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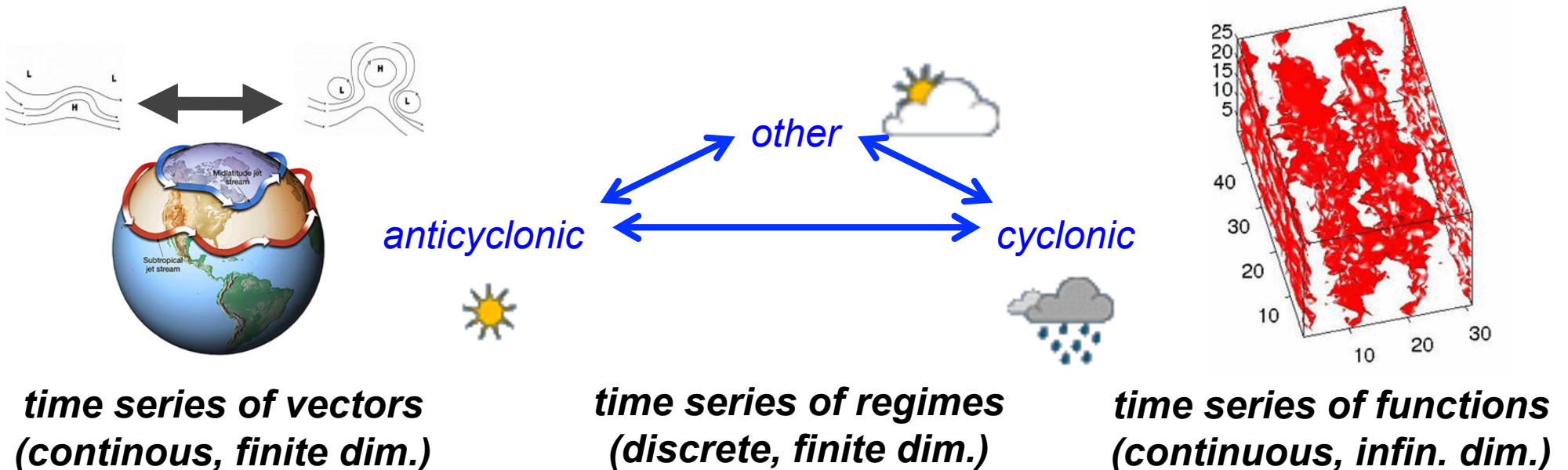
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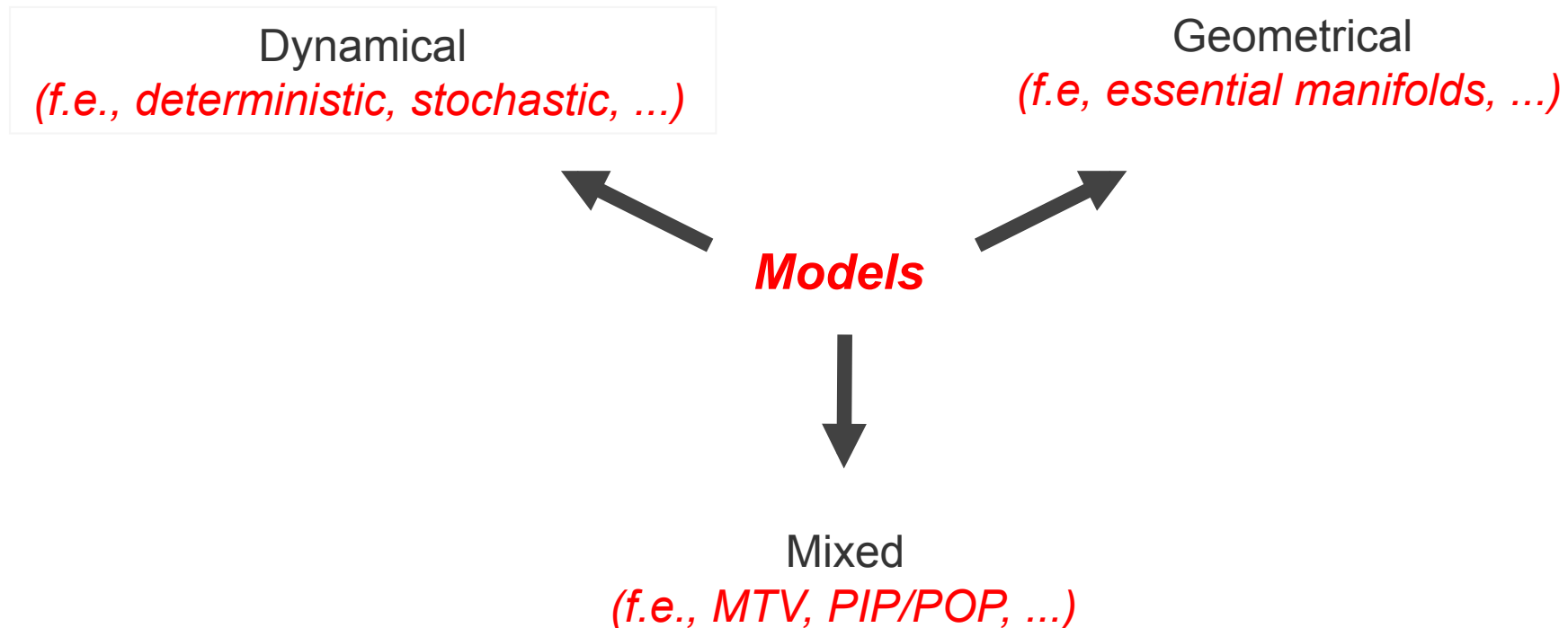


### Challenges:

**VERY LARGE (~Tb size) , non-Markovian (memory), non-stationary (trends), multidimensional, ext. influence**

## Motivation (II): Models

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### **Challenges:**

***existence and uniqueness, robustness, conditioning***

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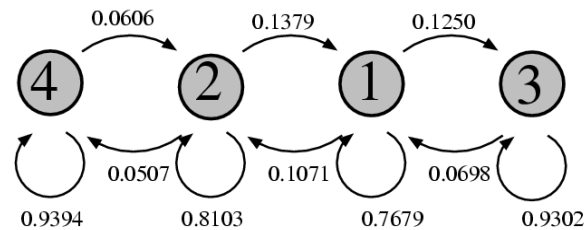
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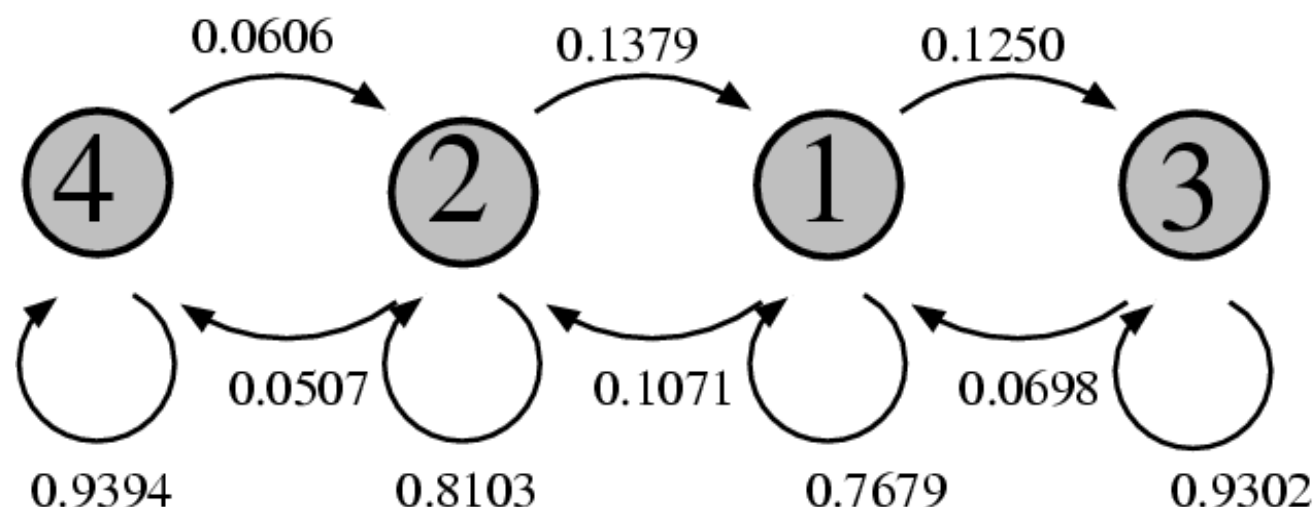
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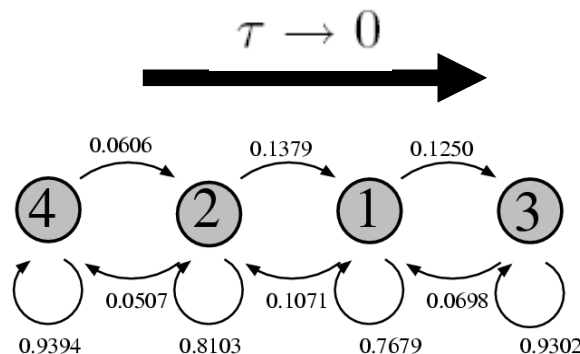
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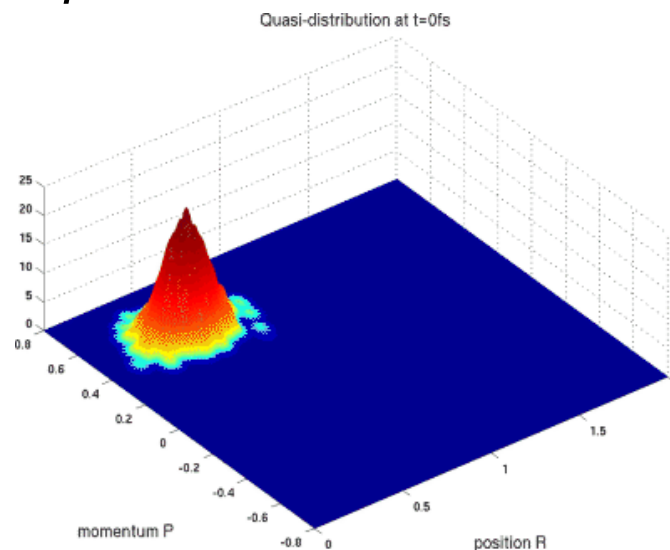
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Example: ODE with  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$





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(follows from  
Ito's lemma)

*This Equation is Deterministic*

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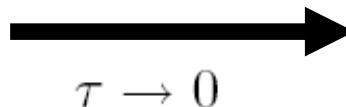
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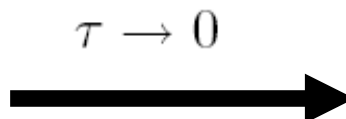
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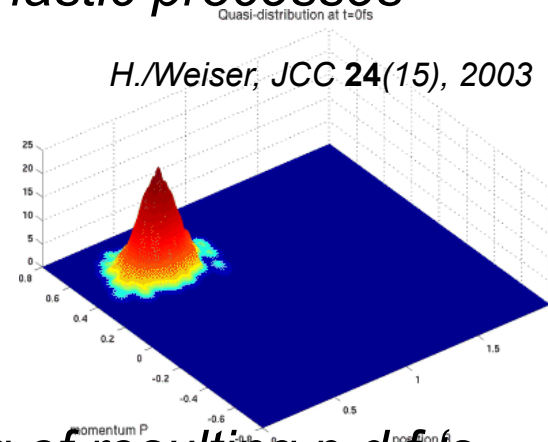
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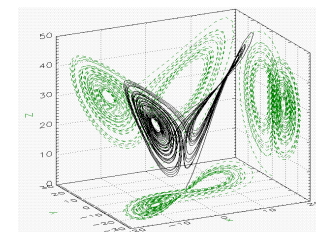
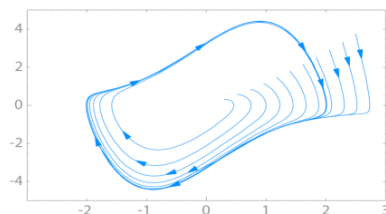
- 1) Numerical Methods from *ODEs* and (multidimensional) *PDEs* like *Runge-Kutta-Methods*, *FEM* and (adaptive) *Rothe particle methods* are applicable to stochastic processes



- 2) *Monte-Carlo*-Sampling of resulting p.d.f. s

Stochastic Numerics = *ODE/PDE* numerics + *Rand. Numb. Generator*

- 3) Concepts from the *Theory of Dynamical Systems* are Applicable (*Whitney* and *Takens* theorems, model reduction by identification of attractors)

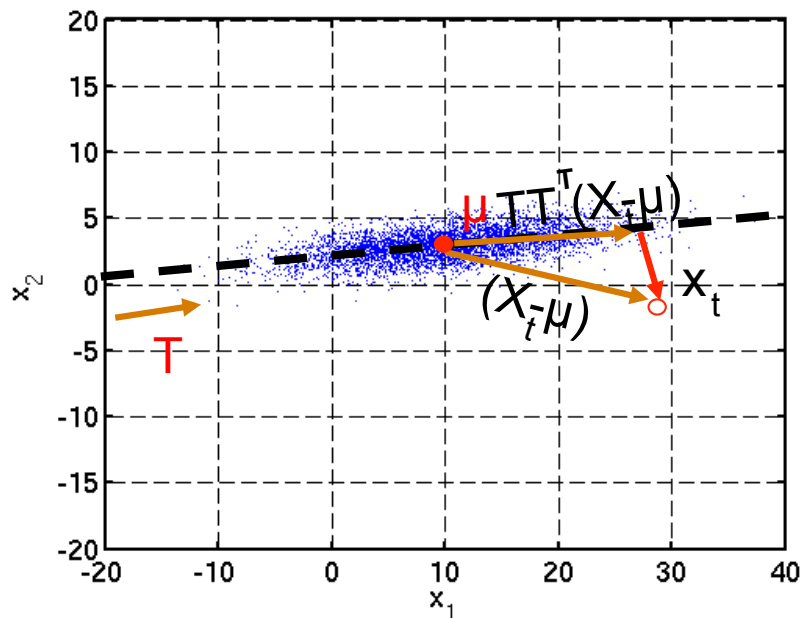


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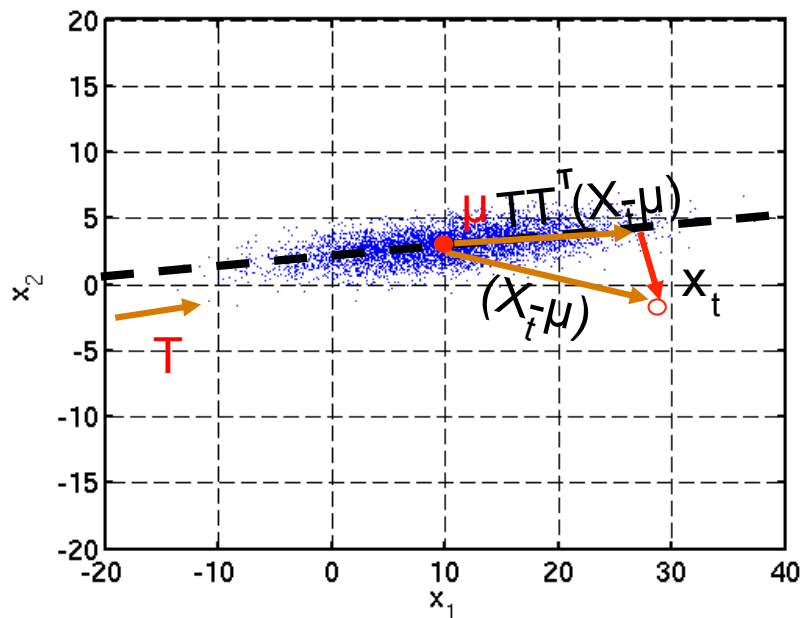
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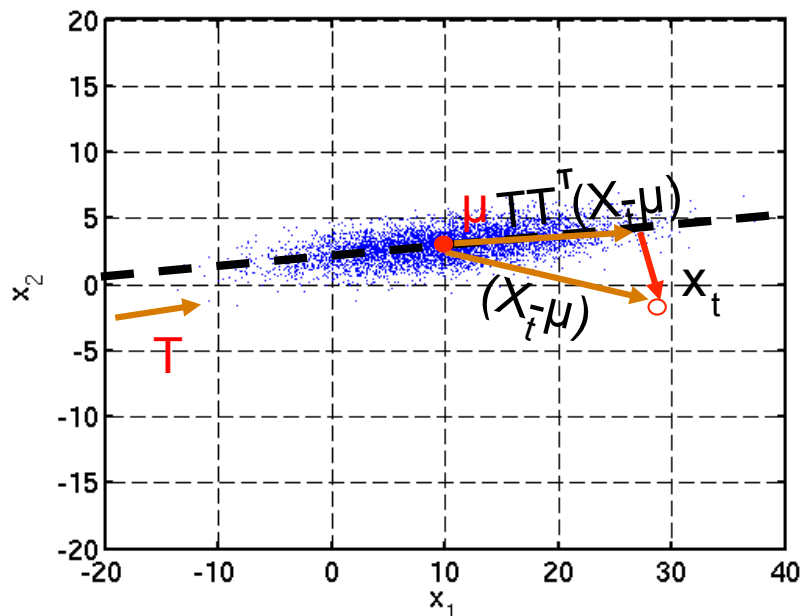


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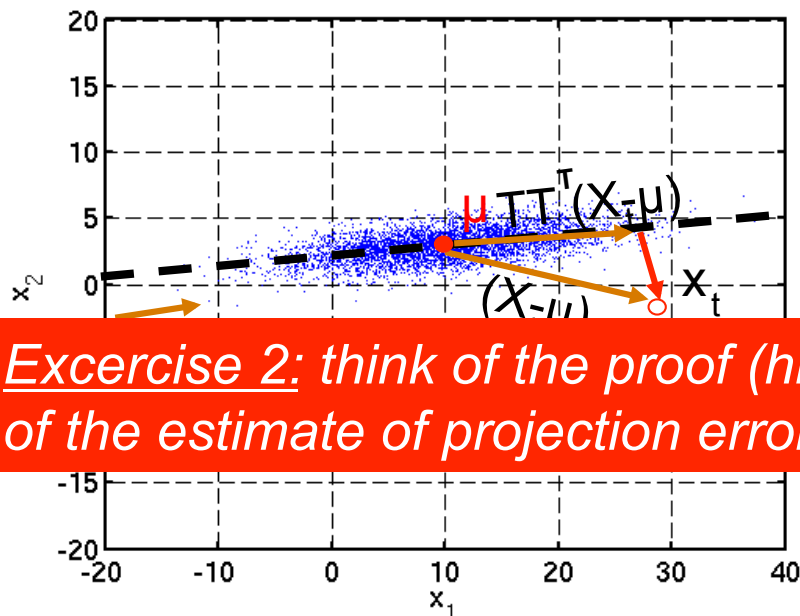


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# Predicting the Dynamics: VAR(p)



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Excercise 3: think of the proof (hint: use the matrix function derivatives from the Matrix Cookbook: [www2.imm.dtu.dk/pubdb/views/edoc\\_download.../imm3274.pdf](http://www2.imm.dtu.dk/pubdb/views/edoc_download.../imm3274.pdf))

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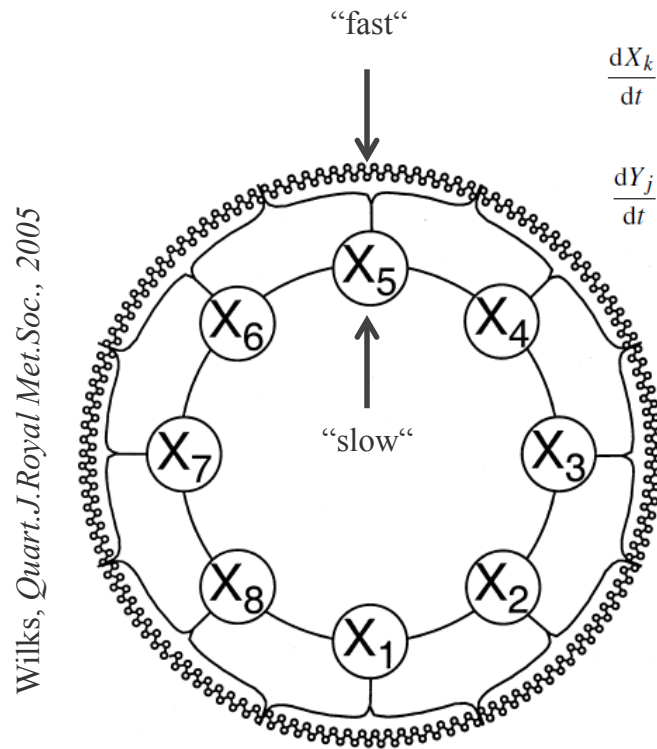
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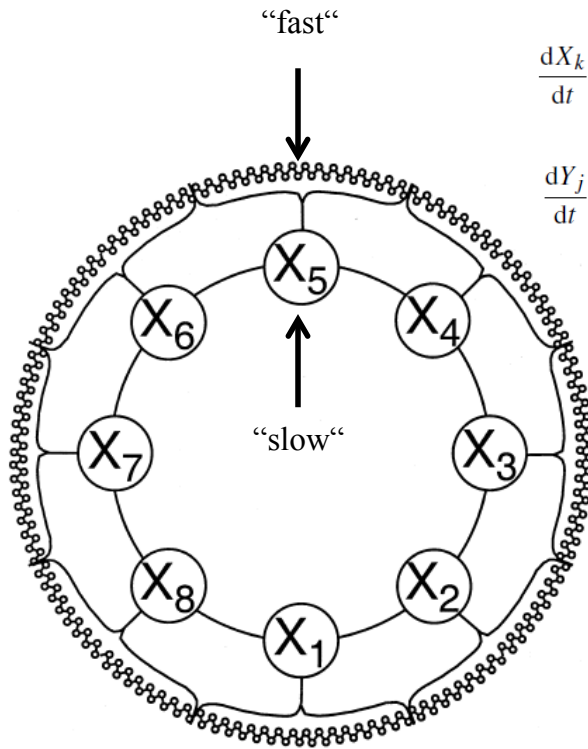
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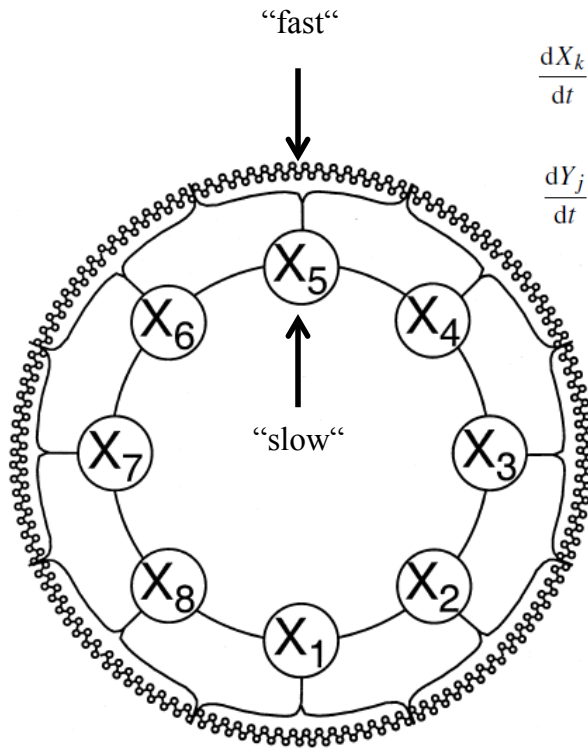
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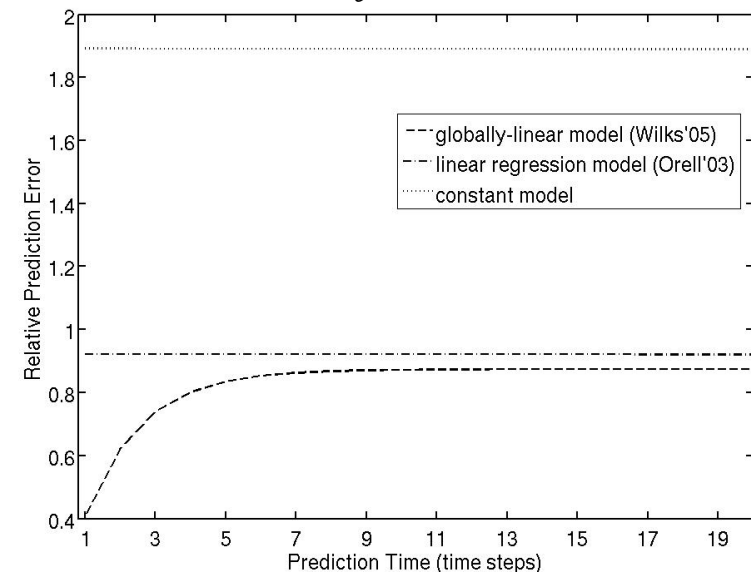
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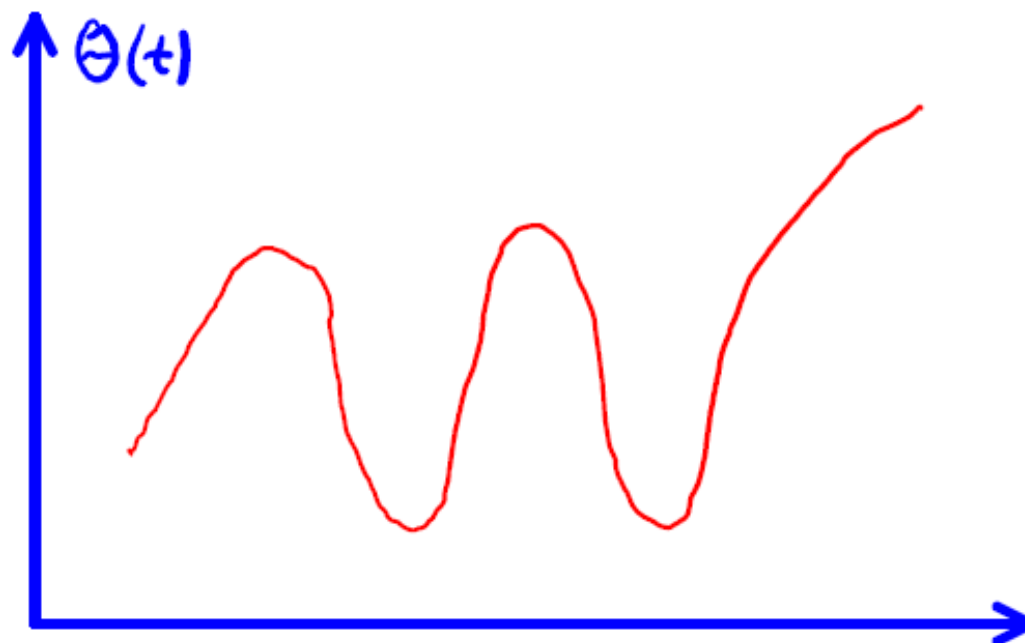
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# Tomorrow: Non-stationarity in TSA



**Direct problem:**  $F(x_t, \dots, x_{t-m\tau}, \theta(t), t) = 0$

**Inverse problem:**  $\int_0^T g(x_s, \theta(s)) ds \rightarrow \min_{\theta(t)}$



**Example:**  $x_t = \theta(t) + \epsilon_t \quad \epsilon_t \text{ (i.i.d.) } \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t] = 0$

$$g(x_t, \theta(t)) = \|x_t - \theta_t\|_2$$