

# A scalable generative model for dynamical system reconstruction from neuroimaging data

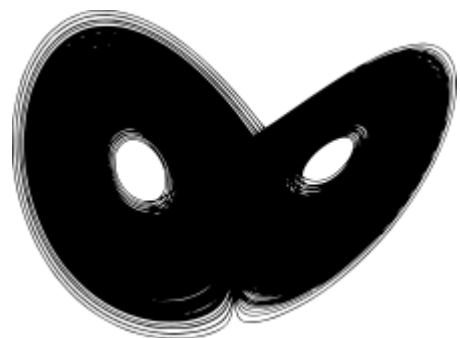
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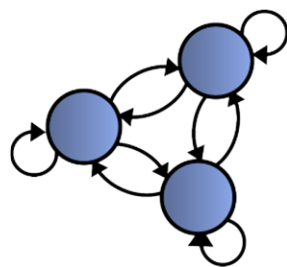
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# Dynamical Systems Reconstruction (DSR)

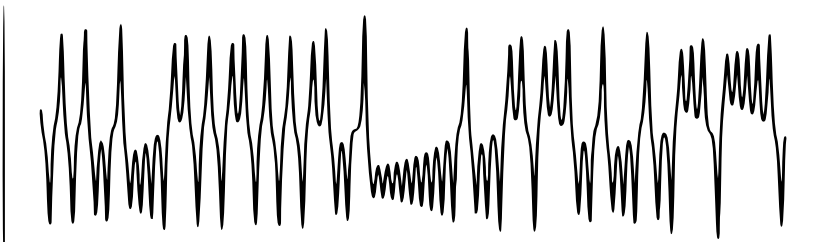


$\{x_t\}$   $\xrightarrow[\theta, \phi]{\text{Infer}}$

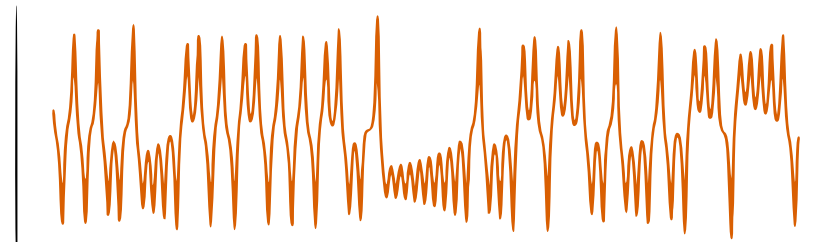


$\xrightarrow{\text{Generate}} \{\hat{x}_t\}$

$$z_t = F_\theta(z_{t-1})$$
$$x_t = G_\phi(z_t)$$



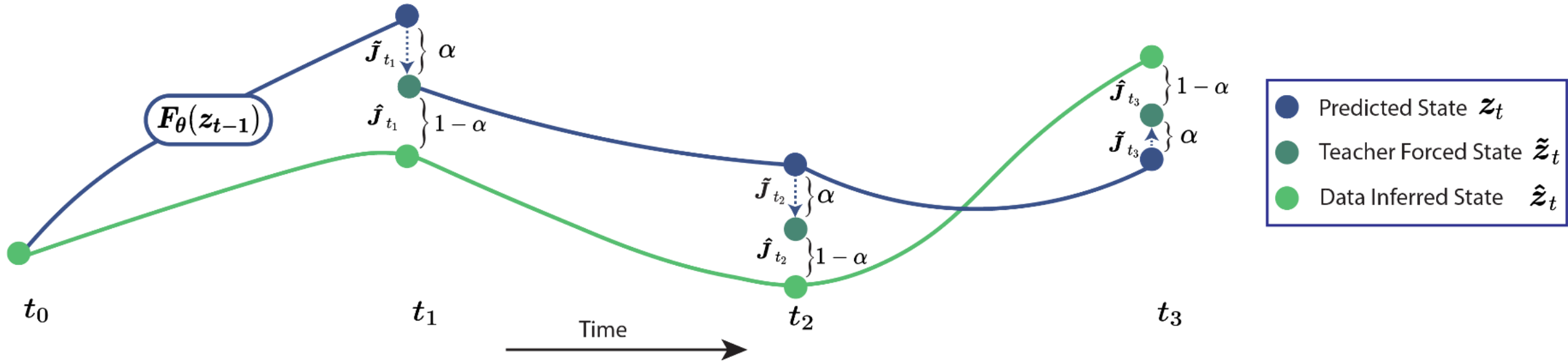
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# Generalized Teacher Forcing (GTF)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Hess et al, ICML 2023, Generalized teacher forcing for learning chaotic dynamics



Interpolate between forward-iterated states  $z_t$  and data-inferred states  $\hat{z}_t = G_\phi^{-1}(x_t)$ :

$$\tilde{z}_t = F_\theta((1 - \alpha)z_{t-1} + \alpha\hat{z}_{t-1}), \quad \alpha \in (0,1)$$

→ optimal choice of  $\alpha$  prevents EGP

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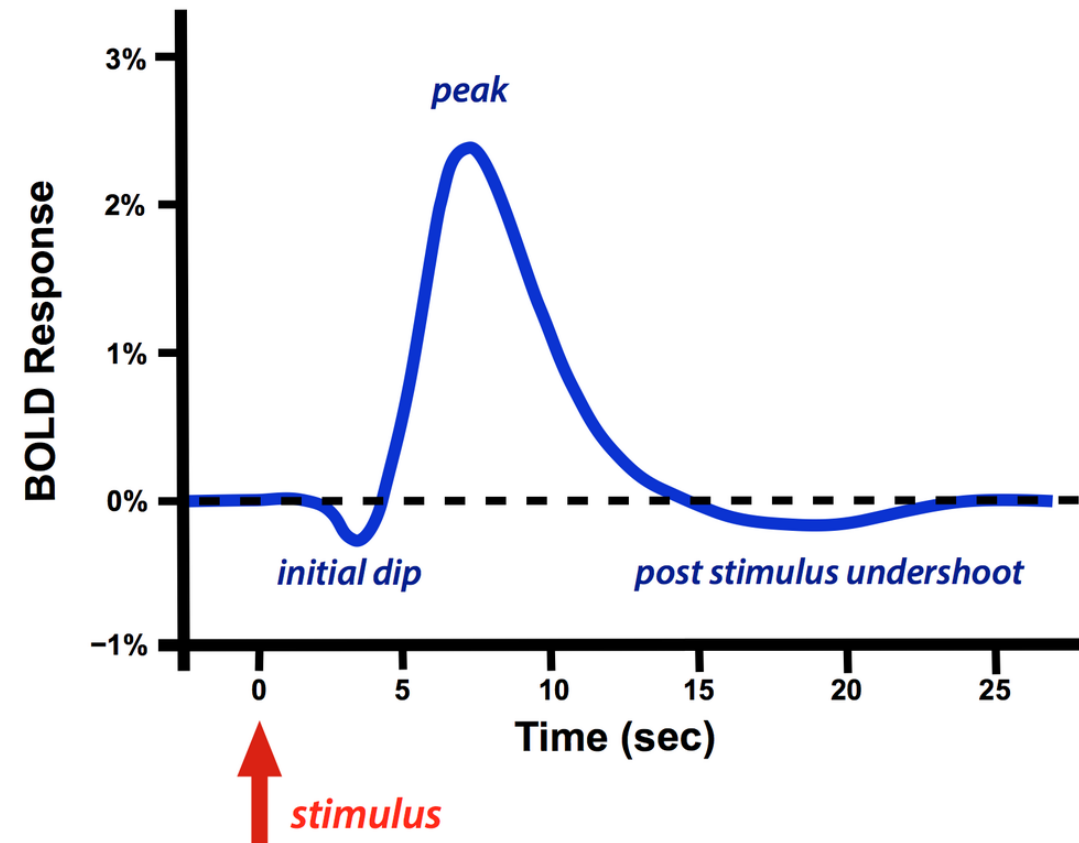
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Example: fMRI

- Signal of interest: neuronal activity
- Impulse response: hemodynamic response function ( $hrf$ )



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  - How to calculate forcing targets at  $t$  for GTF?

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4. Use estimate  $\tilde{x}$  in Teacher Forcing Algorithm

### 1. State space divergence $D_{stsp}$

Geometrical overlap of orbits in state space

$$D_{stsp} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} p(\mathbf{x}) \frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}$$

### 2. Power spectrum error $D_{PSE}$

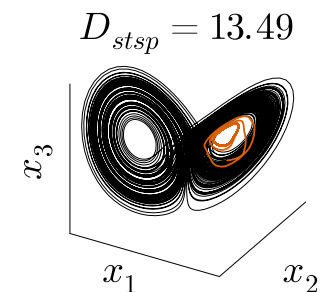
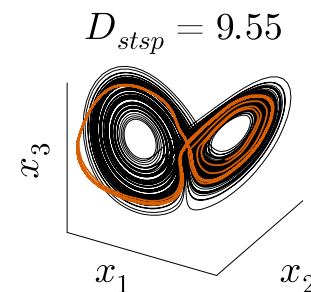
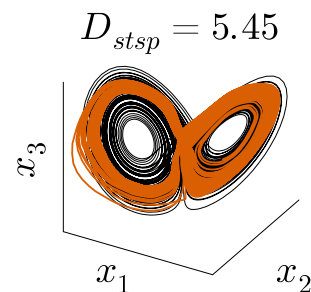
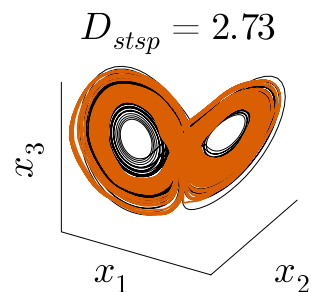
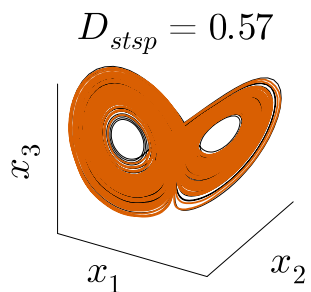
Average Hellinger distance between power spectra

$$D_{PSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( 1 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{f_i(\omega)g_i(\omega)} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

### 3. Prediction error $PE$

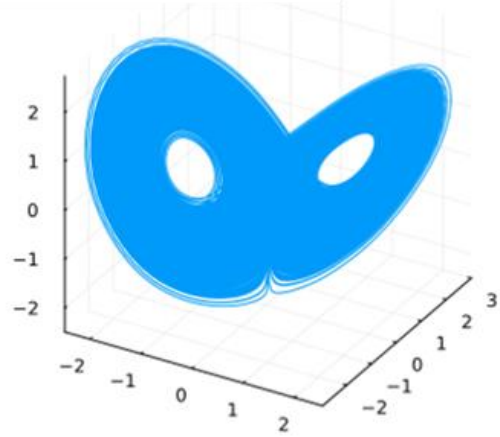
n-step prediction error

$$PE(n) = \frac{1}{N(T-n)} \sum_{t=1}^{T-n} \|x_{t+n} - \hat{x}_{t+n}\|_2^2$$



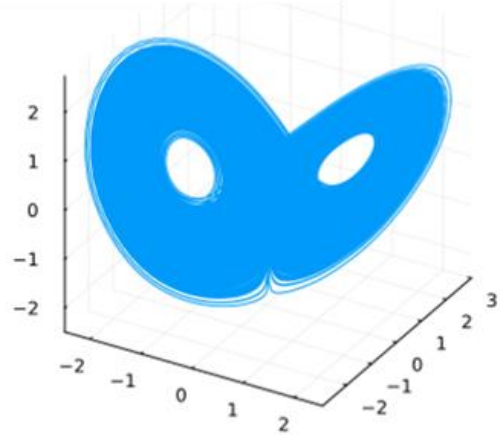
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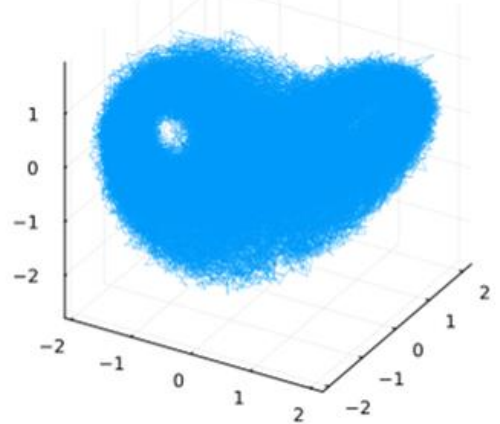
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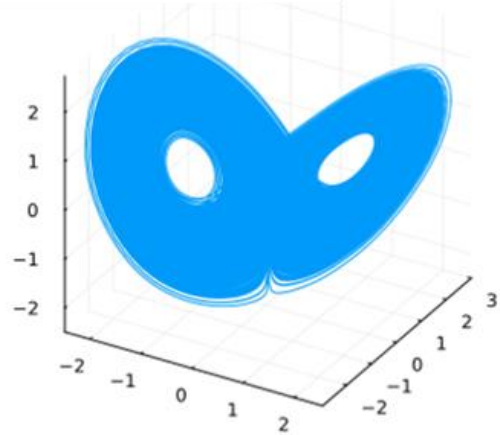
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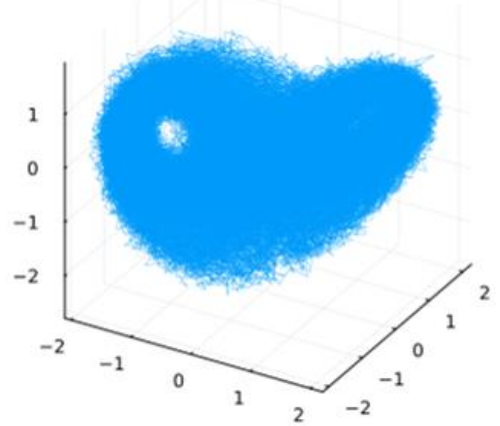
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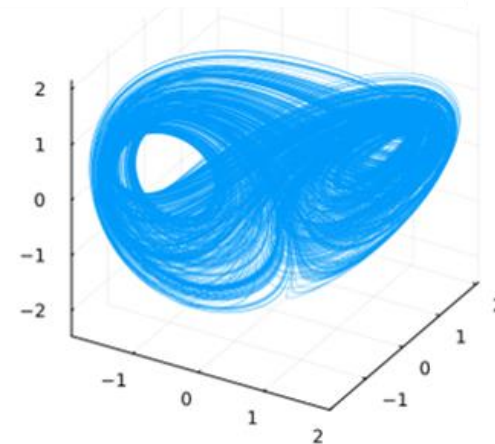


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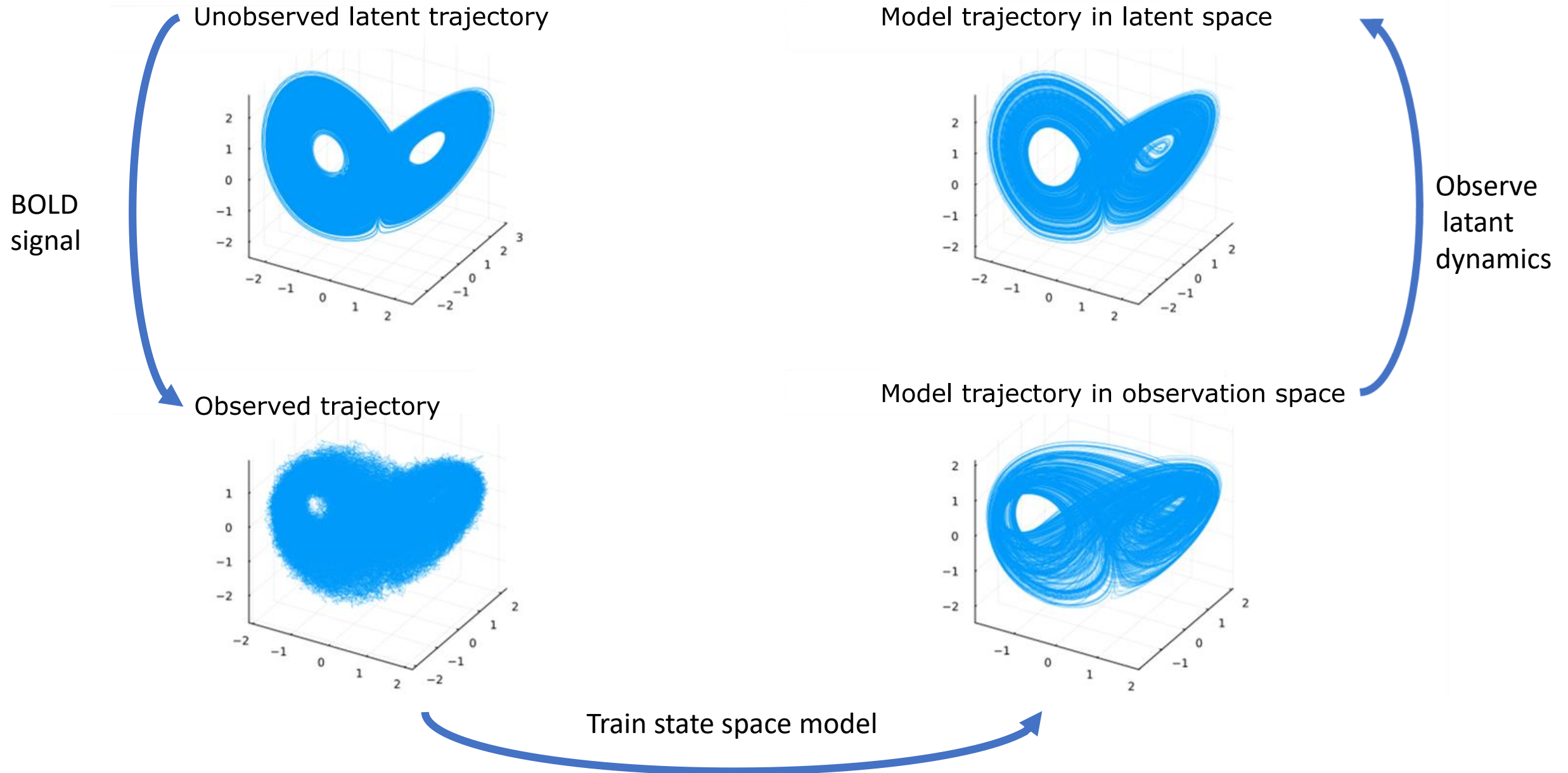
Model trajectory in observation space



Train state space model

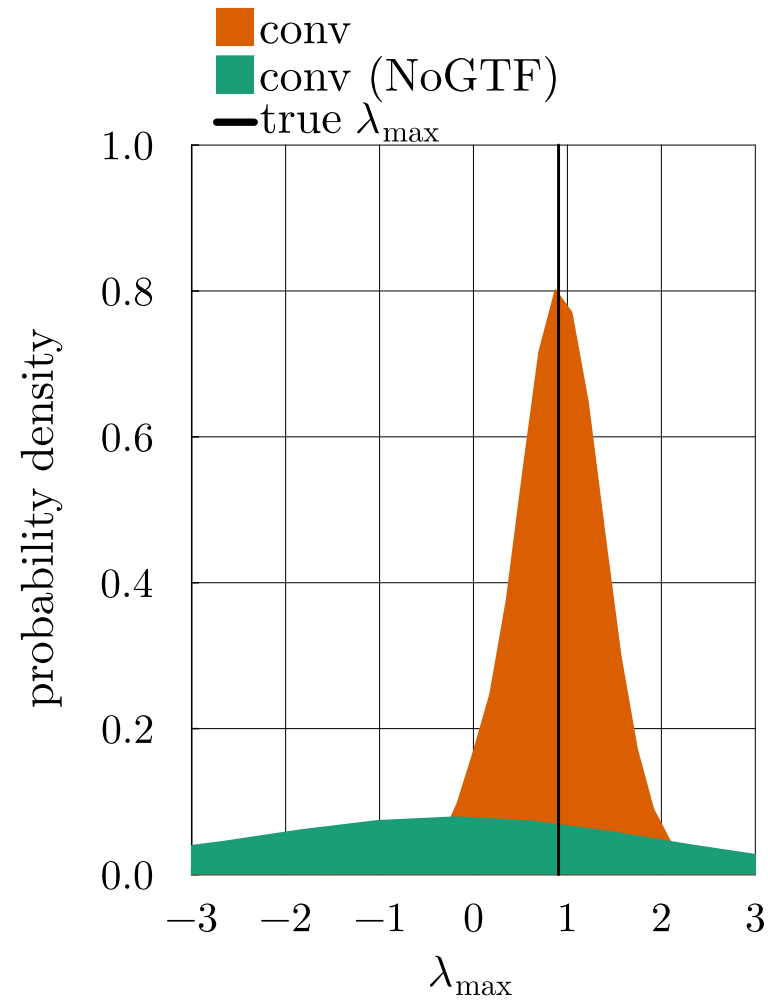


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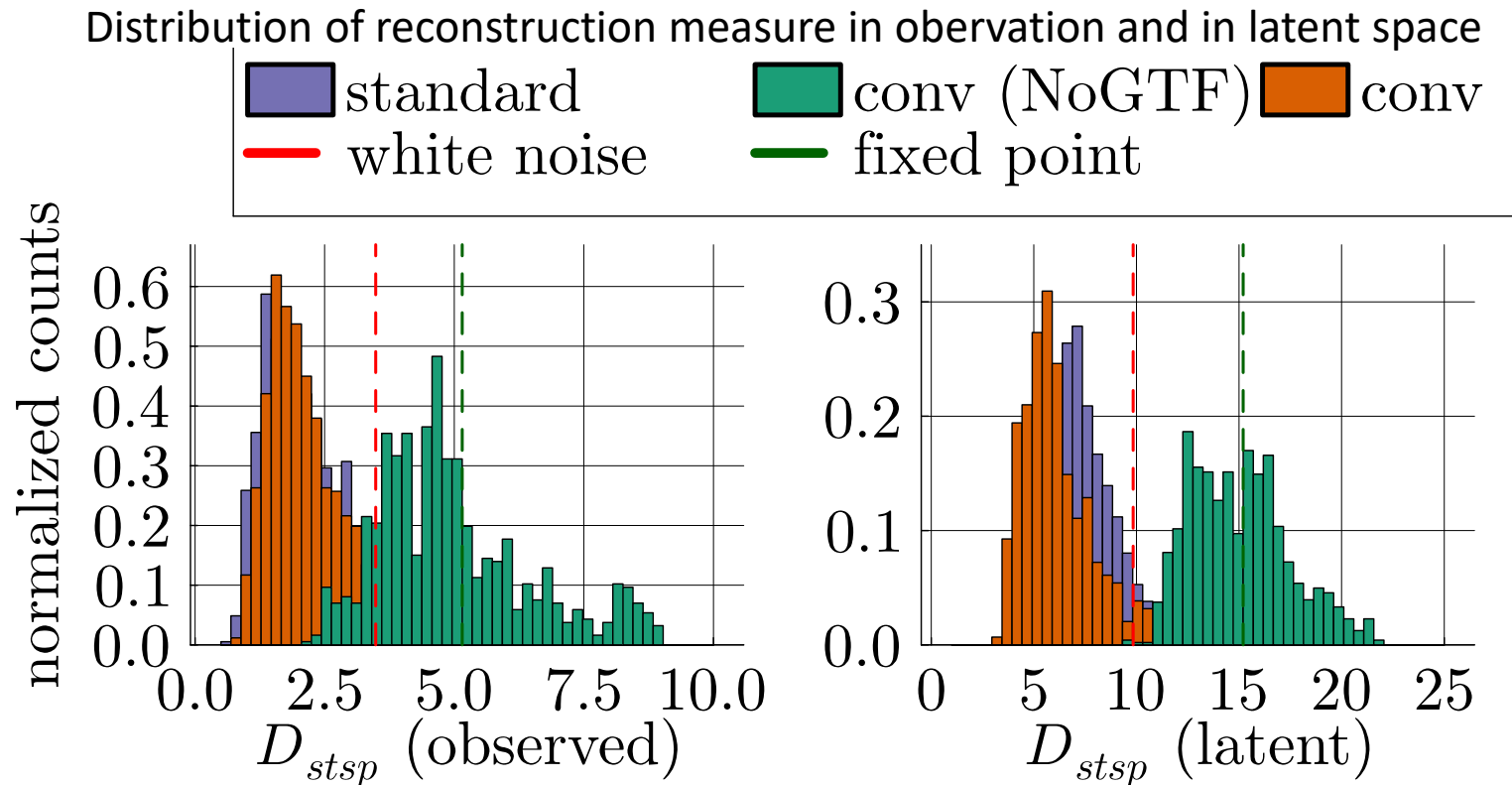
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Distribution of learned  $\lambda_{max}$  values with/without GTF



# ALN: Simulated fMRI data

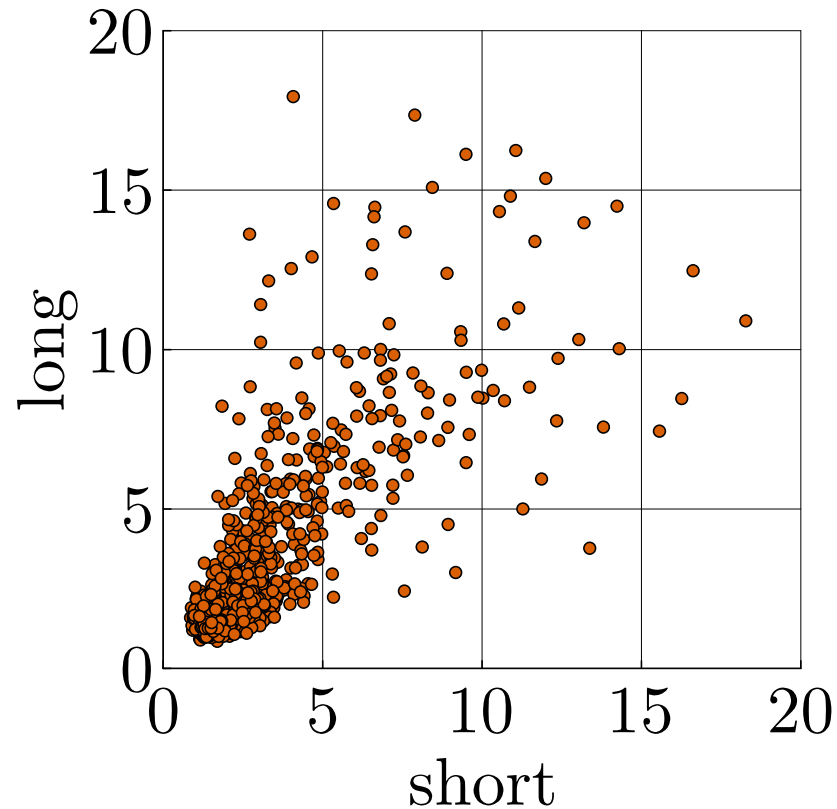
Key finding: ConvSSM improves latent space reconstruction



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Key finding: We can identify a successful DSR model using our measures on short time series

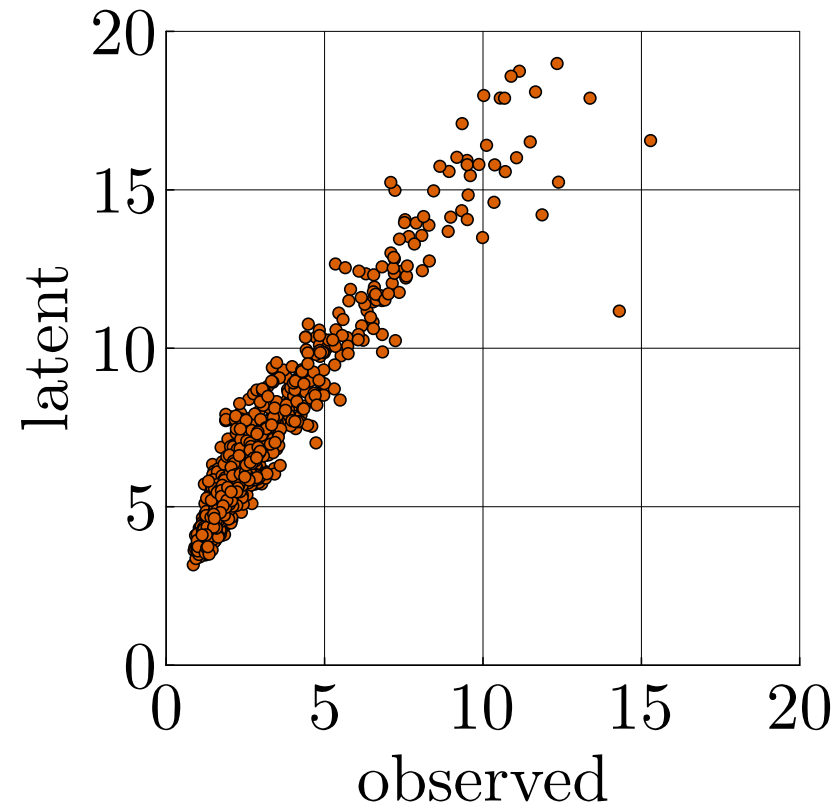
Correlation of DSR measures evaluated on short vs long testing time series



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Key finding: Consistent DSR measures in observation and latent space for ConvSSM

Correlation of DSR measures evaluated in observed vs in latent space for ConvSSM



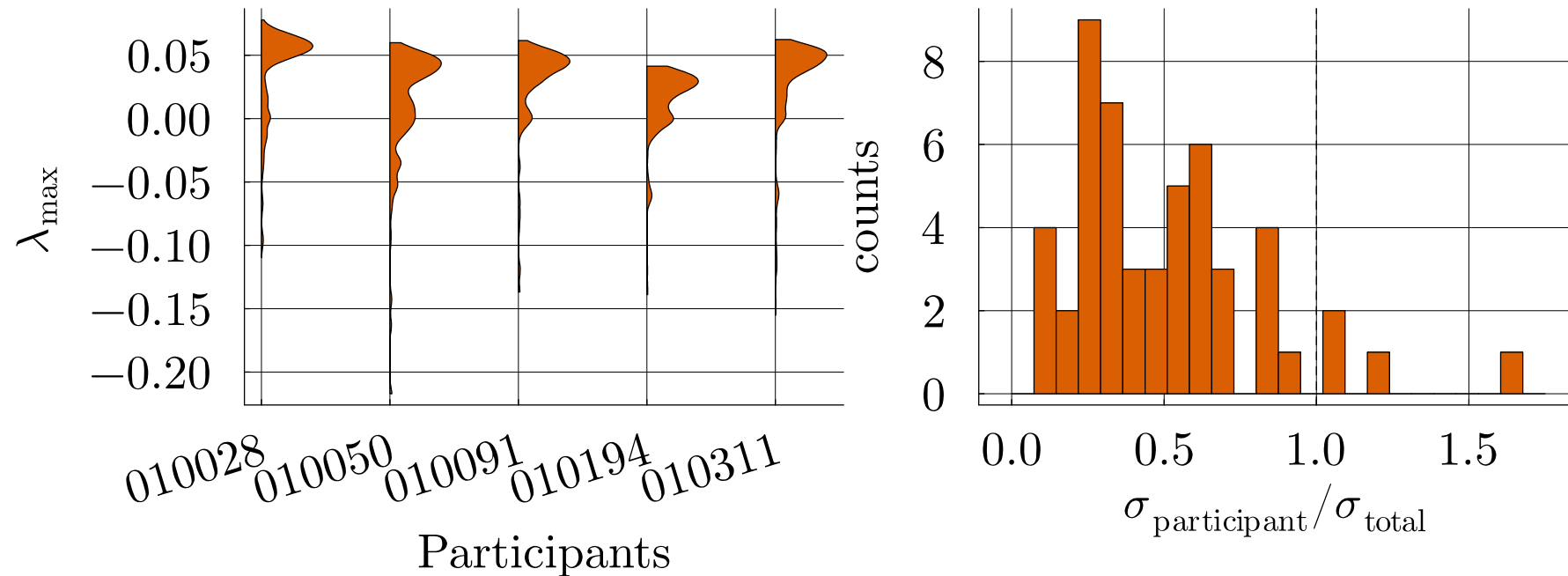
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Key findings: ConvSSM outperforms other methods in DSR performance

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## Key findings:

- positive  $\lambda_{max}$ , indicating chaotic attractors
- Reliably Inferred  $\lambda_{max}$  differentiate between subjects



Outlook: Classification and Regression using DS features identified by ConvSSM



# Thank you for your attention