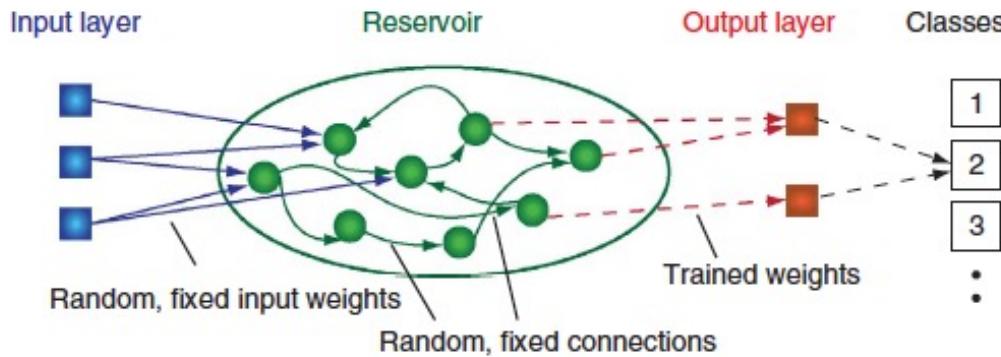


# Statistics of Attractor Embeddings in Reservoir Computing

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from the AI world → Nonlinear Dynamics world

Nonlinear Dynamics techniques and concepts → the AI world

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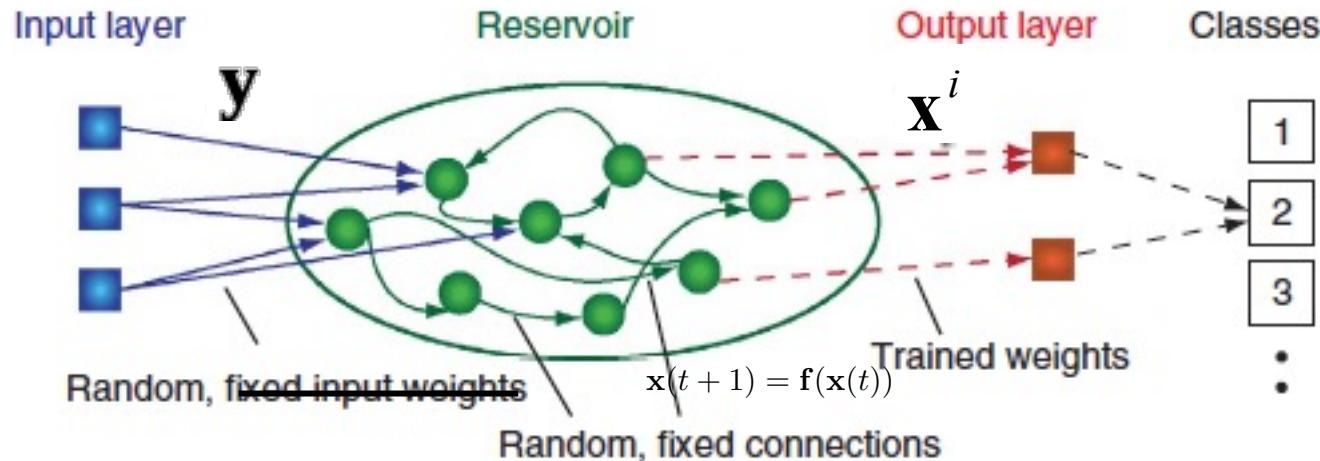
I'll add a more general viewpoint with statistics to match.

Any errors are mine and not his.

Thomas Jungling (U. Western Australia)- interesting way to write RC dynamics

# Introduction to Reservoir Computers (RC)

## Reservoir computer driven by a dynamical system



$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \quad \text{(blue square)} \quad \frac{d\mathbf{x}^i}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^i) \quad \frac{d\mathbf{x}^i}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^i) + \sigma \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ij} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^j) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y})$$

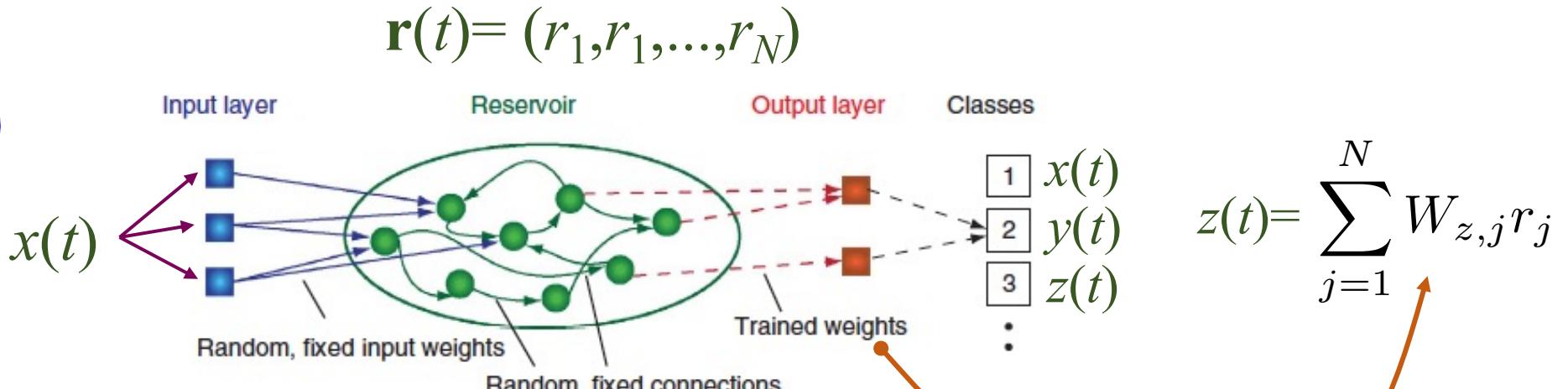
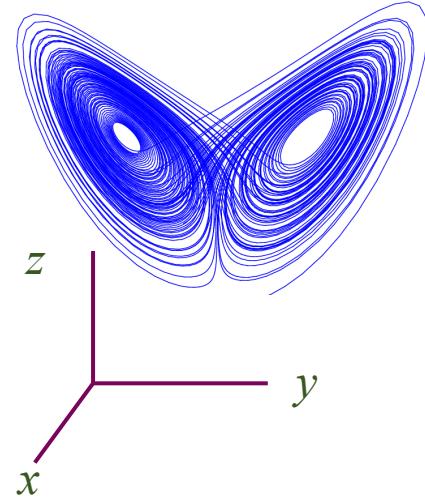
network

Can also use maps (iterated functions)  $\mathbf{y}(t + 1) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}(t))$ , etc.

- RC can be physical systems.

# What can a reservoir computer do? (1)

Lorenz chaotic trajectory



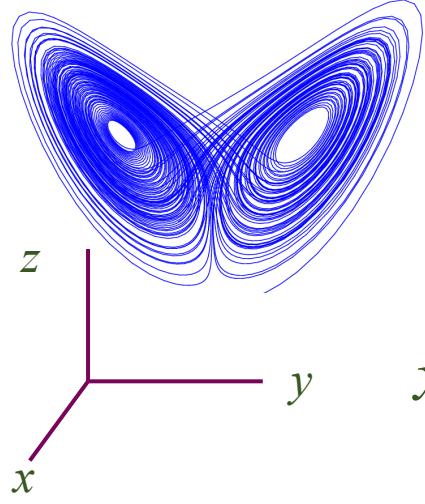
**FAST training**  
Only train output weights  
Reservoir is unchanged

**FAST operation**

$$z(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N W_{z,j} r_j$$

# What can a reservoir computer do? (2)

Lorenz chaotic trajectory

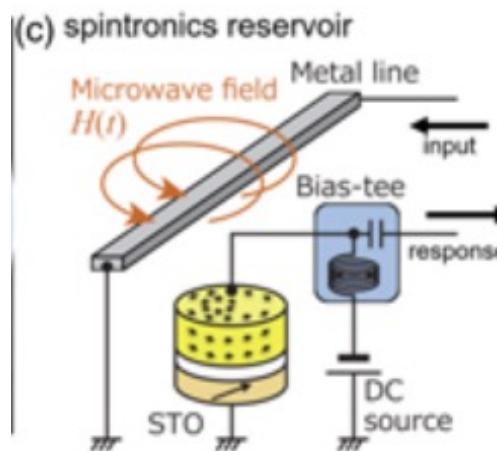
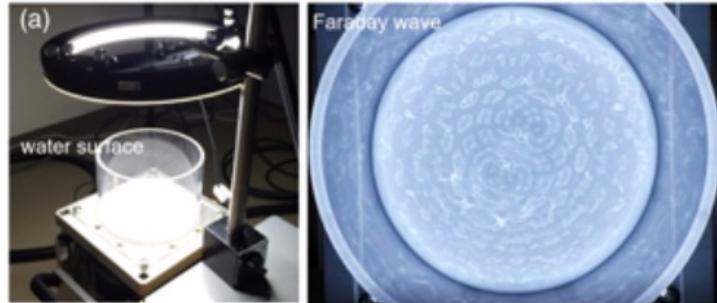


**FAST training**  
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Dynamical Systems

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)$$



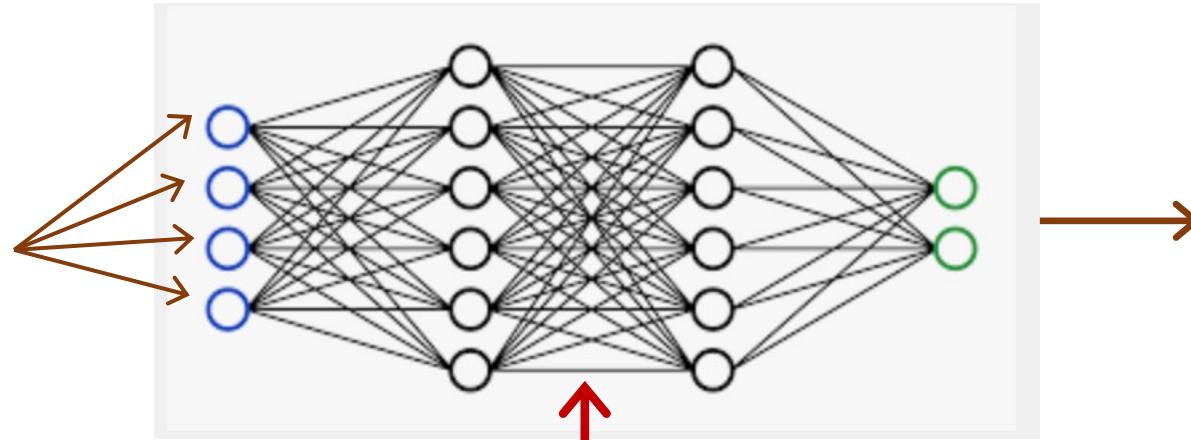
$$x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \\ z(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N W_{z,j} r_j$$

Physical reservoir computing—an introductory perspective  
Kohei Nakajima, Japanese Journal of Applied Physics 59, 060501 (2020)

contrast with NN

# *Neural Networks and AI*

**INPUT:**  
Information  
Input  
(digitized words,  
images,  
sounds,etc.)



**OUTPUT:**  
Classification  
(image of a dog,  
the word  
"Webinar",  
a bird song,...)

Supervisory Trained by adjusting  
the weights and internal  
connections  
(training can take long times and  
require massive computing power)

**Highly successful for certain tasks (an expanding class) and commercially useful!**

# *The origin of RC*

H. Jaeger (2003), **Adaptive nonlinear system identification with echo state networks**. In S. Becker, S.Thrun, & K. Obermayer (Eds.), Advances in neural information processing systems: Volume. 15 (pp.593-600). Cambridge, MA: MIT press

Maass, W., et al.: **Real-time computing without stable states: A new framework for neural computation based on perturbations**, Neural Computation, 14 (11), 2531-2560 (2002).



No equilibrium or fixed points  
=> dynamical systems!

**Nonlinear Dynamics community:**

Ulrich Parlitz and Alexander Hornstein, *Prediction of Chaotic Time Series*,  
Chaos and Complexity Letters, volume 1(2), 135-44 (2005)

L. Appeltant, I. Fischer, et al., Nat. Commun. 2, 468 (2011).

Pathak, Zhixin Lu, Brian R. Hunt, Michelle Girvan, and Edward Ott, *Using Machine Learning to Replicate Chaotic Attractors and Calculate Lyapunov Exponents from Data*,

# Some fundamental problems in RCs

*Full understanding is still missing:*

Underlying theory  
Optimizing design  
Limitations and pitfalls

but also hampered by:

Vague concepts  
and  
Incorrect explanations  
(Hand-waving explanations)

## **Problems with and questions about the AI approach to RC**

STEPHEN BOYD AND LEON O. CHUA (modeling time series or time operators)

*Fading Memory and the Problem of Approximating Nonlinear Operators with Volterra Series,*

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS, VOL. CAS-32, NO. 11, NOVEMBER  
1985

$$Nu(t) = h_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int \cdots \int h_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \cdot u(t - \tau_1) \cdots u(t - \tau_n) d\tau_1 \cdots d\tau_n$$

to have the series converge the system must have a memory cutoff or a fading memory

=> Forget initial conditions

## **1. Memory.**

- Fade, but more memory is good.
- There's some best amount of memory.
- How to measure memory?

## **2. How stable should RC be?**

- Nearly unstable, or close to the "Edge of Chaos" – maximal amount of entropy is here?
- Effect on memory?
- How to measure stability?

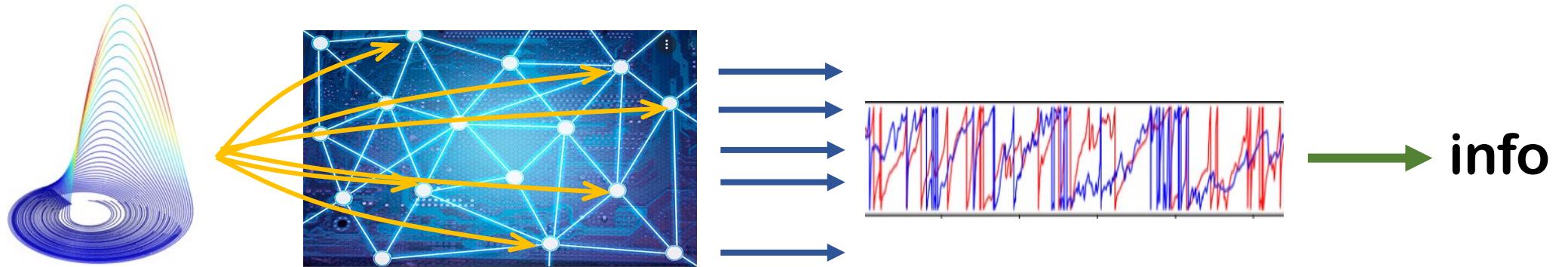
## **3. What type of nodes to use?**

- Sigmoid functions (e.g. tanh) ?
- – only sigmoid functions – origins in neural networks.
- – It's not RC unless nodes are sigmoid functions

## **4. What type of networks to use?**

- Random, Erdos-Reyni ?
- Sparse ?
- Random weights ?

## Reservoir computers are driven, dynamical systems



same signal into same response => same output

*Generalized synchronization: Rulkov, Abarbanel et al.*

Physical Review E Vol. 51, No. 2, 980 (1995)

*Stability requirement:* driving two systems with same signal =>  
they should synchronize, if they are stable

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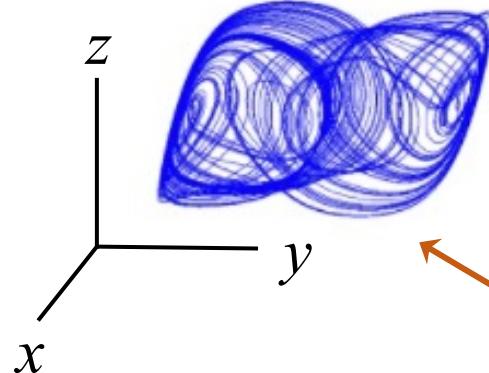
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## Takens theorem (1981)

Original attractor



pick a time delay ( $\tau$ ) and dimension ( $d$ )

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = [x(t), x(t-\tau), x(t-2\tau), \dots, x(t-(d-1)\tau)],$$

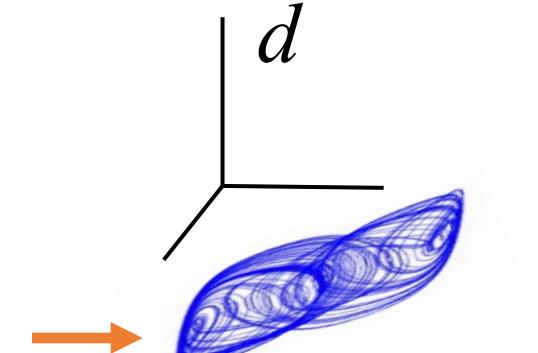
$$\mathbf{v}_2 = [x(t+\tau), x(t), x(t-2\tau), \dots, x(t-(d)\tau)],$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = [x(t+2\tau), x(t+3\tau), x(t+4\tau), \dots, x(t-(d+1)\tau)],$$

...  
diffeomorphism  
(continuous, differentiable, inverse)  
Whitney Embedding Theorem

Dynamical and geometric properties of Original attractor are also the same in the Reconstructed attractor.

$\varphi$

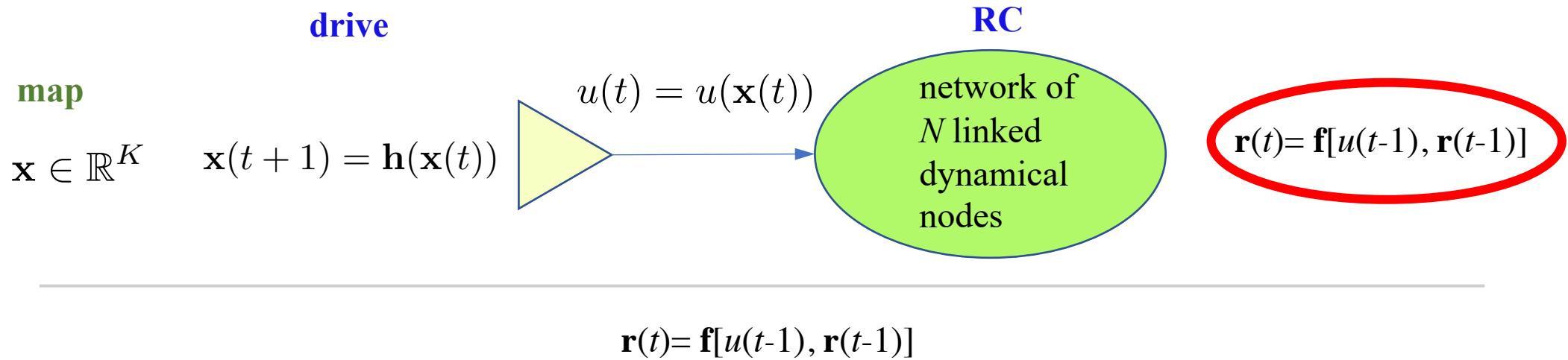


Reconstructed attractor

What time delay ( $\tau$ ) and dimension ( $d$ ) to use?  
Still not fully worked out.

# Fundamental dynamics of RC

Develop a mathematical model that will expose the nonlinear dynamics of RC and the underlying geometric structure.



$$\text{map} \quad \mathbf{r}_n(t) = \mathbf{f}[u(t-1), \mathbf{f}[u(t-2), \mathbf{f}[u(t-3), \dots, \mathbf{f}[u(t-n), \mathbf{r}_0] \dots]] \equiv \mathbf{g}_n(u, \mathbf{r}_0)$$

We want the sequence  $\{\mathbf{r}_n(t)\}$  to converge to the same point as  $n$  increases since we expect the RC to be in generalized synchronization. Using the Cauchy condition on the initial value  $\mathbf{r}_0$  we need to have

$$|\mathbf{g}_k(u, \mathbf{r}_0) - \mathbf{g}_l(u, \mathbf{r}_0)| < \epsilon \quad \text{for a choice of } \epsilon \text{ and for } k \text{ and } l \text{ large enough.}$$

$\mathbf{g}_l(u, \mathbf{r}_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{r}(t)$  Uniformly convergent.  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is unique and inherits properties of  $\{\mathbf{g}_l\}$

=> dynamically driven RCs can reconstruct the attractor of the drive system

## Reconstructing an attractor using RC

Grigoryev, Hart, Ortega, <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/344496076>

Assumptions:

- ❖ The drive is an invertible map
- ❖ Attractor is compact topological space
- ❖ Reservoir dynamics is a contracting map

with the change  
of reservoir type  
or dimension one  
of these or other  
assumptions  
can be violated

Physical System:

- ❖ Don't have a good model
- ❖ Can't establish all the theorem assumptions
- ❖ We have time series from the system.

Embedding?

We need statistics to gauge continuity and differentiability  
and other mathematical properties from data/time series.

...and these will help answer some earlier questions about memory, stability, etc.

The continuity and  
differentiability statistics  
and other measures of and  
RCs and embeddings

## Reconstructing an attractor using RC

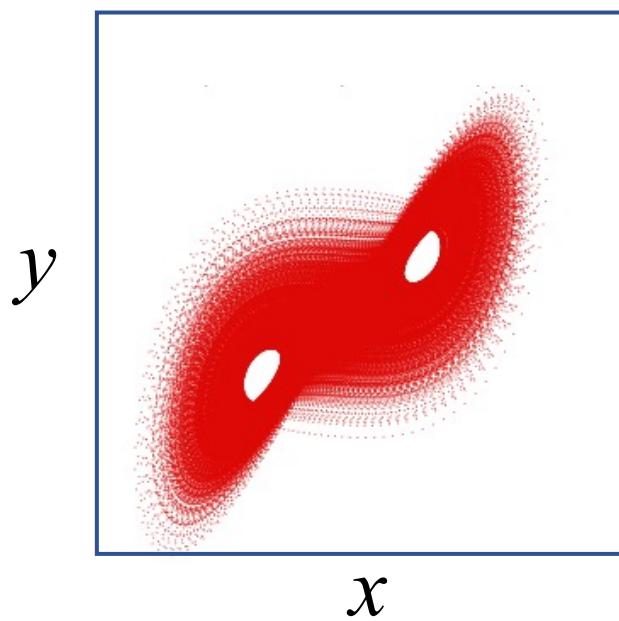
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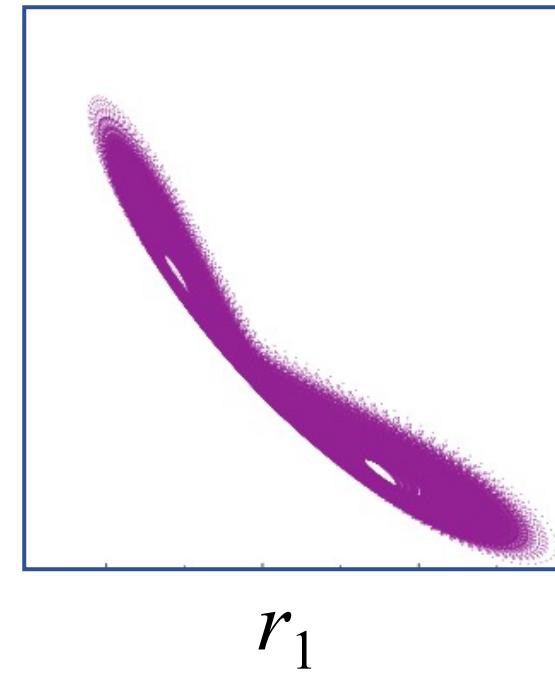
Lorenz drive



$\phi$  ?

continuous  
differentiable  
invertible  
inv. continuous  
inv. differentiable  
diffeomorphism

Poly reservoir



# A Continuity Statistic

A function  $f(x)$  is continuous at a point  $x_0$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta > 0 : \text{whenever } |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$$

Not functions, but two simultaneous vector data sets (time series)

$\{\mathbf{y}(t)\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{r}(t)\}$   $t=1,2,3,\dots$  from drive  $\mathcal{D}$  and from reservoir  $\mathcal{R}$

drive      reservoir

$$\mathbf{y}(t_1) \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{r}(t_1)$$

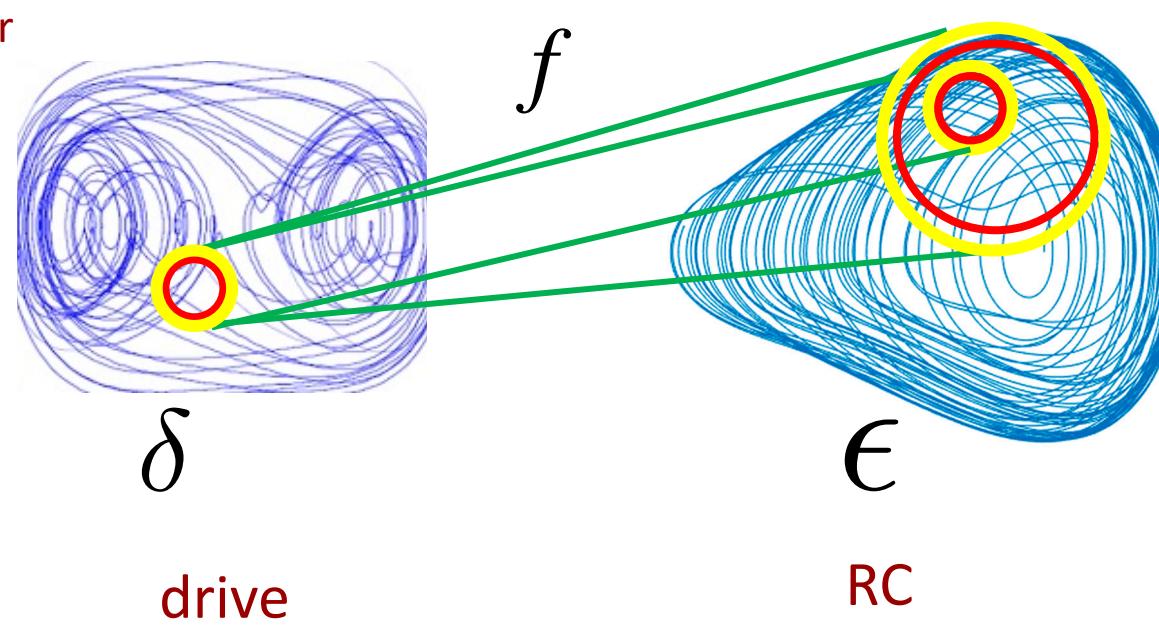
$$\mathbf{y}(t_2) \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{r}(t_2)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t_3) \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{r}(t_3)$$

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drive

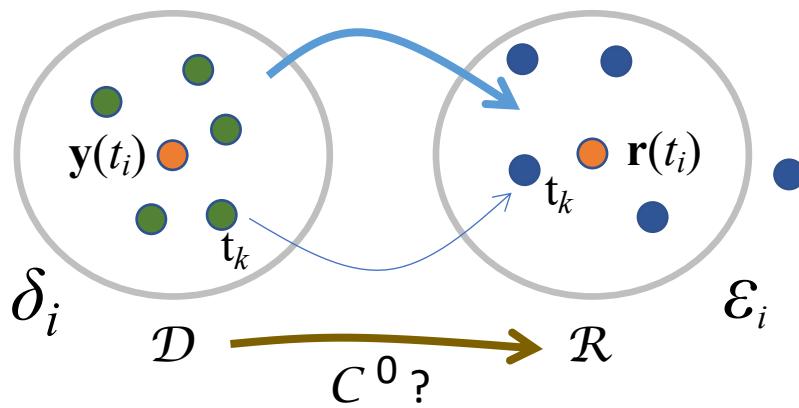
reservoir



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Null Hypothesis: points are mapped into  $\epsilon$  set with prob.  $p_\epsilon$

$p_\epsilon = 0.5$  a coin flip



$n_\epsilon = 6$  to reject Null at 0.98

$$\langle \epsilon_i \rangle = \epsilon^* \quad \epsilon^*/\epsilon_{\min} \text{ or } \epsilon^*/\sigma_{\text{std}} : \text{continuity statistic}$$

These statistics depend on the amount of data. We cannot let  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

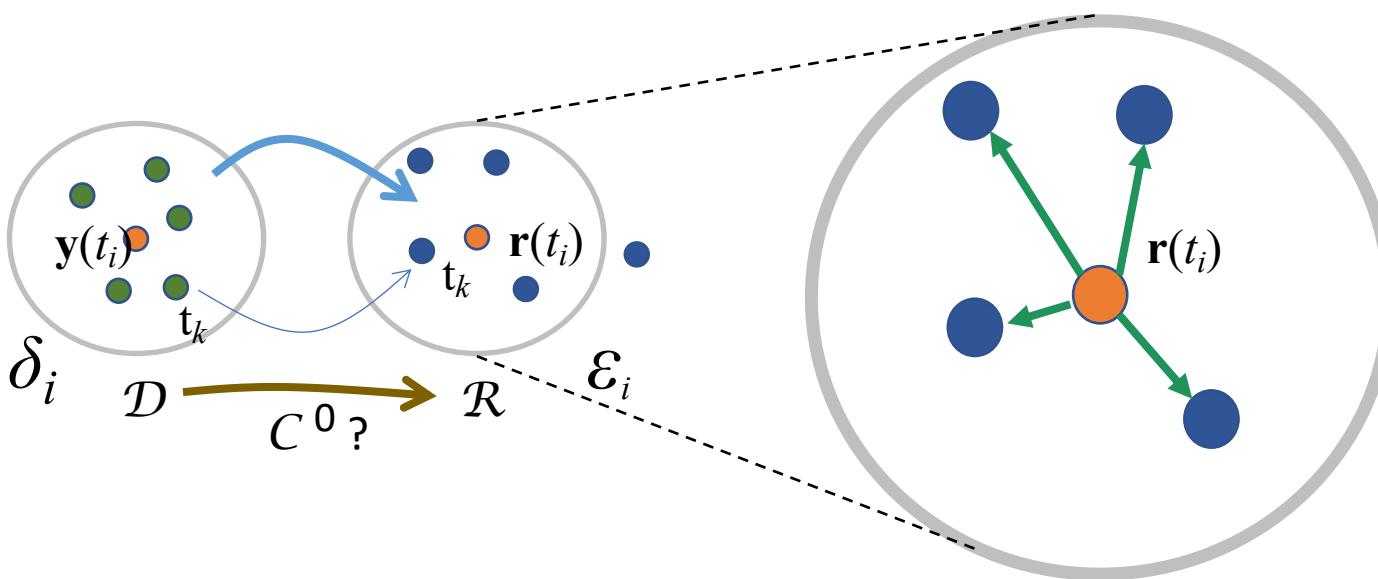
# A Continuity Statistic

- Statistics for Mathematical Properties of Maps between Time-Series Embeddings, L.M. Pecora, T.L. Carroll, and J.F. Heagy,, Physical Review E, 54, 3420 (1995)
- Detecting Drive-Response Geometry in Generalized Synchronization, L.M. Pecora and T.L. Carroll, International Journal of Bifurcations and Chaos, 10, 875-890 (Apr, 2000)
- A Unified Approach to Attractor Reconstruction, L.Pecora, L. Moniz, J. Nichols, and T. Carroll, CHAOS 17, 013110 (2007)
- Kraemer, Datseris, Kurths, I Z Kiss , Ocampo-Espindola and Marwan, New J. Phys. 23, 033017 (2021)

# A Differentiability Statistic

A function  $f(x)$  is differentiable at a point  $x_0$  if local points are approximated by a linear map from  $x_0$ , i.e. there is a tangent space.

Use local points from the continuity statistic to see what dimension the the Singular Values of the differences from  $x_0$  are.



SVdim  
differentiability  
statistic

$$\varepsilon^*/\varepsilon_{\min}$$

$$\text{or } \varepsilon^*/\sigma_{\text{std}}$$

and

SVdim

$\sim$  Diffeomorphism

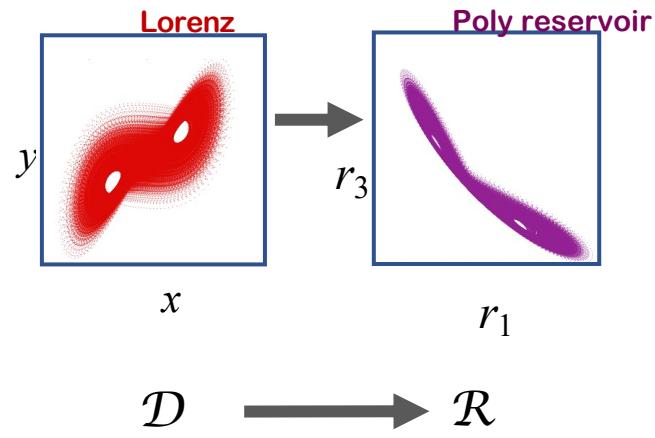
## A Continuity Statistic (remarks)

$$\varepsilon^*/\varepsilon_{\min} \text{ or } \varepsilon^*/\sigma_{\text{std}}$$

- We assume **nothing** about the possible functional relations between the data sets.
- The statistic is for **one** direction only ( $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ ). It says nothing about the inverse.
- The inverse is a **separate independent** statistic, ( $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ )
- The statistic is inherently **local**.
- The statistic is dependent on the number of points in the data set.
- $\varepsilon^*/\sigma_{\text{std}}$  is approximately the relative size of the **smallest** discontinuity we can detect.
- If  $\varepsilon^*$  scales with  $\varepsilon_{\min}$ , then this is further evidence of a continuous function.
- This is a **statistic**= evidence (or not) of a continuous function. Not a proof.

The continuity and  
differentiability statistics  
and other measures and  
RCs and embeddings

# A Continuity Statistic (simple test)



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

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -xz + \rho x - y$$

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

$\mathcal{D}$

$$\frac{dr_i}{dt} = \alpha [\kappa(p_1 r_i + p_2 r_i^2) + p_3 r_i^3 + \text{driving term}]$$

damping factor

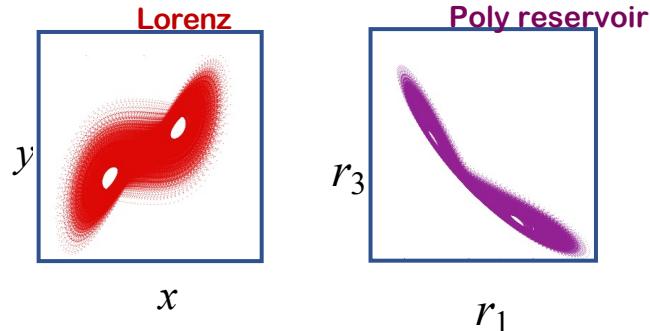
$$p_1 < 0, p_2 < 0$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} r_j + w_i x(t)]$$

$\mathcal{R}$

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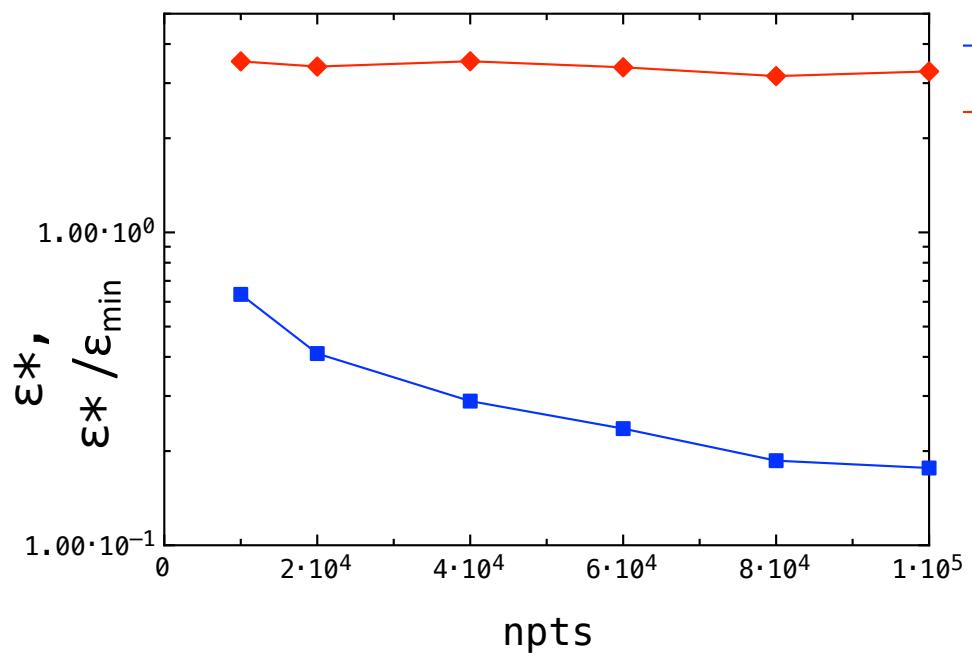
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \sigma(y-x) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -xz + \rho x - y \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= xy - \beta z\end{aligned}\quad \mathcal{D}$$

$$\frac{dr_i}{dt} = \alpha [\kappa(p_1 r_i + p_2 r_i^2) + p_3 r_i^3 + \text{driving term}] \quad \mathcal{R}$$

damping factor

$\mathcal{D} \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}$

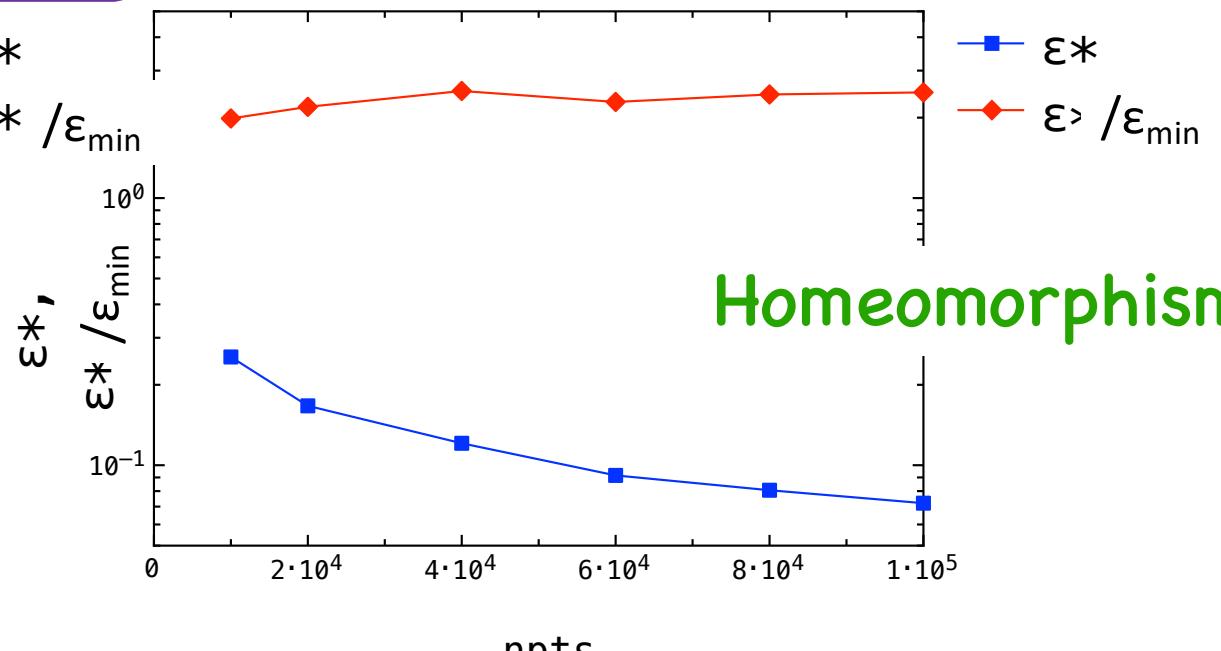
Drive  $\rightarrow$  Reservoir ( $\varepsilon^*$ )



$\kappa=1.0$

$\mathcal{R} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$

Reservoir  $\rightarrow$  Drive ( $\varepsilon^*$ )

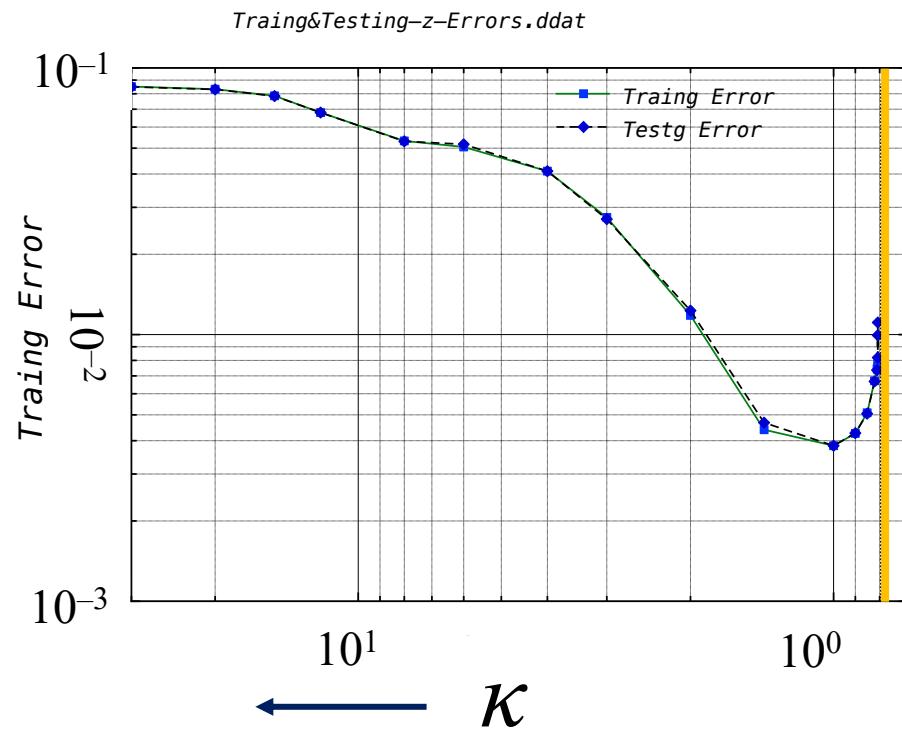


SV dimensions  $\sim 2.5$

npts

**Diffeomorphism**

## Training and Testing errors and continuity statistic (40 K points)



$x$  drive

output  $z$

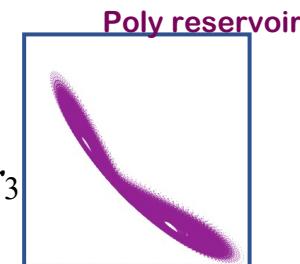
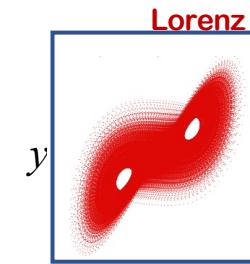
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$\kappa$



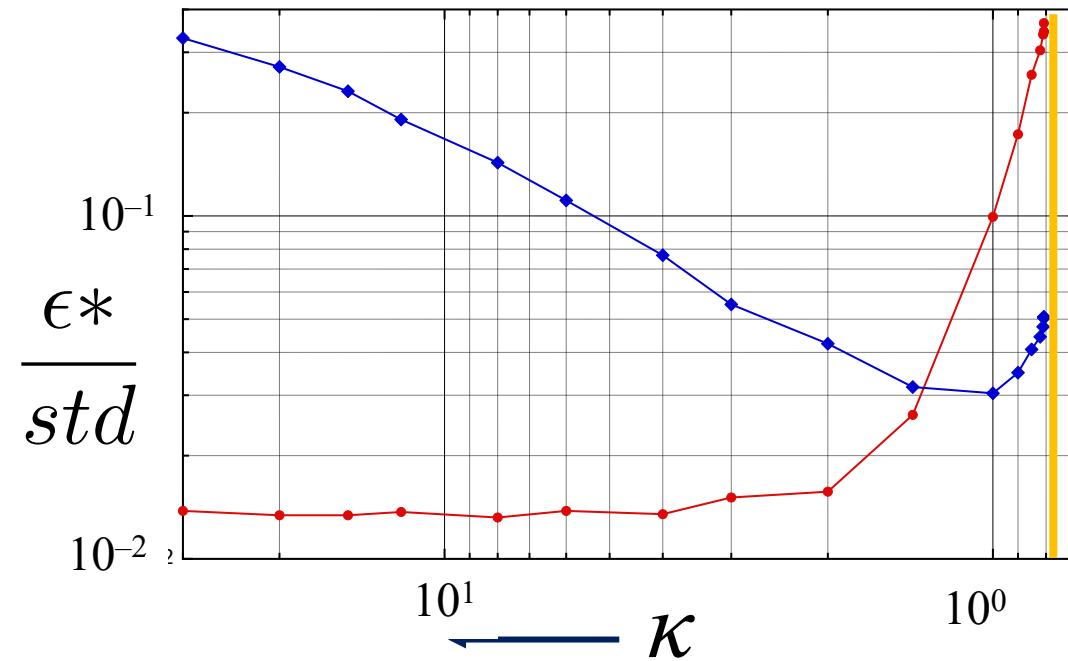
continuity statistic

$x$

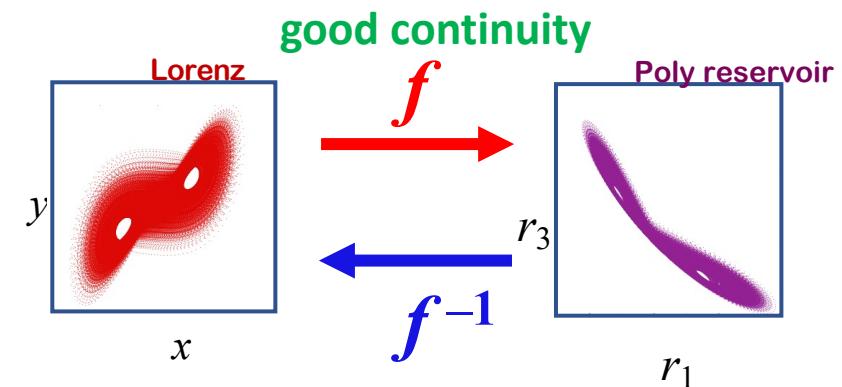
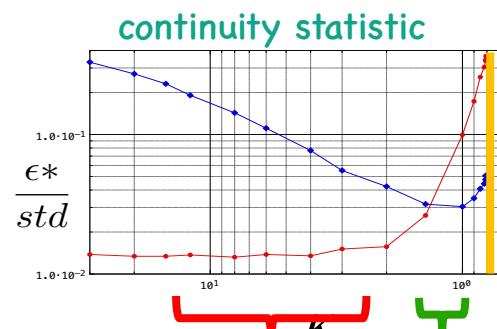
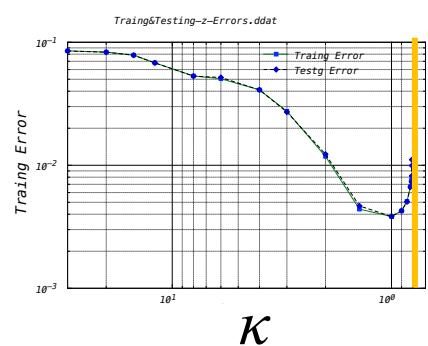
$r_1$

$y$

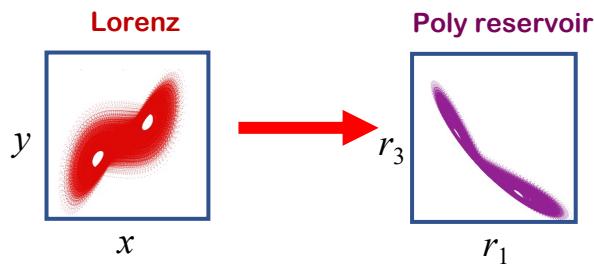
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# continuity and dynamics

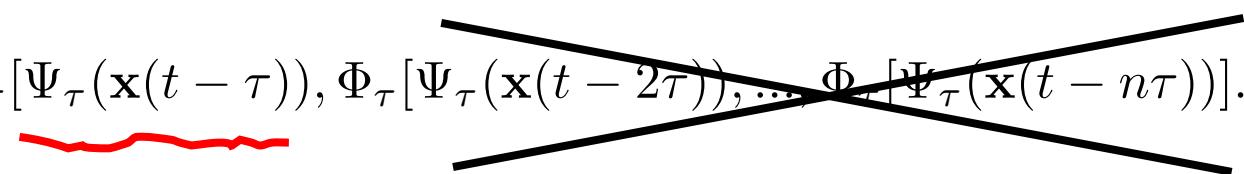


Large dissipation



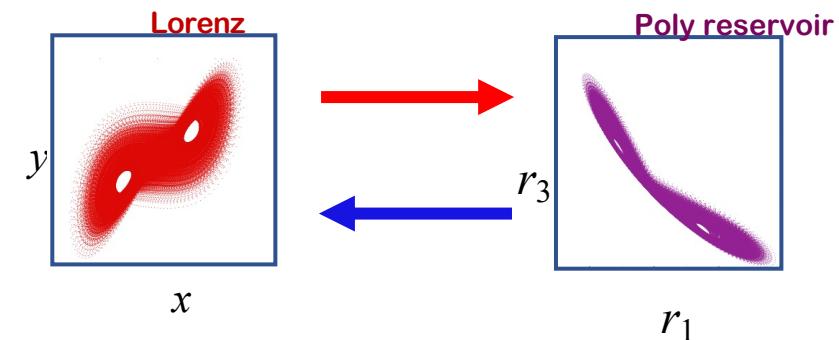
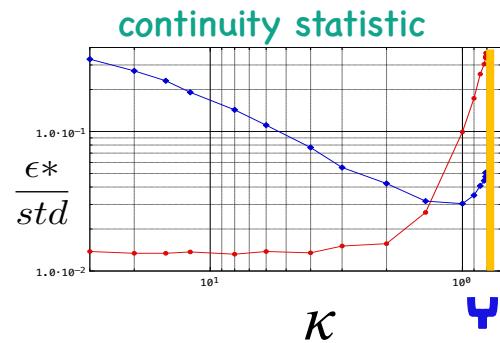
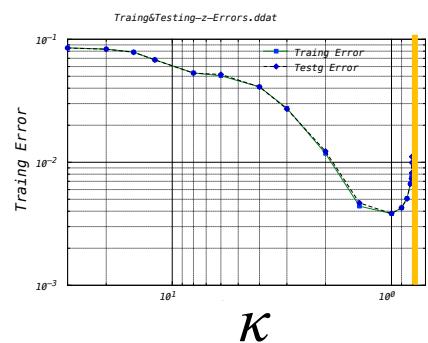
RC points  
are squeezed  
down to small  
region.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \Phi_\tau [\Psi_\tau(\mathbf{x}(t - \tau)), \Psi_\tau(\mathbf{x}(t - 2\tau)), \dots, \Psi_\tau(\mathbf{x}(t - n\tau)) \dots]$$

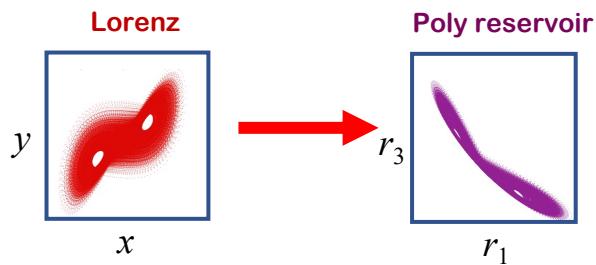


Under-embedding

# continuity and dynamics

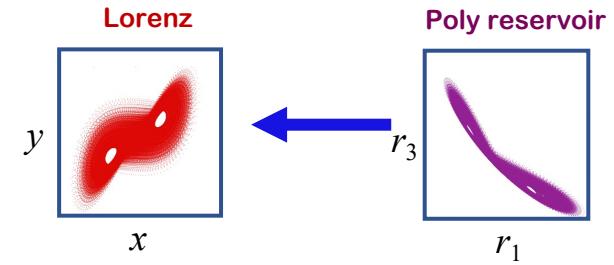


Small dissipation



nearby Lorenz  
points are spread  
out on the RC

Inverse= contraction

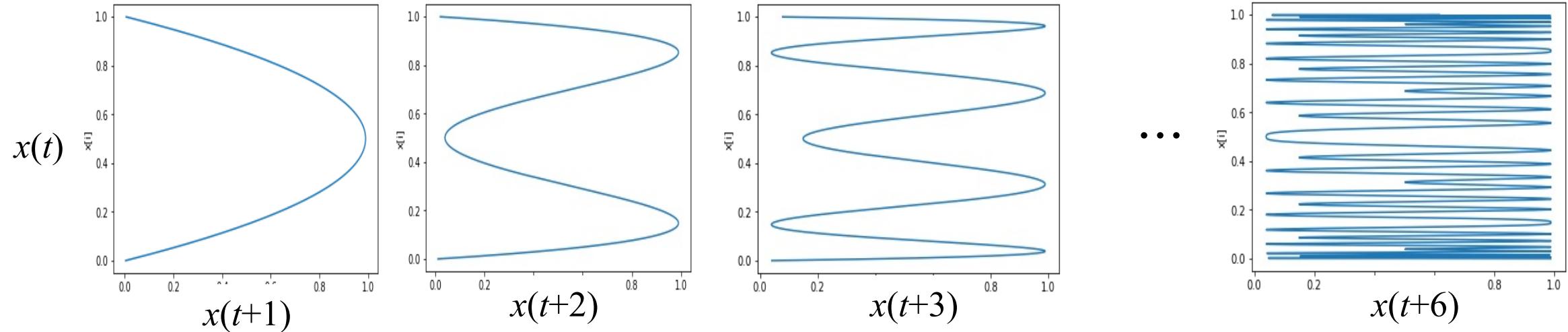


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Over-embedding

Overembedding dynamics and attractor geometry  $\mathbf{r}_n(t) = [u(t - \tau), u(t - 2\tau), u(t - 3\tau), \dots, u(t - n\tau)]$



The attractor takes on fractal qualities into higher dimensions  
=> the attractor looks higher dimensional at lower resolutions

This ruins any maps between finite data sets which might normally be continuous and smooth (differentiable).

There may still be synchronization (negative Lyapunov exponents),  
but this is often referred to as "weak" synchronization.

**Lyapunov exponents of dynamical systems  
and  
Kaplan-Yorke formula for attractor dimension**

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\delta\mathbf{x}}{dt} = D\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\delta\mathbf{x} \quad \rightarrow \quad |\delta\mathbf{x}(t)| \sim e^{\lambda t}$$

$\lambda < 0$	stable
$\lambda = 0$	neutral
$\lambda > 0$	unstable (chaos)

$\lambda$  is a Lyapunov exponent. If system is  $d$ -dimensional it has  $d$  Lyapunov exponents.

Example: A chaotic Lorenz system has 3 Lyapunov exponents ( 1.50, 0, -22.46 )

Fractal dimension=  $D_{KY} = j + \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{\lambda_k}{|\lambda_{j+1}|}$        $j$  = number of terms for which the sum is positive  
 (this is a conjecture)

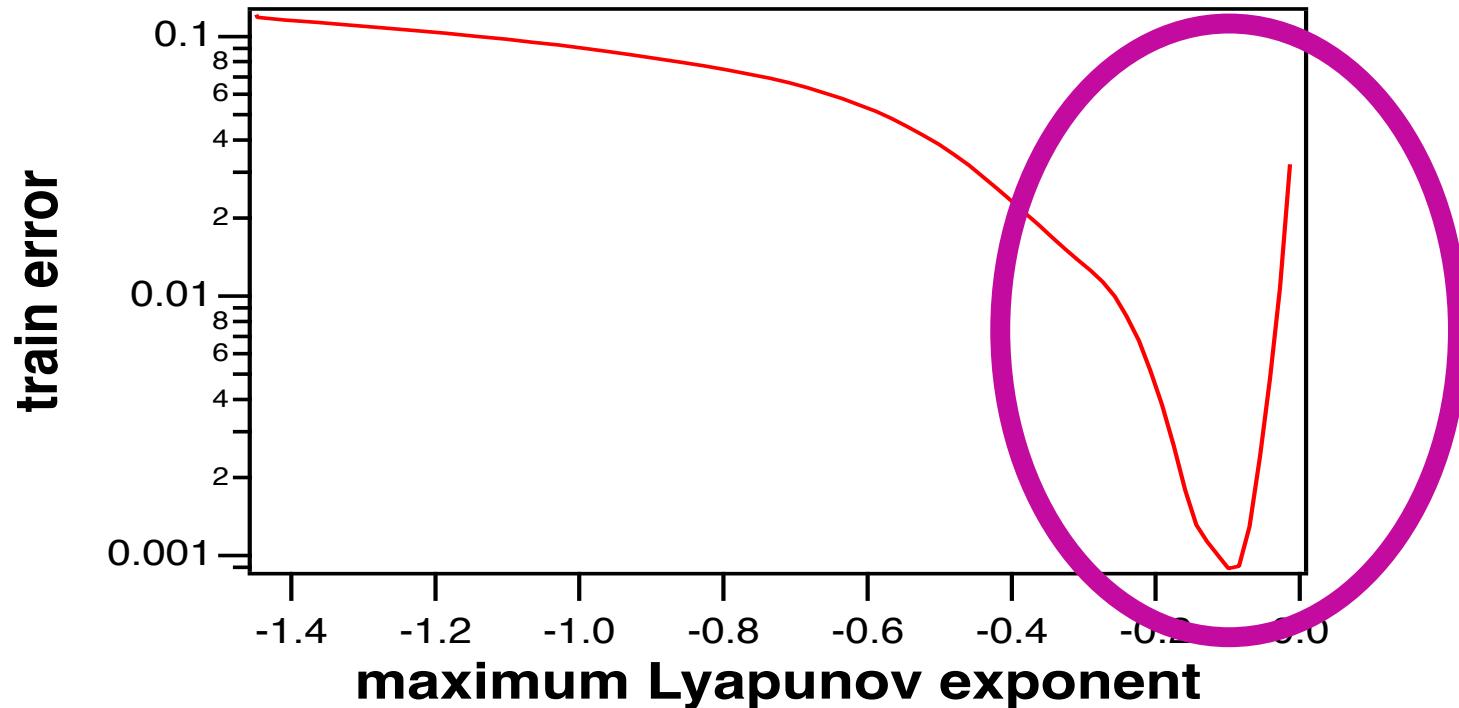
For the Lorenz system  $D_{KY} = 2.067$

A filter or RC or any driven system can increase the dimension of the attractor if it isn't stable enough so that its own dynamics do not contribute to the attractor geometry.

## Edge of Chaos – T. Carroll

Lorenz     $s(t) = x(t), \quad \chi_i(n+1) = (1-\alpha)\chi_i(n) + \alpha \tanh\left(\sum_{j=1}^M A_{ij} + w_i s(t) + 1\right)$     vary  $\alpha$

Lorenz->Leakytanh



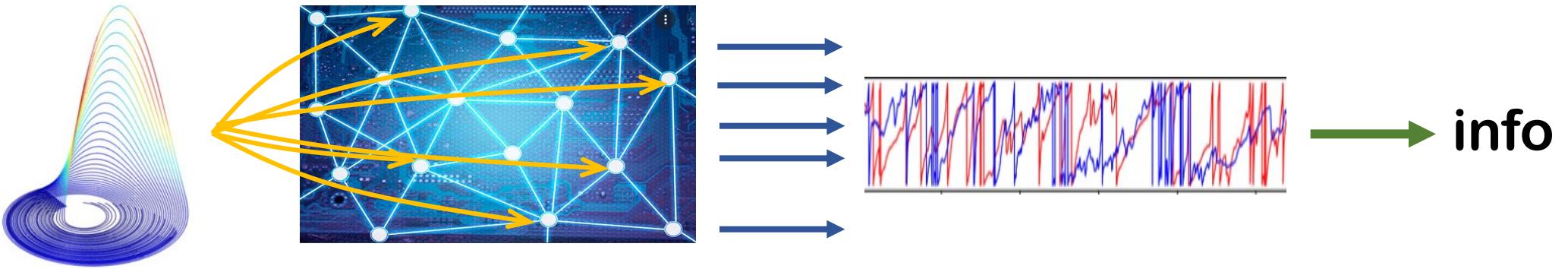
Kaplan-Yorke  
dimension increases

$$D_{KY} = j + \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{\lambda_k}{|\lambda_{j+1}|}$$

The fractal dimension of the reservoir is changing with  $\alpha$

- Low dimensional manifolds in reservoir computers, T. L. Carroll, Chaos 31, 043113 (2021)
- Dimension of reservoir computers, T. L. Carroll, Chaos 30(1), 013102 (2020).
- Do reservoir computers work best at the edge of chaos?, T. Carroll, Chaos 31, 043113 (2021)

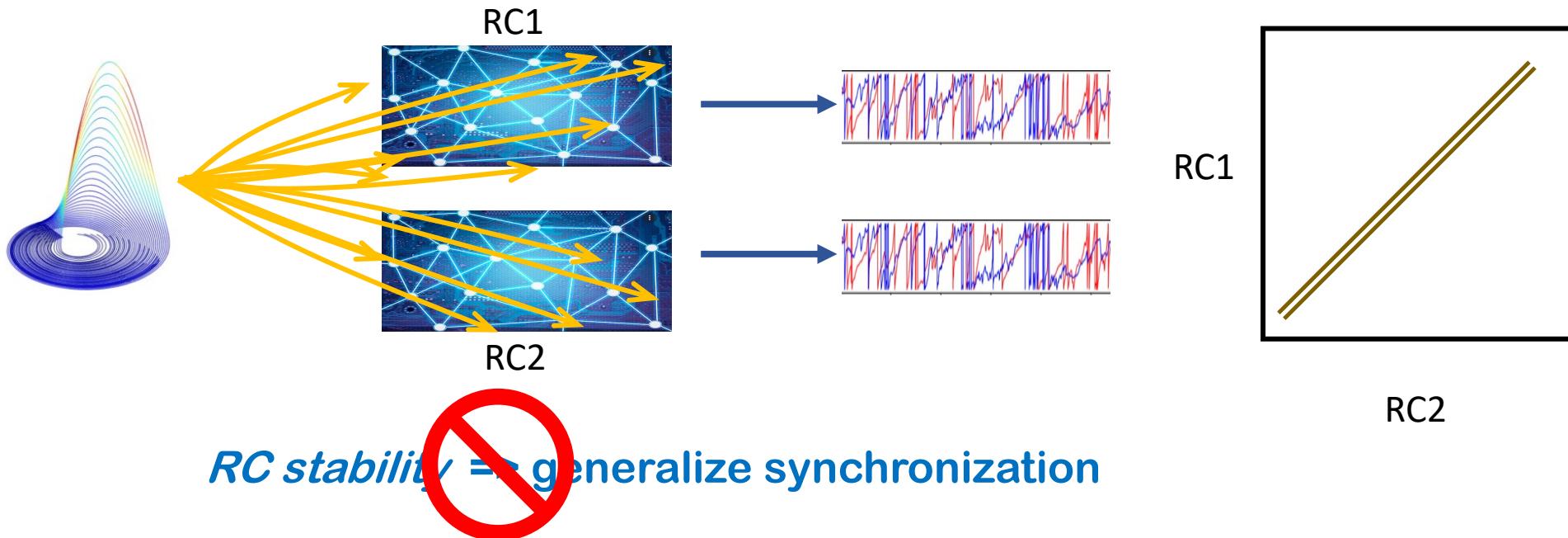
## Reservoir computers are driven, dynamical systems



consistency or reproducibility: same signal into same RC => same output

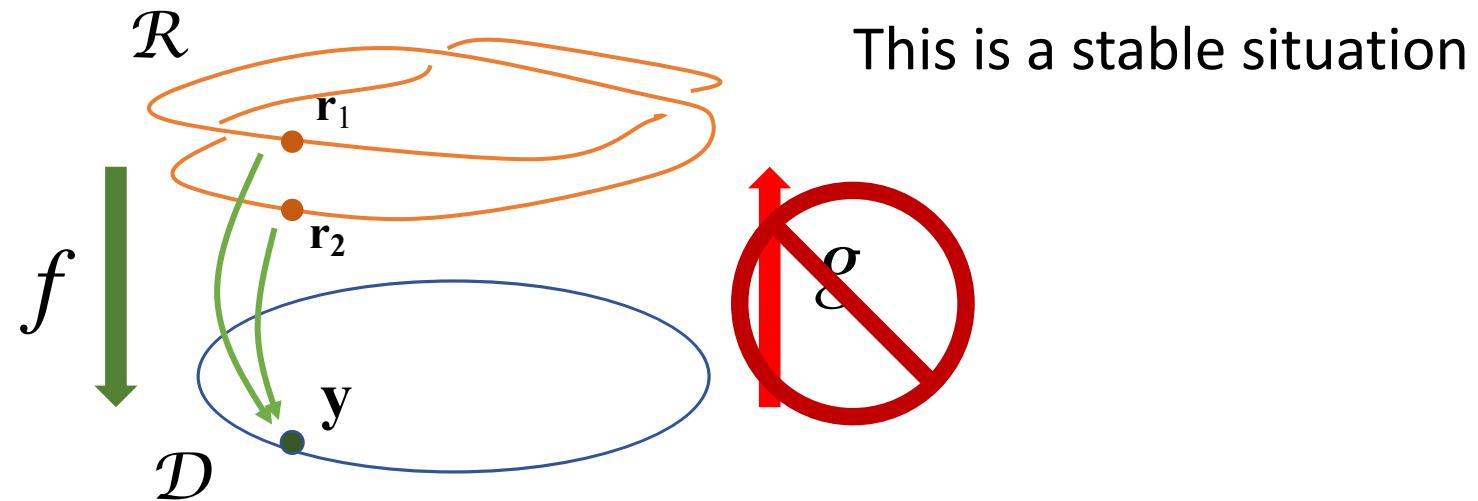
*Generalized synchronization: Rulkov, Abarbanel et al.*

*Stability requirement:* driving two systems with same signal => they should synchronize => stable



## Period-doubling example or why stability is NOT enough

Periodic system driving a nonlinear, period-doubled system.



$$W\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{y}, \quad W\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{y}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad W(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) = 0$$

$W$  has a non-trivial null space.

Subharmonic Entrainment of Unstable Period Orbits and Generalized Synchronization  
Ulrich Parlitz, Lutz Junge, and Ljupco Kocarev, Physical Review Letters, 79 (17), 3158 (1997)

# 1. Memory?

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- More?: No, more is not necessarily better

# 2. How stable should the RC be?

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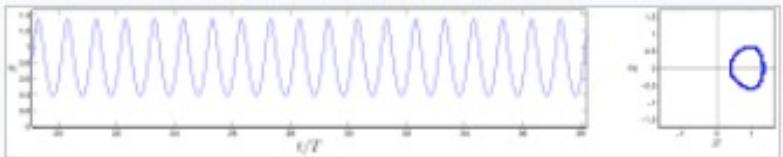
$$\ddot{x} + \delta\dot{x} + \alpha x + \beta x^3 = \gamma \cos(\omega t)$$

- Do not use noise/random signals to drive a (nonlinear) RC to determine stability.

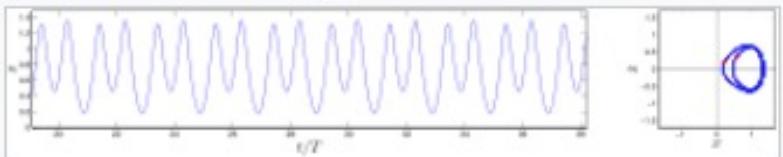
from Wikipedia:

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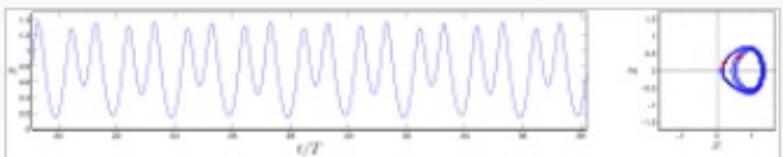
Time traces and phase portraits



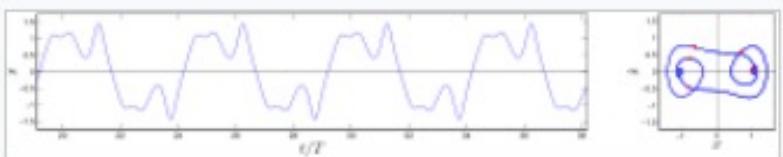
period-1 oscillation at  $\gamma = 0.20$



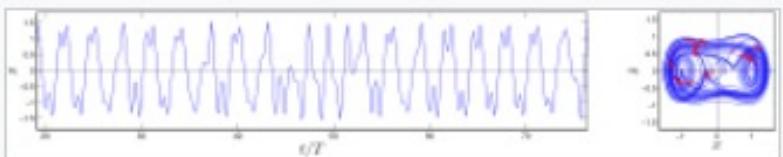
period-2 oscillation at  $\gamma = 0.28$



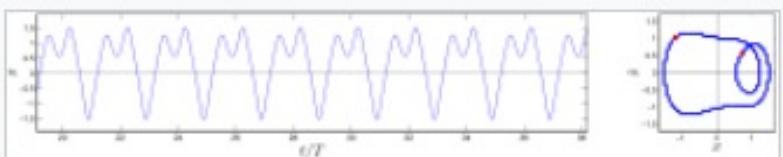
period-4 oscillation at  $\gamma = 0.29$



period-5 oscillation at  $\gamma = 0.37$



chaos at  $\gamma = 0.50$



period-2 oscillation at  $\gamma = 0.65$

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The central issue is the embedding of the drive in the RC

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \Phi_\tau[\Psi_\tau(\mathbf{x}(t - \tau)), \Phi_\tau[\Psi_\tau(\mathbf{x}(t - 2\tau)), \dots, \Phi_\tau[\Psi_\tau(\mathbf{x}(t - n\tau))]\dots]]$$

- What  $\tau$  to use?
- What dimension for the drive manifold?
- Calculation of Lyapunov exponents for the system.

# Detecting Basins of Attraction

## Bifurcations and Basins of Attraction

Lorenz  $\rightarrow$  Polynomial (deg.3) (Lor\_Poly)

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

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -xz + \rho x - y$$

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

$$\frac{dr_i}{dt} = \alpha [p_1 r_i + p_2 r_i^2 + p_3 r_i^3 + \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} r_j + u_i x]$$

driving term  
training  $x, y, z$



$$p_1: -7.0, -6.0, -5.0, -4.0, -3.0, -2.0, -1.0, -0.5$$

edge of chaos

$$p_2 = +3.0$$

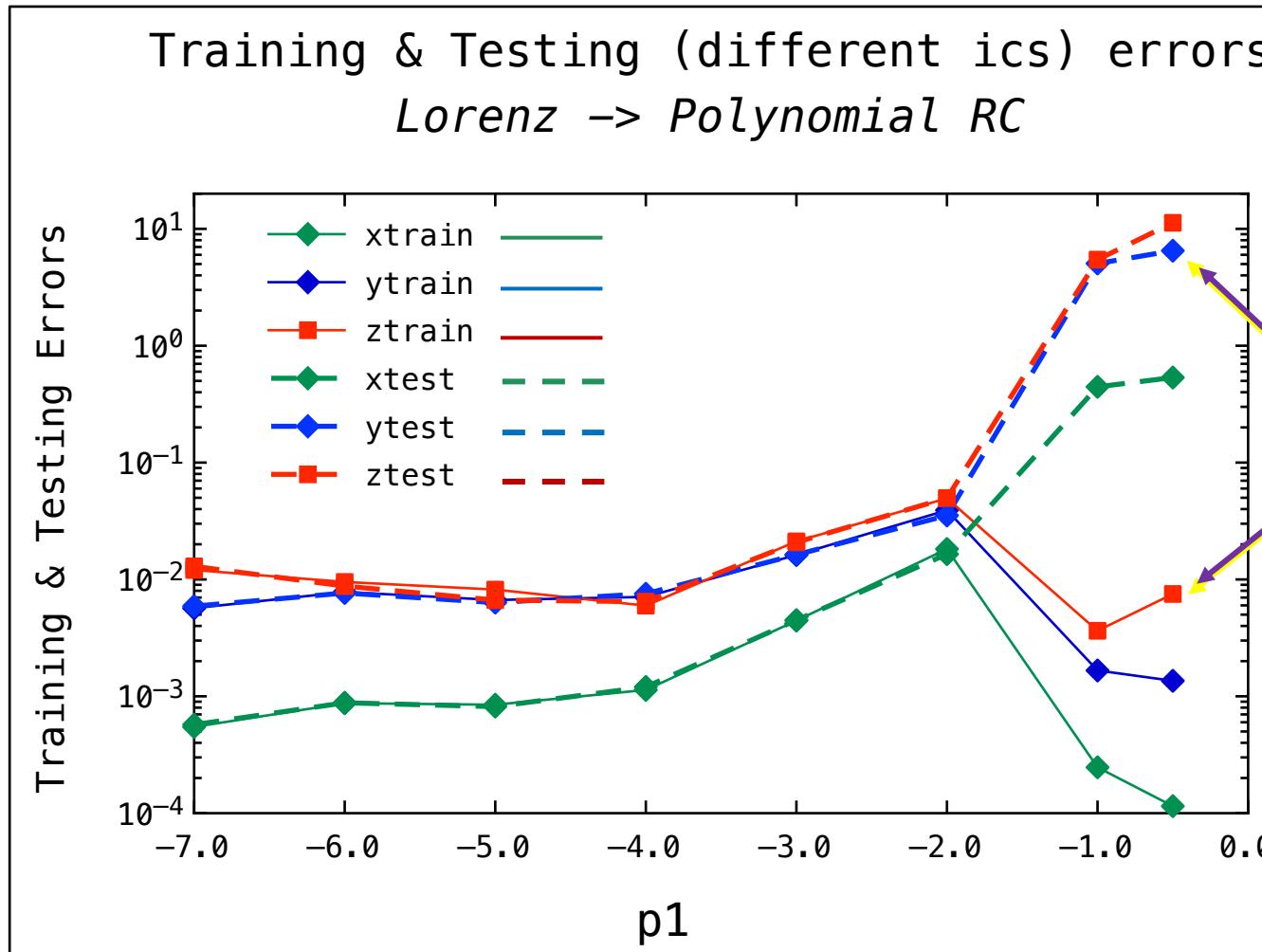
$$p_3 = -1.0$$

- 40000 points in time series
- training error,
- testing errors – both **time shifted** and **different ics!**
- continuity statistic

## Training & Testing errors

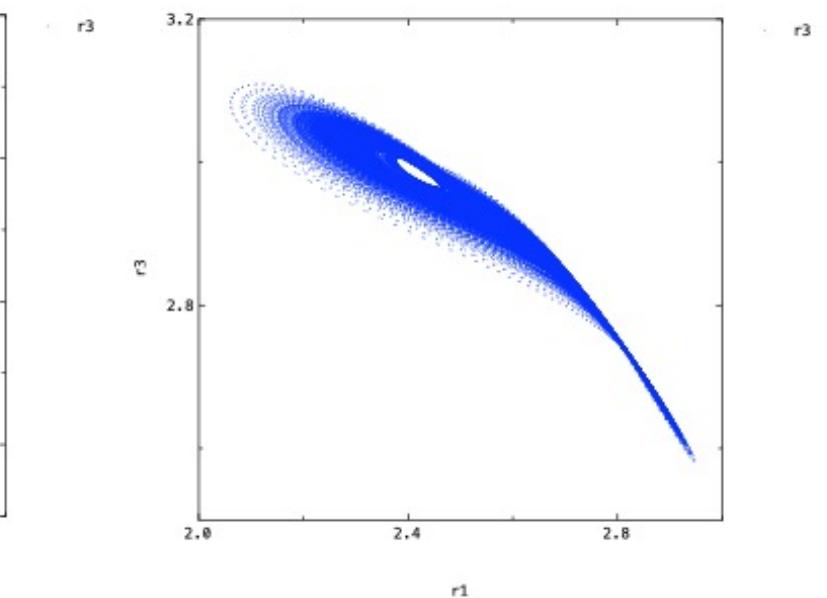
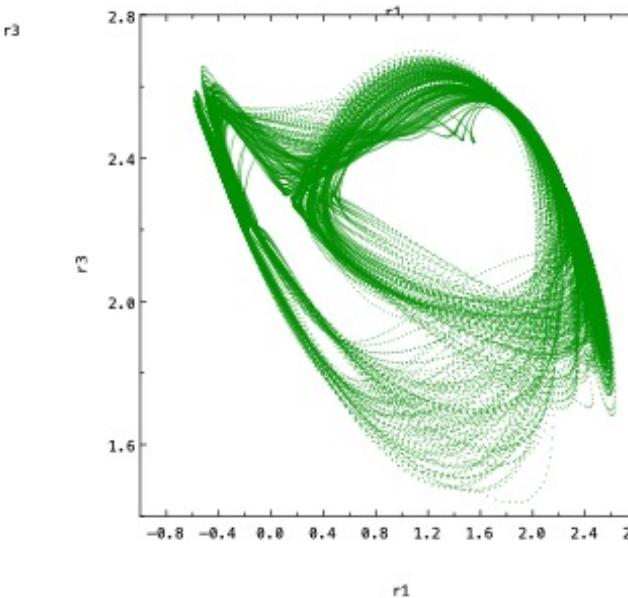
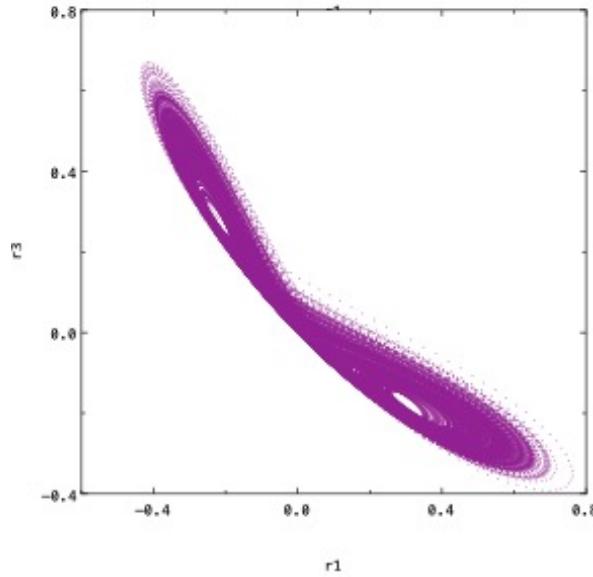
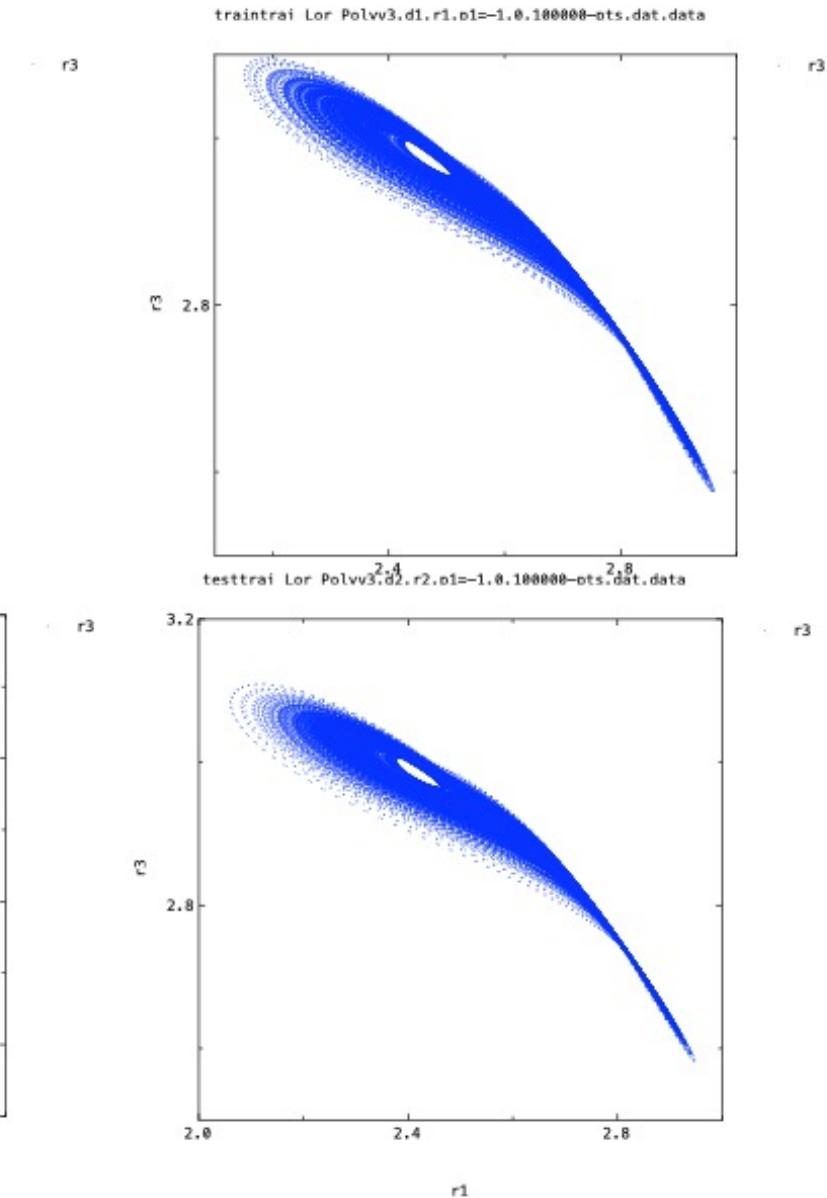
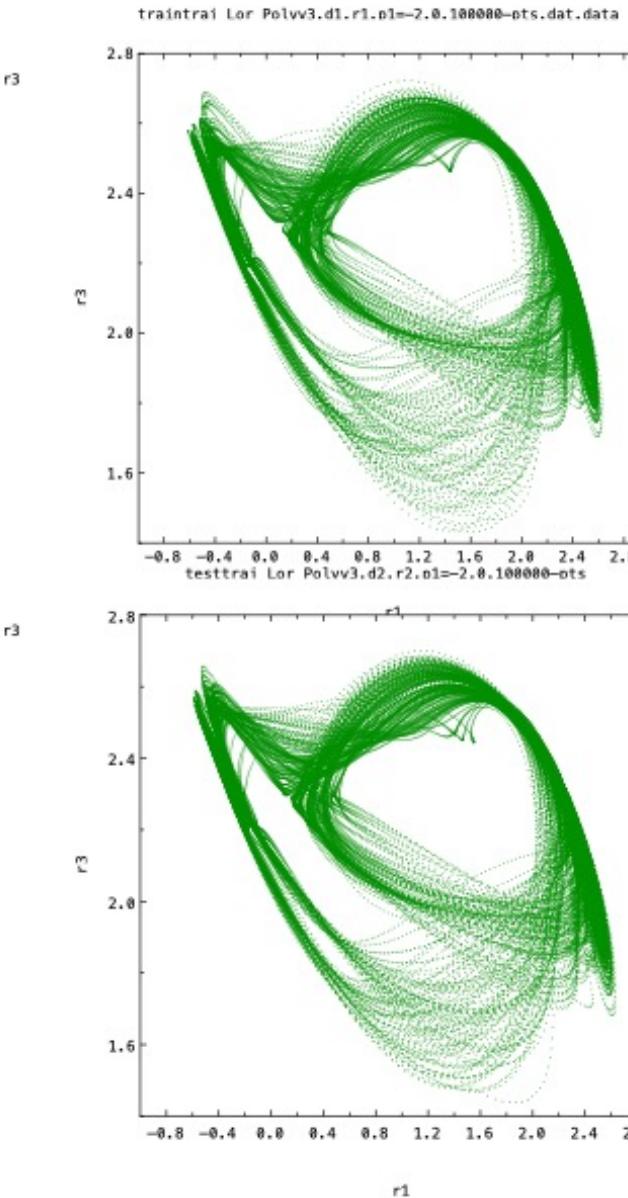
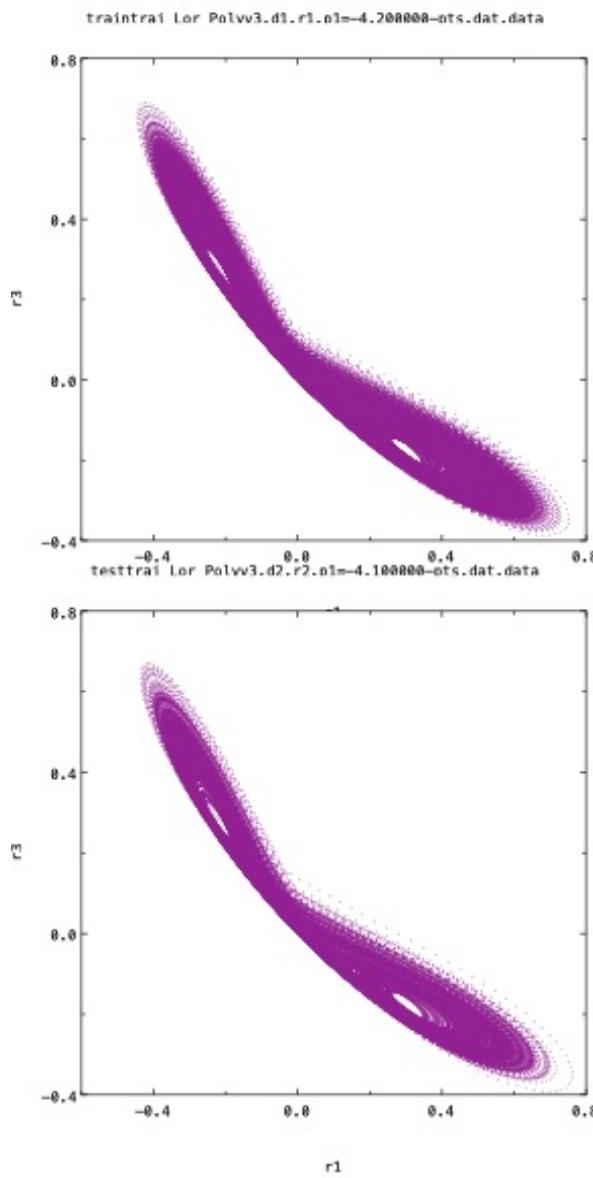
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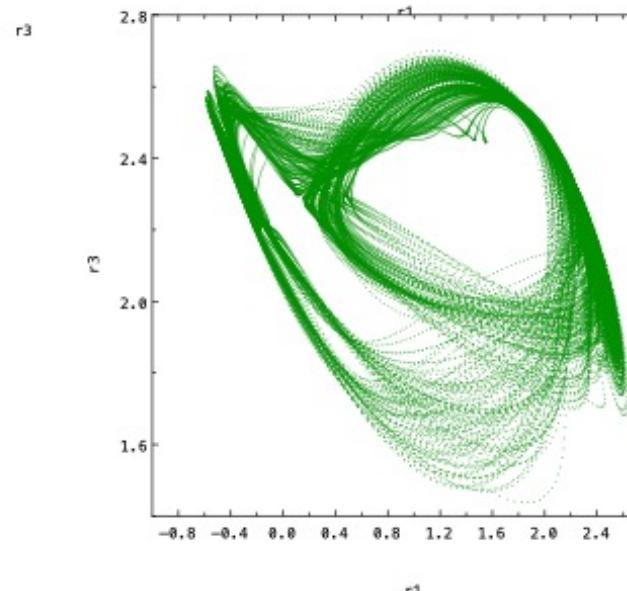
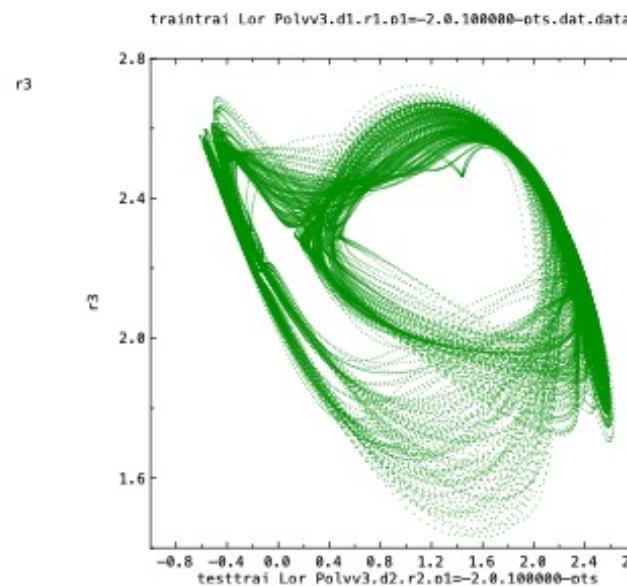
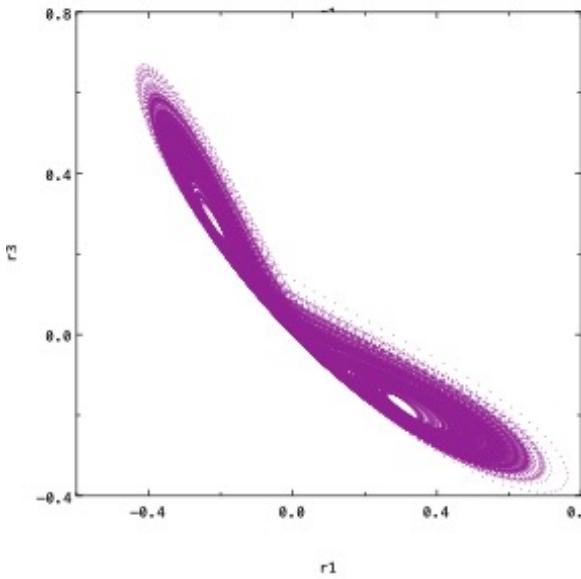
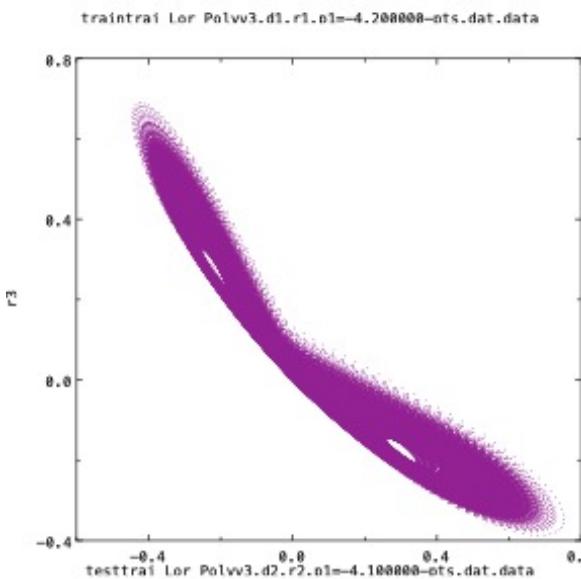


Same weights  $W$  used  
for training and testing

# Reservoir Trajectories (Polynomial degree 3)

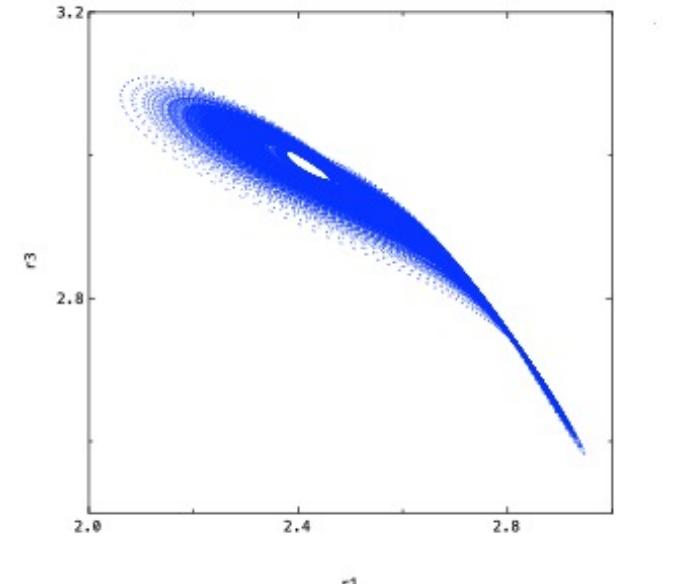
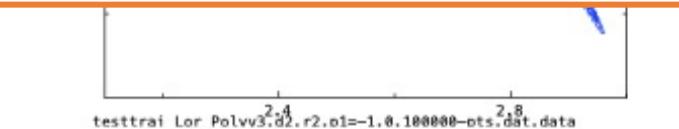


## Reservoir Trajectories (Polynomial degree 3)



!! for  $p_1=-1.0$ , appears like attractors are slightly shifted from each other. Maybe very long transients? They are close, but not the same. Or the synchronization invoked by the  $p_3$  term is not exact since that term  $\rightarrow 0$  faster than linear leaving the system to wander when close, but not forced to get fully "synchronized". Or, the attractor dimension maybe getting much larger given the smaller Lyapunov exponents (check this) and a lot of them near the same value so perturbations (numerical) can push the trajectory into many directions.

Follow up: Actually at least two of the coordinates did not match at all  
=> basin statistic is correct.



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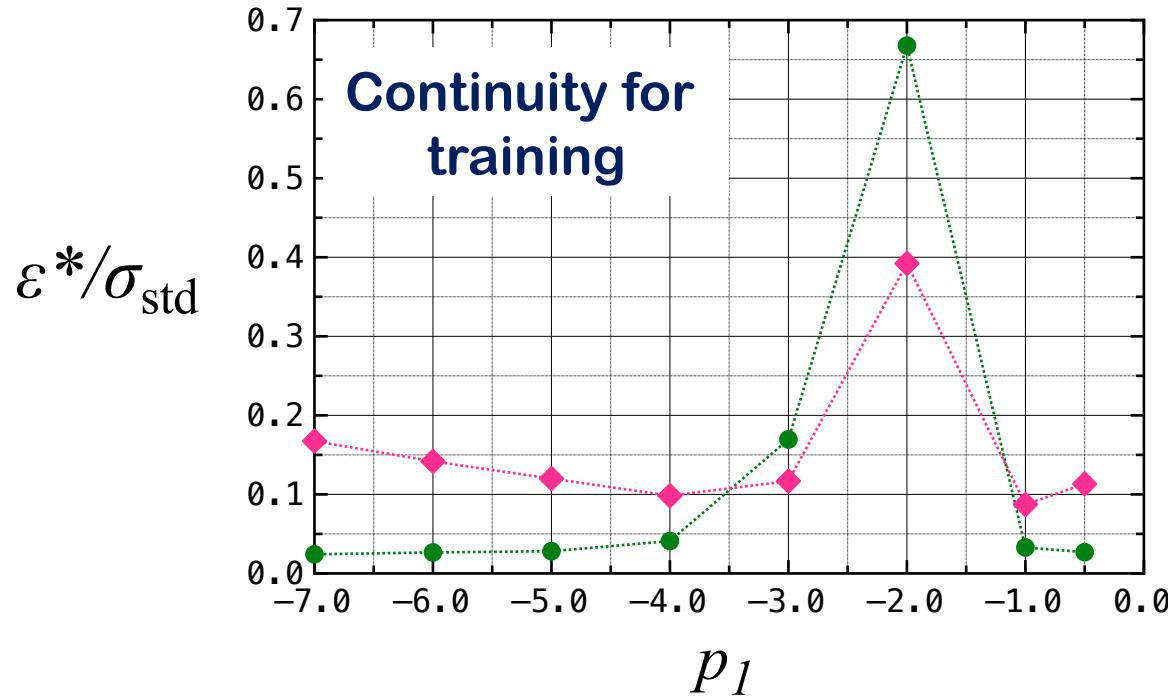
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## Continuity Statistic

$$\frac{dr_i}{dt} = \alpha [p_1 r_i + p_2 r_i^2 + p_3 r_i^3 + \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} r_j + u_i x]$$

$\mathcal{D}$

$\mathcal{R}$



●  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$

◆  $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$

**SV dim Statistic  
has same trends**

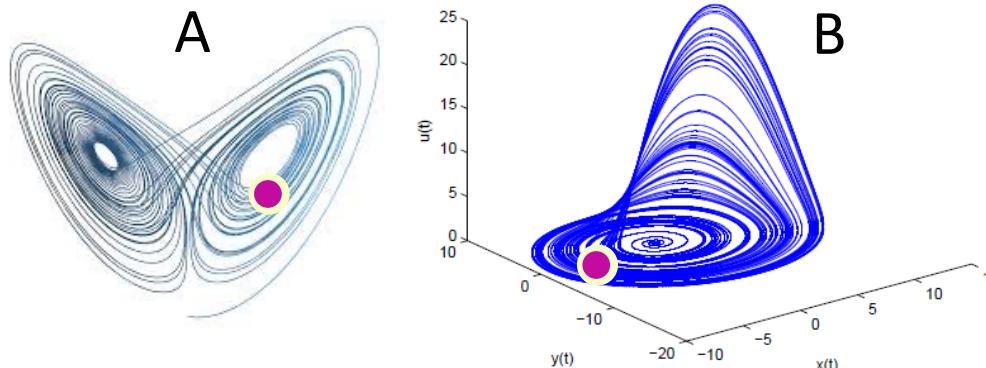
**Same continuity  
results for testing**

**Are the training and testing time series  
on the same attractor?**

# Attractor Comparison Statistic

(including different basins of attraction-  
same dynamics, same parameters, different ics.)

- 100 dimensional systems
- Do NOT de-mean, shift or rescale (std, etc.)



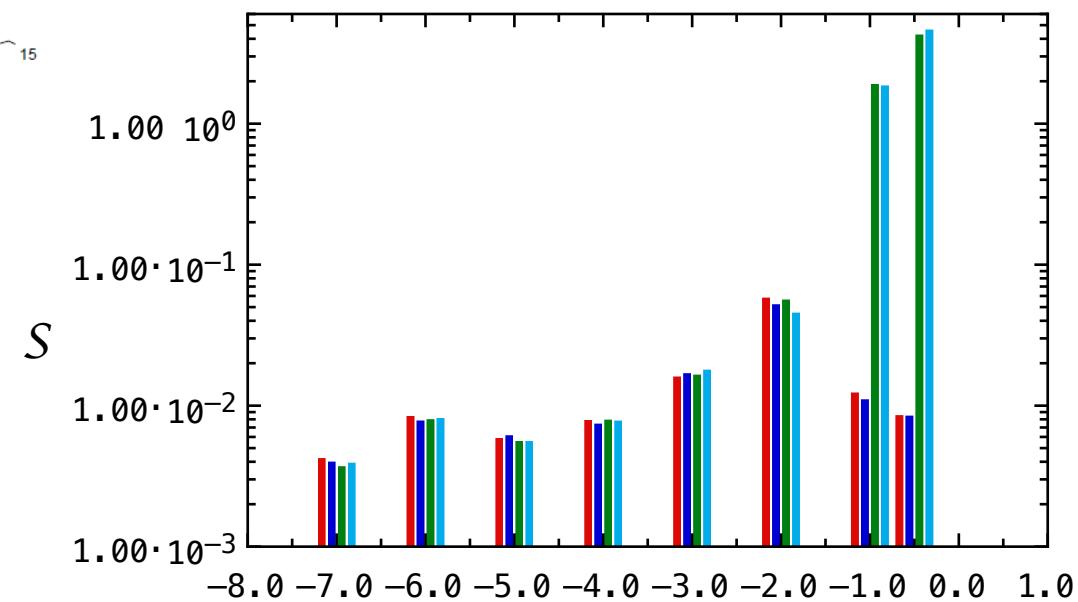
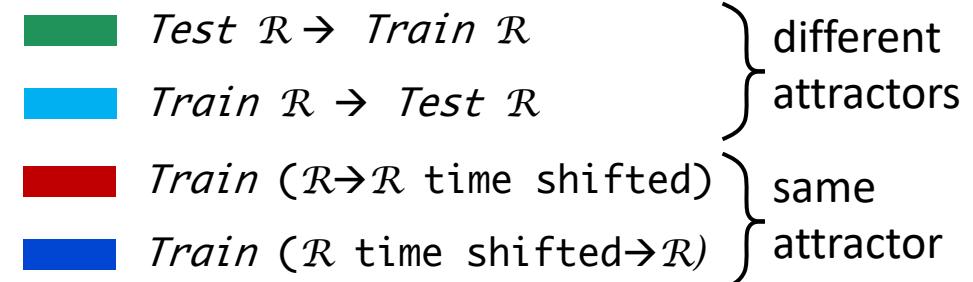
$A \rightarrow B$

Get nearest neighbor(s) on B to point on A  
and calc. distances from B point to A point

Do this for several points (1000)  
and calc. average distance=  $S$

Do this for  $B \rightarrow A$

Do this for train and test reservoirs  $\mathcal{R}$

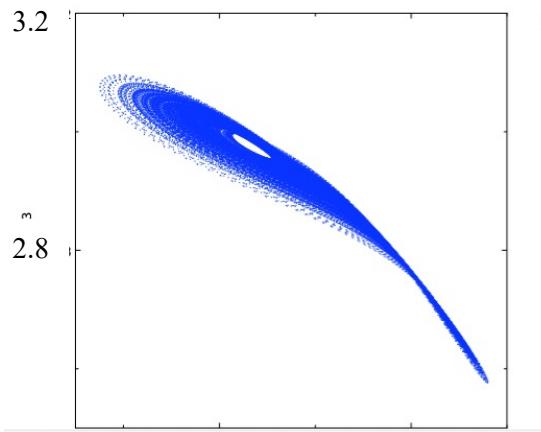


Show extension of this statistic to trajectories for dynamical systems

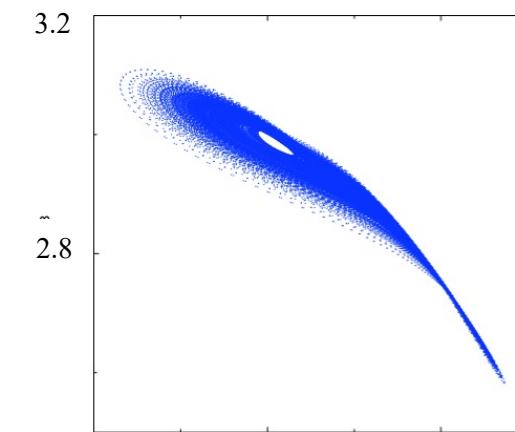
# Attractor Comparison Statistic

*training attractor*

$r_3$  vs.  $r_1 \rightarrow$

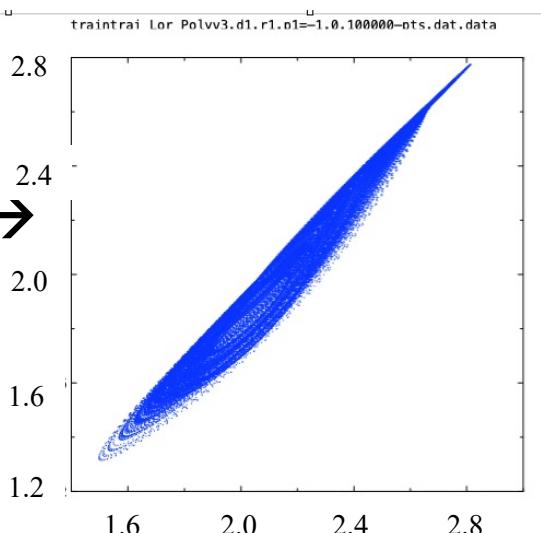


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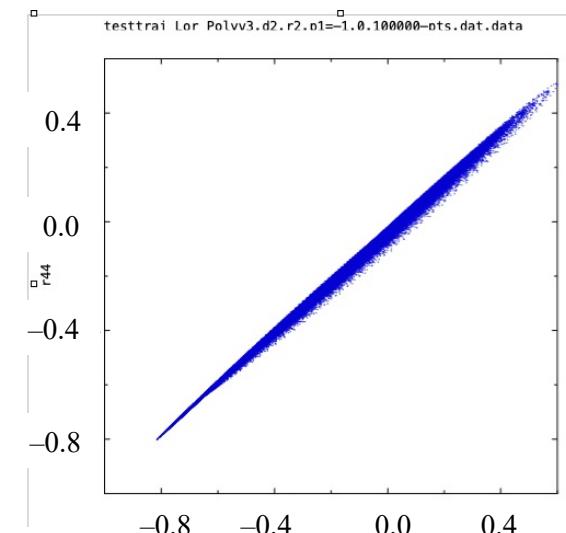


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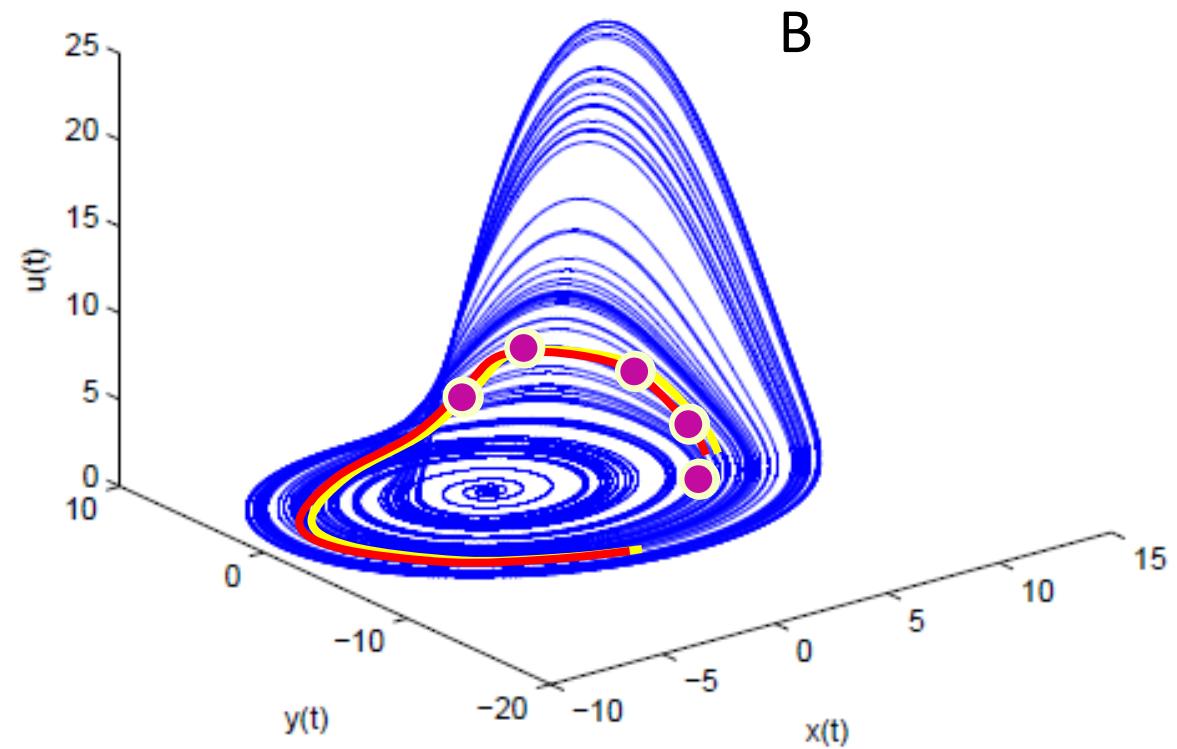
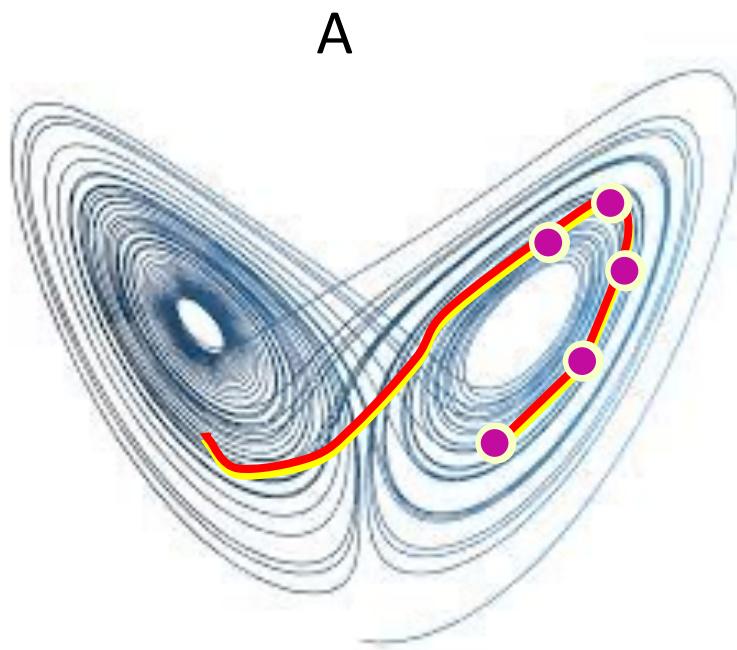
$r_{37}$  vs.  $r_{44} \rightarrow$



*testing attractor*



## Adding to the robustness of the ACS



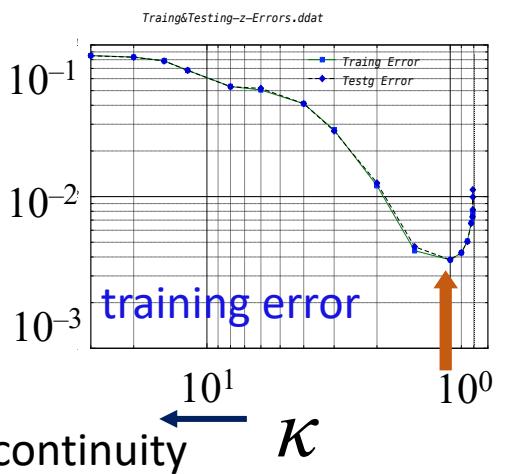
Don't forget the dynamics!

# Postdicting and Predicting (fading memory)

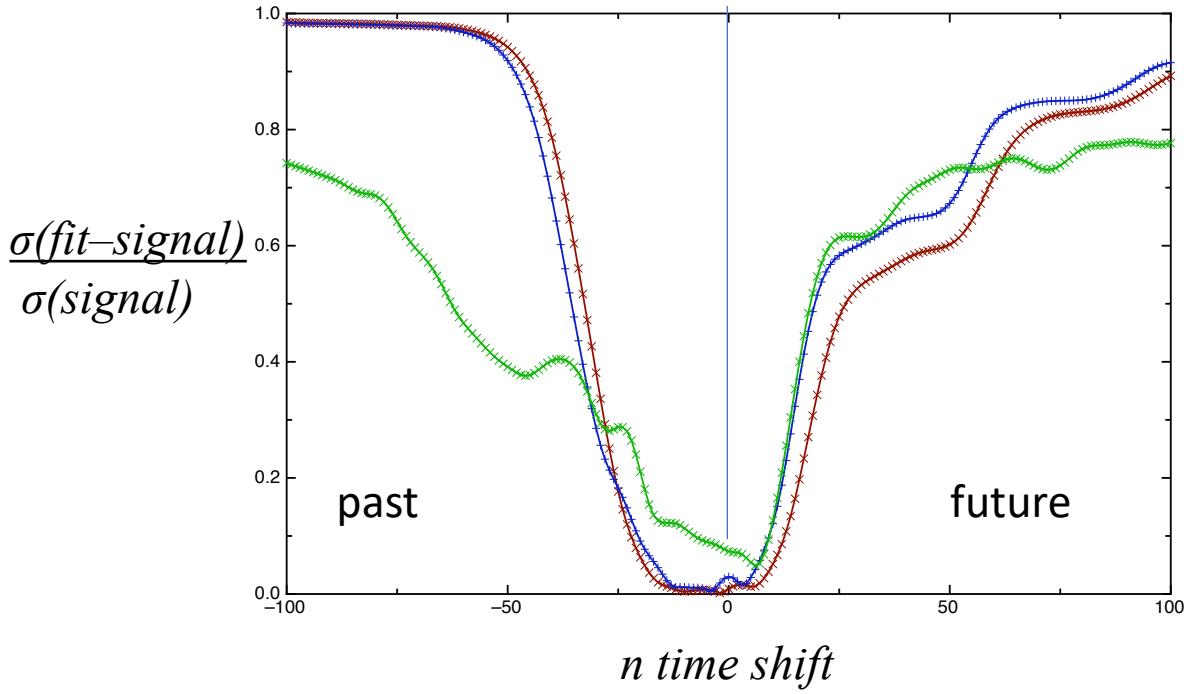
## Continuity and training error with time shifts

Predicting and Postdicting (predicting into the past)

$$\kappa = 1.0$$



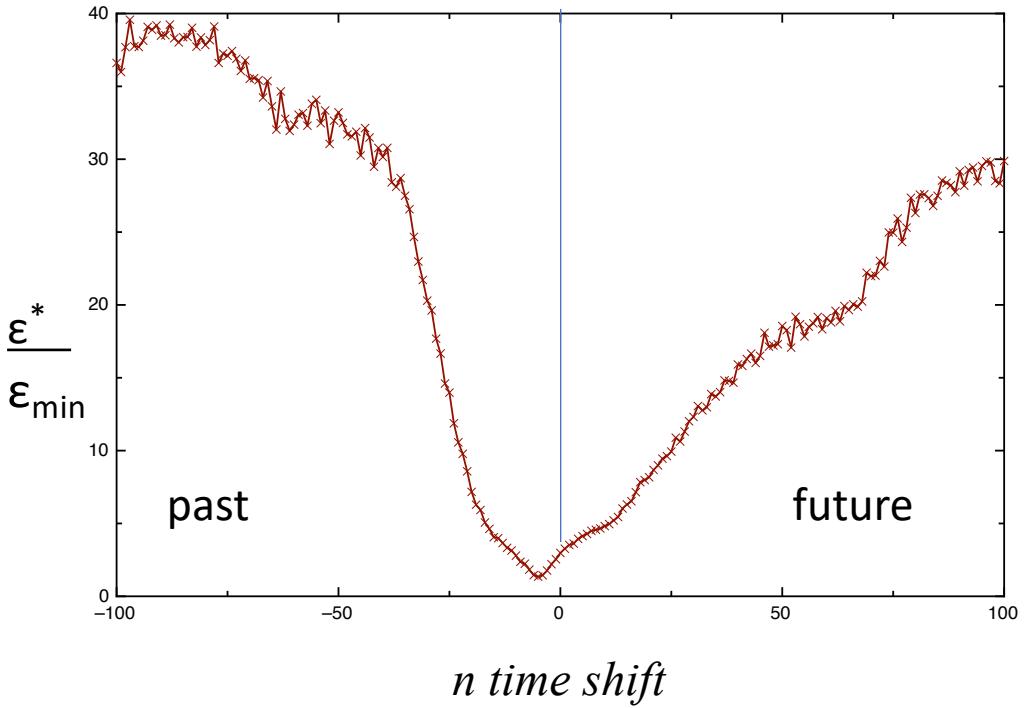
fits to Lorenz using LT Reservoir



Fit errors trend matches continuity

Postdiction captures the "fading memory" quantitatively

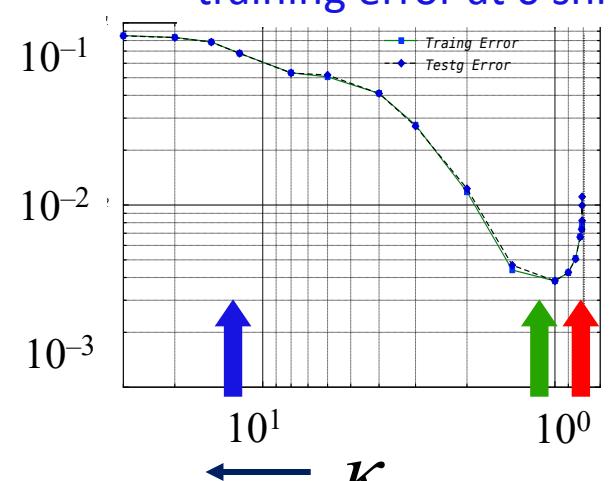
Reservoir  $\rightarrow$  Lorenz continuity  $\kappa$



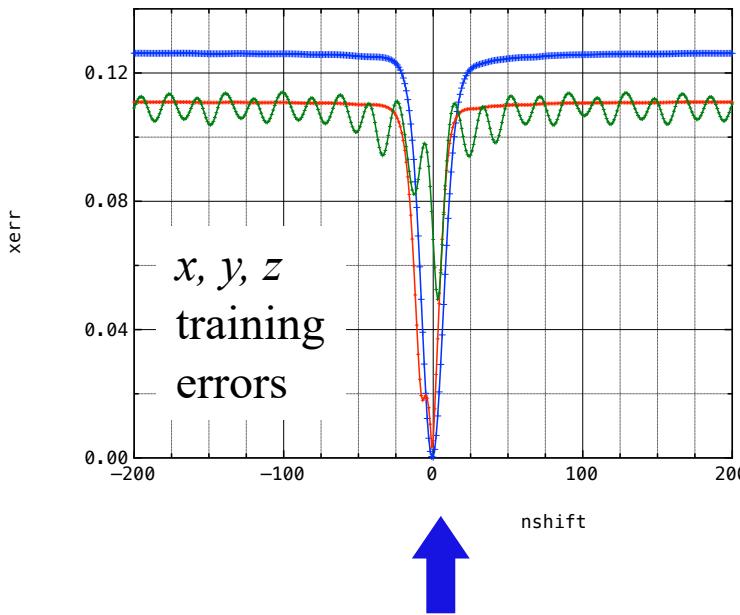
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# Predicting and Postdicting

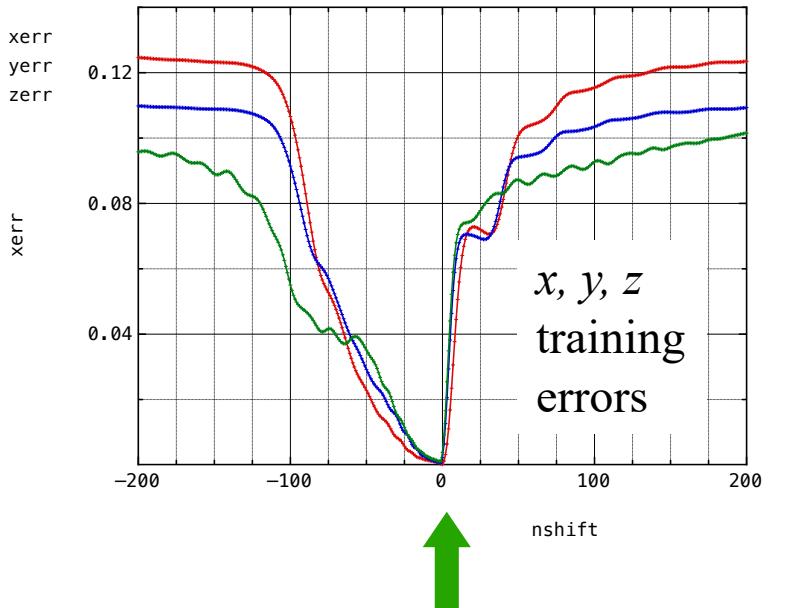
training error at 0 shift



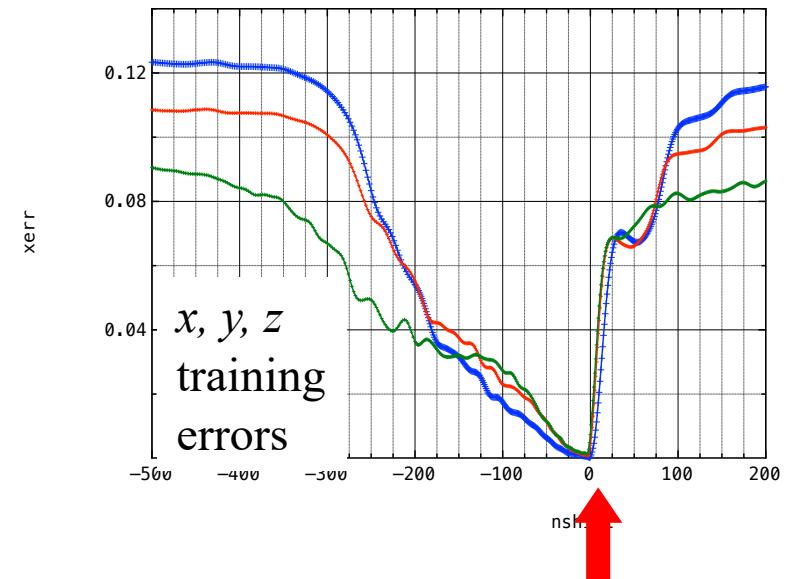
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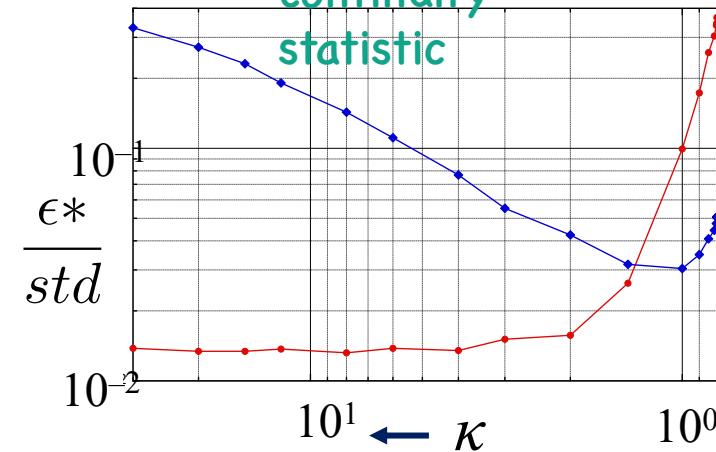
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continuity statistic



drive to RC  
RC to drive

## Conclusions

- Even in simple RC systems nonlinear phenomena are important and nonlinear analysis captures the behavior quantitatively.
- The computer science/AI communities have taken network dynamics in an interesting and potentially useful direction, but the analysis of these systems must be informed by nonlinear dynamics.
- We don't always have accurate models or theorems. Need statistics that are modeled on mathematical concepts (continuity and differentiability) and make no more assumptions than necessary.
- Reservoir properties cannot all be measured independent of the drive signals. Dynamical properties (memory, synchronization, attractor embeddings, stability) are all linked to the drive and the RC.

Paper to the arXiv soon

Questions, comments ?