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8:30 - 9:15	<b>Registration</b>				
9:15 - 9:30	Welcome				
9:30 - 10:15	Masoller 1	Kuperman 2	Semeshenko 3	Masoller 3	Balenzuela 4
10:15 - 11:00	Balenzuela 1	Masoller 2	Balenzuela 3	Kuperman 4	Semeshenko 4
11:00 - 11:30	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:30 - 12:15	Semeshenko 1	Semeshenko 2	Kuperman 3	Masoller 4	Hands on Balenzuela Semeshenko
12:15 - 13:00	Kuperman 1	Balenzuela 2	Hands on Balenzuela Semeshenko	Hands on Masoller Kuperman	Hands on Balenzuela Semeshenko
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH

Masoller: Nonlinear time series analysis

Balenzuela: Opinion formation models

Kuperman: Evolutionary game theory

Semeshenko: Economic and financial networks

13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
14:30 - 15:15	Presentation posters	Hands on Masoller Kuperman	IFT-Colloquium: Marcelo Kuperman (14:00)	Hands on Masoller Kuperman	Hands on Balenzuela Semeshenko
15:15 - 17:00	Hands on Masoller Kuperman	Hands on Masoller Kuperman	Hands on Balenzuela Semeshenko (15:30)	Hands on Masoller Kuperman	Presentation projects
16:15 - 18:00			Hands on Balenzuela Semeshenko		

The destructive effect of human stupidity:  
a revision of Cipolla's fundamental laws

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# Nonlinear time series analysis

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Class 1: From dynamical systems to complex systems

Class 2: Univariate time series analysis

Class 3: Univariate time series analysis

Class 4: Bivariate and multivariate analysis



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# Outline

Class 1: From dynamical systems to complex systems

- Dynamical systems
- Bifurcations
- Logistic Map
- Chaotic attractors
- Synchronization
- Kuramoto Model
- Networks

Class 2: Univariate time series analysis

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Class 4: Bivariate and Multivariate analysis

# The beginning of dynamical systems theory

- Mid-1600s: Newtonian mechanics  $m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$

- **Isaac Newton**: studied planetary orbits and solved analytically the “two-body” problem (earth-sun).

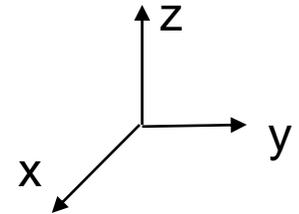


- Since then: a lot of effort for solving analytically the “three-body” problem (earth-sun-moon) – Impossible.

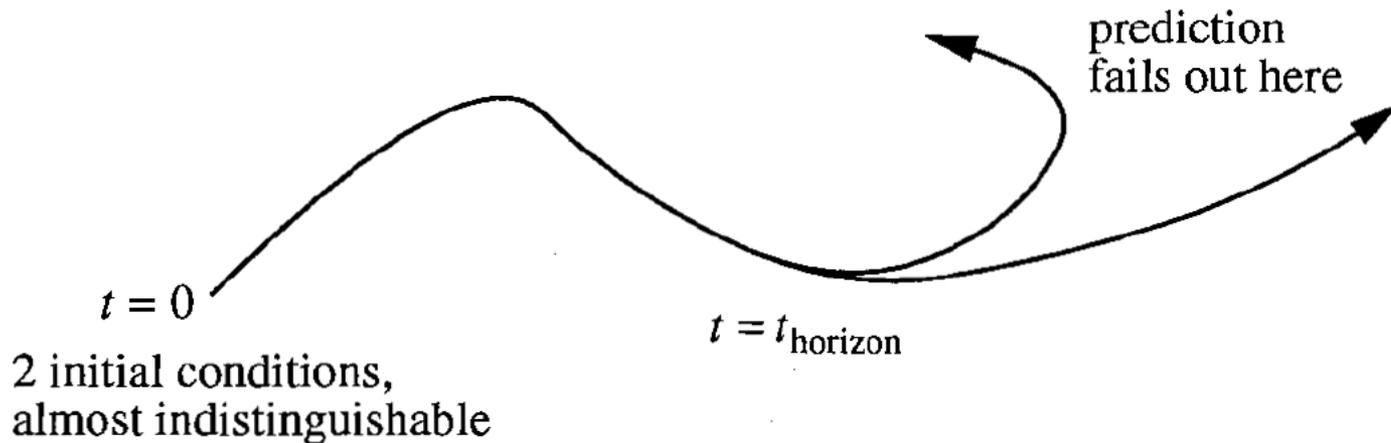
## Late 1800s: **Henri Poincaré** (French mathematician)



- Instead of asking “*which are the exact positions of the planets (trajectories)?*”  
he asked: “*is the solar system **stable** for ever, or will planets eventually run away?*”
- He developed a **geometrical** approach to solve the problem.
- Introduced the concept of “**phase space**”.
- Search for structures that divide the phase space into regions where “trajectories” have quantitatively different behavior.
- *Poincaré recurrence theorem*: certain systems will, after a sufficiently long but finite time, return to a state very close to the initial state.
- He also had the intuition of the possibility of chaos.



**Poincare:** “The evolution of a deterministic system can be aperiodic, unpredictable, and strongly depends on the initial conditions”.



Deterministic system: the initial conditions fully determine the future state.

Deterministic **chaotic** system: there is no randomness but the system can be, in the long term, unpredictable.

*A problem in time series analysis: How to determine the prediction horizon? How to estimate the uncertainty?*

# 1950s: First computer simulations

- Computes allowed to experiment with equations.
- Huge advance in the field of “*Dynamical Systems*”.
- 1960s: **Eduard Lorenz** (American mathematician and meteorologist at MIT): simple model of convection rolls in the atmosphere.



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -\sigma x + \sigma y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -xz + rx - y, \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= xy - bz.\end{aligned}$$

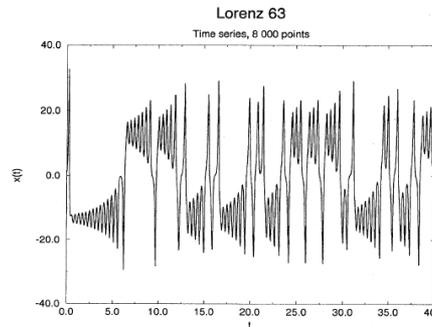
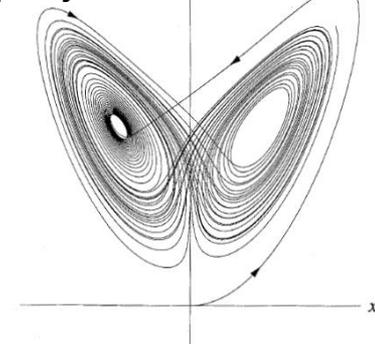


FIG. 1. Chaotic time series  $x(t)$  produced by Lorenz (1963) equations (11) with parameter values  $r=45.92$ ,  $b=4.0$ ,  $\sigma=16.0$ .

2D projection of 3D attractor



- Most famous **chaotic** attractor.

## Lorentz describing deterministic chaos:

The present determines the future.

But

The approximate present does not approximately determine the future.

## Which system may be chaotic?

*Continuous* dynamical systems described by 3 or more ordinary differential equations.

*Problems in time series analysis: How to quantify chaos?  
How to distinguish chaos from noise?*

# Can we observe chaos experimentally?

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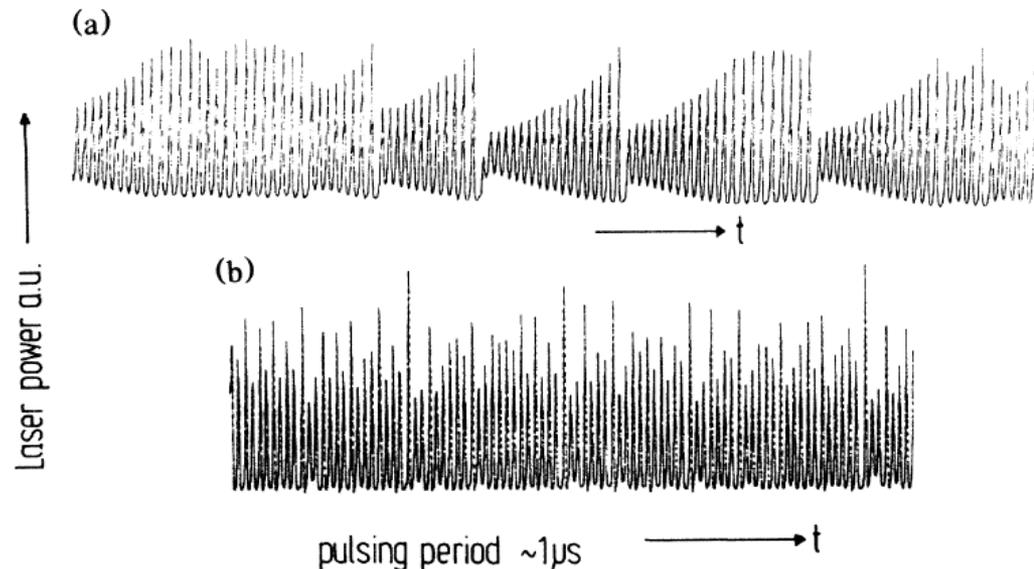
1 DECEMBER 1986

## Evidence for Lorenz-Type Chaos in a Laser

C. O. Weiss and J. Brock<sup>(a)</sup>

*Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, D-3300 Braunschweig, Federal Republic of Germany*

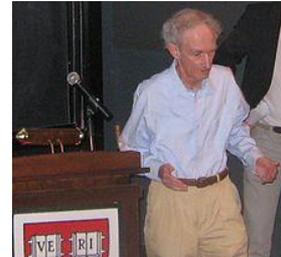
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optically pumped  $\text{NH}_3$  laser

# The 1970s

- **Robert May** (Australian, 1936): population biology
- "Simple mathematical models with very complicated dynamics", *Nature* (1976).



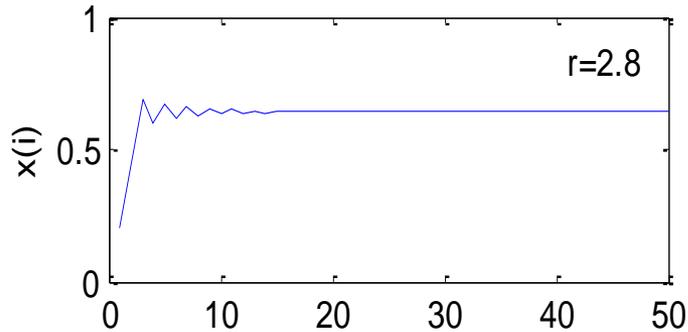
$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t)$$

A classical example: **The Logistic map**  $f(x) = r x(1 - x)$   
 $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $r \in (0, 4)$

- Difference equations (“iterated maps”), in spite of being simple and deterministic, can exhibit: **stable points**, **stable cycles**, and **apparently random fluctuations**.

# The logistic map:

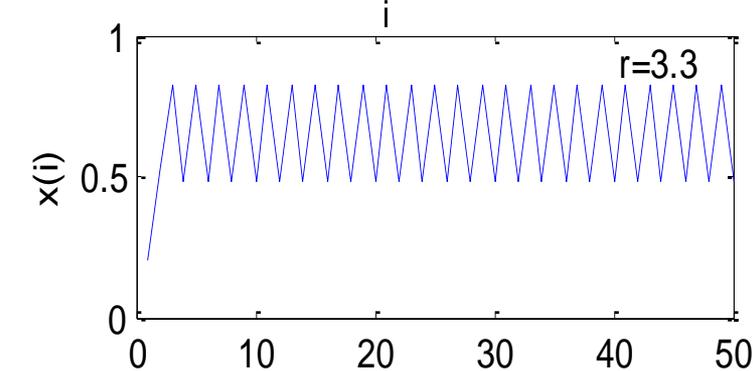
$$x(i+1) = r x(i)[1 - x(i)] \quad x \in (0,1), r \in (0,4)$$



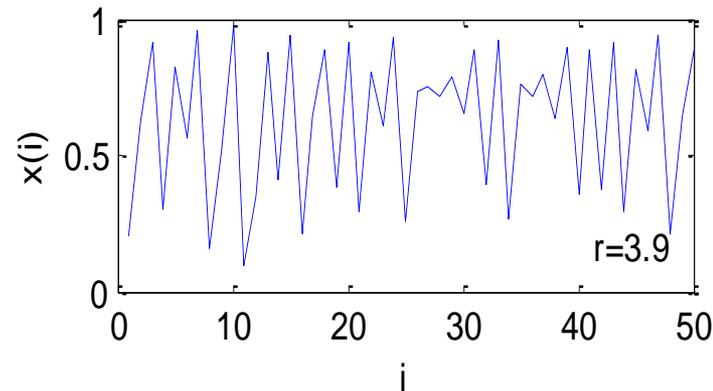
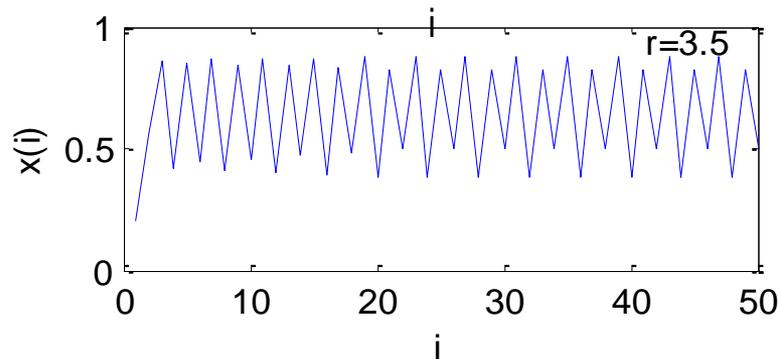
$r=2.8$ , Initial condition:  $x(1) = 0.2$

**Transient** relaxation  $\rightarrow$  long-term stability

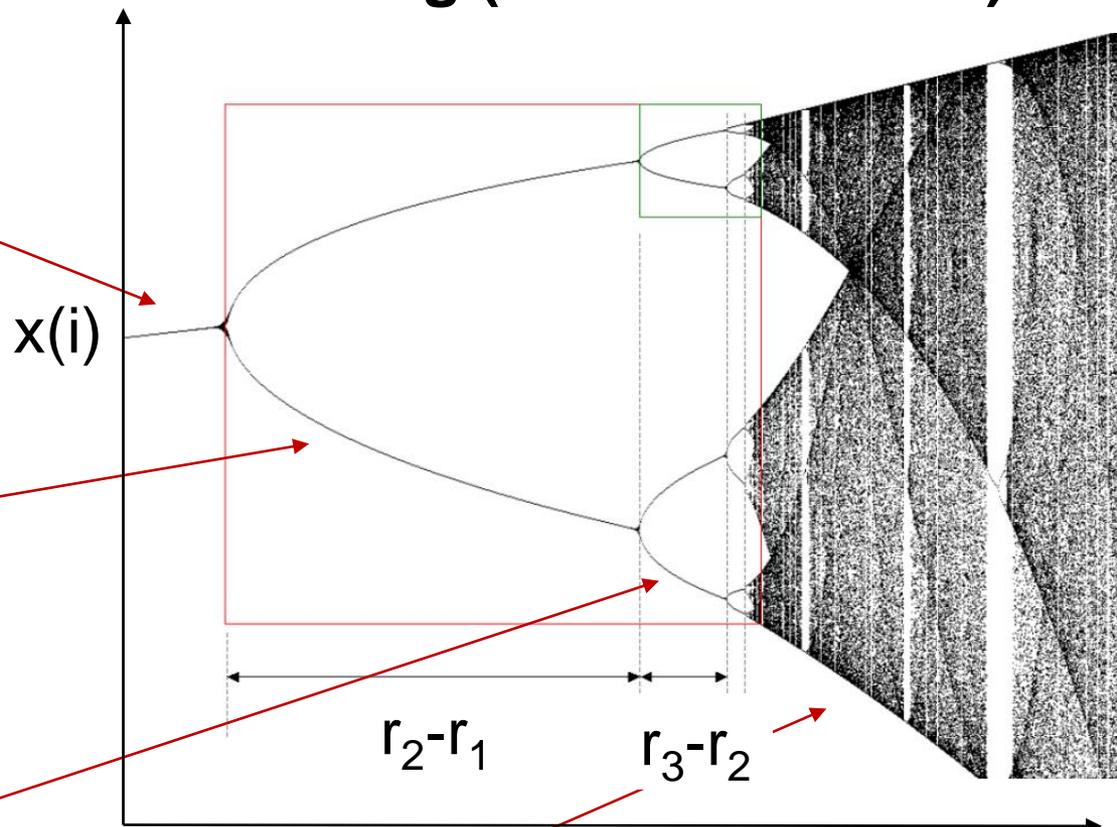
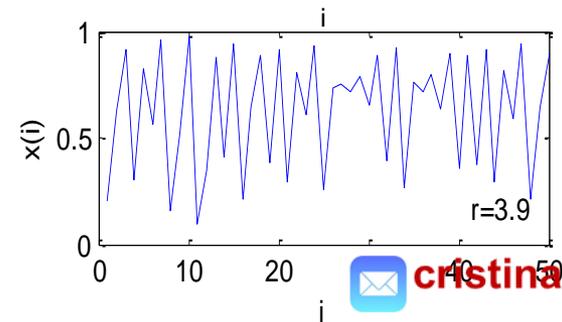
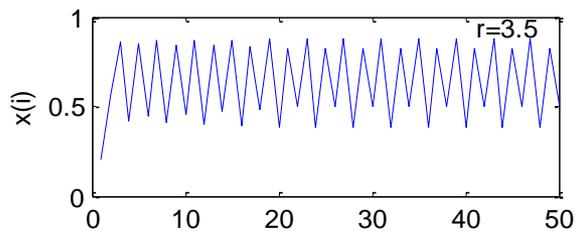
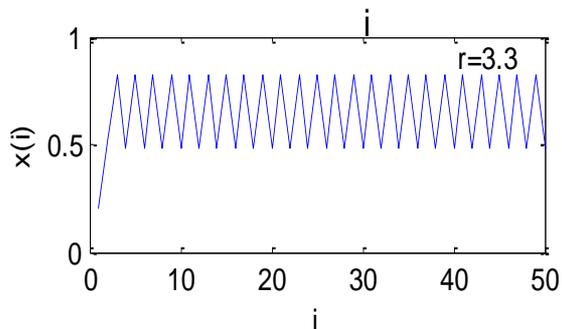
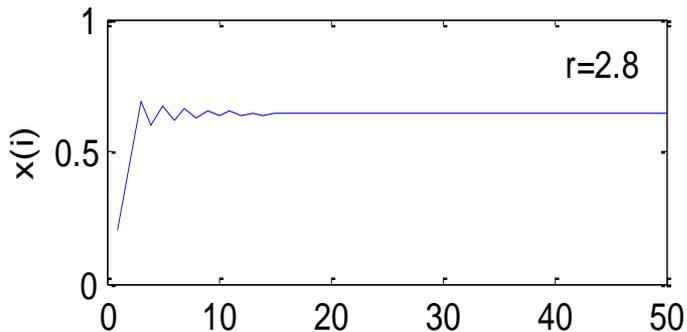
The fixed point is the solution of:  
 $x = r x (1-x) \Rightarrow x = 1 - 1/r$



**Transient** dynamics  $\rightarrow$  oscillations  
(regular or irregular)



# Bifurcation diagram: period-doubling (or subharmonic) route to chaos



Parameter  $r$



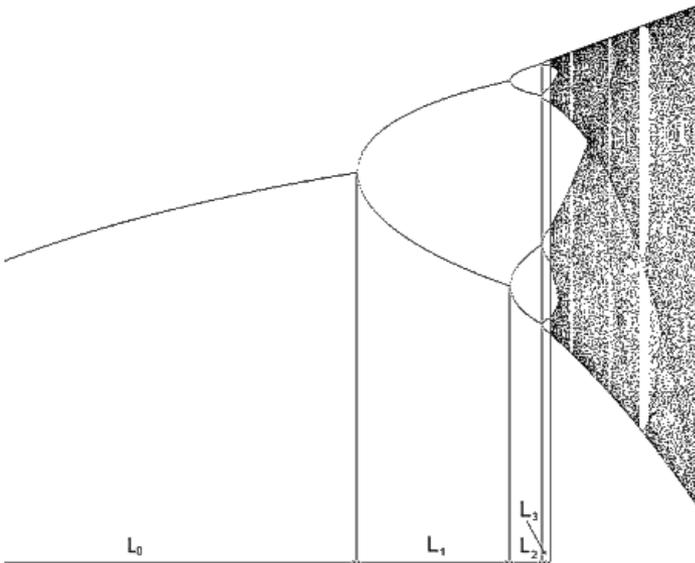
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# Order within chaos (1975)

**M. Feigenbaum** (American mathematician and physicist 1944-2019), using a small HP-65 calculator, discovered “hidden” order in the route to chaos: the scaling of the bifurcation points of the Logistic map.



$$\delta = \lim \frac{L_i}{L_{i+1}} = 4.669201\dots$$



HP-65 calculator: the first magnetic card-programmable handheld calculator

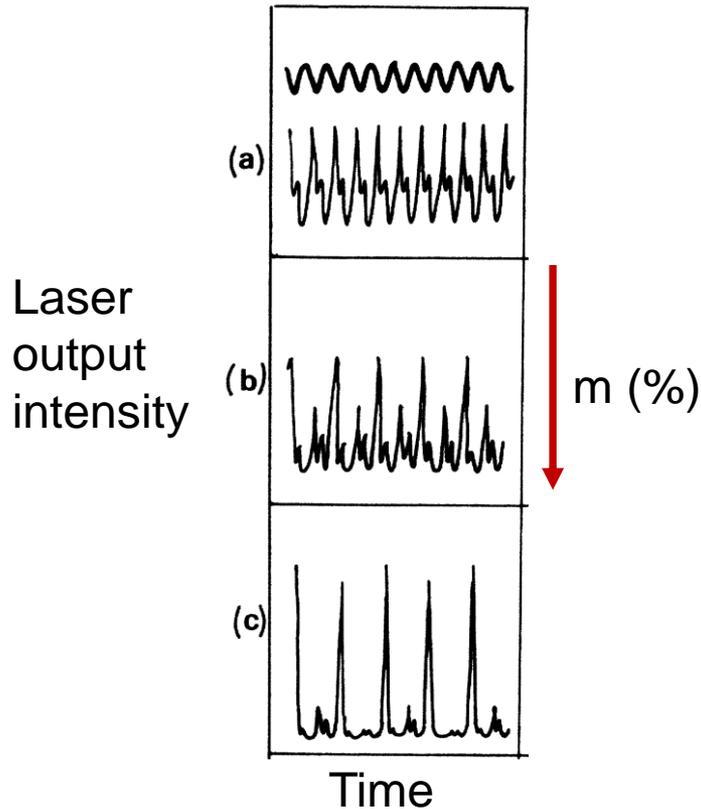
# A universal law

Feigenbaum demonstrated that the same behavior, with the same mathematical constant ( $\delta=4.6692\dots$ ), occurs for a wide class of functions.  $x_{t+1} = f(x_t)$

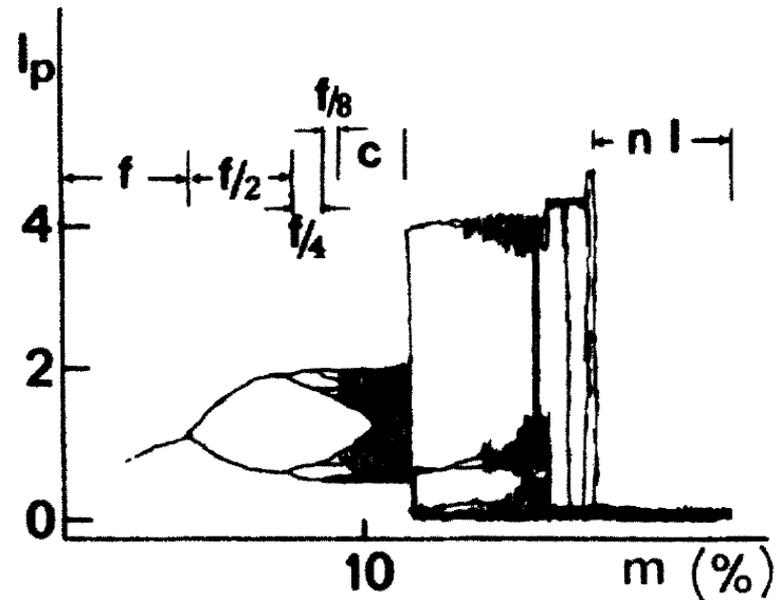
$\Rightarrow$  Very different systems (in chemistry, biology, physics, etc.) go to chaos in the same way, quantitatively.

# Can we observe the period doubling route experimentally?

(about 10 years later) With a modulated laser, keeping constant the modulation frequency and increasing modulation amplitude.



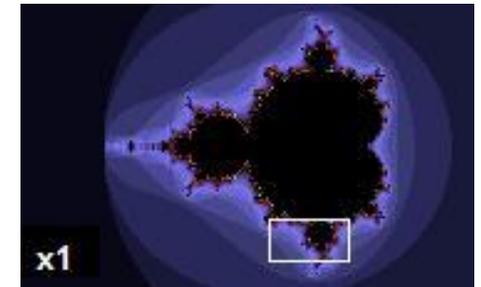
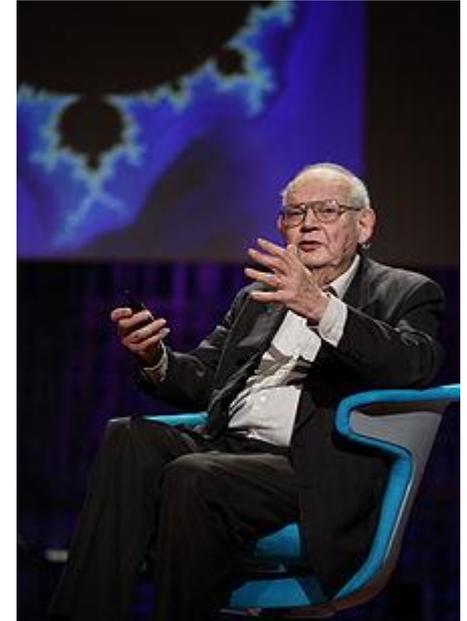
*J. R. Tredicce et al,*  
*Phys. Rev. A 34, 2073 (1986).*



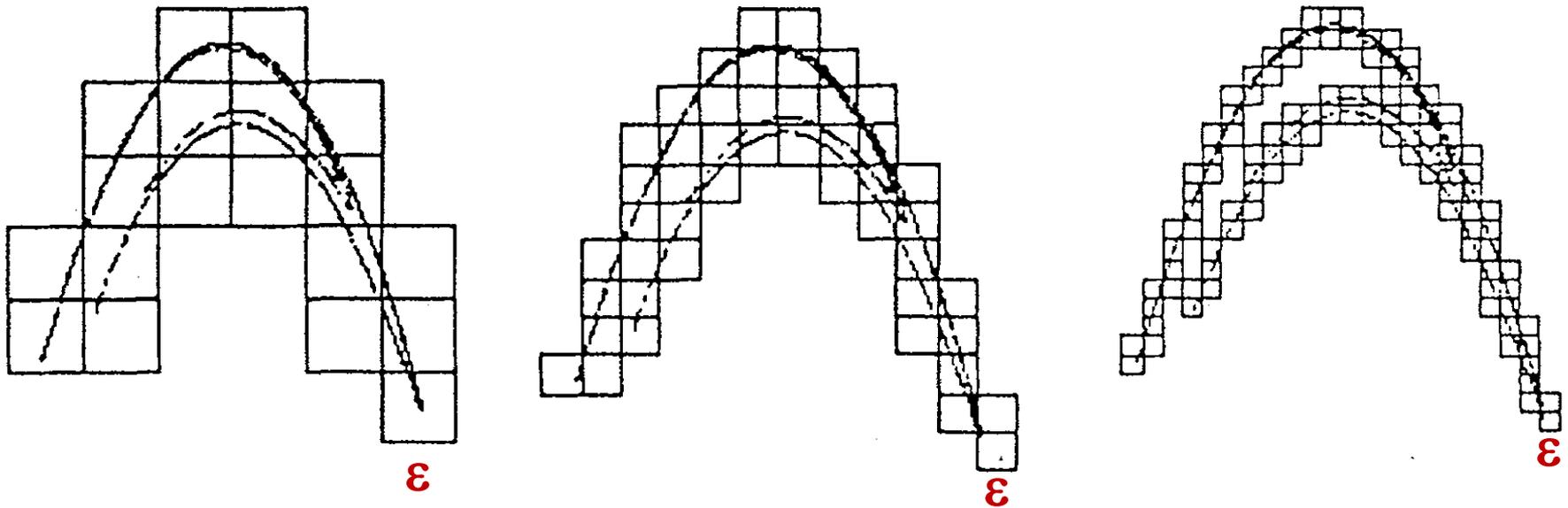
- Problems in time series analysis:*
- *How to identify an approaching bifurcation point (tipping point)?*
  - *How to distinguish transient from non-transient behavior?*

# The late 1970s

- **Benoit B. Mandelbrot** (Polish-born, French and American mathematician 1924-2010): “self-similarity” and **fractal objects**:
  - each part of the object is like the whole object but smaller.
- Because of his access to IBM's computers, Mandelbrot was one of the first to use **computer graphics** to create and display fractal geometric images.



# How to estimate the dimension of a fractal?

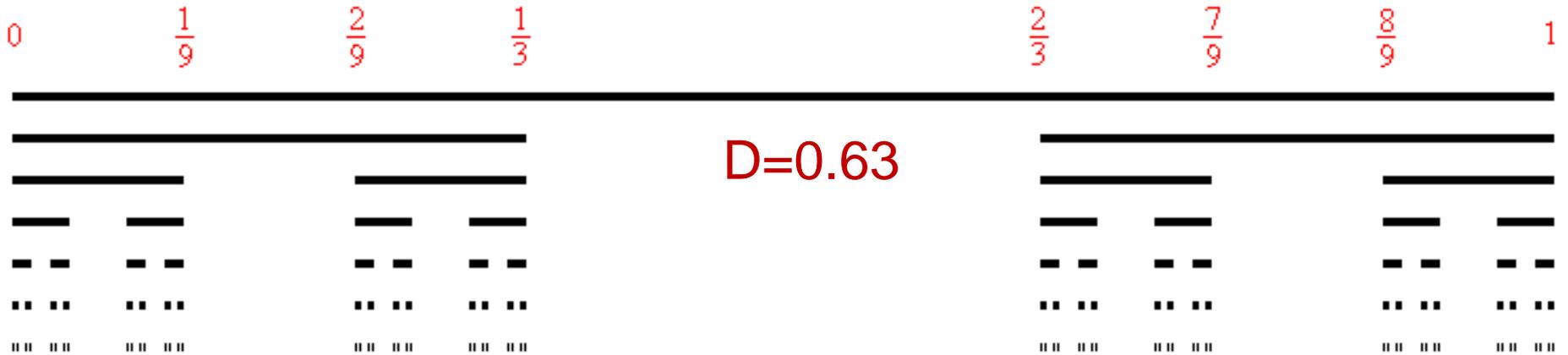


Box counting: number of occupied boxes scales as  $(1/\epsilon)^D$

Abarbanel et al, Reviews of Modern Physics 65, 1331 (1993).

# Examples

## 1. Cantor set (introduced by German mathematician Georg Cantor in 1883)



Fractal structure: each part of the object resembles the whole object.

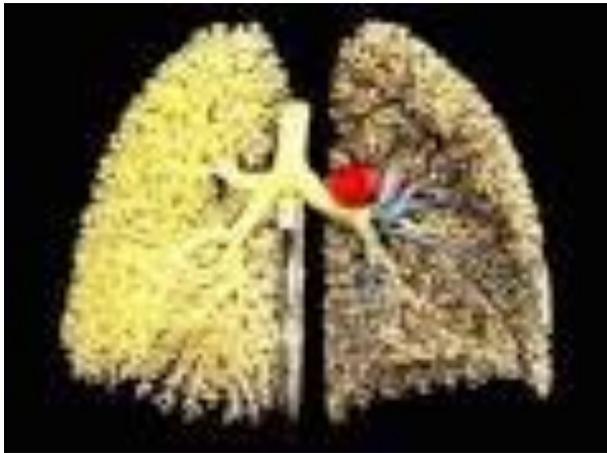
## 2. Sierpiński triangle



# Examples of fractal objects in nature



Broccoli  $D=2.66$



Human lung  $D=2.97$



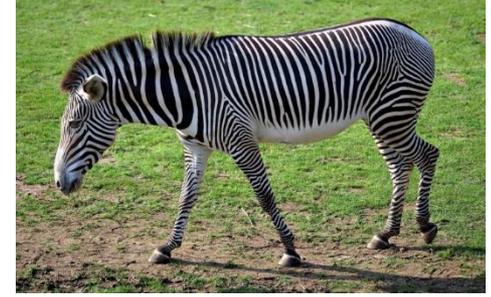
Coastline of Ireland  $D=1.22$

# An in finance?

- The fractal concept is not an abstraction but a mathematical formulation of a well-known fact: movements of a stock or currency all look alike when a market chart is enlarged or reduced.
- An observer cannot tell which of the data concern prices that change from week to week, day to day or hour to hour.

*How Fractals Can Explain What's Wrong with Wall Street,*  
B. B. Mandelbrot, Scientific American Sept. 2008

# Spatial patterns: how “self-organization” emerges?



- **Ilya Prigogine** (Belgium, born in Moscow, Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1977).
- Studied chemical systems far from equilibrium.
- Discovered that the interplay of (external) **input of energy** and **dissipation** can lead to “self-organized” patterns.



# The 1990s: can two chaotic systems synchronize?

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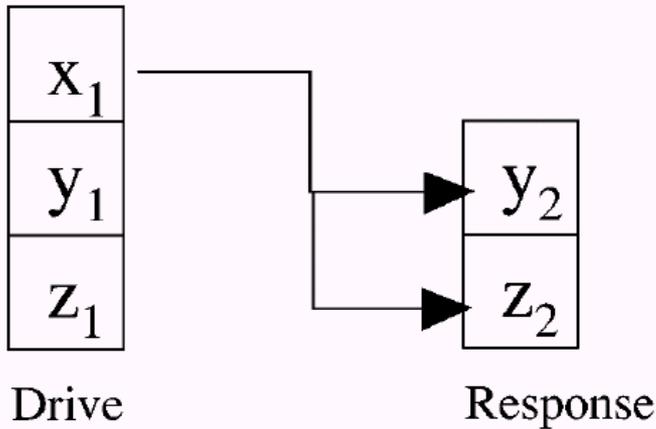
## Synchronization in Chaotic Systems

Louis M. Pecora and Thomas L. Carroll

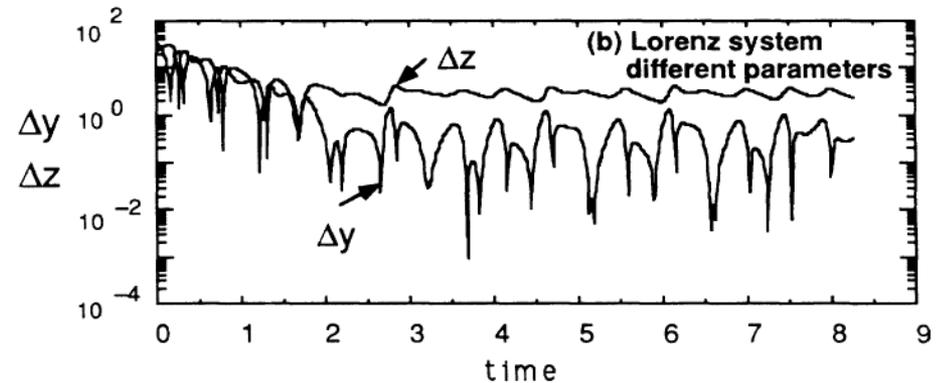
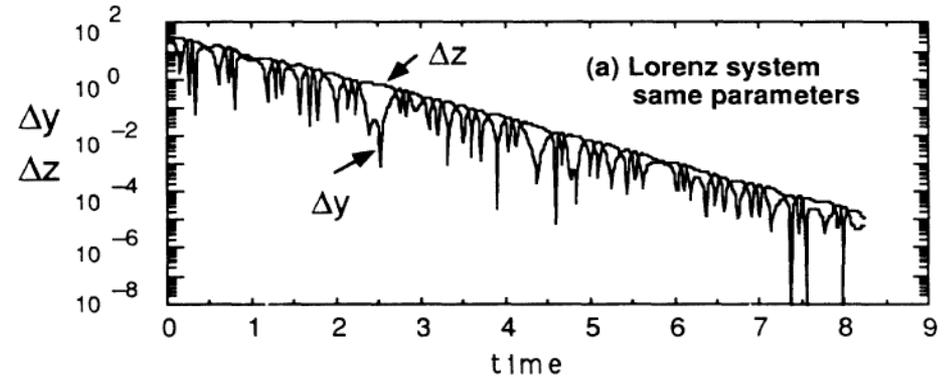
Code 6341, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C. 20375

(Received 20 December 1989)

### Coupled Lorenz systems



$$t \rightarrow \infty \quad |y_2 - y_1| \rightarrow 0, \quad |z_2 - z_1| \rightarrow 0$$



In fact, the first observation of synchronization was done much earlier (mutual *entrainment* of two pendulum clocks)

In mid-1600s **Christiaan Huygens** (Dutch mathematician) noticed that two pendulum clocks mounted on a common board synchronized and swayed in opposite directions (in-phase also possible).

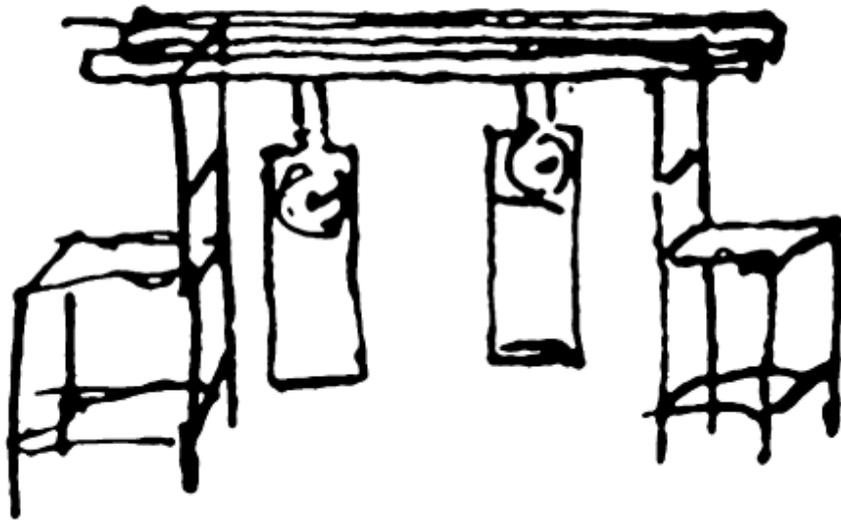
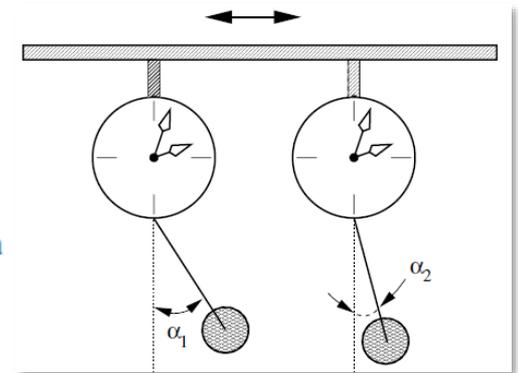


Figure 1.2. Original drawing of Christiaan Huygens illustrating his experiments with two pendulum clocks placed on a common support.



(lots of videos in internet)

# Can we observe the synchronization of two chaotic systems?

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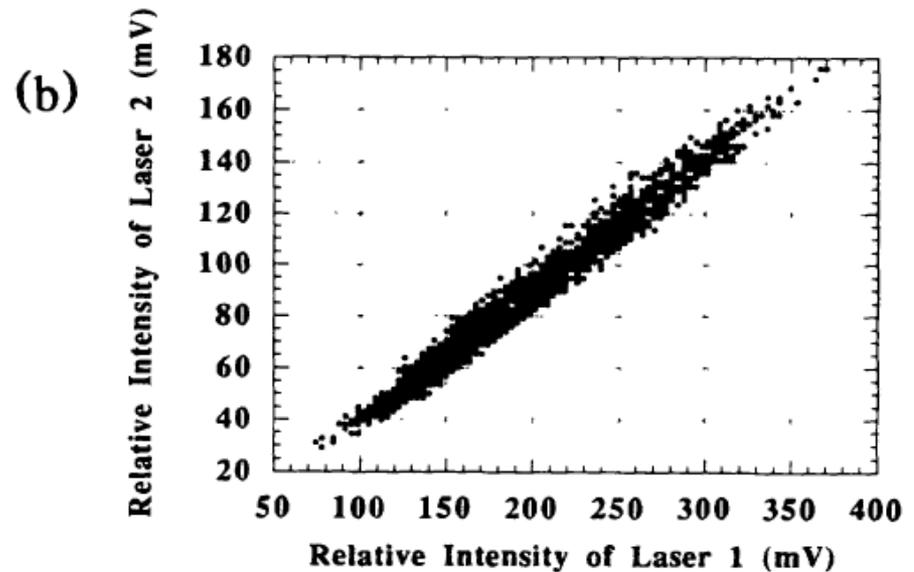
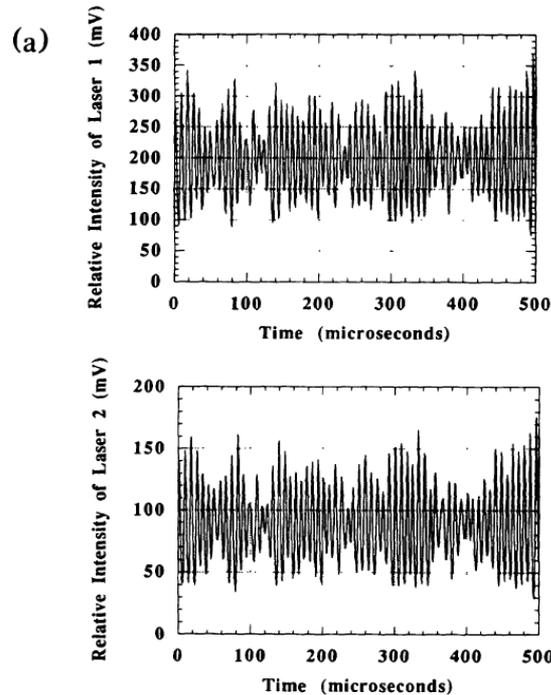
## Experimental Synchronization of Chaotic Lasers

Rajarshi Roy and K. Scott Thornburg, Jr.

*School of Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia 30332*

(Received 30 August 1993)

We report the observation of synchronization of the chaotic intensity fluctuations of two Nd:YAG lasers when one or both the lasers are driven chaotic by periodic modulation of their pump beams.



# Different types of synchronization

- Complete:  $y(t) = x(t)$  (identical systems)
- Phase: the phases of the oscillations are synchronized, but the amplitudes are not.
- Lag:  $y(t+\tau) = x(t)$
- Generalized:  $y(t) = F(x(t-\tau))$  ( $F$  and  $\tau$  can depend on the coupling strength)

*More problems of time series analysis:*

*How to detect coupling, how to detect delay in the coupling, and how to quantify synchronization?*

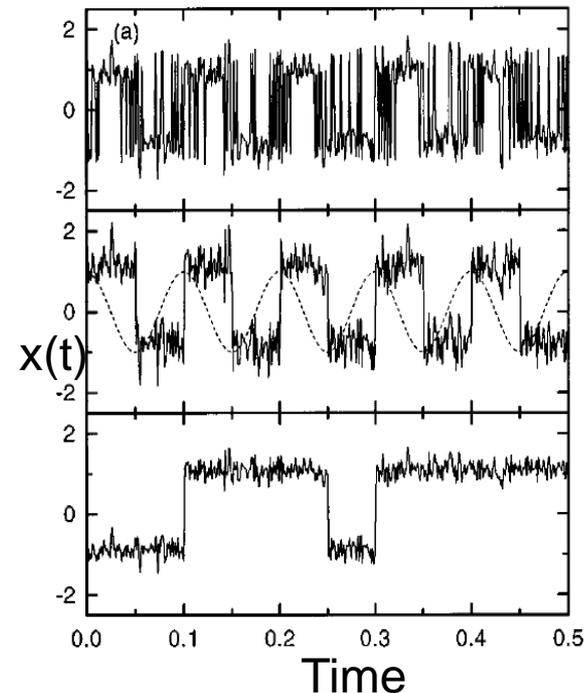
# Effect of noise in nonlinear systems? (late 80' and 90')

**Stochastic resonance**: an optimal level of noise can, in some **bistable** systems, enhance the detection of a weak signal, improving the performance of the system.

Bistable system      Periodic signal      Noise

$$\dot{x}(t) = -V'(x) + A_0 \cos(\Omega t + \varphi) + \xi(t)$$

$$V(x) = -\frac{a}{2} x^2 + \frac{b}{4} x^4$$



Gammaitoni, Hanggi et al,  
Rev. Mod. Phys. 70, 223 (1998).

# Can we observe the stochastic resonance phenomenon?

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## Experimental Evidence of Binary Aperiodic Stochastic Resonance

Sylvain Barbay,<sup>1</sup> Giovanni Giacomelli,<sup>1,3,\*</sup> and Francesco Marin<sup>2,3</sup>

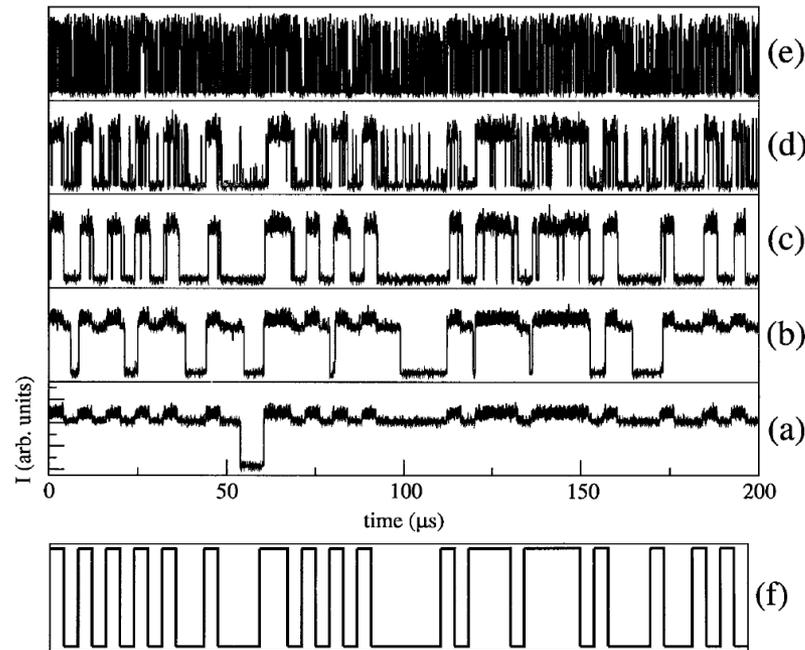
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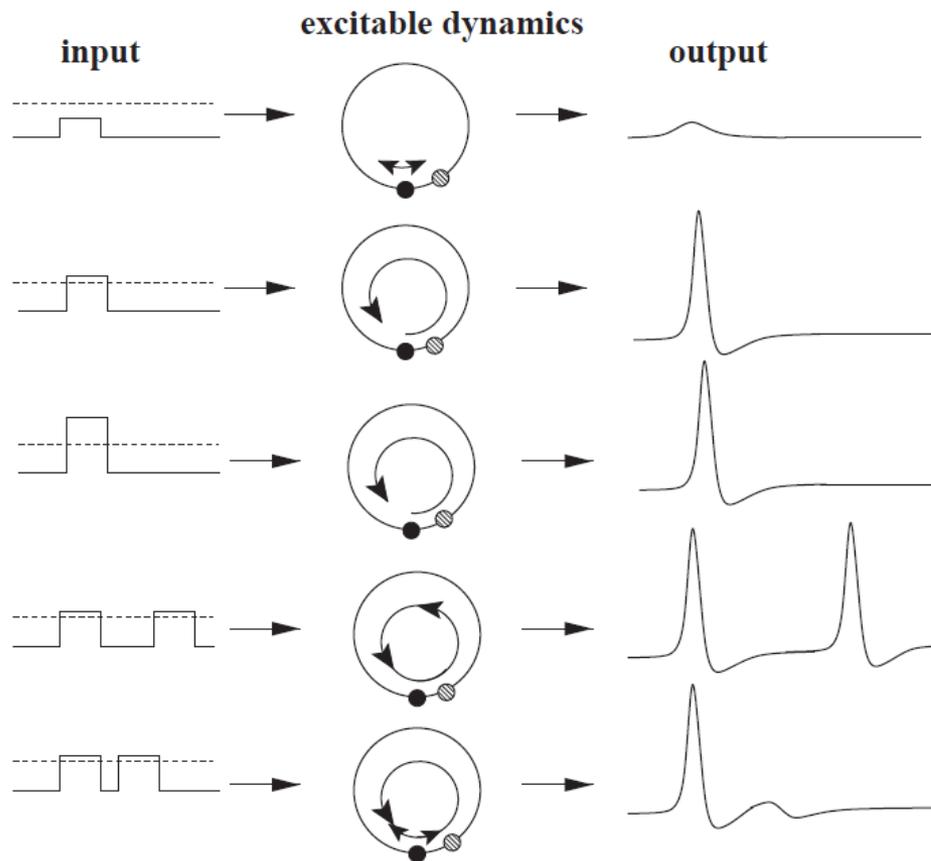
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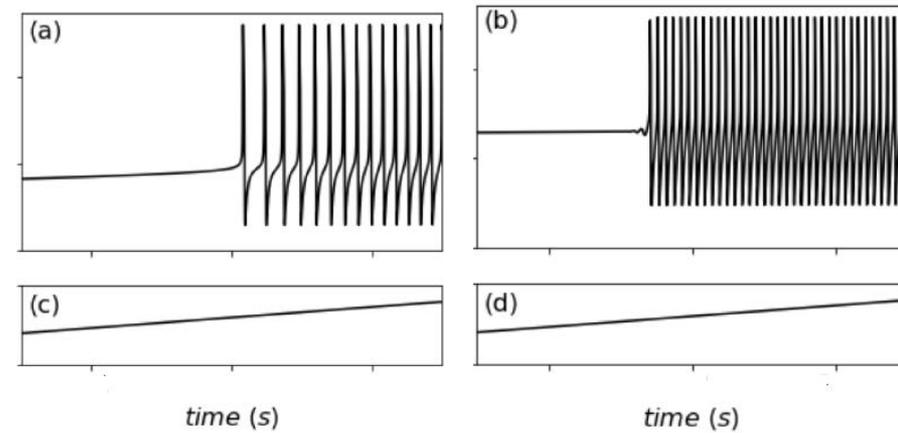
(using a bistable laser that emits in two orthogonal polarizations)



# An excitable system: a peculiar type of dynamical system



Response when a control parameter increases in time



M. Masoller PhD thesis (2020)

B. Lindner et al., Phys. Rep. 392, 321 (2004)

# Role of noise in excitable systems?

## Coherence Resonance in a Noise-Driven Excitable System

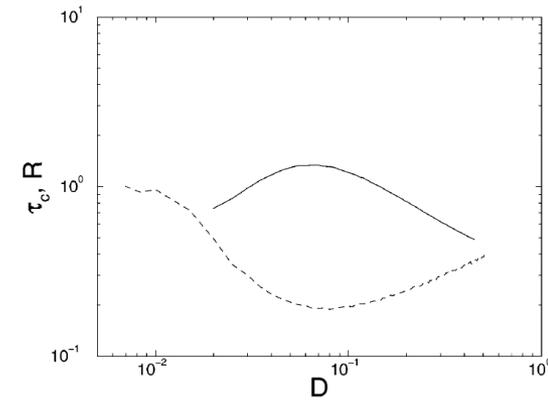
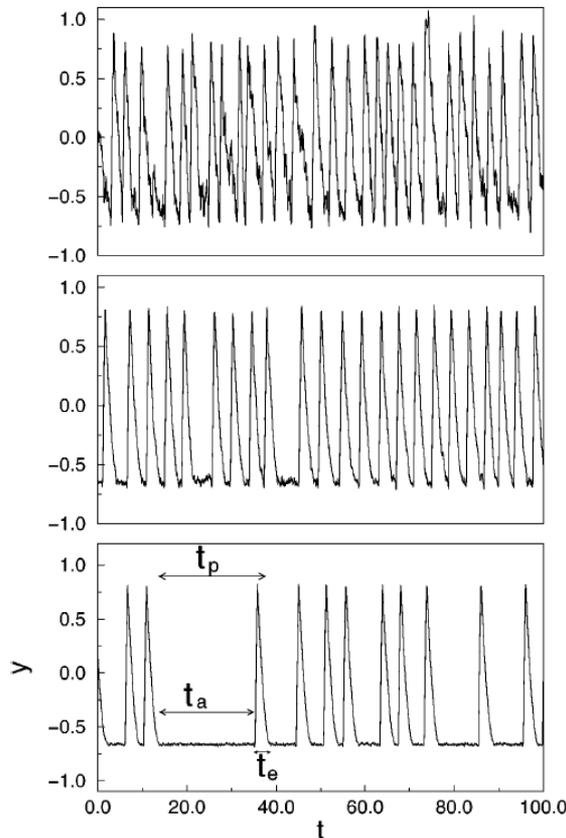
Arkady S. Pikovsky\* and Jürgen Kurths\*

Max-Planck-Arbeitsgruppe "Nichtlineare Dynamik" an der Universität Potsdam Am Neuen Palais 19, PF 601553, D-14415,

Fitz Hugh–  
Nagumo model

$$\varepsilon \frac{dx}{dt} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} - y,$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x + a + D\xi(t)$$

D=0: stable behavior



# Coherence and stochastic resonance have been observed in excitable lasers

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## Experimental Evidence of Coherence Resonance in an Optical System

Giovanni Giacomelli

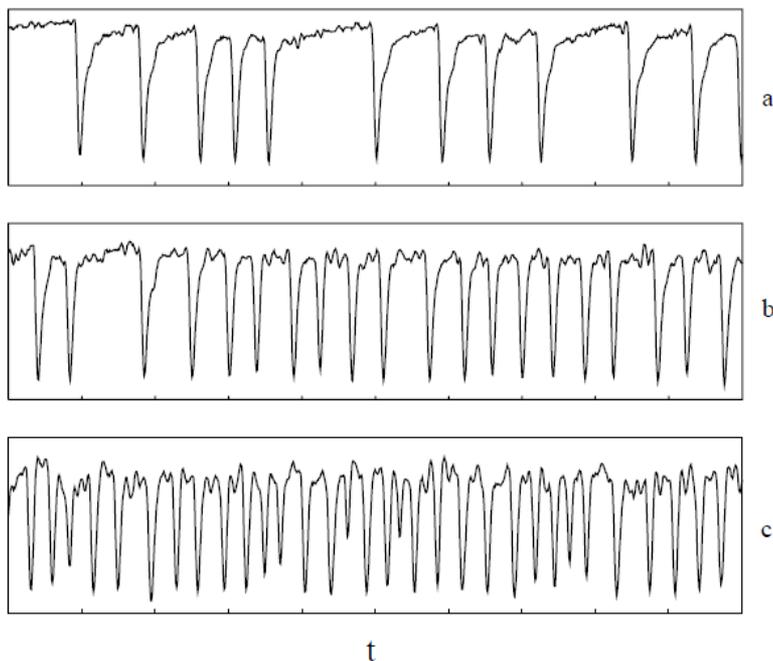
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(varying the level of noise)

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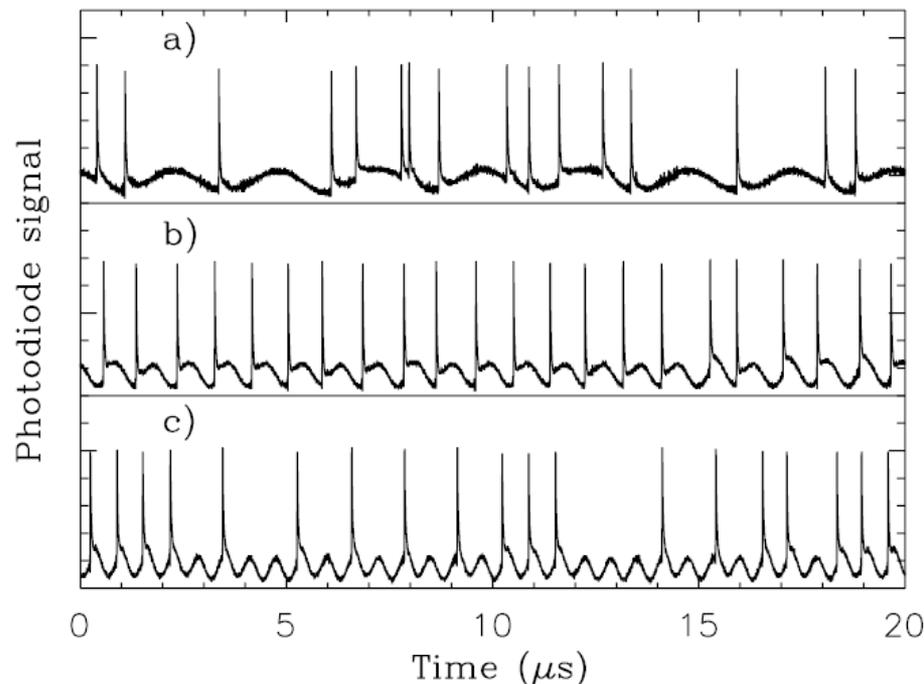
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## Experimental Evidence of Stochastic Resonance in an Excitable Optical System

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(varying the frequency of the signal)

# But what is “noise”?

***Someone's noise is another one's signal***

(example: for a climatologist “weather” is noise).

*A problem in time series analysis: How to “find the signal”?*

(example: filter out noise, compress data).



A two-dimensional **random walk** or  
drunkard's walk

(The Viking Press, New York, 1955)

In social systems, a **Brownian agent** generalizes the concept of a Brownian particle: is an active particle that has internal states, can store energy, information, assets, and interacts with other agents and with the environment.

# Stochastic resonance in social systems?

- In a model of opinion formation (Kuperman and Zanette, 2002), opinions are affected by:
  - social imitation, occurring via majority rule;
  - fashion, expressed by an external modulation acting on all agents;
  - individual uncertainty, expressed by random noise.

Stochastic resonance was observed because a optimal amount of noise leads to a strong amplification of the system's response to the external modulation (fashion).

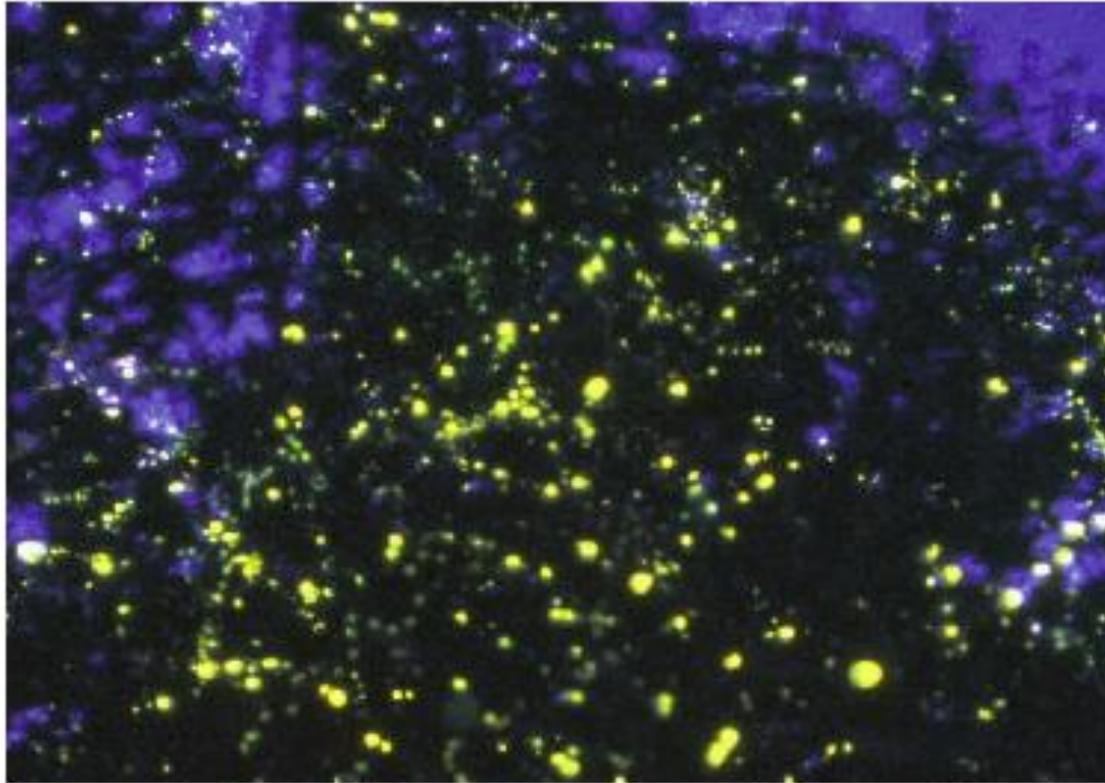
- The phenomenon also occurs if one varies the system's size keeping fixed amount of noise (Tessone and Toral, 2005): an optimal response is achieved for an optimal population size (“system size stochastic resonance”).

Kuperman and Zanette, Eur. Phys. J. B **26**, 387 (2002).

Tessone and Toral, Physica A 351, 106 (2005).

Castellano et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. 81, 591 (2009).

# Late 90s, early 2000s: synchronization of a large number of dynamical systems



**Figure 1 | Fireflies, fireflies burning bright.** In the forests of the night, certain species of firefly flash in perfect synchrony — here *Pteroptyx malaccae* in a mangrove apple tree in Malaysia. Kaka *et al.*<sup>2</sup> and Mancoff *et al.*<sup>3</sup> show that the same principle can be applied to oscillators at the nanoscale.

# Another example of synchronization: the opening of the London Millennium Bridge, June 10, 2000



Source: BBC

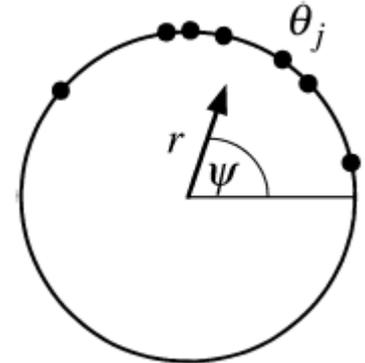


Crowd synchrony on the Millennium Bridge,  
Strogatz et al, Nature 438, 43 (2005)

# The Kuramoto model (Japanese physicist, 1975)

Model of **all-to-all** coupled **phase oscillators**.

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) + \xi_i, \quad i = 1 \dots N$$



$K$  = coupling strength,  $\xi_i$  = stochastic term (noise)

Describes the emergence of collective behavior

How to quantify?

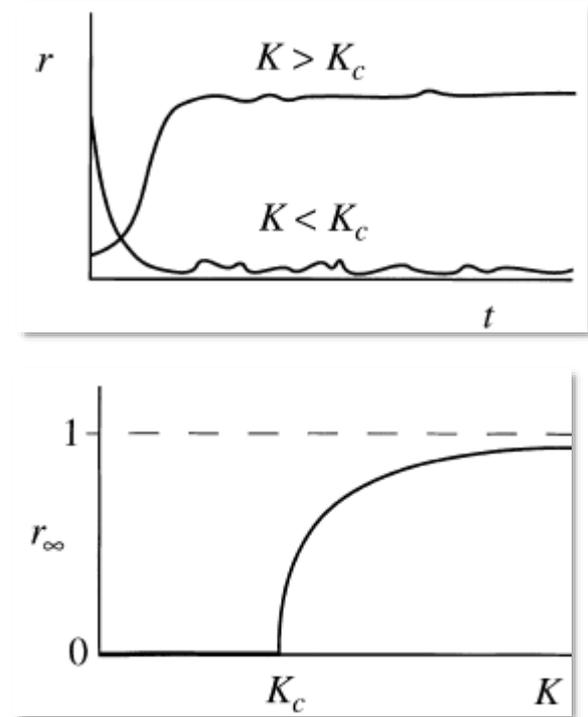
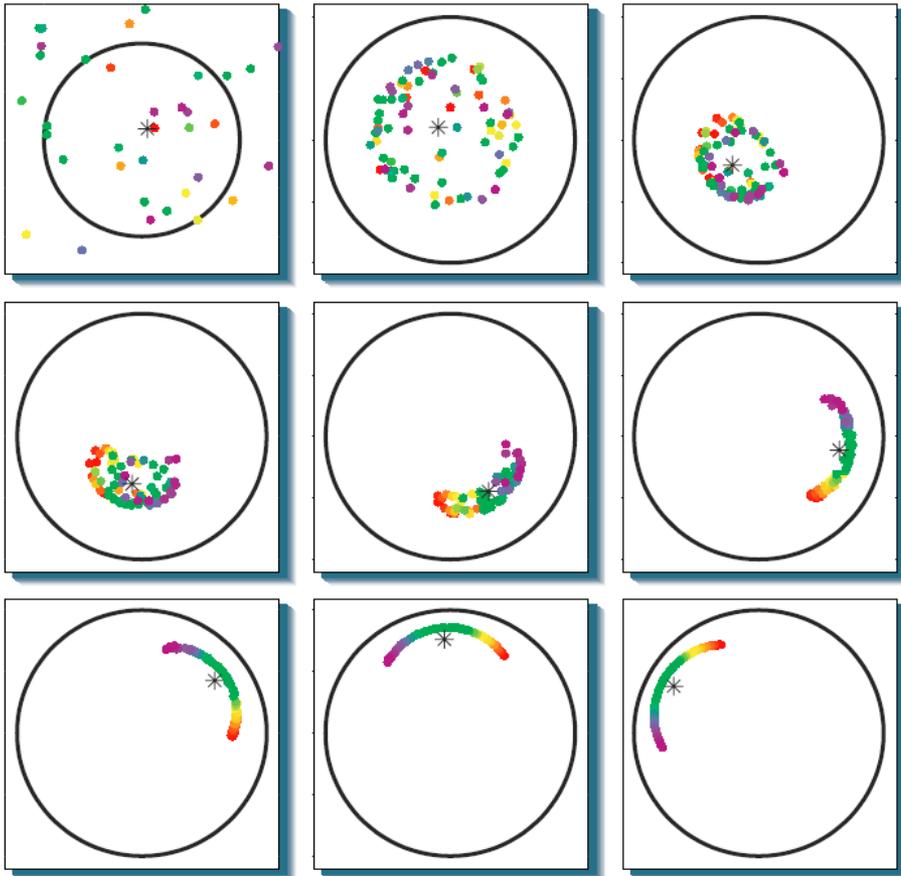
With the **order parameter**:

$$r e^{i\psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j}$$

$r = 0$  incoherent state (oscillators scattered in the unit circle)

$r = 1$  all oscillators are in phase ( $\theta_i = \theta_j \forall i, j$ )

# Synchronization transition as the coupling strength increases



Strogatz, Nature 2001

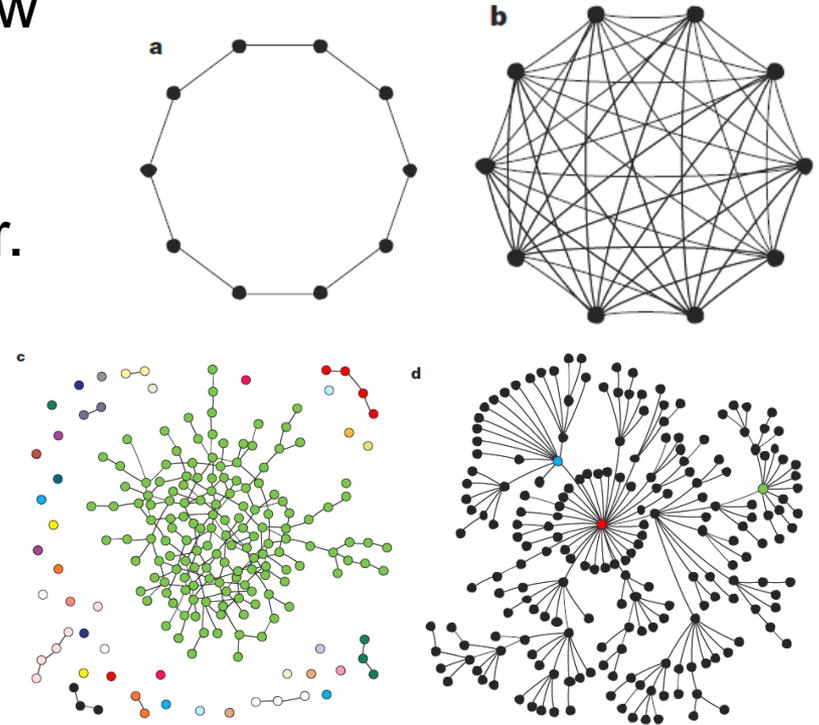
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## 2000s to present: from chaotic systems to complex systems

- Complicated systems (large sets of linear elements with linear interactions) are not complex.
- Complex systems: large number of elements, where the elements and/or their interactions are **nonlinear**.
- Main difference: in a complex system a “reductionist” approach does not work.
- The “emergent behavior” in a complex system can not be predicted studying the behavior of the individual units.

# Complexity science

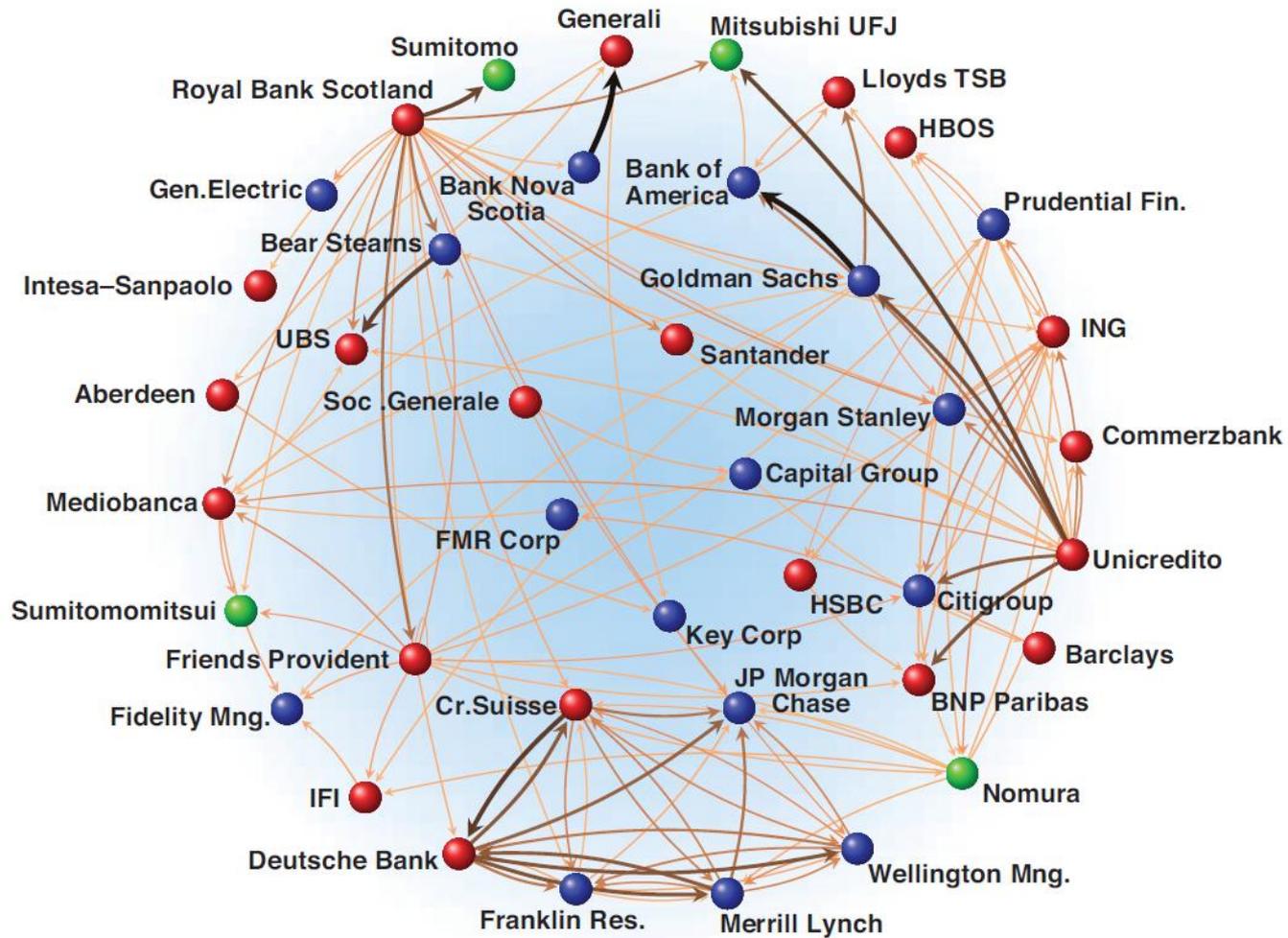
- **Networks** (or **graphs**) are used for mathematical modelling of complex systems.
- Emergent properties, not present in the individual elements.
- The challenge: to understand how the **structure** of the network and the **dynamics** of individual units determine the collective behavior.
- Applications
  - Epidemics
  - Rumor spreading
  - Transport networks
  - Financial, Economics
  - Brain, physiology, etc.



*S. Strogatz, Nature 2001*

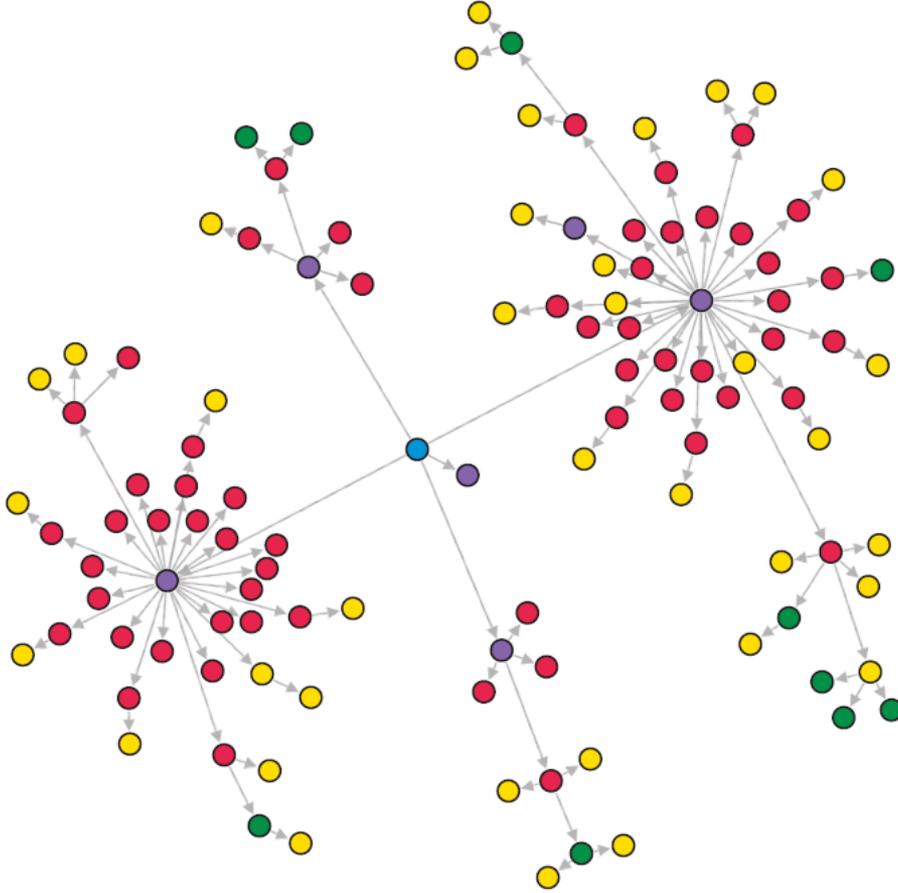
# Real-world example: international financial network

- The nodes represent major financial institutions
- The links (directed and weighted) represent the strongest relations among them.
- Node colors indicate different geographical areas: EU (red), North America (blue), other (green).



F. Schweitzer et al., Science 325, 422 (2009).

# Real-world example: transmission of Covid-19



- Transmission network seeded by an unknown infected individual (**blue**) who attended a training course with other fitness instructors (**purple**).
- The fitness instructors spread the infection to students in their classes (**red**), to family (**yellow**), and to coworkers (**green**).

*Time series analysis problems:*  
- how to “reconstruct” the network from observed data? -  
- how to predict the existence or the absence of a link?

Source: Alison Hill, *The math behind epidemics*,  
<https://physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/PT.3.4614>

# Kuramoto model in a complex network

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

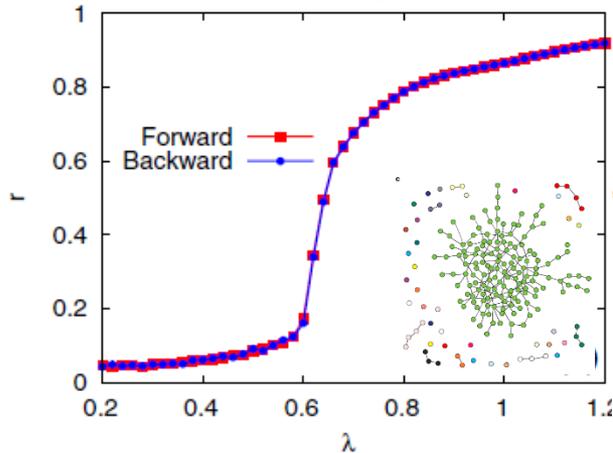
Adjacency matrix:  $A_{ij} = 1$  if  $i$  and  $j$  are connected, else  $A_{ij} = 0$ .

Order parameter  $r = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j} \right|$

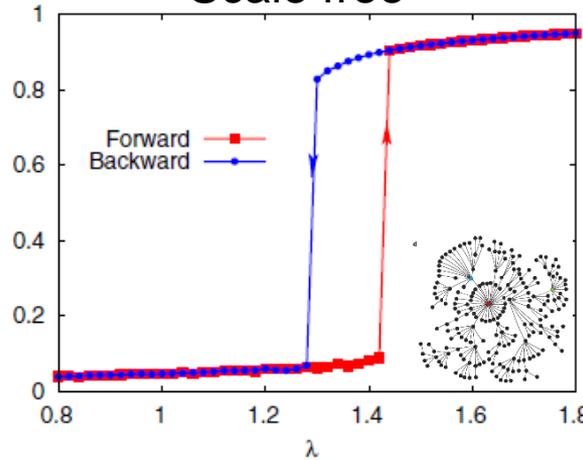
$$\omega_i = k_i = \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij}$$

Fast oscillators have many links, slow oscillators only few.

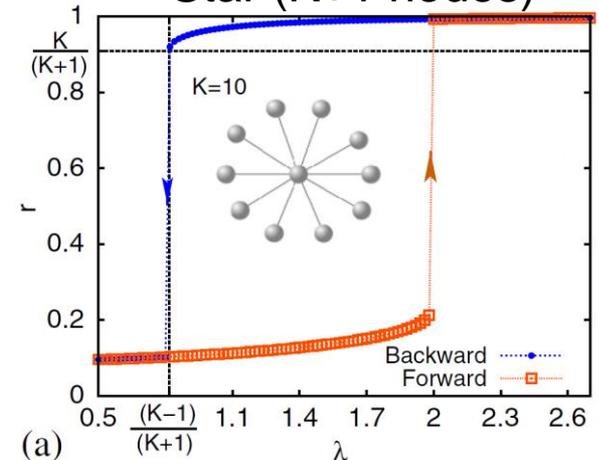
Random



Scale free



Star (K+1 nodes)



Explosive (phase) synchronization has been observed in coupled lasers and in electronic circuits:

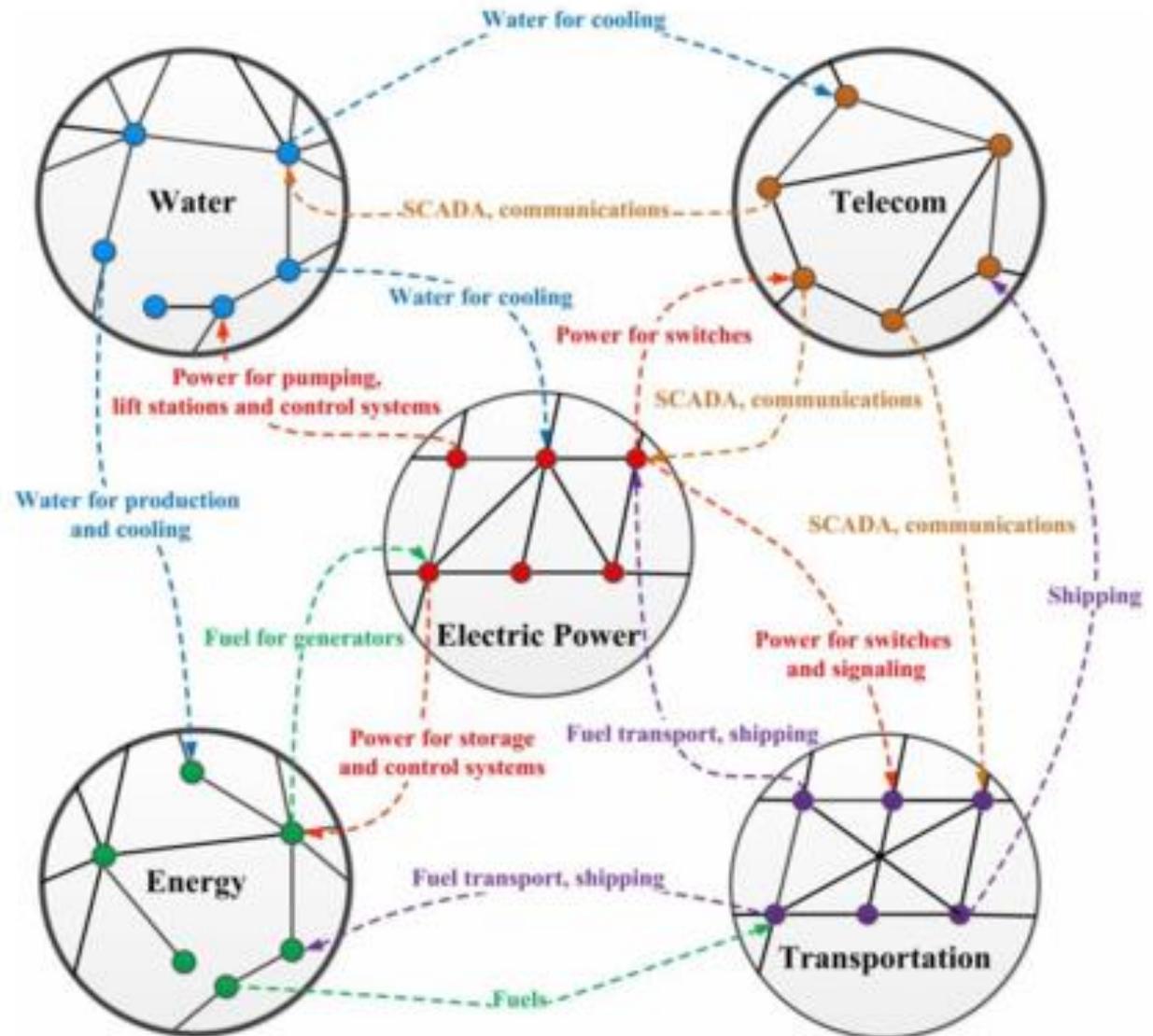
*J. Zamora et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 264101 (2010).*

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# Networks of networks: interdependent networks

*Can we predict the effect of a critical (or extreme) event in one network?  
Cascade of failures?*



Source: Wikipedia

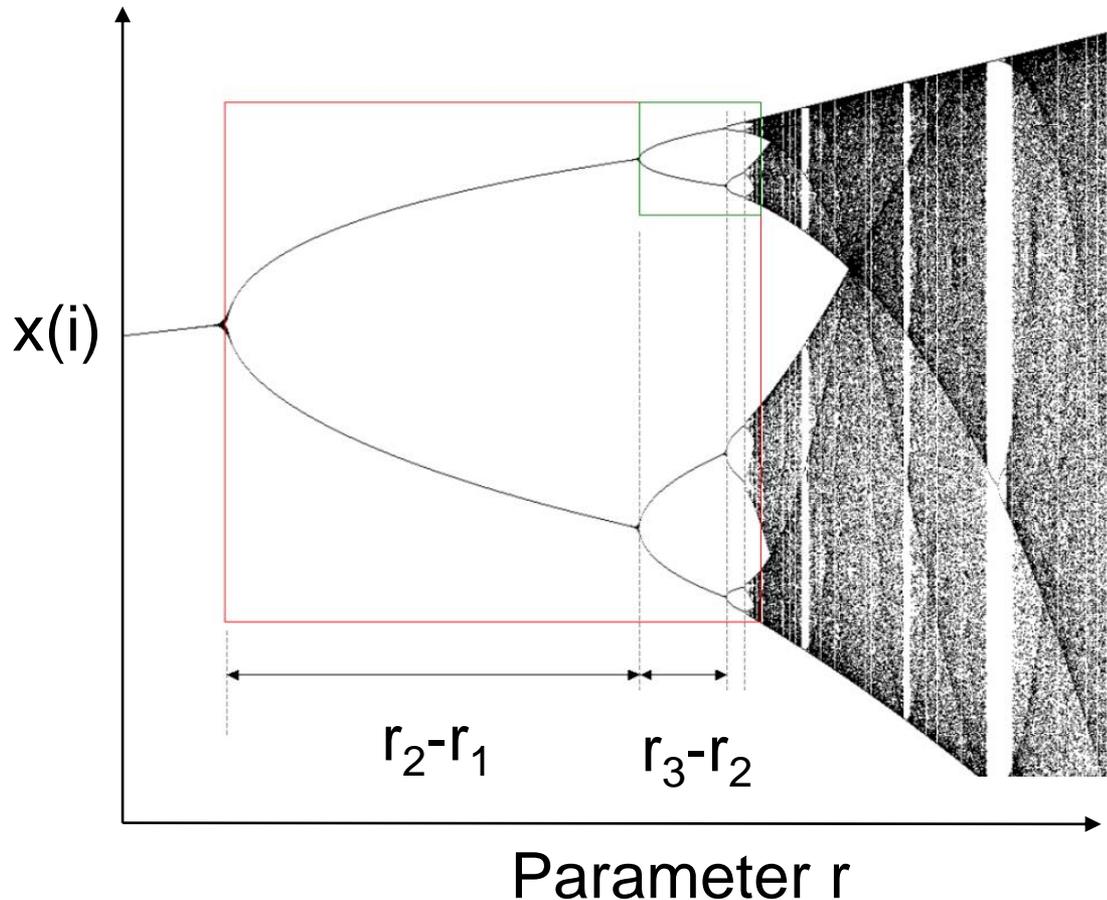
# From dynamical systems to complex systems & data science

- Dynamical systems theory (bifurcations, low-dimensional attractors) allows to
  - uncover patterns and “order within chaos”,
  - uncover universal characteristics
- Synchronization emerges in interacting systems
- Complexity science: study “emergent” phenomena in large sets of nonlinear interacting units (tipping points, critical transitions).
- Time series analysis allows to characterize signals and to “obtain features” that encapsulate properties of the signals.
- Data science: feature selection, classification, forecasting.



# Hands-on exercise 1: work with the logistic map

$$x(i+1) = r x(i)[1 - x(i)]$$



- Plot the bifurcation diagram
- Estimate  $\delta = (r_2 - r_1) / (r_3 - r_2)$
- Role of transient time?
- Continuous variation of  $r$ ?