

# Chaos Theory Approach to Human Activity Recognition Using Inertial Sensors

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# Presentation Outline

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# Open Challenge @ Mexican's Tournament of Robotics 2013

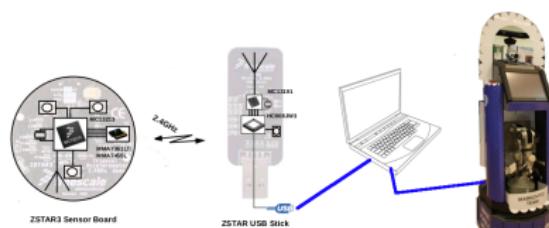


Figure 1: Human-Robot Interface

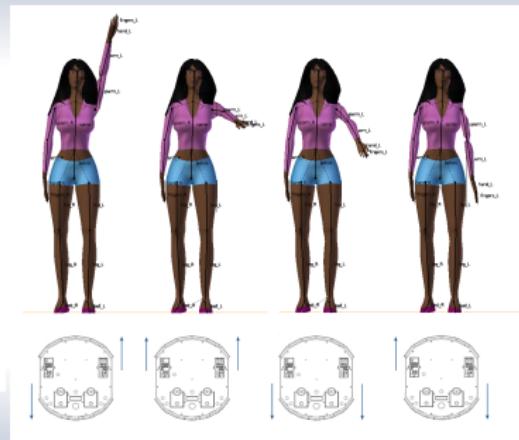


Figure 2: Human Body Gestures



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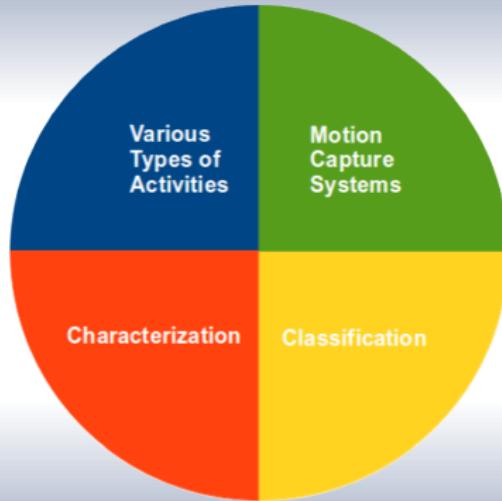
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Why is Human Activity Recognition (HAR) a challenging task?

## Challenges in HAR





## Various Types of Activities

Group	Activities
Ambulation	Walking, running, sitting, standing still, lying, climbing stairs descending stairs, riding escalator, and riding elevator.
Transportation	Riding a bus, cycling and driving.
Daily activities	Eating, drinking, working at the PC, watching TV, reading, brushing teeth, stretching, scrubbing, and vacuumming.
Exercise	Rowing, lifting weights, spinning, Nordic walking and doing push ups.
Military	Crawling, kneeling, situation assessment and opening a door.
Upper body	Chewing, speaking, swallowing, sighing, and moving the head
Others	Dancing different styles of music: latin, waltz, salsa, etc.

Table 1: Types of activities recognized by Human Activity Recognition Systems



## Signal Characterization

Group	Methods
Time domain	Mean, standard deviation, variance, interquartile range, mean absolute deviation, correlation between axes, entropy, and kurtosis.
Frequency domain	Fourier Transform, and Discrete Cosine Transform
Others	Reconstructed State Space, Principal Component Analysis, Linear Discriminant Analysis, Autoregresive Model, and HAAR filters.

Table 2: Featured Extraction Methods[Lara and Labrador, 2013].



Lara, O. D. and Labrador, M. A. (2013).  
A Survey on Human Activity Recognition using Wearable Sensors.



## Classification

Group	Classifiers
Decision tree	C4.5 and ID3
Instance Based	$k$ -nearest neighbors
Neural Networks	Multilayer Perceptron
Domain transform	Support Vector Machines
Fuzzy Logic	Fuzzy Basis Function and Fuzzy Interference System
Regression methods	MLR, ALR
Markov models	Hidden Markov Models and Conditional Random Fields
Classifier ensembles	Boosting and Bagging

Table 3: Classification Algorithms [Lara and Labrador, 2013].



Why is Human Activity Recognition (HAR) a challenging task?

## Motion Capture Systems

- Vision-based,
- Floor-sensor based,
- Intertial-sensor based:
  - Human Body-sensed
  - Foot-sensed

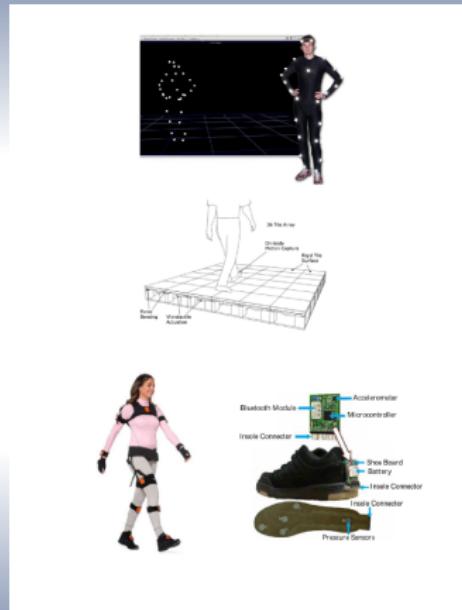


Figure 3: Motion Capture Systems



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## The Human Body as a Complex Dynamical System

Human Body Movement is the result of a complex dynamical system that include:

- Muscular system,
- Cardiovascular system,
- Skeletal system, and
- Nervous system.



Figure 4: Human Body Systems



# Nonlinear Dynamics in the Human Body

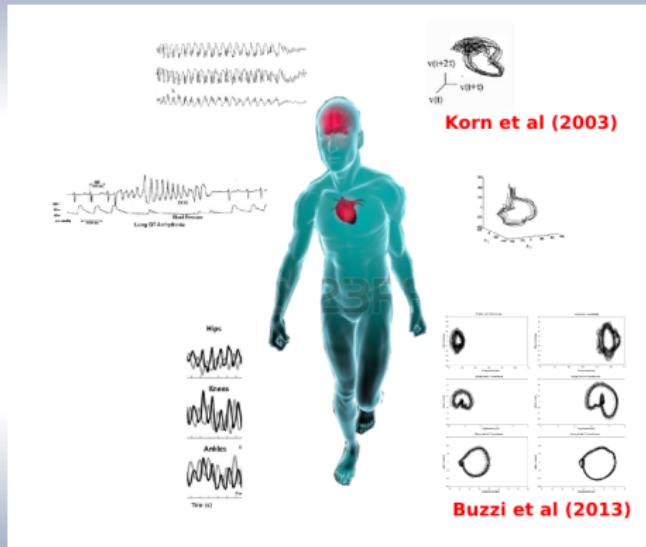


Figure 5: Some Captured Time-Series from the Human Body



## Time-Delay Embedding in HAR

[Jordan et al., 2010] and [Samà et al., 2013] have proposed the use of Taken's Theorem so as to identify primitive human activities such as walking, cycling, and running. However, little has been done regarding the identification of complex activities that, for example, involve dance.



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## Lorenz System

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \sigma(x - y), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x(\rho - z) - y, \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= xy - \beta z.\end{aligned}$$

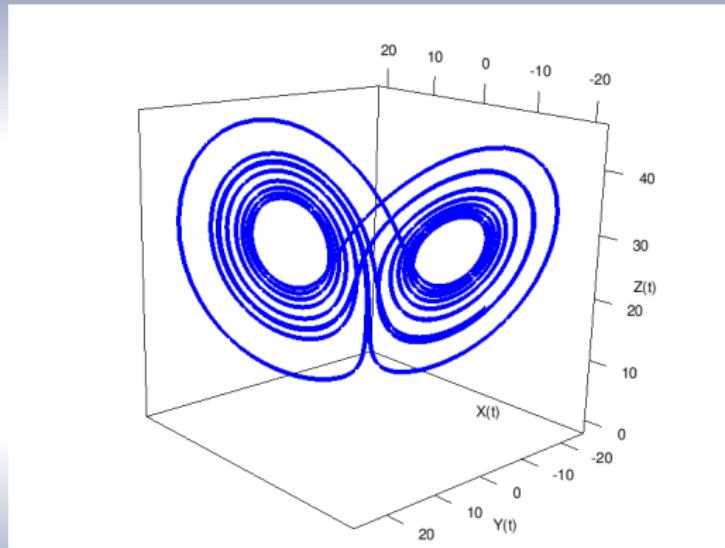


Figure 6:  $\sigma = 10$ ,  $\rho = 28$  and  $\beta = 3/8$



## What Is Time-Delay Reconstruction?

# Time-Delay Reconstruction

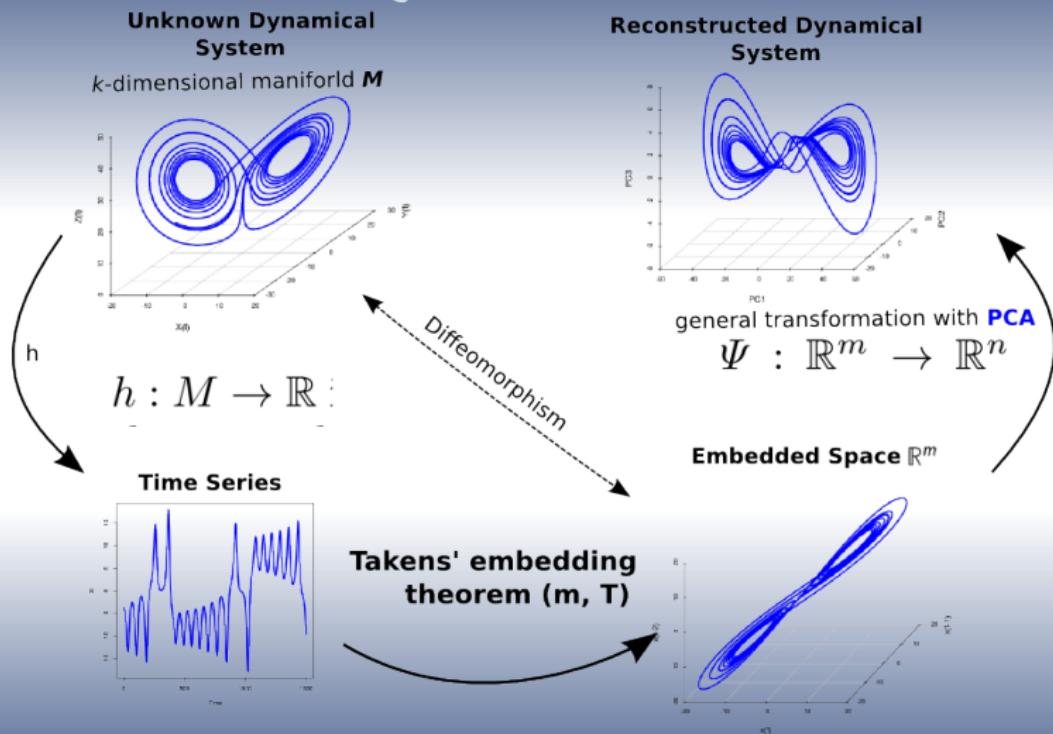


Figure 7: Reconstructed State Space Via Taken's Theorem

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## Takens' Theorem (1981)

According to Takens' Theorem, the reconstructed state space in  $m$  **embedding dimension** with  $\tau$  **embedding delay** of the original system is given by the delay coordinate (DC) vector

$$\overline{x(t)} = (x(t), x(t - \tau), x(t - 2\tau), \dots, x(t - (m - 1)\tau)).$$

Takens' Theorem, also known as time-delay embeddings method, states that for a large enough  $m$  to unfold the attractor and  $\tau > 0$  chosen to maximize the information content of  $x(t)$ , this method provides a one-to-one reconstruction of the true dimension  $k$  system ( $\mathbb{R}^k$ ).



## Time-Delay Embedding Example

With time signal  $x(i) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ , we let  $m = 3$ ,  $\tau = 2$ , and  $N = 9$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{x(1)} &= [1, 3, 5] \\ \overline{x(2)} &= [2, 4, 6] \\ \overline{x(3)} &= [3, 5, 7] \\ \overline{x(4)} &= [4, 6, 8] \\ \overline{x(5)} &= [5, 7, 9]\end{aligned}$$

Let  $M = N - (m - 1)\tau$ . The reconstructed state space consist of a  $m \times M$  matrix.



## Optimal embedding parameters

[Cao, 1997] proposed a method to determine the optimal embedding dimension from time-series based on Taken's theorem.

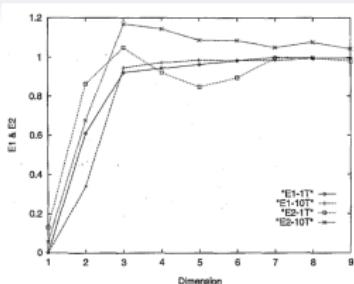


Figure 8: The values E1 and E2 for the data from chaotic Lorenz attractor



Cao, L. (1997).

Practical method for determining the minimum embedding dimension of a scalar time series.



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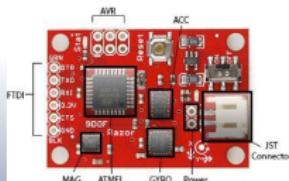
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## Experimentation

# Procedure

### 9DOF Razor IMU



Accelerometer  
X  
Y  
Z  
[m]

Magnetometer  
X  
Y  
Z  
[m]

Gyroscope  
X  
Y  
Z  
[m]

Yaw  
Pitch  
Roll



### DECIMUS Class in C++

time-Delay Embedding theorem for  
ReConstructing state spaces  
Using Inertial Measurement Units

### Time-Delay Embedding Parameters

```
DataAnalysis.Set_SpaceReconstructionParameters(50,10,5); // (lengthwindowframe, dim, tau)  
  
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DataAnalysis  
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Deci::mains.cpp: 66 Show uses  
DataAnalysis Object
```

### Principal Component Analysis

```
mat A;  
  
A = EmbeddedMatrix.t() * EmbeddedMatrix; // generate a symmetric matrix ---- mat B = A.t()*A;  
  
vec eigenvalues, eigval;  
mat eigvec_original, eigvec, transformedData;  
eig_sym(eigenvalues, eigval, eigvec_original, eigvec, A.t(), "dc"); // divide-and-conquer  
  
eigval = flipud(eigval_original);  
eigvec = flipud(eigvec_original);  
transformedData = flipud(eigvec_original).t()*EmbeddedMatrix.t();  
  
cout << "DIY:eigenvalues \n" << eigenvalues << endl;  
cout << "DIY:eigenvectors \n" << eigvec << endl;  
cout << "DIY:transformedData \n" << transformedData << endl;
```

Figure 9: IMU, Axes and C++ Class



## Experiments

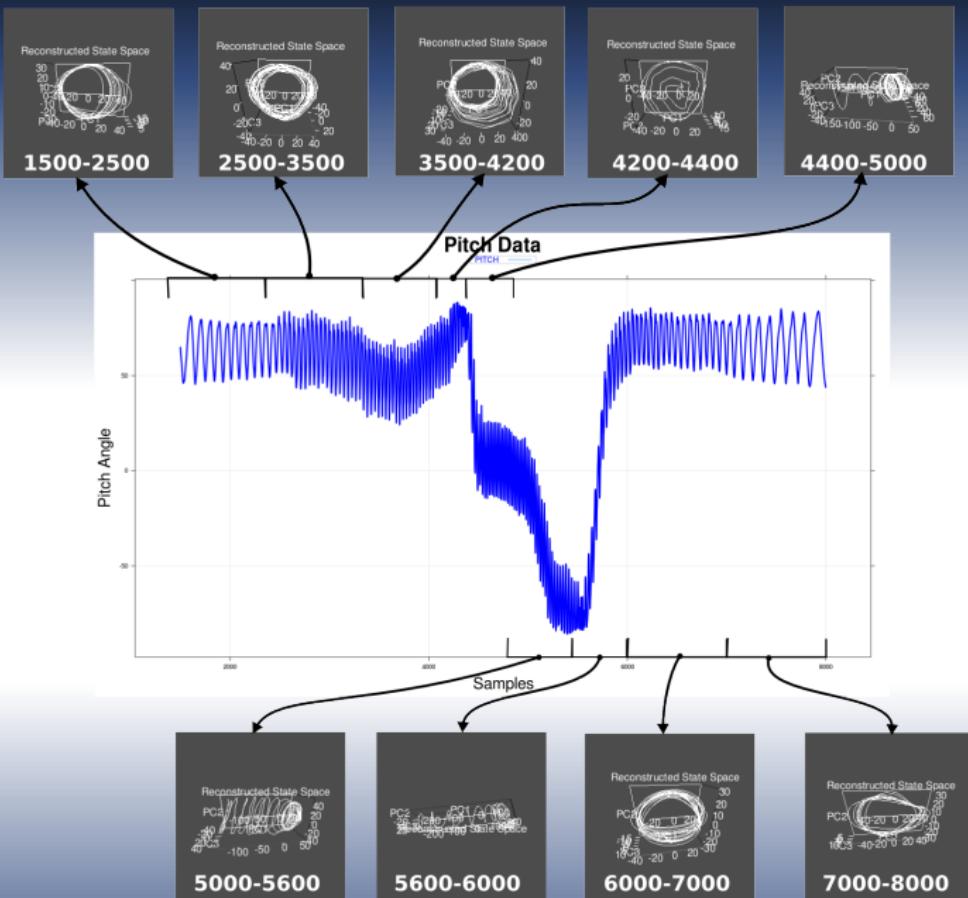
Cycling



Dancing Latin Styles:  
Salsa, Cumbia and Bachata



Figure 10: Human Body Activities



**Figure 11: 3D Reconstructed State Spaces ( $m = 9, \tau = 4$ ) for pitch angle data from cycling activity**

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# Basic Dance Foot Patterns

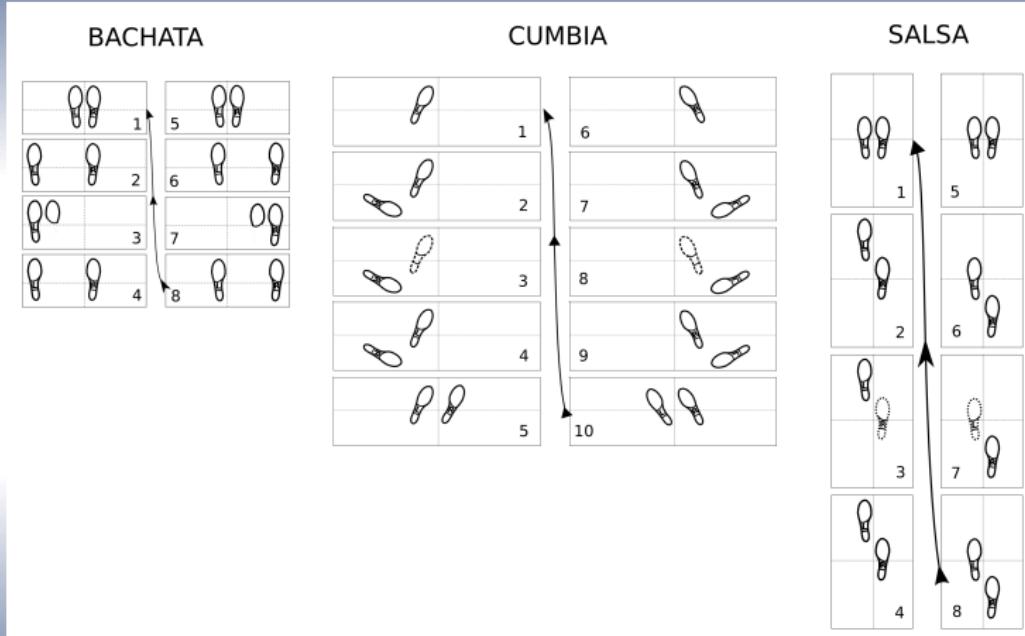


Figure 12: Latin Dance Foot Patterns



## Optimal embedding parameters

Using the method proposed by [Cao, 1997], it has been obtained the values of E1 and E2 to determine the optimal embedding dimension with  $\tau = 5$  from pitch data.

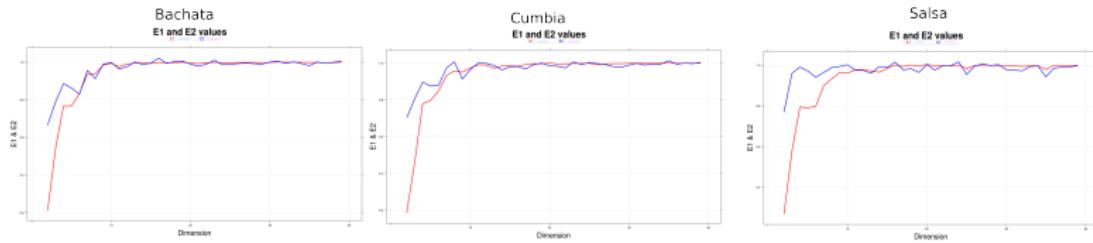


Figure 13: The values E1 and E2 for the data from latin dacen foot patterns



## Experimentation

# Reconstructed State Spaces



Figure 14: 3D Reconstructed State Space with  $m = 20$  and  $\tau = 5$  for a WF=1000.



## Experimentation

# Pitch Angle Time Series for Bachata

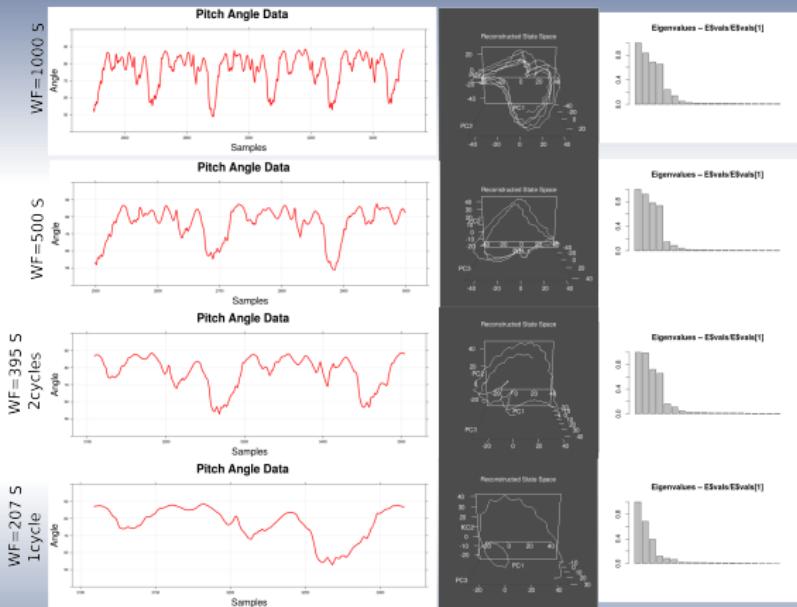


Figure 15: 3D Reconstructed State Space and Eigenvalues



## Experimentation

# Pitch Angle Time Series for Cumbia

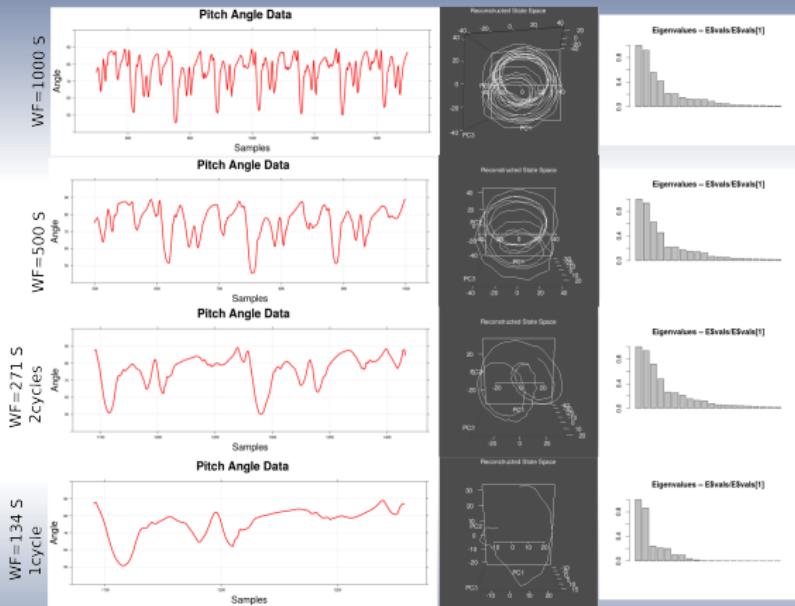


Figure 16: 3D Reconstructed State Space and Eigenvalues



## Experimentation

# Pitch Angle Time Series for Salsa

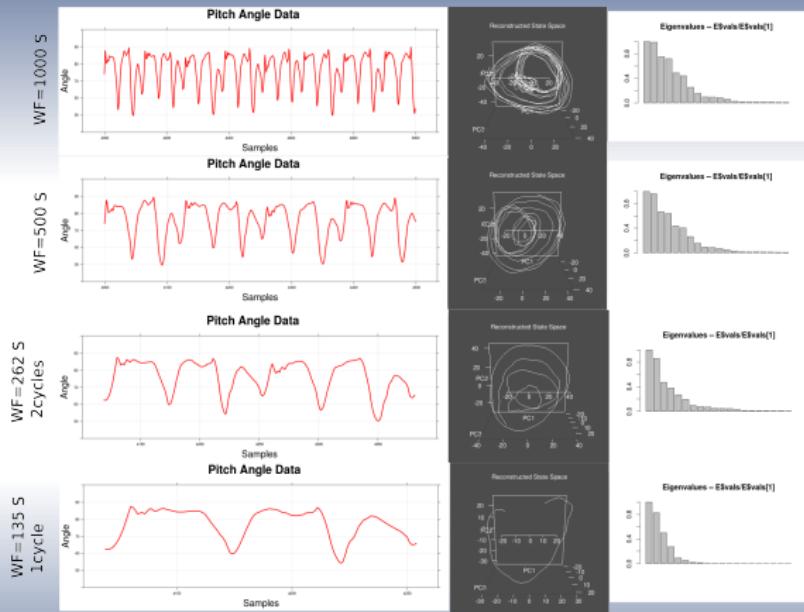


Figure 17: 3D Reconstructed State Space and Eigenvalues



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## TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Build a body sensor network and determine how many sensors and where are the optimal places to wear this sensors [Mannini et al. 2013].
- Create its c++ library as a open source software for the human motion capture system
- Implement machine learning algorithms and evaluate the human activity recognition in a real-time performance.

## RESEARCHABLE CHALLENGES

- Which non-reported concepts from nonlinear dynamics can be used to obtain features in the human body analysis?
- Does the use of concepts from nonlinear dynamics using Inertial Measurement Units can recognise up to 50 human activities as reported in [Reddy et al. 2012]?

# QUESTIONS?

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