

Learning Dynamical Interactions Within Marine Ecosystems with LFIT

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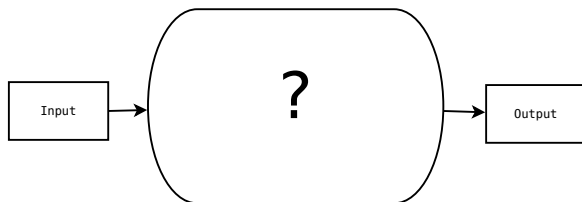
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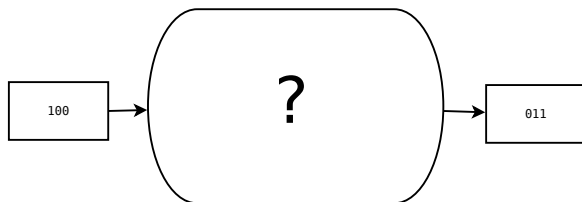
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Idea: given a set of **input/output** states of a **black-box** system, learn its **internal mechanics**.



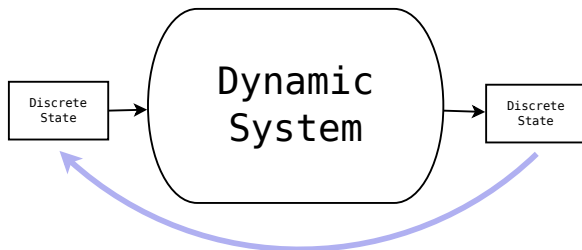
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Discrete system: input/output are vectors of **same size** which contain **discrete values**.



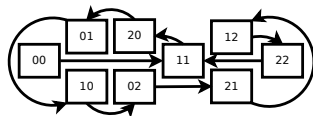
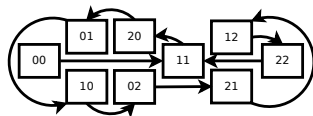
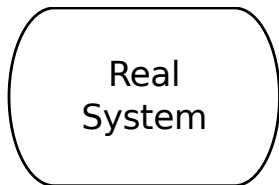
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Dynamic system: input/output are states of the system and **output** becomes the **next input**.



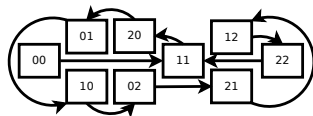
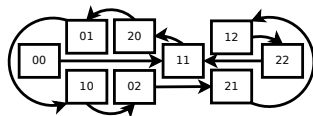
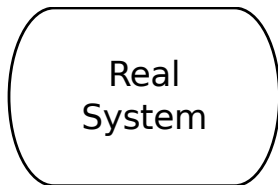
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Goal: produce an **artificial system** with the **same behavior** as the one observed, i.e., a **digital twin**.



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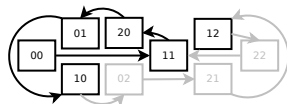
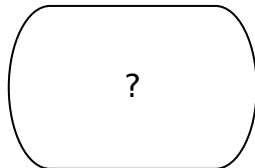
Representation: propositional **logic programs** with annotated atoms encoding **multi-valued variables**.



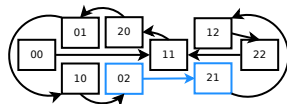
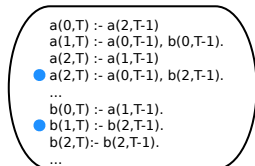
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Method: learn the dynamics of systems from the observations of some of its state transitions.

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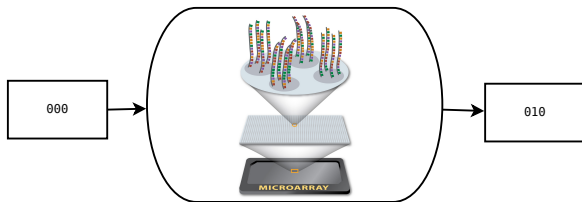


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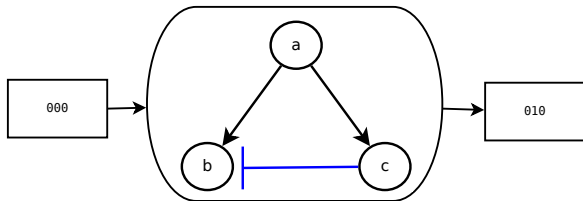
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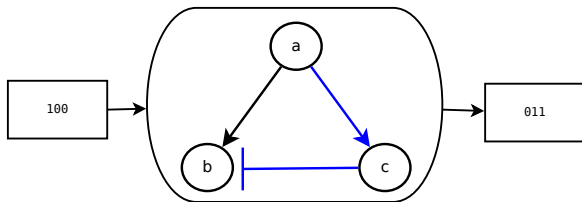


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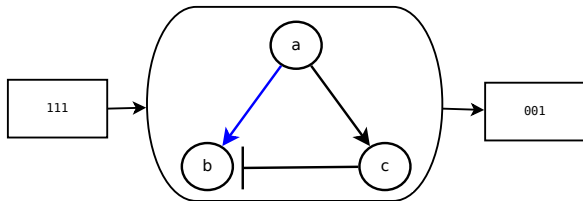
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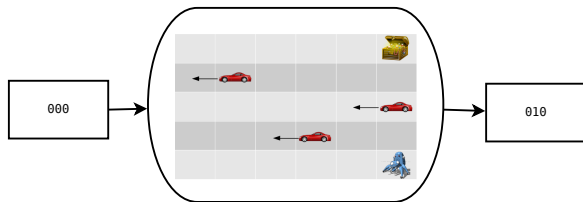
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Data: observations of **environment evolution** according to a robot actions.

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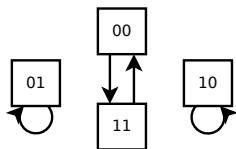
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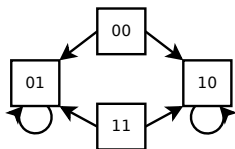
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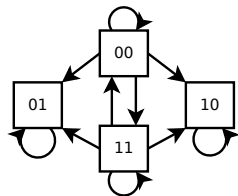
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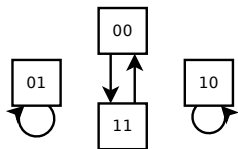
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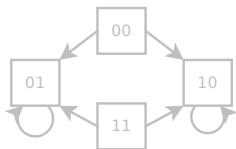


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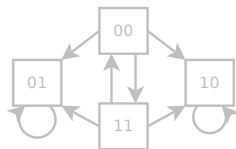
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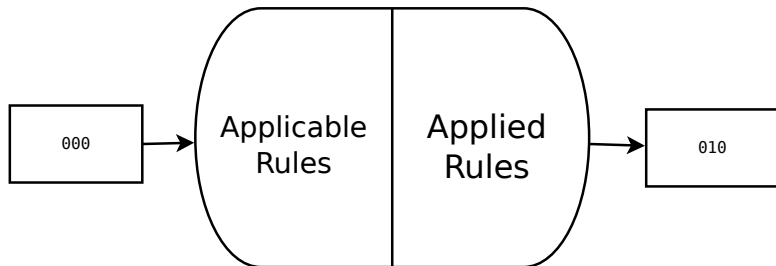


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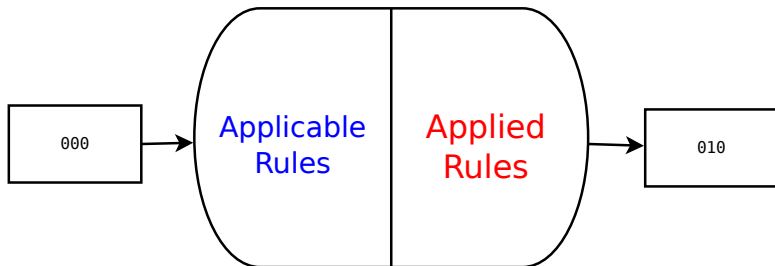


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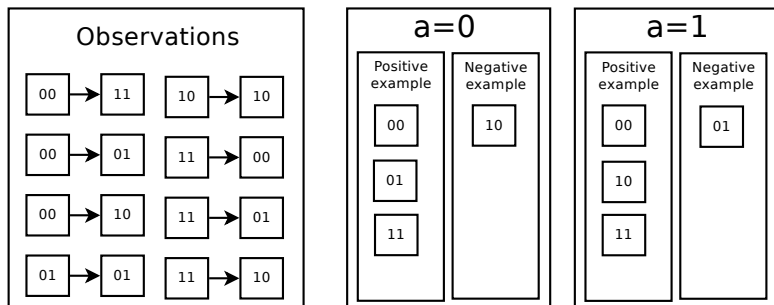
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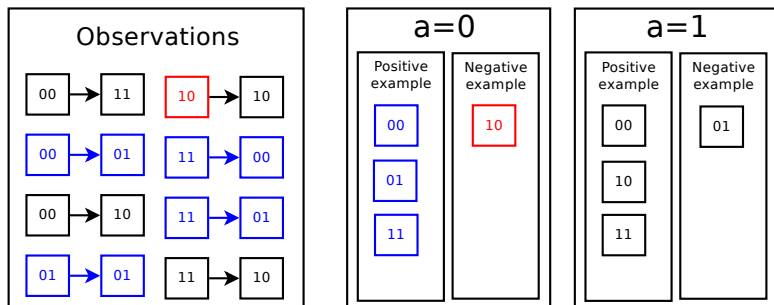
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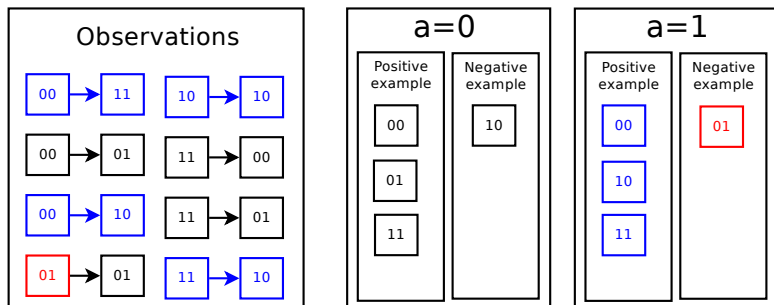
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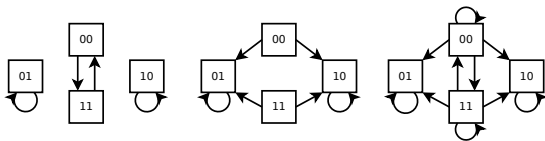
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General Usage LFIT Algorithm (**GULA**) output

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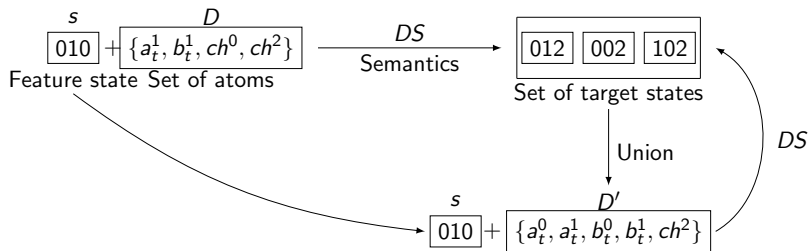
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Pseudo-idempotent semantics

GULA can model observations from any **pseudo-idempotent** semantics.



$$\rightarrow DS(s, D) = DS(s, \bigcup_{s' \in DS(s, D)} s')$$

where **DS** is the dynamical semantics, and D is the head of rules of a multi-valued logic program that match the state s .

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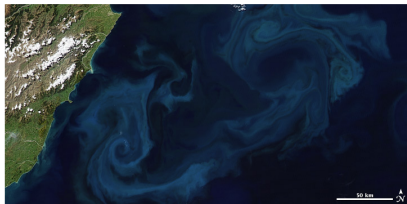
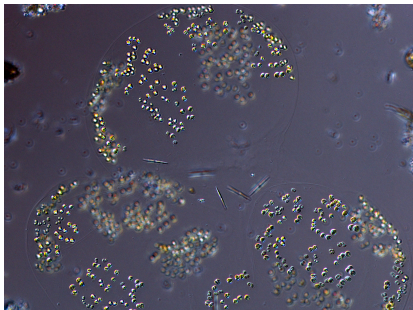
$predict(a^1, \{a^1, b^1, c^0\}) = (0.75, (15, a^1 \leftarrow b^0), (5, a^1 \leftarrow c^0))$ **Likely**

$predict(a^0, \{a^1, b^1, c^0\}) = (0.09, (3, a^0 \leftarrow b^1), (30, a^0 \leftarrow c^1))$ **Unlikely**

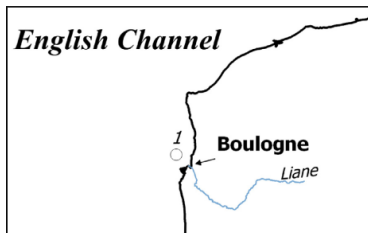
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Phytoplankton Blooms



SRN Dataset



<https://www.seanoe.org/data/00397/50832/>

Sampling location	Sampling date	Taxon	Value	Sampling depth
001-P-015	1992-05-18	CHLOROA	6.0	Surface (0-1m)
006-P-001	2019-12-02	Chaetoceros	1000.0	Surface (0-1m)
002-P-007	1994-05-25	Pleurosigma	100.0	Surface (0-1m)
002-P-030	2005-10-19	SALI	34.83	Surface (0-1m)
006-P-007	2015-09-28	Guinardia delicatula	11400.0	Surface (0-1m)

Environmental variables (7)

Phytoplankton (12)

Applying *LFIT*

Input

- 253 training transitions
- 53 testing transitions
- Features = Phytoplankton + Envir^t
- Targets = Phytoplankton

Output

- Run time = 2.35s (PRIDE)
- 1683 likeliness rules
- 1981 unlikeliness rules
- Model accuracy: **0.670**

Prediction example for phytoplankton specie Cha, in a given state:

- Level 0 with 5.3% probability (Non-deterministic dynamics \Rightarrow Total \neq 100%)
 - ▶ 1 match for $Cha(0) \leftarrow SALI(0), TEMP(0), TURB(1), Cha(0), Dit(0)$.
 - ▶ 18 anti-matches for $Cha(0) \leftarrow TURB(1), Nit(2)$.
- Level 1 with 87.5% probability
 - ▶ 7 matches for $Cha(1) \leftarrow SALI(0), TURB(1), Nit(2)$.
 - ▶ 1 anti-match for $Cha(1) \leftarrow SALI(0), TEMP(0), TURB(1), Cha(0), Dit(0)$.
- Level 2 with 2.6% probability
 - ▶ 1 match for $Cha(2) \leftarrow TEMP(0), Dit(0), Par(1), Pss(0), Thn(1)$.
 - ▶ 37 anti-matches for $Cha(2) \leftarrow SALI(0), TURB(1)$.

Model Improvement

Process: For each rule in the program, replace the body with a subset and weight this new rule on the dataset

Expectations: Noise removal, accuracy improvement, simpler rules

Likelihood rule: $Cha(0) \leftarrow CHLOROA(0), TEMP(1), Cha(0), Gud(2)$.

Replace body with...	correct	wrong
$CHLOROA(0), TEMP(1), Cha(0), Gud(2)$	1	0
$CHLOROA(0), Cha(0), Gud(2)$	10	4
$TEMP(1), Cha(0)$	18	5
$Gud(2)$	25	2

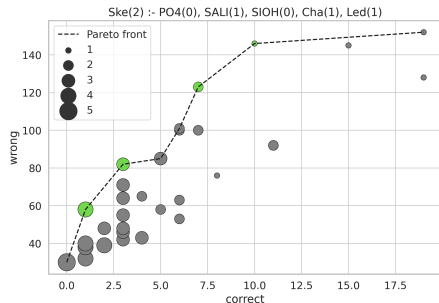
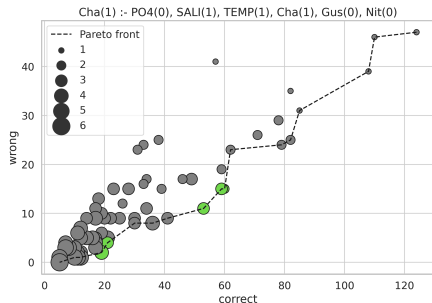
Unlikelihood rule: $Cha(0) \leftarrow Par(1), Dit(1), TEMP(0), Cha(1)$.

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$Par(1), Dit(1), TEMP(0), Cha(1)$	0	1
$Par(1), TEMP(0), Cha(1)$	3	12
$Dit(1), Cha(1)$	5	11
$Cha(1)$	11	66

Model Improvement

Pareto frontier

- For likeliness rules : **maximize** correct and **minimize** wrong weights
- For unlikeliness rules : **maximize** wrong and **minimize** correct weights



Accuracy improvement: **0.670** → **0.716**

Likeliness rules: **1683** → **1609**

Unlikeliness rules: **1981** → **1405**

Global Influences

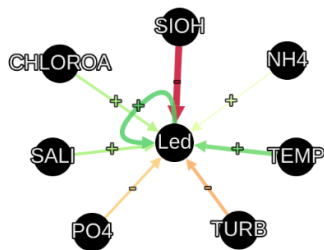
Process: Search and count patterns in rules that characterize an activation/inhibition

Hypotheses: Monotonous influences & same threshold for all variables

Result: Score $[-1; +1]$ between each pair of variables (no threshold)

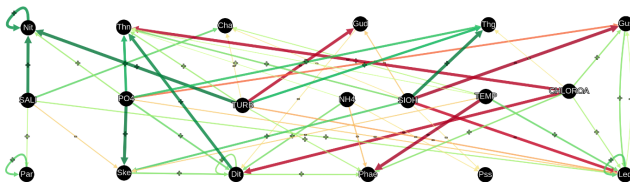
Example: **Influences** on phytoplankton specie Led:

Feature	positive	negative	global
P04	+0	-58	-0.36
SALI	+71	-4	+0.42
CHLOROA	+84	-22	+0.39
SIOH	+3	-161	-0.98
NH4	+25	-5	+0.12
TEMP	+106	-5	+0.63
TURB	+10	-87	-0.48

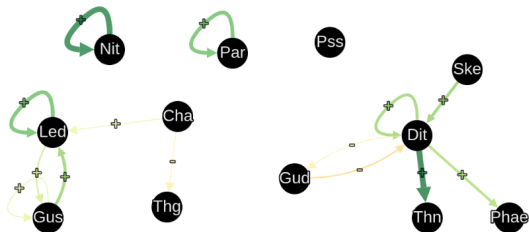


$$\text{global_influence}(\text{P04} \rightarrow \text{Led}) = \frac{+0 + (-58)}{161} = -0.36$$

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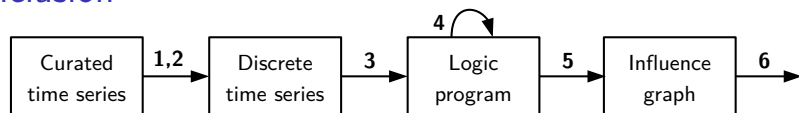


Global influence graph (biotic and abiotic interactions)



Biotic interactions (between phytoplankton only)

Conclusion



- 1 Data cleaning
 - 2 Discretization ★
 - 3 **LFIT**
 - 4 Rules improvement with Pareto front ★
 - 5 Influence graph extraction ★
 - 6 TODO: Validation & Exploitation ★
- ★ = Still work to do!

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We are looking for PhD candidates!

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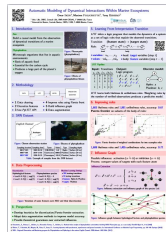
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- **Novelty:** Learn from any memory-less discrete dynamical semantics.
- **Application:** Explain observed dynamics as simple logic rules.
- **Collaboration:** Learn biotic influences from a marine ecosystem.
- **Outlook:** Heuristic to extract more knowledge from learned programs.
- **Source code** (Python) available as open source on Github.



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Source Code

