

# Time series analysis, data assimilation, and machine learning in network physiology

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- quantifying complexity in cardiac arrhythmias using ordinal pattern and permutation entropy
- predicting complex spatio-temporal dynamics using convolutional neural networks

## Classifying Electrocardiograms Using Ordinal Patterns

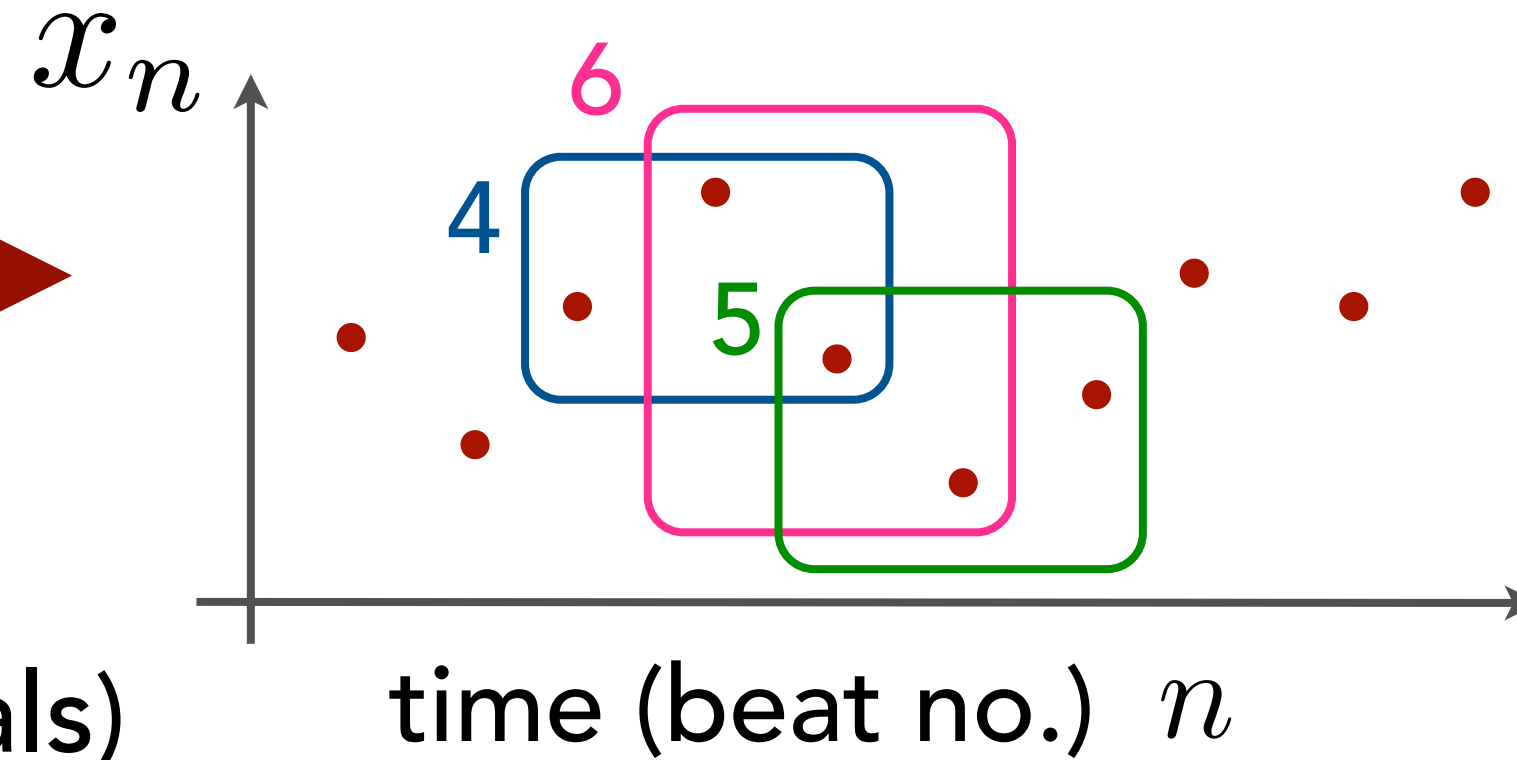
normal rhythm



$x_n$     $x_{n+1}$

beat-to-beat intervals (RR intervals)

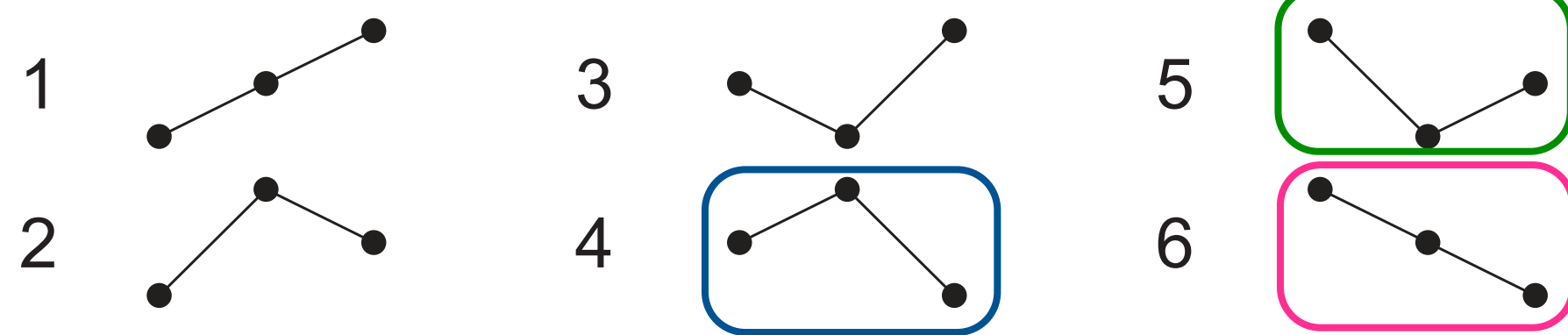
beat-to-beat time series



symbolic time series

4, 6, 5, ...

Characterization of RRI-time series using ordinal patterns describing amplitude relations within segments of time series.



all ordinal patterns of length  $W = 3$

$p_i$  = probability of occurrence of pattern  $i$

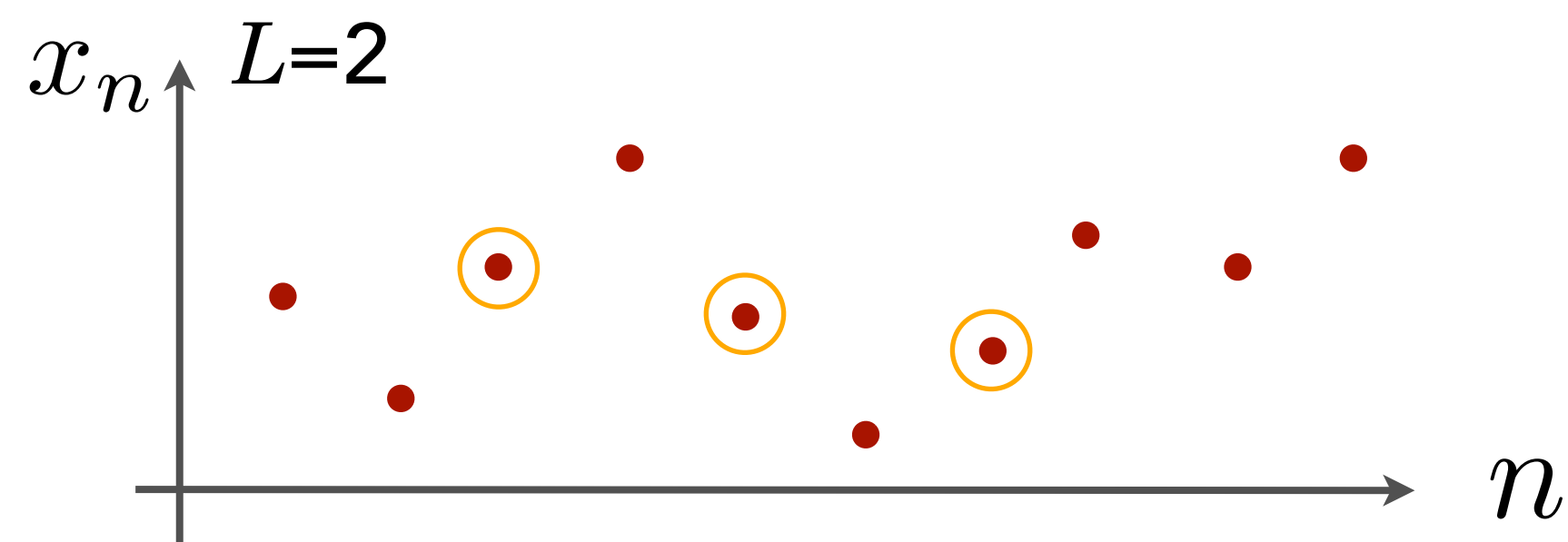
**Permutation Entropy**

$$PE = - \sum_{i=1}^{W!} p_i \log(p_i)$$

C. Bandt und B. Pompe, Phys. Rev. Lett.99, 174102 (2002)

## Ordinal Pattern Distributions Characterizing Heart Rate Variability

Consider subsequences of beat-to-beat intervals sampled with lag  $L$ :



$$x_n, x_{n+L}, x_{n+2L}, \dots, x_{n+(W-1)L}$$

**Features** (Heart Rate Variability parameters, biomarkers) based on ordinal pattern statistics:

$\text{perm}(L, W, I)$  = probability of occurrence of patterns with permutation index  $I$  for a given lag  $L$  and length  $W$

$\text{perm entropy}(L, W)$  = Permutation Entropy based on all probabilities for a given lag  $L$  and a given word length  $W$

are compared with other heart rate variability parameters

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

## Evaluation of Classification Performance

Two data sets (24h beat-to-beat intervals, @256hz):

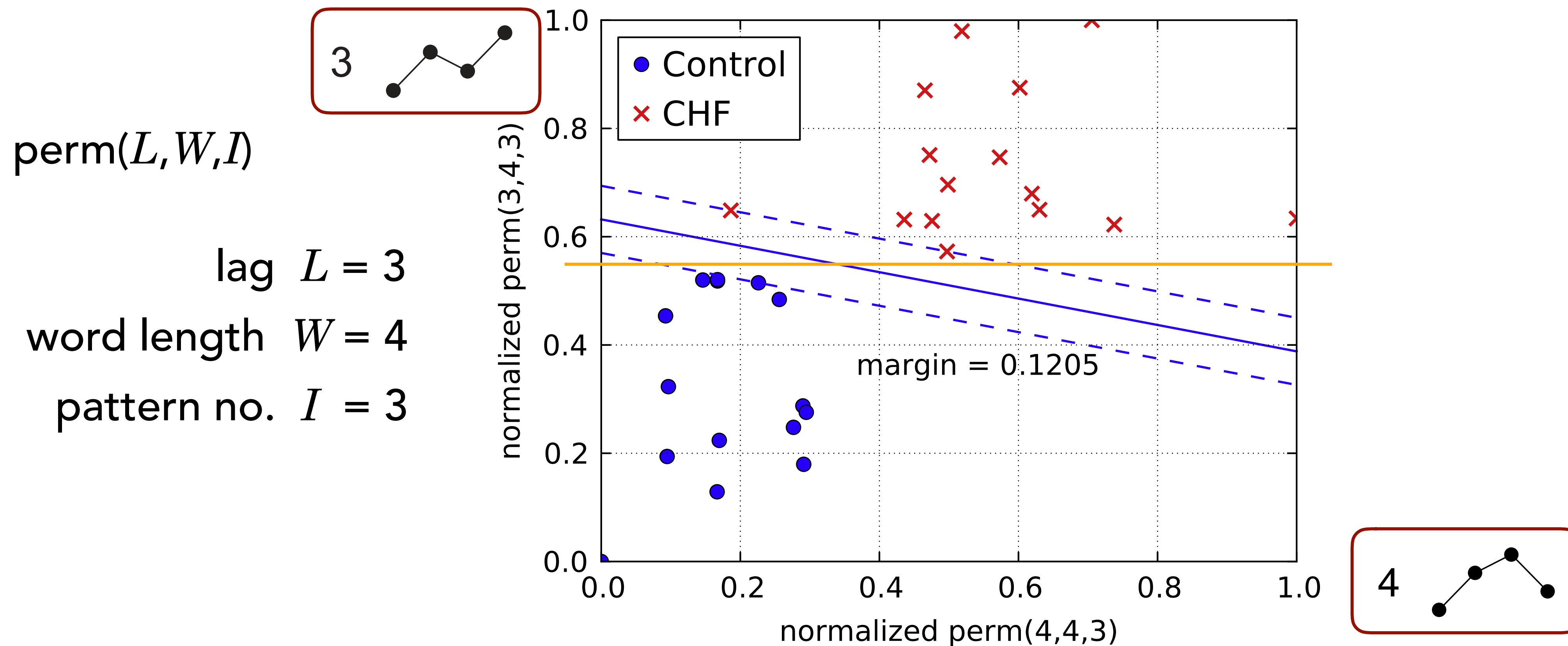
- 15 patients (11 male, 4 female, ages  $56 \pm 11$  yr) suffering from **congestive heart failure (CHF)** (from physionet)
- 15 **healthy** subjects (11 male, 4 female, ages  $56 \pm 5$  yr)

Task: Distinguish and **classify both groups** using **probabilities of ordinal patterns** (ordinal pattern distributions) as **features**.

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

## Bivariate classification using pairs of (successful) features

Distribution of **CHF cases (red crosses)** and **healthy subjects (blue filled circles)** in two-dimensional feature space. The separating (solid) lines are computed using a linear support vector machine maximizing the margins (indicated by dashed lines).



These features were compared with **conventional heart rate variability parameters**, like:

- meanNN = **mean RRI** (inversely related to mean heart rate)
- sdNN = **standard deviation of RRI values**
- (V)LF = **(very) low frequency band** (0.0033–0.04 Hz) 0.04–0.15 Hz
- HF = **high frequency band** 0.15–0.4 Hz
- LFn = **normalized low frequency band** ( $LF/(LF+HF)$ )
- shannon = **Shannon entropy** (using amplitude binning)
- etc.

**Leave-one-out cross validation** for a simple classification scheme minimizing the number of **misclassifications** on the training set.

# Ordinal Pattern

## Results

Feature	$p$ -value	% of correct class.		
		Both	Con.	CHF
sdNN	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	90	93	87
VLF	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$	80	80	80
LF	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	70	73	67
HF	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	73	80	67
perm(3,4,3)	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	100	100	100
perm(4,4,3)	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-7}$	97	100	93
perm(3,4,5)	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	87	93	80
perm(4,4,18)	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	93	100	87
perm(4,5,109)	$9.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$	97	100	93

with pre-filtering

artifacts: 6.8% of CHF / 3.3% of control

Feature	$p$ -value	% of correct class.		
		Both	Con.	CHF
sdNN	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	67	87	47
VLF	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$	67	80	53
LF	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	60	73	47
HF	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	70	100	40
perm(3,4,3)	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	100	100	100
perm(4,4,3)	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$	97	100	93
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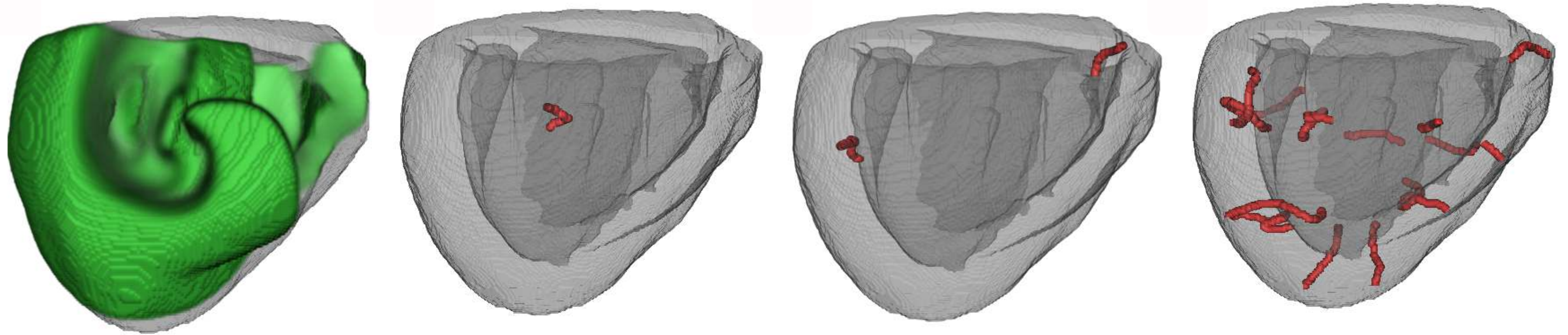
Features based on ordinal pattern are **not sensitive to noise.**



# Complexity Fluctuations in Cardiac Dynamics

A. Schlemmer et al., *Physiol. Meas.* 38, 1561 (2017)

## Intermittent scroll wave dynamics in a numerical simulation



Number of scroll wave filaments **NFIL** fluctuates.

**Fluctuations of complexity of wave dynamics → laminar phases**

(How) Can we observe these complexity fluctuations in ECG data?

# Complexity Fluctuations

## Complexity Fluctuations during Ventricular Fibrillation in a Rabbit Heart

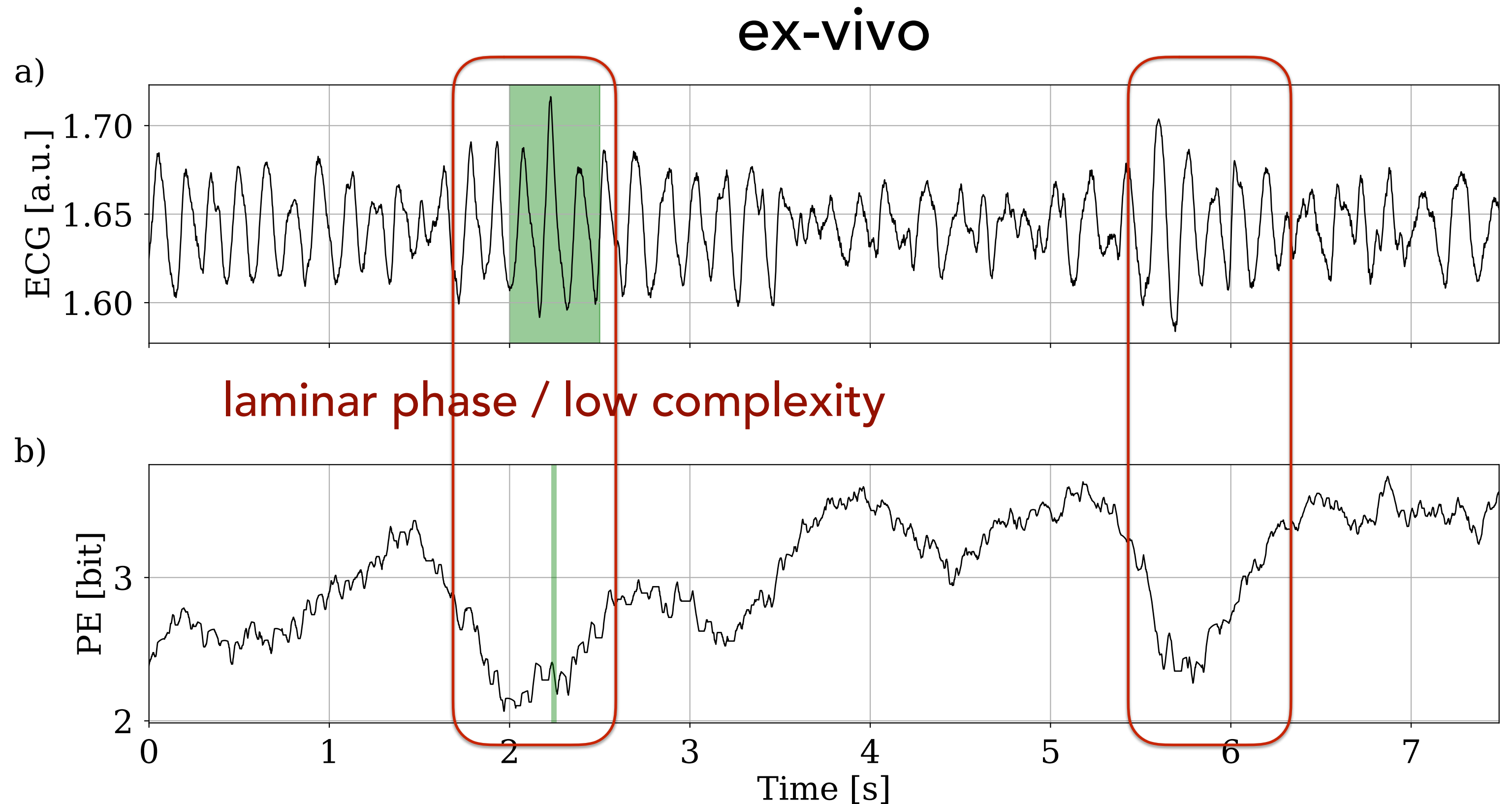
### ECG time series

The **shaded rectangle** indicates the **0.5 s time window** from which the **corresponding Permutation Entropy** is calculated.

### Permutation Entropy (PE)

$$H = - \sum_{j=0}^{n!-1} p_j \cdot \log_2 p_j$$

$p_j$  = probability of order pattern  $j$



PE of continuous ECG signal, NOT from beat-to-beat time series!

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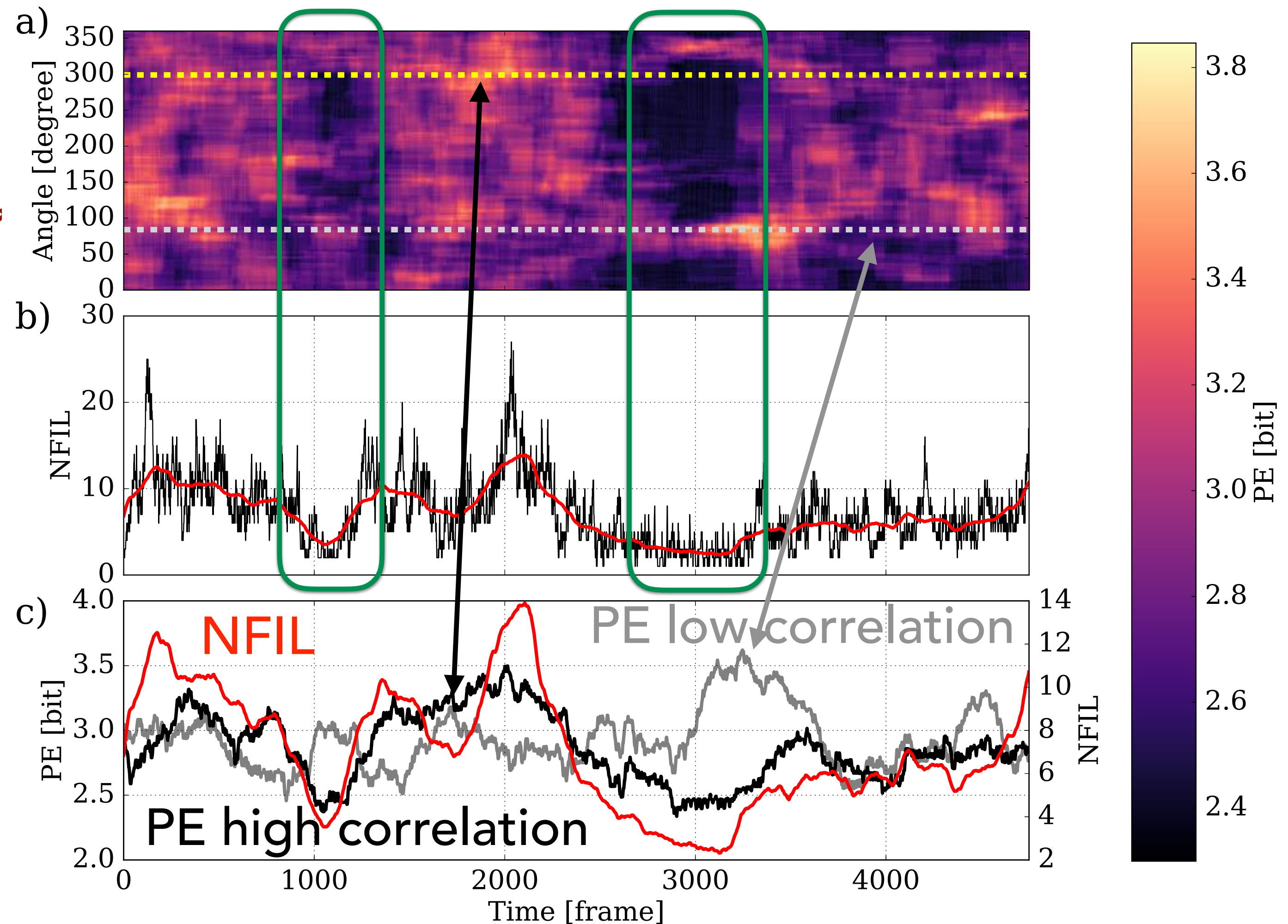
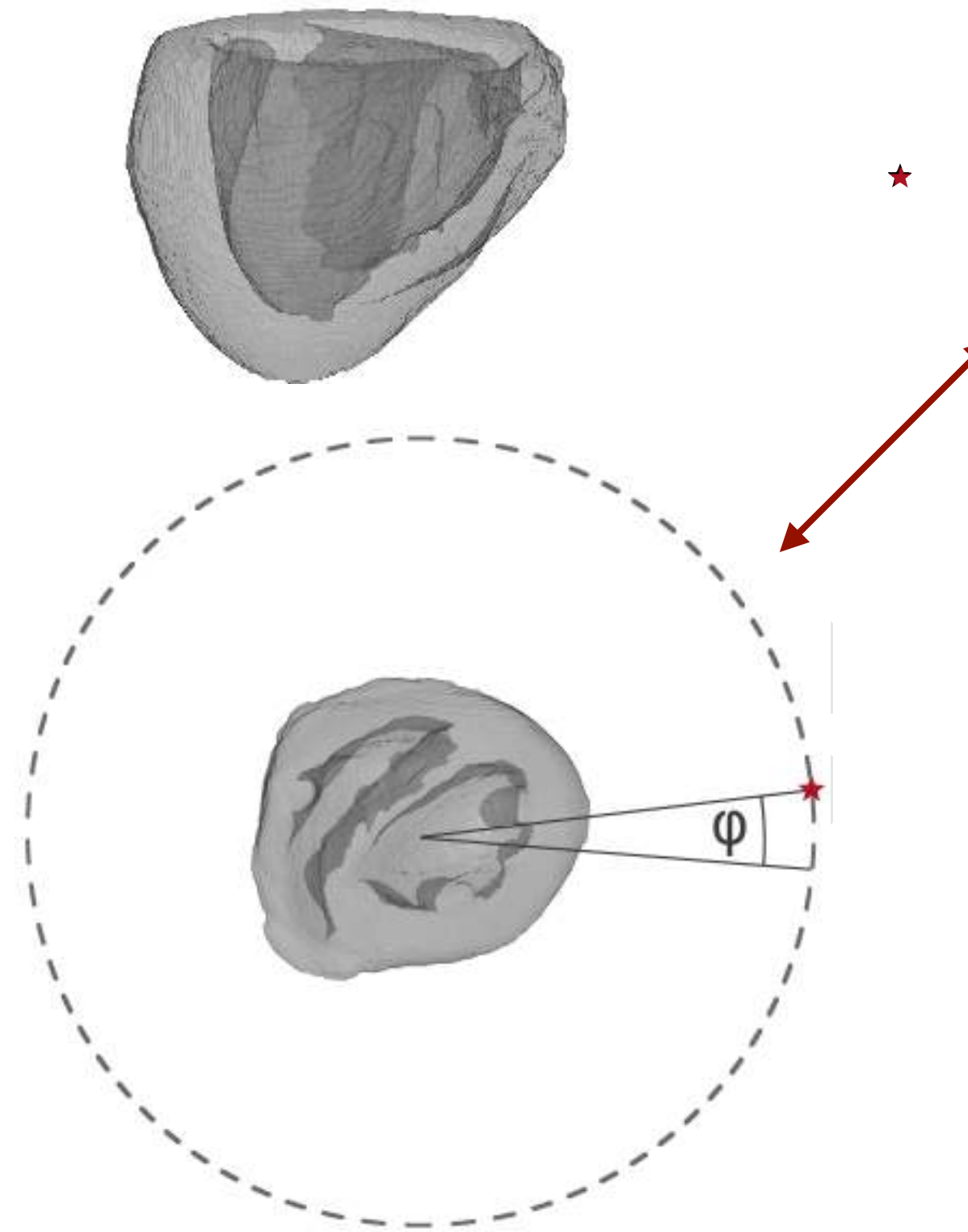
# Complexity Fluctuations

## Complexity fluctuations in multi-channel ECG from simulations

permutation entropies of 360 ECG time series

simulations  
Fenton-Karma  
model

positions of ECG  
electrodes on a  
ring



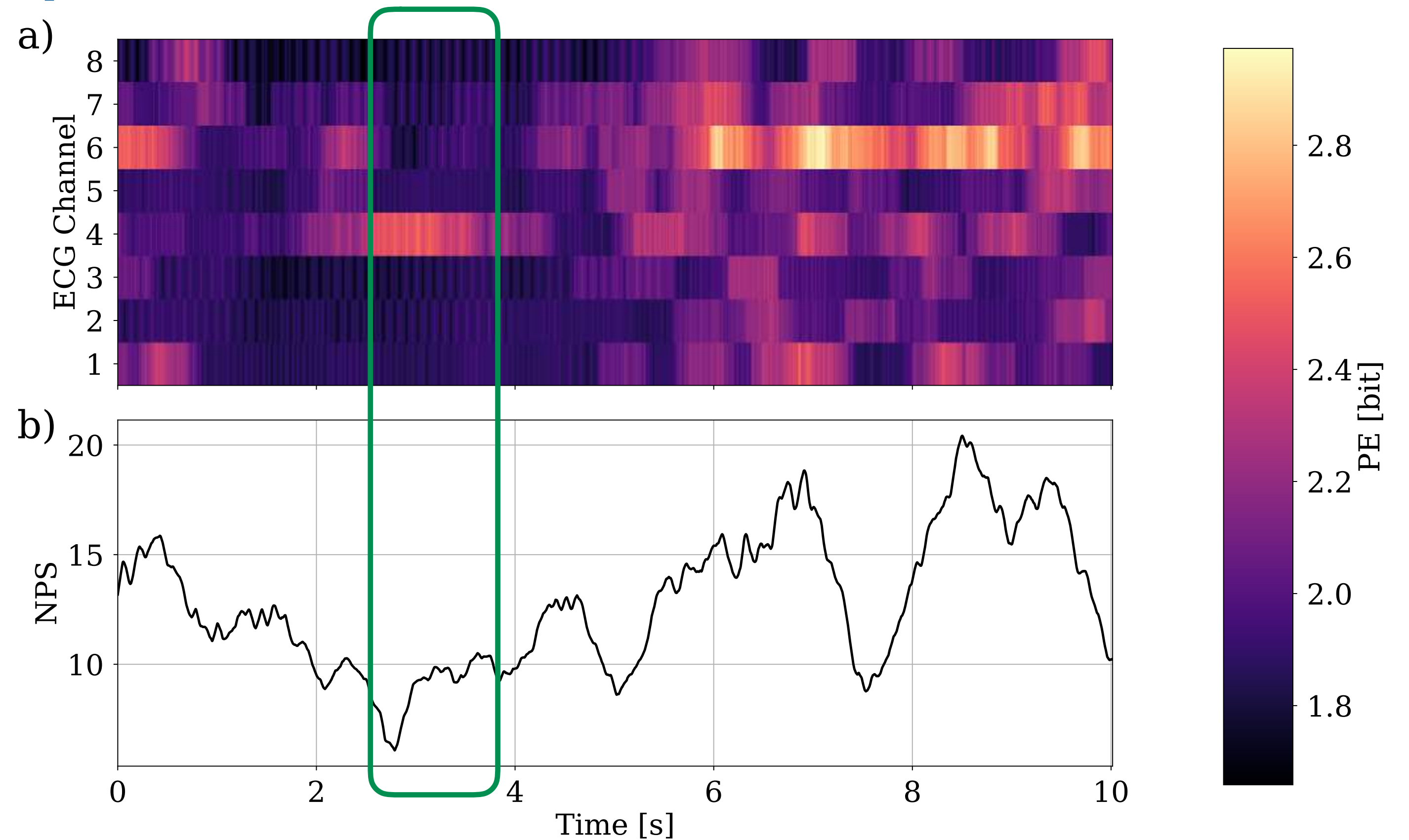
Low permutation entropy PE  
corresponds to low number of scroll  
wave filaments NFIL

# Complexity Fluctuations

## Complexity fluctuations during Ventricular Fibrillation in a Langendorff-perfused rabbit heart

Permutation entropies of a network of 8 ECG electrodes on a ring around the heart

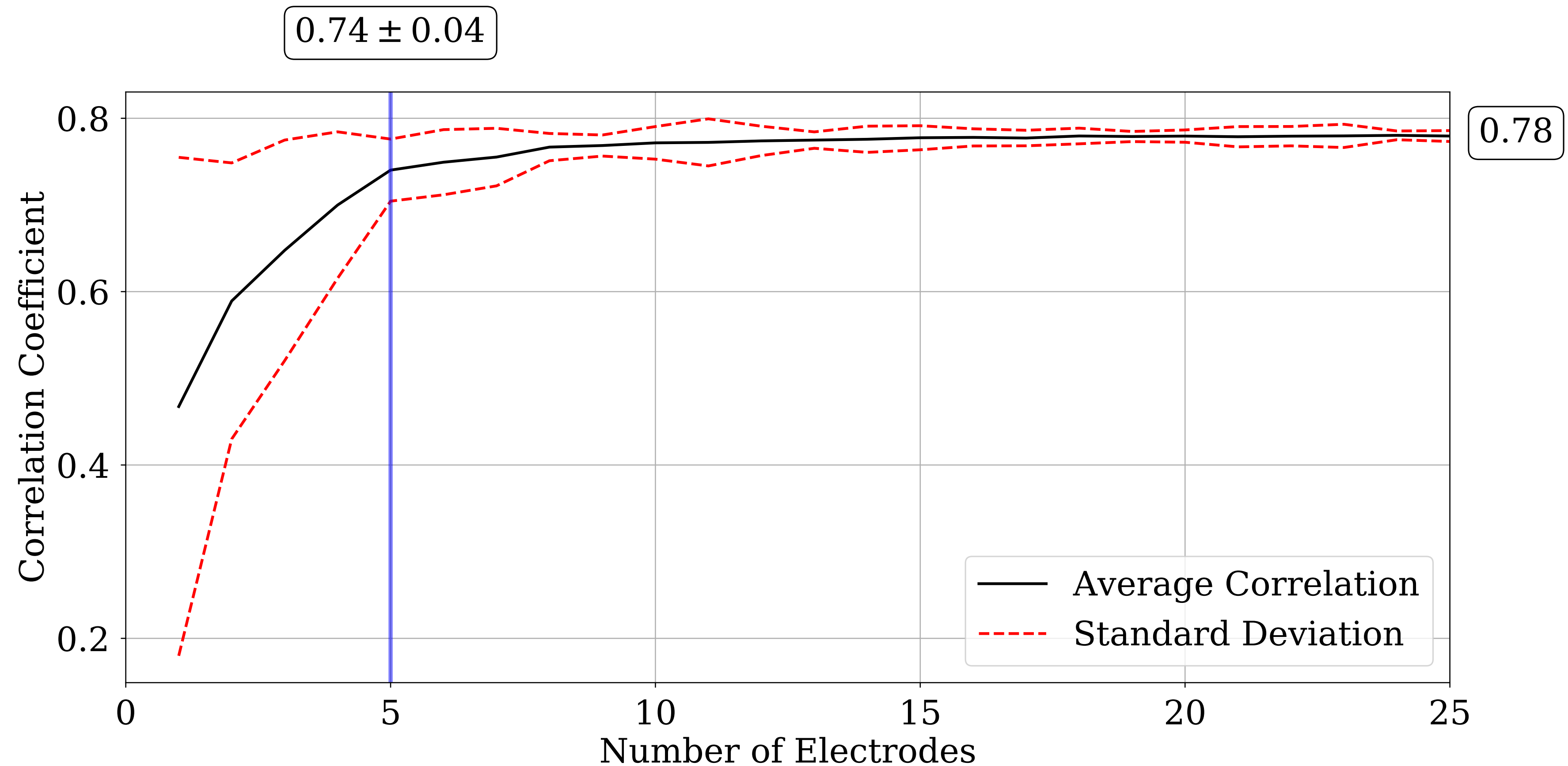
Number of phase singularities on the surface of heart (optical mapping)



- laminar phase:**
- low no. of phase singularities / spiral waves on the surface of the heart
  - still one channel / electrode with high permutation entropy

# Complexity Fluctuations

## Correlation between the number of filaments NFIL and the mean Permutation Entropy for different numbers of equally spaced electrodes



**A single ECG electrode is not enough to evaluate the spatio-temporal state of the system.**

# Detecting Interrelations

## Synchronization measure based on ordinal patterns

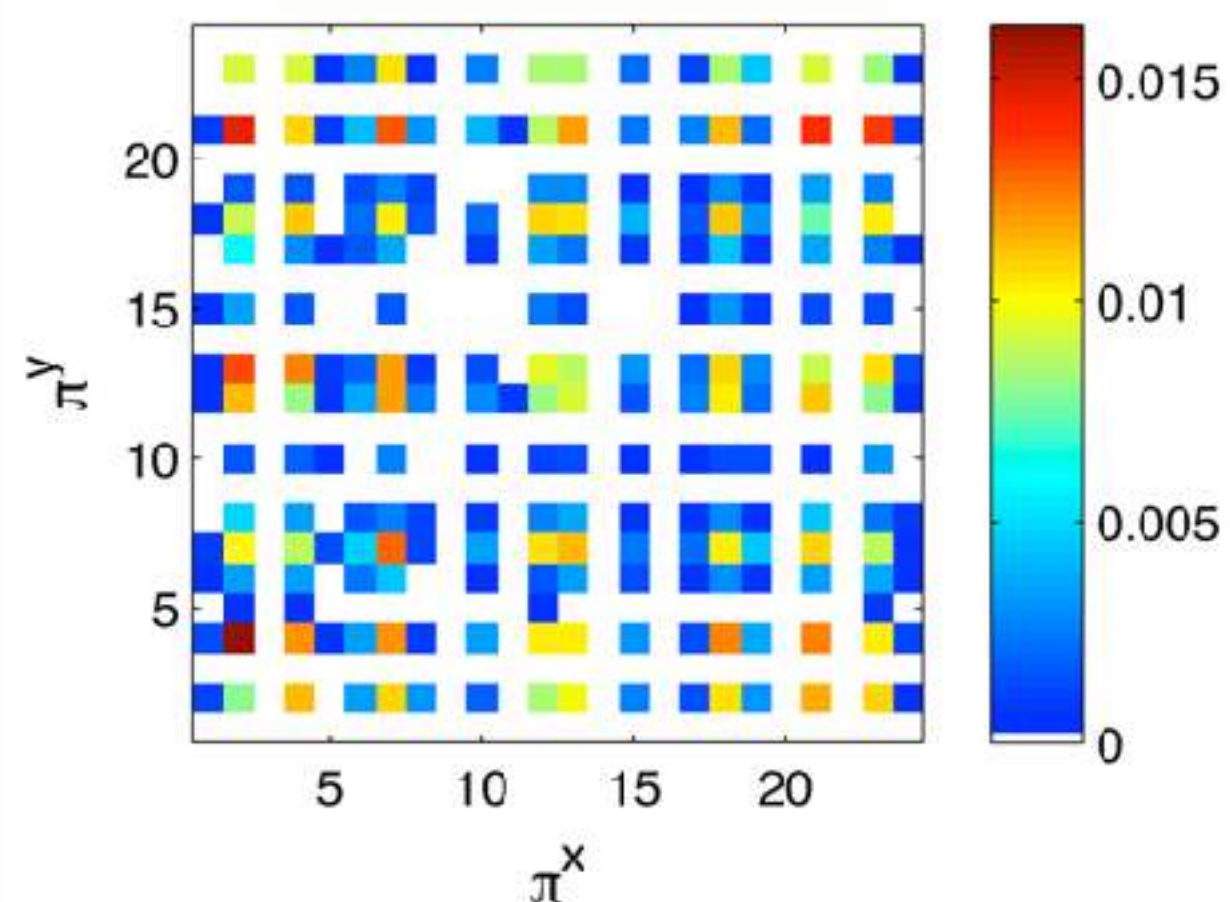
here: synchrony = simultaneous occurrence of ordinal patterns generated by two coupled systems

compute probabilities  $p_{ij}$  of joint occurrences (2D histogram)

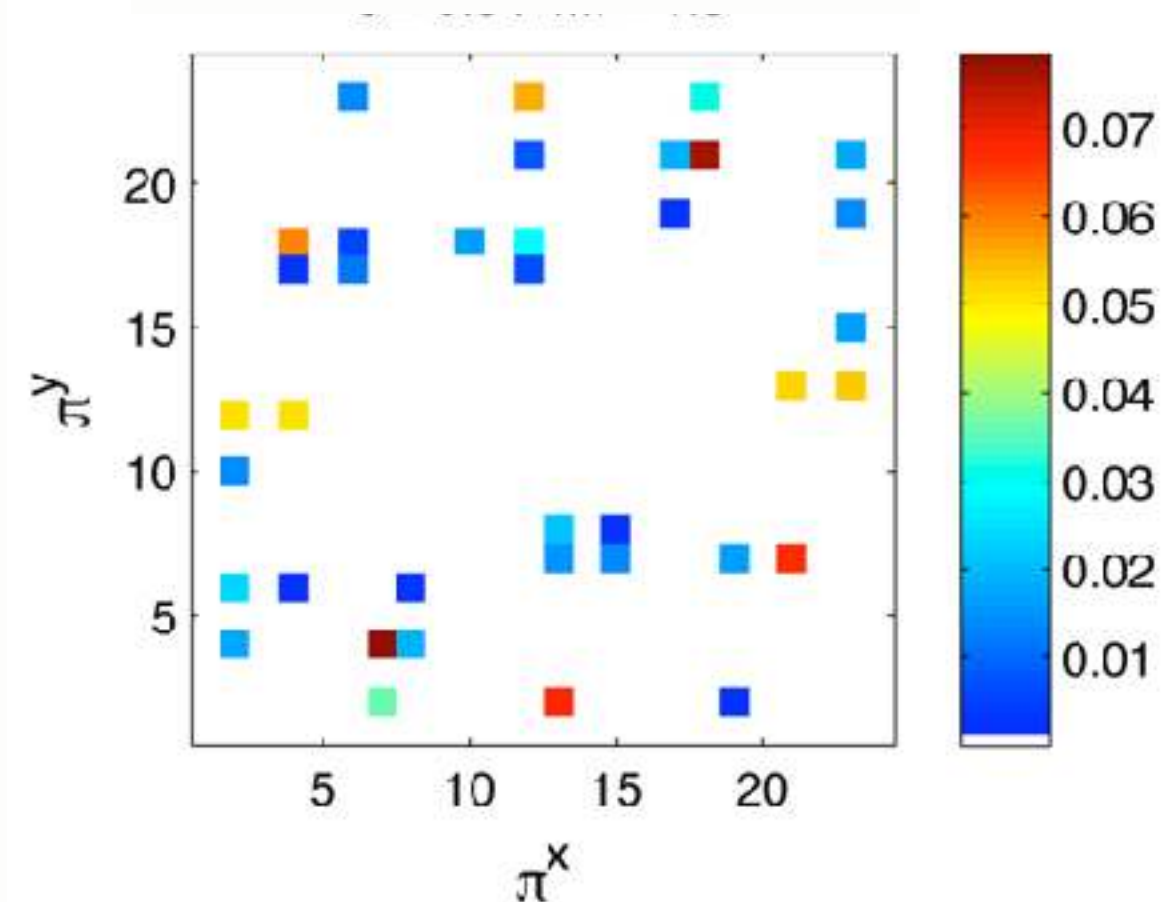
$$H_{xy} = - \sum_{i=1}^{W!} \sum_{j=1}^{W!} p_{ij} \log(p_{ij}) \quad \text{joint entropy}$$

example: coupled Rössler systems

no coupling



synchronisation



$$MI = \sum_{i=1}^{W!} \sum_{j=1}^{W!} p_{ij} \log \left( \frac{p_{ij}}{p_i p_j} \right) \quad \text{mutual information}$$

no sync

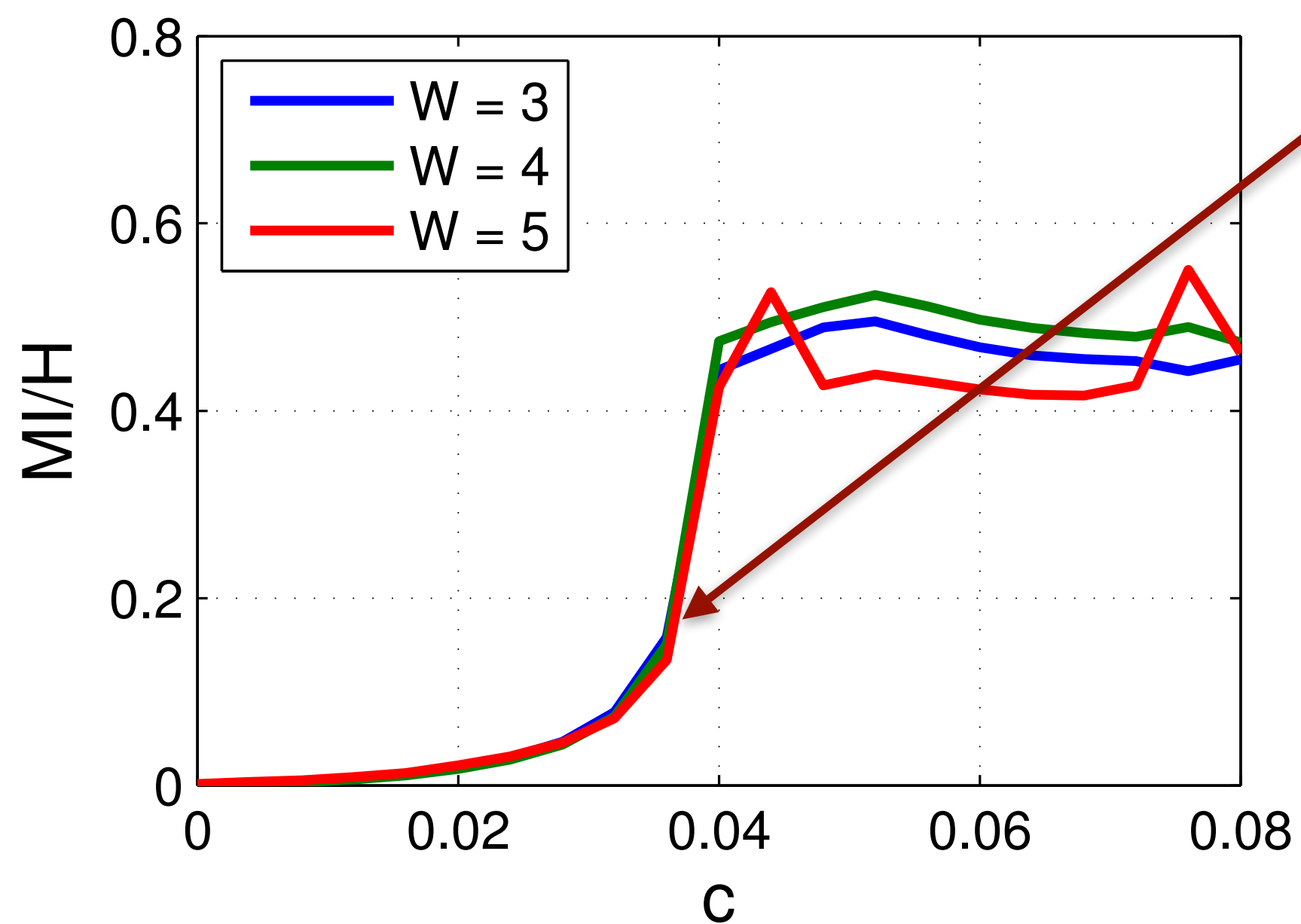
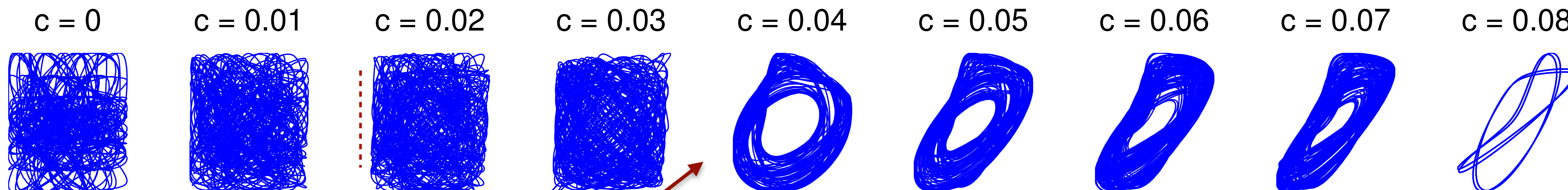
$$0 \leq S = \frac{MI}{H_{xy}} \leq 1$$

identical sync

# Detecting Interrelations

Example: (bidirectionally) coupled Rössler systems

$y_1(t)$  vs.  $x_1(t)$  for increasing coupling constant  $c \rightarrow$  onset of phase synchronization



A. Groth, Phys. Rev. E 72, 046220 (2005)  
synchronization = high probability of identical ordinal patterns

S. Schinkel et al., Front. Comp. Neurosci. 6 (2012)  
order pattern networks

M. Staniek and K. Lehnertz, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 158101 (2008)  
generalization for detecting directionality of information flow  
and coupling  $\rightarrow$  **symbolic transfer entropy**



# Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy as a Measure for Complexity of Cardiac Arrhythmia

A. Schlemmer et al., *Frontiers Physics* 6, 39 (2018)

# Spatial Permutation Entropy

## Spatial Permutation Entropy (SPE)

two-dimensional extension of PE

sampling words of size  $D \times D$  from two dimensional data with spatial separation  $L_x$

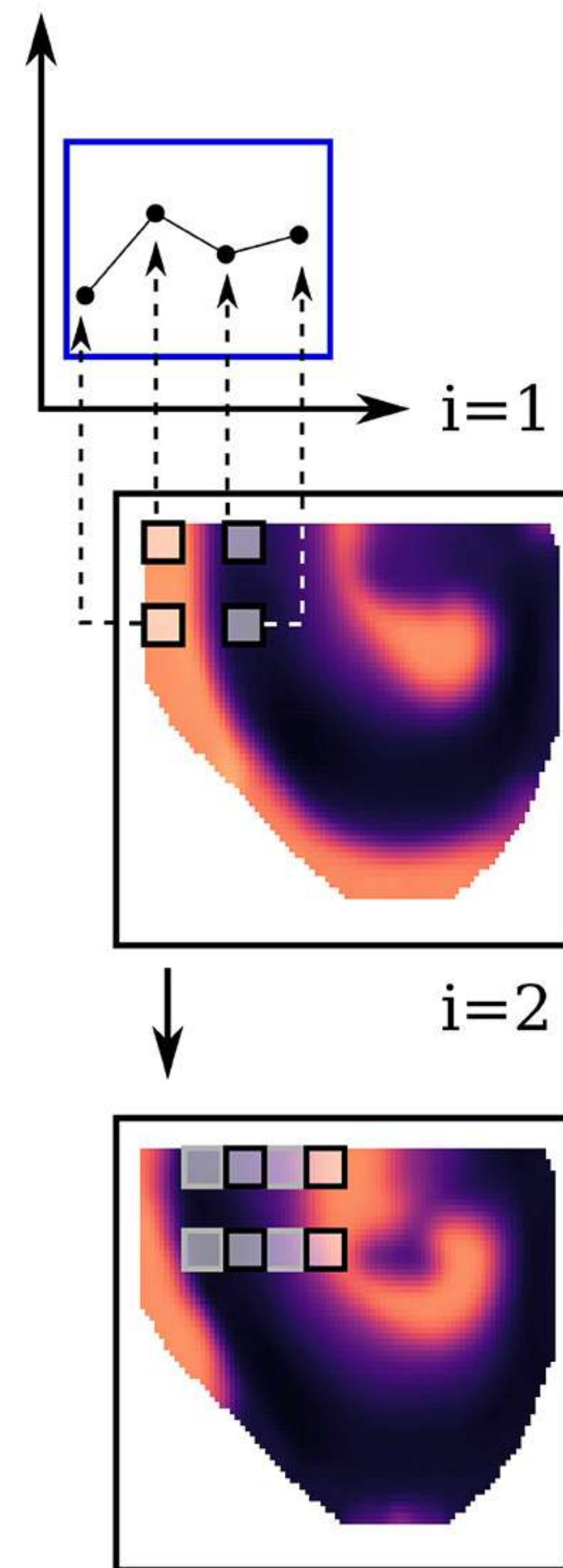
$$D = 2$$

$$(D^2)! = 24 \text{ words}$$

A grid is moved over all possible positions within the image leading to a probability distribution  $\{p_j\}$  of symbols that are used to compute the Spatial Permutation Entropy.

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

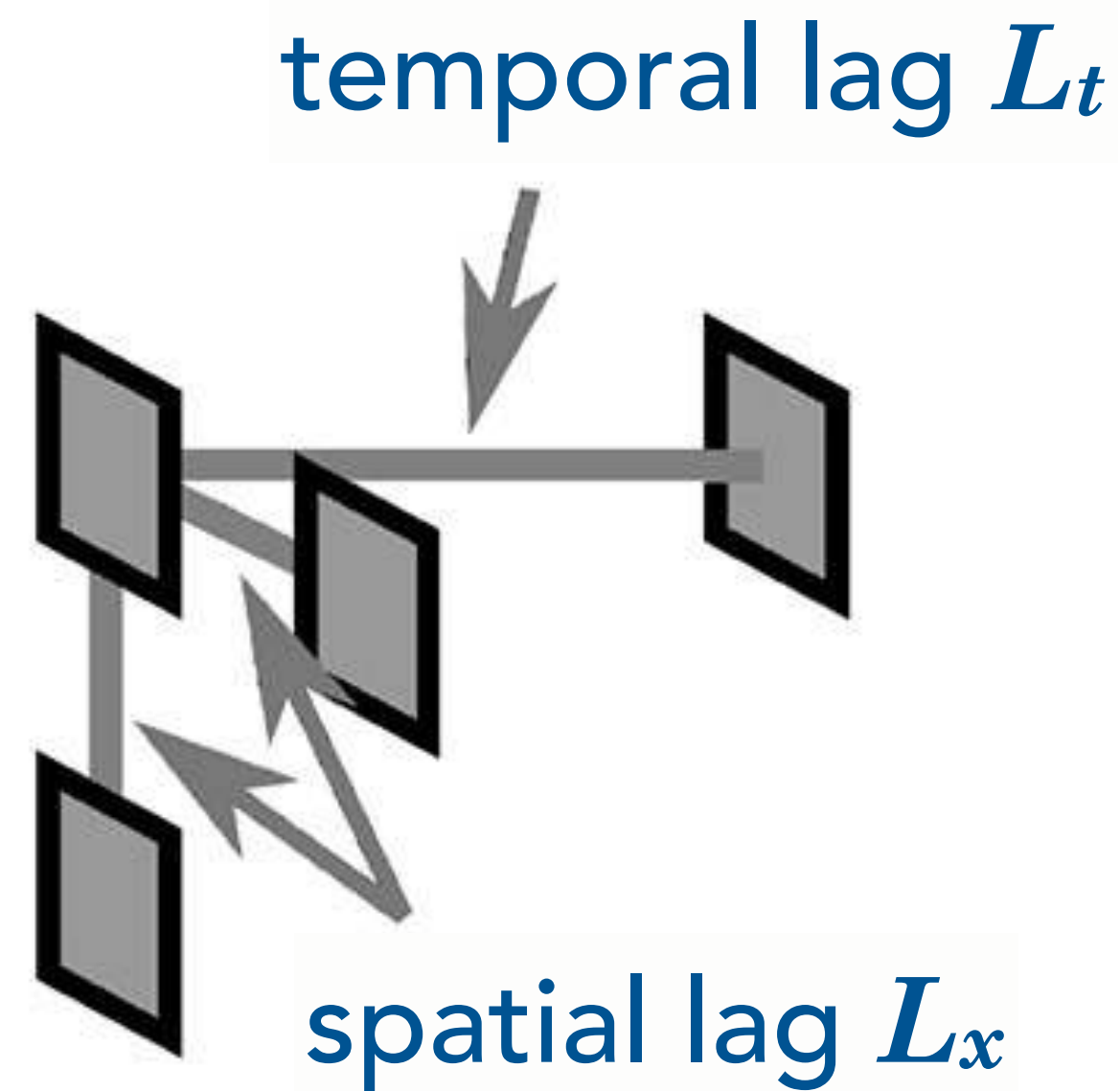
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# Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

## Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy (STPE)

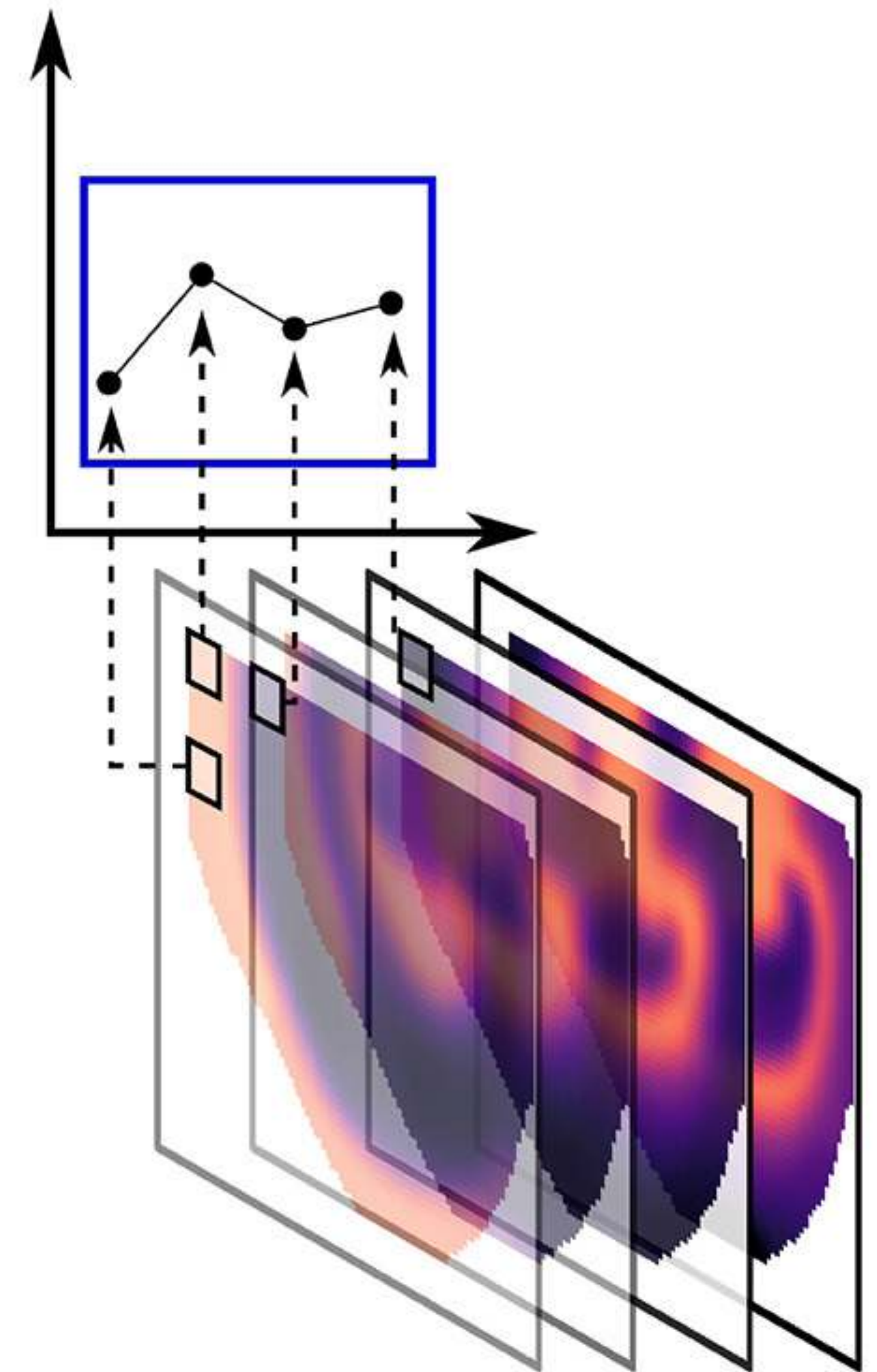
sampling words from volumes using a "sampling tripod"



$p_k$  probability of pattern  $k$

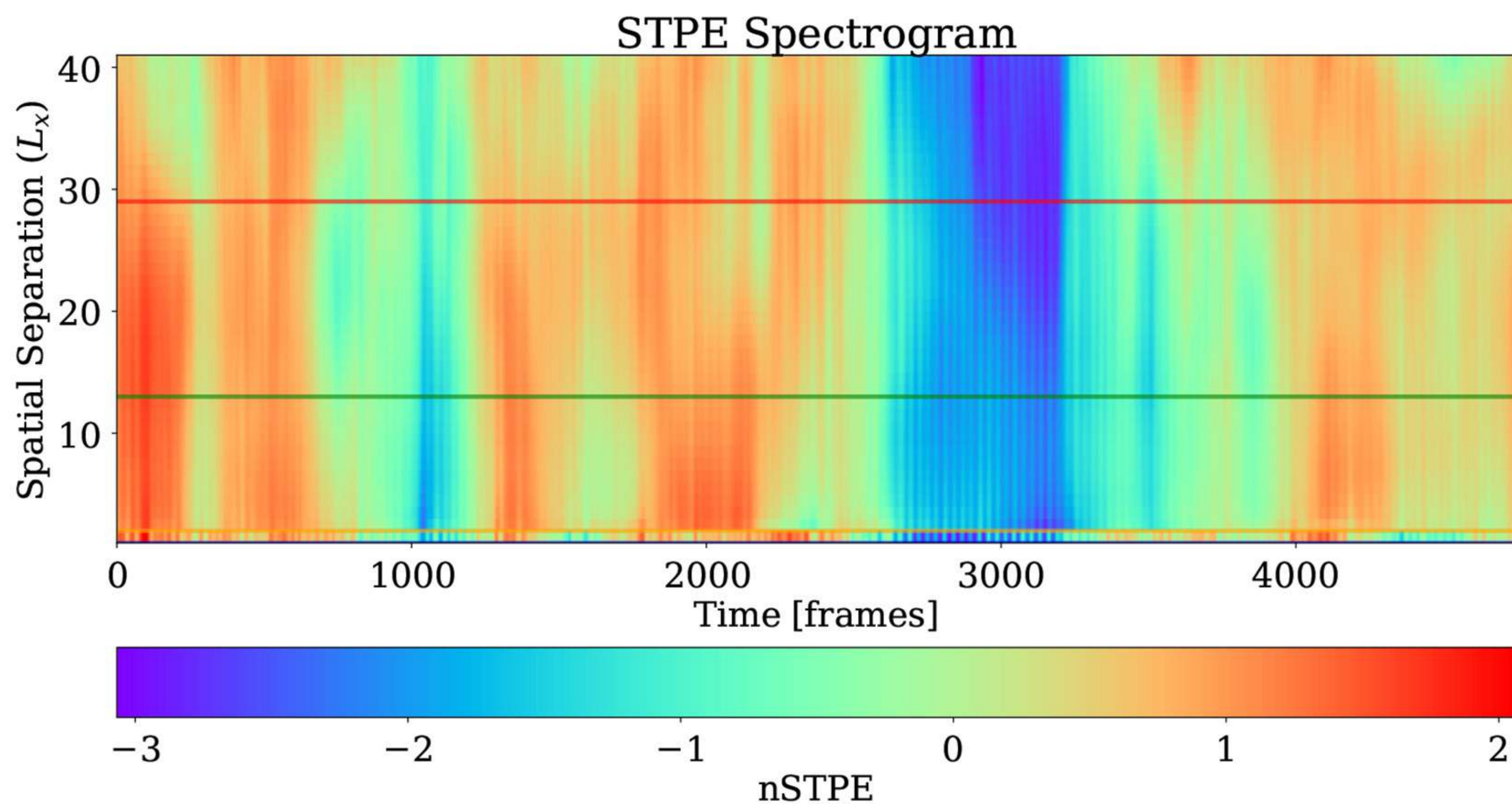
$$STPE = - \sum_k p_k \log(p_k)$$

The order in which the points are sampled from images or volumes does not change SPE and STPE.

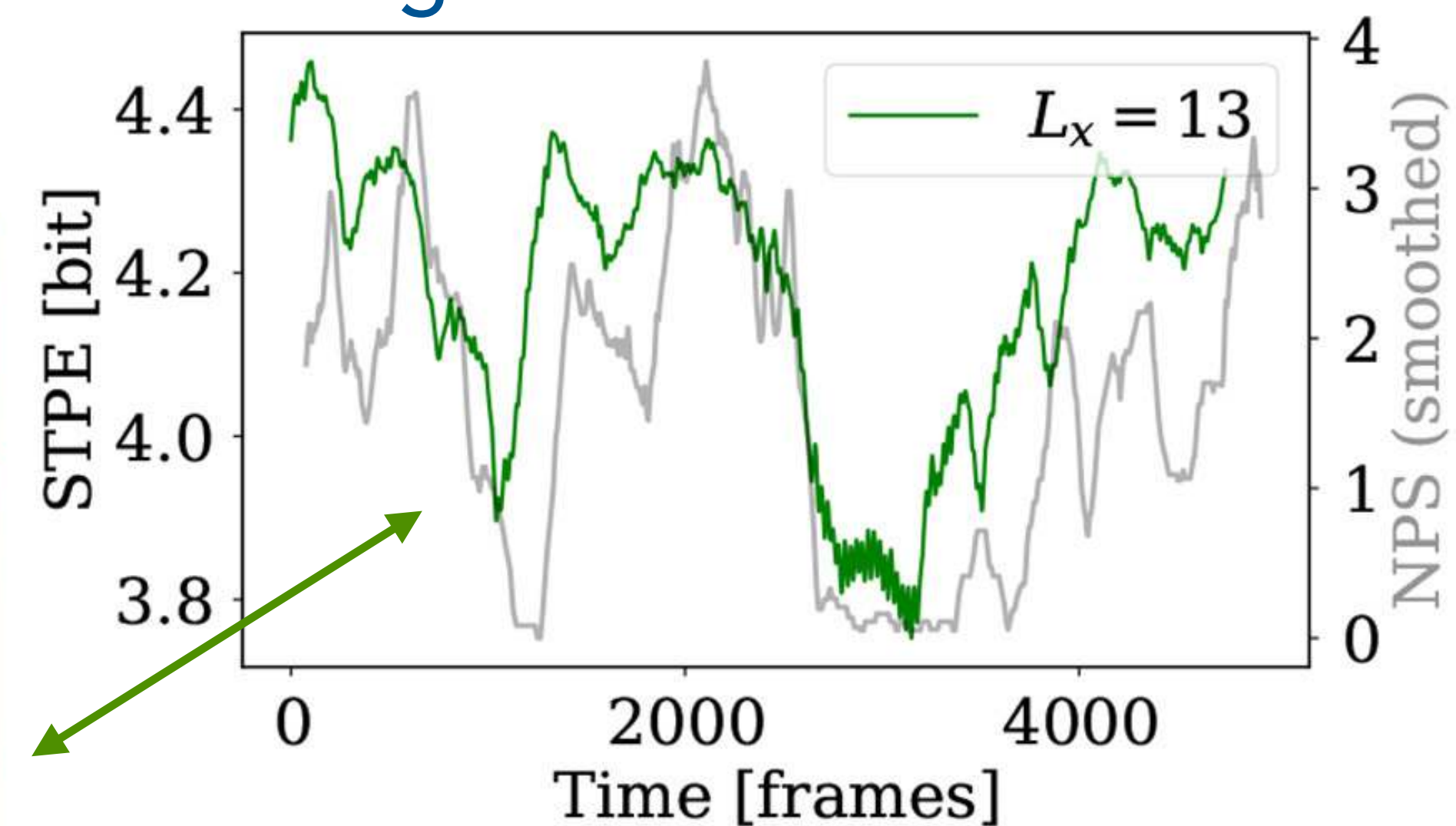


# Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

The impact of different values for the spatial separation  $L_x$



STPE and no. of phase singularities NPS vs. time



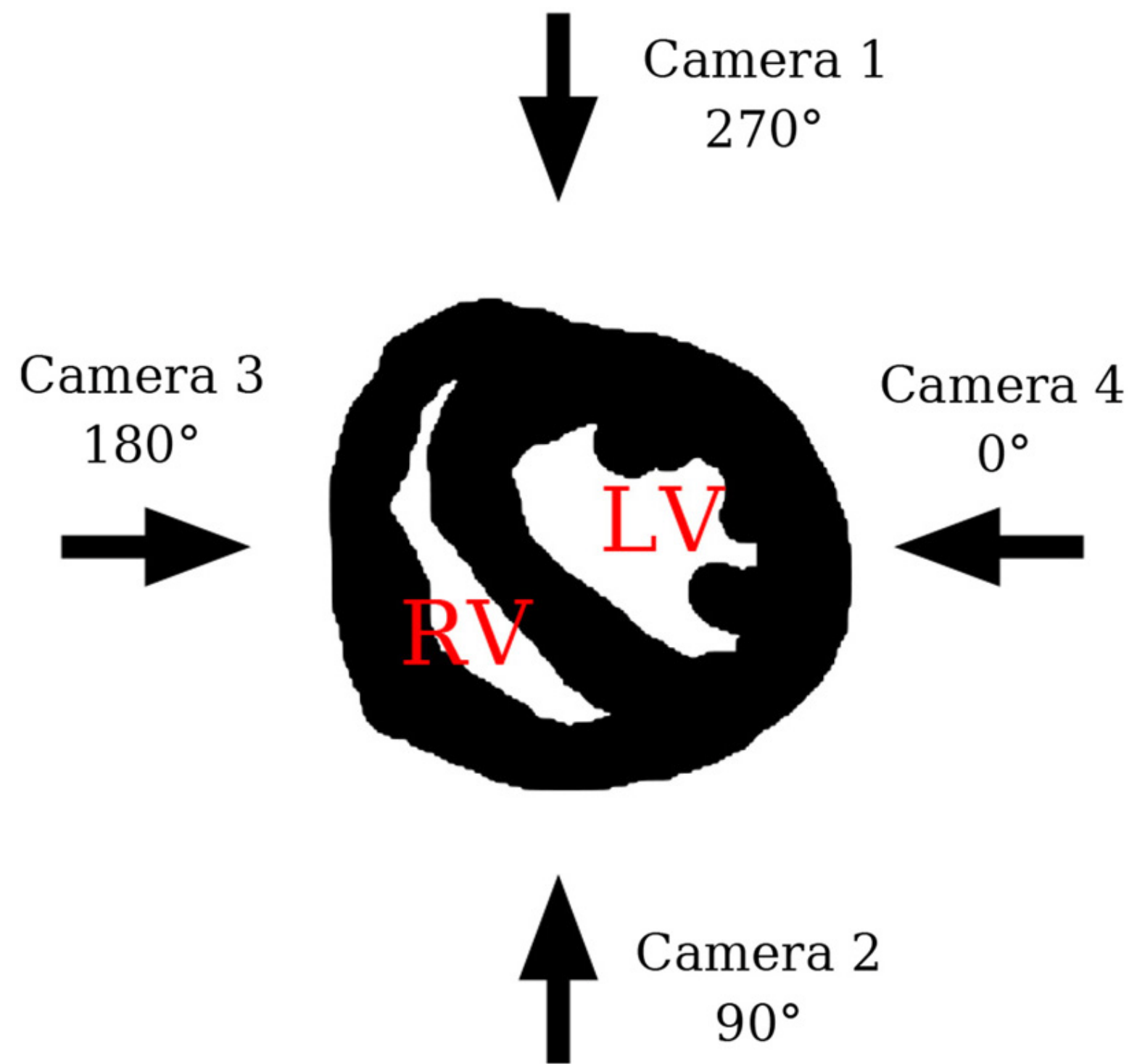
normalized spatio-temporal permutation entropy

$$\text{nSTPE} = \frac{\text{STPE} - \text{MEAN}(\text{STPE})}{\text{STD}(\text{STPE})}$$

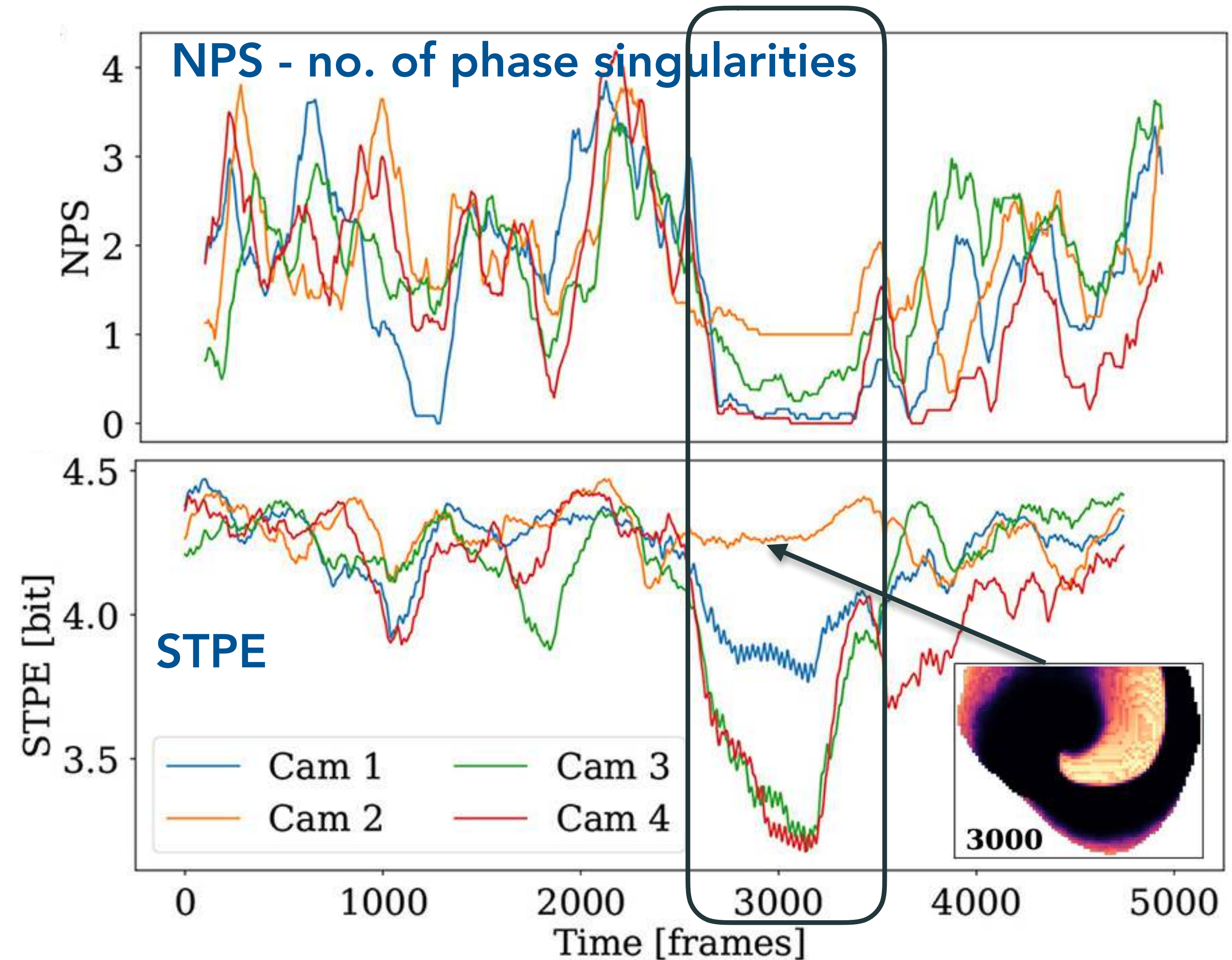
correlates with no. of phase singularities NPS

# Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

## 3D simulation - NPS and STPE from four different cameras perspectives



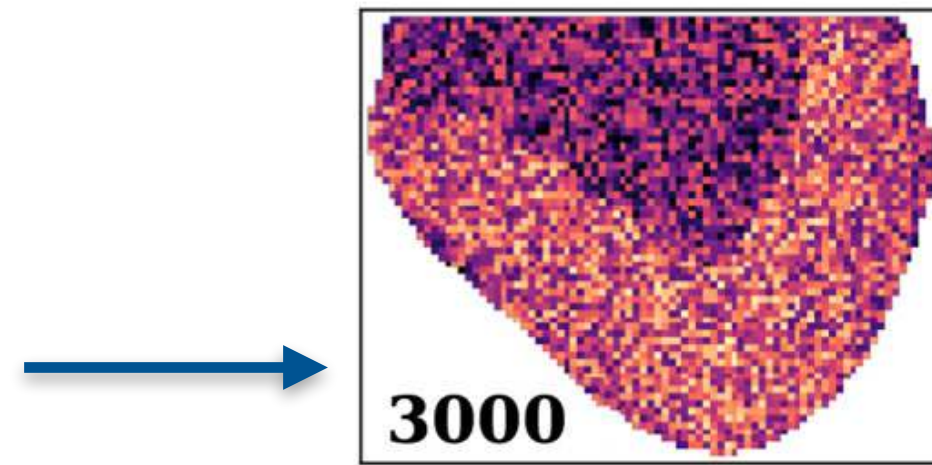
STPE shows a very pronounced drop in complexity for camera 3 and camera 4.



# Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

## Robustness Against Noise

- No Noise
- Noise Level 1
- Noise Level 2



Sum of NPS over all cameras and the mean of the permutation entropy quantities are shown

normalisation:

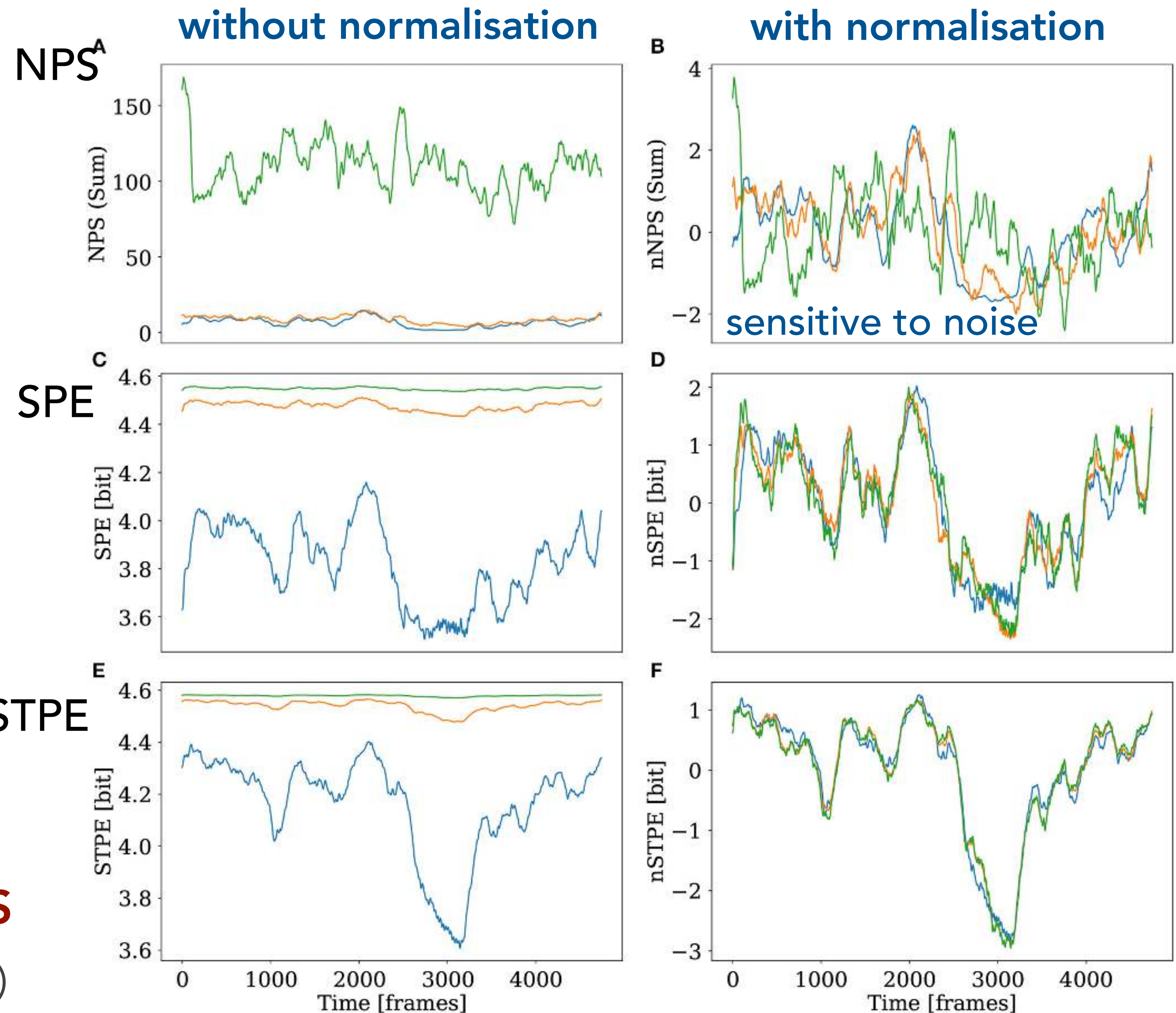
$$nNPS = \frac{NPS - \text{MEAN}(NPS)}{\text{STD}(NPS)}$$

$$nSPE = \frac{SPE - \text{MEAN}(SPE)}{\text{STD}(SPE)}$$

$$nSTPE = \frac{STPE - \text{MEAN}(STPE)}{\text{STD}(STPE)}$$

**SPE and STPE are more robust than NPS**

A. Schlemmer et al., Frontiers Physics 6, 39 (2018)



## **Cross-estimation and forecasting of spatio-temporal chaos (in cardiac dynamics and beyond)**

# Data Driven Modeling of Spatio-Temporal Systems

## Tasks:

- **prediction**: (iterative) forecasting of future evolution
- **cross estimation**: estimate a quantity that is difficult to observe using another variable that is more “easy” to measure, e.g., estimate **Calcium concentration** from **cell membrane voltage**

## Methods:

- **nearest neighbours prediction** using **reconstructed local states**  
J. Isensee et al., arXiv:1904.06089 (2019)
- **echo state networks** (reservoir computing)  
R.S. Zimmermann and U. Parlitz, Chaos 28, 043118 (2018)
- **convolutional neural networks**  
S. Herzog et al., *Front. in Appl. Math. and Stat.* 4, 60 (2018)



# Modeling Cardiac Dynamics

## Example: The Bueno-Orovio-Cherry-Fenton model

A. Bueno-Orovio et al., J. Theor. Biol. 253 (2008)

PDE describing electrical excitation waves in cardiac tissue

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \cdot \nabla^2 u - (J_{si} + J_{fi} + J_{so})$$

$u$  membrane potential

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_v^-} (1 - H(u - \theta_v)) (v_\infty - v) - \frac{1}{\tau_v^+} H(u - \theta_v) v$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_w^-} (1 - H(u - \theta_w)) (w_\infty - w) - \frac{1}{\tau_w^+} H(u - \theta_w) w$$

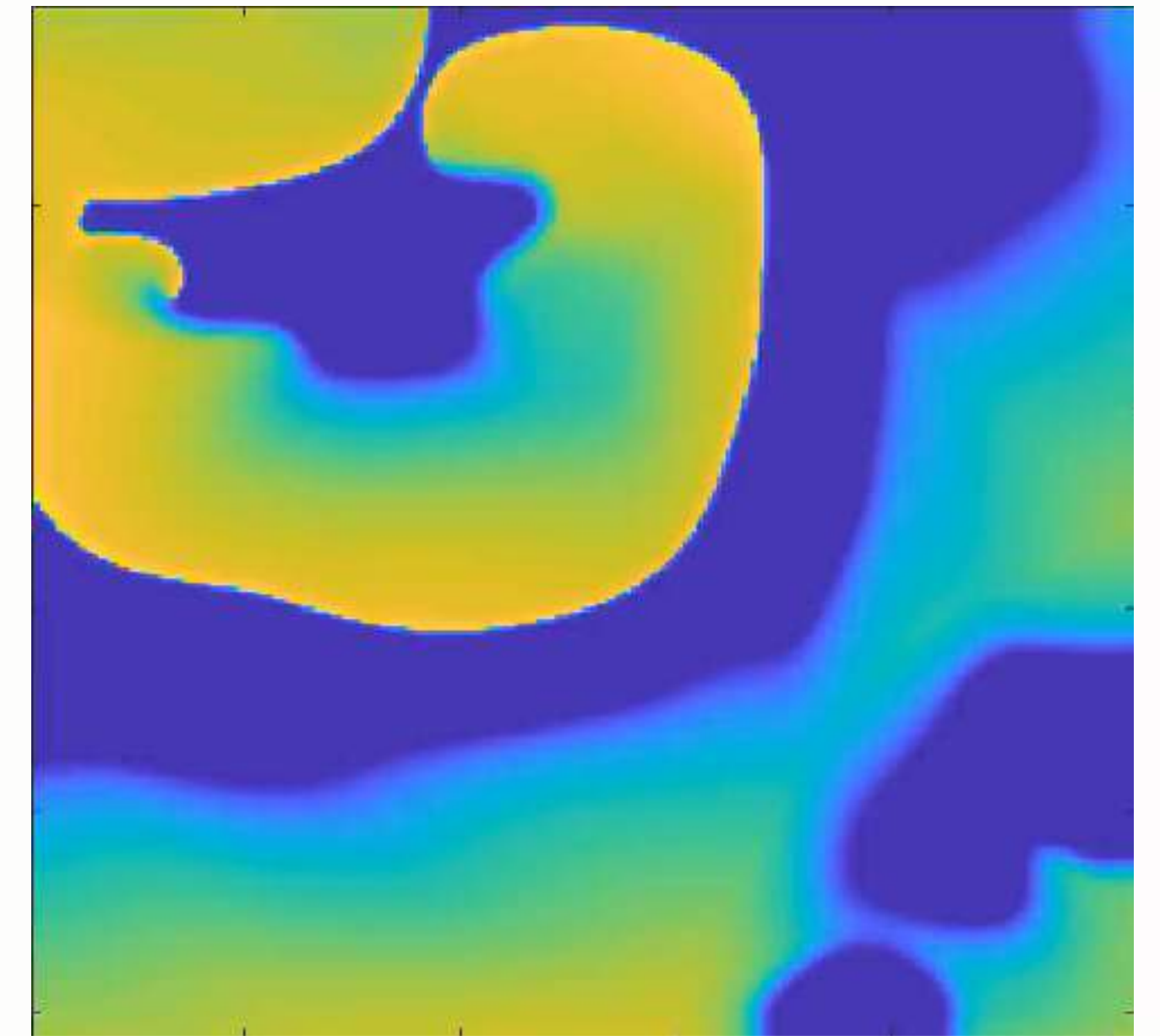
$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2\tau_s} ((1 + \tanh(k_s(u - u_s))) - 2s)$$

$$J_{si} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{si}} H(u - \theta_w) w s$$

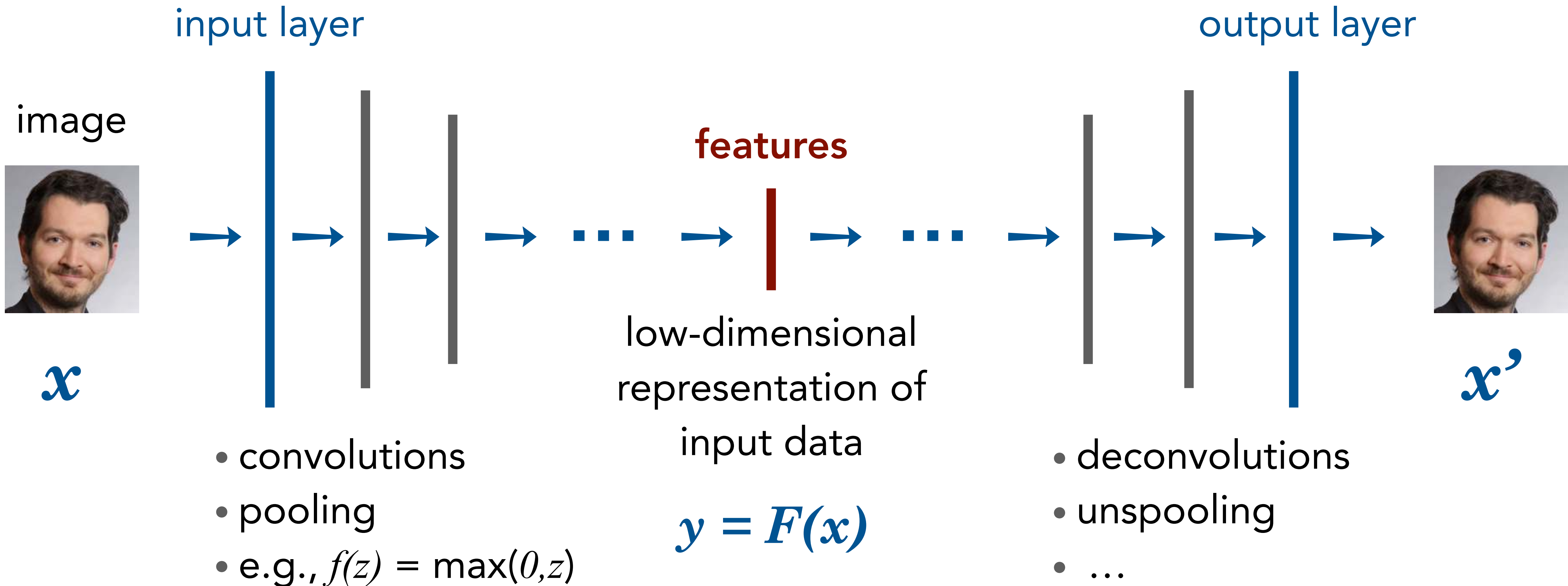
$$J_{fi} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{fi}} v H(u - \theta_v) (u - \theta_v) (u_u - u)$$

$$J_{so} = \frac{1}{\tau_o} (u - u_o) (1 - H(u - \theta_w)) + \frac{1}{\tau_{so}} H(u - \theta_w)$$

with ionic currents:



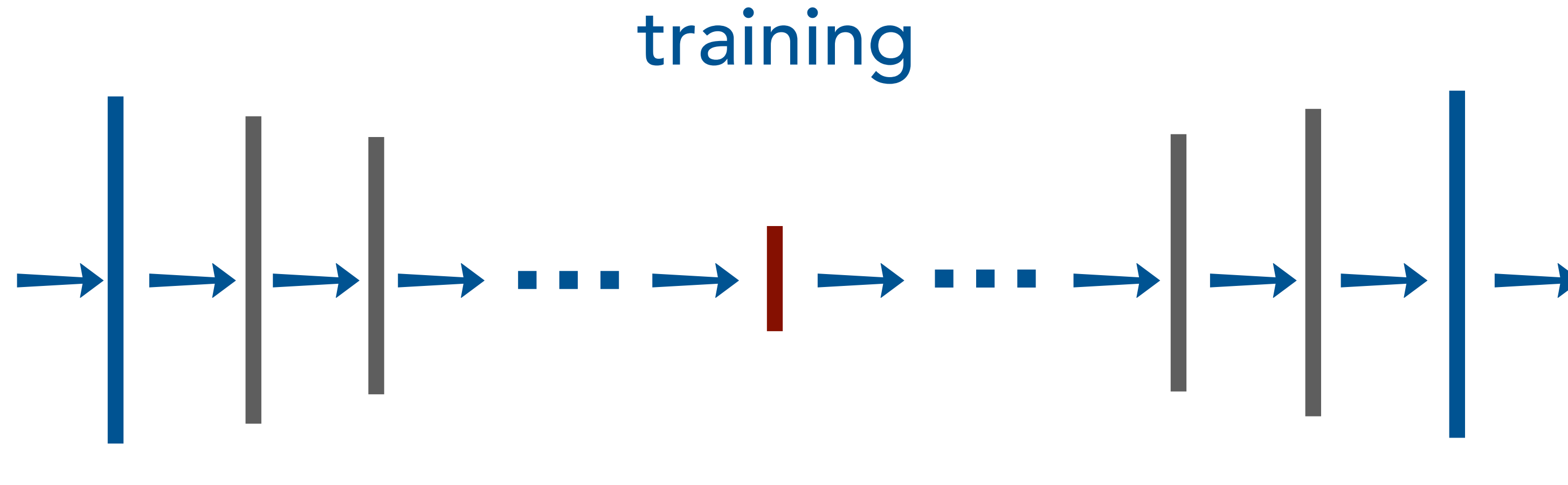
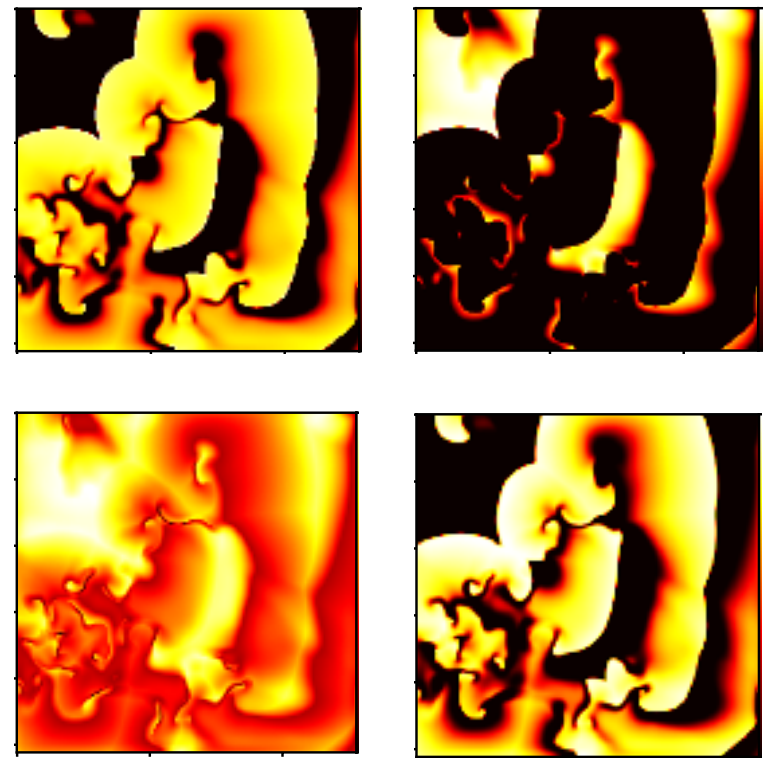
## Convolutional Autoencoder



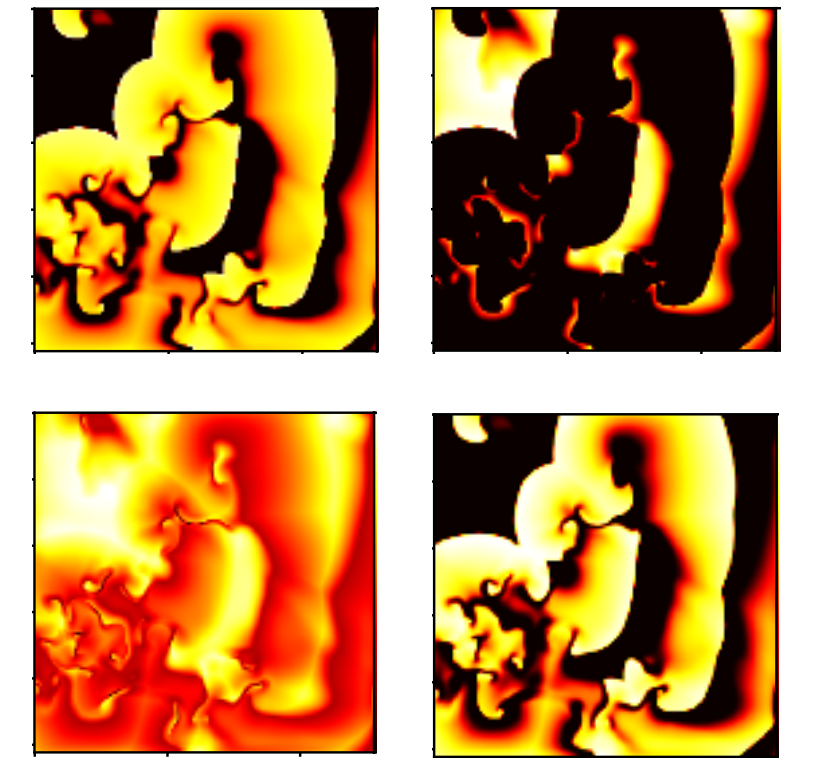
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## Cross Estimation

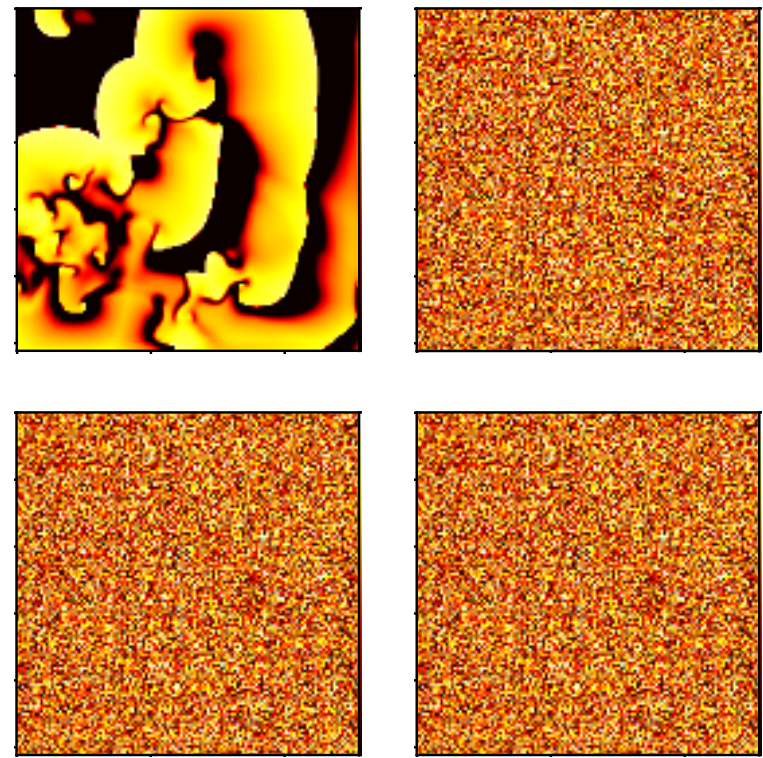
$(u, v, w, s)$



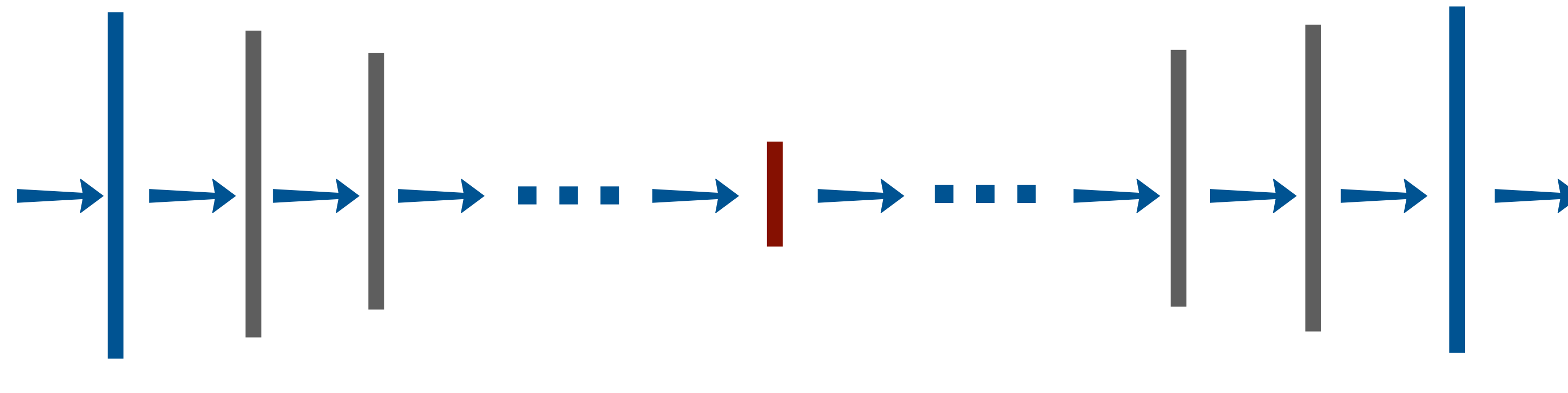
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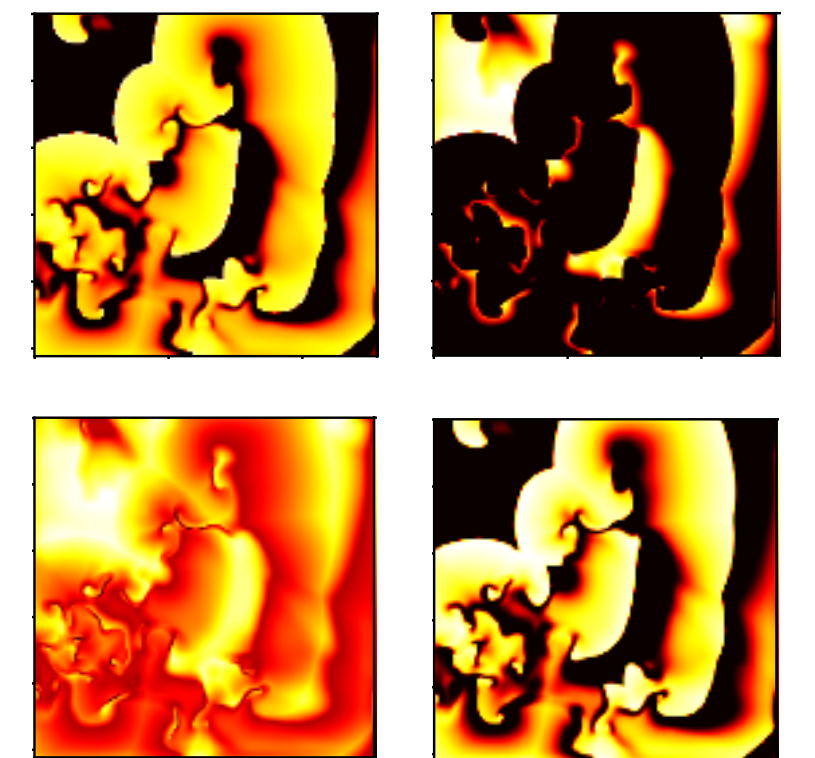
$(u, v, w, s)$



cross estimation  $u \rightarrow (v, w, s)$



$(u, v, w, s)$



# Convolutional Neural Networks

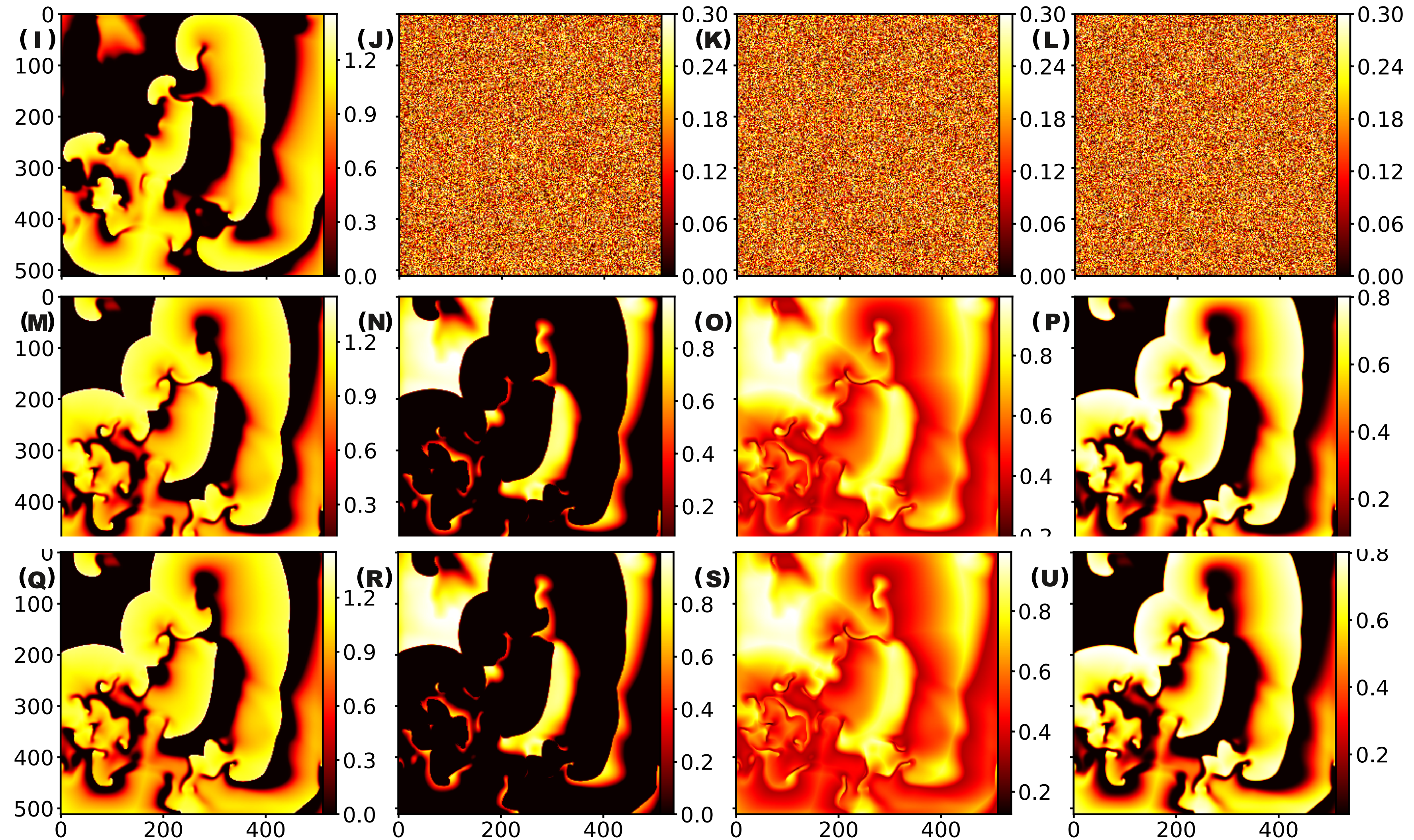
## Cross Estimation

$$u \rightarrow (v, w, s)$$

input

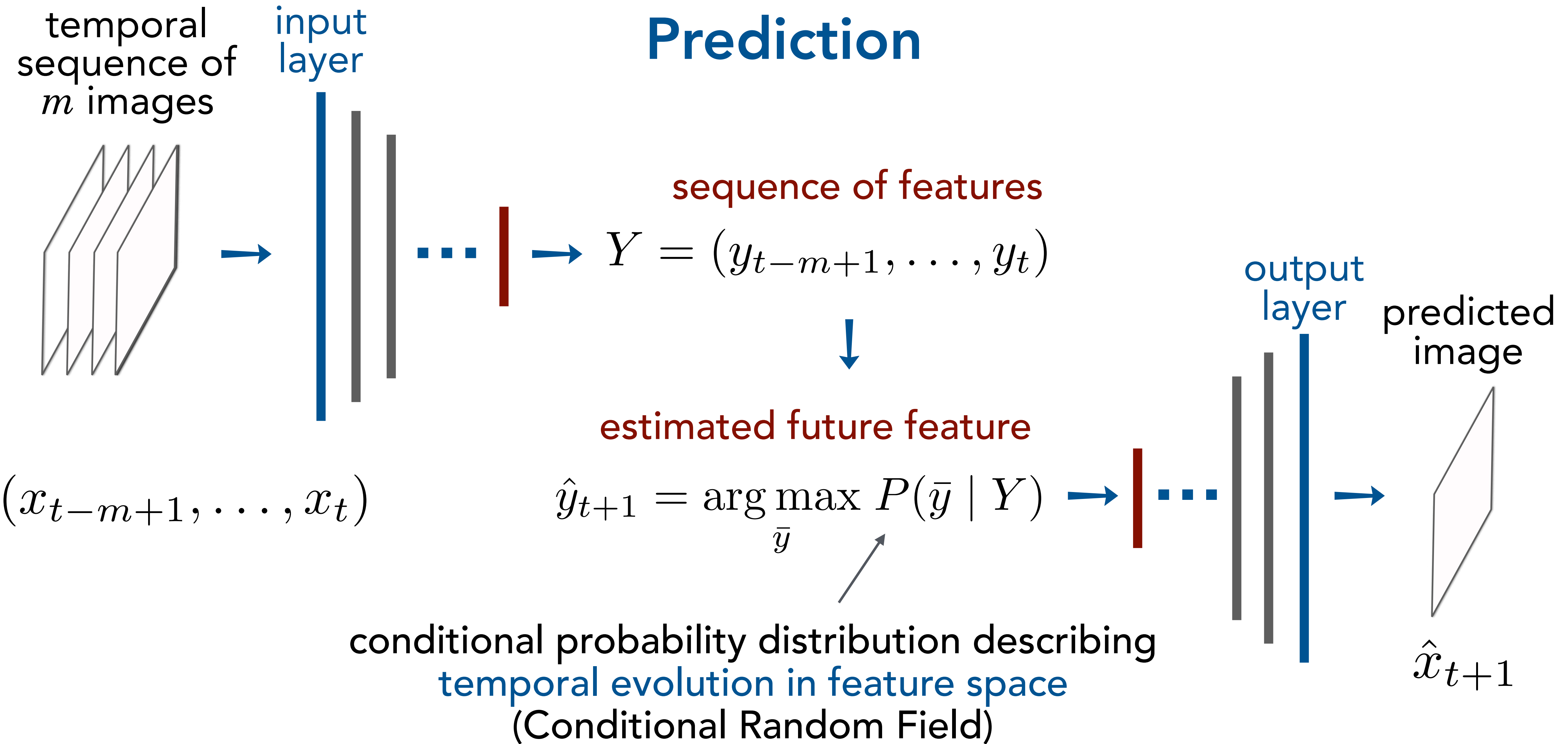
estimation

true fields



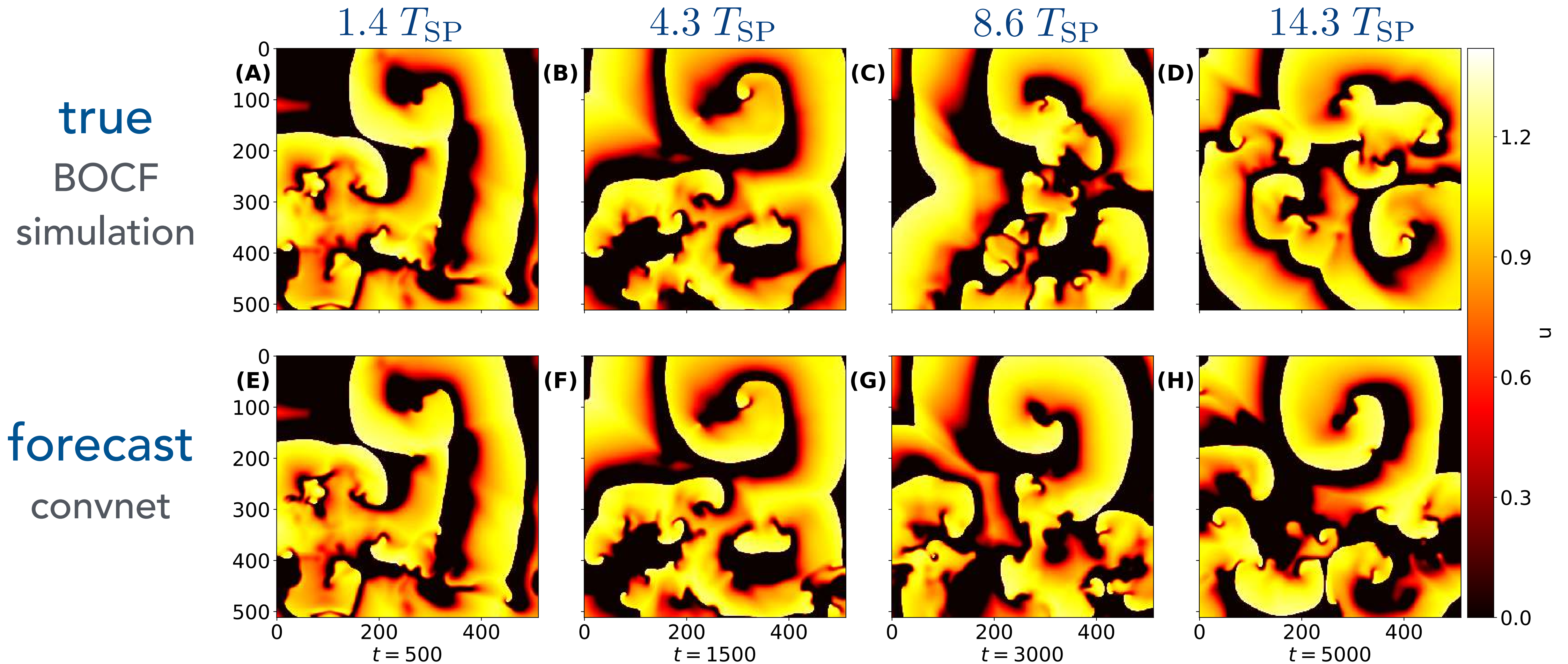
Similar results with reservoir computing: R.S. Zimmermann and U.P., Chaos 28, 043118 (2018)

# Convolutional Neural Networks



# Convolutional Neural Networks

## Iterated Forecasting of $u(t)$



Good results for 5 spiral rotations

## Iterated Forecasting of $u(t)$

true

u - BOCF simulation



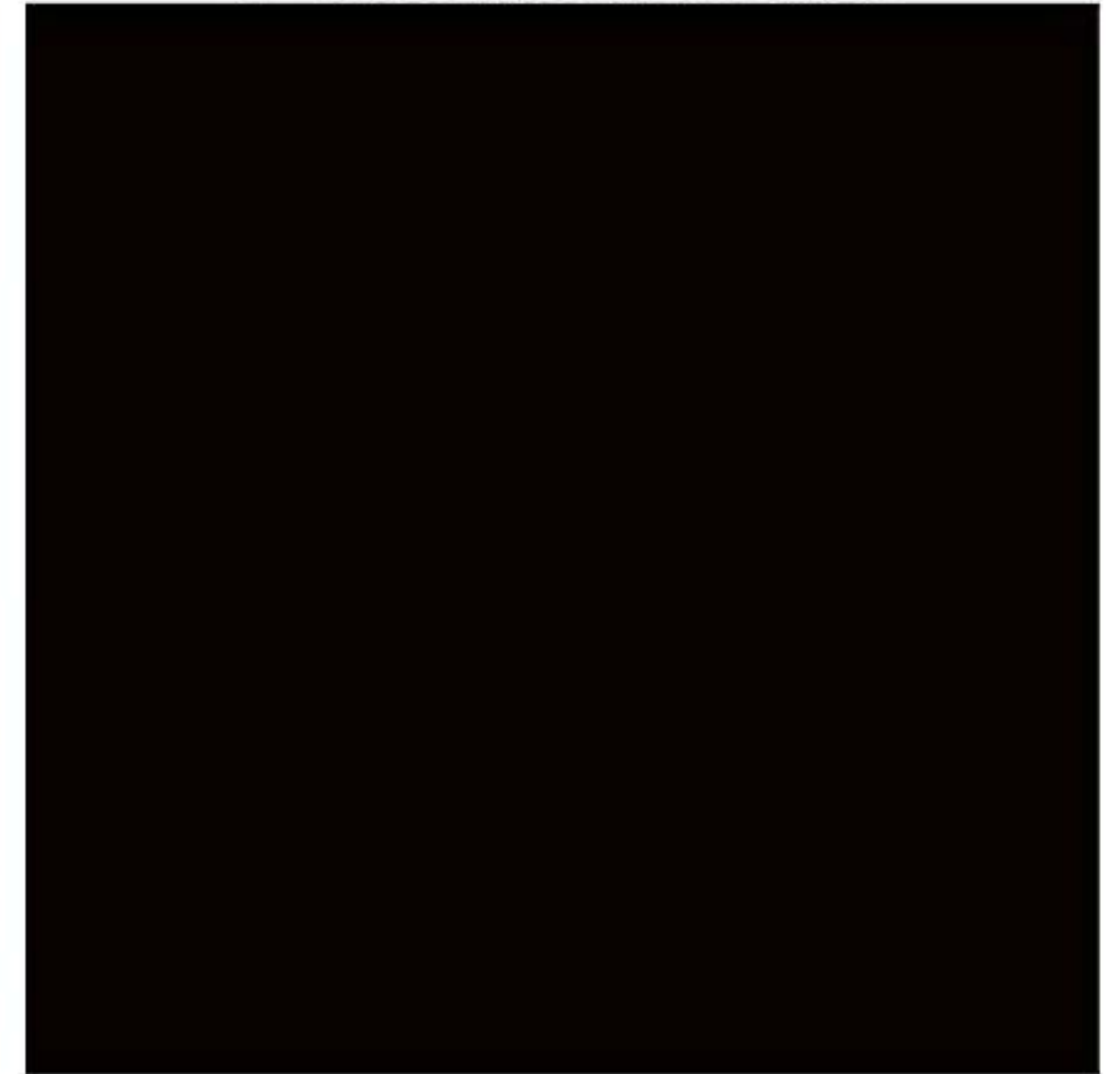
forecast

u - network forecast



difference

u - absolute difference



S. Herzog et al., *Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics* 4, 60 (2018)

# Summary

## Ordinal Pattern and Permutation Entropy

- are useful concepts for **characterizing beat-to-beat time series** and **complexity fluctuations** in cardiac arrhythmias
- are computationally efficient and very **robust with respect to noise**
- can also be defined for **spatially extended systems**
- **correlate** very well with the **number phase singularities** (spiral waves)

**Complex dynamics in excitable media** can be learned and **predicted** using **convolutional neural networks** (and other machine learning methods)

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