High-Dimensional Non-Stationary Time Series Analysis



## IRTG 1792 Short Course

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## **Functional Time Series**

Functional time series are curves that are observed sequentially in time, one curve being observed in each time period. In demography, examples include curves formed by annual death rates as a function of age, or annual fertility rates as a function of age. In finance, functional time series can occur in the form of bond yield curves, for example, with each curve being the yield of a bond as a function of the maturity of a bond.

I will discuss methods for describing, modelling and forecasting such functional time series data. Usual challenges are:

- developing useful graphical tools
- dealing with outliers and cohort effects
- synergy between groups of functional time series
- deriving prediction intervals for forecasts
- How to combine mortality and fertility forecasts to obtain forecasts of the total population
- How to use these ideas to simulate the age structure of future populations and use the results to analyse policies

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