

# Effects of lesions on dynamics in cortical networks

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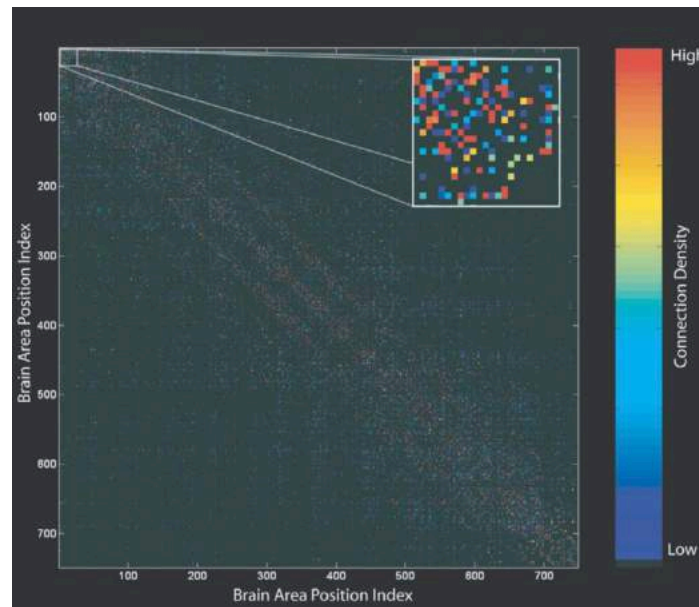
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# Framework - The “Connectome”

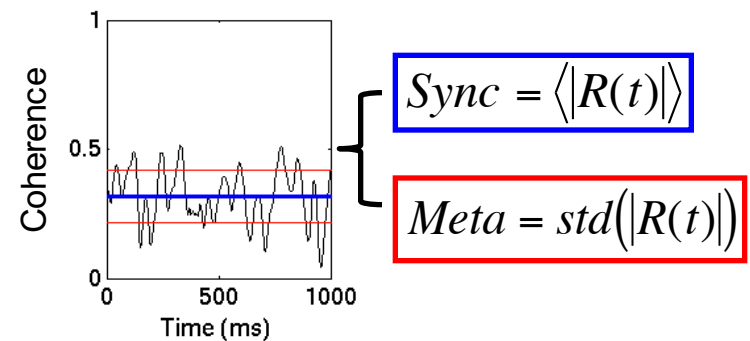
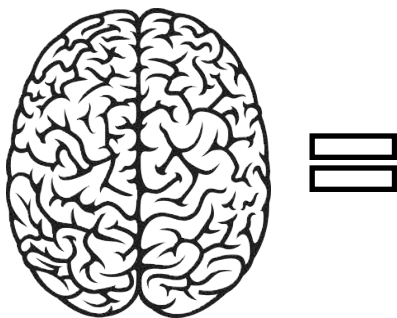
Sporns et al. *PLoS Comp. Biol.* 2005 + Hagmann *PhD Thesis* 2005

- “An obvious [...] use of the human connectome would be providing structural information that can be implemented as part of large-scale computational models”
- “Most importantly, the connectome will provide an important tool for mechanistic modeling and interpretation of human functional brain data.”



# Neural dynamics

- Coherence matters, as does its variability
  - Fries *Trends. Cog. Sci.* 2005      communication through coherence
- Neural dynamics are not stable, but “metastable”
  - Deco et al. *PNAS* 2009      “resting brains never rest”
  - Shanahan *Chaos* 2011      metastability metric



- Formally: stability  $\neq$  multistability  $\neq$  metastability

# Synchronisation in coupled systems



メトロノーム同期 (32個)

Synchronization of thirty two metronomes

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Filmed at Ikeguchi Laboratory, on September 14, 2012.

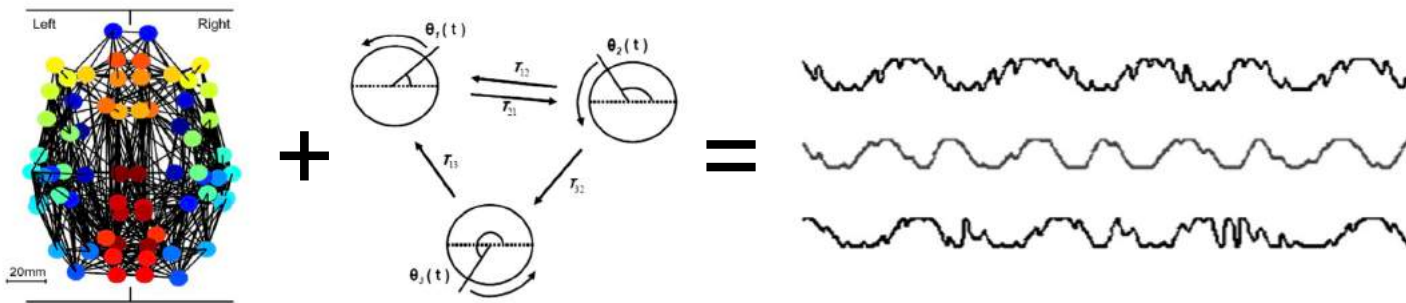
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## Background: dynamics

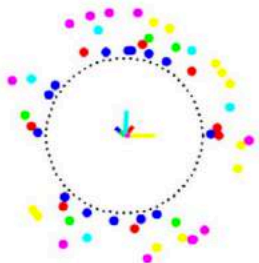
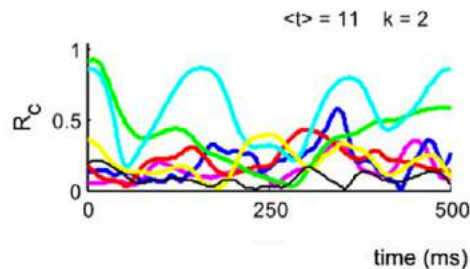
Neuroimage 2011

### Role of local network oscillations in resting-state functional connectivity

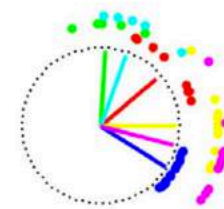
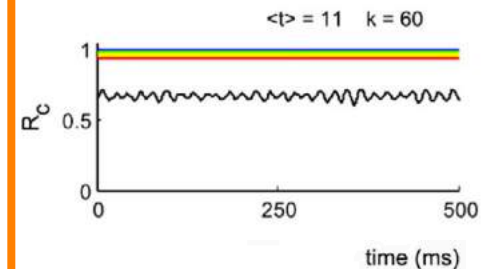
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low coupling



high coupling

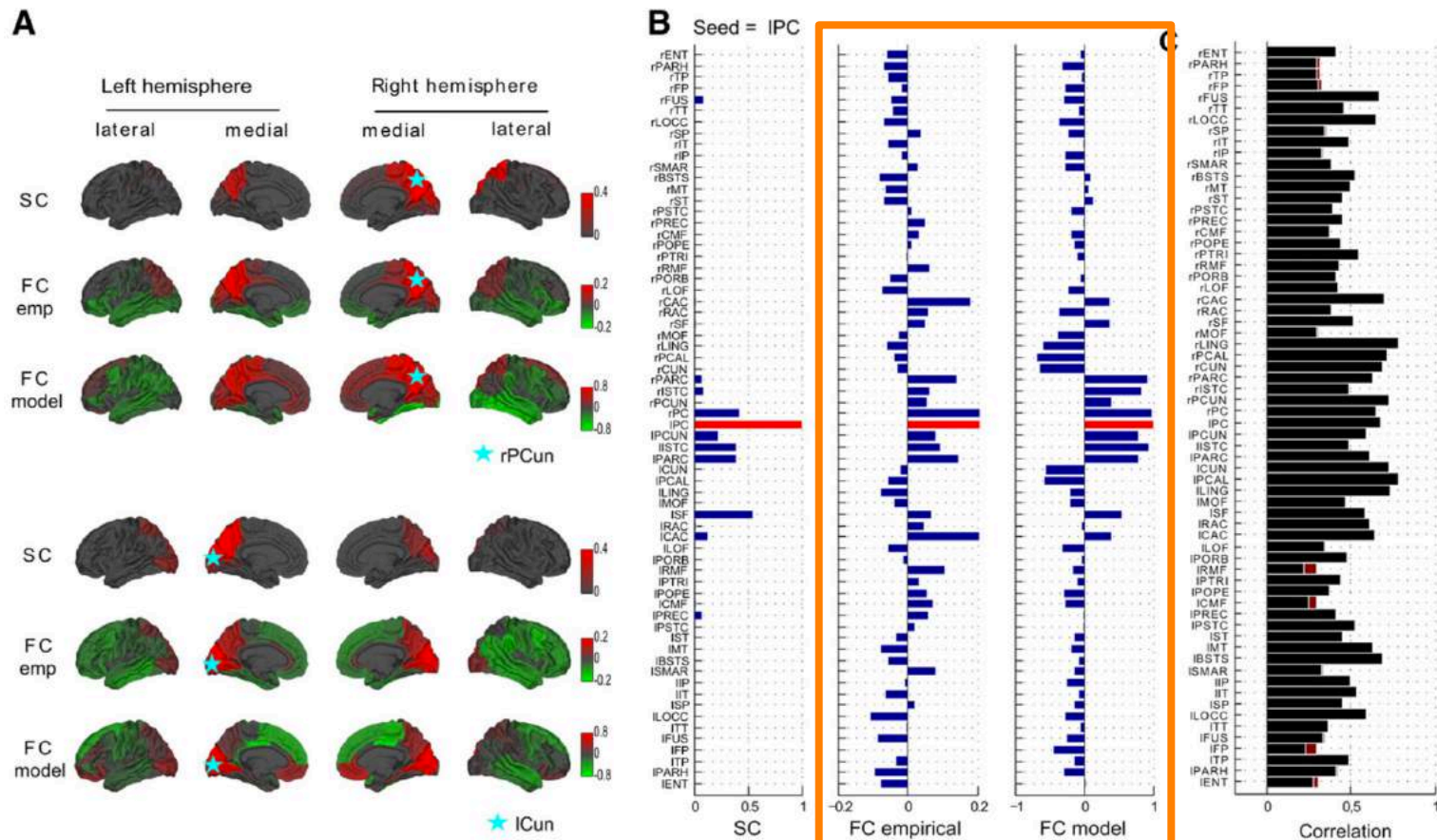


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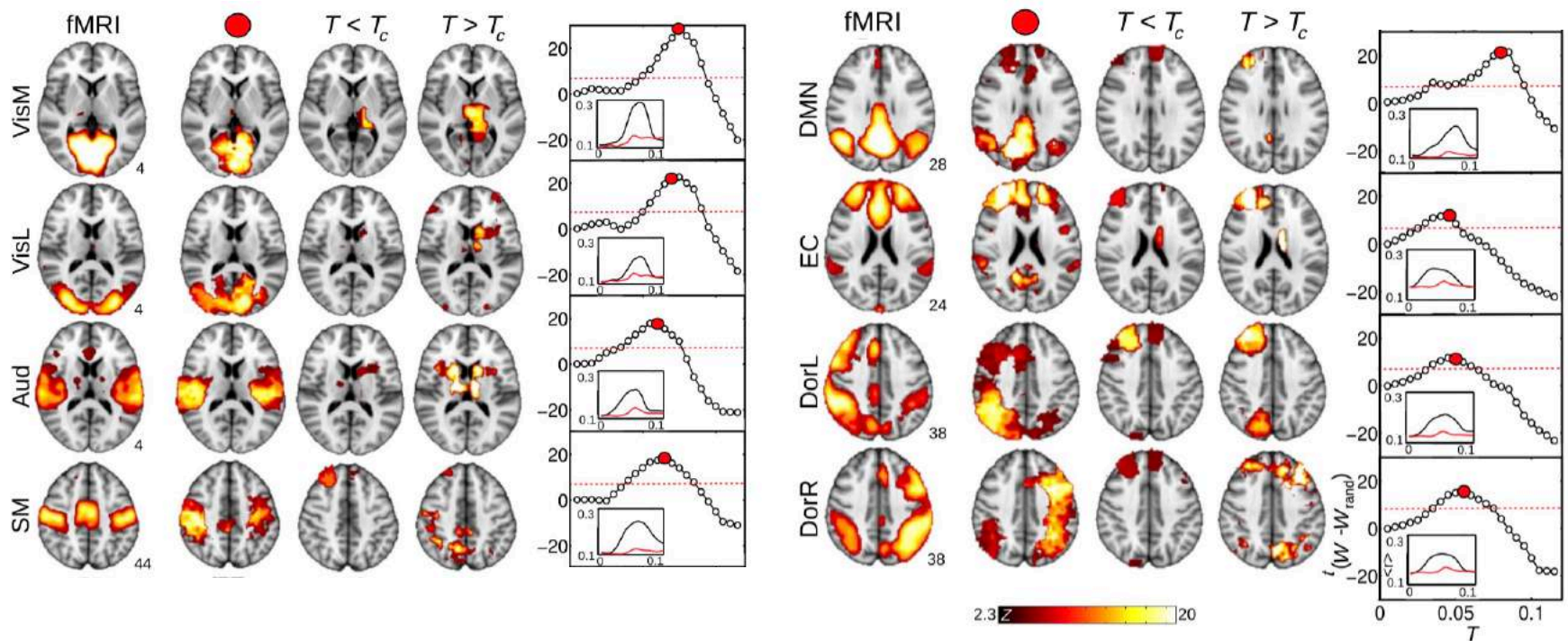
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## Brain Organization into Resting State Networks Emerges at Criticality on a Model of the Human Connectome

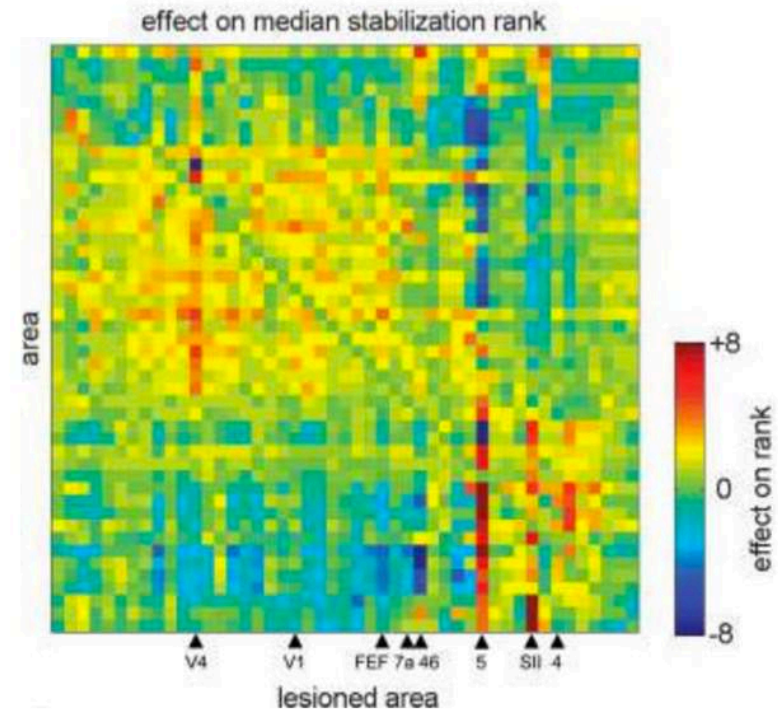
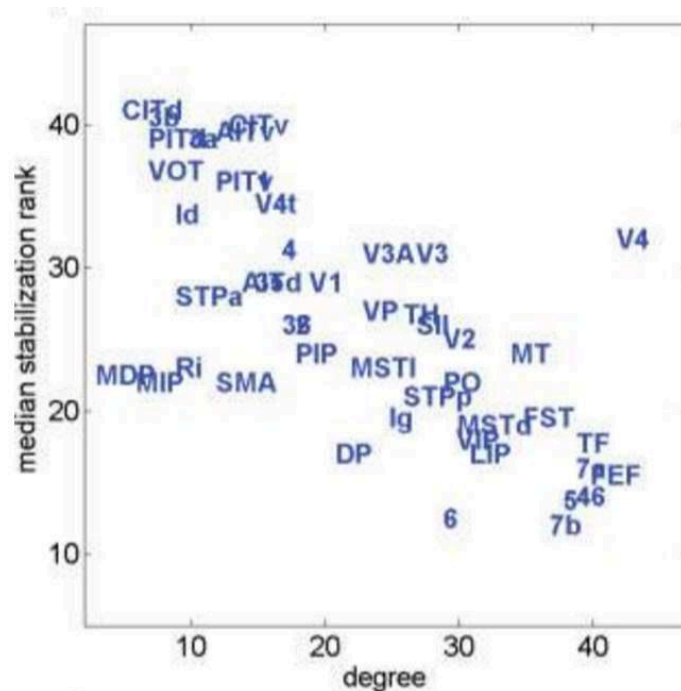
Ariel Haimovici,<sup>1,2</sup> Enzo Tagliazucchi,<sup>3</sup> Pablo Balenzuela,<sup>1,2</sup> and Dante R. Chialvo<sup>2,4,5</sup>



see also Kitzbichler et al. *PLoS Comp. Biol.* 2009

## Dynamical Consequences of Lesions in Cortical Networks

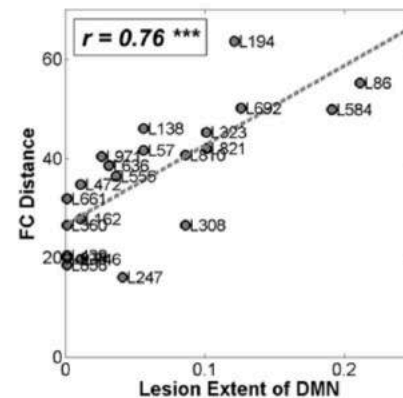
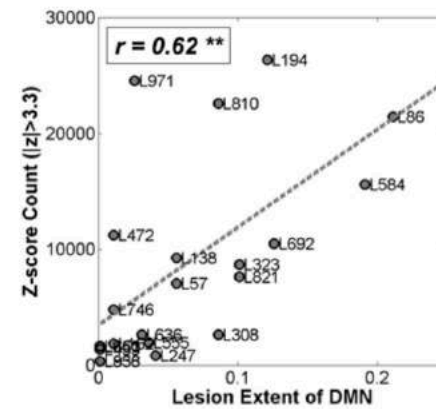
Christopher J. Honey and Olaf Sporns\*





**Jeffrey Alstott<sup>1</sup>, Michael Breakspear<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>, Patric Hagmann<sup>6,7</sup>, Leila Cammoun<sup>6,7</sup>, Olaf Sporns<sup>1,8\*</sup>**

## impact on simulated FC



# Aims

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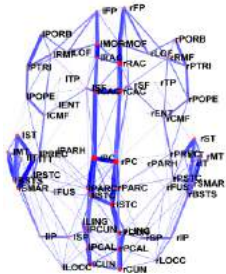
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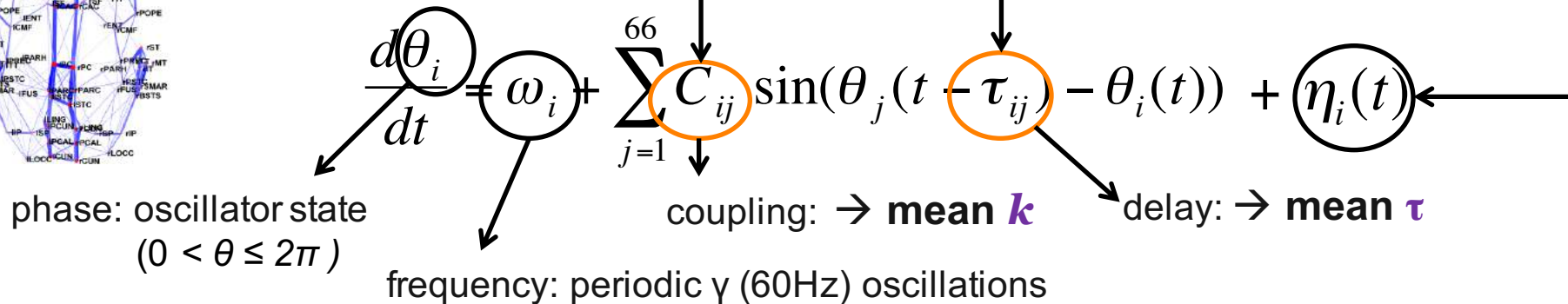
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+ unexpected relationship to several empirical studies...

# Kuramoto oscillator model of neural synchrony (Kuramoto 1984)



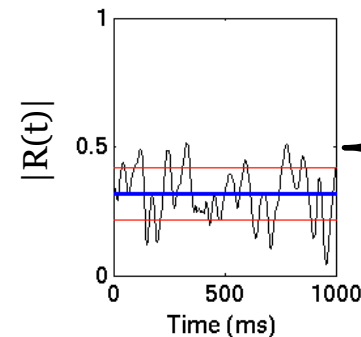
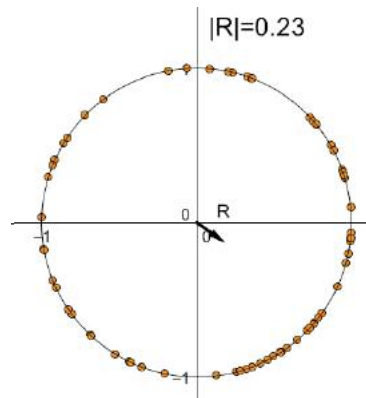
Hagmann et al. (*PLOS Bio.* 2008)



## Dynamics:

- Order parameter  $R(t)$

$$R(t)e^{i\phi(t)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{i\theta_n(t)}$$



$$Sync = \langle |R(t)| \rangle$$

$$Meta = std(|R(t)|)$$

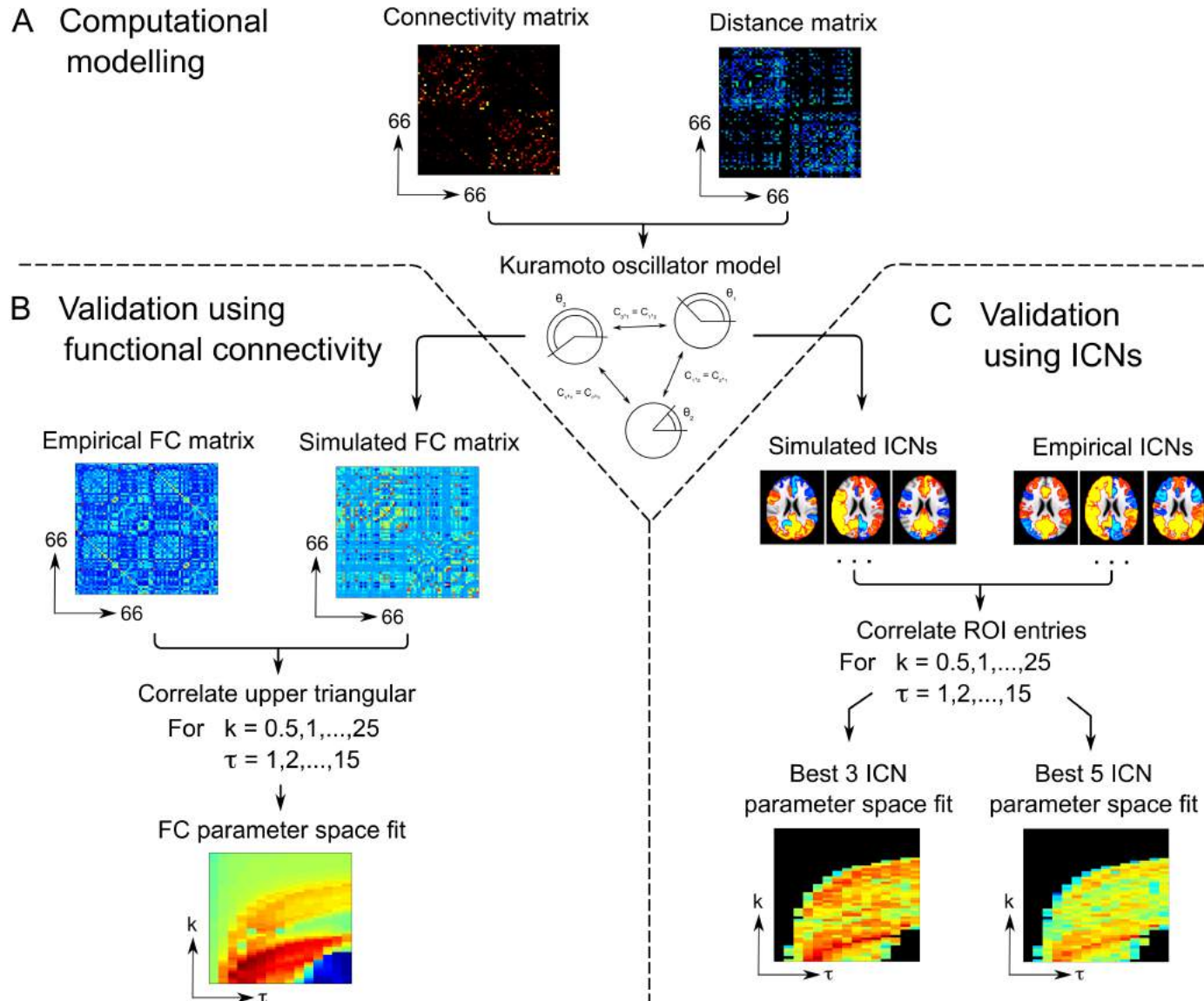
Shanahan (*Chaos* 2011)

- MATLAB, Euler method

## Conditions:

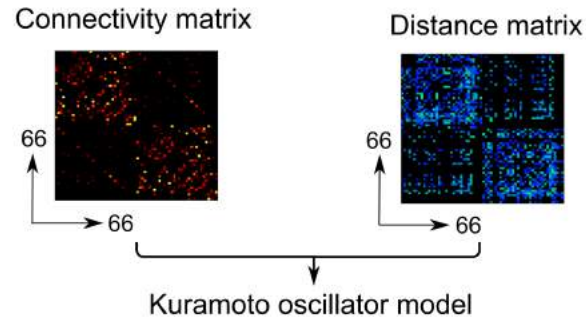
- Uniform  $\rightarrow \omega_i = 60$  Hz for all  $i$
- Noisy  $\rightarrow \omega_i = N(60, 3)$  Hz + noise  $\eta_i = N(0, 2)$  rad.

# Model validation (calibration)

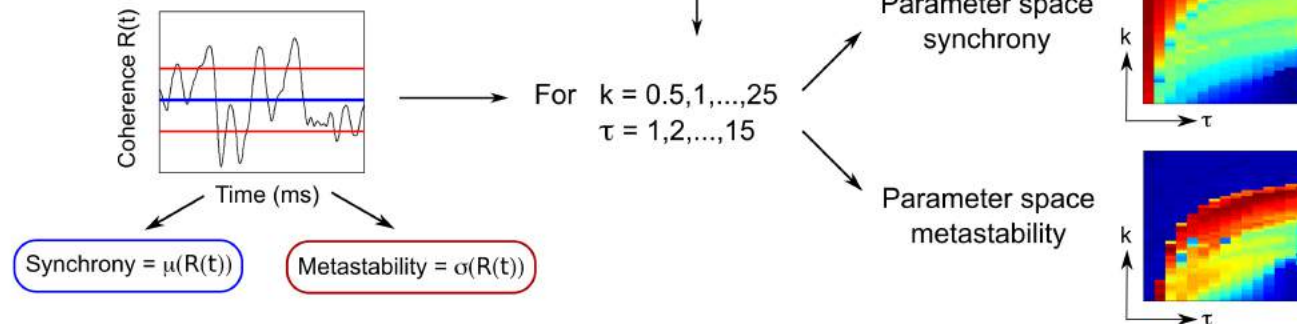


# Model dynamics

## A Computational modelling



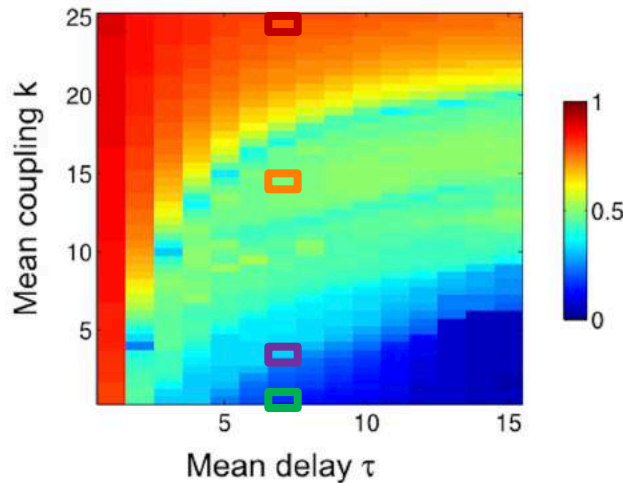
## D Measures of network dynamics



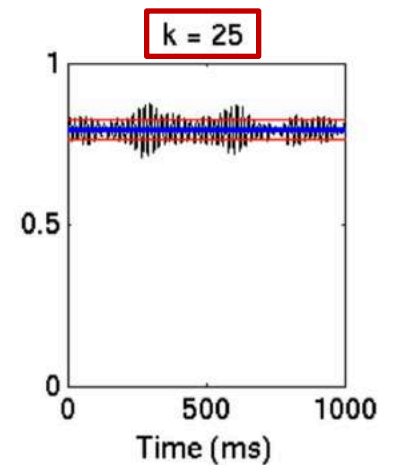
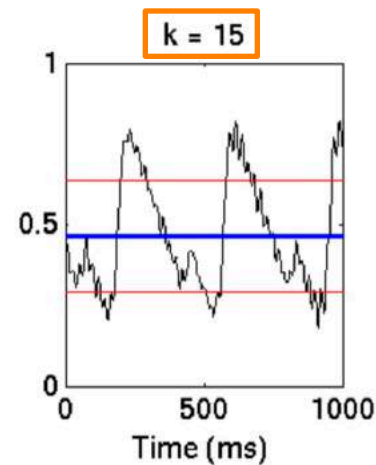
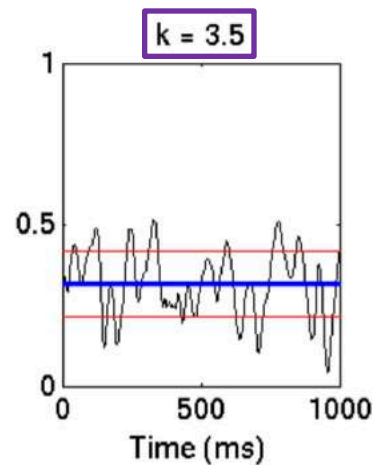
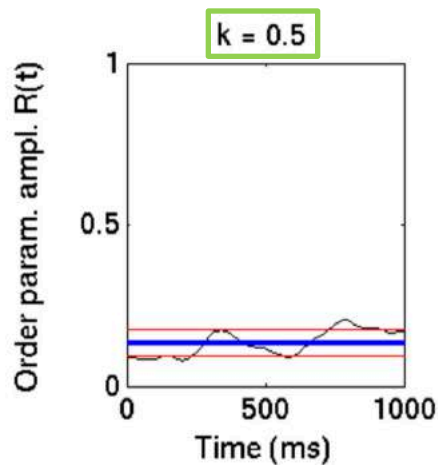
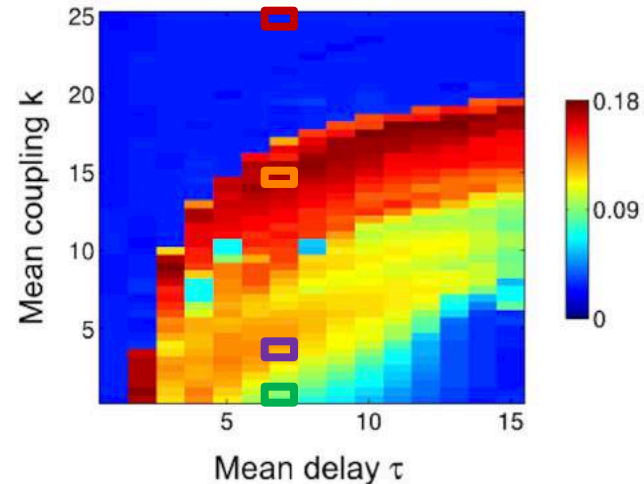


# Model behavior along $k$ axis

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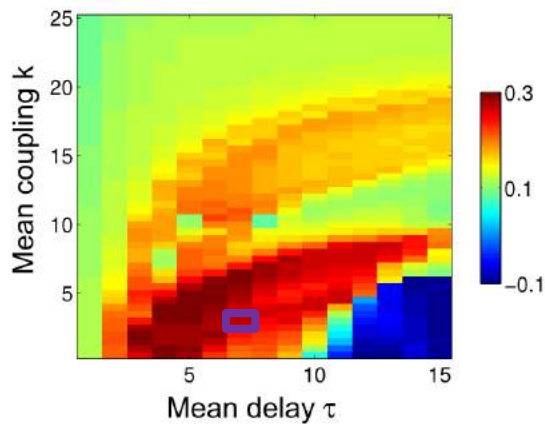


metastability

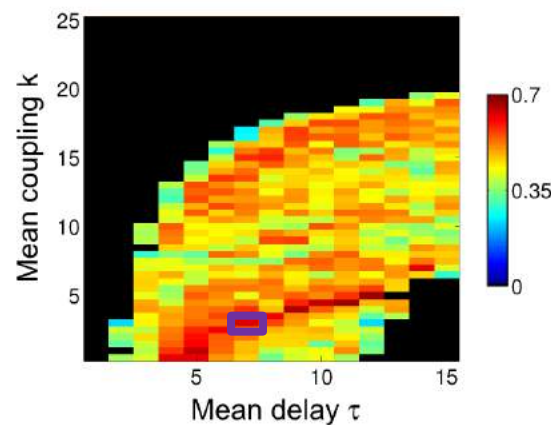


# Model behavior across parameter space

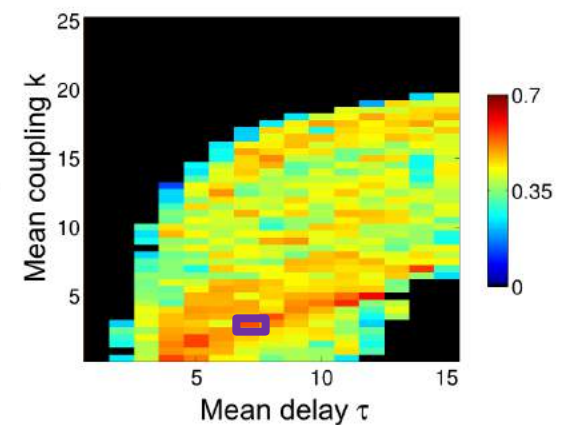
pairwise FC



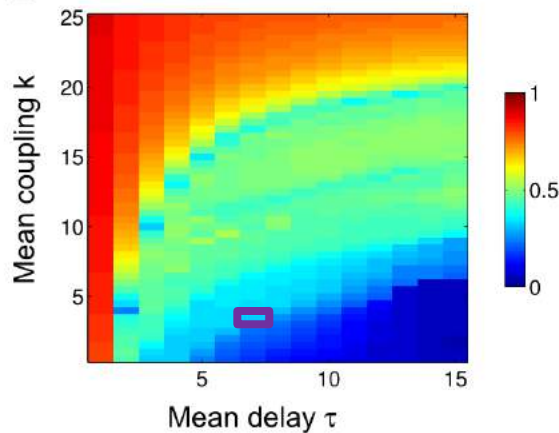
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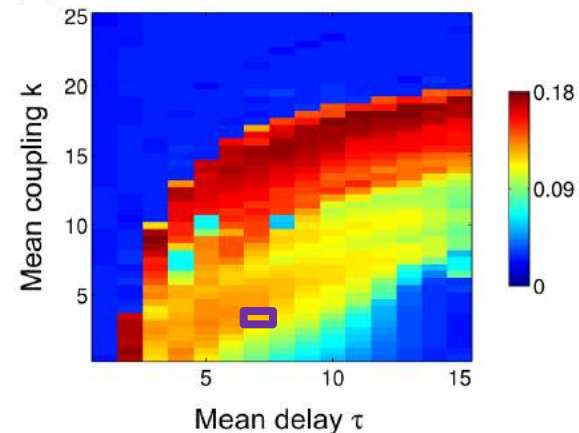
best 5 ICNs



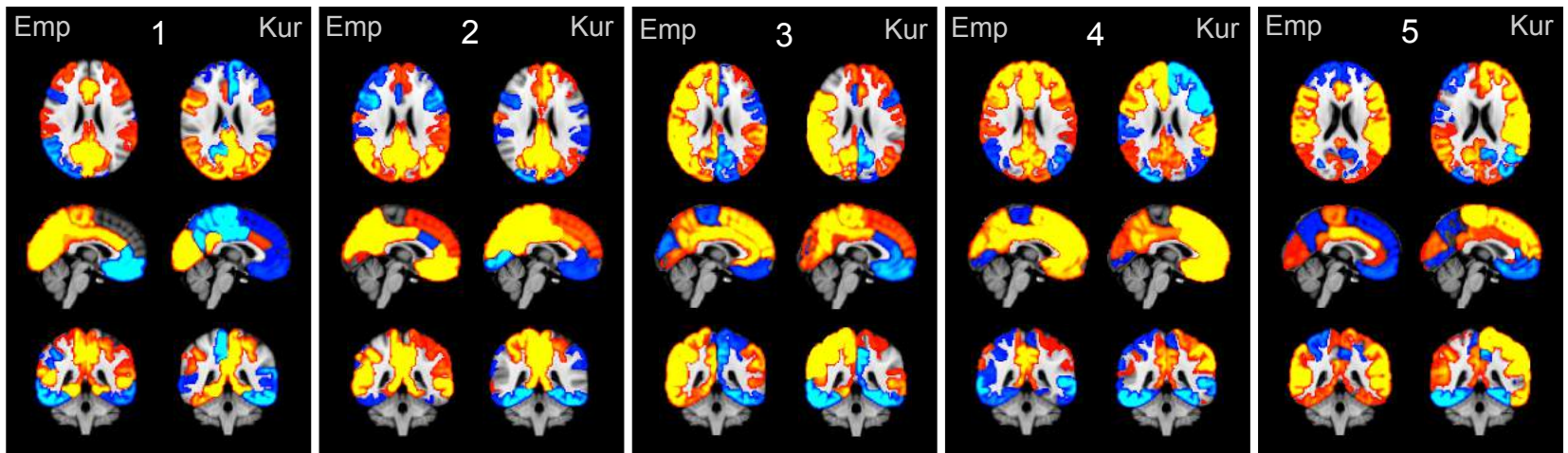
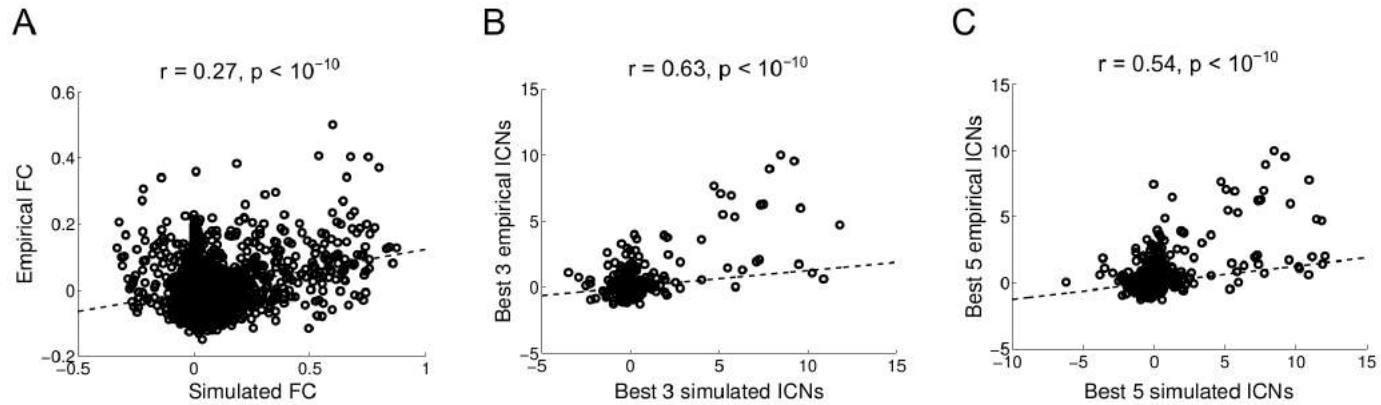
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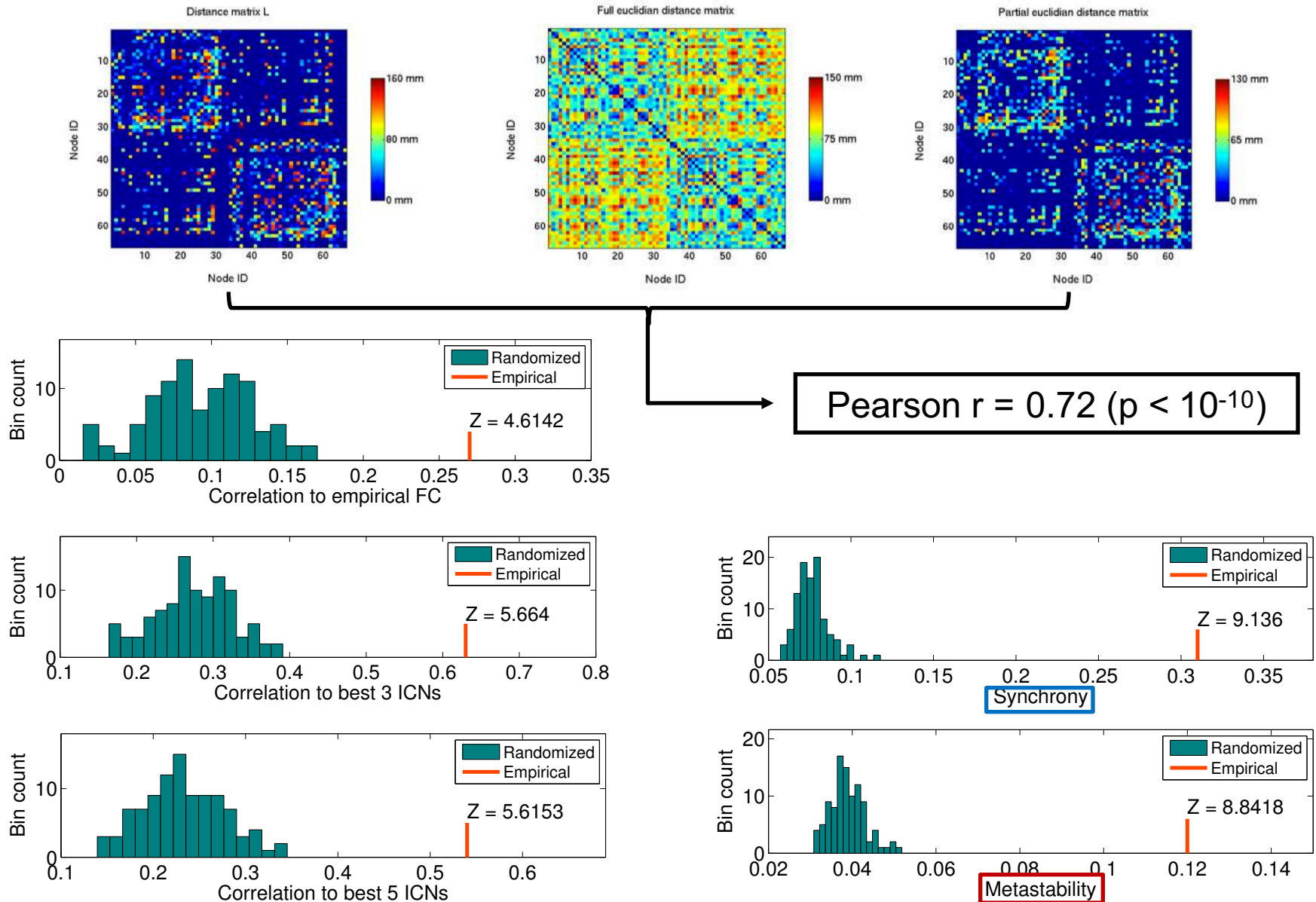


# Working point



Working point:  
 $k = 3.5, \tau = 7 \text{ ms}$   $\longrightarrow$   $v = \frac{\bar{L}}{\tau} = \frac{64.2 \text{ mm}}{7 \text{ ms}} \approx 9.2 \text{ m/s}$

# Null model – random network dynamics



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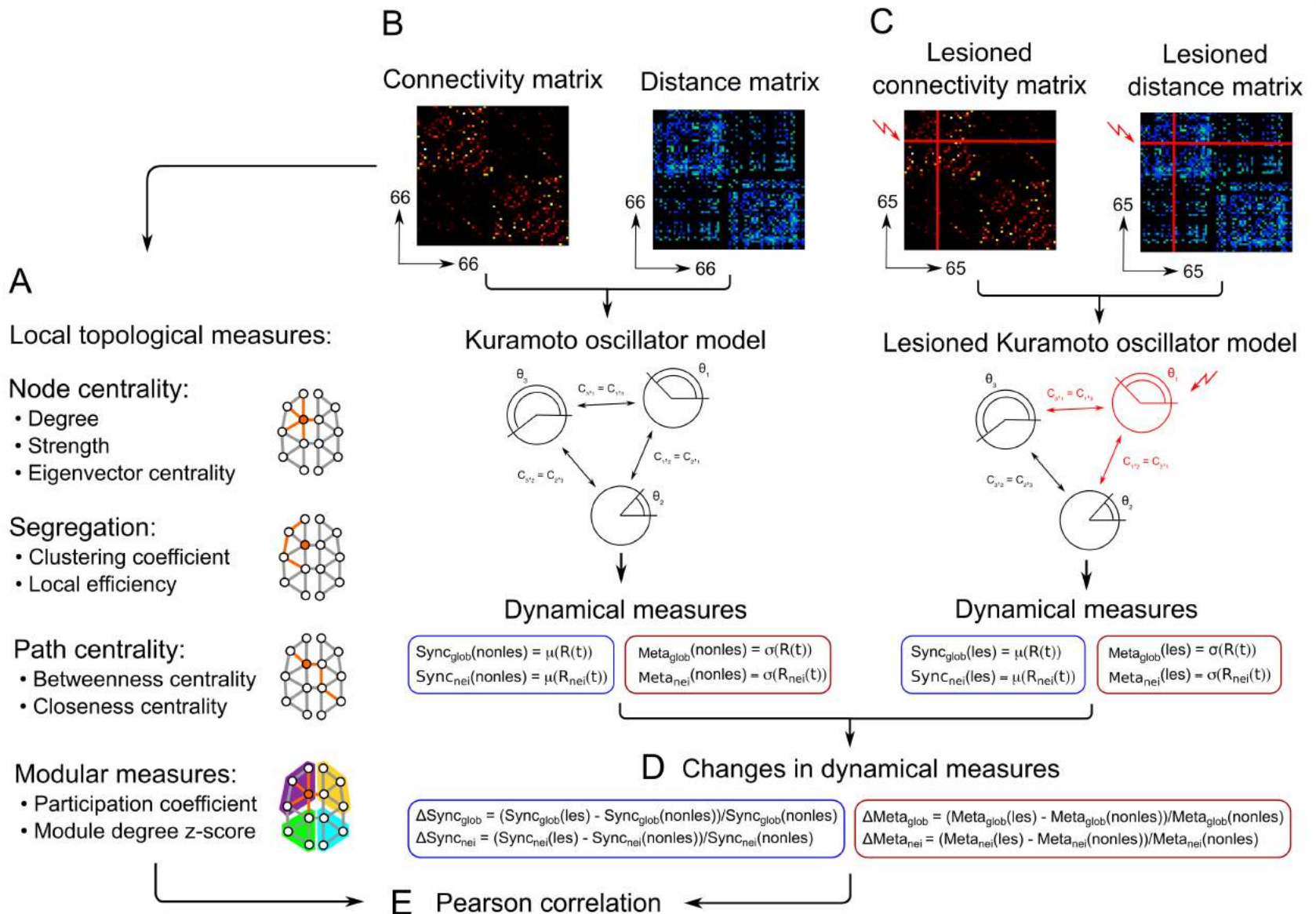
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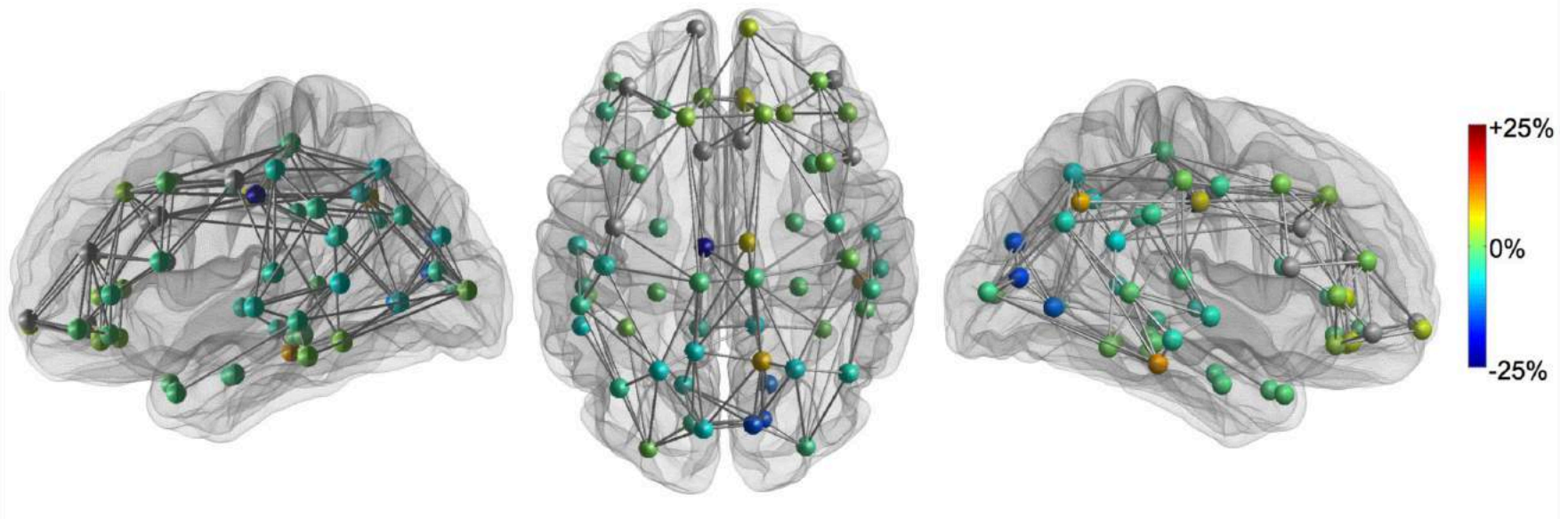


# Effects of lesions



# Post-lesion $\Delta$ synchrony

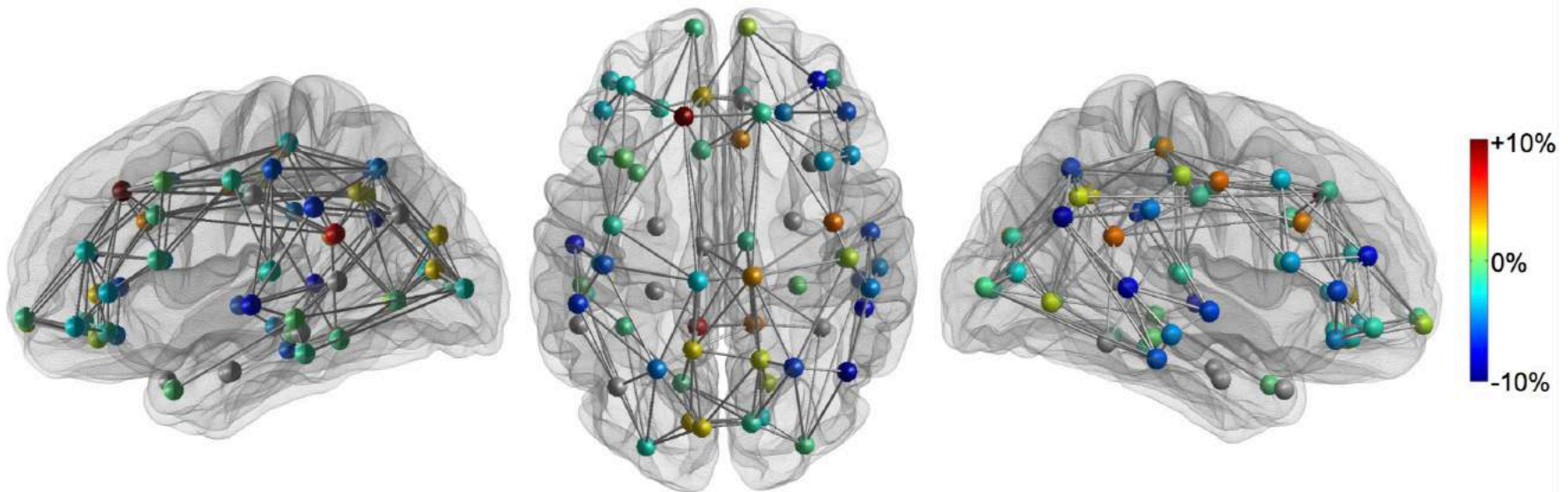
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Neighbourhood:  $\mu$  [95% CI] = -5.1 [-7.1,-3.1] % (two-tailed T-test  $p = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ )

# Post-lesion $\Delta$ metastability

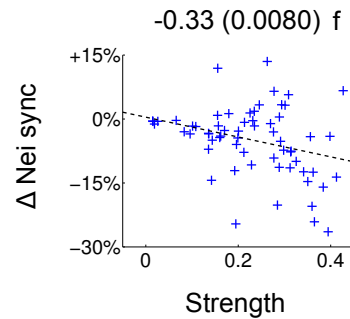
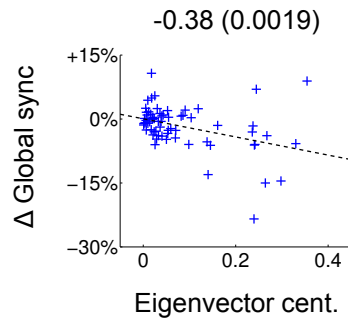
Global:  $\mu$  [95% CI] = -0.9 [-1.8, -0.05] % (two-tailed T-test  $p = 0.035$ )



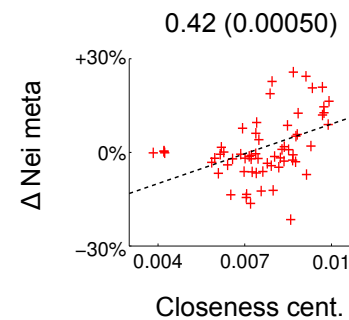
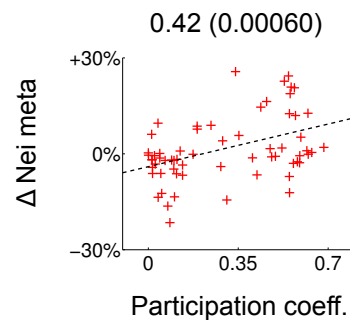
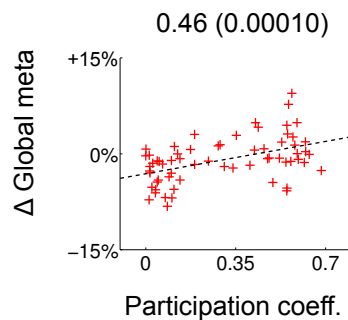
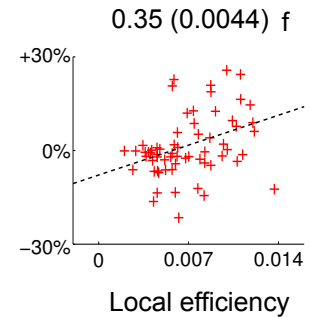
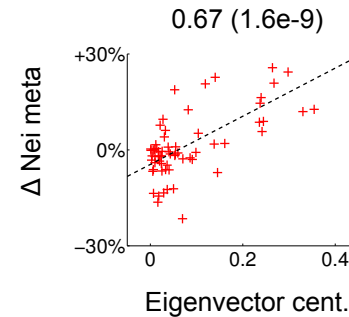
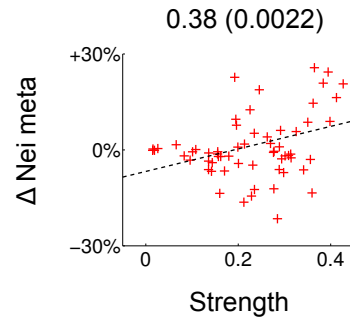
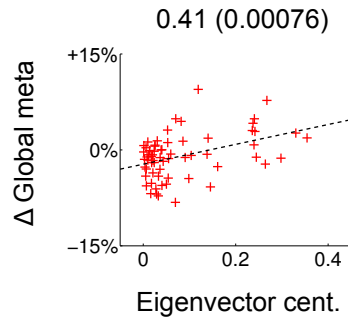
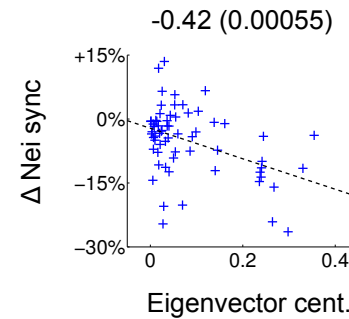
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# Structure VS $\Delta$ dynamics

global



neighbourhood

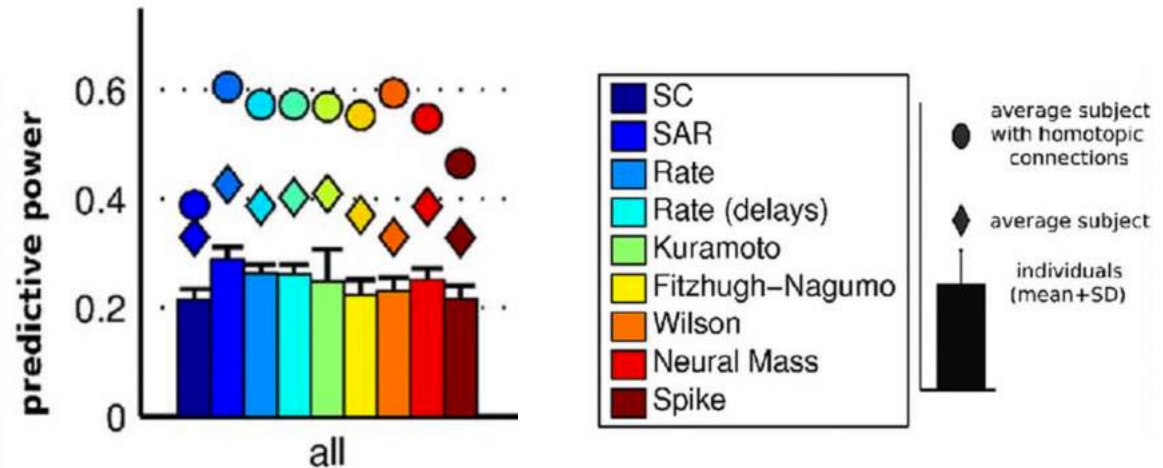


plot title =  
Pearson r (p)

# Fit between model and empirical data

Messé et al.

*PLoS Comp. Biol.* 2014

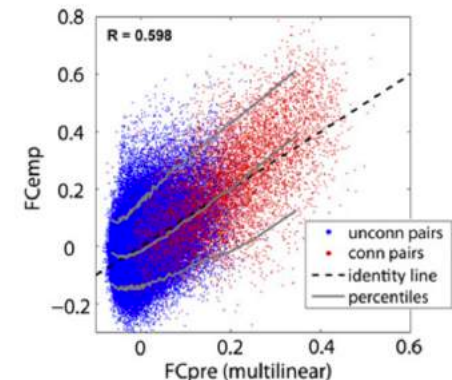
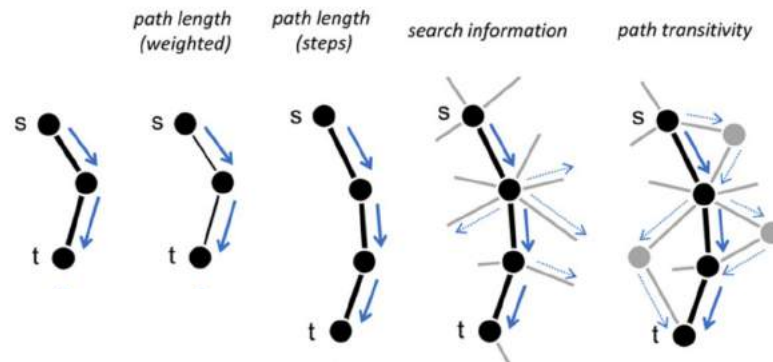


Deco et al. *J. Neurosci.* 2014

“A dramatic improvement of the fitting of the matrices was obtained with the addition of a small number of anatomical links, particularly cross-hemispheric connections”

Goñi et al.

*PNAS* 2014





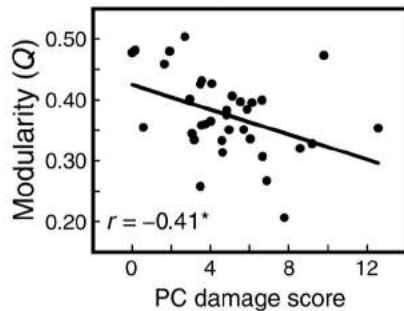
# Role of structural topology in shaping function

- Strength, eigenvector cent. predictive of  $\Delta$  dynamics; degree is not.
  - perturbing high-degree nodes affects dynamics most (Honey & Sporns *HBM* 2008)
  - structural degree important predictor of FC (Tewarie et al. *NeuroImage* 2014)
  - BUT both studies used binary structural connectomes
  - model correspondence to  $FC_{\text{emp}}$  + metastability destroyed if:
    - topology is randomised (Cabral et al. *NeuroImage* 2014)
    - connections are made equally important
- Eigenvector centrality, participation coefficient strongest predictors
  - Likely members of the rich club (RC) (van den Heuvel & Sporns *J. Neurosci.* 2011)
  - RC = anatomical substrate for transmodal integration of ICNs (RSNs)
    - Leech et al. *J. Neurosci.* 2012, van den Heuvel & Sporns *J. Neurosci.* 2013
  - Dynamics: Rich nodes → slow + stable; Periphery → fast + unstable
    - Gollo et al. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* 2015

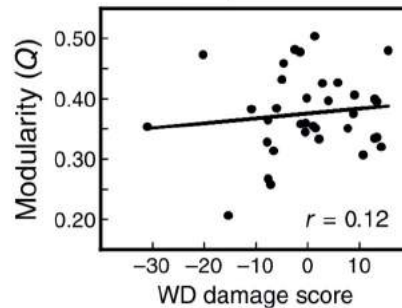
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Stroke: Gratton et al. *J. Cog. Neurosci.* 2012

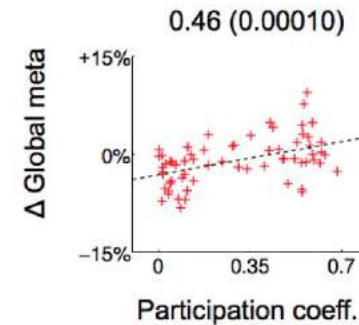
Connector Damage x Modularity



Hub Damage x Modularity

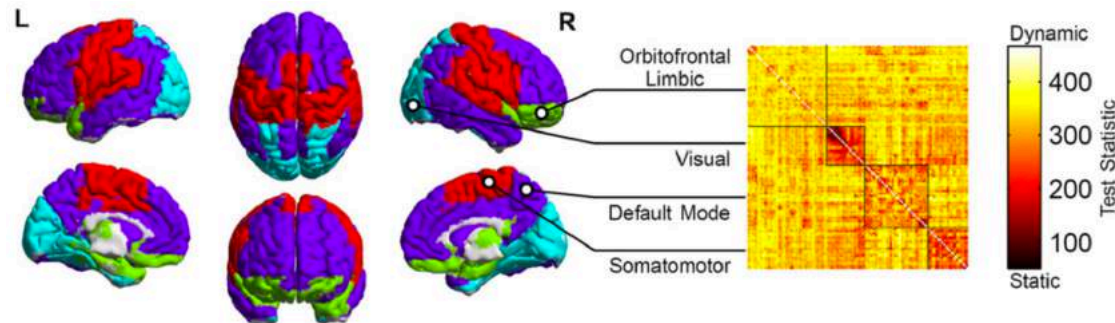


Váša et al. *NeuroImage* 2015



modularity VS integrative hubs  $\longleftrightarrow$  integrative hubs VS dyn. variability

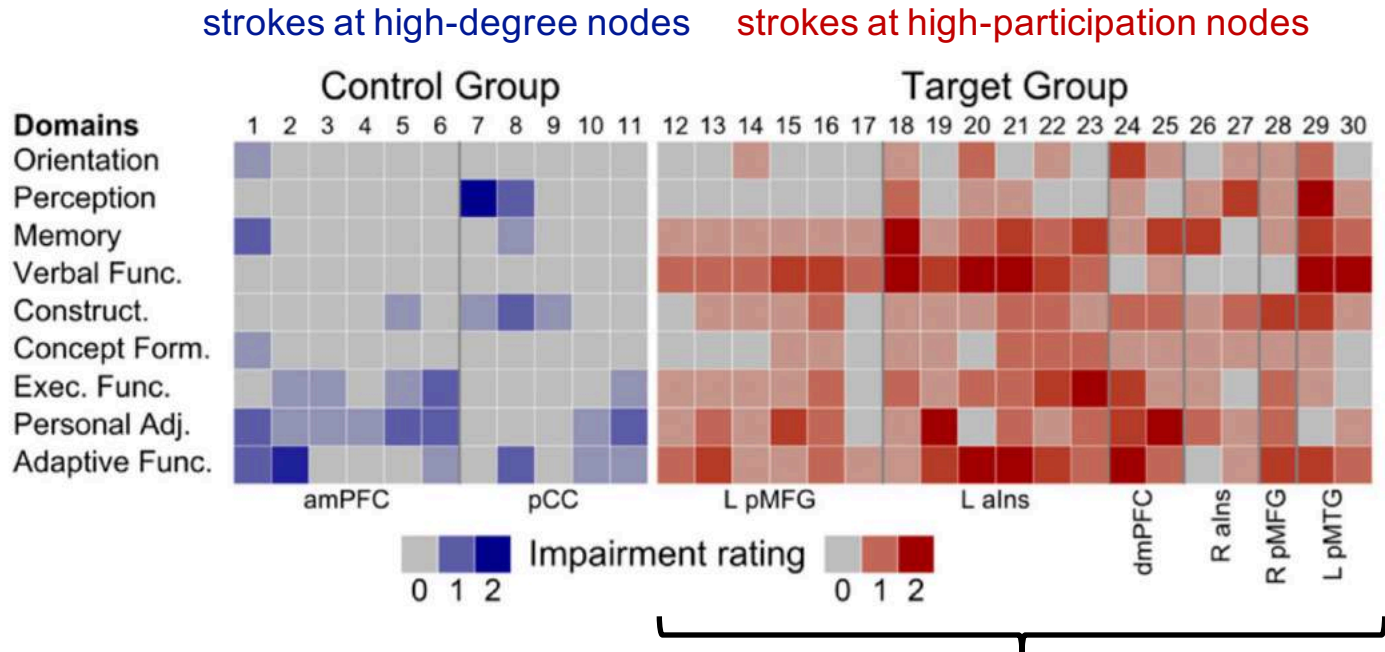
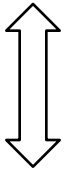
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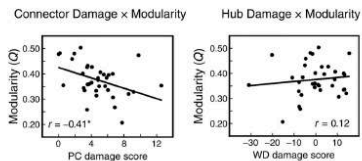
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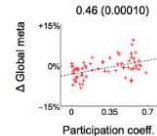
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Cognition:  
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*PNAS* 2014



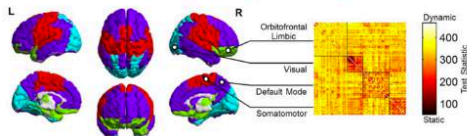
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communication between disparate  
cognitive networks disrupted



Additional markers of cognitive impairment:

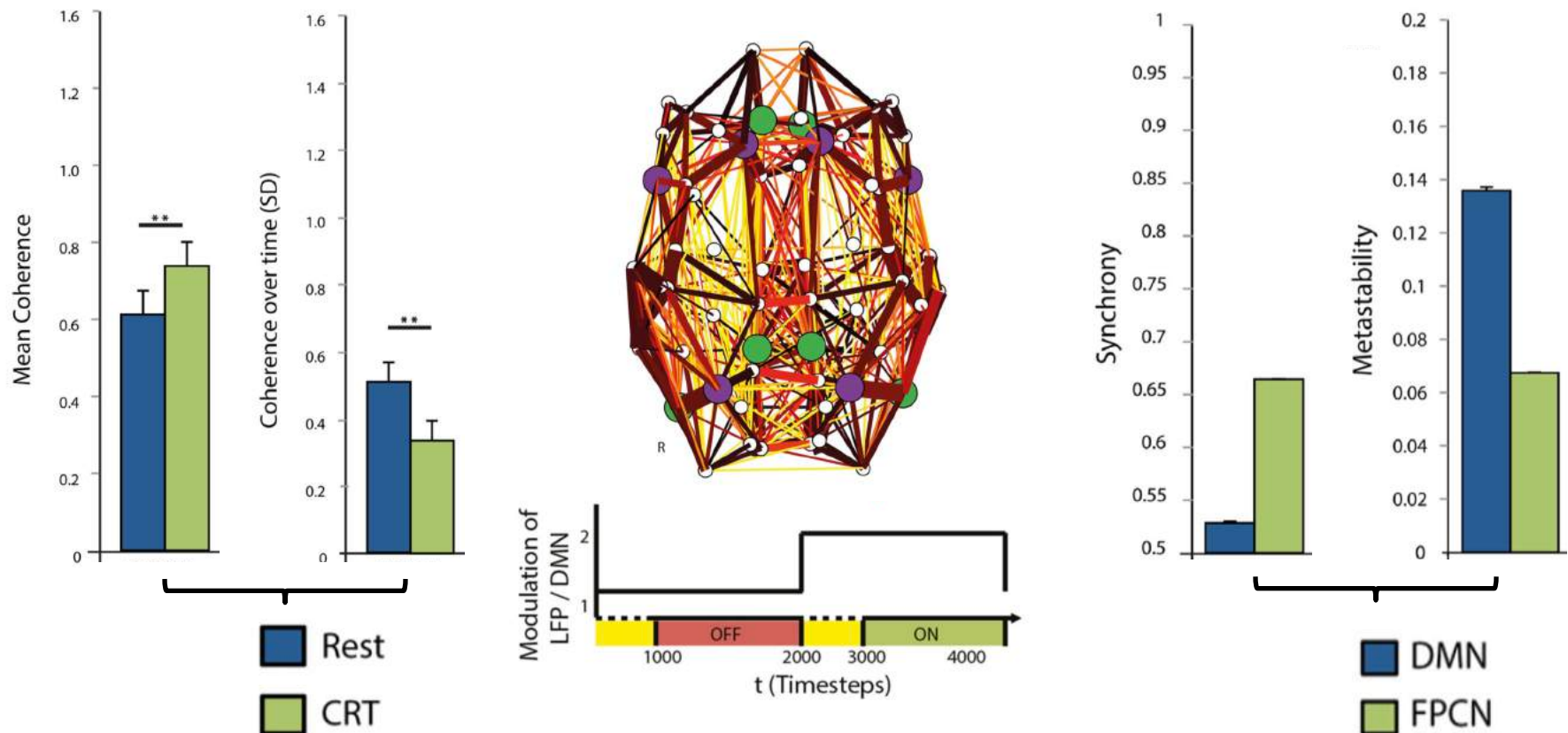
- Modularity
- Dynamical variability

## Limitations / Future work

- Model simplicity / “stationarity” (Hansen et al. *NeuroImage* 2015)
  - Dependence of ICN tuning on ICA dimensionality not explored
  - Diffusion imaging tractography
    - “Anatomical accuracy of brain connections derived from diffusion MRI tractography is inherently limited” (Thomas et al. *PNAS* 2014)
  - To improve relevance to stroke:
    - Add subcortical nodes; “majority of strokes were localized subcortically” (Corbetta et al. *Neuron* 2015)
    - Use lesion maps from clinical data (Falcon et al. *eNeuro* 2016)
    - Damaged areas may remain active (van Dellen et al. *NeuroImage* 2013)
    - Use more specific dynamical measure(s)
- eg: global metastability too coarse to discern diaschisis

## The Control of Global Brain Dynamics: Opposing Actions of Frontoparietal Control and Default Mode Networks on Attention

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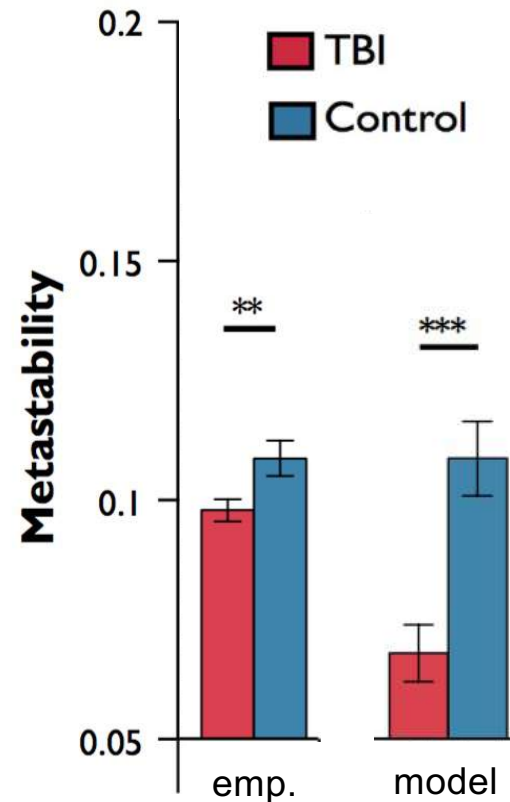
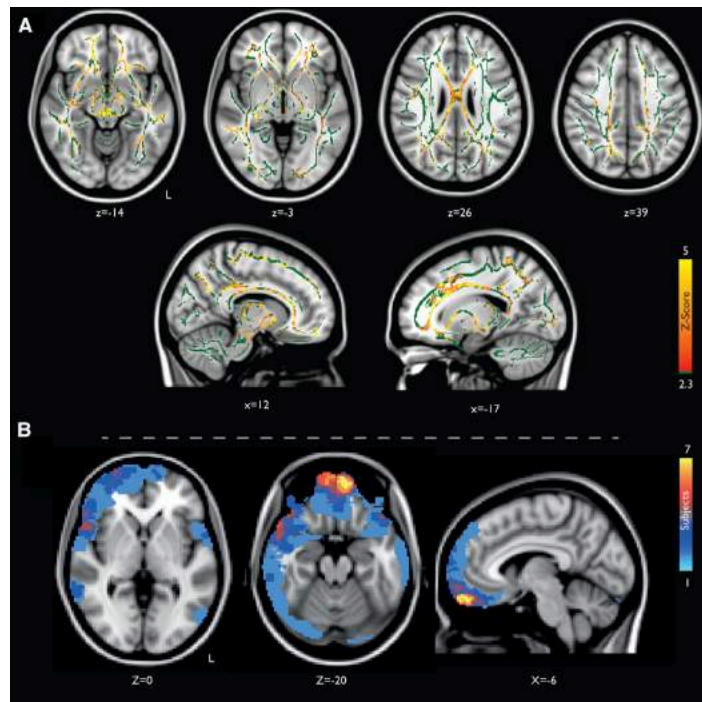




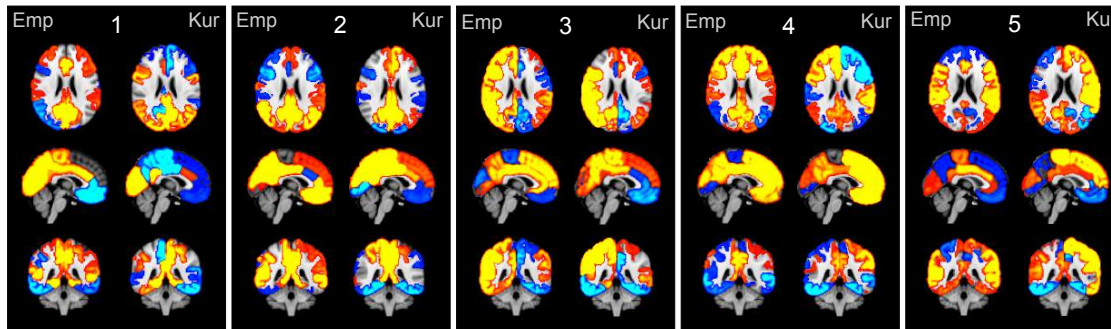
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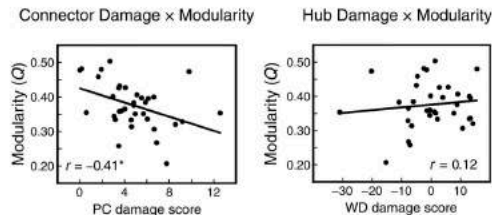
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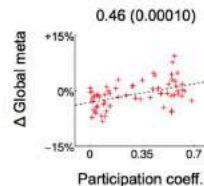
# Summary



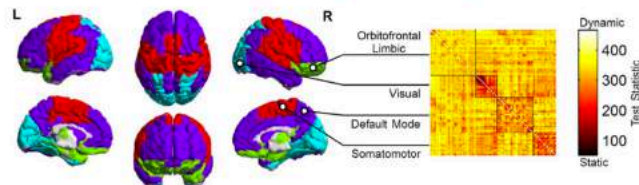
Stroke: Gratton et al. *J. Cog. Neurosci.* 2012



Váša et al. *NeuroImage* 2015



modularity VS integrative hubs ↔ integrative hubs VS dyn. variability  
↙ ↘  
modularity VS dyn. variability



Functional dynamics: Zalesky et al. *PNAS* 2014



# Try it yourself!



The screenshot shows the main interface of 'The Virtual Brain' application. The background is a light blue with abstract geometric shapes in shades of blue, green, and grey. In the top left corner, there is a diagonal banner that reads 'Application Documentation'. The central text, arranged in a list-like format, reads: 'THESCIENCE. FORCLINICS. ONEAPP. OURMILESTONES. YOURTEAM.' To the right of this text is a stylized, multi-colored brain icon. Below the brain icon, the text 'THEVIRTUALBRAIN.' is displayed. In the bottom left corner, there is a red rectangular button with a white border and a small white circle containing the number '1.4.1'. The text on the button reads '.APP 1.4.1 GET IT HERE!'. To the right of this button, the text 'Delivering practical results. For novel clinical applications.' is written in a bold, white font.

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see also Sanz-Leon et al. *Front. Neuroinform.* 2013; *NeuroImage* 2015

# Thank you!



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