

Correlation Dynamics: Linear Drag and Potential Functions of the Market States

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- Formalism: Itō's SDEs and Drift Estimation
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Data Set

- Stocks of **S&P500** for 21 years (1992 - incl. 2012)
- $K \times K$ correlation matrices, with $K = 307$
- Averaged over $T = 42$ td (2 trading months)
- Got rid of local trends and variable volatility keeping cross-correlations: **local normalisation**¹

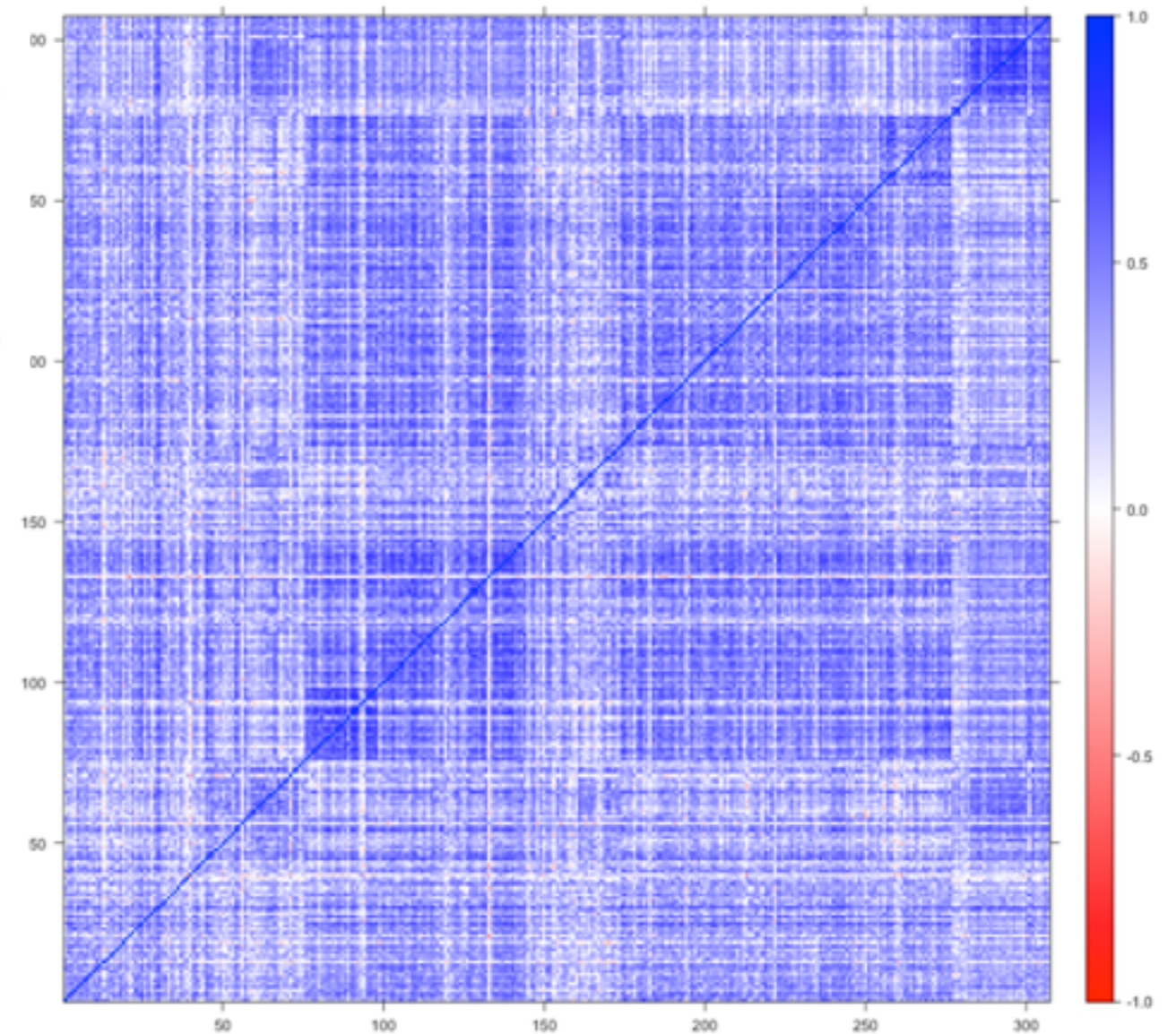
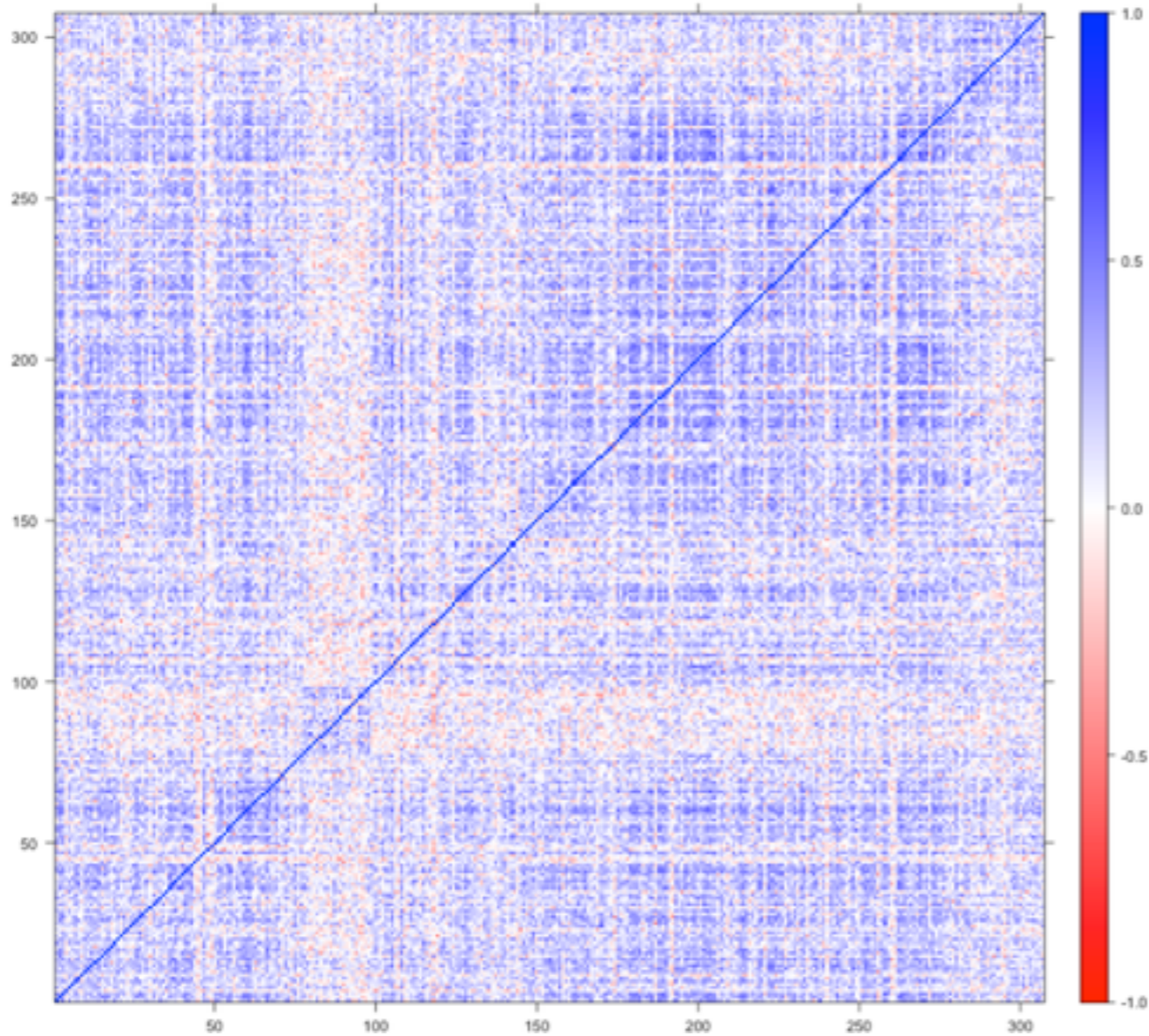
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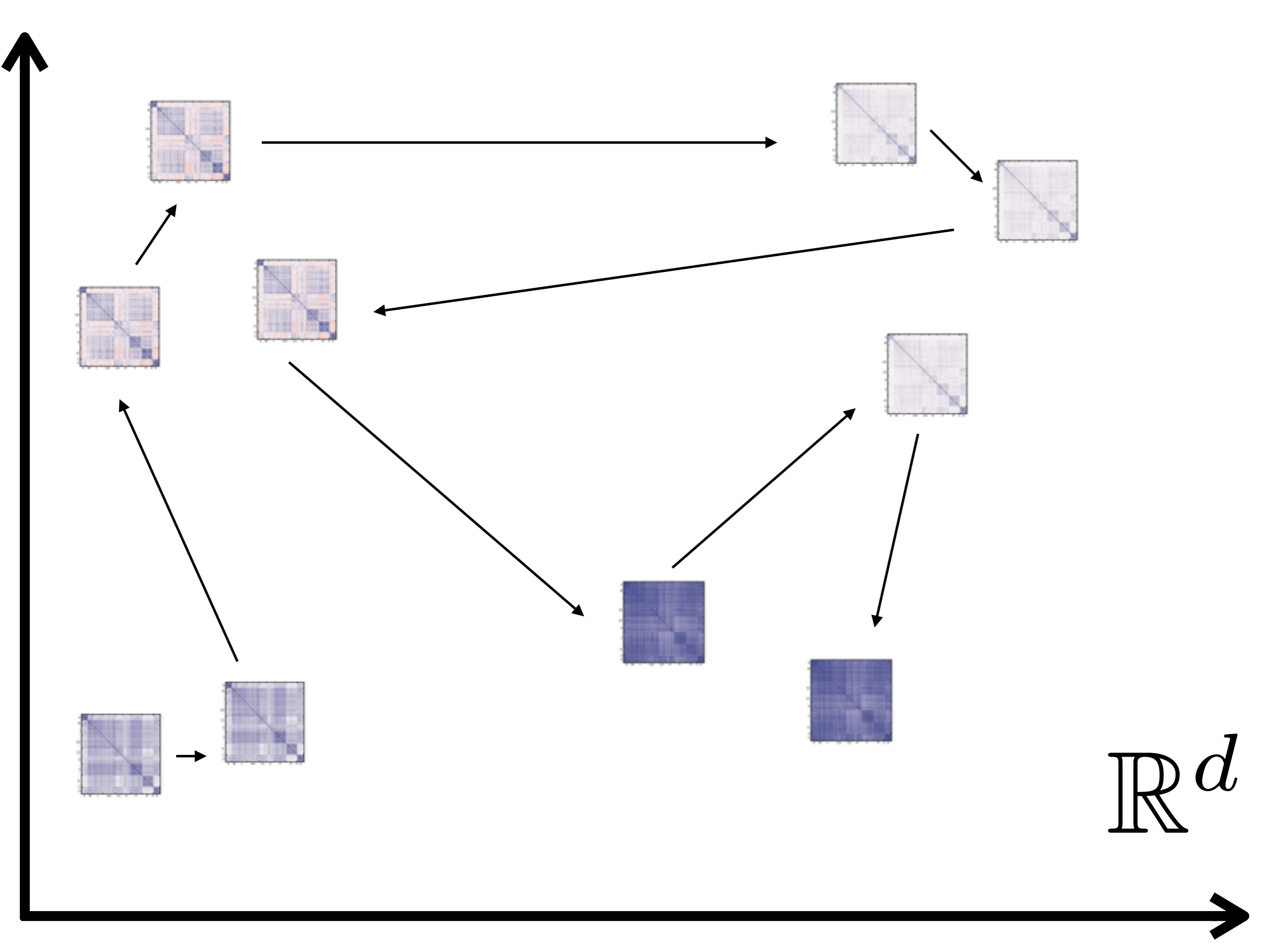
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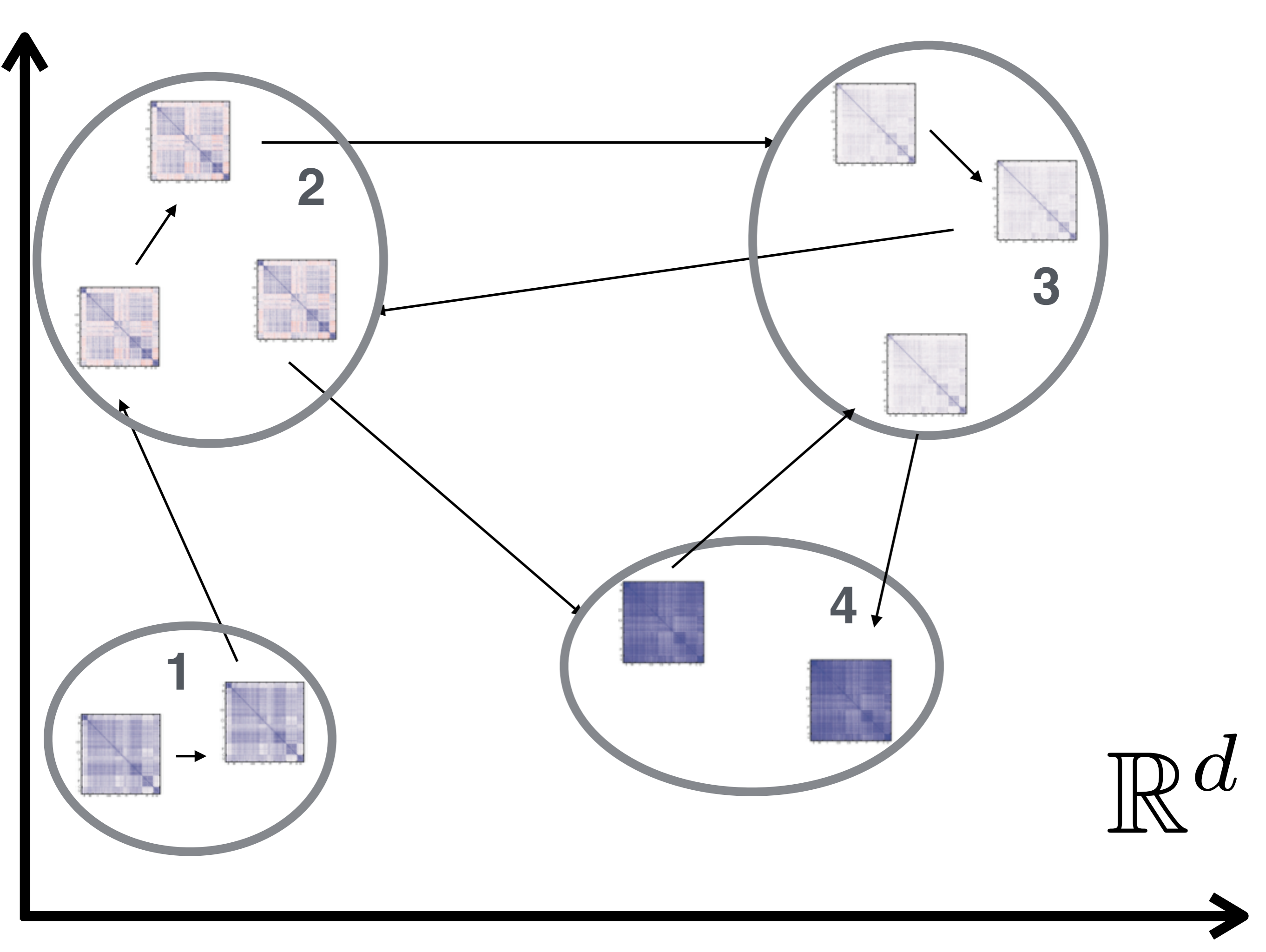
- We have $n = 5169$ correlation matrices $\underline{C}(t) \Leftrightarrow \vec{C}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $d = \frac{K^2 - K}{2} = 46971$.
- All matrices are clustered by: a hierarchical, top-down clustering, based on the *k-means* splitting as introduced in ref. ²
- The number of clusters is determined by a threshold

² M.C. Münnix, T. Shimada, R. Schäfer, F. Leyvraz, T.H. Seligman, T. Guhr and H.E. Stanley, *Identifying States of a Financial Market*, Scientific Reports **2** : 644 (2012)

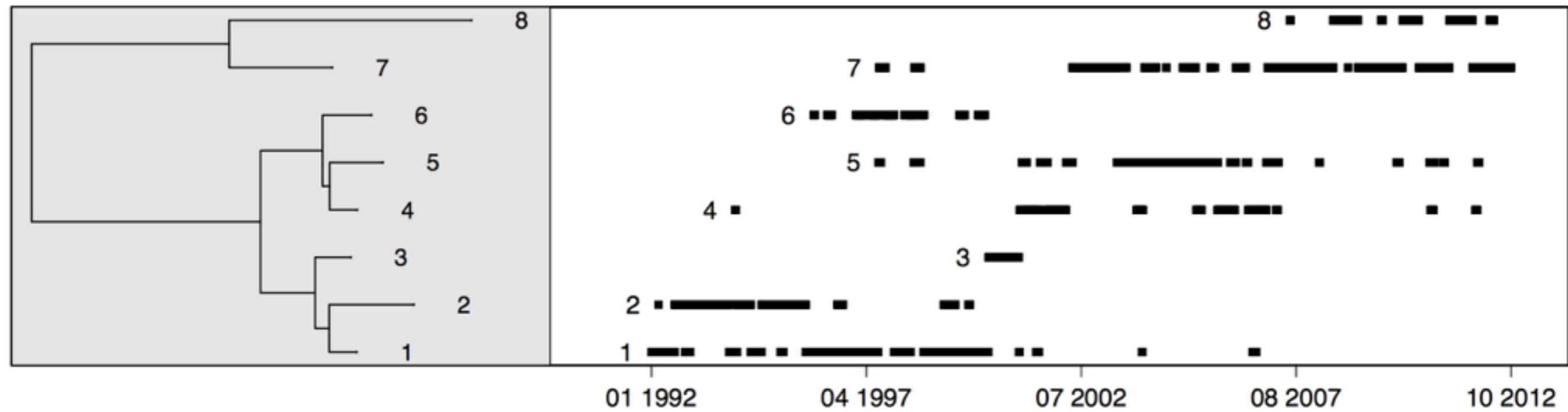
Correlation Matrices







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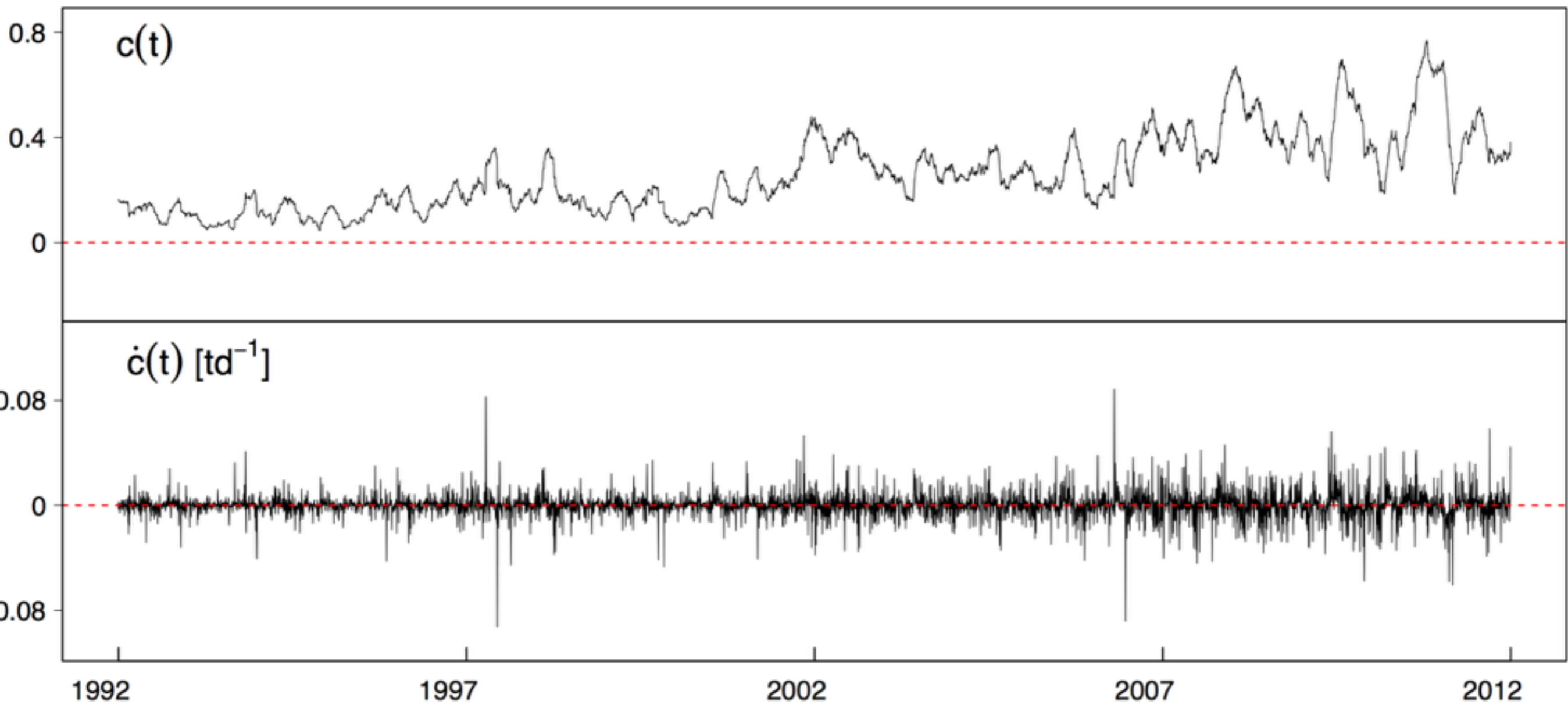
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$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{X}(t) = \vec{f}(\vec{X}) + \dots$$

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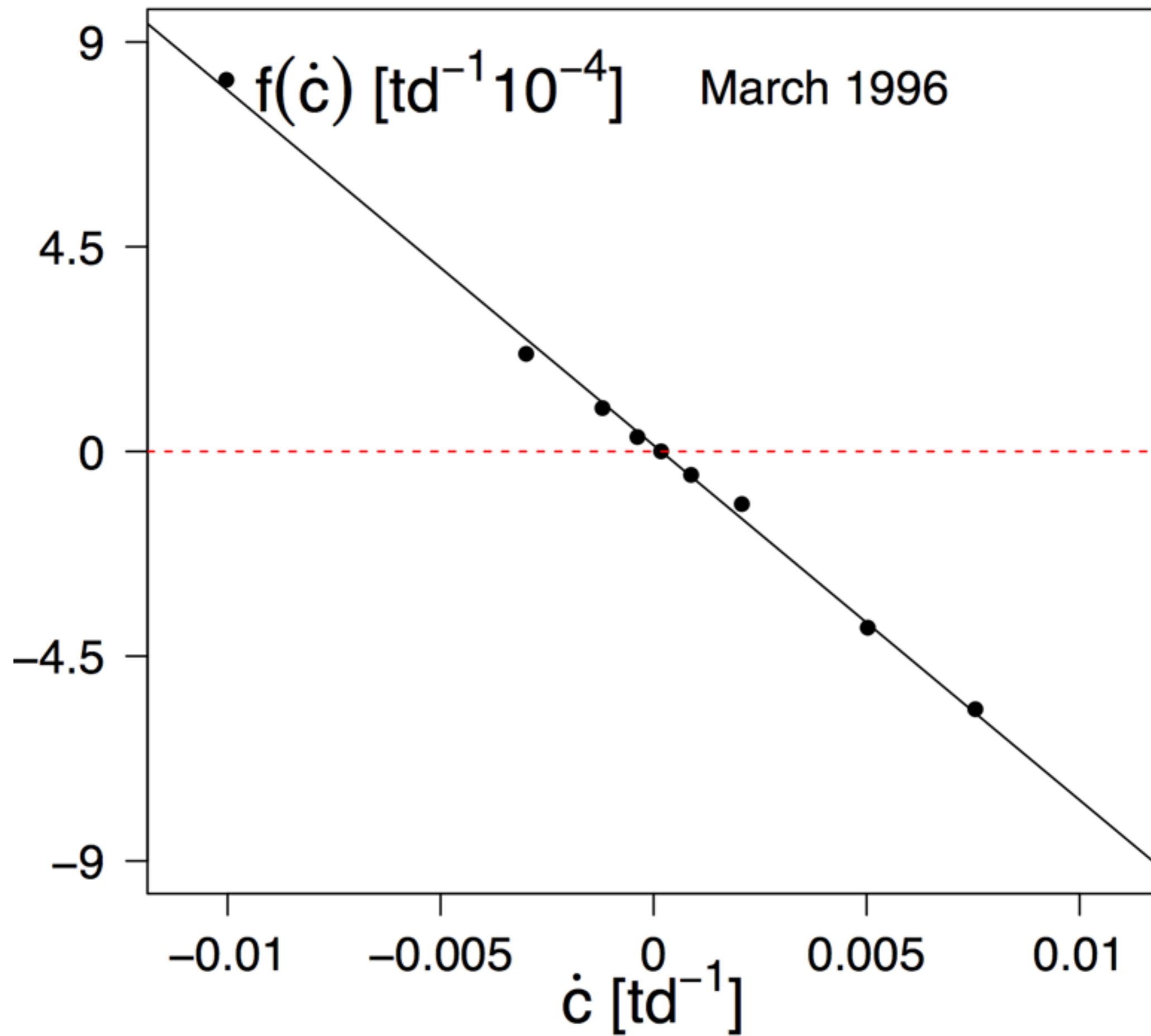
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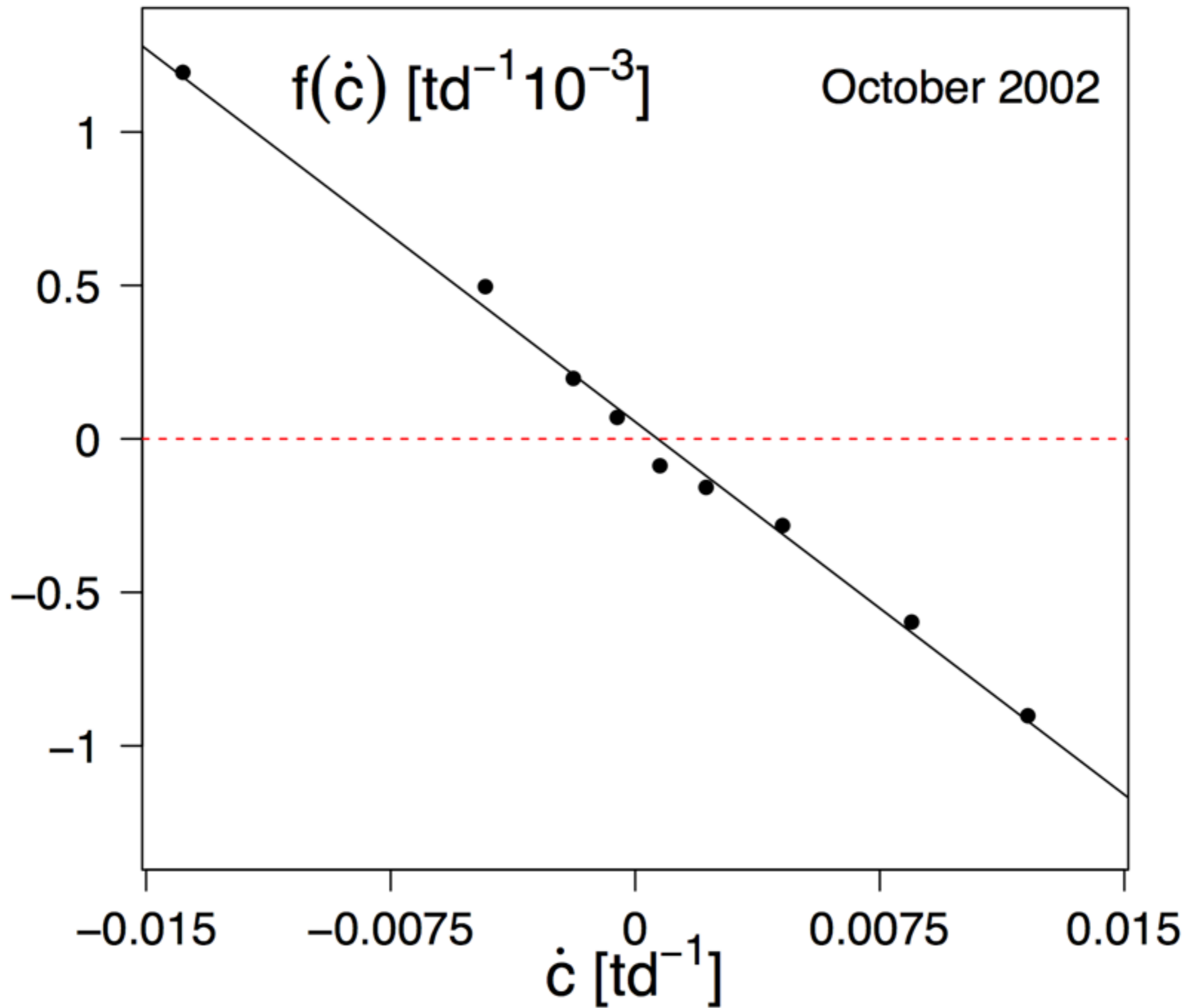
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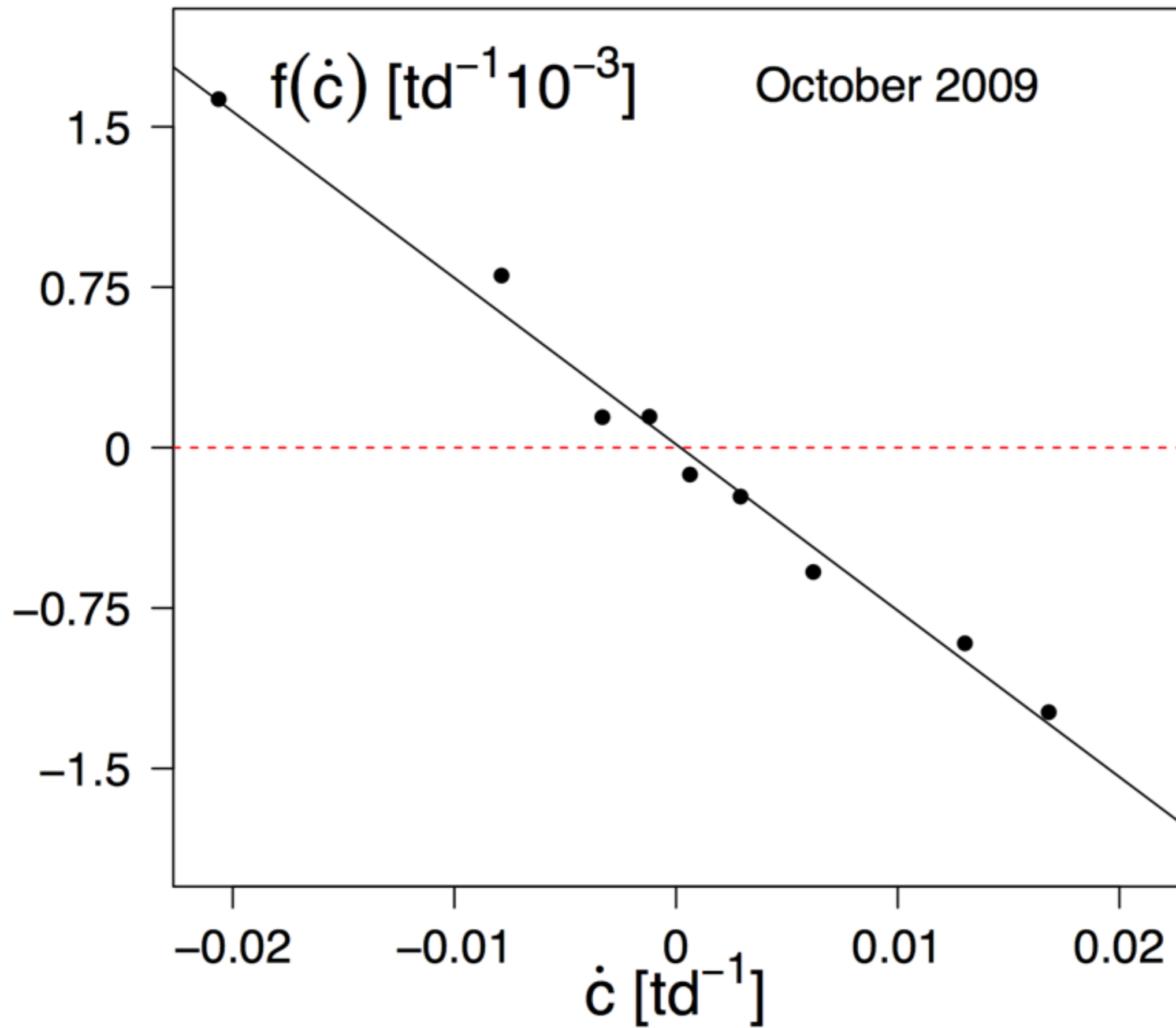
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- We estimated the drift $f(x)$ for $\frac{d}{dt}\dot{c}(t) = f(\dot{c}) + \dots$
- Within windows of 4 tr. years sliding them by 0.5 tr. year





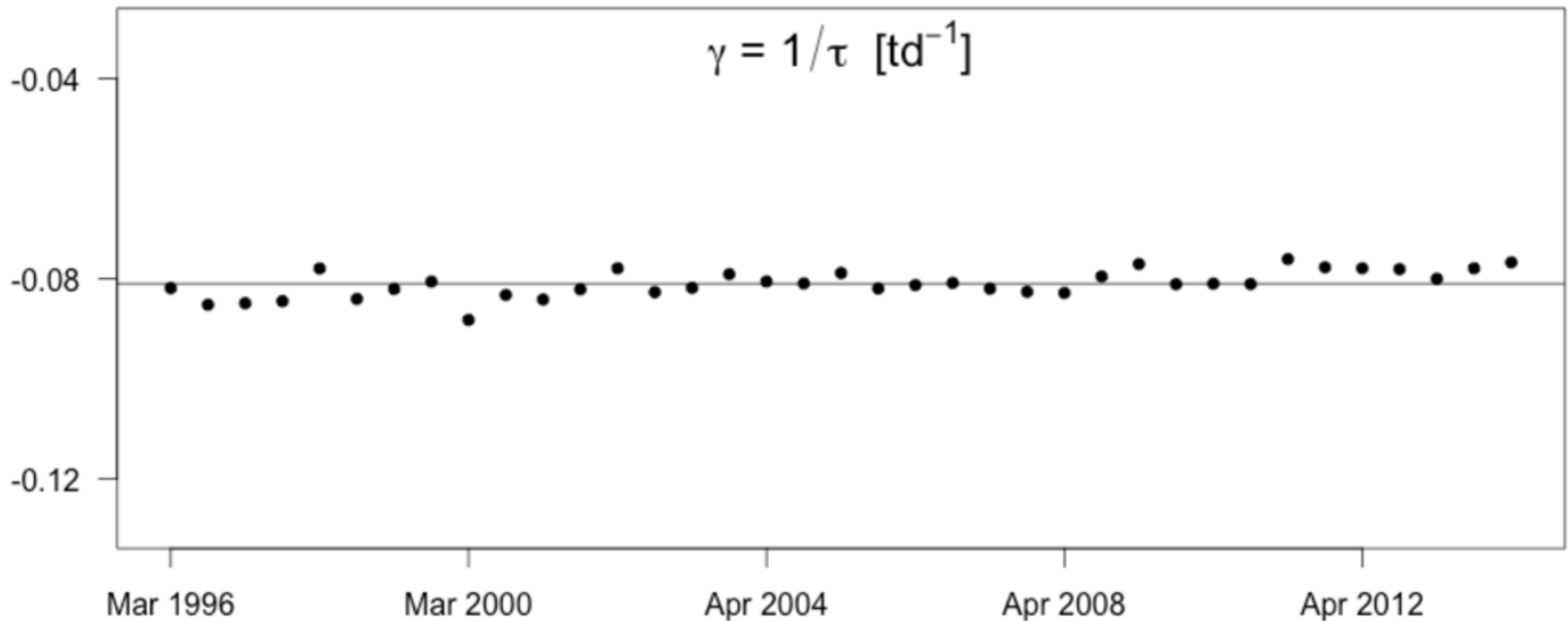


Which yields linear drag

$$\frac{d}{dt}\dot{c}(t) = -\gamma(t)\dot{c}(t) + \dots$$

$$\gamma(t) = \frac{1}{\tau(t)}$$

Universality and Characteristic Time



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- Or of an object moving through the air (e.g. skydiver)

$$\frac{d}{dt}v = \left(-\frac{1}{\tau}v + g\right) + 0$$

$$v(t) = v_t \left[1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right]$$

Before Jump: no Drag



Acceleration Phase



Reached Terminal Velocity



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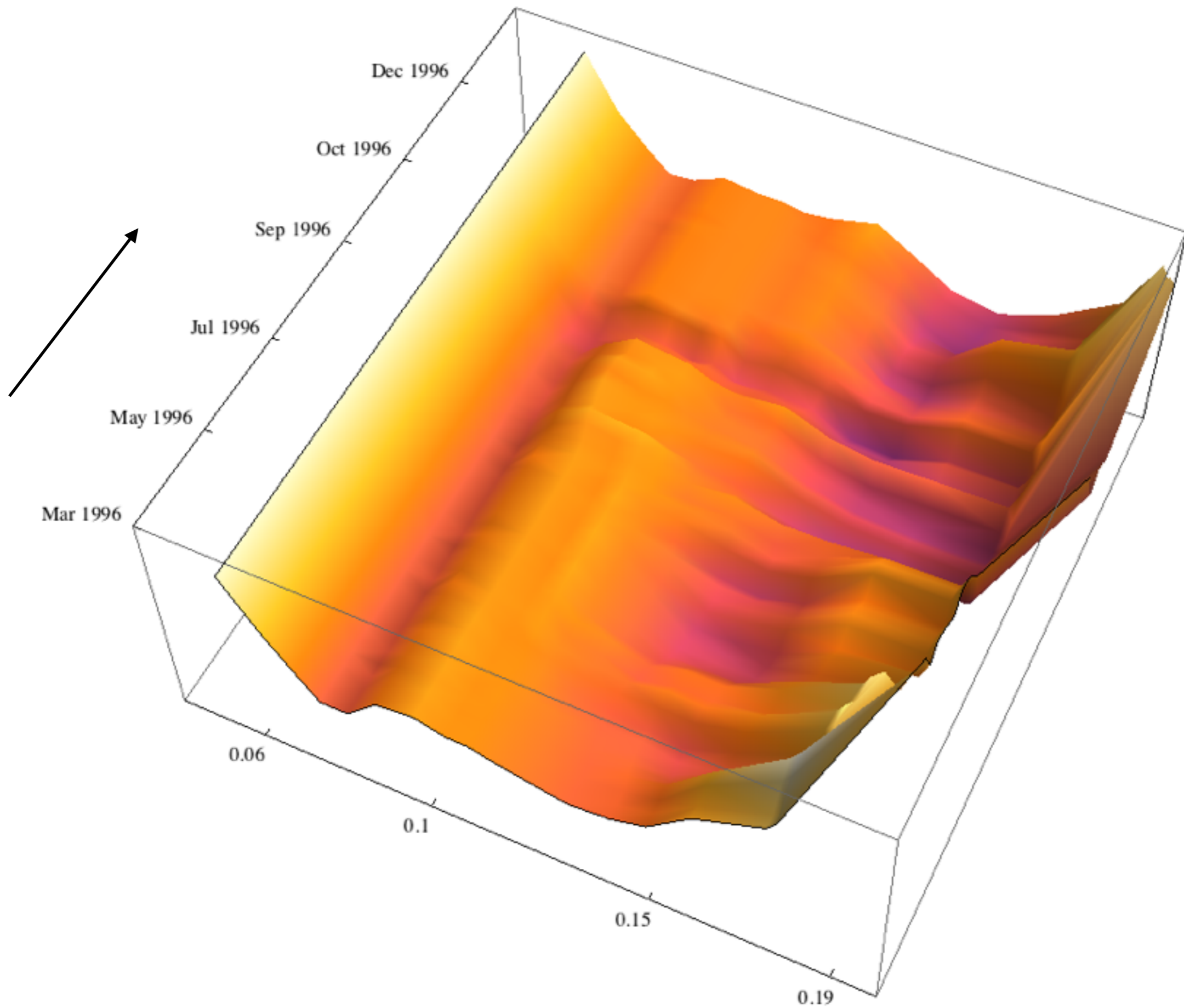
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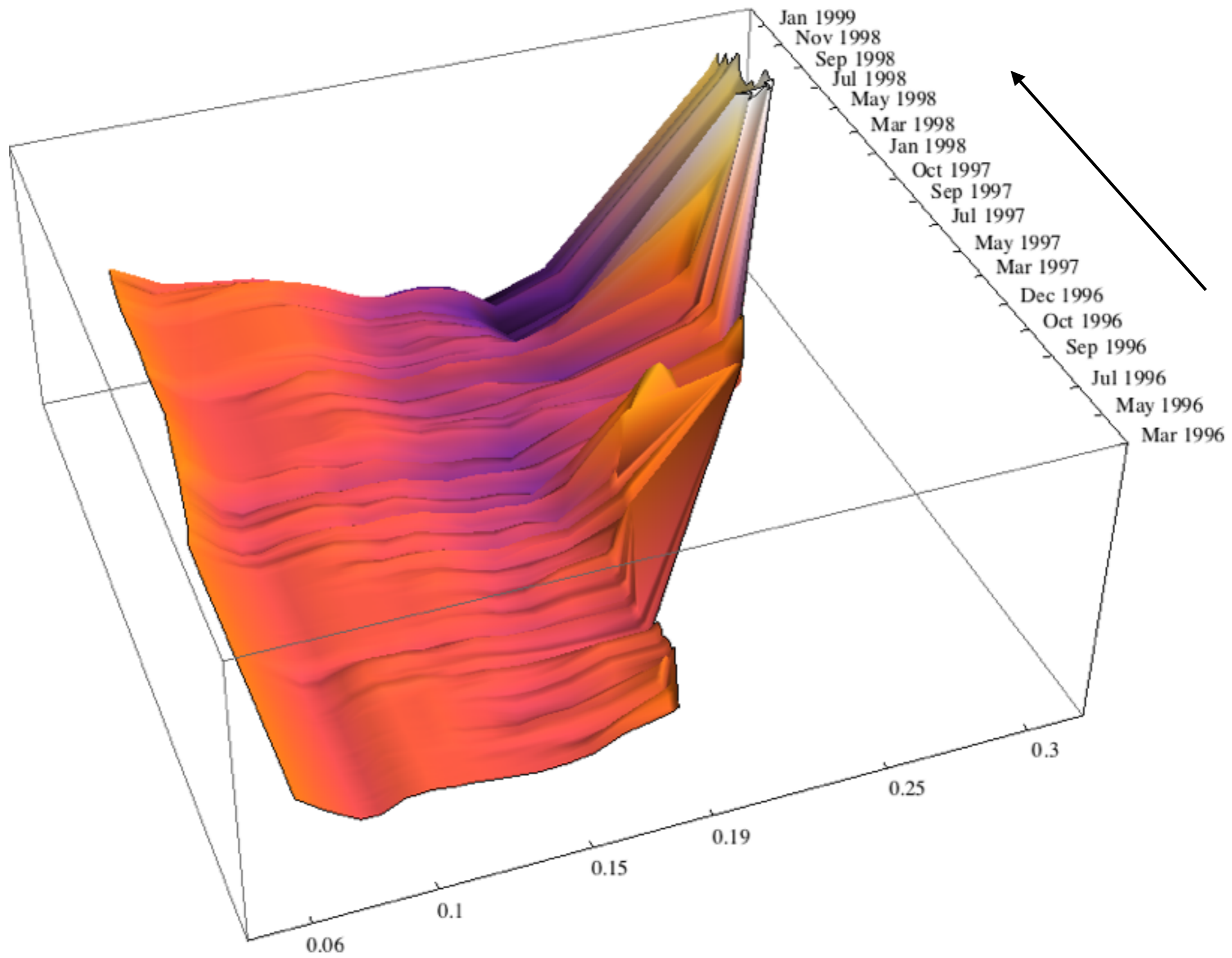
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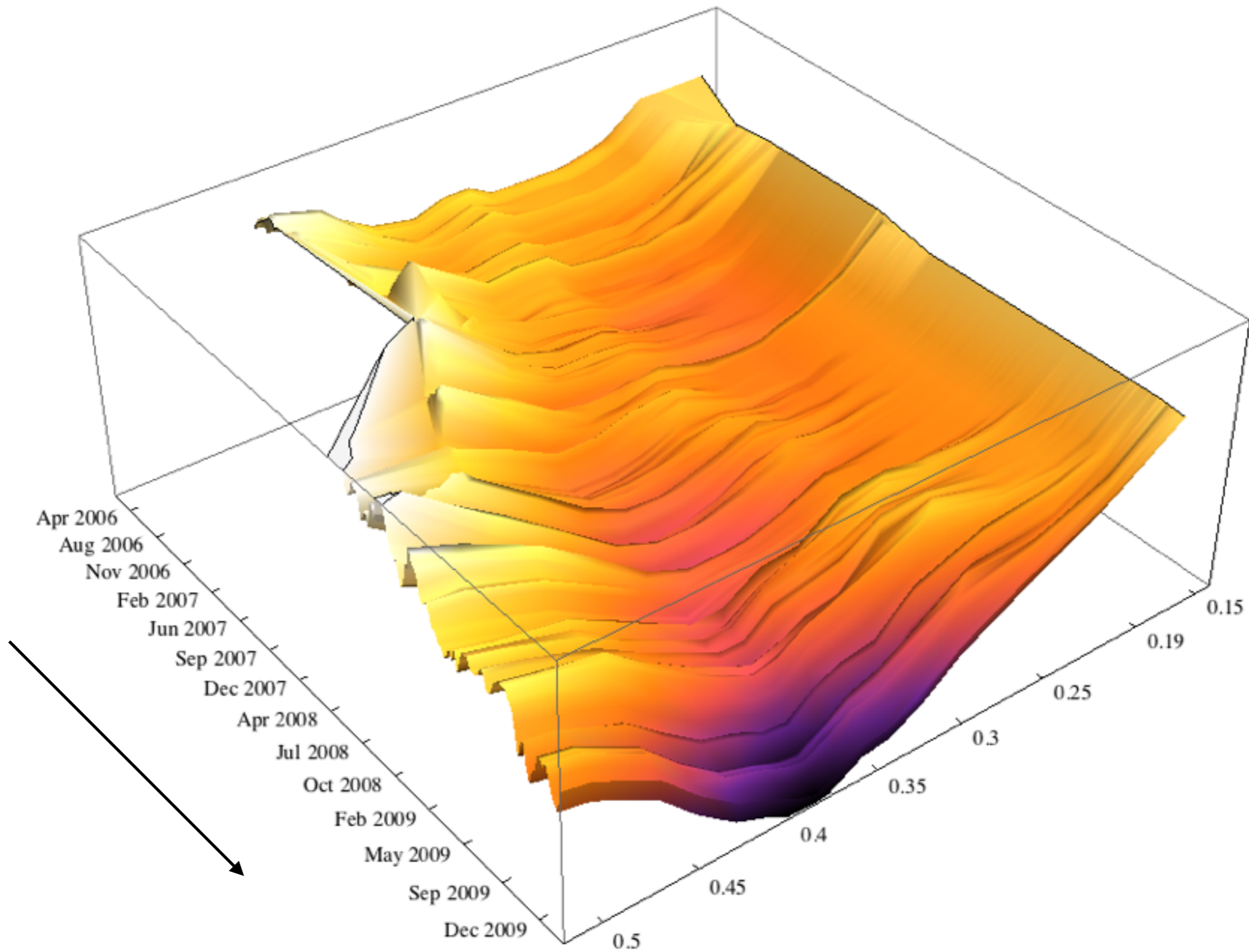
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\dot{c} + \frac{1}{\tau} c \right] = f(c, t) + \dots$$

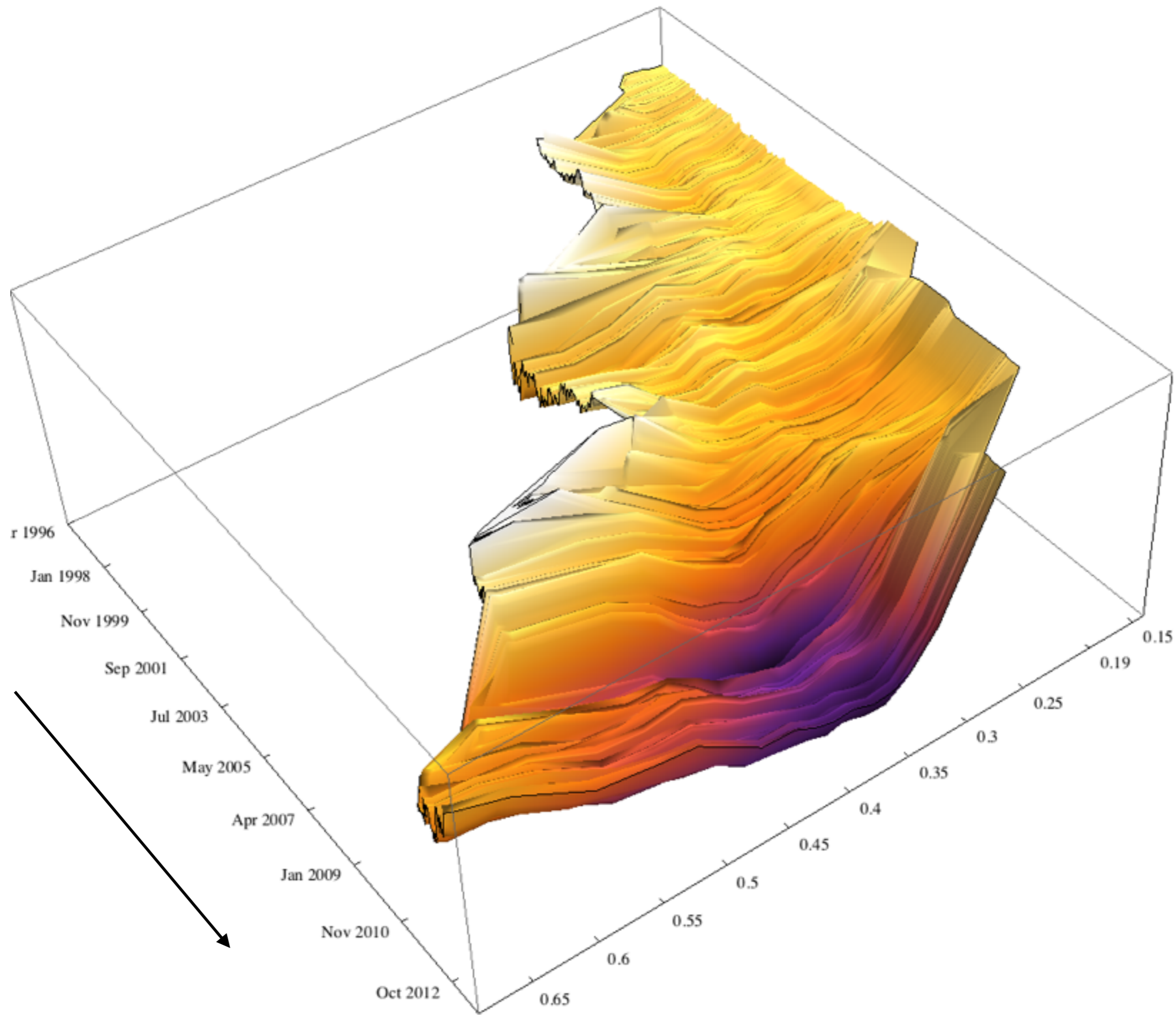
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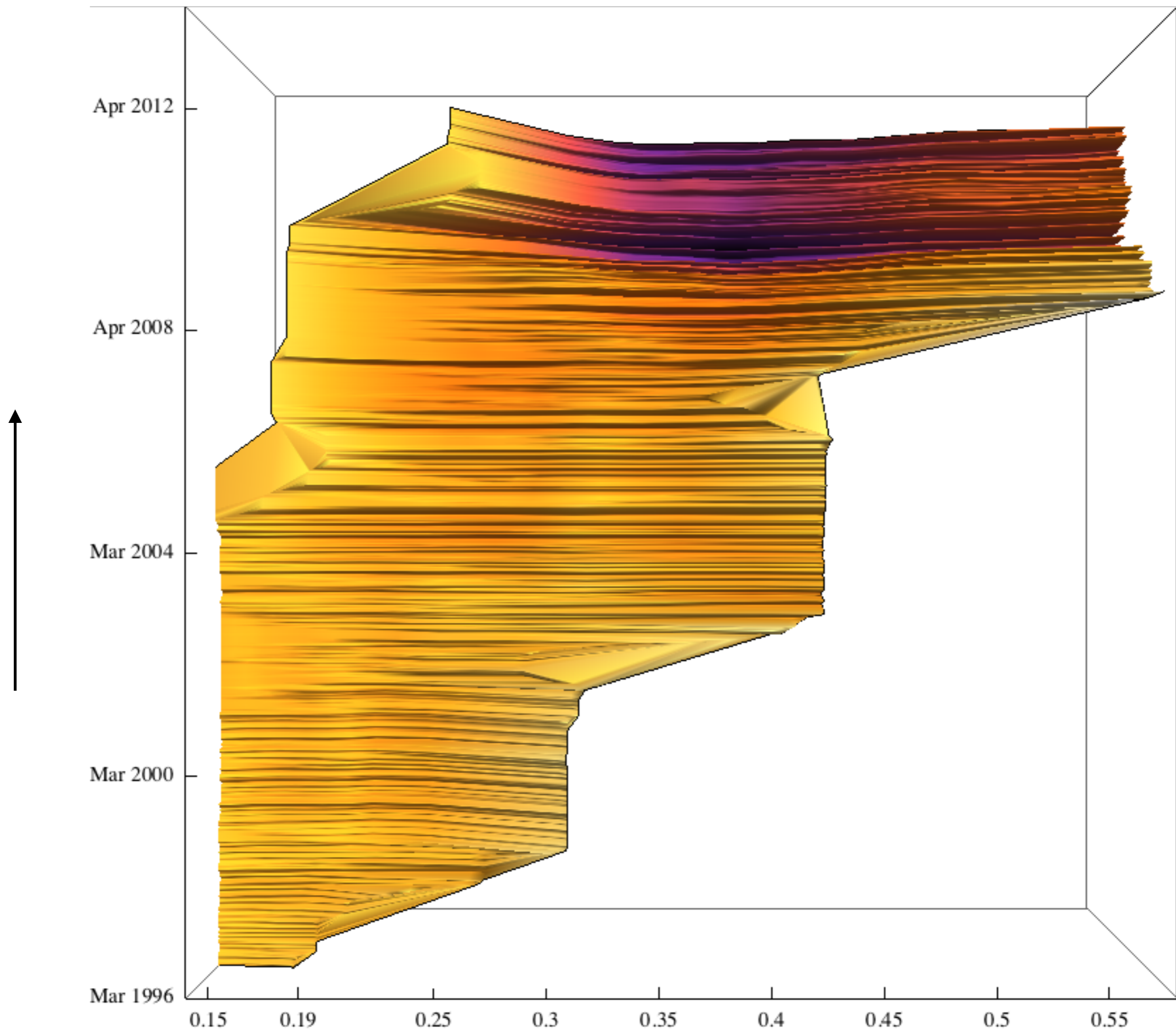
$$V(c) := - \int f(c) dc$$





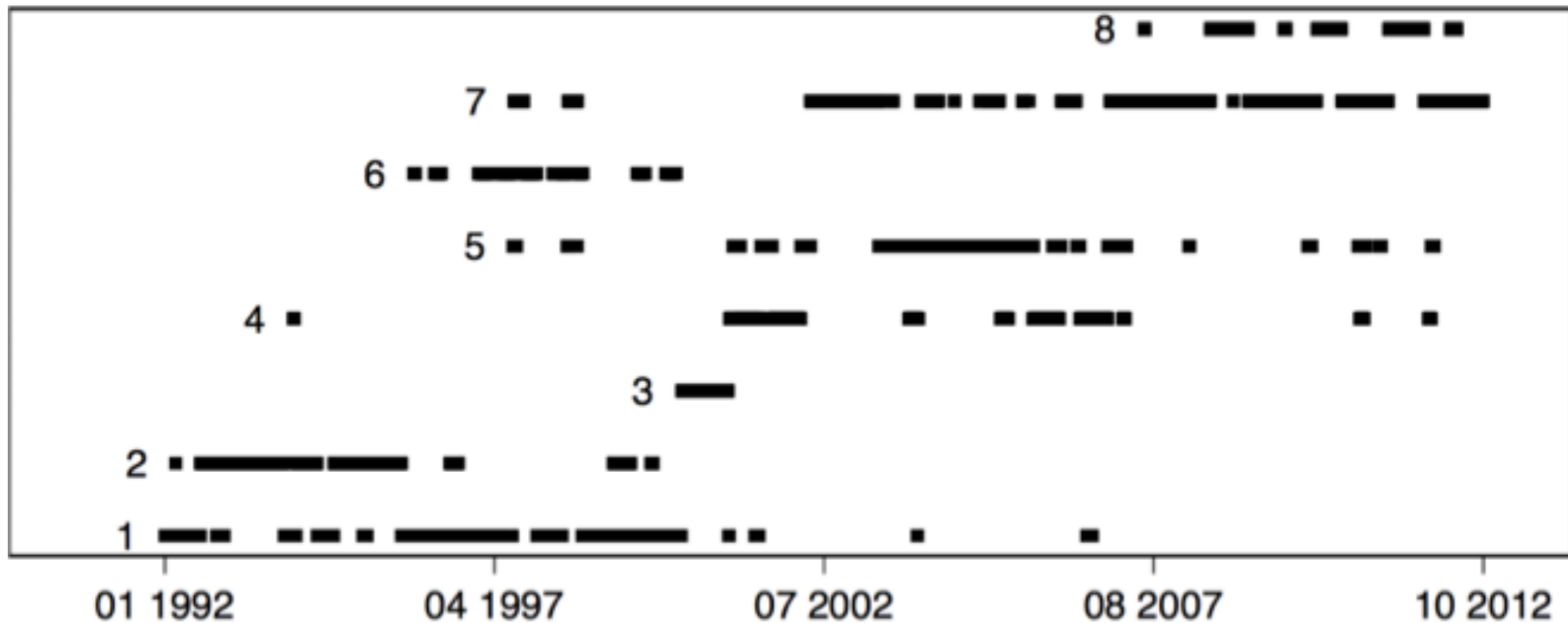






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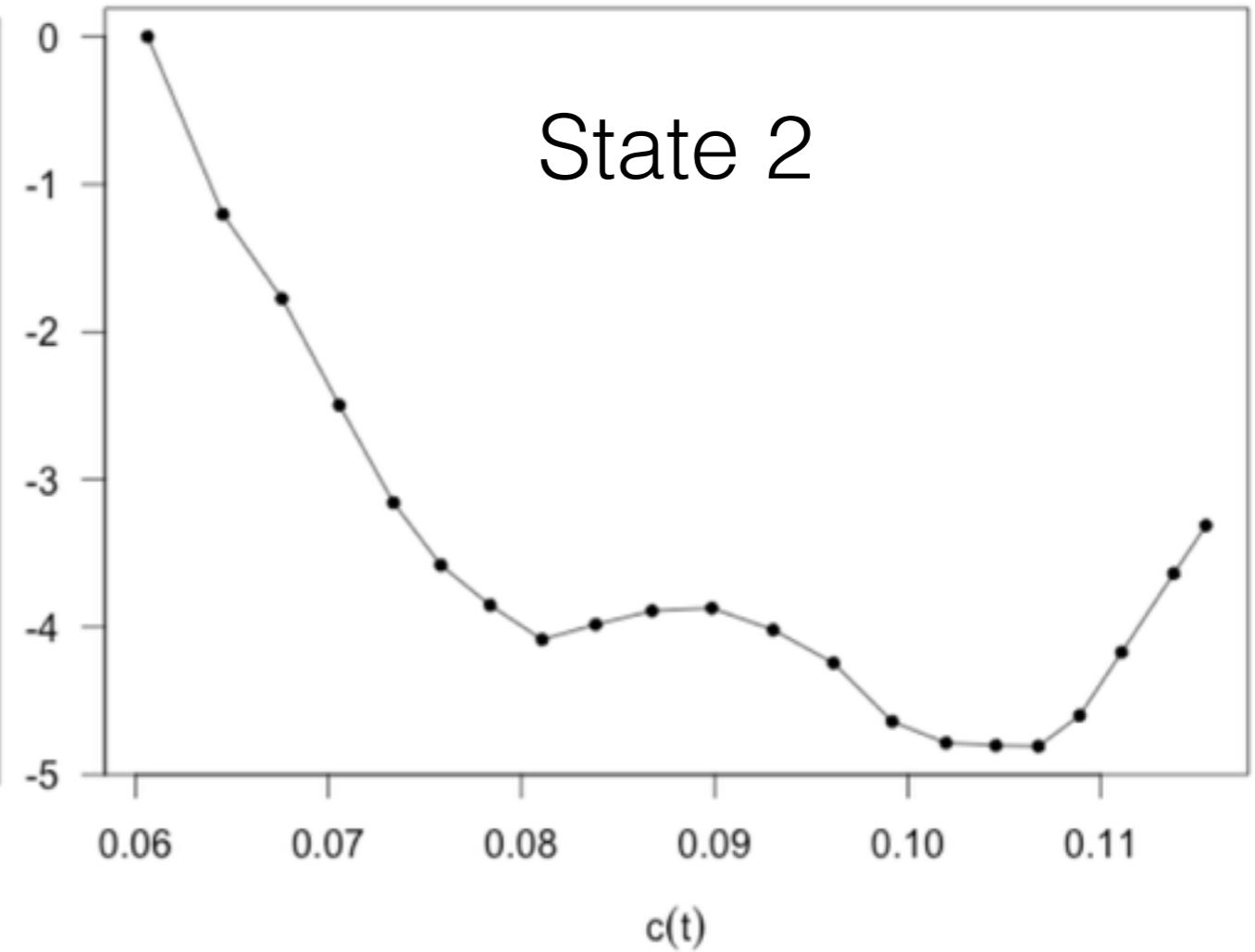
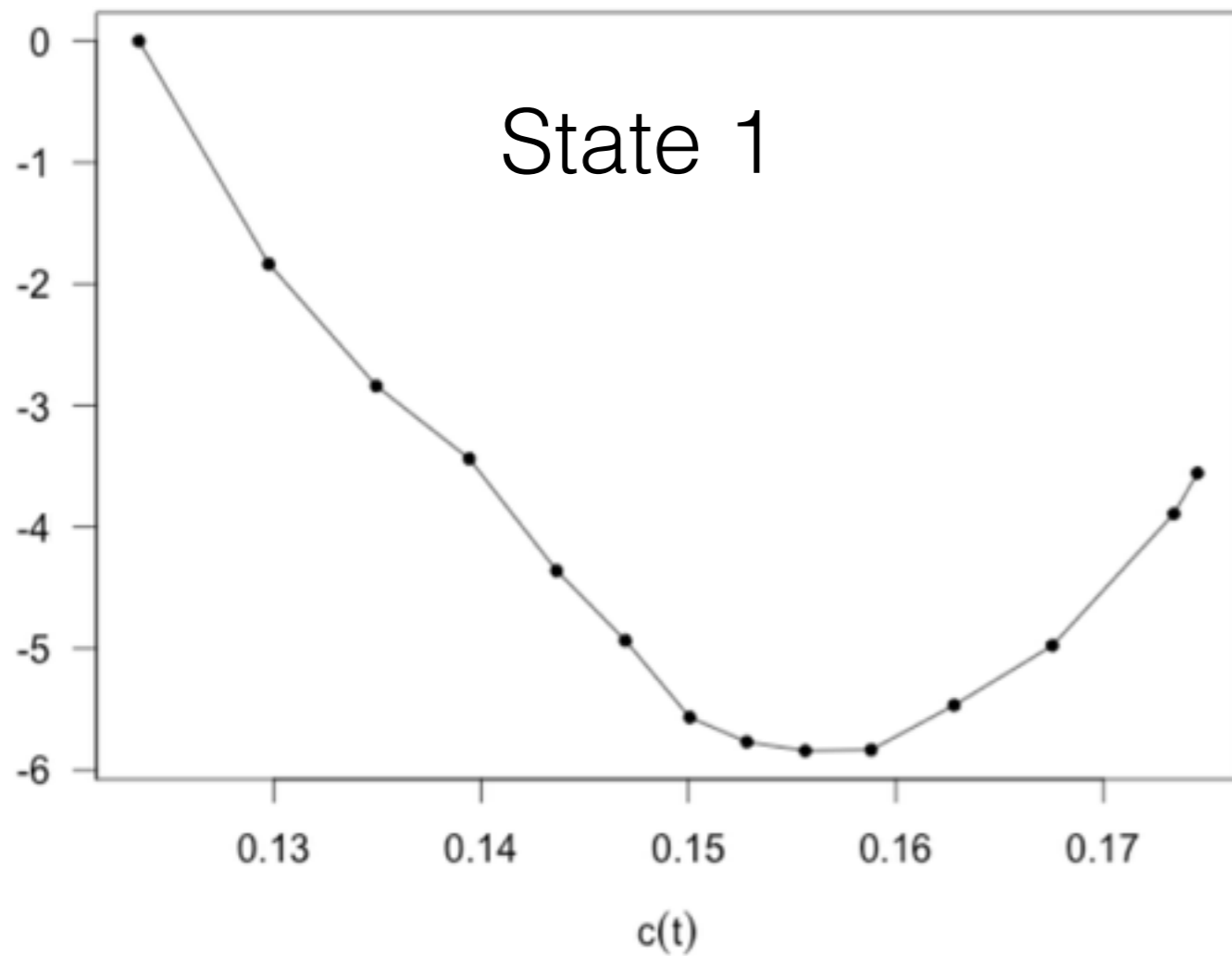
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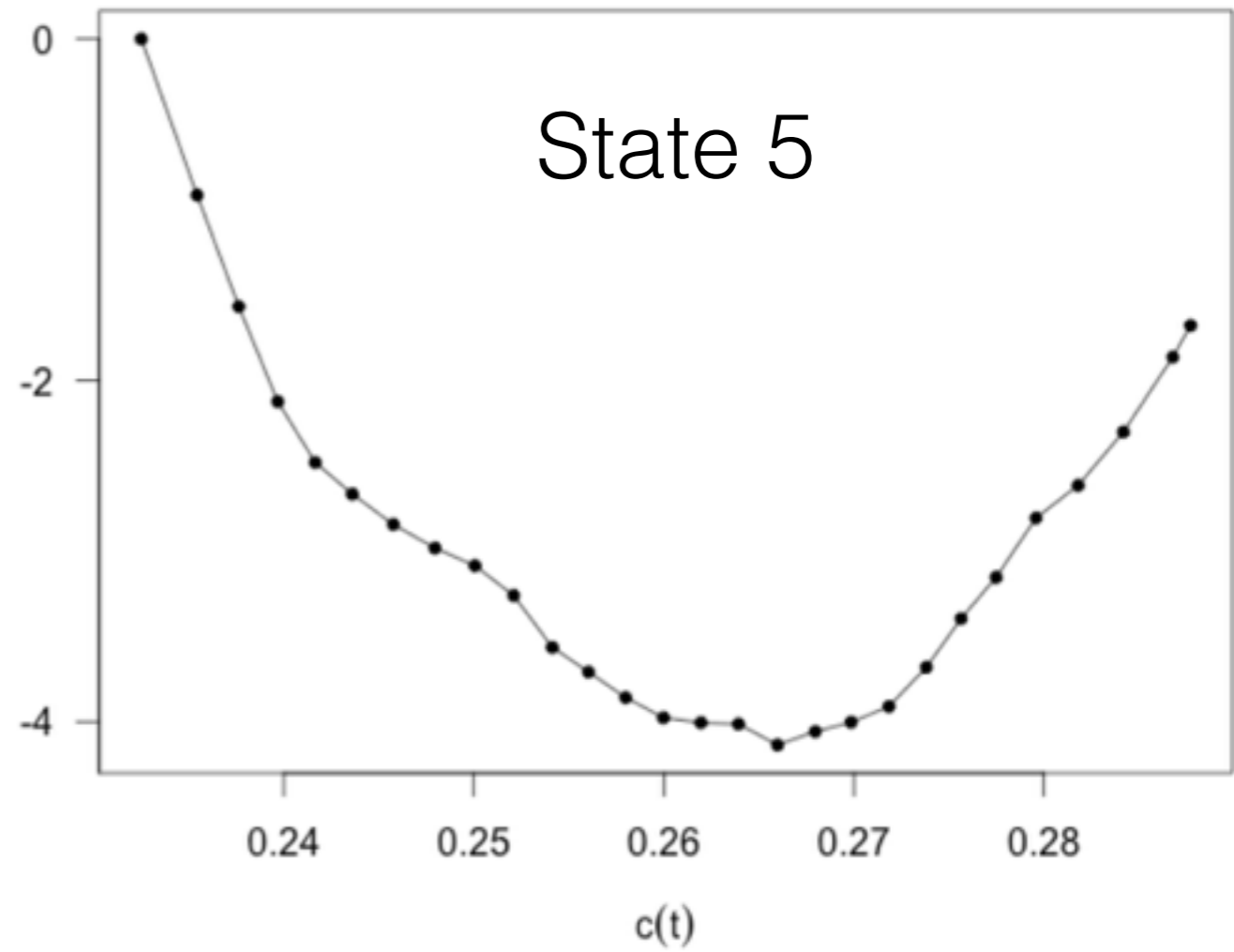
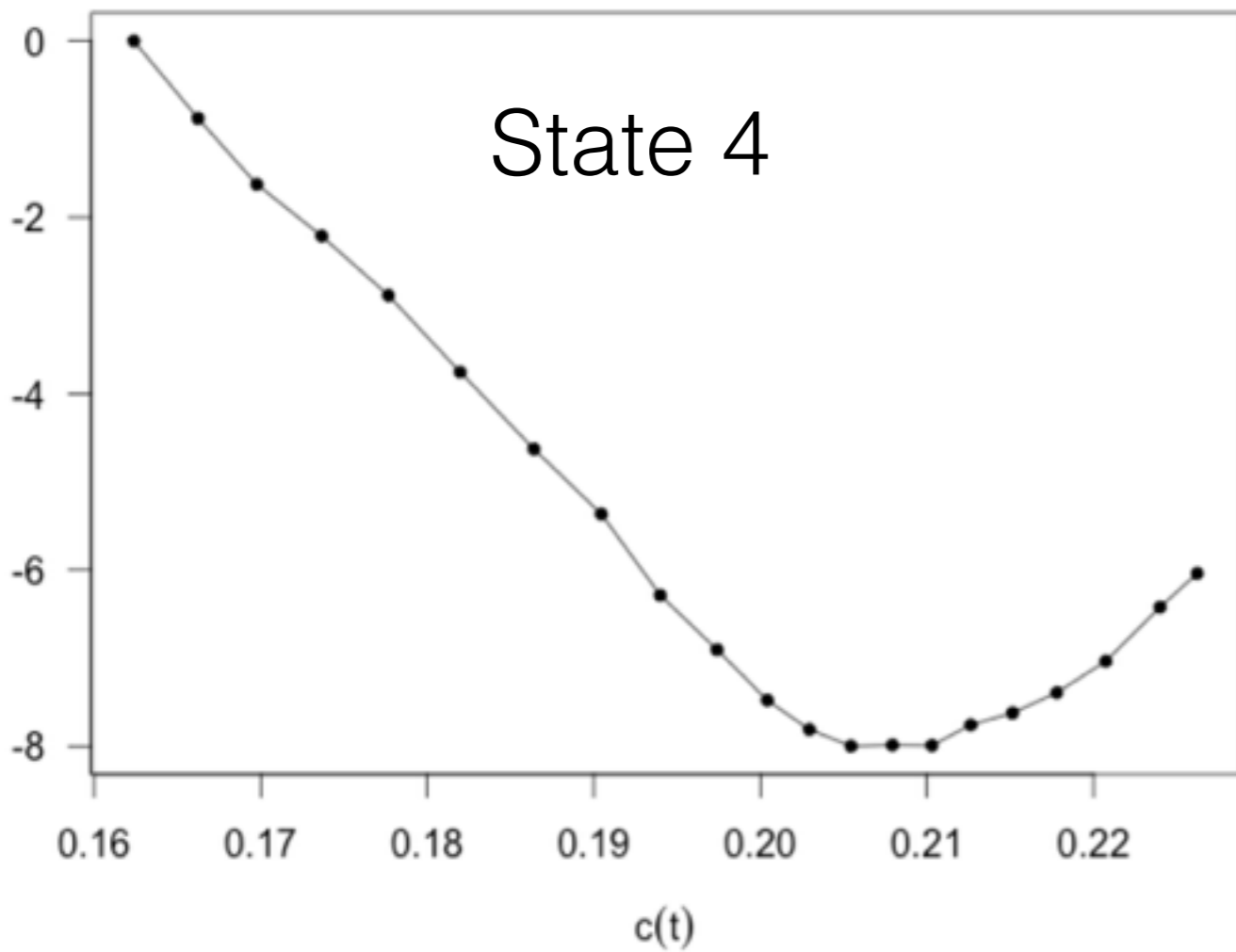
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The “jumps” start and end in same market state

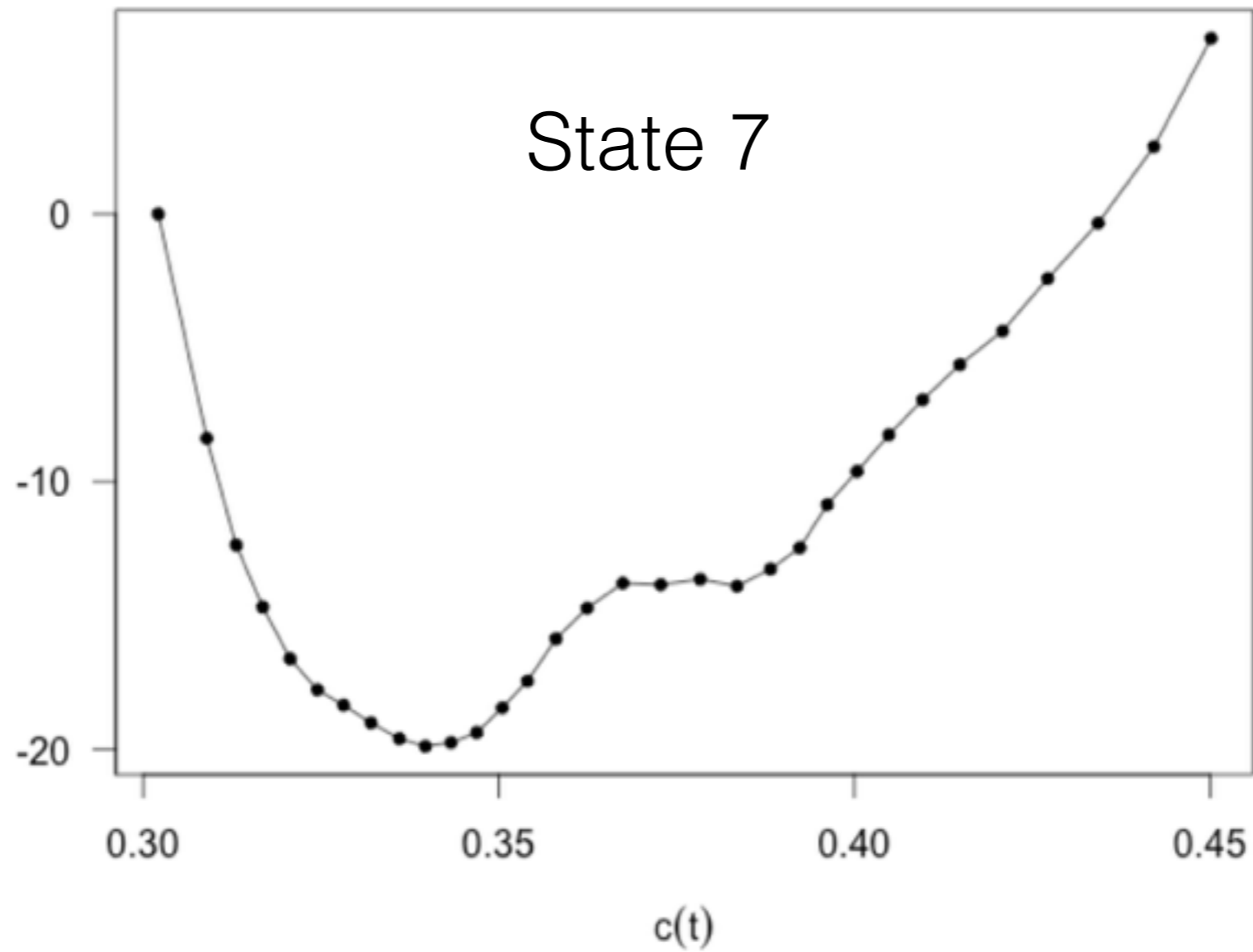
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- Market states' can be clearly distinct by potentials

Thank you for your
Attention



Noise dressing: **local normalisation**

$$\tilde{r} := (r - \mu) / \sigma$$

