



# The Kuramoto model with inertia: from fireflies to power grids

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# Pteroptix Malaccae



- A phase model with **inertia** has been introduced to mimic the synchronization mechanisms observed among the Malaysian fireflies **Pteroptix Malaccae**. These fireflies synchronize their flashing activity by entraining to the forcing frequency with almost zero phase lag. Usually, entrainment results in a constant phase angle equal to the difference between pacing frequency and free-running period as it does in **P. cribellata**.

(B. Ermentrout (1991), Experiments by Hanson, (1987))

# Why introducing “inertia”?

## ■ First-order Kuramoto model

- It approaches too fast the partial synchronized state
- Infinite coupling strength is required to achieve full synchronization

## ■ Second-order Kuramoto model

- Synchronization is slowed down by inertia (**frequency adaptation**)
- Firstly proposed in biological context ([Ermentrout, \(1991\)](#))
- Used to study synchronization in disordered arrays of Josephson junctions ([Strogatz \(1994\)](#), [Trees et al. \(2005\)](#))
- Derived from the classical swing equation to study synchronization in power grids ([Filatrella et al. \(2008\)](#))

# The Model

Kuramoto model with inertia

$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \dot{\theta}_i = \Omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_j \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

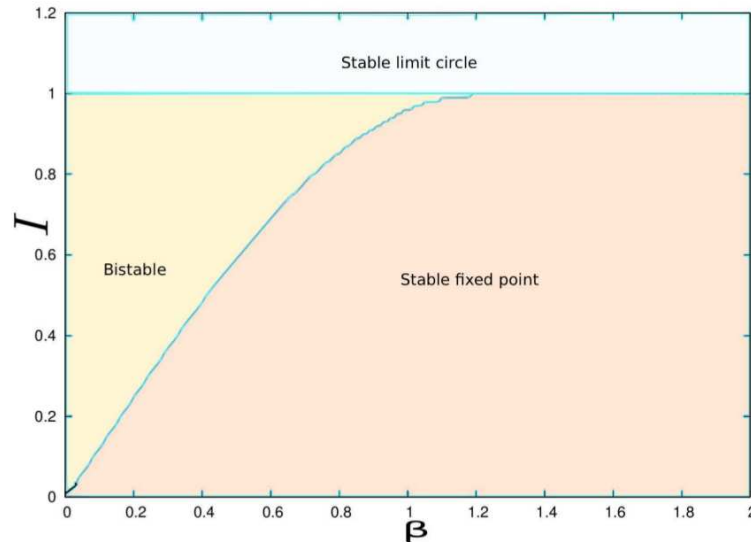
- $\theta_i$  is the instantaneous phase
- $\Omega_i$  is the natural frequency of the  $i$ -th oscillator with Gaussian distribution
- $K$  is the coupling constant
- $N$  is the number of oscillators

By introducing the complex order parameter  $r(t)e^{i\phi(t)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j e^{i\theta_j}$

$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \dot{\theta}_i = \Omega_i - Kr \sin(\theta_i - \phi)$$

$r = 0$  asynchronous state,  $r = 1$  synchronized state

# Damped Driven Pendulum



$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \dot{\theta}_i = \Omega_i - Kr \sin(\theta_i)$$

$$I = \frac{\Omega_i}{Kr}$$
$$\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{mKr}}$$

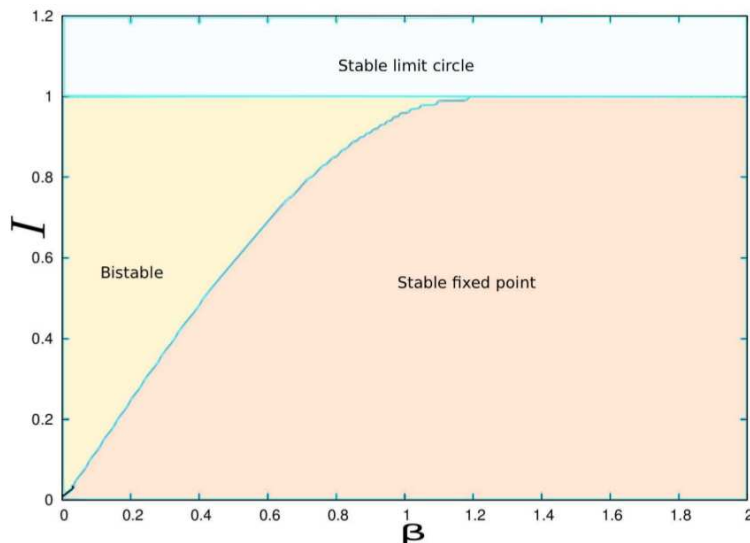
$$\ddot{\phi} + \beta\dot{\phi} = I - \sin(\phi)$$

- One node connected to the grid (the grid is considered to be infinite)
- Single damped driven pendulum
- Josephson junctions
- One-machine infinite bus system of a generator in a power-grid ([Chiang, \(2011\)](#))

# Damped Driven Pendulum

$$\ddot{\phi} + \beta \dot{\phi} = I - \sin(\phi)$$

For sufficiently large  $m$  (small  $\beta$ )



- For small  $\Omega_i$  two fixed points are present: a **stable node** and a **saddle**.

The linear stability is given by

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos \phi^* & -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{-\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4 \cos \phi^*}}{2}$$

- At large frequencies  $\Omega_i > \Omega_P = \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Kr}{m}}$  (i.e.  $I > \frac{4\beta}{\pi}$ ) a **limit cycle** emerges from the saddle via a homoclinic bifurcation

- Limit cycle and fixed point coexists until  $\Omega_i \equiv \Omega_D = Kr$  (i.e.  $I = 1$ ), where a saddle node bifurcation leads to the **disappearance of the two fixed points**
- For  $\Omega_i > \Omega_D$  (i.e.  $I > 1$ ) only the **oscillating solution** is present

For small mass (large  $\beta$ ), there is no more coexistence.  
(Levi et al. 1978)

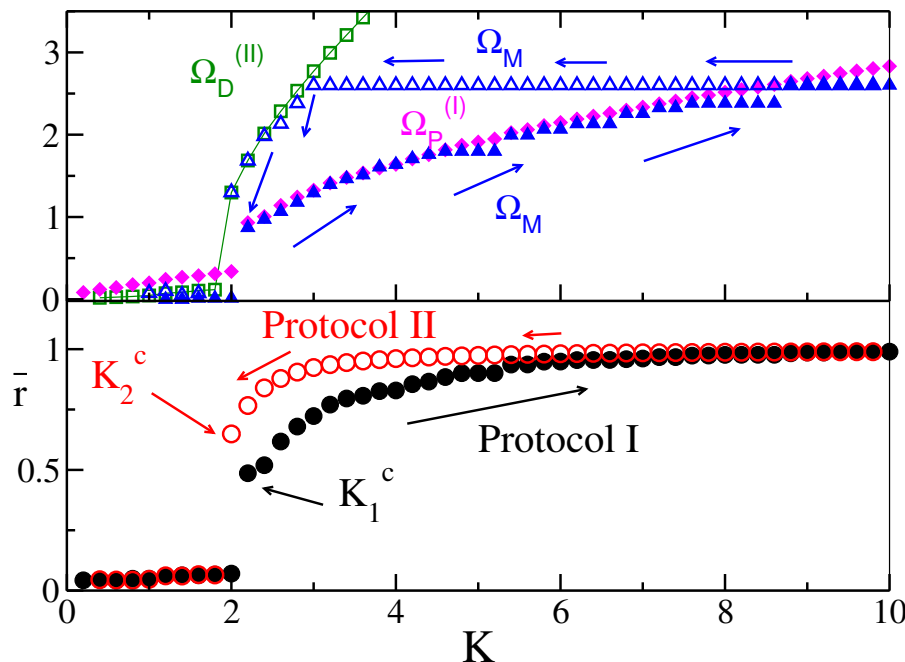
# Simulation Protocols

Dynamics of N oscillators (first order transition and hysteresis)

■  $\Omega_M$  maximal natural frequency of the locked oscillators

■  $\Omega_P^{(I)} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Kr}{m}}$

■  $\Omega_D^{(II)} = Kr$



$m = 2$

## Protocol I: Increasing $K$

The system remains desynchronized until  $K = K_c^1$  (filled black circles).

$\Omega_M$  increases with  $K$  following  $\Omega_P^{(I)}$ .

$\Omega_i$  are grouped in small clusters (plateaus).

## Protocol II: Decreasing $K$

The system remains synchronized until  $K = K_c^2$  (empty black circles).

$\Omega_M$  remains stuck to the same value for a large  $K$  interval than it rapidly decreases to 0 following  $\Omega_D^{(II)}$ .

# Mean Field Theory (Tanaka et al. (1997))

$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \dot{\theta}_i = \Omega_i - Kr \sin(\theta_i - \phi)$$

- by following Protocol I and II there is a group of drifting oscillators and one of locked oscillators which act separately
  - locked oscillators are characterized by  $\langle \dot{\theta} \rangle = 0$  and are locked to the mean phase
  - drifting oscillators (with  $\langle \dot{\theta} \rangle \neq 0$ ) are whirling over the locked subgroup (or below depending on the sign of  $\Omega_i$ )
- Drifting and locked oscillators are separated by a certain frequency:
  - Following Protocol I the oscillators with  $\Omega_i < \Omega_P$  are locked
  - Following Protocol II the oscillators with  $\Omega_i < \Omega_D$  are locked
- These two groups contribute differently to the total level of synchronization in the system

$$r = r_L + r_D$$

# Mean Field Theory (Tanaka et al. (1997))

Protocol I:  $\Omega_P^{(I)} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Kr}{m}}$

- All oscillators initially drift around its own natural frequency  $\Omega_i$
- Increasing  $K$ , oscillators with  $\Omega_i < \Omega_P$  are attracted by the locked group
- Increasing  $K$  also  $\Omega_P$  increases  $\Rightarrow$  oscillators with bigger  $\Omega_i$  become synchronized
- The phase coherence  $r^I$  increases and  $\Omega_i$  exhibits plateaus
- ! Depending on  $m$  the transition to synchronization may increase in complexity

Protocol II:  $\Omega_D^{(II)} = Kr$

- Oscillators are initially locked to the mean phase and  $r^{II} \approx 1$
- Decreasing  $K$ , locked oscillators are desynchronized and start whirling when  $\Omega_i > \Omega_D$  and a saddle node bifurcation occurs

$\Omega_P, \Omega_D$  are the synchronization boundaries

# Mean Field Theory (Tanaka et al. (1997))

Total level of synchronization in the system:  $r = r_L + r_D$

For the **locked** population the self-consistent equation is

$$r_L^{I,II} = Kr \int_{-\theta_{P,D}}^{\theta_{P,D}} \cos^2 \theta \, g(Kr \sin \theta) d\theta$$

where  $\theta_P = \sin^{-1}(\frac{\Omega_P}{Kr})$ ,  $\theta_D = \sin^{-1}(\frac{\Omega_D}{Kr}) = \pi/2$ ,  $g(\Omega)$  frequency distribution.

The **drifting** population contributes to the total order parameter with a negative contribution

$$r_D^{I,II} \simeq -mKr \int_{-\Omega_{P,D}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m\Omega)^3} g(\Omega) d\Omega$$

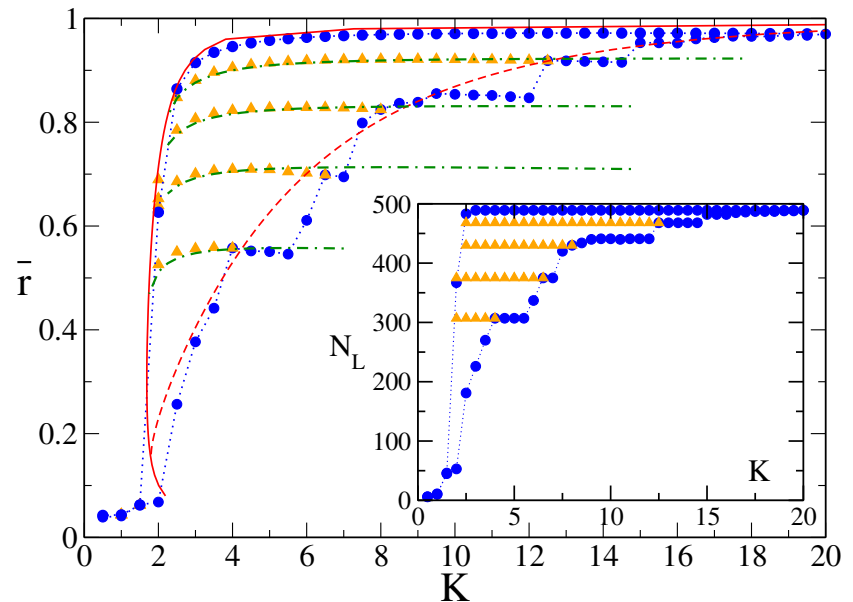
The former equation are correct **in the limit of sufficiently large masses**

# Hysteretic Behavior

## Numerical Results for Fully Coupled Networks ( $N = 500$ , $m = 6$ )

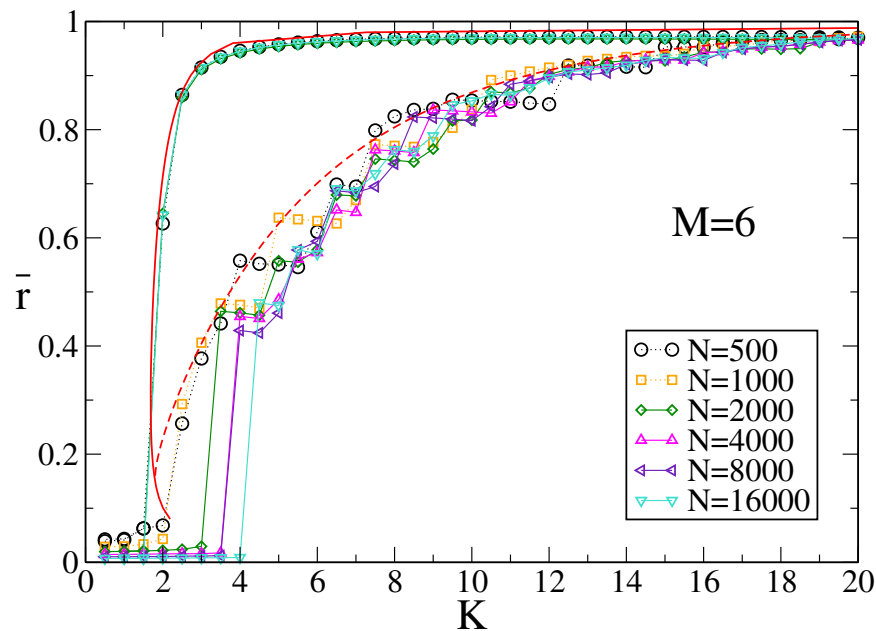
- The data obtained by following [protocol II](#) are quite well reproduced by the mean field approximation  $r^{II}$
- The mean field estimation  $r^I$  does not reproduce the stepwise structure numerically obtained in [protocol I](#)
- Clusters of  $N_L$  locked oscillators of any size remain stable between  $r^I$  and  $r^{II}$
- The level of synchronization of these clusters can be [theoretically](#) obtained by generalizing the theory of [Tanaka et al. \(1997\)](#) to protocols where  $\Omega_M$  remains constant

(Olmi et al. (2014))



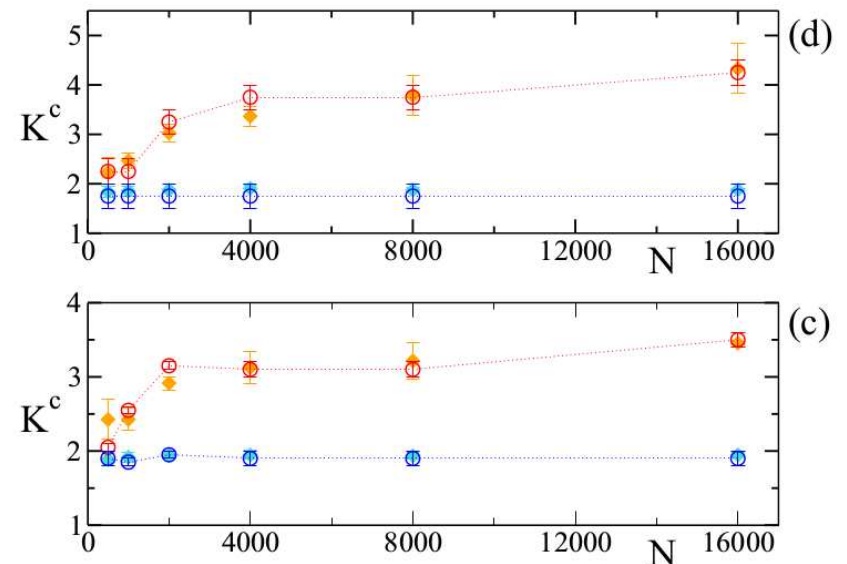
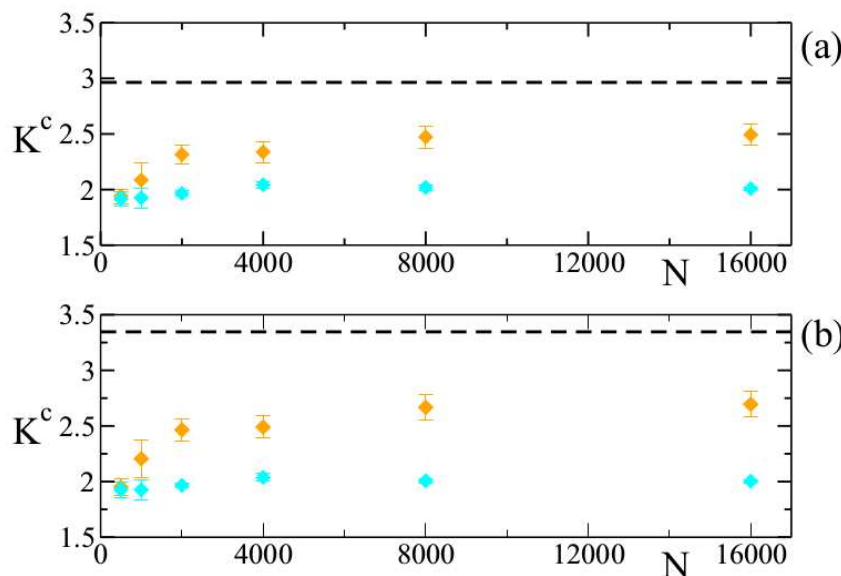
# Finite Size Effects

- $K_1^c$  is the transition value from asynchronous to synchronous state (following Protocol I)
- $K_2^c$  is the transition value from synchronous to asynchronous state (following Protocol II)



# Finite Size Effects (Olmi et al. (2014))

- a)  $m = 0.8$ , (b)  $m = 1$ , (c)  $m = 2$  and (d)  $m = 6$
- $K_1^c$  (upper points) is strongly influenced by the size of the system
- $K_2^c$  (lower points) does **not** depend heavily on  $N$
- Good agreement between Mean Field and simulations is achieved for **small**  $m$
- For **large**  $m$  the emergence of the secondary synchronization of drifting oscillators (i.e. **clusters of whirling oscillators**) is determinant



Dashed line  $\rightarrow K_1^{MF}$  mean field value by Gupta et al (PRE 2014)

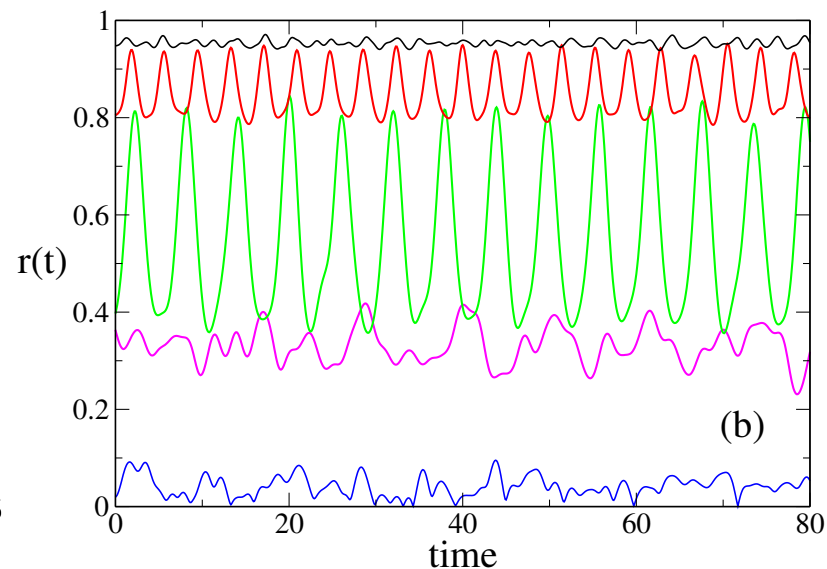
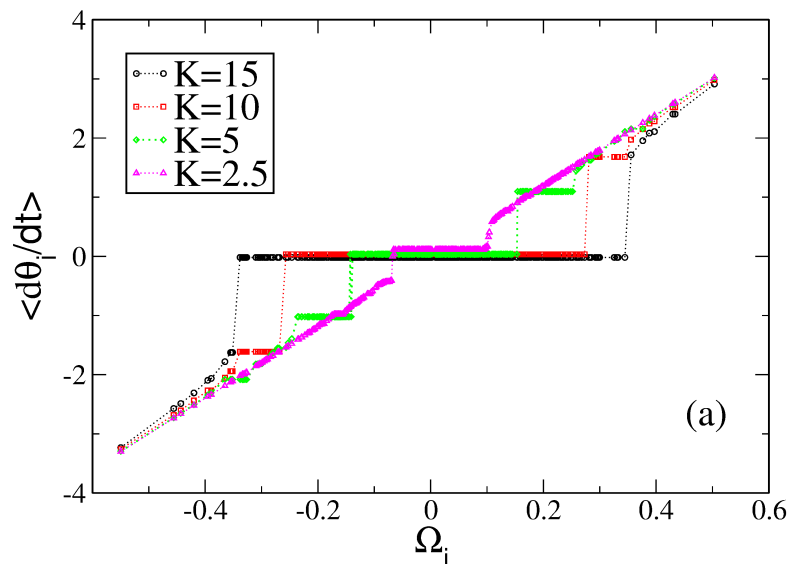
# Drifting Clusters

For larger masses ( $m=6$ ), the synchronization transition becomes more complex, it occurs via the emergence of clusters of **drifting oscillators**.

The partially synchronized state is characterized by the coexistence of

- a cluster of locked oscillators with  $\langle \dot{\theta} \rangle \simeq 0$
- clusters composed by **drifting oscillators** with **finite average velocities**

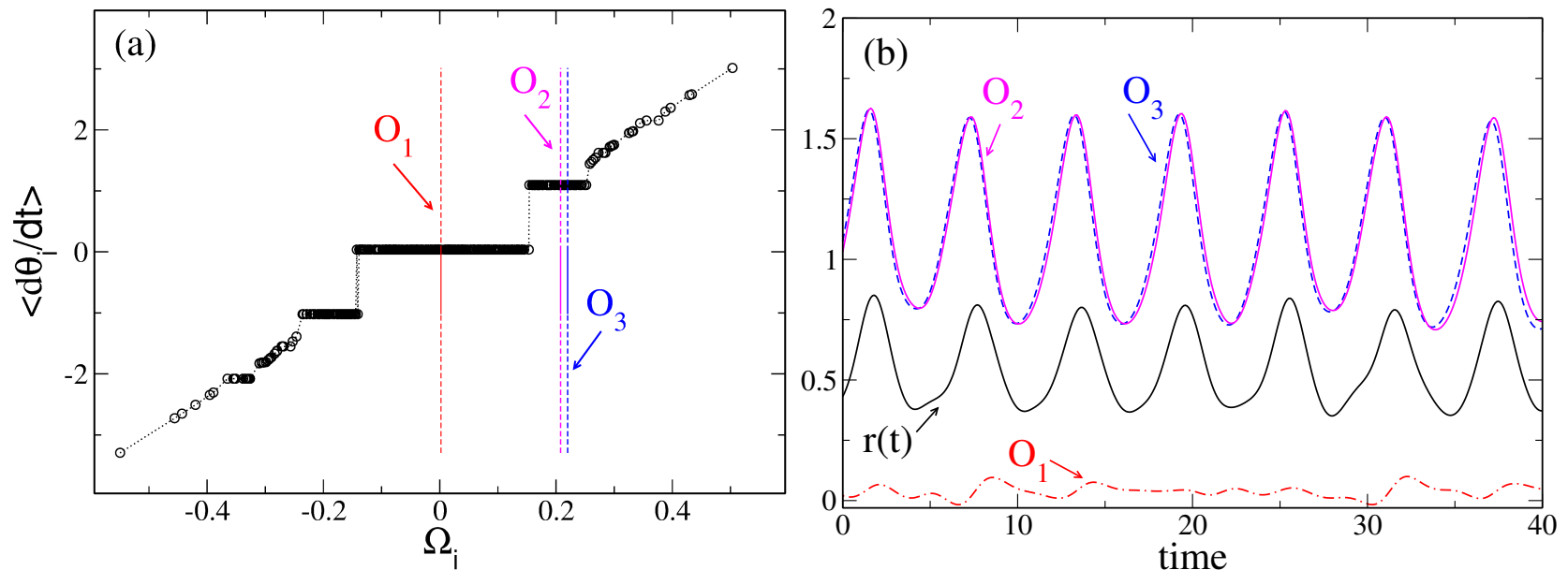
Extra clusters induce (periodic or quasi-periodic) oscillations in the temporal evolution of  $r(t)$ .



# Drifting Clusters

If we compare the evolution of the instantaneous velocities  $\dot{\theta}_i$  for 3 oscillators and  $r(t)$  we observe that

- the phase velocities of  $O_2$  and  $O_3$  display **synchronized motion**
- the phase velocity of  $O_1$  oscillates **irregularly** around zero
- the oscillations of  $r(t)$  are **driven** by the periodic oscillations of  $O_2$  and  $O_3$



# Linear Stability Analysis of the Asynchronous State

- Tool: **nonlinear Fokker-Planck** formulation for the evolution of the single oscillator distribution  $\rho(\theta, \dot{\theta}, \Omega, t)$  for coupled oscillators with inertia and noise
- Critical coupling  $K_1^{MF}$  for an unimodal frequency distribution  $g(\Omega)$  with width  $\Delta$

$$\frac{1}{K_1^{MF}} = \frac{\pi g(0)}{2} - \frac{m}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(\Omega) d\Omega}{1 + m^2 \Omega^2}$$

- If  $g(\Omega)$  is Lorentzian  $\Rightarrow K_1^{MF} = 2\Delta(1 + m\Delta)$
- If  $g(\Omega)$  is Gaussian
  - the zero mass limit gives

$$K_1^{MF} = 2\Delta \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left\{ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} m\Delta + \frac{2}{\pi} m^2 \Delta^2 + \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^3 - \frac{2}{\pi}} m^3 \Delta^3 \right\} + \mathcal{O}(m^4 \Delta^4)$$

- The limit  $m\Delta \rightarrow \infty$  gives  $K_1^{MF} \propto 2m\Delta^2$

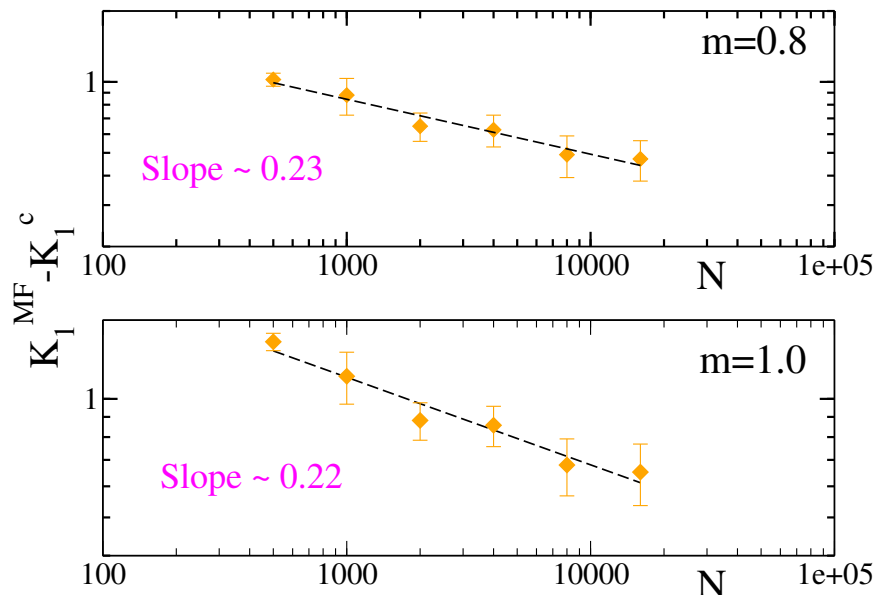
(Acebron et al. PRE (2000); Gupta et al. (PRE 2014))

# Finite size effects for $K_1^c$

If  $g(\Omega)$  is an unimodal, symmetric distribution with zero mean

$$\frac{1}{K_1^{MF}} = \frac{\pi g(0)}{2} - \frac{m}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(\Omega) d\Omega}{1 + m^2 \Omega^2}$$

How to identify the scaling law ruling the approach of  $K_1^c(N)$  to its mean-field value for increasing system sizes?



Power-law scaling with the **system size**  $N$  for fixed mass

$$K_1^{MF} - K_1^c(N) \propto N^{-1/5}$$

$\Rightarrow$  this is true **for sufficiently low masses**

# Mean Field Theory with Noise (Acebrón, Spigler (2008))

$\xi_i$  independent sources of Gaussian white noise

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta}_i &= \nu_i \\ m\dot{\nu}_i &= -\nu_i + \Omega_i + Kr \sin(\phi - \theta_i) + \xi_i\end{aligned}$$

with  $\langle \xi_i \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle \xi_i(t)\xi_j(t) \rangle = 2D\delta_{ij}\delta(t-s)$

■ Continuum limit (continuity equation for  $\rho(\theta, \nu, \Omega, t)$ )

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{D}{m^2} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial \nu^2} - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} [(-\nu + \Omega + Kr \sin(\phi - \theta))\rho] - \nu \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta}$$

■ Normalization  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \rho(\theta, \nu, \Omega, 0) d\theta d\nu = 1$

■ Identical oscillators  $g(\Omega) = \delta(\Omega)$

Stationary solution  $\rho(\theta, \nu) = \chi(\theta)\eta(\nu)$

$\Rightarrow$  It is possible to find frequency and phase distribution from the continuity equation

$\Rightarrow K_1^{MF}$  turns out to be independent of the inertia

# Mean Field Theory with Noise

Via averaging the velocity  $\nu(t)$  in the long-time limit, the Fokker-Planck equation for the probability distribution  $\rho(\theta, \nu, \Omega, t)$  reduces to the Smoluchowski equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\theta, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial V(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + D \frac{\partial \rho(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) \left( 1 + m \frac{\partial^2 V(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right) \right]$$

with the potential  $V(\theta) = -Kr \cos(\theta) - \Omega\theta$ . For  $D = 0$ , the stationary state solution gives

$$r = \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{m}{2} \right) g(0)Kr + \frac{4}{3}mg(0)(Kr)^2 + \frac{\pi}{16}g''(0)(Kr)^3 + \mathcal{O}(Kr)^4$$

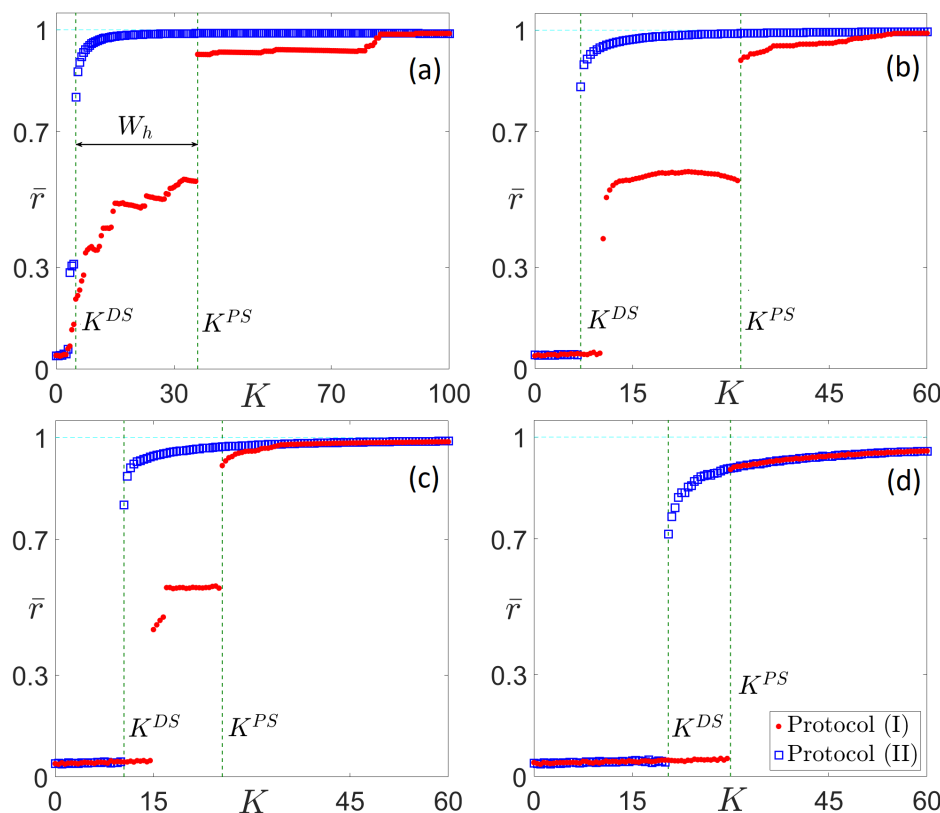
- Drifting and locked oscillators are both contributing to the phase coherence
- The quadratic term  $(Kr)^2$  induces hysteresis in the bifurcation diagram
- The hysteresis is reduced with noise
- The critical coupling strength increases monotonically with the increase of  $D$
- The response of phase velocity to external driving is enhanced by a certain amount of noise

# Simulations: Noise + Bimodal Frequency Distribution

■ Globally coupled network with Bimodal Gaussian frequency distribution

■  $W_h$  width of the hysteretic loop,  $m = 8$

$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \dot{\theta}_i = \Omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_j \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) + \sqrt{2D}\xi_i$$



(a)  $D=0$ ; b)  $2D = 9$ ;

(c)  $2D = 15$ ; (d)  $2D = 30$

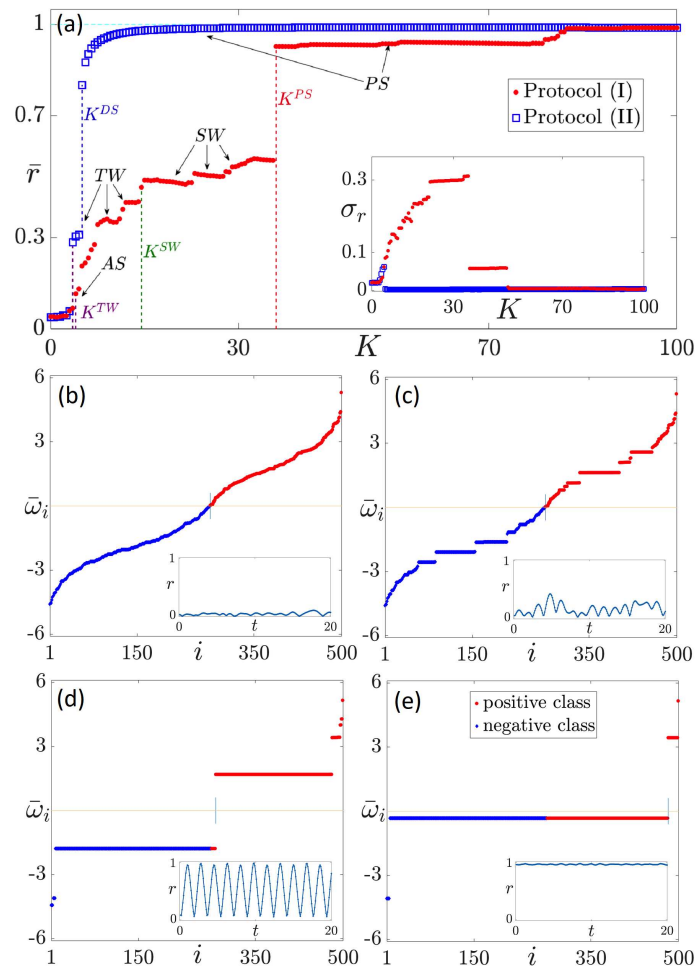
■ Hysteresis is reduced with noise

■ Intermediate states are suppressed

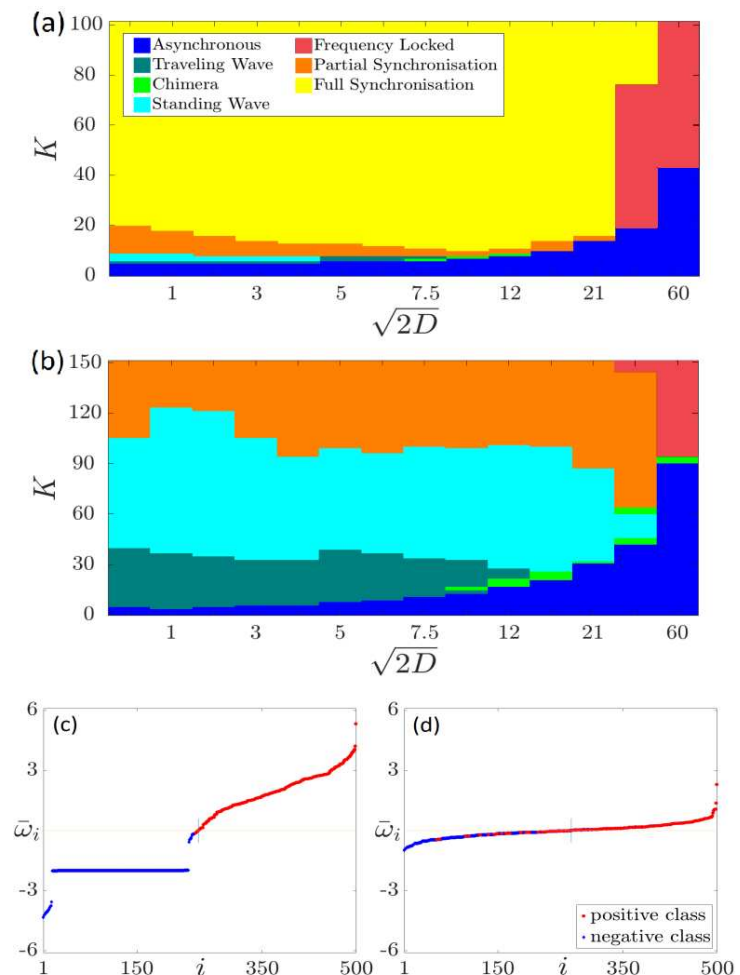
(Tumash et al. (2018))

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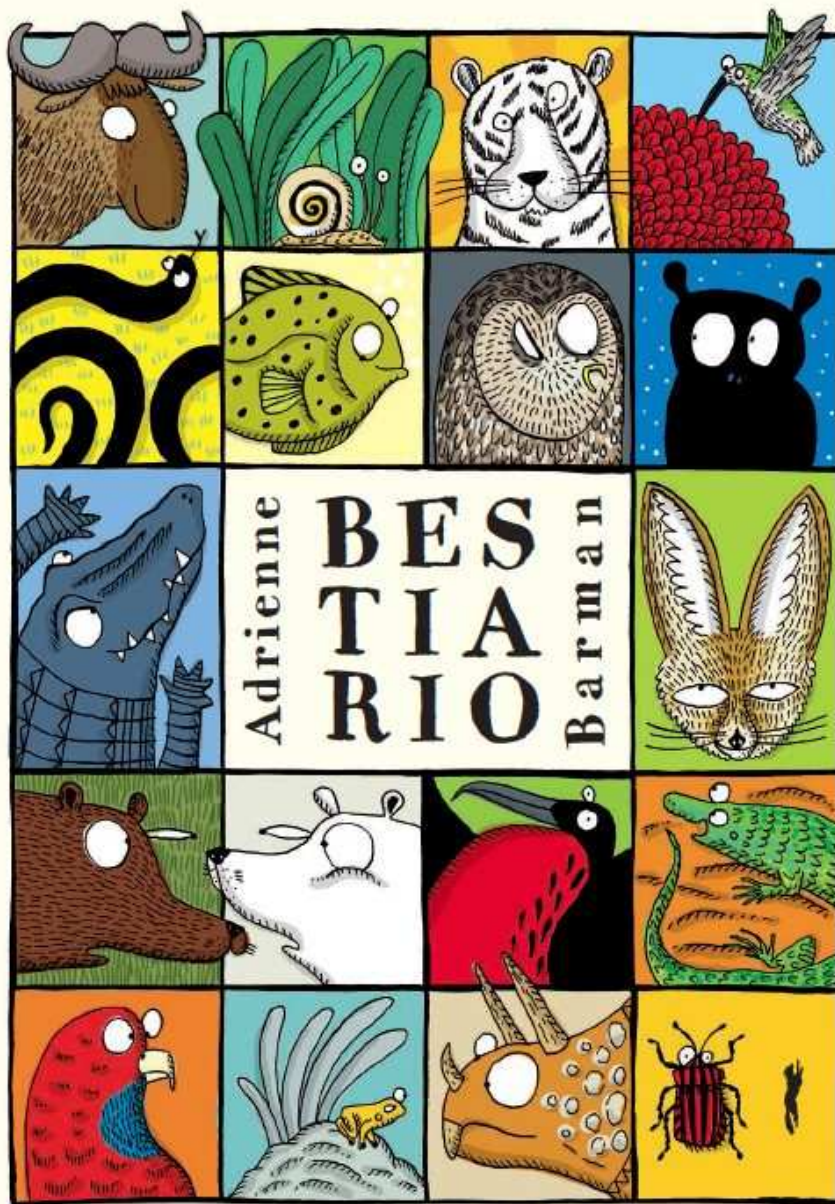


(a)  $m = 1$ , (b)  $m = 30$



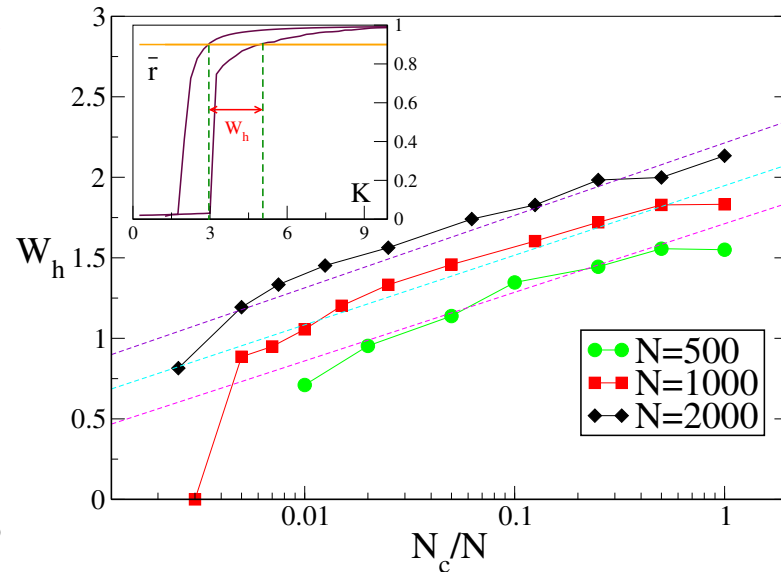
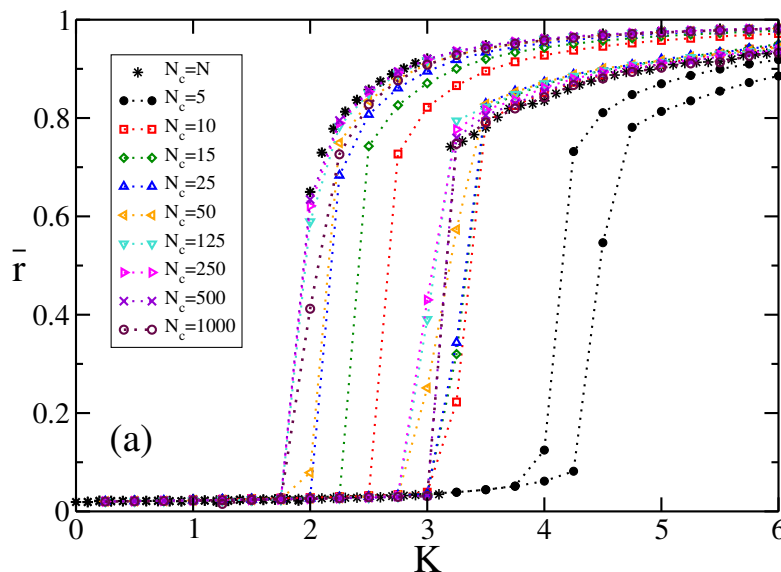
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# Bestiary



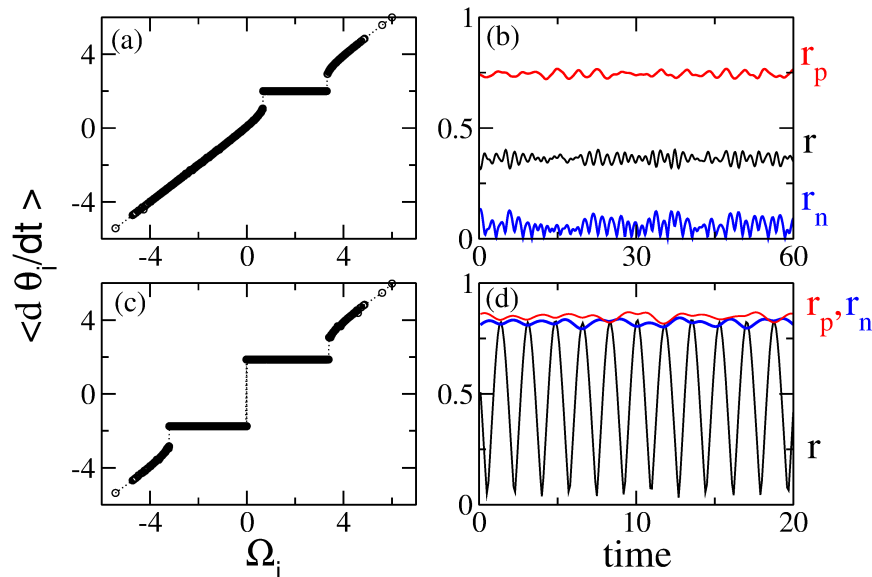
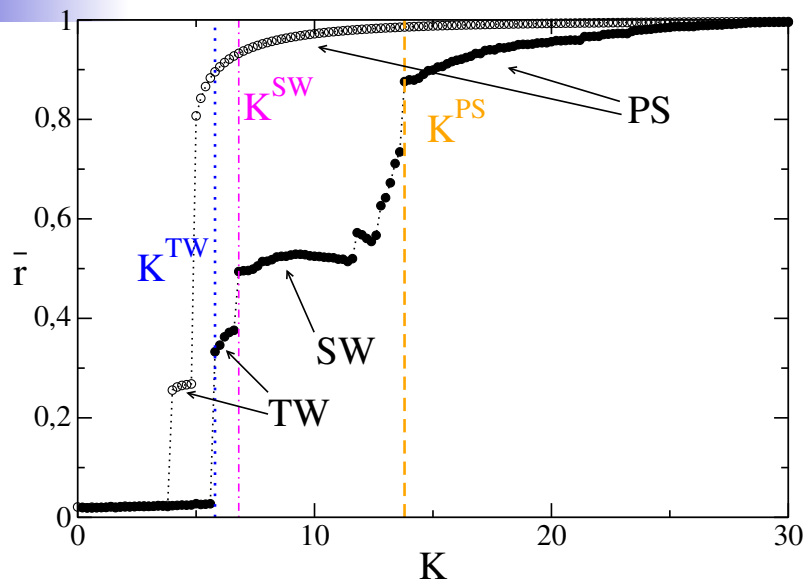
# Further works: diluted network + $g(\Omega)$ unimodal

- **Constraint 1** : the random matrix is symmetric
- **Constraint 2** : the in-degree is constant and equal to  $N_c$



- Diluted or fully coupled systems (whenever the coupling is properly rescaled with the in-degree) display **the same phase-diagram**
- For very small connectivities the transition from hysteretic becomes **continuous**
- By increasing the system size the transition **will stay hysteretic** for **extremely small percentages** of connected (incoming) links

# Further works: $g(\Omega)$ bimodal

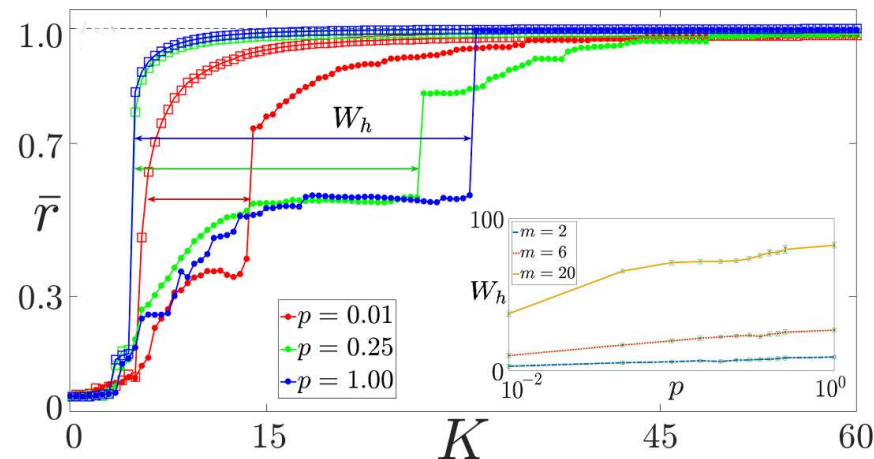
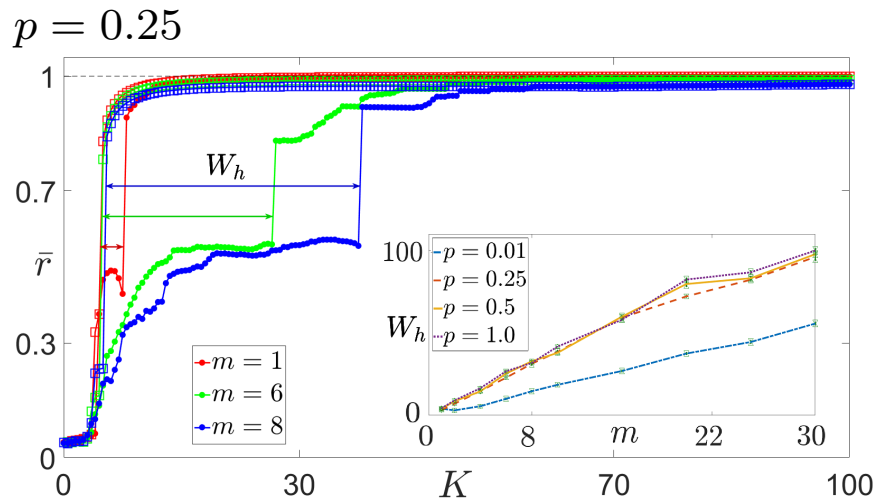


Globally coupled network

- **Traveling Wave (TW)**: a single cluster of oscillators, drifting together with a velocity  $\Omega_0$
- **Standing Wave (SW)**: two clusters of drifting oscillators with symmetric opposite velocities  $\pm\Omega_0$
- **Partially Synchronized state (PS)**: a cluster of locked rotators with zero average velocity

(Olmi, Torcini (2016))

# Further works: diluted network + $g(\Omega)$ bimodal



$m = 6$

■ For bigger masses, larger values of critical coupling are required to reach synchronization

■  $N_c = pN$

■ The hysteretic loop decreases as the network topology becomes more sparse

(Tumash et al. (2018))

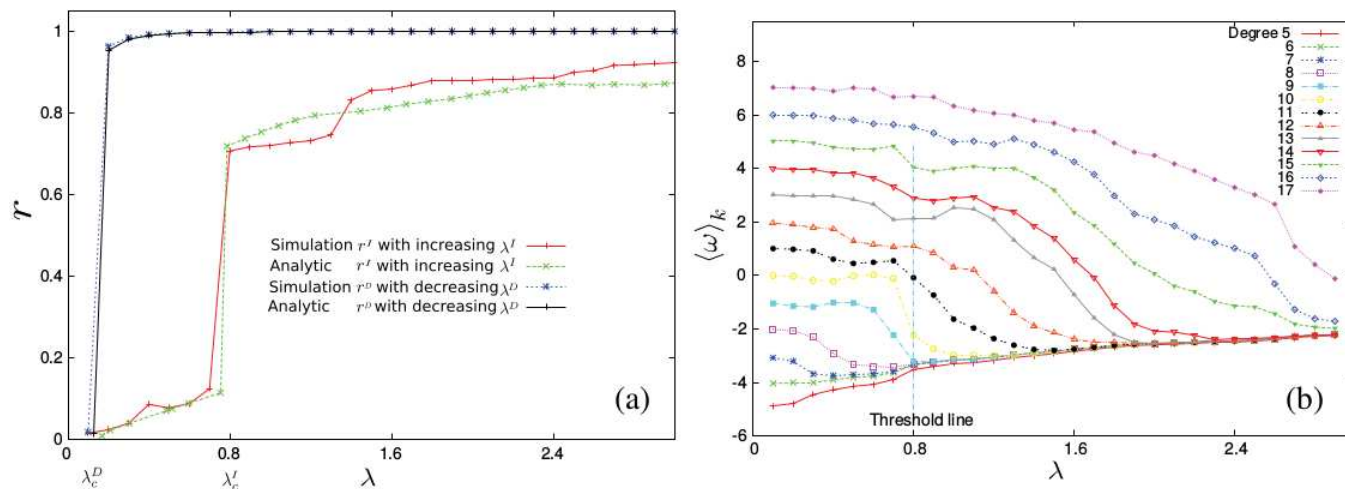
# Further works: frequency-degree correlation

$\Omega_i$  proportional to its degree with zero mean (so that  $\sum_i \Omega_i = 0$ ) :  $\Omega_i = B(k_i - \langle k \rangle)$

$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \dot{\theta}_i = B(k_i - \langle k \rangle) + \lambda \sum_j A_{i,j} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

Average frequency  $\langle \omega_k \rangle$  of nodes with the same degree  $k$ :

$$\langle \omega_k \rangle = \sum_{[i|k_i=k]} \langle \dot{\theta}_i \rangle_t / (NP(k))$$



- Oscillators join the synchronous component grouped into clusters of nodes **with the same degree**
- Small degree nodes synchronize first (**cluster explosive synchronization**)

# Further works: chimera state

Two symmetrically coupled populations of  $N$  oscillators with inertia

$$m\ddot{\theta}_i^{(\sigma)} + \dot{\theta}_i^{(\sigma)} = \Omega + \sum_{\sigma'=1}^2 \frac{K_{\sigma\sigma'}}{N} \sin(\theta_j^{(\sigma')} - \theta_i^{(\sigma)} - \gamma)$$

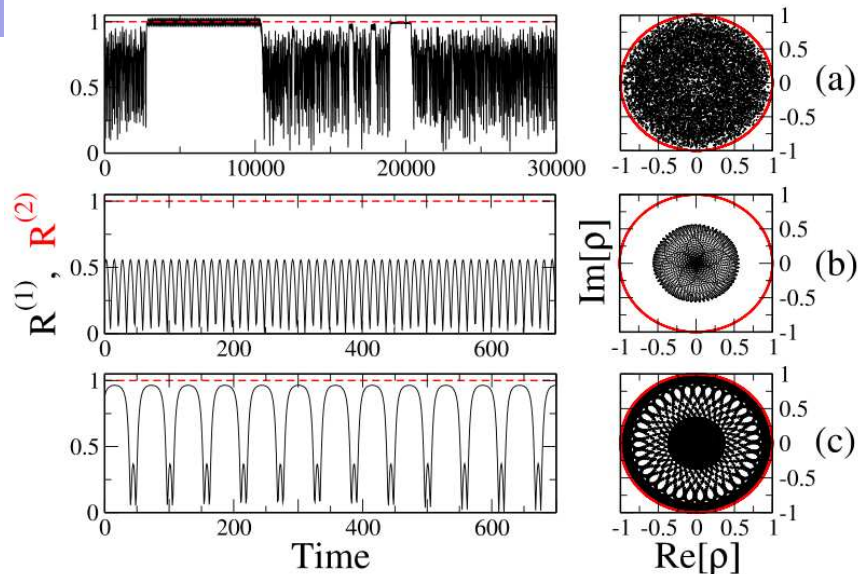
- $\sigma = 1, 2$  identifies the population
- $\theta_i^{(\sigma)}$  is the phase of the  $i$ th oscillator in population  $\sigma$
- $\Omega$  is the natural frequency
- $\gamma = \pi - 0.02$  is the fixed frequency lag
- $K_{\sigma,\sigma} > K_{\sigma,\sigma'}$



The collective evolution of each population is characterized in terms of the macroscopic fields  $\rho^{(\sigma)}(t) = R^{(\sigma)}(t) \exp[i\Psi(t)] = N^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^N \exp[i\theta_j^{(\sigma)}(t)]$ .

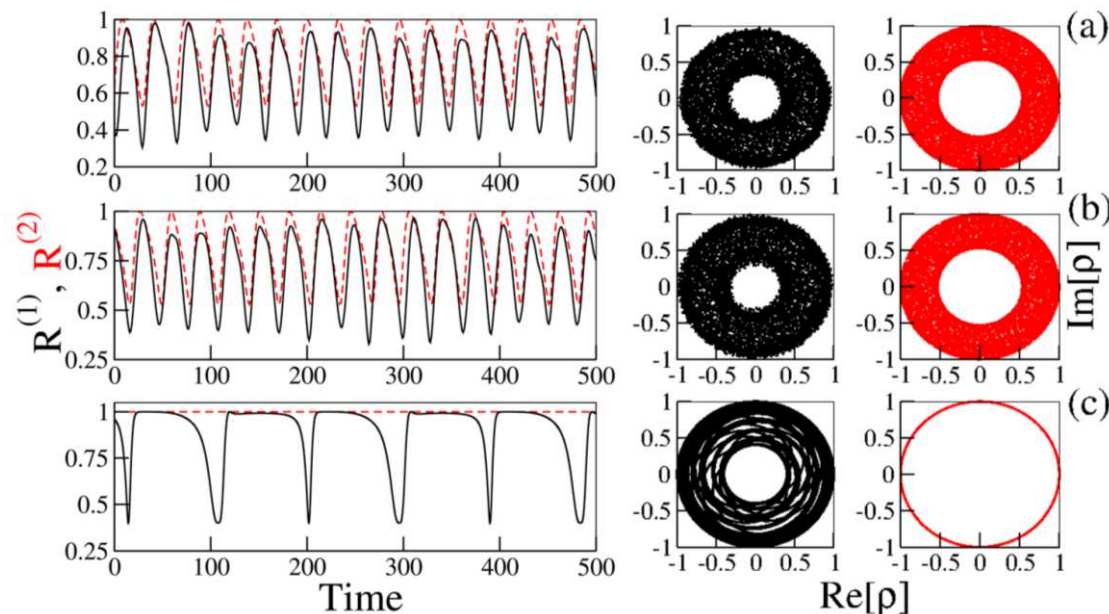
In analogy with [Abrams, Mirollo, Strogatz and Wiley, PRL \(2008\)](#).

# Further works: chimera state



## Broken symmetry initial conditions

- $m = 10$  intermittent chaotic chimera
- $m = 3$  breathing chimera
- $m = 10^{-4}$  quasi-periodic chimera



## Uniform initial conditions

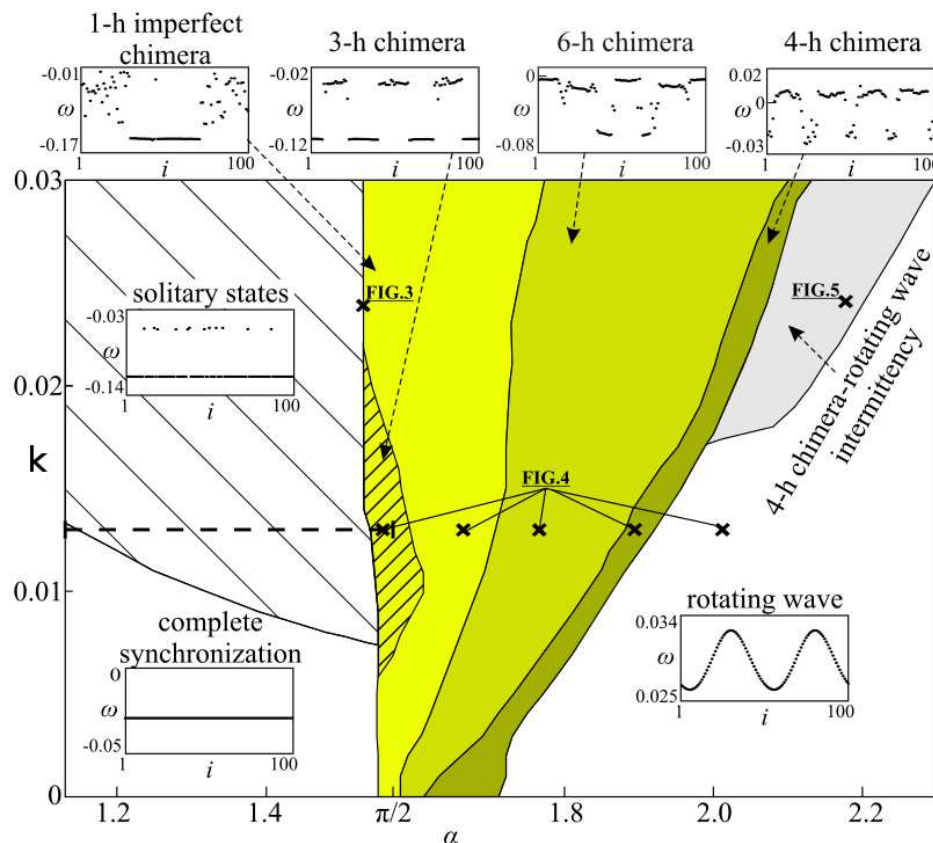
- $m = 10, 9$  chaotic 2 populations states
- $m = 3$  chaotic chimera

(Olmi et al. (2015))

# Further works: imperfect chimera state

A ring of  $N$  non-locally coupled Kuramoto oscillators with inertia, each one connected to its  $P$  nearest neighbours to the left and to the right with equal strength

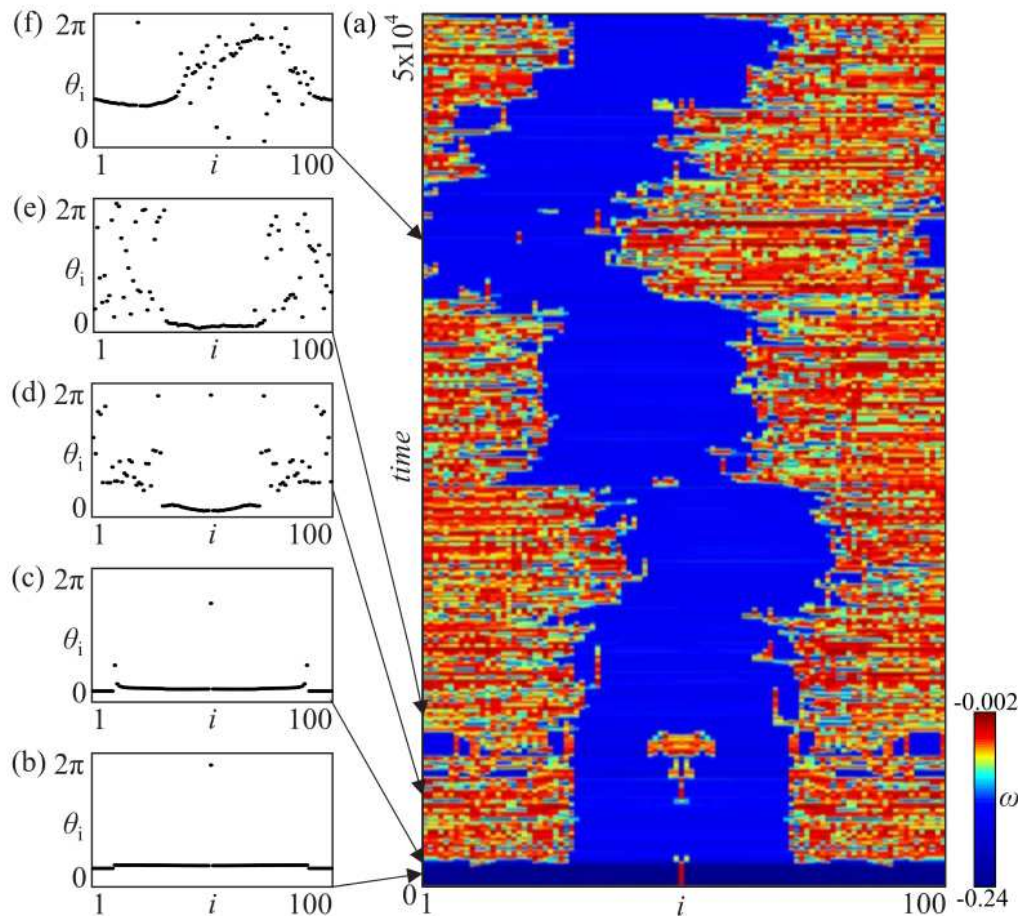
$$m\ddot{\theta}_i + \epsilon\dot{\theta}_i = \frac{k}{2P+1} \sum_{j=i-P}^{i+P} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i - \alpha)$$



- The system is multistable
- Imperfect chimera state: a certain number of oscillators split from synchronized domain

(Jaros et al. (2015))

# Further works: imperfect chimera state



- The creation of chimera states is characterized by the appearance of **solitary states**
- Separation of successive elements, along with time, creates imperfect chimera
- Chimeras is **perfect** only for a certain time

(Jaros et al. (2015))

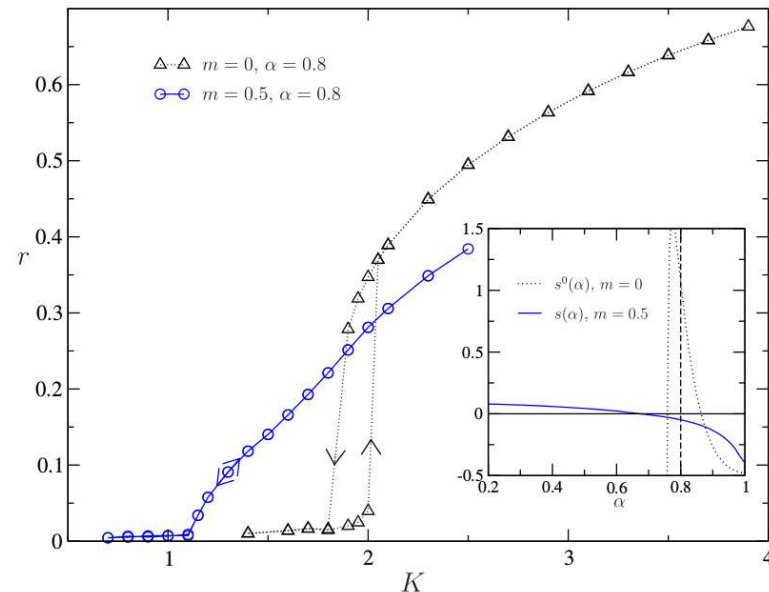
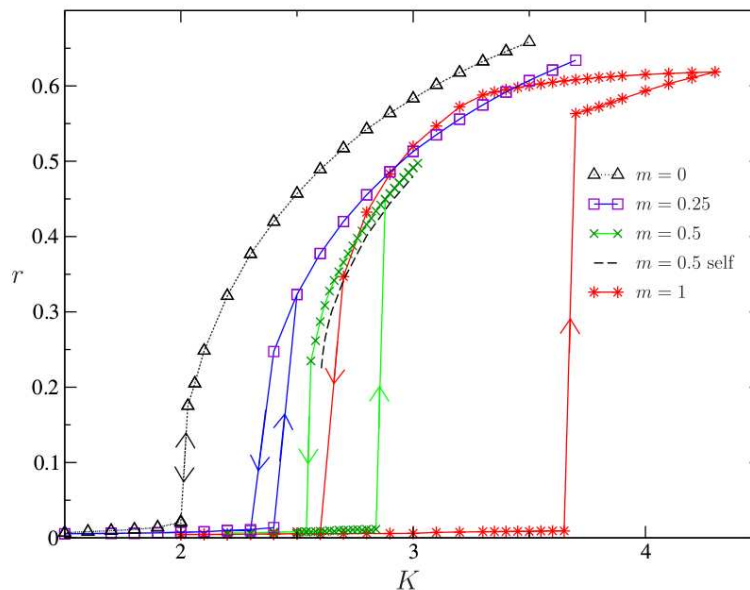
# Further works: frustration parameter

Any amount of inertia, however small, can act both ways: it can turn discontinuous an otherwise continuous transition and the other way around

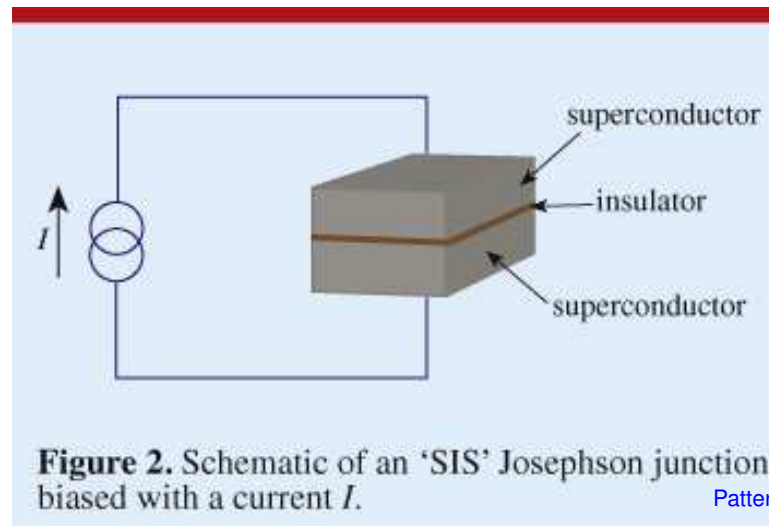
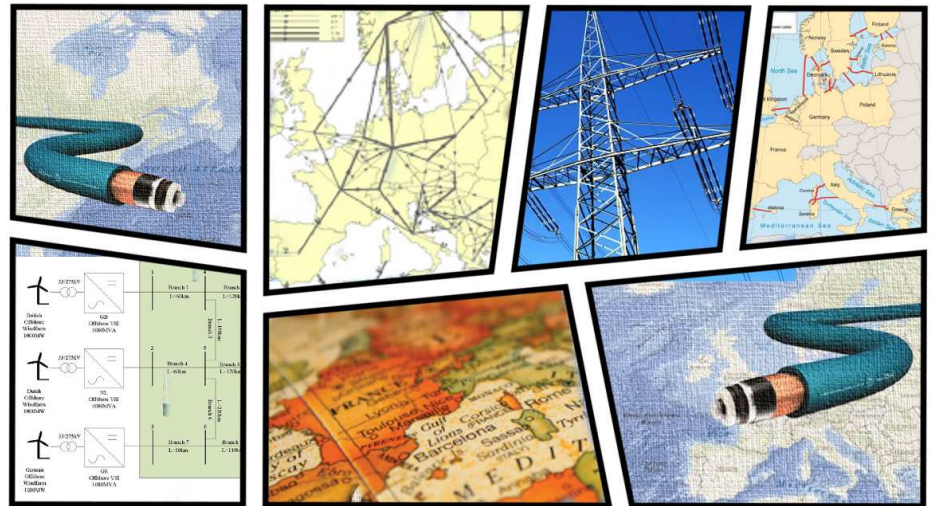
$$\dot{\theta}_i = \nu_i$$

$$m\dot{\nu}_i = \gamma(\Omega_i - \nu_i) + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i - \alpha)$$

with  $g(-\Omega) = g(\Omega) = \frac{\sigma}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + \Omega^2}$ , where  $\sigma = 1$

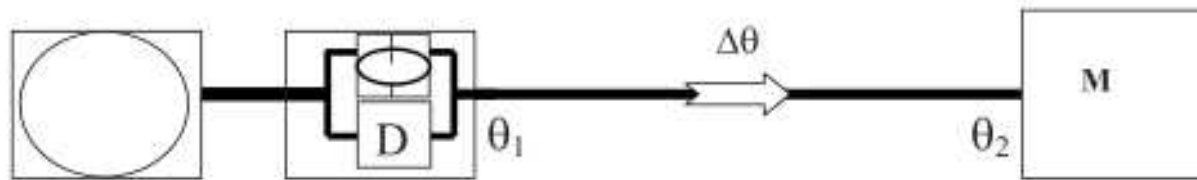


# Applications



# Power Plants

Power



**Fig. 1.** Equivalent diagram of generator and machine connected by a transmission line. The turbine consists of a flywheel and dissipation  $D$ .

- A power plant consists of a **boiler** producing a **constant** power, as well as a **turbine** (generator) with high inertia and some damping.
- Transmitted power through a line:  $P_{12}^{max} \sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$ .
- Power plant + transmission line = **power source that feeds energy into the system**. This energy can be **accumulated** as **rotational energy** or **dissipated** due to **friction**.
- The remaining part is available for a **user** (the machine  $M$ ), provided that there exists a **phase angle difference**  $\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1$  between the two mechanical rotators (phase shift is necessary for ac power transmission)

# Power grids: swing equation

**Power flow analysis** can be described in terms of the phase angles  $\theta'_s$  that characterize both the **rotor dynamics** (and hence the energy stored or dissipated) and the **power flow** between any two rotors connected by an ac line.

$$\theta_i(t) = \Omega t + \phi_i(t), \quad \Omega = 2\pi \times 50Hz$$

$$P_i^{source} = P_i^{diss} + P_i^{acc} + P_i^{transmitted}$$

$$P_i^{diss} = k_i^D \dot{\theta}_i^2, \quad P_i^{acc} = \frac{1}{2} I_i \frac{d^2 \theta_i}{dt^2}, \quad P_i^{transmitted} = P_{ij}^{max} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

Assuming only slow phase changes compared to the frequency ( $|\dot{\theta}_i| \ll \Omega$ )

$$I_i \Omega \ddot{\phi}_i = P_i^{source} - k_i^D \Omega^2 - 2k_i \Omega \dot{\phi} + \sum_j P_{ij}^{max} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

only the phase difference between the elements of the grid matters!

(Filatrella et al. (2008))

# Power grids: parameters

Every element  $i$  is described by the same rescaled equation of motion with a parameter  $P_i$  giving the generated ( $P_i > 0$ ) or consumed ( $P_i < 0$ ) power

$$\frac{d^2\phi_i}{dt^2} = P_i - \alpha_i \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \sum_j K_{ij} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

where  $K_{ij} = \frac{P_{ij}^{max}}{I_i \Omega}$ ,  $P_i = \frac{P_i^{source} - k_i^D \Omega^2}{I_i \Omega}$ ,  $\alpha_i = \frac{2k_i}{I_i}$ ,  $\sum_j P_j = 0$ .

- Large centralized power plants generating  $P_i^{source} = 100Mw$  each
- Each synchronous generator has a moment of inertia of  $I_i = 10^4 kgm^2$
- The mechanically dissipated power  $k_i^D \Omega^2$  usually is a small fraction of  $P^{source}$
- Additional sources of dissipation are not taken into account
- A transmission capacity for major overhead power line is up to  $P_{ij}^{max} = 700MW$
- The transmission capacity for a line connecting a small city is  $K_{ij} \leq 10^2 s^2$
- $\alpha_i = 0.1s^{-1}$ ,  $P_i = 10s^{-2}$  for large power plants,  $P_i = -1s^{-2}$  for a small city

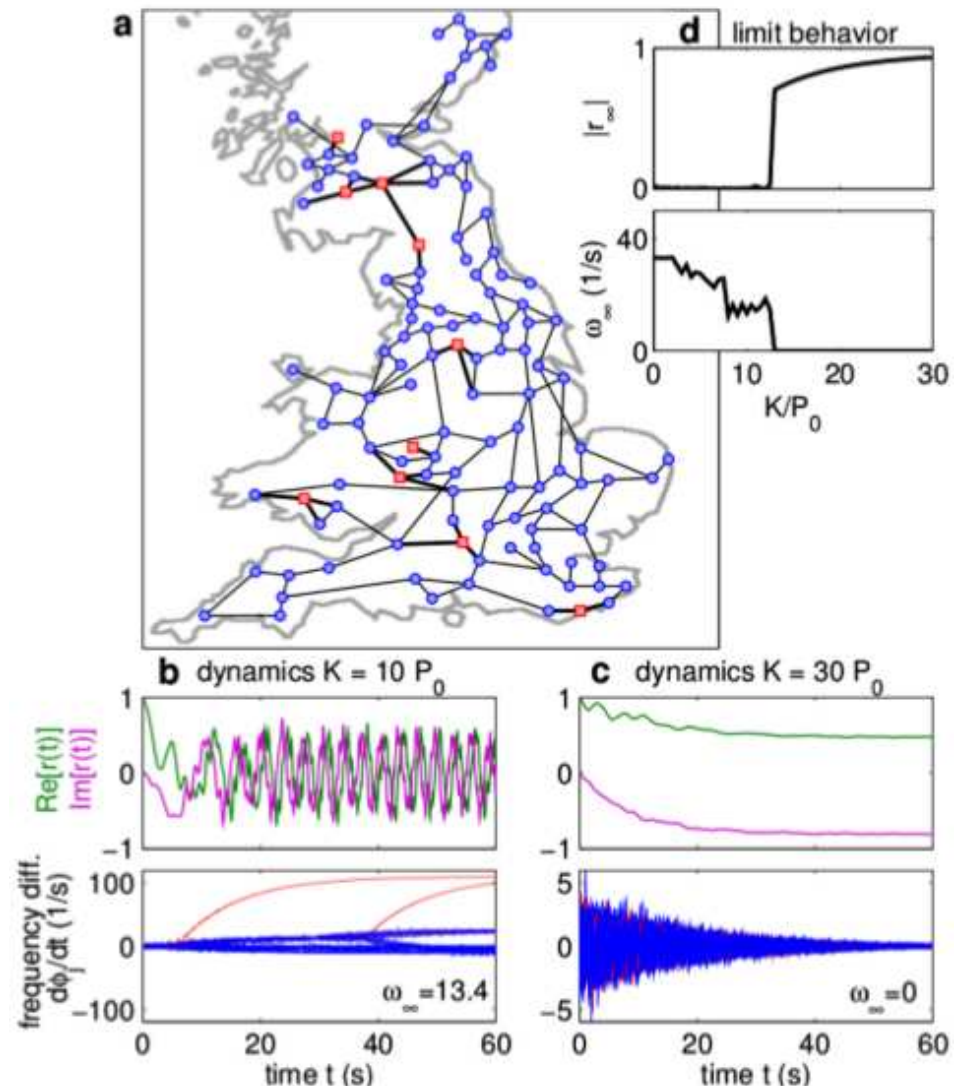
# Power Grids

## (Rohden et al. (2012))

- Larger networks of complex topologies equally exhibit **coexistence** with power outage and **self-organized synchrony**
- Average frequency difference  

$$\omega = \sum_j |d\phi_j/dt|/N$$
- Order parameter  

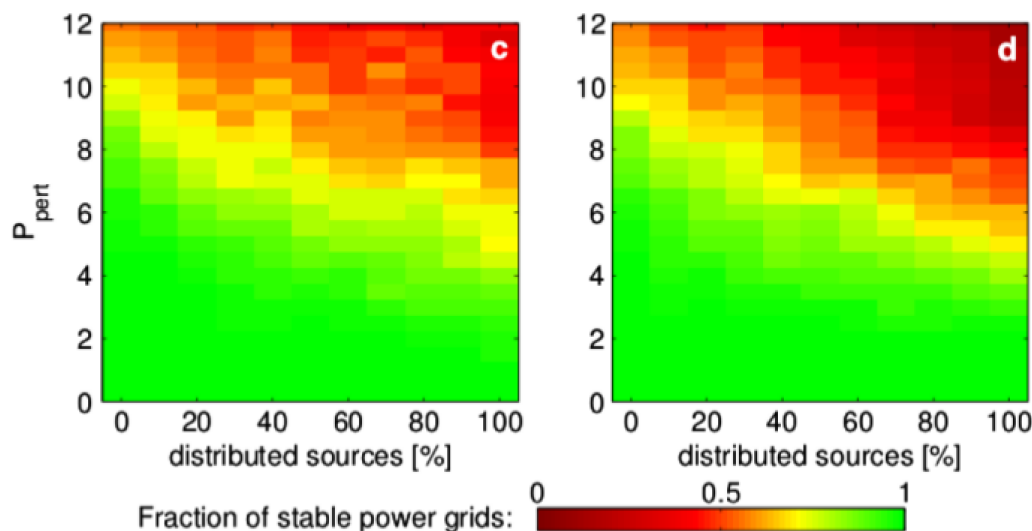
$$r(t) = \sum_j e^{i\phi_j(t)}/N$$
- Topology of the British power grid: **120** nodes and **165** transmission lines; **10** power plants (randomly chosen) and **110** consumers
- Power plants are connected to their neighbors with a higher capacity  $cK$



# Power Grids Stability (Rohden et al. (2012))

How does decentralization impact the system's stability to dynamic perturbations?

- Replace large power plants ( $P_j = 11P_0$ ) by smaller ones ( $P_j = 1.1P_0$ ).
- Test the **stability against fluctuations** by transiently increasing the power demand of each consumer during a short time interval ( the condition  $\sum_j P_j = 0$  is violated)
- After the perturbation is **switched off**, the system either relaxes back to a steady state or does not, depending on the strength of the perturbation
- The maximally allowed perturbation strength **shrinks with decentralization**, but still all grids are stable up to strengths a few times larger than the unperturbed load



# Josephson Junctions

- The Josephson effect is the phenomenon of **supercurrent**, a current that flows indefinitely long without any voltage applied, through a **Josephson junction (JJ)**
- A JJ consists of two or more superconductors coupled by a weak link, which can consist of a thin insulating barrier, a short section of non-superconducting metal, or a physical constriction that weakens the superconductivity at the point of contact
- The Josephson effect is an example of a macroscopic quantum phenomenon, predicted by Brian David Josephson in 1962 ([Josephson \(1962\)](#))
- The DC Josephson effect had been seen in experiments prior to 1962, but had been attributed to “super-shorts” or **breaches** in the insulating barrier
- The first paper to claim the discovery of Josephson’s effect, and to make the requisite experimental checks, was that of ([Anderson and Rowell \(1963\)](#))
- Before JJ, it was only known that normal, non-superconducting electrons can flow through an insulating barrier (**quantum tunneling**). Josephson first predicted the tunneling of superconducting Cooper pairs ([Nobel Prize in Physics 1973](#)).

A locally coupled Kuramoto model with inertia can be derived from a coupled resistively and capacitively shunted junction eqs for an underdamped ladder with periodic boundary conditions ([Trees et al. \(2005\)](#)): good agreements are achieved for phase and frequency synchronization



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# Extension of the Mean Field Theory

In principle one could fix the discriminating frequency to some arbitrary value  $\Omega_0$  and solve self-consistently

$$r = r_L + r_D$$

$$r_L^{I,II} = Kr \int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} \cos^2 \theta g(Kr \sin \theta) d\theta \quad r_D^{I,II} \simeq -mKr \int_{-\Omega_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m\Omega)^3} g(\Omega) d\Omega$$

This amounts to obtain a solution  $r^0 = r^0(K, \Omega_0)$  by solving

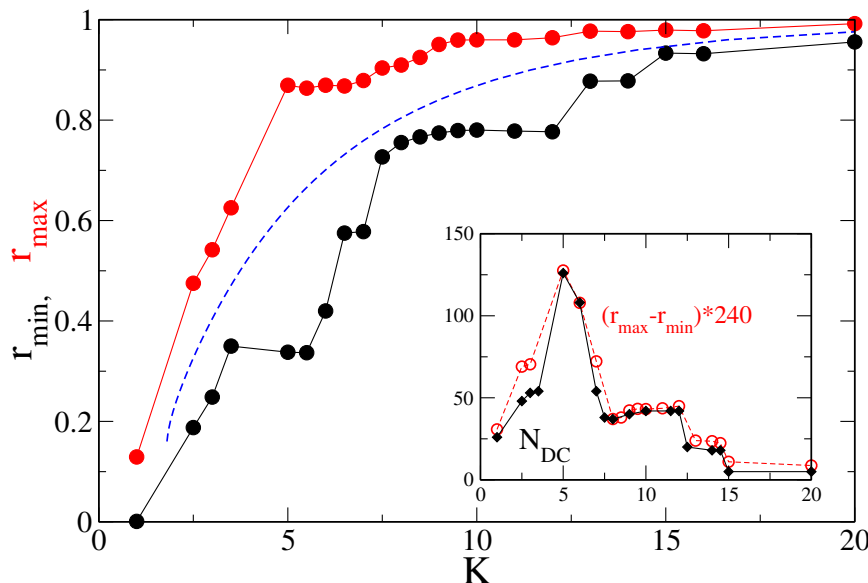
$$\int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} \cos^2 \theta g(Kr^0 \sin \theta) d\theta - m \int_{-\Omega_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m\Omega)^3} g(\Omega) d\Omega = \frac{1}{K}$$

with  $\theta_0 = \sin^{-1}(\Omega_0/Kr^0)$ . The solution exists if  $\Omega_0 < \Omega_D = Kr^0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  A portion of the  $(K, r)$  plane delimited by the curve  $r^{II}(K)$  is filled with the curves  $r^0(K)$  obtained for different  $\Omega_0$  values.

# Drifting Clusters (Olmi et al. (2014))

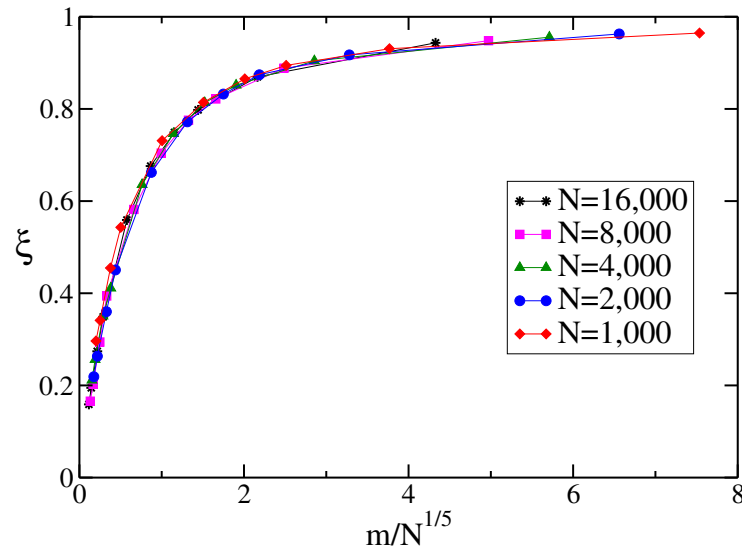
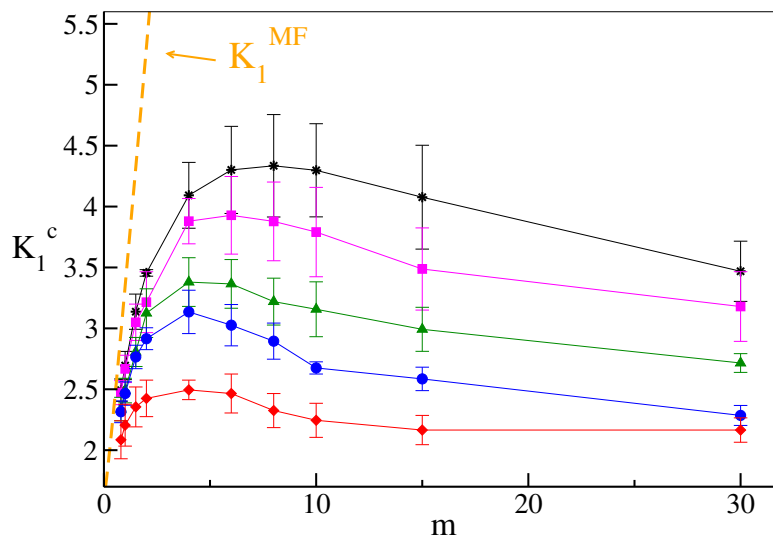
- The amplitude of the oscillations of  $r(t)$  and the number of oscillators in the drifting clusters  $N_{DC}$  correlates in a linear manner
- The oscillations in  $r(t)$  are induced by the presence of large secondary clusters characterized by finite whirling velocities
- At smaller masses oscillations are present, but reduced in amplitude. Oscillations are due to finite size effects since no clusters of drifting oscillators are observed



- Blue dashed line  $\Rightarrow$  estimated mean field value  $r^I$  by Tanaka et al. (1997)
- The mean field theory captures the average increase of the order parameter but it does not foresee the oscillations

# Dependence On the Mass $K_1^c$

- $K_1^c$  increases with  $m$  up to a maximal value and then decreases at larger masses
- by increasing  $N$   $K_1^c$  increases and the position of the maximum shifts to larger masses (finite size effects)

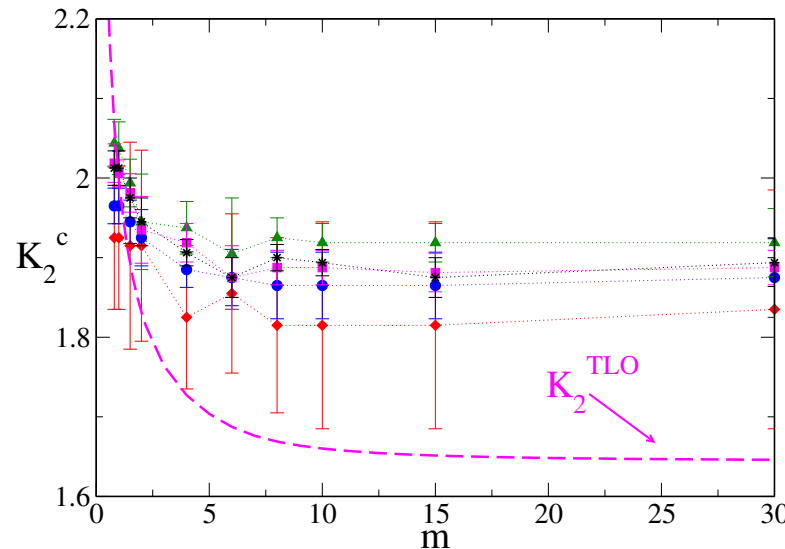


The following general scaling seems to apply

$$\xi \equiv \frac{K_1^{MF} - K_1^c(m, N)}{K_1^{MF}} = G\left(\frac{m}{N^{1/5}}\right) \quad \text{where } K_1^{MF} \propto 2m \text{ for } m > 1$$

# Dependence On the Mass $K_2^c$

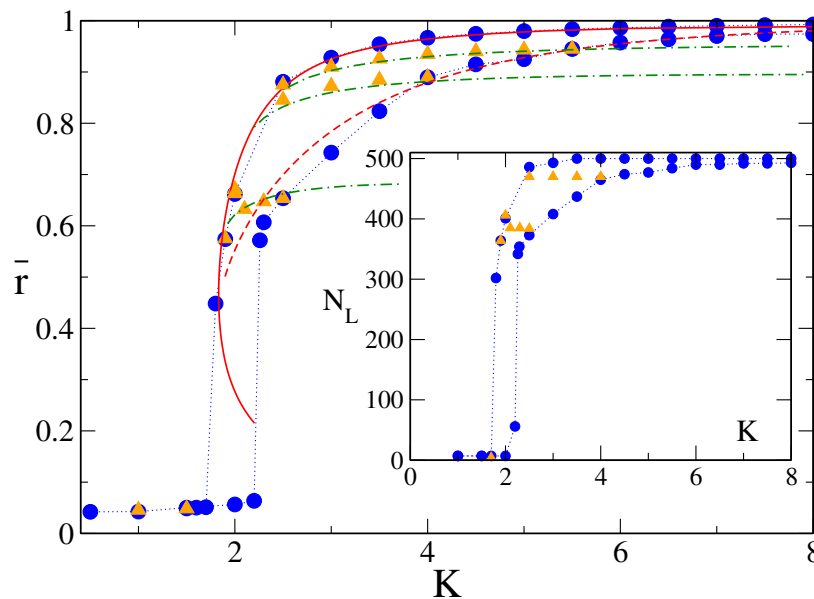
The TLO approach fails to reproduce the critical coupling for the transition from asynchronous to synchronous state (i.e.,  $K_1^c$ ), however it gives a good estimate of the return curve obtained with protocol II from the synchronized to the asynchronous regime



- $K_2^c$  initially decreases with  $m$  then saturates, limited variations with the size  $N$
- $K_2^{TLO}$  is the minimal coupling associated to a partially synchronized state given by TLO approach for protocol II
- $K_2^{TLO}$  exhibits the same behaviour as  $K_2^c$ , however it slightly underestimates the asymptotic value (see the scale)

# Further works: diluted network

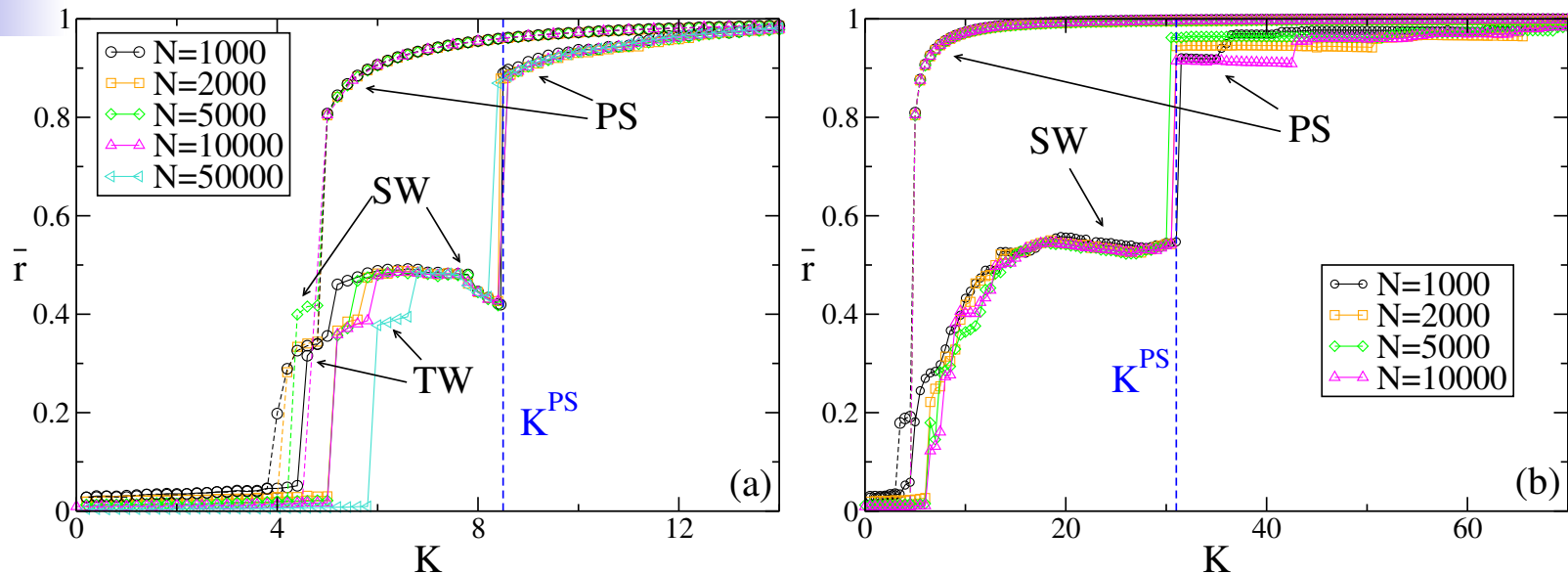
- The TLO mean field theory still gives reasonable results (70% of broken links)
- All the states between the synchronization curves obtained following Protocol I and II are reachable and stable



- These states, located in the region between the synchronization curves, are characterized by a frozen cluster structure, composed by a constant  $N_L$
- The generalized mean-field solution  $r^0(K, \Omega_0)$  is able to well reproduce the numerically obtained paths connecting the synchronization curves (I) and (II)

# Further works: $g(\Omega)$ bimodal

## Finite size effects



### Small inertia value

- $K^{TW}$  and  $K^{SW}$  increase with  $N$
- The transition value  $K^{PS}$  and  $K^{DS}$  seem independent from  $N$
- In the thermodynamic limit TW and SW will be no more visited (the incoherent state will lose stability at  $K^{SW}$ )

### Large inertia value

- The transition to **SW** occurs via the emergence of clusters

# Italian High Voltage Power Grid



Each node is described by the phase:

$$\phi_i(t) = \omega_{AC}t + \theta_i(t)$$

where  $\omega_{AC} = 2\pi \cdot 50$  Hz is the standard AC frequency and  $\theta_i$  is the phase deviation from  $\omega_{AC}$ .

Consumers and generators can be distinguished by the sign of parameter  $P_i$ :

$$P_i > 0 \text{ (} P_i < 0 \text{)}$$

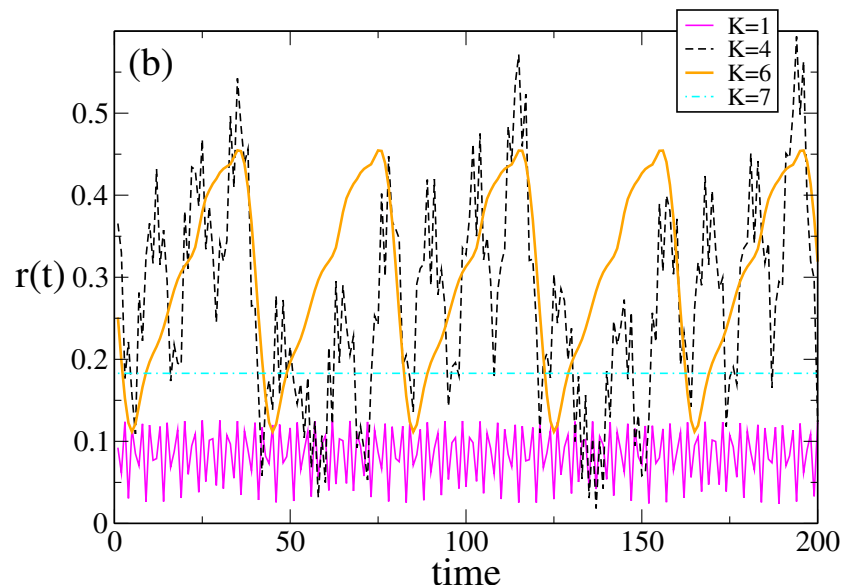
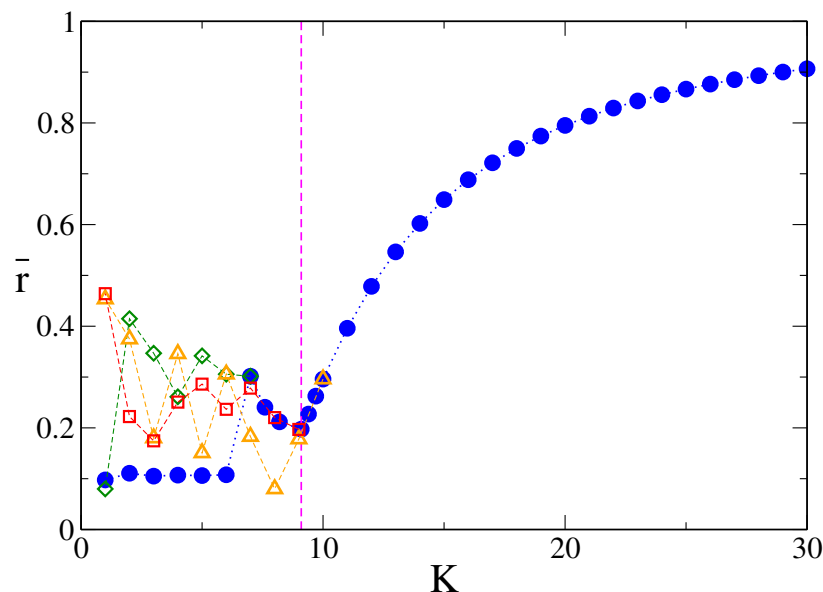
corresponds to **generated** (**consumed**) power.

$$\ddot{\theta}_i = \alpha \left[ -\dot{\theta}_i + P_i + K \sum_{ij} C_{i,j} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) \right]$$

Average connectivity  $\langle N_c \rangle = 2.865$

# Italian High Voltage Power Grid

- We do not observe any hysteretic behavior or multistability down to  $K = 9$
- For smaller coupling an intricate behavior is observable depending on initial conditions
- Generators and consumers compete in order to oscillates at different frequencies
- The local architecture favours a splitting based on the proximity of the oscillators
- Several small whirling clusters appear characterized by different phase velocities
- The irregular oscillations in  $r(t)$  reflect quasi-periodic motions



# Italian High Voltage Power Grid

By following Protocol II

- the system stays in **one** cluster up to  $K = 7$
- at  $K = 6$  wide oscillations emerge in  $r(t)$  due to the locked clusters that have been splitted in two (is this also the origin for the emergent multistability?)
- By lowering further  $K$  several whirling small clusters appear and  $r$  becomes irregular

