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Nonlinear time series analysis

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Relevant problems in time series analysis

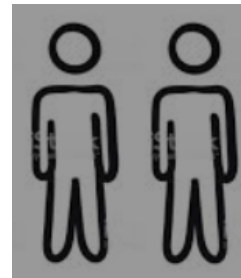
- Is the signal stationary? Transient chaos?
- Is the signal just noise? Signatures of nonlinearity?
- Can we “reconstruct” the “effective” phase space of a system from observed data?
- Can the signal be predicted? Which is the prediction horizon?
- Is a system approaching a bifurcation point (“tipping point”)?
- Are two (or more) systems (partially) synchronized?
- Are two (or more) systems interdependent? Causal interactions? Coupling delays?
- Can we forecast how failures in one system will propagate to other systems?

Methods of time series analysis are classified as:

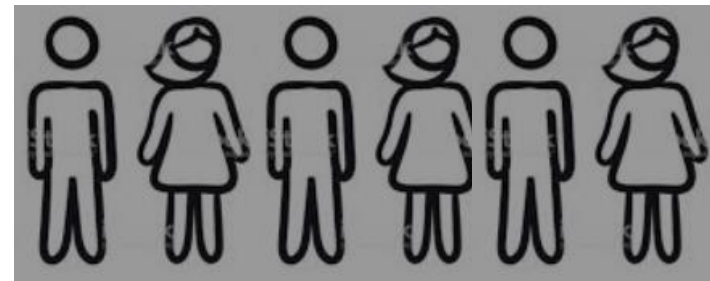
- Univariate analysis



- Bivariate analysis



- Multivariate analysis



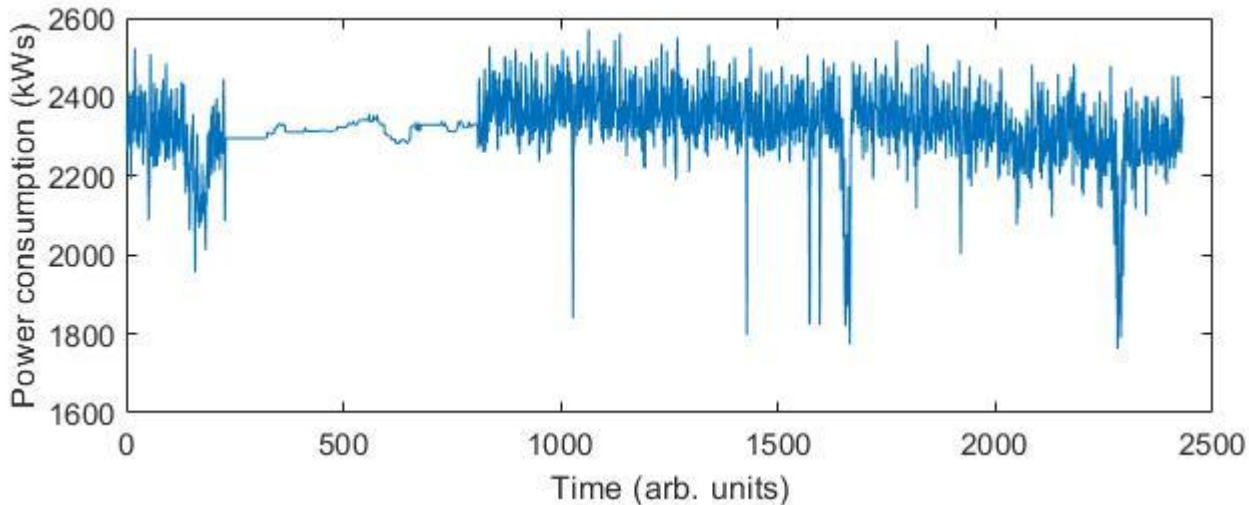
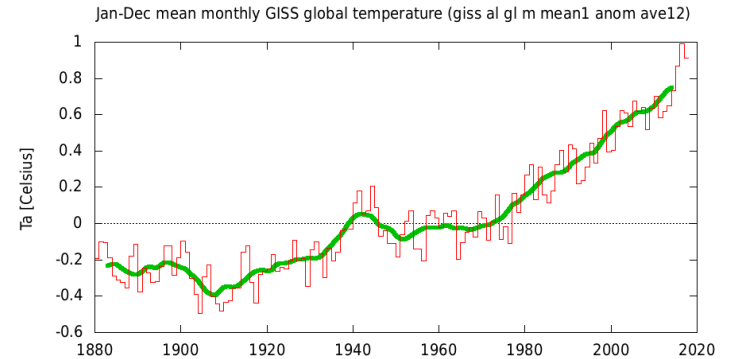
Univariate time series analysis

- Return maps
- Distribution of data values
- Autocorrelation and Fourier analysis
- Stochastic models and surrogates
- Attractor reconstruction, Lyapunov exponents, and fractal dimension
- Symbolic analysis
- Information theory measure: entropy
- Network representation of a time-series
- Spatio-temporal representation of a time-series

To begin with the analysis of a time series

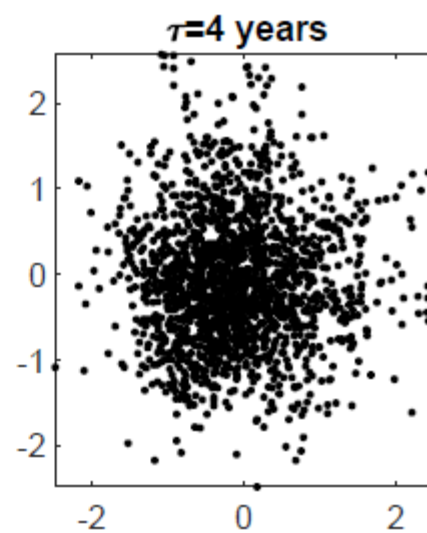
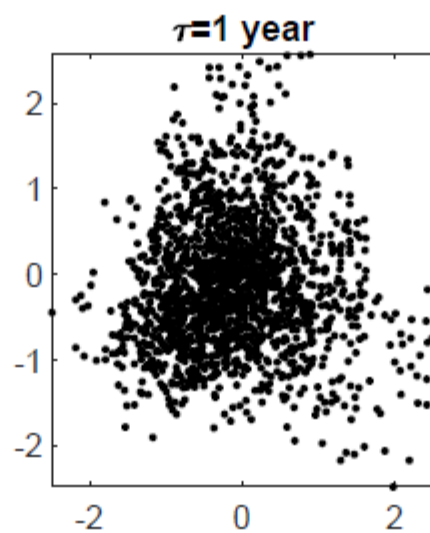
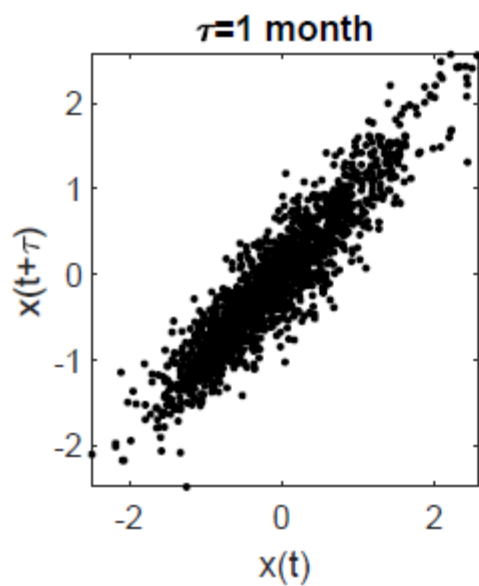
$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

- First step: **plot the data.**



- Next: examine simple properties.

Return Map: plot of x_i vs. $x_{i+\tau}$



Analyze the distribution of data values

- Plot the distribution of data points (histogram).
- Next: examine simple properties

Mean (expected value of X , $E[X]$)

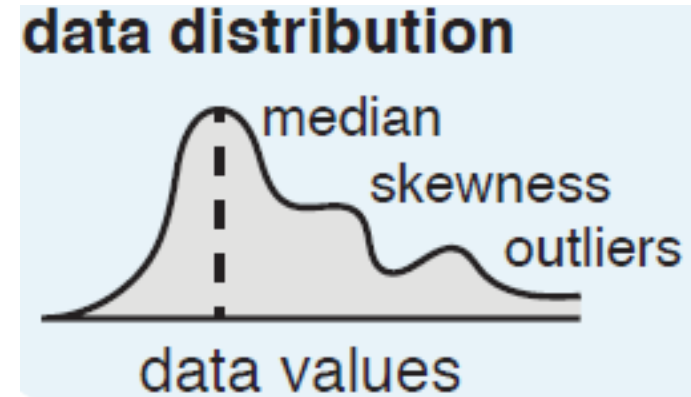
$$\mu = \langle x(t) \rangle$$

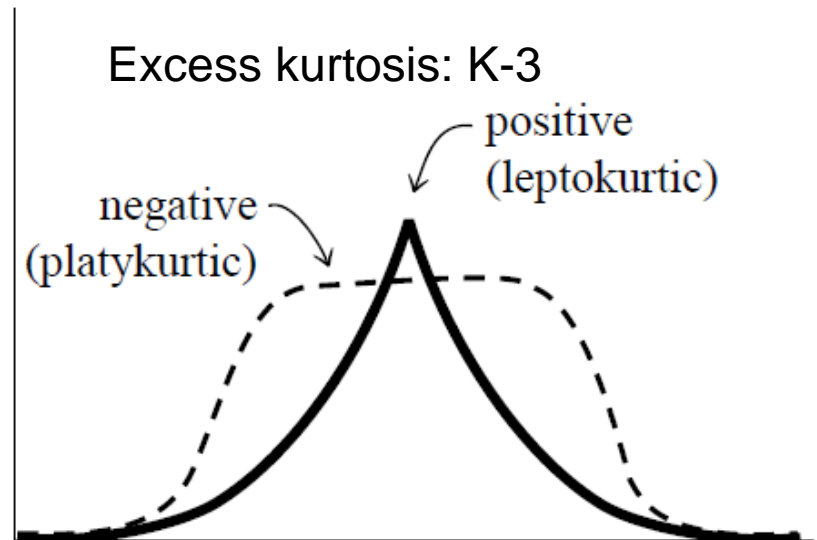
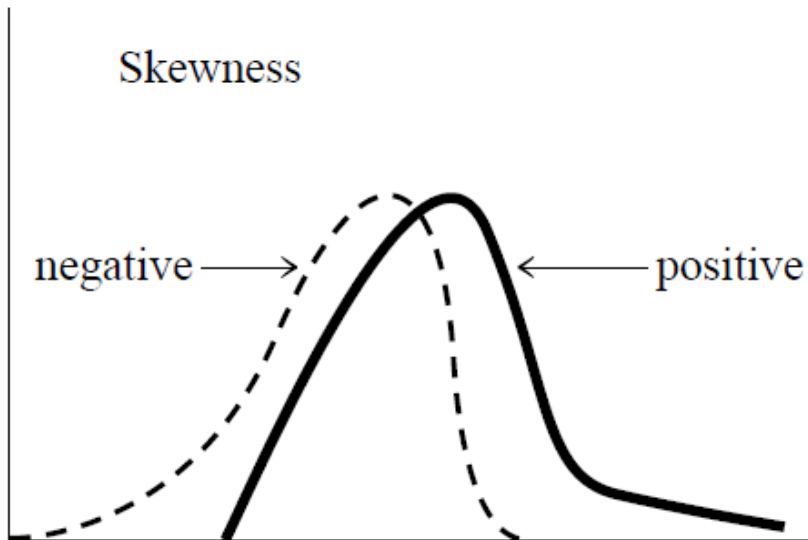
Variance: $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E[(X-\mu)^2]$

Skewness: $S = E[Z^3]$ $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$

Kurtosis: $K = E[Z^4]$

Coefficient of variation: $C_v = \sigma / |\mu|$





- **$K < 3$** : the distribution produces fewer and less extreme “outliers” than the normal distribution. Example: the uniform distribution.
- **$K = 3$** : Normal Gaussian
- **$K > 3$** : the tail approaches zero more slowly than a Gaussian, and therefore produces more outliers. Example: Laplace distribution.

*Press WH et al. Numerical recipes:
the art of scientific computing
(Cambridge University Press)*

Example: "fat tail" in the distribution of financial data

Scaling behaviour in the dynamics of an economic index

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THE large-scale dynamical properties of some physical systems depend on the dynamical evolution of a large number of nonlinearly coupled subsystems. Examples include systems that exhibit self-organized criticality¹ and turbulence^{2,3}. Such systems tend to exhibit spatial and temporal scaling behaviour—power-law behaviour of a particular observable. Scaling is found in a wide range of systems, from geophysical⁴ to biological⁵. Here we explore the possibility that scaling phenomena occur in economic systems—especially when the economic system is one subject to precise rules,

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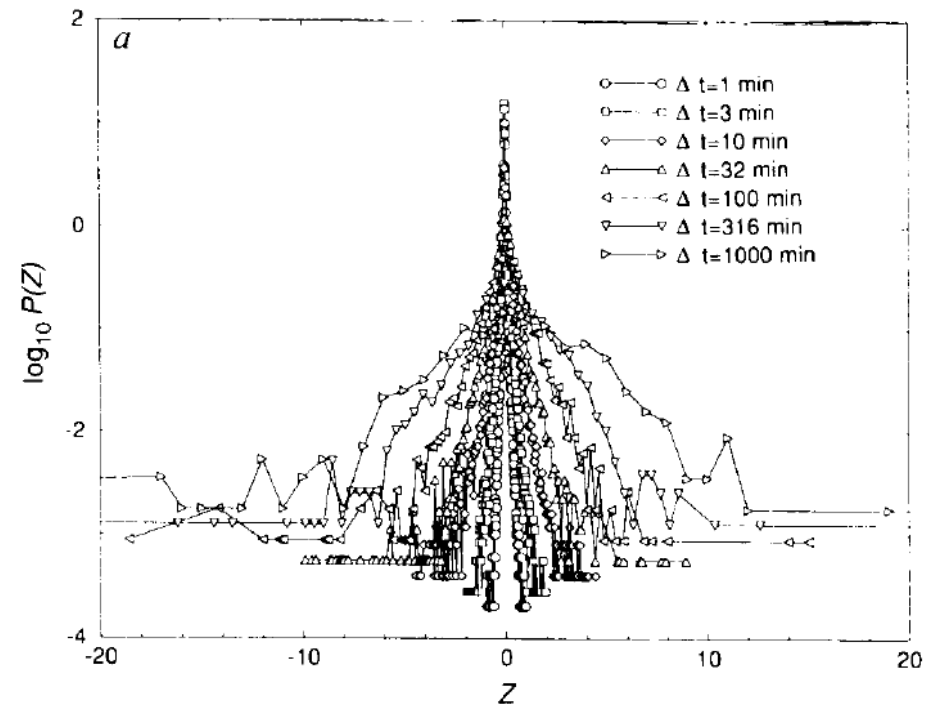
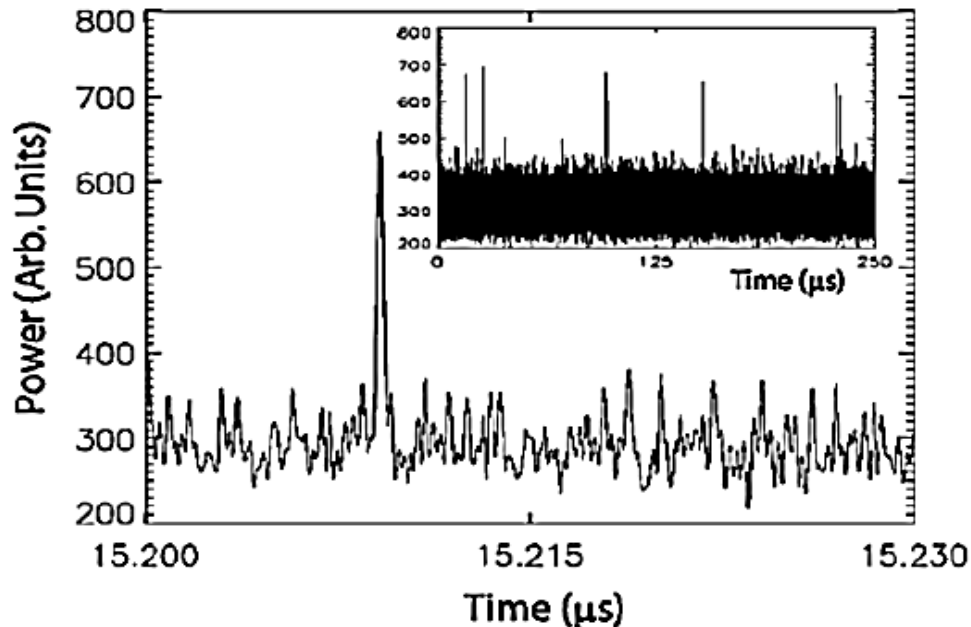


FIG. 1 a, Probability distributions $P(Z)$ of the S&P 500 index variations $Z(t)$ observed at time intervals Δt , which range from 1 to 1,000 min. By

Systems displaying long tailed distributions? Controlled experiments are often difficult.

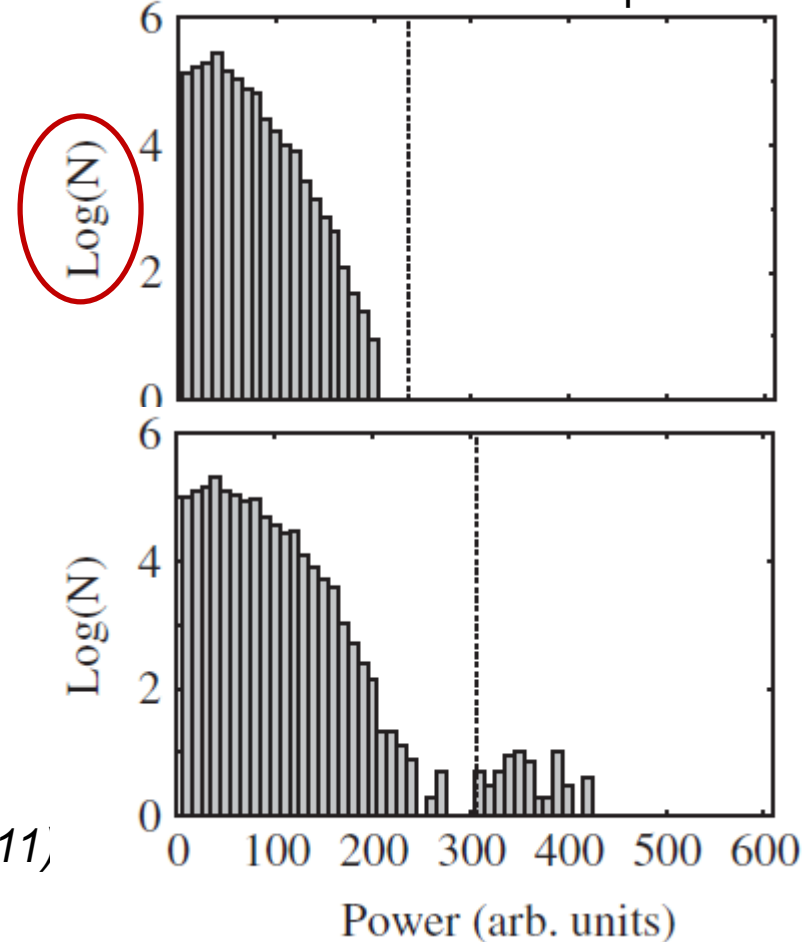
Example: the intensity emitted by a chaotic laser



Optical rogue wave if the pulse height is: $I > \langle I \rangle + 8\sigma$

Bonato et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 053901 (2011)

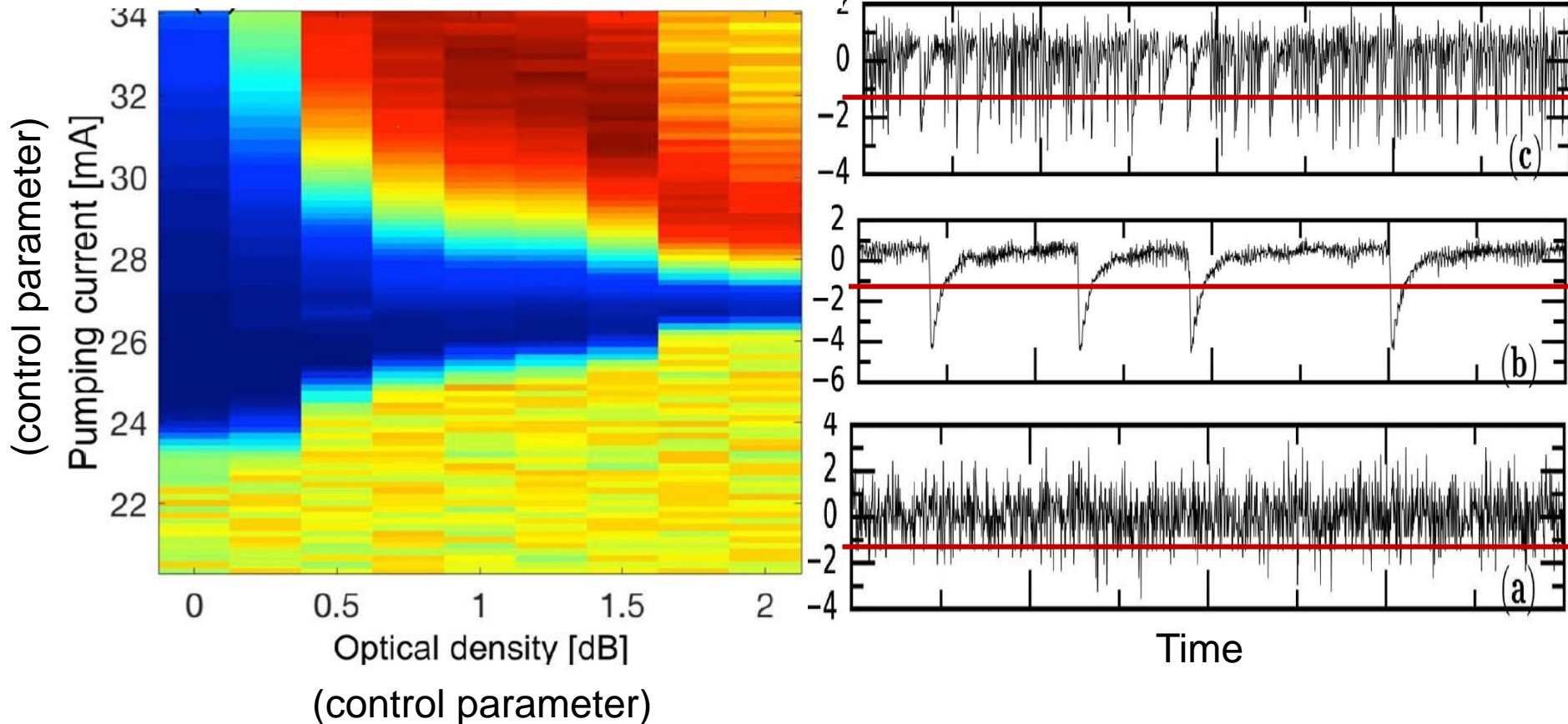
Intensity histograms for **slightly different** values of a control parameter



Application: counting the number of extreme values allows to distinguish different dynamical regimes

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Number of events (below -1.5σ) in log scale

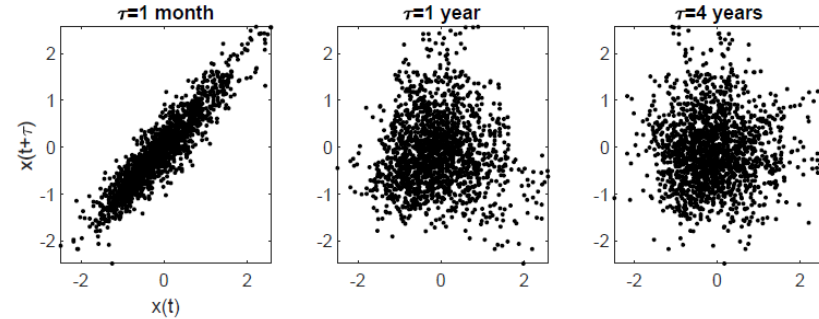


Panozzo et al, Chaos 27, 114315 (2017)

3. Autocorrelation function (ACF)

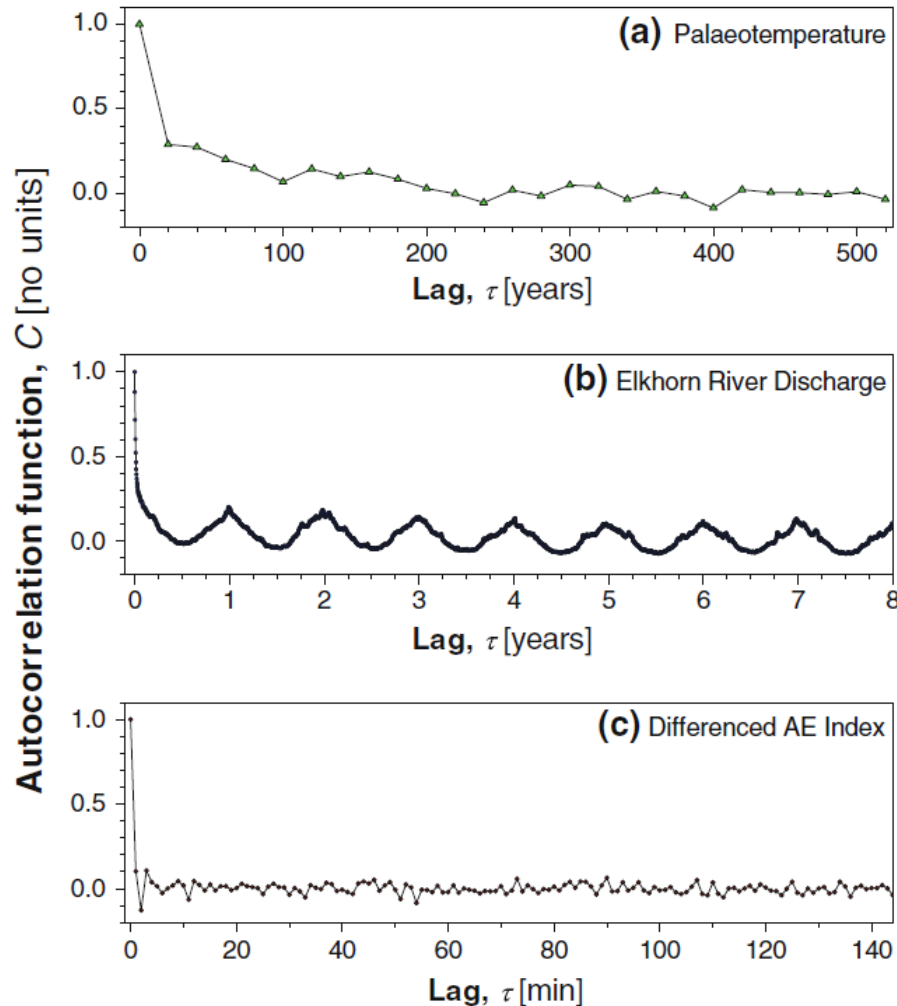
- The return map allows us to see if $x(t)$ and $x(t+\tau)$ are “*correlated*”.
- But how to **quantify**?

$$C(\tau) = \frac{\langle [x(t) - \mu][x(t + \tau) - \mu] \rangle}{\sigma^2}$$



- $C(0)=1$
- For a **stationary process** (μ , σ constant in time): $C(\tau) = C(-\tau)$
- $C(\tau)=0$ indicates that $x(t)$ and $x(t+\tau)$ are **uncorrelated**.
- $C(\tau)>0$ indicates **persistence**: large values tend to follow large ones, and small values tend to follow small ones, on average (more of the time than if the time series were uncorrelated).
- $C(\tau)<0$ indicates **anti-persistence**: large values tend to follow small ones and small values tend to follow large ones.

Examples of autocorrelation functions

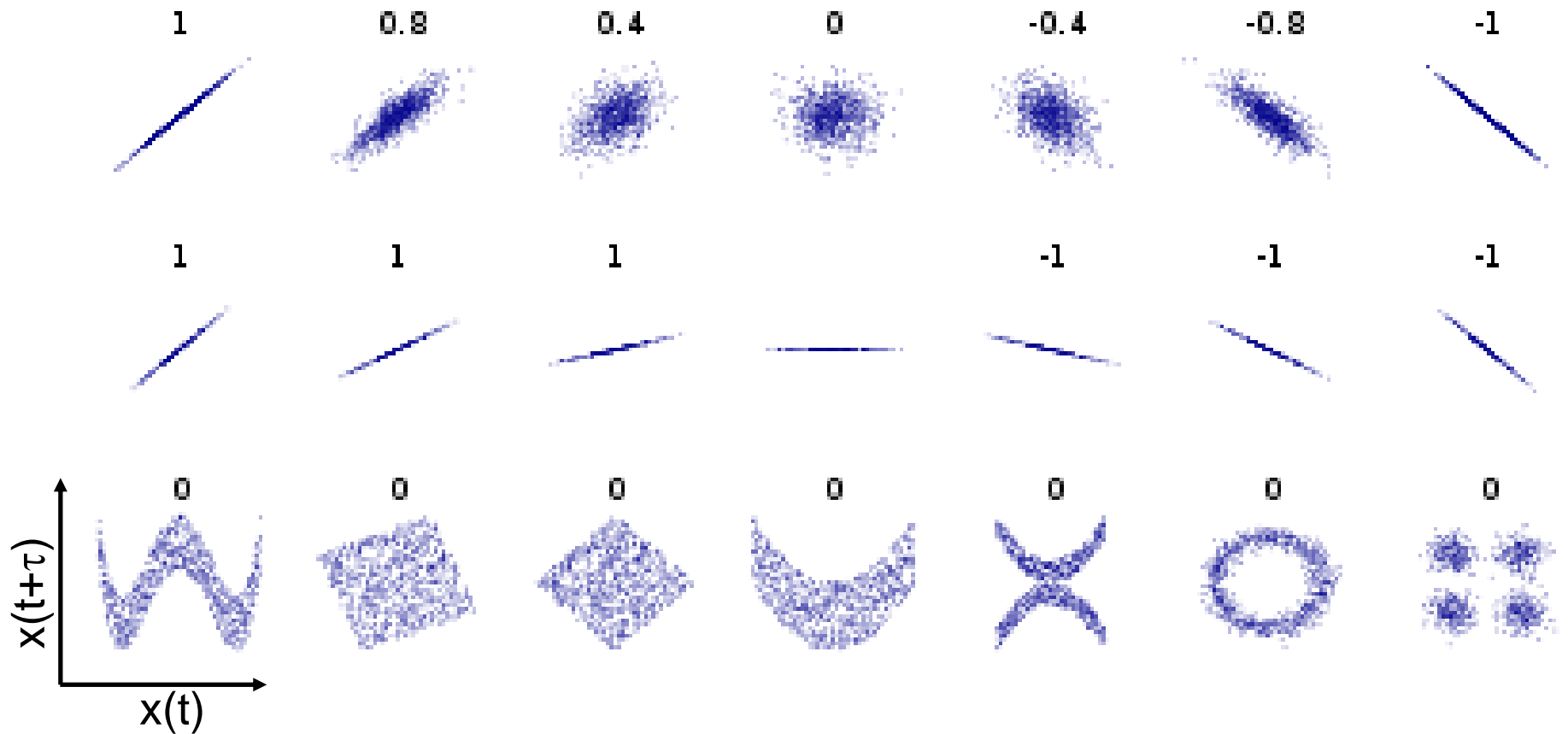


Slow decay:
long-range
correlations.

Rapid decay:
short-range
correlations.

A. Witt and B. D. Malamud, Surv. Geophys. 34, 541 (2013).

Problem with the ACF: only detects linear correlations



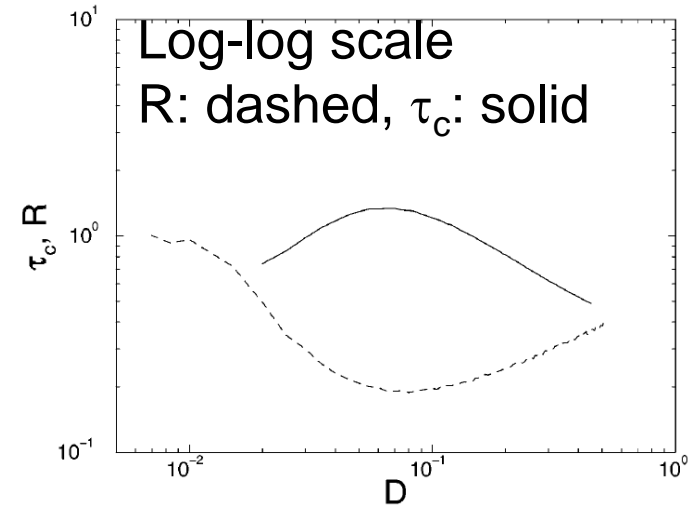
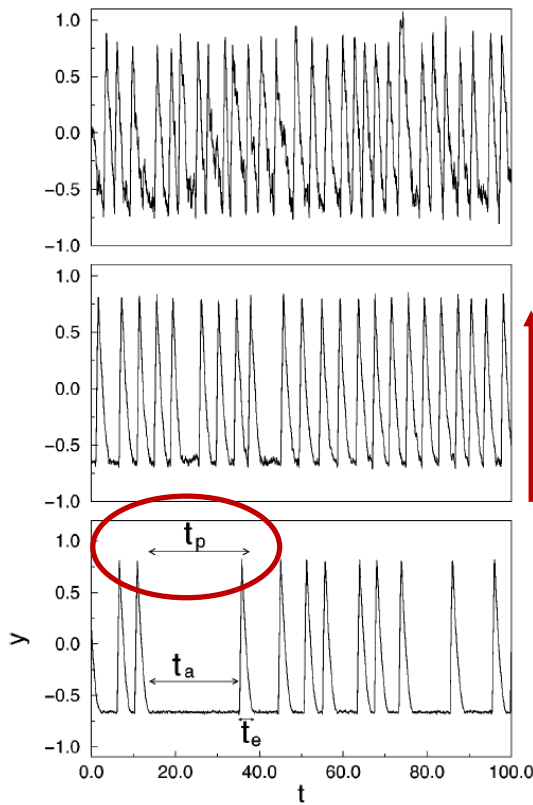
Source: Wikipedia

Application of variance and autocorrelation: quantification of coherence resonance

Fitz Hugh–
Nagumo model
(excitable system)

$$\varepsilon \frac{dx}{dt} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} - y,$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x + a + D\xi(t)$$



Coefficient of variation
of the distribution of
inter-spike-intervals

$$R_p = \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(t_p)}}{\langle t_p \rangle}$$

Correlation time

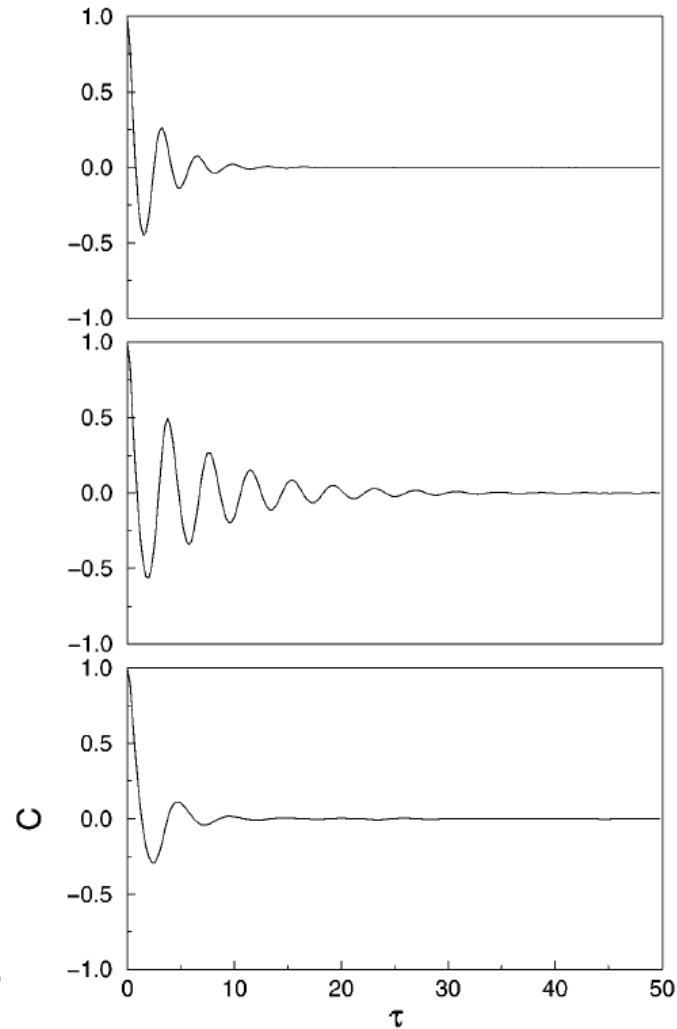
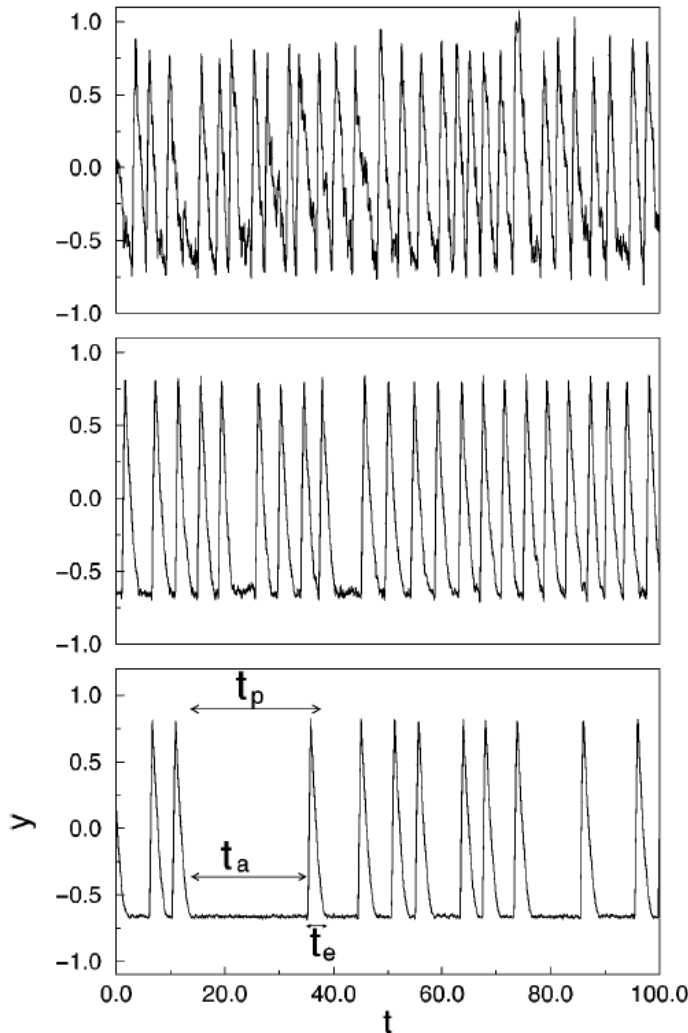
$$\tau_c = \int_0^\infty C^2(t) dt$$

$$\text{ACF } C(\tau) = \frac{\langle \tilde{y}(t)\tilde{y}(t + \tau) \rangle}{\langle \tilde{y}^2 \rangle}, \quad \tilde{y} = y - \langle y \rangle.$$

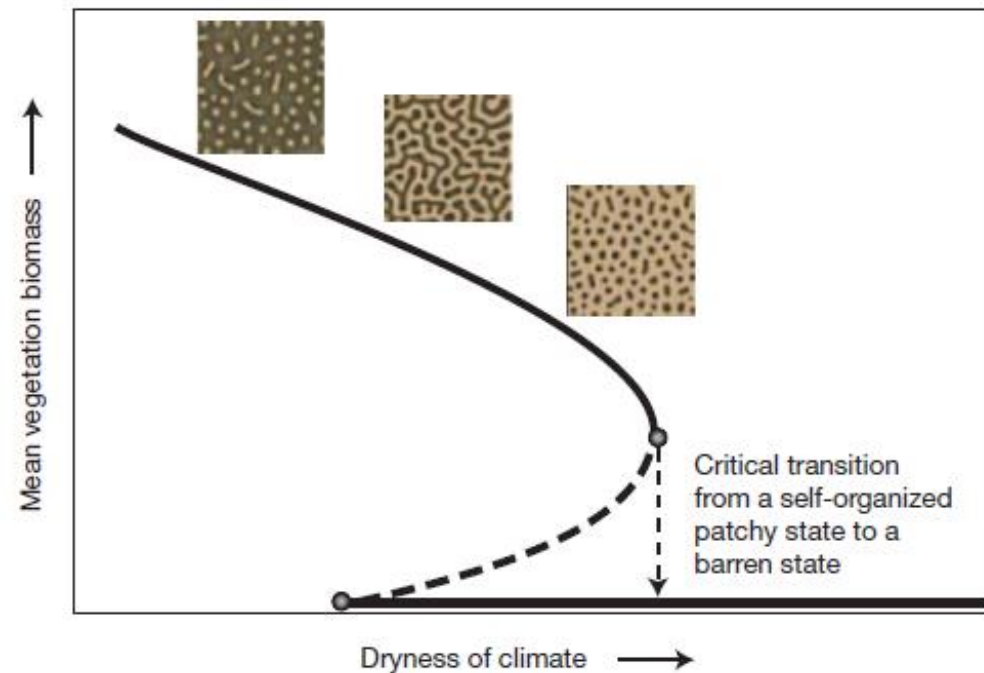
Pikovsky and Kurths PRL 1997

How does the autocorrelation function look like?

$$C(\tau) = \frac{\langle \tilde{y}(t)\tilde{y}(t + \tau) \rangle}{\langle \tilde{y}^2 \rangle}, \quad \tilde{y} = y - \langle y \rangle.$$

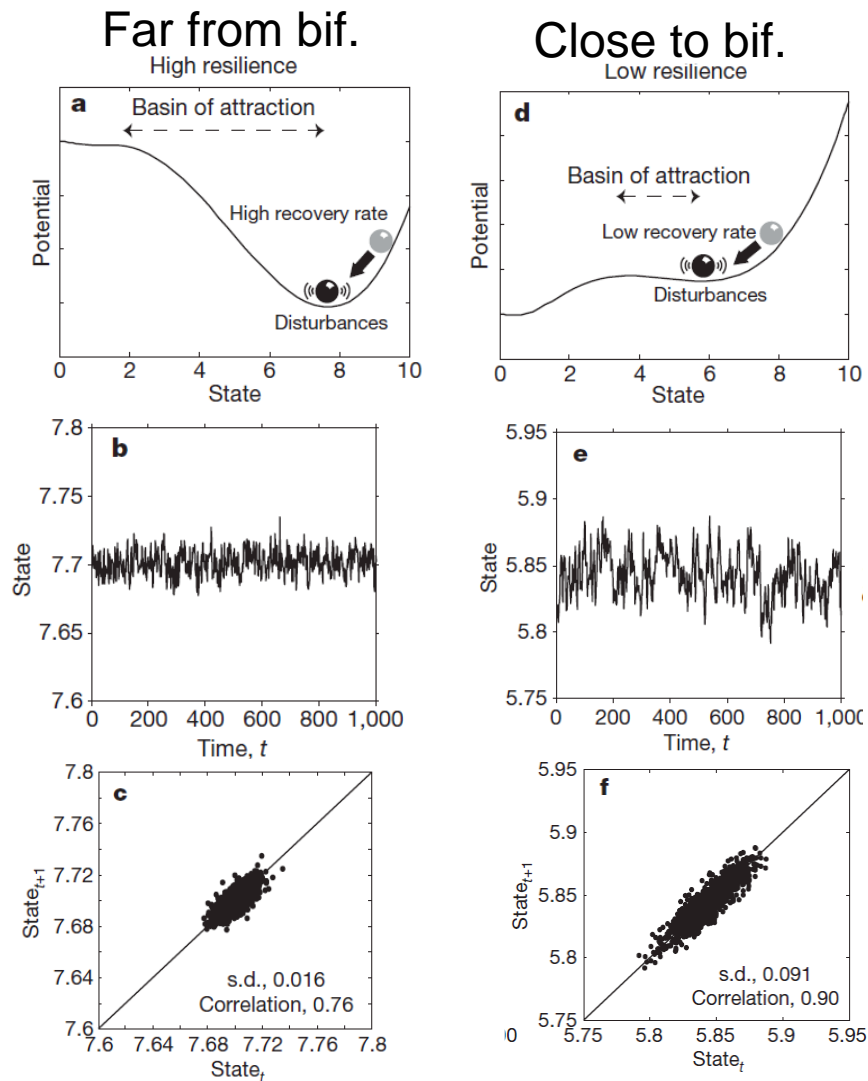


Another application of variance and autocorrelation: “early warning signals” of critical transitions



M. Scheffer et al., Nature 461, 53 (2009)

⇒ An increase in variance and autocorrelation can indicate an approaching “tipping point” or critical transition.

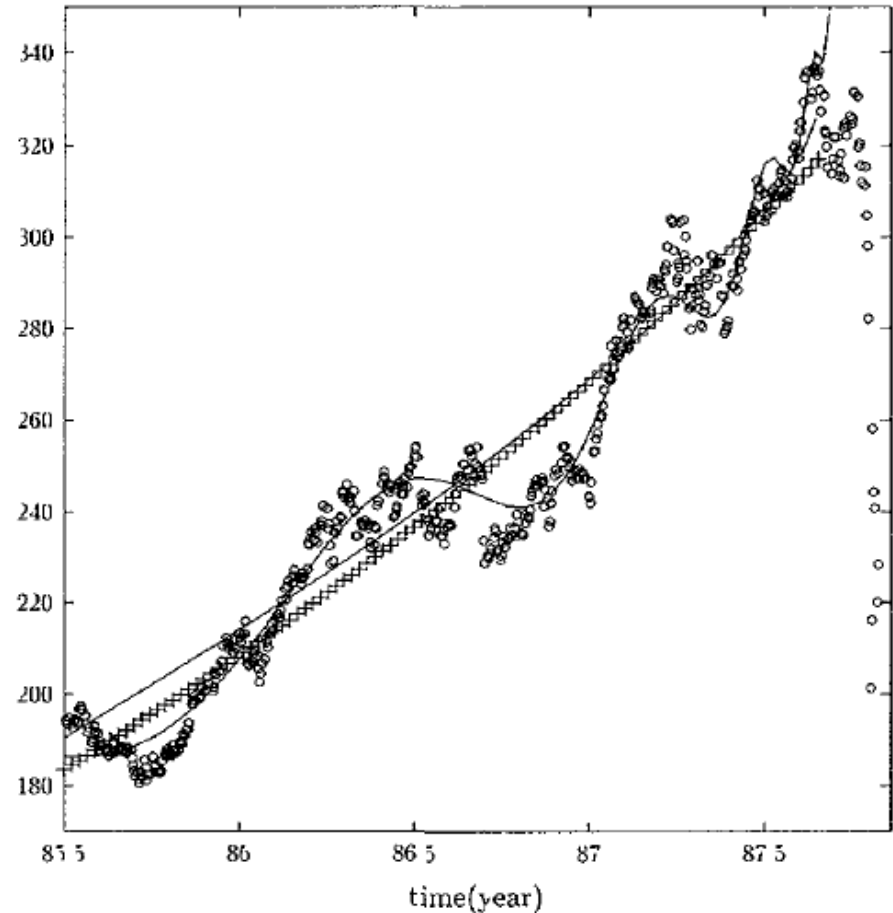


The crash of October 1987

Evolution of the New York stock exchange index S&P500 from July 1985 to the end of October 1987 (557 trading days).

One can observe well-defined oscillations before the bubble ends in the crash.

S&P 500



Sornette et al. J. de Physique I 6, 167 (1996).
Sornette, Physics Reports 378, 1 (2003).

4. Discrete Fourier Transform

- $x = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{N-1}\}$ is described as a **superposition of waves**.

$$x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k \cdot e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}$$

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cdot e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}$$

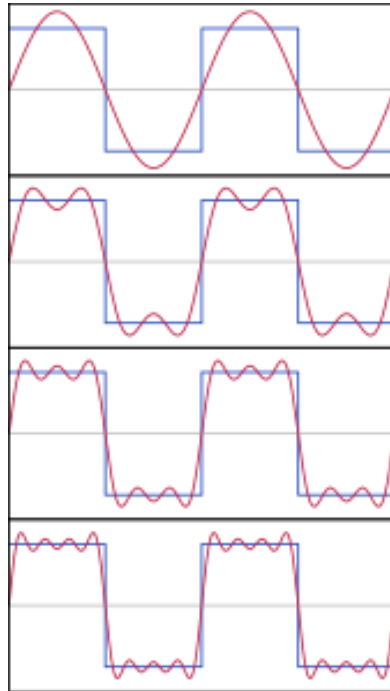
- The DFT(x) is the set of **complex** numbers $X = \{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{N-1}\}$.
- The frequencies are $f_k = k/(N\Delta)$ with $\Delta =$ sampling time (time interval between x_i and x_{i+1}) and $N = \#$ of data points.
- **Important property**: the Fourier transform is **linear**.
If $X = \text{DFT}(x)$ and $Y = \text{DFT}(y) \Rightarrow aX_k + bY_k = \text{DFT}(ax + by)$.
- **Important property**: If x is a real signal: $X_k = (X_{N-k})^*$
- The **Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)** algorithm applied to x returns the DFT, i.e., the set of complex numbers $X = \{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{N-1}\}$.

Examples

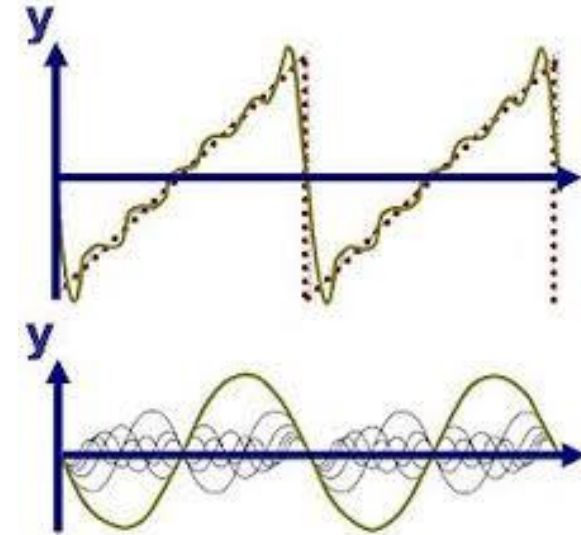
$$x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}$$

$$X = \text{DFT}(x)$$

The sum of the first four terms of the Fourier series (with specific phases) gives almost a square wave.

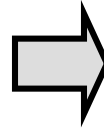
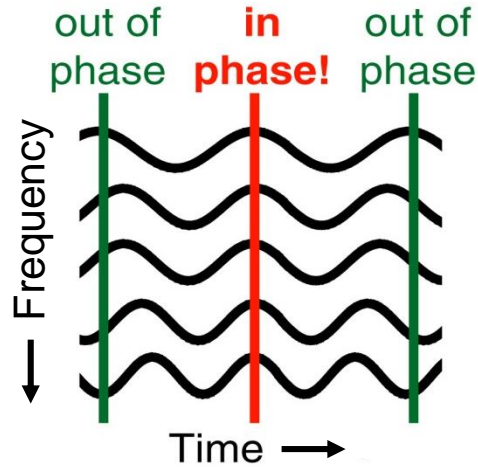


The sum of many terms of the Fourier series (with specific phases) gives a triangular signal.

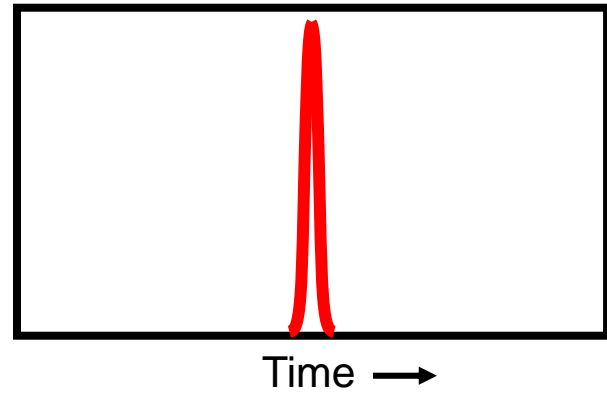


The DFT are complex numbers that contain information of the amplitude and phases of the waves in the Fourier series

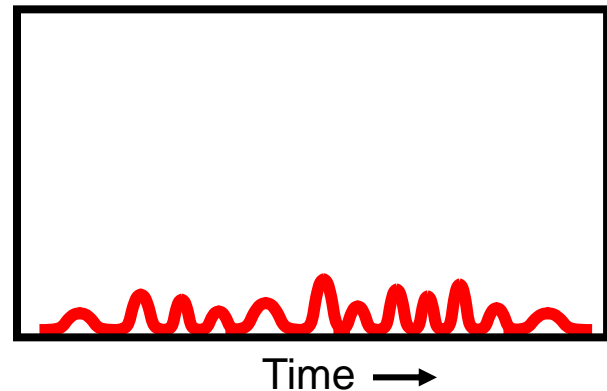
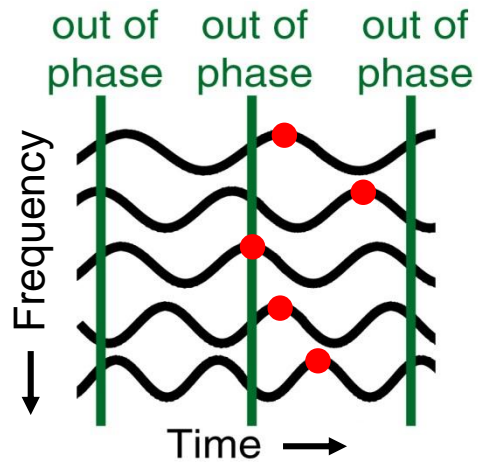
Locked
phases



Intensity vs. time



Random
phases



Source: Prof. R.
Trebino lectures,
Georgia Tech, USA

Power spectral density (PSD)

The PSD is the set of **real** numbers that give the “strength” of each frequency component:

$$\text{PSD}(x) = \{|X_0|^2, |X_1|^2, \dots\}$$

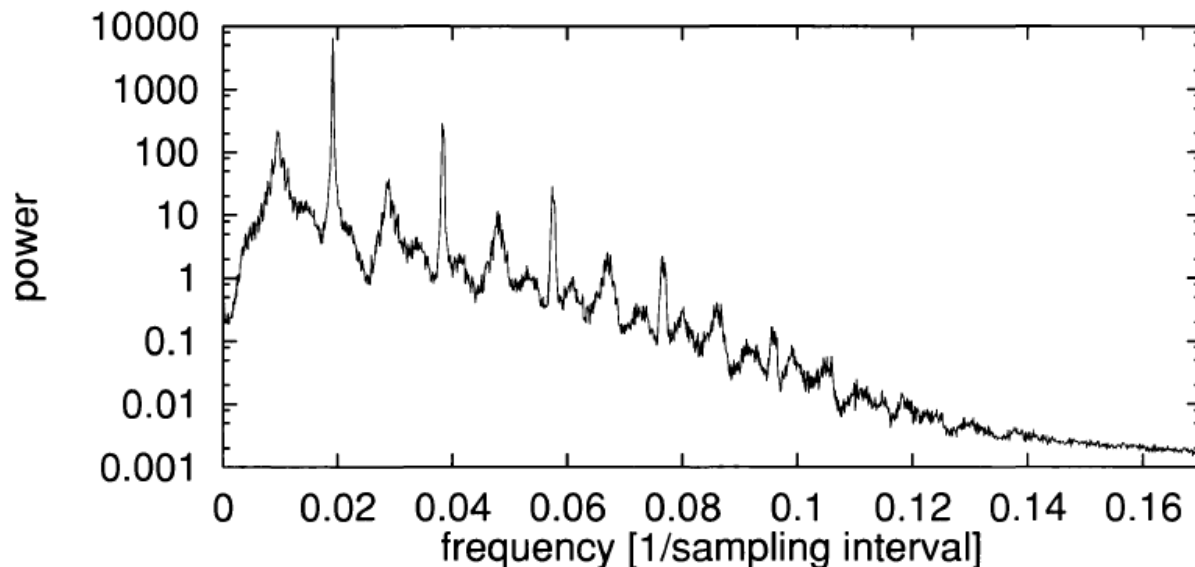
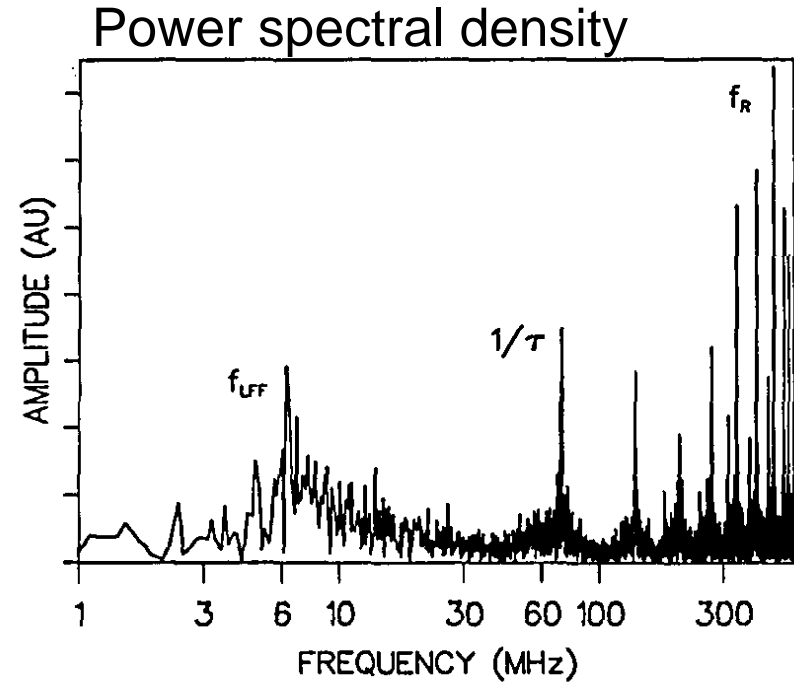
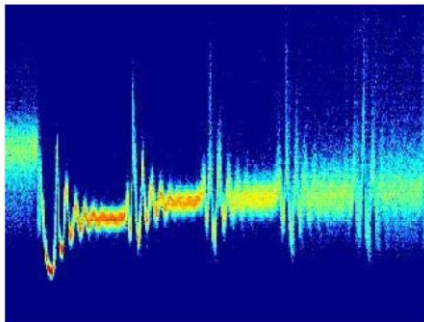
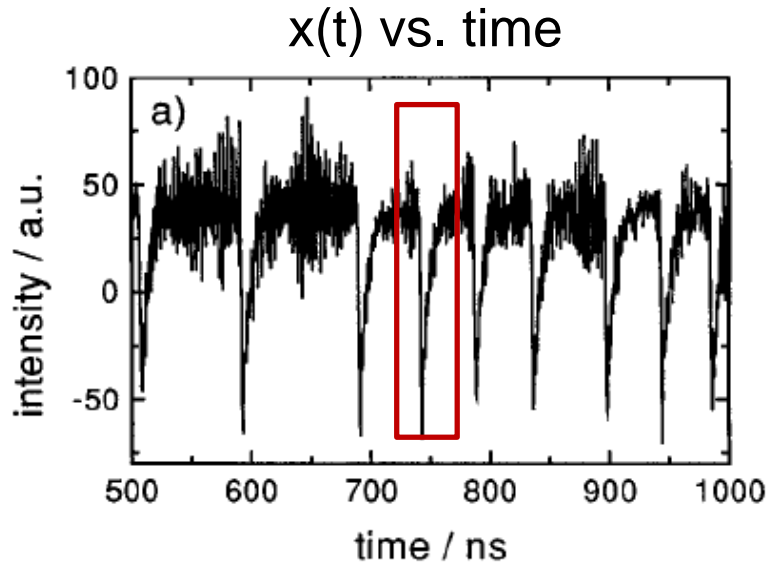


Figure 2.2 Lower part of the spectrum of a time series from the nonlinear feedback laser (Appendix B.10). The sharp peaks form a series of harmonics; the broad peak at low frequencies is a sub-harmonic.

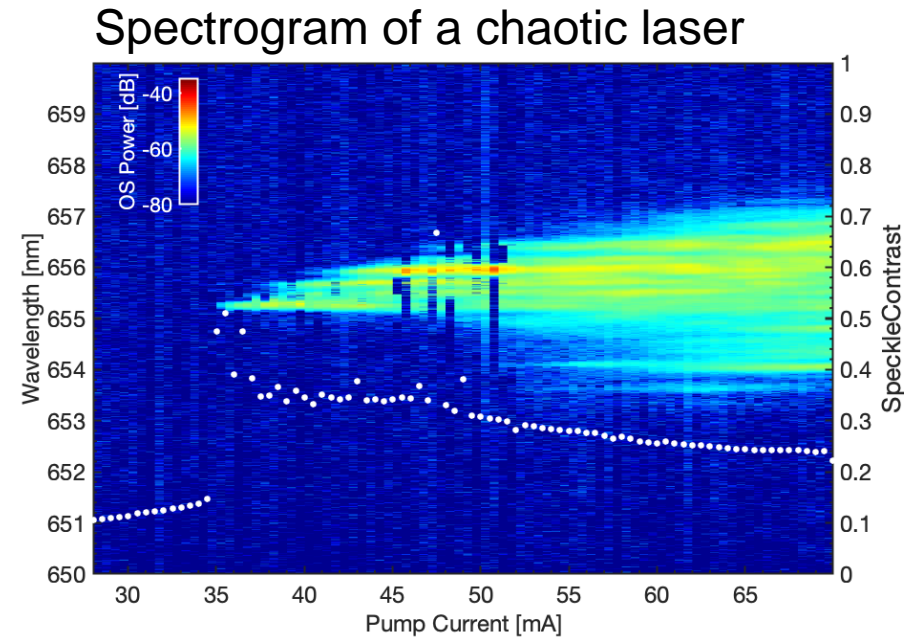
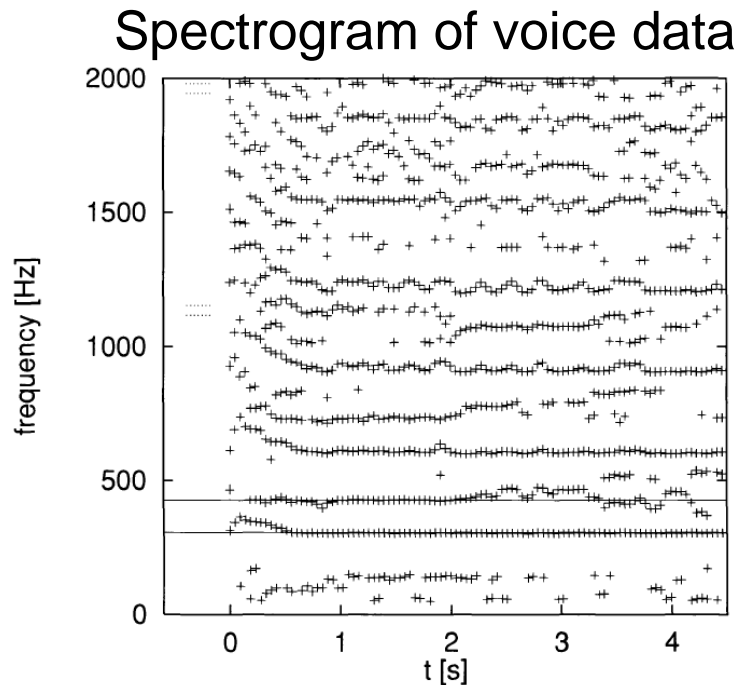
H. Kantz and T. Schreiber, Nonlinear Time Series Analysis, Cambridge University Press (2004)

Example: Fourier analysis of a time series with oscillations with different time-scales



M. Sciamanna (PhD Thesis 2004).
Langley et al, *Opt. Lett.* 19, 2137 (1994).

Spectrogram: variation of the PSD with time (or with a control parameter)



M. Duque, J. Tiana (UPC 2022)

The spectrogram resolves both time and frequency information, but with **limited resolution** Δt , Δf (when, in time, a given frequency will occur? which is the precise value of the frequency at a given time?).

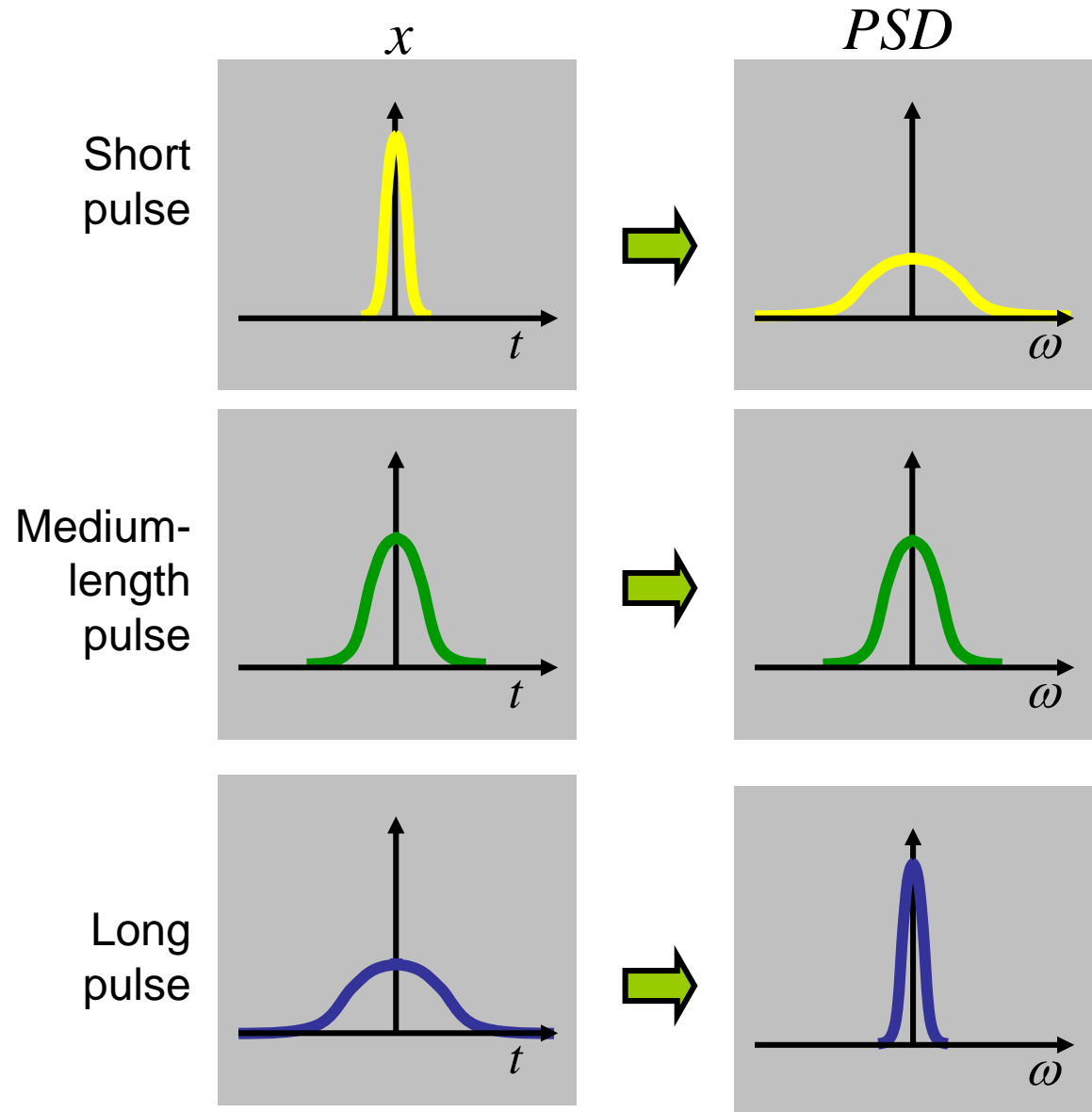
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The shorter a pulse, the broader the power spectrum

$$\Delta t \cdot \Delta \nu \gtrsim 0.3$$

(This is the essence of the Uncertainty Principle of Quantum Mechanics)

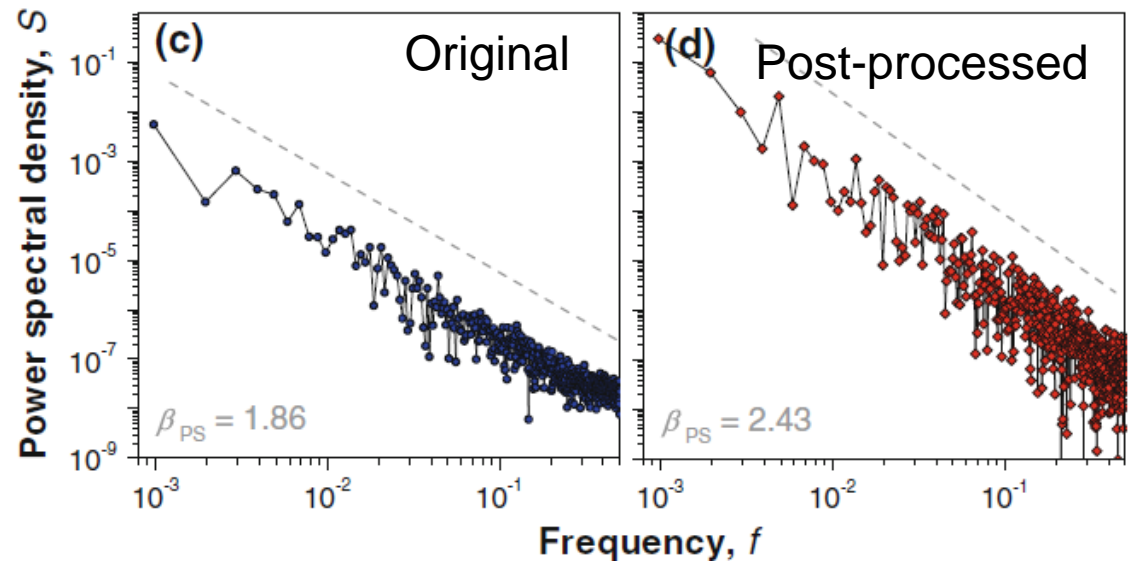
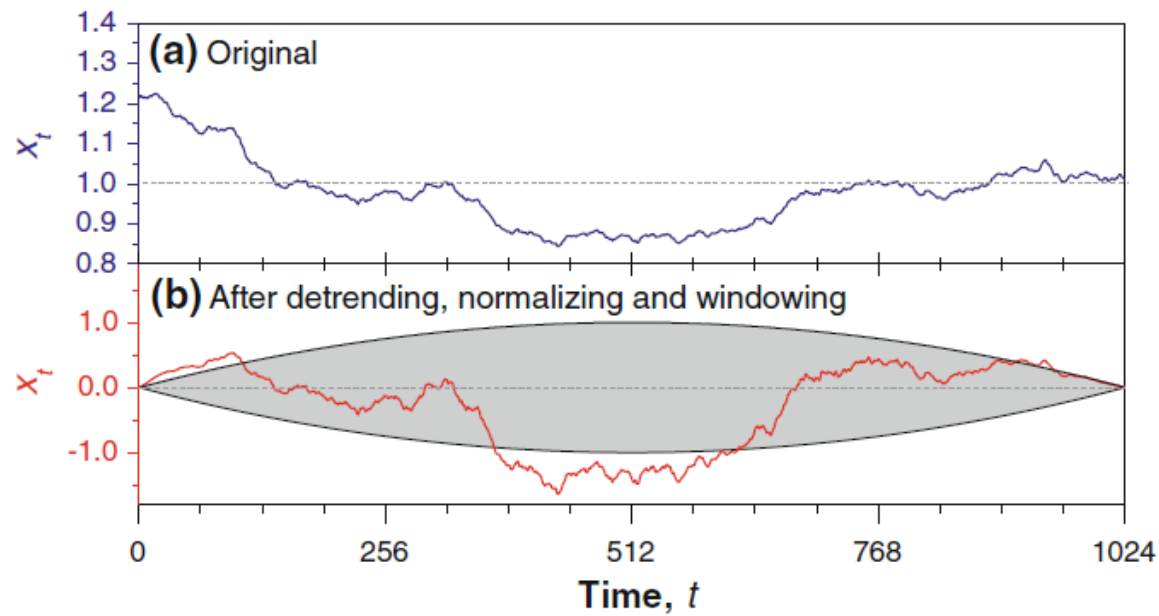
Source: Prof. R. Trebino lectures, Georgia Tech, USA



Power spectral density and autocorrelation function

- *Wiener-Khinchin theorem*: if x is stationary, $\text{PSD}(x)$ is the Fourier transform of the autocorrelation function, ACF $C(\tau)$.
- Long-range temporal correlations: power-law decay of the PSD.
- The Fourier transform is designed for ‘circular’ time series (i.e. the last and first values in the time series ‘follow’ one another). When $|x_N - x_1|$ is large (non-stationary time series) a more precise estimation of the PSD is obtained after “detrending” and “windowing”.

Example



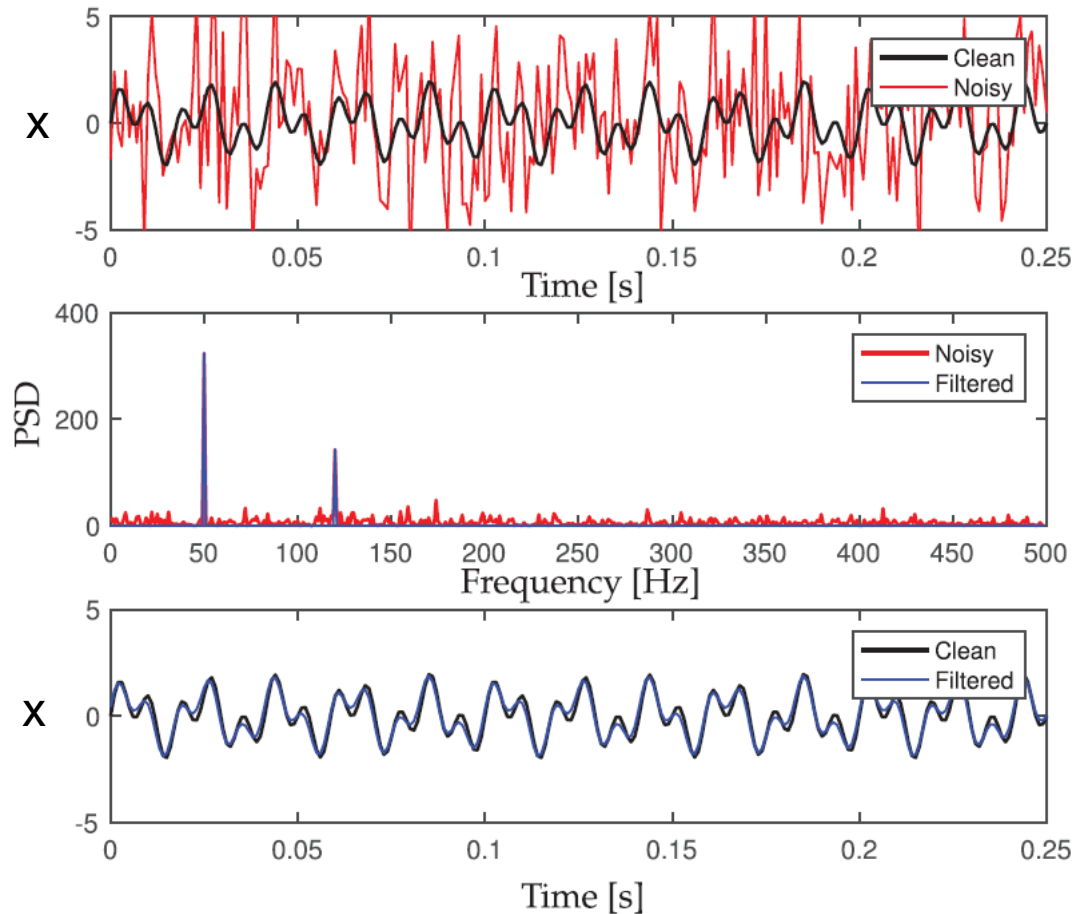
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The FFT is often used for “de-noising” a time series

In this example noise is added to a signal given by a sum of two sine waves.

In the Fourier domain, dominant peaks may be selected and the noise filtered.

The de-noised signal is obtained by **inverse Fourier transforming** the two dominant peaks.



Brunton and Kutz, Data-Driven Science and Engineering, Cambridge University Press 2019

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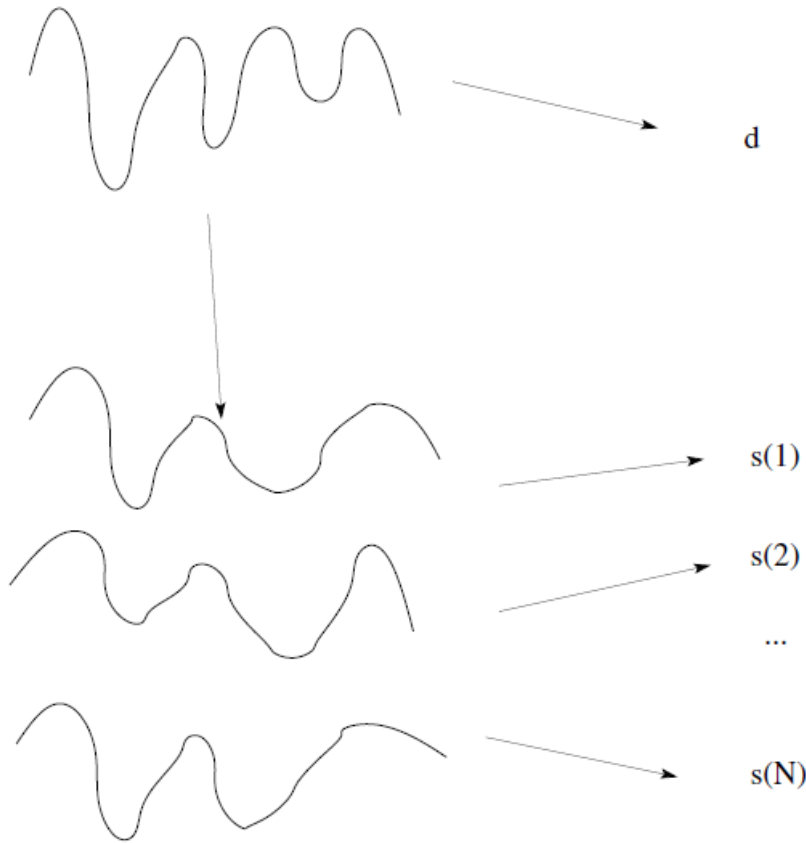
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Is a time series generated by a stochastic process?

Is it generated by a nonlinear process?

Is my model good for my data?

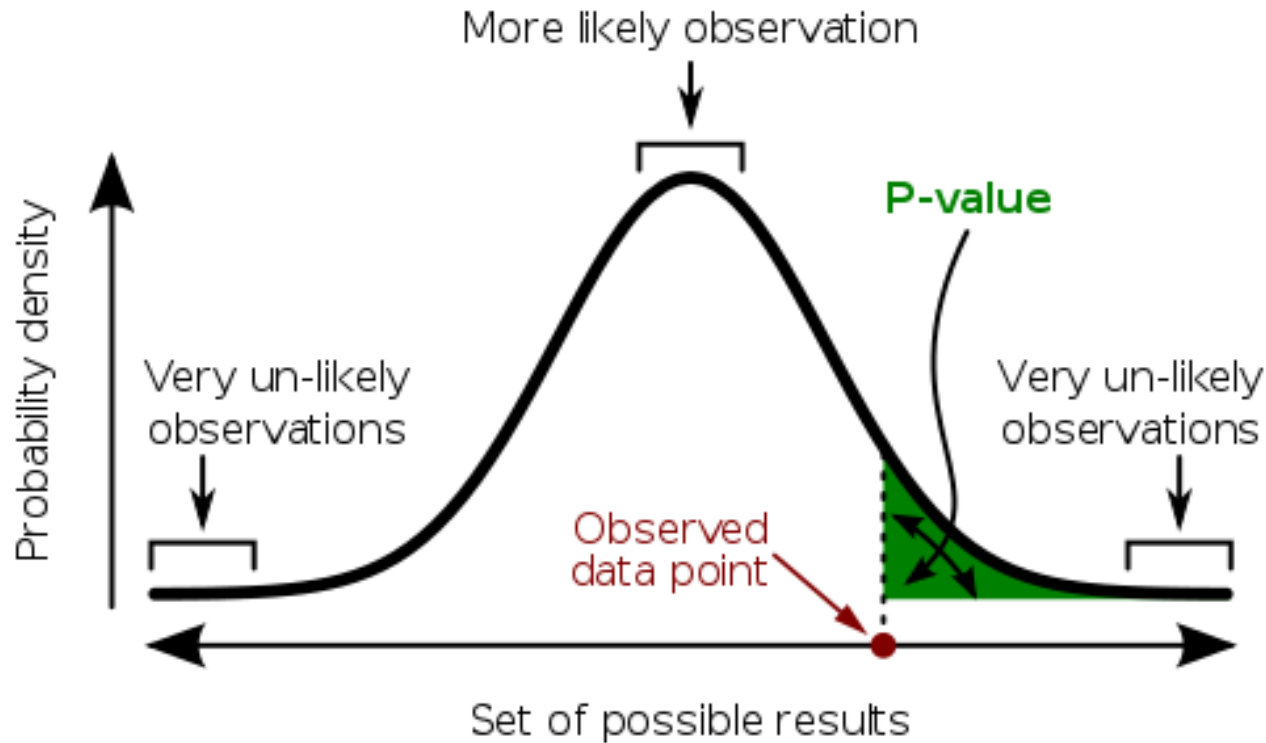
Null hypothesis testing: the method of surrogate data



- We have one real time series.
- Generate a set of “surrogate” time series that are “similar” to the original and consistent with the **null hypothesis** (NH) that we want to test.
- Measure an statistical property: “ d ” in the original series and “ $s(i)$ ” in the surrogate time series.
- Is “ d ” consistent with the distribution of “ $s(i)$ ” values?
 - No! we **reject** the NH.
 - Yes! we “**fail to reject**” the NH.

M. Small, *Applied Nonlinear Time Series Analysis* (World Scientific, 2005)

p value



Warning: the p-value only measures the compatibility of an observation with a hypothesis, not the truth of the hypothesis.

Altman and Krzywinski, Interpreting P values. Nature Methods 14, 213 (2017).

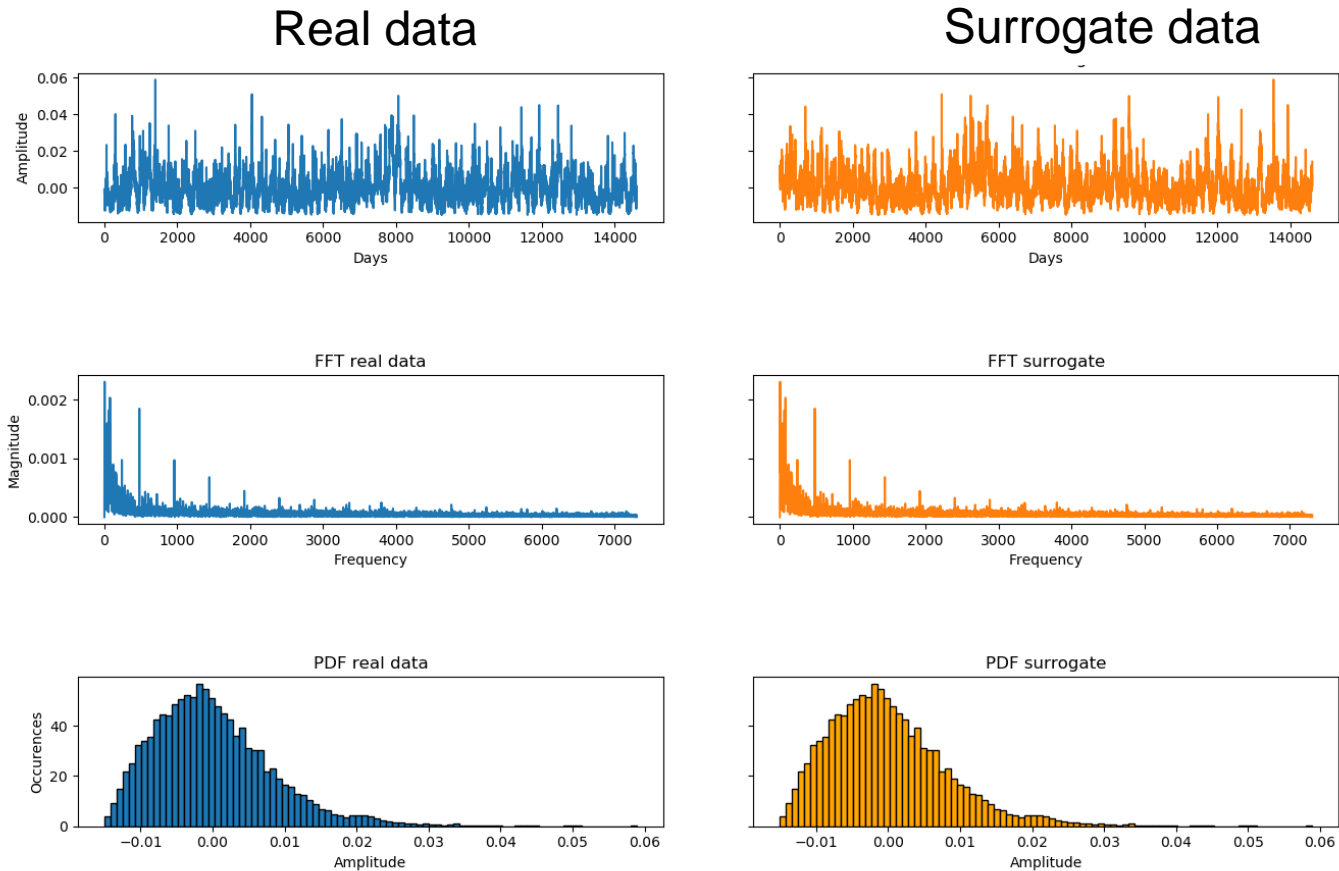
Example: the process that generates a time series is nonlinear?

- As all linear systems are time-reversible, time-irreversibility indicates nonlinearity.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{N} \sum (s_{n+1} - s_n)^3$$

- Necessary but not sufficient condition (some nonlinear systems are time-reversible).
- Surrogates needed that preserve main properties of a time series (e.g., distribution of values, Fourier spectrum).

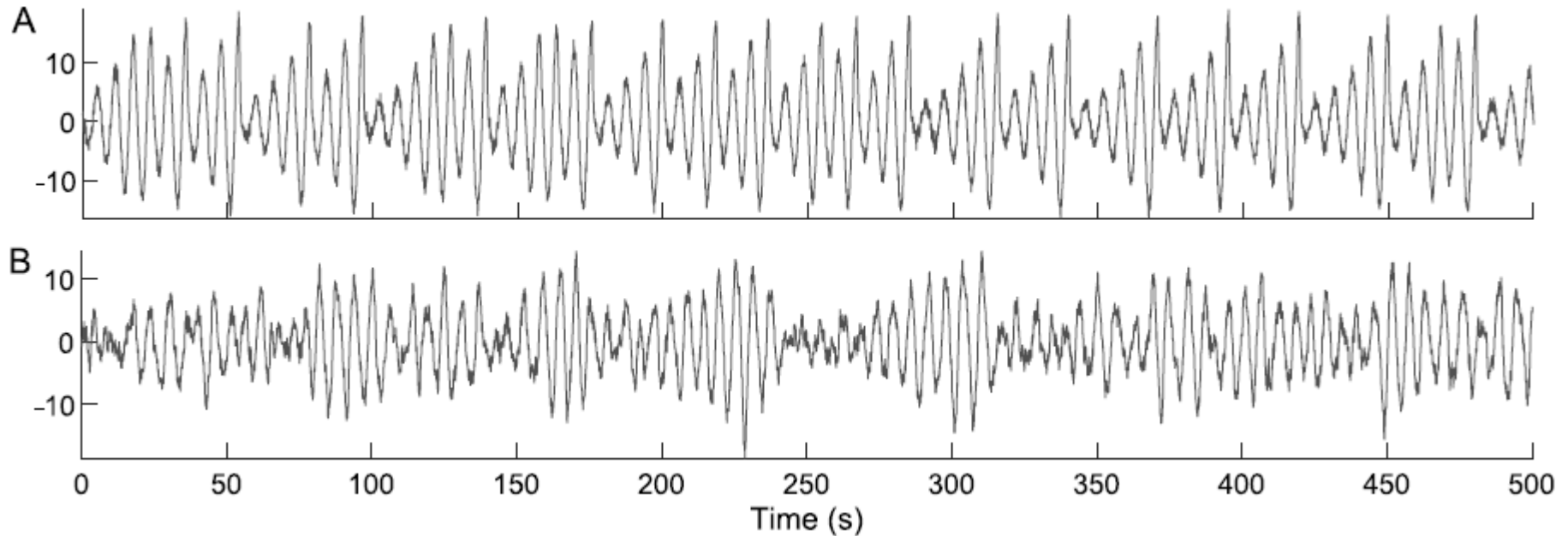
Iterative amplitude adjusted Fourier transform (IAAFT) surrogates



T. Schreiber and A. Schmitz, Physica D 142, 346 (2000).

R. Silini PhD Thesis, UPC 2022

Example of surrogate test for nonlinearity



A: Rossler with
 $a = 0.165$, $b = 0.2$
and $c = 10$

$$\dot{x} = -y - z$$

$$\dot{y} = x + ay$$

$$\dot{z} = b + z(x - c),$$

B: High-order (linear) autoregressive process

$$s_n = 1.625s_{n-1} + 0.284s_{n-2} + 0.355s_{n-3} + \eta_n - 0.960\eta_{n-1}$$

A proper surrogate test detects nonlinearity in A (reject NH) but not in B (fail to reject NH).

G. Lancaster et al., Physics Reports 748, 1 (2018).

Methods of univariate time series analysis

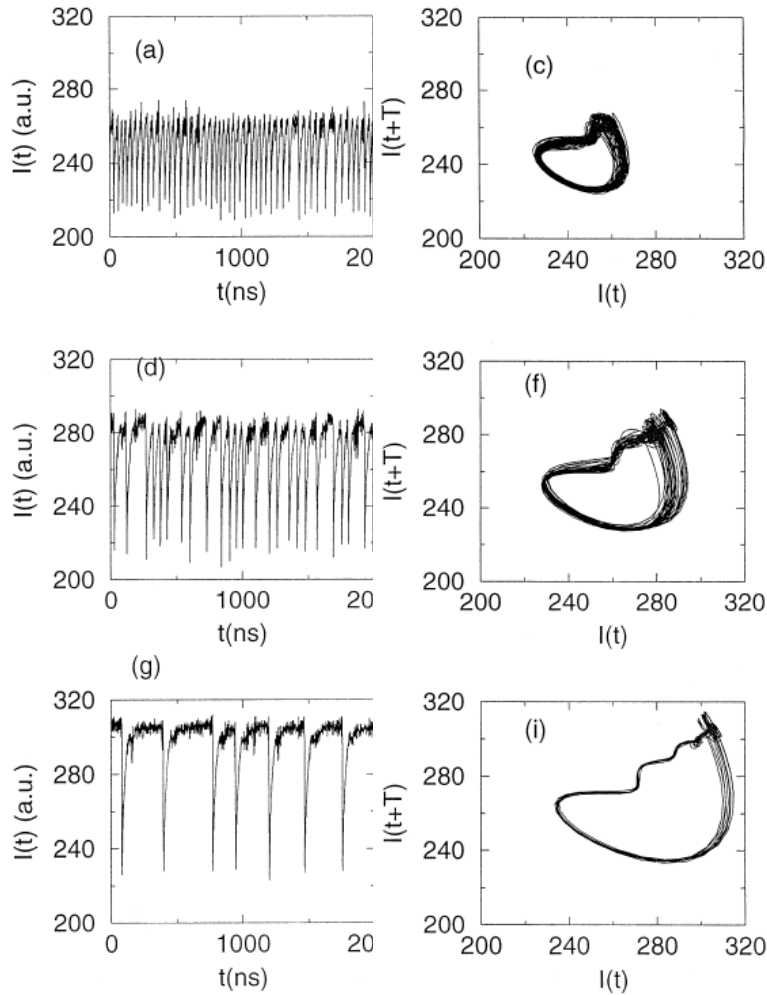
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Why we want to “reconstruct” the phase space of a system from an observed (scalar) time series?

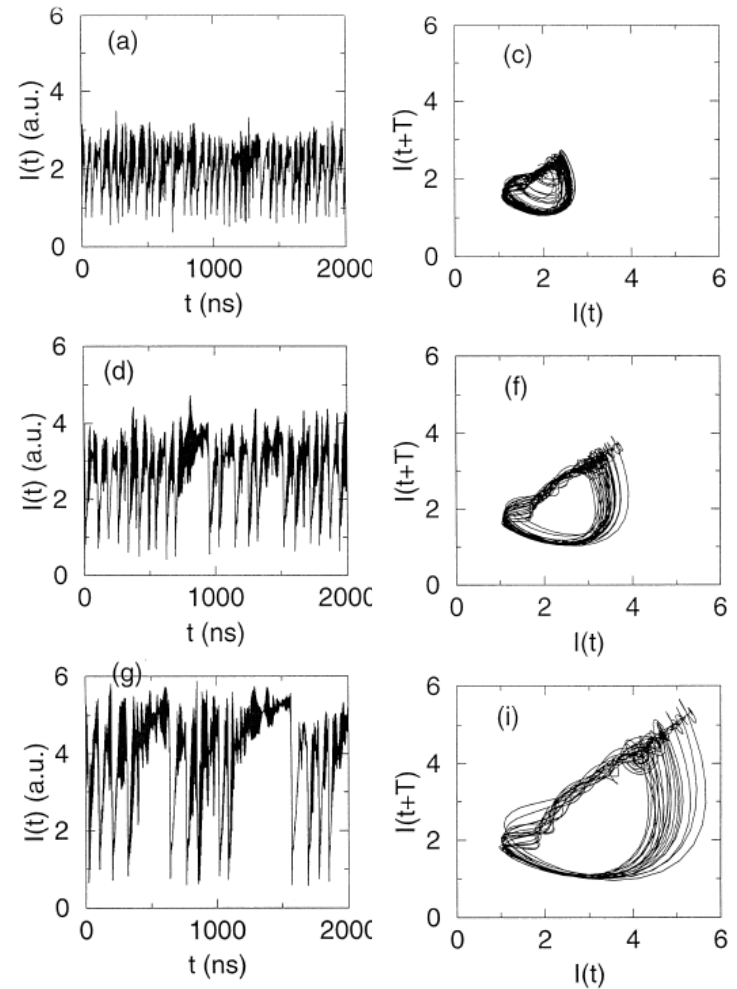
- Real systems are in general high-dimensional and we can only measure a few (hopefully relevant) variables.
- Models are complex and have many parameters.
- Reconstructing the phase space allows to compare models and experiments and to understand the effect of parameters.

Example: 2D representation of an attractor from a scalar time series

Experiments

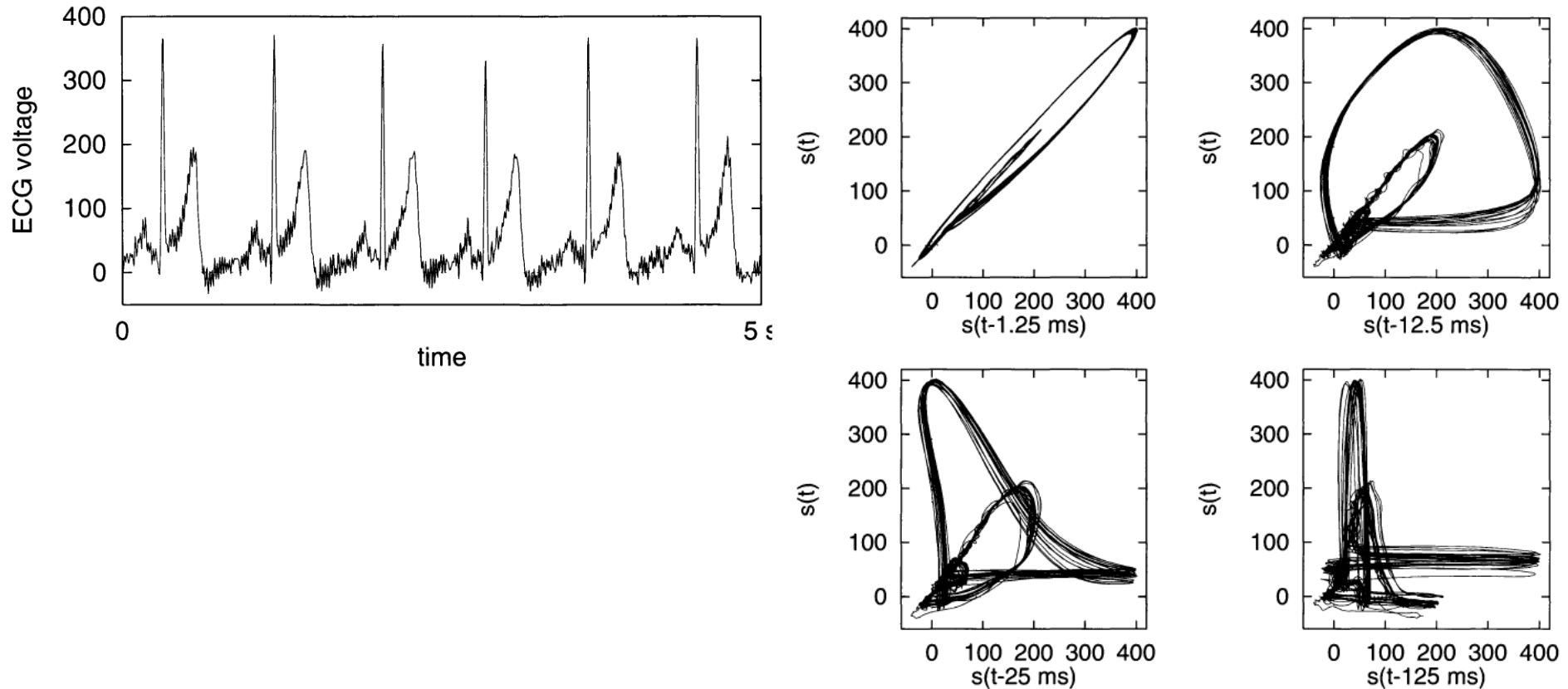


Simulations



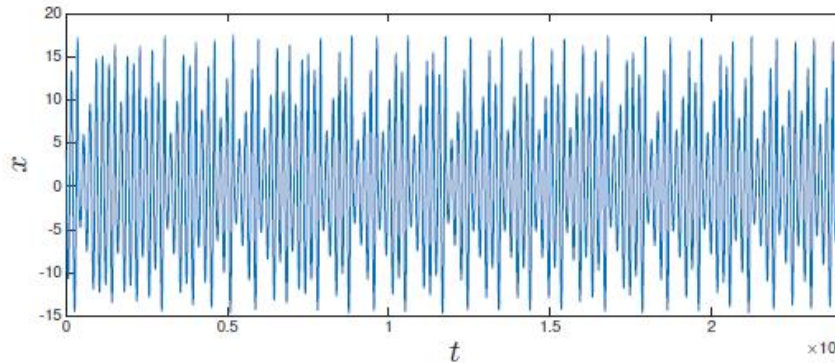
C. Masoller et al. *Opt. Comm.* 157, 115 (1998)

Example: 2D representation of a human ECG signal

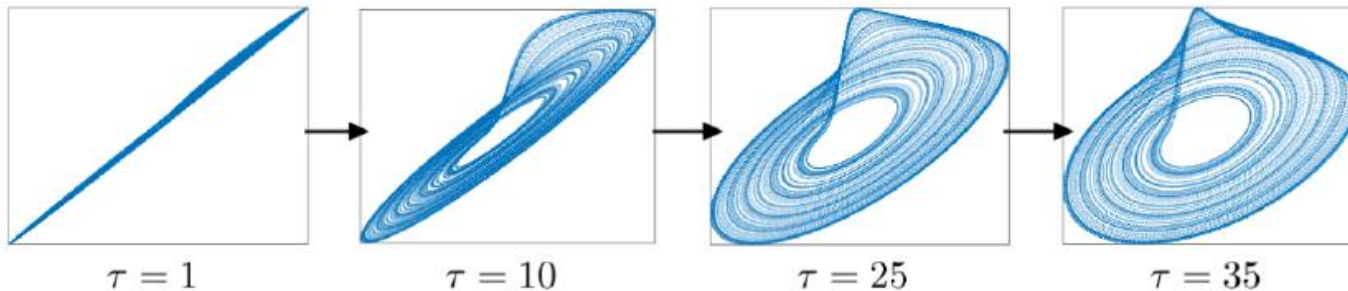


*H. Kantz and T. Schreiber,
Cambridge University Press 2003*

Attractor reconstruction using delay coordinates ("Takens" method)



$$\mathbf{X}(t_i) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t_i) \\ x(t_i + \tau) \\ \vdots \\ x(t_i + (d-1)\tau) \end{bmatrix}$$



Bradley and Kantz, *CHAOS* 25, 097610 (2015)

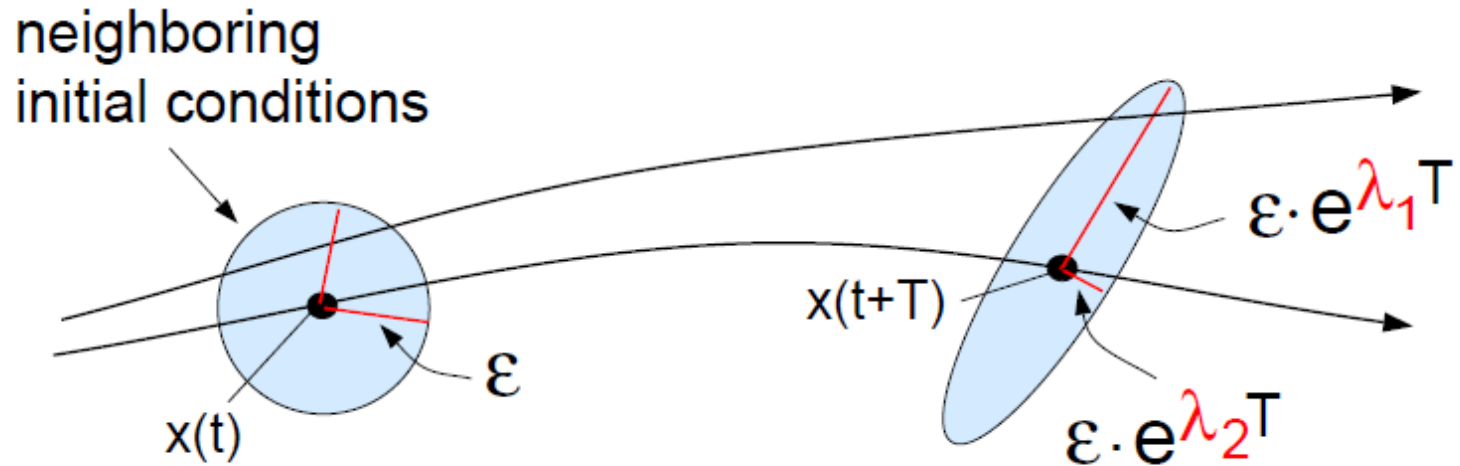
Problem: how to choose the embedding parameters
(lag τ , dimension d)?

How to choose the lag τ and the dimension d ?

- τ is chosen such that $x(t)$ and $x(t+\tau)$ are *uncorrelated*
→ the first zero of ACF $C(\tau)$ (or where $|C(\tau)|$ is minimum).
What if there is no zero or no minimum?
- d is often estimated with the ***false nearest neighbors*** technique that examines how close points in phase space remain close as the dimension is increased.
- Complicated technique, “practical” approach: try different d values.

After reconstructing the attractor, we can characterize the attractor calculating the Lyapunov exponents and the fractal dimension.

Lyapunov exponents: measure how fast neighboring trajectories diverge.



- A stable fixed point has negative λ s (since perturbations in any direction die out)
- An attracting limit cycle has one zero λ and negative λ s
- A chaotic attractor has at least one positive λ .

G. Datsoris and U. Parlitz, Nonlinear dynamics: a concise introduction interlaced with code, Springer (2022).

Steps to compute the maximum Lyapunov Exponent

- Initial distance $\delta_I = |s_i - s_j|$
- Final distance $\delta_F = |s_{i+T} - s_{j+T}|$
- Local *exponential* grow $\lambda_{\text{local}}^* = \frac{1}{T} \log(\delta_F / \delta_I)$
- The rate of grow averaged over the attractor gives λ_{max}

A very popular method for detecting chaos in experimental time series.

A. Wolf, J.B. Swift, H.L. Swinney and J.A. Vastano, Physica D 16 (1985)

A word of warning on the interpretation of the maximum Lyapunov exponent!

- The algorithm returns λ in the fastest expansion direction.
- The algorithm always returns a positive number!
- This is a problem when computing the LE of noisy data.

Every time series analysis algorithm returns a number.

But is it useful?

Significance testing (with appropriate surrogates) is needed.

F. Mitschke and M. Damming, Chaos vs. noise in experimental data, Int. J. Bif. Chaos 3, 693 (1993)

Grassberger-Procaccia correlation dimension

- Another very popular method for detecting chaos in real-world data.
- Fractal dimension (box counting dimension): $D_0 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log N(\epsilon)}{\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}}$
- **Problem:** for time-series analysis, D_0 does not distinguish between frequently and unfrequently visited boxes.
- **Correlation dimension:** count the number of data points with distance between them $< \epsilon$ [*P. Grassberger and I. Procaccia, Physica D 9, 189 (1983)*].
- Other definitions are based on Information Theory.

Hands-on exercise 2: Linear analysis of a time series

Use your own data or download Niño index 3.4 from

https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/gcos_wgsp/Timeseries/Data/nino34.long.anom.data

1. Plot the time series.
2. Plot the return map using different lags.
3. Plot the distribution of data values, calculate μ , σ , S, and K.
4. Calculate the ACF.
5. Calculate the PSD.
6. Compare with the ACF & PSD of Gaussian white noise.

Methods of univariate time series analysis

- Return maps
- Distribution of data values
- Autocorrelation and Fourier analysis
- Surrogates
- Attractor reconstruction, Lyapunov exponents, and fractal dimension
- **Symbolic analysis**
- Information theory measures: entropy and complexity
- Network representation of a time-series
- Spatio-temporal representation of a time-series

Sequence of data points \Rightarrow sequence of symbols

- Use a “rule” to transform $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\} \Rightarrow \{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$
Example: if $x_i > x_{th} \Rightarrow s_i = 0$; else $s_i = 1$
- Symbols are taken from an “**alphabet**” of possible symbols.
- Then consider “blocks” of D symbols (“**patterns**” or “**words**”).
- All the possible words form the “**dictionary**”.
- Then analyze the “**language**” of the sequence of words
 - the probabilities of the words,
 - missing/forbidden words,
 - transition probabilities,
 - information measures (entropy, complexity, etc.)

Threshold rule: “partition” of the phase space

- if $x_i > x_{th} \Rightarrow s_i = 0$; else $s_i = 1$
transforms a time series into a sequence of 0s and 1s, e.g.,
{011100001011111...}
- Considering “blocks” of D letters gives the sequence of words. Example, with $D=3$:
{011 100 001 011 111 ...}
- The number of words (patterns) grows as 2^D
- More thresholds allow for more letters in the “alphabet” (and more words in the dictionary). Example:
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } x_i > x_{th1} \Rightarrow s_i = 0; \\ &\text{else if } x_i < x_{th2} \Rightarrow s_i = 2; \\ &\text{else } (x_{th2} < x_i < x_{th1}) \Rightarrow s_i = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Advantages and drawbacks of symbolic analysis

Advantages:

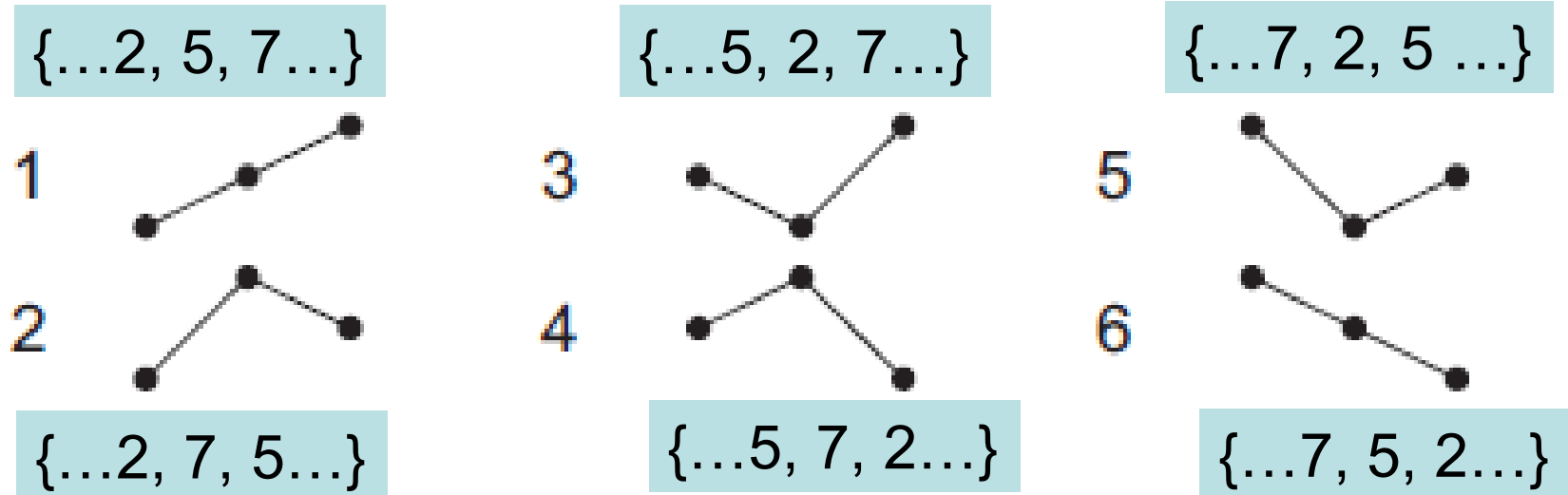
- 1) No need to “reconstruct” the attractor.
- 2) Different ways to process the data and/or different rules to define “symbols” may uncover different properties of the time series.

Drawbacks:

- 1) Most rules have “hyper-parameters” and results often depend on these hyper-parameters.
- 2) The length of the time series can limit the number of different symbols that can be used.

Ordinal analysis: threshold-less rule

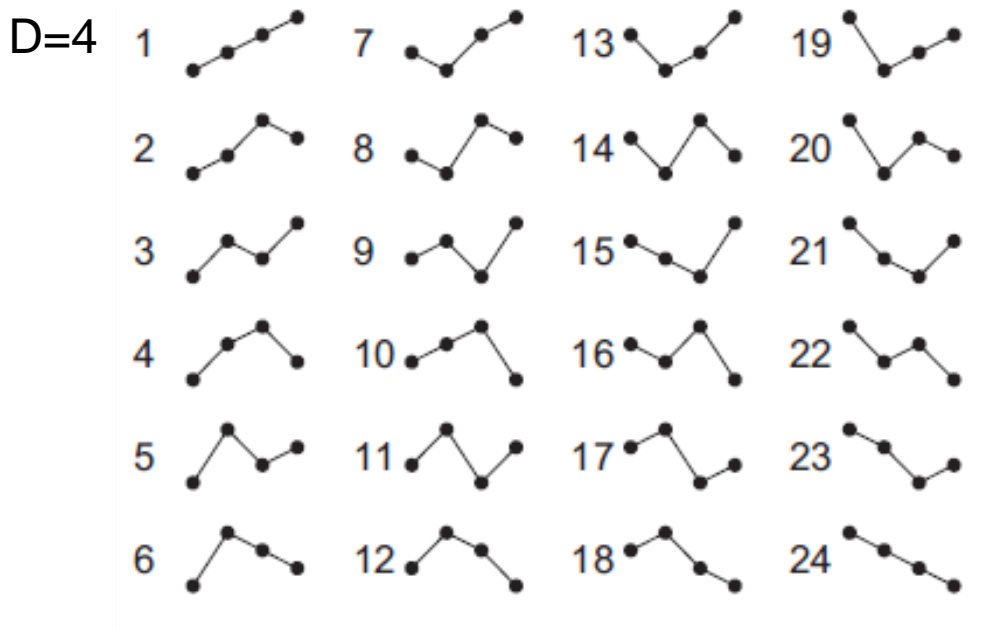
- Which are the possible order relations among three ($D=3$) consecutive data points in $x(t)=\{\dots x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots\}$?



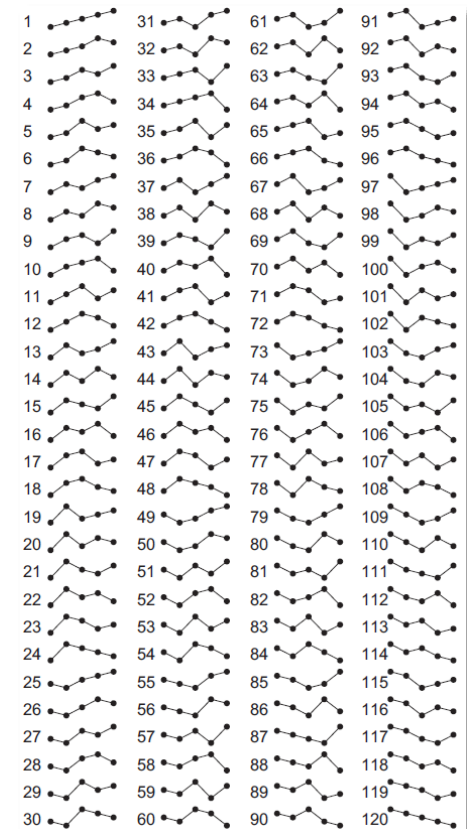
- Count how many times each “ordinal pattern” appears.
- Advantages: allows to identify temporal structures & is robust to noise.
- Drawback: information about actual data values is lost.

Bandt and Pompe, Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 174102 (2002)

The number of patterns increases as D!



D=5



- A problem for short time series
- How to select optimal D?
it depends on:
 - The length of the time series
 - The length of the correlations

What if two values are equal?
Which is the pattern?
A simple solution is to add, to one of the values, a small random perturbation.

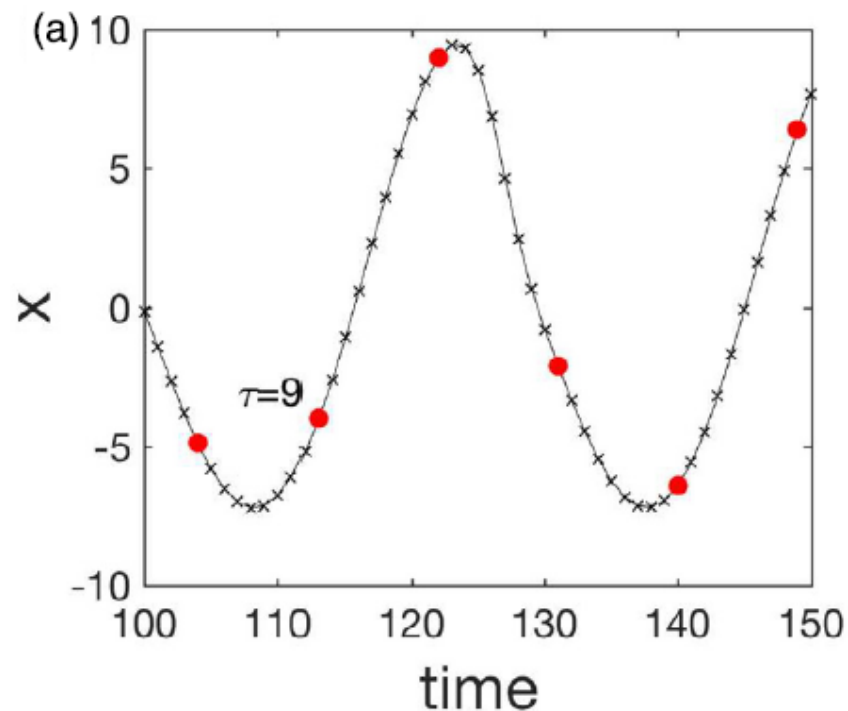
Symbolic analysis can be applied to “raw” data, or to “compressed” / filtered / preprocessed data.

How to “compress”?

First method: Select the temporal resolution (sampling time) to define the symbols.

Example: climatological time series (monthly sampled)

- Consecutive months:
[... $x_i(t)$, $x_i(t + 1)$, $x_i(t + 2)$...]
- Consecutive years:
[... $x_i(t)$,... $x_i(t + 12)$,... $x_i(t + 24)$...]



Y. Zou et al. Phys. Rep. 787, 1 (2019)

How to “compress” / pre-process the data?

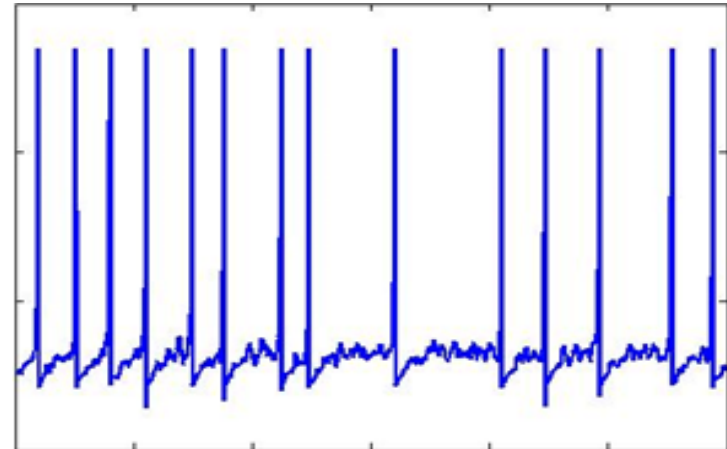
2) Define “events” and analyze the sequence of time-intervals between events (inter-event-times): $\Delta T = \{\Delta T_0, \Delta T_1, \Delta T_2, \dots\}$

Laser spikes



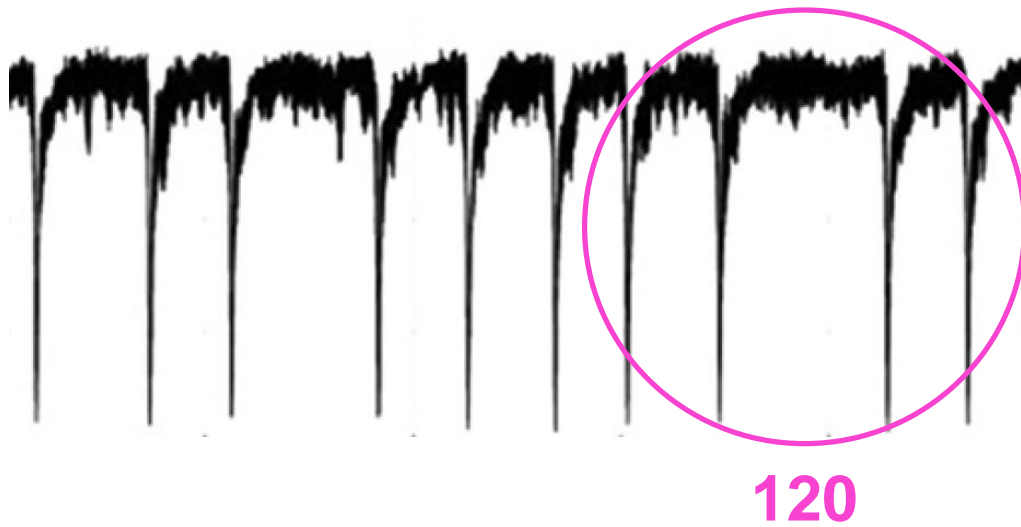
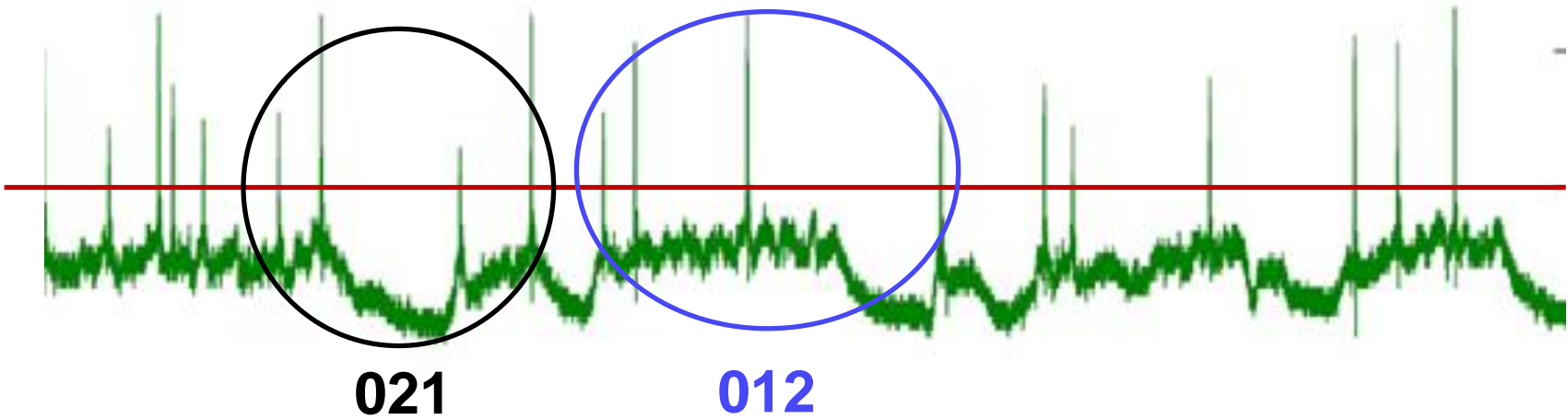
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Neuronal spikes



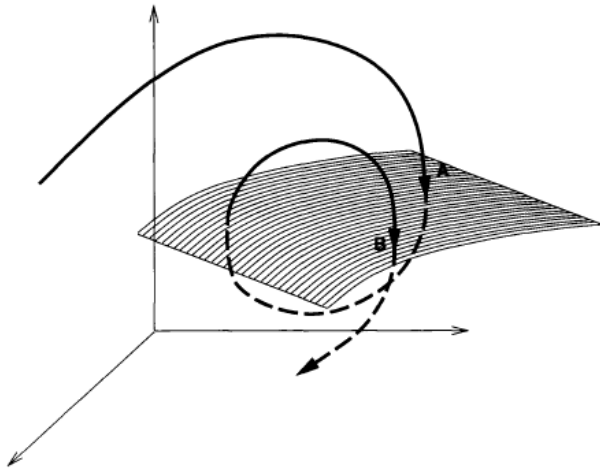
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Analysis of D=3 patterns in spike sequences

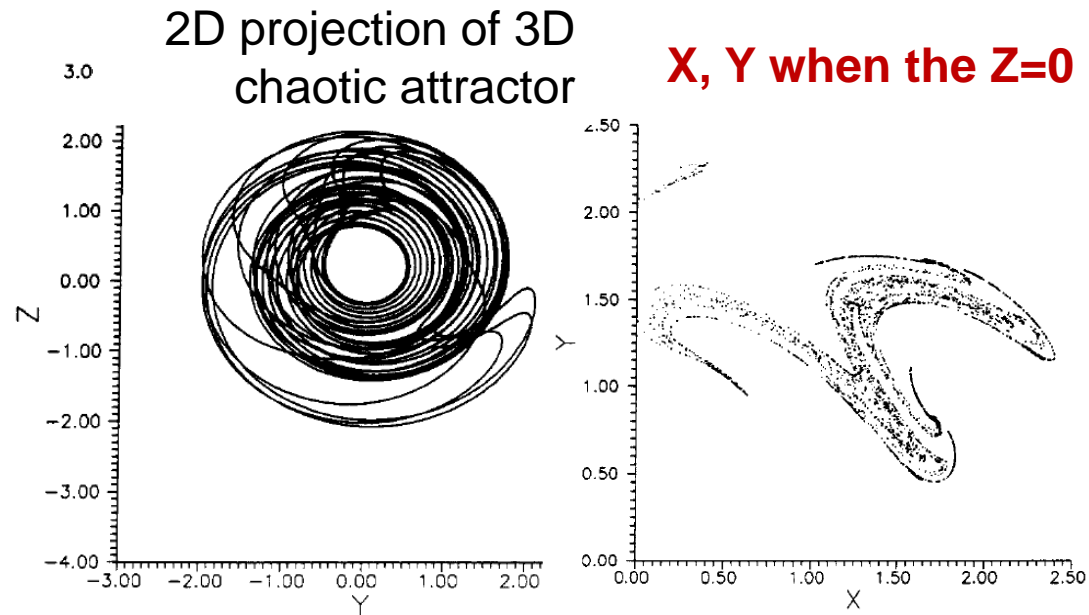


How to “compress” / pre-process the data?

3) Define a Poincare section and analyze the crossings



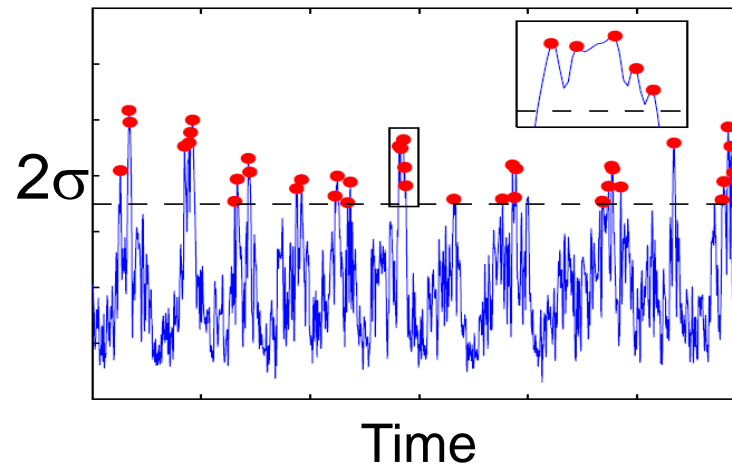
*H. Kantz and T. Schreiber,
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C. Masoller et al, Phys. Lett. A 167, 185 (1992).

How to “compress” / pre-process the data?

4) Analyze only the extreme values (either in a given time interval, or above a certain threshold).



Comparison between two rules to define symbols

Threshold transformation:

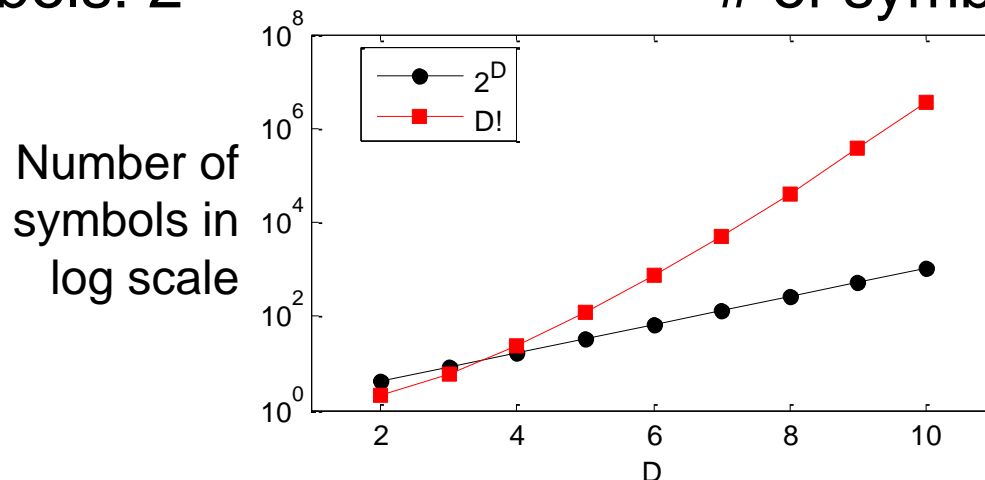
if $x_i > x_{th} \Rightarrow s_i = 0$; else $s_i = 1$

Ordinal transformation:

if $x_i > x_{i-1} \Rightarrow s_i = 0$; else $s_i = 1$

- Advantage: keeps information about the magnitude of the values.
- Drawback: how to select an adequate threshold (“partition” of the phase space).
- # of symbols: 2^D

- Advantage: no need of threshold; keeps information about the temporal order in the sequence of values
- Drawback: no information about the actual data values
- # of symbols: $D!$



Are the $D!$ ordinal patterns equally probable?

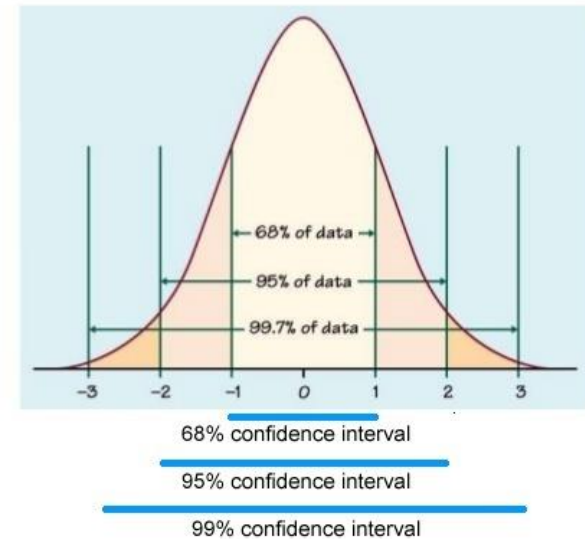
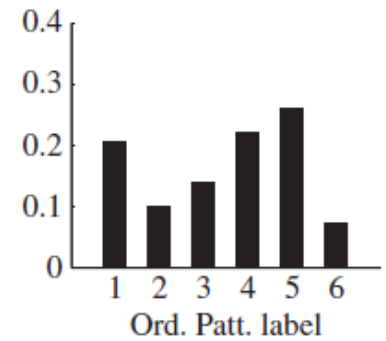
- **Null hypothesis:**

$$p_i = p = 1/D! \quad \text{for all } i = 1 \dots D!$$

- If at least one probability **is not** in the interval $p \pm 3\sigma$ with $\sigma = \sqrt{p(1-p)/N}$ and N the number of ordinal patterns:

We **reject** the NH with 99.74% confidence level.

- Else, we **fail to reject** the NH with 99.74% confidence level.



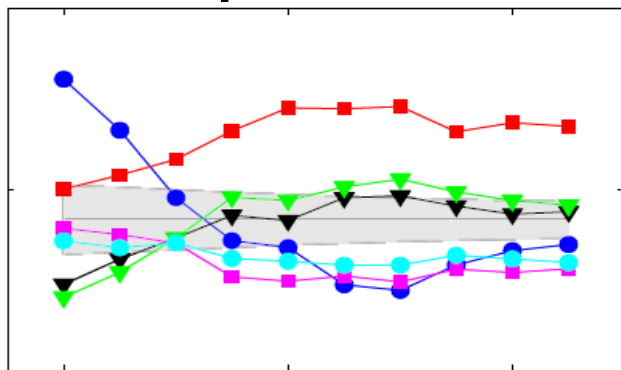
Applications

Symbolic analysis gives information about the presence of more/less expressed patterns in data that can be used to:

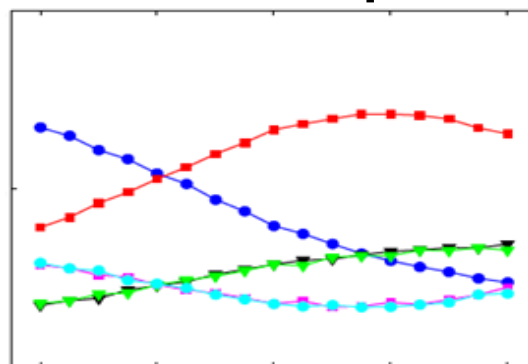
- compare real data – model data, fit model parameters
- classification

Examples:

Laser spike intervals



Circle map

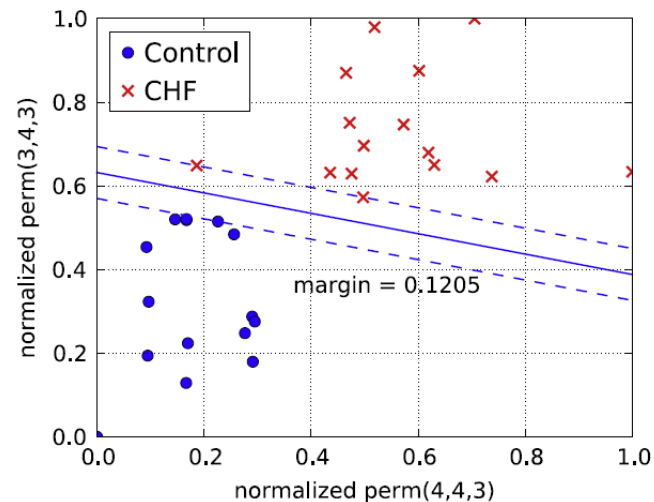


Experimental parameter

Control parameter

A. Aragonese et al, Sci. Rep. 4, 4696 (2014)

a Cardiac beat intervals

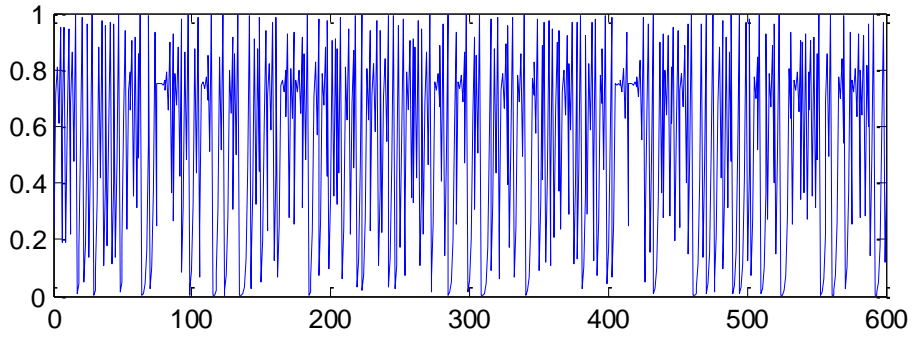


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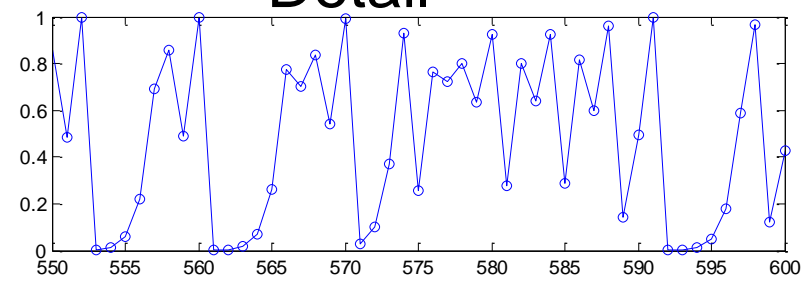
Example: chaotic time series generated with the Logistic map

$$x(i + 1) = r x(i)[1 - x(i)] \quad r=3.99$$

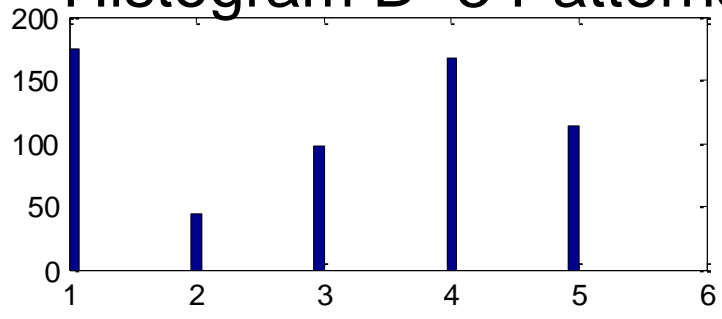
Time series



Detail

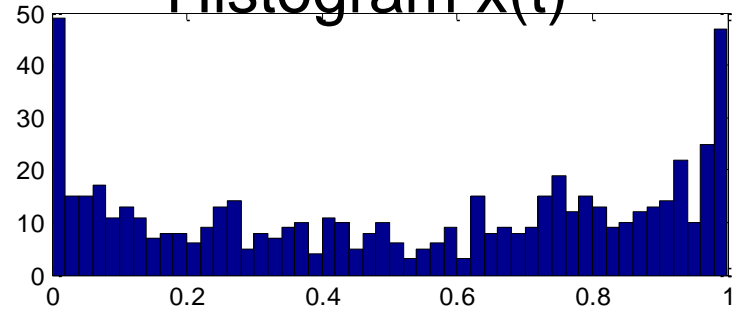


Histogram D=3 Patterns



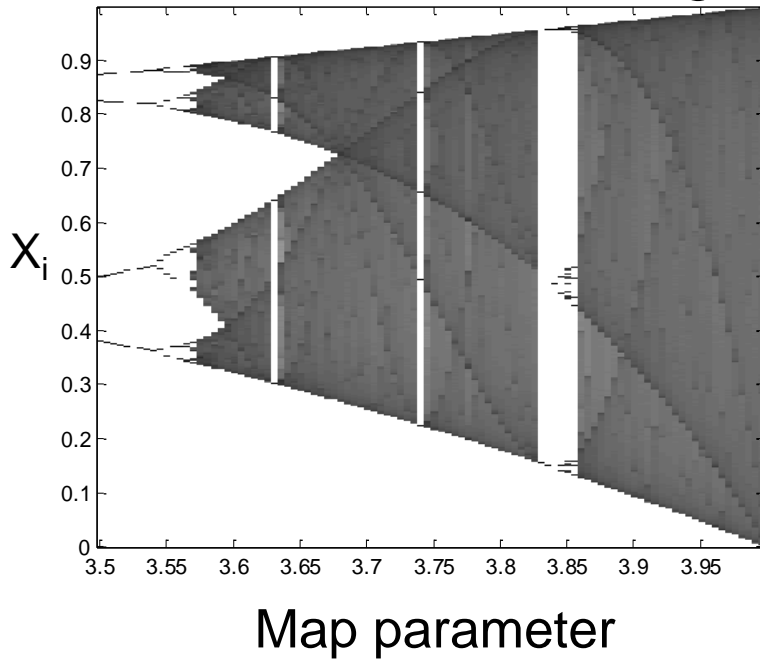
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Histogram x(t)

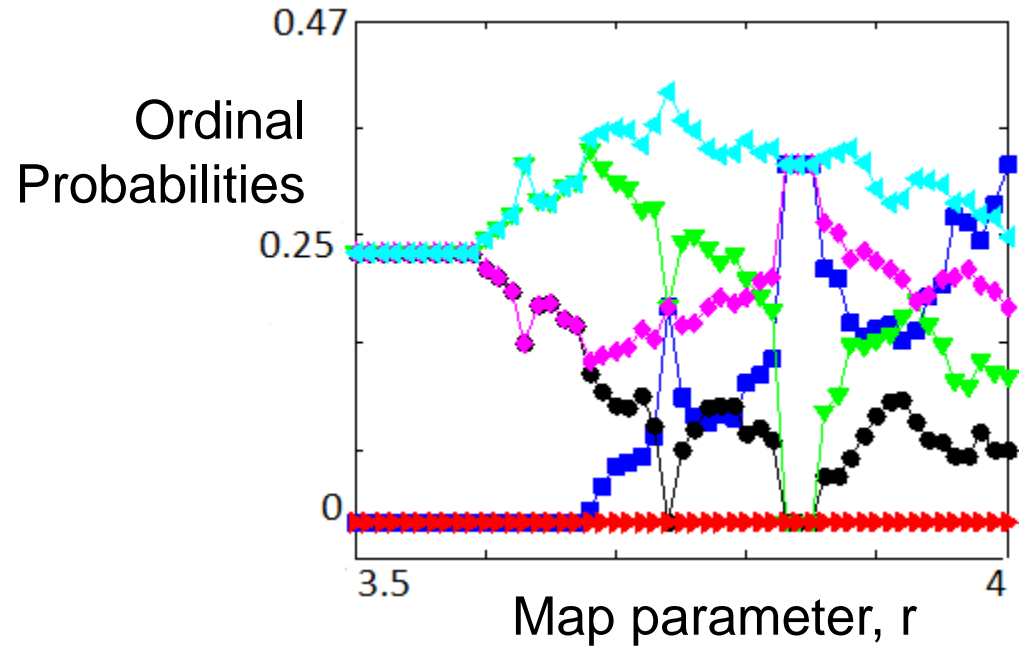


“Normal” and “Ordinal” bifurcation diagrams of the Logistic map

Normal bifurcation diagram



Ordinal diagram with $D=3$

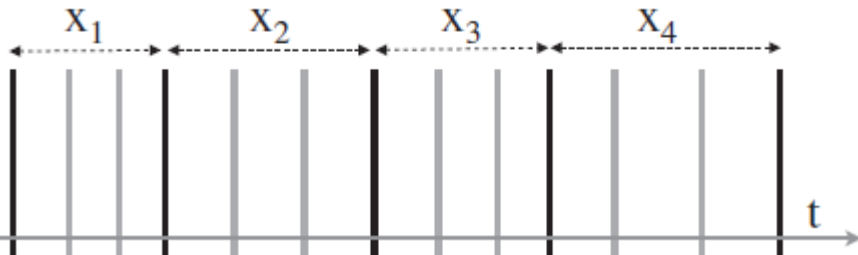
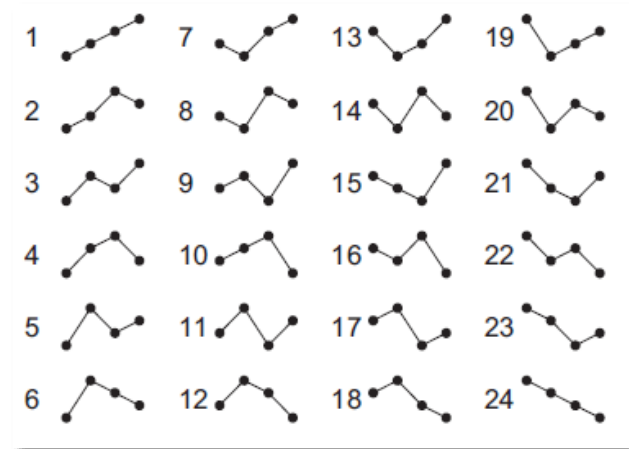


012 021 102 120 201 210

Pattern **210** is always forbidden; pattern **012** is more probable as r increases

Software

Python and Matlab codes for computing the ordinal pattern **index** are available here: [U. Parlitz et al. Computers in Biology and Medicine 42, 319 \(2012\)](#)



World length (wl): 4
Lag = 3 (skip 2 points)
Result:

indcs = 3

```
function indcs = perm_indices(ts, wl, lag);  
m = length(ts) - (wl - 1) * lag;  
indcs = zeros(m, 1);  
for i = 1:wl - 1;  
    st = ts(1 + (i - 1) * lag : m + (i - 1) * lag);  
    for j = i:wl - 1;  
        indcs = indcs + (st > ts(1 + j * lag : m + j * lag));  
    end  
    indcs = indcs * (wl - i);  
end  
indcs = indcs + 1;
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Methods of univariate time series analysis

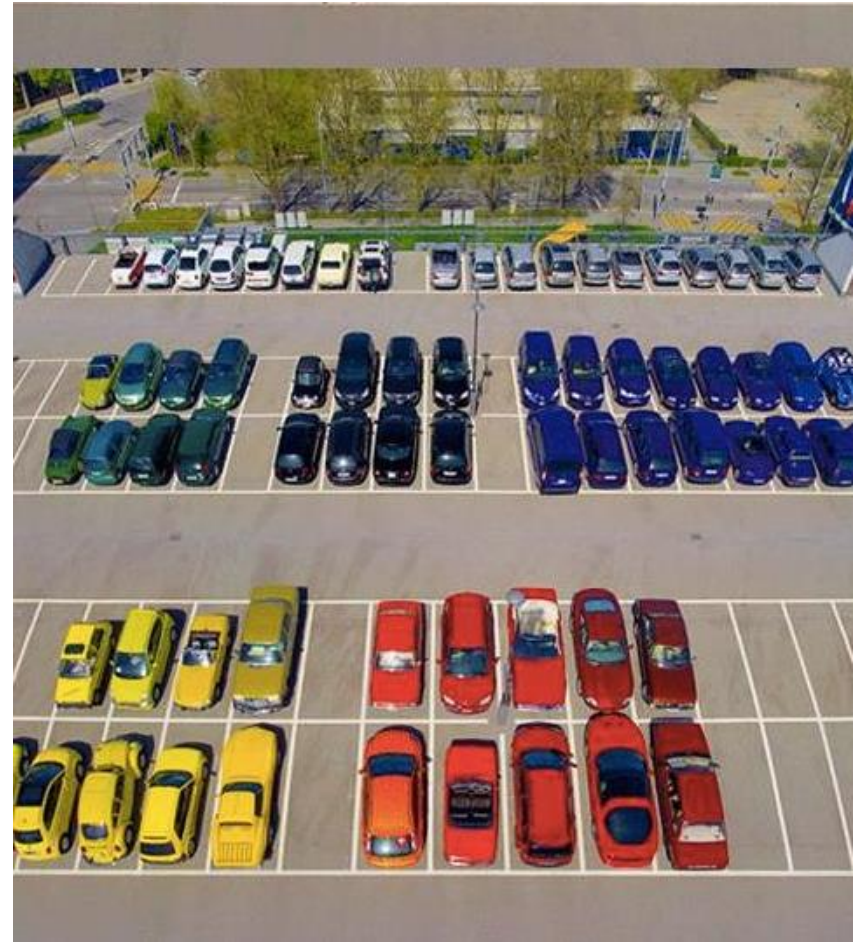
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Entropy (disorder) and information

High entropy low information



Low entropy high information



<https://imgur.com/gallery/Otg97>

Shannon entropy

$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$$

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^N p_i \ln p_i$$



Claude Shannon

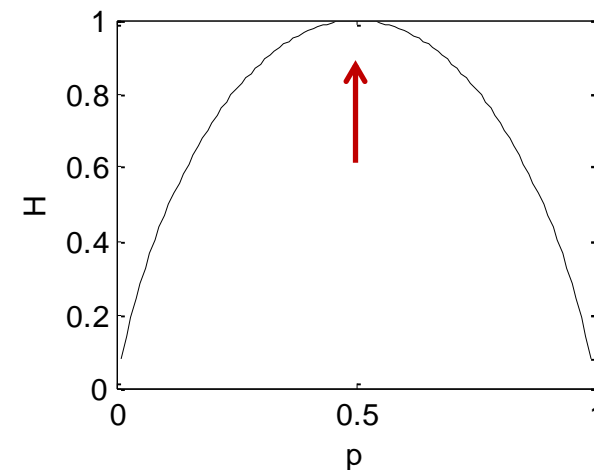
- Interpretation: “*quantity of **surprise** one should feel upon reading the result of a measurement*”.

- Example: a random variable takes values 0 or 1 with probabilities:

$$p(0) = p, \quad p(1) = 1 - p.$$

$$H = -p \ln(p) - (1 - p) \ln(1 - p).$$

⇒ $p=0.5$: Maximum **unpredictability**.



*C. Shannon, "A Mathematical Theory of Communication",
Bell System Technical Journal. 27 (3): 379–423 (1948).
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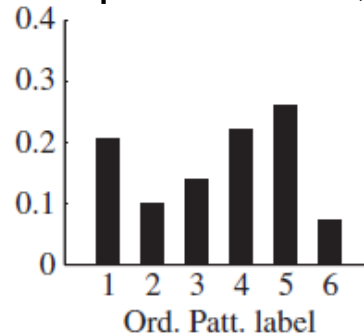
Permutation entropy

Shannon entropy of a time series, computed from the probabilities of the ordinal patterns.

Time series



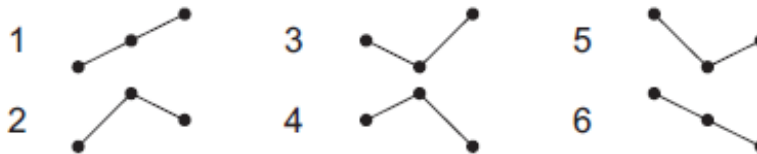
Ordinal probabilities, D=3



Permutation entropy, D=3

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^N p_i \ln p_i$$

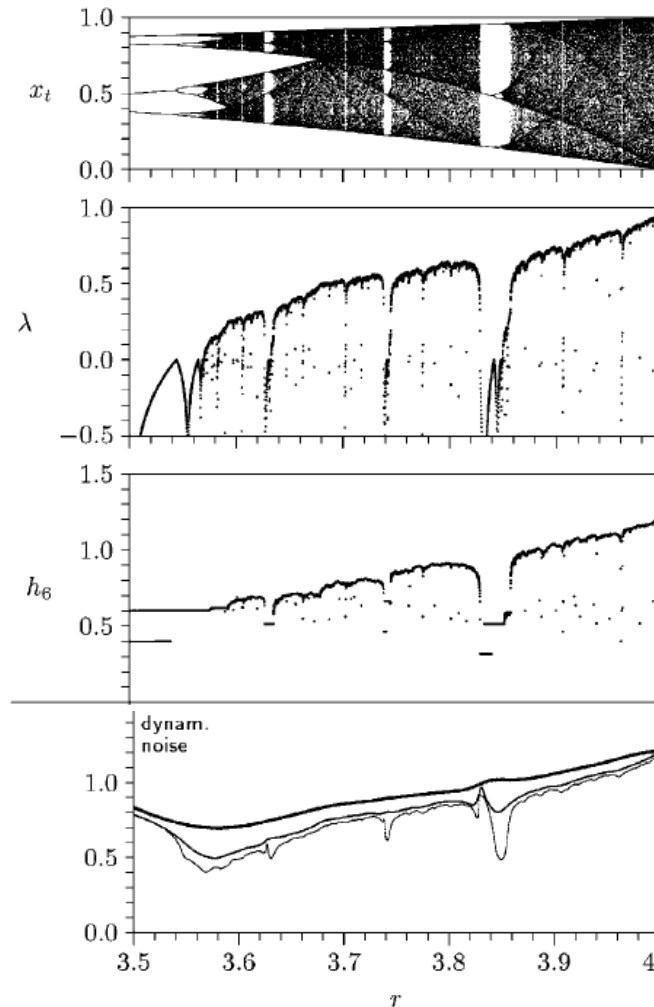
$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$$



Bandt and Pompe, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 88, 174102 (2002)

Permutation entropy (PE) of the Logistic map

$$x(i+1) = r x(i)[1-x(i)]$$



$$|\delta_n| \approx |\delta_0| e^{n\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln |f'(x_i)| \right\}$$

Entropy per symbol:

$$h_n = H(n)/(n - 1)$$

Robust to noise

Bandt and Pompe, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 88, 174102 (2002)

Permutation entropy analysis of financial data

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On the efficiency of sovereign bond markets

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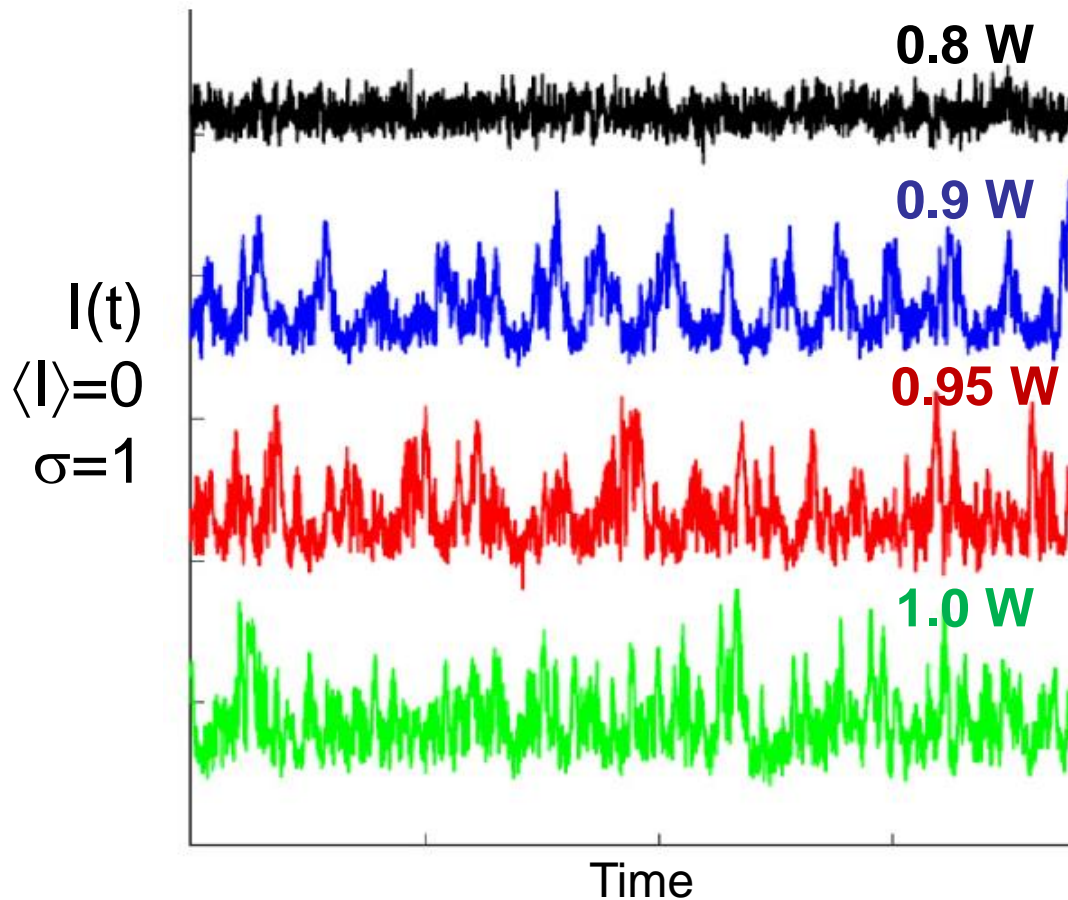
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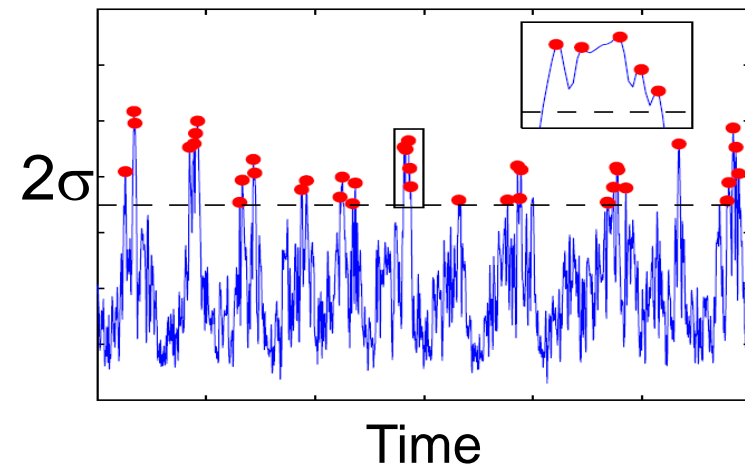
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market dynamics. We conclude that the classification derived from the complexity-entropy causality plane is consistent with the qualifications assigned by major rating companies to the sovereign instruments. Additionally, we find a correlation between permutation entropy, economic development and market size that could be of interest for policy makers and investors.

Application to the Laminar \rightarrow Turbulence transition in a fiber laser as the pump power increases



Raw and thresholded data



E. G. Turitsyna et al., Nat. Phot. 7, 783 (2013).

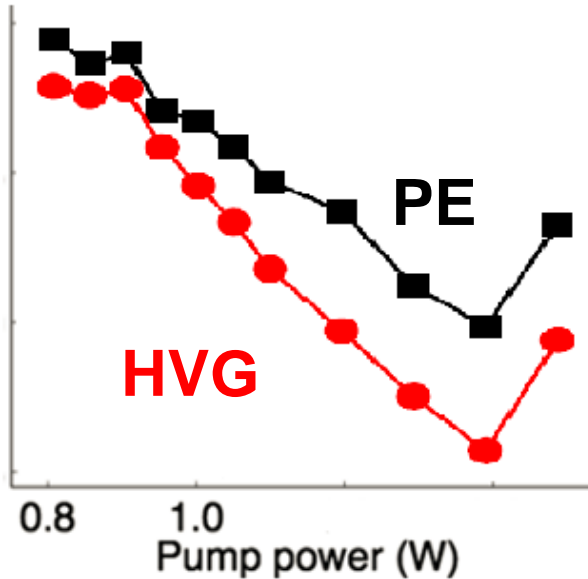
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L. Carpi and C. Masoller, Phys. Rev. A 97, 023842 (2018).

The variation of the entropy with a parameter depends on the set of probabilities used.

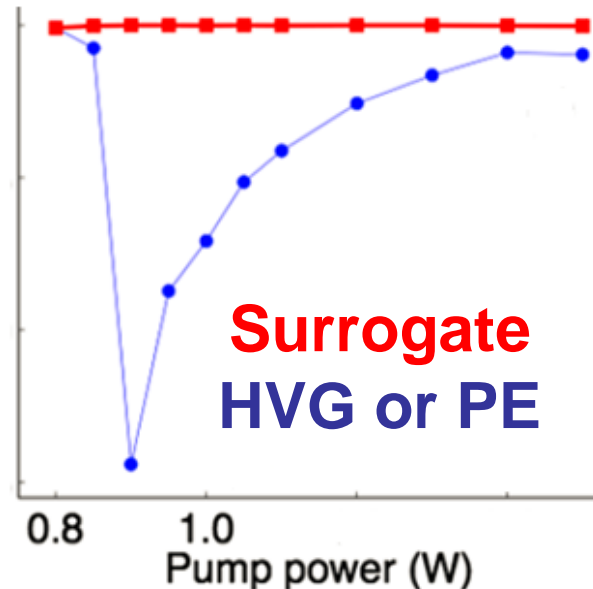
$$H = -\sum p_i \ln p_i$$

Probabilities of symbols in “raw” data



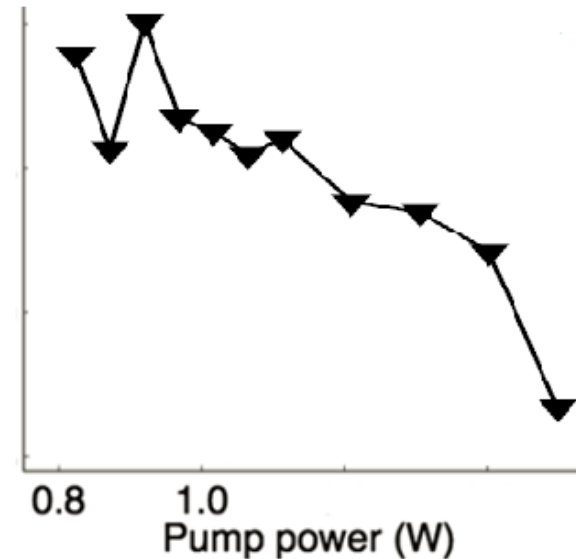
(HVG: horizontal visibility graphs –is another symbolic method)

Probabilities of symbols in “thresholded” data



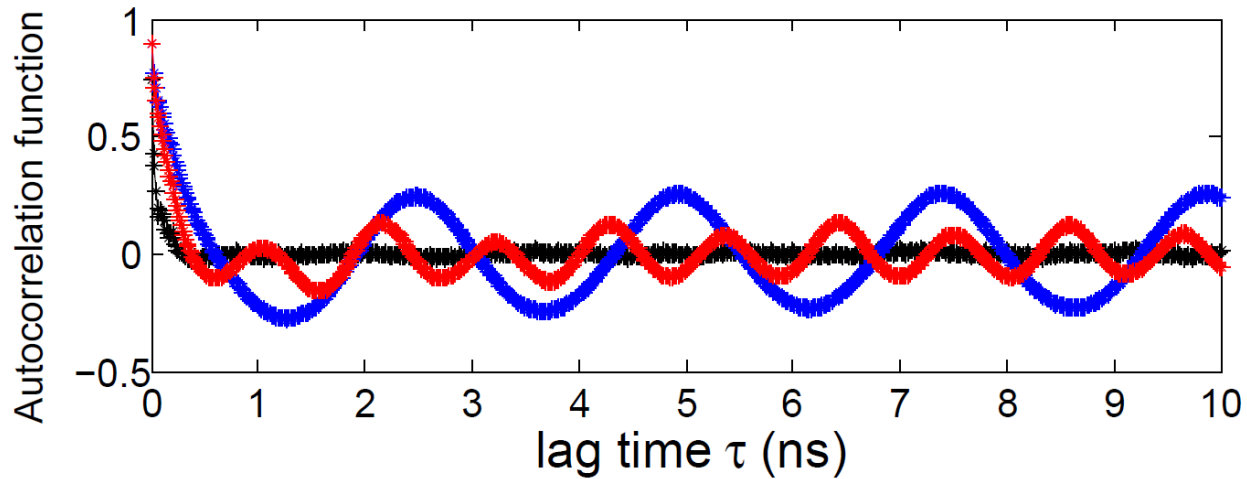
(the abrupt transition is robust to variations of the threshold)

Probabilities of “raw” intensity values

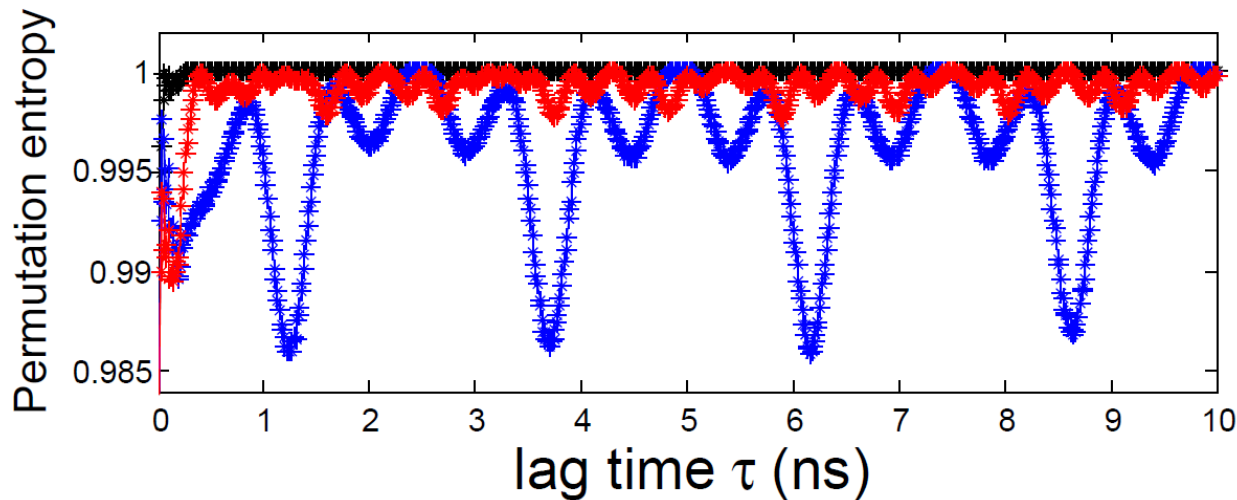


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Varying the sampling time (τ) can identify "hidden" periodicities in raw data



$$C(\tau) = \frac{\langle [I_i - \langle I \rangle][I_{i-\tau} - \langle I \rangle] \rangle}{\sigma^2}$$



$$\{I_i, I_{i+\tau}, I_{i+2\tau}, \dots\}$$
$$H = -\sum_i p_i \log_2 p_i$$

A. Aragonese et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 116, 033902 (2016).

Renyi entropy, generalized dimension, and multifractality

$$H_q = \frac{1}{1-q} \ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^N p_i^q \right) \quad \text{In the limit } q \rightarrow 1 \quad H_q \rightarrow H$$

A set is multi-fractal if H_q changes with q .
Most chaotic sets are multi-fractal.

$$D_q = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{-H_q(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} \quad \varepsilon: \text{ size of the bin for defining the probabilities}$$

If $q=0$: $H_0 = \ln N \Rightarrow D_0 = -\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\ln N)/\varepsilon$

D_0 is the box-counting dimension: # of occupied boxes $N_\infty (1/\varepsilon)^{D_0}$

If $q=1$: Information dimension $D_1 = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{-H(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon}$

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- **Network representation of a time-series**
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Example: ordinal network

We use ordinal patterns as the nodes of the network and the transition probabilities (TPs) $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ define the links.

- Adjacency matrix:

$$w_{ij} = \text{TP}(i \rightarrow j)$$

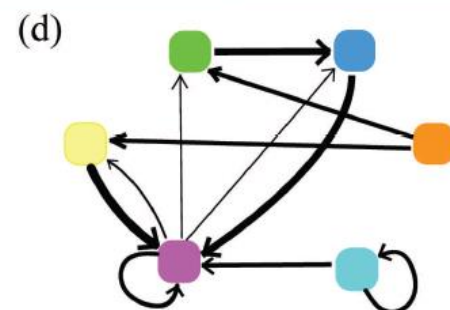
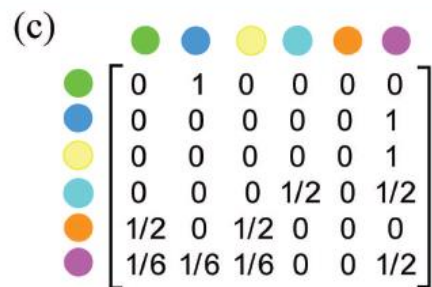
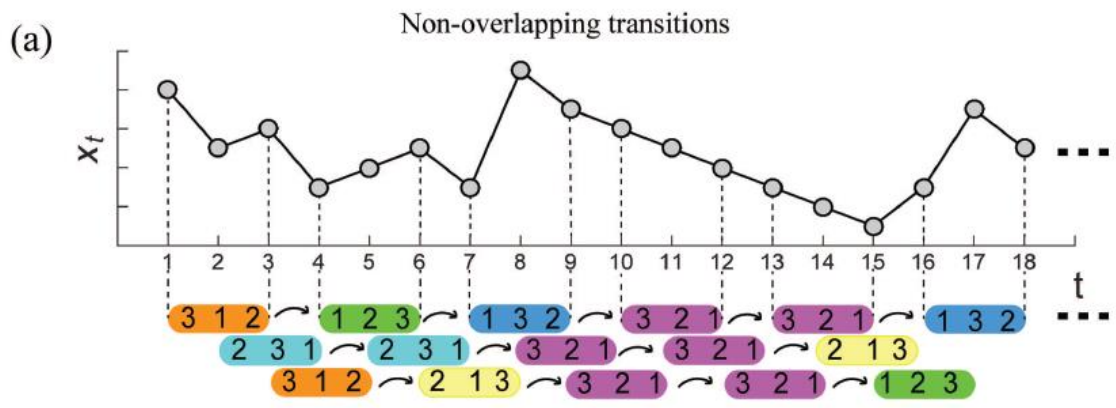
- In each node i :

$$\sum_j w_{ij} = 1$$

- Weight of node i : the probability of pattern i

$$(\sum_i p_i = 1)$$

⇒ Weighted and directed network



F. Olivares et al., Chaos 30, 063101 (2020).

Network-based diagnostic tools

- Entropy computed from node weights (**permutation entropy**)

$$s_p = -\sum p_i \log p_i$$

- Node entropy (entropy of each node, computed from the transition probabilities) and the average

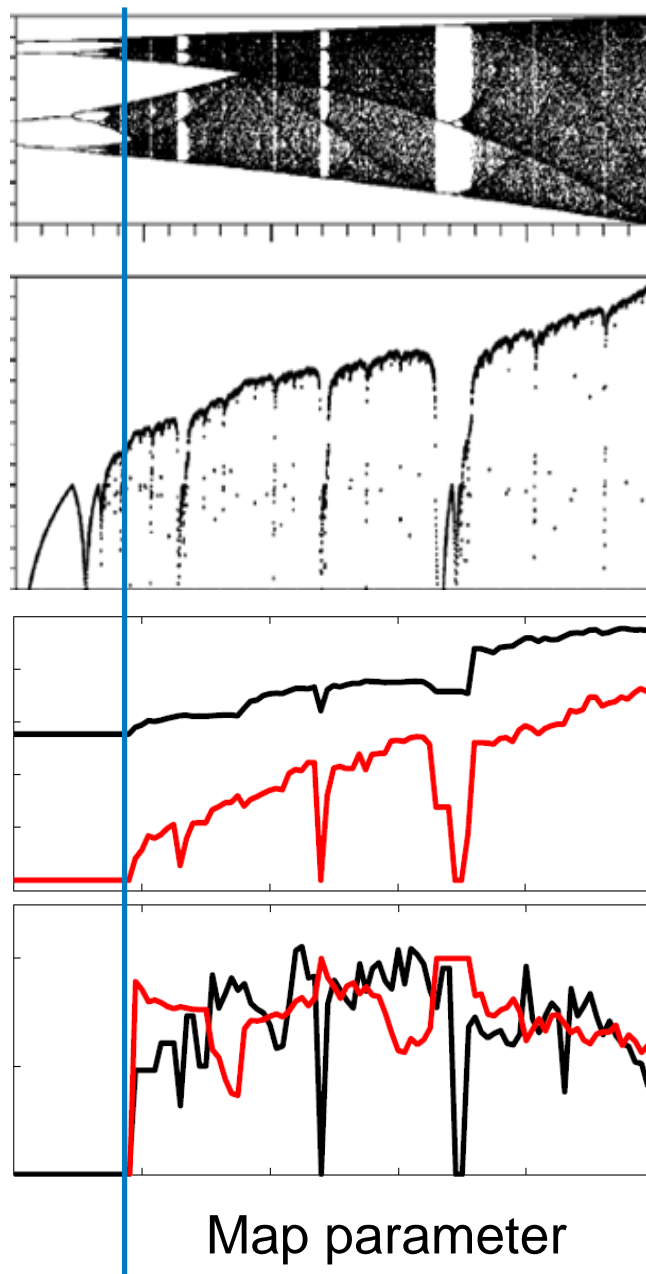
$$s_i = -\sum w_{ij} \log w_{ij} \quad s_n = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M s_i$$

- Asymmetry coefficient: normalized difference of transition probabilities, $P('01' \rightarrow '10') - P('10' \rightarrow '01')$, etc.

$$a_c = \frac{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} |w_{ij} - w_{ji}|}{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} (w_{ij} + w_{ji})} \quad (0 \text{ in a fully symmetric network; } 1 \text{ in a fully directed network})$$

Example: ordinal analysis of the Logistic map with patterns of length $D=4$

Both entropies detect the merging of four branches, which is not a “bifurcation” and is not detected by the Lyapunov exponent.



Lyapunov exponent

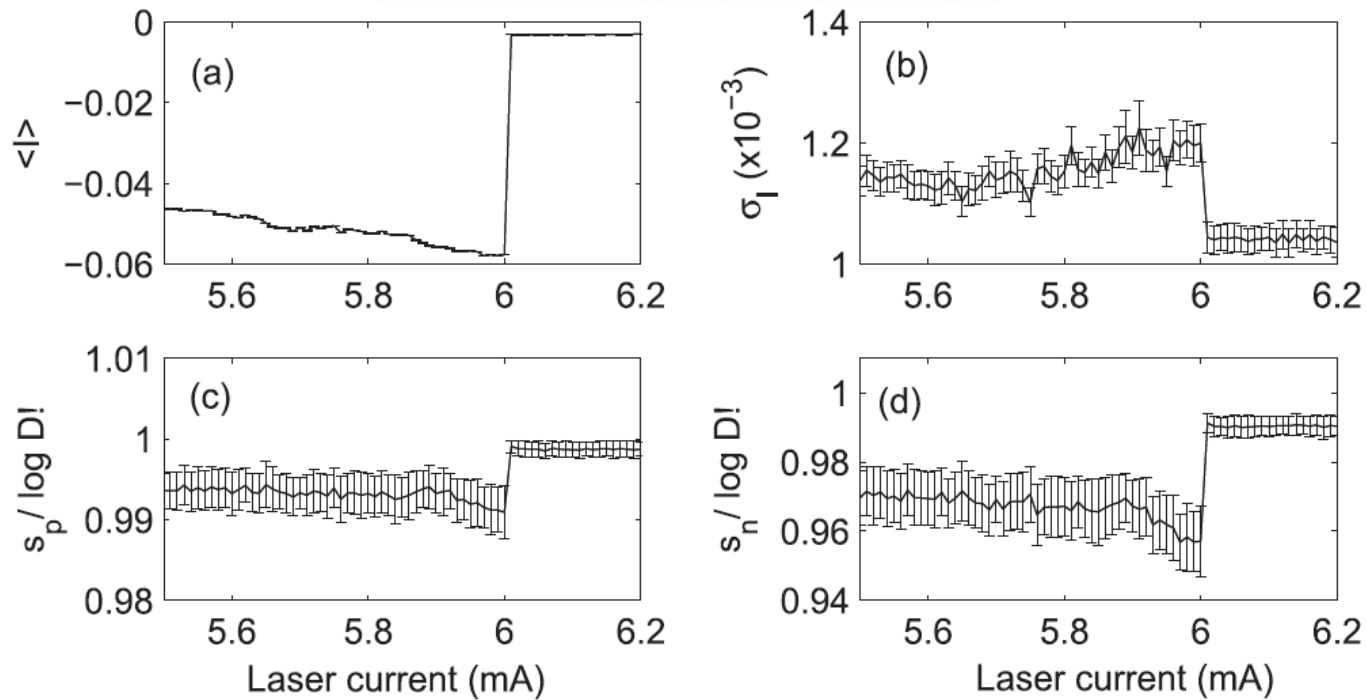
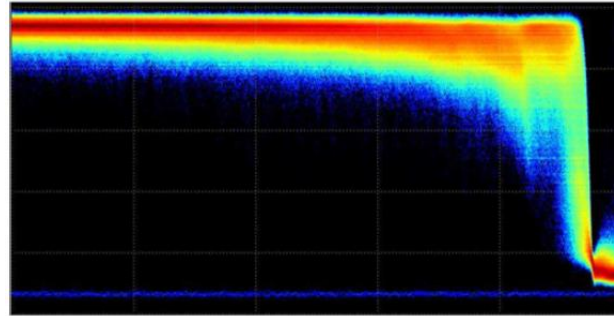
$S_p = PE$
 $S_n = H(TPs)$

S_{links}
 a_c

Map parameter

C. Masoller et al, New J. of Phys. 17, 023068 (2015)

The entropies can anticipate an abrupt transition

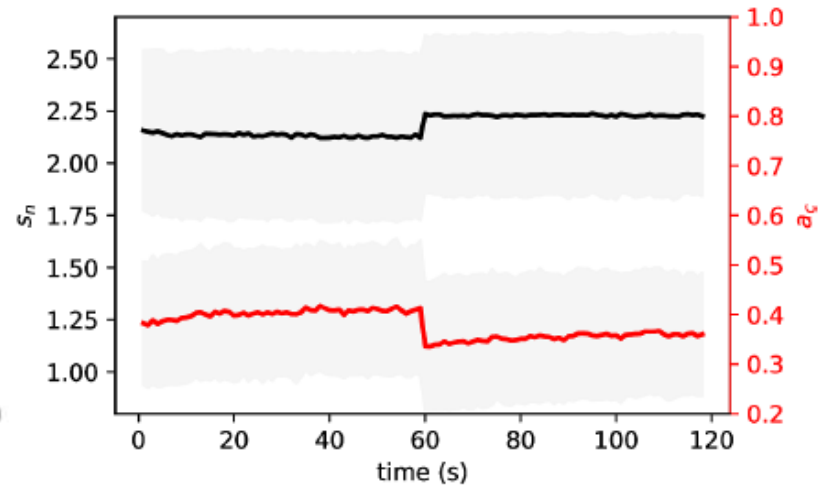
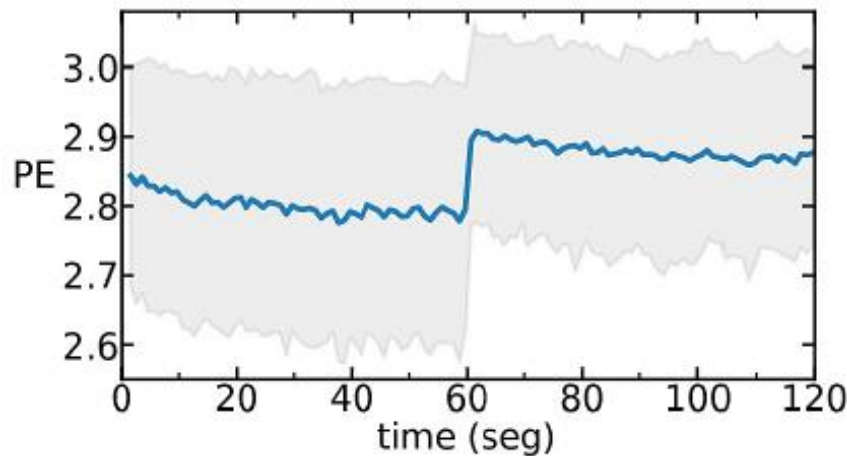
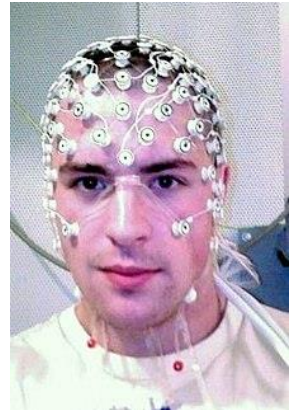
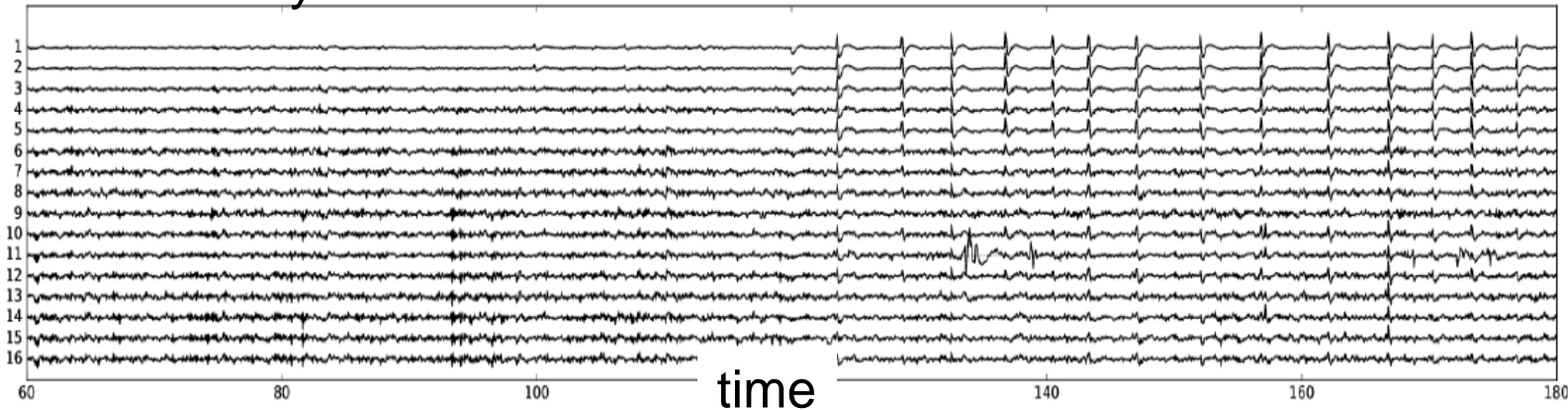


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Application to EEG recordings during eyes closed- eyes open transition (physionet dataset, 160 healthy subjects)

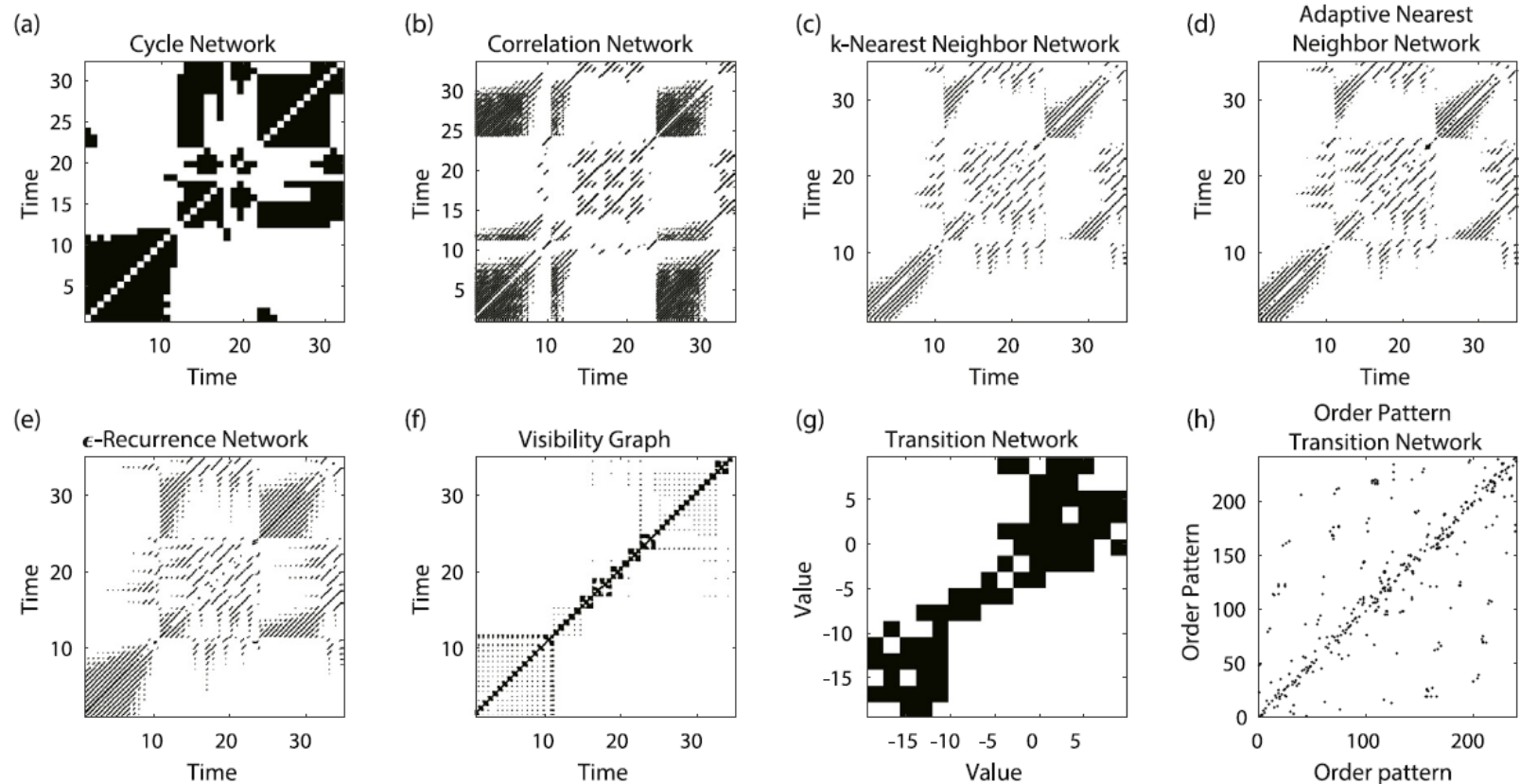
Eyes closed

Eyes open



C. Quintero-Quiroz et al., *Chaos* 28, 106307 (2018).

There are many other ways to represent a time-series as a network.

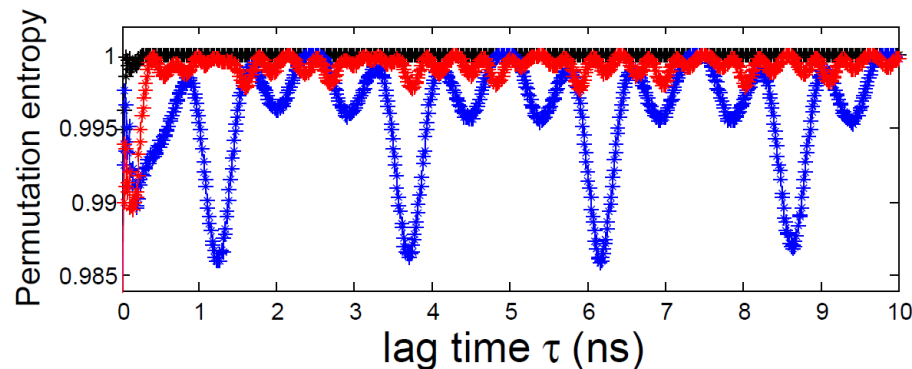


Adjacency matrices corresponding to different types of networks constructed from the x-coordinate of the Lorenz system.

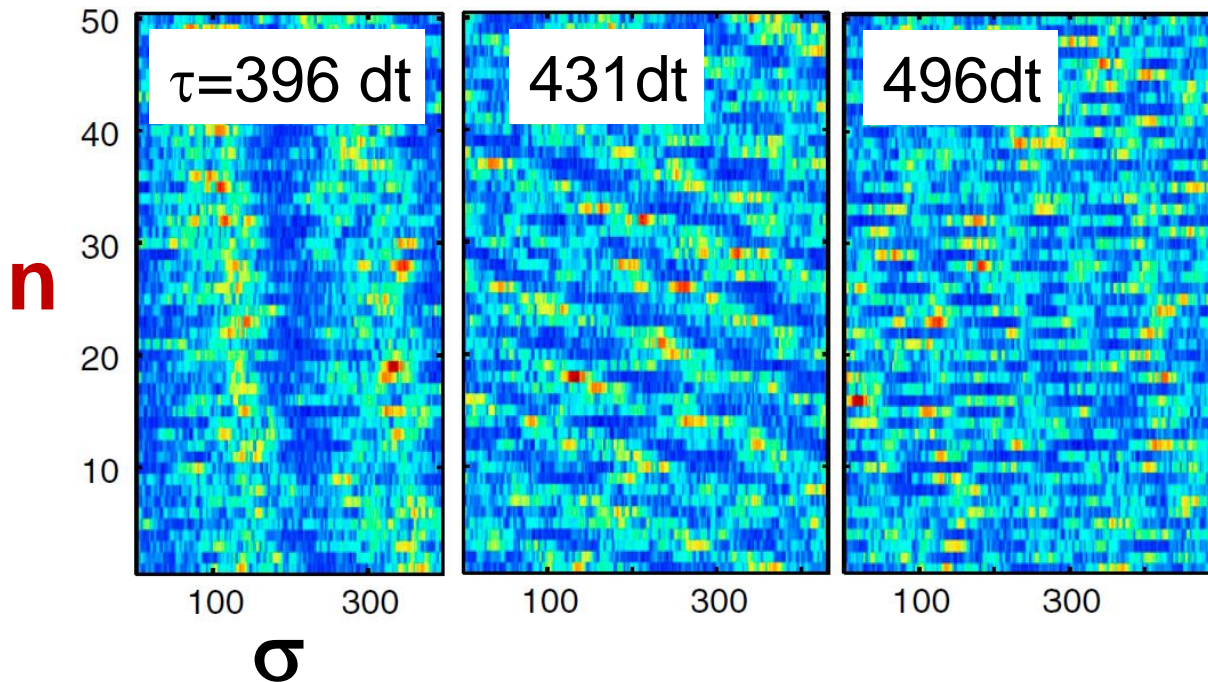
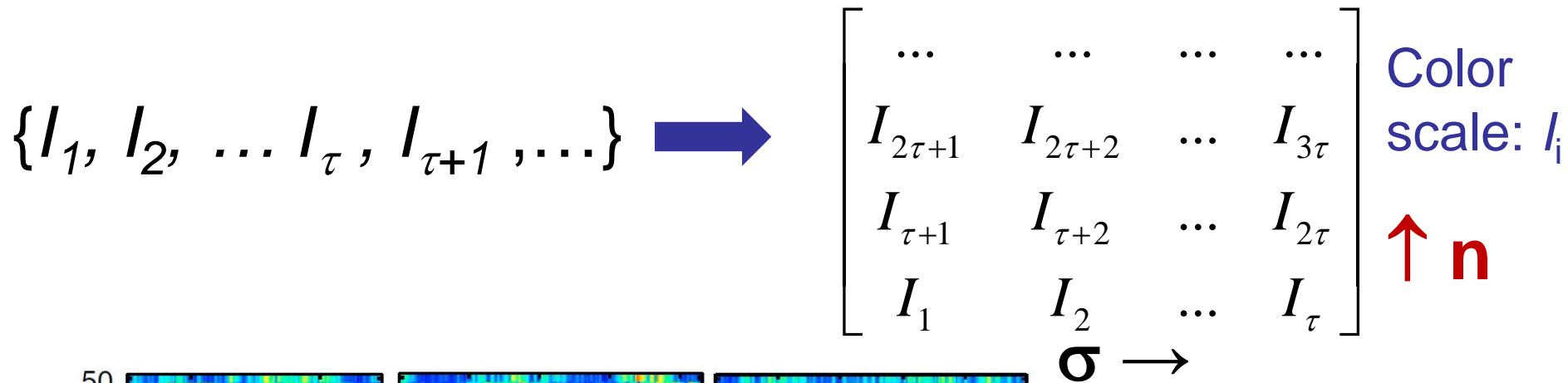
Y. Zou et al, Physics Reports 787, 1 (2019)

Methods of univariate time series analysis

- Return maps
- Distribution of data values
- Autocorrelation and Fourier analysis
- Surrogates
- Attractor reconstruction, Lyapunov exponents, and fractal dimension
- Symbolic analysis
- Information theory measure: entropy
- Network representation of a time-series
- Spatio-temporal representation of a time-series

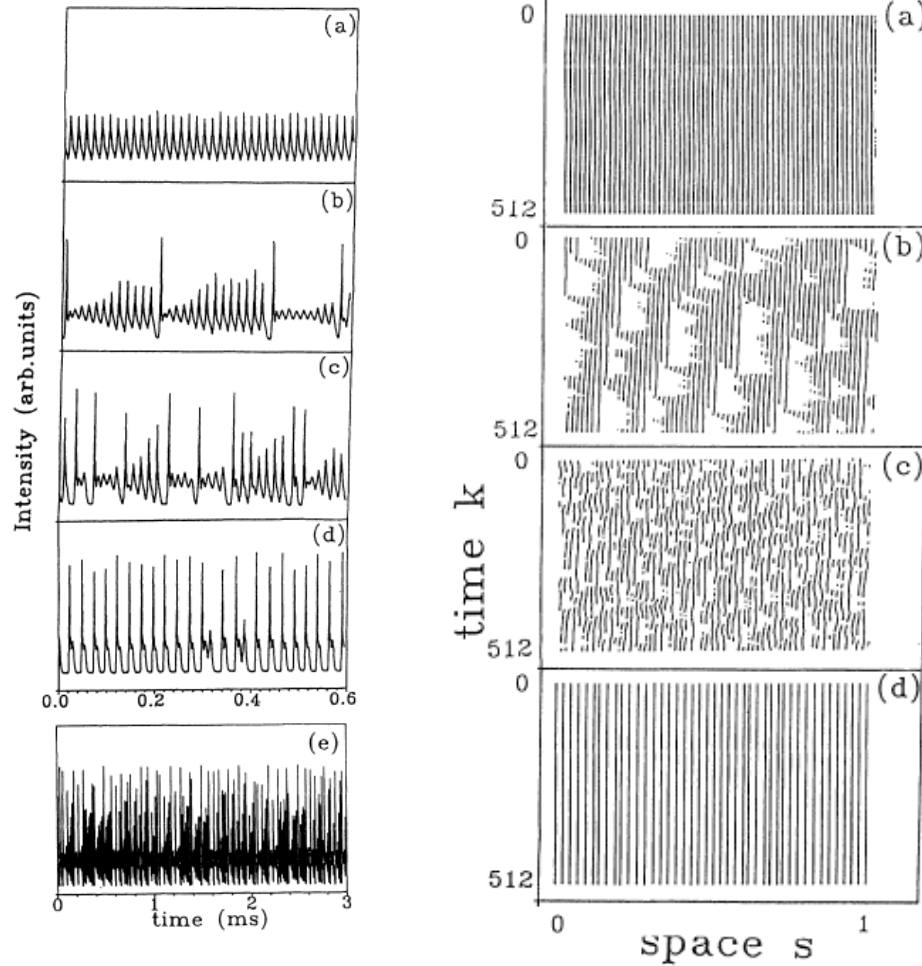


The space-time representation of a time series: a convenient way to visualize the dynamics

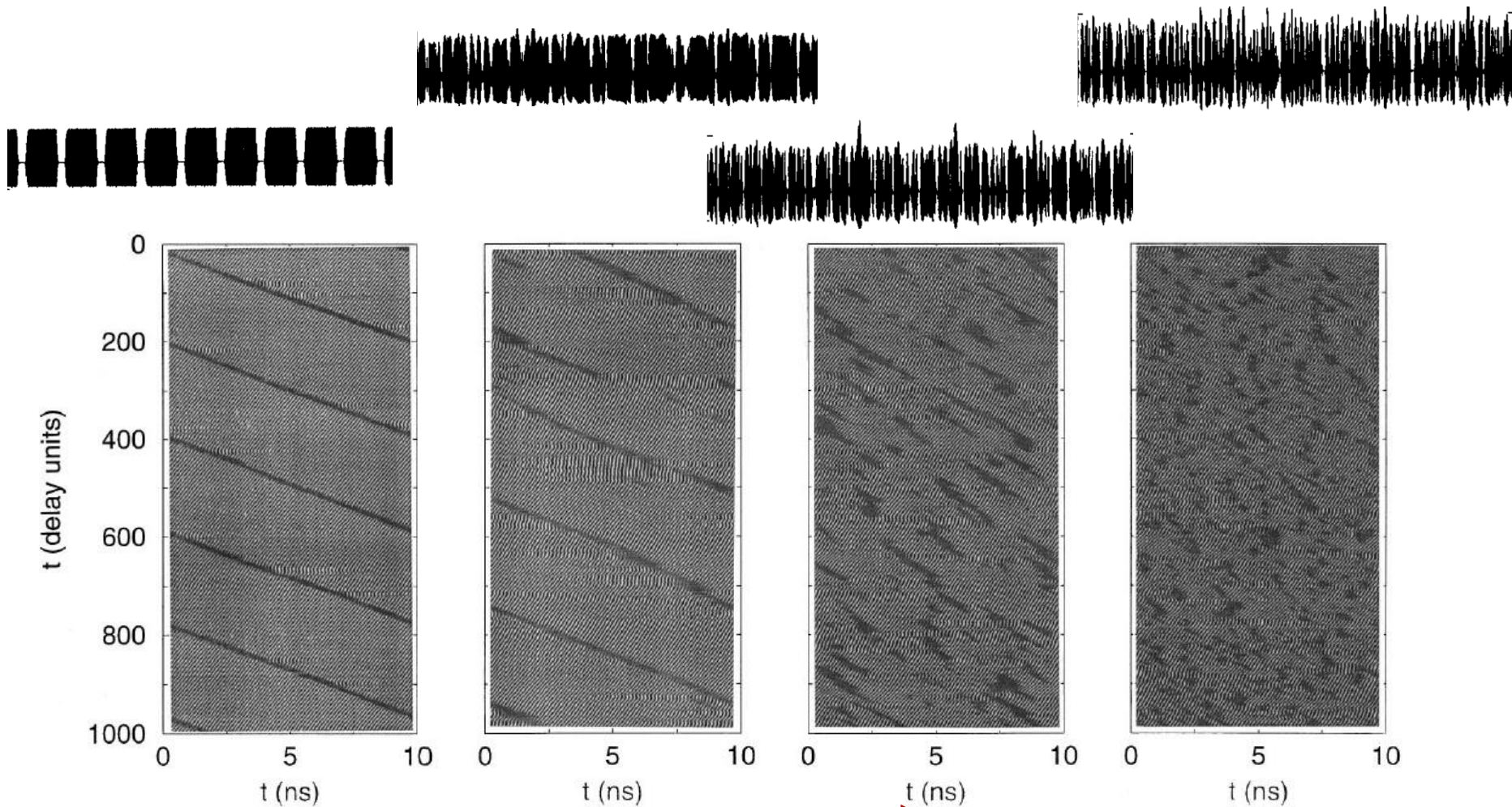


Two-dimensional representation of a delayed dynamical system

F. T. Arecchi,* G. Giacomelli, A. Lapucci, and R. Meucci
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(Received 31 July 1991; revised manuscript received 10 December 1991)



Another example: spatio-temporal representation of quasi-periodic and chaotic time series

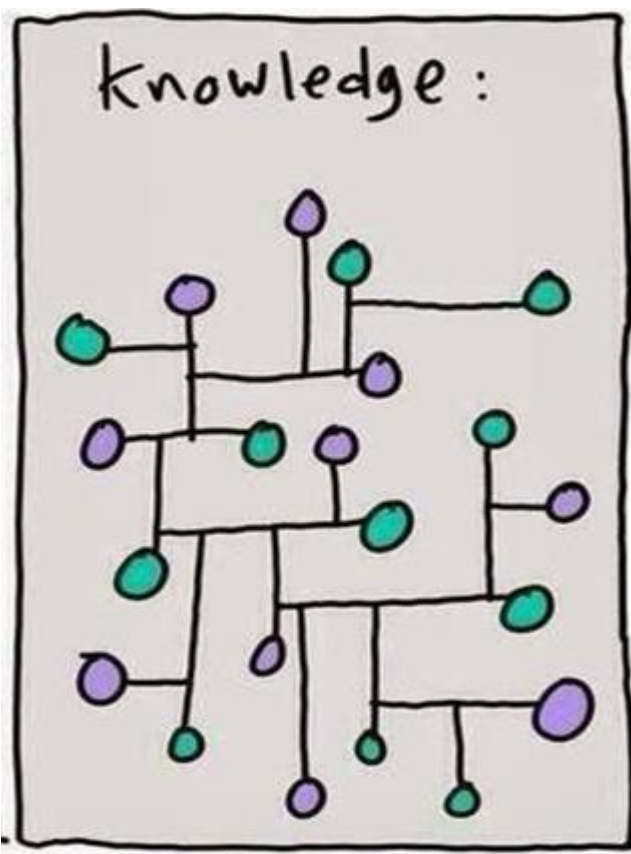
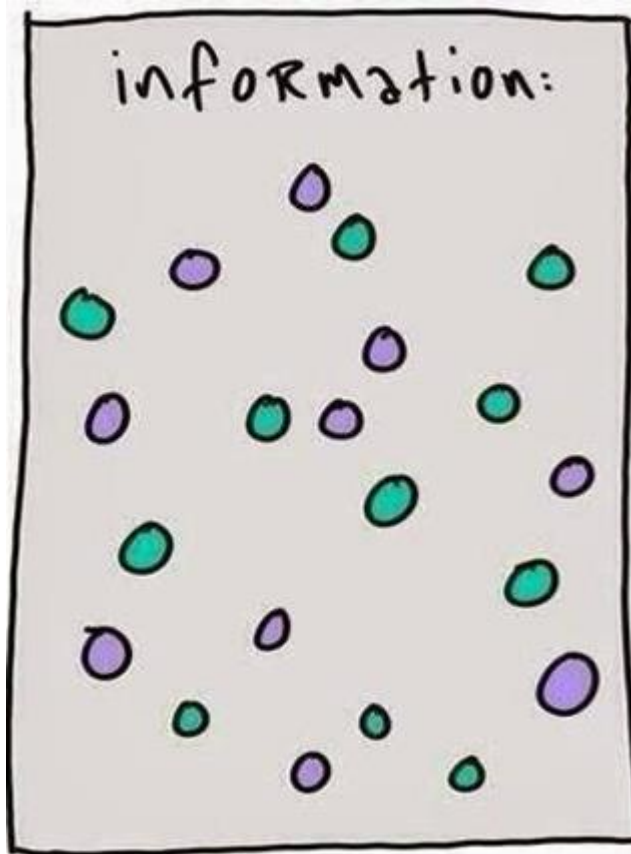


C. Masoller, *Chaos* 7, 455 (1997)

Control parameter

And many more time series analysis methods

- Wavelets
- Hilbert
- Detrended fluctuation analysis
- Sample entropy, approximate entropy
- Topological data analysis
- Etc. etc.

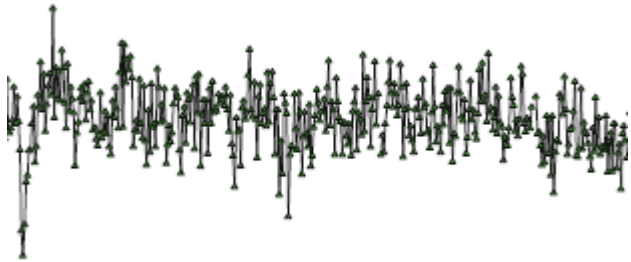


Time series analysis + complex systems \Rightarrow Big Data

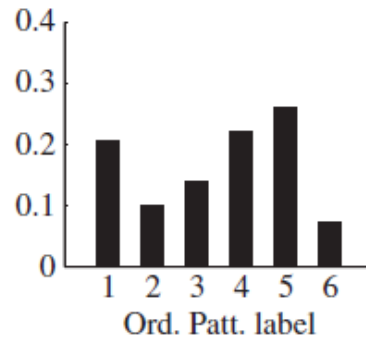
- For a given time series, by using different methods of analysis we obtain a large number of “features”, M .
- Examples of “features”:
 - Statistical properties (mean value, standard deviation, etc.),
 - Fourier properties (main frequencies),
 - Fractal dimension, Lyapunov exponent, etc. etc.
- If we have a large number of time series to analyze (N), we end up with a very large number of features ($N \times M$).
- What to do?
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Machine learning

Permutation entropy: a form of “dimensionality reduction”

Time series



Ordinal probabilities



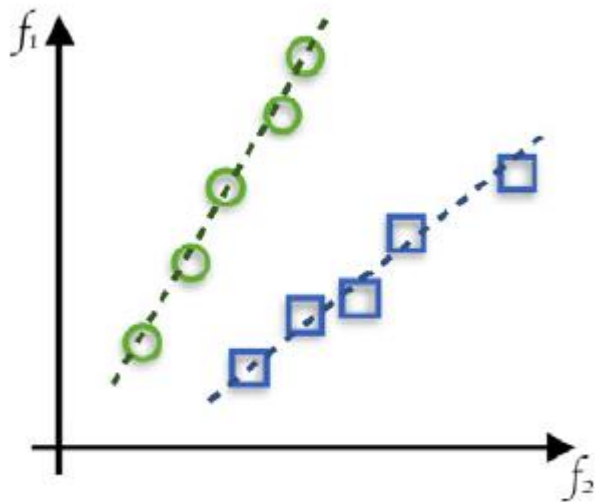
Permutation entropy

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^N p_i \ln p_i$$

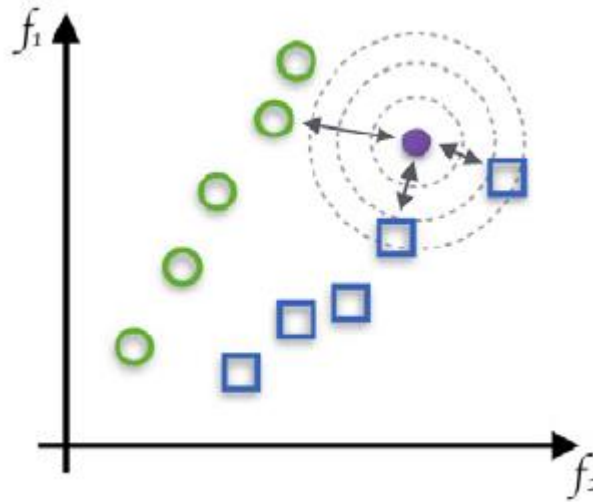
$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$$



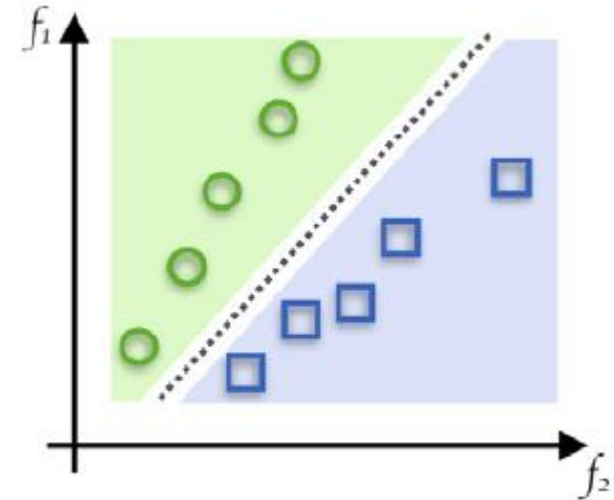
Main types of machine learning classification algorithms



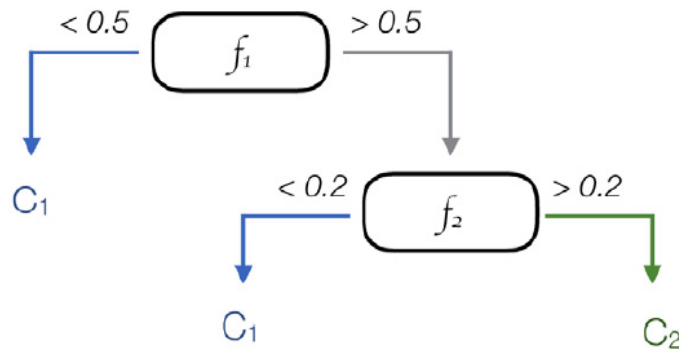
Regression



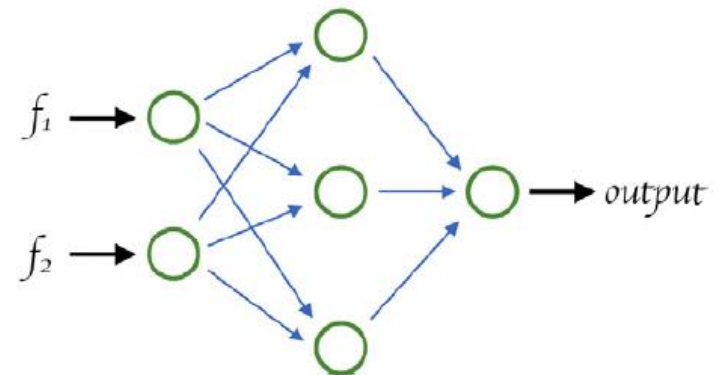
kNN



Support Vector Machine



Decision Tree



ANN

M. Zanin et al, Physics Reports 635, 1 (2016).

Take home messages

- Linear methods and nonlinear methods are useful for investigating complex signals.
- Different methods provide *complementary* information (i.e., “features” that encapsulate different properties of a signal).
- Appropriate statistical “surrogate” tests are needed to determine if the numerical values are significant.

Holger Kantz: “*Every data set bears its own difficulties: data analysis is never routine*”

H. Kantz and T. Schreiber, Nonlinear Time Series Analysis, Cambridge University Press (2004)

Software implementation: <https://www.pks.mpg.de/tisean/>

G. Datseris and U. Parlitz, Nonlinear dynamics: a concise introduction interlaced with code, Springer (2022).

<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/~donges/pyunicorn/>

Hands-on exercise 3: Ordinal analysis of the logistic map

(you can also use your own data)

1. Test the “ordinal pattern” program with some examples.
2. Calculate the probabilities of the 6 ordinal patterns of length $D=3$ for the logistic map with $r=3.99$.
3. Calculate the ordinal bifurcation diagram: r in $(3.5, 4)$ with $D=3$.
4. For $r=3.99$ generate two trajectories starting from very similar initial conditions and calculate the sequence of ordinal patterns and their distribution.

