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On Mon, 12 May 2008 00:37:18 -0700 (PDT), "Philip P. Hart" <[auldphart@xxxxxxx](mailto:auldphart@xxxxxxx)> wrote:

In a recent blog:

[http://scienceblogs.com/goodmath/2008/05/selective\\_data\\_and\\_global\\_warm.php#more](http://scienceblogs.com/goodmath/2008/05/selective_data_and_global_warm.php#more)  
the jargon term "periodic trending(sic)" is used. Does anyone have a more mainstream or standard expression for this?

That's not a real piece of jargon. It is the author's attempt to be descriptive, and he follows it with the detail of what he means. He is not the one to blame — he is reporting on someone else's bogus analysis.

In the mainstream – folks look for trends, and they look for cycles. The blogger introduces "chaos" unnecessarily, and does not do it well. As the first response says, "noise" is the simpler term.

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<http://www.pitt.edu/~wpilib/index.html>