

# Dynamics of Complex Systems

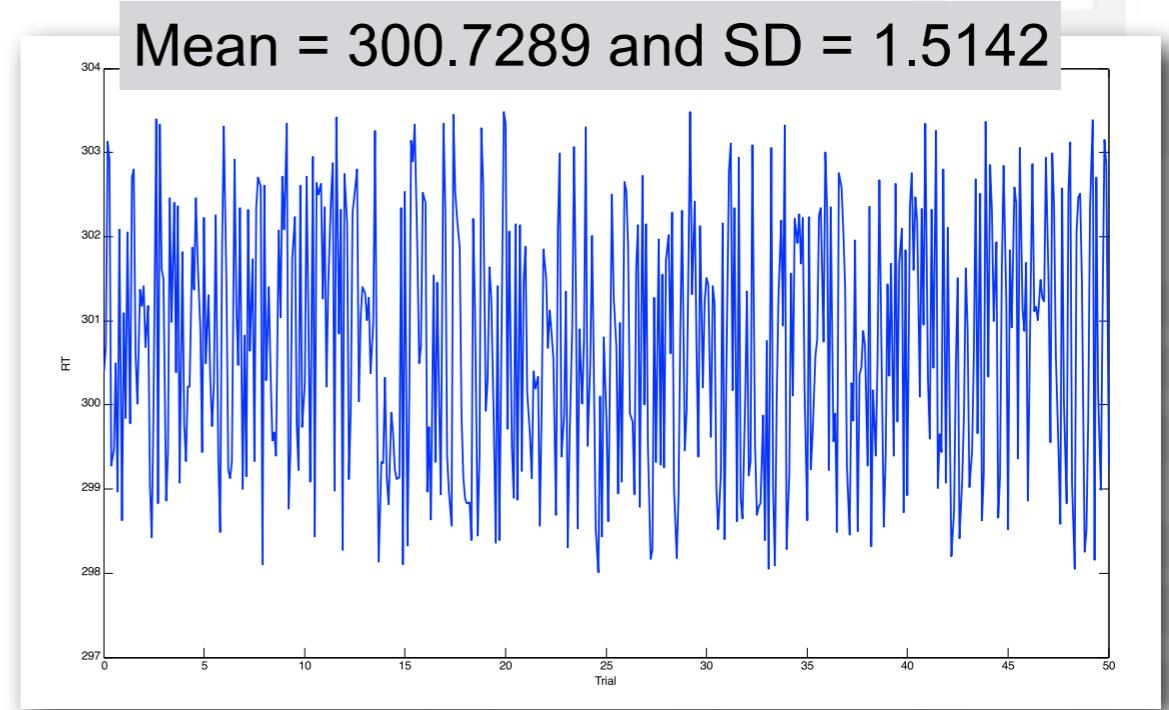
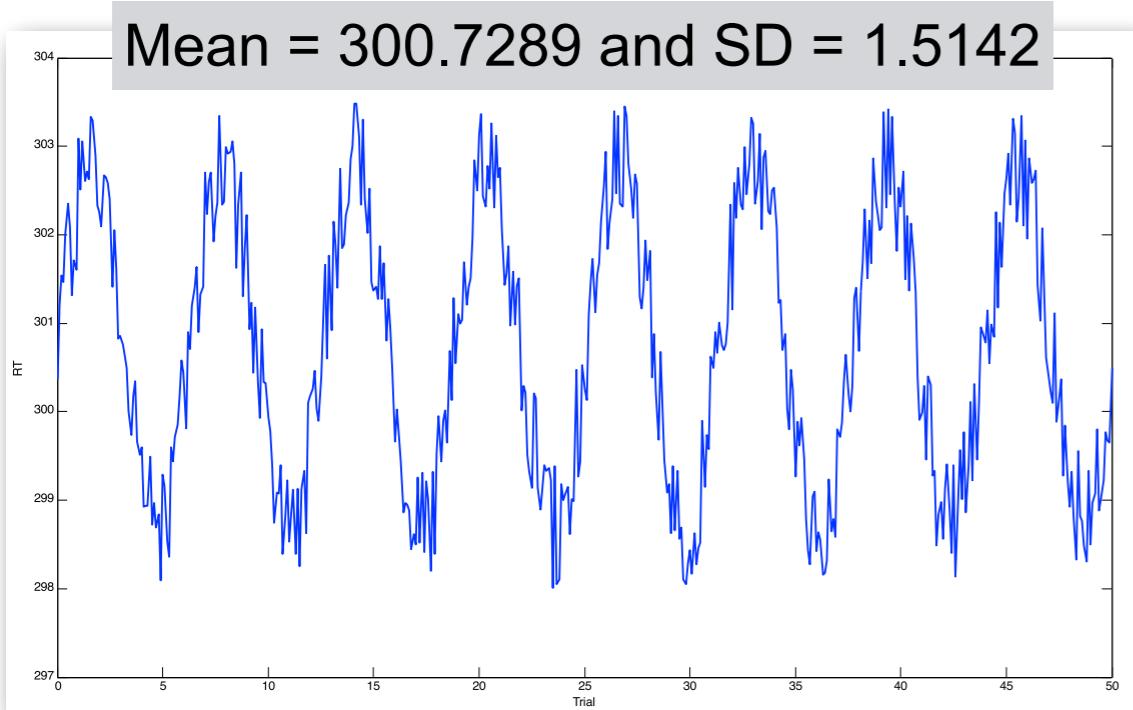
*part 1*

**Temporal Correlations in timeseries**

**Basic Timeseries Analysis**

**Scaling Phenomena**

# Rose / Molenaar: “Analyse then Aggregate!”



- The first process is very different from the second yet the central tendency measures are the same (MEAN, SD, etc. are equal).
- How can we characterise this difference?
  1. Quantify patterns of dependencies in the data as: deterministic/periodic/stochastic, stable/unstable fluctuations ...
  2. For each individual, each measure, in each context of interest
  3. Aggregate (if necessary)
- Basics steps to get step 1. - Correlation functions & AR(f)MA – Auto Regressive (fractional integrated) Moving Average (Box, G.E.P. and Jenkins, G.M. (1976), *Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control*, San Francisco: Holden-Day. )



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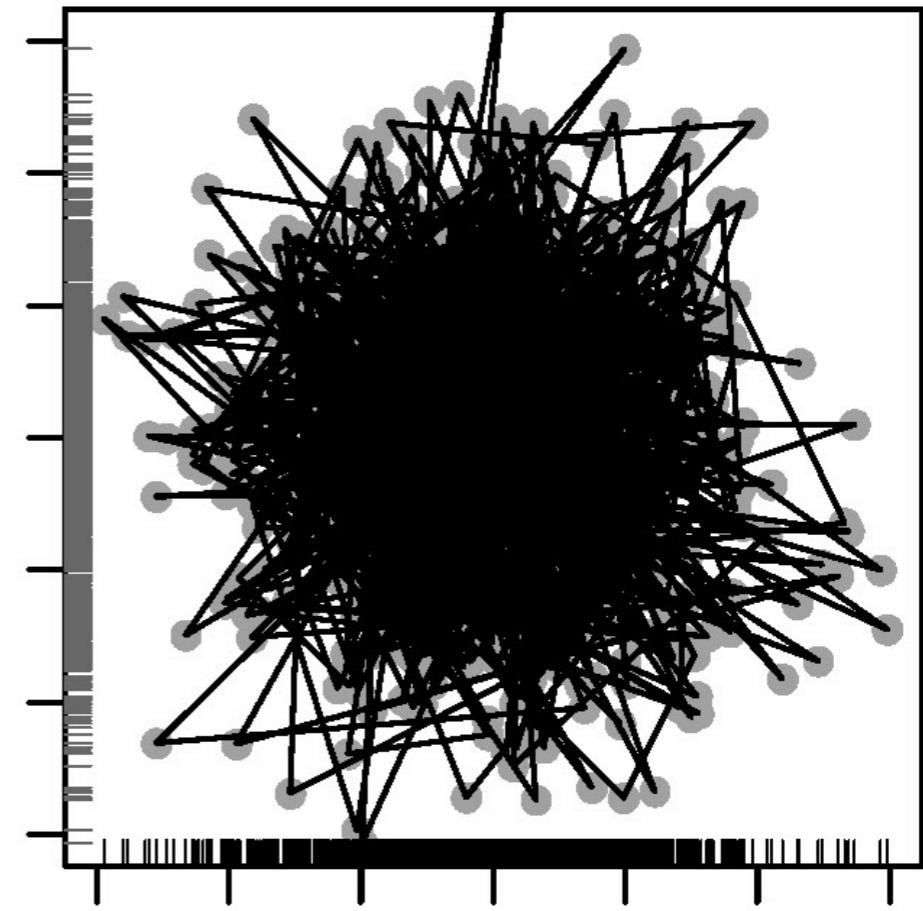
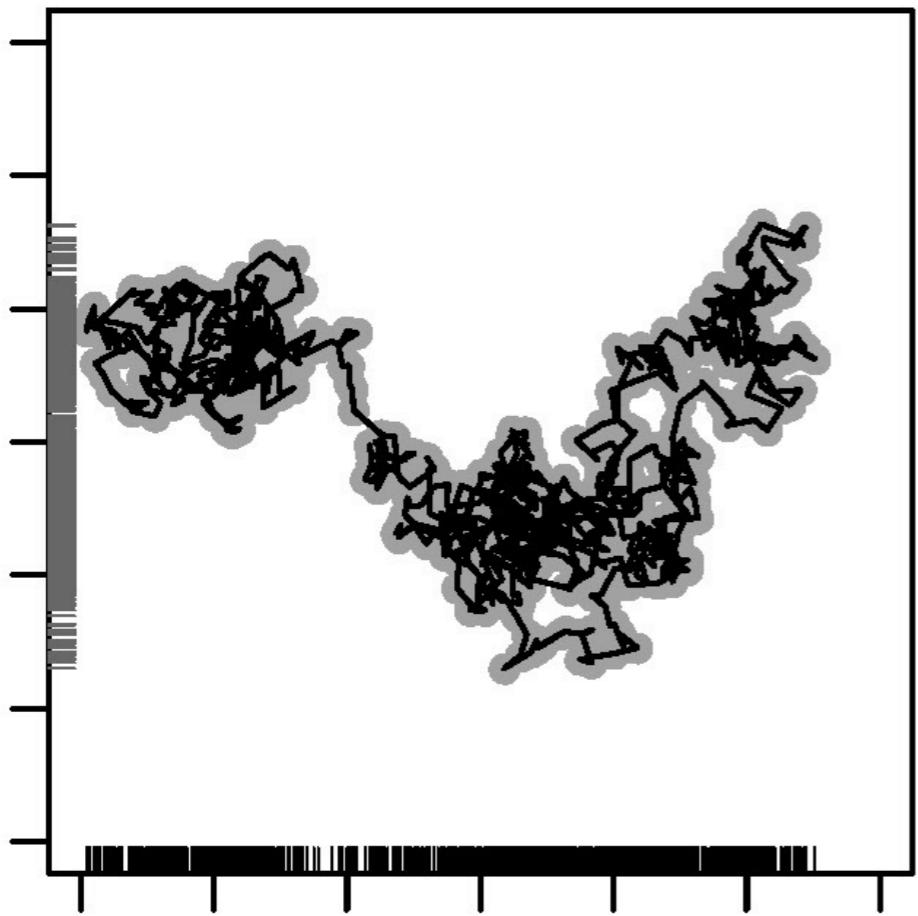


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X

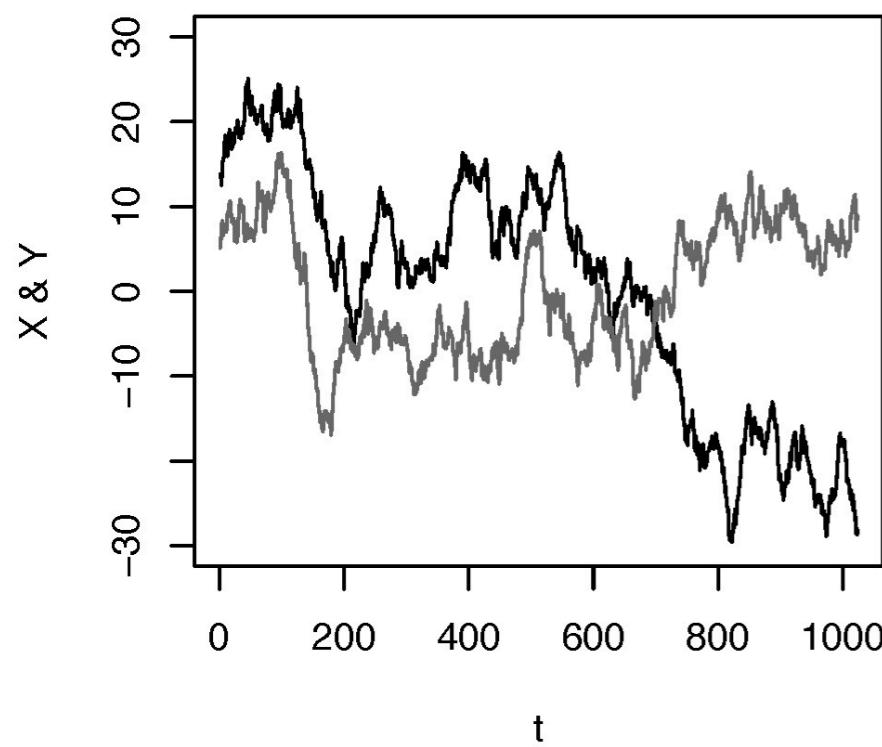
# MINIME SYSTEM

- State = X,Y coordinate
- Minimal Memory System can move around within the boundary.
- When would you infer randomness, when a deterministic rule?
- What kind of succession of states?
- What kind of trajectory through space?

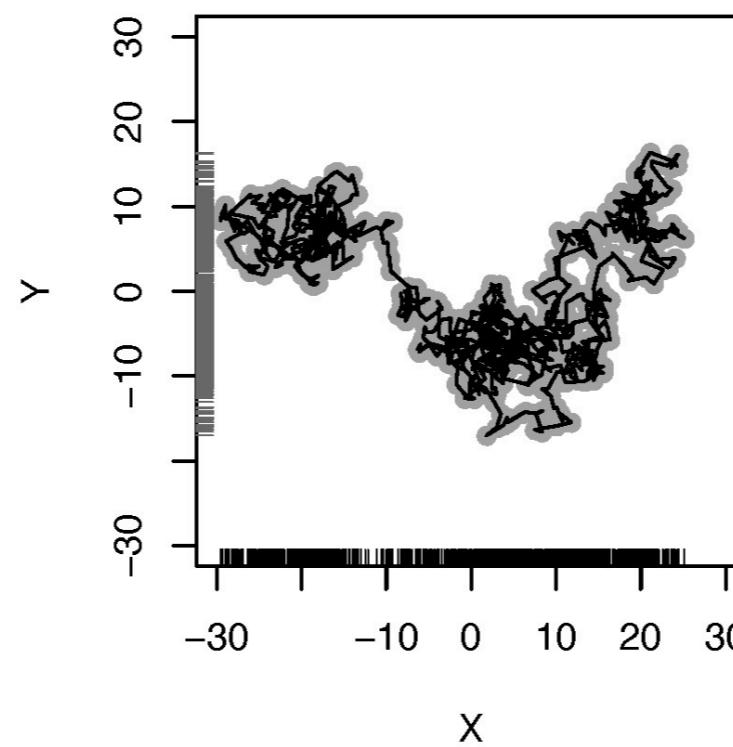


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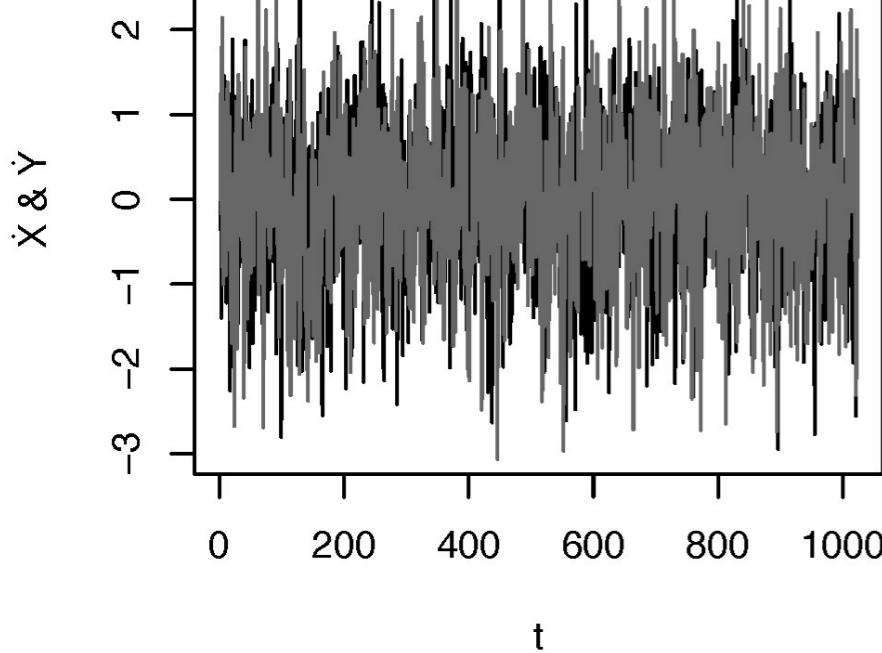
**Dimension X & Y**



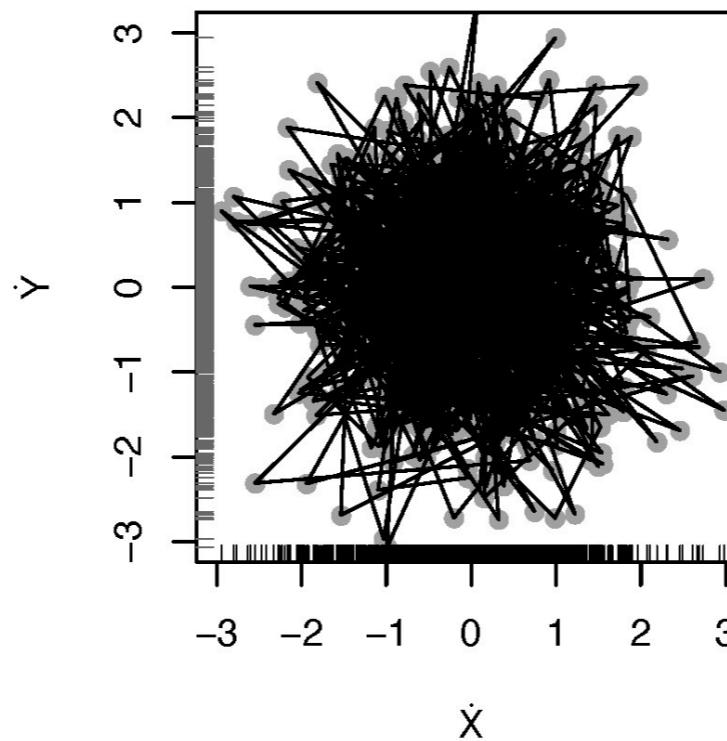
**2D State Space of MiniMeS**



**First Derivative of Dimension X & Y**



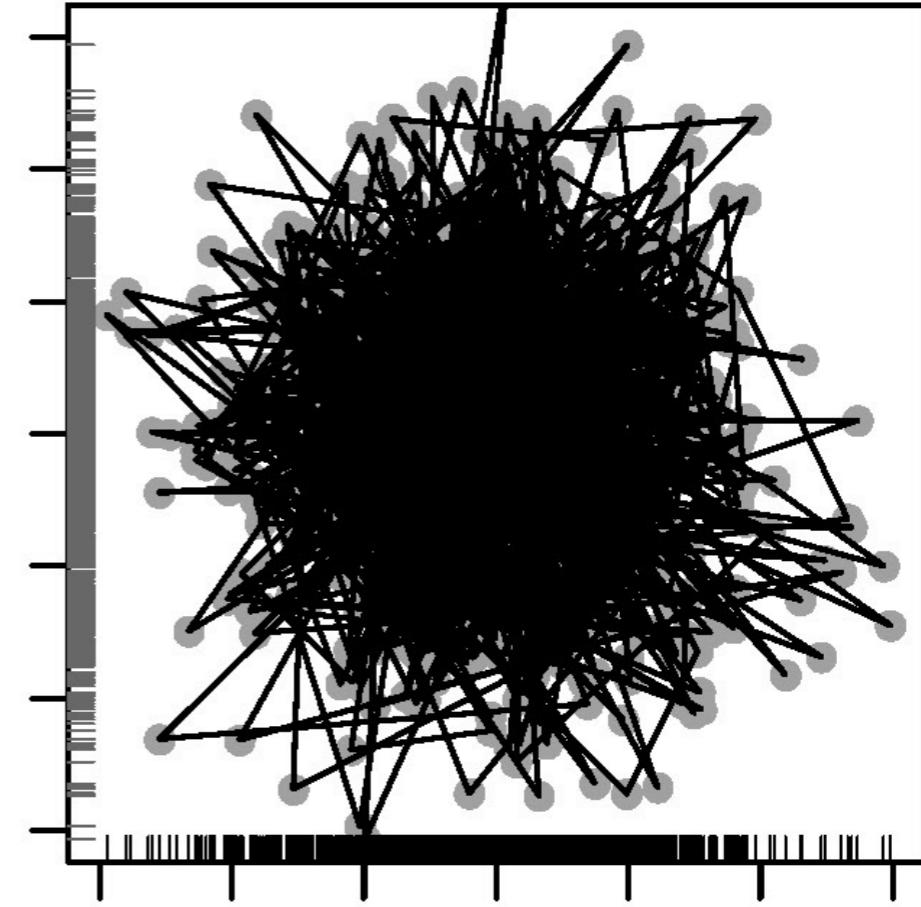
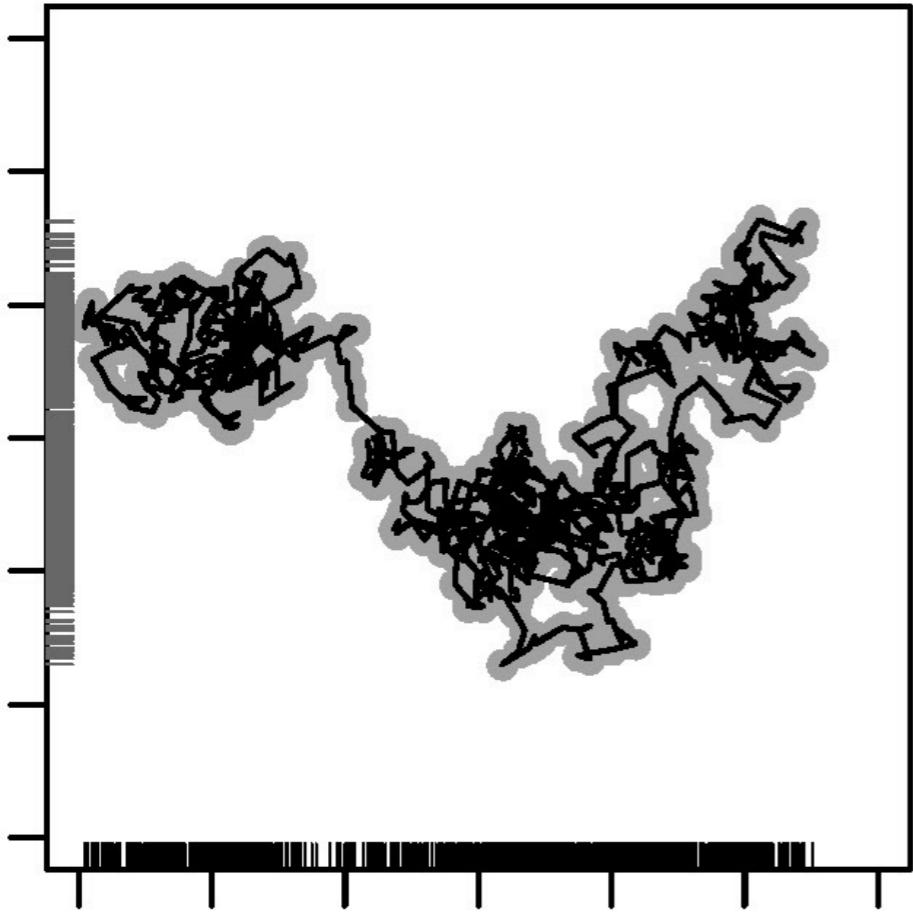
**2D State Space of MiniMeS Derivatives**



- State Space (X & Y): The degrees of freedom MiniMe has to generate its behaviour (move)
- This is a random walk, Brownian motion: Add a random number drawn from normal distribution to current number.
- Where does the apparent order come from? It's a random process!!!!

'Simple' rule reduces degrees of freedom to move around:

Matter has to occupy finite space & movement takes time (no teleportation yet)



Minimal form of 'physical memory' through 'natural computation': summation / counting

Emergence of structure / temporal correlations / redundancies / dependencies

Brownian motion / Levy flights are very common in nature (diffusion, percolation, foraging)

**How to characterise the nature of the dependencies?**

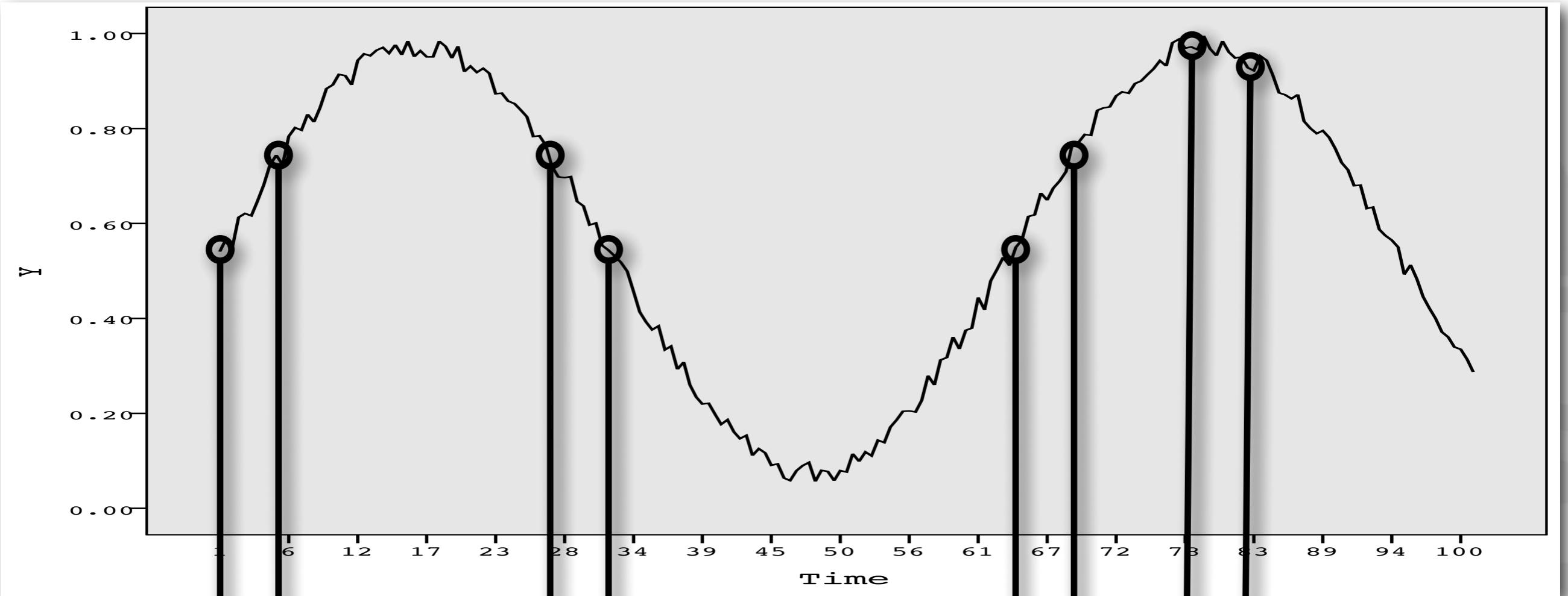
## (Partial) Autocorrelation Function - (P)ACF

$$R(k) = \frac{E[(X_i - \mu)(X_{i+k} - \mu)]}{\sigma^2}$$

The average correlation  $r$  between data points that are a distance (lag)  $k$  apart in time

This holds only for *stationary, random processes*. So  $X$  measured here is a *random variable*.

ACF and the Partial ACF are used to decide which AR(fI)MA model you need (how many AR and/or MA parameters you need).



Lag = 3

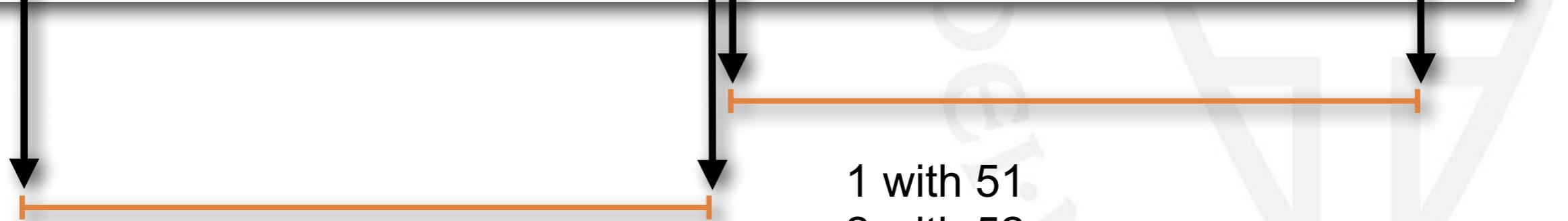
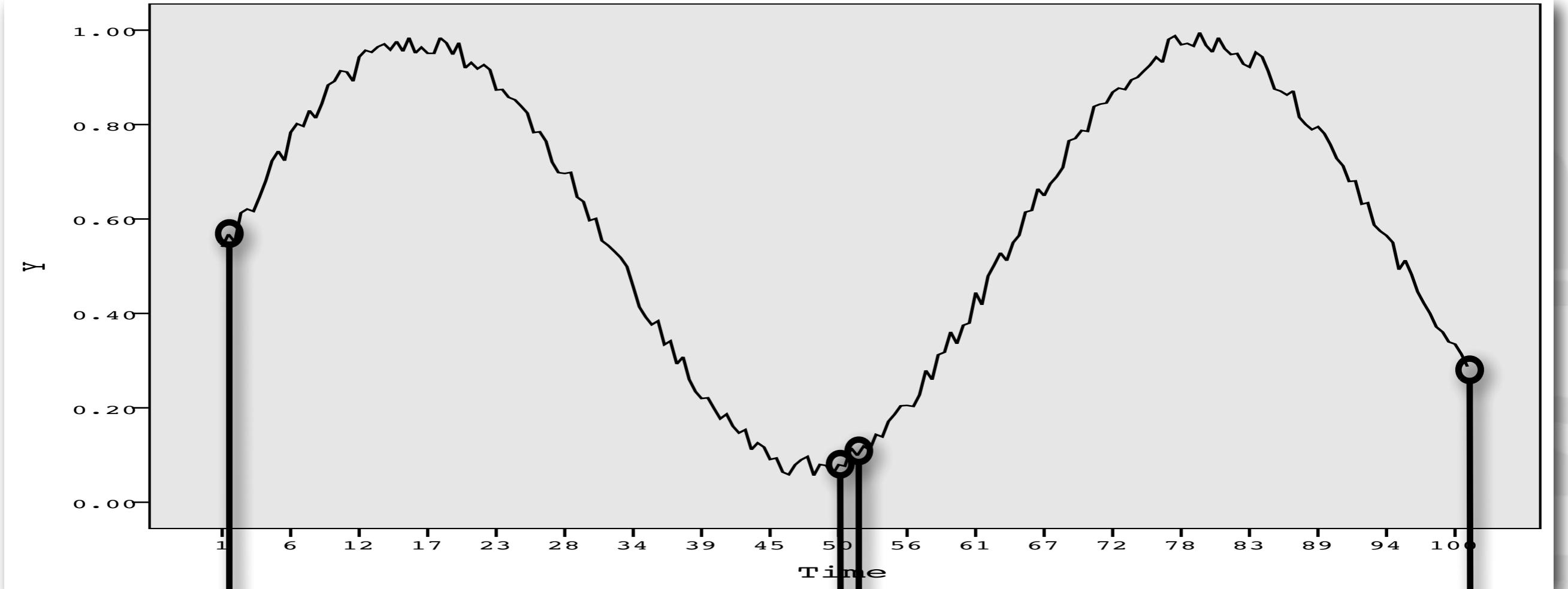
*How many correlations of lag 3?*

TS length = 100 data points

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2 with 5  
3 with 6

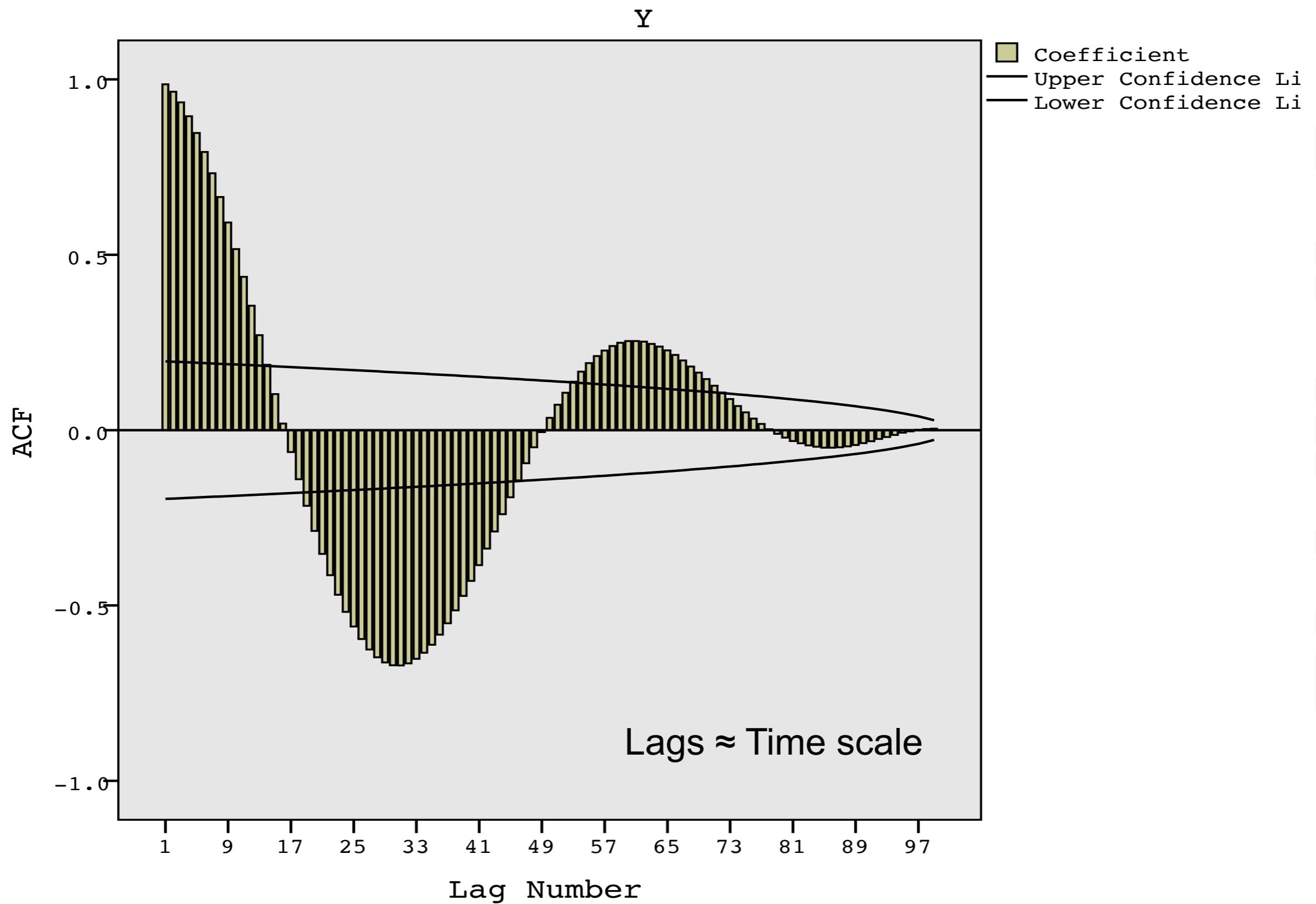
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96 with 99  
97 with 100

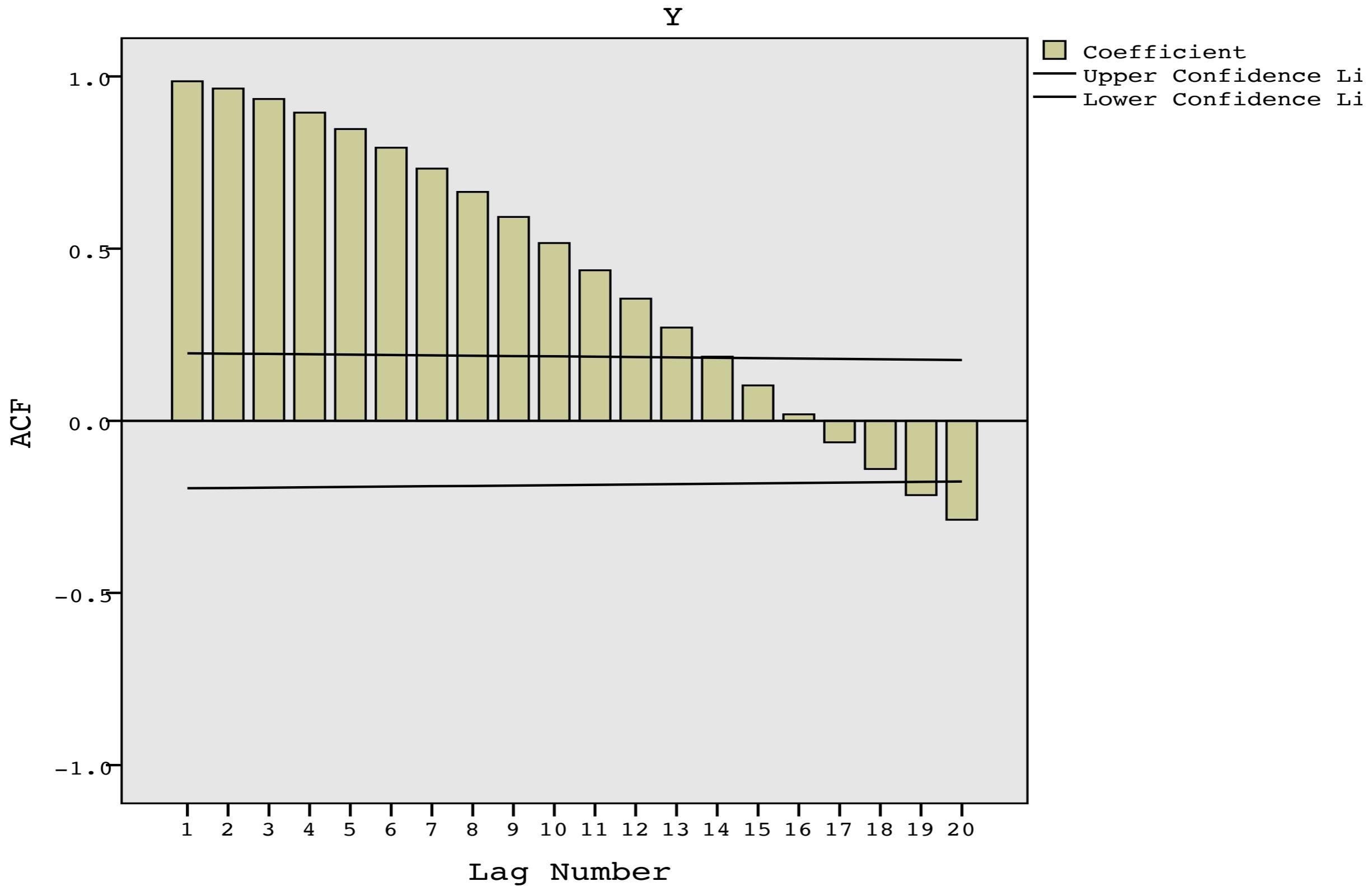
*Low or High at lag 3?*  
 $r_3 = 0.895$  ( $SD = 0.095$ )

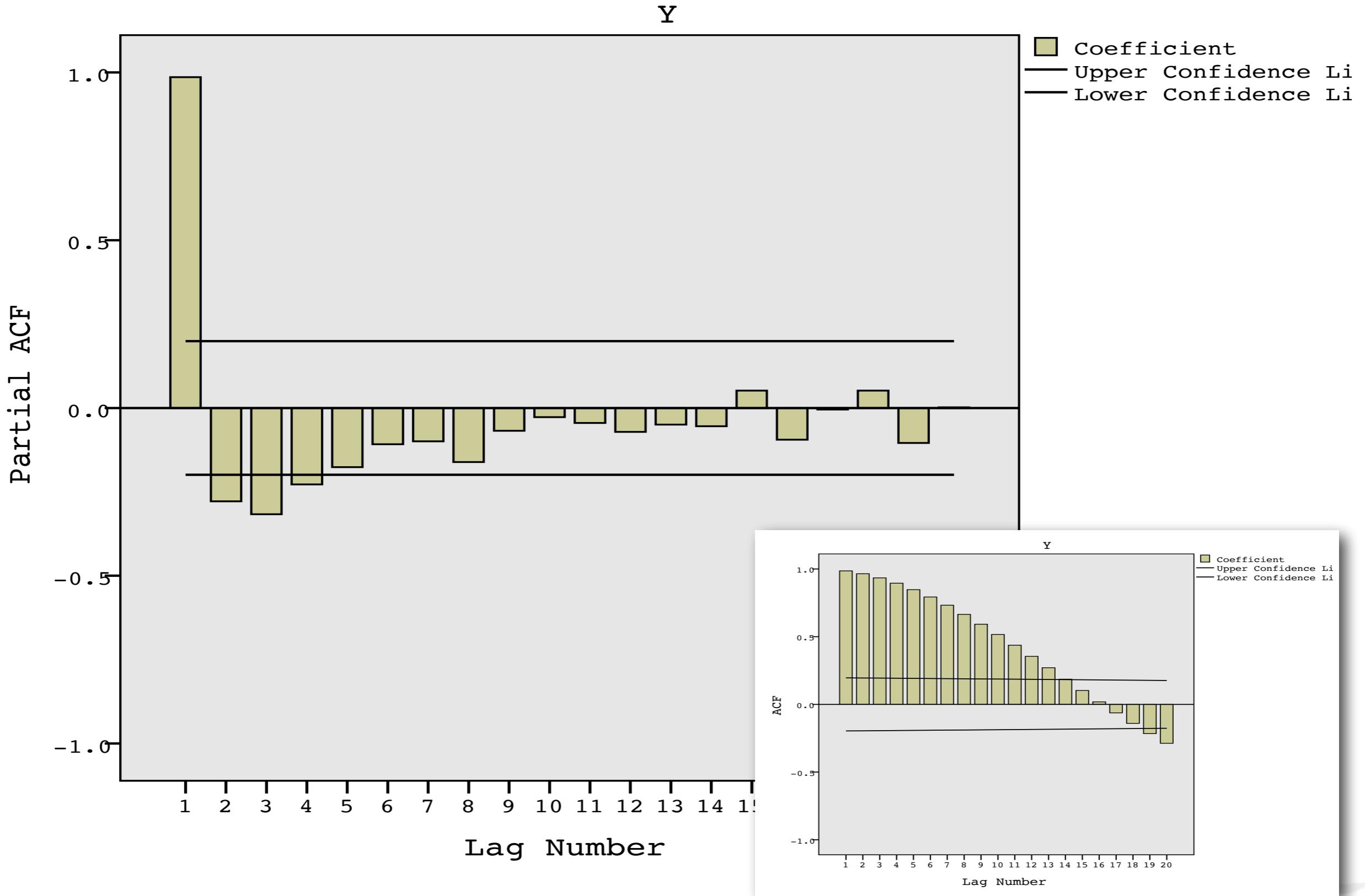


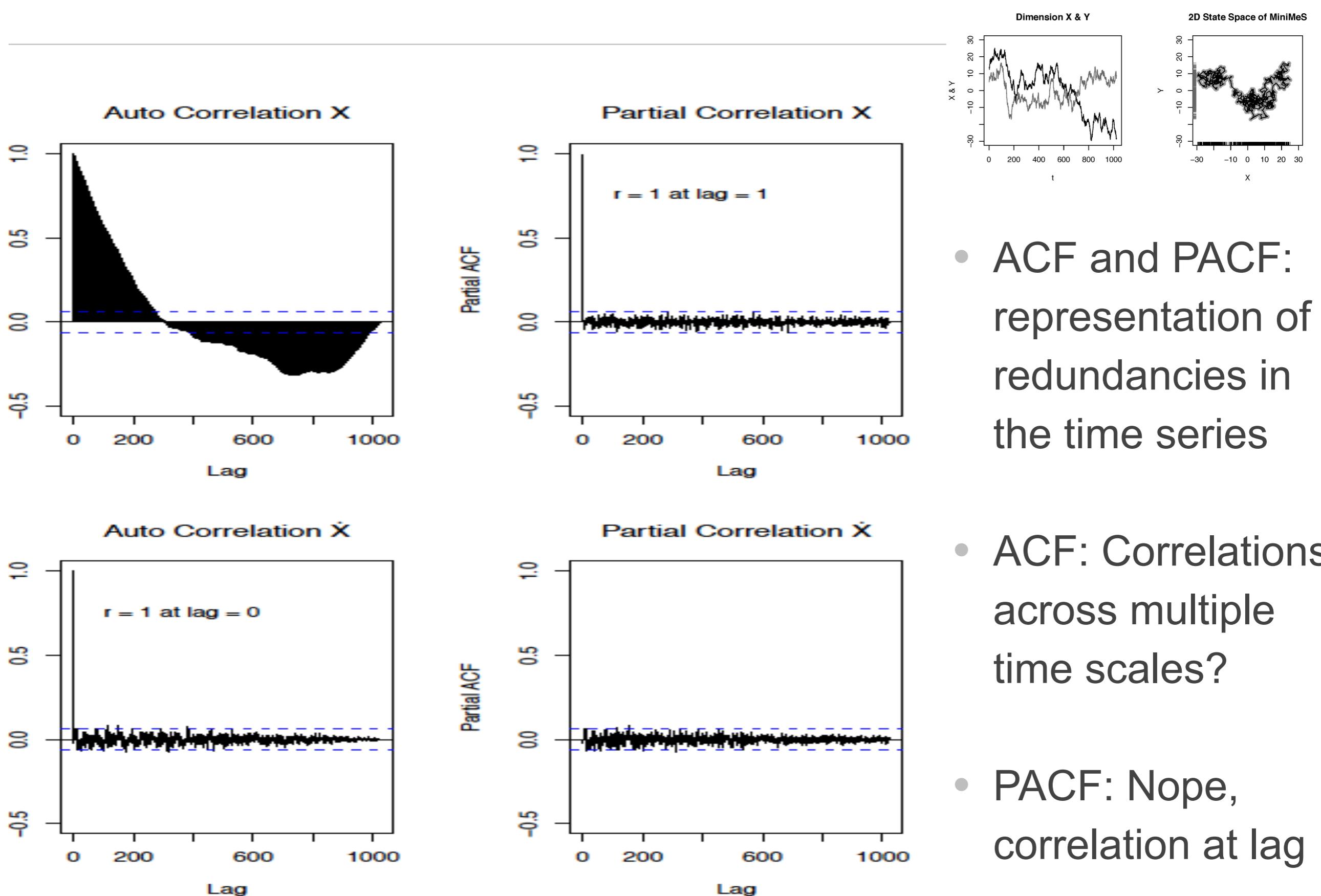
*How many correlations of lag 50?*

TS length = 100 data points









# A stochastic linear process model AR(fI)MA

- Notation: **ARIMA(p,d,q)**, these parameters usually take values of 0-2 indicating none, 1 or 2 components.
- **ARIMA(1,2,1)** = means One AutoRegressive parameter, a (filtered-out!) quadratic trend, and 1 Moving Average parameter.
- **AR-part:** The model tries to predict each data point  $X$  at time  $t$  based on a constant or intercept ( $\xi$ ) + a linear combination of previous observations ( $\phi_{1\dots p}$ ) + random error called random shock ( $\varepsilon$ ):

$$X_t = \xi + \phi_1 X_{(t-1)} + \phi_2 X_{(t-2)} + \phi_3 X_{(t-3)} + \dots + \phi_p X_{(t-p)} + \varepsilon$$

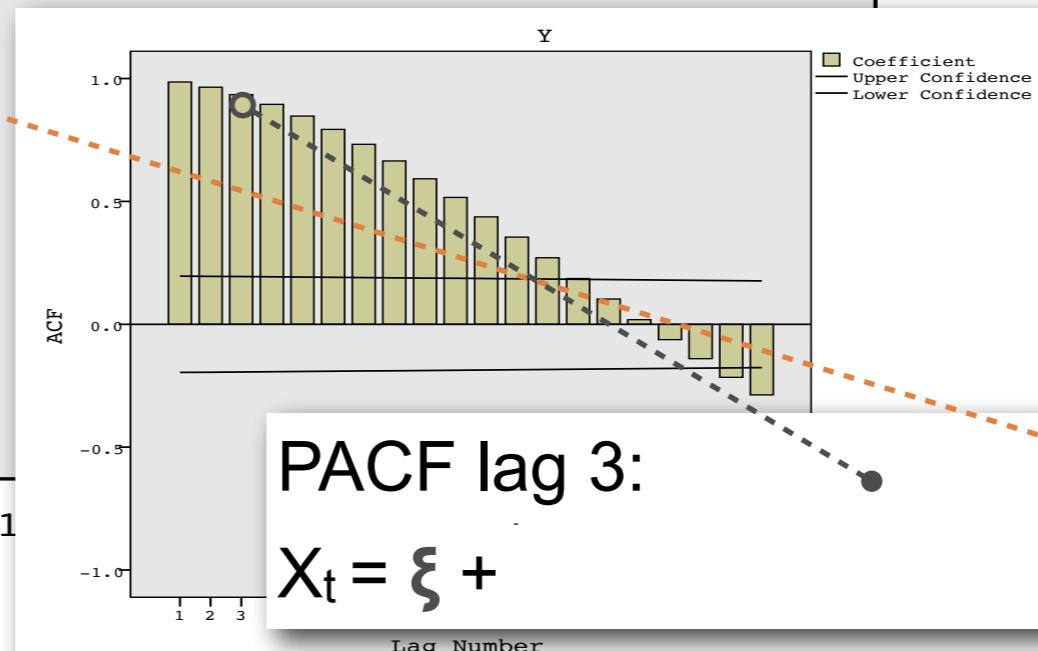
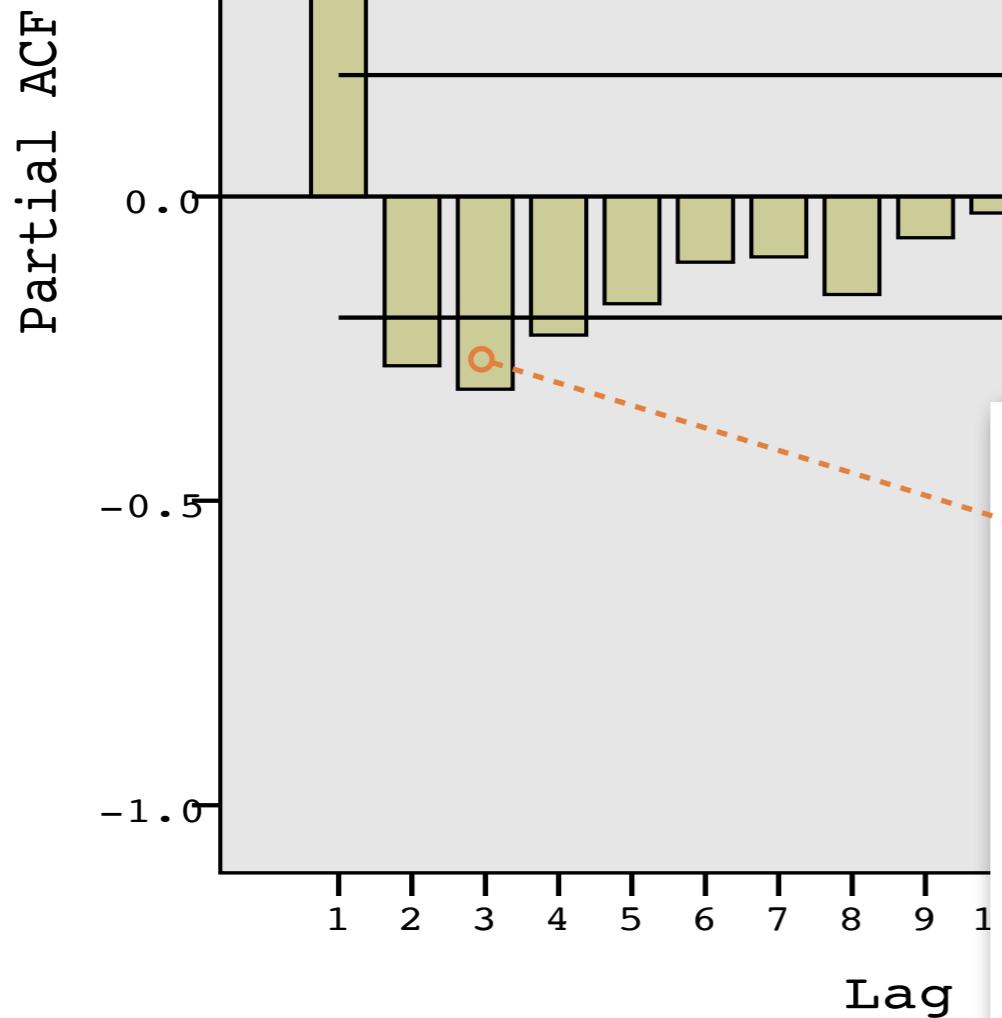
- **MA-part:** The model tries to predict each data point  $X$  at time  $t$  based on the average of the time series ( $\mu$ ) + the current random error ( $\varepsilon_t$ ) - a linear combination of previously observed random error ( $\theta_{1\dots q}$ ):

$$X_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t - \theta_1 \varepsilon_{(t-1)} - \theta_2 \varepsilon_{(t-2)} - \theta_3 \varepsilon_{(t-3)} - \dots - \theta_q \varepsilon_{(t-q)}$$

- **I(ntegration)-part:** The data must be stationary (and more!): 1) constant mean, 2) constant variance, 3) constant autocorrelation *through* time. This part removes correlations between data points that are a particular distance (lag) apart by differencing the time series... in other words: Trends in the data are filtered out.
- How many parameters do you need? ... ACF and PACF



Order (p) for AR:  
Number of significant  
correlation lags in PACF



## Rules of thumb

(<http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/pmc/section4/pmc446.htm>)

### SHAPE of ACF

Exponential, decaying to zero

Alternating positive and negative,  
decaying to zero

One or more spikes, rest are essentially  
zero

Decay, starting after a few lags

All zero or close to zero

High values at fixed intervals

No decay to zero

### INDICATED MODEL

Autoregressive model. Use the partial autocorrelation plot to identify the order of the autoregressive model.

Autoregressive model. Use the partial autocorrelation plot to help identify the order.

Moving average model, order identified by where plot becomes zero.

Mixed autoregressive and moving average model.

Data is essentially random.

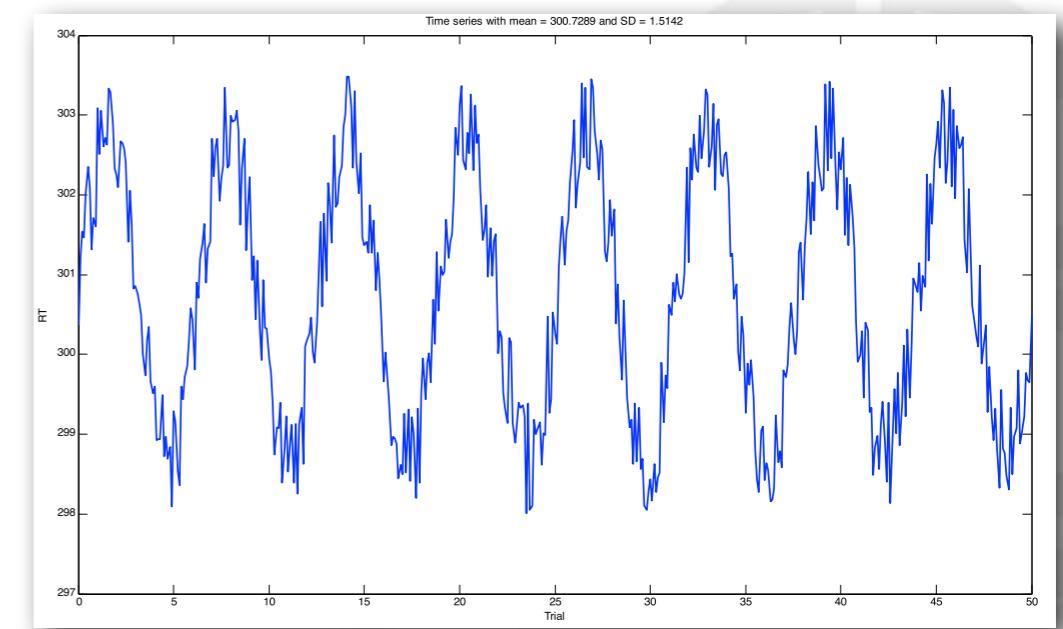
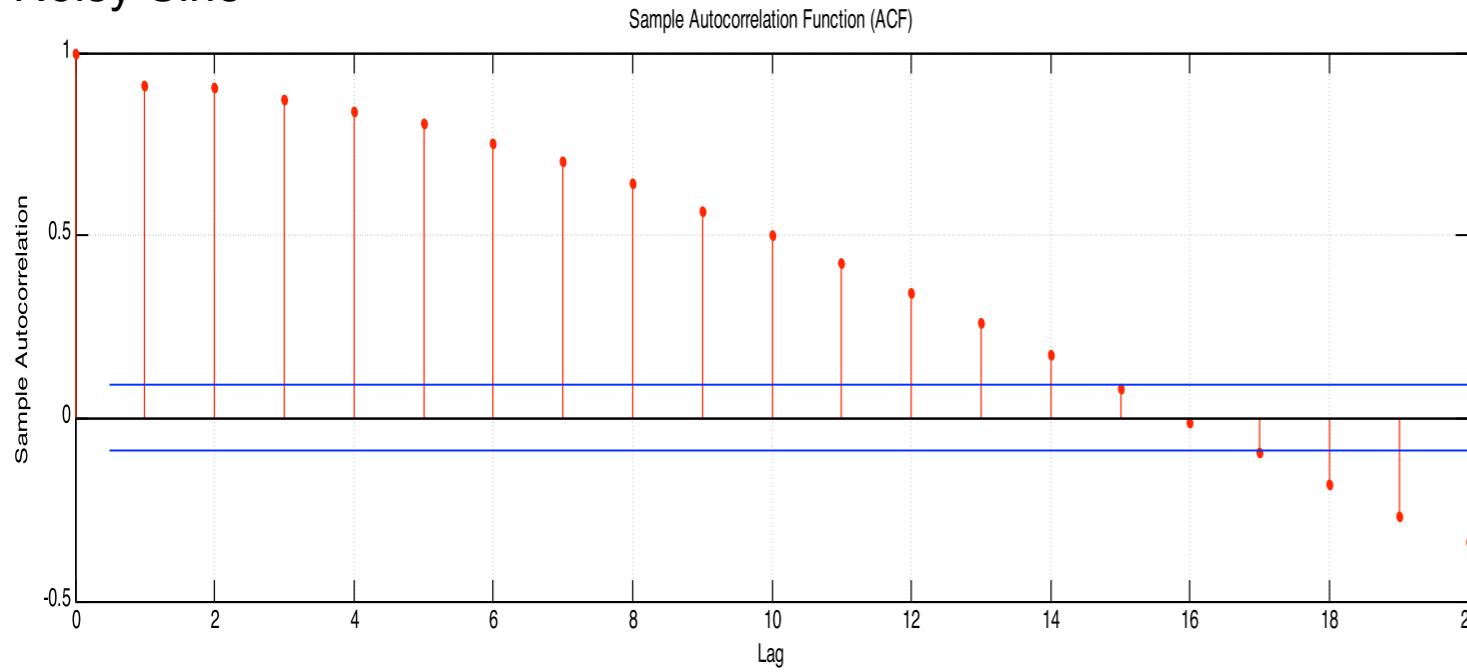
Include seasonal autoregressive term.

Series is not stationary.

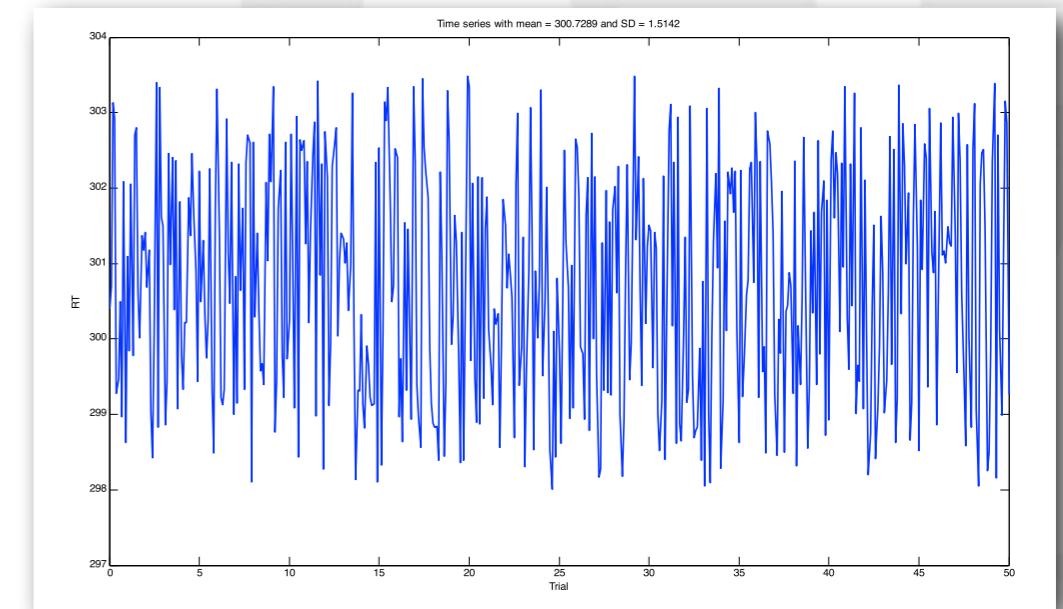
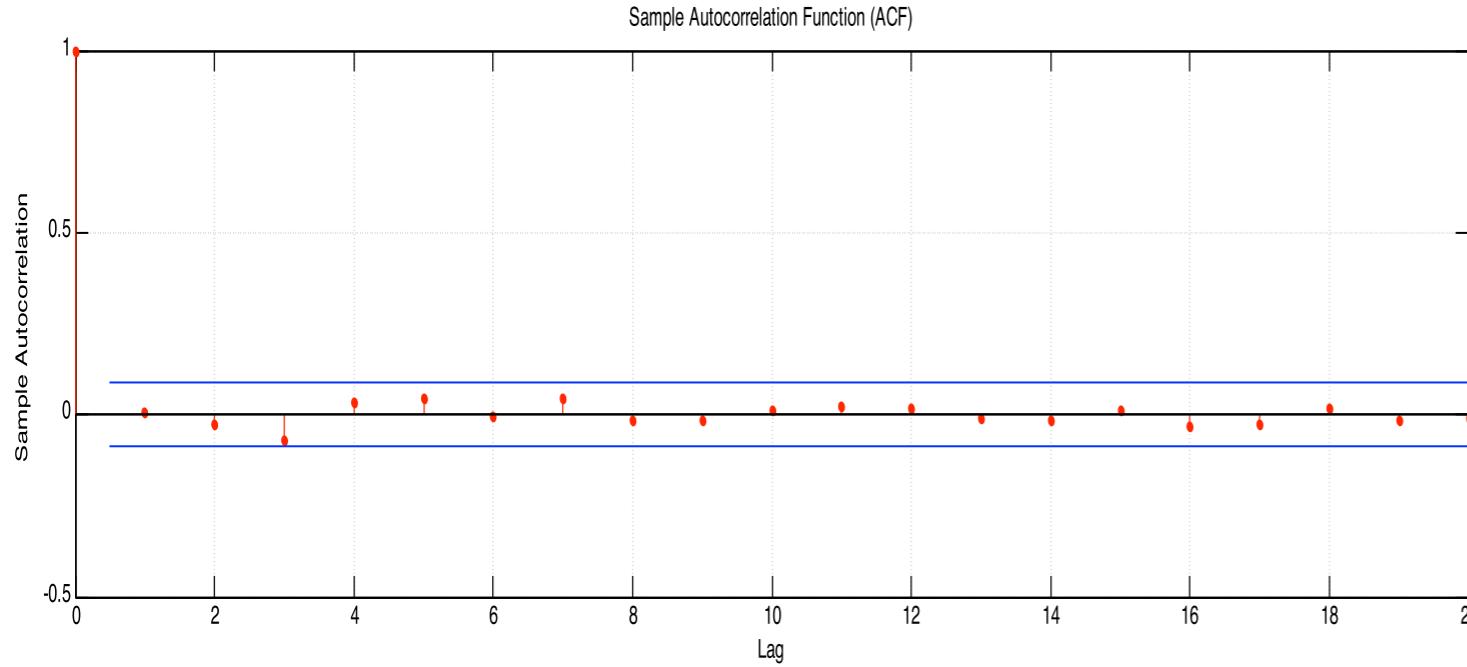


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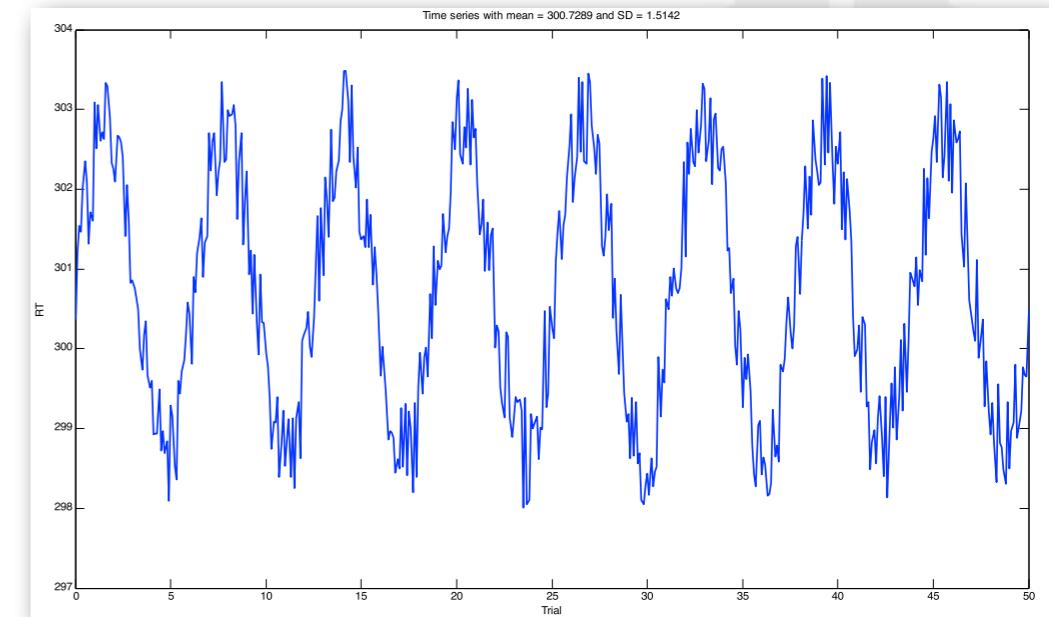
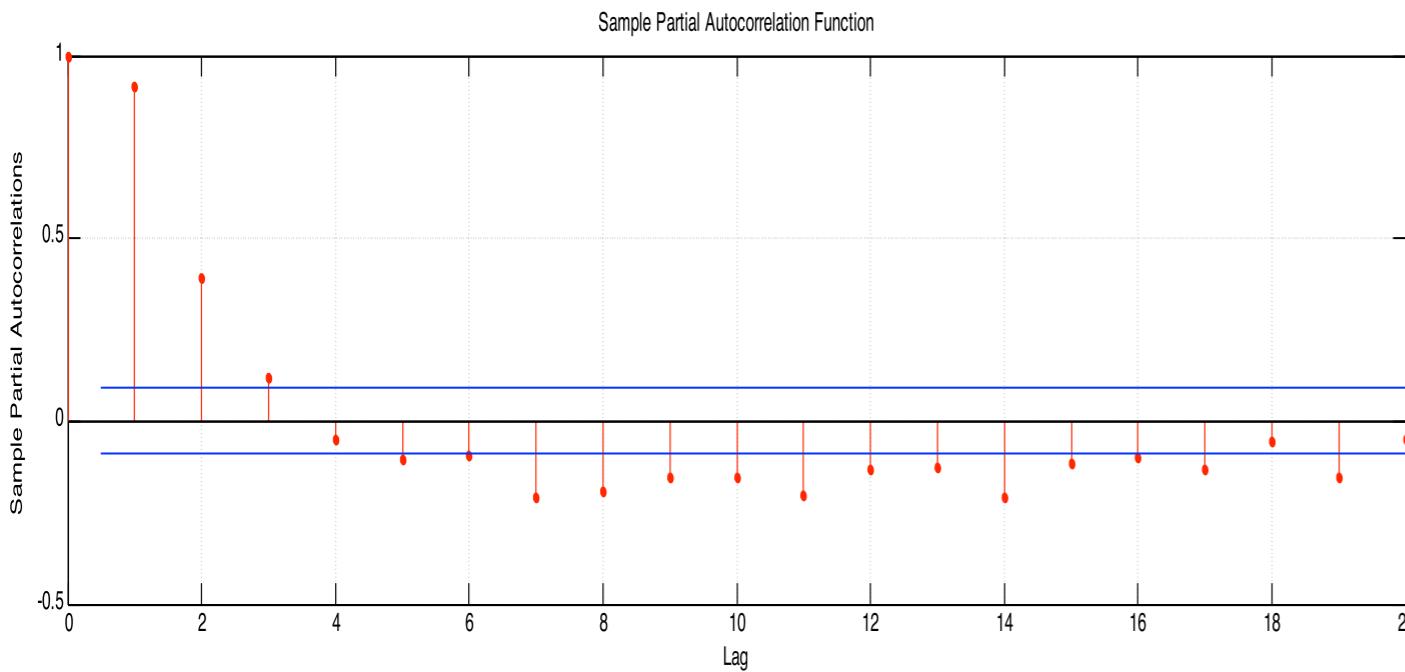


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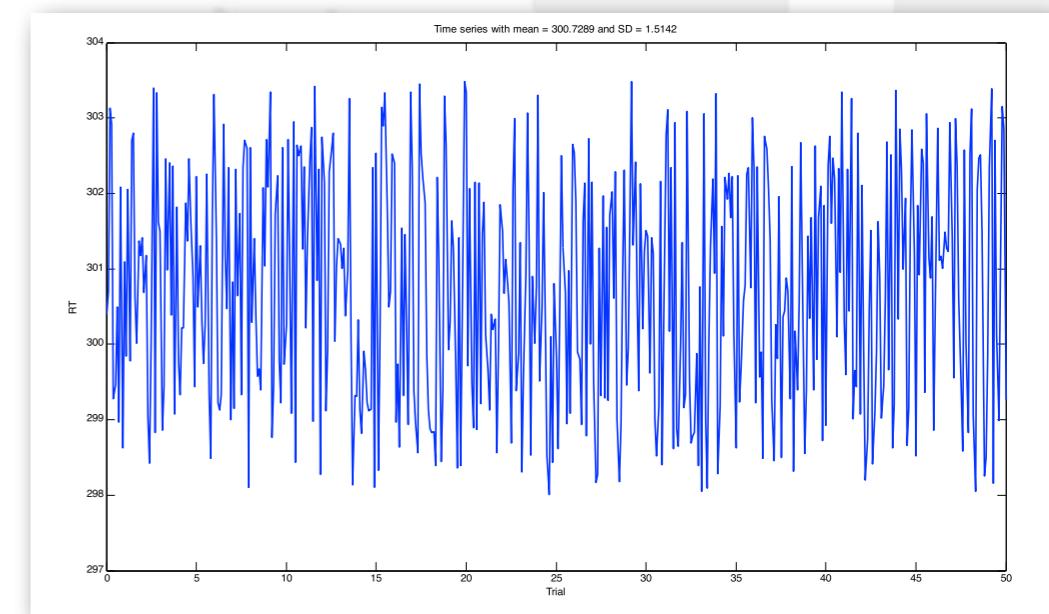
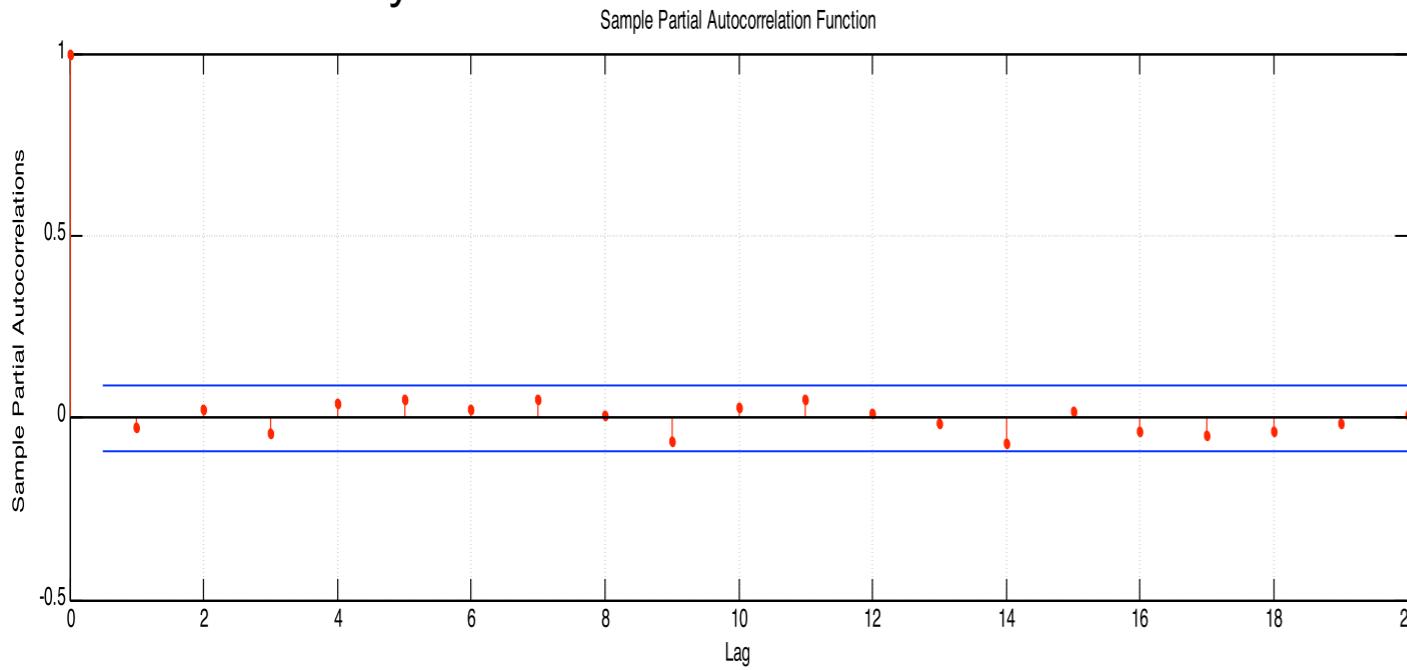


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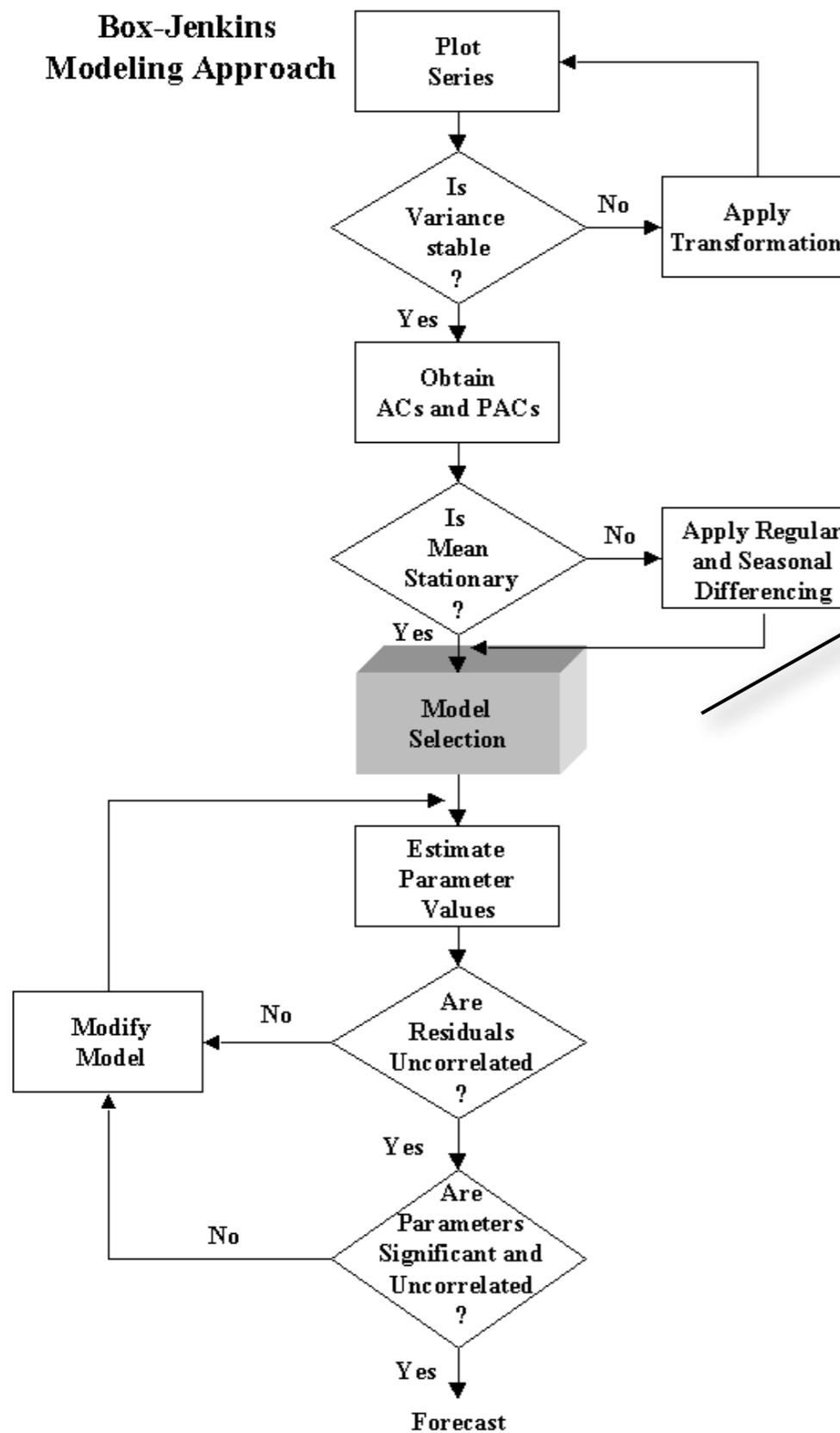
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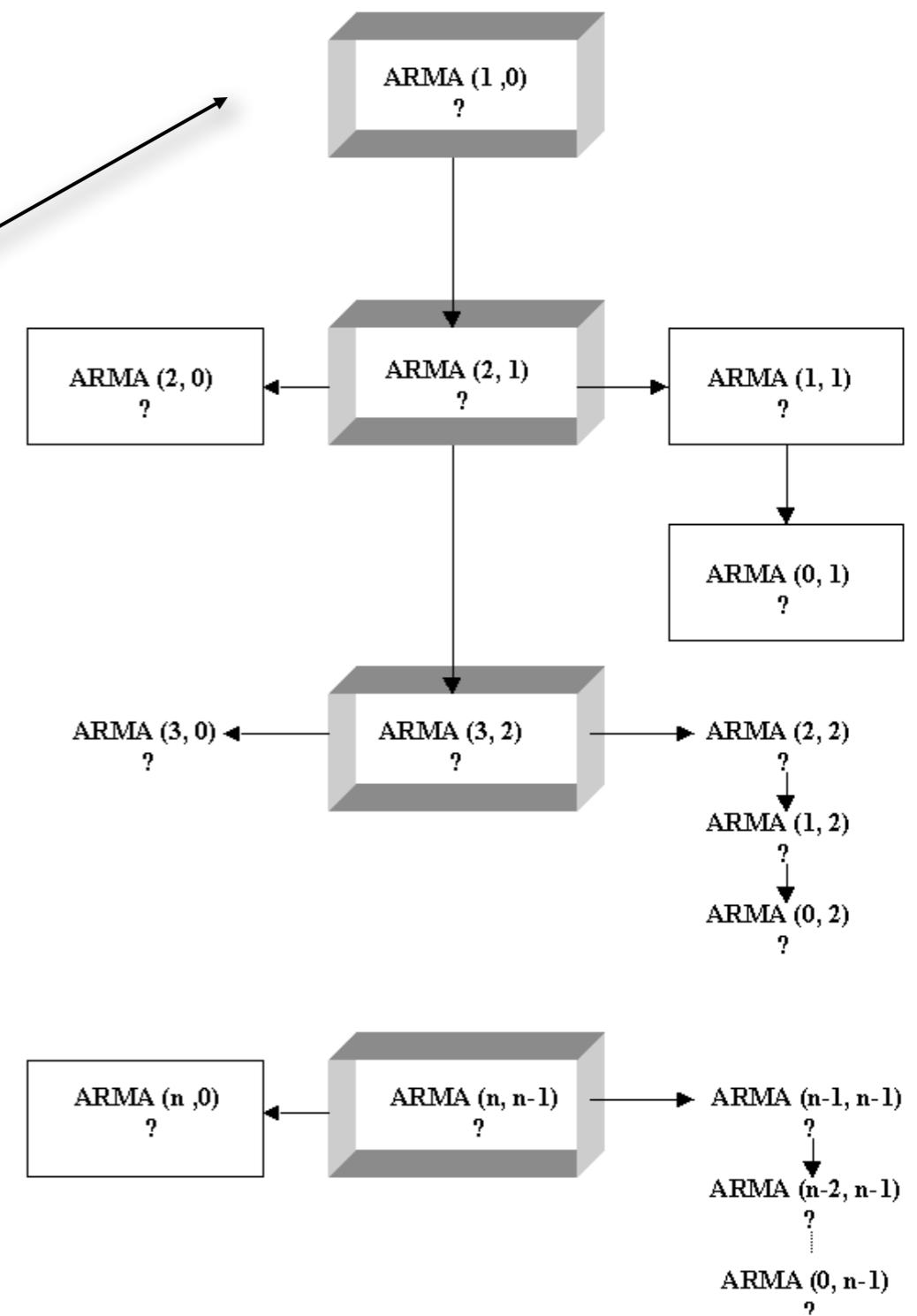
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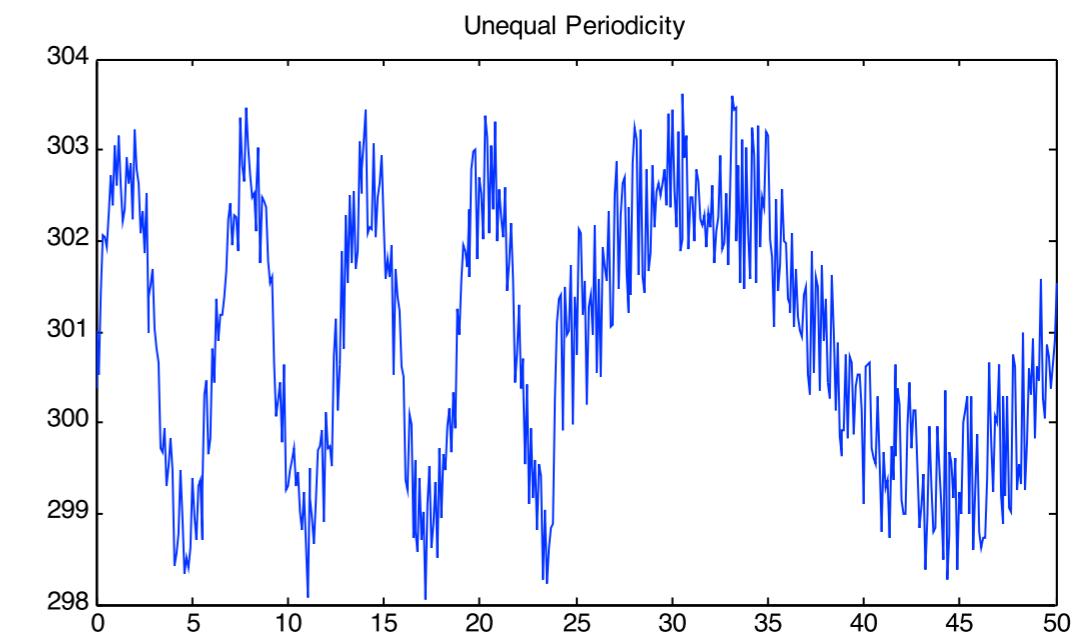
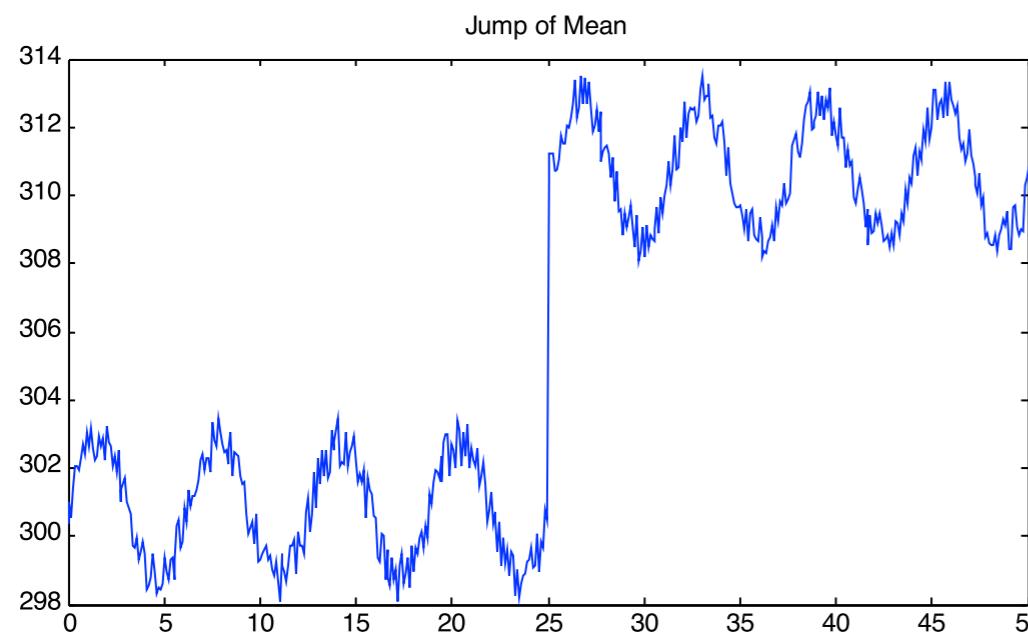
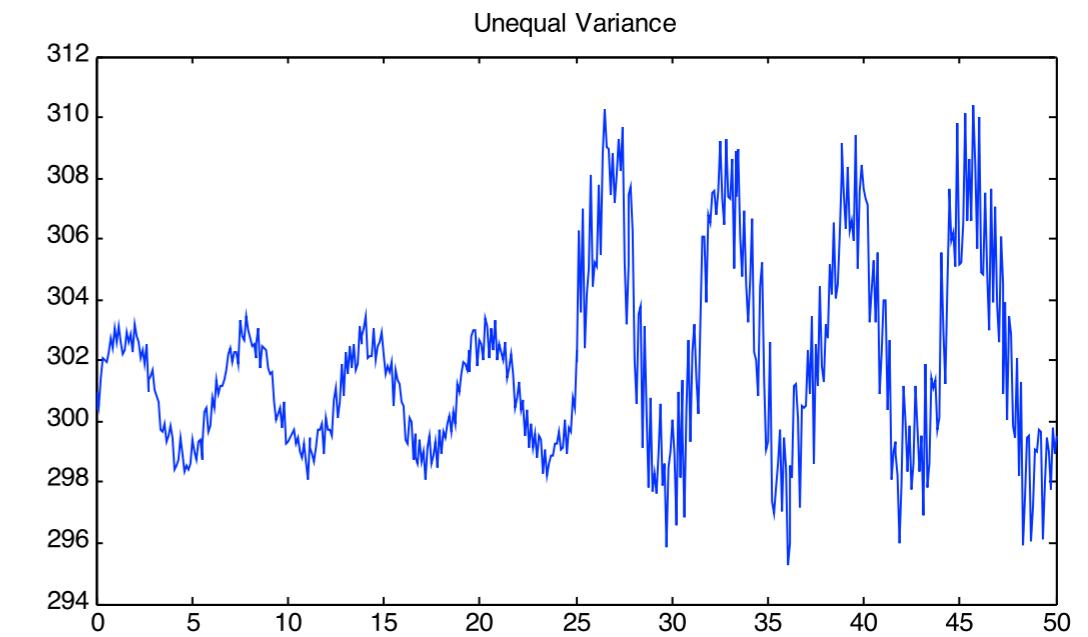
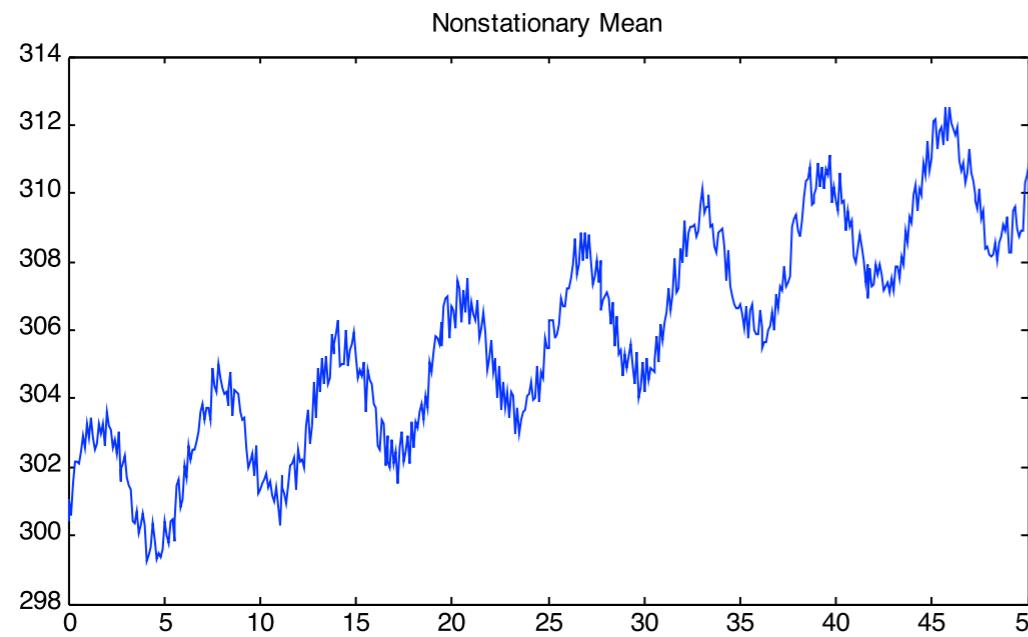
**Box-Jenkins  
Modeling Approach**



**Model Selection Process in  
Box-Jenkins Modeling Approach**

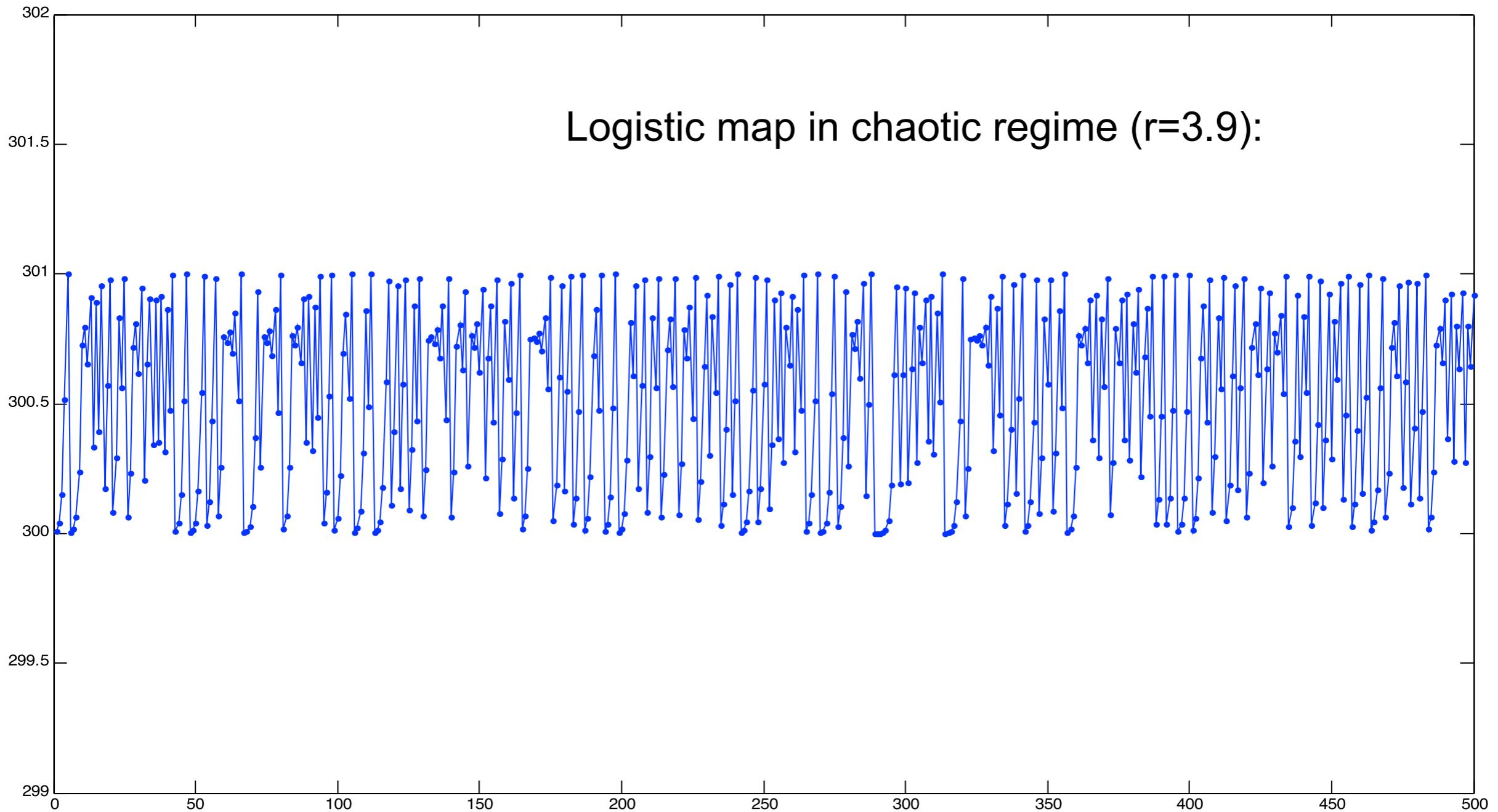


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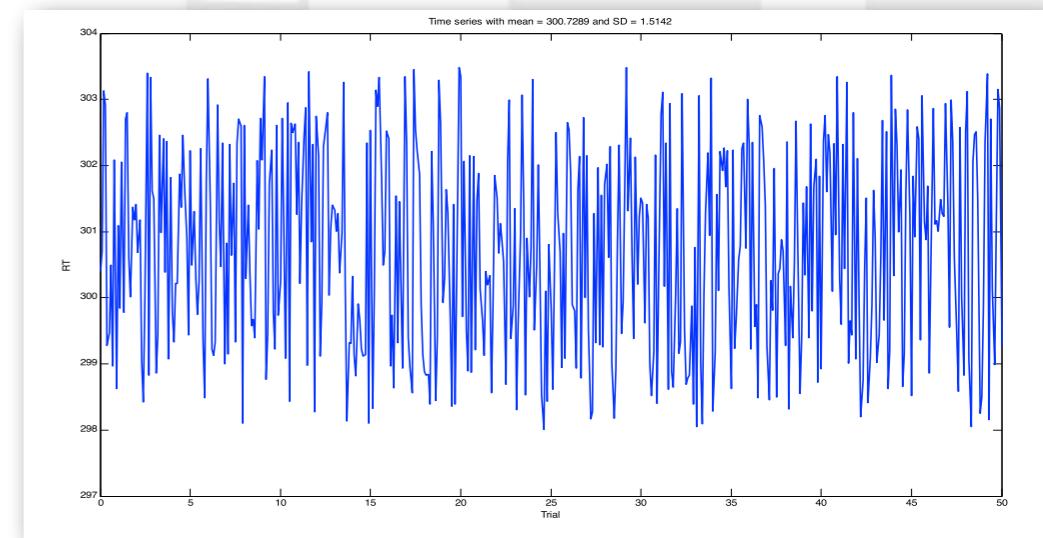
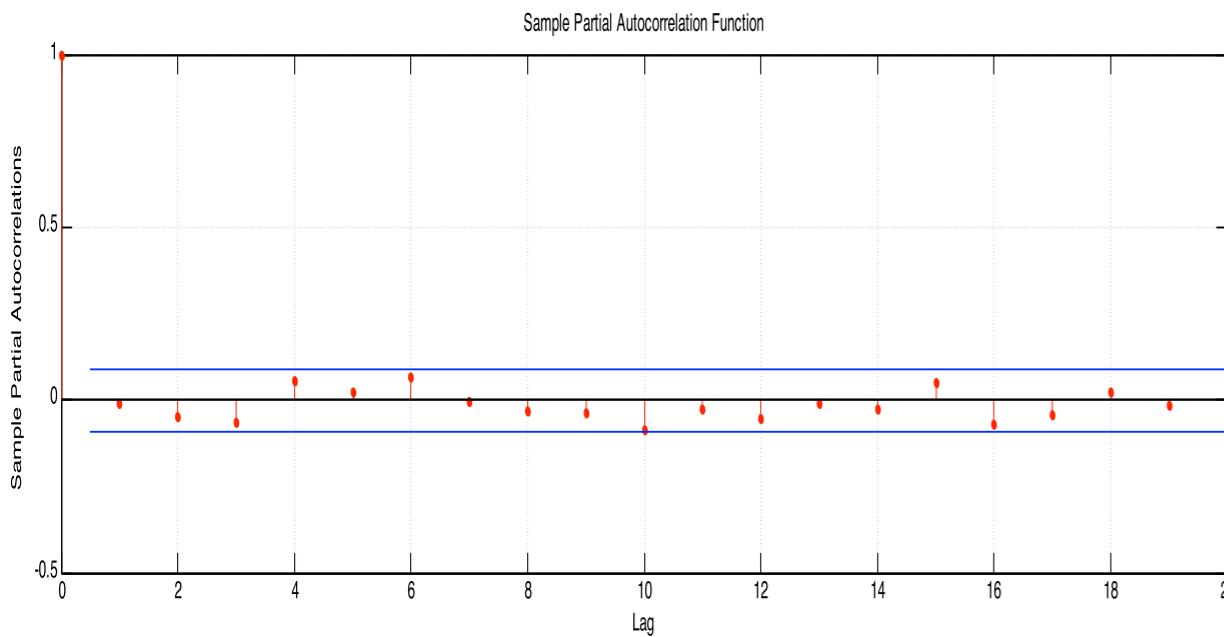
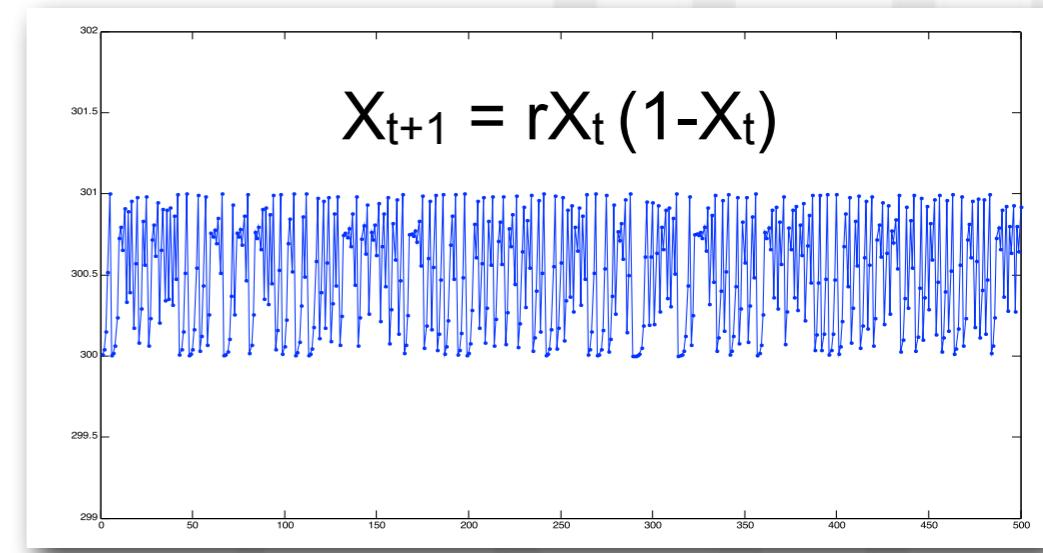
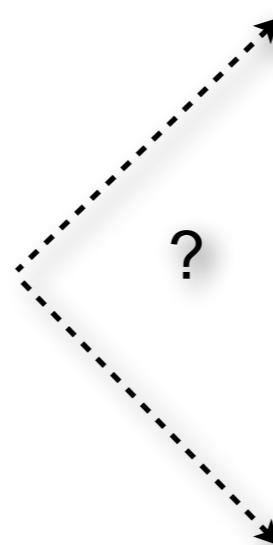
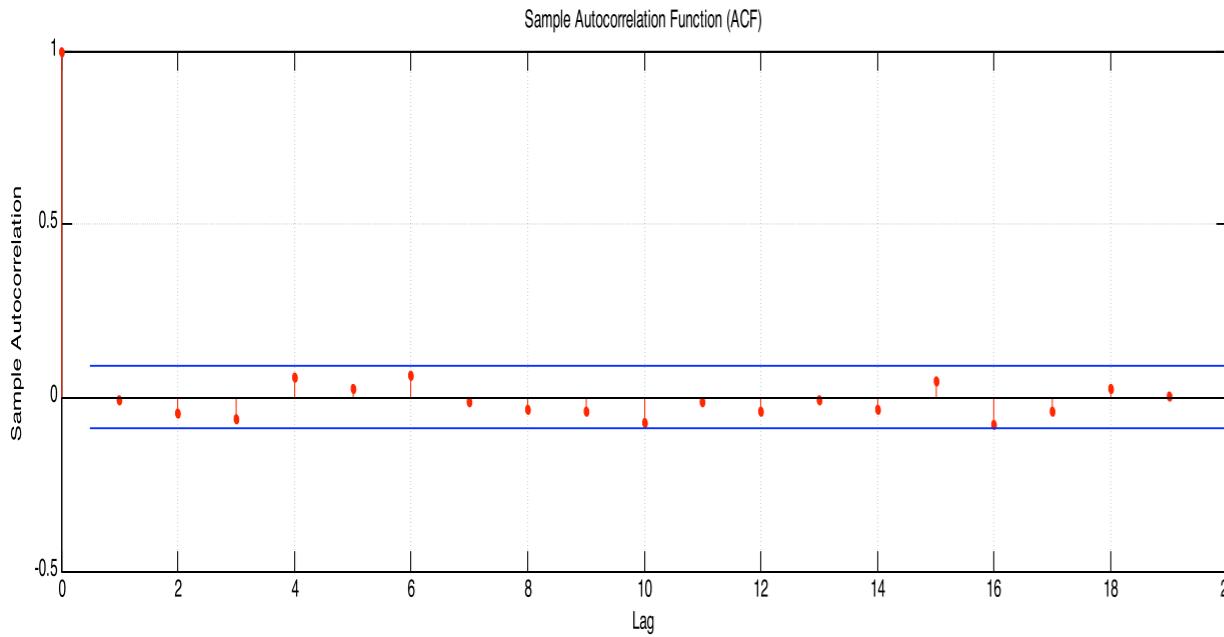
# Problems with ARfIMA (data assumptions)

And what about deterministic CHAOS?



# Problems with ARfIMA (data assumptions)

ARIMA(0,0,0) ??? - A Random Process ??? - But we know the equation !!!!



“Things that look random, but are not” (Lorenz, 1972)

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# Other problems with ARfIMA (many have to do with modelling scaling)

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## A comment on “Measuring fractality” by Stadnitski (2012)

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## When the blind curve is finite: dimension estimation and model inference based on empirical waveforms

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# Scaling phenomena



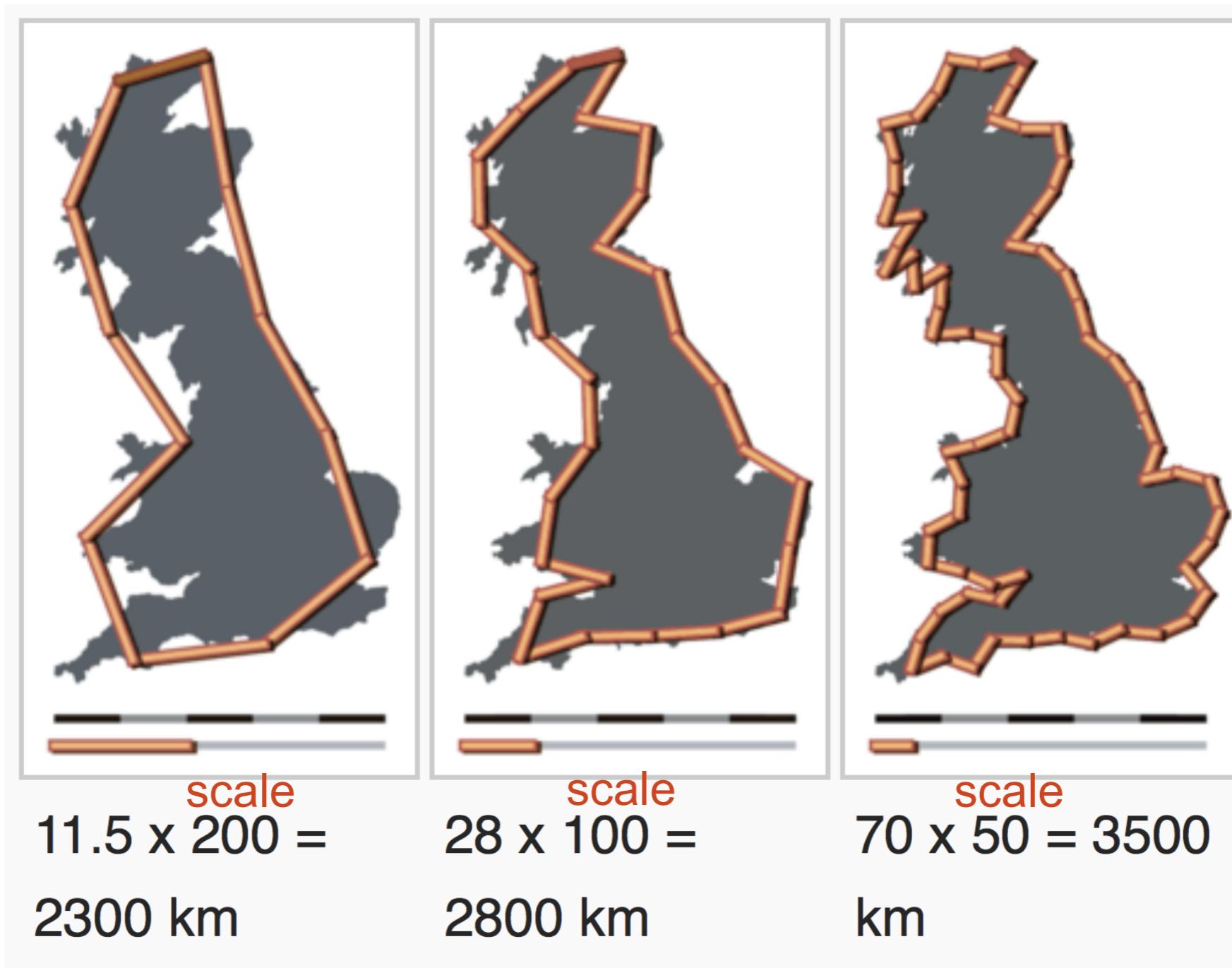
**How long is the coast of Great-Britain?**

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# Scaling phenomena



**Length systematically depends on the size of the measurement stick you use!**

# Scaling phenomena



***“scaling of bulk with size”***

(Theiler, 1990)

**The formal answer to the question is:**

*“There is no characteristic scale at which the length of the coast of GB can be expressed”*

Mandelbrot, B. B. (1967). How long is the coast of Britain? Statistical self-similarity and fractional dimension. *Science*, 156(3775), 636–8.

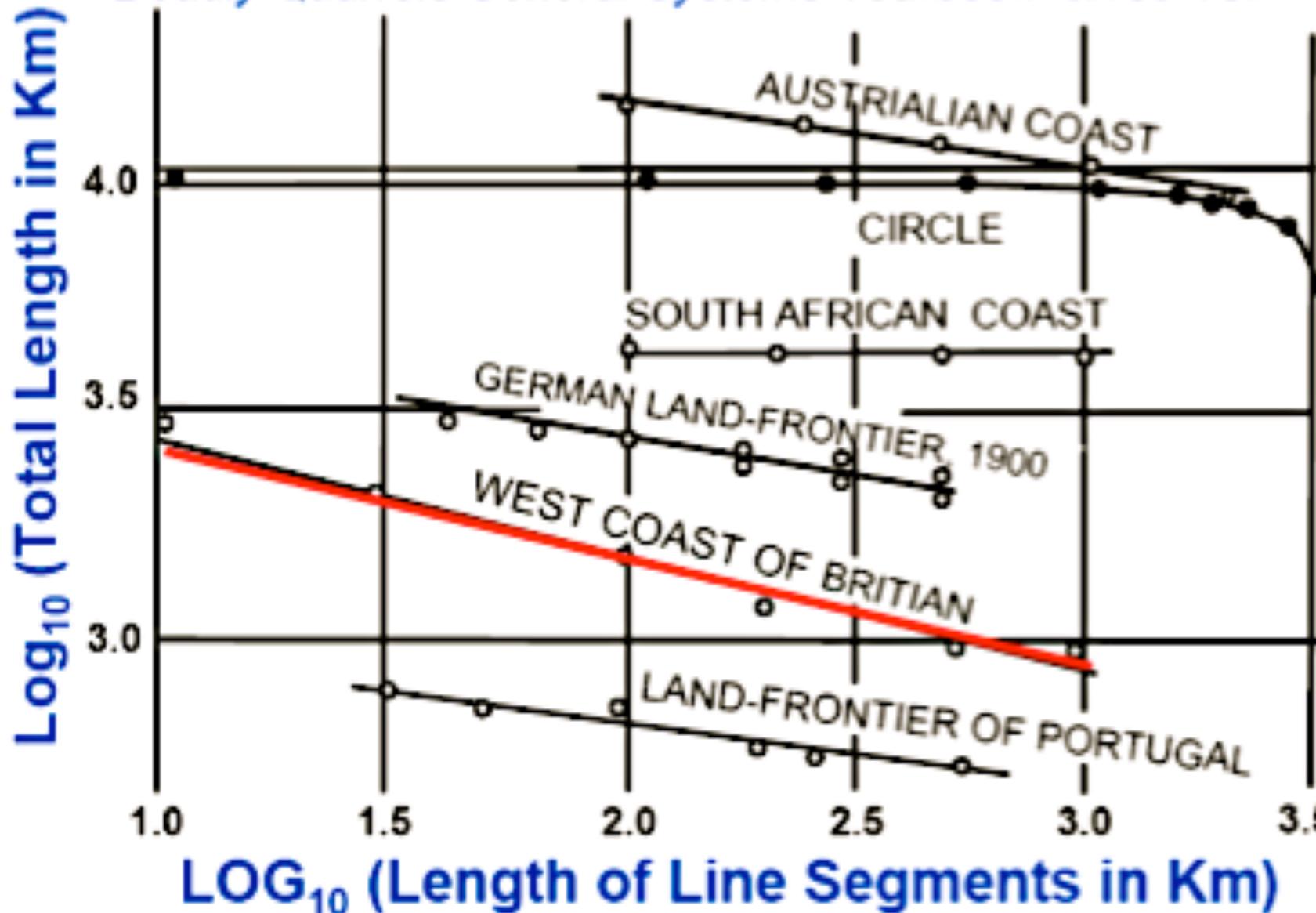
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# How Long is the Coastline of Britain?

Richardson 1961 *The problem of contiguity: An Appendix to Statistics of Deadly Quarrels* General Systems Yearbook 6:139-187



Scale invariance...

no meaningful central moments can be defined

Mean and SD characterise the data only relative to the scale of observation (e.g. sample size)

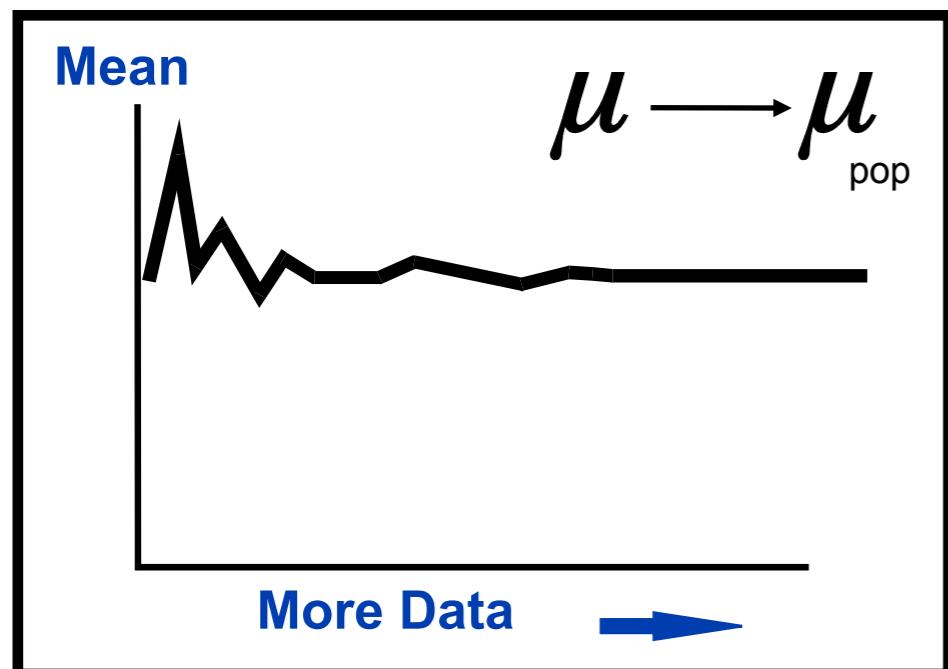
A power law scaling relation (**LOG scale**):

There is no characteristic length, just an indication of **complexity**

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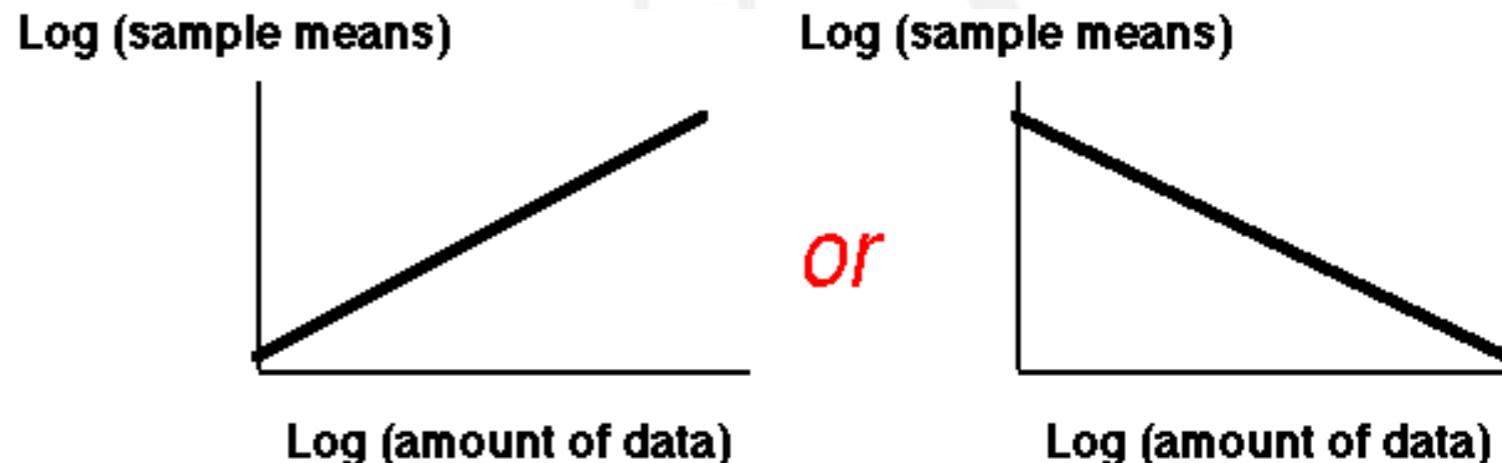
Independent observations of random variables

$\mu \pm \sigma$  are sufficient to characterise absence of dependencies in the data:  
e.g. Expected value of  $\mu$  for  $N = 100$ , given  $\sigma$



Interdependent observations across different scales

$\mu \pm \sigma$  are insufficient to characterise dependencies in the data:  
e.g. Sample estimates of  $\mu$  change with  $N$



Help! How can I do science without  $\mu$  or  $\sigma$ ?



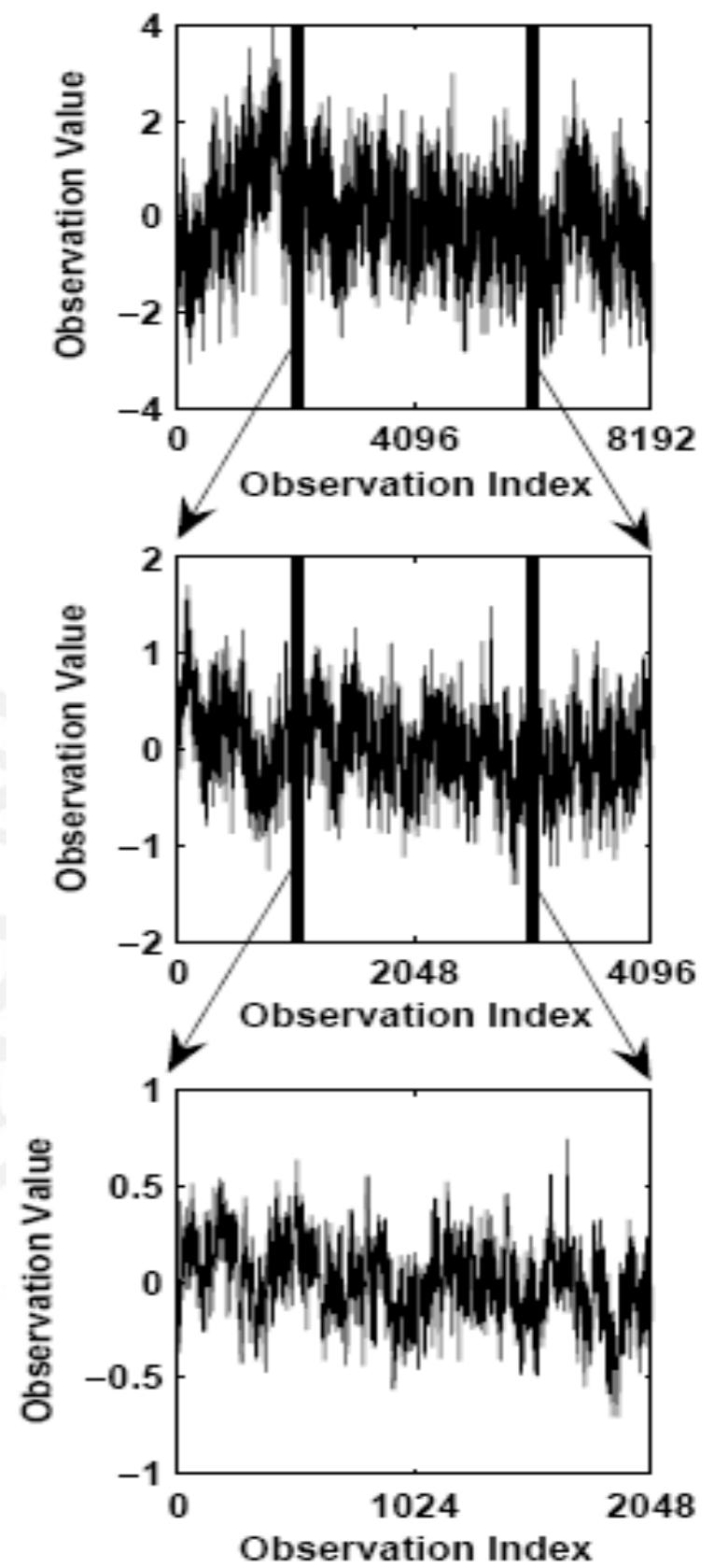
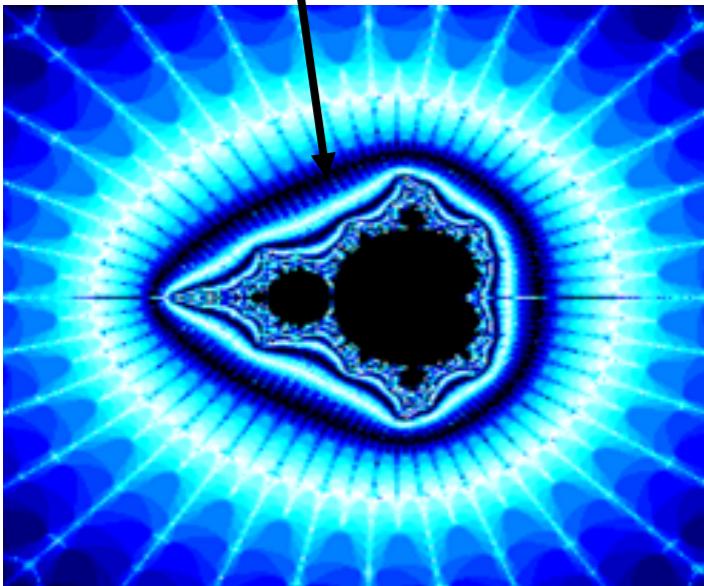
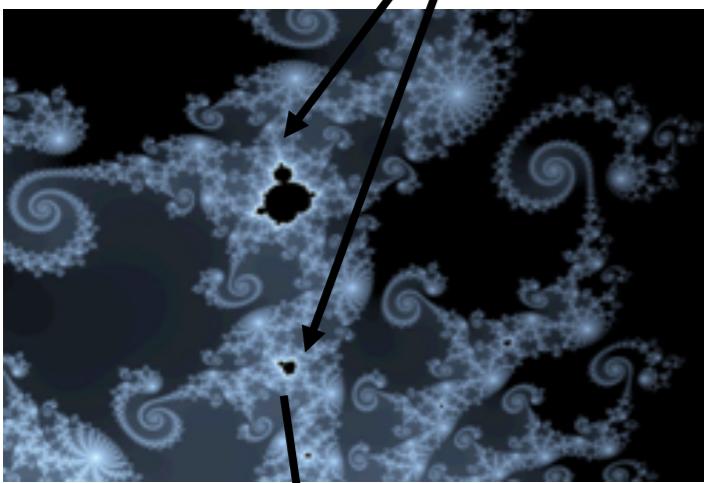
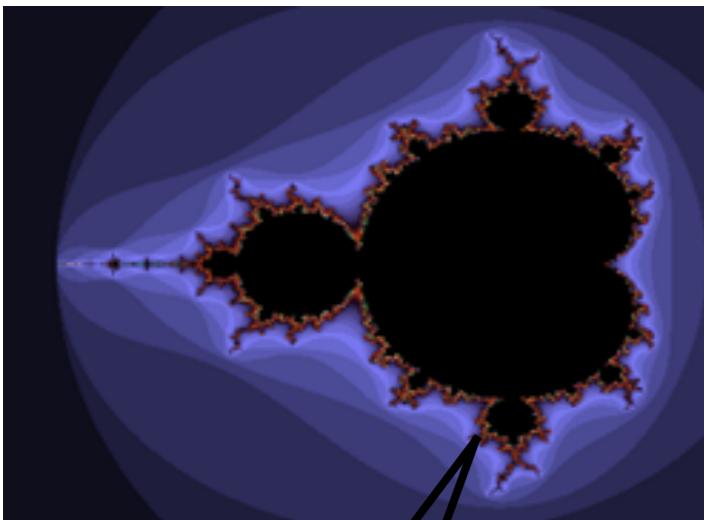
# What is scaling? Self-similarity and Self-affinity



Object looks roughly the same on all scales = (Statistical) **self-similarity** (“zoom similarity”)

(Statistical) self-similarity is observed after affine transformation = **self-affinity** (“warp similarity”)

Degree of invariance across scales = Dependencies/regularities/correlations across scales



aka: “Fractal scaling”

# How to describe scaling relations: Calculate a “fractional” dimension, e.g. box-counting dimension

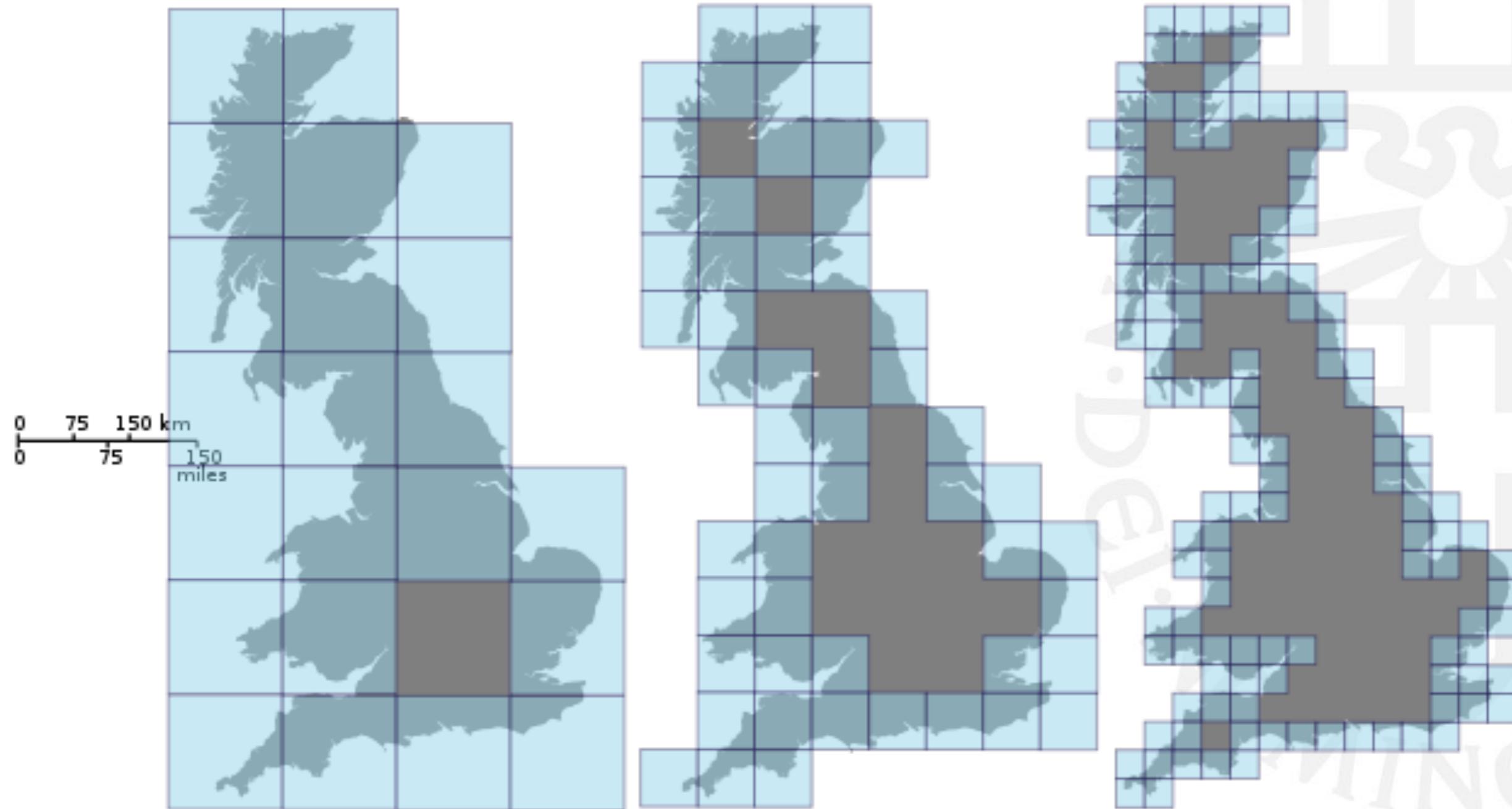
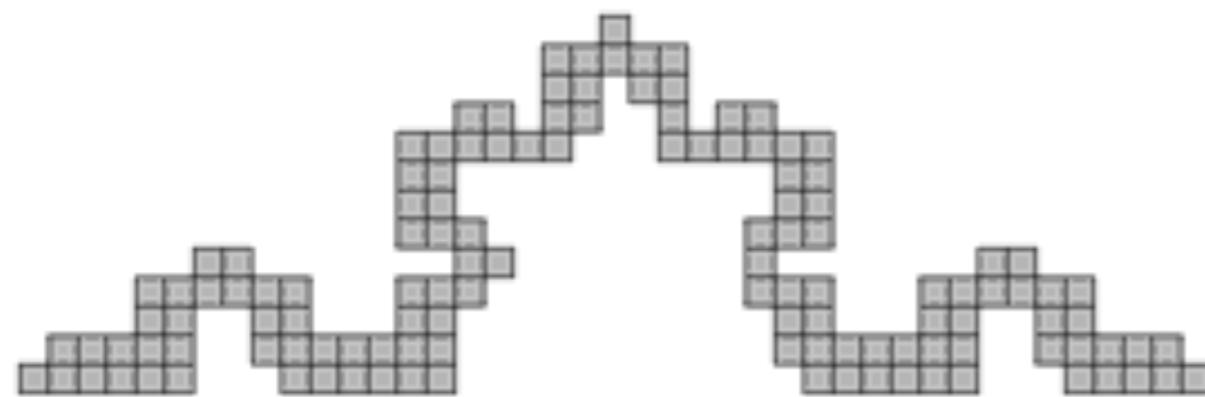
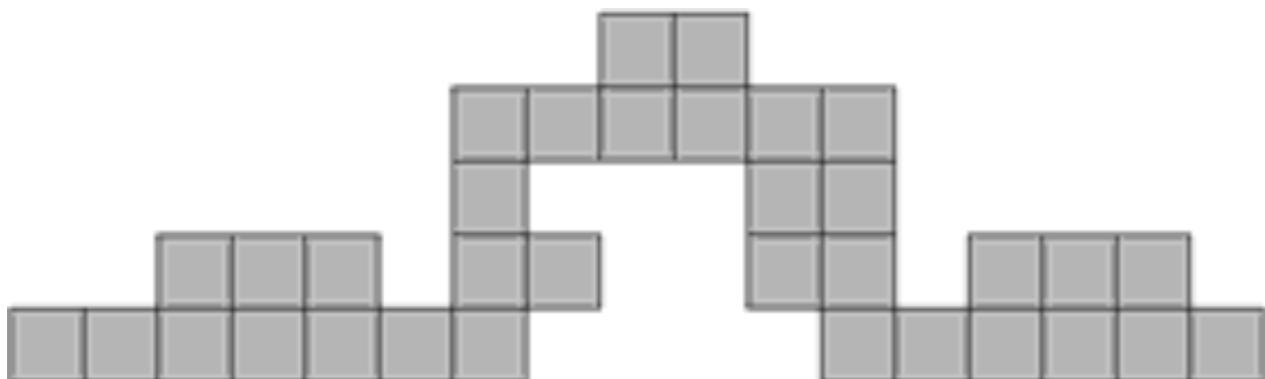


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## Solution: Calculate a “fractional” dimension, e.g. box-counting dimension



Hausdorff-Besicovitch  
dimension

(box-counting dimension, covering dimension, packing dimension,  
mass-radius, circle-counting, etc, etc)

$$D = \frac{\log N_h}{\log 1/h}$$

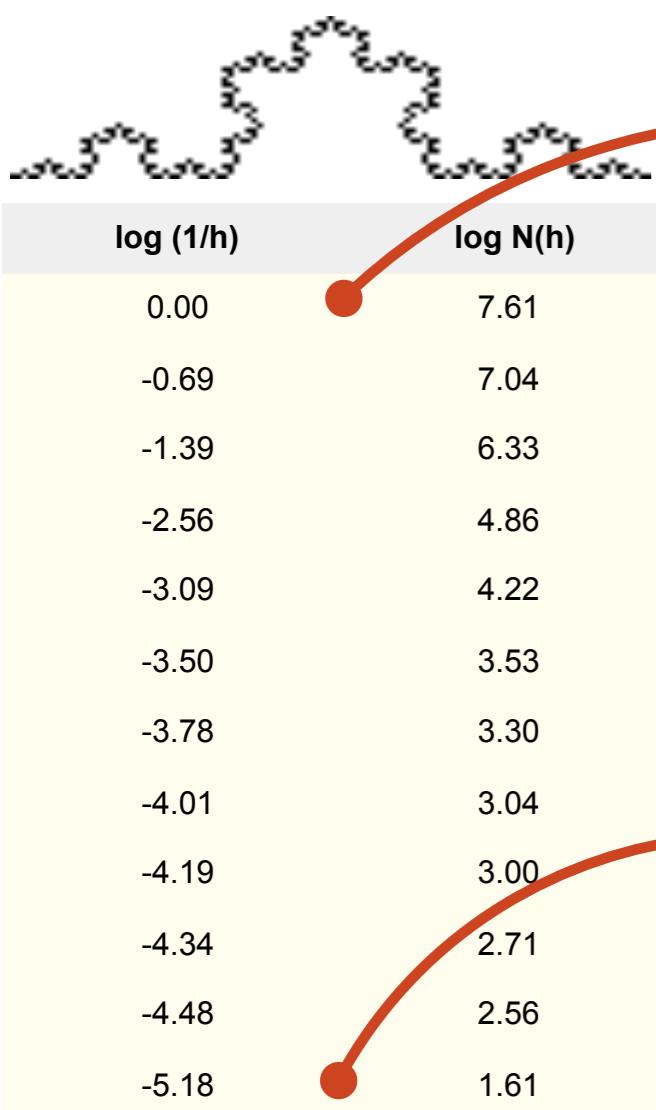
**N**= number of blocks of size **h** needed  
to cover the object

Relation between *measure stick* and  
*measurement outcome*, or:  
“*scaling of bulk with size*”

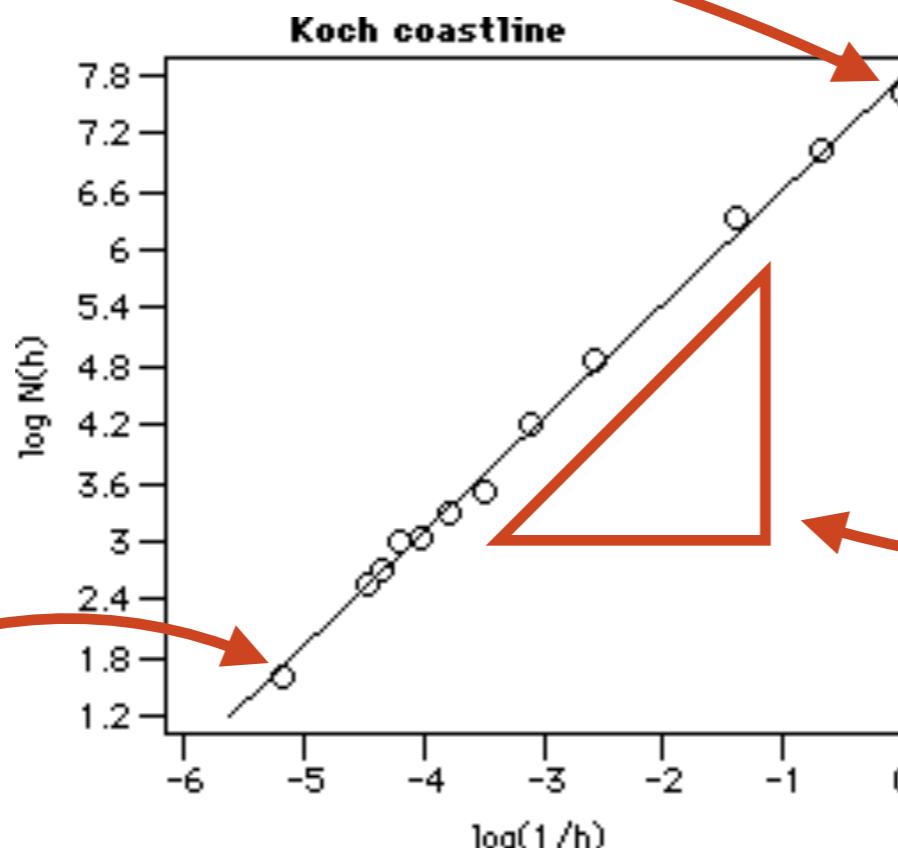
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## Measuring dimension

Koch Coastline



dimension (experimental) = 1.18  
dimension (analytical) = 1.26  
deviation = 6%

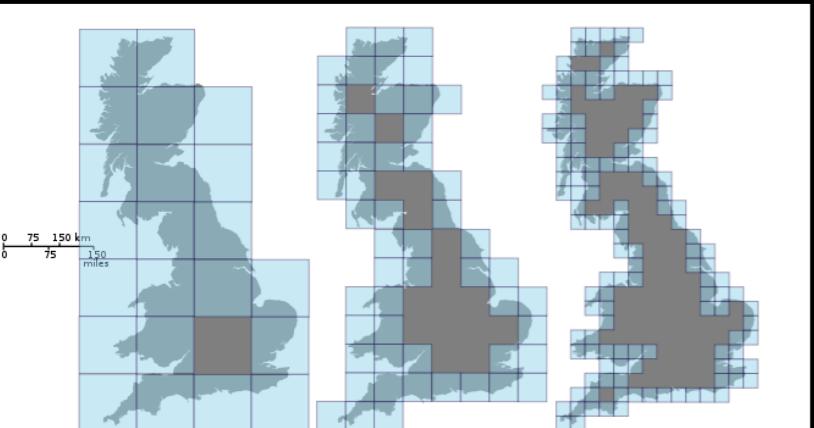
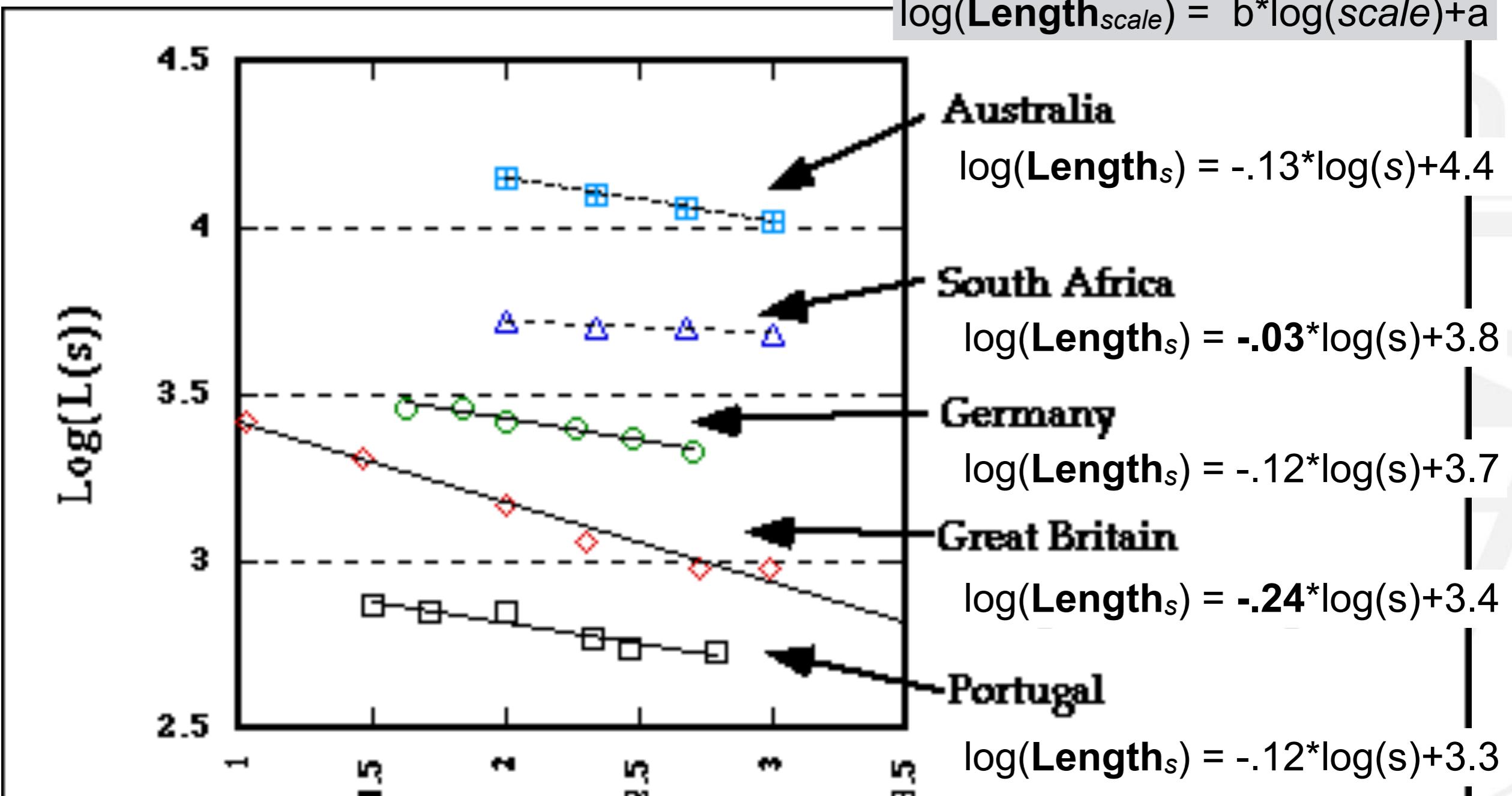


**Fractal dimension**  
*it's a fraction!*

```
Call:  
lm(formula = L ~ invS, data = df)  
  
Residuals:  
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max  
-0.18777 -0.06292  0.02390  0.06059  0.16703  
  
Coefficients:  
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
(Intercept) 7.79777   0.07318 106.55 < 2e-16 ***  
invS         1.17611   0.02109  55.75 8.35e-14 ***  
---  
Signif. codes:  0 '****' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.'  
0.1 ' ' 1  
  
Residual standard error: 0.11137 on 10 degrees of freedom  
Multiple R-squared:  0.9968,    Adjusted R-squared:  
0.9965  
F-statistic: 3109 on 1 and 10 DF,  p-value: 8.355e-14
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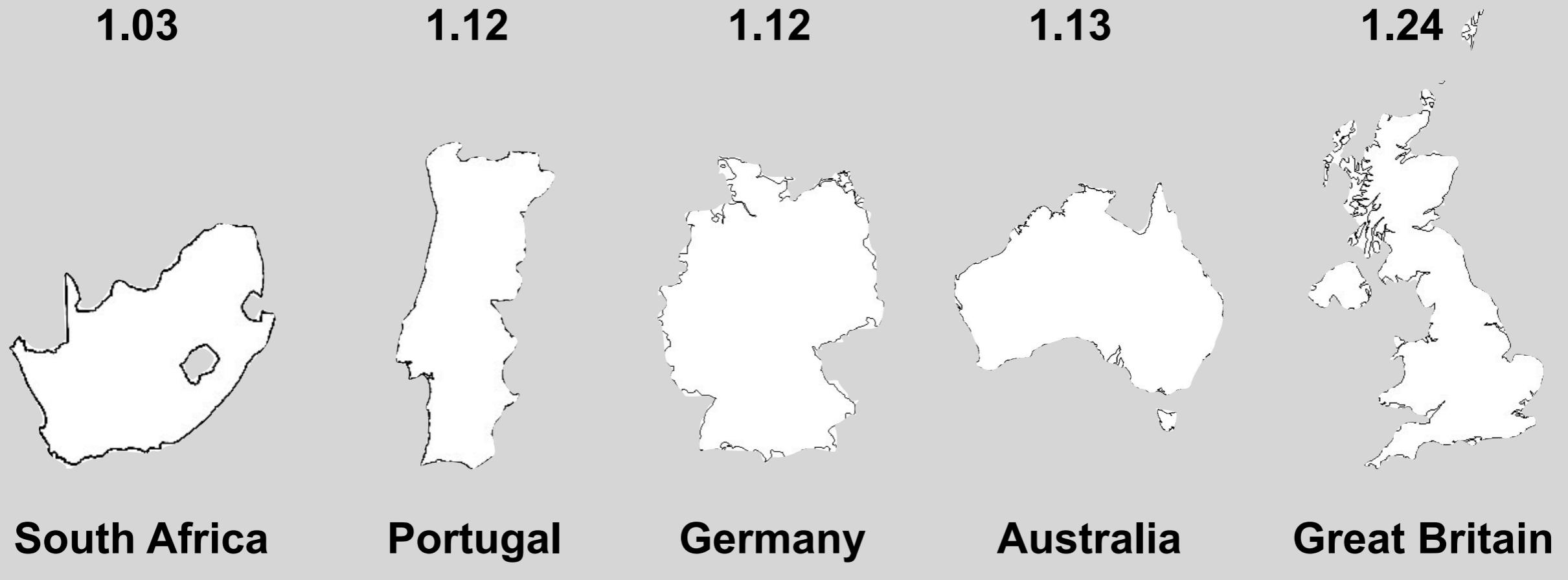
$$\log(\text{Length}_{\text{scale}}) = b \cdot \log(s) + a$$



Log(s)

# Scaling phenomena

## Scaling and Complexity

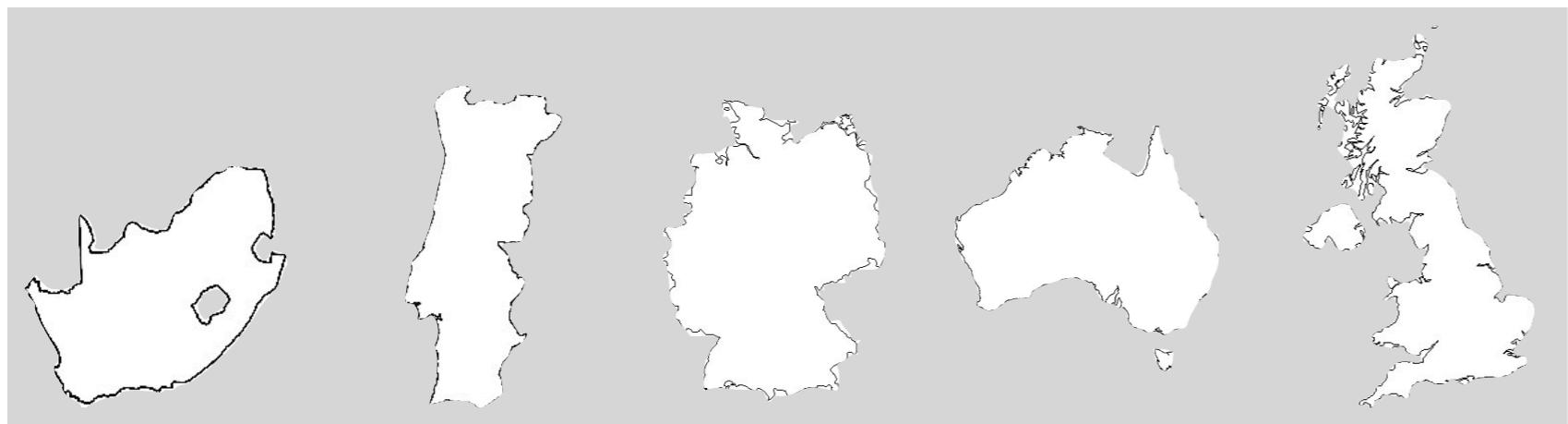


Ordered by scaling exponent, the log-log slope



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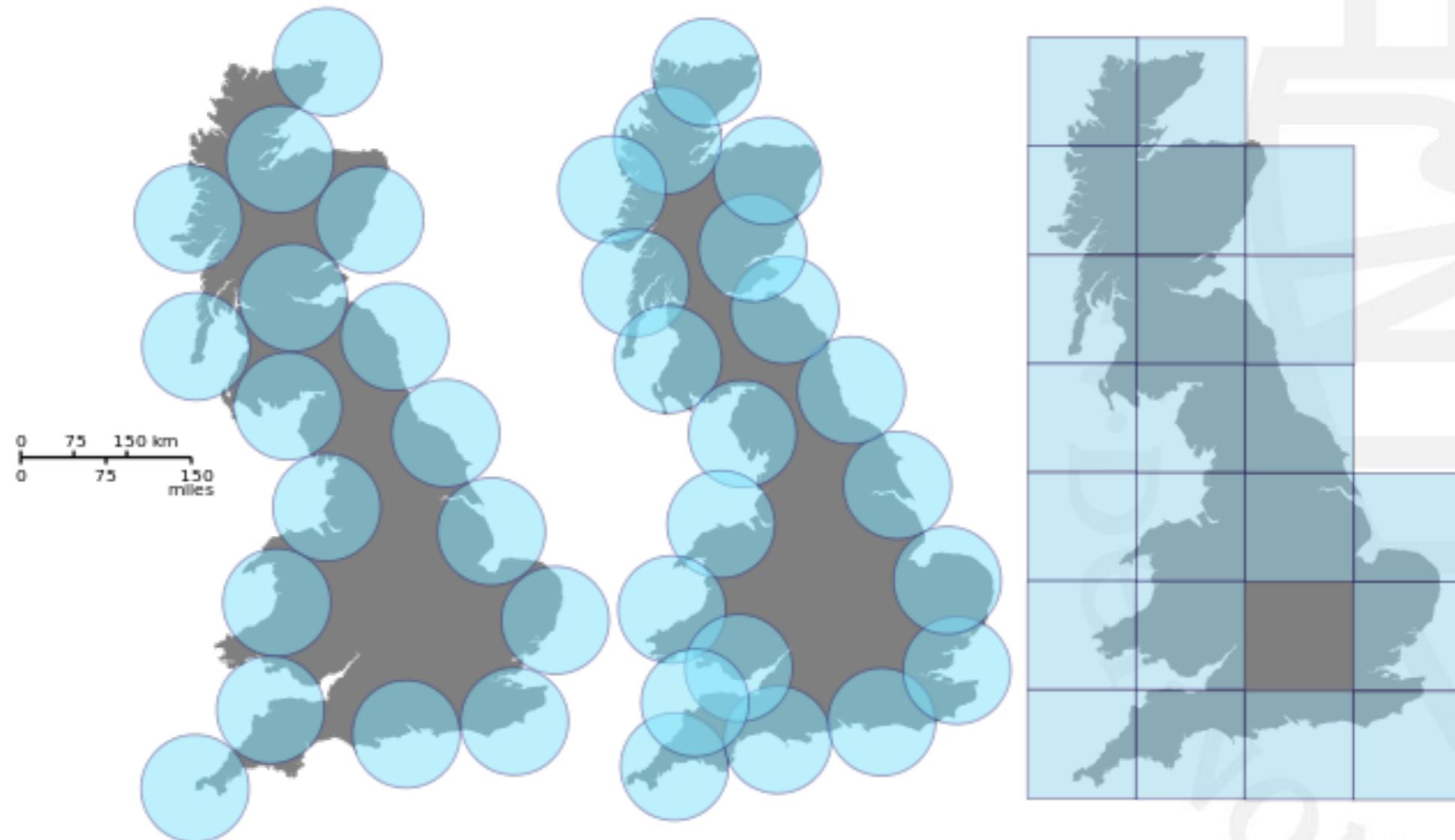
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“one of the essential features of a fractal  
is that its Hausdorff dimension strictly  
exceeds its dimension”



# Scaling phenomena

Many variants of “covering” dimensions



ball packing < ball covering < box covering

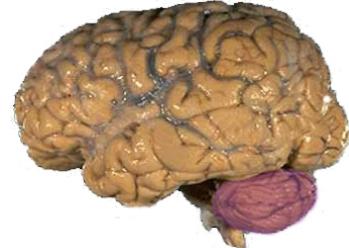
# Scaling phenomena

## Measuring dimension

Packing Cubes or Spheres and Wrapping Blankets:

3D spatial scaling relations in nature - Cauliflower  
Fractal dimension = 2.33

Surface of human brain: 2.79



Surface of human lungs: 2.97



# Scaling phenomena

Scaling relations are common in nature:

Earthquakes (Richter-Law) and the distribution of mass in the Universe

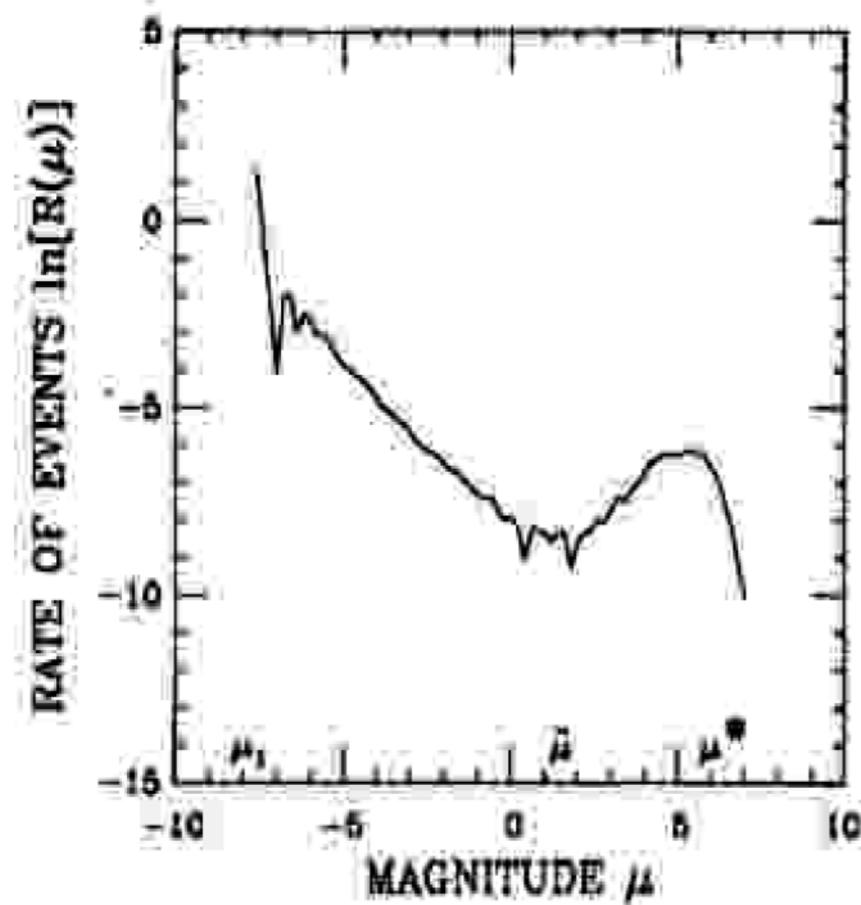
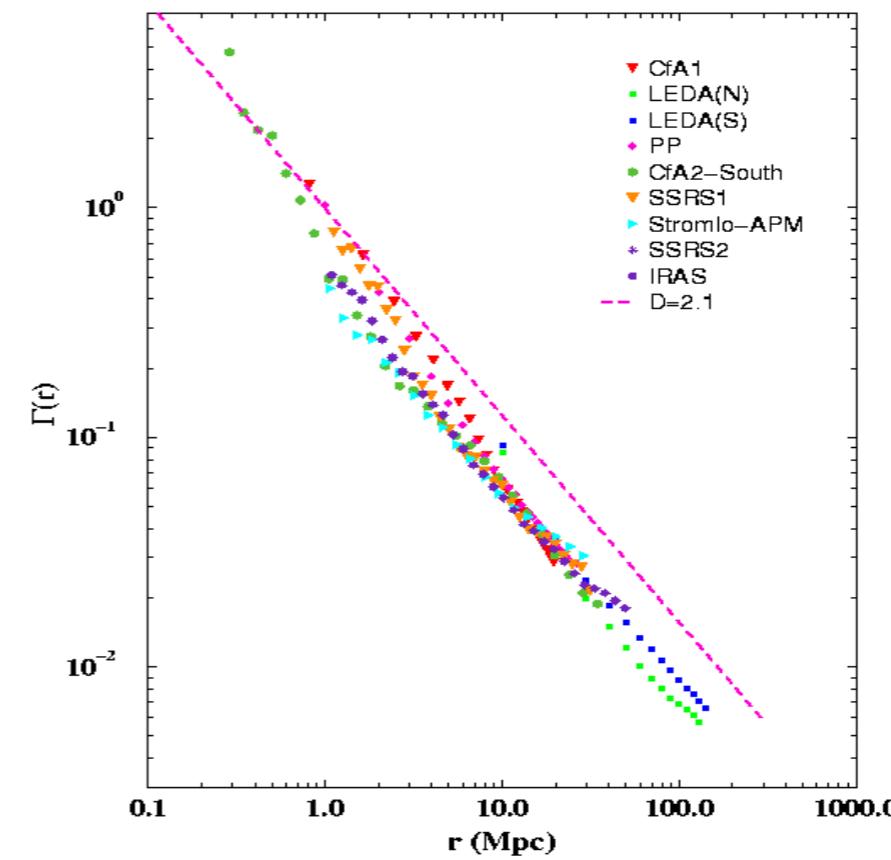


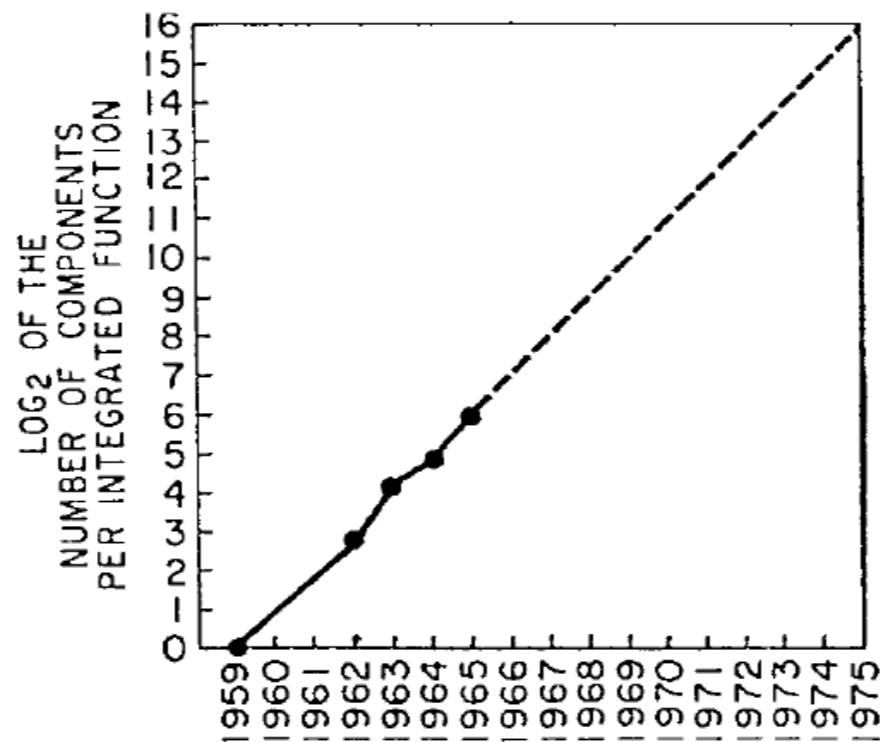
Figure 13: frequency distribution of the slip events (earthquakes) of magnitude  $\mu$  taken from [53]. Notice the large bump that corresponds to an excess of events of high magnitude.



# Scaling phenomena

## Moore's Law:

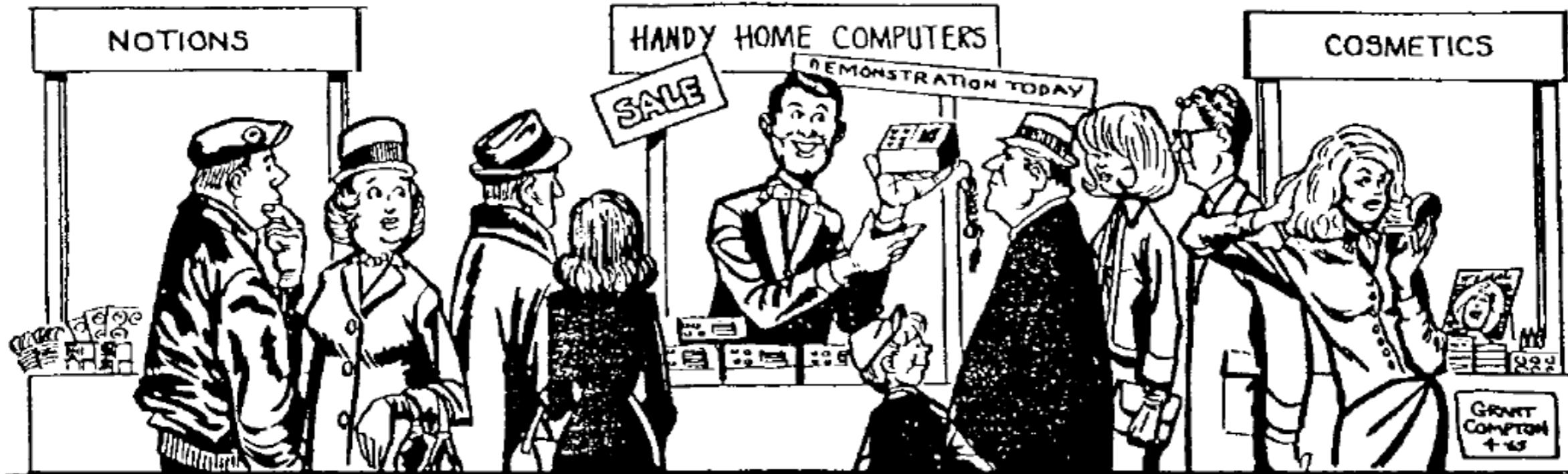
Predicted if speed of innovations in “cramming more components onto integrated circuits” kept up ...



## Moore's Law:

... we would soon be buying computers at the local market ...

which apparently was a preposterous idea



Moore, Gordon E. (1965). "Cramming more components onto integrated circuits"

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# The Dynamics of Complex Systems

## #6      Fractal Geometry in Time Series: Analysis of the Colour of Noise

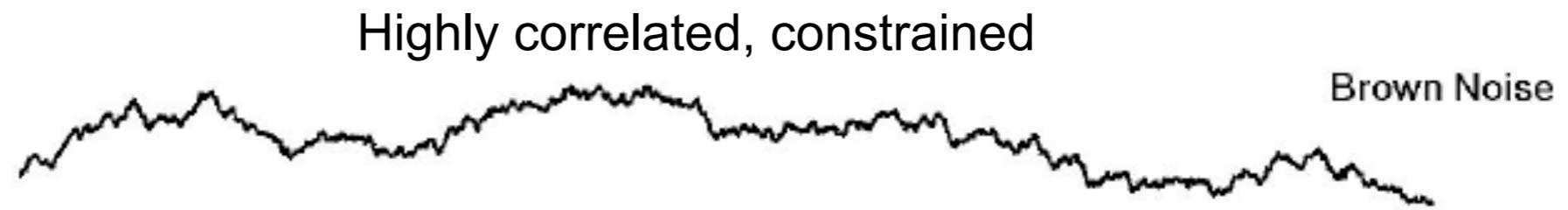
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# “Statistics”: Correlations, *interdependece* of repeated measurements

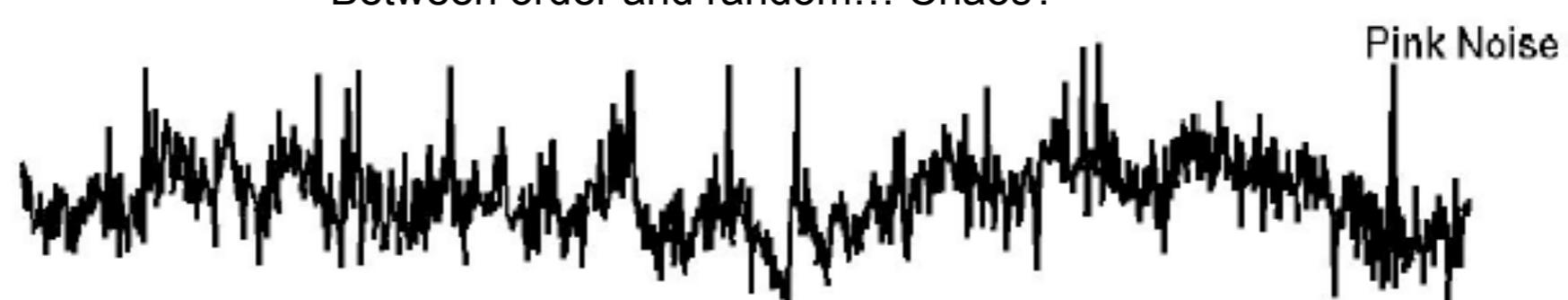
**Brownian motion,  
or random walk  
processes**



Highly correlated, constrained

Brown Noise

*Associated with Self  
Organizing Complex Systems*



Between order and random... Chaos?

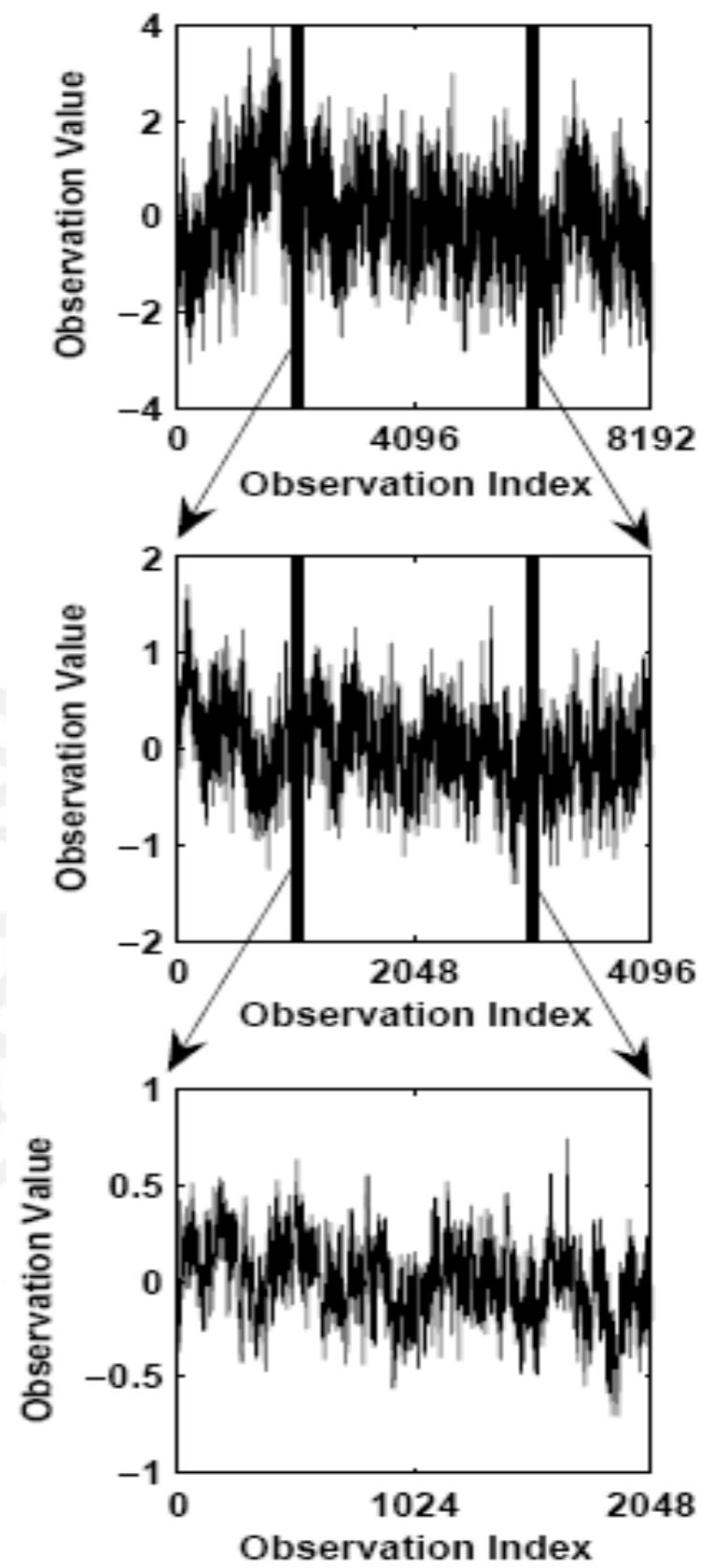
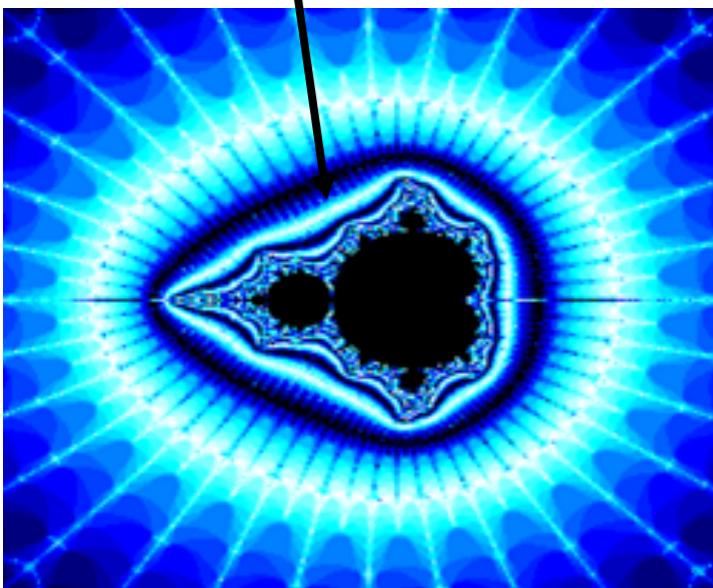
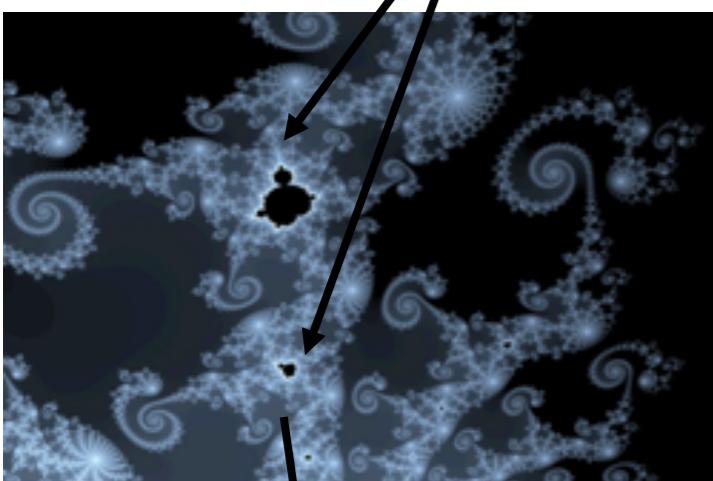
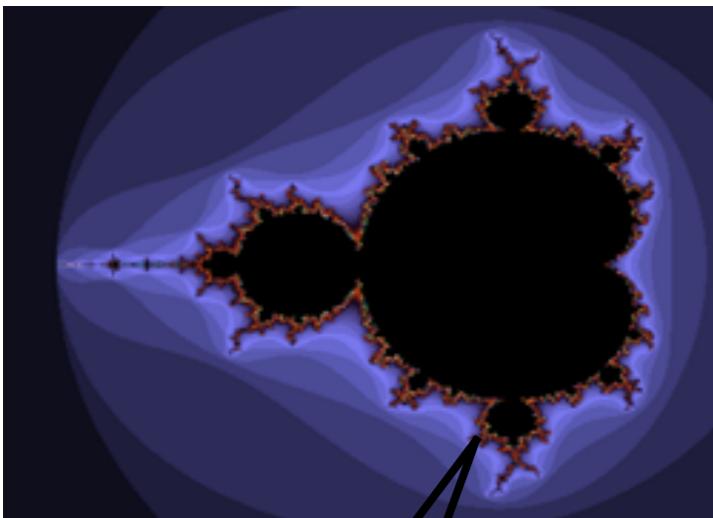
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**Gaussian, random  
processes**



Not correlated, unconstrained

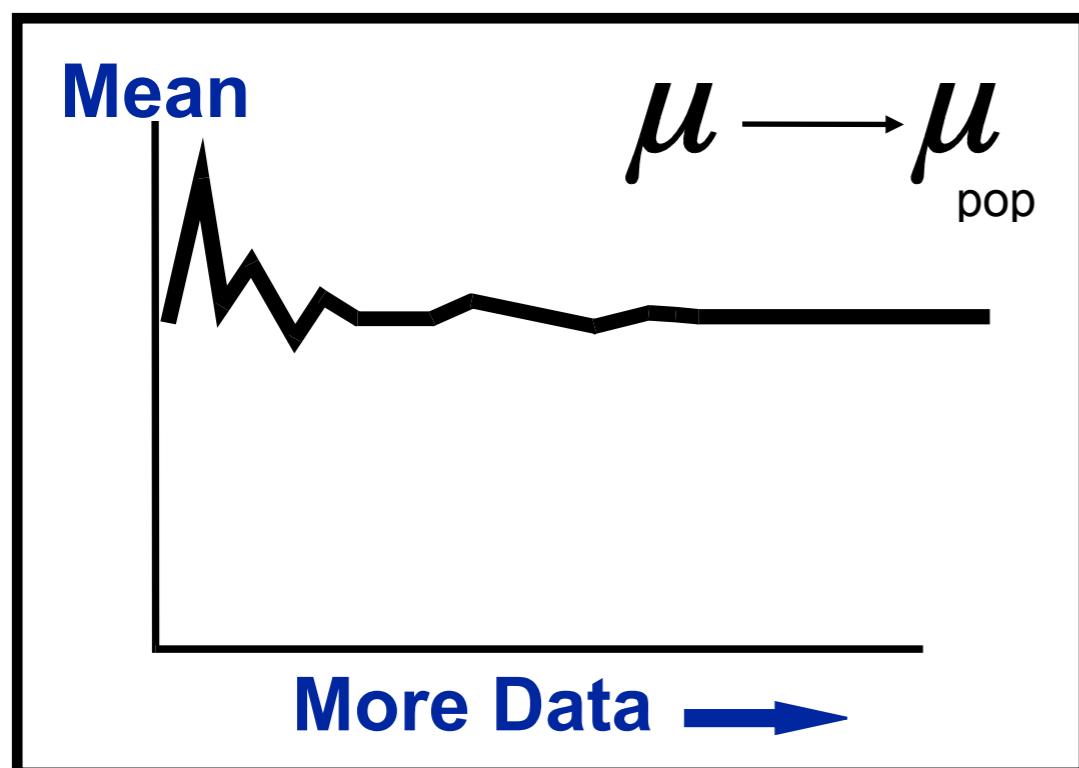
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# “Statistics”: Variance will not decrease with more observations!!!

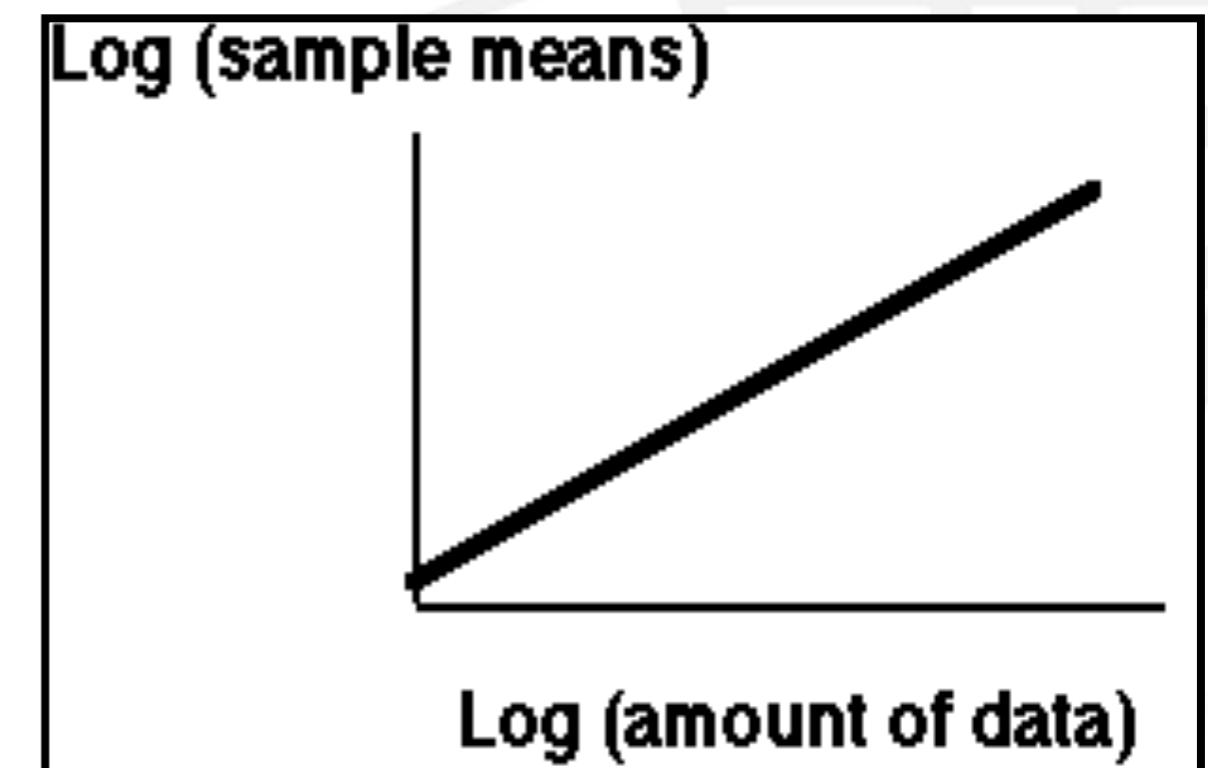
## Random processes Random variables

Independent observations  
(no-similarity = random)  
Characteristic scale:  $T$   
(the population)

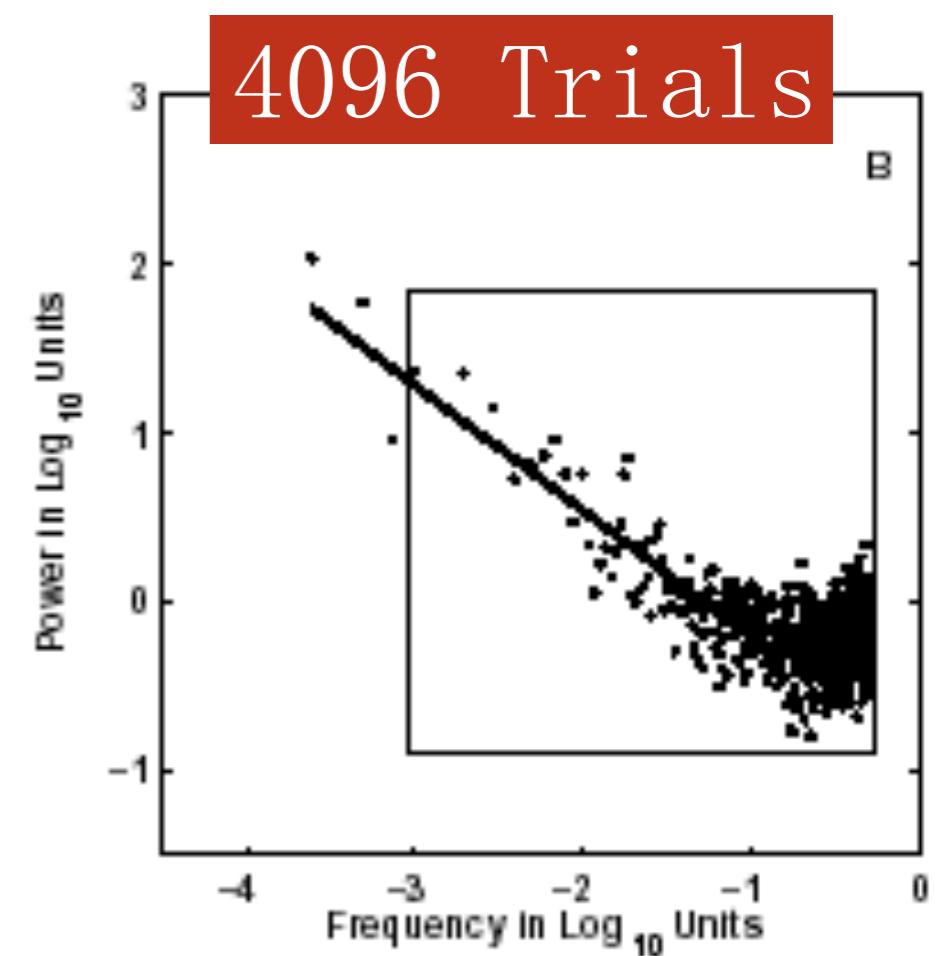
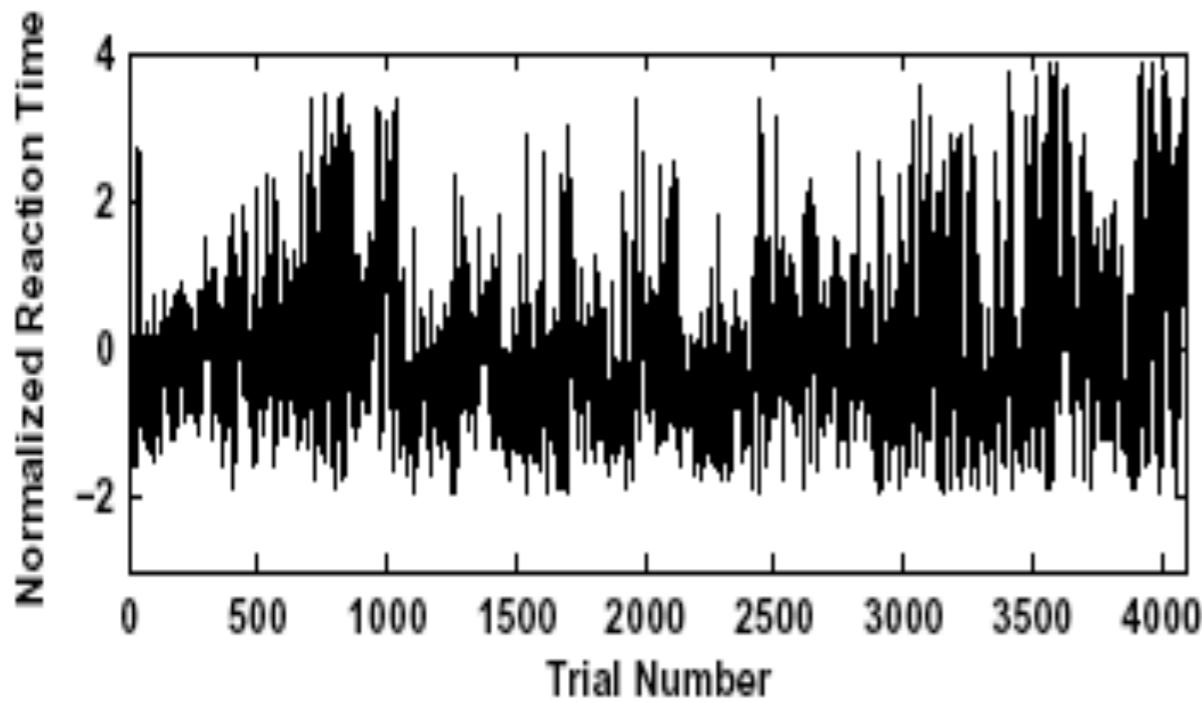
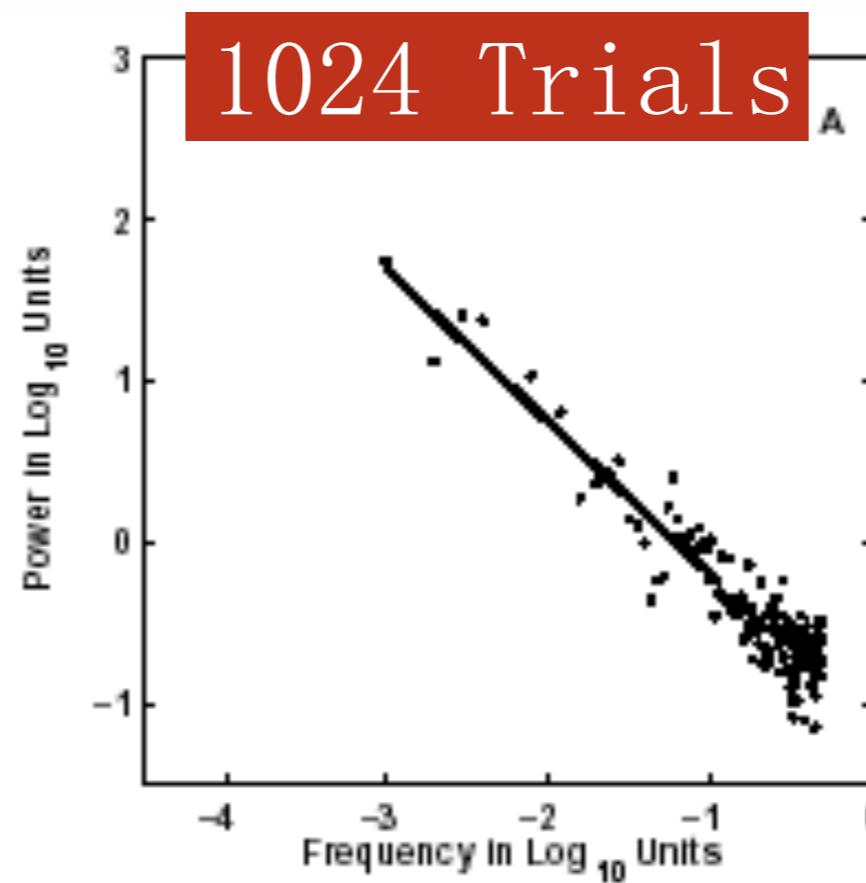
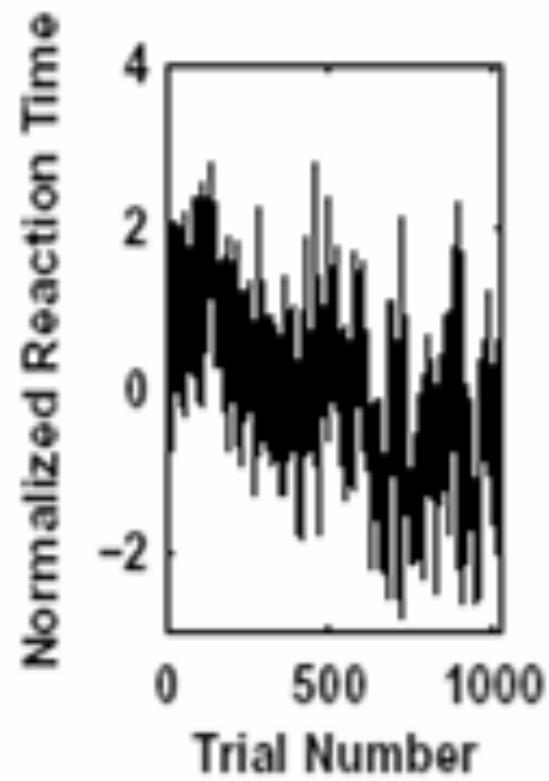


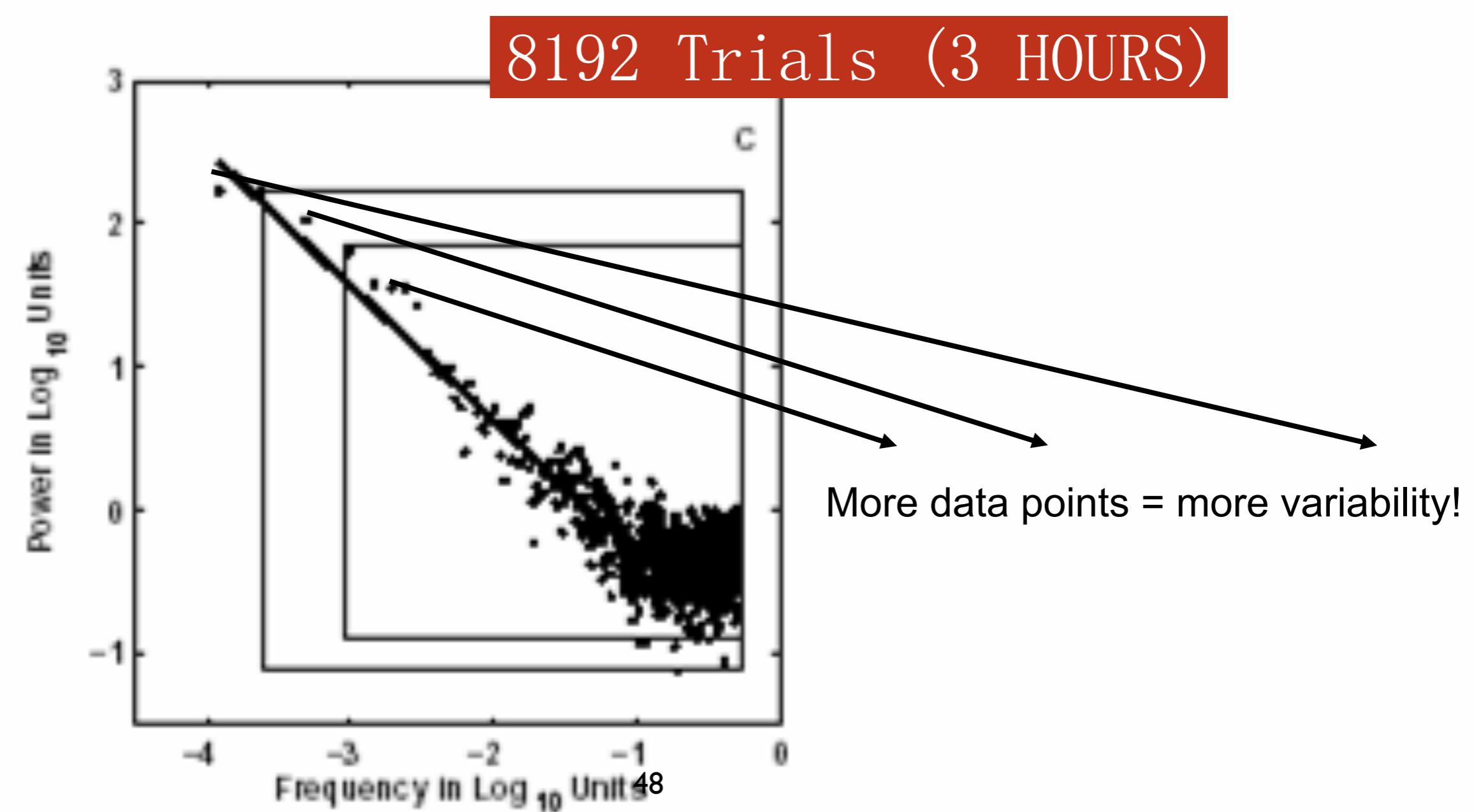
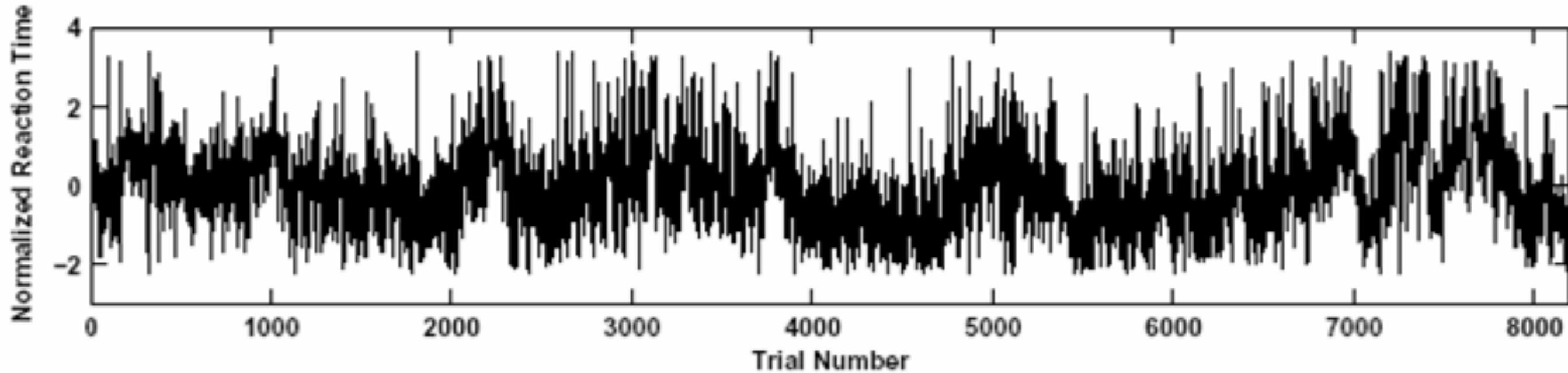
## Fractal processes Fractal variables

Interdependent observations over different scales!  
(self-similarity = “correlated”)  
No characteristic scale means:  $T$  does not exist!  
(at least not on 1 scale)

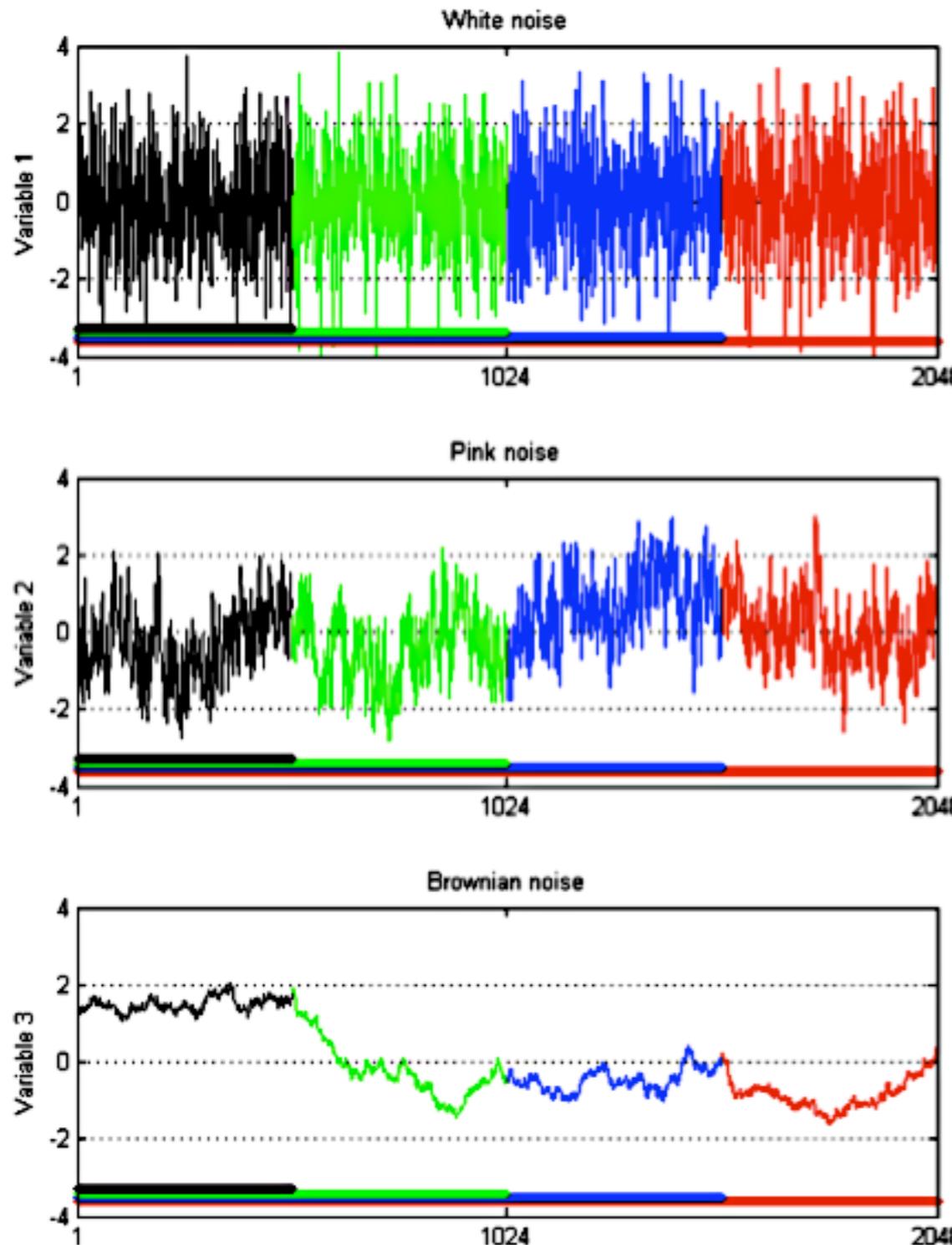


## “Statistics”: More data = more variance

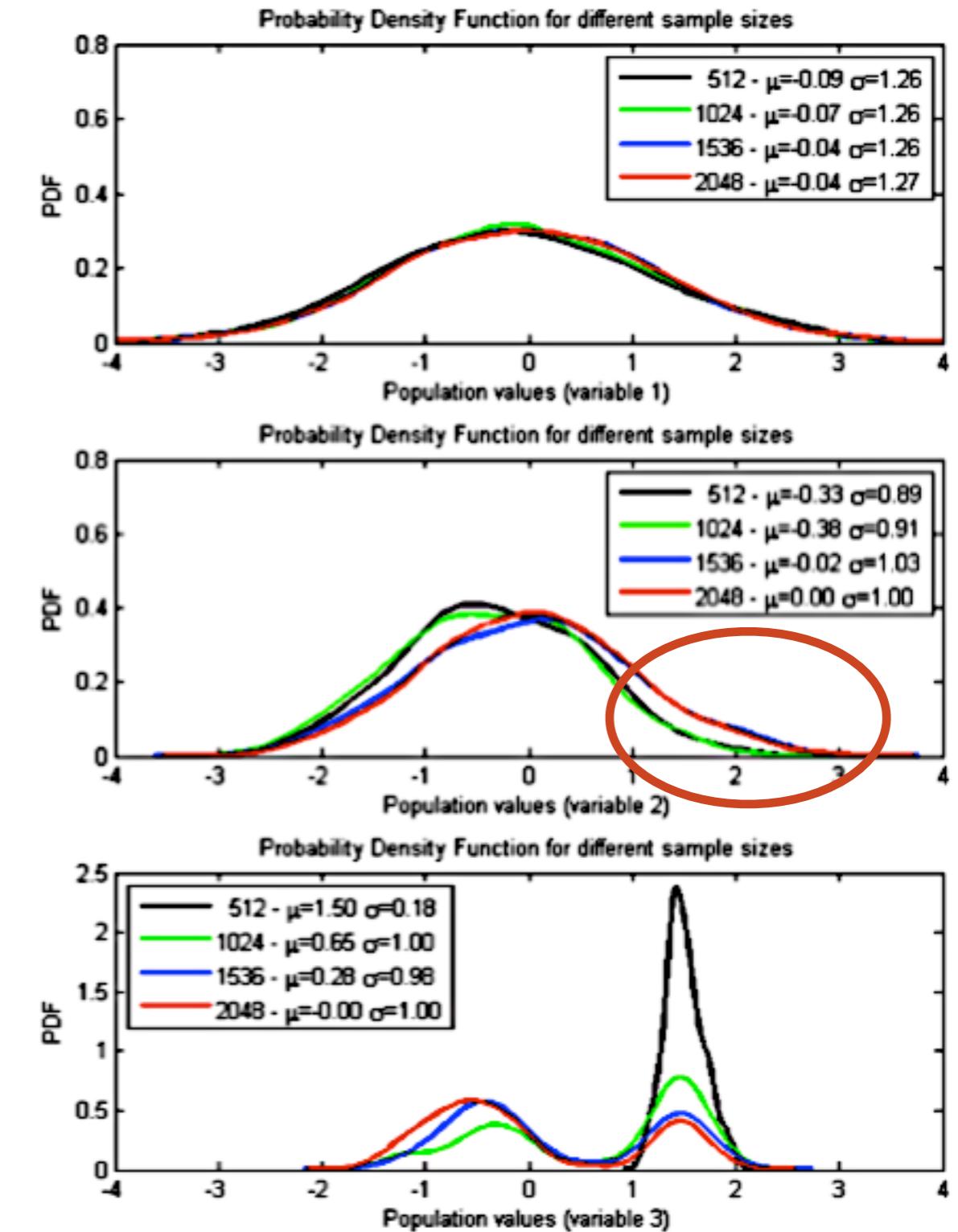
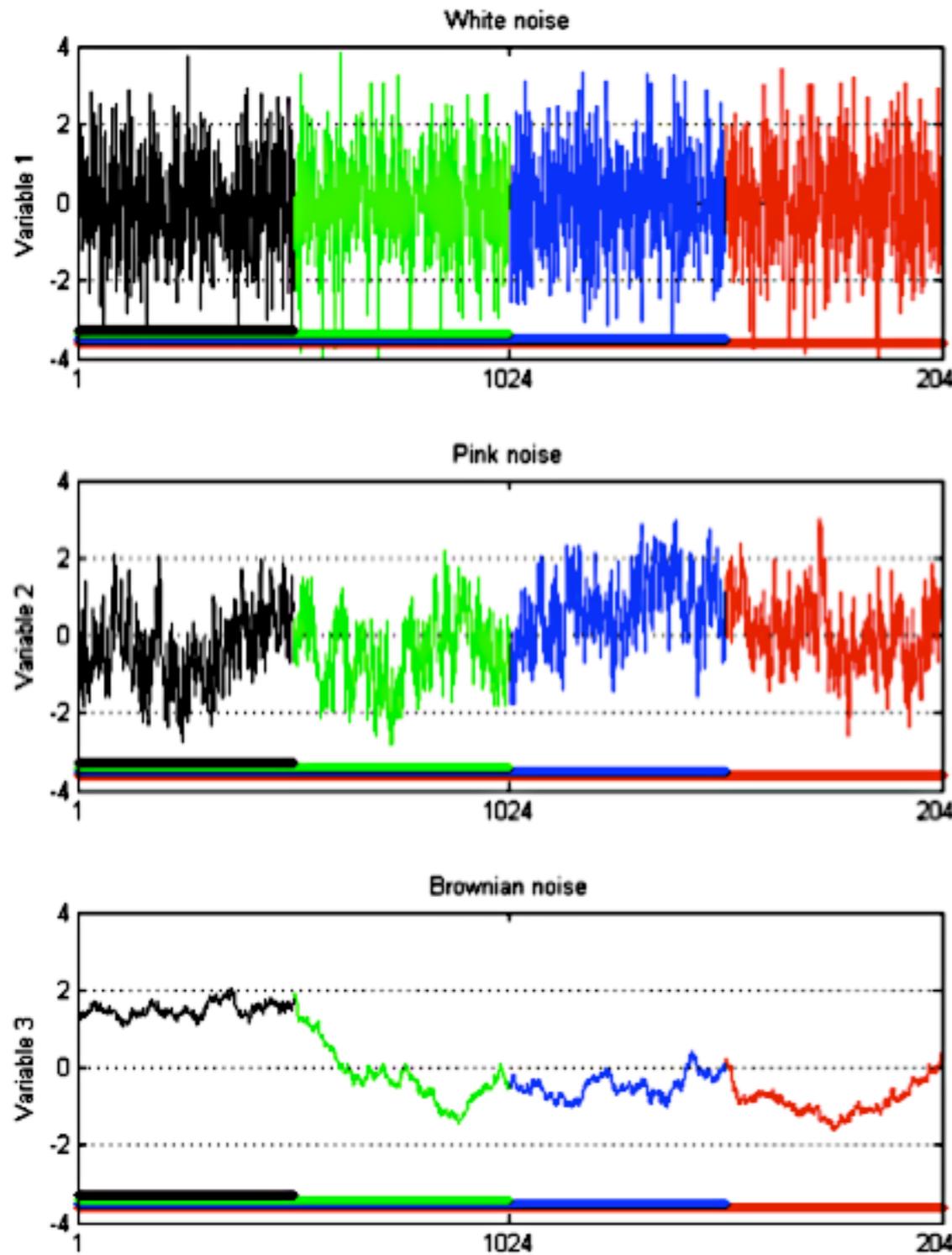




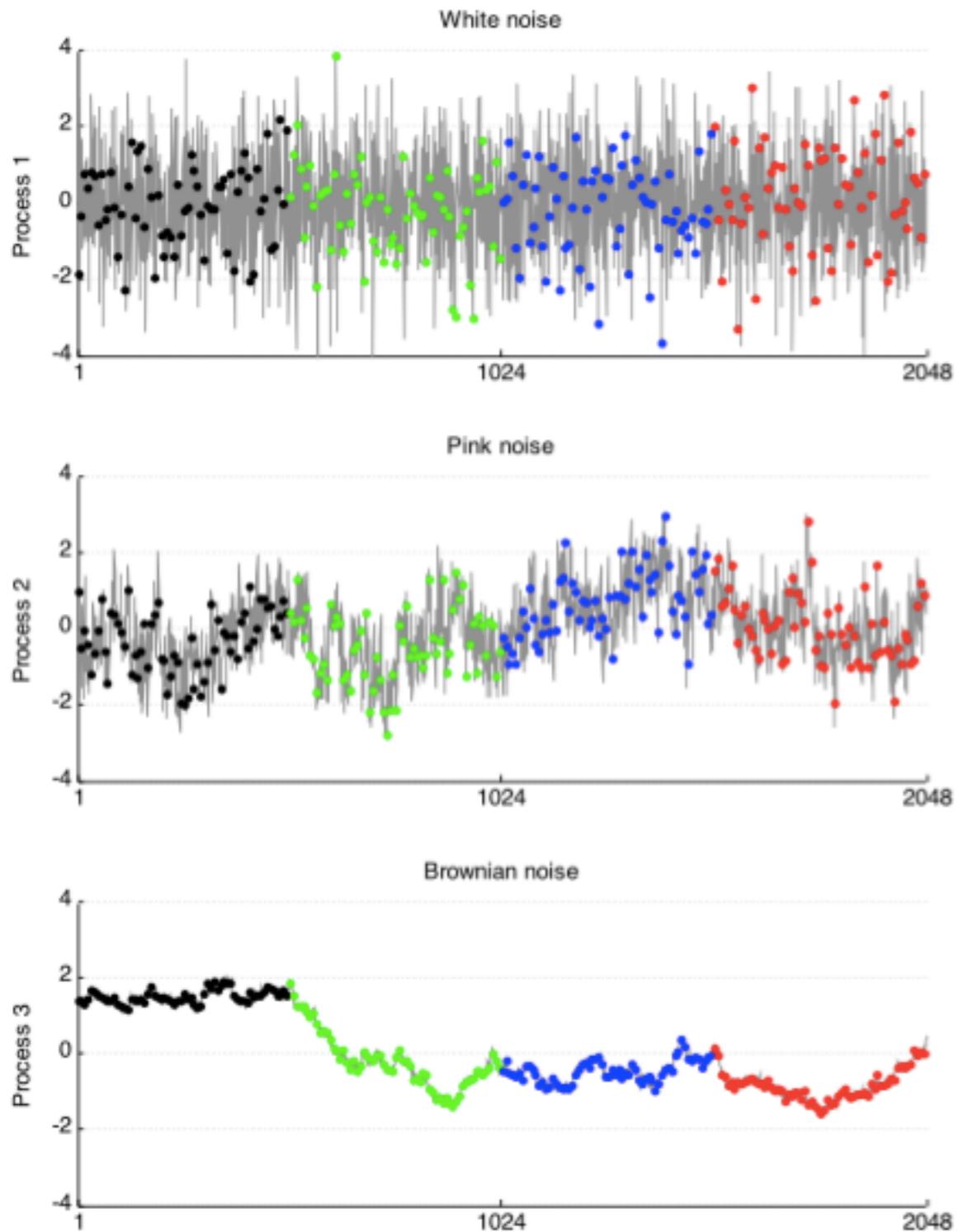
## “Statistics”: Distribution of a noisy measurement series



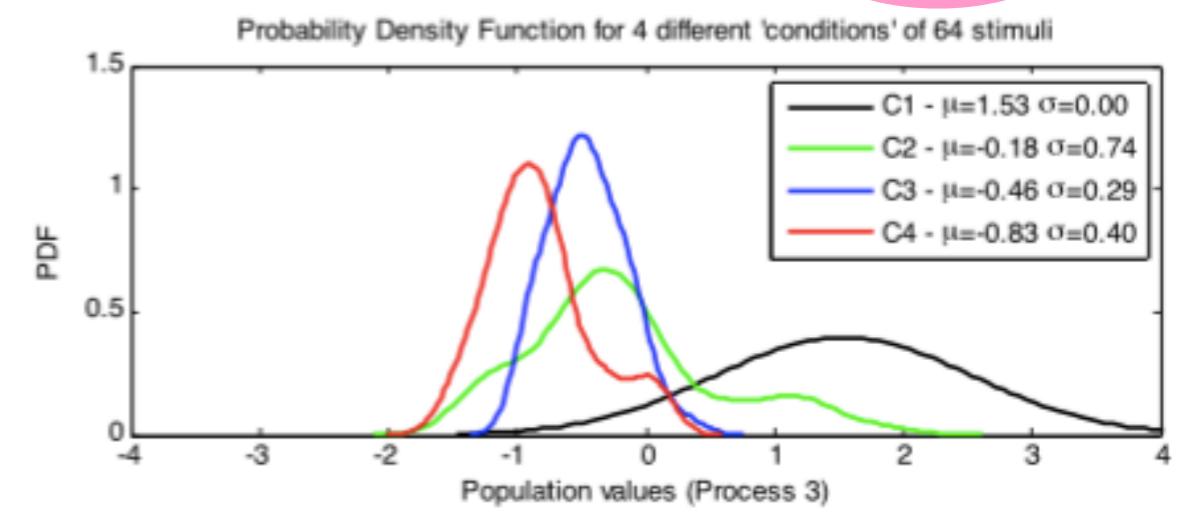
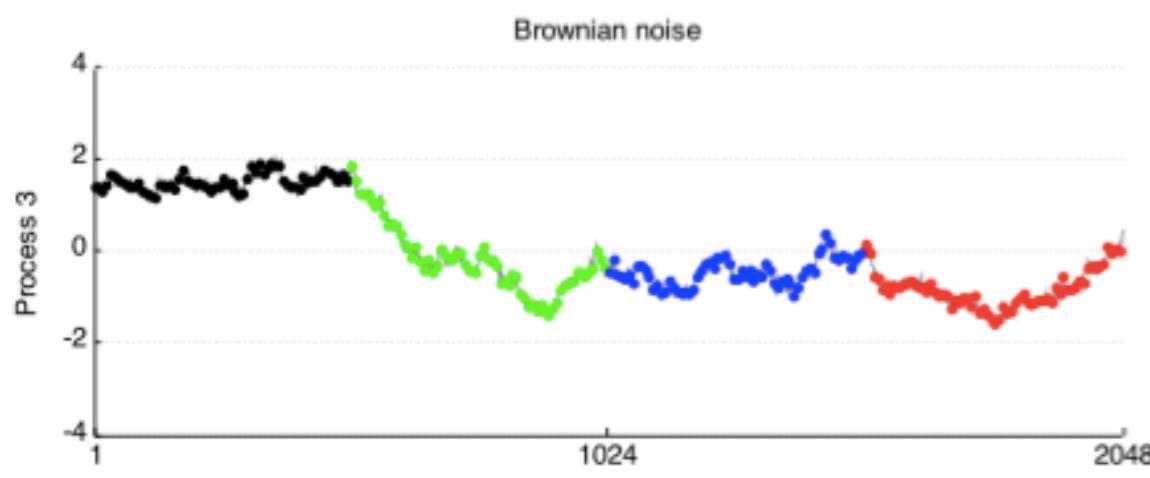
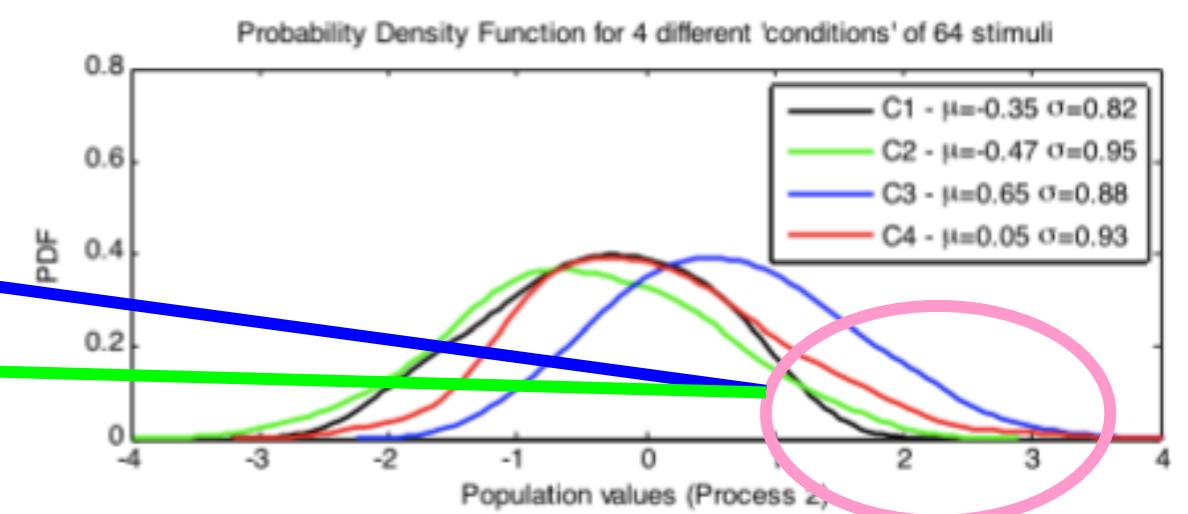
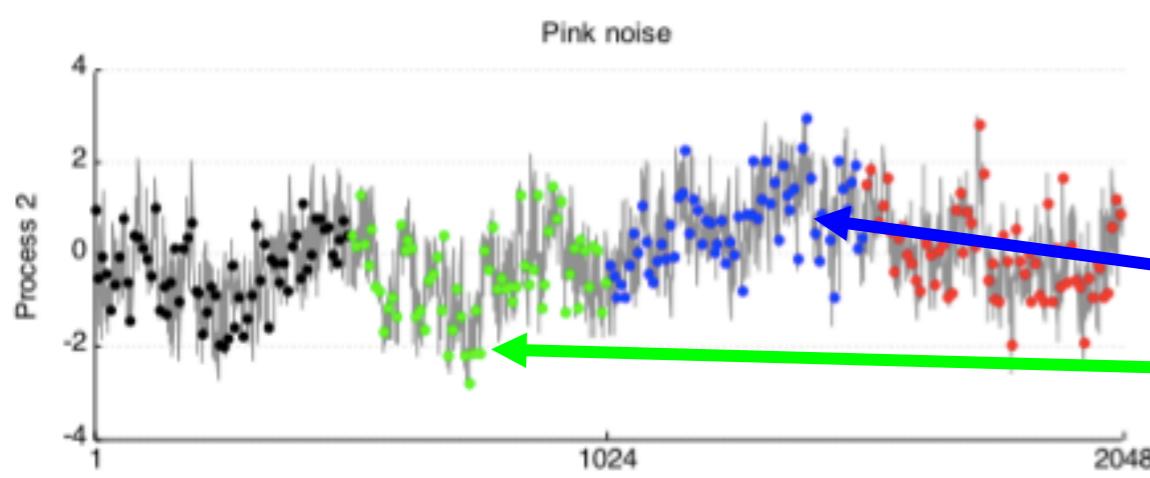
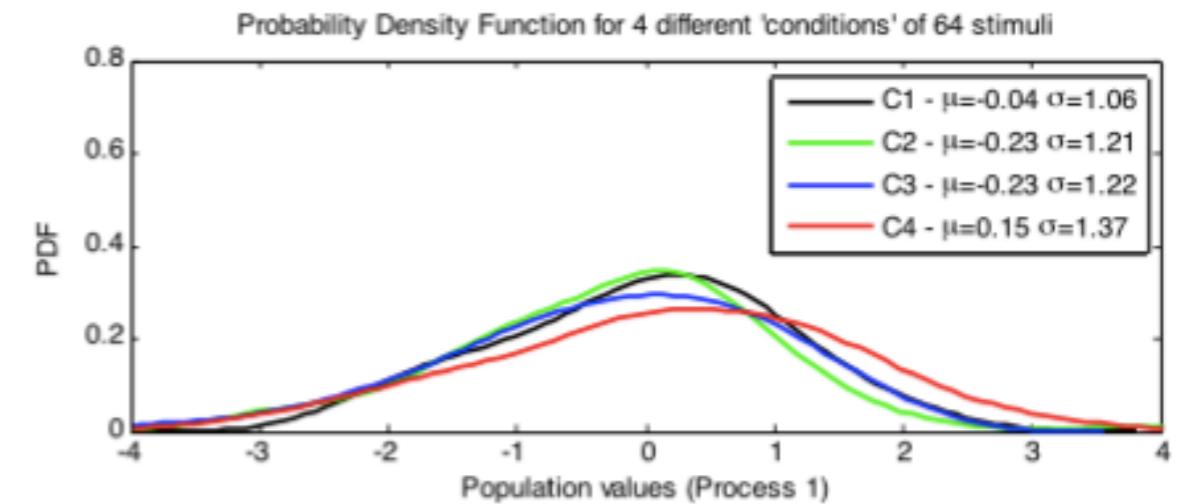
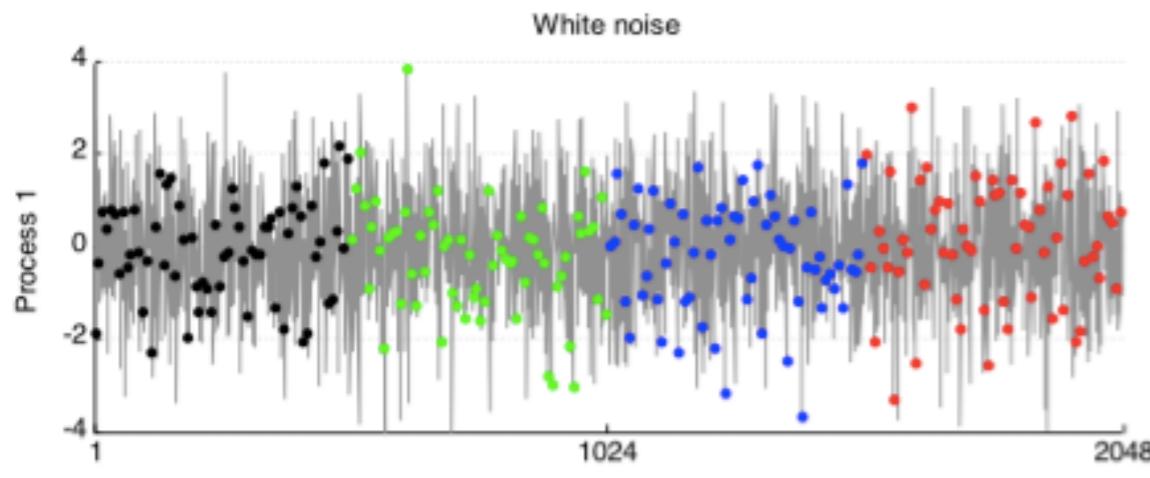
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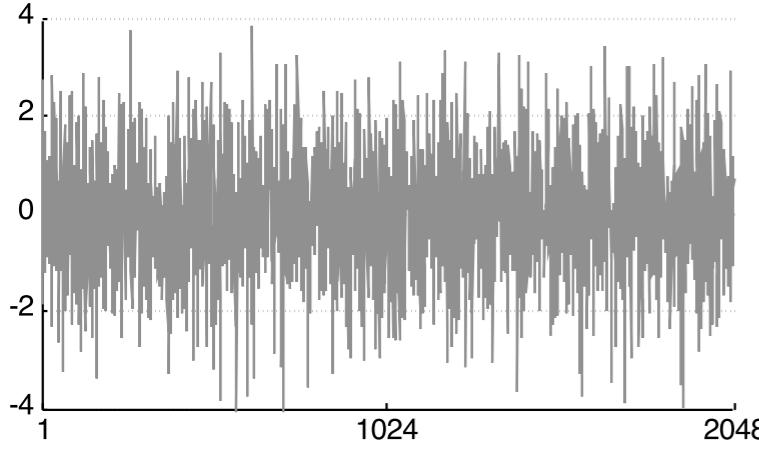
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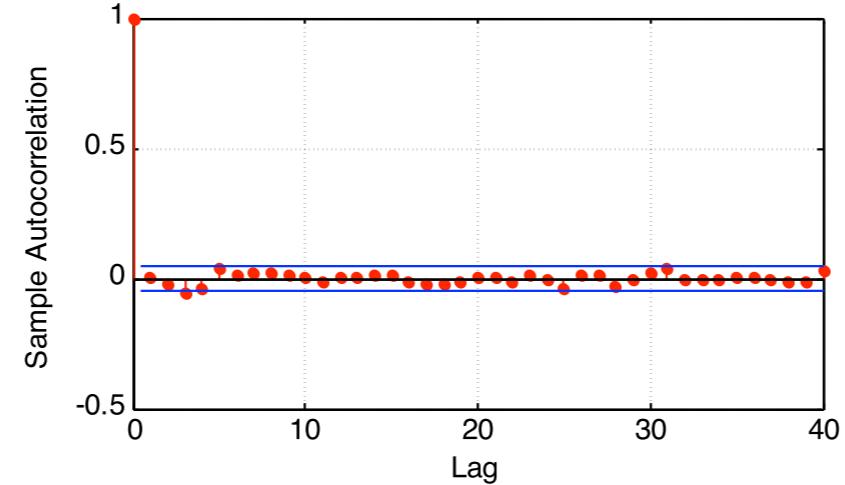
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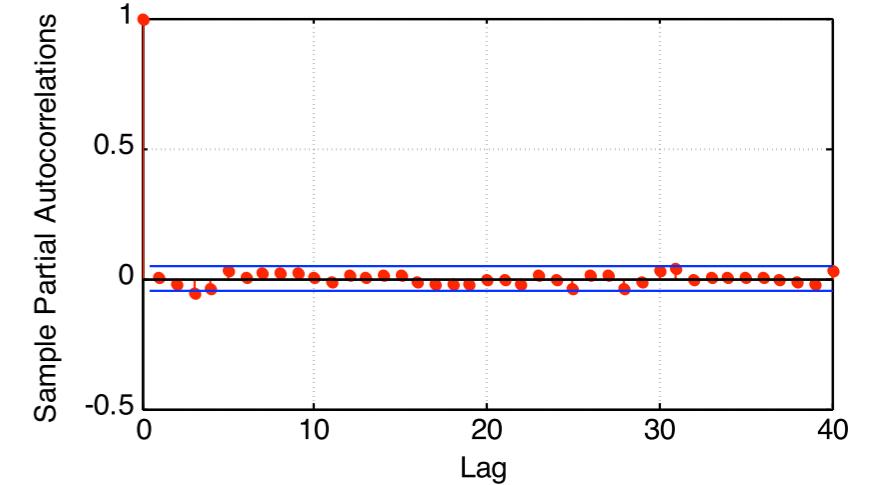
White noise



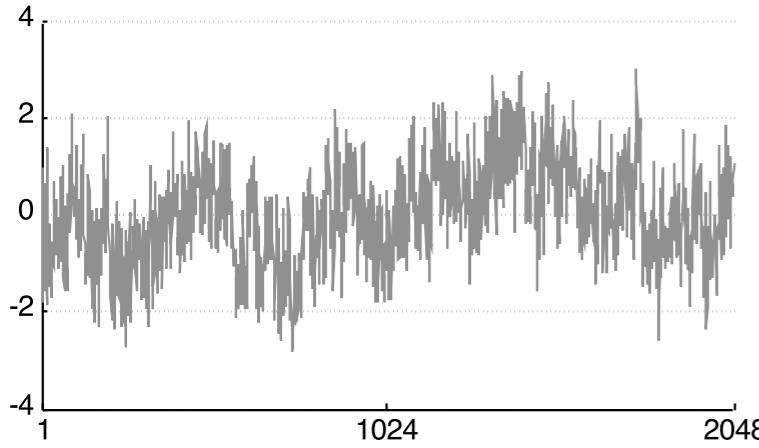
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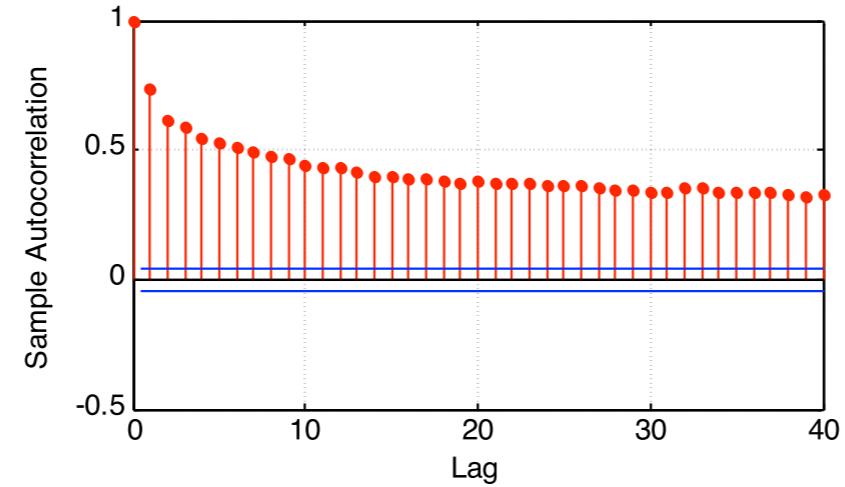
Sample Partial Autocorrelation Function



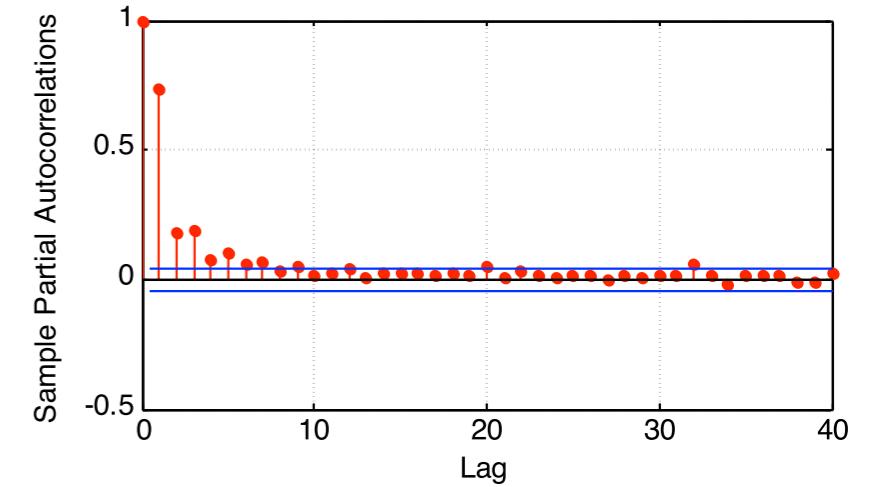
Pink noise



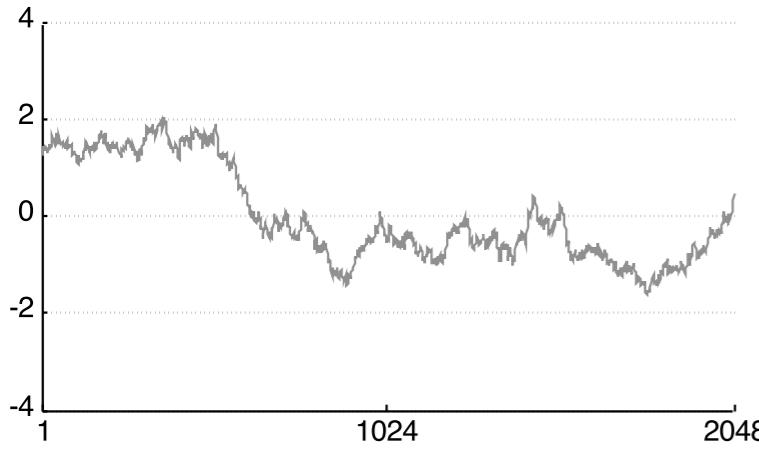
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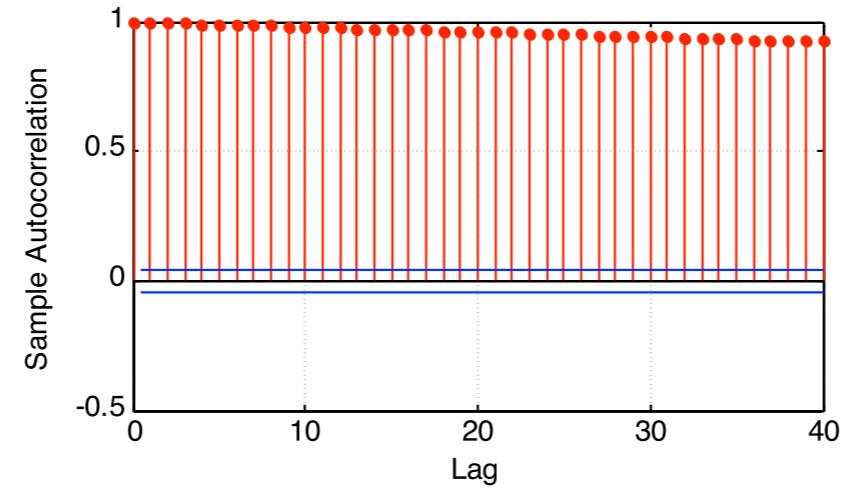
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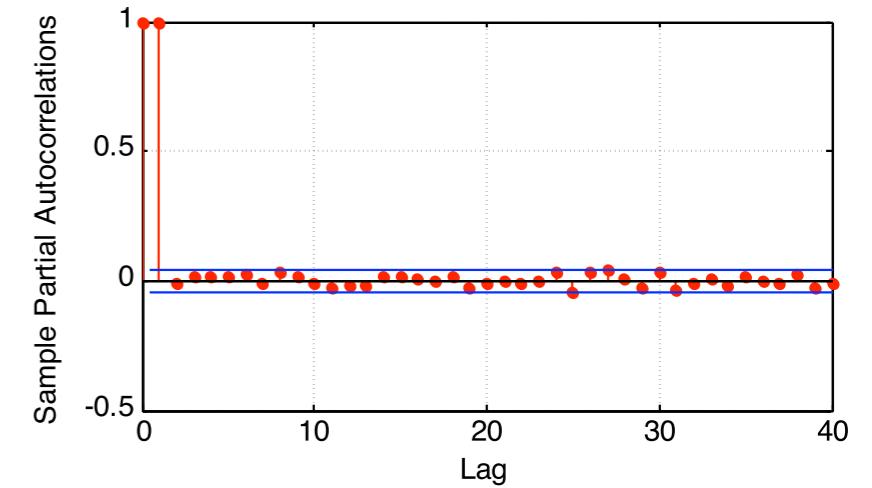
Brownian noise



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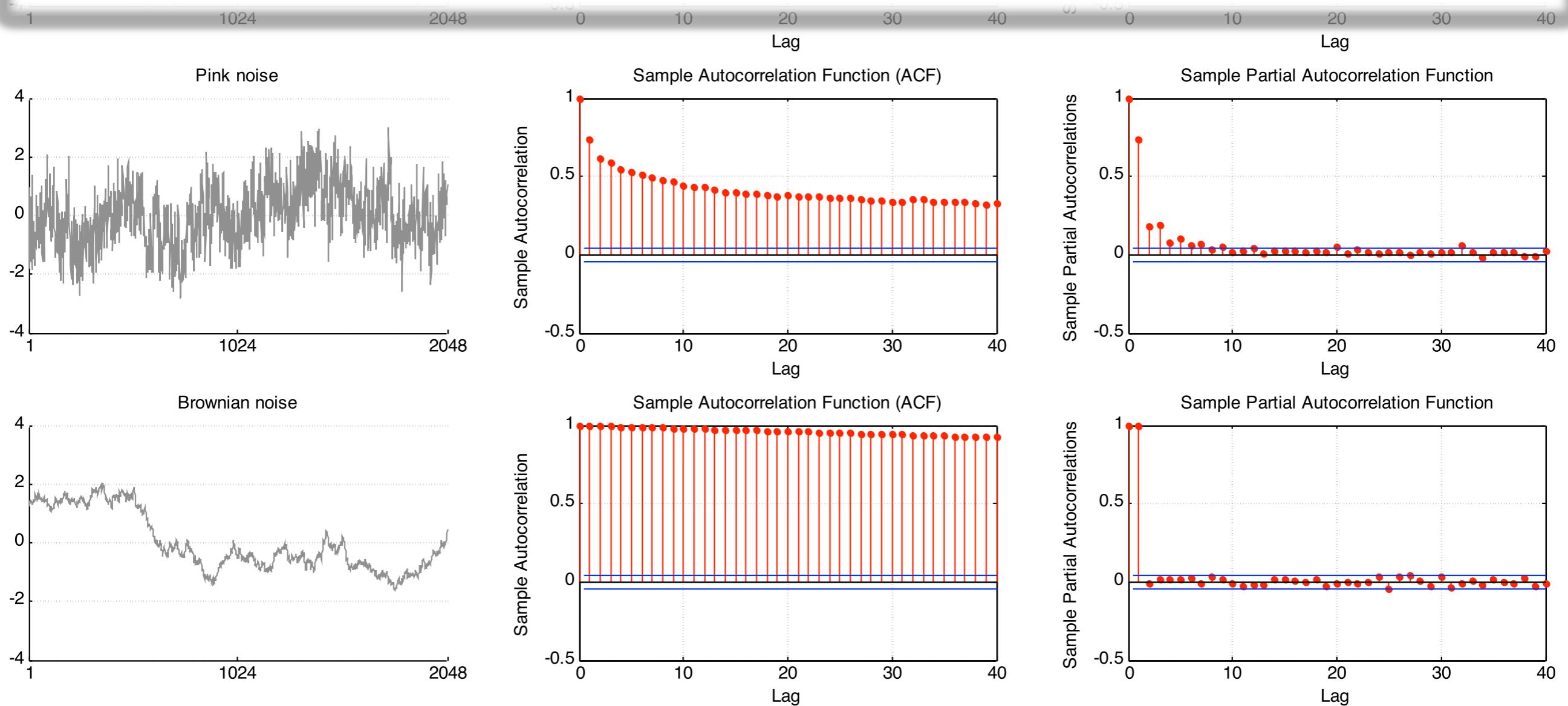


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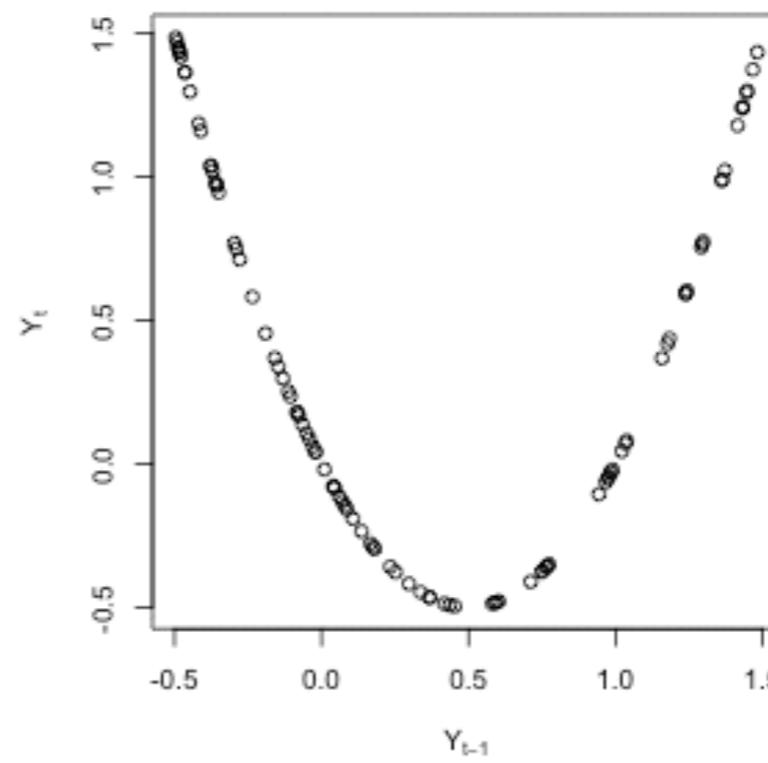
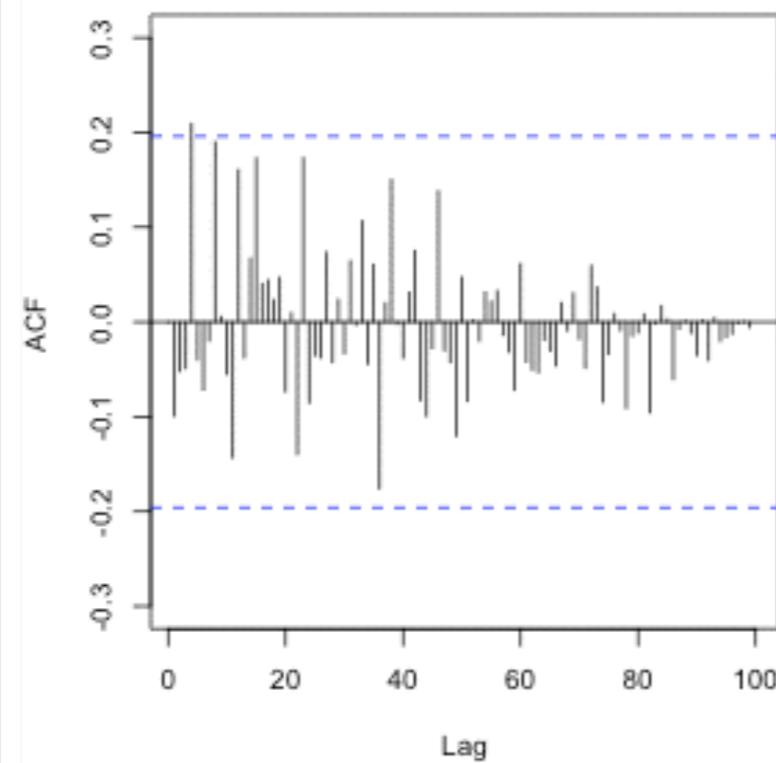
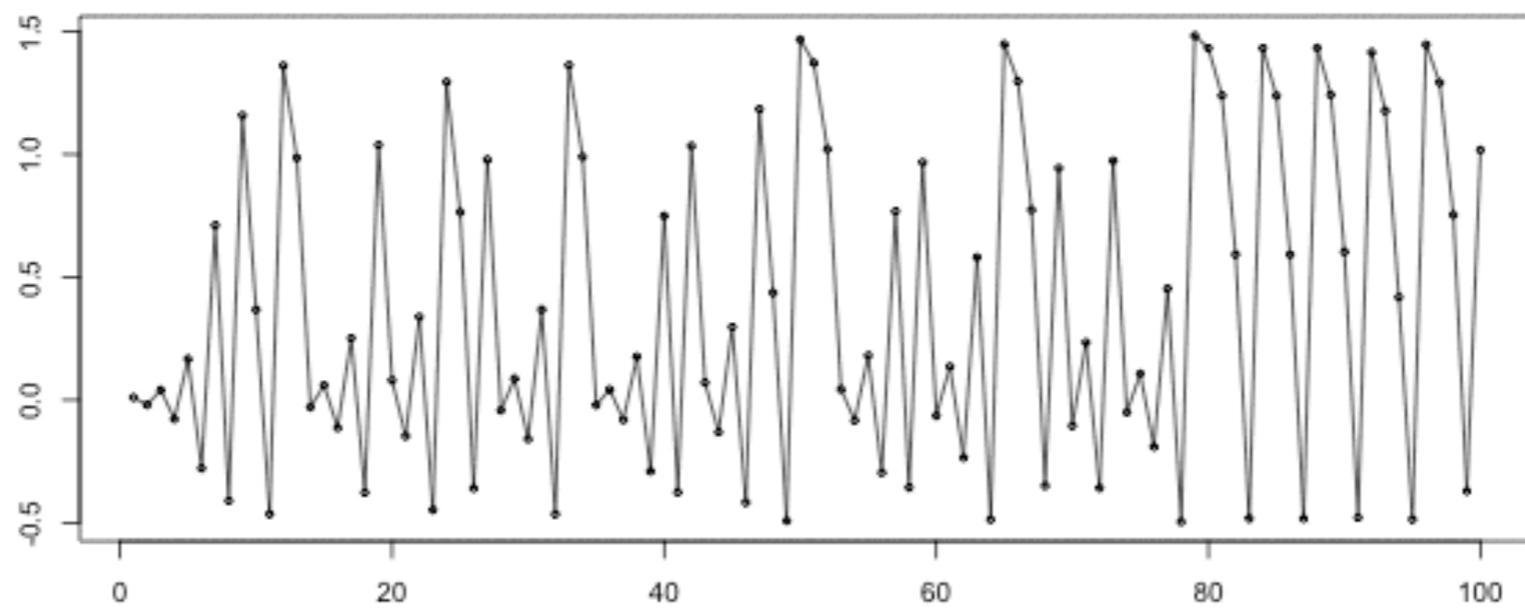


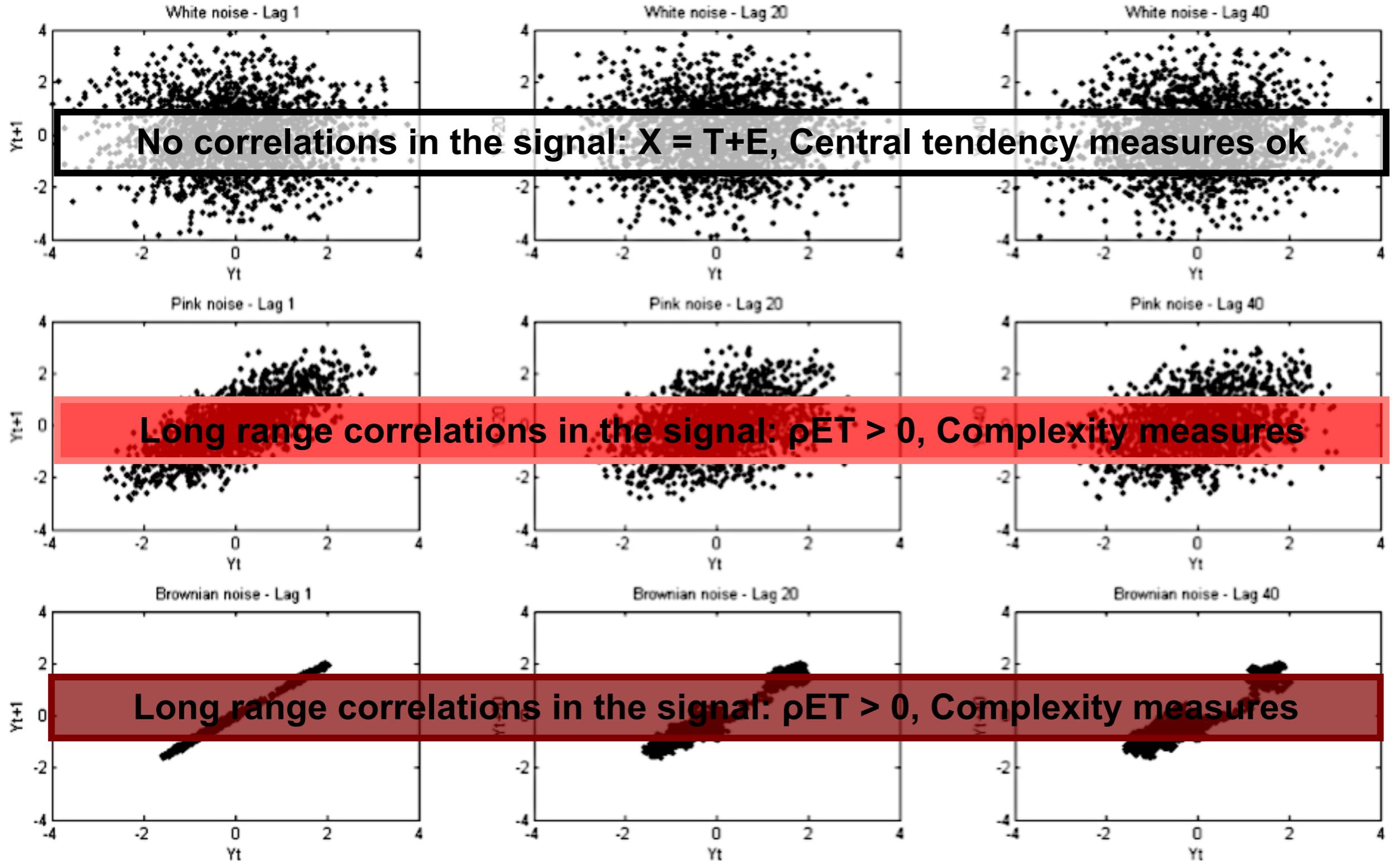
Correlations at all lags = Correlations at all time scales  
There is not 1 characteristic time scale

*Each data point participates in the larger pattern,  
but the pattern does not reduce to the properties of individual measurements.*



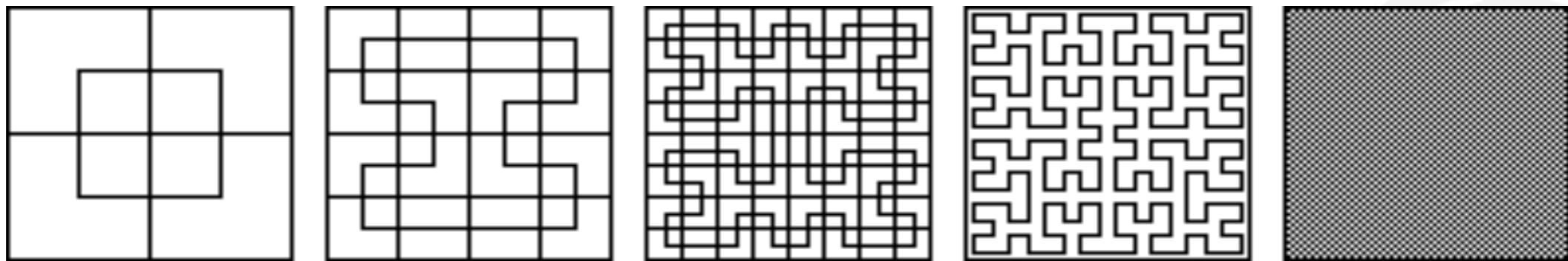
Logistic Growth  
 $r = -2$





## Analyze scaling relations: Fractal dimension

Peano's Monster



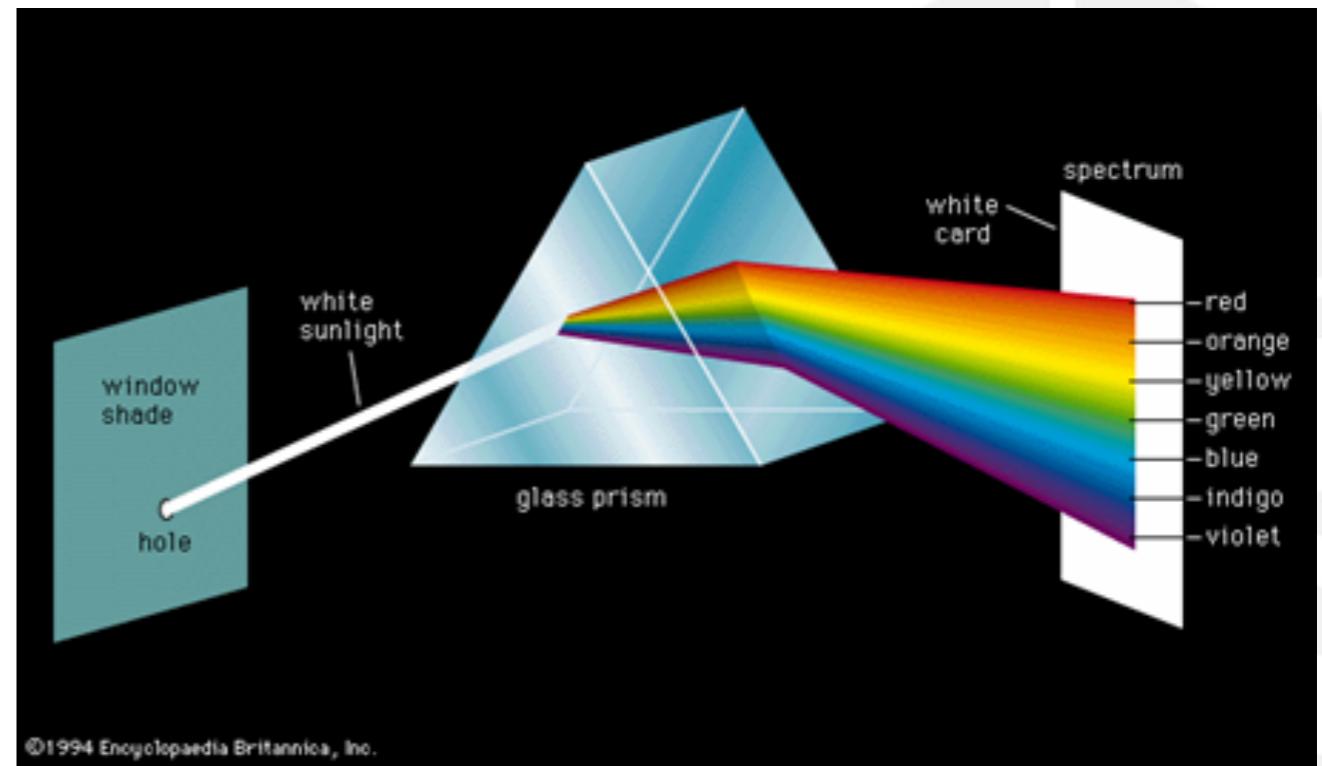
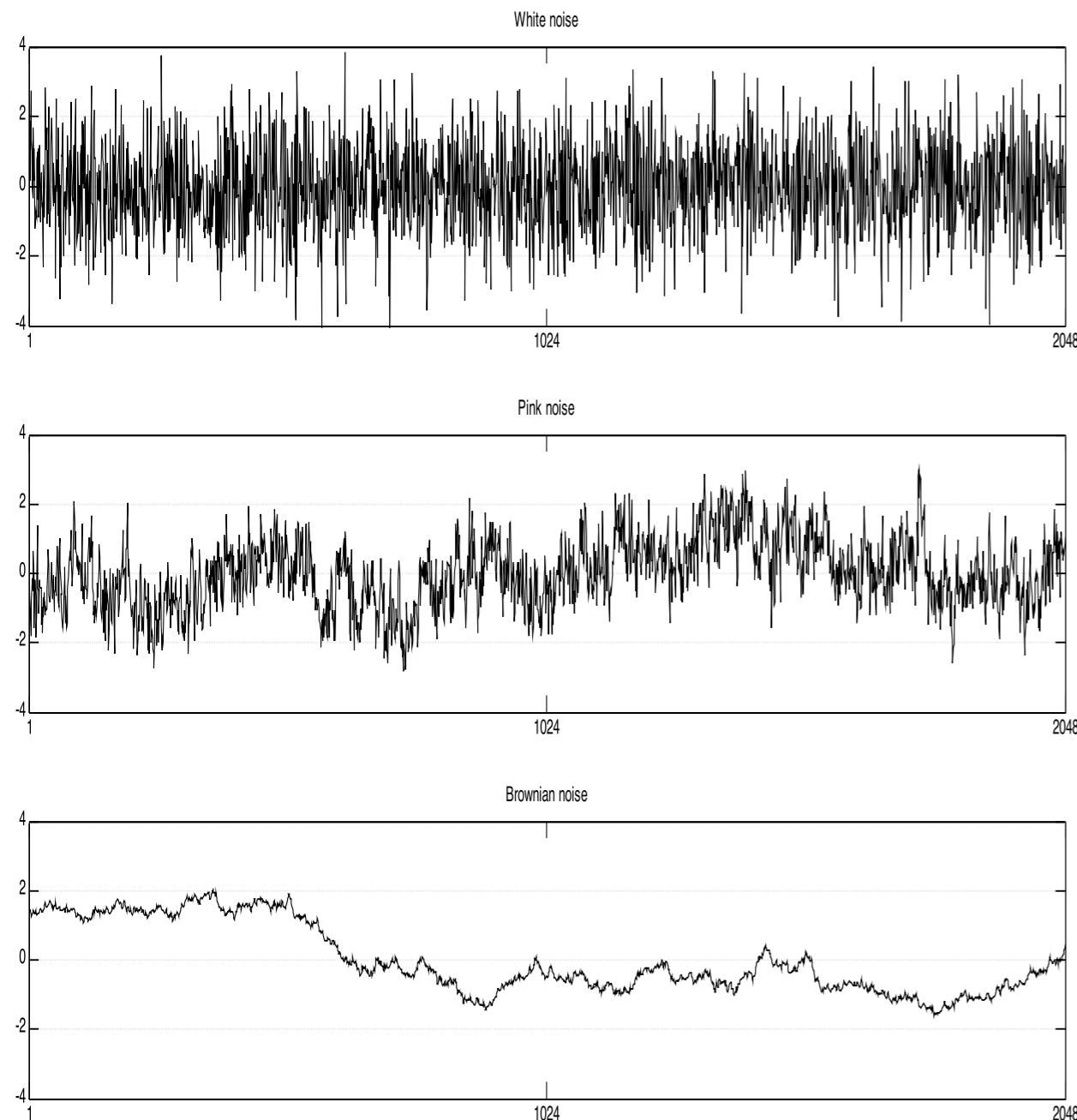
Dimension is an intrinsic property of a mathematical object that indicates to what extent it occupies the topological space in which it is embedded.



# Assessing self-similarity in time using scaling exponents

- Spectral Slope: Frequency vs. Power, small waves are nested within larger waves (of greater power).
- All other methods are based on the following:
  1. Divide the time series in equal 'bins'
  2. Examine the variability in the bins
  3. Repeat for other bin sizes
  4. Plot variability versus bin size
- This should remind you of the box-counting.
- NOTE: technically, self-similarity refers to the fact that there is one "generator" object from which larger structures arise by copying the generator. What we will be discussing is self-affinity, which refers to the fact that one axis (in 2D) needs to be scaled by a different factor ( $H$ ) than the other axis in order to observe self-similarity... In other words, "*statistical self-similarity*"

# Spectral analysis: Frequencies in the signal

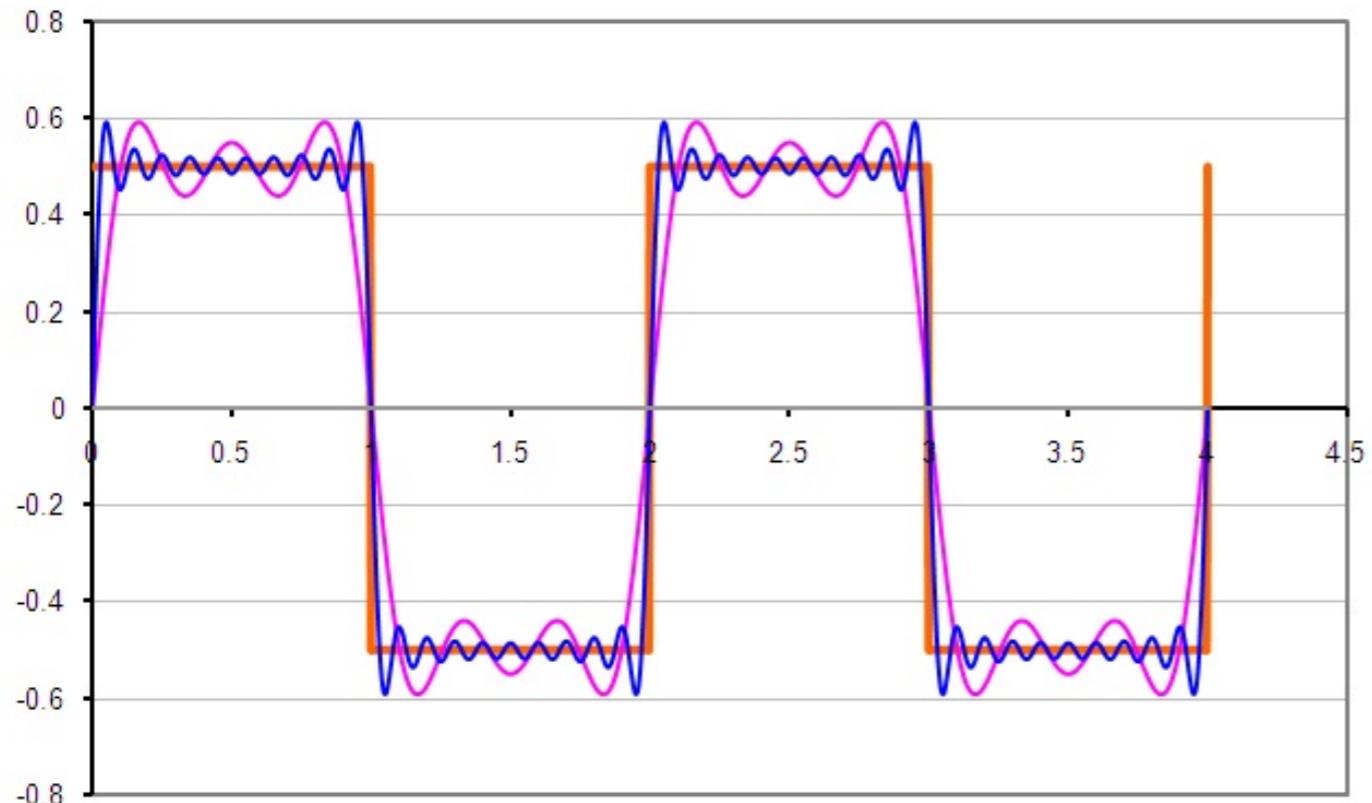


Characterize a signal by its dominant frequencies: Spectral analysis-Fourier transform

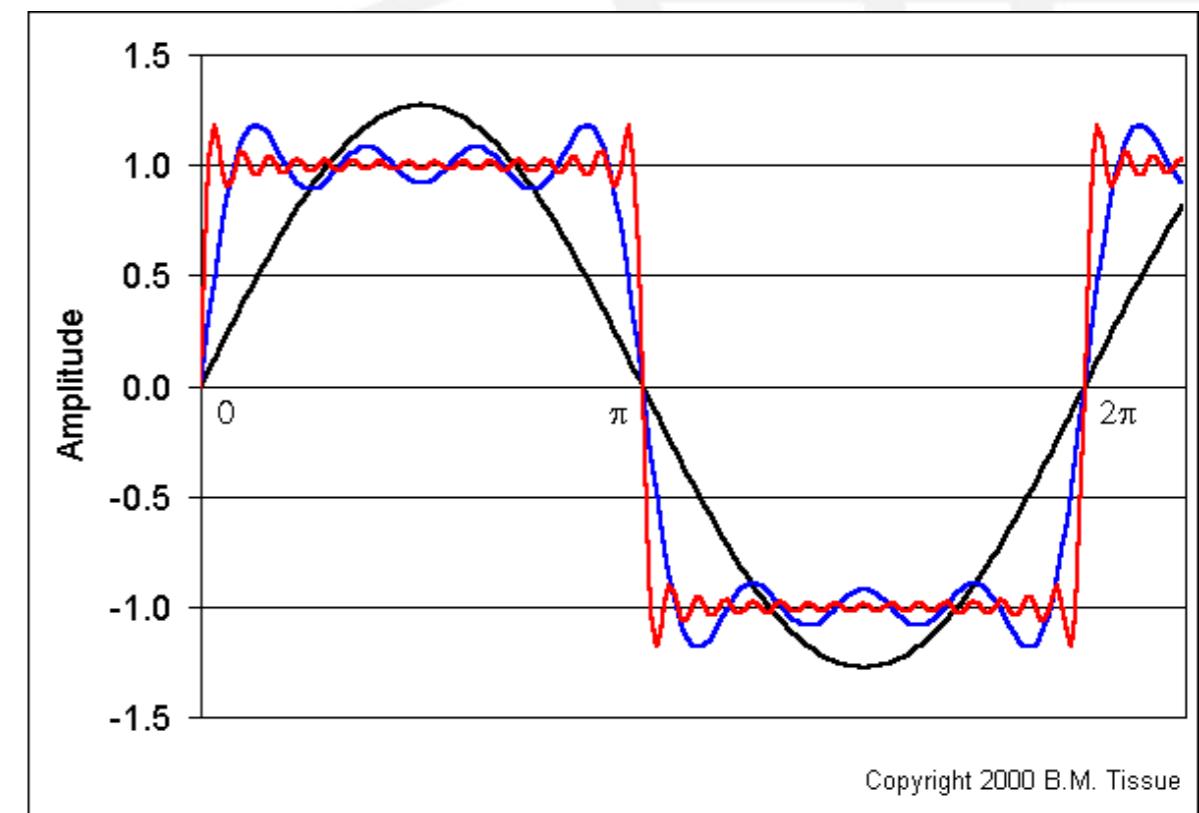
$$g(t) = a_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mt}{T}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \cos\left(\frac{2\pi mt}{T}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T}\right)$$

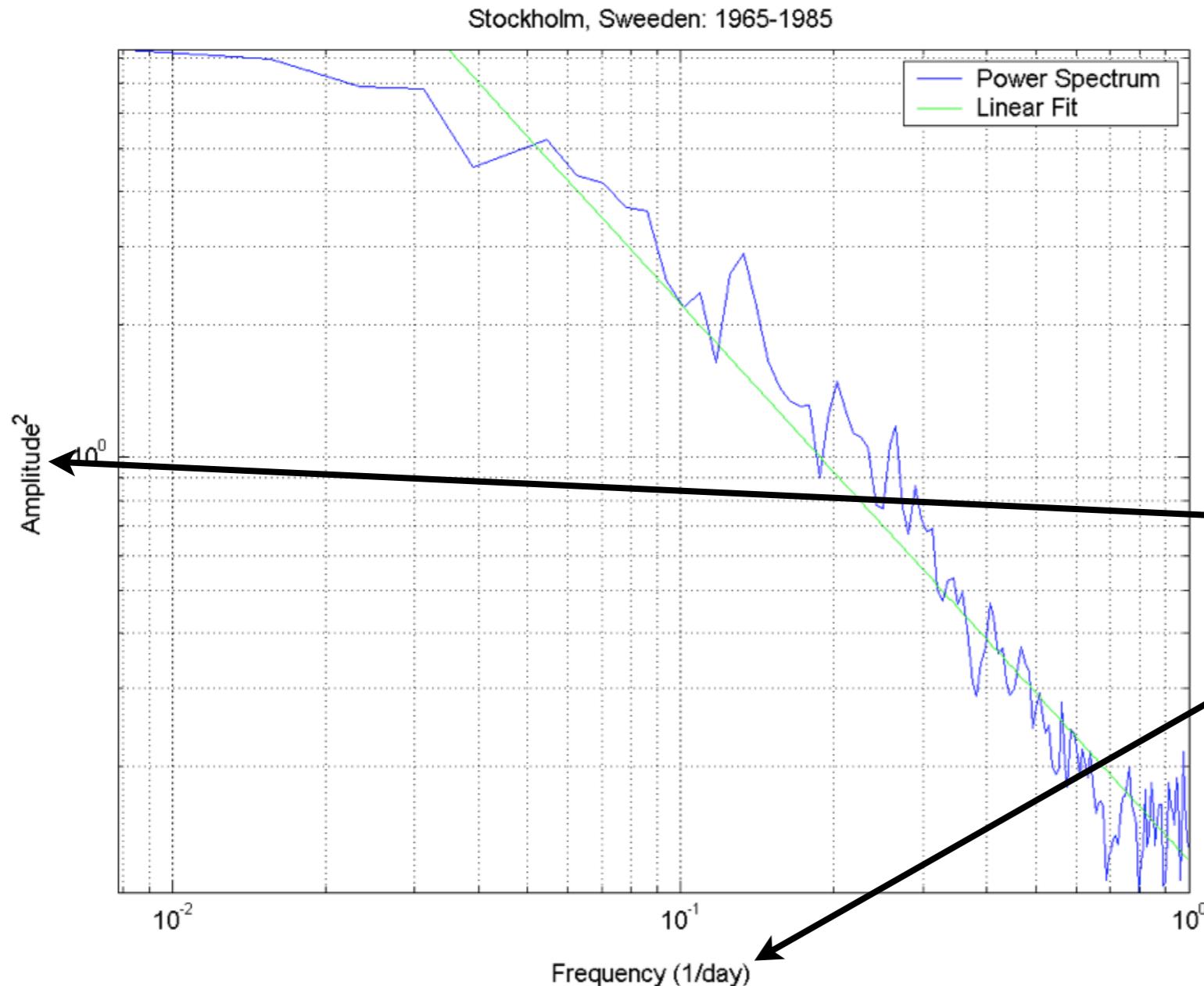
# Spectral analysis: Fourier transform



Reconstruct a waveform by adding many sine and cosine waves of different frequencies and amplitudes

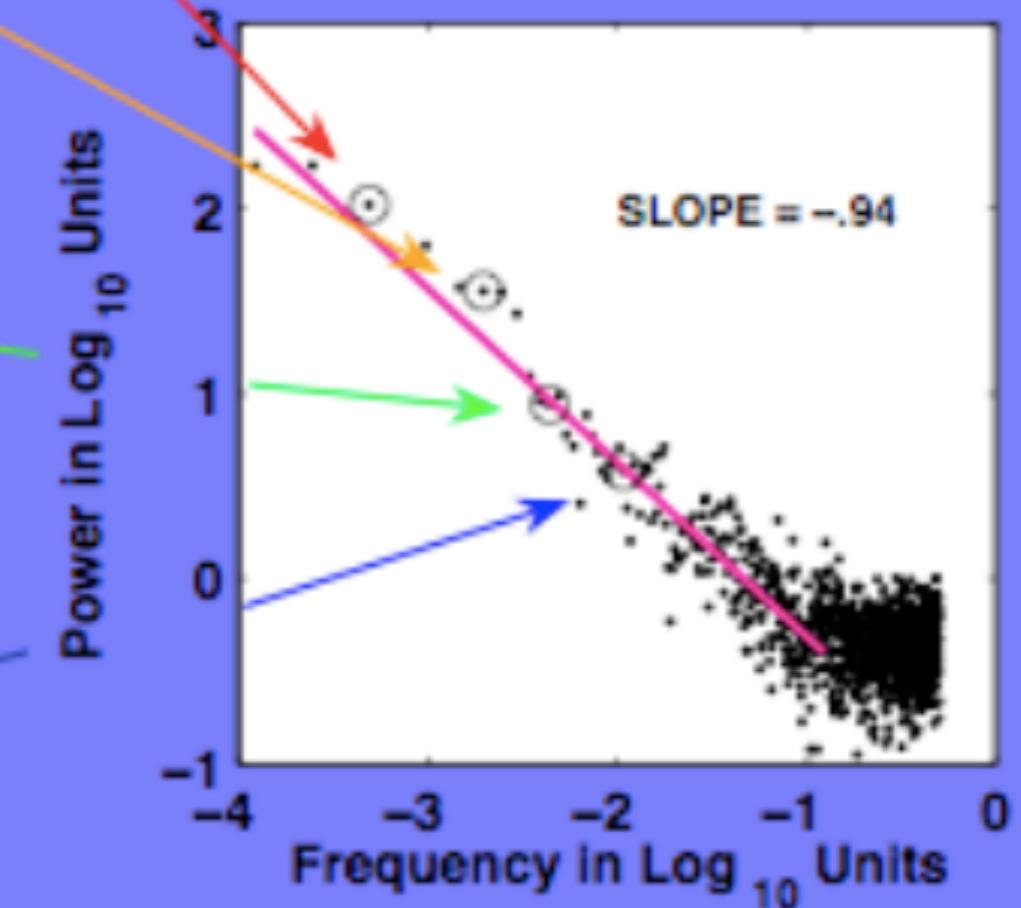
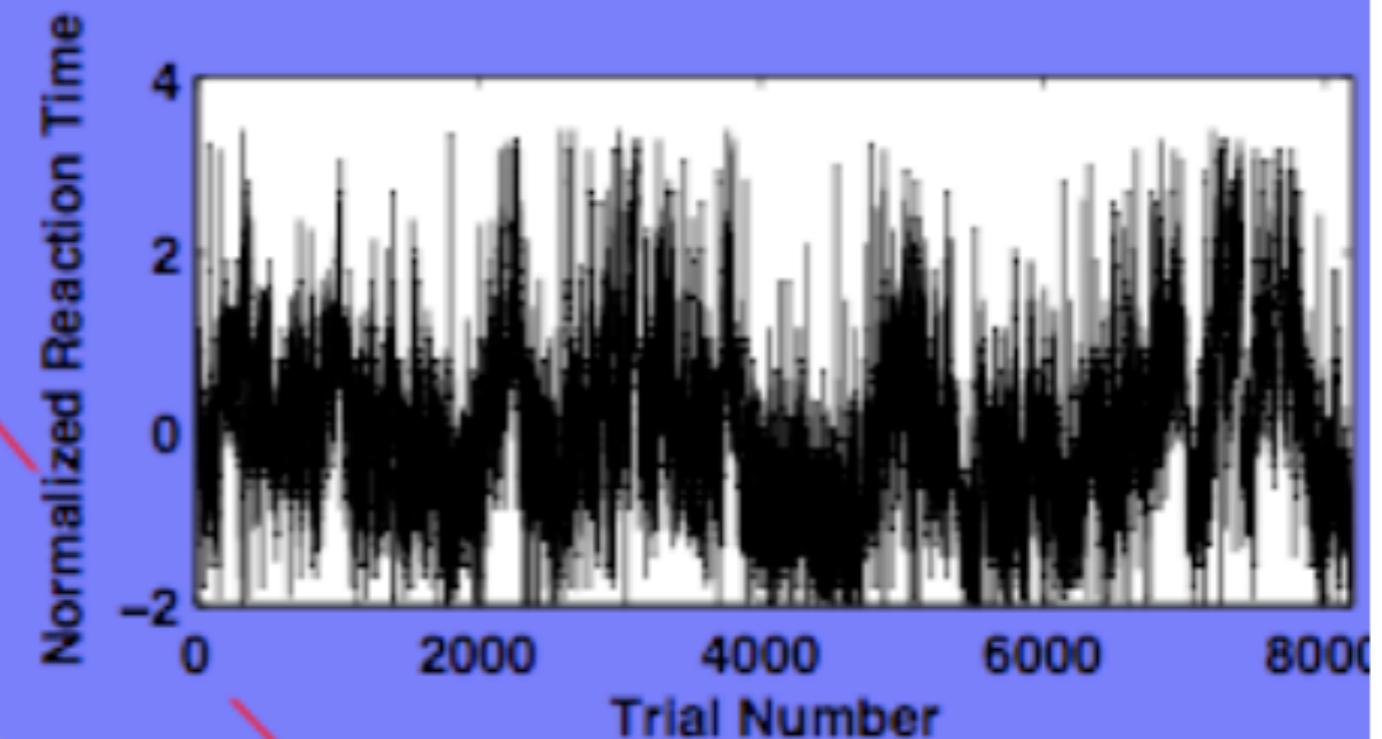
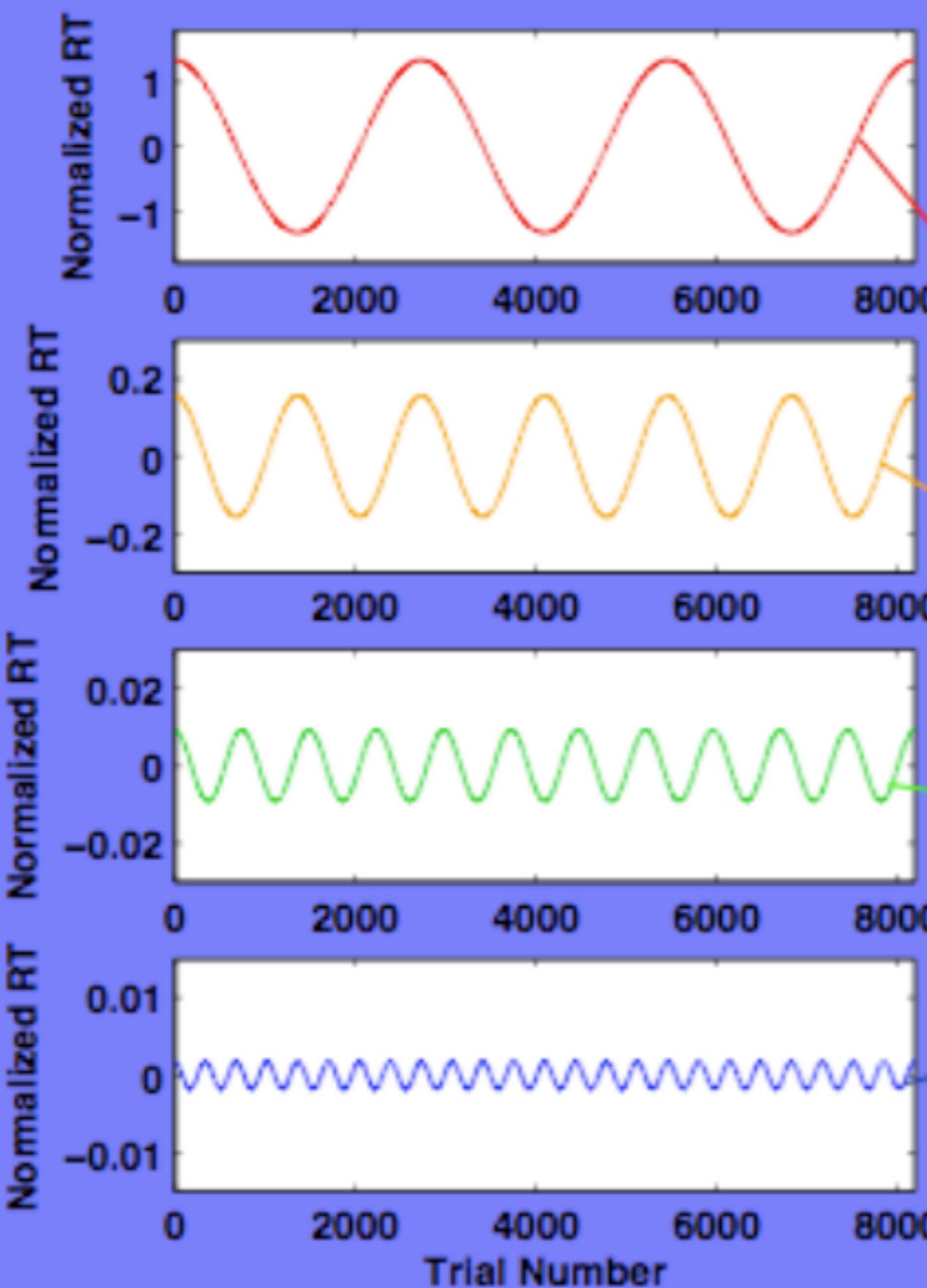


# Spectral analysis: Fourier transform -> Frequency domain

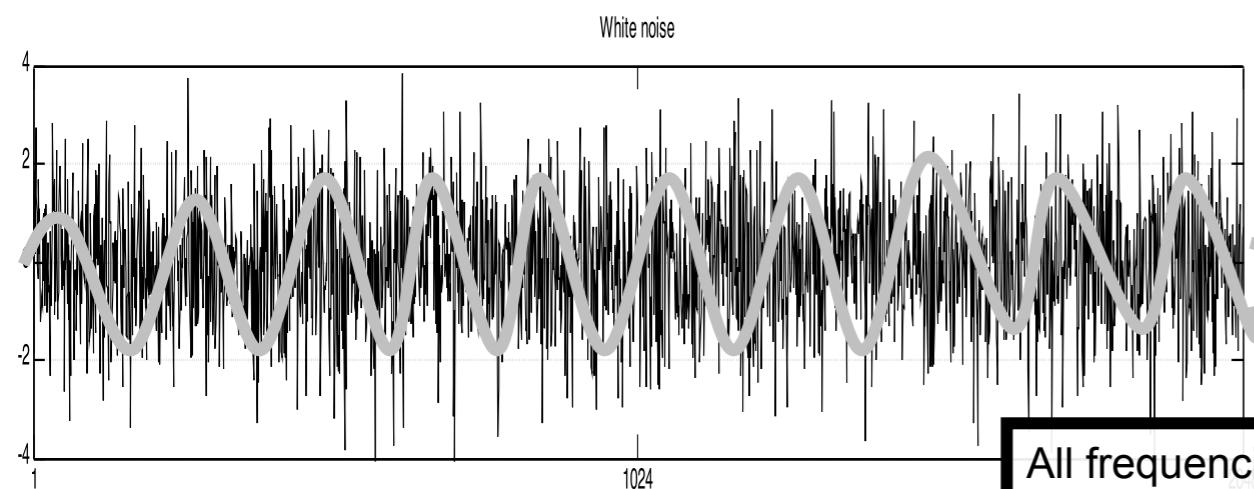


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# Fractal Time: Scale Free Variation in Repeated Measures



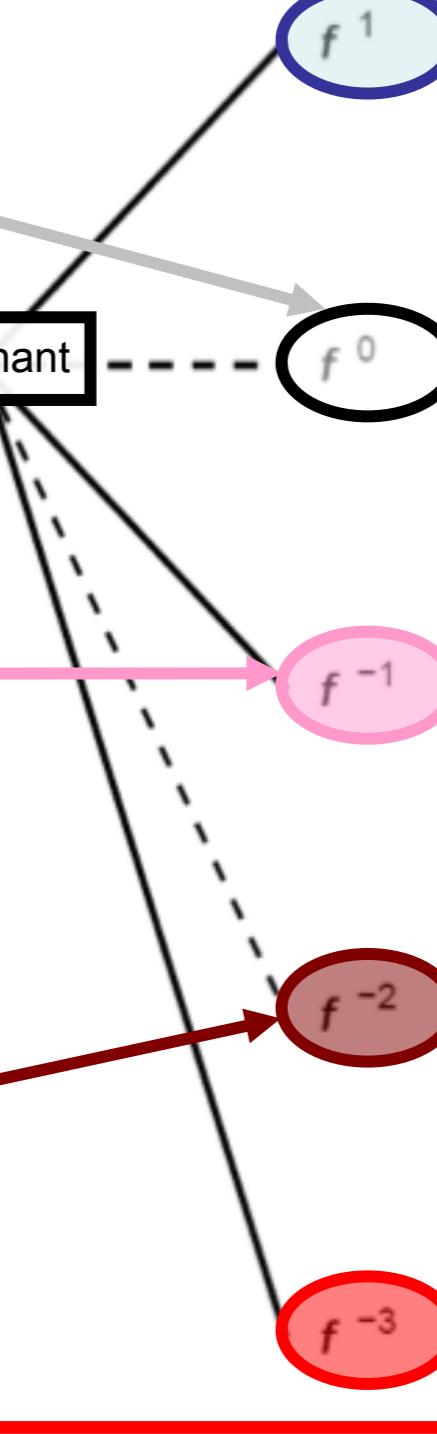
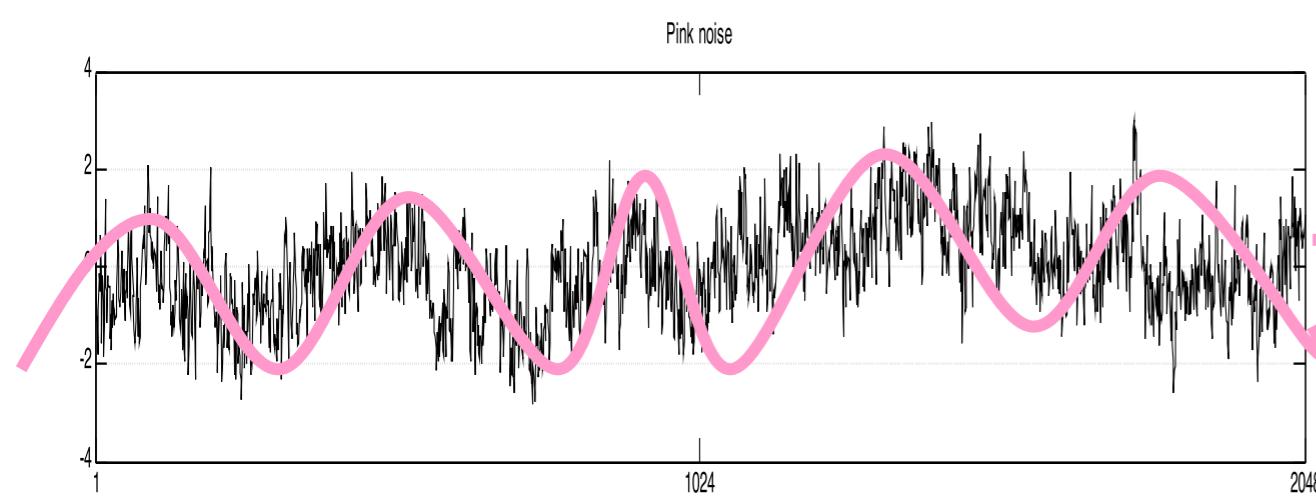
High frequencies dominate the signal



All frequencies equally dominant

Log<sub>10</sub>[Relative Power]

Low frequencies dominate the signal



Antipersistent fGn  
"Blue Noise"

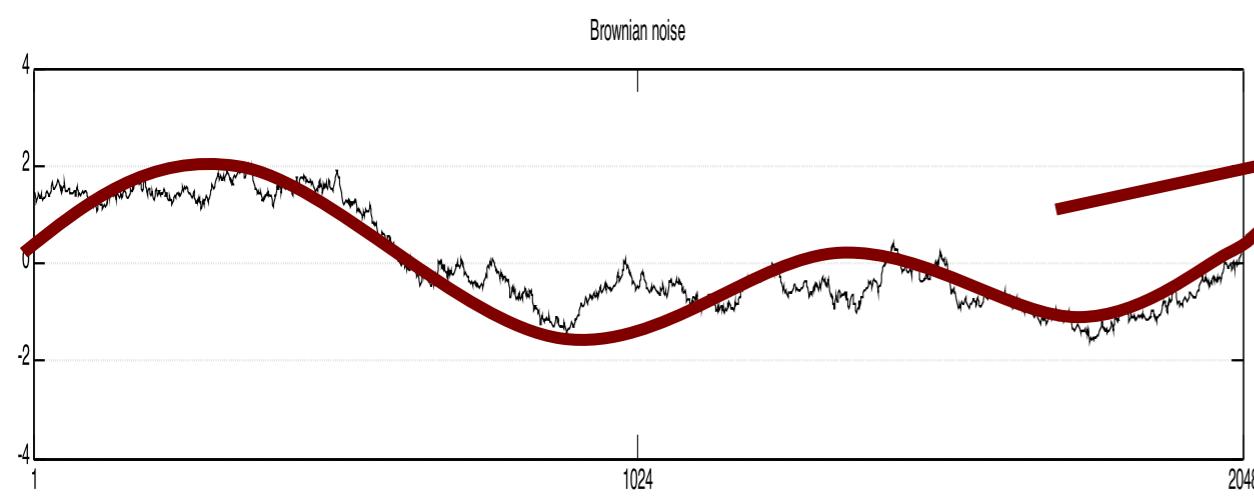
← White Noise

Persistent fGn  
"Pink Noise"

Antipersistent fBm

← Brownian Motion

Persistent fBm

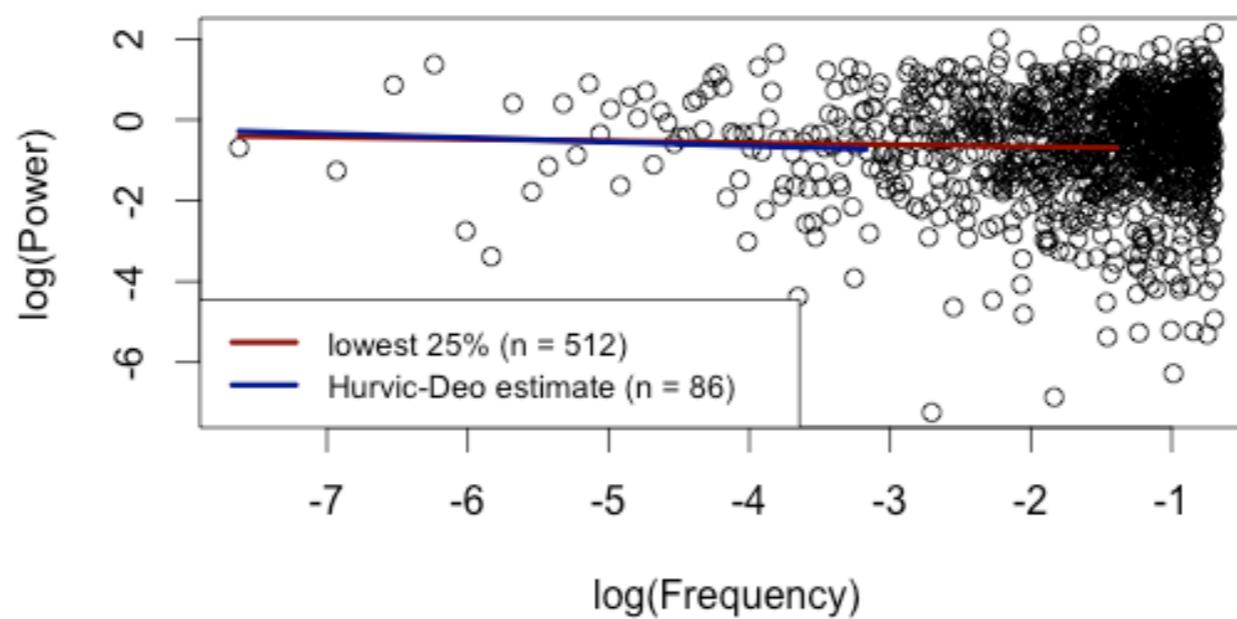
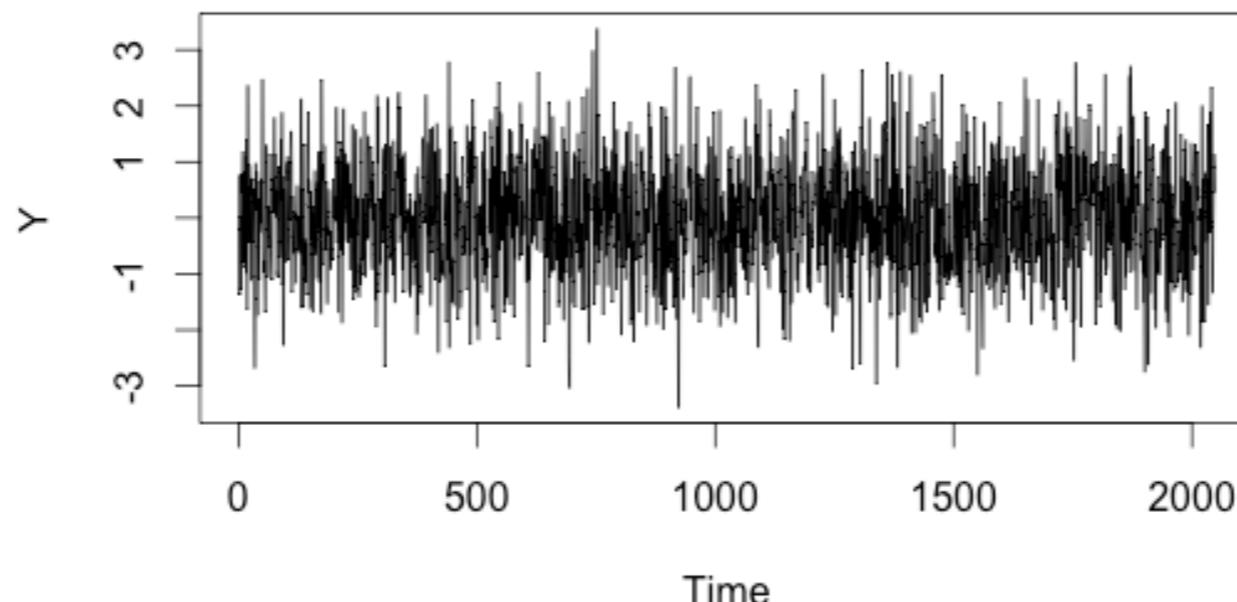


**sap:**

self-affinity parameter  
slope in some log-log space

## Spectral slope of white noise:

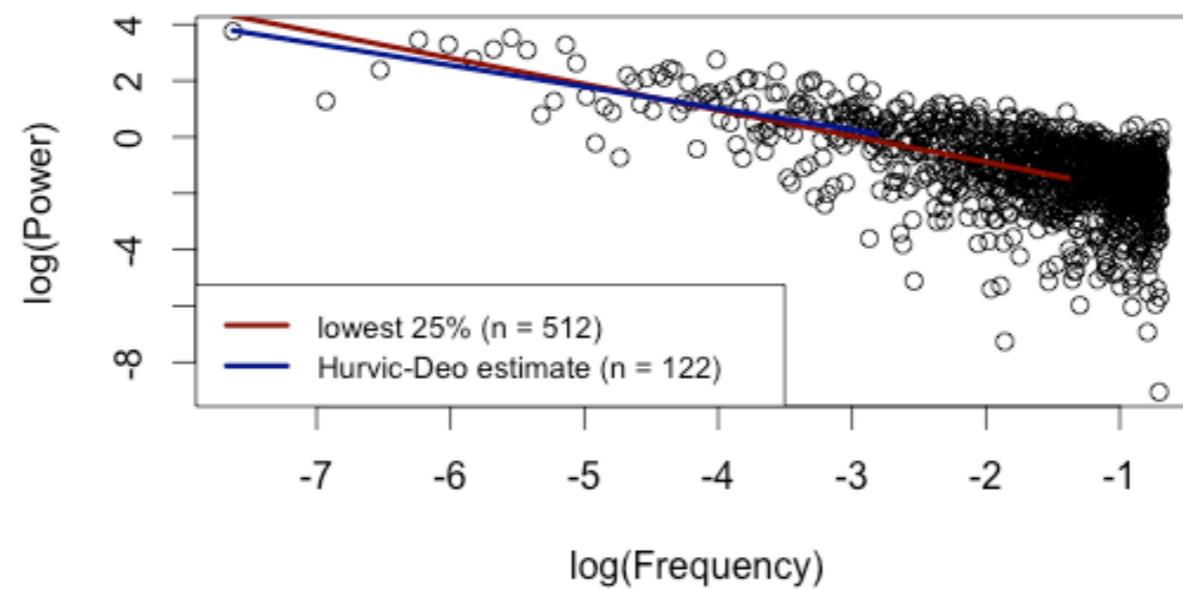
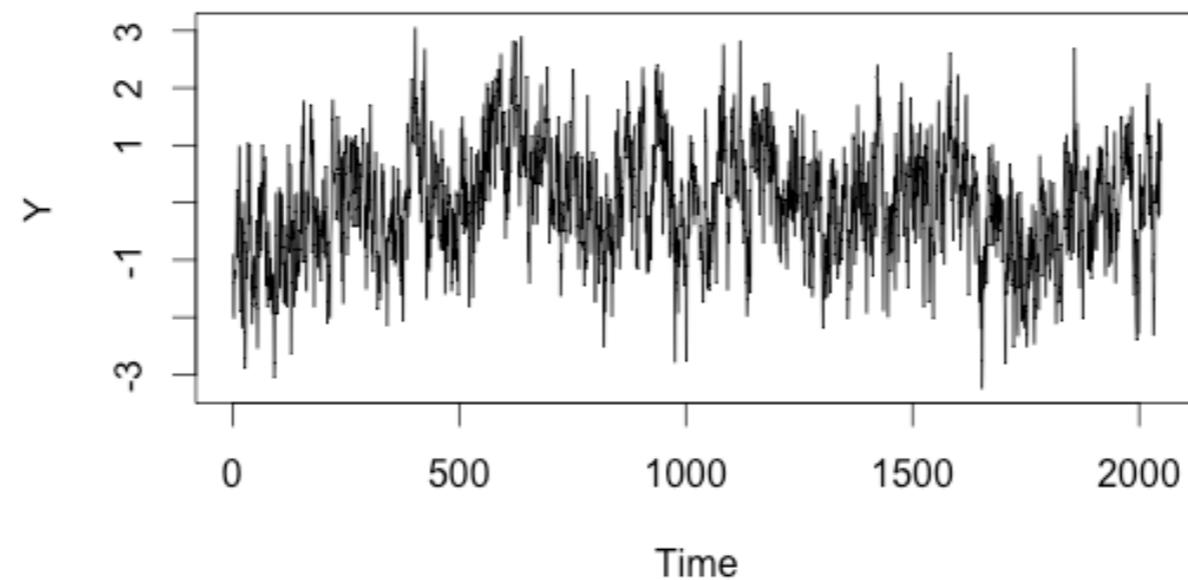
Lowest 25%   sap: -0.05 | H:0.52 | FD:1.48  
Hurvix-Deo   sap: -0.1 | H:0.56 | FD:1.46



## Spectral slope of pink noise:

Lowest 25% sap: -0.92 | H:0.98 | FD:1.21

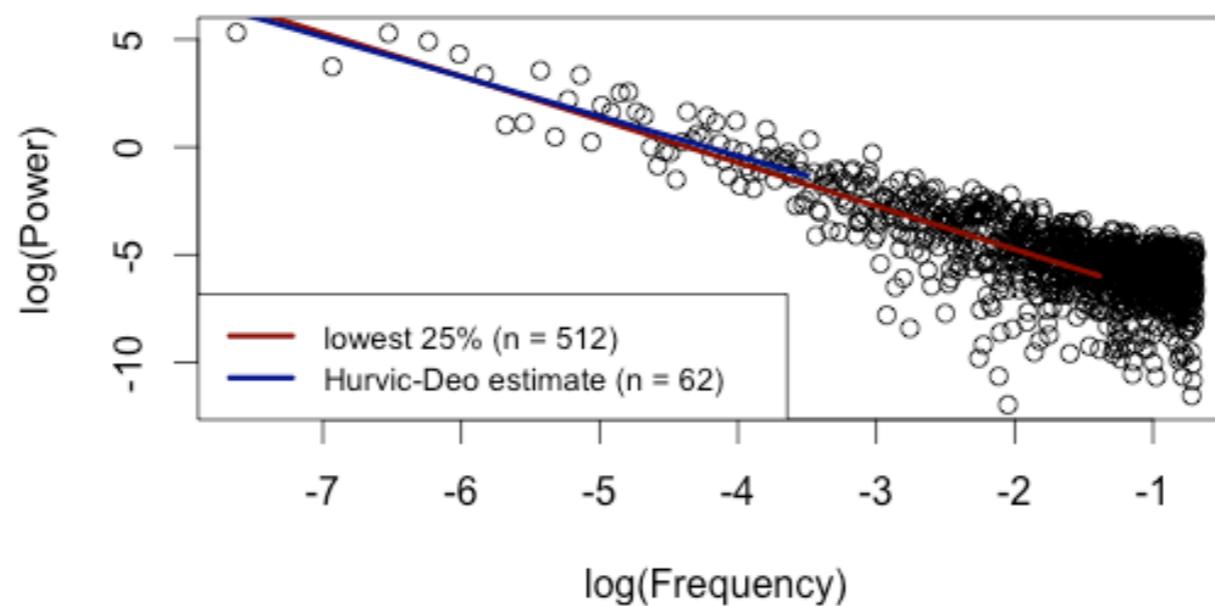
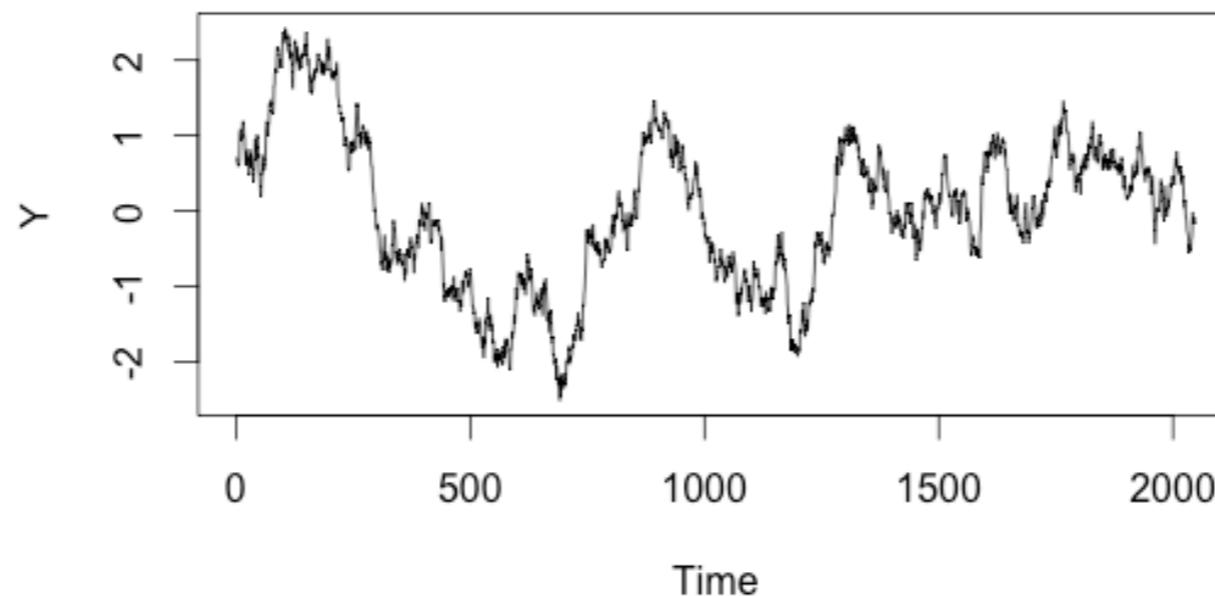
Hurvich-Deo sap: -0.76 | H:0.91 | FD:1.25



## Spectral slope of Brownian motion:

Lowest 25% sap: -2.01 | H:1.53 | FD:1.1

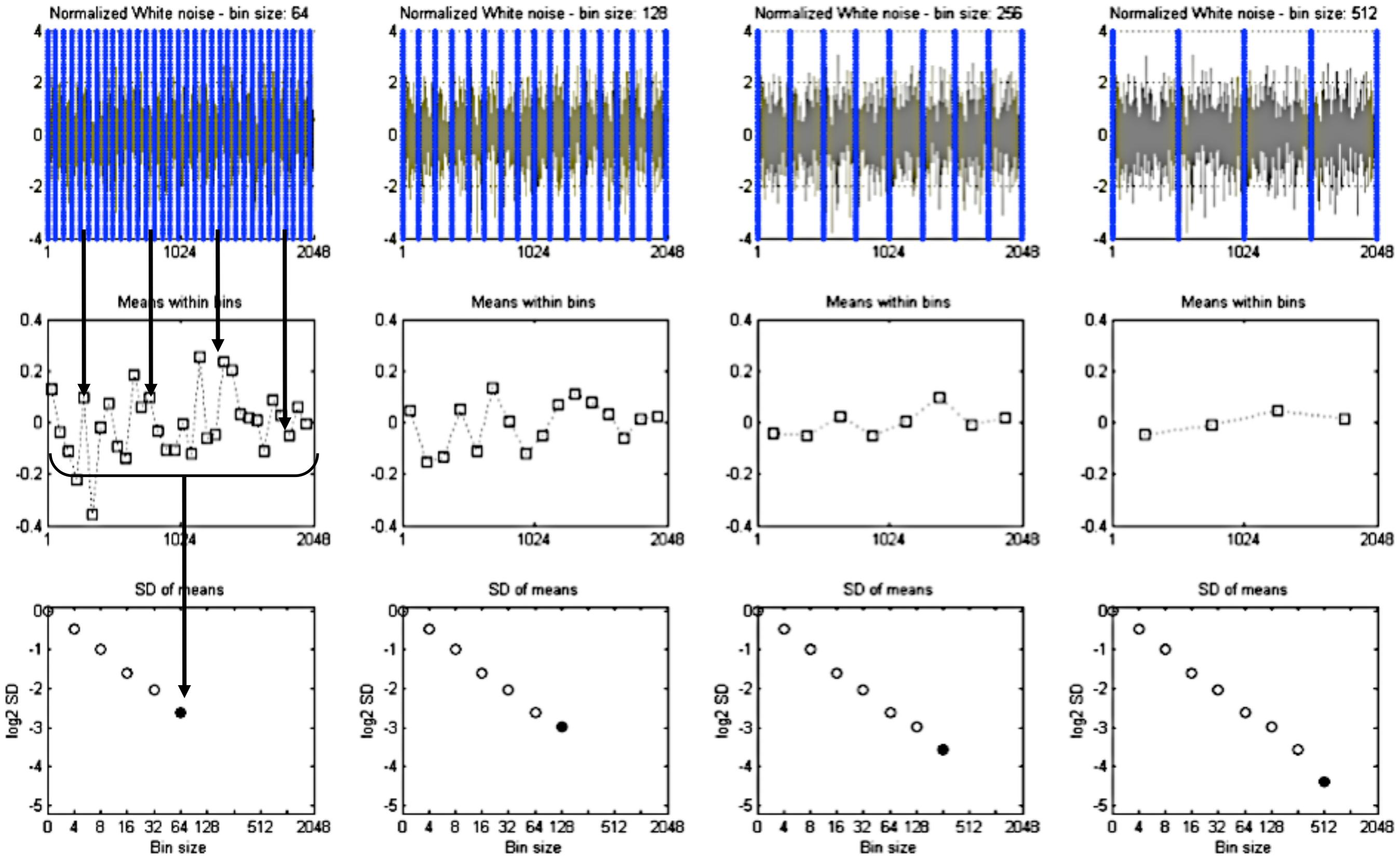
Hurvich-Deo sap: -1.84 | H:1.53 | FD:1.11



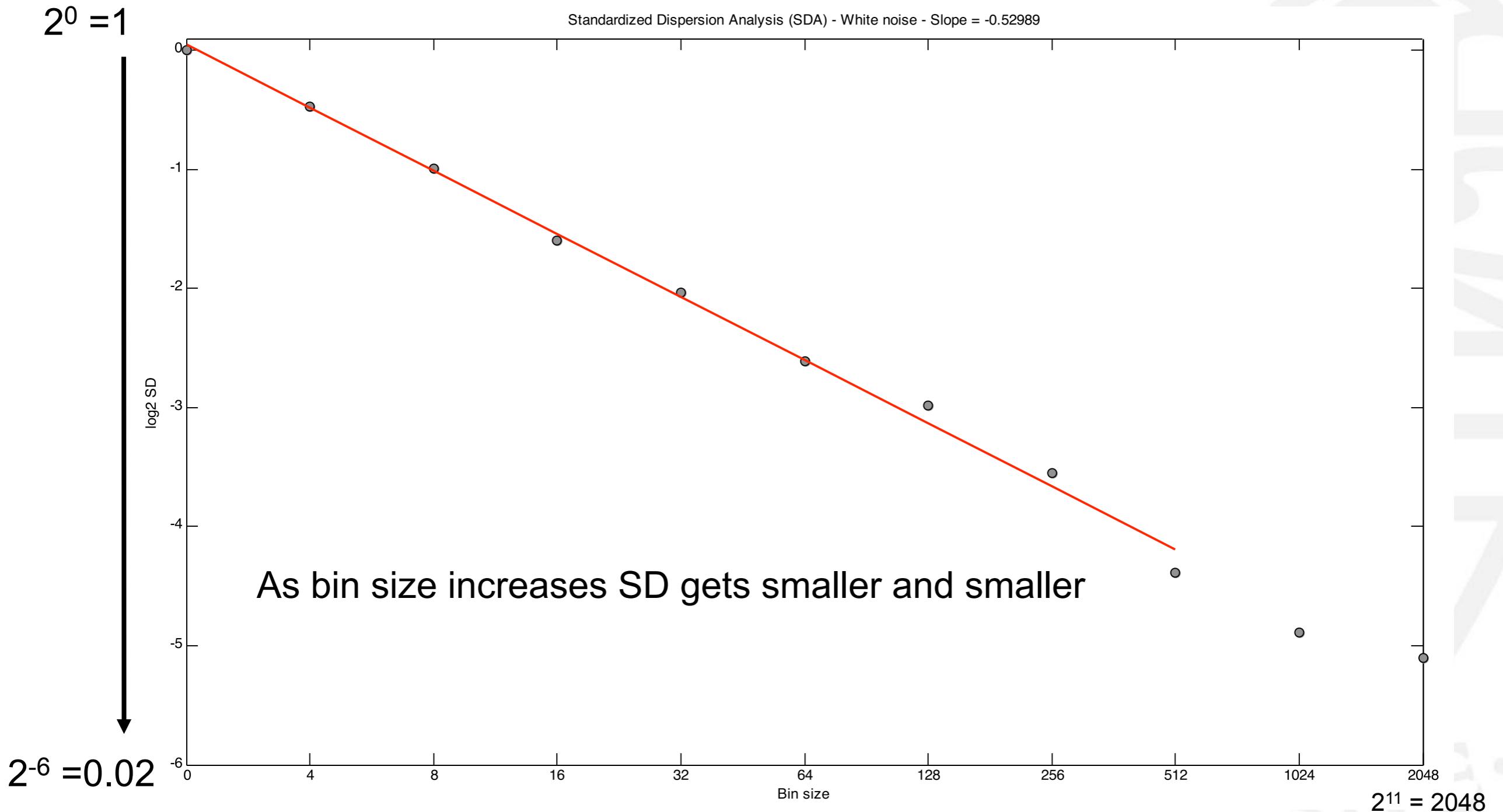
# Standardised dispersion analysis

- Divide TS in bins of size N
- Get some indication of variation
- repeat

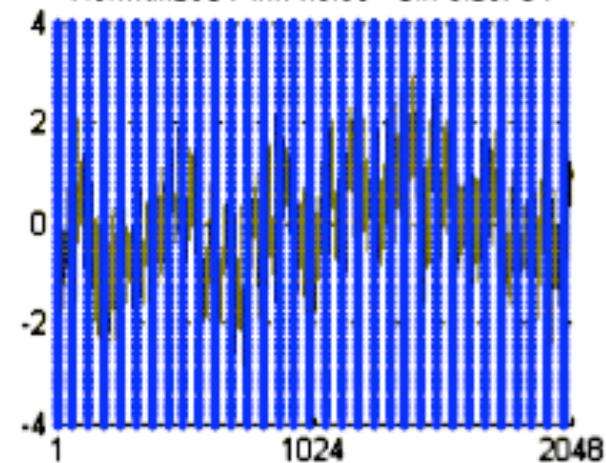




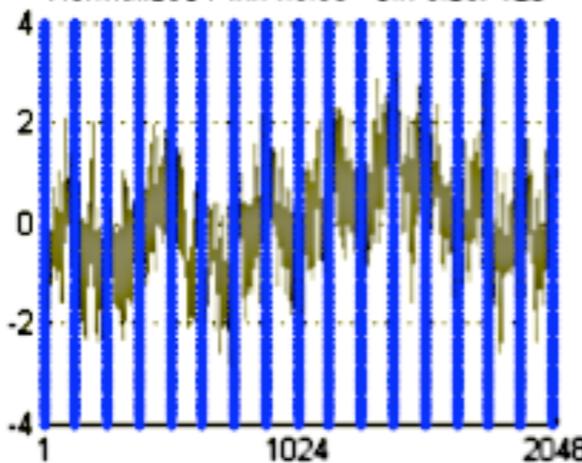
**Fractal dimension = 1 – (slope of line)**  
**FD = 1 - (-0.53) = 1.53**



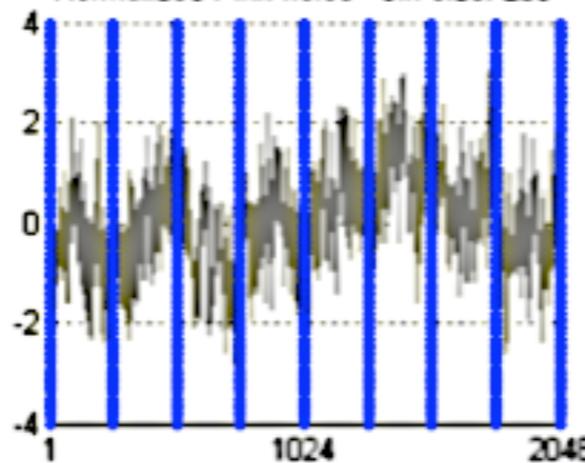
Normalized Pink noise - bin size: 64



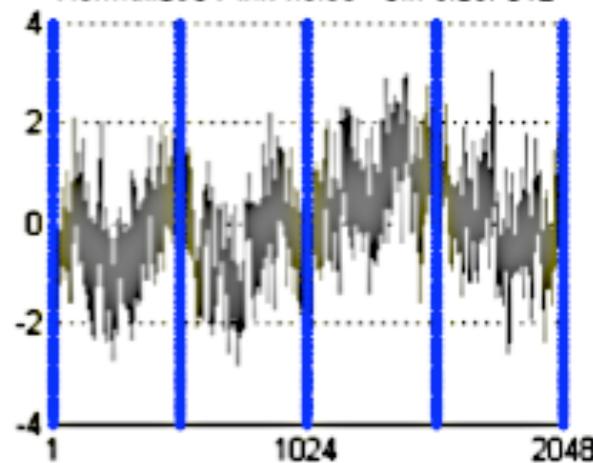
Normalized Pink noise - bin size: 128



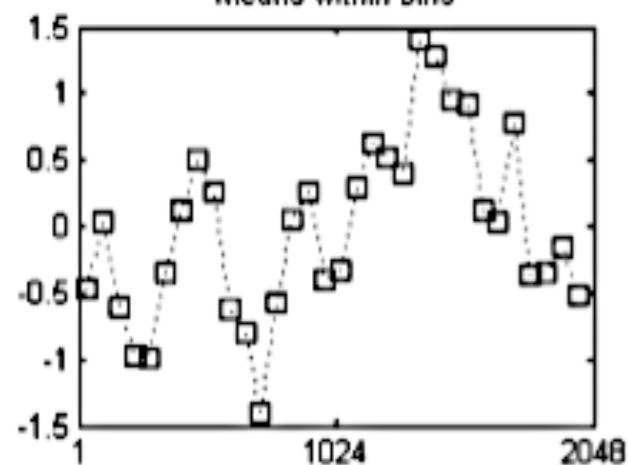
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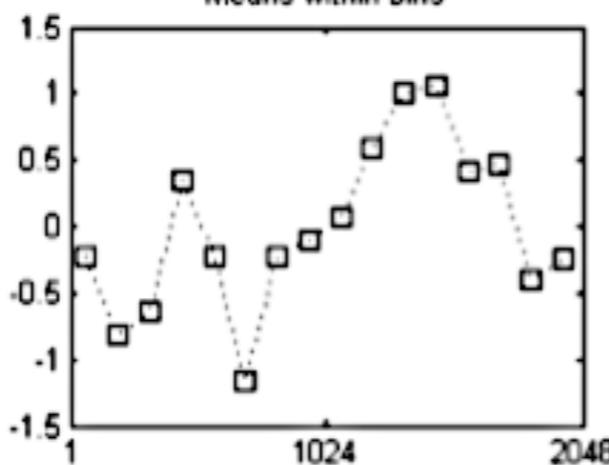
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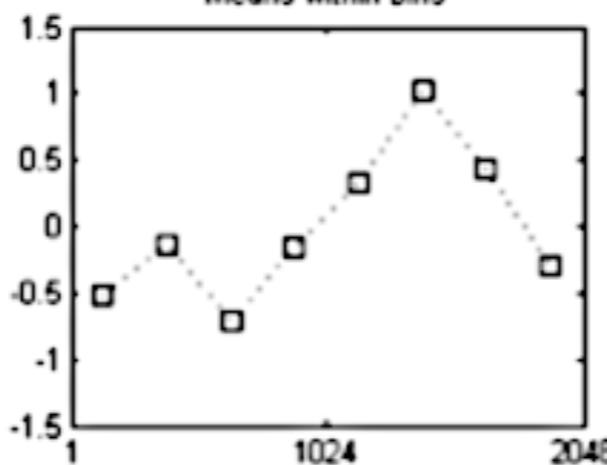
Means within bins



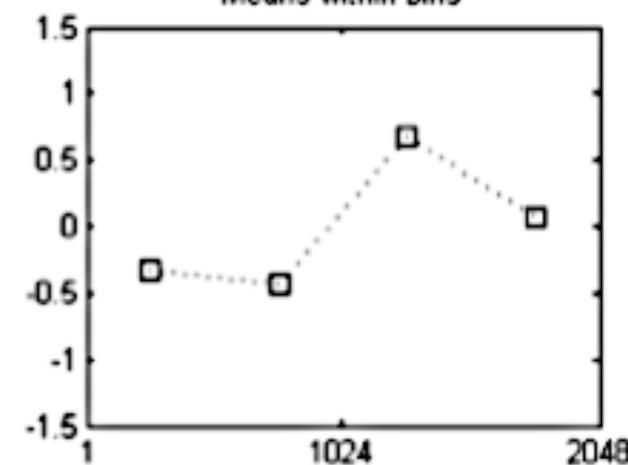
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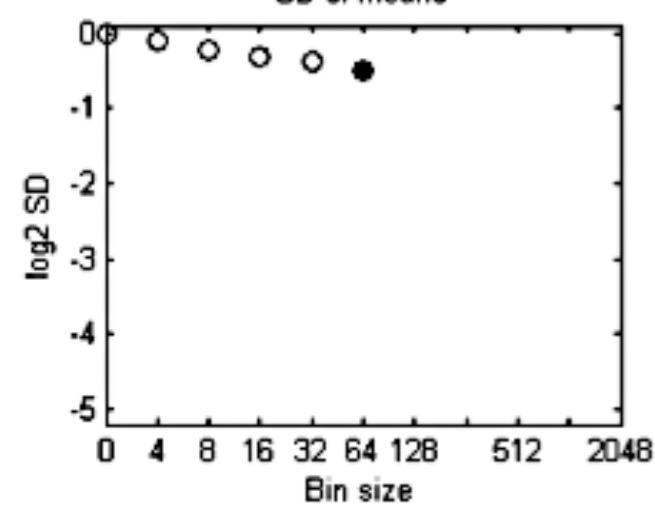
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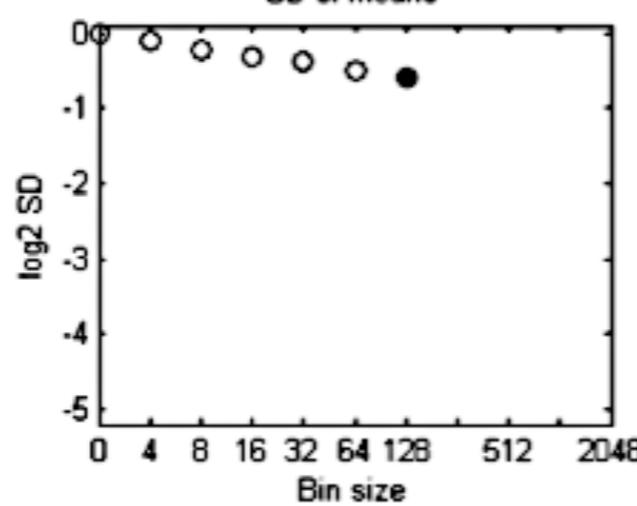
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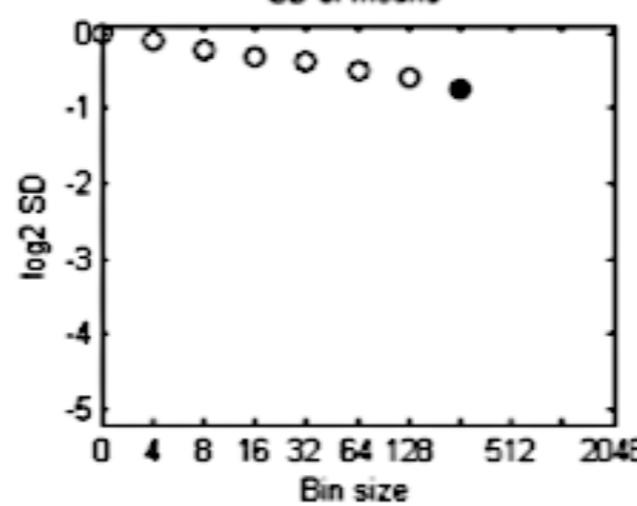
SD of means



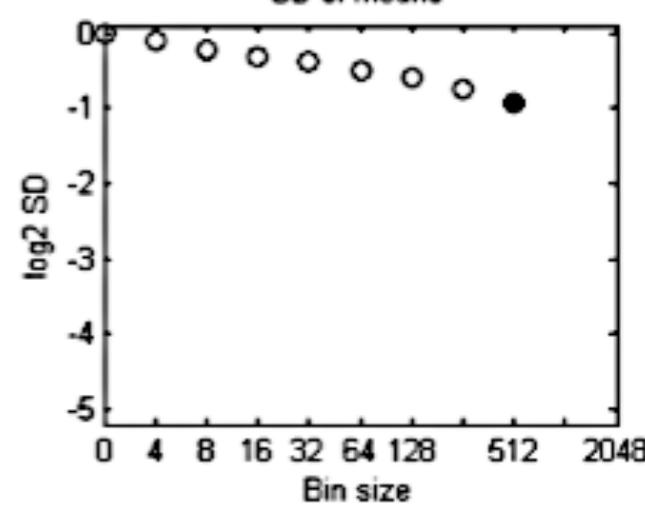
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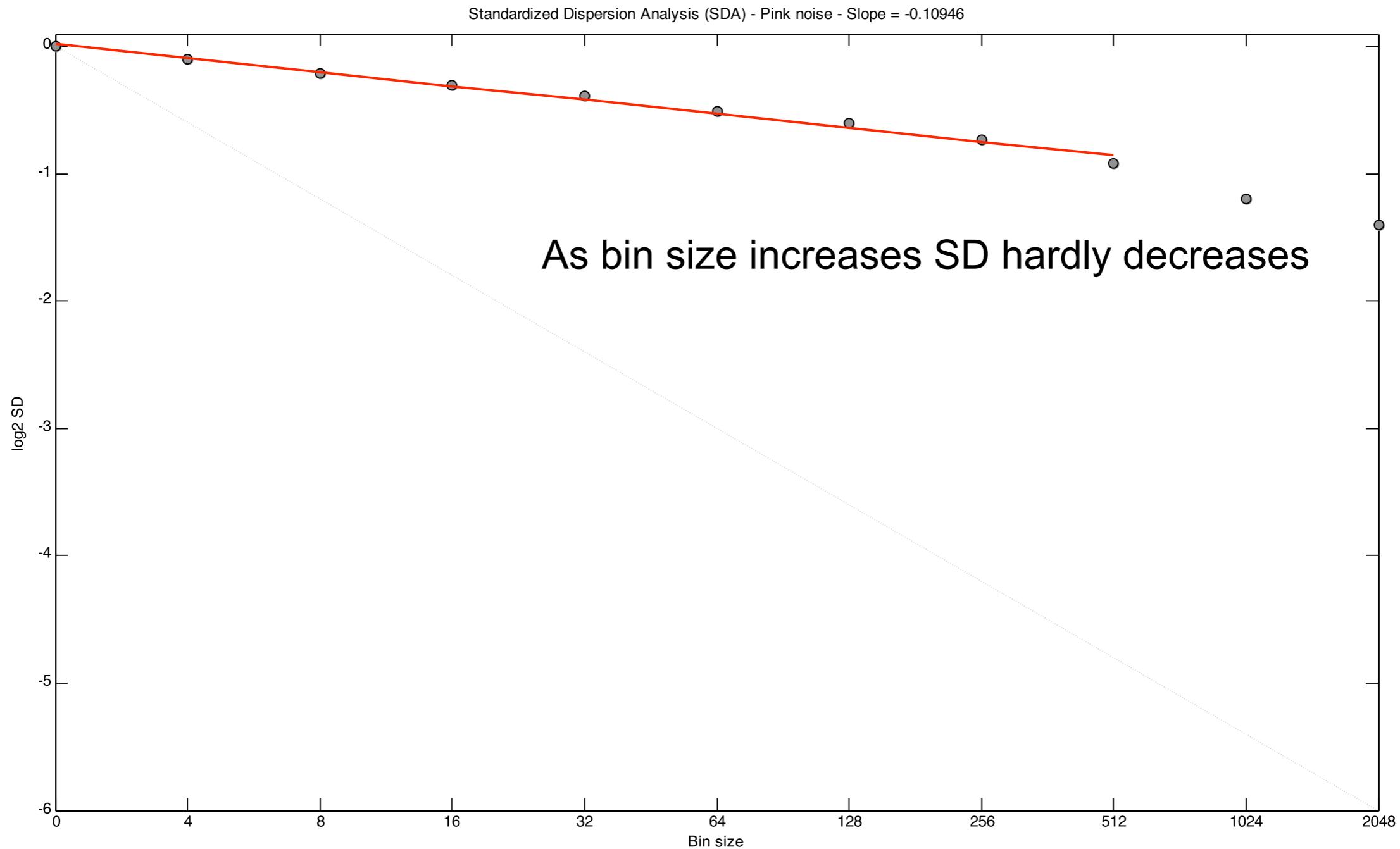
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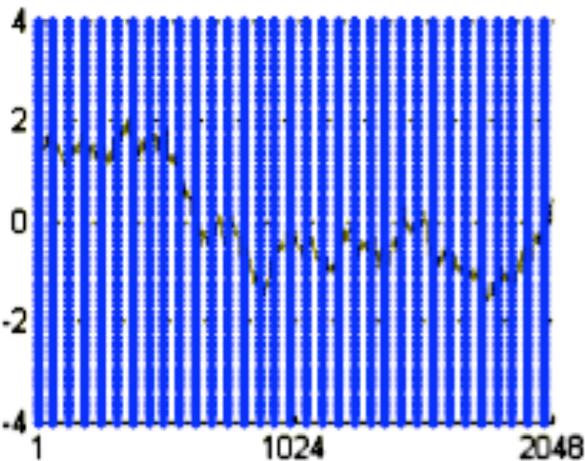
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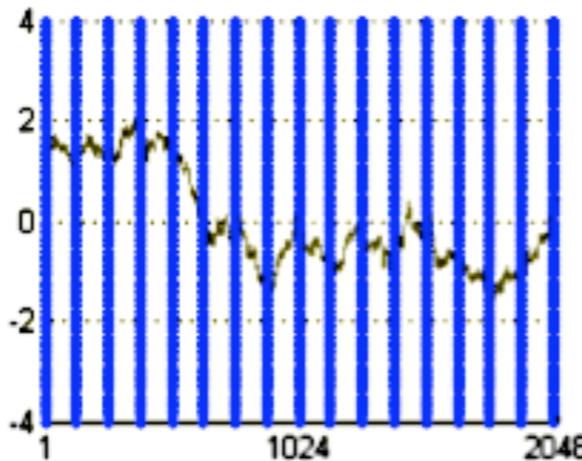
**Fractal dimension = 1 - (slope of line)**  
**FD = 1 - (-0.11) = 1.11**



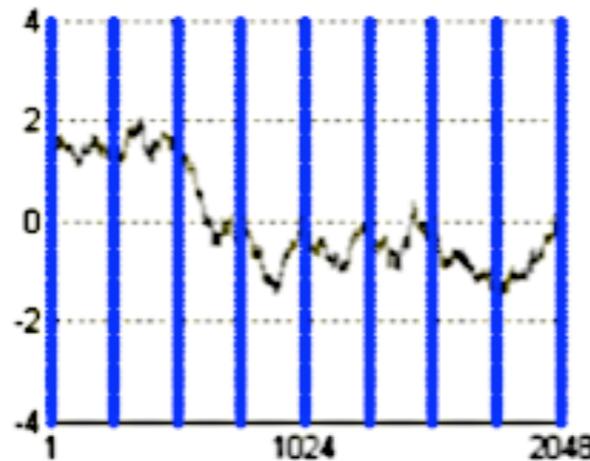
Normalized Brownian noise - bin size: 64



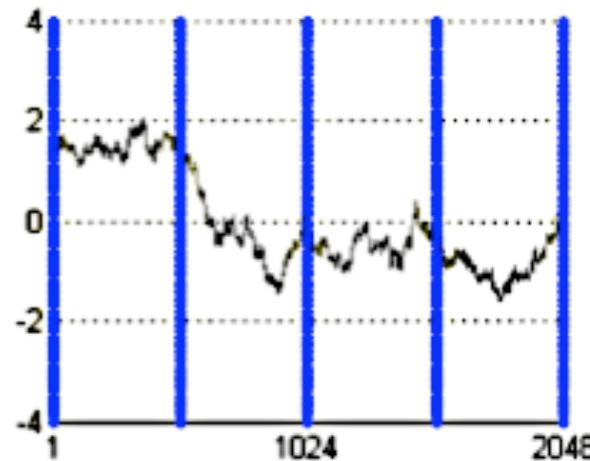
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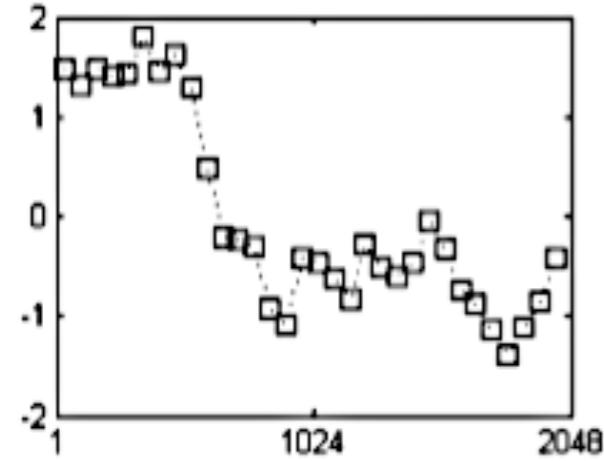
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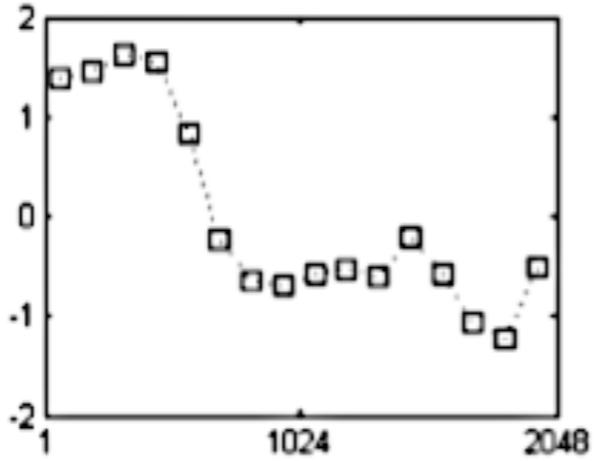
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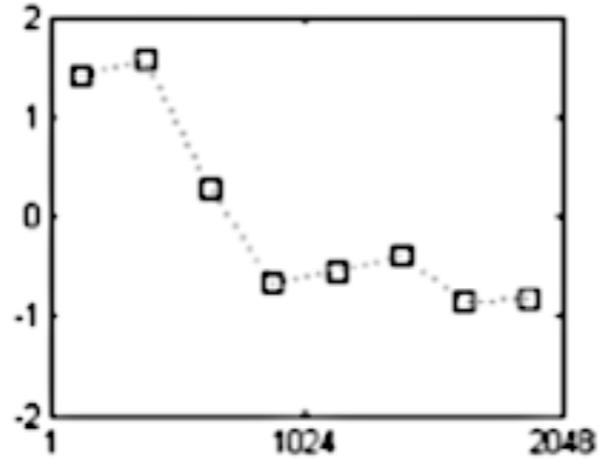
Means within bins



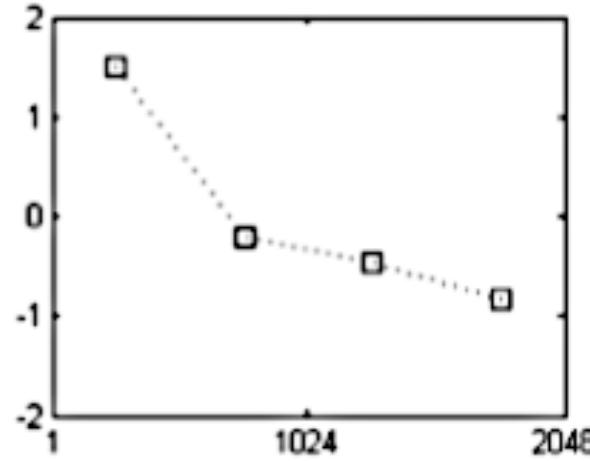
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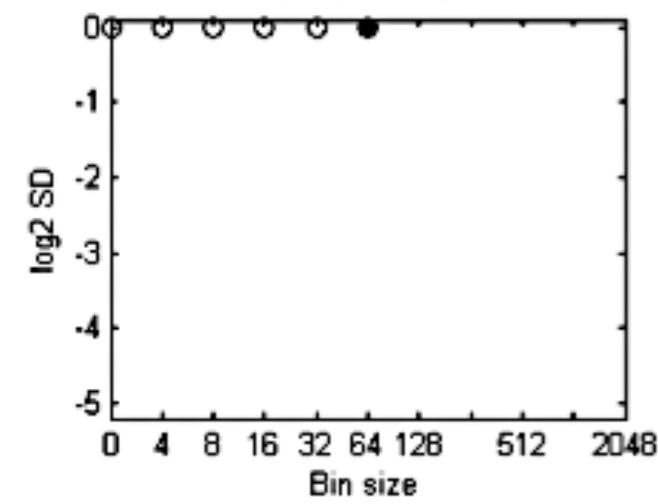
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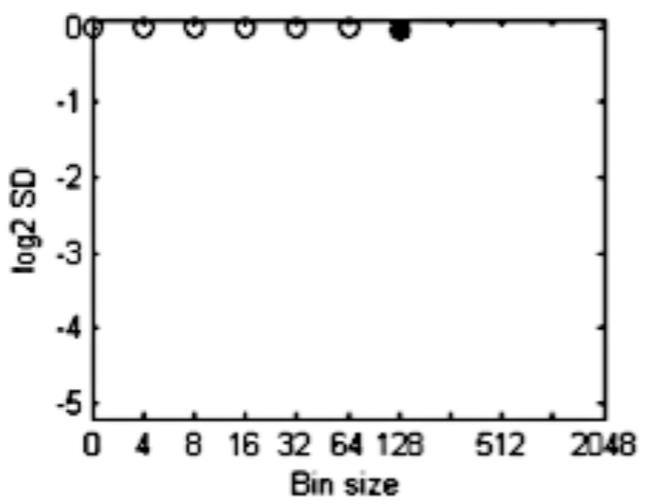
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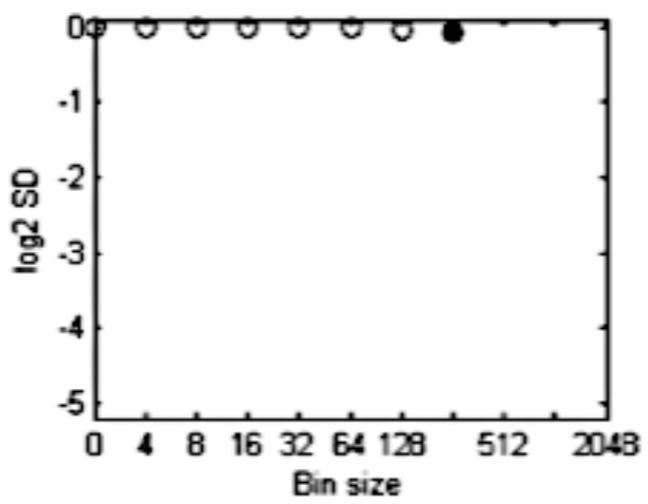
SD of means



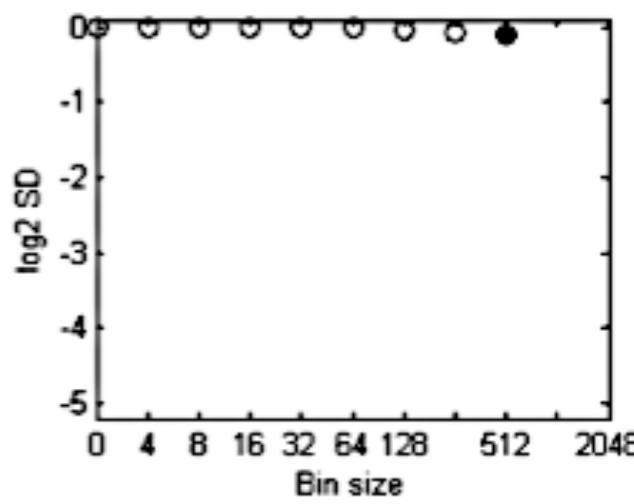
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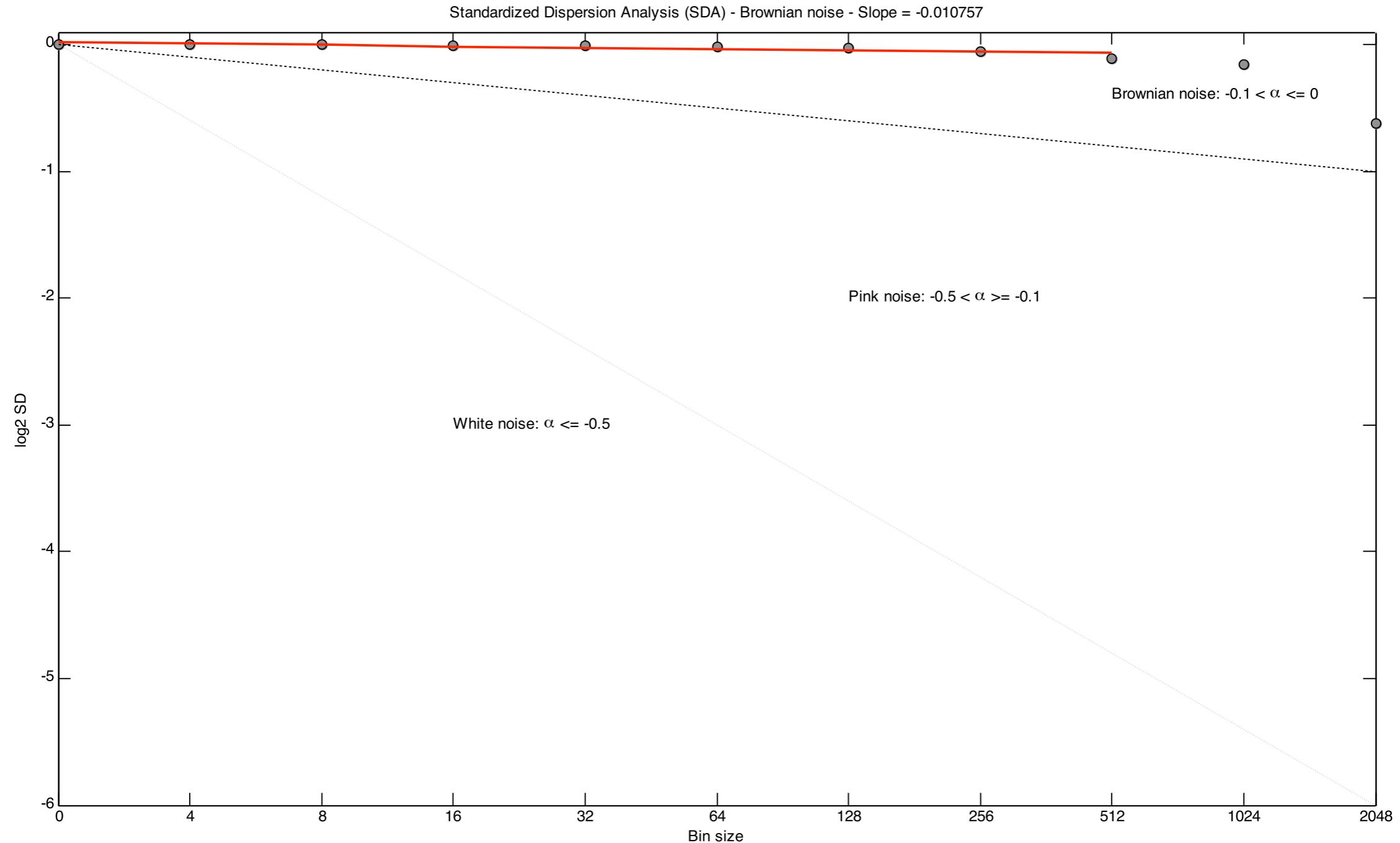
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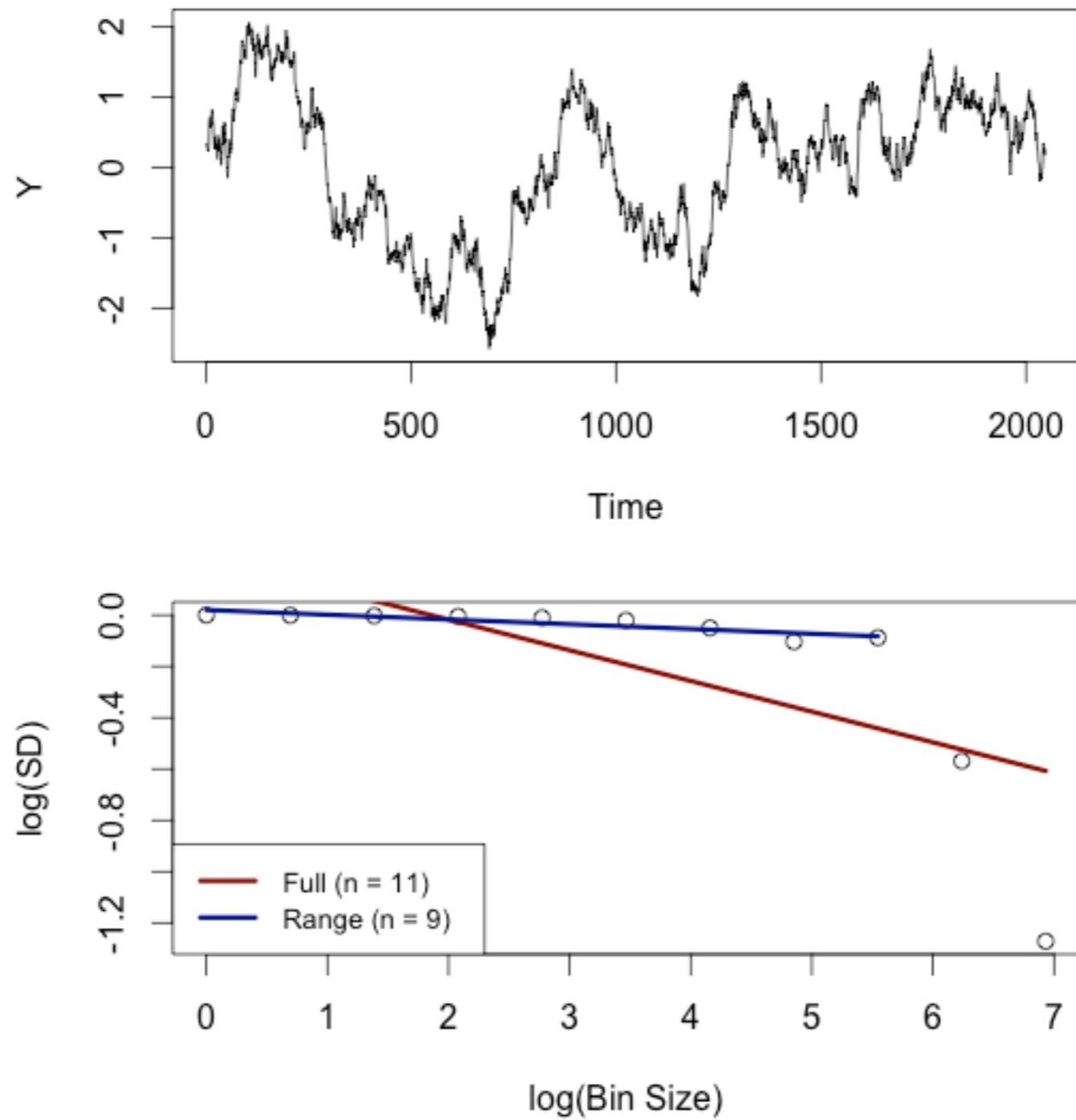
SD of means



**Fractal dimension = 1 - (slope of line)**  
**FD = 1 - (-0.01) = 1.01**



Full sap: -0.12 | H:0.88 | FD:1.12  
Range sap: -0.02 | H:0.88 | FD:1.02

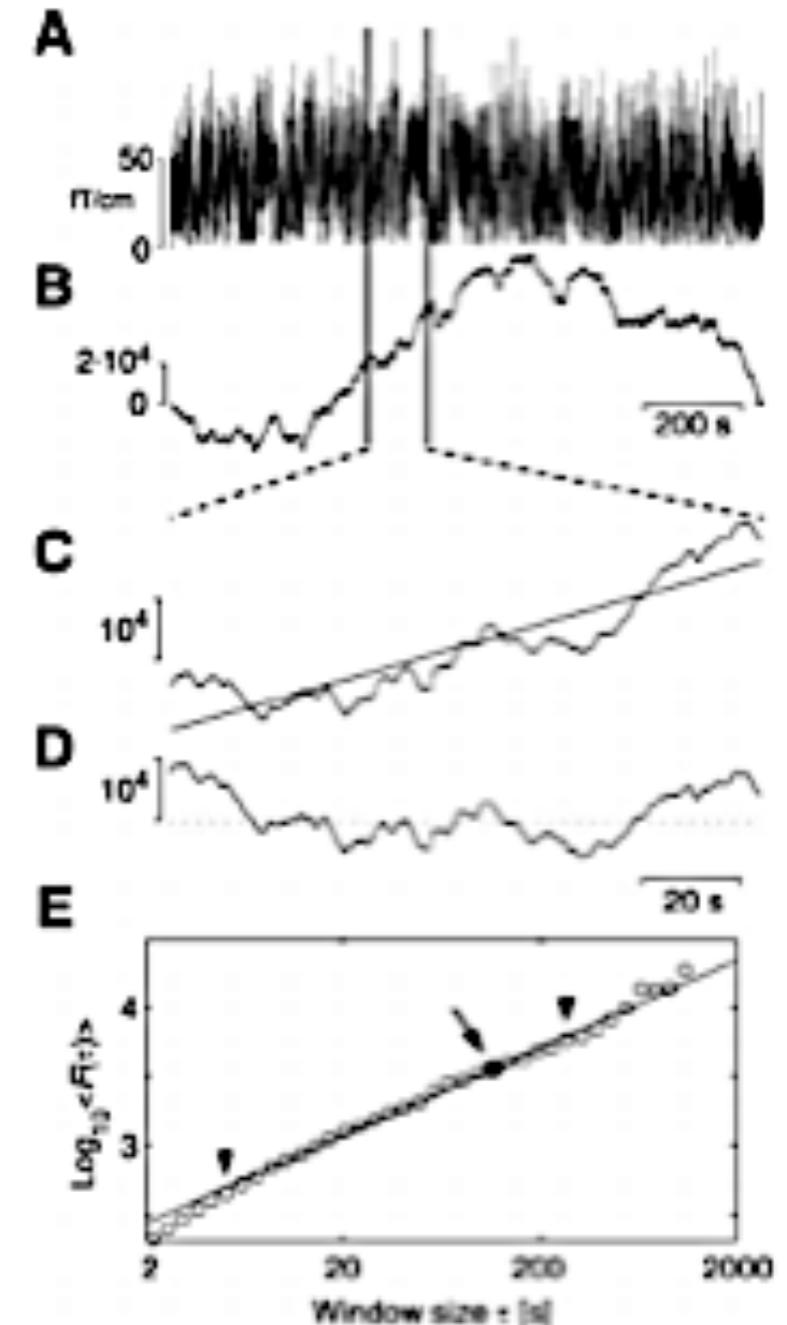


## Detrended Fluctuation Analysis

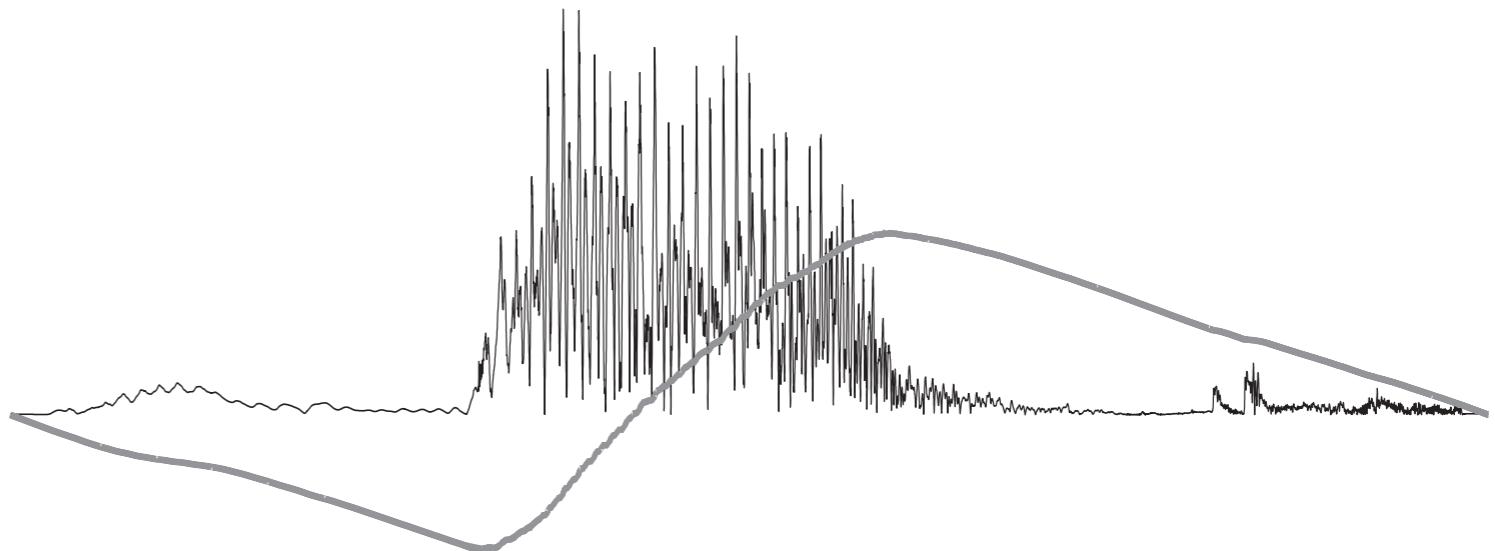
Same logic as SDA except:

- A. Signal is integrated
- B. Divided into bins
- C. Detrended (linear)
- D. Remaining SD is the dispersion measure
- E. Plot on  $\text{Log}_{10}$  scale and calculate slope (alpha)
- $FD = 2 - (\text{slope})$

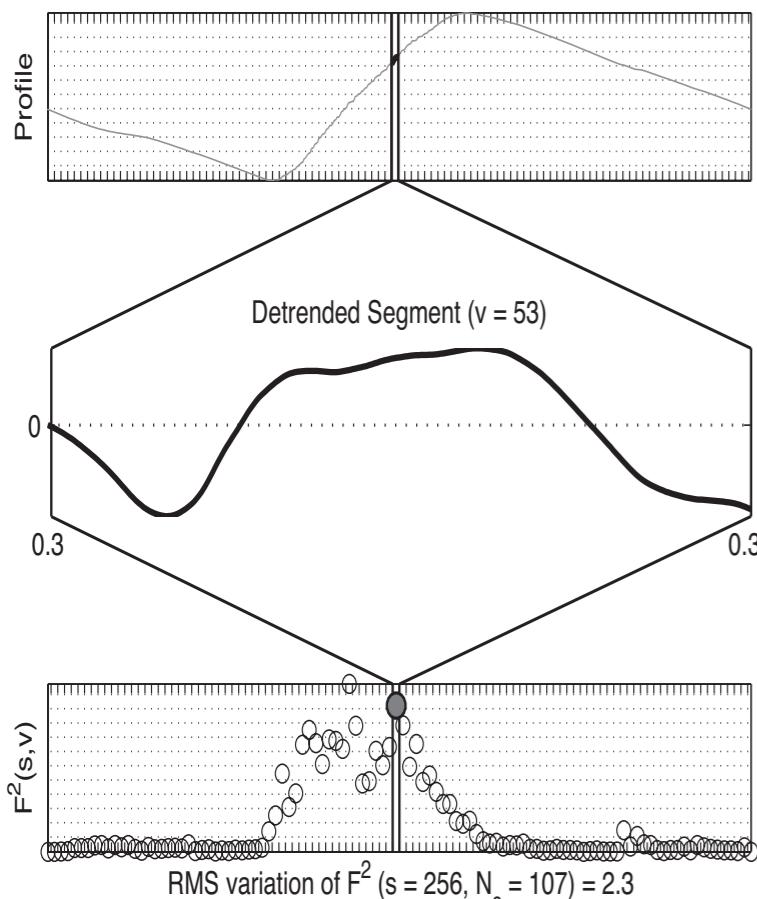
Or **C & D** in one step: fit a line in the bin and take SD of residuals... same result.



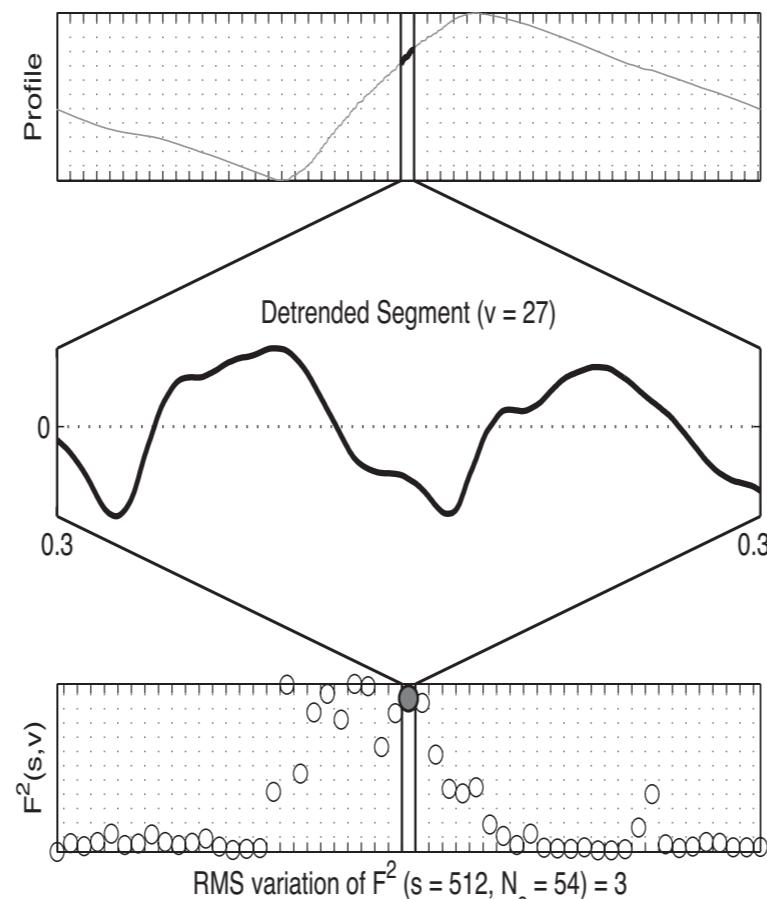
# DFA



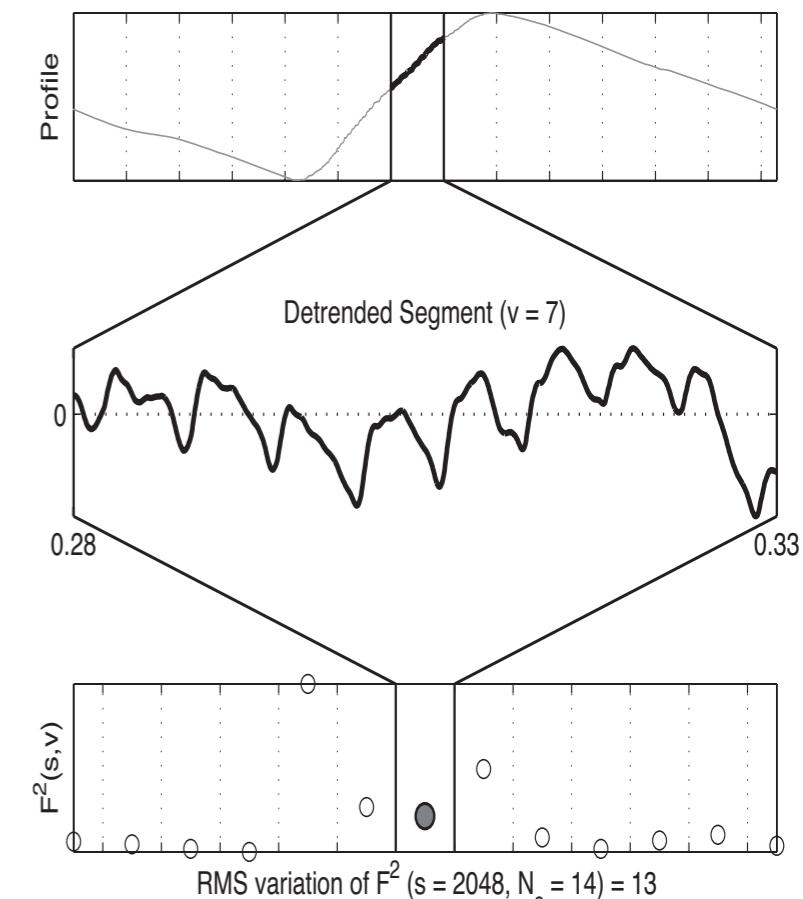
$s = 256$  (scale) |  $N_s = 107$  (segments v)



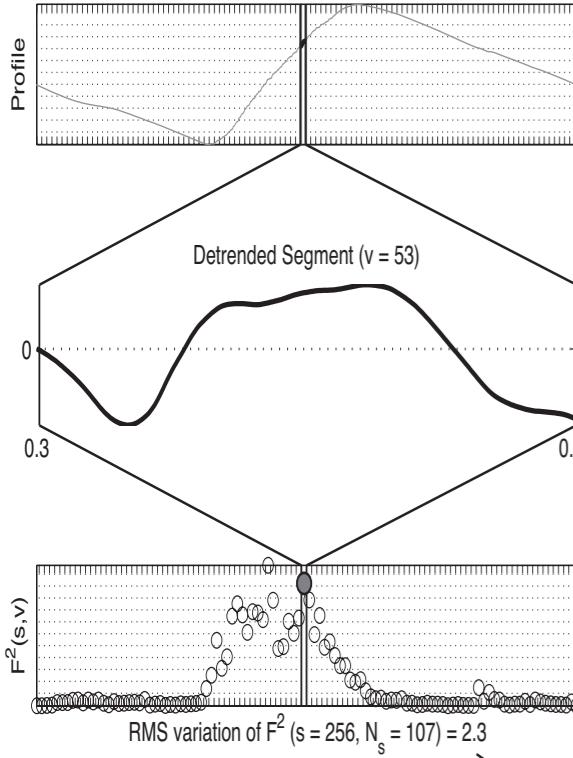
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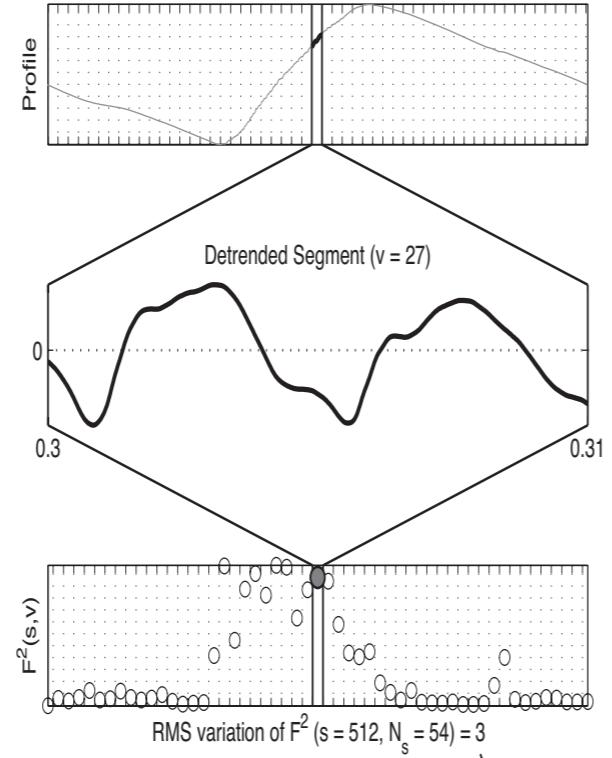
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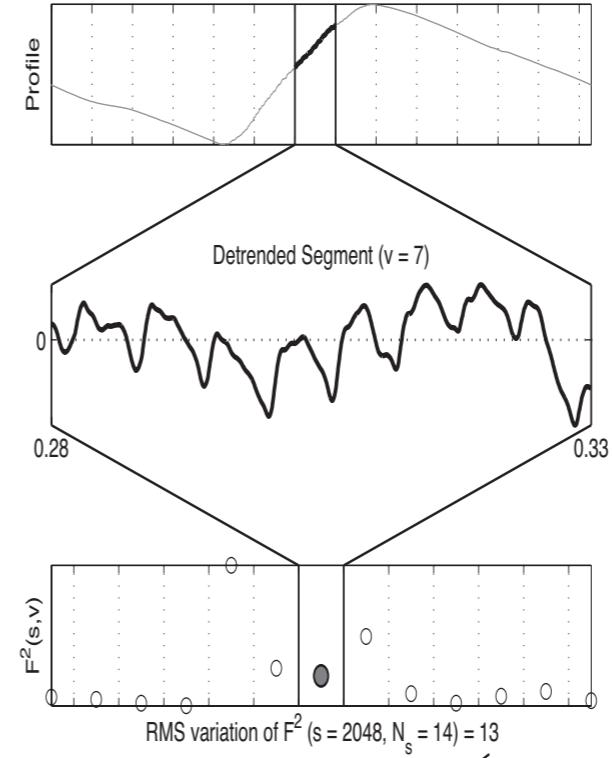
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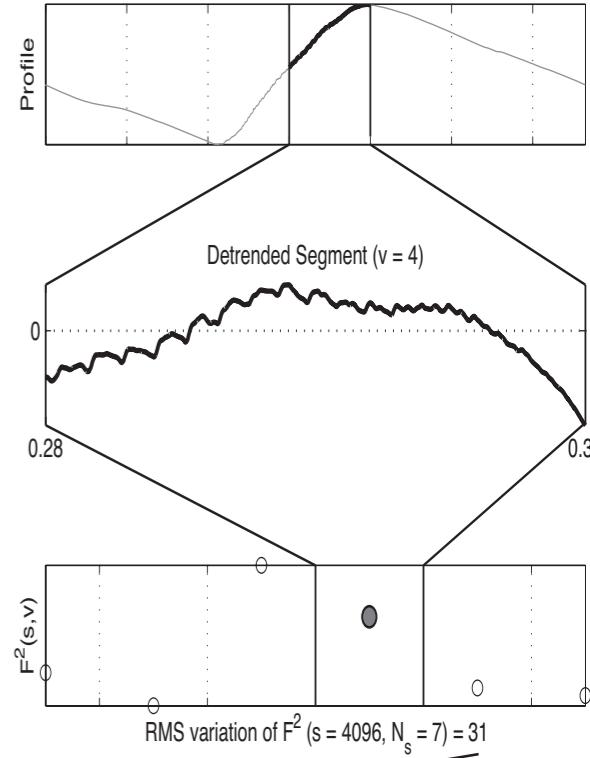
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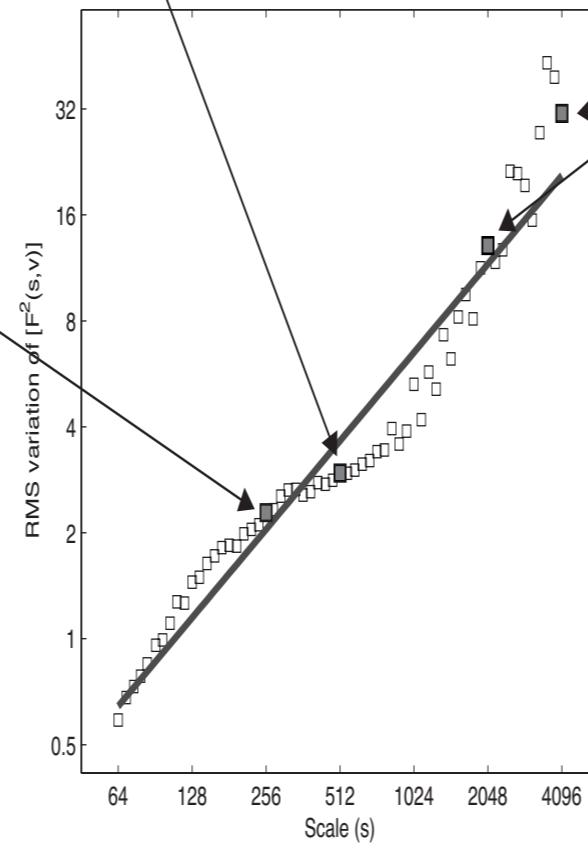
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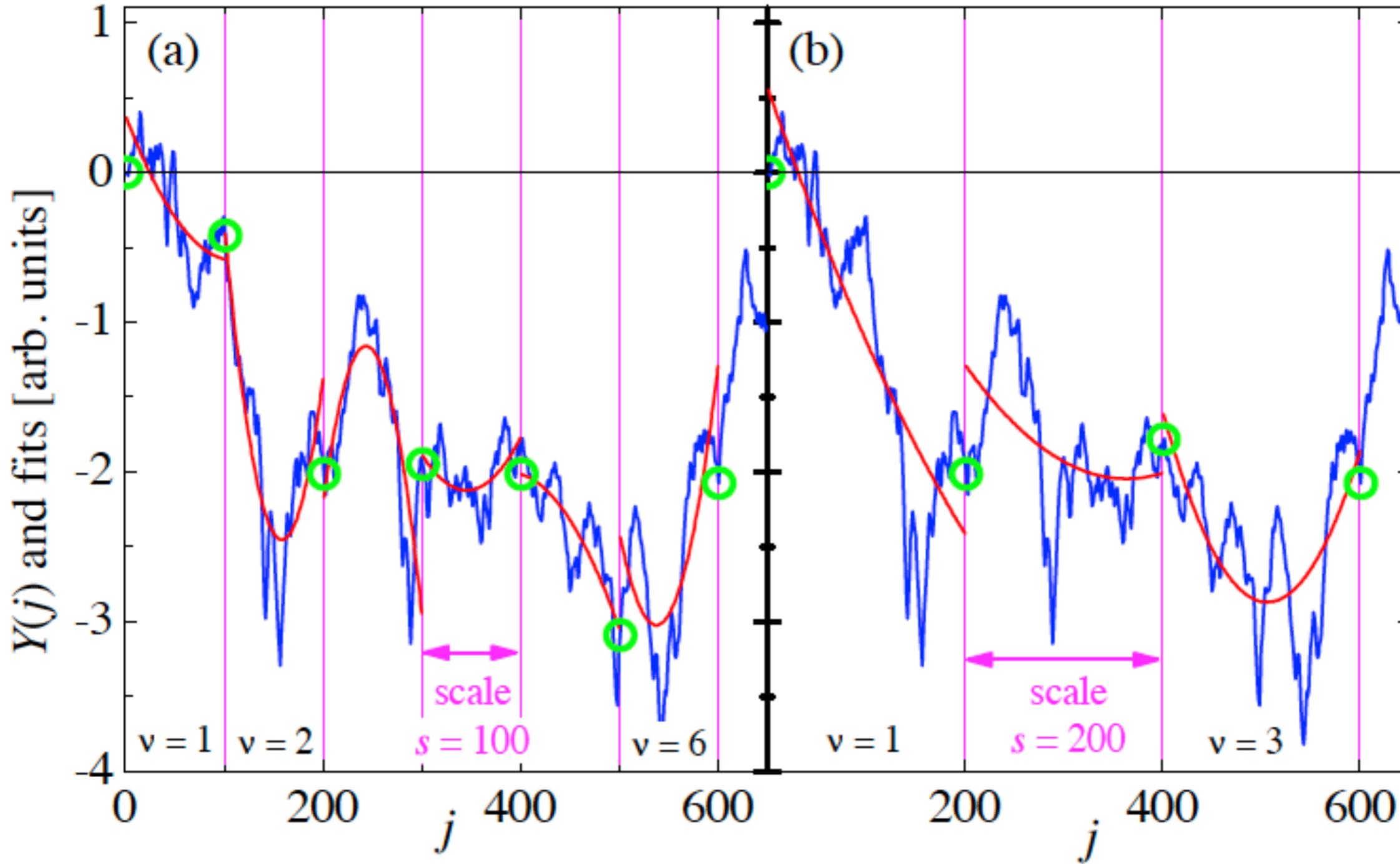
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# DFA

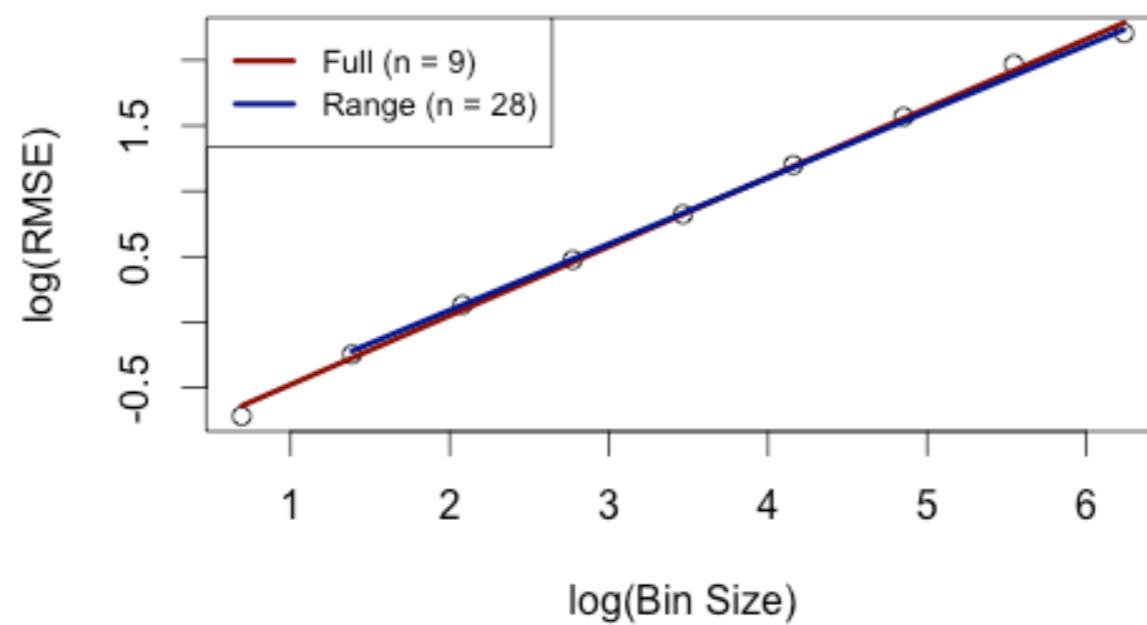
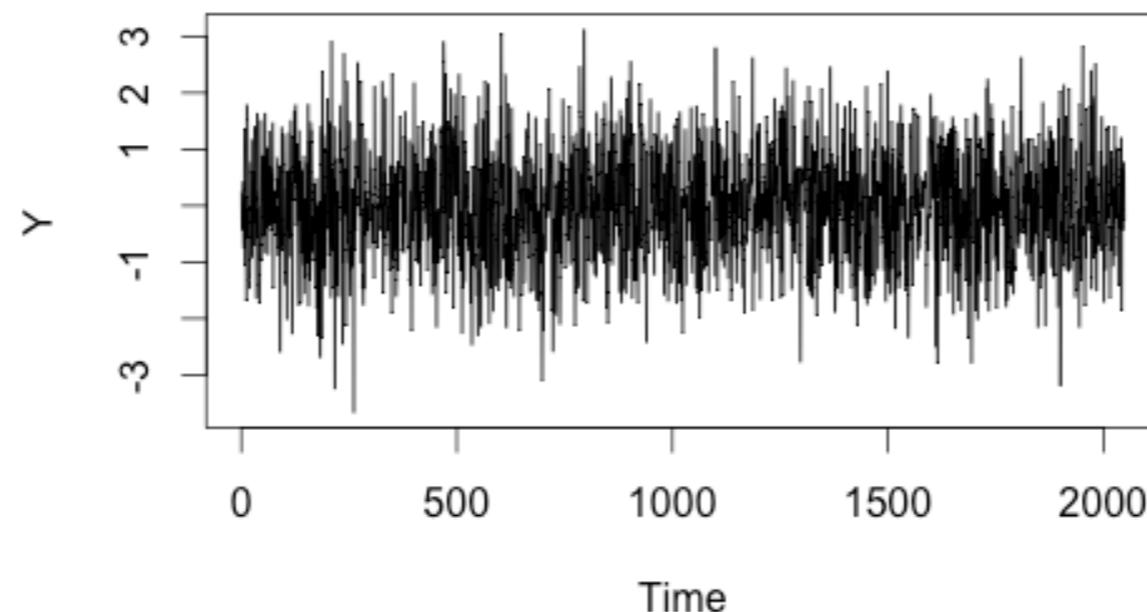


## Detrended Fluctuation Analysis: Different ‘orders’ of detrending



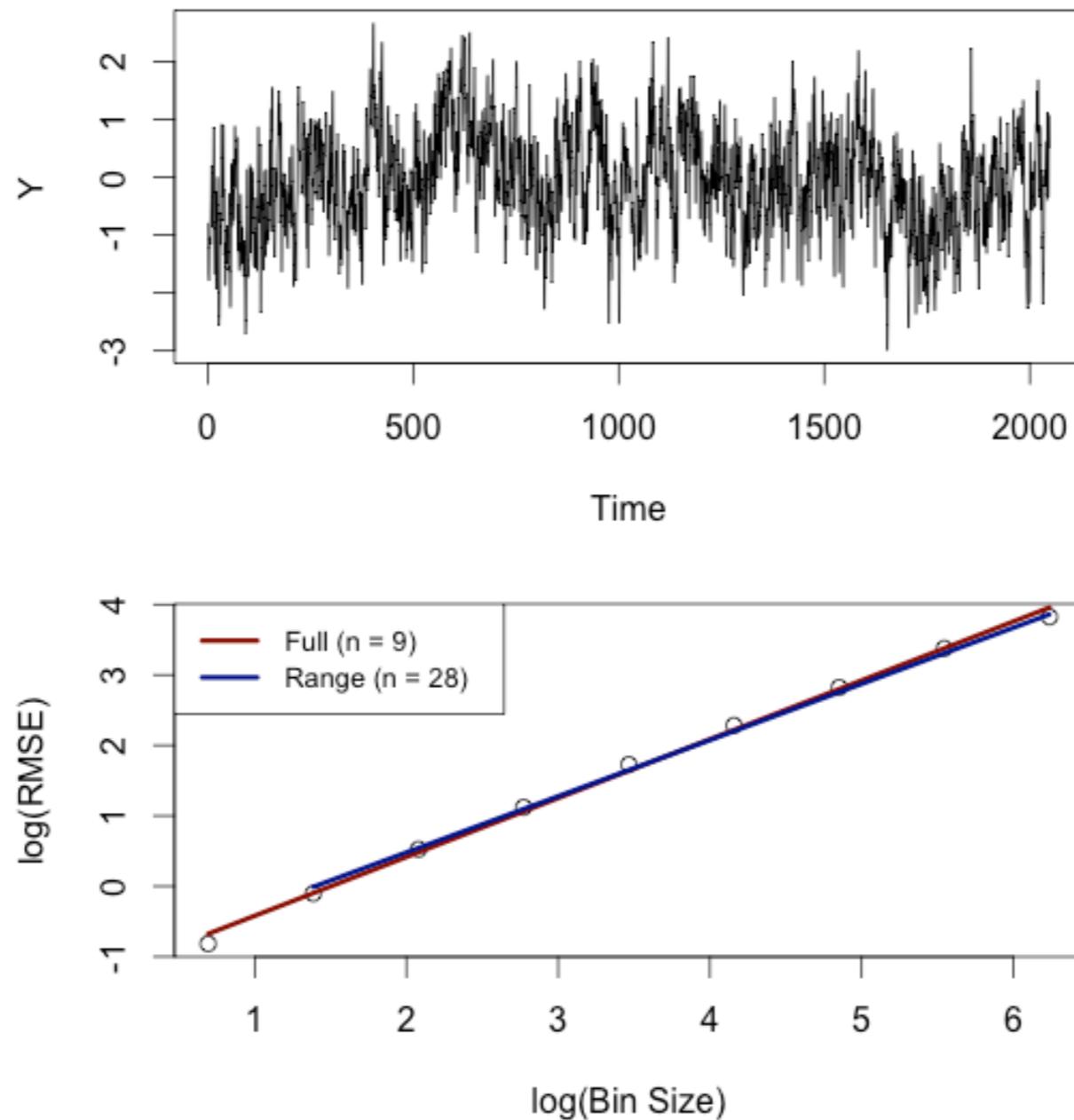
# Detrended Fluctuation Analysis:

Full sap: 0.53 | H:0.54 | FD:1.48  
Range sap: 0.51 | H:0.51 | FD:1.5



# Detrended Fluctuation Analysis:

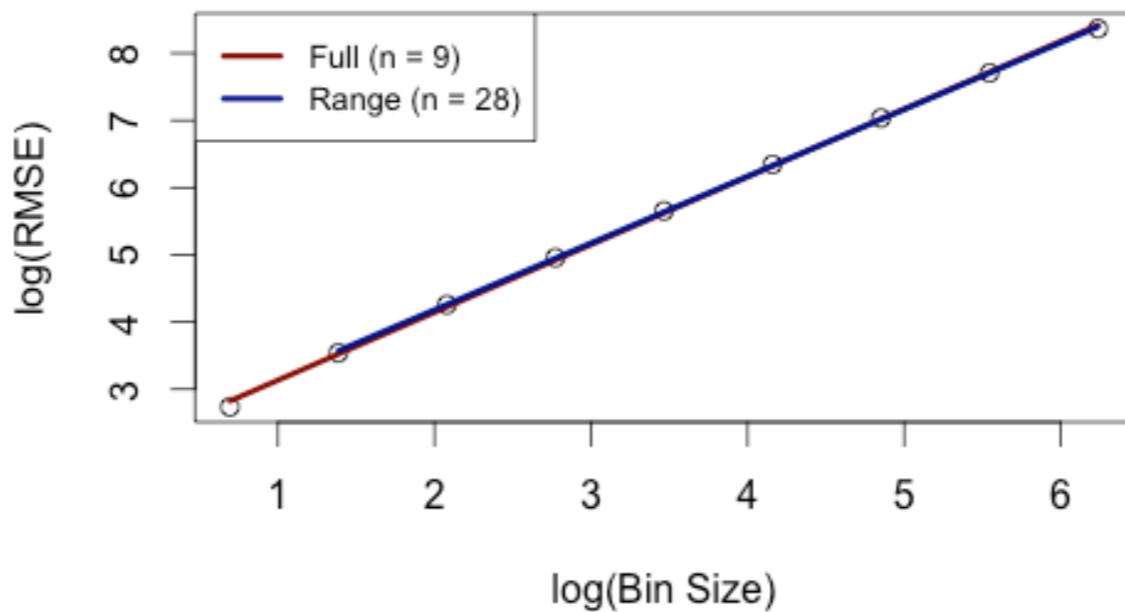
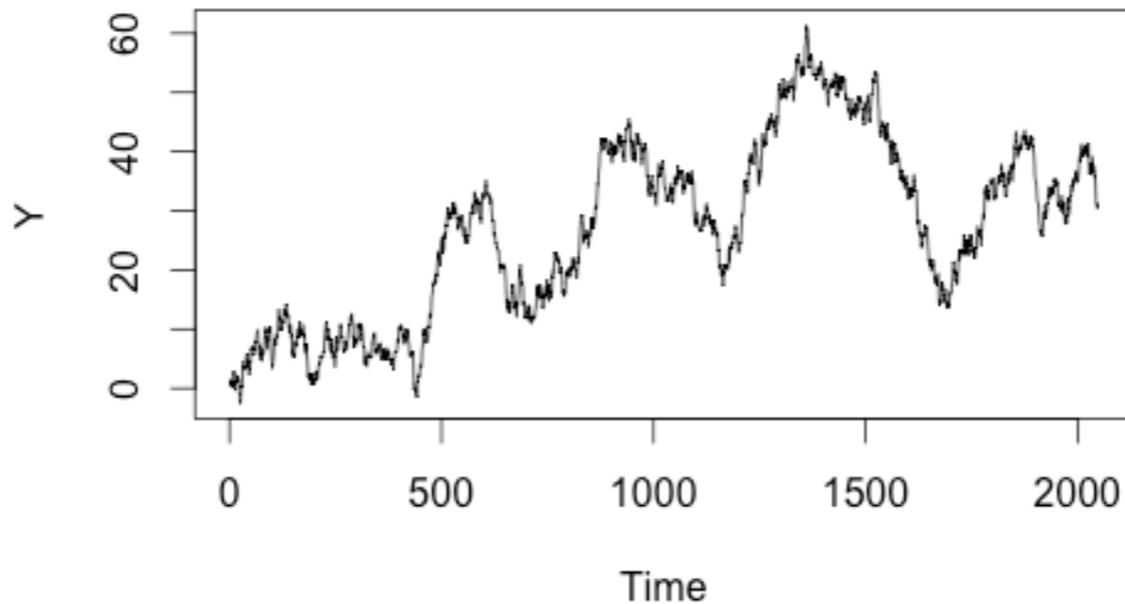
Full sap: 0.84 | H:0.86 | FD:1.28  
Range sap: 0.8 | H:0.82 | FD:1.3



# Detrended Fluctuation Analysis:

Full sap: 1.01 | H:1.02 | FD:1.2

Range sap: 0.99 | H:1 | FD:1.2



## Report three values

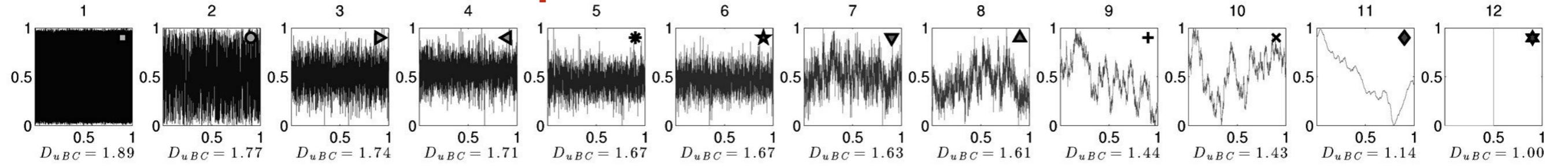
|                | FD from<br>Spectral Slope | FD from<br>SDA | FD from<br>DFA |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| White noise    |                           |                |                |
| Pink noise     |                           |                |                |
| Brownian noise |                           |                |                |



# Some data censoring and normalising is necessary

- **All analyses:**
  - Data points:  $2^n$ , minimum 1024 ( $n=10$ ):  
*“If you have not found the fractal pattern, you have not taken enough data”* (Machlup, 1977)
  - Remove 3 SD if necessary
- **Spectral analysis:**
  - Normalize the data (z-score transform:  $(X - \text{mean}(X)) / \text{SD}(X)$ )
  - Remove linear trend if necessary (detrend)
  - Decide number of frequencies to estimate, min. 512
- **SDA:**
  - Normalize the data (z-score transform:  $(X - \text{mean}(X)) / \text{SD}(X)$ )
- **DFA:**
  - Nothing extra, analysis integrates and detrends the signal

# Planar Extent: How plane-like is a waveform?



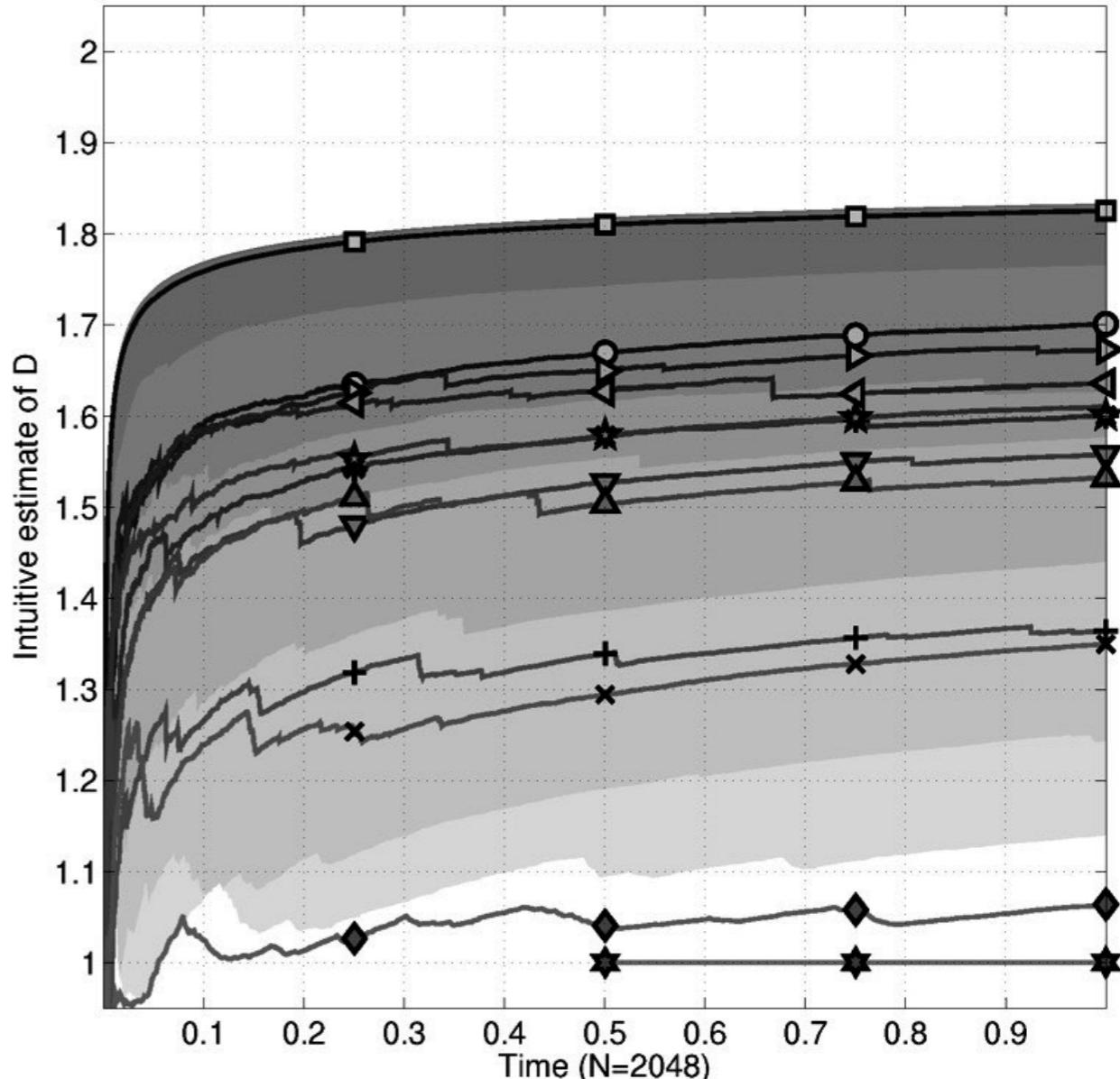
Plane-like

Line-like

Sevcik method:

$$D \approx \lim_{N' \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 1 + \frac{\ln(L) - \ln(2)}{\ln(2 * N')} \right]$$

- 1: Violet noise ( $f^2$ )
- 2: White uniform noise ( $f^0$ ,  $\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$  random numbers)
- 3: Blue noise ( $f^1$ )
- 4:  $fGn : H = 0.1$
- 5: White Gaussian noise ( $f^0$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  random numbers)
- 6: White Gaussian noise ( $f^0$ ,  $fGn : H = 0.5$ )
- 7: Pink noise ( $f^{-1}$ ,  $fGn : H = 0.9$ )
- 8: Pink noise ( $f^{-1}$ ,  $fBm : H = 0.1$ )
- 9: standard Brownian motion ( $D = 1.5$ ,  $\sum Waveform 5$ )
- 10: standard Brownian motion ( $D = 1.5$ ,  $fBm : H = 0.5$ )
- 11: Brownian (red) noise ( $f^{-2}$ ,  $fBm : H = 0.9$ )
- 12: Square wave with period  $2\pi$  ( $f^{-2}$ , Gibbs phenomenon)

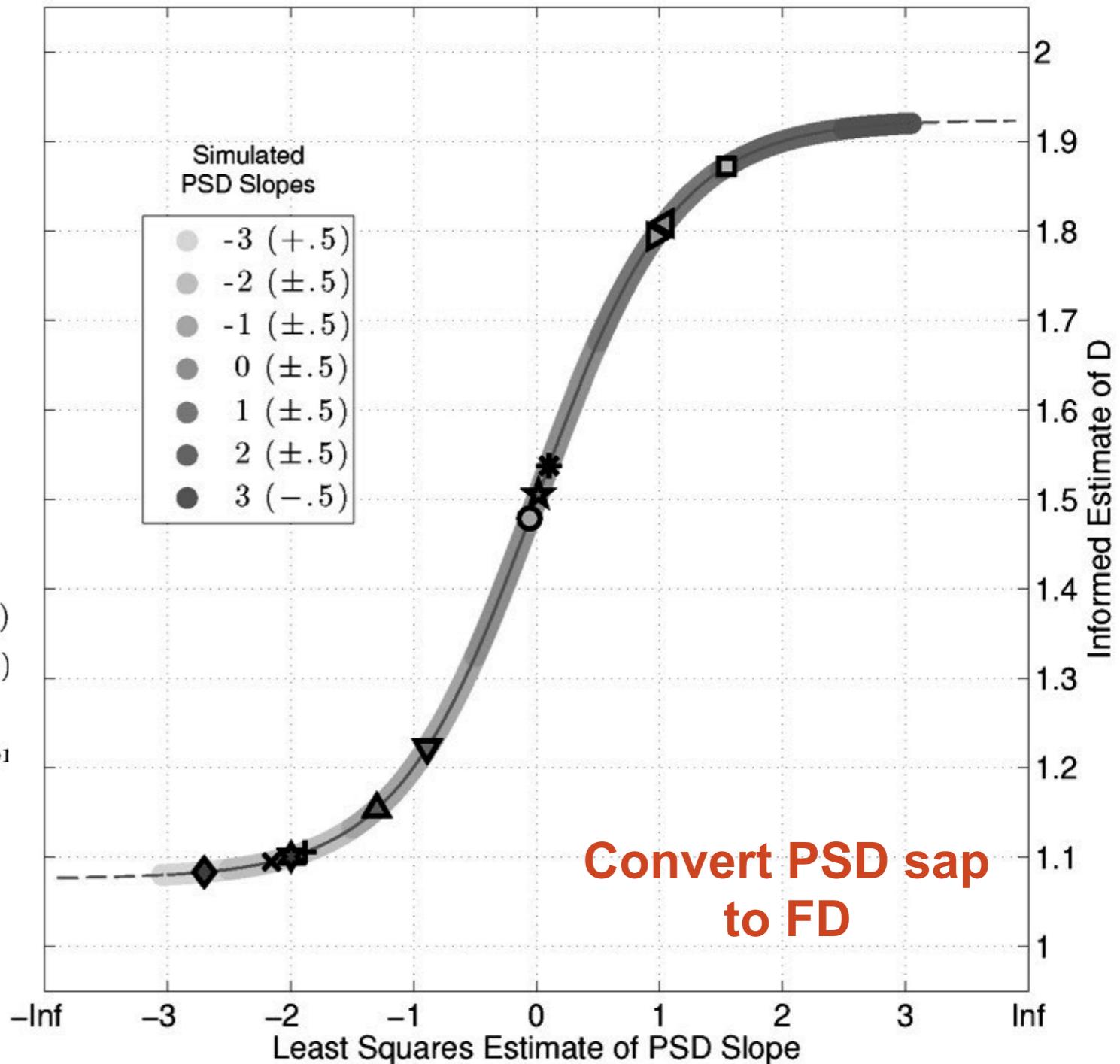


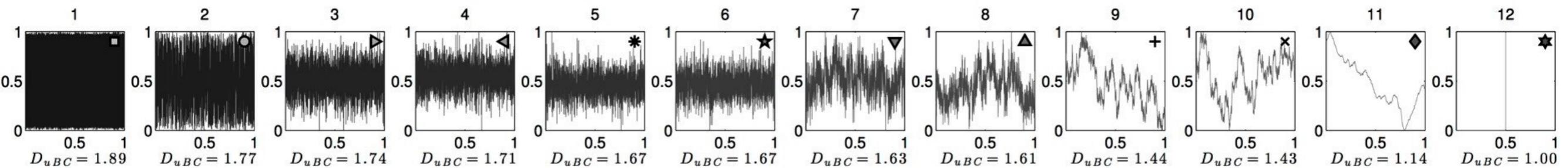
## Convert sap to FD

Informed PSD slope conversion:

$$D \approx \frac{3}{2} + \frac{14}{33} * \tanh \left( Slope * \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) \right)$$

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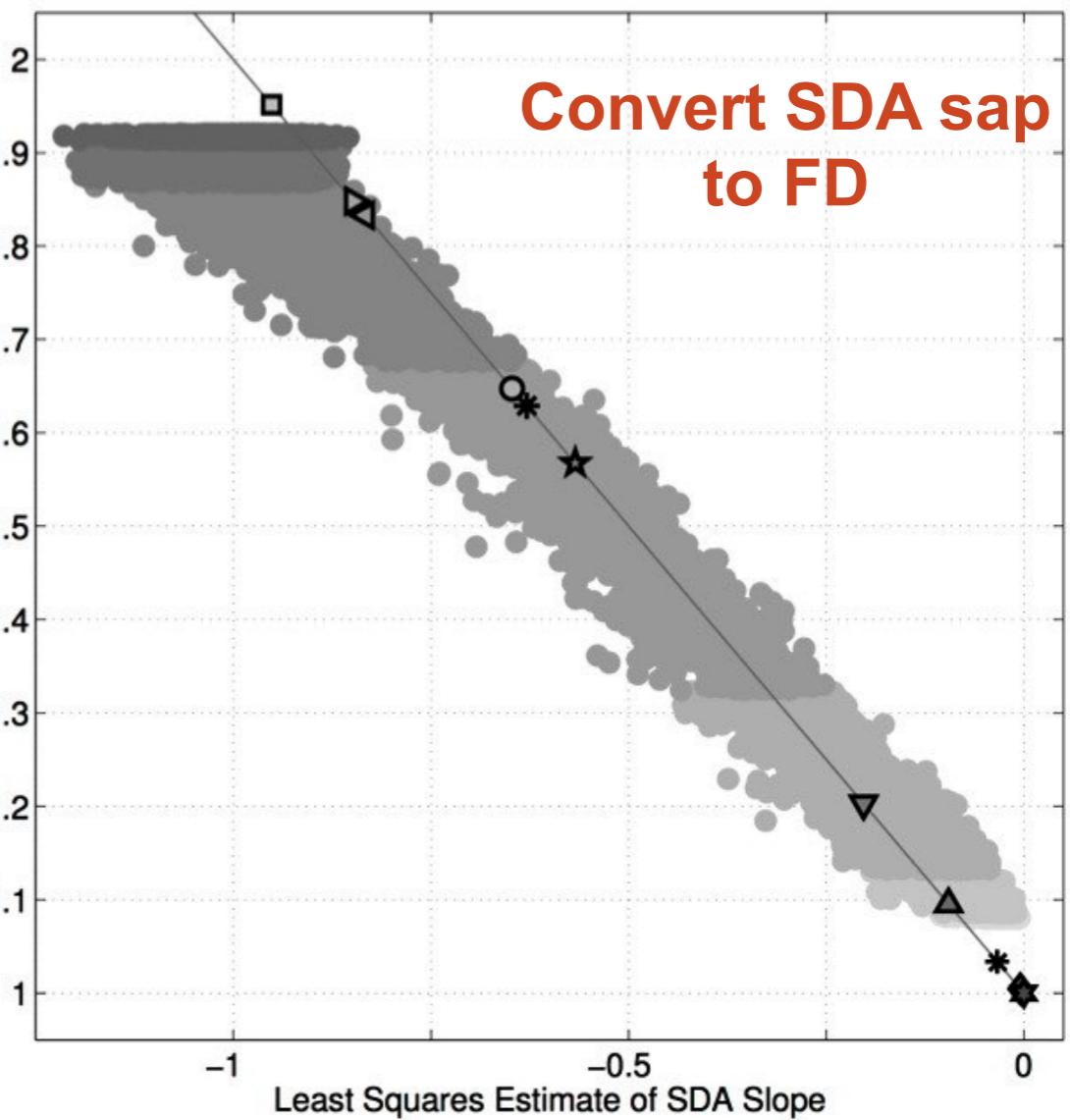
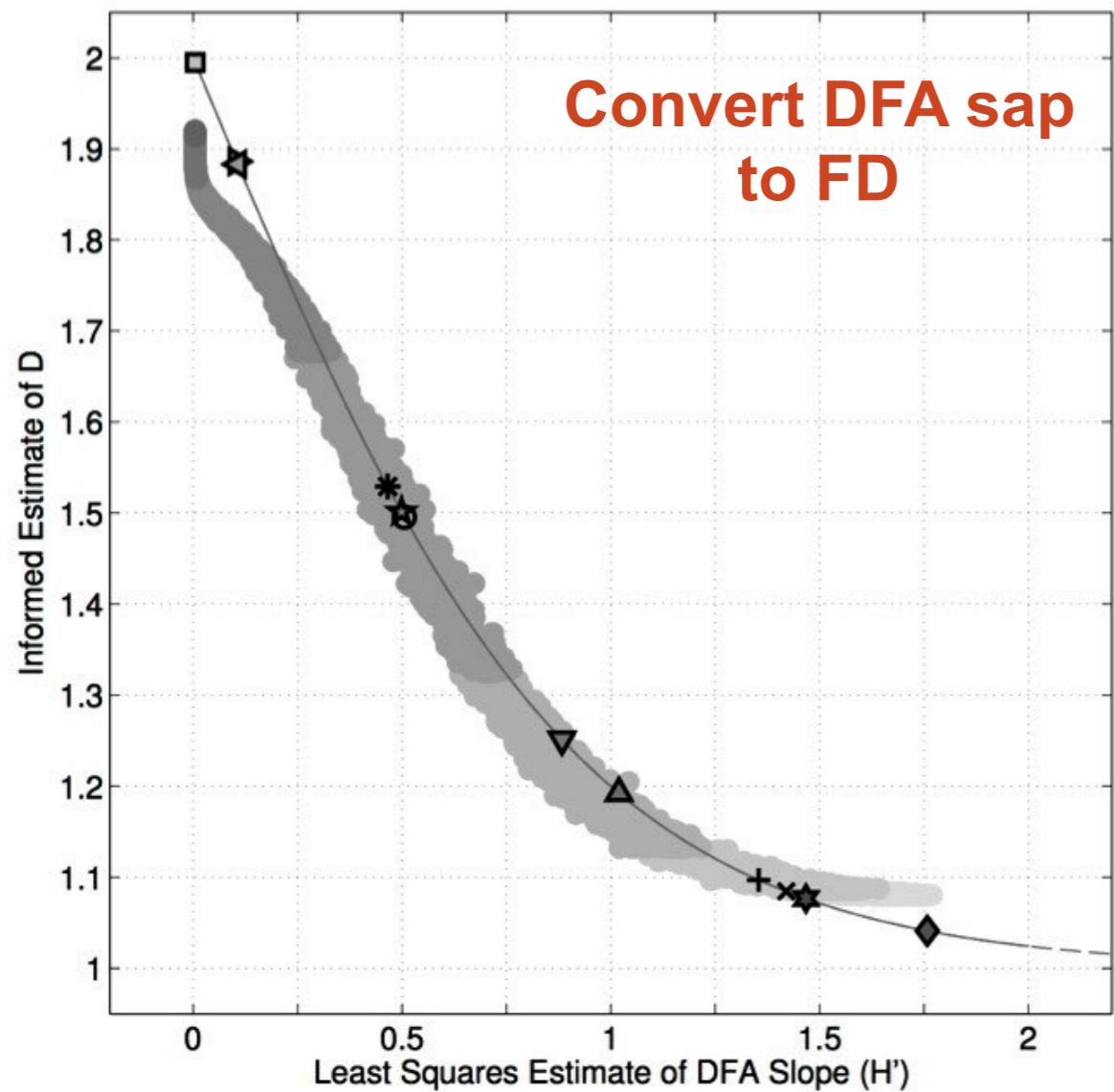


Informed DFA slope conversion:

$$D \approx 2 - \tanh(\text{Slope} * \ln(3))$$

Informed SDA slope conversion:

$$D \approx 1 - (\text{Slope})$$

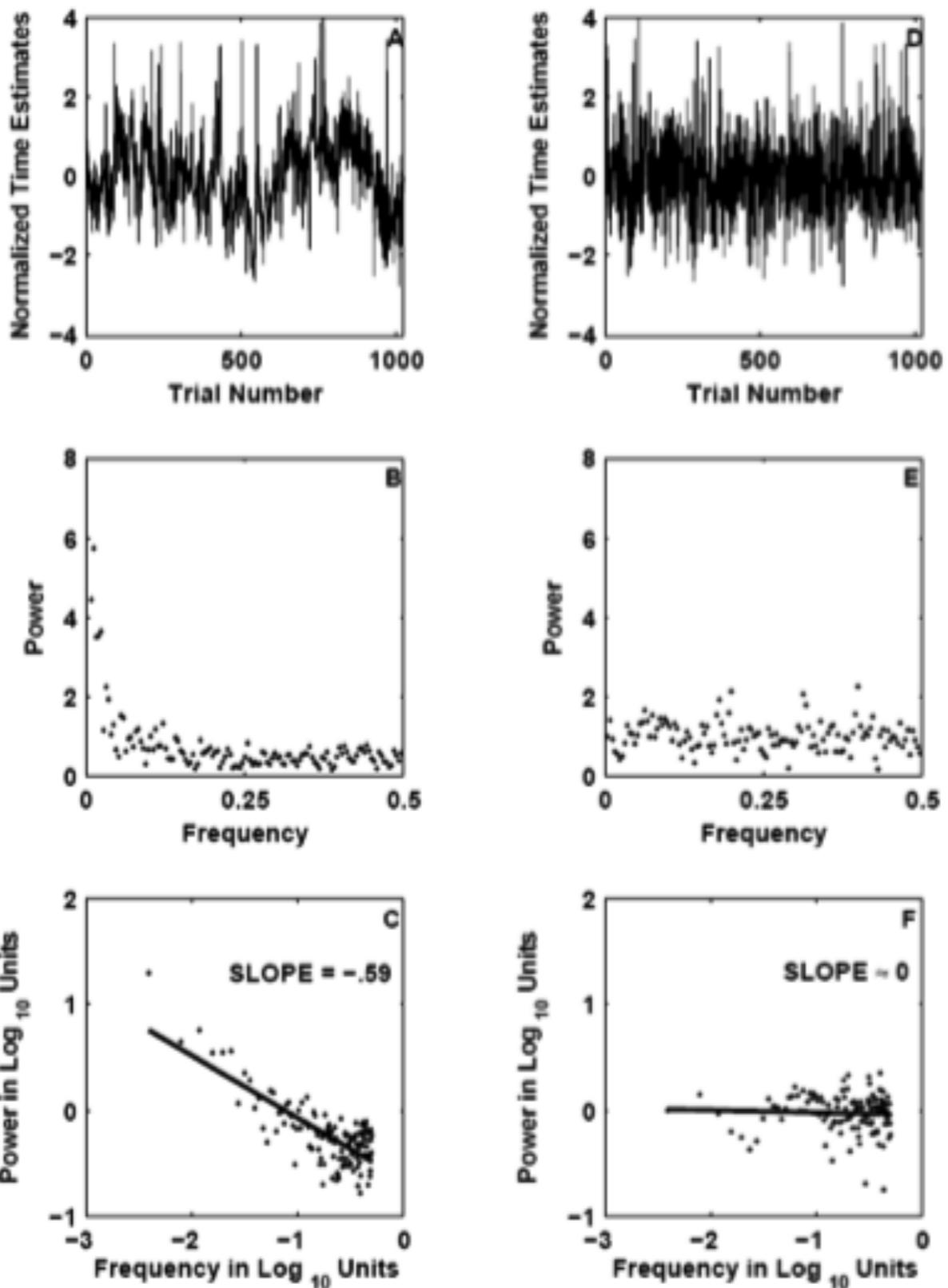


Important: The scaling relation exists only  
In the time series as it was recorded.

If you randomise the timeseries after it  
was recorded and loose the temporal  
structure (dynamics) white noise appears!

*So even if you randomised your stimuli,  
the noise is in the temporal, dynamical  
structure of the time series.*

Test whether your fractal slope deviates from  
white noise by calculating a lot of random  
slopes.



# Success!

- We have successfully characterised the data in terms of (one) complexity measure
- This is not possible with traditional measures
- Next: That's all neat stuff, but what can I do with it?

