

Modeling Ocean Waves

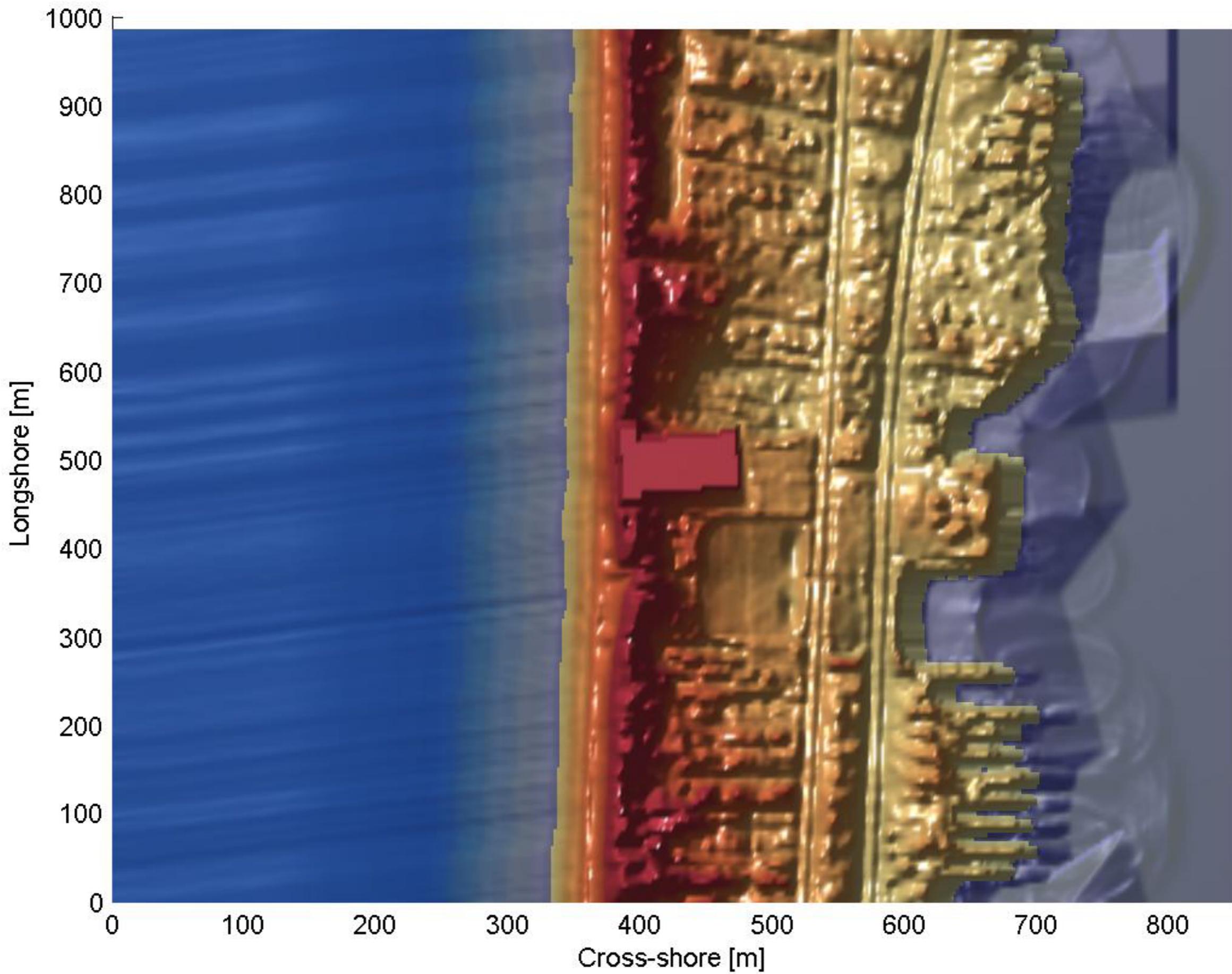
A Dependence Tree Approach



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Wave height

Wave angle

Surge level

Storm duration

Wave period

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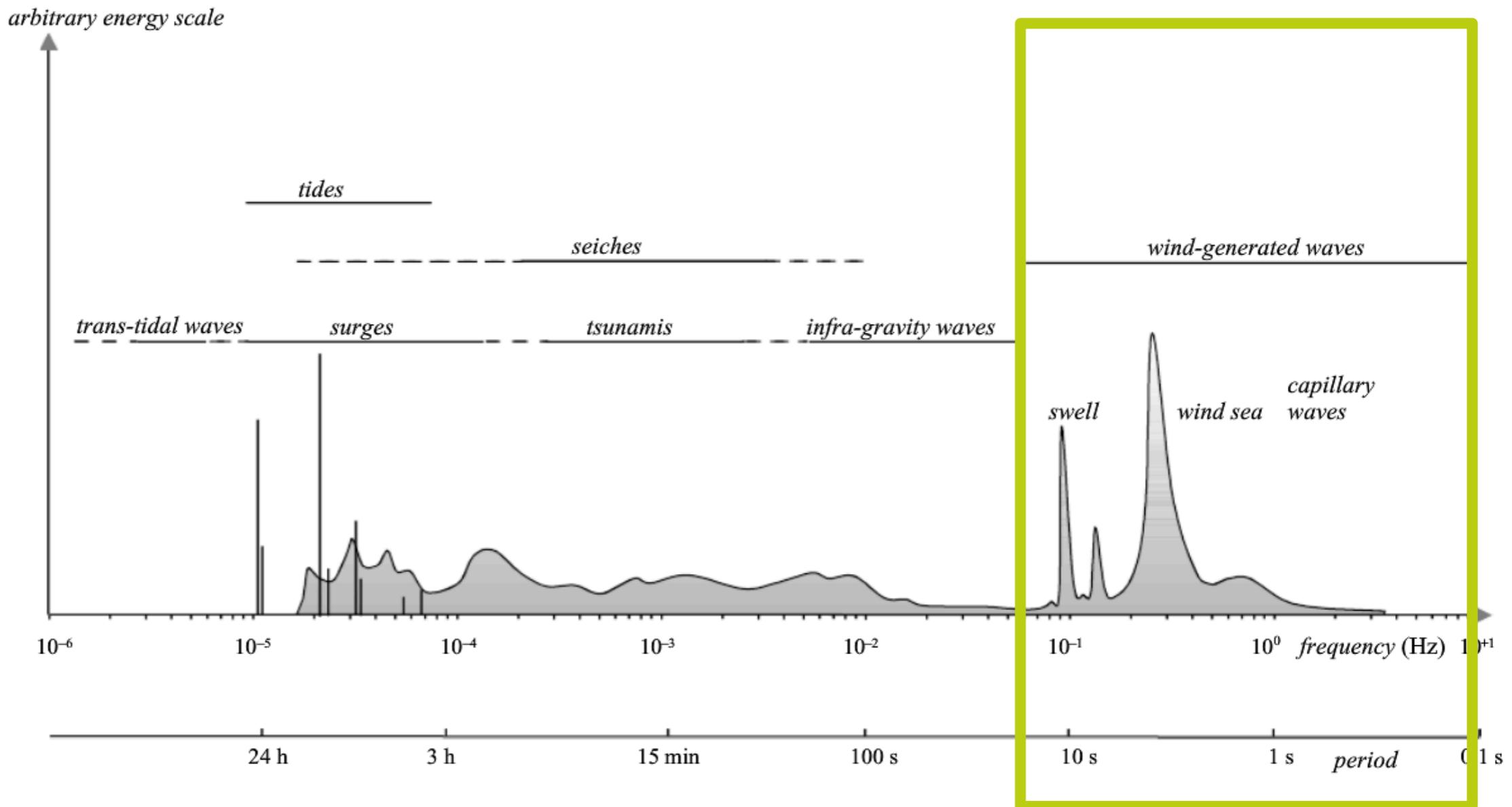
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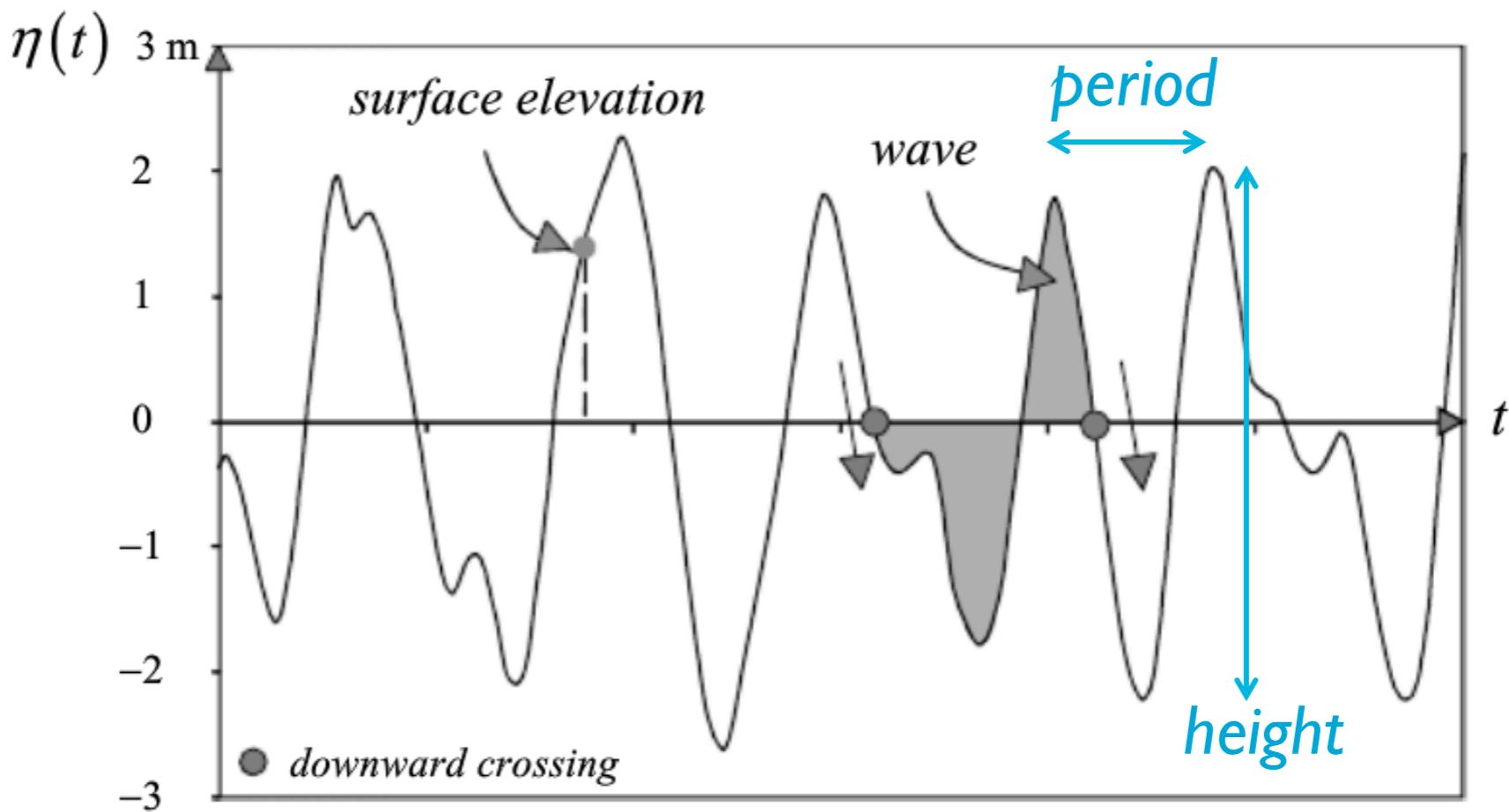
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- Future work

What is a wave?



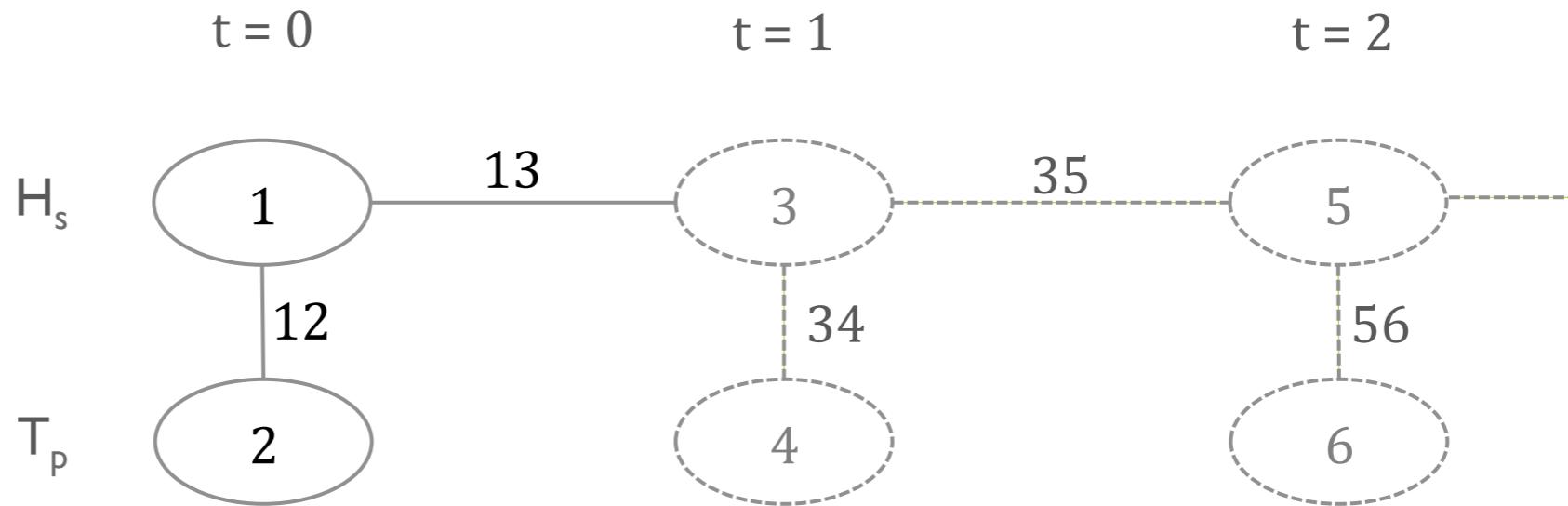
What is a wave?



- Significant wave height $H_s = 4\sqrt{Var(\eta(t))}$
- Peak period T_p = period with highest energy

Approach

1. “Temporal” dependence tree



2. Bivariate dependencies

- a. H_s^t and T_p^t
 - b. H_s^t and H_s^{t+1}
- } Skew – t copula

Skew-t distribution and copula

- Formulation by Demarta & McNeil (2005)
- $\mathbf{X} = (X_1 \dots X_d)'$ has d-variate skew-t distribution with ν degrees of freedom, mean vector μ , covariance matrix Σ and skewness vector γ , if its density is given by

$$g_{\nu, \mu, \Sigma, \gamma}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{K}_{\frac{\nu+d}{2}} \left(\sqrt{(\nu + (\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)) \gamma' \Sigma^{-1} \gamma} \right)}{\left(\sqrt{(\nu + (\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)) \gamma' \Sigma^{-1} \gamma} \right)^{-\frac{\nu+d}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\exp((\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} \gamma)}{\left(1 + \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)}{\nu} \right)^{\frac{\nu+d}{2}}}$$

- Representation as normal mean variance mixtures

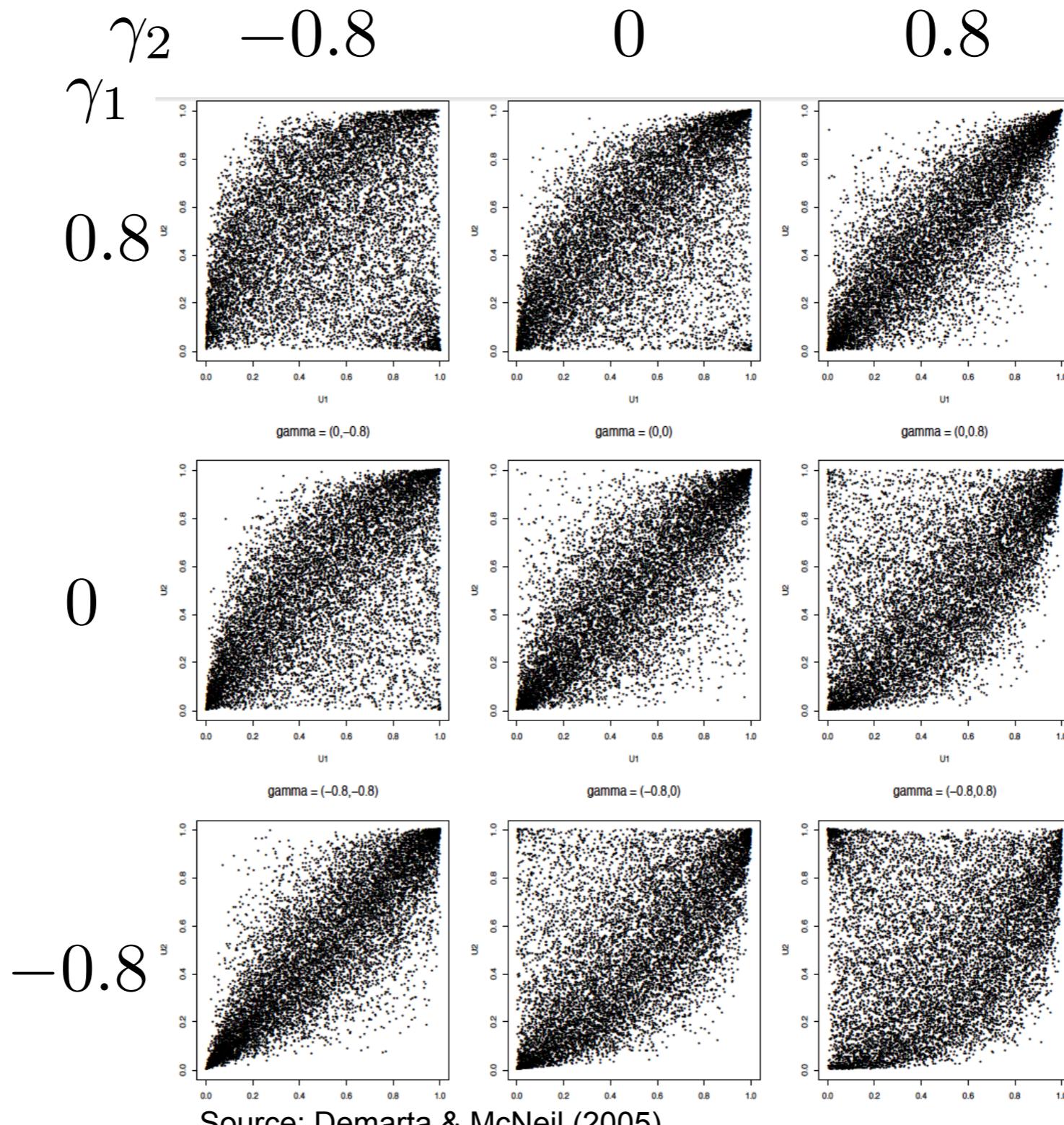
$$\mathbf{X} = \mu + \gamma \mathbf{W} + \sqrt{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{Z}$$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\sim Ig\left(\frac{\nu}{2}, \frac{\nu}{2}\right) \quad \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Skew-t copula constructed from $t_d(\nu, 0, \Sigma, \gamma)$ distribution with univariate margins $t_i(\nu, 0, 1, \gamma_i)$

Skew-t distribution and copula

$$\nu = 5, \rho = 0.8$$



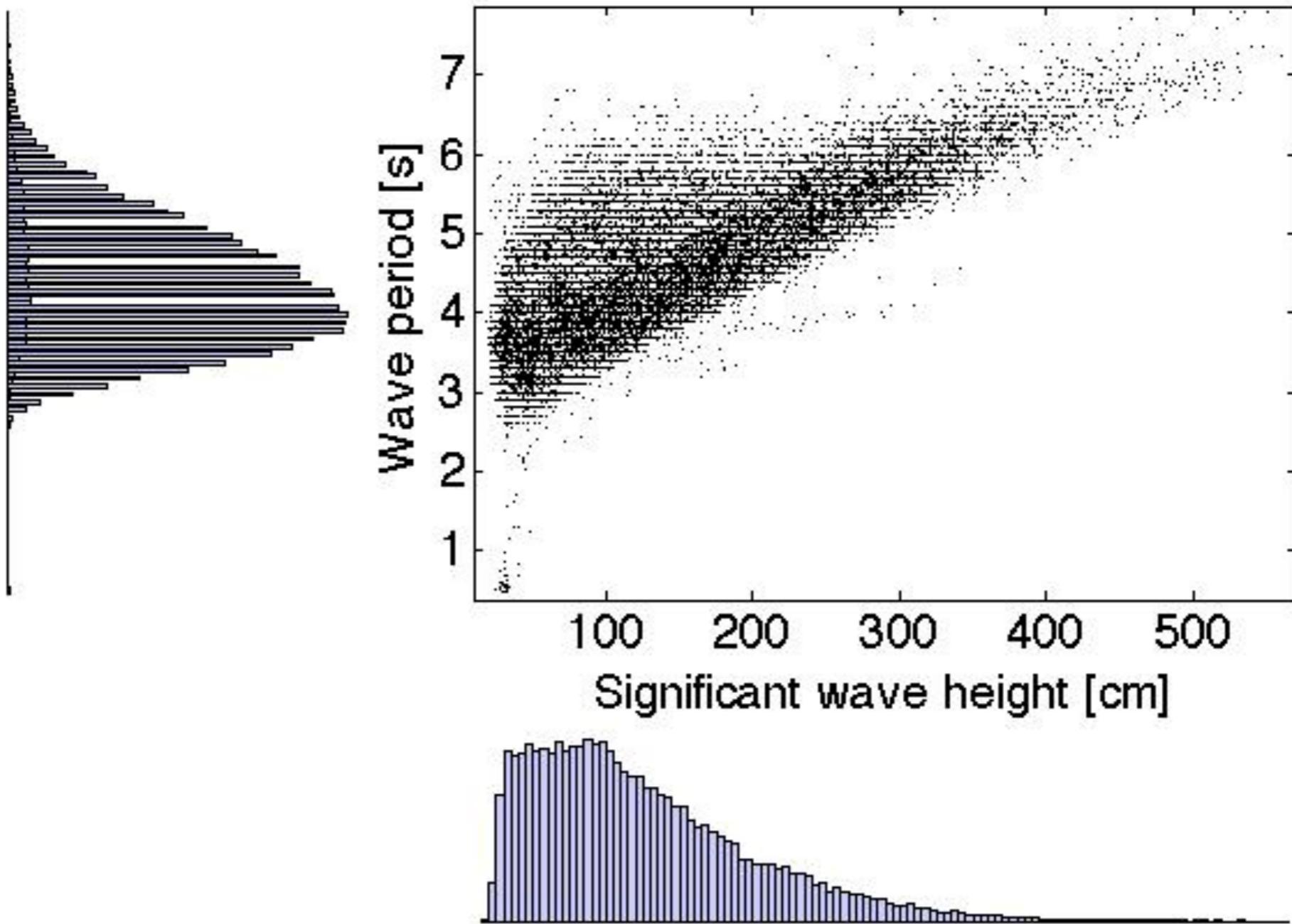
Measuring Station “Europlatform”

- 52°00'N, 03°17'E
- Operated by
“Rijkswaterstaat”
- Hourly measurements
2005 to 2010



Significant wave heights (H_s) and associated periods (T_p)

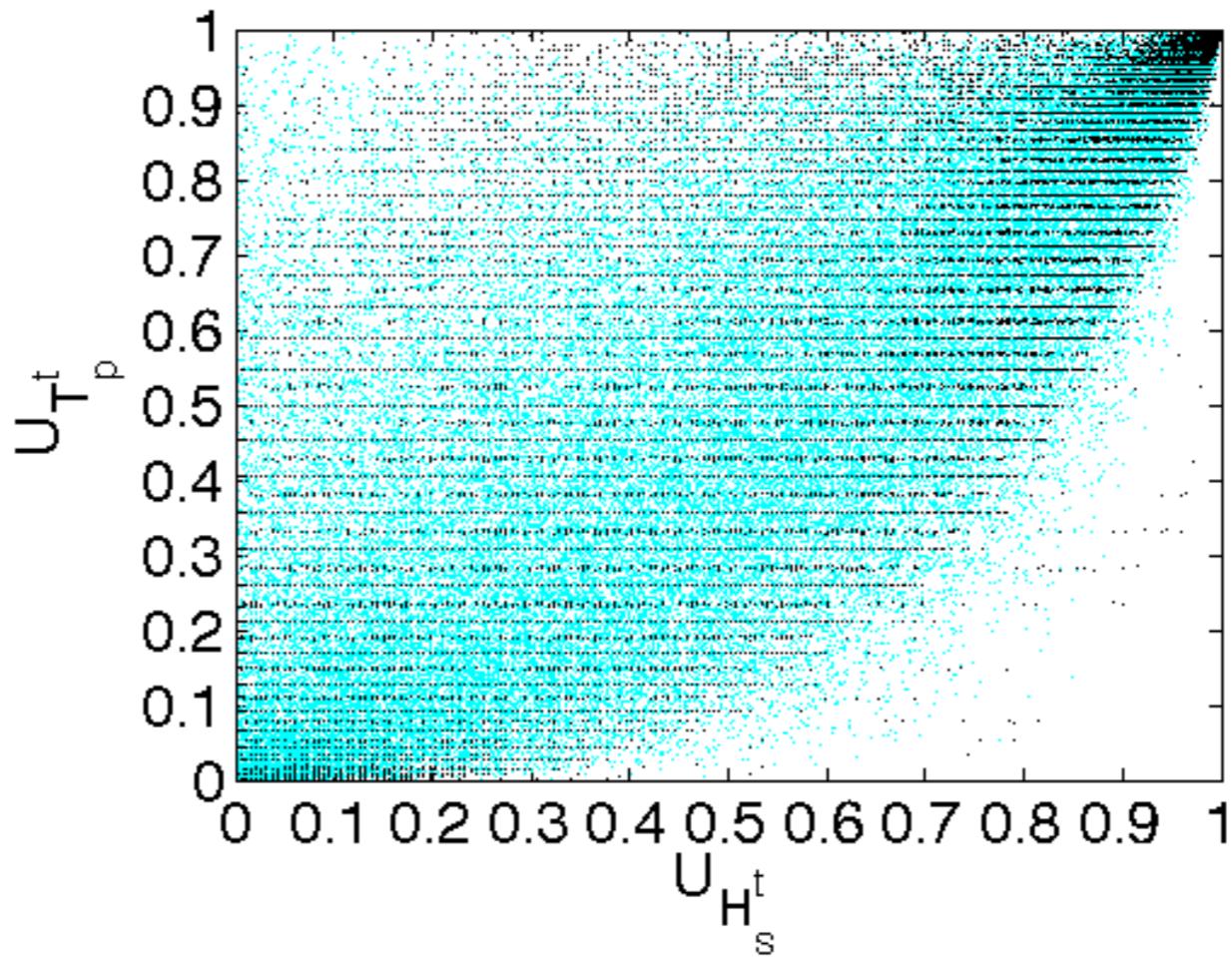
Measurements



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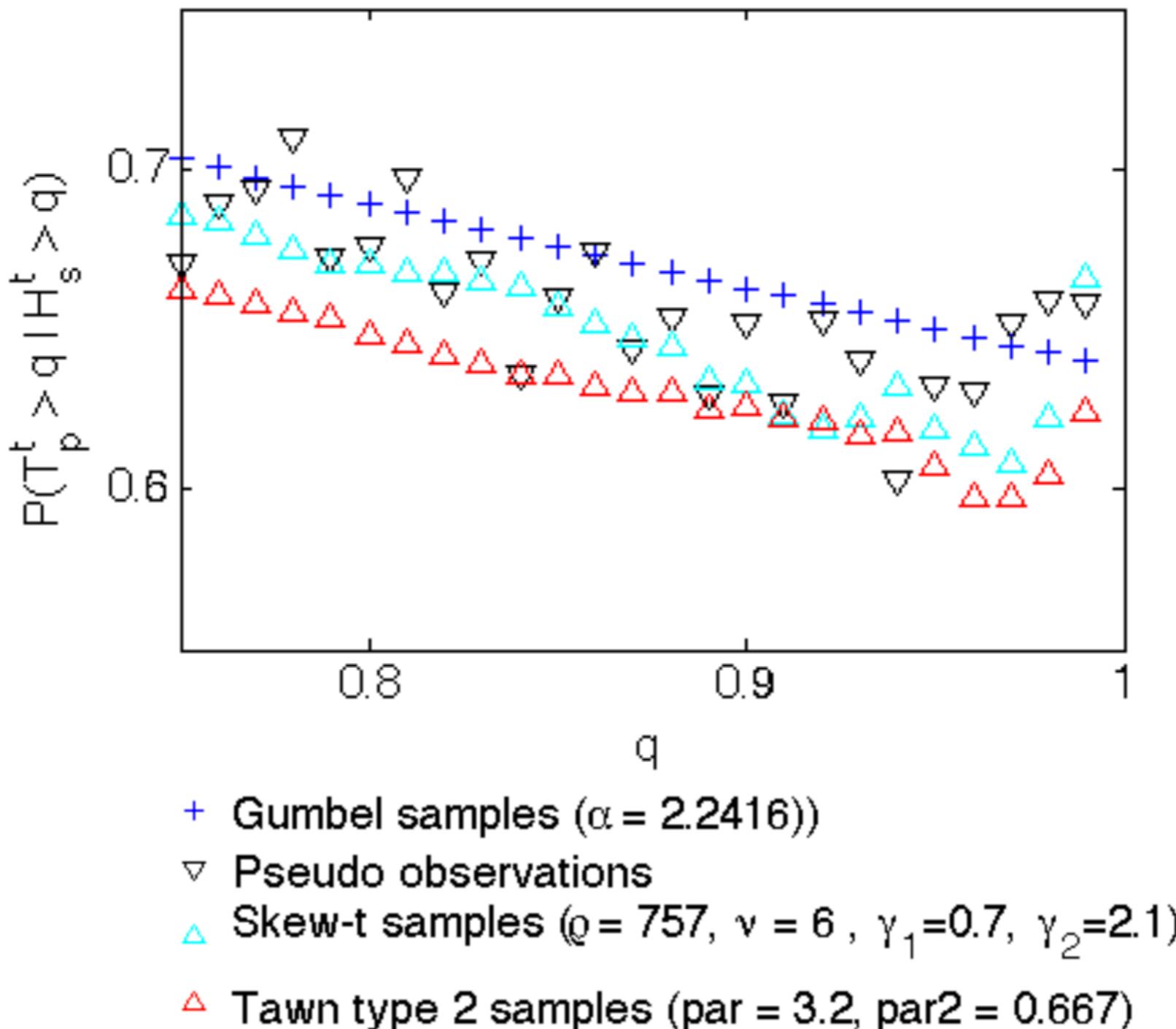
Scatter plot of ranks [\bullet] and simulated points of the skew t-copula [\circ]

Parameters: $\rho = 0.757, \nu = 6, \gamma_1 = 0.7, \gamma_2 = 2.1$



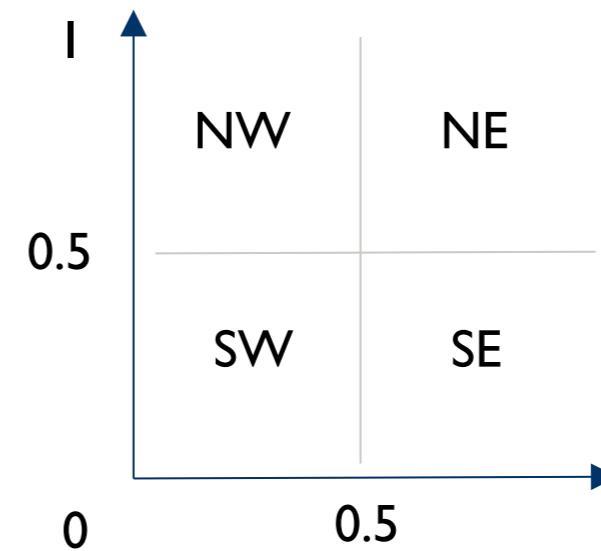
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Conditional exceedance probabilities



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Semi – correlations



Copula	ρ_{NW}	ρ_{NE}	ρ_{SW}	ρ_{SE}
Empirical	0.1485	0.7147	0.2765	0.3512
Gumbel	0.0586	0.7218	0.4235	0.0729
Skew-t	-0.0481	0.7180	0.4362	0.2645
Tawn (type 2)	-0.0845	0.7172	0.4004	0.1495

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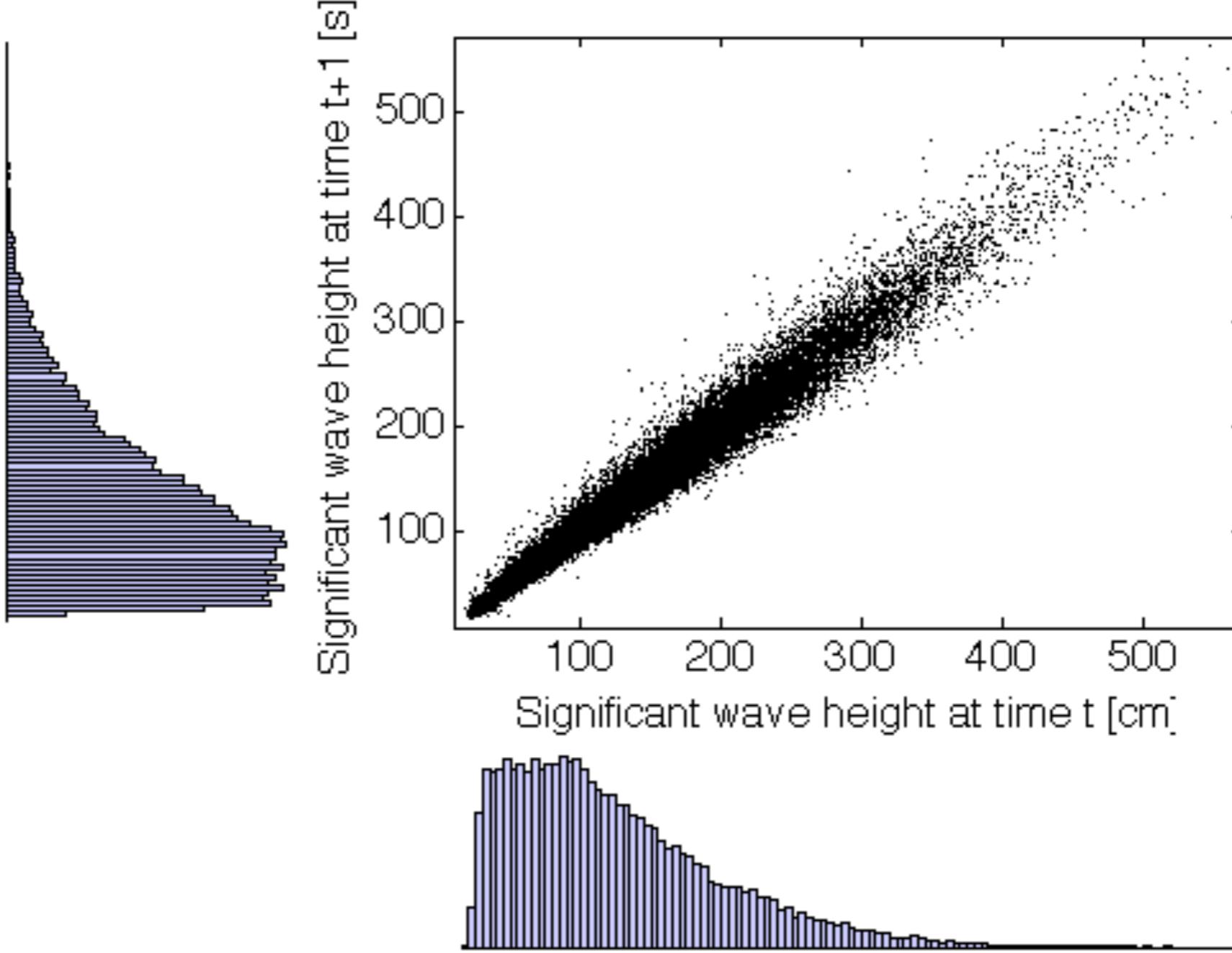
Cramer – van Mises statistic

$$\mathcal{CM}_n = \int_{[0,1]^d} \sqrt{n}(C_n - C_{\theta_n})dC_n(\mathbf{u})$$

Copula	\mathcal{CM}
Empirical	–
Gumbel	0.0740
Skew-t	0.0419
Tawn (type 2)	0.0820

Significant wave heights (H_s) across time steps

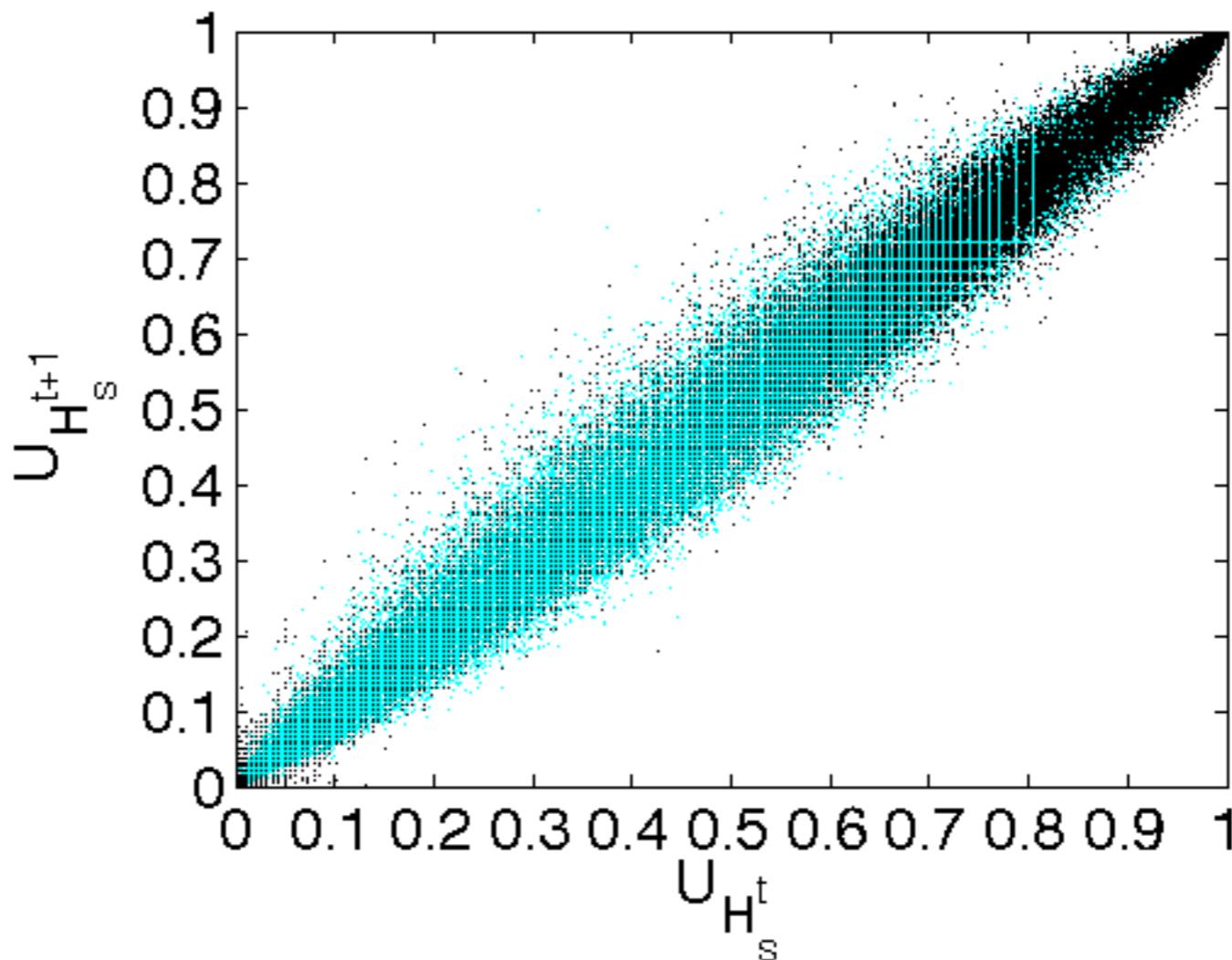
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Significant wave heights (H_s) across time steps

Scatter plot of ranks [\bullet] and simulated points of the skew t-copula [\circ]

Parameters: $\rho = 0.9912, \nu = 25, \gamma_1 = 0.3, \gamma_2 = 0.5$

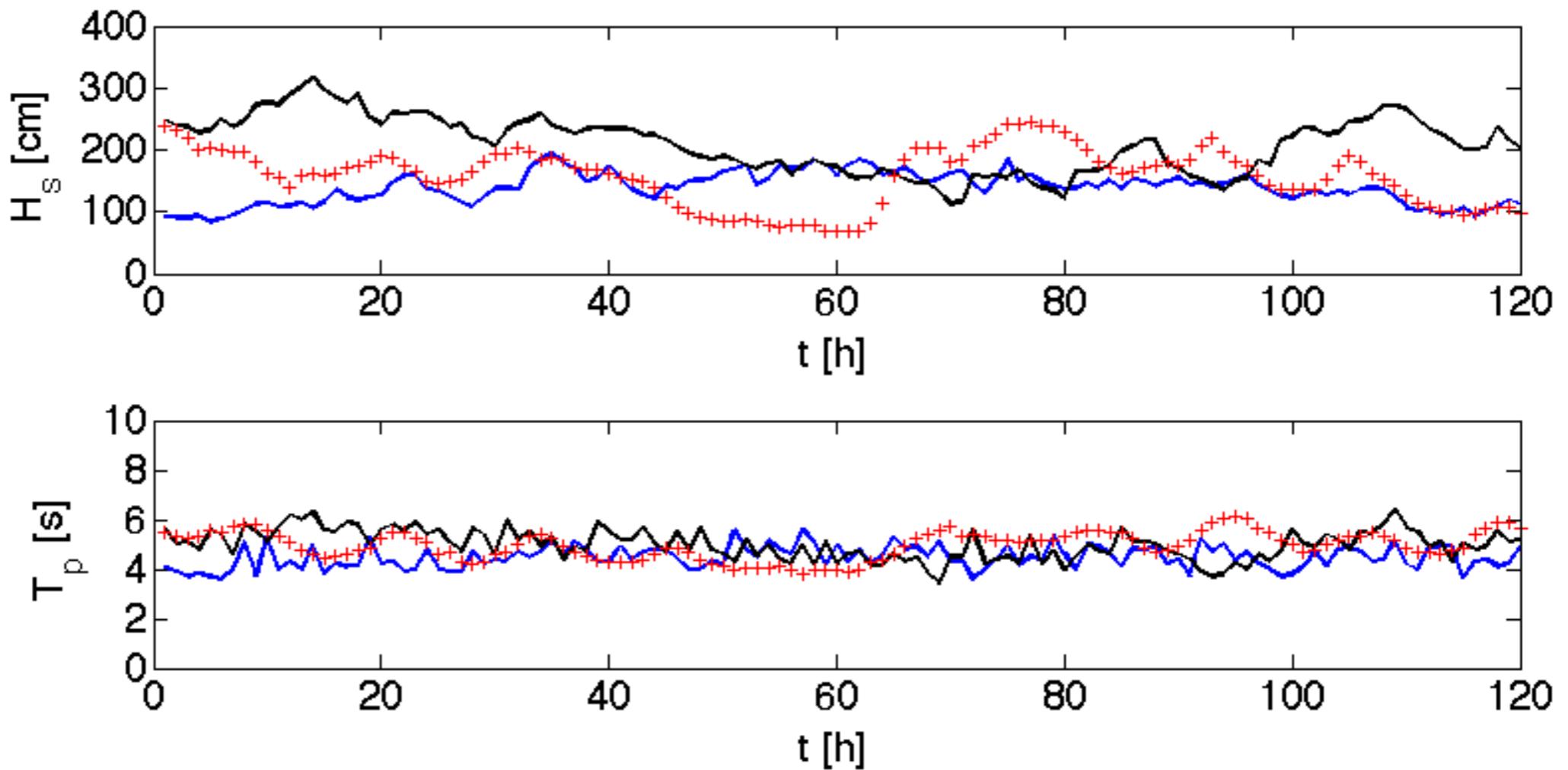


Current Issues / To be improved

- Use i.i.d. observations
 - Use parametric margins
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- Skew-t copula estimation
 - Conditional skew-t copula and its inverse

Resulting wave time series

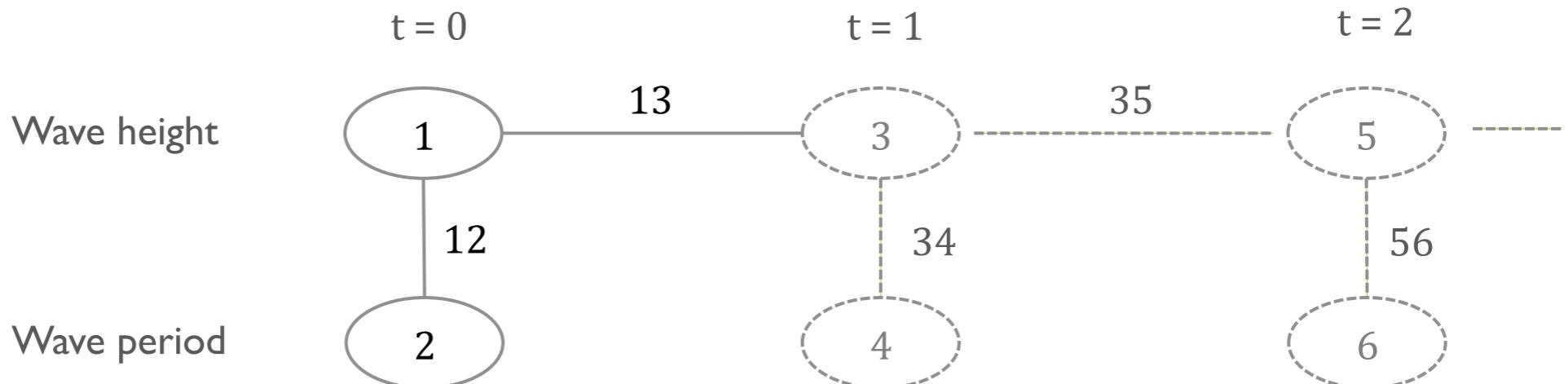
Original (+) and synthetic (— & -) time series



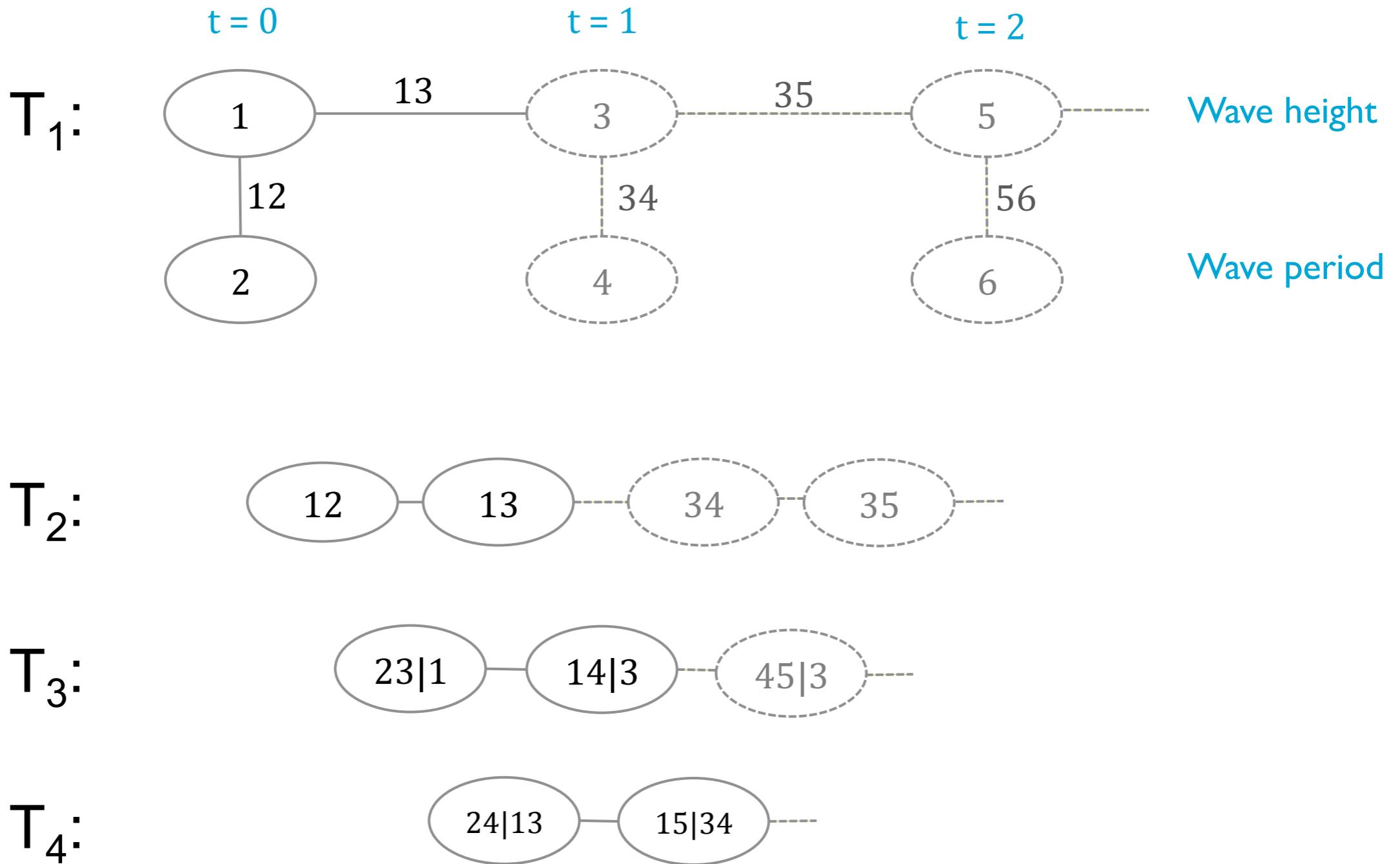
Conditional product moment correlations of ranks

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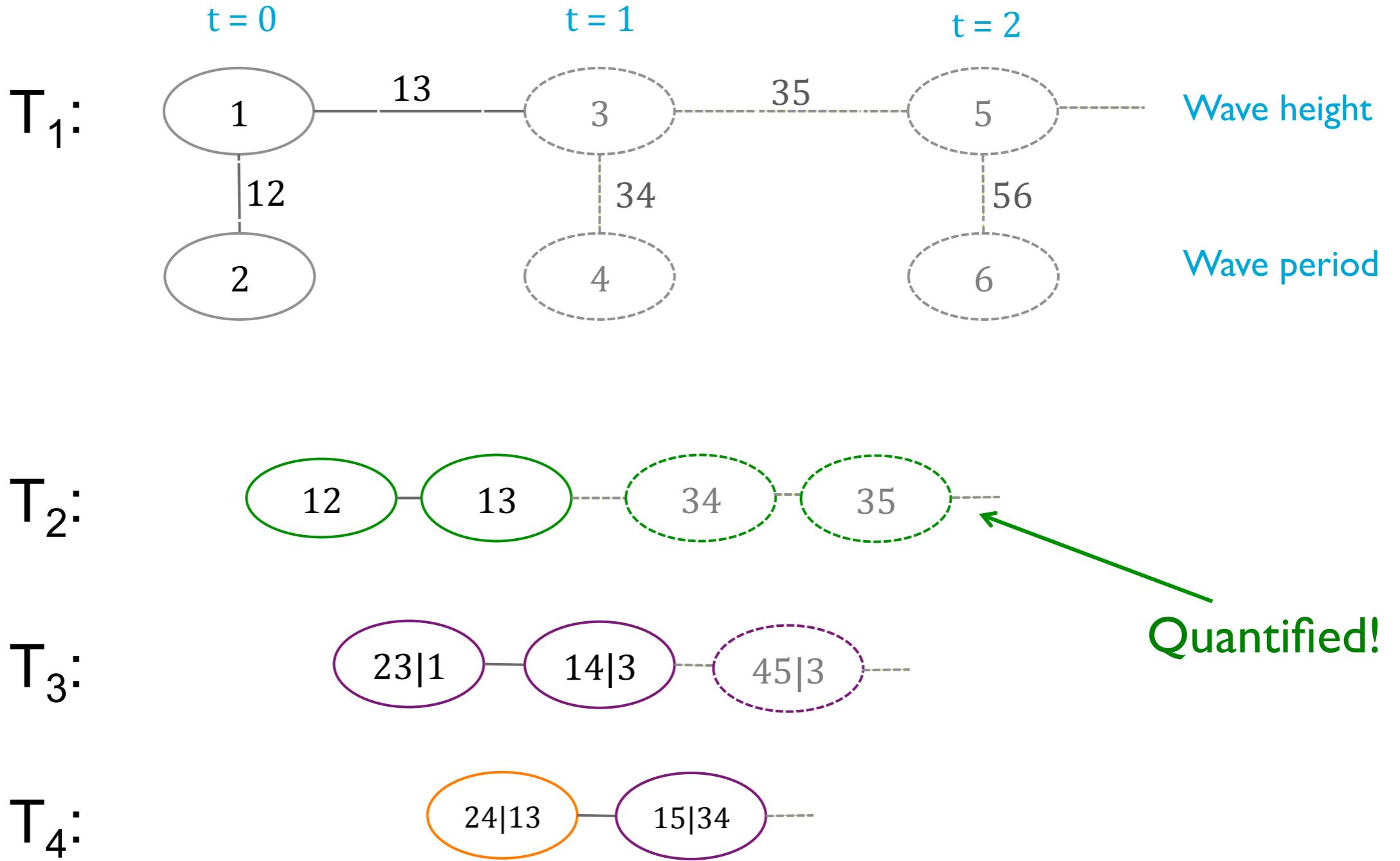
	0 - 0.2	0.2 - 0.4	0.4 - 0.6	0.6 - 0.8	0.8 - 1
$\hat{u}_{T_p^{t+1}}, \hat{u}_{T_p^t} \mid \hat{u}_{H_s^t} = I$	0.89	0.93	0.91	0.88	0.90
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$\hat{u}_{H_s^t}, \hat{u}_{T_p^{t+1}} \mid \hat{u}_{H_s^{t+1}} = I$	0.08	0.23	0.27	0.34	0.70
$\hat{u}_{H_s^{t+2}}, \hat{u}_{H_s^{t+1}} \mid \hat{u}_{H_s^t} = I$	0.85	0.63	0.50	0.52	0.84



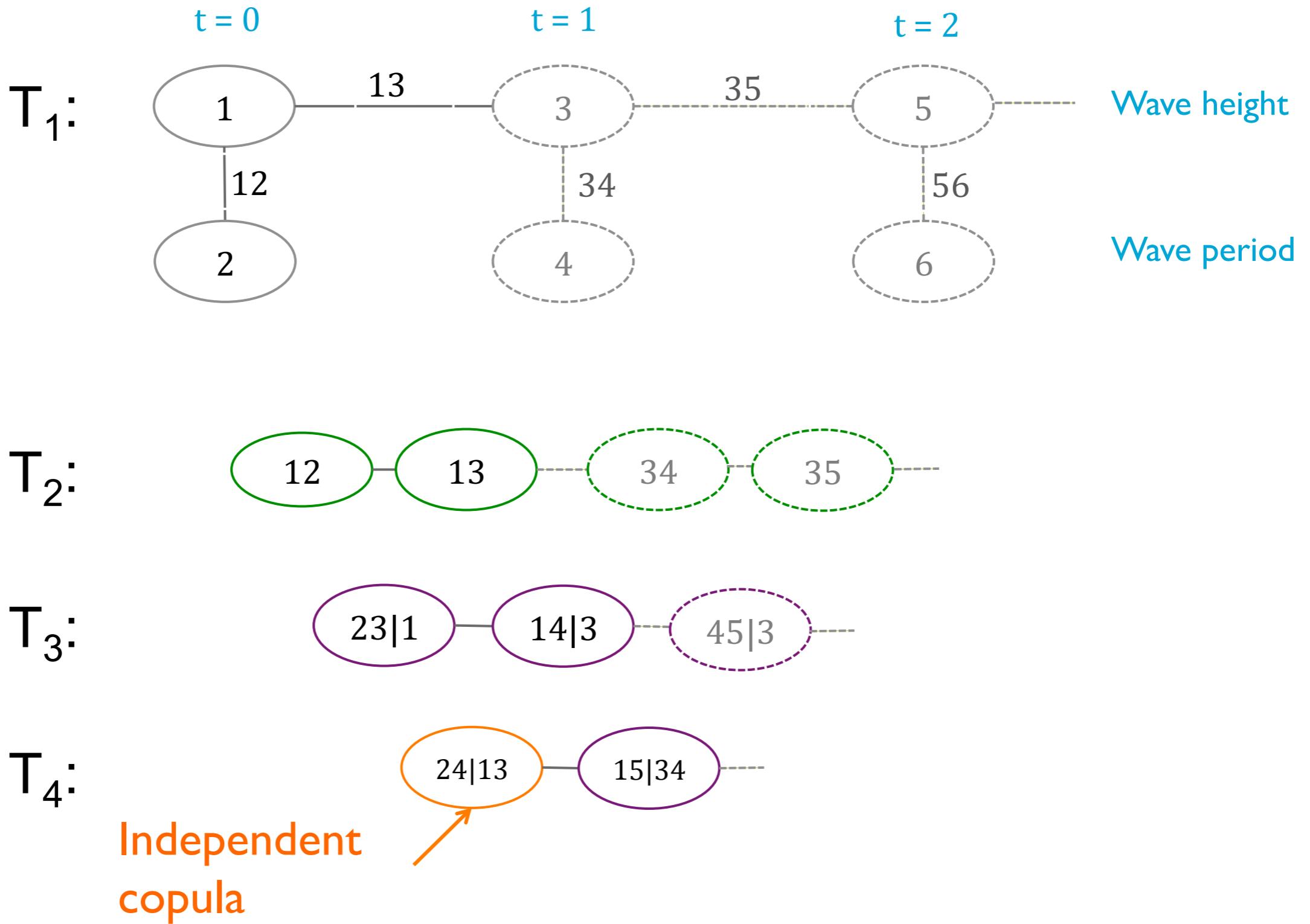
Extension to vine



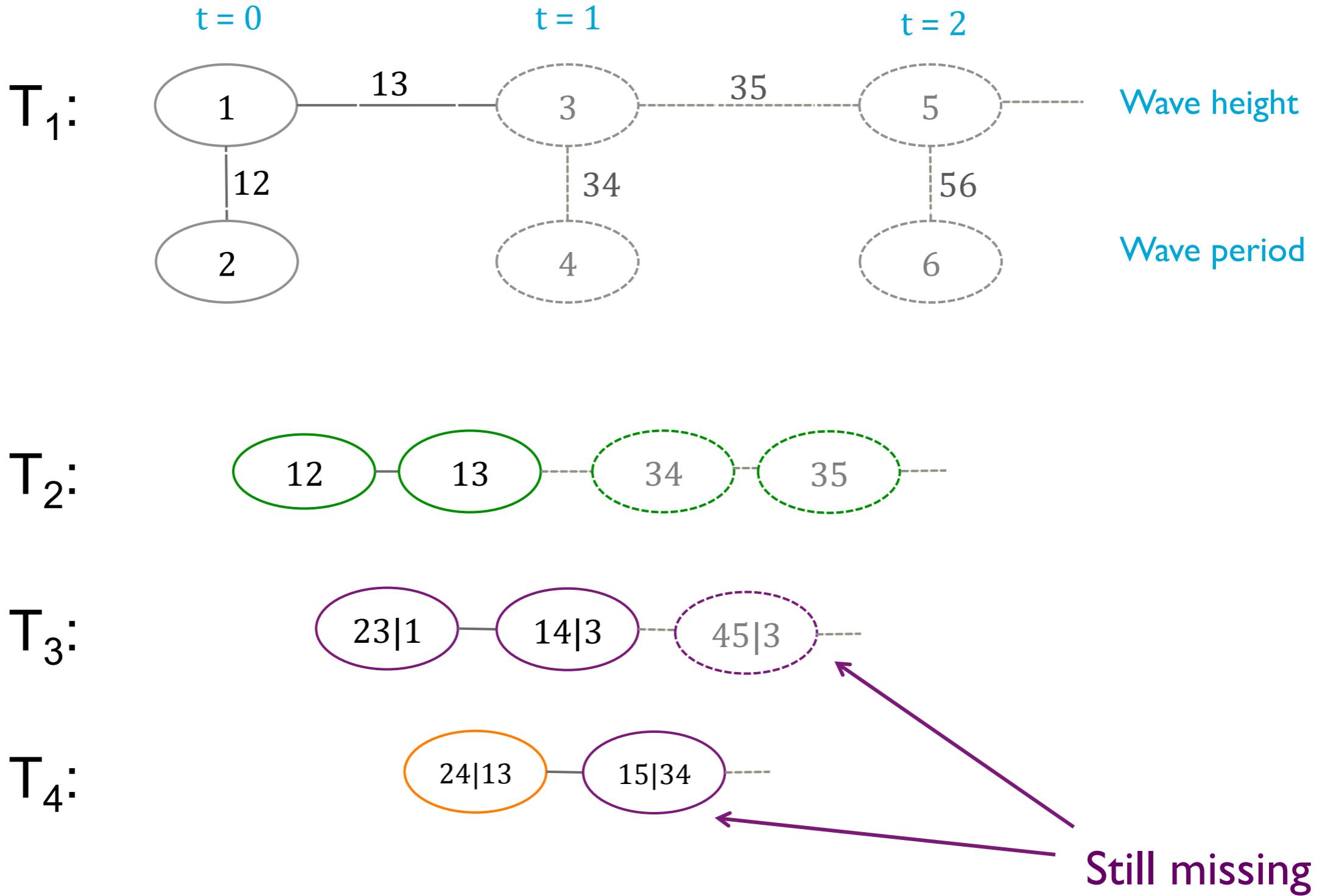
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Next steps

- Extension to vine
- Explore properties of skew-t copula and alternative copulas
- Construct multivariate distributions of several oceanographic variables to characterize severe storms, e.g.
 - Surge levels
 - Wave height, period and angle
 - Wind speed and direction
 - Storm duration
- Future interests
 - Goodness of fit tests (e.g. “Hellinger distance” as goodness of fit measure)
 - Properties of correlation matrices

