



Quasi-stationary states in temporal correlations for traffic systems: Cologne orbital motorway as an example

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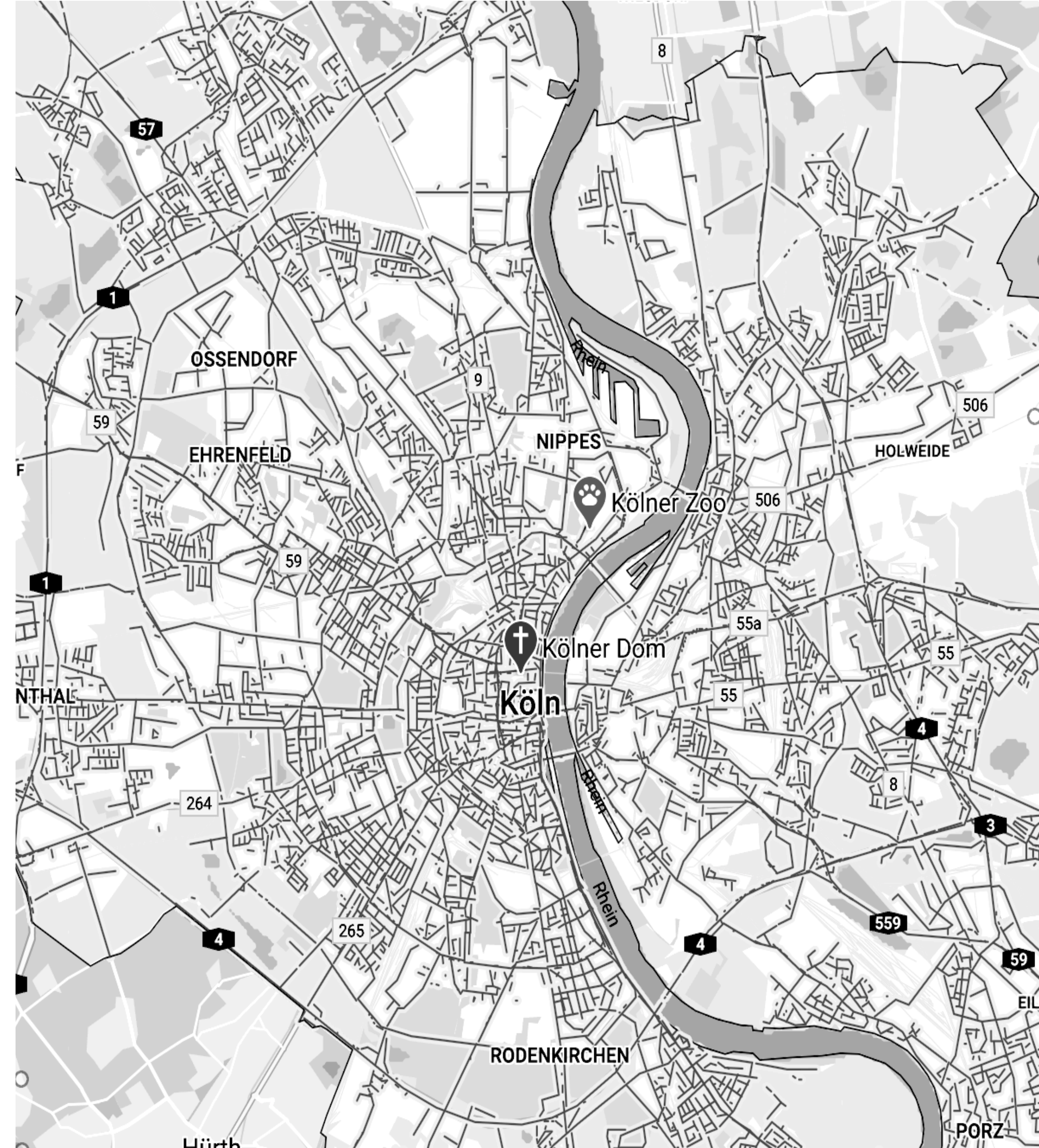
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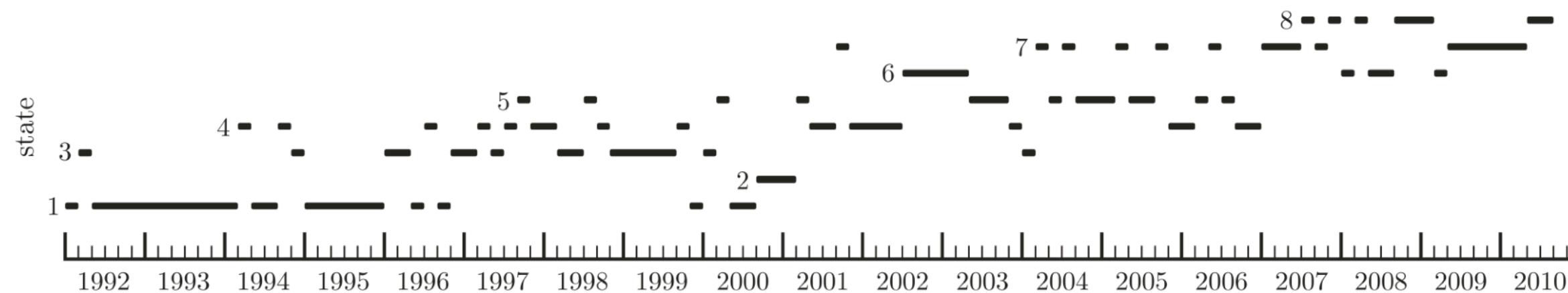


Background—non-stationary time series

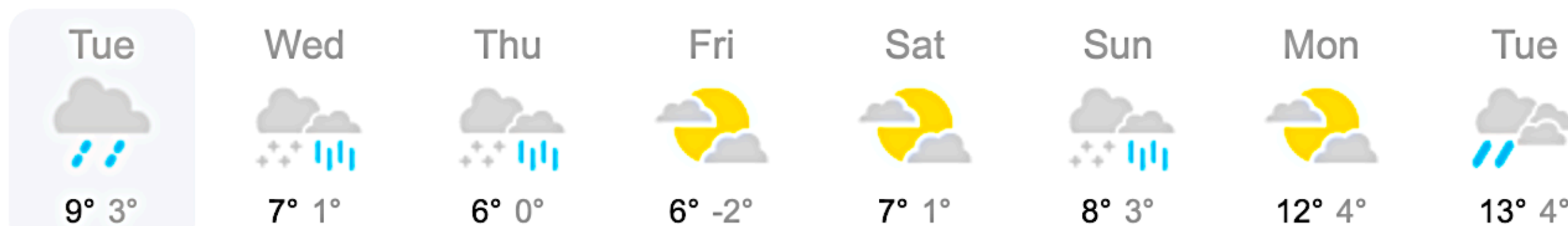
- **Non-stationary time series** have attracted much attention
- In non-stationary systems, parameters, e.g., mean and variance, may change over time
- Over a very short time period, non-stationary systems may be **quasi-stationary**



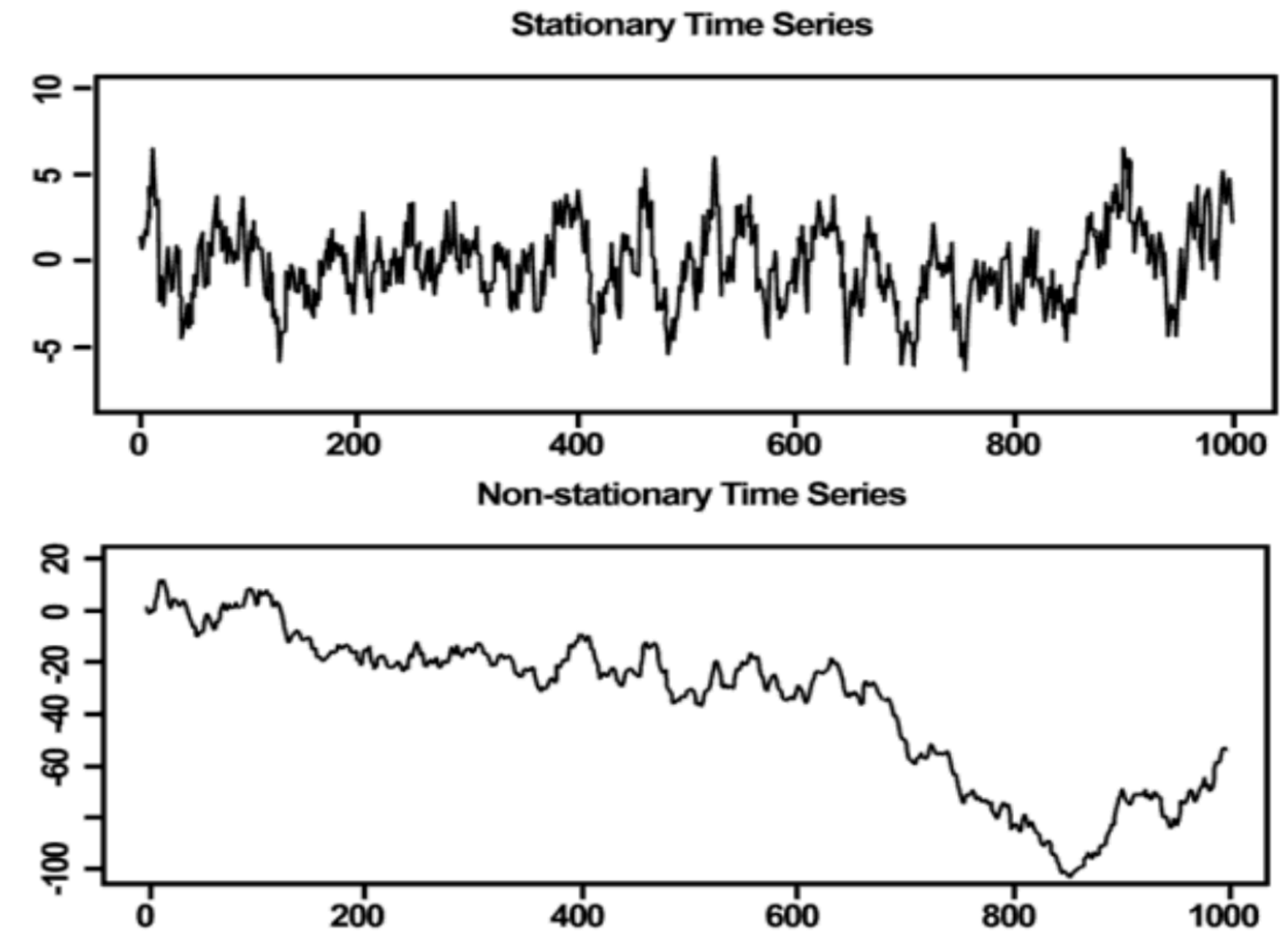
- **Identifying the abrupt non-stationary transitions** help us to **obtain warnings** before some events happen or to **obtain post-event learning** from a correlation analysis of known facts



Ref. Münnix, Shimada, Schäfer, Leyvraz, Seligman, Guhr, and Stanley. Scientific Reports, 2:644, 2012



from <https://weather.com>



Ref. Halder and Ozdemir, Packt Publishing Ltd., 2018

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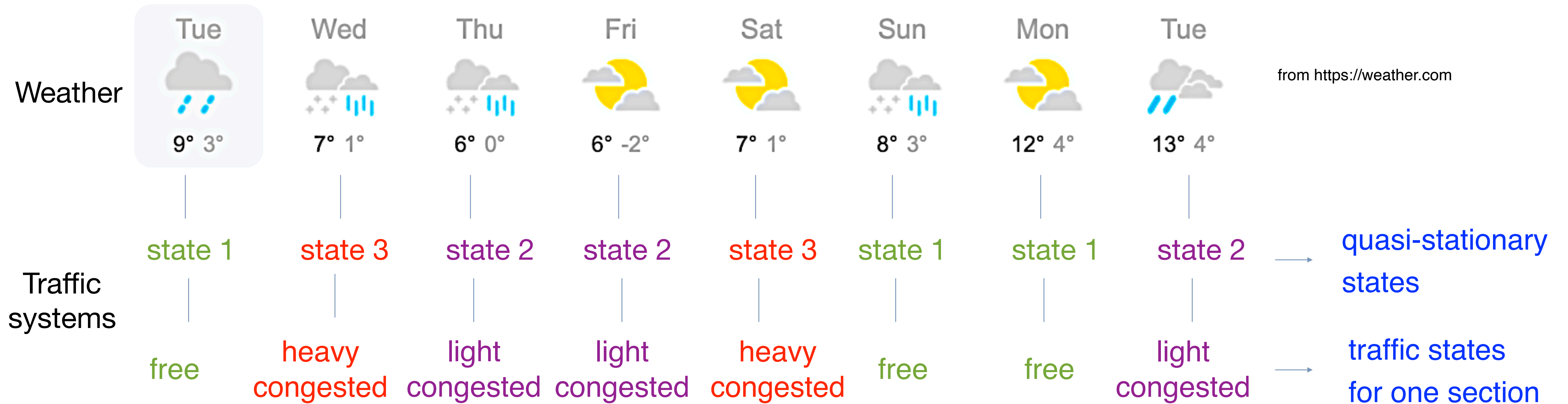
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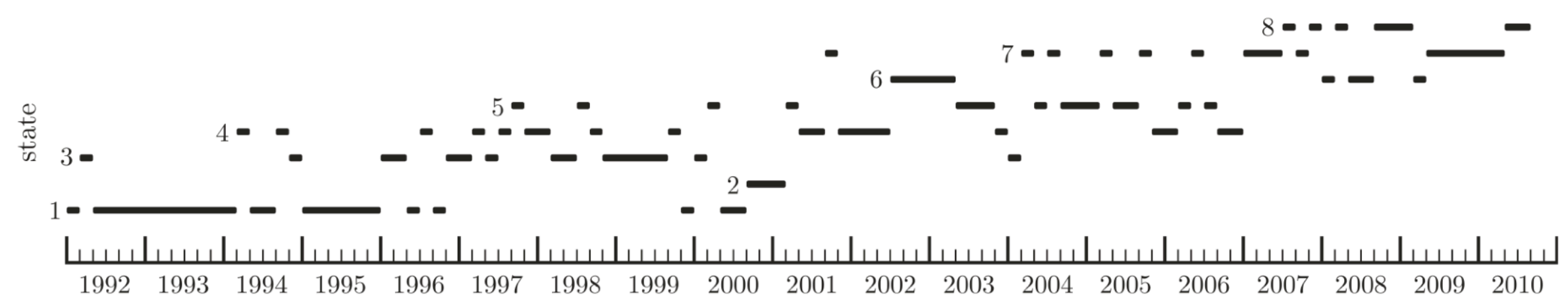
Identifying long-term precursors of financial market crashes using correlation patterns

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Background—motivation



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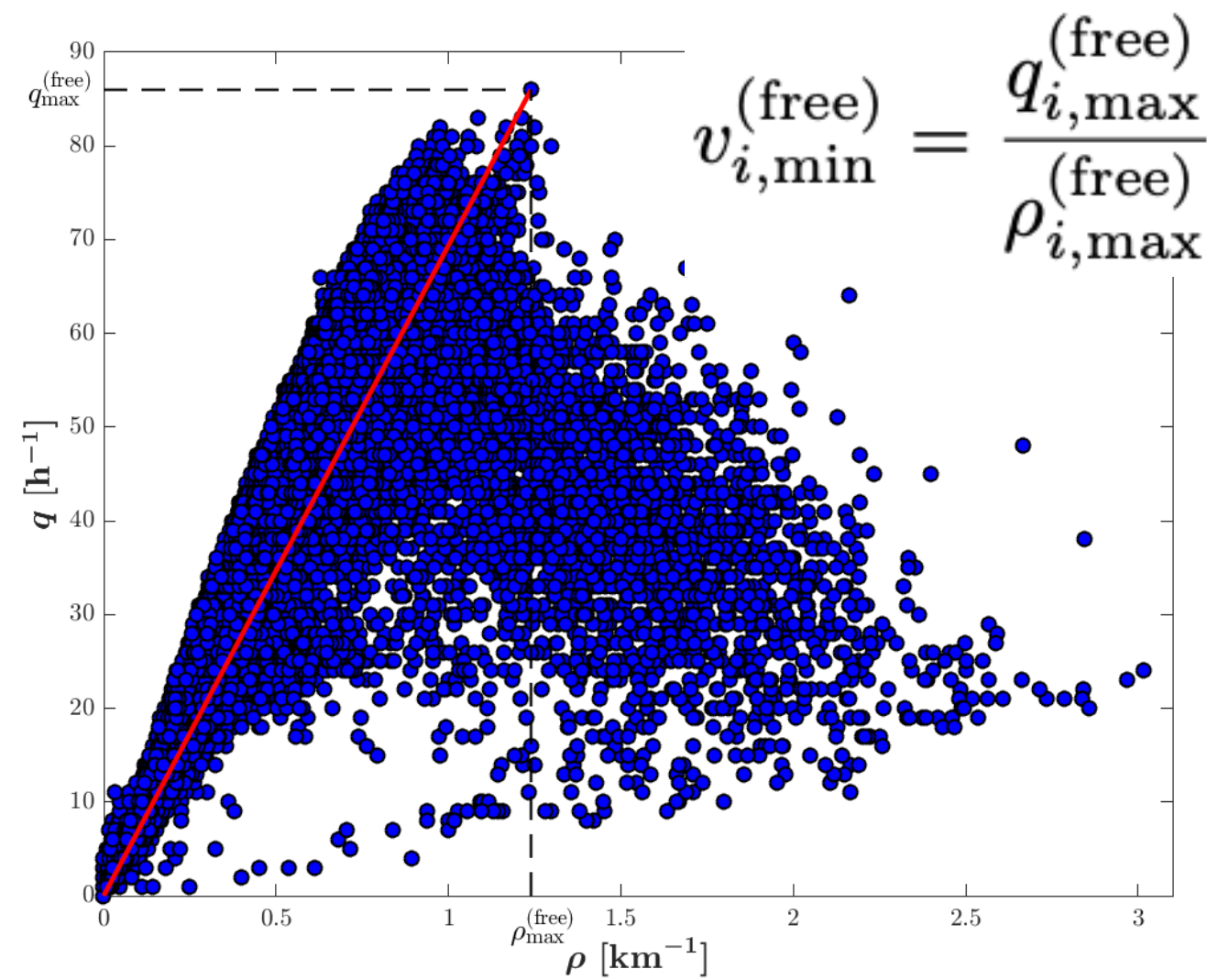
find quasi-stationary states

- as a precursor in traffic states
- for predication through models

- guide traffic planning, traffic control, traveling strategy
- improve traffic efficiency

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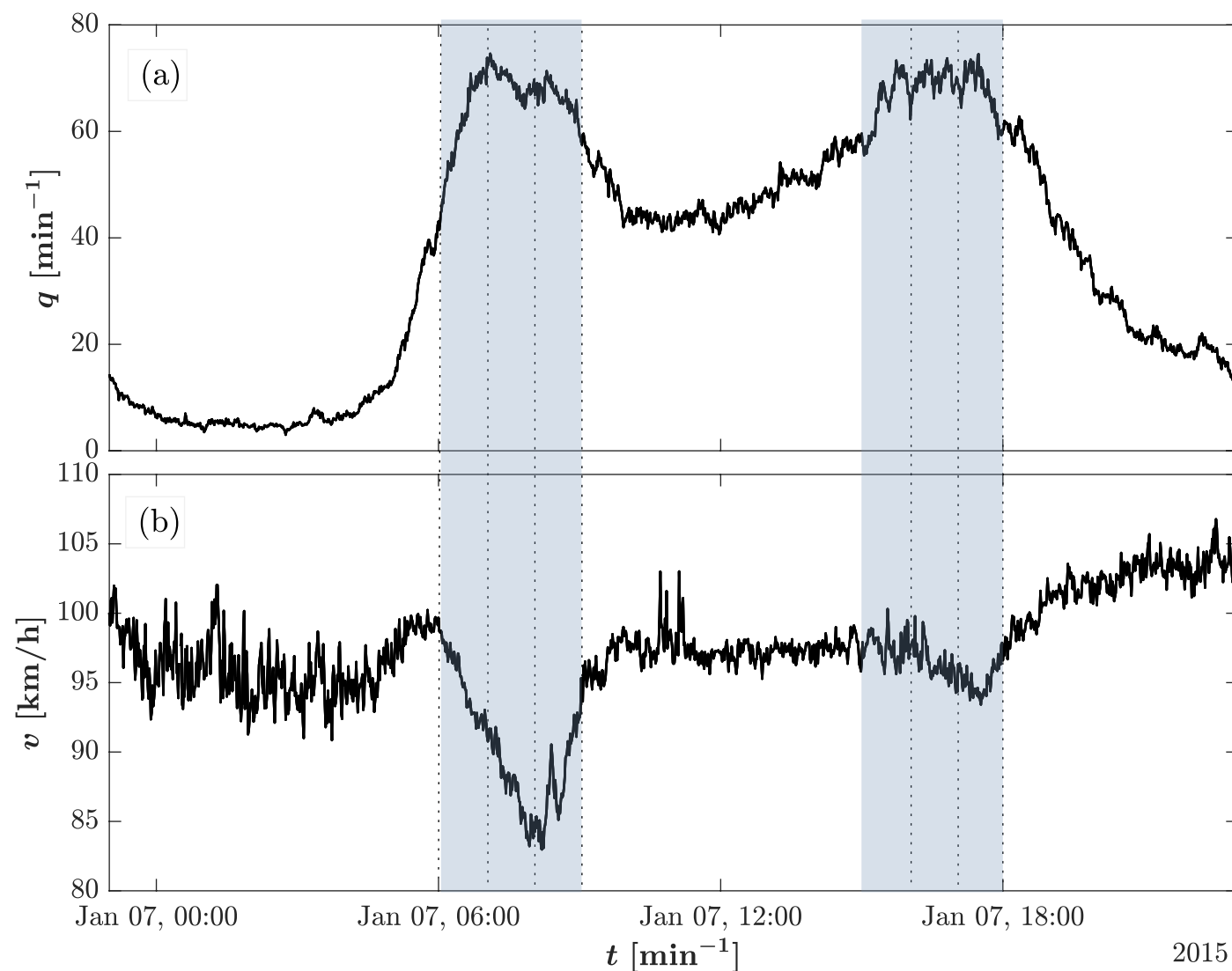
Background—traffic systems



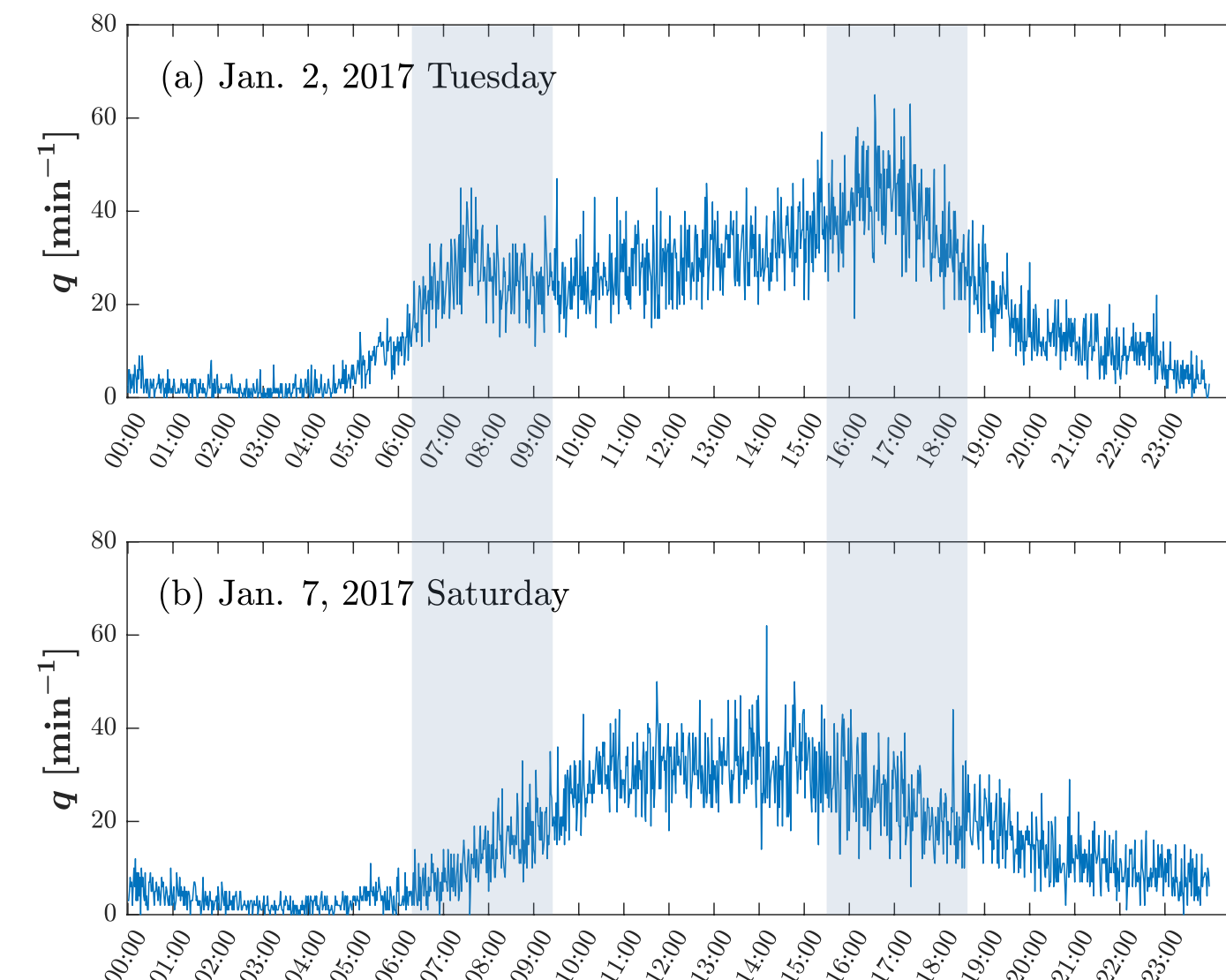
- **flow**: number of vehicles at unit time
- **density**: number of vehicles at unit length
- **velocity** = flow / density
- **traffic states**: free or congested states

- **critical velocity**: $v_{i,\min}^{(\text{free})}$
- $v_i \geq v_{i,\min}^{(\text{free})}$ free traffic state
- $v_i < v_{i,\min}^{(\text{free})}$ congested traffic state

Ref. Kerner, The Physics of Traffic, Springer, 2012

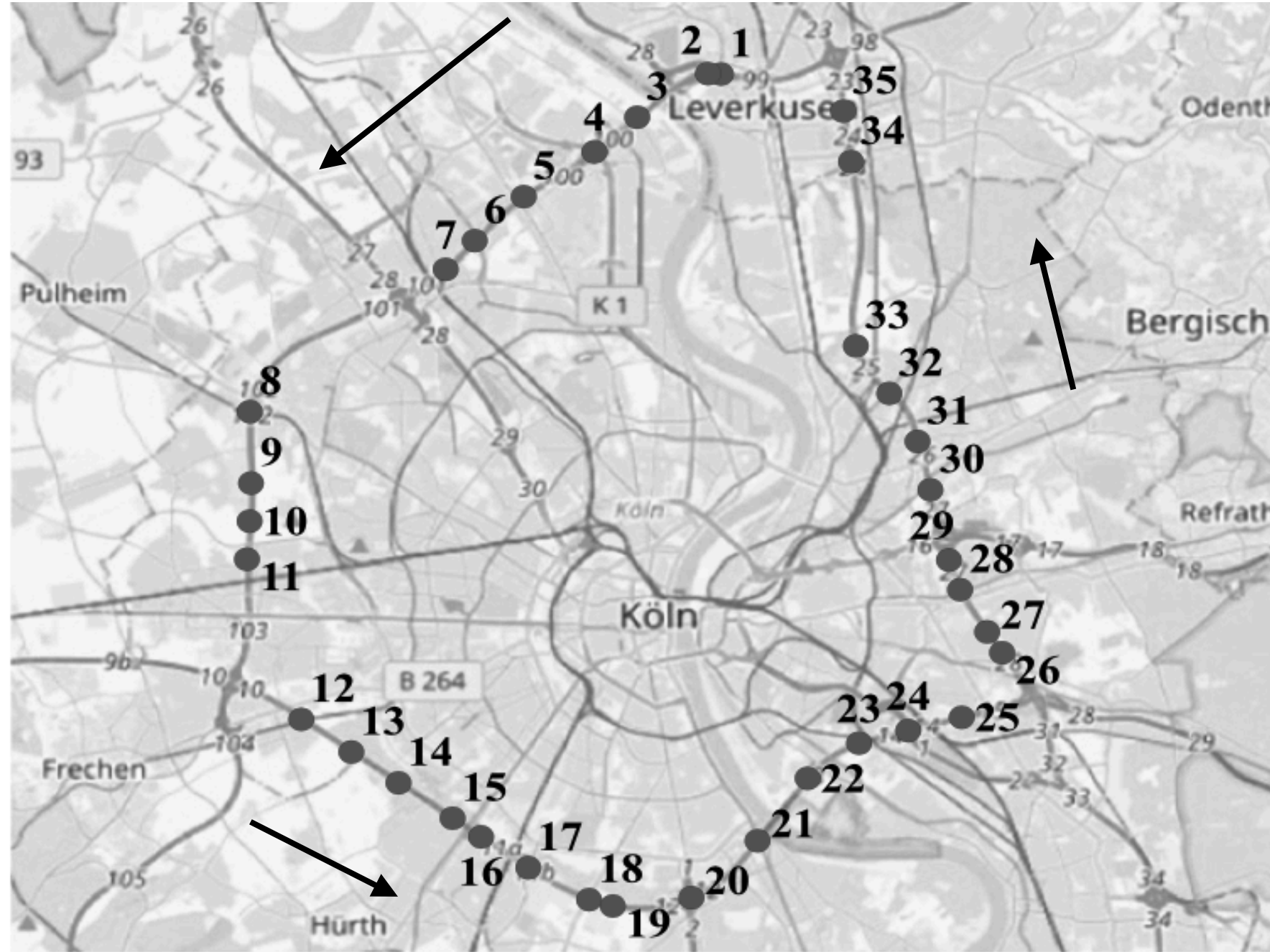


- **quasi-stationary time series of traffic flow and velocity**
- **flow and velocity in rush hours**



- **different traffic behaviors on workdays and weekends**

Datasets



- loop data detected at 35 sections of Cologne orbital motorway
- resolution of time: one minute
- combine data of multiple lanes to one effective lane at one minute
- combined flow (number of vehicles at unit time) in one minute

$$q_k(t) = \sum_l q_{kl}(t)$$

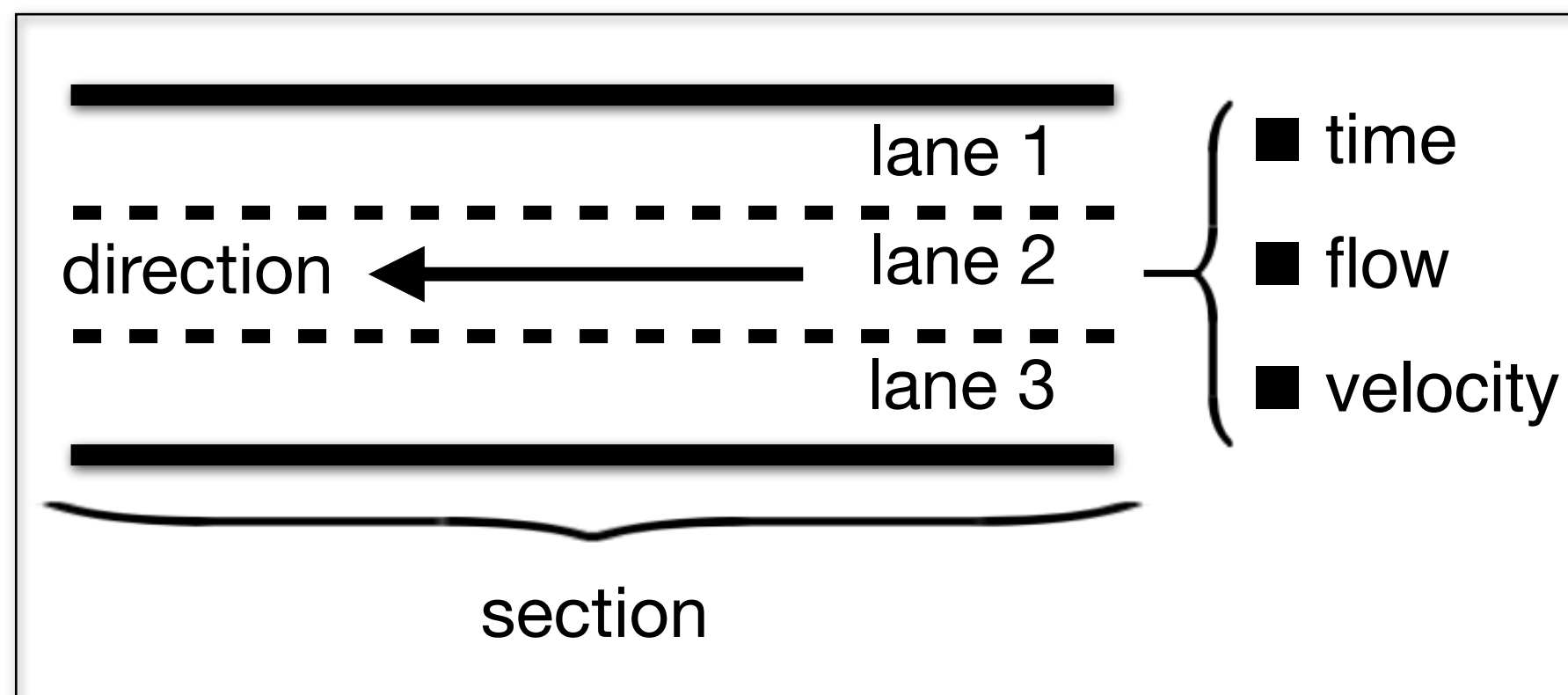
- density: number of vehicles at unit length

$$\rho_{kl}(t) = \frac{q_{kl}(t)}{v_{kl}(t)}$$

- combined velocity in one minute

$$v_k(t) = \frac{q_k(t)}{\sum_l \rho_{kl}(t)}$$

- combine data of one minute to 15 minutes
- Each data point is for one section in a time interval of 15 minutes



Correlation Matrices—methods

$K \times T$ data matrix, rows: sections, columns: time

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} G_1(1) & G_1(2) & \dots & G_1(T) \\ G_2(1) & G_2(2) & \dots & G_2(T) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_K(1) & G_K(2) & \dots & G_K(T) \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} T = 96 \\ K = 35 \end{array}$$

normalize $G_k(t)$ to zero mean and unit variance

$$M_k(t) = \frac{G_k(t) - \langle G_k(t) \rangle_K}{\sqrt{\langle G_k(t)^2 \rangle_K - \langle G_k(t) \rangle_K^2}}$$

$K \times T$ normalized data matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} M_1(1) & M_1(2) & \dots & M_1(T) \\ M_2(1) & M_2(2) & \dots & M_2(T) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_K(1) & M_K(2) & \dots & M_K(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

$T \times T$ temporal correlation matrix

$$D = \frac{1}{K} M^\dagger M$$

normalize $G_k(t)$ to zero mean

$$A_k(t) = G_k(t) - \langle G_k(t) \rangle_K$$

$T \times T$ temporal covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{K} A^\dagger A$$

spectrum decomposition

$$\Sigma = \sum_{t=1}^T \Theta_t V(t) V^\dagger(t)$$

reduced-rank covariance matrix

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \sum_{t=a}^b \Theta_t V(t) V^\dagger(t)$$

diagonal matrix of the square roots of the diagonal elements in $\tilde{\Sigma}$ $\tilde{\sigma} = \text{diag}(\tilde{\sigma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_T)$

reduced-rank correlation matrix

$$\tilde{D} = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}$$

Correlation Matrices—decomposition of matrices

$$D = \frac{1}{K} M^\dagger M$$

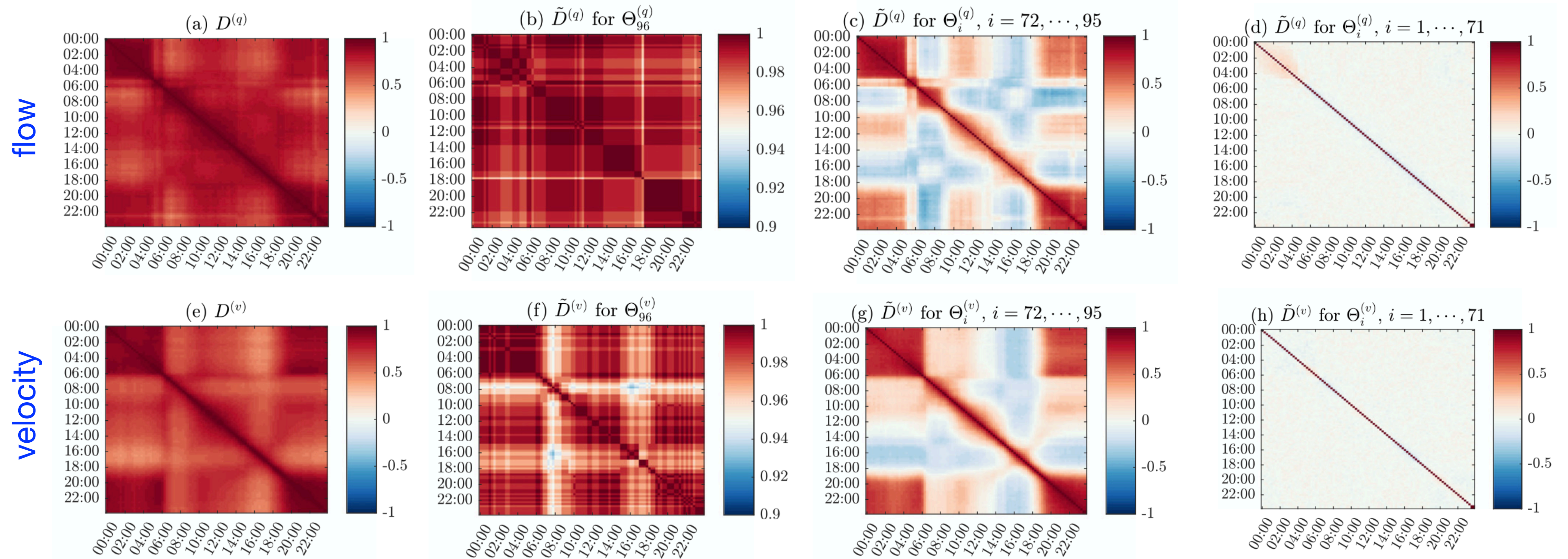
all eigenvalues

$$\tilde{D} = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}$$

largest eigenvalue

middle eigenvalues

small eigenvalues



What kind of information each reduced-correlation matrix contains?

Correlation Matrices—roles of eigenvalues

reduced-rank data matrix

$$\tilde{A} = \sum_{t=a}^b S_t U(t) V^\dagger(t)$$

reduced-rank covariance matrix can be derived from reduced-rank data matrix

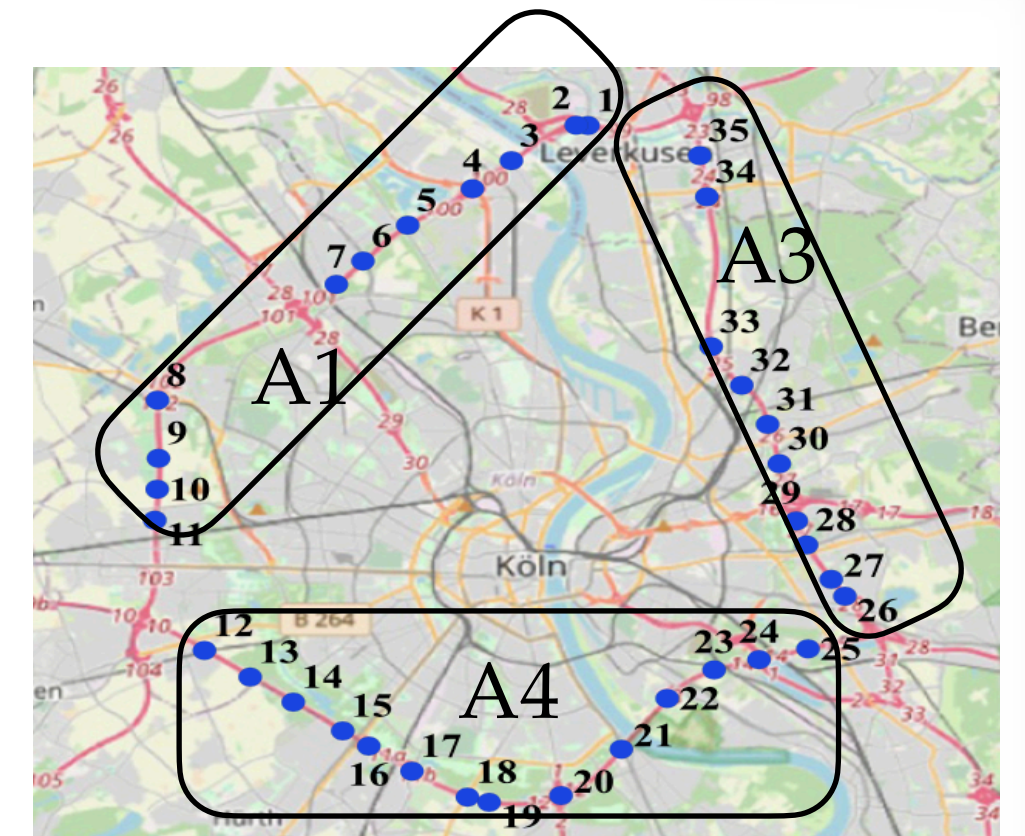
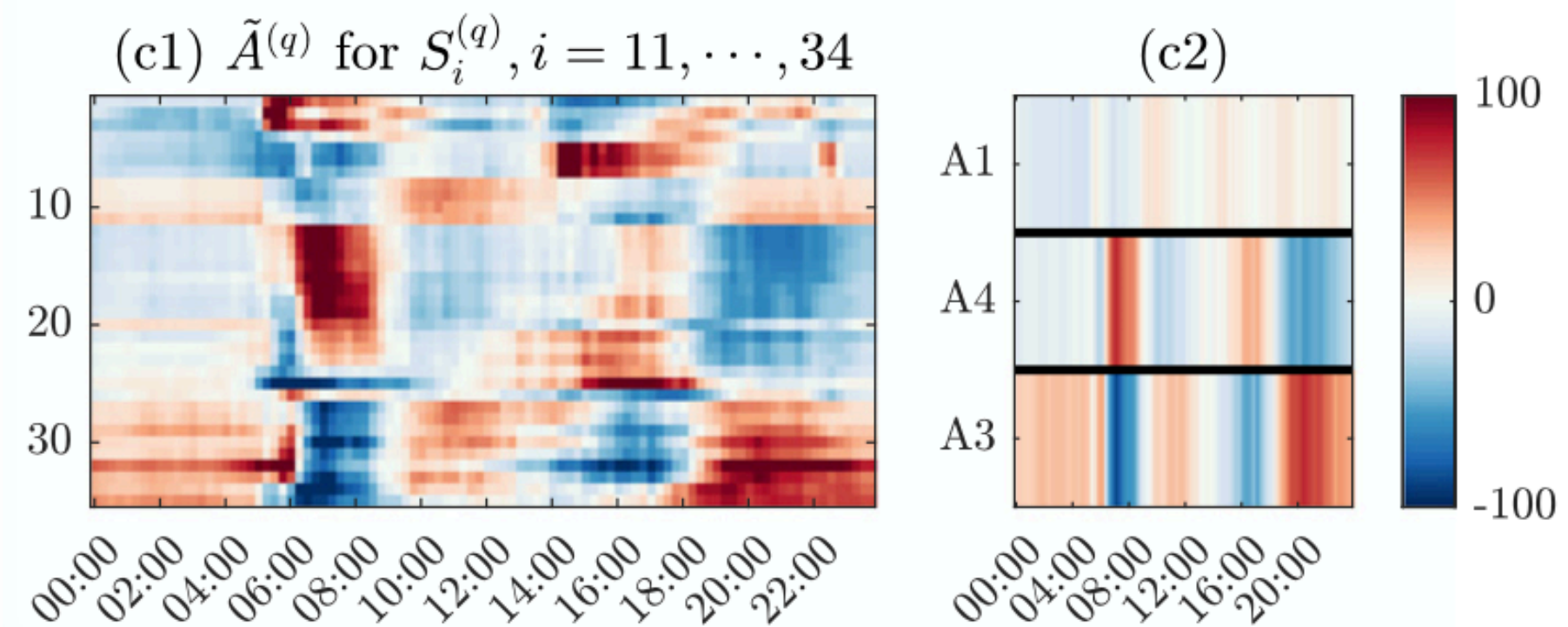
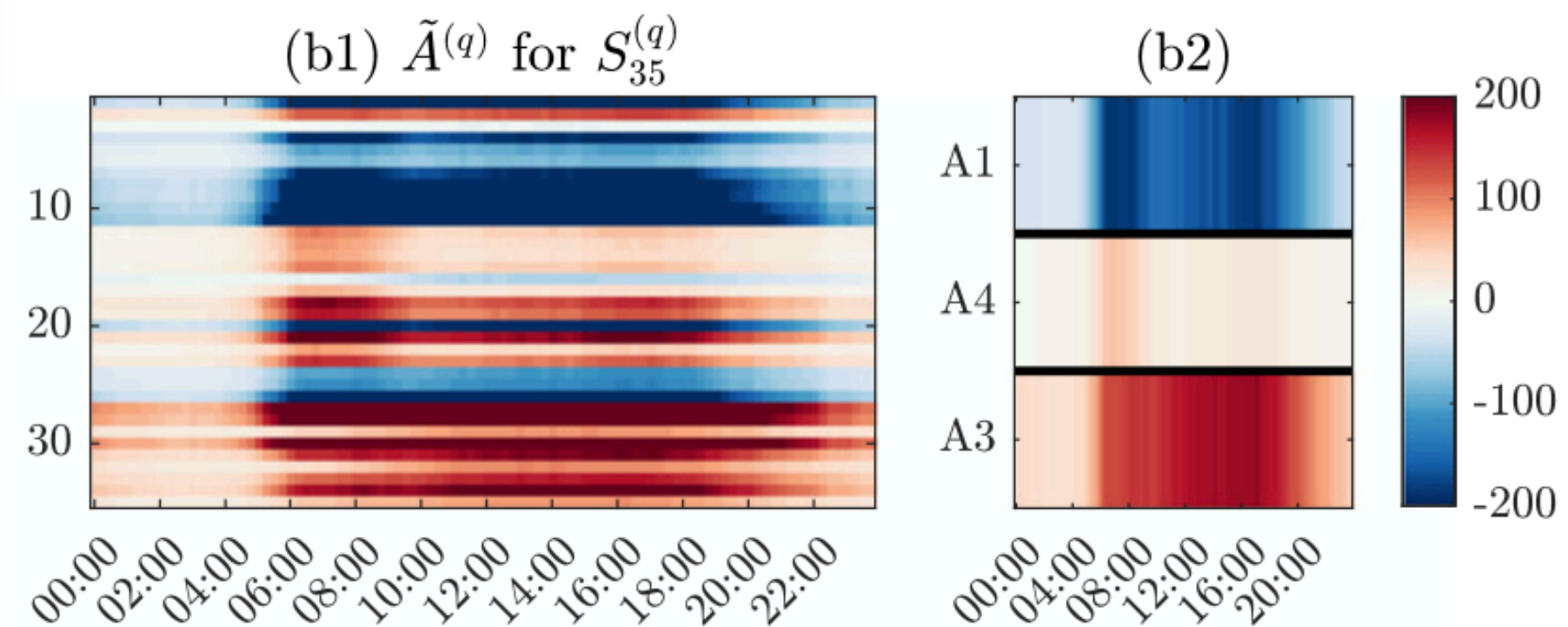
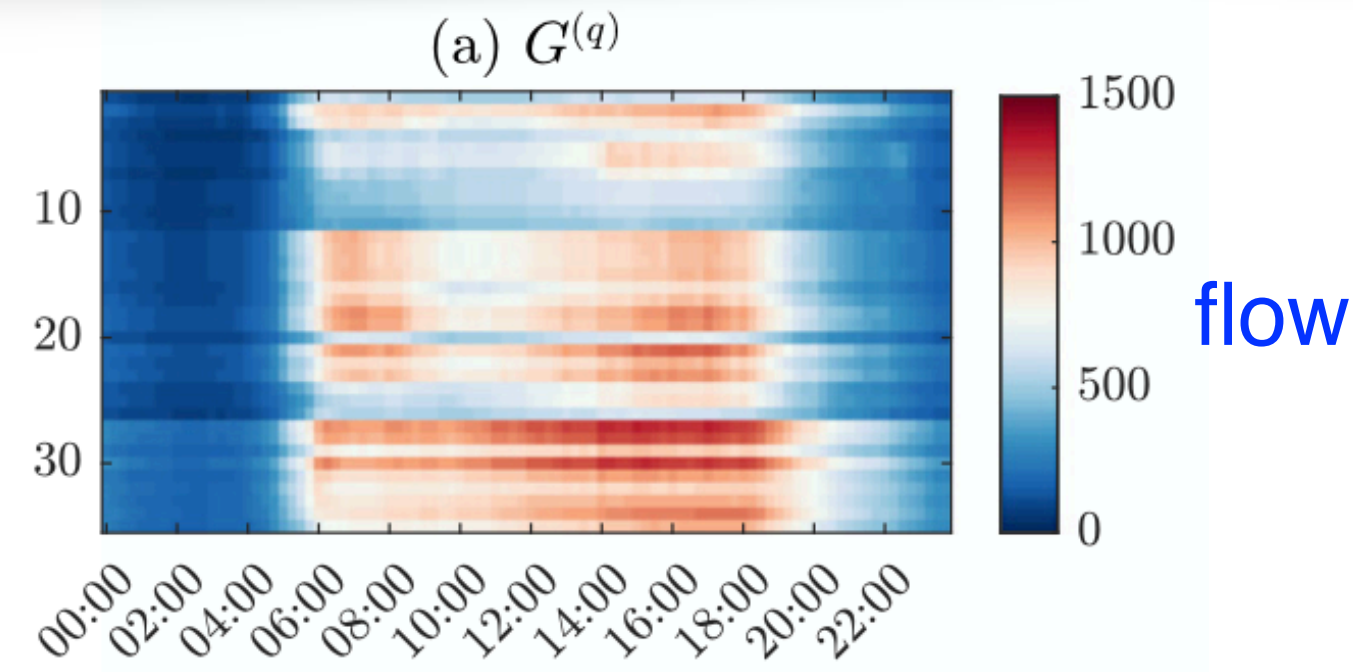
$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \sum_{t=a}^b \Theta_t V(t) V^\dagger(t) = \frac{1}{K} \tilde{A}^\dagger \tilde{A}$$

where each eigenvalue corresponds to a singular value

$$S_t = \sqrt{K \Theta_t}$$

information of reduced-correlation matrix can be trace back to the information of reduced-rank data matrix

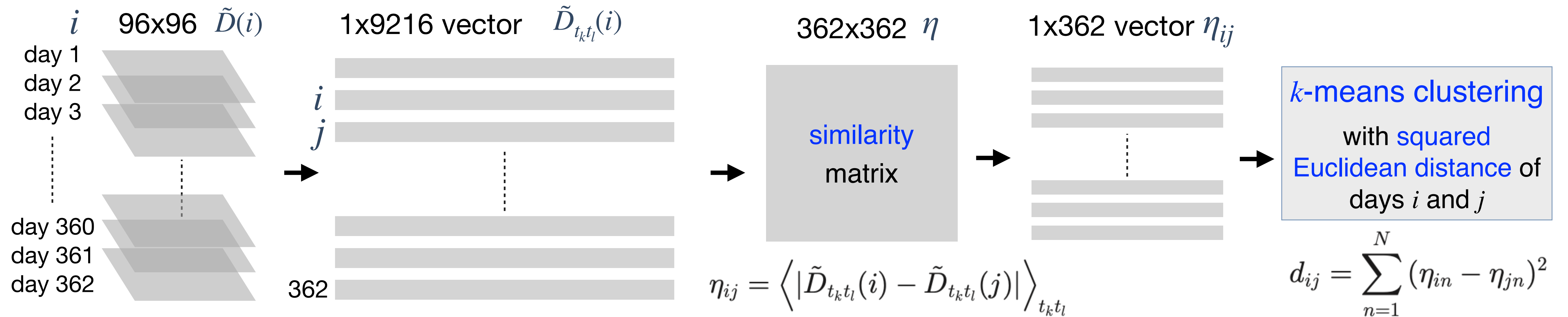
$$\tilde{D} \longrightarrow \tilde{\Sigma} \longrightarrow \tilde{A}$$



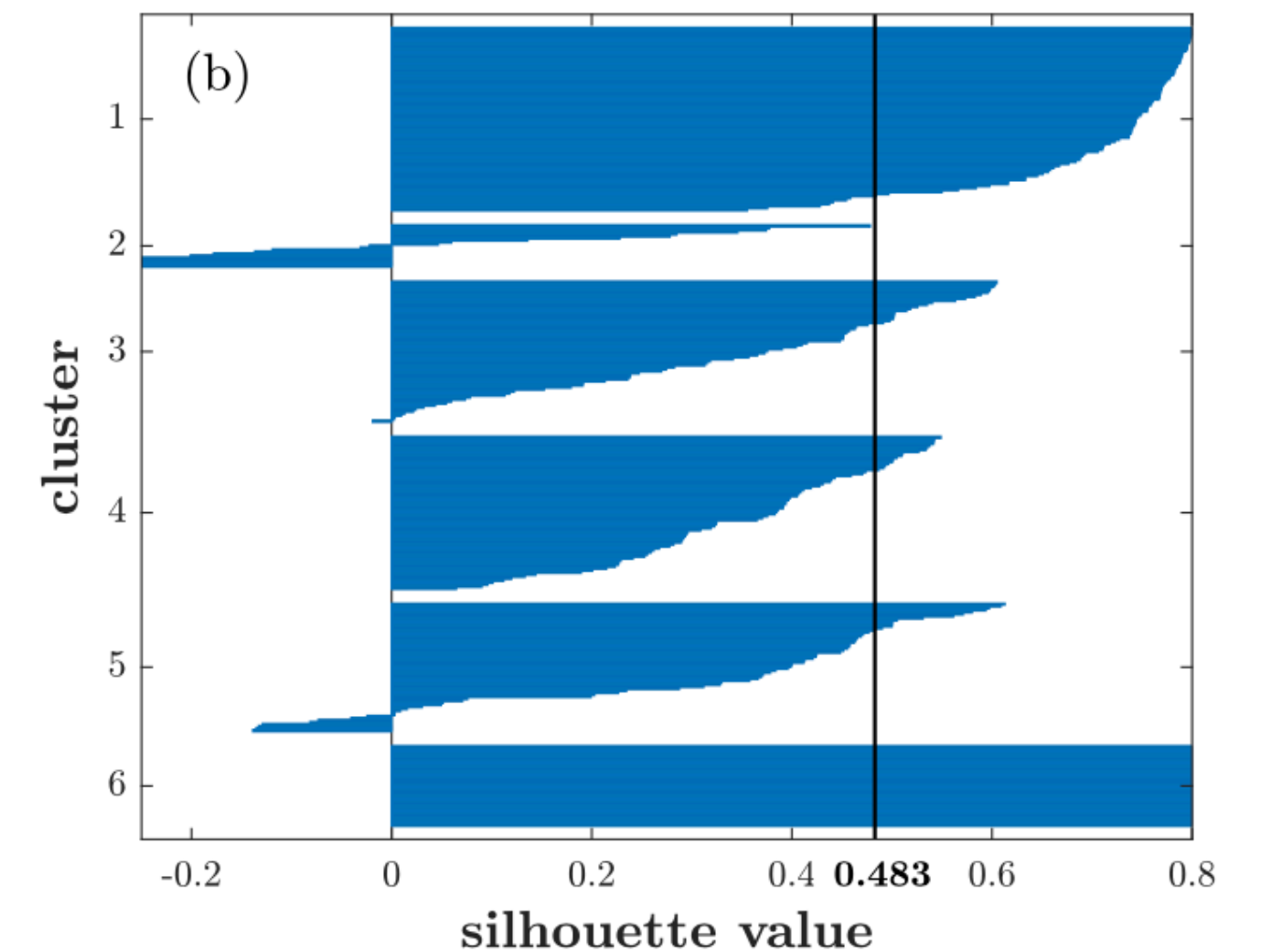
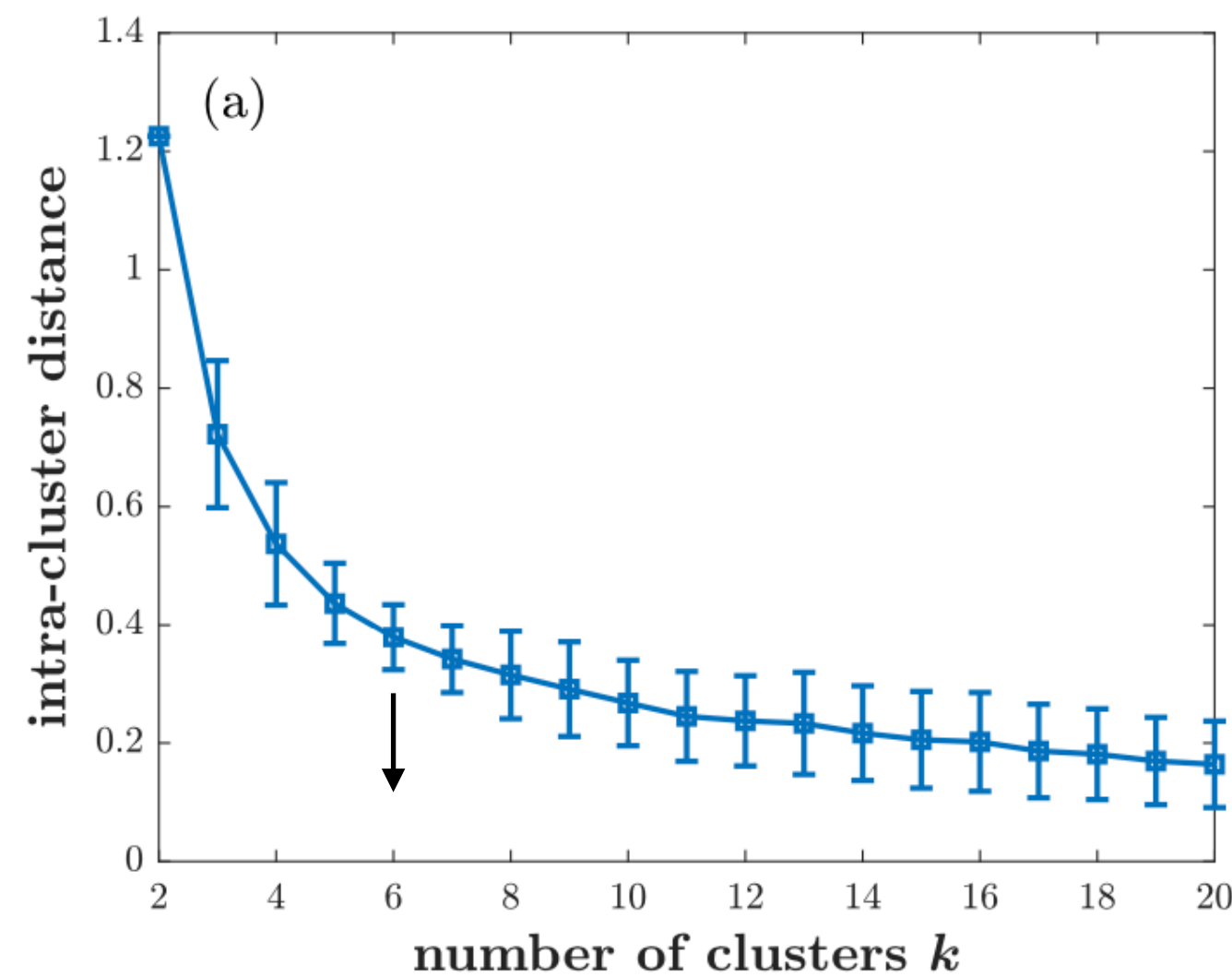
for largest singular value
Information of positions dominates

for middle singular values
Information of time is revealed

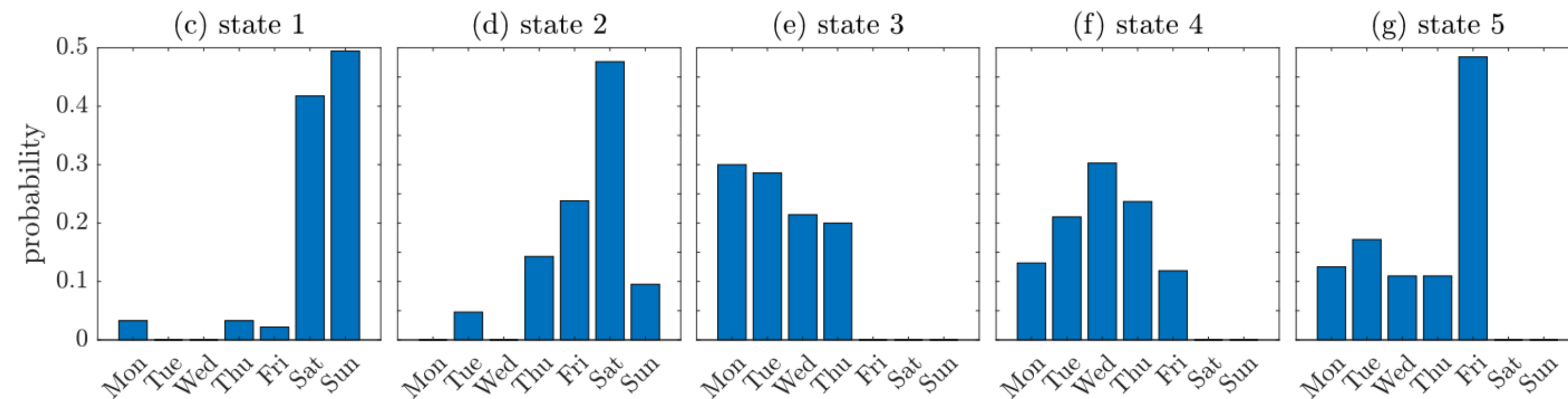
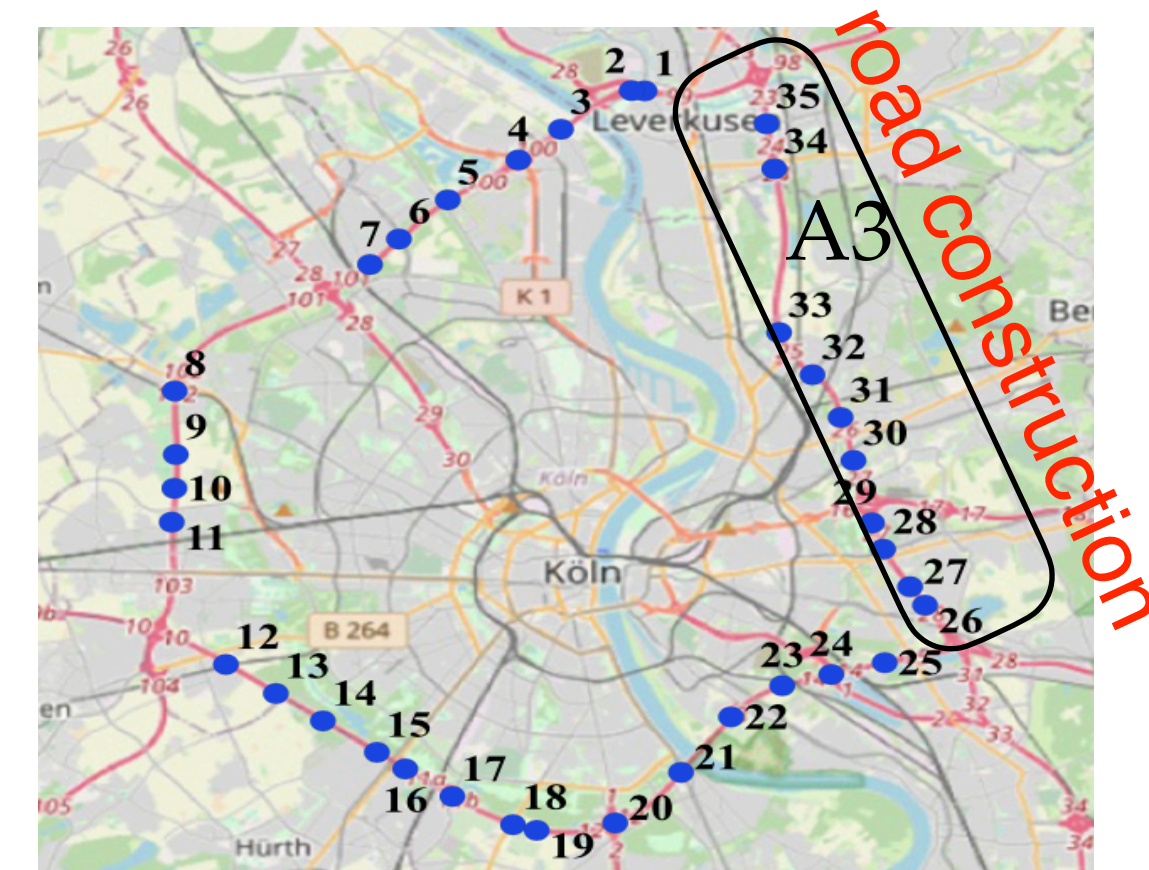
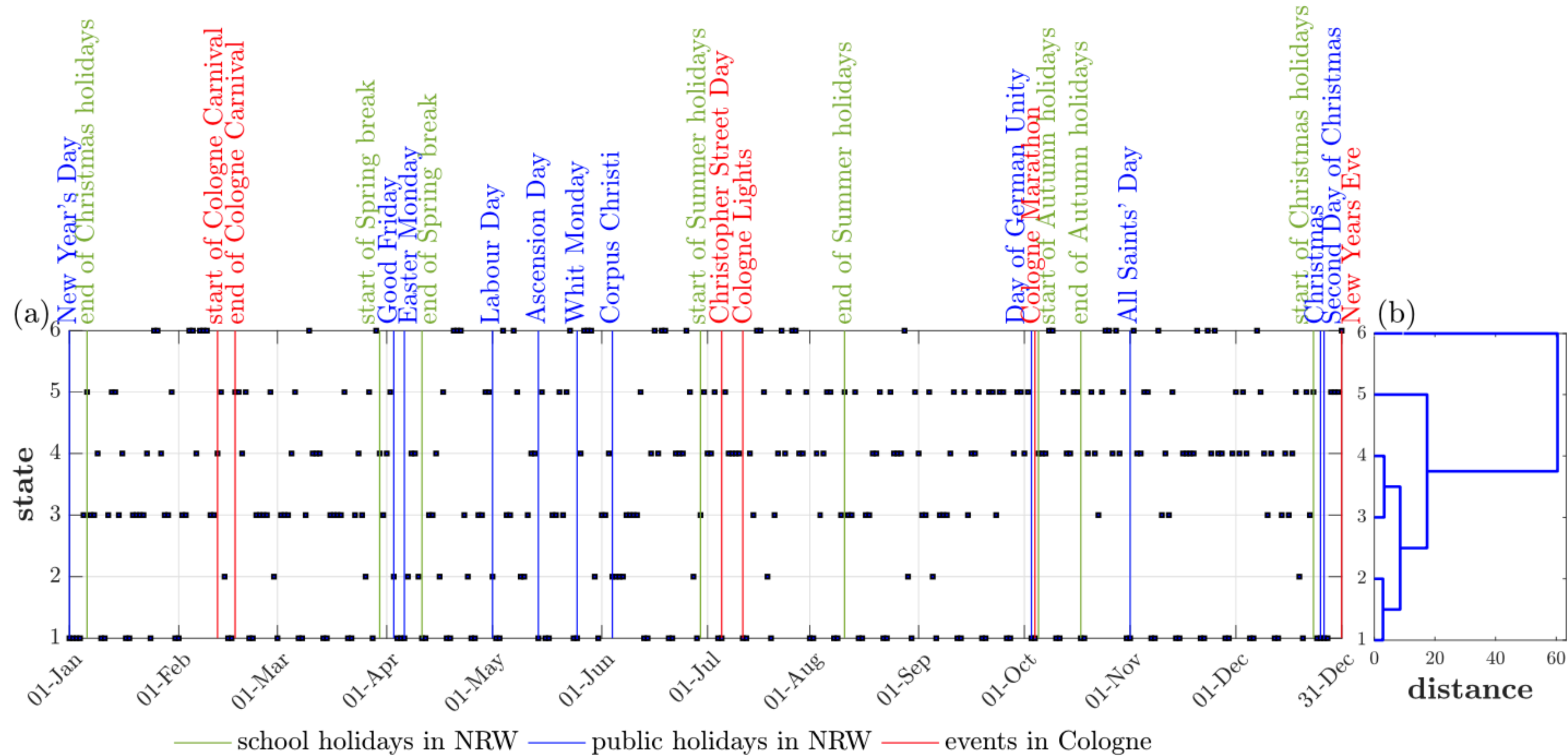
Clustering—method and validation



- ◆ determine number of clusters:
 - given a k , run 500 times of k -means clustering
 - obtain 500 averaged intra-cluster distances
 - obtain a mean value and a standard deviation
 - find the k corresponding to the minimal standard deviation
- ◆ with the best k , perform k -means clustering
- ◆ validate the consistency within clusters by silhouette values

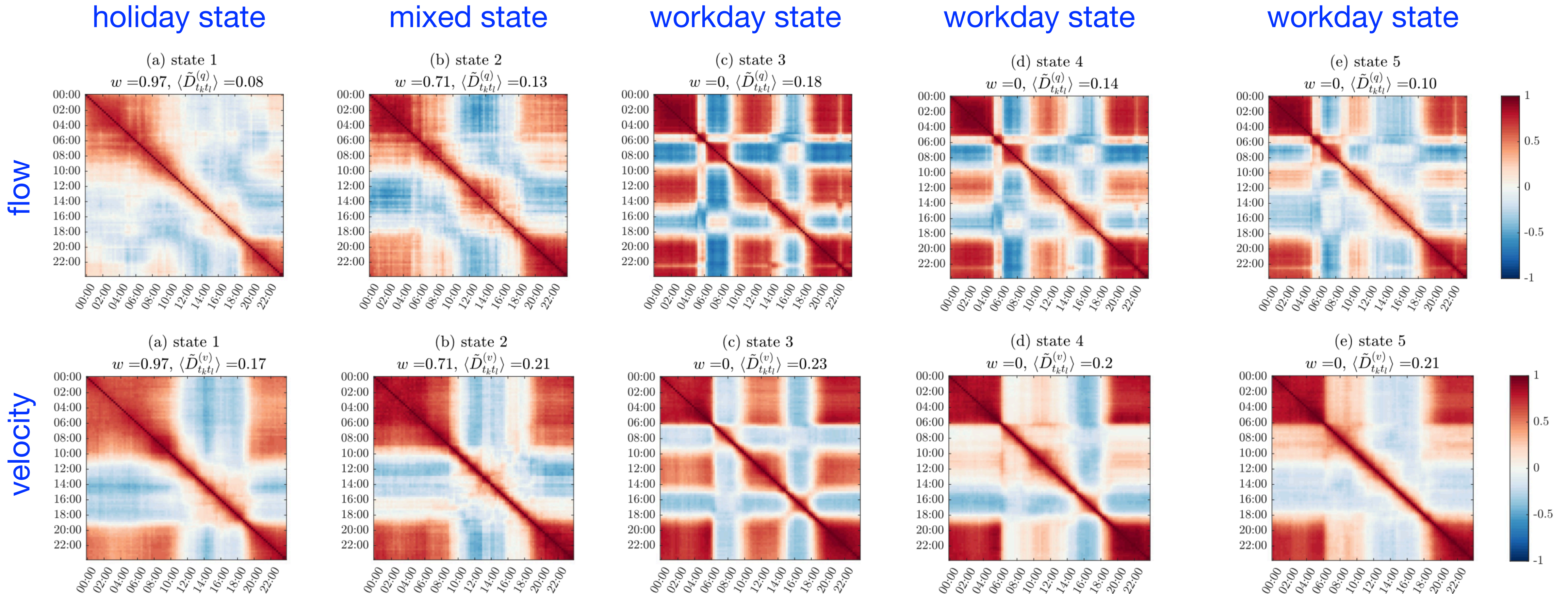


Quasi-stationary states—evolution of states with time



- state 1: almost for holidays
- state 2: both workdays and holidays
- states 3,4,5: only for workdays

Quasi-stationary states—correlation structures



- **strongly positive correlation** between two time points:
a free (congested) flow at a time is more likely to be followed by a free (congested) flow at another time
- **strongly negative correlation** between two time points:
a free (congested) flow at a time is more likely to be followed by a congested (free) flow at another time

Quasi-stationary states—Mapping five states onto traffic states

critical velocity

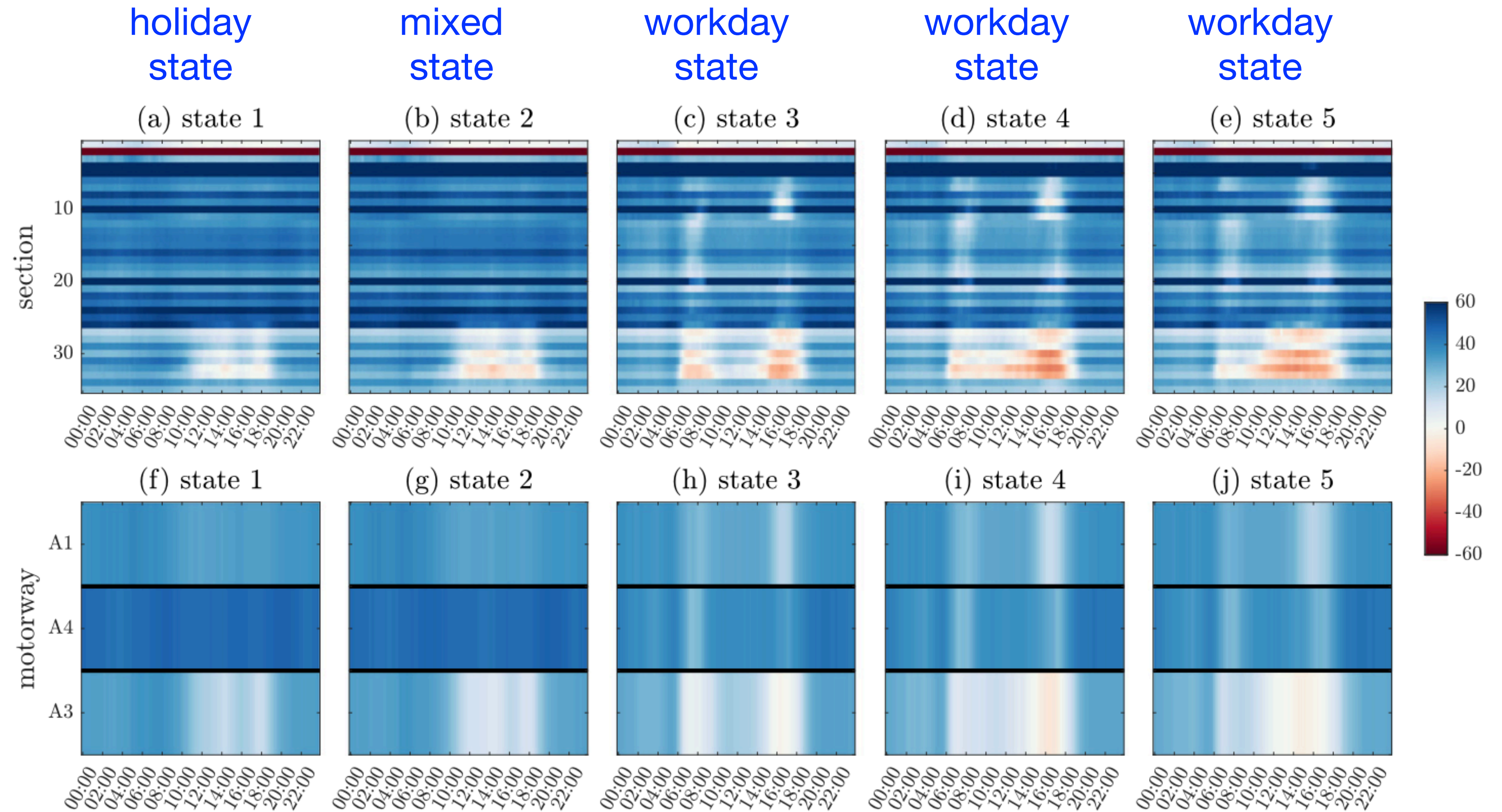
$$v_i^{(0)}(t) = \frac{q_{i,\max}^{(\text{free})}(t)}{\rho_{i,\max}^{(\text{free})}(t)}$$

traffic state quantified by

$$\Delta v_i(t) = v_i(t) - v_i^{(0)}(t)$$

$$\Delta v_i(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{free state}$$

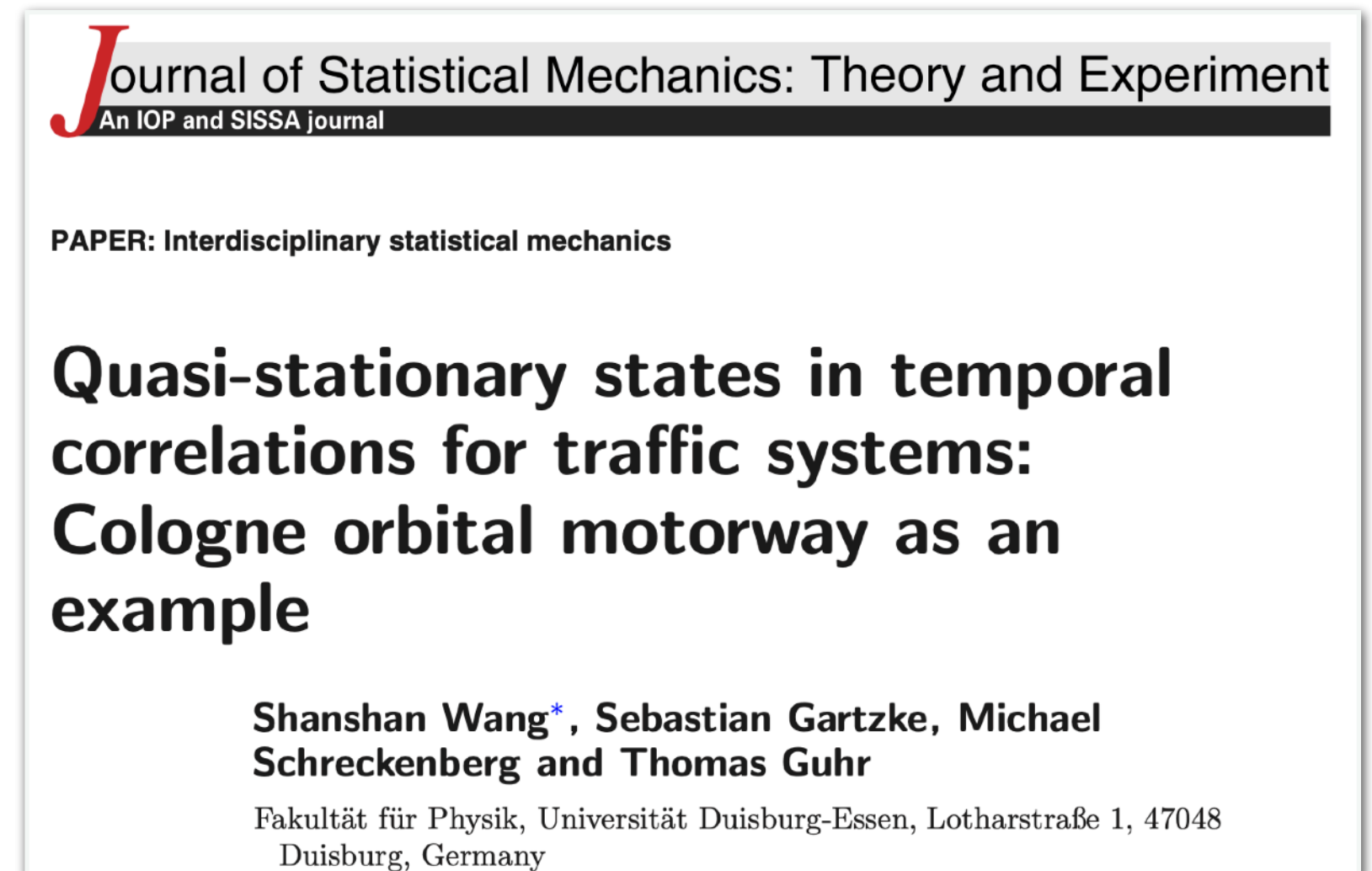
$$\Delta v_i(t) < 0 \quad \text{congested state}$$



traffic states in time and space

Conclusions

- Found distinct structural features depending on time, i.e., the **rich non-Markovian features** of traffic, in the **reduced-rank correlation matrix** of traffic flows
- Identified **five quasi-stationary states** by k-means clustering
- The five states present three types: the **holiday state** (state 1), the **workday states** (states 3–5) and a **mixed state of holidays and workdays** (state 2)
- Revealed **free or congested states in both space and time** by mapping the five quasi-stationary states onto traffic states
- Our study **provides a proof of concept and a basis for further study in traffic systems.**



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