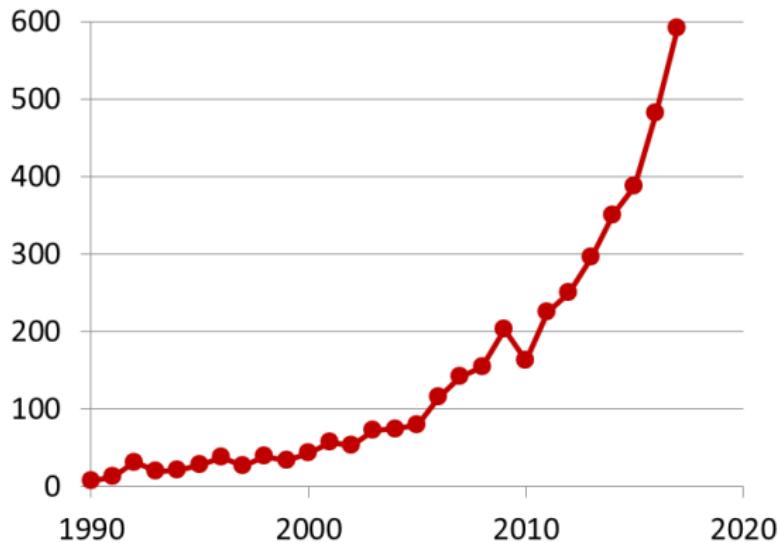


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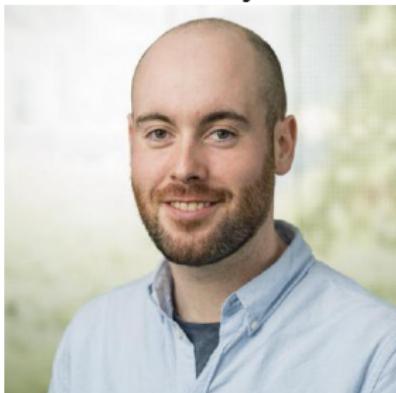


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- ▶ 09.00-10.00 Lecture: Discrete-Time Modeling
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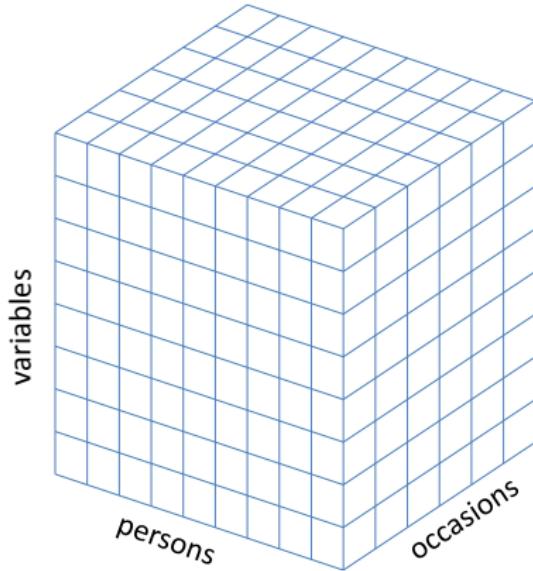
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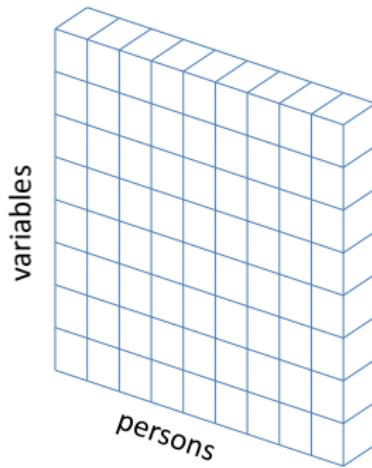
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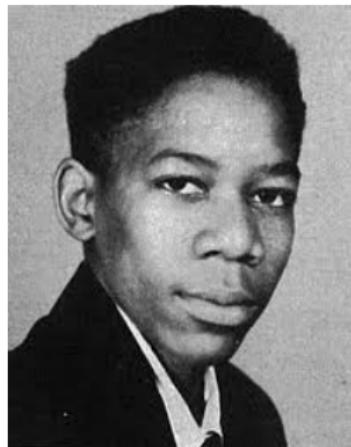
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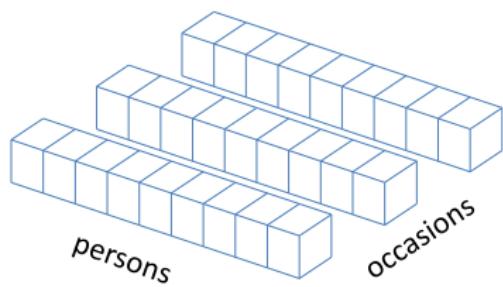
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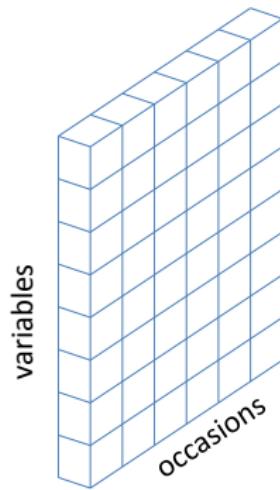
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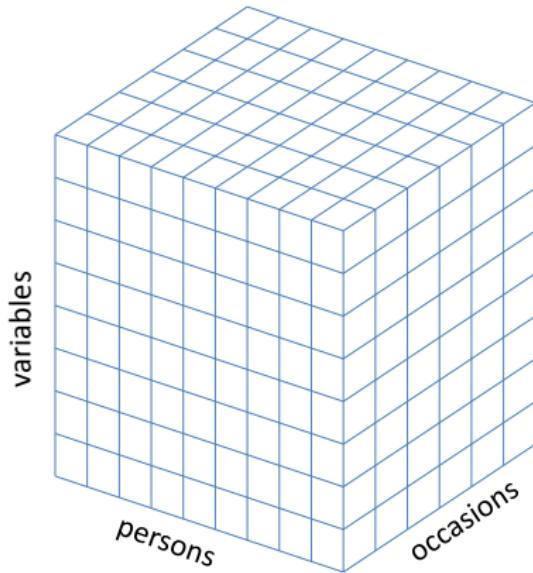


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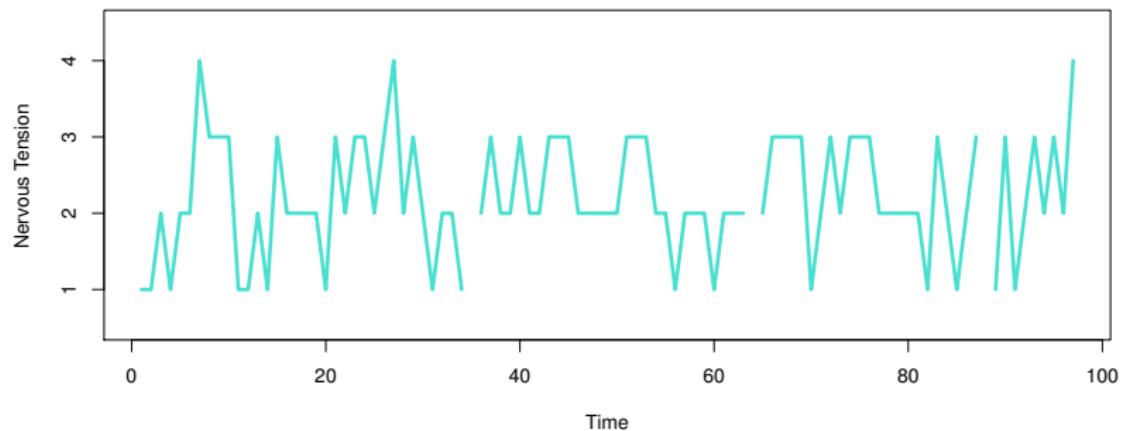
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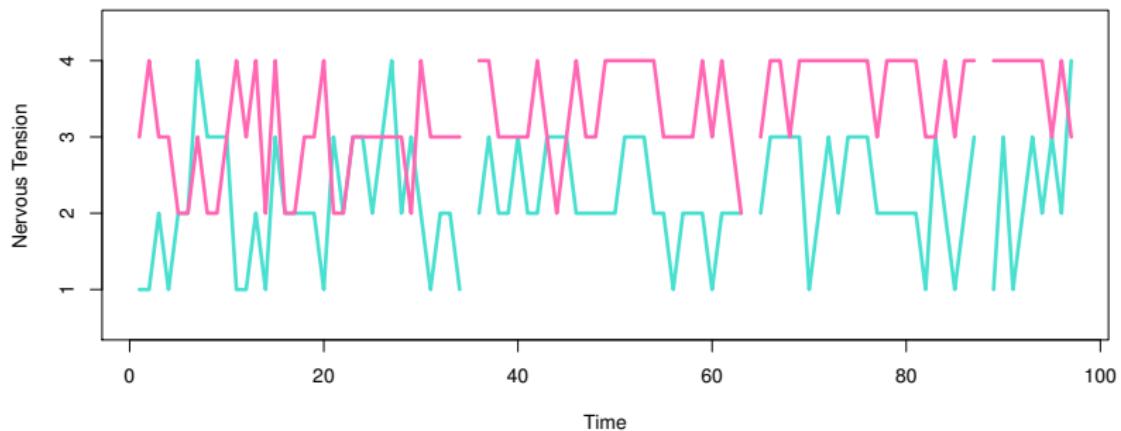
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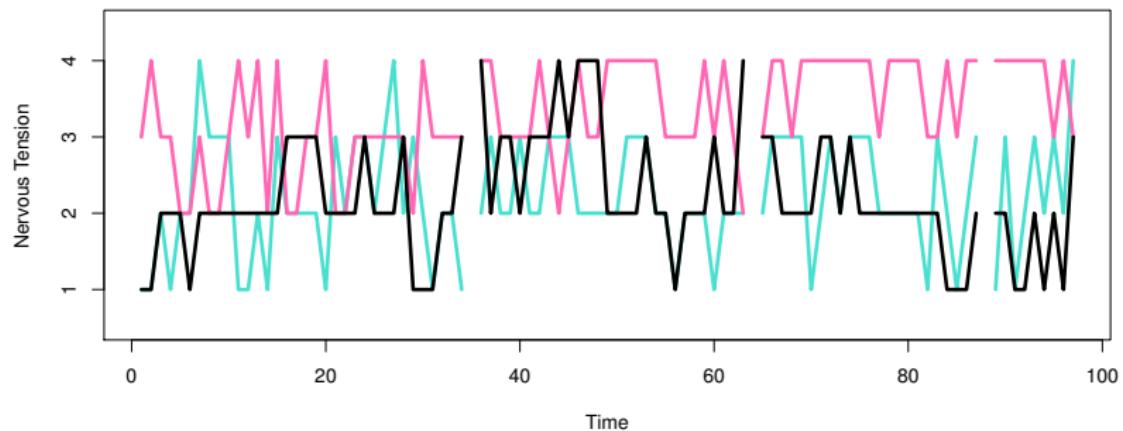
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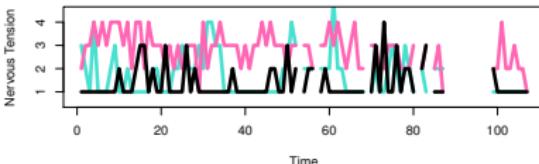
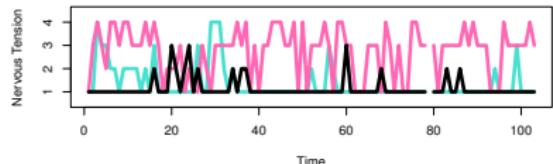
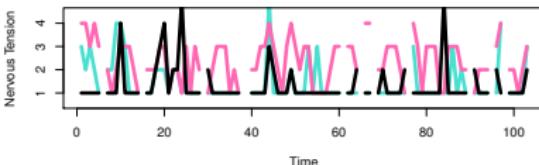
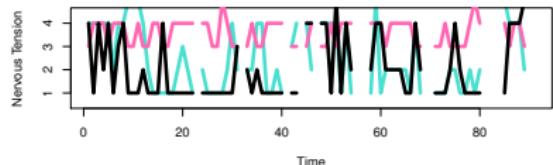
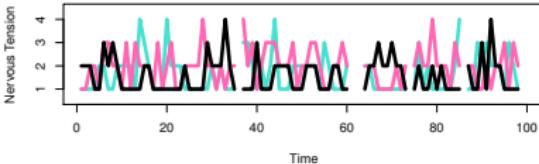
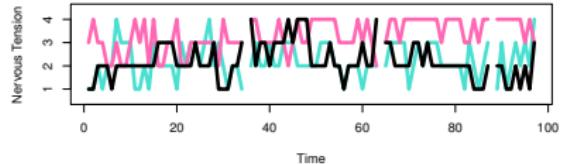
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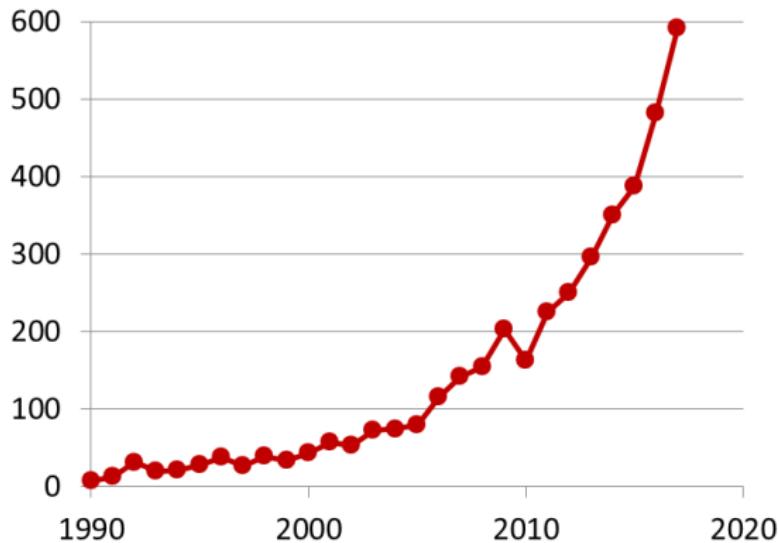
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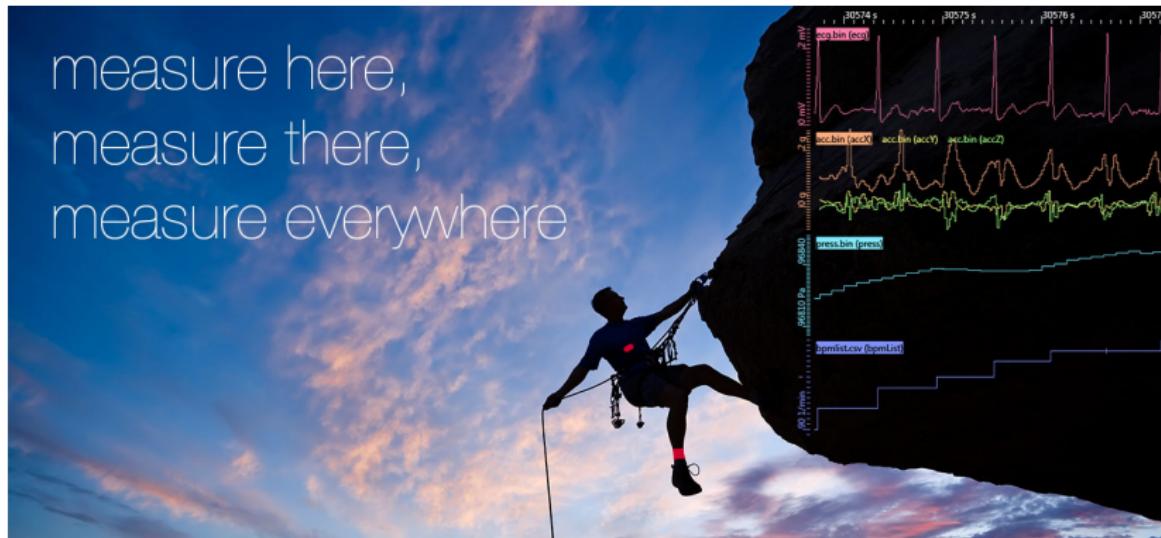


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# Collecting Intensive Longitudinal Data

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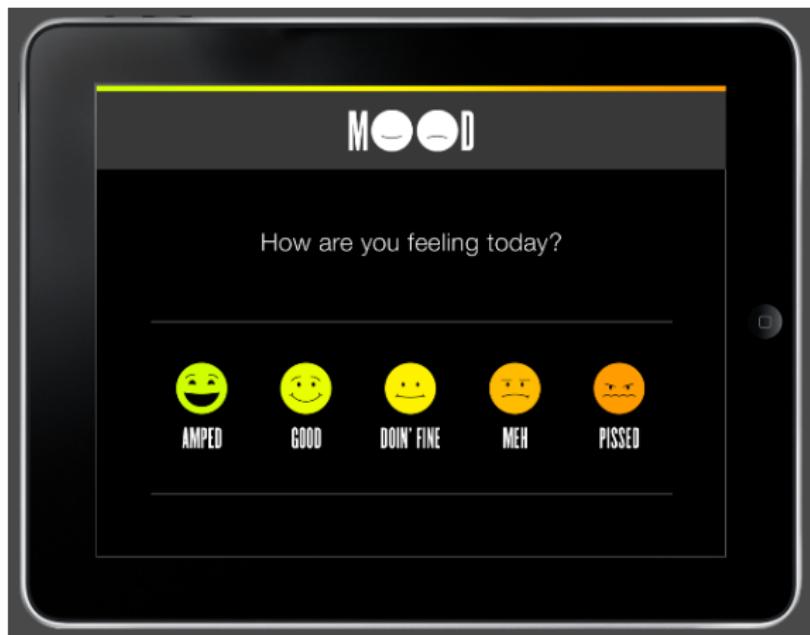
measure here,  
measure there,  
measure everywhere



Experience Sampling, Daily diary, Tracking apps...See work by Timothy Trull and Ulrich Ebner-Priemer  
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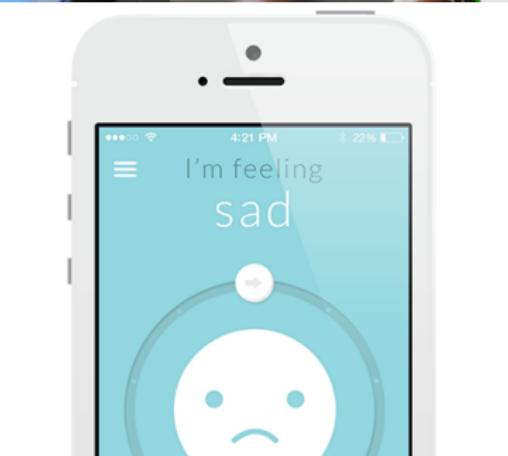
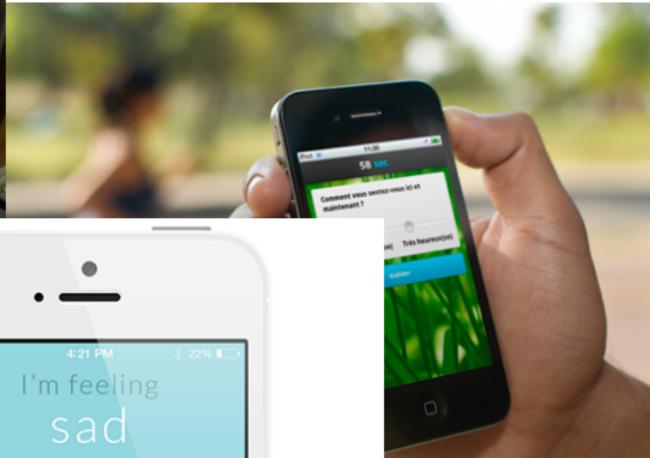
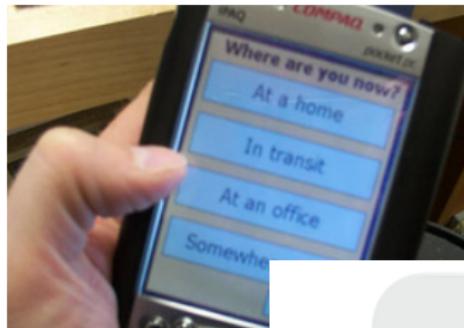
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# Collecting Experience Sampling Data

Alert people randomly throughout the day



Tamlin Conner: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQBBVp9vBIQ>

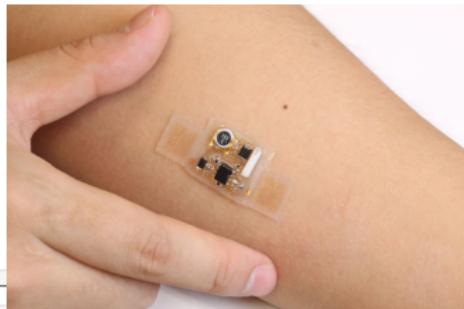
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## How to Analyze This Stuff?

- ▶ Fairly young methodological area
- ▶ Not part of basic curriculum
- ▶ Huge development
- ▶ Already many options: discrete or continuous variables, latent variables, linear models, nonlinear models, and so on (Hamaker et al. 2015).

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## Main characteristics:

- ▶  $N=1$  technique
- ▶  $T$  is large (say  $>50$ )
- ▶ concerned with *trends, cycles* and *autocorrelation structure* (i.e., serial dependency)
- ▶ goal: forecasting ( $\neq$  prediction)

# Lags

Y

$y_1$

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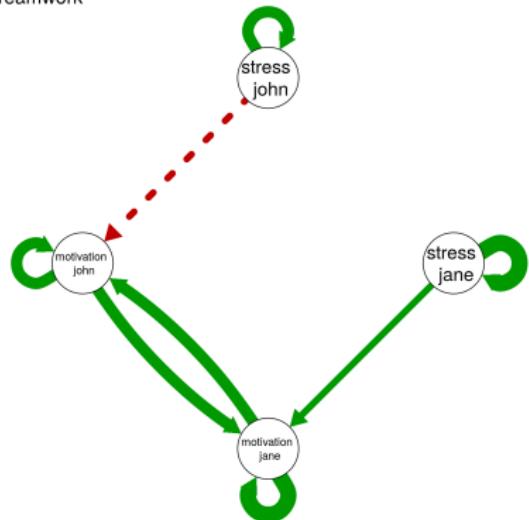
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# Simple models: Autoregressive Modeling

Teamwork



Why?

- ▶ Simple model (linear regression relationships, continuous variables)
- ▶ Appealing interpretation
- ▶ Basis for or related to many other dynamic models
- ▶ Can use coefficients to make pretty dynamic networks
- ▶ ***Hence, popular***

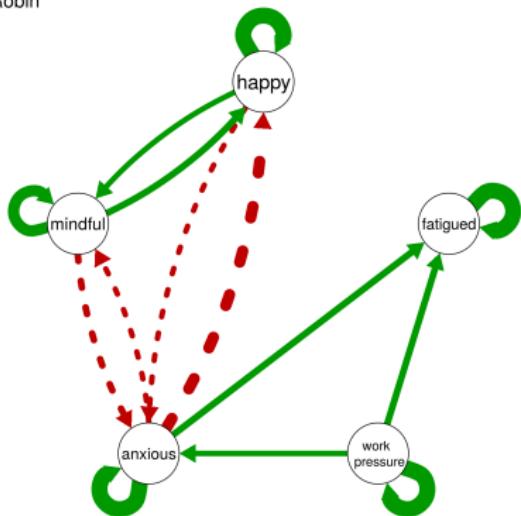
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- ▶ Visualize how psychological variables are associated with themselves, and each other over time
- ▶ Conceptual models, or based on statistical estimates from (intensive longitudinal) data
- ▶ Currently, such statistical estimates are typically based on Vector Autoregressive Models

Read more: Borsboom (2017), Bringmann et al (2013), Cramer et al (2010).

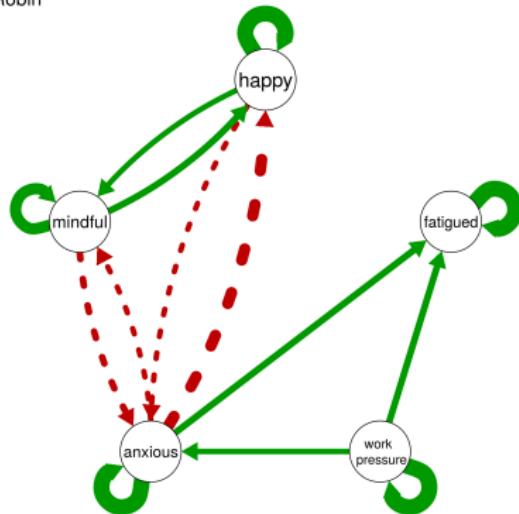
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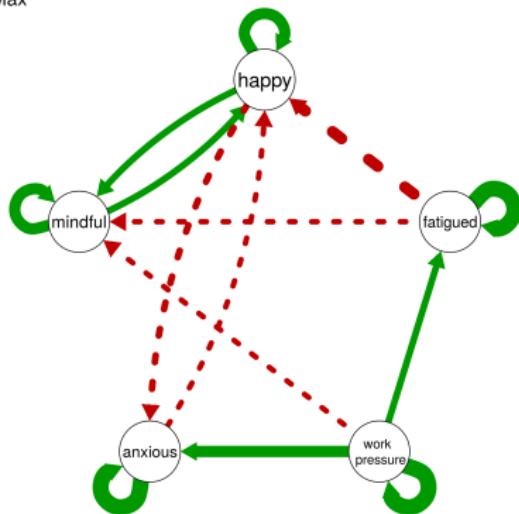


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## Autoregressive Modeling: The Basic Idea

“The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior”

# The N=1 Univariate Model (AR Model)

- ▶ Model for the time series of a specific person ( $N=1$ ,  $T=\text{many}$ )
- ▶ Variable is regressed on itself at (a) previous occasion(s)
- ▶ AR(1) model: on the nearest previous occasion

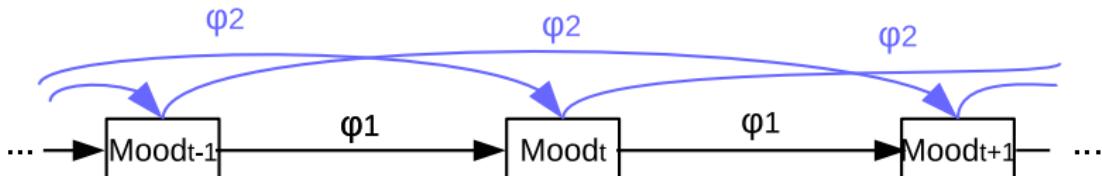


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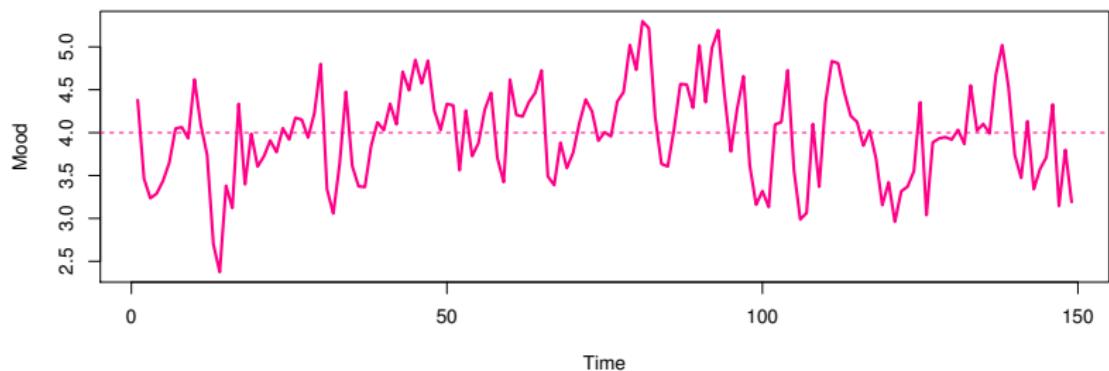
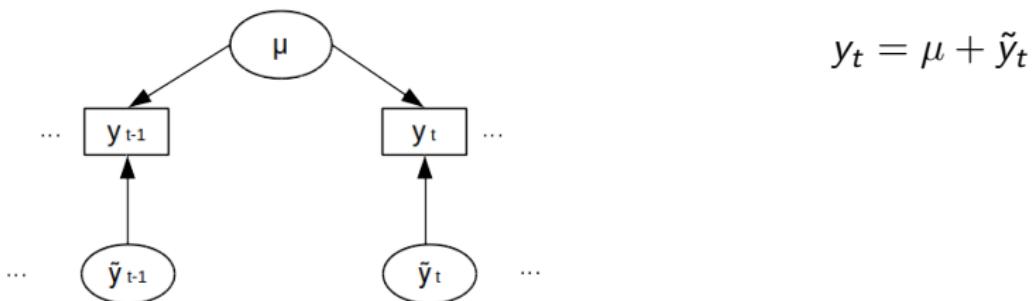
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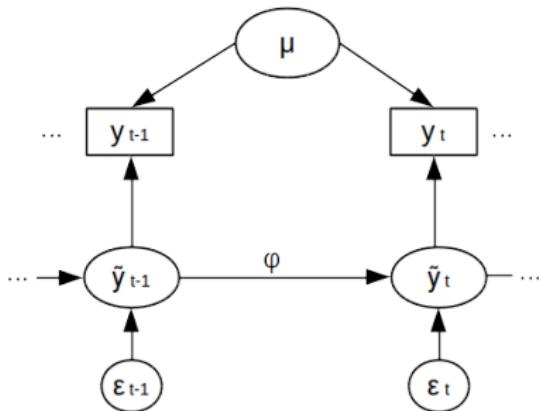


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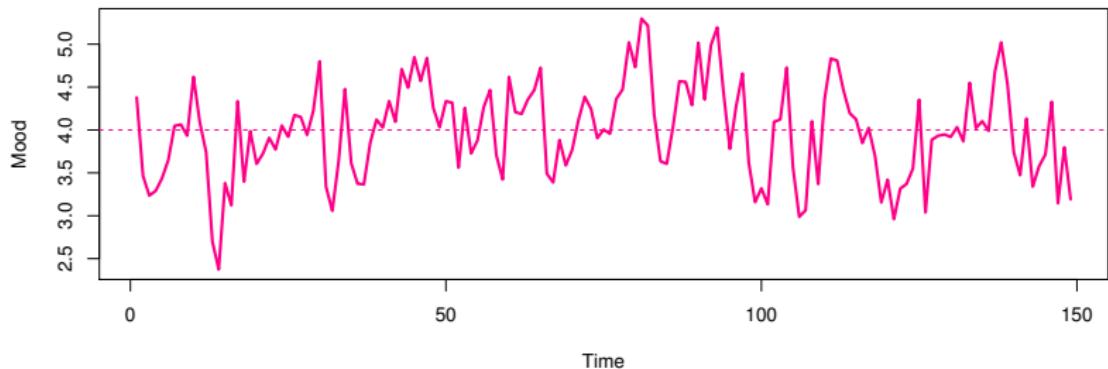
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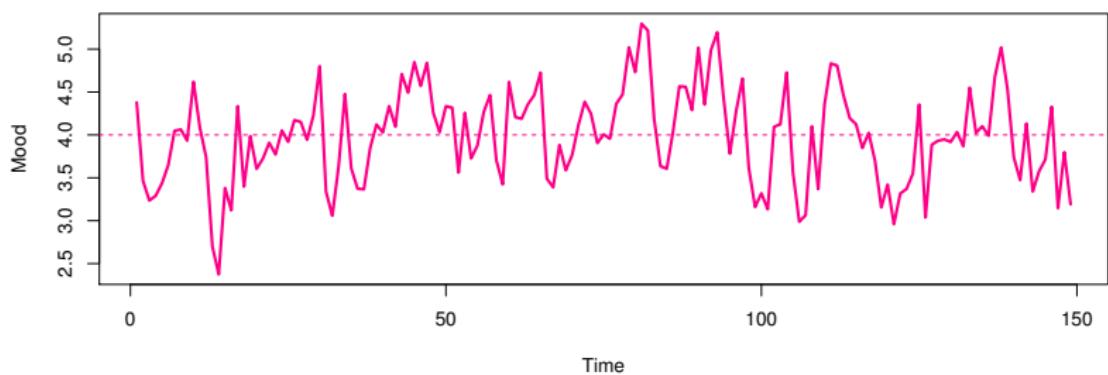
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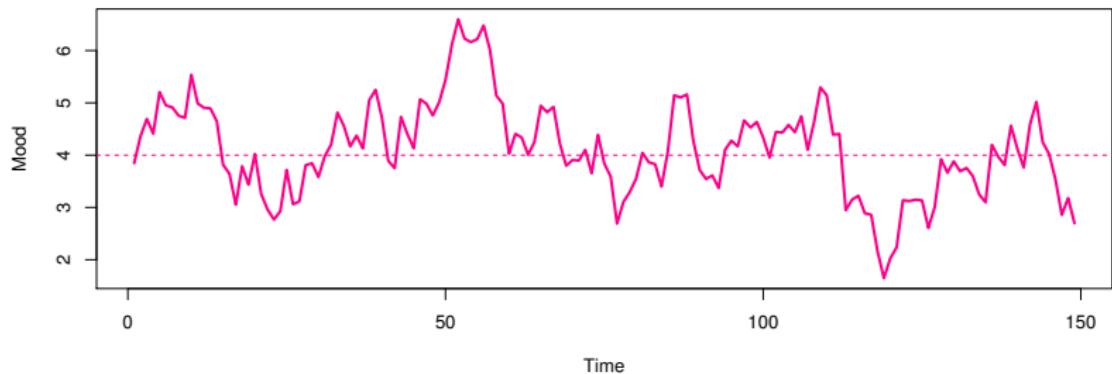
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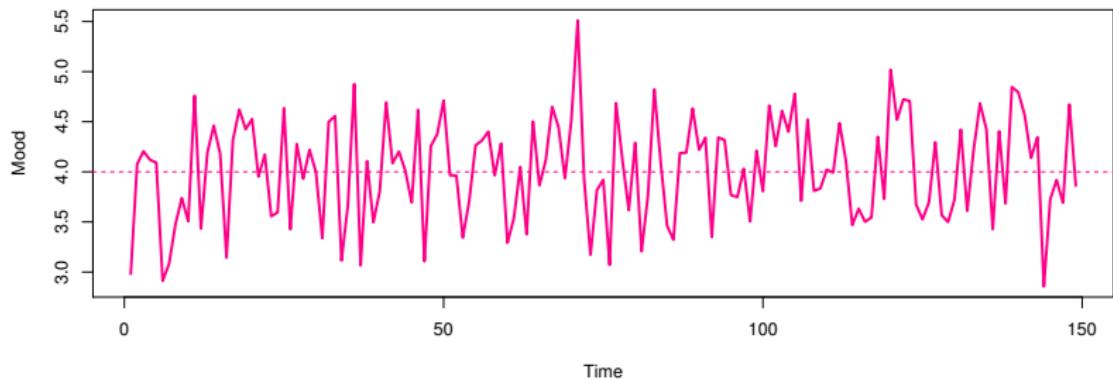
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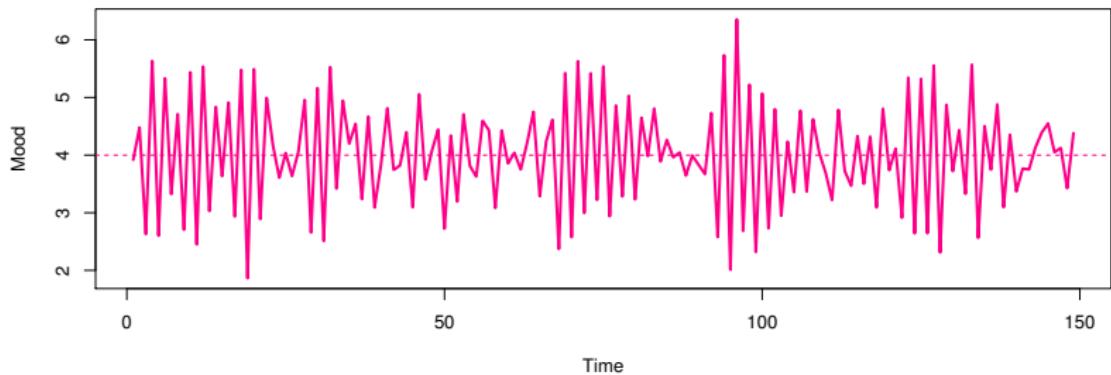
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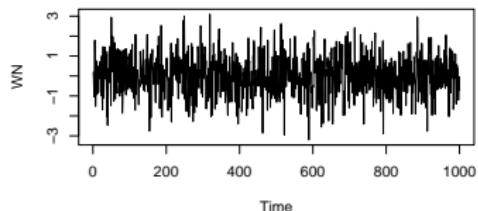
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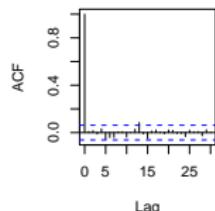
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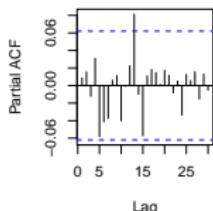
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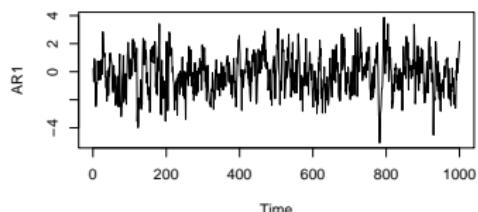
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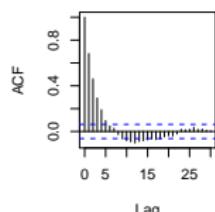
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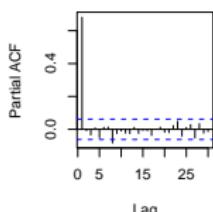
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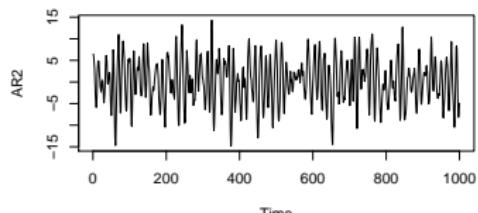
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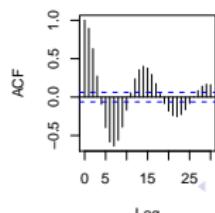
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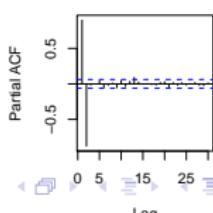
Second-order AR process



Series AR2



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# The N=1 AR(1) Model: Psychological Practice?



- ▶ The autoregressive effect as resilience
- ▶ emotional inertia positively related with psychological maladjustment (Kuppens et al. 2011)
- ▶ emotional inertia positively related with rumination and depression severity (Koval, 2012)
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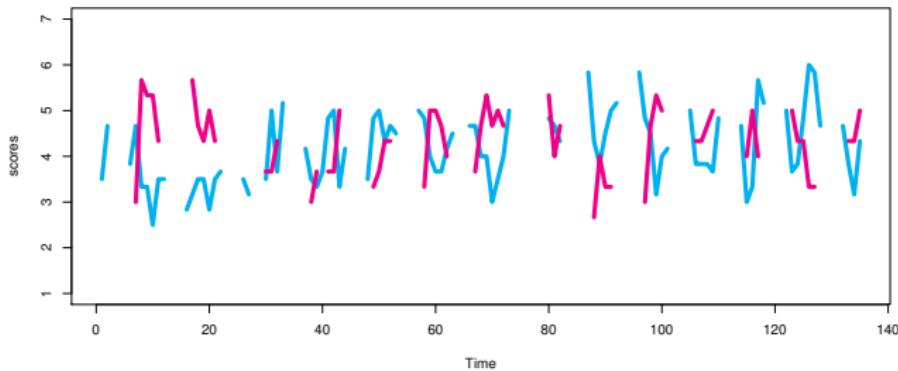
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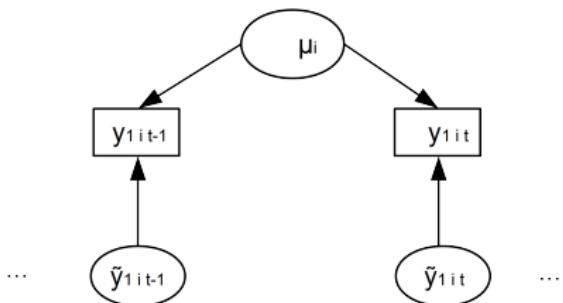
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## Competence and Exhaustion of people diagnosed with burnout

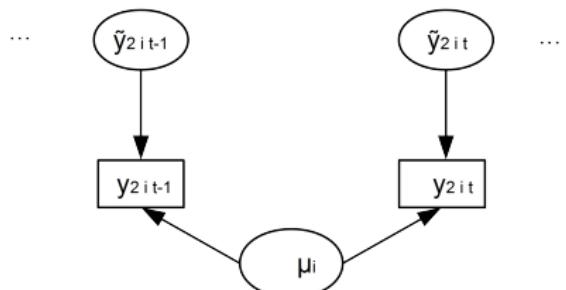
- ▶ Experience Sampling study by Sonnenschein et al. (2006)
- ▶ 54 persons diagnosed with burnout
- ▶ On average 80 repeated measures for exhaustion and 40 for feeling competent



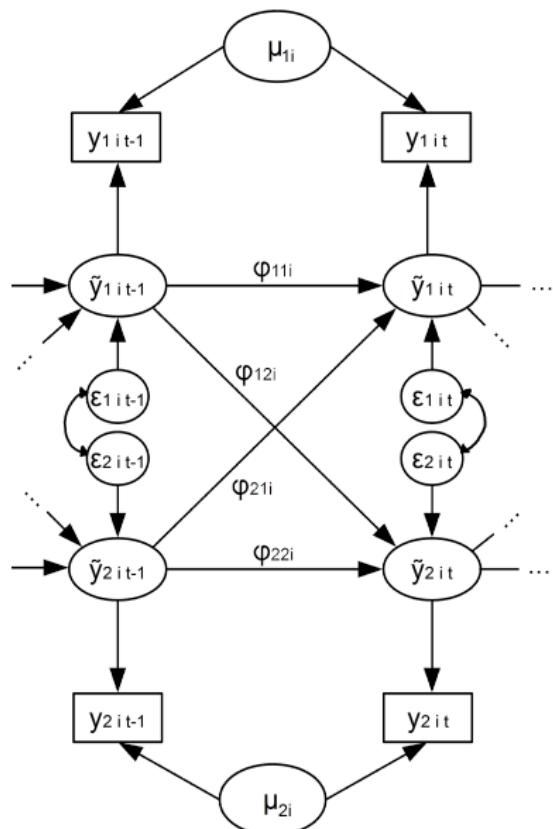
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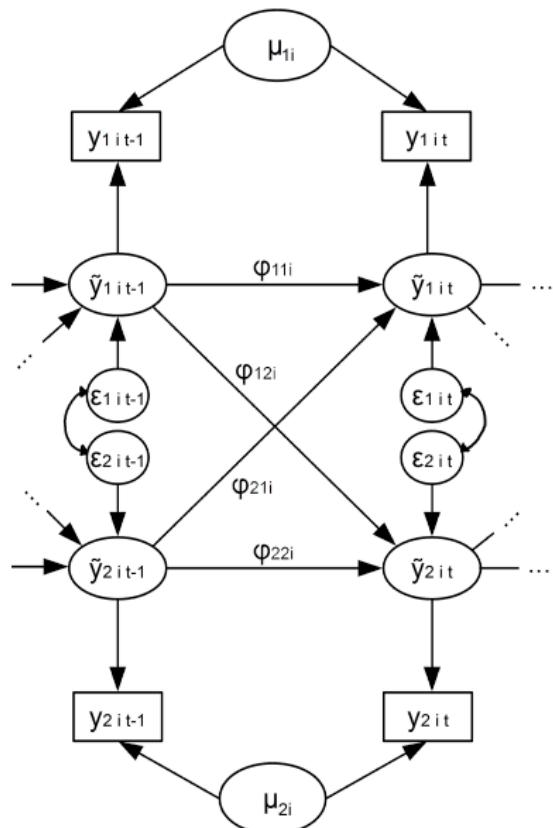


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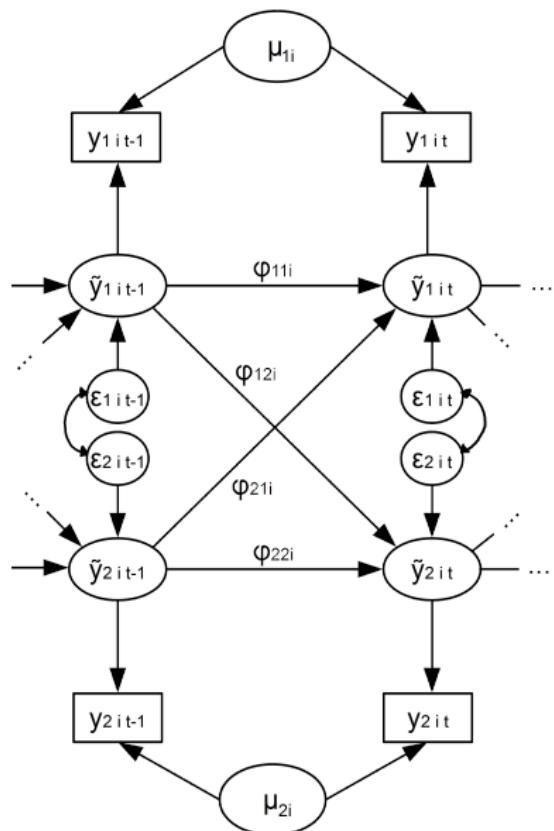
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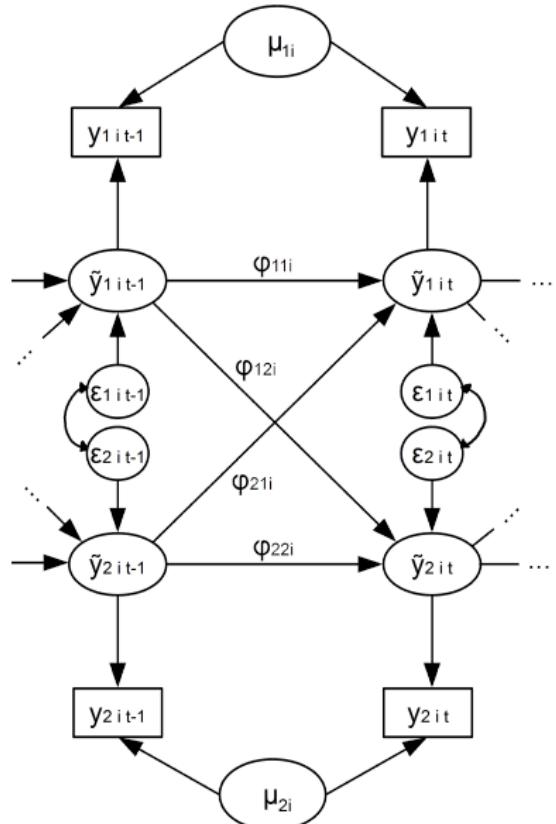


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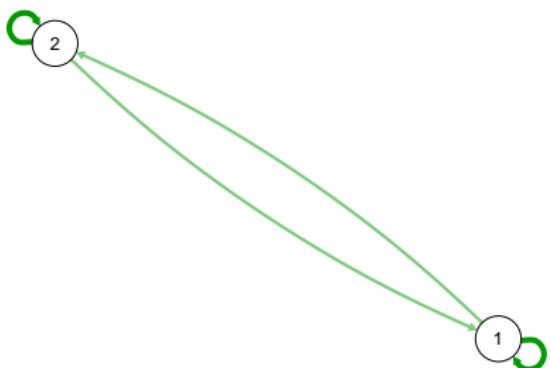
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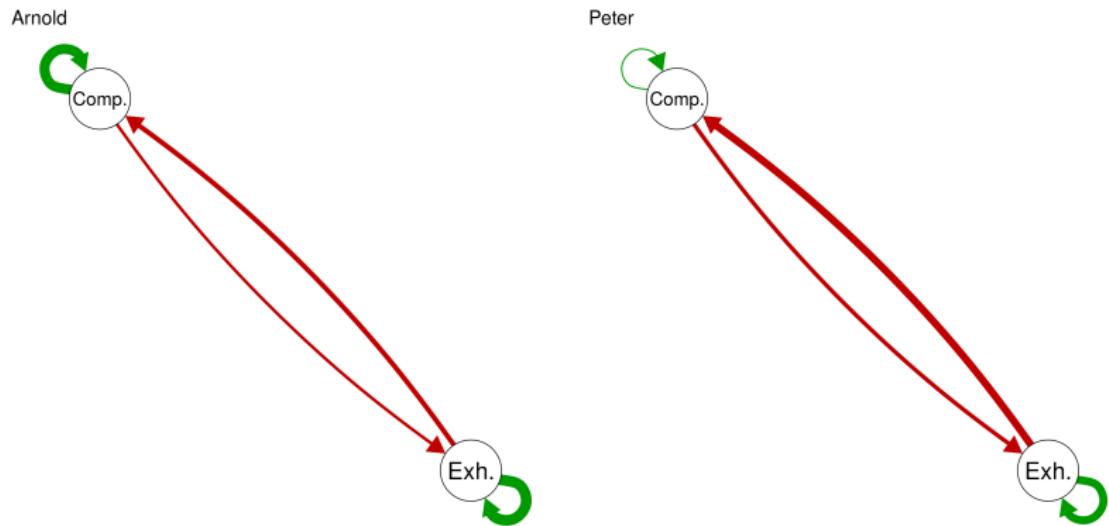
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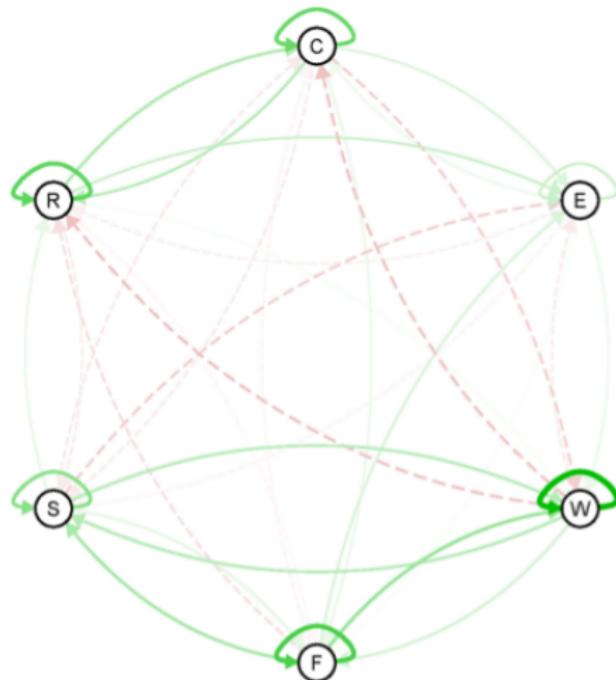


# Vector Autoregressive Modeling: Multiple Variables



Based on results from Schuurman et al. 2016

## Dynamic Network Examples



C=Cheerful; E=Event; W=Worried; F=Fear; S=Sad; R=Relaxed.

Image from Bringmann et al. (2013)

# The N=1 VAR(1) Model: Software?

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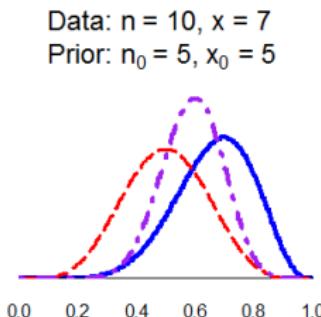
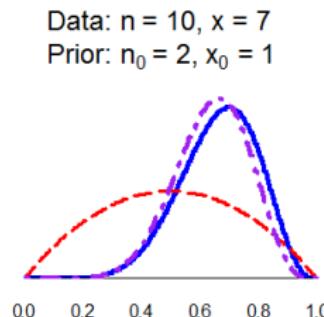
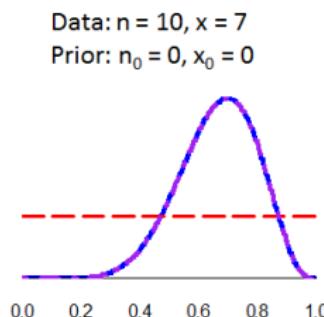
$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{f(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{f(y)}$$

where:

- ▶  $f(y|\theta)$  be the **density of the data**  $y$  given the parameters  $\theta$  (also referred to as the likelihood)
- ▶  $p(\theta)$  be the **prior distribution** of the parameter(s)  $\theta$ , which the user needs to specify
- ▶  $\int f(y, \theta)d\theta = f(y)$  is the **marginal density**, which can be ignored (because it is a constant)

## Intermezzo on Bayesian analysis

Density (blue), prior (red), and posterior (purple):



When the prior is flat (no information), the posterior is identical to the likelihood.

If you have prior knowledge, you can add this to the equation by specifying a prior that reflects this.

For each to be estimated parameter, a prior needs to be specified.  
In the lab we'll aim to specify uninformative priors.

## Intermezzo on Bayesian analysis: Convergence

Bayesian analysis is (often) based on using an **MCMC algorithm** which iteratively **samples** the parameters from their conditional posteriors.

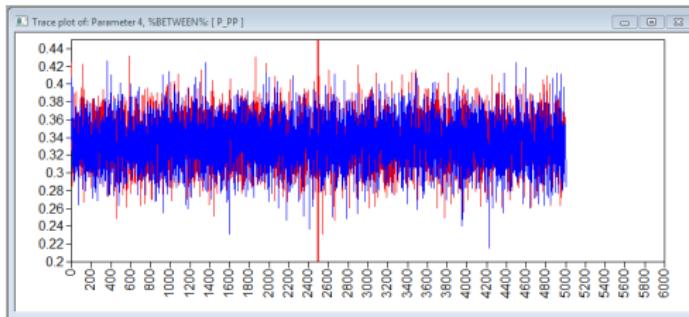
We have to check whether the analysis has **converged** (or: whether there are signs it did **not** converge).

Tools we use for this are:

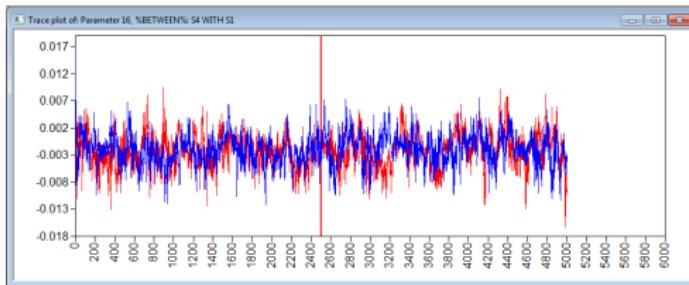
- ▶ Multiple chains; multiple runs of the analysis with different starting values.
- ▶ These chains should end up at approximately the same estimates.
- ▶ Burnin: Part of the iterations (before convergence) are discarded, leaving only 'converged' samples.
- ▶ Plots of the chains (fat hairy caterpillars), density plots (should look smooth and normal-ish), gelman rubin statistic: should be very close to 1.

# Intermezzo on Bayesian analysis: Trace plots

This looks good (lazy, fat caterpillar):



This looks less good but not really bad; just needs more samples:



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## DSEM in Mplus v8

- ▶ Designed for continuous, normal variables
- ▶ N=1 or multilevel (all parameters can be allowed to vary across persons)
- ▶ Explicit separation of within/between (so a multilevel context)
- ▶ Similar to the State Space modeling framework (but even more general!).
- ▶ Allows for specifying many different time series models, including classic AR, ARMA, ARIMA models
- ▶ Allows for adding predictors or outcome variables on between level and the within level in one step
- ▶ Can deal with categorical variables via a probit link function (I believe dynamic IRT models are possible)
- ▶ Bayesian estimation

# DSEM Software

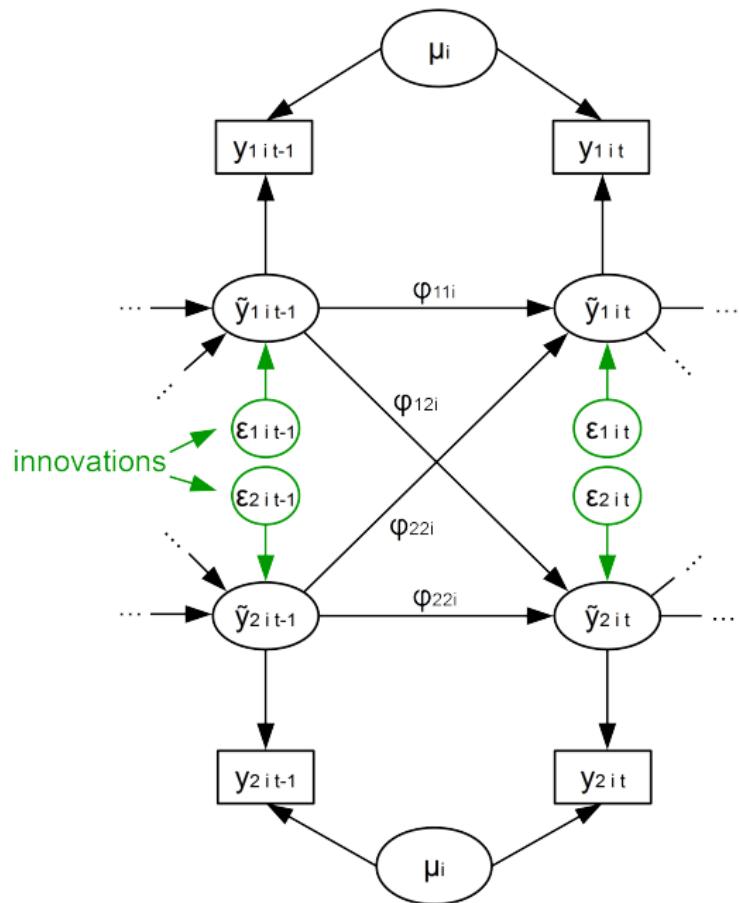
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- ▶ Specifically developed for DSEM
- ▶ tailored to DSEM specific issues, time saving features
- ▶ fast, stable
- ▶ less flexible
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## Bugs, Stan, Jags

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# Innovations $\neq$ Measurement errors



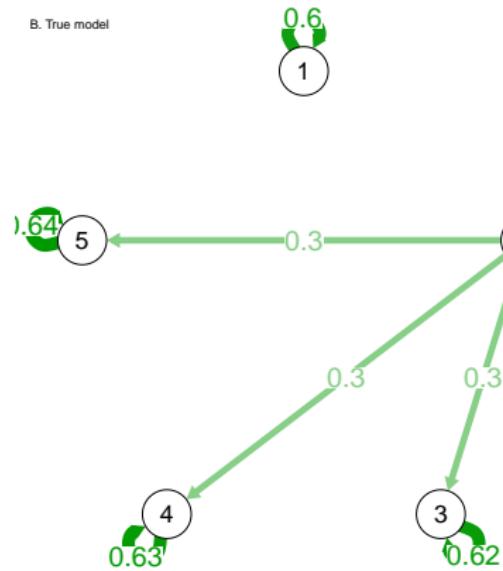
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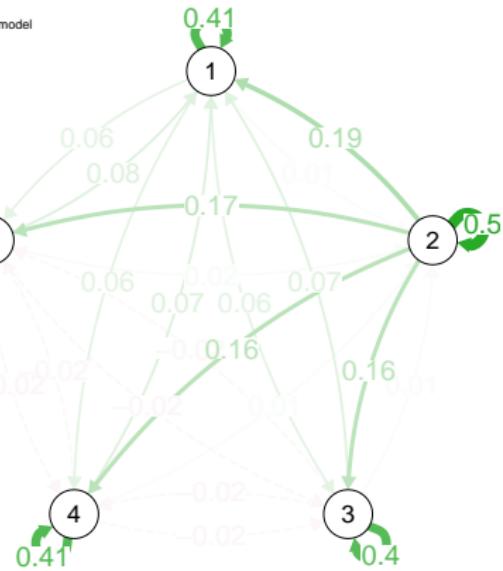
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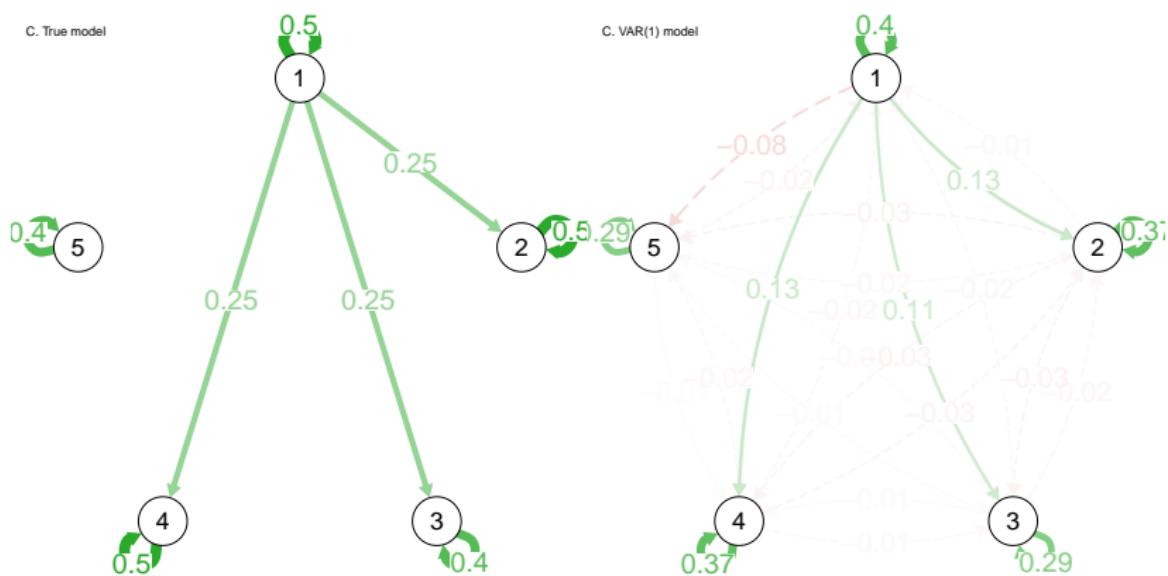
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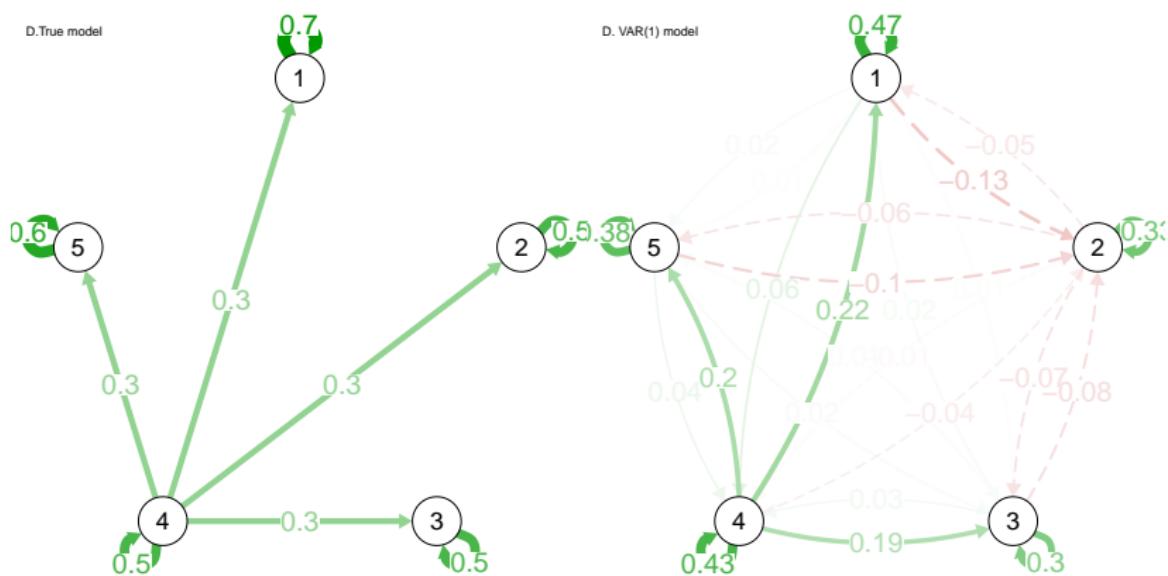
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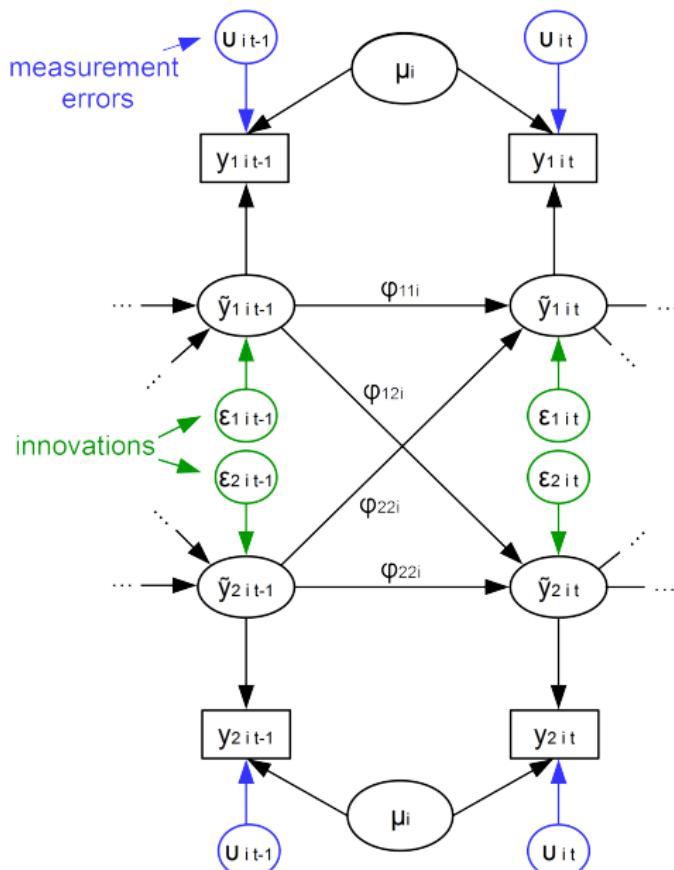
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Note: Multilevel approaches often disregard interindividual differences in residual (co)variances

Reasons to assume **individual differences** for these variances:

- ▶ individuals may differ with respect to the **variability in exposure** to external factors
- ▶ individuals may differ with respect to their **reactivity** to external influences (see reward experience and stress sensitivity research)

## Empirical Example: General PA and Relationship PA

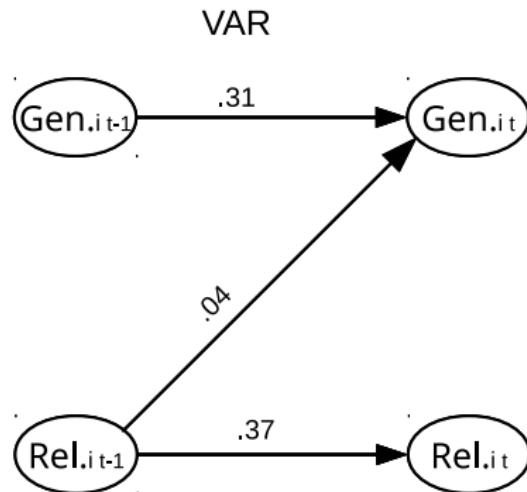


## (Multilevel) VAR modeling with ME: Example

### Positive affect of women in a heterosexual relationship

- ▶ Data from study by Ferrer, Steele, and Hsieh (2012)
- ▶ 190 women filled out a diary every evening
- ▶ about 60 to 90 repeated measures on daily General Positive Affect and Relationship Positive Affect

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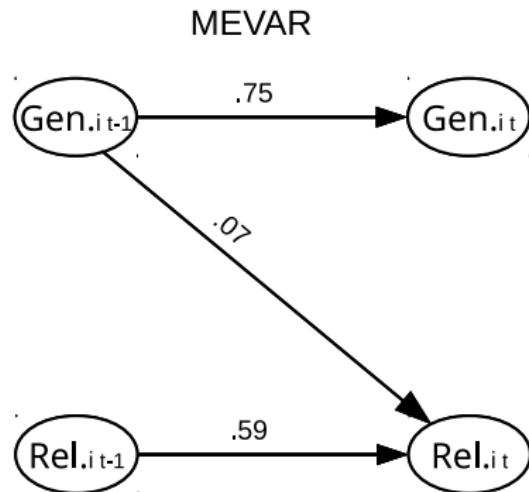


mean  $\phi_{geni}$ : .31 (.28, .34)

mean  $\phi_{reli}$ : .37 (.34, .40)

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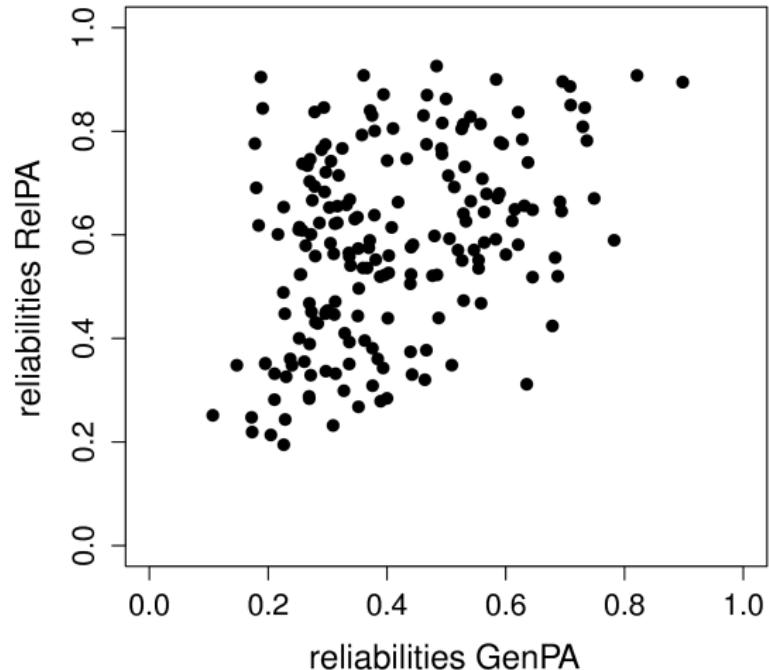
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## Person-specific reliabilities

- ▶ Unique measurement error variances per person (and variable) also implies unique reliabilities!
- ▶ For each person: Calculate the proportion of that person's total variance and the part of the variance which is not due to measurement errors

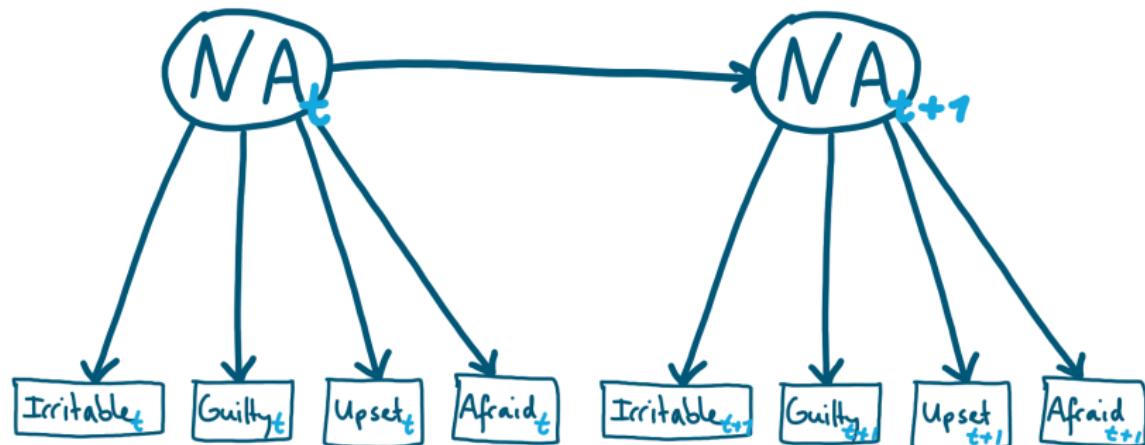
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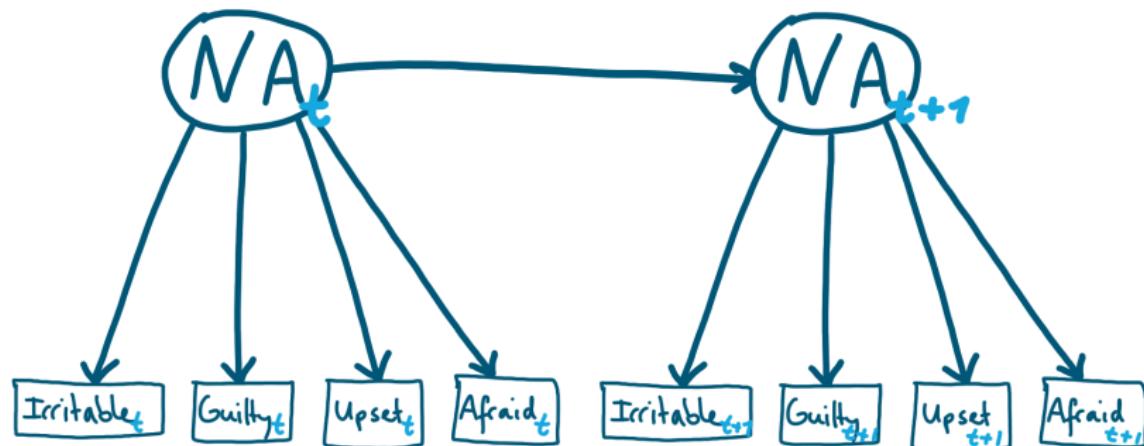
Read more:

Schuurman, Grasman & Hamaker (2015), Schuurman & Hamaker (2020).

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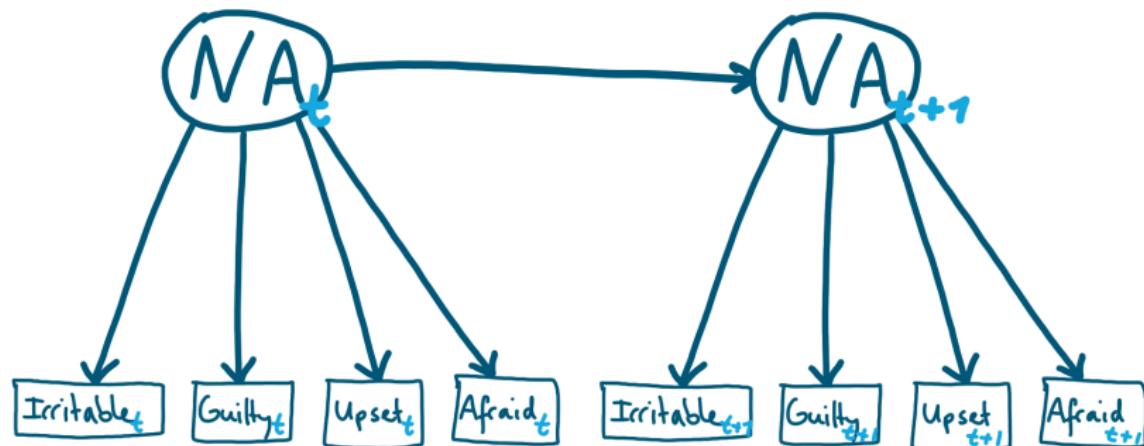


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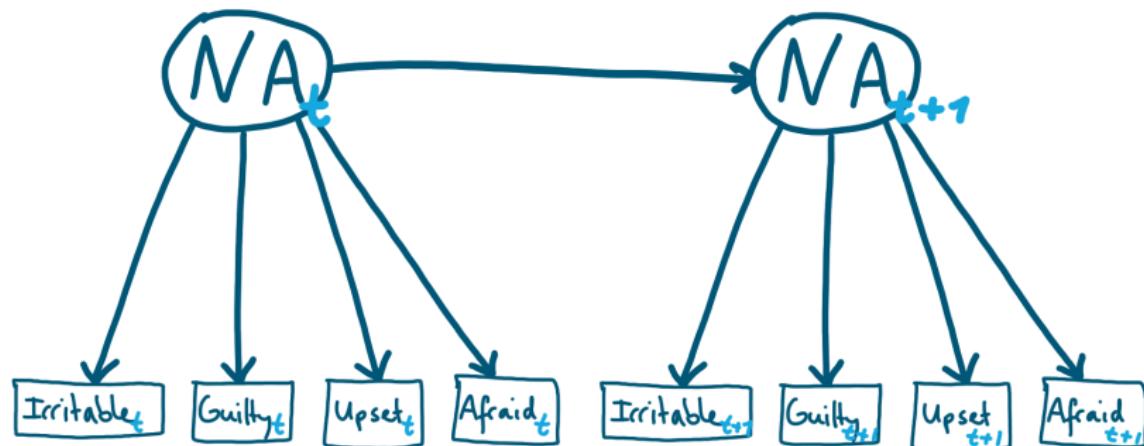
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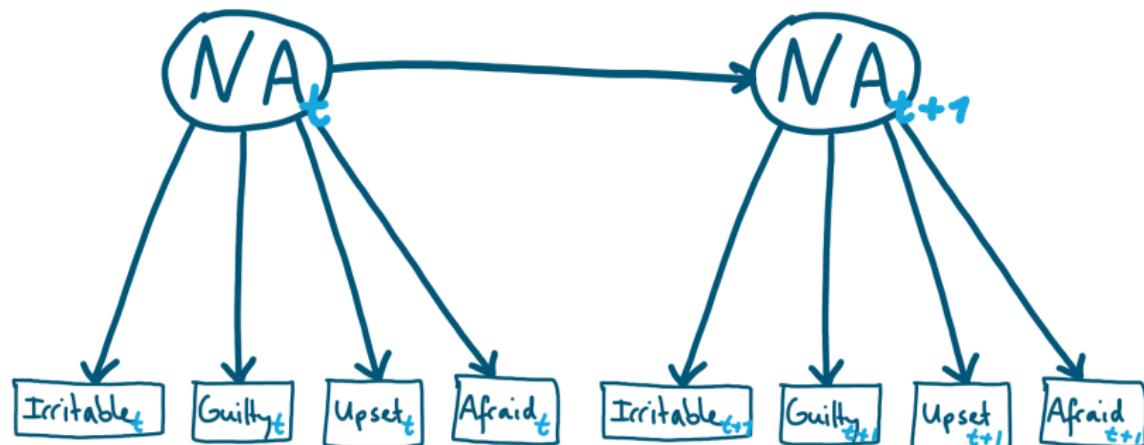
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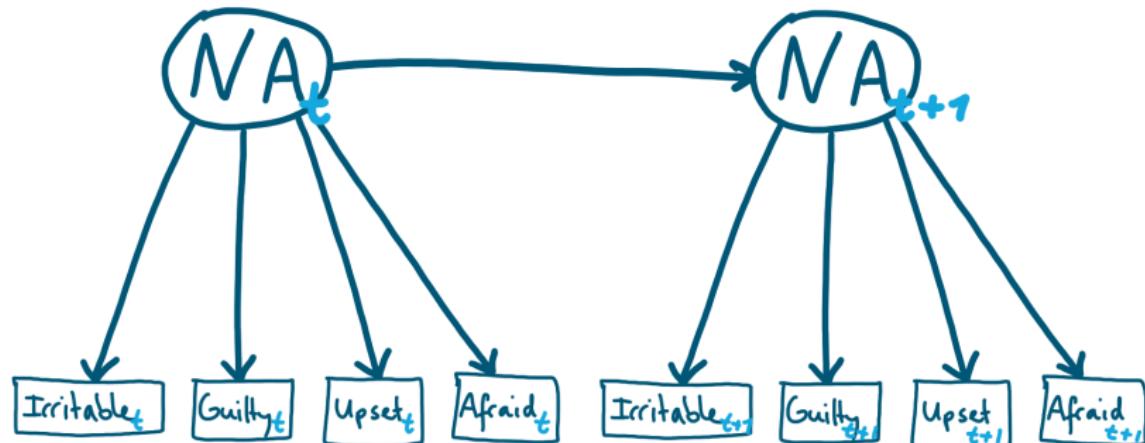
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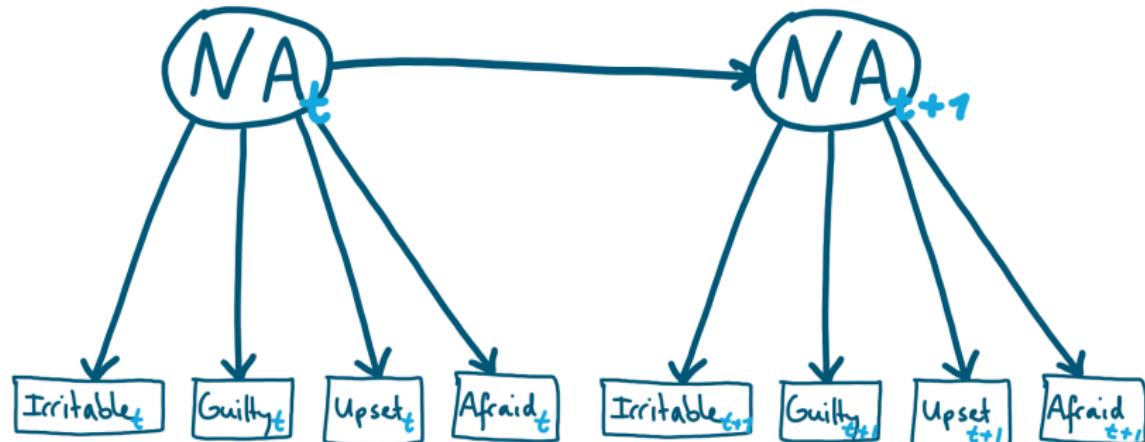
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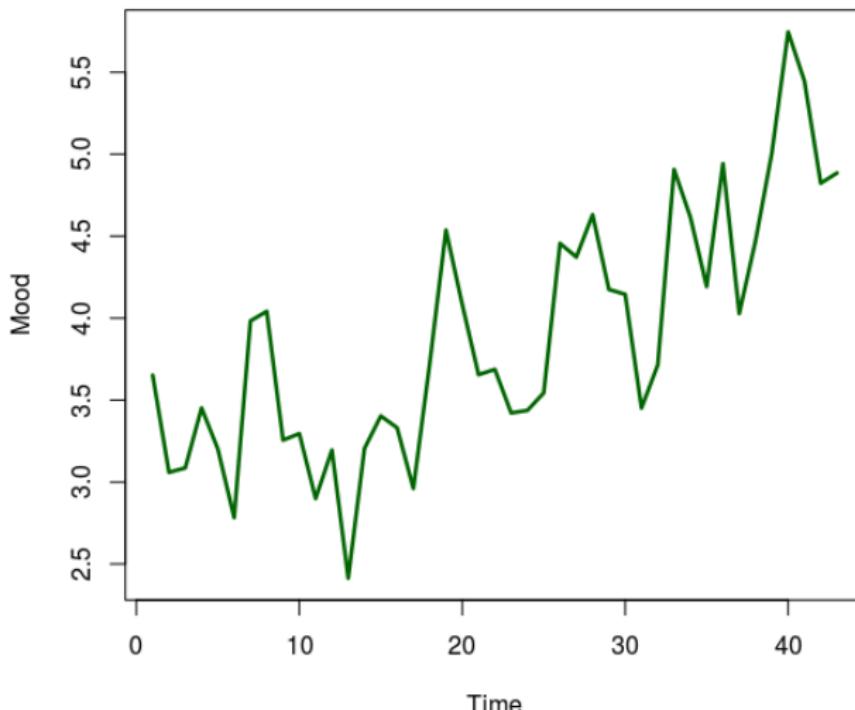
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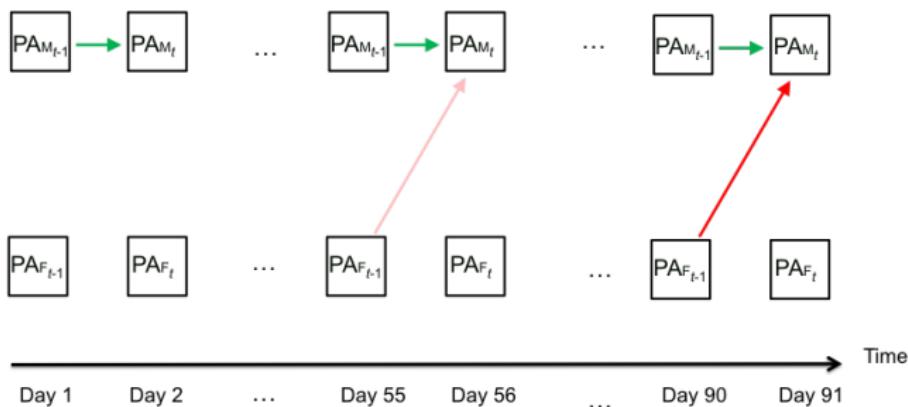
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Parameters must not change over time (means, regression coefficients, variances, and so on).



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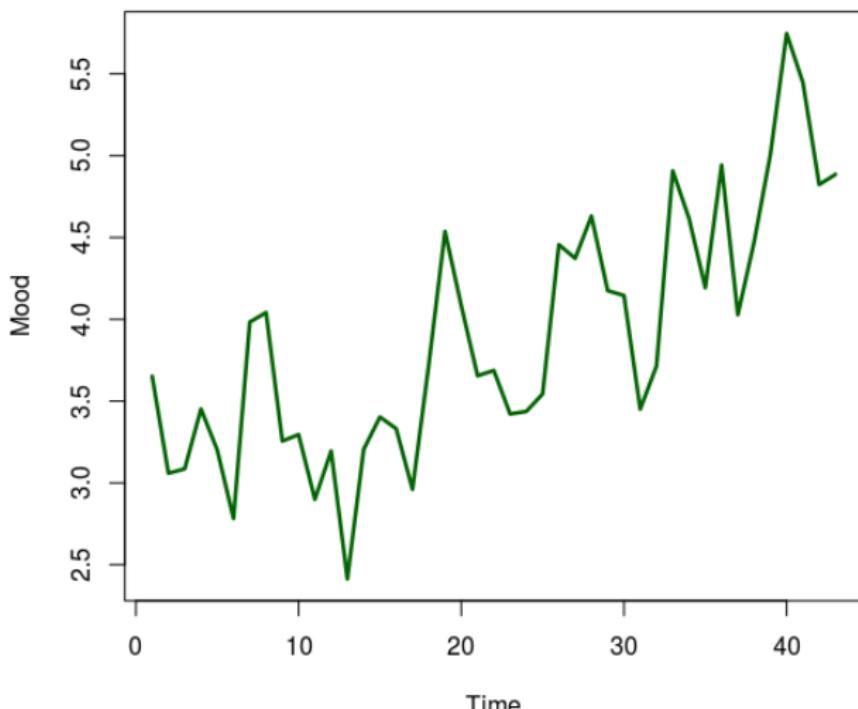
Time Varying VAR  
Read more: Bringmann, Hamaker, Vigo, Aubert, Borsboom, & Tuerlinckx (2016; only  $n=1$ )



More sudden changes?: Regime switching models, change point analysis, Threshold-AR models,... Read more: de Haan-Rietdijk et al. (2016), Hamaker, Grasman & Kamphuis (2016).

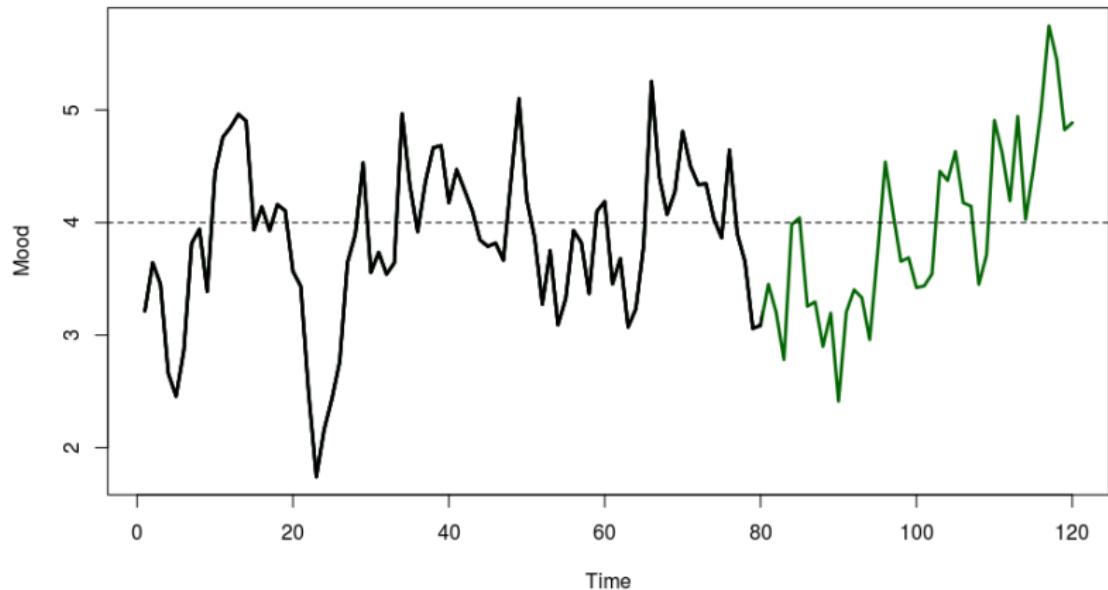
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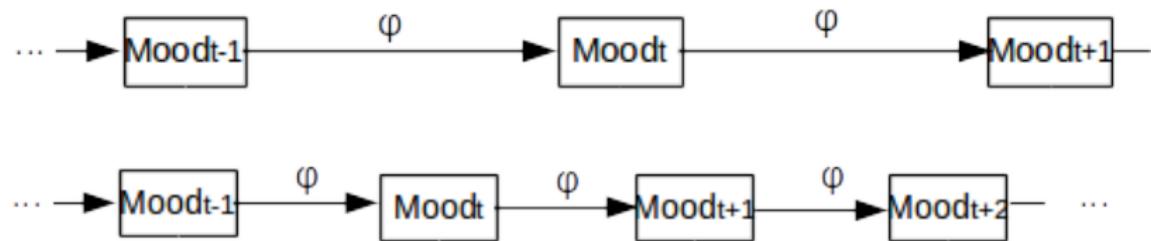
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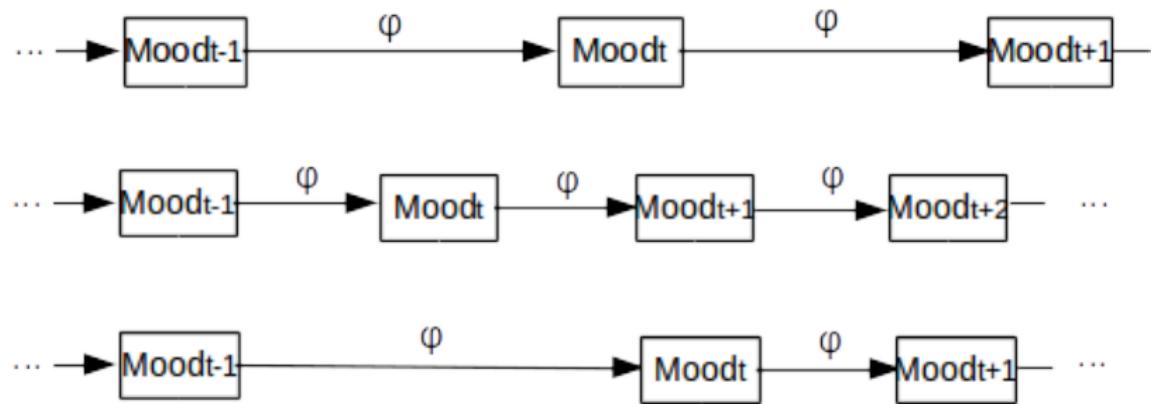
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## Discrete Time vs Continuous Time

- ▶ Ad hoc solution: add in missing observations to equally space measurements (TINTERVAL feature in Mplus)
- ▶ Continuous time models can directly take the length of the time intervals into account
- ▶ More in part 2 of this workshop!