

# How distributed is „distributed information“ in complex systems?

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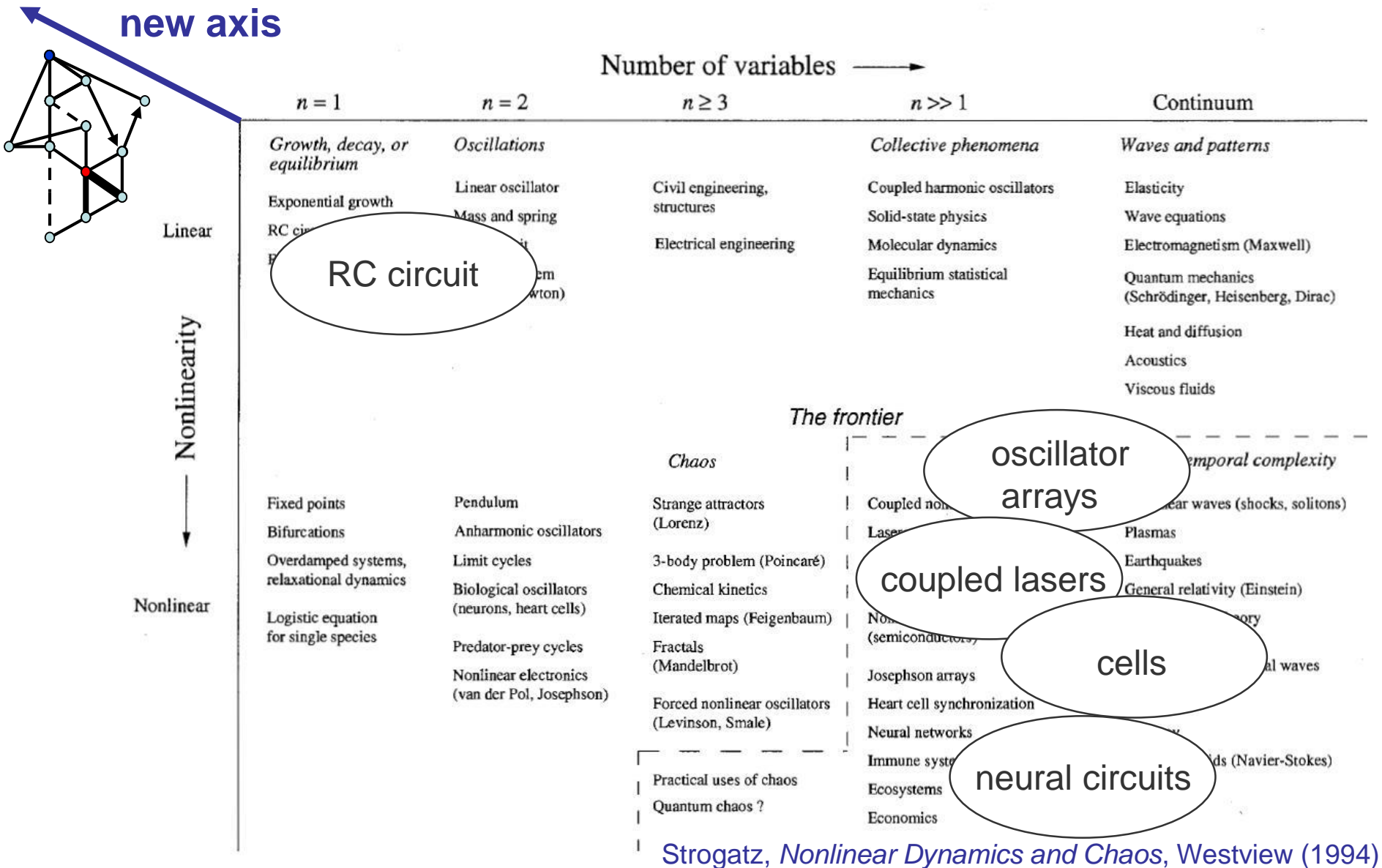
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# Networks are everywhere - most are dynamic

Social Networks  
Neural Circuits  
Gene Regulatory Networks  
Traffic Networks  
Communication Networks  
,Smart' Power Grids  
...

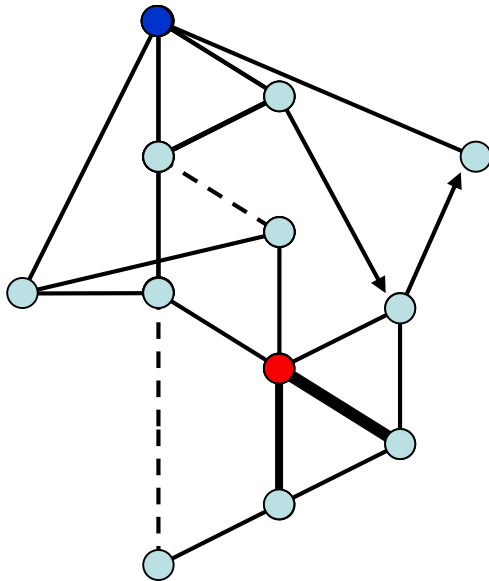
**All these systems are essential in everyday life!**

# From simple & low-dimensional to complex systems



# ... to complex *networked* systems

Graph/connectivity as new axis: complex networks



linear:  
Kirchhoff's law,  
Random walks, ...

In general  
no continuum limit

nonlinear



**Limited knowledge,  
Few general methods**

Network Topology co-acts with nonlinearities:  
Topological Speed Limits, Remote Action, ...

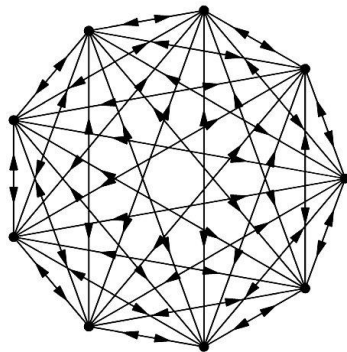
# Mathematical challenges for theory

Simultaneous occurrence of:

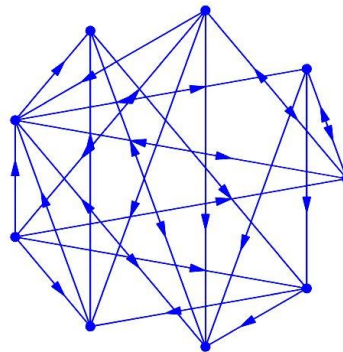
- **Nonlinearity**
- **High dimensionality**
- Complicated Network **Connectivity**
- Interaction **Delays**
- Strong **Heterogeneities**
- **Stochasticity**

common approach:

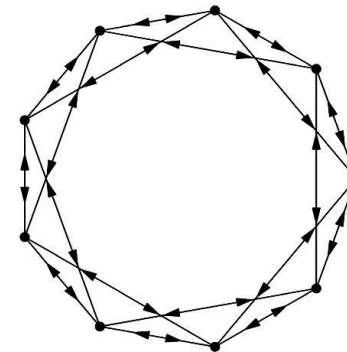
**Mean Field Theories, Statistical Description**, e.g. averaging over network



all-to-all  
(regular)



general  
(irregular)



local  
(regular)

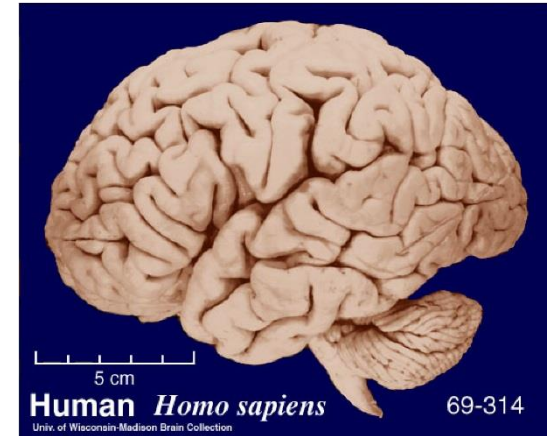
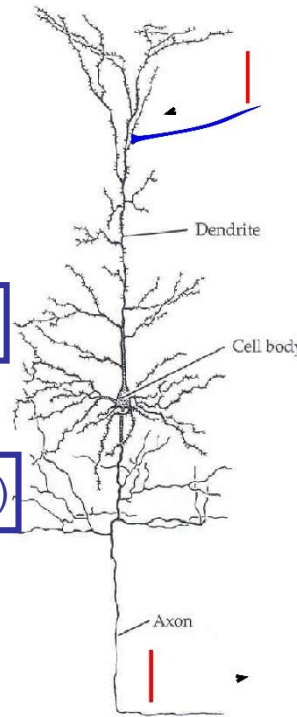
**Mind the specifics (links, events, realizations, ...) !**

# Distributed collective dynamics of networks

## Dynamics of biological networks

( $10^{-3} - 10^{10}$  s;  $10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$  m)

- Selective links support sensing
- Connectomics from dynamics
- model- free network inference
- information transfer [Nature Comm. \(2016\)](#)
- protein scaling laws from geometry



## Dynamics of physical networks

( $10^{-2} - 10^{10}$  s;  $10^{-9} - 10^6$  m)

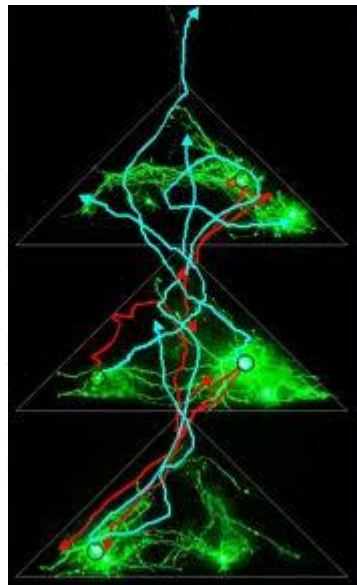
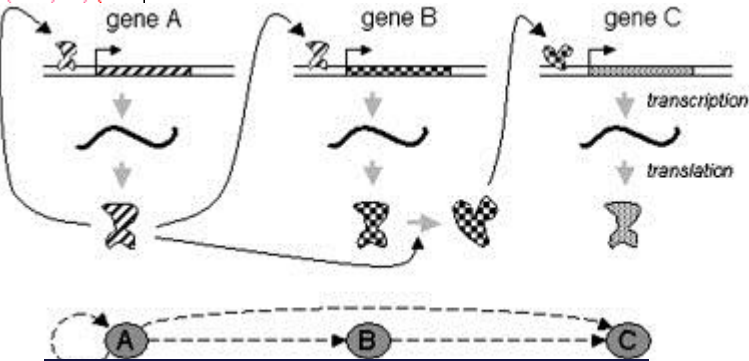
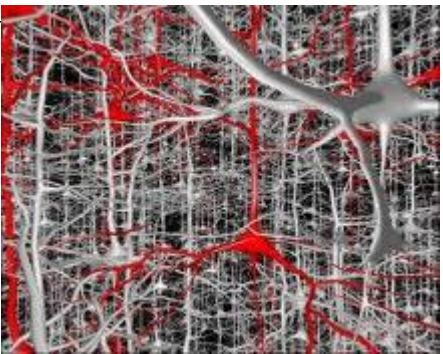
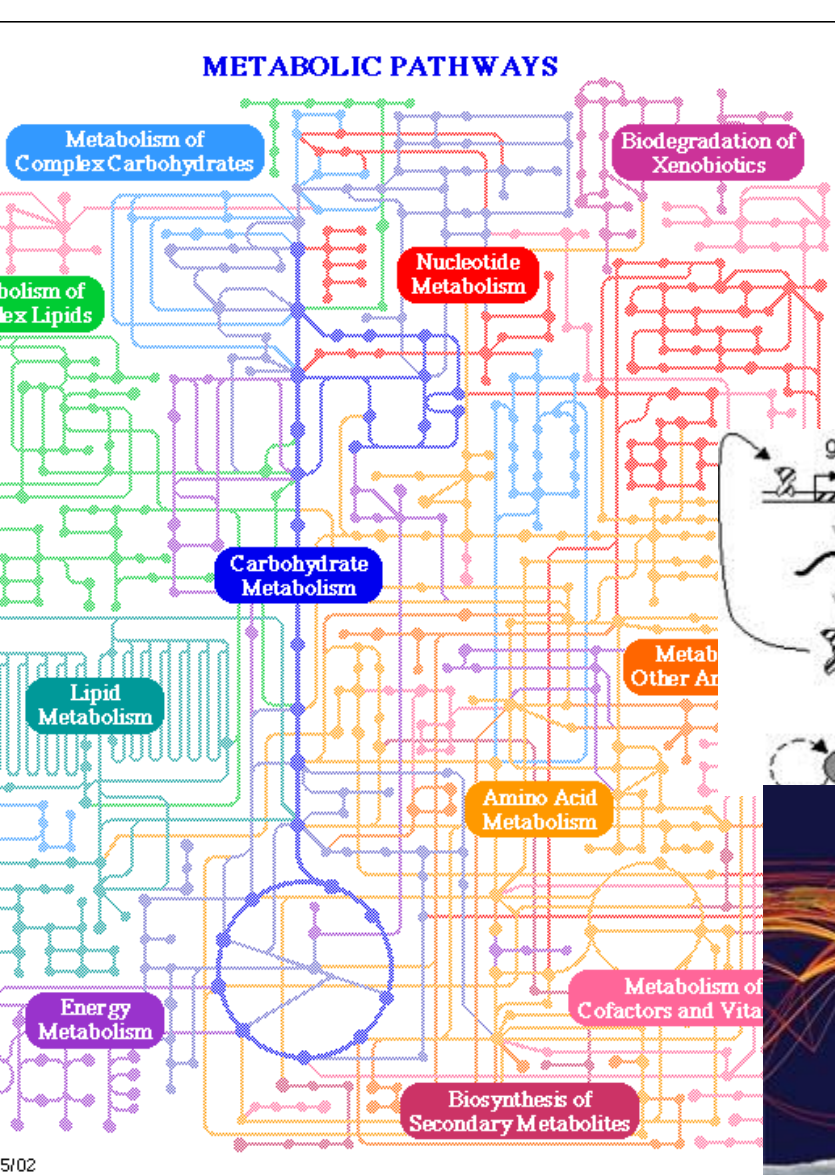
- Network growth & disordered media
- Dynamical system's computation & network control
- Nonlocal rerouting and dynamically smart grids
- Flexible networked mobility





# Information routing essential for function

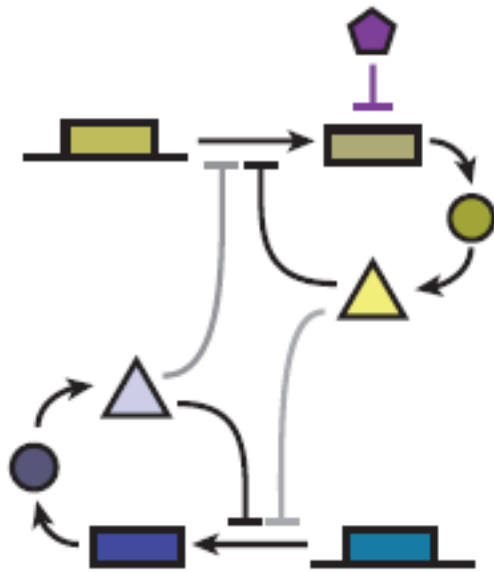
## How does it work?




*Biosystems*, 96:86 (2009);  
Brockmann et al, *Nature* (2006)  
Google Inc. (2010)  
Feinerman et al,  
*Nature Phys.* (2008)


# Collective Dynamics → Information Routing Patterns I

**a** Gene regulatory network



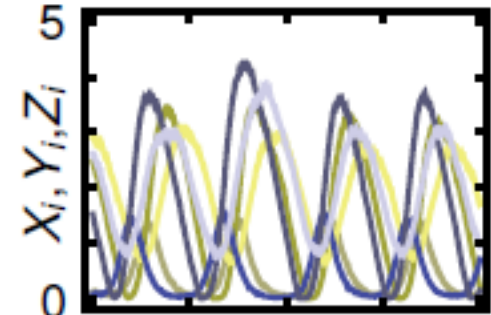
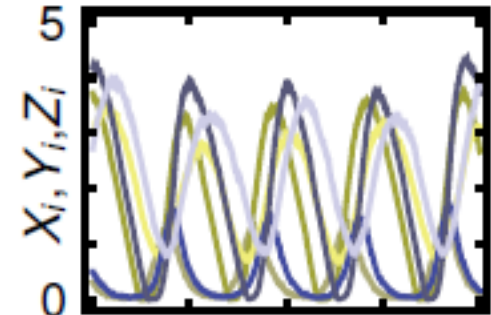
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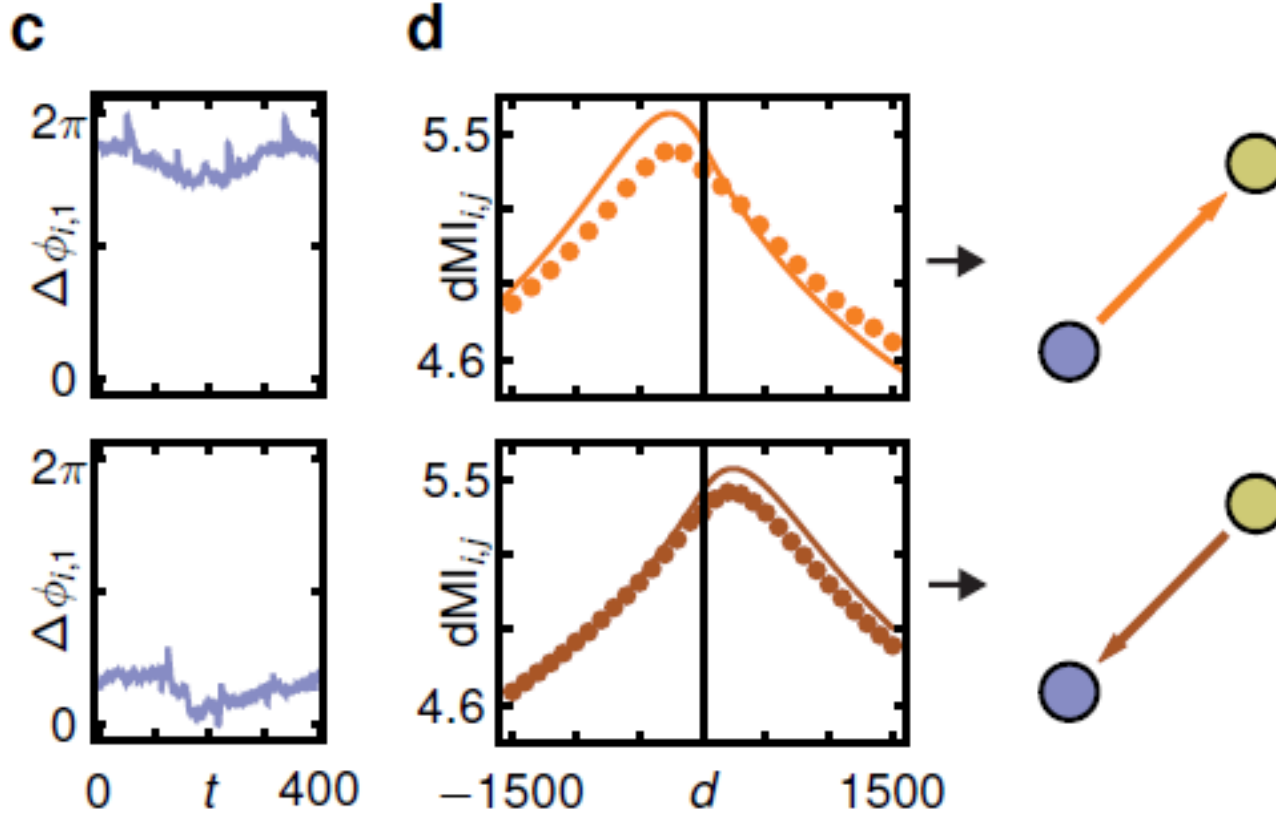
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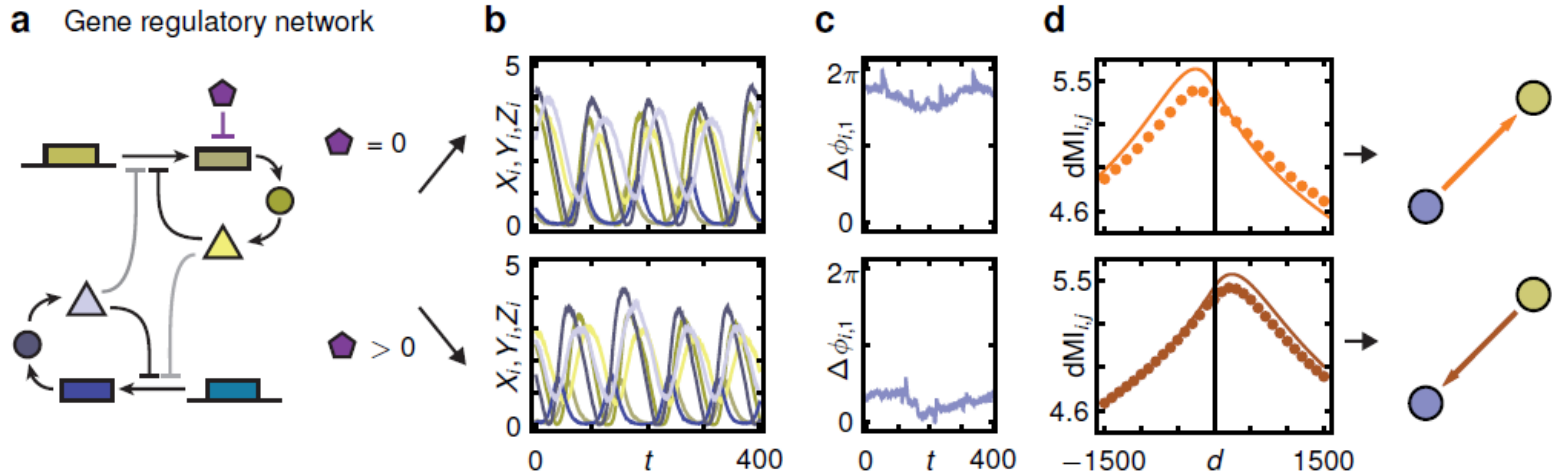
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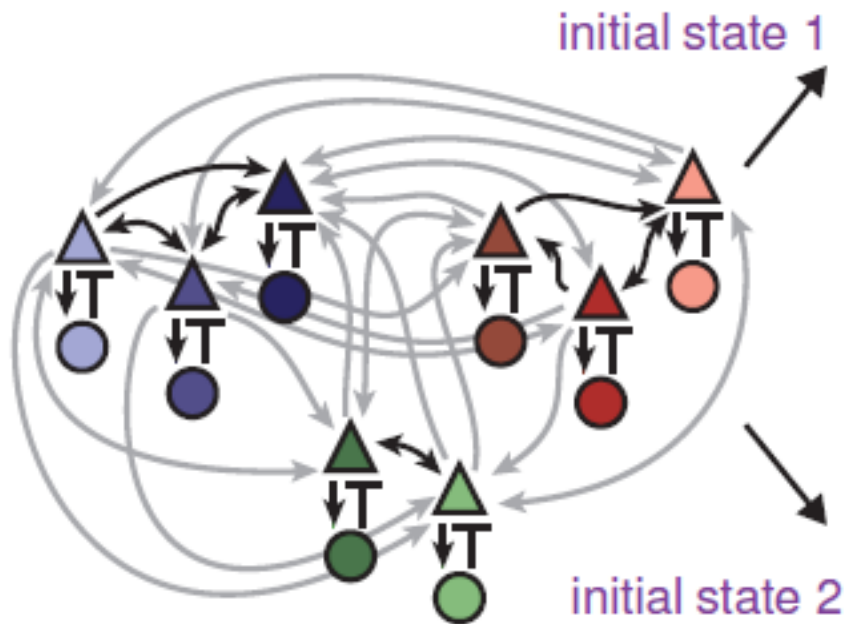
**External signals change information routing pattern**

Information sharing, quantified by delayed mutual information (dMI)

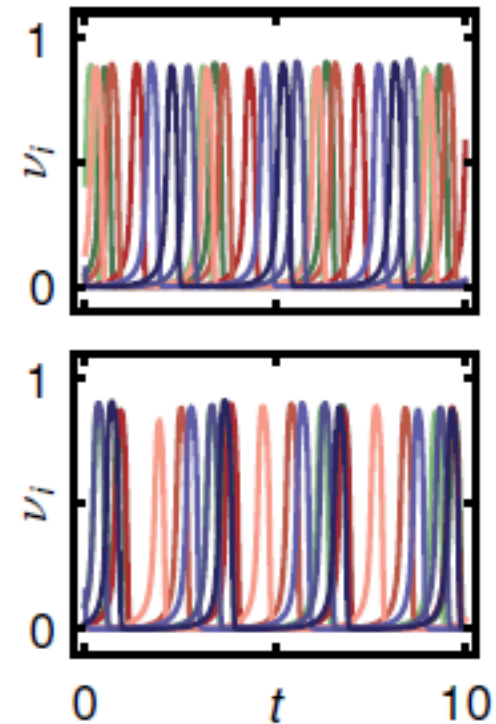
$$dMI_{i,j}(d) = \int p(\phi_{i,t}, \phi_{j,t+d}) \log \left( \frac{p(\phi_{i,t}, \phi_{j,t+d})}{p(\phi_{i,t}) p(\phi_{j,t+d})} \right) d\phi_{i,t} d\phi_{j,t+d}$$

# Collective Dynamics → Information Routing Patterns II

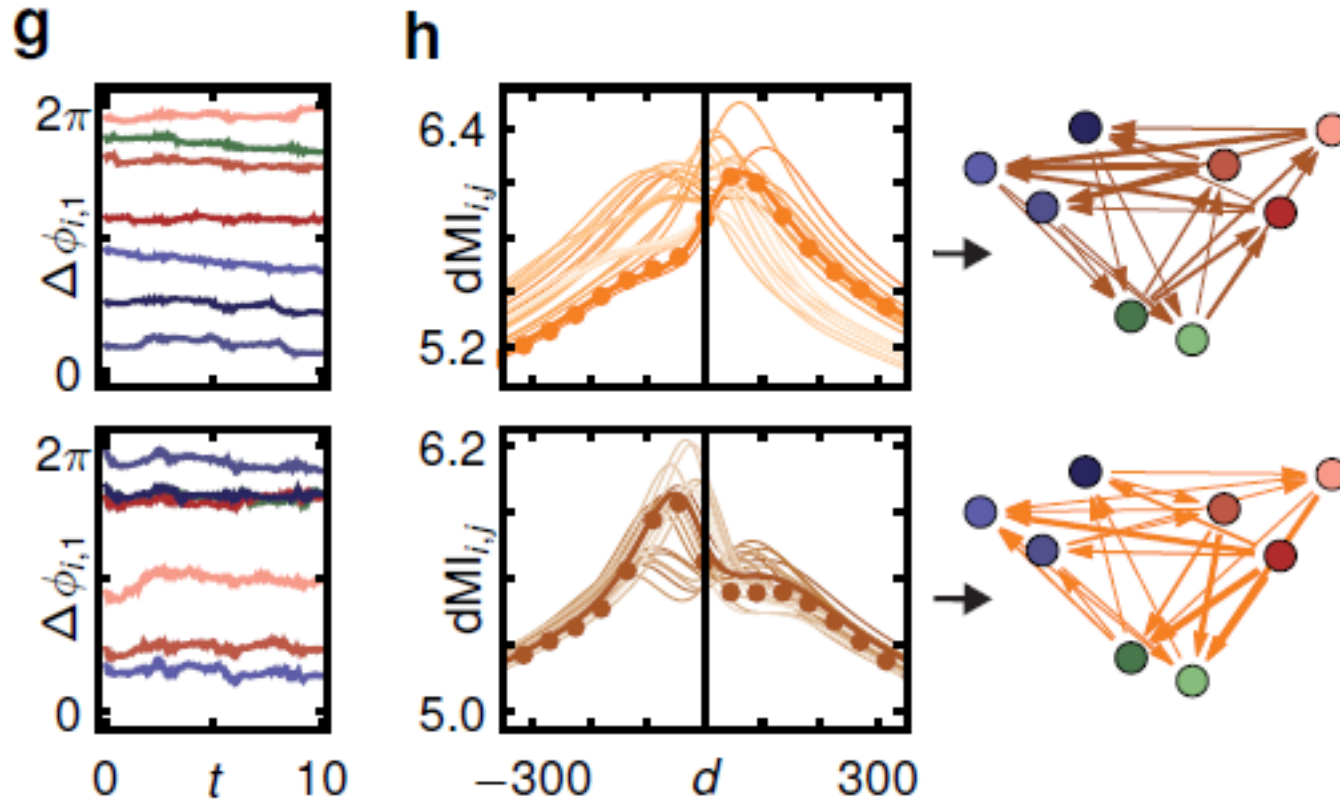
**e** Neuronal network



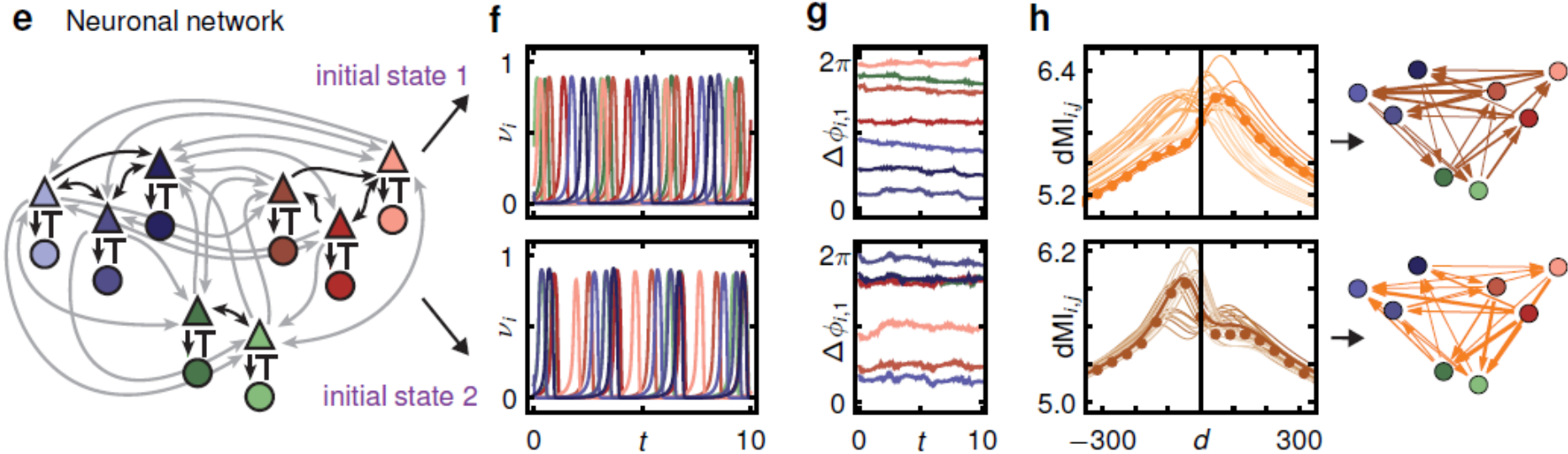
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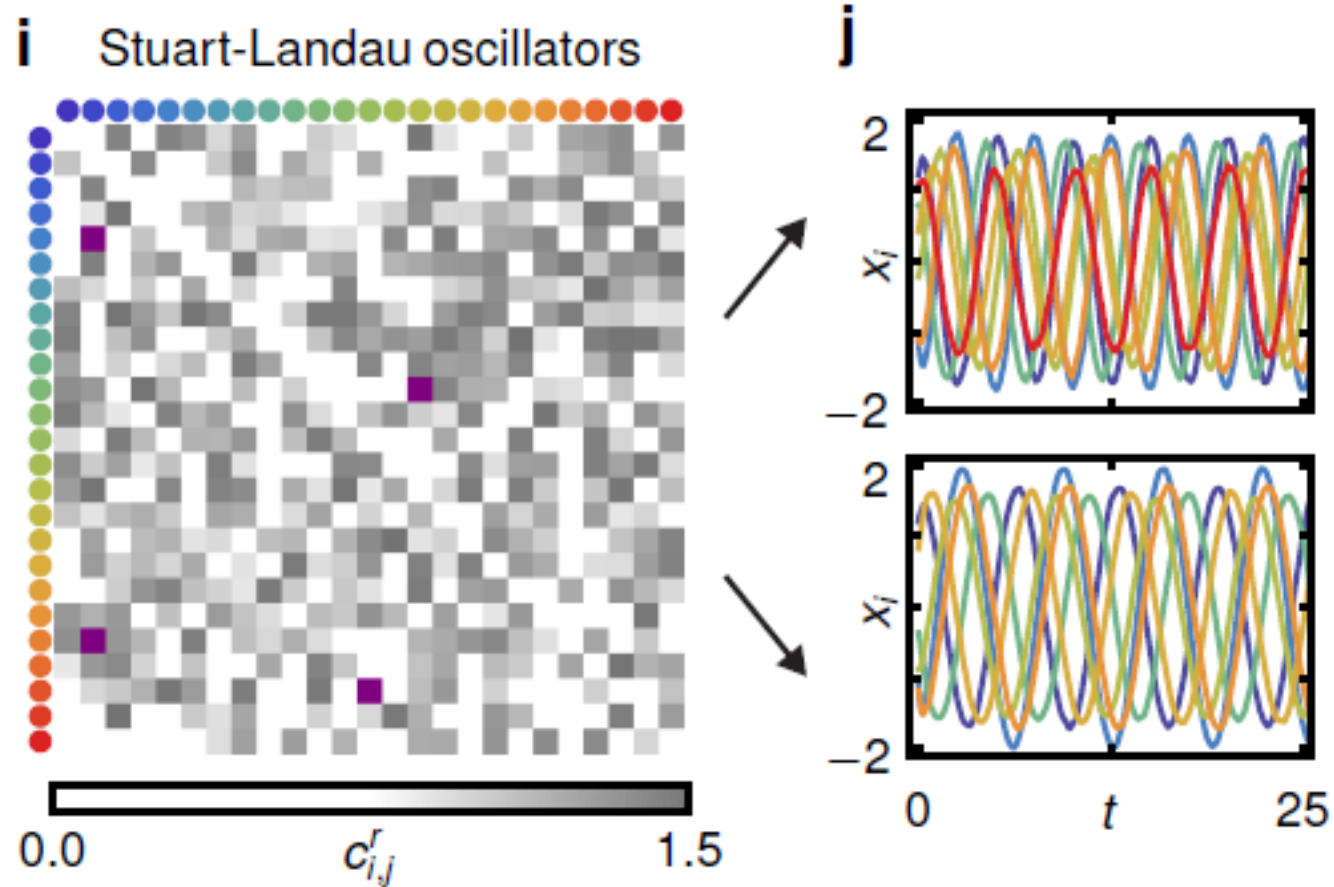


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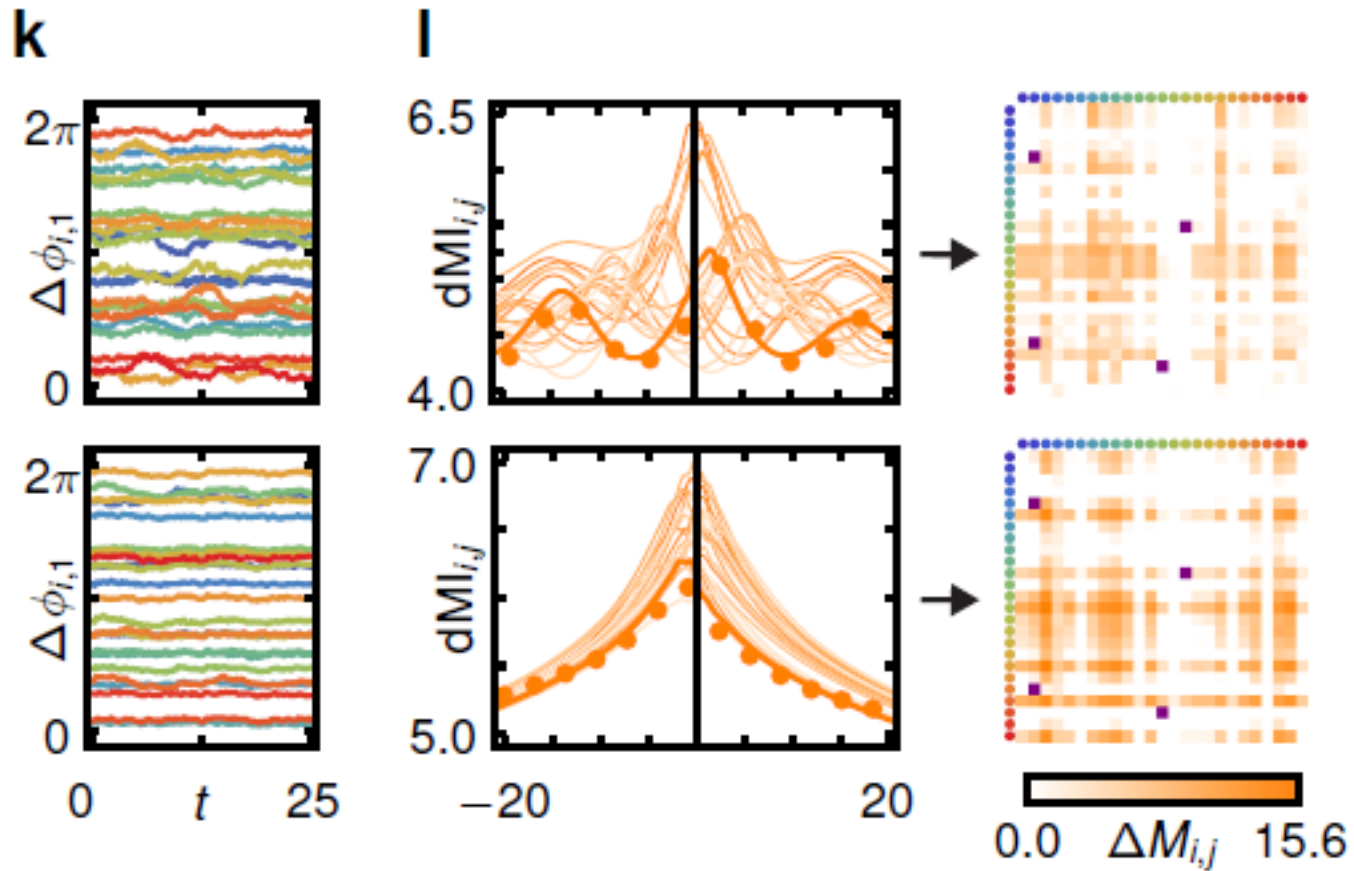




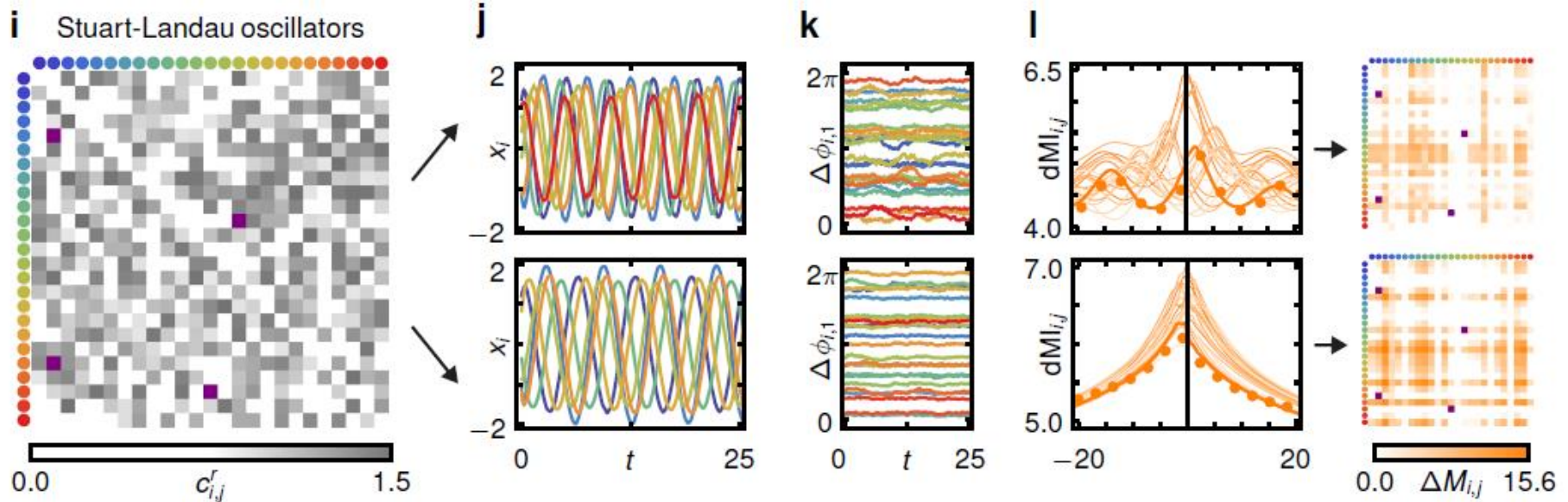
# Collective Dynamics → Information Routing III



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**Local changes modify information routing patterns**

**Dynamic & flexibly controllable patterns of IRPs  
in large networks**

# Analytical Prediction of Information Routing Patterns

1. Phase reduction of oscillators
2. Averaging coupling (over cycle)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\phi_i = \omega_i + \sum_{j=1}^N \gamma_{ij}(\phi_i - \phi_j) + \sum_{k=1}^N \varsigma_{ik}\xi_k$$

3. Joint probabilities
4. Integration of dMI

$$\text{dMI}_{ij}(d) = \frac{k_{ij}(d) I_1(k_{ij}(d))}{I_0(k_{ij}(d))} - \log(I_0(k_{ij}(d)))$$

$I_n(k)$  : n-th modified Bessel function

$k_{ij}(d)$  : inverse of variance of von Mises distribution  
„Gaussian on circle“

# Information Routing Patterns (IRPs) **between subnetworks**

$$\frac{d}{dt}\phi_i = \omega_i + \sum_{j=1}^N \gamma_{ij}(\phi_i - \phi_j) + \sum_{k=1}^N \varsigma_{ik}\xi_k$$

$\Phi_X$  : effective phase of subnetwork X

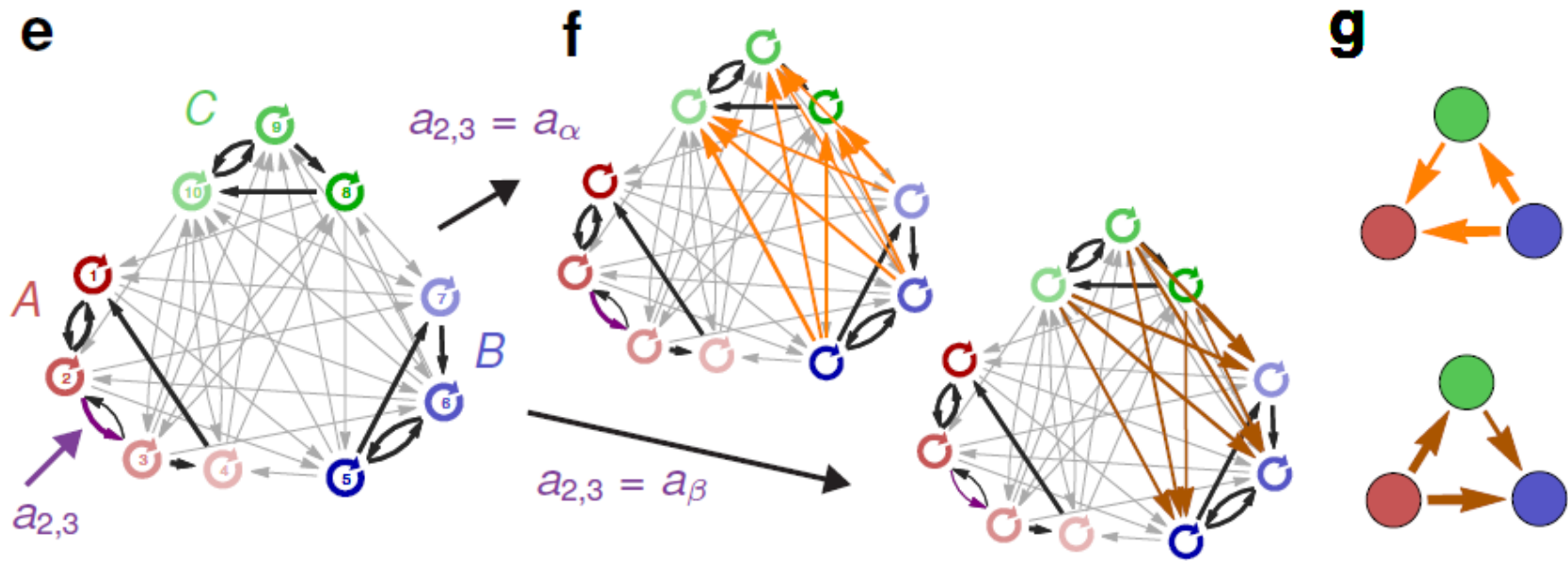
... other effective quantities ...

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_X = \Omega_X + \sum_{Y=1}^M \Gamma_{X,Y}(\Phi_X - \Phi_Y) + \sum_{Y=1}^M \Sigma_{X,Y}\Xi_Y$$

**Theory naturally generalizes** to predict IRPs  
between entire subnetworks

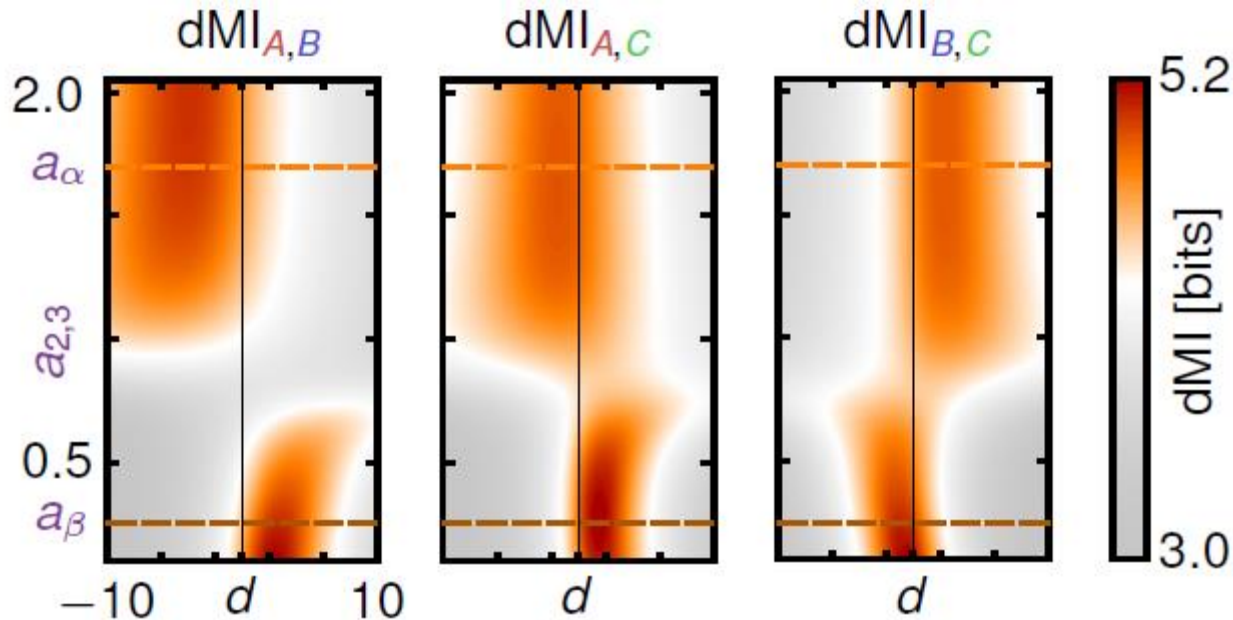


# Remote Control of Information Routing



**Local Structural Changes → Nonlocal Changes in IRP**

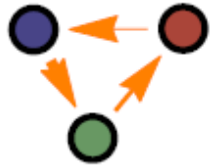
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**Local Structural Changes  $\rightarrow$  Nonlocal Changes in IRP**

# Combinatorial #IRPs possible

$[\alpha_A \alpha_B \alpha_C]$



$[\alpha_A \alpha_B \beta_C]$



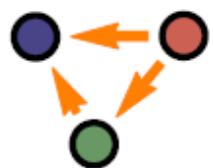
$[\alpha_A \alpha_B \beta_C]'$



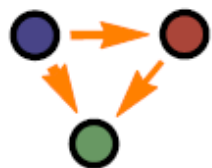
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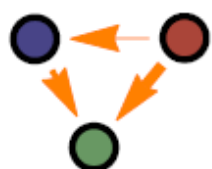
$[\beta_A \beta_B \alpha_C]$



$[\beta_A \beta_B \alpha_C]'$



$[\beta_A \beta_B \alpha_C]''$



$[\beta_A \beta_B \beta_C]$



# Temporally Changing Routing

$[\beta_A \alpha_B \beta_C]$

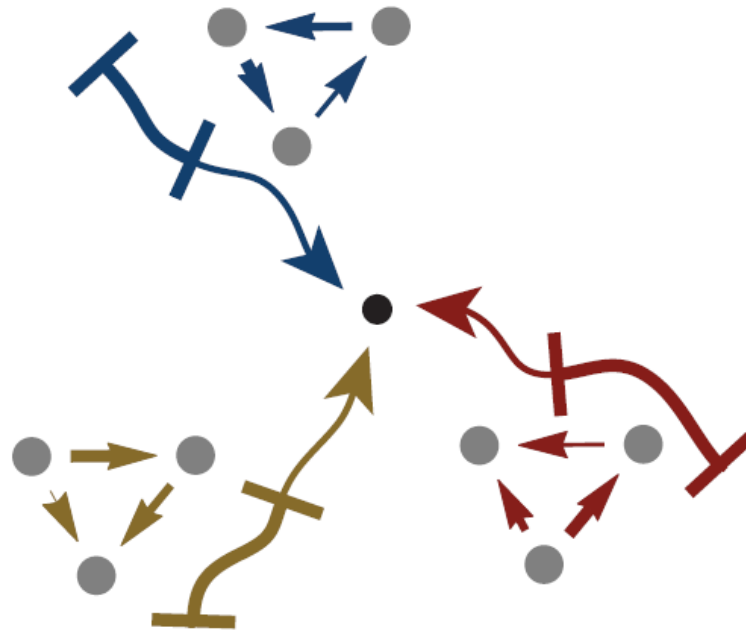


Collective dynamics close to complex periodic orbit

→ temporally changing phase order

→ temporally changing IRPs

# Flexible Routing via Transients



**Each transient** may exhibit **individual IRP**  
despite the fixed point („ground state“) exhibits one IRP



# Summary

## Collective states determine information routing patterns (IRP)

IRP selected by:

- **local unit/coupling features**
- **network connectivity**
- **initial condition**
- **external driving signals**

Analytic description for phase oscillator networks

Coarse-graining: theory generalizes to IRP between entire subsystems

Possible features of network dynamics:

Remote control

Combinatorial #IRPs

Temporally changing IRPs

Theory of **Dynamic Information Routing in Networks**

# Network Dynamics

## Dynamics of Biological (& Bioinspired) Networks:

distributed processing & self-organized control

*Nature Phys.* (2010);

***Nature Comm.* (2016);**

*J. Neurosci.* (2015);

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2012c);

*PLoS Comput. Biol.* (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015);

*New J. Phys.* (2011);

*Frontiers Neurosci.* (2011, 2012, 2013)

*Phys. Rev. X* (2013, 2014);

**spike-based processing & non-additive neural circuits:**

2 BMBF + 1 DFG grants (2004-2016)

## Dynamics of Networks in Engineering:

communication, power grids & flexible mobility

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2016, 2012b); *New J. Phys.* (2012, 2015); *Chaos* (2014); *EPJST* (2013);

*EPJB* (2014); *IEEE Trans. Power Syst.* & *IEEE Trans. Mobile Comput.* (2016)

**power grids:** BMBF grant (2013), *Microware* (2016-2017), *patent* (2016-2017), *IEEE Trans. Power Syst.* (2016)

**flexible mobility:** EFRE grant 2.96 Mio Euros (pending, 2016-2018)

## Theoretical & Mathematical Foundations:

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2015, 2012a);

*Nature Phys.* (2011);

*SIAM J. Appl. Math.* (2010);

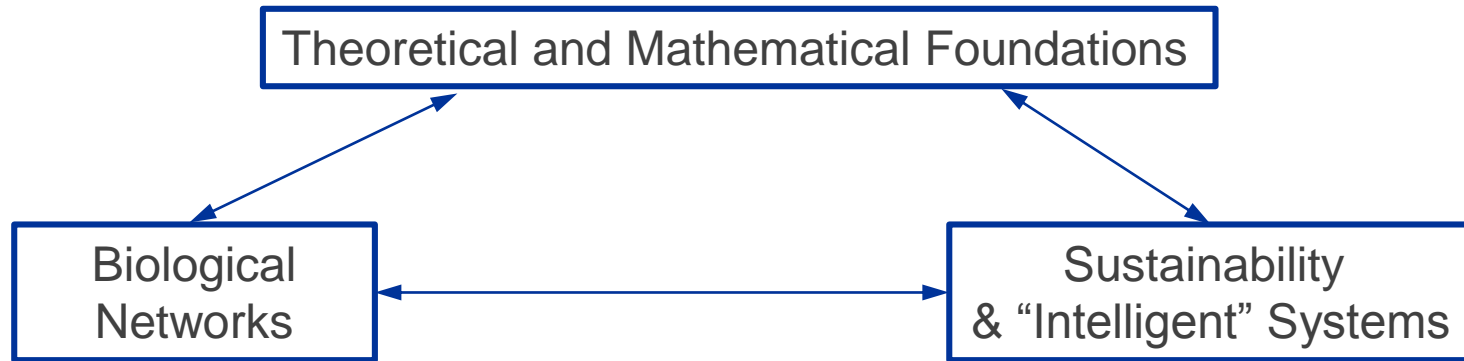
*Chaos* (2014)

*Discr. Cont. Dyn. Syst.* (2010)

*SIAM J. Appl. Dyn. Syst.* (2012);

*New J Phys.* (2012)

# Current Topics in Network Dynamics



## Selected recent publications

physics

*Nature Phys.* (2010 + 2011)  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.*  
(2010, 2011, 2012a,b,c, 2015, 2016)  
*Phys. Rev. X* (2013 + 2014)  
*New J. Phys.* (2012a,b, 2015);

*Discr. Cont. Dyn. Syst.* (2010)  
*SIAM J. Appl Dyn. Syst.* (2012)  
*SIAM J. Appl. Math.* (2010)

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bio- & neuro-  
science

*Nature Comm.* (2016)  
*Frontiers in Comput. Neurosci.*  
(2009a,b, 2011, 2012, 2013)  
*PLoS Comput. Biol.*  
(2011, 2013, 2014, 2015)  
*J. Neurosci.* (2015)

*patent* WO 2013178237 (2013)  
*patent registration* 16154441.6-1955 (2016)  
*IEEE Trans. Mobile Comput.* (tbp 2016);  
*IEEE Trans. Power Syst.* (tbp 2016); *Chaos* (2014);  
*Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics* (2014);  
*Eur. Phys. J. B* (2013);

engineering

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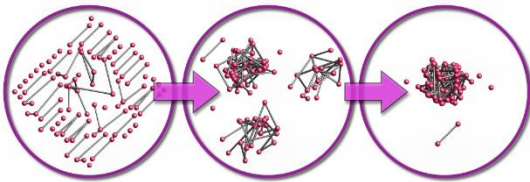


and you all for your attention & interest

Questions and comments welcome!

# Recent Progress

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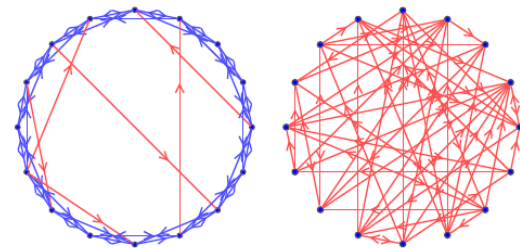


### Explosive Transition in Network Growth

competition  $\rightarrow$  transition between 1st & 2nd order  
**single link matters!**

*Nature Phys.* (2011);

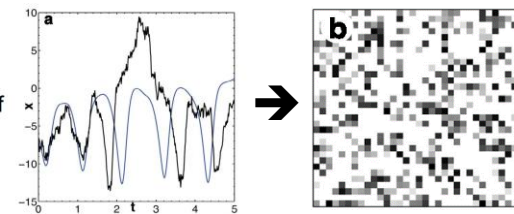
see also Nagler & Co, *Nature Comm.* (2013), *Phys. Rev. X* (2013)



### Small World Networks

**structure:** Watts & Strogatz, *Nature* (1998), >21000 citations  
now relaxation **dynamics**

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2012a)



### Network Inverse Problem: Structure from Dynamics

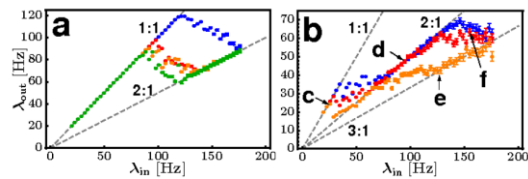
Methods for **inference** and **design**

*Front. Comput. Neurosci.* (2011); *New. J. Phys.* (2011);

***Invited Topical Review: J. Phys. A* (2014)**



# Recent Progress Neuro- and Biophysics

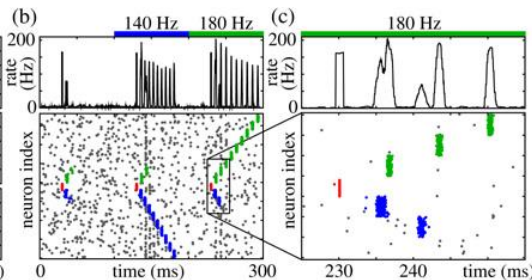


## Spike Sequence Processing in Neurons

Resource limitations

→ **generic non-monotonic response**

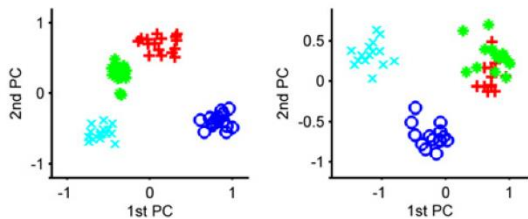
*BMC Neurosci.* (2013); *PLoS Comput. Biol.* (under review)



## Non-additive Coupling & Plasticity

→ **spike patterns & memory**

*PLoS Comput Biol.* (2012, 2013); *Phys. Rev. X* (2012)



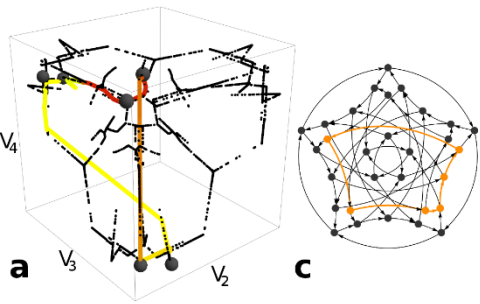
## Combinatorial Neural Processing

**exploiting network heterogeneities**

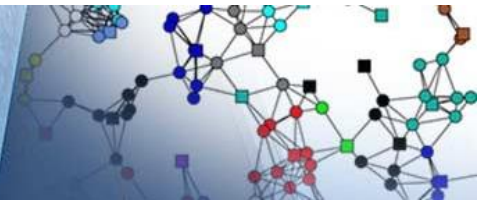
joint PhD students with A. Fiala (Uni-Bio); *PLoS ONE* (2011);



# Recent Progress – Intelligent Dynamical Systems f. Computation & Engineering

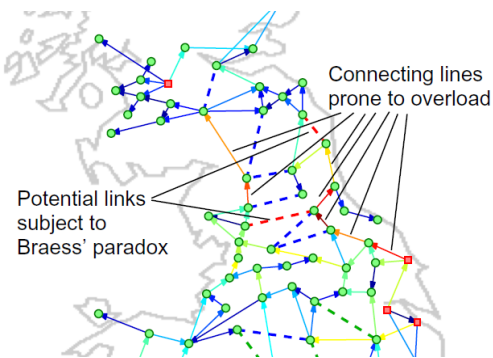


Intelligent Dynamical Systems  
universal **heteroclinic computing**  
with exponential capacity  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2012b)



Communication Networks & Robotics  
distributed, stochastic & adaptive control  
→ **self-organize versatile functions**

*Nature Phys.* (2010); *New J. Phys.* (2012a); **patent** (2013)



Dynamically Smart Power Grids  
**decentralization helps, Braess' paradox hinders**  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2012c), *New J. Phys.* (2012b)