

Spectral theorem and ergodicity for a class of second order non-Gaussian processes

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Are there any interesting processes of this sort?



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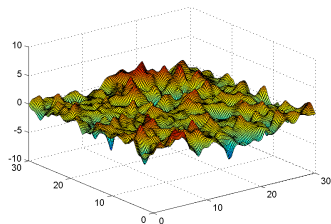
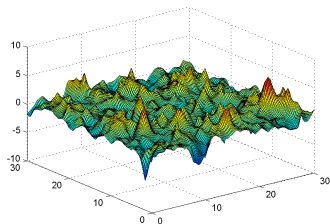
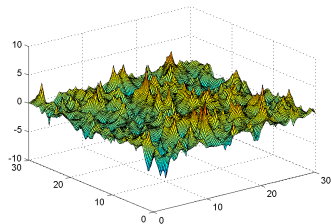
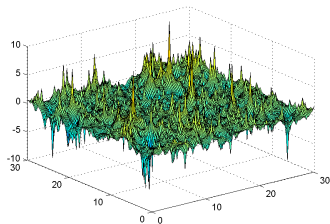
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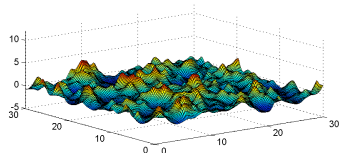
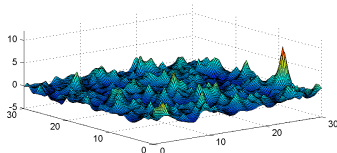
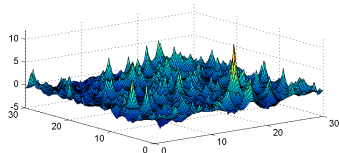
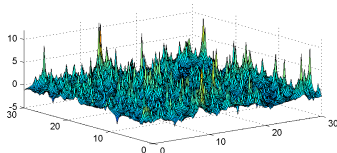
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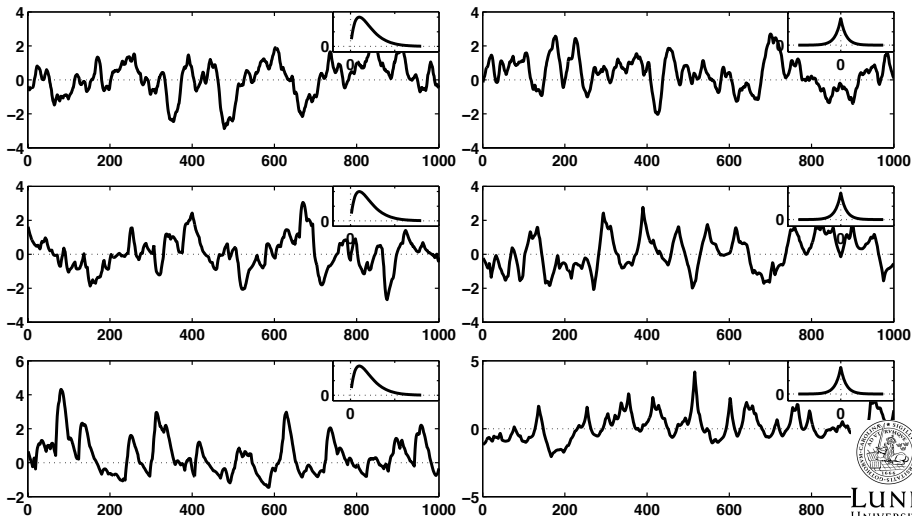
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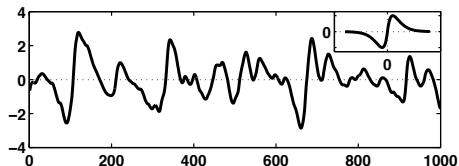
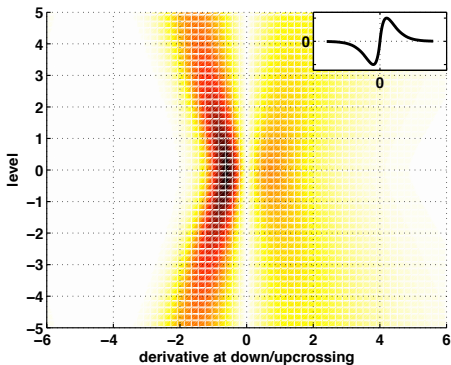
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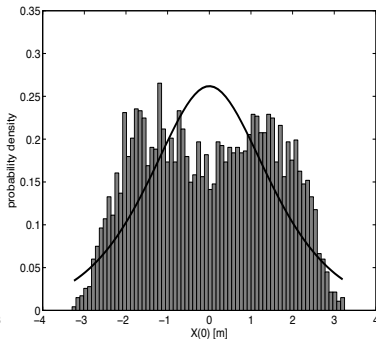
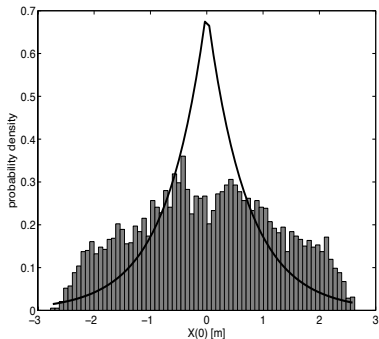


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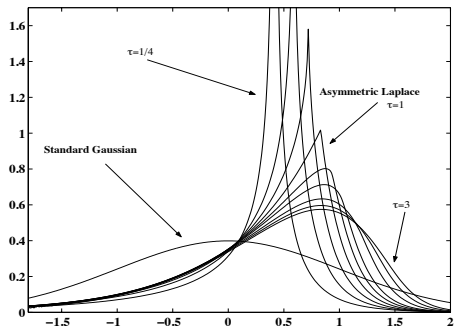
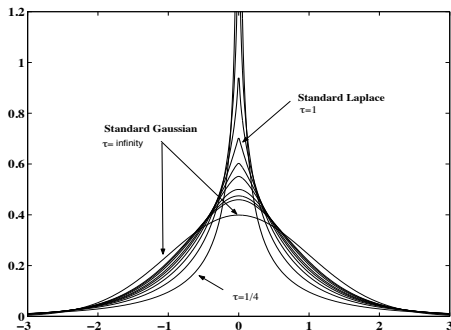
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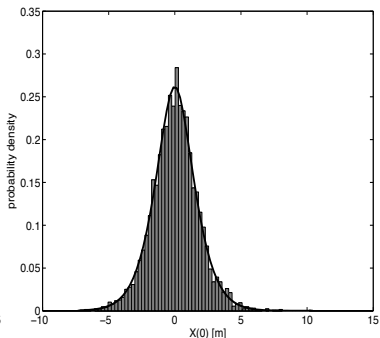
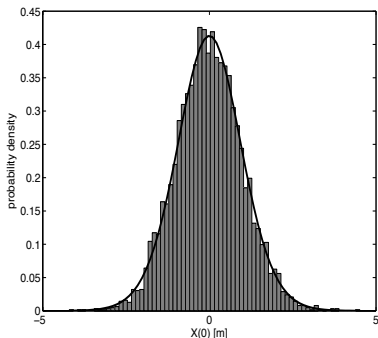
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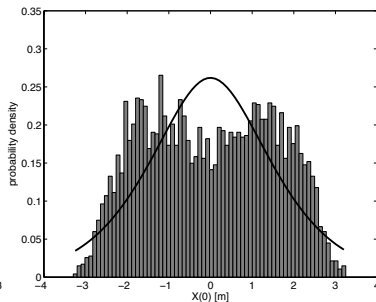
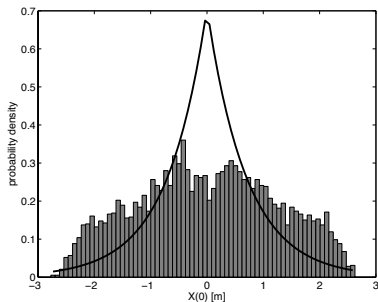
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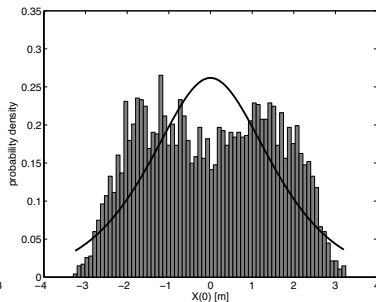
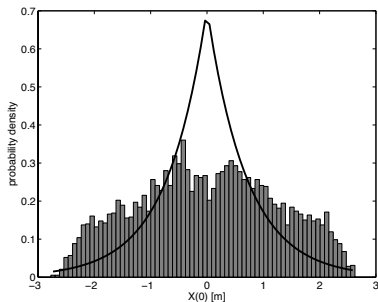
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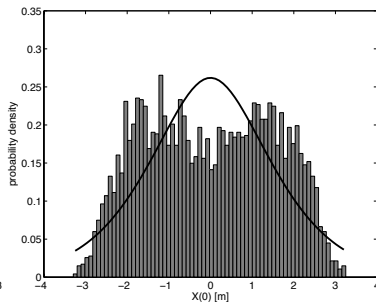
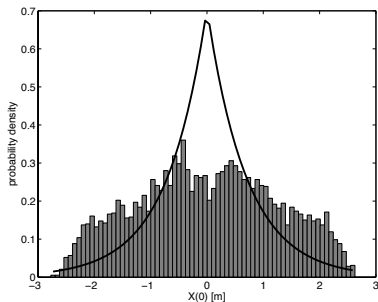


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Ans. Statistical inference based on conditional distribution in assessing sample to sample variation.



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