

## Distinguishing Signatures of Determinism and Stochasticity in Spiking Complex Systems

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## Event level description of dynamical complex systems

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- Analysis of sequences of events generated by complex systems:
  - Intervals between threshold crossings and barrier crossings,
  - Neurons: inter-spike intervals (ISIs),
  - Human communication: inter-event user times (sms, emails, Twitters).
  - Earth and climate: earthquakes, extreme events (tornados, rainfalls), etc.

## Interplay of

- Nonlinearity, memory, stochastic effects
- Processes with different time scales
- High dimensionality
- The identification of patterns in the sequence of events can allow for
  - Model verification, parameter estimation
  - Classification of different types of dynamical behaviors
  - Improving predictability and forecasting







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## Why semiconductor lasers?

- SLs have many advantages:
  - compact, fast, reliable, inexpensive
  - wide range of wavelengths



- Used in
  - Telecommunications
  - Data storage (CDs, DVDs, Blu rays)
  - Barcode scanners, printers, mouse
  - Material processing
  - Biomedical applications (imaging, sensing, etc)



- "solitary" semiconductor lasers emit a stable output intensity.
- With optical feedback or injection: nonlinear oscillator.
- Complex interplay of:
  - Time delay
  - noise
  - nonlinearity



### that can be exploited for applications.

Kathy Ludge: "Nonlinear Laser Dynamics: From Quantum Dots to Cryptography", Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA. (2012). ISBN: 3527411003



Close to threshold, with optical feedback (self coupling) or with optical coupling (to another laser) the laser intensity displays optical spikes that can resemble neuronal spikes.





- to develop a method of time-series analysis that allows inferring signatures of determinism in the sequence of optical spikes;
- to extract new information;
- to compare model predictions with observations;
- to explore potential for building optical neurons.



### **Governing equations**

R. Lang and K. Kobayashi, IEEE J. Quantum Electron. 16, 347 (1980)



 $|E|^2 \sim \text{photon number (output intensity)}$ 

 $N \sim$  number of carriers (electron-holes)

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\tau_p} (1+i\alpha)(G-1)E + \eta E(t-\tau)e^{-i\omega_0\tau} + \sqrt{2\beta_{sp}}\xi$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_N} \left( (\mu - N - G|E|^2) \right) \qquad \text{feedback noise}$$

$$\eta = \text{feedback strength}$$

$$\mu = \text{pump current parameter}$$

Stochastic and high dimensional dynamical system



**Model predictions** 



In experimental sequences of optical spikes: which ones are deterministic and which ones are triggered by noise?

A. Torcini et al, Phys. Rev. A 74, 063801 (2006)

J. Zamora-Munt et al, Phys Rev A 81, 033820 (2010)



- Main problem: we can measure only one "output" variable (the laser output intensity)
- Also a problem: the measure system (photodiode, oscilloscope) has a finite *bandwidth* that gives a limited temporal resolution.



 Event-level description: we study the sequence of inter-dropout-intervals: ΔT<sub>i</sub> = t<sub>i+1</sub> - t<sub>i</sub>





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- Many methods have been developed to test for determinism, nonlinearity and correlations in data generated from complex systems (climate, brain EEGs, financial data, social systems, etc).
- The appropriateness of the method depends on the characteristics of the time series.
- Different methods can provide complementary *new* information.



- The time series of Inter-Dropout-Intervals {ΔT<sub>1</sub>, ΔT<sub>2</sub>, ...} is transformed (using an appropriated rule) into a sequence of symbols {s<sub>1</sub>, s<sub>2</sub>, ...}
- taken from an "alphabet" of possible symbols {a<sub>1</sub>, a<sub>2</sub>, ...}.
- Then we 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, etc



- Proposed by Christoph Bandt and Bernd Pompe in 2002
- It has been used to analyze data generated from complex systems
  - Financial, economical
  - Biological, life sciences
  - Geosciences, climate (Advertisement: Giulio Tirabassi's talk, Friday, 11 hs, Room 1, MS 26)
  - Physics, chemistry, etc
- It has been shown to be able to:
  - Distinguish stochasticity and determinism
  - Classify different types of dynamical behaviors (pathological, healthy)
  - Quantify complexity
  - Identify coupling and directionality.



## Ordinal analysis is becoming increasingly popular

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#### Citation Report Title: Permutation entropy: A natural complexity measure for time series Author(s): Bandt, C ; Pompe, B Source: PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS Volume: 88 Issue: 17 Article Number: 174102 10.1103/PhysRevLett.88.174102 Published: APR 29 2002

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J. M. Amigo, Permutation Complexity, Springer Series in Synergetics (2010) M. Zanin et al, Entropy 14, 1553 (2012) EPJST topical issue on permutation complexity (2013)

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A time series can be transformed into a sequence of 0s and 1s using the rule:

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

 "words" of D letters can be formed by considering the order relation between sets of D values {...x<sub>i</sub>, x<sub>i+1</sub>, x<sub>i+2</sub>, ...}.



# For D=3, {...x<sub>i</sub>, x<sub>i+1</sub>, x<sub>i+2</sub>, ...} there are 6 possible orders 012, 021, 102, 120, 201, 210



Example: the set (5, 1, 7) gives "102" because 1 < 5 < 7

- Advantage: the transformation keeps information about correlations in the sequence & does not need a threshold
- Drawback: does not keep information about the values (the set (5,1,100) also gives word "102")



## Number of possible ordinal patterns



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

D! x D! possible transitions (pairs of consecutive words) in the language.

D=5

31 ••• 61 ••• 91 •• 32 62 92 92 33 • • • 63 • • 93 • • 34 • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • 35 • 65 • 95 • • 36 66 96 96 37 • 67 • 97 • 38 - 68 - 98 - -39 69 99 10 - 40 - 70 - 70 - 100 11 - 4 - 41 - 4 - 71 - 4 - 101 12 42 72 102 13 43 73 103 14 74 104 15 45 75 105 16 , 46 , 76 , 106 , 106 17 47 47 77 107 19 49 79 109 20 50 50 80 110 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 51 \_\_\_\_ 81 \_\_\_\_ 111 \_\_\_\_ 22 52 82 112 23 53 83 113 24 54 54 84 114 114 26 56 56 86 116 116 27 - 57 - 87 - 117 - 117 28 58 58 88 118 29 59 59 89 119 30 - 60 - 90 - 120 - 120



- The optimal length of the pattern depends on
- The length of the time series (to compute words and transition probabilities with good statistics).
- The correlation time-scale of the system.



## What can we learn using ordinal analysis?

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Example: Logistic map, x(i+1)=4 x(i) [1-x(i)]





 The word distribution has been used to classify time-series, and to estimate model parameters.



## Classifying ECG-signals according to the appearance of words

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(the probabilities are normalized with respect to the smallest and the largest value occurring in the data set)



#### Missing patterns: signature of determinism

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J. Tiana-Alsina et al, Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. A 368, 367 (2010)



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## Ordinal analysis of time-series of inter-dropout intervals (IDIs)

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Laser output (1 GHz oscilloscope)

<∆T> = 100-200 ns τ~ 5 ns

# of IDIs recorded 45,000 - 220000





#### Inter-spike-interval distributions





## Is there any information in the sequence of optical spikes?

- What new information can we obtain from the sequence of ordinal patterns (OPs) or "words" formed with consecutive IDIs?
- Analogous to deciphering a foreign text.





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## "language" analysis: "ordinal" experimental bifurcation diagram

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Word Probabilities: 0.55 0.45 0.45 0.45 0.45 0.45 0.45 01 30 31 32 33 34 35 10 01

Consistent with stochastic dynamics at low pump current, but signatures of determinism at high pump current.

N. Rubido et al, Phys. Rev. E 84, 026202 (2011)



#### **Transition probabilities**

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4 possible transitions:

$$10 \rightarrow 10 \quad p$$
  

$$10 \rightarrow 01 \quad 1-p$$
  

$$01 \rightarrow 10 \quad q$$
  

$$01 \rightarrow 01 \quad 1-q$$

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## At low pump current: are the spikes fully random?

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## Data set recorded a **T=18 C**, 45000 - 220000 IDIs

A. Aragoneses, N. Rubido, J. Tiana, M. C. Torrent and C. Masoller, Scientific Reports (2013)



#### Also in another data set



210



Data set recorded a T=20 C



### Short and long inter-spike-intervals





## Words constructed with 2 consecutive LIs or SIs only

- Significant differences at high pump currents
- But at low pump currents, the events can not be classified in two types with significant differences.



Pump current (mA)

A. Aragoneses, N. Rubido, J. Tiana, M. C. Torrent and C. Masoller, Scientific Reports (2013)



## Constructing the words with 3 consecutive SIs or LIs

- 012

021

102

120

201

210

**T=18 C** 



Similar results in the other dataset (**T=20 C**)





## Statistics of the sum of consecutive SIs and LIs



J. Zamora-Munt et al, PRA 2010



## But at lower or at higher pump current: similar distributions of $\Sigma$ LIs & $\Sigma$ SIs





## Influence of the threshold used to classify IDIs as LIs and SIs

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## Error bars computed with a binomial test, gray region is consistent with null hypothesis

A. Aragoneses, N. Rubido, J. Tiana, M. C. Torrent and C. Masoller, Scientific Reports (2013)



#### So how to chose the threshold?

- LIs have statistical features as close as possible to random, noise-triggered events:
  - the distribution of values decays exponentially
  - the distribution of "words" is uniform.
- There are enough consecutive LIs and SIs to compute the probabilities of the words with good statistics
  - The null hypothesis (NH) region is narrow
  - For the LIs, the error bars are in the NH region
  - For the SIs, the error bars are out of the NH region.
- For low pump currents we did not find a threshold that allowed to classify the dropouts in two significantly different categories.



## Model observations: "ordinal" bifurcation diagram



Pump current parameter (arb. units)

Two clusters of words: (102 - 021) and (120 - 201)

#### 12,000 - 40,000 dropouts

Model parameters (adjusted to fit mean IDI): k=300 ns<sup>-1</sup>,  $\gamma_n$ = 1 ns<sup>-1</sup>,  $\alpha$ =4,  $\epsilon$ =0.01,  $\tau$ =4.7 ns,  $\beta_{sp}$ =10<sup>-4</sup> ns<sup>-1</sup>



#### **Comparing experiments with** simulations

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#### **Experiments**



Same hierarchy and clustering of words



## In another data set: also the same hierarchy and clustering of words

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#### **Experiments**

#### **Simulations**



## 75,000 – 880,000 dropouts (different laser, new oscilloscope)

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$$\varphi_{i+1} = \varphi_i + \rho + \frac{K}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi\varphi_i)$$

$$X_i = \varphi_{i+1} - \varphi_i$$

forcing strength: K=1



**Circle map** 

Rotation 
$$\Omega =$$
 number

$$\Omega = \lim_{i \to \infty} \frac{\varphi_i - \varphi_0}{i}$$

 $\rho$  =ratio of the forcing period and the oscillator period



#### **Minimal phenomenological model**

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Minimal model for electroreceptors of paddlefish: A. B. Neiman and D. F. Russell, PRE 71, 061915 (2005)



#### Influence of noise







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#### **Response to periodic forcing**

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J. M. Buldú et al, Phys. Rev. E, 66, 021106 (2002)



## Periodic forcing: ordinal bifurcation diagram



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C. Masoller



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- We proposed a method to infer signatures of determinism in sequences of events in dynamical complex system.
- The method is suitable for the analysis of high-dimensional stochastic systems displaying noise or deterministically induced events.
- With an adequate threshold, events display significant different statistical features.
- We found new symbolic states with an hierarchical and clustered organization of patterns.
- We found a good connection model-experimental data.
- We also identified a minimal phenomenological model.





- On going work is focusing on
  - characterizing and classifying optical spikes (single and coupled lasers)
  - comparing with biological neurons (via ordinal analysis of ISIs)
- For the future:
  - Excitable spikes in optically injected lasers
  - Strong and weak chaos in feedback lasers
- Potential breakthrough: optical neurons for neuroinspired information processing.



- Ordinal analysis is a powerful technique for the event-level description of complex systems
- useful for data understanding and uncovering patterns in the sequence of events,
- useful for improving system modeling, model comparison and parameter estimation,
- useful for classifying different types of behaviors,
- potential for improving event predictability and forecasting.





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