Introduction to Nonlinear Time Series Analysis

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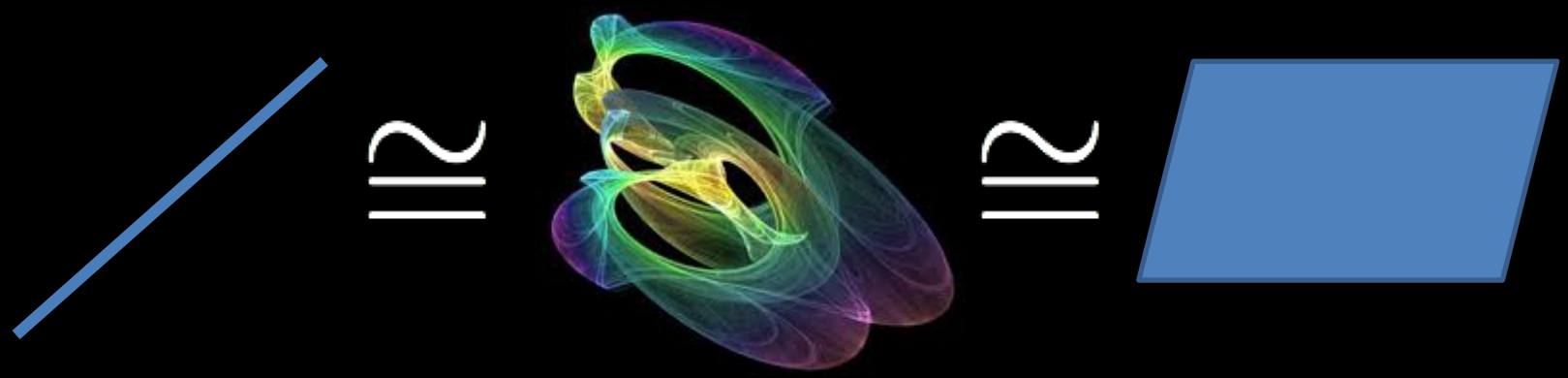

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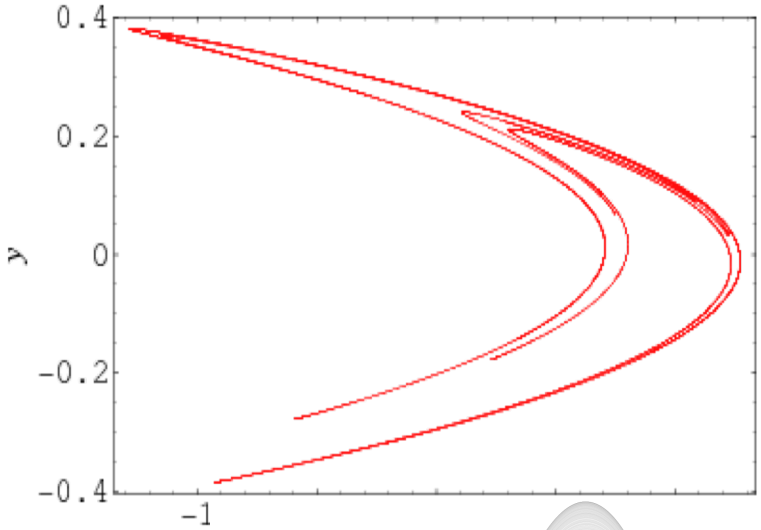

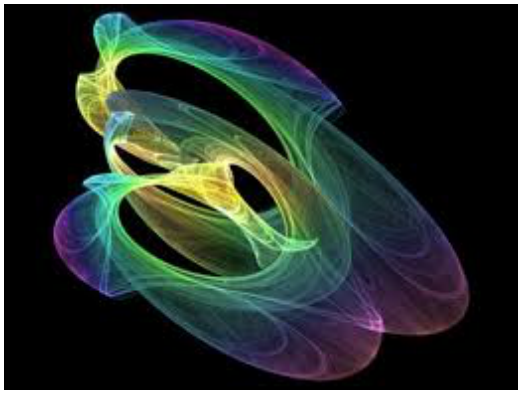

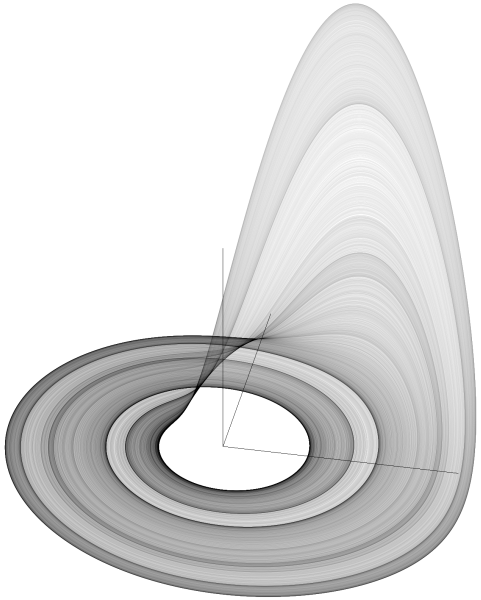

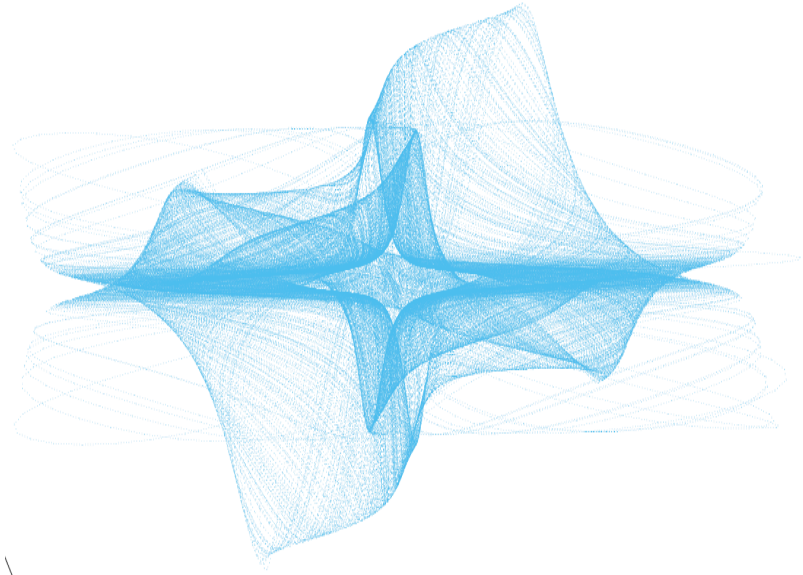

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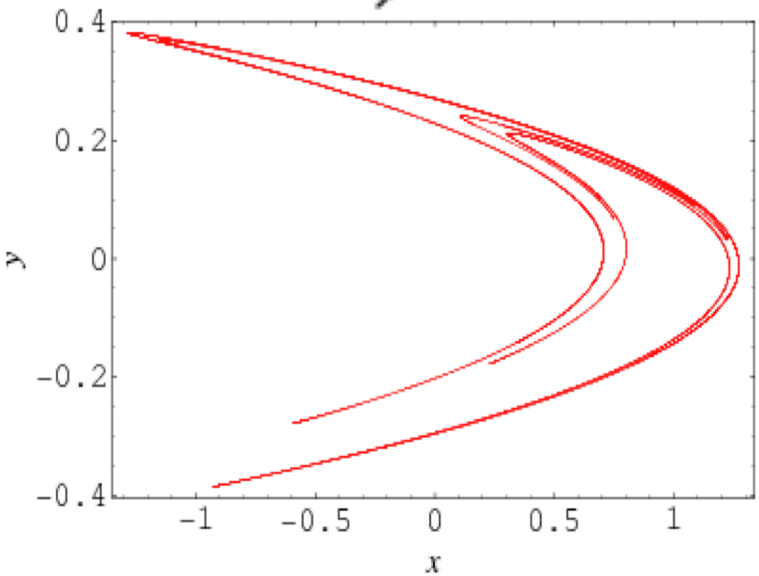

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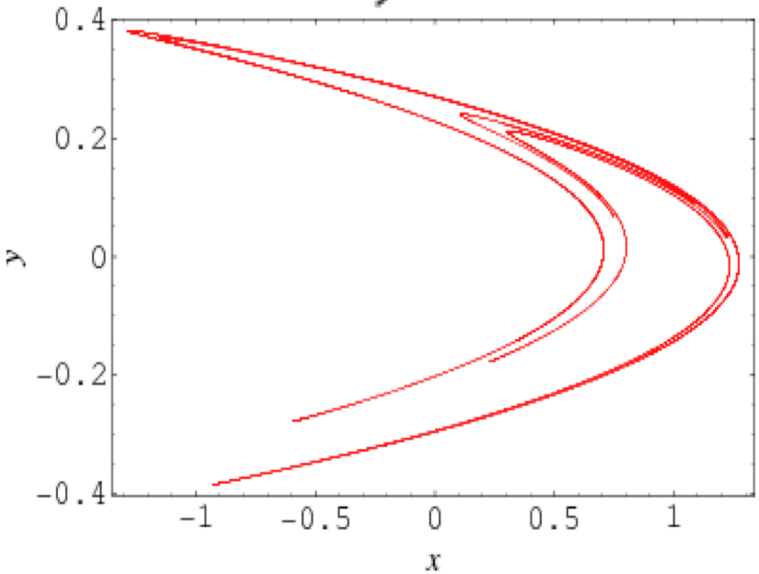


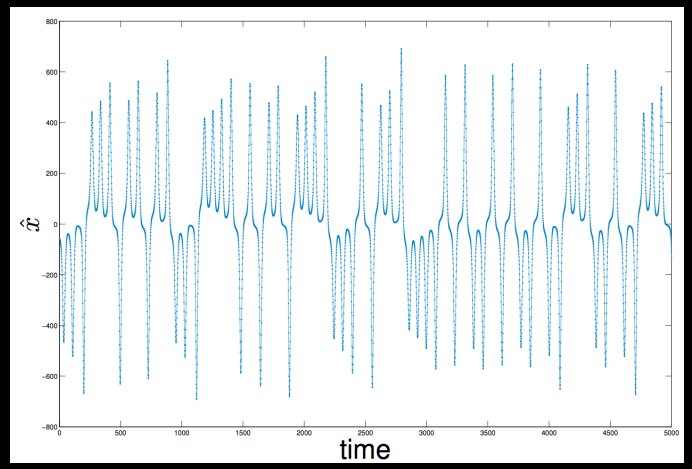
What we actually get…

Traded Financial Markets

Climate Records

Cardiac (Electrocardiogram)

Observation

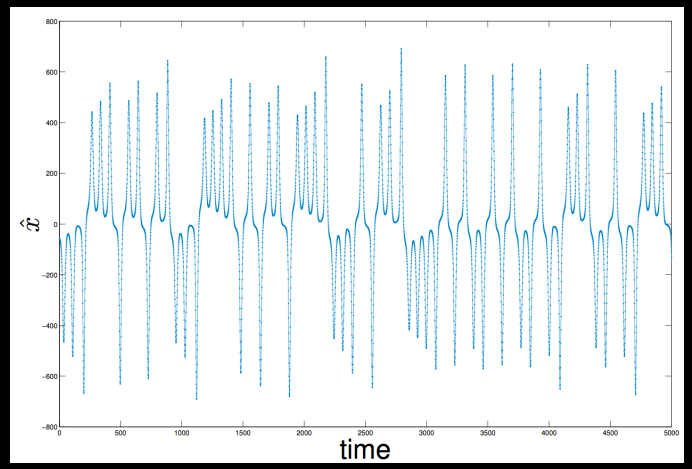


"Observe the system"

Or

"Collect a Time Series"

Observation

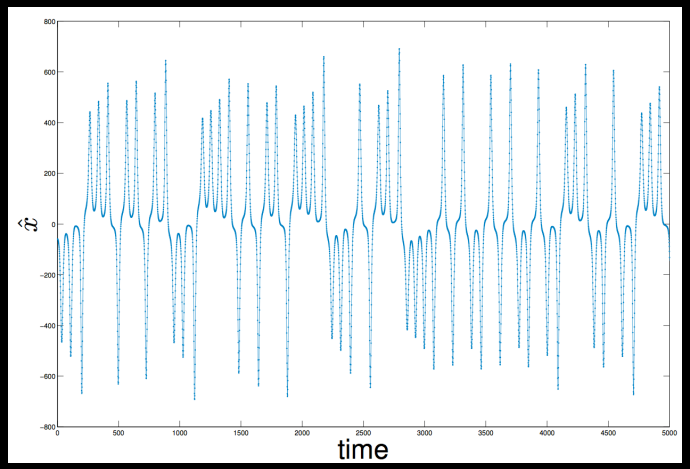


Temperature each day

Number of phytoplankton at time n

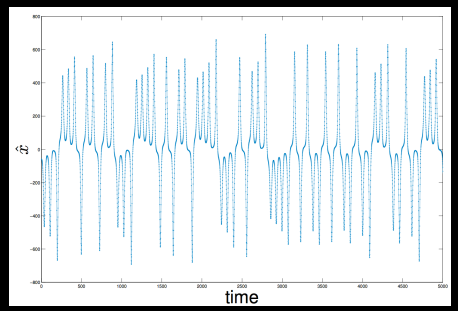
Number of infected in population

The Challenge



The Goal

"Inflate" observations
of the system into equivalent system



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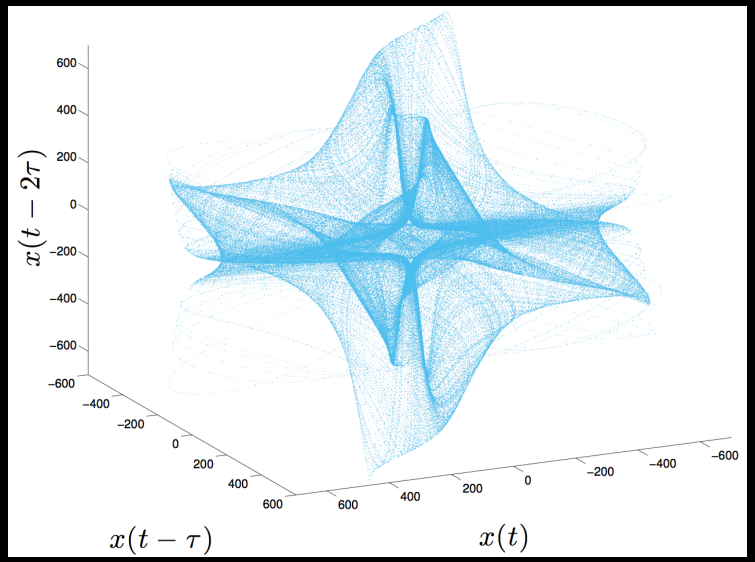

Delay Coordinate Embedding

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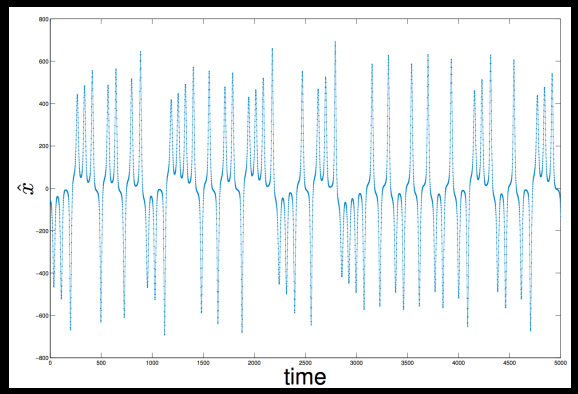

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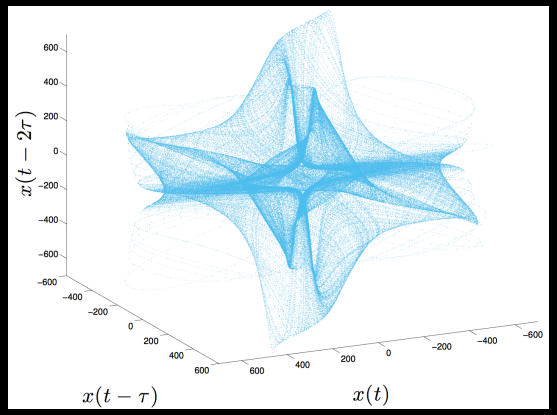
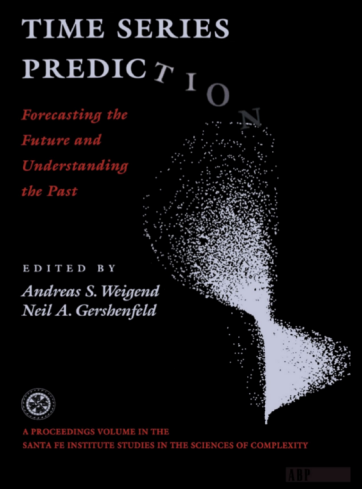
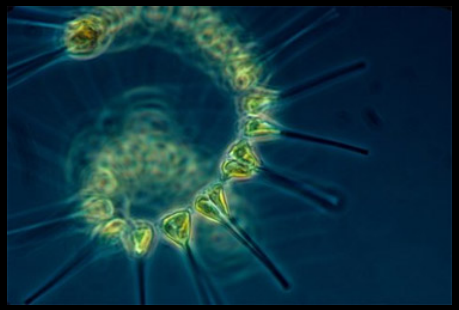


Delay Coordinate Embedding Motivation

Been used to successfully explore, predict and understand many diverse complex systems

- Roulette Wheels (The prediction company)
- Traded Financial Markets (The prediction company)
- Phytoplankton Populations
- Computer Performance Dynamics (JG & E. Bradley)
- SFI A (Far-Infrared-Laser)
- Disease Outbreaks
- Ground Water Levels
- …





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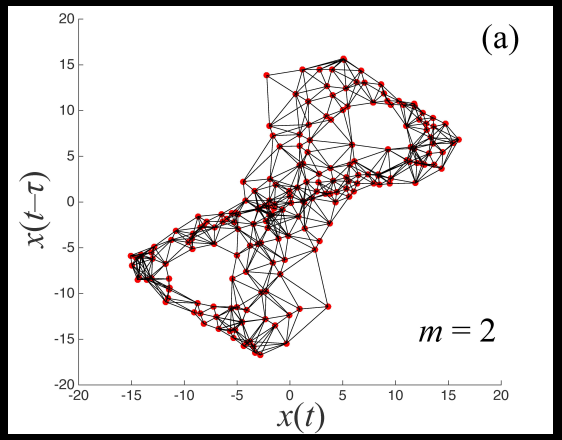

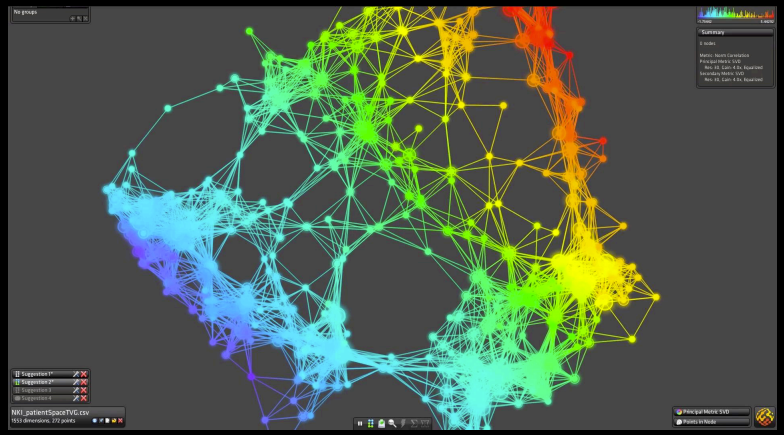

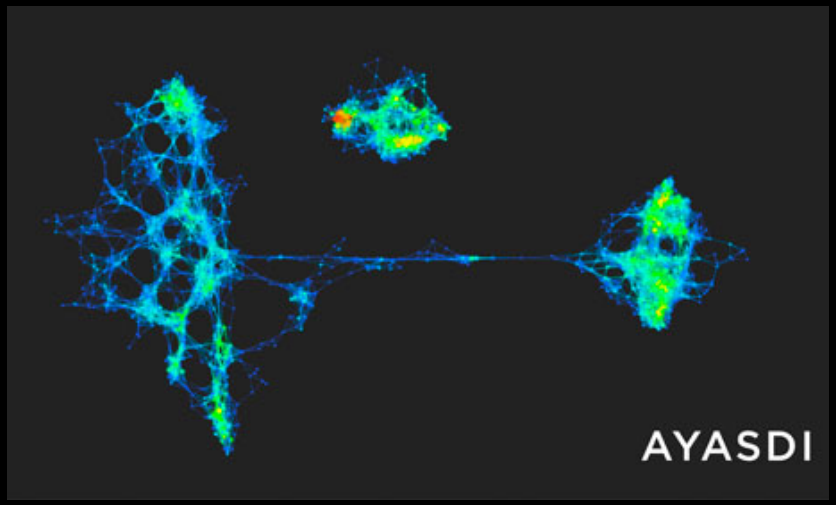

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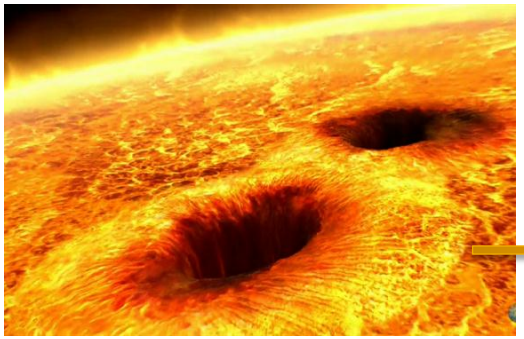

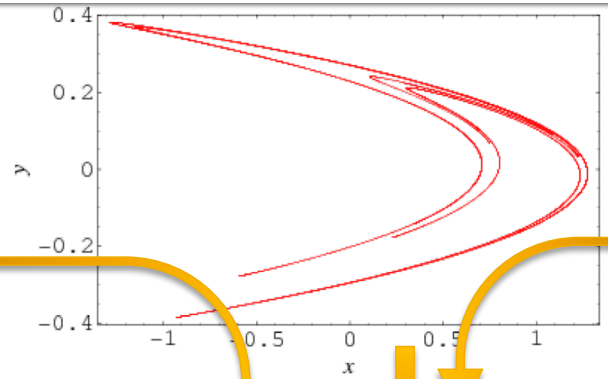

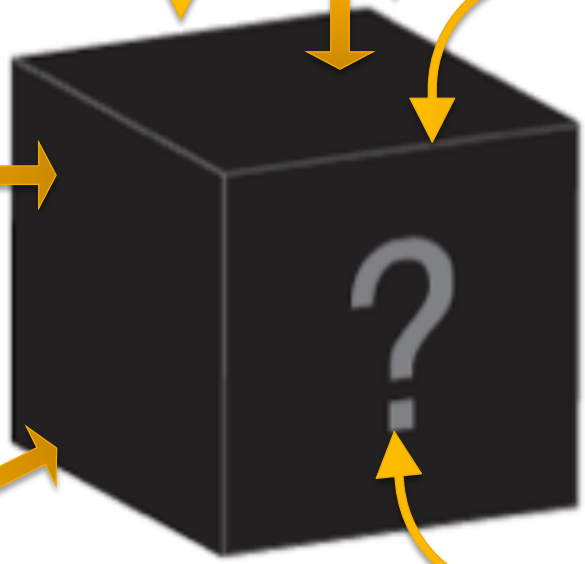

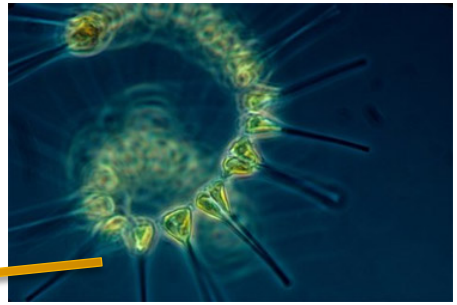

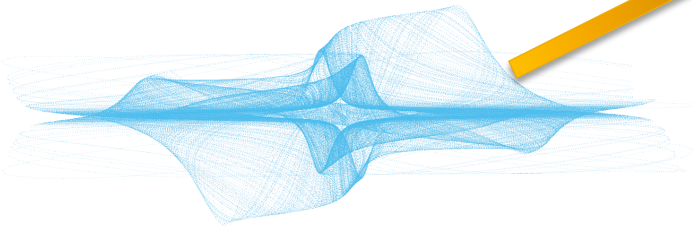

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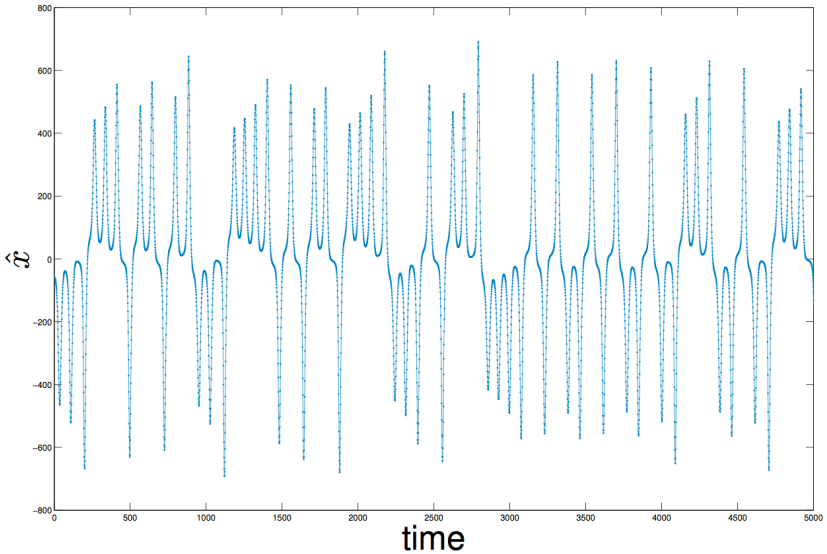

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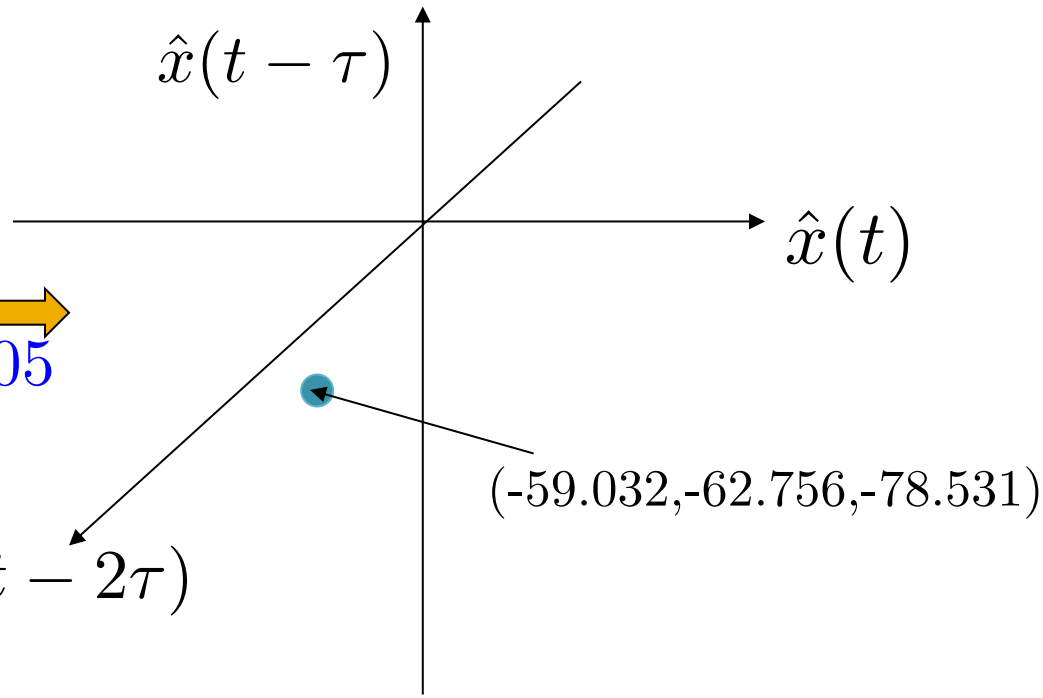

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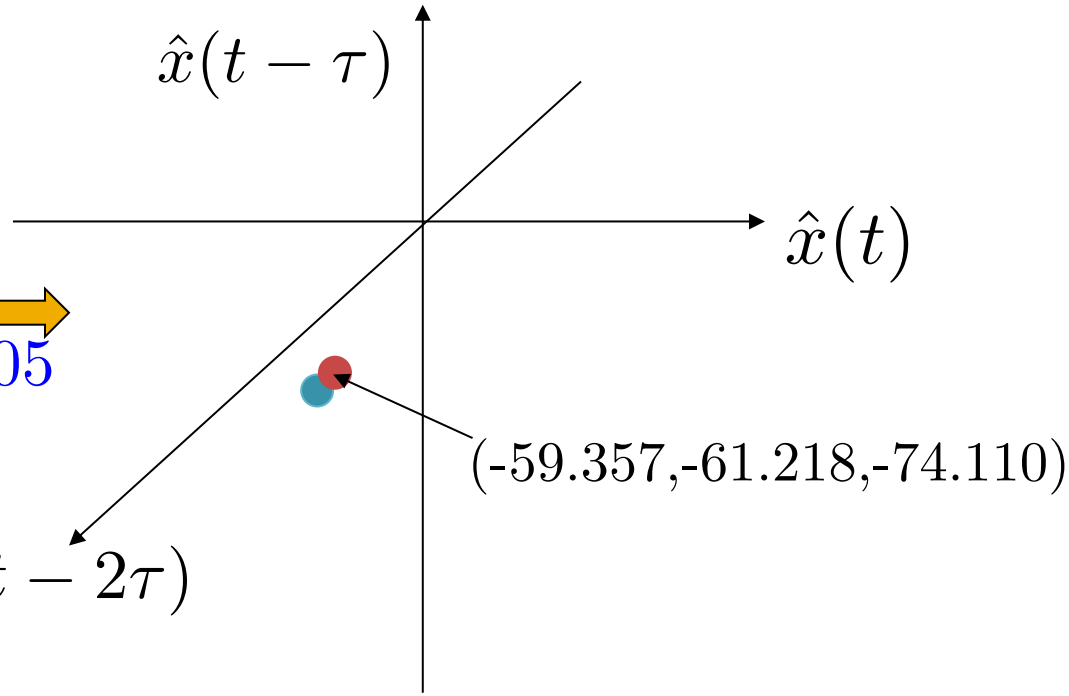

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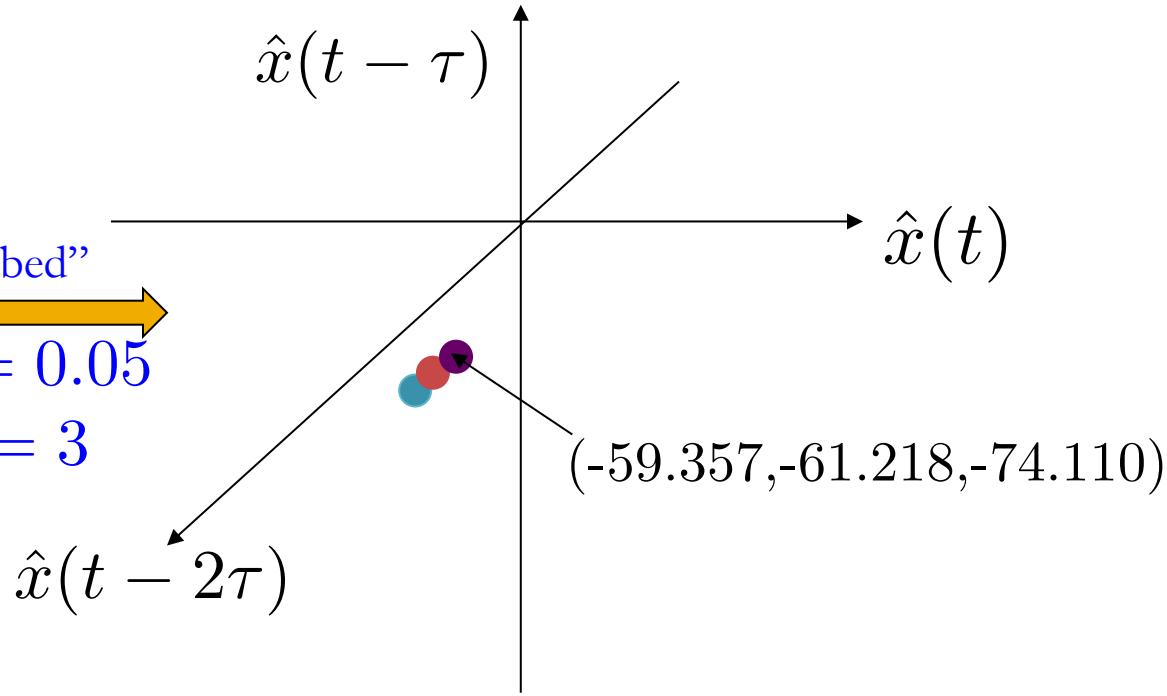

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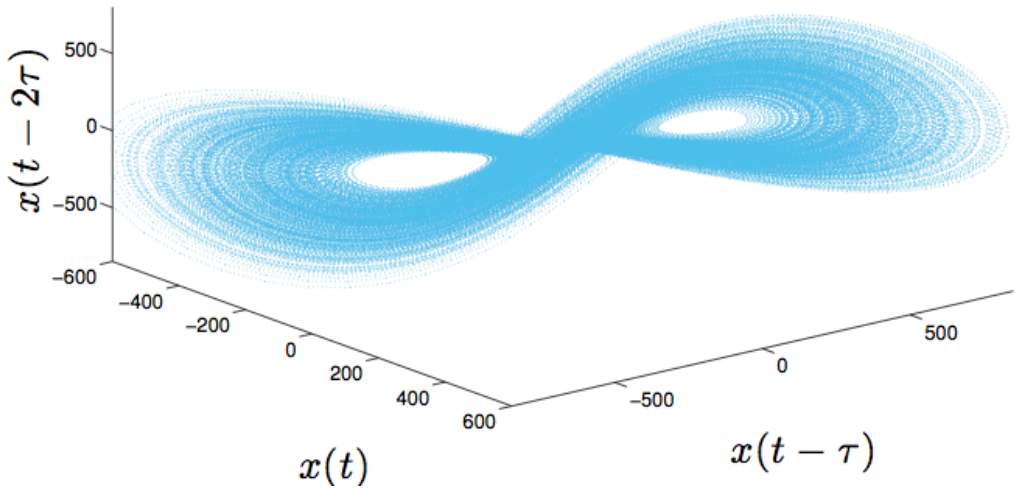

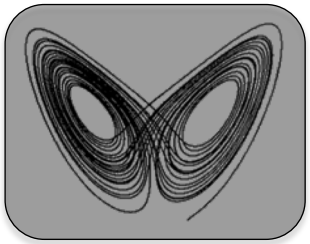

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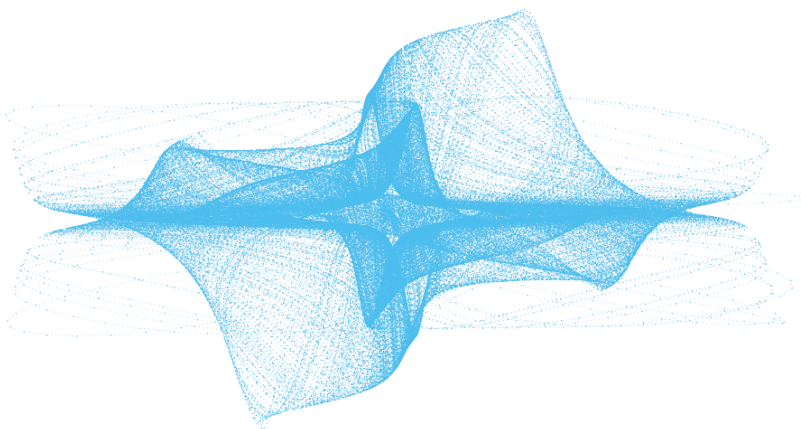

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Diffeomorphisms and Topology

What that means:

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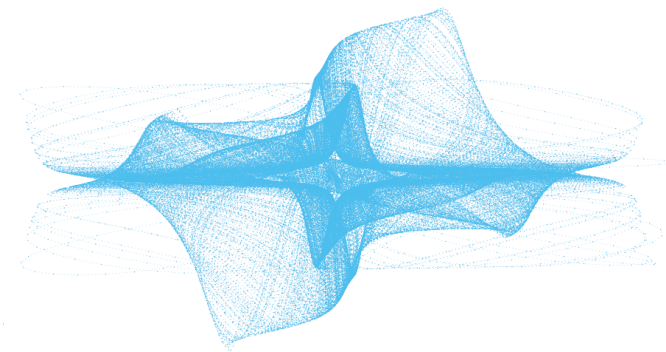
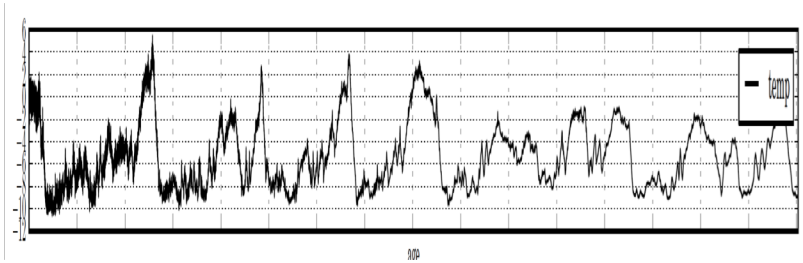


- Same dynamical invariants (e.g., λ, fractal dimension)



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The climate…

…**perfectly**!

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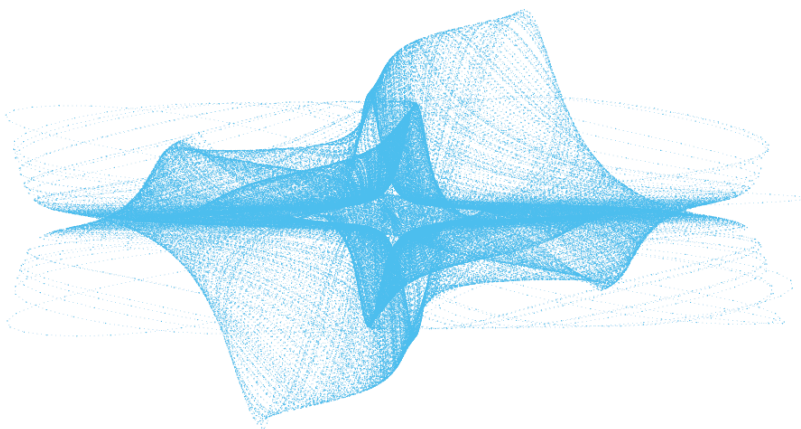

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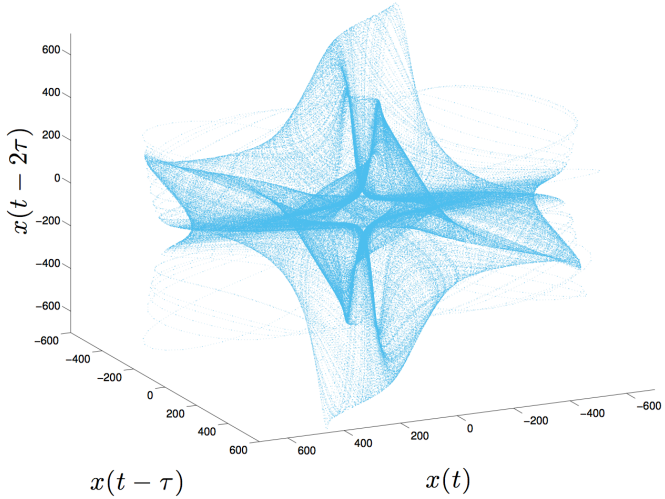

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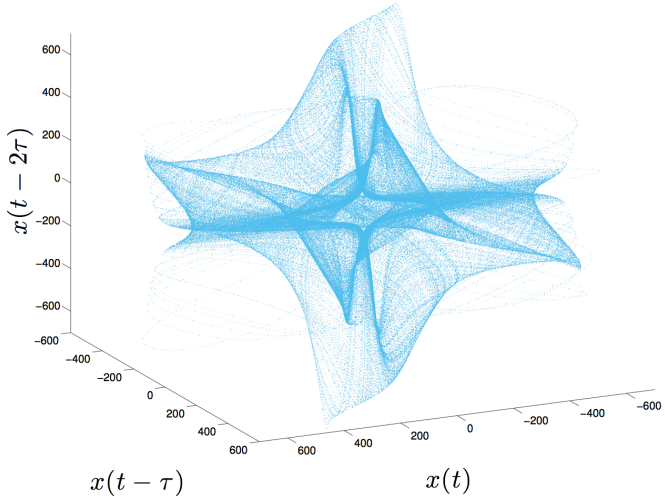

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The Time Delay (the "easy one")

- How far apart the teeth in the "comb" are
- How far apart each coordinate is temporally (how far apart the axis of the reconstruction space are)
- Loose theoretical restriction on time delay, just needs to be:
  - positive (and not a multiple of the orbit's period)
- In practice however, due to finite precision and arithmetic error very important

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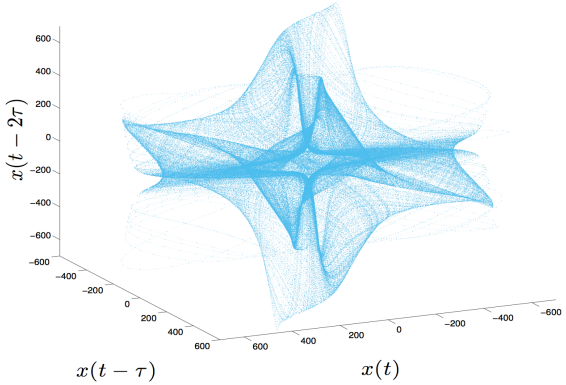

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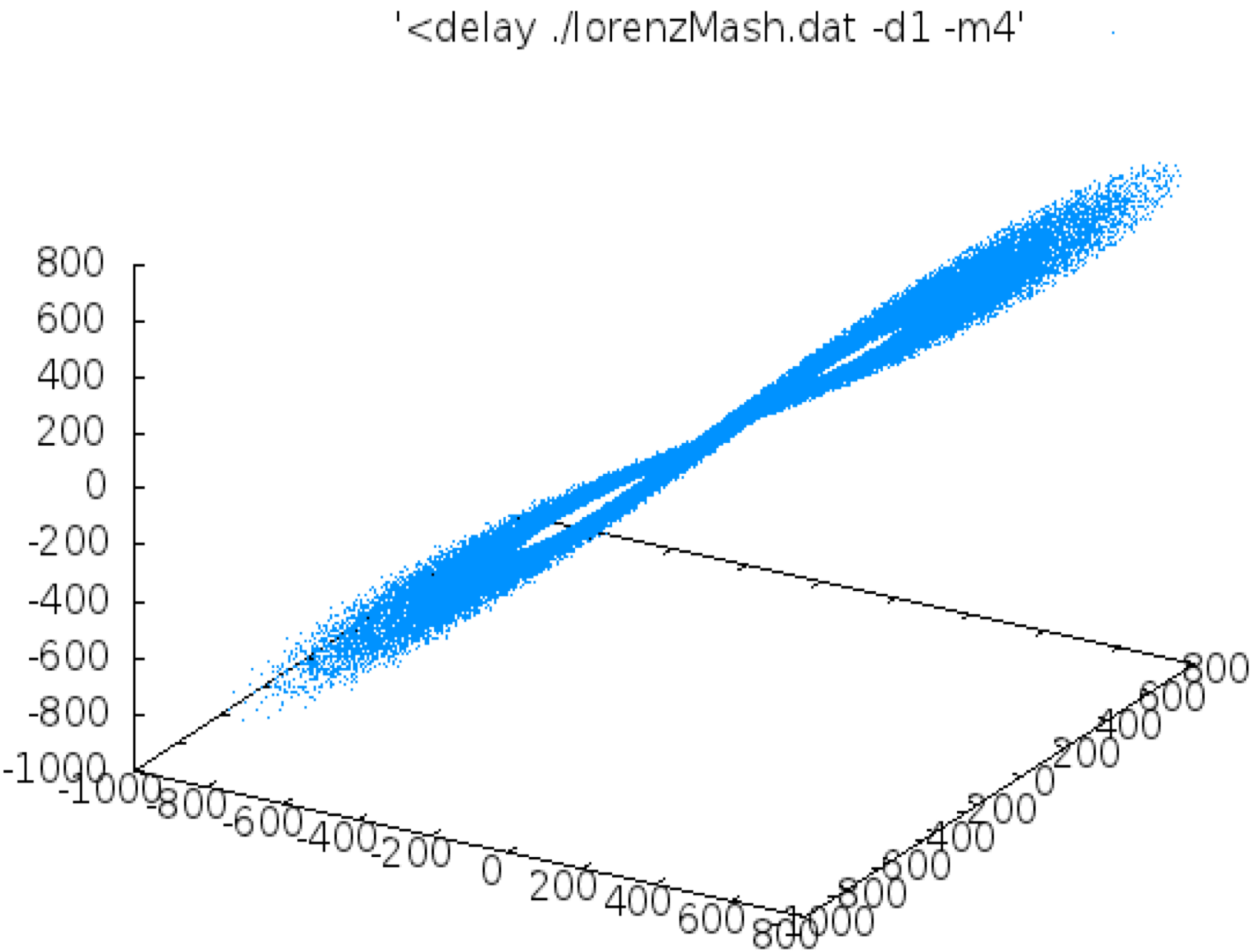
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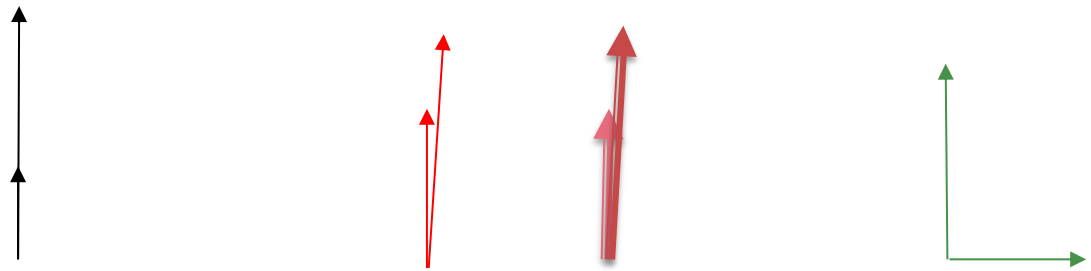

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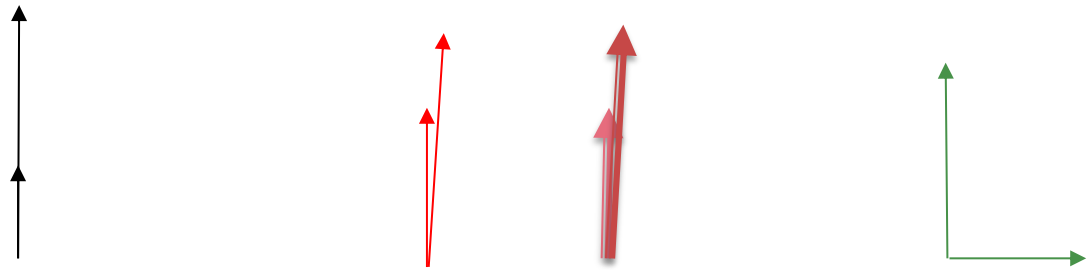

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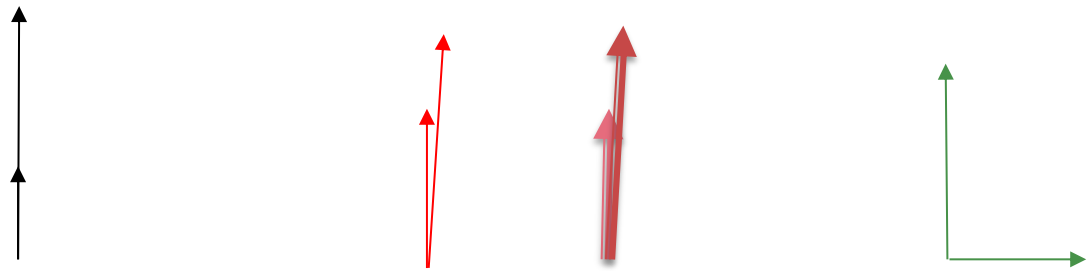

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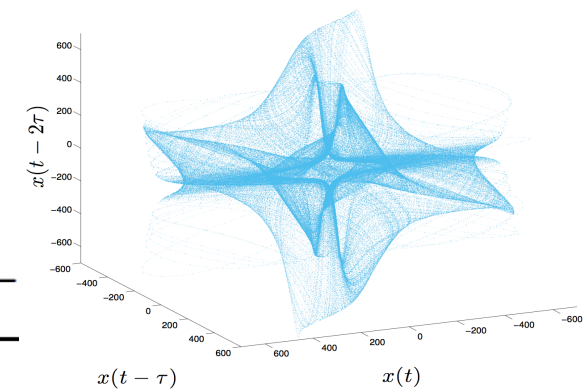

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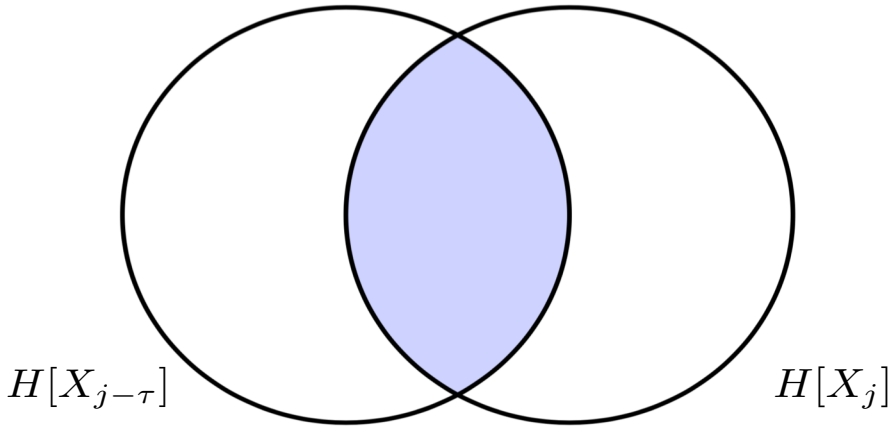
- Second approximation ---- Seek Independence and take into account nonlinear…
  - Instead seek "General Independence" (Minimum mutual information)

$$I[X_{j-\tau}; X_j] = \sum_{x_{j-\tau}, x_j} p(x_{j-\tau}, x_j) \log \frac{p(x_{j-\tau}, x_j)}{p(x_{j-\tau})p(x_j)}$$



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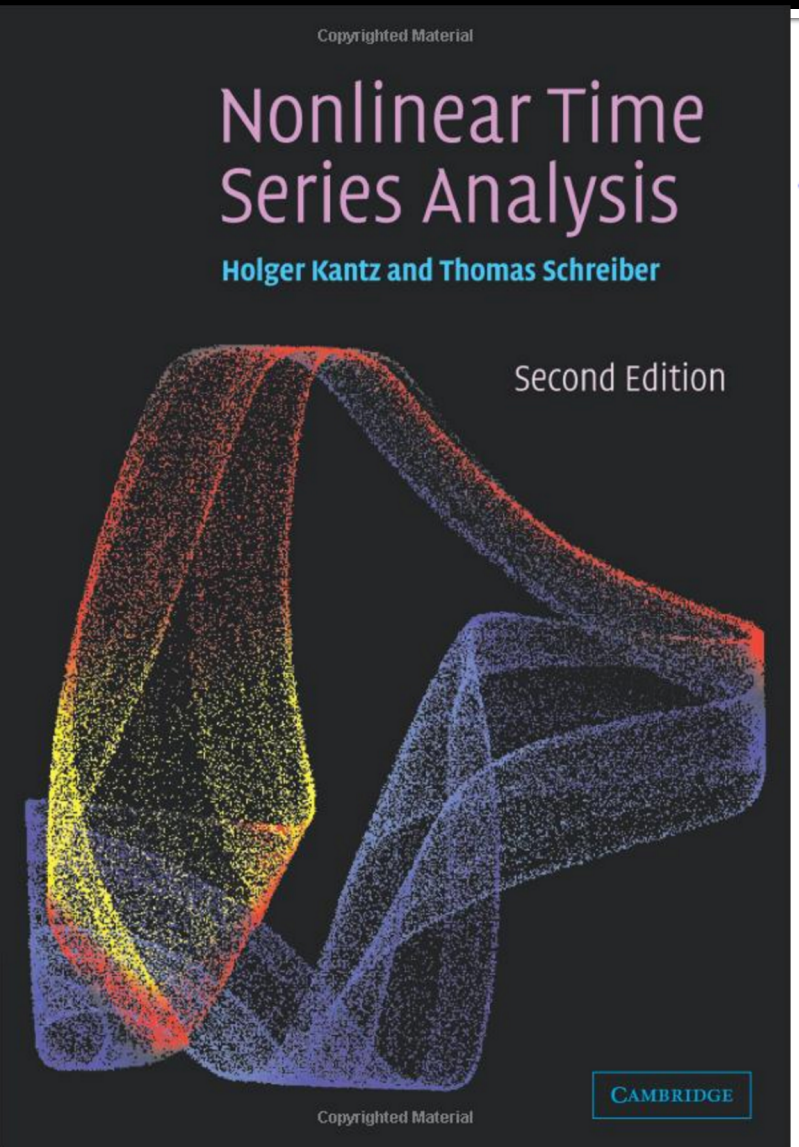

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Nonlinear Time Series Analysis

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Nonlinear time-series analysis revisited

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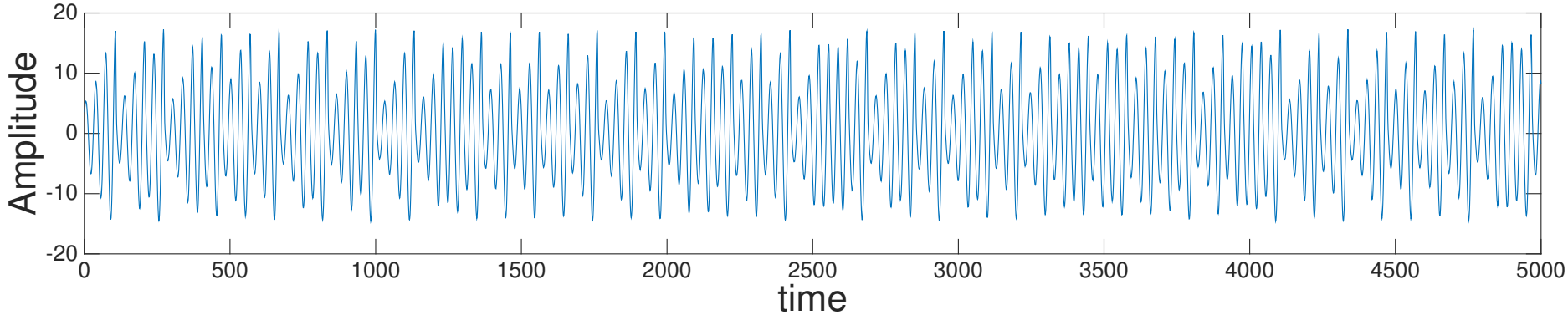
Amplitude.dat



mutual

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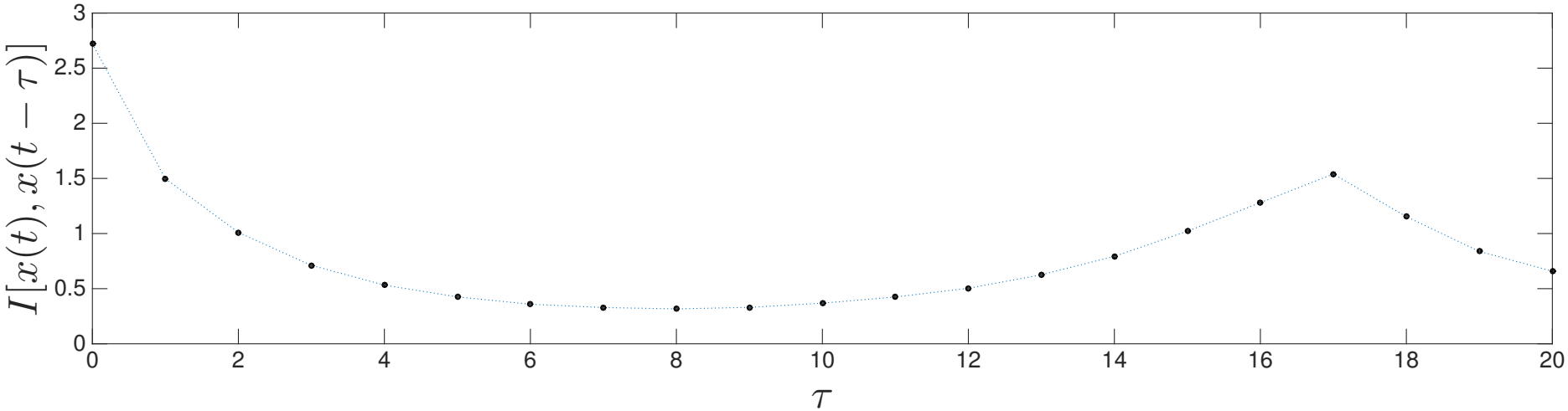

THOUGHT EXPERIMENT

So what should the delay be?

Why does it go back up?

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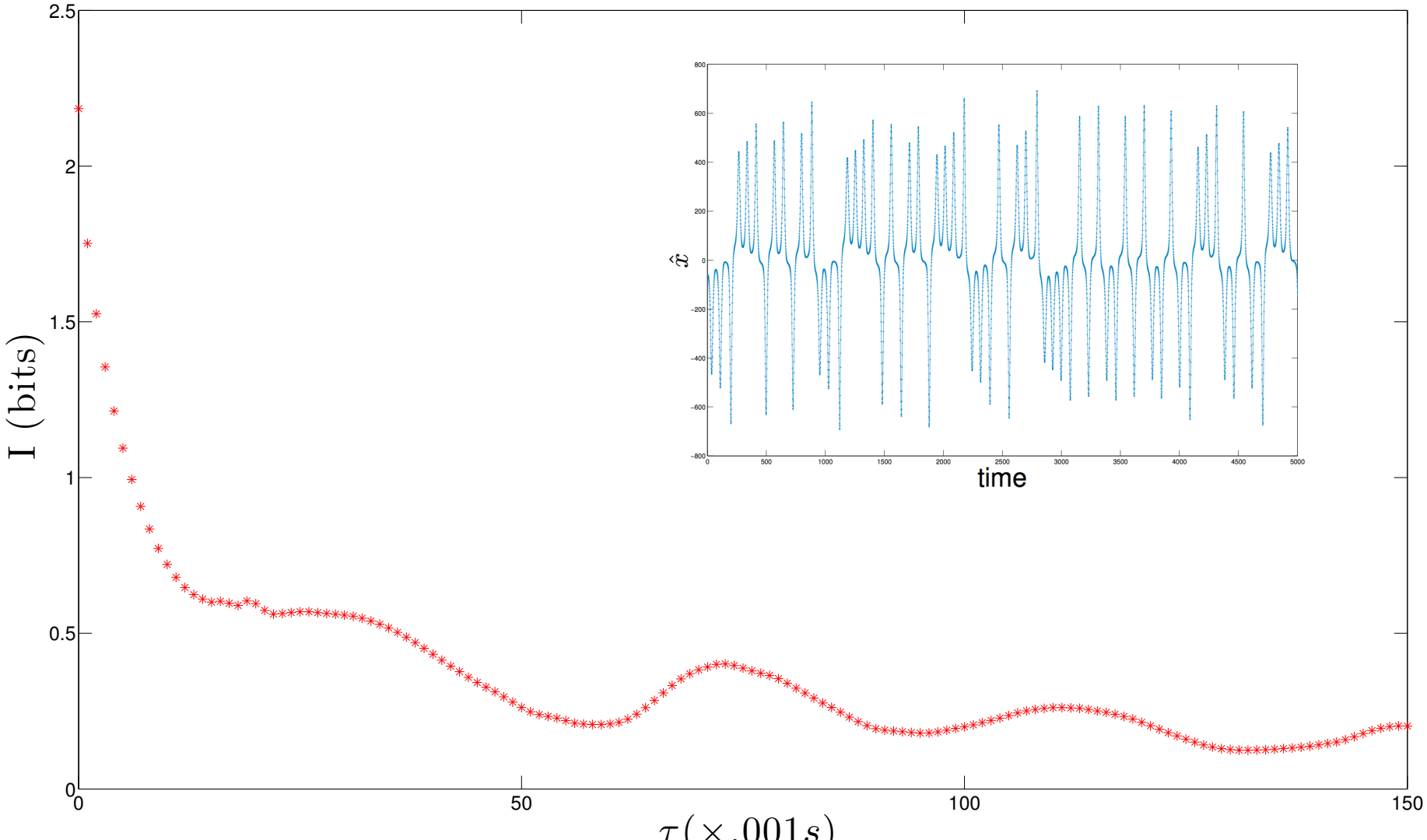

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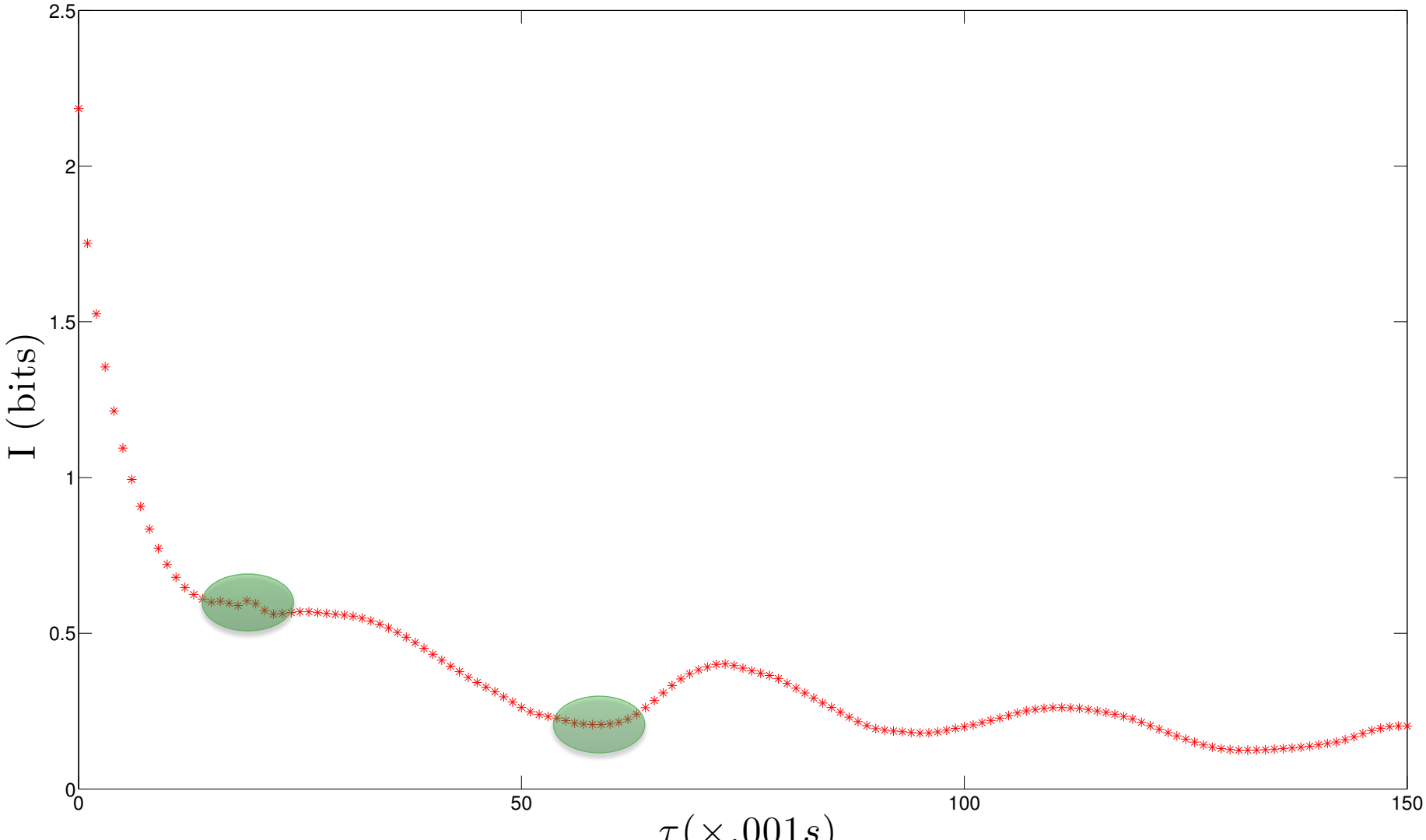

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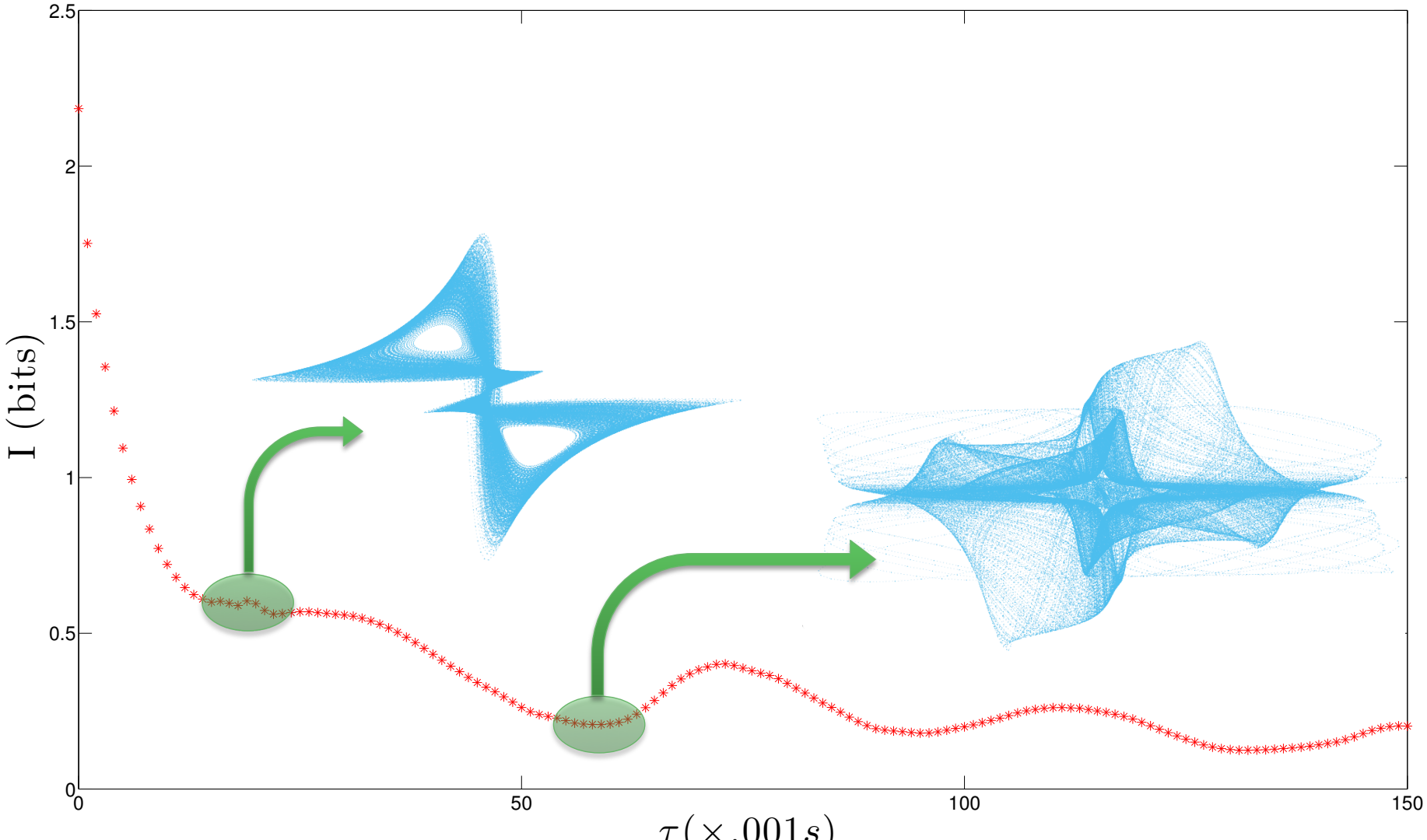

We have found the delay!

Ok we have selected the "easy" parameter…
Any Questions?

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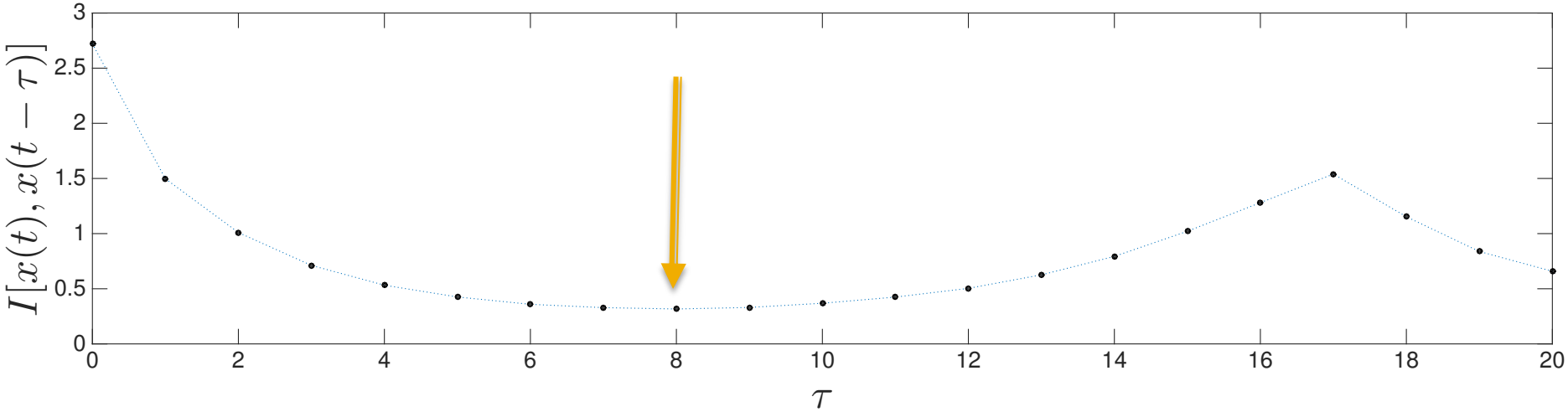

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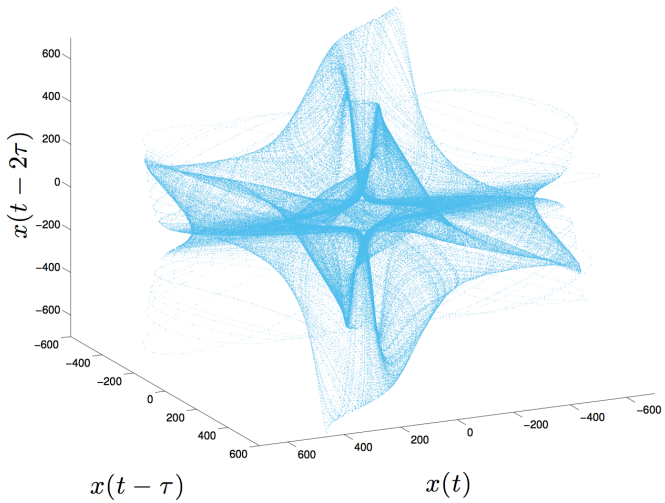

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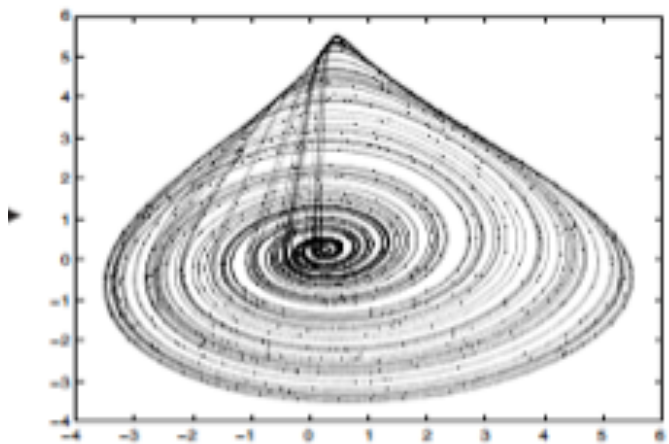

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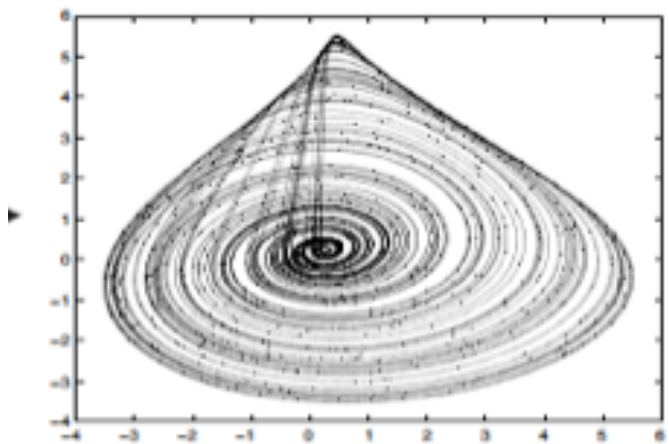

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- So we need $m > 2d_{cap}$
  - But we do not know the dimension …
  - BUT! Notion of enough dimensions to stretch into, think about the bridge
  - Two standard approaches
    - Method of False neighbors
    - Method of Dynamical Invariants

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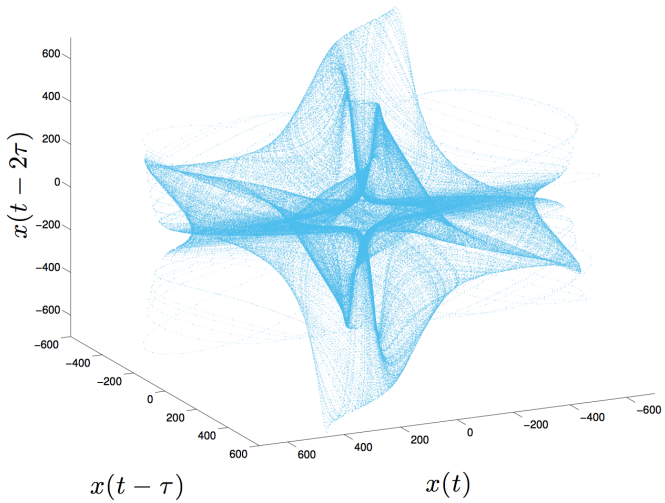

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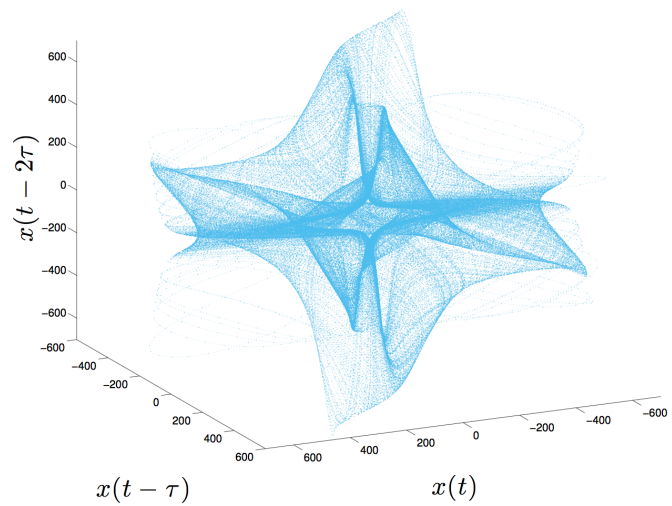
How much data do I need?!

†and an infinitely long noise free time series

$$7^m \quad 10^m$$

$$m = 4$$



2400-10,000 data points

Aside…maybe not all is lost…

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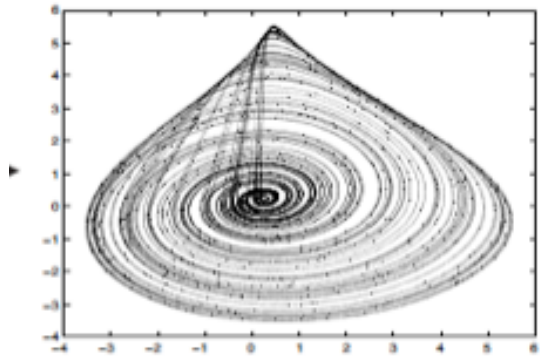
$m = 2$ is usually "good enough" for prediction

False Neighbors (Big Picture)



Deterministic Dynamics can NOT cross in state space!

So simply figure out if dynamics cross and if they do this means embedding dimension is not large enough

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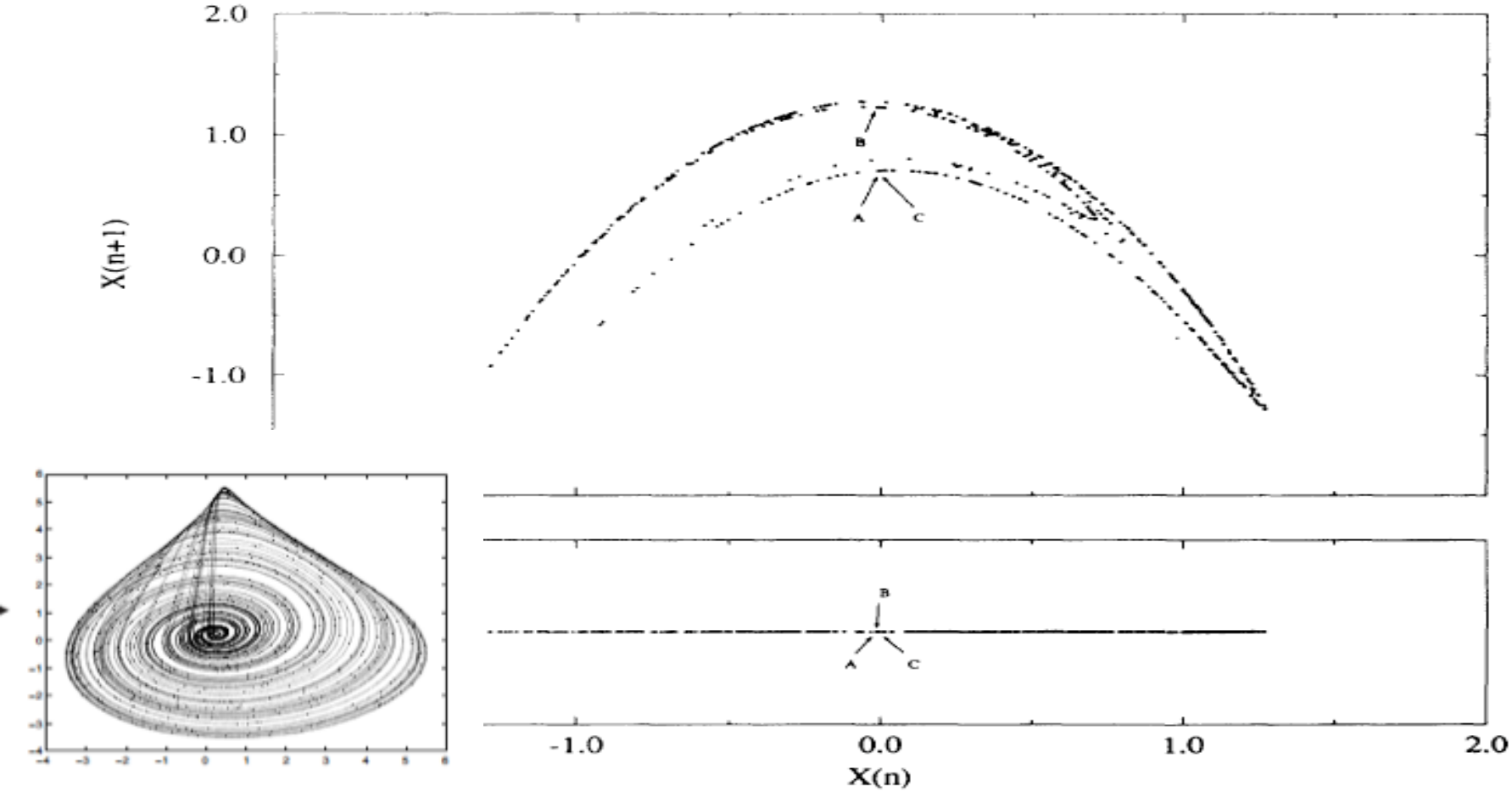

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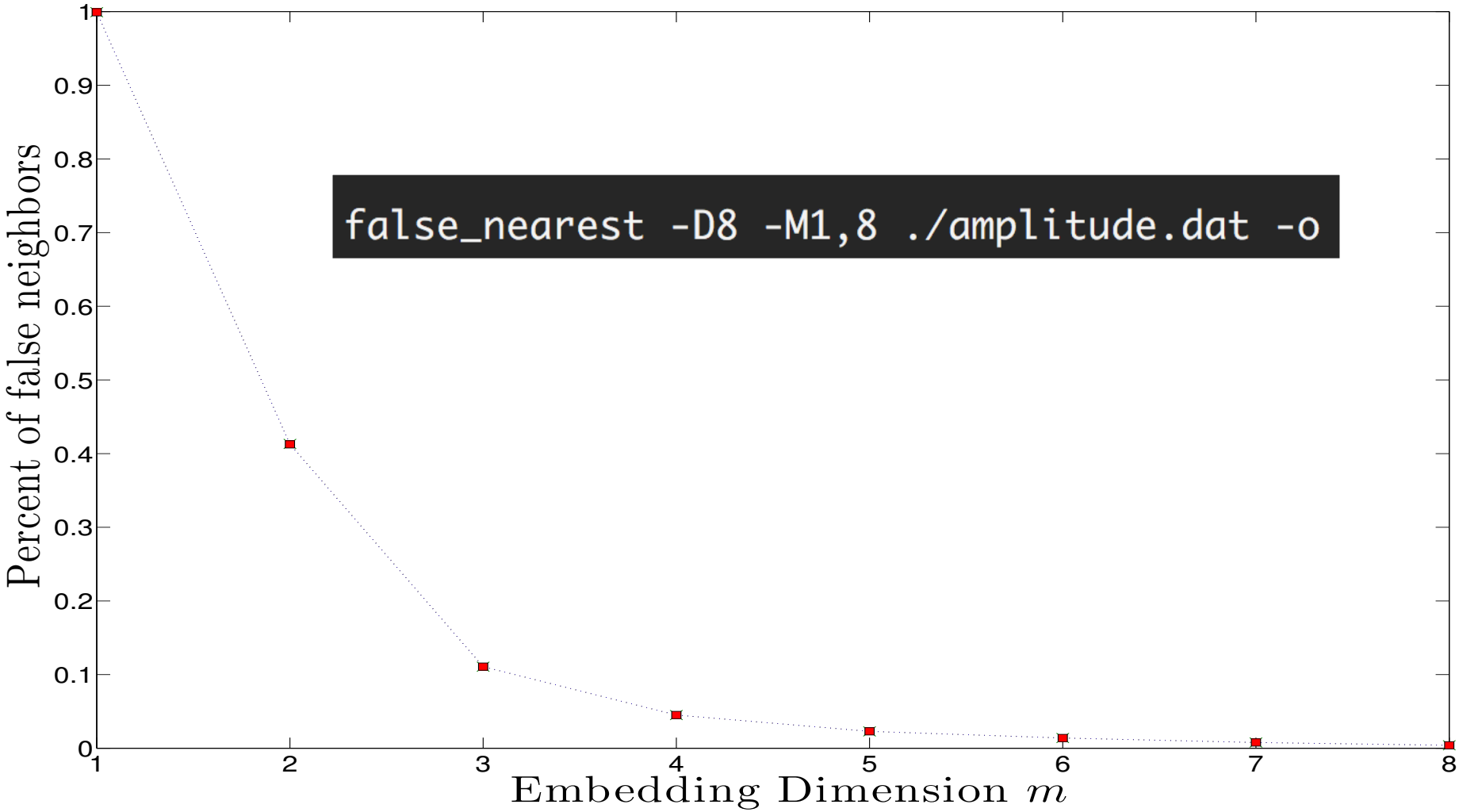

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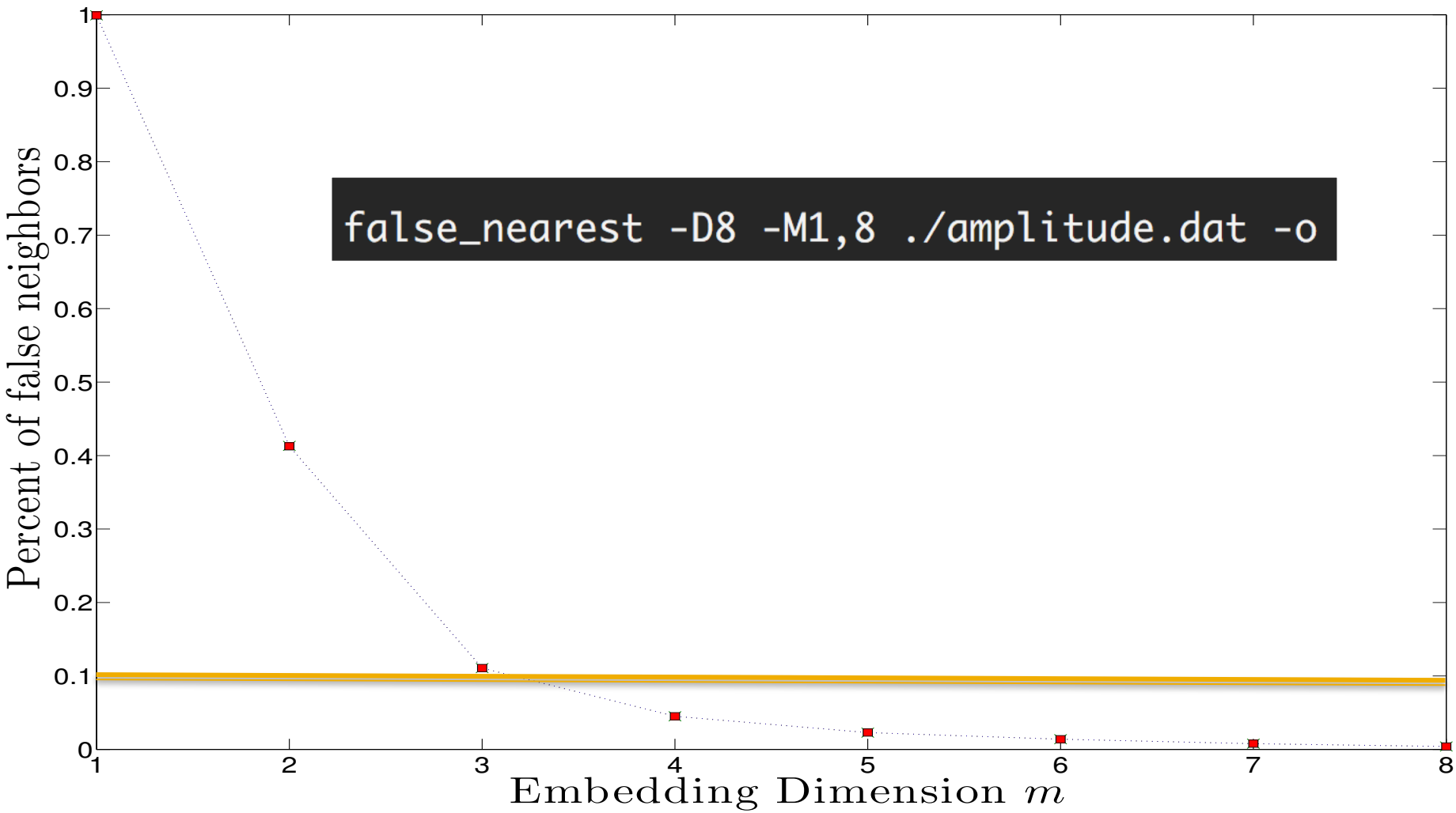

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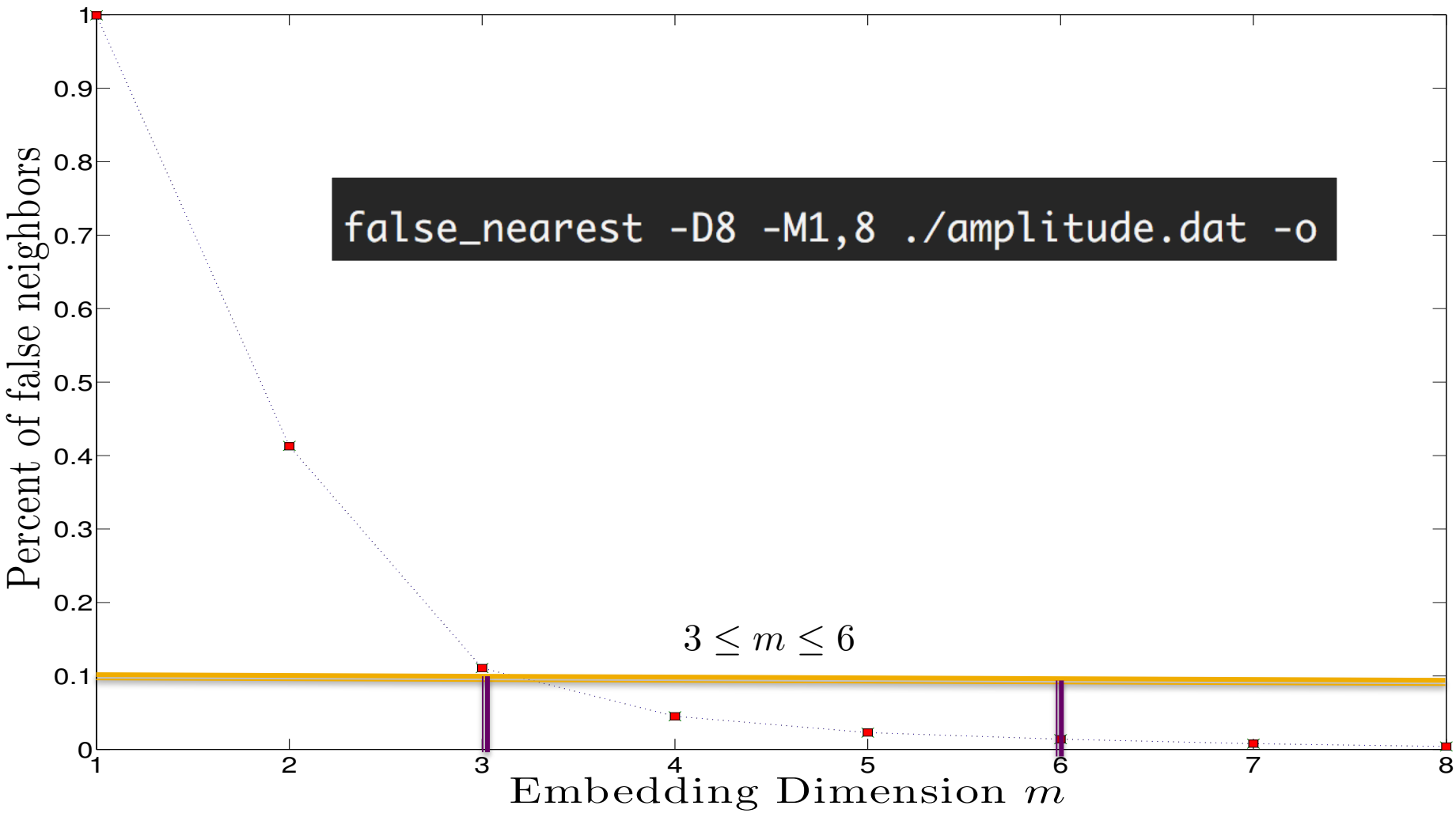

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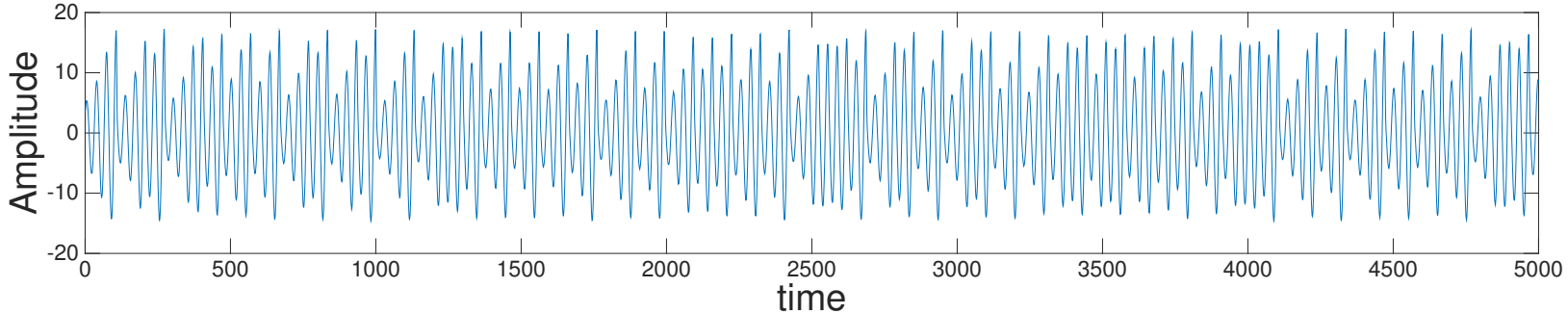

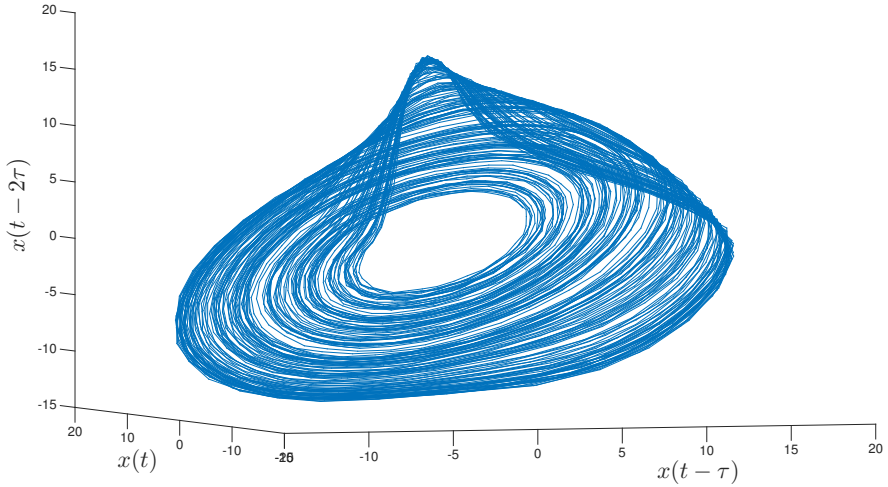

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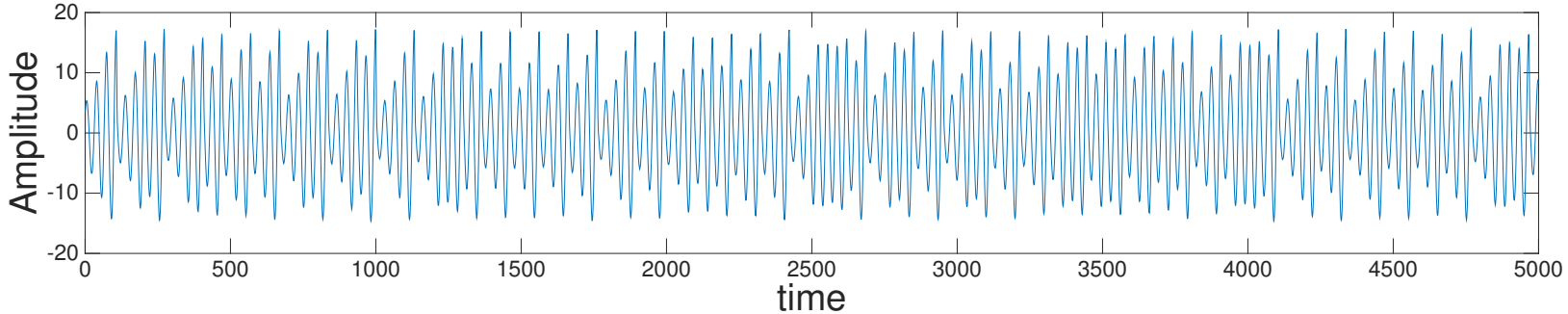

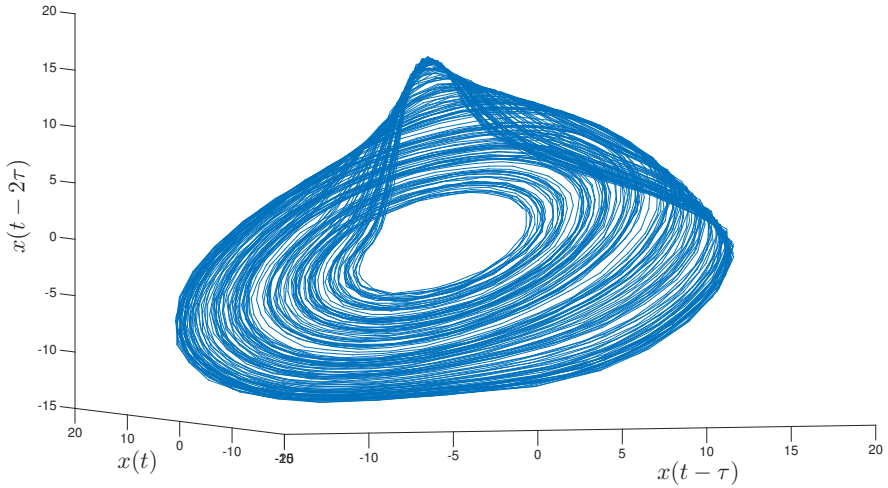

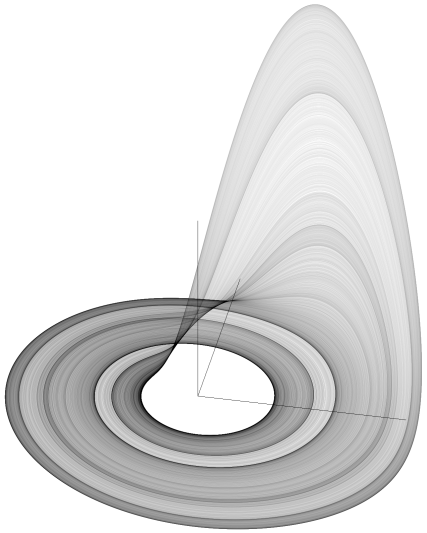

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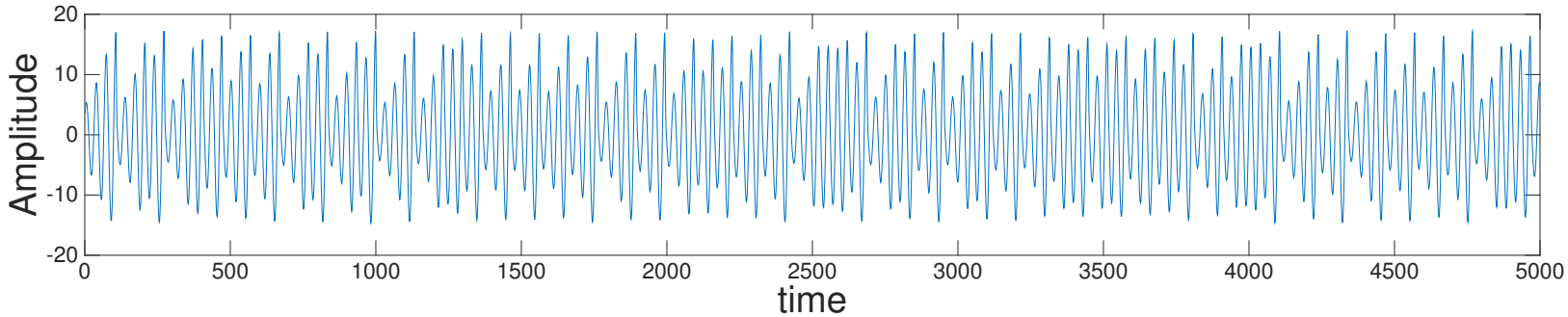
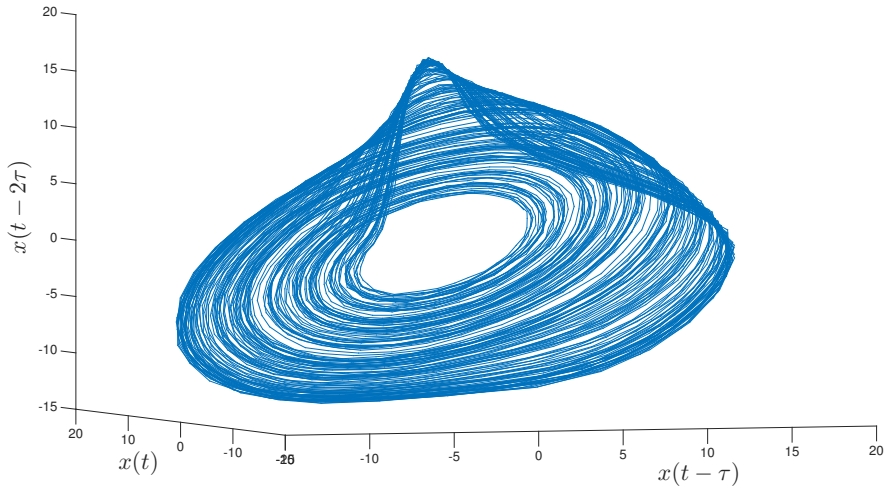




We have reconstructed the dynamics!

Selecting the time delay how?

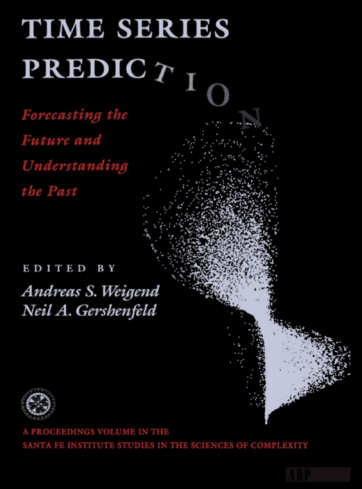
Selecting the dimension how?

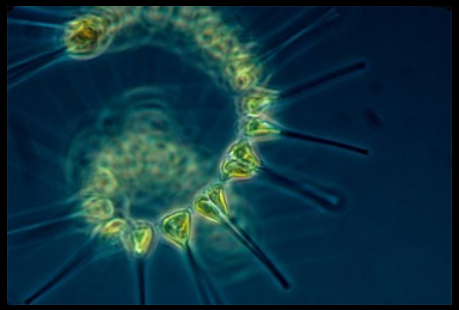
…ok so what? Just pretty pictures?

Delay Coordinate Embedding is useful!

Been used to successfully explore, predict and understand many diverse complex systems

- Roulette Wheels (The prediction company)
- Traded Financial Markets (The prediction company)
- Phytoplankton Populations
- Computer Performance Dynamics (JG & E. Bradley)
- SFI A (Far-Infrared-Laser)
- Disease Outbreaks
- Ground Water Levels
- …





Fractal Dimension

A point is zero dimensional
A line is one dimensional
A plane is two dimensional
A Cantor set is ??? dimensional

Correlation Dimension

How much of space is taken up by an object?

The correlation sum..

$$C(\epsilon; m, \tau) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^{N} \Theta[\epsilon - ||\vec{x_i} - \vec{x_j}||] \quad \Theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & : x > 0 \\ 0 & : x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$C(\epsilon; m, \tau) \propto \epsilon^D$$

Slope of scaling region on this log-log plot is the Correlation Dimension

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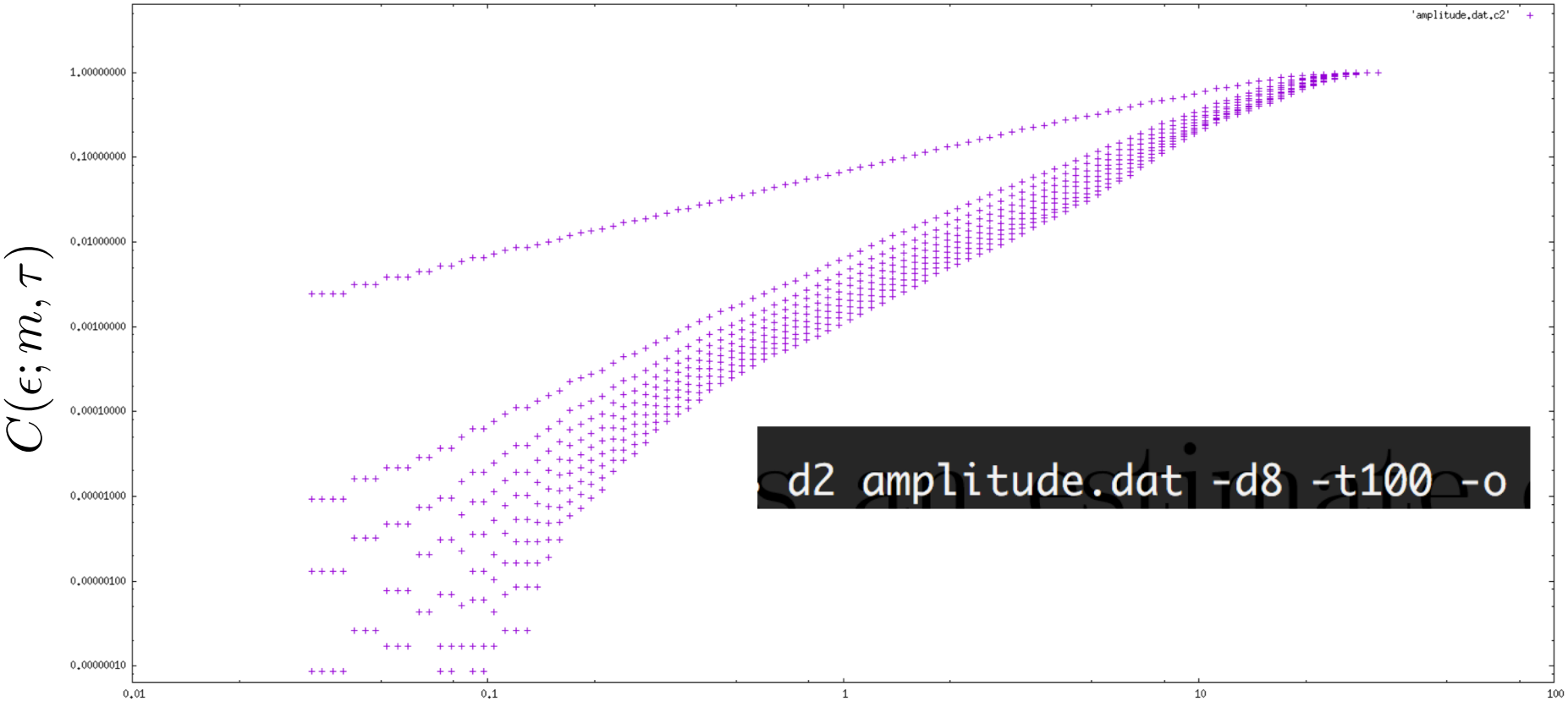

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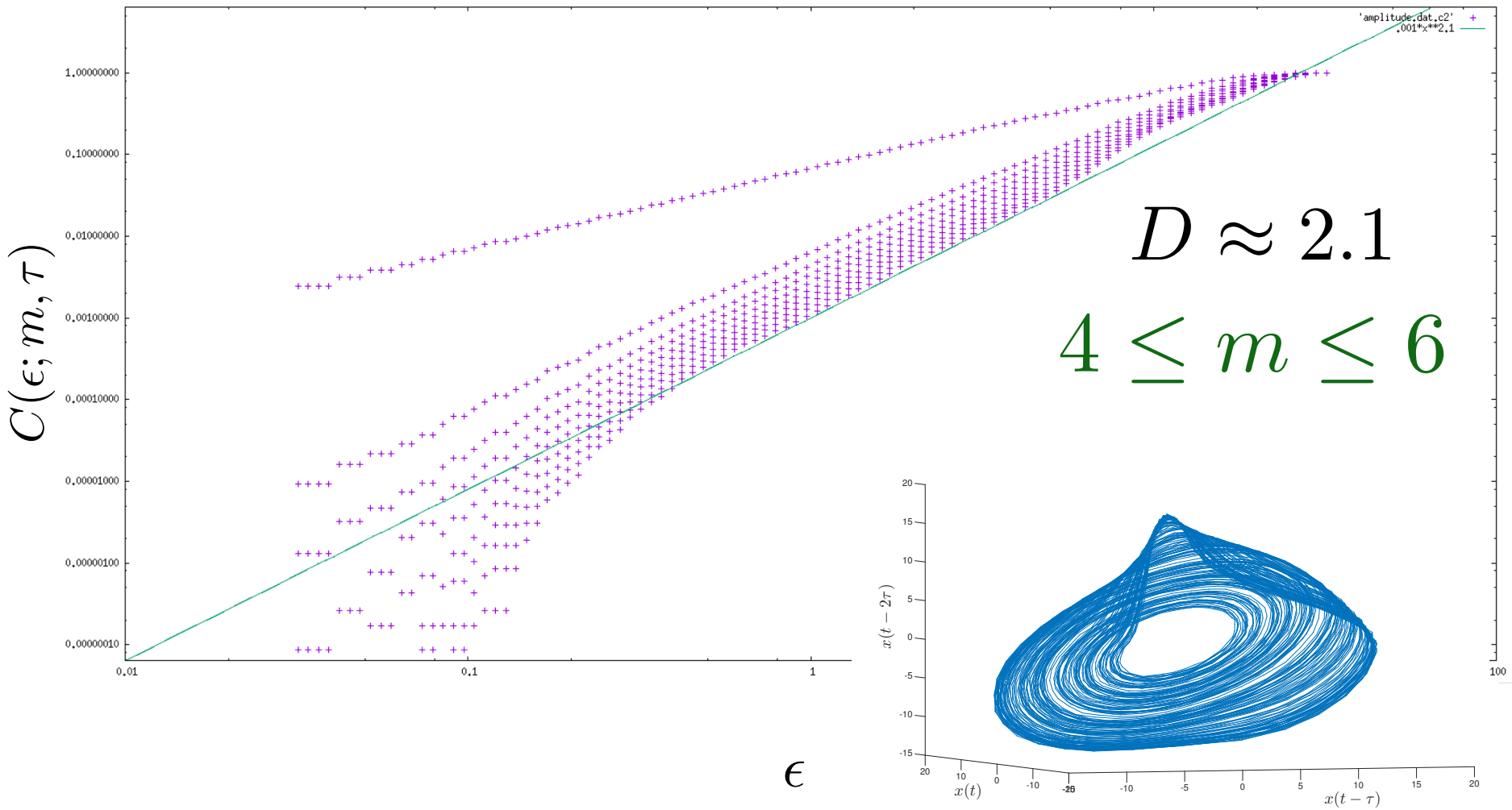

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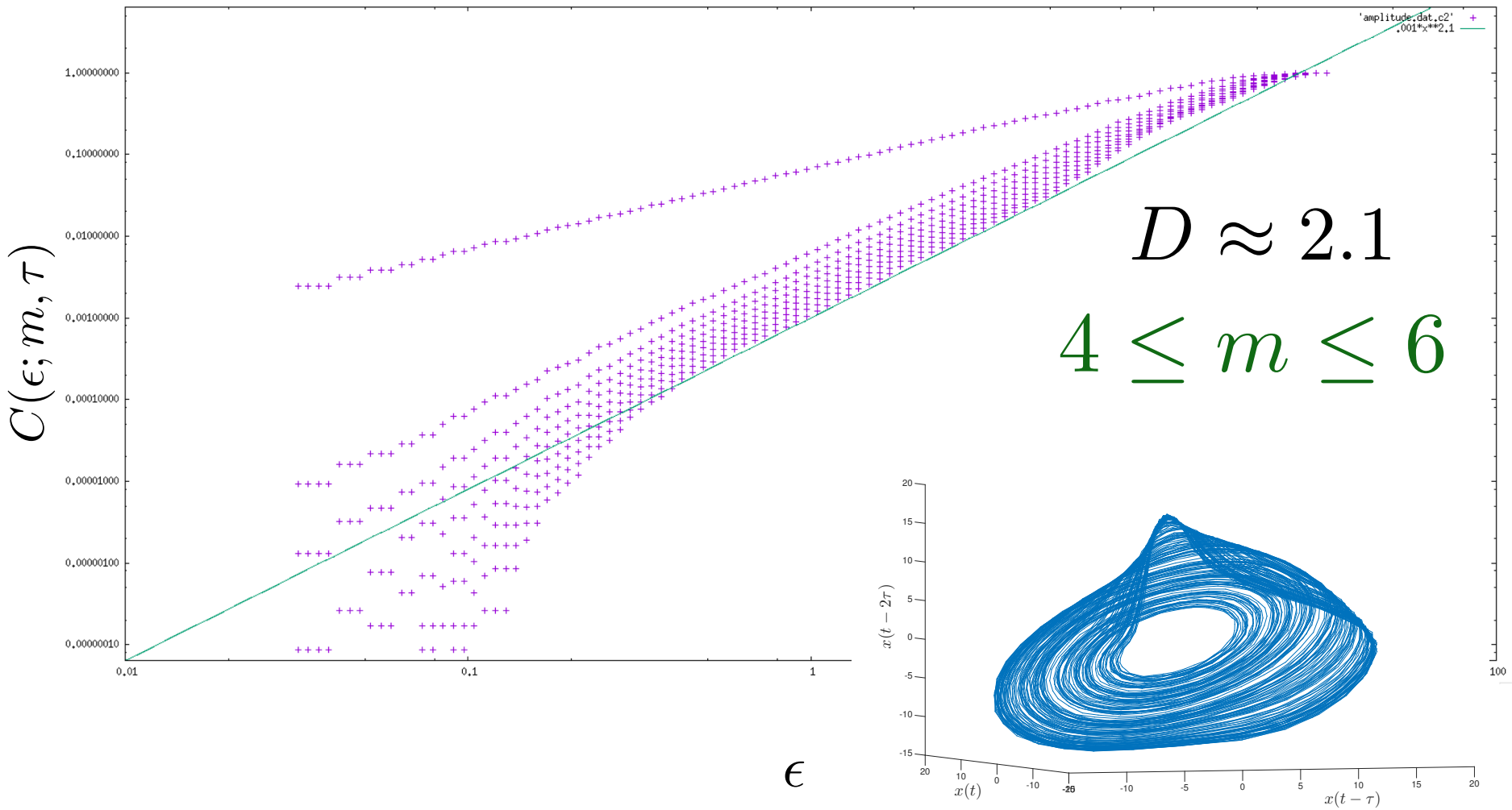

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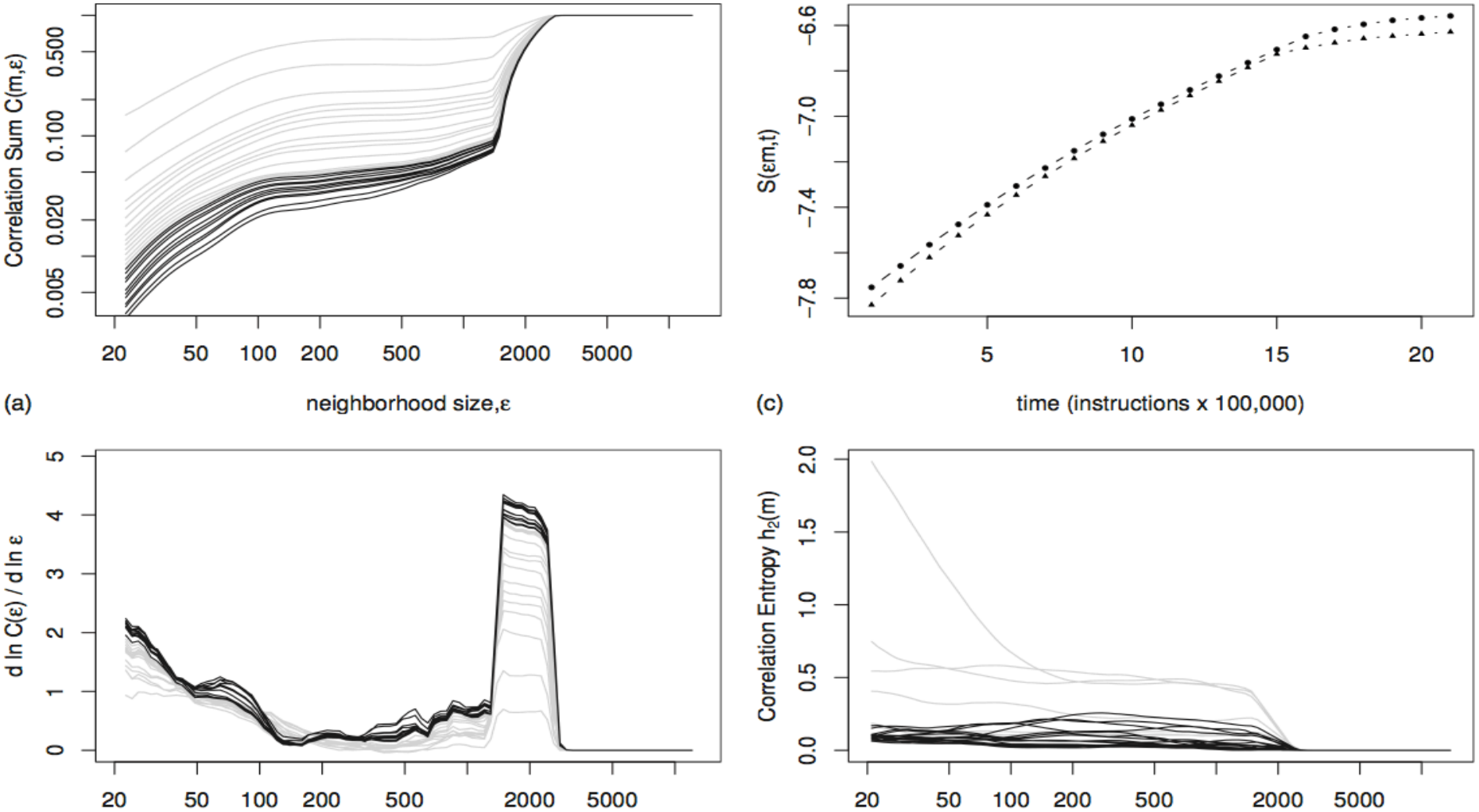

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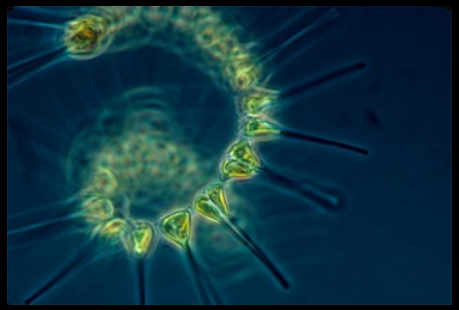
Delay Coordinate Embedding Takeaways

Nonlinear Time Series Analysis is Hard and Subjective … but!

"Using a term like **nonlinear** science is like referring to the bulk of zoology as the study of non-**elephant** animals."

- In "non-elephant" systems nonlinear tools are needed!
- You now know how to use the workhorse of this field.



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