

Improving biomedical diagnosis through light-based technologies and machine learning

## New indicators for early detection of critical transitions Cristina Masoller, Departament de Física, UPC

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#### Presentation

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- PhD in Physics (1999, Bryn Mawr College, PA, USA)
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#### Where are we? UPC Campus Terrassa

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#### **Research lines**







Nonlinear dynamics and complex systems

Data analysis techniques

## Applications

1 July









#### Data analysis method: ordinal analysis

$$\{\ldots X_{i}, X_{i+1}, X_{i+2}, \ldots\}$$

Possible order relations among three numbers (e.g., 2, 5, 7)



Bandt and Pompe: Phys. Rev. Lett. 2002

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#### The number of ordinal patterns increases as D!



A problem for short datasets.

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

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#### Using the "ordinal code", which is the message?



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From the frequency of occurrence of the patterns, we calculate the "ordinal probabilities"



## ?

- A. Analyze the probability values; use them as features for ML algorithms
- B. Analyze "information theory measures" (e.g. entropy)— a form of nonlinear dimensionality reduction.

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

Robust to outliers.

Ordinal analysis has been extensively used:

- to test if a model is good for the data,
- to fit the model's parameters,
- to classify different types of data based on similarities of probabilities of ordinal patterns.

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

Christoph Bandt and Bernd Pompe

Institute of Mathematics and Institute of Physics, University of Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany (Received 19 June 2001; revised manuscript received 20 December 2001; published 11 April 2002)



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

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### Example of application. ECG signals: analysis of time series of inter-beat intervals





### **Classifying ECG signals according to ordinal probabilities**



- Analysis of raw data (statistics of ordinal patterns is almost unaffected by anomalies - outliers)
- The probabilities are normalized with respect to the smallest and largest values occurring in the data set.

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## Permutation entropy: Shannon's entropy computed from ordinal probabilities



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

Shannon entropy

- 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:

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

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

 $\Rightarrow$  p=0.5: Maximum **unpredictability**.

C. Shannon, "A Mathematical Theory of Communication", Bell System Technical Journal. 27 (3): 379–423 (1948). Bell System Technical Journal. 27 (4): 623–656 (1948).

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#### Ordinal analysis of two-dimensional patterns



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

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## The "spatial" permutation entropy has been used to characterize 2D patterns, "textures" and images.

PHYSICAL REVIEW E 99, 013311 (2019)

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

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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)

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



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## **High-resolution data**

#### **Spatial correlation**

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

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

## Low-resolution data

(transect 1; large variability

Rainfall [mm/year]

#### To gain insight: simulations of vegetation models



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





### **Diode laser experiments**

Transition from low-coherence emission (stochastic quantum spontaneous emission) to coherent emission (laser turn-on stimulated emission).

Quick review on the interference of coherent waves



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# Speckle pattern: generated by random interference / scattering of coherent waves





Many applications. Two main types

- Extract information of the light (wavemeters)
- Extract information of the medium that generates the speckle (speckle-based spectroscopy)

#### But

Speckle is a drawback in laser-based illumination and imaging application.





#### **Analysis of Speckle Patterns using Permutation Entropy**



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

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## Results



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

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# Three features allow to differentiate the speckle patterns according to the type of medium that generated the speckles



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# Permutation Entropy analysis of EEG signals recorded from healthy subjects.



#### Eyes open



#### TABLE I. Description of the datasets used.

Eyes closed

DTS1	DTS2
256	160
120	60
30720	9600
16	64
71	109
	DTS1 256 120 30720 16 71

#### DTS1: Britbrain (Zaragoza) DTS2: Physionet

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#### The Permutation Entropy increases in the eyes open state

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



C. Quintero-Quiroz et al., "Differentiating resting brain states using ordinal symbolic analysis", Chaos 28, 106307 (2018).

#### Spatial approach to compute the Permutation Entropy



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

B. R. R. Boaretto et al, "Spatial permutation entropy distinguishes resting brain states", Chaos, Solitons & Fractals 171, 113453 (2023).

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#### Four approaches to calculate the permutation entropy



## Results



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#### Random forest classification of eyes open-eyes closed states

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

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

- Data analysis methods allow us to uncover patterns and relationships in data, which characterize (and sometimes predict) the behavior of complex systems.
- Different methods provide complementary information.
- "Surrogate" tests are needed to determine if the numerical values are statistically significant.
- Data analysis is an interdisciplinary field -many applications.

Holger Kantz: "Every data set bears its own difficulties: data analysis is never routine"





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### Thank you for your attention!

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