

Time series analysis, data assimilation, and machine learning in network physiology

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Outline

- quantifying complexity in cardiac arrhythmias using ordinal pattern and permutation entropy
- predicting complex spatio-temporal dynamics using convolutional neural networks

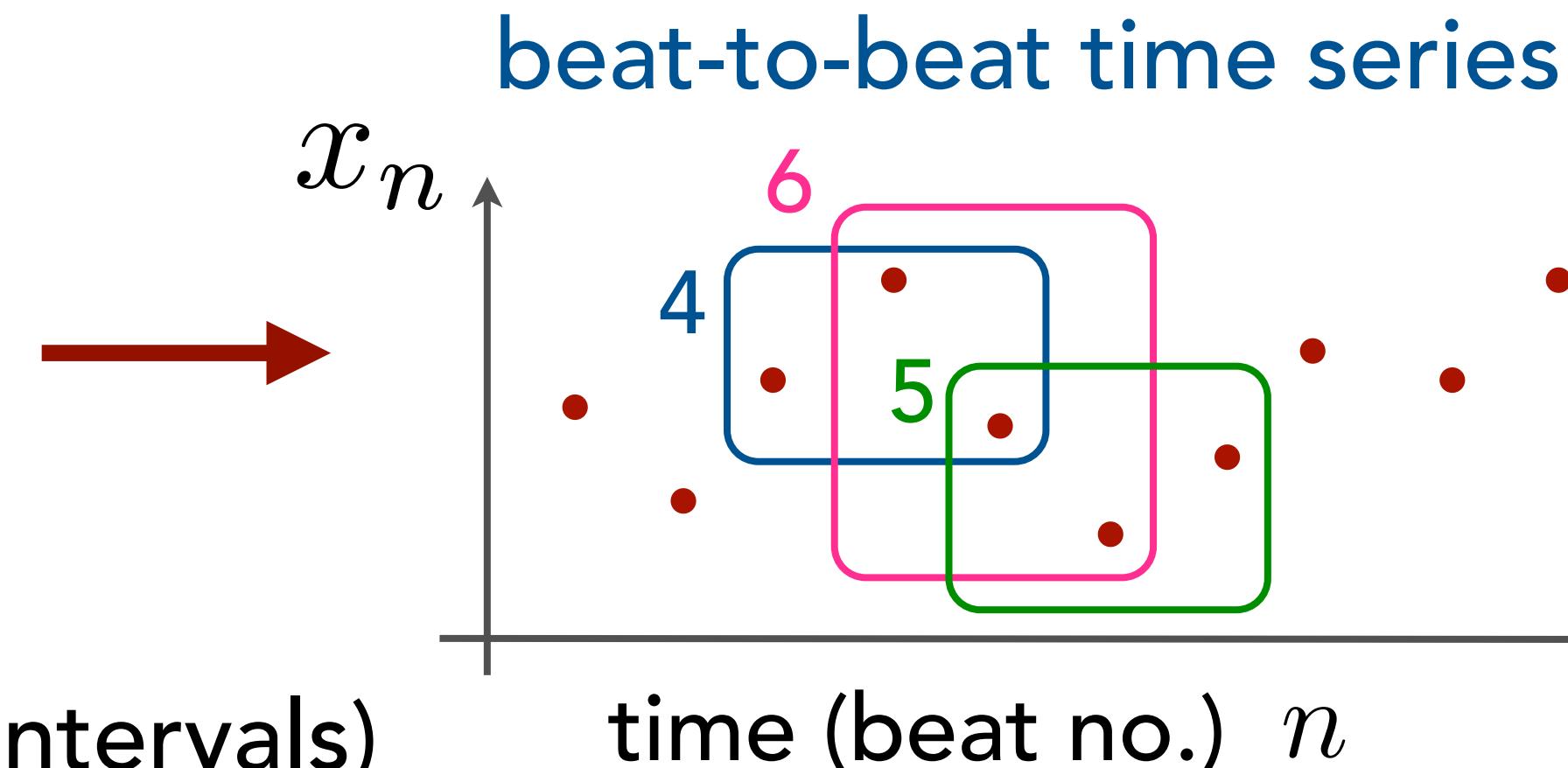
Motivation

Classifying Electrocardiograms Using Ordinal Patterns

normal rhythm



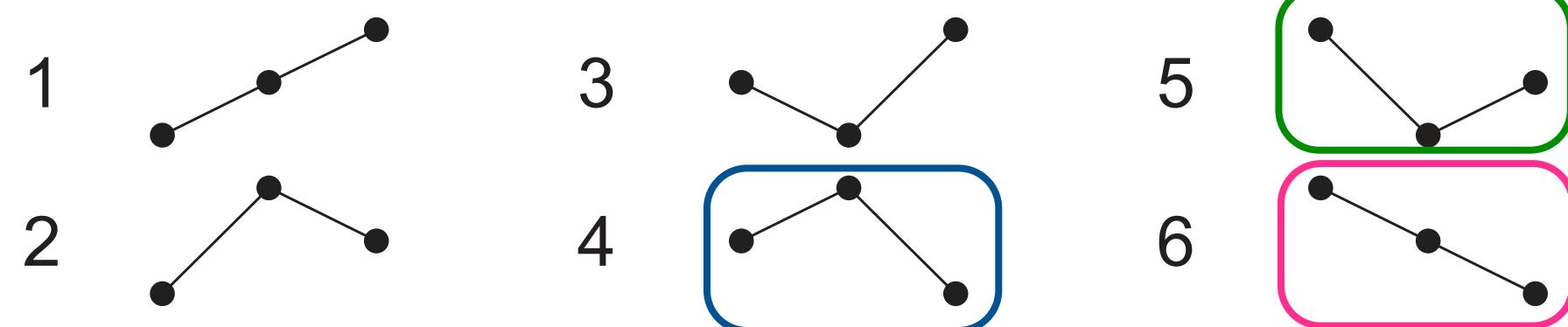
beat-to-beat intervals (RR intervals)



symbolic time series

4, 6, 5, ...

Characterization of RRI-time series using **ordinal patterns** describing amplitude relations within segments of time series.



all ordinal patterns of length $W = 3$

p_i = probability of occurrence of pattern i

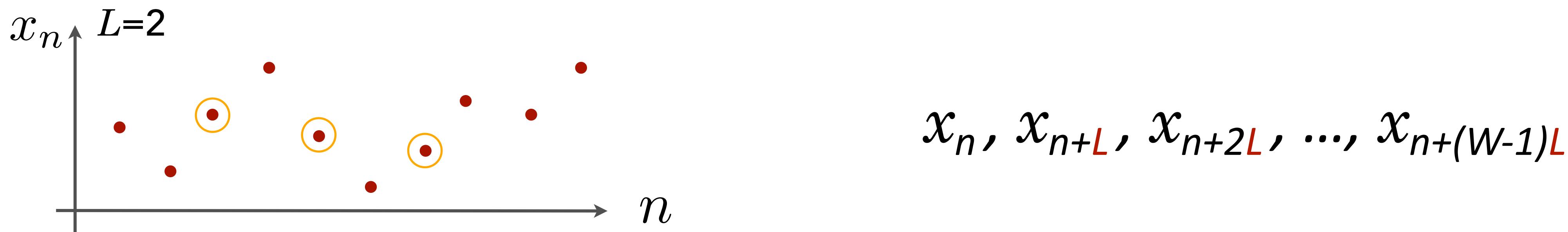
Permutation Entropy

$$PE = - \sum_{i=1}^{W!} p_i \log(p_i)$$

C. Bandt und B. Pompe, Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 174102 (2002)

Ordinal Pattern Distributions Characterizing Heart Rate Variability

Consider subsequences of beat-to-beat intervals sampled with lag L :



Features (Heart Rate Variability parameters, biomarkers) based on ordinal pattern statistics:

$\text{perm}(L, W, I)$ = probability of occurrence of patterns with permutation index I for a given lag L and length W

$\text{perm entropy}(L, W)$ = Permutation Entropy based on all probabilities for a given lag L and a given word length W

are compared with other heart rate variability parameters

U. Parlitz et al., Computers in Biology and Medicine 42, 319-327 (2012)

Evaluation of Classification Performance

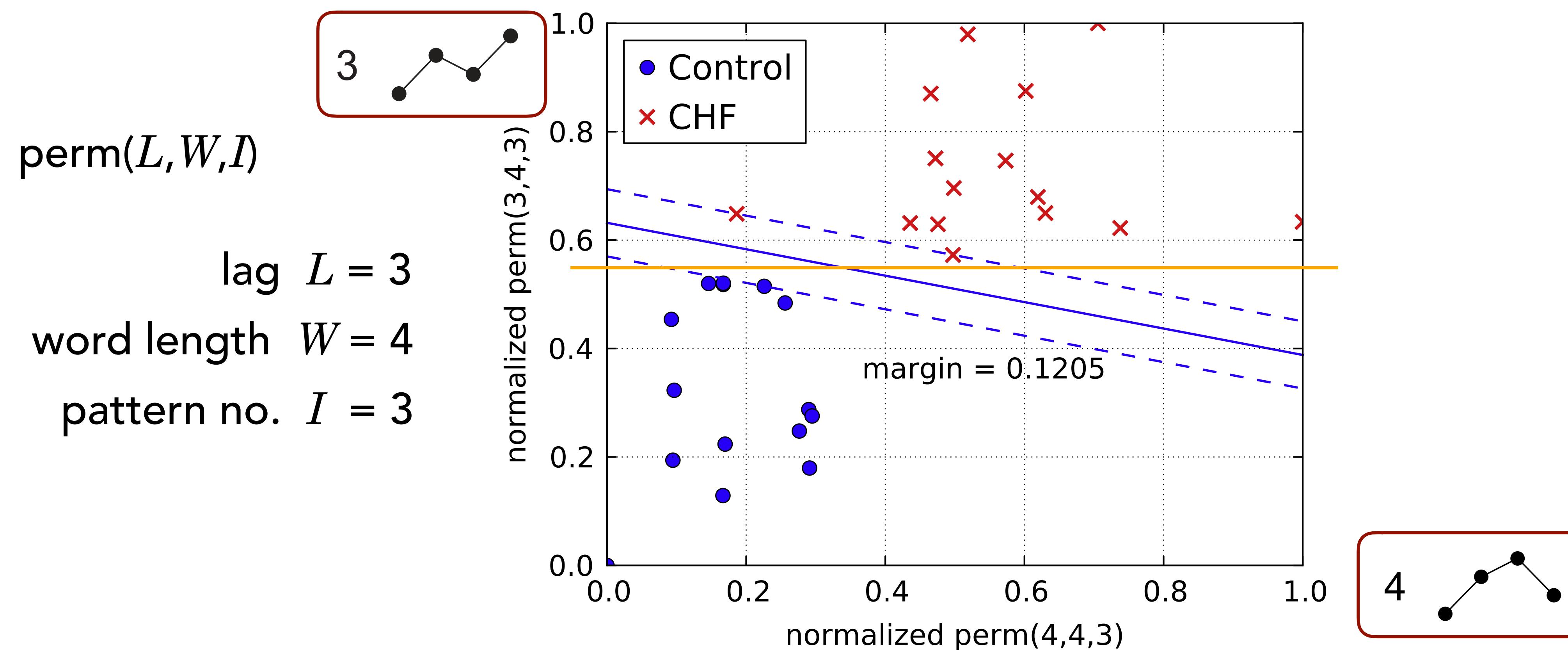
Two data sets (24h beat-to-beat intervals, @256hz):

- 15 patients (11 male, 4 female, ages 56 ± 11 yr) suffering from **congestive heart failure (CHF)** (from physionet)
- 15 **healthy** subjects (11 male, 4 female, ages 56 ± 5 yr)

Task: Distinguish and classify both groups using probabilities of ordinal patterns (ordinal pattern distributions) as features.

Bivariate classification using pairs of (successful) features

Distribution of CHF cases (red crosses) and healthy subjects (blue filled circles) in two-dimensional feature space. The separating (solid) lines are computed using a linear support vector machine maximizing the margins (indicated by dashed lines).



Ordinal Pattern

These features were compared with **conventional heart rate variability parameters**, like:

- meanNN = mean RRI (inversely related to mean heart rate)
- sdNN = standard deviation of RRI values
- (V)LF = (very) low frequency band (0.0033–0.04 Hz) 0.04-0.15 Hz
- HF = high frequency band 0.15–0.4 Hz
- LFn = normalized low frequency band ($LF/(LF-HF)$)
- shannon = Shannon entropy (using amplitude binning)
- etc.

Leave-one-out cross validation for a simple classification scheme minimizing the number of misclassifications on the training set.

Ordinal Pattern

Results

Feature	p -value	% of correct class.		
		Both	Con.	CHF
sdNN	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	90	93	87
VLF	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$	80	80	80
LF	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	70	73	67
HF	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	73	80	67
perm(3,4,3)	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	100	100	100
perm(4,4,3)	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-7}$	97	100	93
perm(3,4,5)	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	87	93	80
perm(4,4,18)	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	93	100	87
perm(4,5,109)	$9.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$	97	100	93

with pre-filtering

artifacts: 6.8% of CHF / 3.3% of control

Feature	p -value	% of correct class.		
		Both	Con.	CHF
sdNN	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	67	87	47
VLF	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$	67	80	53
LF	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	60	73	47
HF	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	70	100	40
perm(3,4,3)	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	100	100	100
perm(4,4,3)	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$	97	100	93
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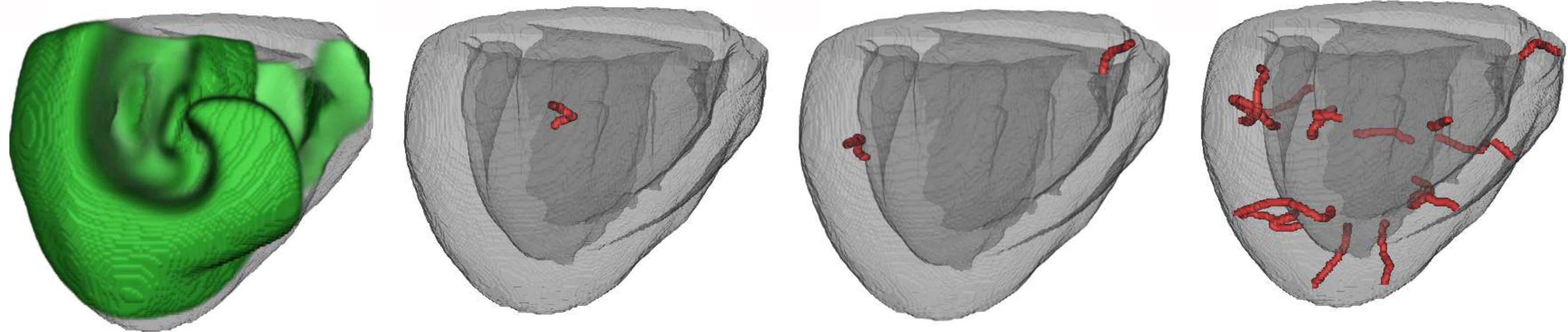
without pre-filtering

Features based on ordinal pattern are **not sensitive to noise**.

Complexity Fluctuations in Cardiac Dynamics

A. Schlemmer et al., *Physiol. Meas.* 38, 1561 (2017)

Intermittent scroll wave dynamics in a numerical simulation



Number of scroll wave filaments **NFIL** fluctuates.

Fluctuations of complexity of wave dynamics → laminar phases

(How) Can we observe these complexity fluctuations in ECG data?

Complexity Fluctuations

Complexity Fluctuations during Ventricular Fibrillation in a Rabbit Heart

ECG time series

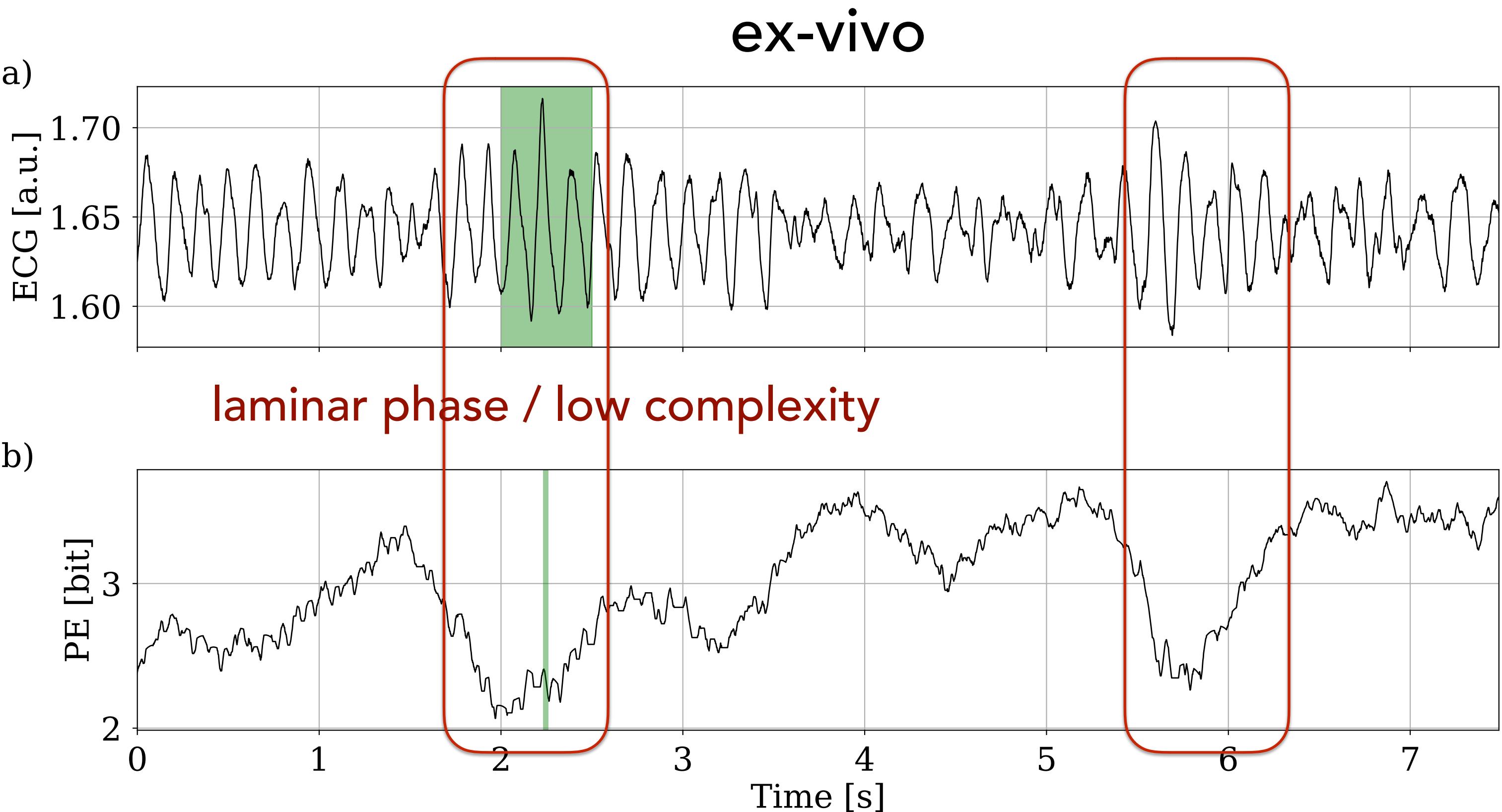
The **shaded rectangle** indicates the **0.5 s time window** from which the **corresponding Permutation Entropy** is calculated.

Permutation Entropy (PE)

$$H = - \sum_{j=0}^{n!-1} p_j \cdot \log_2 p_j$$

p_j = probability of order pattern j

A. Schlemmer et al., *Physiol. Meas.* 38, 1561 (2017)



PE of continuous ECG signal, NOT
from beat-to-beat time series!

Complexity Fluctuations

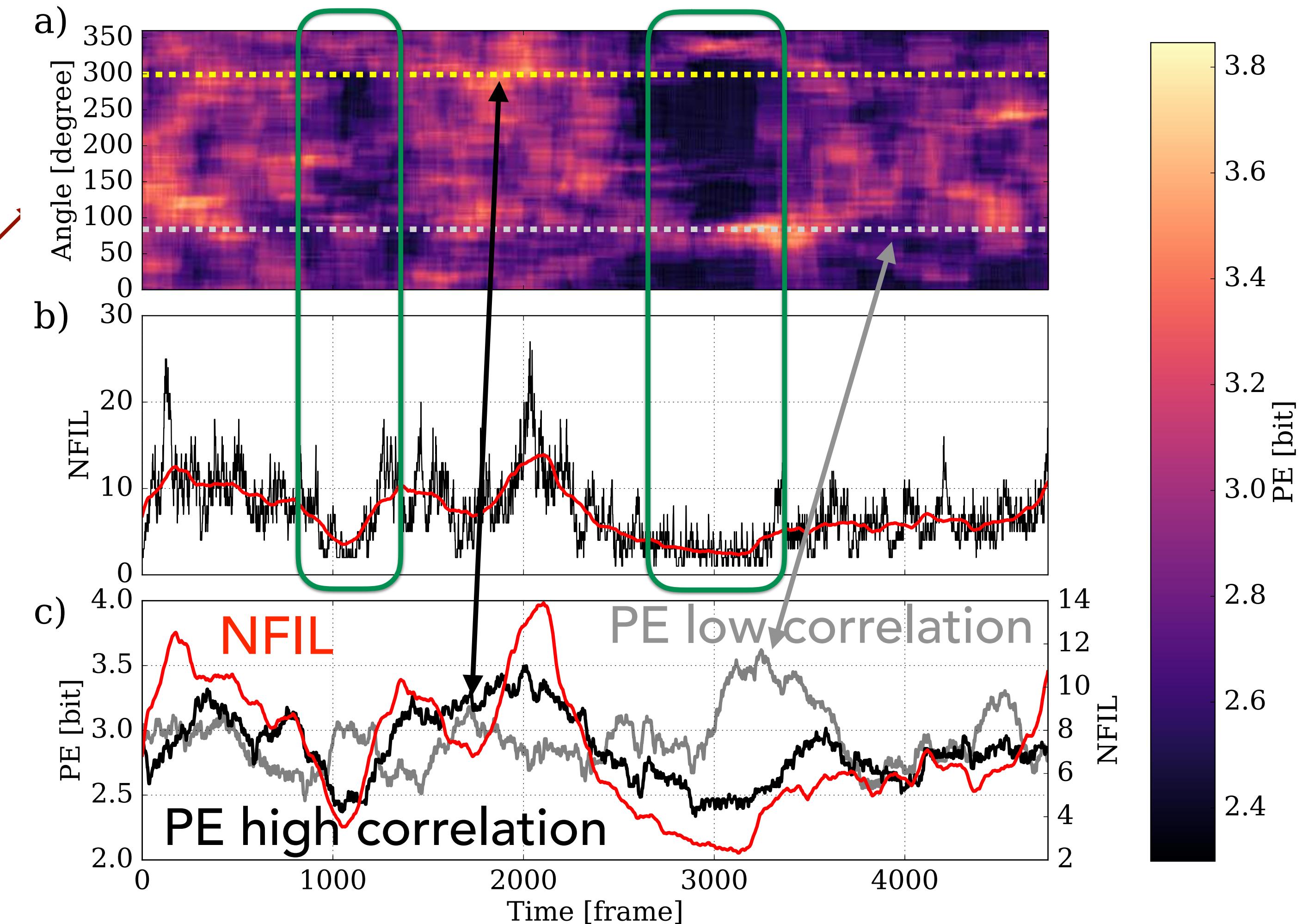
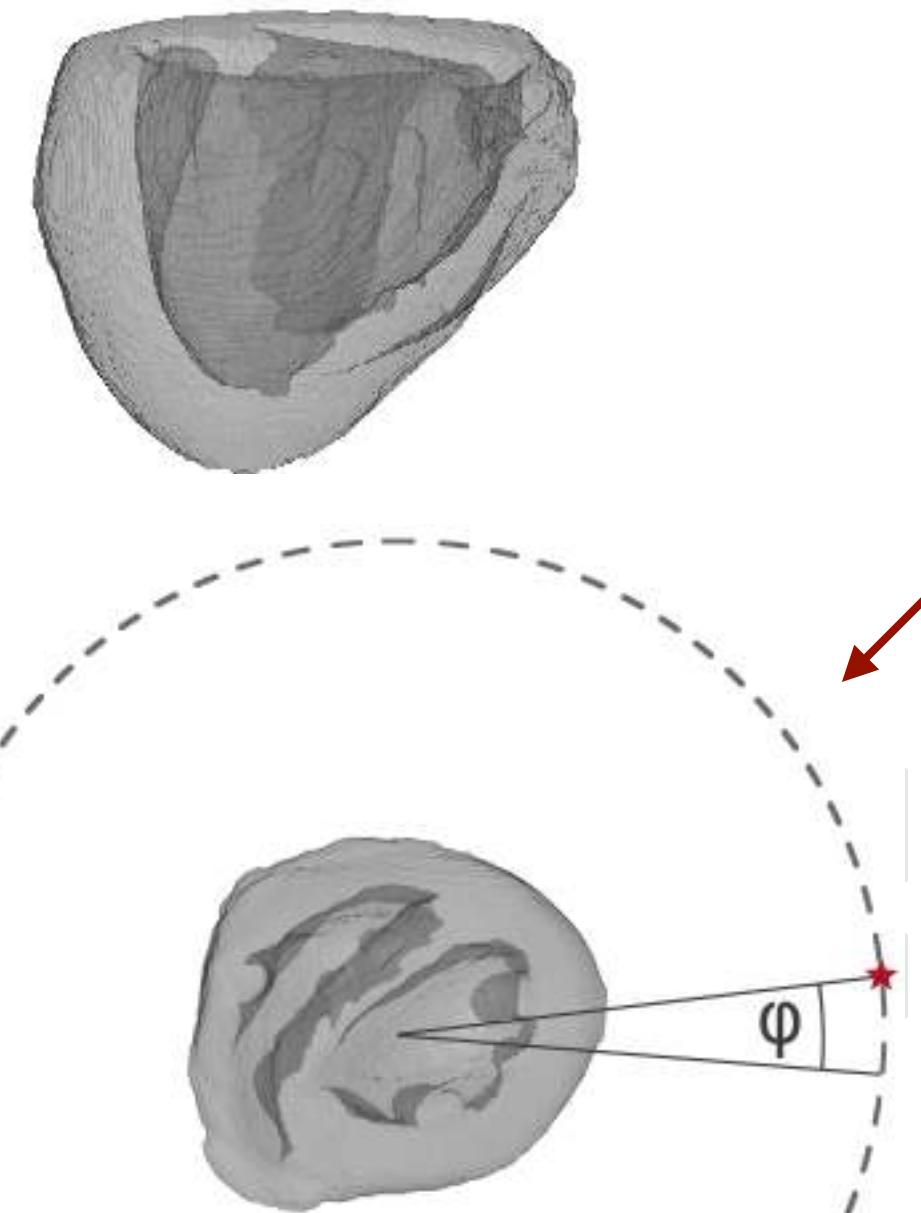
Complexity fluctuations in multi-channel ECG from simulations permutation entropies of 360 ECG time series

simulations

Fenton-Karma
model

positions of ECG
electrodes on a
ring

Low permutation entropy PE
corresponds to low number of scroll
wave filaments NFIL

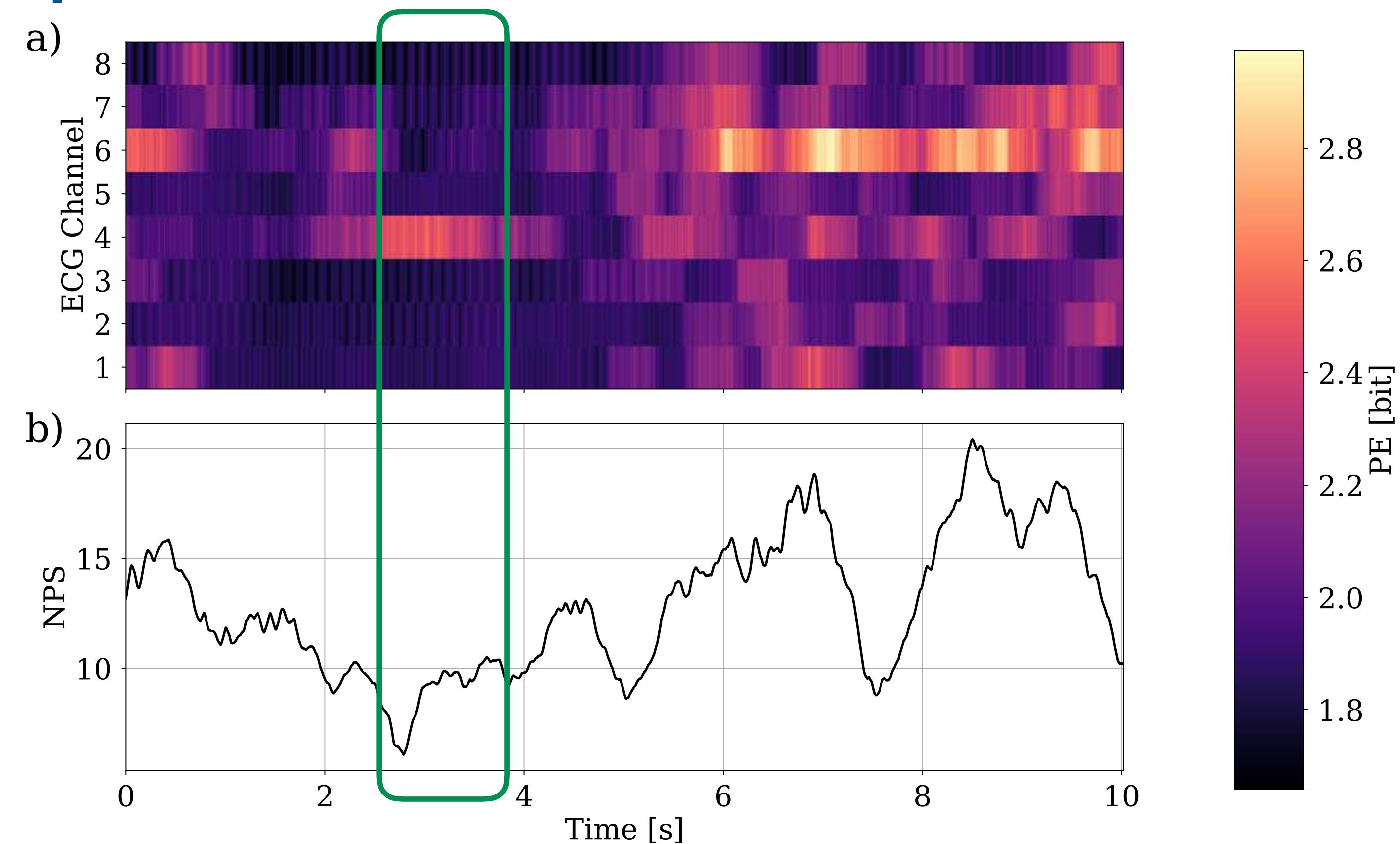


Complexity Fluctuations

Complexity fluctuations during Ventricular Fibrillation in a Langendorff-perfused rabbit heart

Permutation entropies of a network of 8 ECG electrodes on a ring around the heart

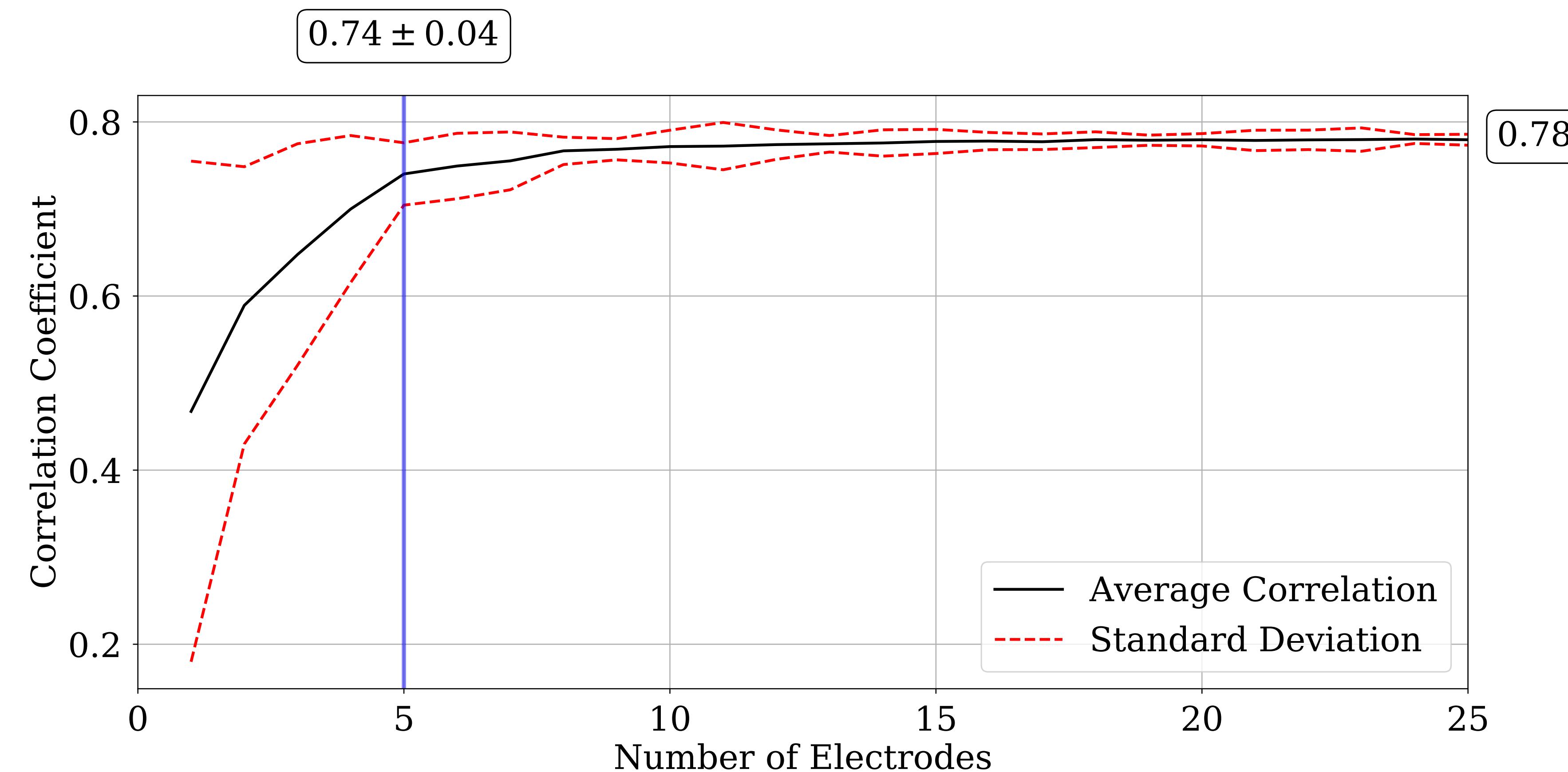
Number of phase singularities on the surface of heart (optical mapping)



laminar phase: - low no. of phase singularities / spiral waves on the surface of the heart
- still one channel / electrode with high permutation entropy

Complexity Fluctuations

Correlation between the number of filaments NFIL and the mean Permutation Entropy for different numbers of equally spaced electrodes



A single ECG electrode is not enough to evaluate the spatio-temporal state of the system.

Detecting Interrelations

Synchronization measure based on ordinal patterns

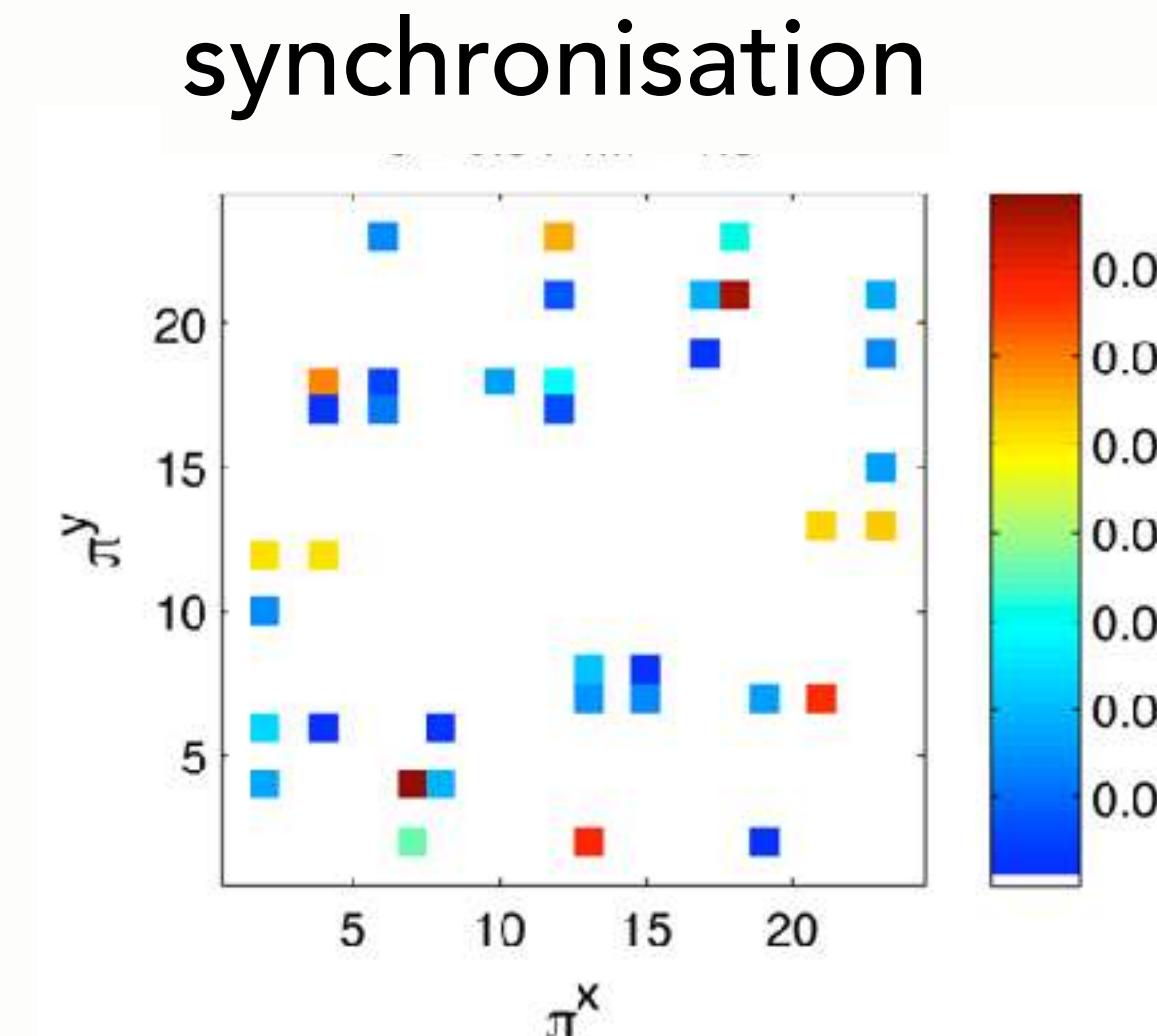
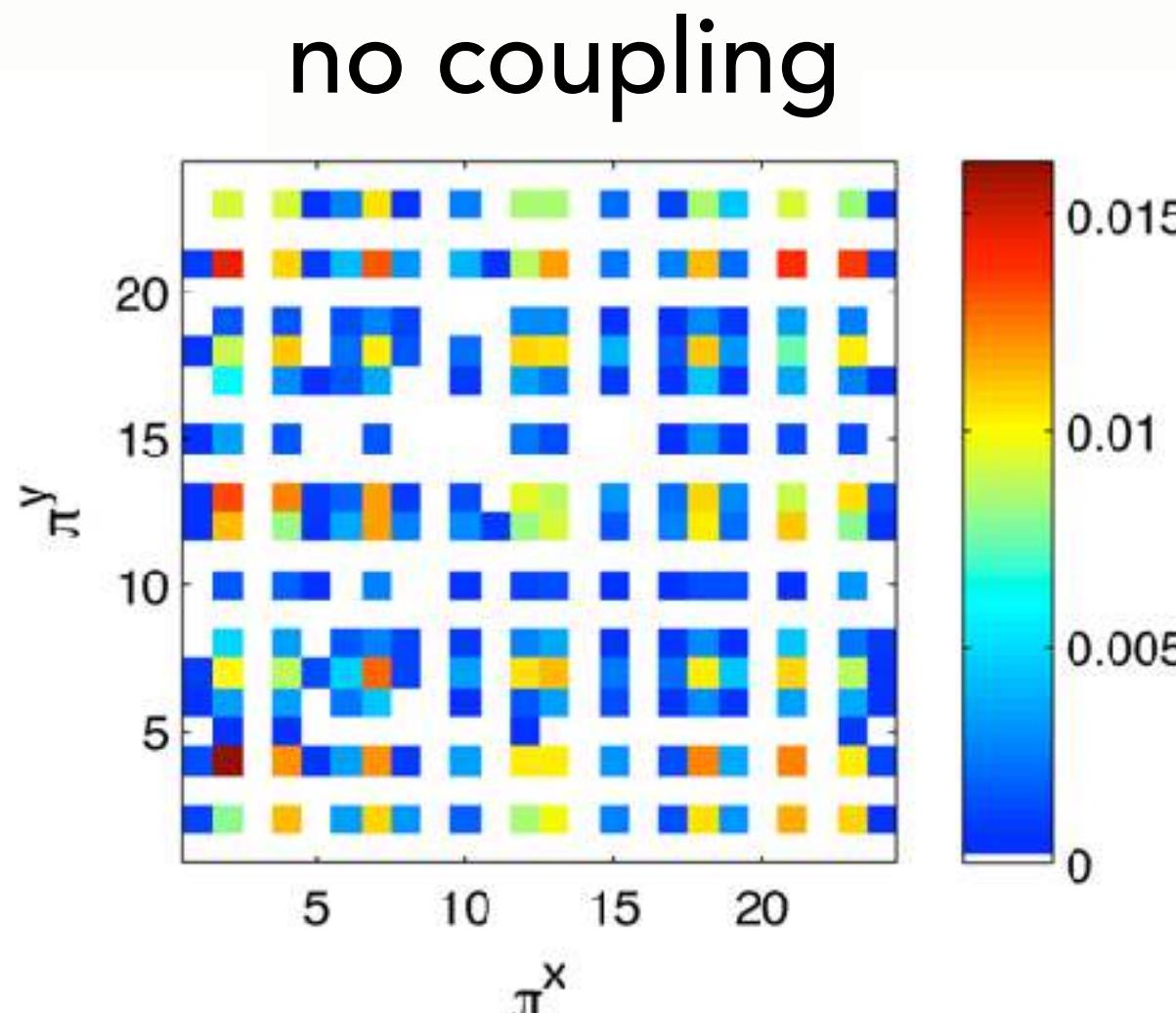
here: **synchrony** = simultaneous occurrence of ordinal patterns generated by two coupled systems

compute probabilities p_{ij} of joint occurrences
(2D histogram)

$$H_{xy} = - \sum_{i=1}^{W!} \sum_{j=1}^{W!} p_{ij} \log(p_{ij})$$

joint entropy

example: **coupled Rössler systems**



$$MI = \sum_{i=1}^{W!} \sum_{j=1}^{W!} p_{ij} \log \left(\frac{p_{ij}}{p_i p_j} \right)$$

mutual information

no sync

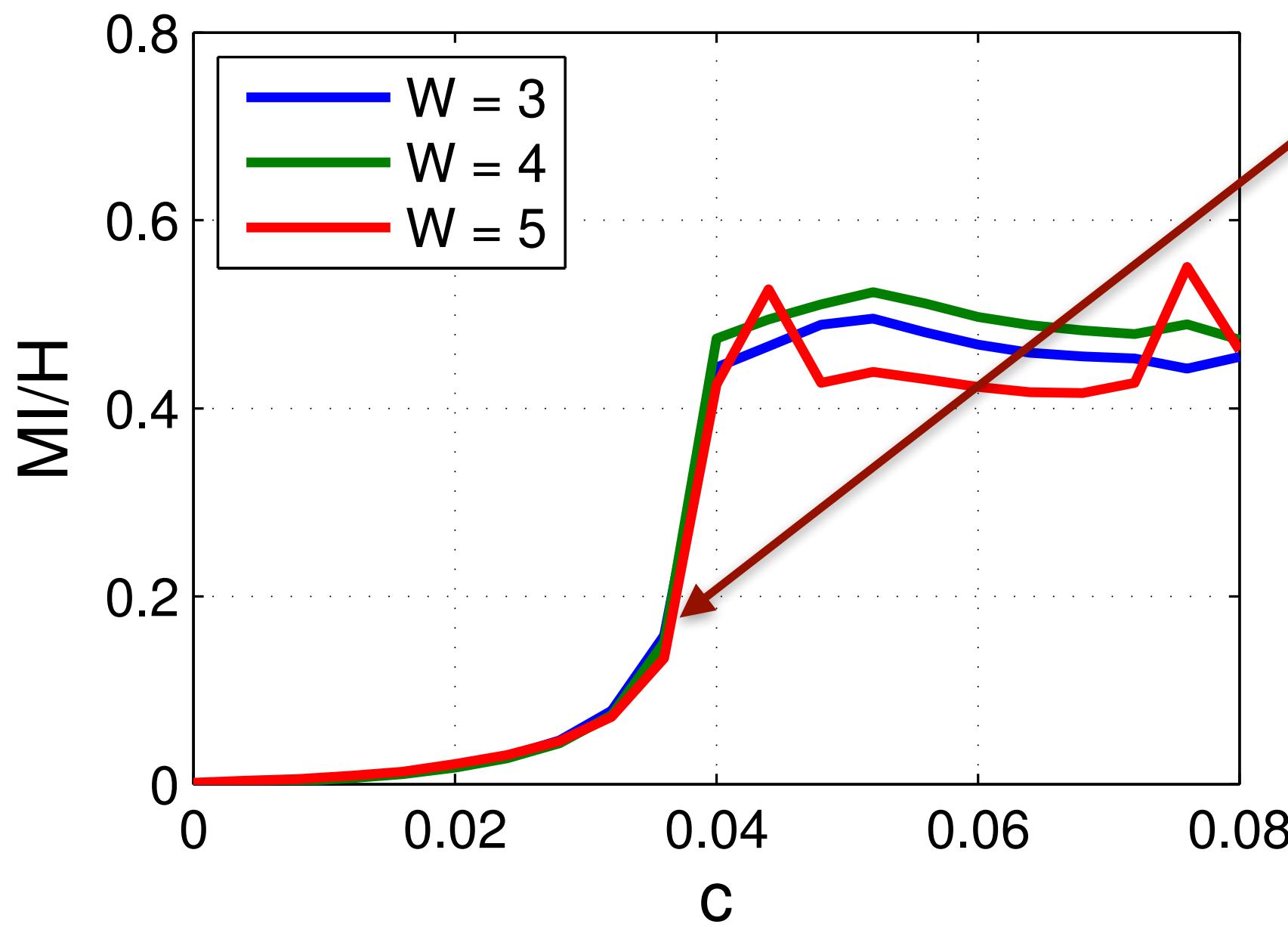
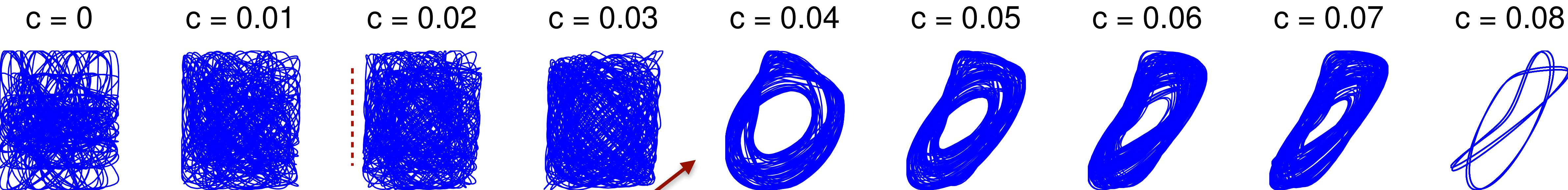
$$0 \leq S = \frac{MI}{H_{xy}} \leq 1$$

identical sync

Detecting Interrelations

Example: (bidirectionally) **coupled Rössler systems**

$y_1(t)$ vs. $x_1(t)$ for increasing coupling constant c → onset of phase synchronization



A. Groth, Phys. Rev. E 72, 046220 (2005)
synchronization = high probability of identical ordinal patterns

S. Schinkel et al., Front. Comp. Neurosci. 6 (2012)
order pattern networks

M. Staniek and K. Lehnertz, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 158101 (2008)
generalization for detecting directionality of information flow
and coupling → **symbolic transfer entropy**

Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy as a Measure for Complexity of Cardiac Arrhythmia

A. Schlemmer et al., *Frontiers Physics* 6, 39 (2018)

Spatial Permutation Entropy

Spatial Permutation Entropy (SPE)

two-dimensional extension of PE

sampling words of size $D \times D$ from two dimensional data with spatial separation L_x

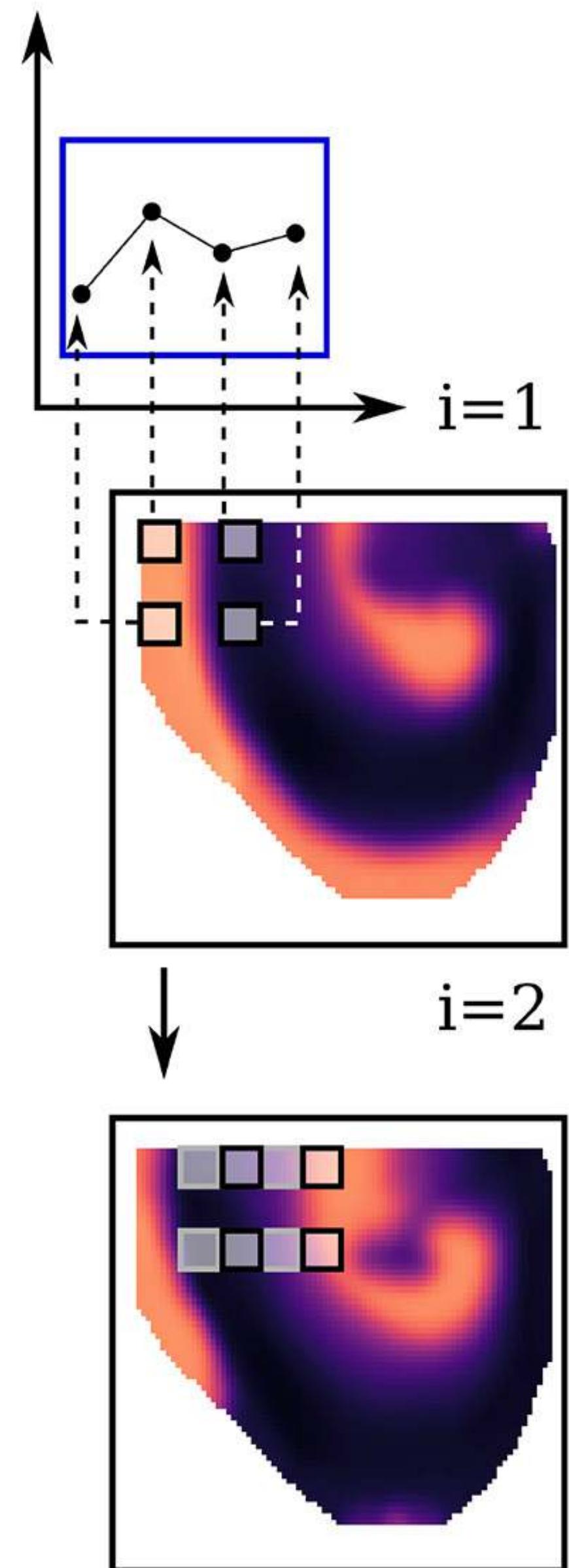
$$D = 2$$

$$(D^2)! = 24 \text{ words}$$

A grid is moved over all possible positions within the image leading to a probability distribution $\{p_j\}$ of symbols that are used to compute the Spatial Permutation Entropy.

H.V. Ribeiro et al., *PLoS ONE* 7, e40689 (2012)

A. Schlemmer et al., In: 2015 37th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC). Milan (2015). p. 4049–4052

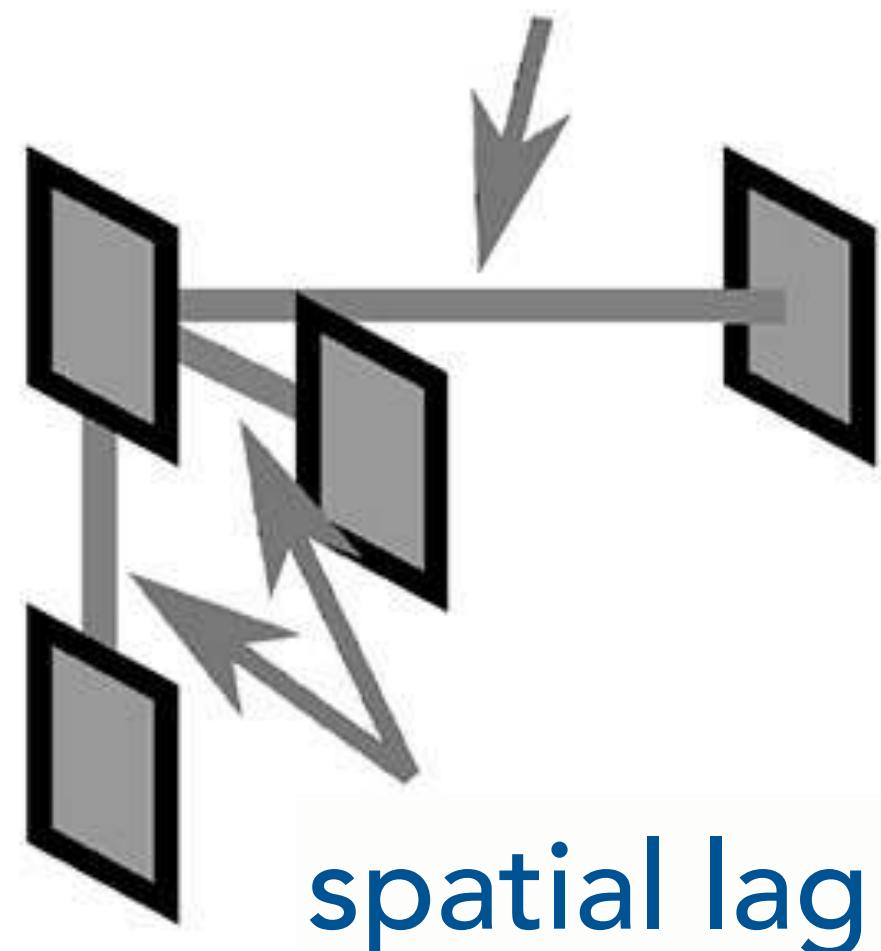


Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy (STPE)

sampling words from volumes using a “sampling tripod”

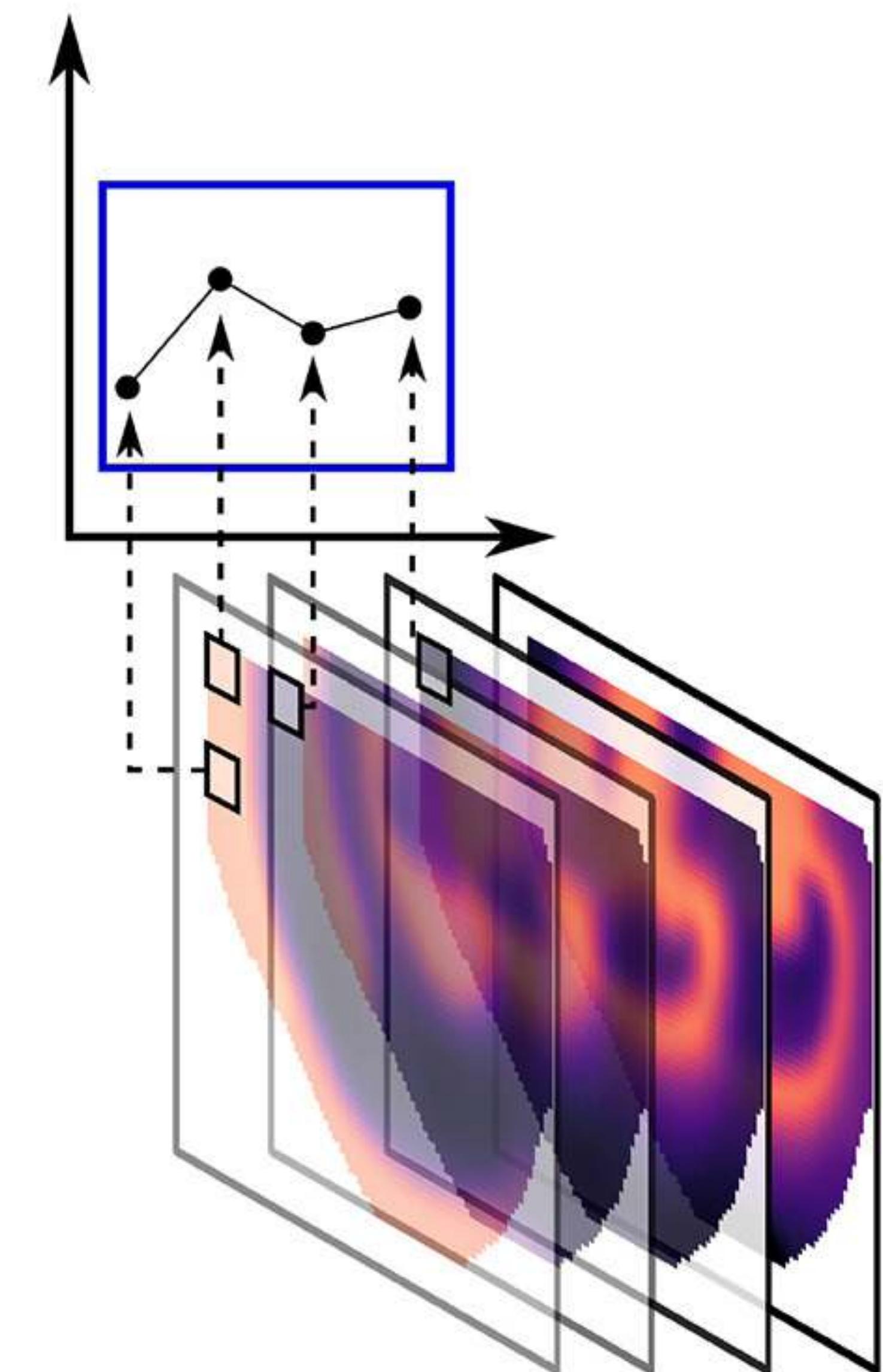
temporal lag L_t



p_k probability of pattern k

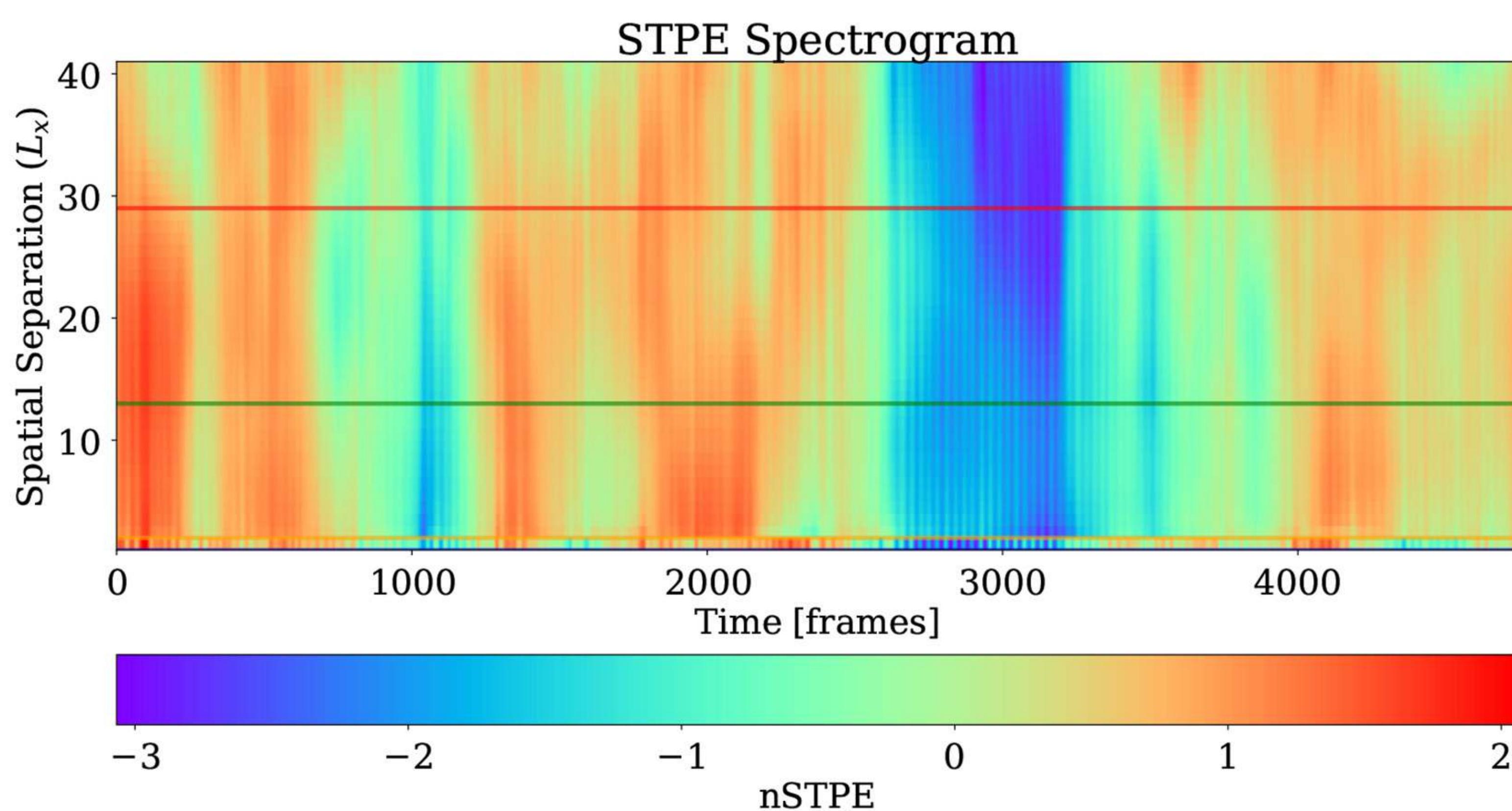
$$STPE = - \sum_k p_k \log(p_k)$$

The order in which the points are sampled from images or volumes does not change SPE and STPE.

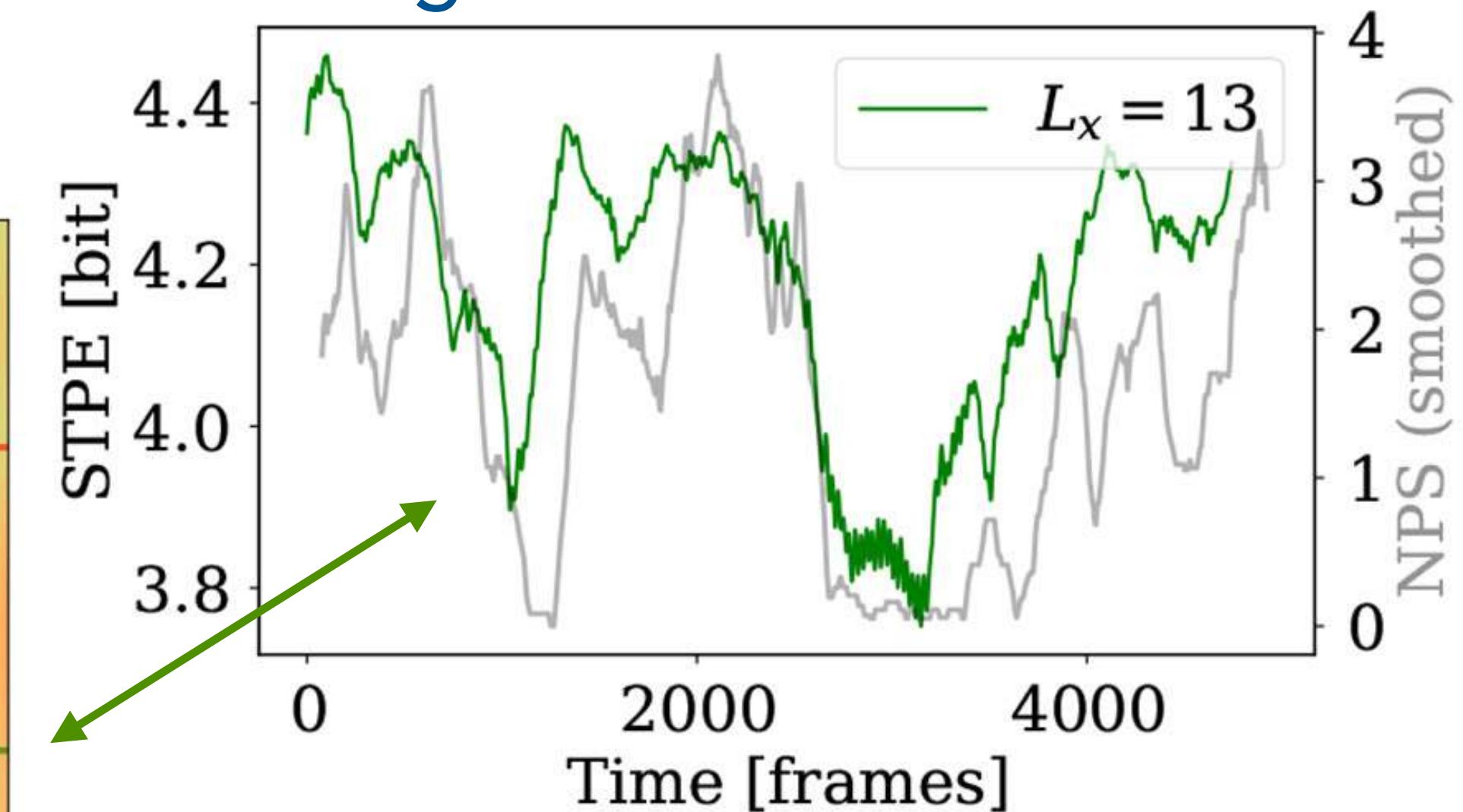


Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

The impact of different values
for the spatial separation L_x



STPE and no. of phase singularities NPS vs. time



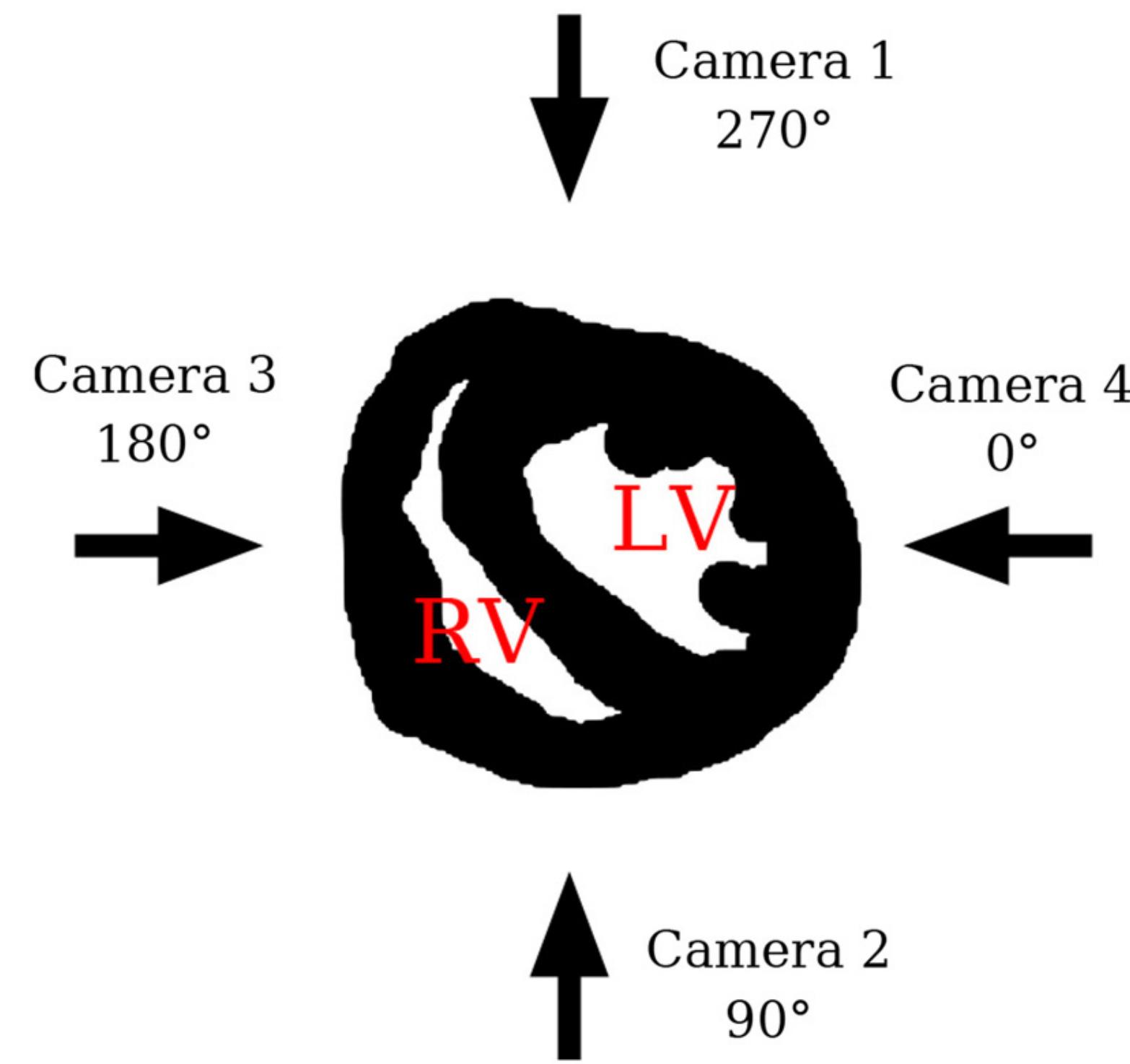
normalized spatio-temporal
permutation entropy

$$n\text{STPE} = \frac{\text{STPE} - \text{MEAN(STPE)}}{\text{STD(STPE)}}$$

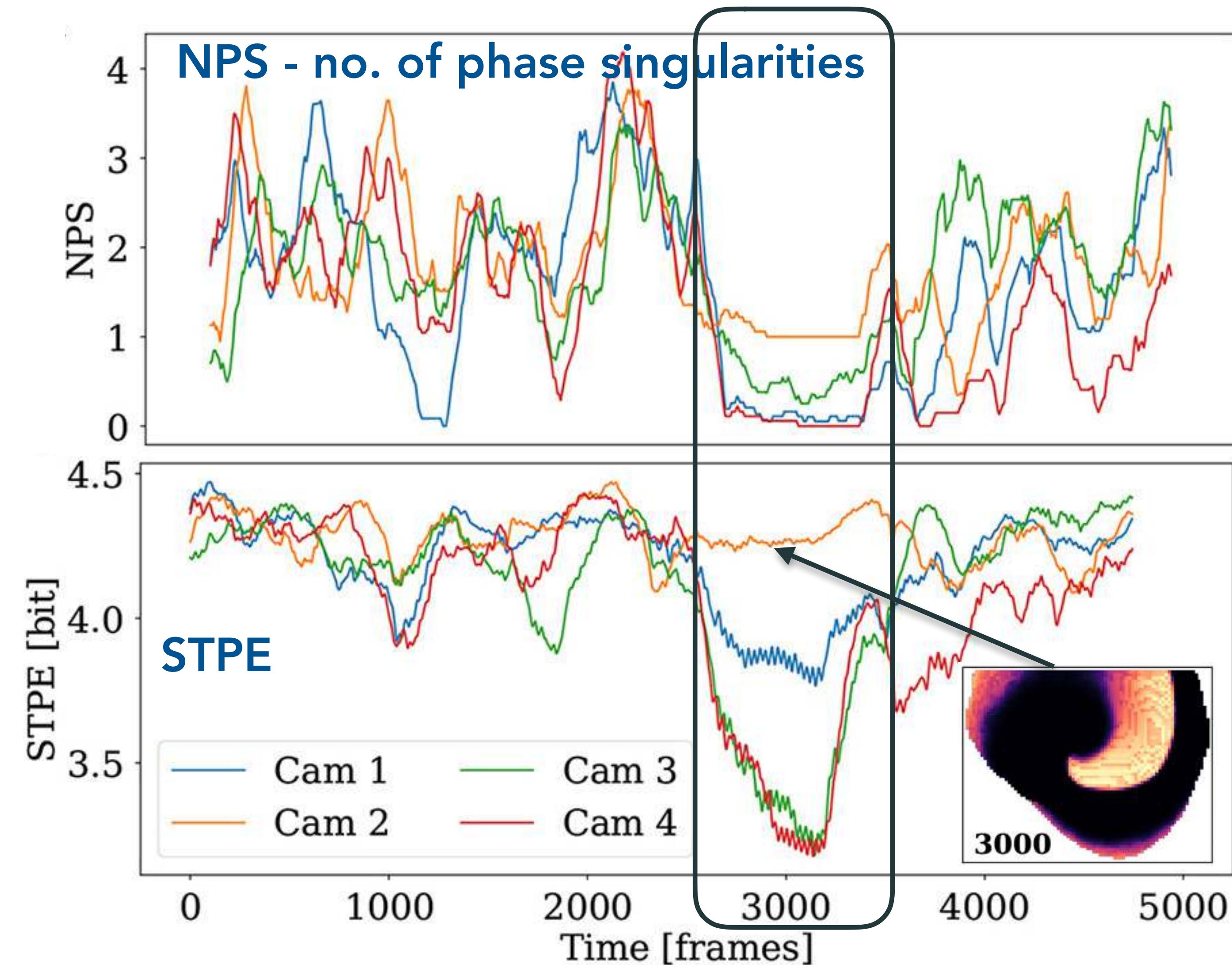
correlates with no. of phase singularities NPS

Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

3D simulation - NPS and STPE from four different cameras perspectives



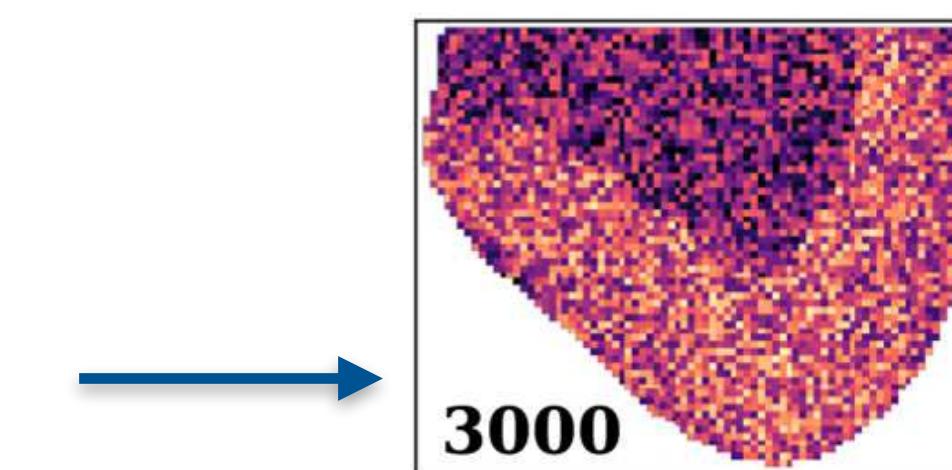
STPE shows a very pronounced drop in complexity for camera 3 and camera 4.



Spatio-Temporal Permutation Entropy

Robustness Against Noise

- No Noise
- Noise Level 1
- Noise Level 2



Sum of NPS over all cameras and the mean of the permutation entropy quantities are shown

normalisation:

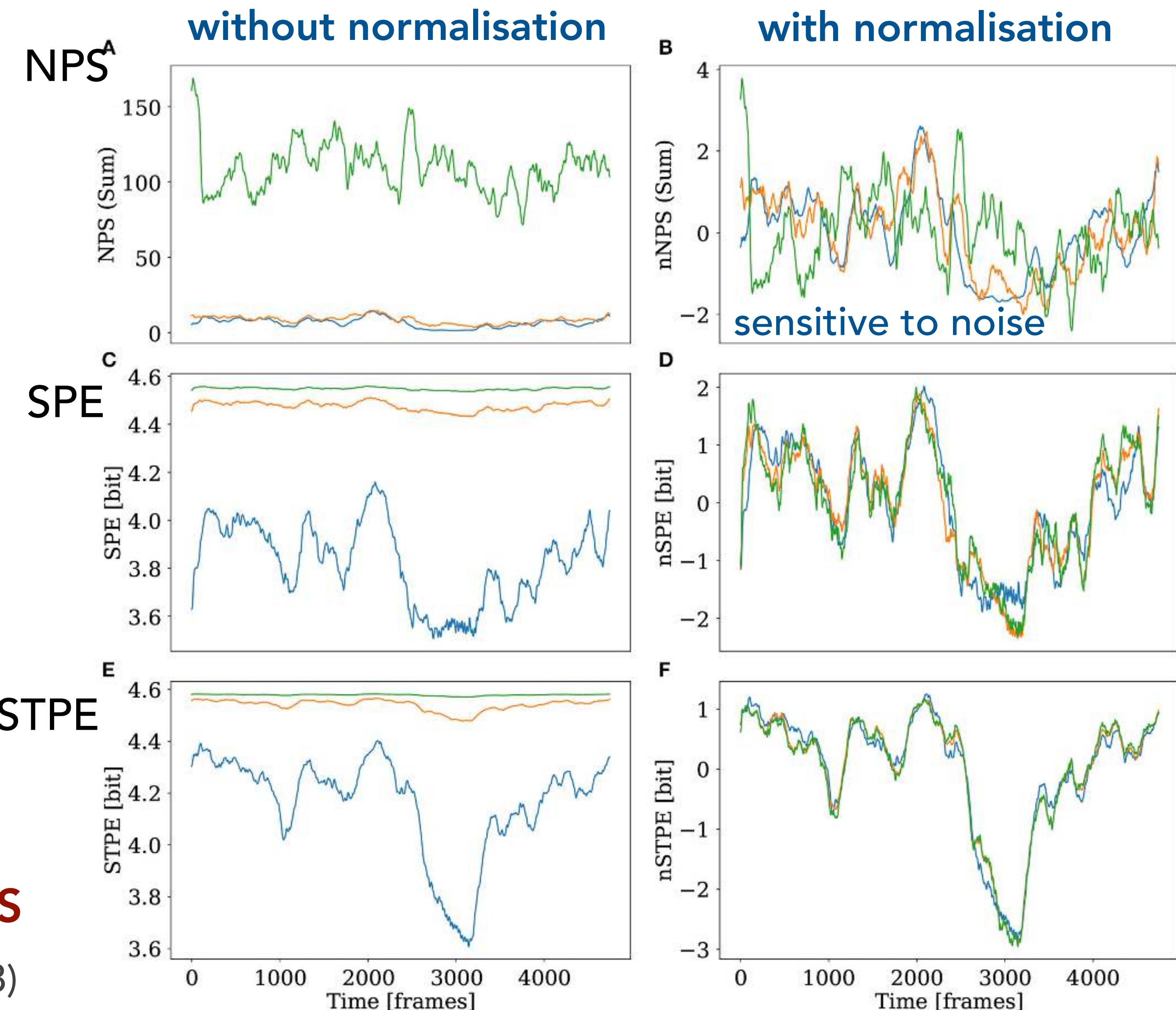
$$nNPS = \frac{NPS - \text{MEAN}(NPS)}{\text{STD}(NPS)}$$

$$nSPE = \frac{SPE - \text{MEAN}(SPE)}{\text{STD}(SPE)}$$

$$nSTPE = \frac{STPE - \text{MEAN}(STPE)}{\text{STD}(STPE)}$$

SPE and STPE are more robust than NPS

A. Schlemmer et al., Frontiers Physics 6, 39 (2018)



Cross-estimation and forecasting of spatio-temporal chaos (in cardiac dynamics and beyond)

Data Driven Modeling of Spatio-Temporal Systems

Tasks:

- **prediction**: (iterative) forecasting of future evolution
- **cross estimation**: estimate a quantity that is difficult to observe using another variable that is more “easy” to measure, e.g., estimate **Calcium concentration** from **cell membrane voltage**

Methods:

- **nearest neighbours prediction using reconstructed local states**
J. Isensee et al., arXiv:1904.06089 (2019)
- **echo state networks (reservoir computing)**
R.S. Zimmermann and U. Parlitz, Chaos 28, 043118 (2018)
- **convolutional neural networks**
S. Herzog et al., *Front. in Appl. Math. and Stat.* 4, 60 (2018)

Modeling Cardiac Dynamics

Example: The Bueno-Orovio-Cherry-Fenton model

A. Bueno-Orovio et al., J. Theor. Biol. 253 (2008)

PDE describing electrical excitation waves in cardiac tissue

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \cdot \nabla^2 u - (J_{si} + J_{fi} + J_{so})$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_v^-} (1 - H(u - \theta_v)) (v_\infty - v) - \frac{1}{\tau_v^+} H(u - \theta_v) v$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_w^-} (1 - H(u - \theta_w)) (w_\infty - w) - \frac{1}{\tau_w^+} H(u - \theta_w) w$$

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2\tau_s} ((1 + \tanh(k_s(u - u_s))) - 2s)$$

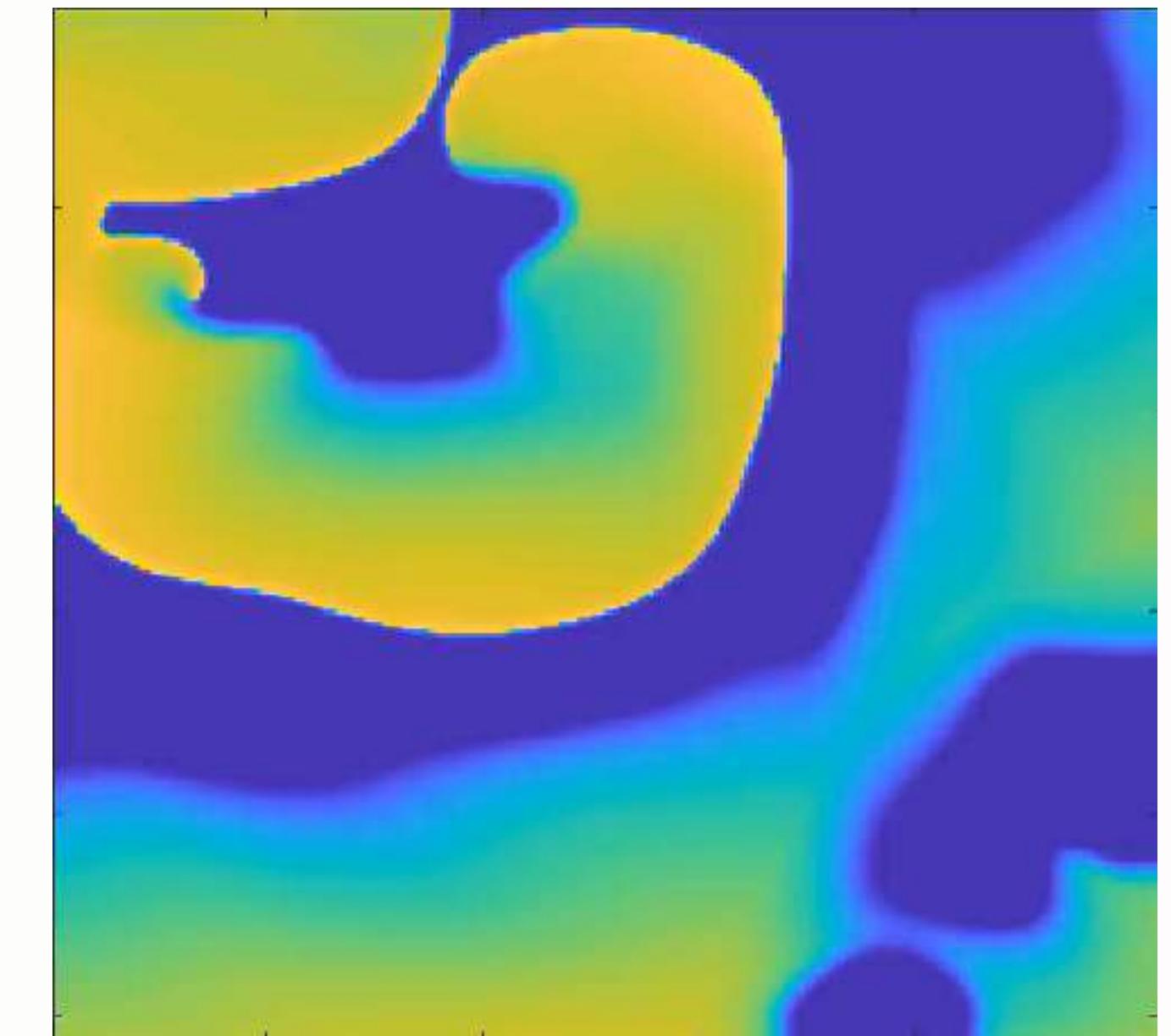
u membrane potential

with **ionic currents**:

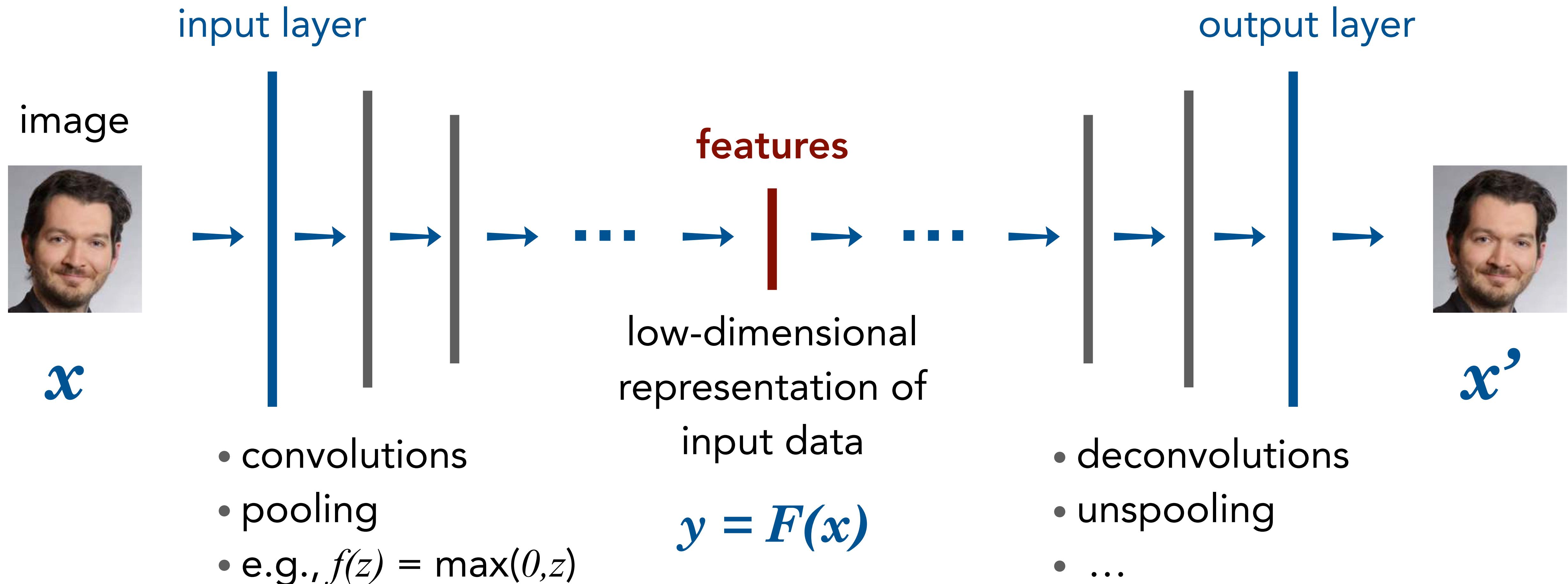
$$J_{si} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{si}} H(u - \theta_w) ws$$

$$J_{fi} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{fi}} v H(u - \theta_v) (u - \theta_v) (u_u - u)$$

$$J_{so} = \frac{1}{\tau_o} (u - u_o) (1 - H(u - \theta_w)) + \frac{1}{\tau_{so}} H(u - \theta_w)$$

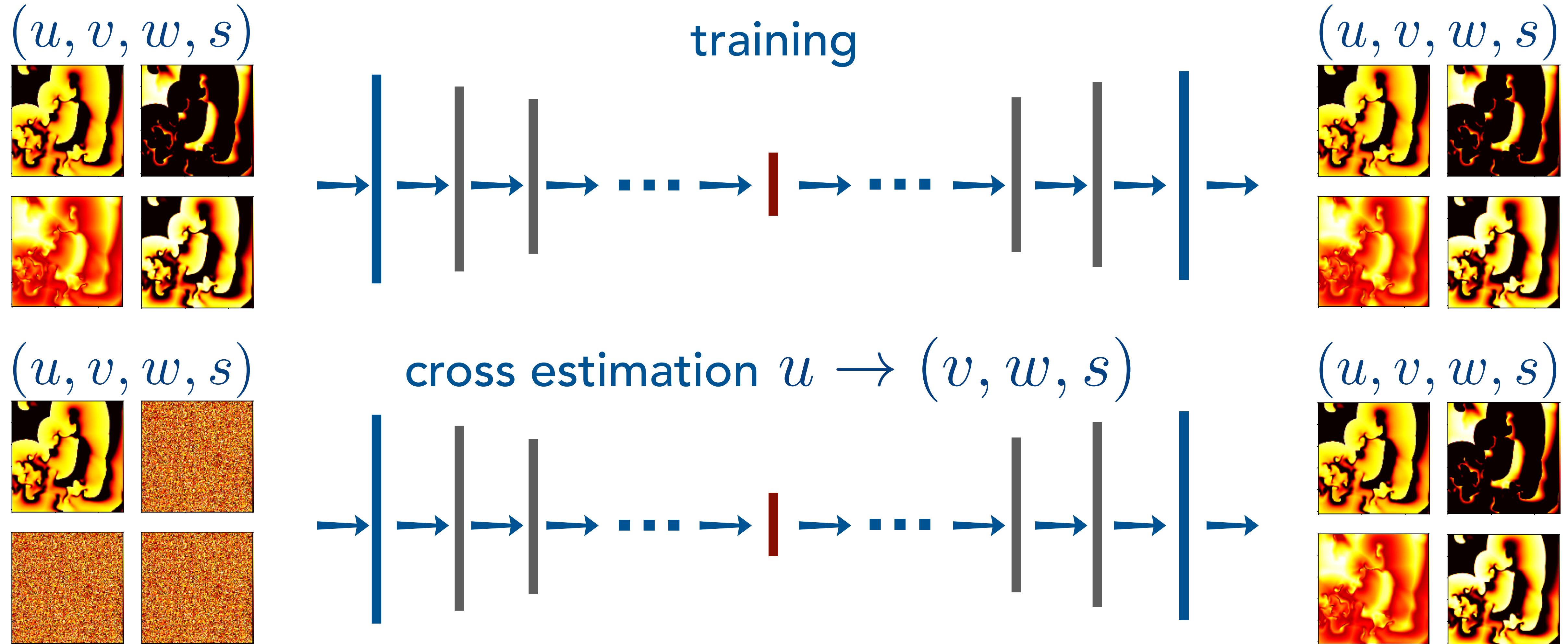


Convolutional Autoencoder



Convolutional Neural Networks

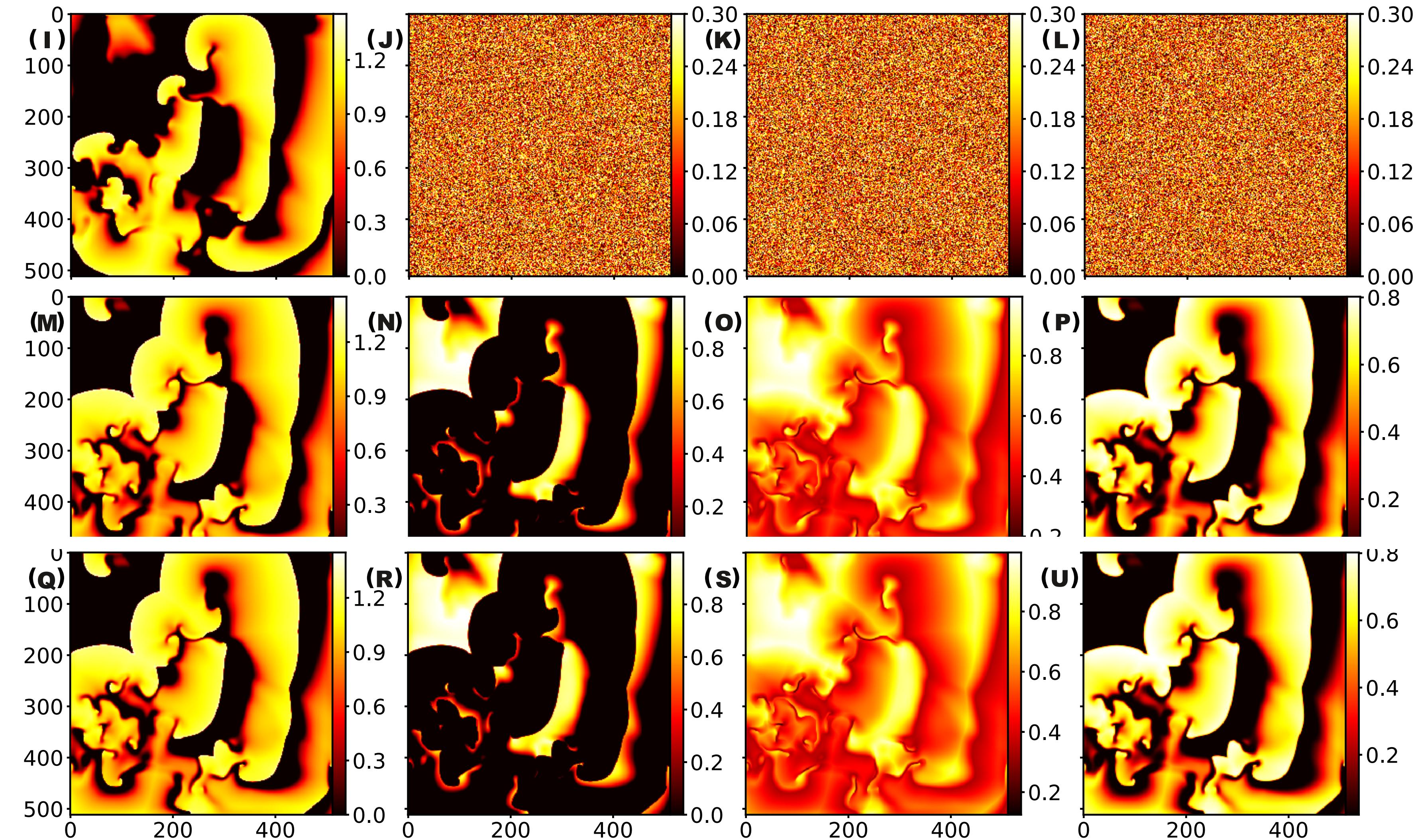
Cross Estimation



Convolutional Neural Networks

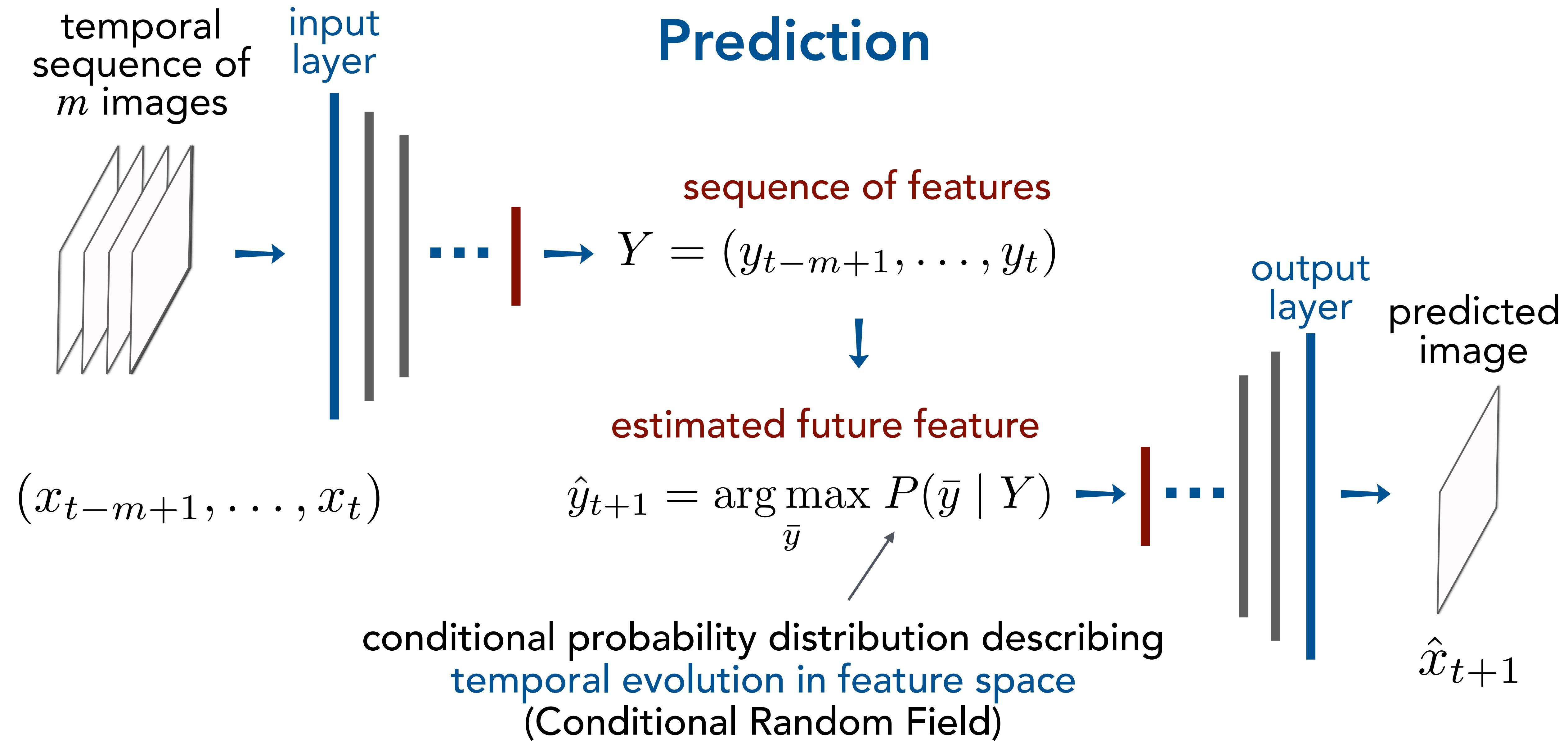
Cross Estimation
 $u \rightarrow (v, w, s)$

input
estimation
true fields



Similar results with reservoir computing: R.S. Zimmermann and U.P., Chaos 28, 043118 (2018)

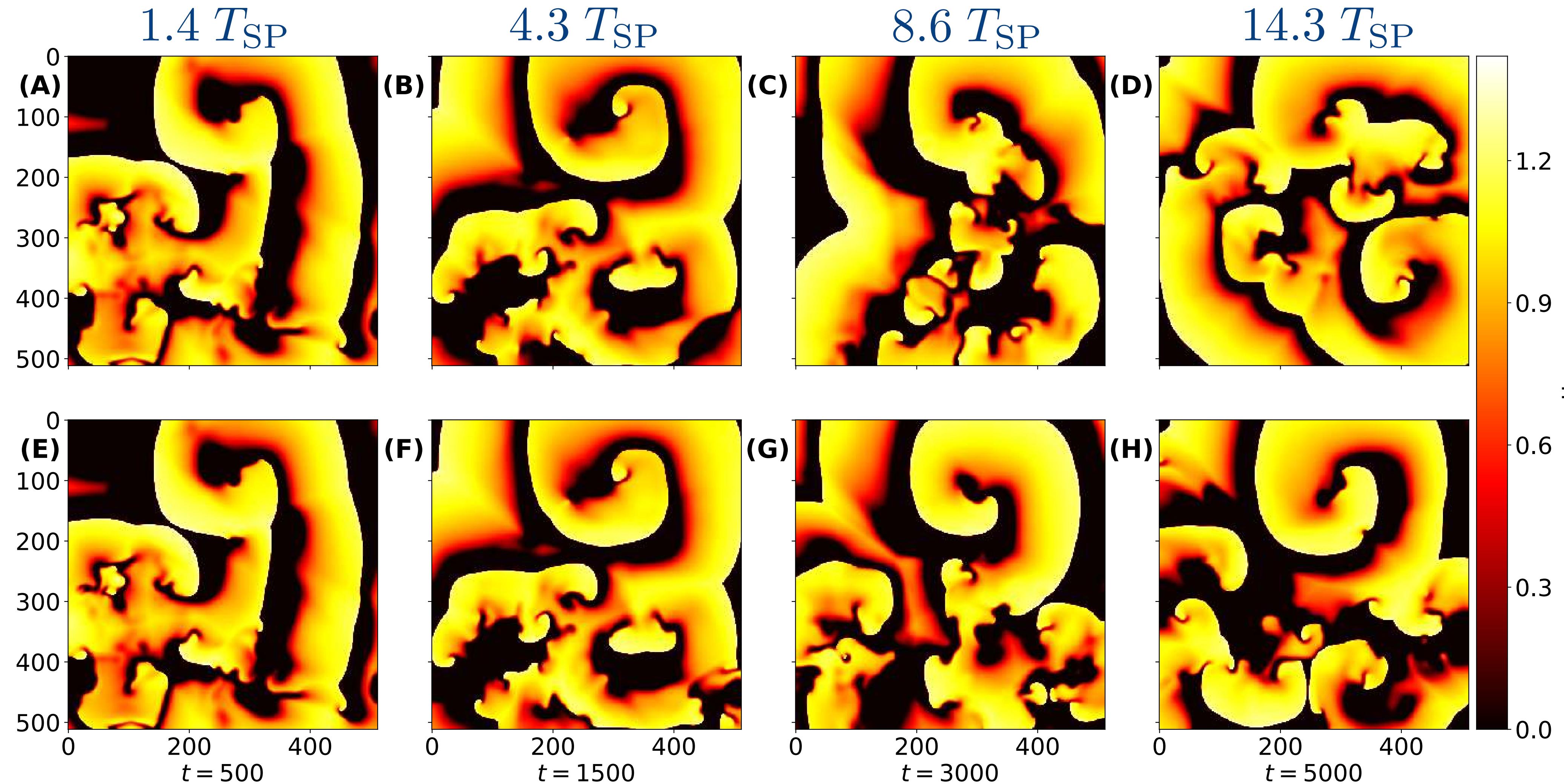
Convolutional Neural Networks



Convolutional Neural Networks

Iterated Forecasting of $u(t)$

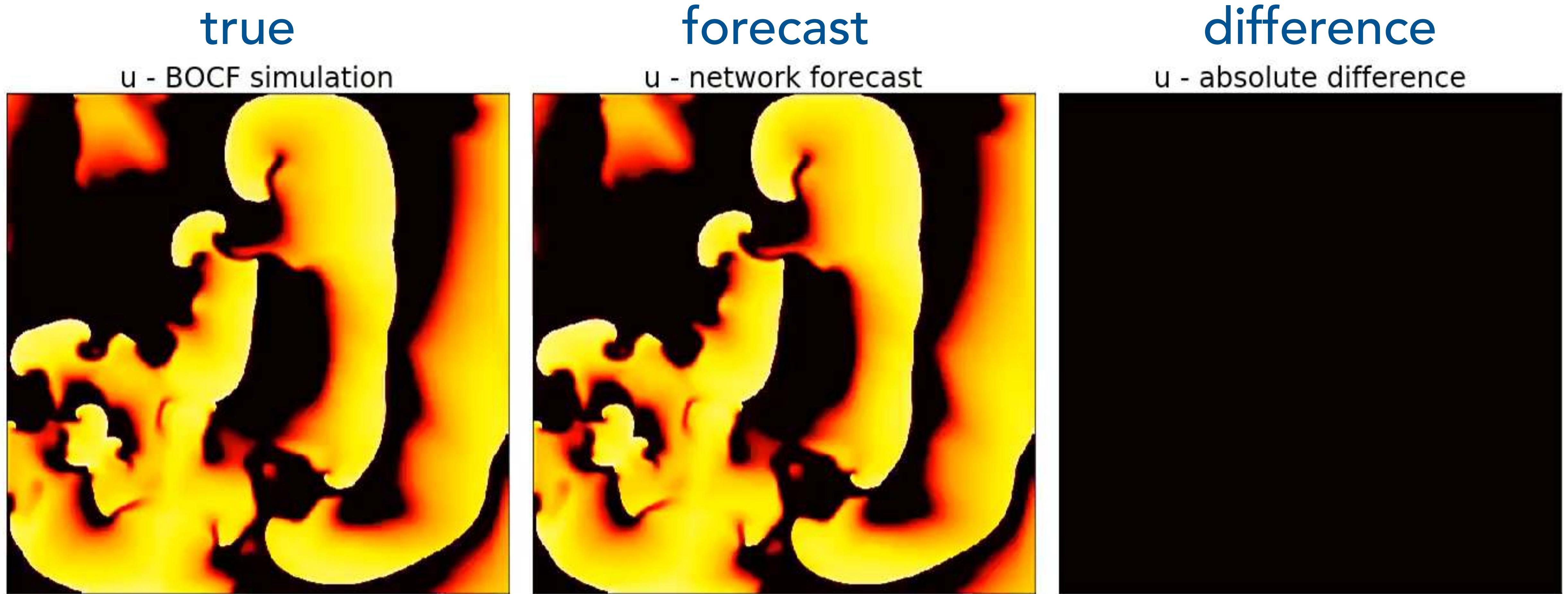
true
BOCF
simulation



Good results for 5 spiral rotations

Convolutional Neural Networks

Iterated Forecasting of $u(t)$



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Summary

Ordinal Pattern and Permutation Entropy

- are useful concepts for characterizing beat-to-beat time series and complexity fluctuations in cardiac arrhythmias
- are computationally efficient and very robust with respect to noise
- can also be defined for spatially extended systems
- correlate very well with the number phase singularities (spiral waves)

Complex dynamics in excitable media can be learned and predicted using convolutional neural networks (and other machine learning methods)

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