

Scaling in Heartbeat Rate Variability

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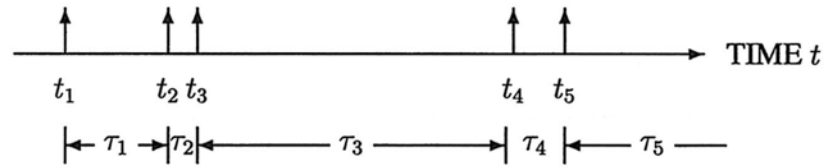
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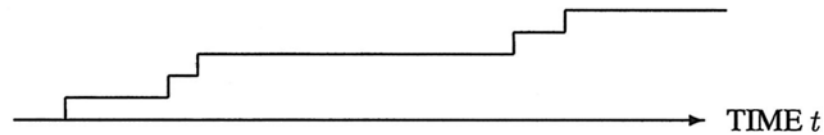


POINT PROCESSES

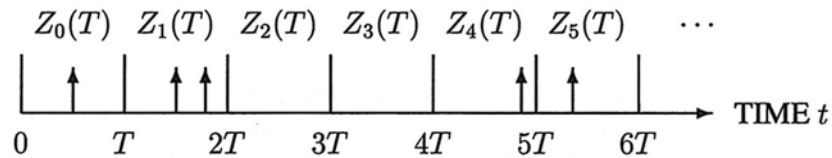
a) POINT PROCESS $dN(t)$



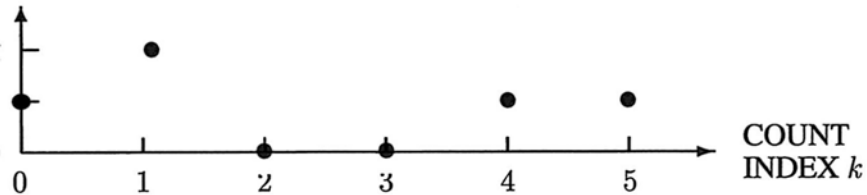
b) COUNTING PROCESS $N(t)$



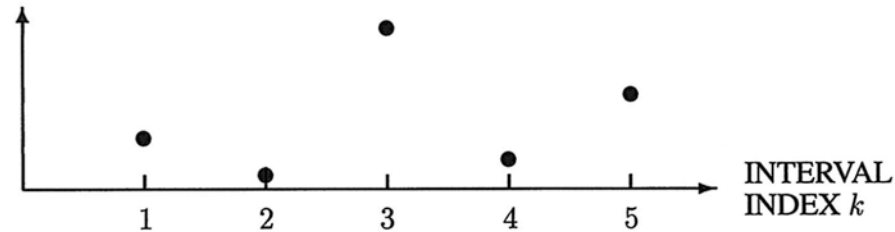
c) GENERATION OF COUNT SEQUENCE



d) COUNT SEQUENCE $\{Z_k(T)\}$



e) INTERVAL SEQUENCE $\{\tau_k\}$

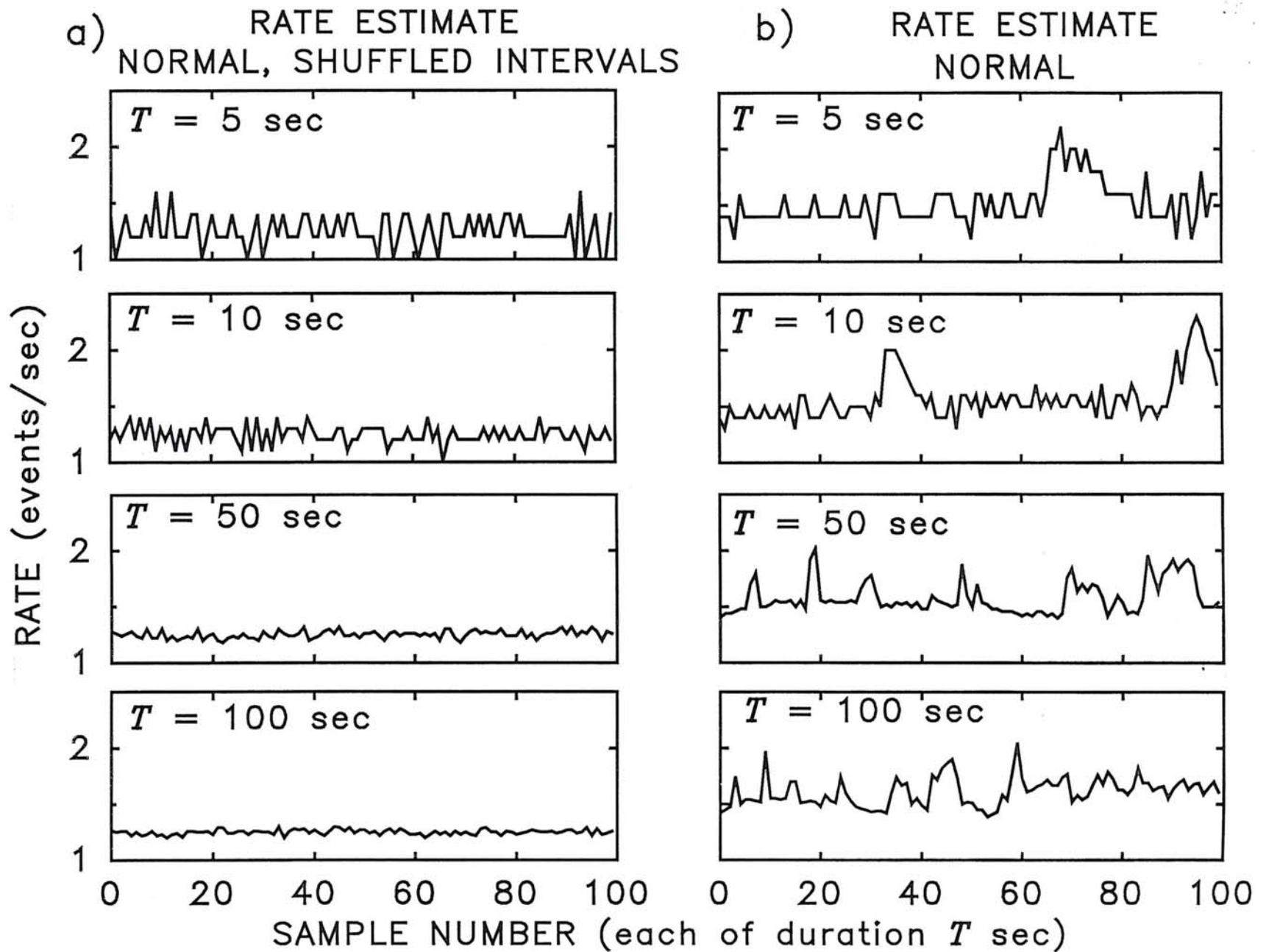




FRACTAL-BASED POINT PROCESSES

- Fractal point processes
- Fractal-rate point processes

S. B. Lowen and M. C. Teich, *Fractal-Based Point Processes*
(Wiley Series in Probability and Statistics, Hoboken, NJ, 2005)
ALMOST DONE!





INTERVAL-BASED MEASURES

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

INABILITY OF HEART TO INCREASE CARDIAC OUTPUT IN PROPORTION TO METABOLIC DEMANDS

Symptom complex:

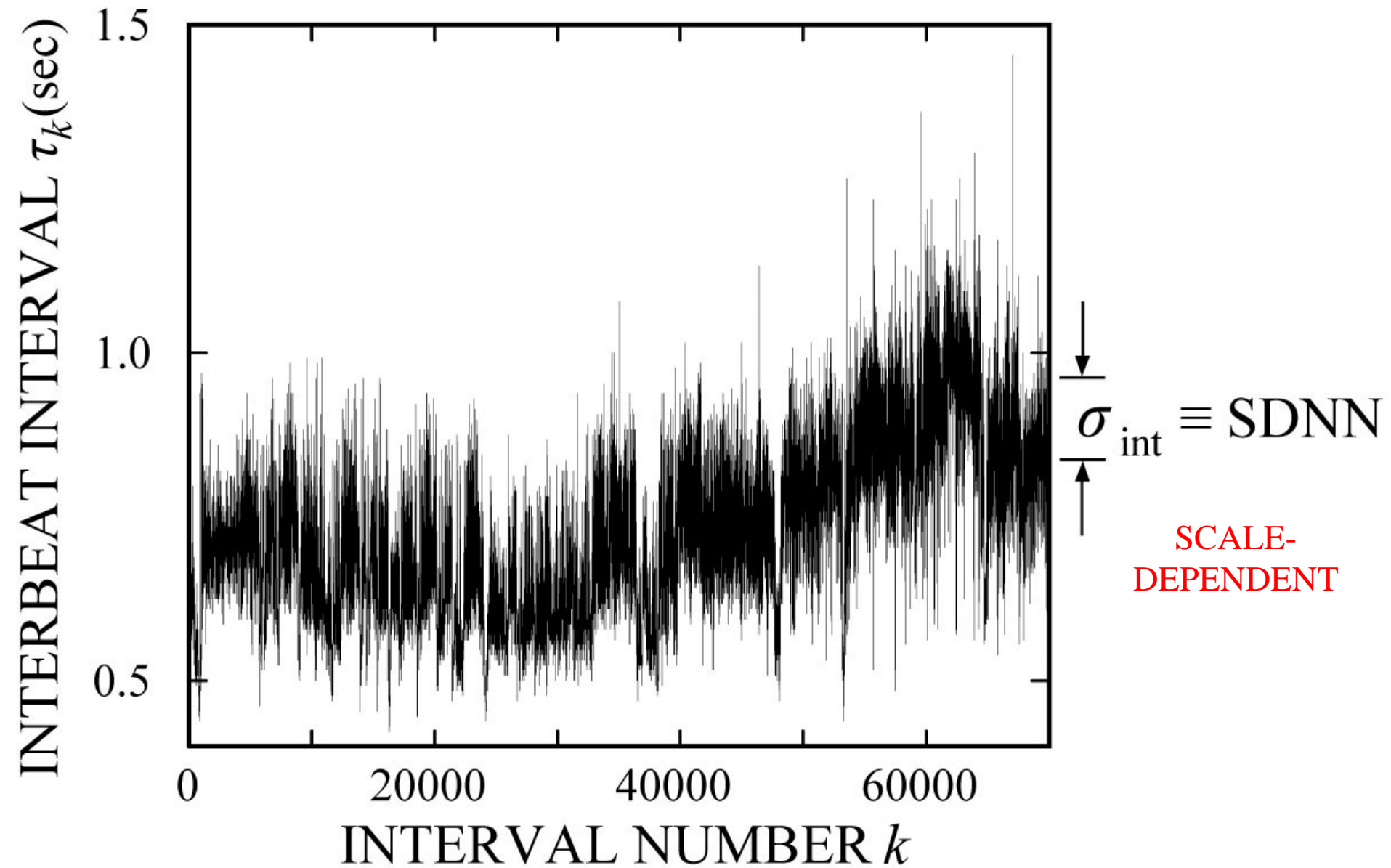
Many different presentations and etiologies

Typical symptoms:

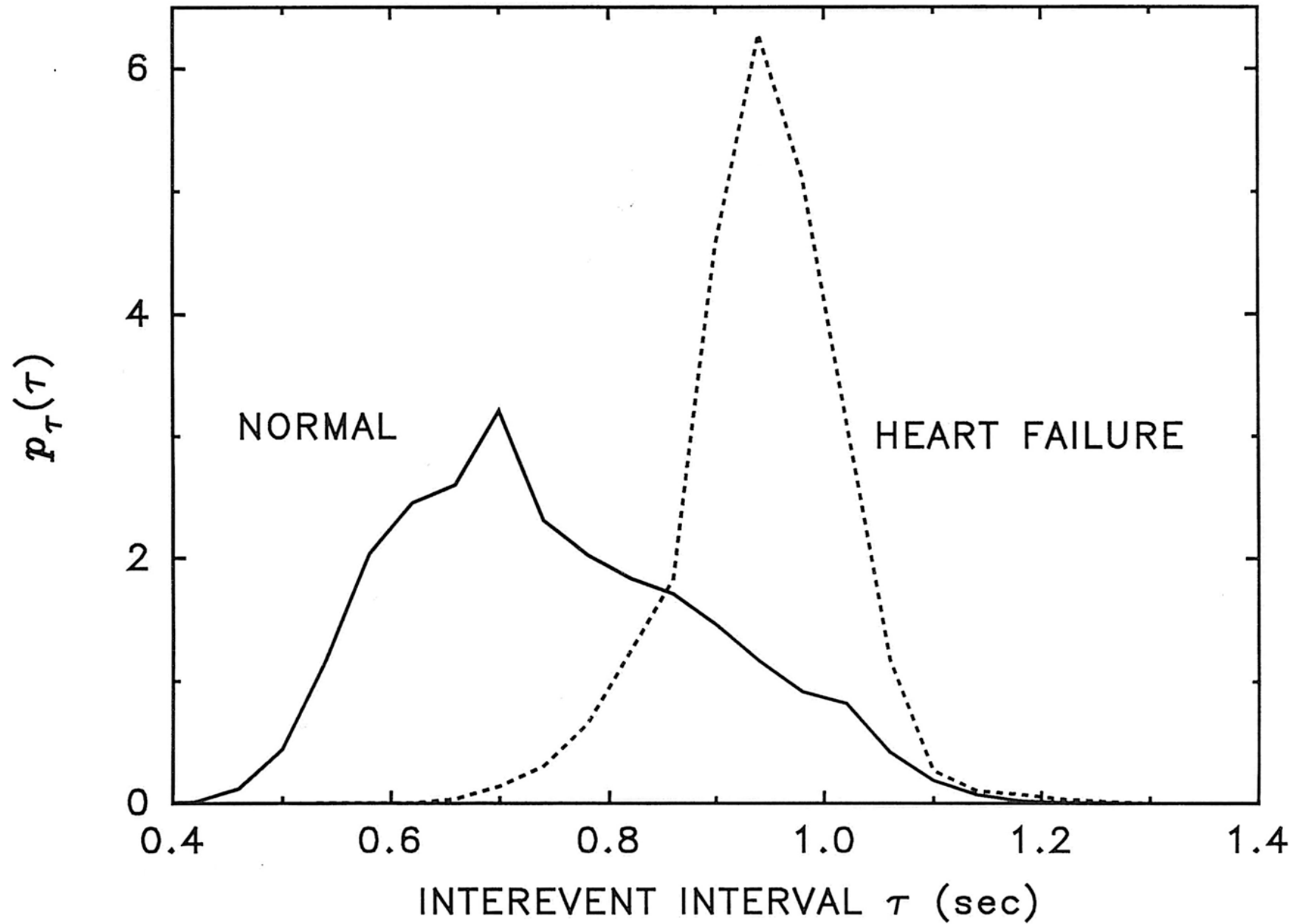
- Shortness of breath
- Swelling in legs
- General fatigue and weakness

Clinical diagnostics:

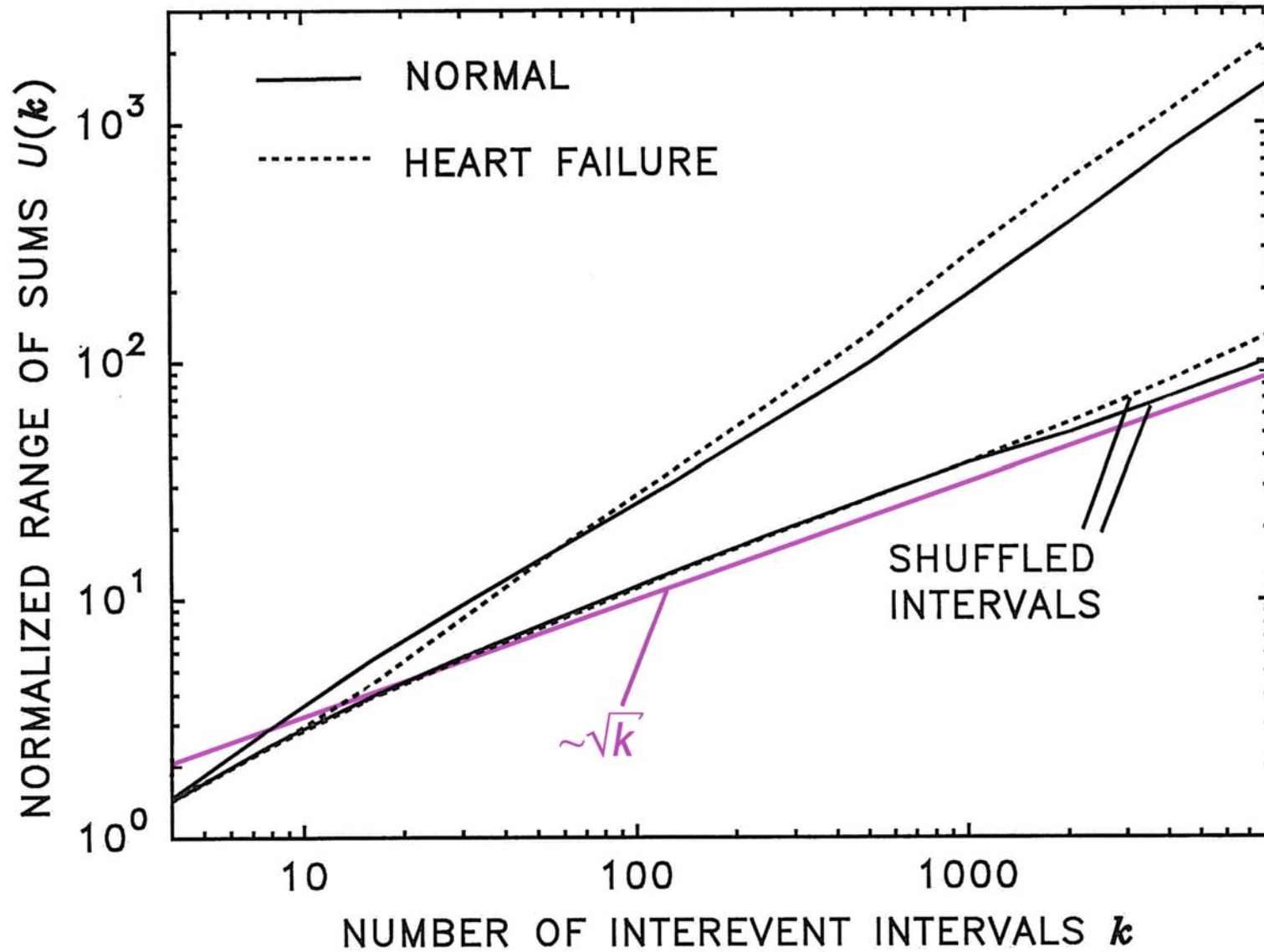
- Ascultate heart
- Carotid pulse
- Electrocardiogram
- Chest radiograph



INTEREVENT-INTERVAL HISTOGRAM

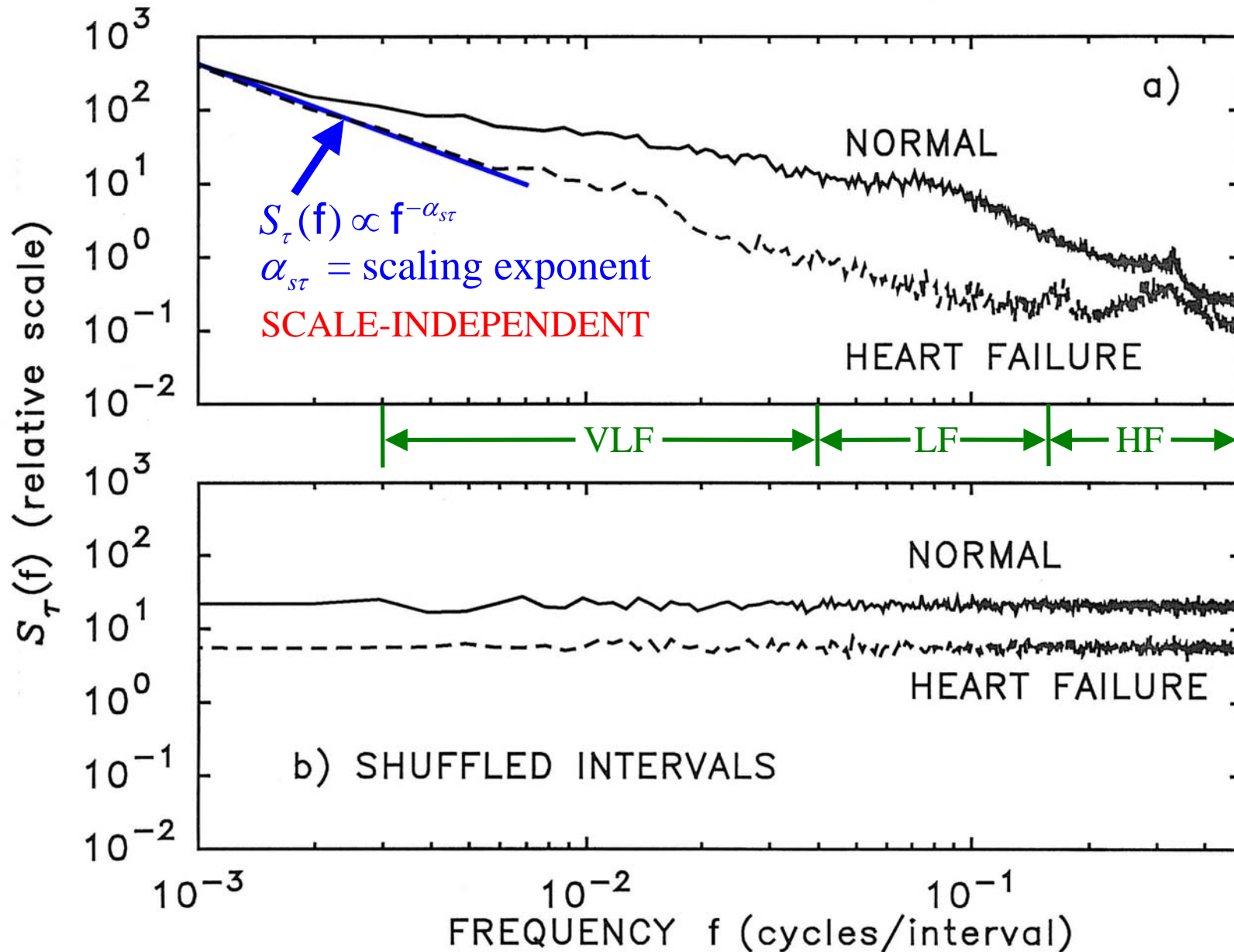


RESCALED RANGE ANALYSIS (R/S)



SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

INTERVAL-BASED PERIODOGRAM



TIME-SCALE ANALYSIS

DISCRETE WAVELET TRANSFORM

EXAMINES ALL SCALES

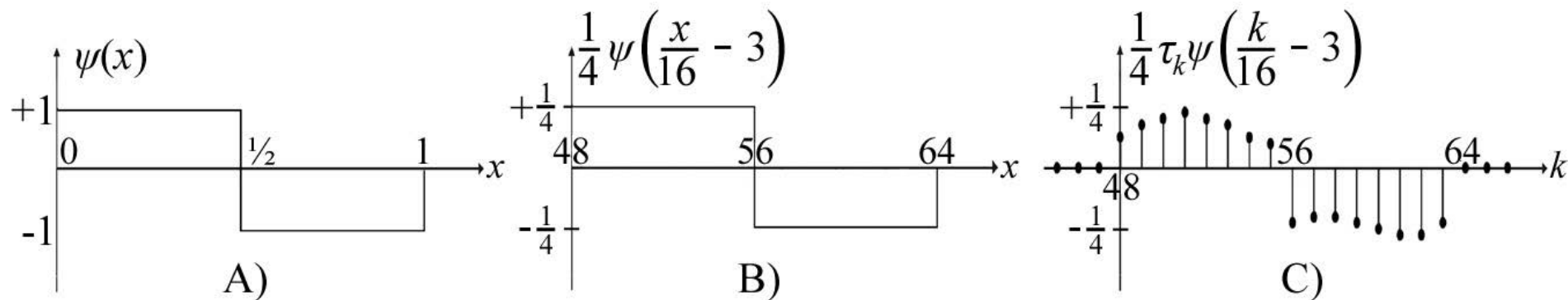
MITIGATES AGAINST NONSTATIONARITIES

m = scale index; 2^m = scale

$$W_{\psi, \tau}^{\text{wav}}(m, i) = \sum_k 2^{-m/2} \psi(2^{-m} k - i) \tau_k$$

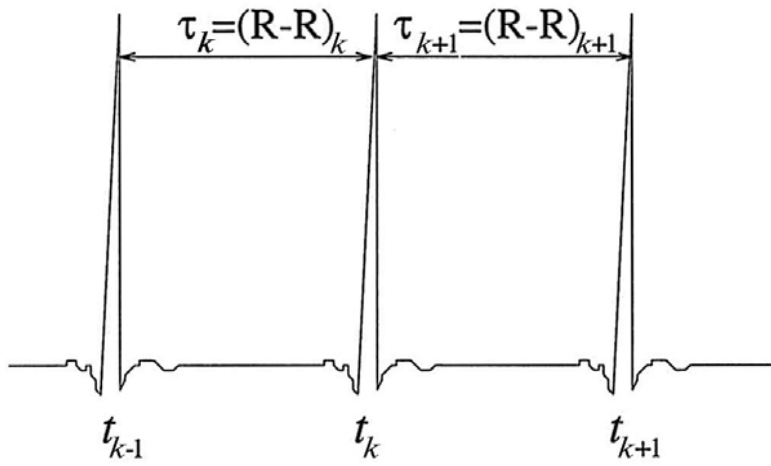
$$\sigma_{\text{wav}}^2 \equiv \text{Var} \left[W_{\psi, \tau}^{\text{wav}}(m, i) \right] = 2^{-m} \sum_k \sum_l \psi(2^{-m} k - i) \psi(2^{-m} l - i) R_{\tau}(l - k)$$

$$A_{\tau}(k) \equiv \text{Var} \left[W_{\psi, \tau}^{\text{wav}}(m, i) \right] / E^2[\tau]$$

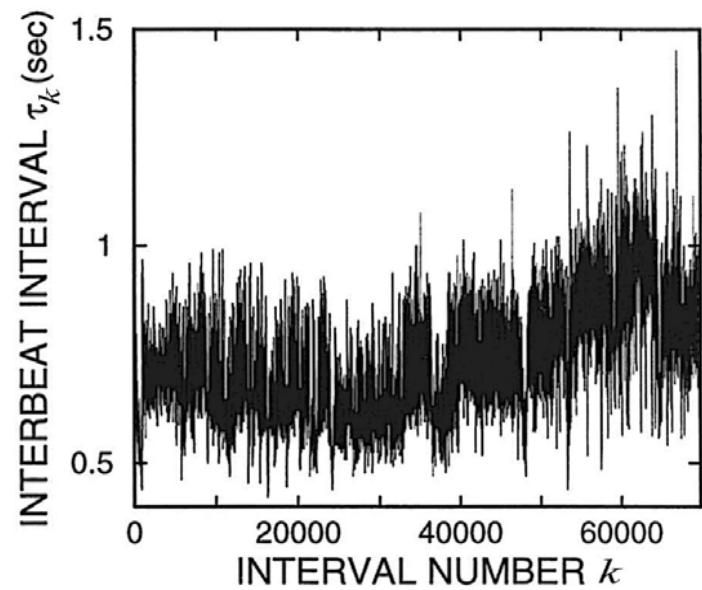


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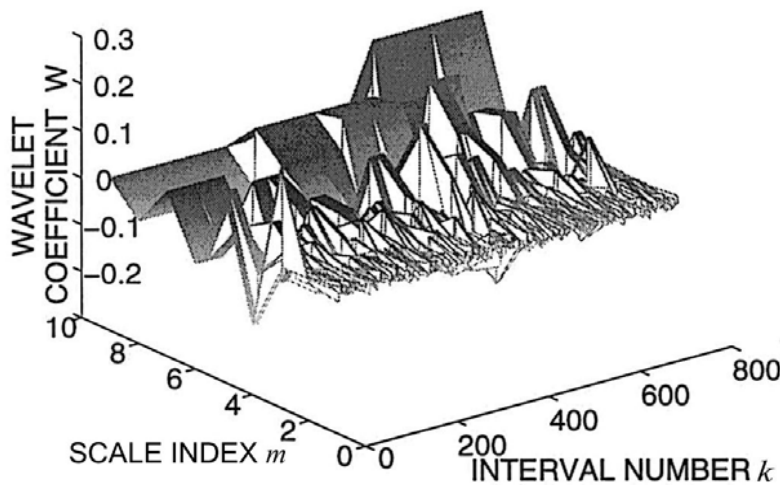
NORMAL



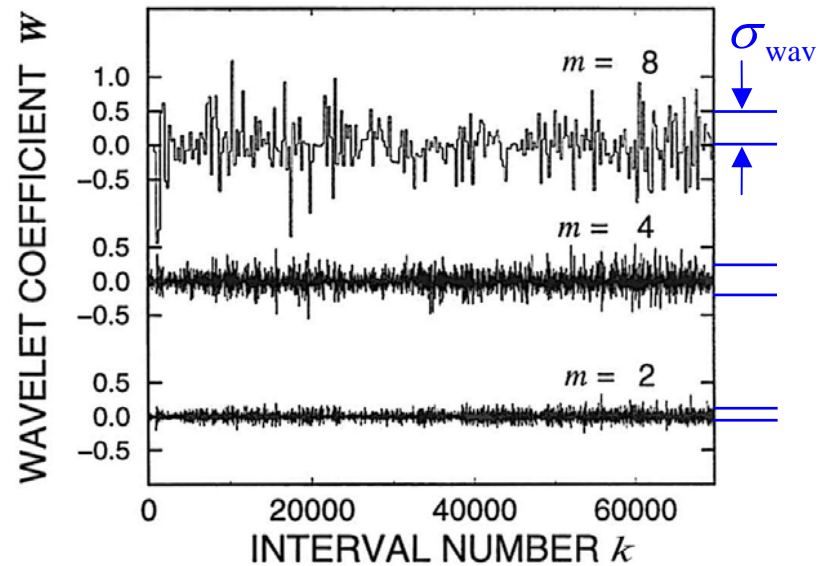
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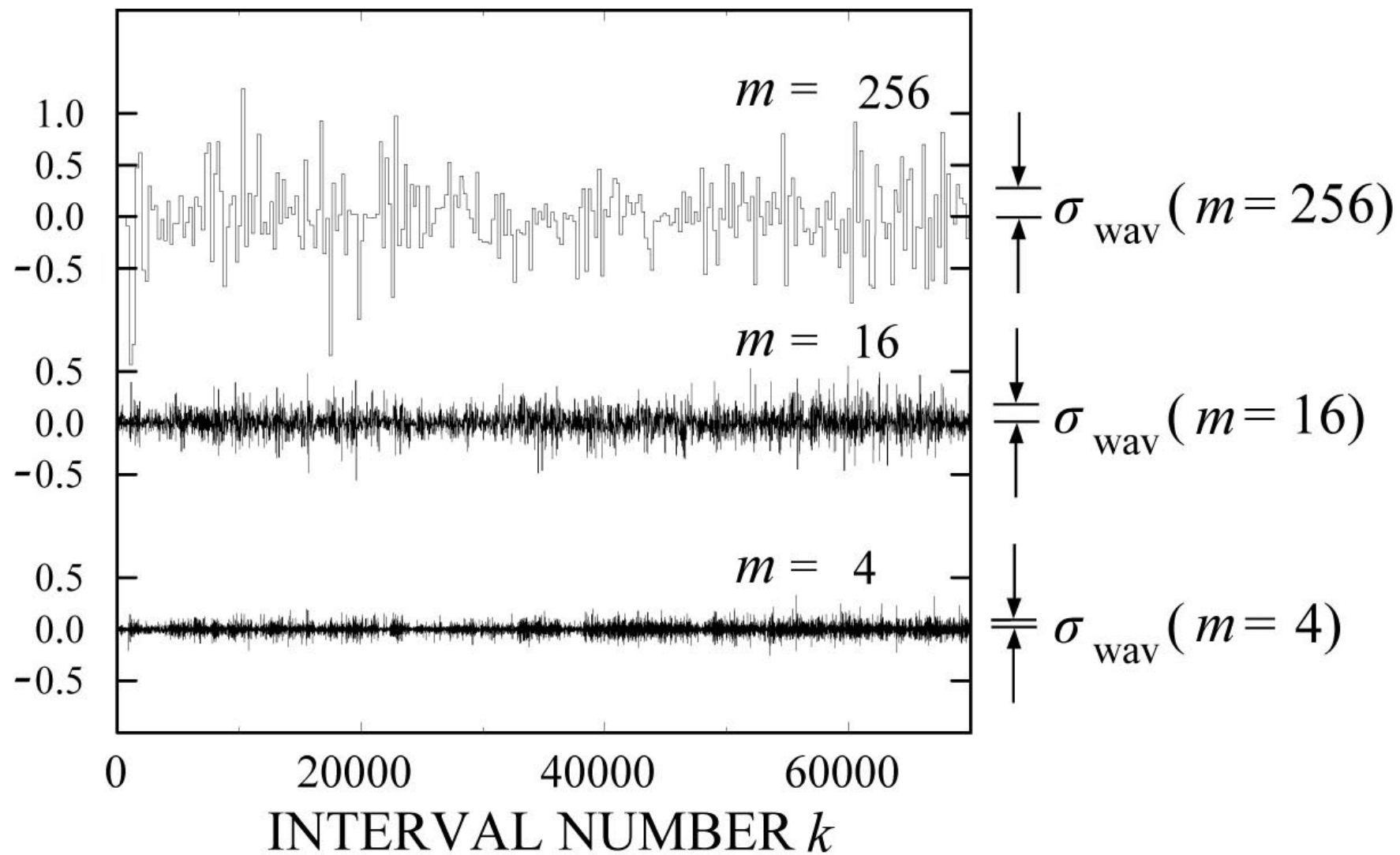


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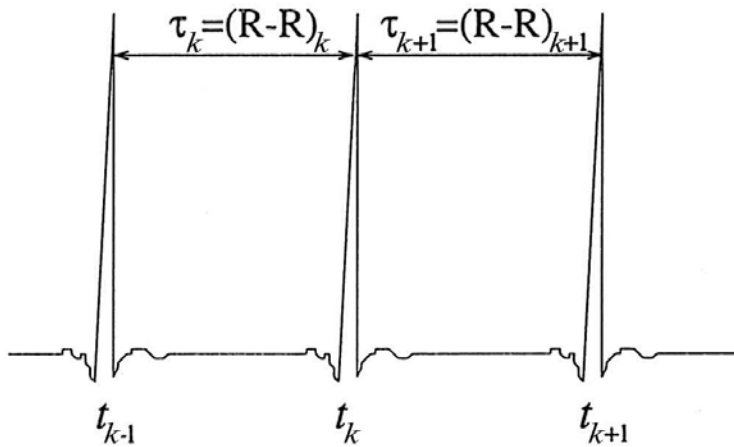


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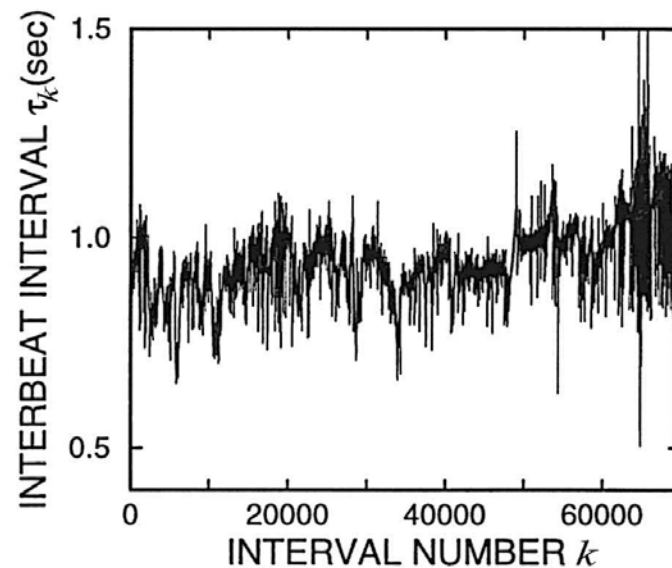
WAVELET COEFFICIENT W



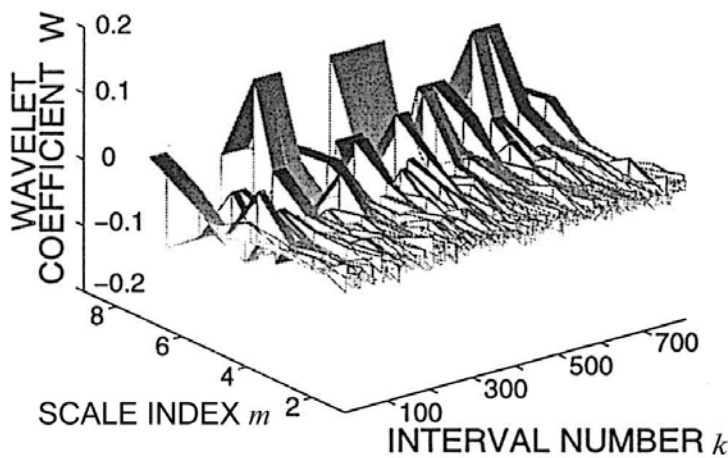
HEART-FAILURE



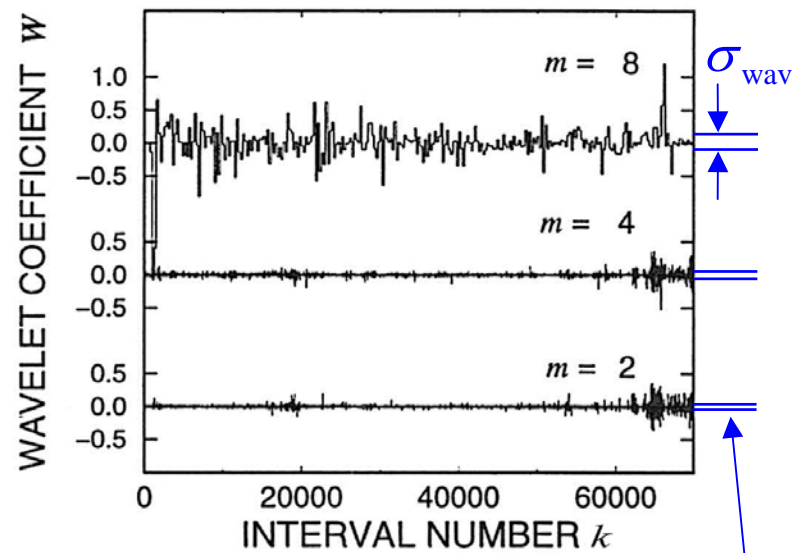
a)



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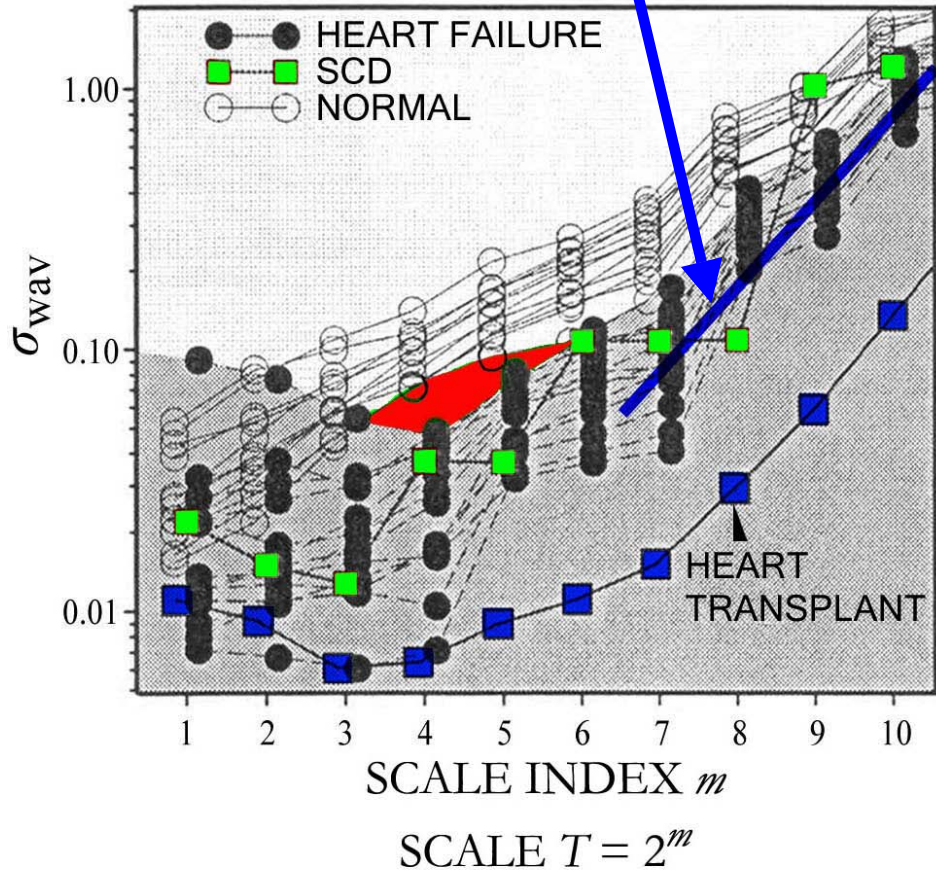
d)

SMALLER VALUES
OF σ_{wav} THAN FOR
NORMAL SUBJECTS

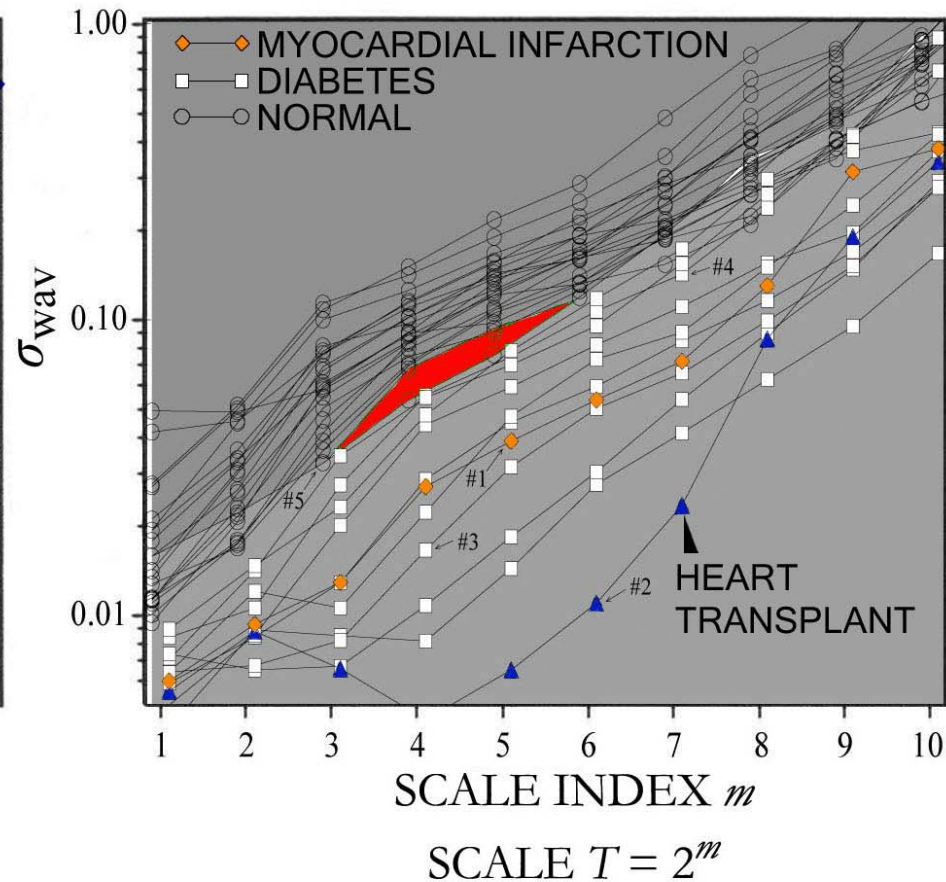
$$\sigma_{\text{wav}}^2(T) \propto T^{\alpha_{A\tau}}$$

$\alpha_{A\tau}$ = scaling exponent

SCALE-INDEPENDENT



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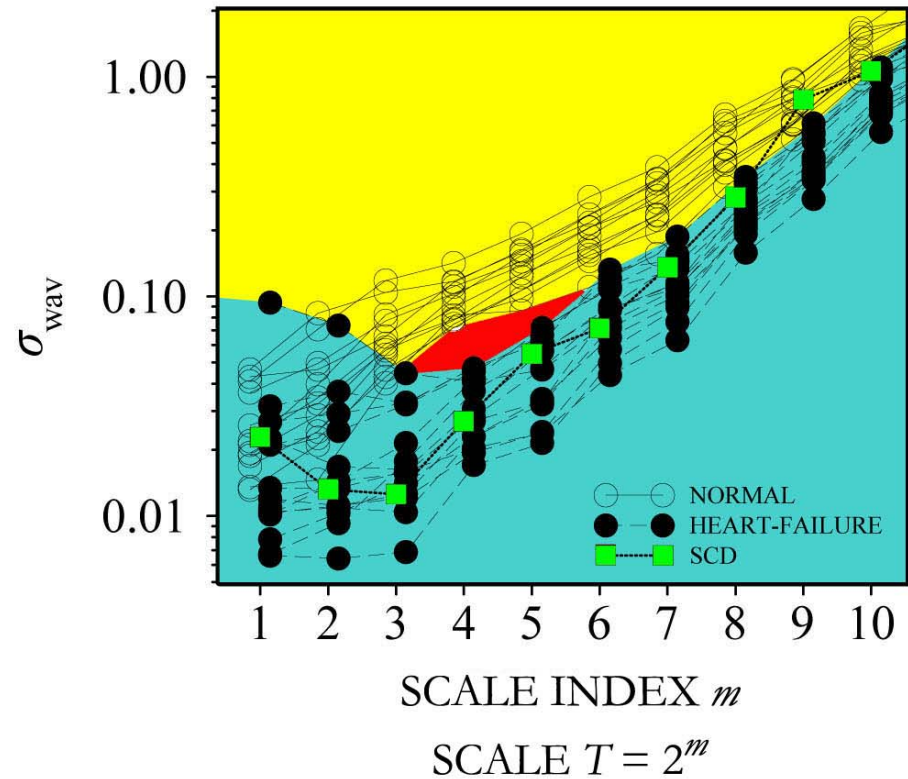
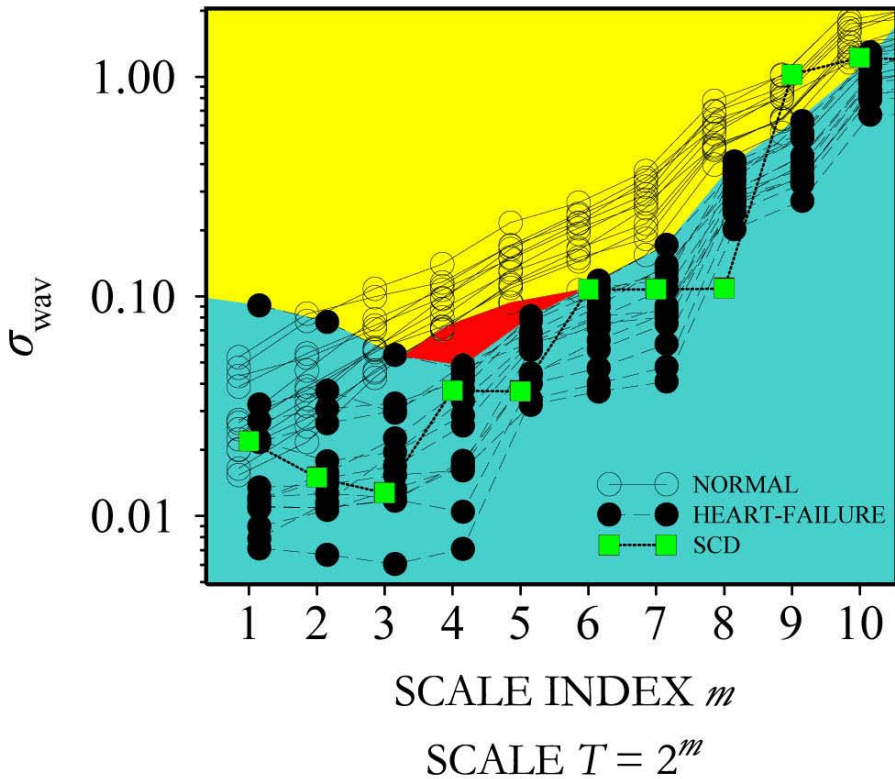


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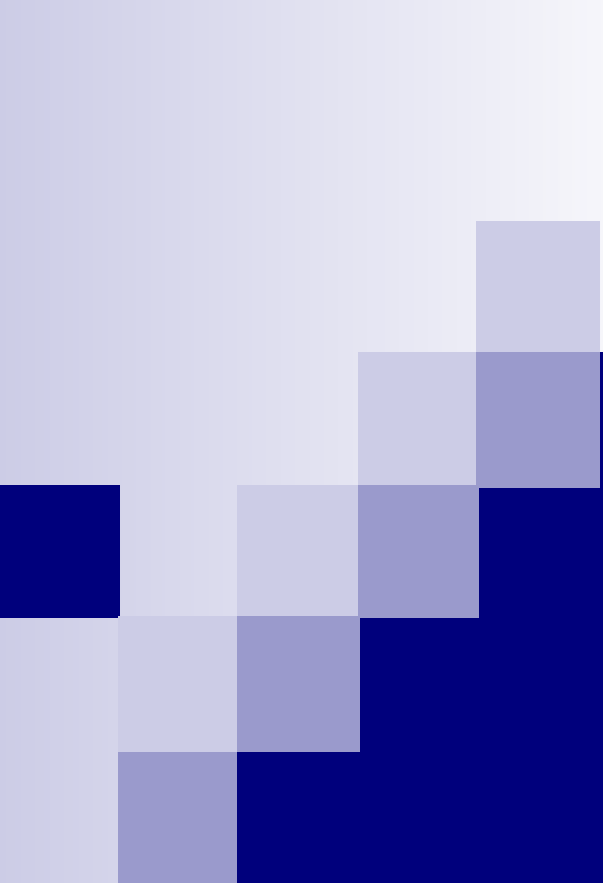
ROBUSTNESS WITH WAVELET FORM

Haar wavelet

Daubechies 10-tap wavelet



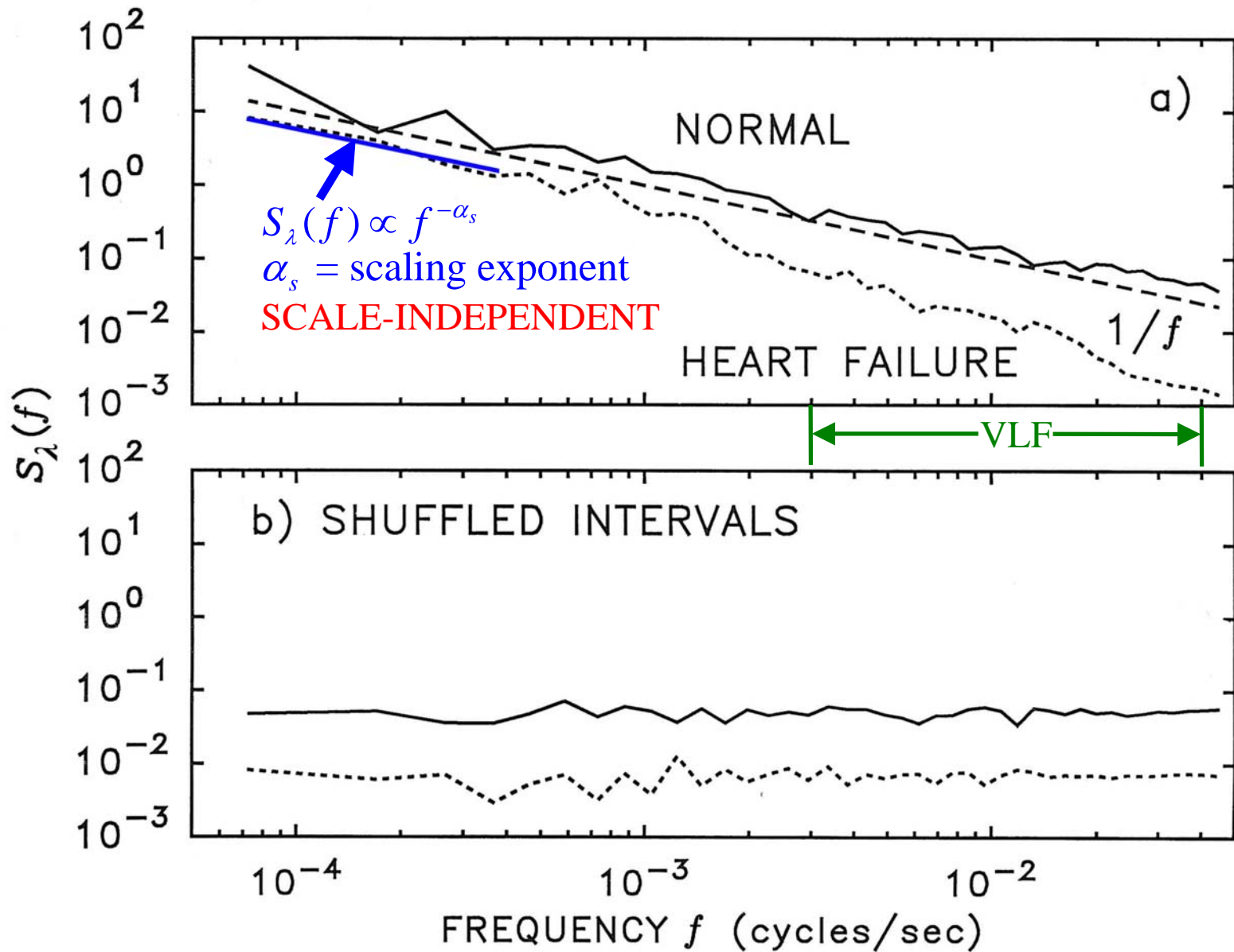
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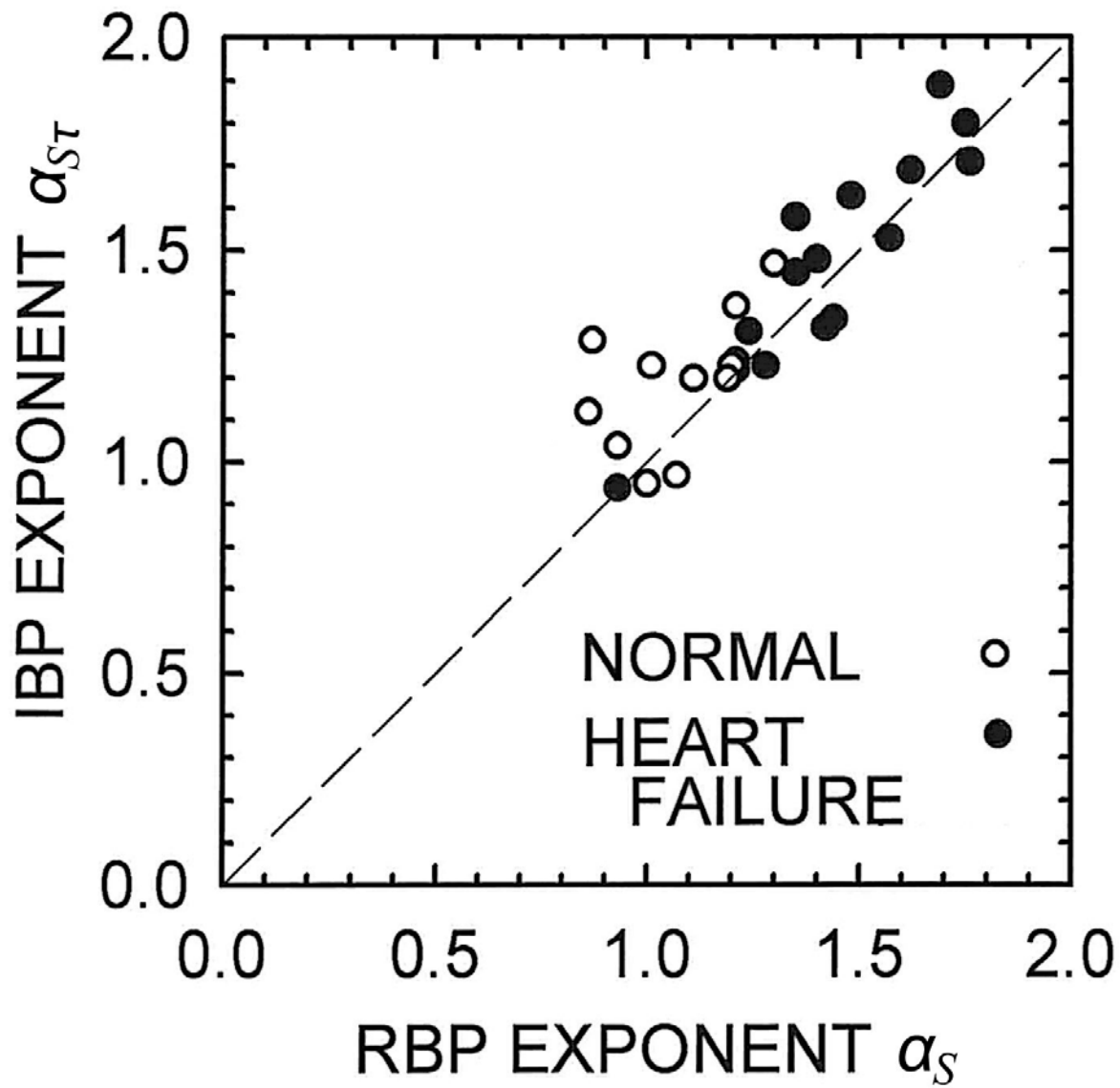


COUNT-BASED MEASURES

SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

GENERALIZED-RATE-BASED PERIODOGRAM

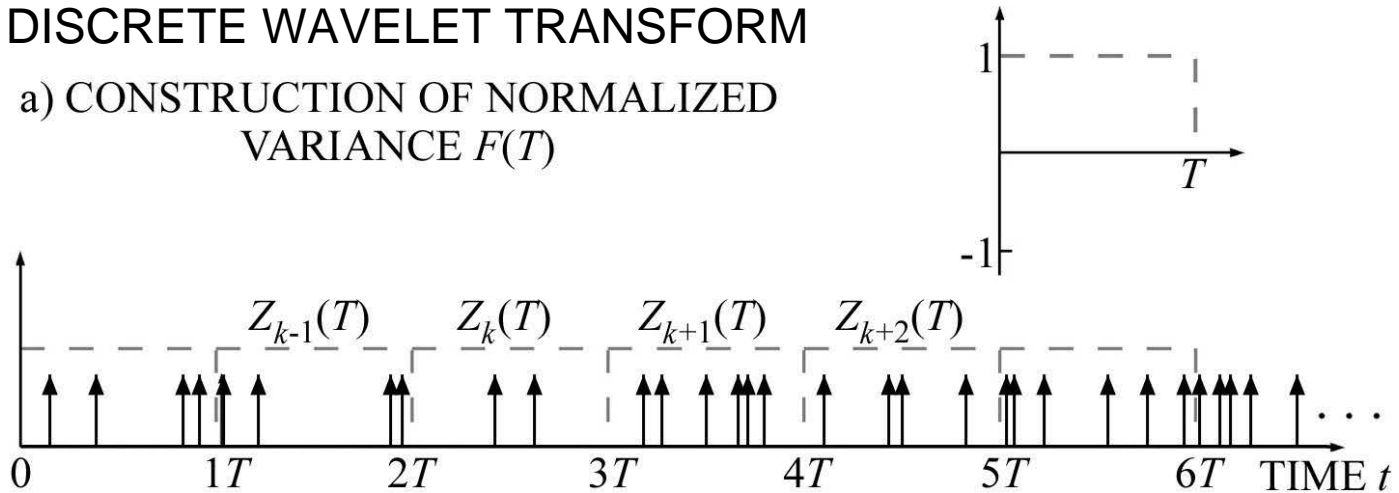




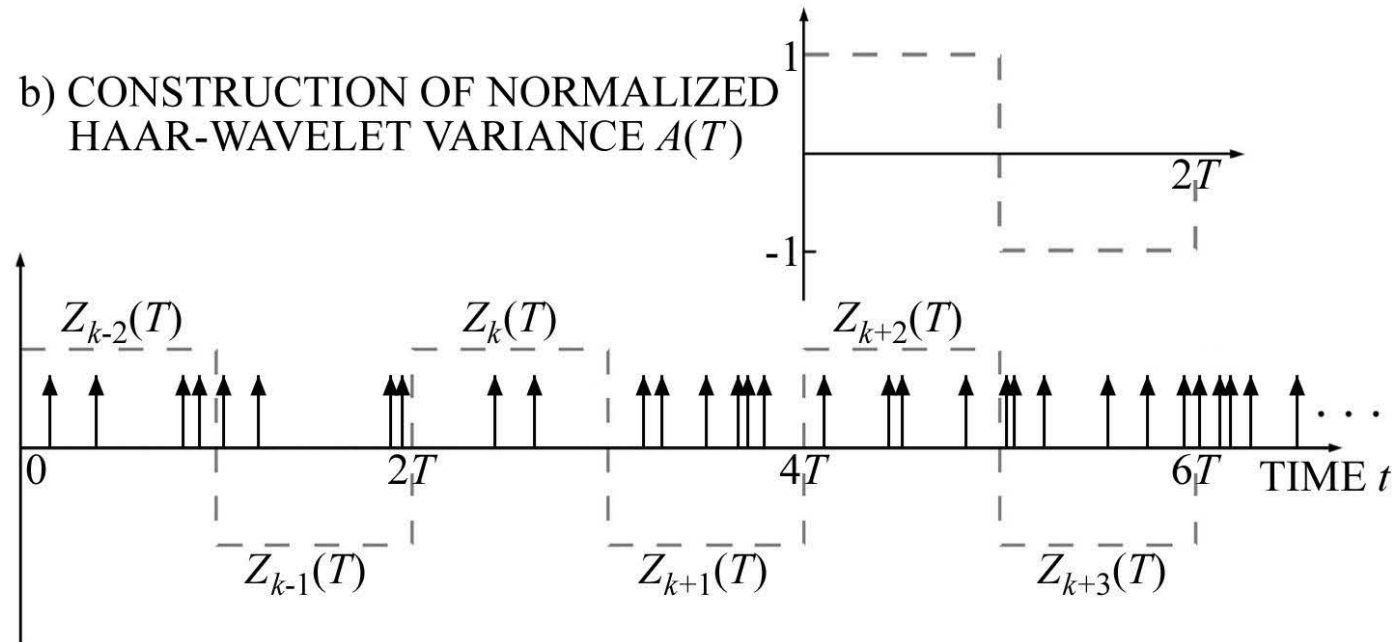
TIME-SCALE ANALYSIS

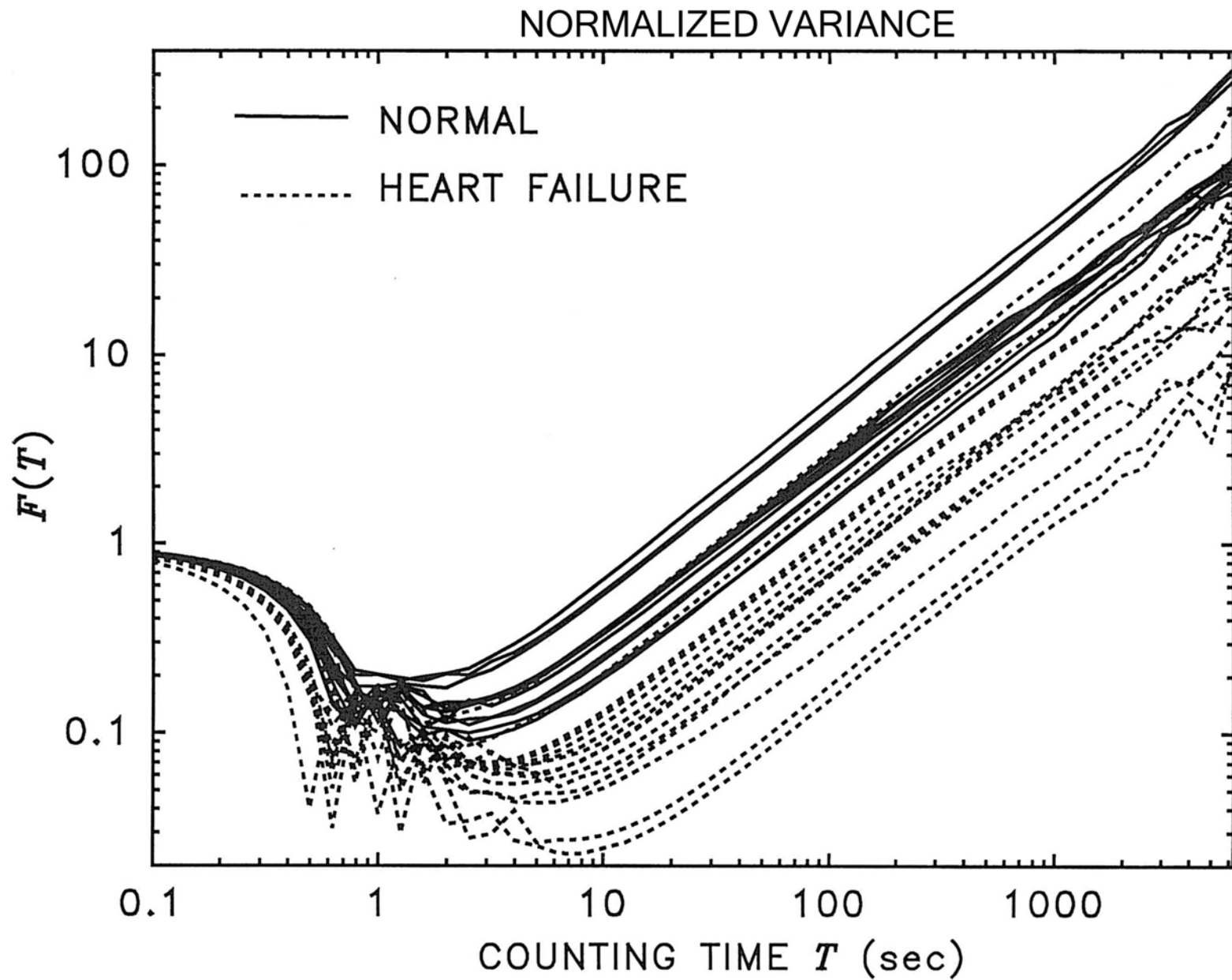
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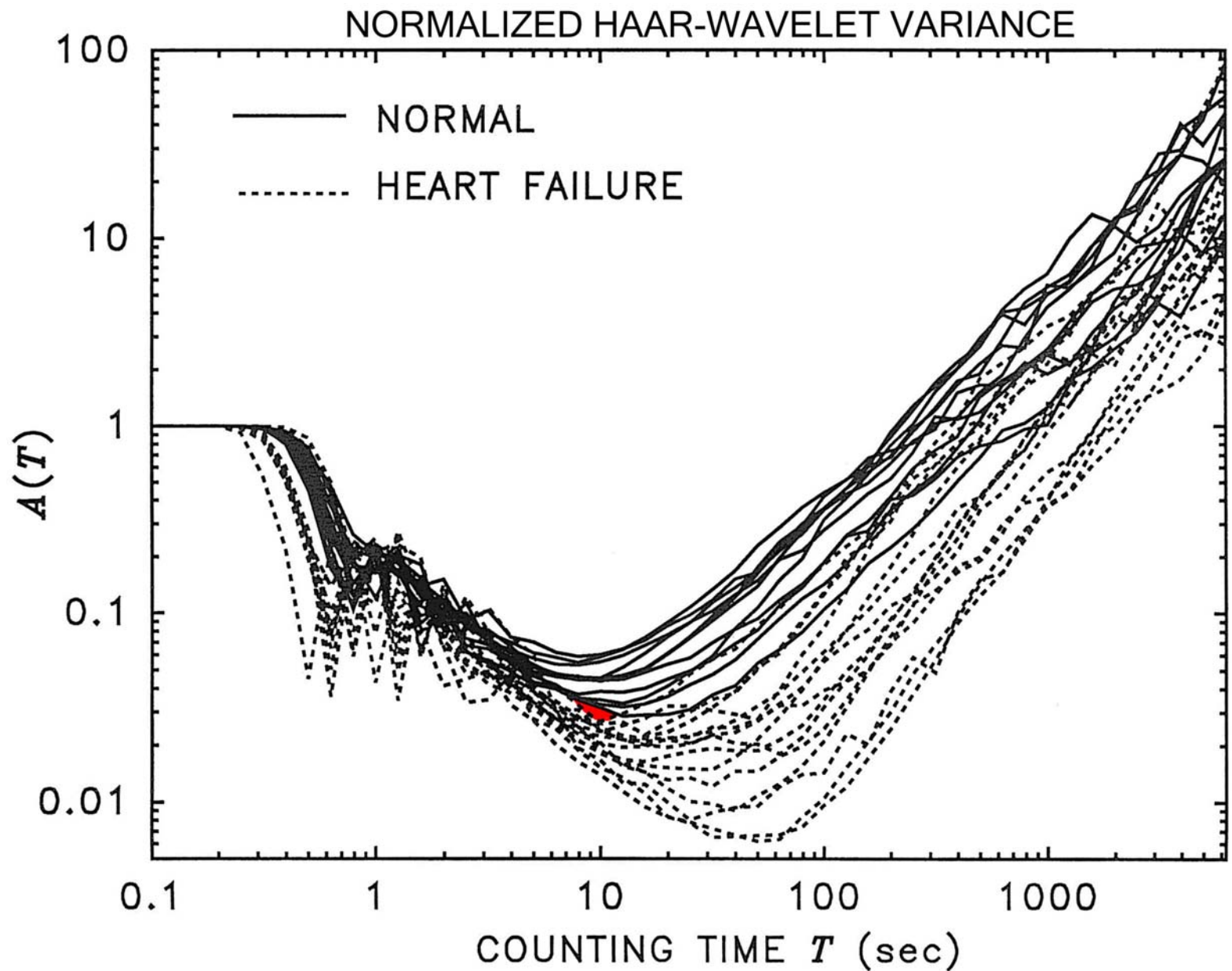
a) CONSTRUCTION OF NORMALIZED VARIANCE $F(T)$



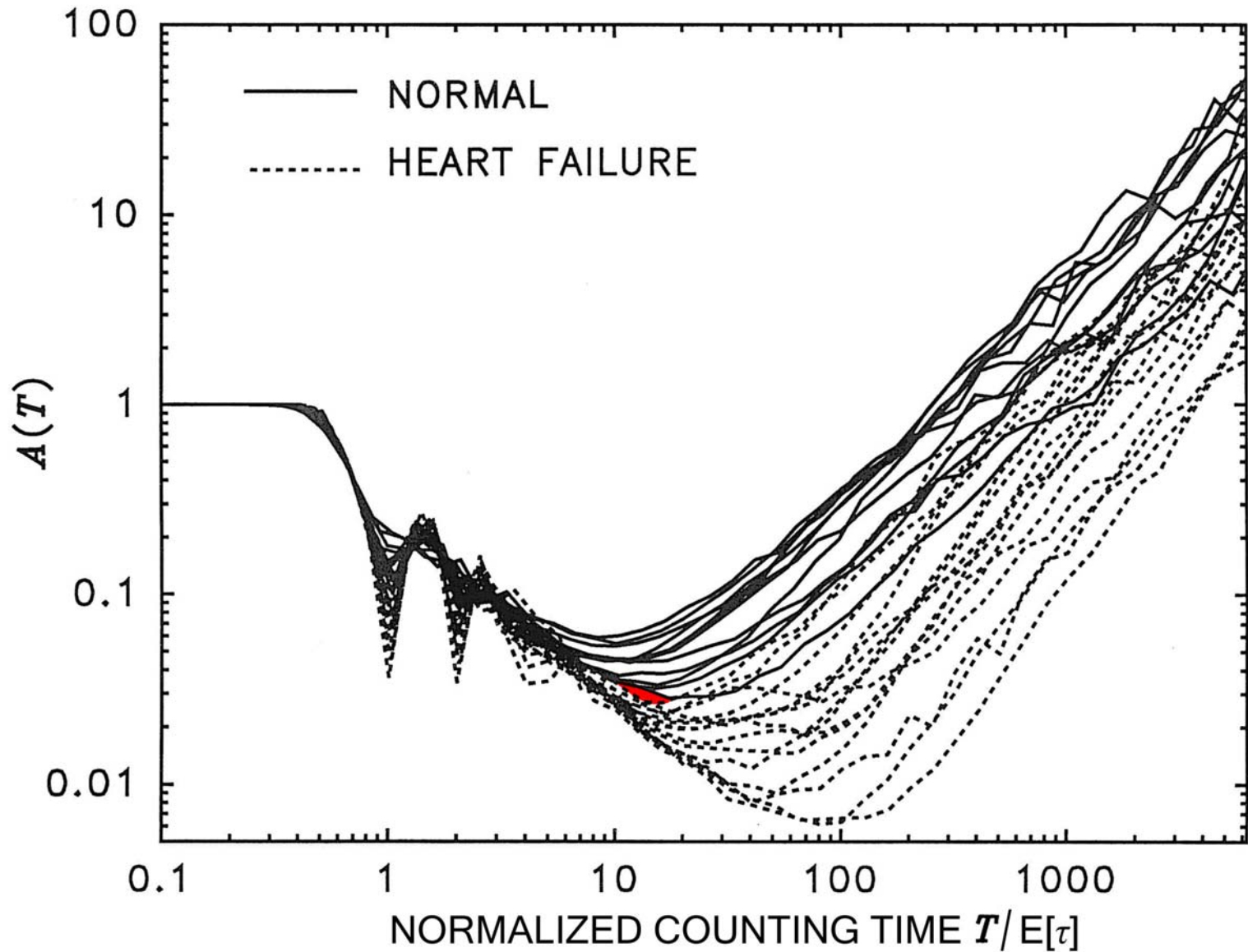
b) CONSTRUCTION OF NORMALIZED HAAR-WAVELET VARIANCE $A(T)$

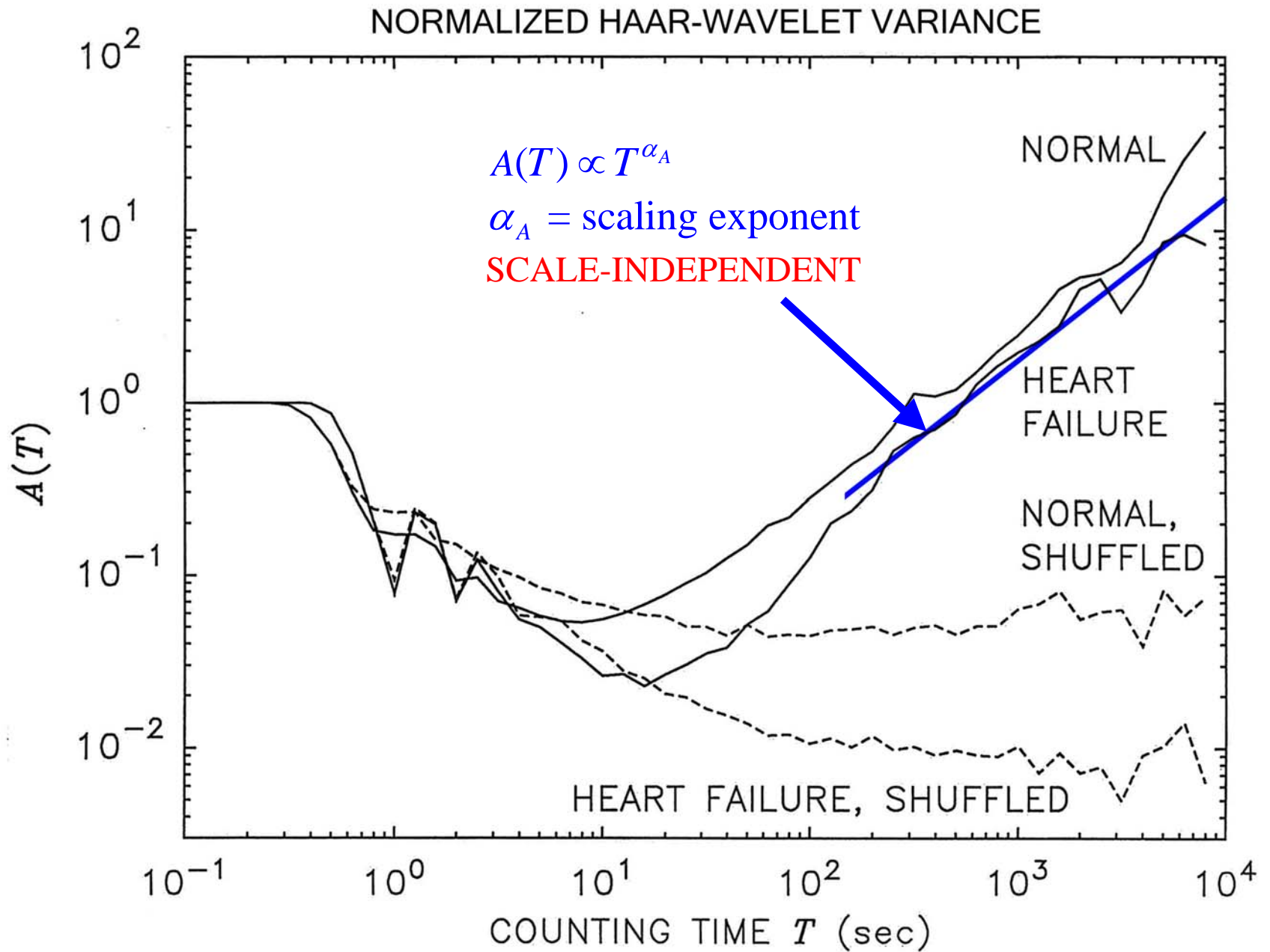




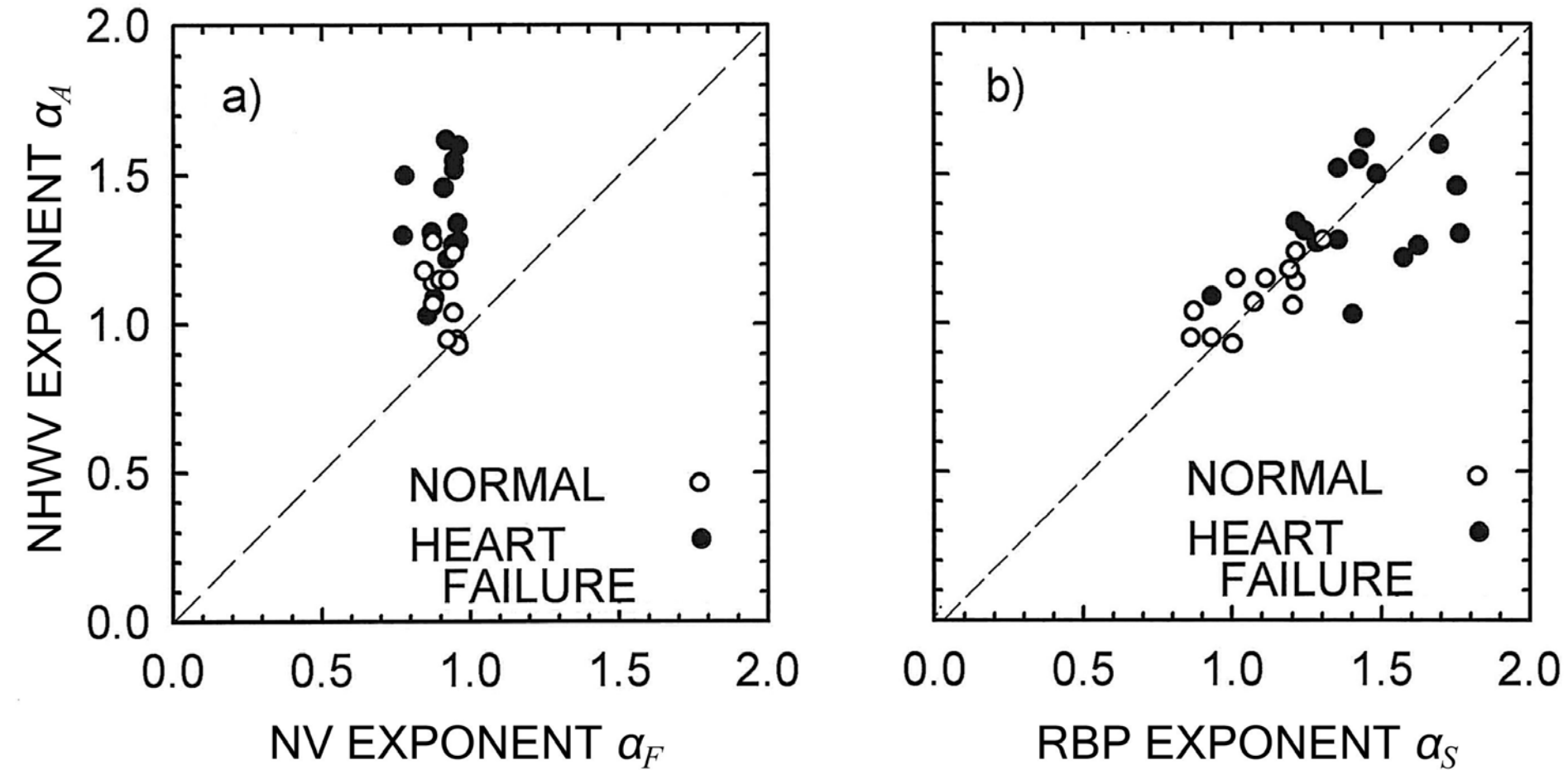


NHWV: NORMALIZED COUNTING TIME

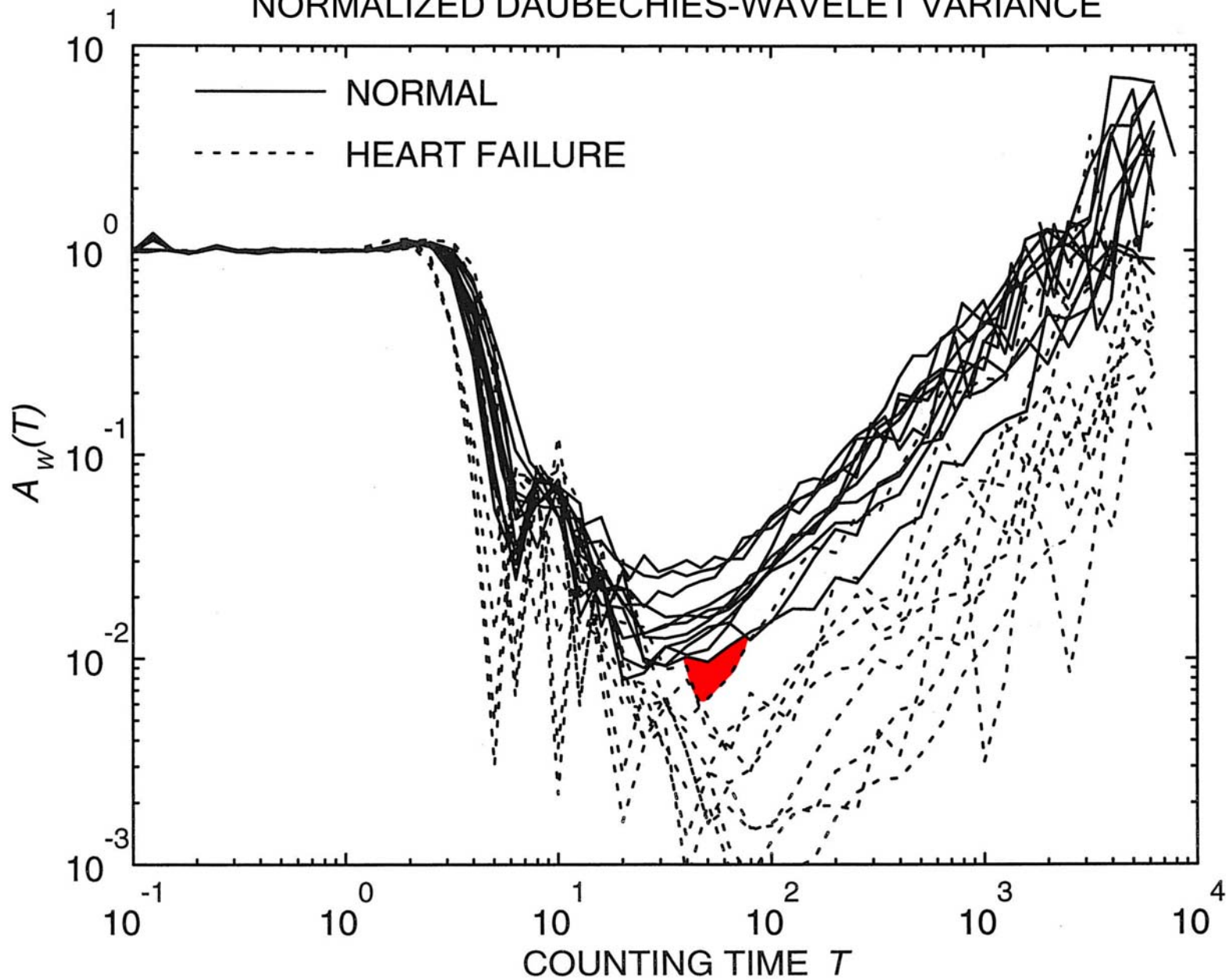




FRACTAL-EXPONENT ESTIMATORS



NORMALIZED DAUBECHIES-WAVELET VARIANCE

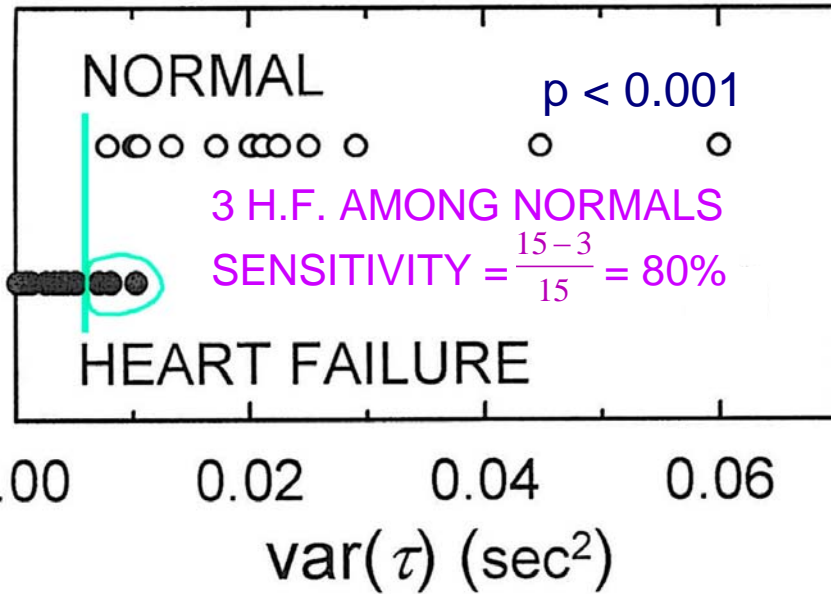


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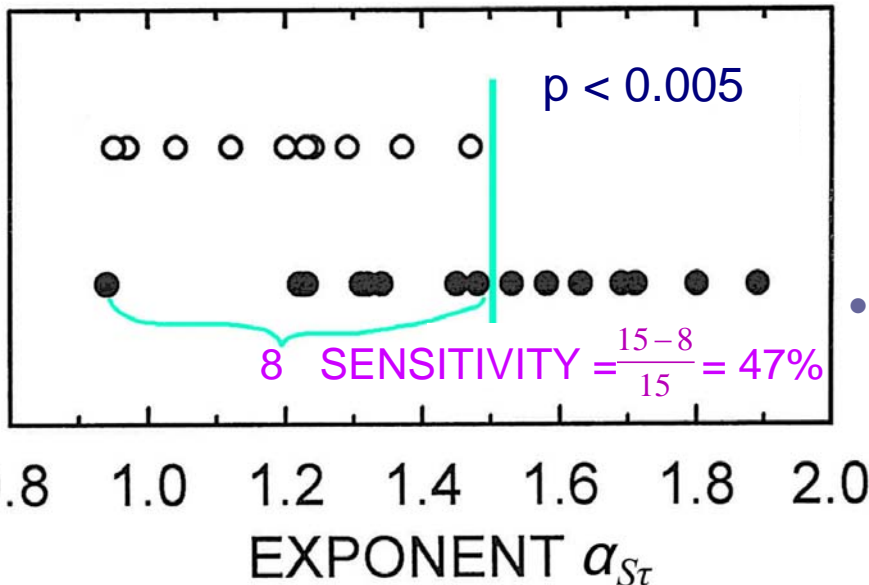


IDENTIFYING PATIENTS WITH CARDIAC DYSFUNCTION

MEASURES OF STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE



SCALE-DEPENDENT



SCALE-INDEPENDENT

- p VALUE, d', AND VARIANTS (rely on Gaussian assumption)

- SENSITIVITY/SPECIFICITY MEASURES OF CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE (distribution free)

SENSITIVITY \equiv proportion of heart-failure patients that are properly identified

e.g., Hypothesis that all normal patients are so identified \equiv 100% SPECIFICITY

- ROC CURVES & AREA UNDER ROC

After Turcott & Teich,
Ann. Biomed. Eng. **24**, 269-293 (1996)

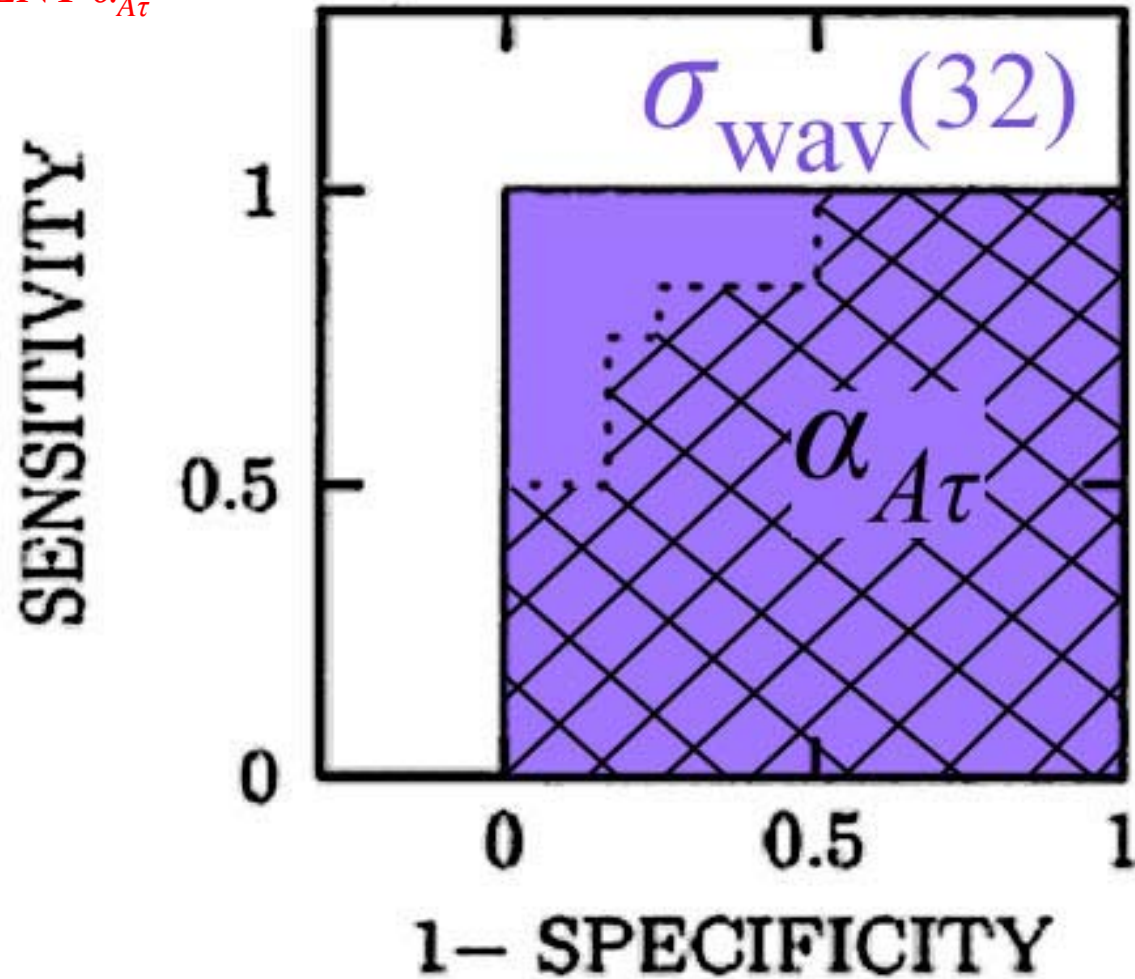
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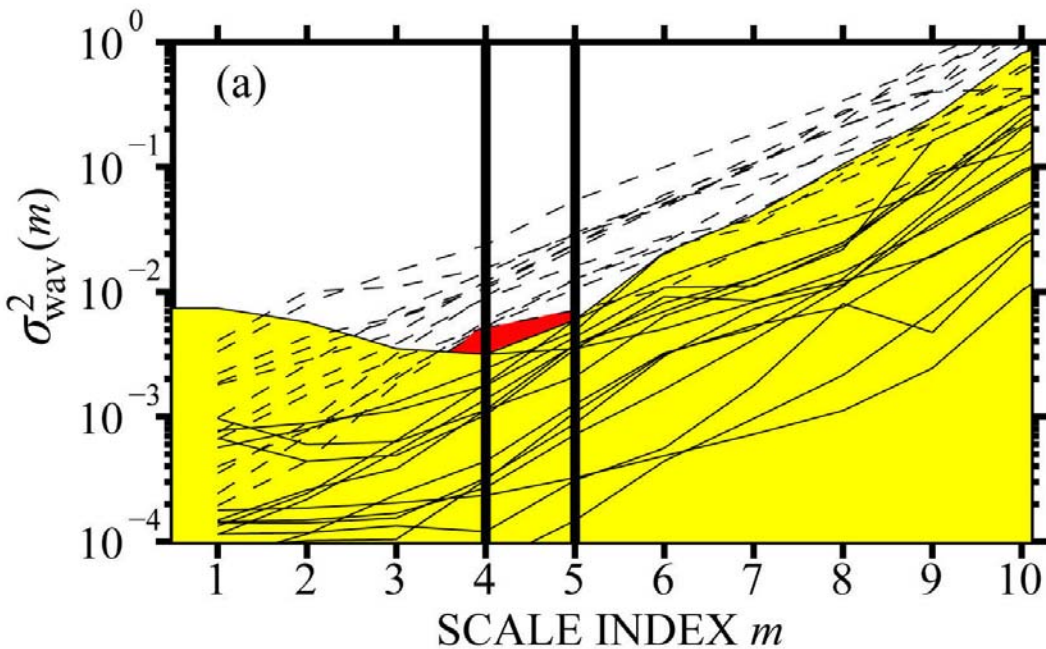
ROC CURVES & AREA UNDER ROC

SCALE-DEPENDENT σ_{wav} (32)

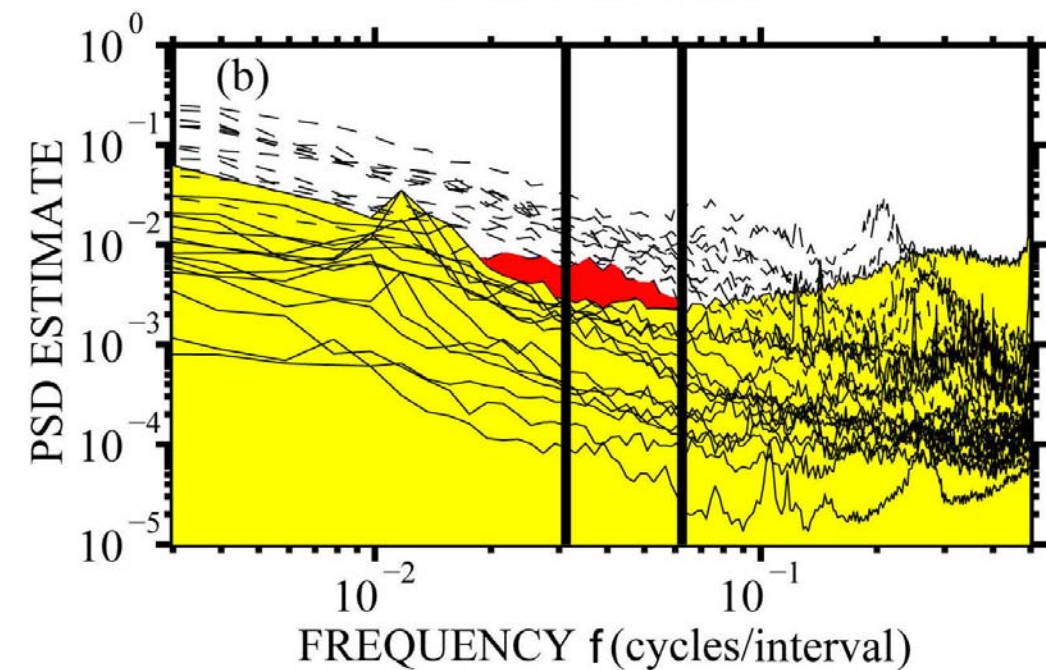
SCALE-INDEPENDENT $\alpha_{A\tau}$

HAAR WAVELET





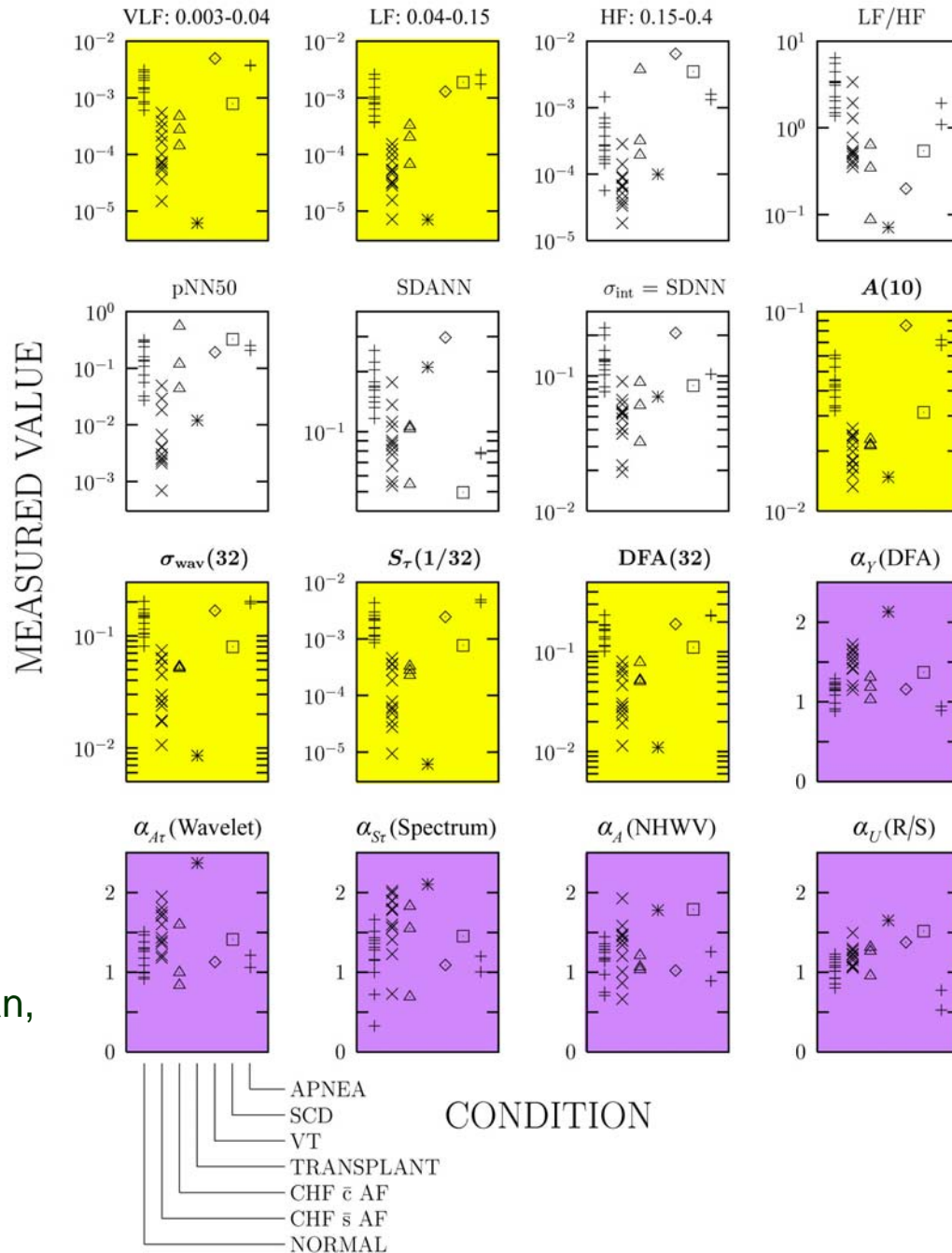
$$16 \leq 2^m \text{ (scale)} \leq 32$$



$$\frac{1}{32} < f \text{ (cycles/interval)} < \frac{1}{16}$$

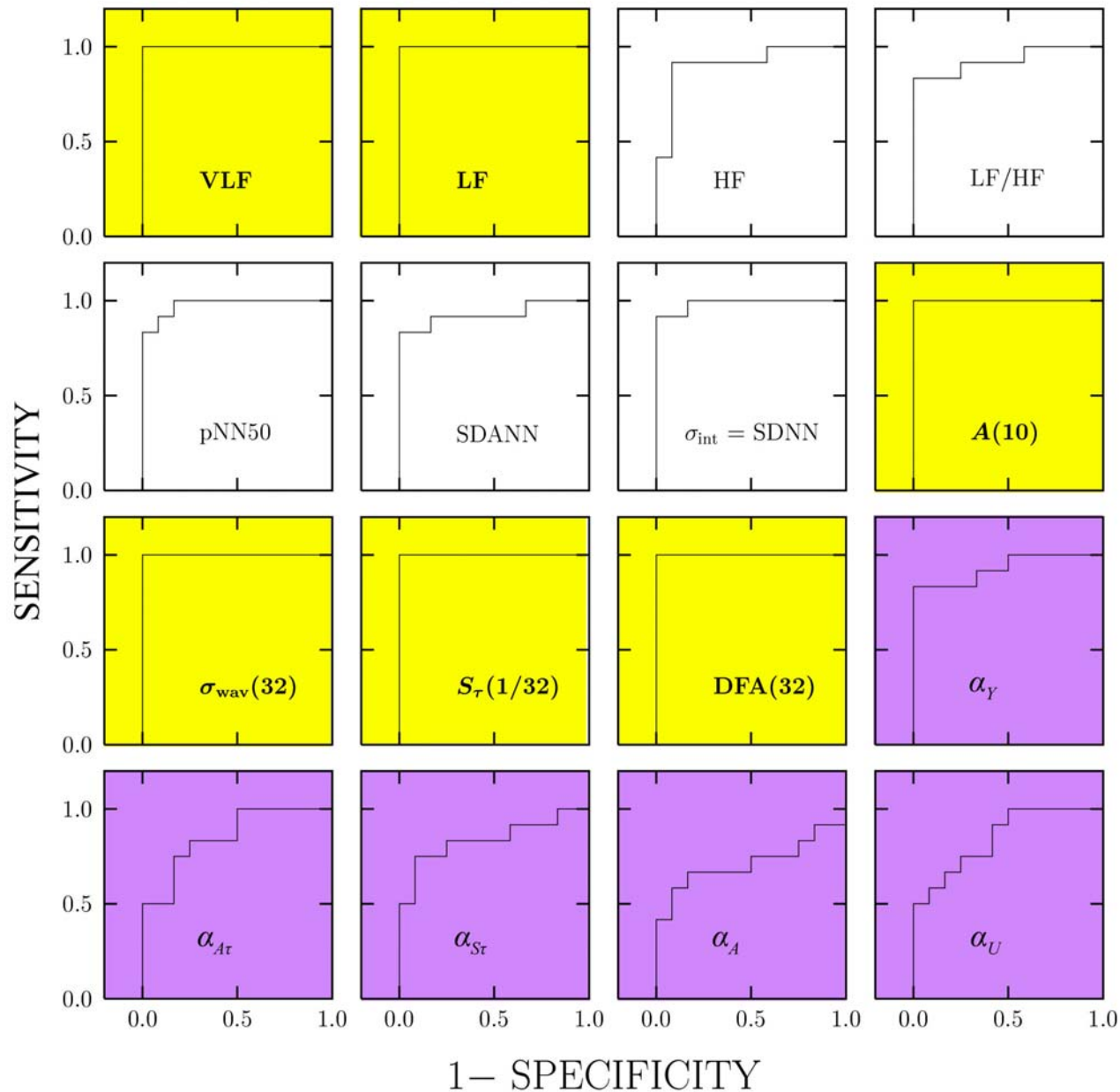
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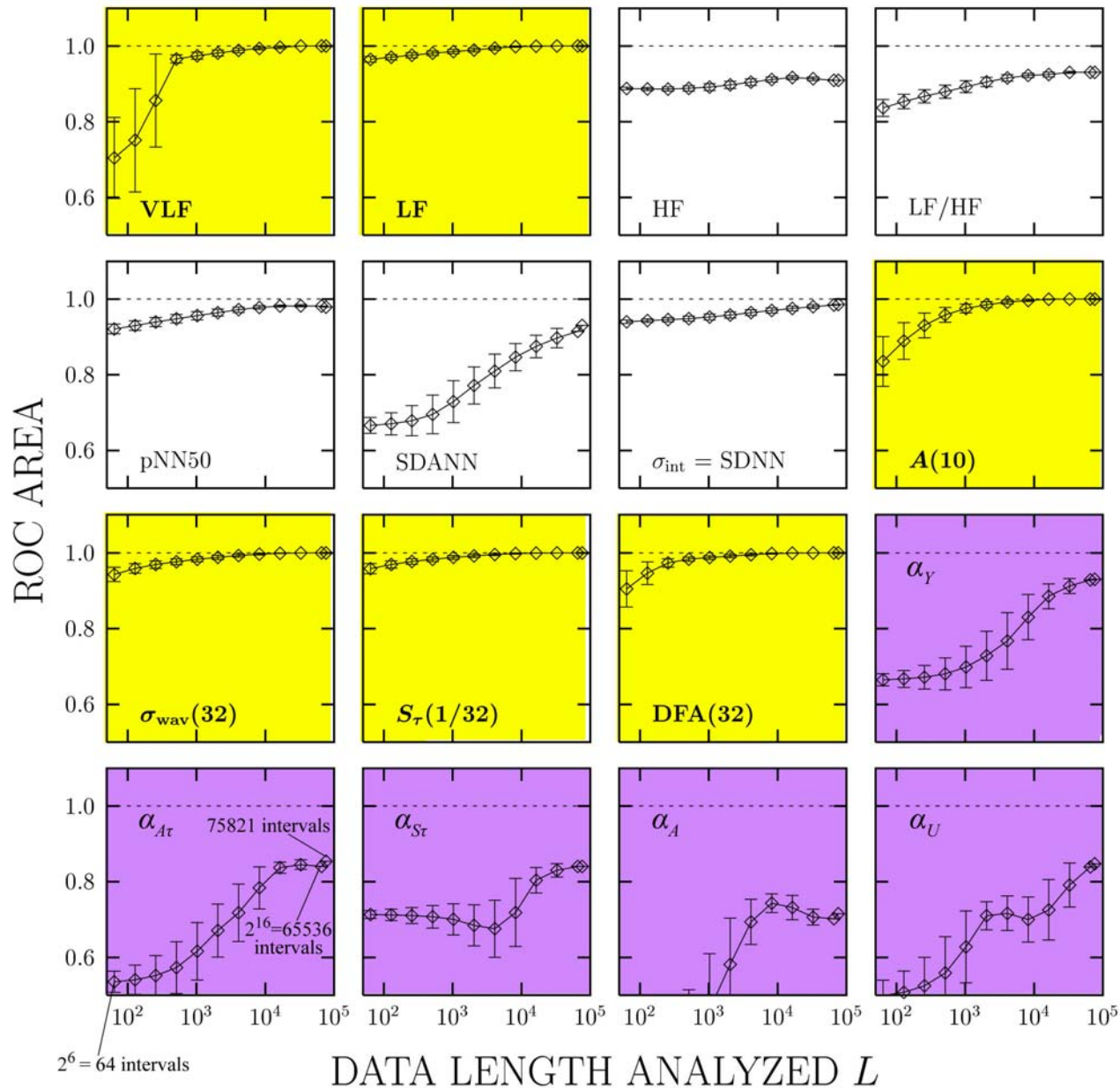


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ROC CURVES: NORMAL AND CHF DATA (\bar{S} AF; 75821 intervals)

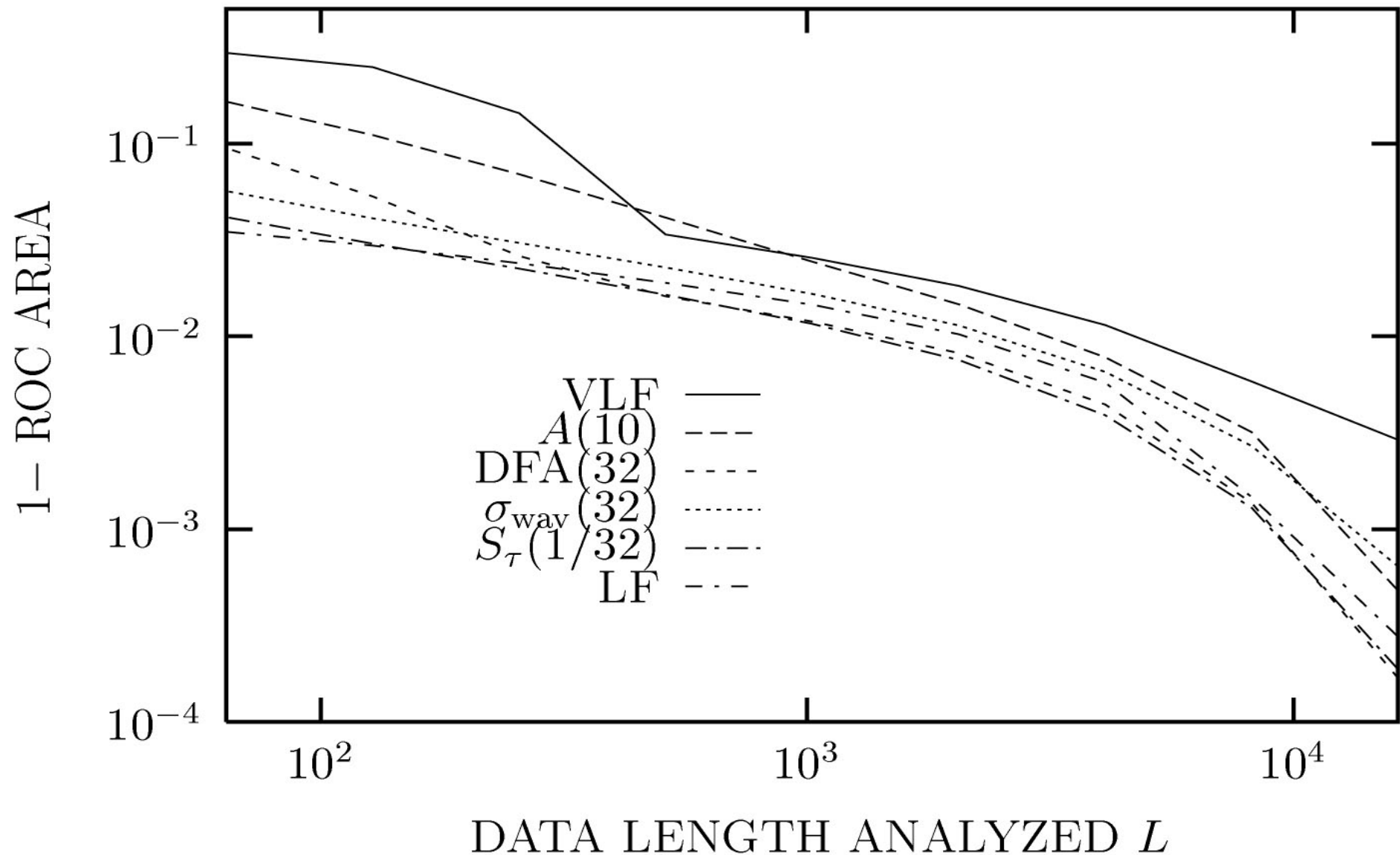


ROC-AREA CURVES: NORMAL AND CHF DATA



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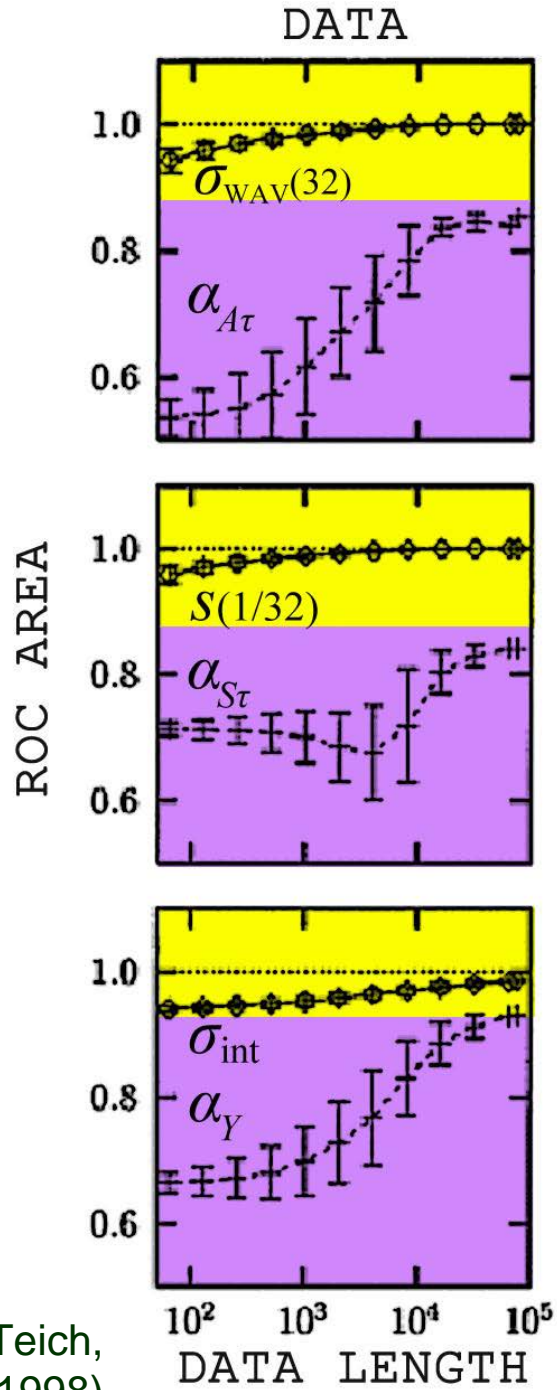
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| Measure | Execution Time (msec) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| VLF, LF, HF, and LF/HF | 330 |
| pNN50 | 40 |
| SDANN | 160 |
| σ_{int} | 190 |
| $A(10)$ | 160 |
| $\sigma_{\text{wav}}(32)$ | 20 |
| $S_{\tau}(1/32)$ | 60 |
| DFA (32) | 650,090 |
| α_{γ} | 650,110 |
| $\alpha_{A\tau}$ | 220 |
| $\alpha_{S\tau}$ | 920 |
| α_A | 610 |
| α_U | 570 |

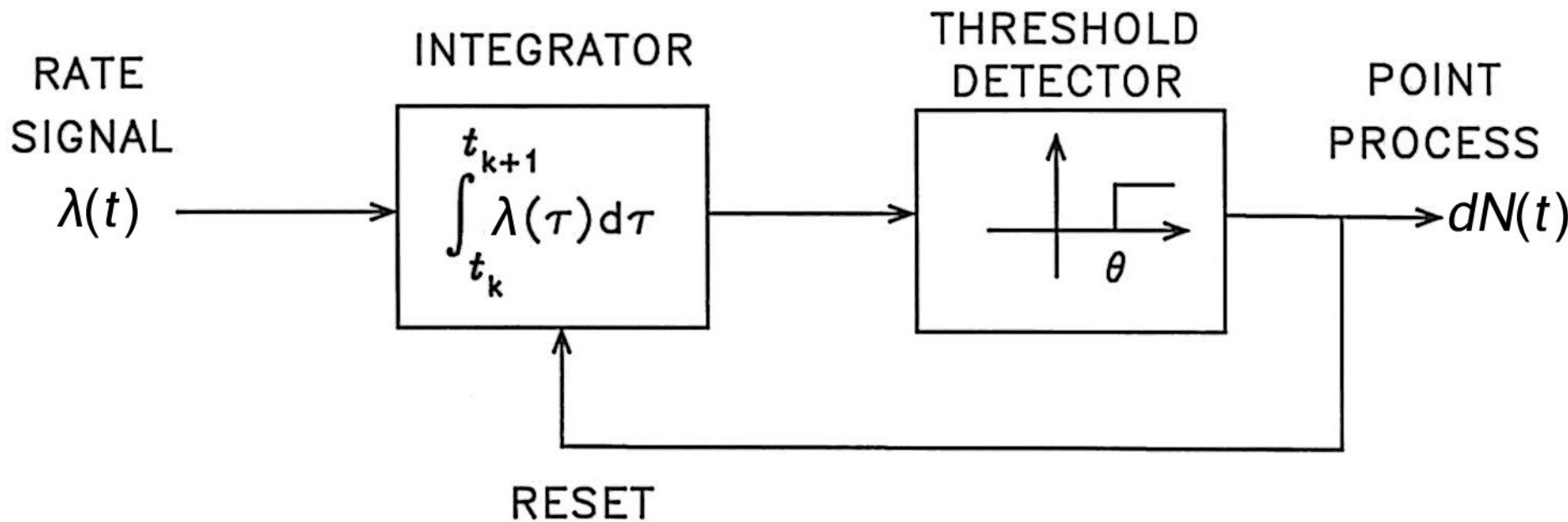
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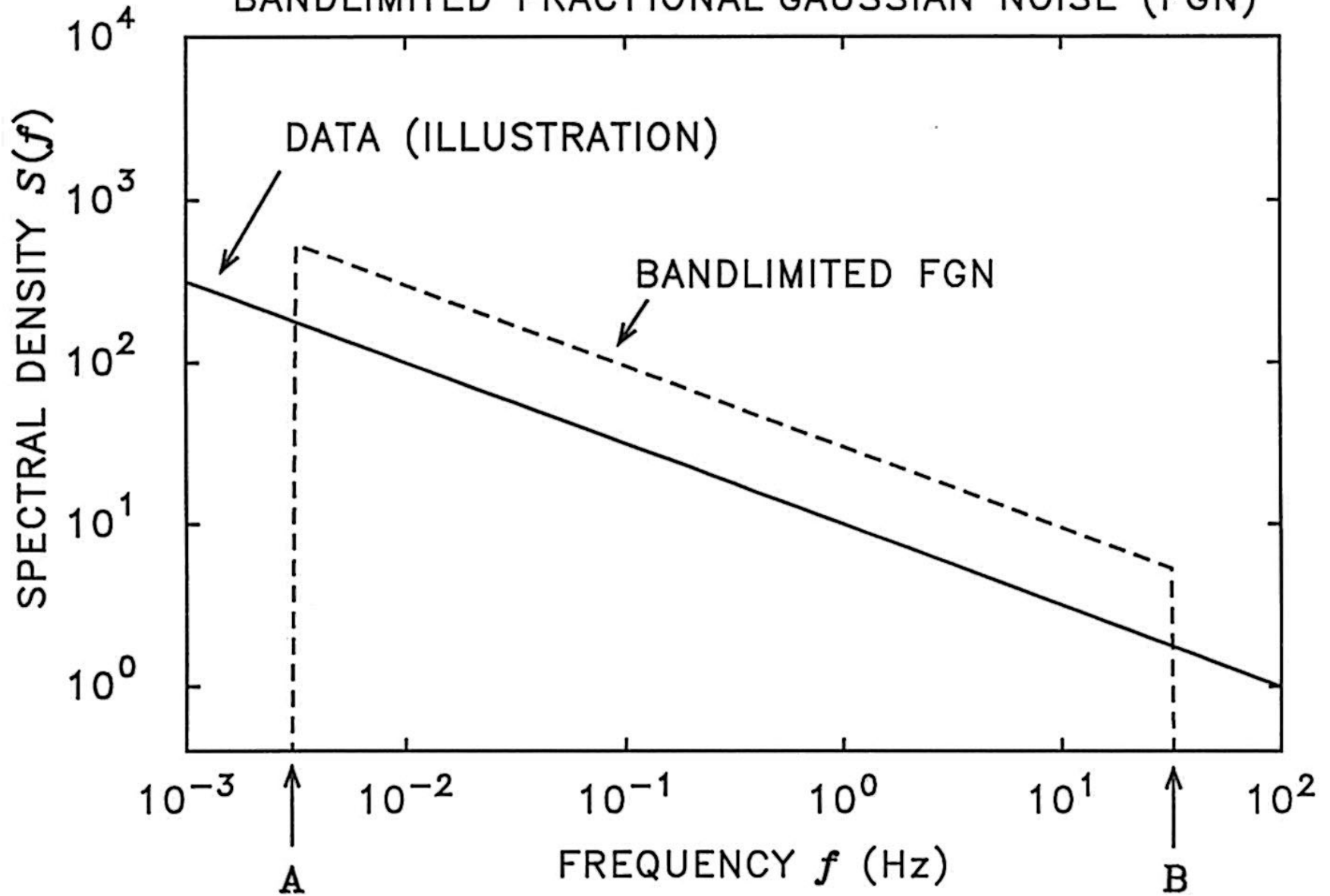
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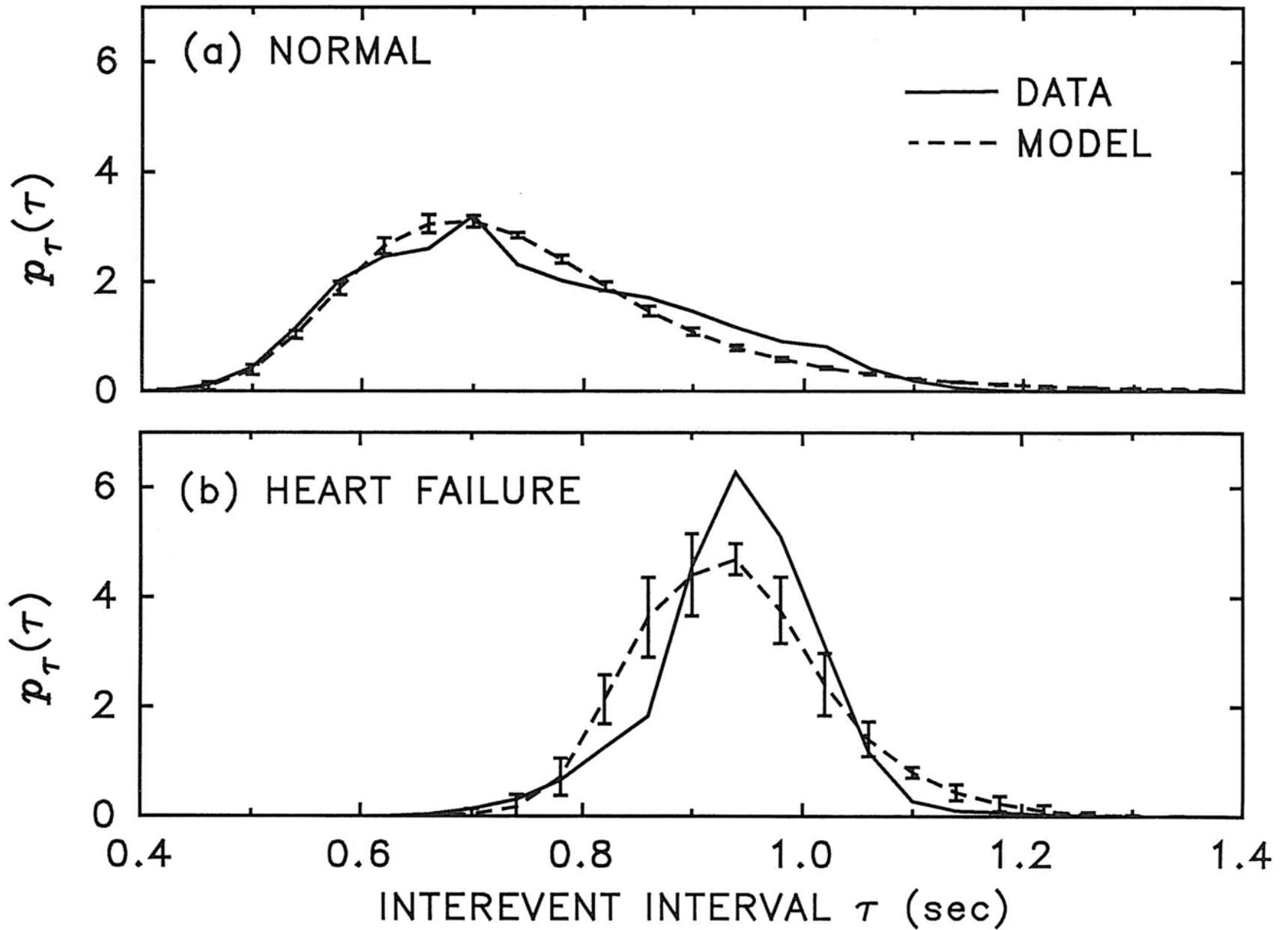
THEORY



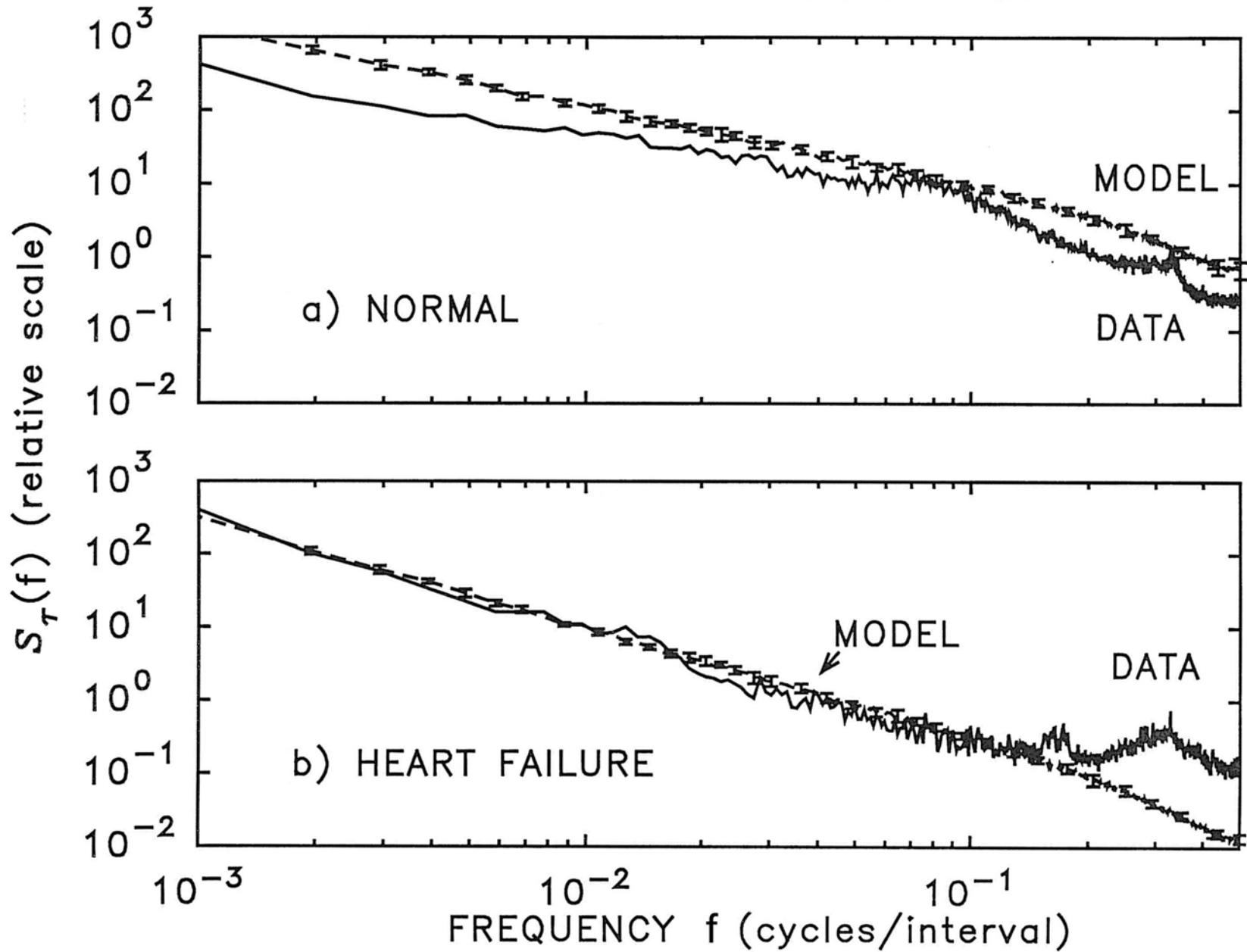
FREQUENCY-DOMAIN REPRESENTATION OF BANDLIMITED FRACTIONAL GAUSSIAN NOISE (FGN)



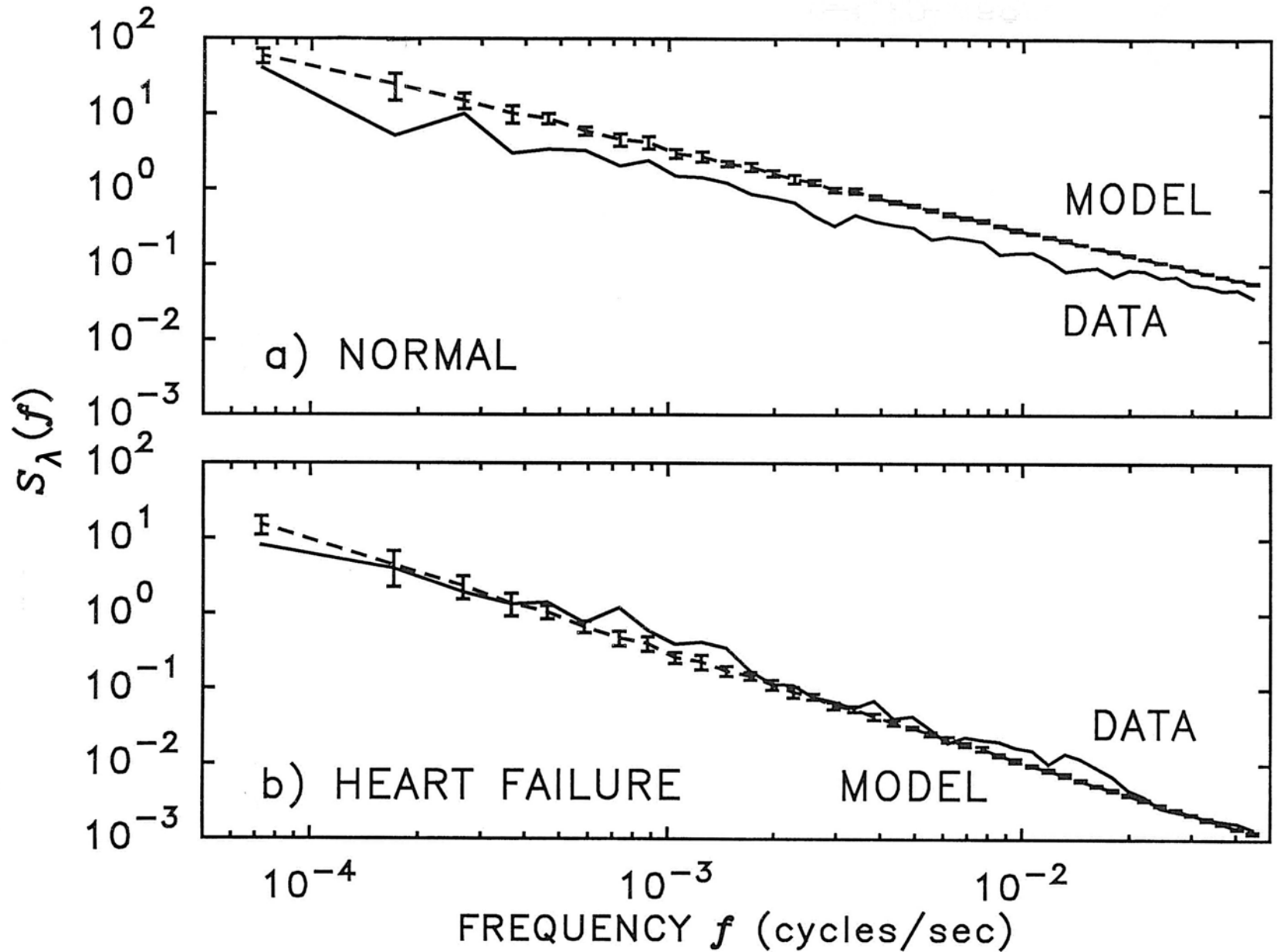
INTEREVENT-INTERVAL HISTOGRAM



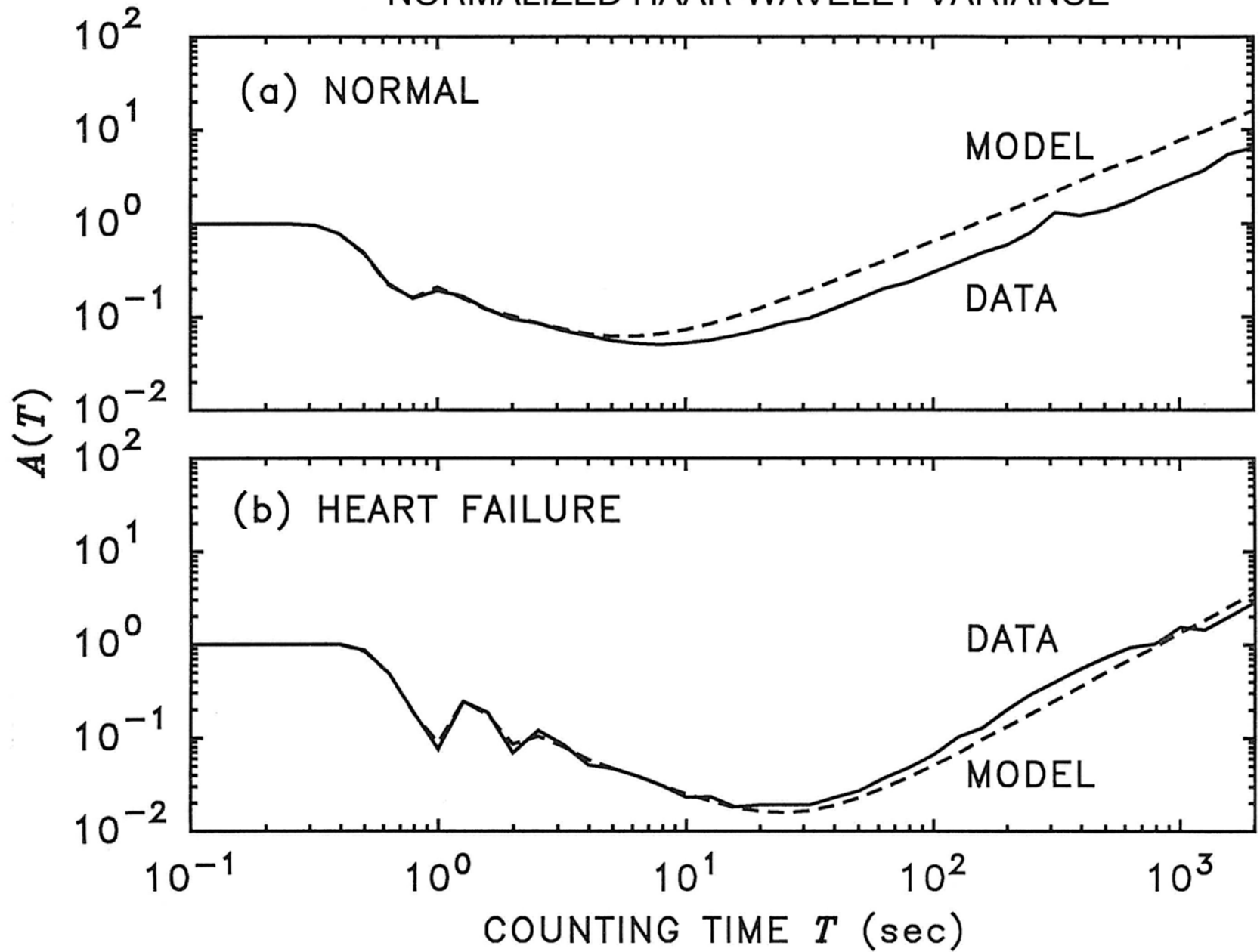
INTERVAL-BASED PERIODOGRAM



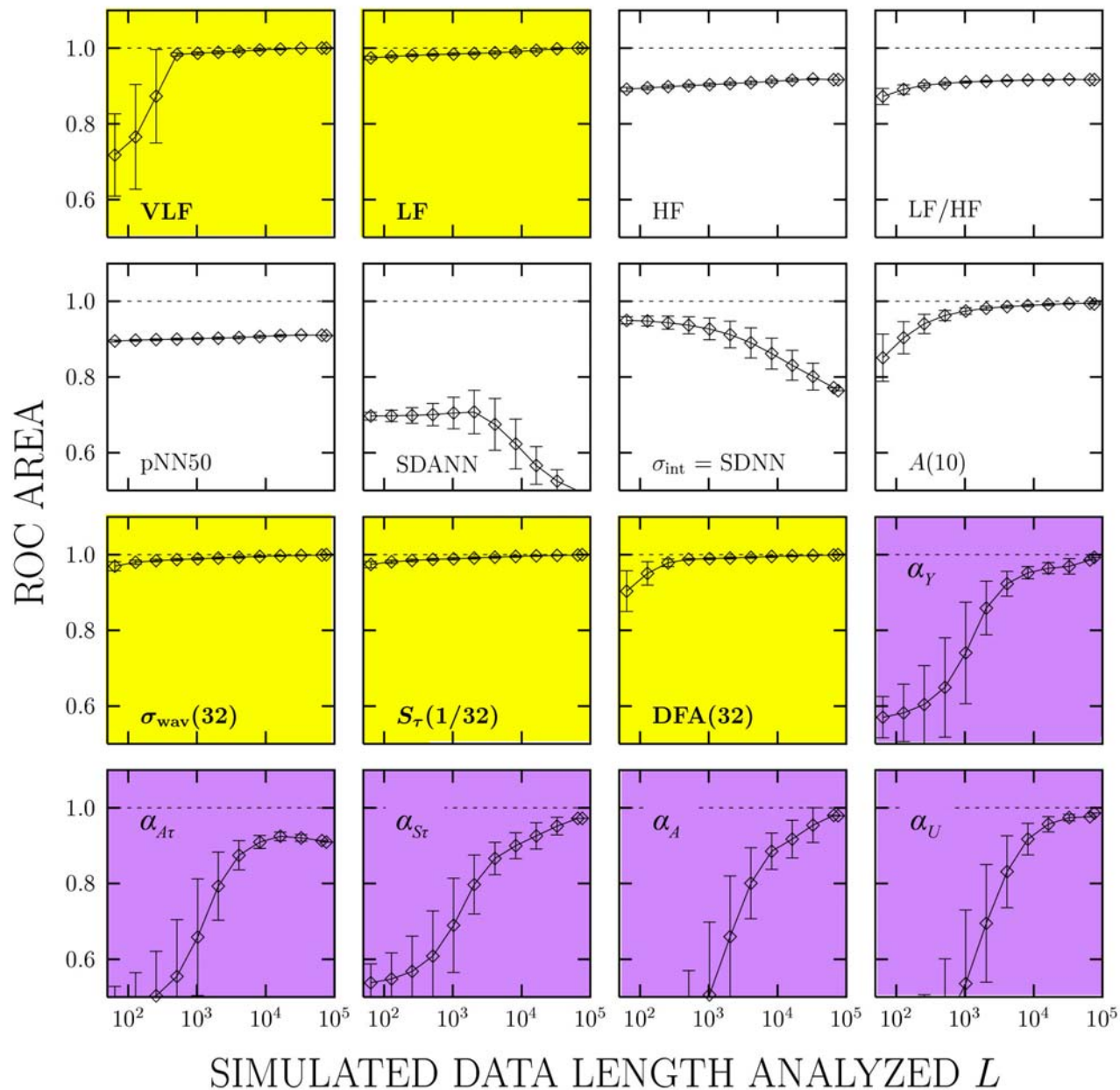
GENERALIZED-RATE-BASED PERIODOGRAM



NORMALIZED HAAR-WAVELET VARIANCE

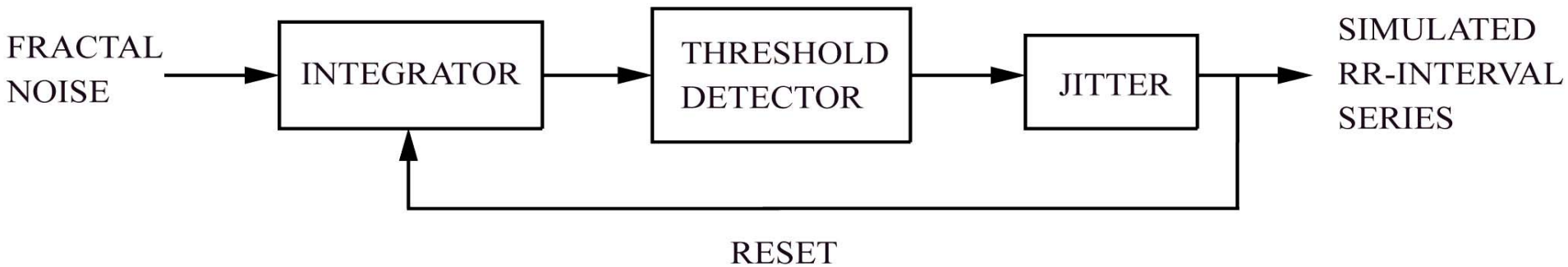


ROC-AREA CURVES: SIMULATION



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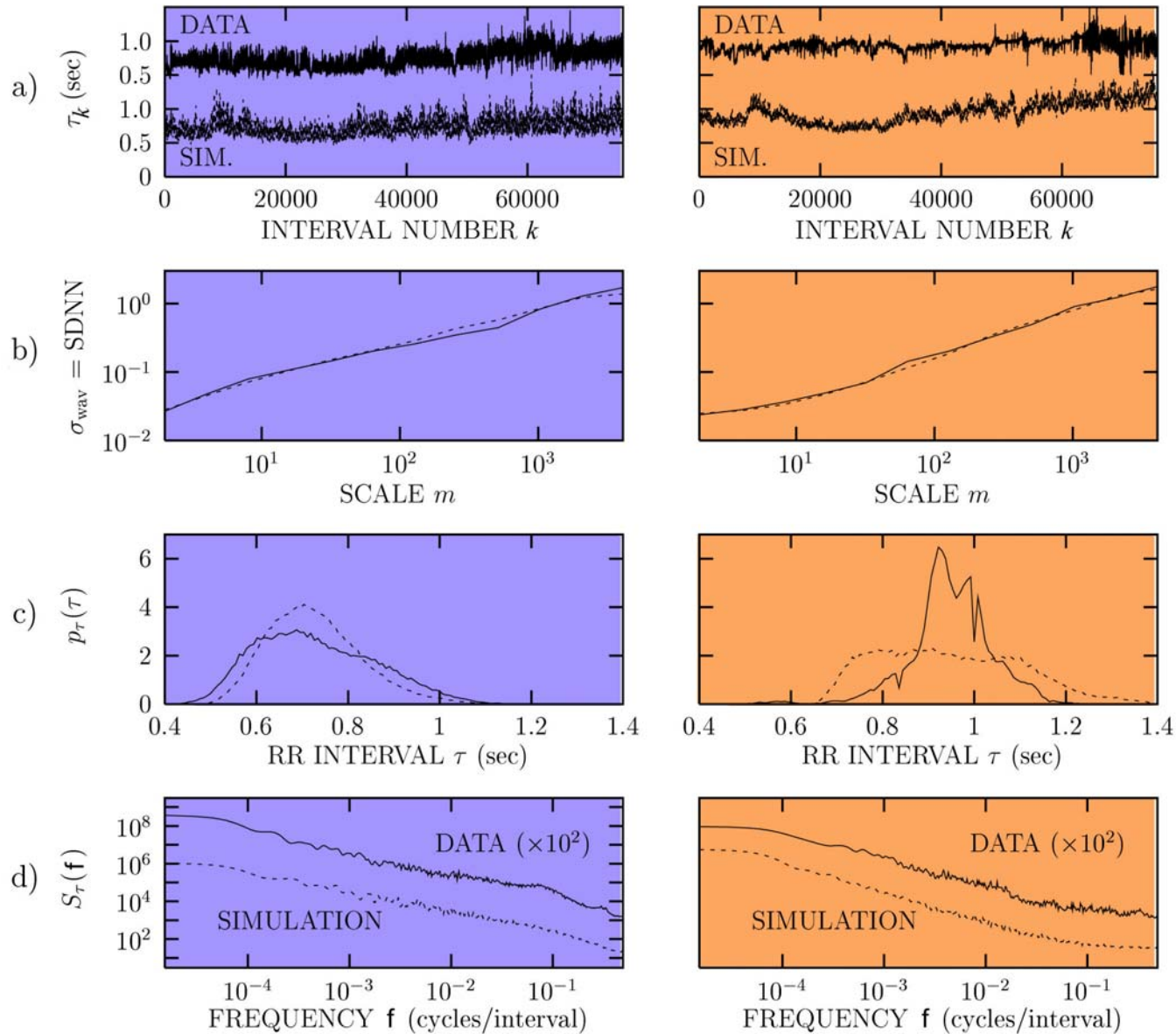
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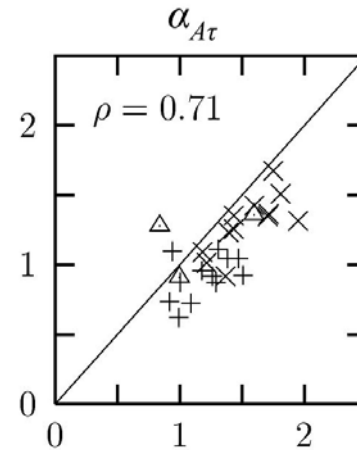
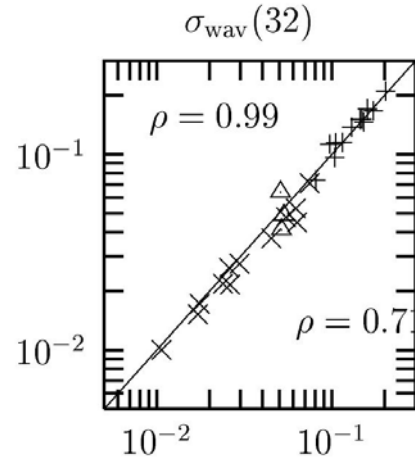
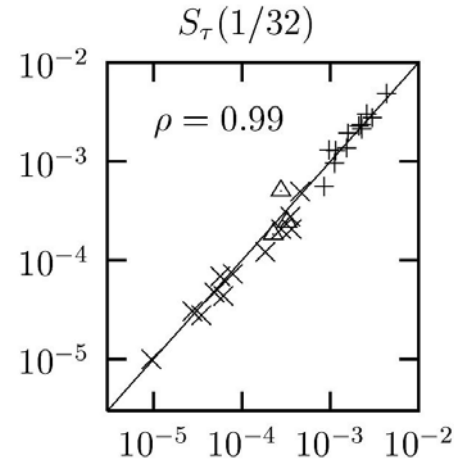
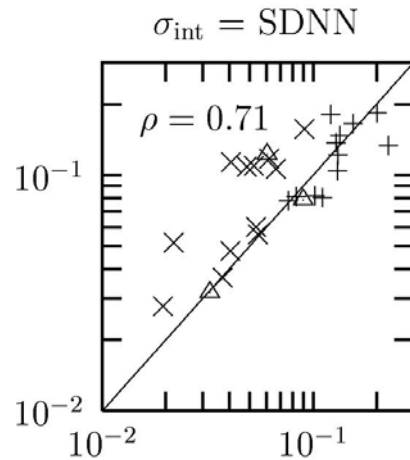
NORMAL

HEART FAILURE



SIMULATION ACCURACY

SIMULATION



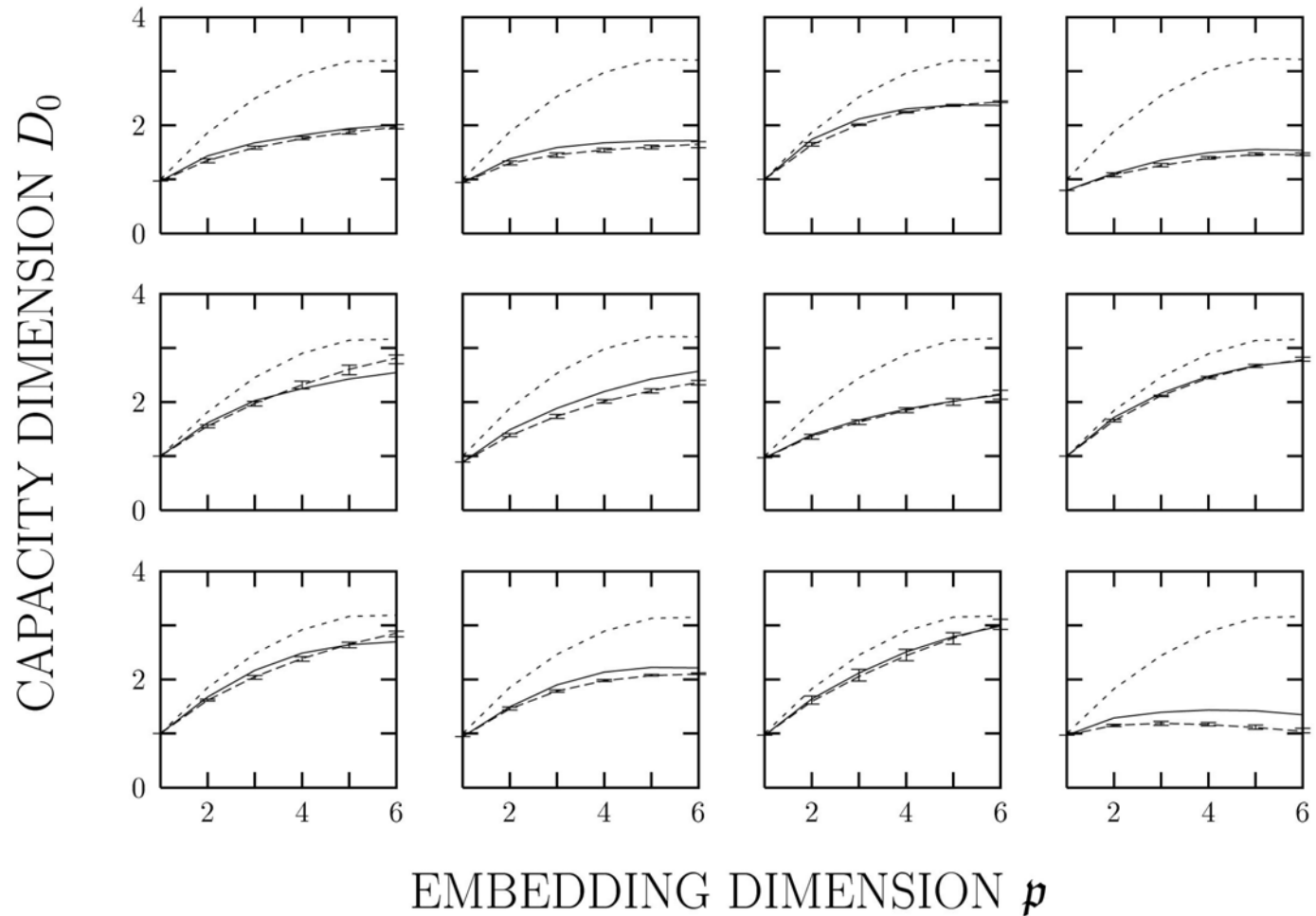
DATA

NORMAL +
 HEART FAILURE \bar{s} AF ×
 HEART FAILURE \bar{c} AF △



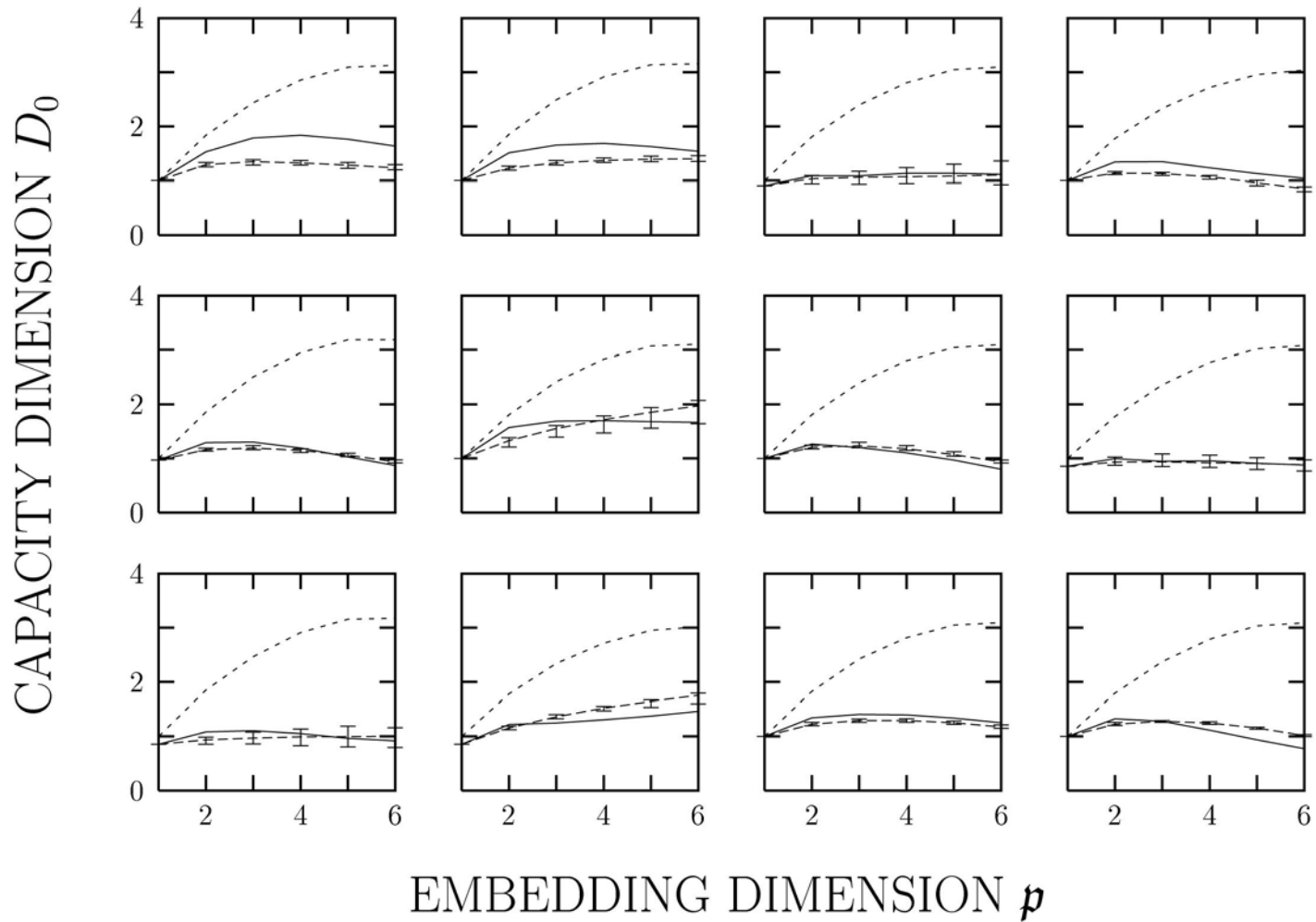
DOES THE HEARTBEAT REFLECT DETERMINISTIC CHAOS?

NORMAL



- PHASE-RANDOMIZED
- |-|-|- SHUFFLED (MEAN \pm 1 S.D.)
- ORIGINAL DATA

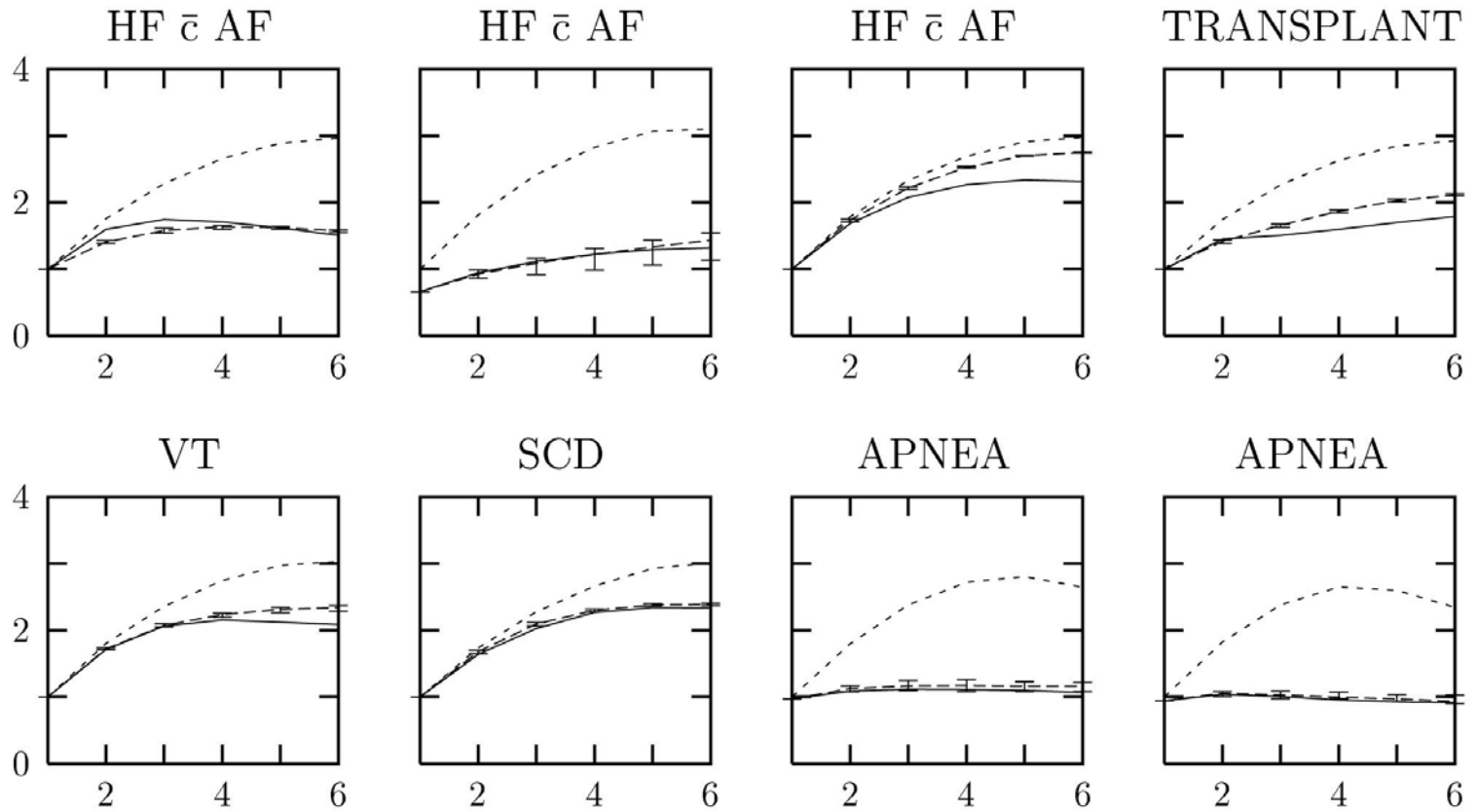
HEART FAILURE \bar{s} AF



- PHASE-RANDOMIZED
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OTHER PATHOLOGIES

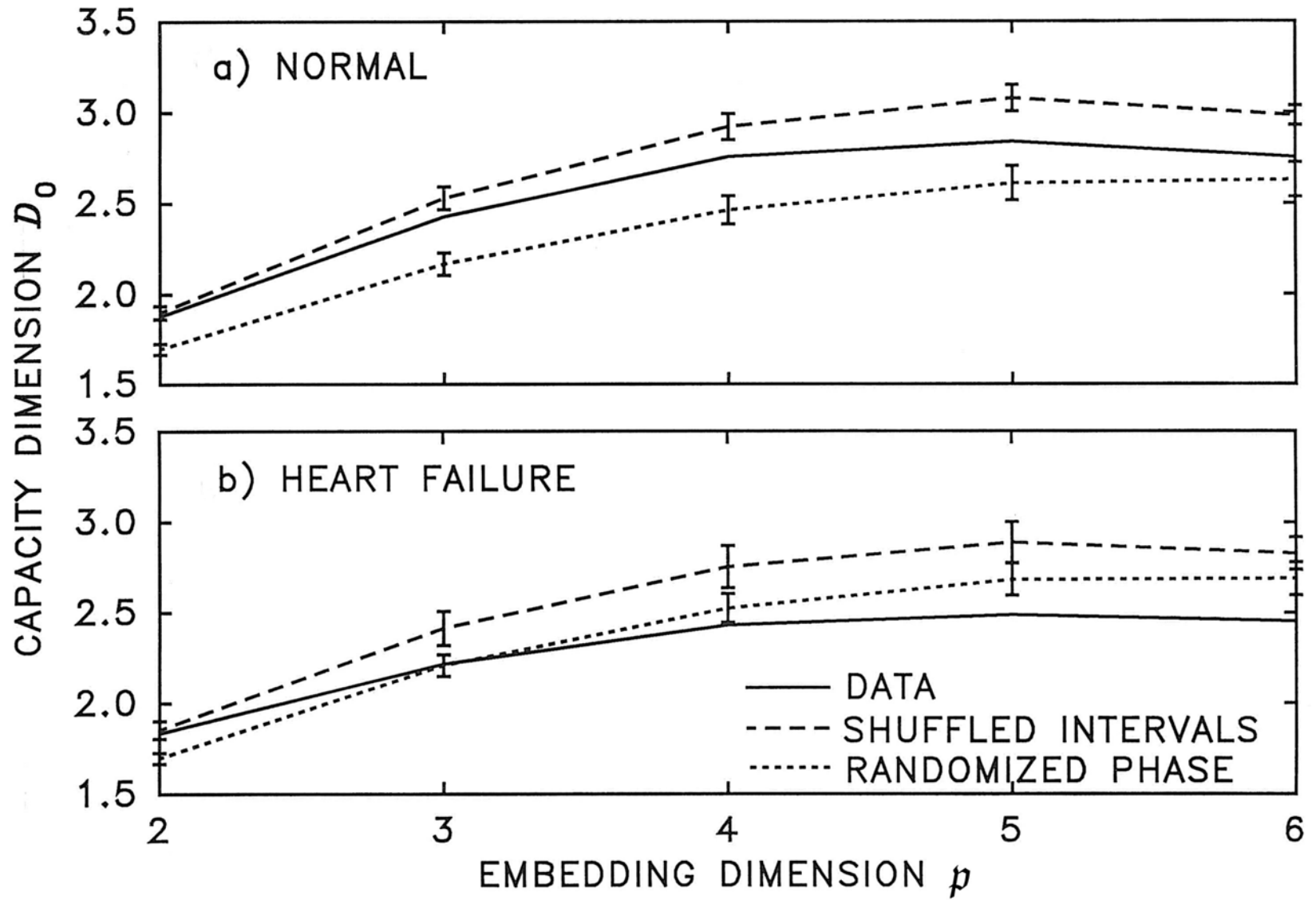
CAPACITY DIMENSION D_0



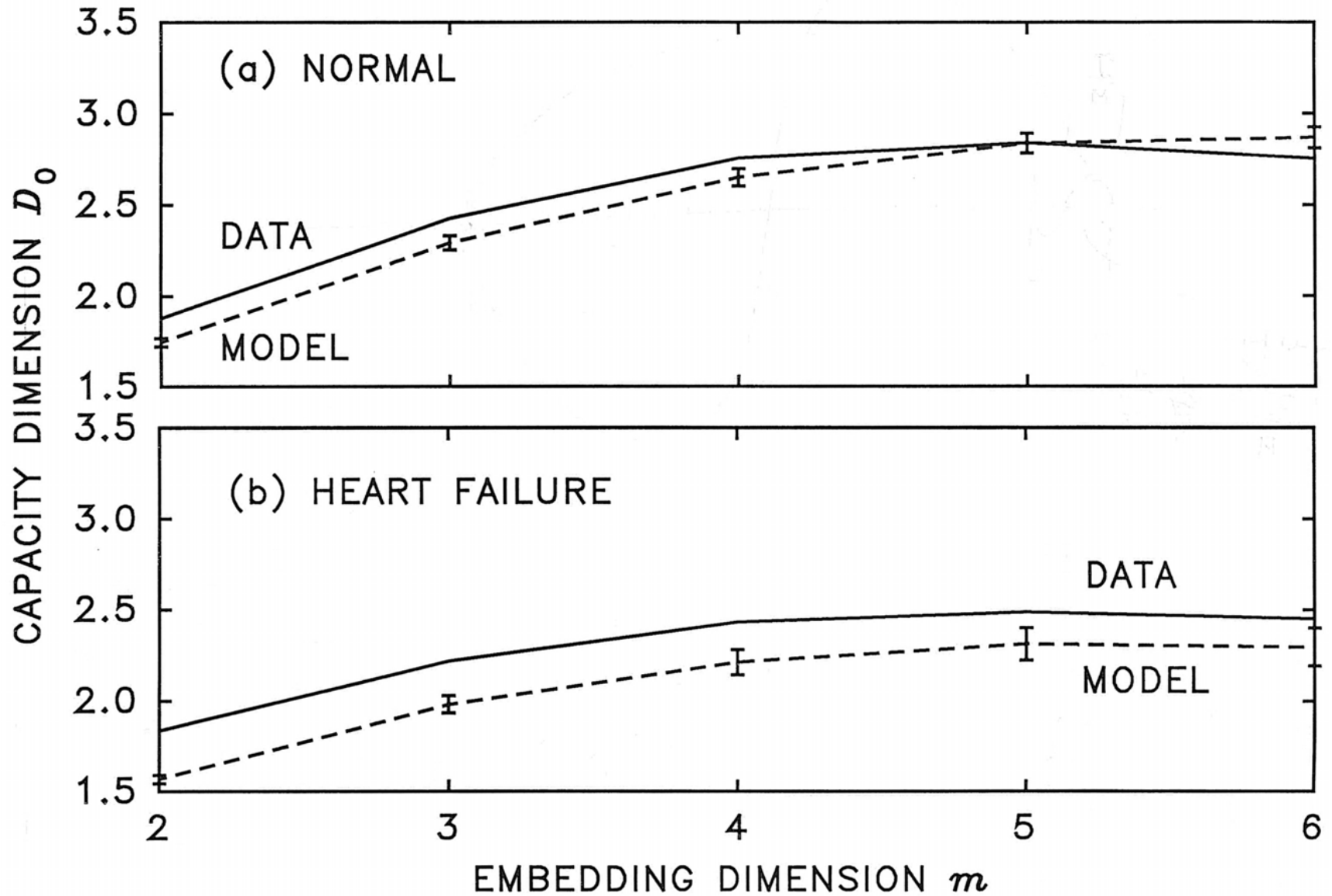
EMBEDDING DIMENSION p

- PHASE-RANDOMIZED
- - - - - | | - - - - - SHUFFLED (MEAN \pm 1 S.D.)
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GENERALIZED-RATE-BASED PHASE-SPACE RECONSTRUCTION



GENERALIZED-RATE-BASED PHASE-SPACE RECONSTRUCTION



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