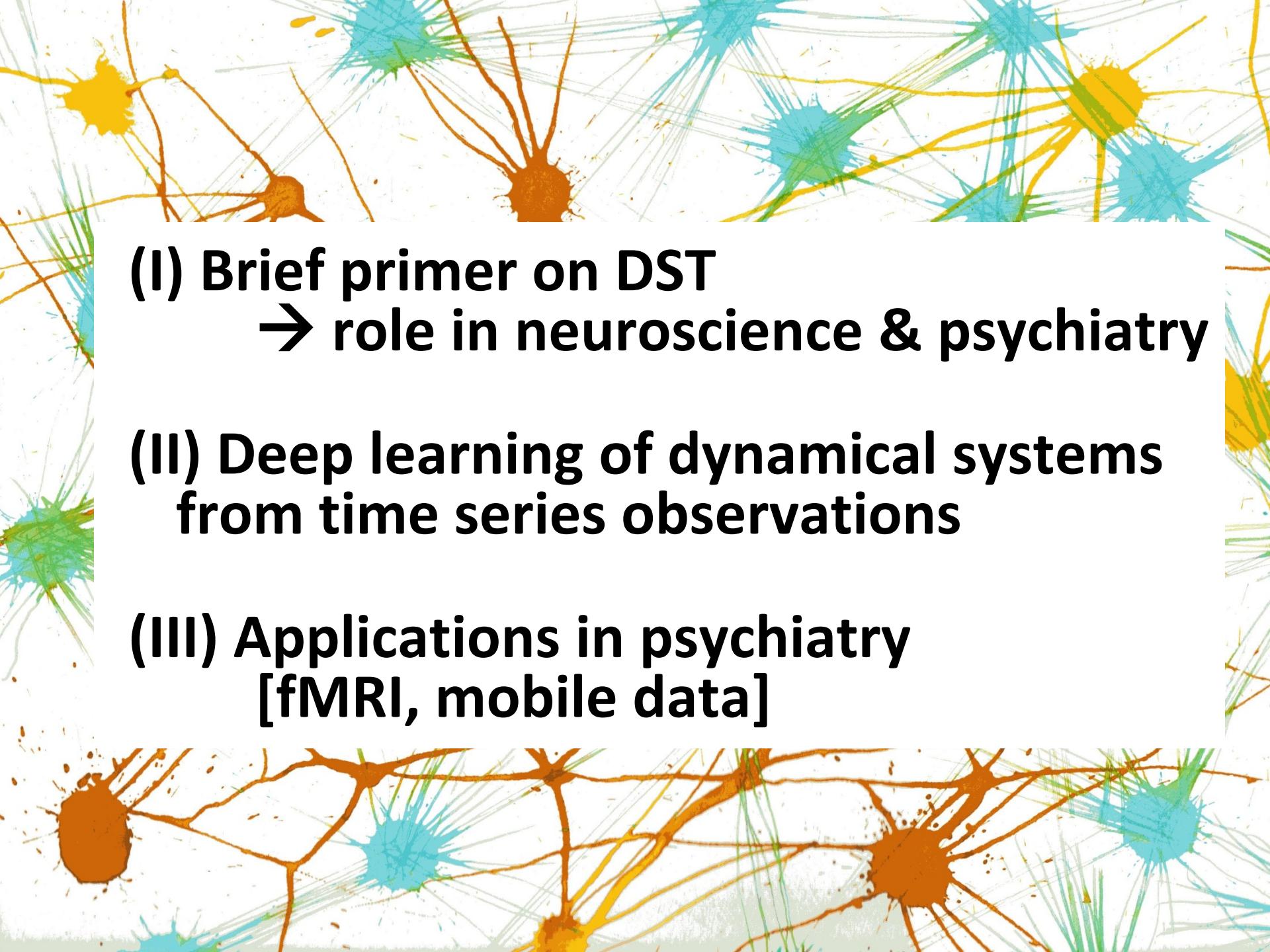


Deep Learning of dynamical systems for mechanistic insight and prediction in psychiatry

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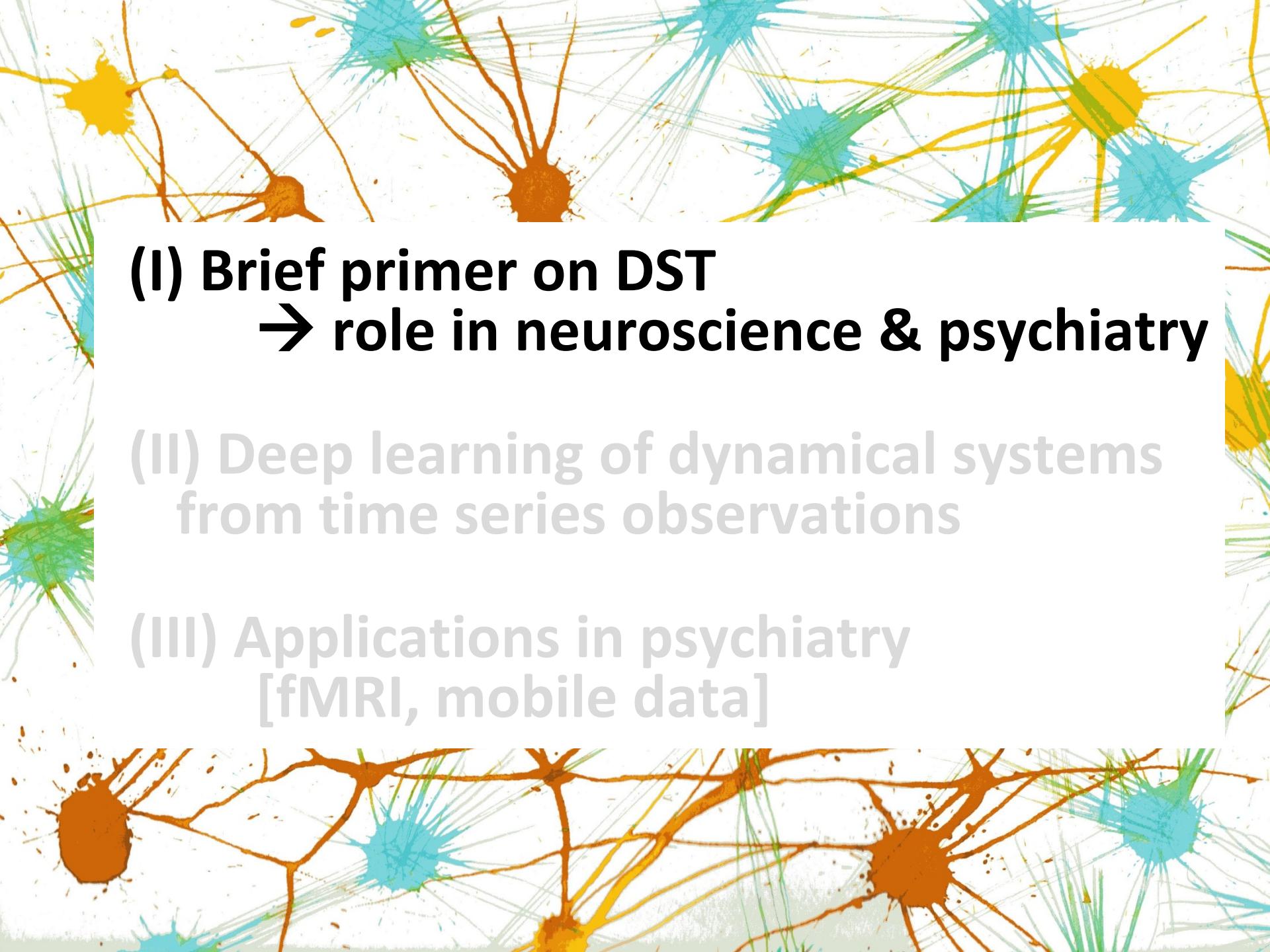
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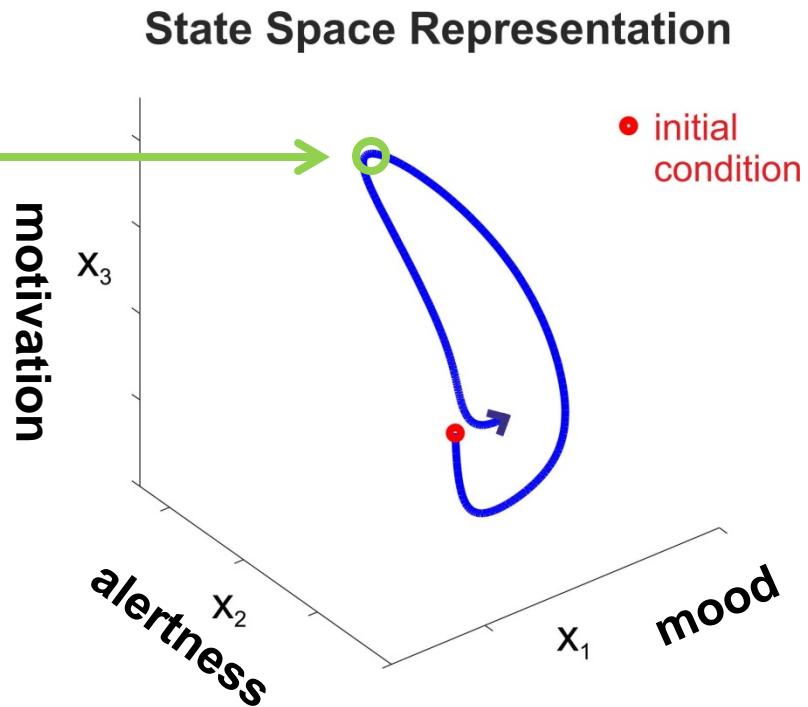
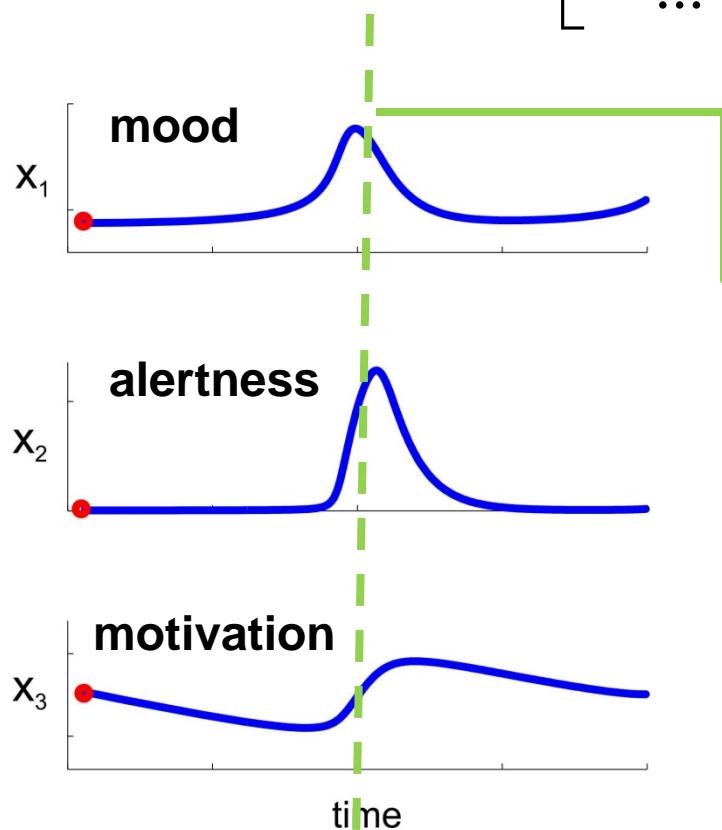
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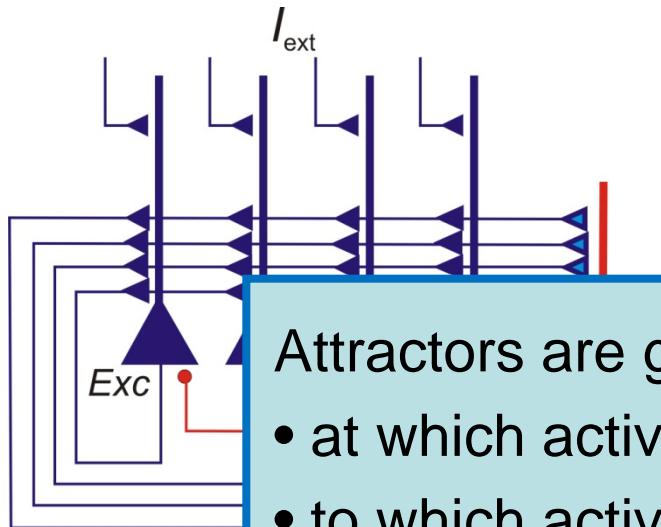
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What is a dynamical system?

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} dx_1 / dt \\ dx_2 / dt \\ dx_3 / dt \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ f_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ f_3(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$



Attractor states in state space

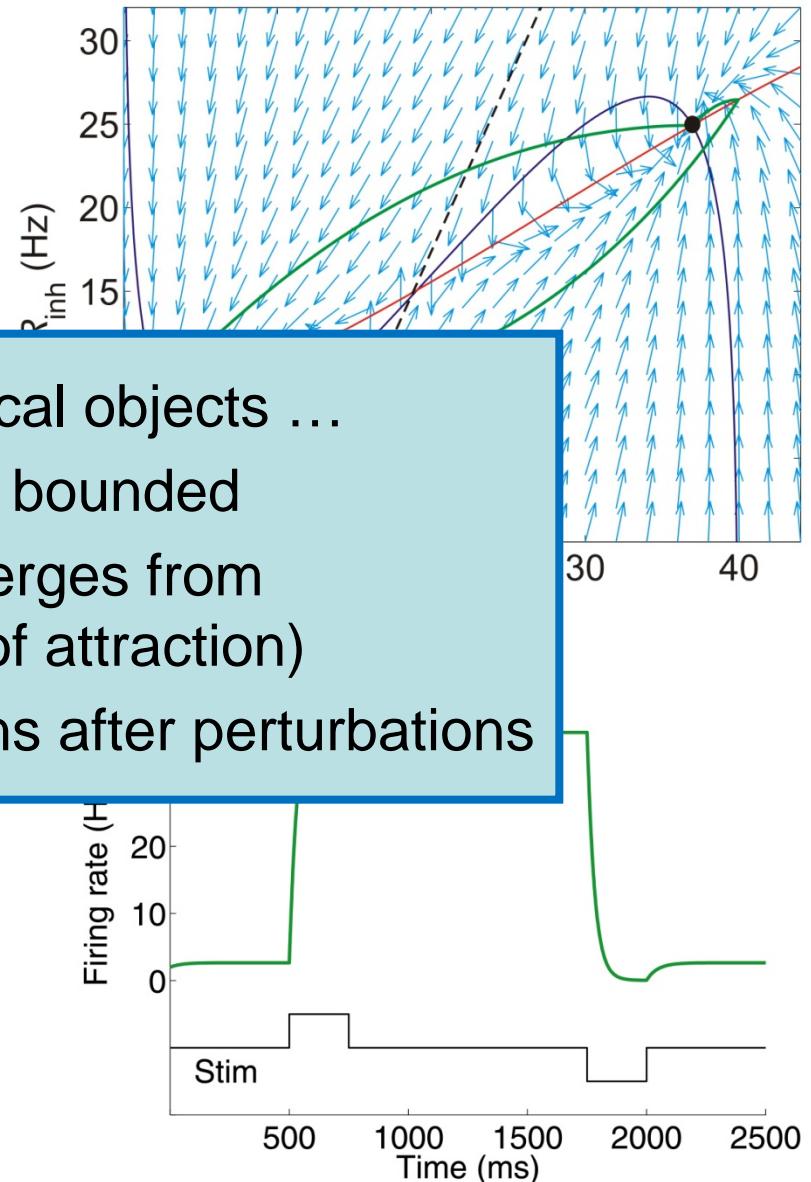


$$\tau_{exc} \frac{dR_{exc}}{dt} = -R_{exc}$$

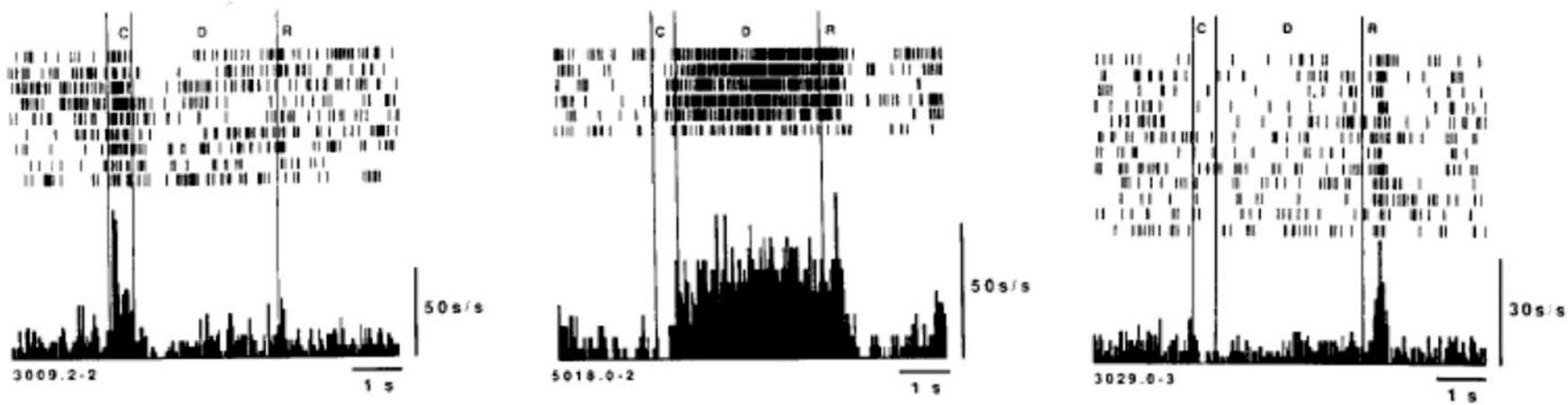
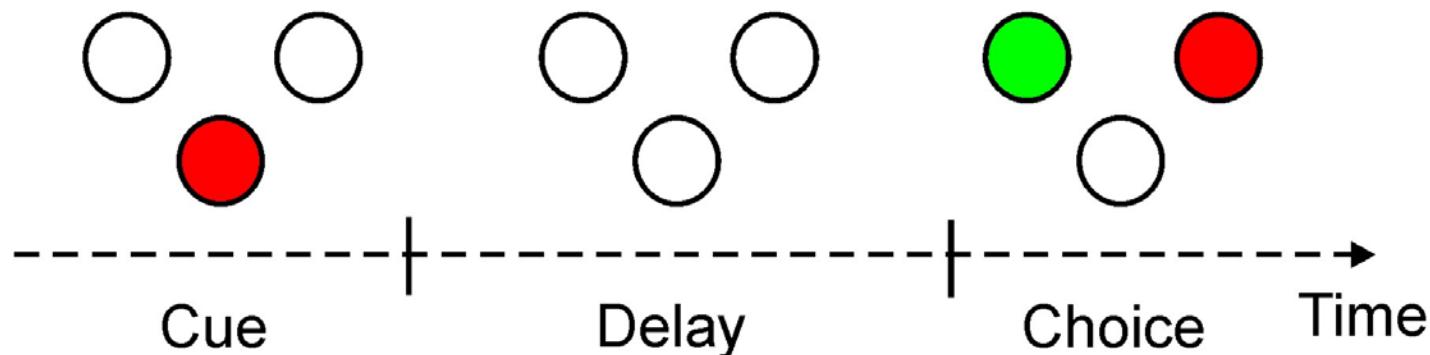
$$\tau_{inh} \frac{dR_{inh}}{dt} = -R_{inh} + \sigma(N_e w_{ie} R_{exc} + I_{ext,i}) = 0$$

Attractors are geometrical objects ...

- at which activity stays bounded
- to which activity converges from neighborhood (basin of attraction)
- to which activity returns after perturbations



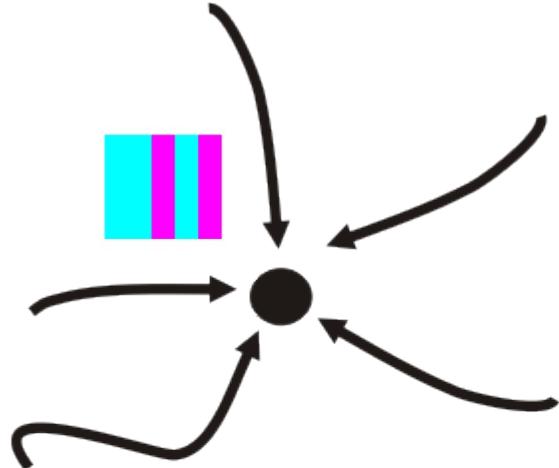
Working memory tasks & persistent activity



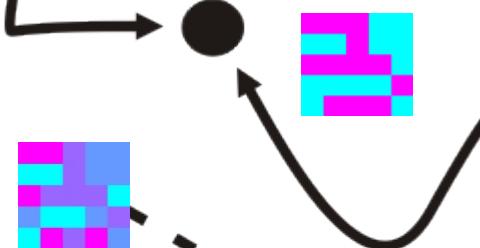
Goldman-Rakic (1990)

Memory patterns as attractor states

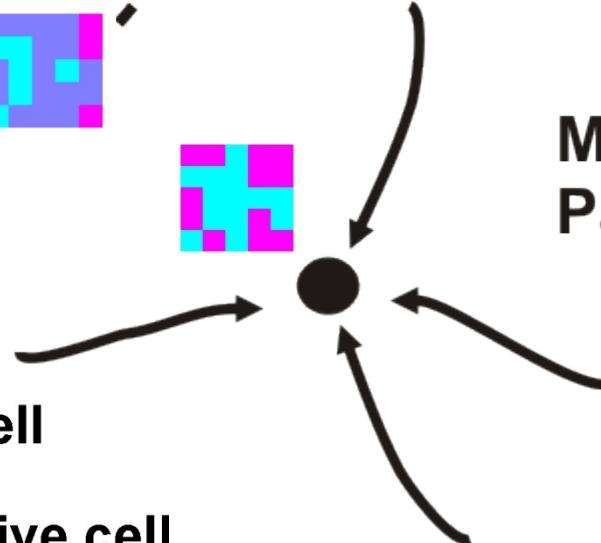
Memory Pattern 1



Memory Pattern 3



Memory Pattern 2



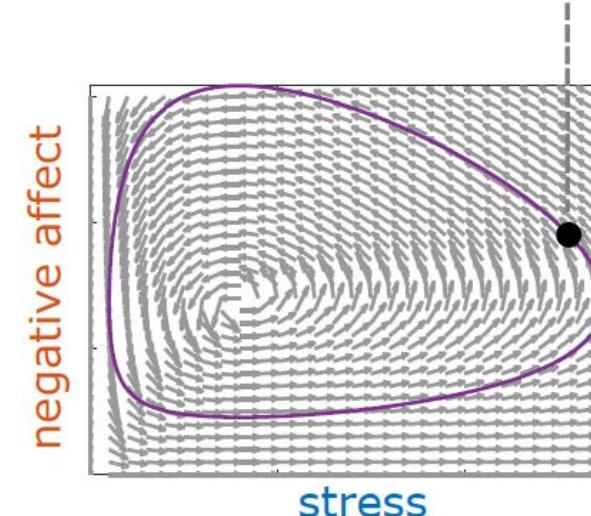
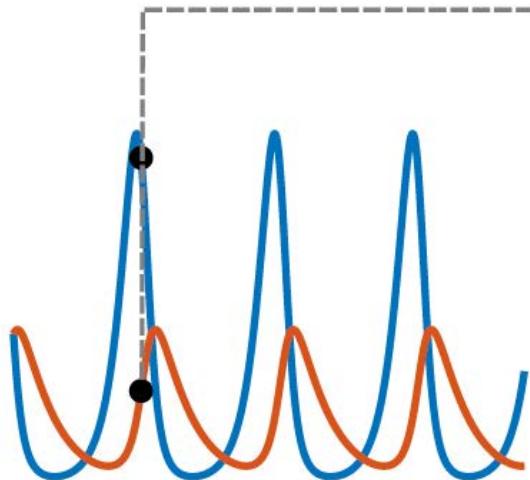
Inactive cell



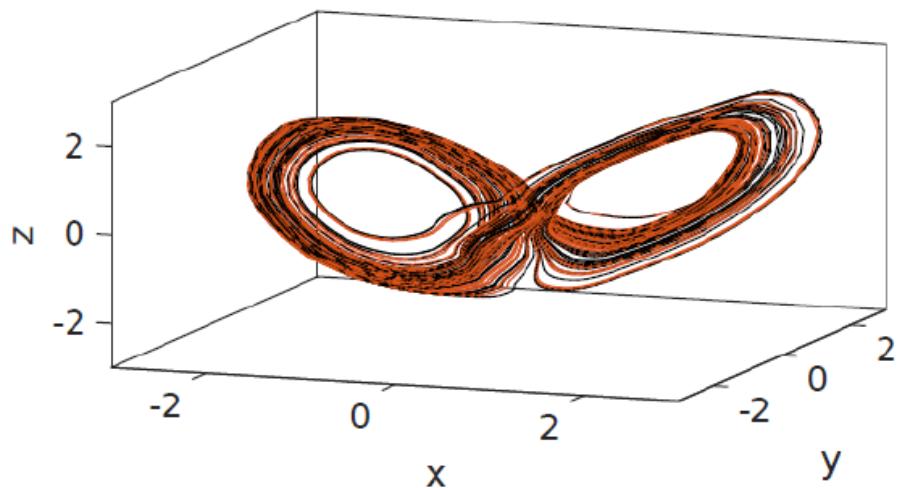
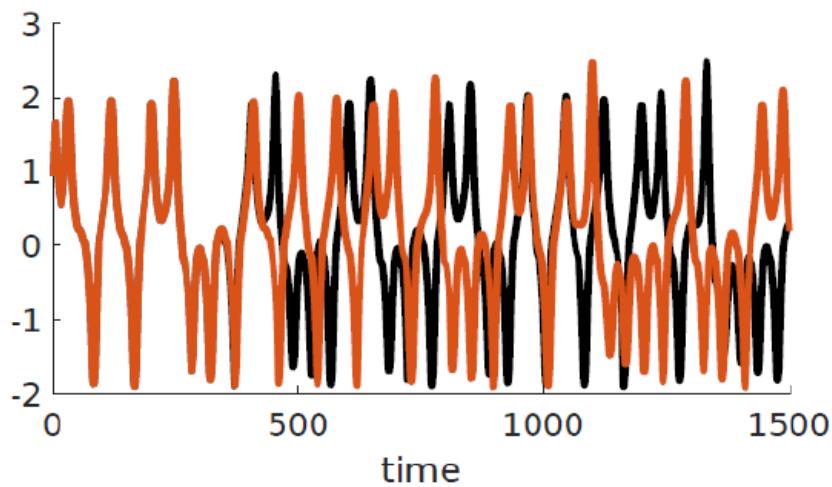
Highly active cell

Hopfield (1982), Wang (1999),
Durstewitz et al. (2000)

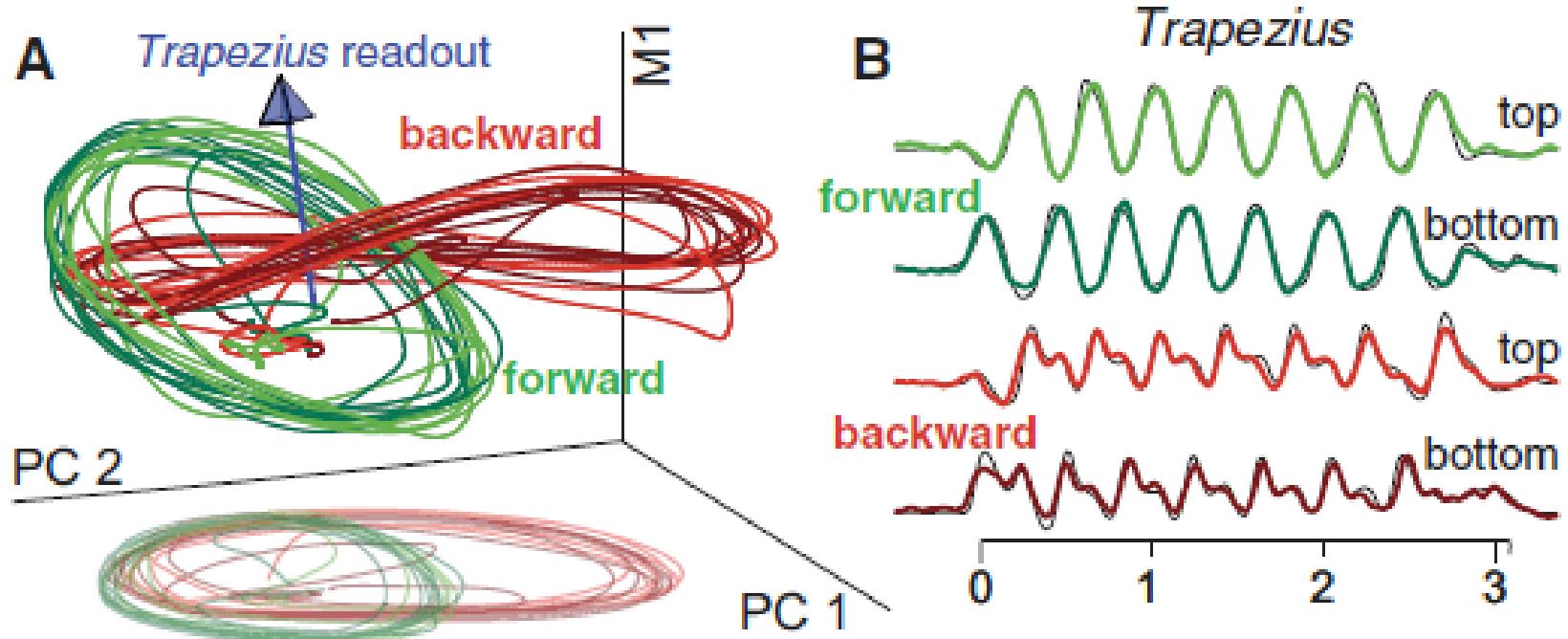
Limit cycles ...



... and chaotic attractors

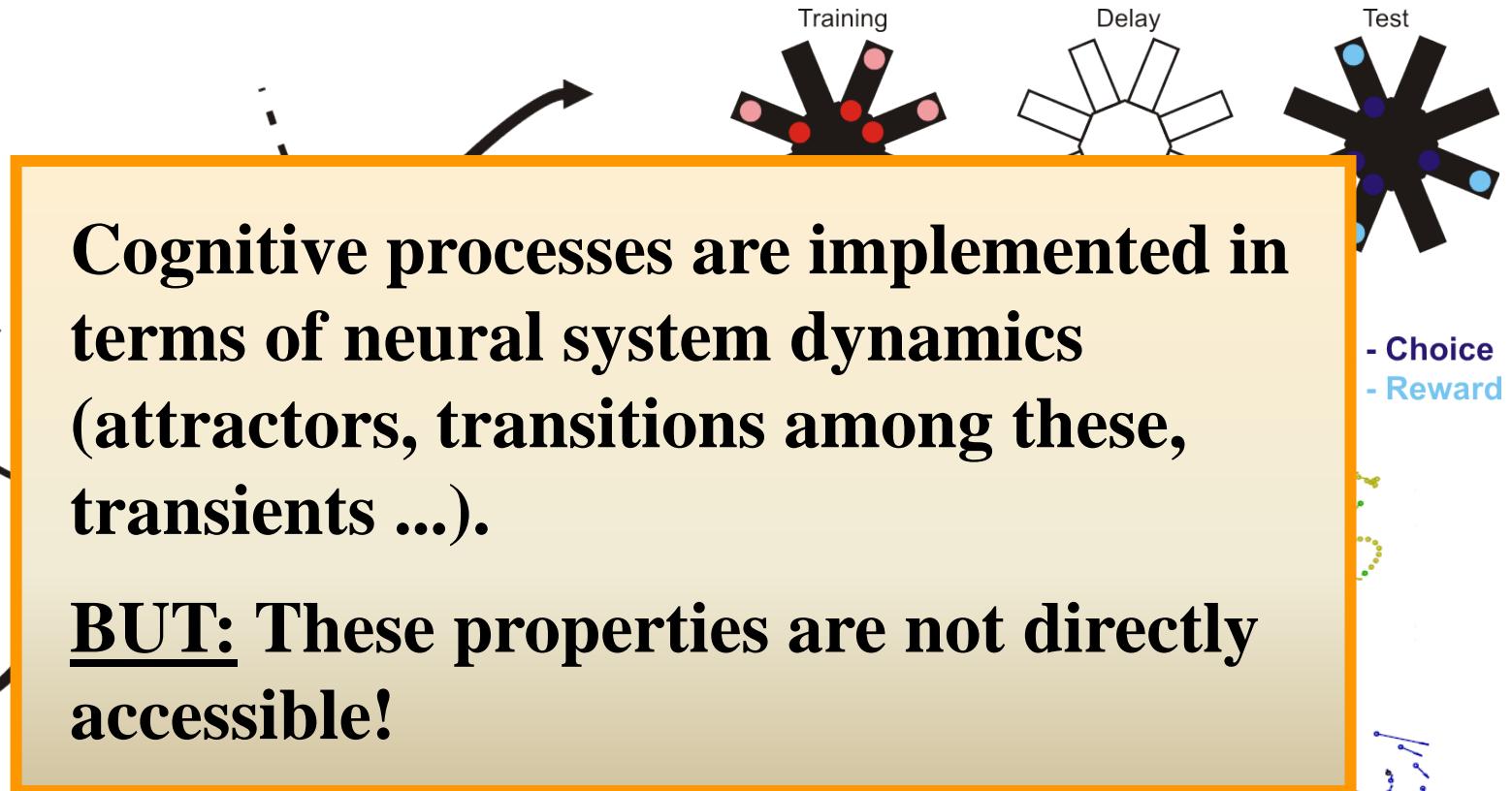


Limit cycles in motor behavior

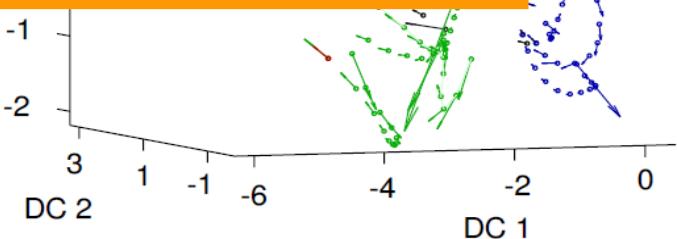
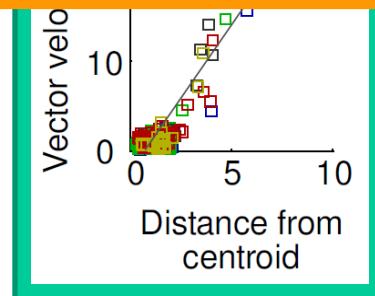


Russo, Churchland et al (2018), Neuron

Action/ thought sequences as “heteroclinic channels”



e.g. Rabinovich et al. (2008)



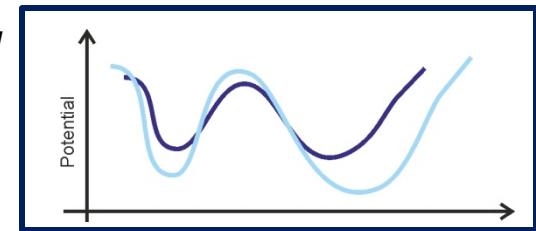
Balaguer-Ballester, Lapish et al. (2011) *PLoS Comp Biol*
Lapish, Balaguer-Ballester et al. (2015) *J Neurosci*

Altered dynamics in psychiatric states

Durstewitz, Huys, Koppe (2020) *Biological Psychiatry: CNNI*

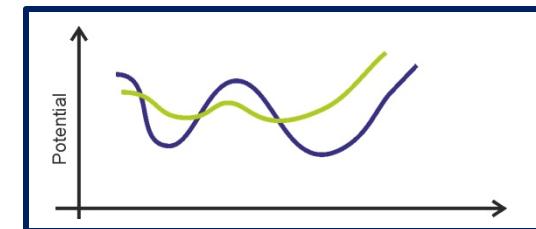
Overly strong attractors:

- Tinnitus
- Rumination
- Compulsivity
- Motor stereotypies
- Changes in cortical oscillations



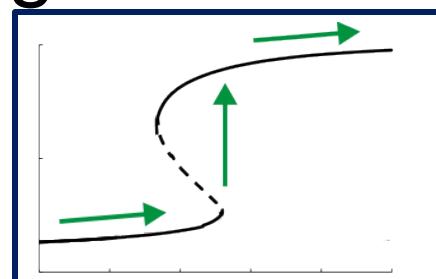
Too weak attractors:

- Incoherent thought
- Hallucinations
- Attention deficits

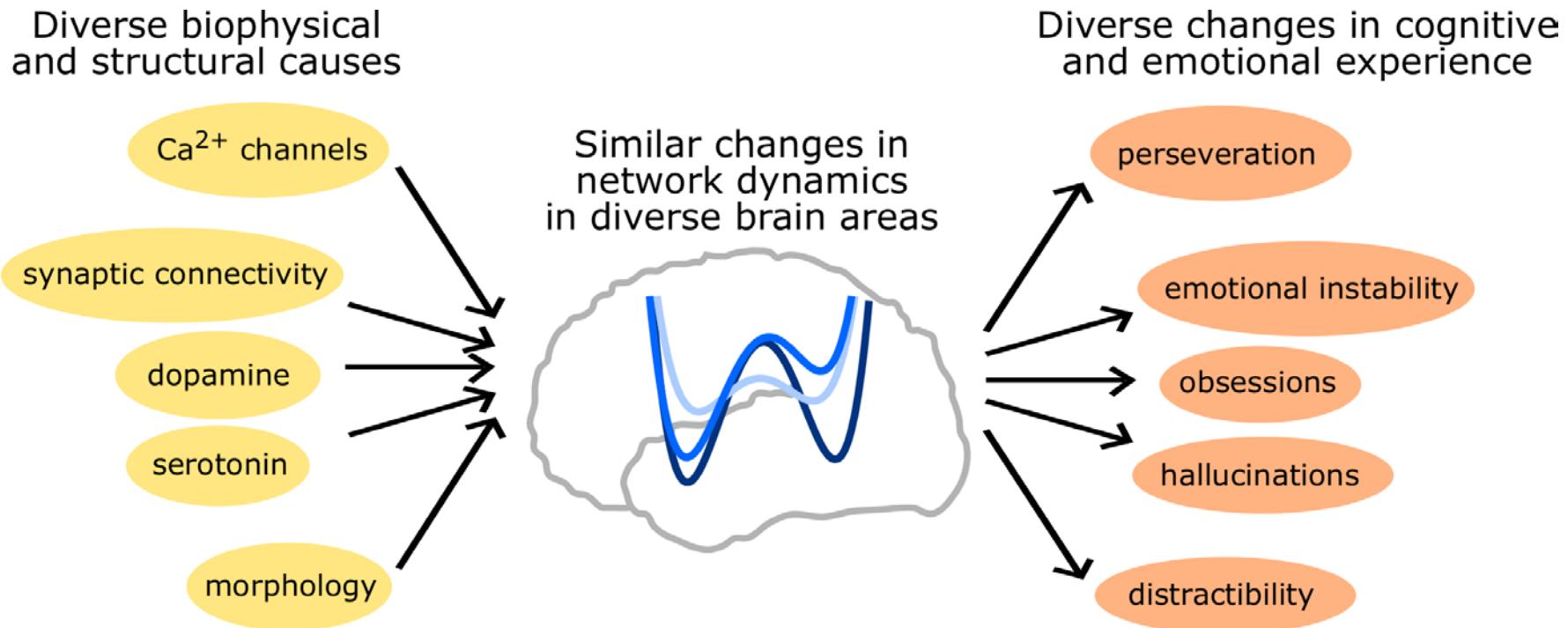


Bifurcations:

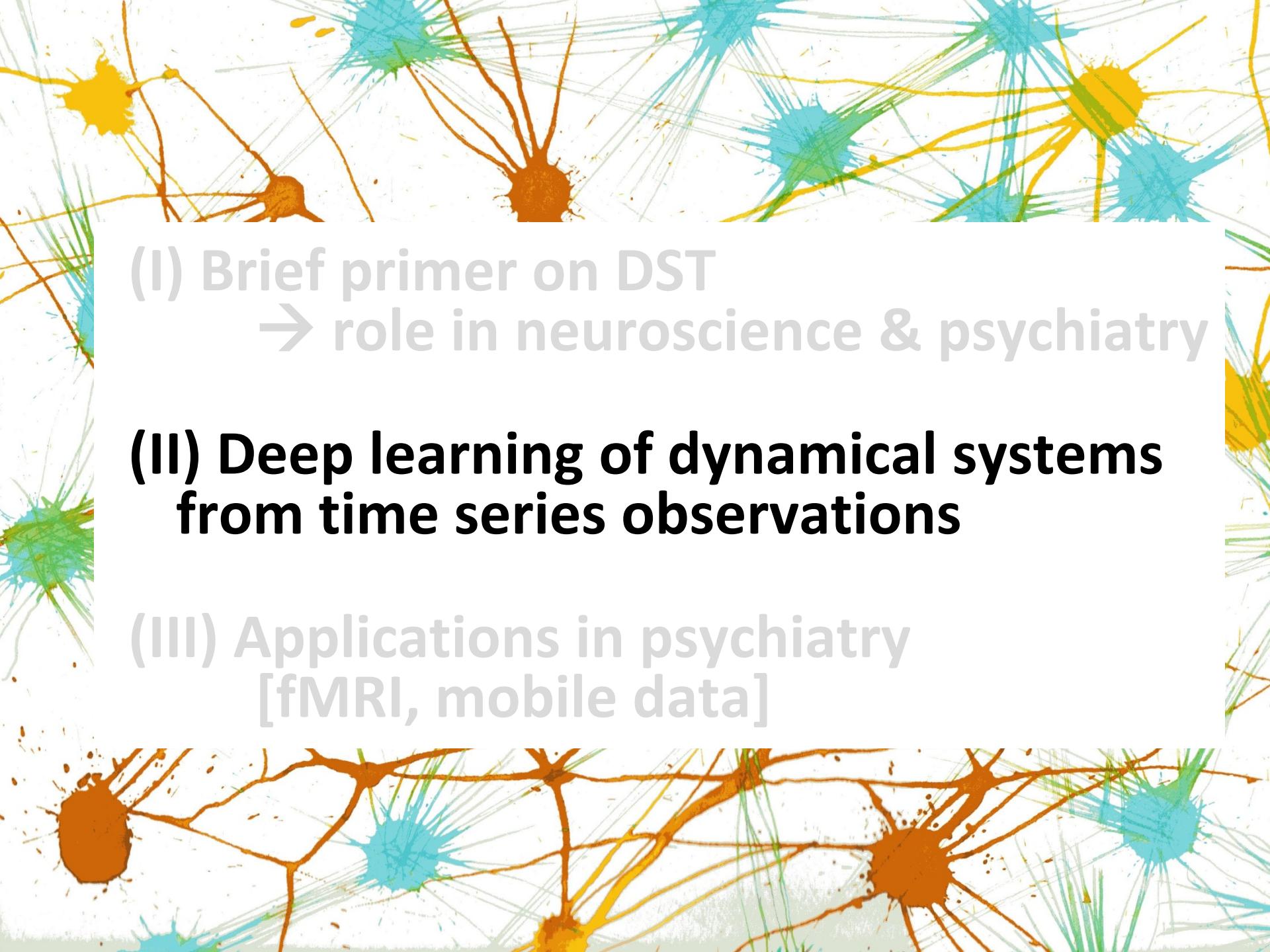
- Sudden onset/ offset of symptoms



Dynamical systems as a central layer of convergence



→ Implications for treatment

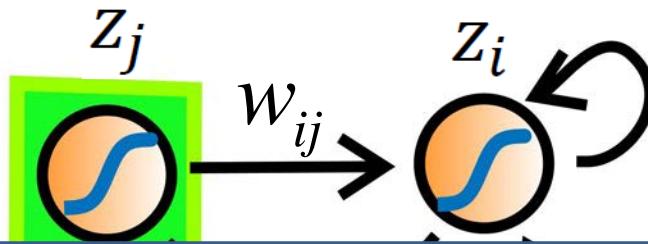


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Recurrent Neural Network (\rightarrow time series)



Dynamically universal: Can approximate arbitrarily closely flow field of any other DS

- 2-layer NN approximates any real-valued F on compact set (Cybenko 1989)

$$y = F(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sigma(\boldsymbol{\omega}^T \mathbf{x} + h_i), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

- approx. flow-field by 2L-NN, reformulate as RNN (Funahashi & Nakamura 1993; Kimura & Nakano 1998)

external
input

Making RNN deep in time: “Vanishing/ exploding gradient problem”

“Inputs”: $S = \{s_t\}$ “Outputs”: $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = \{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t\}, t = 1 \dots T$

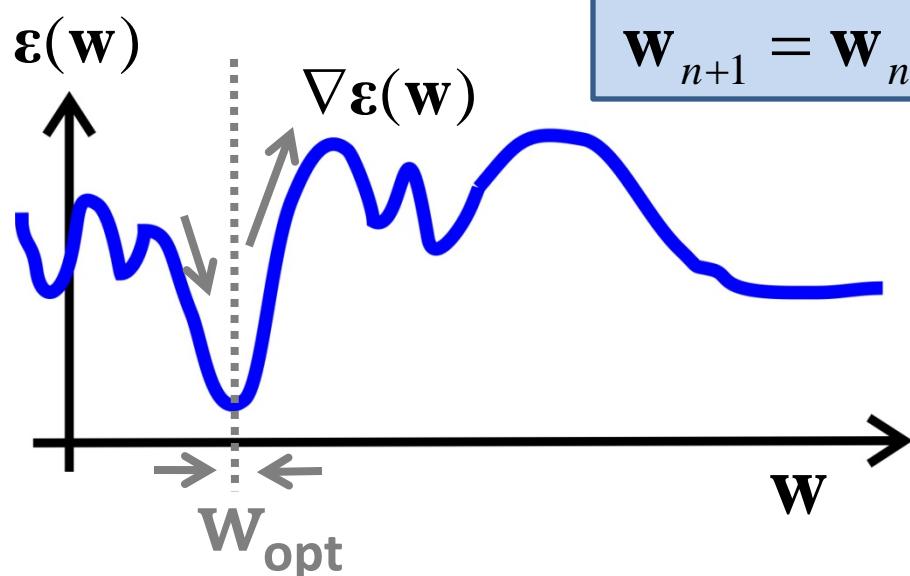
RNN

$$\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \phi(W\mathbf{z}_{t-1} + \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{C}s_t)$$

Loss function

$$\varepsilon = \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{t=1}^T \|\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t - \mathbf{z}_t\|_2^2$$



$$\mathbf{w}_{n+1} = \mathbf{w}_n - \gamma \nabla \varepsilon(\mathbf{w}_n)$$

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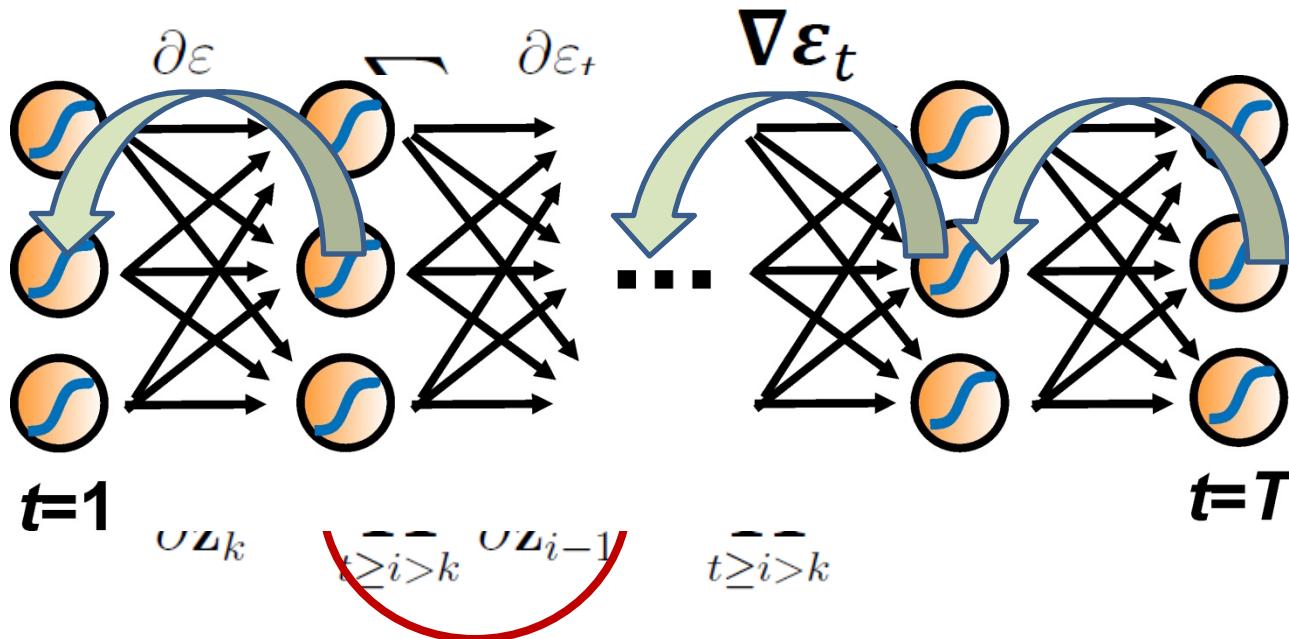
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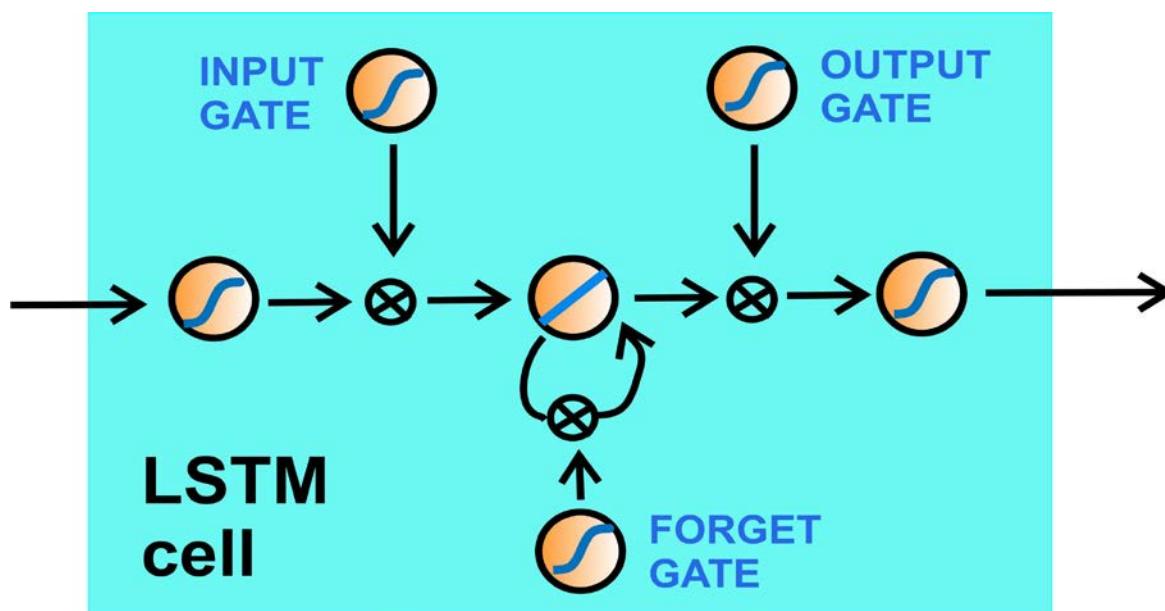
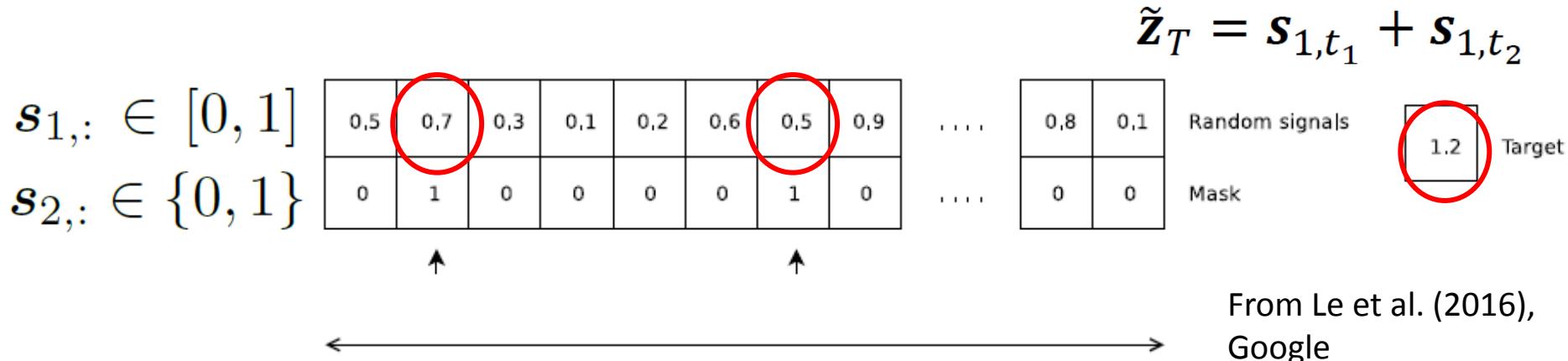
Loss function

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Making RNN deep in time ...

Example: Addition problem

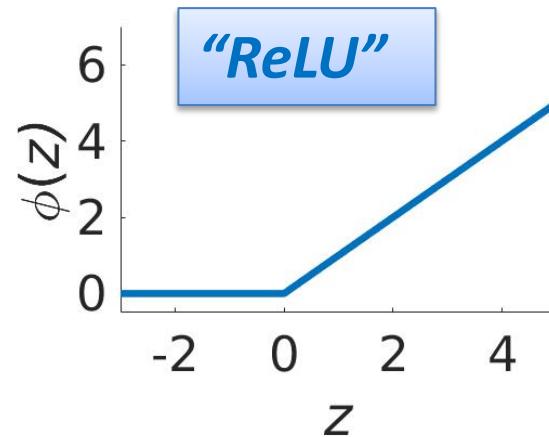


Hochreiter & Schmidhuber (1997)

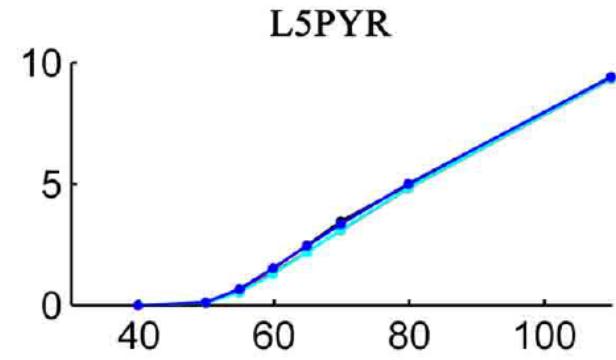
Piecewise-Linear (PL) RNN

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{t-1} + \mathbf{W}\phi(\mathbf{z}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{C}s_t + \mathbf{h}$$
$$\phi(\mathbf{z})_i = \max(0, z_i), i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$$

- Physiological motivation



- Many properties analytically accessible: fixed points, limit cycles, eigenvalue spectra (stability) ...
- Can be transformed into piecewise ODE system
- Efficient inference!



Line-attractor regularization

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{t-1} + \mathbf{W}\phi(\mathbf{z}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{s}_t + \mathbf{h}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \text{diag}([a_{11} \dots a_{MM}]) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$$

$$L_{\text{reg}} = \tau_A \sum_{i=1}^{M_{\text{reg}}} (A_{i,i} - 1)^2 + \tau_W \sum_{i=1}^{M_{\text{reg}}} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^M W_{i,j}^2 + \tau_h \sum_{i=1}^{M_{\text{reg}}} h_i^2$$

penalty term $M_{\text{reg}} \leq M$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

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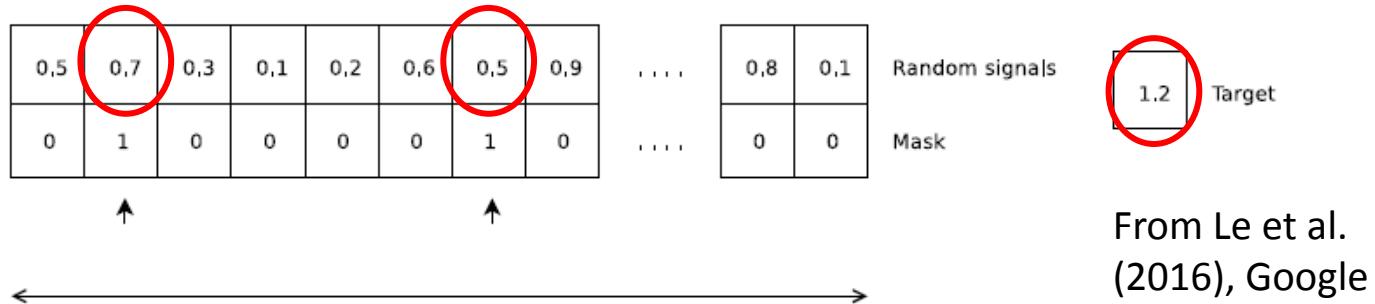
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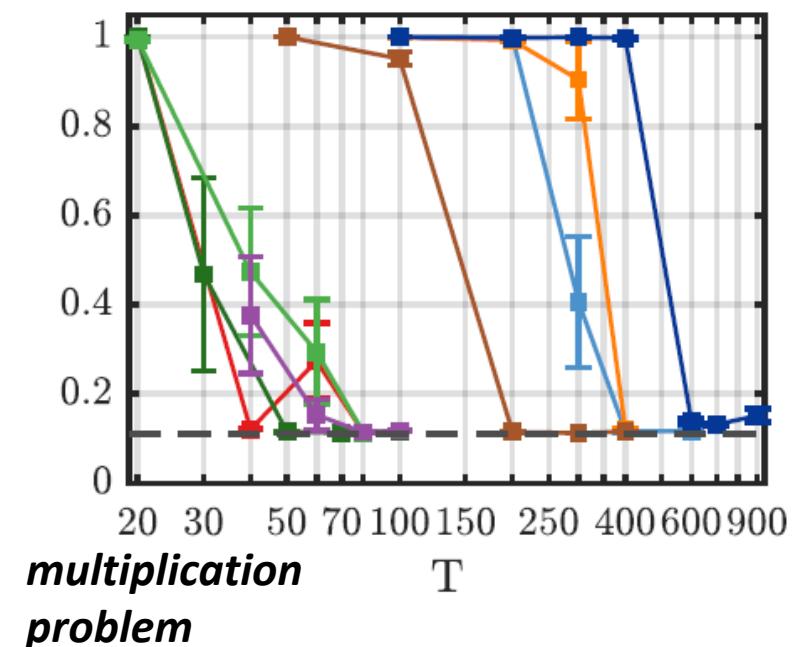
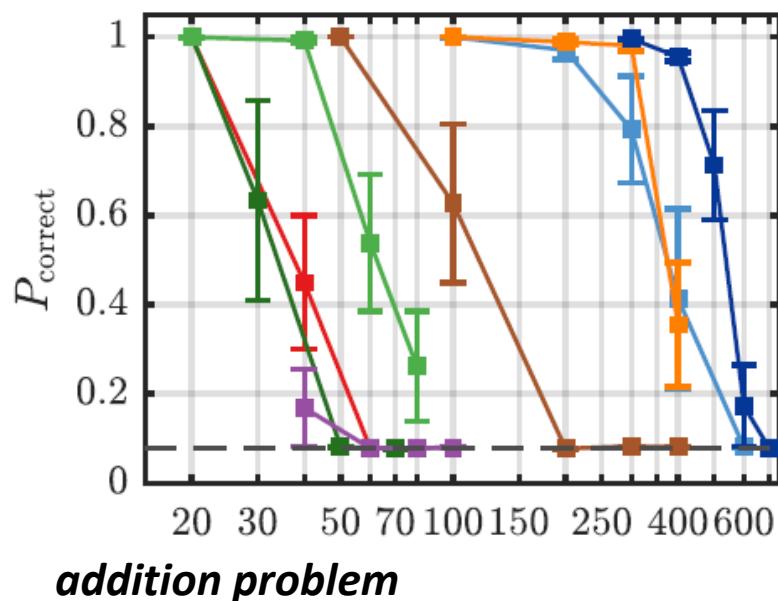
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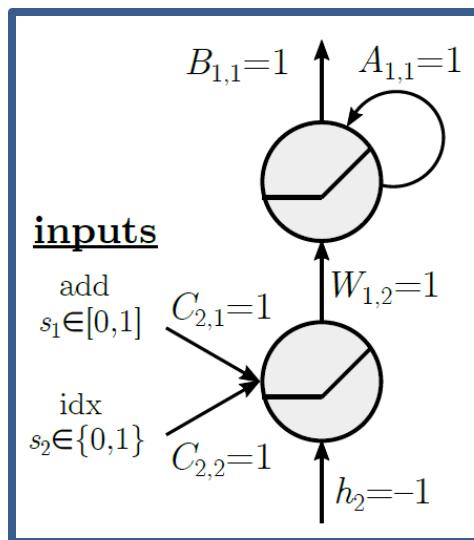
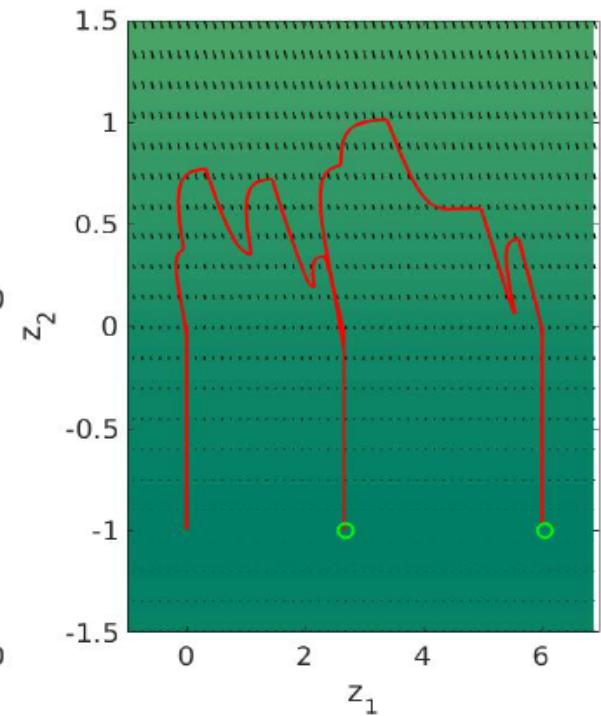
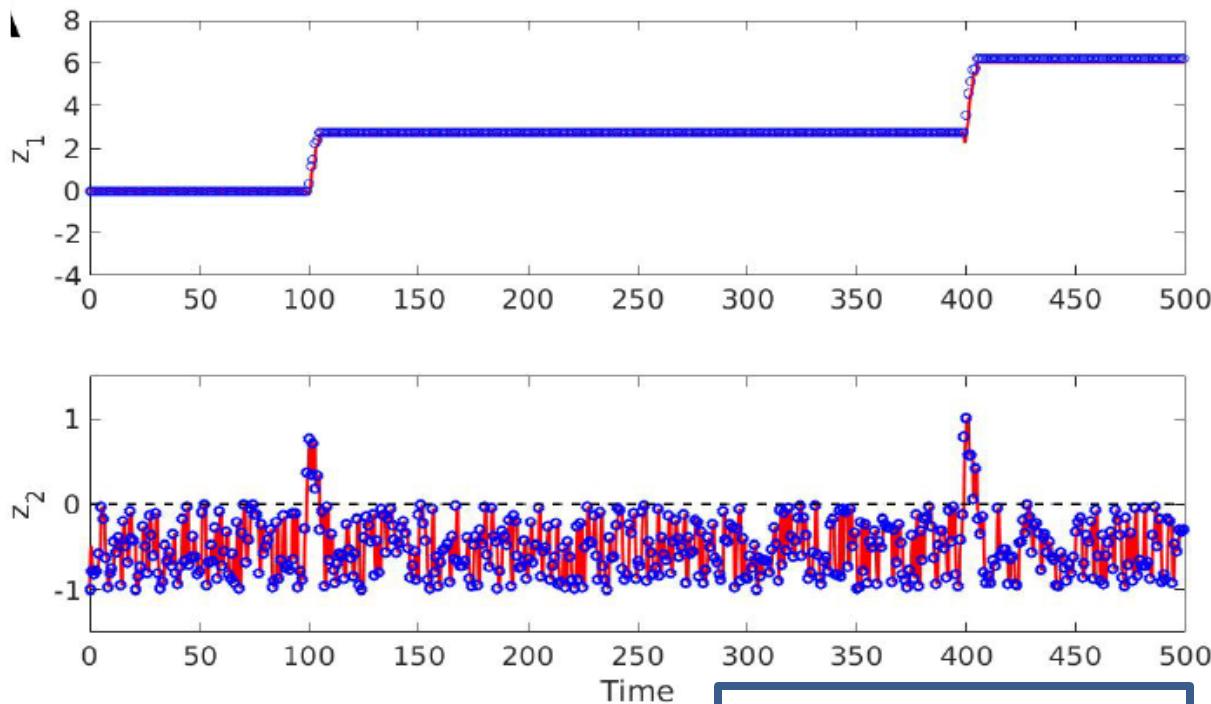
Performance on ML benchmarks



From Le et al.
(2016), Google



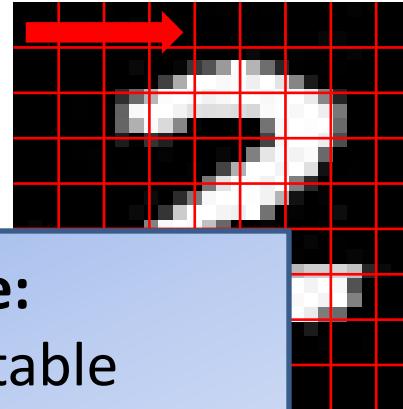
Line-attractors and solving long-range tasks



Sequential MNIST benchmark

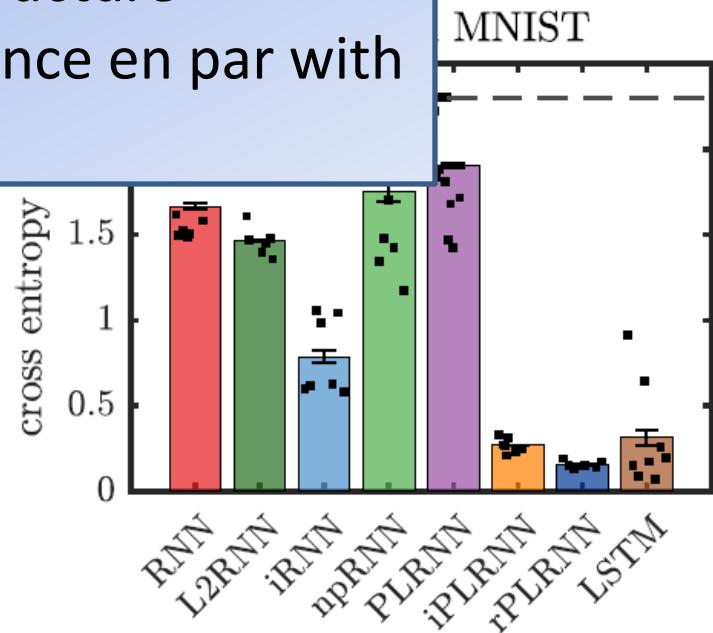
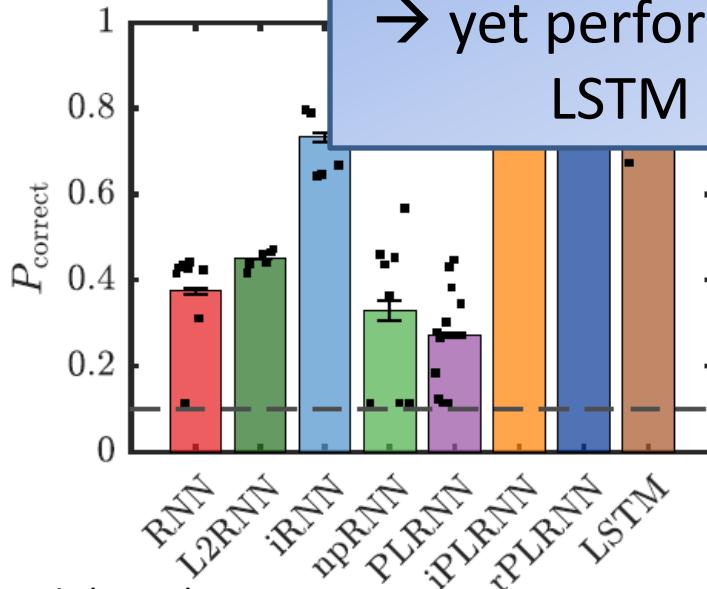
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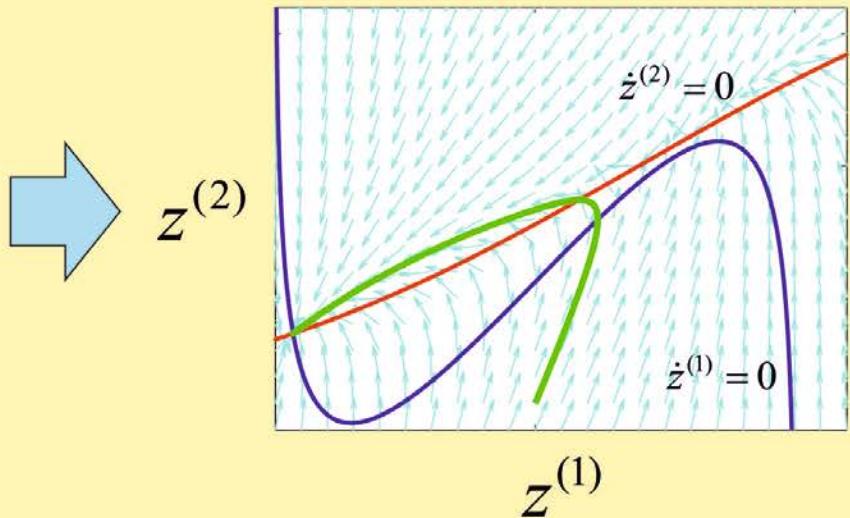
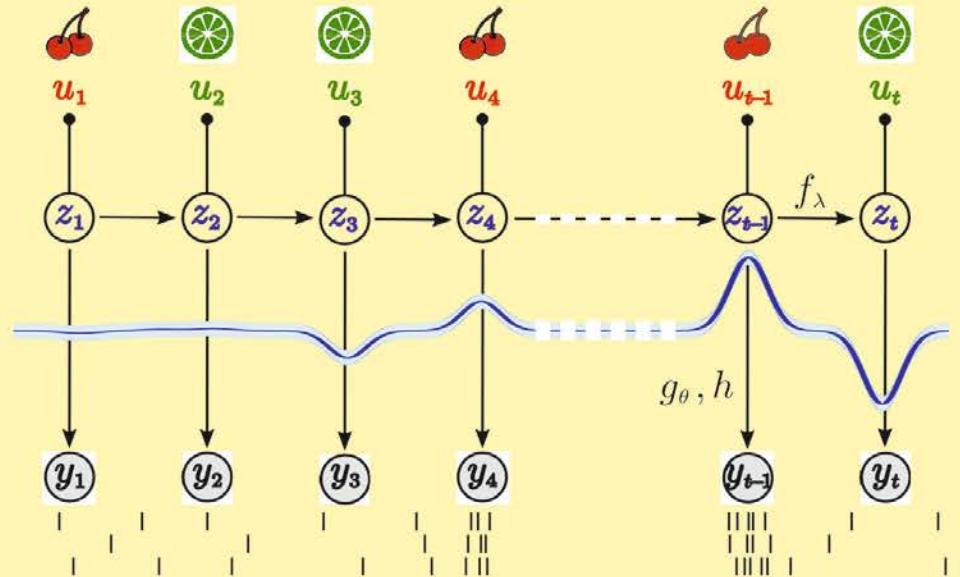


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Bottom line:
RNN with simple, tractable
mathematical structure
→ yet performance en par with
LSTM



Generative PLRNN for dynamical systems

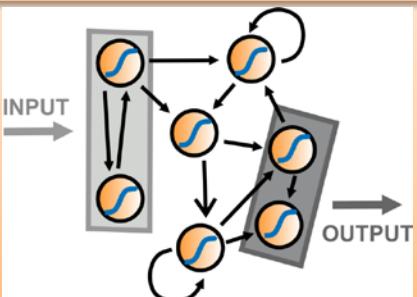


$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}) = p_{\theta_{obs}}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{Z})p_{\theta_{lat}}(\mathbf{Z})$$

Based on:
Durstewitz, Koppe, Toutounji (2016) Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences;
Durstewitz (2009) Neural Networks

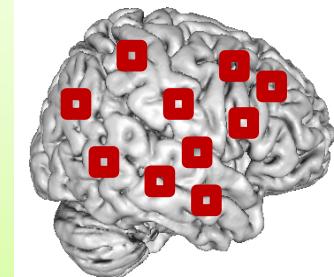
"Generic" dynamical systems model

$$p_{\theta_{lat}}(\mathbf{Z})$$

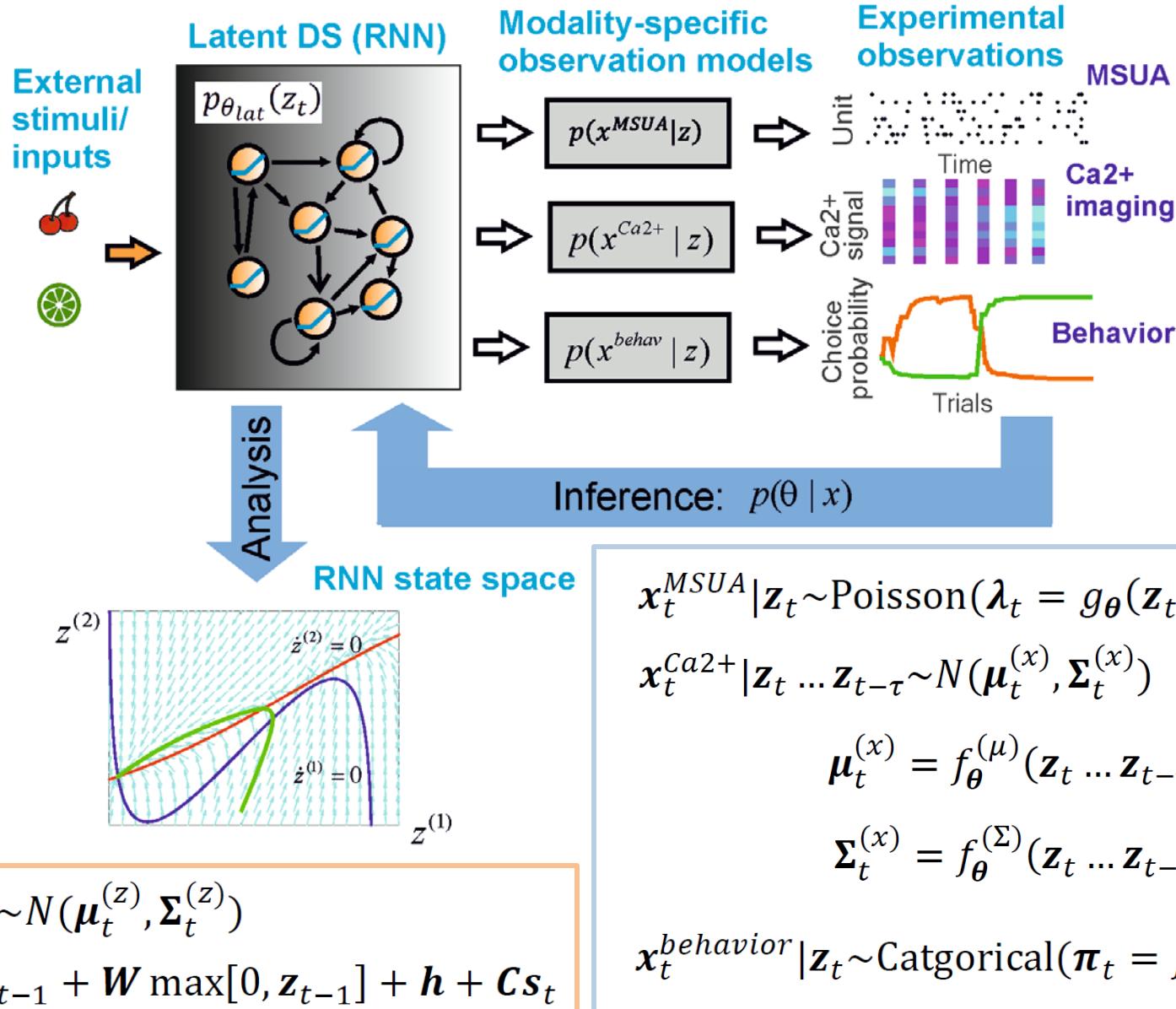


observation model

$$p_{\theta_{obs}}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{Z})$$



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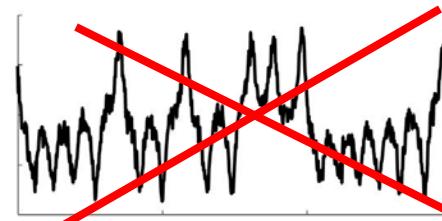
Reconstructing dynamical systems

Lorenz system

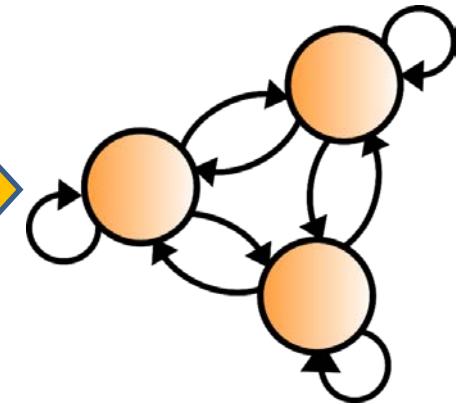
$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = s(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = rx_1 - x_2 - x_1x_3$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{dt} = x_1x_2 - bx_3$$

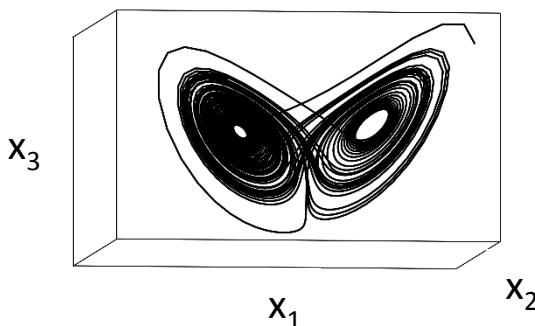


Inference

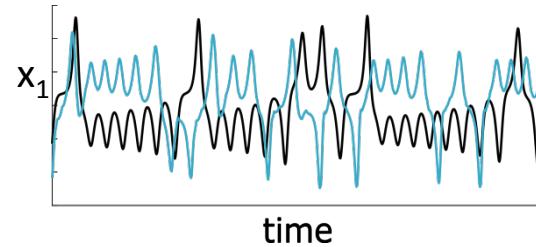


Draw noisy
samples

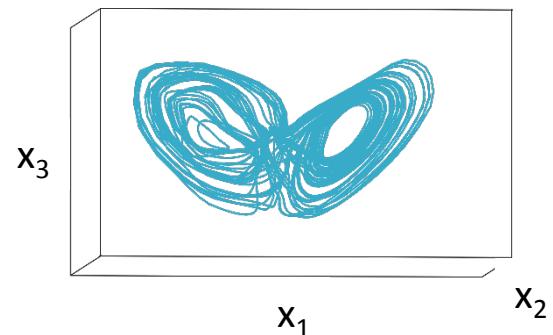
True trajectory



Time graph



Simulated trajectory



Statistical inference for small data: Expectation-Maximization

Estimation by Maximum Likelihood

$$\text{Maximize} \quad \log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log \int_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{Z}$$

w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\}$

$$\log \int_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{Z} \geq \int_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{Z})} d\mathbf{Z}$$

M step:
Maximize
w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E_q [\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})] + H[q(\mathbf{Z})] \\ &= \log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \text{KL}[q(\mathbf{Z}) \| p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X})] \end{aligned}$$

E step: Determine $p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X})$

observed
latent

Expectation-Maximization Algorithm

$$\log p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, q) \quad \text{Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO)}$$

$$:= \mathbb{E}_q [\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})] + H(q(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}))$$

$$= \log p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) - KL(q(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}), p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}))$$

E-step: $q^* := \arg \max_q \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*, q)$ given $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$

M-step: $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* := \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, q^*)$ given q^*

→ Laplace/ fixed-point-iteration algorithm efficiently
exploiting piecewise-linear structure

→ Analytical derivation of moments of $p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})$

Statistical inference for big data: Sequential VAE & SGVB

$$\log p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}) := \mathbb{E}_q [\log p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})] + H(q_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}))$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left(\log p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{z}^{(l)}) - \log q_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(\mathbf{z}^{(l)}|\mathbf{X}) \right), \mathbf{z}^{(l)} \sim q_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X})$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left(\log p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{X}, g_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{(l)}, \mathbf{X})) - \log q_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(g_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{(l)}, \mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X}) \right)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{(l)} \sim p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}), \text{ e.g. } p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

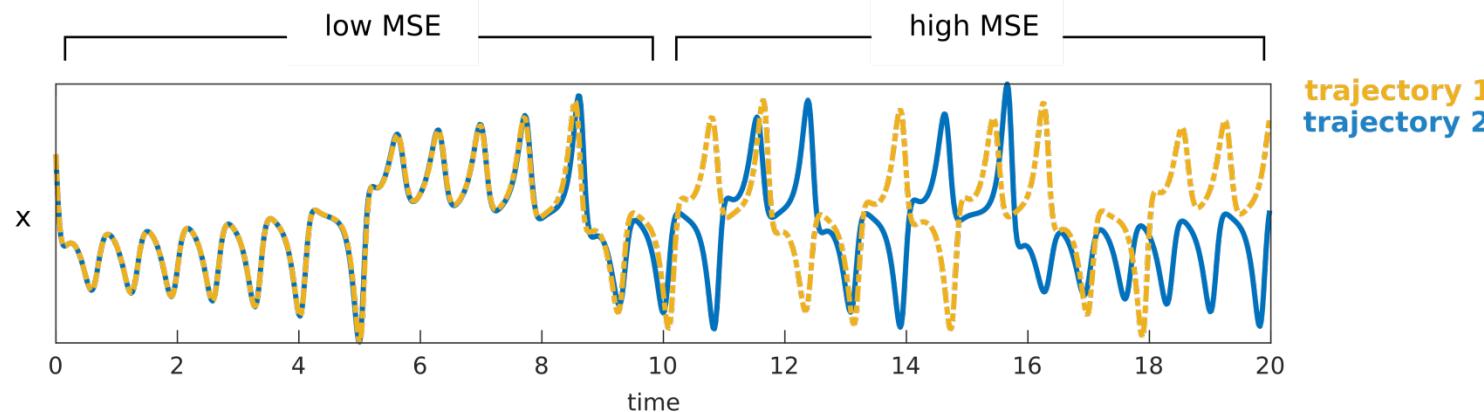
$q_{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})$: Variational density ('encoder model'), e.g. MLP, NF

$p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{obs}}(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})$: Obs. model ('decoder model'), e.g. MLP

$p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{lat}}(\mathbf{Z})$: Prior (latent space) model, e.g. PLRNN

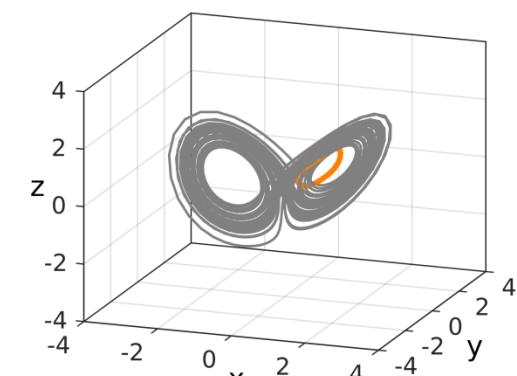
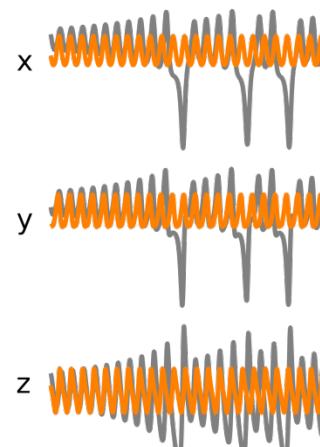
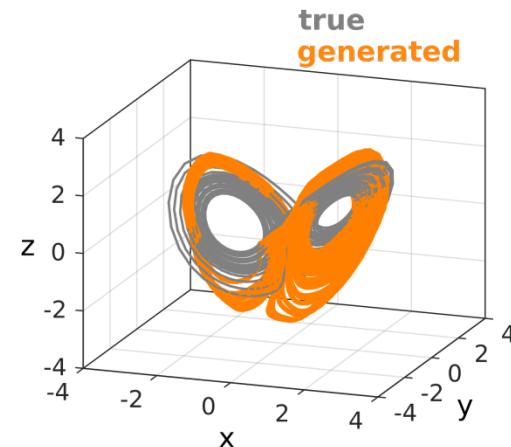
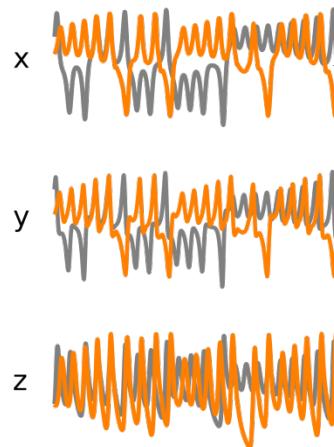
→ Inference through SGD using sampling & 're-parameterization trick' (Kingma & Welling 2014, Rezende et al. 2014)

Simple ahead prediction errors may be meaningless



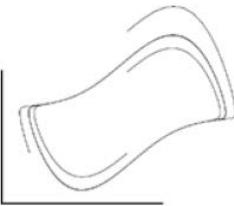
low $\tilde{KL}_x = .06$, high MSE=2.48

high $\tilde{KL}_x = .71$, low MSE=1.40

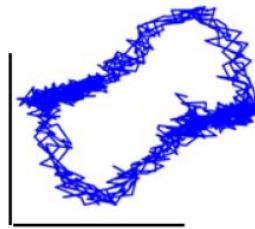


Reconstructing DS benchmarks

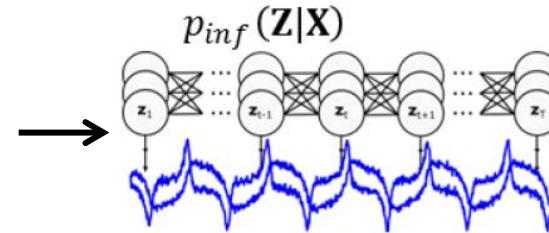
vdP system



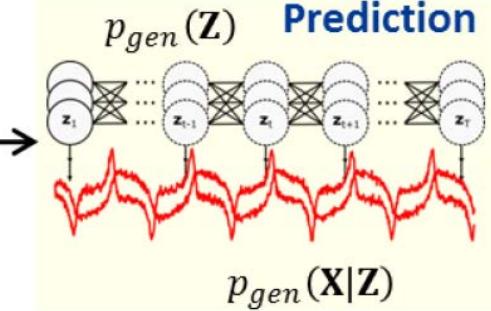
Draw noisy samples



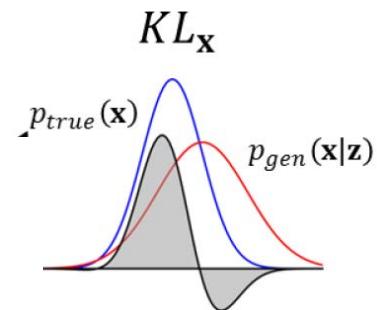
Infer model



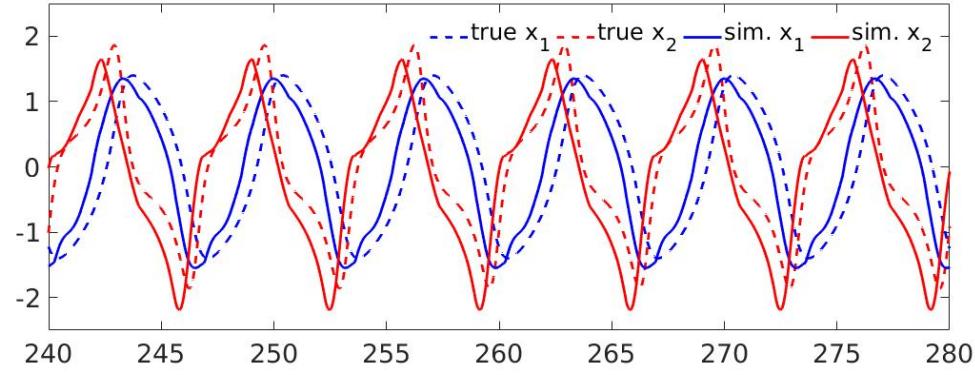
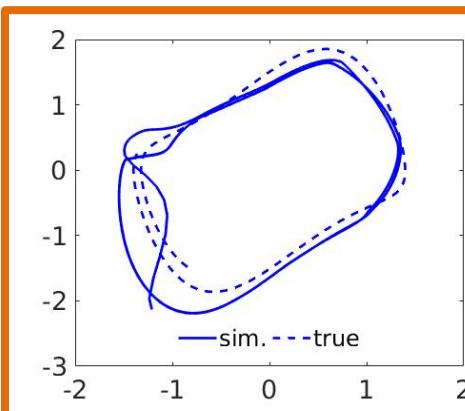
Generate new samples



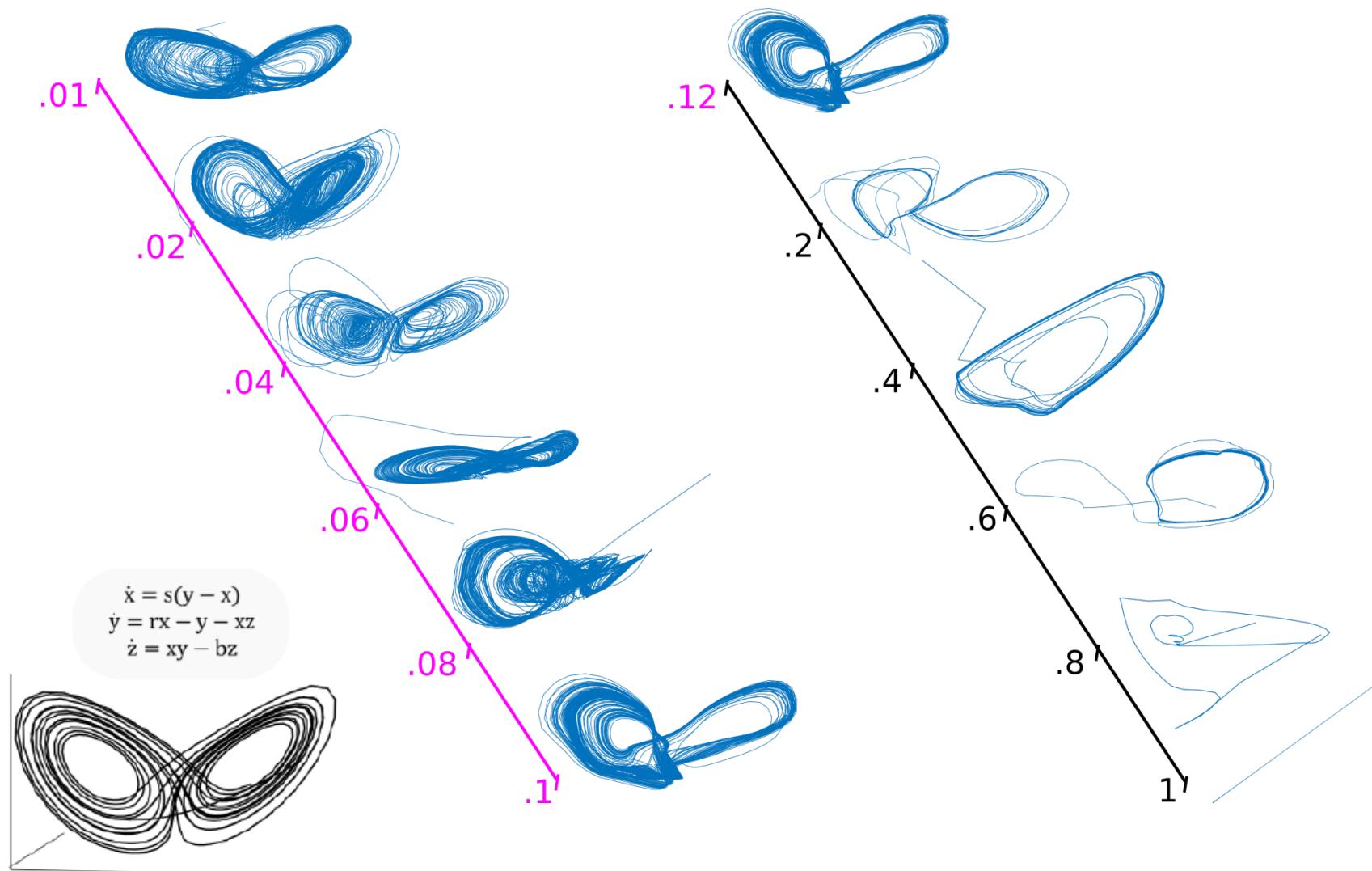
Assess deviation

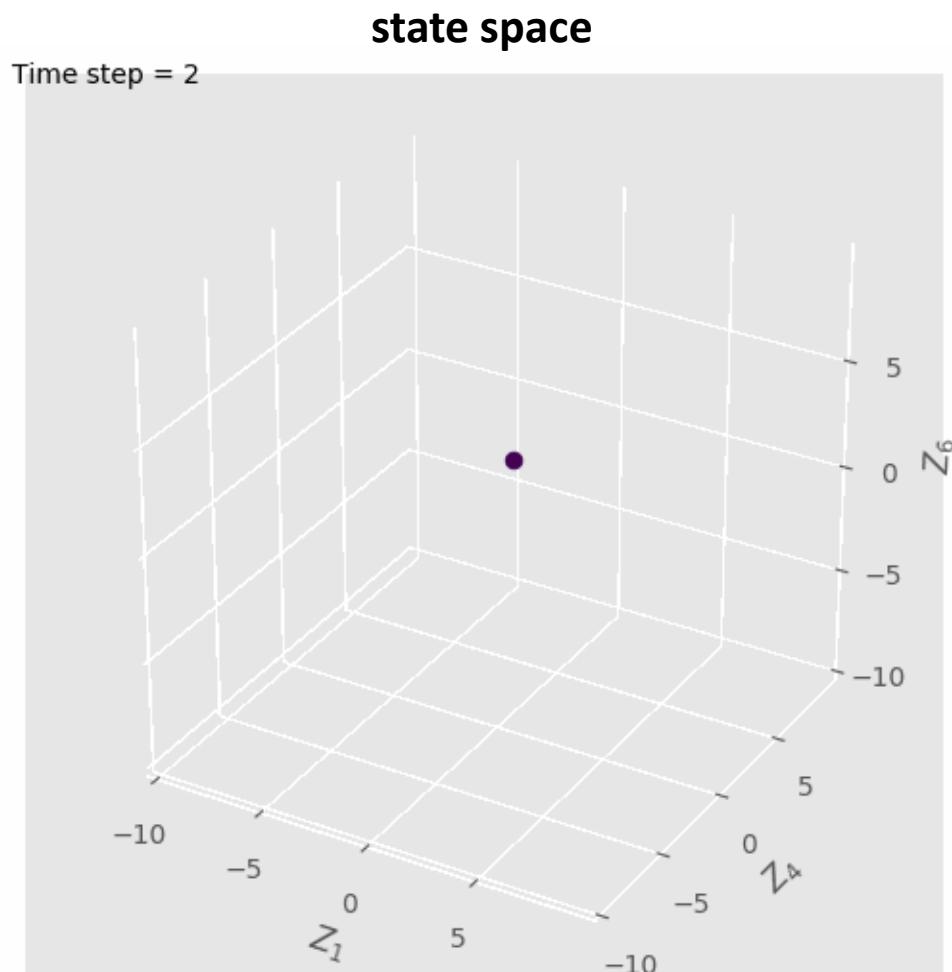
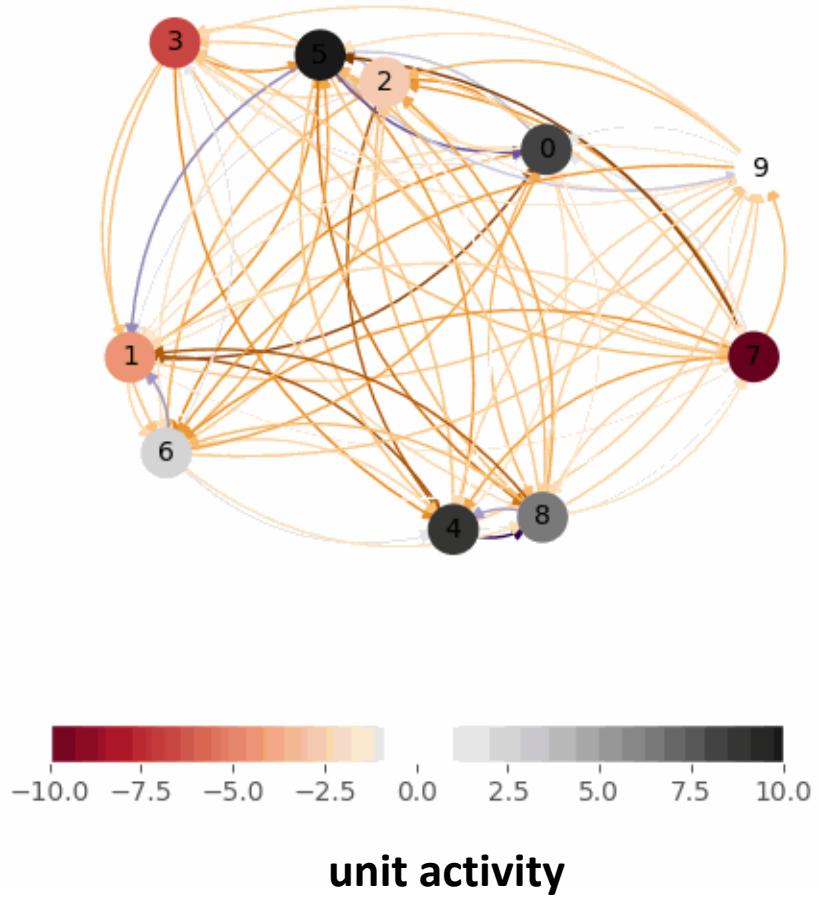


$$KL_X(p_{\text{true}}(\mathbf{x}), p_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})) := \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N} p_{\text{true}}(\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{p_{\text{true}}(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{x}$$

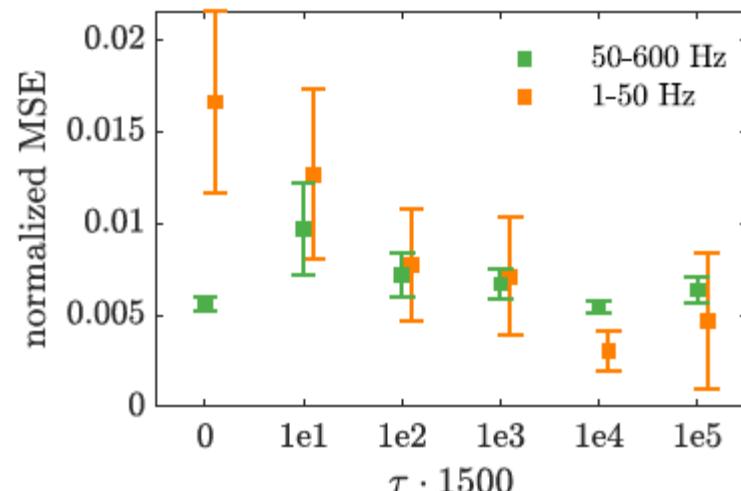
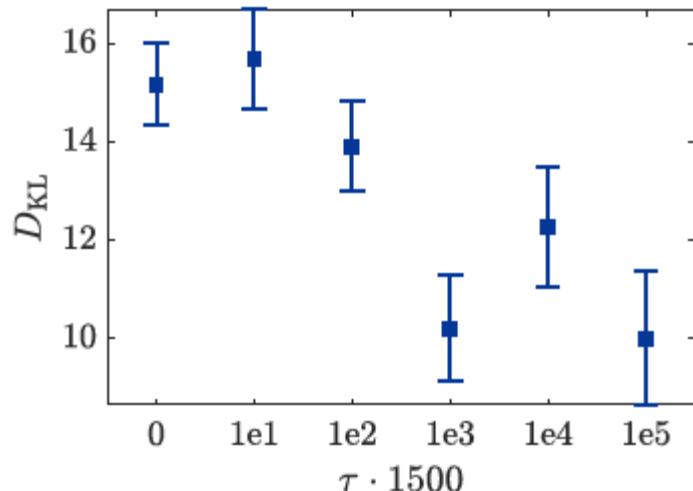
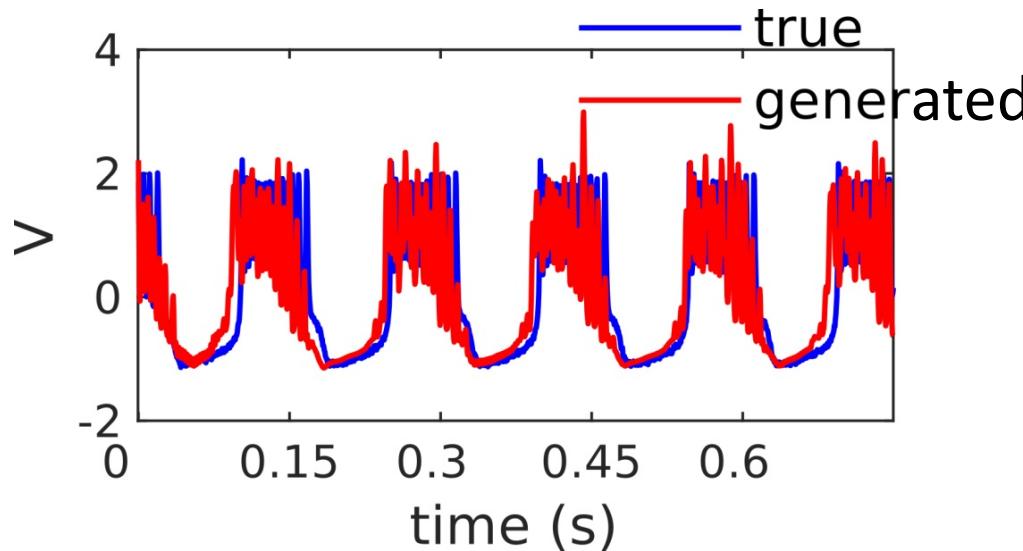


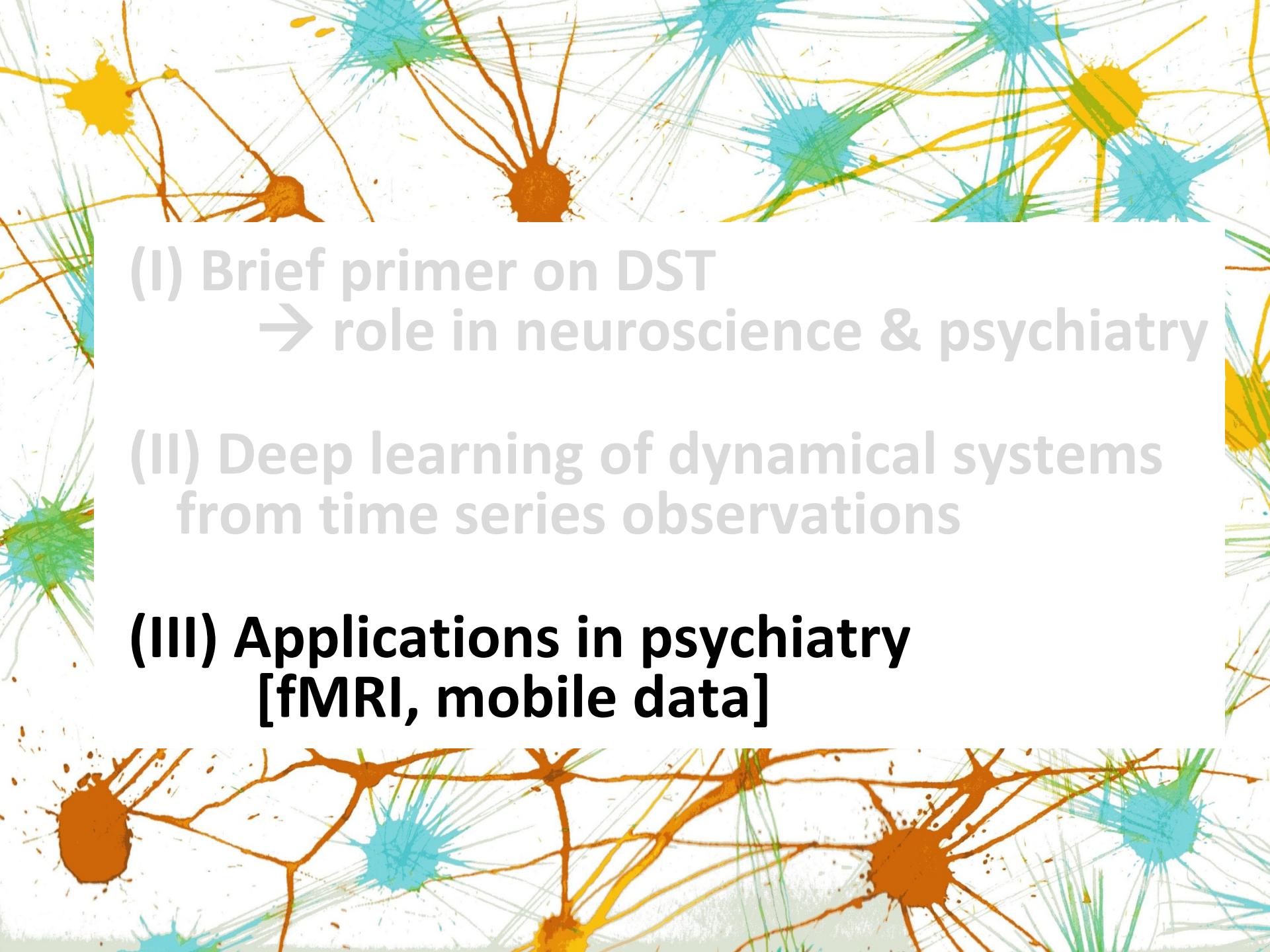
Reconstructing DS: Lorenz system





Enforcing line attractor directions helps to capture multiple time scales





(I) Brief primer on DST
→ role in neuroscience & psychiatry

(II) Deep learning of dynamical systems
from time series observations

**(III) Applications in psychiatry
[fMRI, mobile data]**

Inferring PLRNN from fMRI data

process model

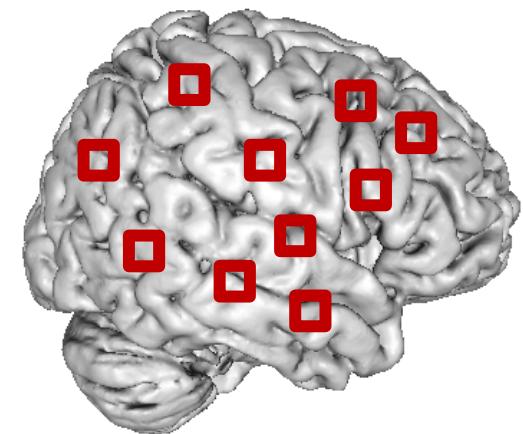
$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{t-1} + \mathbf{W}\phi(\mathbf{z}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{u}_t + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$$

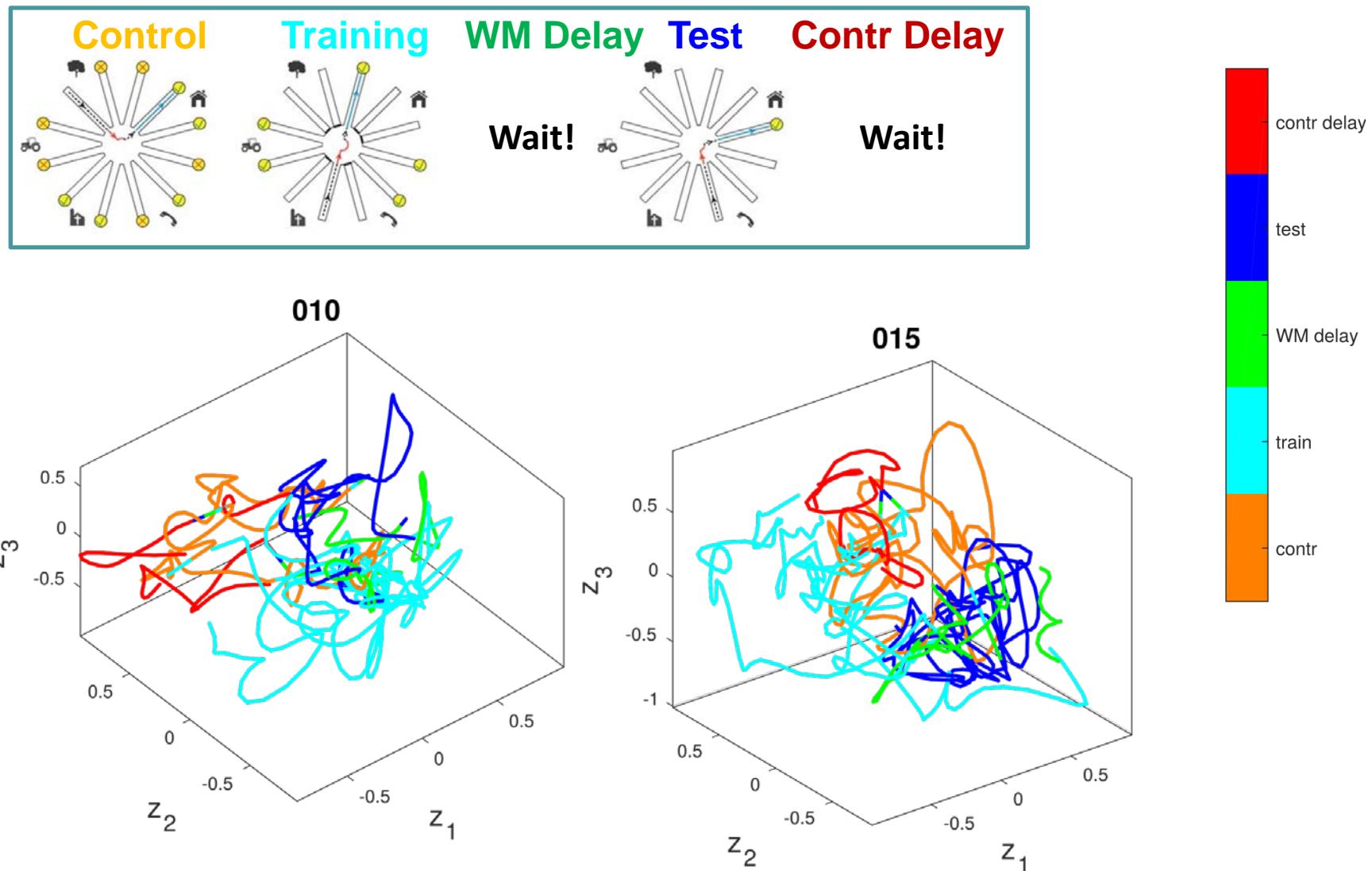


fMRI observation model

$$\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_t \sim N(\mathbf{B}[hrf * \mathbf{z}_{t-\tau:t}] + \mathbf{M}\mathbf{r}_t, \Gamma)$$

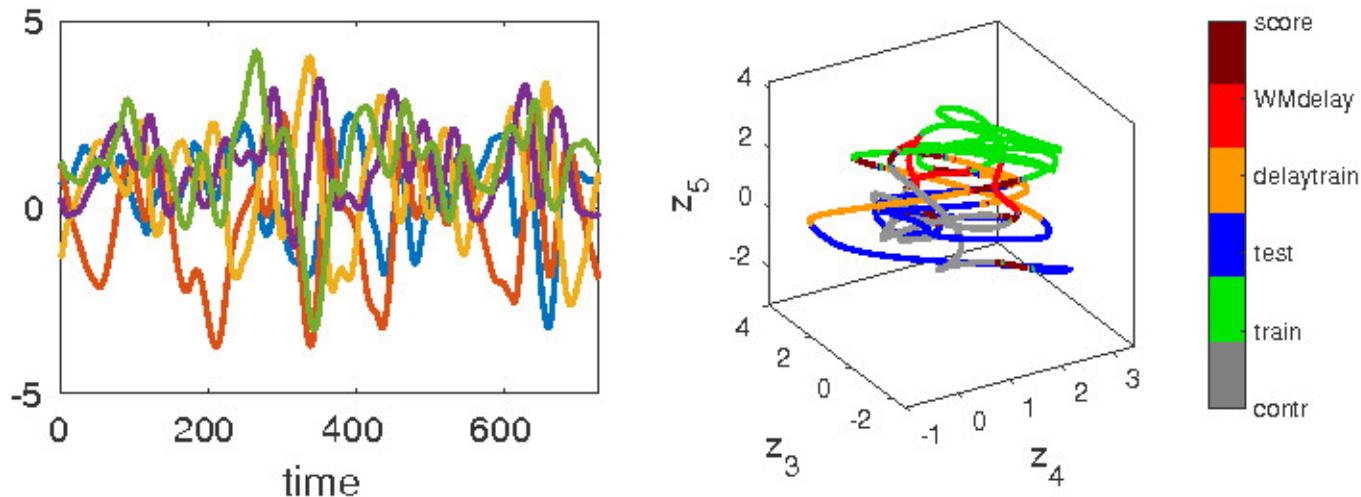


Reconstructed state space trajectories from fMRI

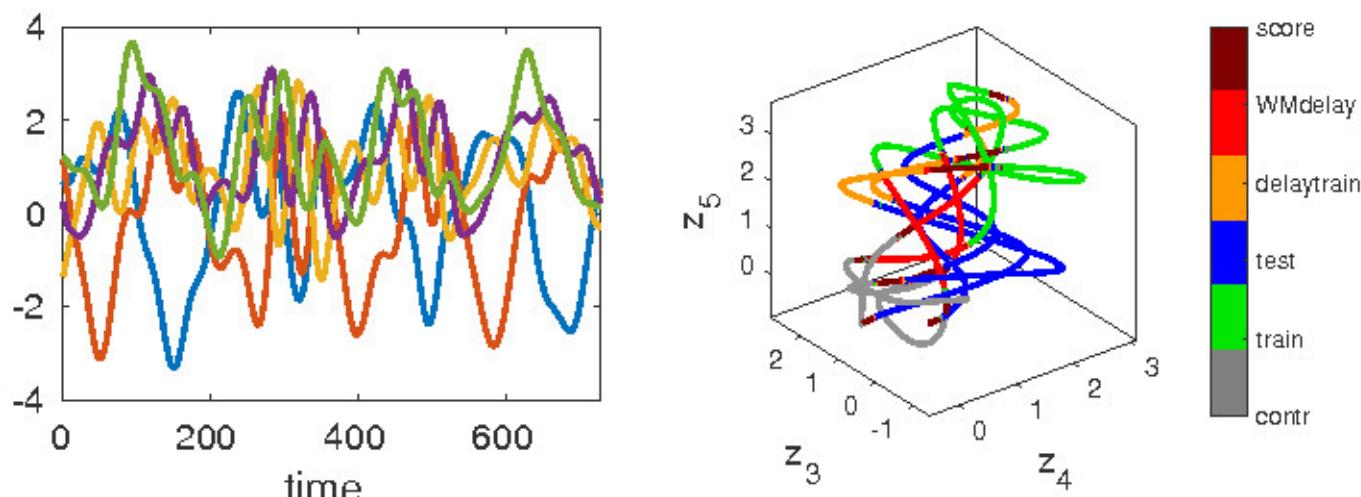


Does PLRNN really capture measured dynamics?

Inferred (posterior) state estimates $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:T})$



Generated (prior) state trajectories $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t)$



Does PLRNN really capture measured dynamics?

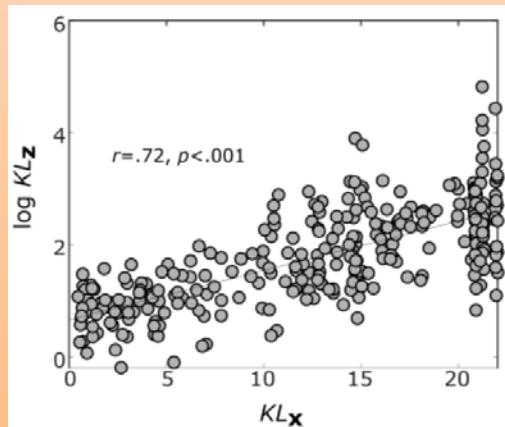
$$KL_{\mathbf{z}}(p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}), p_{gen}(\mathbf{z})) = \int_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^M} p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{p_{gen}(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}$$

$$p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_{1:T})$$

$$p_{gen}(\mathbf{z}) \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{z}_{t-1})$$

Gaussian Mixture Models

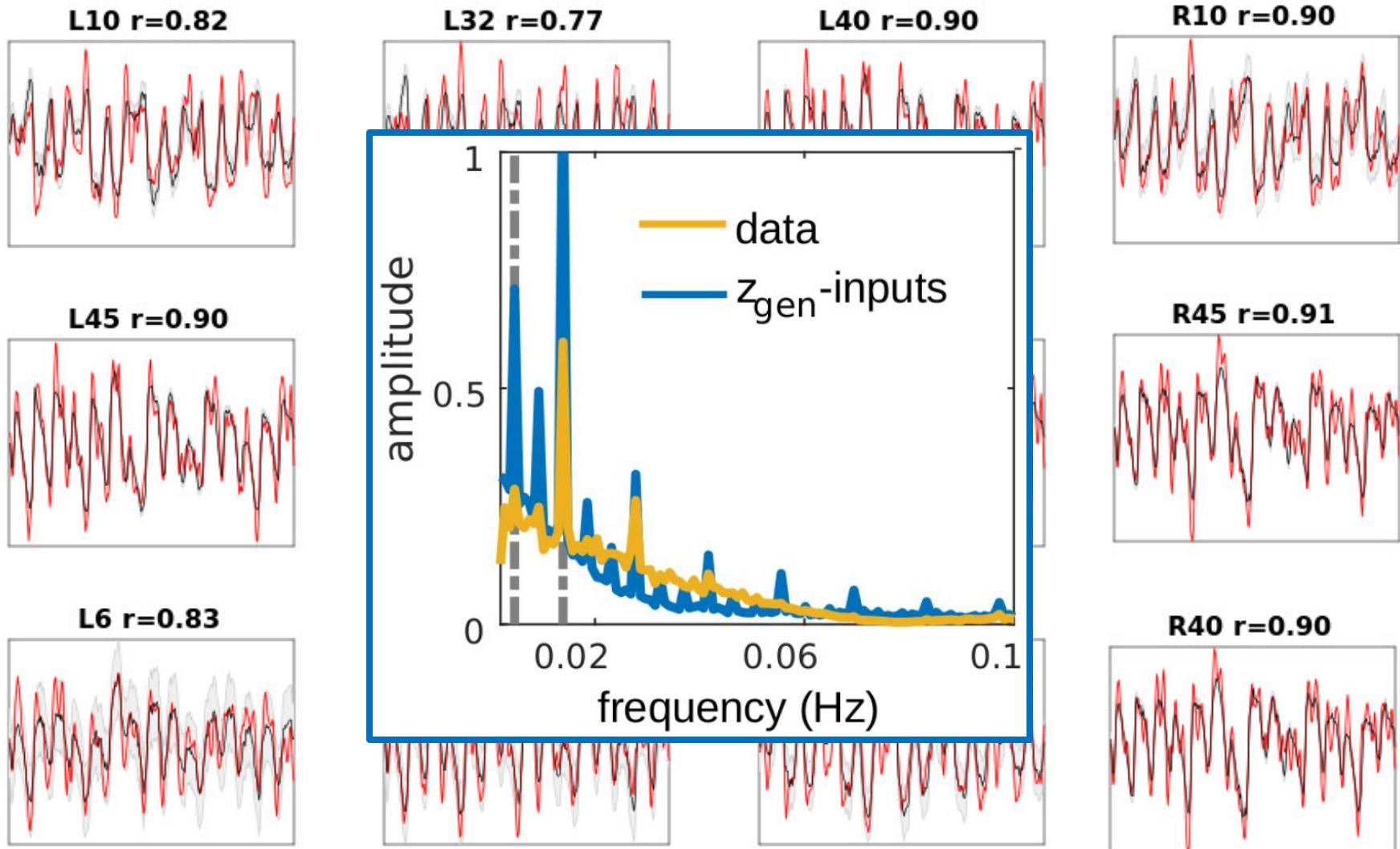
$$KL_{\mathbf{z}}^{(variational)}(p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}), p_{gen}(\mathbf{z})) \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \log \frac{\sum_{j=1}^T e^{-KL(p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}_t|\mathbf{x}_{1:T}), p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}_j|\mathbf{x}_{1:T}))}}{\sum_{k=1}^T e^{-KL(p_{inf}(\mathbf{z}_t|\mathbf{x}_{1:T}), p_{gen}(\mathbf{z}_k|\mathbf{z}_{k-1}))}}$$



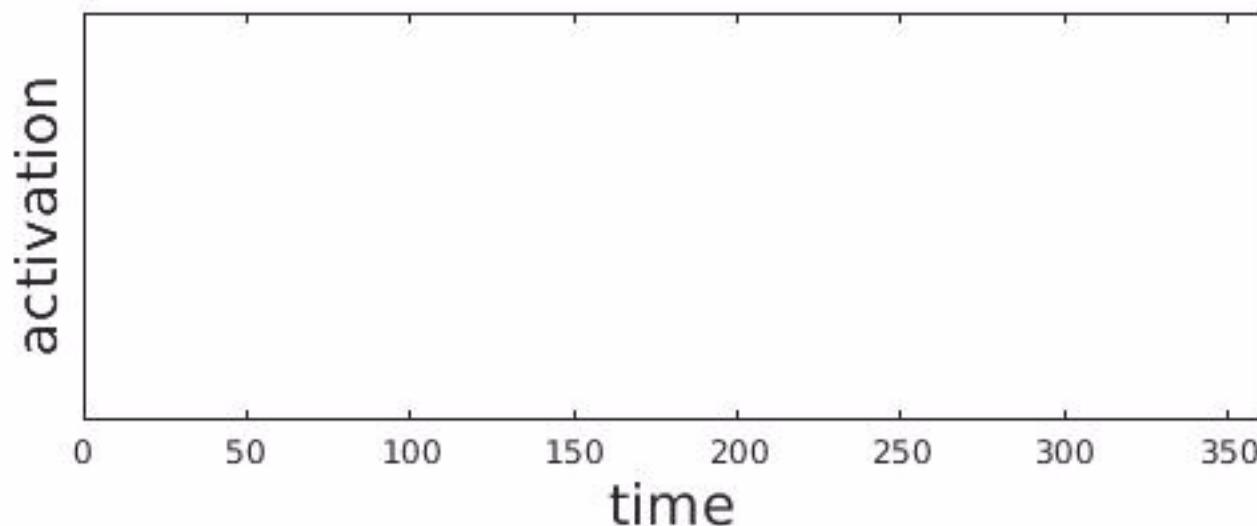
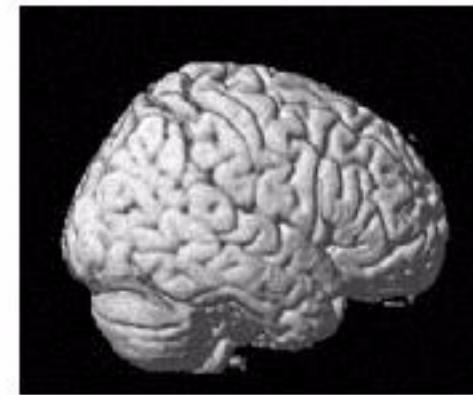
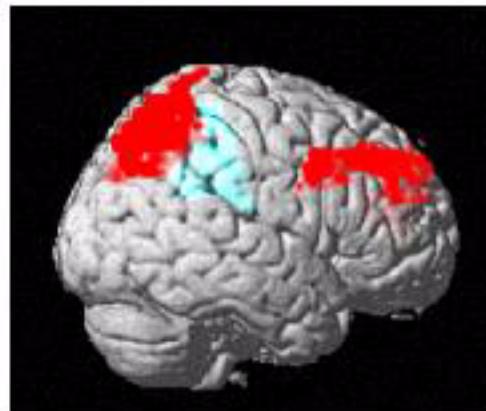
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Koppe et al. (2019), PLoS Comp Biol

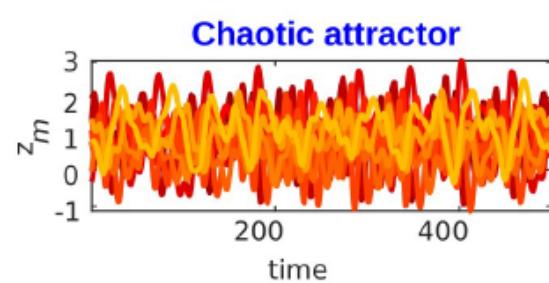
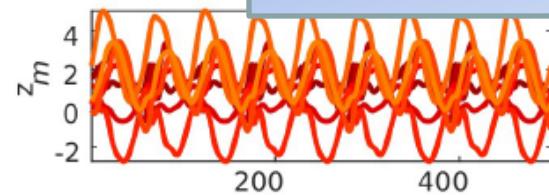
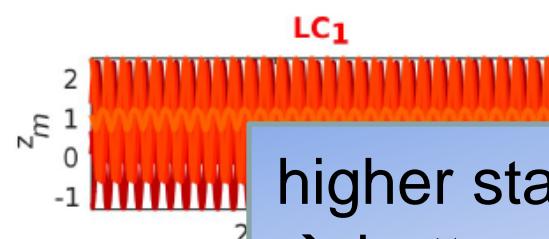
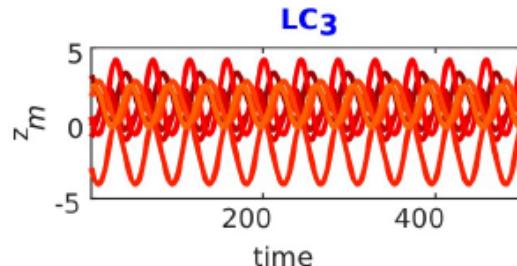
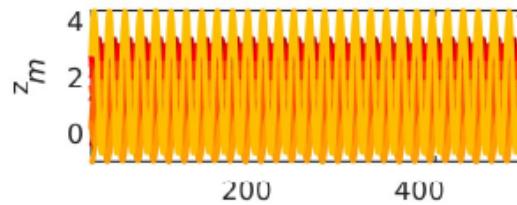
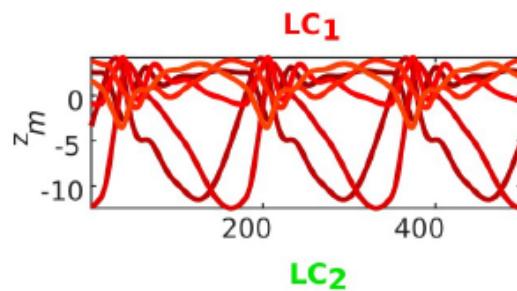
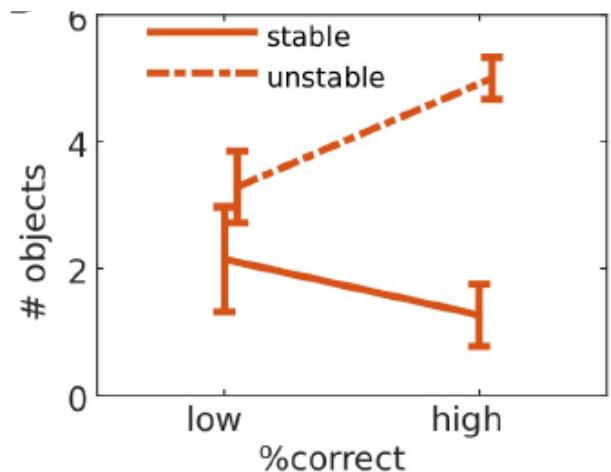
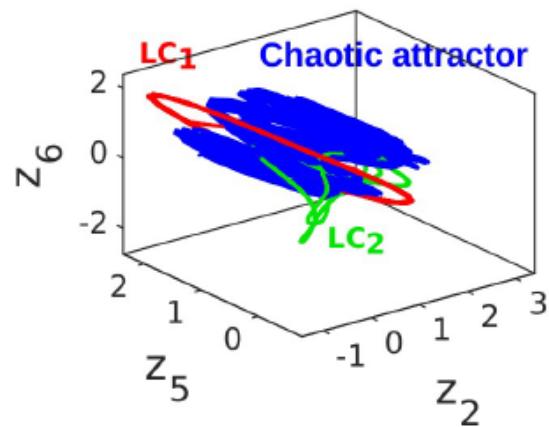
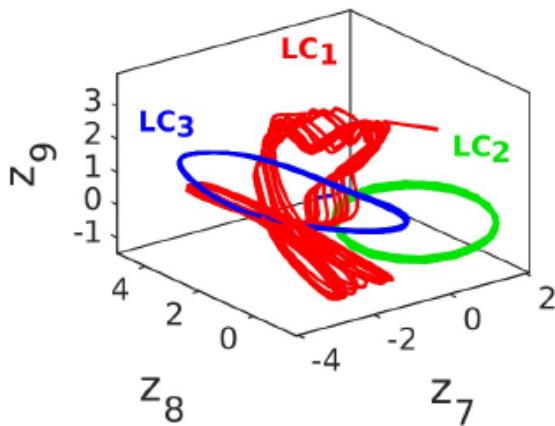
Observed and predicted BOLD traces



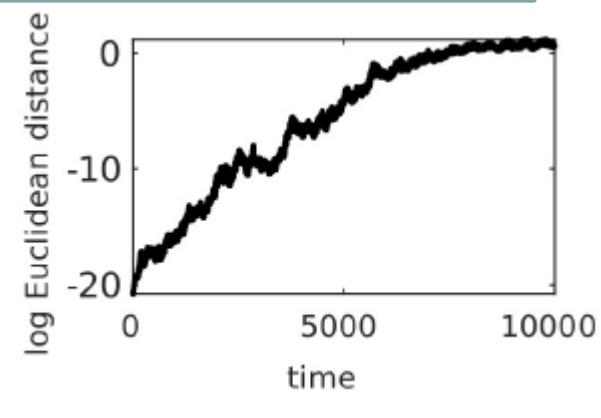
The fMRI Turing-Test



Examples: Nonlinear phenomena from fMRI data

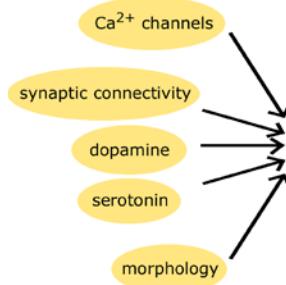


higher state space complexity
→ better performance

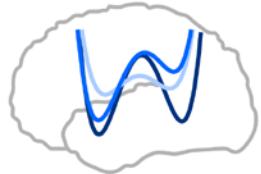


Take home's

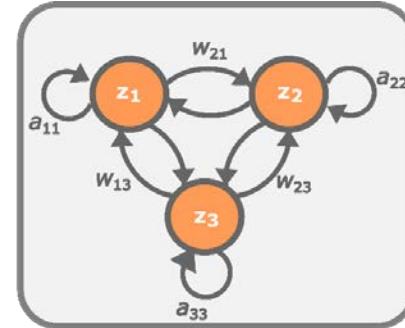
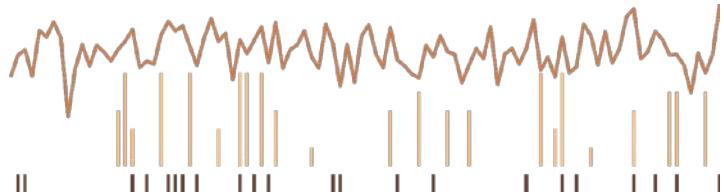
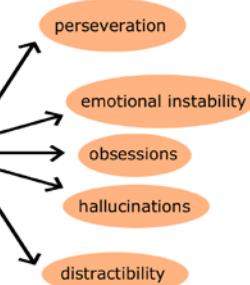
Diverse biophysical and structural causes



Similar changes in network dynamics in diverse brain areas



Diverse changes in cognitive and emotional experience



- Dynamical systems theory = central layer for connecting neural and behavioral phenomena → new perspective on psychiatric symptoms and their treatment
- Deep generative RNN → enable reconstruction of DS from observed time series
- ... enables 'diagnosis' of systems-dynamical states & prediction of individual disease trajectories
- ... enables simulation & prognosis of effects of interventions in personalized fashion

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