

Boosting performance in Machine Learning of Turbulent and Geophysical Flows via scale separation

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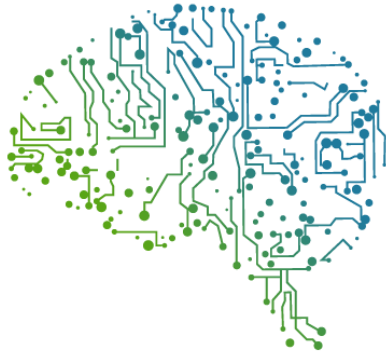
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MACHINE LEARNING IN SCIENCE



Neurosciences



Genomics

Traffic

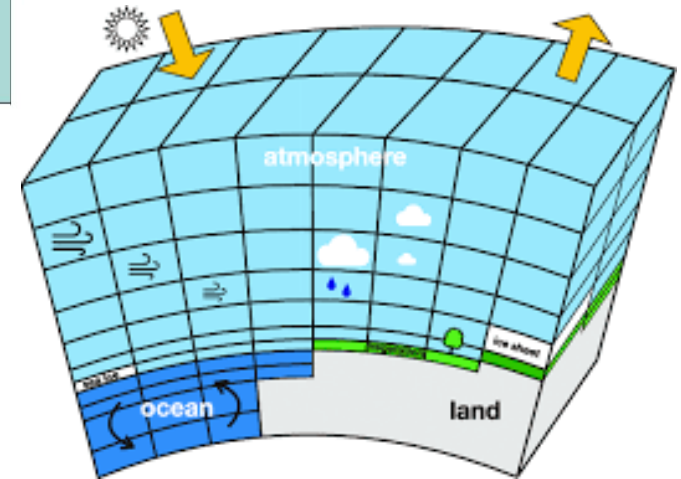
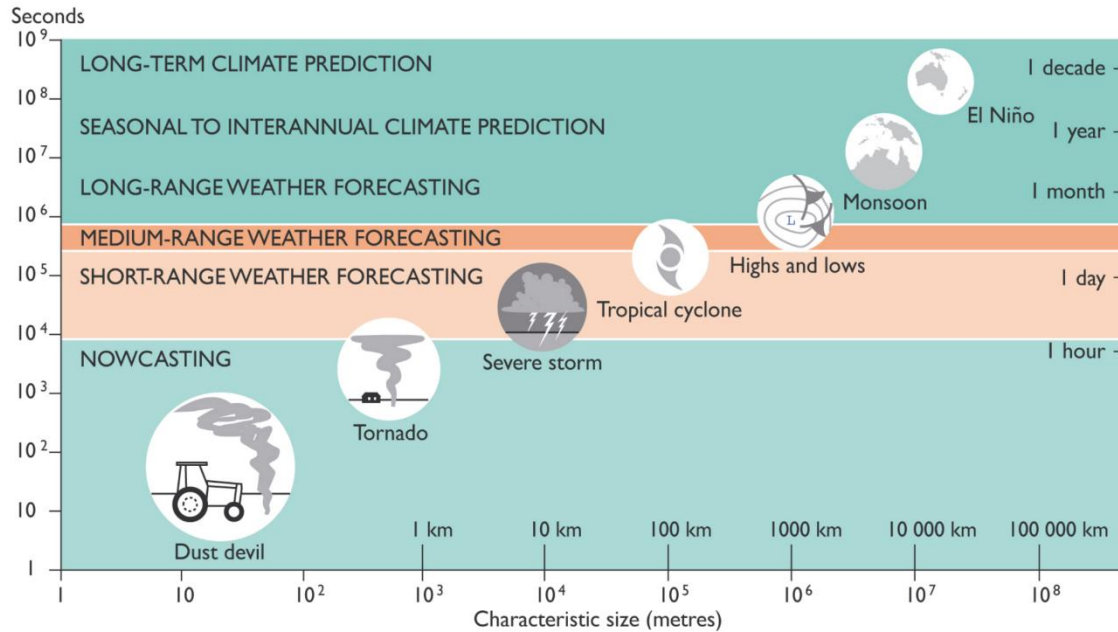


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- Multiple **Spatial** and **time Scales**
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Robotics

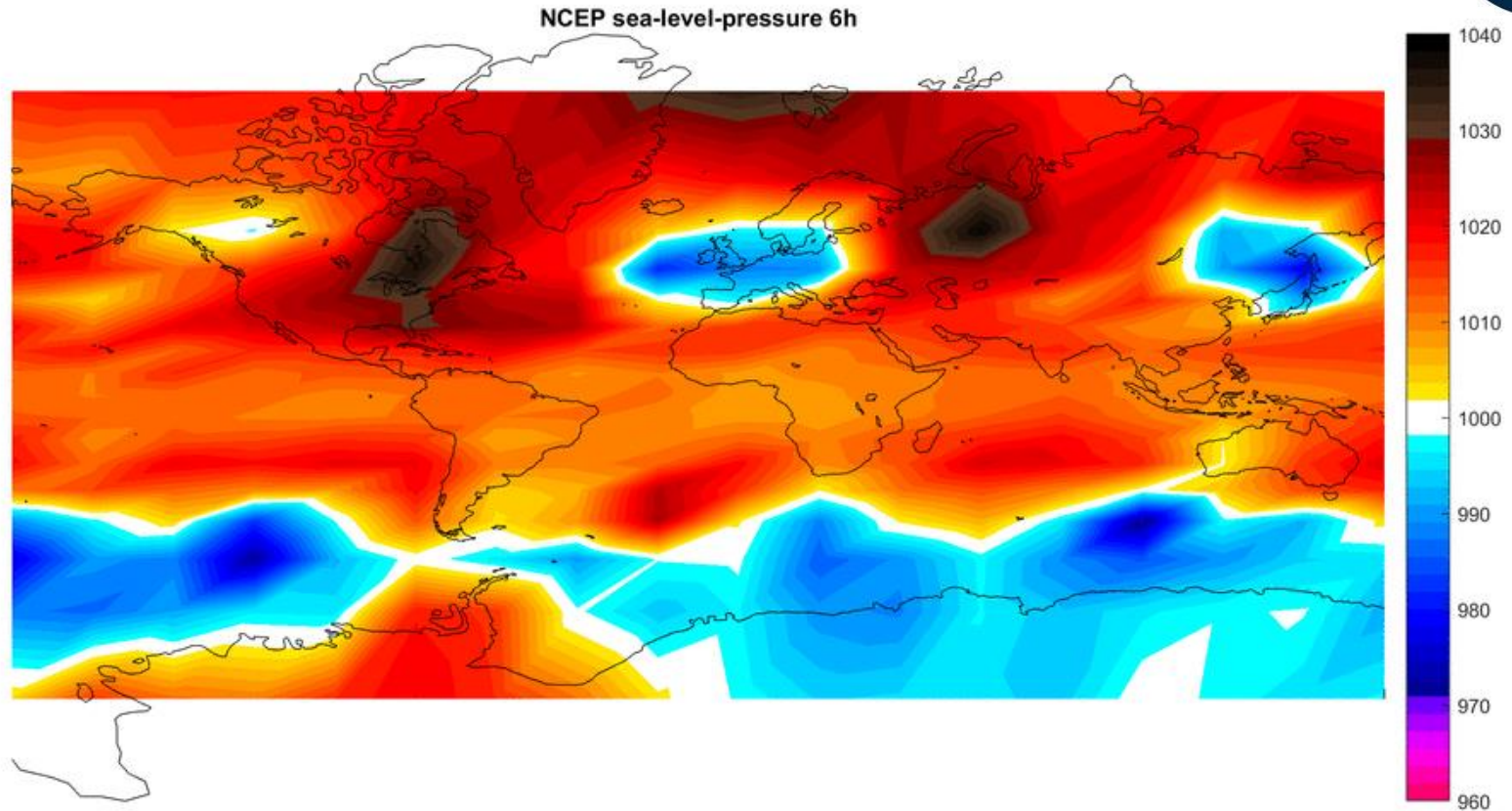


MACHINE LEARNING IN CLIMATE SCIENCE



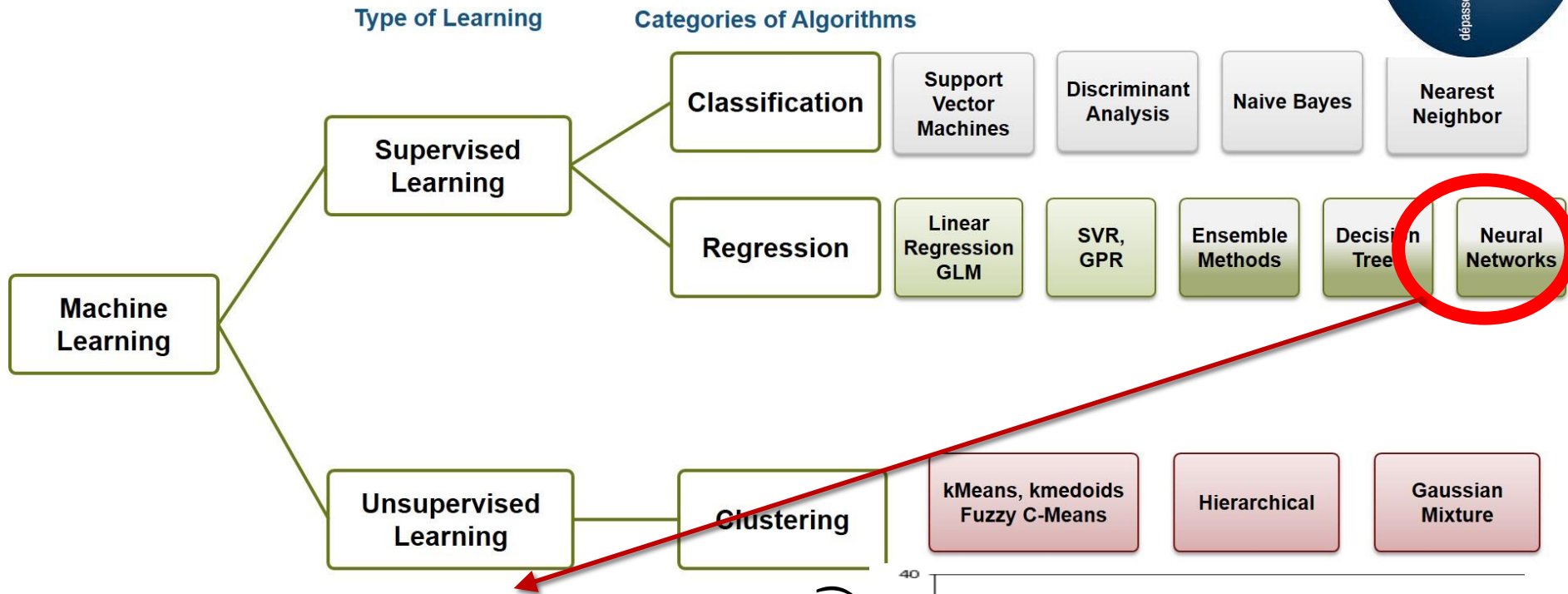
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WHICH SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM?



Task: forecast and generate a sea-level pressure forecast and its long term statistics to mimic that of the NCEP reanalysis.

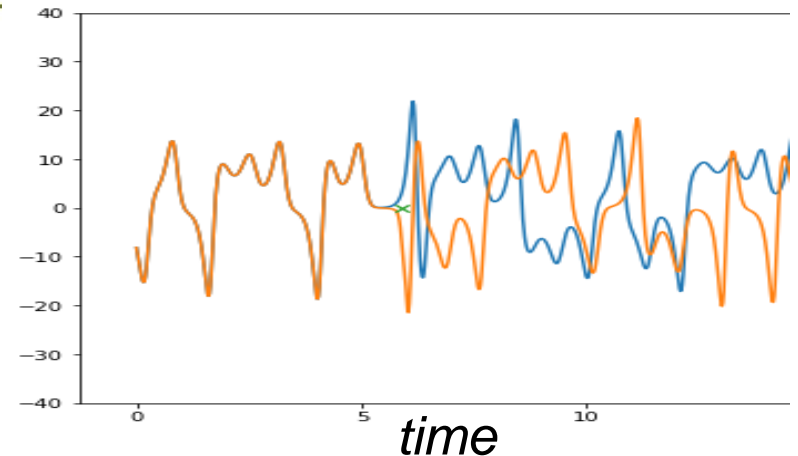
WHICH TECHNIQUE?



Pathak et al. – Phys. Rev. Lett. 2018

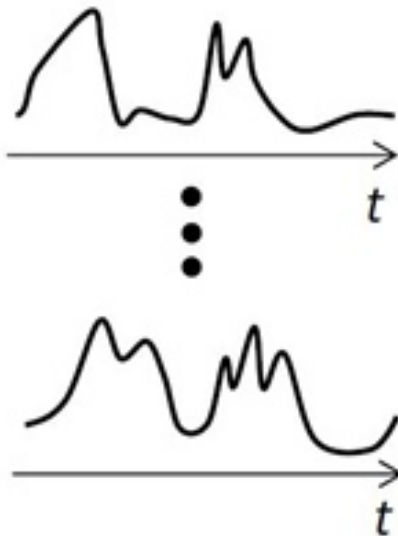
- Echo State Network for chaotic Systems
- Forecasts beyond the Lyapunov time!
- **Equations** VS **machine learning**

$x(\text{Lorenz } 1963)$



ECHO STATE NETWORKS + RECURRENCE

Input serial data



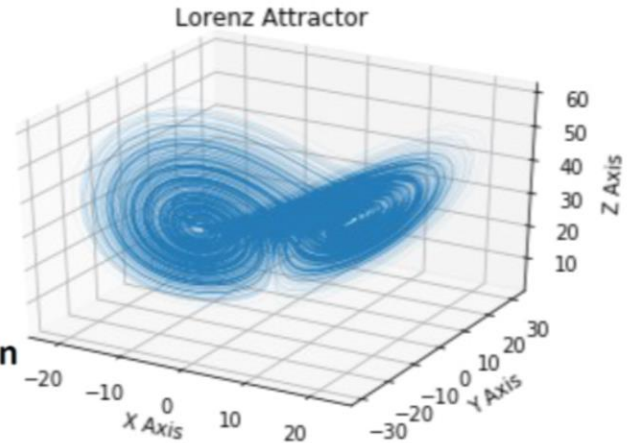
Lorenz 1963 equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x),$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y,$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z.$$

A model of atmospheric convection



$X(t)$ is a L dimensional vector

- Variables need to be standardized

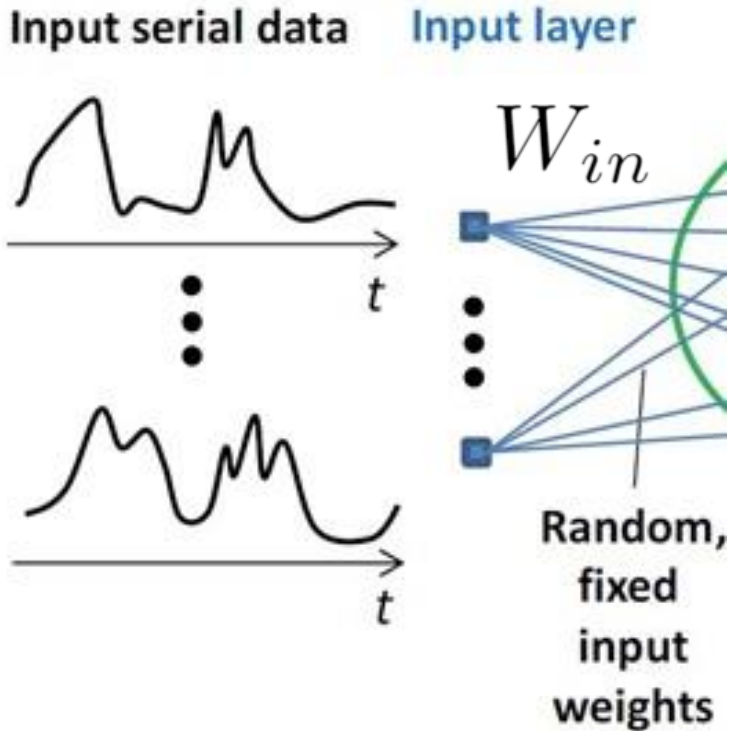
$x(t)$

ECHO STATE NETWORK



$x(t + dt)$

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W_{in} is a matrix $L \times N$

- L is the number of variables.
- N is the network size

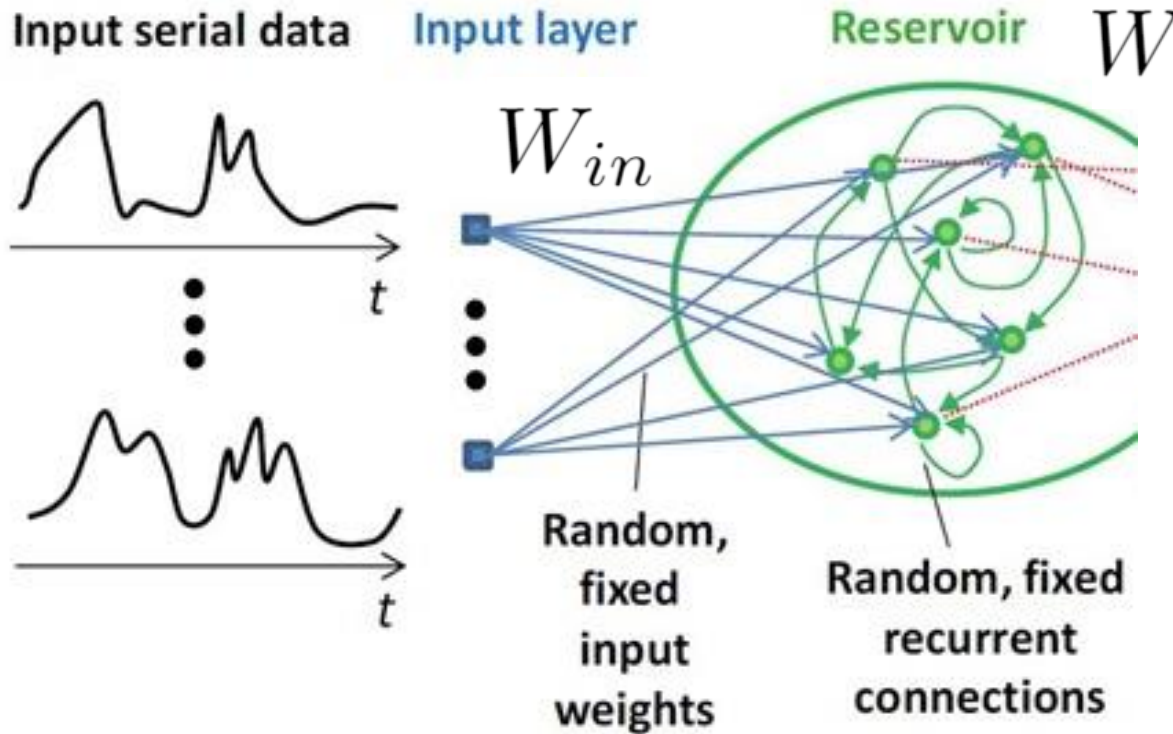
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W is $N \times N$ matrix

- N is the network size
- Activation function is \tanh

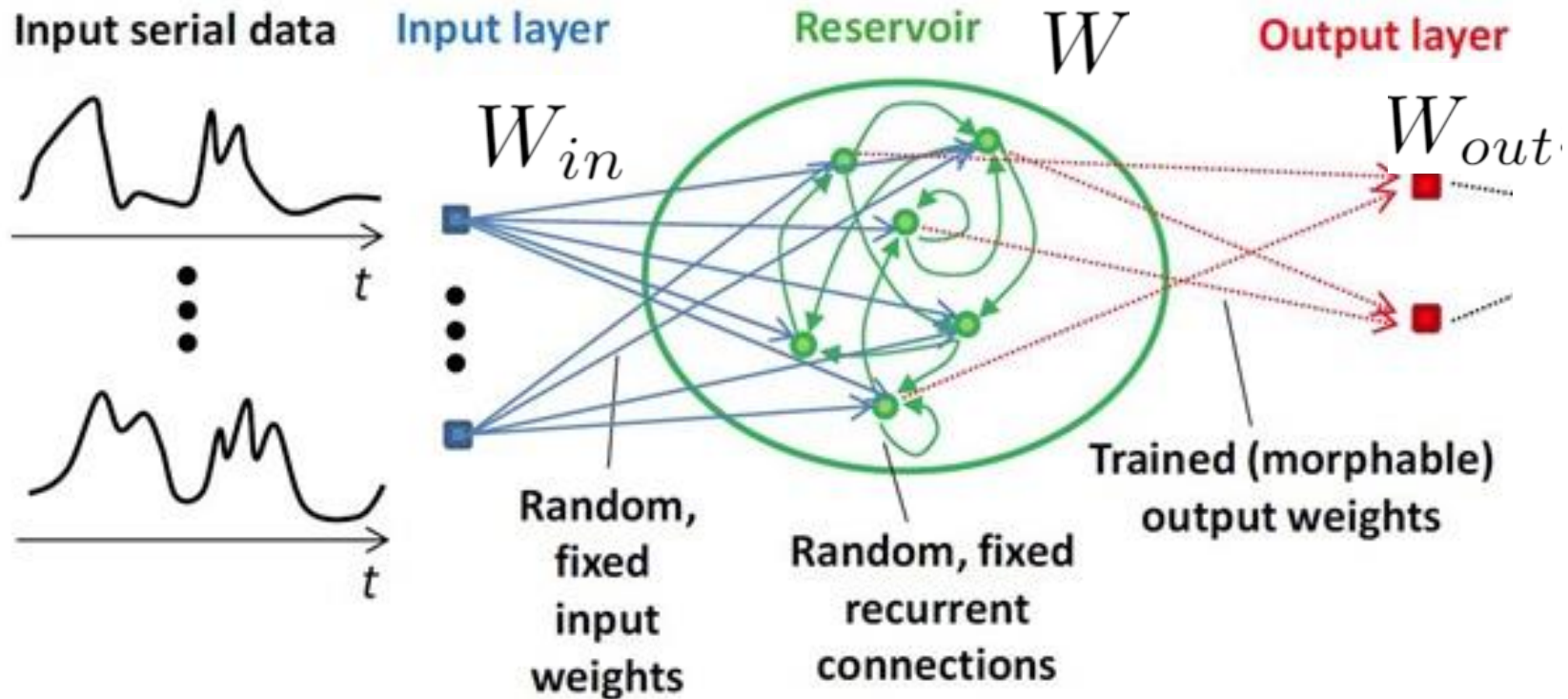
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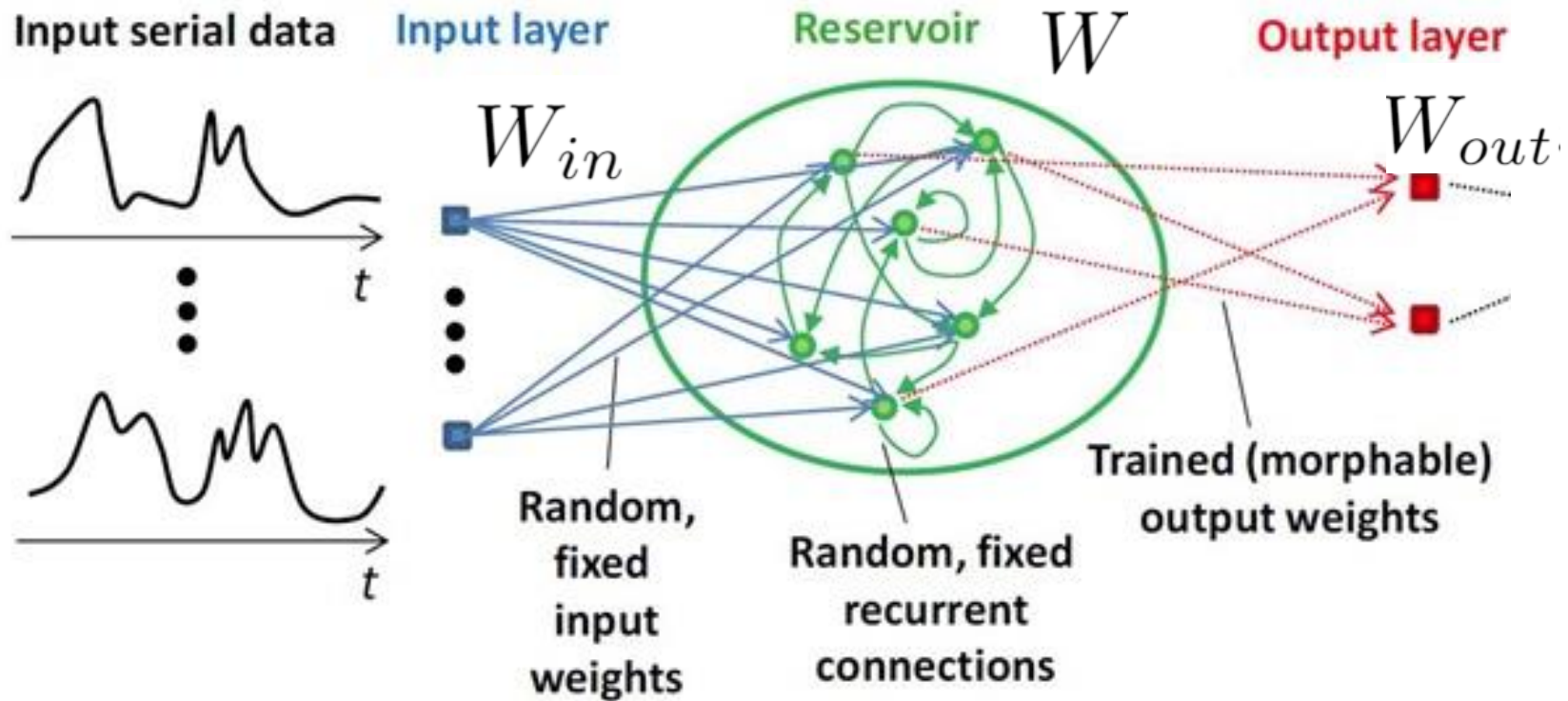
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W_{out} is a matrix $N \times L$

-Optimized during the training with a **Ridge regression** so that the output matches $x(t+dt)$

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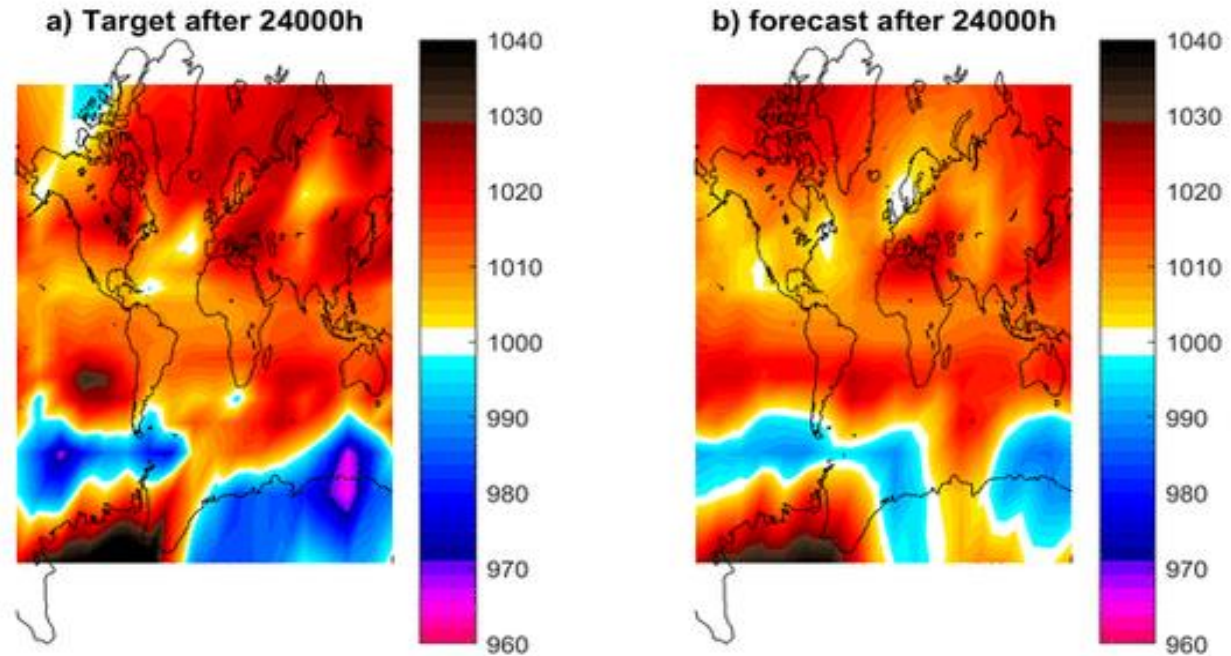


$$x(t + dt) = \tanh(Wx(t) + W_{in}W_{out}x(t))$$

FIRST TRIALS ON SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE

Network Size= 200 Neurons, Learning Time = 10 years Forecast Length = 10 years

At long time, the dynamics is stuck, it does not look realistic anymore (independently on the chosen parameters)



Similar results: Scher & Messori (2018,2019), Dueben & Bauer (2018)

=> We need to take one step back to assess what is wrong

TEST SYSTEMS

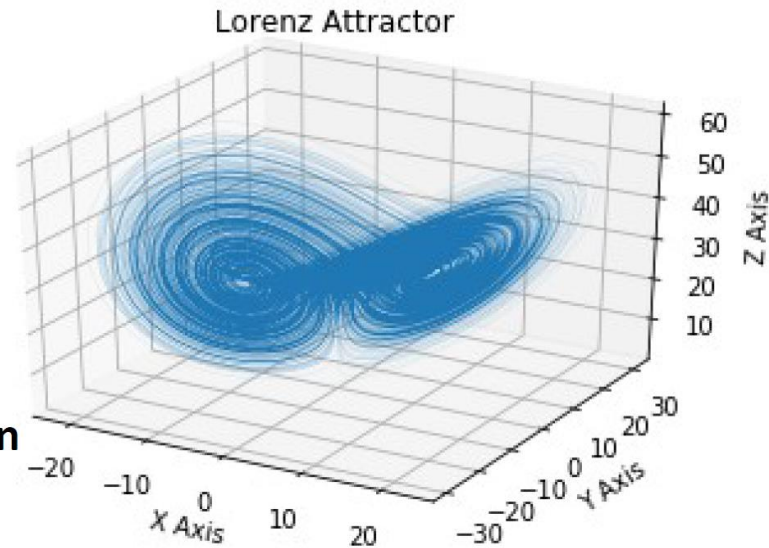
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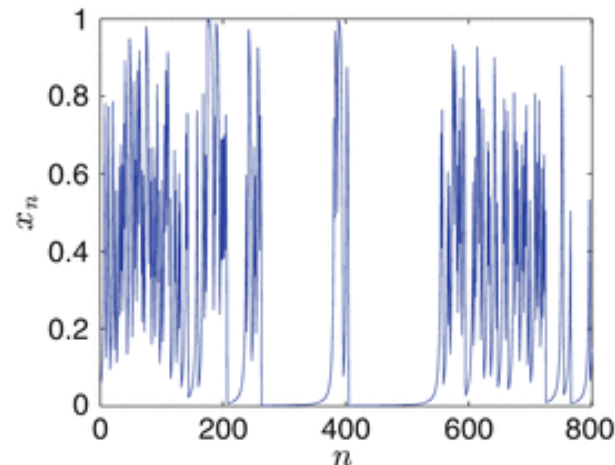
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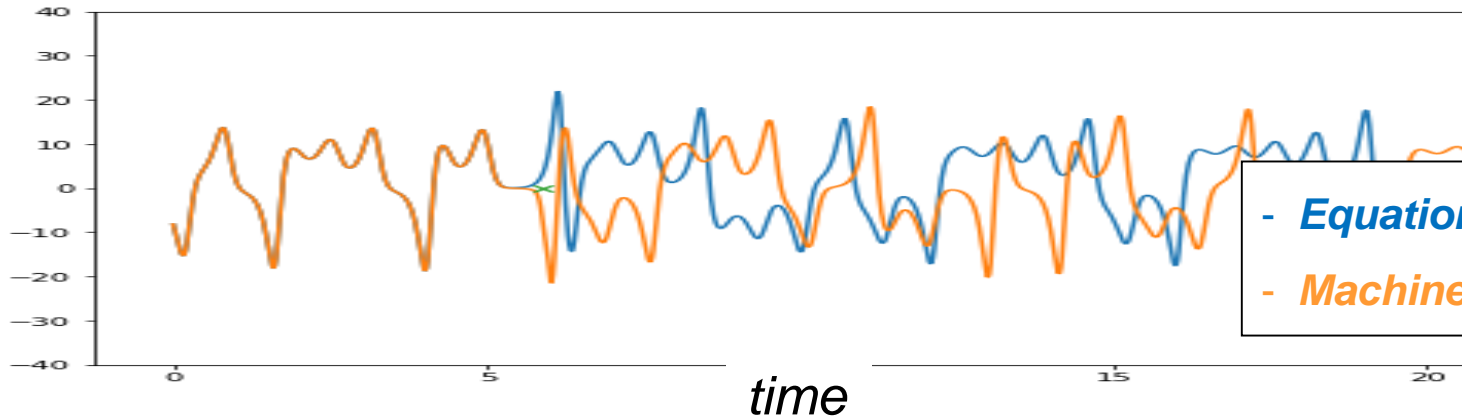
Pomeau Manneville intermittent map

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_{n-1}(1 + 2^\beta x_{n-1}) & \text{if } x_n < .5 \\ x_n &= 2x_{n-1} - 1 & \text{if } x_n > .5 \end{aligned}$$

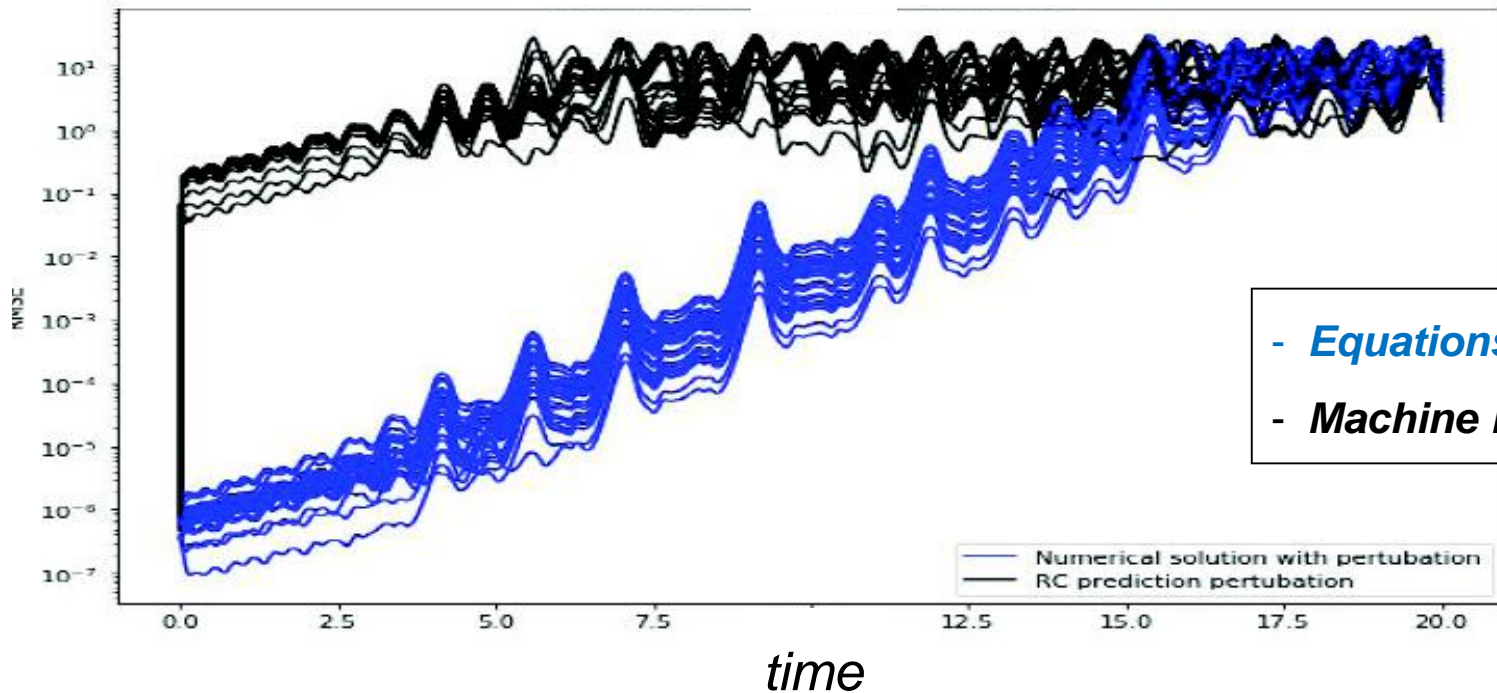


DANGER #1: LEARNING TIME

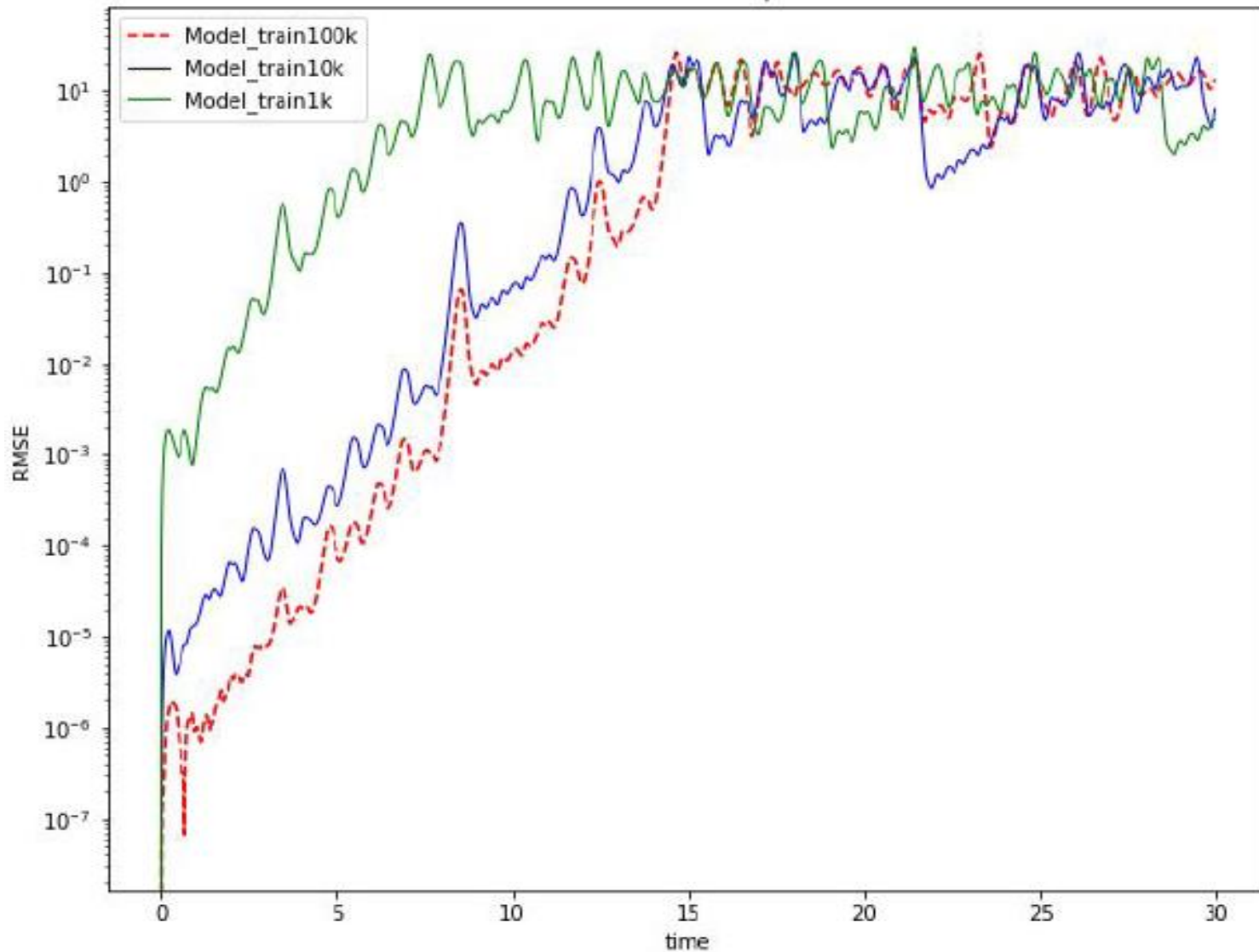
X (Lorenz 1963)



RMSE (Log scale)



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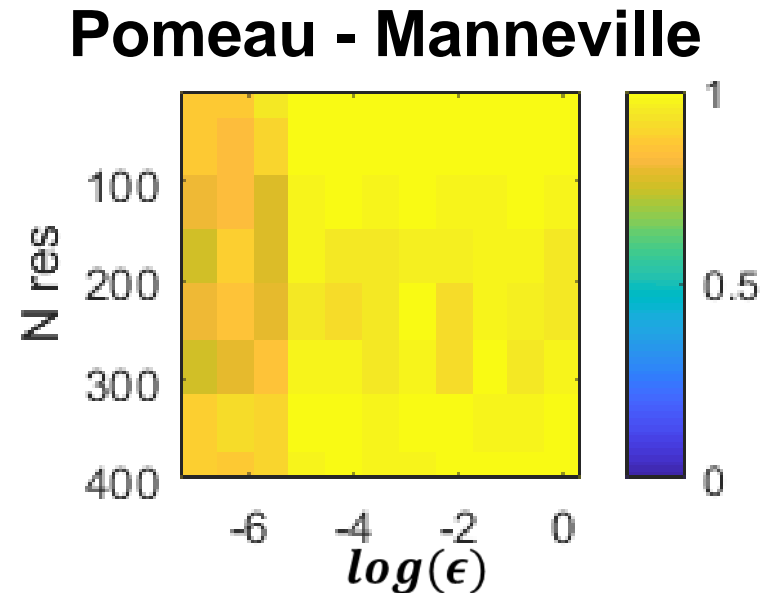
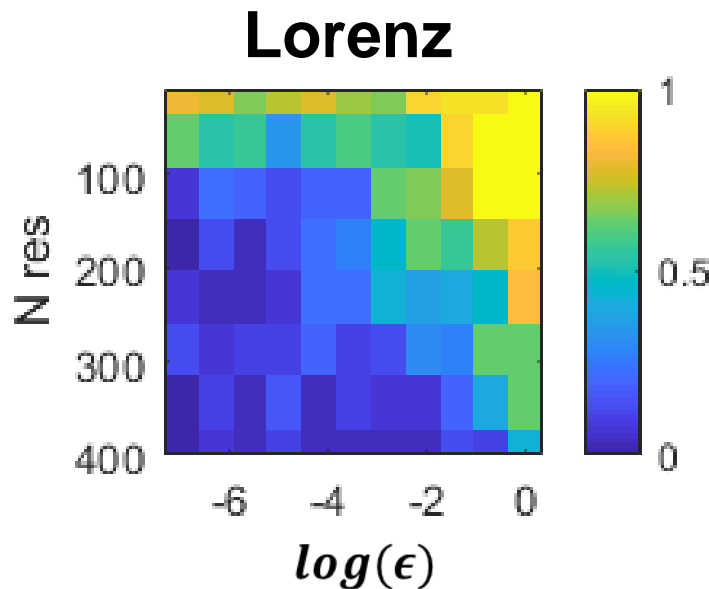


DANGER #2 NOISE & INTERMITTENCY

Additive noise to the Lorenz 1963 equations & Pomeau-Manneville Intermittent map:

$$x(t + dt) = f(x(t)) + \epsilon \xi(t)$$

where $\xi(t)$ is a random variable uniform in $[-0.5 \ 0.5]$



Percentage of failure in reproducing the attractor

(0 means never fail, 1 means always fail)

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: SCALE SEPARATION



1) Filter the noise

There are countless methods, but we use the simplest possible one:

Moving Average filter with window size:

$$WS \ll \tau$$

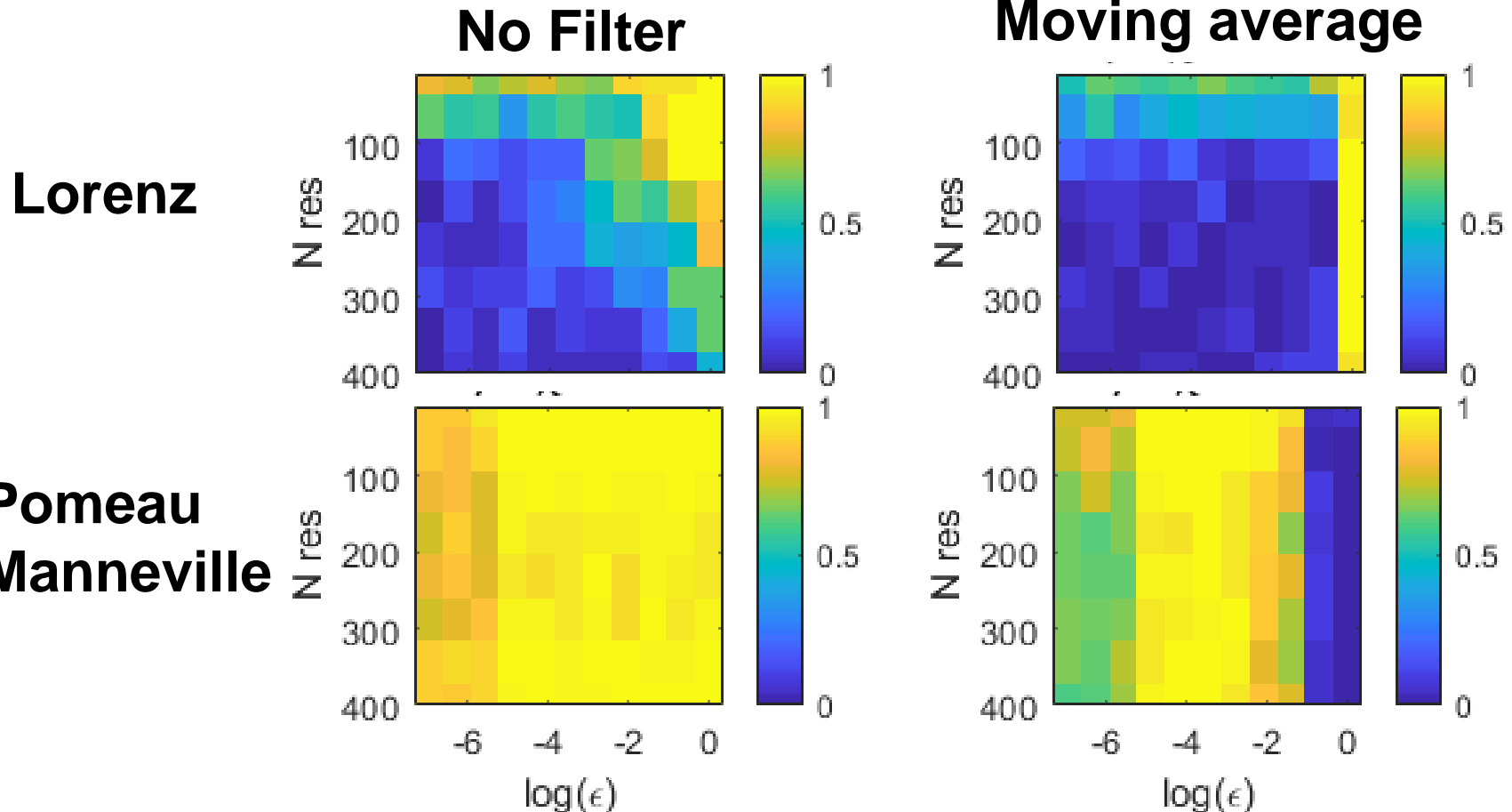
where τ is the Lyapunov time

2) Apply Echo State Network to the filtered system only

3) Add back the residual to the forecast

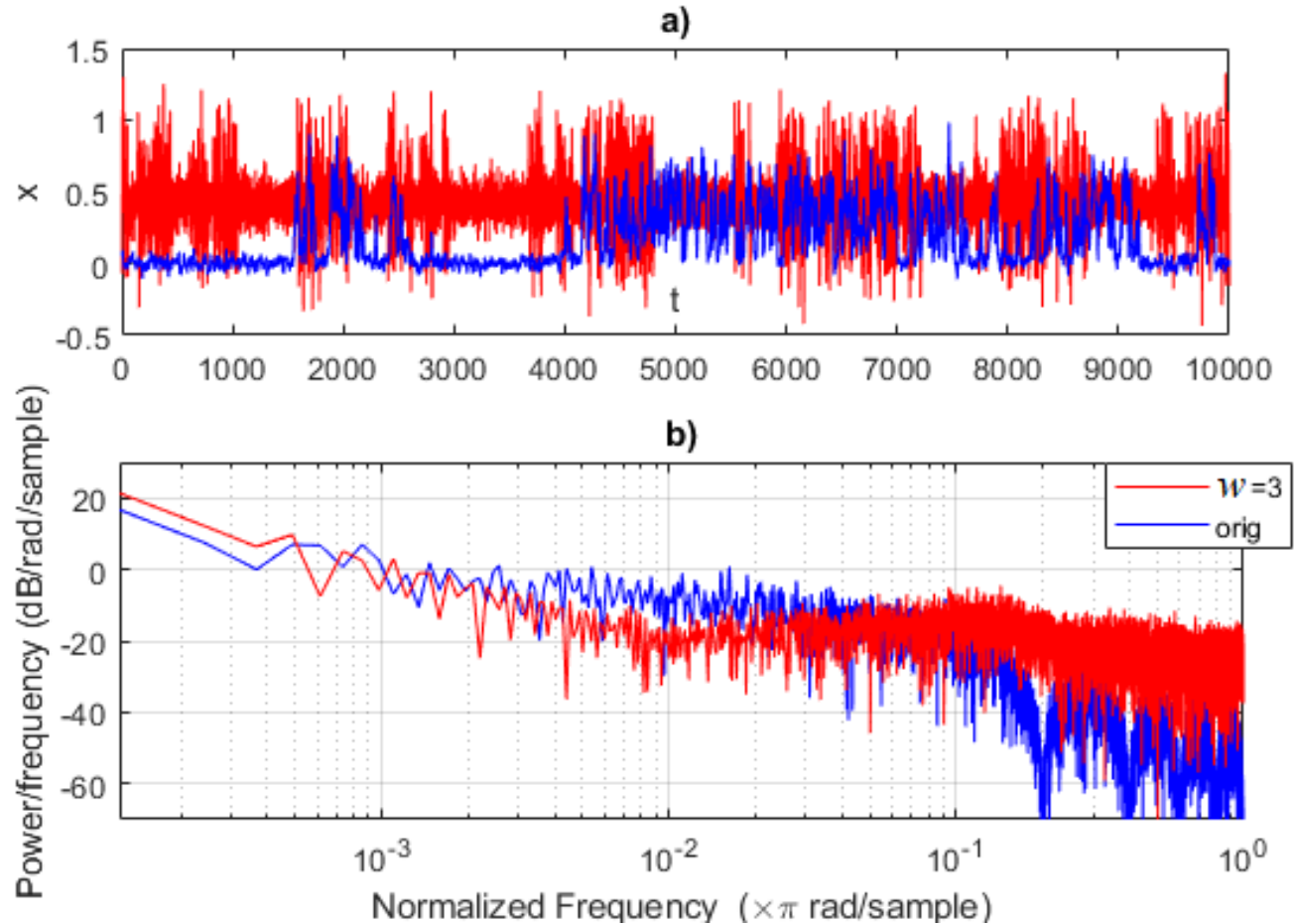
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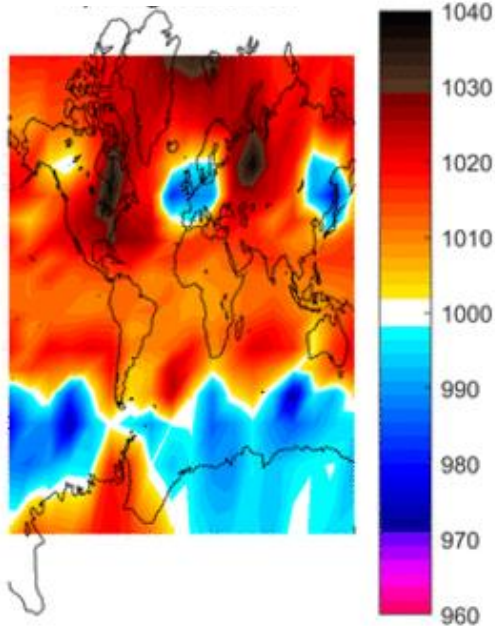
Pomeau
Manneville



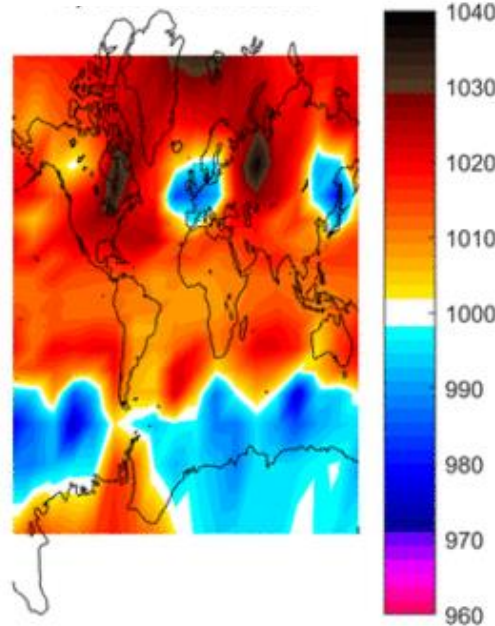
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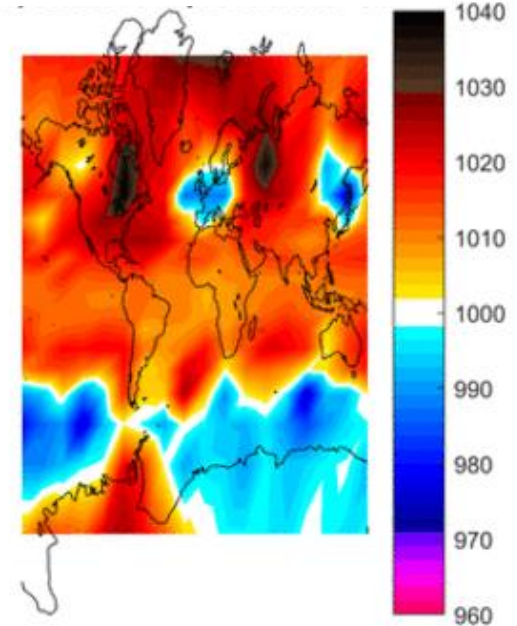
Target



No Filter



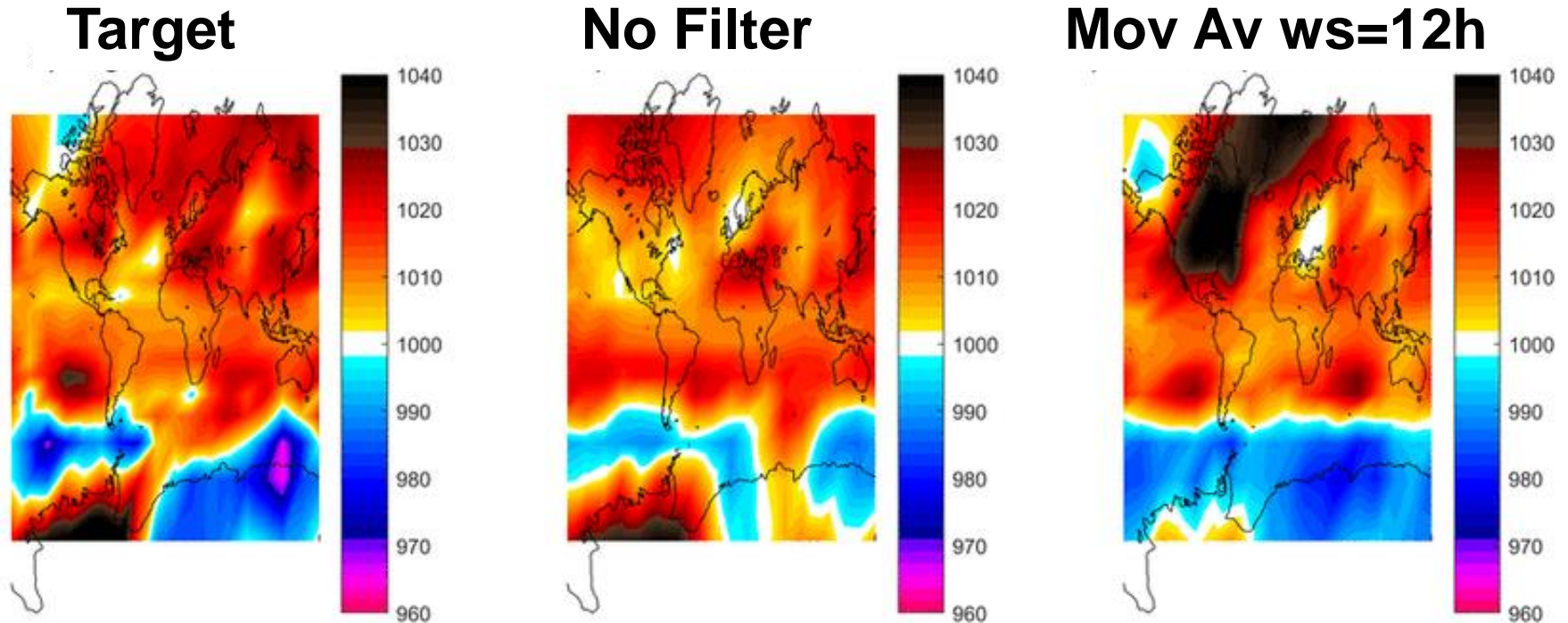
Mov Av ws=12h



*For the **short term forecast**, there is no much improvement*

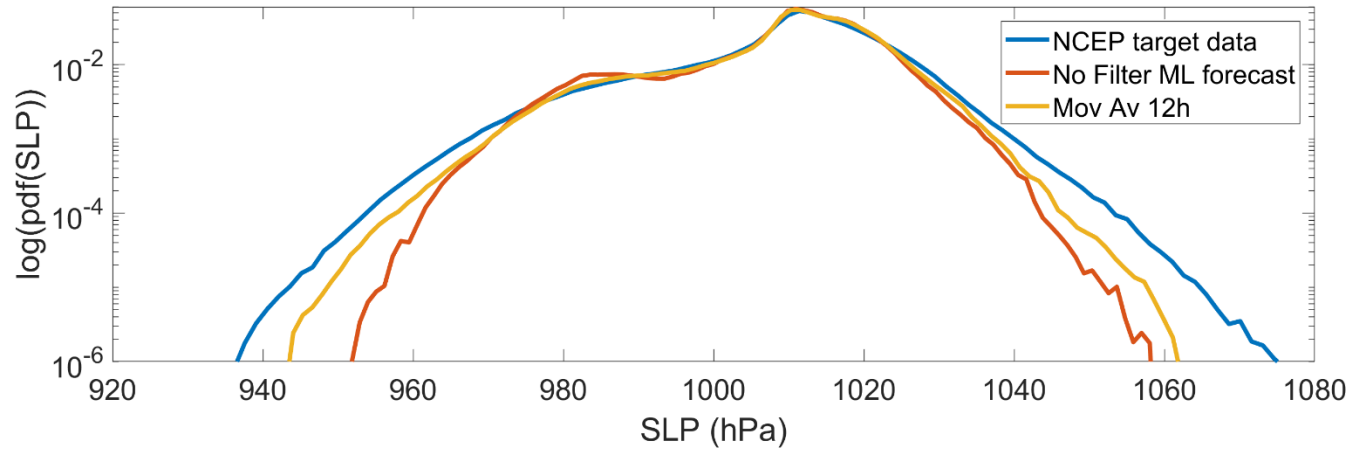
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*If we look at the **long term behavior**, it is evident that the simulation with moving average is more realistic*

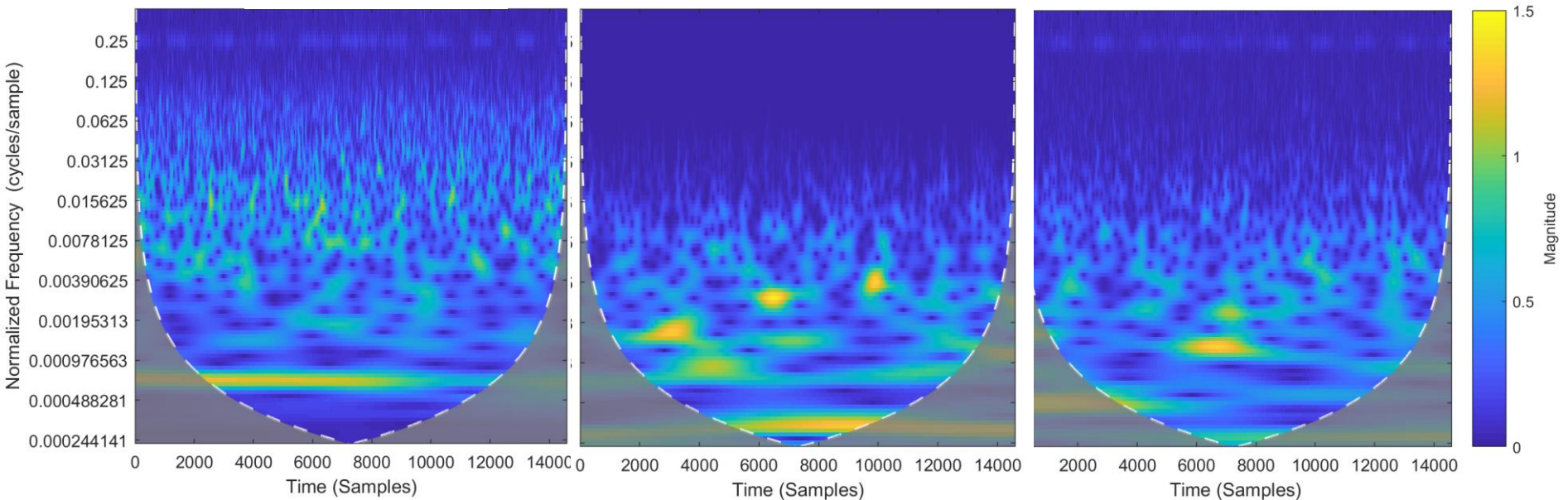
SPACE TIME STATISTICS



Target

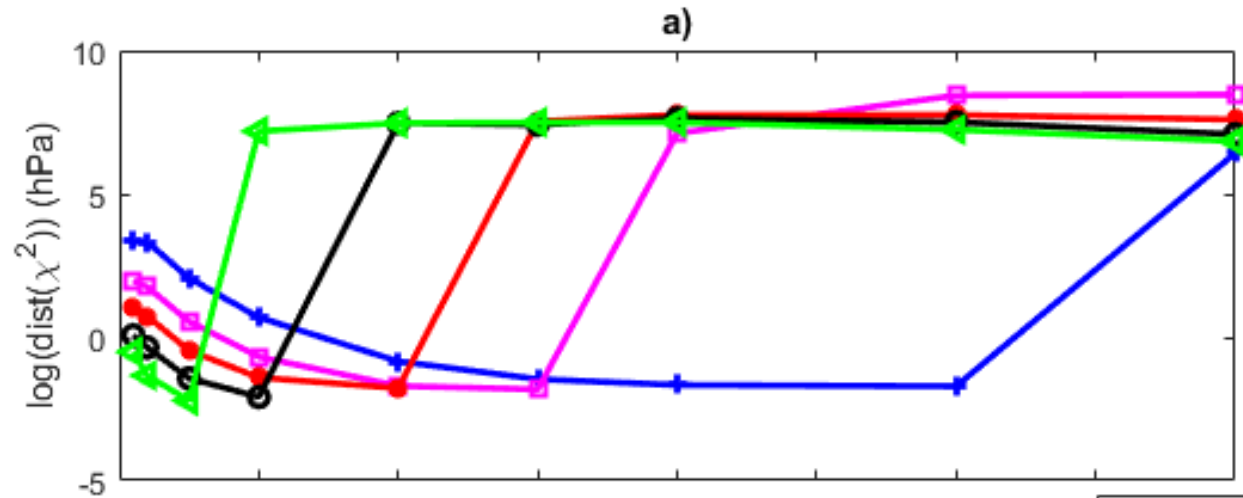
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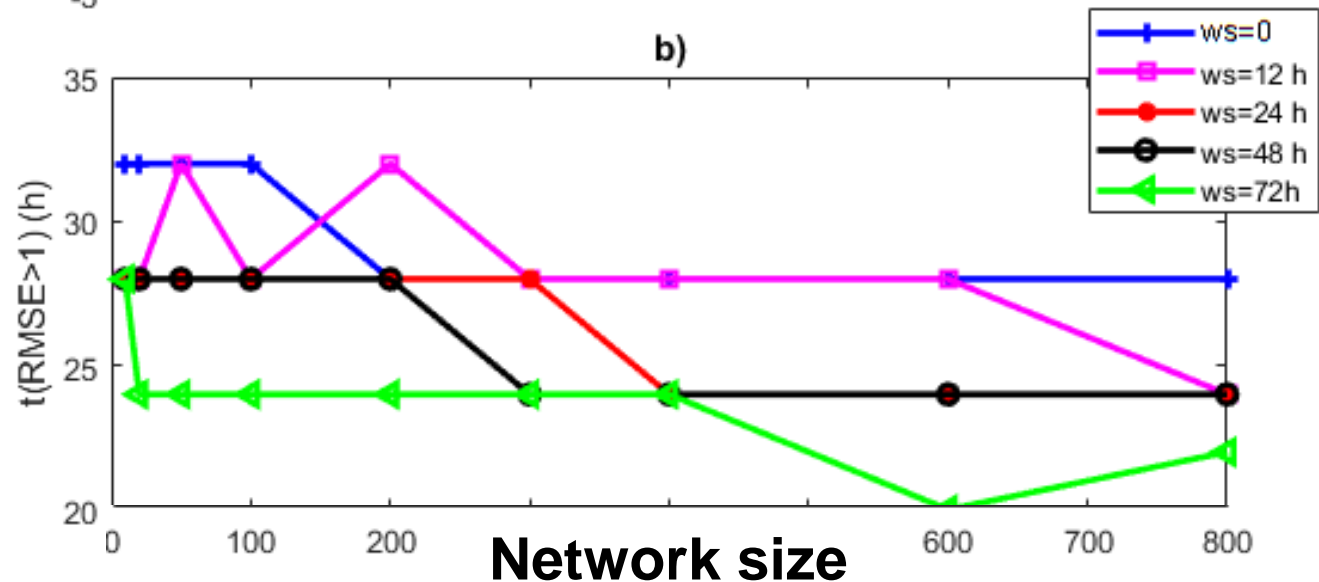


A MORE QUANTATIVE ASSESSMENT

Distance
from the
NCEP data



Predictability
horizon
(in hours)



- 1) It is not straightforward to apply Machine Learning techniques to geophysical flows: turbulence and intermittency worsen the performance**
- 2) Partial predictability can be recovered by separating large from small scale dynamics (e.g moving average, PCA, wavelets)**
- 3) Possible developments will largely benefit from interactions with the stochastic dynamical systems community**

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