

Network-based data analysis tools for identifying and characterizing regime transitions in complex systems

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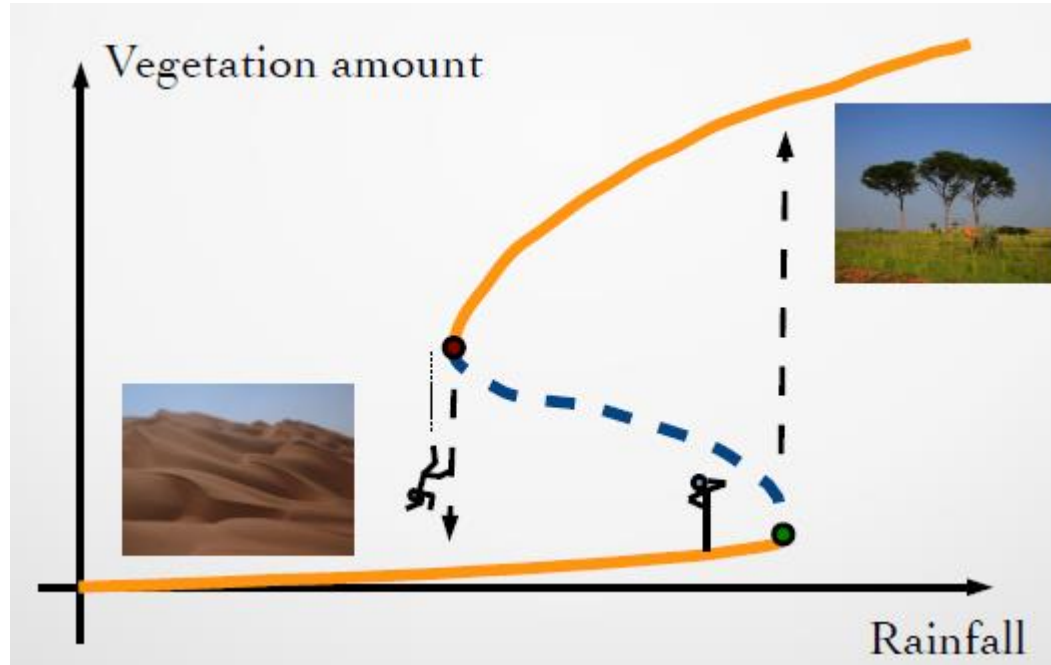
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Tipping points in ecosystems



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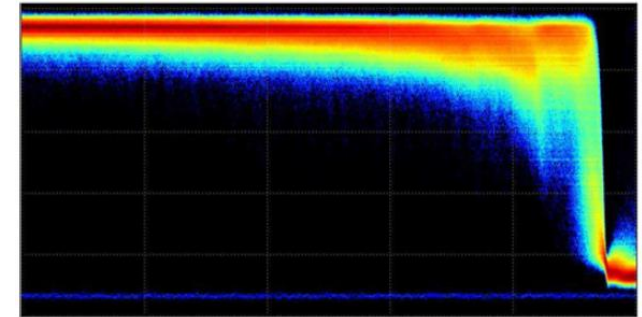
Is there a way to quantify how close we are to the transition point?

Goal: to develop reliable early warning indicators

Dynamical transitions in optical systems

■ Polarization switching

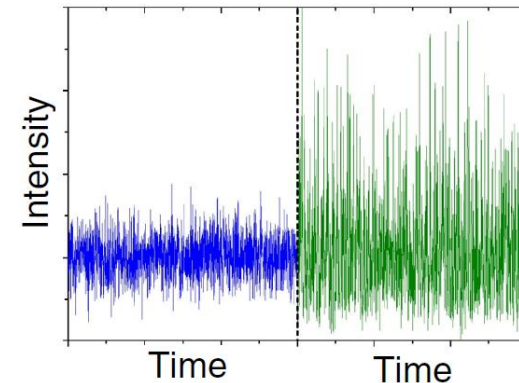
Semiconductor laser output as the pump current increases



Time

■ Transition to turbulence

Fiber laser output as the pump power increases

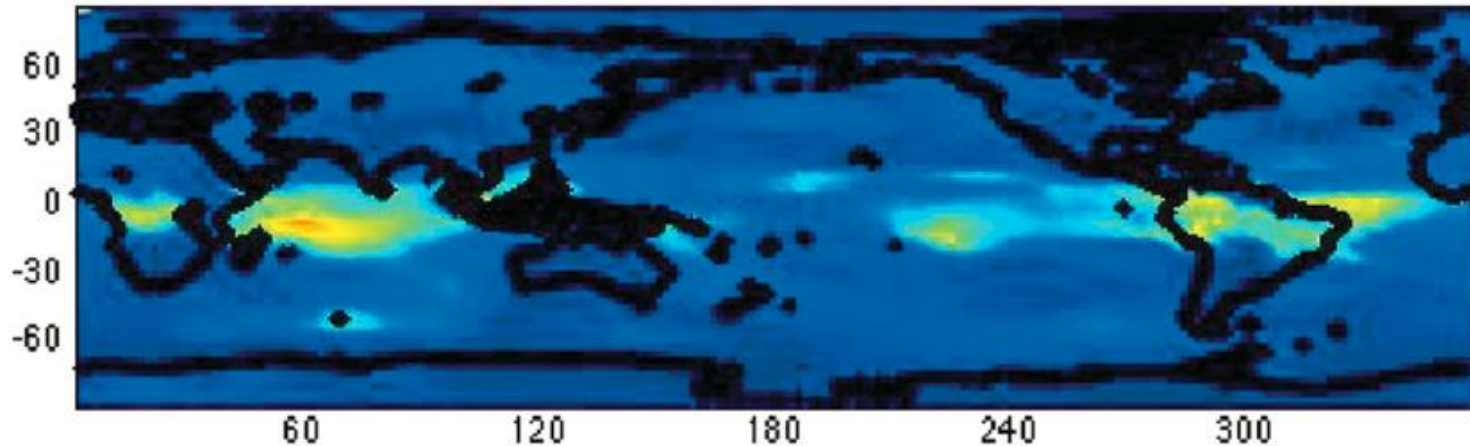


Goal: convince you that

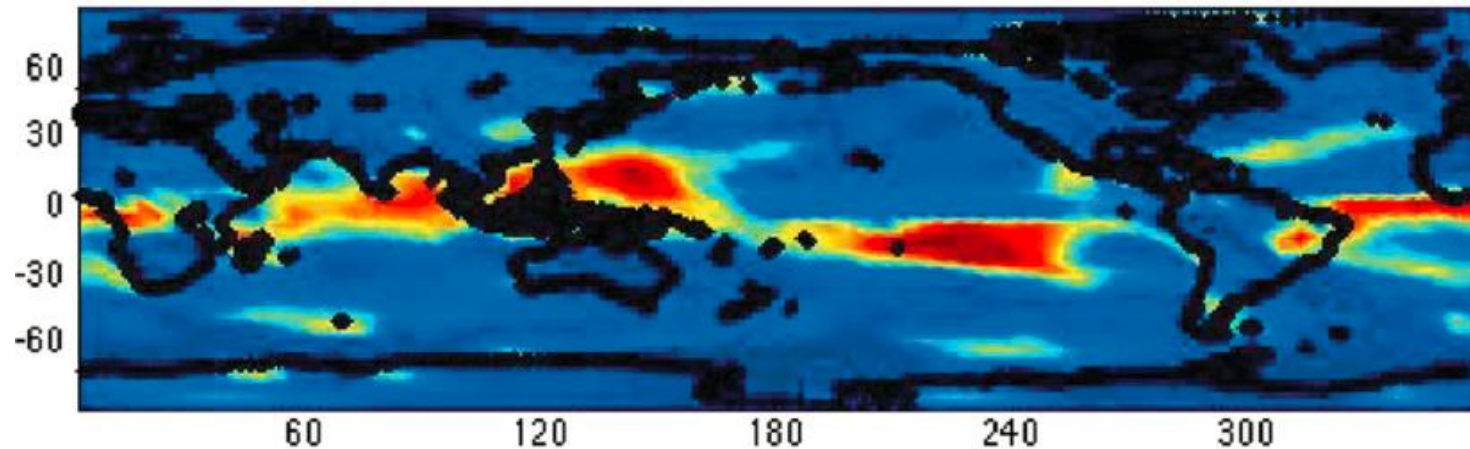
- Network-based data analysis tools provide new insights into these phenomena.
- Optical data can be useful for testing novel analysis tools.

How to detect transitions in complex networks?

- How to compare time-evolving climate networks?



El Niño
years



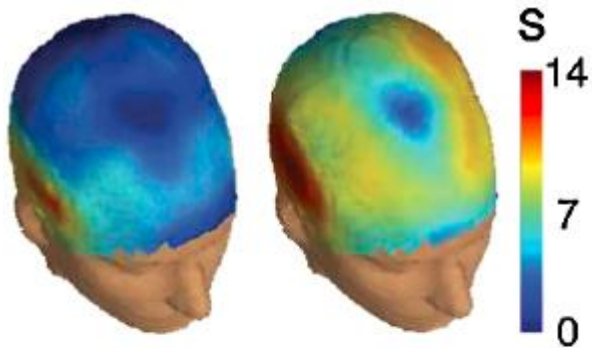
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Tsonis and Swanson, PRL 100, 228502 (2008)

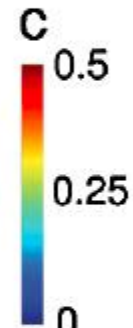
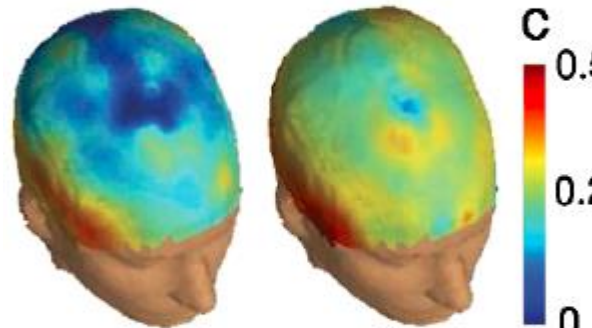
Functional brain networks

Healthy subjects

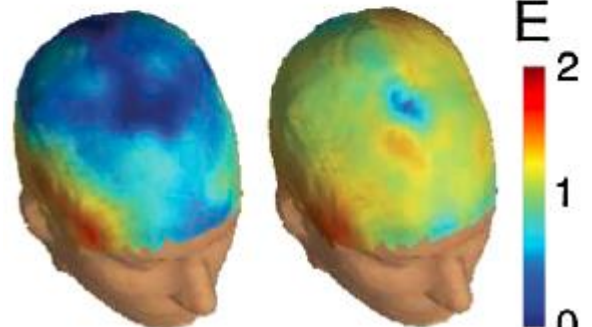
Epileptic patients



averaged
node
Strength



averaged
weighted
Clustering
coefficient

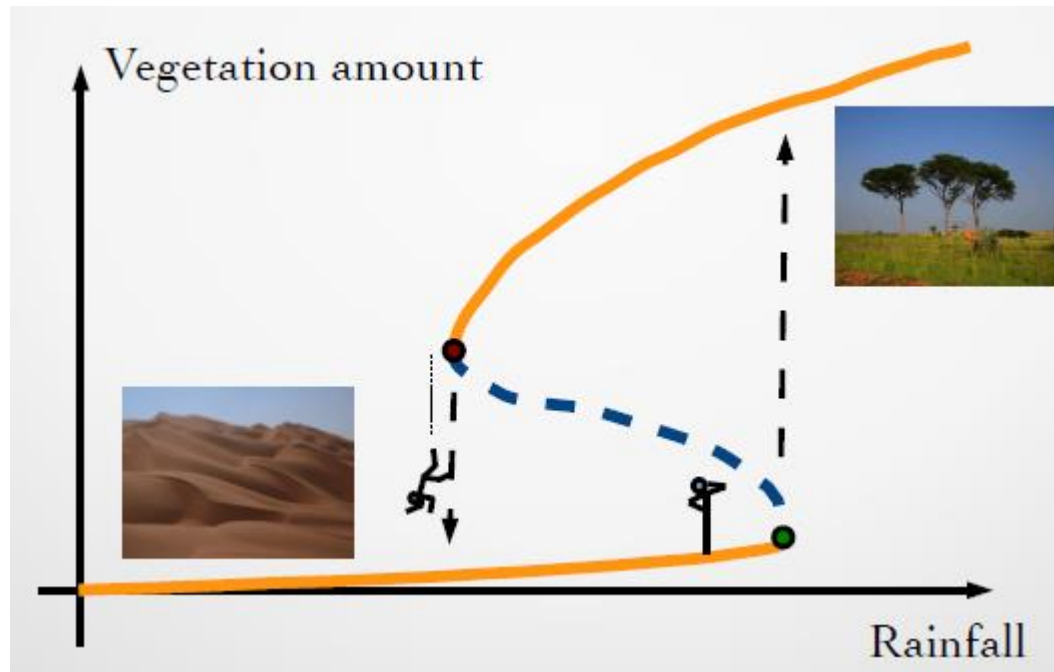


global Efficiency

Goal: a tool to
quantify network
dissimilarities.

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

- 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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- Bifurcation → eigenvalue 'a' with 0 real part
- → long recovery time of perturbations
- **Critical Slowing Down (CSD)**
- CSD → High autocorrelation, variance, spatial correlation, etc.
- Can we use network tools to detect tipping points?
- Yes!

Interaction network based early warning indicators for the Atlantic MOC collapse

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Desertification transition: A simple model

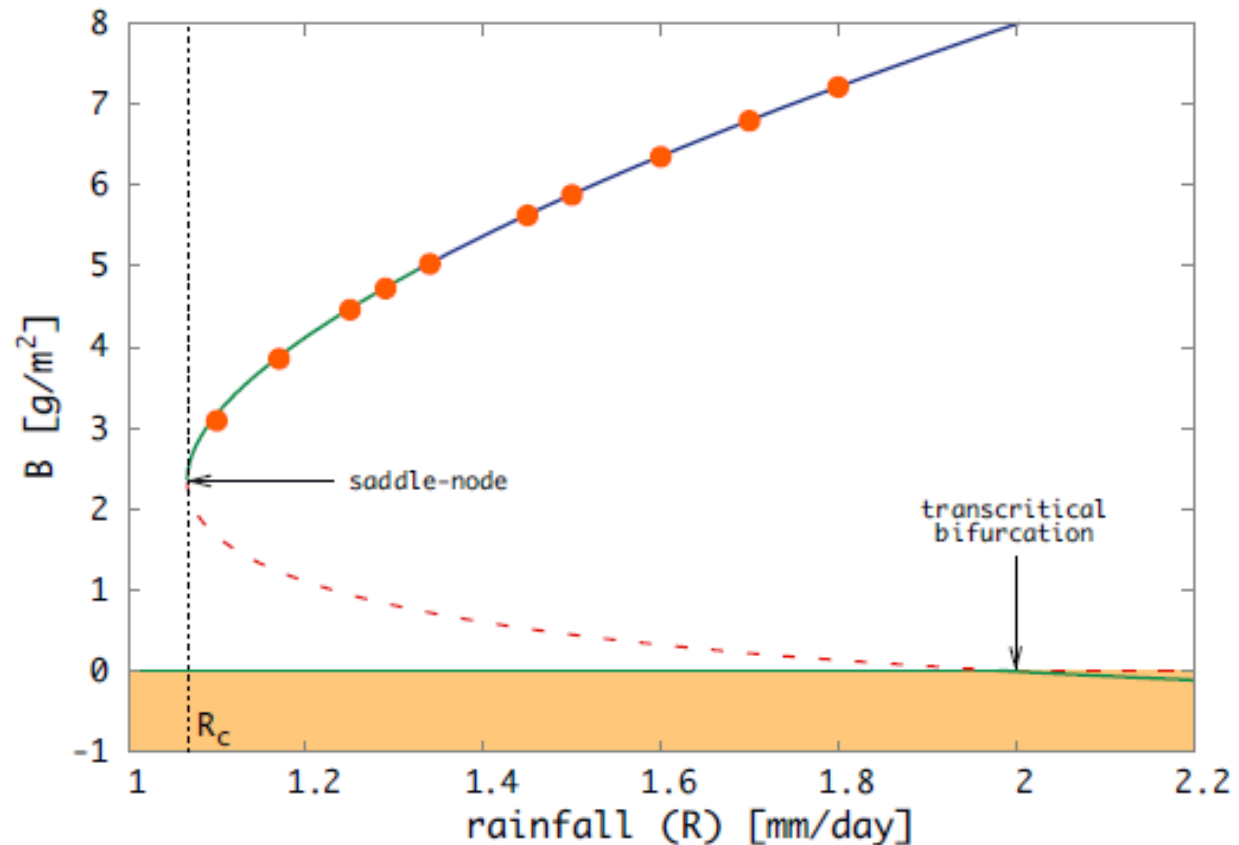
$$dw_t = \left(R - \frac{w}{\tau_w} - \lambda w B + D \Delta w \right) dt + \sigma_w dW_t$$

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

- w (in mm) is the soil water amount
- B (in g/m²) 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)

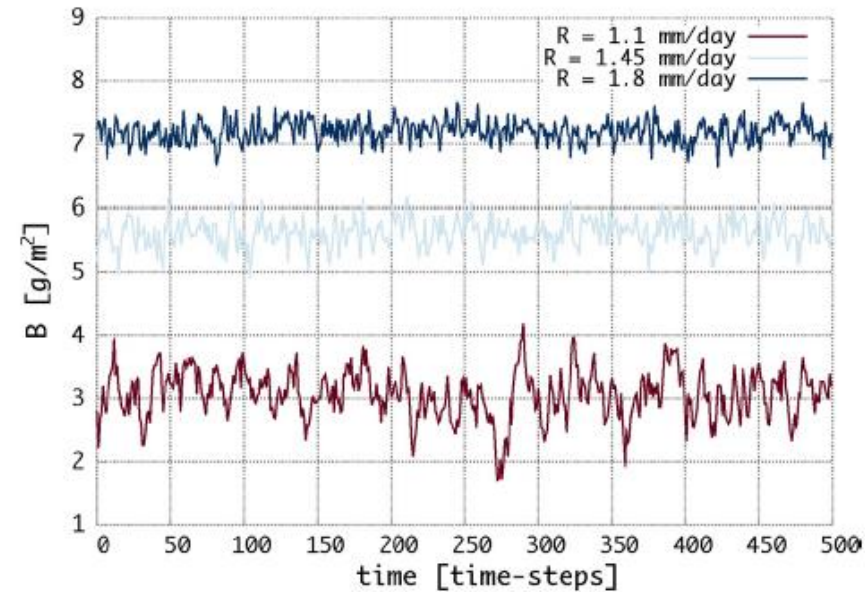
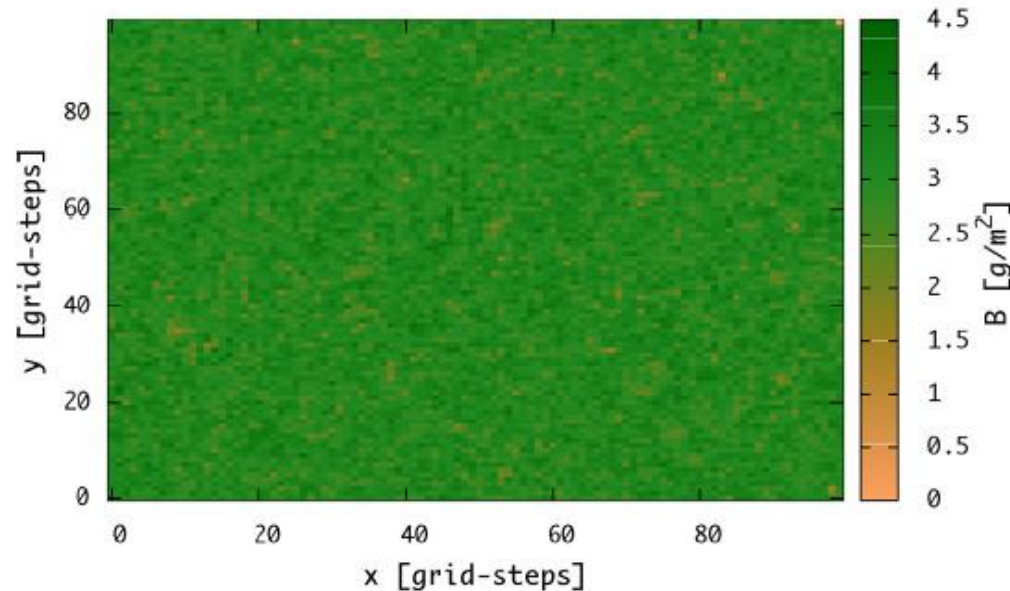
Saddle-node bifurcation



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

$R_c = 1.067$ mm/day

Biomass B at $T=5$ days when $R=1.1$ mm/day



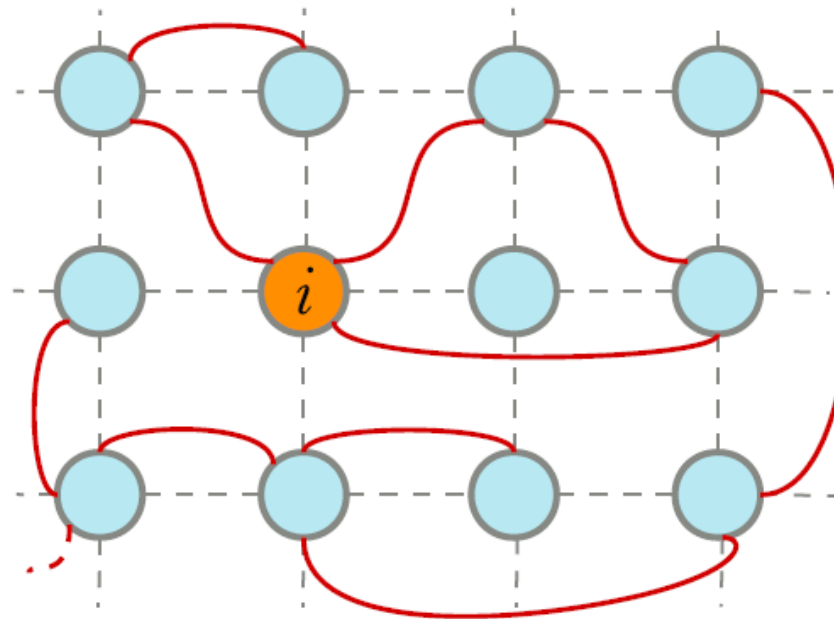
100 m x 100 m \rightarrow 100x100 = 10^4 grid cells
Simulation time 5 days in 500 time steps
Periodic boundary conditions

Correlation Network

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

Zero-lagged
cross-correlation

Threshold
 $\theta=0.2$ gives $p<0.05$



G. Tirabassi et al., Ecological Complexity 19, 148 (2014)

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

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

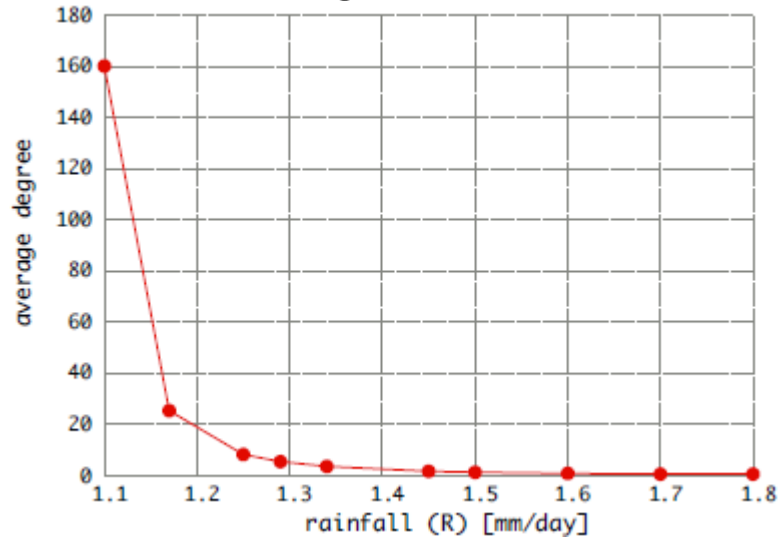
- **Assortativity** (average degree of the neighbors of a node)

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

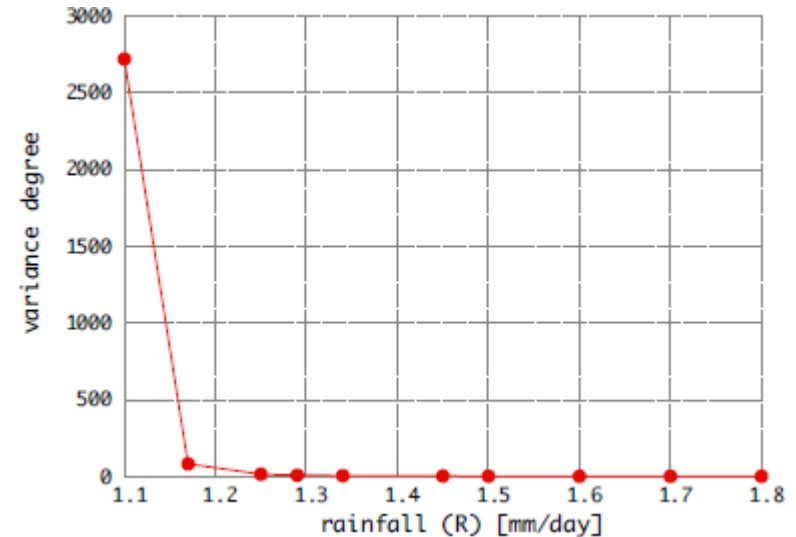
- **Clustering** (fraction of neighbors of a node that are also neighbors among them)

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

Mean degree



Standard deviation of the degree distribution

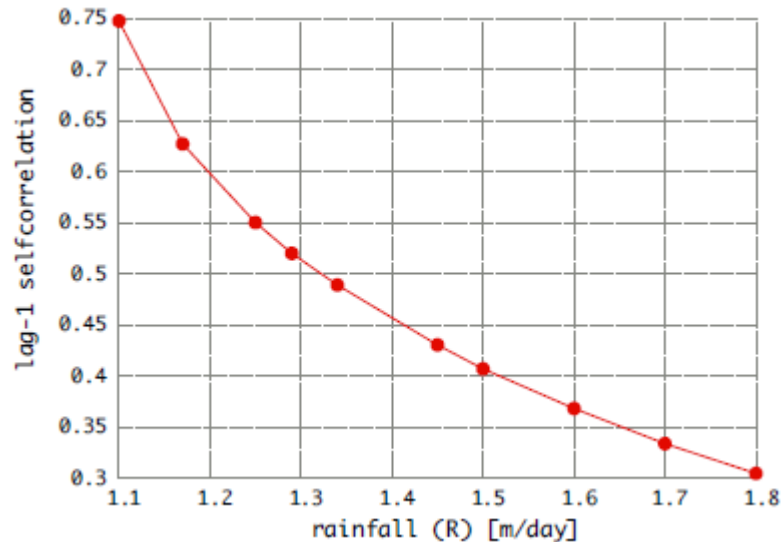


Sharp increase close to the transition captures the emergence of spatial correlations

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Comparison with classical indicators

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

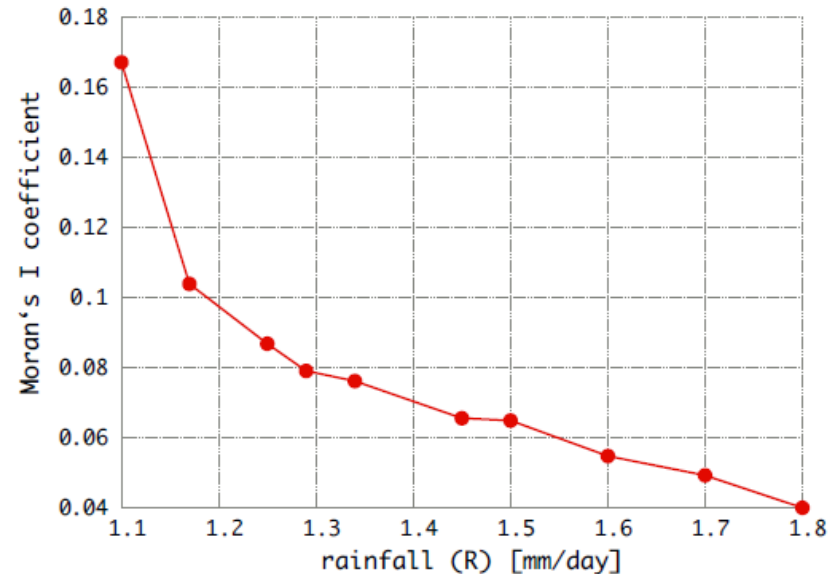


Smooth increase does not capture the vicinity to the transition point

Moran's coefficient

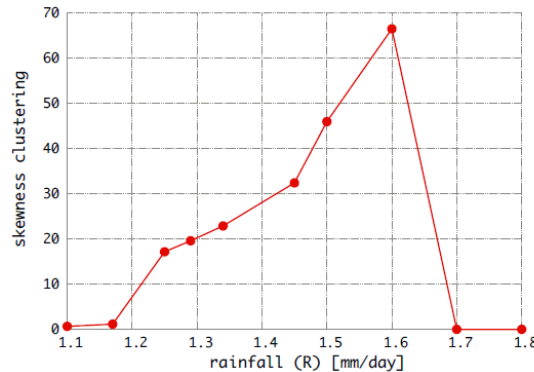
$$I \equiv \frac{N}{\sum_{ij} g_{ij}} \frac{\sum_{ij} g_{ij} (B_i - \bar{B})(B_j - \bar{B})}{\sum_i (B_i - \bar{B})^2}$$

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

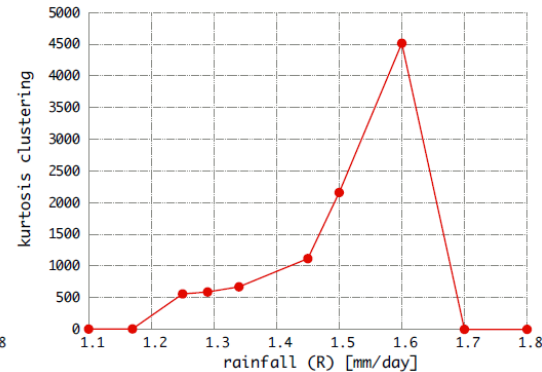


clustering

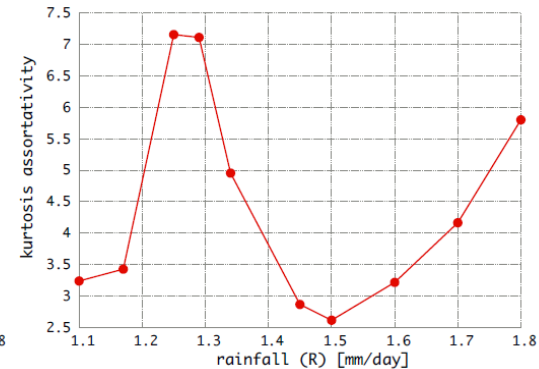
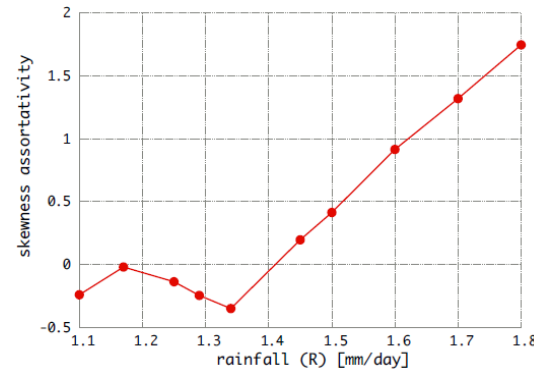
skewness



kurtosis



assortativity

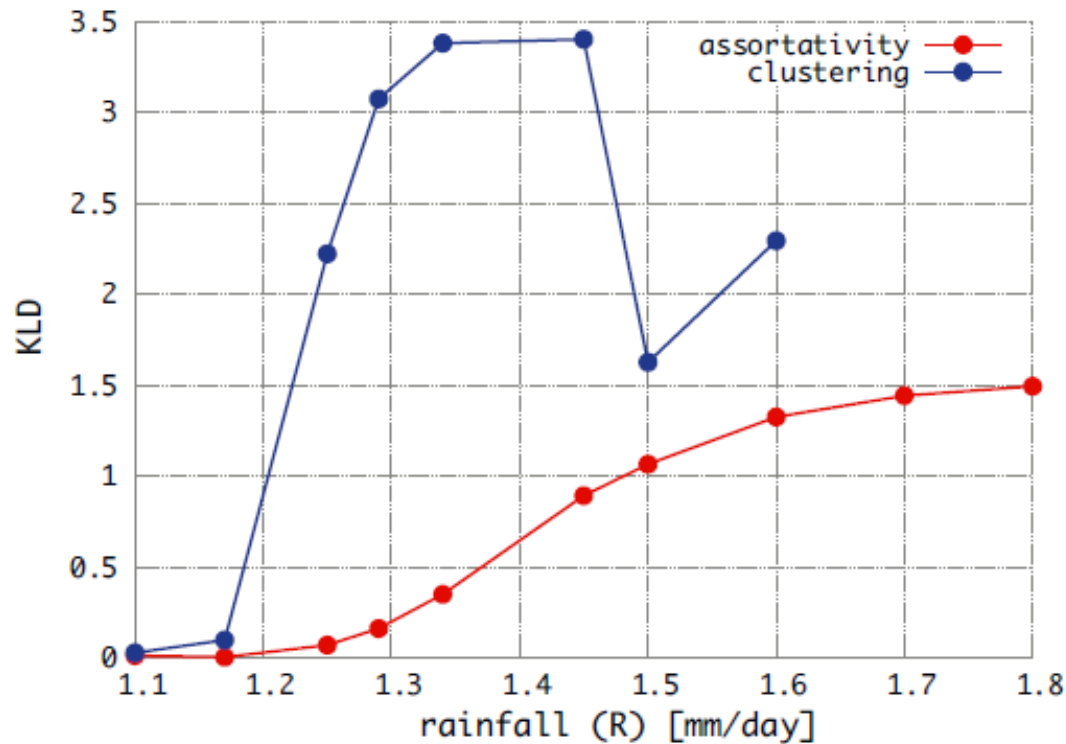


“Gaussianisation” of the clustering and of the assortativity distributions when approaching the tipping point

How to quantify “Gaussianisation”?

Kullback–Leibler Distance (KLD)
between 2 PDFs

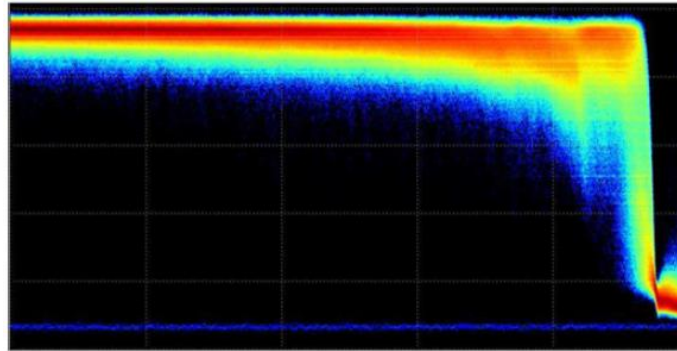
$$\text{KLD} \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln \left(\frac{P(x)}{Z(x)} \right) P(x) dx.$$



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- Network-based indicators can identify desertification transition in advance.
- Perform better than the classical ones.
- Open issue: the Gaussianisation might 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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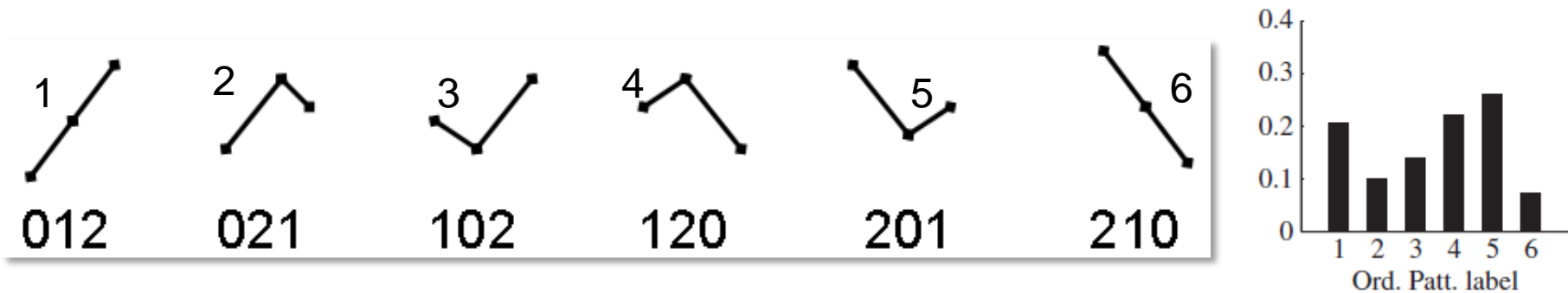
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Experimental data from INLN & Bangor University
(S. Barland & Y. Hong)

Method of nonlinear **symbolic** time-series analysis: ordinal patterns

■ $X = \{\dots x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots\}$

Brandt & Pompe, PRL 88, 174102 (2002)

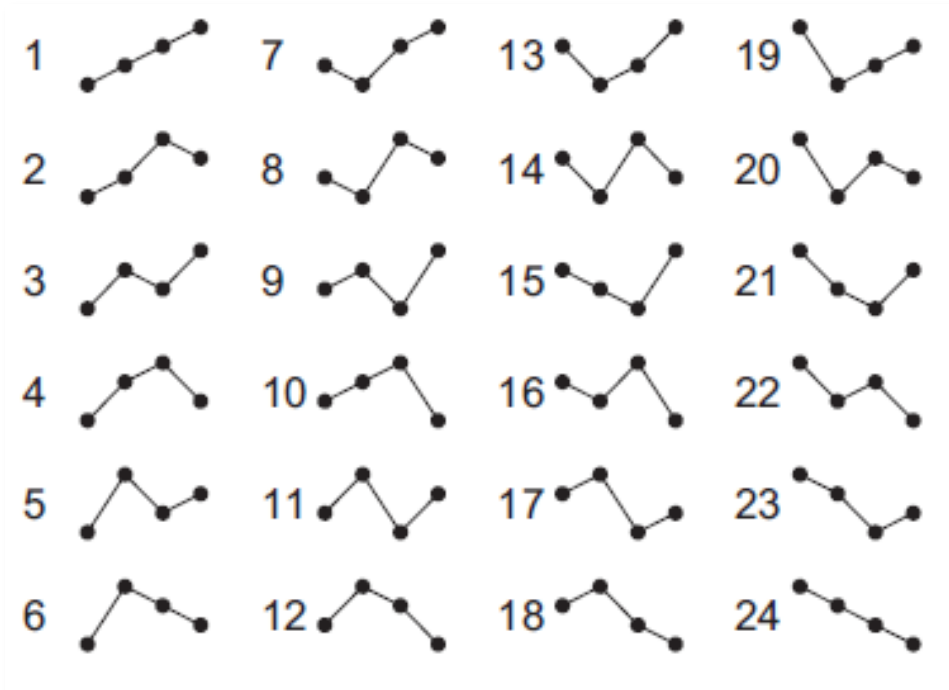


The OP probabilities allow identifying more expressed and/or infrequent patterns in the order of the sequence of data values.

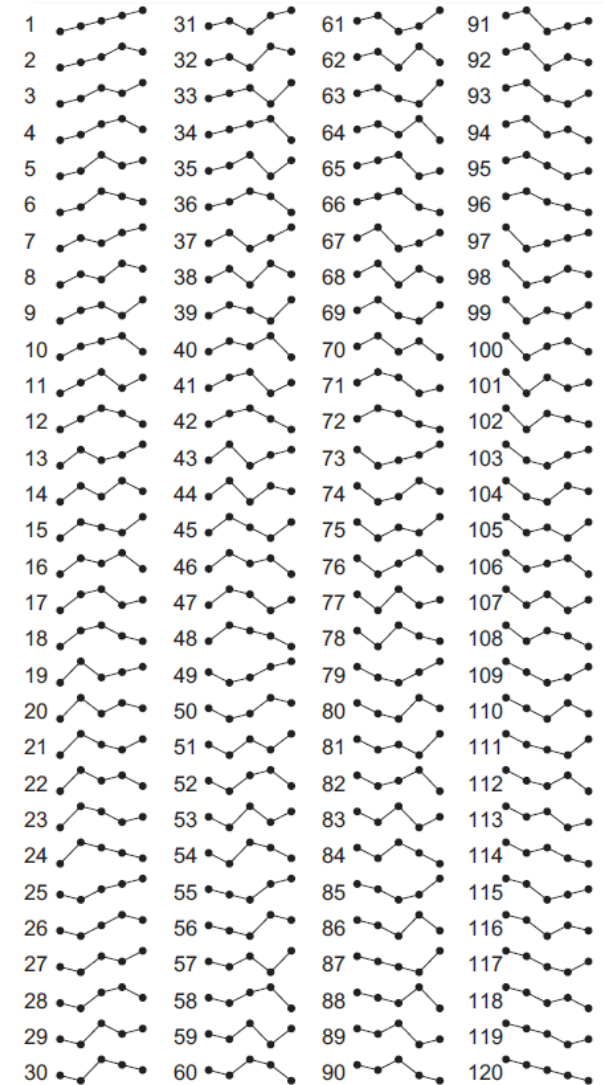
Random data?
(OPs equally probable)

- 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.

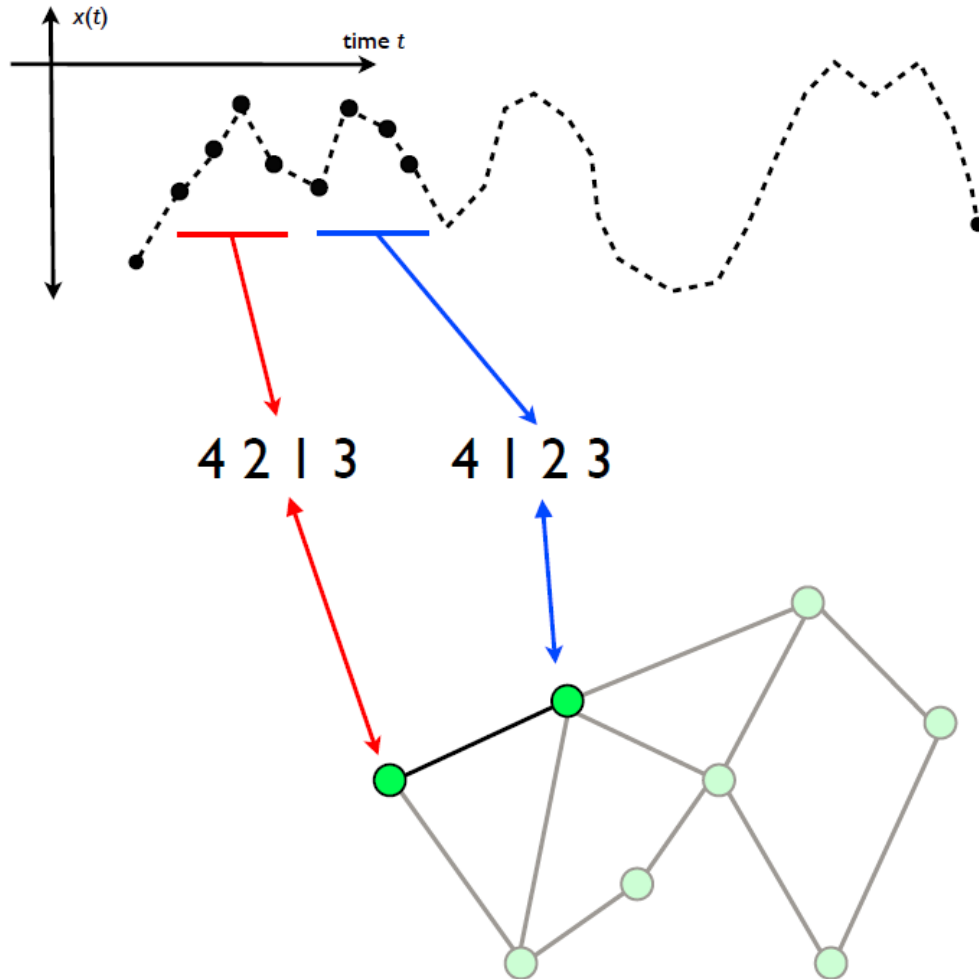
The number of patterns increases as D!



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



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**

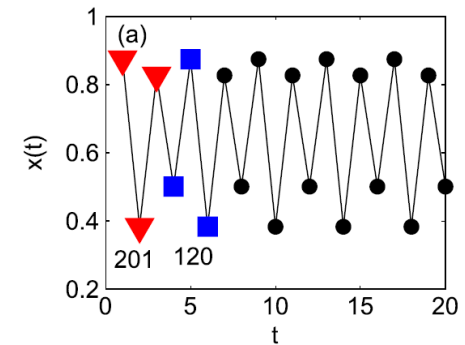
Three network-based diagnostic tools

- 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.)

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



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

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

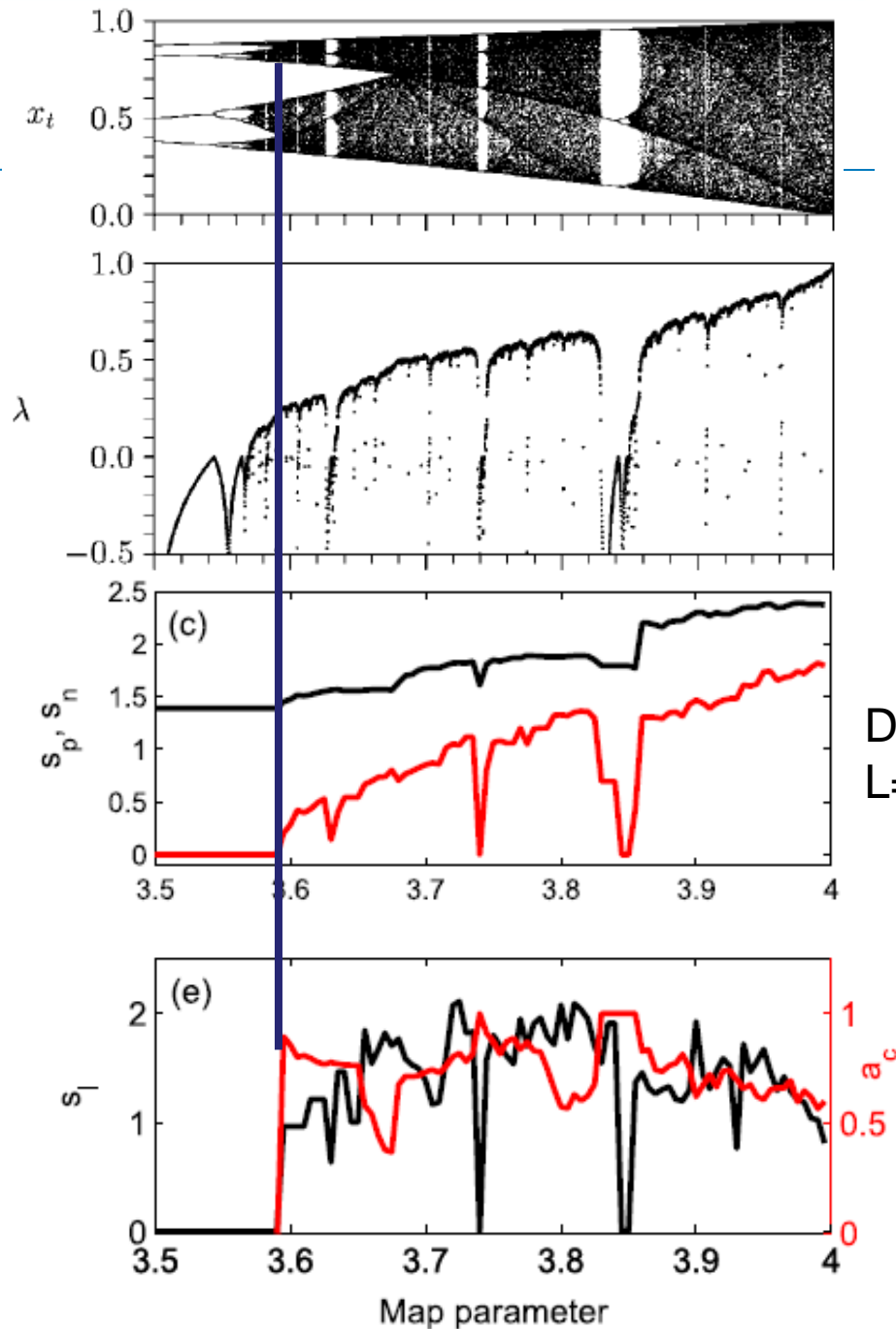
(0 in a fully symmetric network;
1 in a fully directed network)

First test the method
with synthetic data:
the logistic map

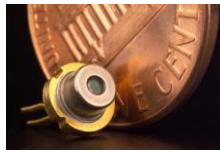
■ $x(i+1) = r x(i)[1-x(i)]$

⇒ Detects transitions
(not bifurcations) that
are not detected by
Lyapunov exponent.

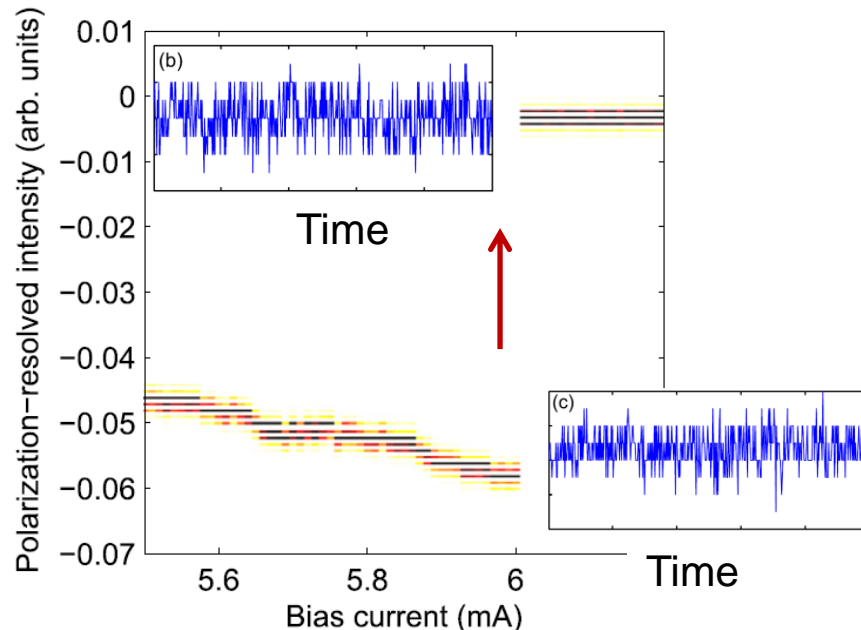
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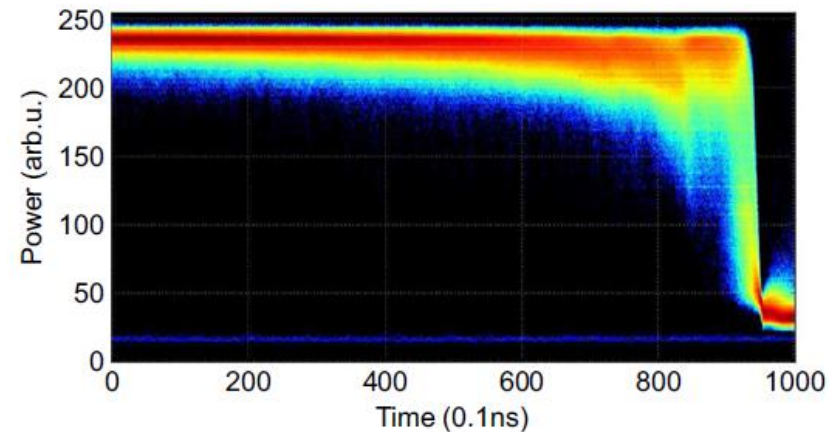
A laser polarization-resolved intensity: two sets of experiments



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



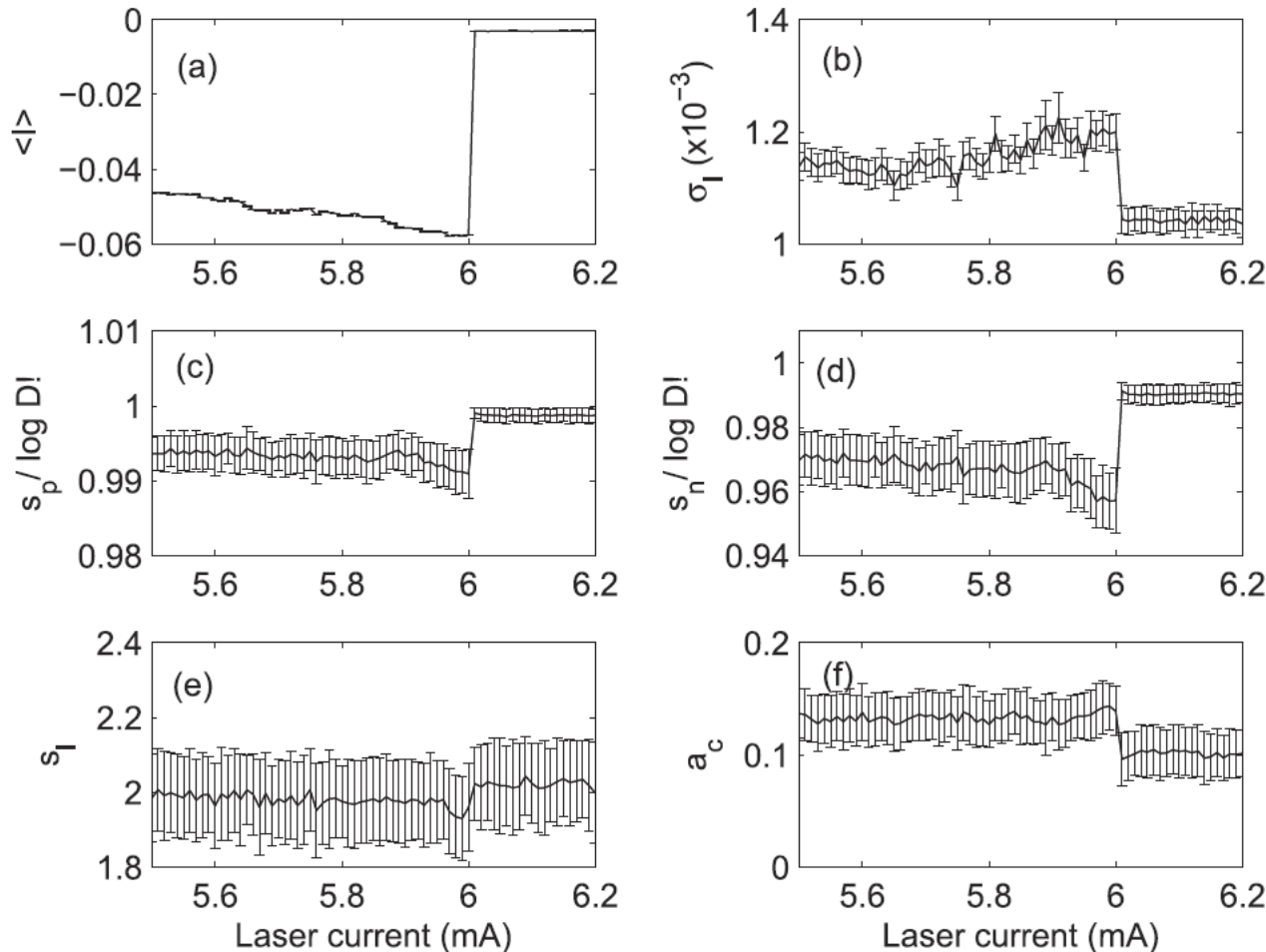
- Time series recorded with laser current varying in time.
- Record the turn-off of the fundamental mode.



Is it possible to anticipate the PS?

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

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

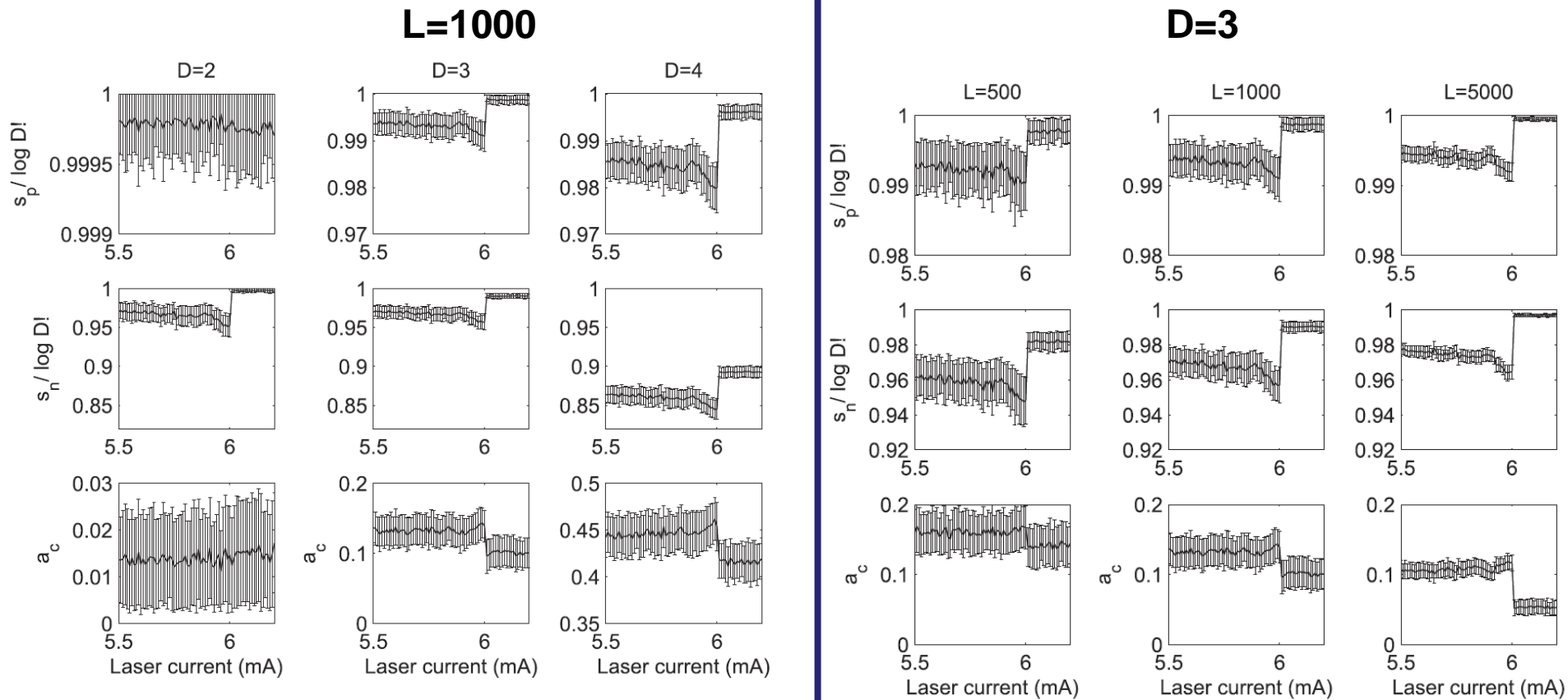


⇒ Despite of the stochasticity of the time-series, the measures “anticipate” the PS.

⇒ Deterministic mechanisms involved.

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

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

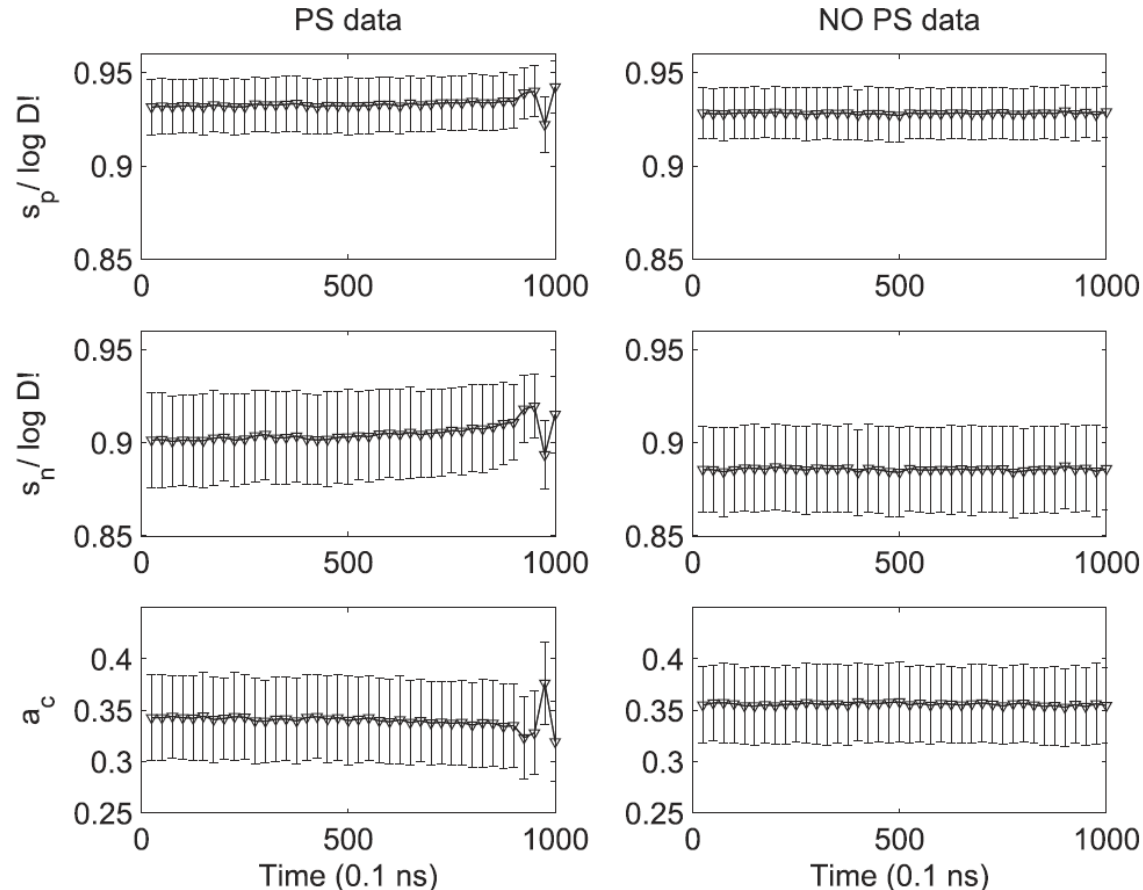


⇒ Transition detected even for short dataset (L=500 with D=3).

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

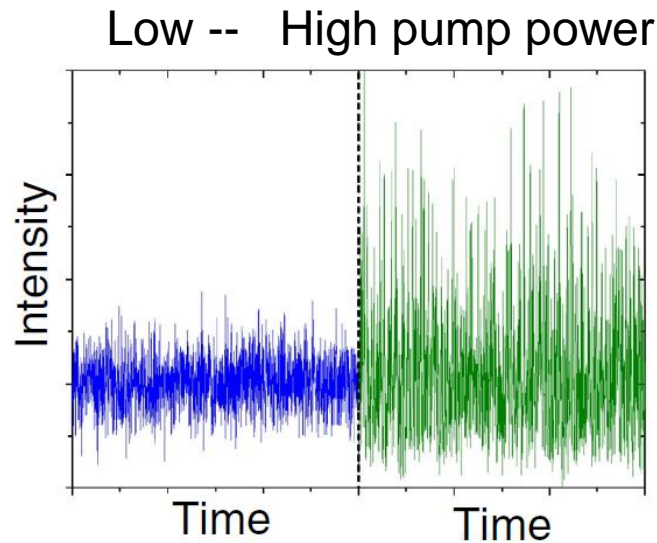
Slightly different optical feedback conditions result in PS or no PS.

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



- In synthetic data: indicators based in symbolic networks 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.

C. Masoller et al, "Quantifying sudden changes in dynamical systems using symbolic networks", New J. Phys. 17, 023068 (2015).



Characterizing the laminar-turbulence transition in a fiber laser

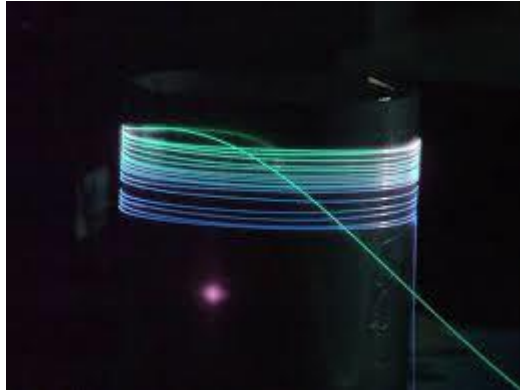


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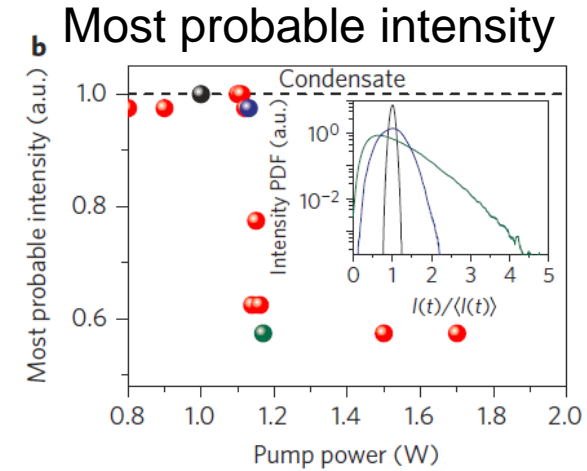
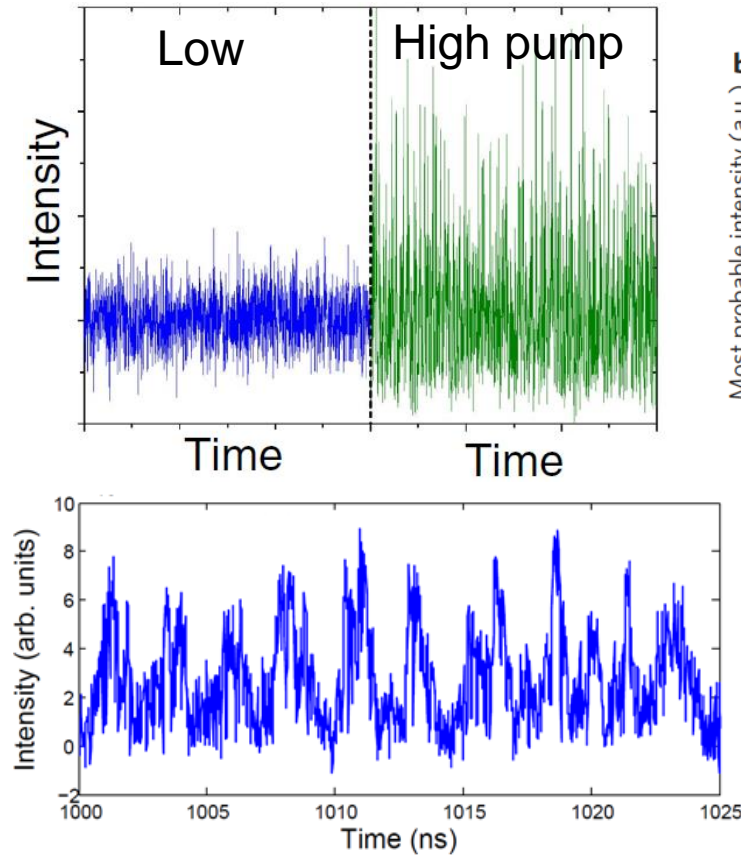
Experimental data from Aston University, UK
(Prof. Turitsyn' group)

Fiber laser



$L=1$ km,
millions of modes

At the transition:

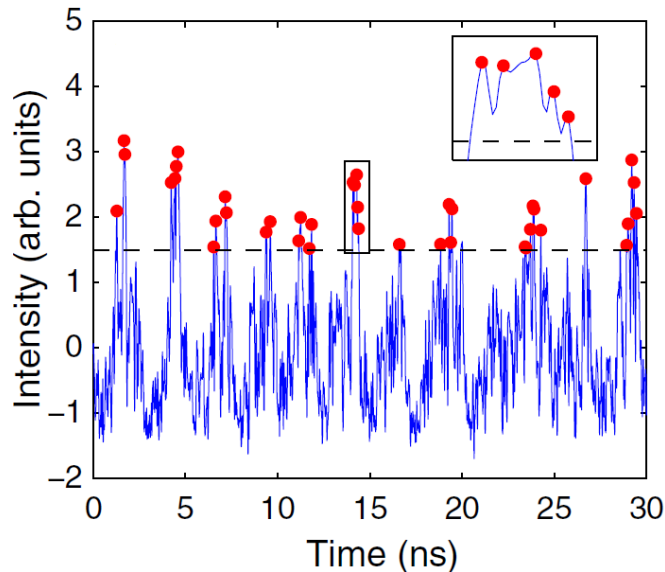


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E. G. Turitsyna et al. Nat. Phot. 7, 783 (2013)

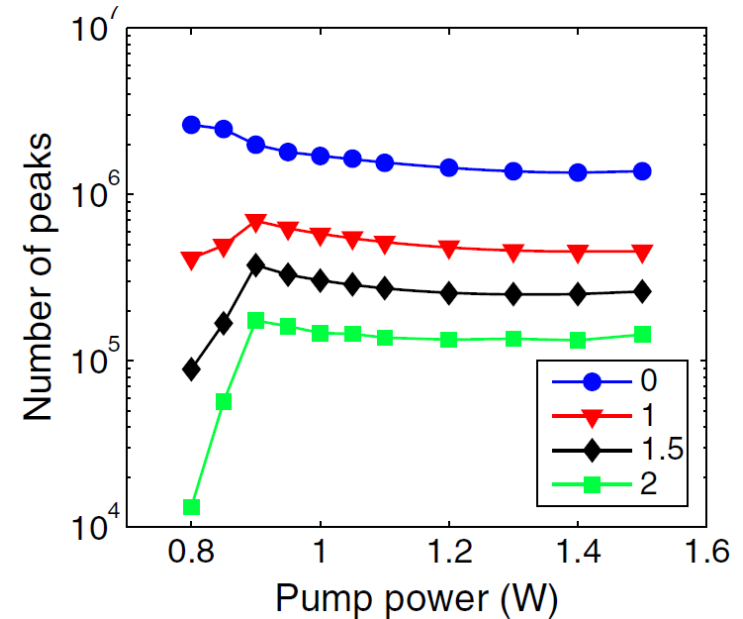
Analysis of the intensity peaks higher than a threshold

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



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

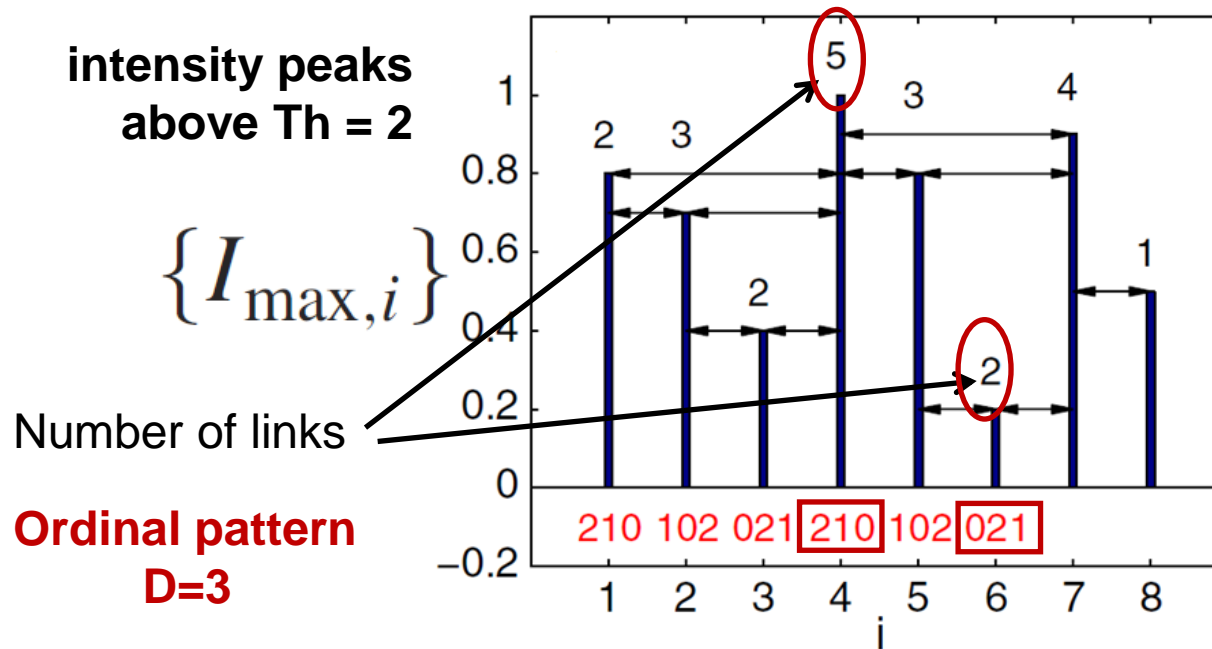
$L = 5 \times 10^7$ data points.
Sampling time $dt = 12.5$ ps



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

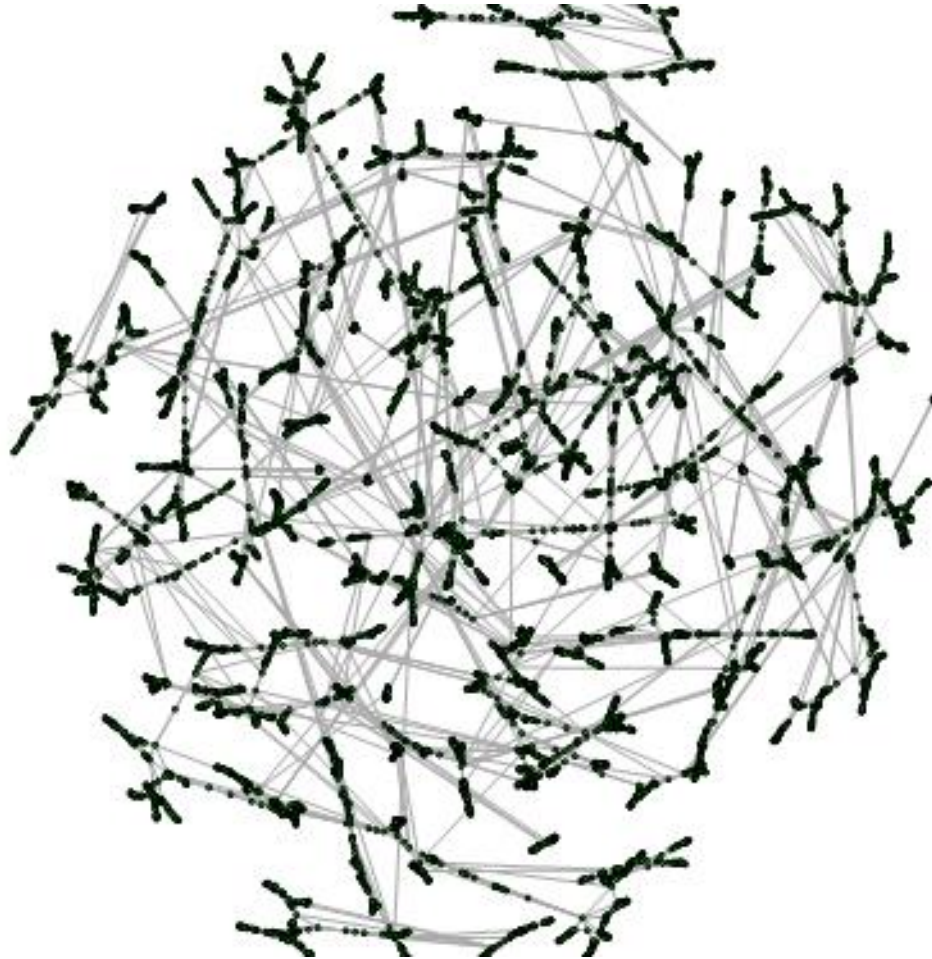
Diagnostic tool: horizontal visibility graph (HVG)

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



- 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***

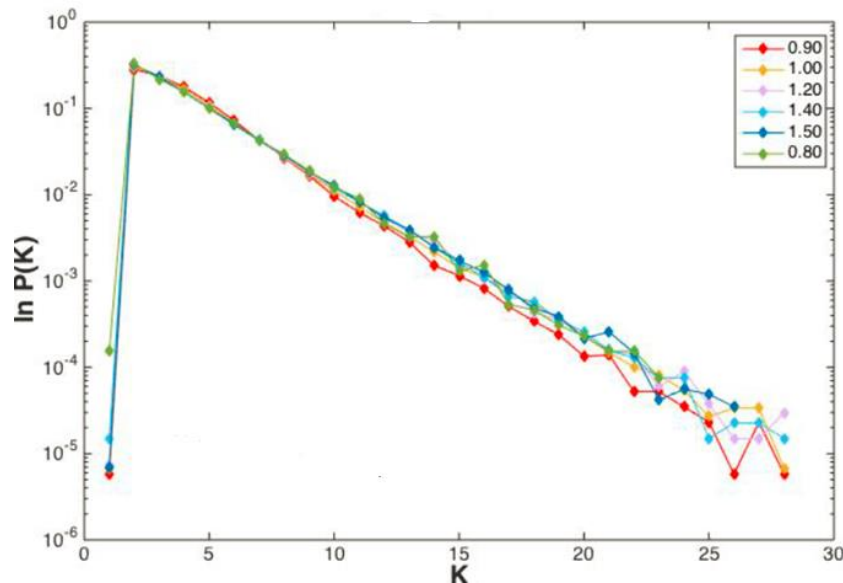
The resulting network



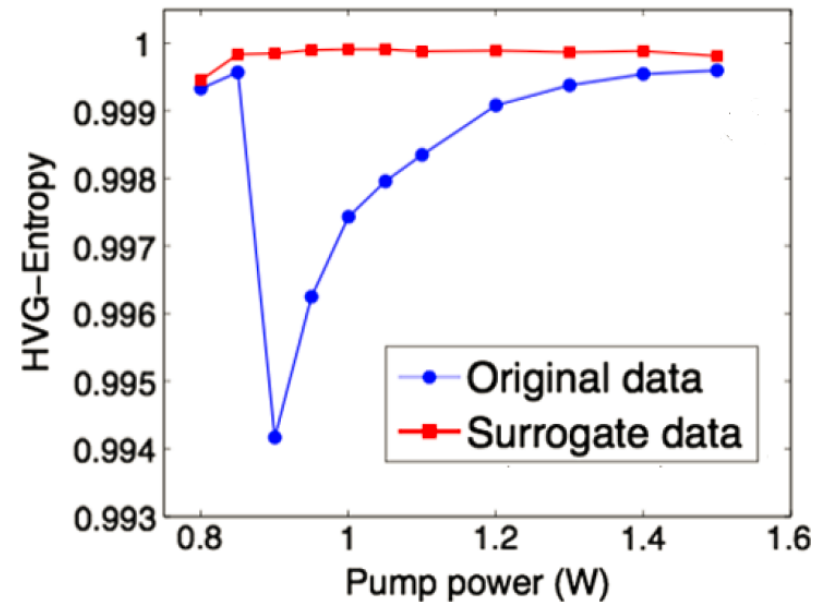
How to characterize this network?

⇒ 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)

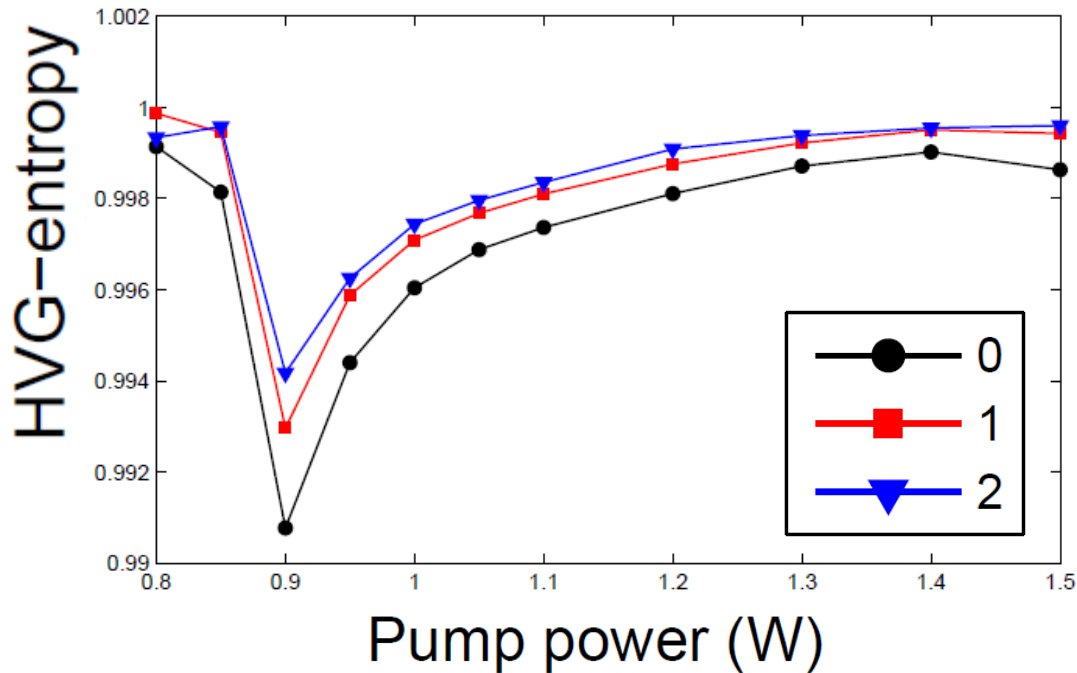


⇒ sharp transition detected.

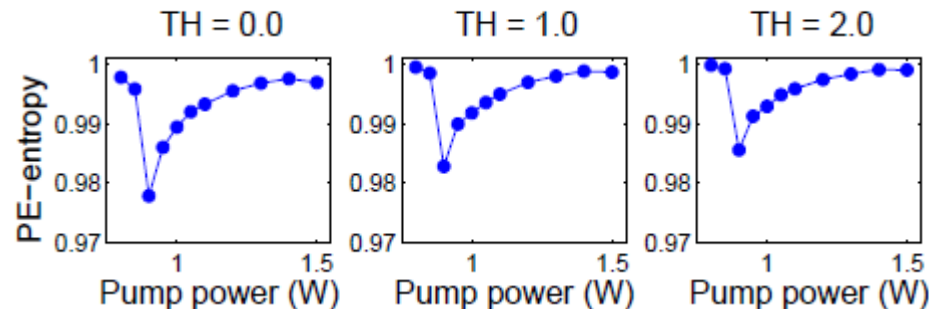
Aragoneses et al, PRL 116, 033902 (2016)

Influence of the threshold

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



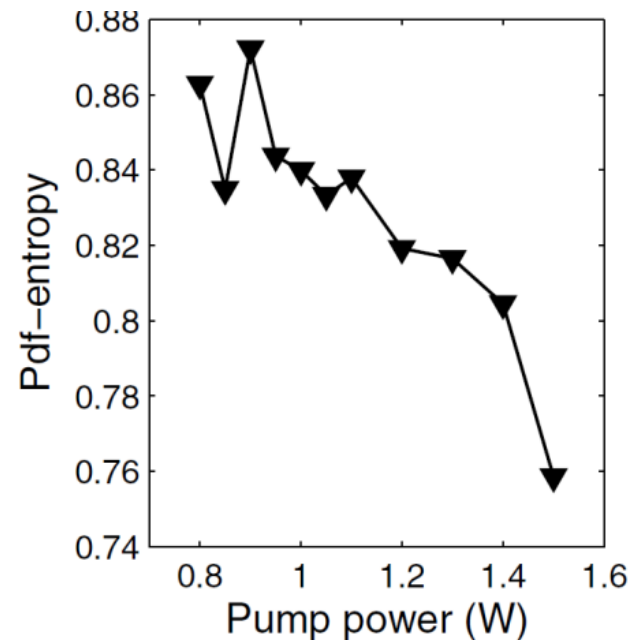
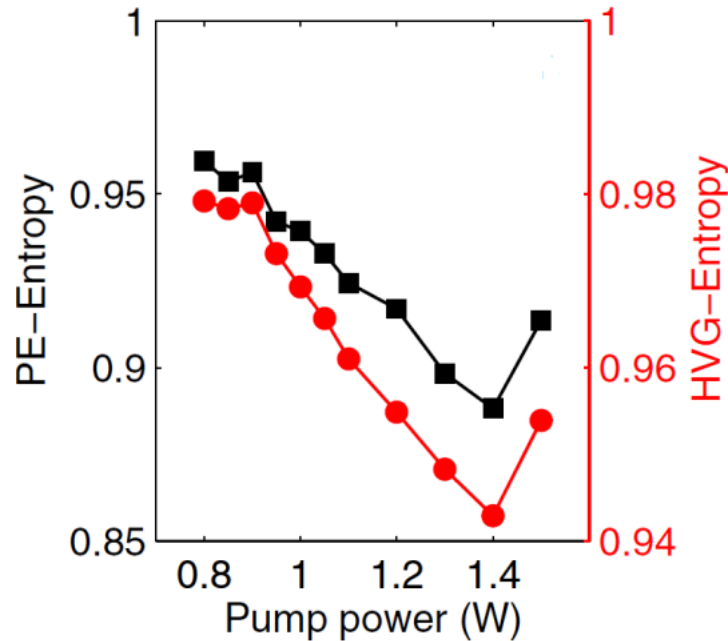
⇒ sharp transition detected with different thresholds.



Influence of the threshold

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

With the raw data



⇒ sharp transition not detected.

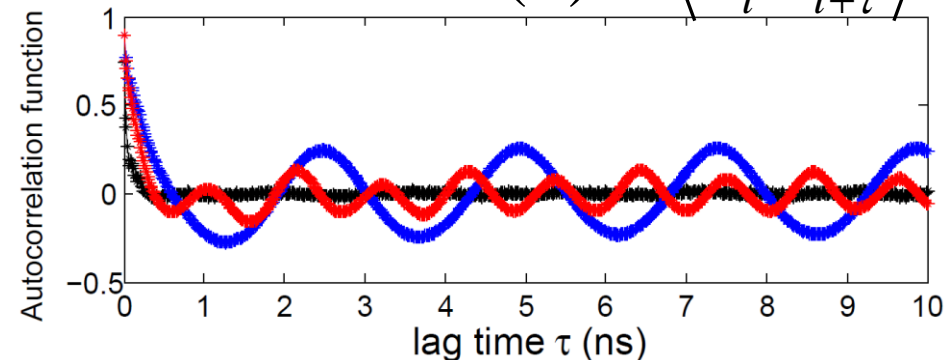
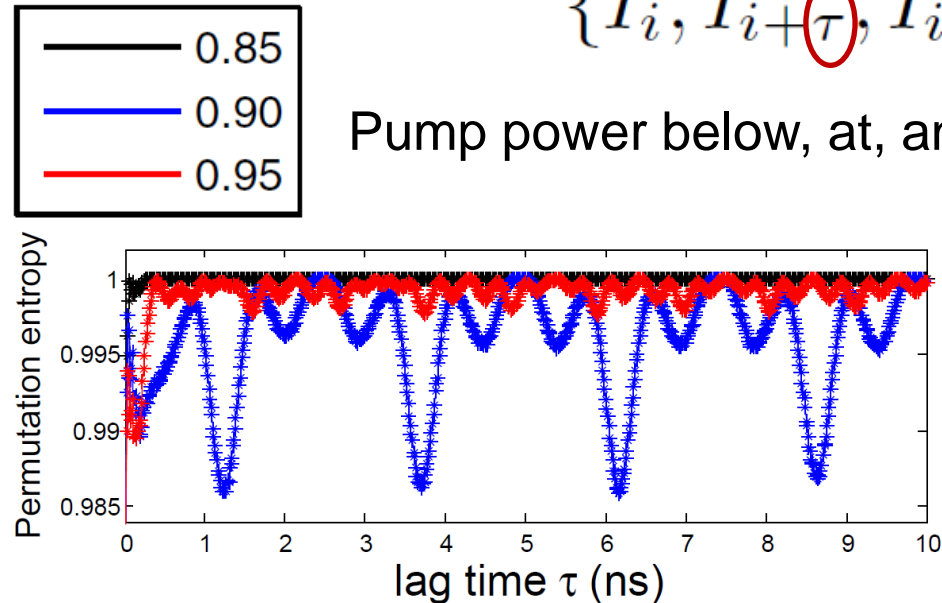
Can we obtain more info. from the raw data?

Ordinal analysis of **lagged** intensity data

$$\{I_i, I_{i+\tau}, I_{i+2\tau}, \dots\}$$

Pump power below, at, and above the transition.

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

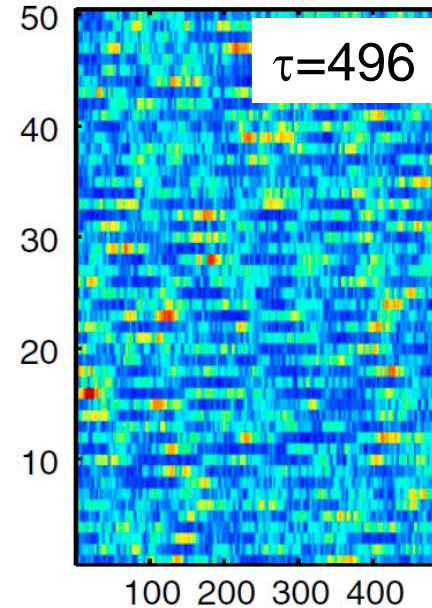
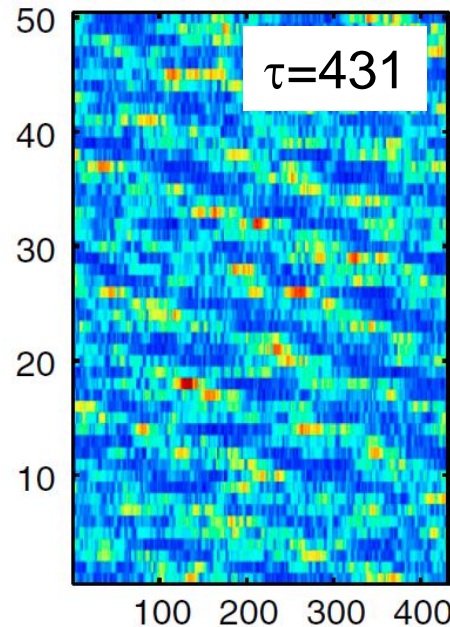
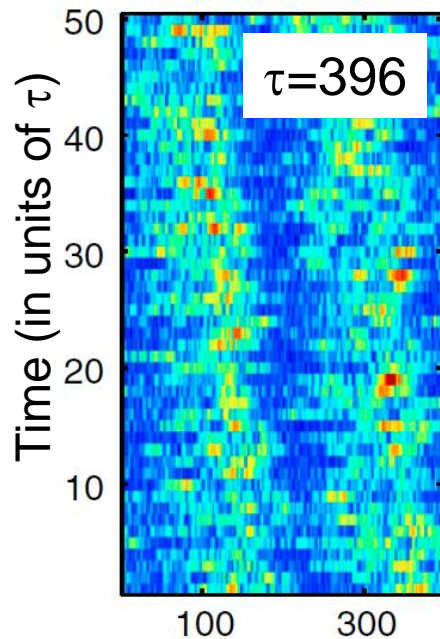


⇒ Sharp variations not captured by linear correlation analysis.

Space time representation

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

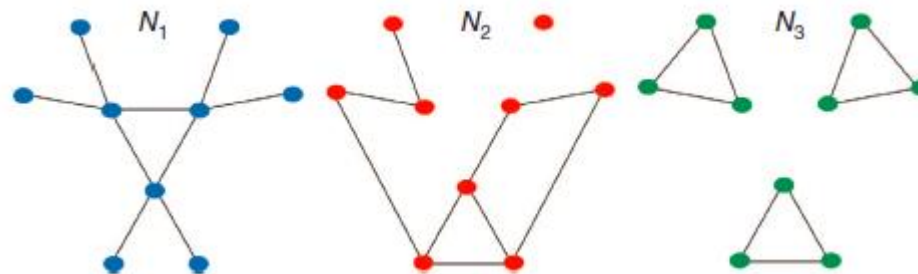
Color: I_i



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

- 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.

A. Aragoneses et al, "Unveiling temporal correlations characteristic of a phase transition in the output intensity of a fiber laser" PRL 116, 033902 (2016).



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?

⇒ Node Distance Distributions (NDDs)

- $p_i(j)$ is the fraction of nodes that are connected to node i at distance j
- NDDs = vector of N pdfs $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N\}$
- If two networks have the same set of distance distributions \Rightarrow 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 $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N\}$
- Quantifies the heterogeneity of connectivity distances.

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

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

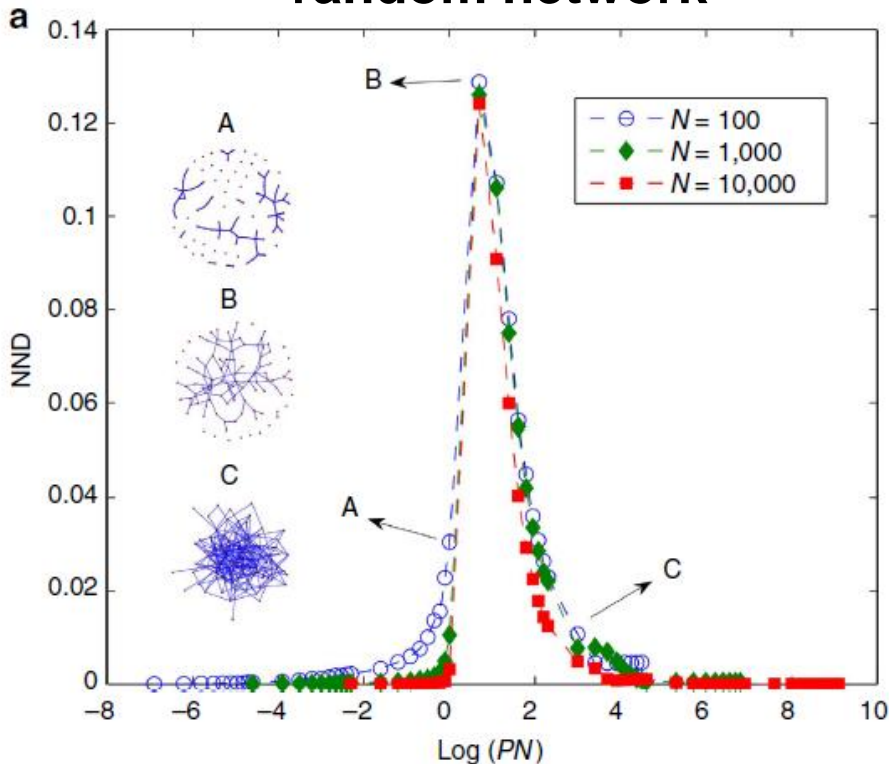
$$\mu_j = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N p_i(j) \right) / N$$

Reminder:
distance between
P and Z

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

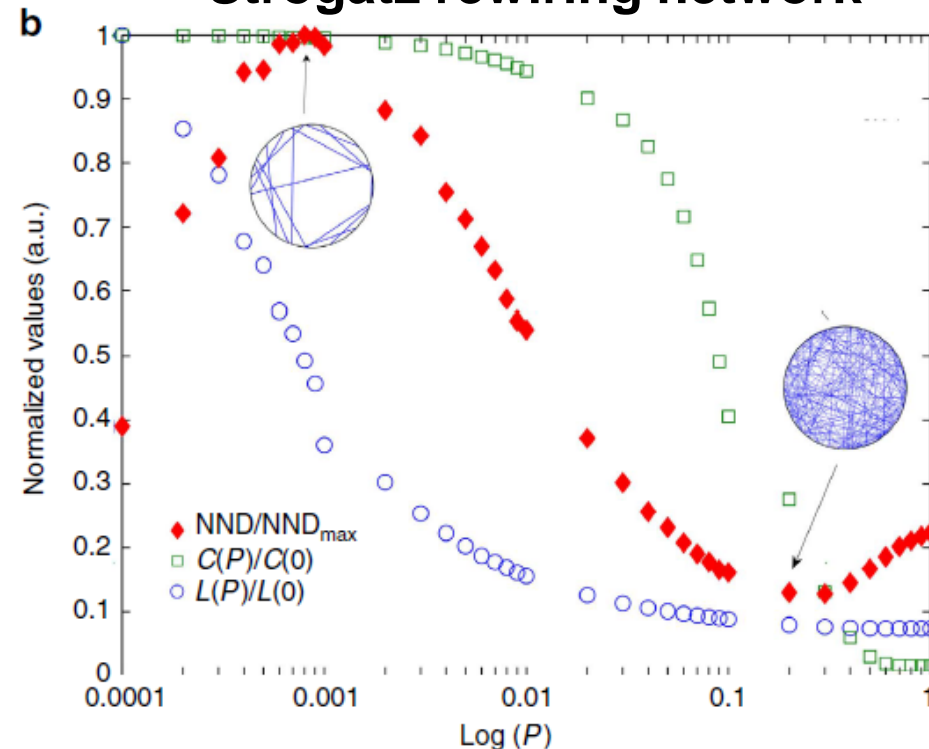
The Network Node Dispersion detects:

Percolation transition in a random network



P =connection probability

Small-world region in the Watts-Strogatz rewiring network



P =rewiring probability

$N=1000$, average degree = 10

L =path length, C =clustering coef.

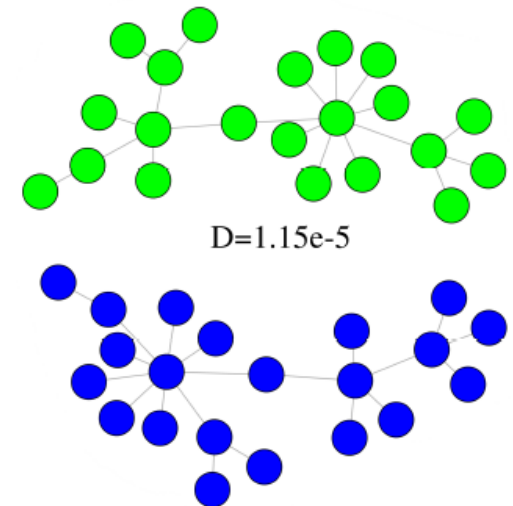
Dissimilarity between two networks

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

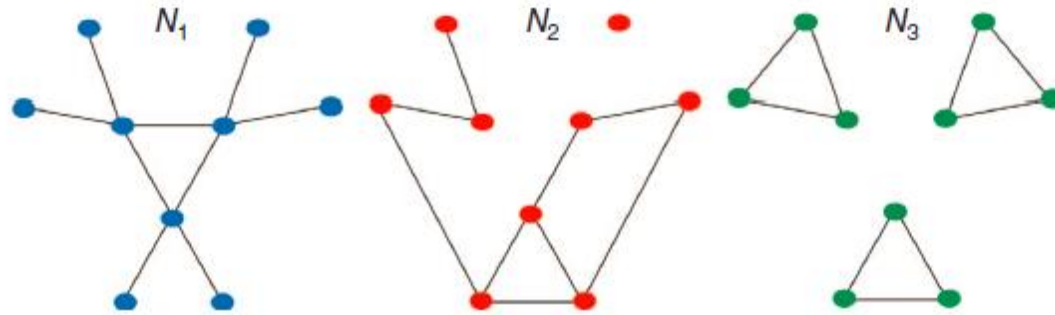
compares the
averaged
connectivity

compares the
heterogeneity of the
connectivity distances

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



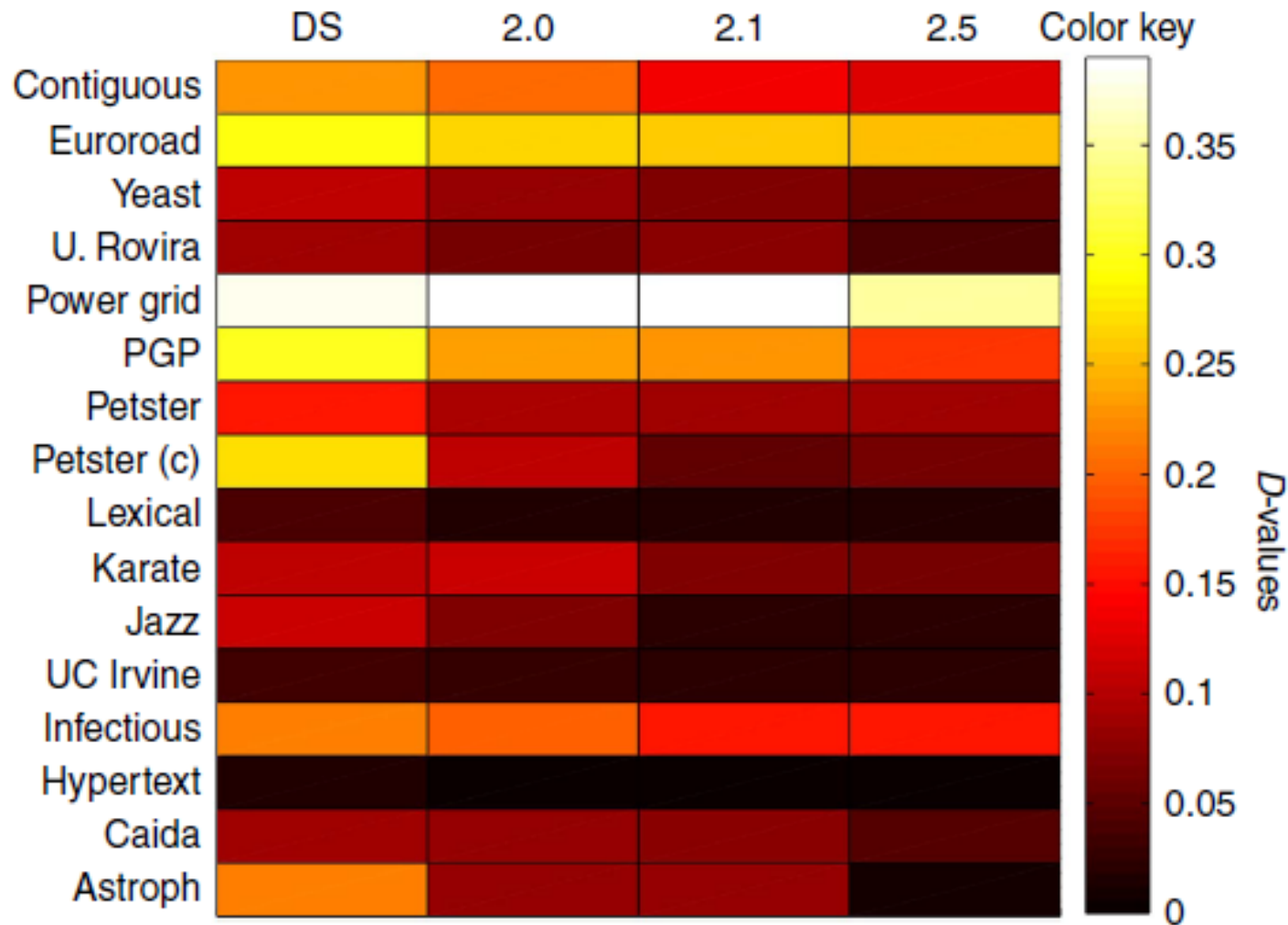
Comparing three networks with the same number of nodes and links



	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

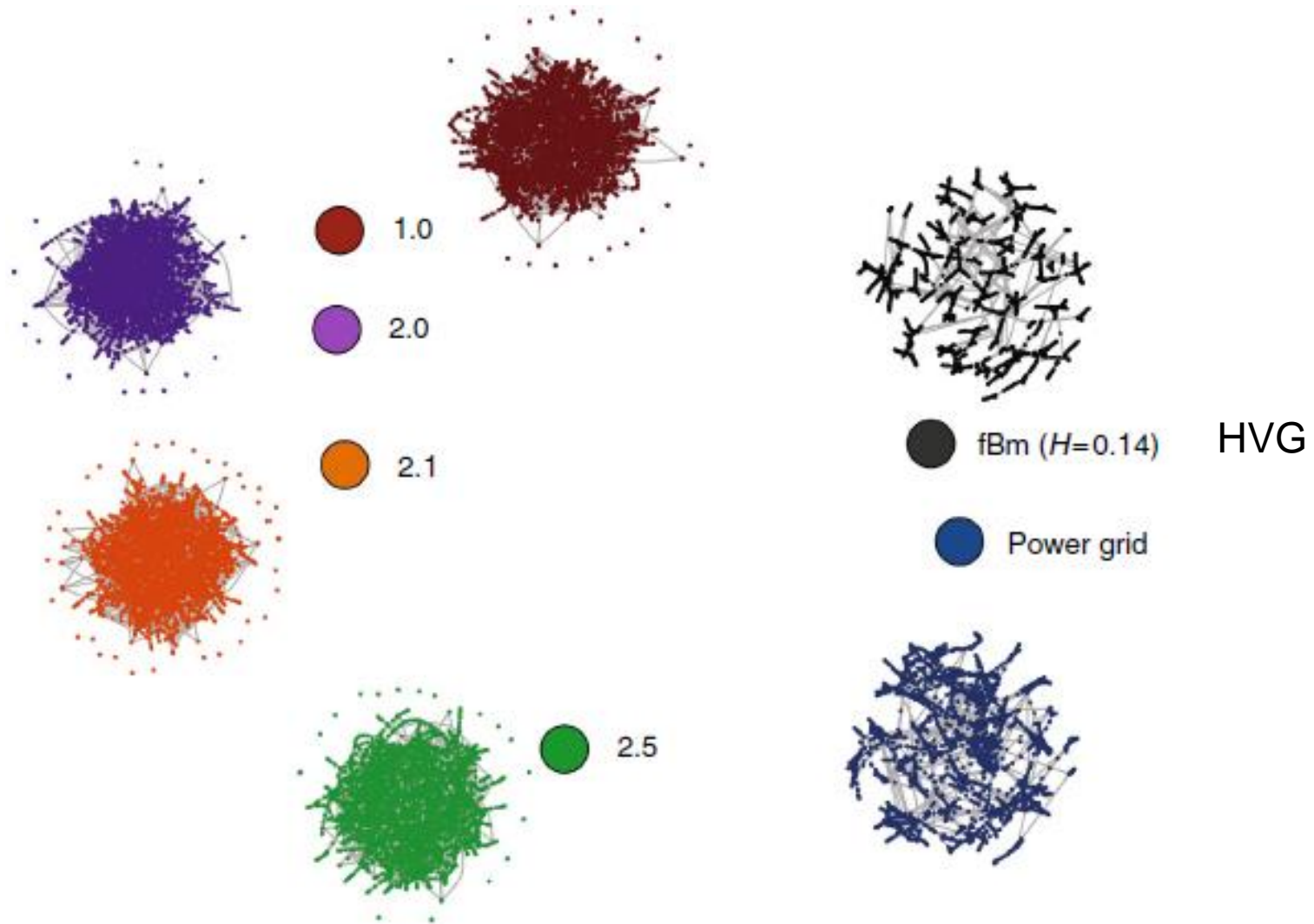
DS preserves
the degree
sequence;
2.0 also
preserves the
degree
correlation;
2.1 also
preserves the
clustering
coefficient;
2.5 includes
the clustering
spectrum



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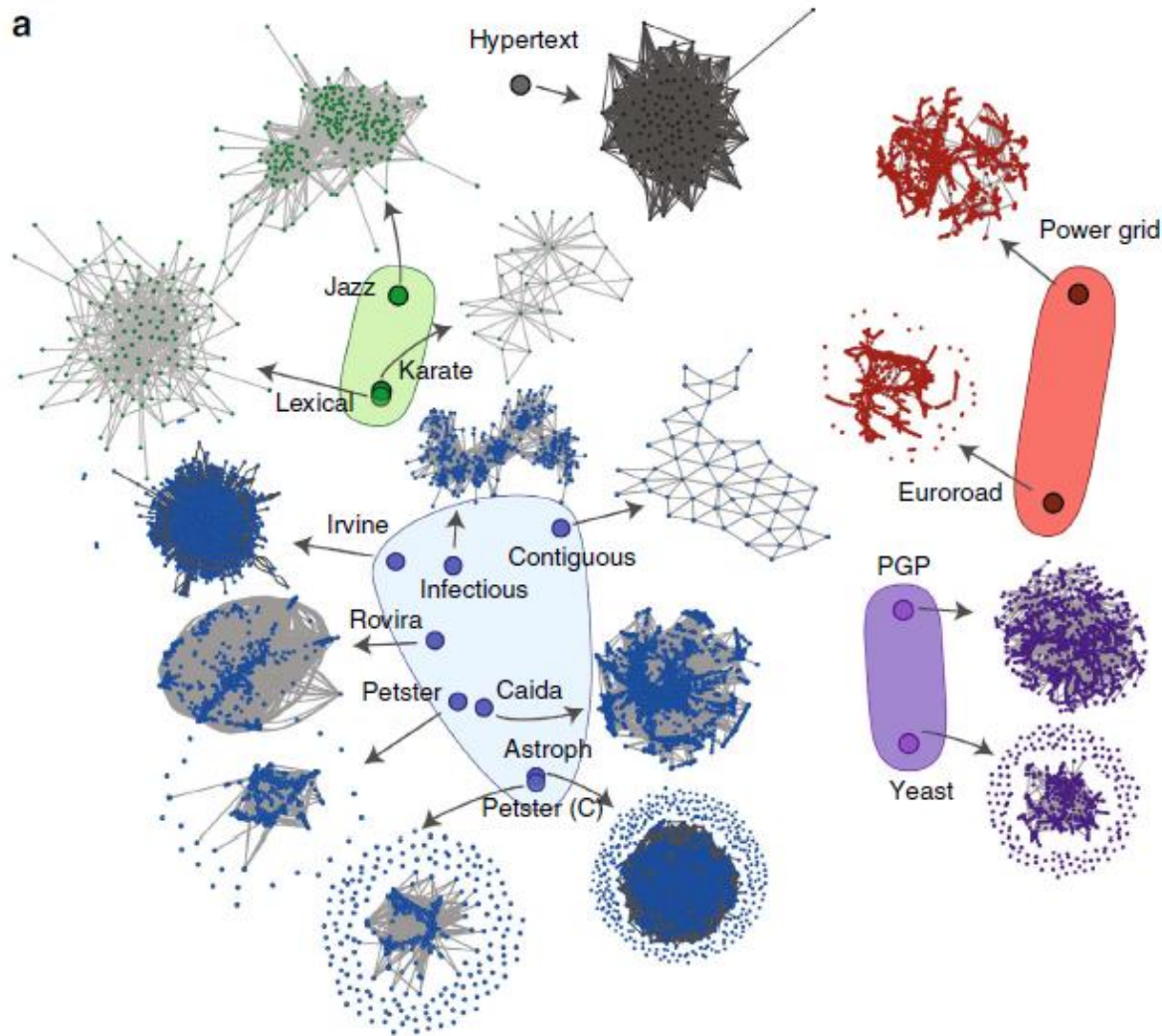
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Best model of Power Grid Network?



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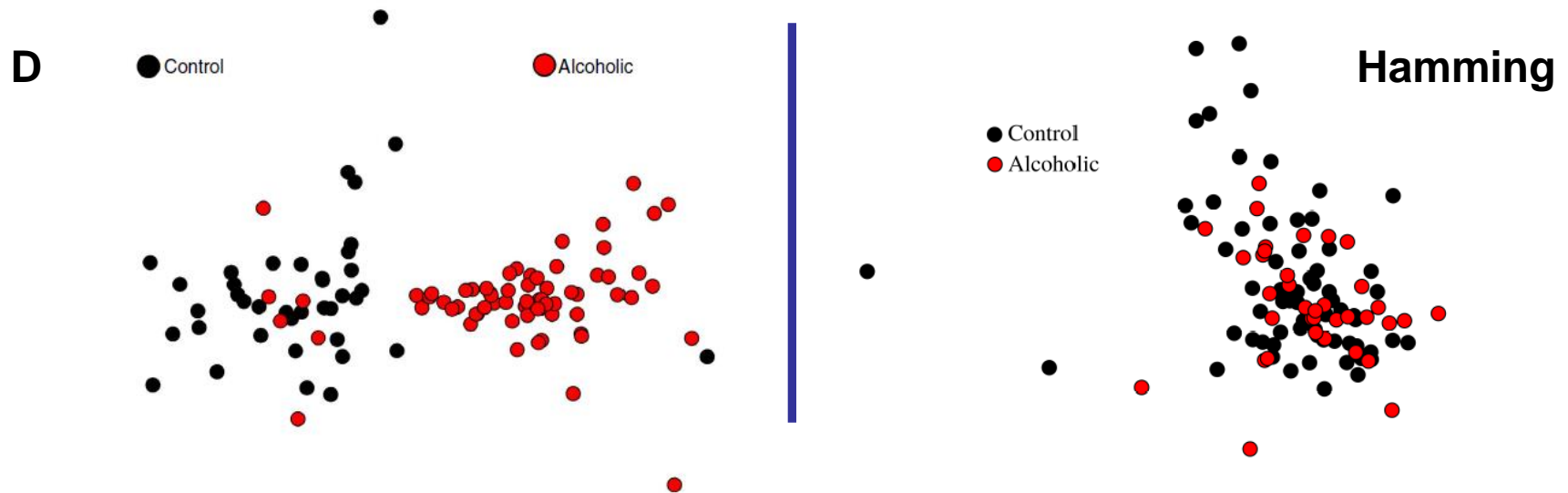
Comparing real networks among them



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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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- 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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