



# Forecasting chaotic dynamics

Lecture 19 of “Mathematics and AI”



# Outline

## 1. Nonlinear dynamics

fixed points, stable manifolds, chaos, Lyapunov exponent, strange attractor

## 2. Time-delayed embedding

feature mapping, Taken's theorem

## 3. Reservoir computing



# Nonlinear dynamics

# Dynamical system

- Discrete dynamical systems

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}, \dots, t)$$

- Discrete deterministic system

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots, t)$$

- Discrete deterministic Markov system

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, t)$$

- Continuous dynamical systems

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^t f(x(\tau), \varepsilon_\tau, \tau) d\tau$$

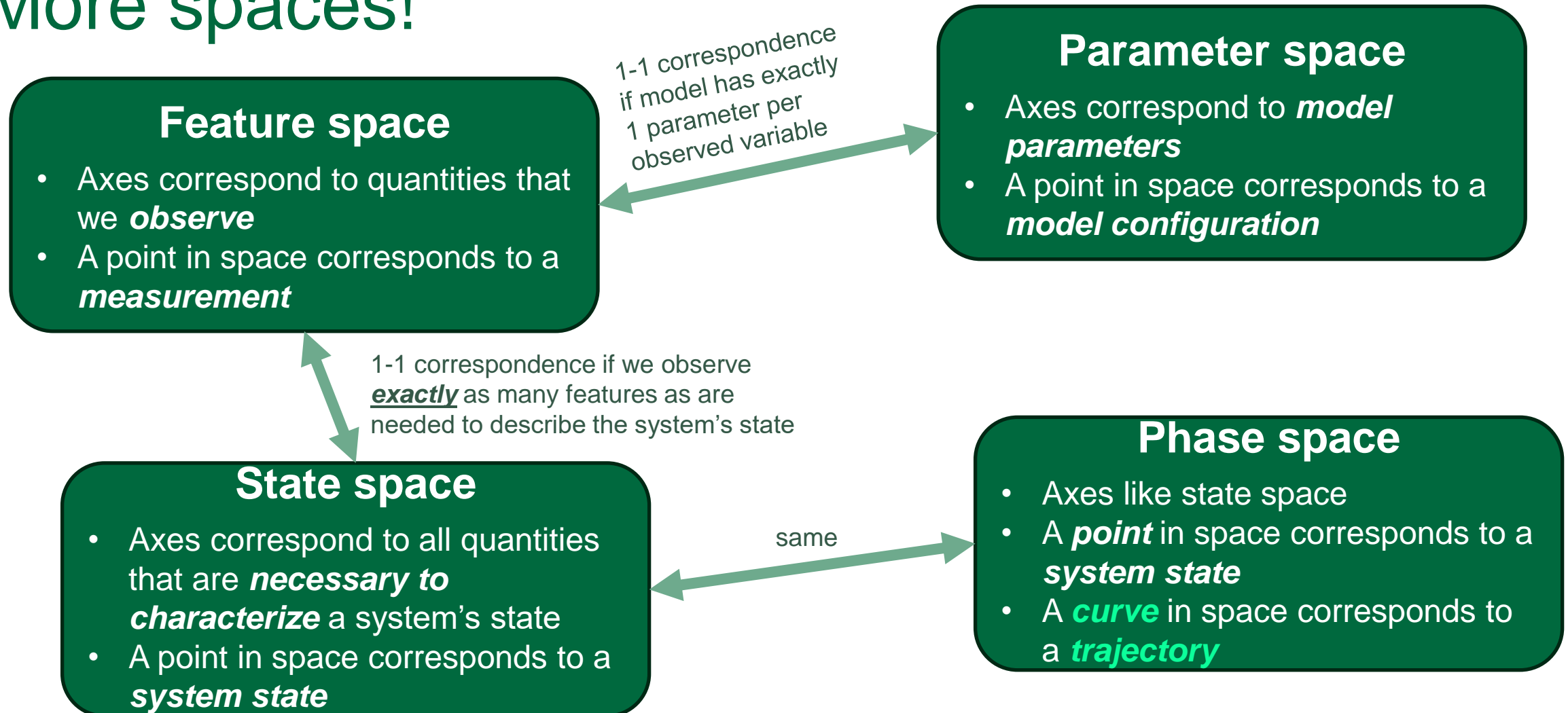
- Continuous deterministic system

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- Continuous deterministic Markov system

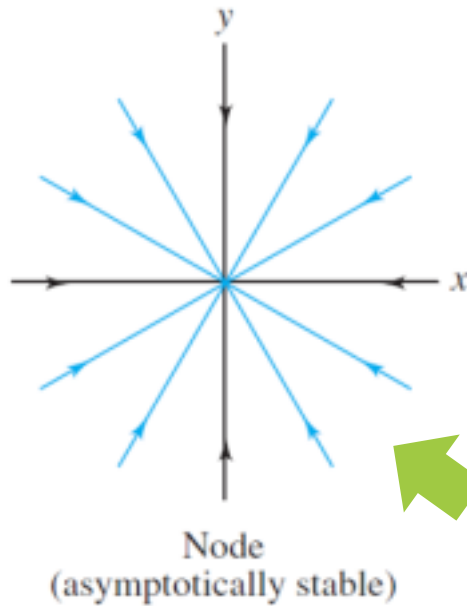
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x(t), t)$$

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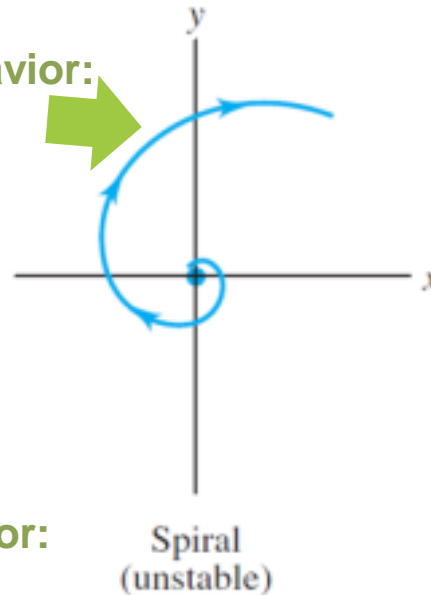
# Stability

## Stable dynamics



**Short-term behavior:**  
easy to predict  
**Long-term behavior:**  
not interesting

## Unstable dynamics



**Short-term behavior:**  
easy to predict  
**Long-term behavior:**  
easy to predict

## Chaotic dynamics (special type of unstable)



**Short-term behavior:**  
hard to predict  
**Long-term behavior:**  
Impossible to predict

# Chaotic dynamics

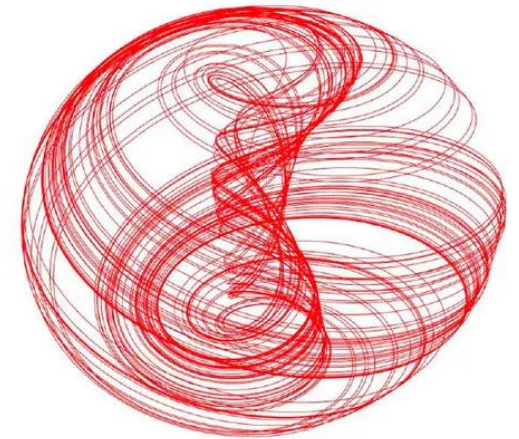
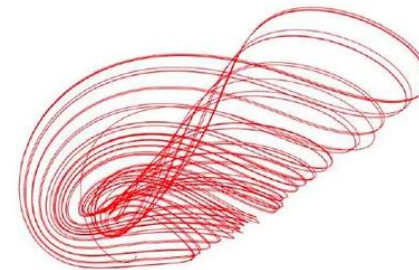
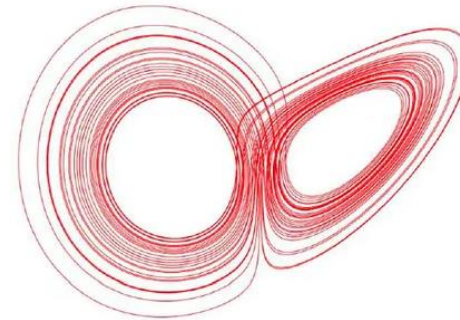
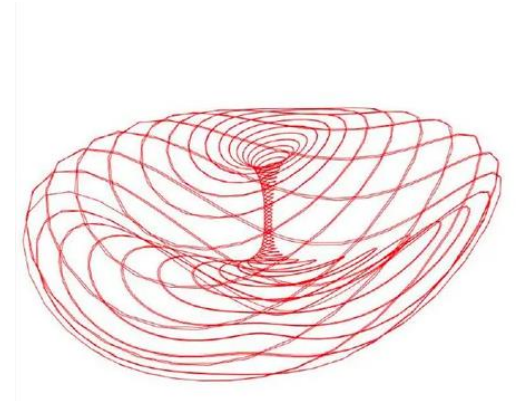
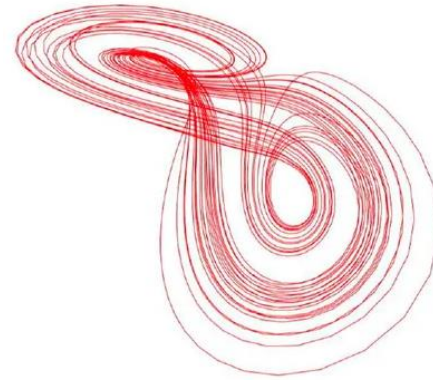
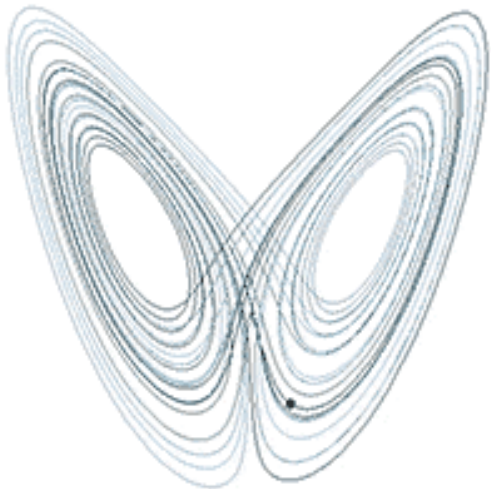
- Chaos is aperiodic long-term behavior in a deterministic system that exhibits sensitive dependence on initial conditions (Strogatz 2024)
- Dynamics “stretch and fold” volumes in phase space





# Strange attractors

- Trajectories stay within a bounded region (“box”)
- Quasiperiodic dynamics
- Minimal box dimension is 3



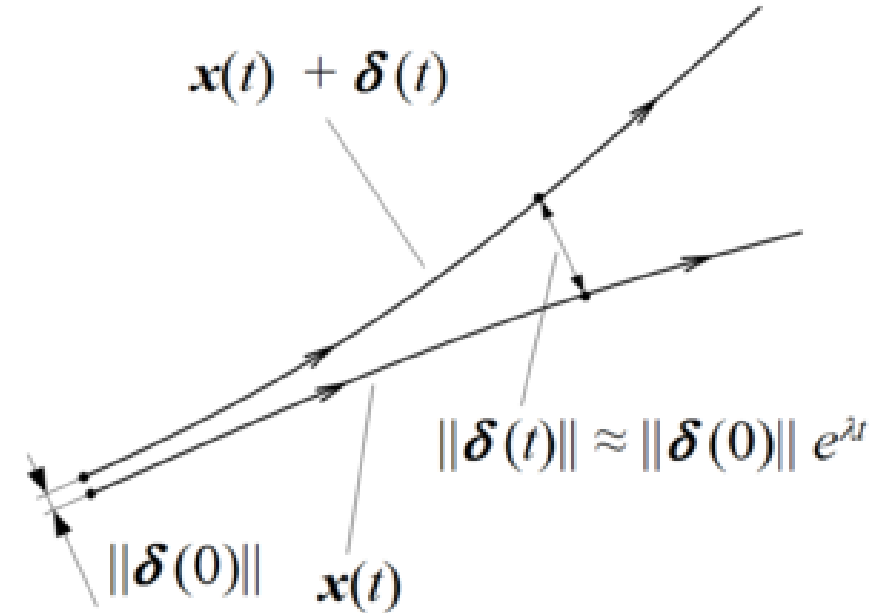


# Lyapunov exponents

- Rate  $\lambda$  of divergence of trajectories with an initially small displacement  $\delta X(0)$

$$|\delta X(t)| = e^{\lambda t} |\delta X(0)|$$

- Can change with time/ along a trajectory
- Used to characterize chaotic dynamics
- Poses limit on predictability
- Predictability horizon is  $1/\lambda$

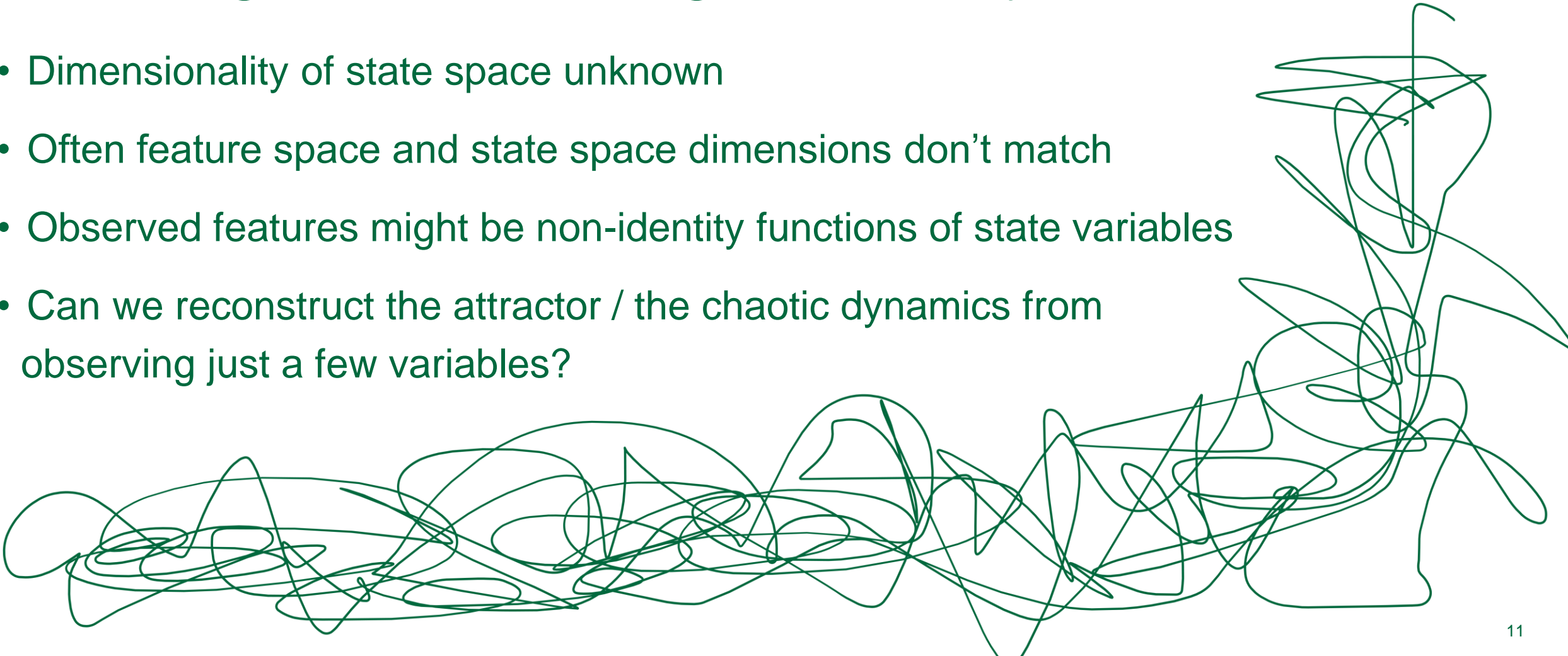




# Time-delayed embedding

# Challenges in predicting chaotic dynamics

- Dimensionality of state space unknown
- Often feature space and state space dimensions don't match
- Observed features might be non-identity functions of state variables
- Can we reconstruct the attractor / the chaotic dynamics from observing just a few variables?



# Taken's theorem

Let  $M$  be a compact manifold of dimension  $m$ . For pairs  $(\phi, y)$ , where  $\phi : M \rightarrow M$  is a smooth diffeomorphism (an invertible function that maps one differentiable manifold to another such that both the function and its inverse are smooth) and  $y : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a smooth function, it is a generic property that the  $(2m + 1)$ --delay observation map  $\Phi_{(\phi, y)} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2m+1}$  given by

$$\Phi_{(\phi, y)}(x) = (y(x), y \circ \phi(x), \dots, y \circ \phi^{2m}(x))$$

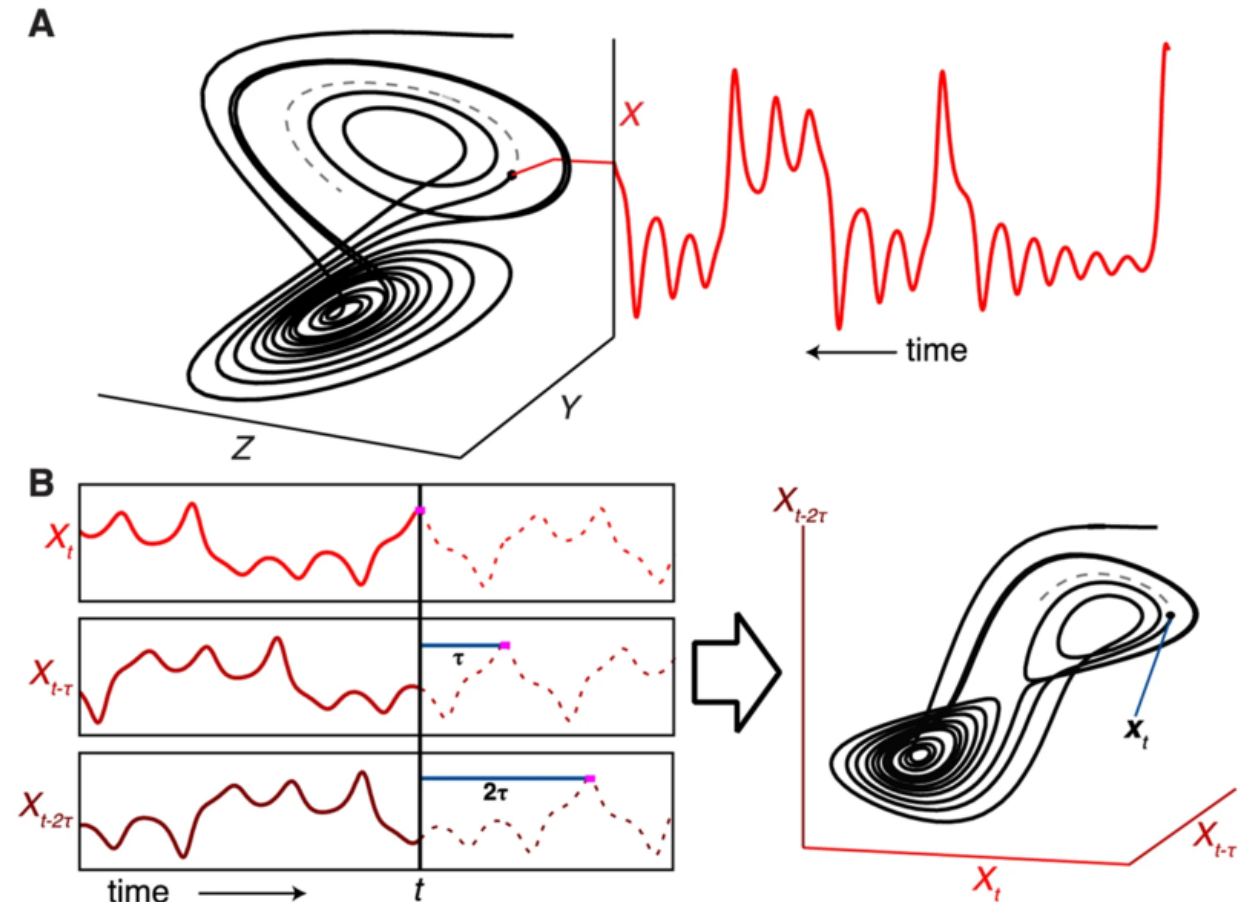
is an embedding; by 'smooth' we mean at least  $C^2$ .

$\Phi_{(\phi, y)}$

- is invertible and has invertible first derivative
- preserves structure

# Attractor reconstruction via time-delayed embedding

1. Measure time series (1D feature space)
2. Feature augmentation via time-delayed embedding with dimension  $d$  and time lag  $\Delta t$
3. Reconstruct attractor in augmented feature space
4. Use augmented features for prediction



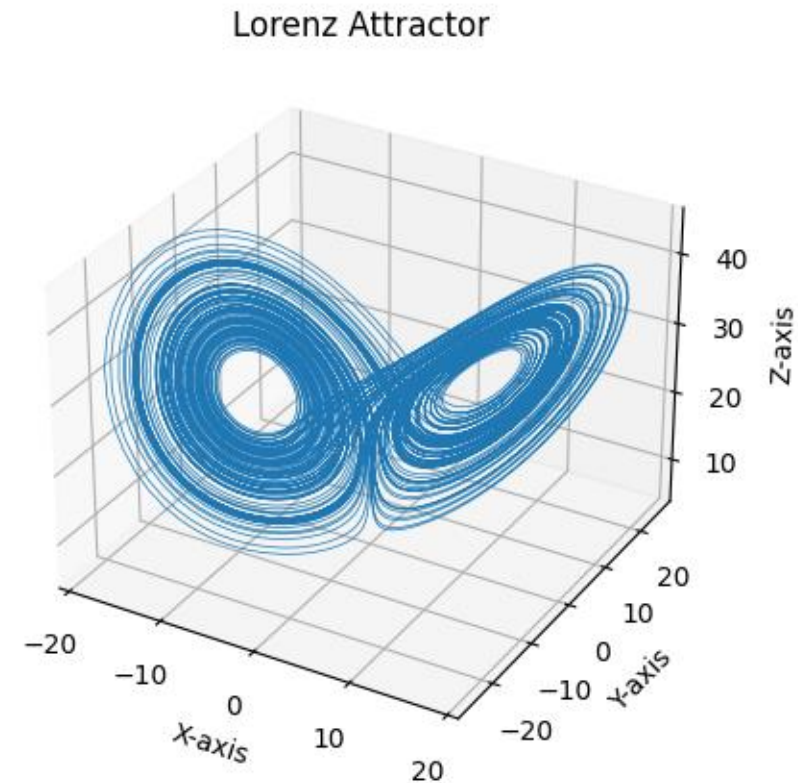
# Example: Lorenz attractor

## 1. Synthesize chaotic dynamics

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x),$$

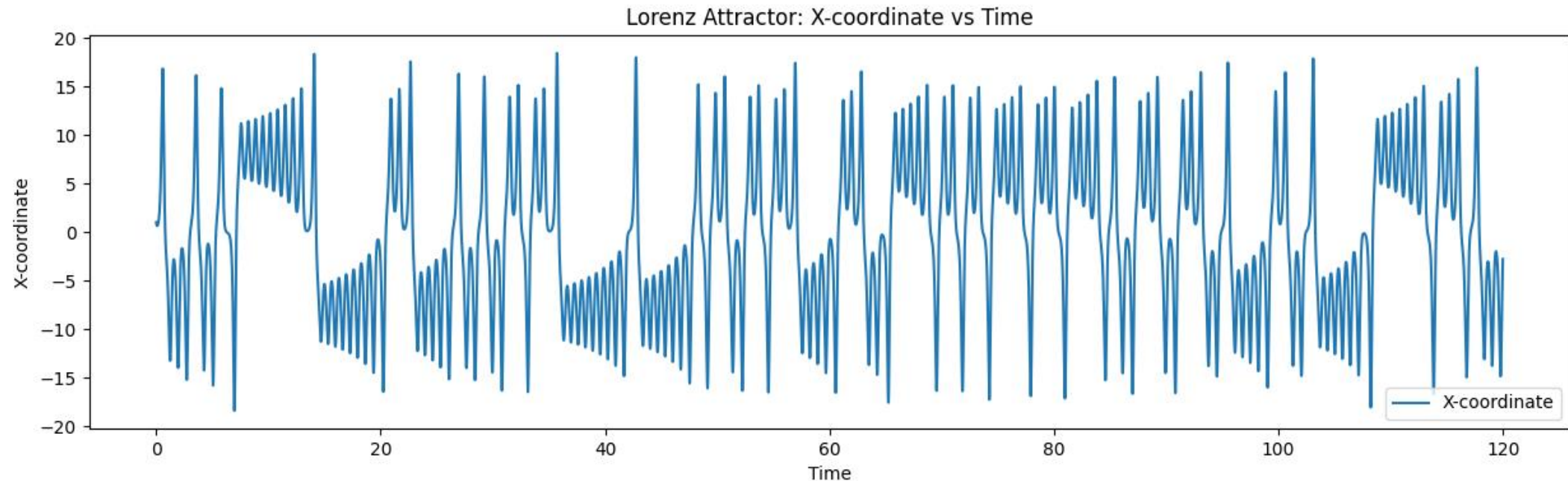
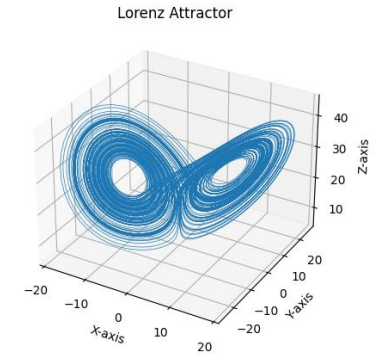
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y,$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z.$$



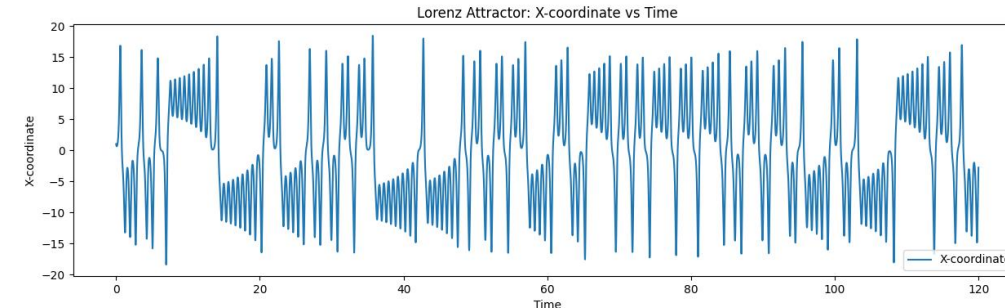
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## 2. Observe one variable





# Example: Lorenz attractor



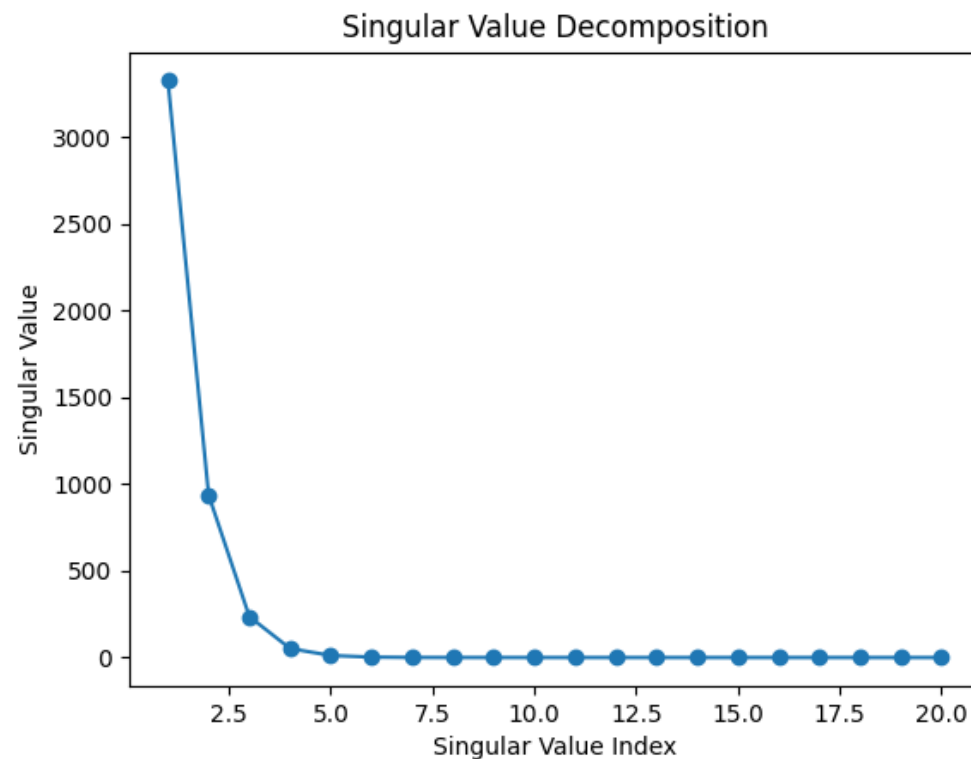
## 3. High-dimensional time-delayed feature mapping

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \begin{bmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \\ \dots \\ x_t^D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_t \\ u_{t-1} \\ \dots \\ u_{t-(D-1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h(s_t) \\ h(s_{t-1}) \\ \dots \\ h(s_{t-(D-1)}) \end{bmatrix} =: F_D(s_t)$$

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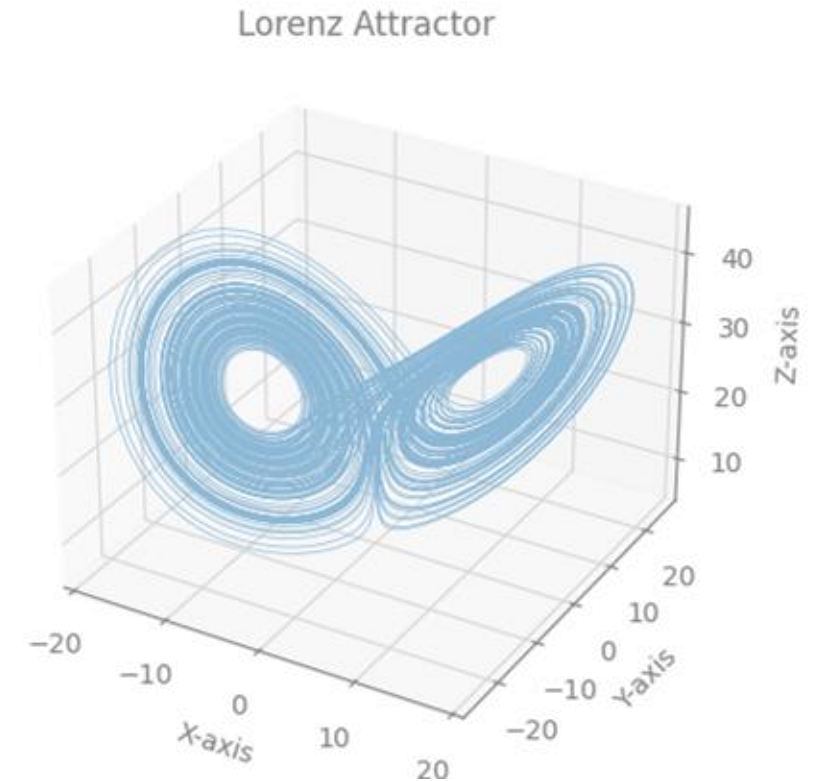
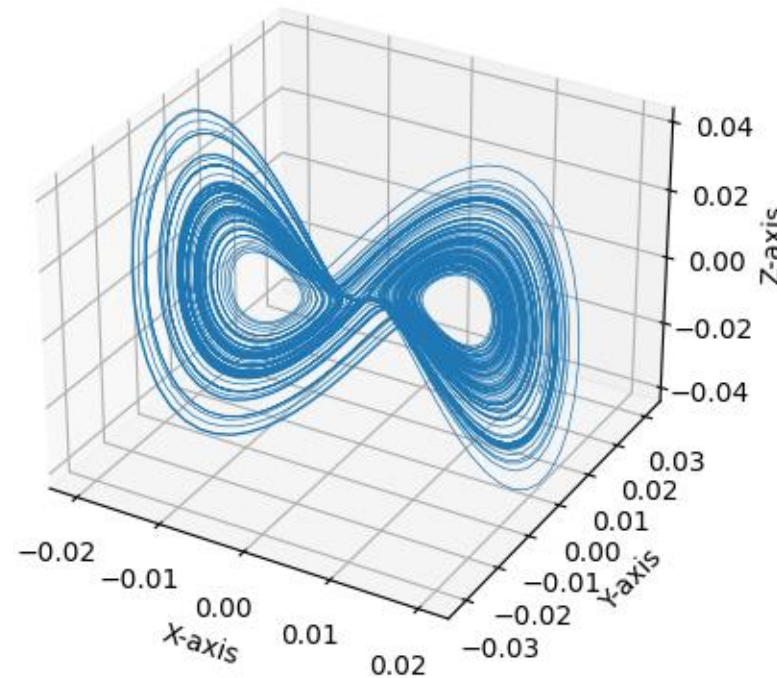
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## 3. Dimension reduction



# Example: Lorenz attractor

- What can we do with the embedded coordinates?
- Attractor reconstruction



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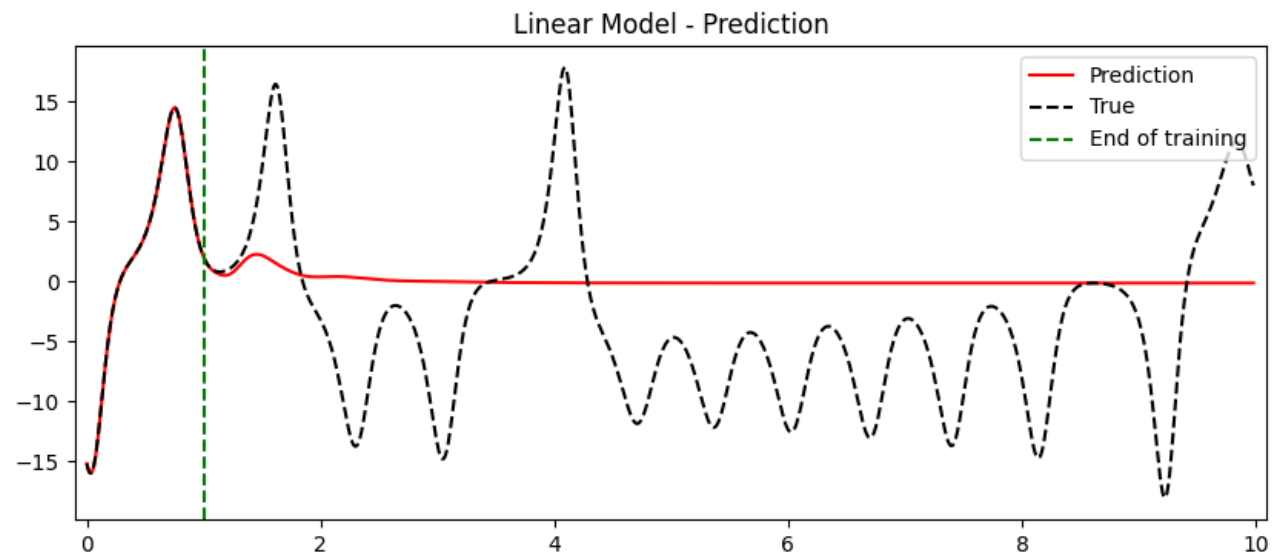
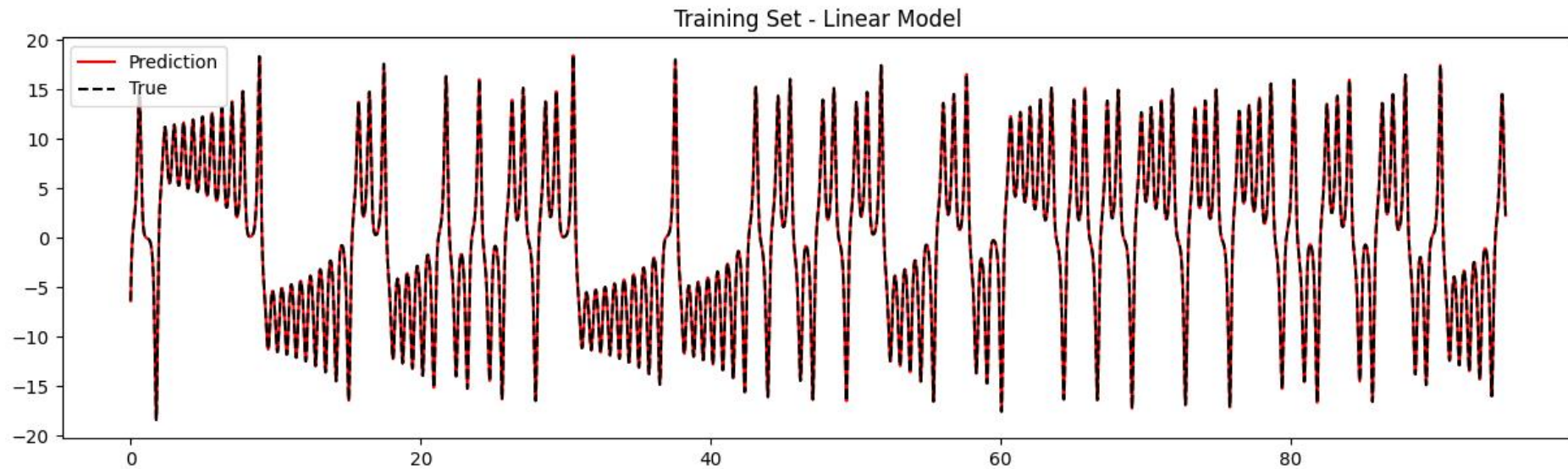
- What can we do with the embedded coordinates?
  - Attractor reconstruction
  - Prediction (with linear model)

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from sklearn import linear_model

X = embedded_data[:-1,:]
Y = embedded_data[1:,-1]

linear_predictor = linear_model.Ridge(alpha = 1e-5)

linear_predictor.fit(X,Y)
```



# Example: Lorenz attractor

- What can we do with the embedded coordinates?
  - Attractor reconstruction
  - Prediction (with linear model)
  - Prediction (with nonlinear model)

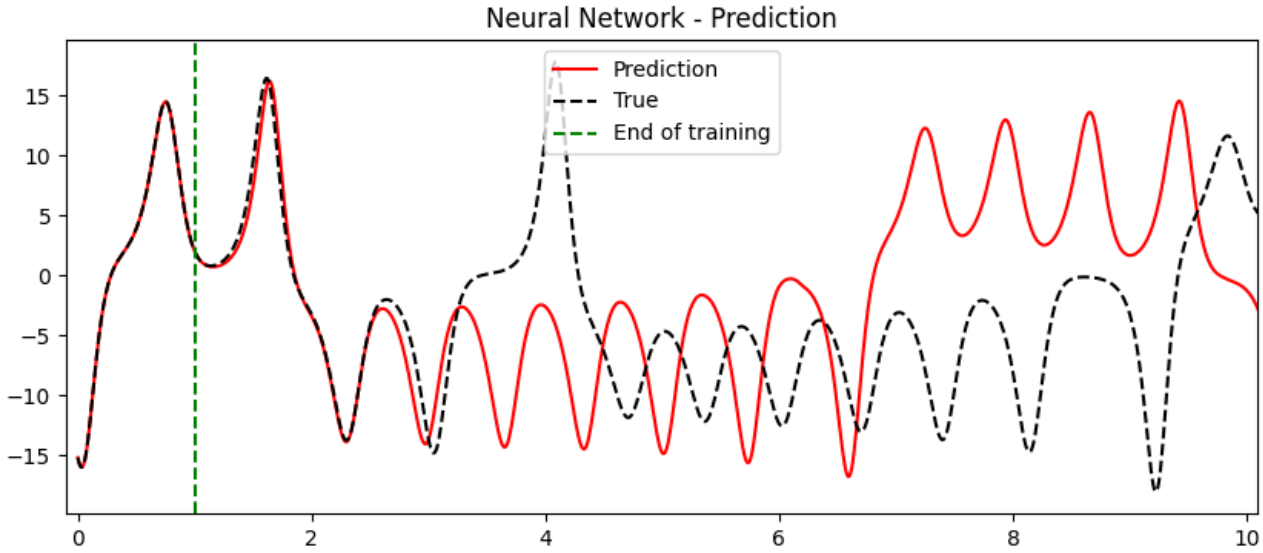
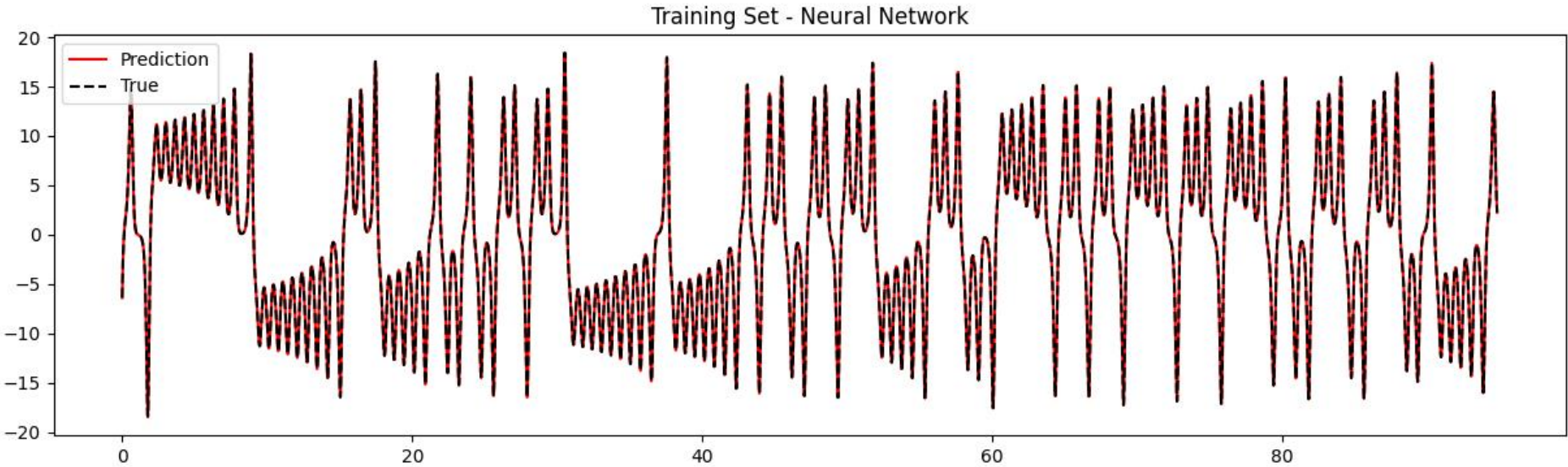
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import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.utils.data import TensorDataset, DataLoader
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Convert NumPy arrays to PyTorch tensors
X_tensor = torch.tensor(X, dtype=torch.float32)
Y_tensor = torch.tensor(Y, dtype=torch.float32)

# Create a simple neural network model
class NeuralNetwork(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_dim, hidden_dim):
        super(NeuralNetwork, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, 1)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = torch.relu(self.fc2(x))
        x = self.fc3(x)
        return x
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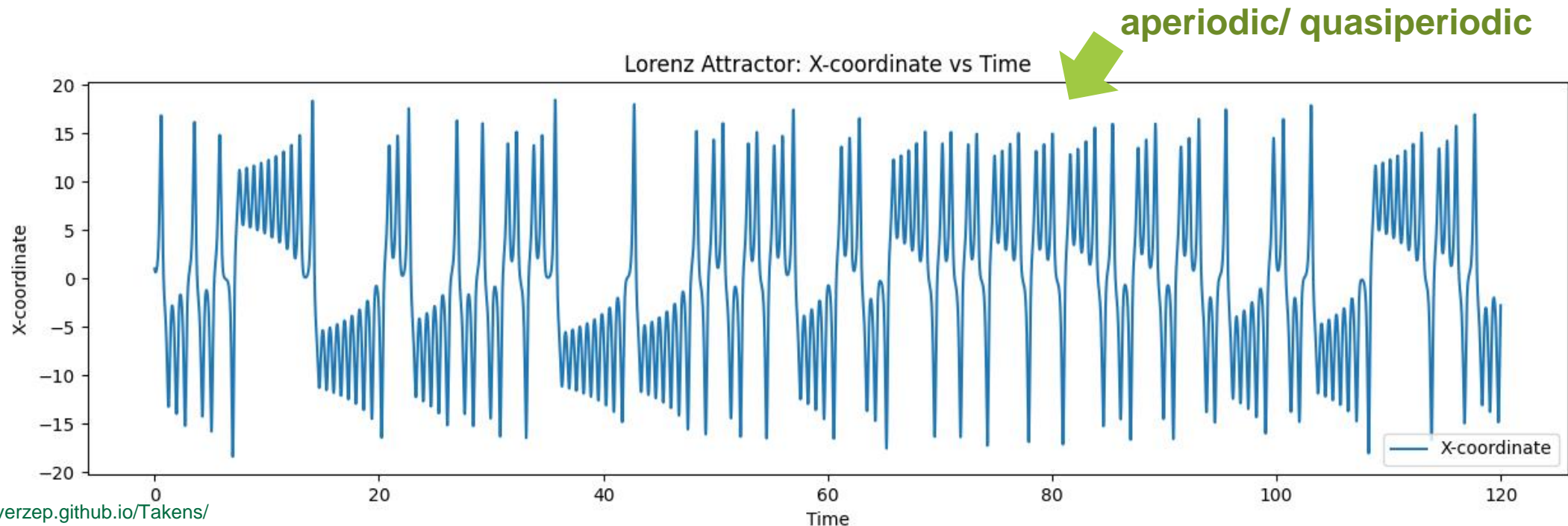




# Reservoir computing

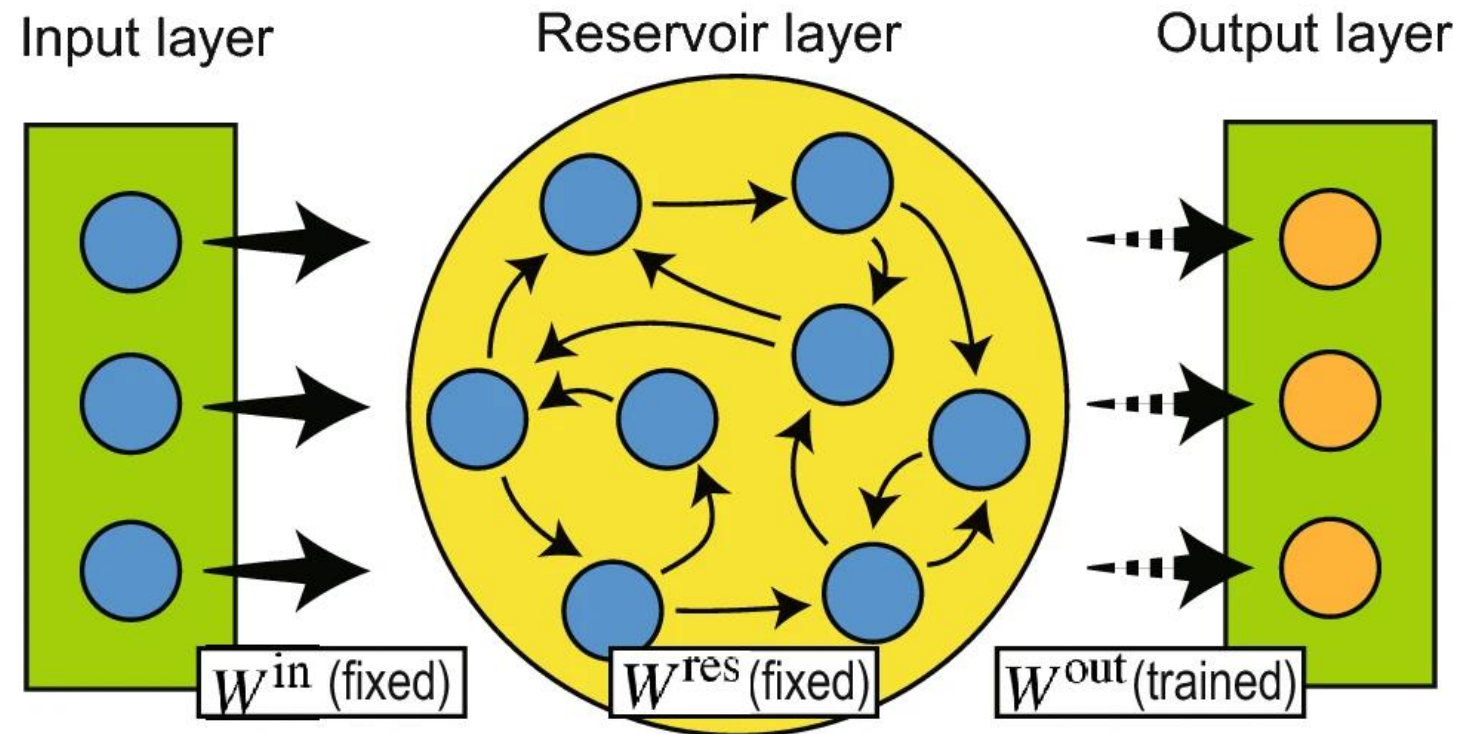
# Digital twins of chaotic systems

- Create a digital chaotic system to model a real chaotic system
- How similar do the two chaotic systems need to be?



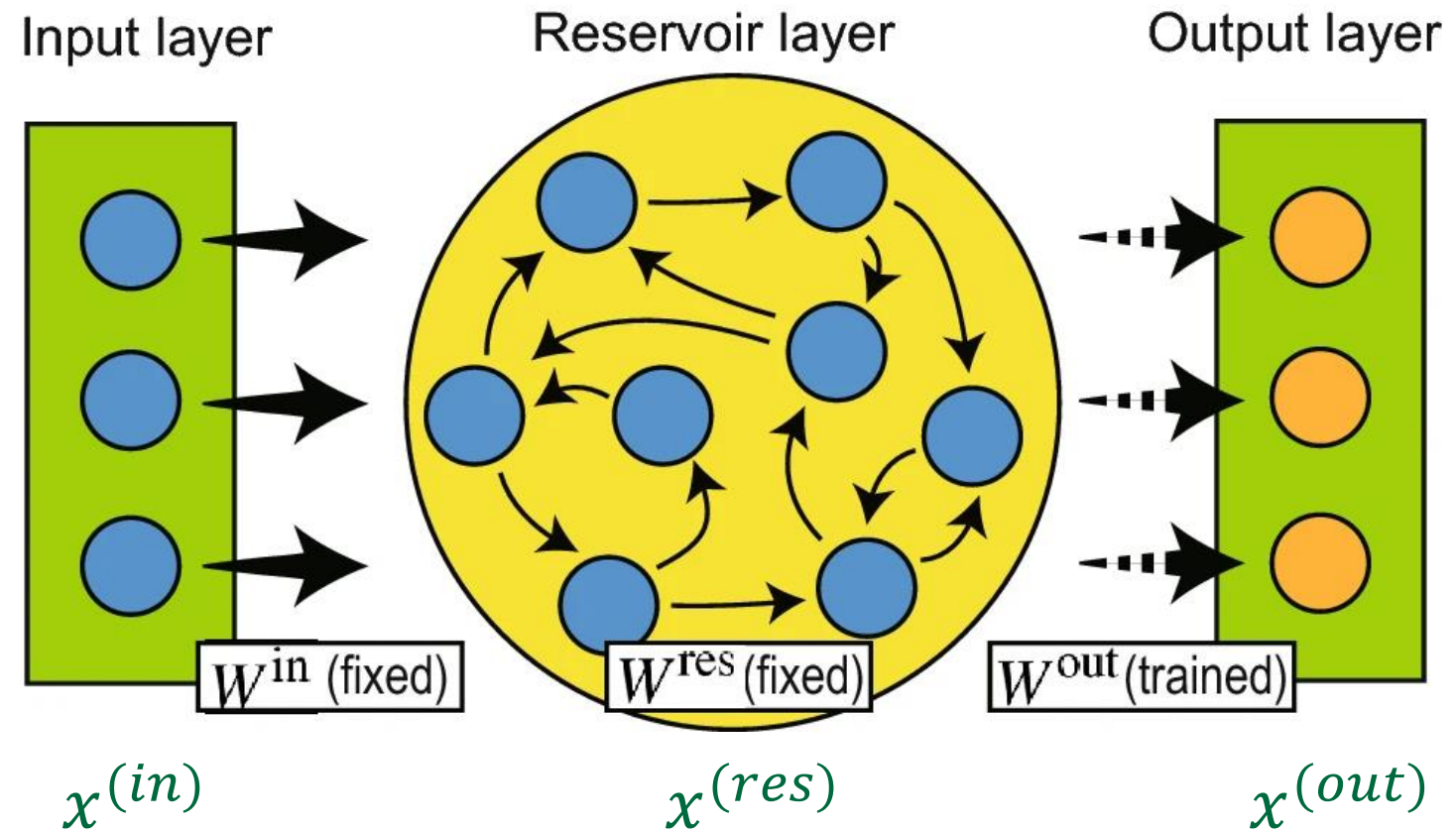
# Reservoir computing

- Observation: The weights that change the most when training RNNs are the weights to the output layer
- Idea: Create an RNN in which most weights are fixed



# Echo state networks (ESNs)

- Three states:
  - Input vector  $x^{(in)}$
  - Reservoir state  $x^{(res)}$
  - Output vector  $x^{(out)}$

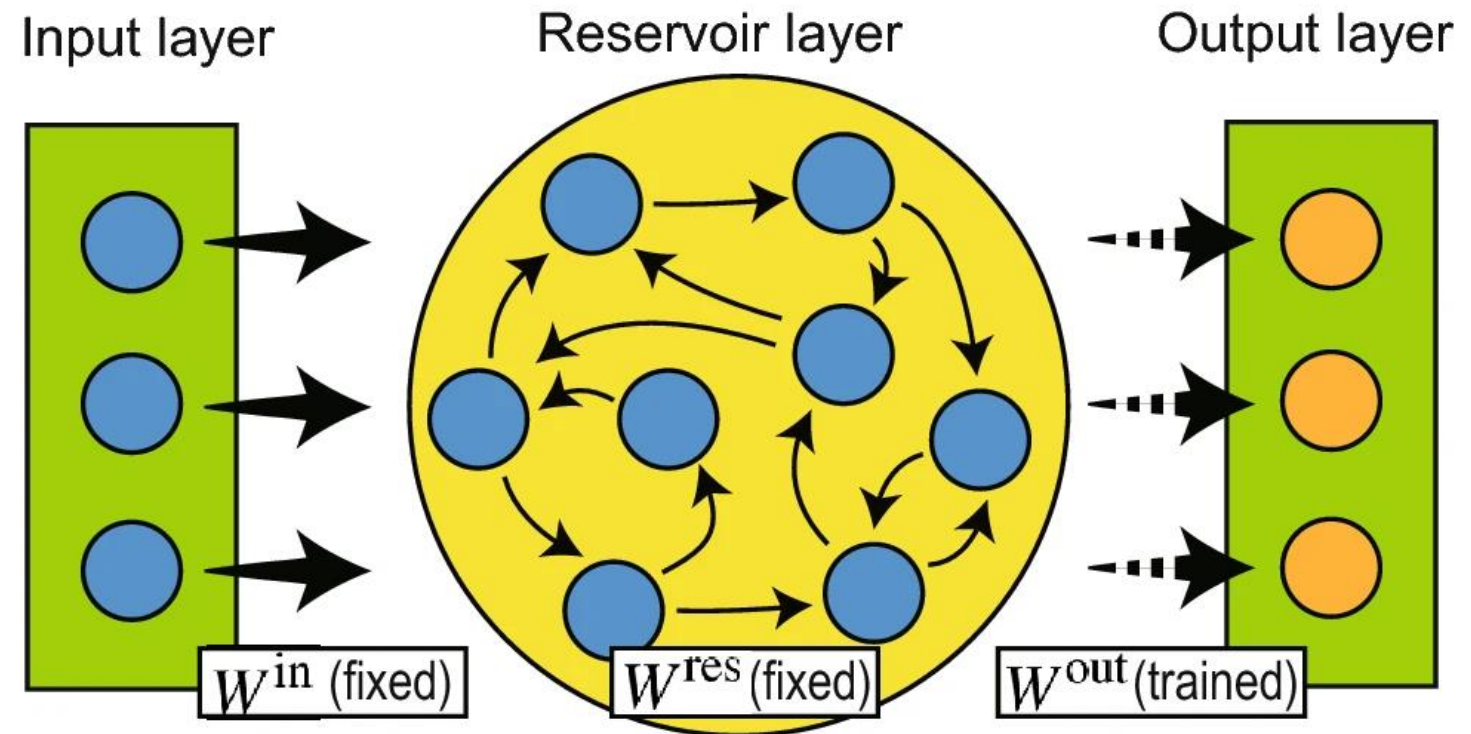


# Echo state networks (ESNs)

- Forward pass

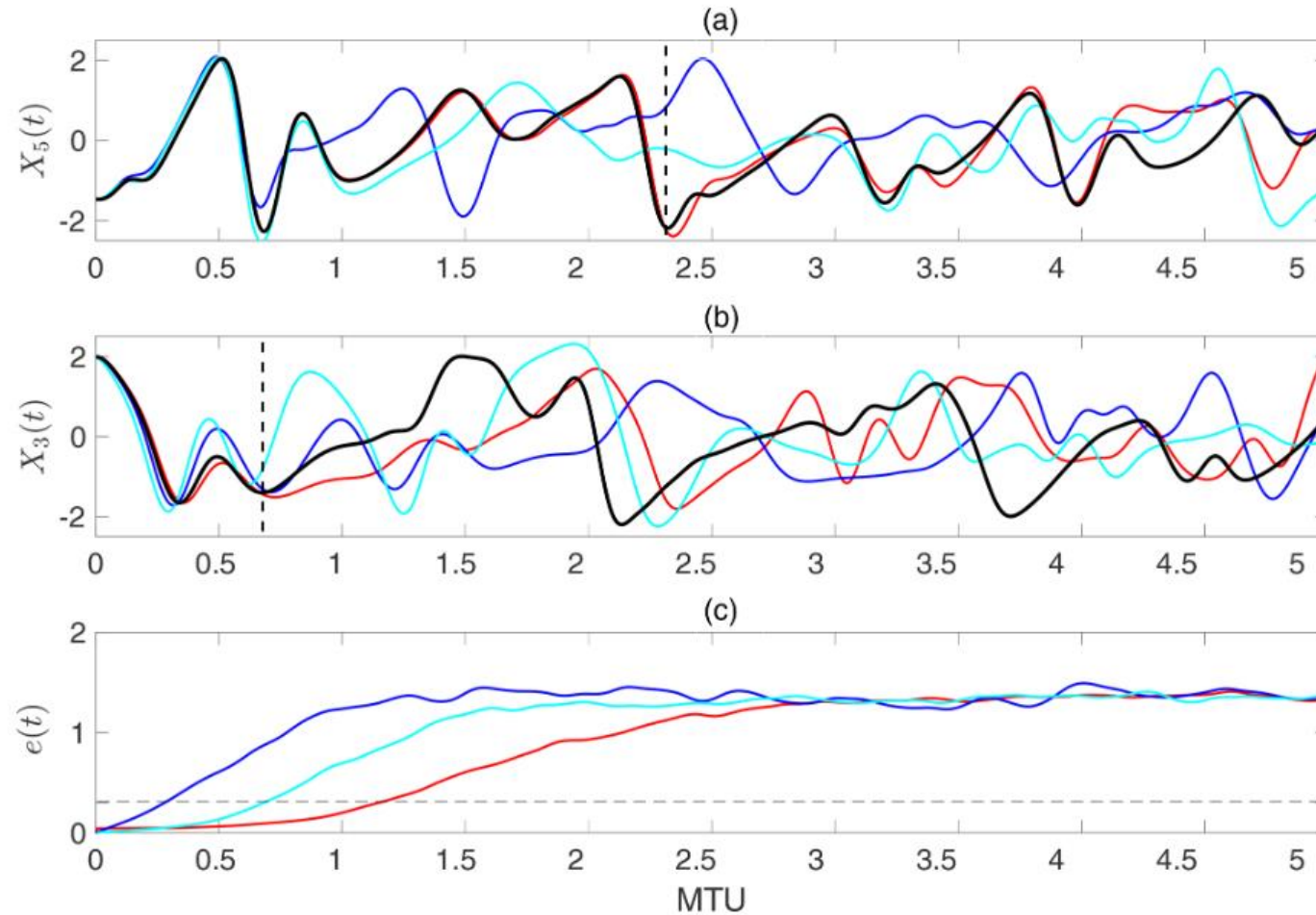
$$x_t^{(res)} = (1 - \alpha)x_{t-1}^{(res)} + \alpha f \left( W^{(in)} x_t^{(in)} + W^{(res)} x_{t-1}^{(res)} \right)$$

$$x_t^{(out)} = g \left( W^{(out)} x_{t-1}^{(res)} \right)$$





# Echo state networks (ESNs)



# Predicting spatio-temporal systems with ESNs

