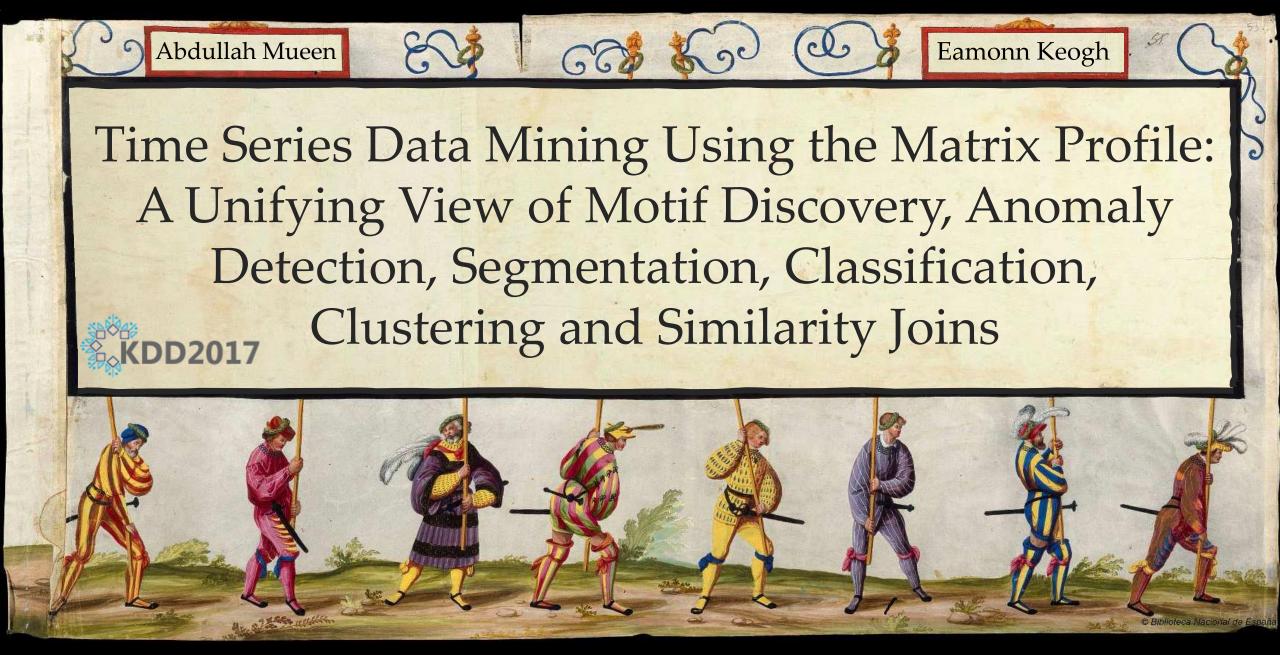
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#### Disclaimer:

Time series is an inherently visual domain, and we exploit that fact in this tutorial.

We therefore keep formal notations and proofs to an absolute minimum.

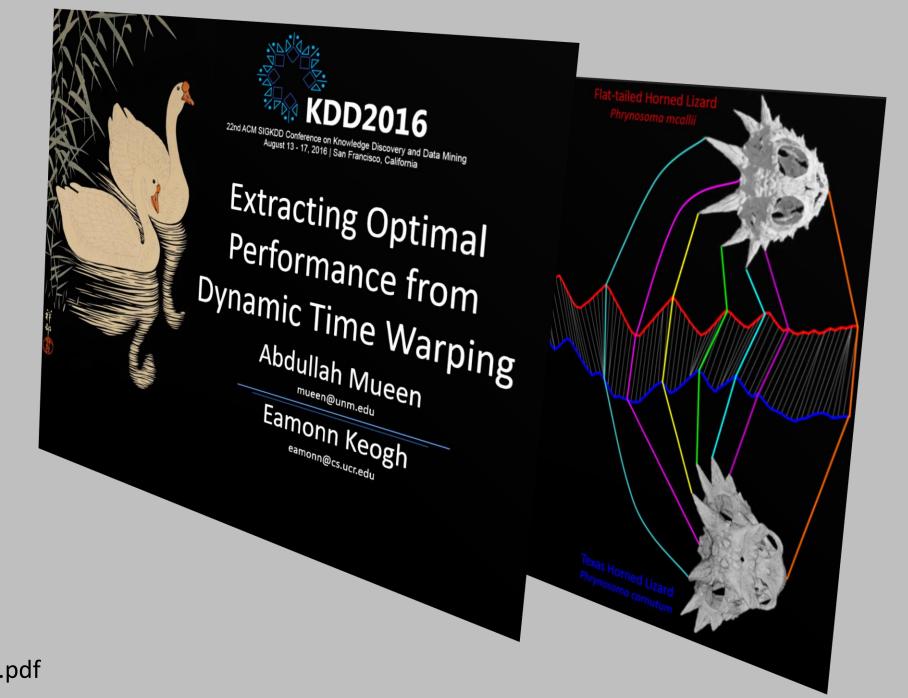
If you want them, you can read the relevant papers [a]

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All the datasets used in tutorial are freely available, all experiments are reproducible.

[a] www.cs.ucr.edu/~eamonn/MatrixProfile.html

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## Outline

Part 1

- What is the (MP) Matrix Profile?
- Properties of the MP
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- Basic Algorithms
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  - MP Time Series Chains
  - MP Anomaly Discovery
  - MP Joins (self and AB)
  - MP Semantic Segmentation
- The Annotation Vector (A simple way to use domain knowledge to adjust your results)
- Something
- Something



Part 2

- (Mueen will organize)
- The MASS Algorithm
- STOMP
- STAMP
- GPU
- Etc

List of open problems to solve

## What is the Matrix Profile?

- The Matrix Profile (MP) is a data structure that annotates a time series.
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- We will show about ten problems that are trivial given the MP, including motif discovery, density estimation, anomaly detection, rule discovery, joins, segmentation, clustering etc. However, you can use the MP to solve your problems, or to solve a problem listed above, but in a different way, tailored to your interests/domain.

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- **Key Insight**: The MP profile has many highly desirable properties, and any algorithm you build on top of it, will inherit those properties.
  - Say you use the MP to create: An Algorithm to Segment Sleep States
  - Then, for free, you have also created: An Anytime Algorithm to Segment Sleep States

An Online Algorithm to Segment Sleep States

A Parallelizable Algorithm to Segment Sleep States

A GPU Accelerated Algorithm to Segment Sleep States

An Algorithm to Segment Sleep States with Missing Data

etc.

## The Highly Desirable Properties of the Matrix Profile I

- It is **exact**: For motif discovery, discord discovery, time series joins etc., the Matrix Profile based methods provide no false positives or false dismissals.
- It is **simple** and **parameter-free**: In contrast, the more general algorithms in this space that typically require building and tuning spatial access methods and/or hash functions.
- It is **space efficient**: Matrix Profile construction algorithms requires an inconsequential space overhead, just linear in the time series length with a small constant factor, allowing massive datasets to be processed in main memory (for most data mining, *disk is death*).
- It allows **anytime algorithms**: While exact MP algorithms are extremely scalable, for extremely large datasets we can compute the Matrix Profile in an anytime fashion, allowing ultra-fast approximate solutions and real-time data interaction.
- It is **incrementally maintainable**: Having computed the Matrix Profile for a dataset, we can incrementally update it very efficiently. In many domains this means we can effectively maintain exact joins/motifs/discords on streaming data forever.

## The Highly Desirable Properties of the Matrix Profile II

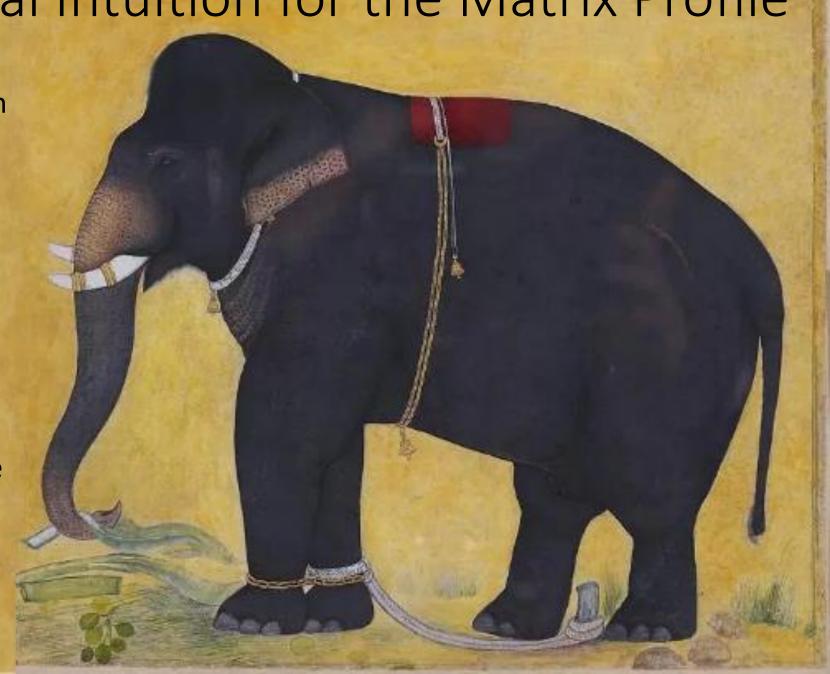
- It can **leverage hardware**: Matrix Profile construction is embarrassingly parallelizable, both on multicore processors, GPUs, distributed systems etc.
- It is **free of the curse of dimensionality**: That is to say, It has *time complexity that is constant in subsequence length*: This is a very unusual and desirable property; virtually all existing algorithms in the time series scale poorly as the subsequence length grows.
- It can be constructed in **deterministic time**: Almost all algorithms for time series data mining can take radically different times to finish on two (even slightly) different datasets. In contrast, given *only* the length of the time series, we can precisely predict in advance how long it will take to compute the Matrix Profile. (this allows resource planning)
- It can handle **missing data**: Even in the presence of missing data, we can provide answers which are guaranteed to have no false negatives.
- Finally, and subjectively: **Simplicity and Intuitiveness:** Seeing the world through the MP lens often invites/suggests simple and elegant solutions.

Developing a Visual Intuition for the Matrix Profile

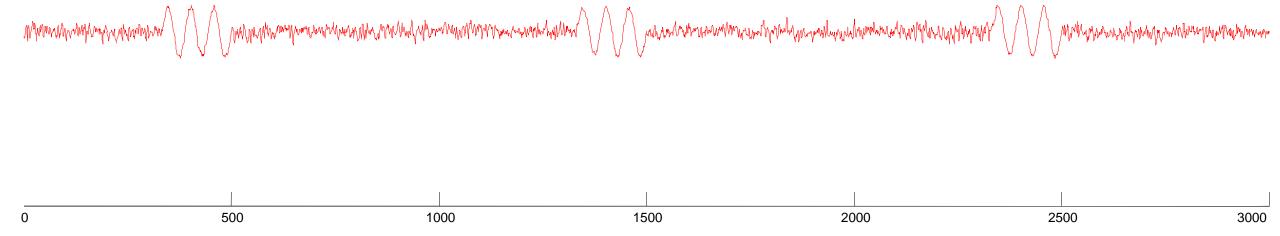
In the following slides we are going to develop a visual intuition for the matrix profile, without regard to how we obtain it.

We are ignoring the elephant in the room; the MP seems to be much too slow to compute to be practical. We will address this in Part II of the tutorial.

Note that algorithms that use the MP do *not* require us to visualize the MP, but it happens that *just* visualizing the MP can be 99% of solving a problem.

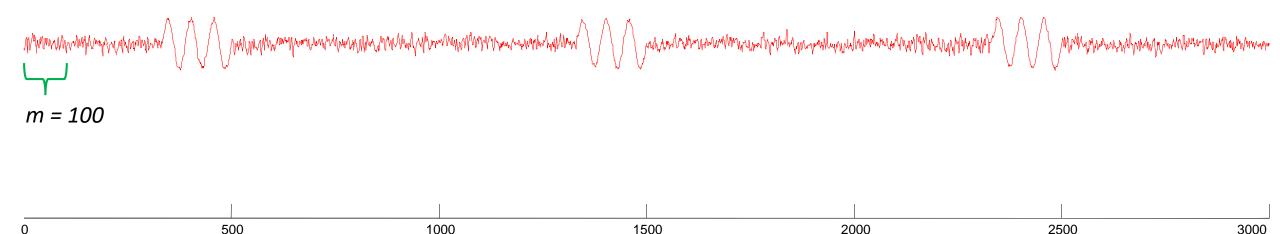


Intuition behind the Matrix Profile: Assume we have a time series *T*, lets start with a synthetic one...



$$|T| = n = 3,000$$

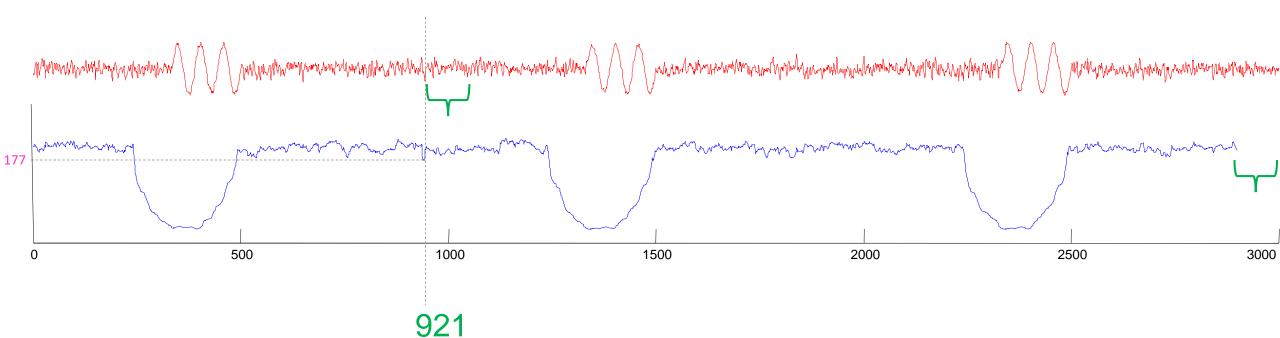
These subsequences might be about the length of individual heartbeats (for ECGs), individual days (for social media behavior), individual words (for speech analysis) etc



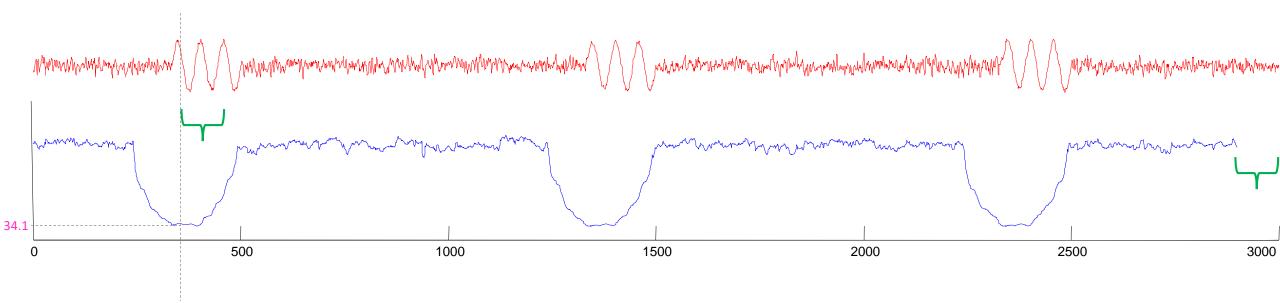
We can created a companion "time series", called a Matrix Profile or MP.

The matrix profile at the  $i^{th}$  location records the distance of the subsequence in T, at the  $i^{th}$  location, to its nearest neighbor under z-normalized Euclidean Distance.

For example, in the below, the subsequence starting at 921 happens to have a distance of 177.0 to its nearest neighbor (wherever it is).



Another example. In the below, the subsequence starting at 378 happens to have a distance of 34.2 to its nearest neighbor (wherever it is).

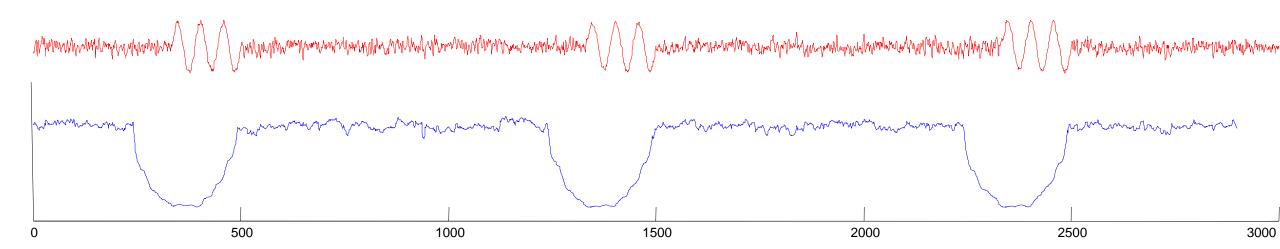


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## For the rest of this tutorial....

The Matrix Profile is always shown in blue.

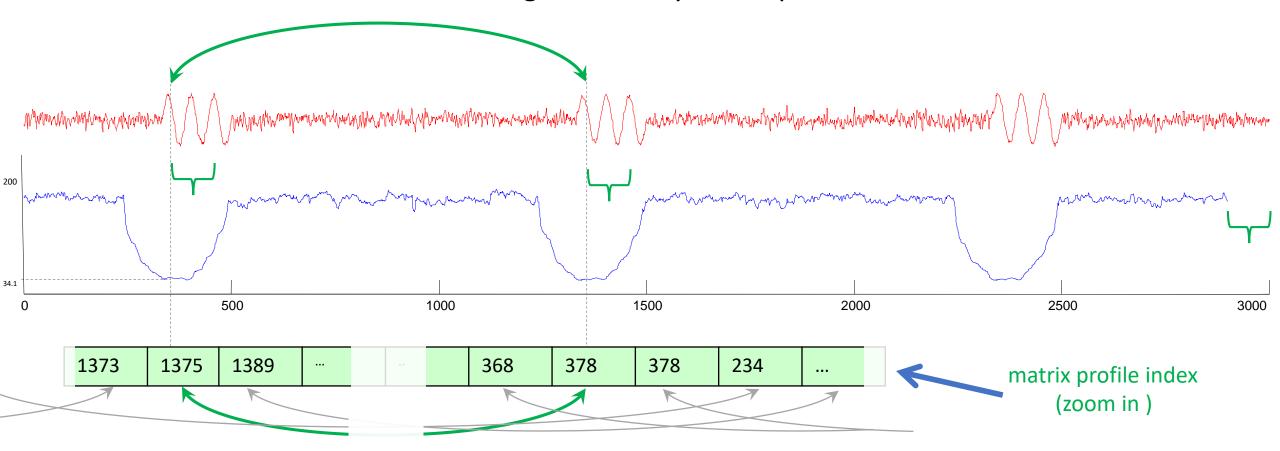
The real time series data, is generally shown in red.



We can create another companion sequence, called a matrix profile index.

The MPI contains integers that are used as pointers. As a practical matter, even 32-bits will let us have a MP of length 2,147,483,647, over two years of data at 60Hz. A 64-bit integer gives us ten billion years at 60Hz)

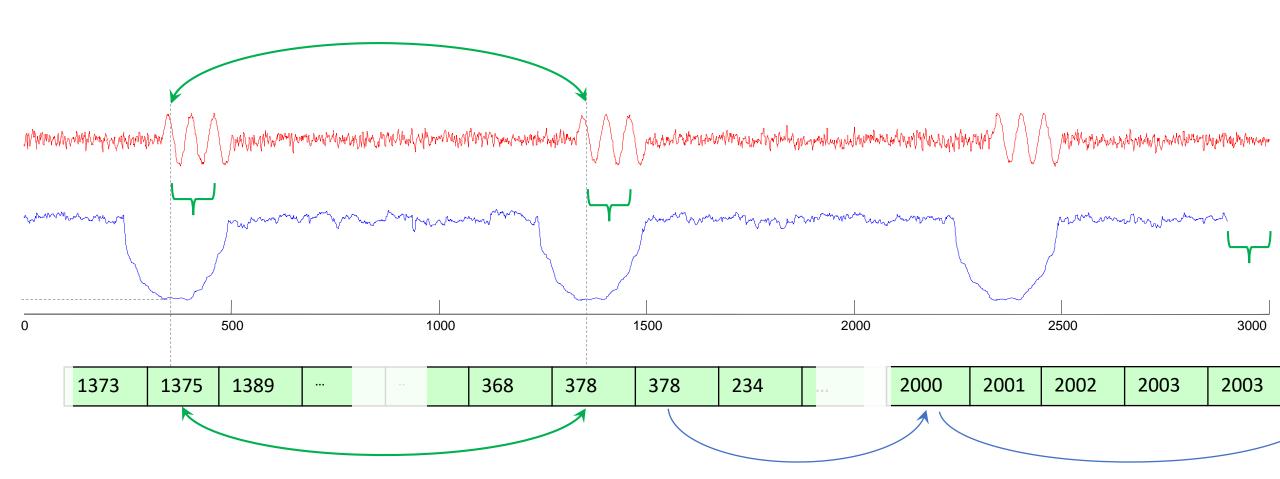
In the following slides we won't bother to show the matrix profile index, but be aware it exists, and it allows us to find the nearest neighbor to any subsequence in constant time.



Note that the pointers in the matrix profile index are not necessarily symmetric.

If A points to B, then B may or may not point to A

An interesting exception, the two smallest values in the MP must have the same value, and their pointers must be mutual. This is the classic *time series motif*.



Why is it called the Matrix Profile?

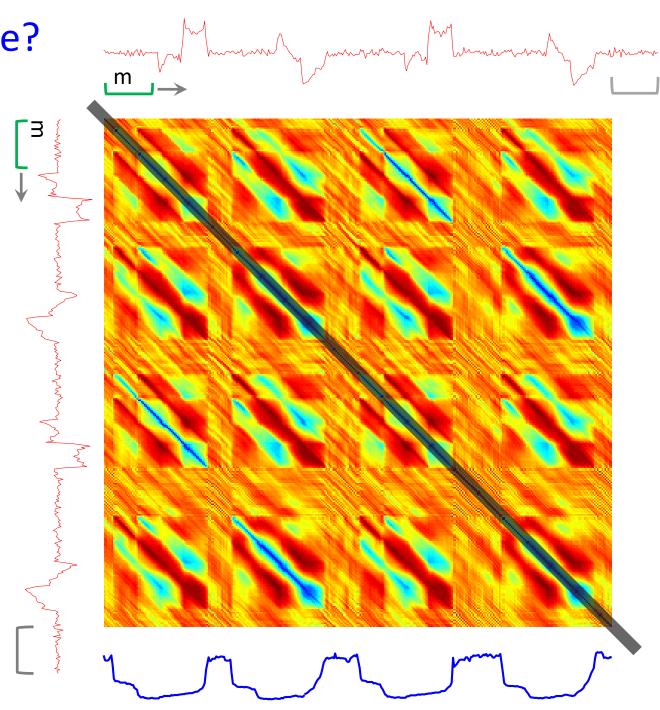
One naïve way to compute it would be to construct a distance matrix of all pairs of subsequences of length *m*.

For each column, we could then "project" down the smallest (*non diagonal*) value to a vector, and that vector would be the Matrix Profile.

While in general we could never afford the memory to do this (4TB for just |T|= one million), for most applications the Matrix Profile is the *only* thing we need from the full matrix, and we can compute and store it very efficiently. (as we will see later)

#### Key:

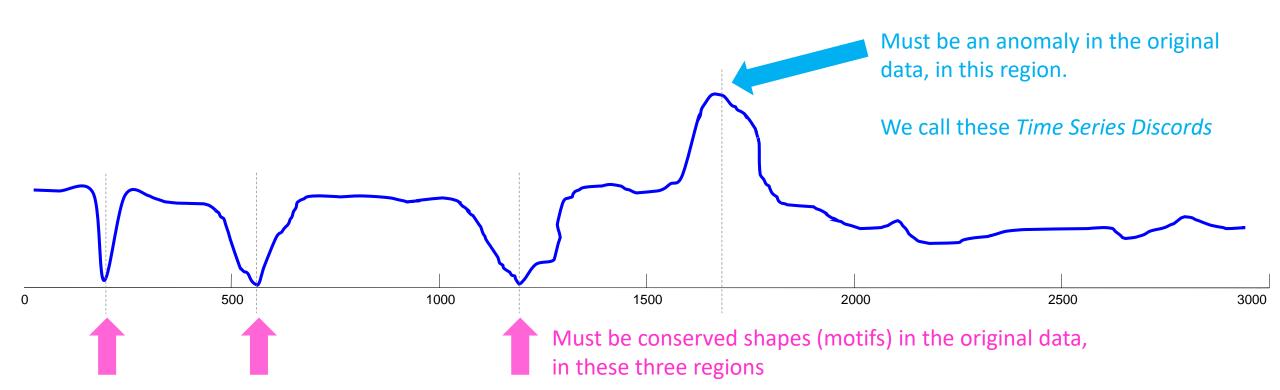
Small distances are blue Large distances are red Dark stripe is excluded



#### How to "read" a Matrix Profile

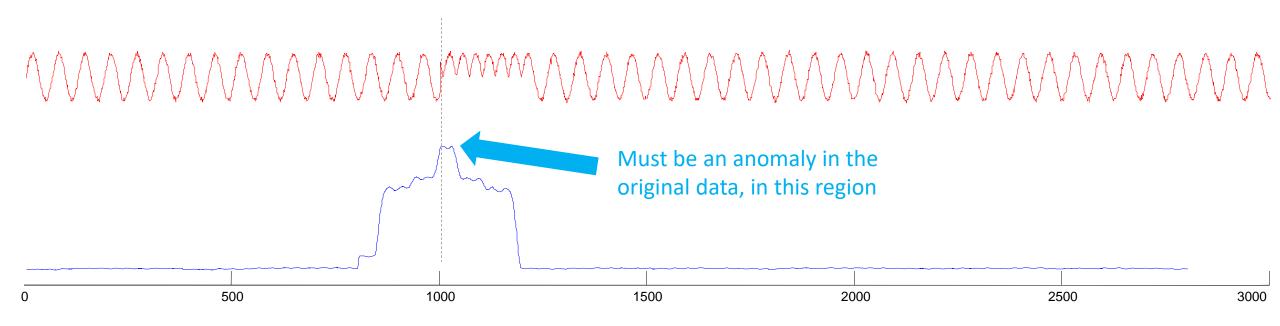
Where you see relatively low values, you know that the subsequence in the original time series must have (at least one) relatively similar subsequence elsewhere in the data (such regions are "motifs" or reoccurring patterns)

Where you see relatively high values, you know that the subsequence in the original time series must be unique in its shape (such areas are "discords" or anomalies).



## How to "read" a Matrix Profile: Synthetic Anomaly Example

Where you see relatively high values, you know that the subsequence in the original time series must be unique in its shape. In fact, the highest point is *exactly* the definition of Time Series Discord, perhaps the best anomaly detector for time series\*

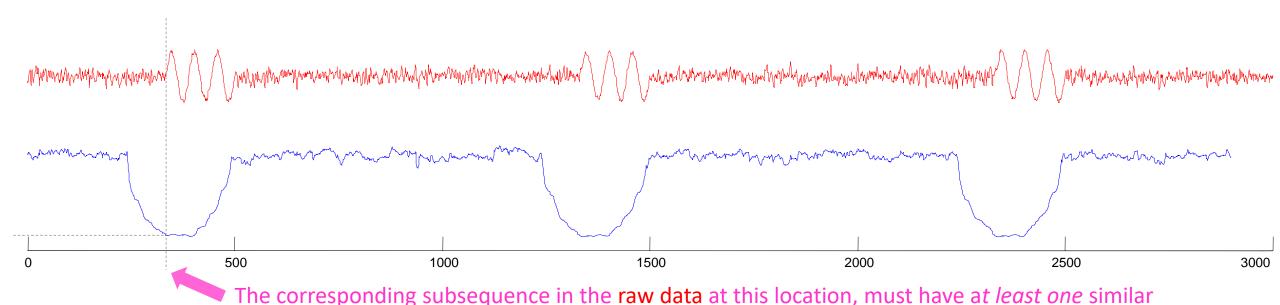


<sup>\*</sup> Vipin Kumar performed an extensive empirical evaluation and noted that "..on 19 different publicly available data sets, comparing 9 different techniques (time series discords) is the best overall technique.". V. Chandola, D. Cheboli, V. Kumar. Detecting Anomalies in a Time Series Database. UMN TR09-004

## How to "read" a Matrix Profile: Synthetic Motif Example

Where you see relatively low values, you know that the subsequence in the original time series must have (at least one) relatively similar subsequence elsewhere in the data.

In fact, the lowest points must be a tieing pair, and correspond exactly to the classic definition of time series motifs.



subsequence somewhere

#### How to "read" a Matrix Profile:

Now that we understand what a Matrix Profile is, and we have some practice interpreting them on *synthetic* data, let us spend the next five minutes to see some examples on *real* data.

Note that we will typically create algorithms that use the Matrix Profile, without actually having humans *look* at it.

Nevertheless, in many exploratory time series data mining tasks, just looking at the Matrix Profile can give us unexpected and actionable insights.

Ready to begin?

#### Taxi Example: Part I

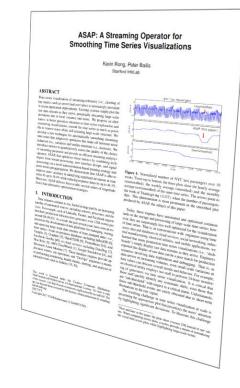
Given a long time series, where should you examine carefully?

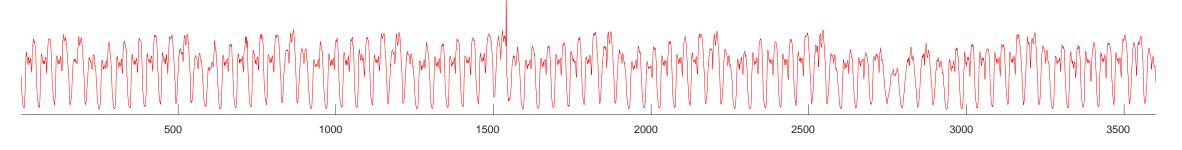
The problem is called "Attention Prioritization", a group at Stanford is working on this [a].

However we think that the Matrix Profile can be used for this, "for free".

Below is the data, the hourly average of the number of NYC taxi passengers over 75 days in Fall of 2014.

Lets compute the Matrix Profile for it, we choose a subsequence length corresponding to two days.... (next slide)

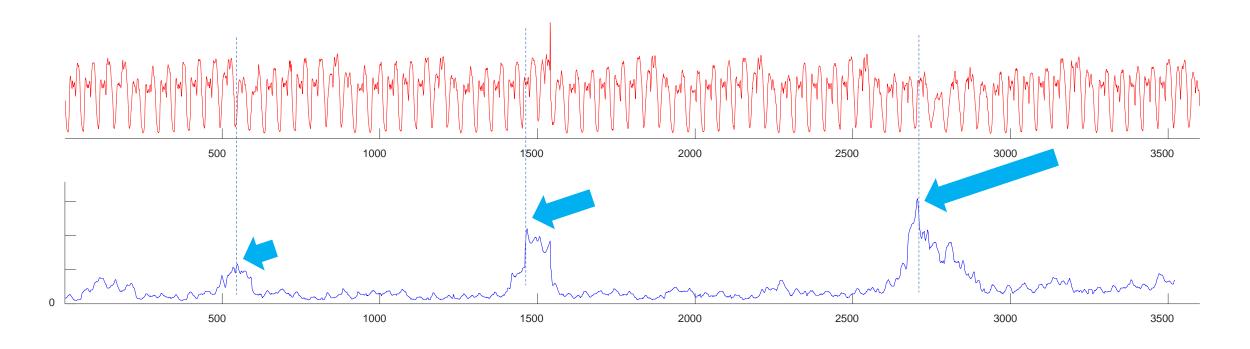




#### Taxi Example: Part II



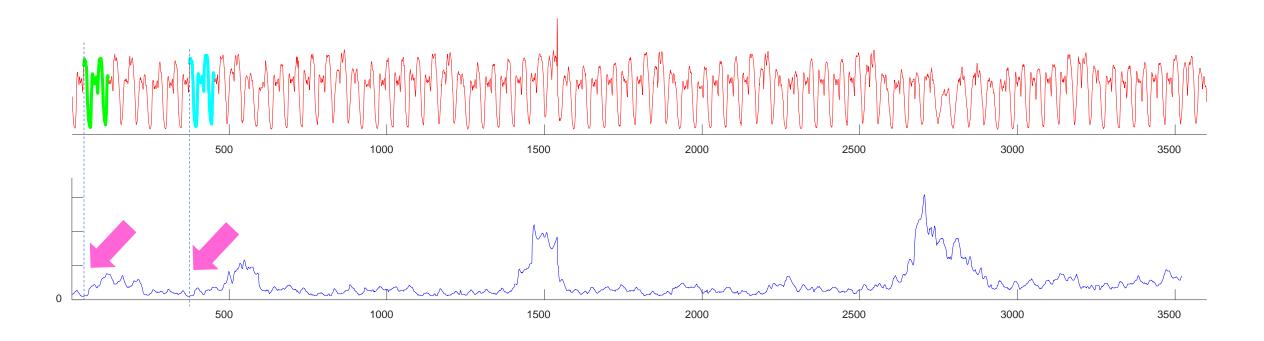
- The highest value corresponds to Thanksgiving (the uniqueness of Thanksgiving was the only thing the Stanford Team noted)
- We find a secondary peak around Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, what could it be? Daylight Saving Time! The clock going backwards one hour, gives an *apparent* doubling of taxi load.
- We find a tertiary peak around Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, what could it be? Columbus Day! Columbus Day is largely ignored in much of America, but still a big deal in NY, with its large Italian American community.



#### Taxi Example: Part III



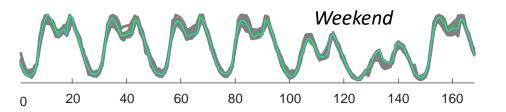
- What about the lowest values? (the best motifs)
- They are *exactly* seven days apart, suggesting that in this dataset, there might be a periodicity of *seven* days, in addition to the more obvious periodicity of *one* day.



## Italy Power Demand (1995 to 1998)



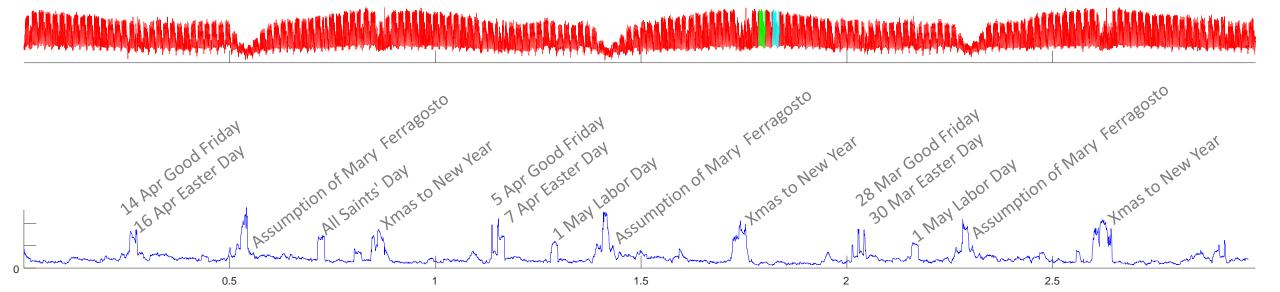
The top motif is a typical work week, starting from Tuesday

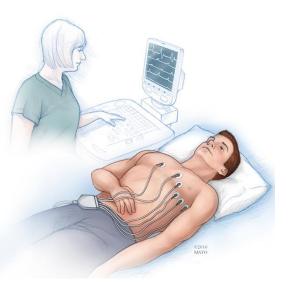


The Taxi example was easy to solve by manual inspection of the *raw* data, but with just an order of magnitude more data, the problem becomes much harder. Lets try a similar, but larger example, Italian Power Demand 1995 to 1998.

Note that the matrix profile is very low *on average*, most weeks are similar to the previous week (*persistence*) or the same week in a different year (*history*).

All the high values can be explained by Italian holidays, most of which fall on different days in consecutive years.



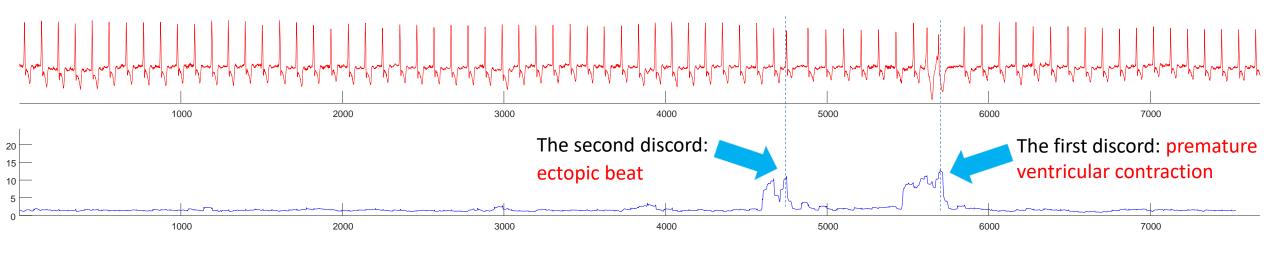


#### Electrocardiogram

(MIT-BIH Long-Term ECG Database)

In this case there are two anomalies annotated by MIT cardiologists. The Matrix Profile clearly indicates them.

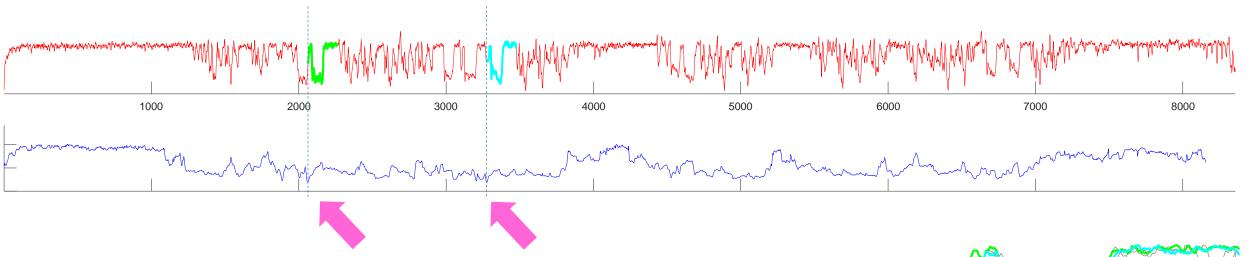
Here the subsequence length was set to 150, but we still find these anomalies if we *half* or *triple* that length.



#### Zebra Finch

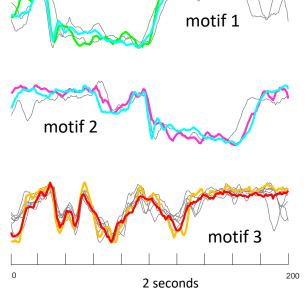
(Zebra Finch Vocalizations in MFCC, 100 day old male)





Motif discovery can often surprise you.

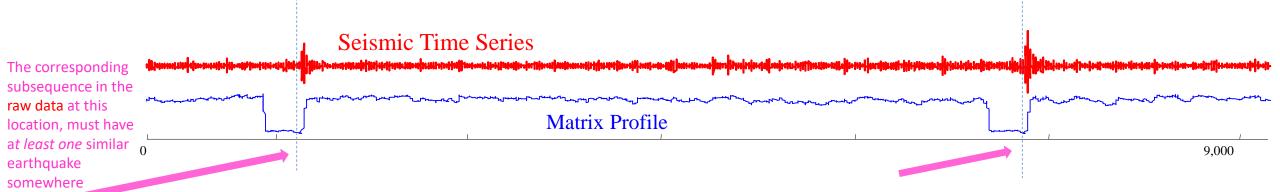
While it is clear that this time series is not random, we did not expect the motifs to be so well conserved or repeated so many times. There is evidence of a *vocabulary*, and maybe even a *grammar*...

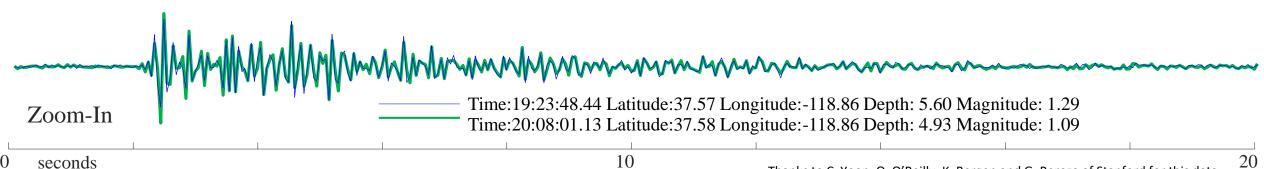


#### Seismology

If we see low values in the MP of a seismograph, it means there must have been a repeated earthquake. Repeated earthquakes can happen decades apart.

Many fundamental problems seismology, including the discovery of foreshocks, aftershocks, triggered earthquakes, swarms, volcanic activity and induced seismicity, can be reduced to the discovery of these repeated patterns.





#### Chimp DNA

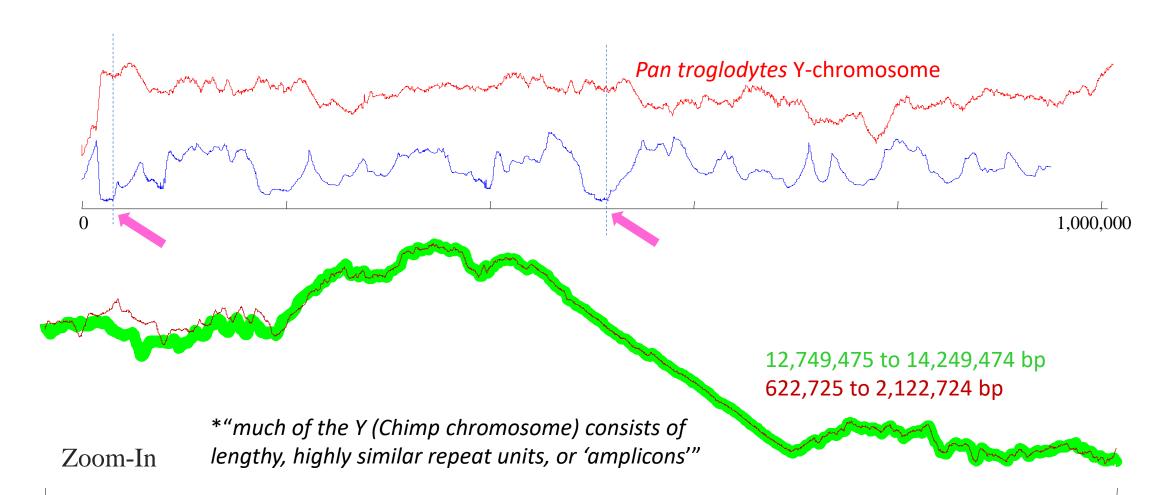
Y-chromosome converted to time series



It is possible to convert DNA strings to real-valued time series, in a lossless fashion

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\begin{split} T_1 &= 0;\\ \textbf{for } i &= 1 \text{ to length(chromosome)}\\ & \textbf{if } chromosome_i = \textbf{A, then } T_{i+1} = T_i + 2\\ & \textbf{if } chromosome_i = \textbf{G, then } T_{i+1} = T_i + 1\\ & \textbf{if } chromosome_i = \textbf{C, then } T_{i+1} = T_i - 1\\ & \textbf{if } chromosome_i = \textbf{T, then } T_{i+1} = T_i - 2\\ & \textbf{end} \end{split}
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Let us search the Chimp's DNA for repeated structure, of length 60,000...

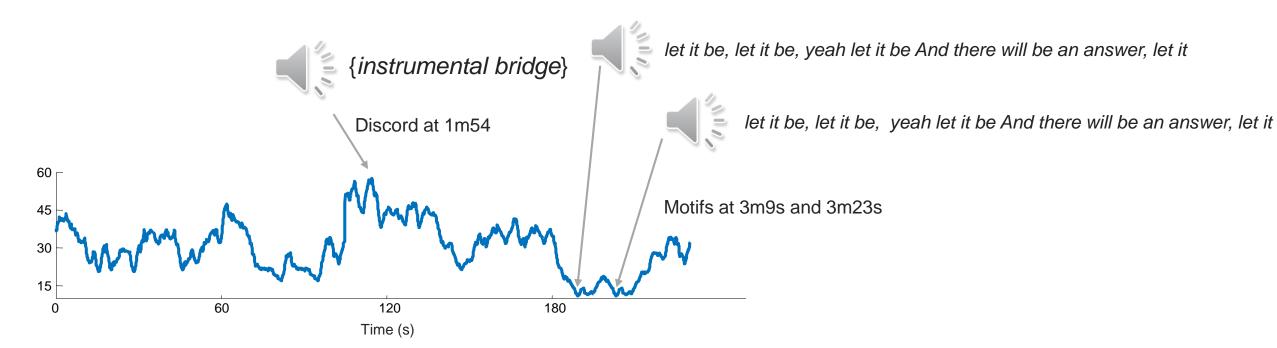




## Music

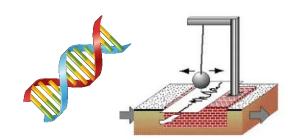
While *motifs* usually point to chorus, discords point to bridges or solos





## Summary













We could play this game all day! We have applied the MP to hundreds of datasets.

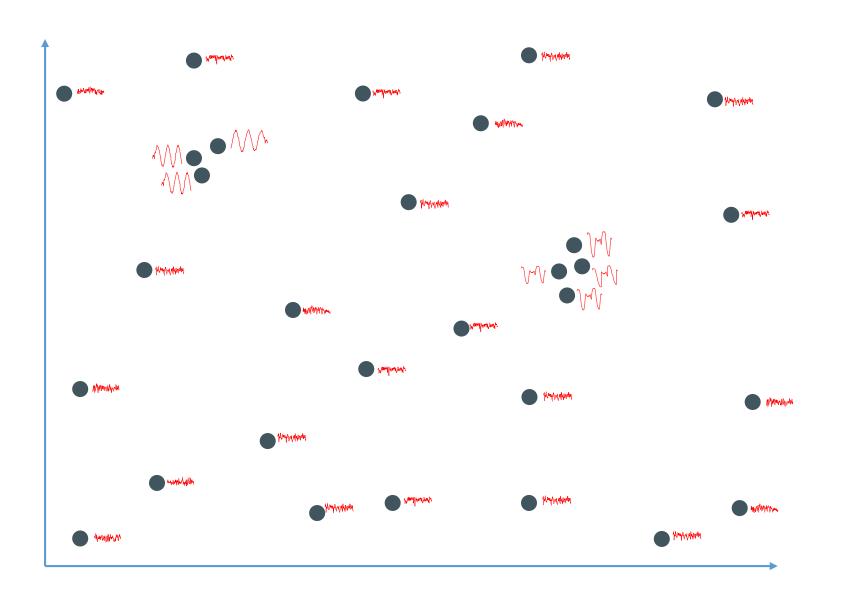
It is worth reminding ourselves of the following:

- The MP can find structure in taxi demand, seismology, DNA, power demand, heartbeats, music and bird vocalization data. However the MP does not "know" anything about this domains, it was not tweaked, tuned or adjusted in anyway.
- This domain-agnostic nature of MP is a *great* strength, you typically get very good results "out-of-the-box" no matter what your domain.

The following is worth stating again:

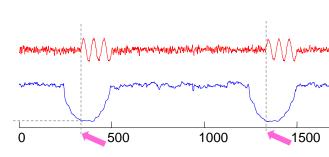
• We spent time *looking* at the MP to gain confidence that it is doing something useful. However, most of the time, only a higher-level algorithm will look at the MP, with no human intervention or inspection.

## A Minor Visual Mapping Trick



It is sometime useful to think of time series subsequences as points in m-dimensional space.

In this view, dense regions in the m-dimensional space correspond to regions of the time series that have a low corresponding MP

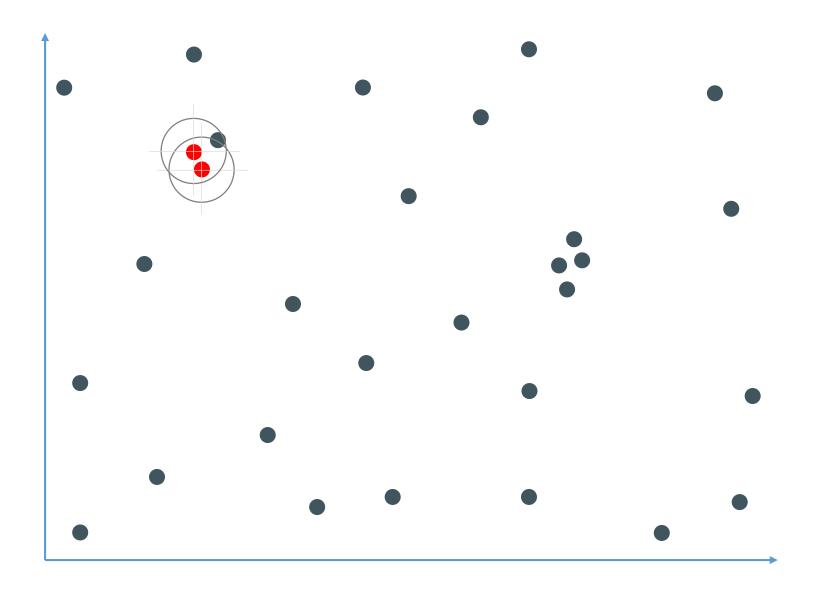


## The Top-K Motifs I

Here we show a *sensible* way to extract the top-K motifs. However, there is nothing stopping you from inventing a different way. If you do, the MP will let you compute it in milliseconds.



# The Top-K Motifs II

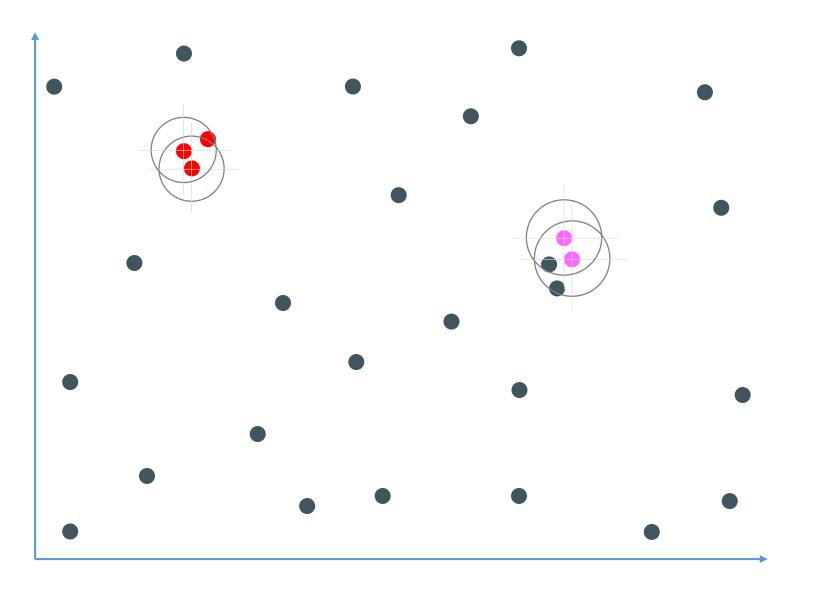


We find the nearest pair of points are  $D_1$  apart.

Lets draw a circle, D<sub>1</sub> times R, around both points.

Any points that are within either of these circles, are added to this motif, in this case there is just one...
See next slide...

# The Top-K Motifs III



The Top-1 motif has three members, it is done.

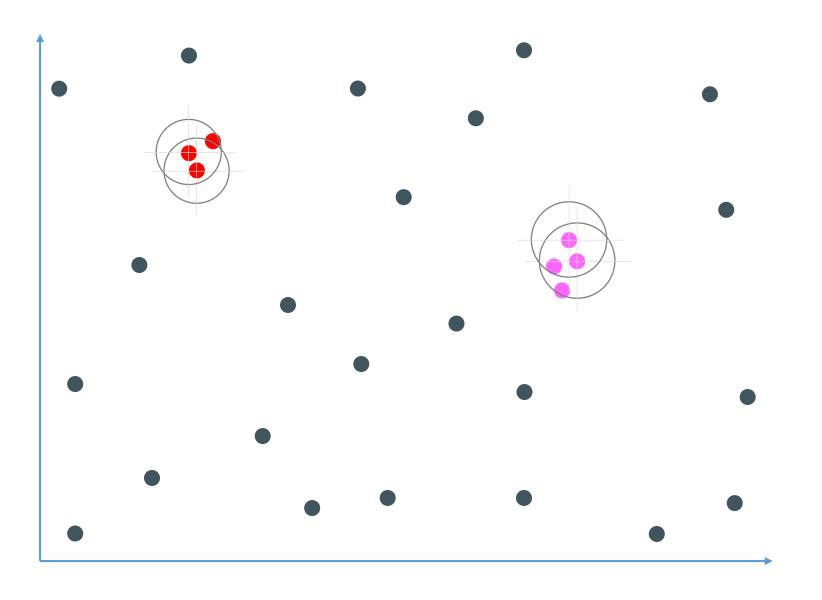
Now lets find the Top-2 motif. We begin by finding the nearest pair of points, excluding anything from the top motif.

The nearest pair of points are D<sub>2</sub> apart.

Lets draw a circle D<sub>1</sub> times R, around both points.

Any points that are within either of these circles, is added to this motif, in this case there are two... See next slide...

# The Top-K Motifs IIII



The Top-1 motif has three members, it is done.

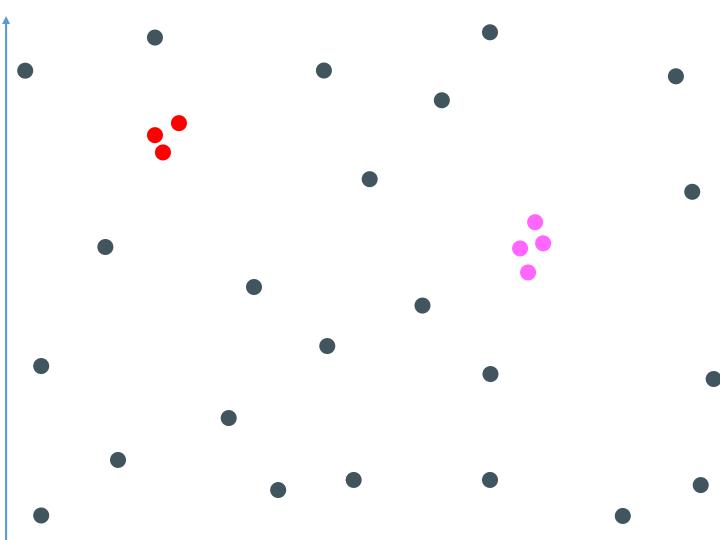
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The nearest pair of points are D<sub>2</sub> apart.

Lets draw a circle D<sub>2</sub> times R, around both points.

Any points that are within either of these circles, are added to this motif, in this case there are two, for a total of four items in the Top-2 Motif

# The Top-K Motifs V



We are done with the Top-2 Motif

Note that we will always have:

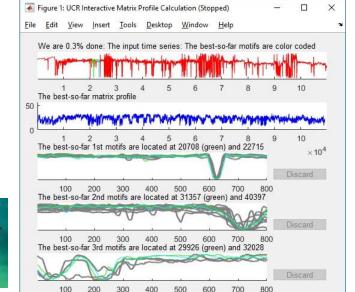
$$D_1 < D_2 < D_3 ...$$

When to stop? (what is K?)

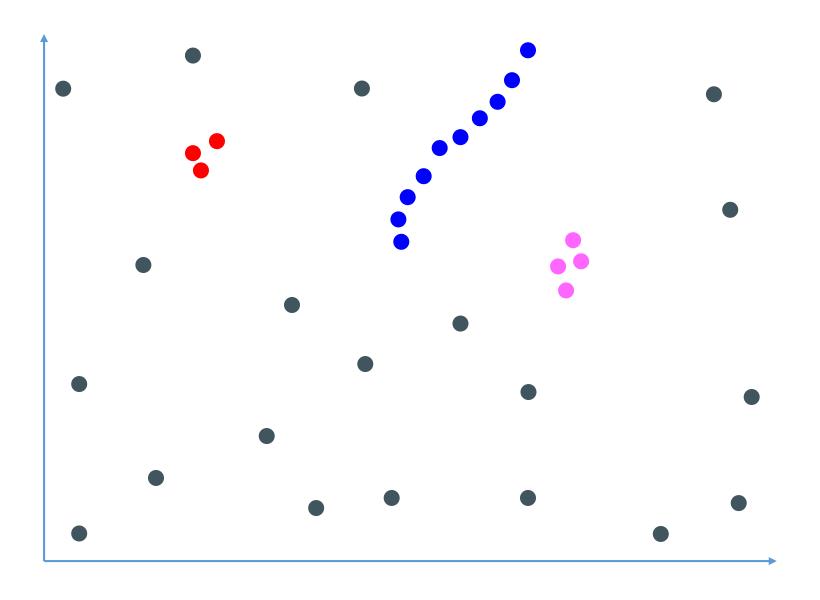
We could use MDL etc.

As a practical matter, we can pull out all K, and use *eyeballing* to judge the quality of motifs.

For example, in the below, Motif 1 is stunningly well conserved, Motif 2 is somewhat conserved, Motif 3 may be getting close to random.... So here we would say we have a strong **Top-2** Motifs.



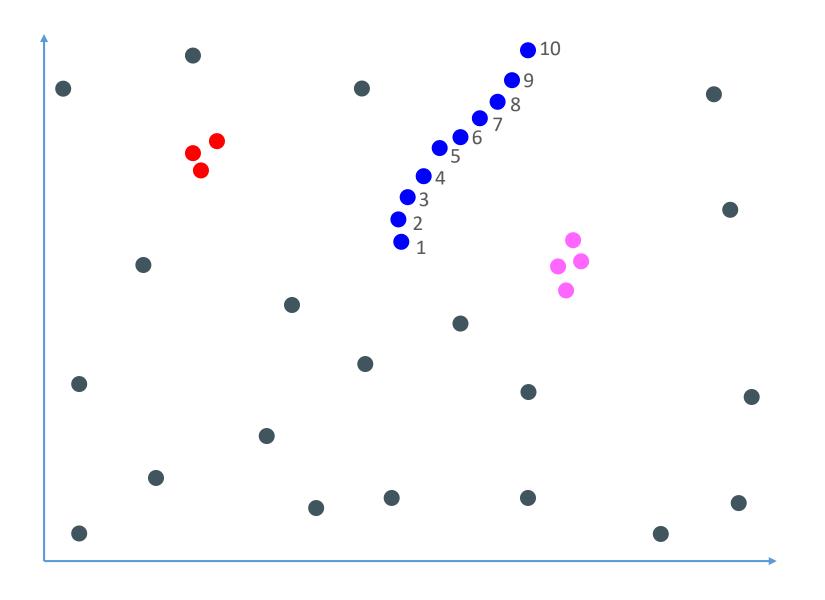
#### From Motifs to Time Series Chains



Take a look at the blue 'subsequences"

They would not from a single motif (but perhaps they could form a *set* of motifs).

#### From Motifs to Time Series Chains



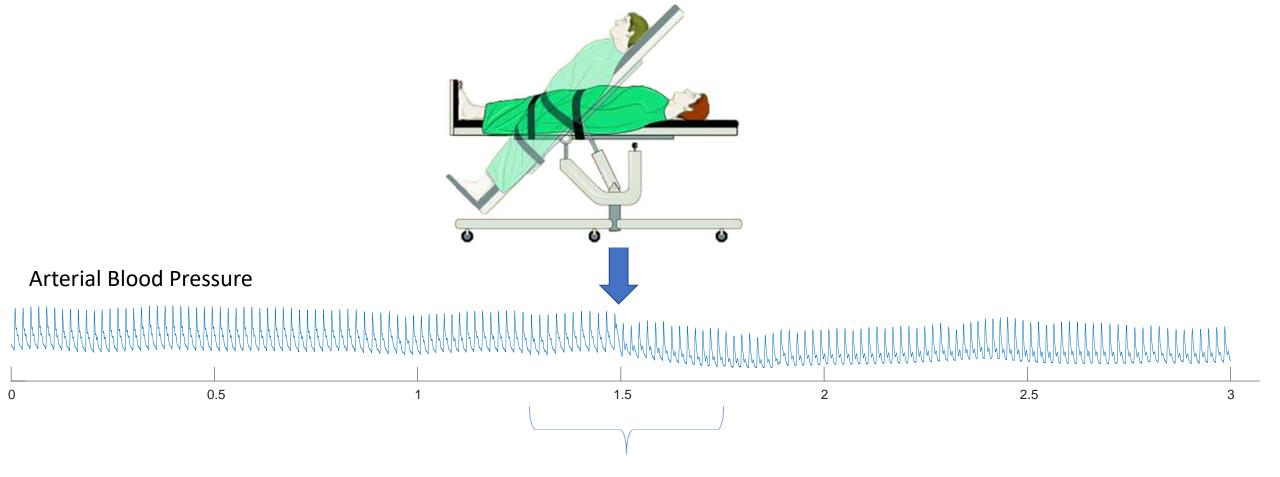
However, if we label them by *arrival* time, you can see that they are *drifting*, or *evolving* in time.

This is *actionable*, for example, where will the 11<sup>th</sup> item land? Surely just Northeast of the 10<sup>th</sup> item

We call such pattern chains, with the first item as the *anchor*.

Do such patterns exist in the real world?

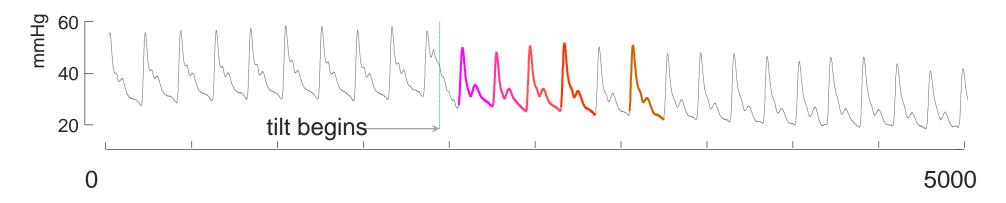
Can we find them?



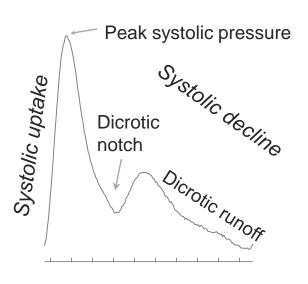
We will zoom-in to here in the next slide

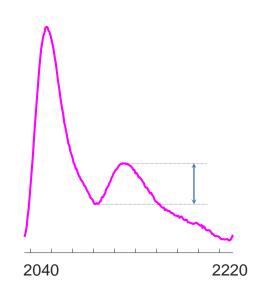
We ran time series chain discovery on the dataset. The only thing we tell it is the length of the subsequence to use (about one heartbeat long).

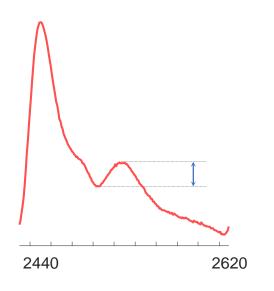
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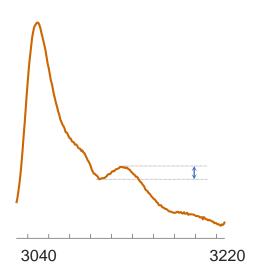


Ads the chain progresses, the depth of the dicrotic notch decreases....





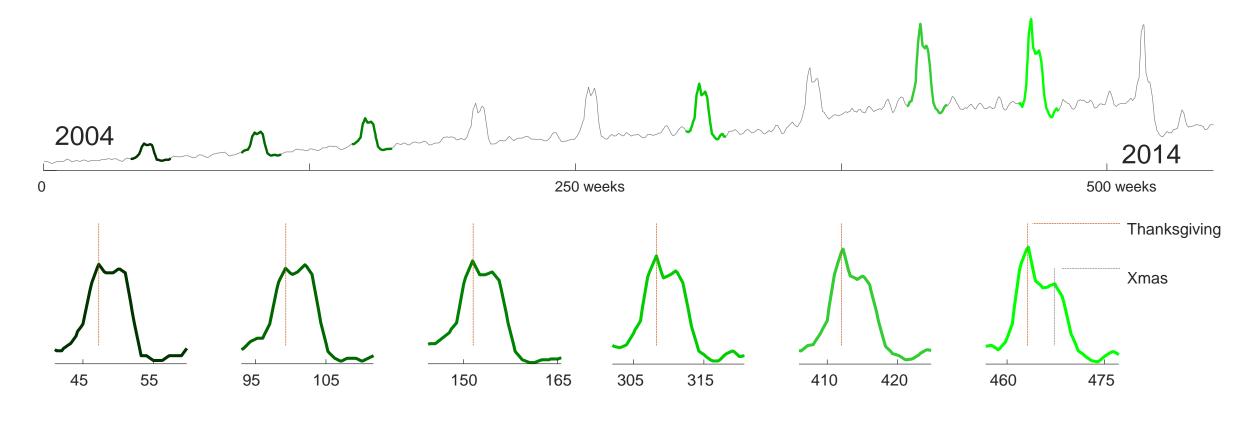




#### More Time Series Chains

#### We looked at the google query volume for Kohl's, an American retail chain.

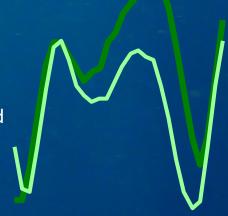
The discovered chain shows that over the decade, the bump transitions from a smooth bump covering most of the period between thanksgiving and Xmas, to a more sharply focus bump centered on thanksgiving. This seems to reflect the growing importance of *Cyber Monday*, a marketing term for the Monday after Thanksgiving. The phrase was created by marketing companies to persuade people to shop online. The term made its debut on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in a press release entitled "*Cyber Monday Quickly Becoming One of the Biggest Online Shopping Days of the Year*". Note that this date coincides with the first glimpse of the sharping peak in our chain.

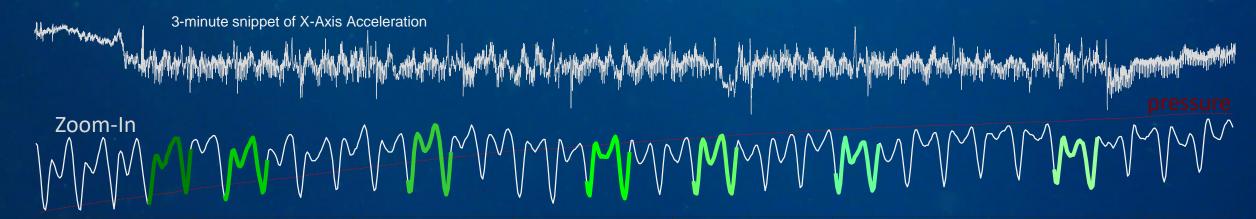


#### One Last Time Series Chain

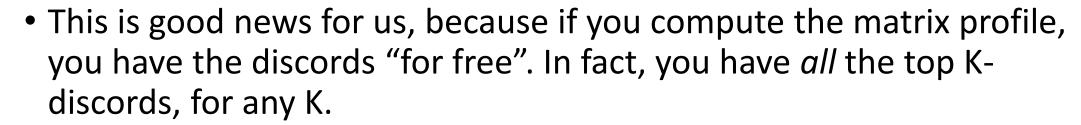
Magellanic penguins regularly dive to depths of up to 50m to hunt prey. Penguins have typical body densities for a bird, but just before diving they take a very deep breath that makes them exceptionally buoyant. This positive buoyancy is difficult to overcome near the surface, but at depth, the compression of water pressure cancels it. In order to get to down to their hunting ground below sea level it is clear that "locomotory muscle workload, varies significantly at the beginning of dives"\*.

The snippet of time series shown in does not suggest much of a change in *stroke-rate*, however penguins are able vary the thrust of their flapping by twisting their wings. The chains we discovered shows this dramatic and evolving sprint downwards leveling off to a comfortable cruise.





- There are literally 100's of time series anomaly detectors.
- However, we claim that discords is among the best.
  - Many others have made that claim...
    - ..on 19 different publicly available data sets, comparing 9 different techniques (time series **discords**) is the best overall technique among all techniques. Vipin Kumar [a]



- Why are discords so effective? (our subjective opinion)
  - They make no assumptions about the data (so no wrong assumptions).
  - They don't need to learn a bunch of parameters, with no parameters to fit, it is hard to *over*fit.

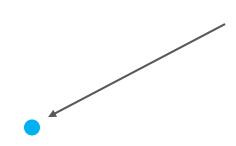




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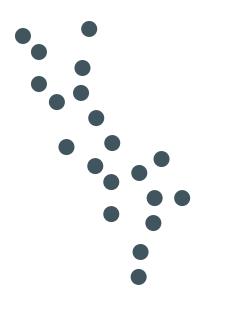
# The twin freak problem (see next slide)

The definition of a discord is: *The* subsequence D that has the maximum distance from its (nontrivial match) nearest neighbor.



This is the discord. It is far from its nearest neighbor

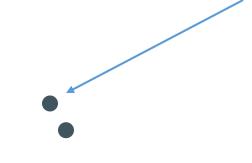
Let us say it was caused be a valve being stuck one day..





# The twin freak problem

The definition of a discord is: *The* subsequence D that has the maximum distance from its (non-trivial match) nearest neighbor.



This is now the discord



..but suppose that the anomaly happened twice?

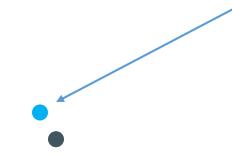
Once on Monday, once on Friday...

The problem is that it is no longer the discord, under our classic definition ;-(

There is a simple fix, a minor change to the definition

# The twin freak problem

The new definition of a discord is: The subsequence D that has the maximum distance from its (non-trivial match) second nearest neighbor.





The new definition solves the problem.

However, what about the *triple* freak, or *quadruple* freak problem etc....

If an "anomaly" happens many times, it is probably not an anomaly, and we probably know about it anyway.

Nevertheless, it can be useful to generalize to the K<sup>th</sup> nearest neighbor, for a small K, say 3

The subsequence D that has the maximum distance from its (non-trivial match) K nearest neighbor.

This is a trivial change/addition to the MP

## Generalizing to Joins

- We can think of the MP as a type of similarity self-join. For every subsequence in  $T_A$ , we join it with its nearest (non-trivial) neighbor in  $T_A$ , or  $\mathbf{J}_{T_AT_A}$  or  $T_A \bowtie 1$ nn  $T_A$
- This is also known as all-pairs-similarity-search (or similarity join).
- However, we can genialize to an **AB**-similarity join. For every subsequence in **A**, we join can it with its nearest neighbor in **B**, or  $J_{T_AT_B}$  or  $T_A \bowtie 1$ nn  $T_B$
- Note that in general:  $J_{T_AT_B} \neq J_{T_AT_B}$
- Note that A and B can be radically different sizes
- We may be interested in:
  - What is conserved between two time series (the join motifs)
  - What is different between two time series (the join discords)
- The tricks for understanding and reading join-based MPs are the same as before, we will see some examples to make that clear.

### Generalizing to Joins

# join discord oin motifs

# Two scenarios of interest: we do a $J_{T_AT_B}$ ...

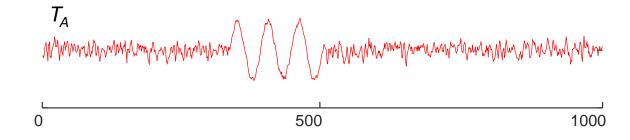
The Golden Batch: Here we have two time series that we think should be about the same. But when we join them, there is a join discord, a subsequence that appears only in only in A, but not in B, but why? (spoken word example below)

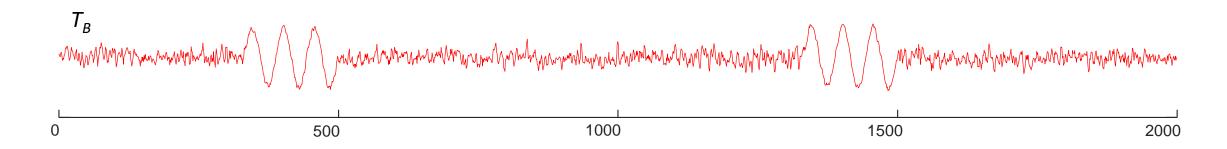
**2)** The Suspicious Similarity: Here we have two time series that we have *no* reason to think should be the same. But when we join them, there are *join motifs*, some subsequences from **A** appear in **B**, but why? (*music* example below)

Now let us consider the join of two time series.

Assume we have two time series  $T_A$  and  $T_B$ ...

Note that they can be of different lengths



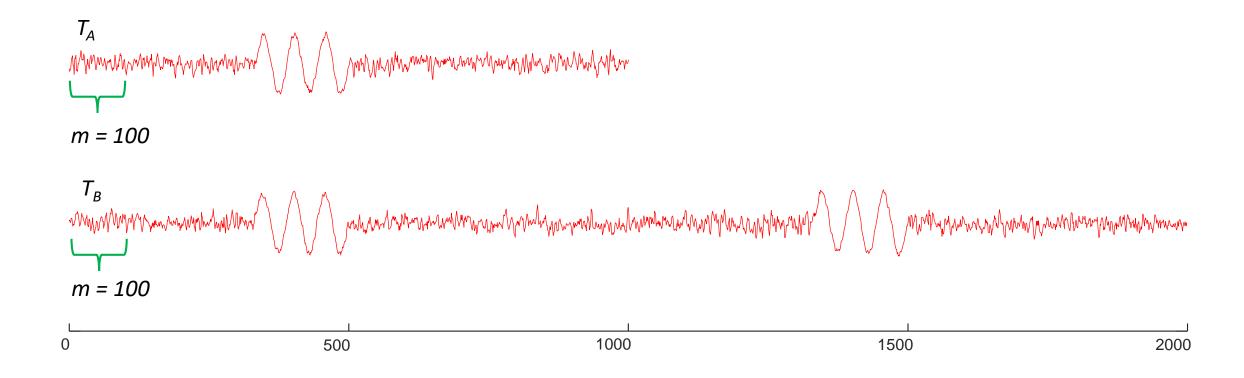


$$|T_A| = 1,000$$

$$|T_{B}| = 2,000$$

As before, we are not interested in any *global* properties of the time series, we are only interested in small *local* subsequences, of this length, m

These subsequences might be about the length of individual heartbeats (for ECGs), individual days (for social media behavior), individual words (for speech analysis) etc.



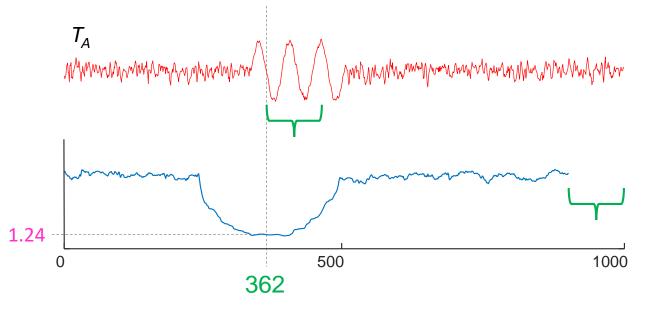
We can create a companion Matrix Profile of  $T_A$ .

For every subsequence in  $T_A$ , we look for its nearest neighbor in  $T_B$ .

The Matrix Profile at the  $i^{th}$  location records the distance of the subsequence in  $T_A$ , at the  $i^{th}$  location, to its nearest neighbor in  $T_B$  under z-normalized Euclidean Distance.

The Matrix Profile is almost the same length as  $T_A$ , it is shorter by just  $m \vdash \gamma \vdash \gamma$ 

For example, in the below, the subsequence of length 100 starting at 362 happens to have a distance of 1.24 to its nearest neighbor (wherever it is) in  $T_B$ .

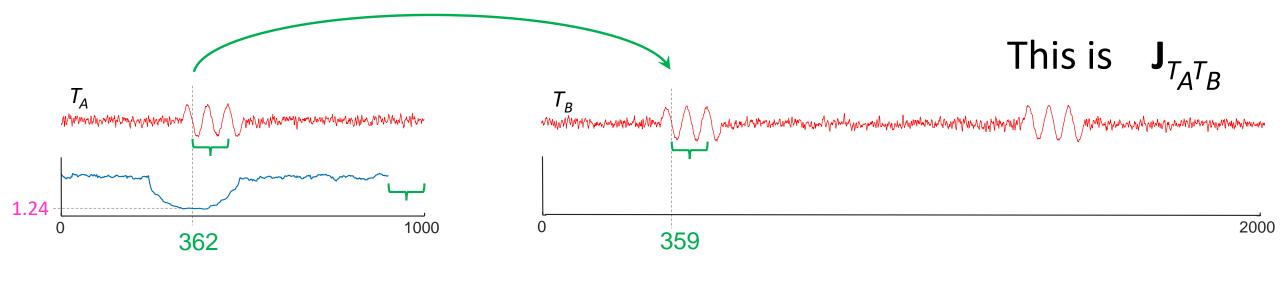


Informally: how far is each subsequence in  $T_A$ , from its nearest neighbor in  $T_b$ ?

Recall that the Matrix Profile at the  $i^{th}$  location records the distance of the subsequence in  $T_A$ , at the  $i^{th}$  location, to its nearest neighbor in  $T_B$  under z-normalized Euclidean Distance.

However, it does not tell us where the *location* of the nearest neighbor in  $T_{B.}$  To store this information, we can create another companion sequence, called a matrix profile index.

The green arrow points from the subsequence of  $T_A$  starting at 362 to its nearest neighbor in  $T_{B.}$  The nearest neighbor locates at 359 of  $T_{B.}$ 



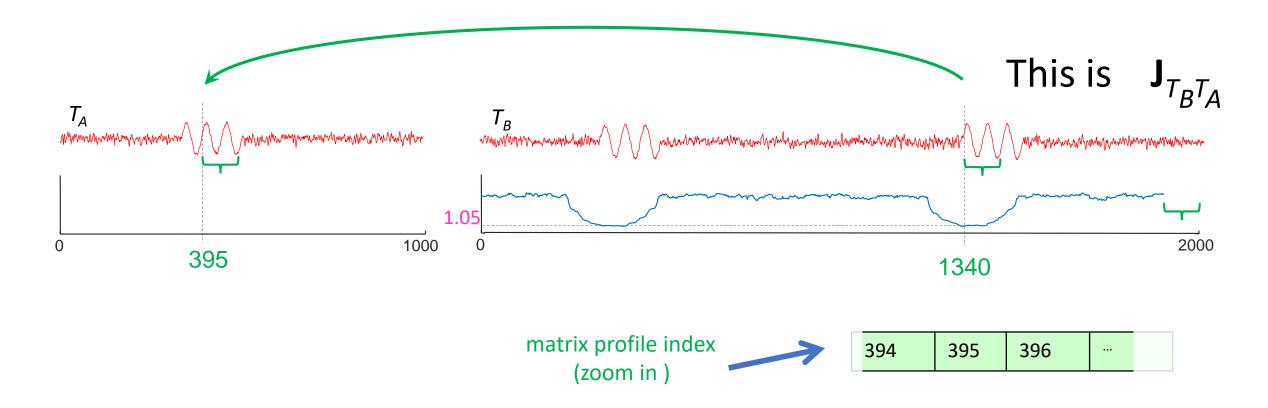


Informally: For each subsequence in  $T_A$ , point to its nearest neighbor in  $T_b$ 

#### We can reverse the direction of the join...

Here the matrix profile index tell us the *location* of the nearest neighbor of each subsequence in  $T_{B}$ .

The green arrow points from the subsequence of  $T_B$  starting at 1340 to its nearest neighbor in  $T_{A.}$  The nearest neighbor locates at 395 of  $T_{A.}$ 

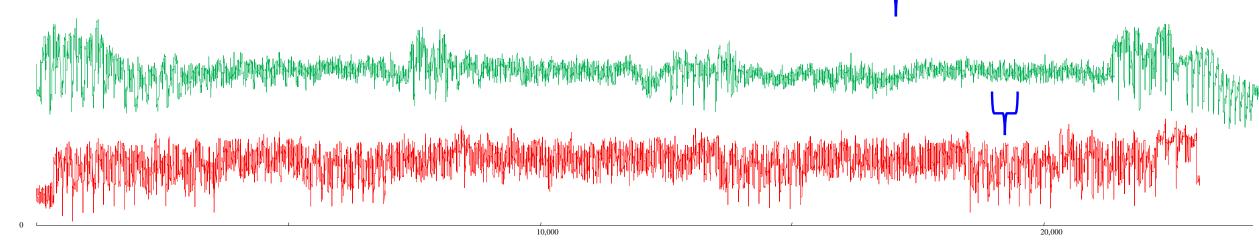




# Music I (join case)

Can you see any common structure between the two time series below?

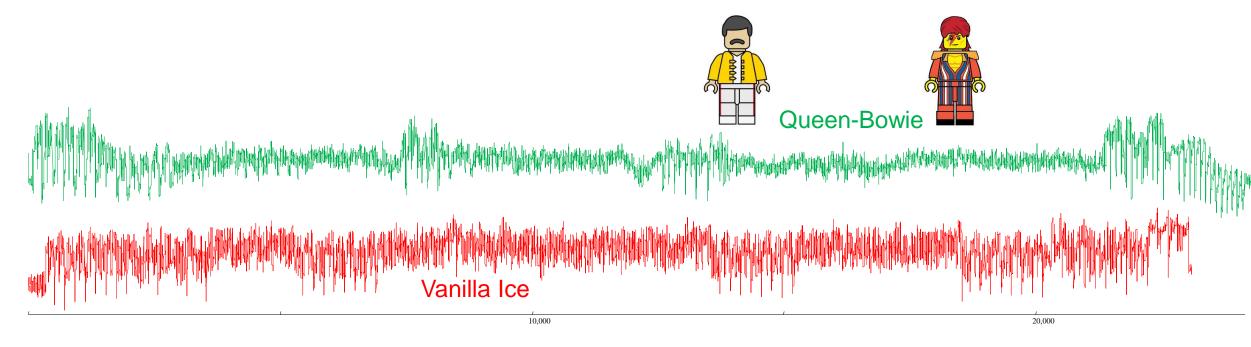
Hint, it is probably about this length



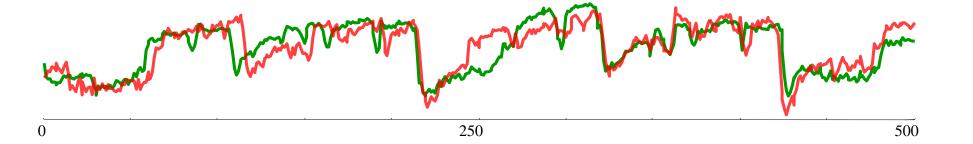


# Music II (join case)

The data is the 2<sup>nd</sup> MFCC of two songs, *Under Pressure* and *Ice Ice Baby* 



A zoom-in of the best conserved region between the two time series (the similarity join)



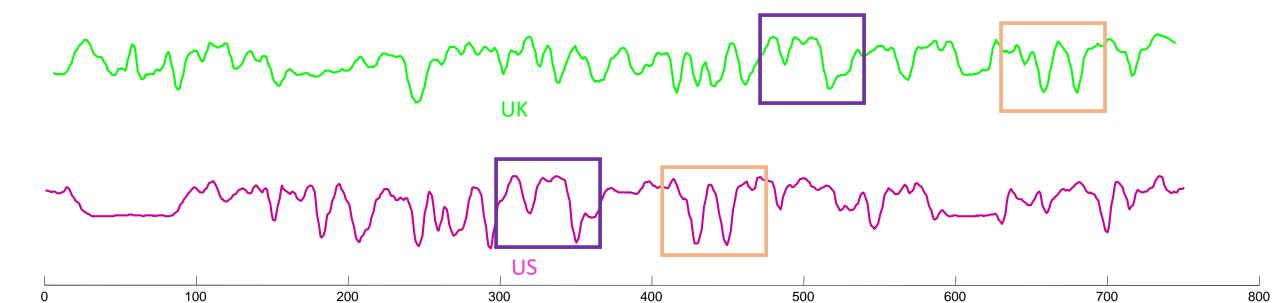


In the previous example we asked you to find "common structure between the two time series" Now I am going to ask you the opposite question.

What is different between the two time series?

Hint, it is probably about this length

Hint, I cant be the regions in the matching boxes...





Here the difference is due to a unique phrase that only appears in the USA version of the Harry Potter books.





**UK version**: Harry was passionate about Quidditch. He had played as Seeker on the Gryffindor house Quidditch team ever since his first year at Hogwarts and owned a Firebolt, one of the best racing brooms in the world...

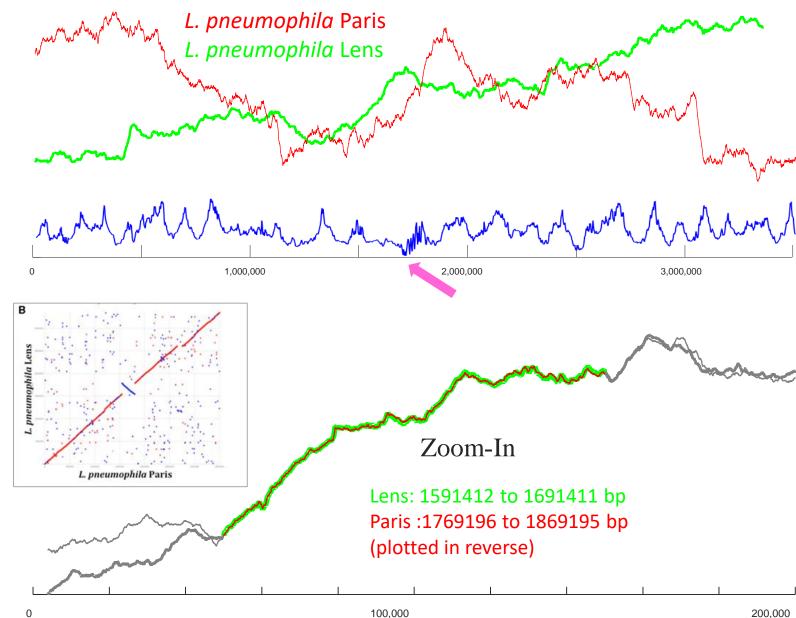
**USA version**: <u>Harry had been on the Gryffindor House Quidditch te</u>am ever since his first year at Hogwarts and owned one of the best racing brooms in the world, a Firebolt.



# DNA (join case)

We consider two strains of Legionella bacteria, L. pneumophila Paris and L. pneumophila Lens, which consist of 3,503,504 and 3,345,567 bp respectively. We consider a subsequence length of 100,000

However, we flipped one of the time series "backwards", before computing the join.



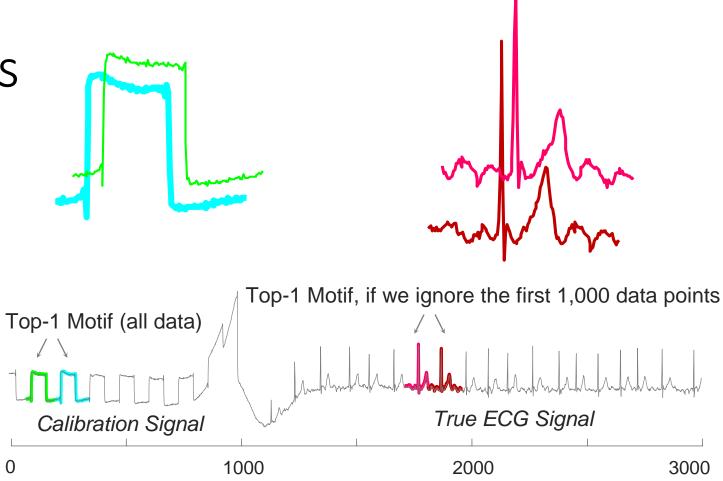
# From Domain Agnostic to Domain Aware\*

- The great strength of the MP is that is *domain agnostic*. A single black box algorithm works for taxi demand, seismology, DNA, power demand, heartbeats, bird vocalizations....
- However, in a handful of cases, there is a need to, or some utility in, incorporating some domain knowledge/constraints.
- There is a simple, generic and elegant way to do this, using the *Annotation Vector* (AV).
- In the following slides we will show you the *annotation vector* in the context of motif discovery, but you can use it with any MP algorithm.
- We will begin by showing you some examples of spurious motifs that can be discovered in particular domains, then we will show you how the AV mitigates them.

# Motivating Example: Stop-word Motif Bias

In some medical datasets, the true motifs may be "swamped" by more frequent, but biologically meaningless patterns. Much like the stop words "and" and "the" in text mining.

Here the approximate square wave is just a calibration signal, sent when the sensor has weak contact with the skin. It is a frequent, but spurious motif.

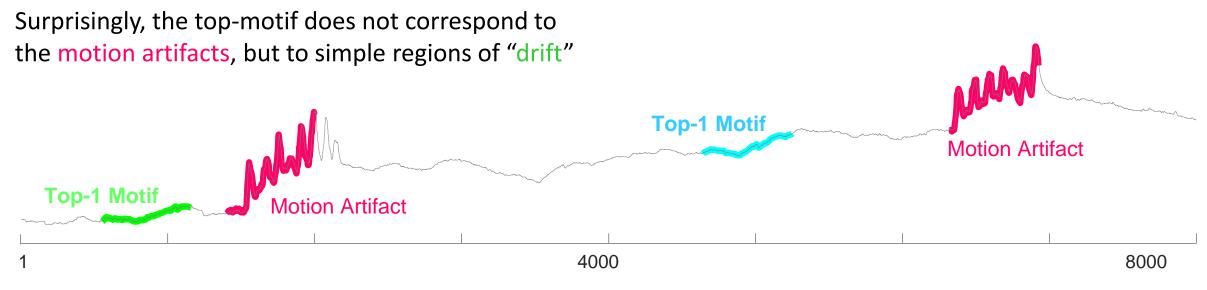


A snippet of ECG data from the LTAF-71 Database. The top motifs come from regions of the calibration signal because they are much more similar than the motifs discovered if we search only data that contains true ECGs.

# Motivating Example: Simplicity Bias

Euclidean Distance has a bias toward simple shapes.

"Pairs of complex objects, even those which subjectively may seem very similar to the human eye, tend to be further apart under (Euclidean) distance than pairs of simple objects." [1]



A snippet of ECG time series in which two motion artifacts were deliberately introduced by the attending physician.

# Motivating Example: Actionability Bias

In many cases a domain expert wants to find not simply the best motif, but regularities in the data which are *exploitable* or actionable in some domain specific ways.

"I want to find motifs in this web-click data, preferably occurring on or close to the weekend."

"I want to find motifs in this oil pressure data, but they would be more useful if they end with a rising trend."

Such queries can be almost seen as a hybrid between motif search and similarity search.

# Key Insight/Claim

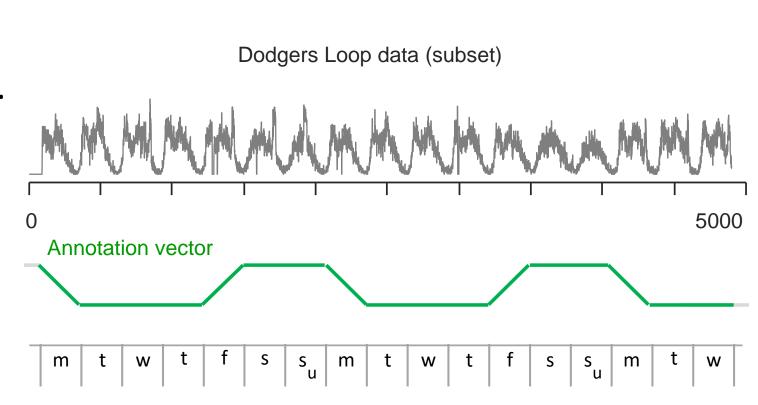
- We could try to have different definitions of motifs, for different domains/people/preferences/situations
- However, we might have to devise a new search algorithm for each one, and maybe some such algorithms could be hard to speed up.
- That would mean having to abandon our nice, fast, one-size-fits-all matrix profile
- Instead, we can do the following
  - Use our one-size-fits-all matrix profile algorithm to find the basic matrix profile
  - Then use a domain dependent function, the Annotation Vector, to "nudge" the matrix profile to better suit the individual desired domains/people/preferences/situations

#### The annotation vector framework

The annotation vector (AV) is a time series consisting of real-valued numbers between [0 - 1].

A lower value indicates the subsequence starting at that index is less desirable, and therefore should be biased against.

Conversely, higher values mean the corresponding subsequences should be favored *for* the potential motif pool.



Seventeen days from the Dodger Loop dataset. *bottom*) The AV that encodes a preference for motifs occurring on or near the weekend.

#### The annotation vector framework

Combines the matrix profile (MP) with the annotation vector (AV) to produce a new "adjusted" matrix profile.

We refer to this as the "Corrected" MP (CMP), as it correctly incorporates the contextual bias for the problem.

$$CMP_i = MP_i + (1 - AV_i) * \max(MP)$$

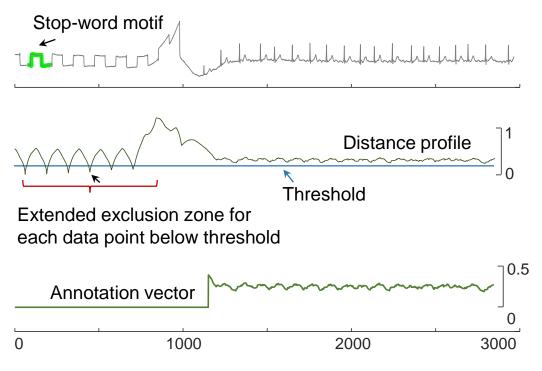
If  $AV_i = 0 \rightarrow CMP_i = MP_i + \max(MP)$ : raises MP value in order to remove the subsequence from potential motif pool

If  $AV_i = 1 \rightarrow CMP_i = MP_i$ : retains original MP value to allow the motifs that best balance the fidelity of conservation with the user's constraints to rise to the top

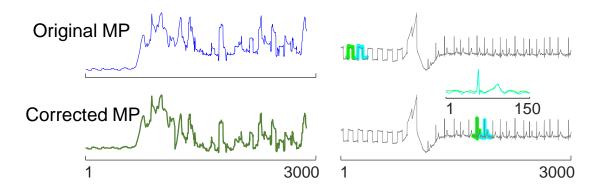
This only leaves the question of how do we create such an AV for our domain of interest?

**Key Claim:** For most problems, a domain expert can design an appropriate AV with 5 minutes of introspection, and implement it in 2 or 3 lines of code or an excel script.

# Case study: Stop-word motif bias



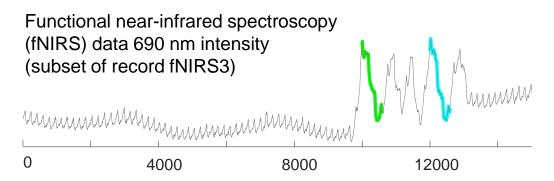
top) We annotated a single stop-word from the LTAF-71 dataset. *middle*) The stop-word distance profile to the entire dataset was thresholded to create an exclusion zone, which was used to create an AV (bottom).



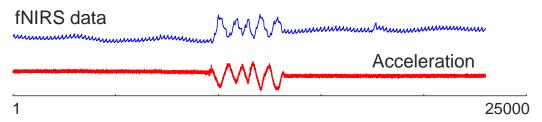
By correcting the MP to bias away from stop-word motifs, we can discover medically meaningful motifs.

# Case study: Actionability bias (i)

Suppressing motion artifacts



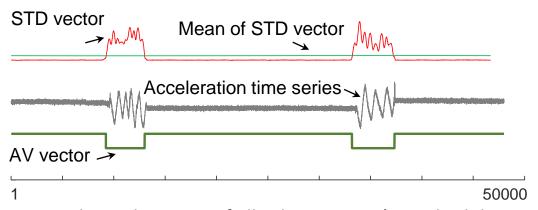
A snippet of fNIRS searched for motifs of length 600. The motifs correspond to an atypical region, which (using external data, see Fig. 7 below) we know is due to a sensor artifact.



The synchronization between the fNIRS data and accompanying accelerator data.

#### How to make the AV

- Slides a window of length m across the acceleration time series.
- Compares the STD of each subsequence with the mean of all the subsequences' STDs, and assign the corresponding AV value to be either 0 or 1



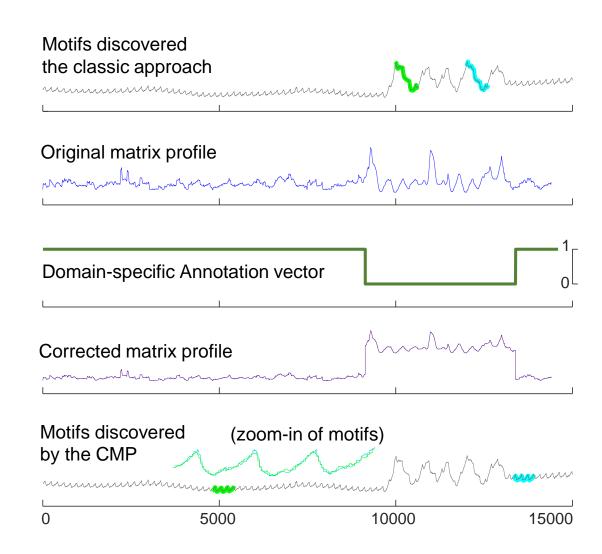
Points above the mean of all subsequences' standard deviation are well aligned with regions of motion artifacts. The corresponding AV values for these points are 0 and 1 for the rest.

# Case study: Actionability bias (ii)

Suppressing motion artifacts

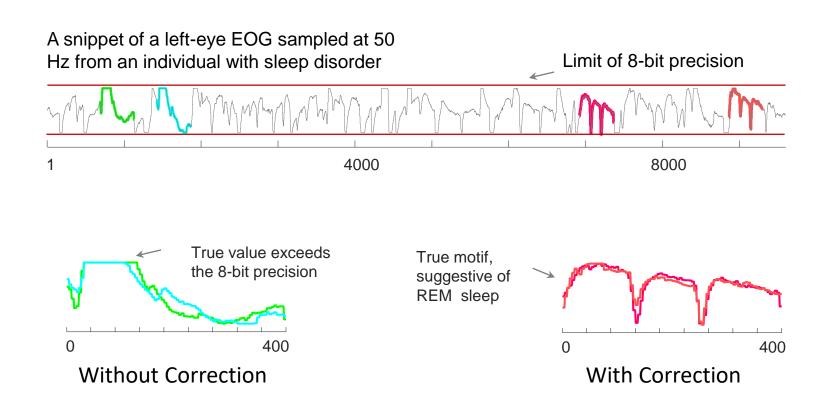
(top to bottom) Motifs in fNIRS data discovered using classic motif search tend to be spurious motion artifacts, because the matrix profile is minimized by the highly conserved but specious patterns.

If we use an AV to correct the MP, then that CMP allows us to find medically significant motifs.

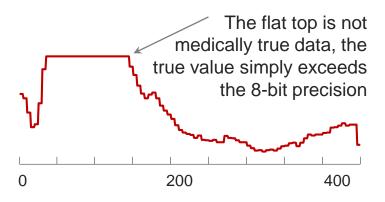


## Case Study: Actionability Bias

Suppressing hard-limited artifacts



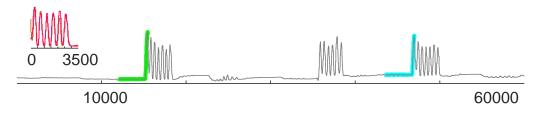
Motifs that are discovered using classic motif search tend to include hard-limited data (*left*), because the matrix profile is minimized by having long constant regions. By creating an AV to correct the MP, we can find true motifs corresponding to ponto-geniculo-occipital waves (*right*)



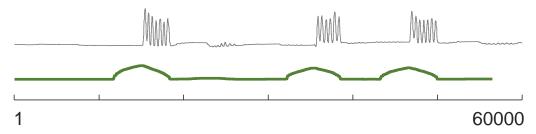
#### How to make the AV

- record the maximum and minimum values of the time series (the constant values touching the red bars)
- slide a window across the time series to extract subsequences
- count the number of constant values (from being hard-limited above or below) in each subsequence
- This number over the subsequence length is used as the bias function.
- This take 3 minutes, and five lines of MATLAB.

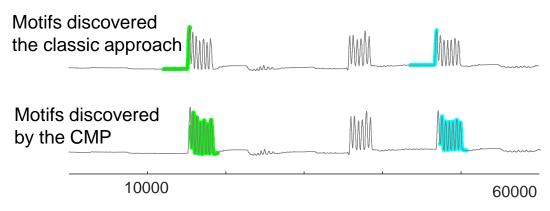
## Case study: Simplicity bias



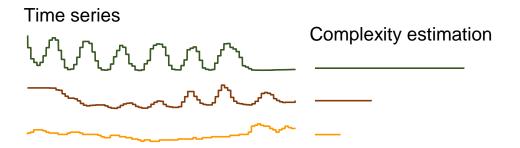
A short snippet of a time series of the flexion of a subject's little finger. Subjectively, most people would expect that two occurrences of consecutive multiple flexions to be the top motif (inset). Instead we find the simple "ramp-up" pattern.



The complexity measure shown in parallel to the raw data. We simply normalize this complexity vector to be in range [0 - 1] to obtain the final AV.



By correcting the matrix profile with an AV based on complexity measure, we discover the true motifs of finger flexion pattern.



A visual intuition of the complexity estimation of three time series subsequences of different complexity levels.

# Summary of the last ten minutes: annotation vector

Most of the time, the plain vanilla MP is going to be all you need to find motifs/discords/chains etc. for you data.

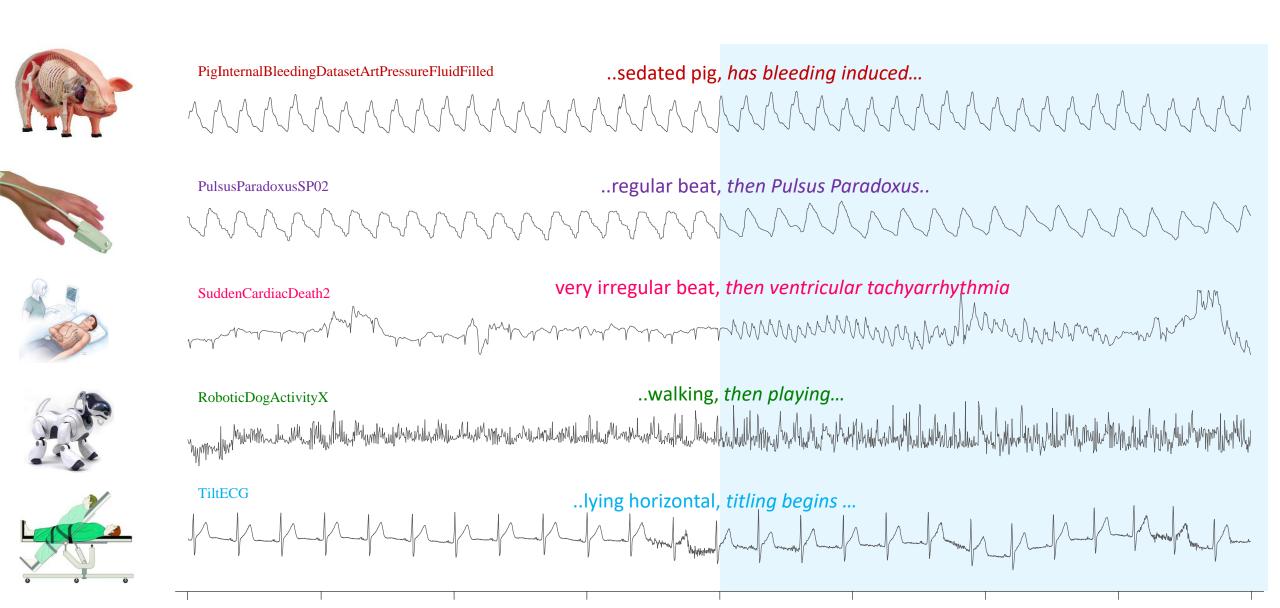
In some cases, you may get spurious results. That is to say, mathematically correct results, but not what you want or need for your domain.

In those cases, you can just invent a simple function to suppress the spurious motifs, code it up as an annotation vector in a handful of lines of code, use it to "correct" the MP, and then run the motifs/discords/chains algorithm as before.

Once you invent an AV, say  $AV_{diesel\_engine}$  or  $AV_{Turkish\_folk\_music}$ , you can reuse it on similar datasets, share it with a friend etc.

## Time Series Semantic Segmentation

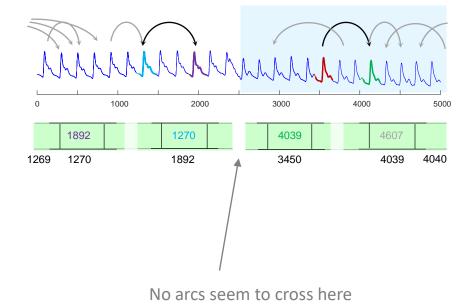
Sometime the system we are monitoring changes regimes, can we detect such changes?



## FLOSS: Matrix Profile Segmentation

What do we want in a Semantic Segmentation Algorithm?

- Handle fast online, or huge batch data
- Domain agnosticism. It would be nice to have a single algorithm the works on all kinds of data
- Parameter-Lite. (Tuning parameters almost guarantees overfitting).
- High accuracy.
- Able to report *degree* of segmentation or confidence (A binary decision is too brittle in most cases).
- Claim: We can do all this by looking at the Matrix Profile Index...





#### **Key Observation**

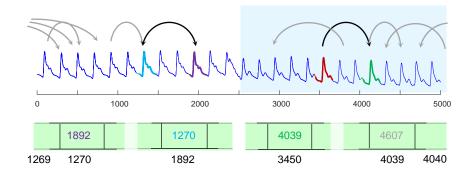
Recall that the Matrix Profile Index has pointers (*arrows, arcs*) that point to the nearest neighbor of each subsequence.

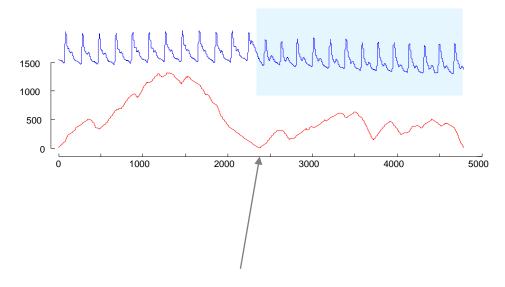
If we have a change of behavior, say from *walk* to *run*, we should expect very few arrows to span that change of behavior.

- Most walk subsequences will point to another walk subsequence
- Most *run* subsequences will point to another *run* subsequence

So, if we slide across the Matrix Profile Index, and count how many arrows cross each particular point, we expect to find few that span the change.

Lets try this, next slide...





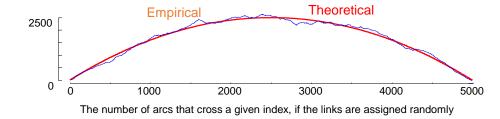
The arc count here is almost zero

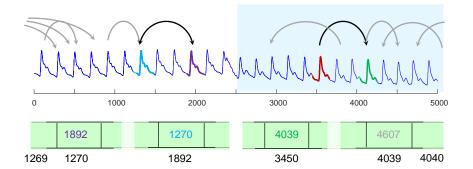
#### This works!

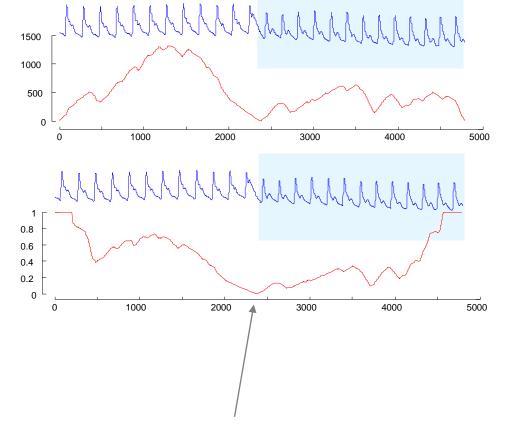
If we use the sliding arc count to produce an arc-curve, we find it is near zero at the point of system transition. This low value signals the location of the system change.

There is one flaw. The arc-curve, tends to be low near the beginning and end of the time series, just because there are fewer arcs that *could* cross at those locations.

What we can do is calculate what the arc-curve would look like if there was no system transition, and use that to correct the arc-curve. If there was no system transition structure, the arc-curve would be a inverted parabola, with a height ½ the time series length. Lets try this, next slide...







The corrected arc-curve here is almost zero

#### This works even better!

The corrected arc-curve minimizes in the right place, and does not have spurious minimizations.

How robust is the corrected arc-curve? Lets add some distortions to the data, and see what it does.

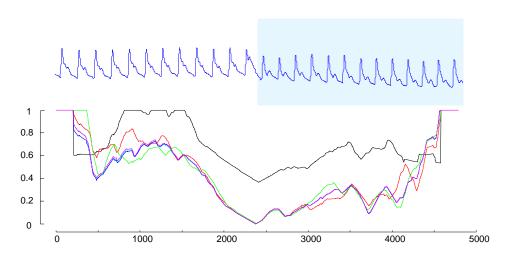
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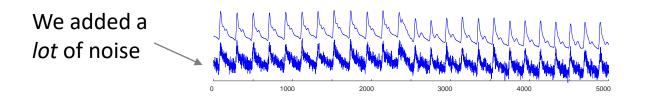
## FLOSS is very robust to the data's properties

#### We consider the following distortions

- Downsampling from the original 250 Hz to 125 Hz (red).
- Reducing the bit depth from 64-bit to 8-bit (blue).
- Adding a linear trend of ten degrees (cyan).
- Adding 20dB of white noise (black).
- Smoothing, with MATLAB's default settings (pink).
- Randomly deleting 3% of the data, and filling it back in with simple linear interpolation (green).

Most distortions make almost no difference. The only one that does move the CAC significantly was adding noise. But even then we **still** find the correct segmentation, and we added a *lot* of noise

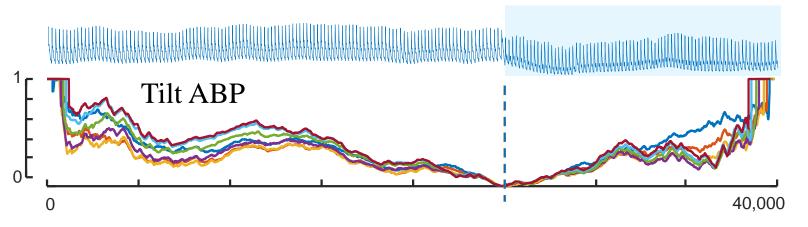




## FLOSS is very robust to its only parameter

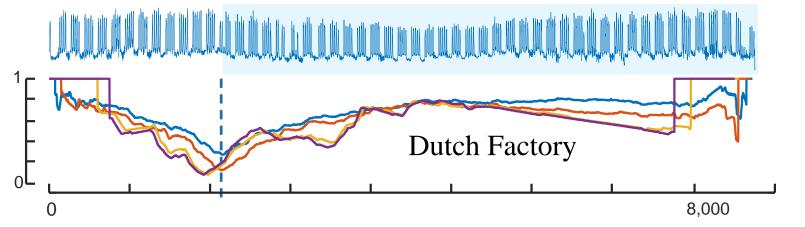
The CAC has a single parameter, the subsequence length *m*.

But we can typically change it by an order of magnitude, and get very good results.



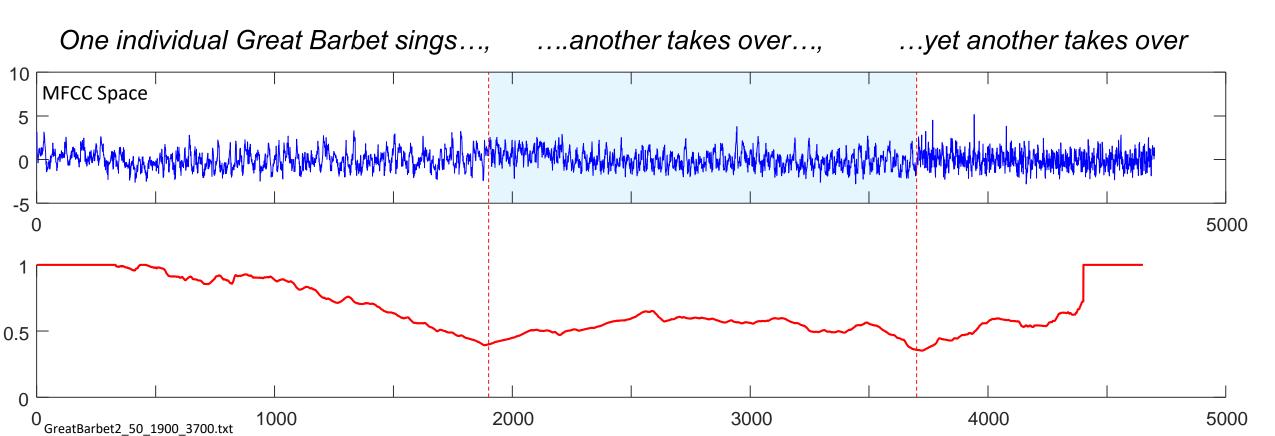
#### The CAC computed for:

(top) TiltABP with  $m = \{100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400\}$ 



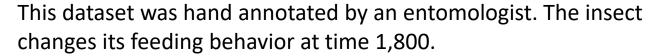
(bottom) DutchFactory for  $m = \{25, 50, 200, 250\}$ . Even for this huge range of values for L, the output of FLUSS is essentially unchanged.

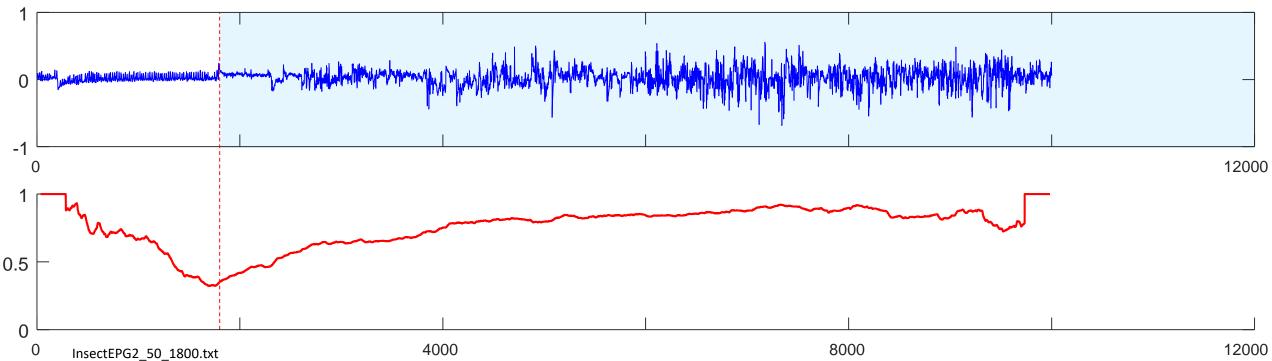




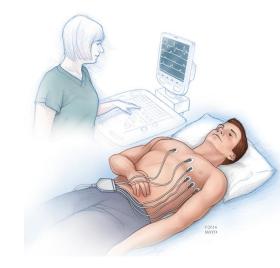
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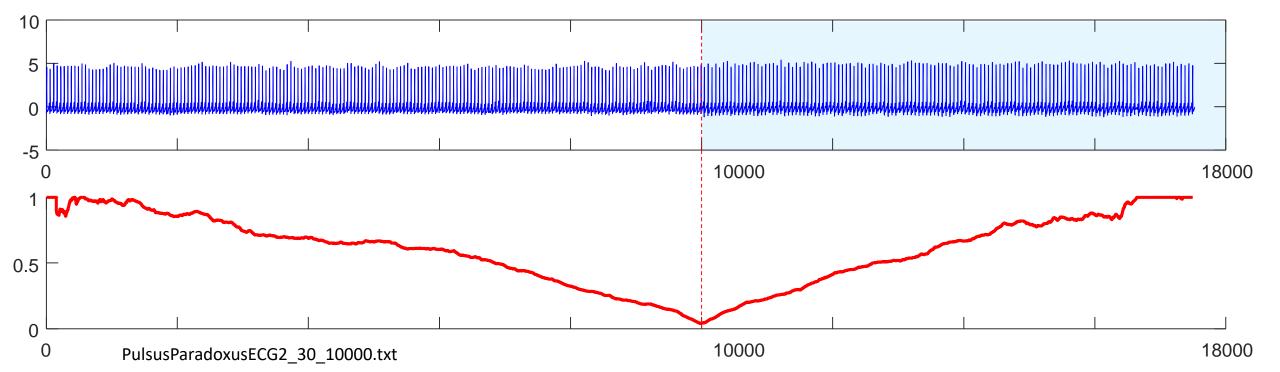


Pulsus Paradoxus is often visually apparent in the SP02 trace. Here we deliberately ignore this, and look *only* in the ECG trace, which is normally considered as not predictive of Pulsus Paradoxus.



Note that the clinician that annotated this data was *in the room* at the time and may have had access to information that is simply not available in this signal.

**Pulsus paradoxus** (PP), also paradoxic pulse or paradoxical pulse, is an abnormally large decrease in systolic blood pressure and pulse wave amplitude during inspiration. See also https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AXIYQK5BBM



# Summary for Time Series Segmentation

The Matrix Profile allows a simple algorithm, FLUSS/FLOSS, for time series segmentation.

Because it is built on the MP, it inherits all the MPs properties

- It is incrementally computable, i.e. *online* (This variant is called FLOSS)
- It is fast (at least 40 times faster than real-time for typical accelerometer data)
- It is domain agnostic (But you can use the AV to add domain knowledge)
- It is parameter-lite (only one parameter, and it is not sensitive to its value)
- It has been tested on the largest and most diverse collection of time series ever considered for this problem, and in spite of (or perhaps, because of) its simplicity, it is state-of-the-art. Better than rival methods, and better than humans (details offline).

# The Great Divorce

- In the last hour or so we have discussed the many wonderful things you can do with the Matrix Profile, without explaining how to compute it!
- This divorce is *deliberate*, and very useful.
- We can completely separate the fun, interesting part of time series data mining, from the more challenging backend part.
- The divorce lets use appropriate computational resources. For example, exploring a million datapoints in real-time with approximate *anytime* matrix profiles on your desktop, but then outsourcing to a GPU or the cloud, when you need exact answers, or you need to explore a billion datapoints.
- All will be revealed, after the coffee break...



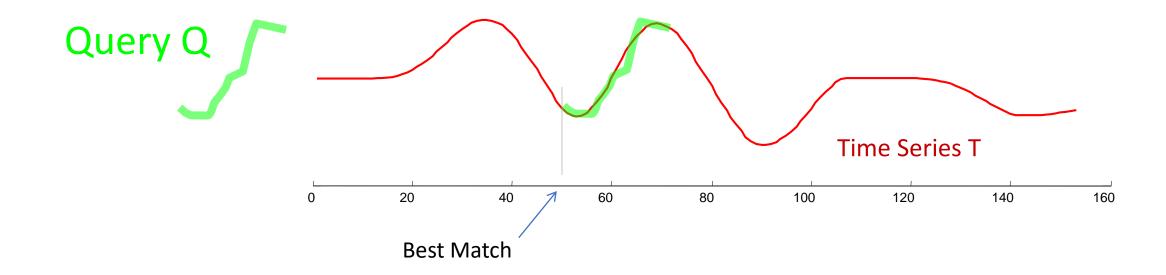


### Background Material II: Trivial Match

- Before we introduce the algorithms to compute the Matrix Profile, let us spend five minutes to explain what a *trivial match* is.
- It is an simple, but critical concept for everything we do.

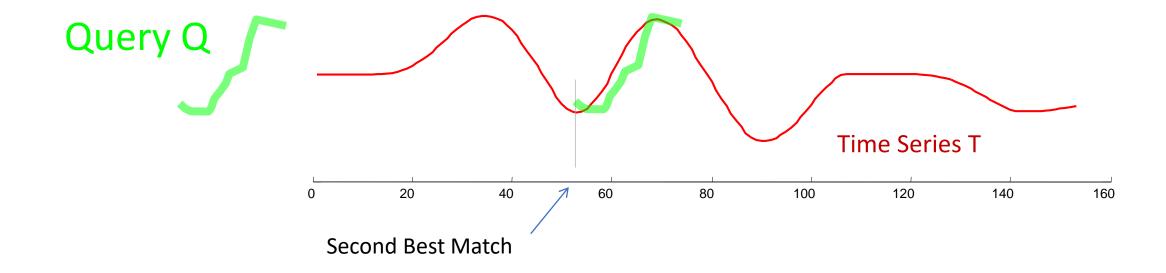
### Trivial Match I

- We need to understand the idea of a "trivial match". It shows up for definitions of discords, motifs, similarity search etc.
- Suppose I search for the query, of length 20, in the time series...
- ...I find its best match is at location 50...



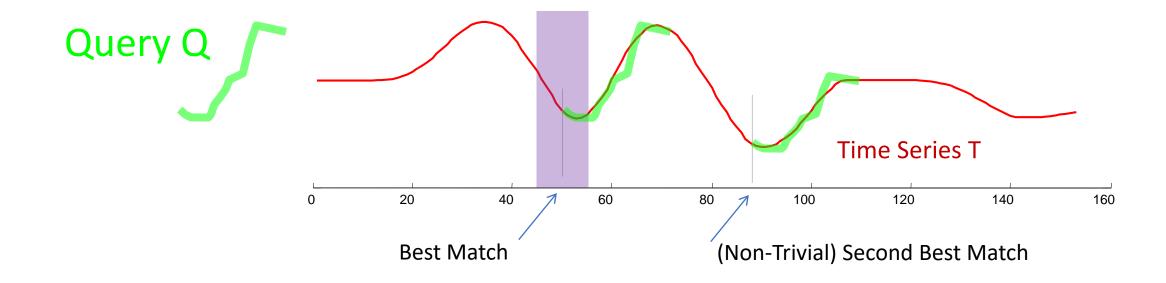
### Trivial Match II

- Where is the second best match? It is probably going to be at 49 or 51, but that is *trivial*, it is just a minor "variant" of the original match.
- (try togging backwards and forwards between this and the last slide)



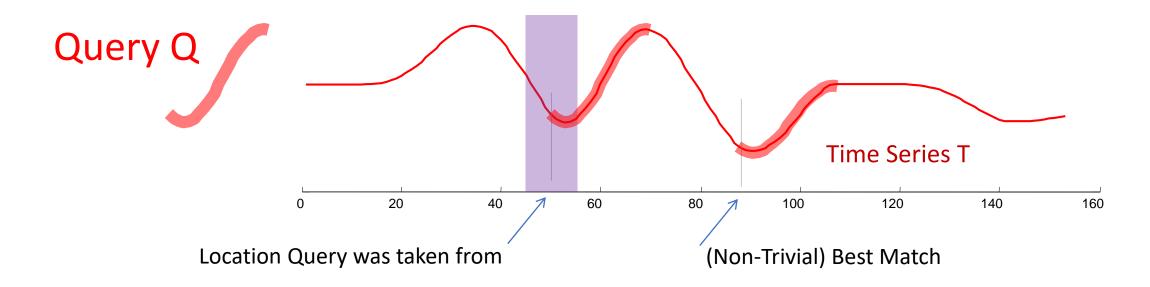
### Trivial Match III

- To avoid trivial matches, we find the first match, then we set an *exclusion* zone around the best match, then find the *second* best match, etc.
- The size of the *exclusion zone* is not critical, ½ m works well.

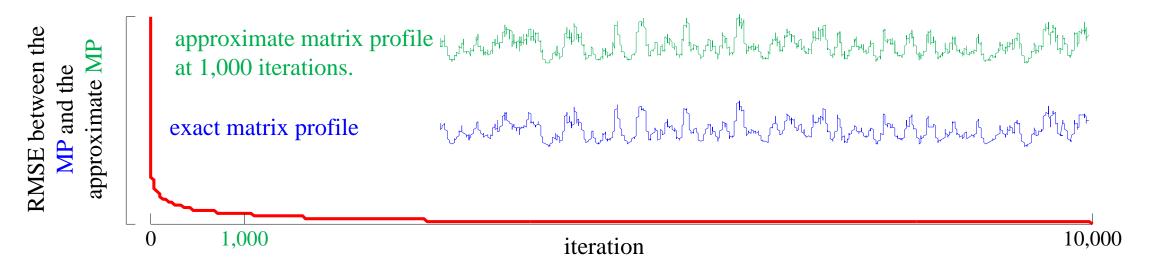


## Trivial Match IIII Special Case

- We computing the MP, we will be extracting the subsequences from the time series *itself*.
- Clearly such queries will just find "themselves" as their own nearest neighbor!
- The distance from the query to any part of the subsequence that overlaps the *exclusion zone* is defined as *infinity*.

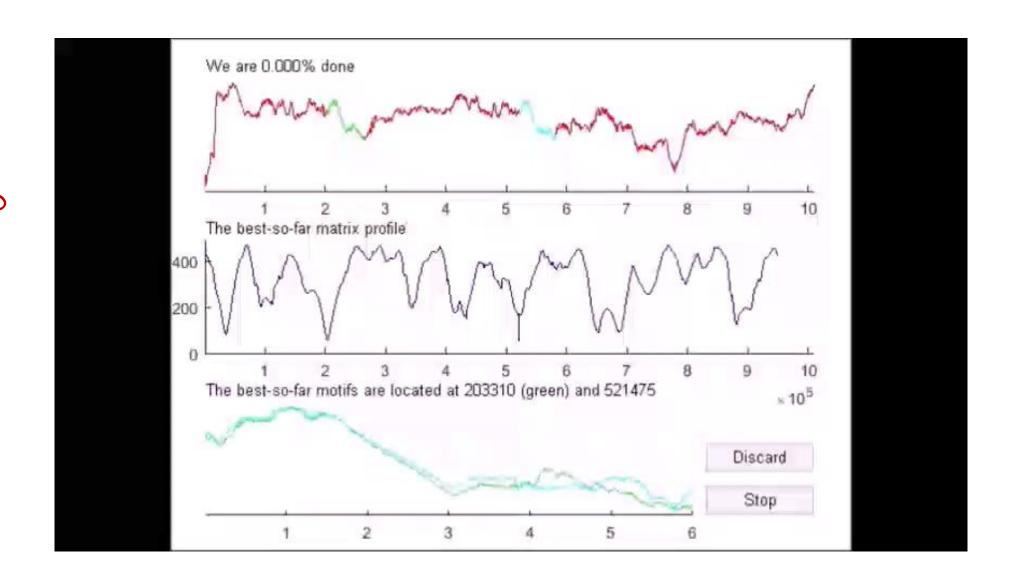


# Exploring the Anytime Property (1 of 3)



- The approximate matrix profile at 1,000 iteration is extremely similar to the exact solution.
- The convergence rate gets faster, for larger datasets.

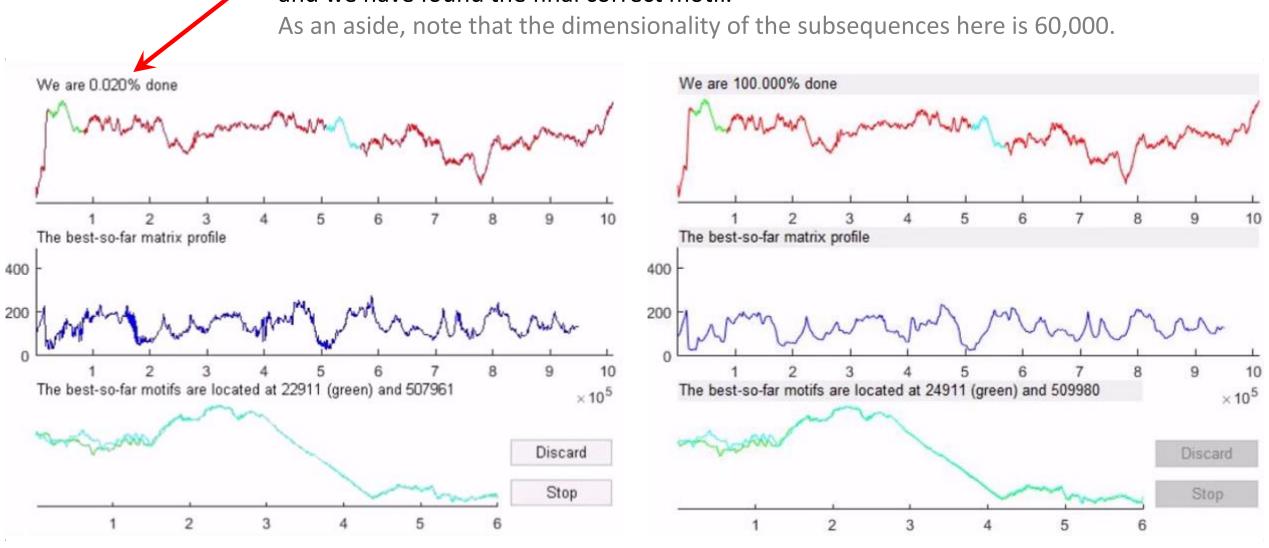
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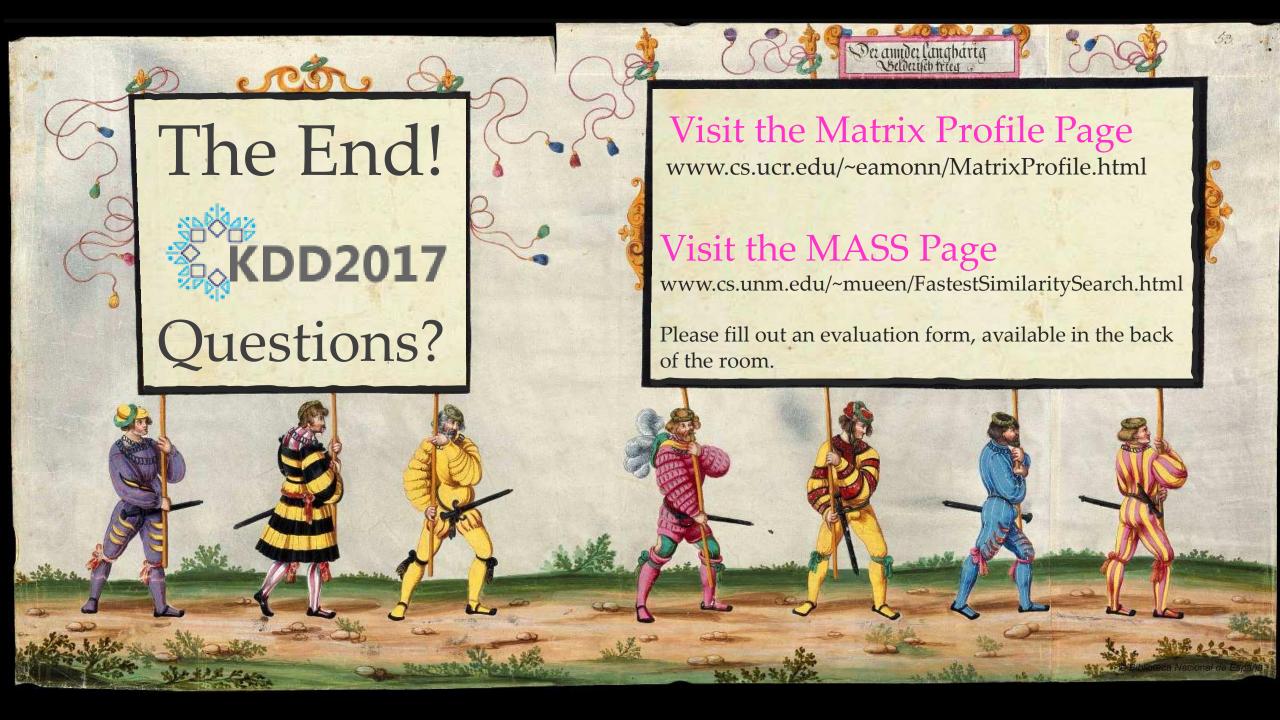


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# Exploring the Anytime Property (3 of 3)

After doing only 1/500<sup>th</sup> of the computations, the basic shape of the MP has converged, and we have found the final correct motif.





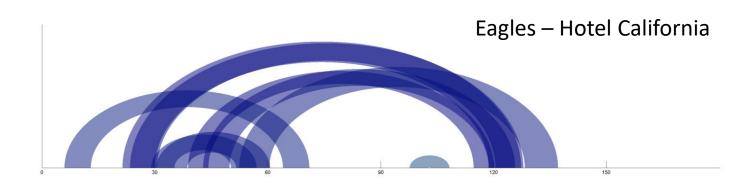
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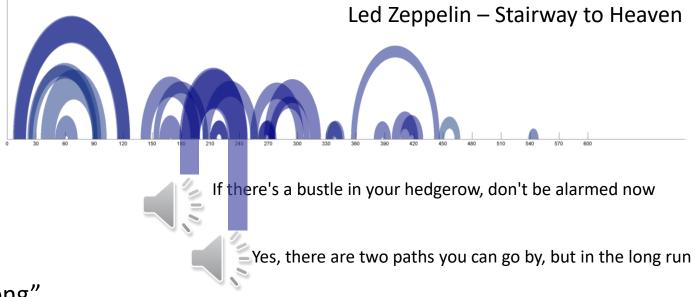
## Music Revisited 1

The MP is an useful tool for various music analysis tasks

The MP can be used to create arc plots, giving a good visualization of the music structure







These links can also be used to create an "infinite song"

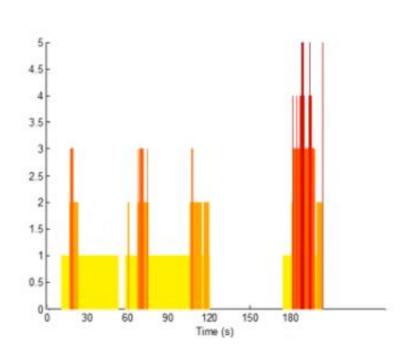


#### Music Revisited 2

Repeated patterns can be applied in different scenarios

The "most repeated" subsequence can be used as thumbnail It is given by the mode of the MP-index

The plot is a histogram of the MPindex. The values record how many times a subsequence was considered NN of some other subsequence. The subsequence that maximize this plot was used as the audio thumbnail





We could have had it all
Rolling in the deep
You had my heart inside of your hand
And you played it to the beat
could have had it all



### Notes on Artwork

Most are Images by Dürer (but colored by other) and other artists from

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