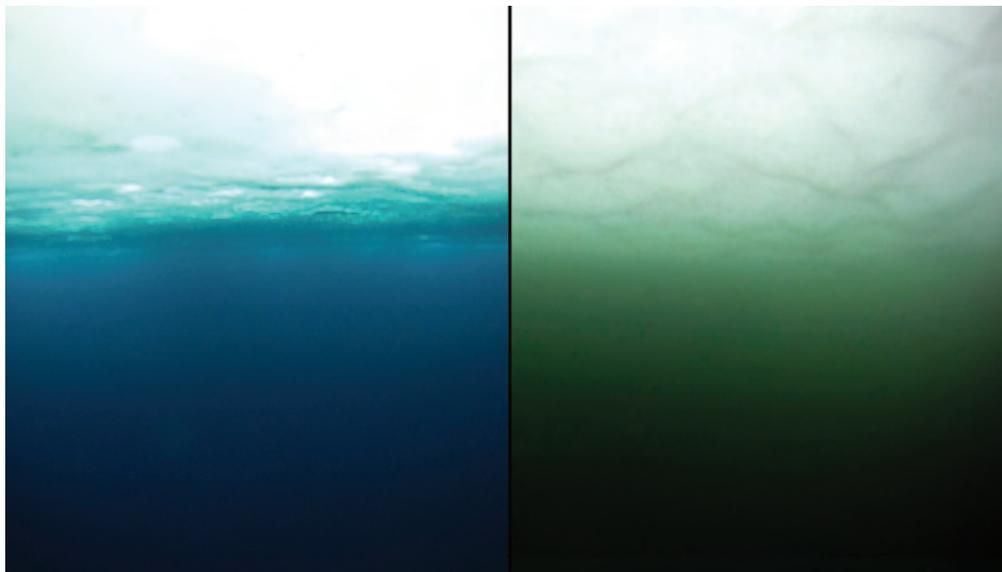
2011 massive under-ice **algal bloom**

Arrigo et al., *Science* 2012

melt ponds act as

WINDOWS

allowing light
through sea ice



no bloom

bloom

Have we crossed into a new ecological regime?

The frequency and extent of sub-ice
phytoplankton blooms in the Arctic Ocean

Horvat, Rees Jones, Iams, Schroeder,
Flocco, Feltham, *Science Advances*, 2017

The distribution of solar energy under
ponded sea ice

Horvat, Flocco, Rees Jones, Roach, Golden, 2018

(2015 AMS MRC)

The Melt Pond Conundrum:

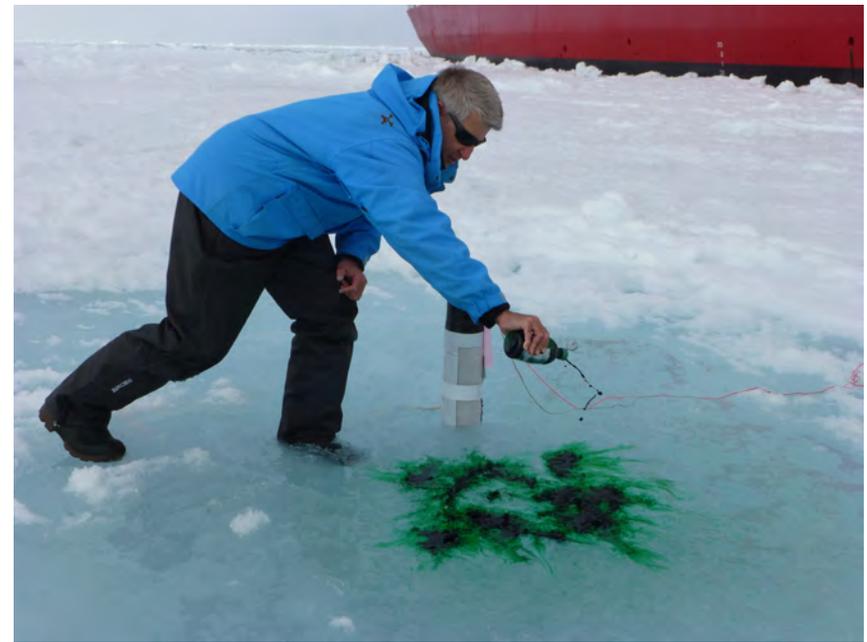
How can ponds form on top of sea ice that is highly permeable?

C. Polashenski, K. M. Golden, D. K. Perovich, E. Skyllingstad, A. Arnsten, C. Stwertka, N. Wright

Percolation Blockage: A Process that Enables Melt Pond Formation on First Year Arctic Sea Ice

J. Geophys. Res. Oceans 2017

*2014 Study of Under Ice Blooms in the Chuckchi Ecosystem (SUBICE)
aboard USCGC Healy*



Conclusions

1. Sea ice is a fascinating multiscale composite with structure similar to many other natural and man-made materials.
2. Variational methods, Stieltjes integrals, bounds developed for **sea ice** advance transport theory and variational analysis.
3. **Homogenization and statistical physics help *link scales in sea ice and composites***; provide rigorous methods for finding effective behavior; advance sea ice representations in climate models.
4. Sea ice modeling led to unexpected connections with **random matrix theory and Anderson transitions**.
5. Our research will help to **improve projections of climate change**, the fate of Earth's sea ice packs, and the ecosystems they support.

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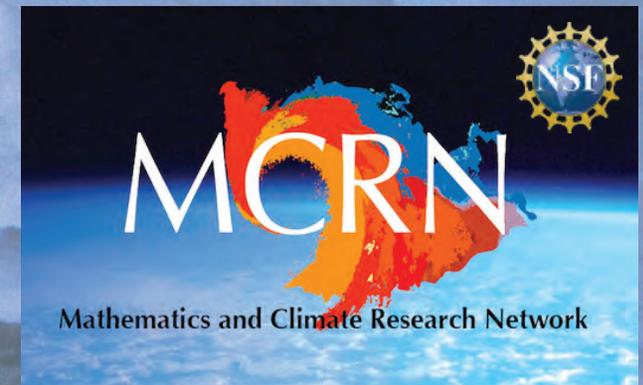
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