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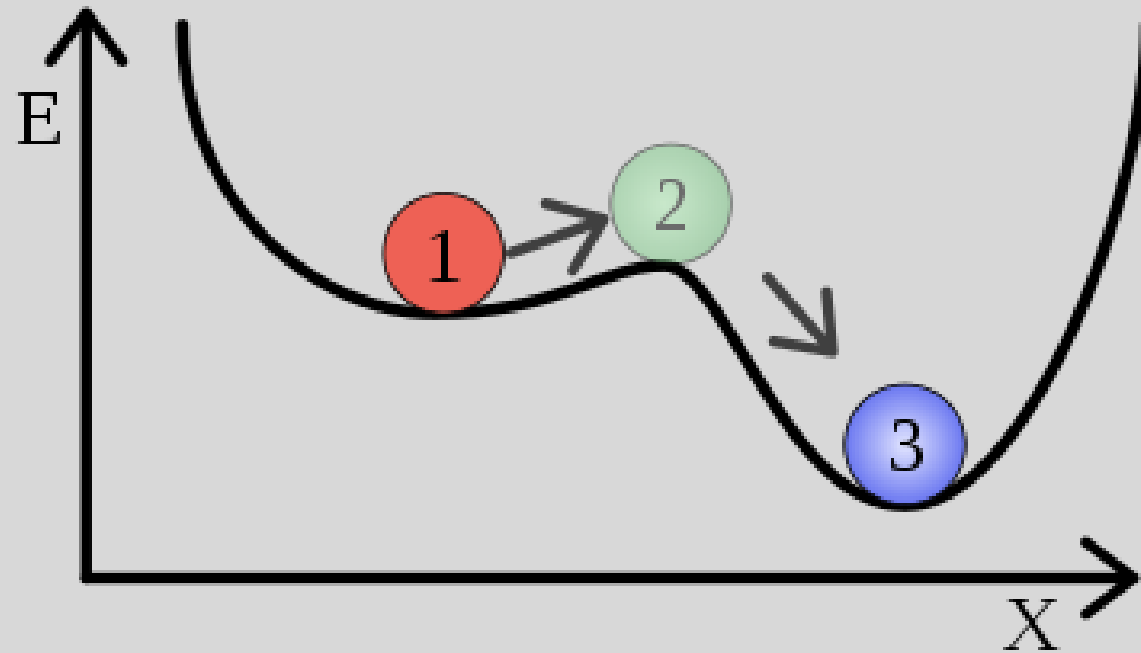
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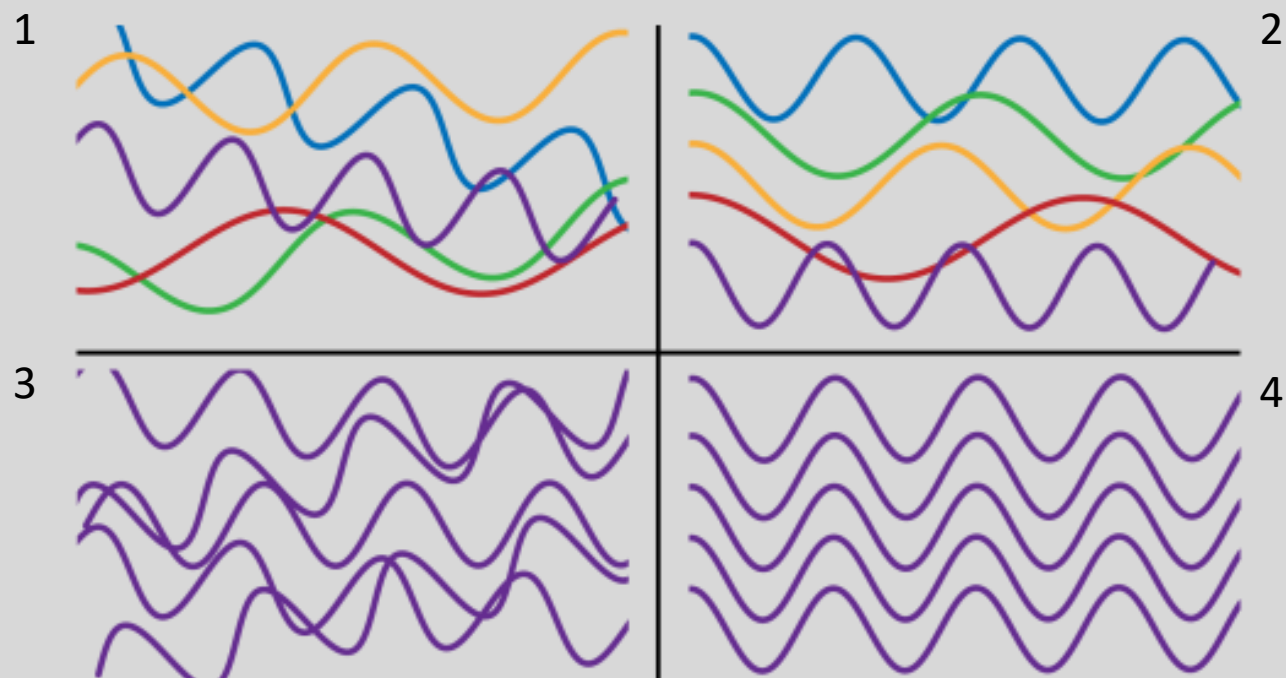
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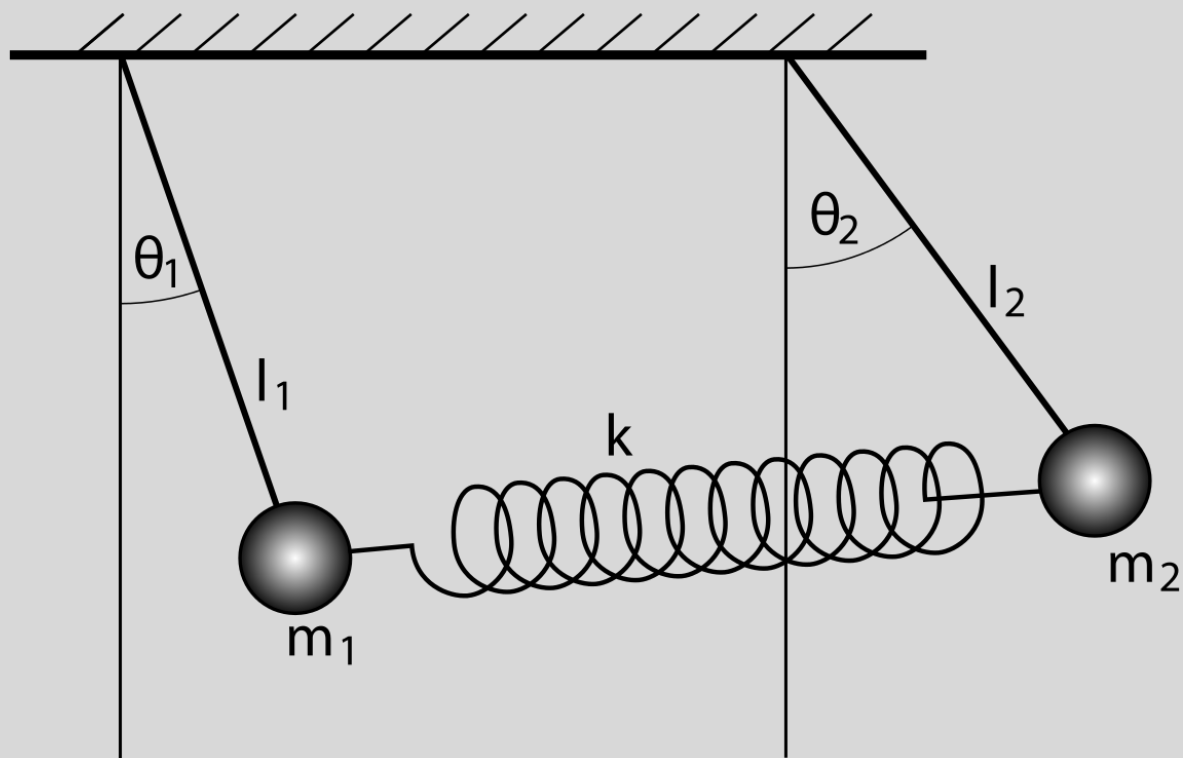
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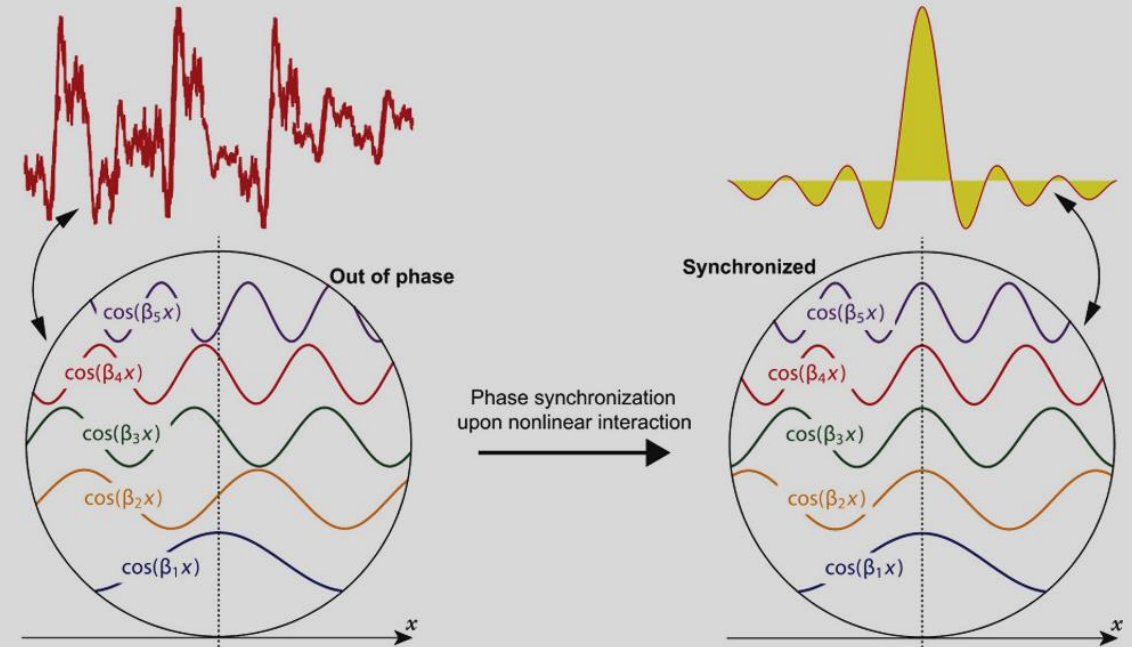
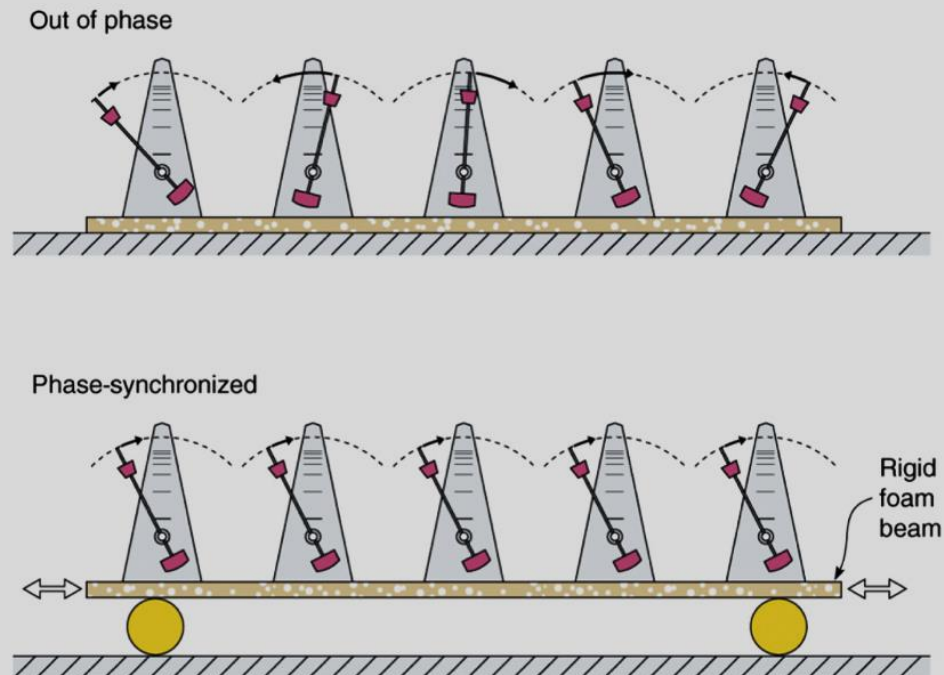
# Synchronization

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Synchronization is a collective mechanism by which oscillatory networks achieve their functions.

Network's topological

Dynamical properties

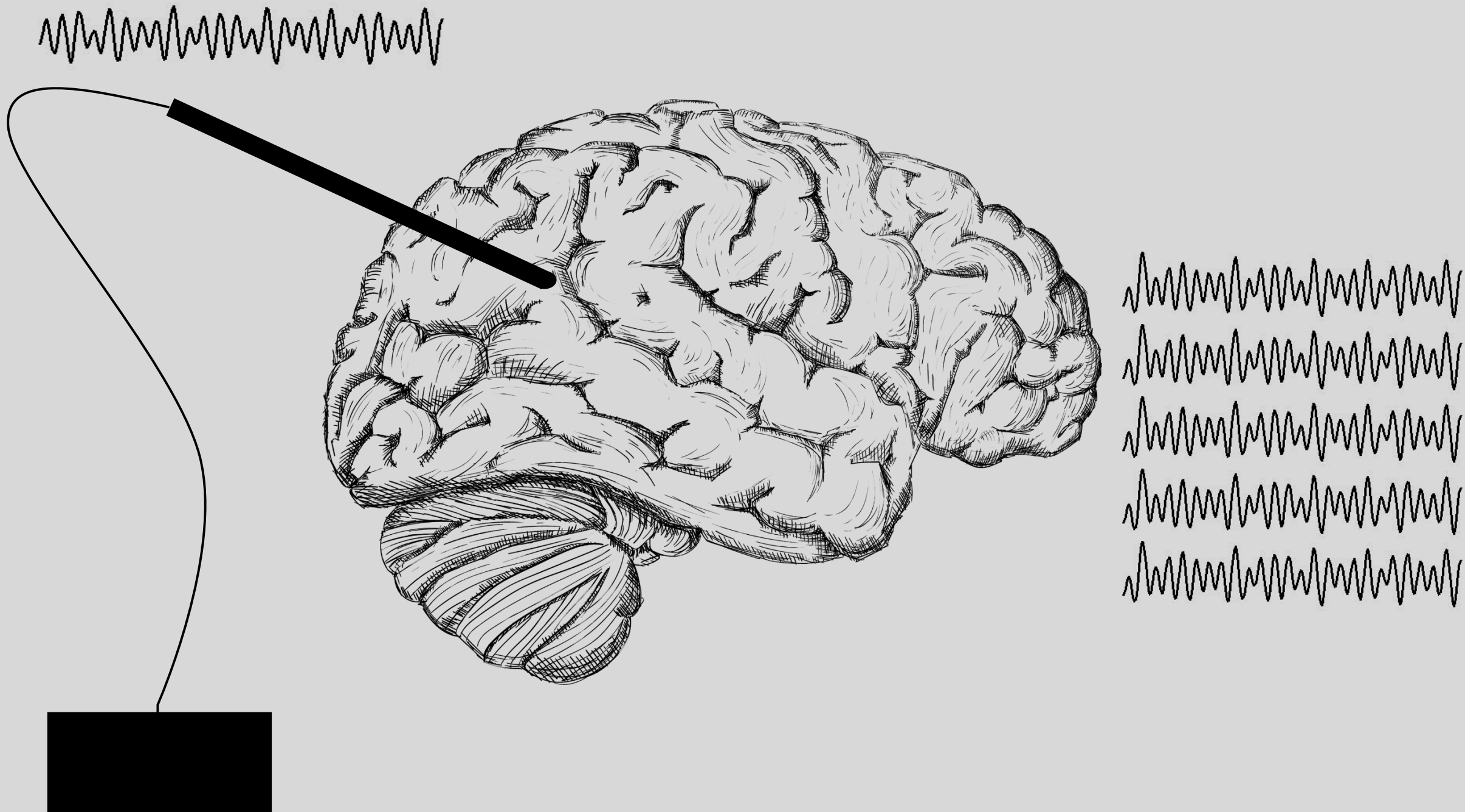


# Photosensitive epilepsy ( PSE )

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Here, we aim to systematically address this problem using a **large-scale** model of the human brain network (i.e., the human connectome).

The results show that the model can produce complex synchronization patterns **transitioning between incoherent and coherent states**.

Network synchronization crucially depends on several factors such as

$$\sum_{k=1}^N A_{jk} \sin(\theta_k - \theta_j)$$

1-network architecture

2-intrinsic frequency of the oscillators

3-strength of the interaction between oscillators

4-external inputs.

$$\omega_j^0$$

$$c$$

$$\sigma dW_j(t)$$

connectivity matrix  $A$  where element  $A_{jk}$  describes the strength of the connection from oscillator  $k$  to  $j$

natural frequency of oscillation  $\omega_j^0$

noise represented by the Wiener process  $dW_j$

$$d\theta_j(t) = \left[ \omega_j^0 + c \sum_{k=1}^N A_{jk} \sin(\theta_k - \theta_j) \right] dt + \sigma dW_j(t)$$

coupling strength  $c$  that scales the connection strengths between oscillators

noise strength  $\sigma$  that scales the noise amplitude

all nodes in the network are perturbed by independent Gaussian noise realizations with the same standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

frequency limits  $\omega_{\min} = 0.01$  Hz and  $\omega_{\max} = 0.1$  Hz are set to match the frequency bandwidth of fMRI

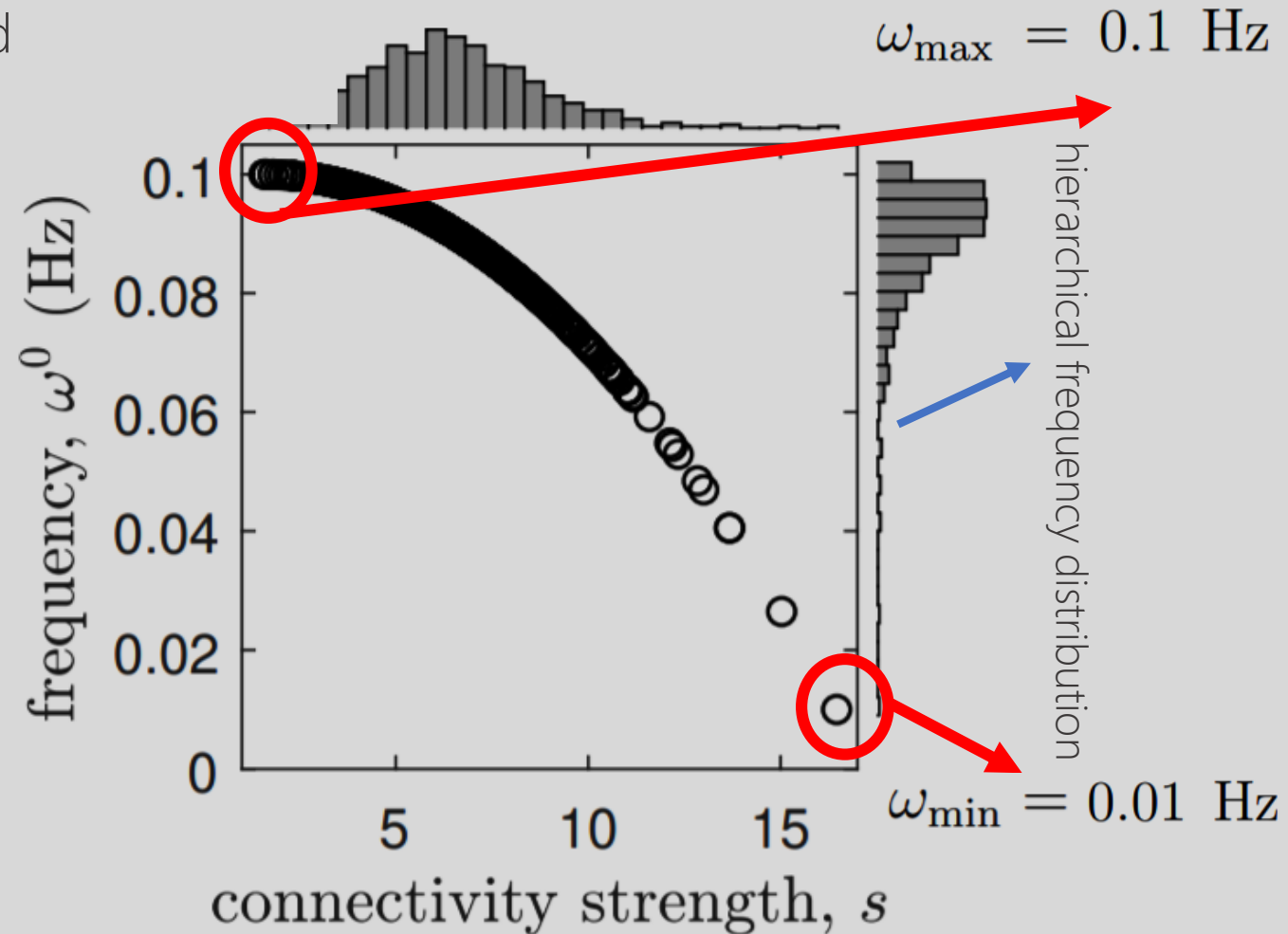
$s_j$  is the node's connectivity strength given by

$$s_j = \sum_k A_{jk}$$

$$\omega_j^0 = \omega_{\max} - (\omega_{\max} - \omega_{\min}) \left( \frac{s_j - s_{\min}}{s_{\max} - s_{\min}} \right)^2$$

$s_{\min}$  is the minimum of all node strengths, and  $s_{\max}$  is the maximum of all node strengths

نشان میدهد که هرچه قدرت اتصال بیشتر باشد  
برای یک نود یا یک ناحیه از مغز که در نظر گرفته  
ایم، فرکانس ذاتی اون آهسته تر است.  
پس یعنی هاب ها فرکانس های کمتر و نود های  
ماشیه ای فرکانس های بیشتری دارند.



For the connectivity matrix  $A$ , we use a human structural connectome derived from healthy participants.

It is a **weighted** and **symmetric** matrix

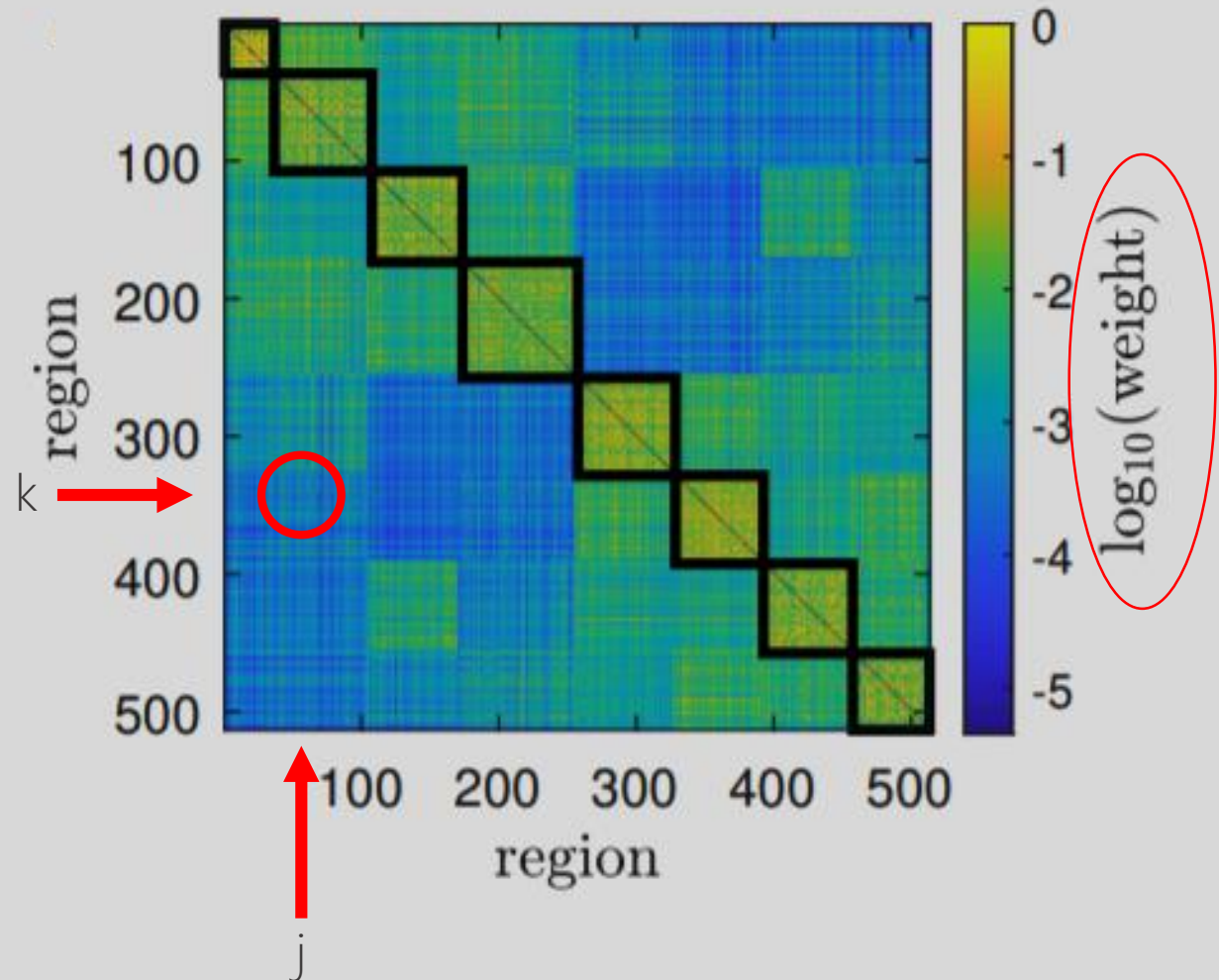
each row or column representing a brain region that aggregates populations of neurons

each connection  $A_{jk}$  is related to the number of fibers reconstructed between region  $j$  and  $k$

It has several features such as

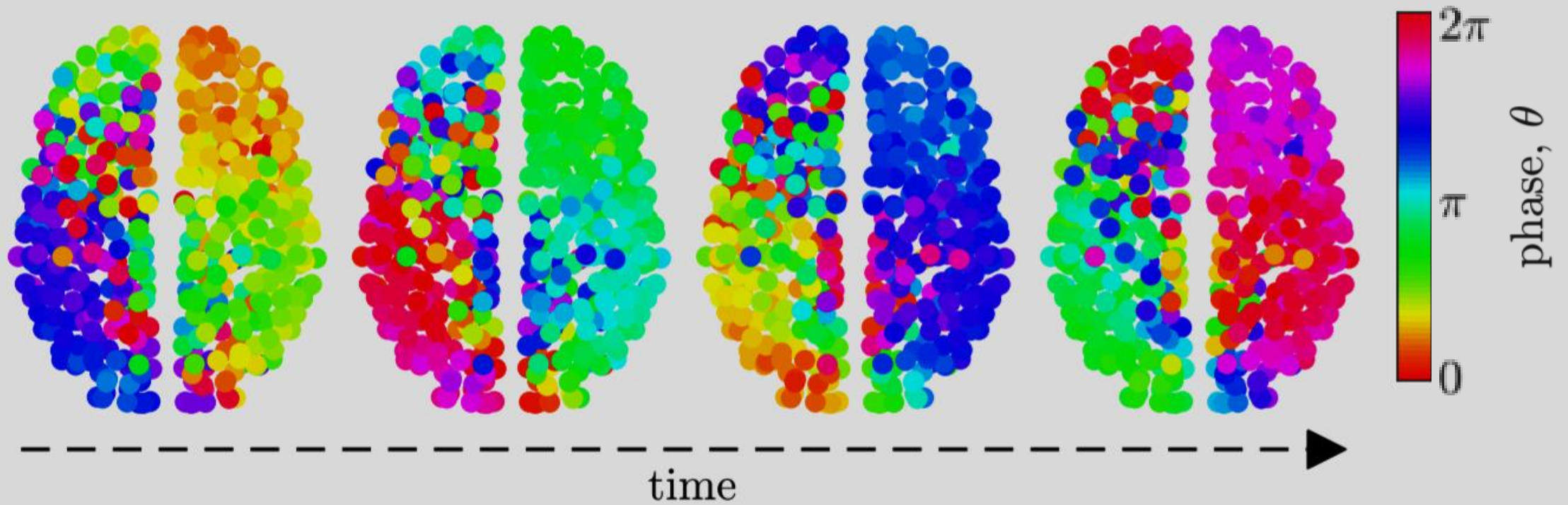
a hierarchical-modular organization

and a spatial embedding characterized by an exponentially decaying edge weight-fiber length relationship





The above two model ingredients provide the **structure** and **dynamics** of the human brain, which when combined allows oscillations on the connectome to emerge and evolve through mutual interactions **without the need for any external input**.



coherence R

synchronization S

metastability M

coupling strength c

coherence R captures the phase alignment of all oscillators in the network at each instance in time, with its value varying between 0 (fully incoherent state) and 1 (fully coherent state)

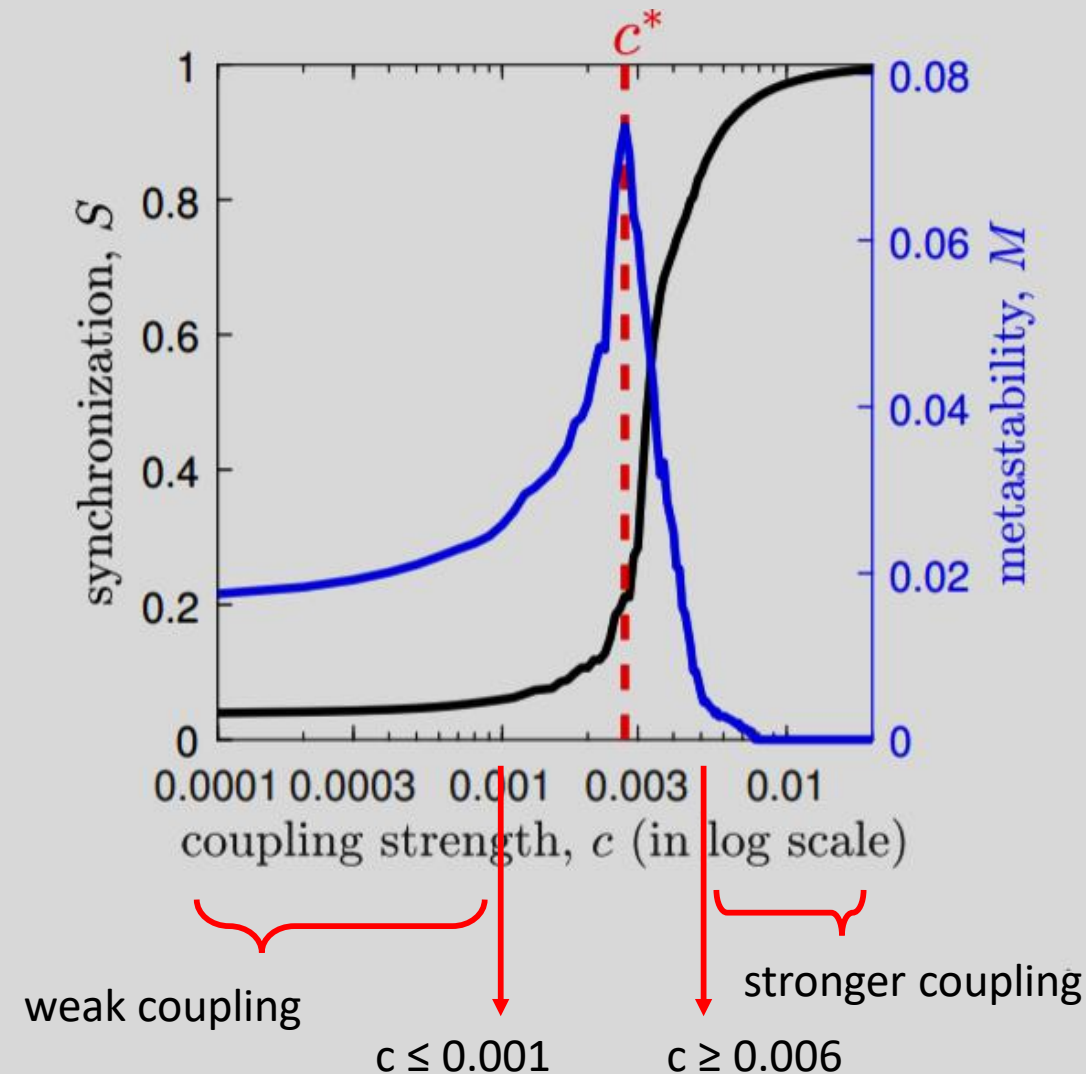
Synchronization S and metastability M are summary statistics at steady state capturing the mean and variability of R, respectively

$\sigma = 0$

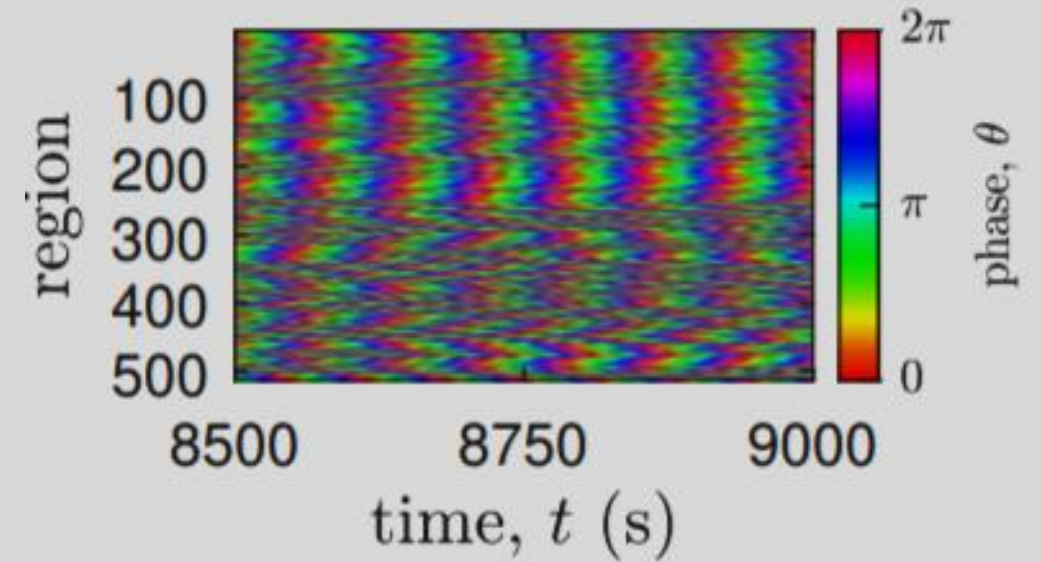
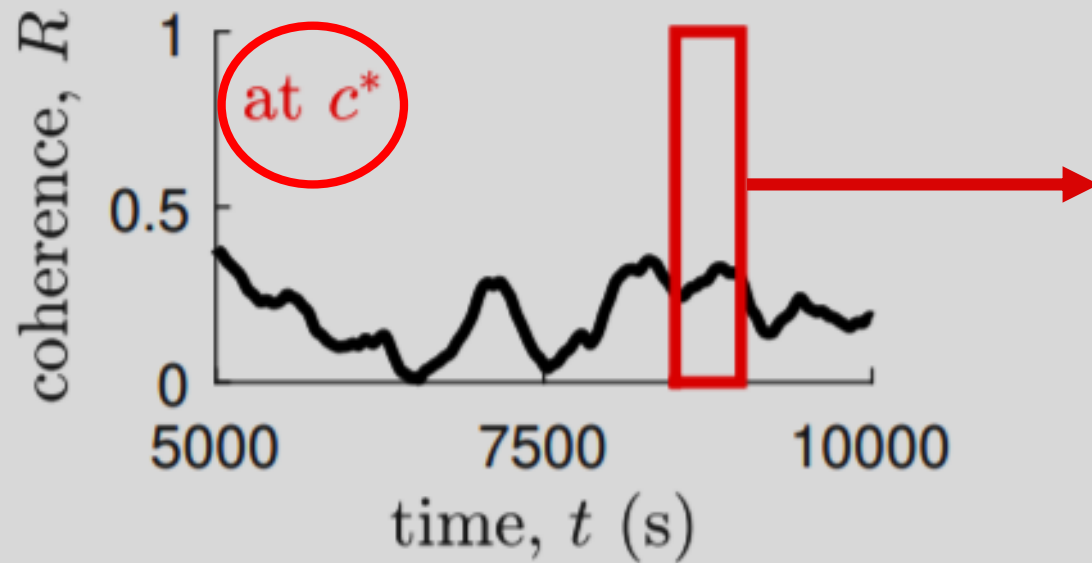
$$d\theta_j(t) = \left[ \omega_j^0 + c \sum_{k=1}^N A_{jk} \sin(\theta_k - \theta_j) \right] dt + \sigma dW_j(t)$$

Our results reveal that nodes in the network organize into diverse states of collective dynamics by just tuning c

$$c = c^* = 0.0027$$



This critical coupling strength places the network in a flexible regime that spontaneously accesses both states of order and disorder.





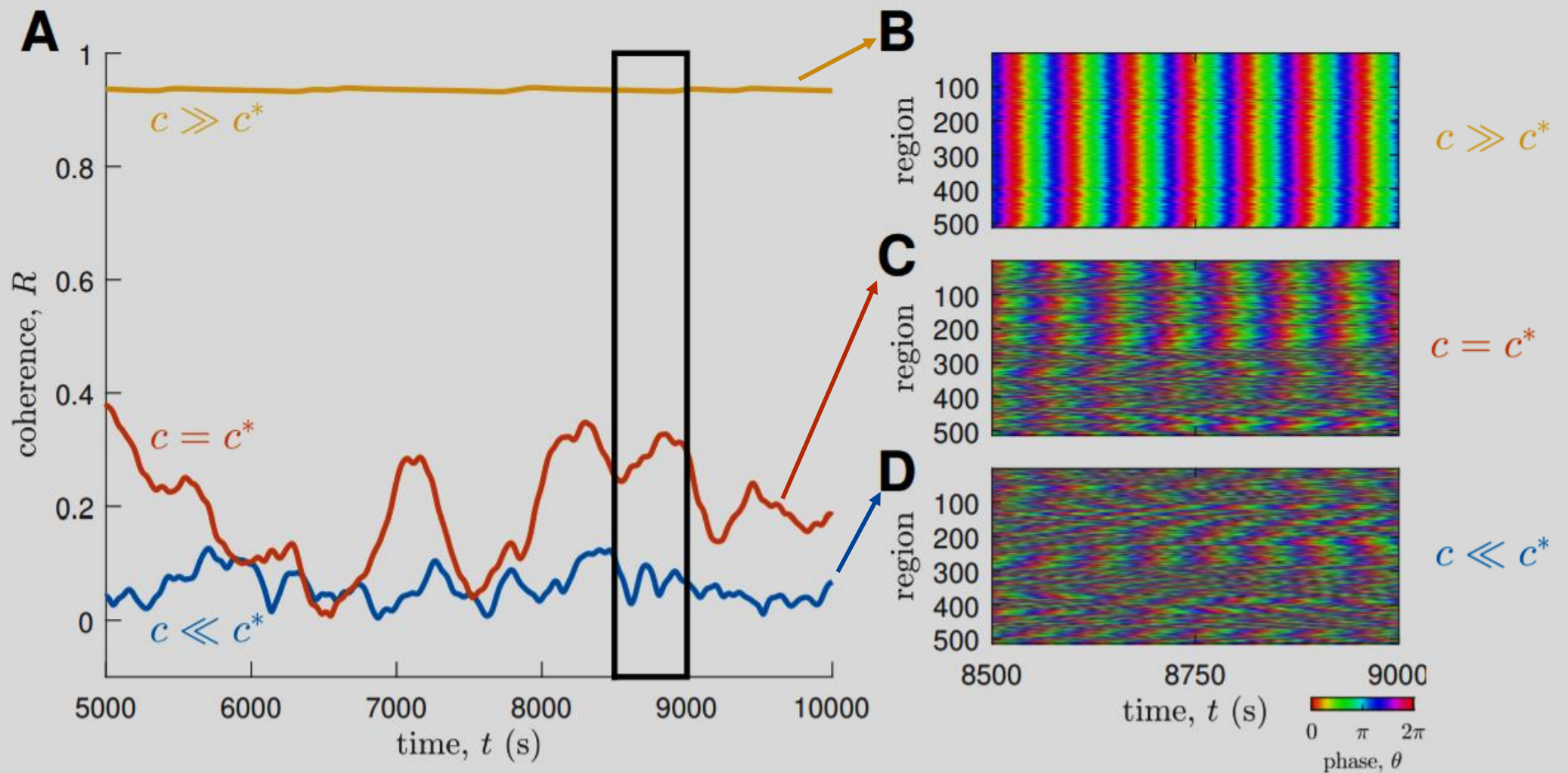


Figure S1: Network coherence and spatiotemporal dynamics for various coupling strengths. **(A)** Time evolution of network coherence  $R$  for  $c \gg c^*$  (yellow),  $c = c^*$  (red), and  $c \ll c^*$  (blue). **(B)** Local phase dynamics for  $c \gg c^*$ . **(C)** Same as panel B but for  $c = c^*$ . **(D)** Same as panel B but for  $c \ll c^*$ . For panels B, C, and D, the dynamics shown are within the time window highlighted by the black solid box in panel A.

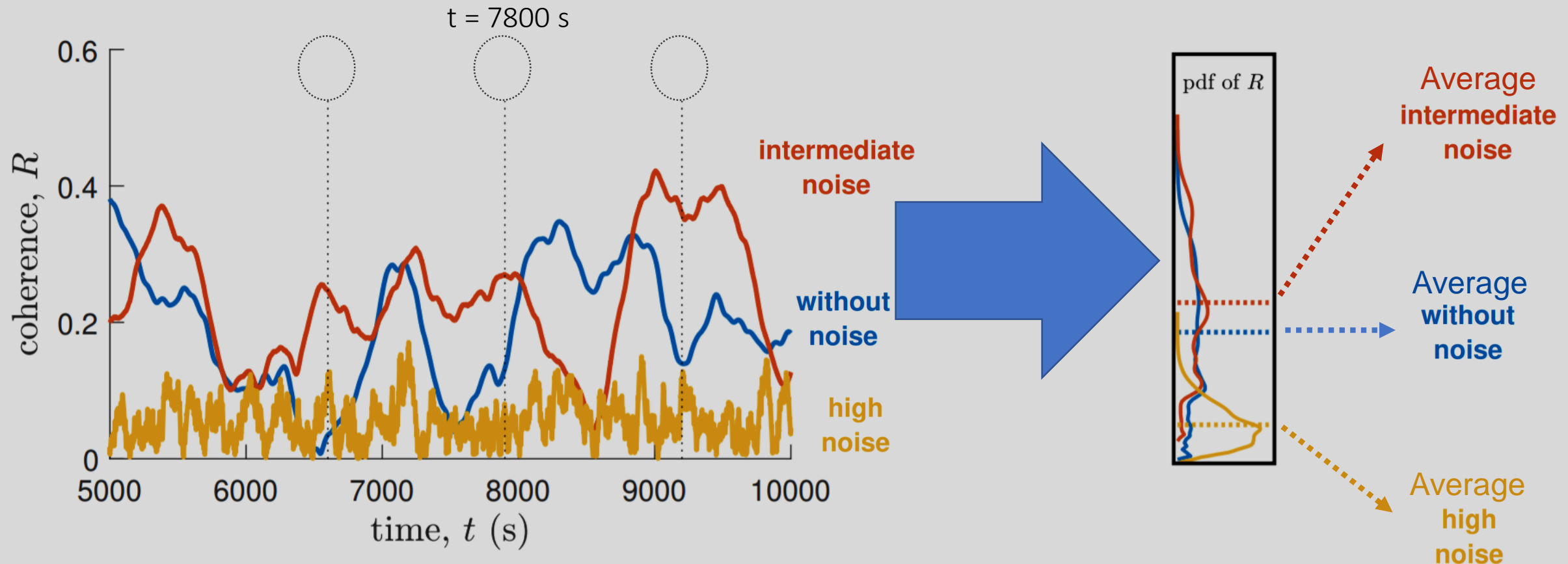
# Emergence of stochastic synchronization

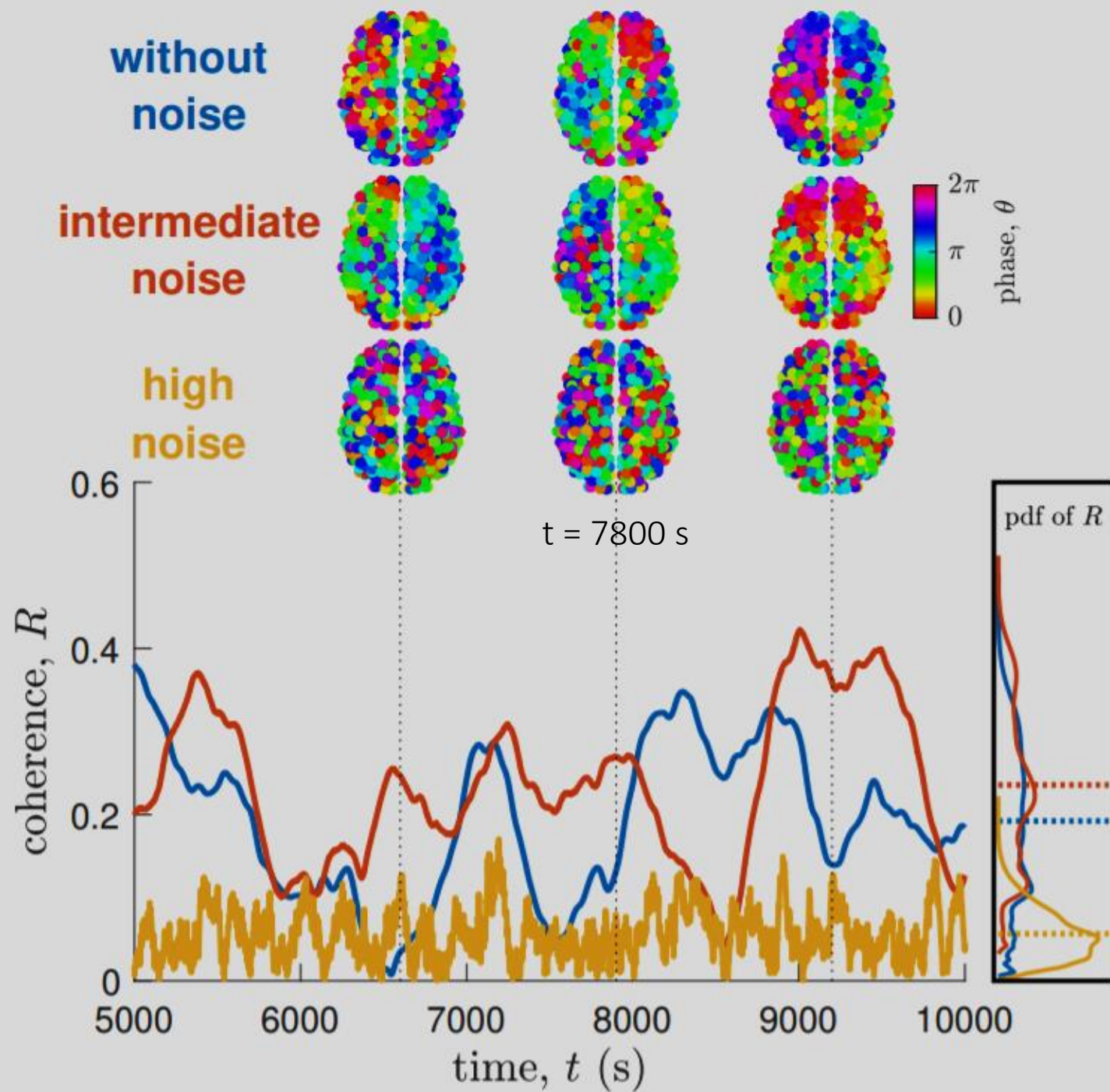
we analyze the network's behavior for three noise strengths:

the original case without noise ( $\sigma = 0$ )

intermediate noise ( $\sigma = 0.008$ )

high noise ( $\sigma = 0.2$ )







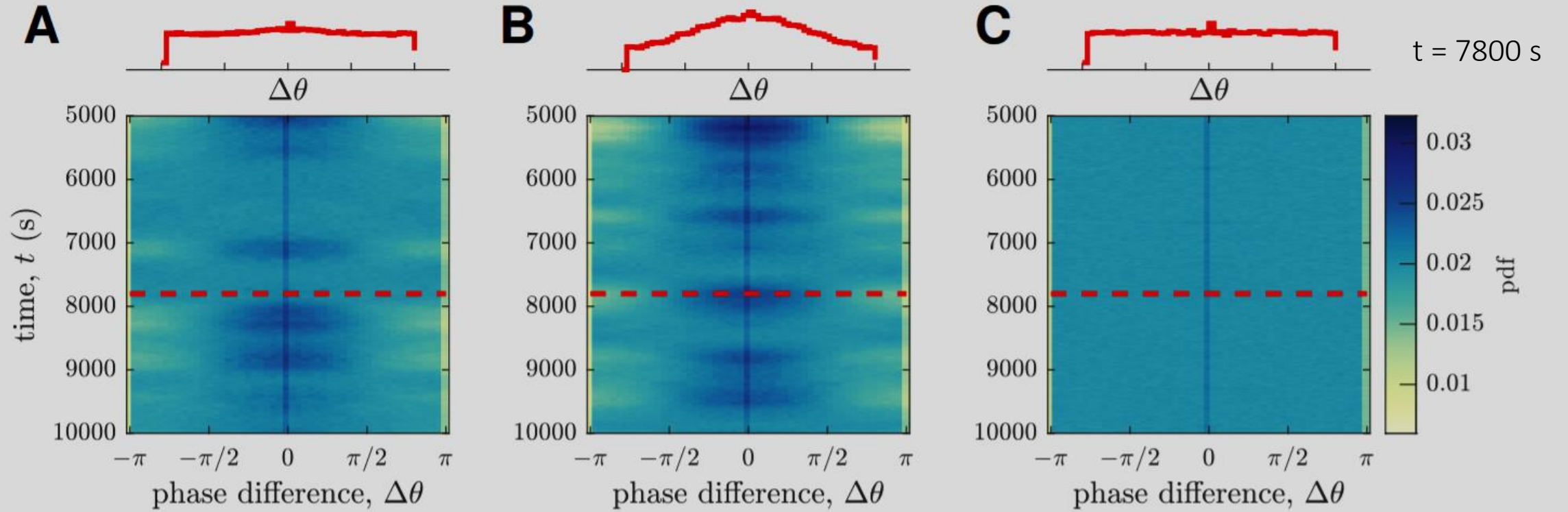
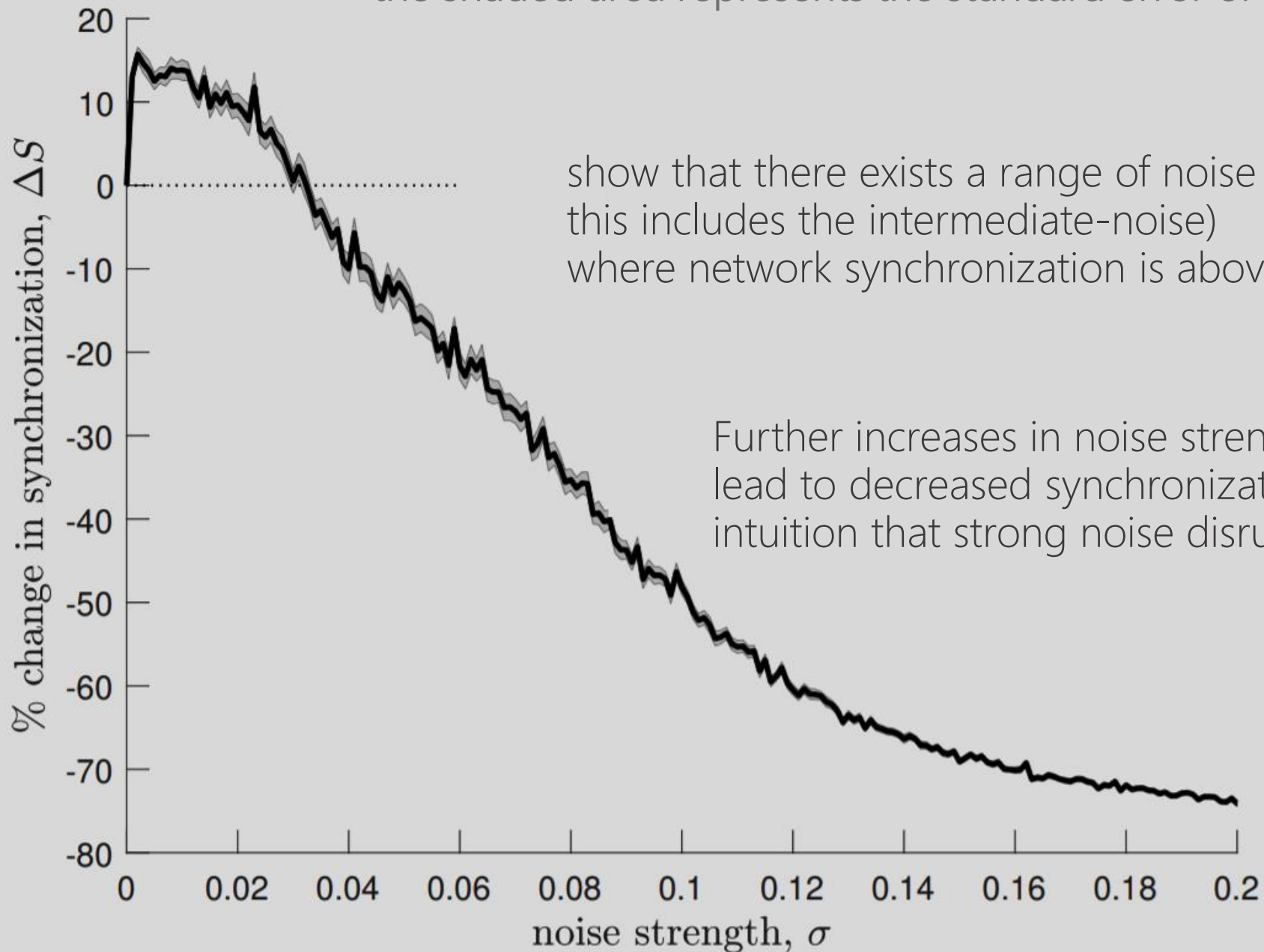


Figure S2: Time evolution of the distribution of phase differences for various noise strengths. **(A)** Pdf of phase difference  $\Delta\theta$  for dynamics without noise. **(B)** Same as panel A but with intermediate noise. **(C)** Same as panel A but with high noise. The pdf at  $t = 7800$  s highlighted by the red dashed line is shown above the panels.

The solid line represents an ensemble average of 50 noise realizations  
the shaded area represents the standard error of the mean.



show that there exists a range of noise strengths ( $0 < \sigma < 0.033$ ;  
this includes the intermediate-noise)  
where network synchronization is above the baseline ( $\Delta S > 0$ )

Further increases in noise strength (this includes the high-noise)  
lead to decreased synchronization (i.e.,  $\Delta S < 0$ ), in line with the  
intuition that strong noise disrupts synchrony.

the phenomenon only exists when the network is placed around the critical coupling strength  $c^*$

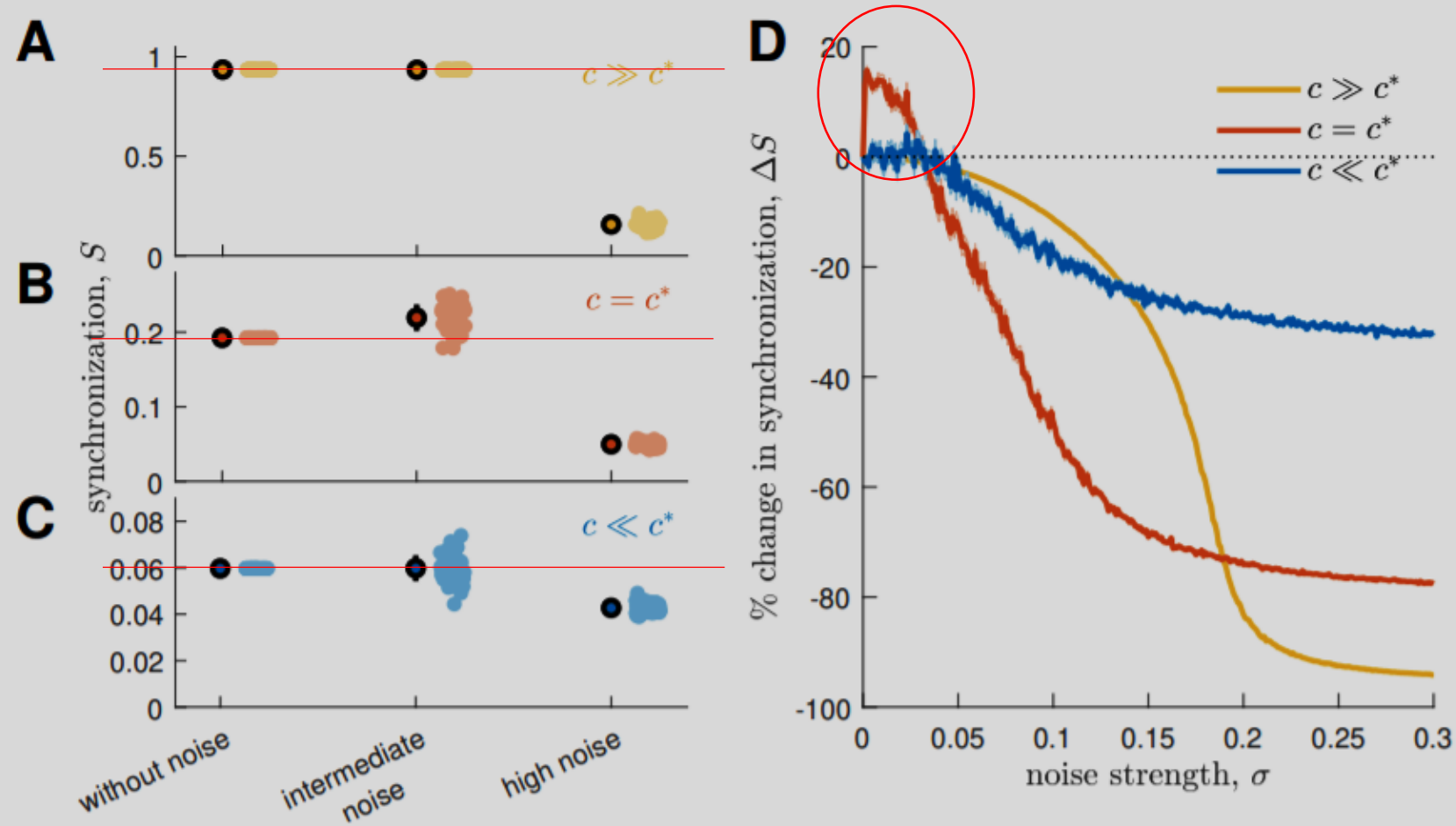
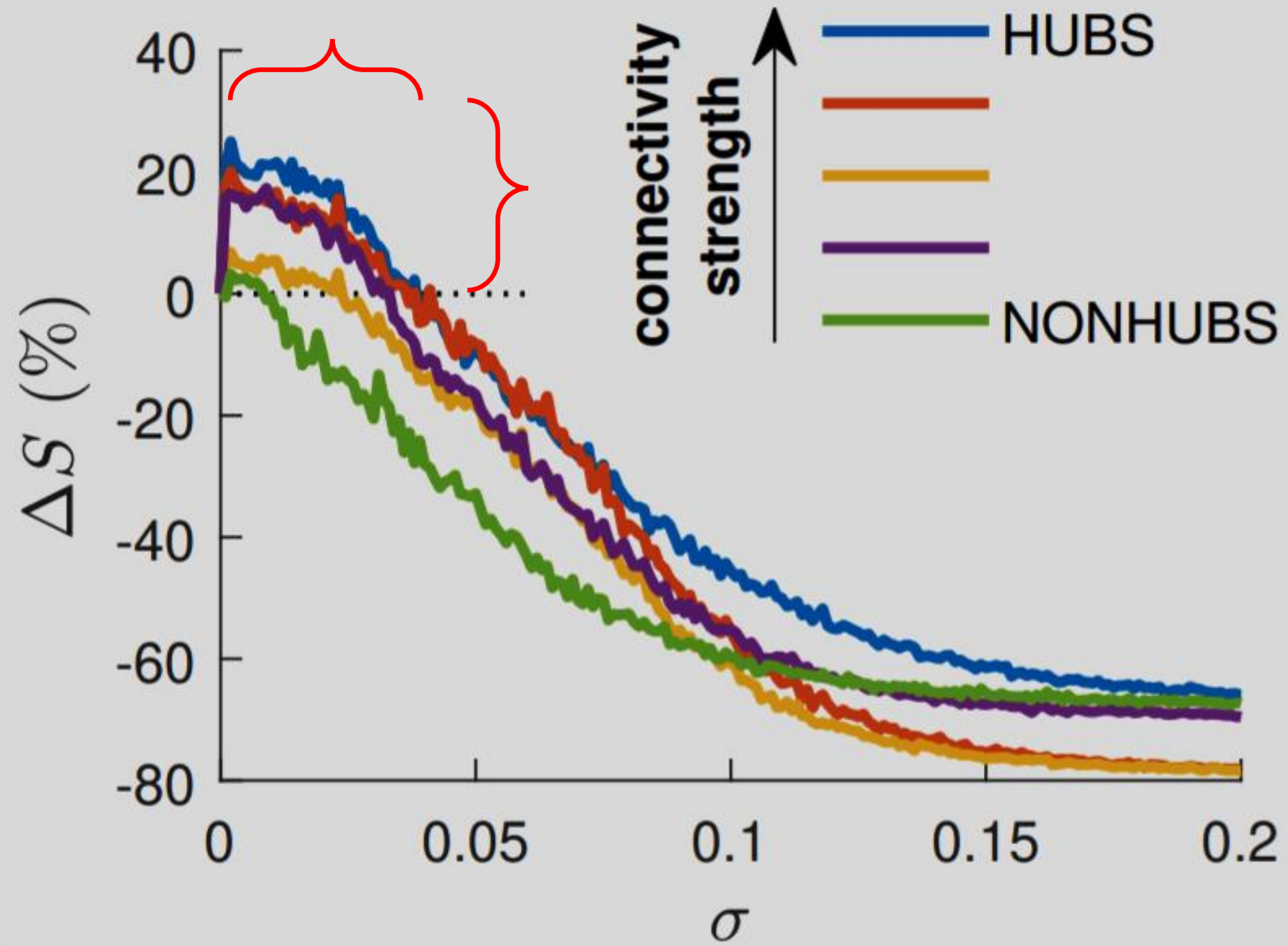
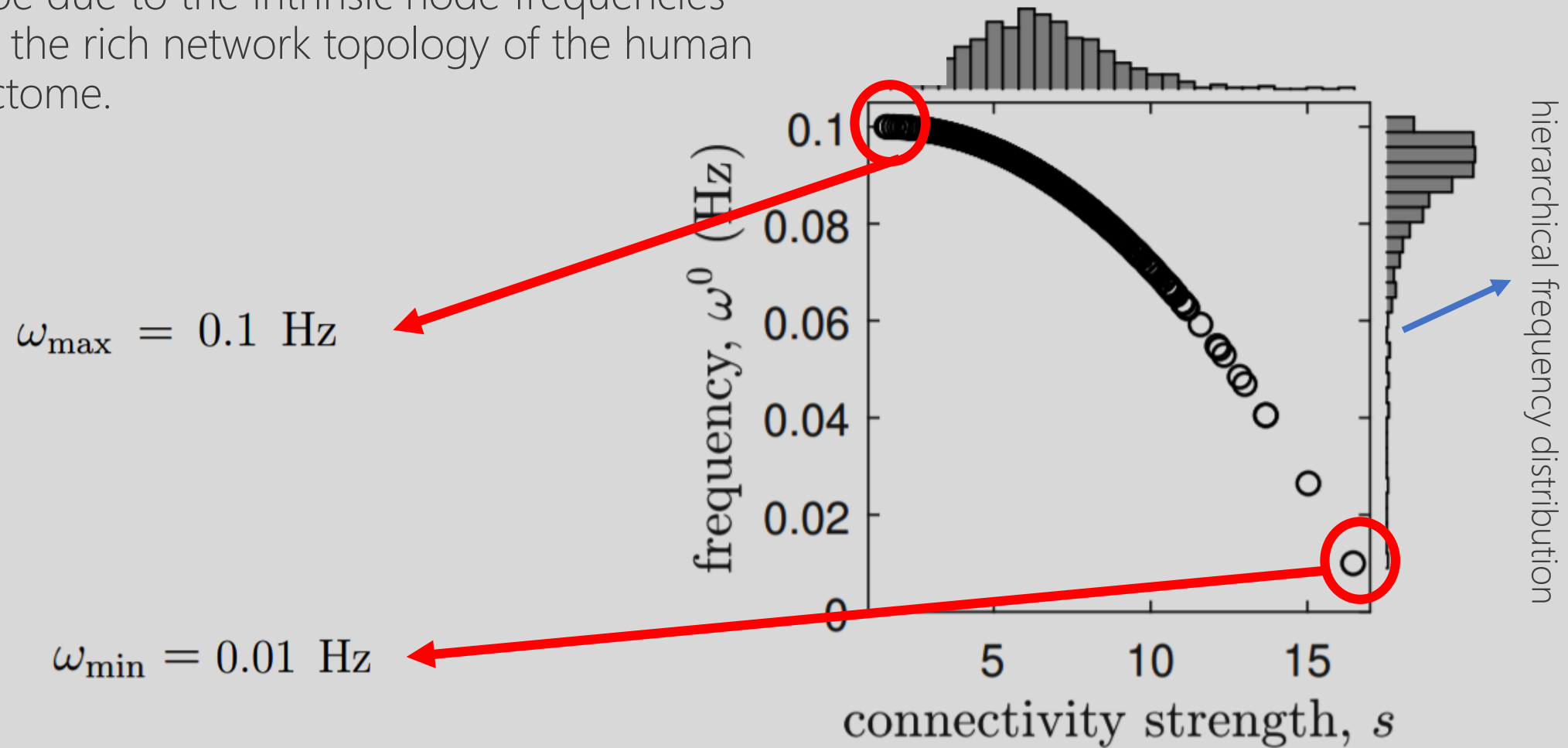


Figure S3: Synchronization for various coupling and noise strengths. **(A)** Synchronization  $S$  for  $c \gg c^*$ . **(B)**  $S$  for  $c = c^*$ . **(C)**  $S$  for  $c \ll c^*$ . For panels A, B, and C, the cloud of points represent 50 noise realizations, the thick markers represent ensemble averages of all noise realizations, and the vertical lines represent standard deviations. **(D)** Percent change of network synchronization  $\Delta S$  vs noise strength  $\sigma$  (yellow:  $c \gg c^*$ ; red:  $c = c^*$ ; blue:  $c \ll c^*$ ). The solid lines represent ensemble averages of 50 noise realizations and the shaded areas represent the standard errors of the means.



# Drivers of stochastic synchronization

we conjecture that the paradoxical phenomenon could be due to the intrinsic node frequencies and/or the rich network topology of the human connectome.



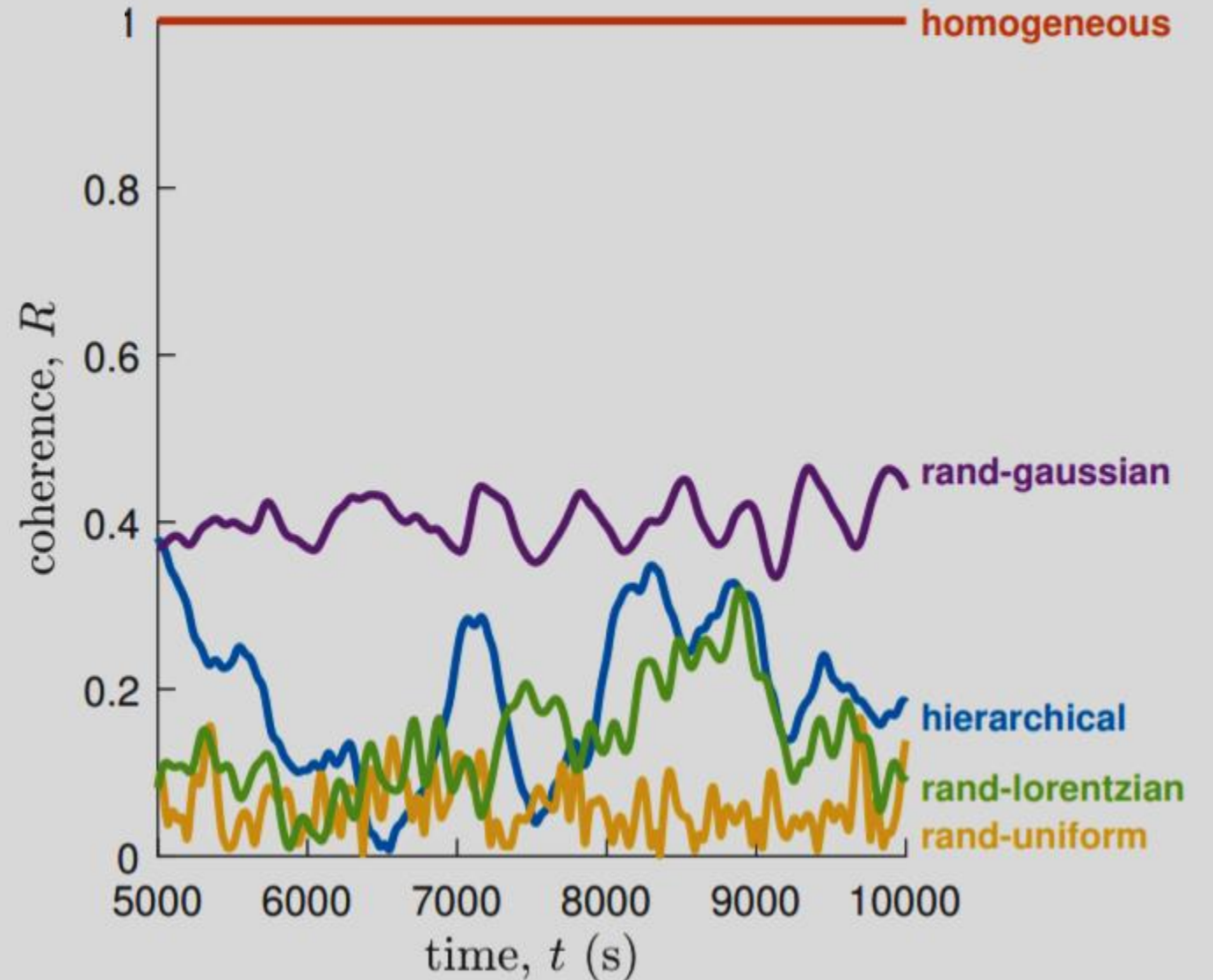
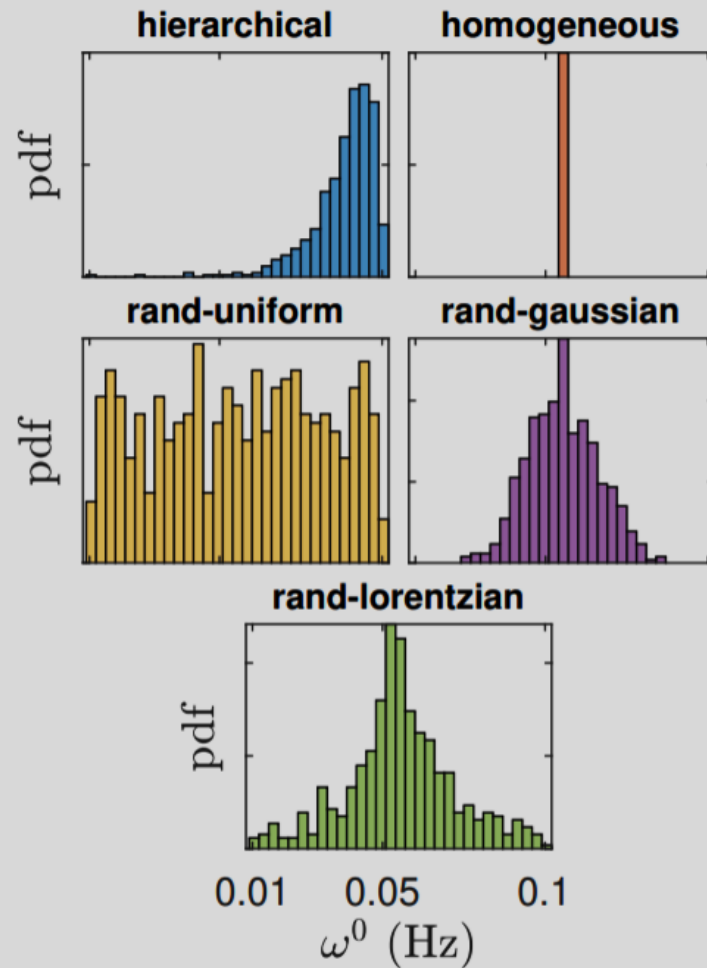


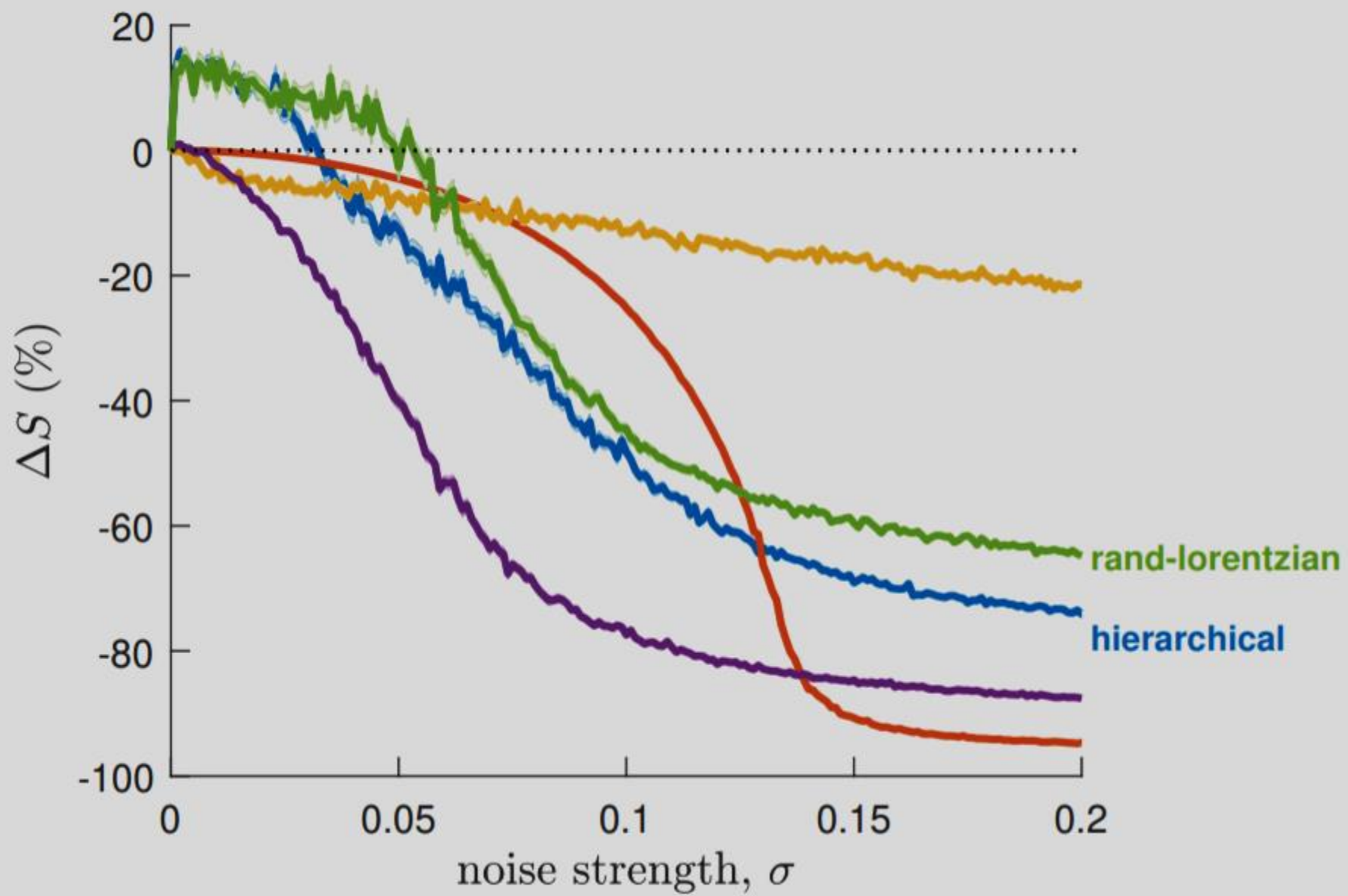
(i) Dirac-delta (homogeneous)

(ii) random uniform

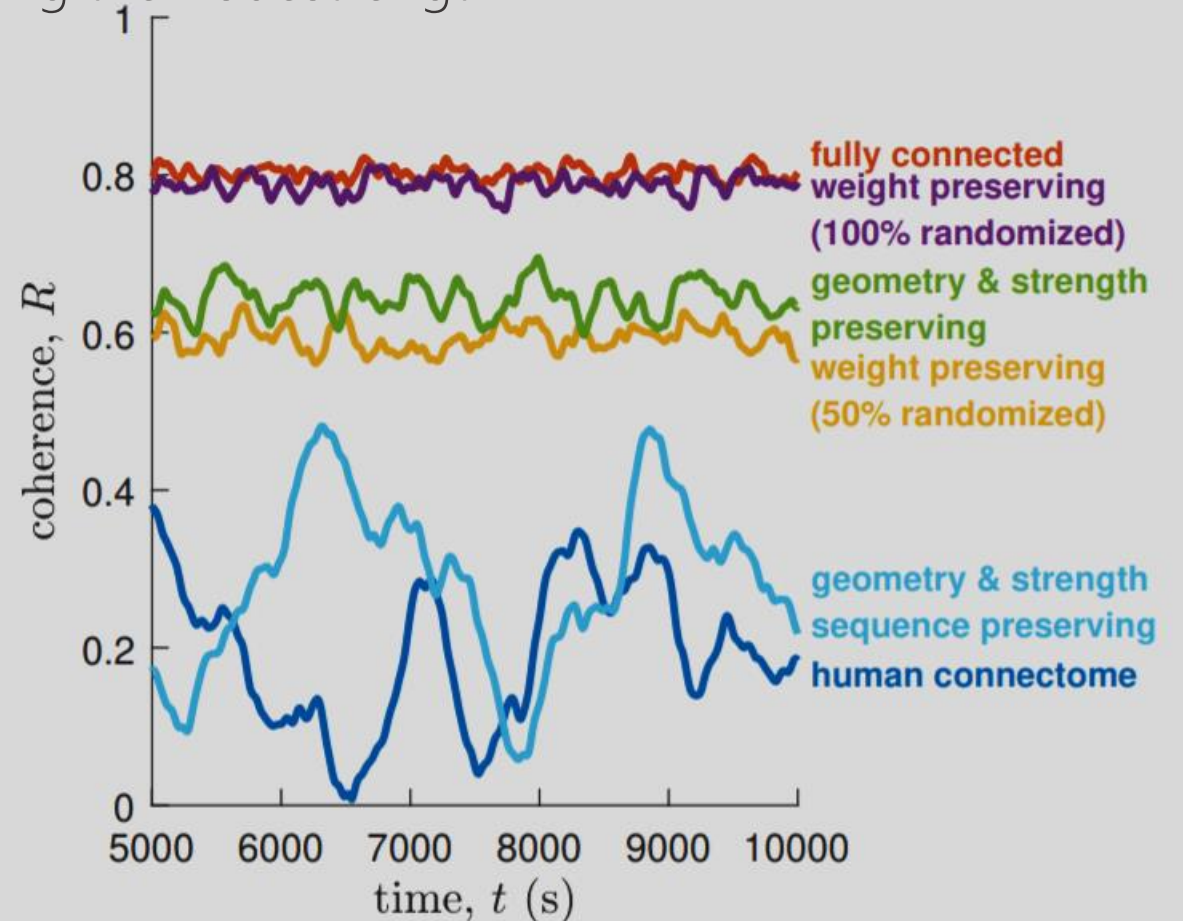
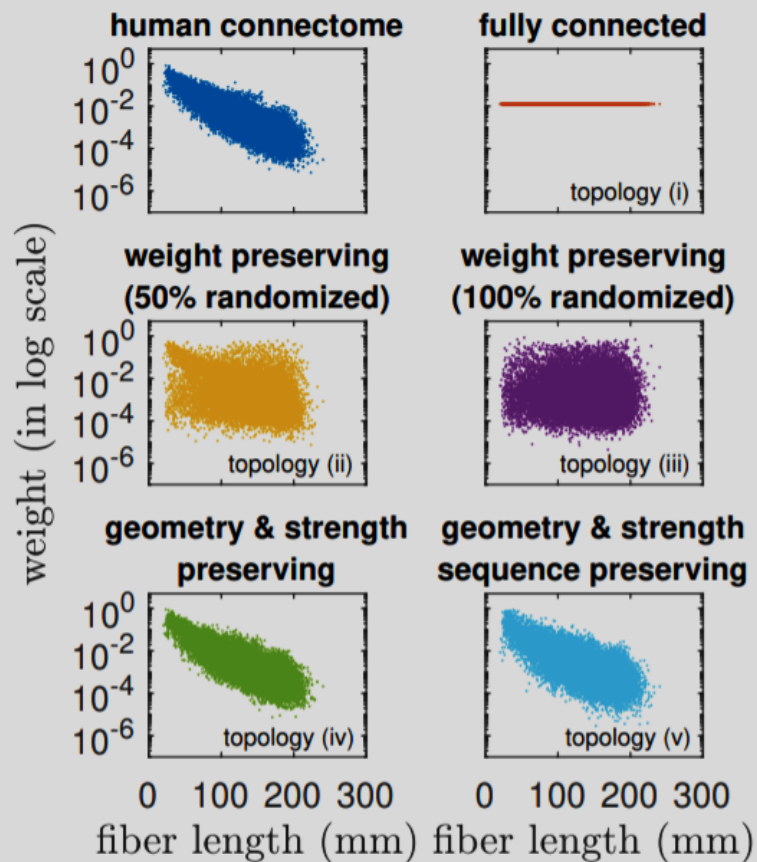
(iii) random Gaussian

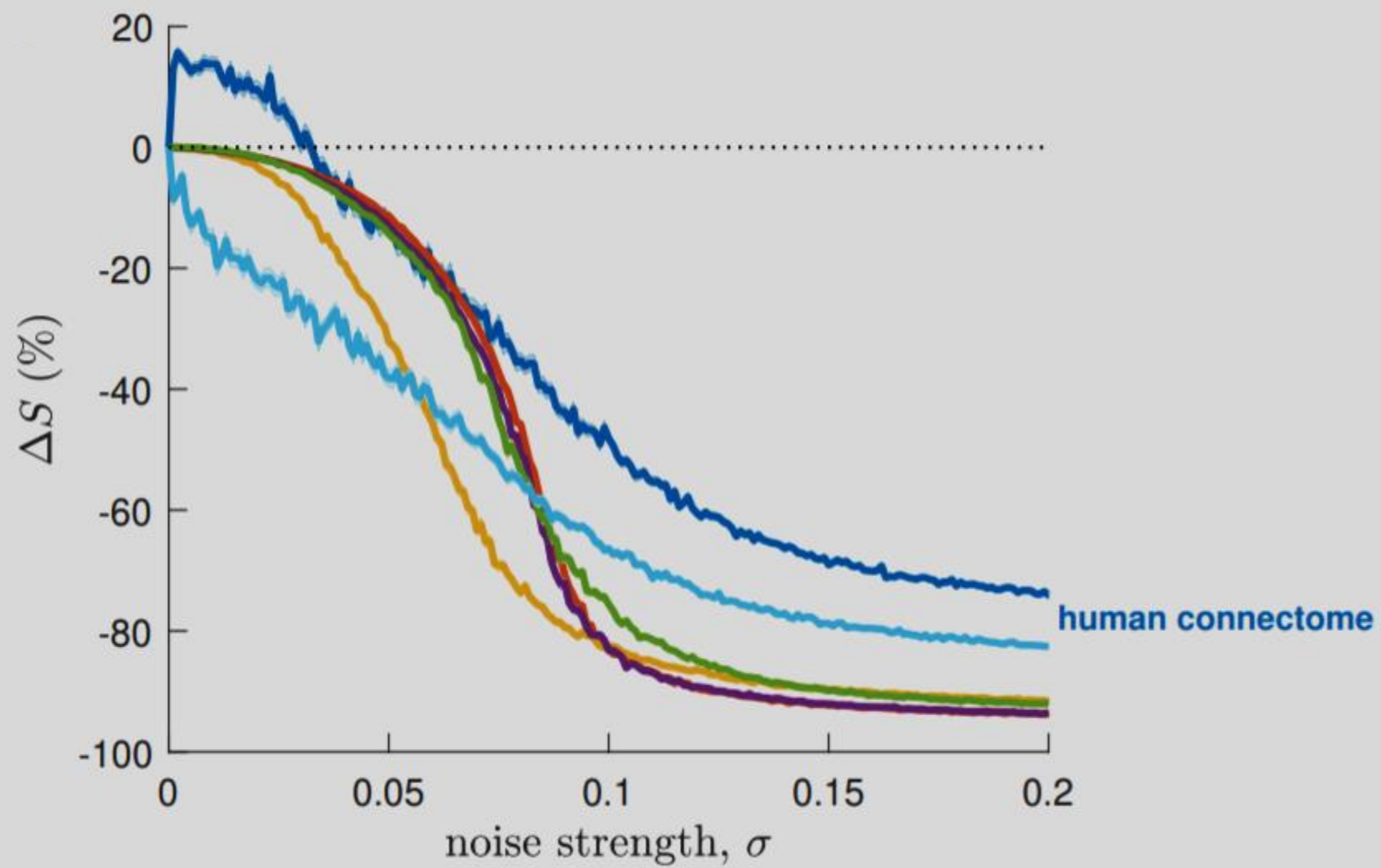
(iv) random Lorentzian





- (i) fully connected network
- (ii) weight-preserving random network, randomizing 50% of the connections
- (iii) weight-preserving random network, randomizing 100% of the connections
- (iv) geometry-preserving random network, preserving the node strengths
- (v) geometry-preserving random network, preserving the node strength sequence.



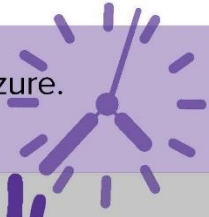




# SeizureFirstAid

What to do in the event of a seizure

1 **STAY** with the person and start timing the seizure.  
Remain **calm** and check for medical ID.



2 Keep the person **SAFE**.  
Move or guide away from **harmful objects**.



3 Turn the person onto their **SIDE** if they are not awake and aware. **Don't block airway**, put something small and soft under the head, loosen tight clothes around neck.

4 Do **NOT** put **anything** in their mouth.  
Don't give water, pills or food until the person is awake.



5 Do **NOT** **restrain**.



6 **STAY** with them until they are awake and alert after the seizure.  
**Most seizures end in a few minutes.**



**Call 911:**

- ☒ Seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- ☒ Repeated seizures
- ☒ Difficulty breathing
- ☒ Seizure occurs in water
- ☒ Person is injured, pregnant, or sick
- ☒ Person does not return to their usual state
- ☒ First time seizure

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