

Deep learning for early warning signals of bifurcations

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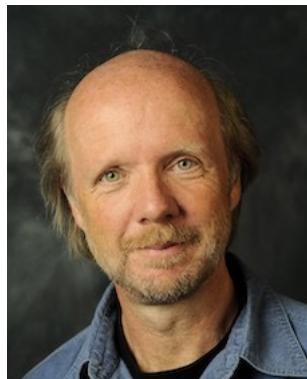
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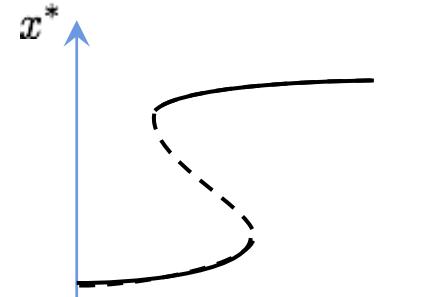


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Big data and bifurcations

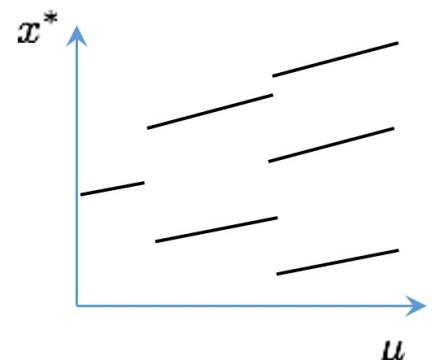
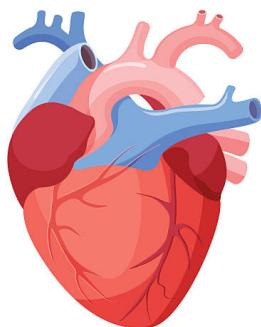
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1 measurement / minute
1 year = $\mathbf{O(10^7)}$ data points



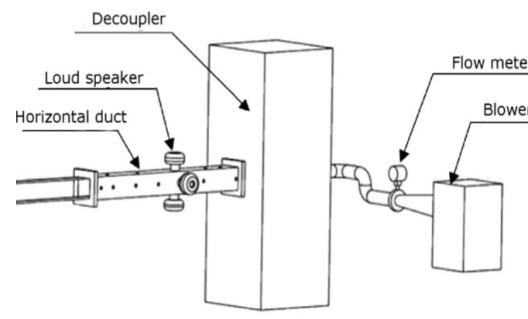
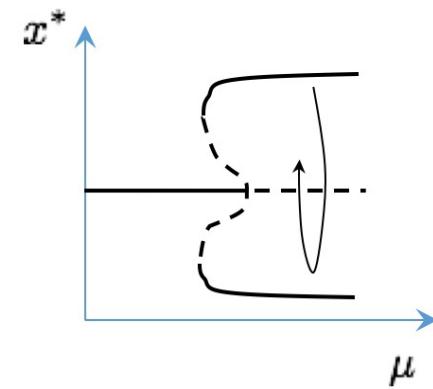
2.)



Sampling rate 250Hz
2 weeks = $\mathbf{O(10^8)}$ data points

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3.)



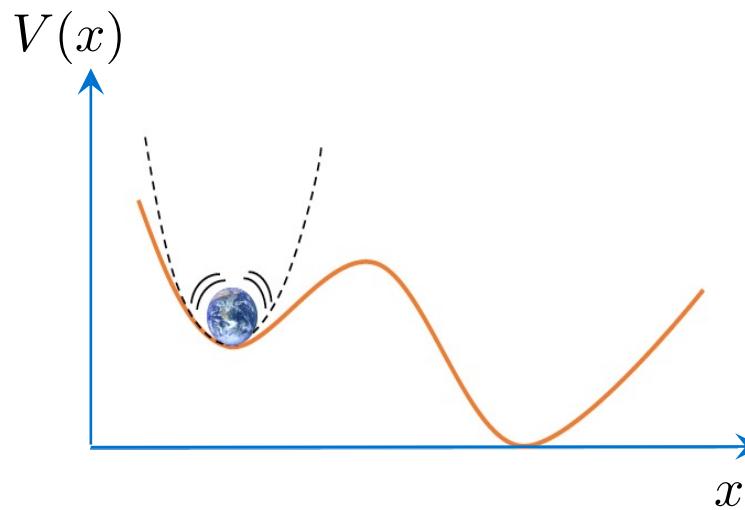
Sampling rate 10kHz
20 minutes = $\mathbf{O(10^7)}$ data points

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Early warning signals based on critical slowing down

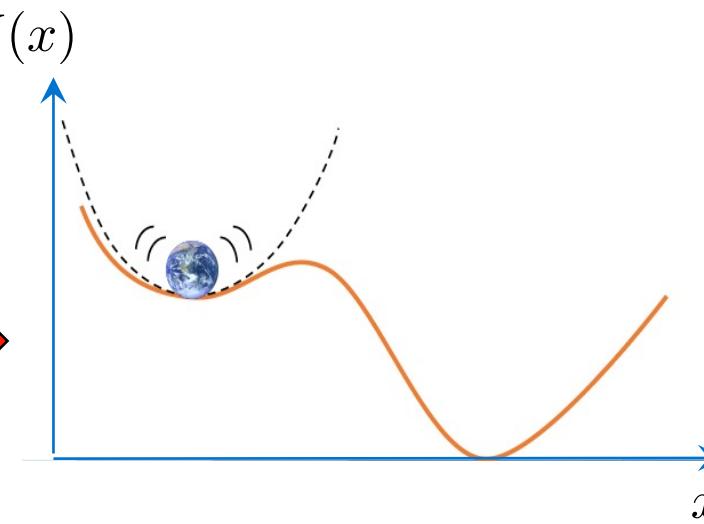
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Far from bifurcation

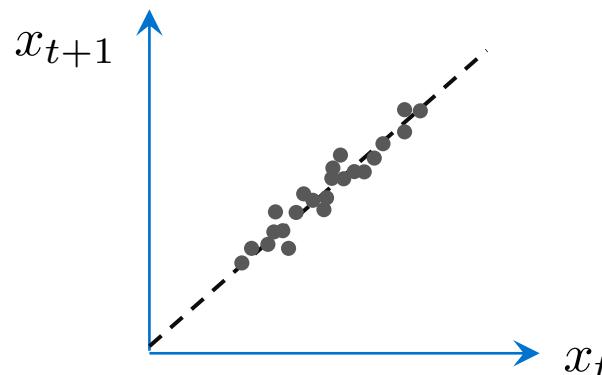
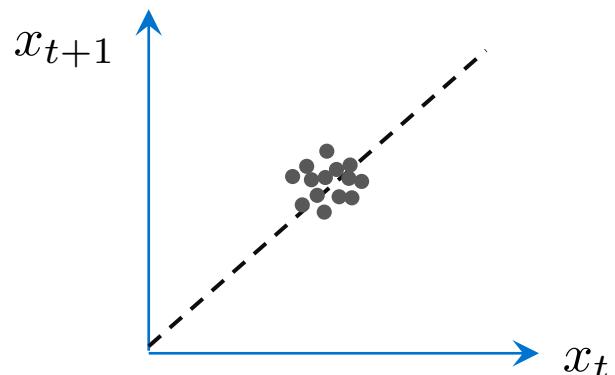


Critical
slowing
down

Close to bifurcation



- Dominant eigenvalue $\rightarrow 0$
- Increased return time following perturbation
- Local flattening of potential landscape

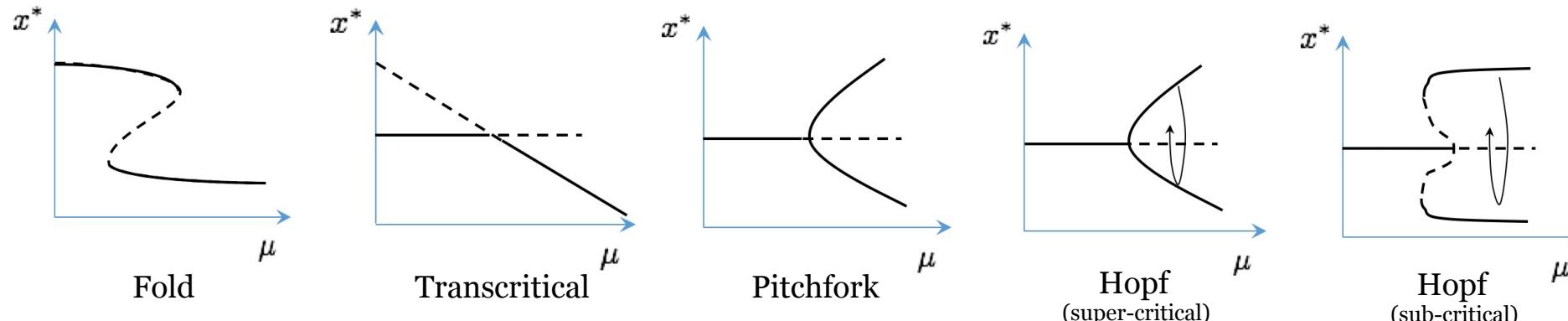


Stochasticity

- Increased variance
- Increased autocorrelation

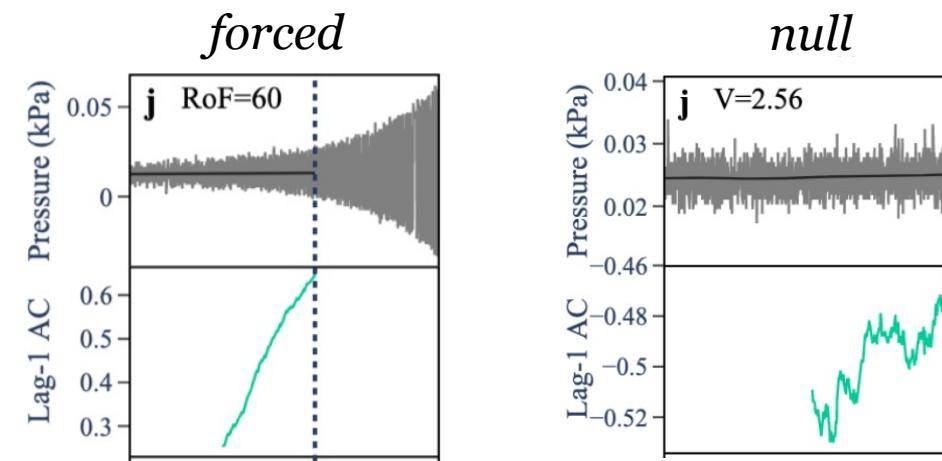
Two limitations of CSD-based EWS

1. Not specific to different bifurcations¹



2. A qualitative measure²

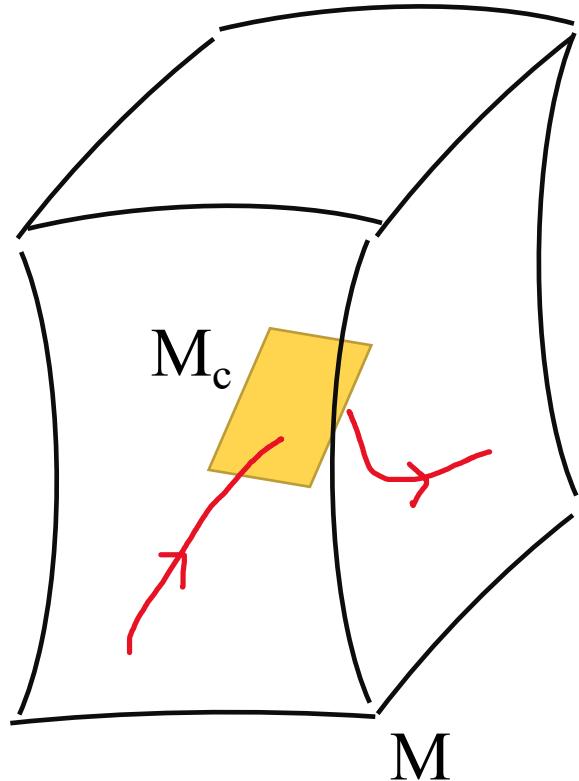
Conventional EWS are based on qualitative changes in metrics, not absolute values, making it difficult to attribute statistical significance to detection.



¹Kefi et al., Early warning signals also precede non-catastrophic transitions. Oikos (2013)

²Boettiger et al., Quantifying limits to detection of early warning signals for critical transitions. R. Soc. Interface (2012)

Why deep learning for bifurcation prediction?



M: high-dimensional manifold containing all possible states

M_c : low-dimensional centre manifold

Deep learning is state-of-the-art for pattern recognition¹

Is bifurcation prediction pattern recognition?

Hypothesis:

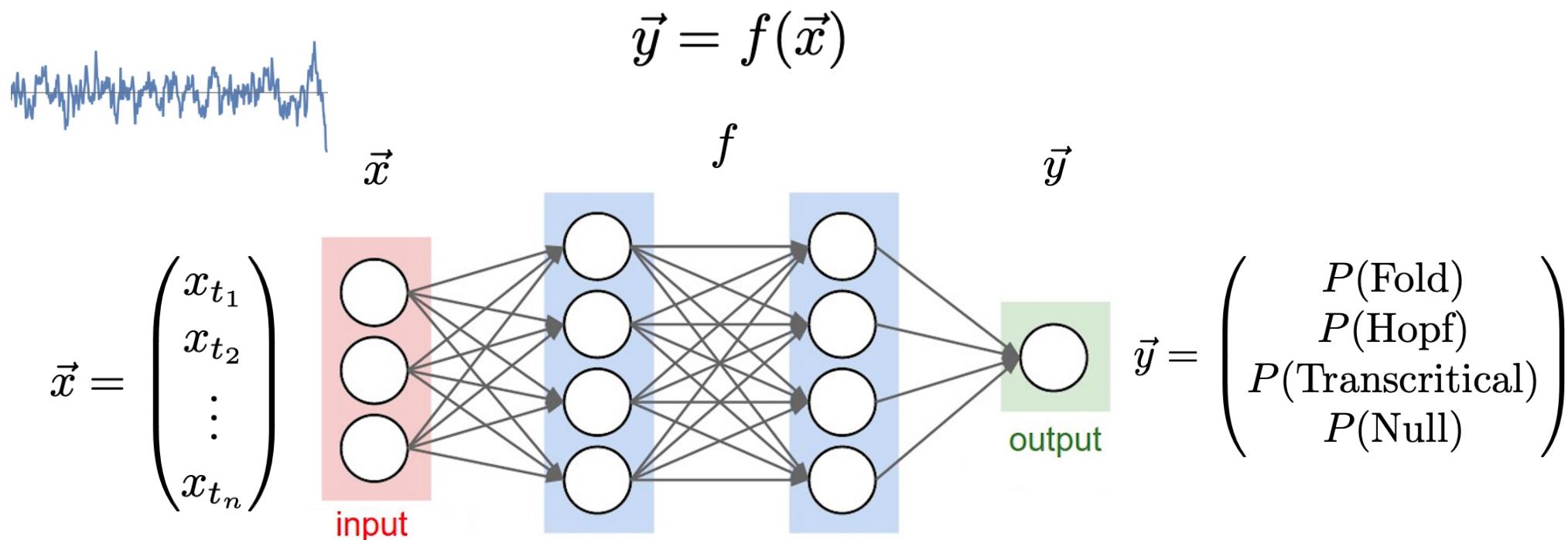
Deep learning can detect ‘patterns’ associated with a given bifurcation from time series data of a system approaching this bifurcation

...but will require a **lot** of data

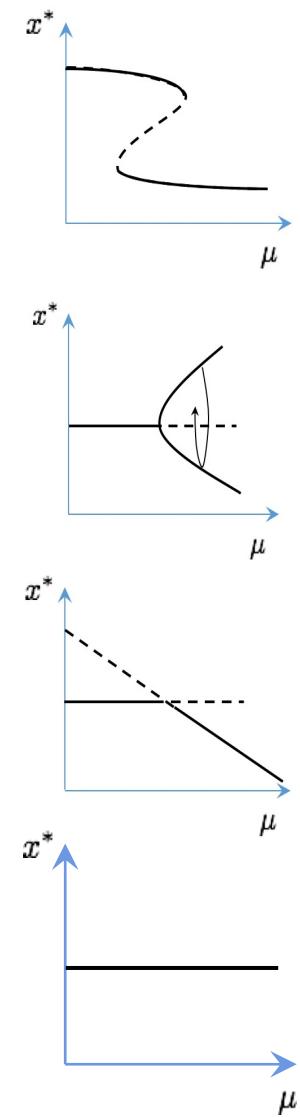
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How deep learning for bifurcation prediction?

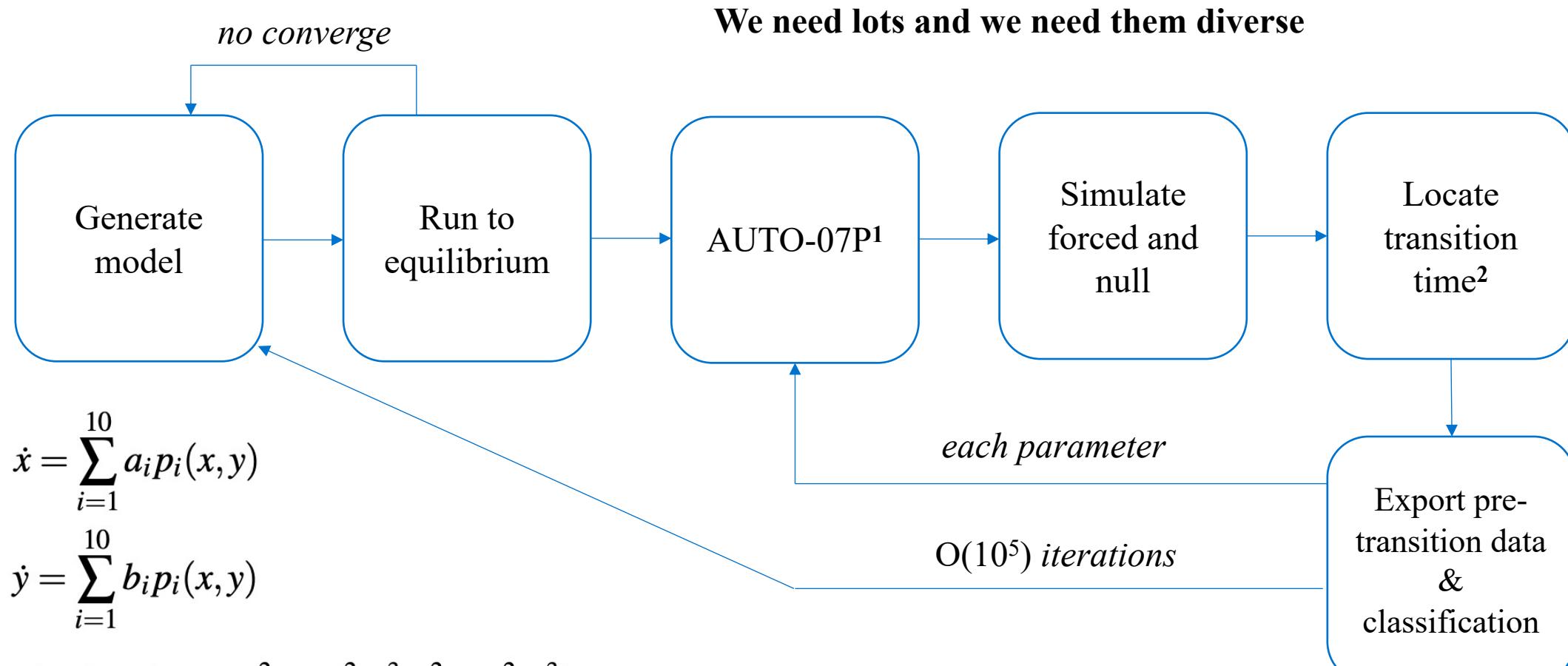
Our approach: Turn it into a classification problem.



f : CNN-LSTM – Convolutional Neural Network—Long short-term memory



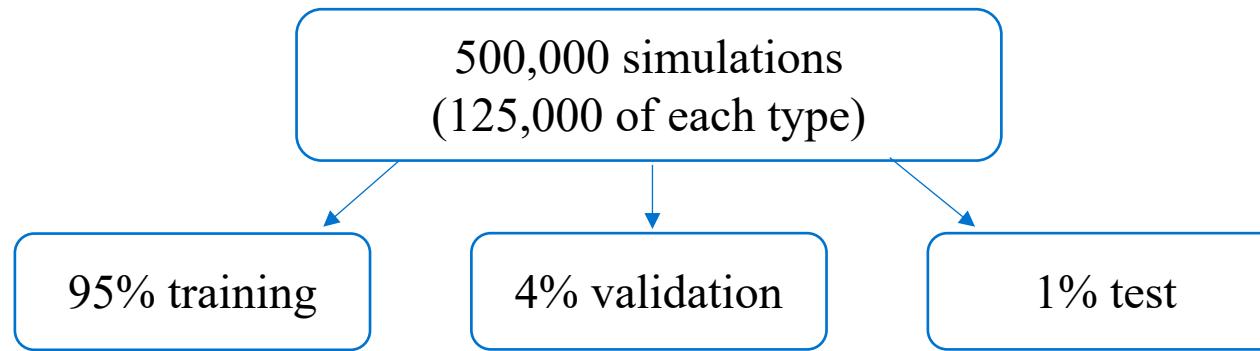
Generating the training data



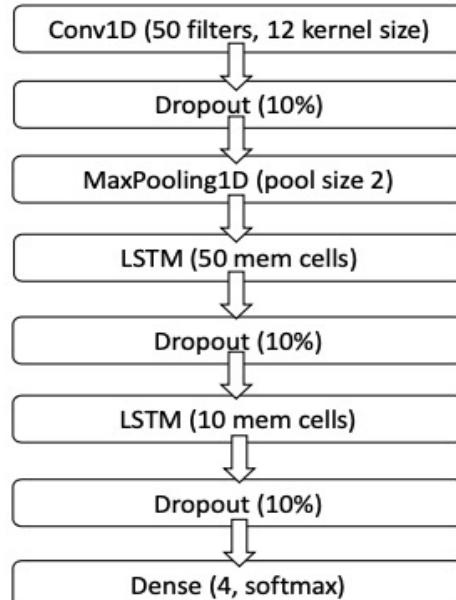
¹ Doedel et al., AUTO-07p: Continuation and bifurcation software for ordinary differential equations (2007)

² Truong et al., Selective review of offline change point detection methods. Signal Processing (2020)

Training the neural network(s)



Neural network architecture Processing

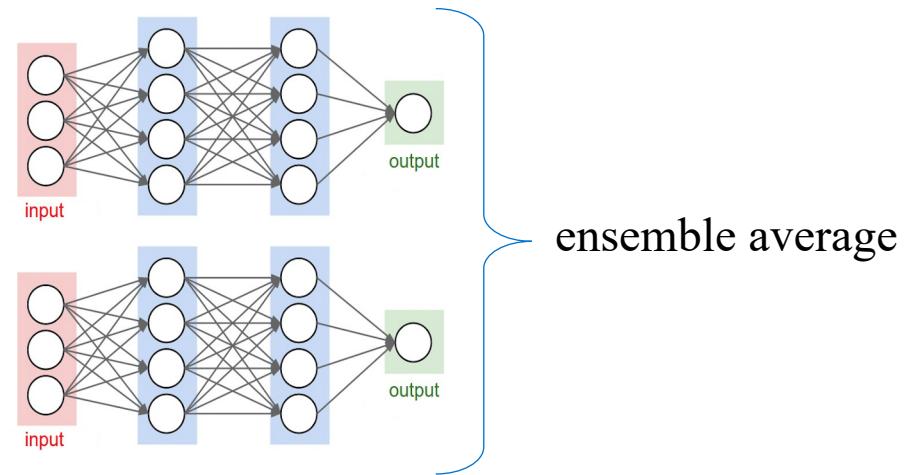


- Simulations are detrended
- Residuals are normalised and padded with zeros

Nitty gritty

- Learning rate = 5×10^{-4}
- Trained for 15,000 epochs
- Hyperparameters chosen through grid sweeps
- Adam optimization algorithm

Two variants:



	F1 score	Precision	Recall
500-classifier	84.2%	84.4%	84.2%
1500-classifier	88.2%	88.3%	88.3%



EWS in ecological models

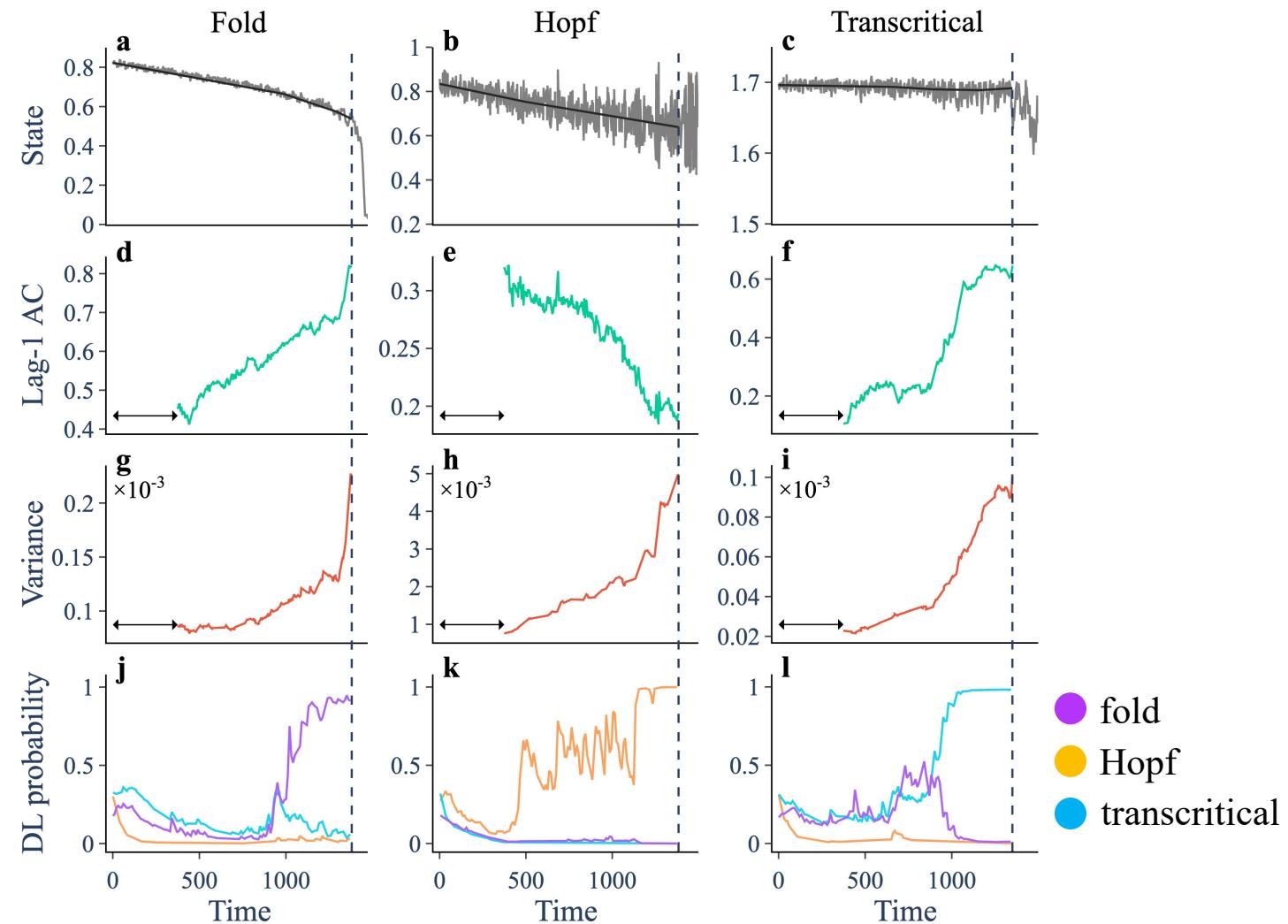
1. May's harvesting model¹

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{k}\right) - h \frac{x^2}{s^2 + x^2} + \sigma \xi(t)$$

2. Rosenzweig-MacArthur consumer-resource model²

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{k}\right) - \frac{axy}{1 + ahx} + \sigma_1 \xi_1(t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{eaxy}{1 + ahx} - my + \sigma_2 \xi_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

- Decreasing lag-1 AC prior to Hopf when data spacing on similar order to period of oscillations³

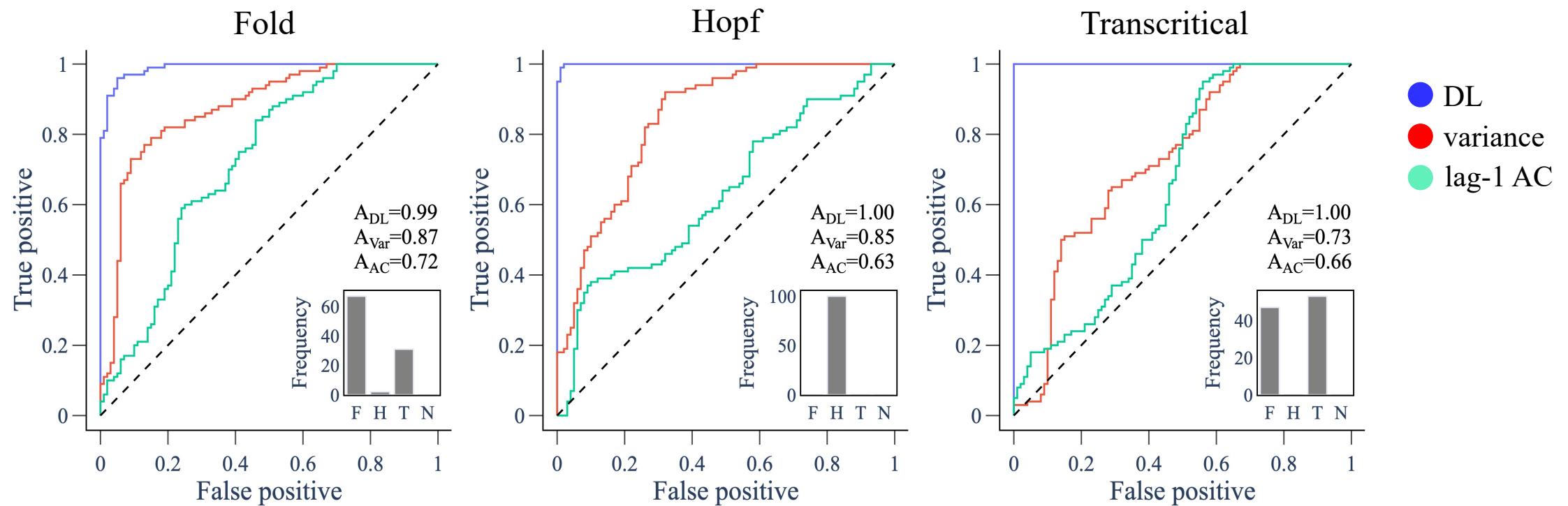


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²Rosenzweig, M. L. & MacArthur, R. H. Graphical representation and stability conditions of predator-prey interactions. *The Am. Nat* (1963)

³Bury, T. M *et al.* Detecting and distinguishing tipping points using spectral early warning signals. *J. Royal Soc. Interface* (2020)

Prediction performance for ecological models



Discrimination metric

EWS: Kendall tau value

DL: Sum of DL probabilities for bifurcations

EWS in the SEIRx model¹

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \mu N(1-x) - \mu S - \beta SI/N + \sigma_1 \xi_1(t),$$

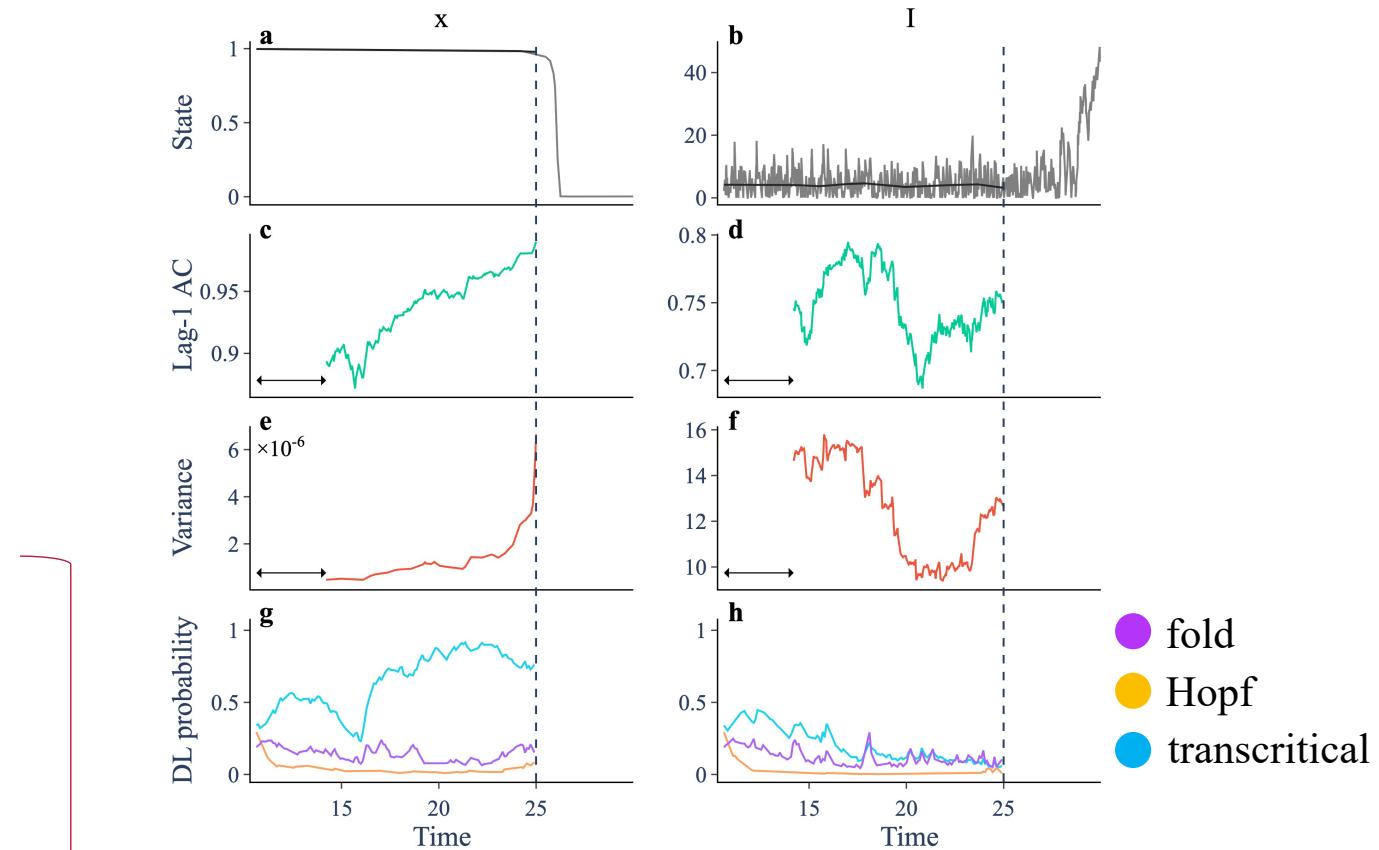
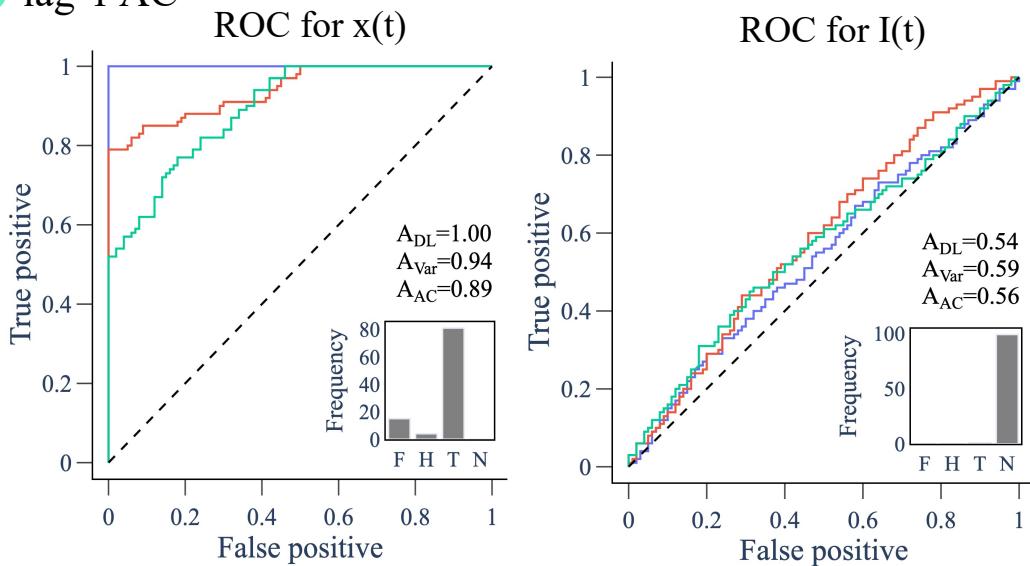
$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \beta SI/N - (\sigma + \mu)E + \sigma_2 \xi_2(t),$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \sigma E - (\gamma + \mu)I + \sigma_3 \xi_3(t),$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \mu x + \gamma I - \mu R + \sigma_4 \xi_4(t),$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \kappa x(1-x)(-\omega + I + \delta(2x-1)) + \sigma_5 \xi_5(t),$$

- DL
- variance
- lag-1 AC



- fold
- Hopf
- transcritical

EWS in $I(t)$ are little better than random.

Why? Dominant eigenvector (direction of CSD) lies perpendicular to the measured variable in state-space.²

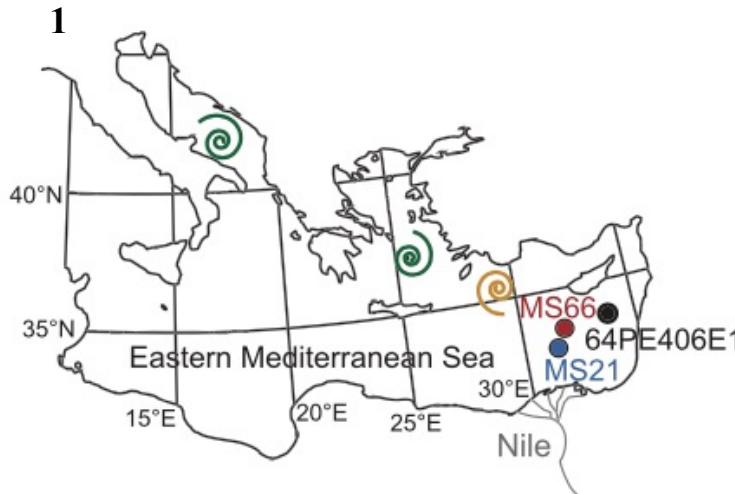
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EWS in empirical systems

Anoxic transitions¹ (Fold)

- 26 forced trajectories
- 26 null trajectories (generated AR1)



Thermoacoustic instability (Hopf):

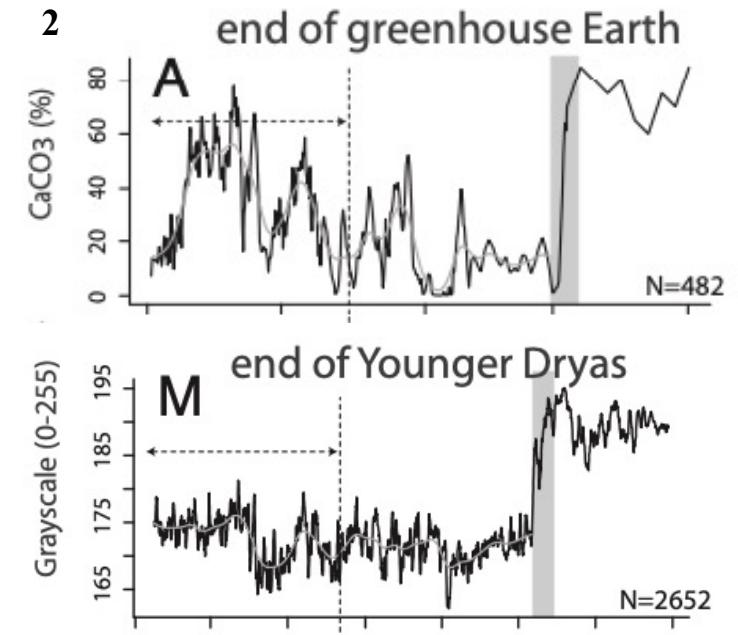
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Paleoclimate transitions² (?)

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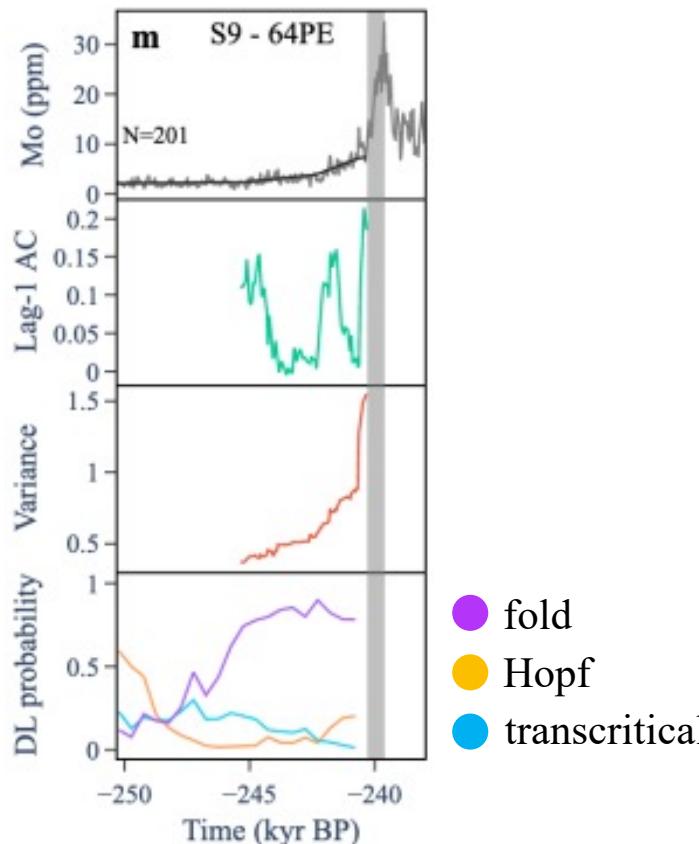
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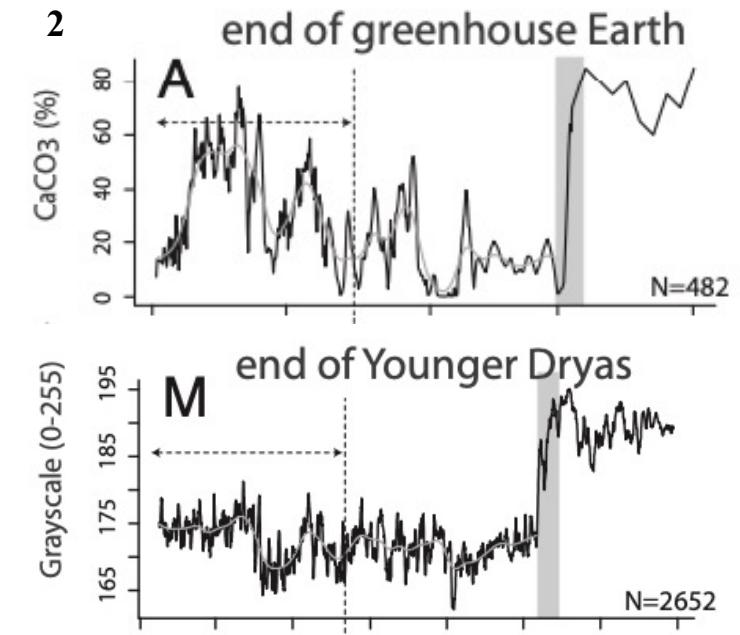
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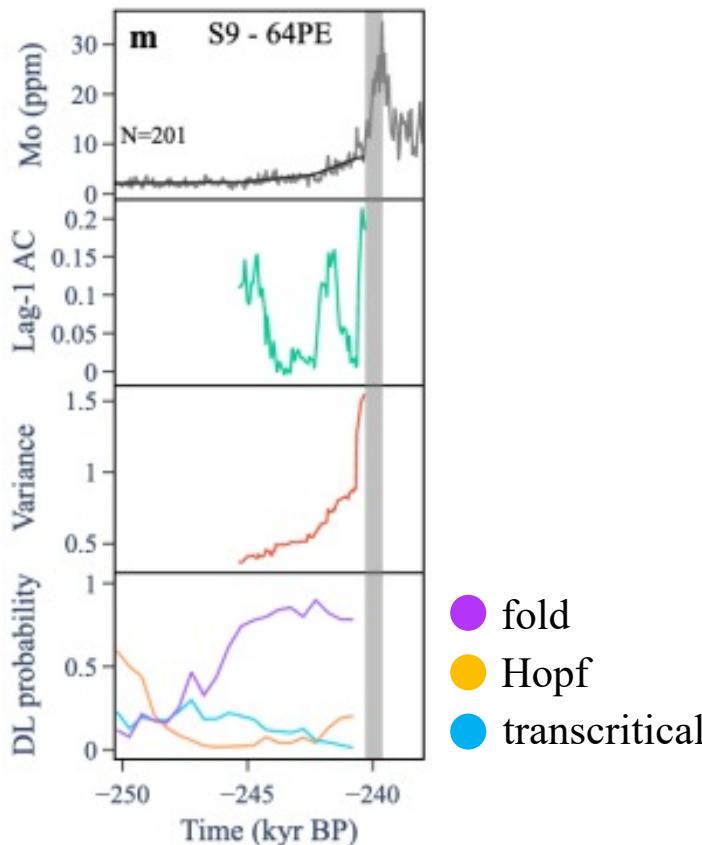
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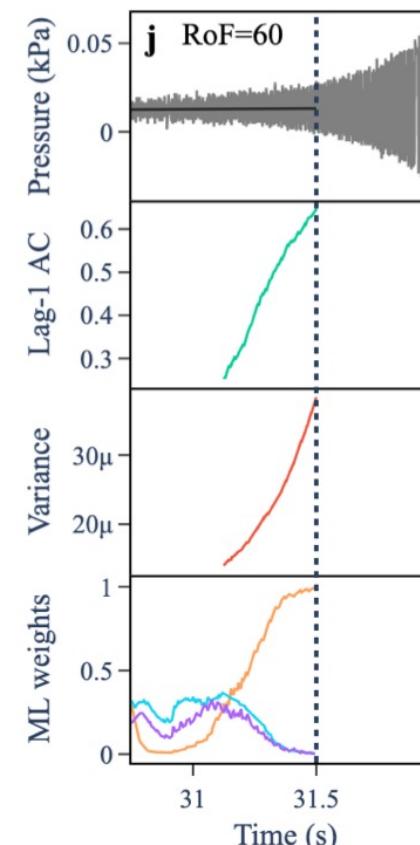
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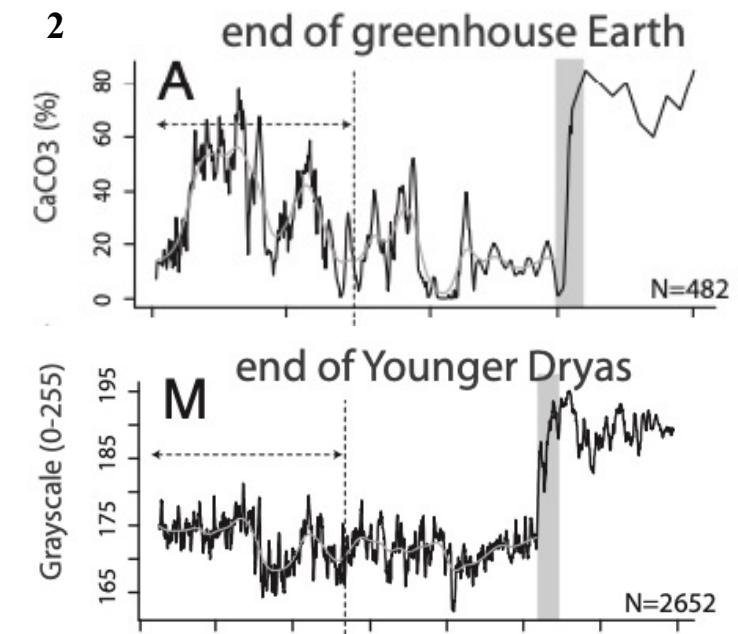
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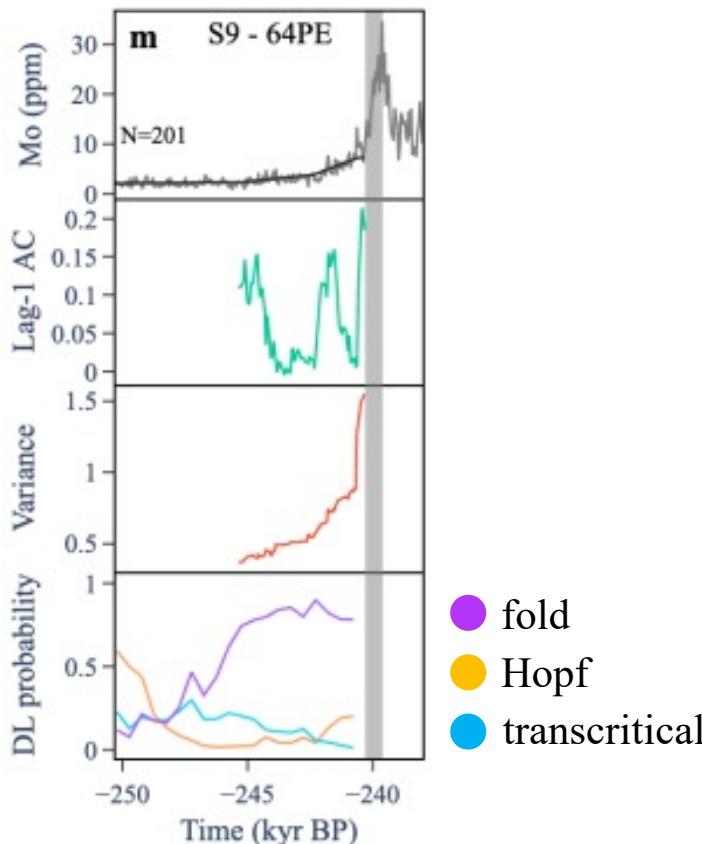
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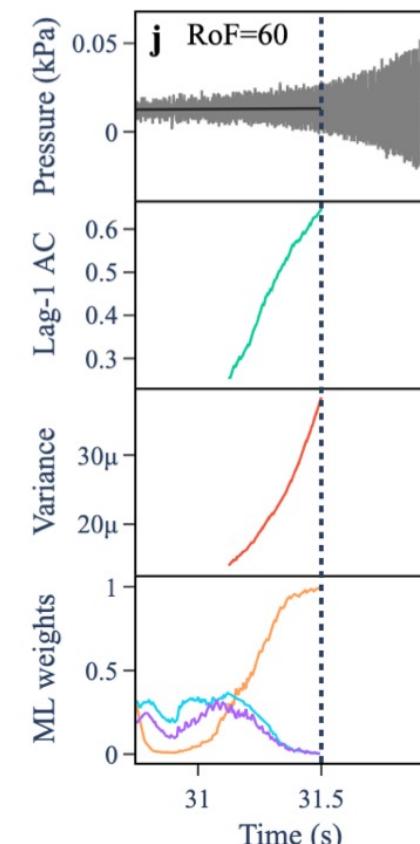
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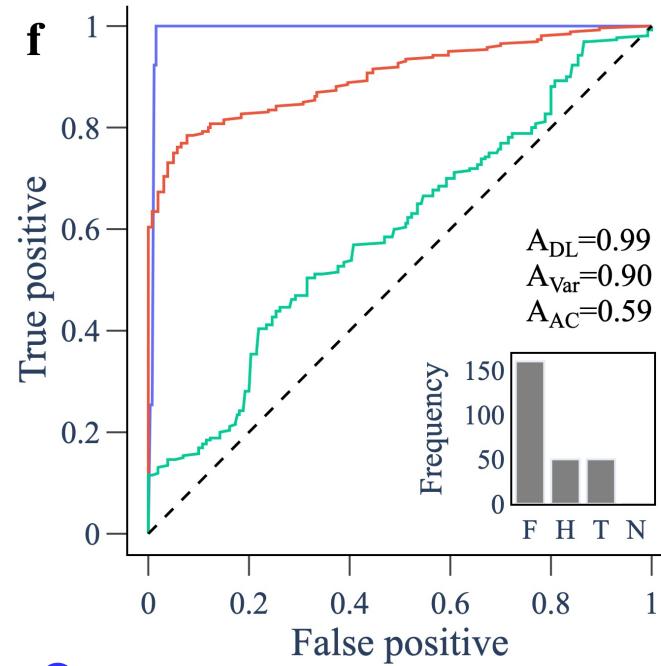
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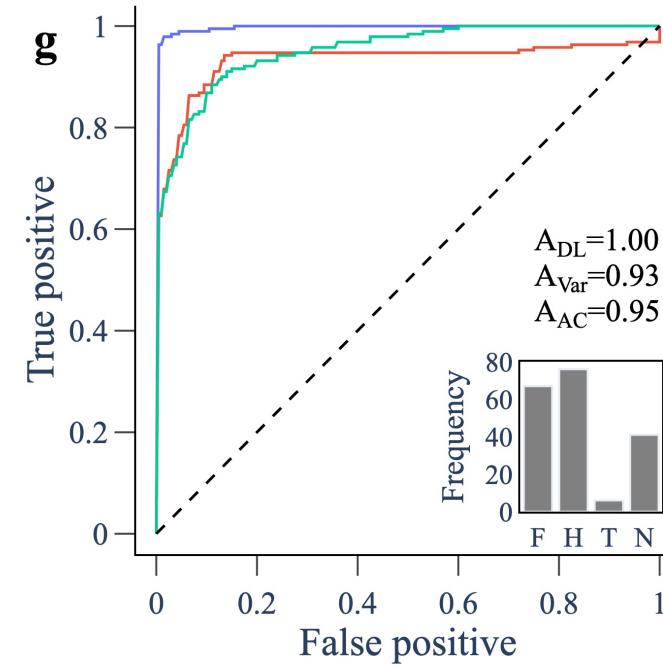
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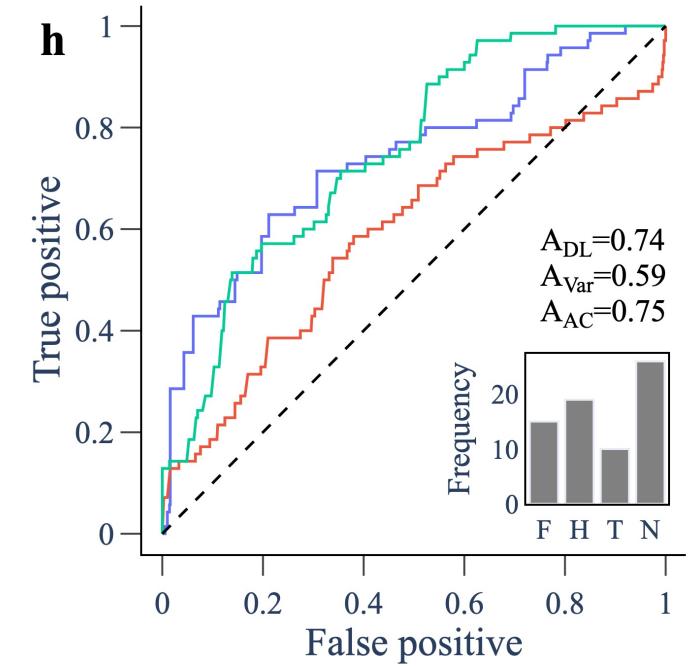
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Conclusions

In these study systems:

- Deep learning approach provides greater sensitivity and specificity than variance or lag-1 AC
- Deep learning approach can distinguish between incoming fold, Hopf and transcritical bifurcations

More broadly:

- Neural networks can be trained to identify generic features of bifurcations – as demonstrated by application to systems outside of training set

Extensions

- Other bifurcations. Here, restricted to local codimension-1 bifurcations in continuous-time systems
- Spatial systems