

# Introduction to nonlinear time series analysis tools

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- Univariate time-series analysis
- Ordinal analysis
- Information theory measures
- Bivariate time-series analysis
- Applications

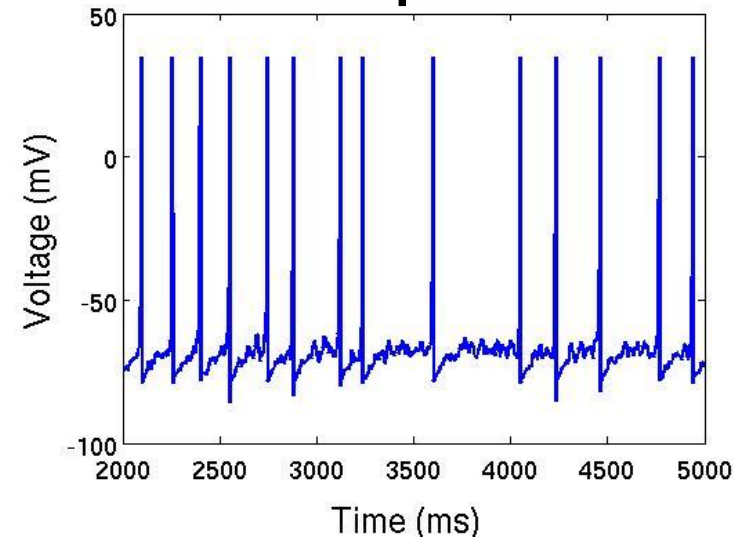
- Many methods have been developed to test for determinism, nonlinearity and correlations in data generated from complex systems (biomedical, geoscience, socio-economical, etc).
- The appropriateness of the method depends on the data
  - short or long;
  - stationary or not;
  - more or less noisy;
  - multi or single channel measurements,
  - discrete or continuous values,
  - etc.
- Different methods provide complementary information.

- First step: Look at the data. Examine simple properties: auto correlation, Fourier spectrum, return map ( $x_i$  vs  $x_{i+\tau}$ ), histogram, etc.

## Optical spikes



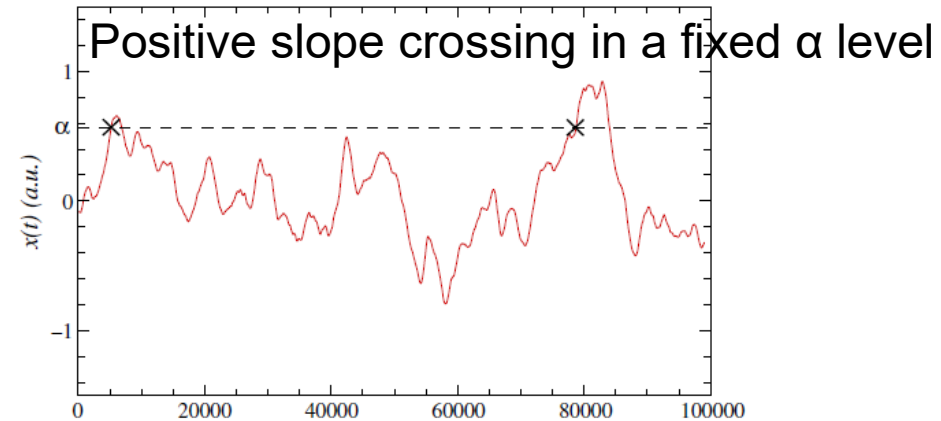
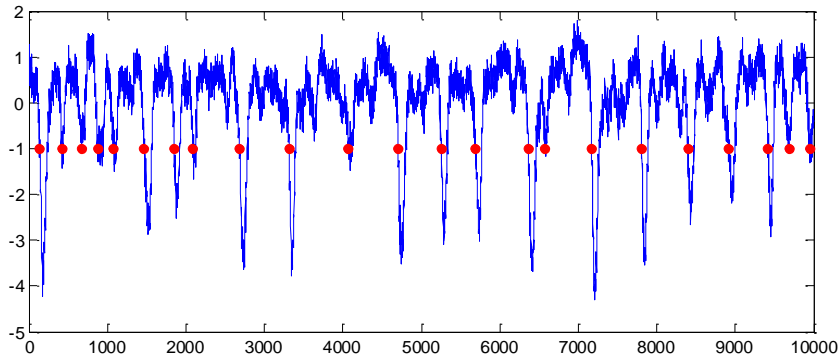
## Neuronal spikes



Similar type of processes generate these output signals?

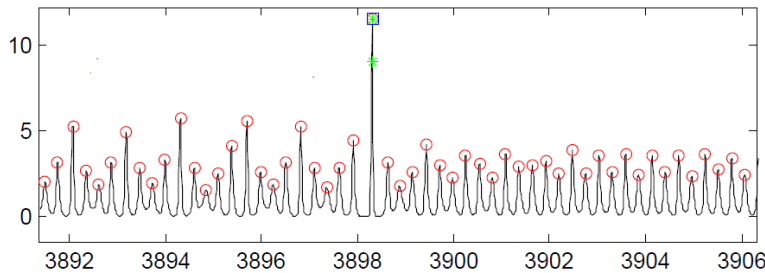
# Event-like description of a signal

## ■ Threshold crossings

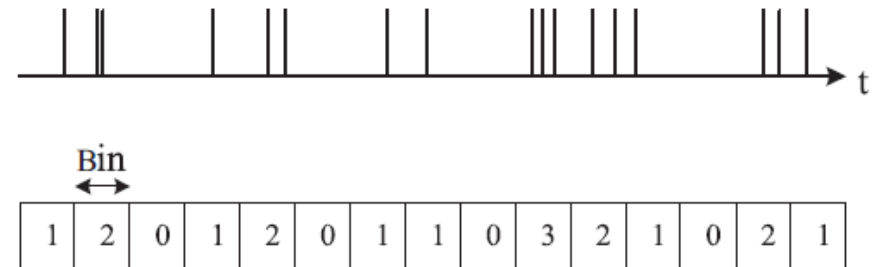


*R. Friedrich et al. / Physics Reports 506 (2011) 87–162*

## ■ Extreme values



## ■ Bin counting



... and many others.

Time intervals between events can be statistically independent (**renewal**) or not statistically independent (**non-renewal** process).

# Histogram analysis of response to periodic stimulation

## Neuron inter-spike interval (ISI) distribution

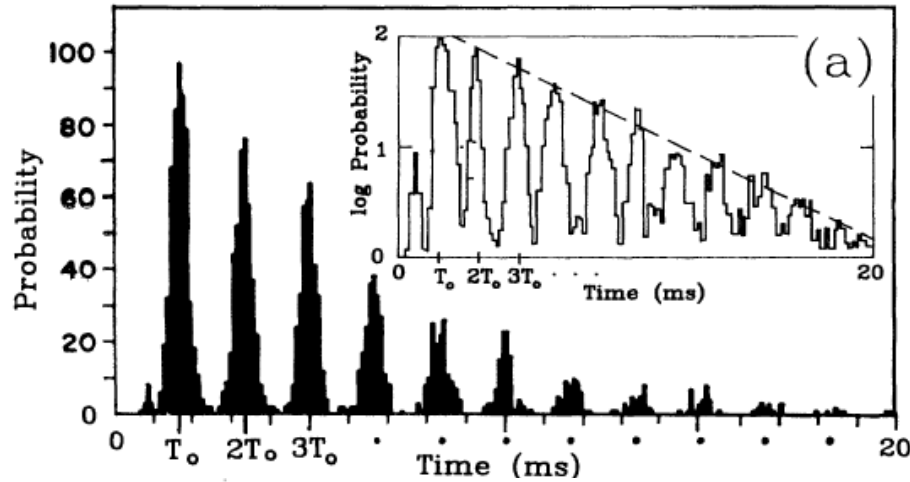
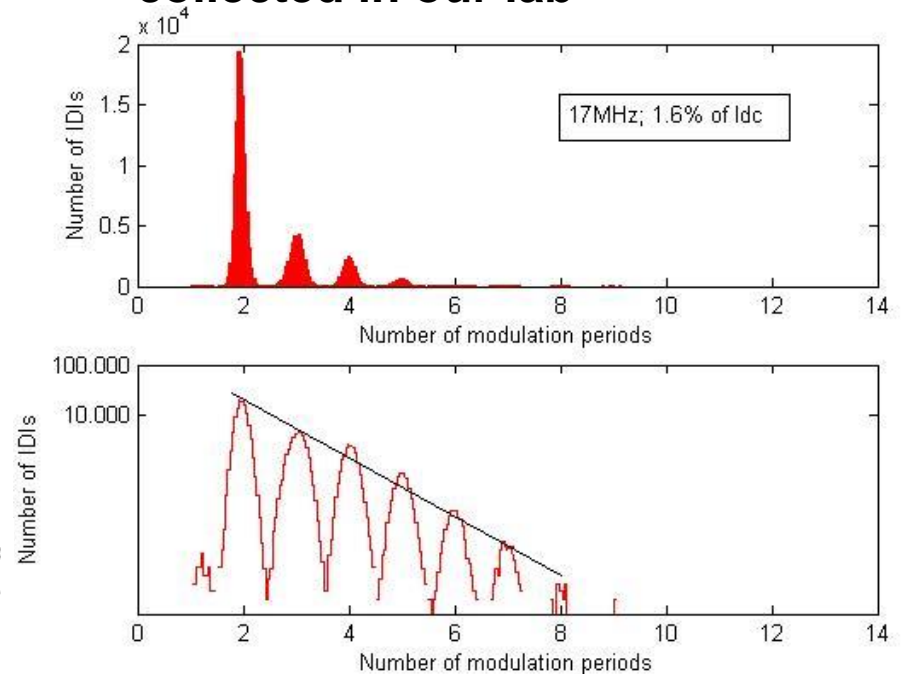


FIG. 1. (a) An experimental ISIH obtained from a single auditory nerve fiber of a squirrel monkey with a sinusoidal 80-dB sound-pressure-level stimulus of period  $T_0 = 1.66$  ms applied at the ear. Note the modes at integer multiples of  $T_0$ . Inset:

A. Longtin et al, PRL 67 (1991) 656

## Optical ISI distribution, data collected in our lab



when a sinusoidal signal is applied to the laser current

## Neuronal ISIs

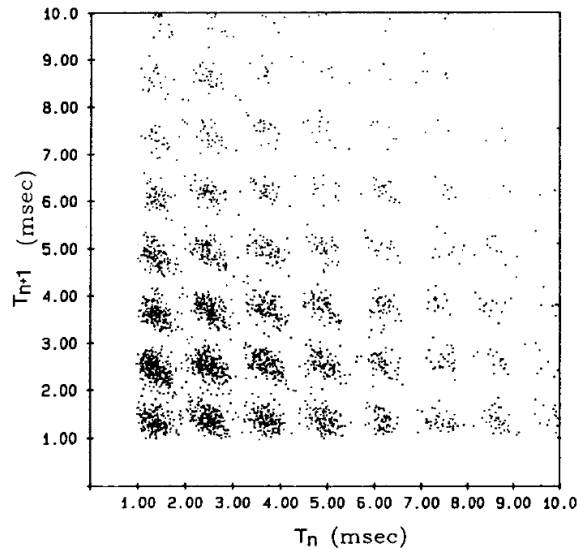
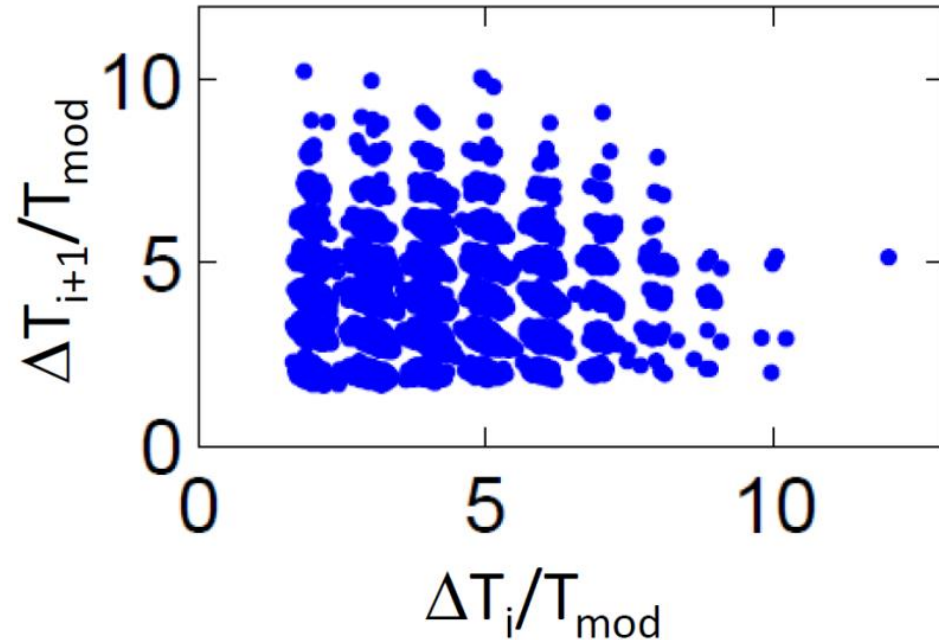


Fig. 4. Scatter plot of spike train data obtained from extracellular measurements of cat auditory fiber activity in response to an 800 Hz 60 dB sound pressure level pure tone presented to the outer ear. The stimulus is discontinuous (see

A. Longtin IJBC 3 (1993) 651

## Optical ISIs



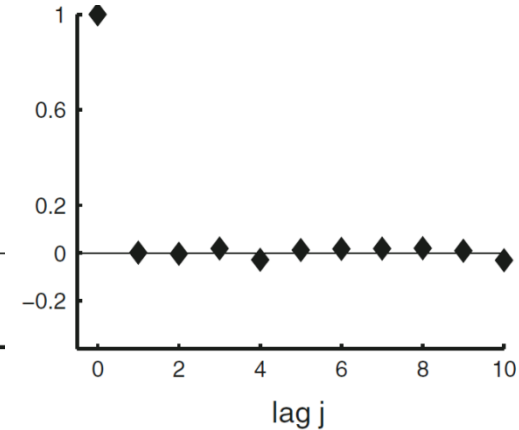
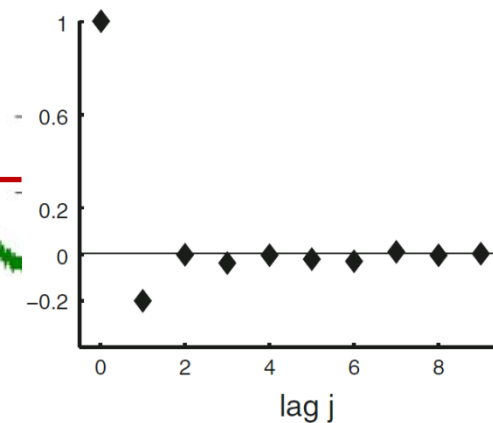
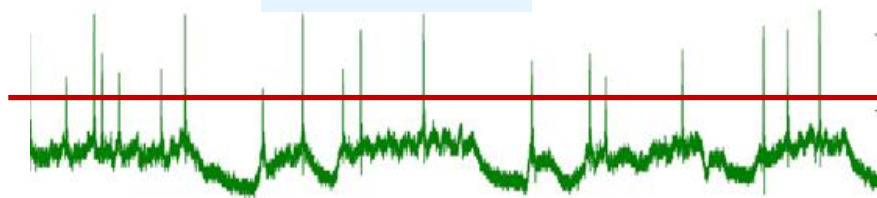
when a sinusoidal signal is applied to the laser current

A. Aragoneses et al, Opt. Exp. (2014)

# Inter-spike-intervals serial correlation coefficients

$$\{\dots I_{i-1}, I_i, I_{i+1} \dots\} \quad C_j = \frac{\langle (I_i - \langle I \rangle) (I_{i-j} - \langle I \rangle) \rangle}{\sigma^2}$$

$$I_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$$



Exp Brain Res (2011) 210:353–371

## HOW TO IDENTIFY TEMPORAL STRUCTURES? RECURRENT / INFREQUENT PATTERNS?



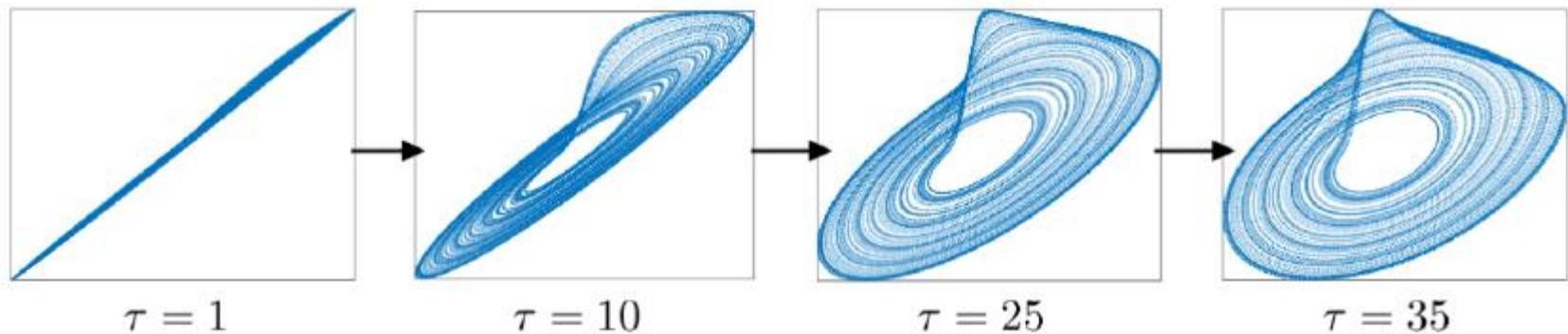
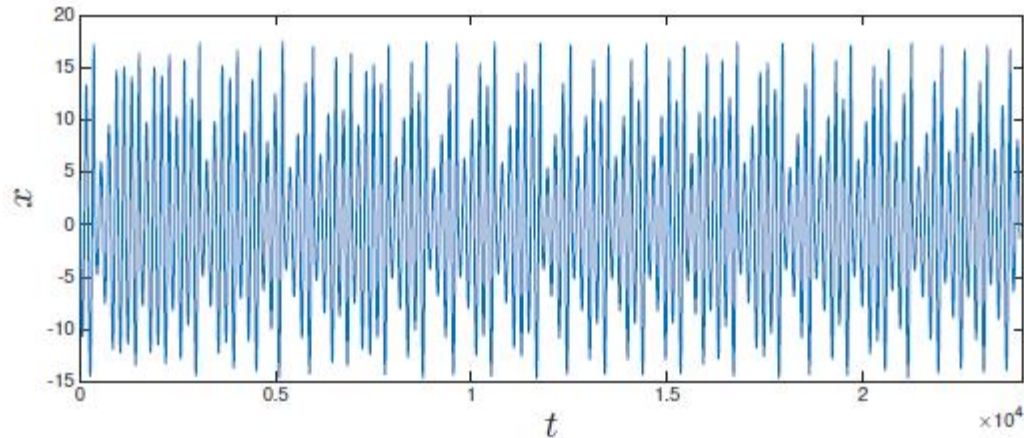
# Next step: detect hidden structures

Several approaches to identify patterns and temporal ordering in the sequence

- Phase-space reconstruction methods
  - Time-delay coordinates
  - Derivative coordinates
- Symbolic methods
- Mapping the time series into a network

They allow for model verification, forecasting, classification of different types of behaviors, noise reduction, etc.

# Reconstruction using delay coordinates



A problem: finding good embedding (lag  $\tau$ , dimension  $d$ )

# Practical implementation of nonlinear time series methods: The TISEAN package

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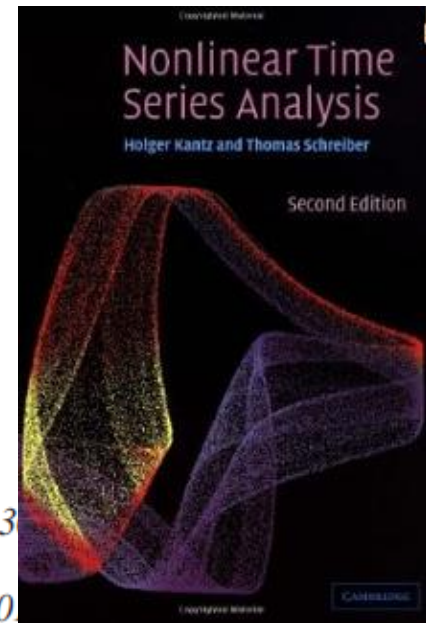
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## Nonlinear time-series analysis revisited

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- The time series  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is transformed (using an appropriated **rule**) into a sequence of symbols  $\{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$
- taken from an “**alphabet**” of possible symbols  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ .
- 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, mutual information, etc).

# Threshold transformation (phase space partition)

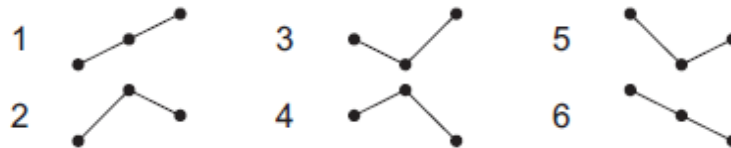
- if  $x_i > x_{th} \Rightarrow s_i = 0$ ; else  $s_i = 1$   
transforms a time series into a sequence of 0s and 1s, e.g.,  
{011100001011111...}
- Considering “blocks” of  $D$  letters gives the sequence of words. Example, with  $D=3$ :  
{011 100 001 011 111 ...}
- The number of words (patterns) grows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

- **Ordinal** transformation:

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

also transforms a time-series into a sequence of 0s and 1s without using a threshold

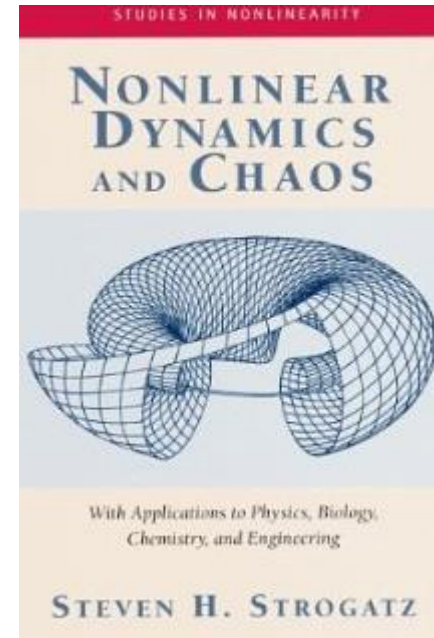
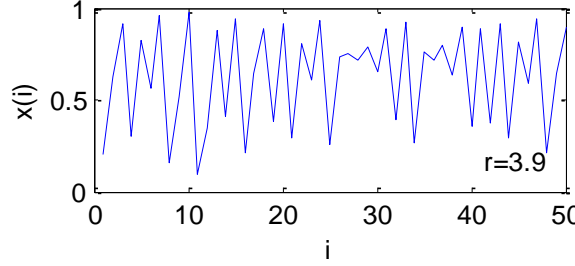
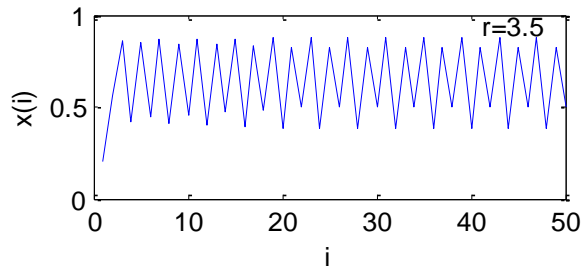
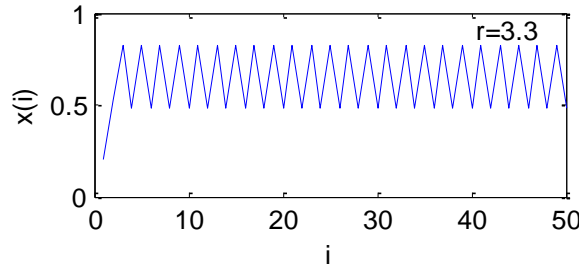
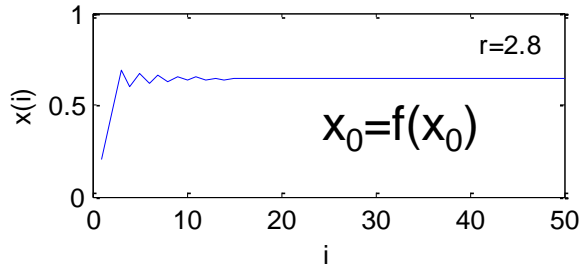
- “words” of  $D$  letters are formed by considering the **order relation** between sets of  $D$  values  $\{\dots x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots\}$ .



- The number of patterns grows as  **$D!$**

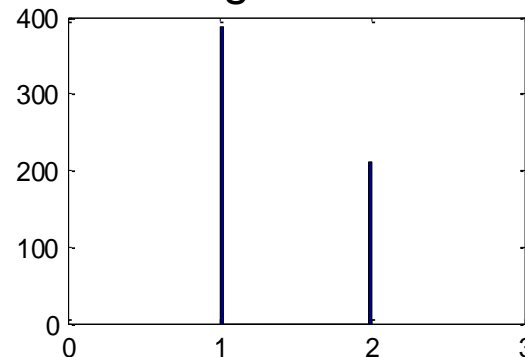
# Example: the logistic map

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



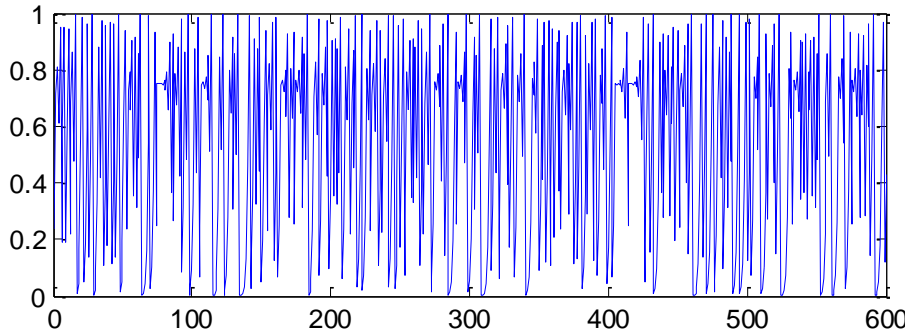
- Rule:**  
if  $(x_i < x_{i+1}) \Rightarrow s_i = 1$  ;  
else  $s_i = 2$

Histogram  $r=4$

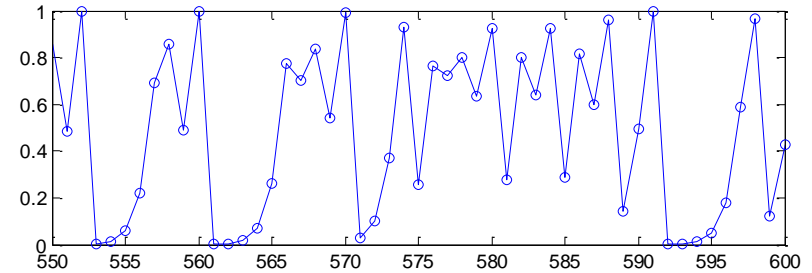


# Logistic map: symbolic dynamics characterized with $D=3$ words

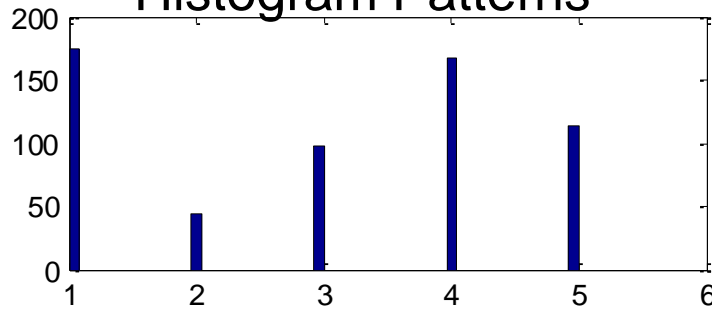
Time series



Detail

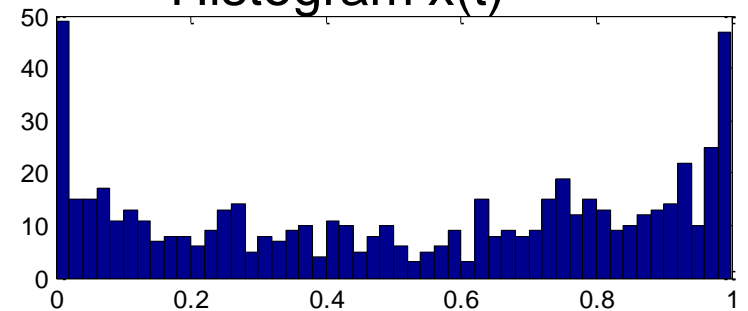


Histogram Patterns



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Histogram  $x(t)$

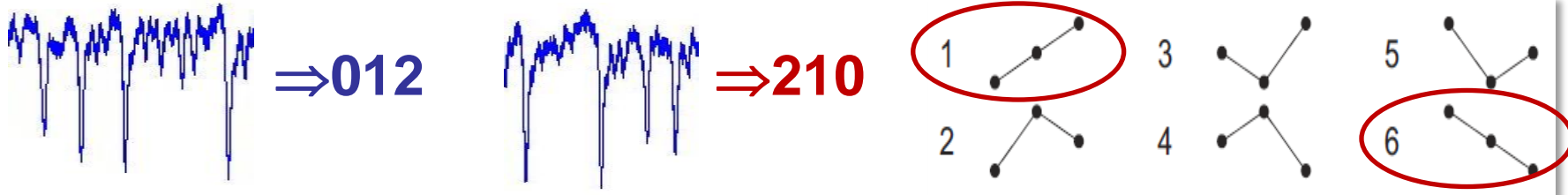


**Take home message:** ordinal analysis can yield information about more expressed (and/or missing) patterns in the data.

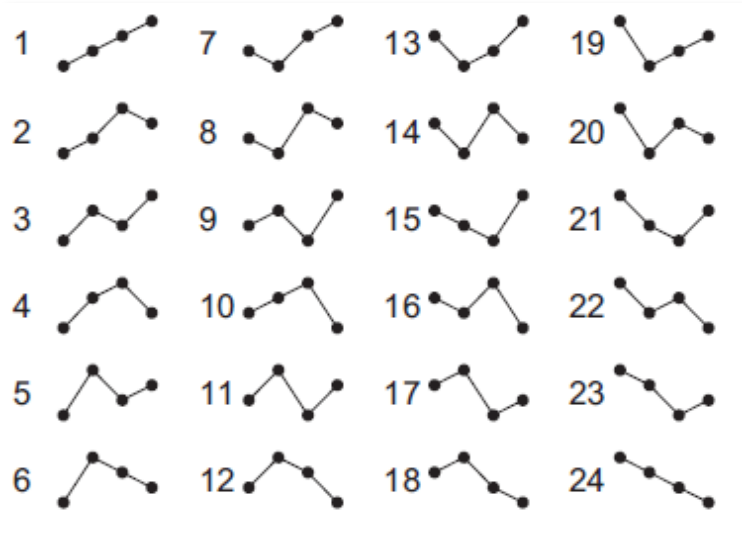


- Proposed in 2002 (Bandt and Pompe PRL 88, 174102).
- It has been successfully applied to the analysis of signals
  - Financial
  - Biological, life sciences
  - Geosciences, climate
  - Physics, chemistry, etc
- Used to:
  - Distinguish stochasticity and determinism
  - Classify different types of dynamical behaviors (pathological, healthy)
  - Quantify complexity
  - Identify coupling and directionality, etc.

- **D=3**: correlations among 3 inter-spike-intervals (ISIs).



- The number of patterns grows as **D!**



- How to quantify the information?
  - Permutation entropy (more latter)

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

- How to select optimal D? depends on:
  - The length of the data.
  - The length of the correlations

*Entropy* **2012**, *14*, 1553-1577; doi:10.3390/e14081553

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# **Permutation Entropy and Its Main Biomedical and Econophysics Applications: A Review**

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## **Special Issue**

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## Threshold transformation:

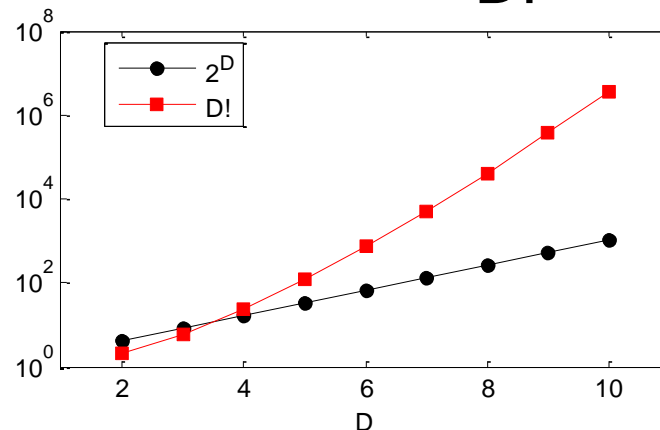
if  $x_i > x_{th} \Rightarrow s_i = 0$ ; else  $s_i = 1$

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

## Ordinal transformation:

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

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



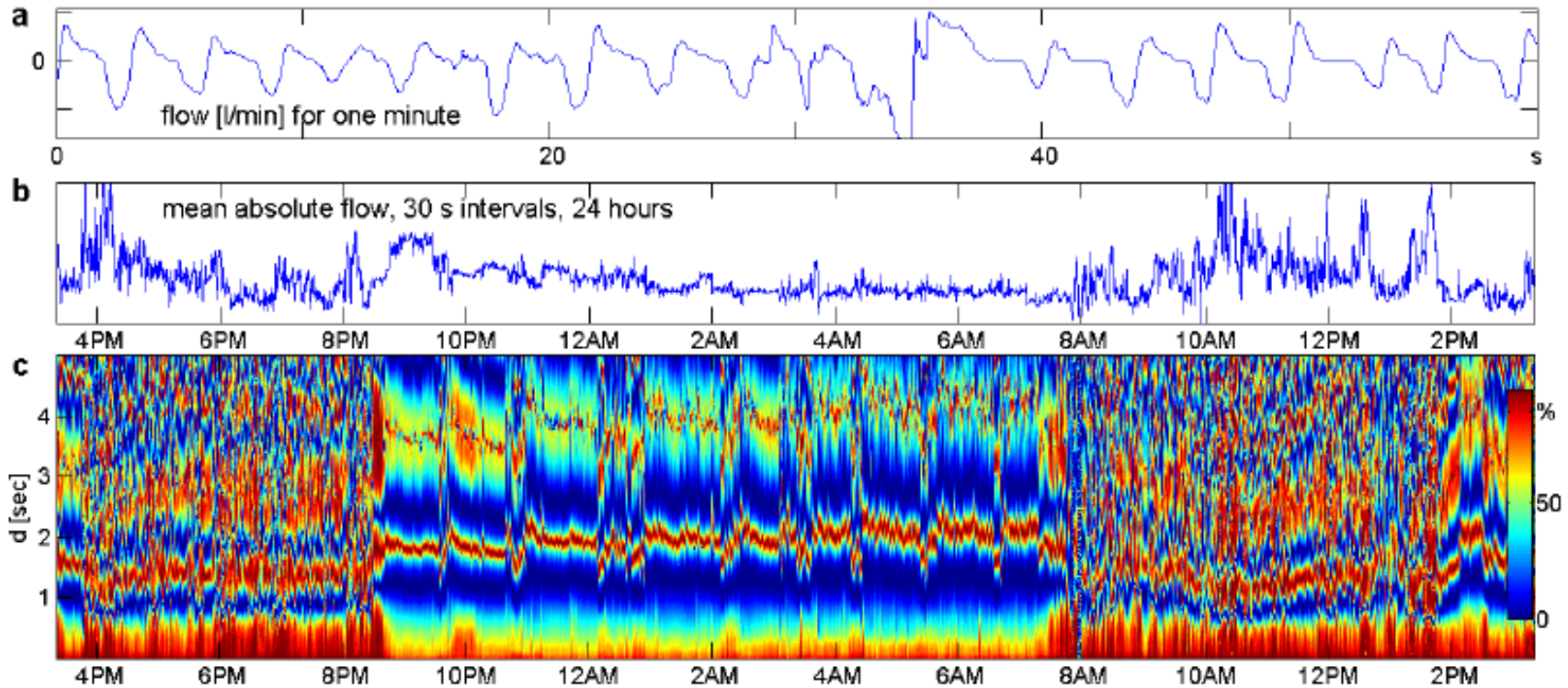
[...  $x(t)$ ,  $x(t + 1)$ ,  $x(t + 2)$ ,  $x(t + 3)$ ,  $x(t + 4)$ ,  $x(t + 5)$ ...]

- But long time series will be required to estimate the probabilities of the fast growing number of words in the dictionary (D!).
- Solution: a **lag** allows considering long time-scales without having to use words of many letters

[...  $x(t)$ ,  $x(t + 2)$ ,  $x(t + 4)$ ,...]

- Example: climatological data (assuming monthly sampled data)
  - Consecutive months: [...  $x_i(t)$ ,  $x_i(t + 1)$ ,  $x_i(t + 2)$ ...]
  - One year: [...  $x_i(t)$ ,...  $x_i(t + 4)$ ,...  $x_i(t + 8)$ ...]
  - Consecutive years: [...  $x_i(t)$ ,...  $x_i(t + 12)$ ,...  $x_i(t + 24)$ ...]
  - etc

# Nose breathing of a healthy volunteer in normal life



a: One minute of data without artefacts.

b: Mean absolute flow for each 30 seconds of 24 hours measurement.

c: persistence as a function of lag  $d$ , shows structure, needs no calibration.

$$\tau(d) = p_{123}(d) + p_{321}(d) - \frac{1}{3}$$

- Assuming that we have a suitable symbolic description of the time series.
- What **information** can we obtain from the sequence of “words”?
- How much information is in a time-series?
- Analogy with deciphering a foreign text.



# Information theory measure: Shannon entropy

- The time-series is described by a set of probabilities  $\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$

- **Shannon** entropy:  $H = -\sum_i p_i \log_2 p_i$

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

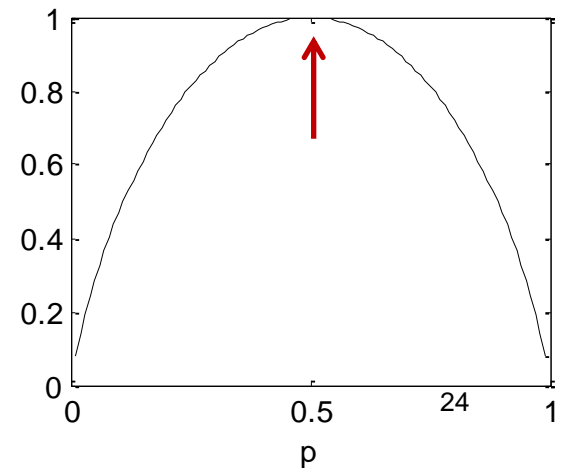
K. Hlavackova-Schindler et al, Physics Reports 441 (2007)

- Simple example: a random variable takes values 0 or 1 with probabilities:  $p(0) = p$ ,  $p(1) = 1 - p$ .

- $H = -p \log_2(p) - (1 - p) \log_2(1 - p)$ .

$\Rightarrow p=0.5$ : Maximum **unpredictability**.  $\mathbb{H}$

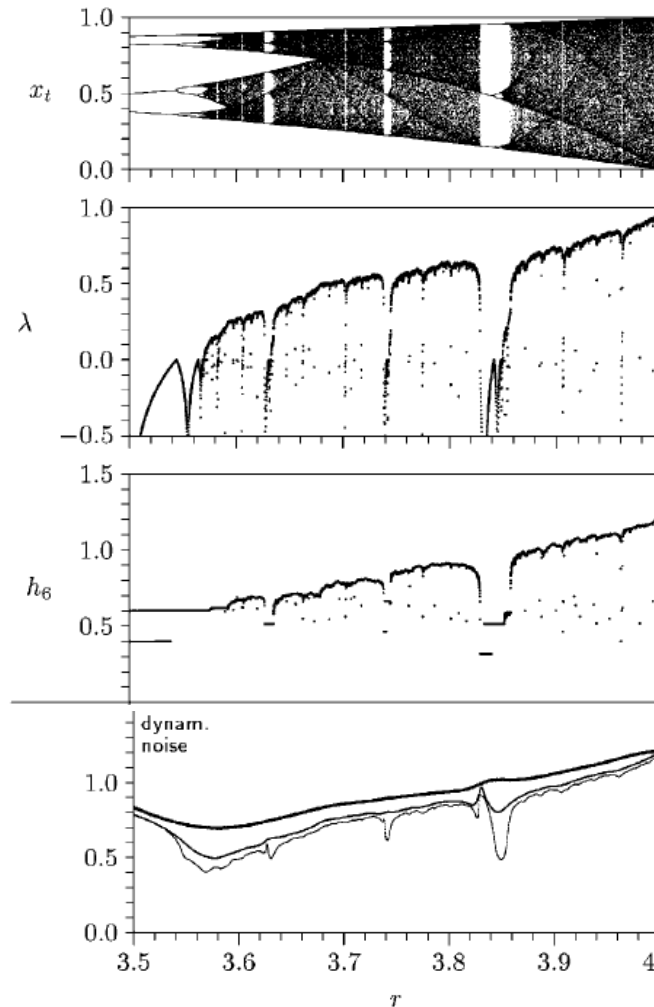
Shannon entropy computed from ordinal probabilities: **Permutation Entropy**





# Permutation entropy and Lyapunov exponent

■  $x(i+1) = r x(i)[1-x(i)]$



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

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

Entropy per symbol:

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

Robust to noise

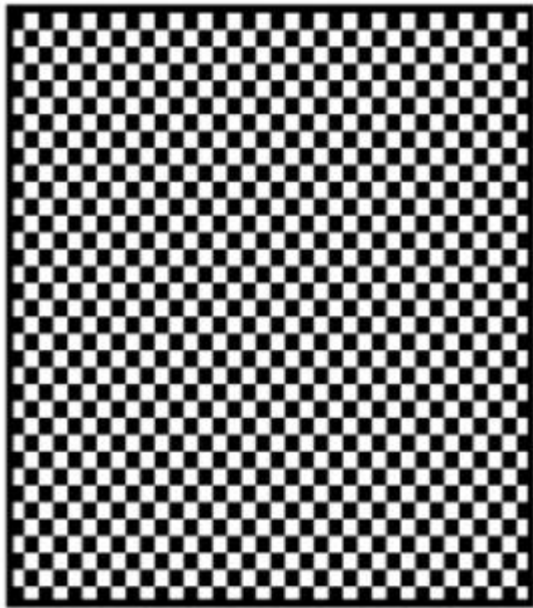
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Phys. Rev. Lett. 2002*

**Entropy: measures unpredictability or disorder.**

**Complexity?**

We would like to find a quantity “C” that measures **complexity**, as the entropy, “H”, measures **unpredictability**, and, for low-dimensional systems, the Lyapunov exponent measures **chaos**.

**Order**



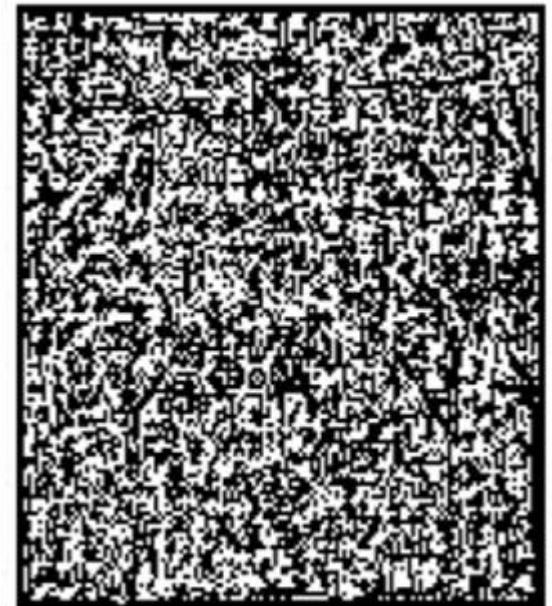
$$H = 0$$
$$C = 0$$

**Chaos**



$$H \neq 0$$
$$C \neq 0$$

**Disorder**



$$H = 1$$
$$C = 0$$



A useful complexity measure needs to do more than satisfy the boundary conditions of vanishing in the high- and low-entropy limits.

Maximum complexity occurs in the region between the system's perfectly ordered state and the perfectly disordered one.

- Assuming that we know the probability distribution  $P=[p_i, i=1,N]$  that characterizes a given system, we can use one of the following information measures

□ Shannon entropy

$$I[P] = S_S[P] = -\sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

□ Tsallis entropy

$$I[P] = S_T^q[P] = \frac{1}{q-1} \left[ 1 - \sum_i p_i^q \right]$$

□ Renyi entropy

$$I[P] = S_R^q[P] = \frac{1}{1-q} \ln \left[ \sum_i p_i^q \right]$$

etc

# Normalized entropy

$$H[P] = \frac{I[P]}{I_{\max}}$$

$$0 \leq H[P] \leq 1$$

where  $I_{\max} = I[P_e]$

$P_e$  being the equilibrium probability distribution (that maximizes the information measure).

Example: if  $I[P] = \text{Shannon entropy}$

then  $P_e = [p_i = 1/N \text{ for } i=1, N]$

and  $I_{\max} = \ln(N)$



Measures the “distance” from  $P$  to the equilibrium distribution,  $P_e$

$$Q[P] = Q_0 D[P, P_e]$$

where  $Q_0$  is a normalization constant such that

$$0 \leq Q[P] \leq 1$$

# Distance between P and P<sub>e</sub>

□ Euclidean

$$D_E[P, P_e] = \|P - P_e\|_E = \sum_i (p_i - 1/N)^2$$

□ Wootters

$$D_W[P, P_e] = \cos^{-1} \left[ \sum_i p_i^{1/2} (1/N)^{1/2} \right]$$

□ Kullback relative entropy

$$D_K[P, P_e] = K[P|P_e] = I[P_e] - I[P]$$

□ Jensen divergence

$$D_J[P, P_e] = \frac{K[P|P_e] + K[P_e|P]}{2}$$

**Read more:** S-H Cha: *Comprehensive Survey on Distance/Similarity Measures between Probability Density Functions*, Int. J of. Math. Models and Meth. 1, 300 (2007)

# Statistical complexity measure C

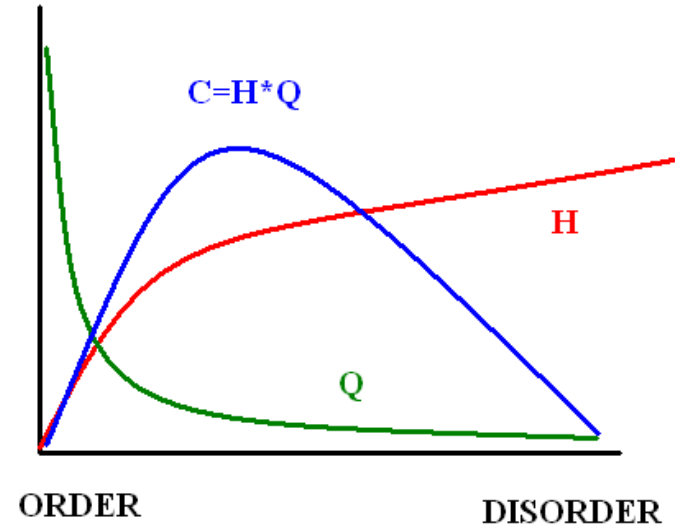
A family of complexity measures can be defined as:

$$C[P] = H_A[P] \cdot Q_B[P]$$

where

A = S, T, R (Shannon, Tsallis, Renyi)

B = E, W, K, J (Euclidean, Wootters, Kullback, Jensen)



$$C_{LMC}[P] = H_S[P] \cdot Q_E[P]$$

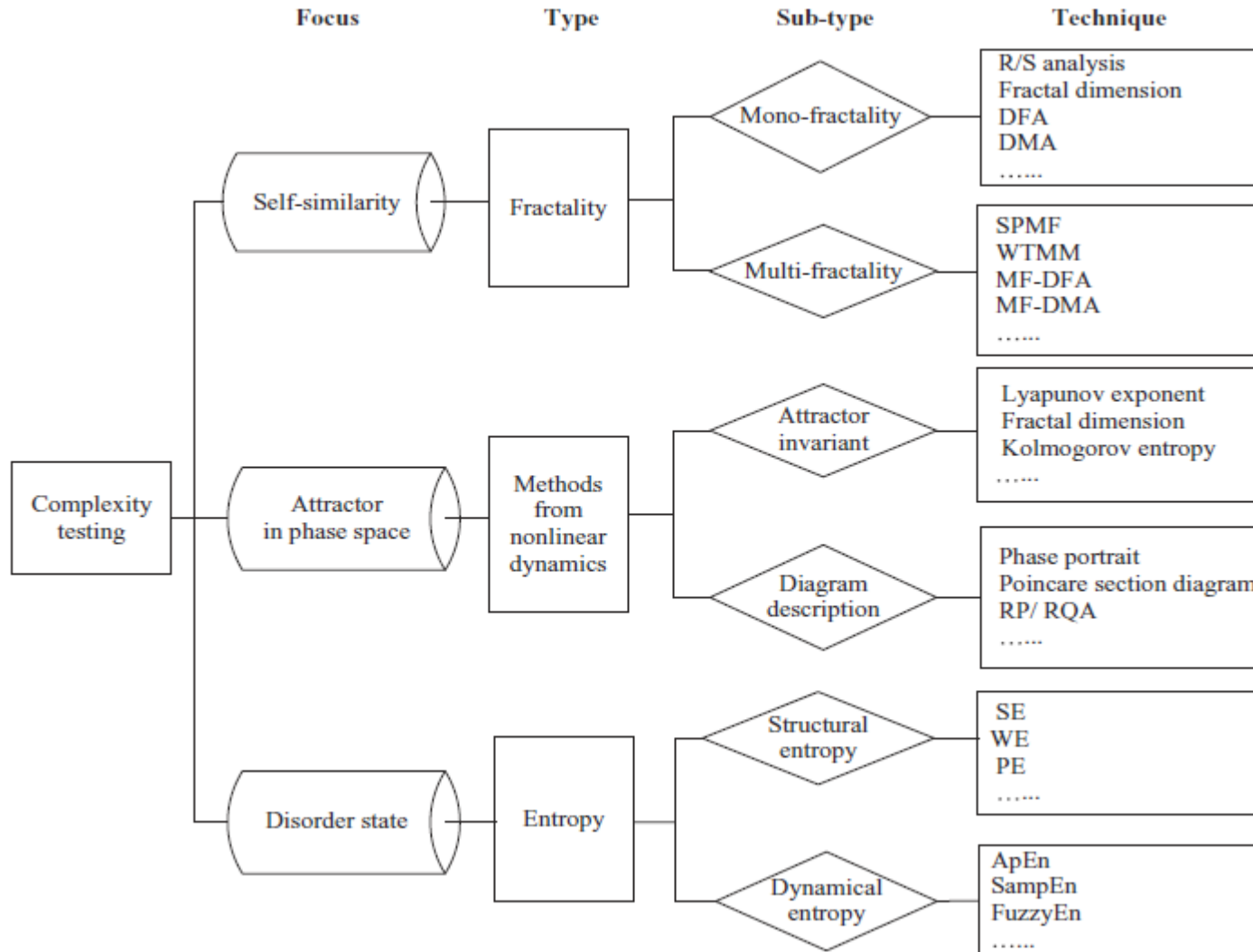
Lopez-Ruiz, Mancini & Calbet, Phys. Lett. A (1995).  
Celia Anteneodo & Plastino, Phys. Lett. A (1996).

$$C_{MPR}[P] = H_S[P] \cdot Q_J[P]$$

Martín, Plastino & Rosso, Phys. Lett. A (2003).



# Many complexity measures have proposed in the literature



# Fractal objects: each part of the object is like the whole object but smaller

- Are characterized by a “fractal” dimension that measures roughness.



Romanesco broccoli  
 $D=2.66$



Human lung  
 $D=2.97$



Coastline of Ireland  
 $D=1.22$

- The complexity of an object is a measure of the computability resources needed to specify the object.

Example: Let's consider 2 strings of 32 letters:

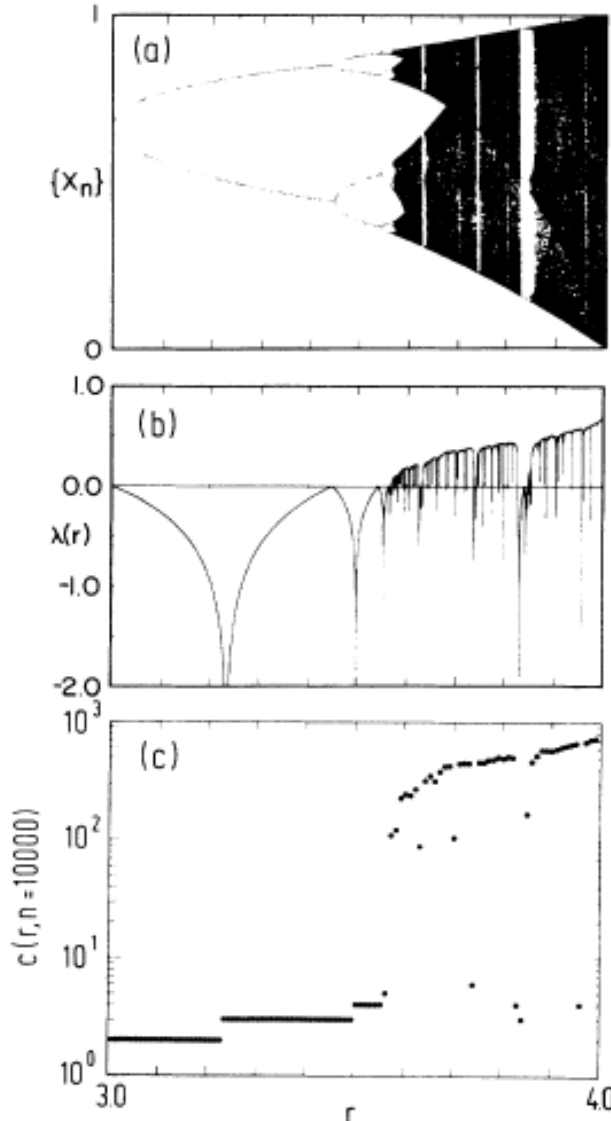
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- The first string has a short description: “ab 16 times”.
- The second one has no obvious simple description: complex or random?

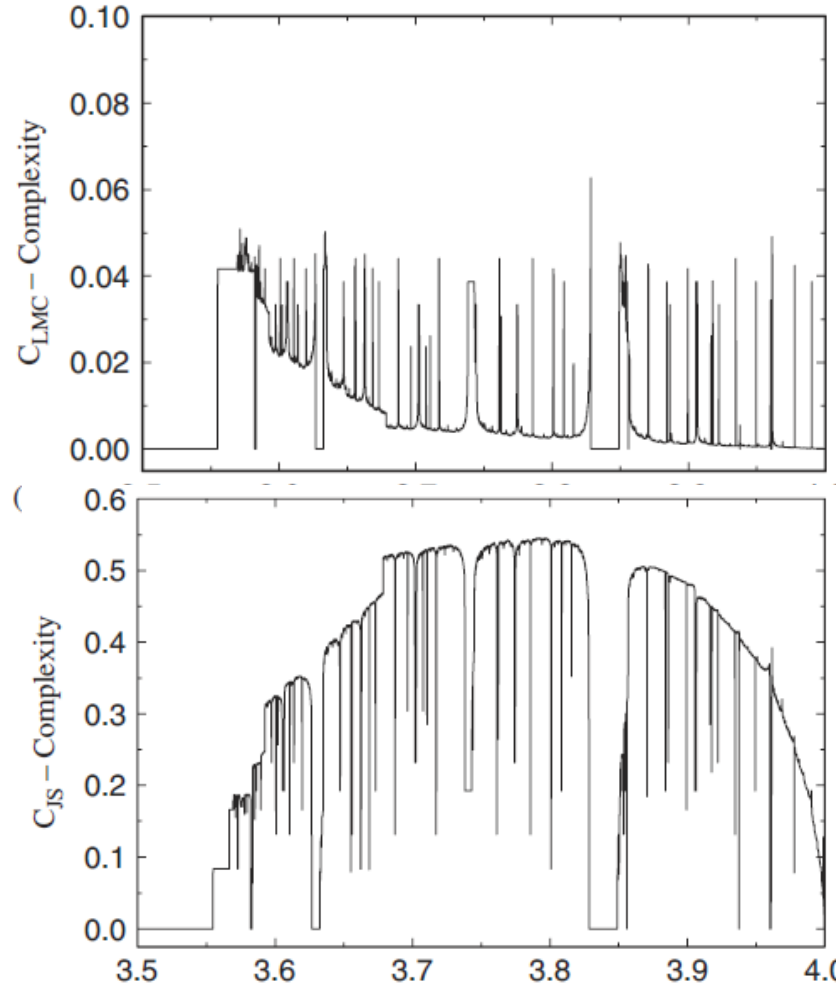
# The complexity of the Logistic Map

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



Lempel & Zip complexity  
 Kaspar and Schuster,  
 Phys Rev. A 1987

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Euclidian  
 distance

Jensen  
 distance

Martín, Plastino, & Rosso, Physica A 2006



Review

Chaos, Solitons and Fractals 81 (2015) 117–135

# Complexity testing techniques for time series data: A comprehensive literature review

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## Between order and chaos

James P. Crutchfield

What is a pattern? How do we come to recognize patterns never seen before? Quantifying the notion of pattern and formalizing the process of pattern discovery go right to the heart of physical science. Over the past few decades physics' view of nature's lack of structure—its unpredictability—underwent a major renovation with the discovery of deterministic chaos, overthrowing two centuries of Laplace's strict determinism in classical physics. Behind the veil of apparent randomness, though, many processes are highly ordered, following simple rules. Tools adapted from the theories of information and computation have brought physical science to the brink of automatically discovering hidden patterns and quantifying their structural complexity.

# Applications



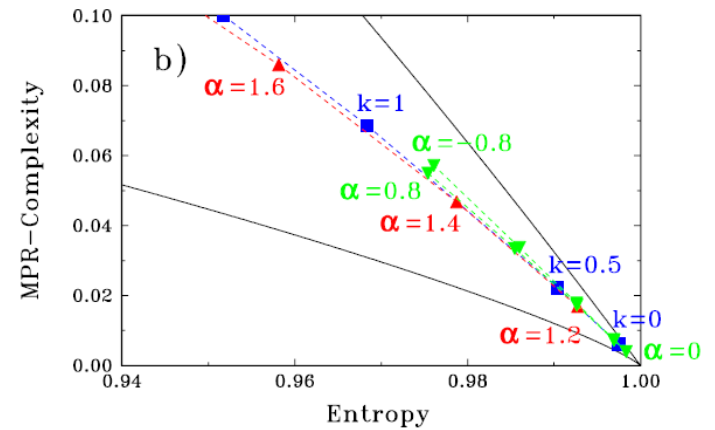
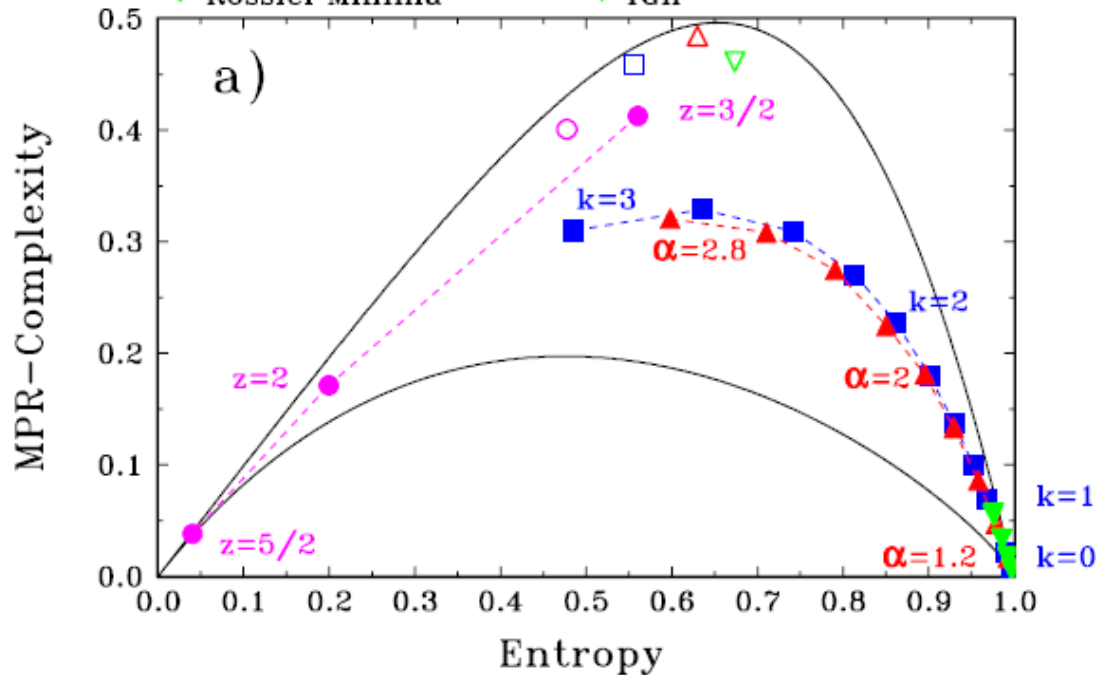
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### Distinguishing Noise from Chaos

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- Skew Tent Map
- Henon Map
- △ Logistic Map
- ▽ Rossler Minima
- Schuster Map
- K-Noise
- ▲ fBm
- ▼ fGn



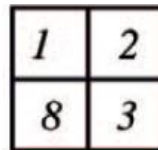
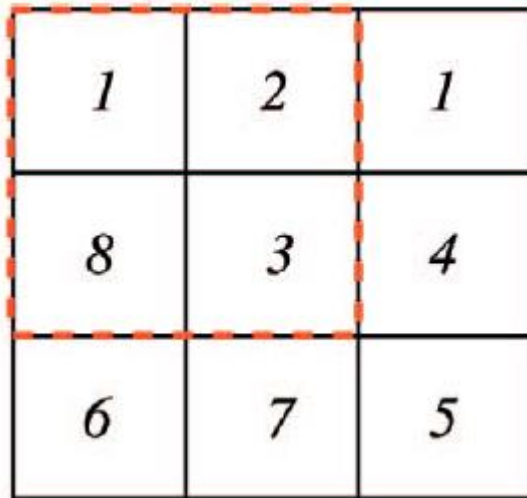


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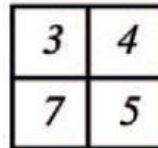
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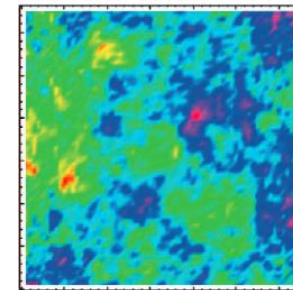


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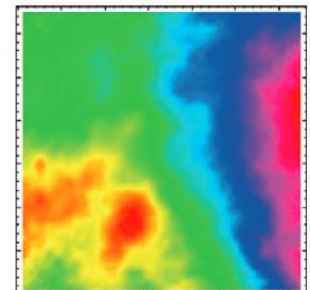


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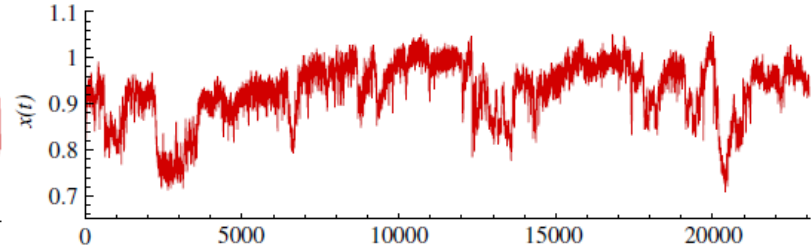
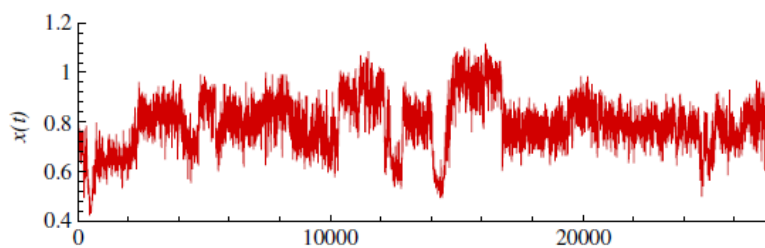


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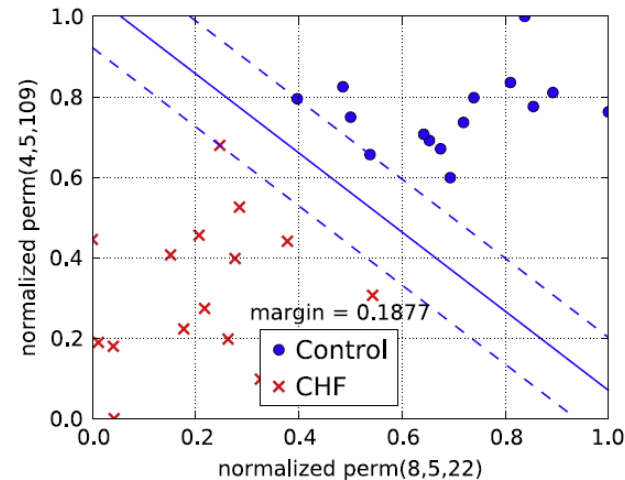
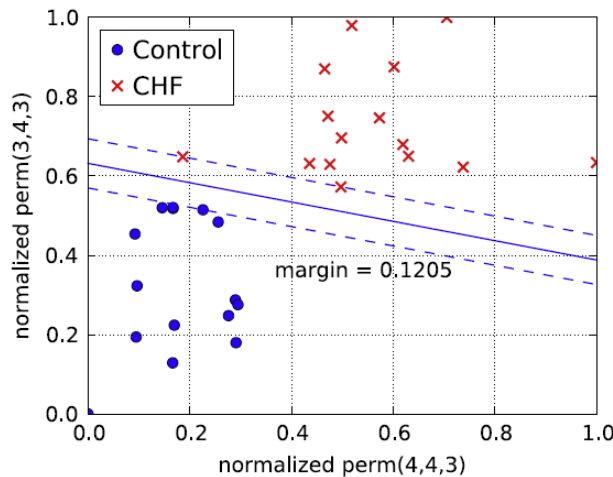


# Classifying ECG-signals according to the frequency of words



Time series of inter-beat intervals  $x(t)$  versus interval number  $t$  for a typical person with congestive heart failure (right) and a healthy subject (left).

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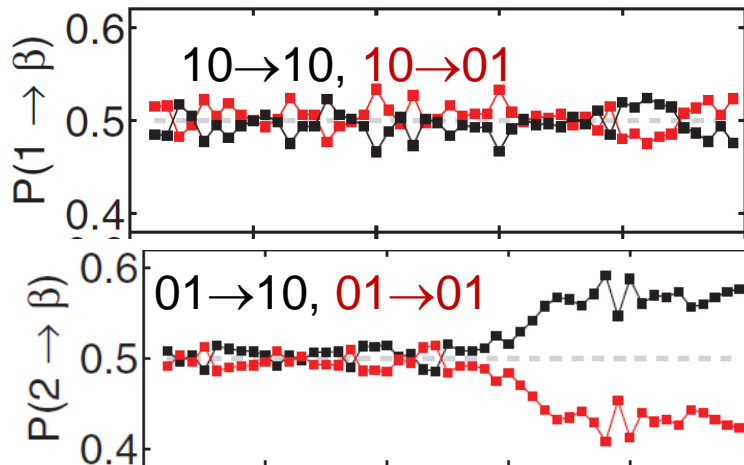
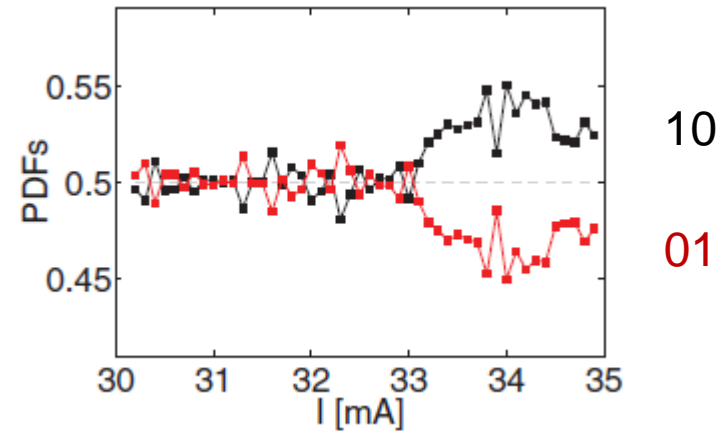
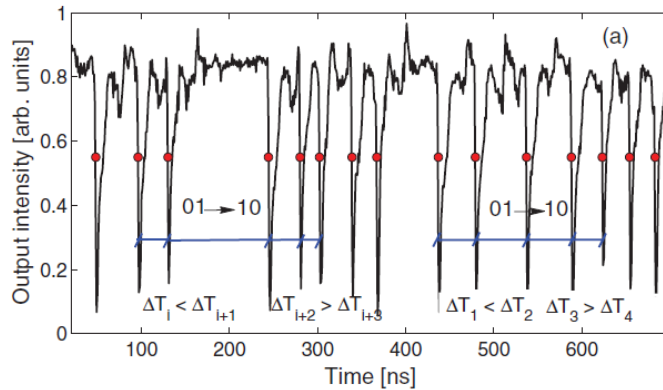


Perm ( $i,D,\text{lag}$ )

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

## Language organization and temporal correlations in the spiking activity of an excitable laser: Experiments and model comparison

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Consistent with stochastic dynamics at low pump current, signatures of determinism at higher pump currents.

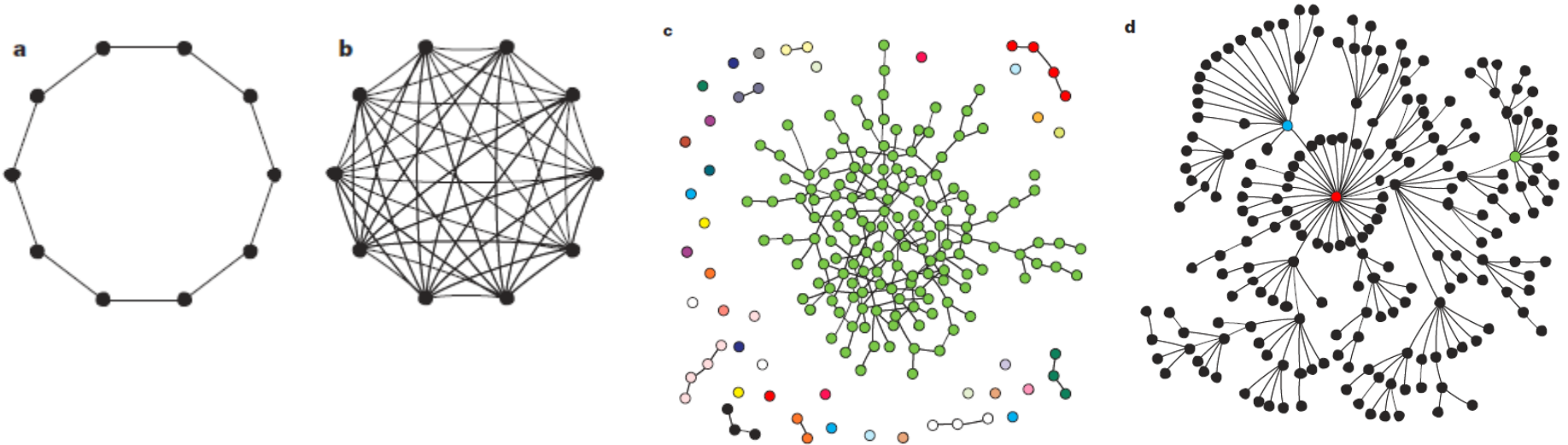
# Mapping a time series into a complex network



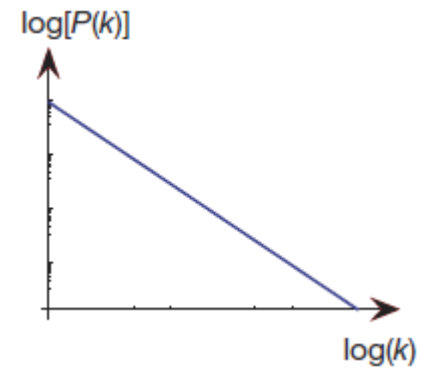
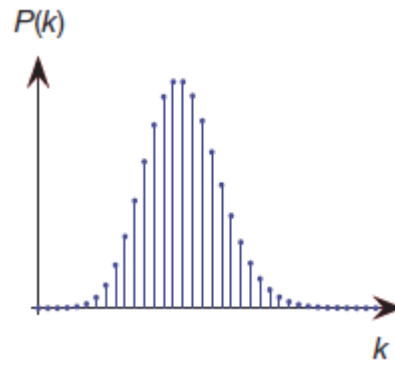
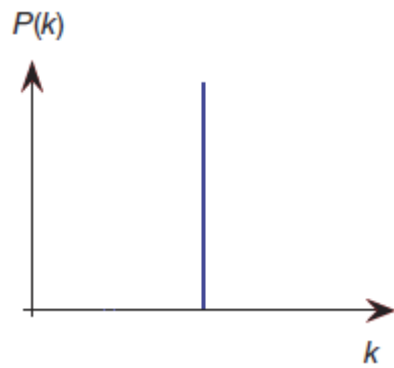
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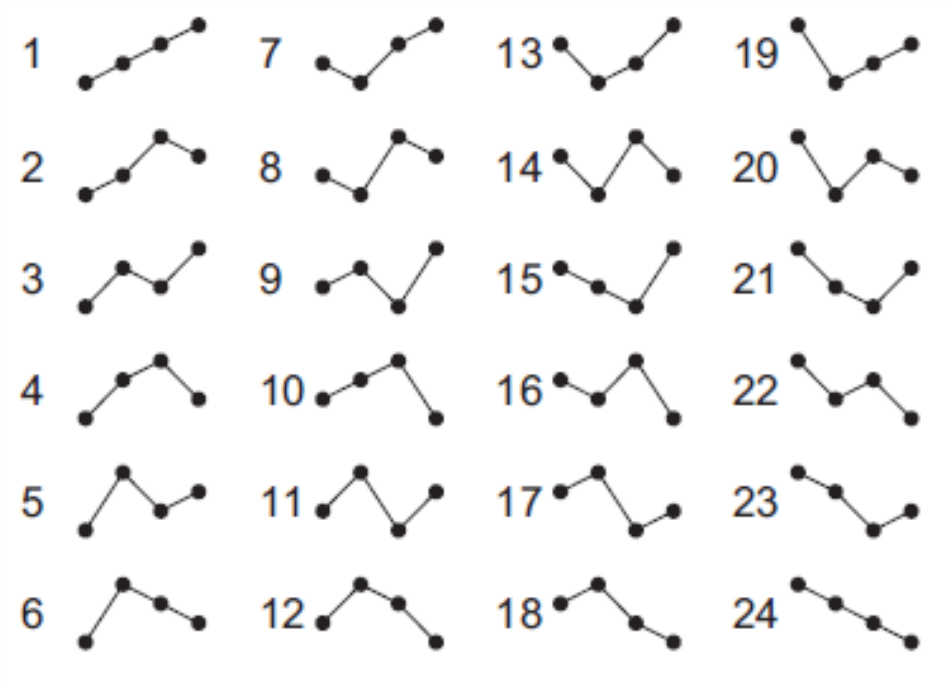
# Networks = Graphs = vertices (nodes) + edges (links)



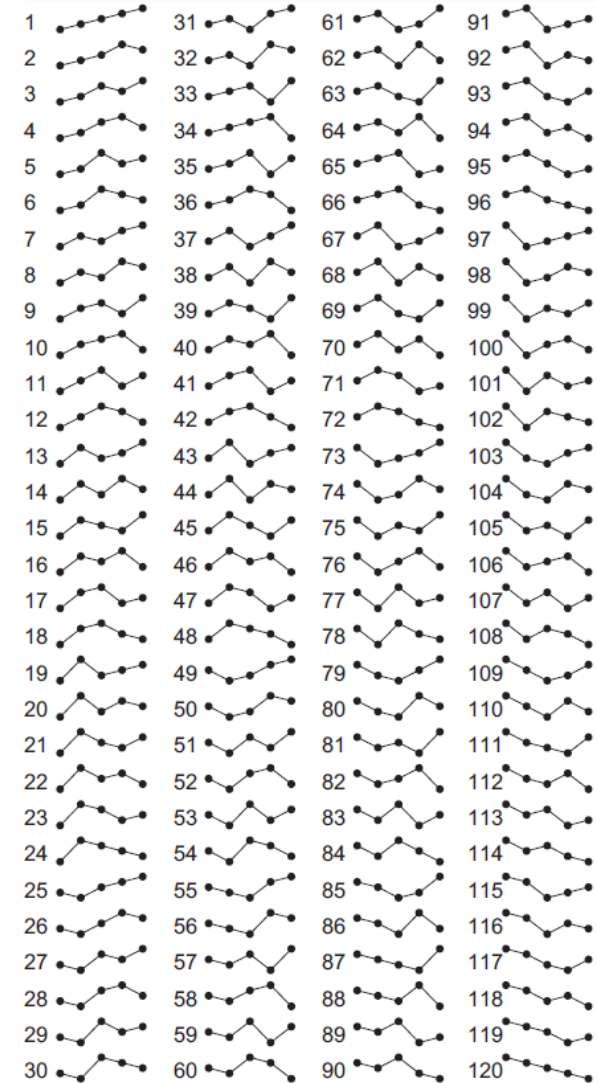
Degree (number of links of a node) distributions:



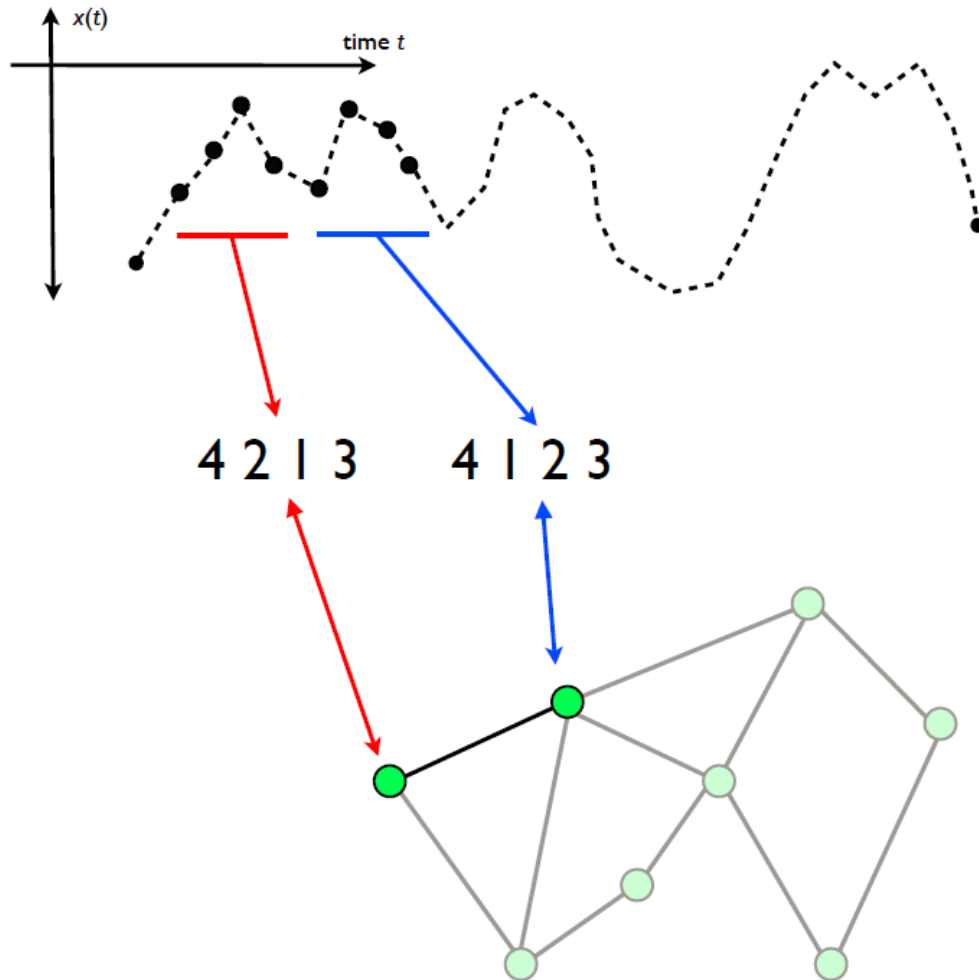
# The number of patterns increases as D!



Opportunity: turn a time-series into a network by using the patterns as the “nodes” of the network.



# The network nodes are the “ordinal patterns”, and the links?



- The links are defined in terms of the probability of pattern “ $\beta$ ” occurring after pattern “ $\alpha$ ”.
- Weighs of nodes: the probabilities of the patterns ( $\sum_i p_i = 1$ ).
- Weighs of links: the probabilities of the transitions ( $\sum_j w_{ij} = 1 \forall i$ ).

⇒ ***Weighted and directed network***

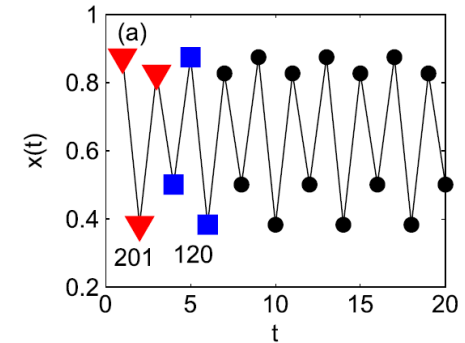
# Three network-based diagnostic tools

- Entropy computed from the weights of the nodes (**permutation entropy**)

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

- Entropy computed from weights of the links (**transition probabilities**, '01' → '01', '01' → '10', etc.)

$$w_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{L-1} n[s(t) = i, s(t+1) = j]}{\sum_{t=1}^{L-1} n[s(t) = i]}$$

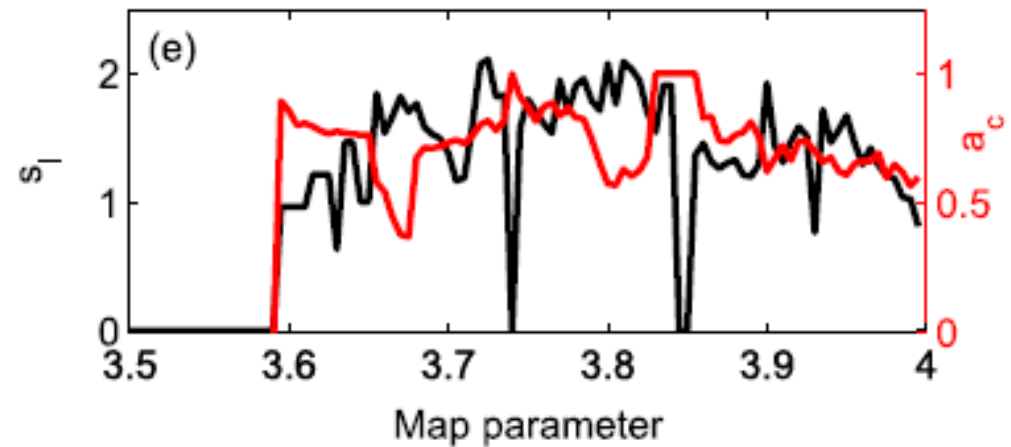
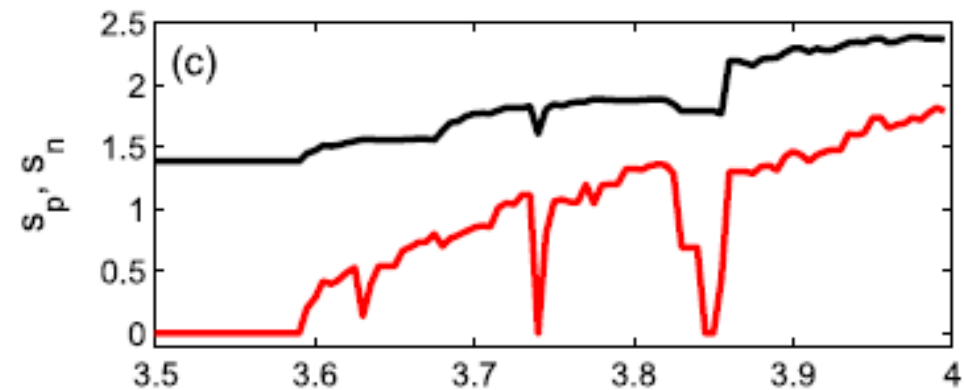
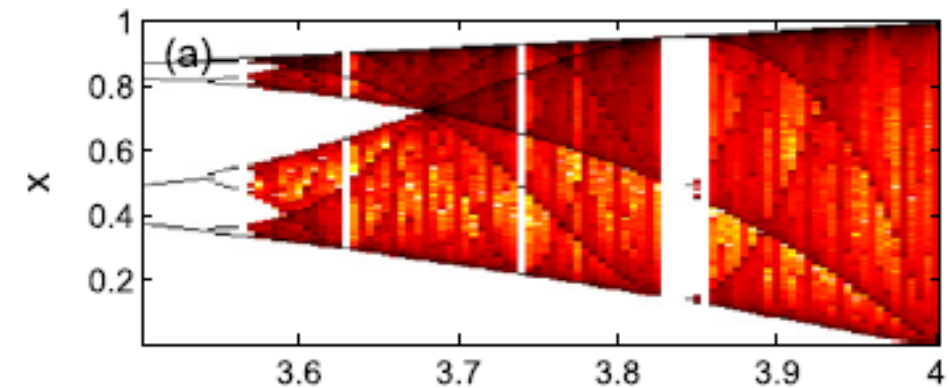


- Asymmetry coefficient: normalized difference of transition probabilities,  $P('01' \rightarrow '10') - P('10' \rightarrow '01')$ , etc.

$$a_c = \frac{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} |w_{ij} - w_{ji}|}{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} (w_{ij} + w_{ji})}$$

(0 in a fully symmetric network;  
1 in a fully directed network)

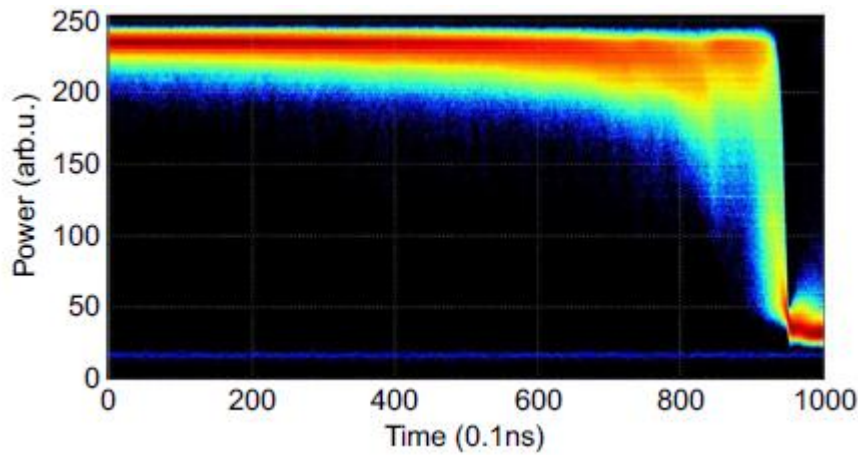
■  $x(i+1) = r x(i)[1-x(i)]$



C. Masoller et al, NJP 2015

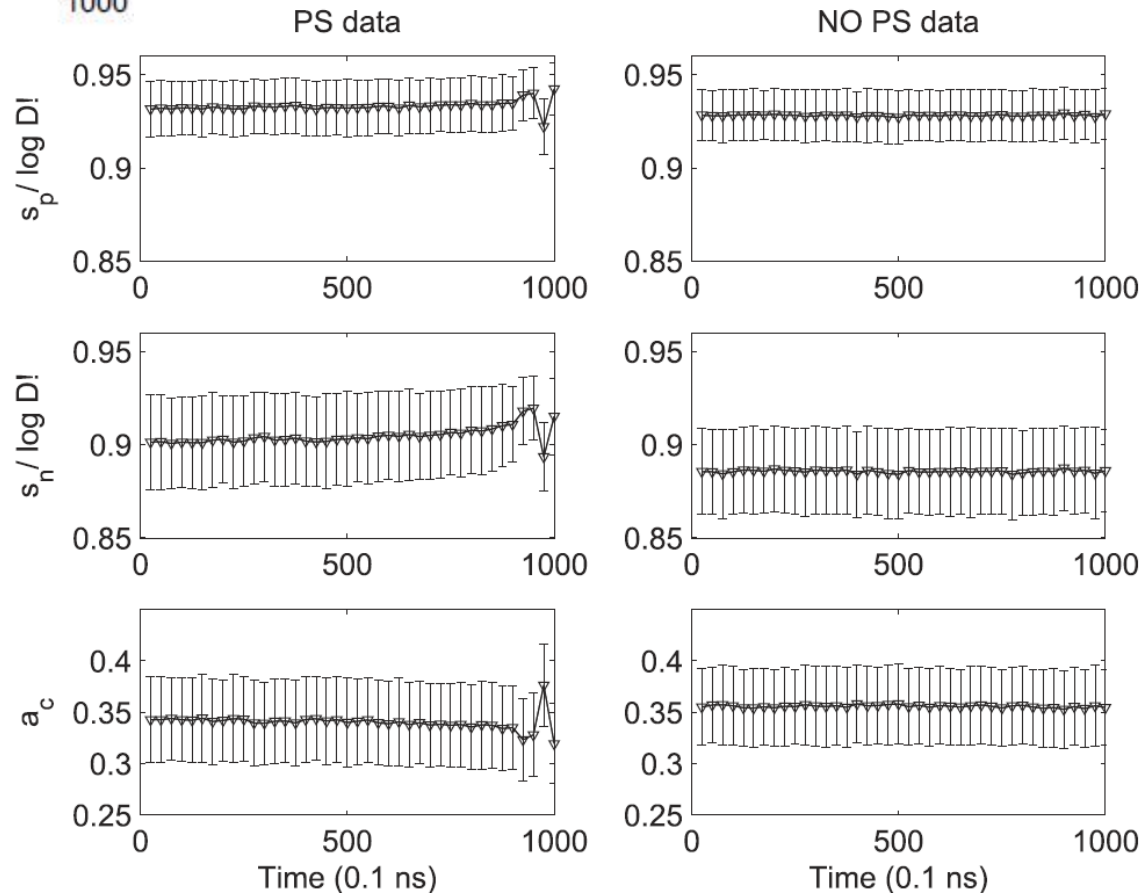


# Empirical data



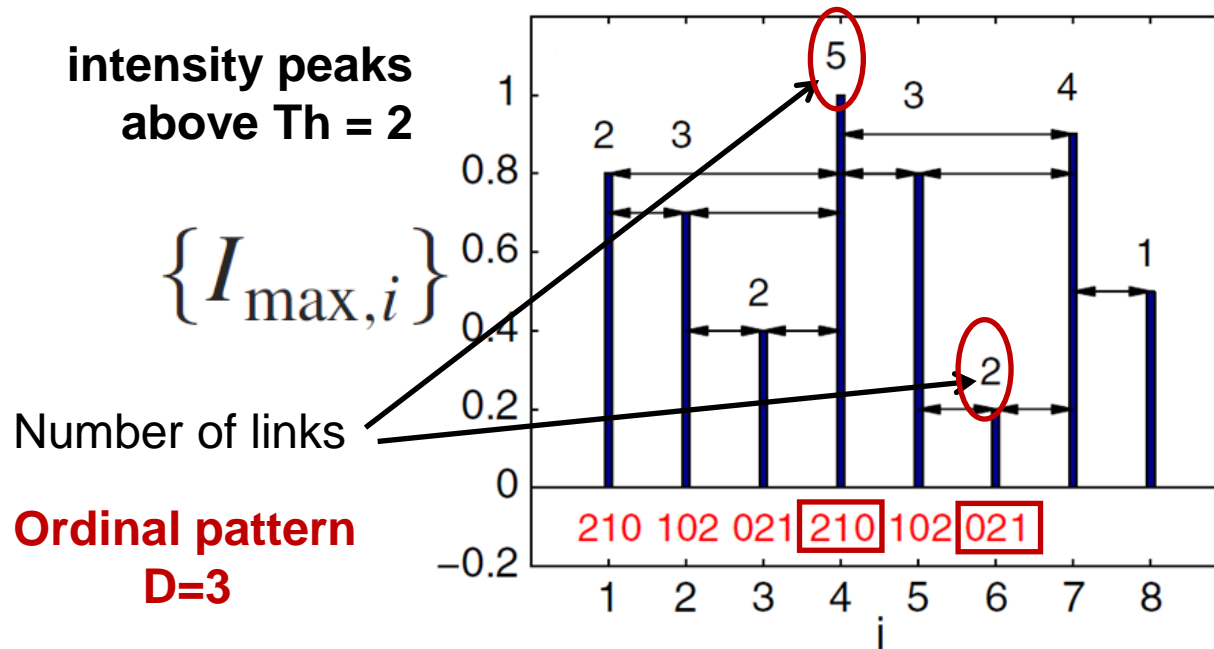
Slightly different optical feedback conditions result in PS or no PS.

Analysis done with  $D=3$ , error bars computed with 1000 time series  $L=500$ .



# Another way to turn a time-series into a network: horizontal visibility graph (HVG)

A time-series is represented as a graph, where each data point is a node

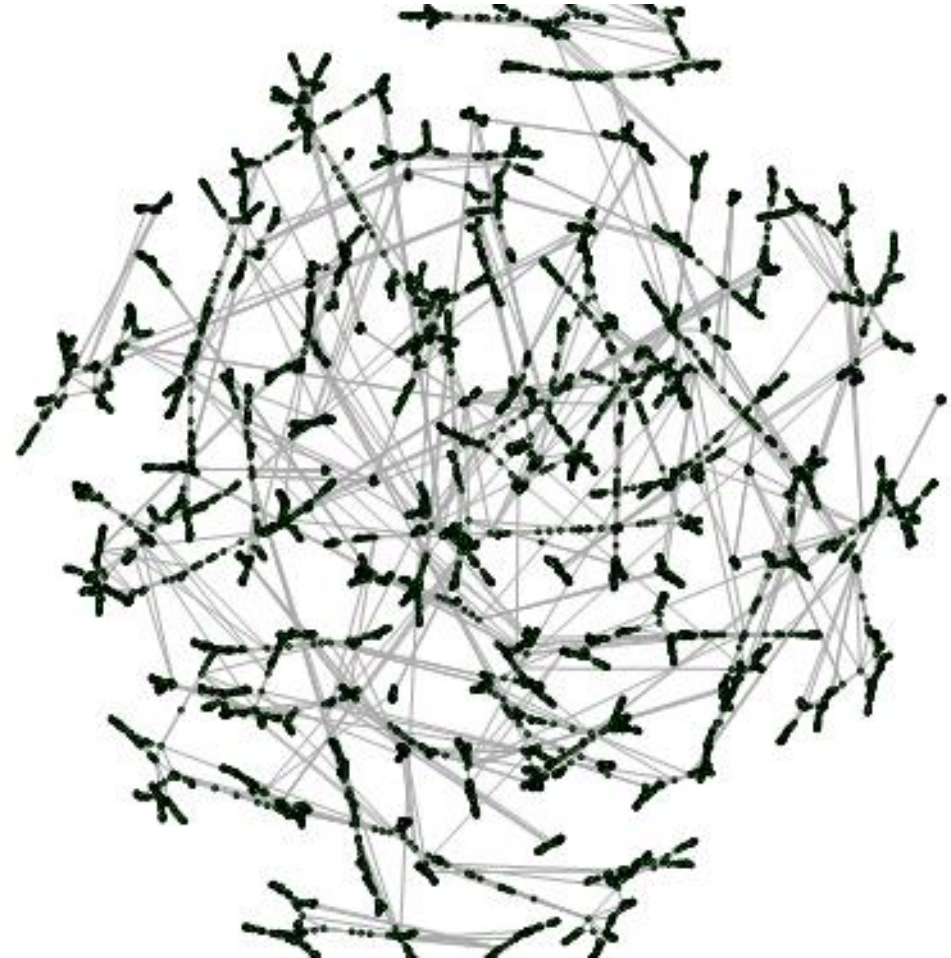
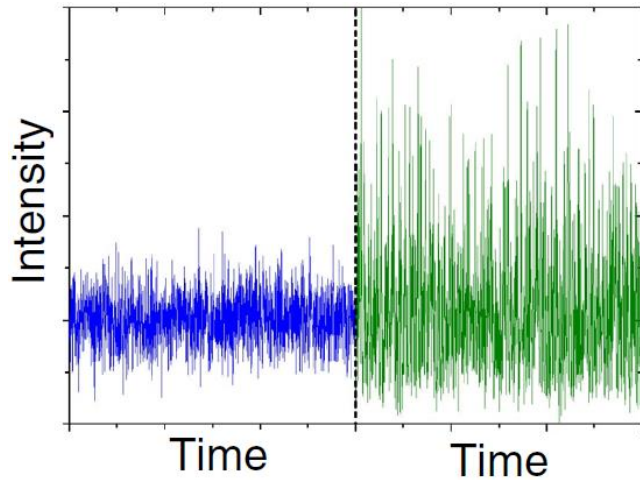


- Rule: data points  $i$  and  $j$  are connected if there is “visibility” between them:  $I_{max,i}$  and  $I_{max,j} > I_{max,n}$  for all  $n, i < n < j$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **Unweighted and undirected graph**

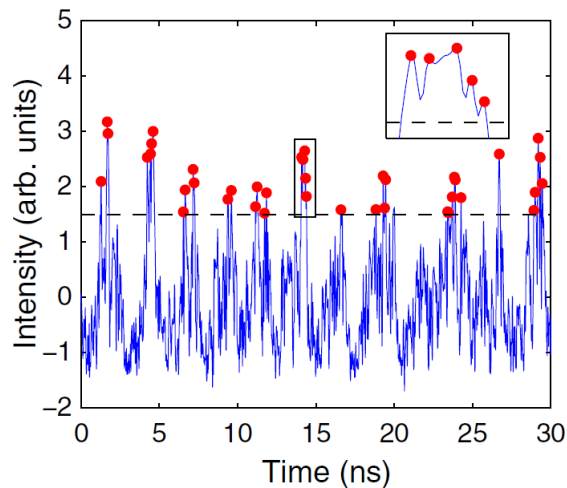
# The obtained graph

## Intensity of a fiber laser

Low -- High pump power

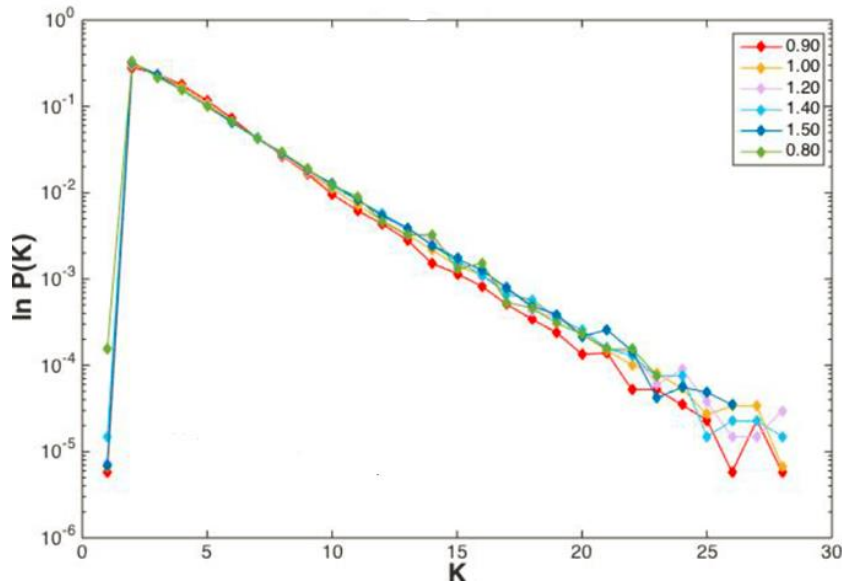


How to characterize this graph?

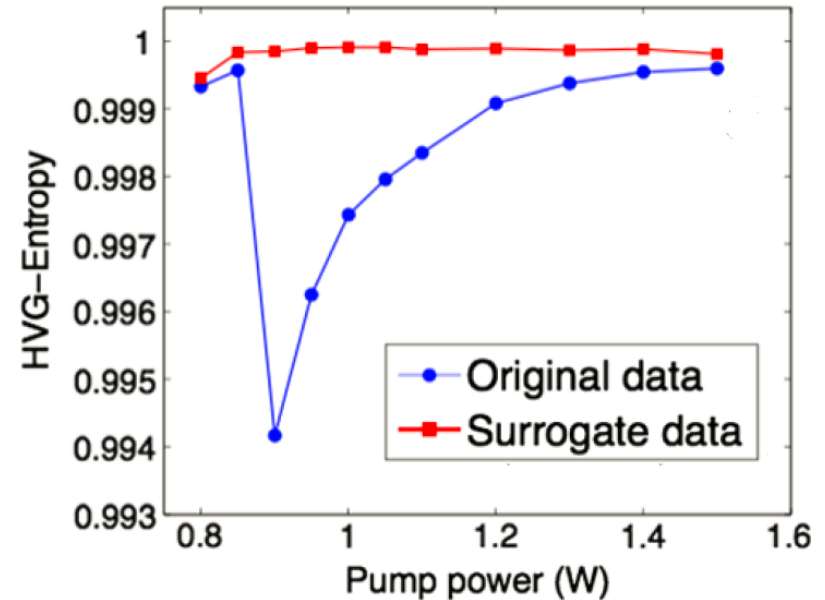


⇒ Degree Distribution (distribution of the number of links)

- Degree distribution for various pump powers using  $Th=2$ .



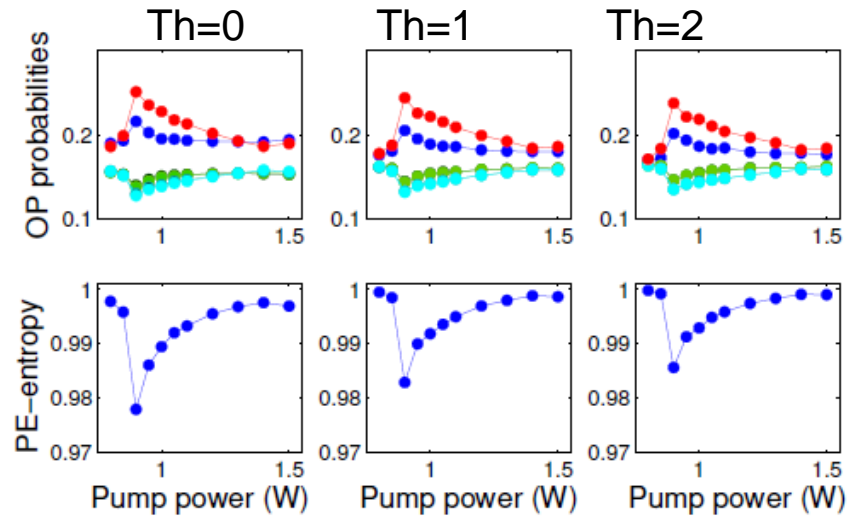
- Entropy of the degree distribution (normalized to the entropy of Gaussian white noise)



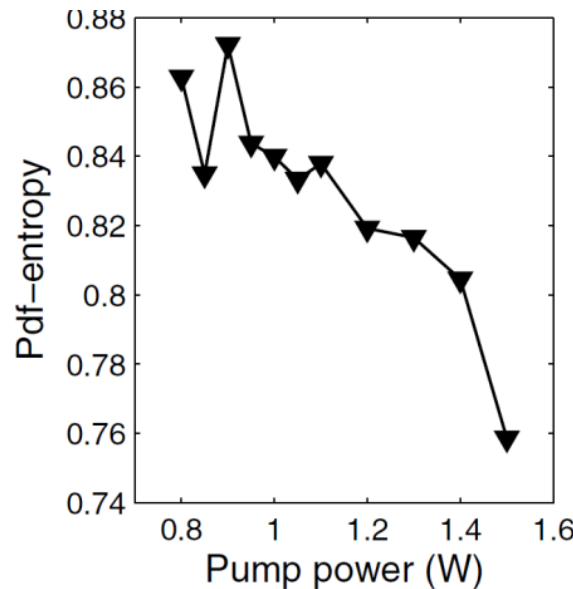
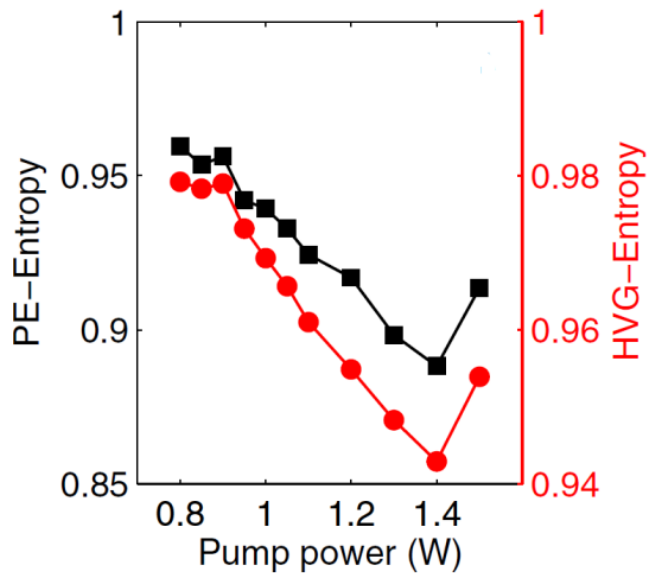
⇒ sharp transition detected.

# Threshold vs not threshold

- Sharp transition also seen with ordinal analysis



- But with raw data



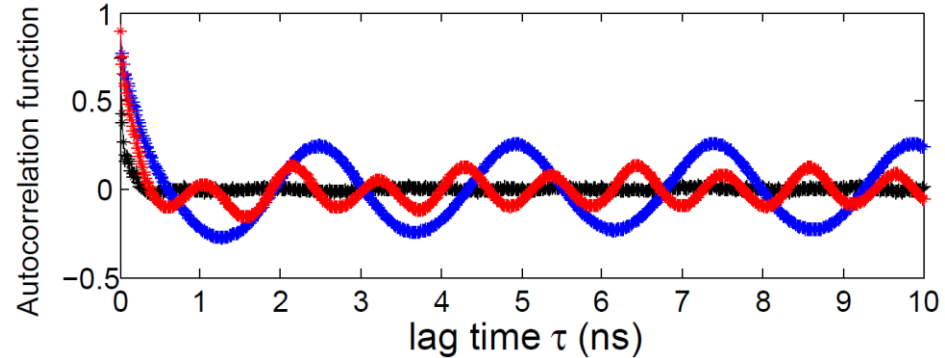
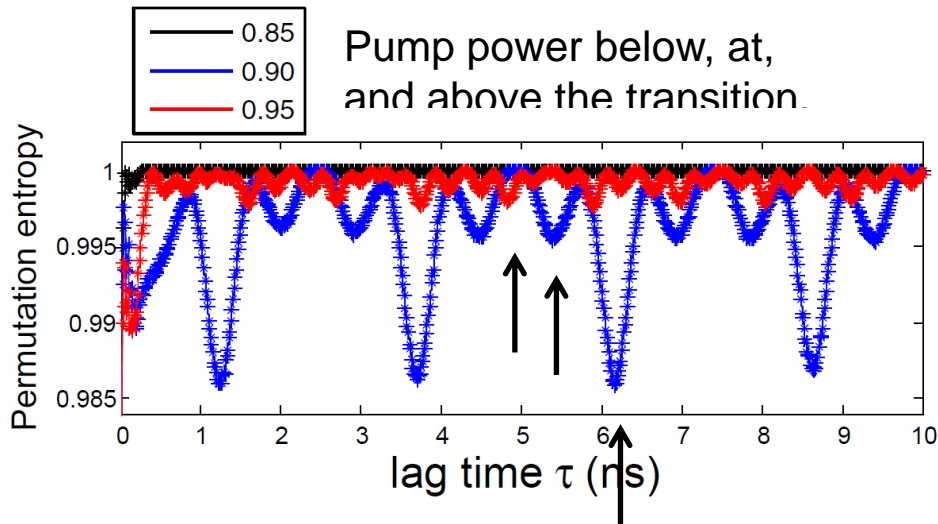
⇒ sharp transition not seen.



# Space-time representation of a time-series

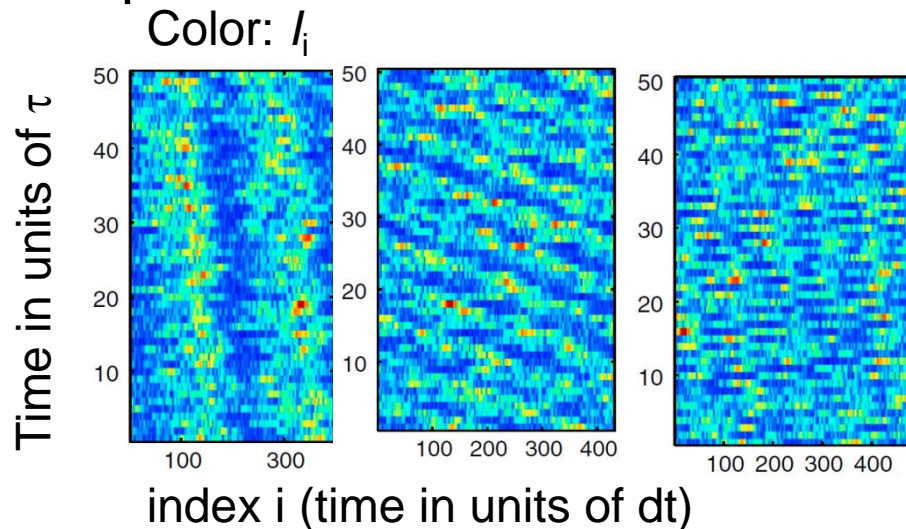
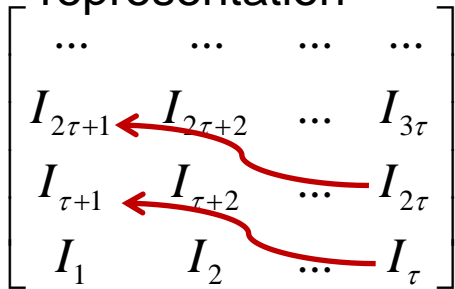
$$\{I_i, I_{i+\tau}, I_{i+2\tau}, \dots\}$$

all data points, no threshold used



⇒ Sharp variations at the transition not captured.

Space-time representation



⇒ Different “spatial” structures uncovered with different lags (sampling times).

# Bi-variate time-series analysis



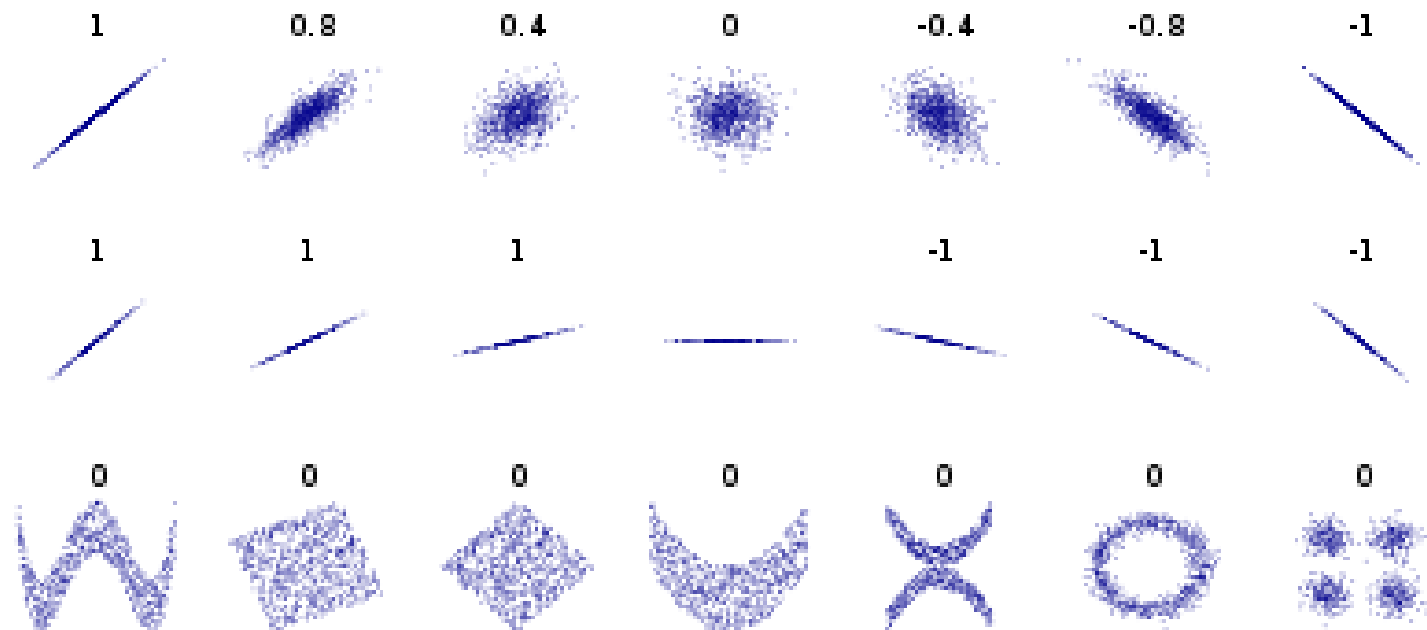
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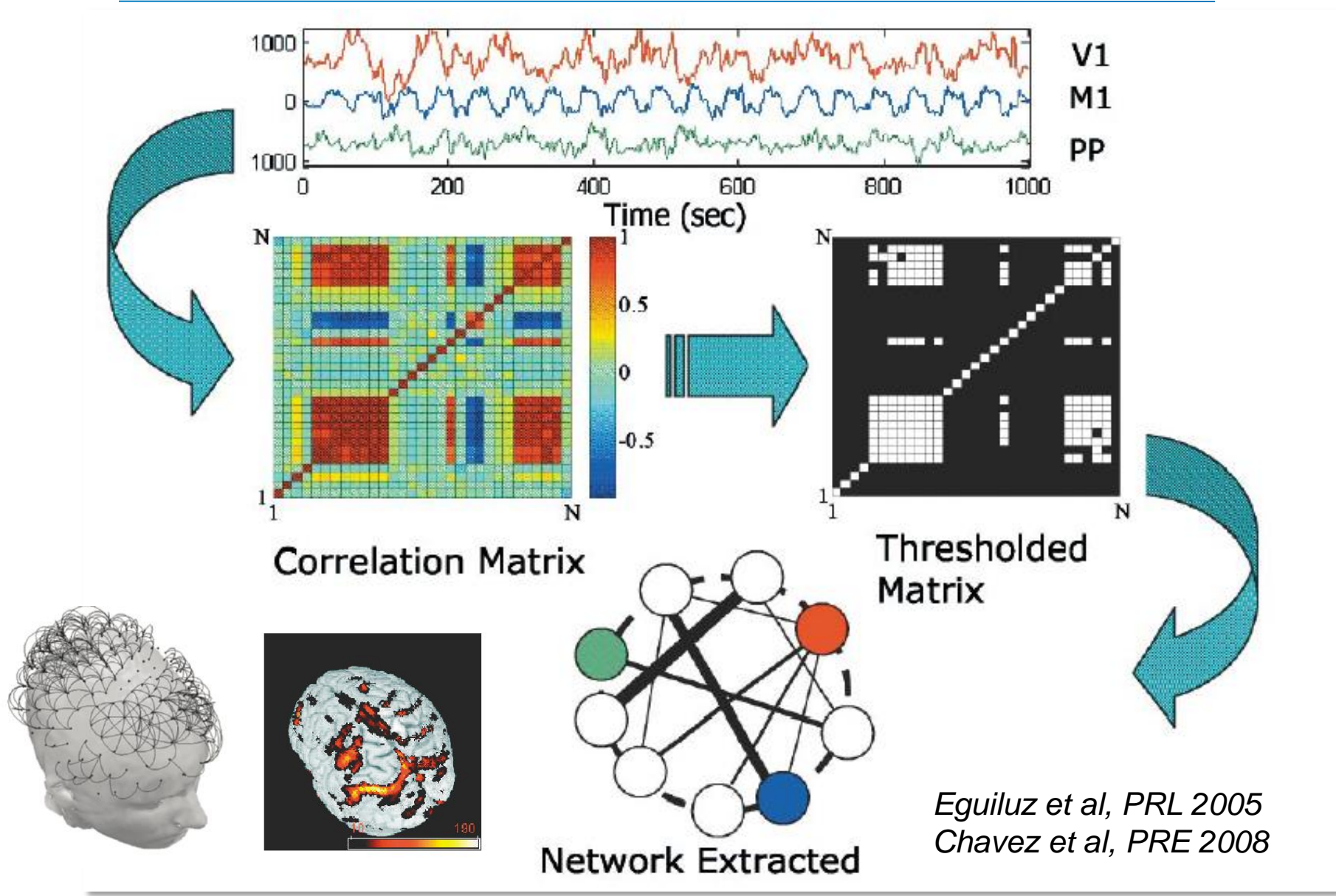
# Two time series X, Y: Cross-correlation analysis

$$\rho_{X,Y}(\tau) = \frac{\text{cov}(X(t), Y(t + \tau))}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2}} = \frac{E[(X(t) - \mu_X)(Y(t + \tau) - \mu_Y)]}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2}}$$

Detects linear relationships







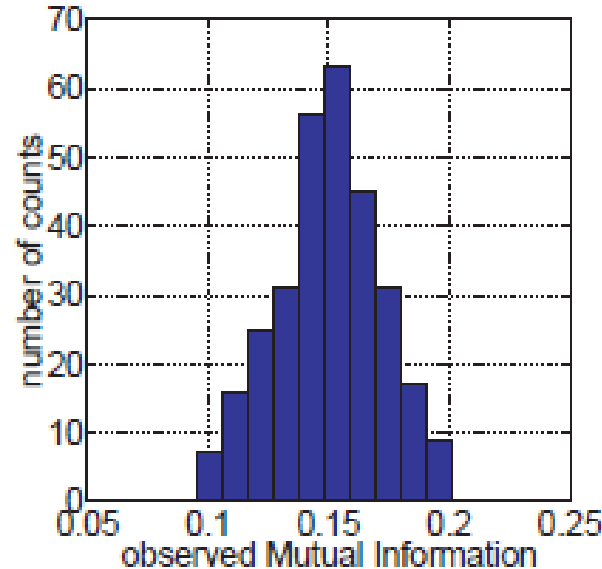
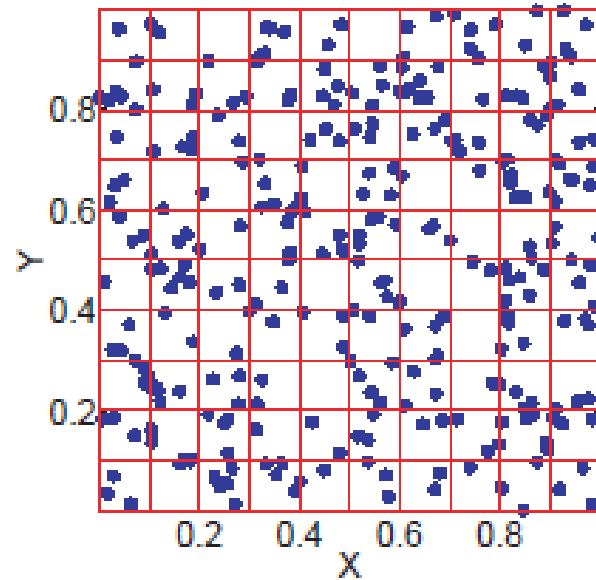
*Eguiluz et al, PRL 2005*  
*Chavez et al, PRE 2008*

# Statistical similarity measure: mutual information

- Joint entropy:  $H(X, Y) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m_X} \sum_{j=1}^{m_Y} p(x_i, y_j) \log p(x_i, y_j)$
- If X and Y are independent:  $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y)$
- Mutual Information:  $MI(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y)$   

$$MI(X, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_X} \sum_{j=1}^{m_Y} p(x_i, y_j) \log \frac{p(x_i, y_j)}{p(x_i)p(y_j)}$$
- It reflects the reduction in uncertainty of one variable by knowing the other one.
- X and Y are independent  $\Leftrightarrow MI(X, Y) = 0$ .
- However, computing probabilities from histograms give MI values that fluctuate or are systematically overestimated.

# Problem with mutual information



$$\langle I(X, Y)^{estimated} \rangle \approx 0.15 \pm 0.02$$

The statistical significance of CC and MI values needs to be carefully analyzed.

**Fig. 1.** Naive estimation of the mutual information for finite data. Left: The dataset consists of  $N = 300$  artificially generated independent and equidistributed random numbers. The probabilities are estimated using a histogram which divides each axis into  $M_x = M_y = 10$  bins. Right: The histogram of the estimated mutual information  $I(X, Y)$  obtained from 300 independent realizations.



## ***The mutual information: Detecting and evaluating dependencies between variables***

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## Causality detection based on information-theoretic approaches in time series analysis

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# Beyond bi-variate analysis



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# Mapping and discrimination of networks in the complexity-entropy plane

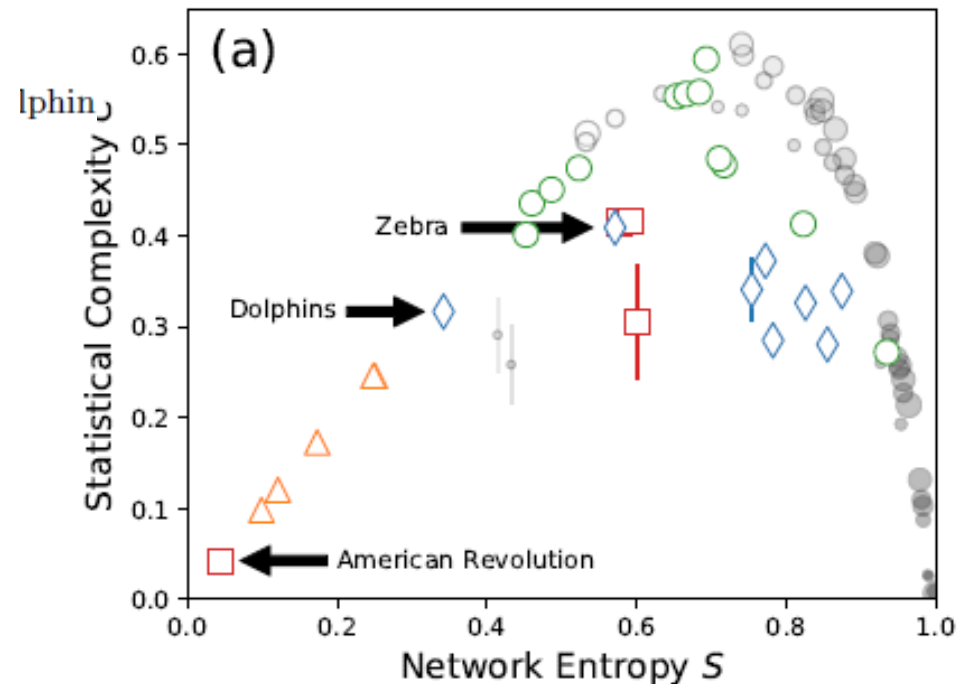
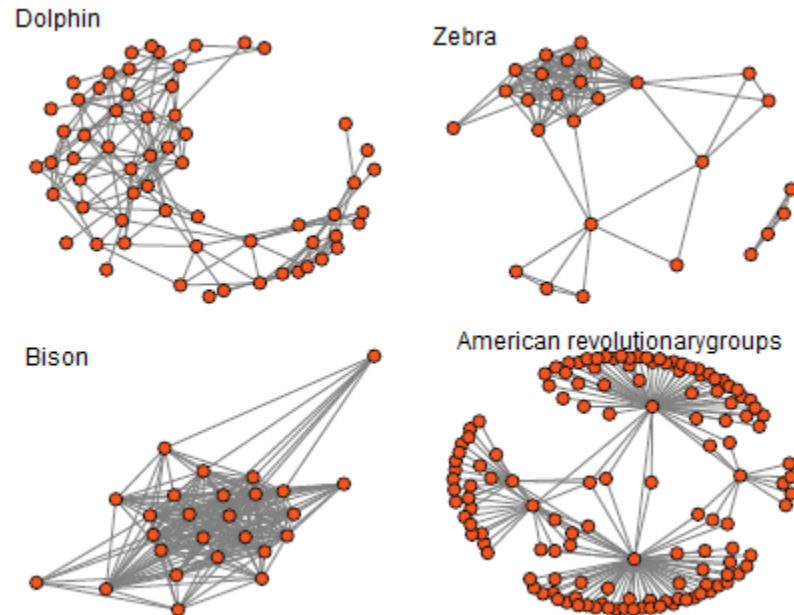
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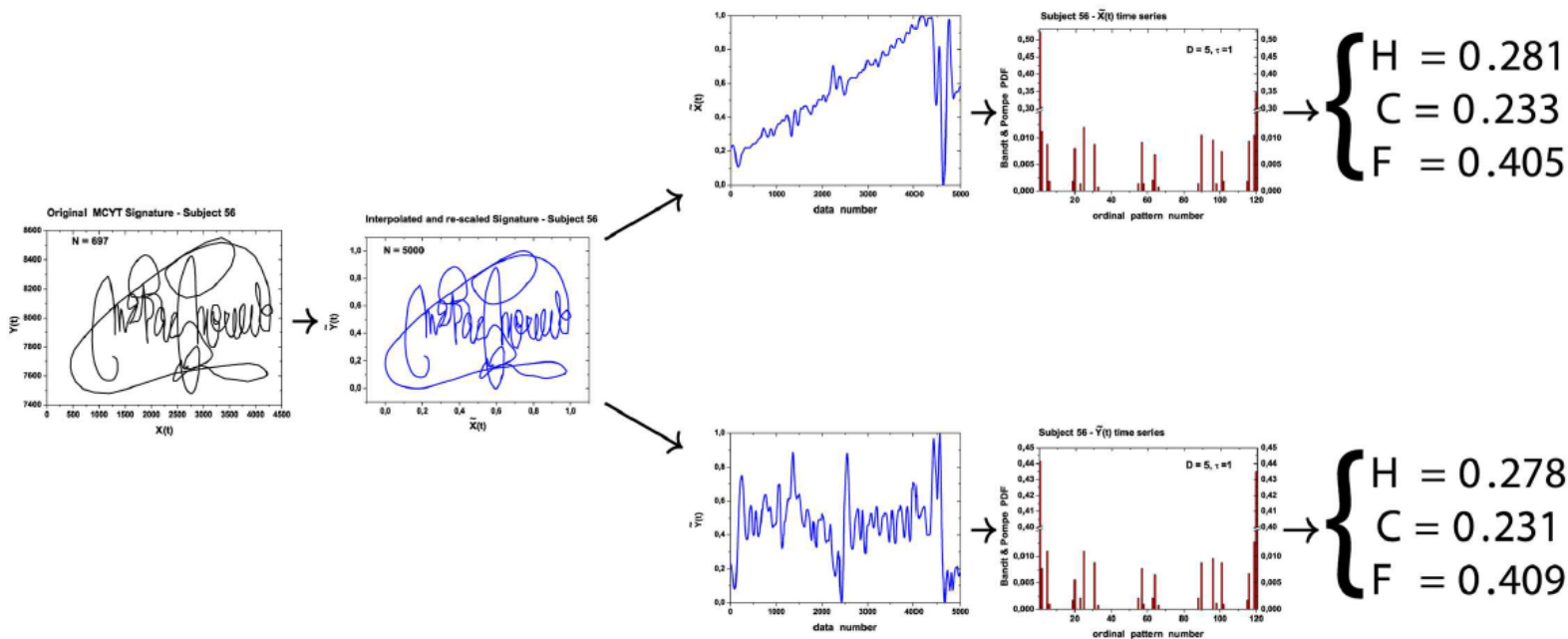
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# Classification and Verification of Handwritten Signatures with Time Causal Information Theory Quantifiers

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## A Theoretically Based Index of Consciousness Independent of Sensory Processing and Behavior

Adenauer G. Casali *et al.*

*Sci Transl Med* **5**, 198ra105 (2013);

- Electroencephalographic **index of human consciousness**.
- PCI is calculated by
  - perturbing the cortex with transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) to engage distributed interactions in the brain (integration) and
  - compressing the spatiotemporal pattern of these electrocortical responses to measure their algorithmic complexity (information).



# Conclusions



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## ■ Take home messages:

- Symbolic analysis, network representation, spatiotemporal representation, etc., are useful tools for investigating complex signals.
- Different techniques provide *complementary* information.

“...nonlinear time-series analysis has been used to great advantage on thousands of real and synthetic data sets from a wide variety of systems ranging from roulette wheels to lasers to the human heart. Even in cases where the data do not meet the mathematical or algorithmic requirements, the results of nonlinear time-series analysis can be helpful in understanding, characterizing, and predicting dynamical systems...”

Bradley and Kantz, CHAOS 25, 097610 (2015)



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