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Cointegrated Oscillators

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Let α_{\perp} be a $p \times (p - r)$ matrix, such that $\alpha'_{\perp}\alpha = 0$. Then with a few assumptions fulfilled, the *Granger Representation Theorem*, shows that the $p - r$ stochastic trends in the system are

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Since $\beta = (1, -1)'$ and $\alpha_{\perp} = (-\alpha_2, \alpha_1)'$ we have that

$$\beta' X_t = X_{1t} - X_{2t} = (1 + \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(X_{1,t-1} - X_{2,t-1}) + \varepsilon_{1t} - \varepsilon_{2t}$$

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and we have accounted for both trends in the bivariate process X_t .

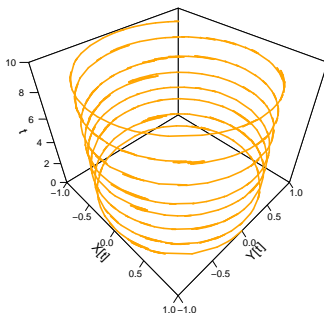
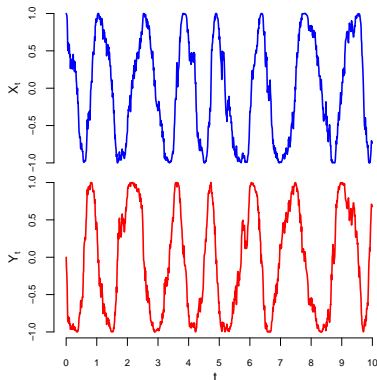


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This model has been studied extensively within the field of dynamical systems.



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No specific limit defines synchronization...!

So we want to try something else.



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Cointegrated oscillators: Simulating data I

Using Itô's Lemma we can derive the SDE for the data generating process (d.g.p.) $Z_t = (Z_{1t}, \dots, Z_{pt})'$, with the i 'th oscillator evolving as

$$dZ_{it} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\sigma_i^2}{2} & -(g(Z_t)_i + b_i) \\ g(Z_t)_i + b_i & \frac{-\sigma_i^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} Z_{it} dt + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_i \\ \sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} Z_{it} dW_{it}^\phi + Z_{it} \frac{d\gamma_{it}}{\gamma_{it}},$$

where dW_{it}^ϕ and $d\gamma_{it}$ are uni-variate processes, and

$$g(Z_t) = f(\phi_t) = \alpha\beta' \phi_t \quad \text{is } p \times 1$$

and $g(Z_t)_i$ denotes the i 'th component of $g(Z_t)$.



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With our constructed d.g.p. Z_t , the phase process ϕ_t is a *continuous time* cointegration model.

Such a model can be studied with standard procedures for discrete time cointegration models, noting that unique identification of parameters can be problematic.



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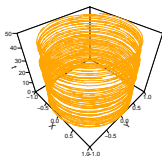
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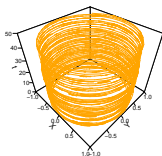
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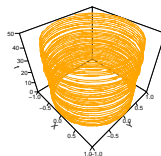
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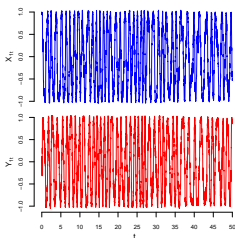
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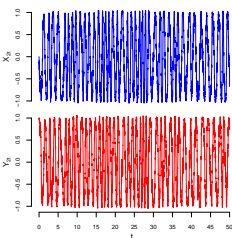
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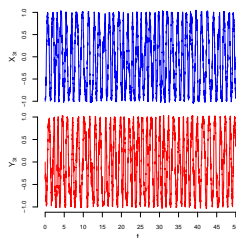
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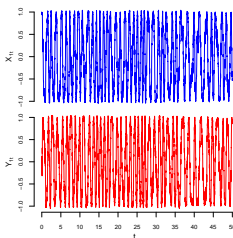
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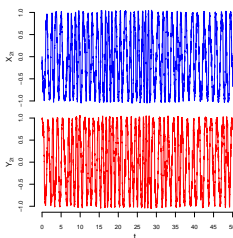
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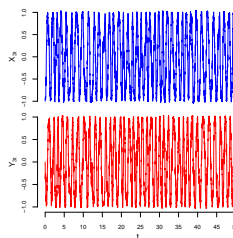
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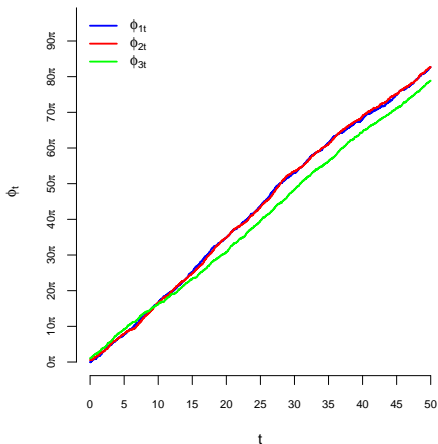
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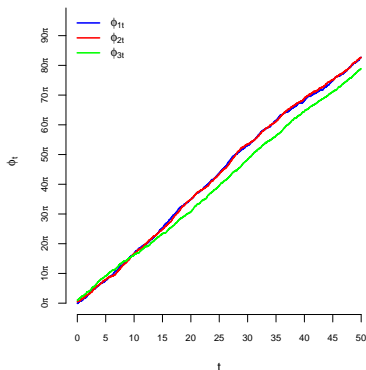
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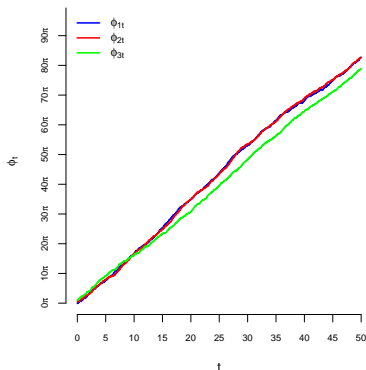
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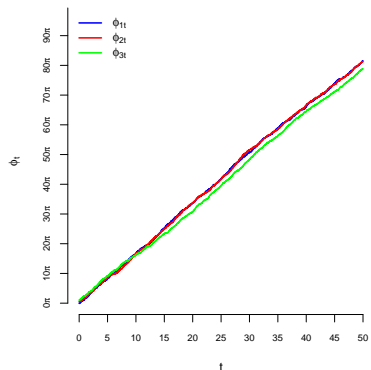
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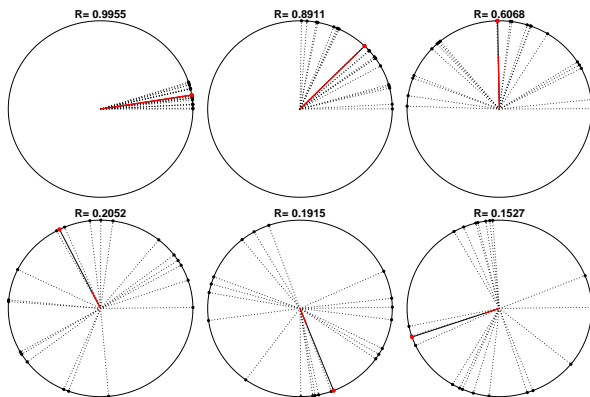
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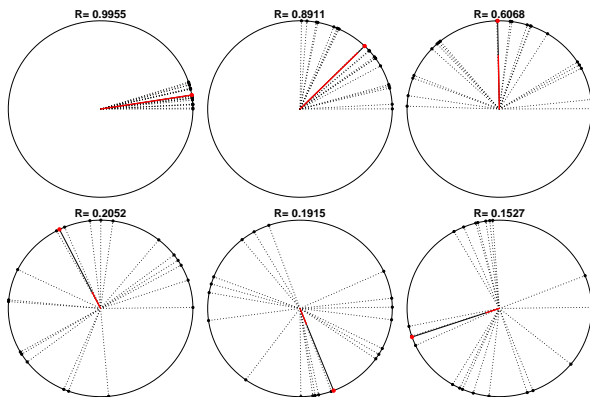
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- Analyze model asymptotics.
- Consider a γ_t process to replicate other well known oscillating systems.
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- Threshold cointegration \Rightarrow switch synchronization on/off?
- Analysis of nephron data: estimate internal organ structure.





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