

Dynamics of Complex Systems

Fractal Geometry in Time Series:

Scaling
Fluctuation Analyses

DFA
SDA
PSD slope

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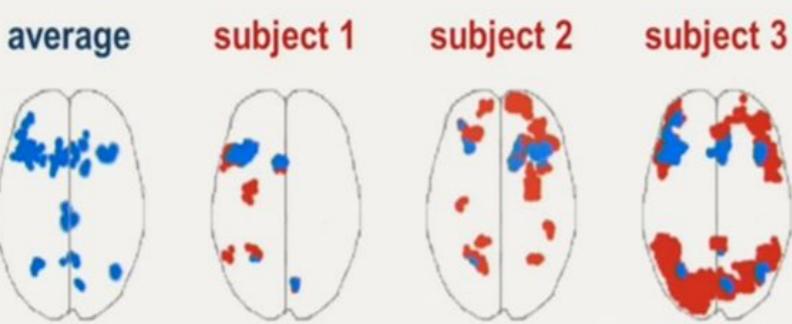


Story so far ...

- *Background:* Complexity Science / **Science of the Individual** / Systems Biology
- **Idiographic** versus **Nomothetic** goal of scientific explanation

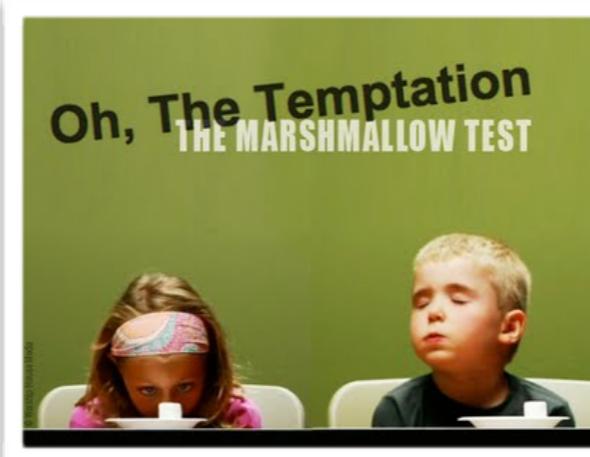
Principle of jaggedness

no individual corresponds to average



Principle of context

no behaviour is context independent

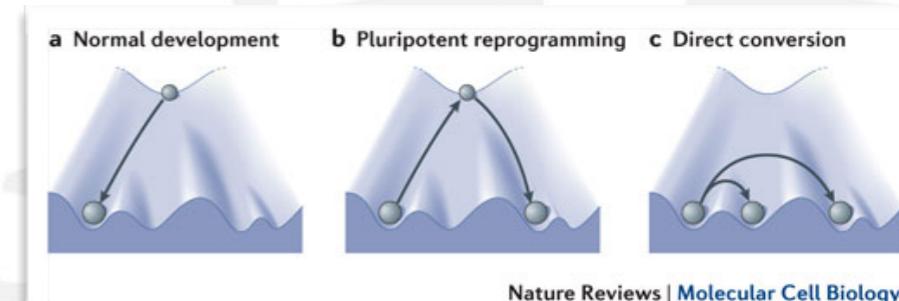


THE FAILERS...

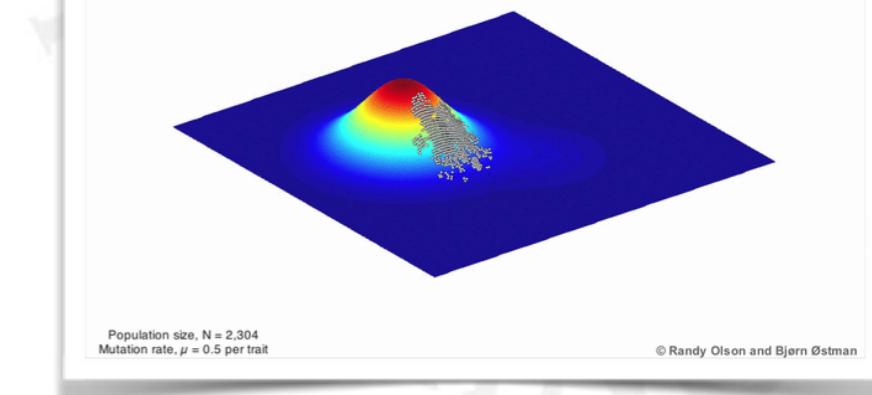
struggled more in stressful situations
had more trouble paying attention
had greater difficulty maintaining friendships
scored lower on the S.A.T. (by over 200 points)
prone to a much higher higher body-mass index
were more likely to have drug addictions

Principle of pathways

multiple trajectories to 'success'



Dynamic fitness landscape



Thread 1:

At age 27-32, those who had waited longest during the Marshmallow Test in preschool had a lower BMI, a better sense of self-worth, pursued their goals more effectively, and coped better with stress and frustration.



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Thread 6:

The more we learn about nature and nurture, the more it is clear that they inseparably shape each other. "A pre-disposition does not a pre-determination make."



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Thread 7:

Each child who waited successfully had a distinctive methodology for self-control. First, they had to remember and actively keep in mind their chosen goal.



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long range correlations attractor / repellor resistance to change context sensitivity

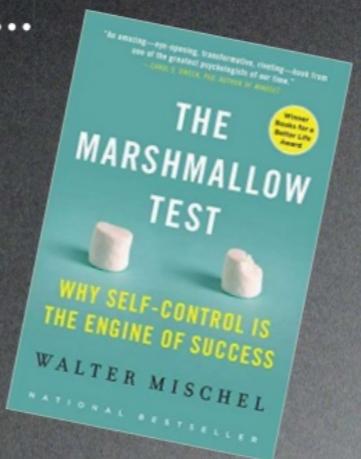
Thread 2:

Resisting temptation is difficult because the brain's "hot system" is heavily biased towards the present: it takes full account of immediate rewards, but discounts rewards that are delayed.

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Teasing 10 threads from Walter Mischel's...



Thread 4:

Prolonged stress impairs the prefrontal cortex, essential for things like surviving high school, holding down a job, avoiding depression and refraining from decisions that seem intuitively right but turn out to be really stupid.



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complex dynamics different paths (multi-realibility)

metaphors from thermodynamics

Thread 10:

The Fundamental Marshmallow Principle: "Cool the now; heat the later!"

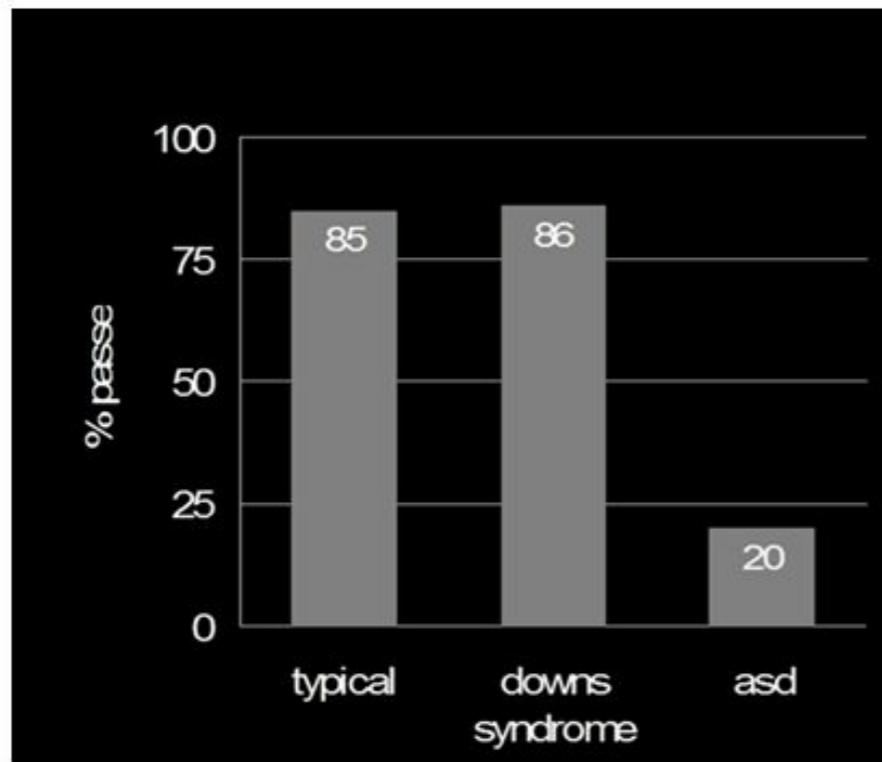


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theory of mind?

only four of the 20 autistic children
(20%) answered correctly

Sally-Anne problem



Baron-Cohen, Leslie, and Frith (1985)
Social and emotional problems secondary
to cognitive problem

Instruct to keep the chocolate.... no problem!



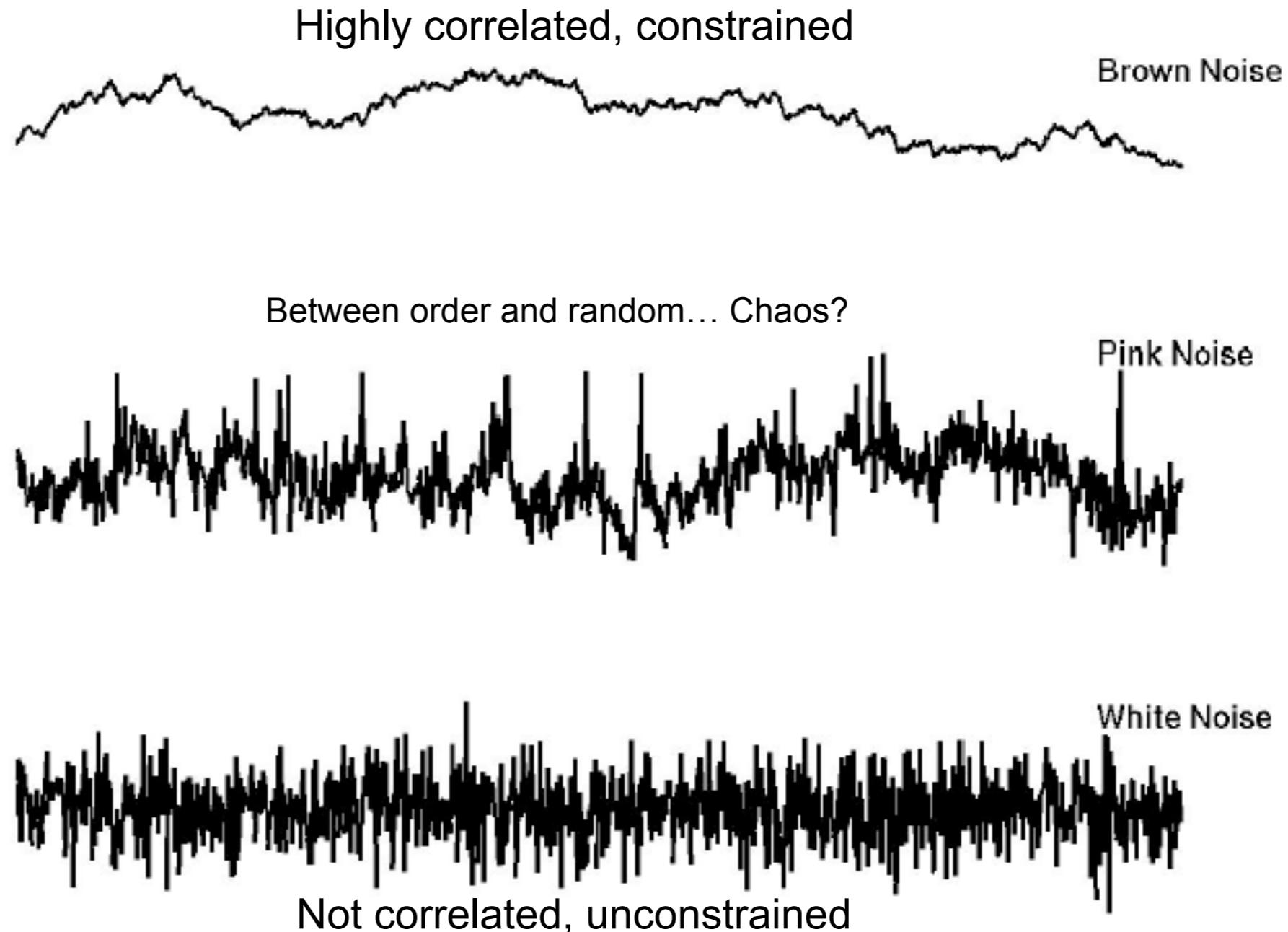
Last week's assignments:

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

**Brownian motion,
or random walk
processes**

*Associated with Self
Organizing Complex Systems*

**Gaussian, random
processes**



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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 (ξ) + a linear combination of previous observations ($\phi_{1\dots p}$) + random error called random shock (ε):

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

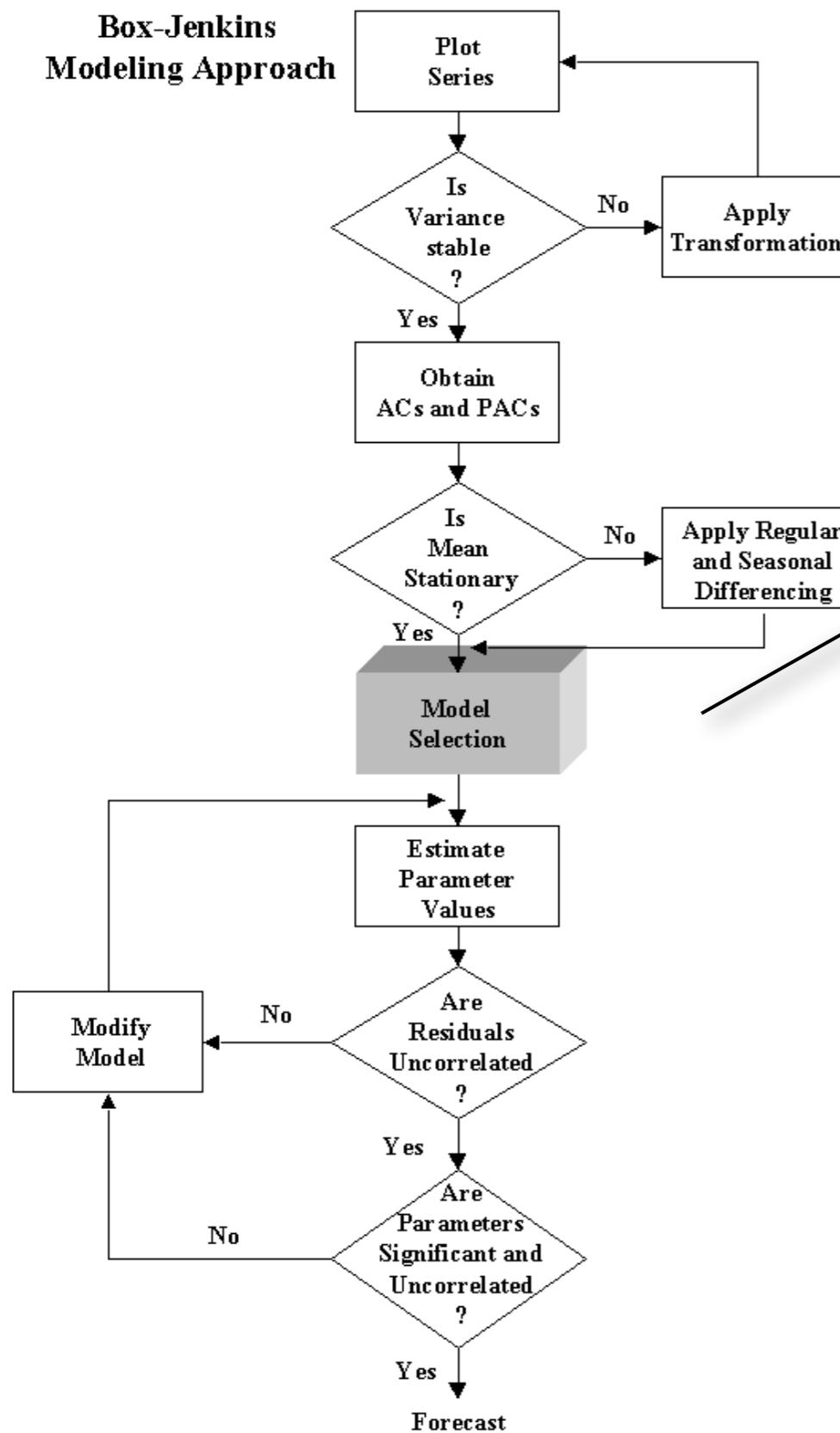
- **MA-part:** The model tries to predict each data point X at time t based on the average of the time series (μ) + the current random error (ε_t) - a linear combination of previously observed random error ($\theta_{1\dots q}$):

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

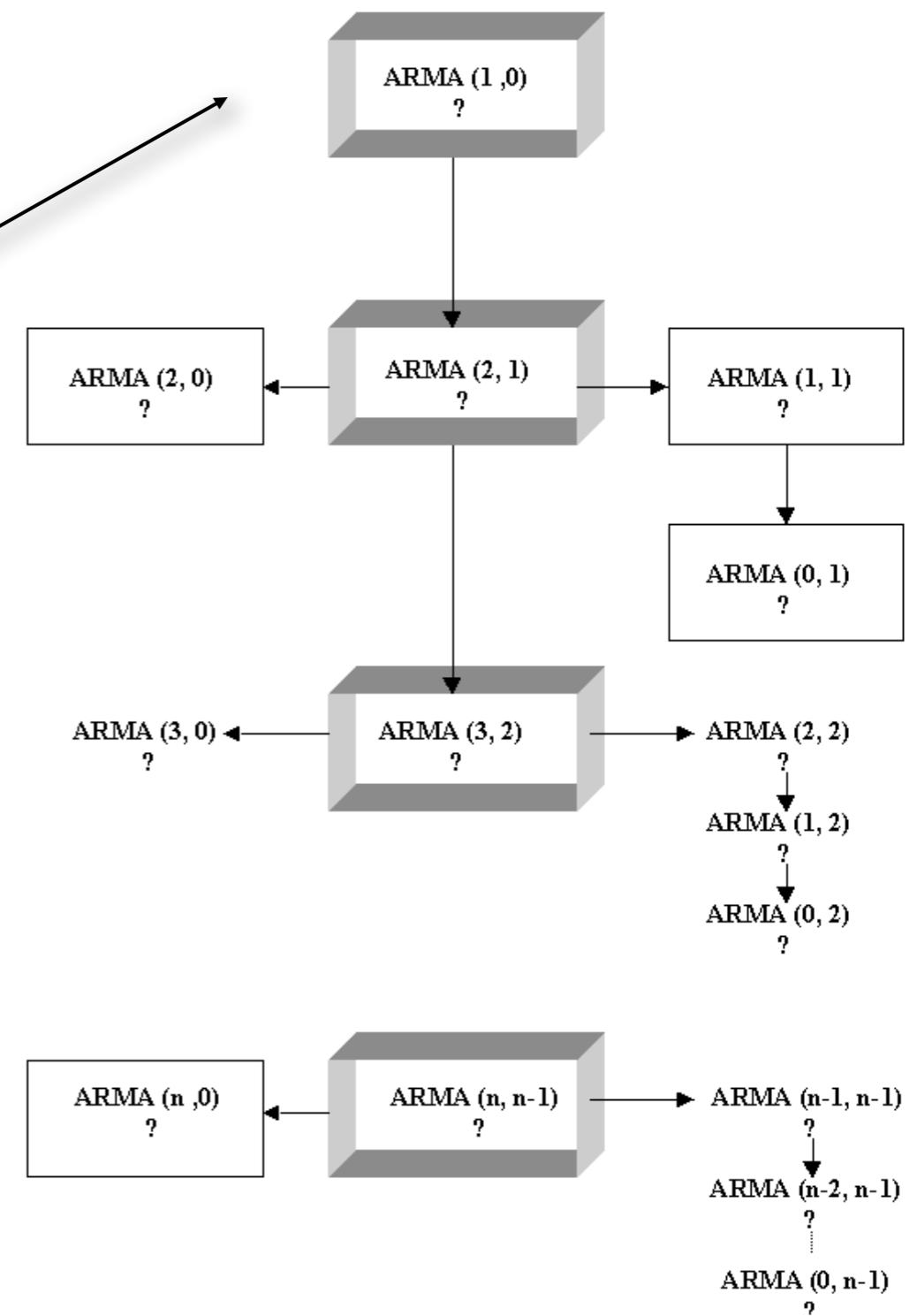
- **I(ntegration)-part:** The data must be stationary (and more!): 1) constant mean, 2) constant variance, 3) constant autocorrelation *through* time. This part removes correlations between data points that are a particular distance (lag) apart by differencing the time series... in other words: Trends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



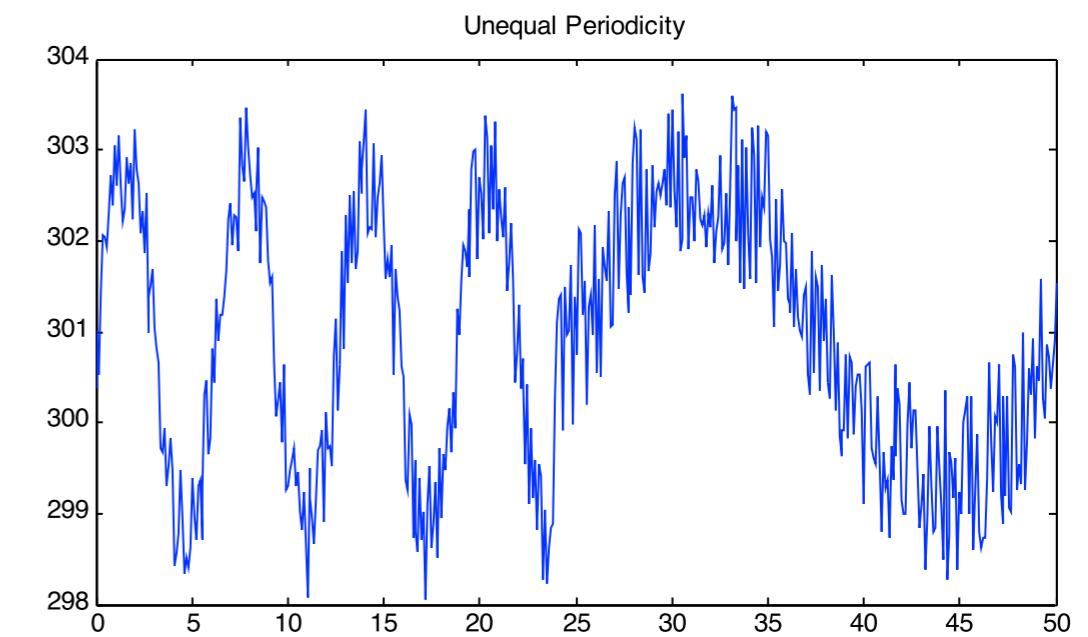
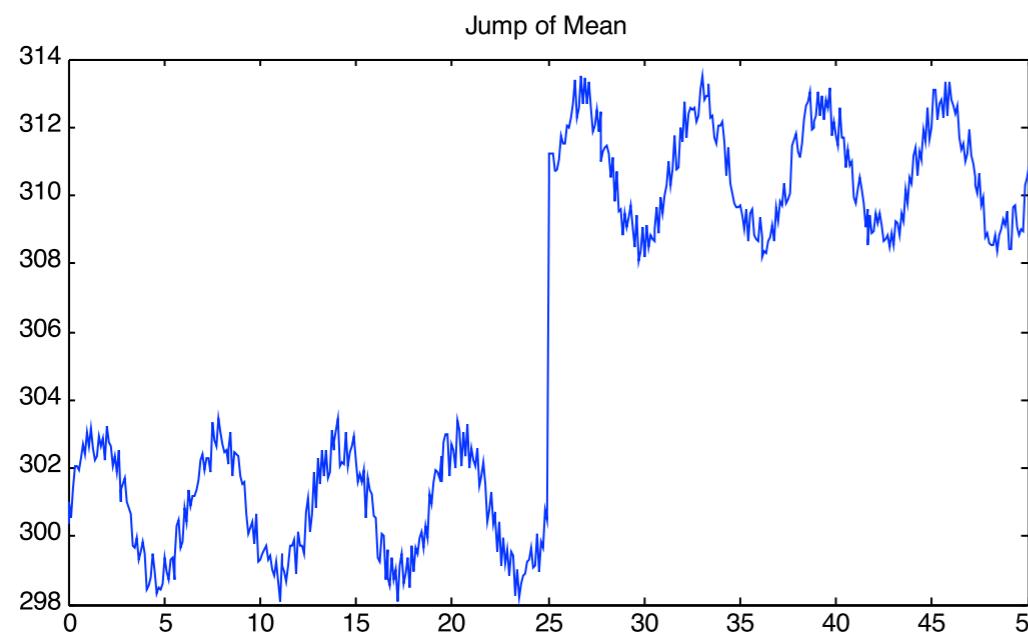
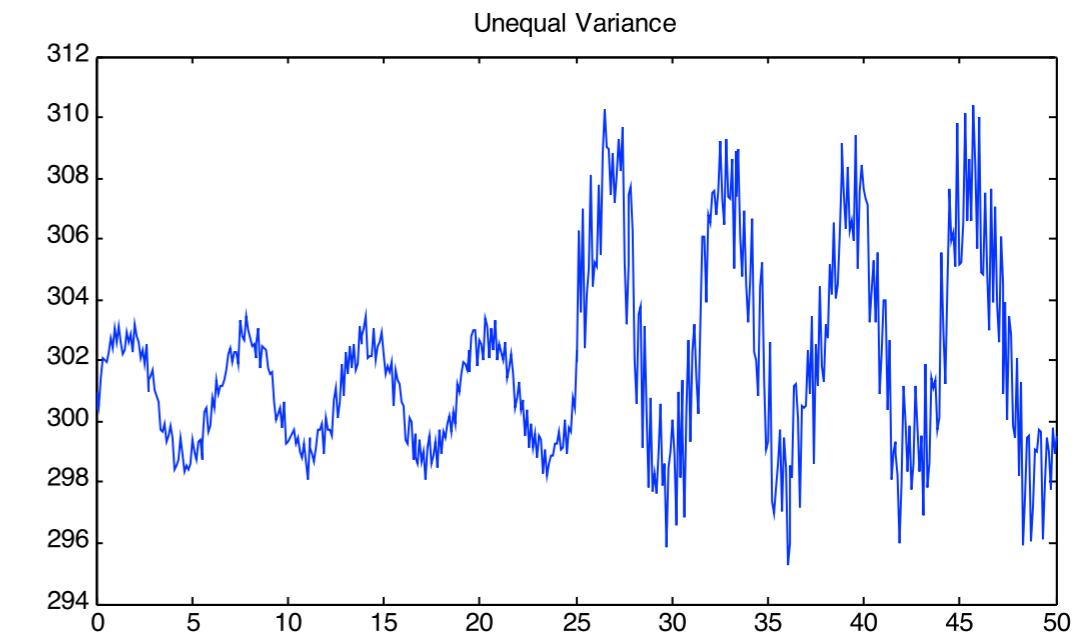
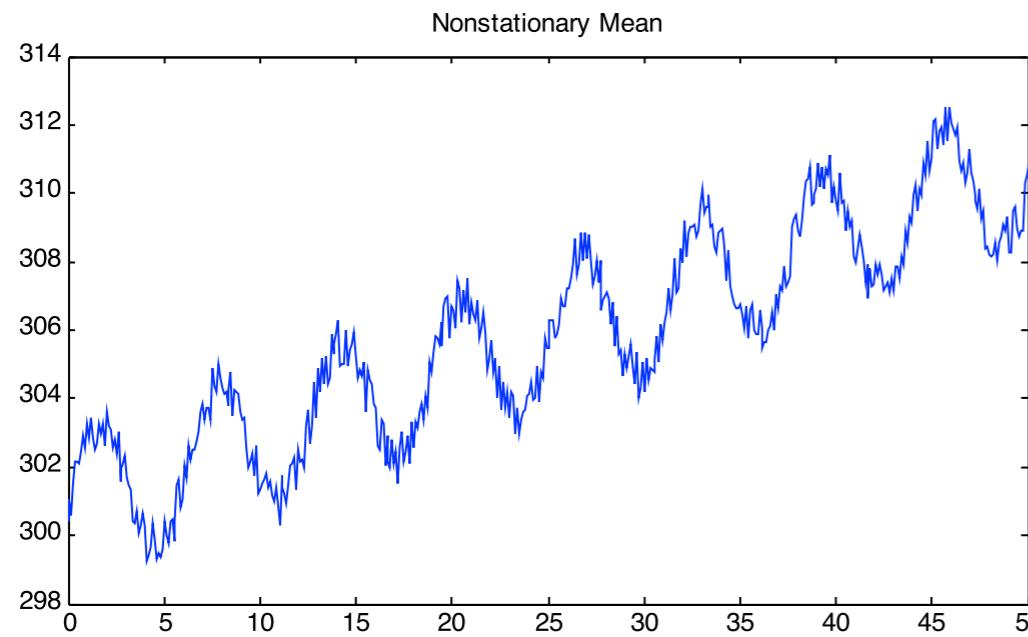
**Box-Jenkins
Modeling Approach**



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

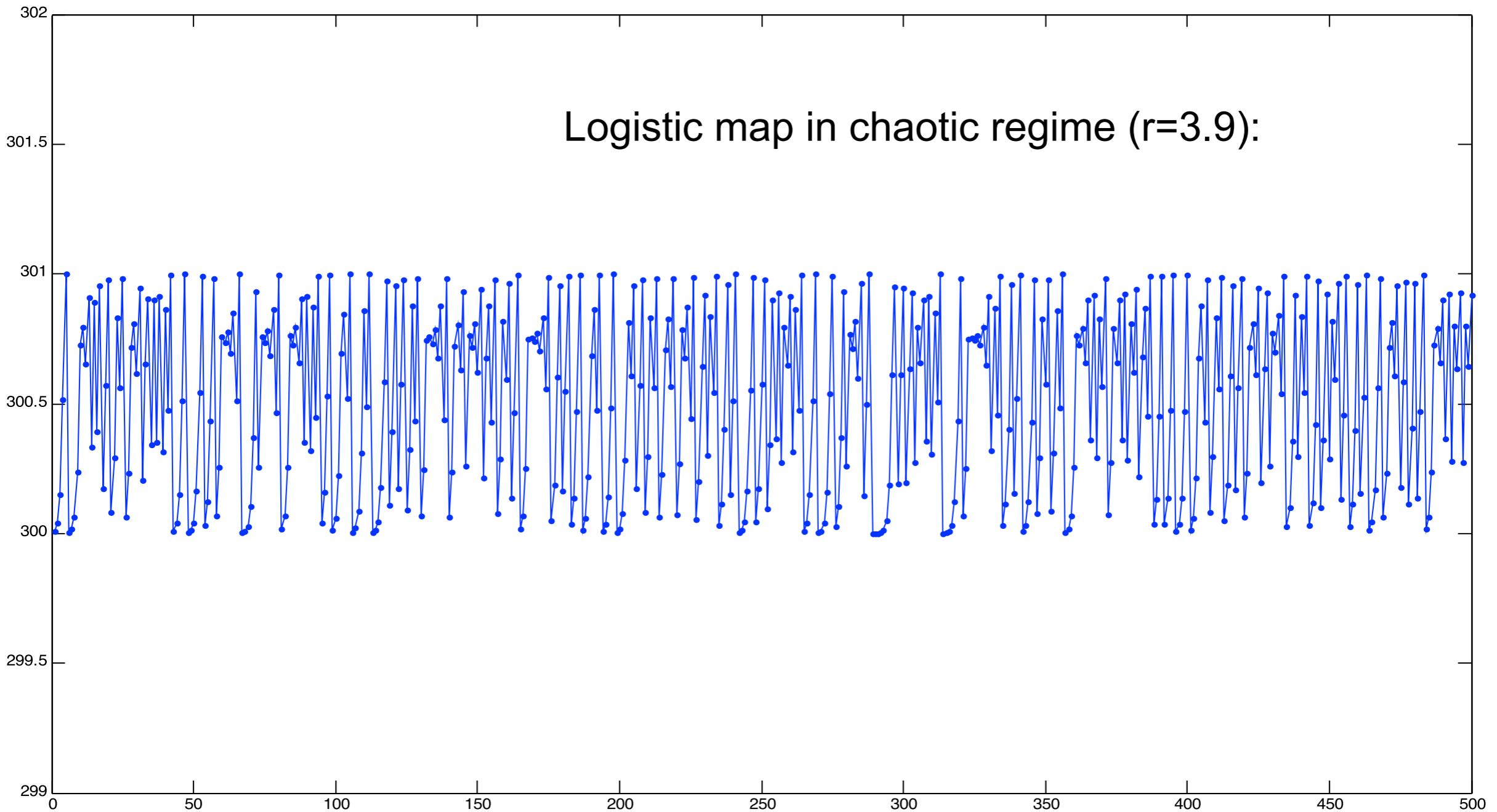


Problems with ARfIMA (data assumptions)



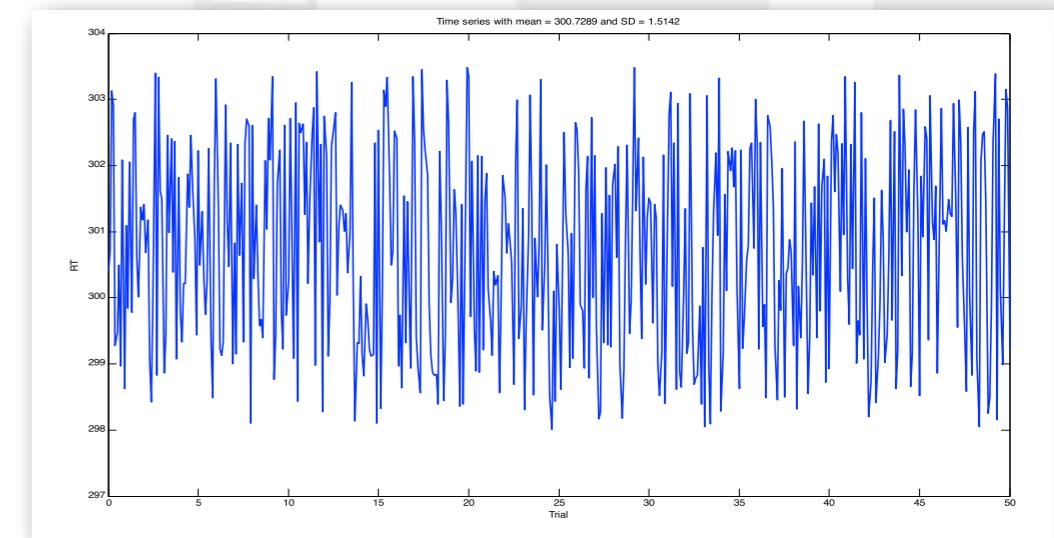
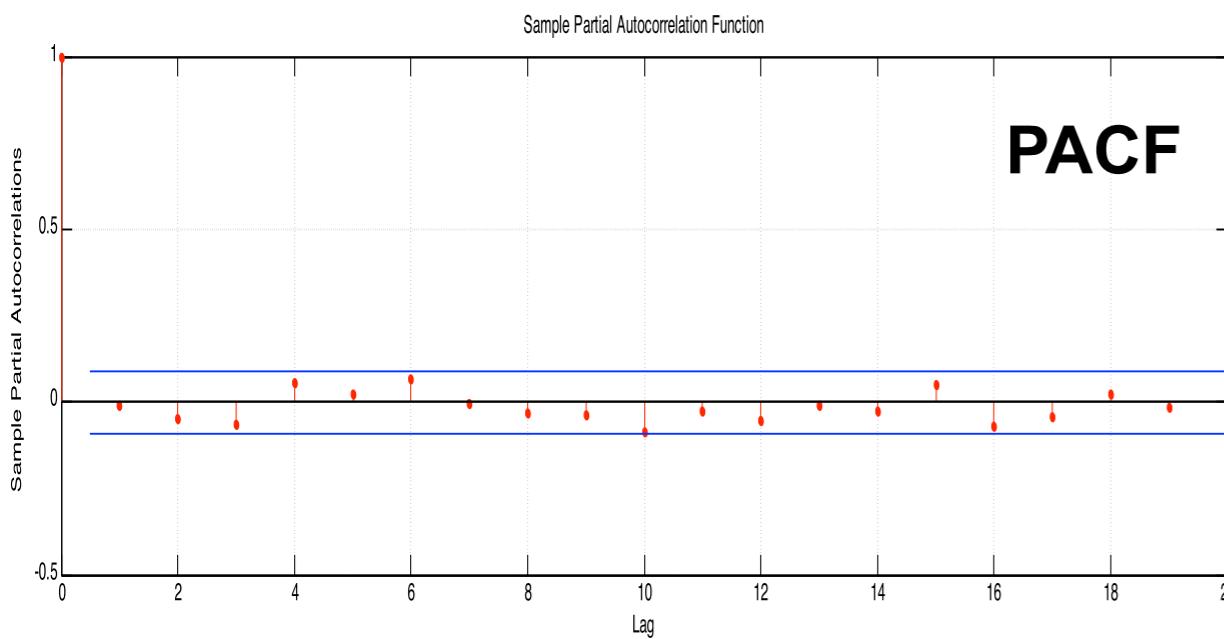
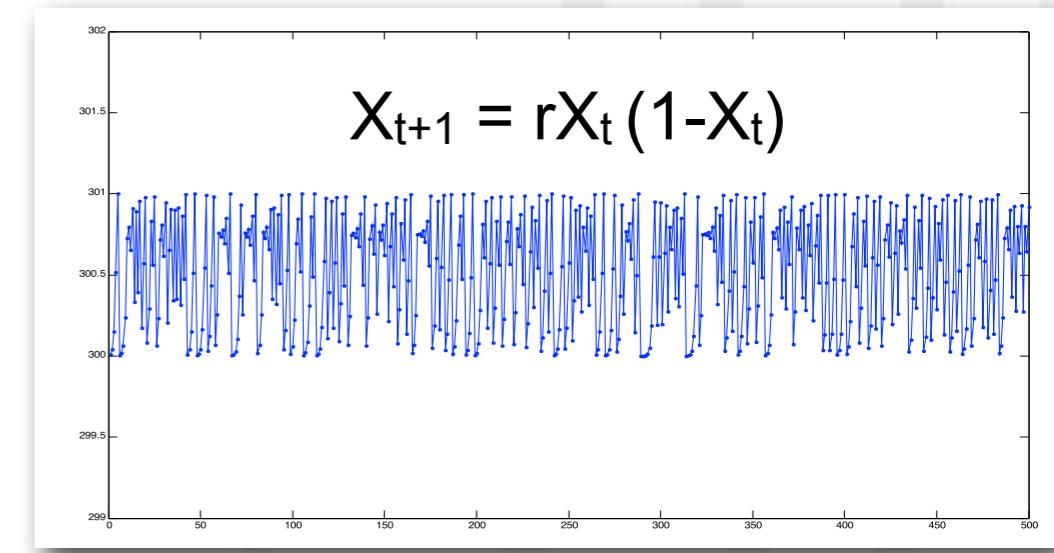
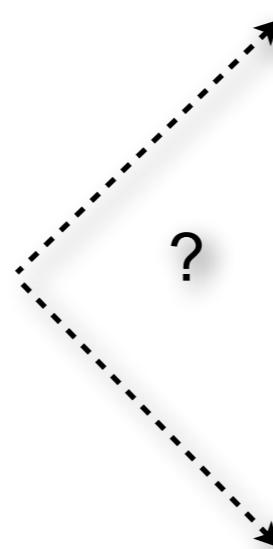
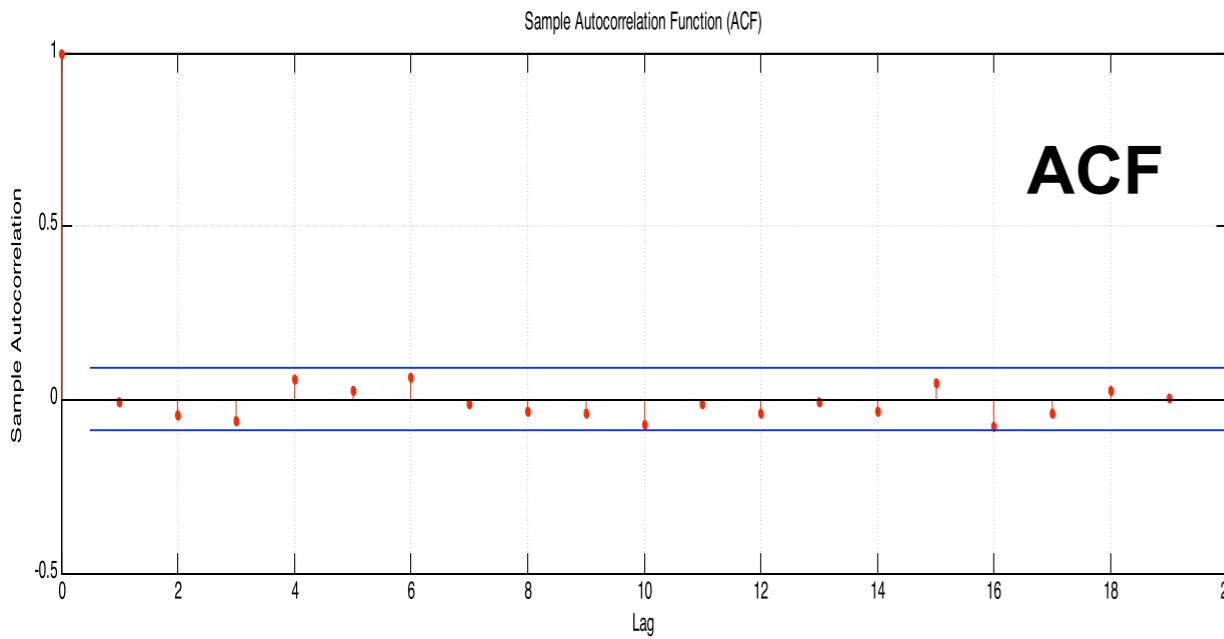
Problems with ARfIMA (data assumptions)

And what about deterministic CHAOS?



Problems with AR[flIMA] models (data assumptions)

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

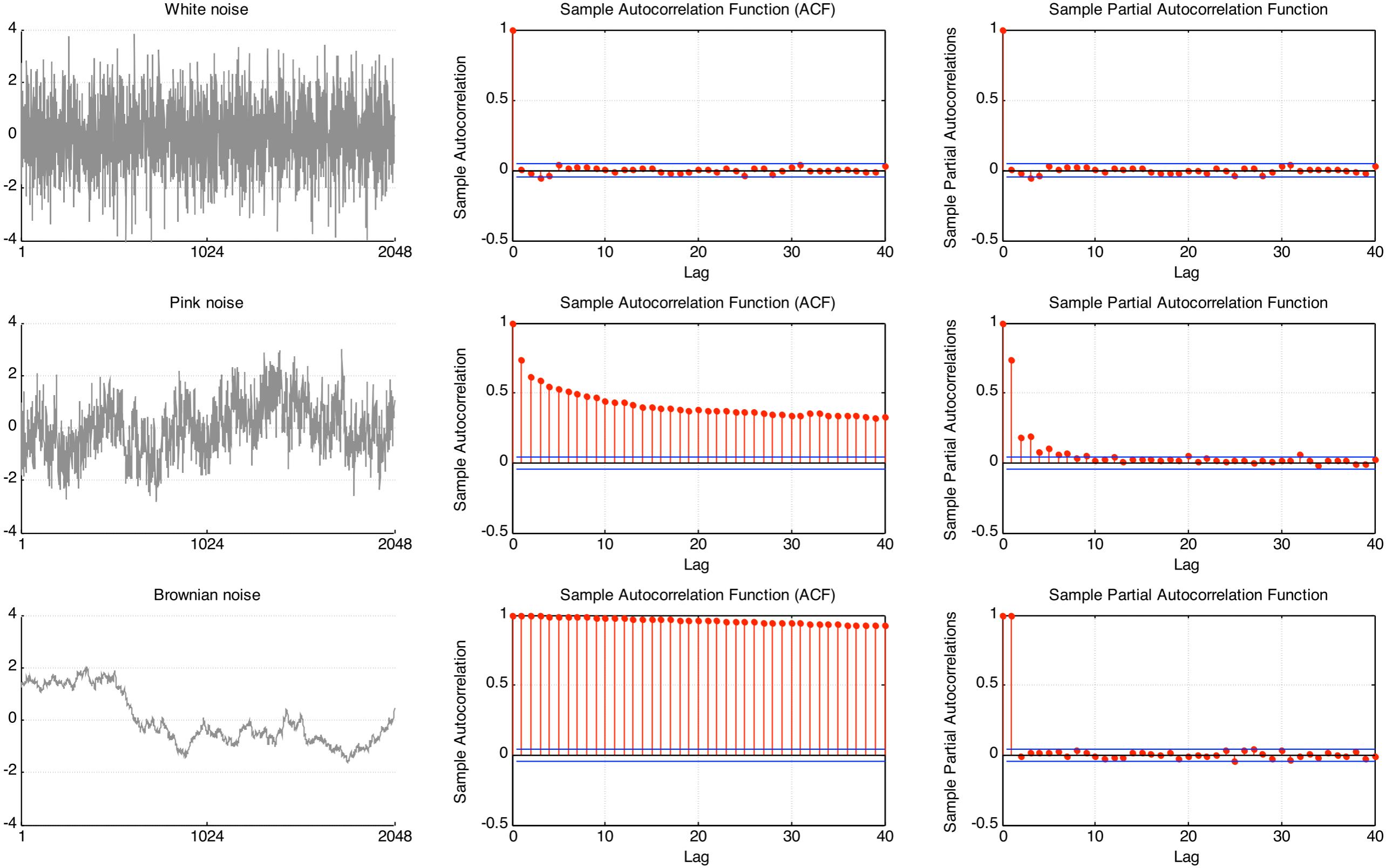


“Things that look random, but are not” (Lorenz, 1972)

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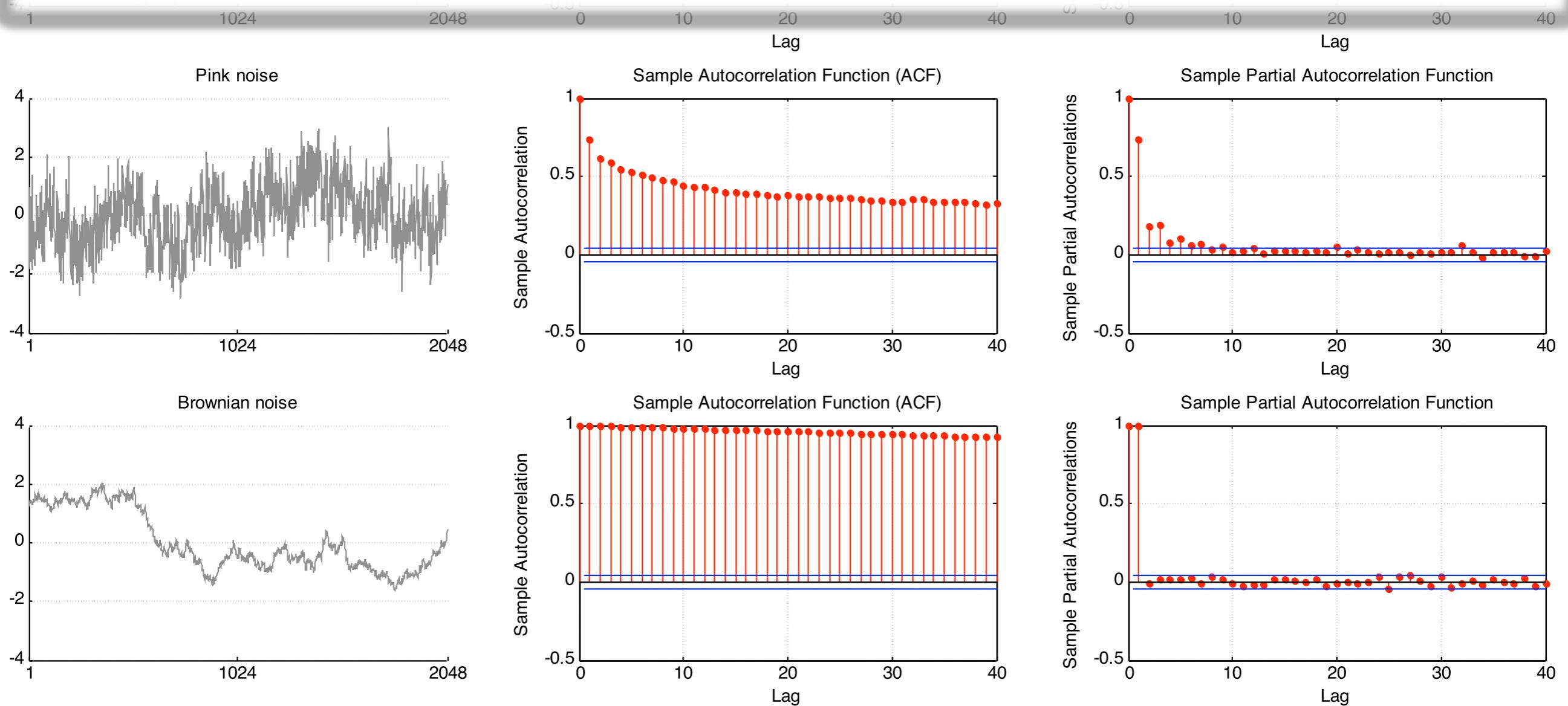
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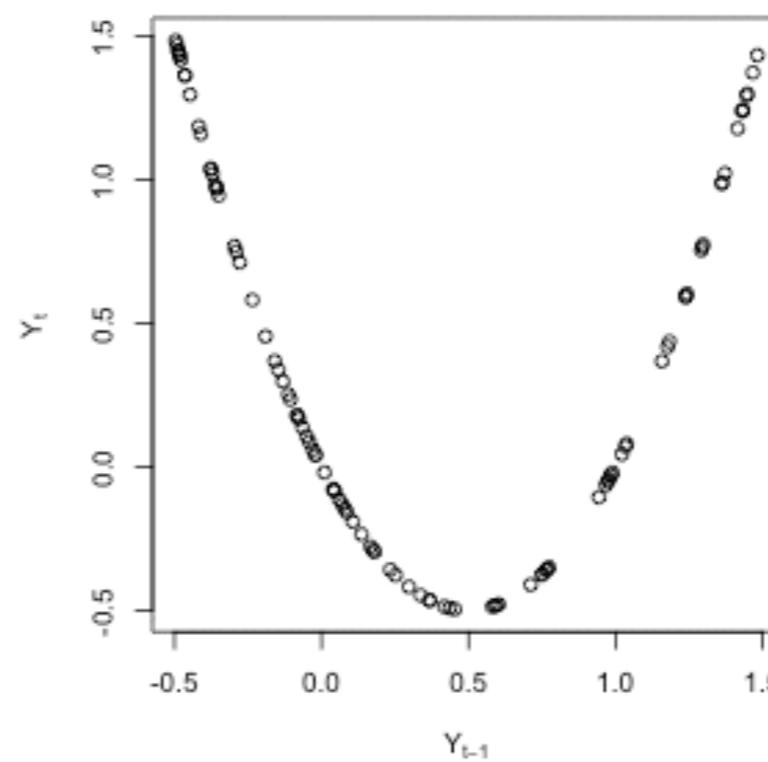
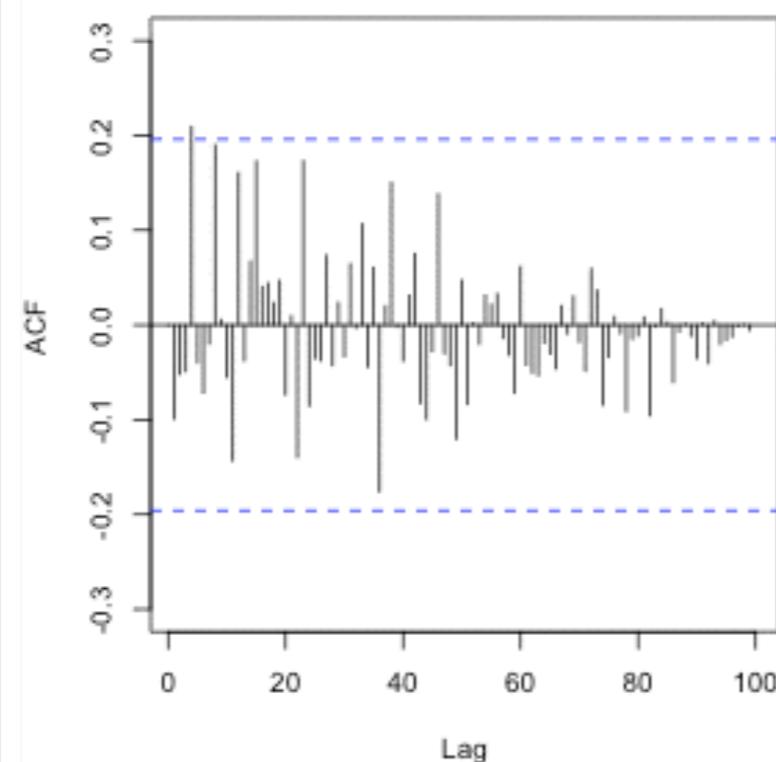
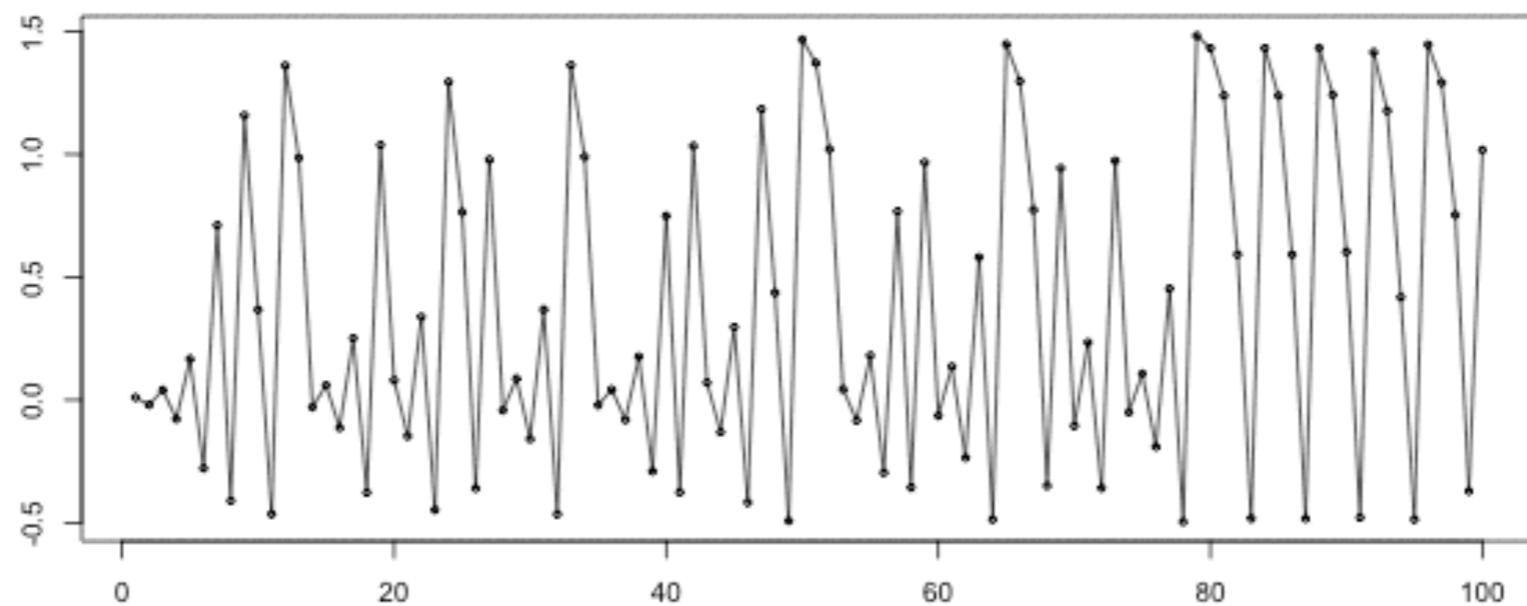


Correlations at all lags = Correlations at all time scales
There is not 1 characteristic time scale

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



Logistic Growth
 $r = -2$



Testing for ergodicity

Testing for **stationarity**

Testing for **homogeneity**

<http://fredhasselman.com/post/2017-05-19-testing-assumptions-of-the-data-generating-process-underlying-experience-sampling/>



Scaling phenomena



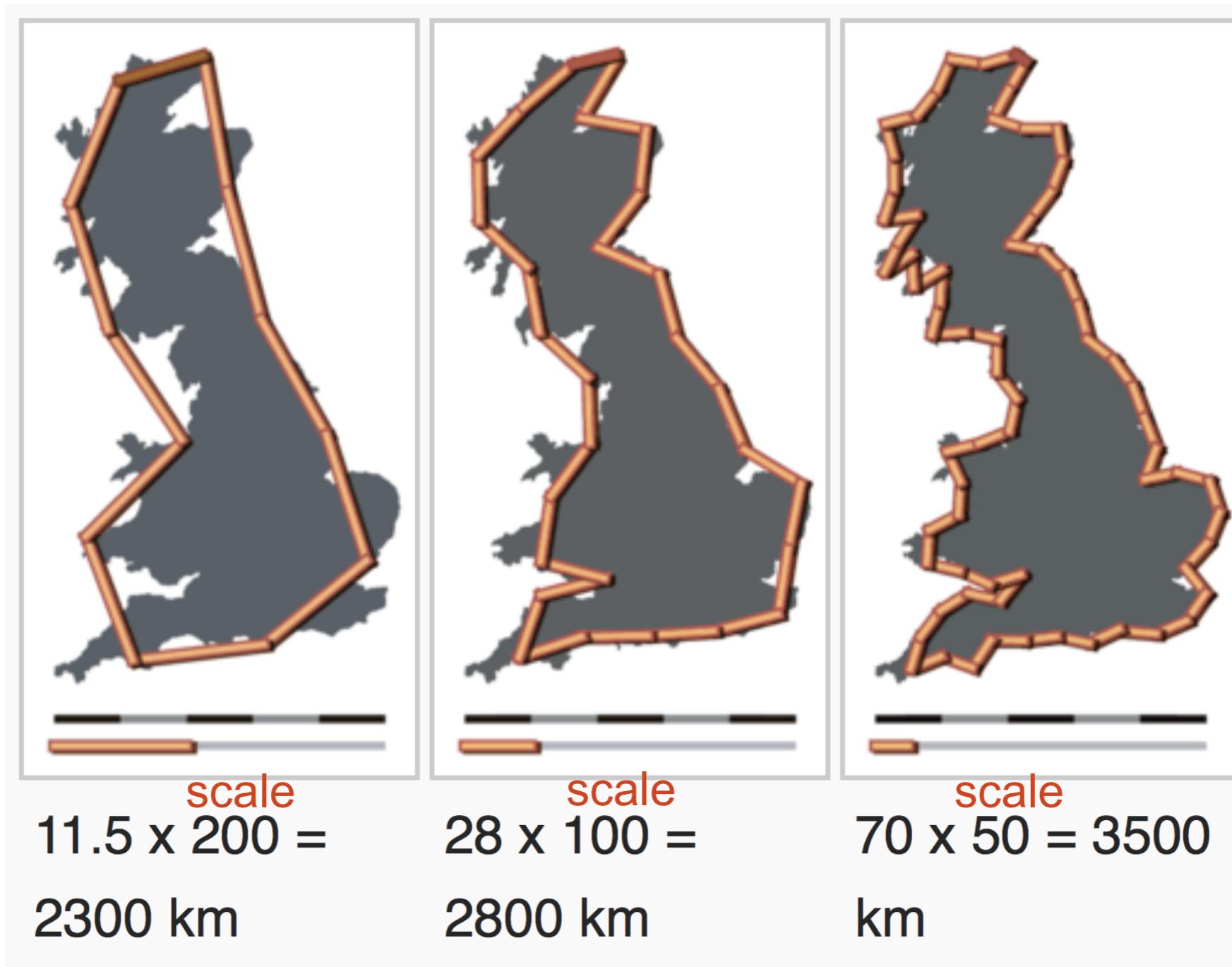
How long is the coast of Great-Britain?

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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.

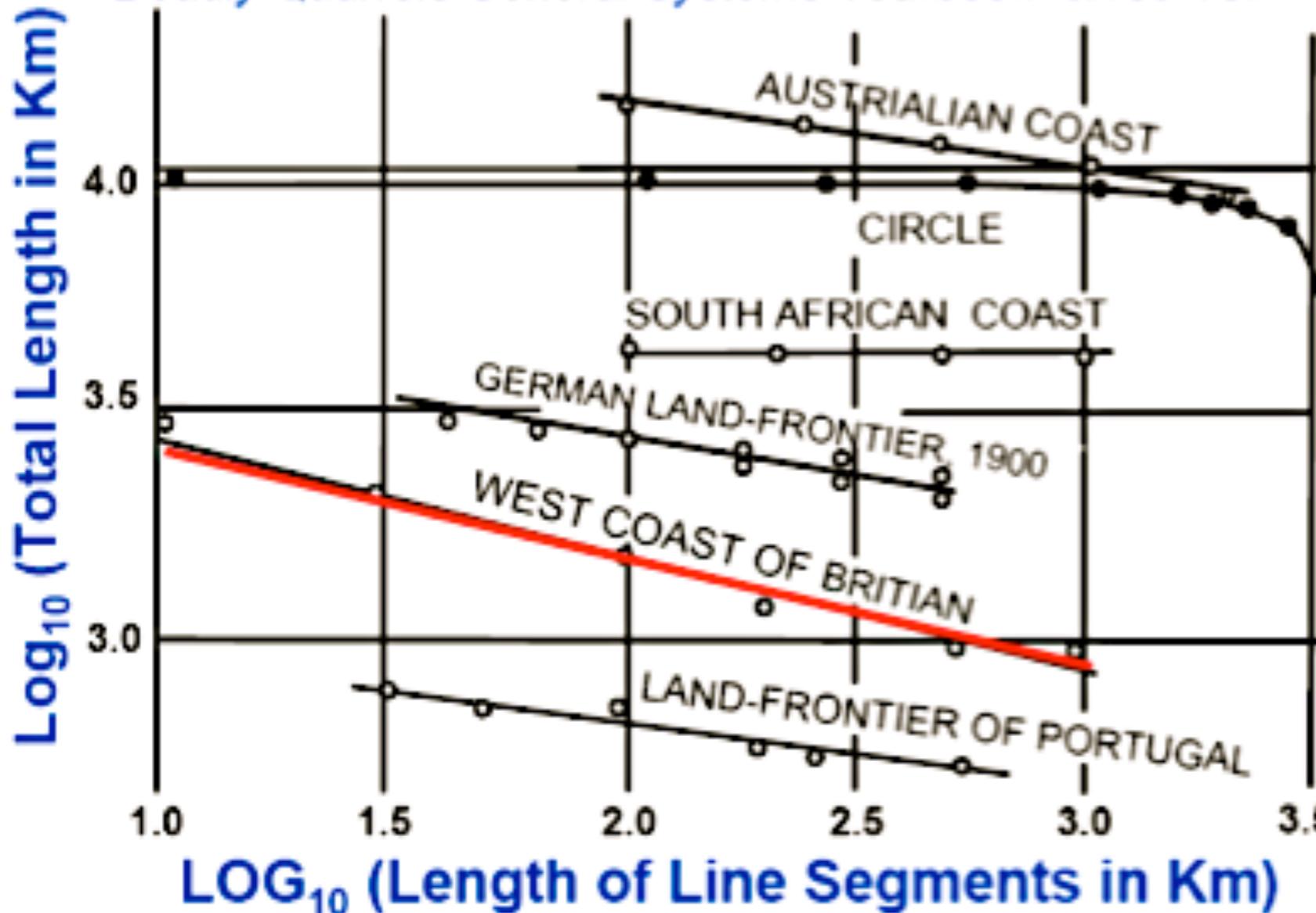
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How Long is the Coastline of Britain?

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)

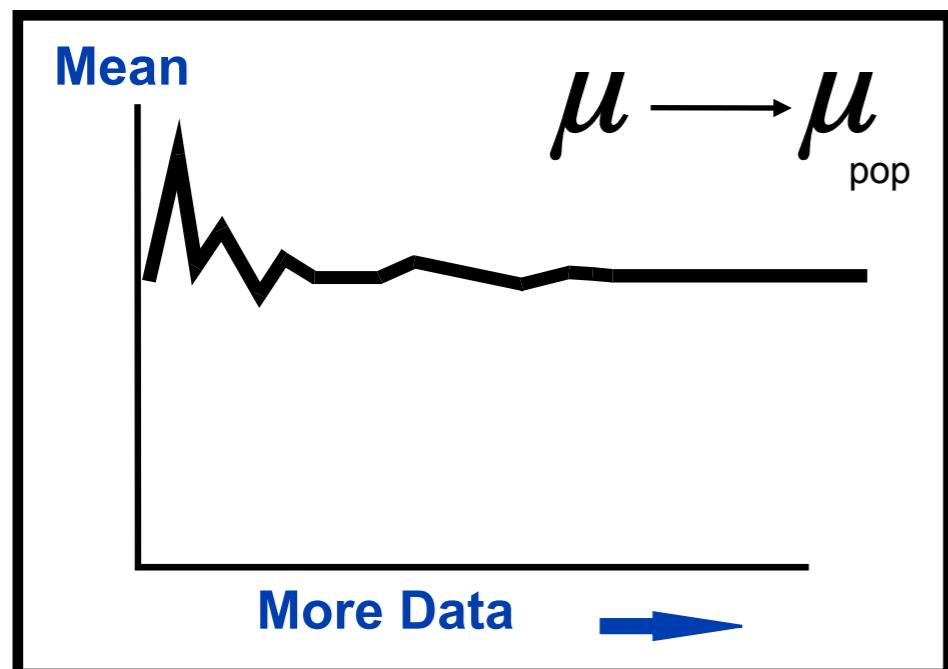
A power law scaling relation (**LOG scale**):

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

Scaling phenomena

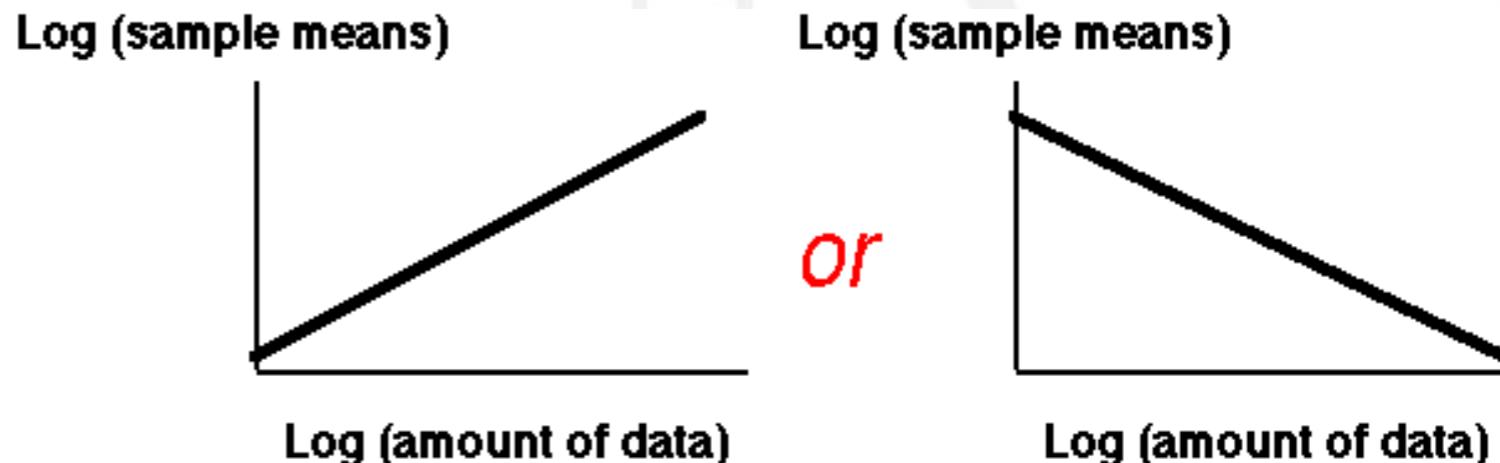
Independent observations of random variables

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



Interdependent observations across different scales

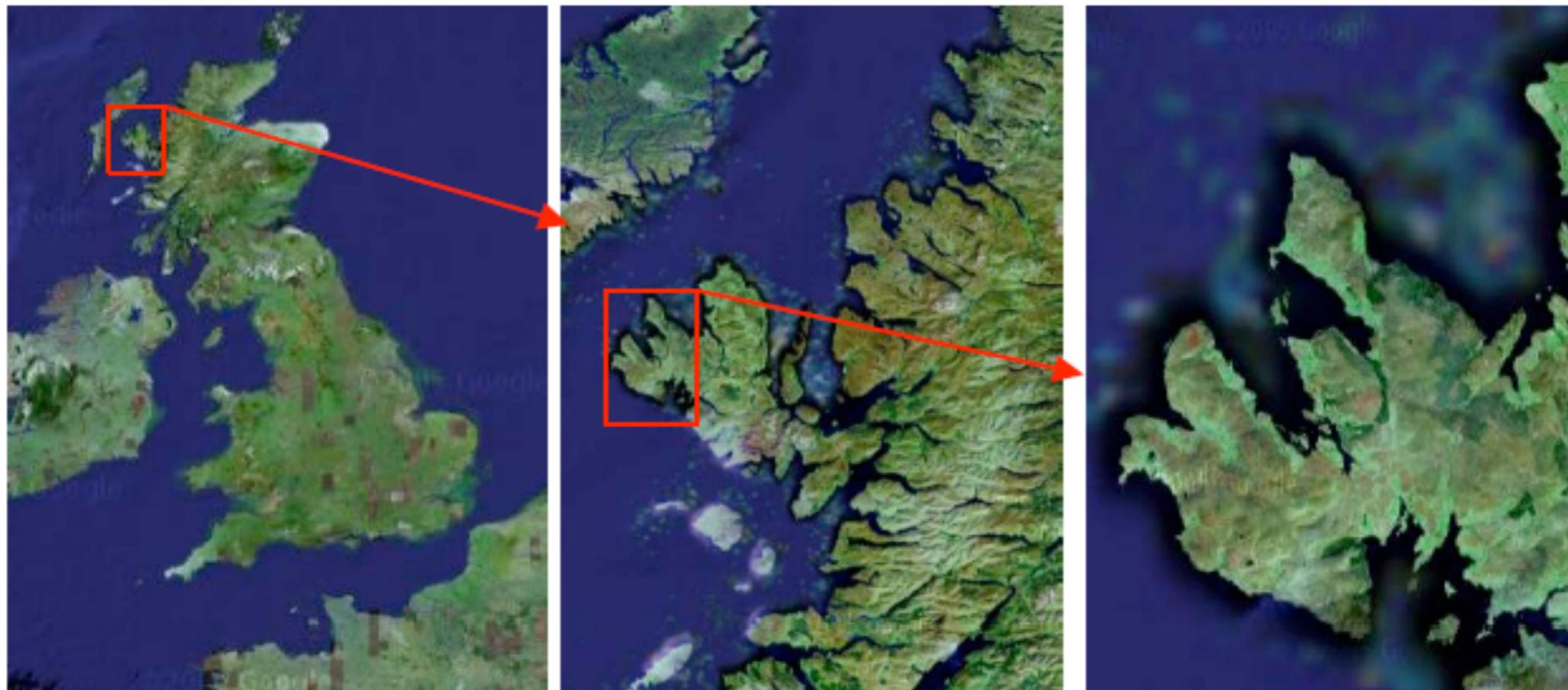
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e.g. Sample estimates of μ change with N



Help! How can I do science without μ or σ ?



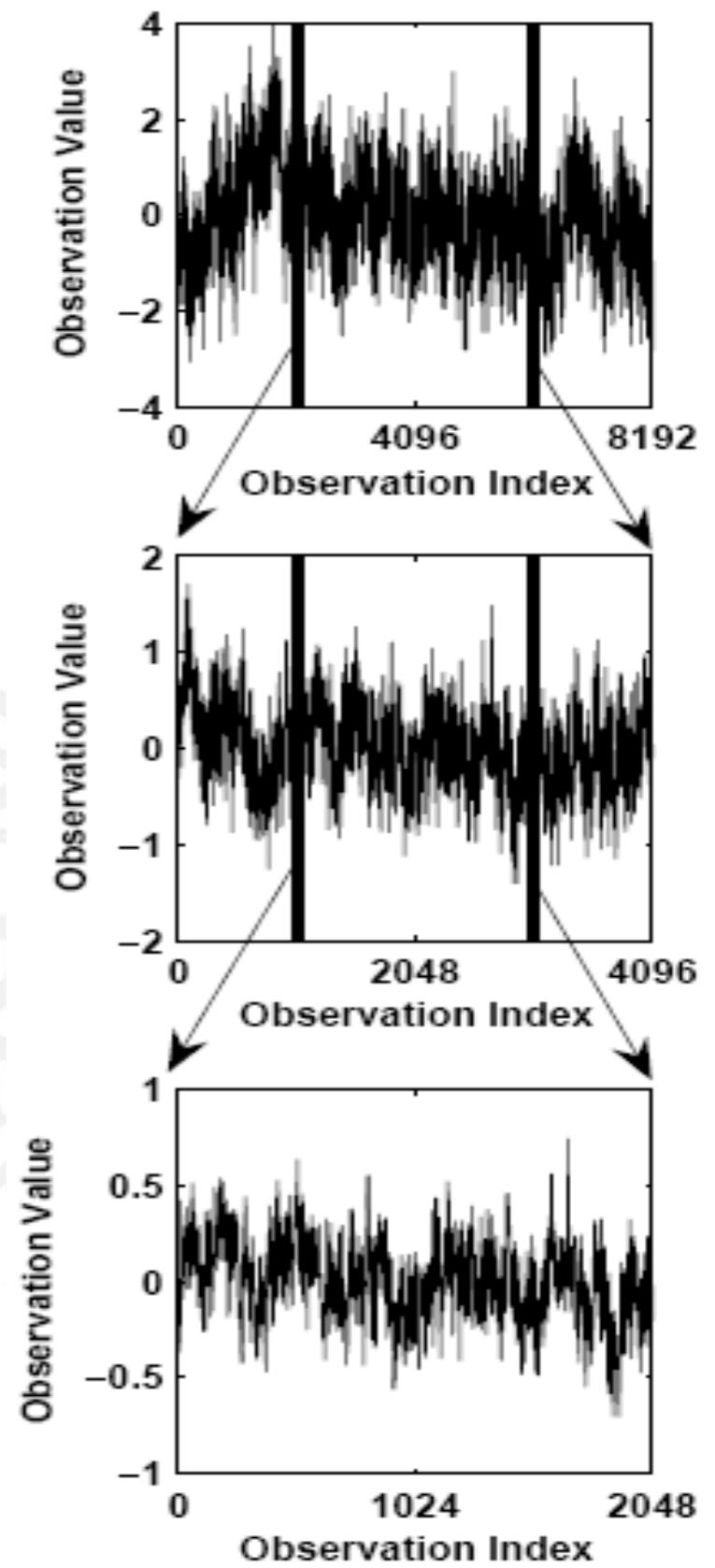
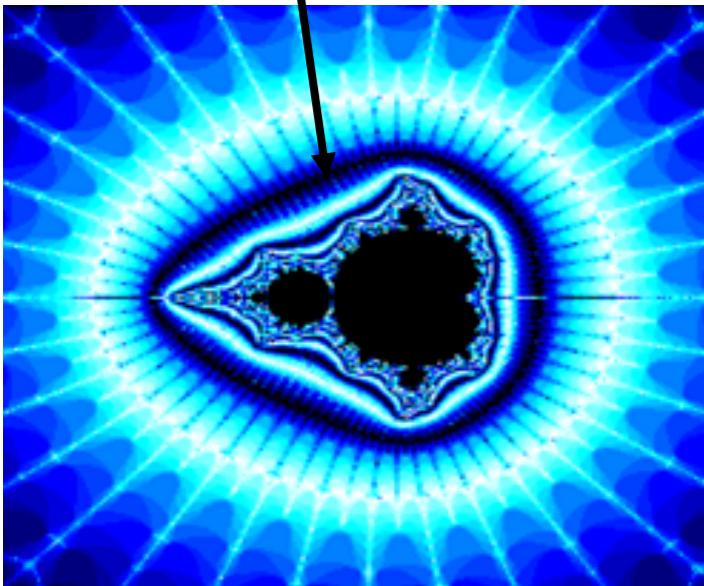
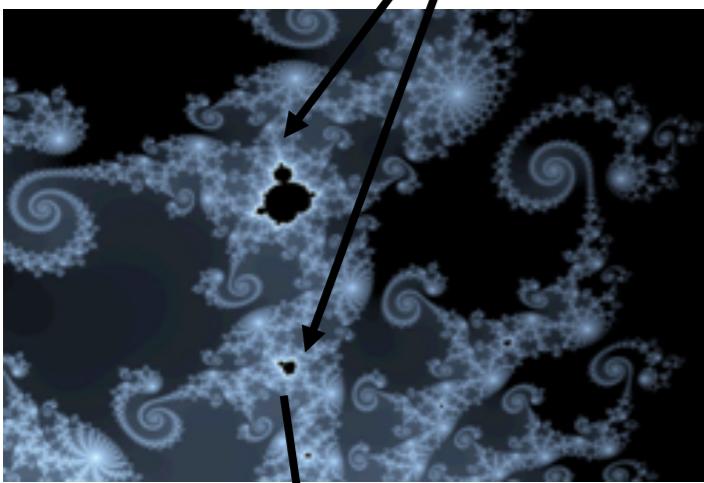
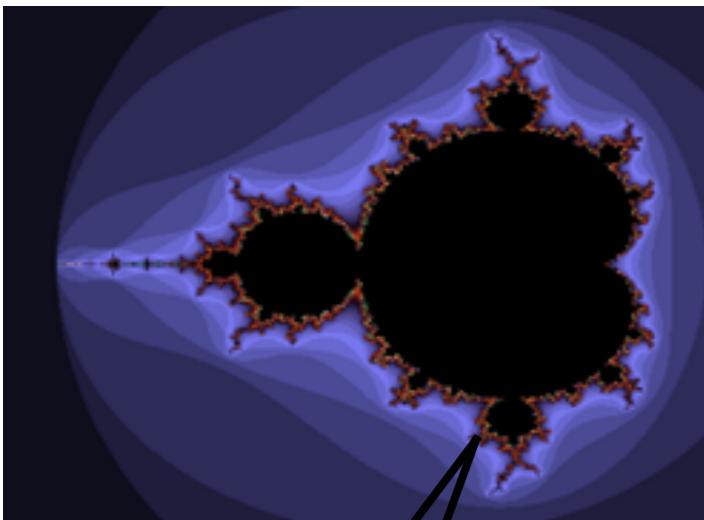
What is scaling? Self-similarity and Self-affinity



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

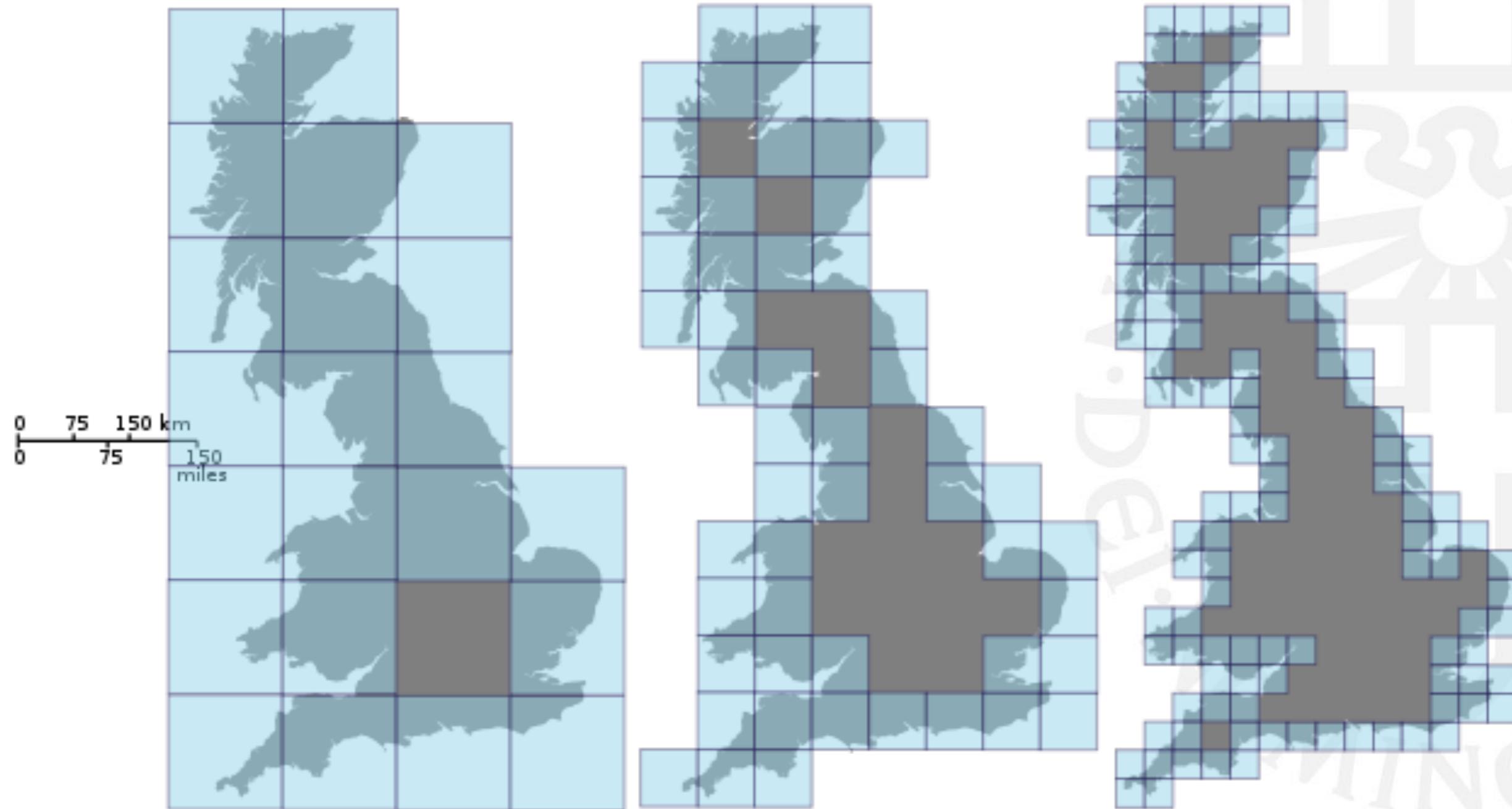


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Scaling phenomena

Measuring dimension

What is the dimension of these objects?:

Definition (Euclidian) dimension: *The number of degrees of freedom you have to move through a space.*

Definition of a space: *a collection of points*



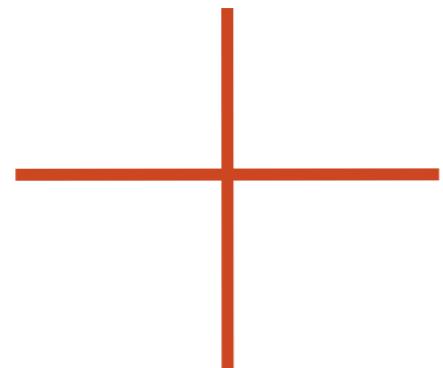
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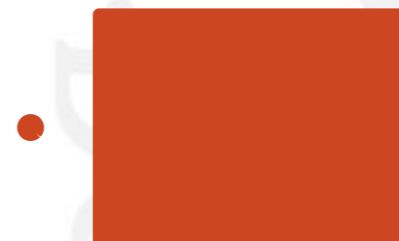
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Locally 1 dimensional
On the cross-section 2 dimensional

Which one is it, the smallest?



Then this space would be 0 dimensional,
because a point = 0

Scaling phenomena

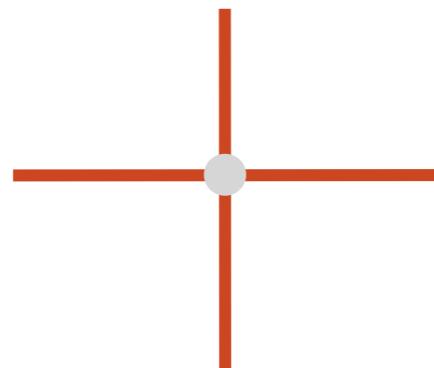
Measuring dimension

Topological Dimension

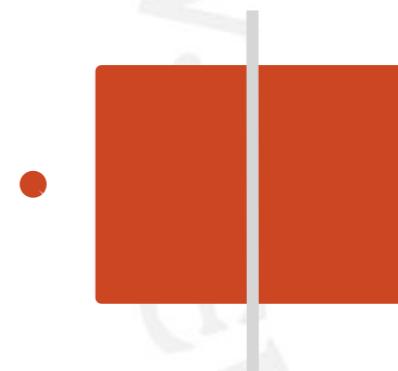
Introduces *local* and *global* dimension.

Global: Take the dimension of the object with which you can divide the space in two parts and add one.

Constraint: The dimension must stay the same over linear transformations



Point = 0 (+ 1)
1 dimensional



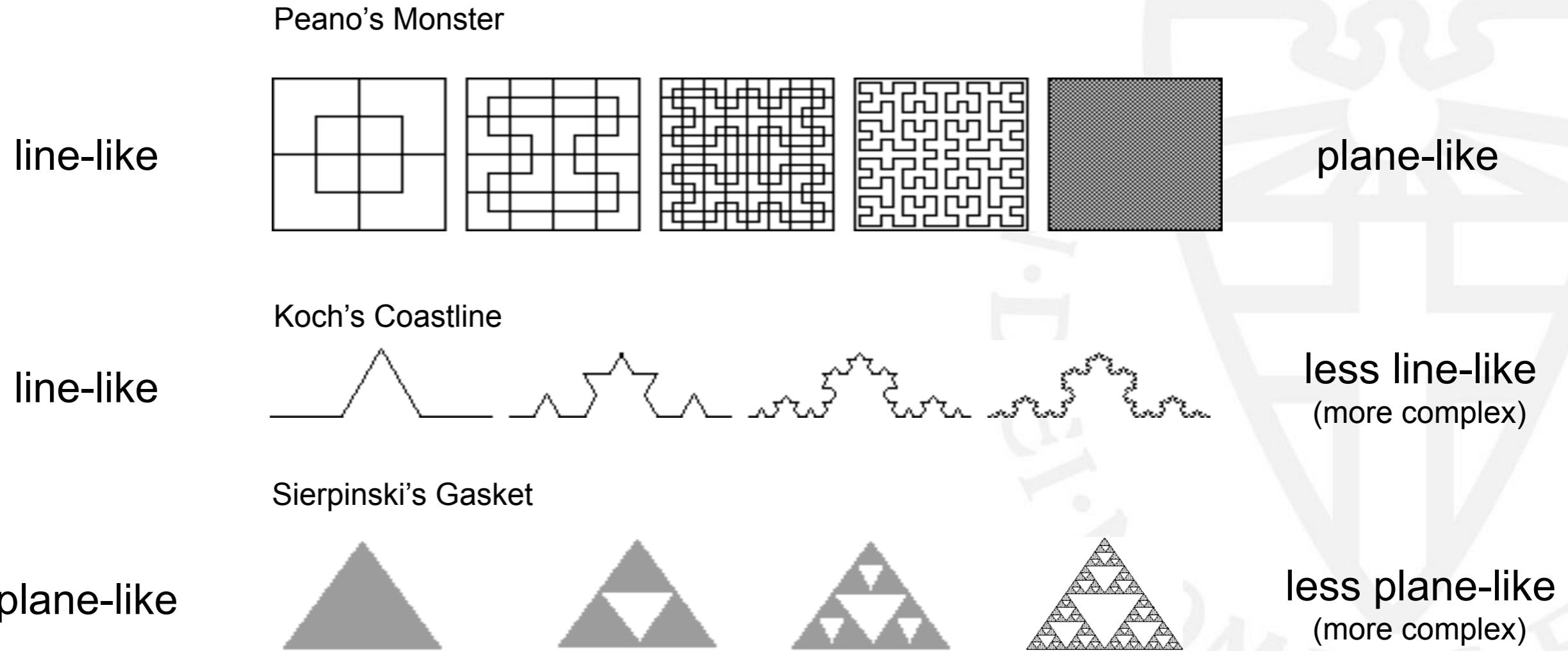
Local 0 and 2 dimensional
Take the highest
Global = 2 dimensional

Scaling phenomena

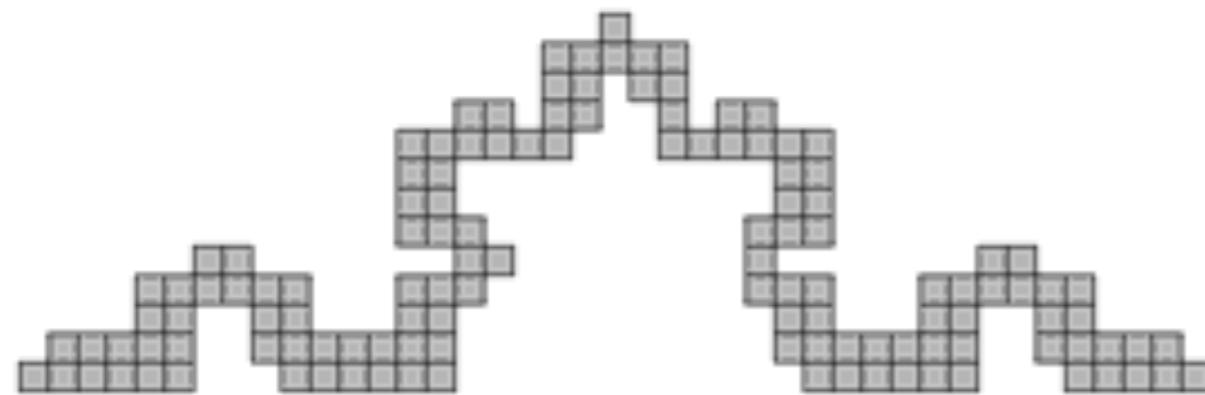
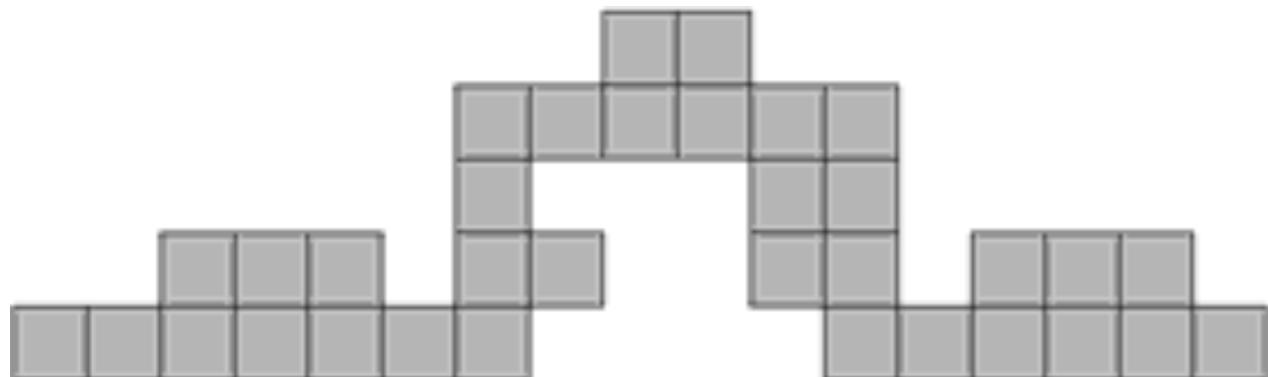
Measuring dimension

Constraint: The dimension must stay the same over linear transformations

Consider these linear transformations



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)

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

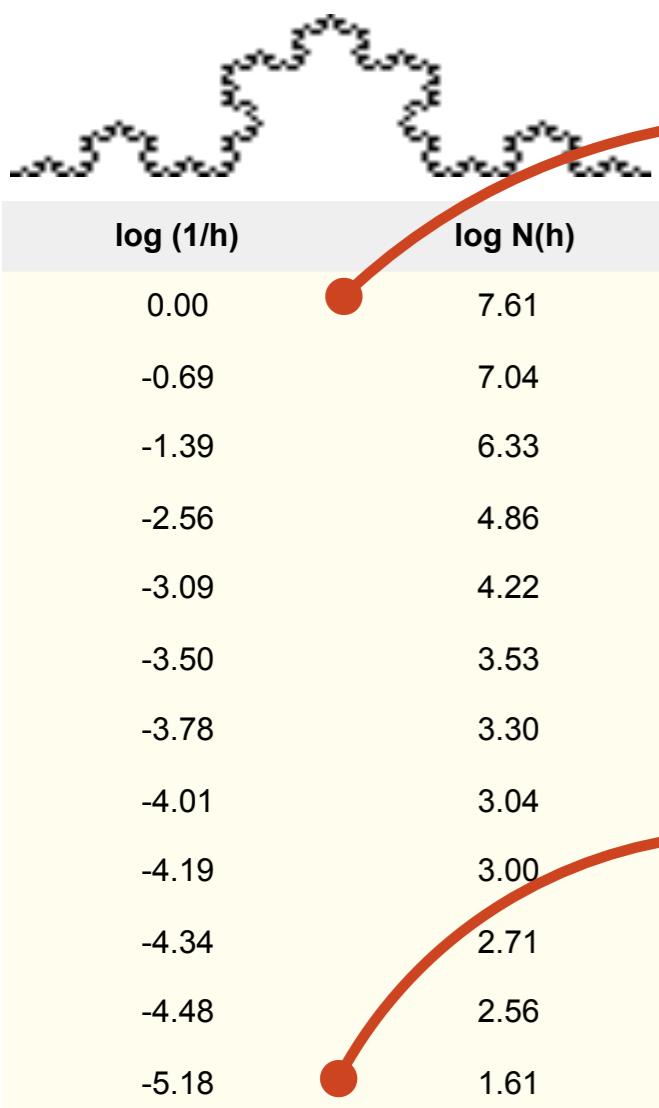
N= number of blocks of size **h** needed
to cover the object

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

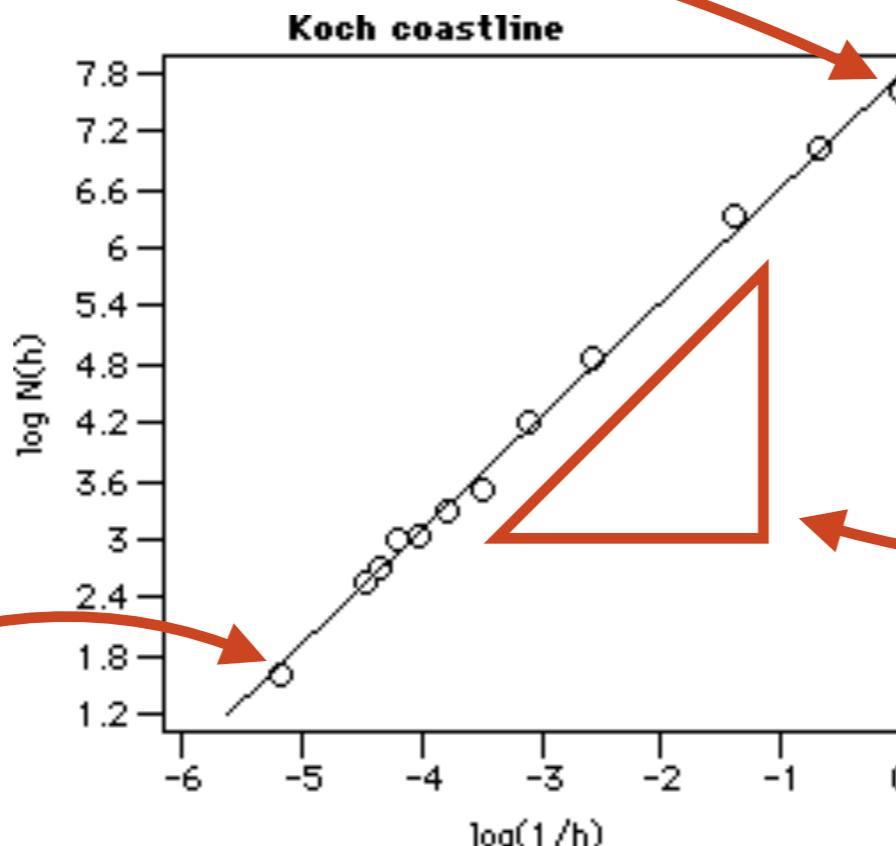
Scaling phenomena

Measuring dimension

Koch Coastline



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

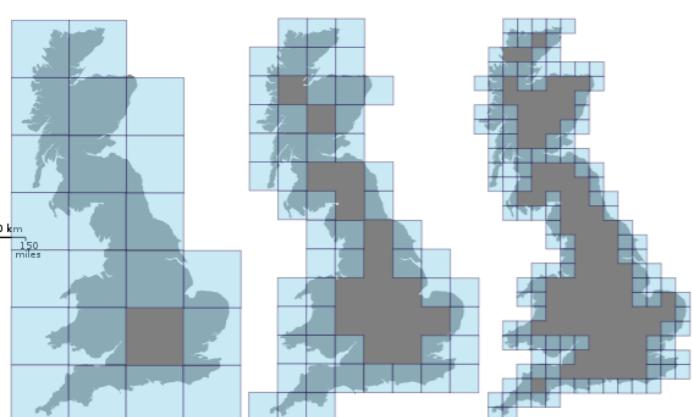
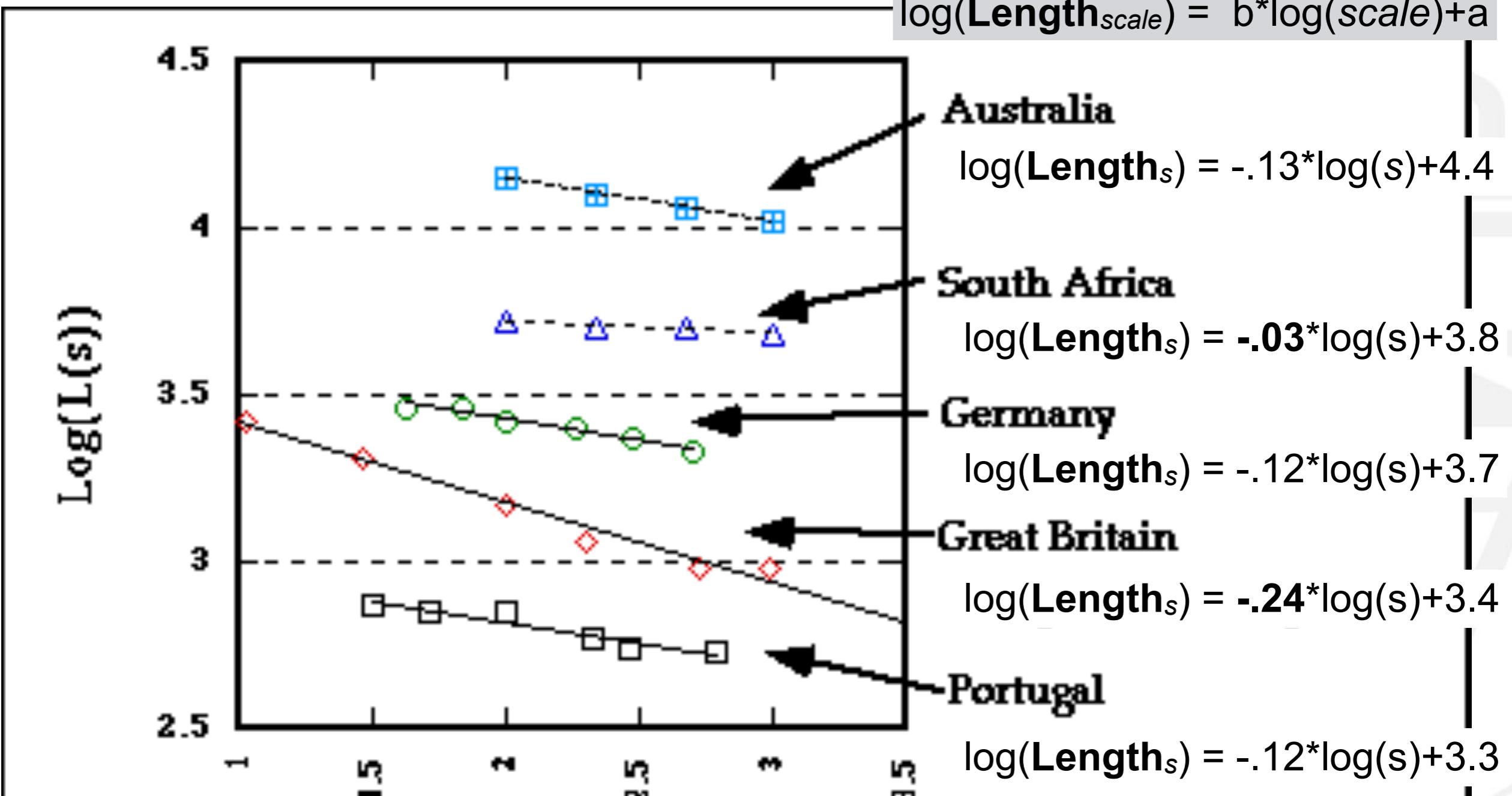


Fractal dimension
it's a fraction!

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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 ***  
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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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Scaling phenomena

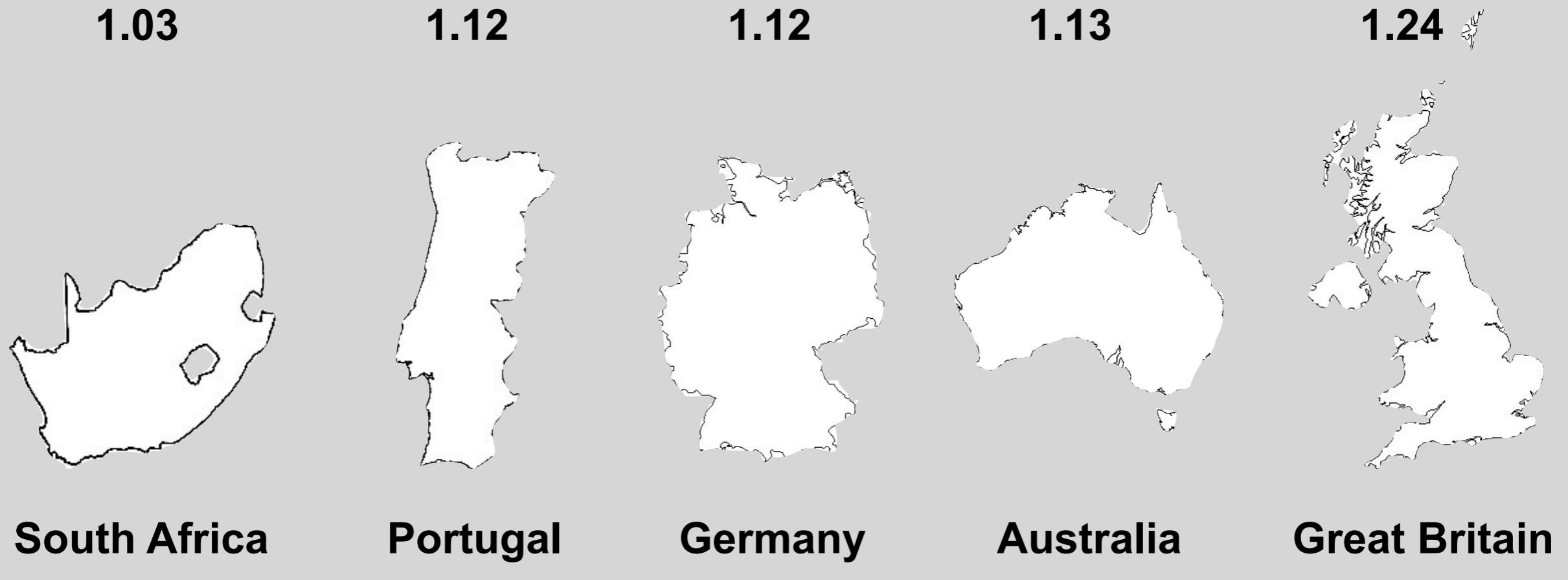
$$\log(\text{Length}_{\text{scale}}) = b * \log(s) + a$$



Log(s)

Scaling phenomena

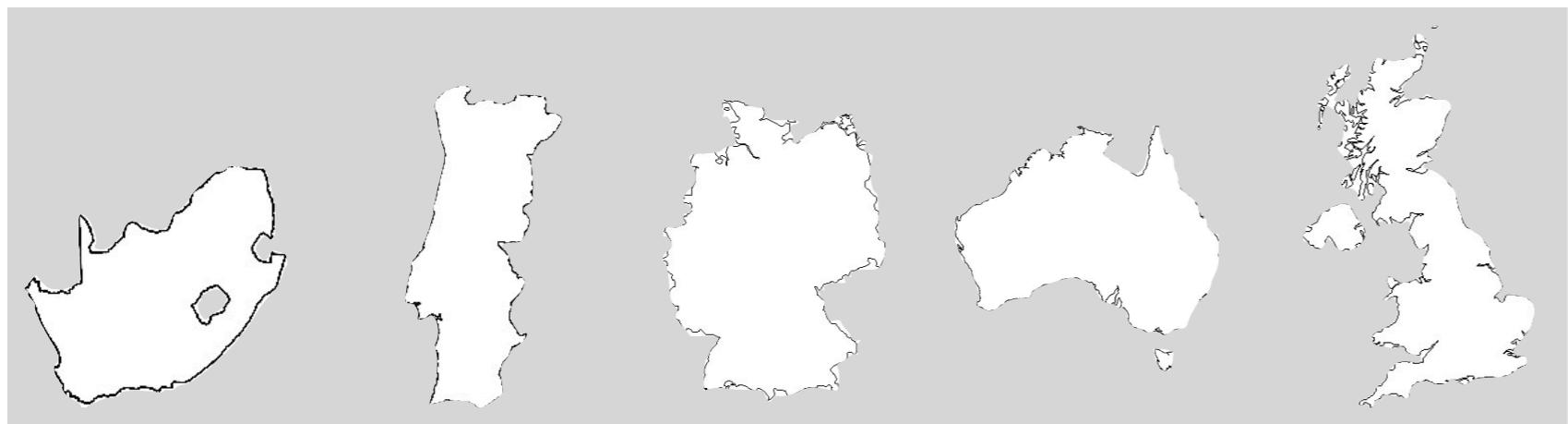
Scaling and Complexity



Ordered by scaling exponent, the log-log slope

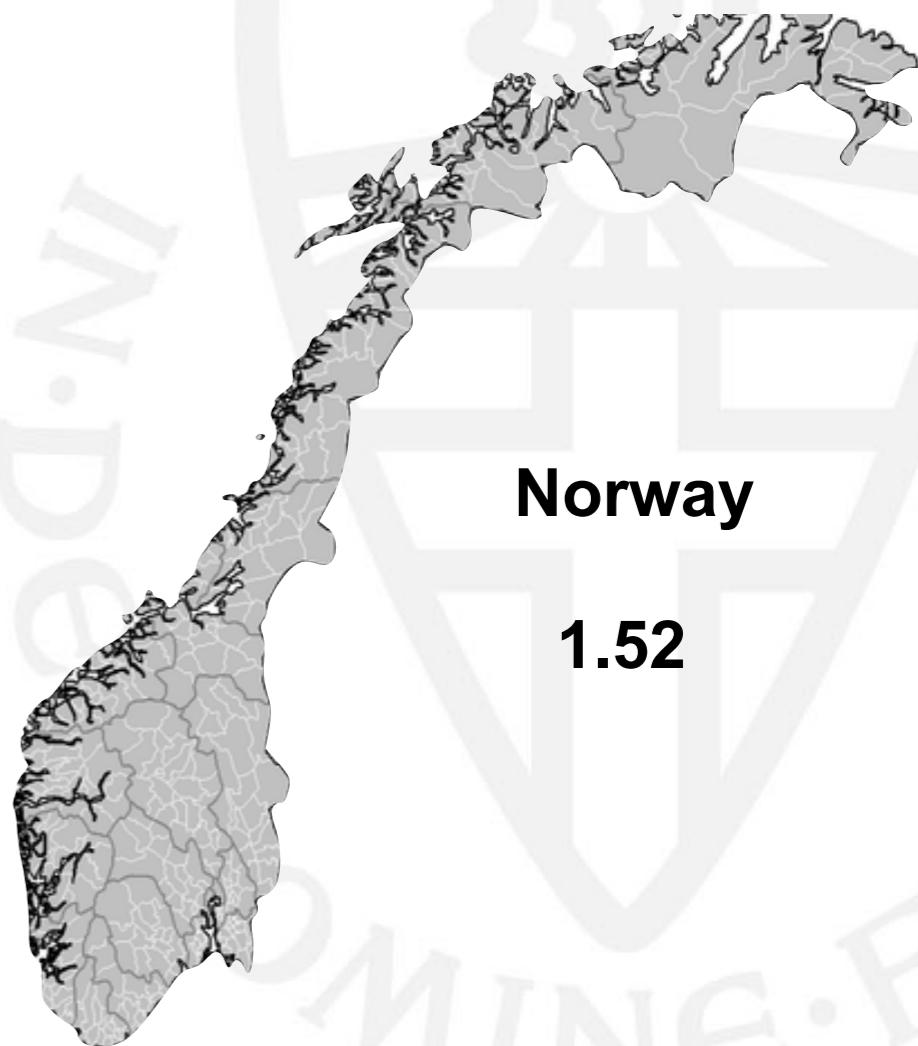
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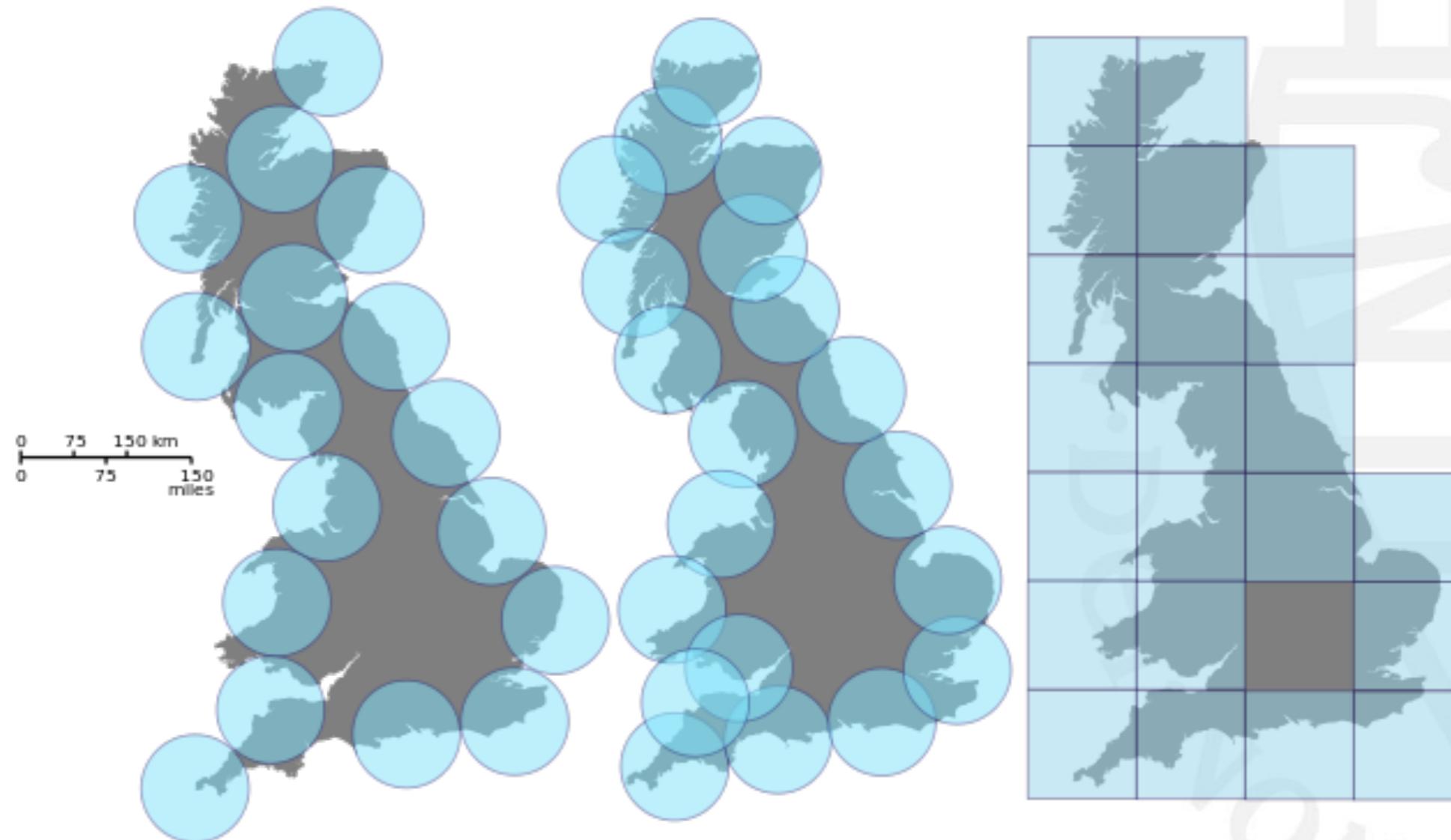
Ordered by scaling exponent, the log-log slope

“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

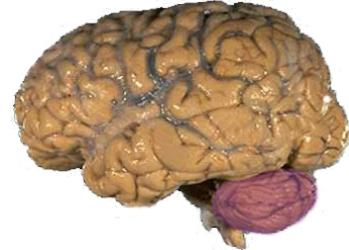
Scaling phenomena

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

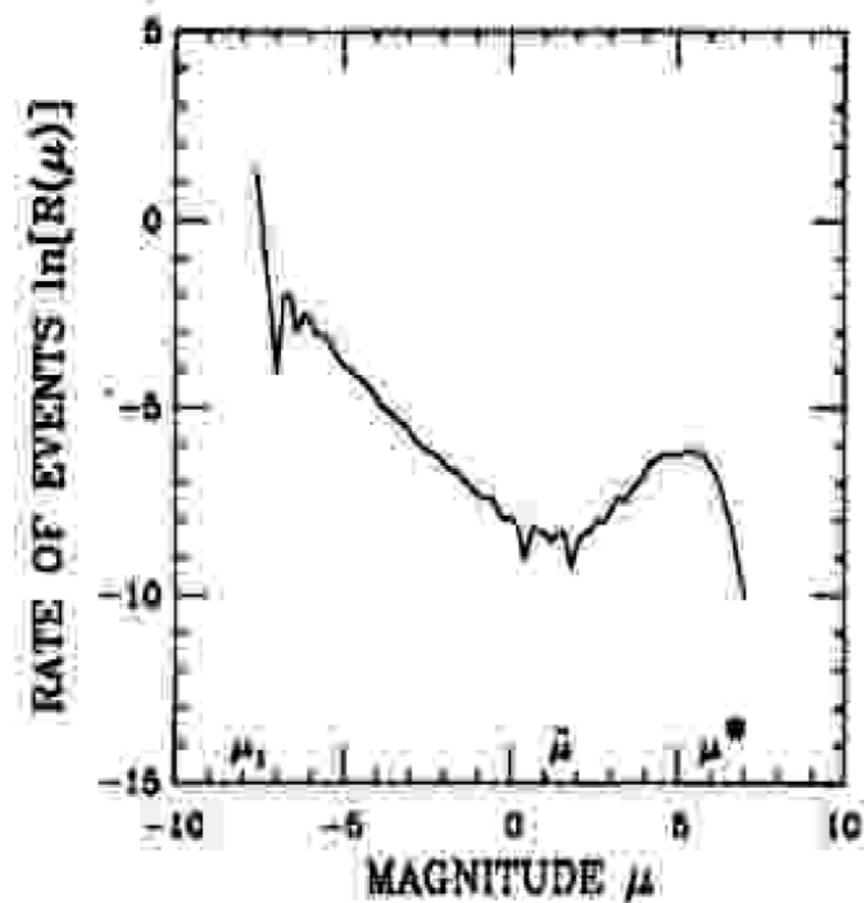
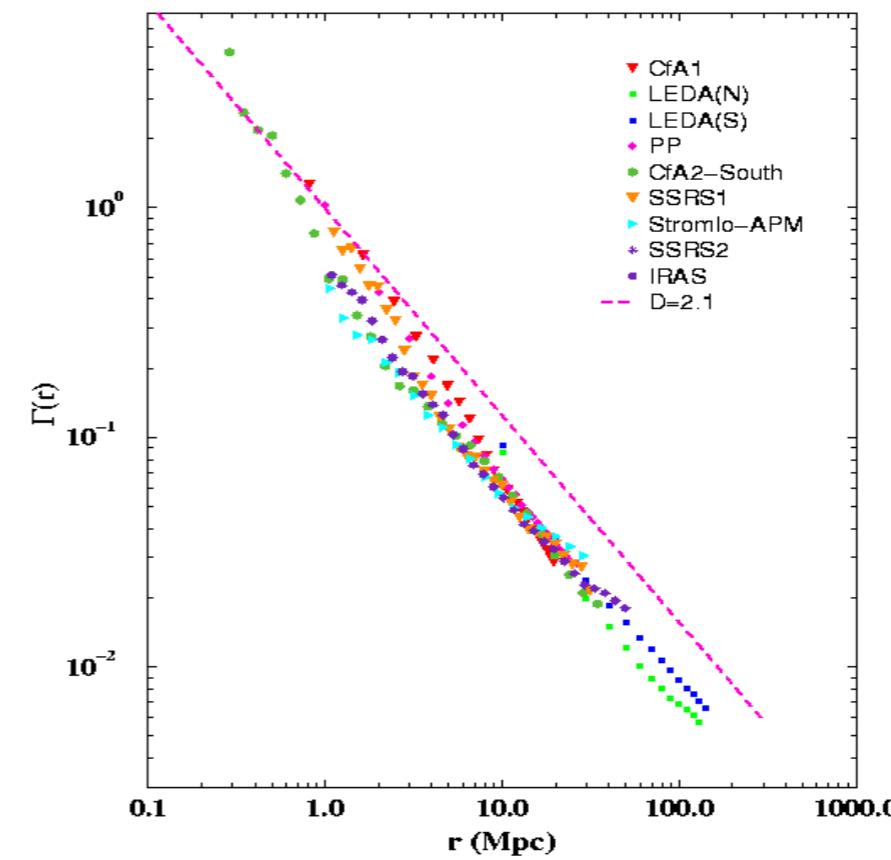


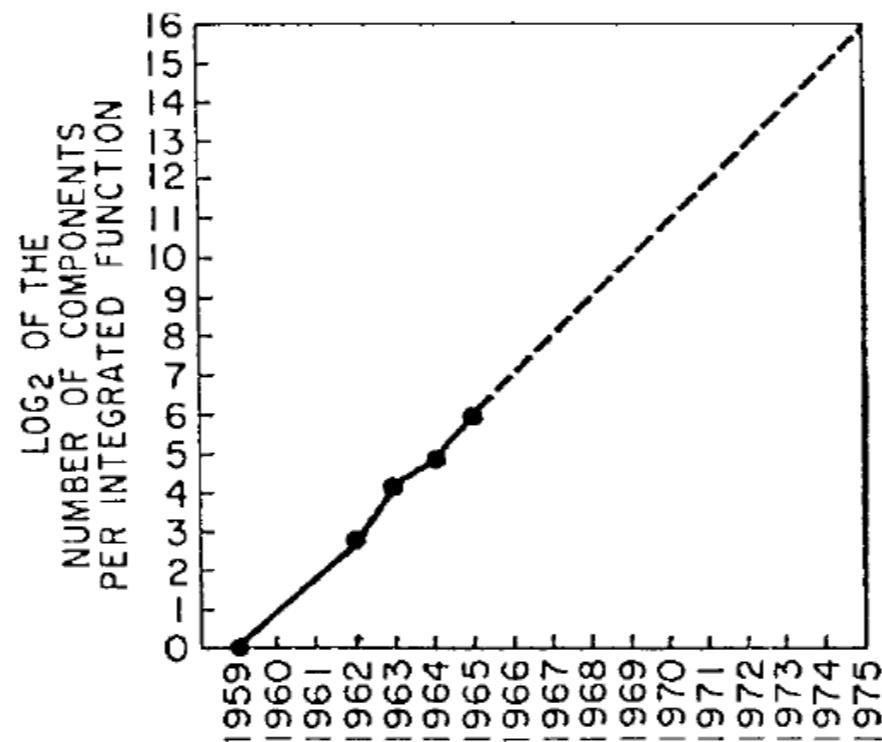
Figure 13: frequency distribution of the slip events (earthquakes) of magnitude μ taken from [53]. Notice the large bump that corresponds to an excess of events of high magnitude.



Scaling phenomena

Moore's Law:

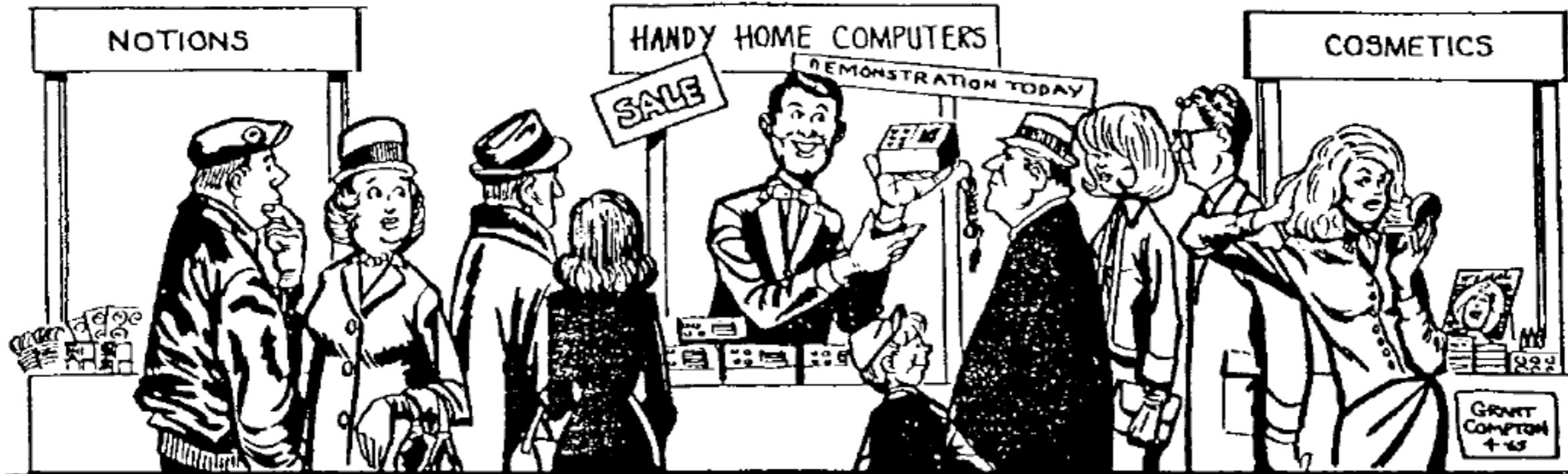
Predicted if speed of innovations in “cramming more components onto integrated circuits” kept up ...



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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Gouda kaasbiscuits. 70-125 g

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250 g

250 g
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Mini-stroopwafels
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300 g
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Chips patatje
kapsalon of
hete kip
250 g

250 g
0.99*



Basis voor soep

Tomaat, kip of rundvlees
met groenten. 0.485 l

0.485 l
1.29*

2.86 l



Spijsbroodjes of
appelflappen
Bereid met echte roomboter.
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220 g

220 g
1.19*

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Fluctuation Analyses

Standardised Dispersion Analysis

Detrended Fluctuation Analysis

Slope in log-log Power Spectral Density

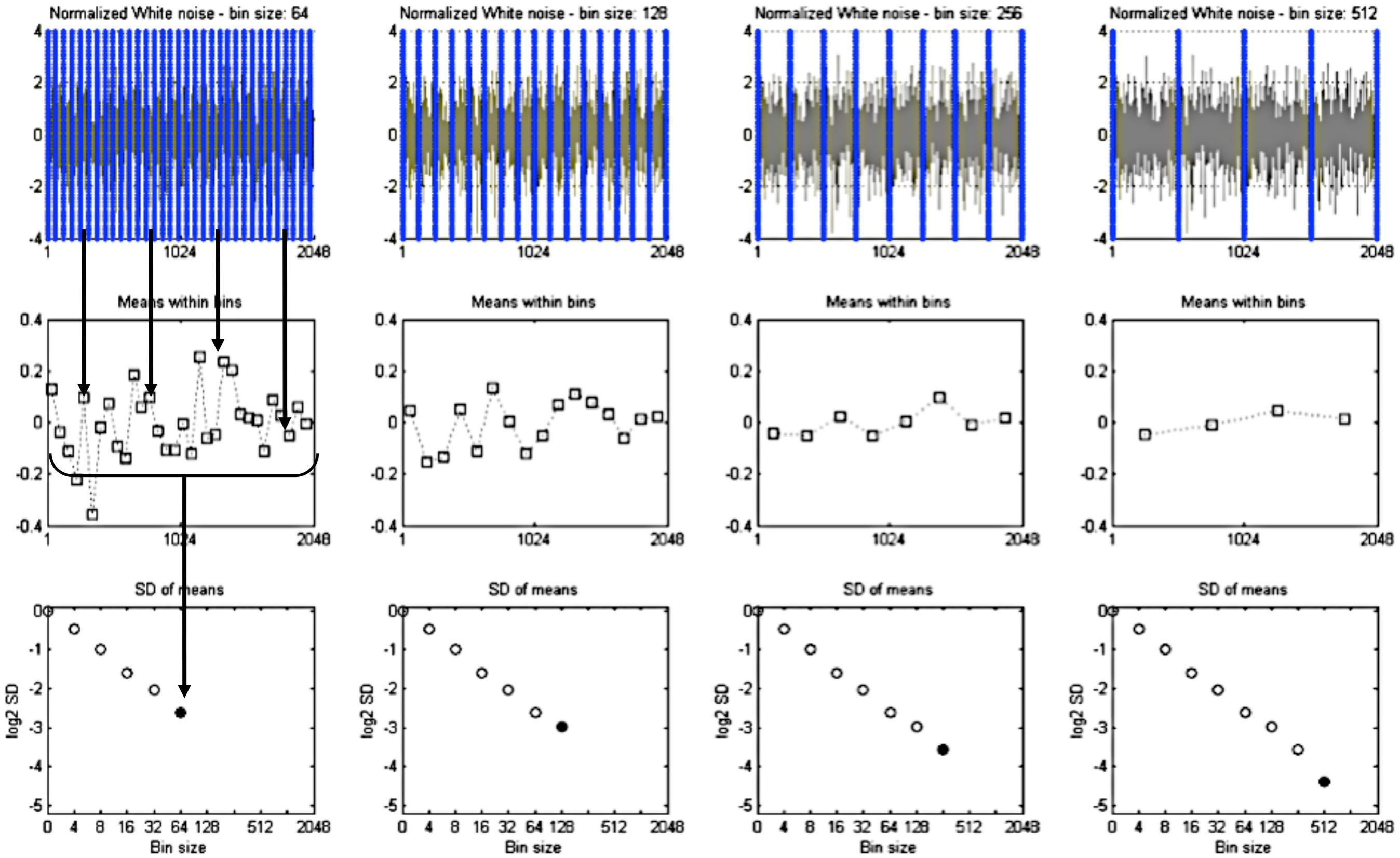


Standardised dispersion analysis

Scaling of “bulk” with “size”

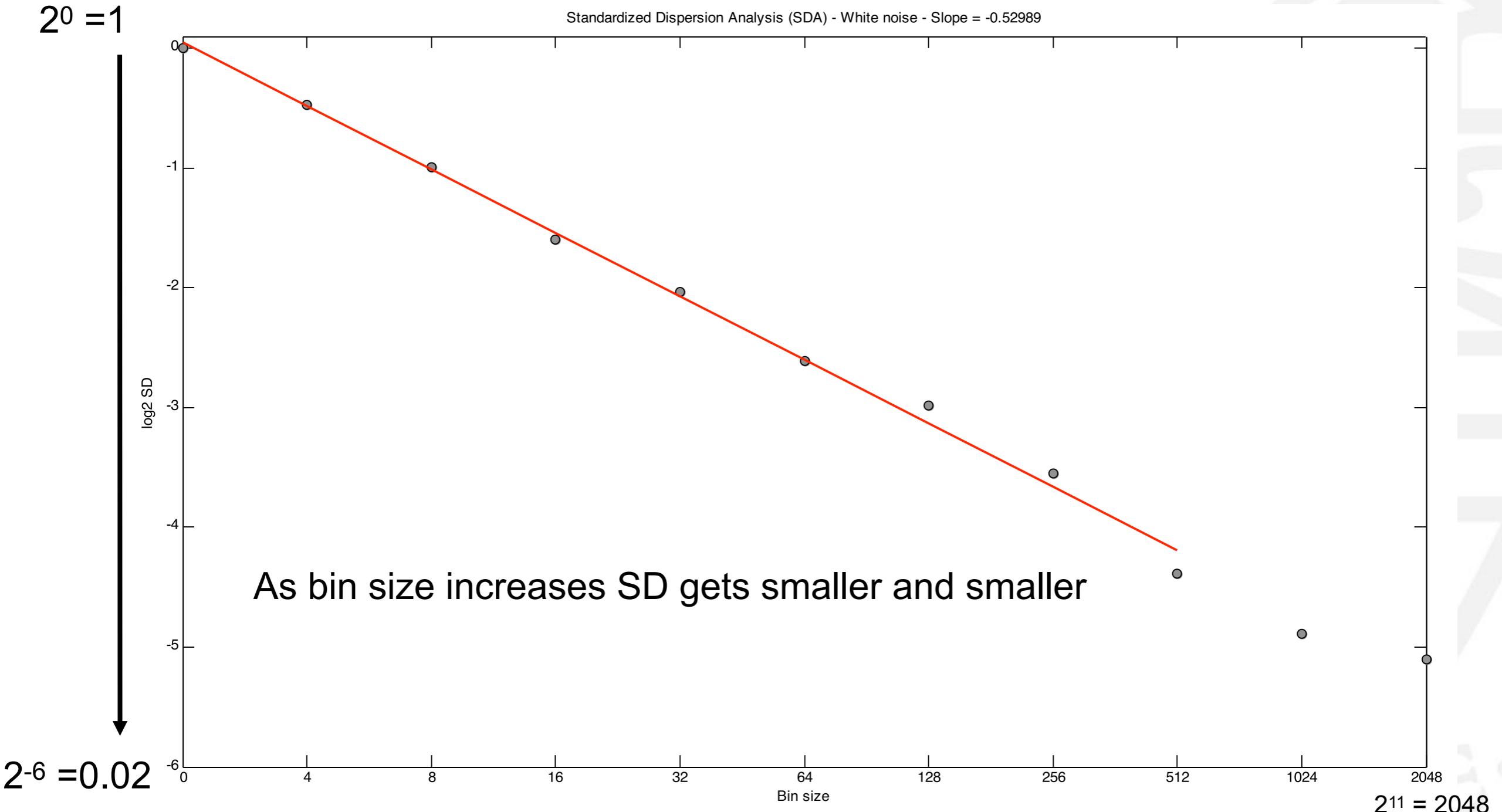
- Divide TS in bins of size N
- Get some indication of variation
- repeat



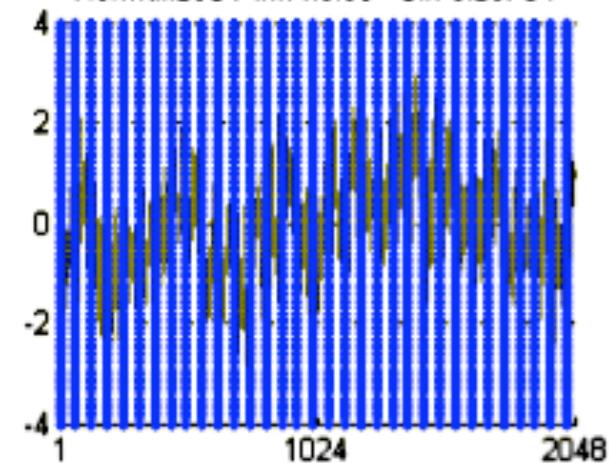


$$\text{Fractal dimension} = 1 - (\text{slope of line})$$

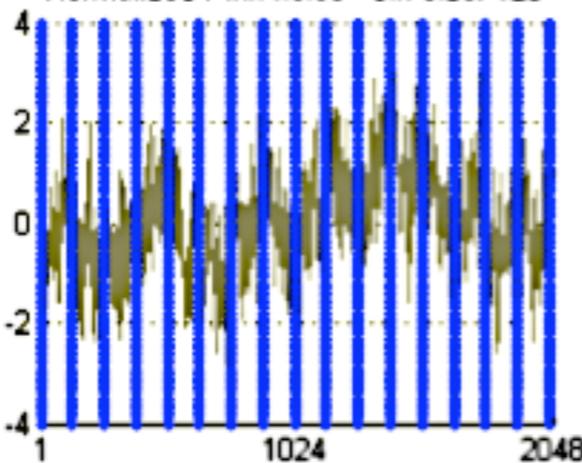
$$FD = 1 - (-0.53) = 1.53$$



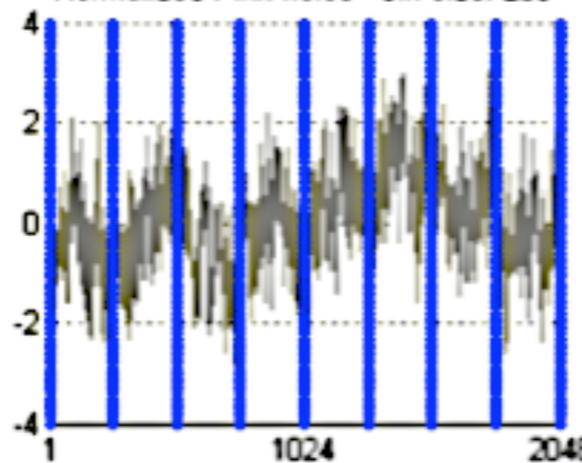
Normalized Pink noise - bin size: 64



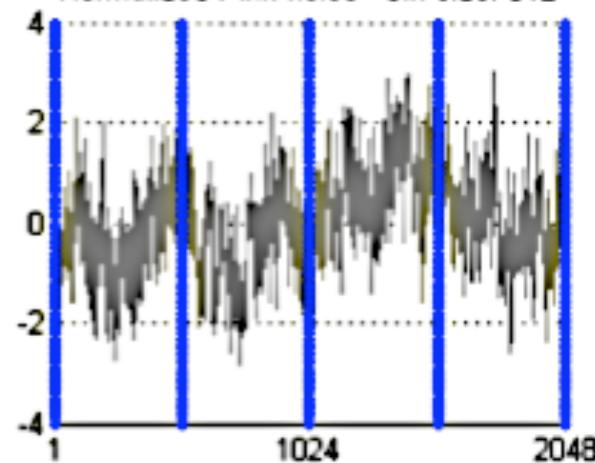
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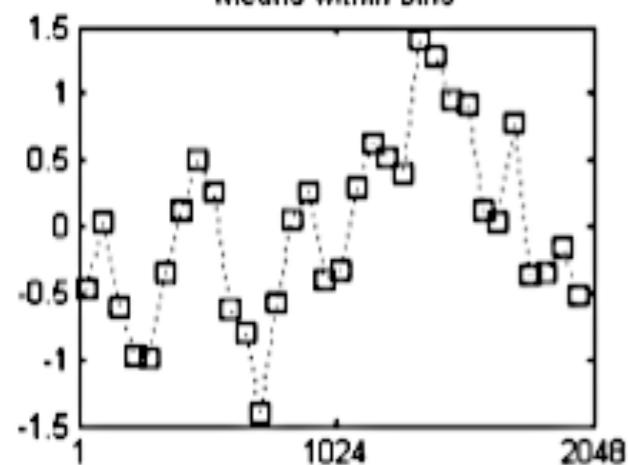
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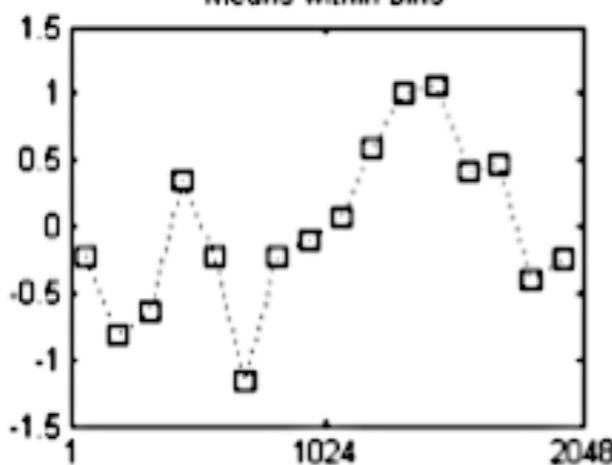
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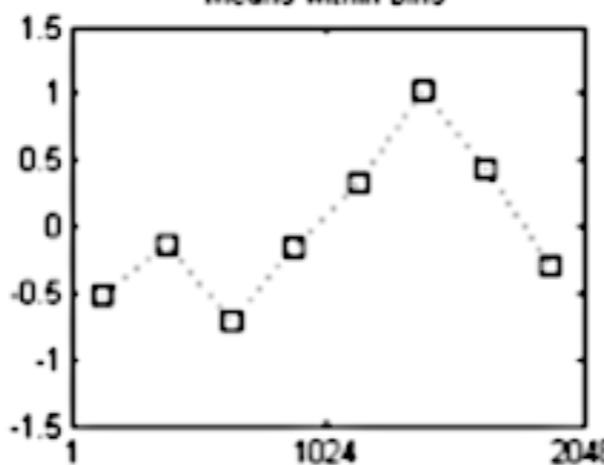
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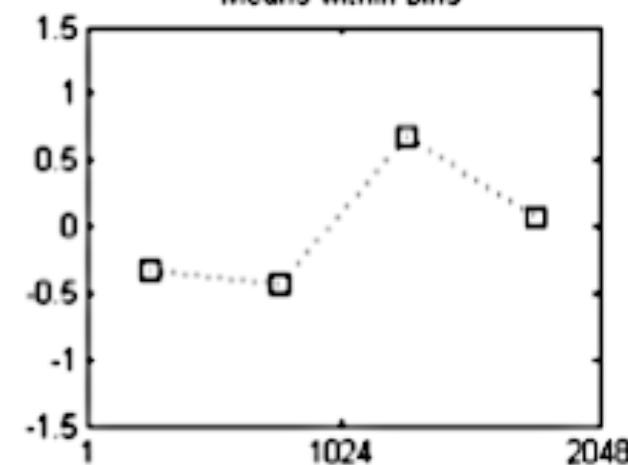
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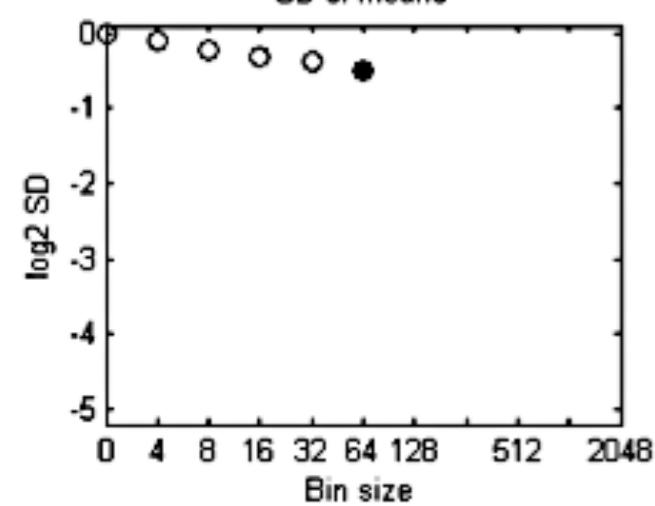
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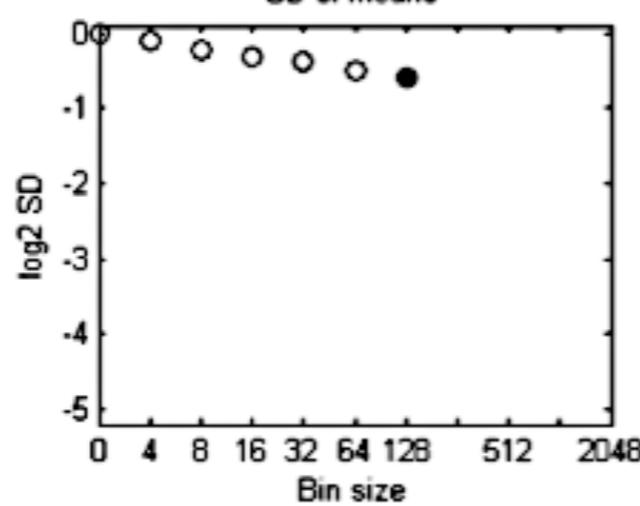
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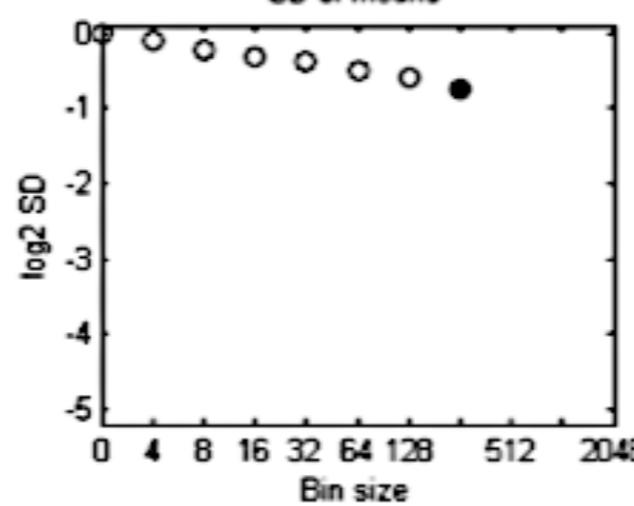
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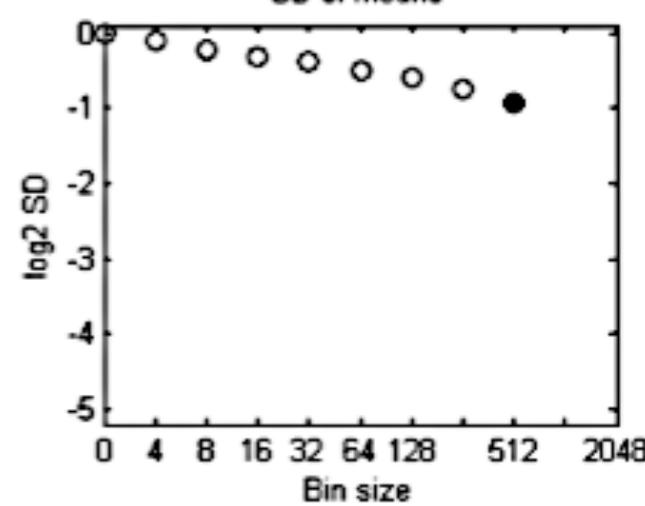
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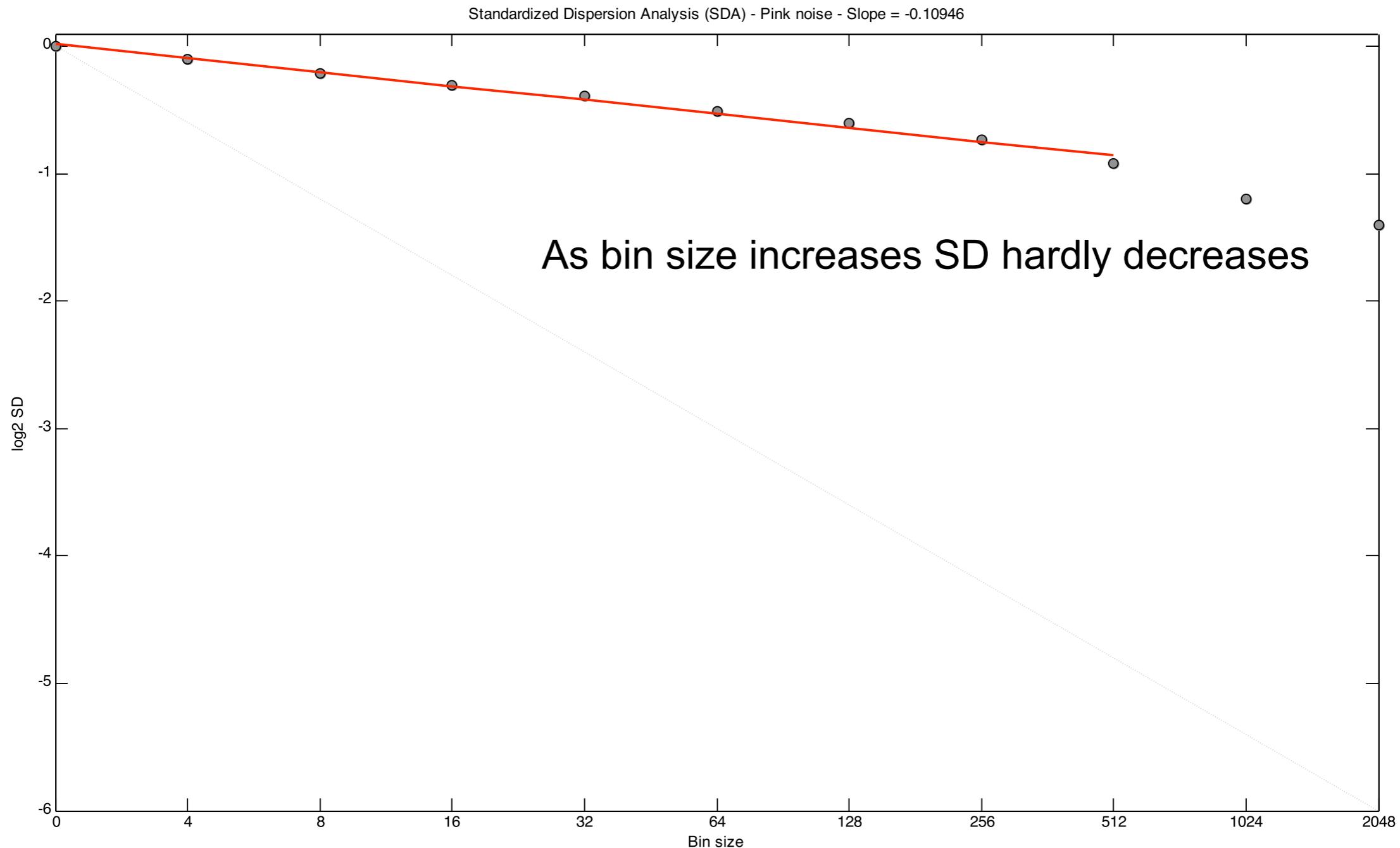
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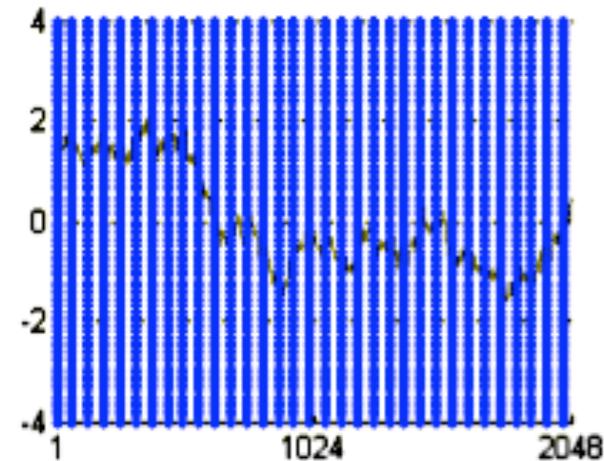
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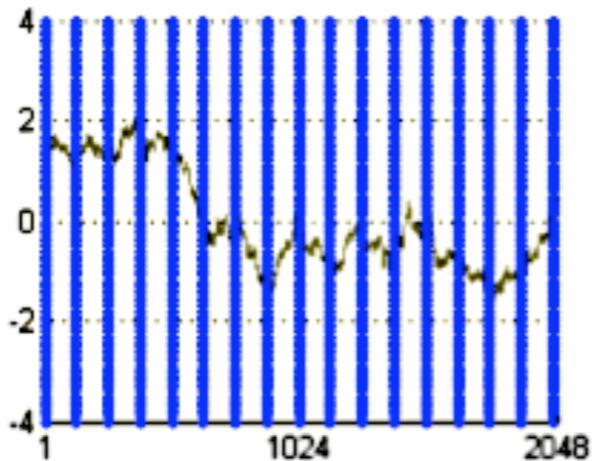
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FD = 1 - (-0.11) = 1.11



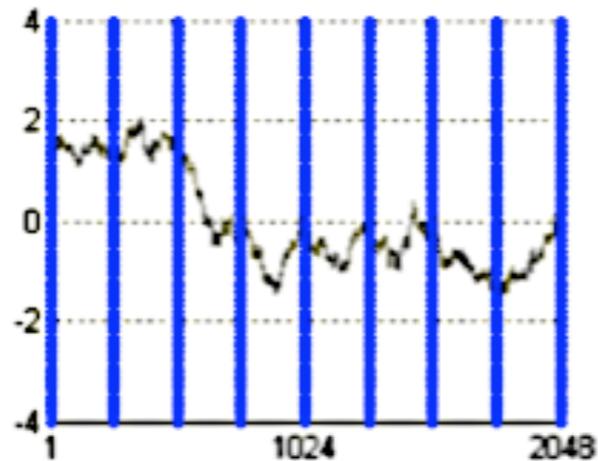
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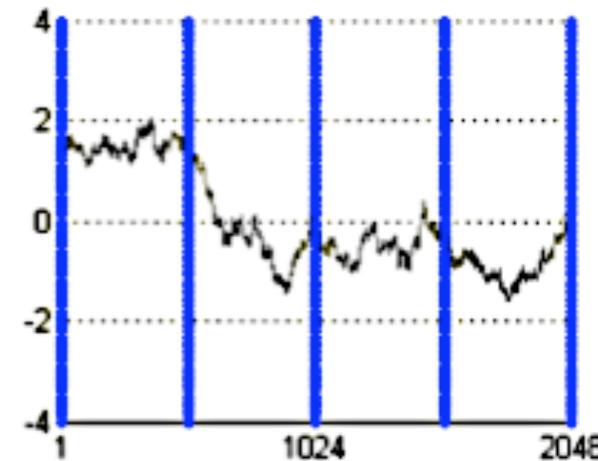
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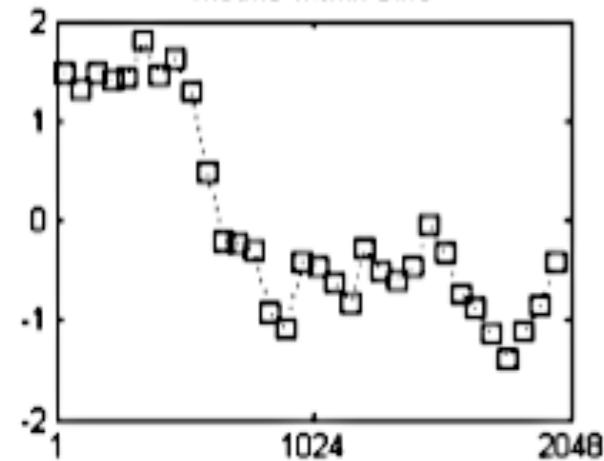
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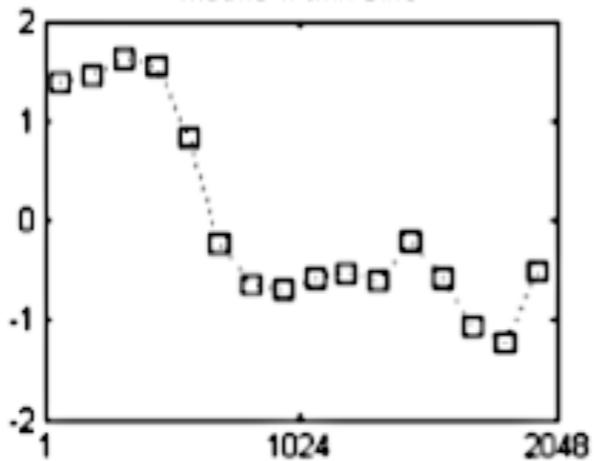
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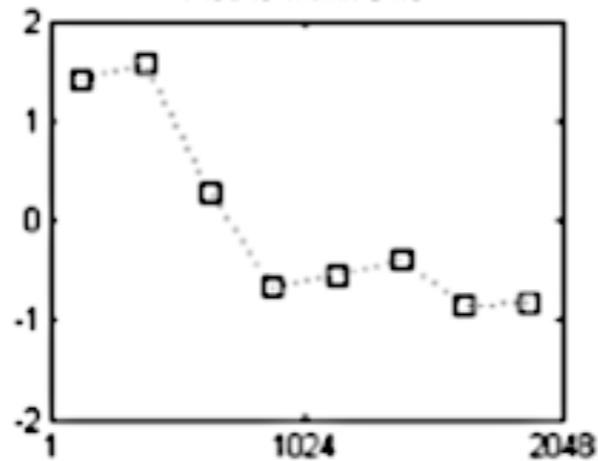
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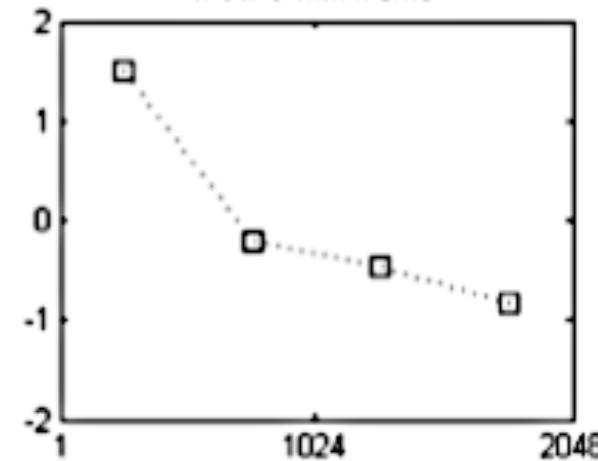
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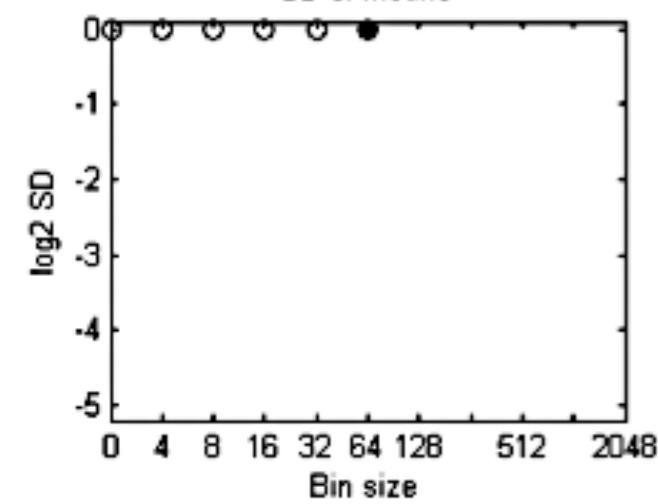
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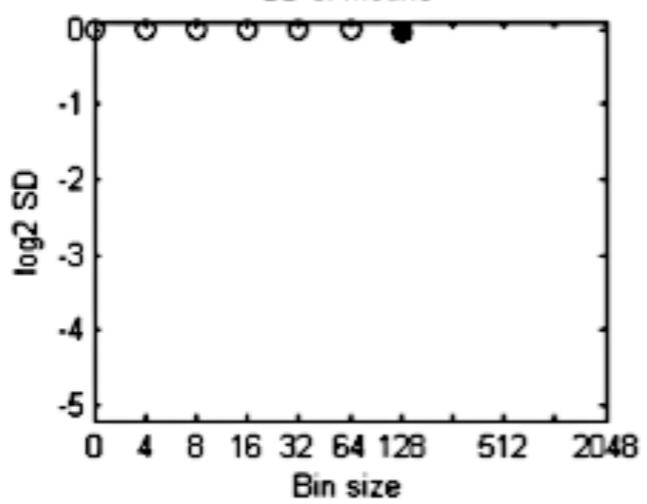
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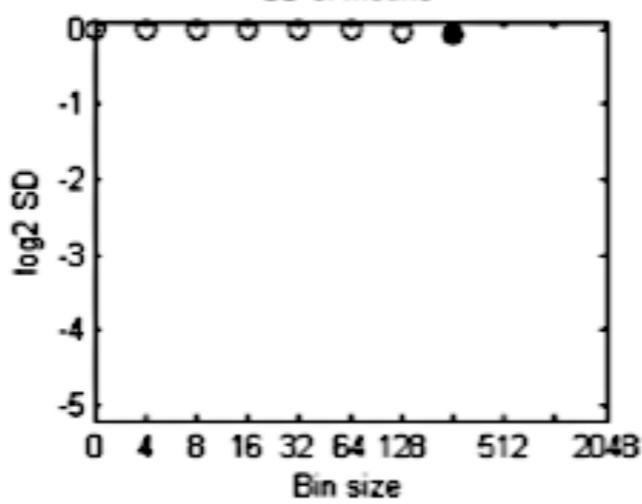
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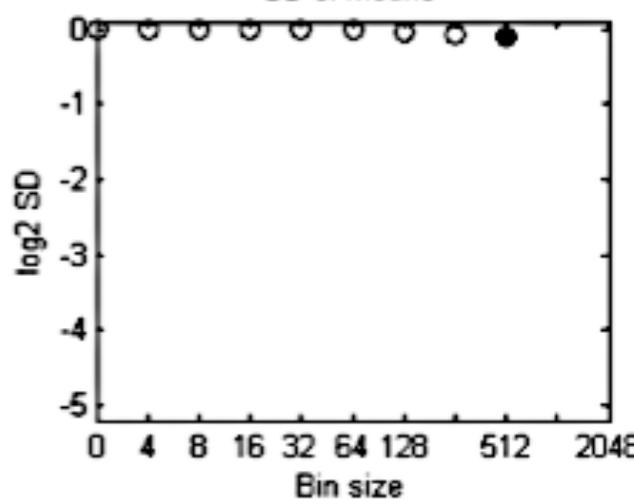
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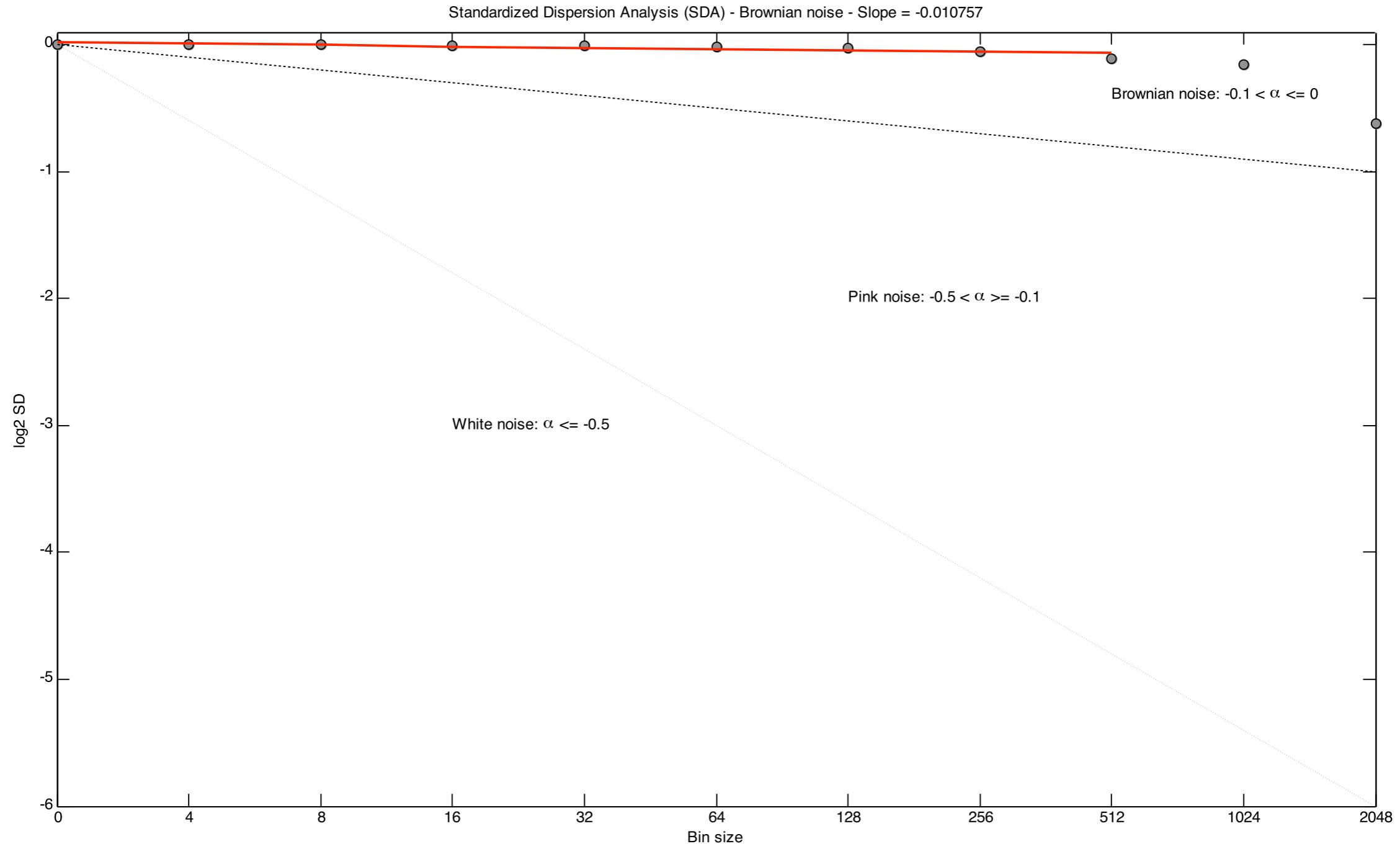
SD of means



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

