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# A systematic approach for estimating loads in off-shore wind farms

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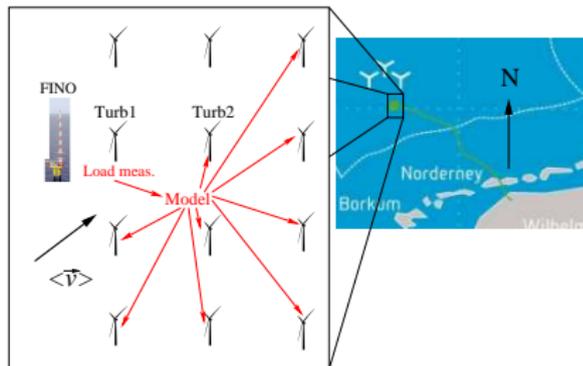
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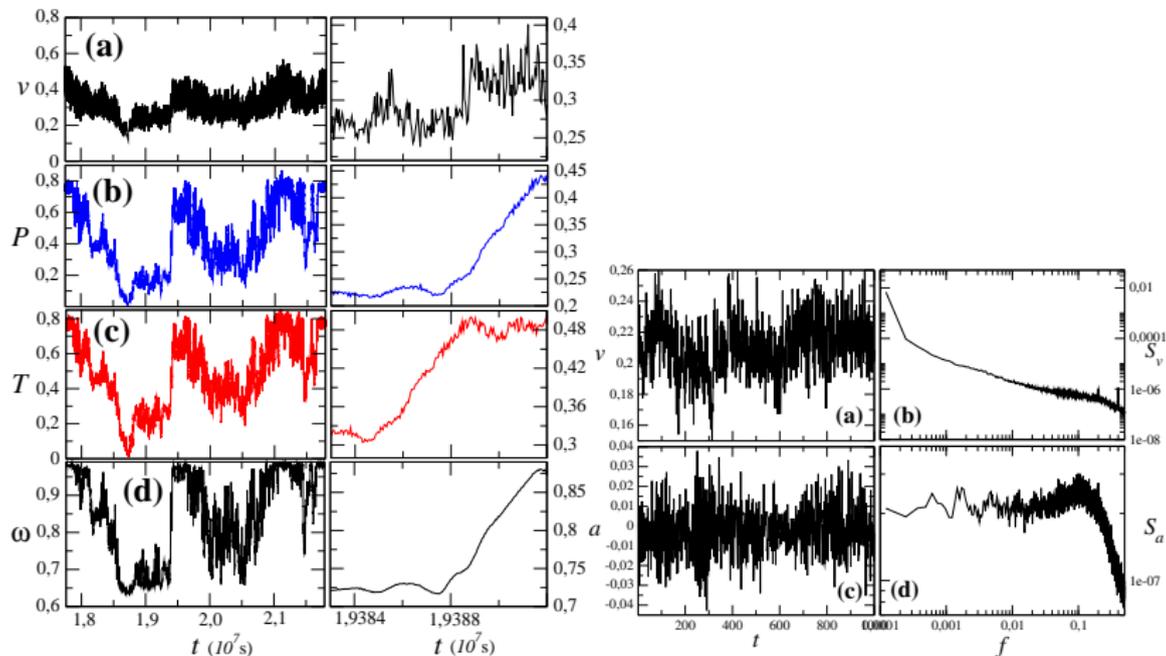
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# Looking for models to reproduce measurement series



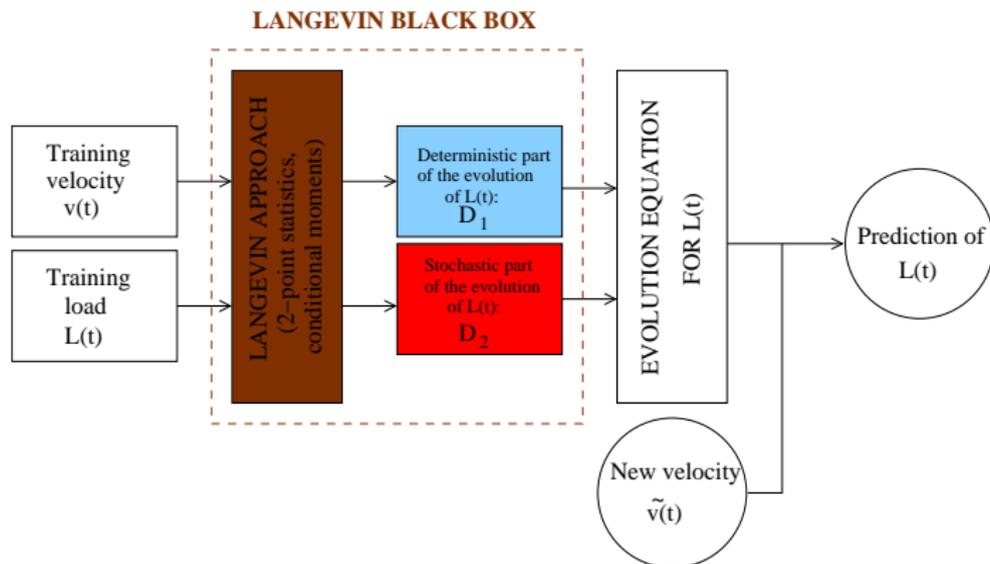
# Data from single wind turbines

Control and monitoring: how to reconstruct such signals?



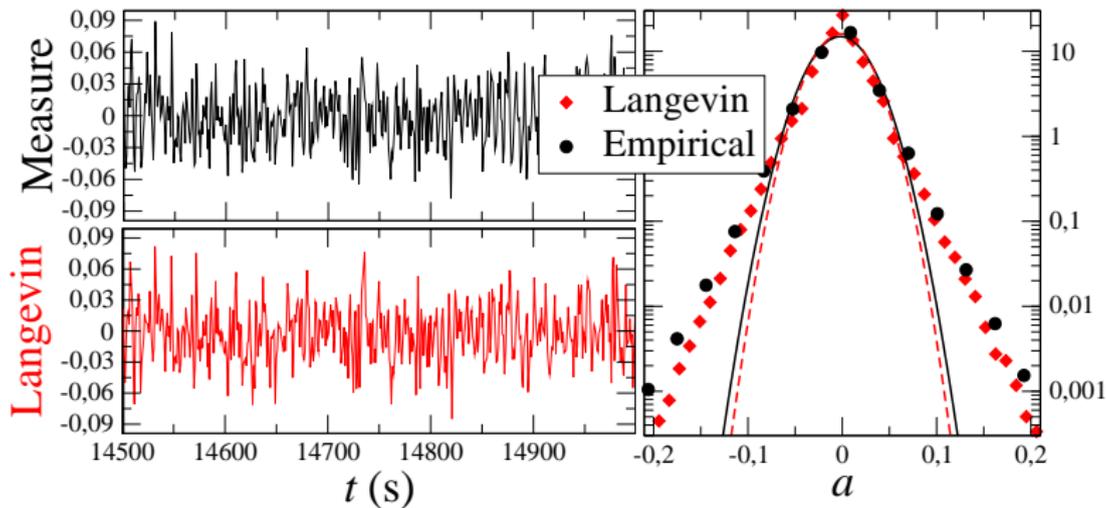
# An alternative way to reconstruct signals (loads)

Langevin Approach: Evolution = Tendency + Fluctuations

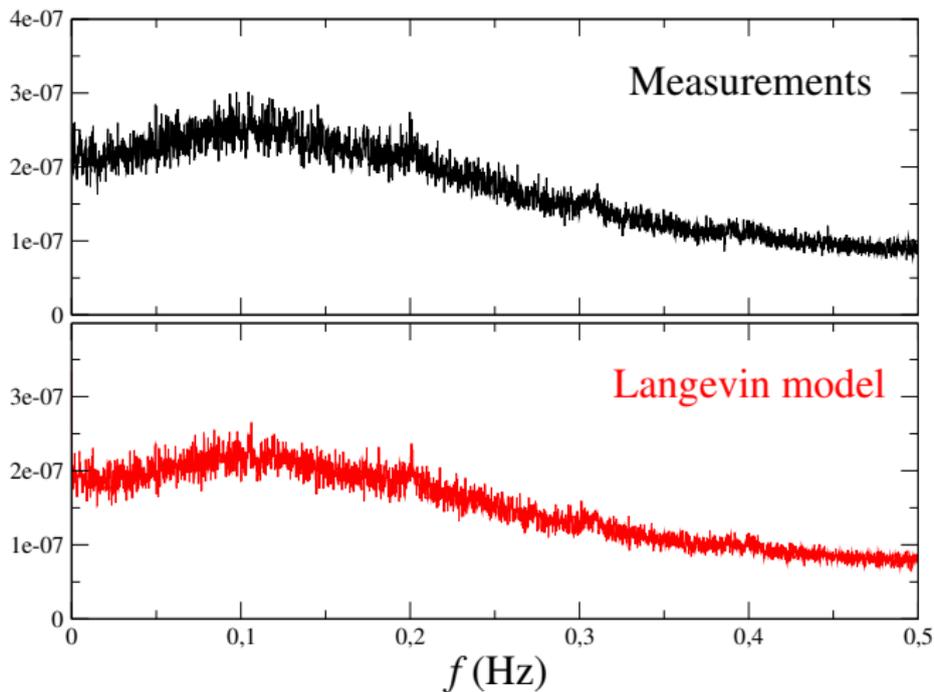


<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/Langevin/>

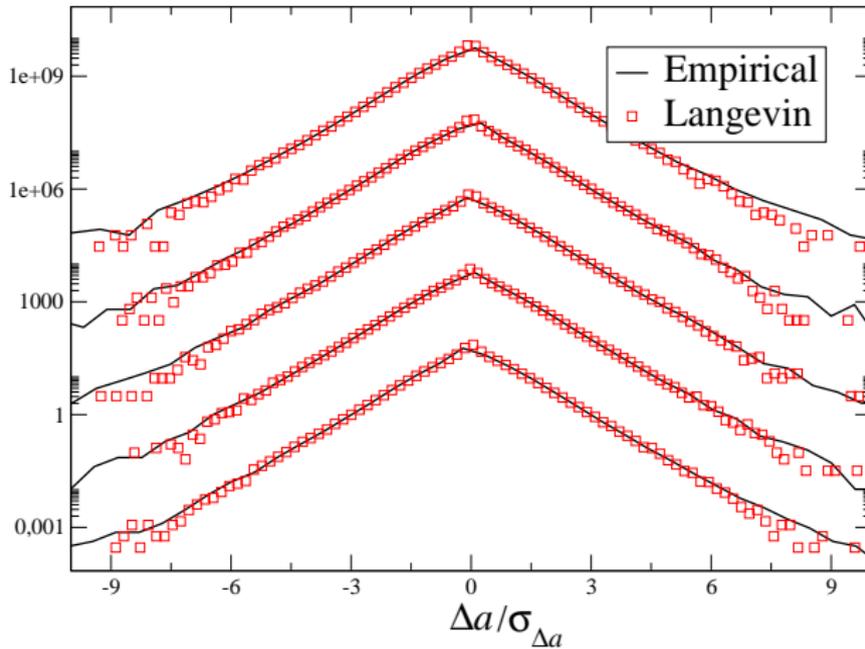
## Tower acceleration (AV4, November 2014)



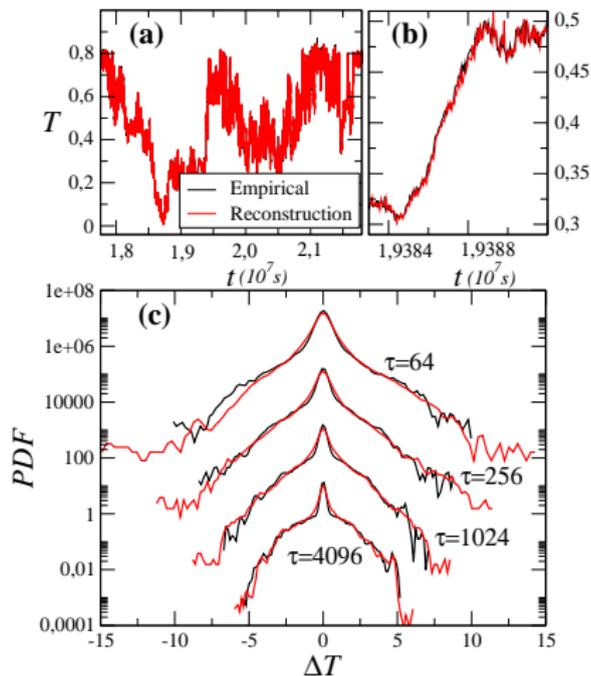
# Power spectra



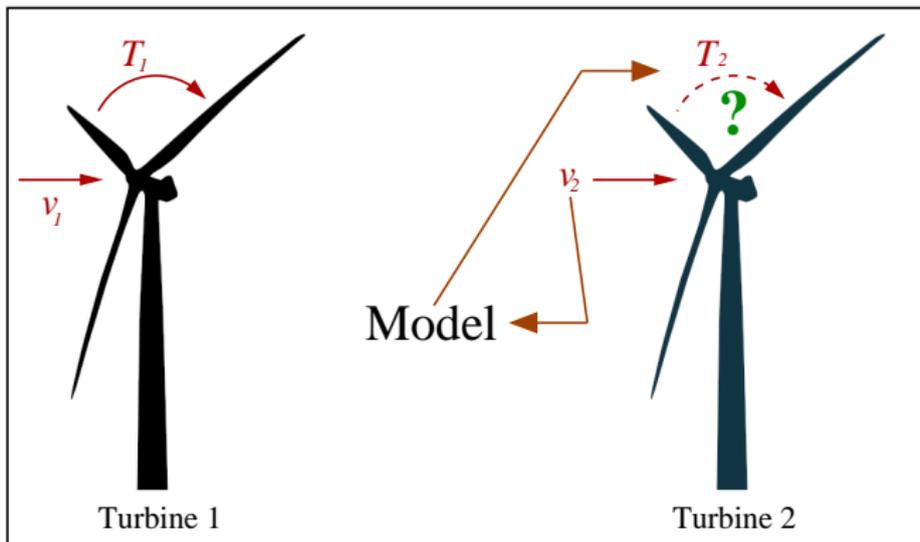
# Increment (2-point) statistics



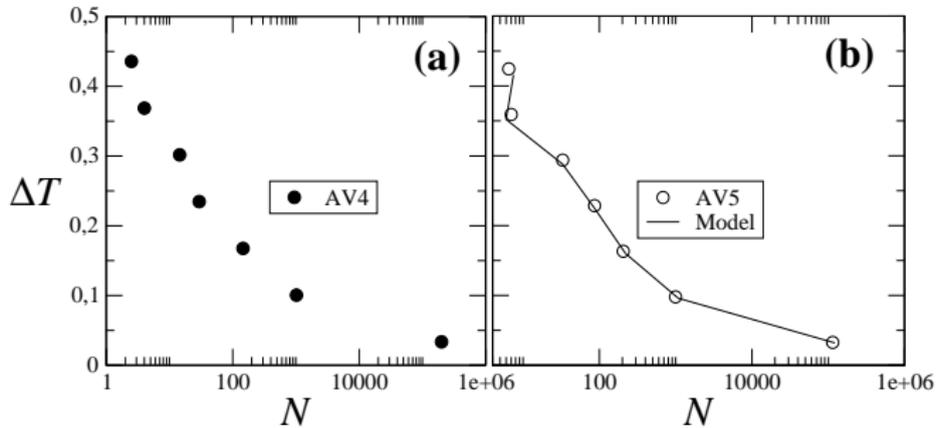
## Other loads: Torque



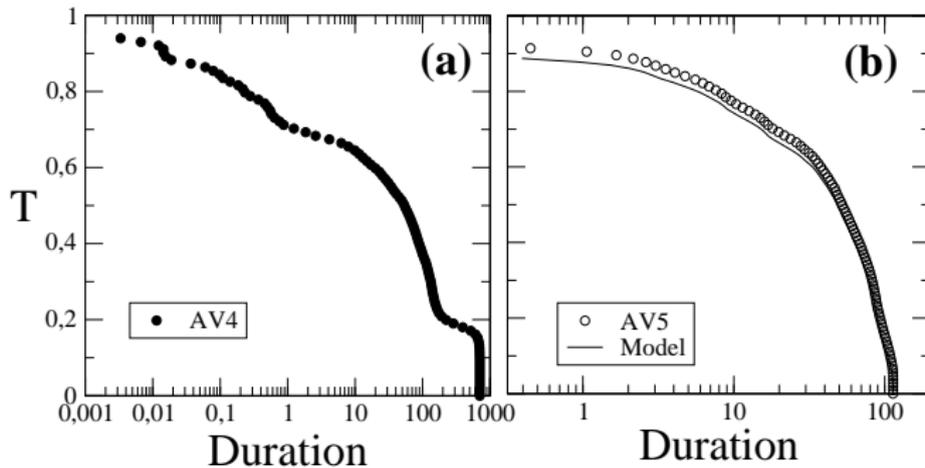
# Using one single turbine to model several other



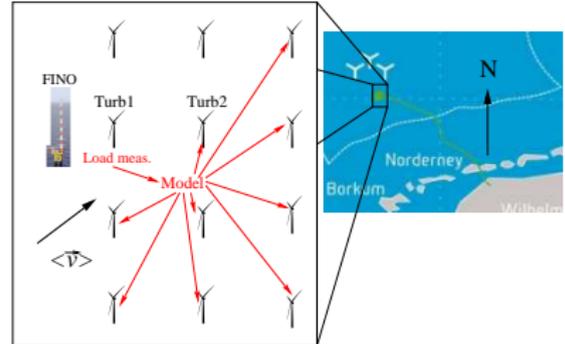
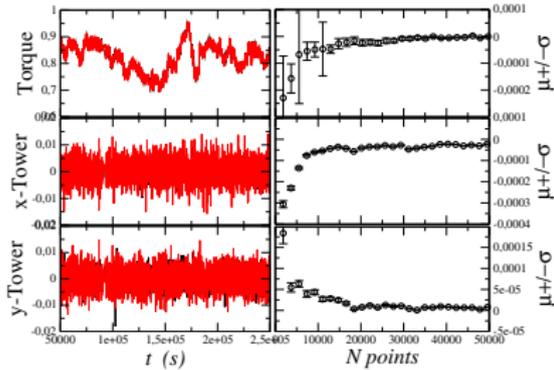
## Other loads: Fatigue loads



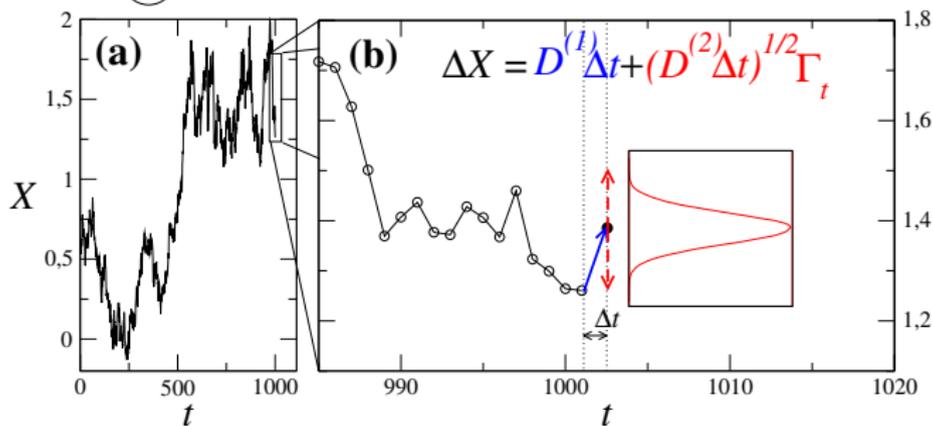
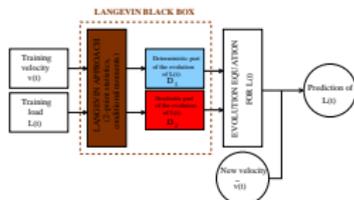
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# From one single turbine to a wind farm



# A little deeper into the model...



$$X(t + \Delta t) = X(t) + \text{"Tendency"} + \text{"Fluctuation"}$$

## Conclusions: **Reproducing loads from wind**

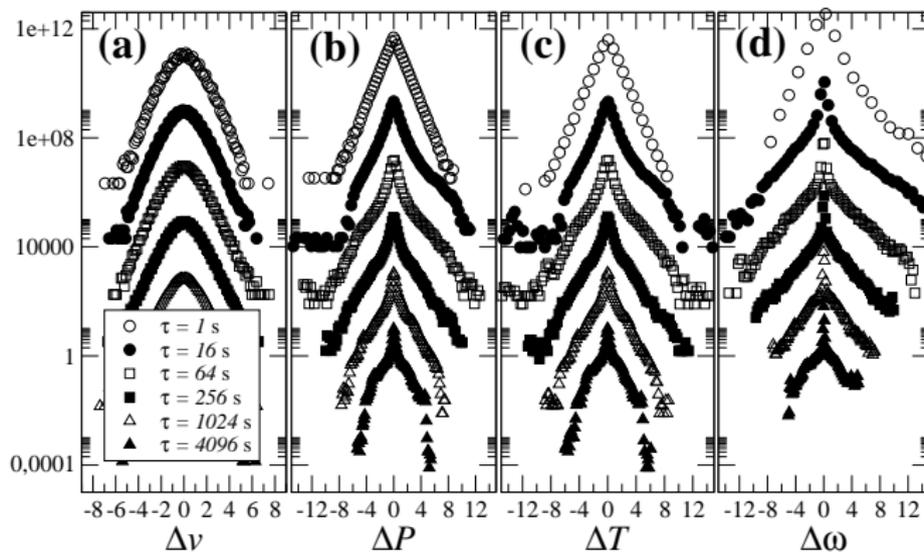
- ▶ Model incorporating (deterministic) tendencies and (stochastic) fluctuations.
- ▶ Good estimate of instantaneous and fatigue loads.
- ▶ Possible cost reduction when modelling load measurements for other identical wind turbines at the same wind park.
- ▶ Software available at <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/Langevin/>.
- ▶ Comparison with other approaches?  
**Talk by Luís Vera-Tudela (tomorrow).**

Thank you!

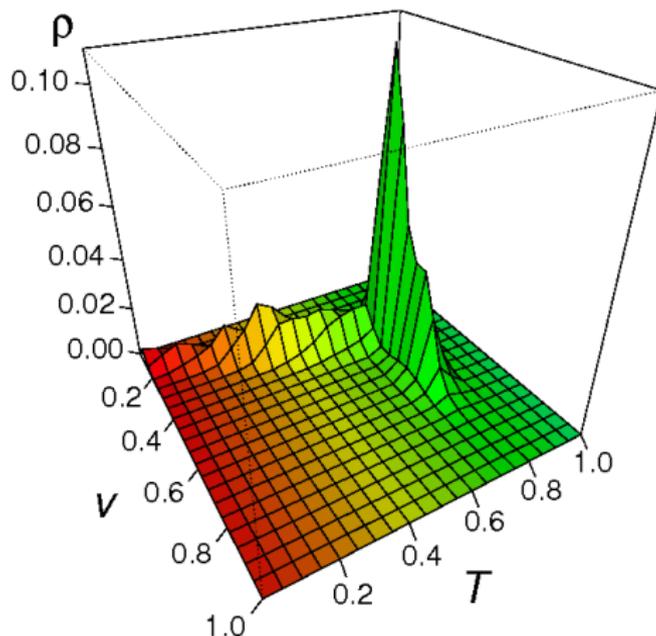
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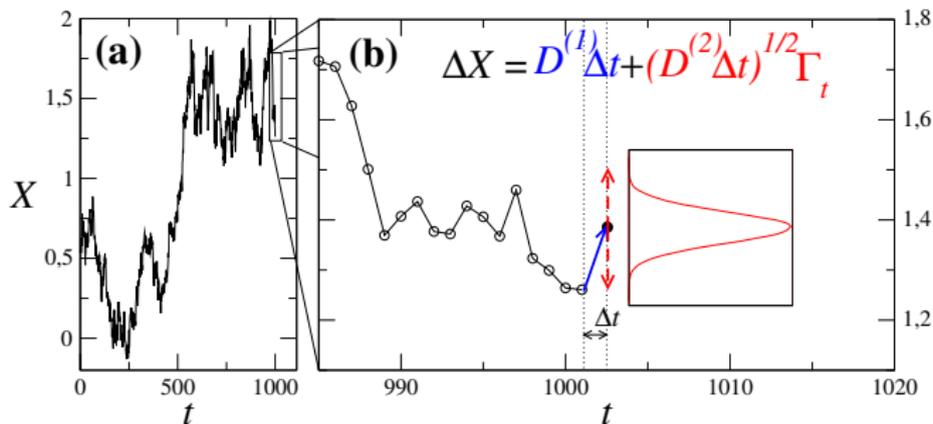
# Starting point: increment statistics



# Starting point: torque $\times$ velocity



# Deriving the model: the Langevin approach

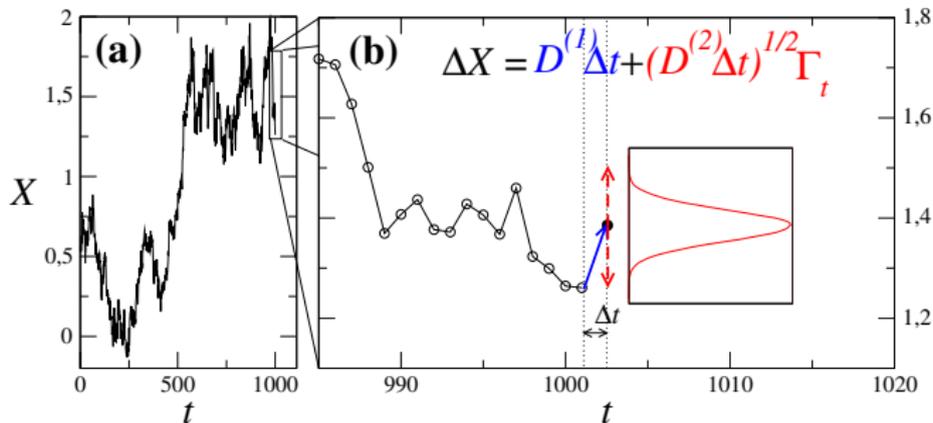


$$L(t + \Delta t) = L(t) + \text{"Tendency"} + \text{"Fluctuation"}$$

Peinke & Friedrich, Phys.Rev.Lett. 78 863 (1997)

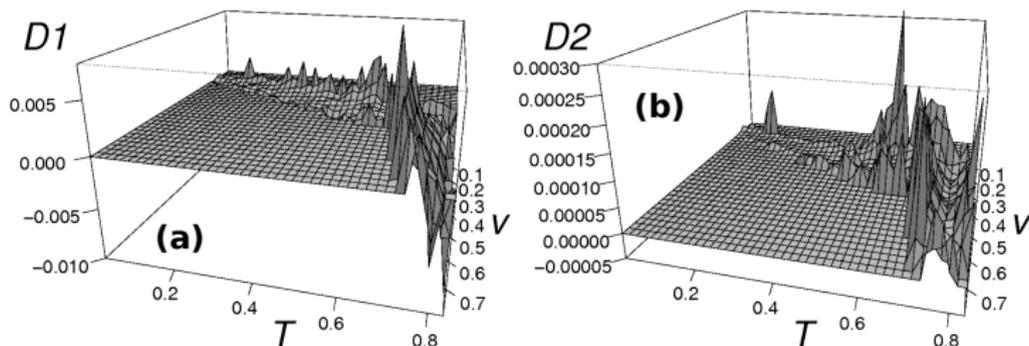
Lind et al, Energies 7(12) 8279-8293 (2014)

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$$D_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\tau} \underbrace{\langle (X(t+\tau) - X(t))^n \rangle_{X(t)=x}}_{M_n}$$

# Conditional Langevin approach



$$L(t + \Delta t) = L(t) + D^{(1)}(L|v)\Delta t + \sqrt{D^{(2)}(L|v)}\Gamma_t\sqrt{\Delta t}$$

P.Milan et al (2013), Private Communication

Lind et al, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 524 012179 (2014).

# Drift $D^{(1)}$ and Diffusion $D^{(2)}$

