

Shapes analysis for time series

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Objective:

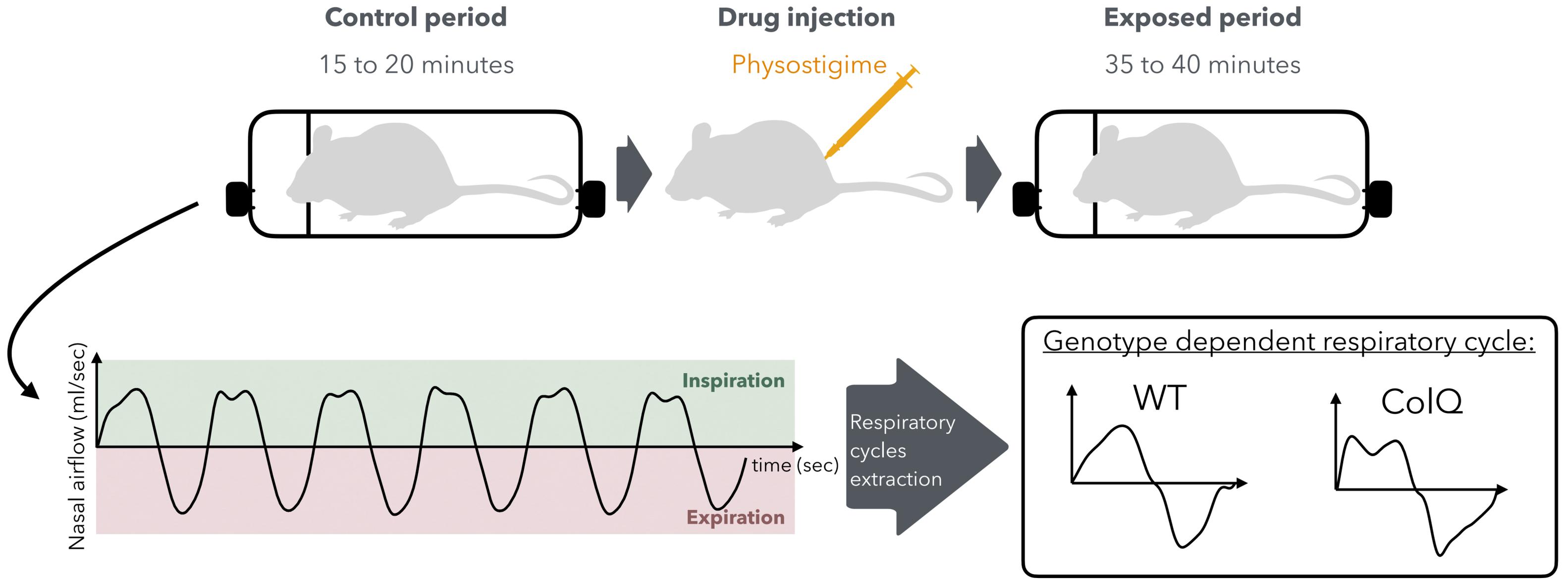
This study aims to analyze **inter-individual variability** within a time series dataset characterized by **irregular sampling** intervals and **variable sequence lengths**.

Methodology:

Unsupervised representation learning with an emphasis on capturing **shape structure**.

An example: mice ventilation analysis

The following experiment was performed for mice of different genotypes (ColQ or WT).



Methodology

Input : $\left(s_j : I_j \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d \right)_{j \in [N]}$

1. The shape of s_j is $G_j = \{(t, s_j(t)) : t \in I_j\}$
2. G_j is represented as the deformation of a reference graph $G_0 = \{(t, s_0(t)) : t \in I\}$, i.e. :

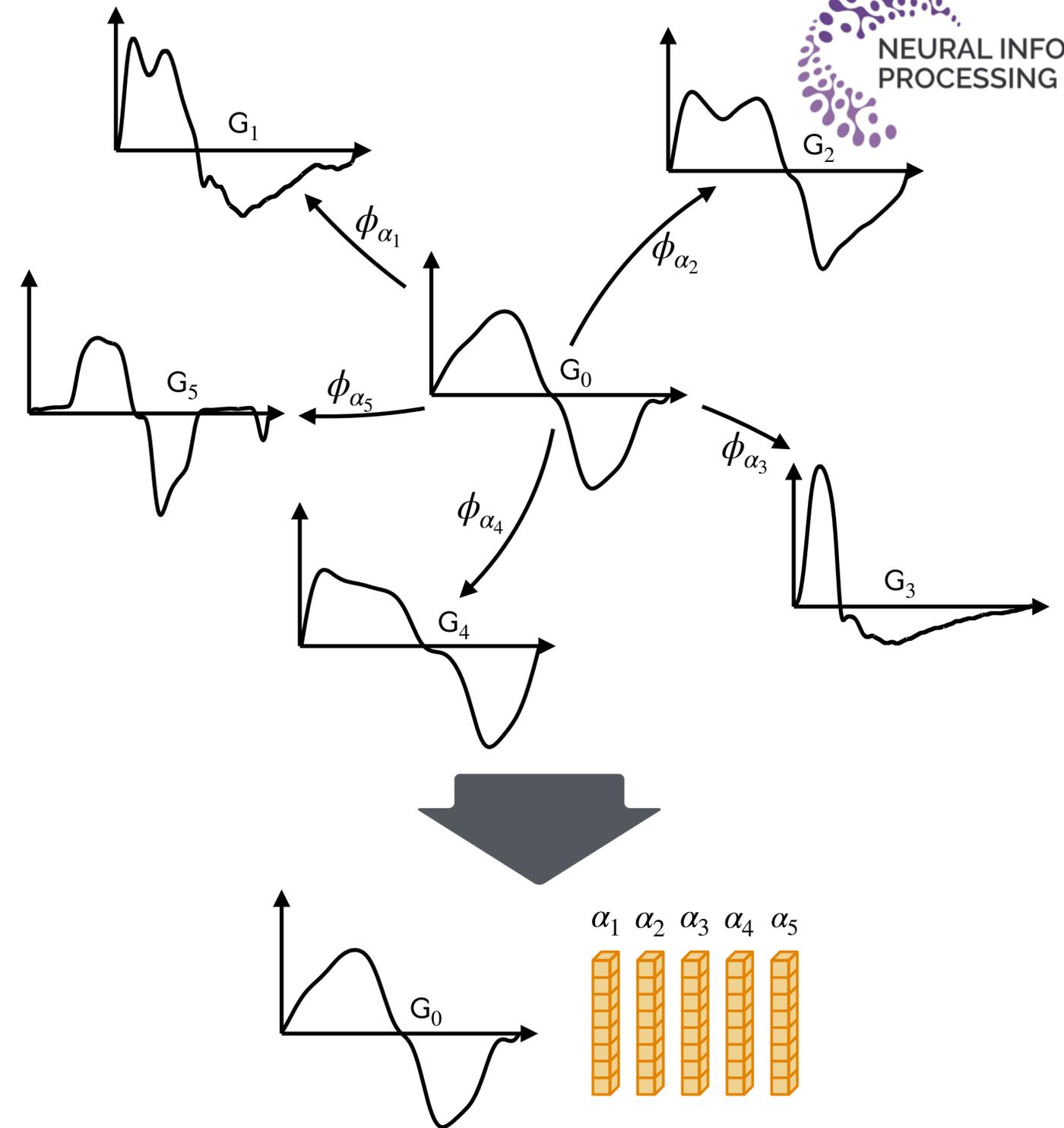
$$G_j \approx \phi_{\alpha_j} \cdot G_0 = \{ \phi_{\alpha_j}(t, s_0(t)) : t \in I \},$$

where $\phi_{\alpha_j} : \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ is a diffeomorphism parametrized by $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

3. Learned by solving the empirical Fréchet mean:

$$\arg \min_{G_0, (\alpha_j)_{j \in [N]}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in [N]} \left(d_G^2(\phi_{\alpha_j} \cdot G_0, G_j) + \lambda d_{\Phi}^2(Id, \phi_{\alpha_j}) \right)$$

Output : a graph of reference $G_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$, deformation parameters $(\alpha_j)_{j \in [N]} \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^N$



Overview

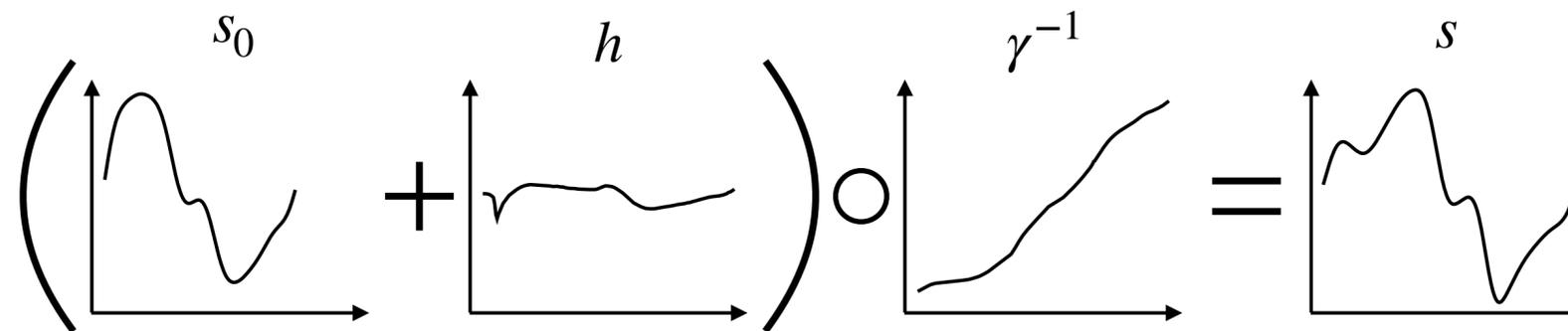
The optimisation problem.

Solved by gradient descent:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{G}_0, (\alpha_j)_{j \in [N]}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in [N]} \left(\underbrace{d_{\mathbf{G}}^2(\phi_{\alpha_j} \cdot \mathbf{G}_0, \mathbf{G}_j)}_{(a)} + \lambda \underbrace{d_{\Phi}^2(\text{Id}, \phi_{\alpha_j})}_{(b)} \right)$$

- (a) Distance measuring the similarity between $\phi_{\alpha_j} \cdot \mathbf{G}_0$ and \mathbf{G}_j embedded as varifold measure [1]. This distance is similar to Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD) and is presented in [Section 4.1](#).
- (b) Distance comparing ϕ_{α_j} and Id to privilege minimal diffeomorphic deformation and prevent overfitting. Presented in [Section 3](#).

Deformation requirements. Diffeomorphic deformations are built with the LDDMM framework [2], and presented in [Section 3](#). Our contributions, presented in [Section 4](#), impose that for any $s_0 : \mathbf{I} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s : \mathbf{J} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$, the diffeomorphism ϕ mapping s_0 to s is the combination of a distortion $h : \mathbf{I} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ and a time parametrization $\gamma^{-1} : \mathbf{J} \mapsto \mathbf{I}$ such that: $\phi \cdot \mathbf{G}(s_0) = \mathbf{G}((s_0 + h) \circ \gamma^{-1}) = \mathbf{G}(s)$



Key elements from LDDMM [1]

Generating diffeomorphisms. Assuming $v \in L^2([0,1], V)$ a time-varying velocity field in \mathbb{R}^n , where V is an RKHS with some regularity assumptions [1]. For any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the differential system:

$$\frac{dX(\tau)}{d\tau} = v_\tau(X(\tau)) \quad \text{with} \quad X(0) = x_0$$

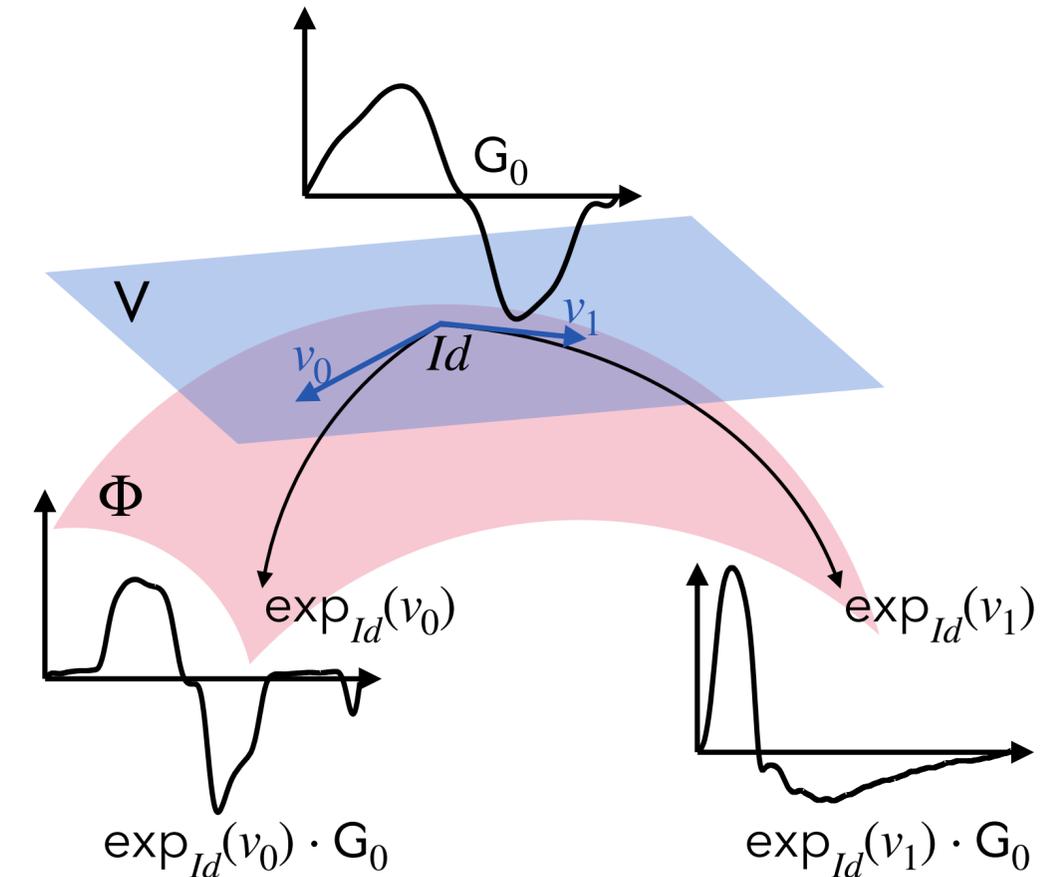
has a unique solution defined for all $\tau \in [0,1]$. The flow application: $\phi_v^\tau : x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto X(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ solution of (1) at time $\tau \in [0,1]$ is a diffeomorphism. Our interest is in the group of diffeomorphisms: $\Phi \triangleq \{\phi_v^1 \mid v \in L^2([0,1], V)\}$.

Geodesic shooting. Geodesic flow from Id with initial velocity field $v_0 \in V$ can be defined [2]. By denoting $\tau \mapsto \rho_{v_0}(\tau)$ the geodesic starting from Id with initial conditions $v_0 \in V$, the exponential map is:

$$\exp_{Id} : v_0 \in V \mapsto \rho_{v_0}(1) \in \Phi \quad \text{and} \quad d_\Phi^2(Id, \exp_{Id}(v_0)) = \|v_0\|_V^2$$

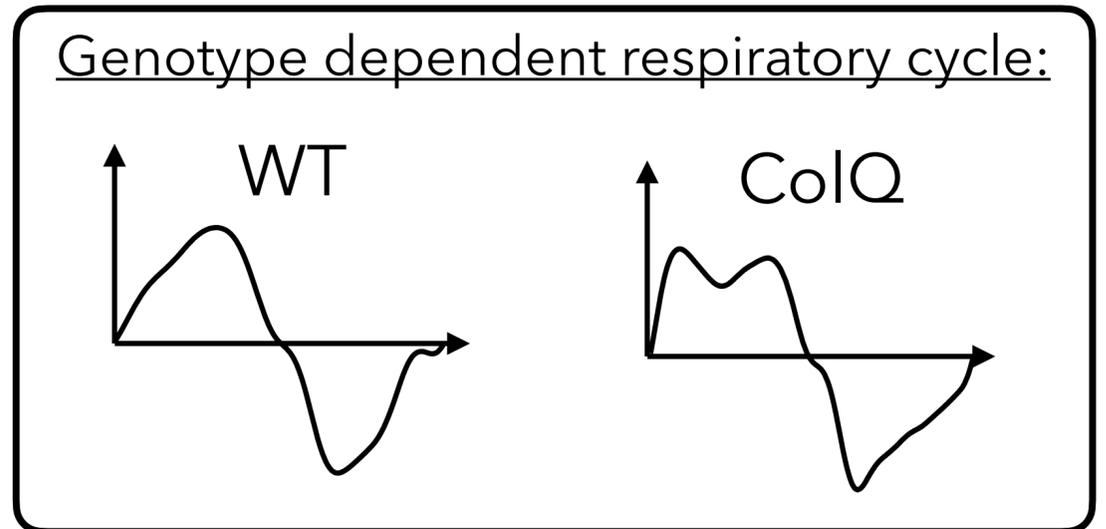
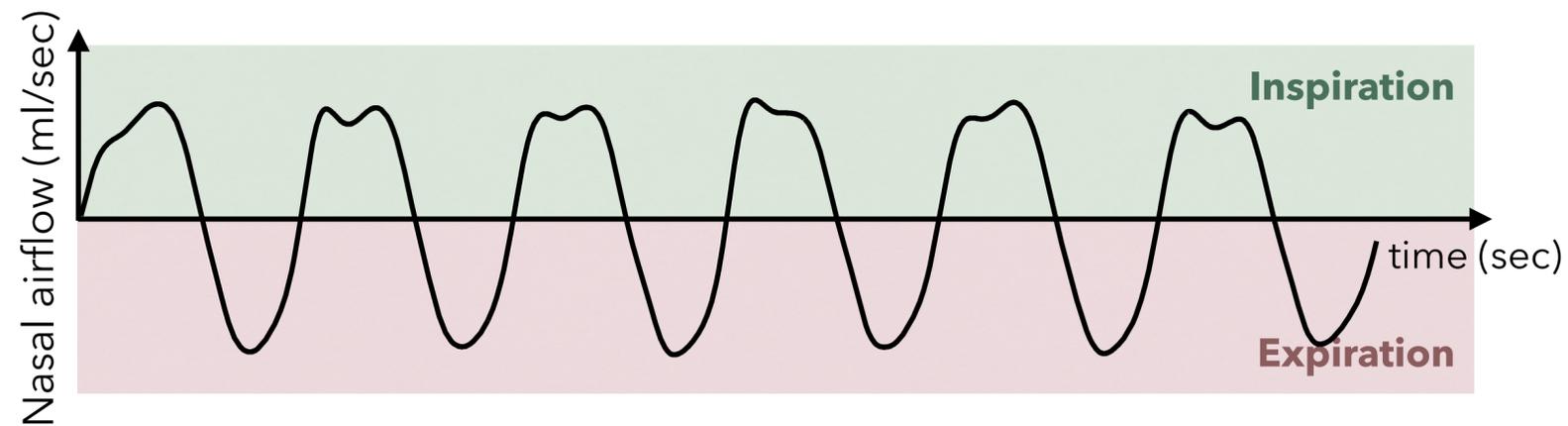
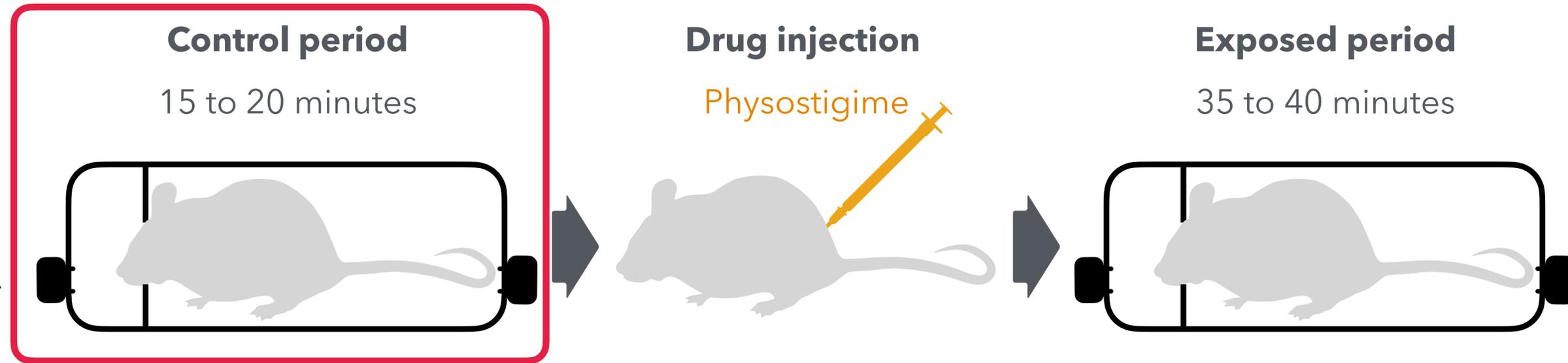
In practice, v_0 is parametrized by K , the kernel associated with V , the sampled time series graph $G_0 \in (\mathbb{R}^{d+1})^{N_0}$ and the parameters $\alpha_0 \in (\mathbb{R}^{d+1})^{N_0}$ such that:

$$v_0 : x \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mapsto \sum_{k \in [N_0]} K(g_0^k, x) \alpha_0^k \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$



An example: mice ventilation analysis before drug injection

For mice of different genotype (ColQ or WT):

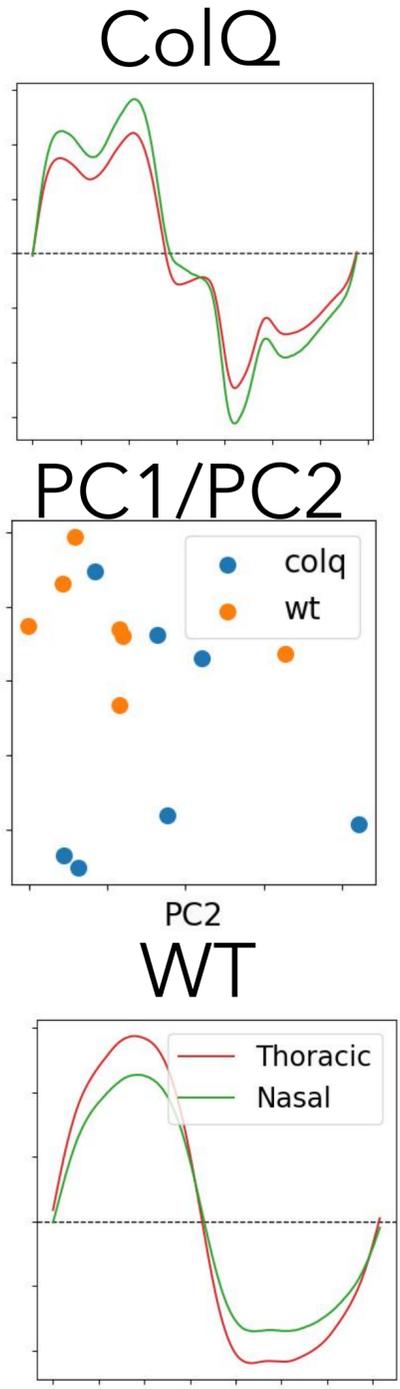
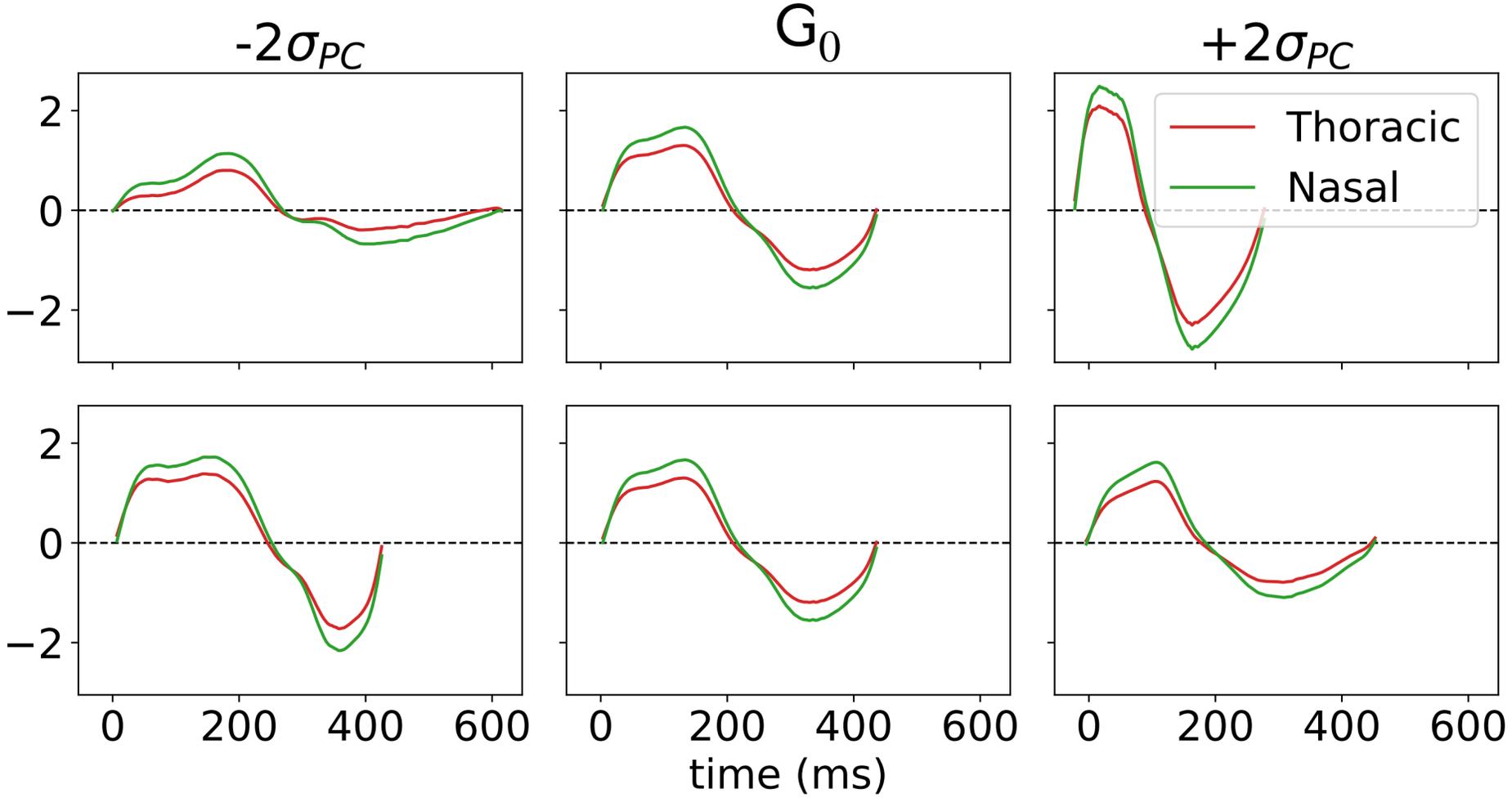
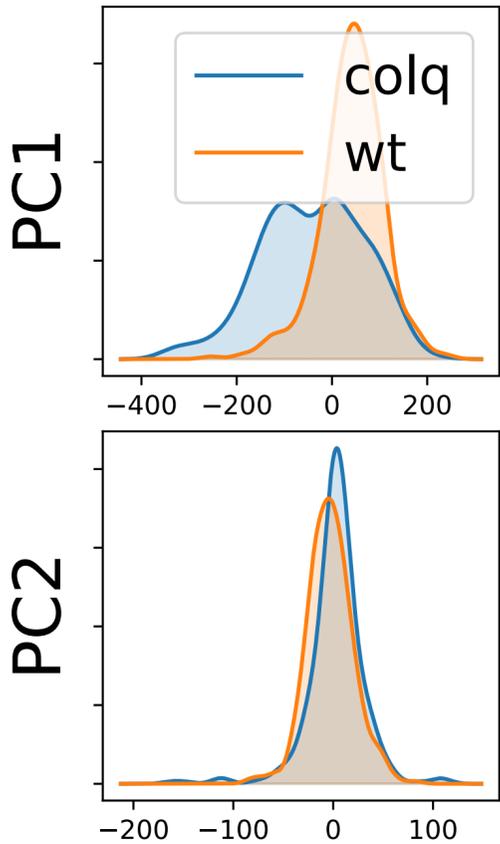


Mice ventilation analysis before drug injection

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Deformations by flowing along PCs:

PC densities



Thank you !

More details are provided in the next slides

I. Building diffeomorphisms with LDDMM [1]

Generating diffeomorphisms. Assuming $v \in L^2([0,1], V)$ a time-varying velocity field in \mathbb{R}^n , where V is an RKHS with some regularity assumptions [1]. For any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the differential system:

$$\frac{dX(\tau)}{d\tau} = v_\tau(X(\tau)) \quad \text{with} \quad X(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

has an unique solution defined for all $\tau \in [0,1]$. The flow application: $\phi_v^\tau : x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto X(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ solution of (1) at time $\tau \in [0,1]$ is a diffeomorphism.

A metric group. The $\Phi \triangleq \{\phi_v^1 \mid v \in L^2([0,1], V)\}$ is metrizable such that for any $\phi \in \Phi$:

$$d_\Phi^2(Id, \phi) = \inf_{v \in L^2([0,1], V)} \left\{ \int_0^1 \|v_\tau\|_V^2 \mid \phi_v^1 = \phi \right\}, \quad (2)$$

the infimum is reached with a v^* and it conserves its norm along its geodesic path i.e.: $\|v_\tau^*\|_V = \|v_0^*\|_V, \forall \tau \in [0,1]$.

An exponential map. Geodesic flow from Id with initial velocity field $v_0 \in V$ can be derived from (2) [2]. By denoting $\tau \mapsto \rho_{v_0}(\tau)$ the geodesic starting from Id with initial conditions $v_0 \in V$, the exponential map is:

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[1]. Beg, M. F., Miller, M. I., Trouné, A., and Younes, L. Computing large deformation metric mappings via geodesic flows of diffeomorphisms.

[2] Miller, M. I., Trouné, A., and Younes, L.. Geodesic shooting for computational anatomy.

I. Computing the Exponential map [1]

Let denote $K : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ the kernel of the RKHS \mathcal{V} .

Given N_0 control points $\mathbf{X}_0 = (x_k^0)_{k \in [N_0]} \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^{N_0}$, and momentums $\alpha = (\alpha_k^0)_{k \in [N_0]} \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^{N_0}$, the initial velocity field is,

$$v_0 : x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \sum_{i \in [N_0]} K(x_k^0, x) \alpha_k^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n .$$

Then, for any $\tau \in [0, 1]$,

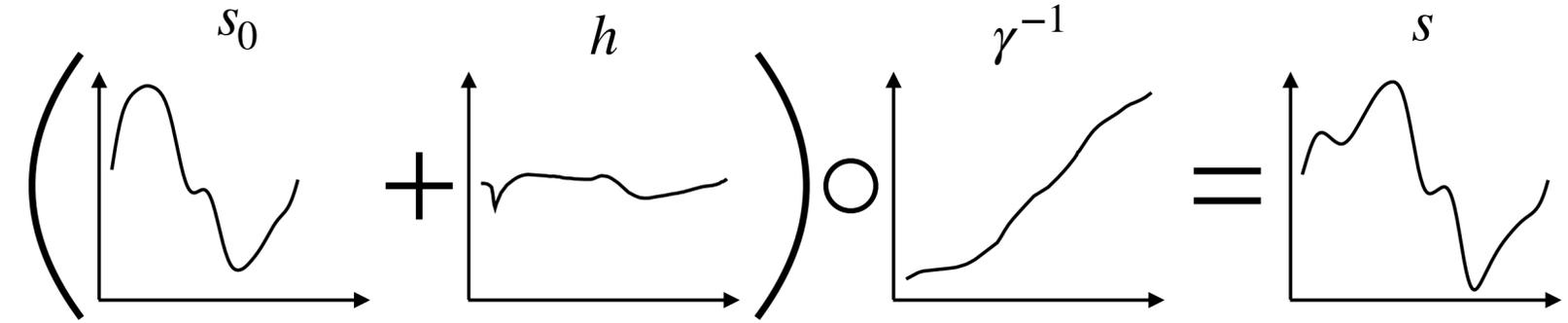
$$v_\tau : x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \sum_{i \in [N_0]} K(x_k(\tau), x) \alpha_k(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}^n ,$$

governed by the geodesic equations:

$$(E) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx_k(\tau)}{d\tau} = v_\tau(x_k(\tau)) \\ \frac{d\alpha_k(\tau)}{d\tau} = - \sum_{l \in N_0} d_{x_k(\tau)} K(x_k(\tau), x_l(\tau)) \alpha_l(\tau)^\top \alpha_k(\tau) \end{cases} \quad \text{with } \forall k \in [N_0] \quad \begin{cases} x_k(0) = x_k^0 \\ \alpha_k(0) = \alpha_k^0 \end{cases}$$

II. Time series deformation representation

Intuition. Let $s_0 : \mathbf{I} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s : \mathbf{J} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$, the diffeomorphic deformation ϕ mapping s_0 to s should be seen as distortion $h : \mathbf{I} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ and a time parametrization $\gamma^{-1} : \mathbf{J} \mapsto \mathbf{I}$ such that: $\phi \cdot \mathbf{G}(s_0) = \mathbf{G}((s_0 + h) \circ \gamma^{-1}) = \mathbf{G}(s)$



Theorem. For any continuously differentiable time series $s_0 : \mathbf{I} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s : \mathbf{J} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$, there exists deformations $\Psi_\gamma : (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mapsto (\gamma(t), x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ with $\gamma \in \mathbf{D}(\mathbb{R})$, and $\Pi_f : (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mapsto (t, f(t, x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ with $f \in \mathbf{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^{d+1}, \mathbb{R}^d)$, such that:

$$\phi_{\gamma, f} \cdot \mathbf{G}(s_0) = \mathbf{G}(s) \quad \text{with} \quad \phi_{\gamma, f} = \Psi_\gamma \circ \Pi_f,$$

Moreover, for any $\bar{\gamma} \in \mathbf{D}(\mathbb{R})$, and $\bar{f} \in \mathbf{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^{d+1}, \mathbb{R}^d)$, $\phi_{\bar{\gamma}, \bar{f}} \cdot \mathbf{G}(s_0)$ is the graph of a continuously differentiable time series.

Remark. For any time series $s_0 : \mathbf{I} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ and deformation $\phi_{\bar{\gamma}, \bar{f}}$, the time parametrization and the distortion are:

$$\begin{cases} \gamma^{-1} : t \in \bar{\gamma}(\mathbf{I}) \mapsto \bar{\gamma}^{-1}(t) \in \mathbf{I} \\ h : t \in \mathbf{I} \mapsto \bar{f}(t, s_0(t)) - s_0(t) \end{cases}$$

II. A kernel for time series deformations

Gaussian kernel. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $\sigma > 0$, the one-dimensional Gaussian kernel is defined as,

$$K_\sigma^{(n)} : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^b \times \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \exp(-\|x - y\|^2/\sigma).$$

The proposed kernel. We consider the kernel K_G defined for any $(t, x), (t', x') \in (\mathbb{R}^{d+1})^2$,

$$K_G((t, x), (t', x')) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 K_{\text{time}} & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 K_{\text{space}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} K_{\text{time}} = K_{\sigma_{T,0}}^{(1)}(t, t') \\ K_{\text{space}} = K_{\sigma_{T,1}}^{(1)}(t, t') K_{\sigma_x}^{(d)}(x, x') I_d \end{cases}$$

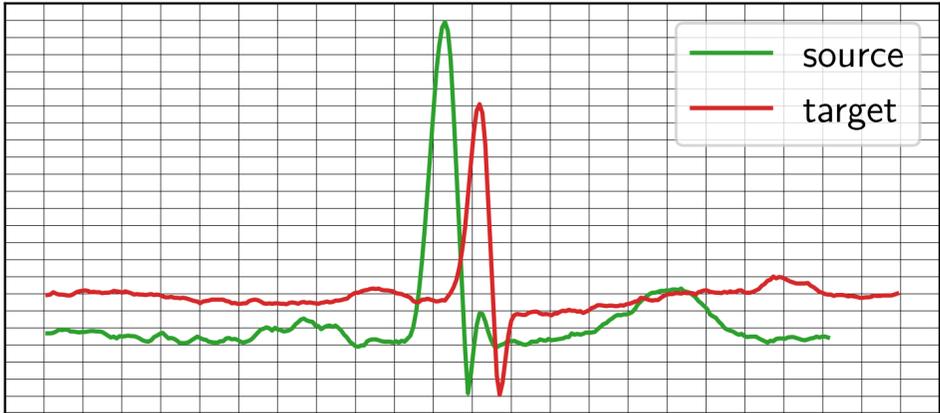
parametrized by $\sigma_{T,0}, \sigma_{T,1}, \sigma_x > 0$ and the constants $c_0, c_1 > 0$.

Lemma. For any initial velocity field $v_0 \in V$, the RKHS associated to K_G , the diffeomorphic deformations learned by geodesic shooting ensures a time series graph structure along its geodesic path, i.e.

For any $\tau \in [0, 1]$, there exist $\gamma_\tau \in D(\mathbb{R})$ and $f_\tau \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^{d+1}, \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $\exp_{Id}(\tau v_0) = \Psi_{\gamma_\tau} \circ \Pi_{f_\tau}$.

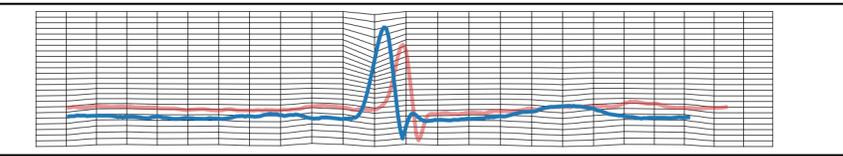
II. Difference between LDDMM and TS-LDDMM

Time series

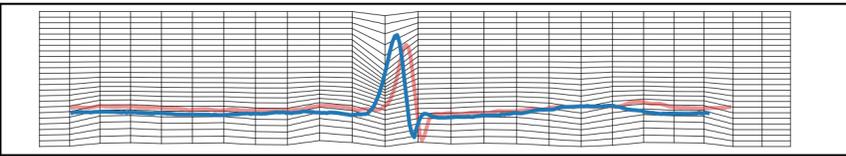


TS-LDDMM
LDDMM

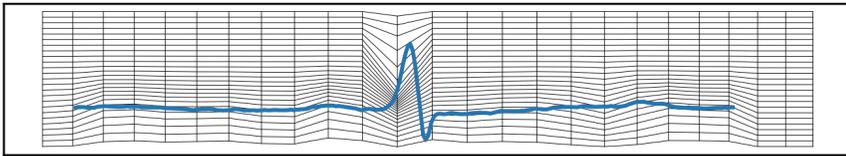
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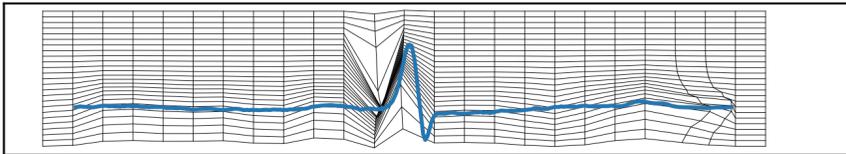
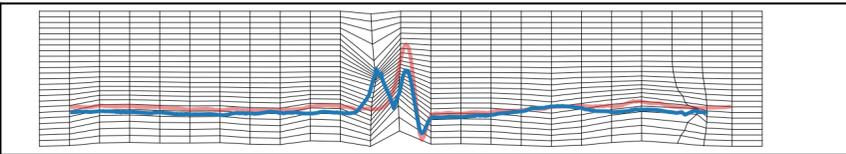
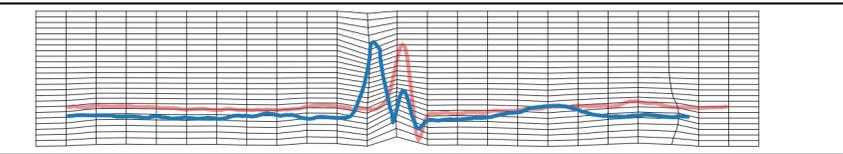
$\tau=0.6$



$\tau=1$



transport



- Large Deformation Diffeomorphic Metric Mapping (LDDMM) with a RBF kernel
- TS-LDDMM an adaptation of LDDMM to time series (our contributions).

III. The varifold distance between time series graph [1]

Let $\mathbf{G} = (g_j)_{j \in [T]} \in (\mathbb{R}^{d+1})^T$ be a sampled time series graph. The approximate varifold representation of \mathbf{G} is the measure,

$$\mu_{\mathbf{G}} = \sum_{j \in [T-1]} l_j \delta_{(x_j, \vec{v}_j)} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} l_j = \|g_{j+1} - g_j\| \\ x_j = (g_j + g_{j+1})/2 \\ \vec{v}_j = (g_{j+1} - g_j)/\|g_{j+1} - g_j\| \end{cases}$$

Assuming that test functions belong to the dual of an RKHS \mathbf{W} with kernel $k = k_{pos} \otimes k_{dir} : \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \times \mathbb{S}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, such that,

$$\langle \delta_{(x_1, \vec{v}_1)}, \delta_{(x_2, \vec{v}_2)} \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^*} = k_{pos}(x_1, x_2) k_{dir}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2).$$

The similarity between time series graphs $\mathbf{G}_1 = (g_j^1)_{j \in [T_1]}$ and $\mathbf{G}_2 = (g_j^2)_{j \in [T_2]}$ is given by,

$$d_{\mathbf{G}}^2(\mathbf{G}_1, \mathbf{G}_2) = \|\mu_{\mathbf{G}_1} - \mu_{\mathbf{G}_2}\|_{\mathbf{W}^*}^2 = \langle \mu_{\mathbf{G}_1}, \mu_{\mathbf{G}_1} \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^*} - 2\langle \mu_{\mathbf{G}_1}, \mu_{\mathbf{G}_2} \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^*} + \langle \mu_{\mathbf{G}_2}, \mu_{\mathbf{G}_2} \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^*}$$

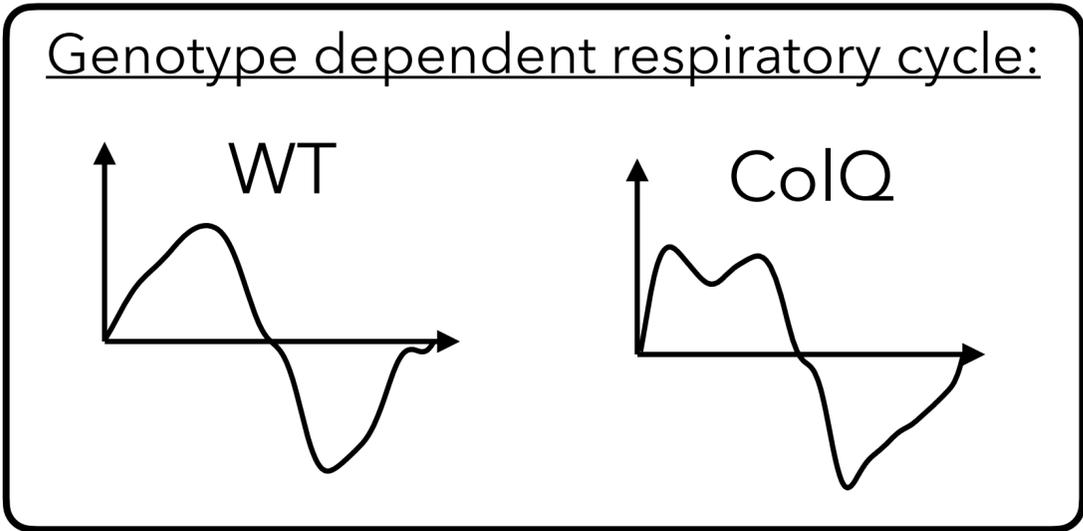
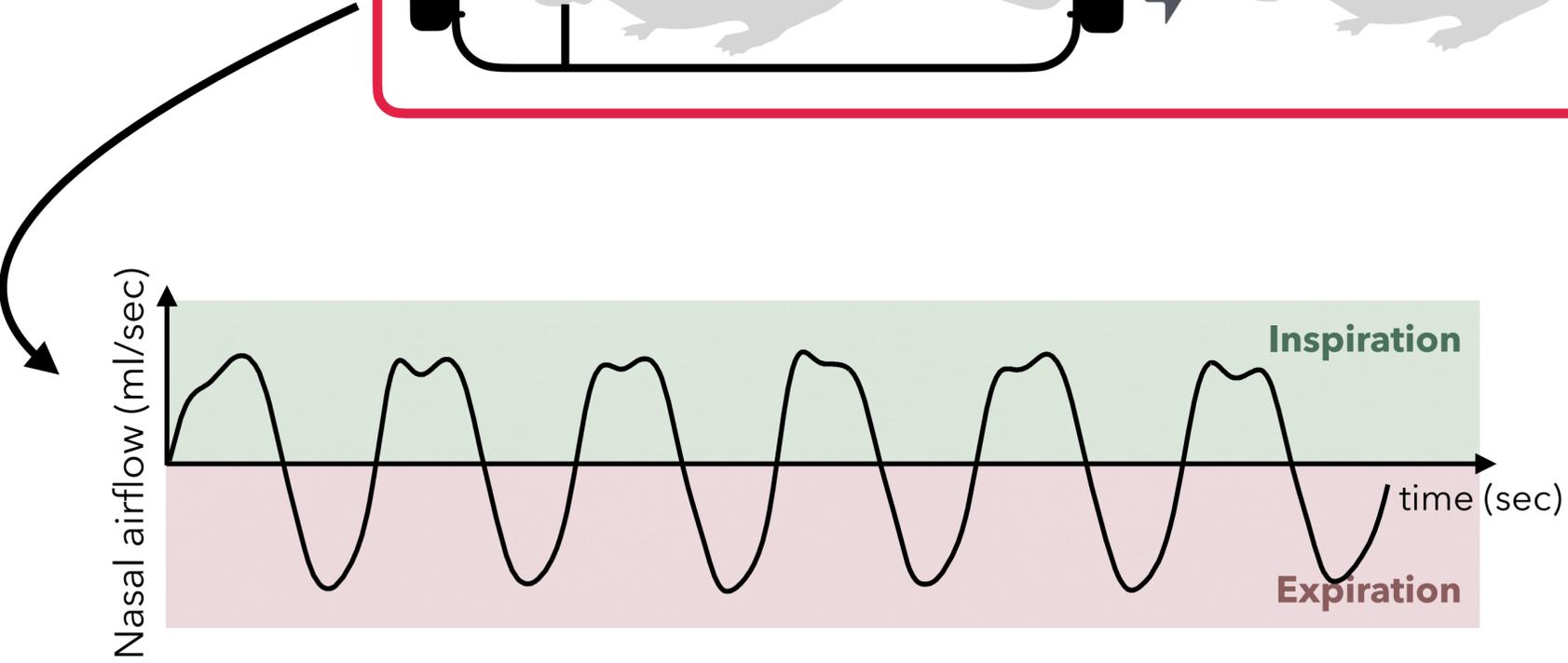
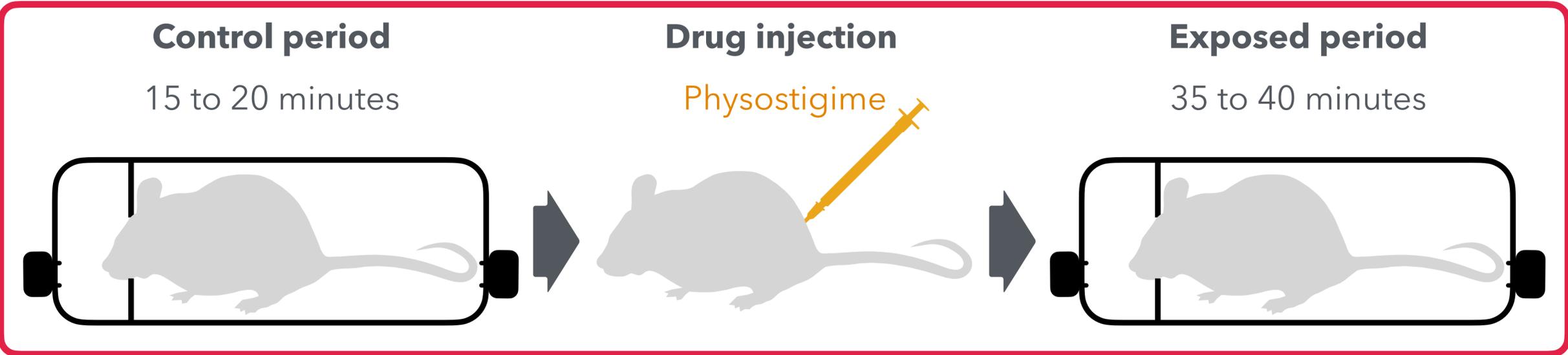
with,

$$\langle \mu_{\mathbf{G}_1}, \mu_{\mathbf{G}_2} \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^*} = \sum_{i \in [T_1-1]} \sum_{j \in [T_2-1]} l_i^1 l_j^2 k_{pos}(x_i^1, x_j^2) k_{dir}(\vec{v}_i^1, \vec{v}_j^2)$$

Further experiments

Mice ventilation analysis before/after drug injection

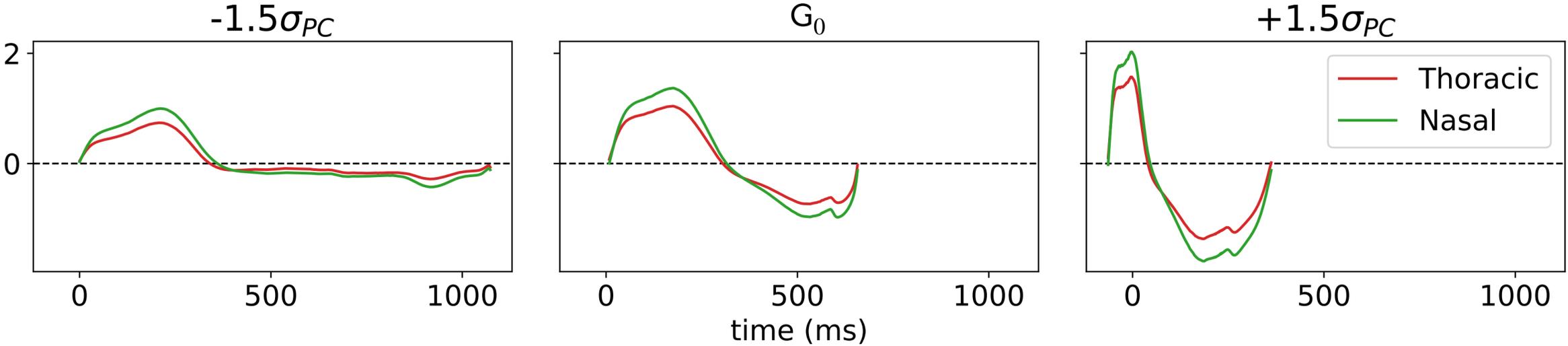
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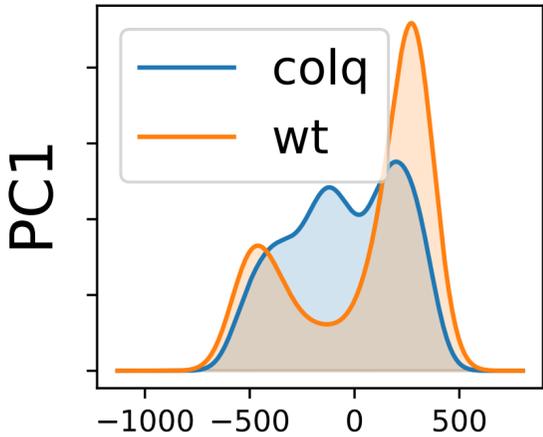
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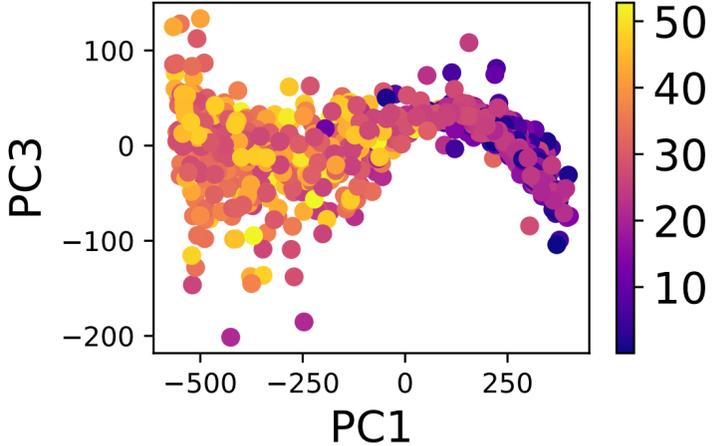
(a) TS-LDDMM PC1 shooting



(b) PC1 densities



(c) Scatter PC1 vs PC3



Benchmark on classification task on 15 UCR/UEA datasets:

Robustness to irregular sampling, comparison with state-of-the-art in deep learning.

Comparison of average f1 score (macro) and ranks as the sample dropping rate increases. **First** & second best performers. TS-LDDMM is the best performer on three out of four dropping rates.

Methods	Regular		30 % dropped		50 % dropped		70 % dropped	
	F1-score	Rank	F1-score	Rank	F1-score	Rank	F1-score	Rank
RNN (1999)	0.64 ± 0.21	6.2	0.53 ± 0.23	6.6	0.48 ± 0.21	7.2	0.44 ± 0.21	6.07
LSTM (1997)	0.61 ± 0.29	6.0	0.57 ± 0.29	6.27	0.53 ± 0.25	6.07	0.51 ± 0.29	5.27
GRU (2014)	0.71 ± 0.26	4.2	0.68 ± 0.28	4.27	0.66 ± 0.28	3.73	<u>0.59 ± 0.28</u>	<u>3.67</u>
MTAN (2021)	0.59 ± 0.28	7.13	0.58 ± 0.28	5.8	0.54 ± 0.29	5.33	0.51 ± 0.28	5.0
MIAM (2022)	0.48 ± 0.35	6.93	0.42 ± 0.33	8.27	0.47 ± 0.31	6.93	0.35 ± 0.31	7.6
ODE-LSTM (2020)	0.63 ± 0.24	6.0	0.57 ± 0.25	6.53	0.51 ± 0.24	7.27	0.45 ± 0.23	6.73
Neural SDE (2019)	0.48 ± 0.28	7.67	0.47 ± 0.26	7.47	0.45 ± 0.27	7.13	0.45 ± 0.25	6.0
Neural LNSDE (2024)	0.7 ± 0.27	<u>3.87</u>	0.68 ± 0.29	<u>4.0</u>	<u>0.67 ± 0.25</u>	<u>3.53</u>	0.66 ± 0.23	2.47
LDDMM (2008)	<u>0.72 ± 0.2</u>	4.53	<u>0.7 ± 0.21</u>	4.2	0.57 ± 0.25	5.0	0.4 ± 0.25	7.13
TS-LDDMM (ours)	0.83 ± 0.18	2.93	0.8 ± 0.18	2.07	0.7 ± 0.26	3.33	0.51 ± 0.27	5.67

Benchmark on classification task on 15 UCR/UEA datasets

Regular sampling, comparison with state-of-the-art in Functional Data Analysis.

Comparison of average f1 score (macro) between methods from shape analysis and functional data analysis.
First & second best performers.

	Dataset	Shape-FPCA (2024)	TCLR (2024)	LDDMM (2008)	TS-LDDMM (ours)
Univariate	ArrowHead	0.18	0.75	0.84	0.91
	BME	0.16	1.00	0.82	1.00
	ECG200	0.40	0.67	0.81	0.79
	FacesUCR	0.08	0.73	0.69	0.86
	GunPoint	0.93	0.97	0.83	1.00
	PhalangesOutlinesCorrect	0.39	0.63	0.53	0.52
	Trace	0.55	1.00	0.46	1.00
Multivariate	ArticularyWordRecognition	—	—	0.98	1.00
	Cricket	—	—	0.77	0.93
	ERing	—	—	0.95	0.98
	Handwriting	—	—	0.22	0.44
	Libras	—	—	0.56	0.60
	NATOPS	—	—	0.82	0.82
	RacketSports	—	—	0.83	0.79
	UWaveGestureLibrary	—	—	0.72	0.81