

# Scalable Gromov-Wasserstein based comparison of biological time series

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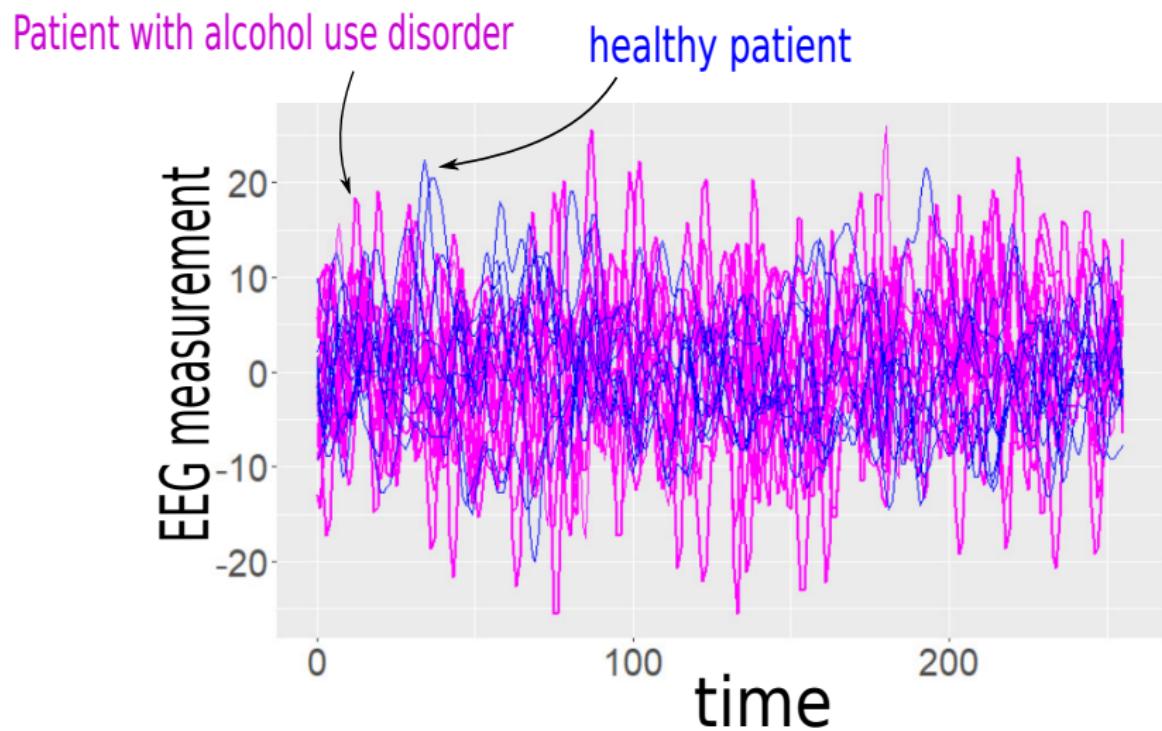
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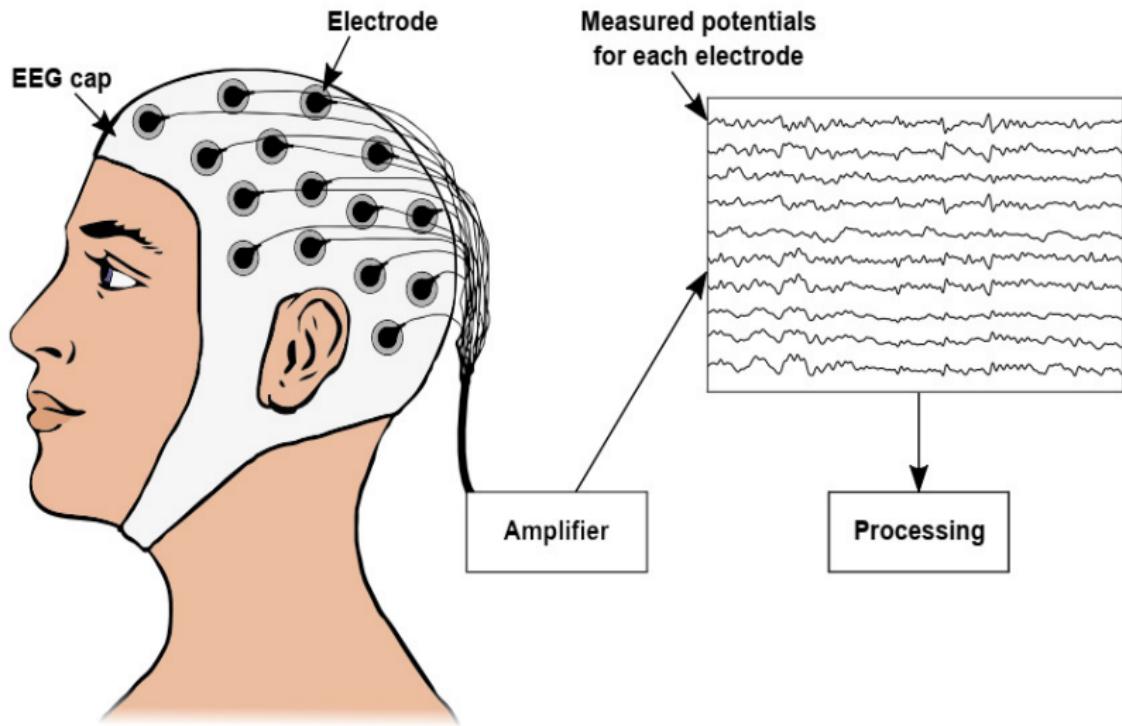
Motivating example:

Medical time series with two classes



Dataset *smni9\_eeg\_data* from *UCI Machine Learning repository*  
(Dua and Graff 2017)

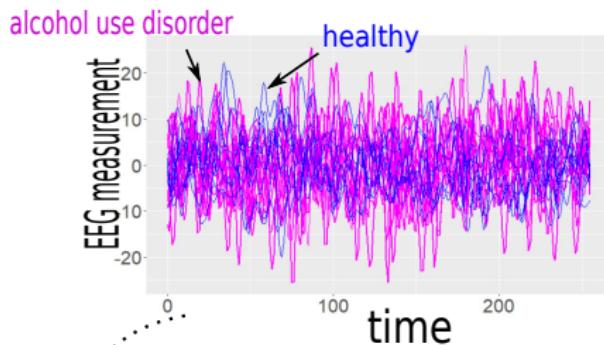
# Motivating example: Electroencephalogram (EEG) process illustration



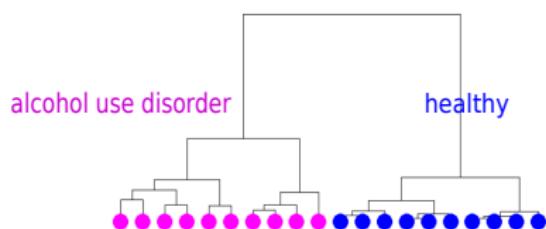
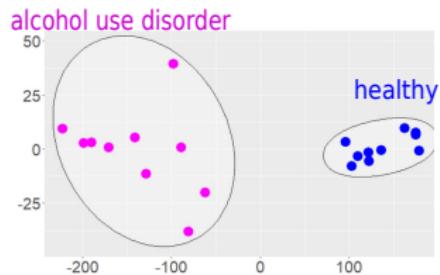
Picture from Nagel 2019

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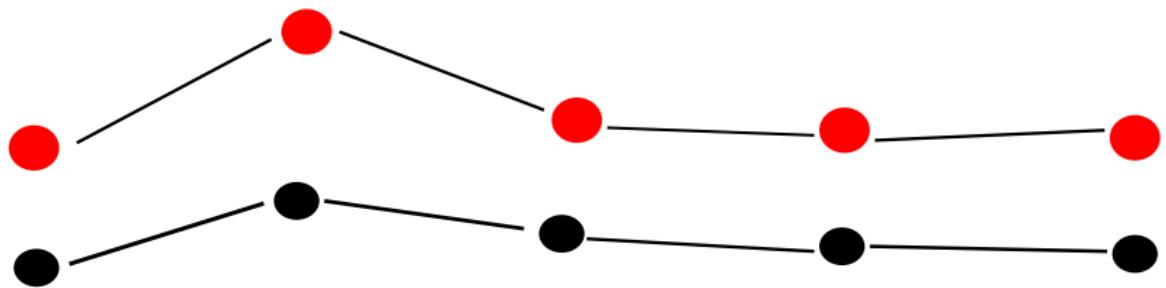
Separate two classes (healthy vs. alcohol use disorder)



Using **SOME** distance between time series

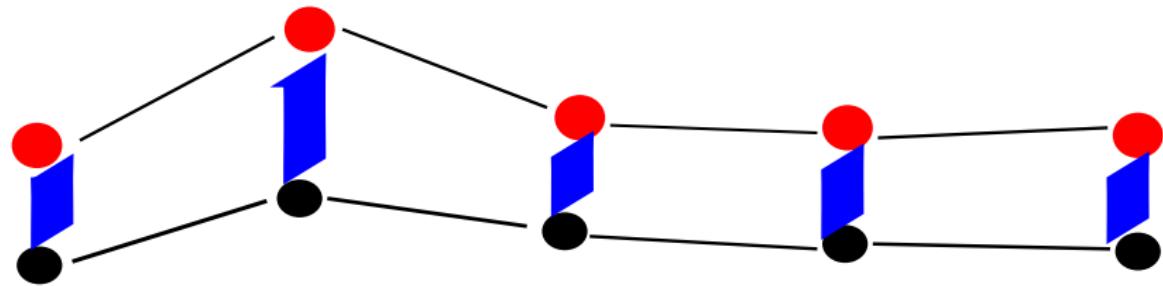


## Distance between two trajectories



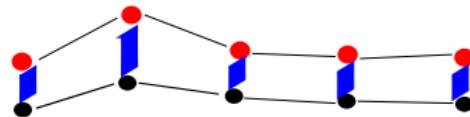
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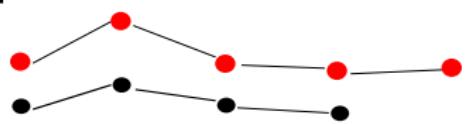


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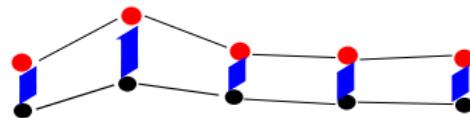


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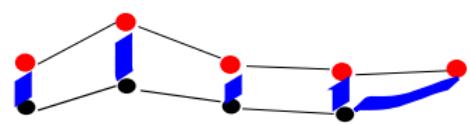


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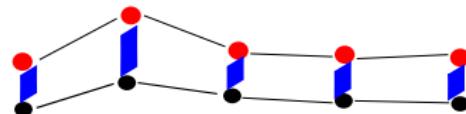


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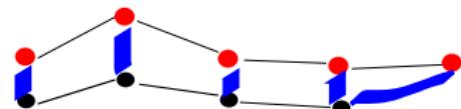


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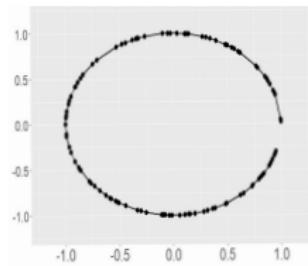
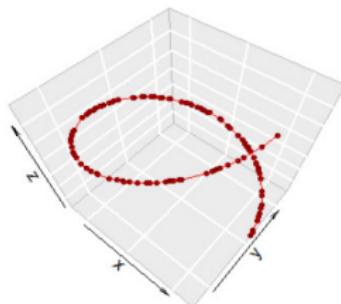
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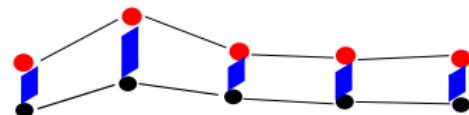


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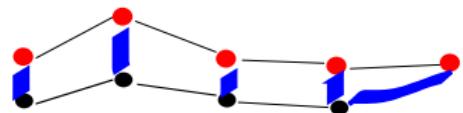


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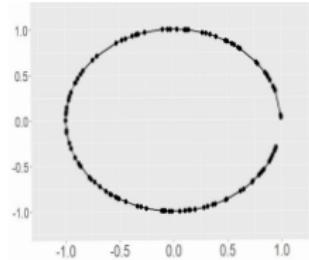
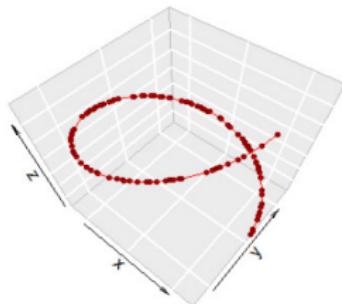
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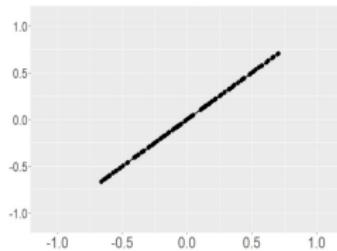
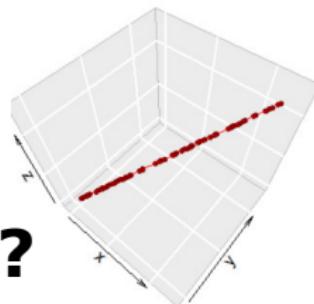
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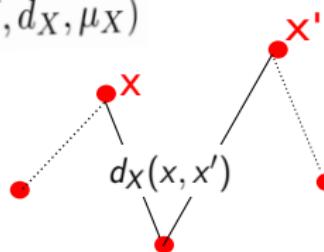
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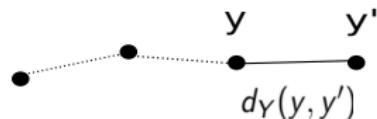
# Define distance between time series based on Gromov-Wasserstein distance of Mémoli 2011

View two trajectories as metric measure spaces:

$$(X, d_X, \mu_X)$$



$$(Y, d_Y, \mu_Y)$$



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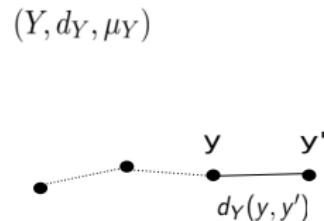
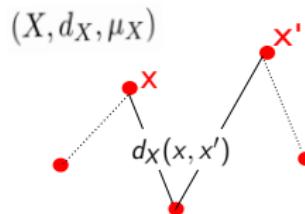
$$\mu_Y = (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$$

**NOTE:** Even if both trajectories lie in the same space (e.g.  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ),  
this technique purposely ignores it

# Define distance between time series based on Gromov-Wasserstein distance of Mémoli 2011

Mémoli 2011 defines the  $p \in [1, \infty)$  **Gromov-Wasserstein distance** between metric measure spaces by

$$GW(X, Y) := \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{C}(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \left( \int_{X \times Y} \int_{X \times Y} |d_X(x, x') - d_Y(y, y')|^p d\mu(x, y) d\mu(x', y') \right)^{1/p}$$



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**Note:** Non-convex program

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To overcome non-convexity issue, two main approaches exist:

1. Regularize *GW* objective (*Peyré, Cuturi, & Solomon 2016*)

**Disadvantages:** Still non-convex

**Advantages:** Convenient gradient descent (used in *Demetci et al. 2022* for bio application)

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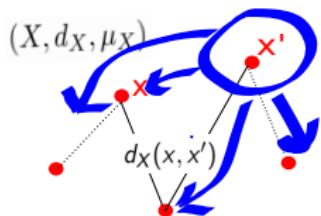
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2. Replace  $GW$  it's lower bounds (*Mémoli 2011, Chowdhury & Mémoli 2019*)

**Advantages:** - Convex programs → can be solved exactly!  
- Amenable to statistical analysis (*Weitkamp et al. 2022*)

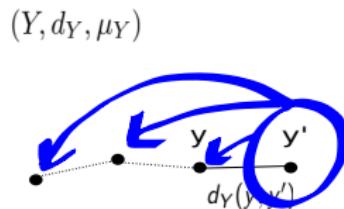
**Disadvantages:** how far is given lower bound from actual  $GW$ ?

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Local distribution of distance at  $y'$ :  
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The Third Lower Bound (Mémoli 2011, Chowdhury & Mémoli 2019) would compare **ALL** local distributions

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We propose to pick **ONE** particular local distribution:  
local distribution at the start of the trajectory



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Our program reads: for any  $p \in [1, \infty)$ ,

$$GW_\tau(X, Y) := \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{C}(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \left( \int_{X \times Y} |d_X(r_X, x) - d_Y(r_Y, y)|^p d\mu(x, y) \right)^{1/p}$$

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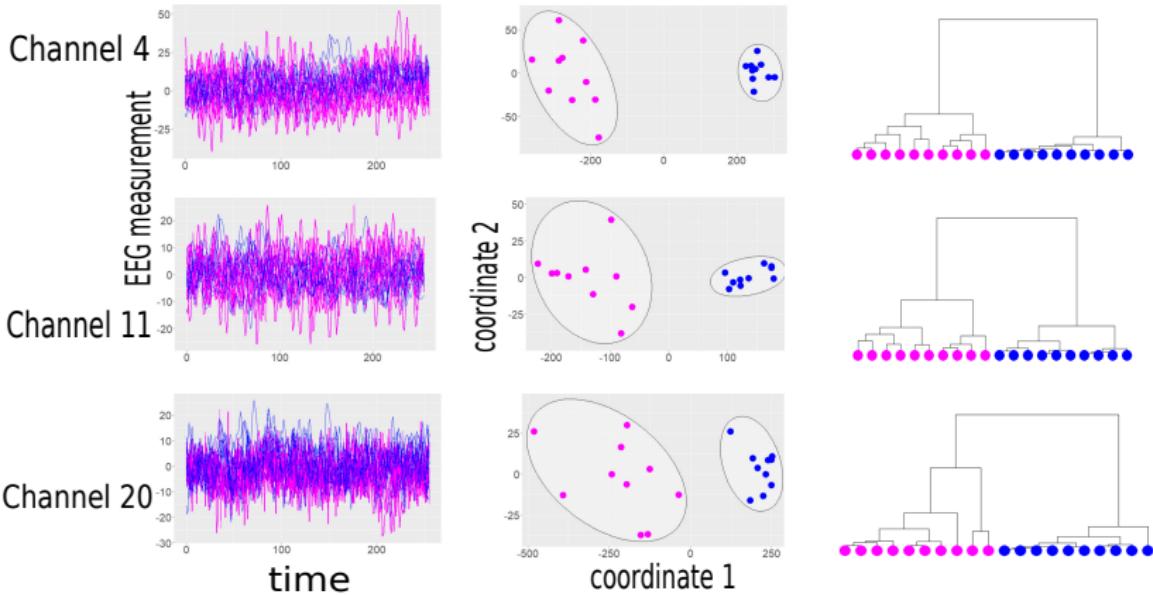
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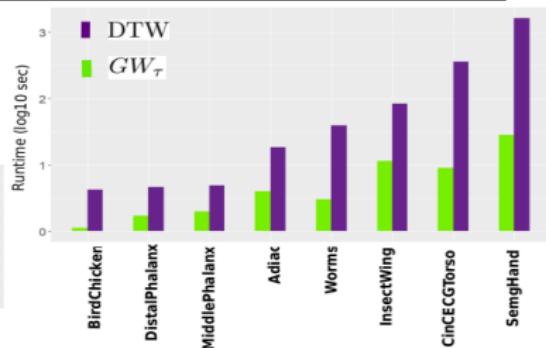
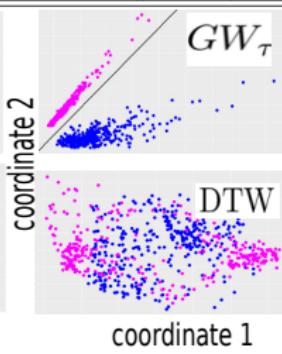
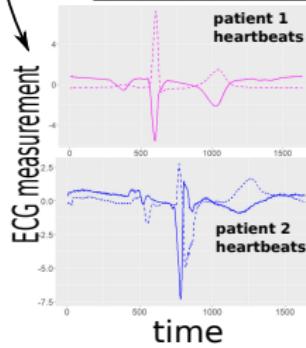
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5. Can be computed in linear time (time series of the same length) or quadratic time (different lengths)

# Performance of $GW_T$ distance between time series: EEG dataset

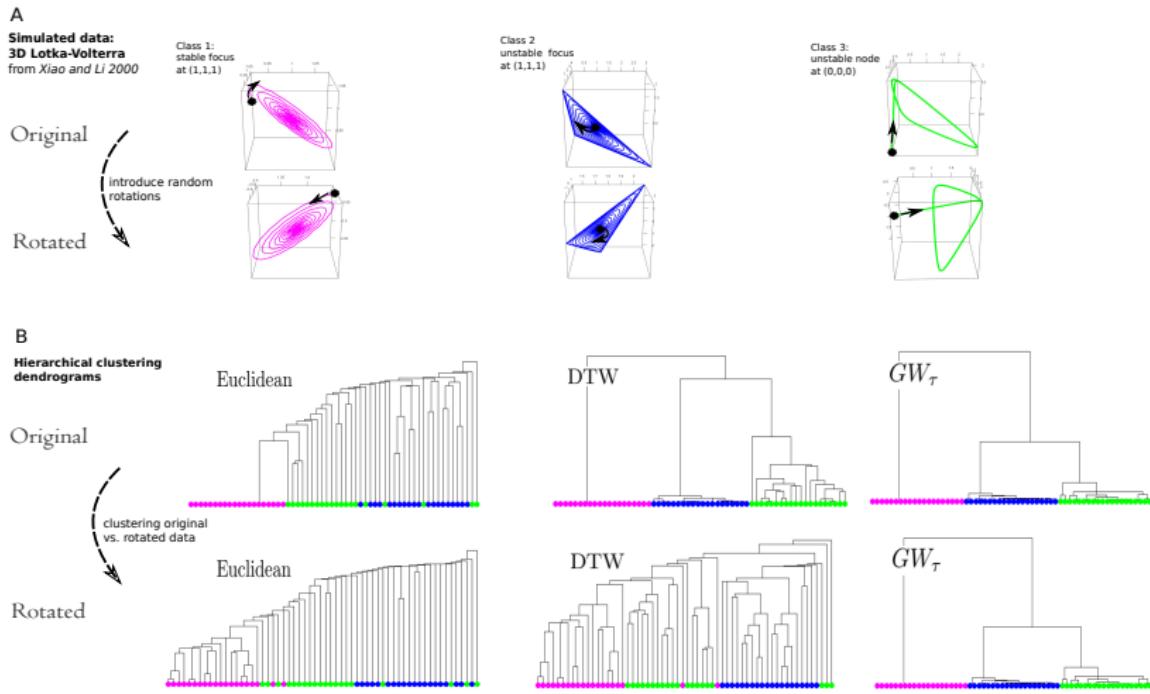


# Performance of $GW_{\tau}$ distance between time series: 1-Nearest Neighbor classification of UCR Time Series Classification Archive data (*Dau et al. 2018*)

UCR dataset name	# classes	t.s. length	train size	test size	Euclidean error	$GW_{\tau}$ error	DTW error
CinCECGTorso	4	1639	40	1380	0.1029	0.1290*	0.3493
InsectWingbeatSound	11	265	220	1980	0.4384	0.5995*	0.6449
DistalPhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	3	80	400	139	0.3741	0.3237*	0.2302
Worms	5	900	181	77	0.5455	0.5325*	0.4156
Adiac	37	176	390	391	0.3887	0.3555**	0.3964
BirdChicken	2	512	20	20	0.4500	0.1500**	0.2500
MiddlePhalanxOutlineAgeGroup	3	80	400	154	0.4805	0.4740**	0.5000
SemgHandMovementCh2	6	1500	450	450	0.6311	0.3933**	0.4156

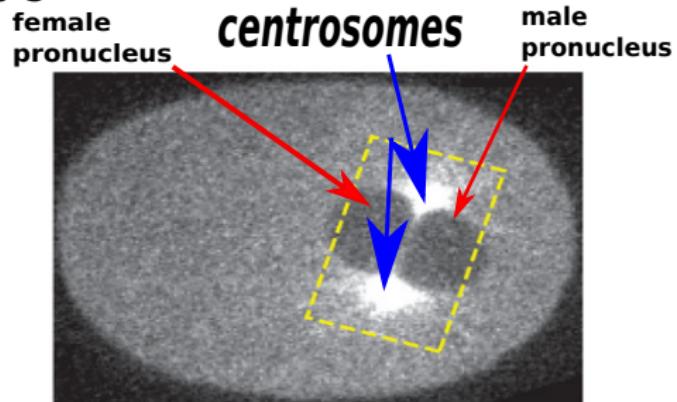


# Performance of $GW_\tau$ distance between time series: 3D Lotka-Volterra dynamical system (*Xiao & Li 2000*) simulated data

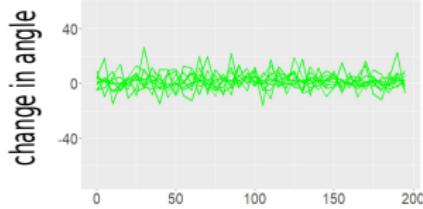


Performance of  $GW_T$  distance between time series:  
data from Dawes lab (*Ignacio et al. 2022*)

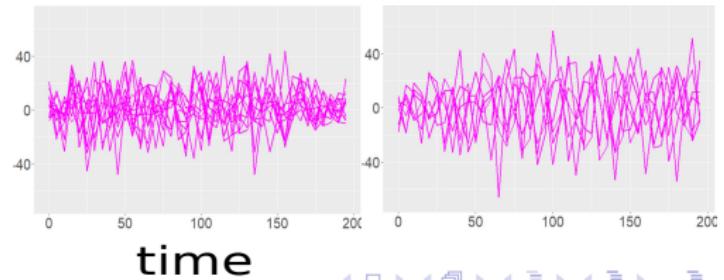
### *C. elegans* zygote



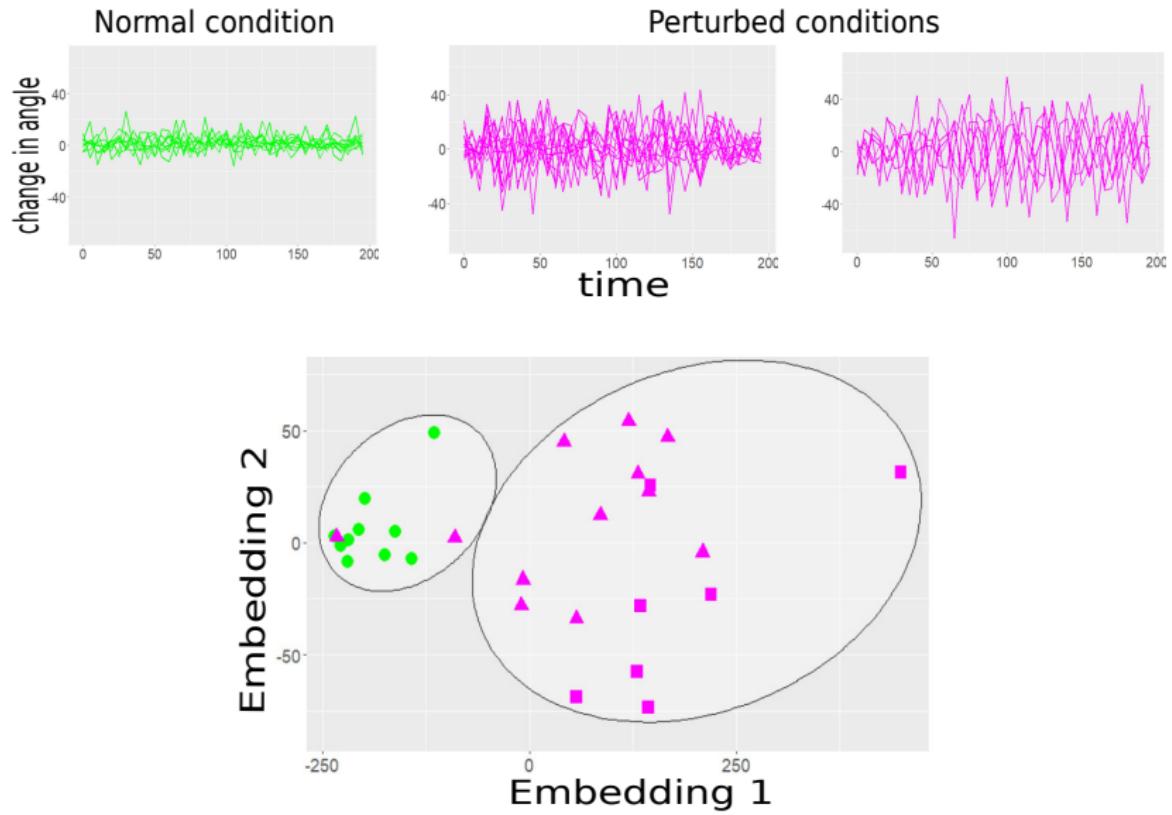
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Perturbed conditions

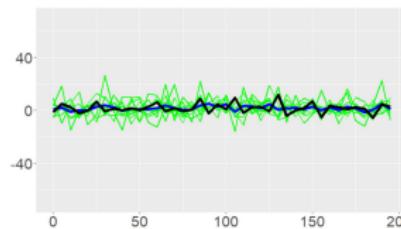


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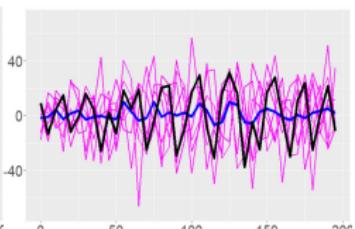
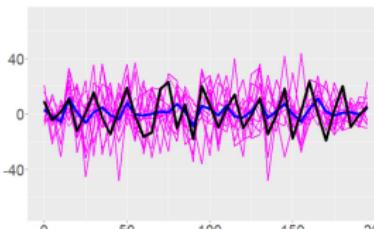


# Averaging result: on the use of Fused Gromov-Wasserstein barycenters of Vayer et al. 2020

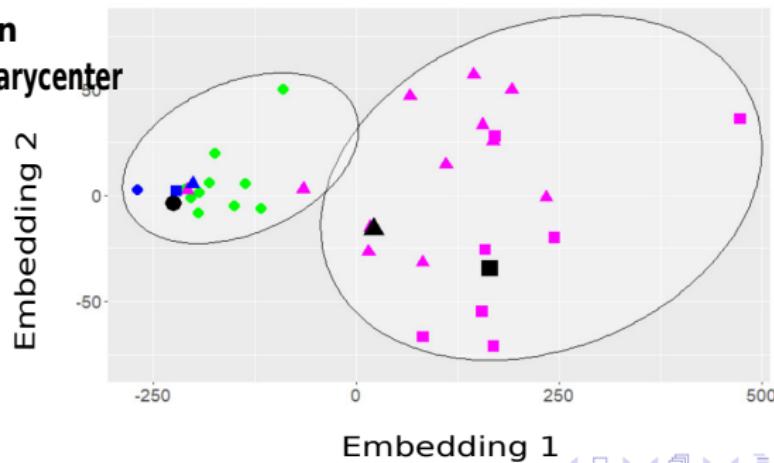
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— FGW barycenter



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Thursday at 6:00, Archie Griffin Ballroom:

**Liam O'Brien** *Changes in Approximate Symmetries of a Parametrized Turing Pattern*

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Poster ID MFBM-17

End of Presentation

Thank you!

## Questions?