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His main research interest is in developing data analysis methods and toy models for understanding the dynamics of complex systems such as biological macromolecules, the brain, earthquakes, financial markets, and infectious diseases. In particular, he works extensively with high-frequency, large-volume time series data, to cluster them, segment them, and also to estimate complex networks based on significant events in such data. His other research interests are in the areas of computational physics and condensed matter physics.