

# New indicators for early detection of critical transitions

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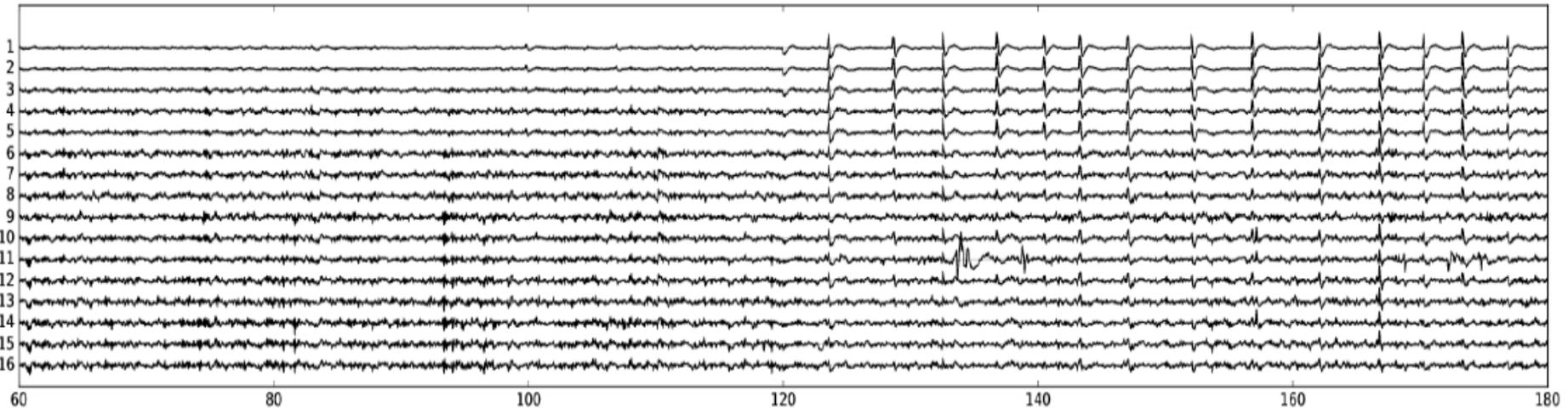
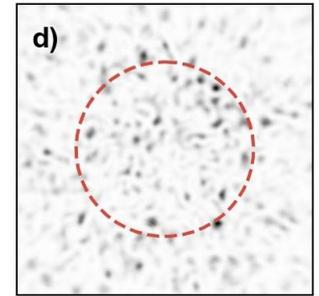
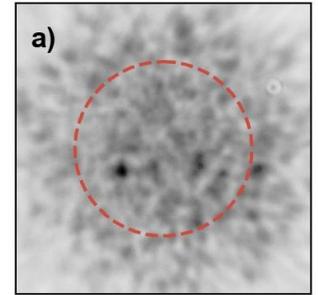
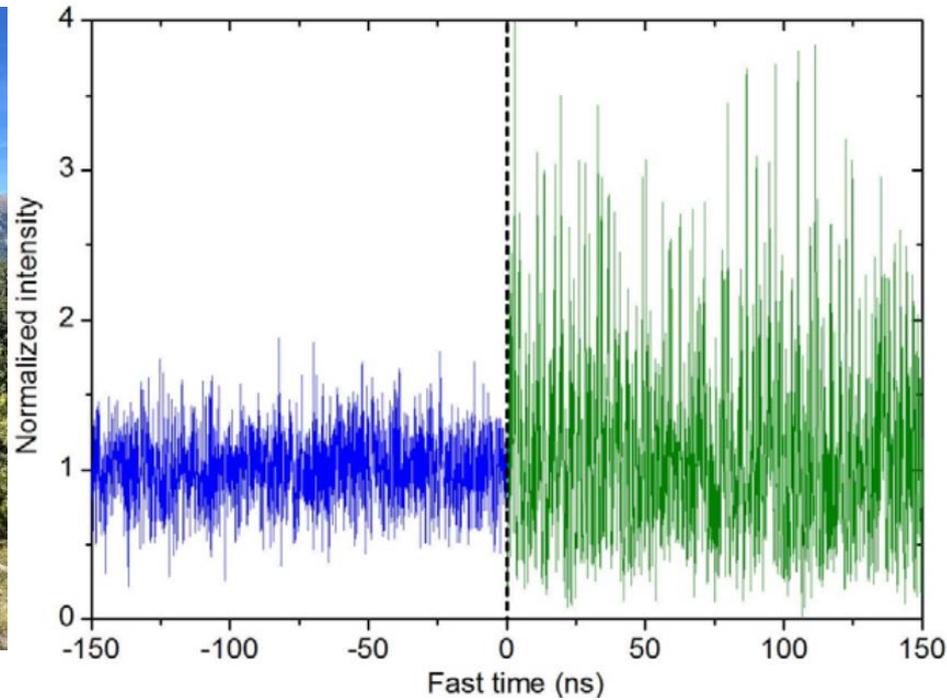


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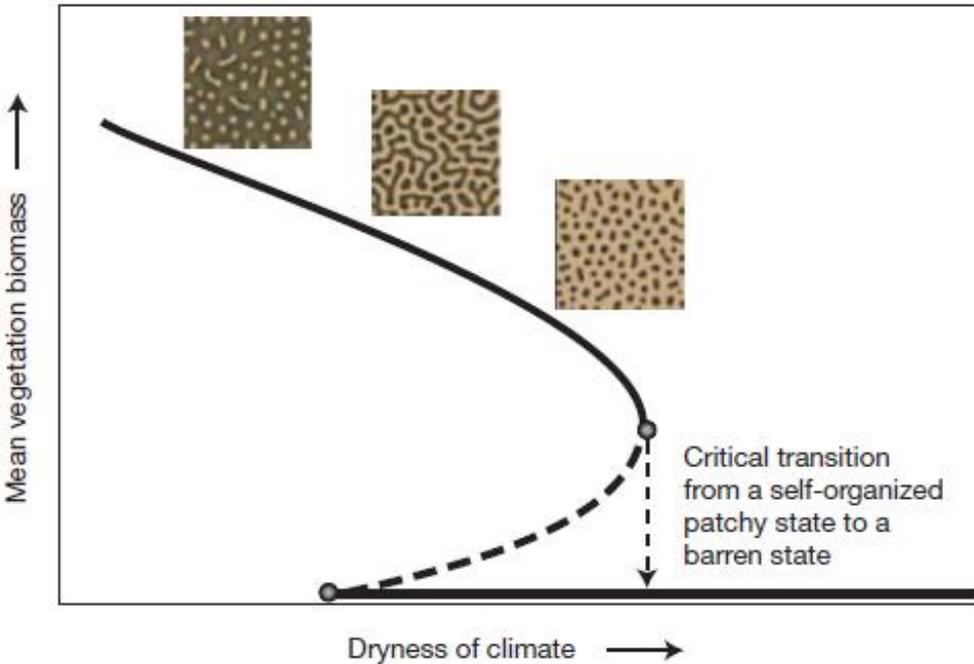


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# Regime transitions in complex systems

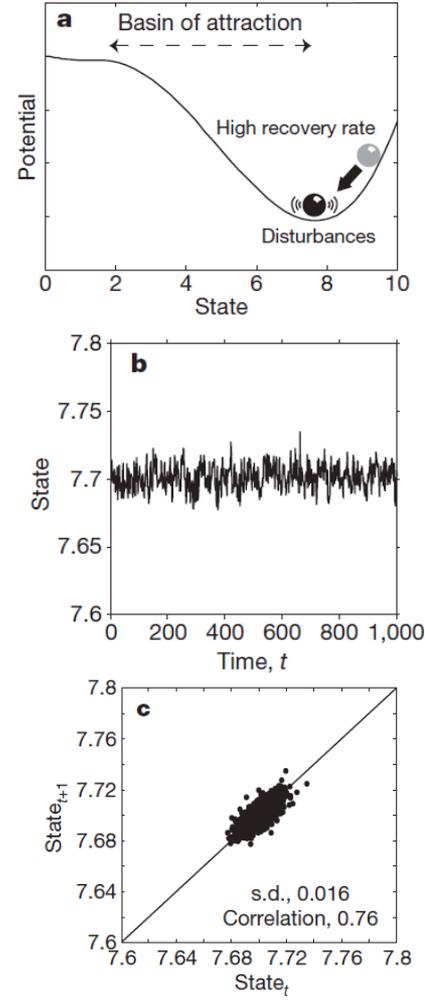


# Classical indicators of critical transitions

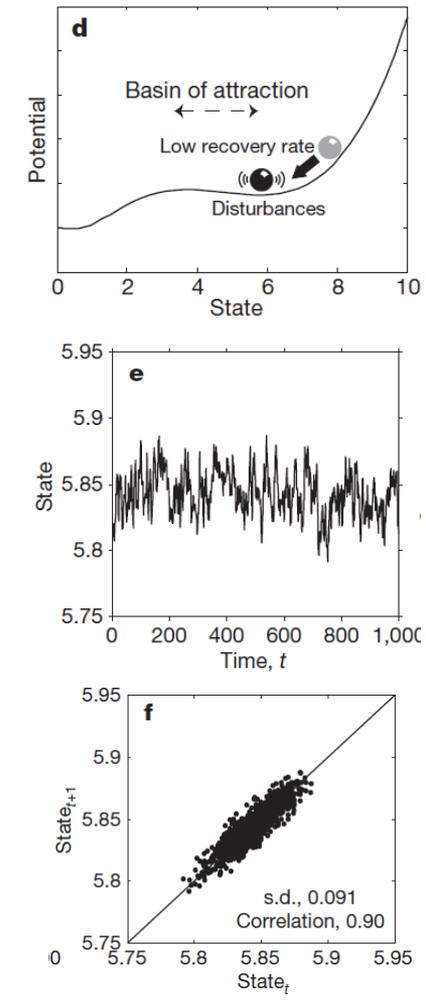


M. Scheffer et al., Nature 461, 53 (2009)

Far from bif.



Close to bif.



⇒ increase of variance and autocorrelation (*critical slowing down*)

# Critical slowing down can occur **after** the bifurcation

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## Testing Critical Slowing Down as a Bifurcation Indicator in a Low-Dissipation Dynamical System

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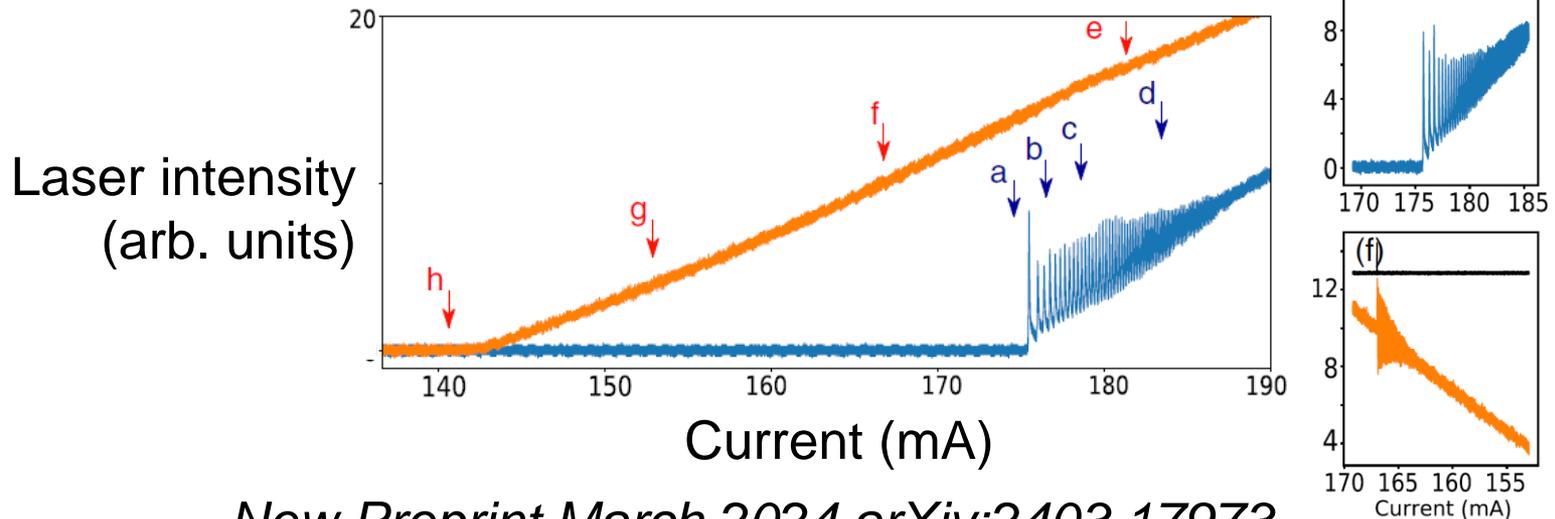
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## Increasing and Decreasing the laser current

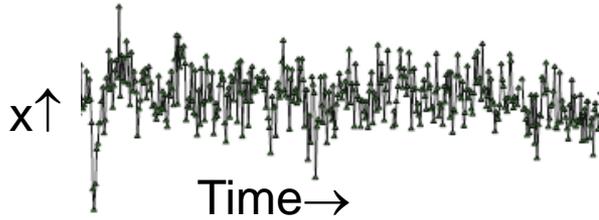


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# Outline

- Analysis method: ordinal analysis
- Characterization of the transitions
  - Noise -> extreme events -> chaos in a diode laser (time series)
  - Laminar -> optical turbulence in a fiber laser (time series)
  - High biomass -> low biomass (vegetation 2D data –observational and simulated)
  - Low -> high coherence in a diode laser (speckle images)
  - Eyes closed -> eyes open (multichannel EEG data)

# Ordinal time series analysis



$$\{\dots X_i, X_{i+1}, X_{i+2}, \dots\}$$

Which are the possible order relations?

$$\{\dots 2, 5, 7 \dots\}$$

A



B



$$\{\dots 2, 7, 5 \dots\}$$

$$\{\dots 5, 2, 7 \dots\}$$

C



D



$$\{\dots 5, 7, 2 \dots\}$$

$$\{\dots 7, 2, 5 \dots\}$$

E

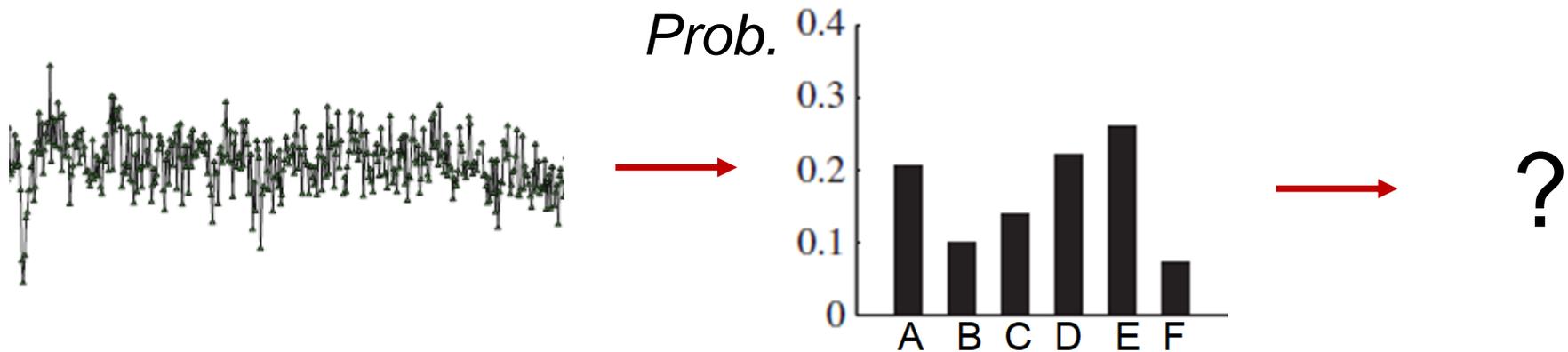


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$$\{\dots 7, 5, 2 \dots\}$$

From a time series, by counting the number of different patterns, we calculate the “ordinal probabilities”



1. Analyze the probabilities

2. Permutation Entropy: 
$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^N p_i \ln p_i$$

$p_i = p_j$  for all  $i, j \Rightarrow H \text{ max}$

$p_i = 1, p_j = 0$  for all  $j \neq i \Rightarrow H=0$

# Ordinal analysis was first proposed to characterize complex time series.

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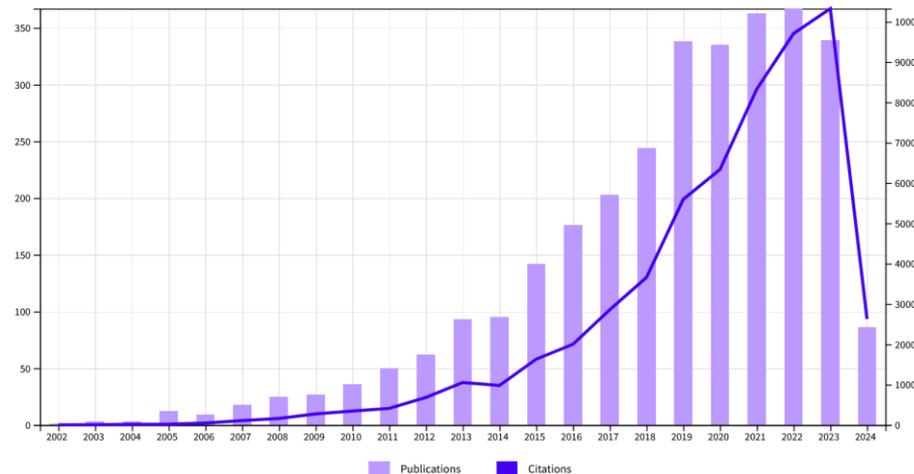
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## Permutation Entropy: A Natural Complexity Measure for Time Series

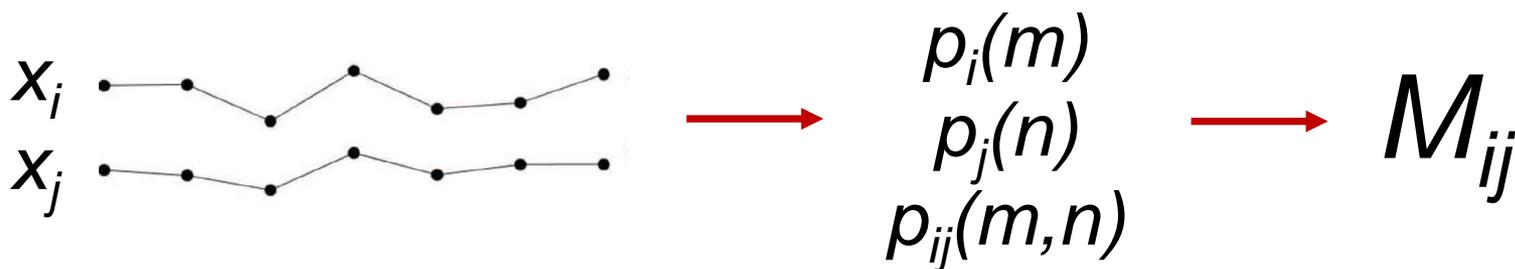
Christoph Bandt and Bernd Pompe

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*I. Leyva, J. M. Martinez, C. Masoller, O. A. Rosso, M. Zanin, “20 Years of Ordinal Patterns: Perspectives and Challenges”, EPL 138, 31001 (2022).*

## With two time series

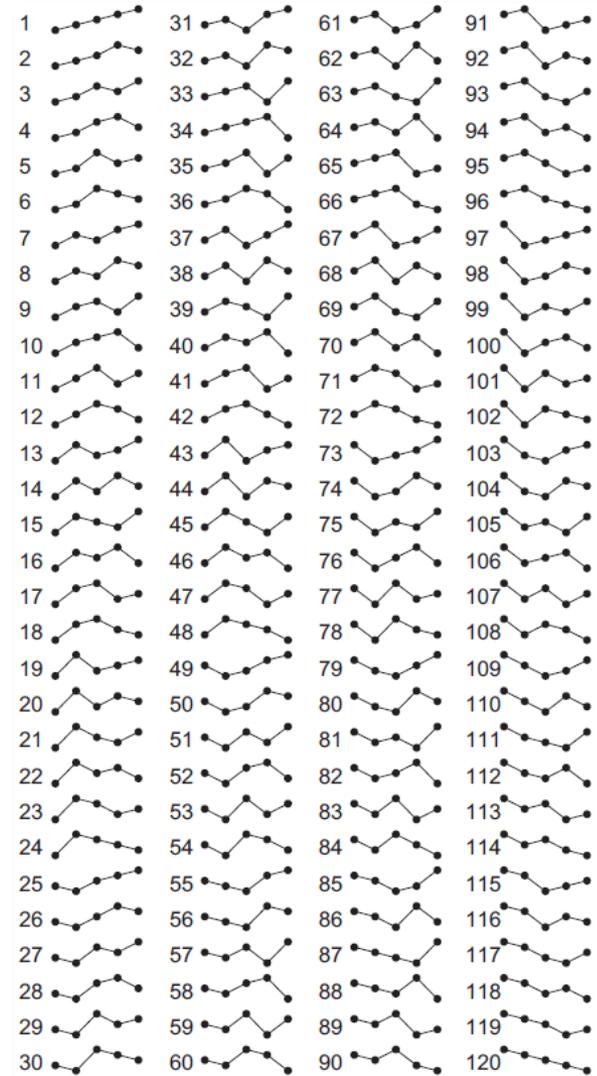
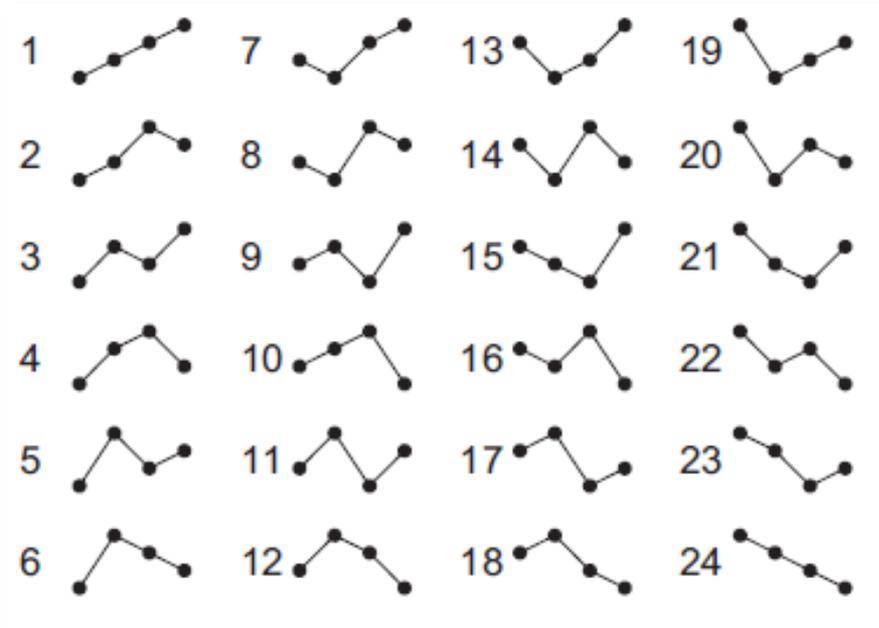


Mutual Information: 
$$M_{ij} = \sum_{m,n} p_{ij}(m,n) \log \frac{p_{ij}(m,n)}{p_i(m)p_j(n)}$$

$x_i, x_j$  statistically independent:  $p_{ij} = p_i p_j \Rightarrow MI = 0$

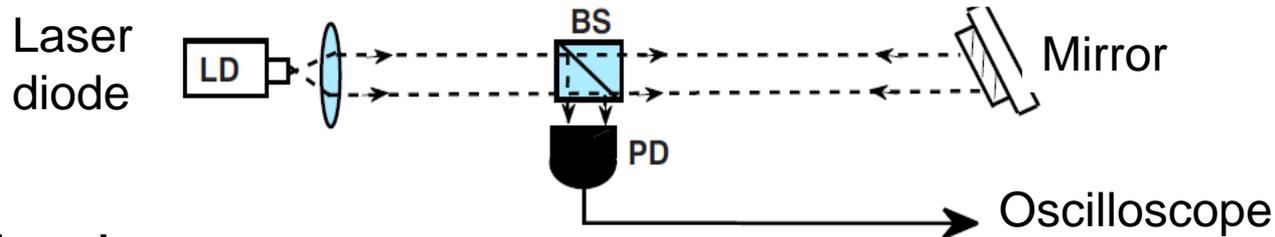
To use patterns of length 3 (6 possible patterns, 36 combinations for  $p_{ij}$ ) we need at least 400 data points in each time series.

# The number of possible patterns increases with the length of the pattern as D!

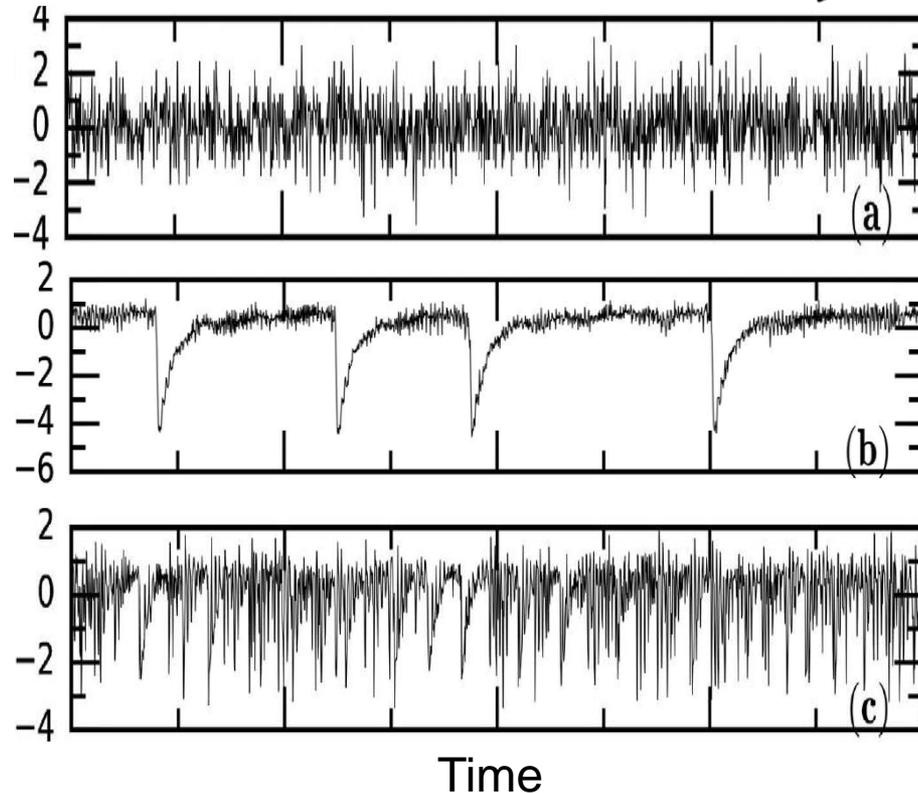


*U. Parlitz et al. / Computers in Biology and Medicine 42 (2012) 319–327*

# Analysis of regime transitions in a laser with feedback: optical noise → extreme events → chaos

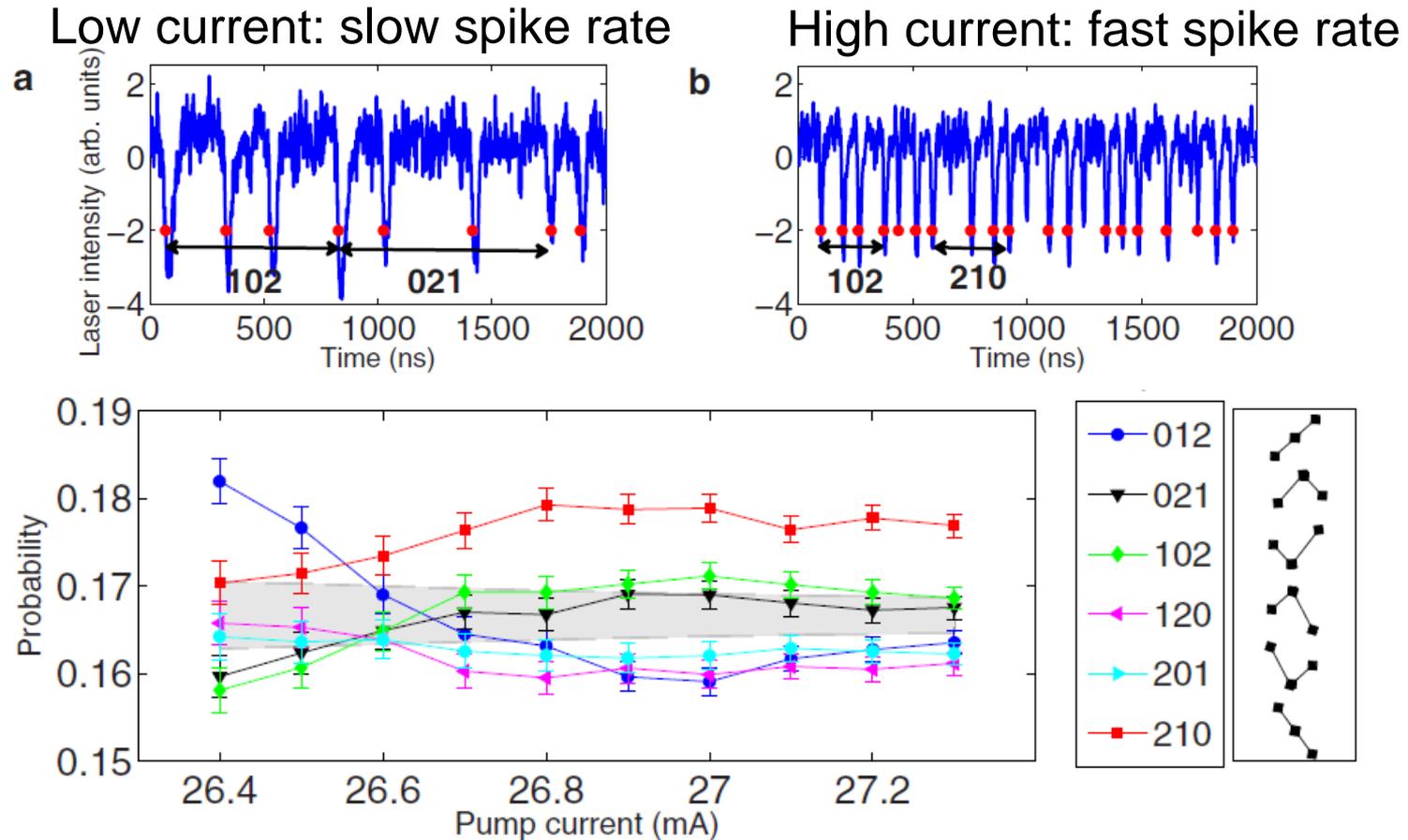


Normalized  
output  
intensity  
(arb. units)



Increase  
pump current

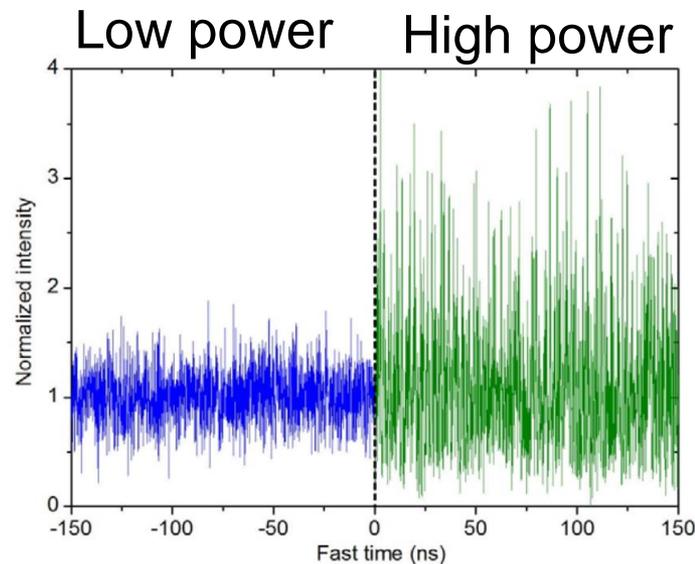
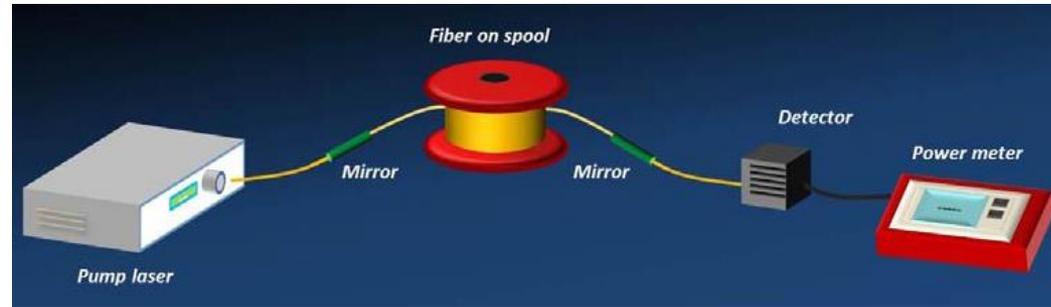
# The ordinal probabilities uncover a change in spike timing



A. Aragonés et al., “Unveiling the complex organization of recurrent patterns in spiking dynamical systems”, *Sci. Rep.* 4, 4696 (2014).

# Transition laminar $\rightarrow$ optical turbulence in a fiber laser (governing equations similar to hydrodynamics)

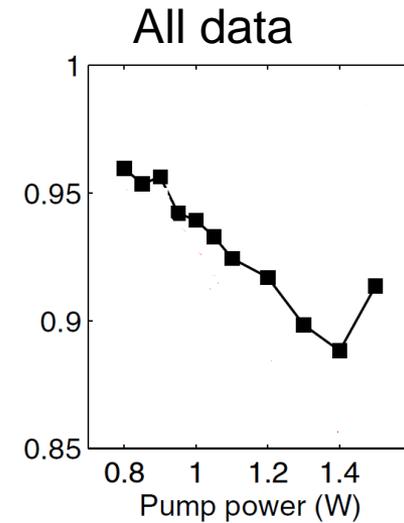
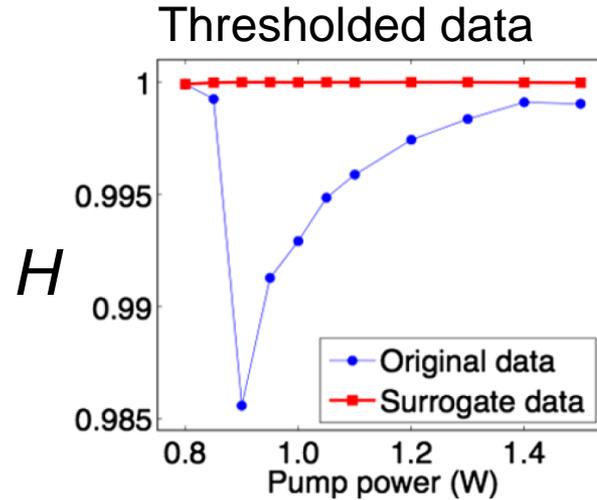
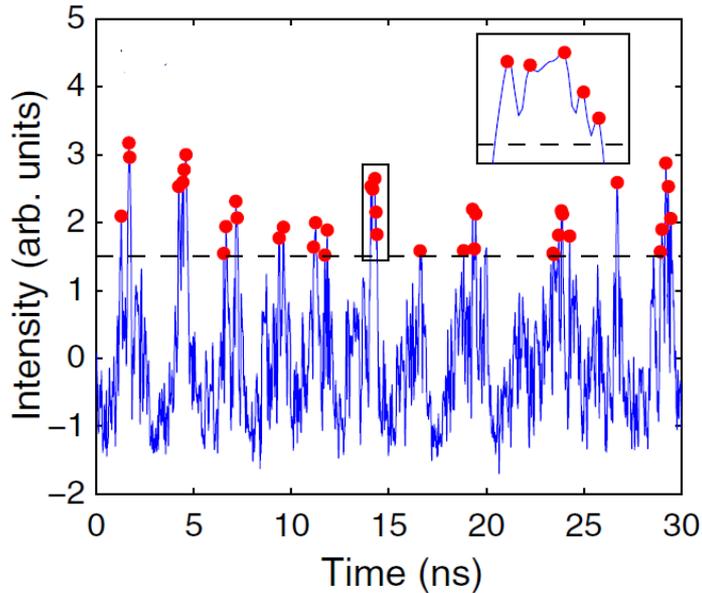
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power of  
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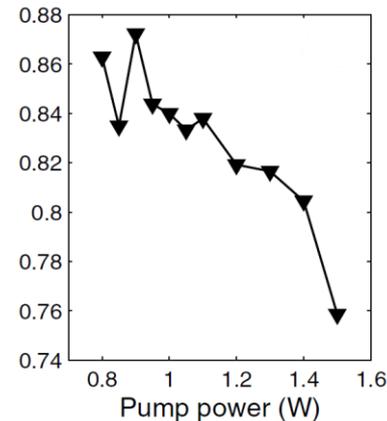
*E. G. Turitsyna et. al, Nat. Photonics 7, 783 (2013).*

# Entropy characterization of the transition

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



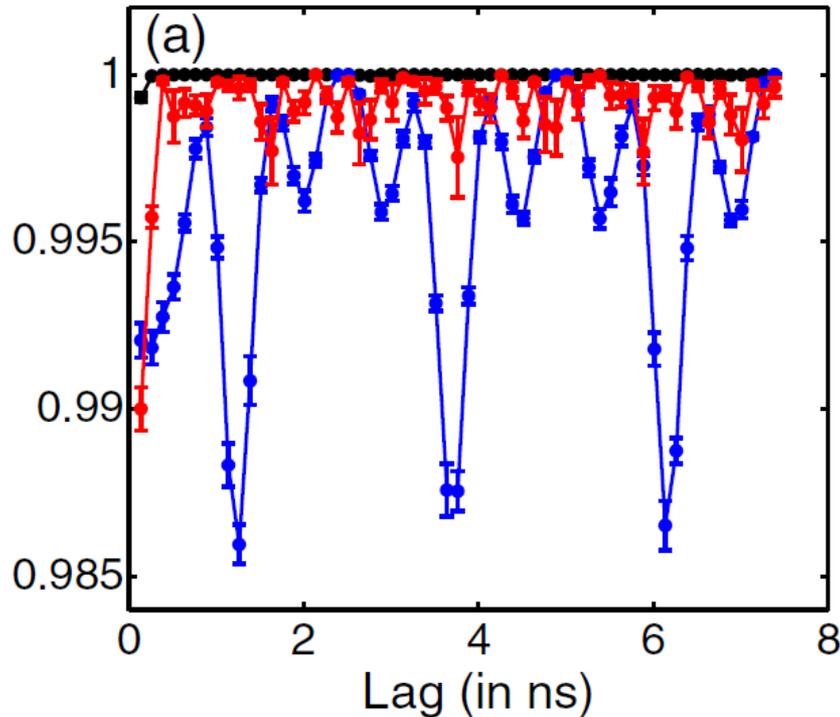
Entropy of the distribution of values. The distribution develops a tail (extreme events) and  $H$  decreases.



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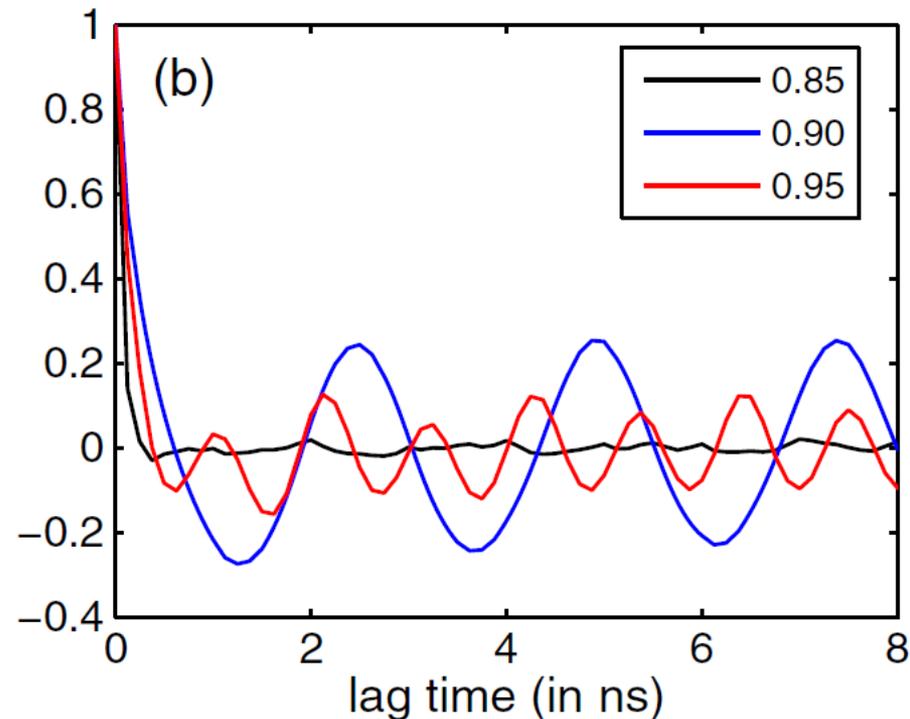
# Ordinal patterns can be defined using a time lag (capture order relations between not-consecutive points)

Permutation entropy **below**,  
**at**, and **above** the transition



Autocorrelation function

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

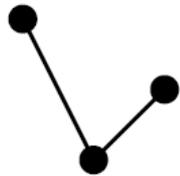


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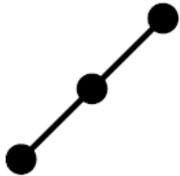
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# Using **lagged points** to define the patterns allows to select the time scale of the analysis, useful for seasonal data

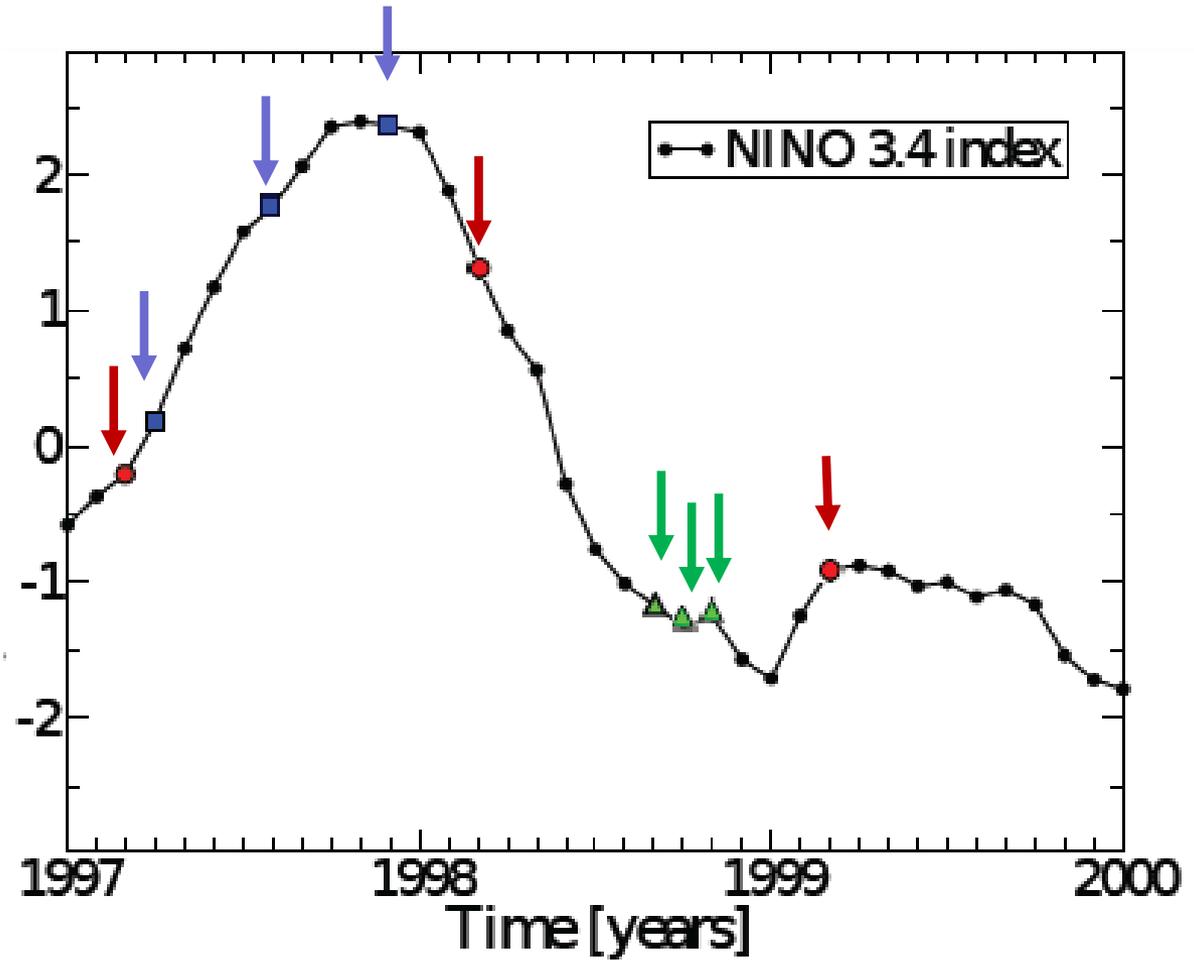
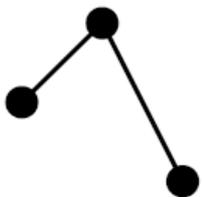
**Intra-season**



**Intra-annual**



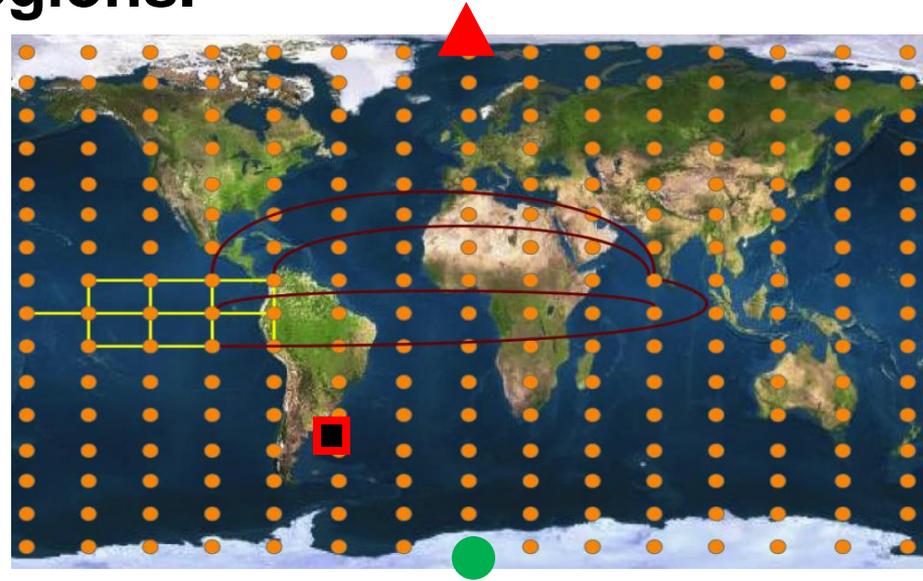
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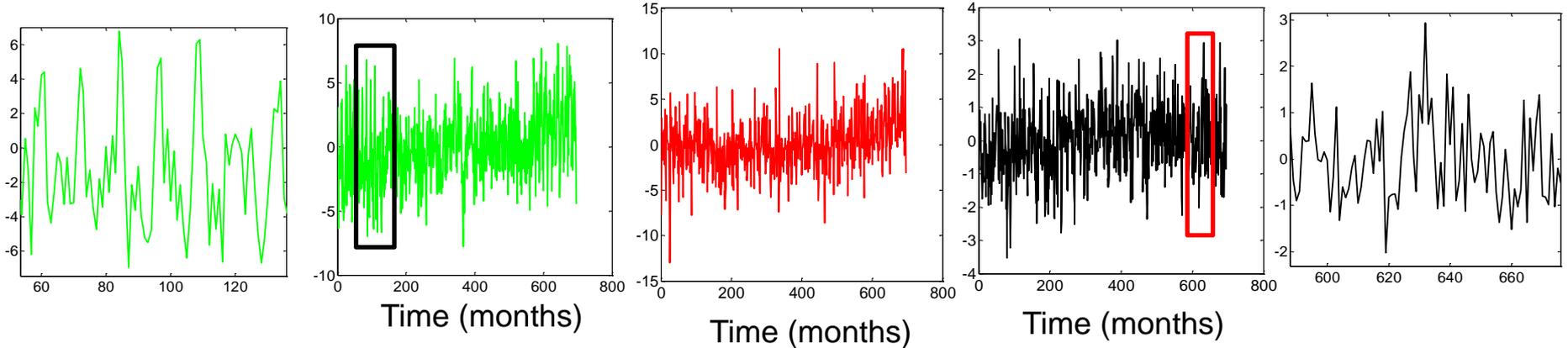
# Application: analysis of surface air temperature (SAT) anomaly in two geographical regions.

**Anomaly** = annual solar cycle removed

**Reanalysis** (data assimilation)  
2.5° x 2.5° = 10226 grid points.  
In each point 696 anomaly values  
(1949-2006: 58 years x 12 months)



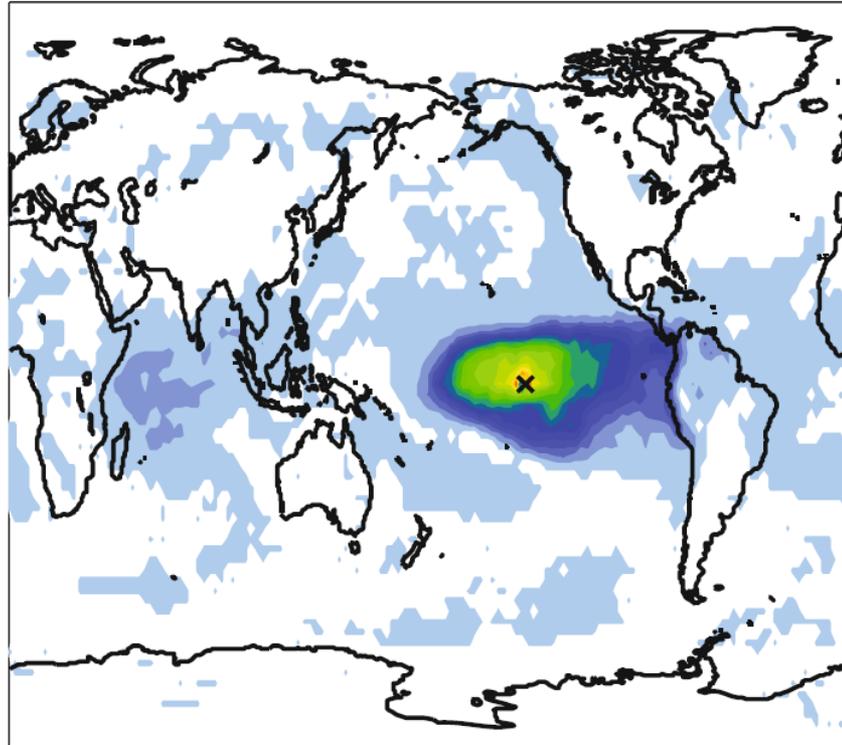
How does the data look like?



# Mutual Information (color code) of SAT anomaly in El Niño region and other regions (white: MI not significant)

$$M_{ij} = \sum_{m,n} p_{ij}(m,n) \log \frac{p_{ij}(m,n)}{p_i(m)p_j(n)}$$

MI from  
probabilities  
of SAT  
values

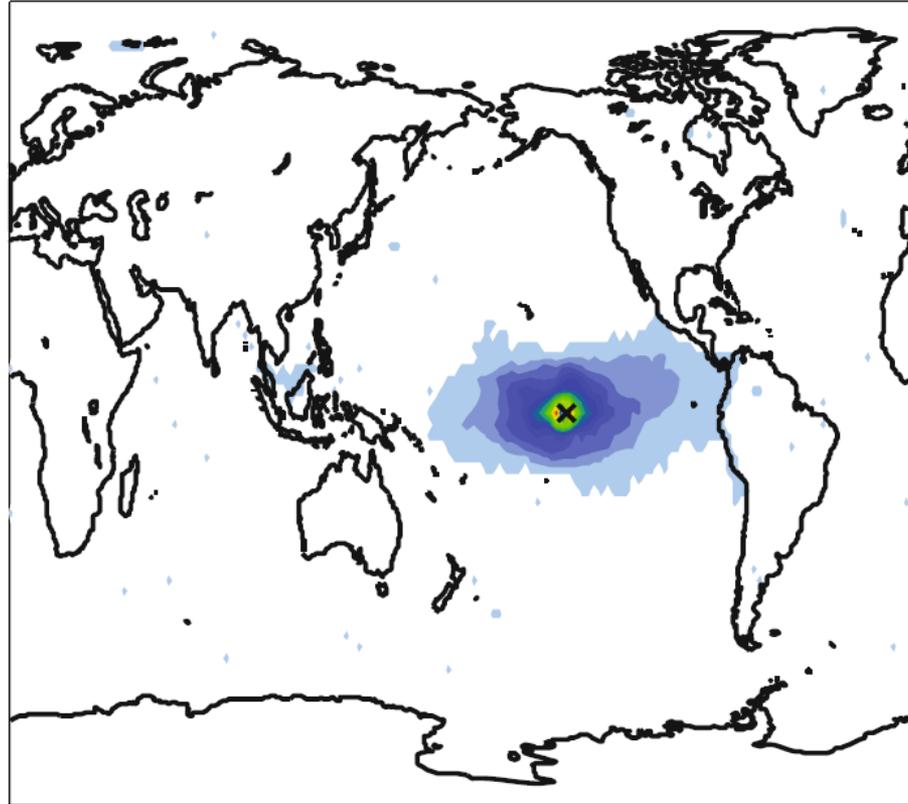


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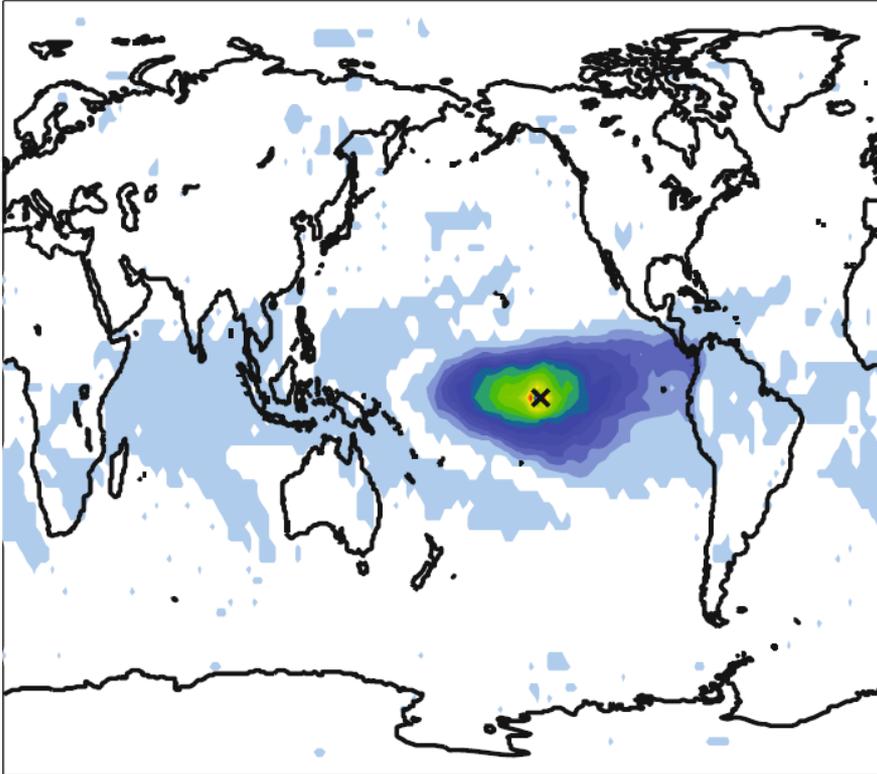
MI from probabilities of ordinal patterns defined by values in 3 consecutive months.



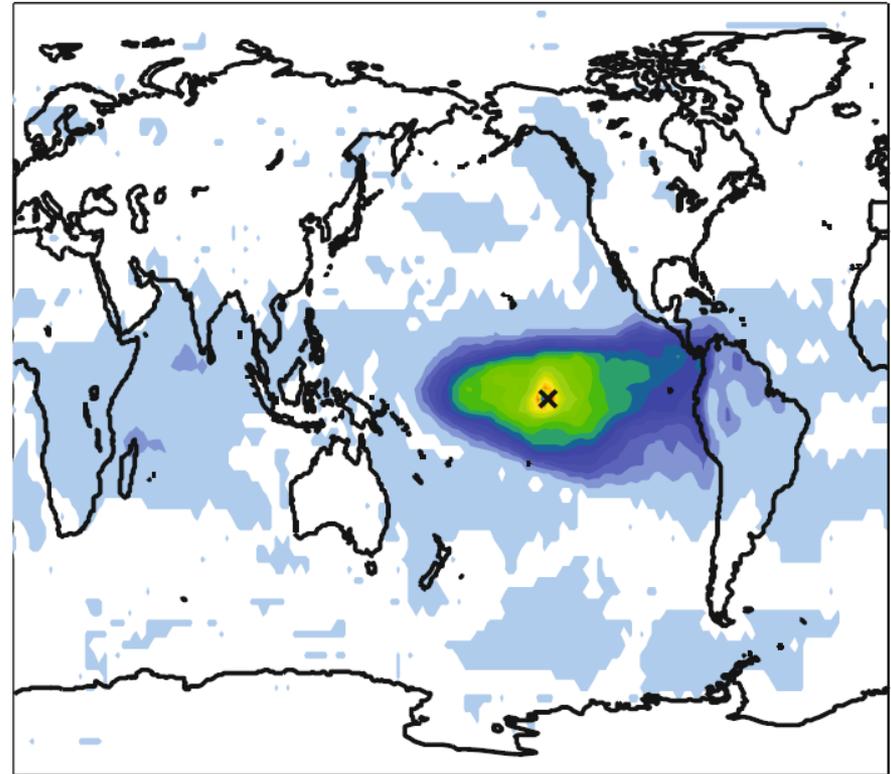
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Patterns defined by 3 values in a year



Patterns defined by values in 3 consecutive years

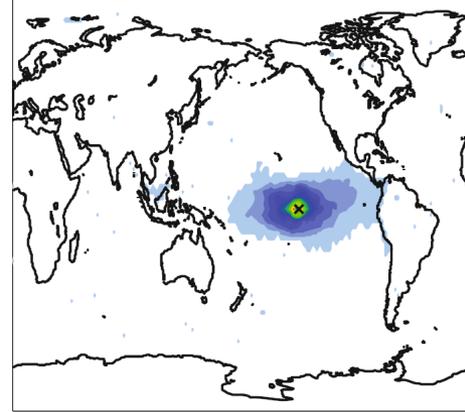
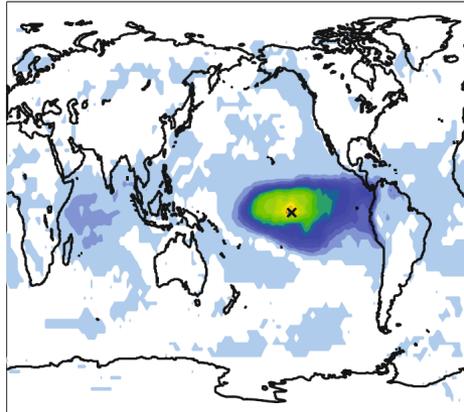


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# Comparison

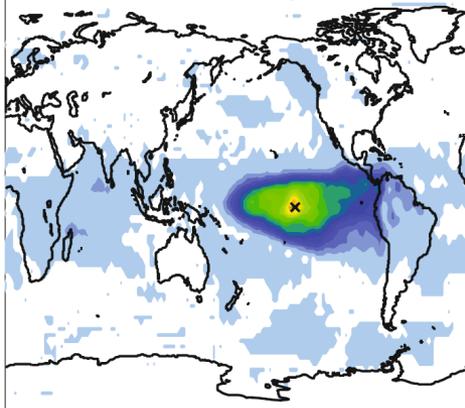
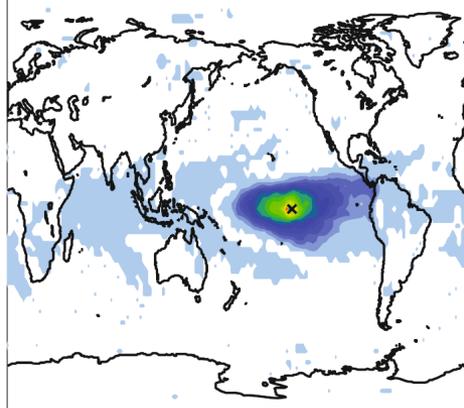
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probabilities of SAT values



probabilities of ordinal patterns defined by values in 3 consecutive months.

probabilities of patterns defined by 3 values in a year.

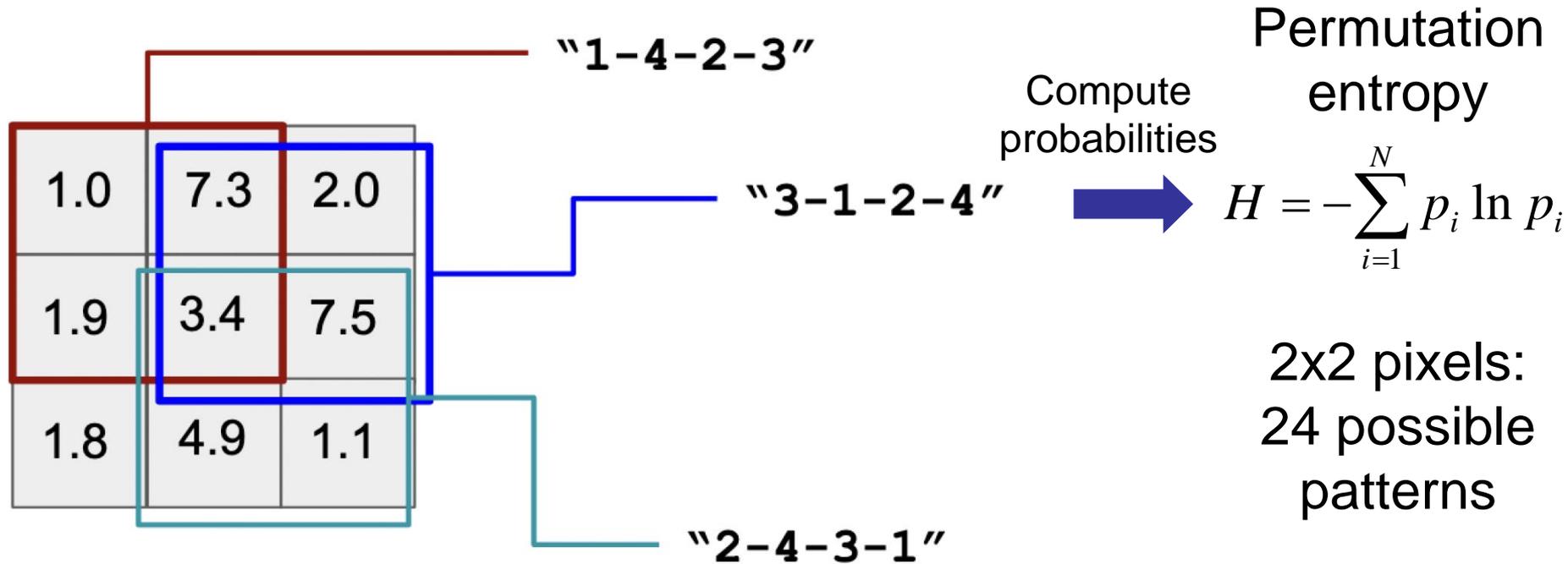


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# Permutation entropy of two dimensional patterns (images)

# Ordinal patterns defined on two-dimensional data



*H. V. Ribeiro et. al, PLoS ONE 7, e40689 (2012).*

# The “spatial” permutation entropy was proposed to characterize two dimensional patterns and images.

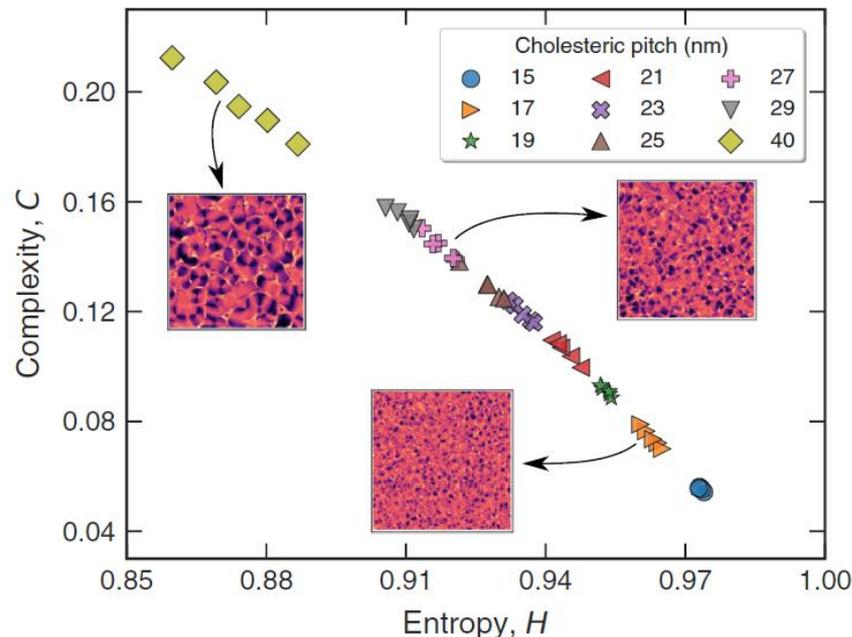
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## Estimating physical properties from liquid crystal textures via machine learning and complexity-entropy methods

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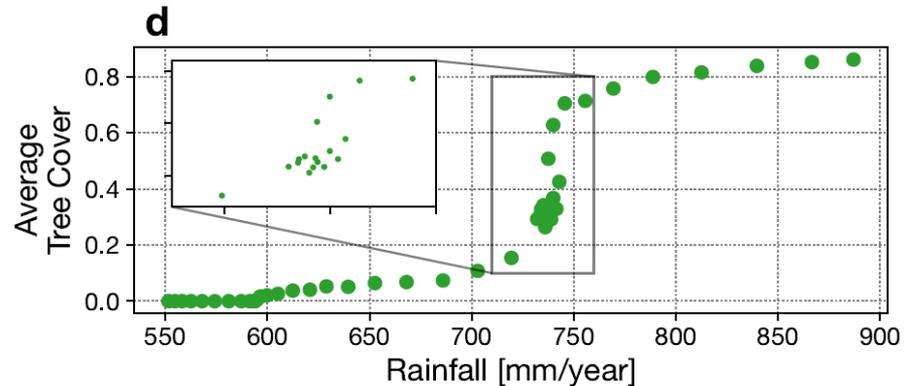
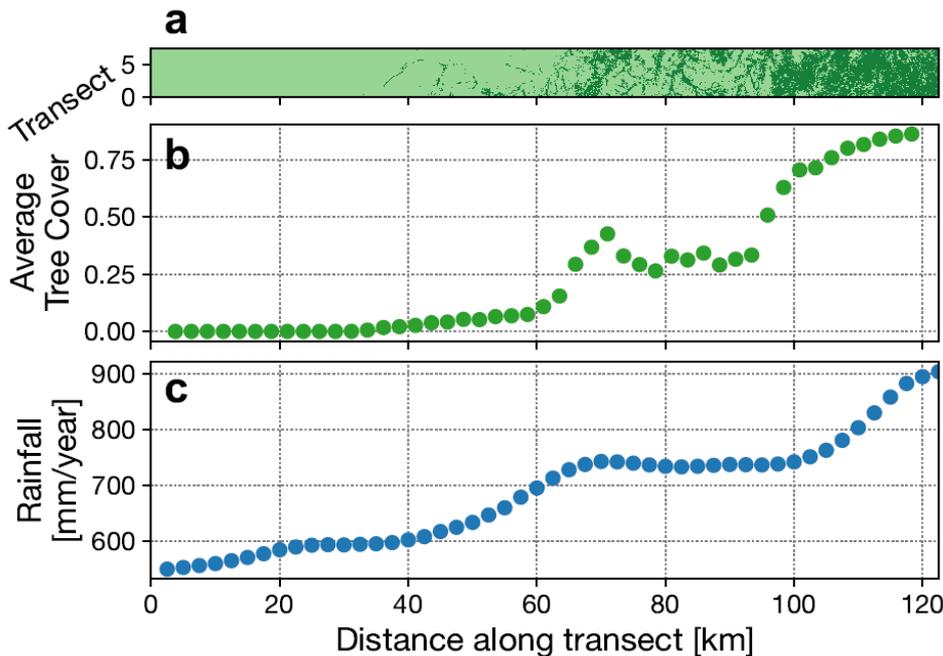
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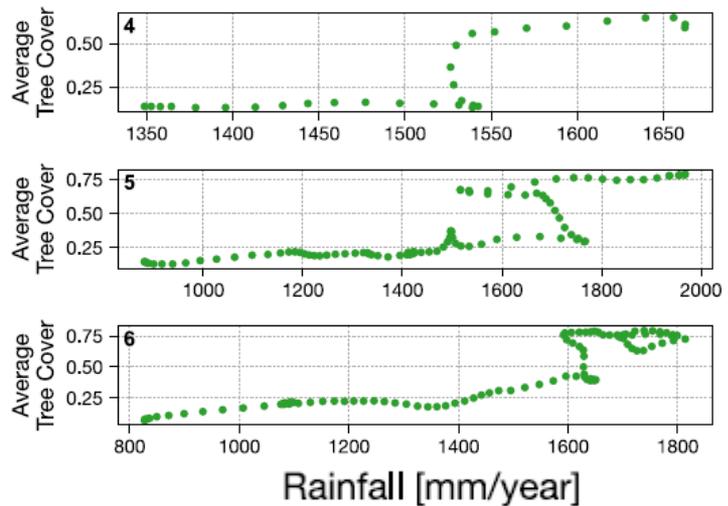
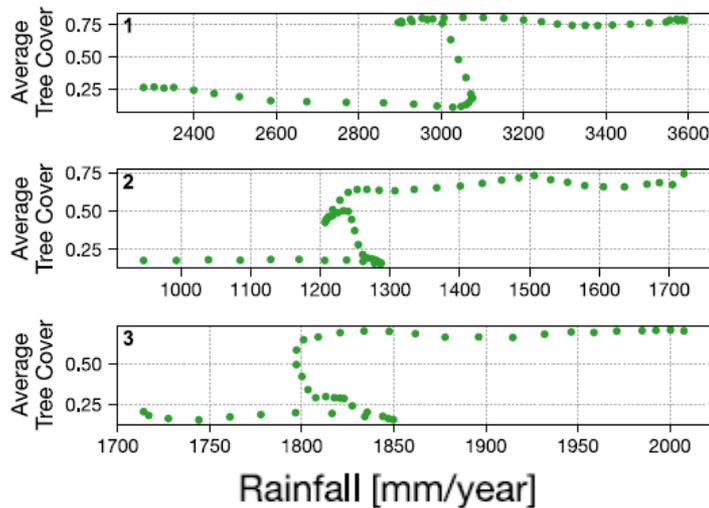
# The variation of the spatial permutation entropy can give an early indicator of a vegetation transition.

High-resolution vegetation data from the Serengeti–Mara ecosystem in northern Tanzania and southern Kenya.



*G. Tirabassi, C. Masoller, “Entropy-based early detection of critical transitions in spatial vegetation fields”, PNAS 120, e2215667120 (2023).*

We also analyzed **low-resolution** satellite (MODIS) vegetation data, combined with data from the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM)



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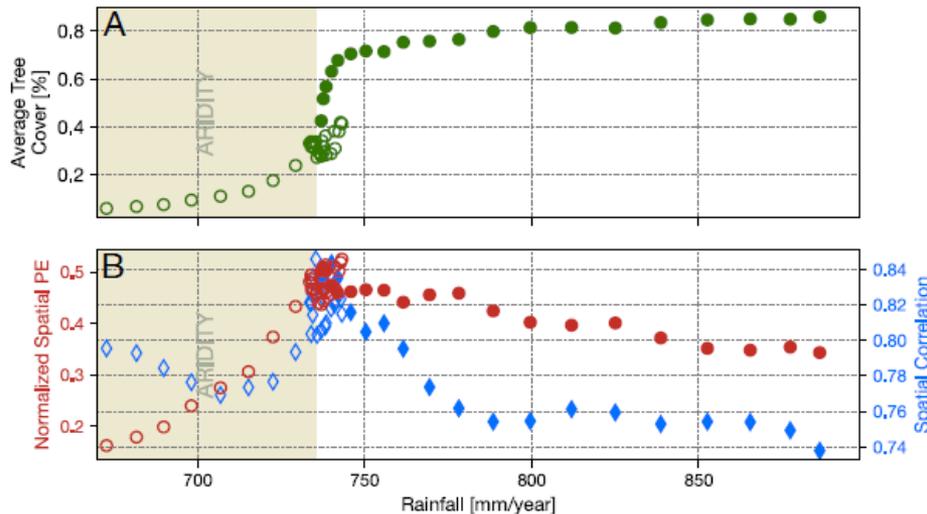
# Results

## Permutation entropy

(ordinal patterns defined by the values of 2x2 pixels)

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

## High-resolution data



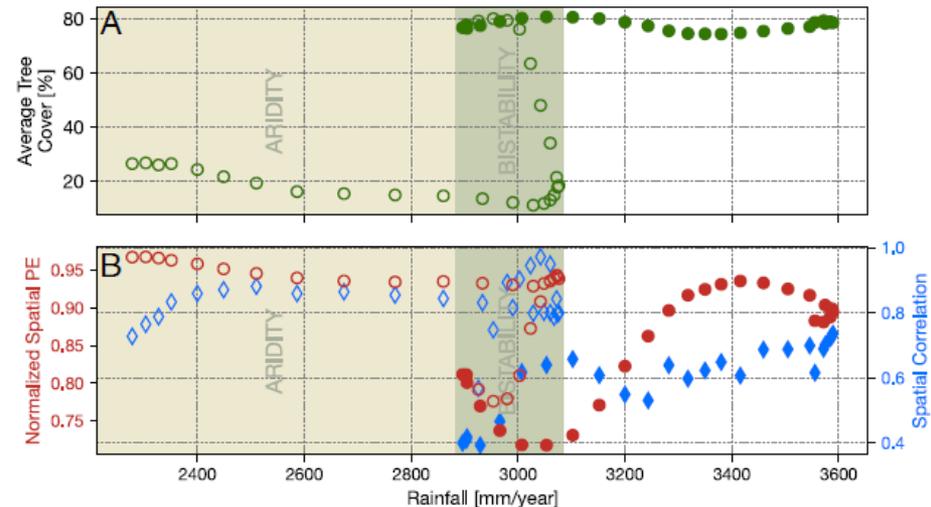
## Spatial correlation

$$I = \frac{N}{\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij}} \frac{\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} (u_i - \bar{u})(u_j - \bar{u})}{\sum_i (u_i - \bar{u})^2}$$

$w_{ij}=1$  if  $i, j$  first neighbors, else 0

## Low-resolution data

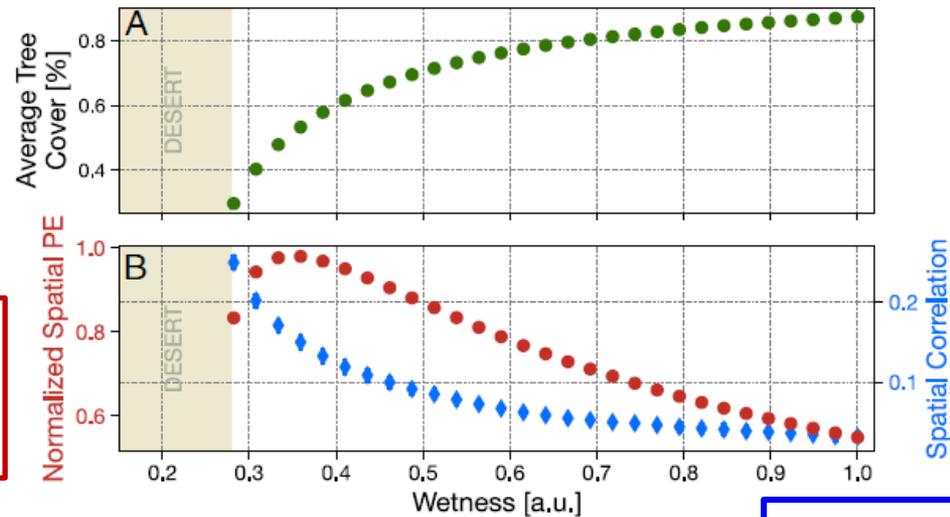
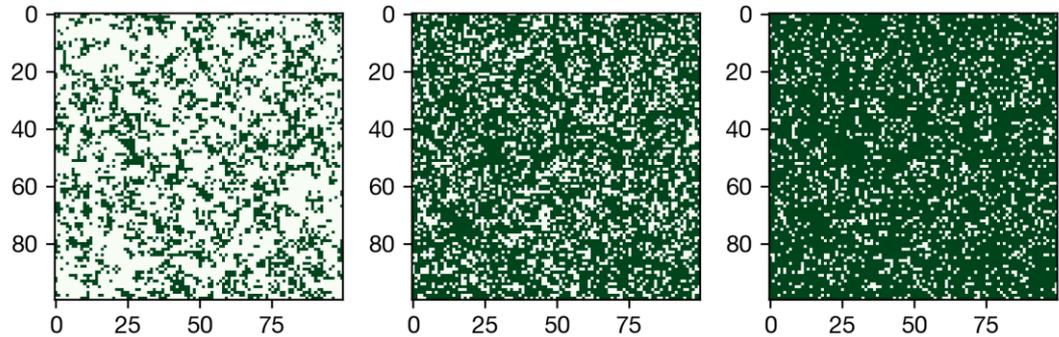
(transect 1; large variability across transects)



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# To gain insight: simulations of vegetation models

A) Cellular automata model

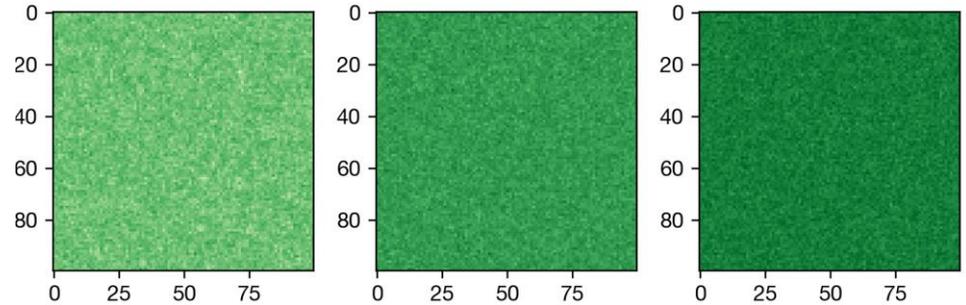


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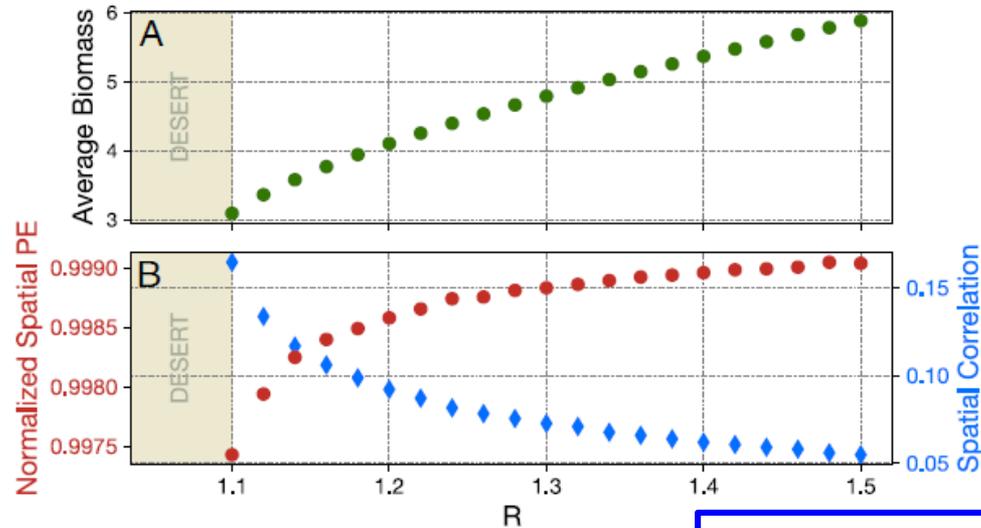
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B) Local Positive Feedback model  
(two partial differential equations)



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

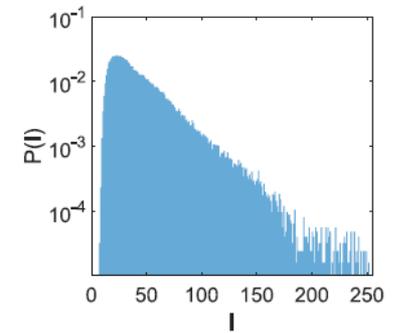
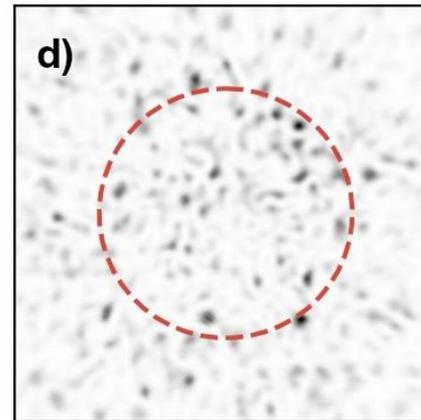
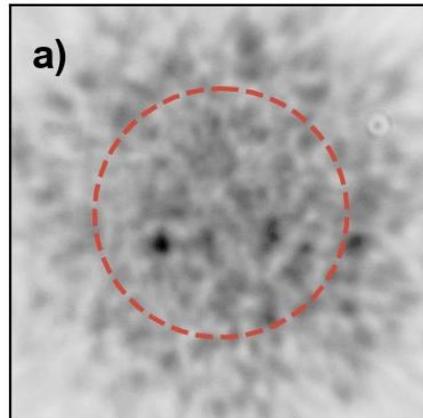
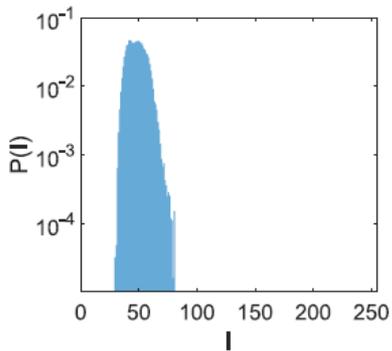


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# Examples of speckle images

Below threshold

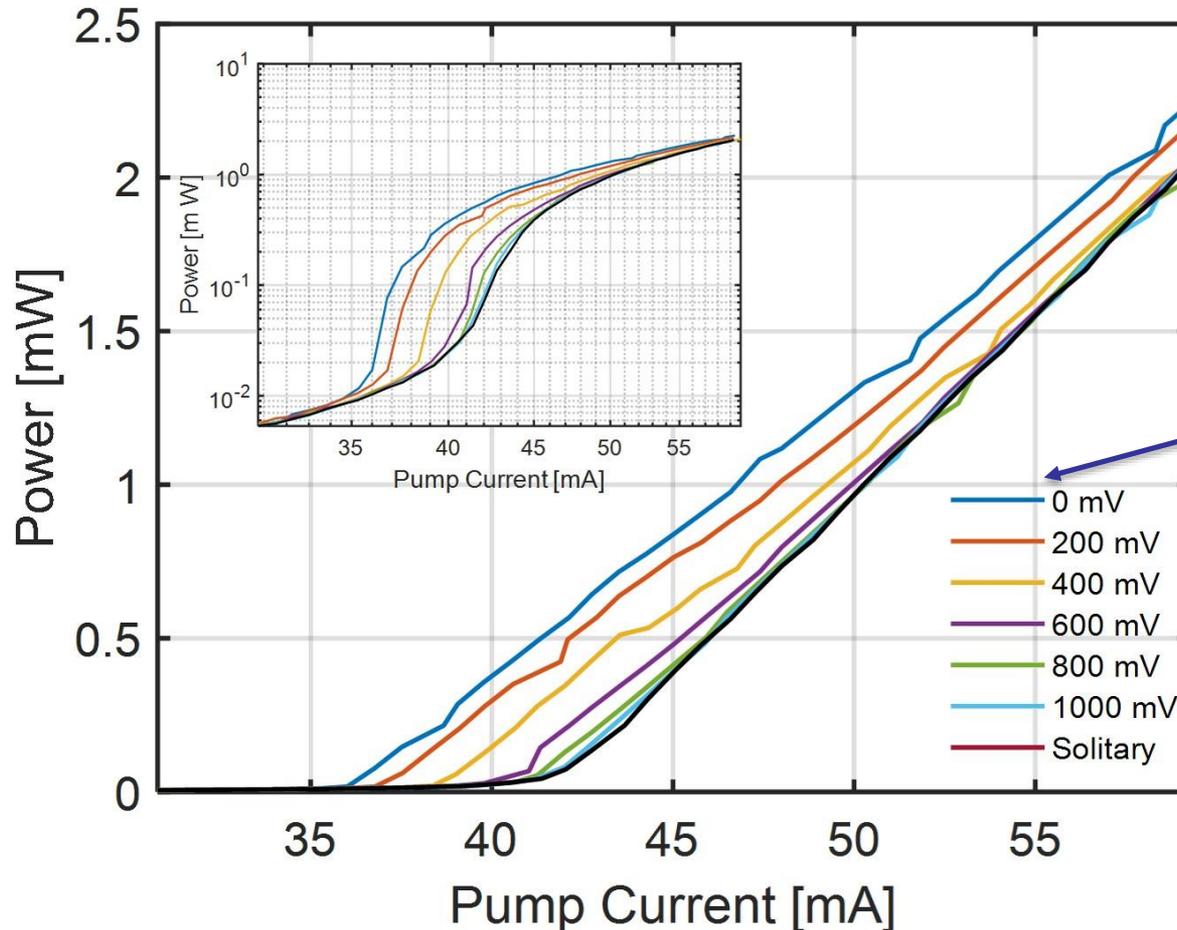
Above threshold



Quantification of speckle contrast:  $SC = \sigma / \langle I \rangle$

# Optical feedback: reduces the lasing threshold

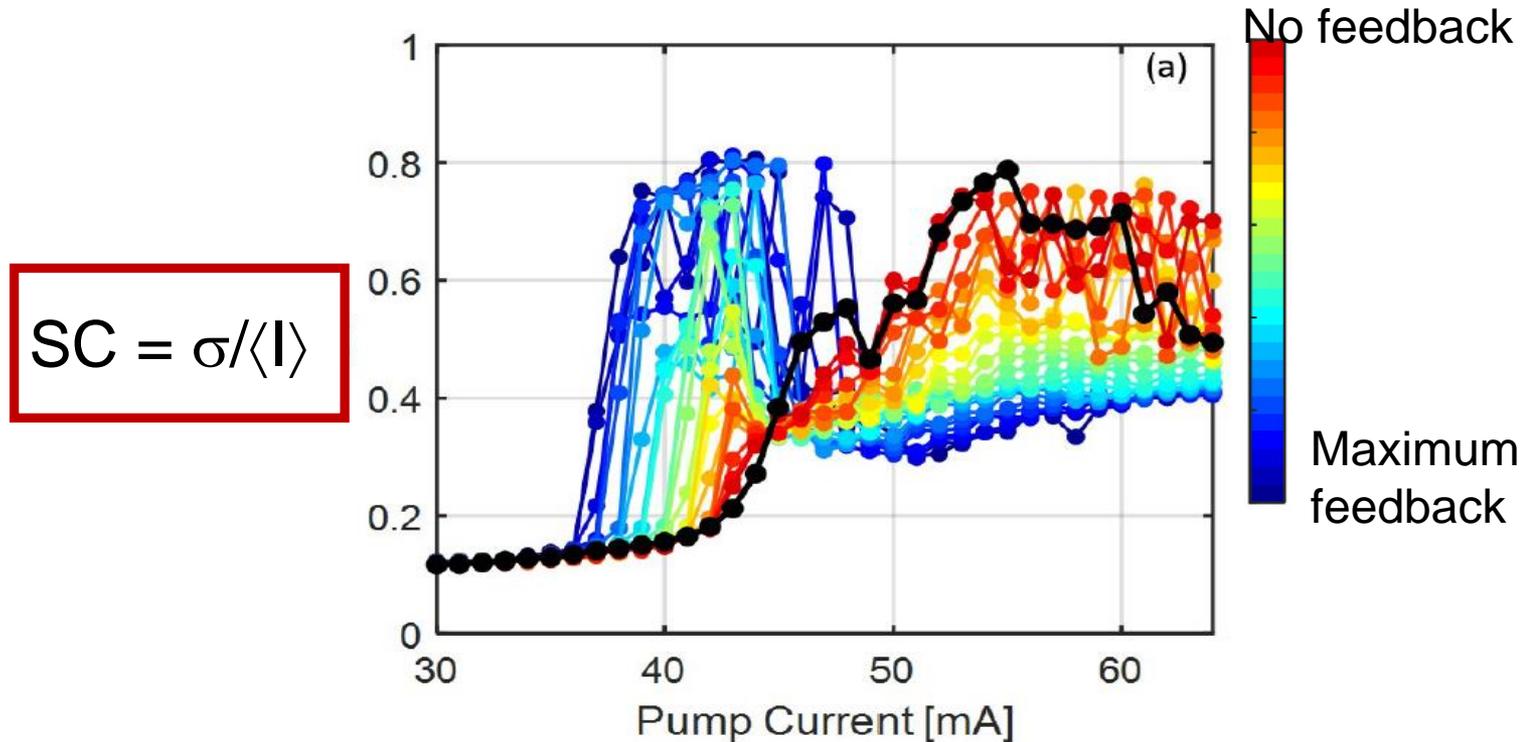
The emitted power (proportional to the number of photons emitted per unit time) characterizes the turn-on transition (off-on)



No attenuation (maximum feedback)

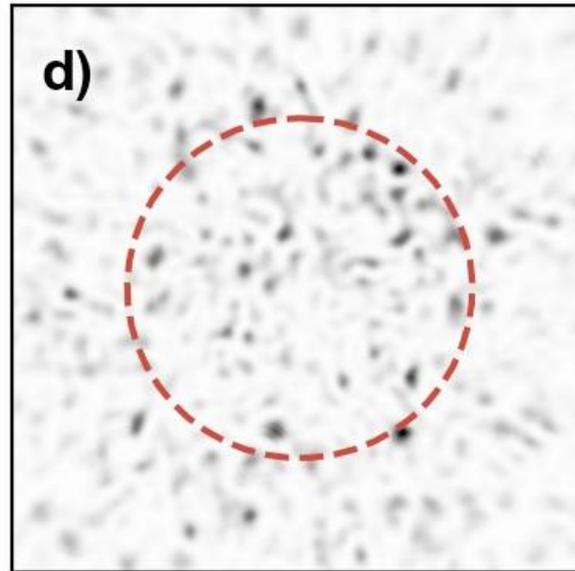
# Is the emitted light beam coherent?

The analysis of speckle images allows to quantify the transition from spontaneous emission (LED light) → stimulated emission (laser light)



*M. Duque-Gijon, C. Masoller, J. Tiana-Alsina, "Abrupt transition from low-coherence to high-coherence radiation in a semiconductor laser with optical feedback," Opt. Exp. 31, 3857 (2023).*

# Analysis of speckle images using permutation entropy



70 692 pixels  
inside the circle

Pattern:

x x

x x

70093

patterns

$4! = 24$  possible  
patterns

Pattern: x

x x x

x

69846

patterns

$5! = 120$   
possible  
patterns

# Results

Pattern:

X X  
X X

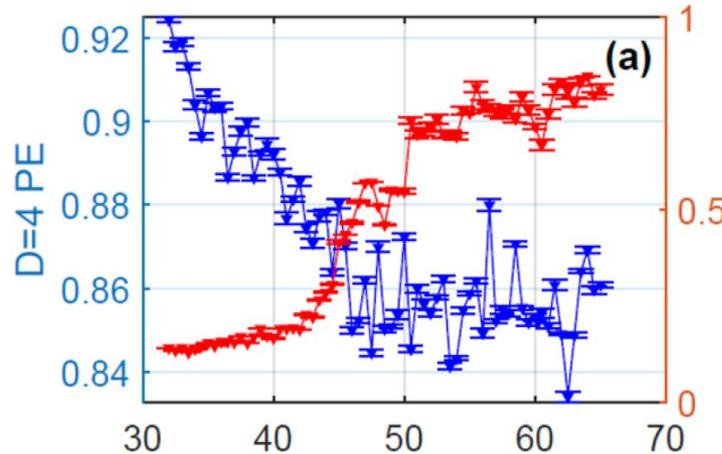
$$SC = \sigma / \langle I \rangle$$

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

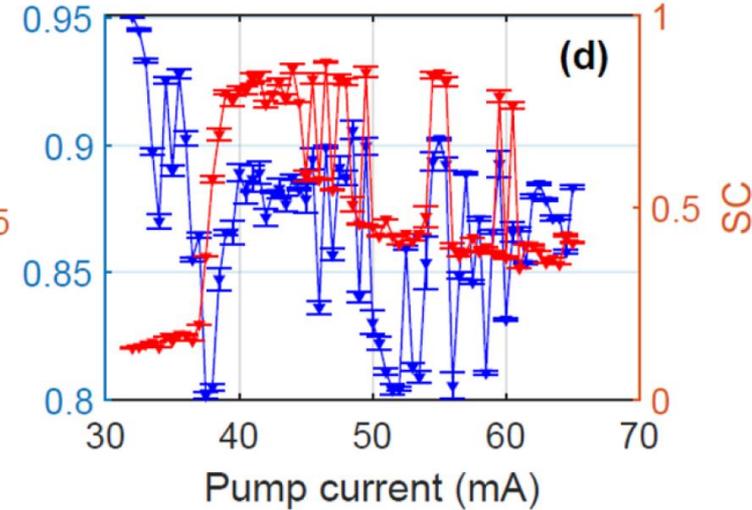
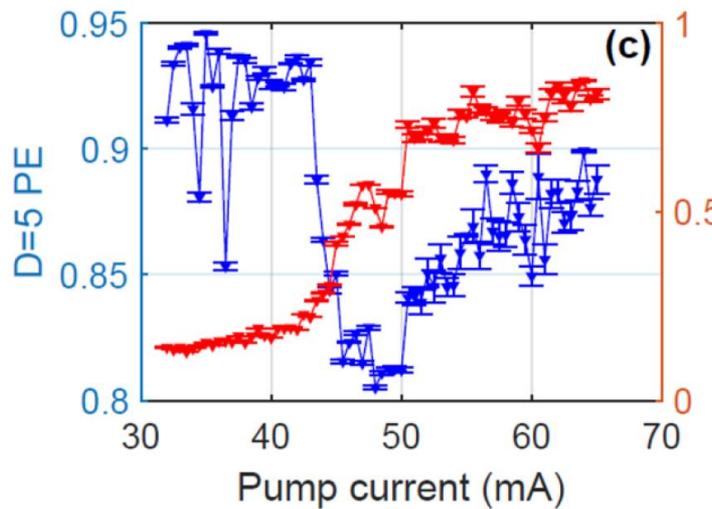
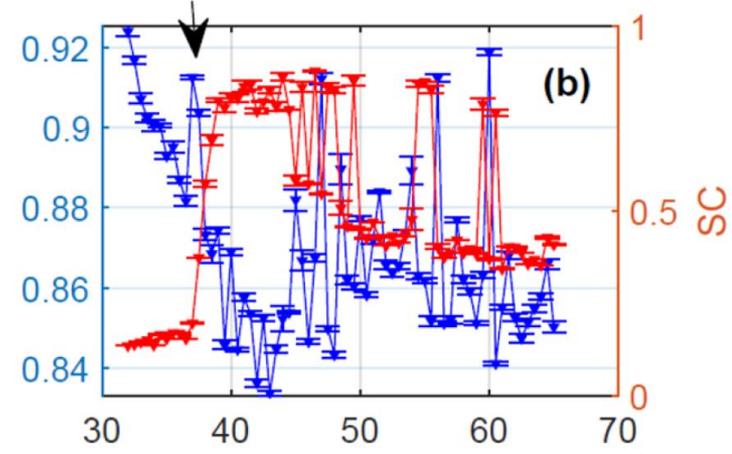
Pattern: x

X X X  
X

## Laser without feedback



## Laser with optical feedback



G. Tirabassi et al., "Permutation entropy-based characterization of speckle patterns generated by semiconductor laser light", *APL Photonics* 8, 126112 (2023).

# Permutation entropy of multivariate time series

# Analysis of eyes-closed eyes-open transition in EEG recordings of healthy subjects.



Eyes closed

Eyes open

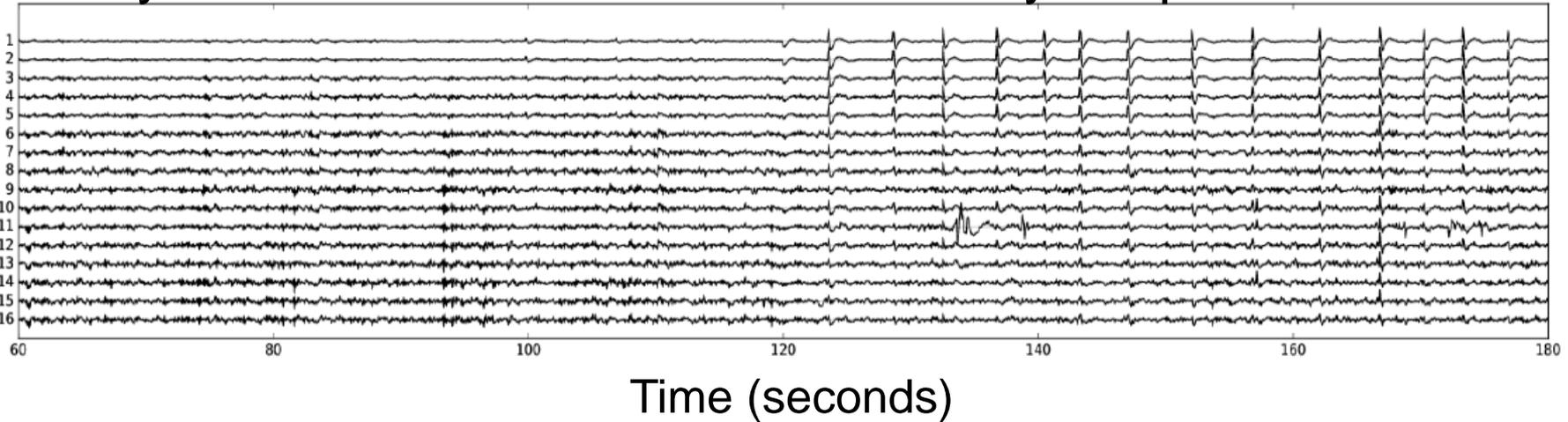


TABLE I. Description of the datasets used.

	DTS1	DTS2
Sampling rate (Hz)	256	160
Time task (seg)	120	60
Total points	30 720	9600
Number of electrodes	16	64
Number of subjects	71	109

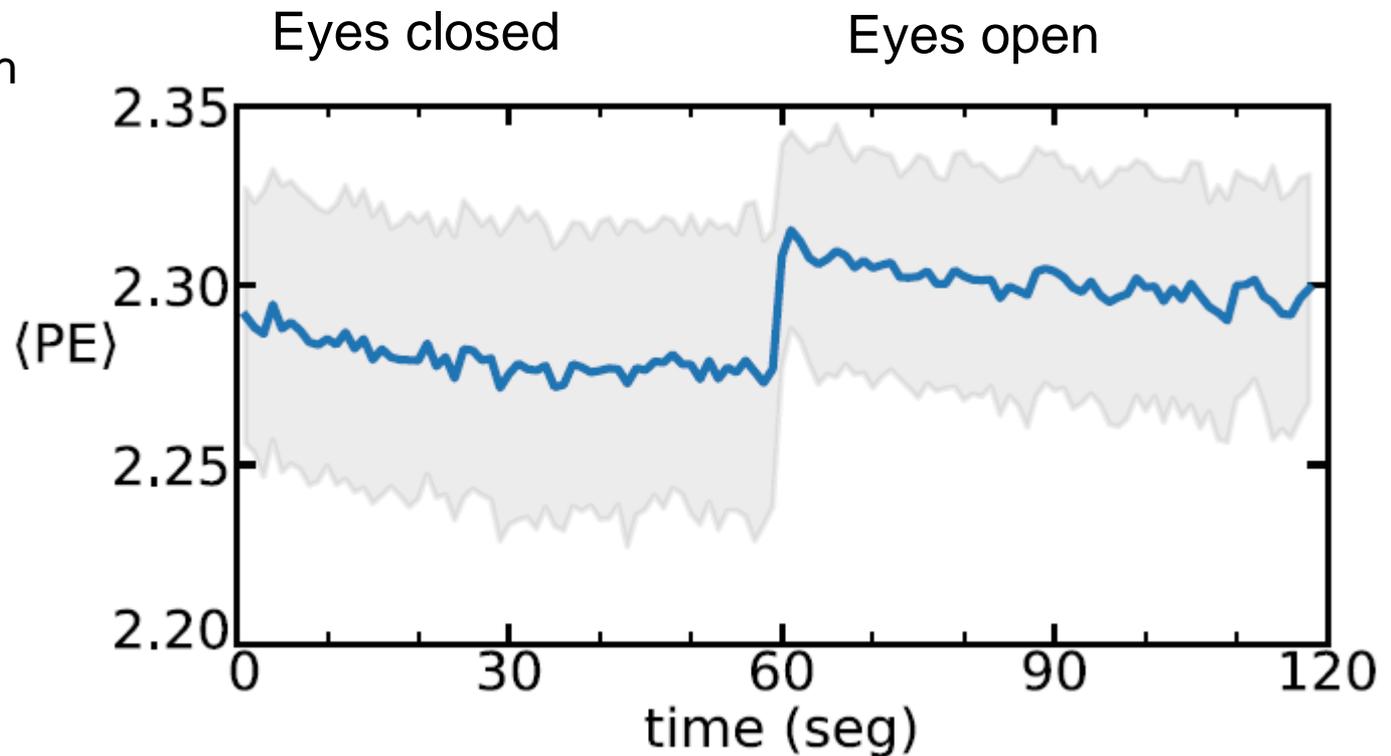
DTS1: Bitbrain (Zaragoza)  
DTS2: Physionet

# The Permutation Entropy increases in the eyes open state

$$\langle PE \rangle = \frac{1}{N[\text{electrodes}]} \sum_i PE^i$$

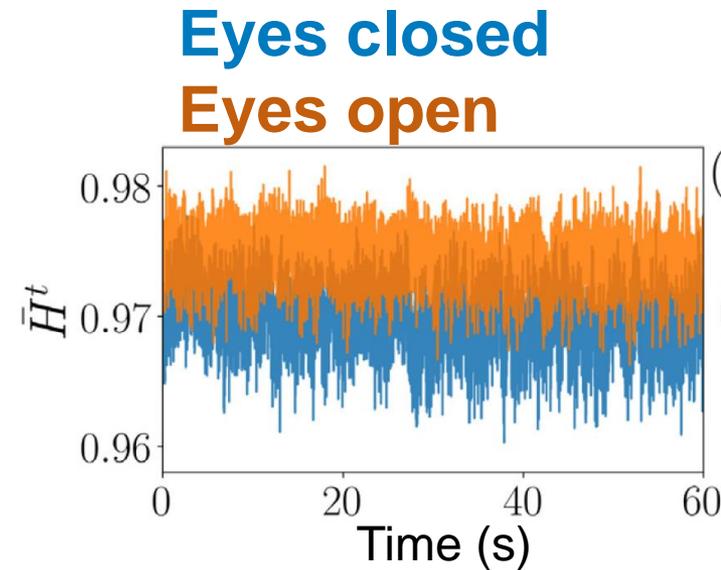
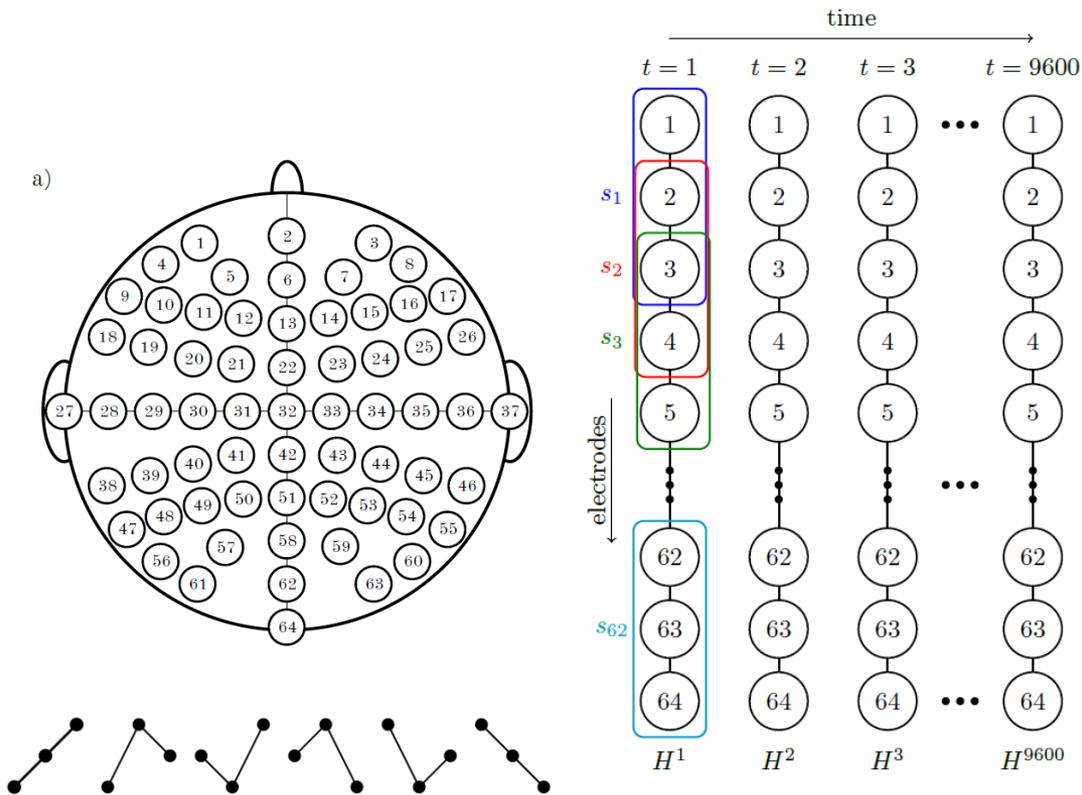
PE was calculated with patterns of length 4 (# of possible patterns 24) in time windows containing >4000 patterns

Gray region:  
 $\sigma$  of  $\langle PE \rangle$   
values  
across  
subjects



C. Quintero-Quiroz, L. Montesano, A. J. Pons, M. C. Torrent, J. García-Ojalvo, C. Masoller, "Differentiating resting brain states using ordinal symbolic analysis", *Chaos* 28, 106307 (2018).

# Spatial approach to compute the Permutation Entropy

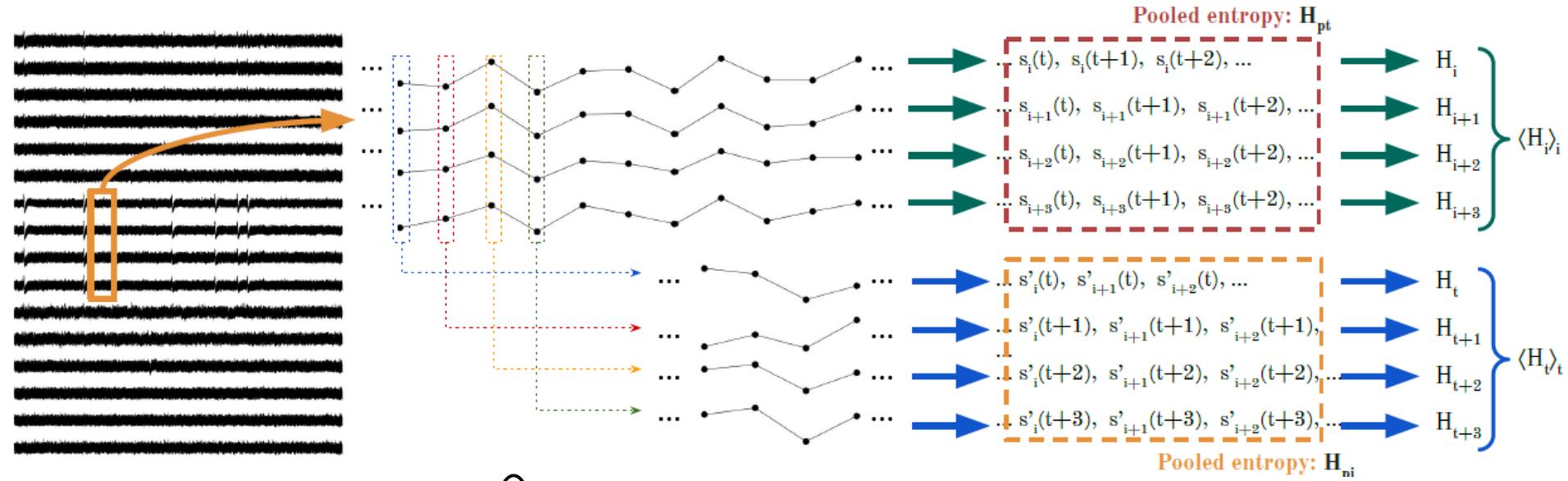


( $H_t$  is averaged over subjects)

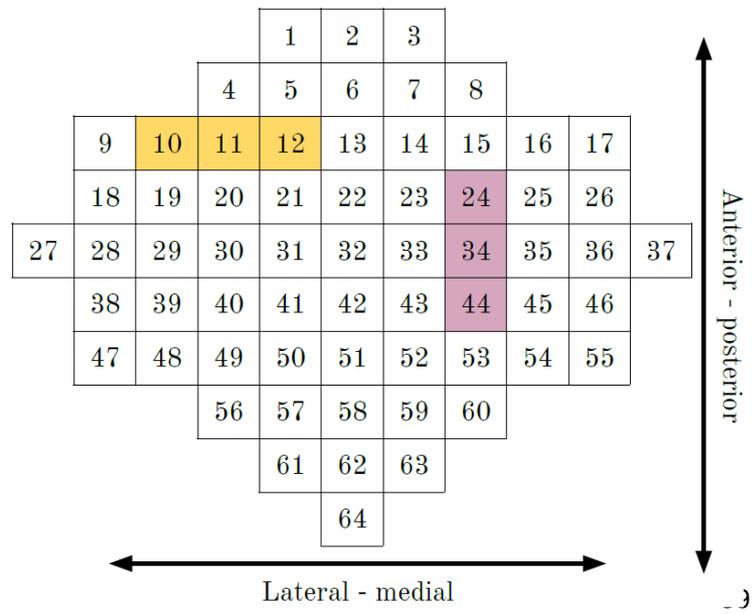
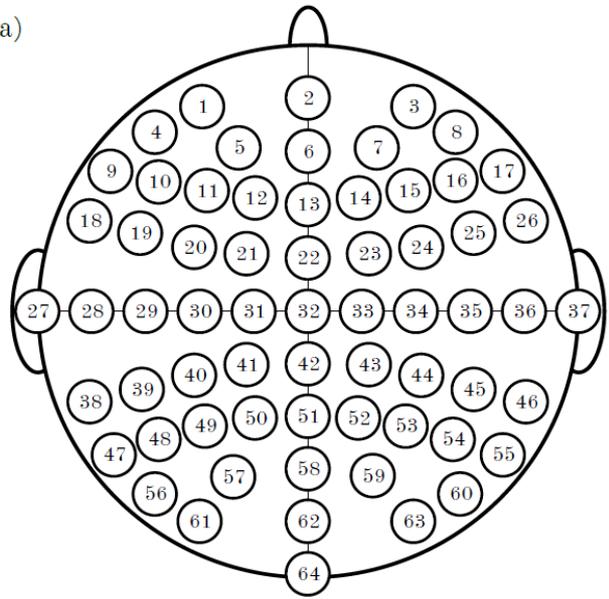
At each time: data values of 64 channels  $\Rightarrow$  62 ordinal patterns to calculate 6 probabilities.

*B. R. R. Boaretto, R. C. Budzinski, K. L. Rossi, C. Masoller, E. E. N. Macau, "Spatial permutation entropy distinguishes resting brain states", Chaos, Solitons & Fractals 171, 113453 (2023).*

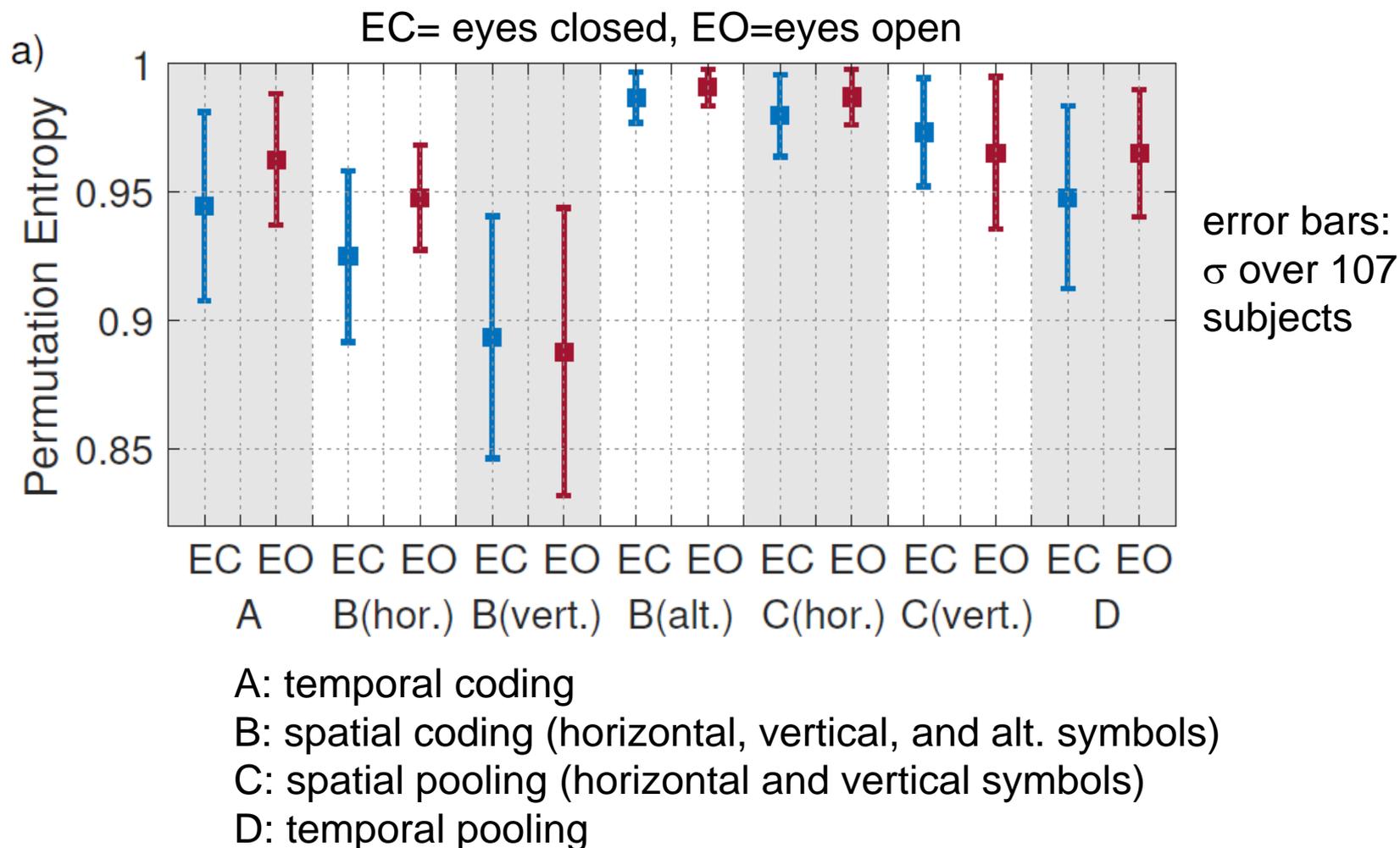
# Four approaches to calculate the permutation entropy



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# Results



*J. Gancio, C. Masoller, G. Tirabassi, "Permutation entropy analysis of EEG signals for distinguishing eyes-open and eyes-closed brain states: Comparison of different approaches", Chaos 34, 043130 (2024).*

# Random forest classification of eyes open-eyes closed states

		Accuracy	F1 score	Precision	Recall	Specificity
Horizontal	$\langle H_t^s \rangle_t$	$61 \pm 7$	$59 \pm 10$	$63 \pm 10$	$57 \pm 16$	$65 \pm 16$
	$\sigma(H_t^s)$	$66 \pm 7$	$65 \pm 9$	$66 \pm 9$	<b><math>67 \pm 15</math></b>	$65 \pm 15$
	$H_{pi}^s$	$58 \pm 8$	$54 \pm 12$	$61 \pm 11$	$50 \pm 16$	$66 \pm 15$
Vertical	$\langle H_t^s \rangle_t$	$54 \pm 9$	$55 \pm 12$	$54 \pm 10$	$59 \pm 17$	$50 \pm 15$
	$\sigma(H_t^s)$	$56 \pm 9$	$59 \pm 10$	$56 \pm 9$	$64 \pm 15$	$48 \pm 16$
	$H_{pi}^s$	$55 \pm 9$	$56 \pm 11$	$55 \pm 10$	$59 \pm 17$	$51 \pm 16$
Temporal	$\langle H_i^s \rangle_i$	$63 \pm 8$	$56 \pm 13$	$70 \pm 15$	$49 \pm 16$	$77 \pm 15$
	$\sigma(H_i^s)$	<b><math>69 \pm 8</math></b>	<b><math>66 \pm 10</math></b>	<b><math>73 \pm 12</math></b>	$62 \pm 14$	$76 \pm 13$
	$H_{pt}^s$	$64 \pm 8$	$58 \pm 13$	$72 \pm 14$	$51 \pm 16$	<b><math>78 \pm 14</math></b>

Using filtered data tends to improve the performance.

Performance is as good as that of other statistical measures.

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# Take home messages and outlook

1. We have found (in empirical, experimental and synthetic data) that the permutation entropy may give an indication of an approaching transition.
2. It can be used to identify differences in high-dimensional multivariate datasets.
3. Ongoing work: climate data, synchronization transition.