

# Permutation Entropy for Volcanic Forecasting (scikit-learn baseline)

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# Why permutation entropy?

- Seismic waveforms change complexity before energetic events; PE captures this with minimal assumptions.
- Lightweight: counts ordinal patterns, no heavy filtering or feature engineering.
- Robust: deterministic tie-breaking makes PE stable on quantized or low-SNR data.

## Theory: PE, WPE, MPE

For embedding dimension  $m$  and delay  $\tau$ :

- ① Build ordinal patterns from  $[x_t, x_{t+\tau}, \dots, x_{t+(m-1)\tau}]$  using value-first, index-second ordering.
- ② Estimate the pattern distribution  $p$  and compute  $H = -\sum p \log p$ .
- ③ Normalize by  $\log(m!)$  to keep  $PE \in [0, 1]$ .

Weighted PE multiplies counts by local variance (down-weights flat windows). Multiscale PE repeats across several  $\tau$  values to capture multi-rate dynamics.

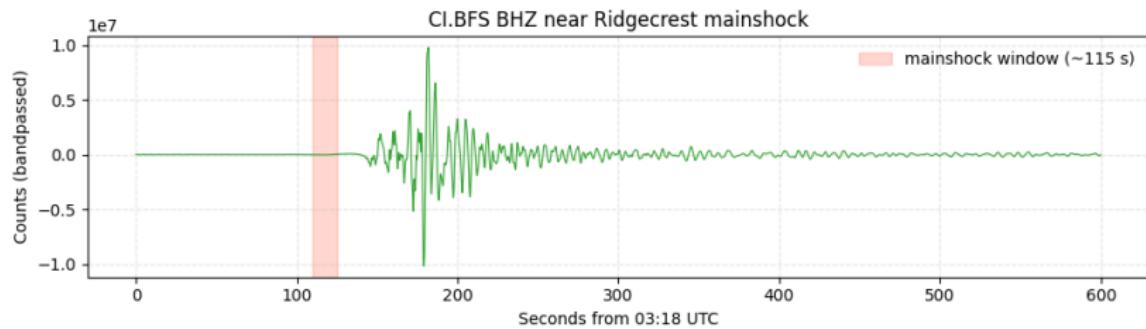
# Implementation in this repo

- Core algorithms: `src/permutation_entropy/features.py` (PE/WPE/MPE, deterministic ordinal patterns, sliding windows).
- Feature extraction CLI: `data_features.ingest` (MiniSEED → CSV of PE features with aligned start times).
- Model helper: `permutation_entropy.models` (balanced logistic regression, metrics, probabilities).
- Training CLI: `bin/train_pe.py` (loads CSV, stratified split when possible, saves probability plot).

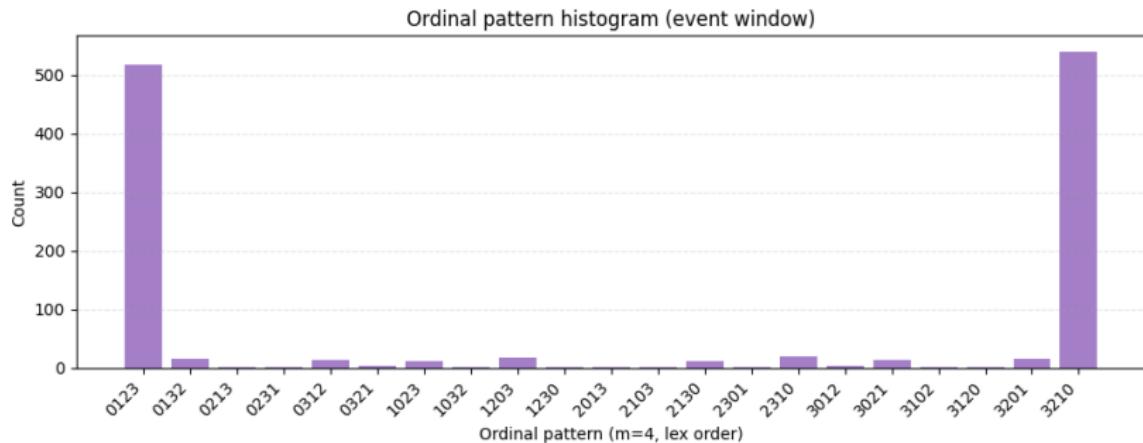
## Case study: Ridgecrest mainshock

- Data: IRIS MiniSEED around 2019-07-06 Ridgecrest mainshock (IU.ANMO, CI.BFS for closer view).
- Windows: 30 s length, 5 s hop; labels mark 1180–1220 s from 03:00 UTC.
- Features: PE, WPE, multiscale PE ( $\tau = 1..4$ ); labels recreated if missing in CSV.
- Model: balanced logistic regression; evaluate on a held-out split to avoid optimistic metrics.

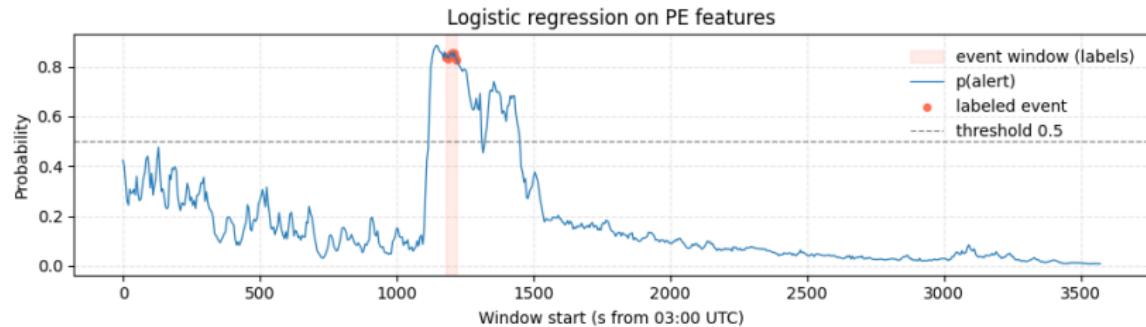
# Waveform preview (CI.BFS, closer station)



# Ordinal patterns in a window



# Probabilities over time (example)



# Pipeline summary

- ① Download or load MiniSEED; resolve data paths automatically in notebooks/CLI.
- ② Segment waveform into overlapping windows; compute PE/WPE/MPE per window.
- ③ Save CSV with start\_sec for plotting and label for supervised training.
- ④ Train logistic regression; plot alert probabilities against time to inspect separability.

# Takeaways and next steps

- PE-based features provide a fast, transparent baseline for eruption/tremor alerting.
- Deterministic patterns and balanced logistic regression reduce brittleness on small datasets.
- Next: add cross-validation, threshold calibration, and spectral features; package for pip + CI.