

# Local vulnerabilities and global robustness of equilibrium in network-coupled systems

Melvyn Tyloo, T-4

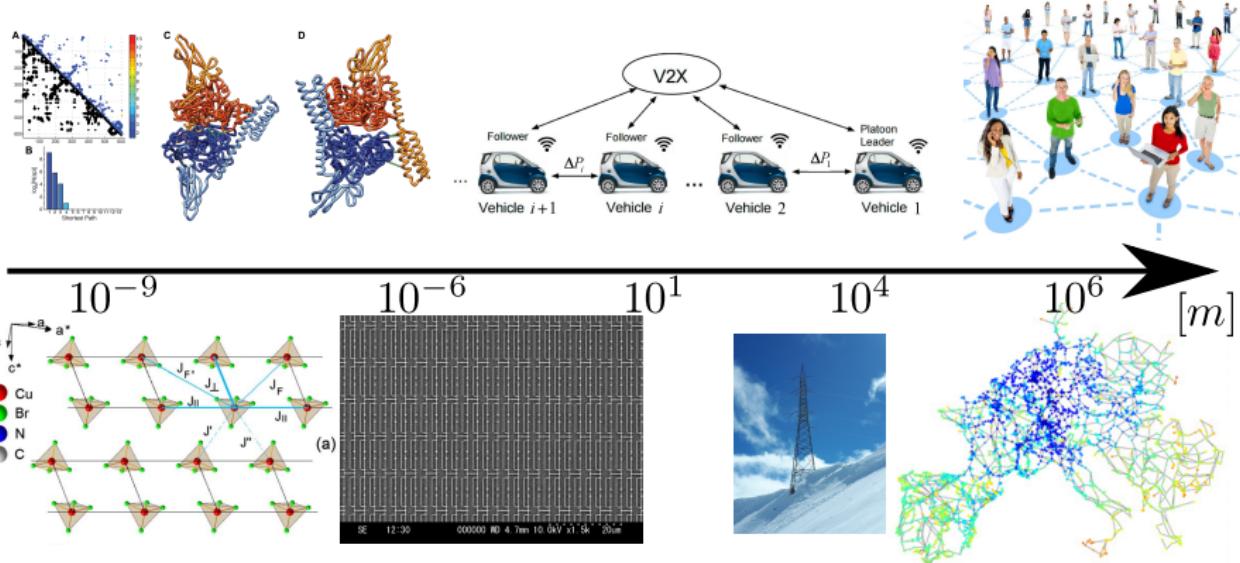
Director's Postdoc Fellow



website: [melvyntyloo.com](http://melvyntyloo.com)

[mtyloo@lanl.gov](mailto:mtyloo@lanl.gov)

# Introduction – Coupled Dynamical Systems



Sources: Phys. Rev. B **80**, 094411 (2009)

PLoS Comput Biol 11(6), e1004262 (2015)

Phys. Rev. Lett. **85**, 1974 (2000).

Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies Volume 84, November 2017, Pages 21-47.

<https://etranselec.ch/2019/10/07/Swissgr.html>

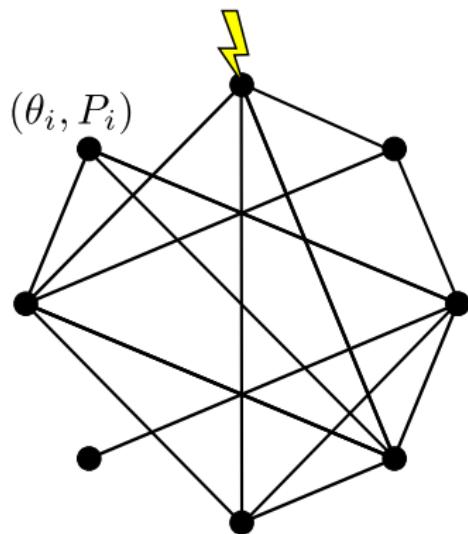
<https://researchoutreach.org/articles/opinion-dynamics-consensus-social-networks/>



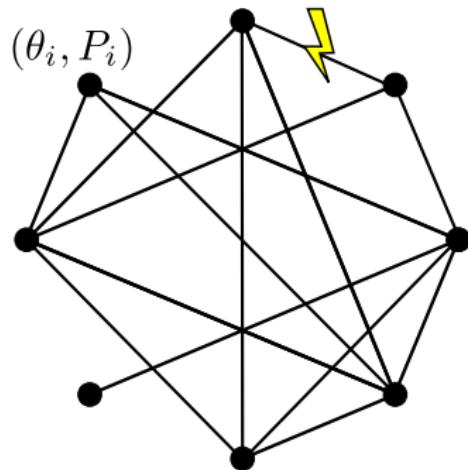
# Introduction – Vulnerabilities and Robustness

## Perturbations in complex networks

Node

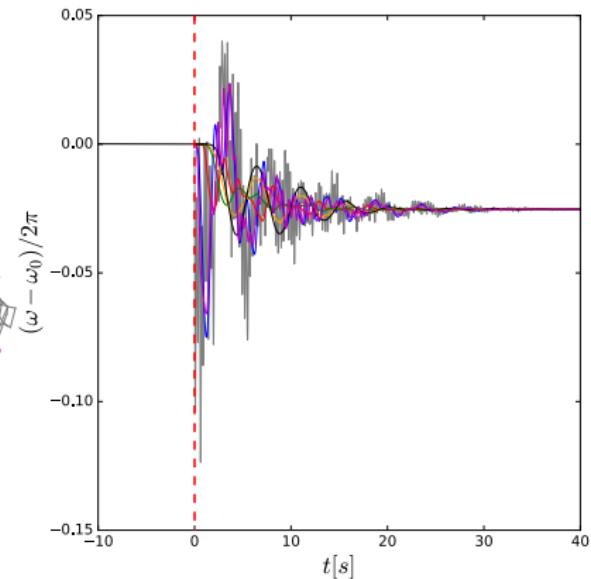


Edge



# Introduction – Vulnerabilities and Robustness

**Small perturbation → Transient dynamics**



- 
- MT, Coletta, Jacquod, Phys. Rev. Lett. **120**, 084101 (2018).  
MT, Pagnier, Jacquod Sci. Adv. **5**(11), eaaw8359 (2019).  
MT, Jacquod, Phys. Rev. E **100**, 032303 (2019).  
MT, Jacquod IEEE L-CSS **5**(3), 929-934 (2020).

# Introduction – Vulnerabilities and Robustness

## Multistability → Transitions between fixed points

- .. Silk, J. & Vilenkin, A. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **53**, 1700 (1984).  
9. Hogan, C. J. *Phys. Lett.* **143B**, 87 (1984).  
10. Vilenkin, A. & Field, G. *Nature* (in the press).

---

### Flux quantization in a high- $T_c$ superconductor

C. E. Gough\*, M. S. Colclough\*, E. M. Forgan\*,  
R. G. Jordan\*, M. Keene\*, C. M. Muirhead\*,  
A. I. M. Rae\*, N. Thomas\*, J. S. Abell† & S. Sutton†

\* Department of Physics, University of Birmingham,  
Birmingham B15 2TT, UK

† Department of Metallurgy and Materials, University of  
Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, UK

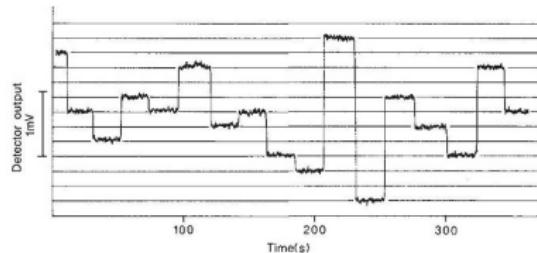


Fig. 2 Output of the r.f.-SQUID magnetometer showing small integral numbers of flux quanta jumping in and out of the ring.

way we deduce that the magnitude of the flux jumps shown in Fig. 1 is typically 100 ( $h/2e$ ).

---

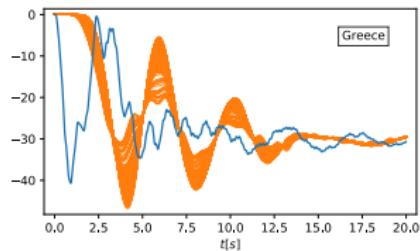
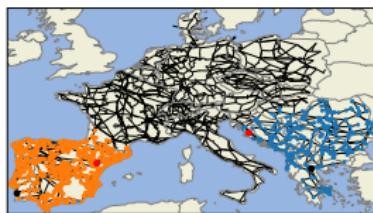
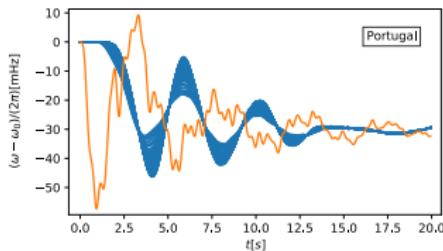
Delabays, MT, Jacquod, Chaos **27**(10), 103109 (2017).

MT, Delabays, Jacquod, Phys. Rev. E **99**(6), 062213 (2019).

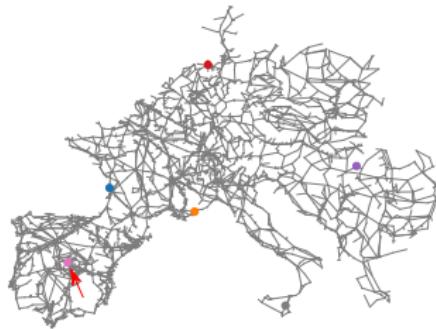
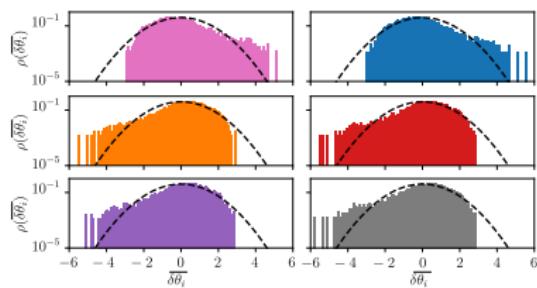
Baumann, Sokolov, MT, Phys. Rev. E **102**(5), 052313 (2020).

# Introduction – Vulnerabilities and Robustness

## Disturbance spreading



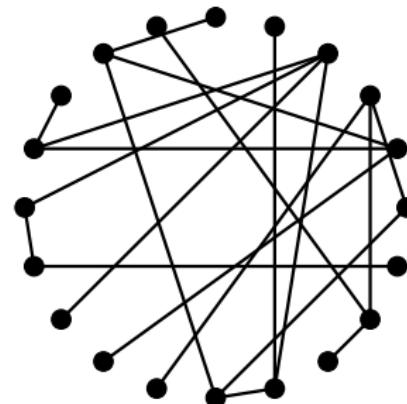
## Non-Gaussian noise propagation



Fritzsch, MT, Jacquod proceedings 60th IEEE CDC (2021).  
MT, Hindes, Jacquod, arXiv:2203.00590 (2022).

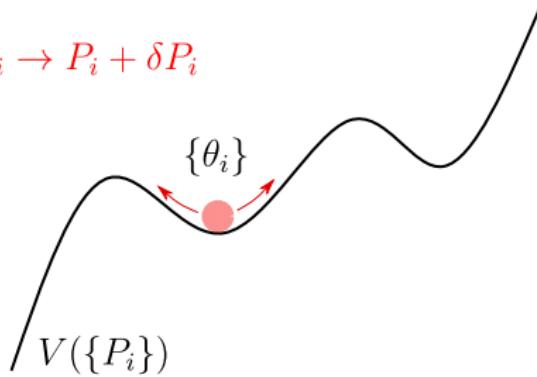
# Introduction

## Small perturbation response



$(\theta_i, P_i)$

$$P_i \rightarrow P_i + \delta P_i$$



$$V(\{P_i\})$$

# Coupled Oscillators

## Second order Kuramoto model

$$m_i \ddot{\theta}_i + d_i \dot{\theta}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) , \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji} \geq 0 .$$

$P_i$  : natural frequencies.

$m_i$  : inertia.

$d_i$  : damping.

## Electric Power Network (in the lossless line approximation)

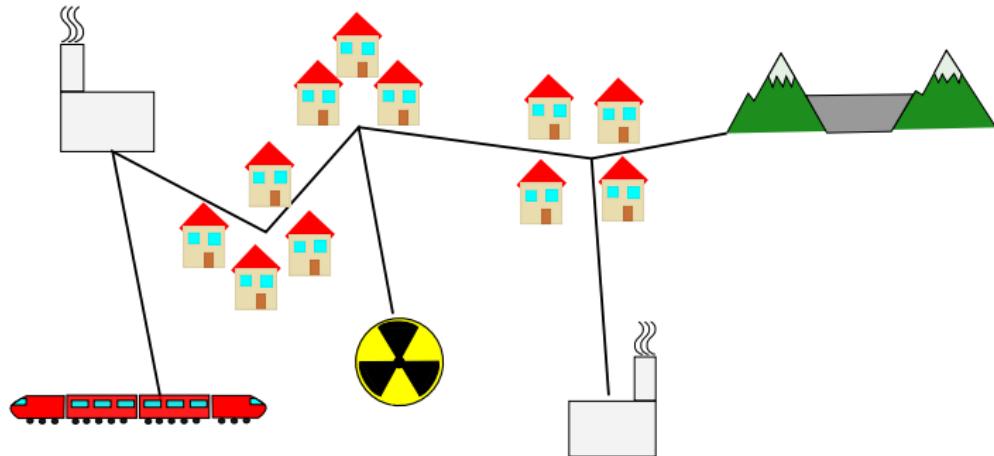
$P_i$  : injected/consumed power.

$m_i = 0$  : loads.

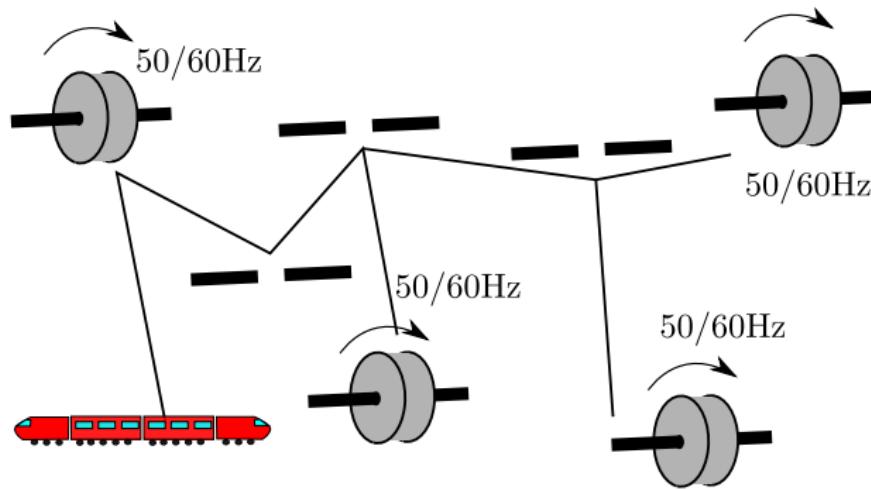
$m_i \neq 0$  : generators.

$a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$  : power flow from  $i$  to  $j$ .

# Power grids



# Power grids



# Coupled Oscillators

## Second order Kuramoto model

$$m_i \ddot{\theta}_i + d_i \dot{\theta}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) , \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji} \geq 0 .$$

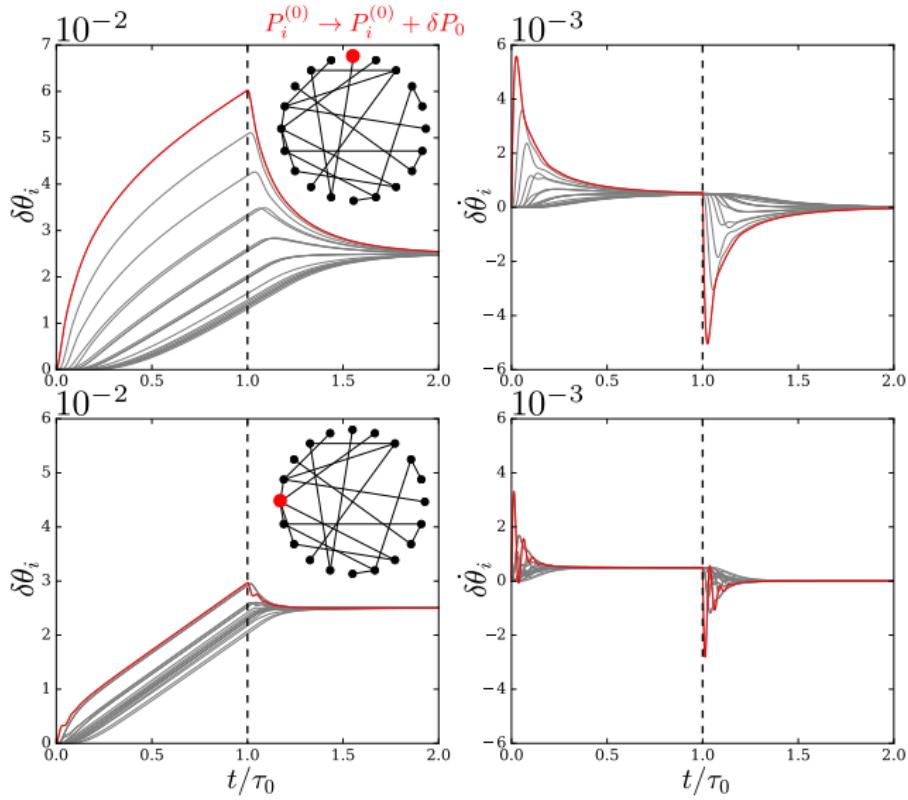
**Steady-state solutions** Synchronous states  $\{\theta_i^{(0)}\}$  such that:

$$P_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_j^{(0)}) , \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\sum_i P_i = 0 \quad [\theta_i(t) \rightarrow \theta_i(t) + \Omega t].$$

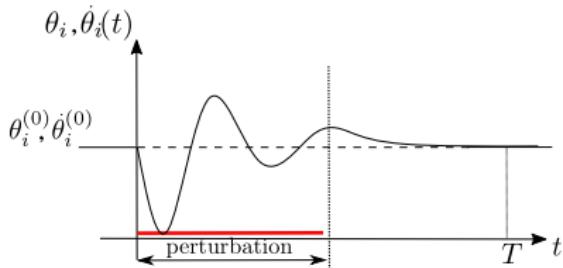
**Perturbations**  $P_i \rightarrow P_i^{(0)} + \delta P_i(t)$ .

# Coupled Dynamical Systems: Example

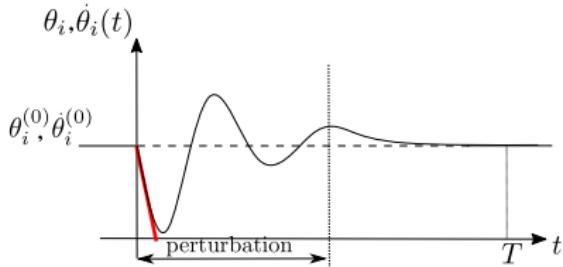


# Quantifying Robustness

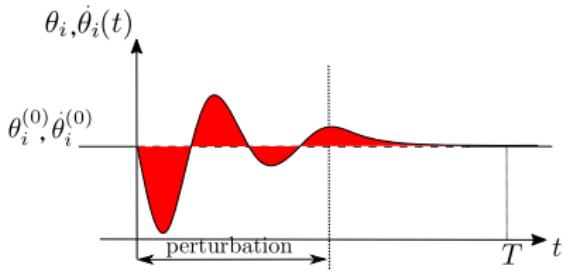
- Maximum of the response,  
 $\max_t(\theta_i)$ .



- Rate of change of frequency (RoCoF),  $\ddot{\theta}_i$ .

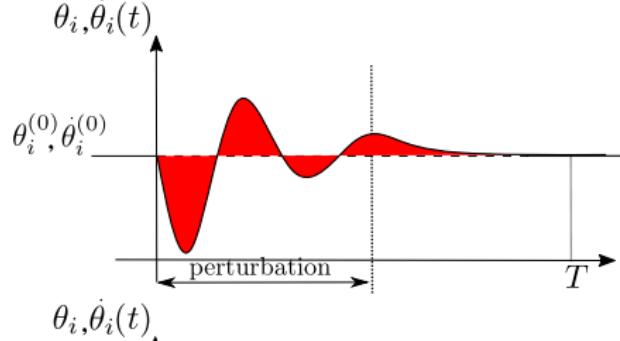


- Performance measure  
(quadratic integrals over the transient).



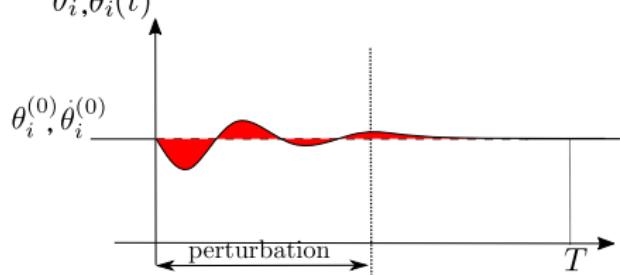
# Quantifying Robustness

## Performance measures



$$\mathcal{P}_1(T) = \sum_i \int_0^T |\theta_i(t) - \theta_i^{(0)}|^2 dt ,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_2(T) = \sum_i \int_0^T |\dot{\theta}_i(t) - \dot{\theta}_i^{(0)}|^2 dt .$$



$$\mathcal{P}_{1,2}^\infty = \mathcal{P}_{1,2}(T \rightarrow \infty) .$$

Noisy disturbances  $\rightarrow$  divide by  $T$ .

**Perturbations** :  $P_i \rightarrow P_i^{(0)} + \delta P_i(t)$ .

# Response to Perturbations: Linearization

**Linear response** Perturbation of the natural frequencies.

- $P_i(t) = P_i^{(0)} + \delta P_i(t) \rightarrow \theta_i(t) = \theta_i^{(0)} + \delta\theta_i(t)$  :

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\delta\theta}(t) + \mathbf{D}\dot{\delta\theta}(t) = \delta\mathbf{P}(t) - \mathbb{L}(\{\theta_i^{(0)}\})\delta\theta(t),$$

$\mathbb{L}(\{\theta_i^{(0)}\})$  : the weighted Laplacian matrix,

$$\mathbb{L}_{ij}(\{\theta_i^{(0)}\}) = \begin{cases} -a_{ij} \cos(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_j^{(0)}) , & i \neq j, \\ \sum_k a_{ik} \cos(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_k^{(0)}) , & i = j. \end{cases}$$

**Topology**  $\rightarrow a_{ij}$ .

**Steady state**  $\rightarrow \{\theta_i^{(0)}\}$ .

# Response to Perturbations: Time Scales

## Intrinsic Time Scales

- Network relaxation:  $1/\lambda_\alpha$  with  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  the eigenvalues of  $\mathbb{L}$ .
- Individual elements:  $m/d$ .

## Perturbation Time Scale

- Correlation time of the external perturbation  $\delta \mathbf{P}(t)$ .

## Noisy time correlated perturbations

- $\overline{\delta P_i(t) P_j(t')} = \delta P_{0i}^2 \delta_{ij} \exp[-|t - t'|/\tau_0]$ .

Correlation time  $\rightarrow \tau_0$ .

# Response to Perturbations: Specific $\delta P_0$

## Noisy time correlated perturbations

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}_1} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\sum_{i \in N_n} \delta P_{0i}^2 u_{\alpha,i}^2 (\tau_0 + m/d)}{\lambda_{\alpha}(\lambda_{\alpha}\tau_0 + d + m/\tau_0)}.$$

$N_n$ : noisy nodes.

## Averaged perturbations

$$\langle \delta P_{0,i} \delta P_{0,j} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \langle \delta P_0^2 \rangle$$

## Short and long correlation time

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}_1^{\infty}} \simeq \begin{cases} \langle \delta P_0^2 \rangle \tau_0 \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \lambda_{\alpha}^{-1} / 2, & \lambda_{\alpha} \tau_0, m/d \ll 1, \forall \alpha, \\ \langle \delta P_0^2 \rangle \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \lambda_{\alpha}^{-2}, & \lambda_{\alpha} \tau_0, m/d \gg 1, \forall \alpha. \end{cases}$$

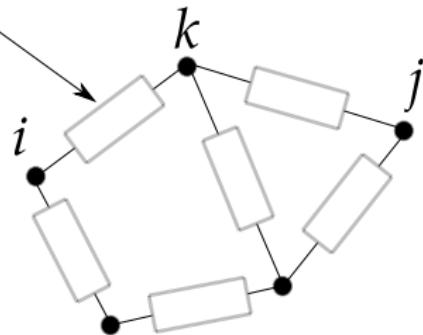
# Resistance Distance

## Resistance Distance

$$\Omega_{ij}^{(1)} = \mathbb{L}_{ii}^\dagger + \mathbb{L}_{jj}^\dagger - \mathbb{L}_{ij}^\dagger - \mathbb{L}_{ji}^\dagger = \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{(u_{\alpha,i} - u_{\alpha,j})^2}{\lambda_\alpha}.$$

$\mathbb{L}^\dagger$  : pseudo inverse of  $\mathbb{L}$  (because of  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ).

$$R_{ik} = [a_{ik} \cos(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_k^{(0)})]^{-1}$$



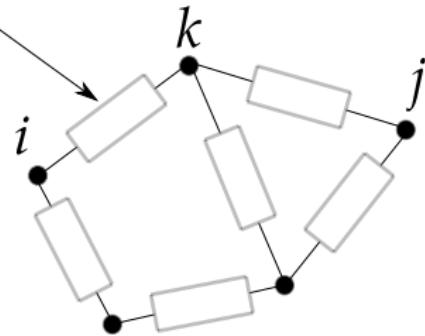
Klein and Randić, *J. Math. Chem.* **12**, 81 (1993).

# Resistance Distance and $Kf_1$ 's

## Kirchhoff Index

$$Kf_1 = \sum_{i < j} \Omega_{ij}^{(1)} = n \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \lambda_\alpha^{-1} .$$

$$R_{ik} = [a_{ik} \cos(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_k^{(0)})]^{-1}$$



# Resistance Distances and $Kf_p$ 's

## Generalized Resistance Distances

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{ij}^{(p)} &= \mathbb{L}'_{ii}^\dagger + \mathbb{L}'_{jj}^\dagger - \mathbb{L}'_{ij}^\dagger - \mathbb{L}'_{ji}^\dagger \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{(u_{\alpha,i} - u_{\alpha,j})^2}{\lambda_\alpha^p}, \\ \mathbb{L}' &= \mathbb{L}^p.\end{aligned}$$

## Generalized Kirchhoff Indices

$$Kf_p = \sum_{i < j} \Omega_{ij}^{(p)} = n \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \lambda_\alpha^{-p}.$$

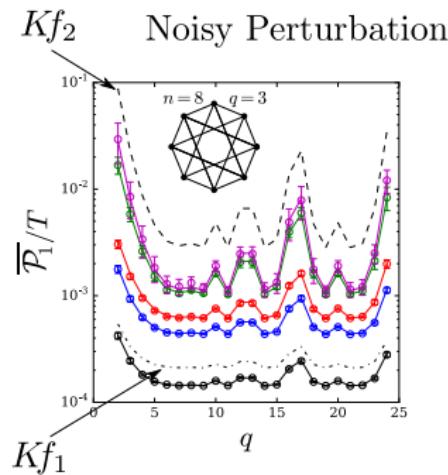
# Response to Perturbations: Global Robustness

## Averaged perturbations

$$\langle \delta P_{0,i} \delta P_{0,j} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \langle \delta P_0^2 \rangle$$

## Noisy time correlated perturbations

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}}_1^\infty \simeq \begin{cases} \langle \delta P_0^2 \rangle \tau_0 K f_1 / n, & \lambda_\alpha \tau_0 \ll 1, \forall \alpha, \\ \langle \delta P_0^2 \rangle K f_2 / n, & \lambda_\alpha \tau_0 \gg 1, \forall \alpha. \end{cases}$$



# Response to Perturbations: Local Vulnerabilities

## Local perturbations

$$\delta P_{0,i} = \delta_{ik} \delta P_0$$

## Noisy time correlated perturbations

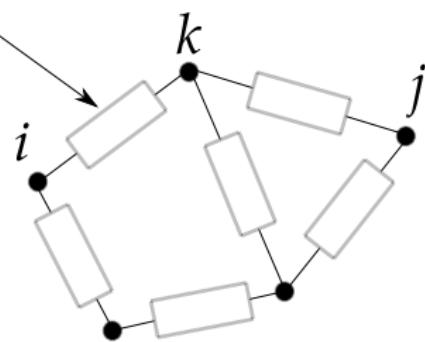
$$\overline{\mathcal{P}_1^\infty}(k) \simeq \begin{cases} \delta P_0^2 \tau_0 \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{u_{\alpha,k}^2}{\lambda_\alpha}, & \lambda_\alpha \tau_0 \ll 1, \forall \alpha, \\ \delta P_0^2 \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{u_{\alpha,k}^2}{\lambda_\alpha^2}, & \lambda_\alpha \tau_0 \gg 1, \forall \alpha. \end{cases}$$

# Resistance Distances, $Kf_p$ 's and $C_p$ 's

## Centralities

$$C_p(k) = \left[ n^{-1} \sum_j \Omega_{kj}^{(p)} \right]^{-1} = \left[ \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{u_{\alpha,k}^2}{\lambda_{\alpha}^p} + n^{-2} Kf_p \right]^{-1}.$$

$$R_{ik} = [a_{ik} \cos(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_k^{(0)})]^{-1}$$



# Response to Perturbations: Local Vulnerabilities

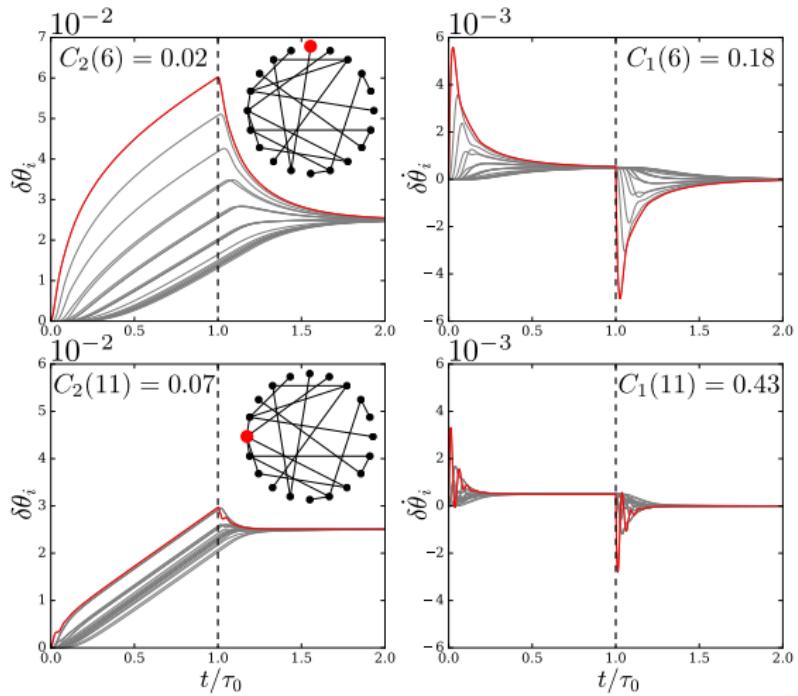
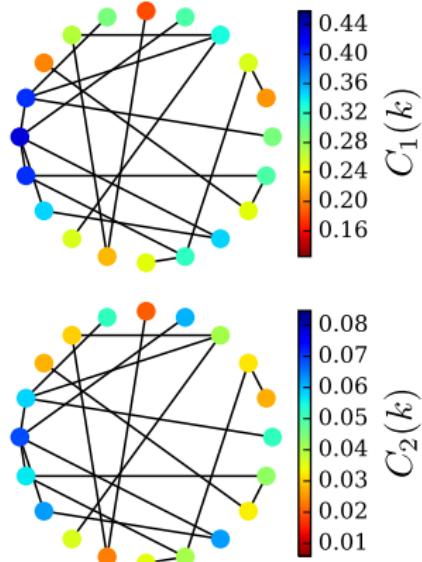
## Local perturbations

$$\delta P_{0,i} = \delta_{ik} \delta P_0$$

## Noisy time correlated perturbations

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}}_1^\infty(k) \simeq \begin{cases} \delta P_0^2 \tau_0 [C_1^{-1}(k) - n^{-2} K f_1], & \lambda_\alpha \tau_0 \ll 1, \forall \alpha, \\ \delta P_0^2 [C_2^{-1}(k) - n^{-2} K f_2], & \lambda_\alpha \tau_0 \gg 1, \forall \alpha. \end{cases}$$

# Specific Local Vulnerabilities and $C_p$ 's: Numerics



# Physical Realization : European Electrical Grid

$$\tau_0 \ll d/\lambda_\alpha, m/d$$

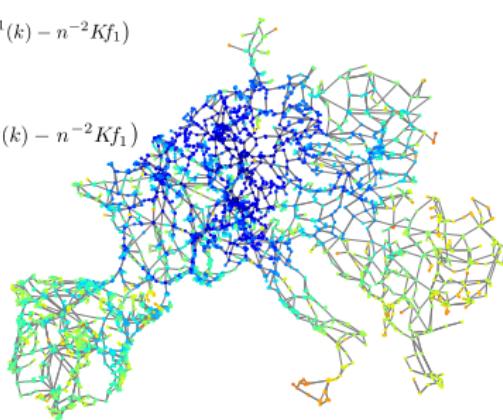
$$\mathcal{P}_1^\infty \simeq \frac{\delta P_0^2 \tau_0}{d} (C_1^{-1}(k) - n^{-2} K f_1)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_2^\infty \simeq \frac{\delta P_0^2 \tau_0}{dm} \frac{(n-1)}{n}$$

$$\tau_0 \gg d/\lambda_\alpha, m/d$$

$$\mathcal{P}_2^\infty \simeq \frac{\delta P_0^2}{d\tau_0} (C_1^{-1}(k) - n^{-2} K f_1)$$

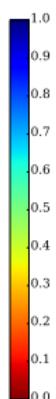
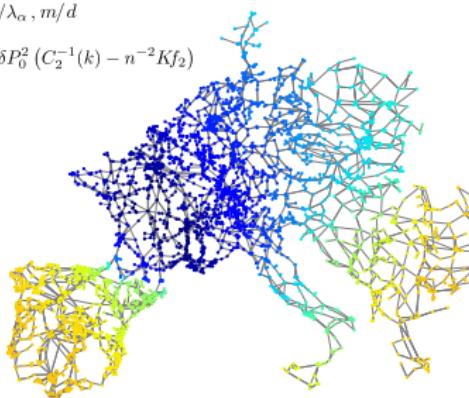
$$C_1(i)/\max[C_1(i)]$$



$$\tau_0 \gg d/\lambda_\alpha, m/d$$

$$\mathcal{P}_1^\infty \simeq \delta P_0^2 (C_2^{-1}(k) - n^{-2} K f_2)$$

$$C_2(i)/\max[C_2(i)]$$



# Transient Response – Conclusion

## Global Robustness

- Generalized Kirchhoff Indices,  $Kf_p$ 's.

## Local Vulnerabilities

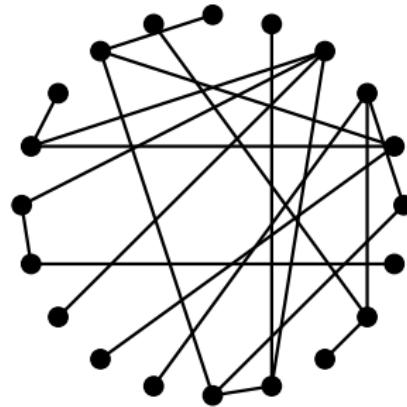
- Generalized Resistance Centralities,  $C_p$ 's.
- Establish a ranking of the nodes.

→  $p$  depends on which performance measures you are interested in and on the correlation time of the perturbation.

## Inertia

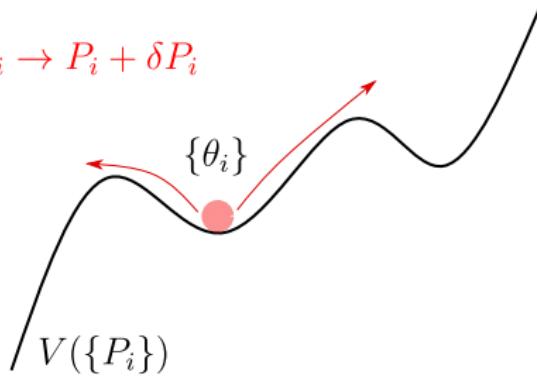
- No effect on performance measures in both asymptotics in  $\tau_0$  except for frequencies and short  $\tau_0$ .

# Introduction – Transitions



$(\theta_i, P_i)$

$$P_i \rightarrow P_i + \delta P_i$$



# Transitions – Steady State Identification

## Second-order Kuramoto

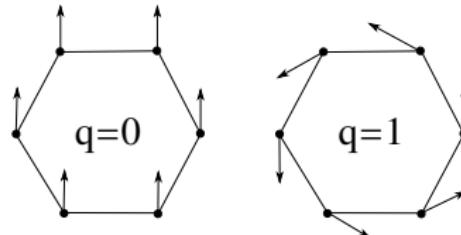
$$m_i \ddot{\theta}_i + d_i \dot{\theta}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) , \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji} \geq 0 .$$

**Steady-state solutions** Synchronous state  $\{\theta_i^{(0)}\}$  such that:

$$P_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i^{(0)} - \theta_j^{(0)}) , \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

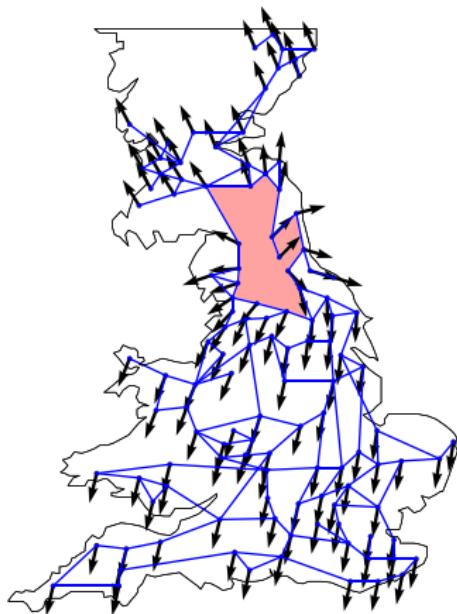
**Winding number**  $q = (2\pi)^{-1} \sum_{i \in c} |\theta_{i+1} - \theta_i|_{[-\pi, \pi]} .$



Delabays, Coletta, Jacquod, Journal of Mathematical Physics **58**, 032703 (2017). ↗ ↘ ↙

# Transitions – Steady State Identification

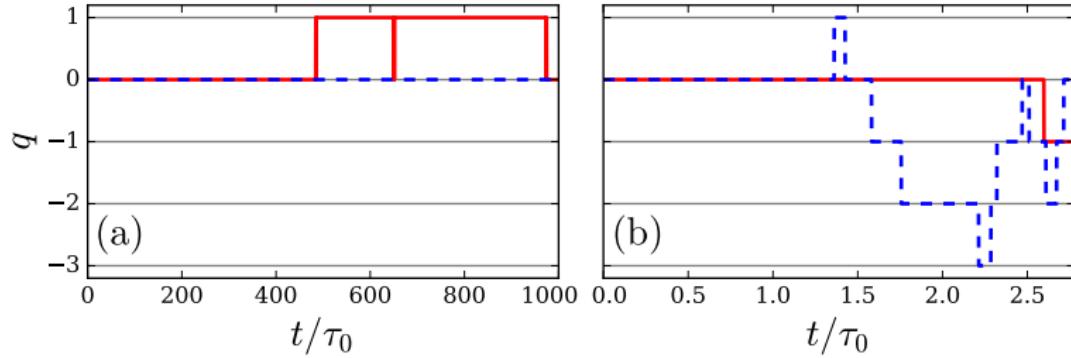
## Meshed network



# Transitions – Noisy Environment

## Noisy natural frequencies

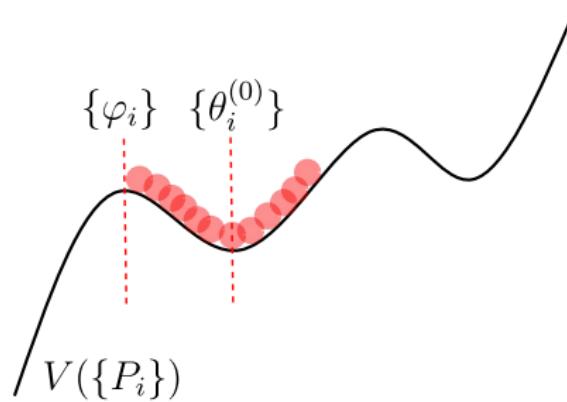
- $\langle \delta P_i(t) \rangle = 0,$
- $\langle \delta P_i(t) \delta P_j(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta P_0^2 \exp[-|t - t'|/\tau_0].$



# Transitions – Escape Criterion

## Noisy natural frequencies

- $\langle \delta P_i(t) \rangle = 0,$
- $\langle \delta P_i(t) \delta P_j(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta P_0^2 \exp[-|t - t'|/\tau_0].$



**Escape criterion**  $\langle \delta \theta^2 \rangle \cong \|\theta^{(0)} - \varphi\|_2^2$

# Transitions – Linear Response

**Escape criterion**  $\langle \delta\theta^2 \rangle \cong \|\theta^{(0)} - \varphi\|_2^2$

## Noisy natural frequencies

- $\langle \delta P_i(t) \rangle = 0$ ,
- $\langle \delta P_i(t) \delta P_j(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta P_0^2 \exp[-|t - t'|/\tau_0]$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle \delta\theta^2(t) \rangle = \delta P_0^2 \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{\tau_0 + m/d}{\lambda_\alpha(\lambda_\alpha \tau_0 + d + m/\tau_0)}.$$

# Transitions – Distance to Closest Saddle

**Escape criterion**  $\langle \delta\theta^2 \rangle \cong \|\theta^{(0)} - \varphi\|_2^2$

## Single cycle

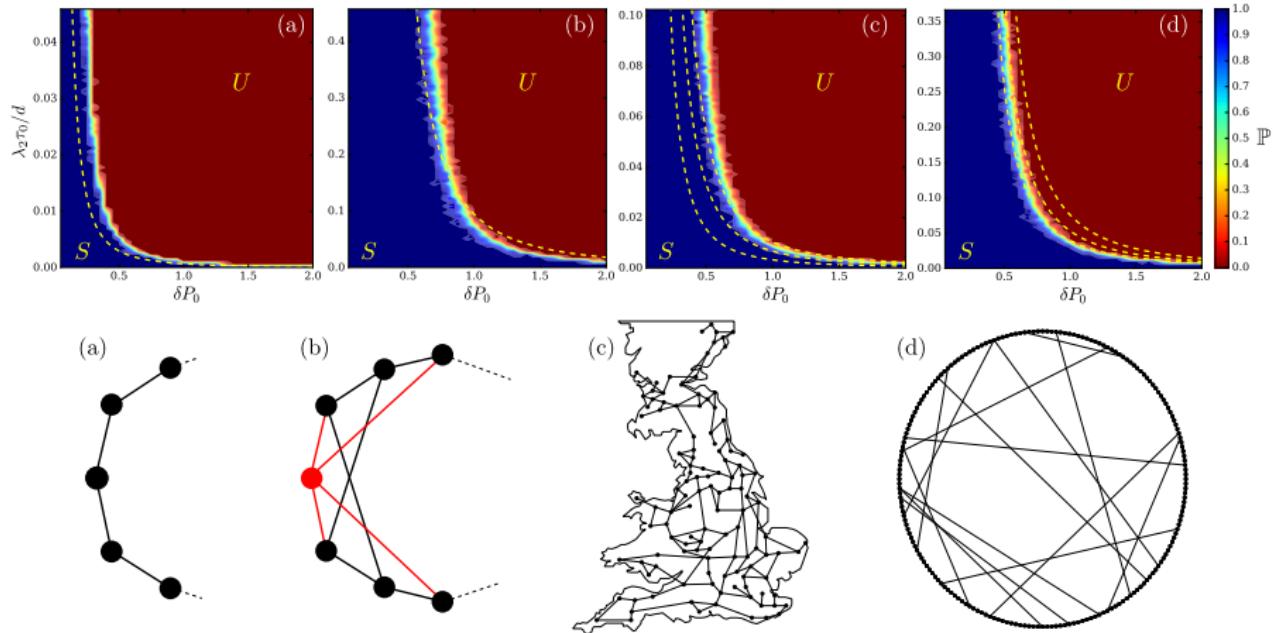
For identical natural frequencies:

$$\Delta^2 = \|\theta^{(0)} - \varphi\|_2^2 = \frac{n(n^2 - 1)}{12(n - 2)^2} \pi^2.$$

## Complex networks

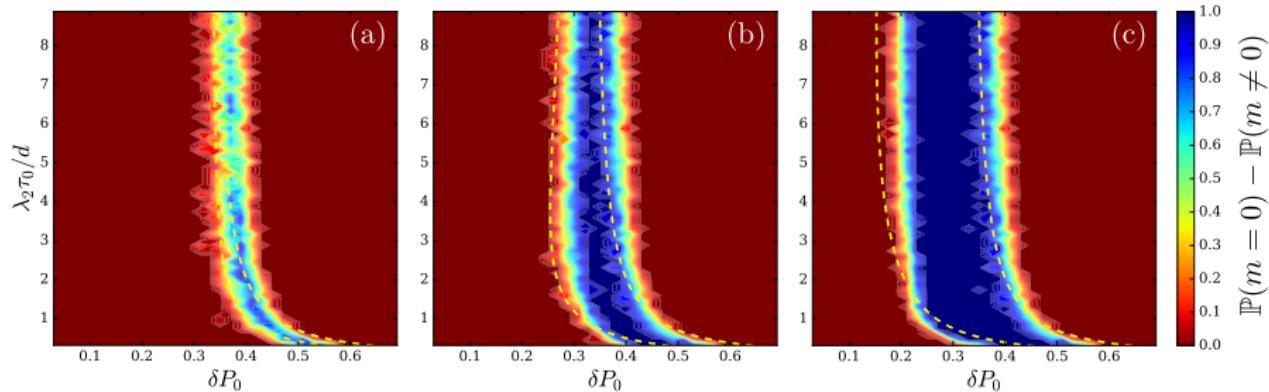
Find saddles numerically, e.g. Newton-Raphson.

# Transitions – Prediction



# Transitions – Prediction

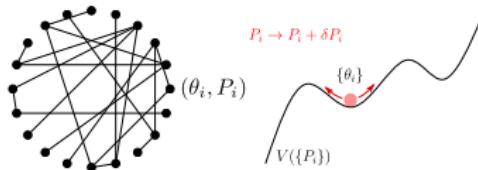
## Effect of inertia



# Overall Conclusion

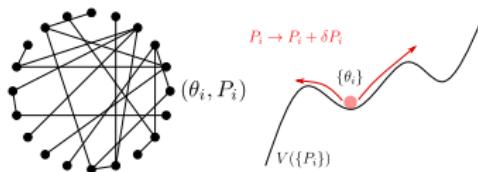
## Small-signal response

- Response of coupled oscillators to external perturbations.
- Global network robustness  $\rightarrow Kf_p$ .
- Local network vulnerabilities  $\rightarrow C_p, Kf_p$ .



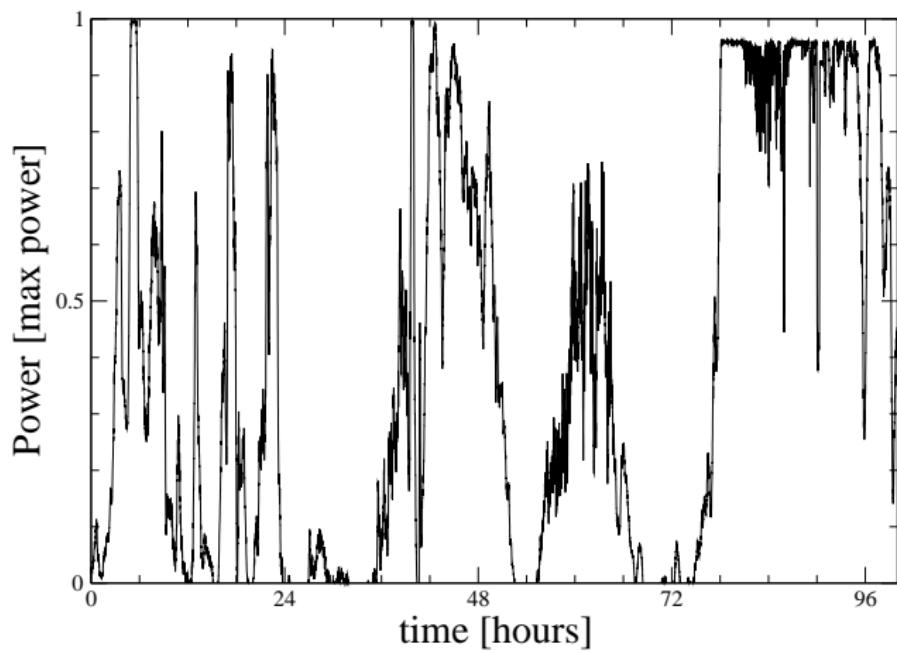
## Transitions

- Estimate for escape probability based on distances between stable and unstable fixed points.
- Estimate for first escape time.



# Non-Gaussian noise propagation

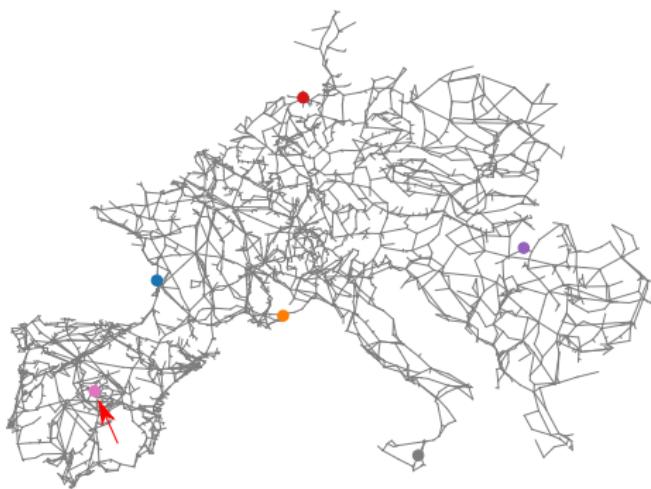
## Time-correlated fluctuations of wind turbines production



# Non-Gaussian noise propagation

## Time-correlated non-Gaussian noise

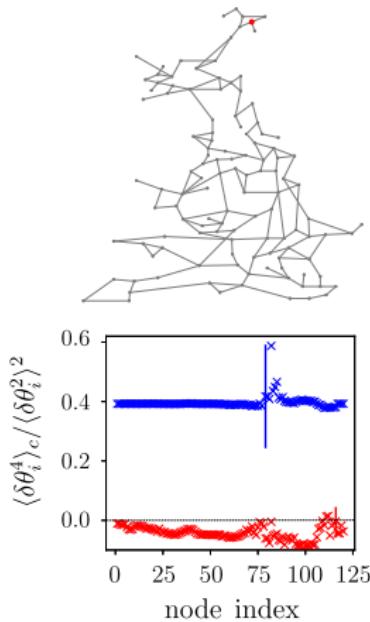
$$m_i \ddot{\theta}_i + d_i \dot{\theta}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) , \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$



# Non-Gaussian noise propagation

## Time-correlated non-Gaussian noise

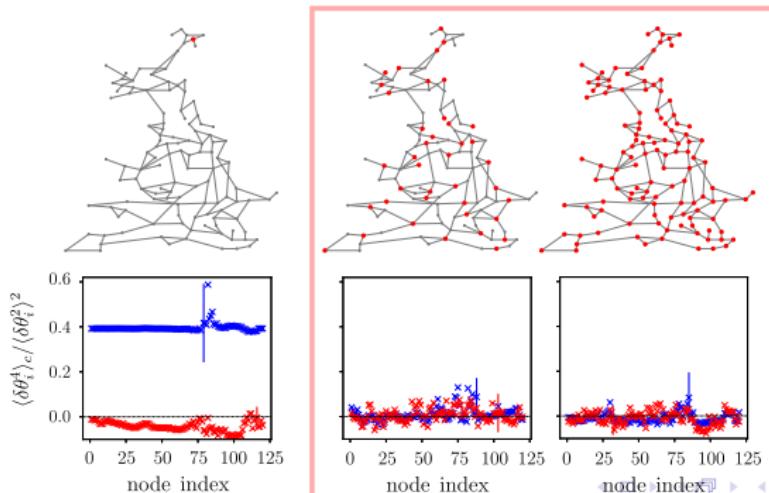
$$\lim_{\tau_0 \rightarrow 0} \langle \delta\theta_i^p \rangle = \left( \sigma \sum_{\alpha} \frac{u_{\alpha,i_0} u_{\alpha,i}}{\lambda_{\alpha}} \right)^p$$



# Non-Gaussian noise propagation

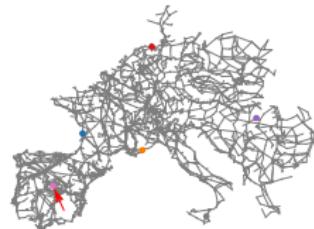
## Time-correlated non-Gaussian noise

$$\lim_{\tau_0 \rightarrow 0} \langle \delta \theta_i^4 \rangle = \sum_{i_0=1}^M \left( \sigma \sum_{\alpha} \frac{u_{\alpha,i_0} u_{\alpha,i}}{\lambda_{\alpha}} \right)^4 + 3 \sum_{i_0 < j_0} \left( \sigma \sum_{\alpha} \frac{u_{\alpha,i_0} u_{\alpha,i}}{\lambda_{\alpha}} \right)^2 \left( \sigma \sum_{\beta} \frac{u_{\beta,j_0} u_{\beta,i}}{\lambda_{\beta}} \right)^2, \quad (5)$$



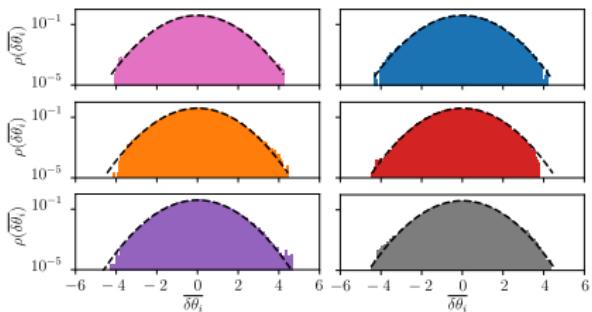
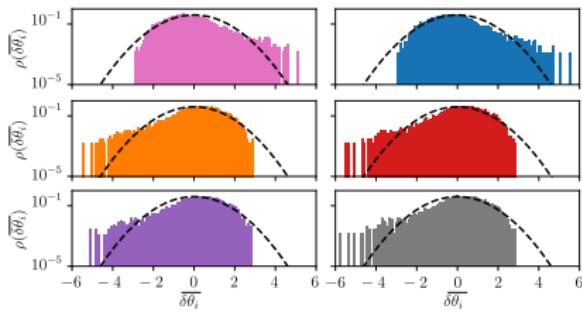
# Non-Gaussian noise propagation

## Time-correlated non-Gaussian noise



single source

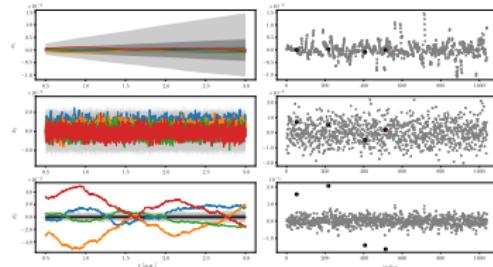
multiple sources



# Hot topics

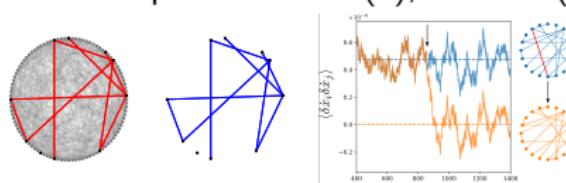
- Line fault identification

- Delabays, Pagnier, MT New Journal of Physics **23**(4), 043037 (2021)
- Delabays, Pagnier, MT arXiv:2202.08317 (2022)



- Network inference from partial observation

- MT, Delabays, Jacquod Chaos **31**(10), 103117 (2021)
- MT, Delabays Journal of Physics: Complexity **2**(2), 025016 (2021)
- Delabays, MT IFAC-PapersOnLine **54**(9), 696-700 (2021)

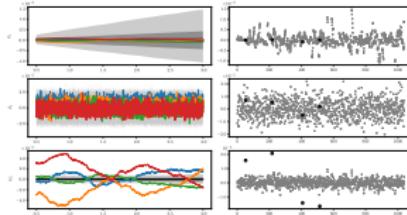


- Forced oscillations → ongoing work...

# Hot topics

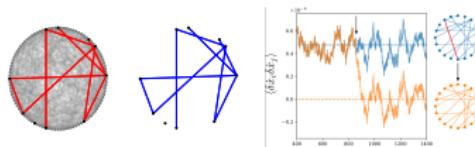
- Line fault identification

- Delabays, Pagnier, MT New Journal of Physics **23**(4), 043037 (2021)
- Delabays, Pagnier, MT arXiv:2202.08317 (2022)



- Network inference from partial observation

- MT, Delabays, Jacquod Chaos **31**(10), 103117 (2021)
- MT, Delabays Journal of Physics: Complexity **2**(2), 025016 (2021)
- Delabays, MT IFAC-PapersOnLine **54**(9), 696-700 (2021)



- Forced oscillations → ongoing work...

→ BLABS talk April 11.