

# CHIMERA STATES IN DYNAMICAL NETWORKS: SPONTANEOUS SYMMETRY-BREAKING



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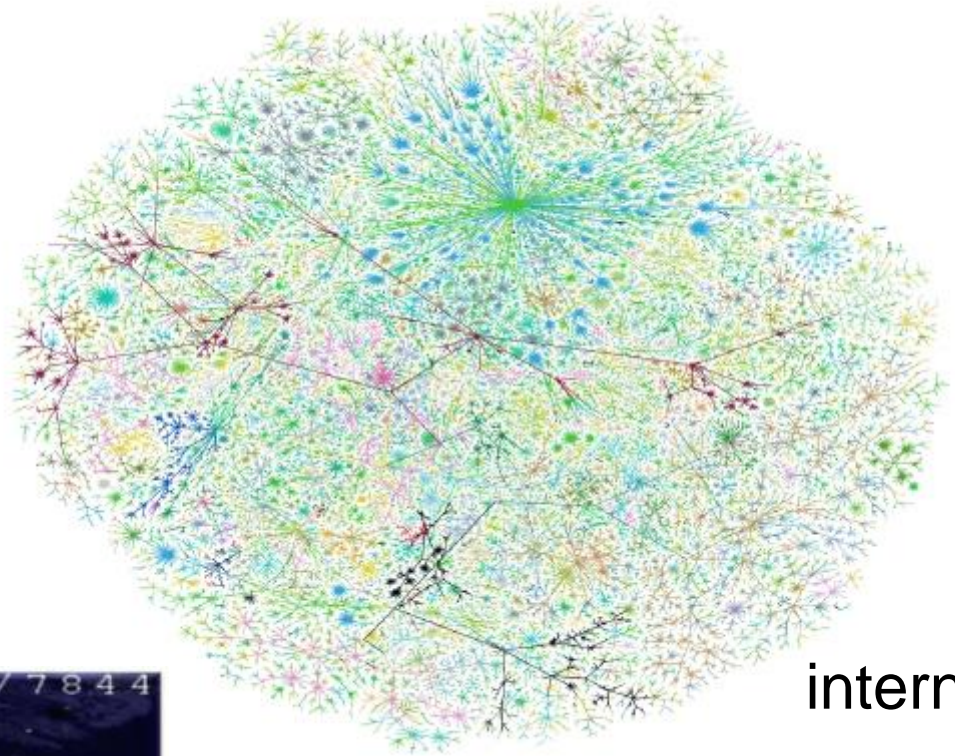
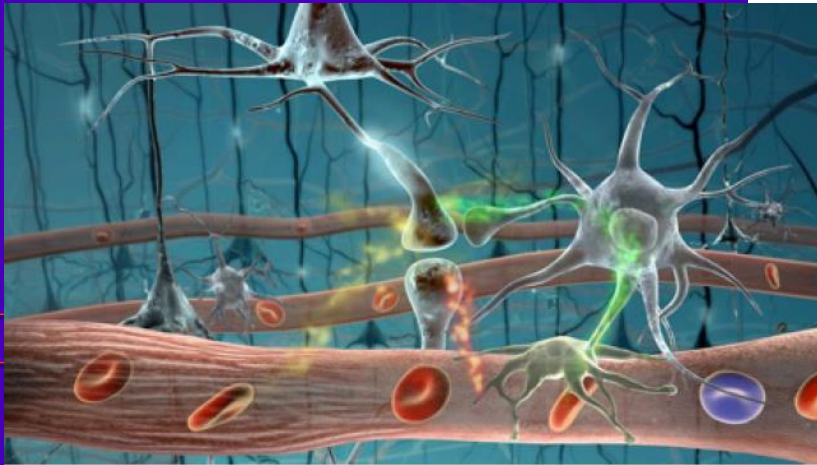
# Outline

- ▶ Chimera states in dynamical networks
  - ▶ Motivation
  - ▶ Coherence-incoherence transitions in coupled maps
  - ▶ Experiment with liquid crystal spatial light modulator
  - ▶ Time-continuous systems
  - ▶ Multi-chimera states in a neuronal model



# Examples of complex networks

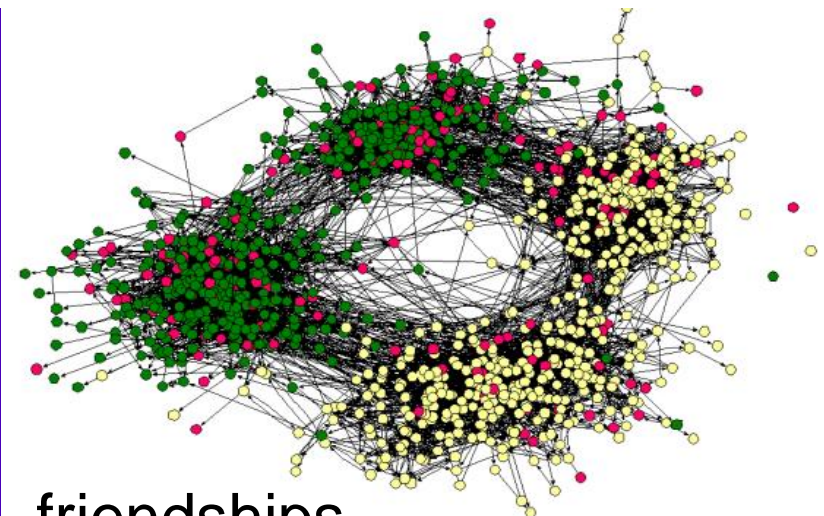
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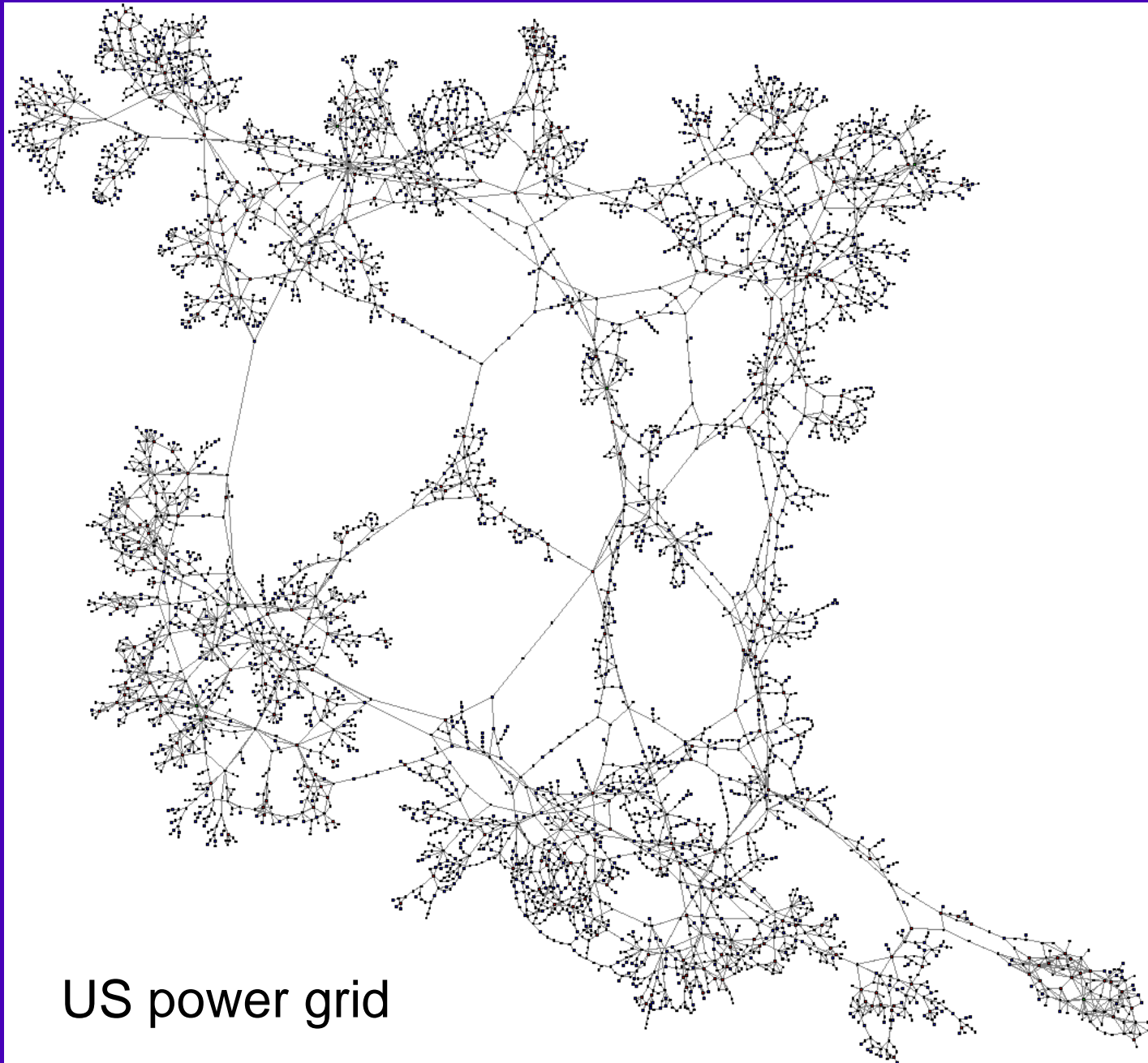


internet



friendships

# Complex networks



US power grid

# Synchronization in complex networks

## ■ Synchronization and Desynchronization

### ■ Constructive role for strongly coherent fields:

- Laser system, ...

### ■ **Synchronization**

- A. Pikovsky, et al., *Synchronization*, Cambridge, 2001

### ■ On occasion, undesirable phenomenon:

- Parkinsonian tremor
- Swaying motion of London's Millennium Bridge

### ■ **Desynchronization**

Tass, *Biol. Cybern.*, 89, 81 (2003)

Rosenblum et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 92, 114102 (2004)

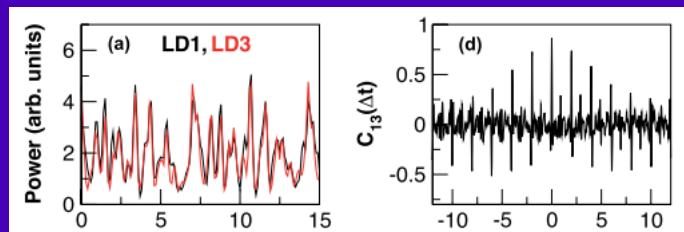
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# Synchronization in delay-coupled networks

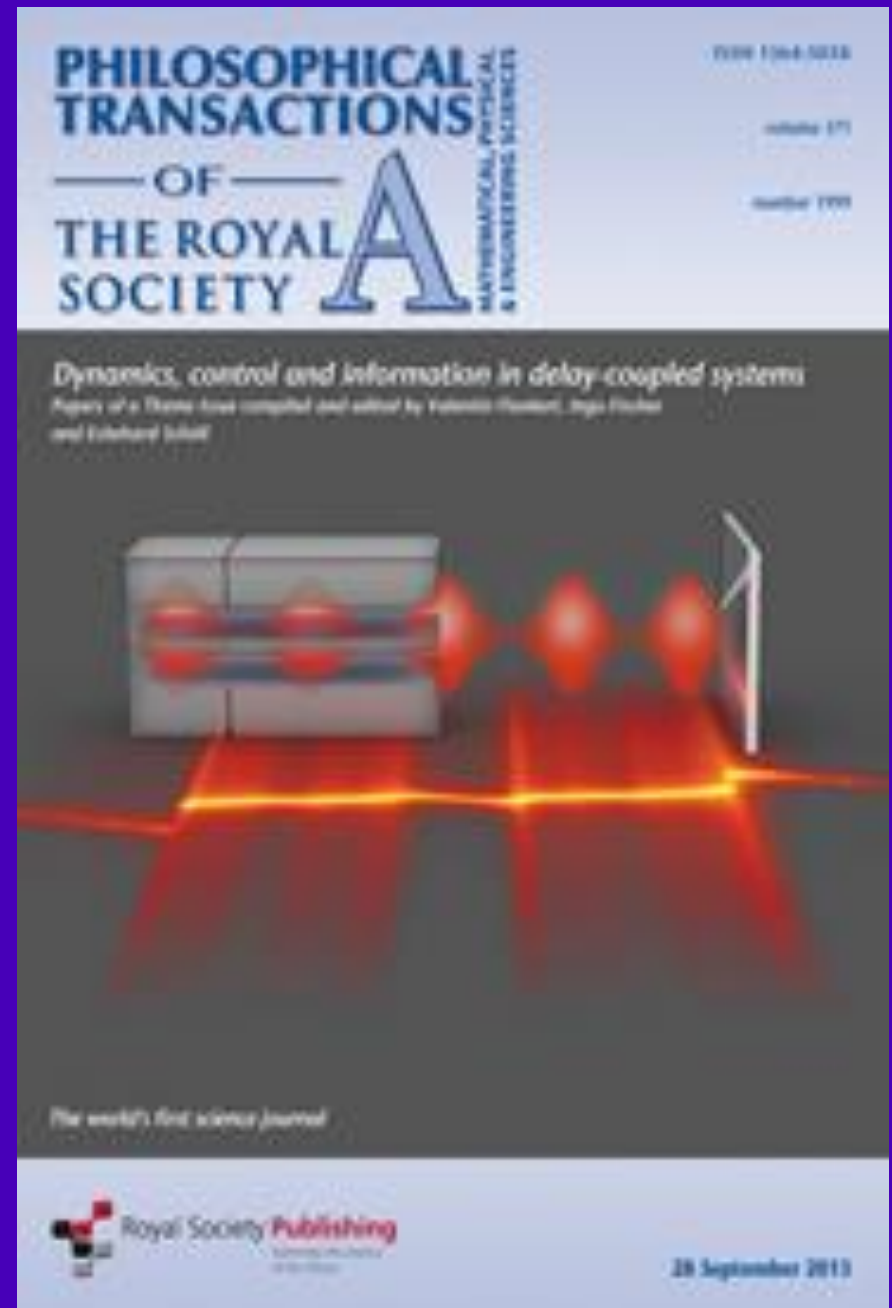
- \* M. Soriano, J. Garcia-Ojalvo, C. Mirasso, I. Fischer: Rev. Mod. Phys. 85, 421 (2013).
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## Chaotic synchronization of lasers:

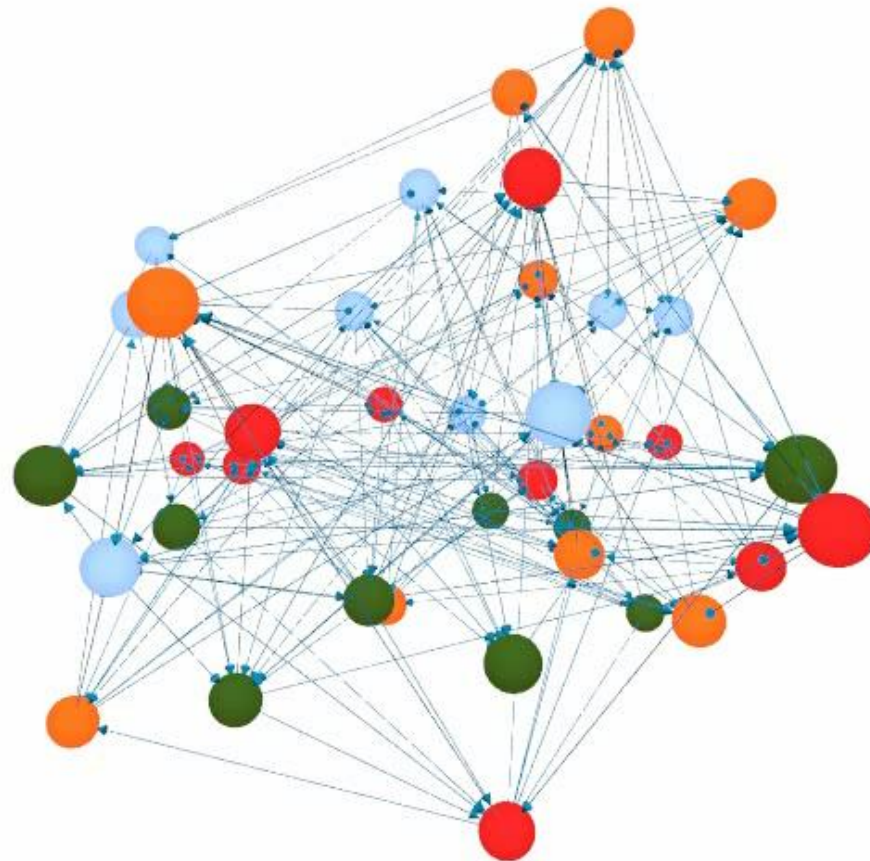


## Theme Issue on Dynamics, Control and Information in Delay-Coupled Systems

V. Flunkert, I. Fischer, and E. Schöll (Eds.):  
Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. A 371, 28 Sept. (2013)



# Group synchrony



T. Dahms, J. Lehnert, E. Schöll: Phys. Rev. E 86, 016202 (2012)

# Symmetry-breaking in neuronal systems

- **Unihemispheric sleep:** some birds and dolphins sleep with one half of their brain, while the other half remains awake



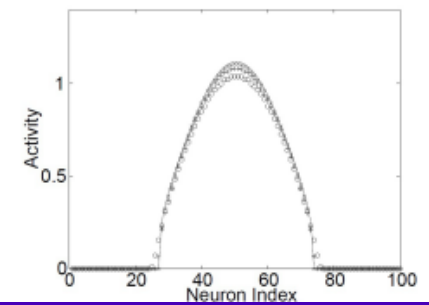
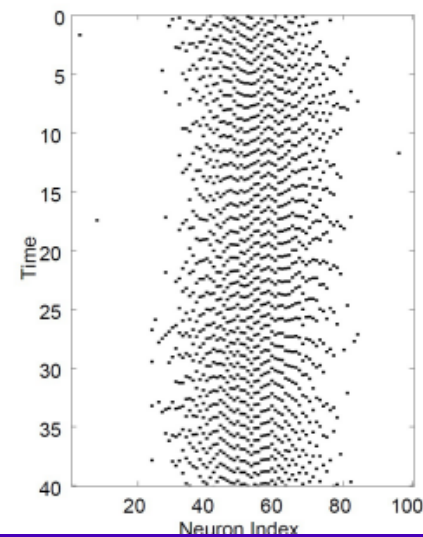
- **Bump states** in neural networks  
Localized patch of incoherent asynchronous firing  
- **partial synchronization**

• C.R. Laing, C.C. Chow.

*Neural Comput.* **13**, 1473 (2001).

Nonlocally coupled Integrate-and-fire neurons

$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = I_i - v_i + \sum_{j,m} \frac{J_{ij}}{N} \alpha(t - t_j^m) - \sum_l \delta(t - t_l).$$





# Chimera states in networks of identical oscillators with nonlocal coupling

- Spatially coexisting domains of **coherent/phase-locked** and **incoherent/desynchronized** oscillators
- Chimera in **Greek mythology**: fire-breathing monster with three heads: lion's head, goat's head, serpent's head
- Prototype behavior of system on the transition from **complete coherence** to **complete incoherence**
- Essential: **nonlocal coupling of range  $r$**  between local and global coupling



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- **Theory:** Kuramoto and Battogtokh 2002  
Abrams and Strogatz 2004



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- **Experimentally** verified only recently (2012/2013):

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**Chimera and phase-cluster states in populations  
of coupled chemical oscillators**  
Mark R. Tinsley, Simbarashe Nkomo and Kenneth Showalter\*

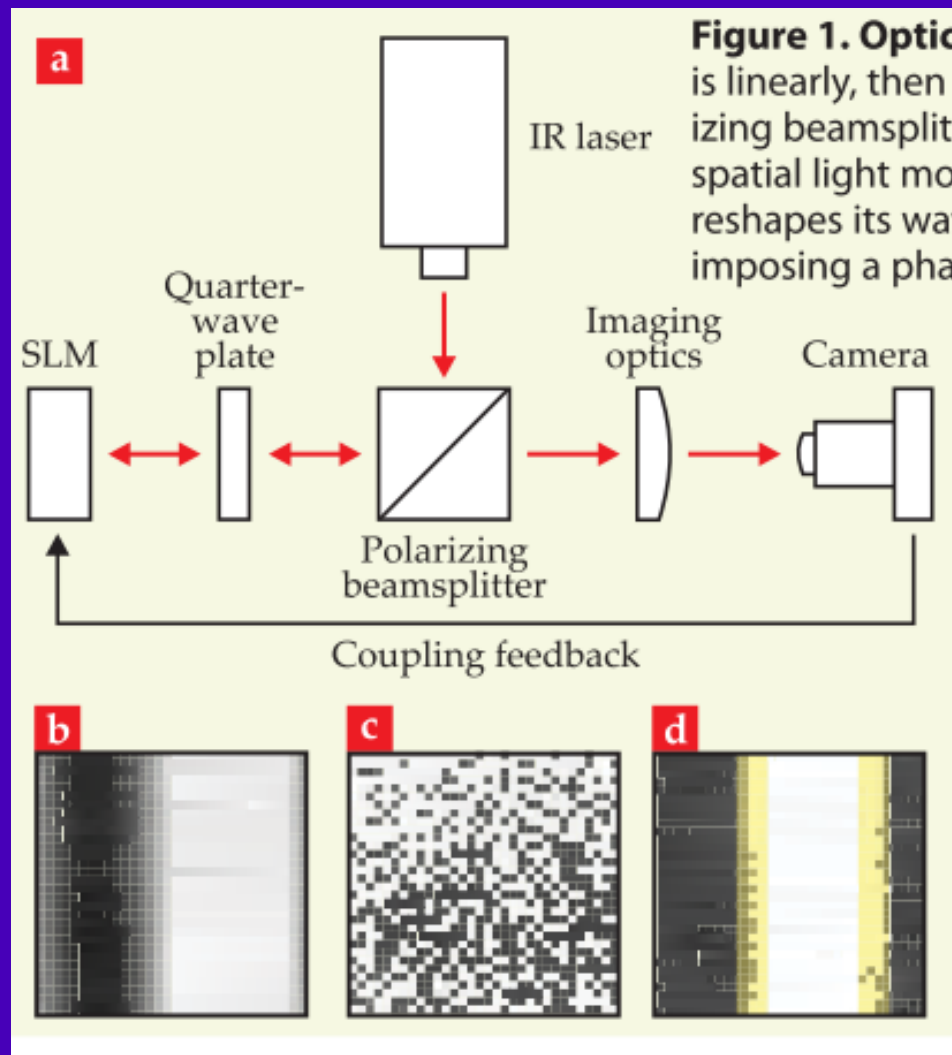
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**Experimental observation of chimeras in  
coupled-map lattices**  
Aaron M. Hagerstrom<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Thomas E. Murphy<sup>1,3</sup>, Rajarshi Roy<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Philipp Hövel<sup>5,6</sup>,  
Iryna Omelchenko<sup>5,6</sup> and Eckehard Schöll<sup>5</sup>

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**Chimera states in mechanical oscillator networks**  
Erik Andreas Martens<sup>a,b,1,2</sup>, Shashi Thutupalli<sup>c,d,1,2</sup>, Antoine Fourrière<sup>c</sup>, and Oskar Hallatschek<sup>a,e</sup>

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**Virtual Chimera States for Delayed-Feedback Systems**  
Laurent Larger,<sup>1</sup> Bogdan Penkovsky,<sup>1,2</sup> and Yuri Maistrenko<sup>1,3</sup>

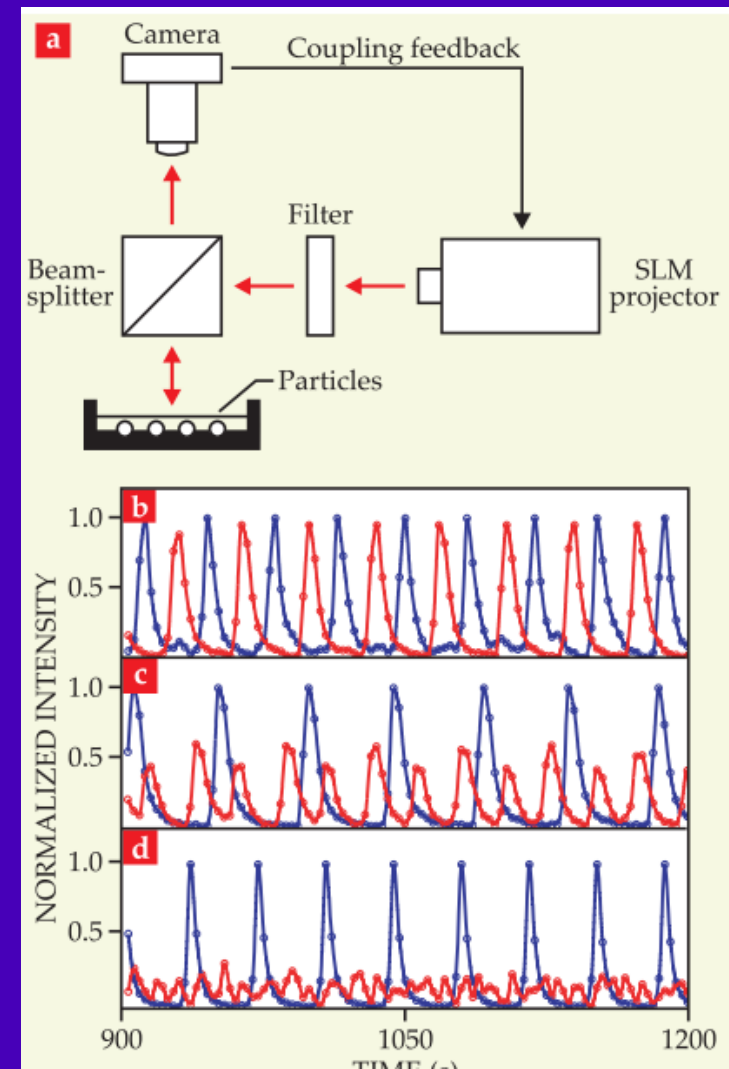
# Experiments on chimera states

- Optical experiment:  
Spatial light modulator



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- Chemical experiment:  
Light-sensitive BZ reaction

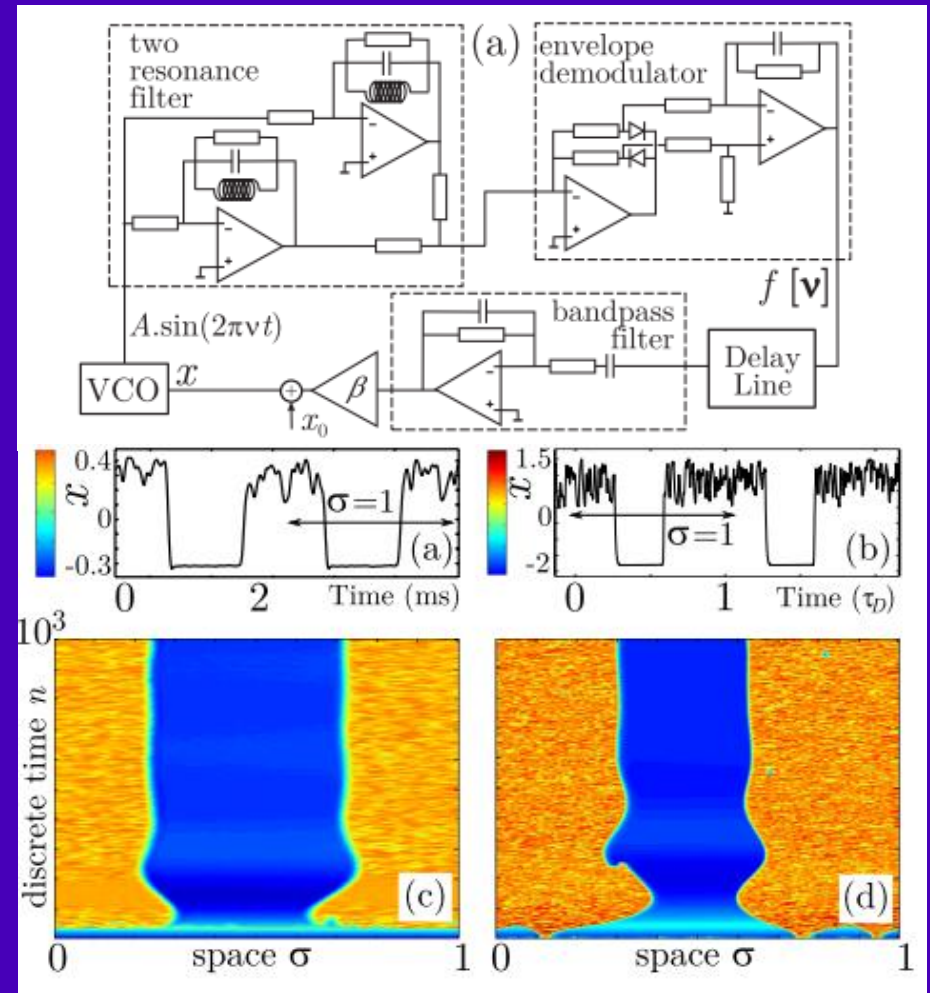
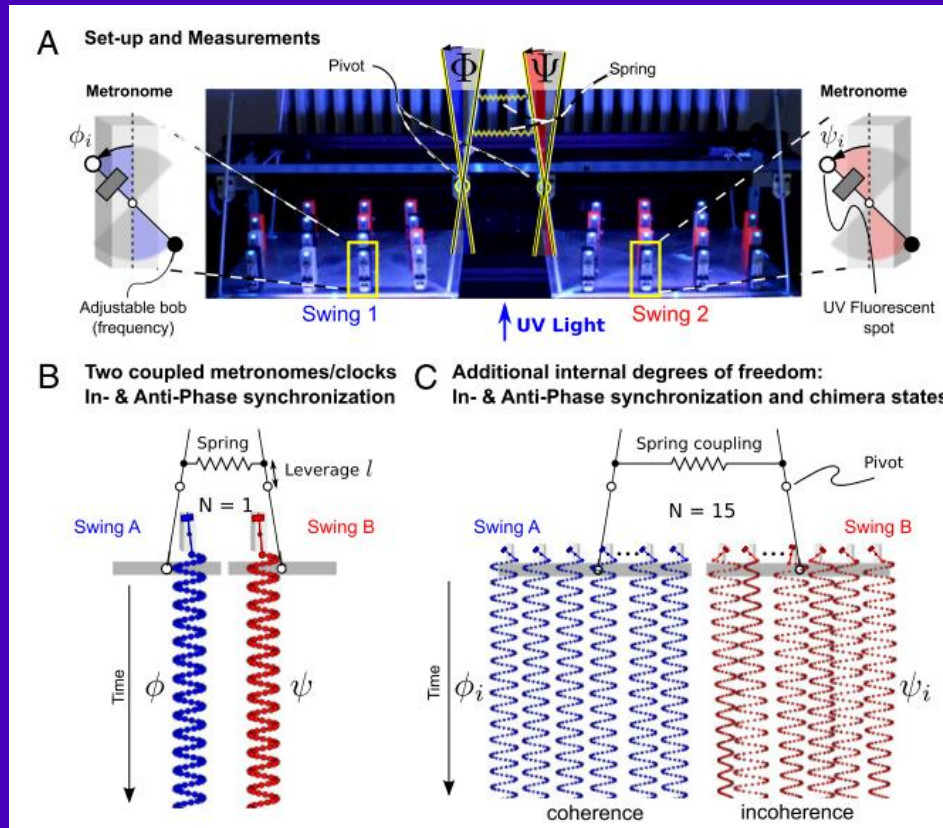


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Nature Phys. 8, 658 (2012)

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- Mechanical experiment: coupled pendula
- Electronic experiment: frequ. modul. delay oscillator

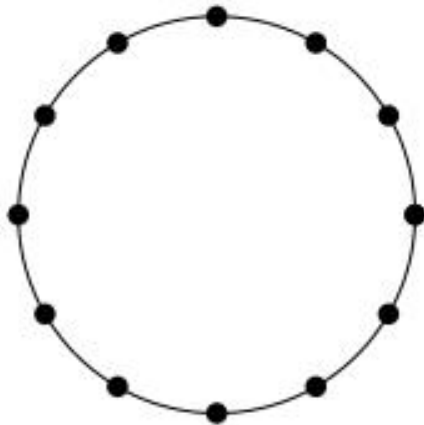


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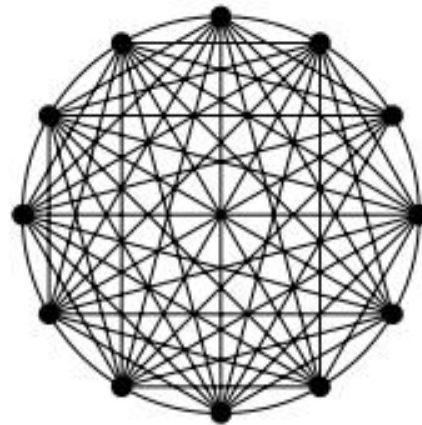
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# Networks with nonlocal coupling

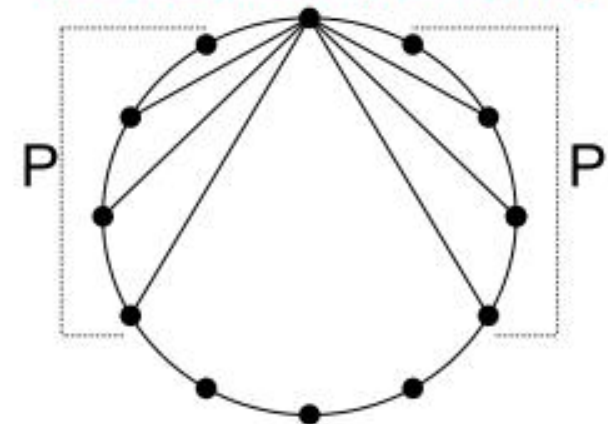
Local coupling



Global coupling



Nonlocal  
(intermediate) coupling



Coupling radius

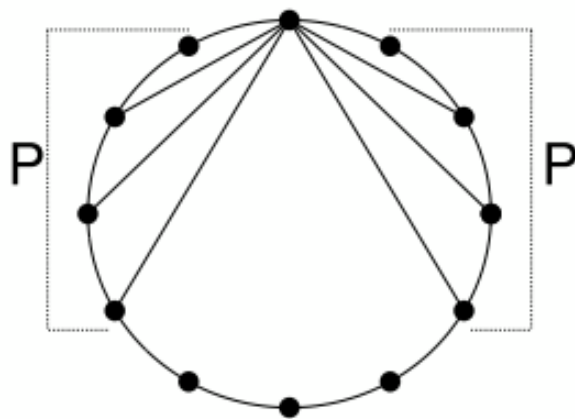
$$r = P/N$$

$P$  – number of coupled nearest neighbors

$N$  – total number of elements in network

# Dynamics of networks with nonlocal coupling of range $r$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}) + \frac{\sigma}{2P} (\mathbf{G} \otimes \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{X}$$



Coupling radius

$$r = P/N$$

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_N)$  – state vector

$\mathbf{F}$  – dynamics of individual element

$\mathbf{H}$  – local interaction matrix

$\mathbf{G}$  – coupling matrix (network topology)

Here  $\mathbf{G}$  – circulant matrix with rows  
 $(-2P, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_P, 0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_P)$ ,

$$g_{ij} = -2P$$

$\sigma$  – coupling strength

$P$  – number of coupled neighbors  
(in each direction)

$N$  – total number of elements

# Generalization of nonlocal coupling in the continuum limit of large N (space x)

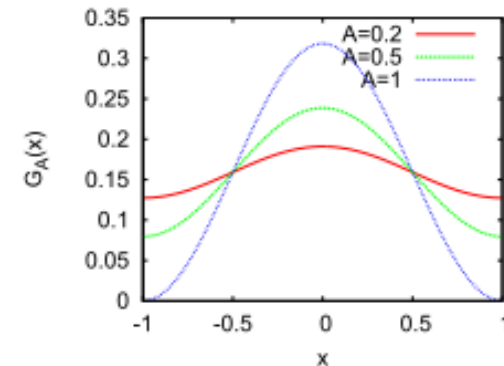
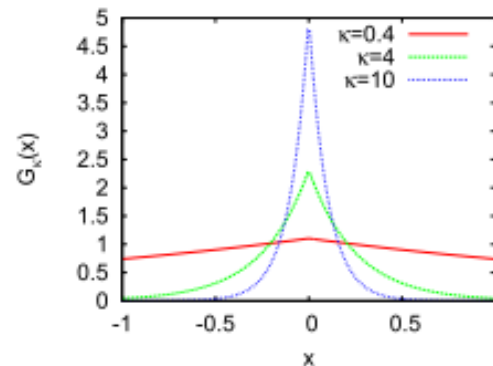
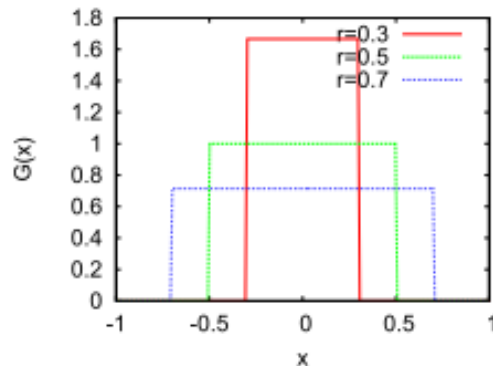
Kuramoto phase oscillator model:

phase lag  $\alpha$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi(x, t)}{\partial t} = \omega - \int_{-1}^1 G(x - x') \sin[\varphi(x, t) - \varphi(x', t) + \alpha] dx'$$

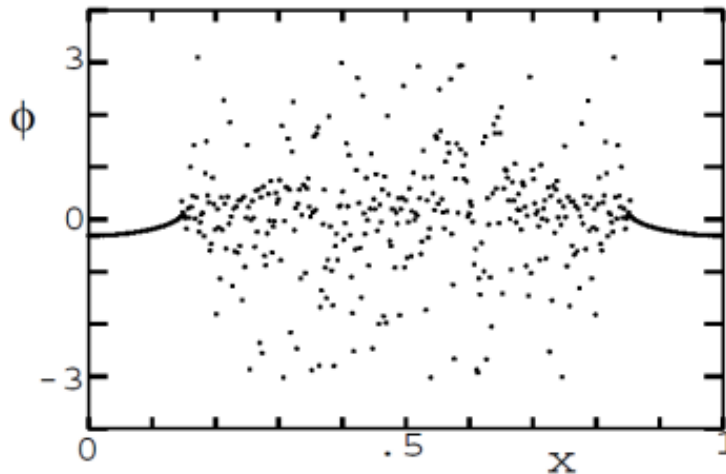
Spatial coupling functions (integral kernels):

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2r & |x| \leq r \\ 0 & |x| > r, \end{cases} \quad G_{\text{exp}}(x) = \frac{\kappa e^{-\kappa|x|}}{2(1 - e^{-\kappa})}, \quad G_{\text{cos}}(x) = \frac{1 + A \cos(x\pi)}{2\pi}$$

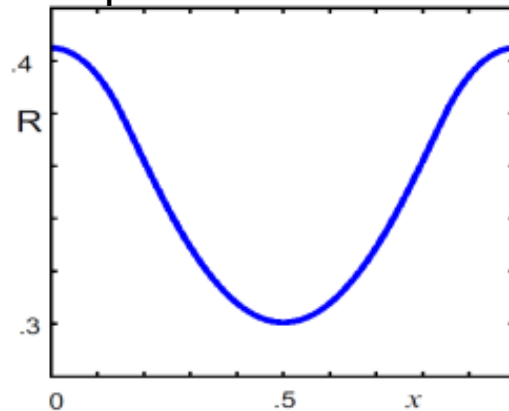




# Exponential coupling function: specially prepared initial condition (high multistability)



spatial phase coherence



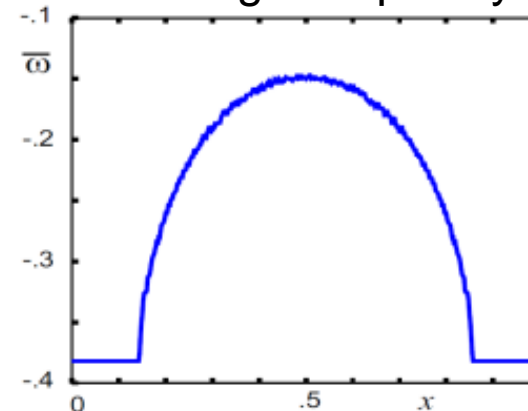
Coupling kernel:

$$G_{\text{exp}}(x) = \frac{\kappa}{2} e^{-\kappa|x|}$$

Local order parameter:

$$Re^{i\Theta} = \int_0^1 G_{\text{exp}}(x - x') e^{i\phi(x', t)} dx'$$

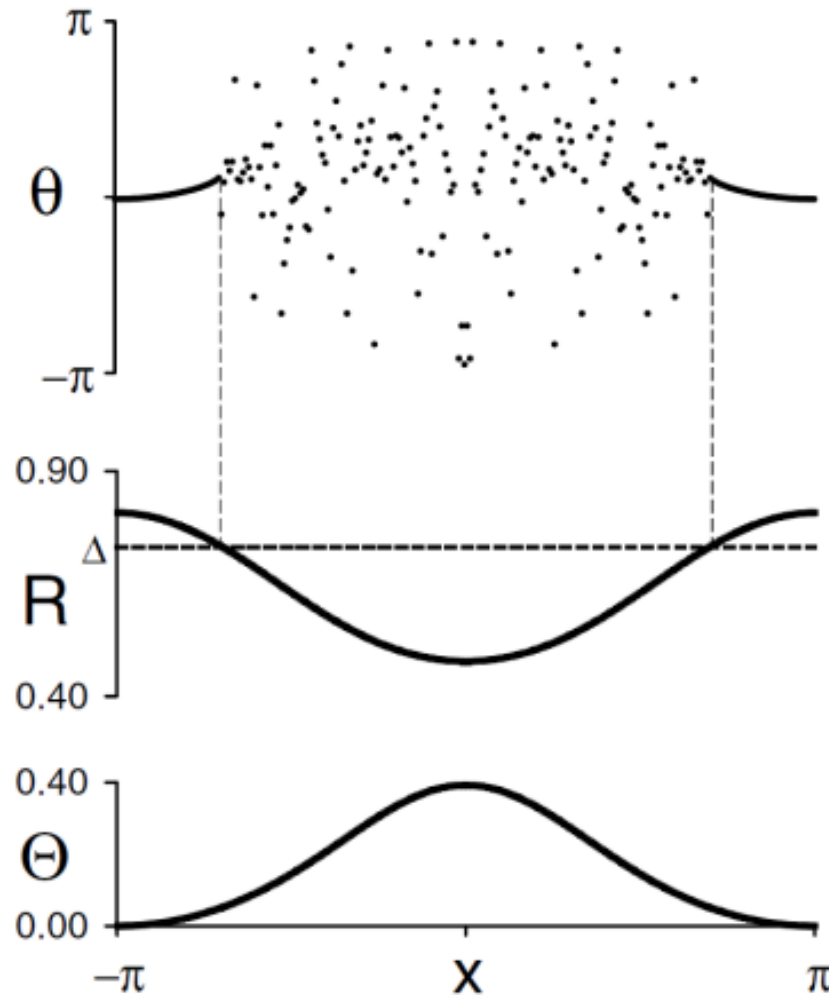
average frequency



Y. Kuramoto and D. Battogtokh: *Coexistence of Coherence and Incoherence in Nonlocally Coupled Phase Oscillators*, *Nonlin. Phen. in Complex Sys.* **5**, 380 (2002).

# Cosine coupling function

pecially prepared initial condition (high multistability)



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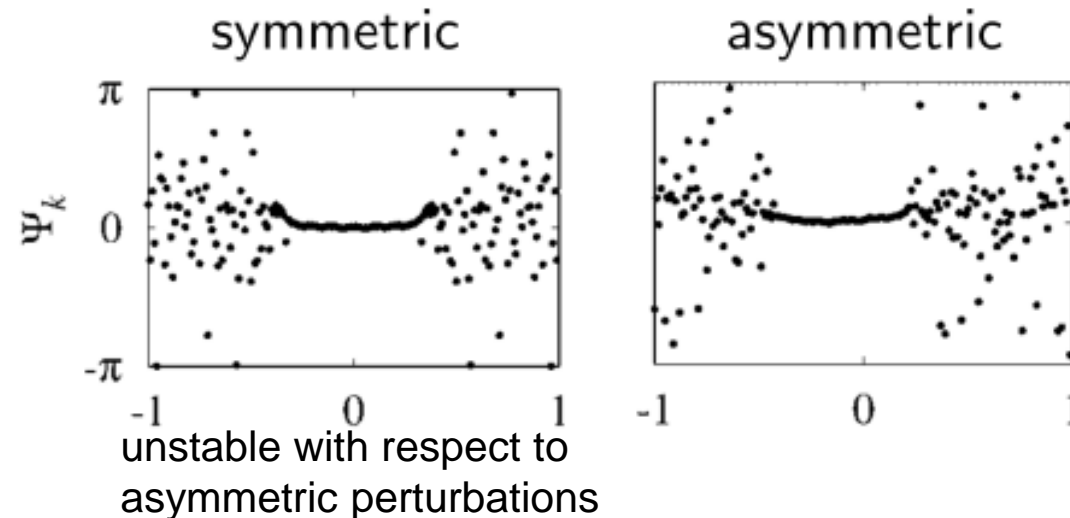
$$G_{\cos}(x) = \frac{1 + A \cos(x\pi)}{2\pi}$$

Local order parameter:

$$Re^{i\Theta} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G_{\cos}(x - x') e^{i\theta(x',t)} dx'$$

D. M. Abrams and S. H. Strogatz: *Chimera States for Coupled Oscillators*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 174102 (2004).

# Step-like coupling function:



unstable with respect to  
asymmetric perturbations

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O. E. Omel'chenko, M. Wolfrum, and Yu. Maistrenko: *Chimera states as chaotic spatiotemporal patterns*, Phys. Rev. E **81**, 065201(R) (2010).

# Time-discrete maps (logistic map) with step-like coupling function

$$z_i^{t+1} = f(z_i^t) + \frac{\sigma}{2P} \sum_{j=i-P}^{i+P} [f(z_j^t) - f(z_i^t)]$$

$z_i$  – state variables,  $i = 1, \dots, N$

$N$  – number of elements

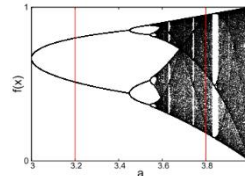
$t$  – discrete time

$P$  – number of coupled nearest neighbors (in each direction)

$\sigma$  – coupling strength

Periodic boundary conditions:  $z_{N+1} = z_1$

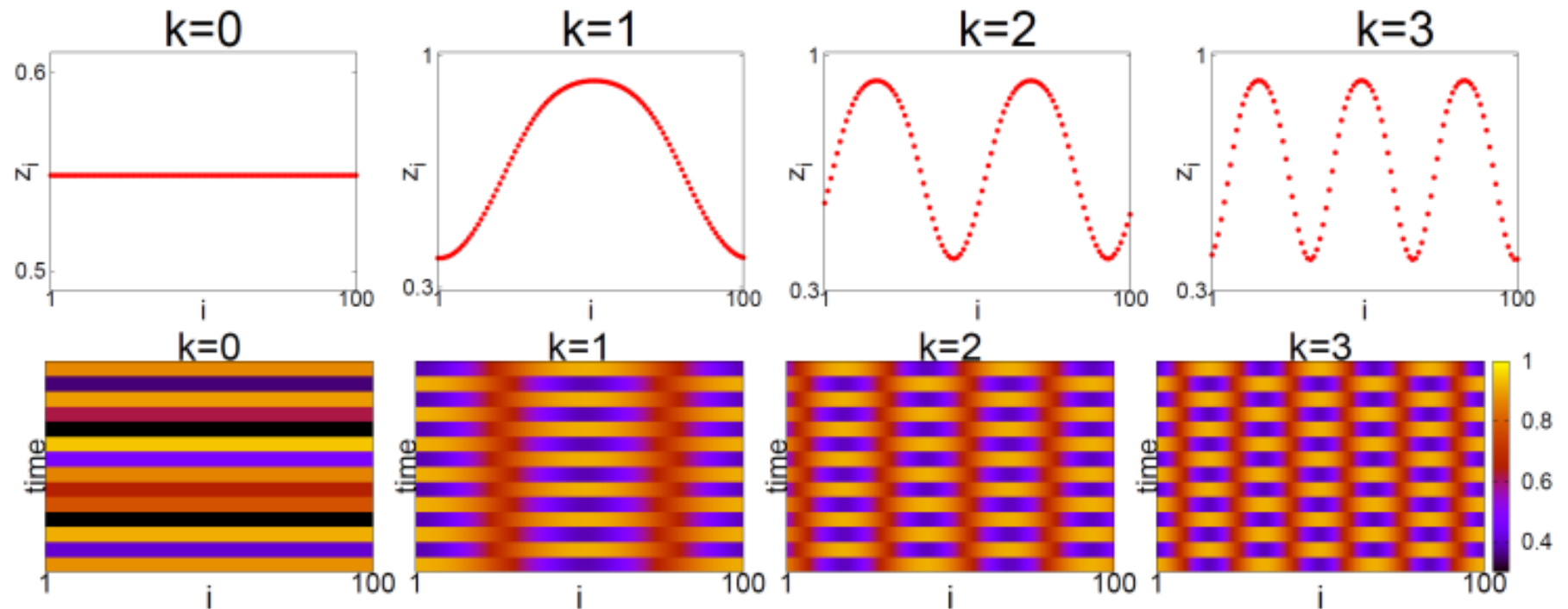
Local dynamics:  $f(z) = az(1 - z)$ ,  $a = 3.8$  – chaotic



I. Omelchenko, Yu. Maistrenko, P. Hövel, and E. Schöll: *Loss of coherence in dynamical networks: spatial chaos and chimera states*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 234102 (2011).

# Spatially coherent states

Snapshots:



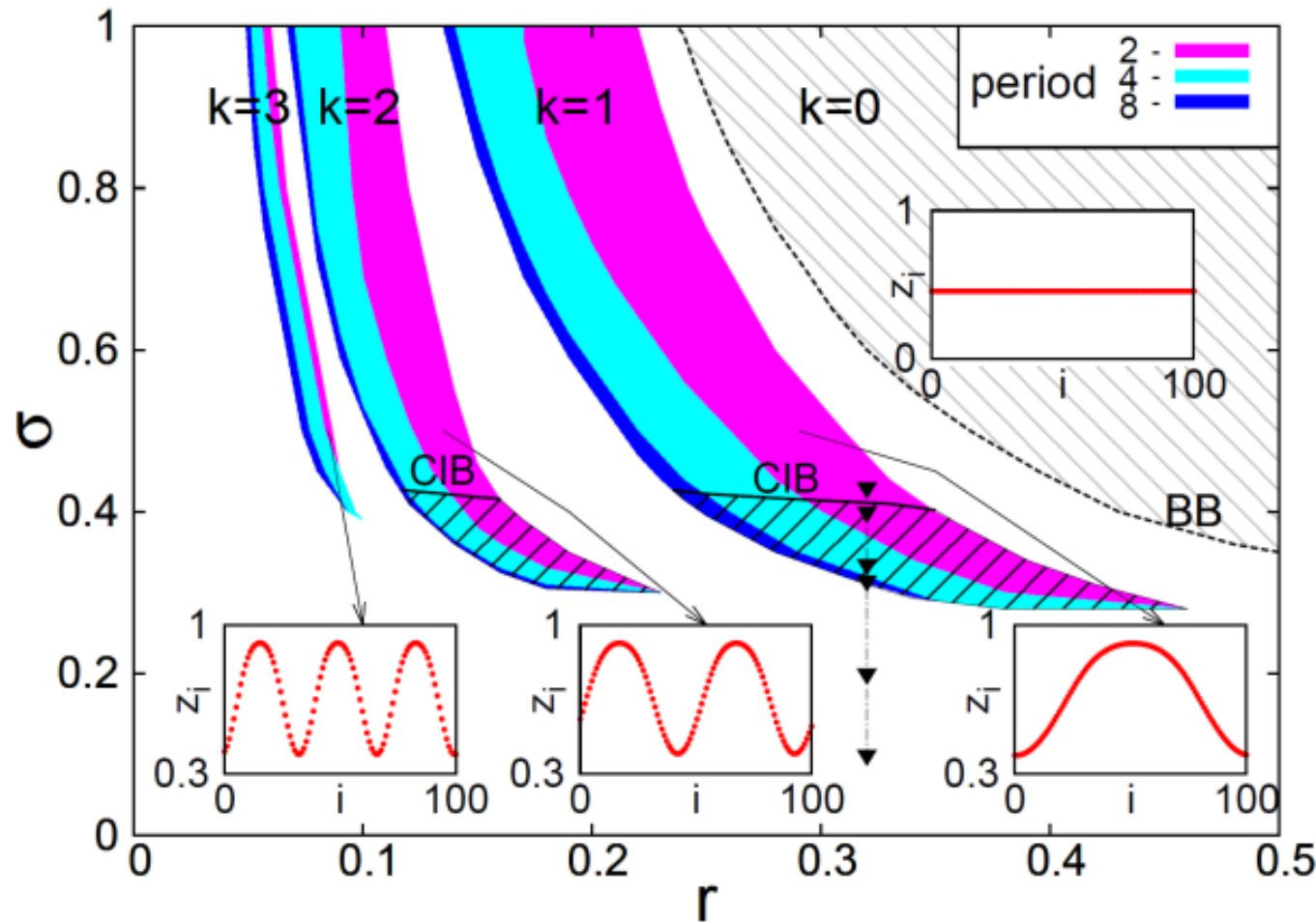
$z_j^t$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) – coherent on the ring  $S^1$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  if for any point  $x \in S^1$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{i, j \in U_\delta^N(x)} |z_i^t - z_j^t| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

→ scan  $(\sigma, r)$ -plane

# Bifurcation diagram

coherence-incoherence tongues:

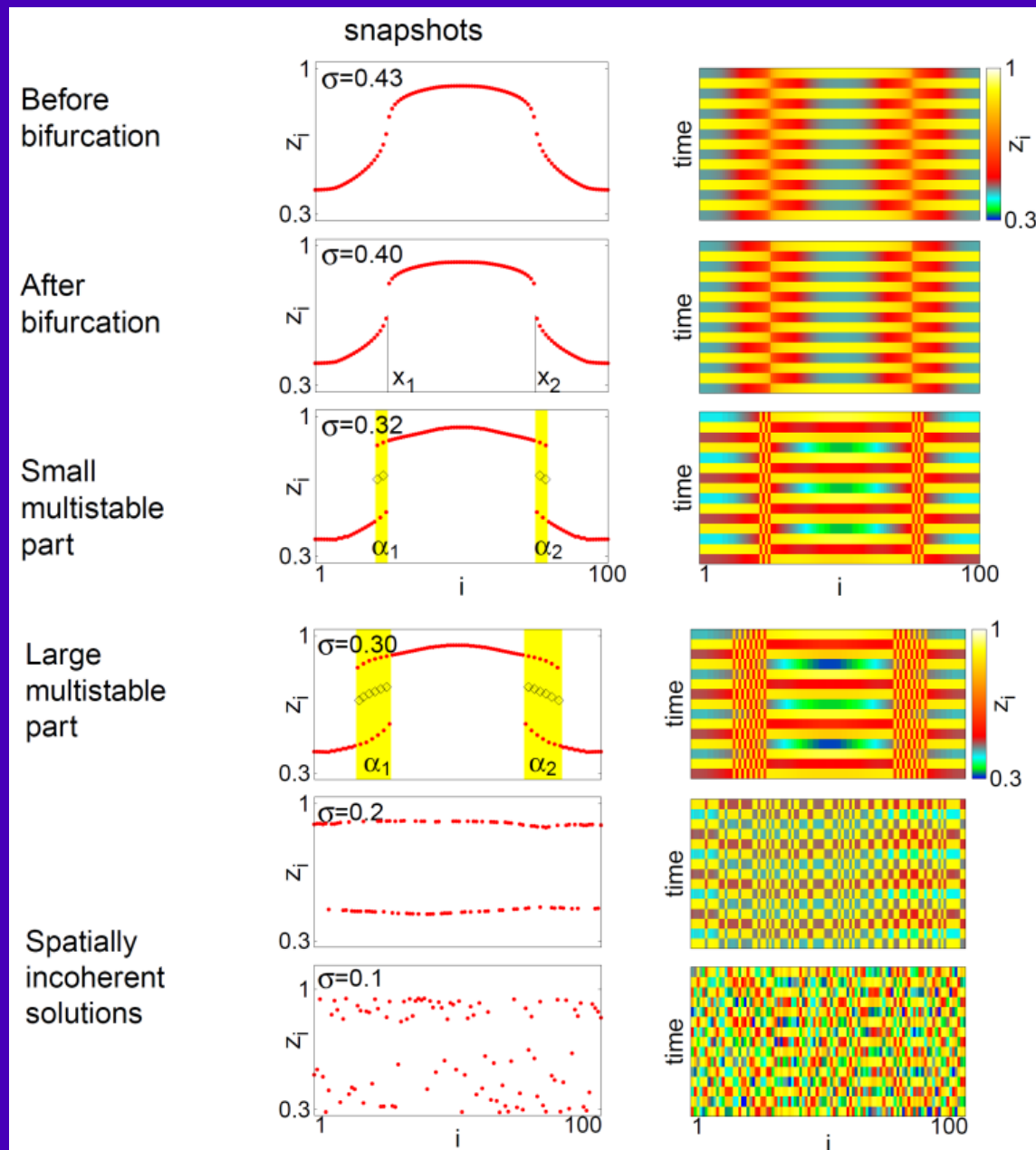


CIB =  
Coherence-  
Incoherence  
Bifurcation

Bifurcation parameters:

$r = P/N$  - coupling radius,  $\sigma$  - coupling strength

# Coherence-incoherence transition ( $r=0.32$ )



# Analytical results: critical coupling strength

Continuum limit (large N), period-2 dynamics:

$$z_{1-j}(x) = (1 - \sigma)f(z_j(x)) + \frac{\sigma}{2r} \int_{x-r}^{x+r} f(z_j(y))dy.$$

Transition from coherence to incoherence:  
Profile becomes discontinuous (infinite slope)  
at some point  $x \rightarrow$  neglect coupling term

$$z'_{1-j}(x) = (1 - \sigma)f'(z_j(x))z'_j(x) + \frac{\sigma}{2r}[f(z_j(x+r)) - f(z_j(x-r))].$$

Multiplying the eqs for even and odd time steps:

$$z'_0(x)z'_1(x) = [(1 - \sigma)^2 f'(z_0(x))f'(z_1(x))]z'_0(x)z'_1(x)$$

$$1 = (1 - \sigma)^2 f'(z_0(x))f'(z_1(x))$$

Logistic map  $f(z)=az(1-z)$ ,  $f'(z)=a(1-2z)$   
 $G(z)=0$  at turning points  $x_c \rightarrow \sigma_c$

$$G(x) = (1 - \sigma)^2 a^2 [1 - 2z_0(x)][1 - 2z_1(x)] - 1$$

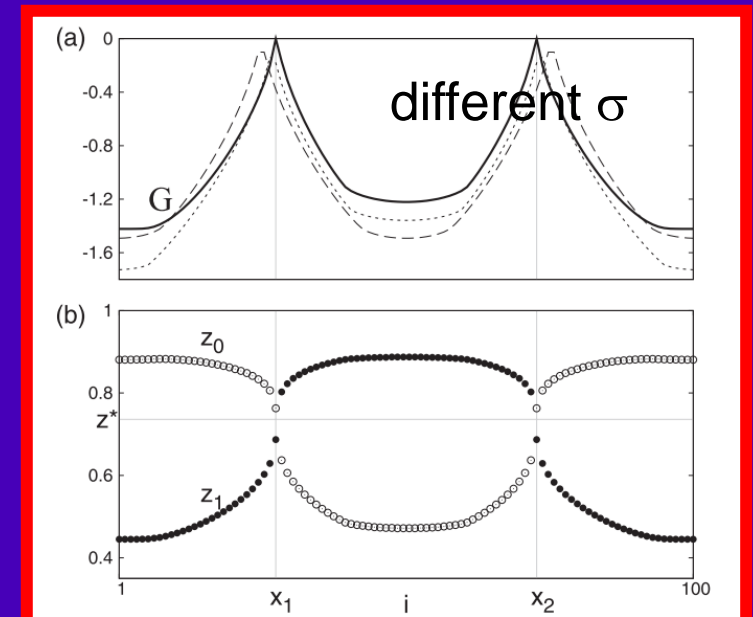
Analytical approximation:  $z_0(x)=z_1(x)=z^*$  if  $G=0$   
with fixed point of map  $z^*=f(z^*)=1-1/a$

$z^* \approx 0.737$ . Under the assumption  $z_0(x) = z_1(x) = z^*$  if  $G = 0$ , we obtain an approximation for  $\sigma$ :

$$G(x) = [a(1 - \sigma)(1 - 2z^*)]^2 - 1 = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \approx 1 - \frac{1}{a-2}. \quad (12)$$

For  $a = 3.8$  we get  $\sigma \approx 0.44$ .



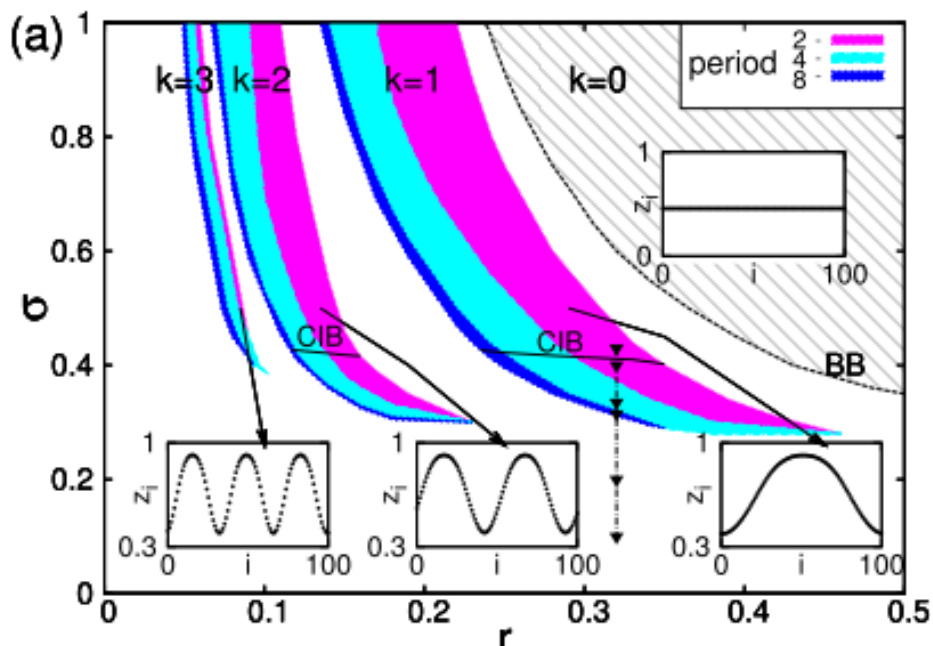


# Experimental realization

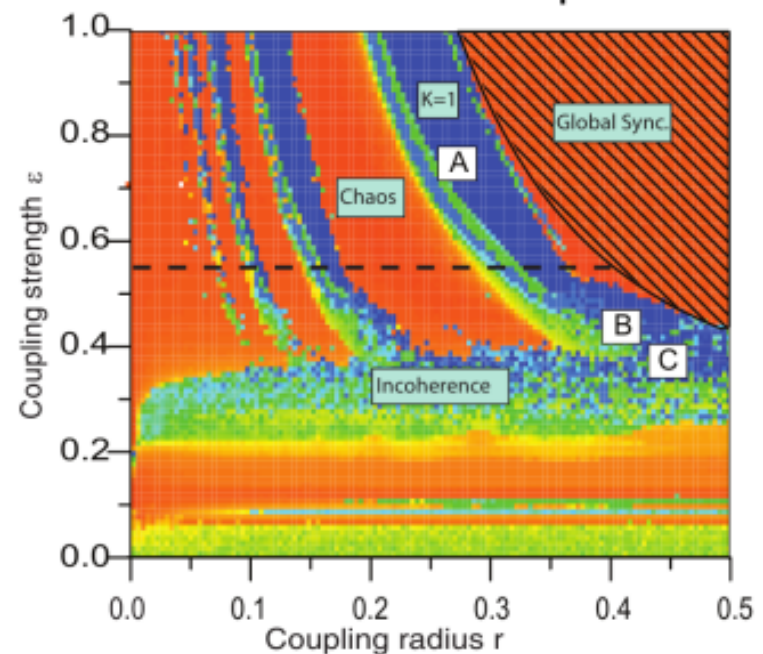
## Experimental realization

Liquid crystal spatial light modulator

Simulation



Experiment



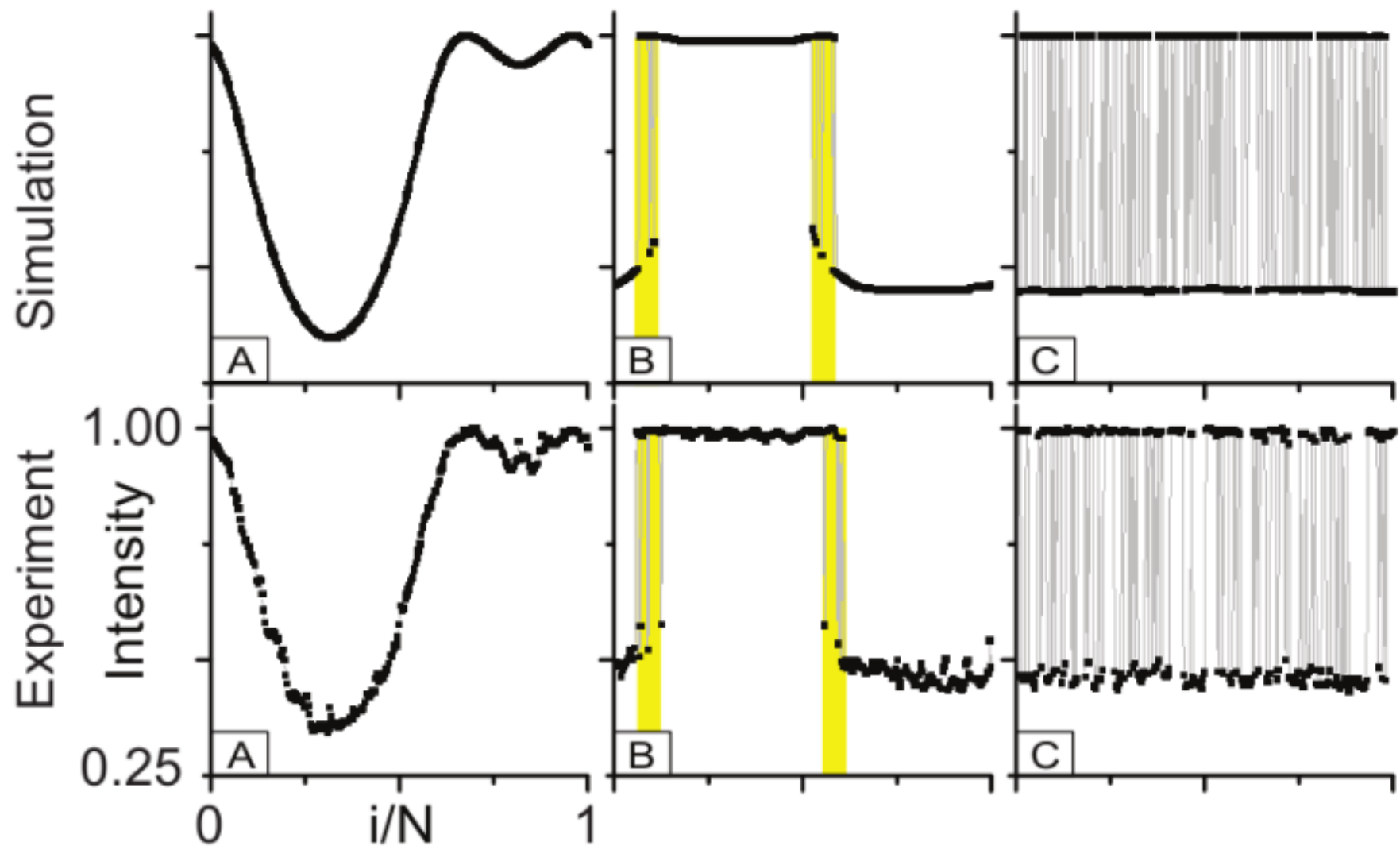
$$z_i^{t+1} = az_i^t (1 - z_i^t)$$

$$z_i^{t+1} = \pi a (1 - \cos z_i^t)$$

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*Experimental Observation of Chimeras in Coupled-Map Lattices*, Nature Physics **8**, 658 (2012).

## Comparison between experiments and simulation



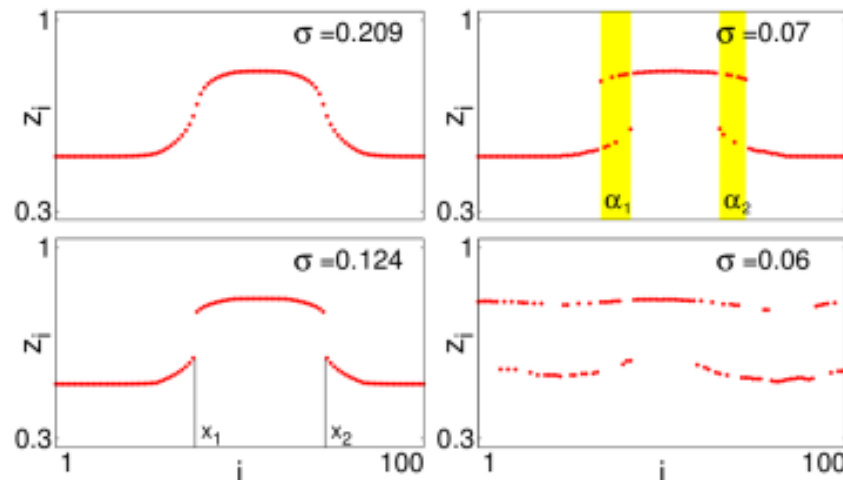
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# Comparison with time-continuous systems

Logistic map

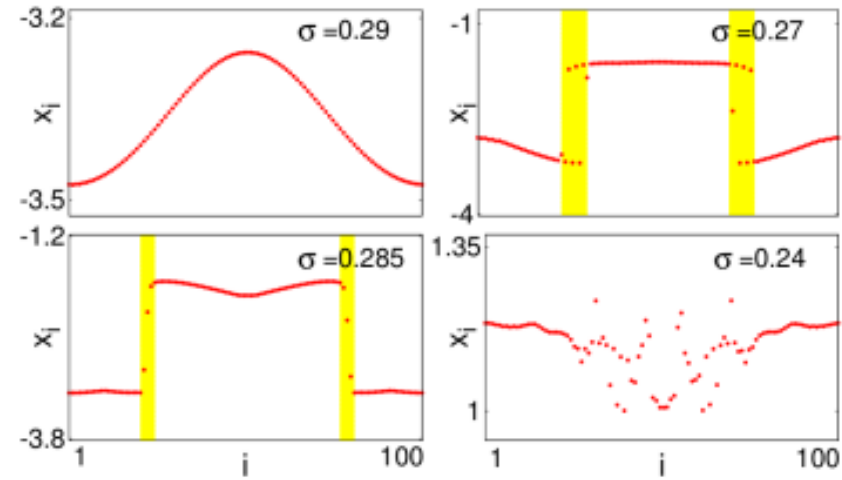
$$z_i^{t+1} = az_i^t (1 - z_i^t)$$



$a = 3.2$  (periodic),  $r = 0.1$

Rössler model

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_i &= -y_i - z_i \\ \dot{y}_i &= x_i + ay_i \\ \dot{z}_i &= b + z_i(x_i - c) \end{aligned}$$

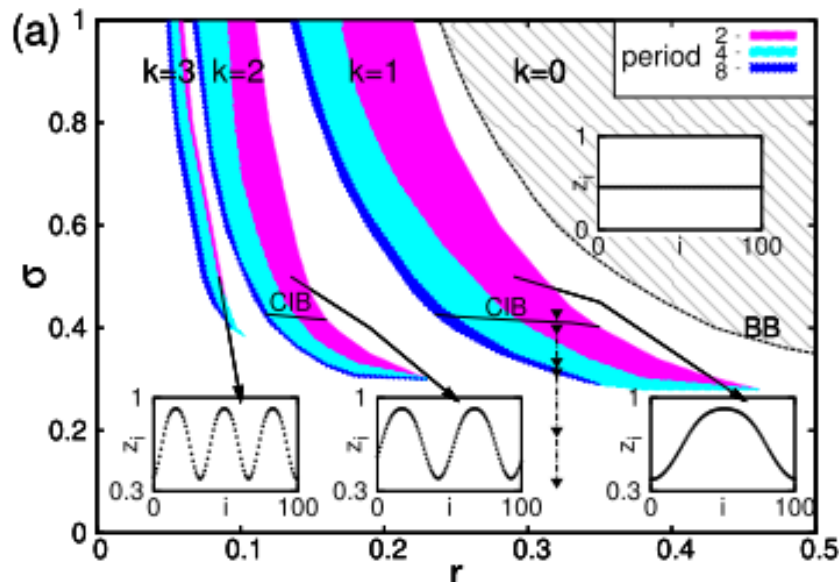


$a = 0.42, b = 2, c = 4, r = 0.3$

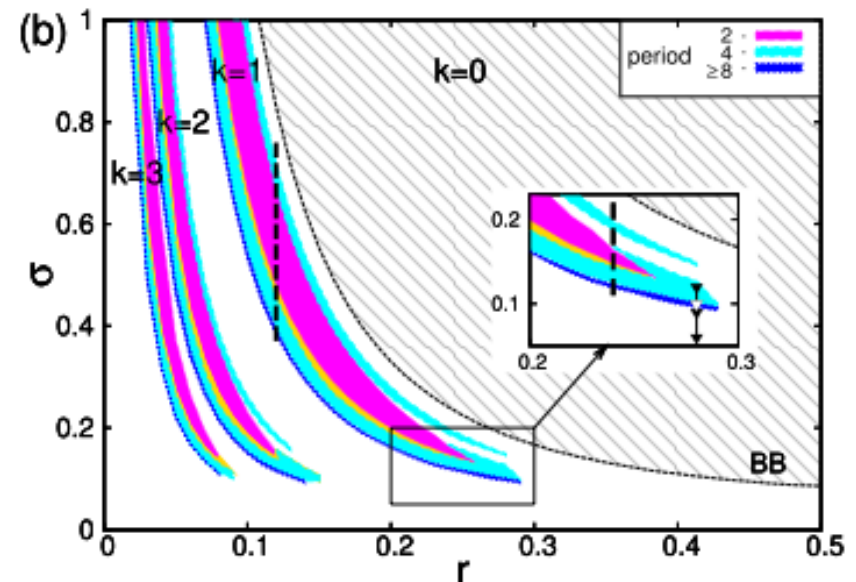
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# Structure of coherence-incoherence tongues

Logistic map ( $a = 3.8$ )



Rössler model



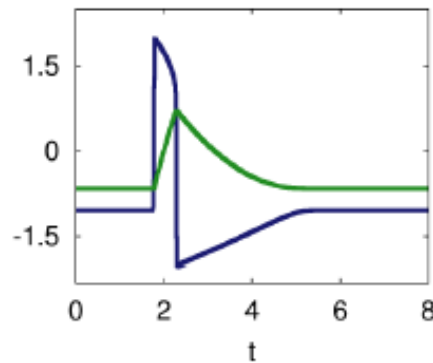
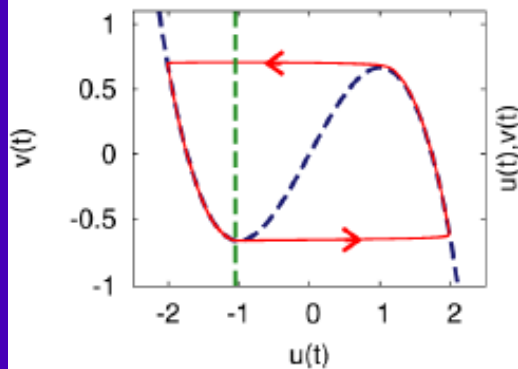
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# Neural networks: FitzHugh-Nagumo system

## The FitzHugh-Nagumo model for neuronal activity

with activator  $u$ , inhibitor  $v$ :  $\mathbf{x} = (u, v)^T$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( u - \frac{u^3}{3} - v \right) \\ u + a \end{pmatrix}$$



- ▶ operation in the excitable regime
- ▶ uncoupled neurons rest in fixed point
- ▶ **operation in the oscillatory regime** ( $a < 1$ )
- ▶ uncoupled: oscillates periodically

# FitzHugh-Nagumo (FHN) network

$$\varepsilon \frac{du_k}{dt} = u_k - \frac{u_k^3}{3} - v_k + \frac{\sigma}{2P} \sum_{j=k-P}^{k+P} [b_{uu}(u_j - u_k) + b_{uv}(v_j - v_k)]$$

$$\frac{dv_k}{dt} = u_k + a_k + \frac{\sigma}{2P} \sum_{j=k-P}^{k+P} [b_{vu}(u_j - u_k) + b_{vv}(v_j - v_k)].$$

$\sigma$  – coupling strength (control parameter!)

$r = P/N$  – coupling radius (control parameter!)

$\varepsilon$  – small parameter

$a_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N$  – threshold parameters,  $a_k \equiv a \in (-1, 1)$

Local interaction matrix:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{uu} & b_{uv} \\ b_{vu} & b_{vv} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi \in [-\pi, \pi)$$

# For what parameters expect chimeras?

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon \frac{du_k}{dt} &= u_k - \frac{u_k^3}{3} - v_k + \frac{\sigma}{2P} \sum_{j=k-P}^{k+P} [b_{uu}(u_j - u_k) + b_{uv}(v_j - v_k)], \\ \frac{dv_k}{dt} &= u_k + a_k + \frac{\sigma}{2P} \sum_{j=k-P}^{k+P} [b_{vu}(u_j - u_k) + b_{vv}(v_j - v_k)]\end{aligned}$$



## Phase reduction of FitzHugh-Nagumo model

$$\frac{d\theta_k}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2R} \sum_{j=k-R}^{k+R} [H(\theta_k - \theta_j) - H(0)], \quad k = 1, \dots, N,$$

$H(\Psi)$  – is a  $T$ -periodic function

## Phase oscillator model

Nonlocally coupled phase oscillators:

$$\frac{d\theta_k}{dt} = \omega - \frac{1}{2R} \sum_{j=k-R}^{k+R} \sin(\theta_k(t) - \theta_j(t) + \alpha), \quad k = 1, \dots, N,$$

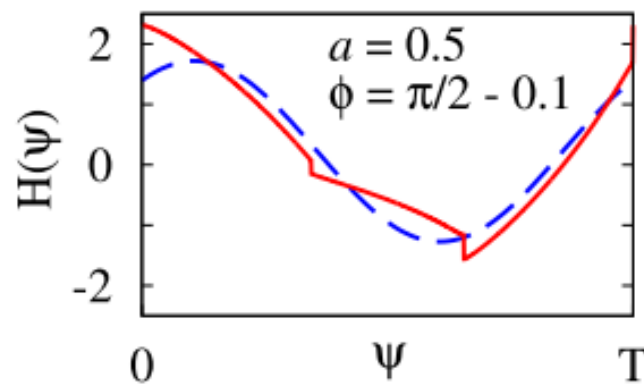
$\theta_k$  – phases,  $\alpha$  – phase lag parameter.

Chimera states found for  $\alpha$  close to but less than  $\pi/2$ .

# Compare with phase oscillator model: find appropriate value of $\phi$

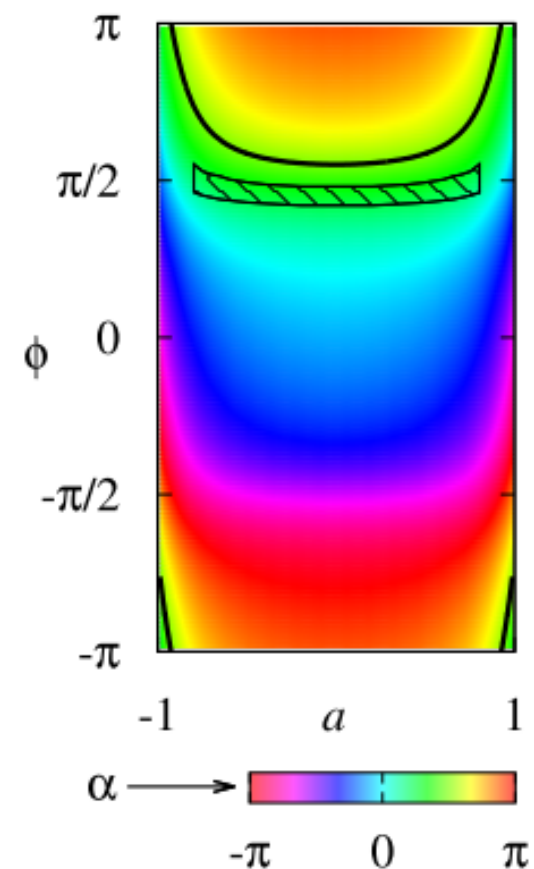
Approximation:

$$H(\Psi) \approx \frac{h_0}{2} + h_1 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\Psi + \alpha\right)$$



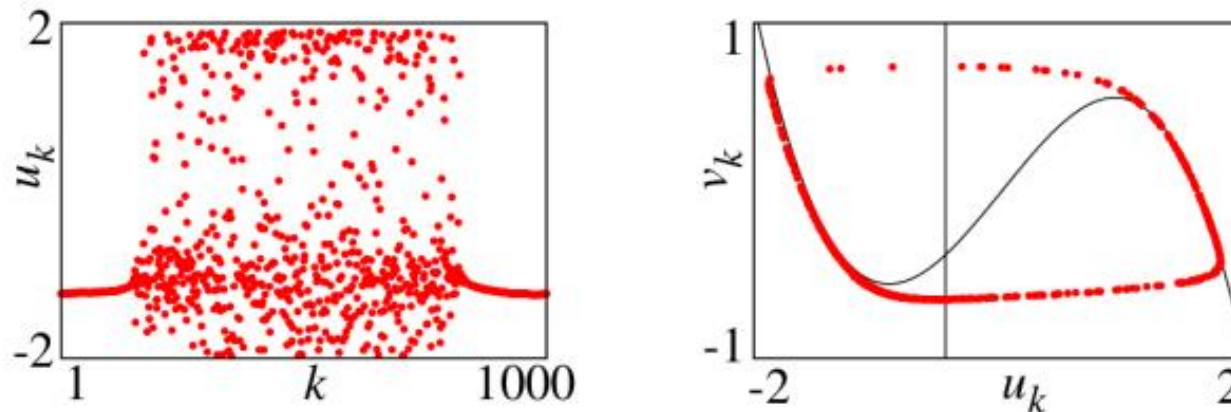
Chimera states can be observed  
for pronounced  
off-diagonal coupling ( $\phi \approx \pi/2$ ).

$$\alpha = \alpha(a, \phi)$$





# Chimera states in FHN networks



System parameters:

$N = 1000$  – large system

$r = 0.35$  – intermediate coupling radius

$\sigma = 0.1$  – small coupling strength

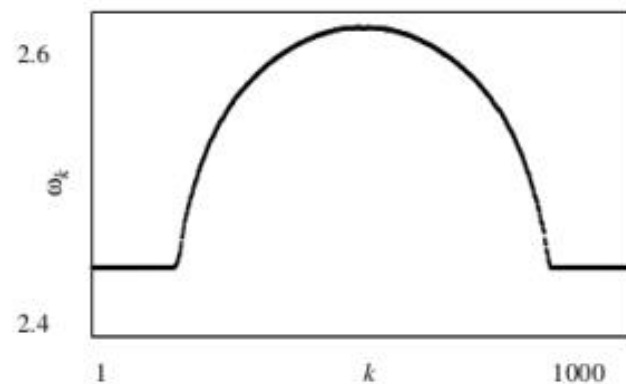
$a = 0.5$ ,  $\phi = \pi/2 - 0.1$

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# Chimera states in FHN networks

## FitzHugh-Nagumo system

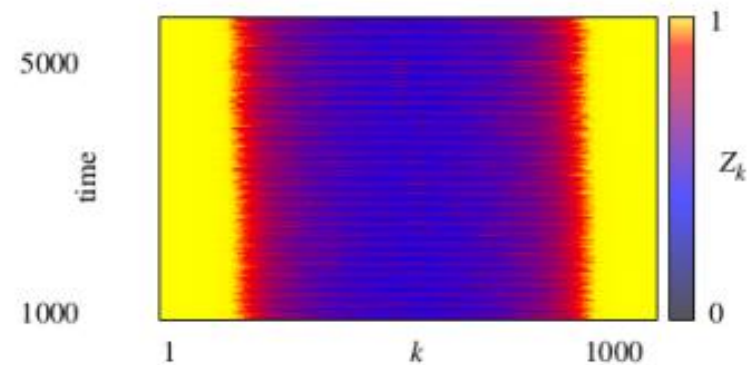
### Mean phase velocities



$$\omega_k = 2\pi M_k / \Delta T, \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

$M_k$  – number of complete rotations of  $k$ -th unit during the time interval  $\Delta T$ .

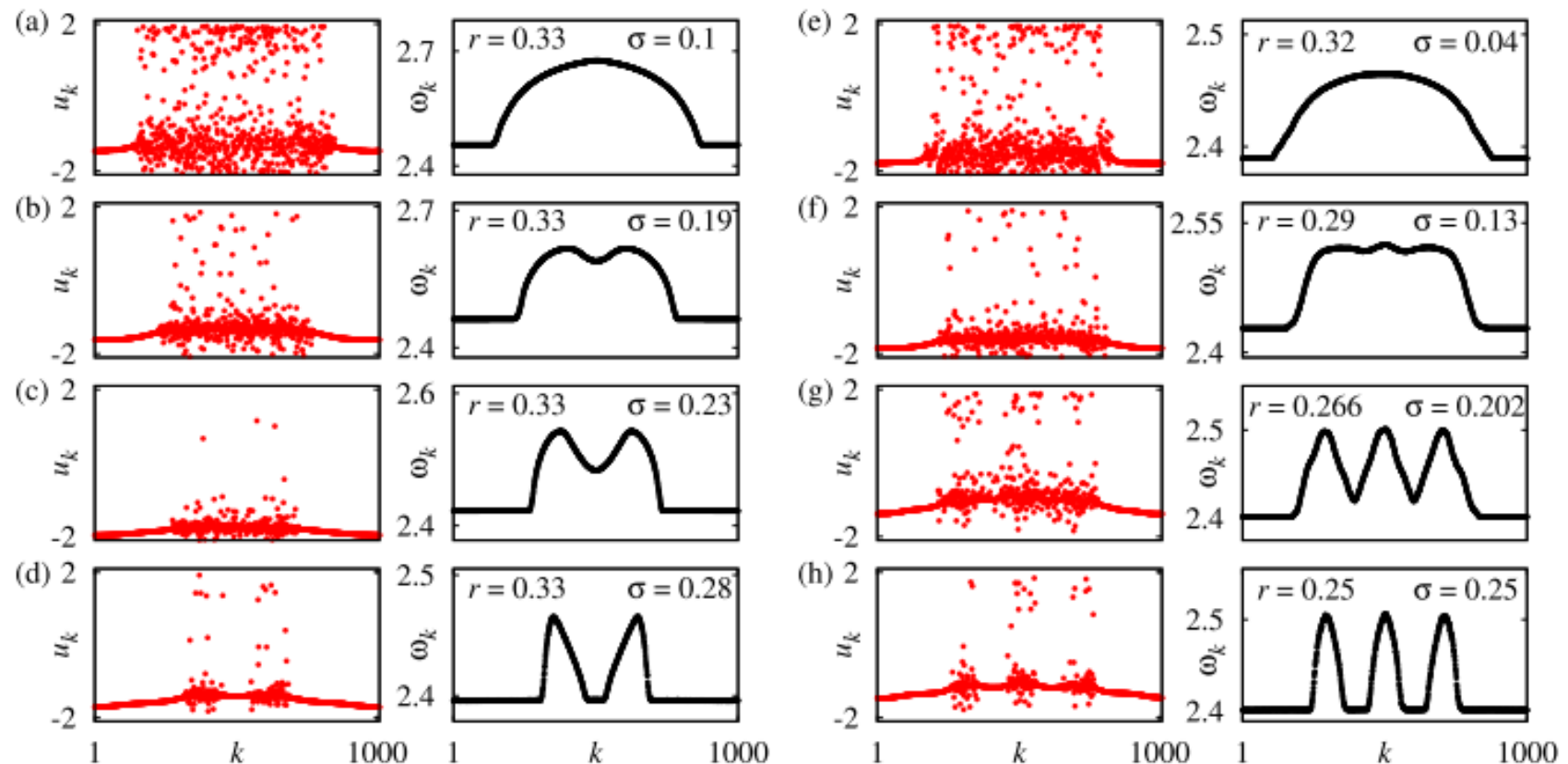
### Local order parameter



$$Z_k = \left| \frac{1}{2\delta} \sum_{|j-k| \leq \delta} e^{i\Theta_j} \right|, \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

$\Theta_j = \arctan(v_j / u_j)$   
Spatial average window  $\delta = 25$

# Multi-chimera states for strong coupling

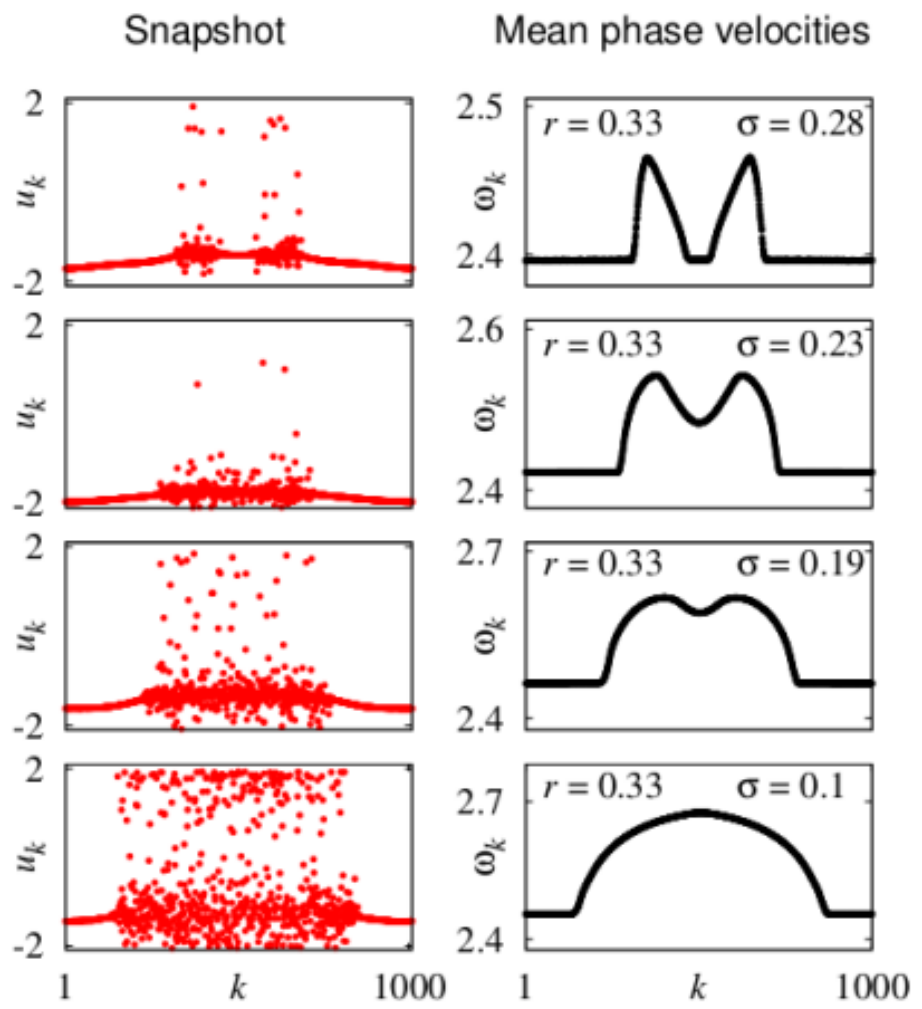
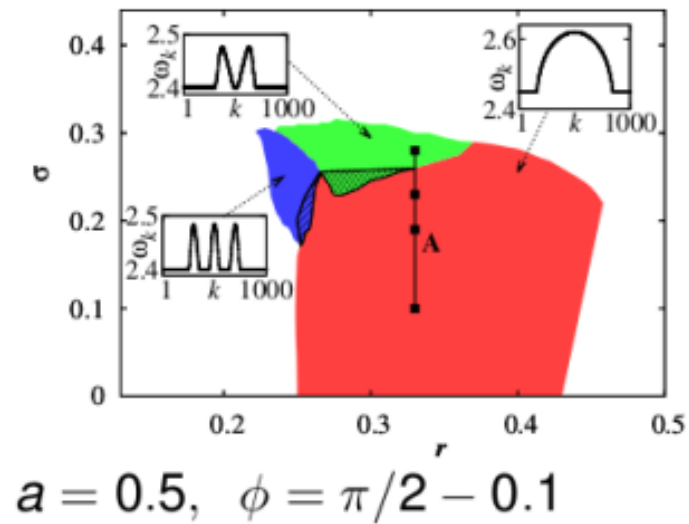


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# Two-chimera states

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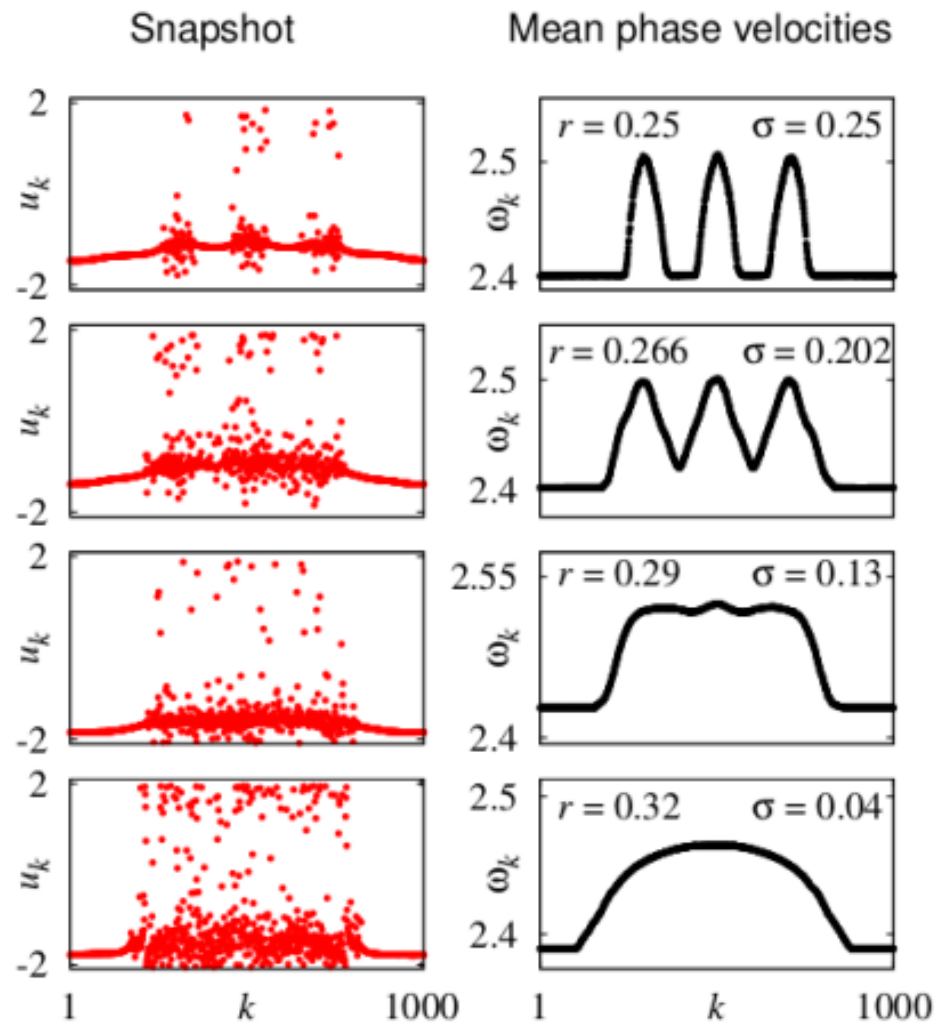
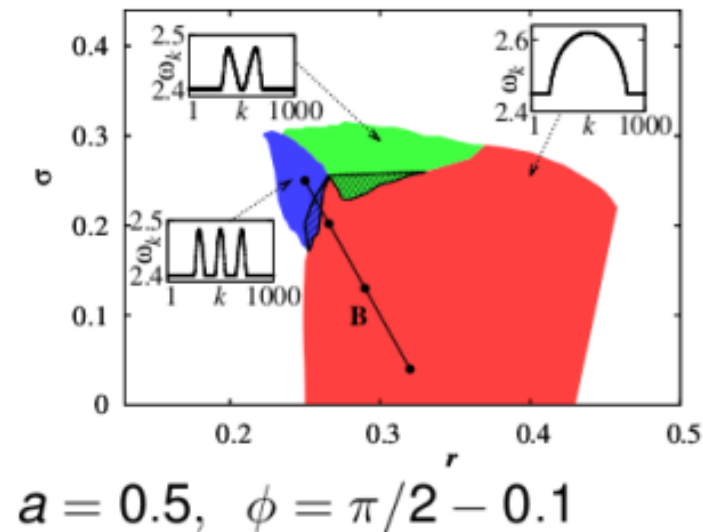
Transition from chimera with one incoherent part to **multi-chimera** with **two** incoherent parts (along line A, from bottom to top)



# Three-chimera states

## FitzHugh-Nagumo system (line B)

Transition from chimera with one incoherent part to **multi-chimera** with **three** incoherent parts (along line B, from bottom to top)



# Conclusions

- ▶ Chimera states in nonlocally coupled networks
  - ▶ Spontaneous synchrony breaking in networks of identical oscillators: splitting in spatially coherent and incoherent domains
  - ▶ Transition from coherence to incoherence via chimera states: logistic map, Rössler oscillator
  - ▶ Experiment with liquid crystal spatial light modulator
  - ▶ Multi-chimera states in the FitzHugh-Nagumo model
  - ▶ Application to neurosystems: some dolphins and birds sleep with one half of their brain



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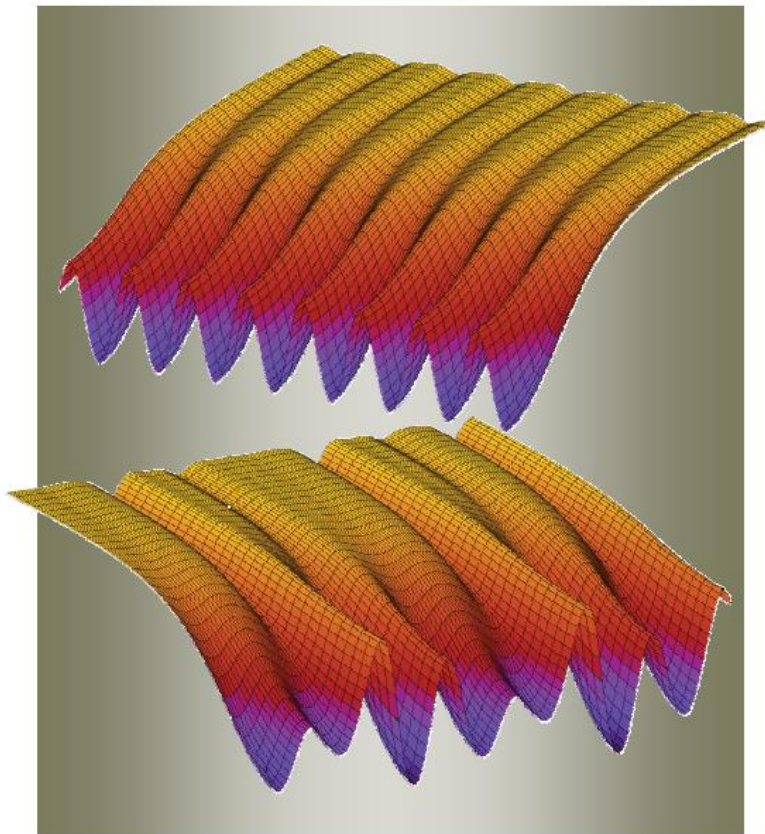
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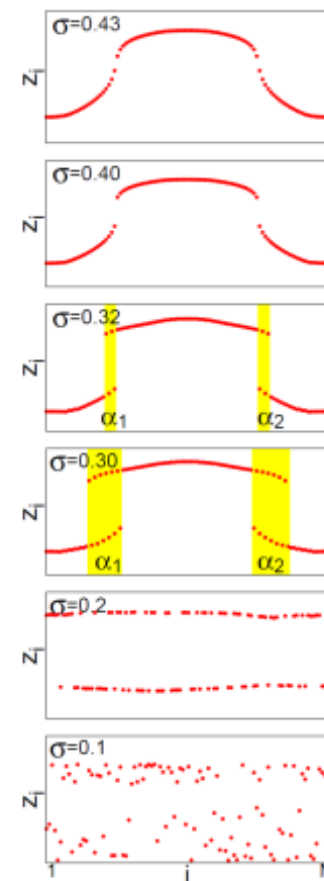
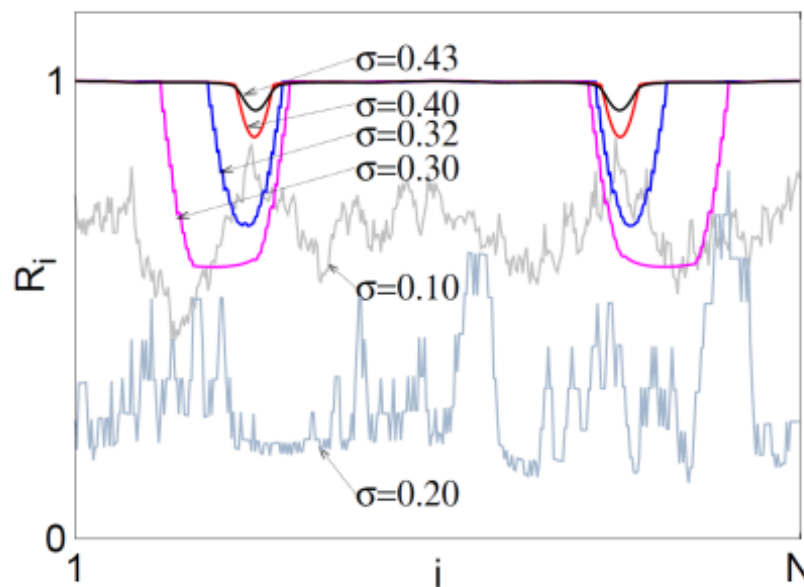
# Local order parameter als measure for spatial coherence

Local order parameter

$$R_i = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\delta(N)} \left| \sum_{|j/N - i/N| \leq \delta} e^{i\psi_j} \right|, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

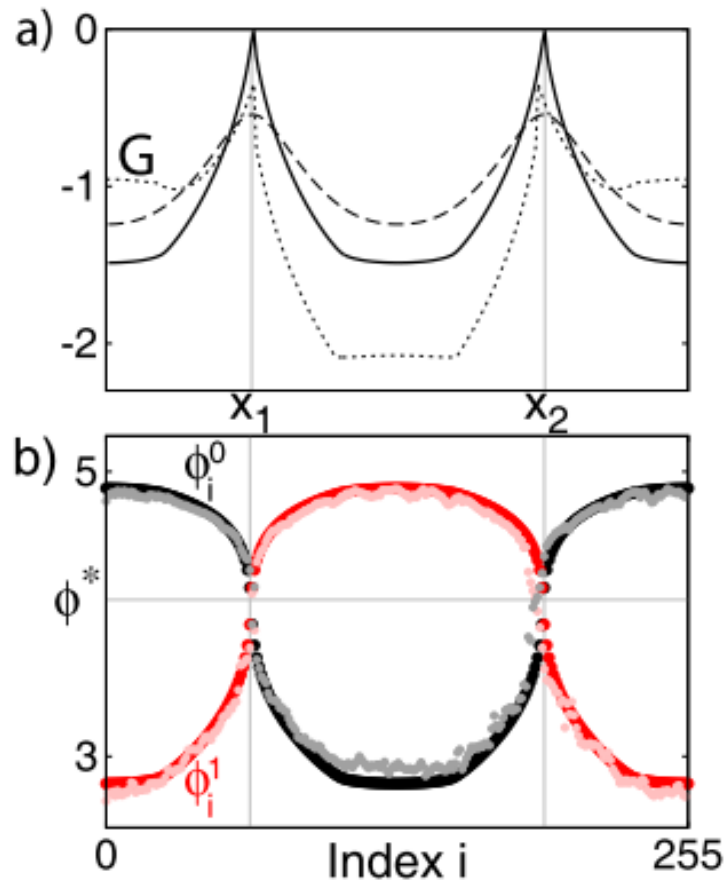
$$\psi_j \Rightarrow \sin \psi_j = (2z_j - \max_j z_j - \min_j z_j) / (\max_j z_j - \min_j z_j),$$

$$\delta(N) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

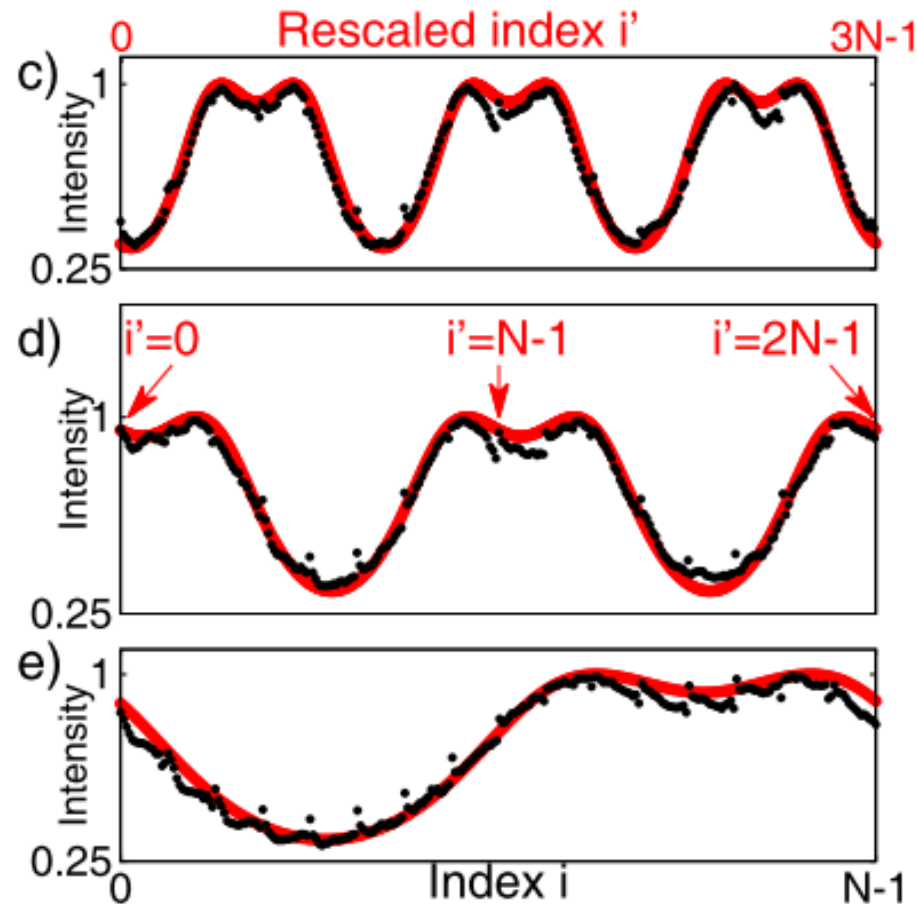


# Analytical results for spatial light modulator

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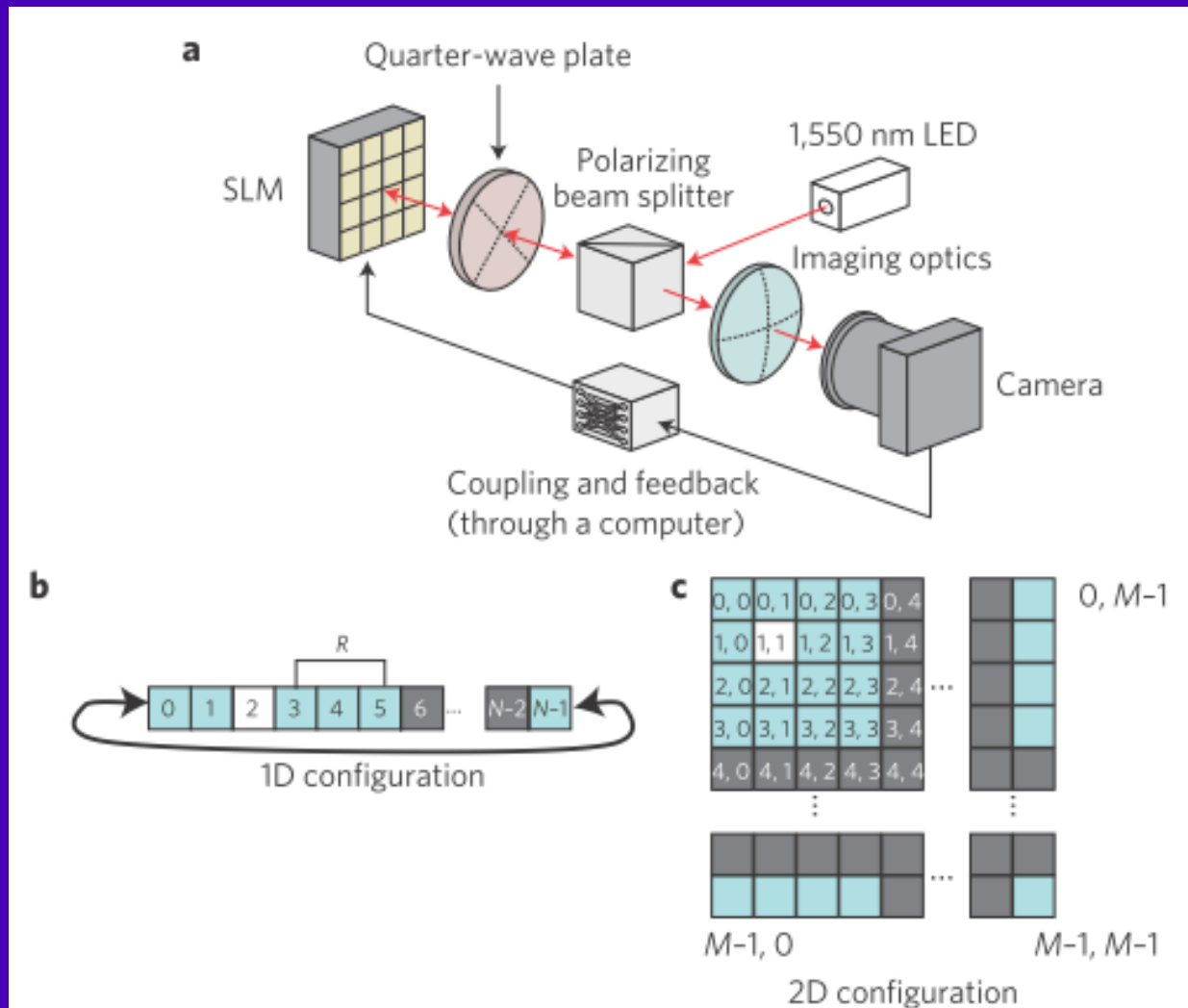
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# Experimental setup: spatial light modulator



**Figure 1 | Experimental apparatus.** **a**, Optical configuration. Polarization optics create a nonlinear relationship between the spatially dependent phase shift applied by the SLM and the intensity of the light falling on the camera. Feedback and coupling are implemented using a computer.