Identifying and characterizing regime transitions with network-based data analysis tools

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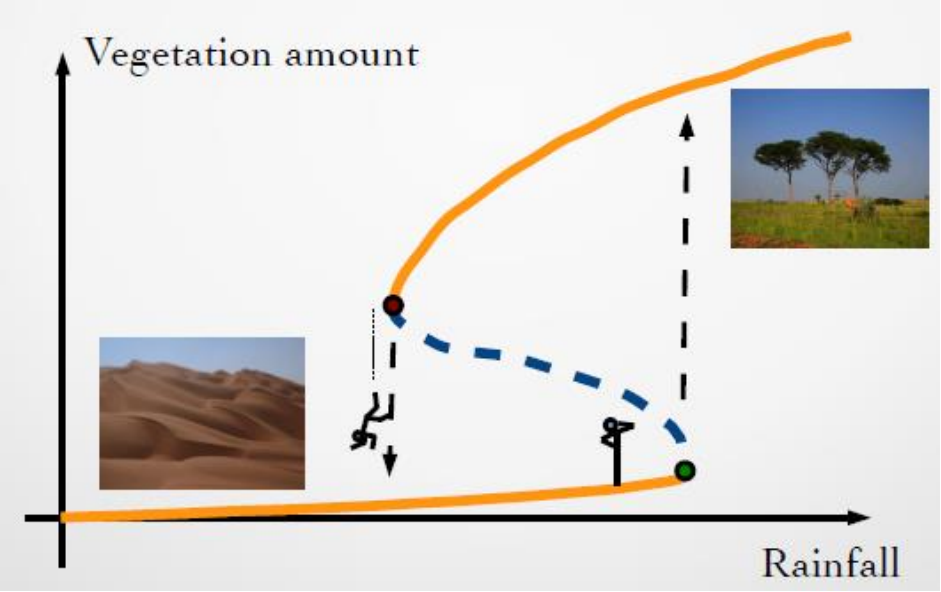
Tipping points in ecosystems



Bangladesh,
Nature 2014

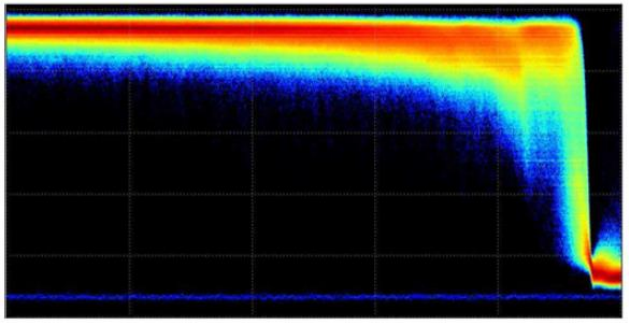
Is there a way to quantify how close we are to the transition point?

Goal: to develop reliable early warning indicators

Examples from the output intensity of two laser systems

- **Polarization switching**

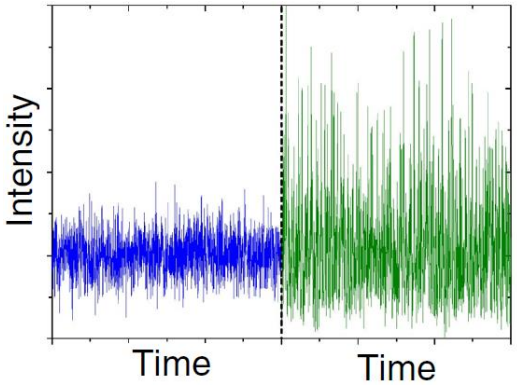
  Semiconductor laser output intensity as the pump current increases



Time

- **Transition to turbulence**

  Fiber laser output intensity as the pump power increases

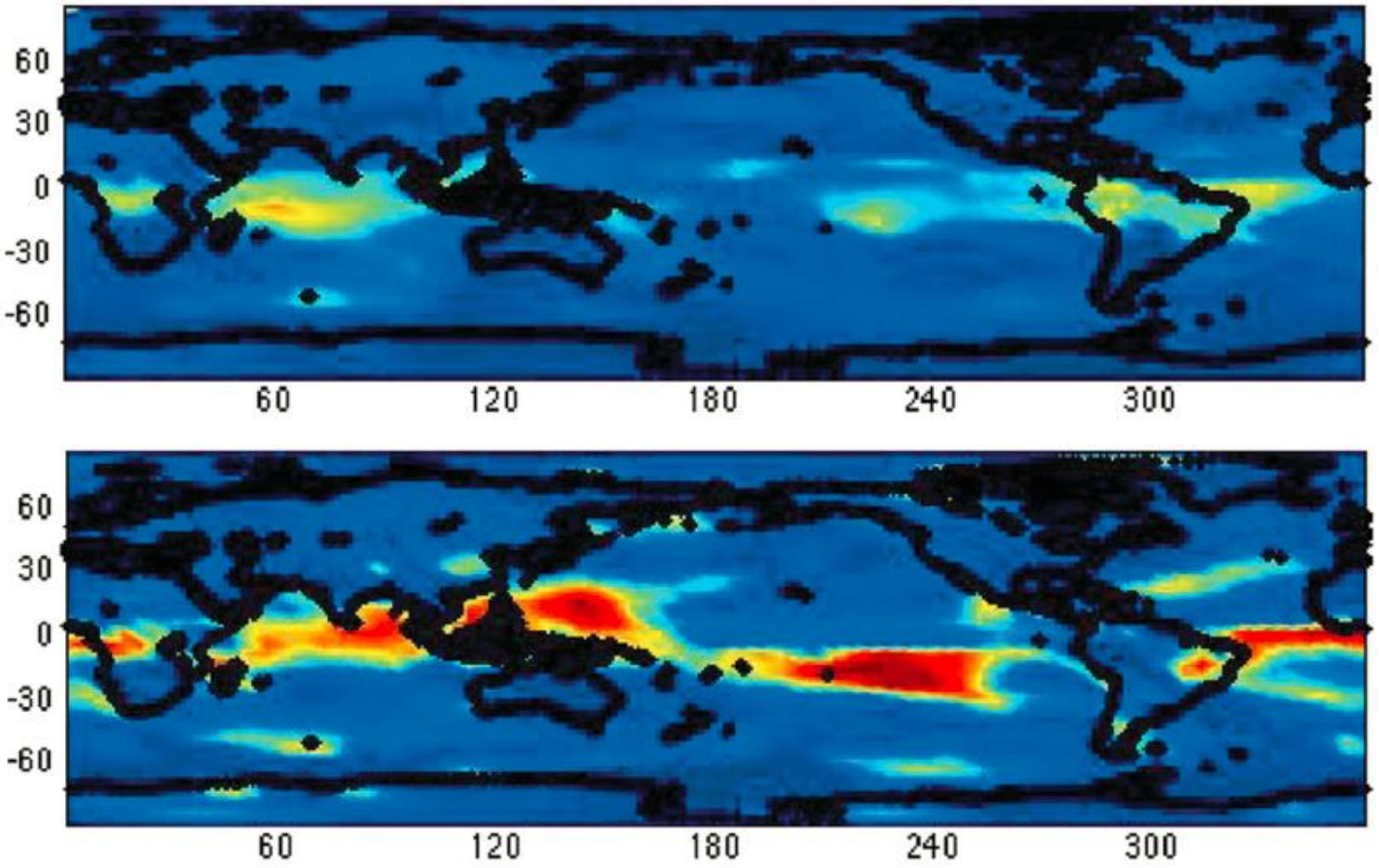


Goal: convince you that

- Novel data analysis tools can provide new insights into these phenomena.
- Optical data can be useful for testing novel analysis tools.

How to detect (or to identify) transitions in complex systems?

- How to compare time-evolving networks?



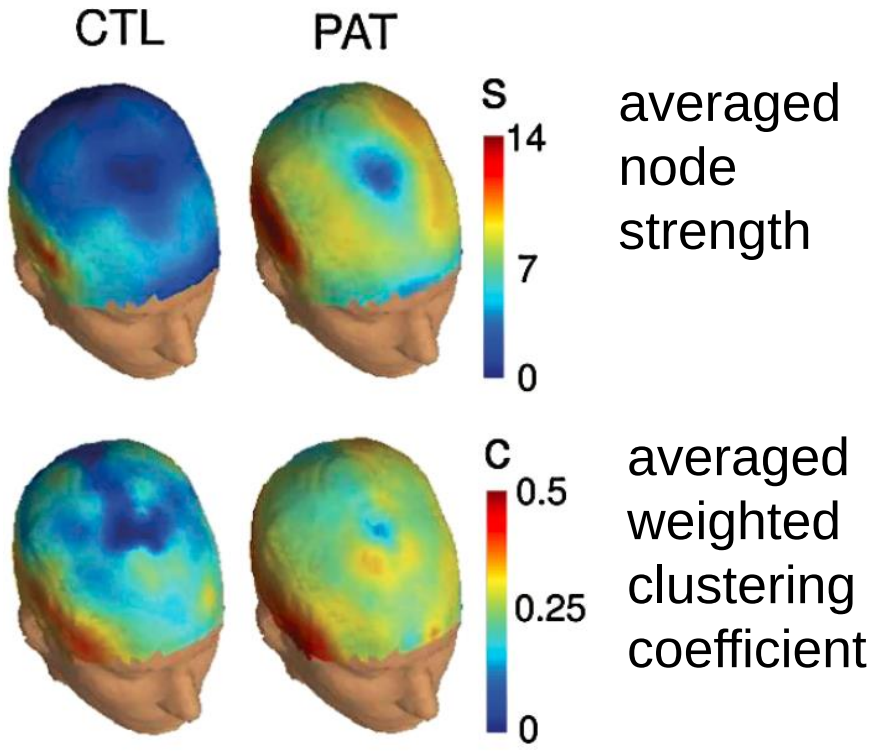
El Niño years

La Niña years

Tsonis and Swanson, PRL 100, 228502 (2008)

Functional brain networks

Healthy subjects Epileptic patients



averaged node strength

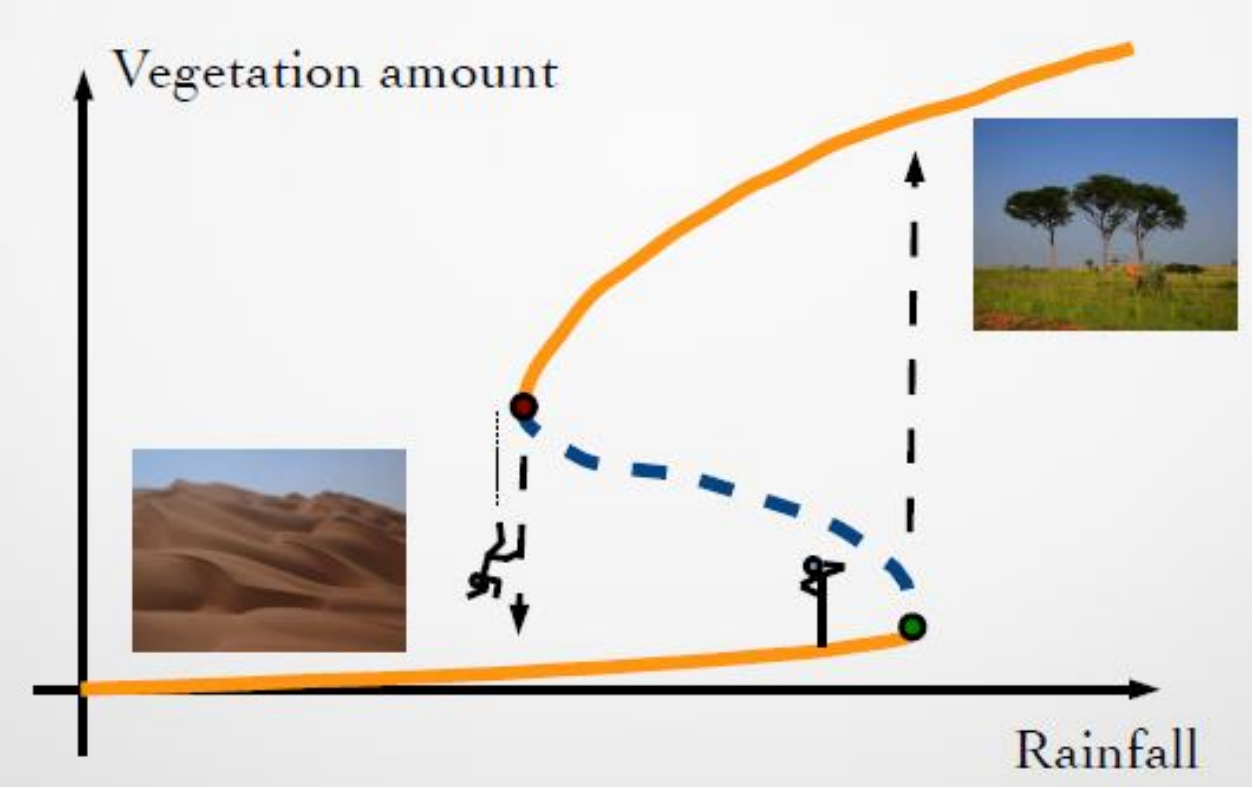
averaged weighted clustering coefficient

Goal: to develop a measure that allows quantifying network dissimilarities

M. Chavez et al., PRL 104, 118701 (2010)

Outline

- Early-warning indicators of desertification transition
- Quantifying sudden changes using symbolic networks
- Emergence of temporal correlations in the optical laminar-turbulence transition
- Quantifying network dissimilarities



Early-warning indicators of desertification transition

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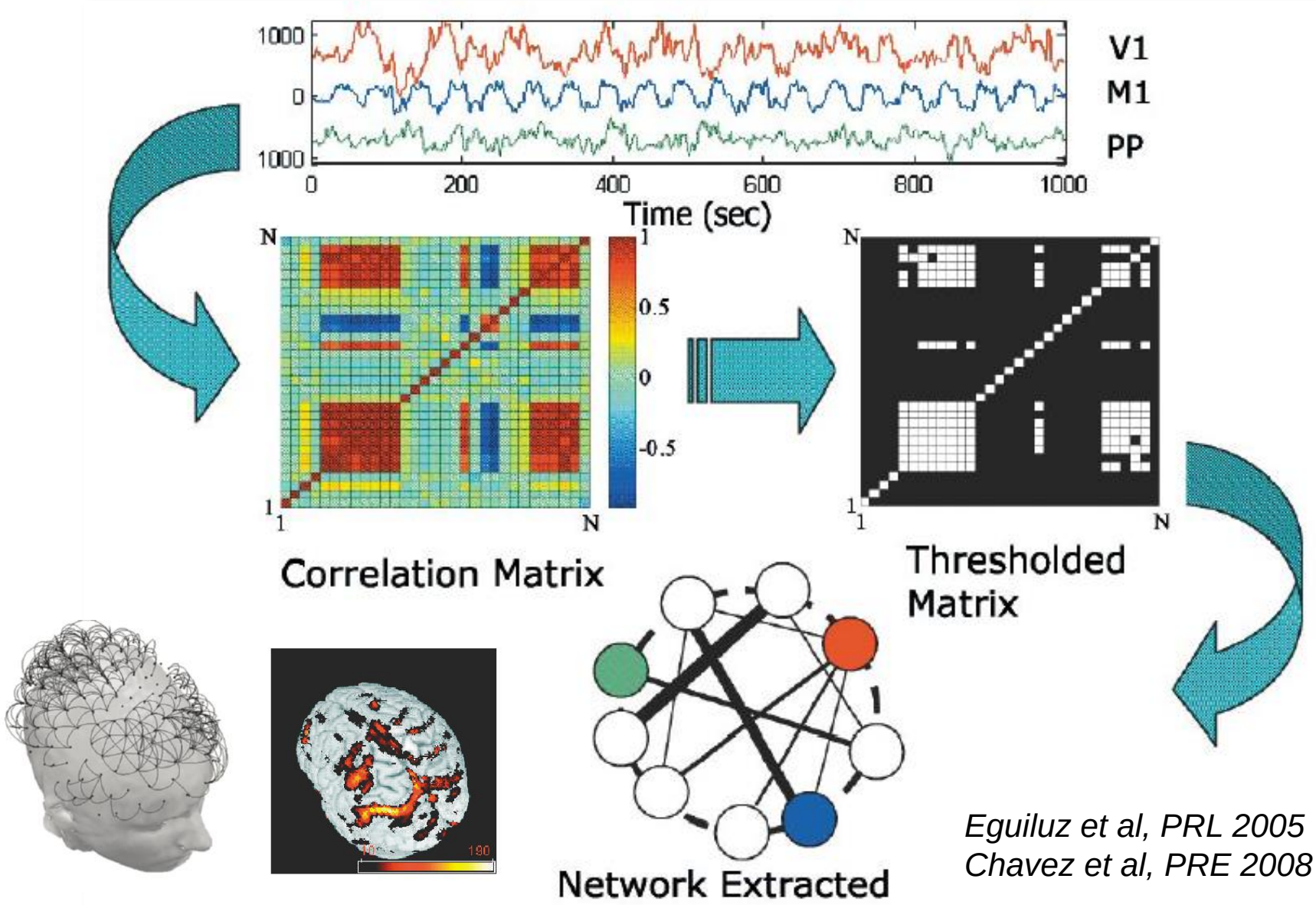
Early warning indicators

- Bifurcation → eigenvalue with 0 real part
- → long recovery time of perturbations
- Critical Slowing Down (CSD)
- CSD → High autocorrelation, variance, spatial correlation, etc.

- Can we use "correlation networks" to detect tipping points?

- "correlation networks"?

An example of "correlation network": Brain functional network



Eguiluz et al, PRL 2005
Chavez et al, PRE 2008

Desertification transition: model

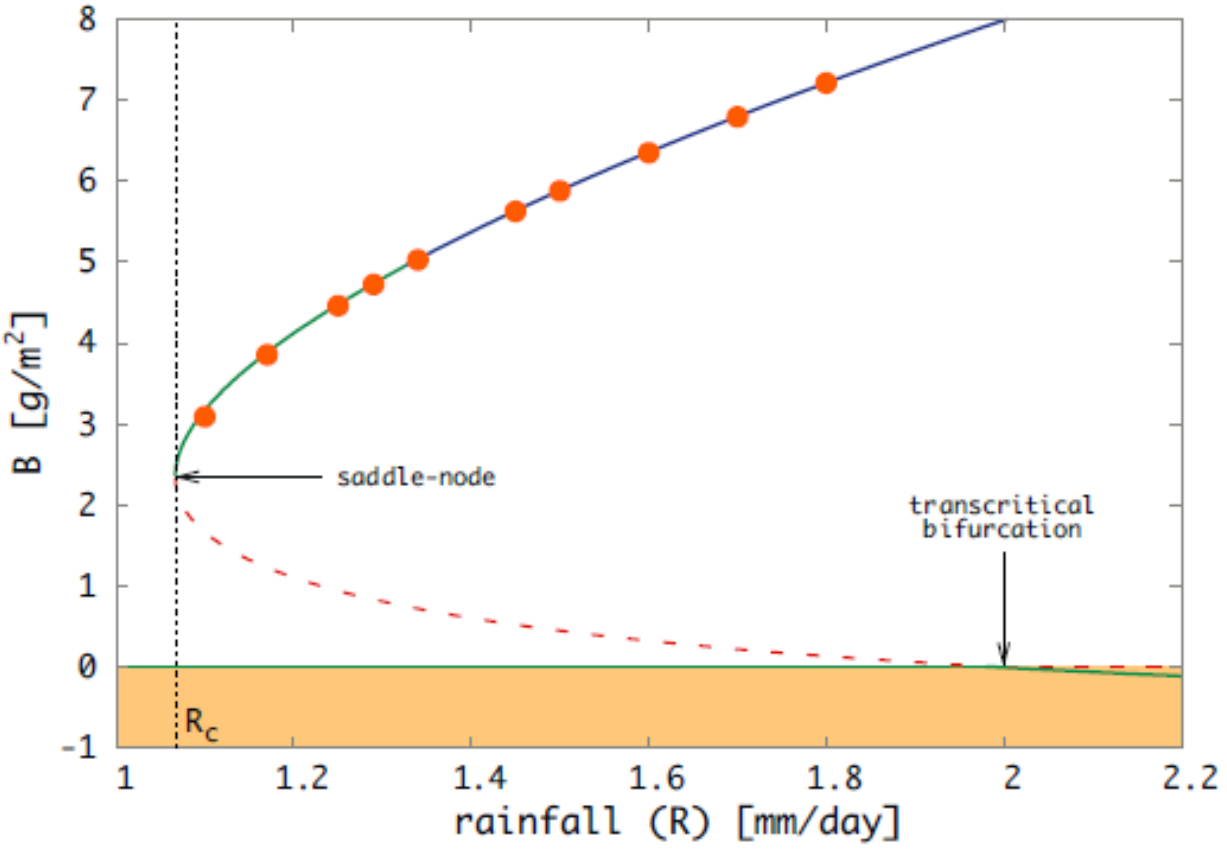
$$dw_t = \left(R - \frac{w}{\tau_w} - \Lambda w B + D \Delta w \right) dt + \sigma_w dW_t$$

$$dB_t = \left(\rho B \left(\frac{w}{w_0} - \frac{B}{B_0} \right) - \mu \frac{B}{B + B_o} + D \Delta B \right) dt + \sigma_B dW_t$$

- *w* (in mm) is the soil water amount
- *B* (in g/m^2) is the vegetation biomass
- Uncorrelated Gaussian white noise
- *R* (rainfall) is the bifurcation parameter

Shnerb et al. (2003), Guttal & Jayaprakash (2007), Dakos et al. (2011)

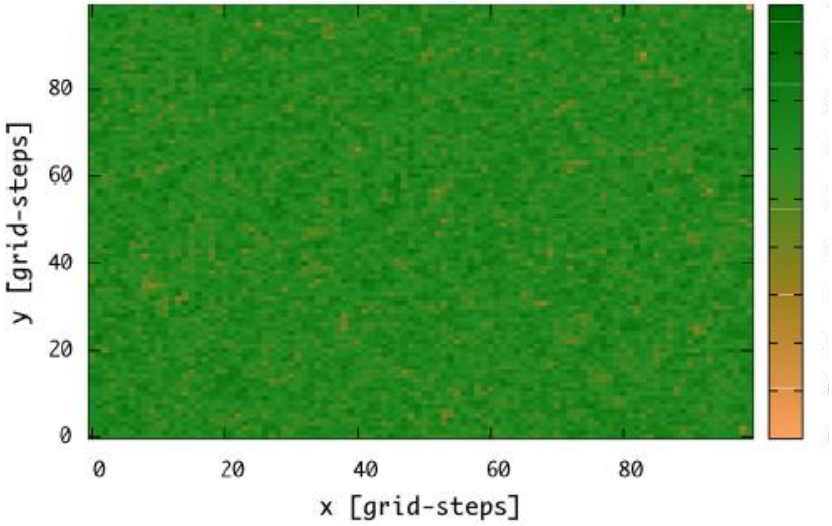
Saddle-node bifurcation

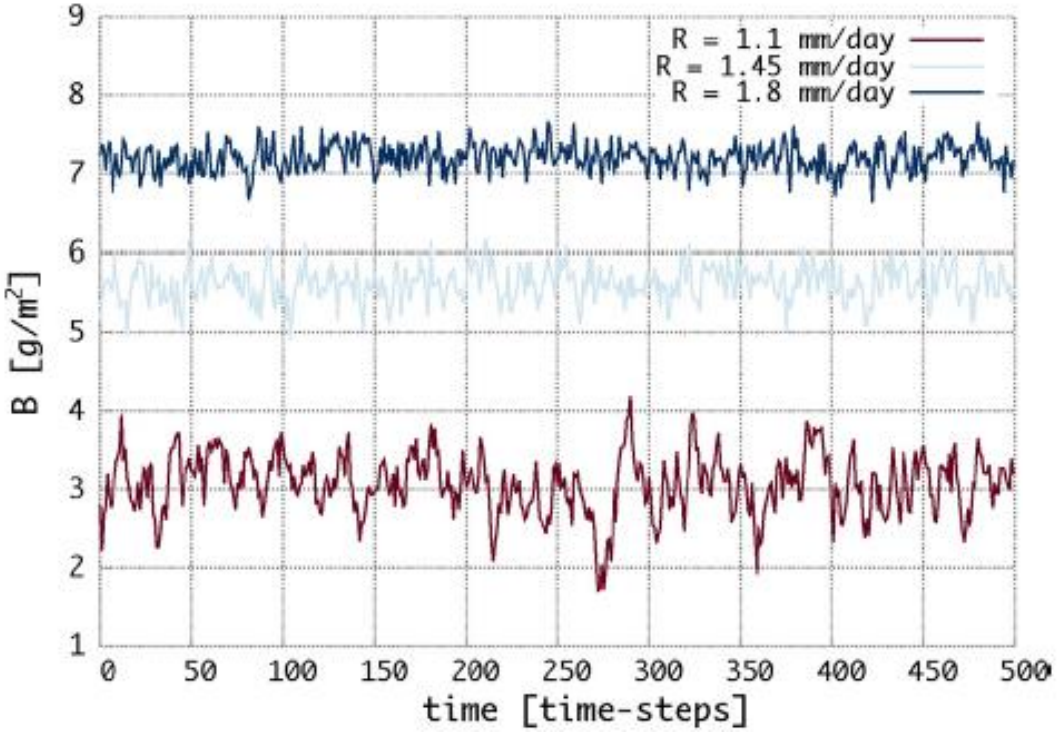


$R<R_c$: only desert-like solution (B=0)

R_c = 1.067 mm/day

Biomass *B* when *R*=1.1 mm/day





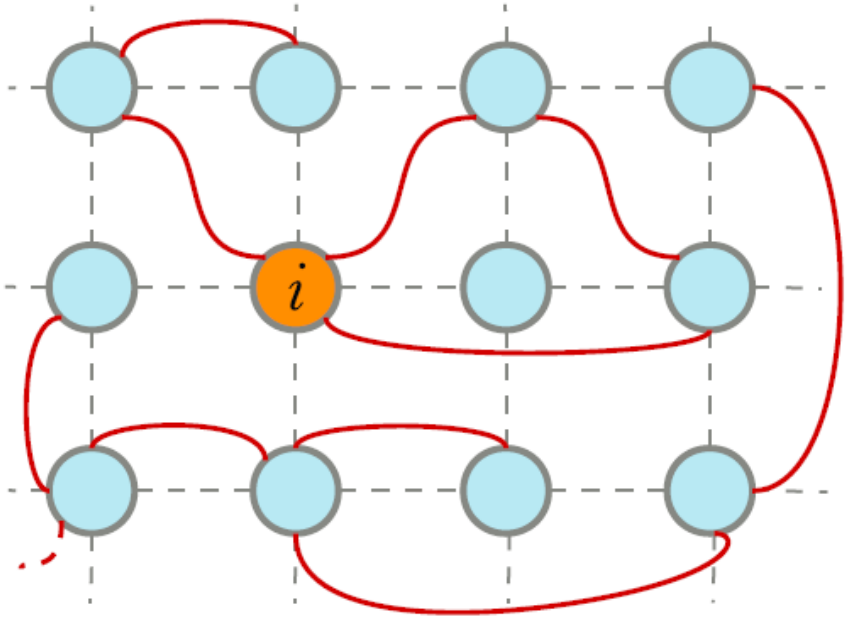
100 m x 100 m = 10^4 grid cells
Simulation time 5 days in 500 time steps
Periodic boundary conditions

Correlation Network

$$A_{ij} = \mathrm{H}(|\mathcal{C}(B_i, B_j)| - \theta)$$ Adjacency matrix

Zero-lagged cross-correlation

Threshold θ=0.2 gives p<0.05



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Network analysis

- **Degree** (number of links of a node)

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

- **Assortativity** (average degree of the neighbors of a node)

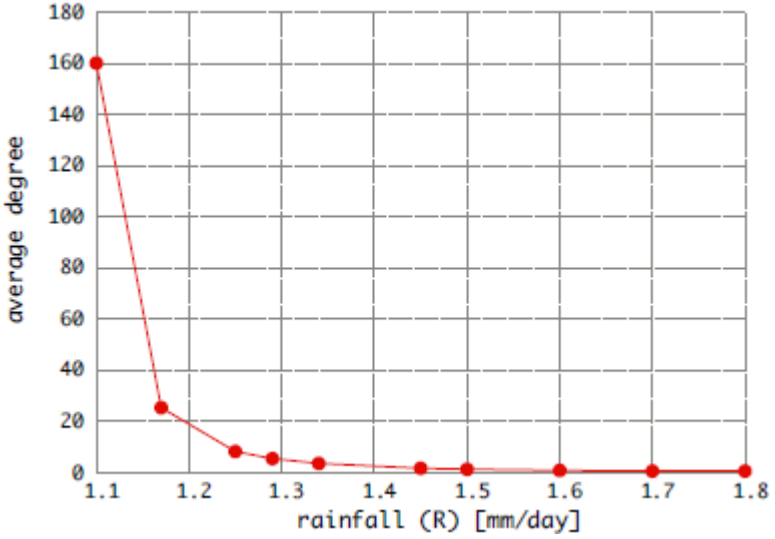
$$a_i \equiv \frac{1}{k_i} \sum_{j=1}^{N} A_{ij} k_j$$

- **Clustering** (fraction of neighbors of a node that are also neighbors among them)

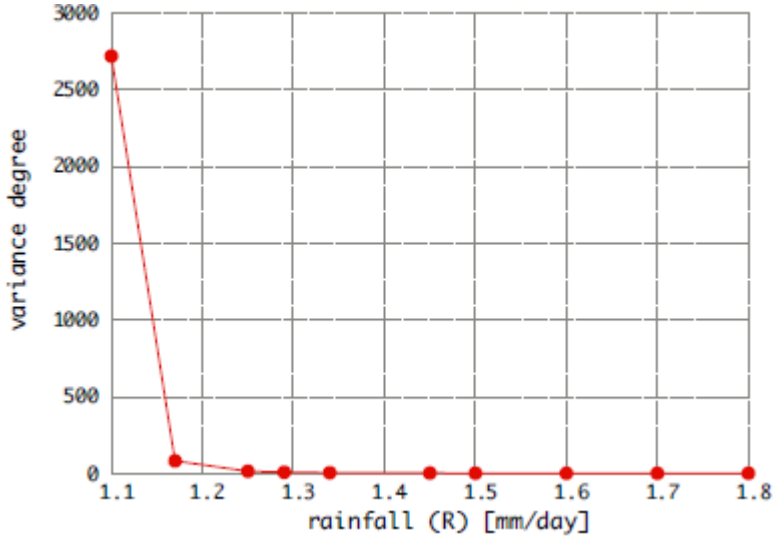
$$c_i \equiv \frac{1}{k_i(k_i-1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{l=1}^{N} A_{ij} A_{jl} A_{li}$$

Results

Mean degree



Standard deviation of the degree distribution



Sharp increase close to the transition captures the emergence of spatial correlations

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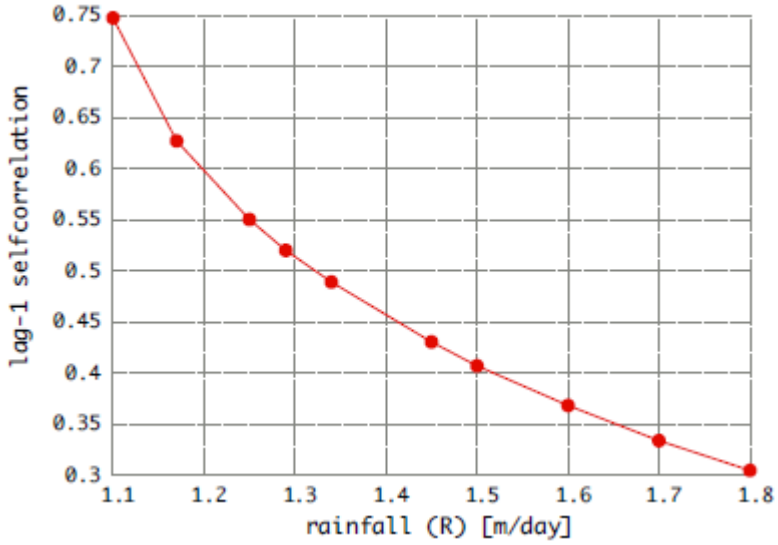
Comparison with classical indicators

Spatially averaged lag-1 autocorrelation, calculated at the final simulation time

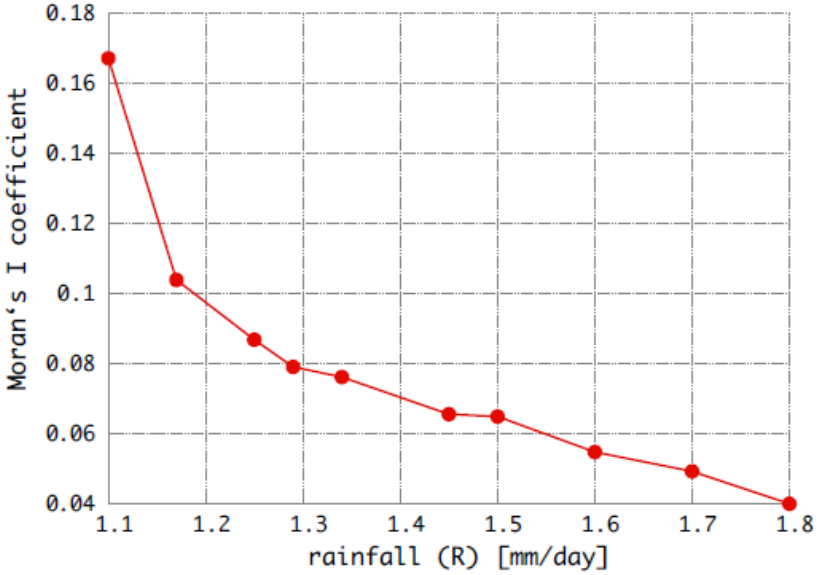


Smooth increase does not capture the vicinity to the transition point

Moran's coefficient

$$I \equiv \frac{N}{\sum_{ij} g_{ij}} \frac{\sum_{ij} g_{ij}(B_i - \bar{B})(B_j - \bar{B})}{\sum_i (B_i - \bar{B})^2}$$

$g_{ij} = 1$ if i and j are adjacent grid cells, else $g_{ij} = 0$

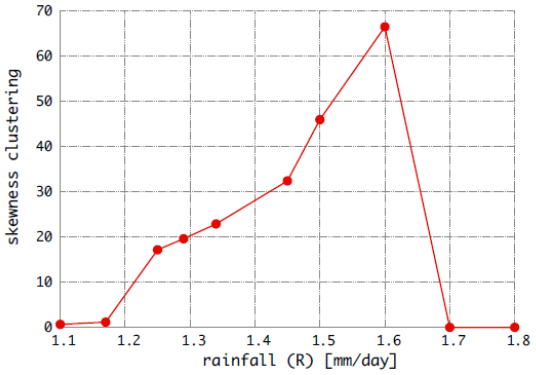


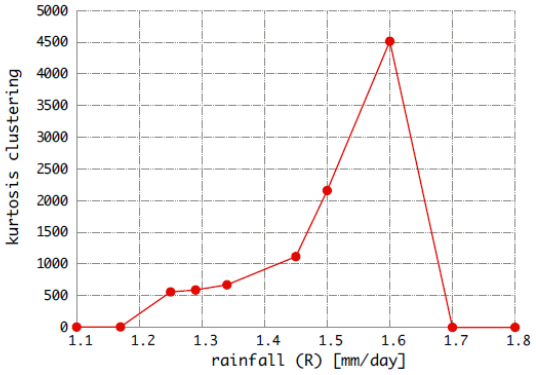
Network-based indicators

skewness

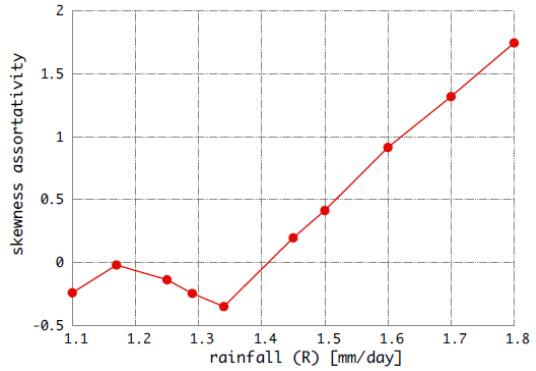
kurtosis

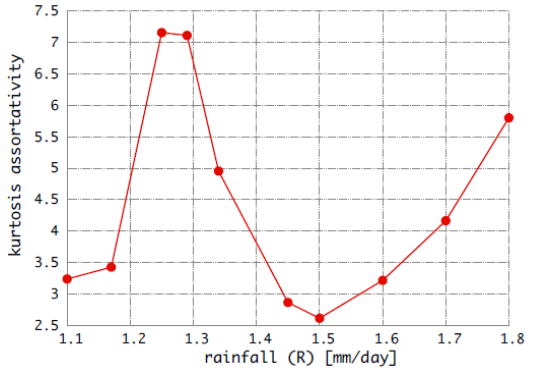
clustering





assortativity



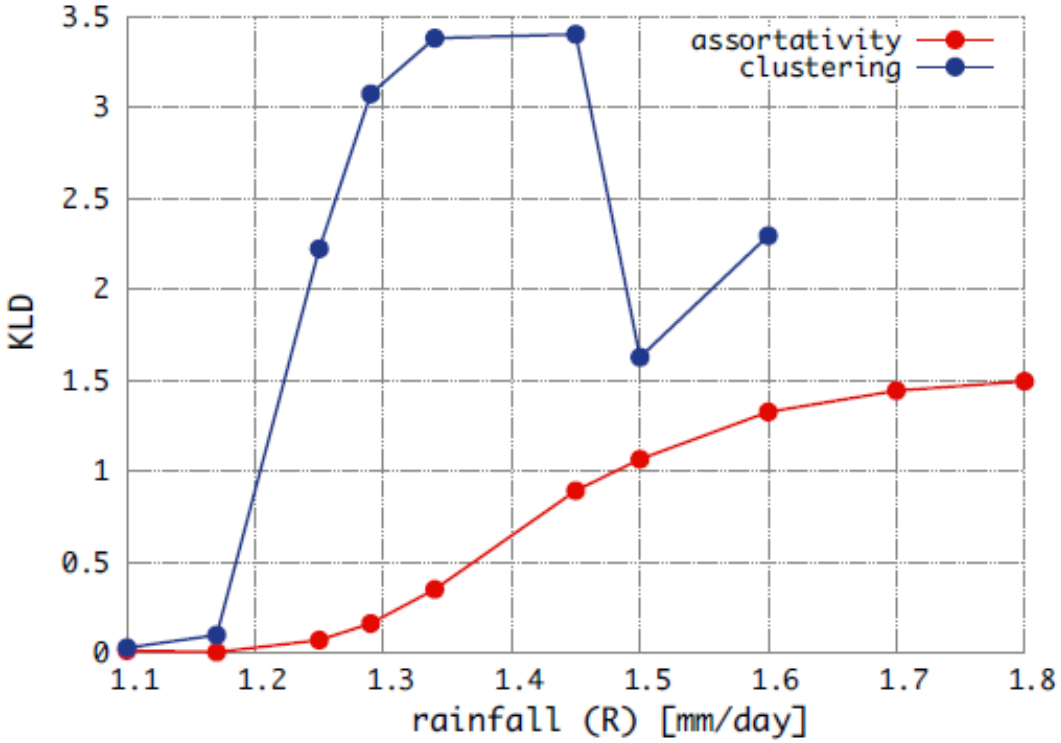


"Gaussianisation" of the clustering and of the assortativity distributions when approaching the tipping point

How to quantify "Gaussianisation"?

Kullback–Leibler Distance (KLD) between 2 PDFs

$$\mathrm{KLD} \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{P(x)}{Z(x)}\right) P(x)\, dx.$$



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Summary Part 1

- Indicators based in “correlation networks” can identify desertification transition in advance.

- Open issue: the “Gaussianisation” might be a model-specific feature.

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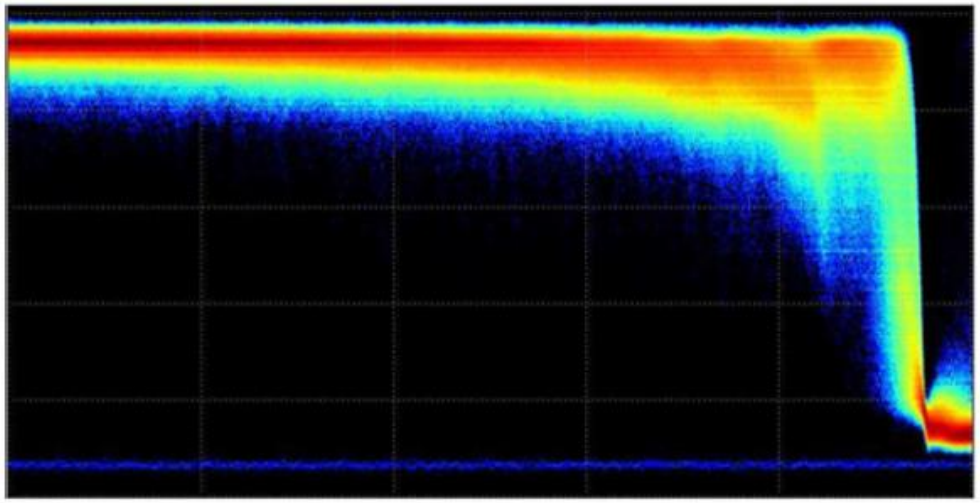

Quantifying sudden changes using symbolic networks

- “optical big data”: provides new insight & is useful for testing novel diagnostic tools

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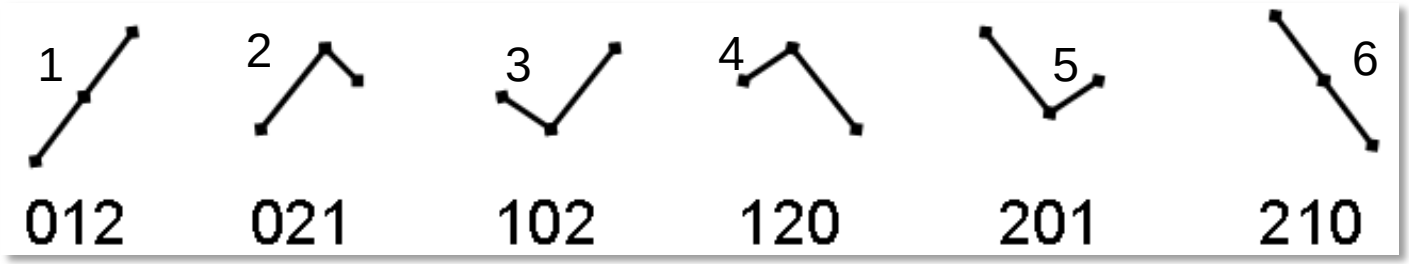
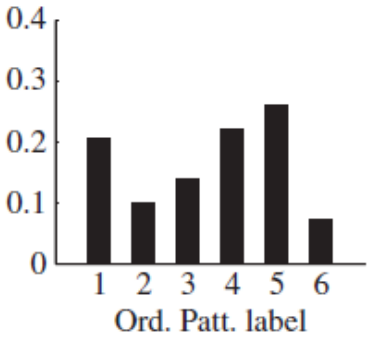
Method of nonlinear symbolic time-series analysis: ordinal patterns

- $X = \{\ldots x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \ldots\}$

Brandt & Pompe, PRL 88, 174102 (2002)





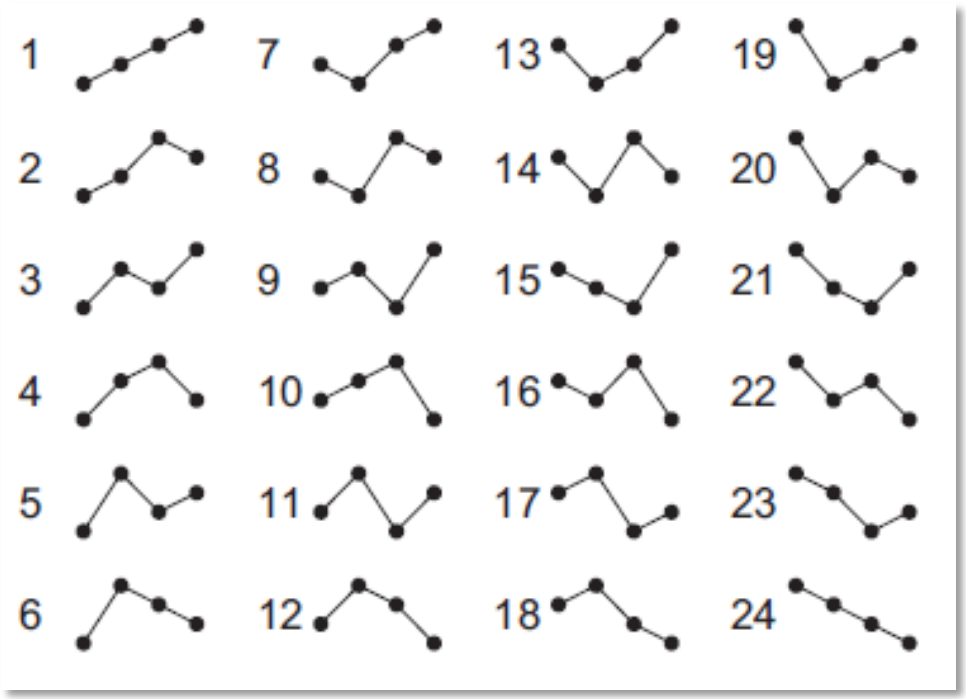
The OP probabilities allow identifying more expressed and/or infrequent patterns in the *order* of the sequence of data values.

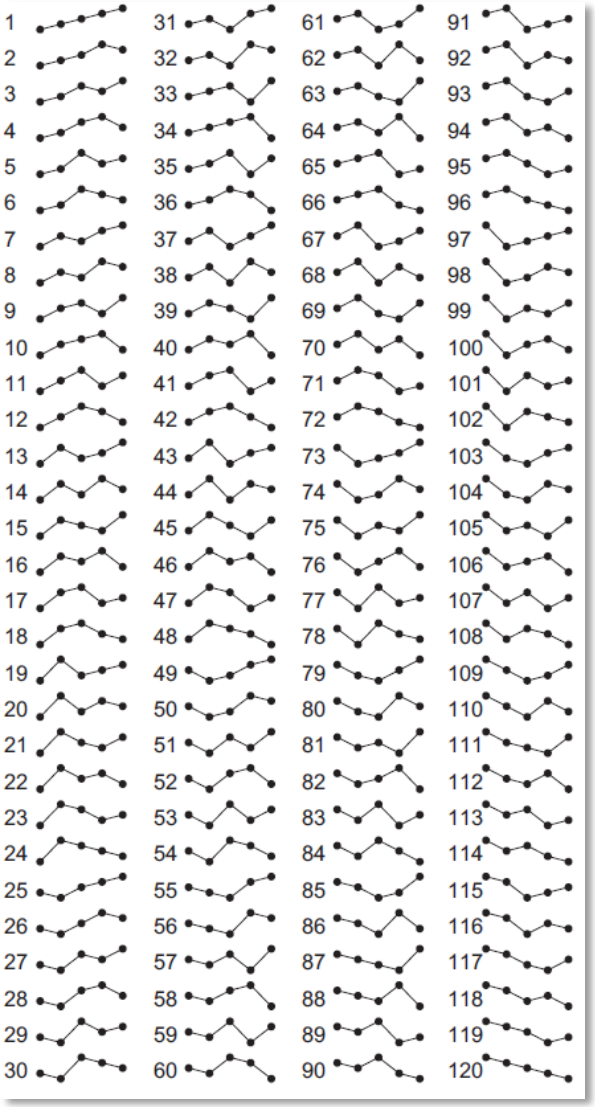
Random data? (OPs equally probable)

- Advantage: the probabilities uncover temporal correlations.
- Drawback: we lose information about the actual values.

⇒ Ordinal analysis gives **complementary information** to that gained with other analysis tools.

The number of patterns increases as D!

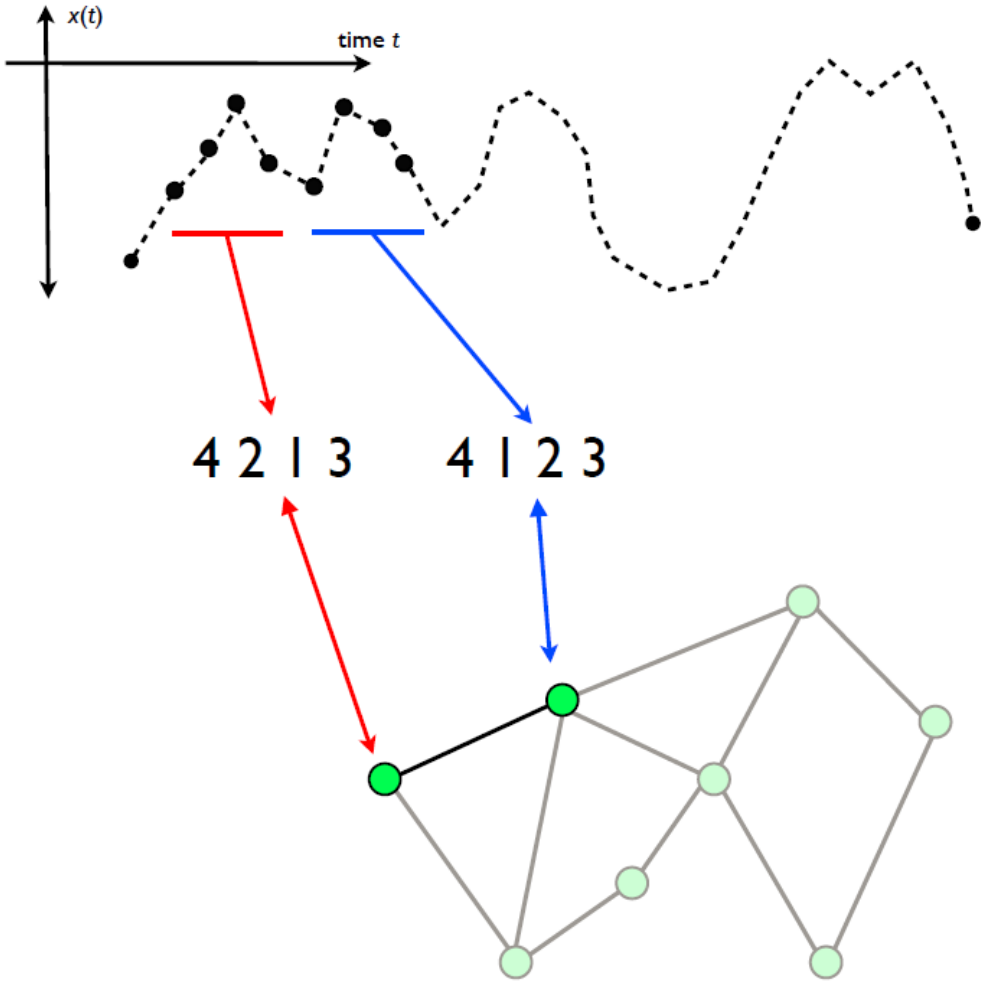




Opportunity: turn a time-series into a network by using the patterns as the "nodes" of the network.

U. Parlitz et al. / Computers in Biology and Medicine 42 (2012) 319–327

The network nodes are the "ordinal patterns", and the links?



- The links are defined in terms of the probability of pattern "β" occurring after pattern "α".
- Weighs of nodes: the probabilities of the patterns ($\sum_i p_i=1$).
- Weights of links: the probabilities of the transitions ($\sum_j w_{ij}=1\ \forall i$).

$\Rightarrow$ ***Weighted and directed network***

Adapted from M. Small (The University of Western Australia)

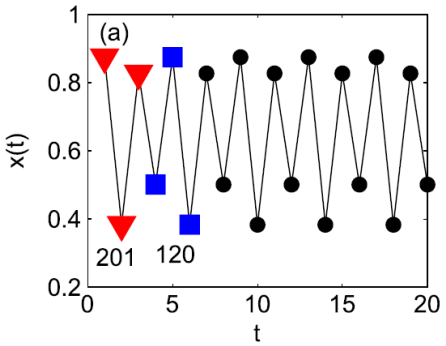
Three network-based diagnostic tools

- Entropy computed from the weights of the nodes (**permutation entropy**)

$$s_p = -\sum p_i \log p_i$$

- Entropy computed from weights of the links (**transition probabilities**, '01'→ '01', '01'→ '10', etc.)

$$w_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{L-1} n\left[s(t) = i,\, s(t+1) = j\right]}{\sum_{t=1}^{L-1} n\left[s(t) = i\right]}$$



- Asymmetry coefficient: normalized difference of transition probabilities, P('01'→ '10') - P('10'→ '01'), etc.

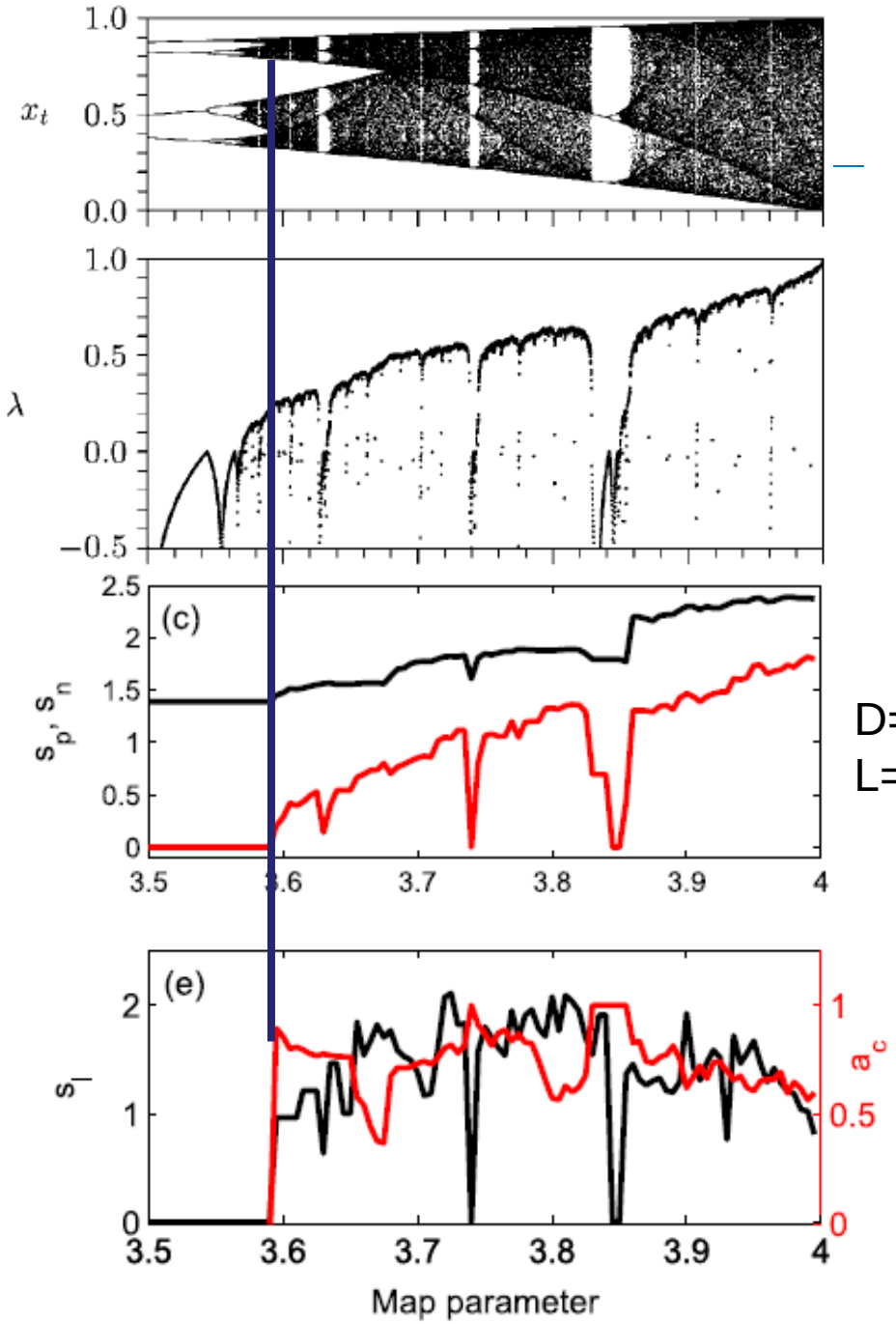
$$a_c = \frac{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \left| w_{ij} - w_{ji} \right|}{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \left(w_{ij} + w_{ji} \right)}$$

(0 in a fully symmetric network;
1 in a fully directed network)

First test the method with synthetic data: the logistic map

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

⇒ Detects a transition that is not seen with Lyapunov analysis.



D=4
L=6000

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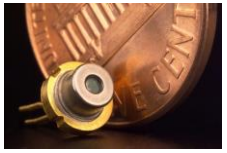
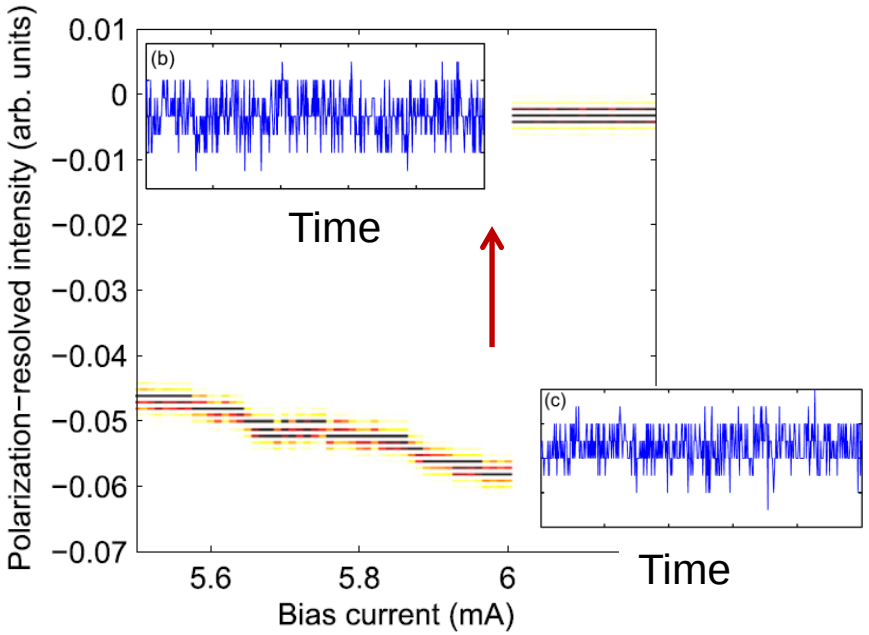
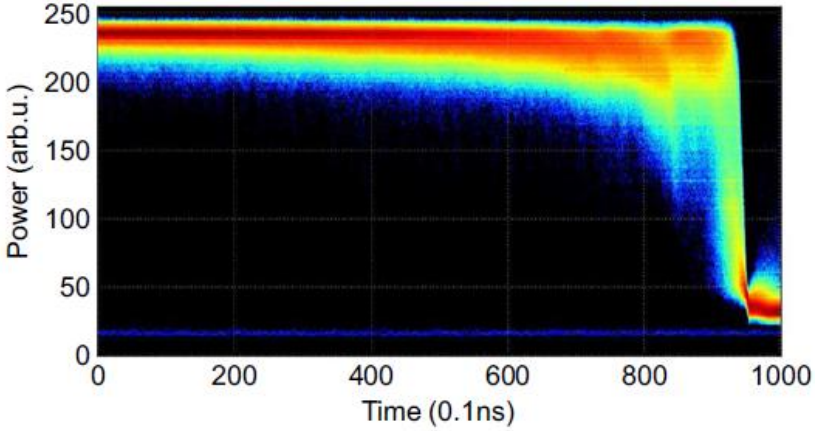
Polarization-resolved intensity: two sets of experiments



- Time series recorded with laser current constant in time.
- Record the turn-on of the orthogonal mode.



- Time series recorded with laser current varying in time.
- Record the turn-off of the fundamental mode.



Is it possible to anticipate the PS?

No if the mechanisms that trigger the PS are fully stochastic.

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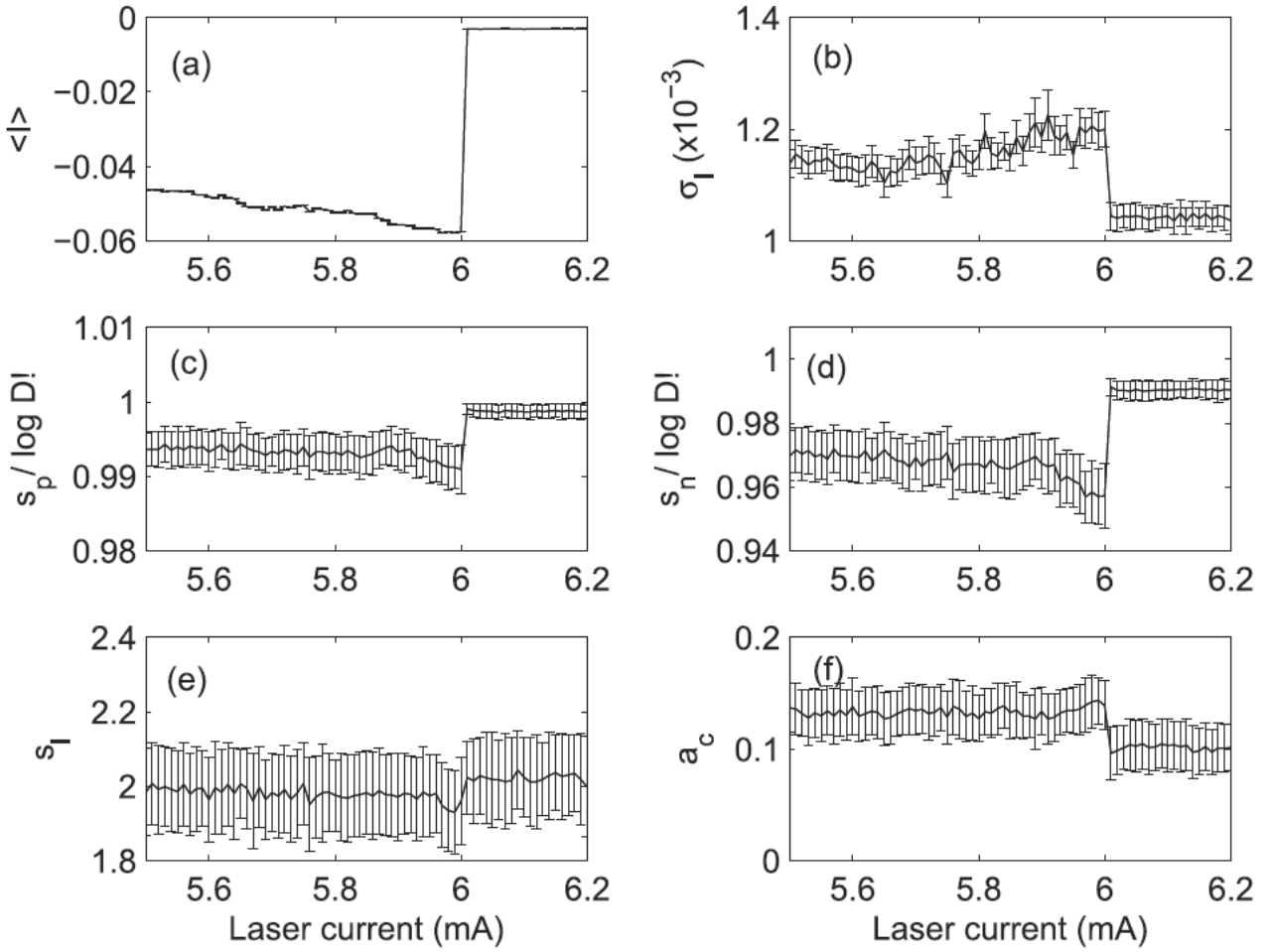
Results for constant pump current & turn-on of the orthogonal mode



⇒ Despite of the stochasticity of the time-series, the measures "anticipate" the PS.

⇒ Deterministic mechanisms involved.

Error bars computed from 100 non-overlapping windows with L=1000 data points each. Length of the pattern D=3.

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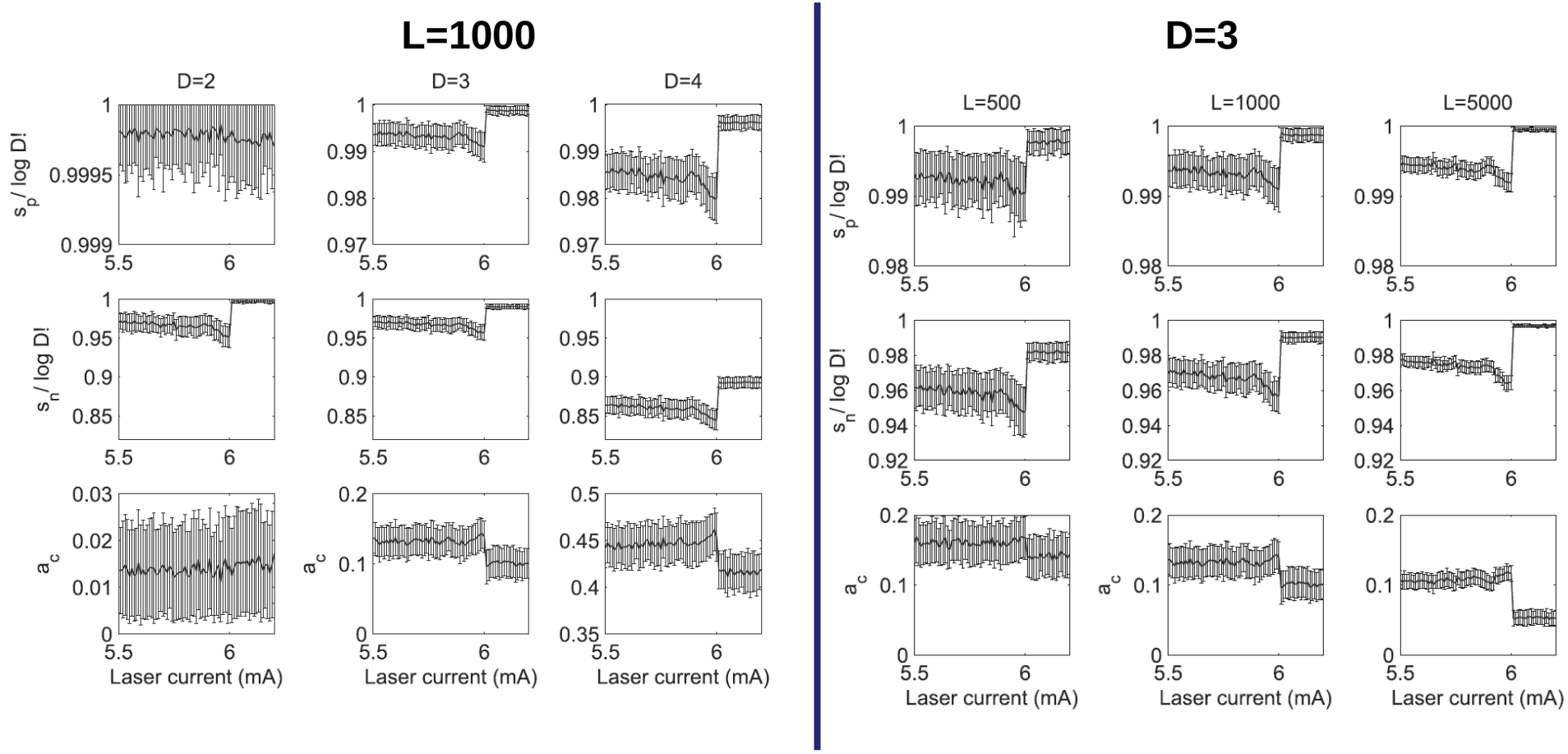
Influence of the length of the pattern (D) and of length of the time-series (L)



⇒ Transition detected even for short dataset (L=500 with D=3).

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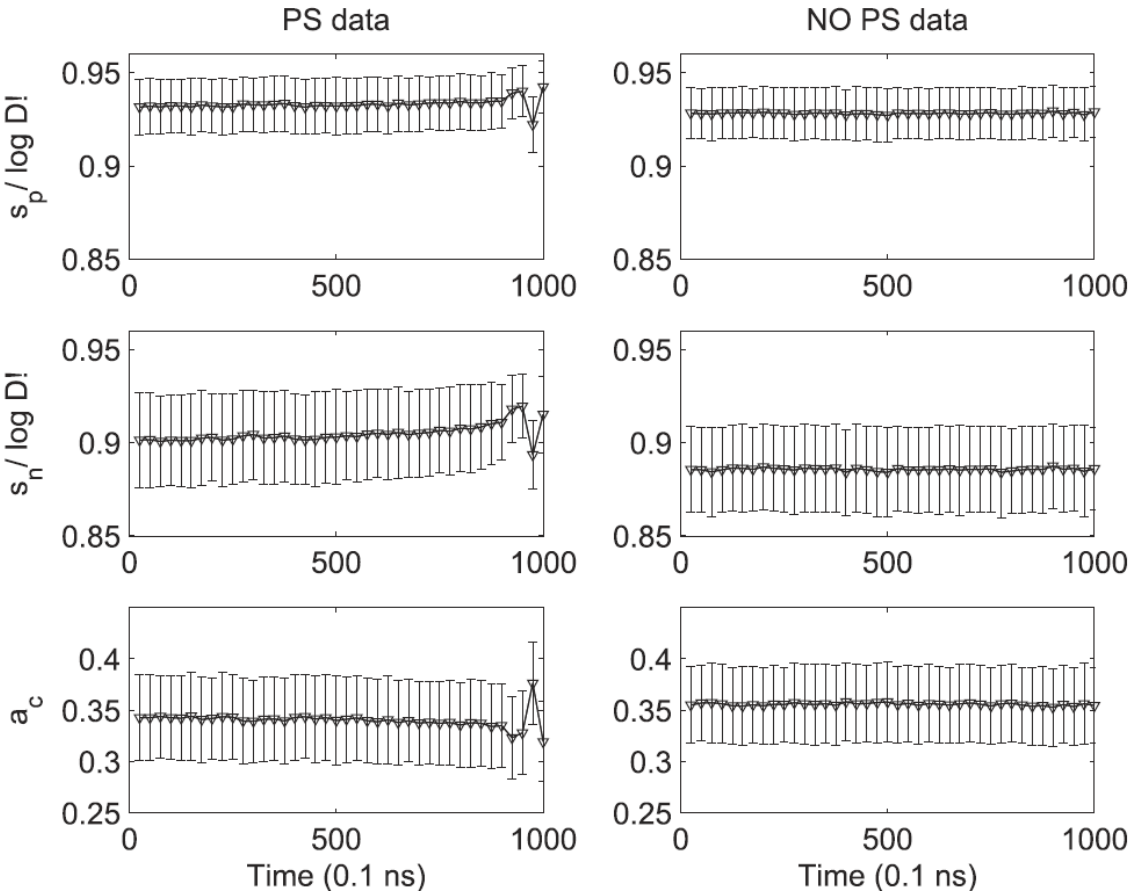
Results for time-varying pump current & turn-off of the fundamental mode

Slightly different optical feedback conditions result in PS or no PS.

Analysis done with D=3, error bars computed with 1000 time series L=500.



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Summary Part 2

- In synthetic data: indicators based in symbolic networks characterize increase of complexity and can detect transitions which are not captured by Lyapunov analysis.

- In empirical data: they provide early warning indicators of polarization-switching.

- Open issue: comparison with other diagnostic tools.

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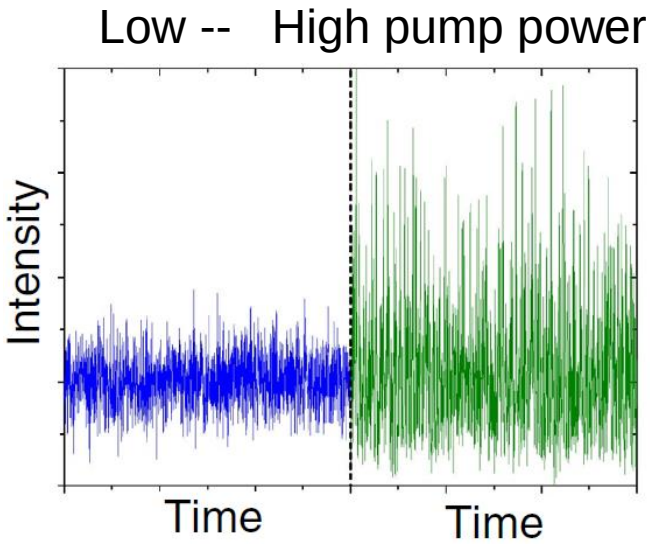

Characterizing the laminar-turbulence transition in a fiber laser

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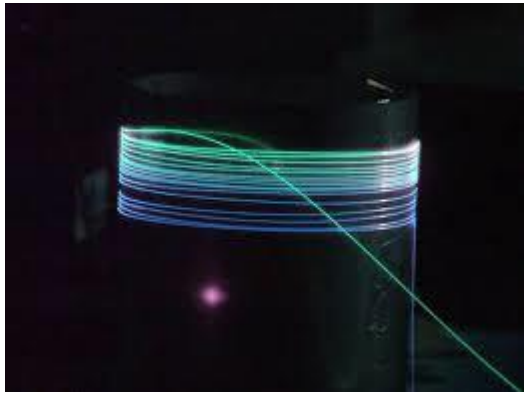
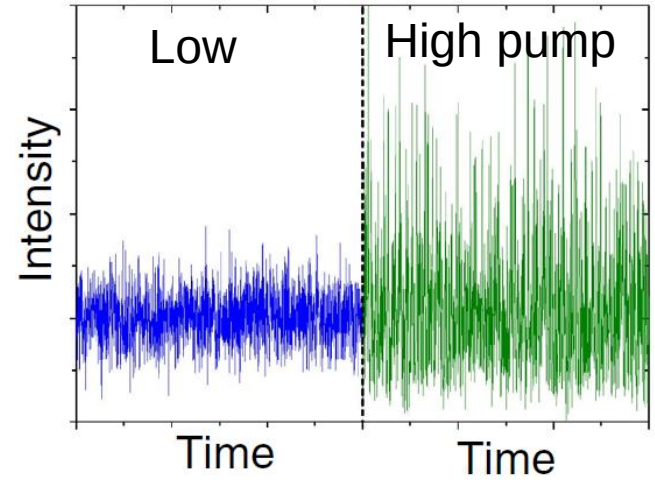
Experimental data from Aston University, UK (Prof. Turitsyn' group)

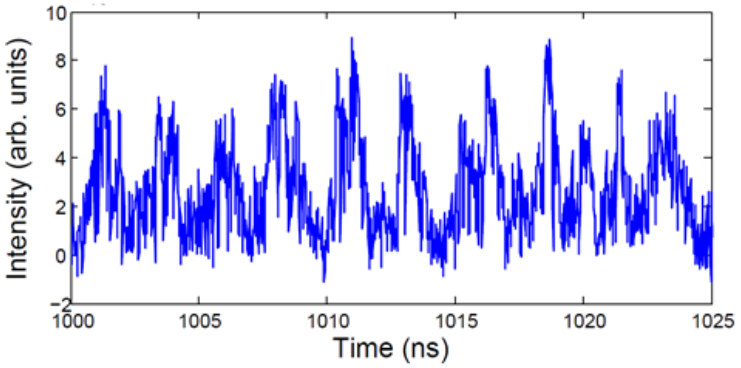
Fiber laser



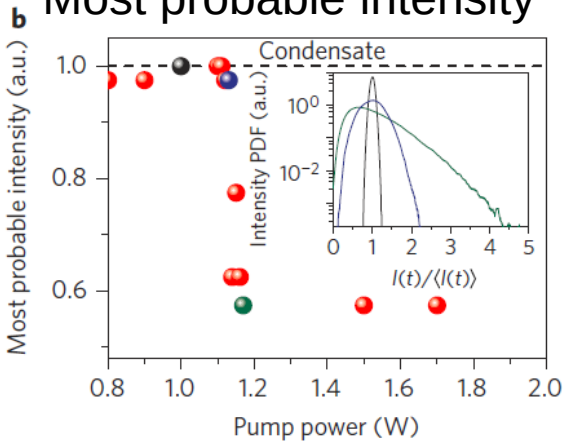
L=1 km,
millions of modes

At the transition:





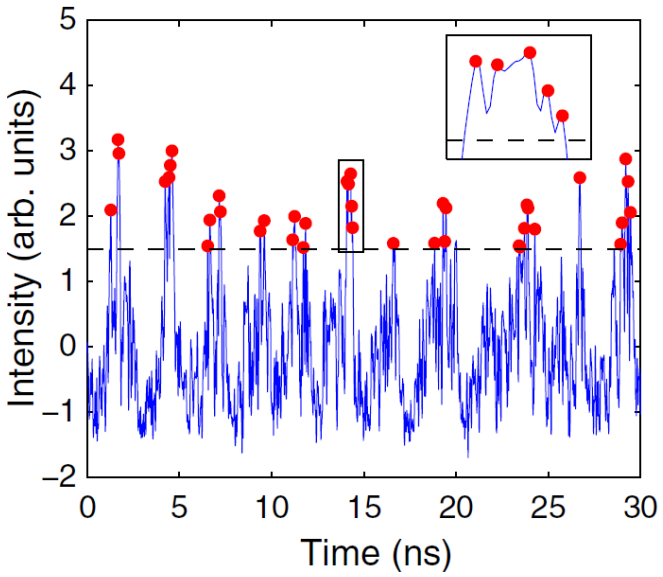
Most probable intensity



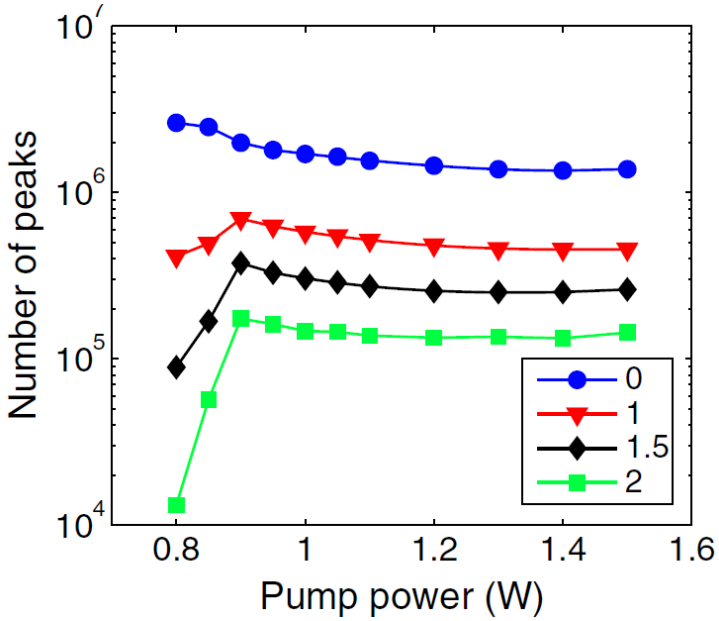
E. G. Turitsyna et al. Nat. Phot. 7, 783 (2013)

Analysis of the intensity peaks higher than a threshold

Each time series is first normalized to $\langle I \rangle = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$



$$\{I_{\max,i}\}$$



L= 5×10^7 data points.
Sampling time dt = 12.5 ps

Th = 2: number of peaks $>10^4$ for all values of the pump power

Diagnostic tool: horizontal visibility graph (HVG)

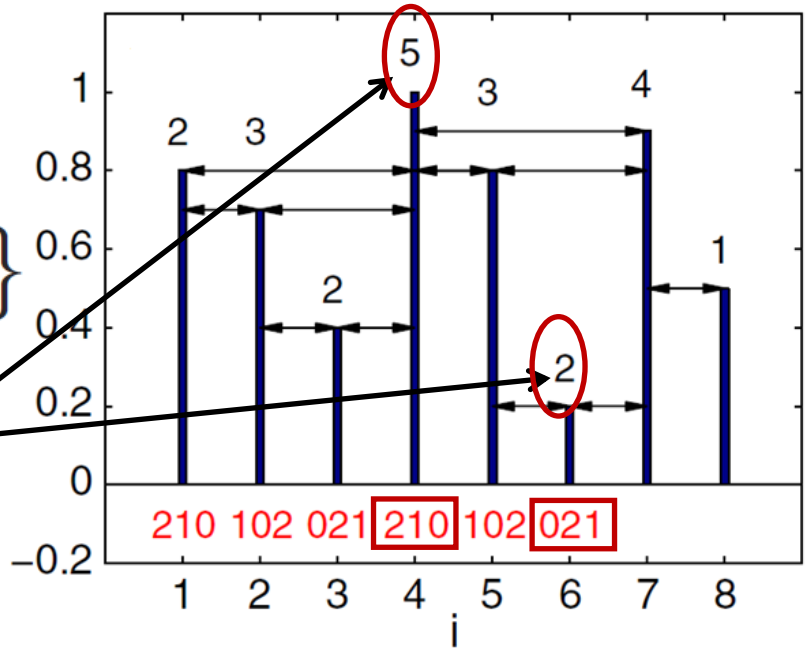
A time-series is represented as a graph, where each data point is a node

intensity peaks above Th = 2

$\{I_{\max,i}\}$

Number of links

Ordinal pattern D=3

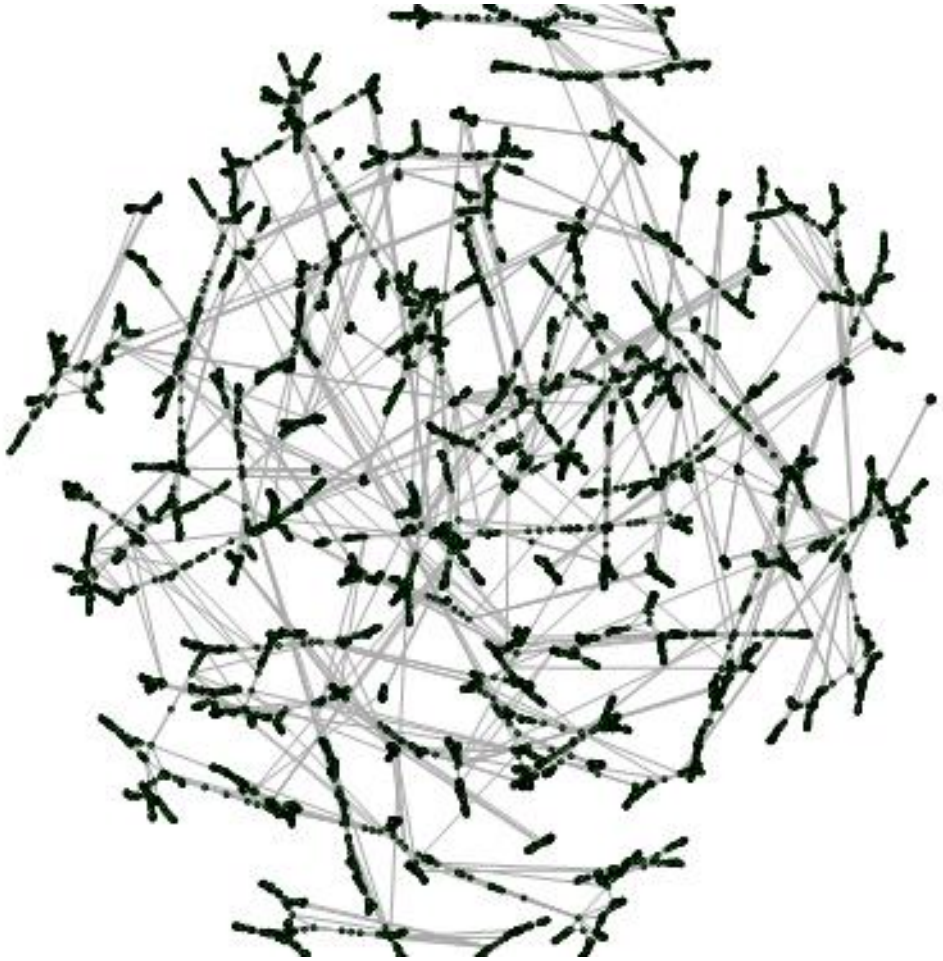


- Rule: data points *i* and *j* are connected if there is "visibility" between them: $I_{\max,i}$ and $I_{\max,j} > I_{max,n}$ for all *n*, $i<n<j$

$\Rightarrow$ ***Unweighted and undirected graph***

HVG method: B. Luque et al, PRE 80, 046103 (2009)

The resulting network

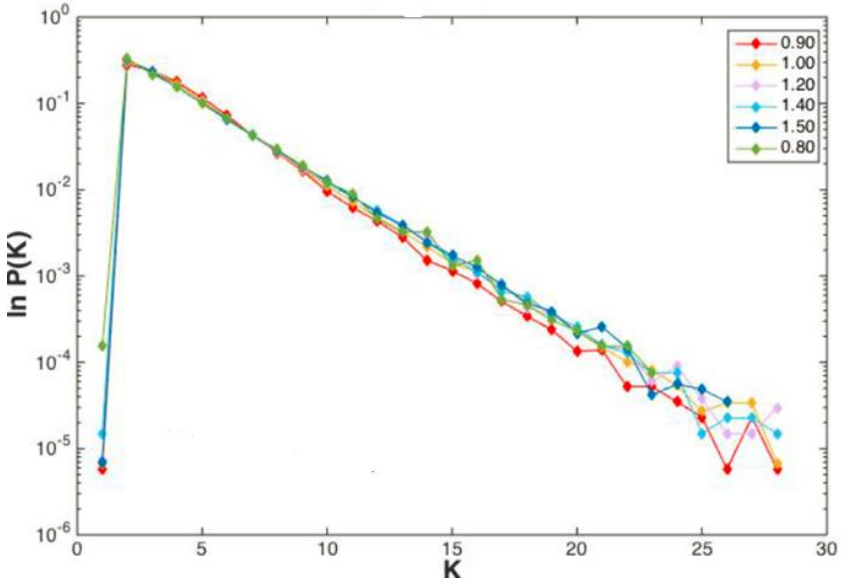


How to characterize this network?

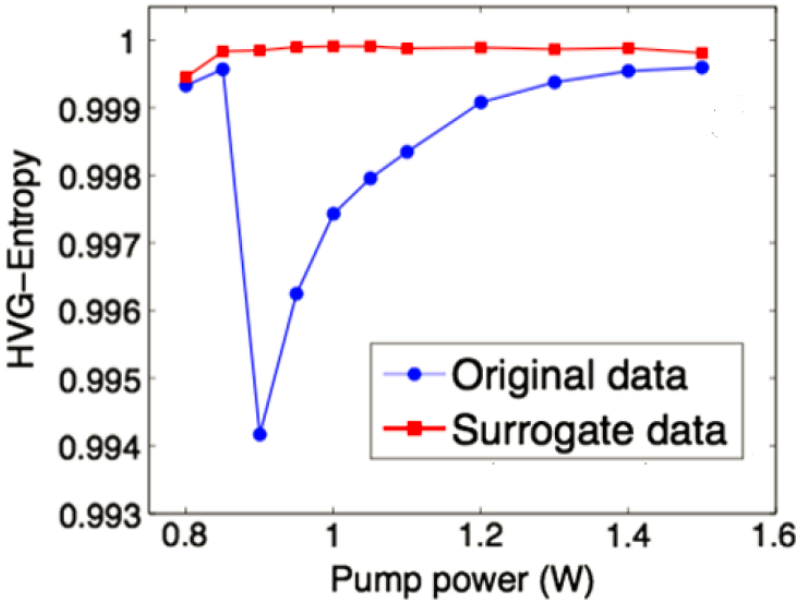
HVG analysis

⇒ Degree Distribution (distribution of the number of links)

- Degree distribution for various pump powers using Th=2.



- Entropy of the degree distribution (normalized to the entropy of Gaussian white noise)



⇒ sharp transition detected.

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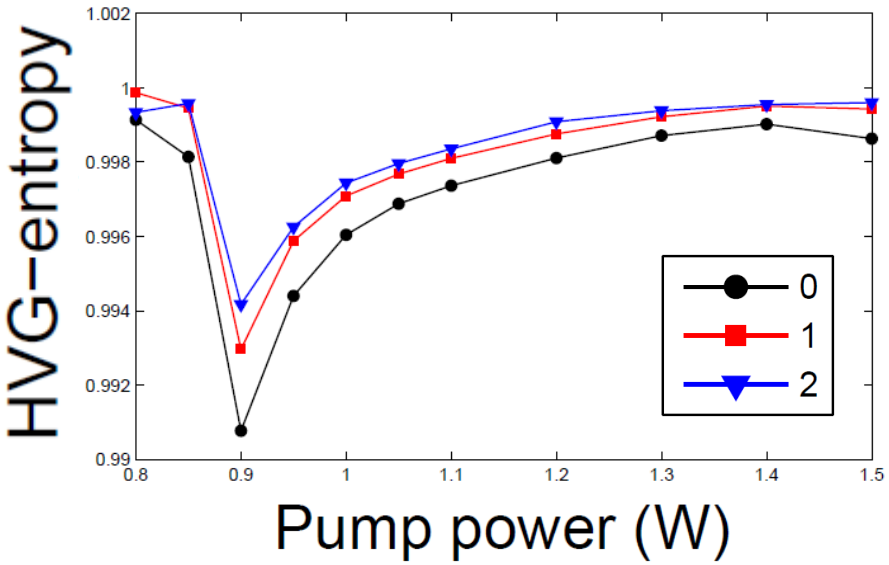
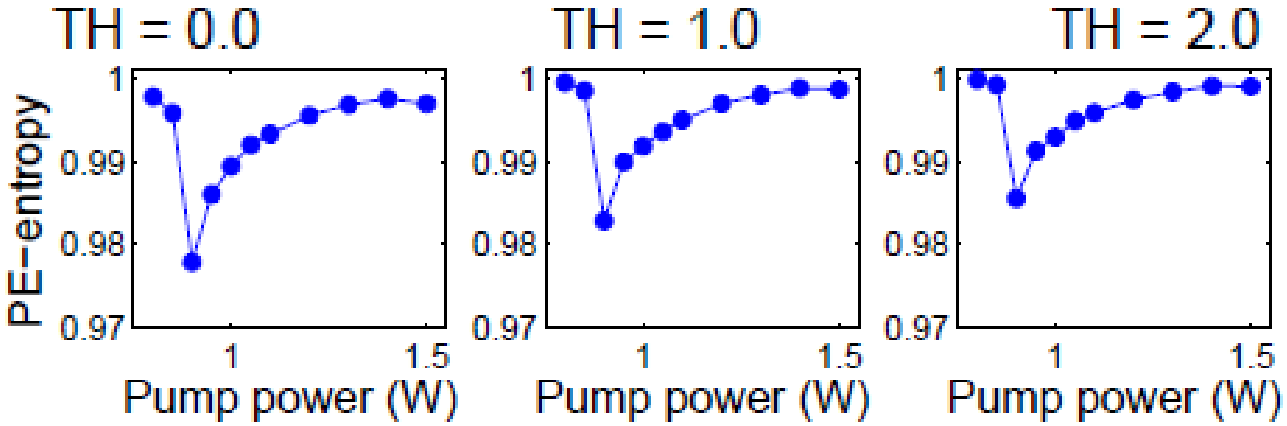
Influence of the threshold

Raw data $\{\ldots I_i \ldots\} \Rightarrow$ Th $\Rightarrow \{\ldots I_{max,i} \ldots\}$



$\Rightarrow$ sharp transition detected with different thresholds.



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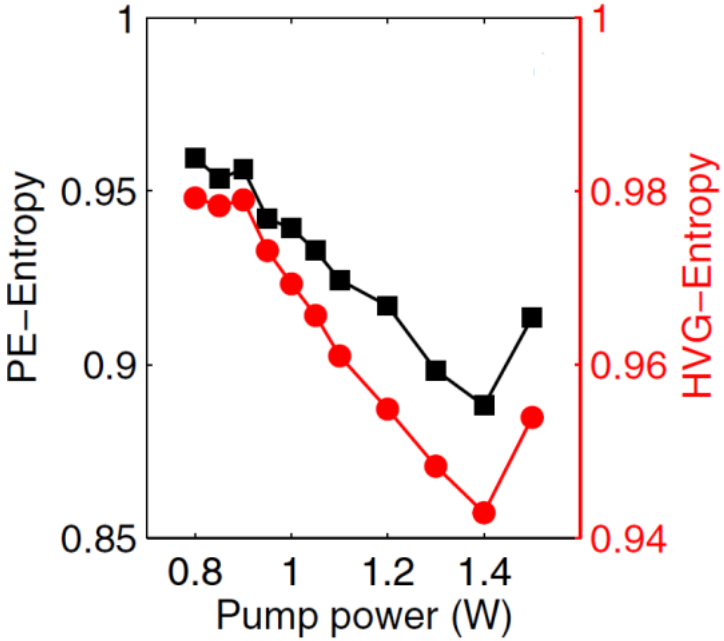
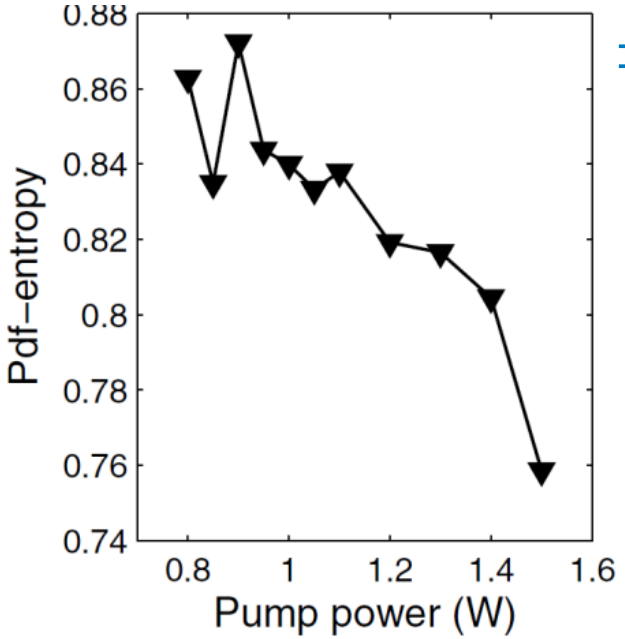
When no thresholding

Raw data $\{\ldots I_i \ldots\}$





⇒ sharp transition not detected.

Can we obtain more info. from the raw data?

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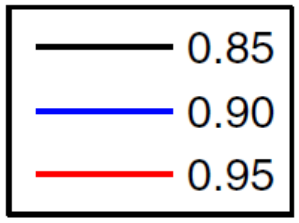
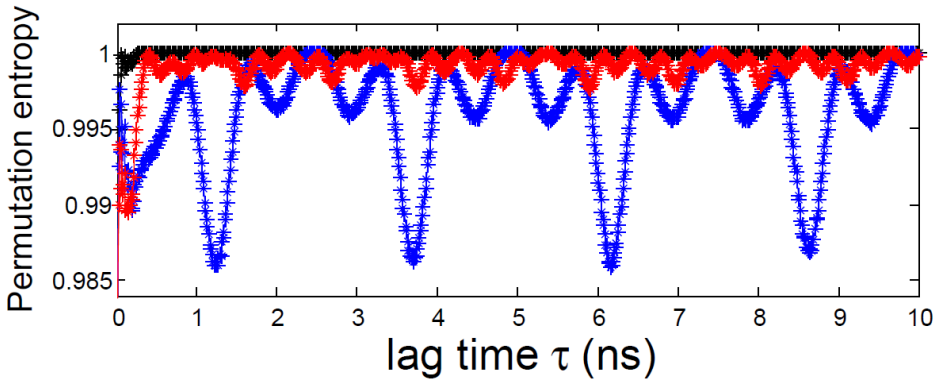
Ordinal analysis of lagged intensity data

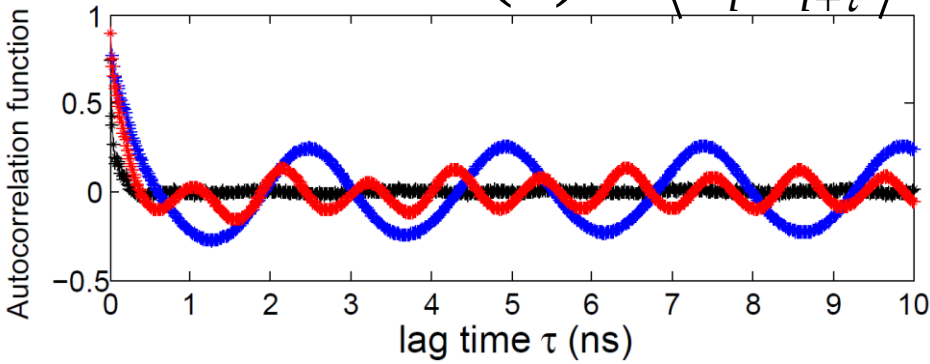
$$\{I_i, I_{i+\tau}, I_{i+2\tau}, \ldots\};$$



Pump power below, at, and above the transition.

$$ACF(\tau) = \langle I_i \, I_{i+\tau} \rangle$$





$\Rightarrow$ Sharp variations not captured by linear correlation analysis.

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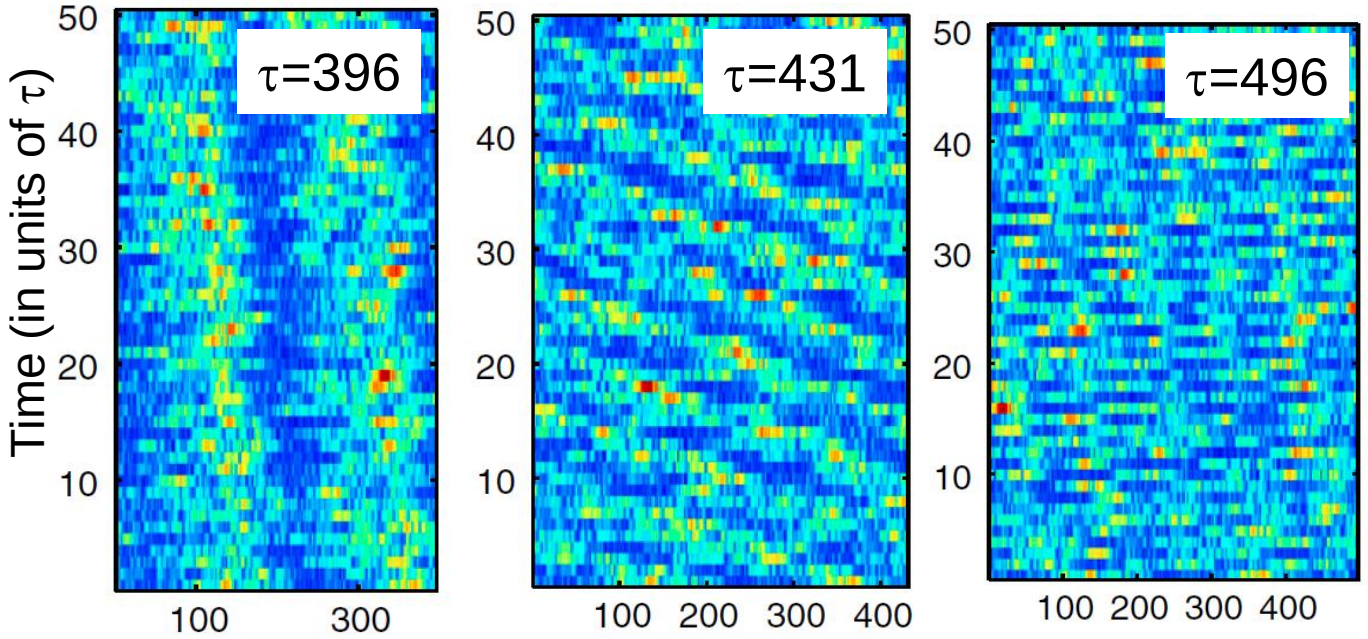
Space time representation

$$\{I_1, I_2, I_3 \ldots,\ I_\tau, I_{\tau+1}, \ldots,\ I_{2\tau}, I_{2\tau+1}, \ldots\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\ I_{2\tau+1} & I_{2\tau+2} & \ldots & I_{3\tau} \\ I_{\tau+1} & I_{\tau+2} & \ldots & I_{2\tau} \\ I_1 & I_2 & \ldots & I_\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

Color: I_i



⇒ Different coherent structures uncovered with different lags (sampling times).

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Summary Part 3

- The laser intensity dynamics was mapped to a complex network.
- Sharp transition seen in thresholded data but not in raw data.
- Specific time-scales detected at the transition, not captured by linear correlation analysis.

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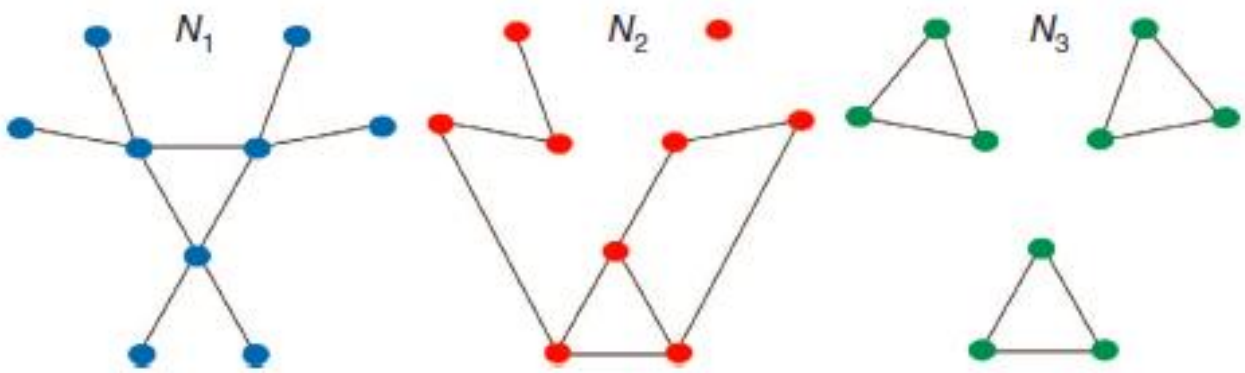

Quantifying network dissimilarities

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Complex network measures

- Degree distribution, closeness centrality, betweenness centrality, average path length, etc.
- Provide *partial* information.
- How to define a measure that contains detailed information about the *global topology* of a network, in a *compact* way?

$\Rightarrow$ Node Distance Distributions (NDDs)

- $p_i(j)$ of node "i" is the fraction of nodes that are connected to node i at distance j
- If a network has N nodes:

$$\text{NDDs} = \text{vector of N pdfs } \{p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_N\}$$

- If two networks have the same set of NDDs $\Rightarrow$ they have the same diameter, average path length, etc.

How to condense the information contained in the node-distance distributions?

- The *Network Node Dispersion (NND*) measures the heterogeneity of the N pdfs $\{p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_N\}$
- Quantifies the heterogeneity of connectivity distances.

$$\mathrm{NND}(G) = \frac{\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{P}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{P}_N)}{\log(d+1)}$$

d = diameter

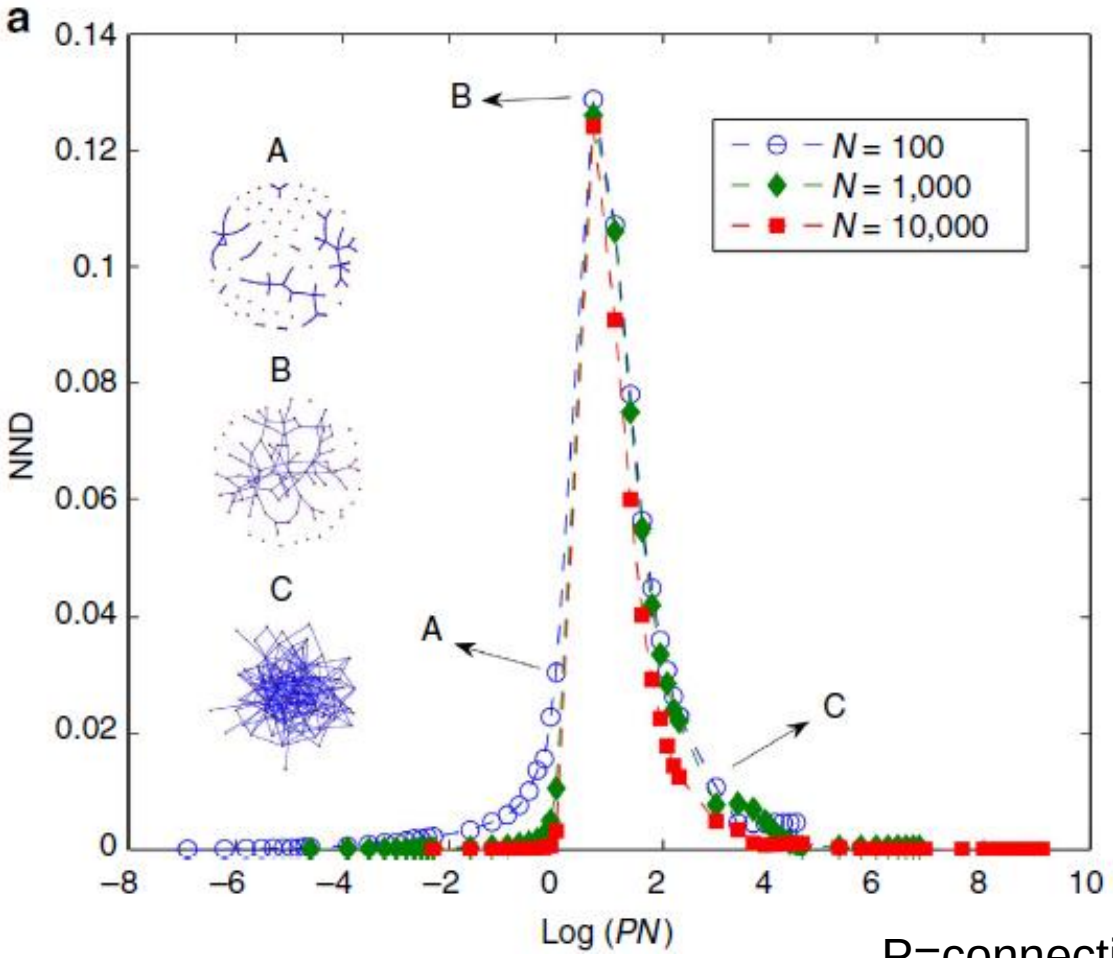
$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{P}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{P}_N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} p_i(j) \log\left(\frac{p_i(j)}{\mu_j}\right)$$

$$\mu_j = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i(j)\right) / N$$

Reminder: distance between P and Z

$$\mathrm{KLD} \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{P(x)}{Z(x)}\right) P(x)\, dx.$$

Example of application: percolation transition



⇒ in a random network the Network Node Dispersion detects the percolation transition

P=connection probability

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Dissimilarity between two networks

$$D(G,G') = w_1\sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{J}(\mu_G,\mu_{G'})}{\log 2}} + w_2\left|\sqrt{\mathrm{NND}(G)} - \sqrt{\mathrm{NND}(G')}\right|$$

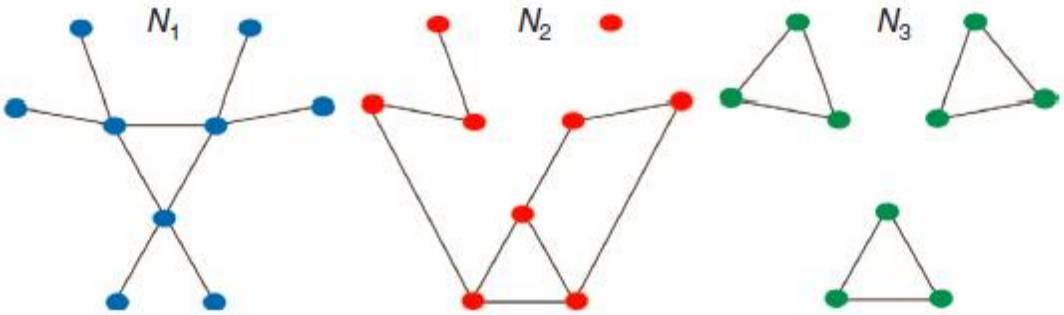
$w_1=w_2=0.5$

compares the averaged connectivity

compares the heterogeneity of the connectivity distances

- Extensive numerical experiments demonstrate that isomorphic graphs return ***D=0***

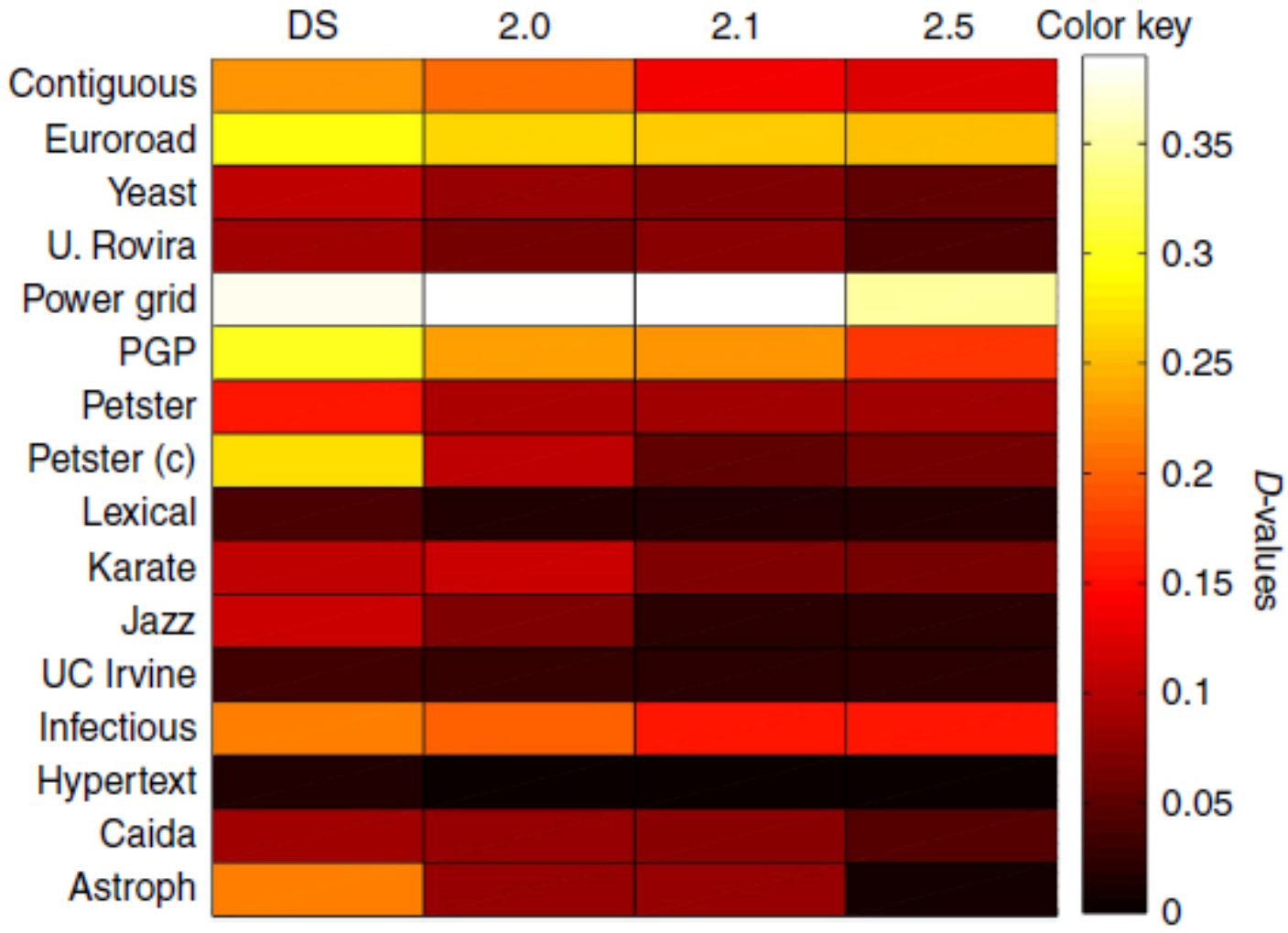
Comparing three networks with the same number of nodes and links



	D	Hamming	Graph Edit Distance
N_1,N_2	0.25	12	6
N_1,N_3	0.56	12	6
N_2,N_3	0.47	12	6

Comparing real networks to null models

DS preserves the degree sequence;
2.0 also preserves the degree correlation;
2.1 also preserves the clustering coefficient;
2.5 includes the clustering spectrum



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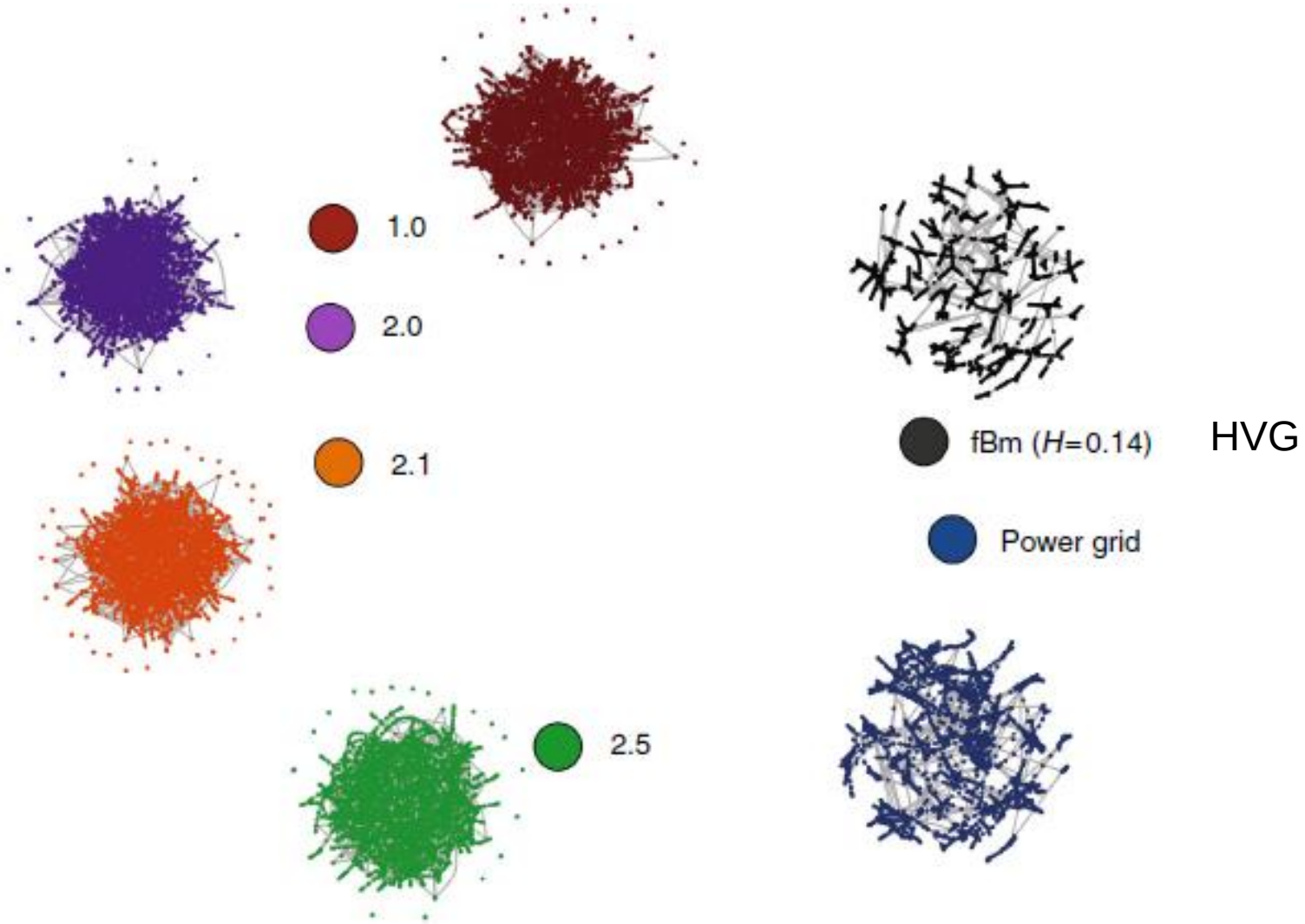
Best model of Power Grid Network?



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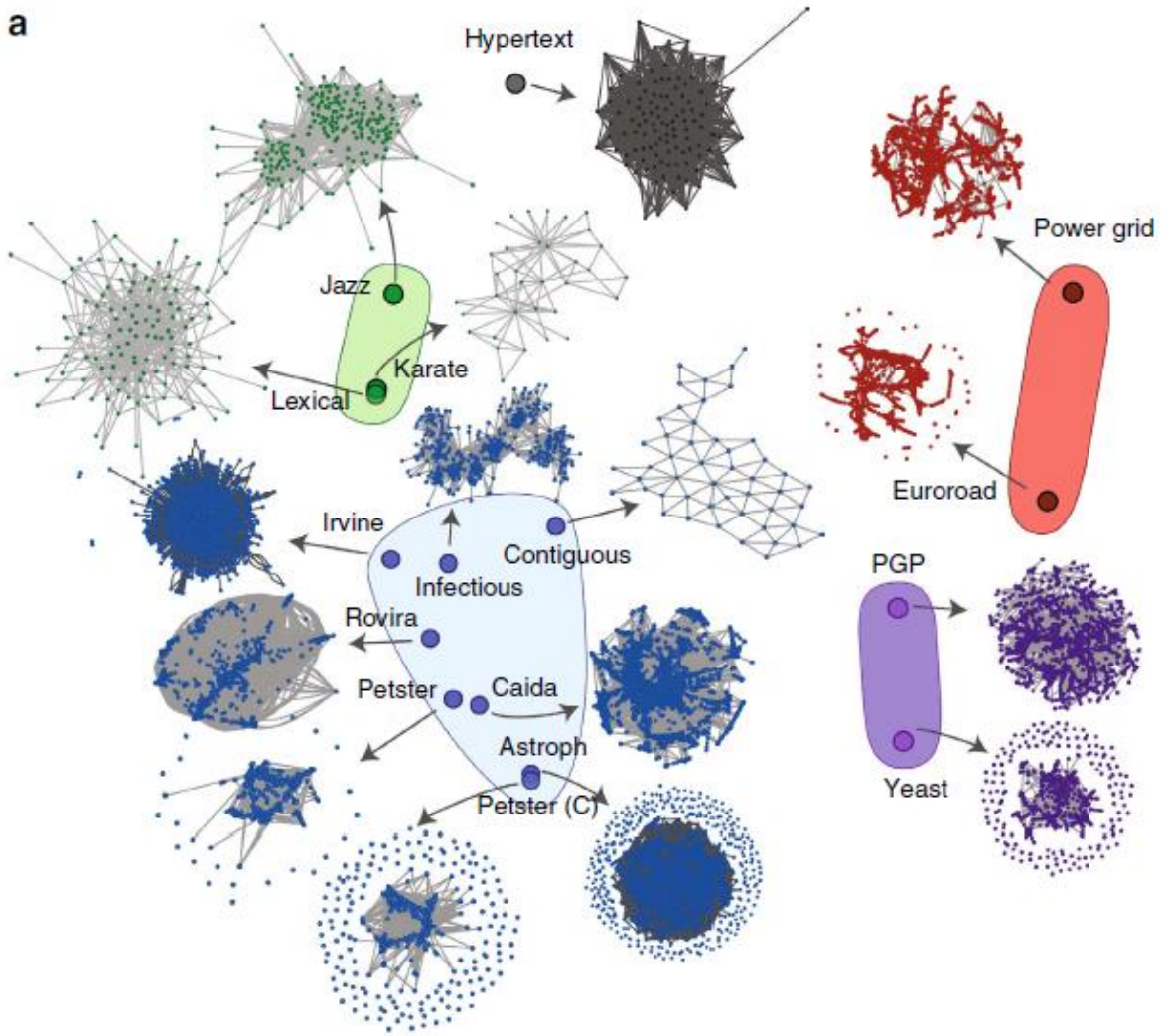
Comparing real networks among them



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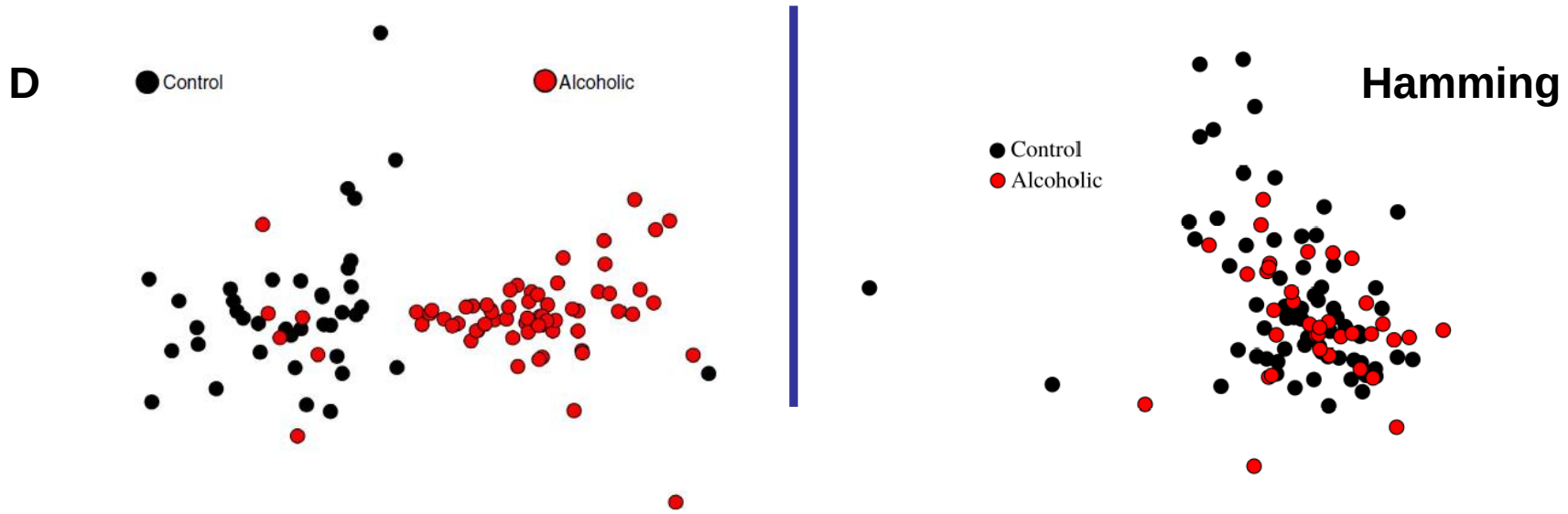
Comparing brain networks

- Use HVG to transform EEG time-series into networks.
- Weight between two brain regions given by 1-*D*(G,G')
- Identify two brain regions (called 'nd' and 'y'), where the weight of the connections between these regions is higher in control than in alcoholic networks



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Summary Part 4

- New measure to quantify the heterogeneity of the connectivity of a network.
  - Uses a set of probability distributions that contain full information of the connectivity distances.
  - Detects percolation transition in random networks and the limits of the small-world region in rewiring networks.

- New measure to compare two networks
  - Allows to compare directed/undirected networks, same or different sizes.
  - Returns D=0 only if the two networks are isomorphic.
  - Wide applications to real-world networks.

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