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Fuzzy Time Series

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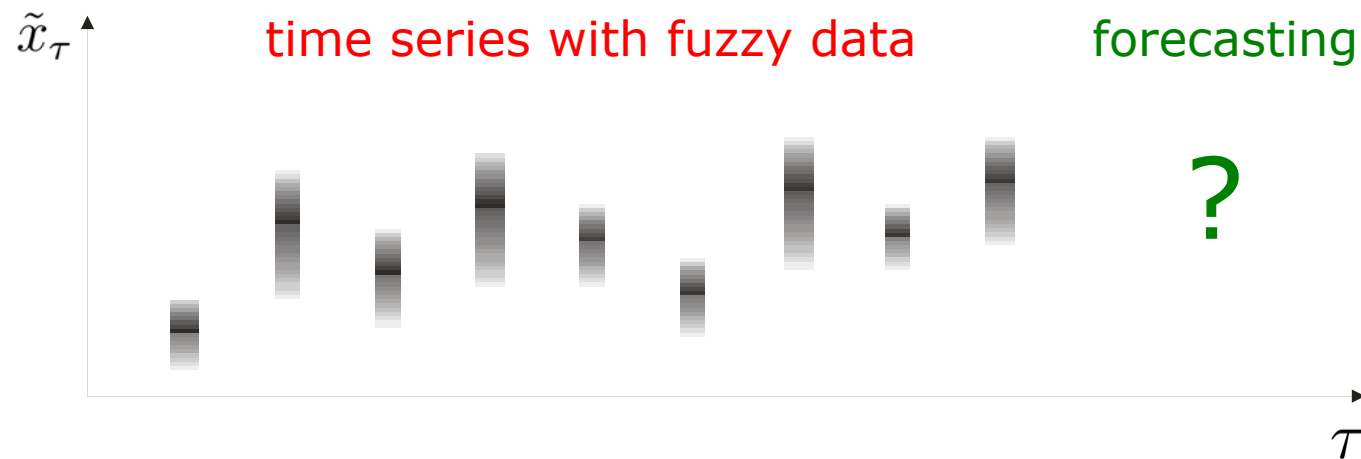
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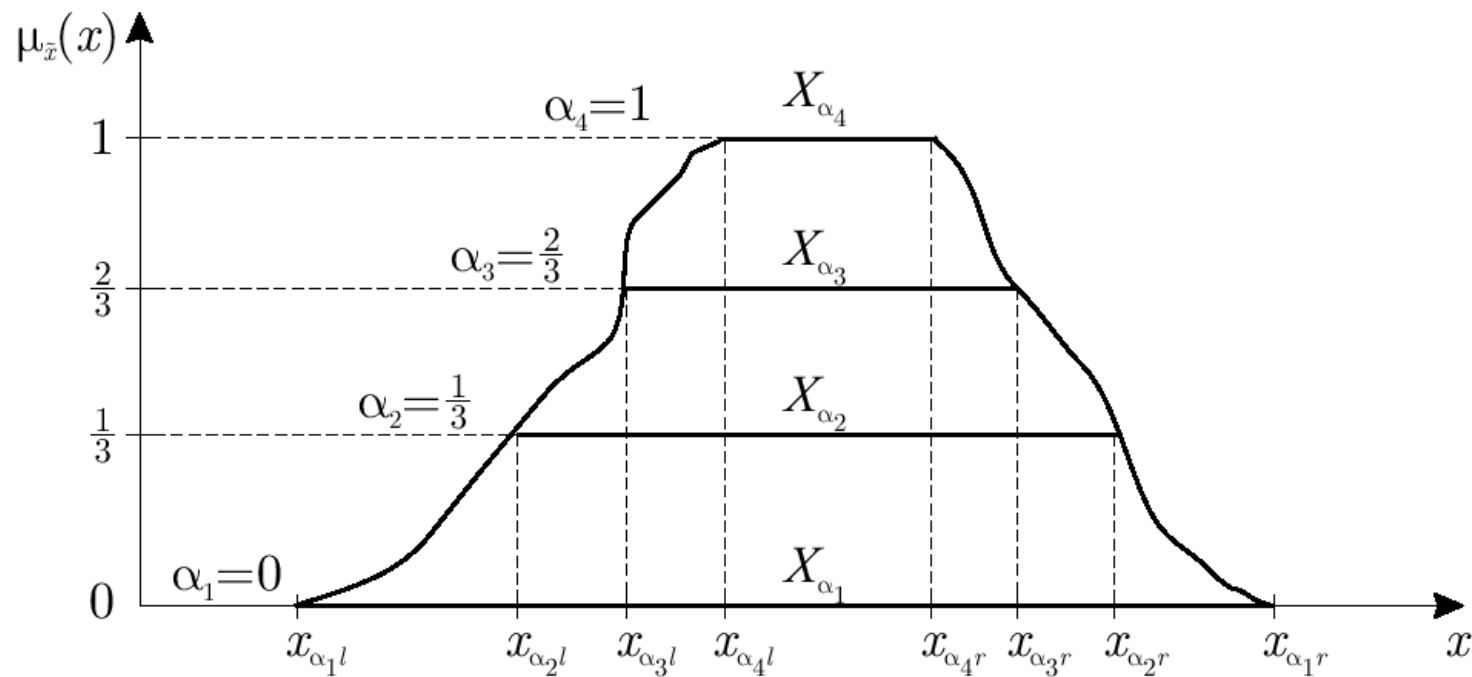
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Fuzzy time series

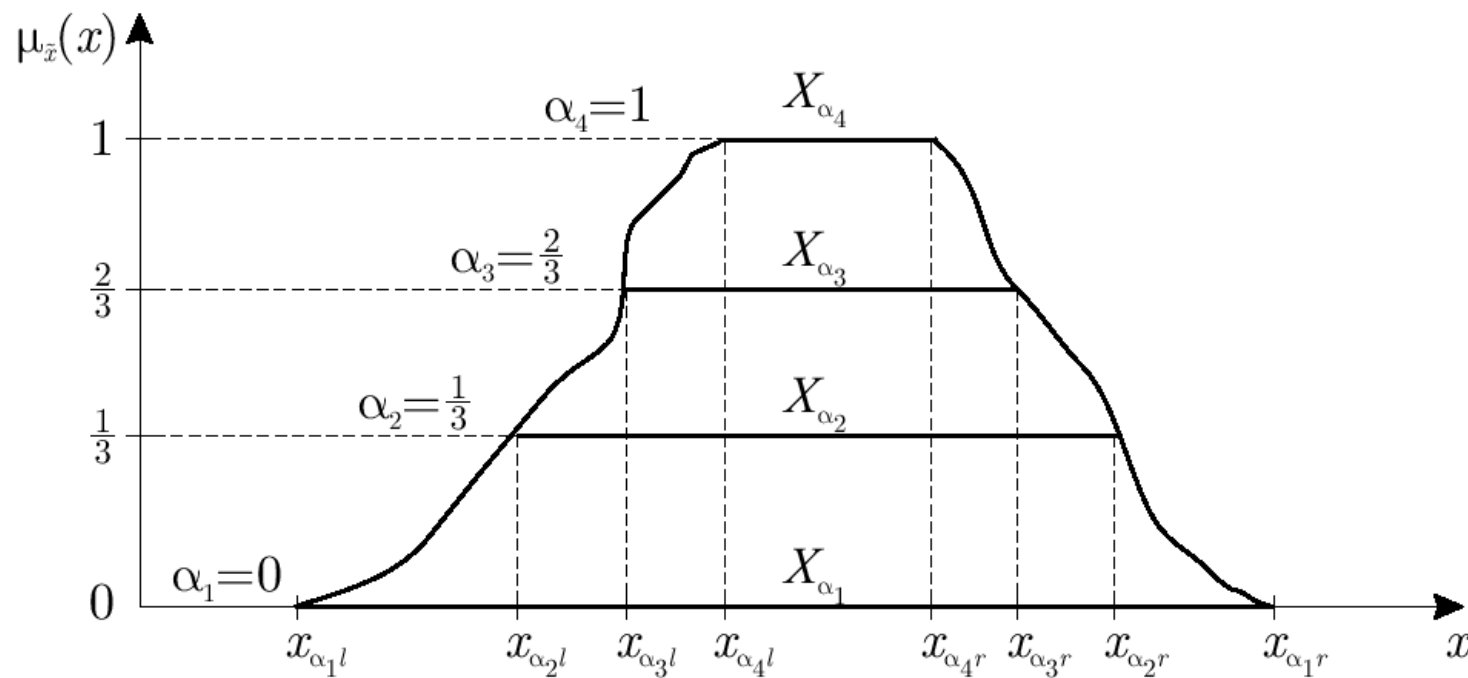




Fuzzy variables

α -discretization

$$\tilde{x} = (X_\alpha = [x_{\alpha l}, x_{\alpha r}] \mid \alpha \in [0, 1])$$





Fuzzy variables

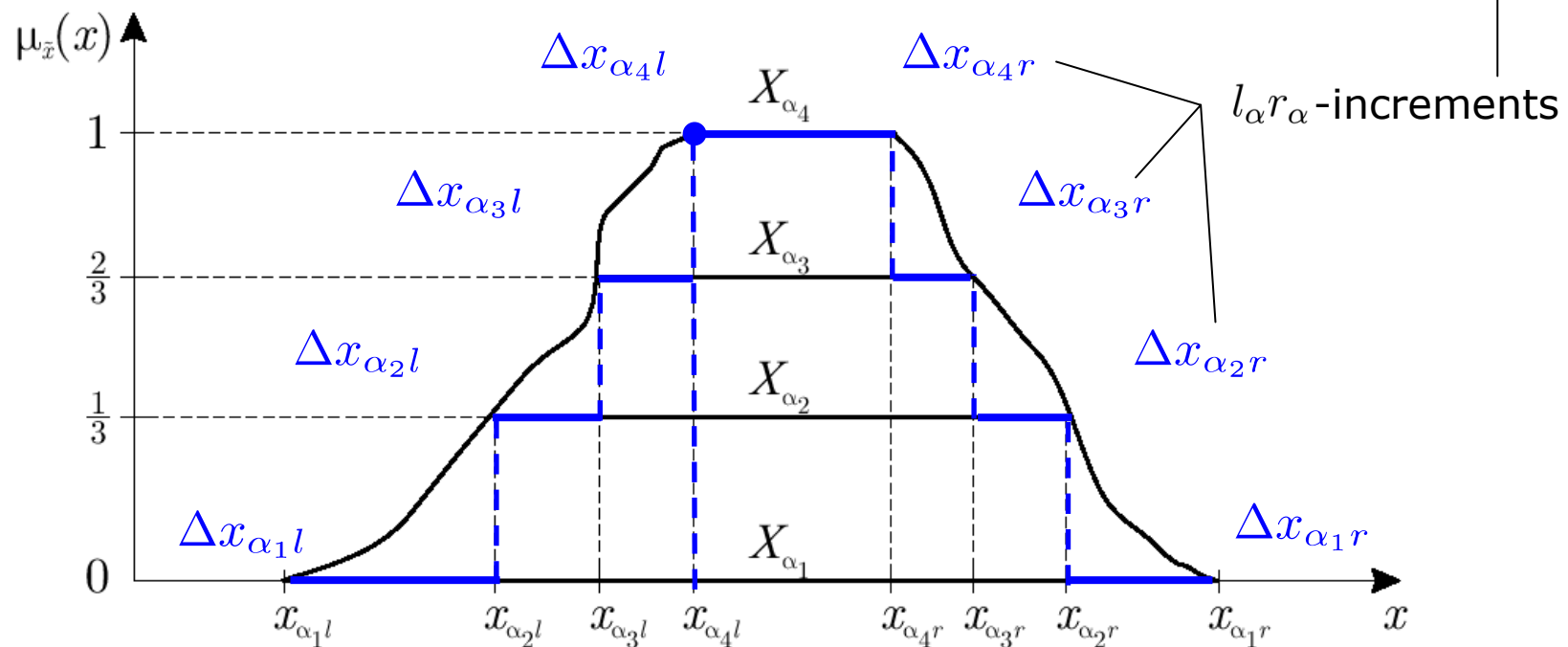
$l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -Discretization = discretization with increments

$$X_{\alpha_i} = [x_{\alpha_i l}; x_{\alpha_i r}] \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\alpha_i l} &= x_{\alpha_{i+1} l} - \Delta x_{\alpha_i l} \\ x_{\alpha_i r} &= x_{\alpha_{i+1} r} + \Delta x_{\alpha_i r} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{\alpha_n l} = \Delta x_{\alpha_n l}$$

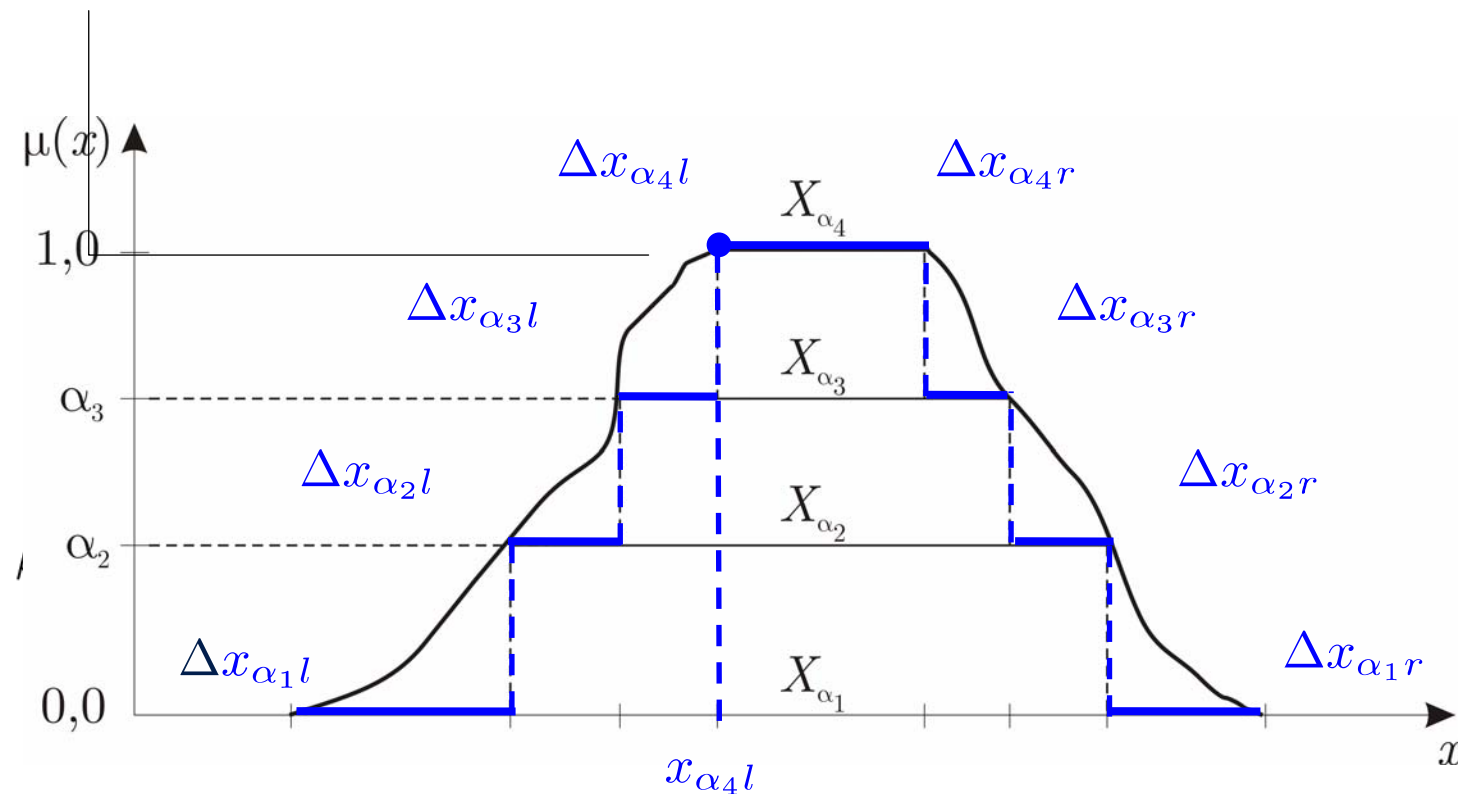
$$x_{\alpha_n r} = x_{\alpha_n l} + \Delta x_{\alpha_n r}$$





Fuzzy variables

$l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -Discretization





Fuzzy variables

$$\underline{A} \odot \tilde{x} = \tilde{z}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{1,2n-1} & a_{1,2n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,2n-1} & a_{2,2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{2n-1,1} & a_{2n-1,2} & \dots & a_{2n-1,2n-1} & a_{2n-1,2n} \\ a_{2n,1} & a_{2n,2} & \dots & a_{2n,2n-1} & a_{2n,2n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta x_{2n-1} \\ \Delta x_{2n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta z_1 \\ \Delta z_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta z_{2n-1} \\ \Delta z_{2n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{x} \oplus \tilde{y} = \tilde{z} \longrightarrow \Delta x_i + \Delta y_i = \Delta z_i$$

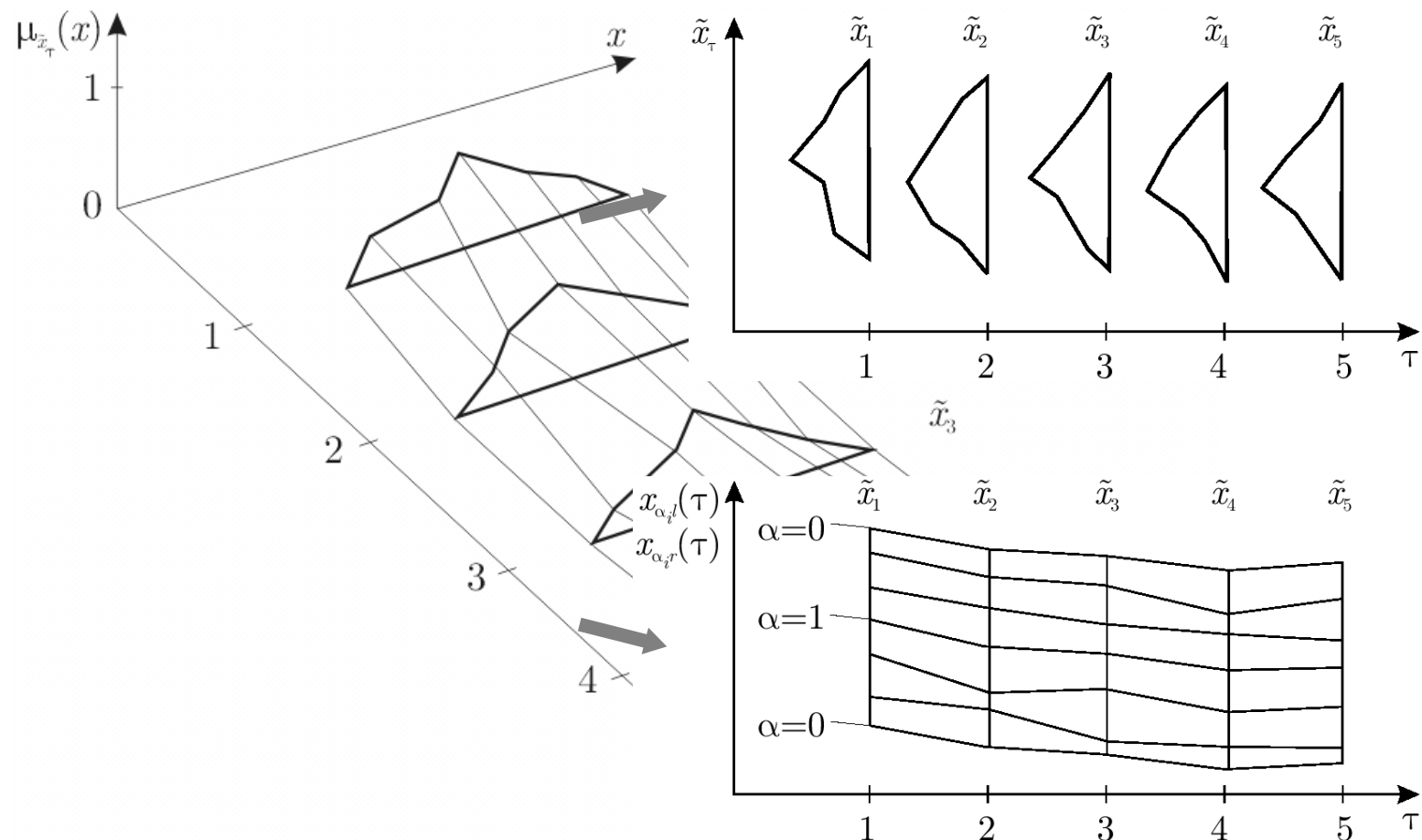
$$\tilde{x} \ominus \tilde{y} = \tilde{z} \longrightarrow \Delta x_i - \Delta y_i = \Delta z_i$$

$$\Delta z_i \geq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$$



Graphical description of fuzzy time series

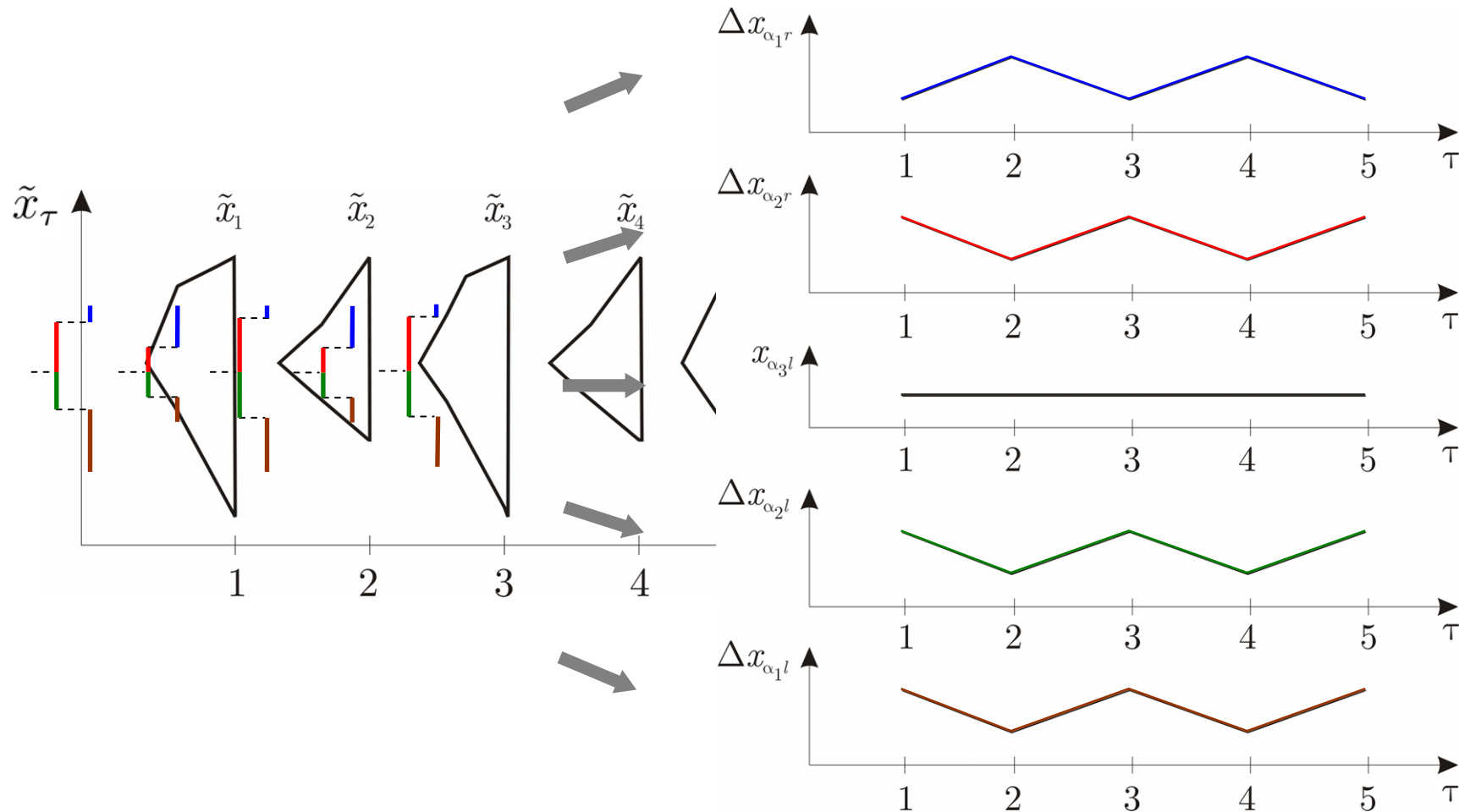
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Graphical description of fuzzy time series

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Numerical description of fuzzy time series

→ Fuzzy component model

$$\tilde{x}_\tau = \tilde{t}_\tau \oplus \tilde{z}_\tau \oplus \tilde{r}_\tau$$

with: $\tilde{t}_\tau$... functional value of the fuzzy trend function $\tilde{t}(\tau)$
 $\tilde{z}_\tau$... functional value of the fuzzy cycle function $\tilde{z}(\tau)$
 $\tilde{r}_\tau$... realization of a fuzzy random noise process $\tilde{R}(\tau)$

$$\Delta x_j(\tau) = \Delta t_j(\tau) + \Delta z_j(\tau) + \Delta r_j(\tau) \quad \forall \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta x_j(\tau) \geq 0 \\ \Delta t_j(\tau) \geq 0 \\ \Delta z_j(\tau) \geq 0 \\ \Delta r_j(\tau) \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall \quad \tau \in \mathbf{T}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, n+1, \dots, 2n$$

■ applicable by non-stationary fuzzy time series



Description of fuzzy time series by empirical parameters

■ applicable by stationary and ergodic fuzzy time series

→ empirical fuzzy mean value $\tilde{x} = \frac{1}{N} \bigoplus_{\tau=1}^N \tilde{x}_{\tau}$

→ empirical $l_{\alpha}r_{\alpha}$ -covariance function

$$l_r \hat{K}_x(\Delta\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{k}_{1,1}(\Delta\tau) & \hat{k}_{1,2}(\Delta\tau) & \cdots & \hat{k}_{1,2n-1}(\Delta\tau) & \hat{k}_{1,2n}(\Delta\tau) \\ \hat{k}_{2,1}(\Delta\tau) & \hat{k}_{2,2}(\Delta\tau) & \cdots & \hat{k}_{2,2n-1}(\Delta\tau) & \hat{k}_{2,2n}(\Delta\tau) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hat{k}_{2n-1,1}(\Delta\tau) & \hat{k}_{2n-1,2}(\Delta\tau) & \cdots & \hat{k}_{2n-1,2n-1}(\Delta\tau) & \hat{k}_{2n-1,2n}(\Delta\tau) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{k}_{i,j}(\Delta\tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=1}^{N-\Delta\tau} [(\Delta x_i(\tau) - \Delta \bar{x}_i) \cdot (\Delta x_j(\tau + \Delta\tau) - \Delta \bar{x}_j)]_{n,2n}(\Delta\tau)$$



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Modelling of fuzzy time series

Fuzzy time series $\longrightarrow$ realization of a fuzzy random process $\tilde{X}_\tau : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R})$
 $\longrightarrow$ family of fuzzy random variables $(\tilde{X}_\tau)_{\tau \in \mathbf{T}}$

$\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R})$... set of all fuzzy variables on $\mathbb{R}$

Ω ... space of the random elementary events

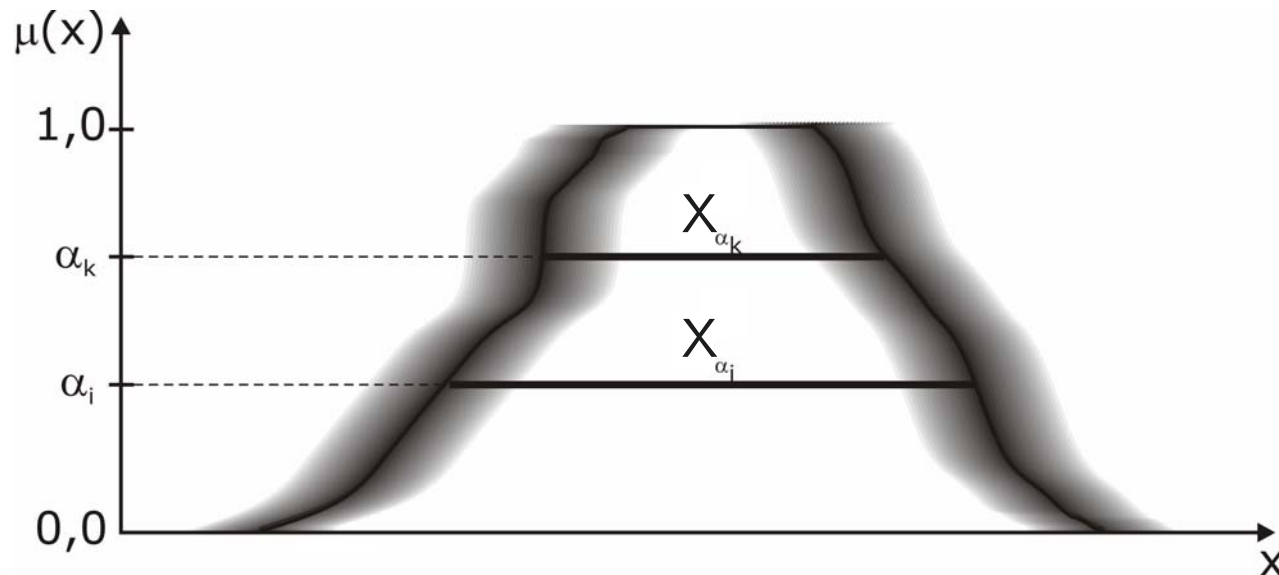
$\longrightarrow$ realizations of a fuzzy random variable are **fuzzy variables**

$\longrightarrow$ **each realization of a fuzzy random process yields a sequence of fuzzy variables at discrete time points**



Fuzzy random variables

8 realizations

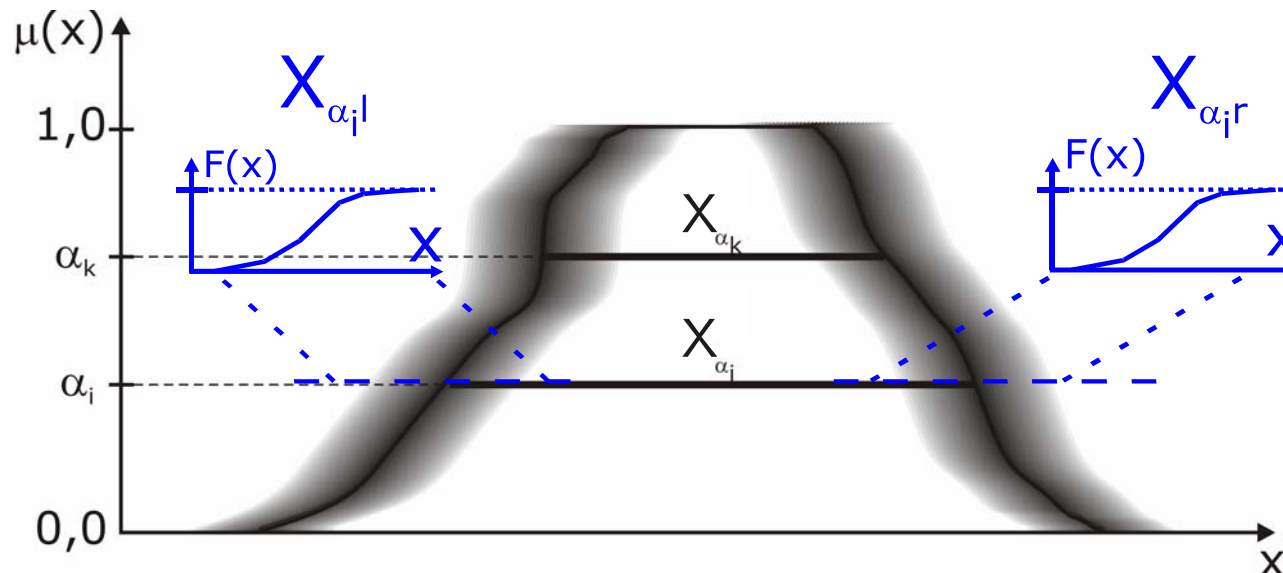




Fuzzy random variables

1. α -level sets are random sets

2. $X_{\alpha_i} = [X_{\alpha_i l} ; X_{\alpha_i r}]$ $\rightarrow$ interval bounds of the α -level sets are random variables

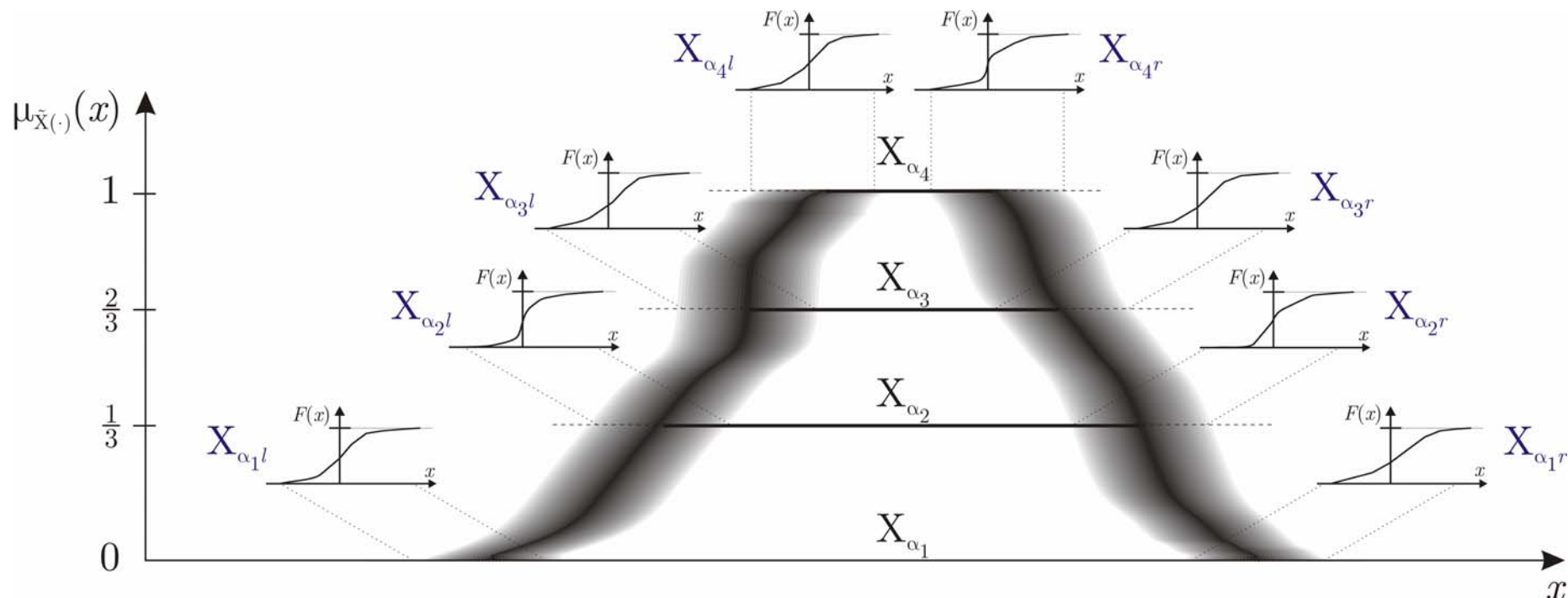




Fuzzy random variables

α -Discretization

- $\tilde{X} = (X_\alpha = [X_{\alpha l}, X_{\alpha r}] \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]) \longrightarrow$
- random α -level sets
 - bounds are random variables





Fuzzy random variables

$l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -Discretization

■ $X_{\alpha_i} = [X_{\alpha_i l}; X_{\alpha_i r}]$



$$\begin{aligned} X_{\alpha_i l} &= X_{\alpha_{i+1} l} - \Delta X_{\alpha_i l} \\ X_{\alpha_i r} &= X_{\alpha_{i+1} r} + \Delta X_{\alpha_i r} \end{aligned}$$

$$X_{\alpha_n l} = \Delta X_{\alpha_n l}$$

$$X_{\alpha_n r} = X_{\alpha_n l} + \Delta X_{\alpha_n r}$$

$l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -Representation
of a fuzzy random variable

$${}_{lr}\tilde{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta X_{\alpha_1 l} \\ \Delta X_{\alpha_2 l} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta X_{\alpha_n l} \\ \Delta X_{\alpha_n r} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta X_{\alpha_2 r} \\ \Delta X_{\alpha_1 r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta X_1 \\ \Delta X_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta X_n \\ \Delta X_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta X_{2n-1} \\ \Delta X_{2n} \end{bmatrix}$$

**correlated
random
variables**





Fuzzy random process

$$\longrightarrow (\tilde{X}_\tau)_{\tau \in T}$$

■ first and second order moments in $l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -representation

→ fuzzy expected value function

$$E[\tilde{X}_\tau] = \tilde{m}_{\tilde{X}_\tau} = \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_{-\infty}^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty {}_{lr}f_{\tilde{X}_\tau}(\tilde{x}) \tilde{x} d\Delta x_1 \cdots d\Delta x_n \cdots d\Delta x_{2n}$$

→ $l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -covariance function

→ $l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -variance

$${}_{lr}K_{\tilde{X}_\tau}(\tau_a, \tau_b) = \begin{bmatrix} k_{1,1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{1,2}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & \cdots & k_{1,2n-1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{1,2n}(\tau_a, \tau_b) \\ k_{2,1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{2,2}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & \cdots & k_{2,2n-1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{2,2n}(\tau_a, \tau_b) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ k_{2n-1,1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{2n-1,2}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & \cdots & k_{2n-1,2n-1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{2n-1,2n}(\tau_a, \tau_b) \\ k_{2n,1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{2n,2}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & \cdots & k_{2n,2n-1}(\tau_a, \tau_b) & k_{2n,2n}(\tau_a, \tau_b) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k_{i,j}(\tau_a, \tau_b) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty (\Delta x_i - \Delta m_i(\tau_a)) (\Delta x_j - \Delta m_j(\tau_b)) \cdots f(\Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \tau_a, \tau_b) d\Delta x_i d\Delta x_j$$

$${}_{lr}Var[\tilde{X}_\tau] = {}_{lr}\sigma_{\tilde{X}_\tau}^2$$

$${}_{lr}\sigma_i^2(\tau) = \text{[redacted]}$$

for $\tau_a = \tau_b = \tau$



Fuzzy-white-noise-process

→ $(\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau)_{\tau \in \mathbb{T}}$

$$E[\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau] = \tilde{m}_{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}} = \text{constant} \quad \forall \tau \in \mathbb{T}$$

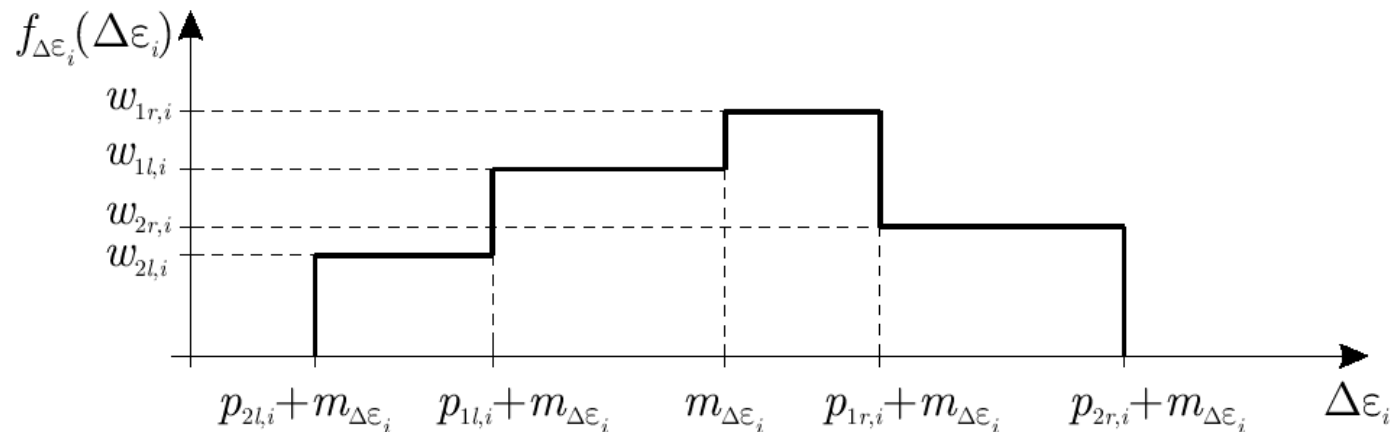
$${}_{lr}Var[\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau] = {}_{lr}\underline{\sigma}_{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}^2 = \text{constant} \quad \forall \tau \in \mathbb{T}$$

$${}_{lr}K_{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}(\Delta\tau) = \begin{cases} {}_{lr}K_{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}(0) & \text{for } \Delta\tau = 0 \\ \underline{0} & \text{for } \Delta\tau \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

← increments are dependent
← increments are independent

**stationary and
ergodic process**

→ probability density function of a random increment $\Delta\varepsilon_i$





Fuzzy-ARMA-process

$$\longrightarrow (\tilde{X}_\tau)_{\tau \in T}$$

$$\tilde{X}_\tau = \underbrace{\underline{A}_1 \odot \tilde{X}_{\tau-1} \oplus \dots \oplus \underline{A}_p \odot \tilde{X}_{\tau-p}}_{\text{Fuzzy-AR-process}} \oplus \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau \ominus \underline{B}_1 \odot \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{\tau-1} \ominus \dots \ominus \underline{B}_q \odot \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{\tau-q}}_{\text{Fuzzy-MA-process}}$$

with: $\underline{A}_j, \underline{B}_j$... real valued $[2n, 2n]$ parameter matrices

$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau$... fuzzy random variable of a fuzzy-white-noise-process

**Forecasting presupposes the estimation
of the parameter matrices.**



Estimation of the parameter $\{\underline{A}_1, \dots, \underline{A}_p, \underline{B}_1, \dots, \underline{B}_q\} = \underline{P}$

3 strategies for parameter estimation:

Idea 1: Minimization of the differences between empirical parameters and model parameters

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2n} (\Delta \bar{x}_j - \Delta m_j(\underline{P}))^2 + \sum_{\Delta \tau = -\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k,l=1}^{2n} (\hat{r}_{k,l}(\Delta \tau) - r_{k,l}(\Delta \tau, \underline{P}))^2 \stackrel{!}{=} \min$$

applicable for stationary and ergodic fuzzy time series



Estimation of the parameter $\{\underline{A}_1, \dots, \underline{A}_p, \underline{B}_1, \dots, \underline{B}_q\} = \underline{P}$

Idea 2: Minimization of the average distance between measured fuzzy data and optimal 1-step-forecasting

$$\bar{d}_F(\underline{P}) = \frac{1}{N-p} \sum_{\tau=p+1}^N \boxed{d_F}(\tilde{x}_\tau; \hat{\tilde{x}}_\tau(\underline{P})) \stackrel{!}{=} \min$$

distance function $\boxed{d_F}(\tilde{x}_\tau; \hat{\tilde{x}}_\tau(\underline{P})) = \int_0^1 \boxed{d_H}(X_\alpha(\tilde{x}_\tau); X_\alpha(\hat{\tilde{x}}_\tau(\underline{P}))) d\alpha$

HAUSDORF distance $\boxed{d_H}(A; B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} d_E(a; b); \sup_{b \in B} \inf_{a \in A} d_E(a; b) \right\}$

applicable for non-stationary fuzzy time series



Estimation of the parameter $\{\underline{A}_1, \dots, \underline{A}_p, \underline{B}_1, \dots, \underline{B}_q\} = \underline{P}$

Idea 3:

Minimization of the square error between
measured fuzzy data and optimal 1-step-forecasting

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\tau=1+p}^N \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\Delta x_i(\tau) - \Delta \dot{x}_i(\tau(\underline{P})))^2 \stackrel{!}{=} \min$$

incremental improvement of the parameter

$$\underline{A}_r(\text{new}) = \underline{A}_r(\text{old}) + \Delta \underline{A}_r \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$\underline{B}_s(\text{new}) = \underline{B}_s(\text{old}) + \Delta \underline{B}_s \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, q$$

e.g.:

$$\Delta \underline{A}_r = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial \underline{A}_r} = -\eta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_{1,1}(r)} & \cdots & \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_{1,2n}(r)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_{2n,1}(r)} & \cdots & \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_{2n,2n}(r)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Forecasting strategies

- future values of a fuzzy time series are realizations of a fuzzy random forecast process

→ **Fuzzy random forecast process**
= family of conditional random variables

conditional fuzzy random variable

$(\vec{X}_\tau)_{\tau \in \mathbf{T}}$ with $\vec{X}_{N+h}(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_N)$

realizations of the forecast process are
future values of the fuzzy time series



Forecasting strategies

→ 1. Optimal forecasting

$$\mathring{\tilde{x}}_{N+h}(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_N) = E[\tilde{X}_{N+h} | \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_N] = E[\vec{\tilde{X}}_{N+h}]$$

optimal forecasted value

conditional fuzzy expected value of $\tilde{X}_{N+h}$

■ optimal 1-step-forecasting (Fuzzy-ARMA[p,q]-process)

$$\mathring{\tilde{x}}_{N+1} = \underline{A}_1 \odot \tilde{x}_N \oplus \dots \oplus \underline{A}_p \odot \tilde{x}_{N+1-p} \oplus \underbrace{E[\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau]} \ominus \underline{B}_1 \odot \tilde{\varepsilon}_N \ominus \dots \ominus \underline{B}_q \odot \tilde{\varepsilon}_{N+1-q}$$

■ optimal h-step-forecasting (Fuzzy-ARMA[p,q]-process)

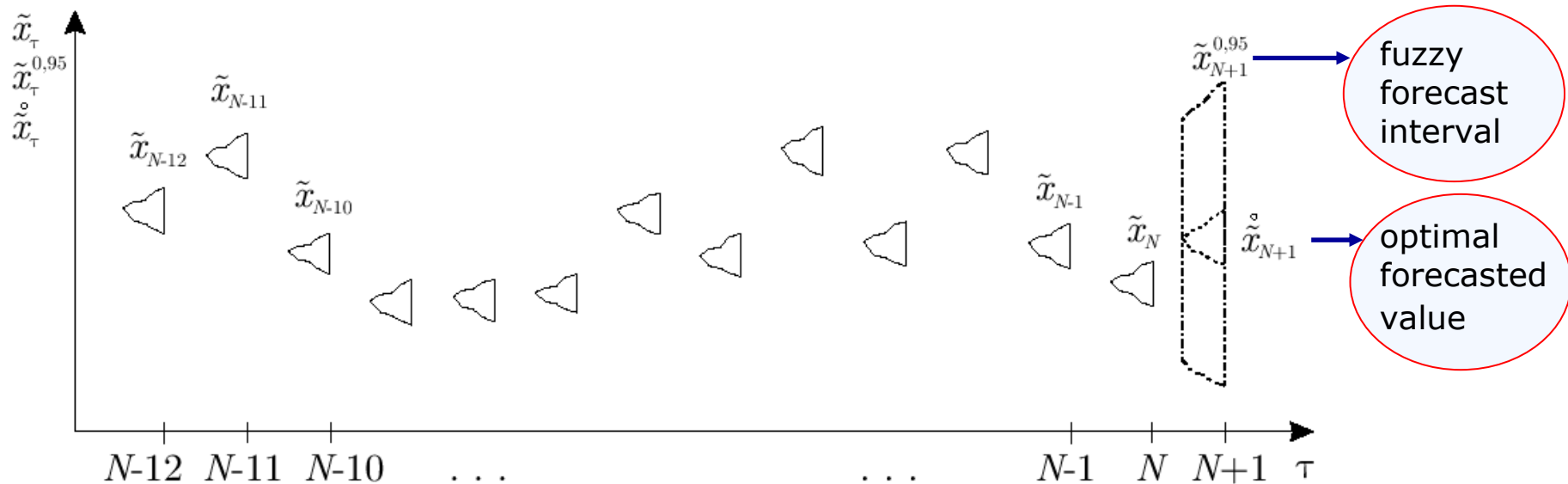
$$\mathring{\tilde{x}}_{N+h} = \underline{A}_1 \odot \tilde{x}_{N+h-1} \oplus \dots \oplus \underline{A}_p \odot \tilde{x}_{N+h-p} \oplus \underbrace{E[\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau]} \ominus \underline{B}_1 \odot \hat{\tilde{\varepsilon}}_{N+h-1} \ominus \dots \ominus \underline{B}_q \odot \hat{\tilde{\varepsilon}}_{N+h-q}$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{x}_{N+u} = \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_{N+u} & \text{for } u \leq 0 \\ \mathring{\tilde{x}}_{N+u} & \text{for } u > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\varepsilon}_{N+u} = \begin{cases} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{N+u} & \text{for } u \leq 0 \\ E[\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\tau] & \text{for } u > 0 \end{cases}$$

Forecasting strategies

➔ 2. Fuzzy forecast intervals

- A fuzzy forecast interval $\tilde{x}_{N+h}^{\kappa}$ includes realizations $\tilde{x}_{N+h}$ with probability κ



- **s future realizations** are simulated by Monte Carlo Simulation



Forecasting strategies

→ 3. Fuzzy random forecasting

objective: estimation of the fuzzy random variable $\vec{\tilde{X}}_{N+h}$

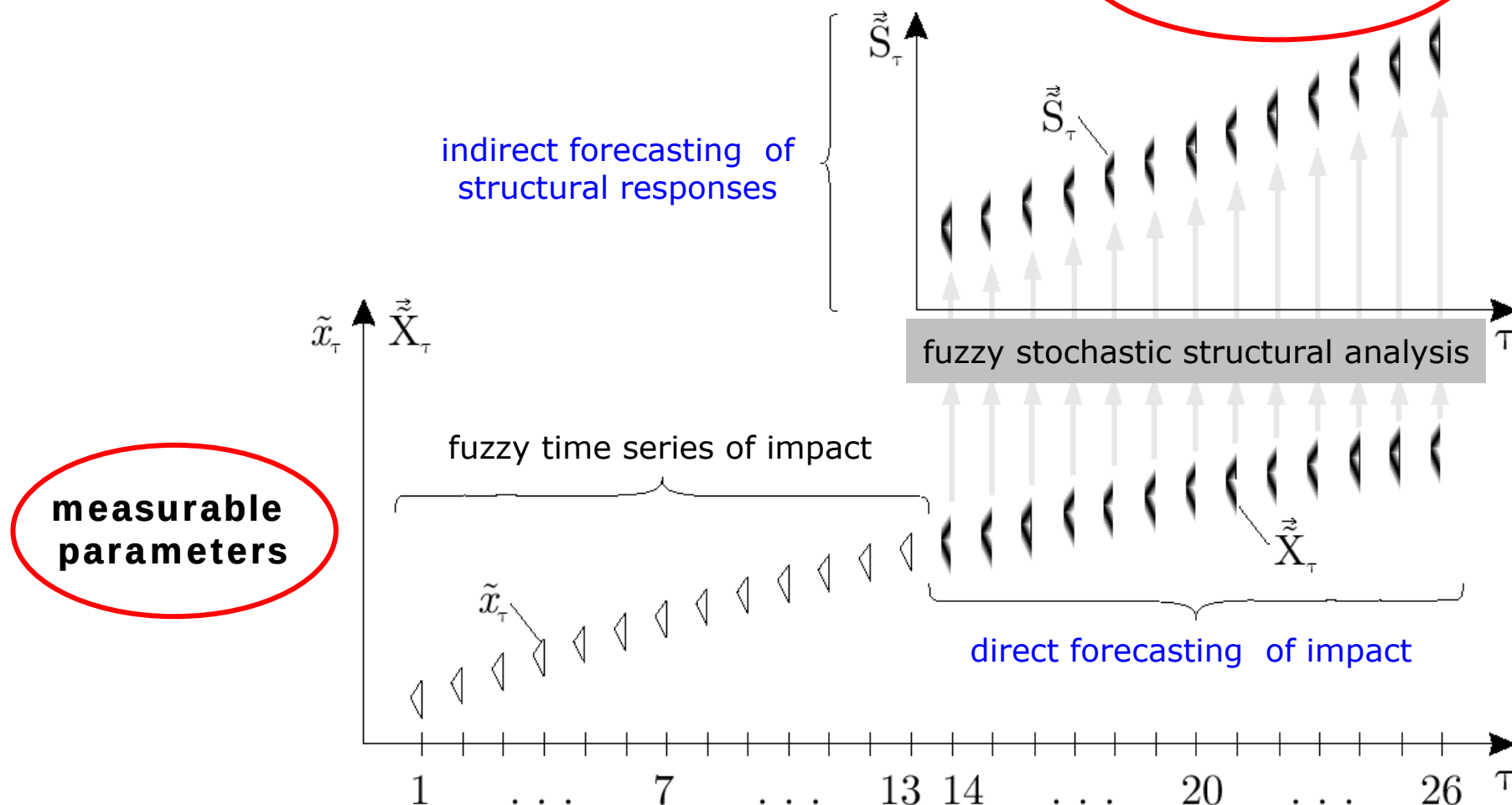
- Monte Carlo simulation of s fuzzy variables $\vec{\tilde{x}}_{N+h}$
- statistical evaluation of the simulated fuzzy variables $\vec{\tilde{x}}_{N+h}$

- e.g.
- fuzzy probability distribution function ${}_{lr}F_{\vec{\tilde{X}}}(\tilde{x})$
 - fuzzy expected value $E[\vec{\tilde{X}}_{N+h}]$
 - $l_{\alpha}r_{\alpha}$ -covariance function ${}_{lr}K_{\vec{\tilde{X}}}(\tau_a, \tau_b)$



Forecasting of structural responses

**non-measurable
parameters**

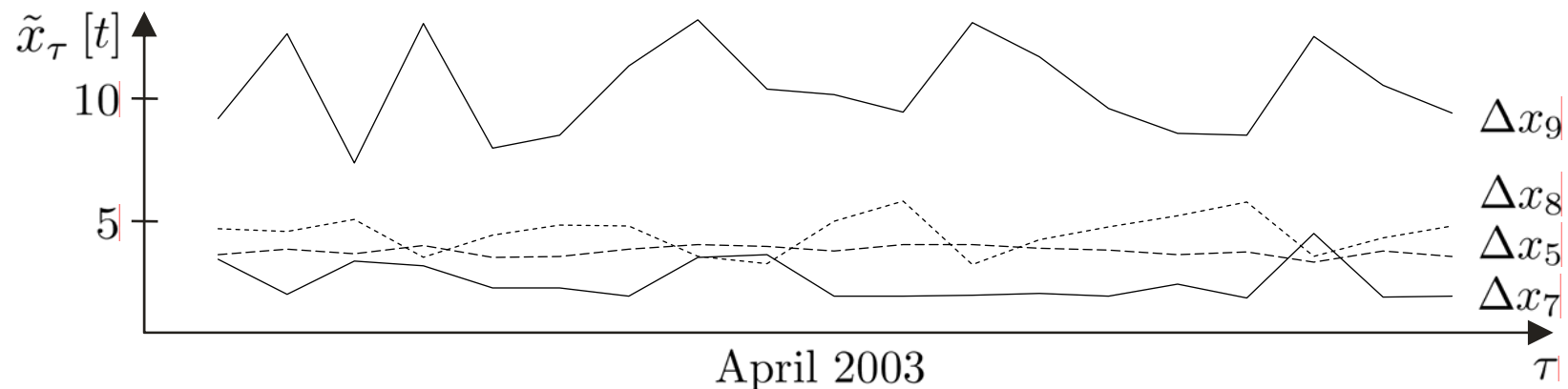
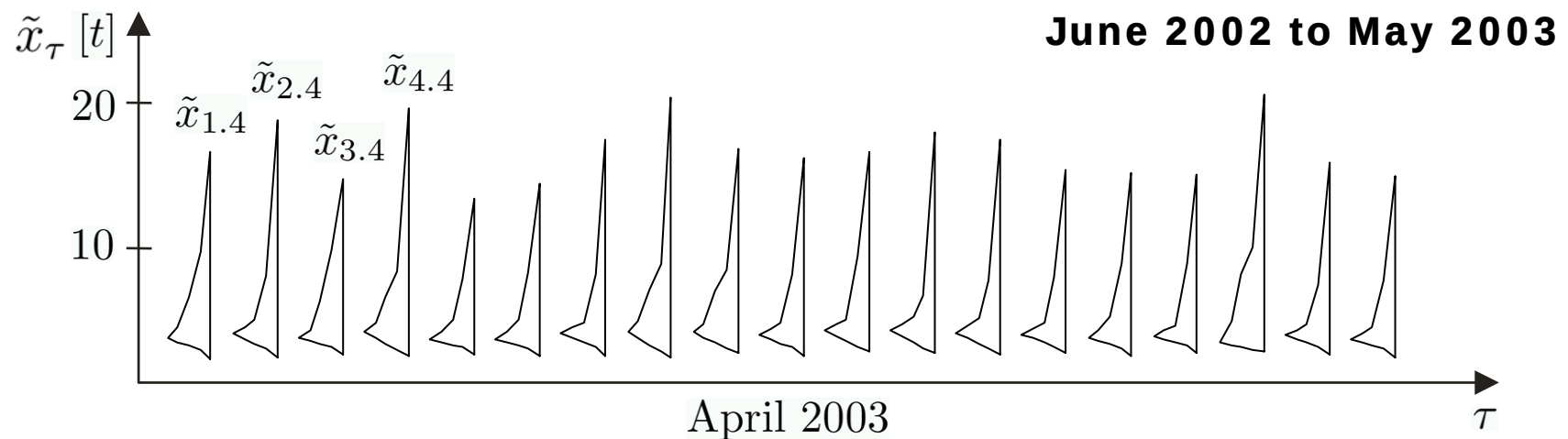




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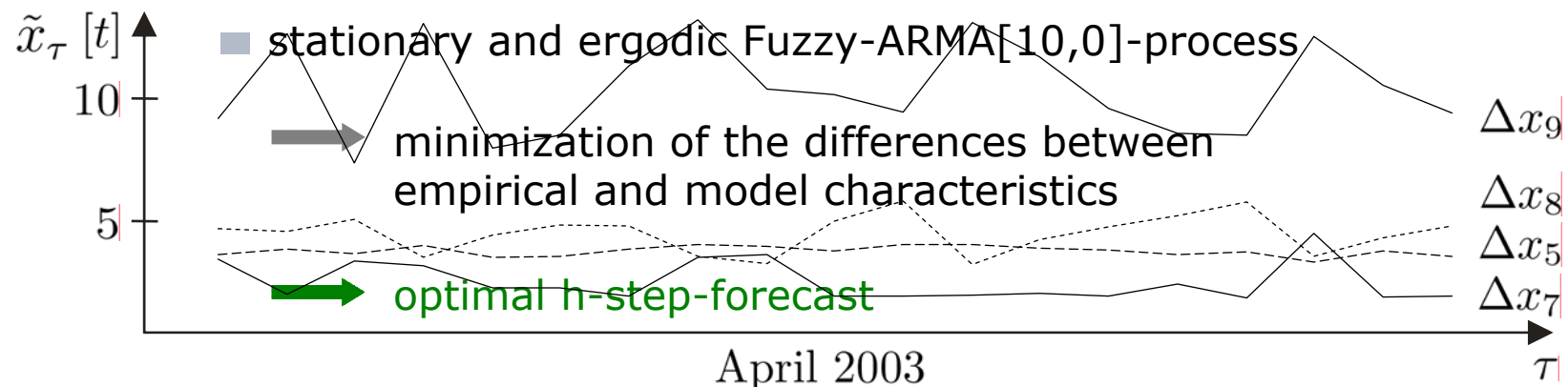
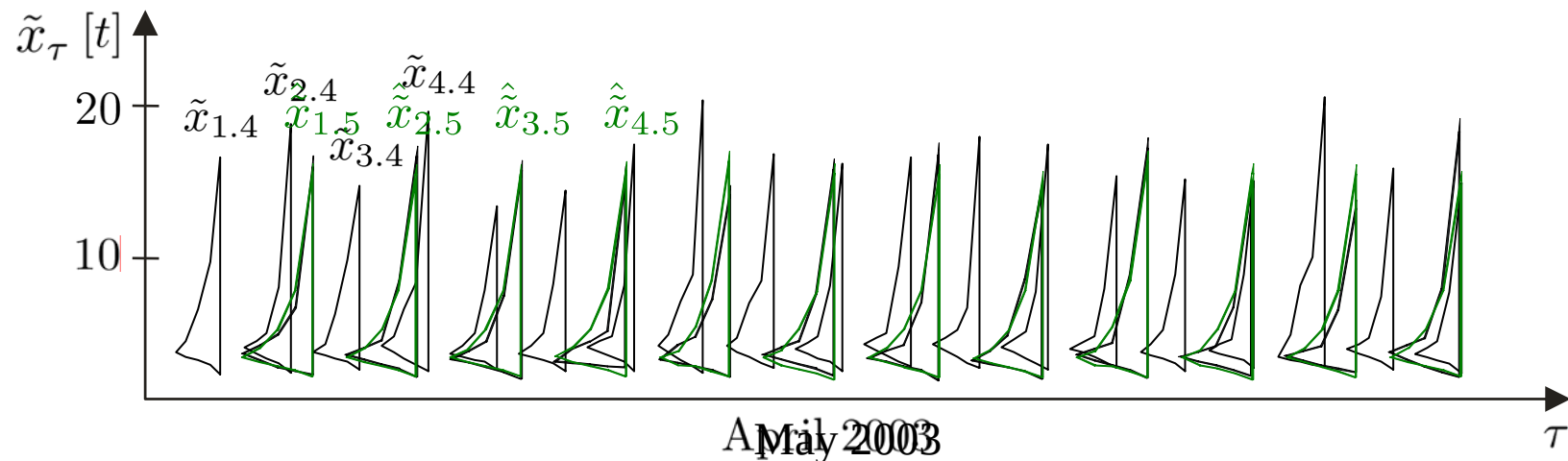


measured data of heavy goods vehicle traffic





Measured data of heavy goods vehicle traffic

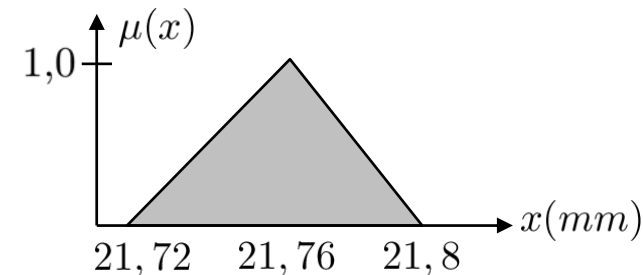
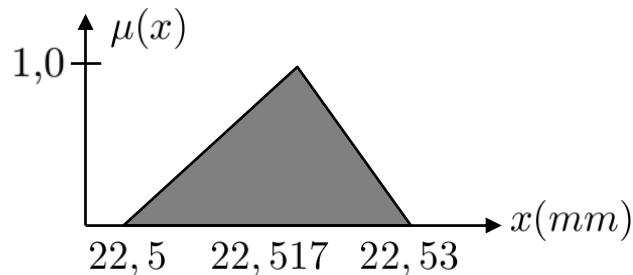




Time series with measured settlements

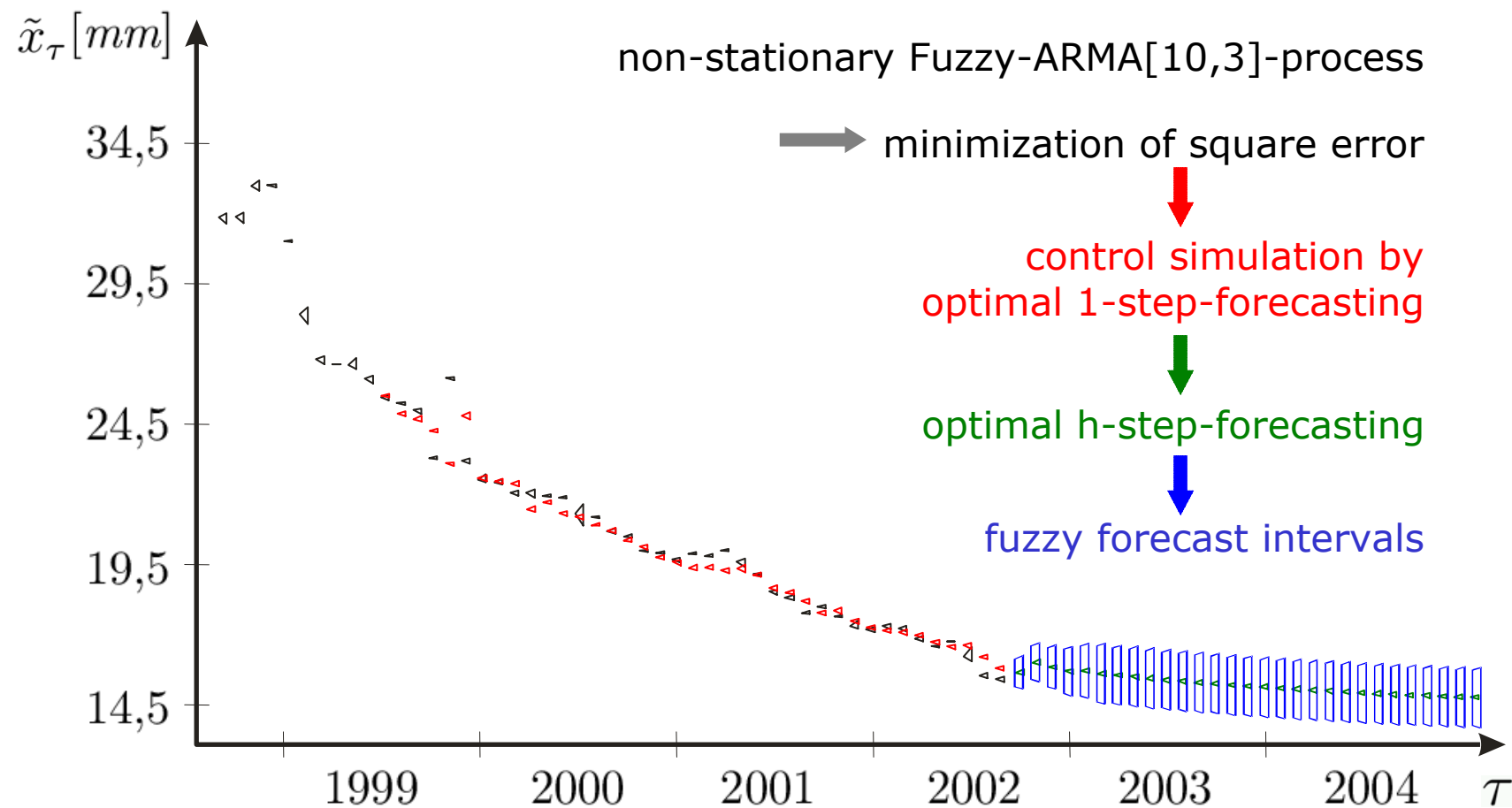
(over 4 years)

date	1st measurement [mm]	2nd measurement [mm]	3rd measurement [mm]	mean value [mm]
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
30.05.2000	22,51	22,50	22,52	22,510
27.06.2000	22,50	22,52	22,53	22,517
27.07.2000	22,40	22,40	22,41	22,403
30.08.2000	22,35	22,36	22,35	22,353
27.09.2000	21,72	21,80	21,77	21,763
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮





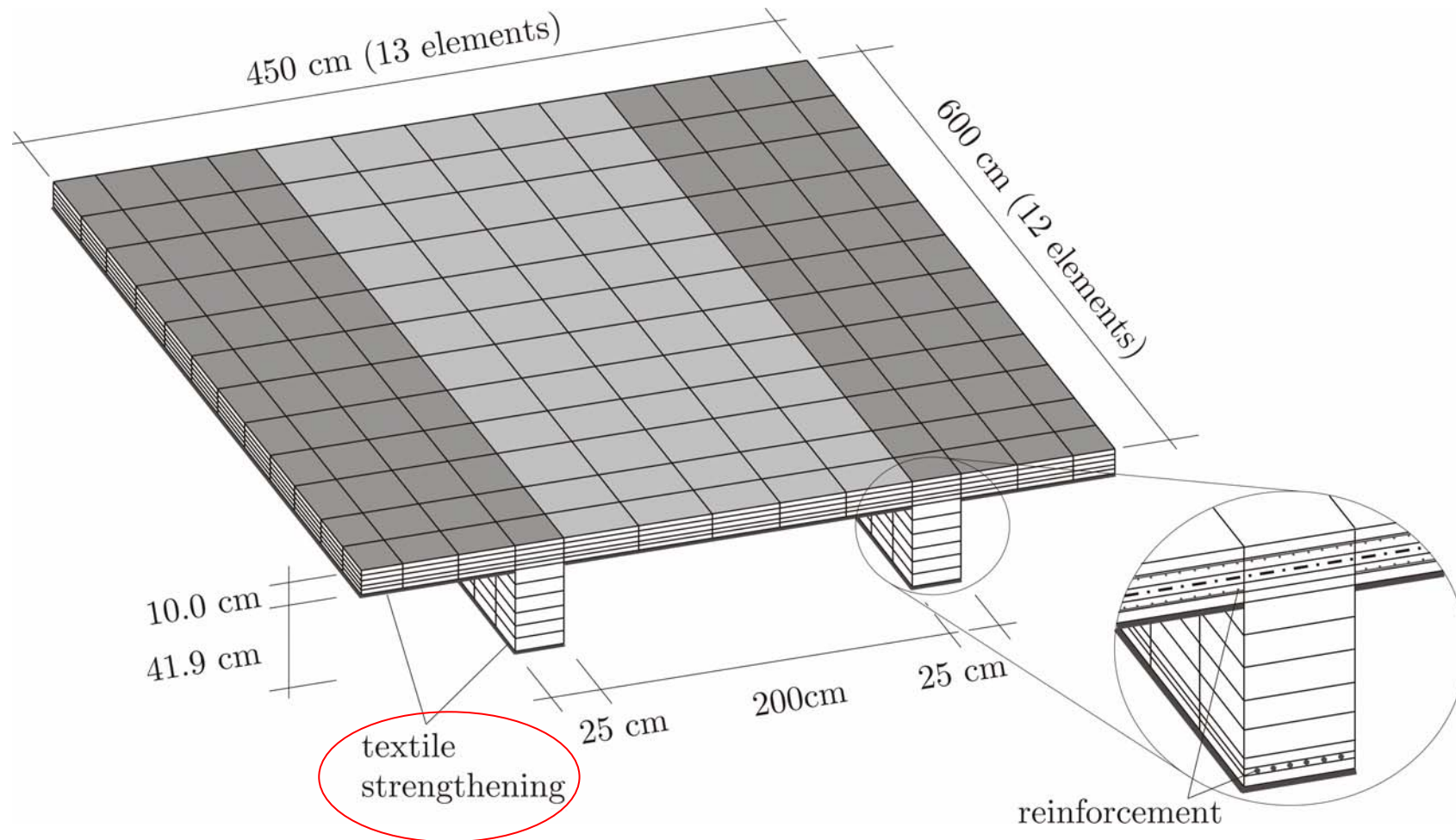
Measured data of an extensometer





Damage of a T-beam plate

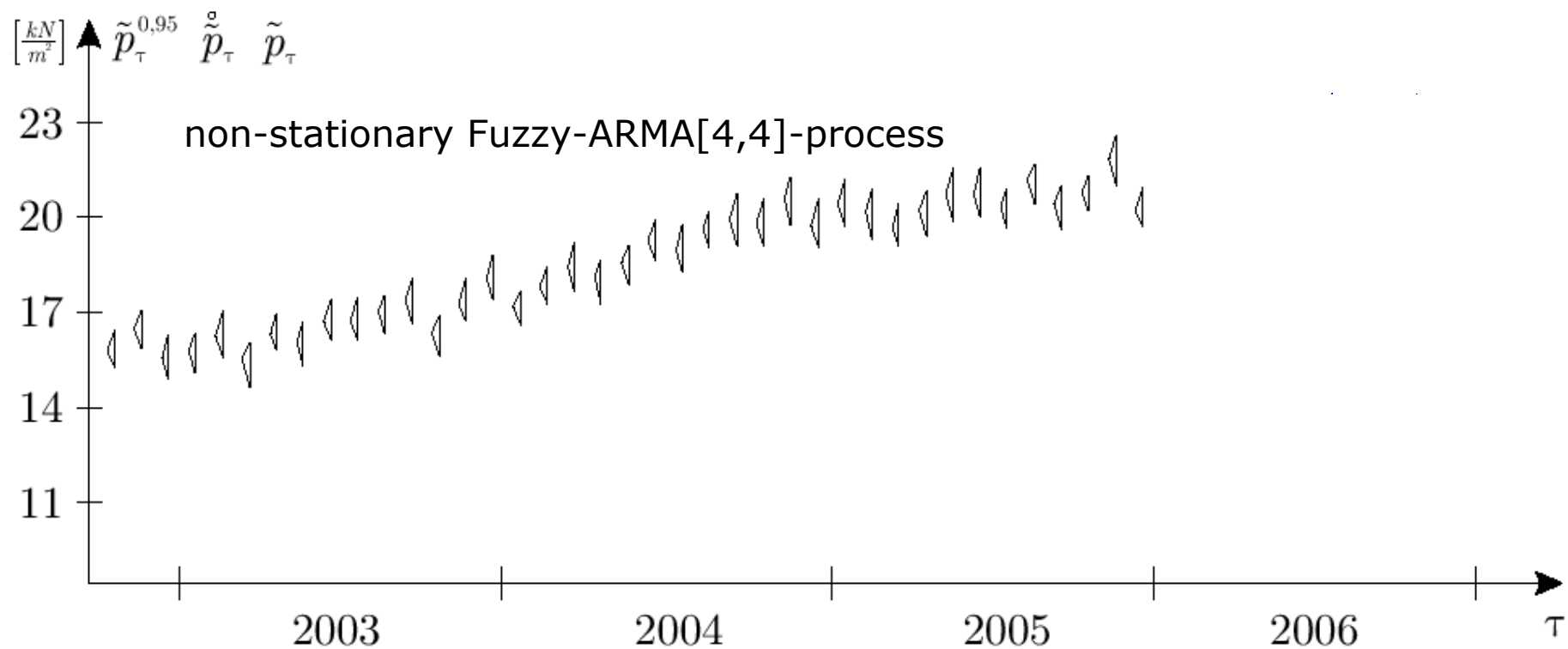
indirect forecasting





Damage of a T-beam plate

Time series of live loads – monthly goods – in a storehouse

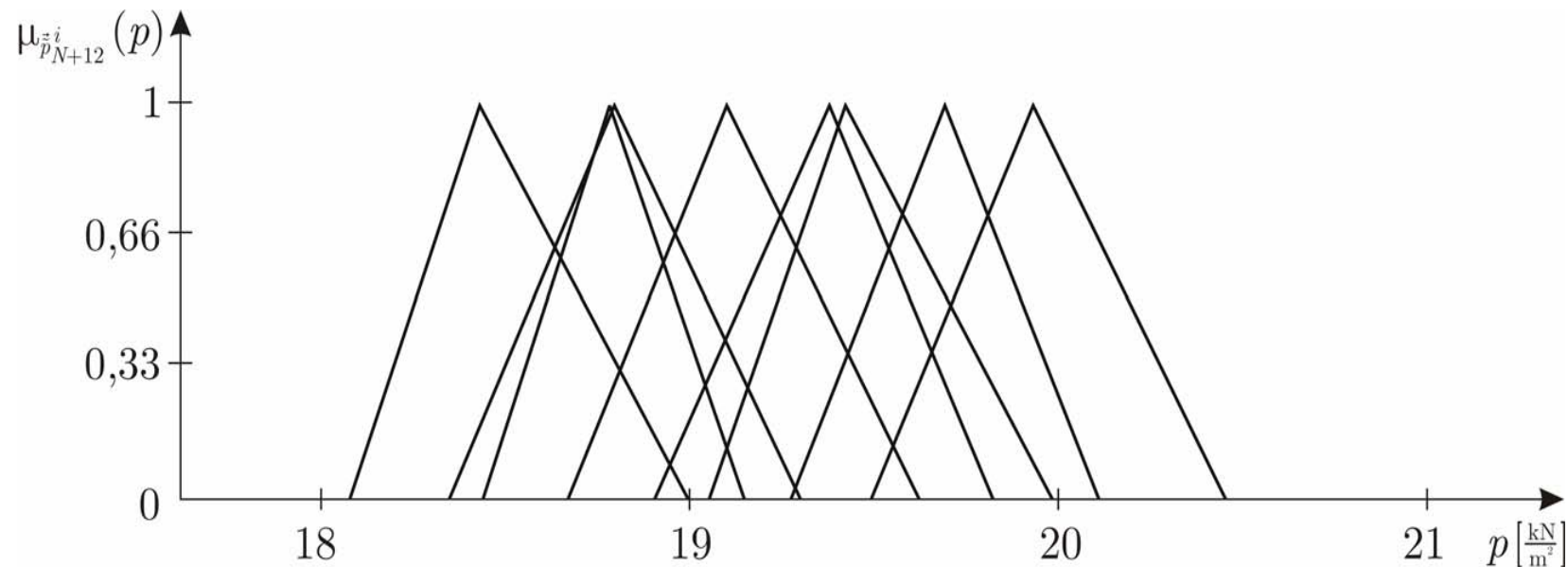




Damage of a T-beam plate

Fuzzy random forecasting

- Monte Carlo Simulation of 100 future realizations
- 8 realizations $\vec{p}_{N+12}$ at time point $\tau = N + 12$

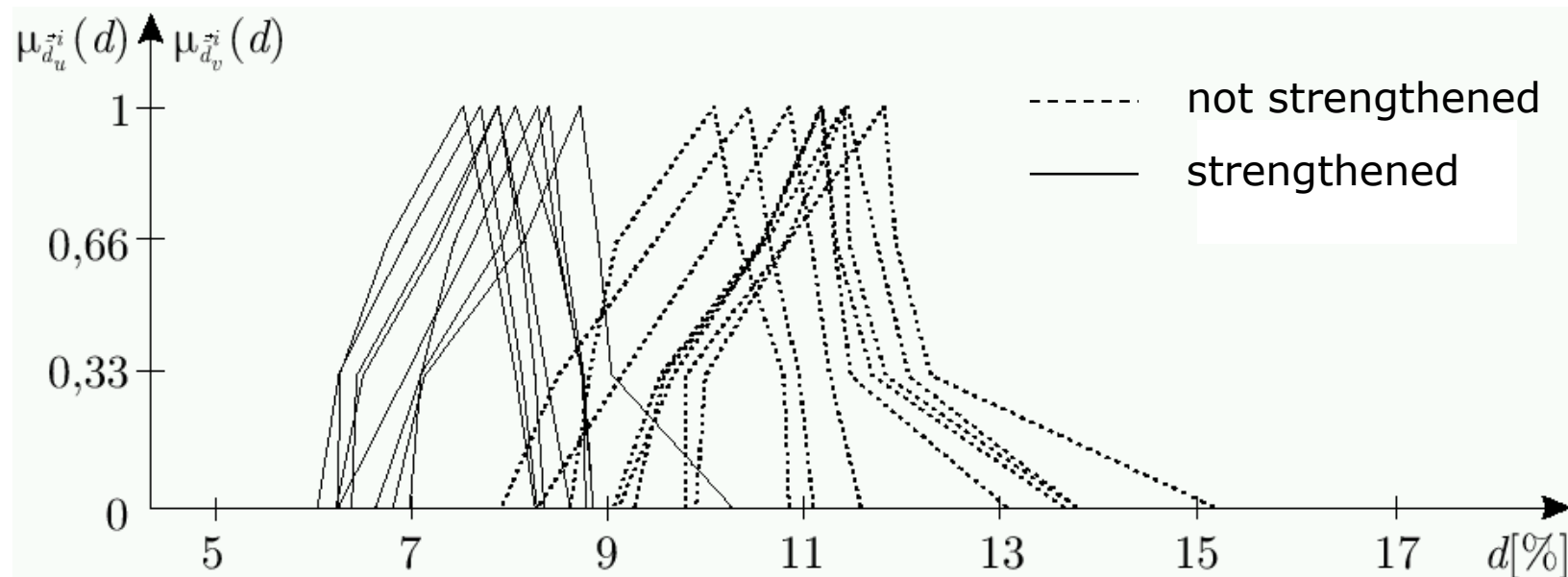




Damage of a T-beam plate

indirect forecasting

■ Fuzzy damage indicator $\tilde{D}_{\underline{K}} = 1 - \frac{\det \left[\tilde{\underline{K}}_T(\tau, \tilde{\underline{v}}, \tilde{\underline{s}}) \right]}{\det \left[\tilde{\underline{K}}_T(\tau_0, \tilde{\underline{v}}_0, \tilde{\underline{s}}_0) \right]}$





Conclusions

- Time series with fuzzy data can be modeled as realizations of fuzzy random processes
- New $l_\alpha r_\alpha$ -representation of fuzzy random variables enables the modeling of fuzzy time series as realizations of fuzzy random processes
- Fuzzy-ARMA-processes allow the simulation and forecasting of fuzzy time series

Thank you!