### **Network dissimilarity measure and** application to brain network differentiation

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### Motivation: how can we compare climate networks?

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#### Back to the climate system: interpretation (currents, winds, etc.)





More than 10000 nodes.



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Daily resolution: more than 13000 data points in each TS

Donges et al, Chaos 2015

Surface Air Temperature Anomalies (solar cycle removed)



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Main Goal: to develop a measure that allows a precise comparison of complex networks (including different sizes)

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#### Same number of nodes and links

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#### How to measure distances between networks?



- 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<sub>i</sub>(j) of node i = fraction of nodes connected to i at distance j (shortest path)
- N nodes: have a vector of N pdfs  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N\}$



- If two networks have the same set of node distance distributions ⇒ they have the same diameter, average path length, etc.
- How to condense the information contained in the N node-distance distributions?



**Network Node Dispersion (NND)** 

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# • Measures the heterogeneity of the N pdfs $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N\}$

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

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



# Example of application: percolation transition in a random network



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$$D(G,G') = w_1 \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{J}(\mu_G,\mu_{G'})}{\log 2} + w_2} \left| \sqrt{\text{NND}(G)} - \sqrt{\text{NND}(G')} \right| \qquad w_1 = w_2 = 0.5$$

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- Extensive numerical experiments demonstrate that isomorphic graphs return D=0
- Can be applied to networks of different sizes
- Computationally efficient.



# Comparing three networks with the same number of nodes and links



	D	Hamming	Graph Edit Distance
N <sub>1</sub> ,N <sub>2</sub>	0.25	12	6
$N_1, N_3$	0.56	12	6
$N_2, N_3$	0.47	12	6



plotted in color code

#### Comparing real networks to null models

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dk model: Orsini, C. et al. Nat. Commun. 6, 8627 (2015)



### Synthetic model for Power Grid Network?



# Horizontal Visibility Graph: graph representation of a time series

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Synthetic time series: fractional Brownian Motion (fBm) with controllable Hurst exponent



HVG method: Luque et al, Phys. Rev. E 80, 046103 (2009).



T. A. Schieber et al, Nat. Comm. 2017



### EEG data

- https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/eeg+database
- 64 electrodes placed on the subject's scalp sampled at 256 Hz during 1s
- 107 subjects: 39 control and 68 alcoholic
- Use HVG to transform each EEG TS into a network G.
- Weight between two brain regions: 1-D(G,G')
- The resulting network represents the weighted similarity between the brain regions of an individual.

 $\Rightarrow$  We can compare the different individuals.



We identified two regions of the brain (called 'nd' and 'y'), where the weight of the connections between these regions is higher in control than in alcoholic networks.







#### T. A. Schieber et al, Nat. Comm. 2017



- New measure to quantify the heterogeneity of the connectivity paths of a single network.
  - detects the percolation transition in a random network.
- New measure to calculate the distance between two networks
  - Can be applied to networks of different sizes.
  - Returns D=0 only if the two networks are isomorphic.
- Many possible applications: characterizing timeevolving climate networks, classification of networks generated from biomedical data, etc.



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