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Topological inference and learning for graphs

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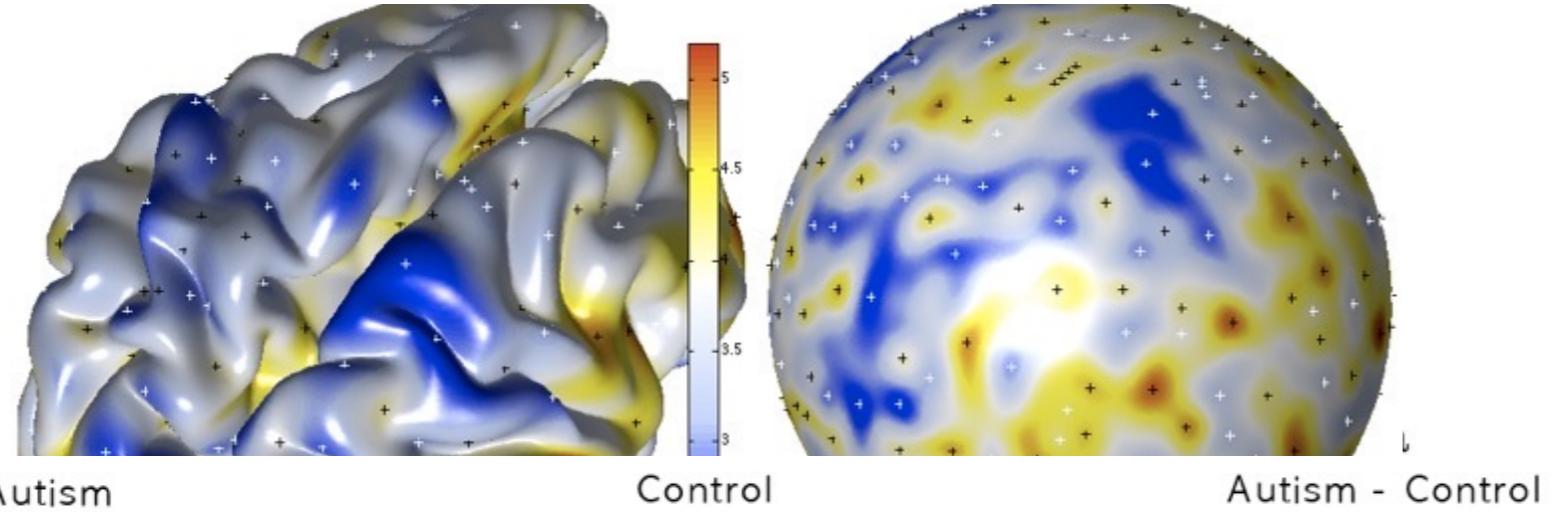
Abstract

Many previous studies on networks have mainly focused analyzing graph theory features that are often parameter dependent. Persistent homology provides a more coherent mathematical framework that is invariant to the choice of parameters. Instead of looking at networks at a fixed scale, persistent homology charts the topological changes of networks over every possible parameter. In doing so, it reveals the most persistent topological features that are robust to parameter changes. In this talk, we present novel topological inference and learning frameworks that can integrate networks of different sizes, topology or modalities through the Wasserstein distances. The use of Wasserstein distances bypasses the intrinsic computational bottleneck associated with persistent homology. It is now possible to perform various graph computations including matching in $O(n \log n)$. We demonstrate the versatility of the proposed method through the twin brain imaging study where we determine the extent to which brain networks are genetically heritable. The talk is based on preprints: Songdechakraiwut et al. 2021 ([arXiv:2012.0067](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.0067)), Anand et al. 2021 ([arXiv:2110.14599](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14599)) and Chung et al. 2022 ([arXiv:2201.00087](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.00087)).

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Persistence Diagrams of Cortical Surface Data

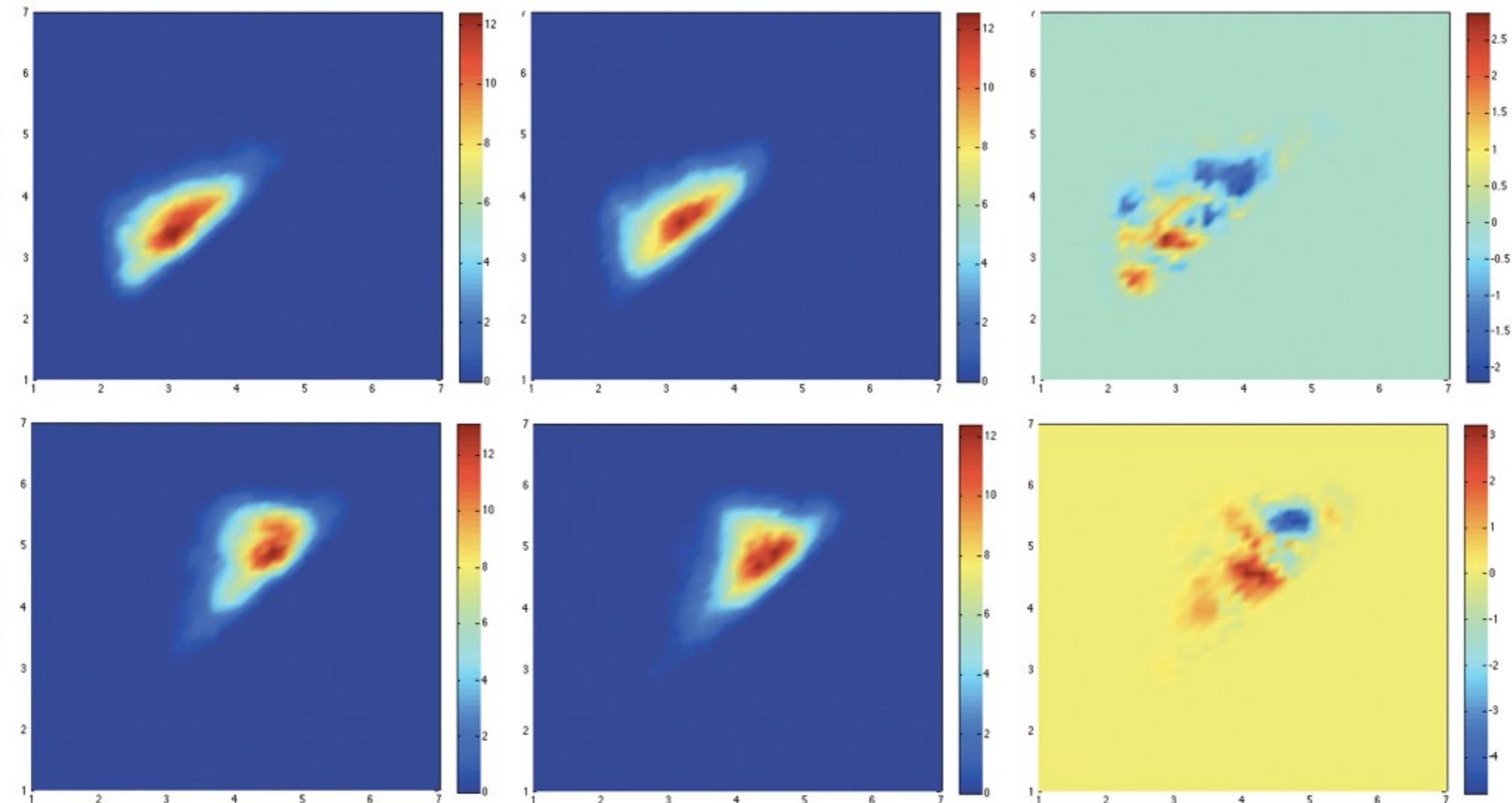
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Autism

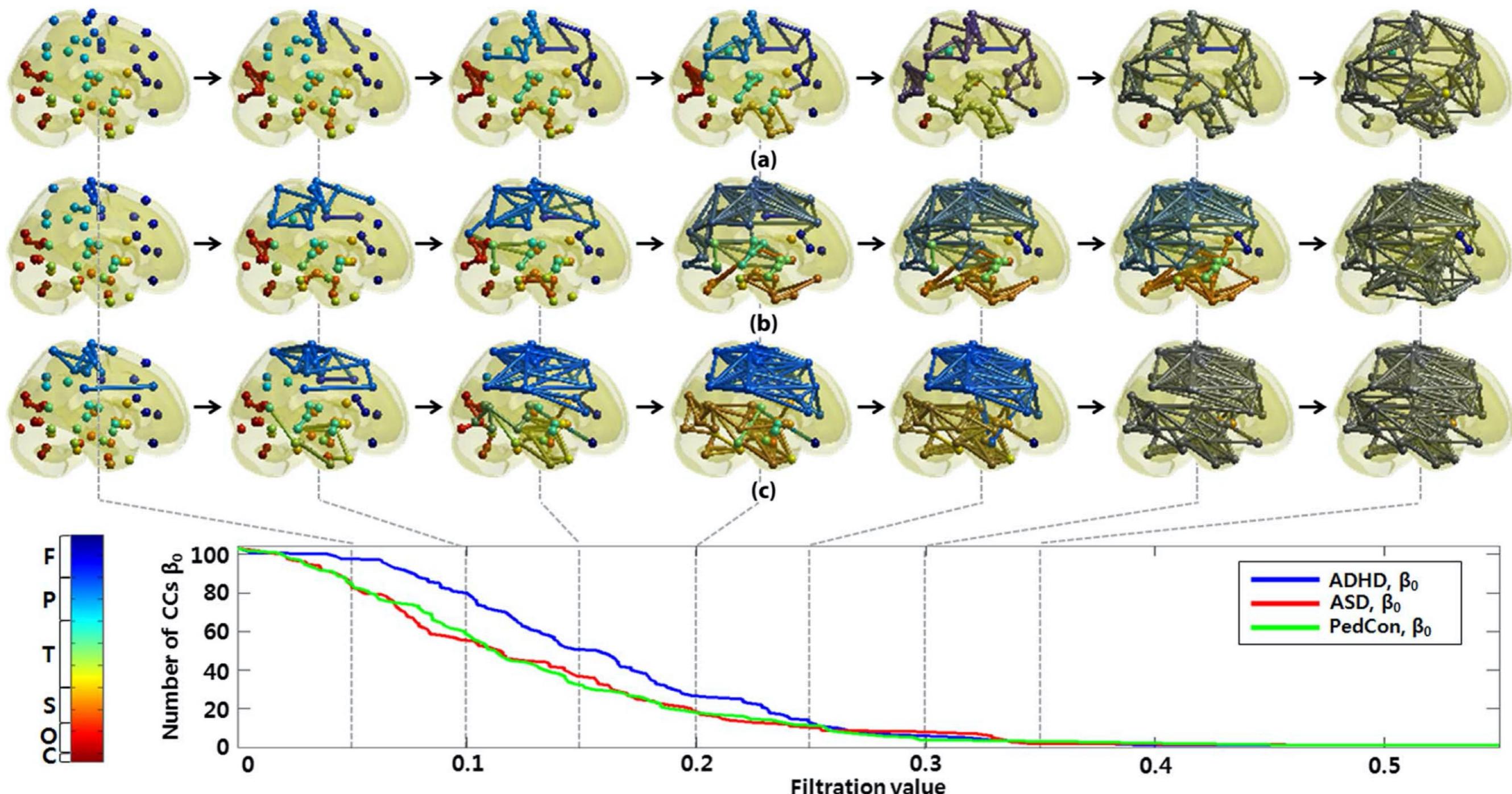
Control

Autism - Control



First persistent homology paper in medical imaging

Baseline TDA data representation technique



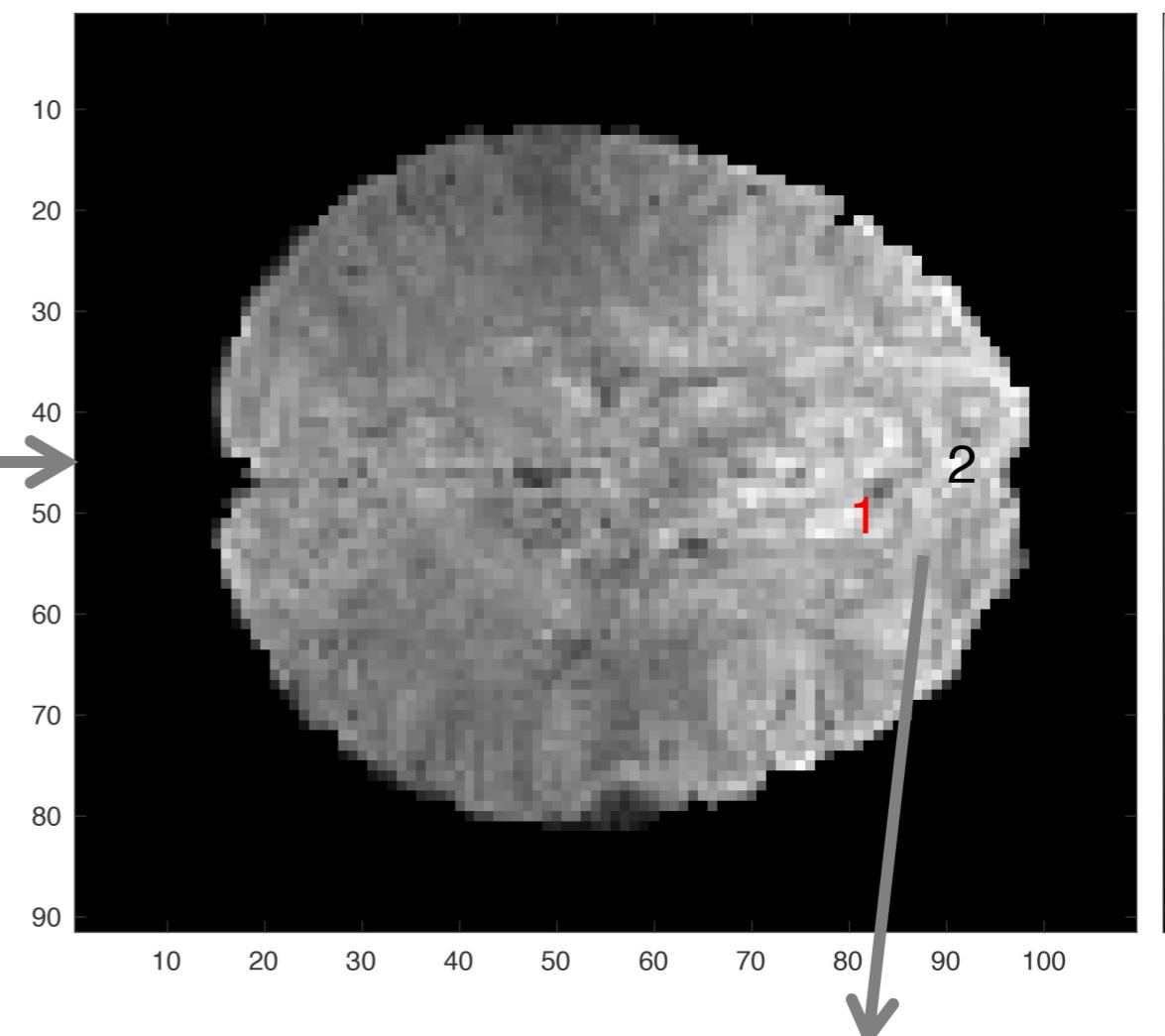
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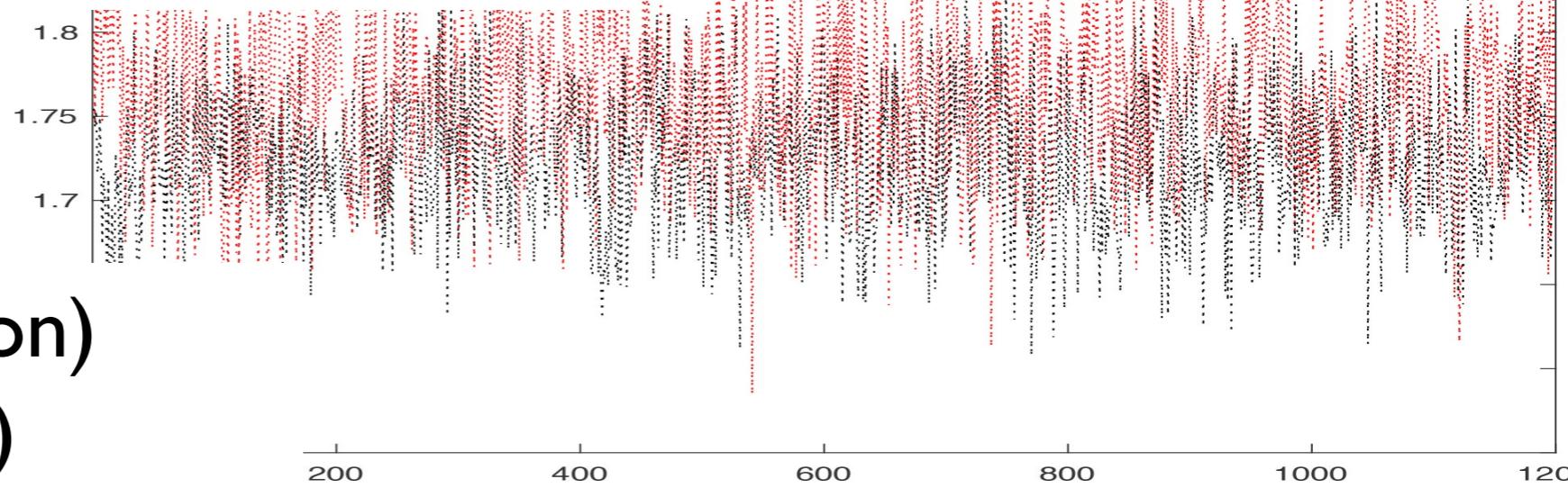
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Brain Network Data

Resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging (rs-fMRI)



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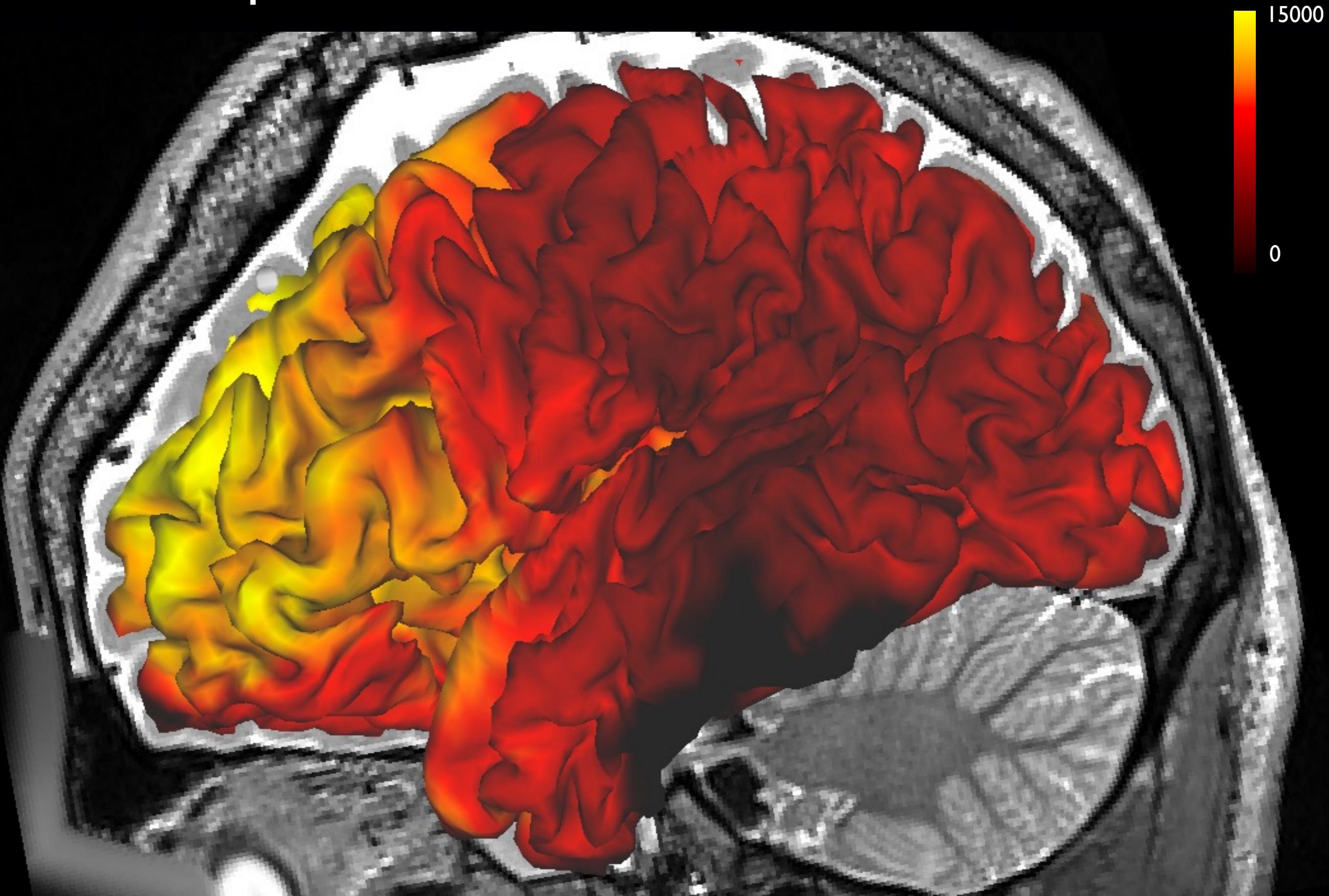


295 time points (Madison)

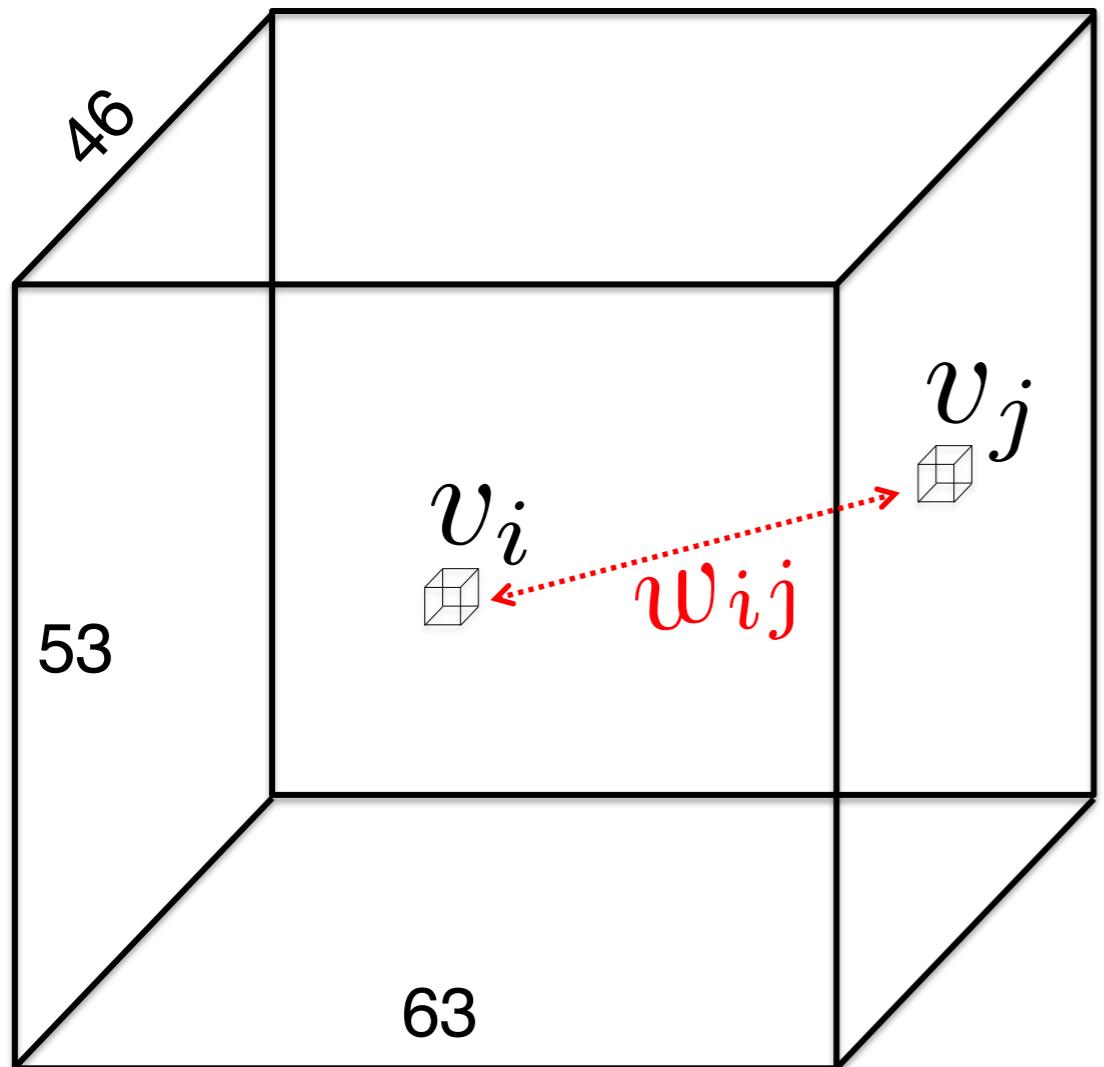
1200 time points (HCP)

Resting state fMRI (every 30 seconds)

1200 time points x 3D volume



How big brain network data is?

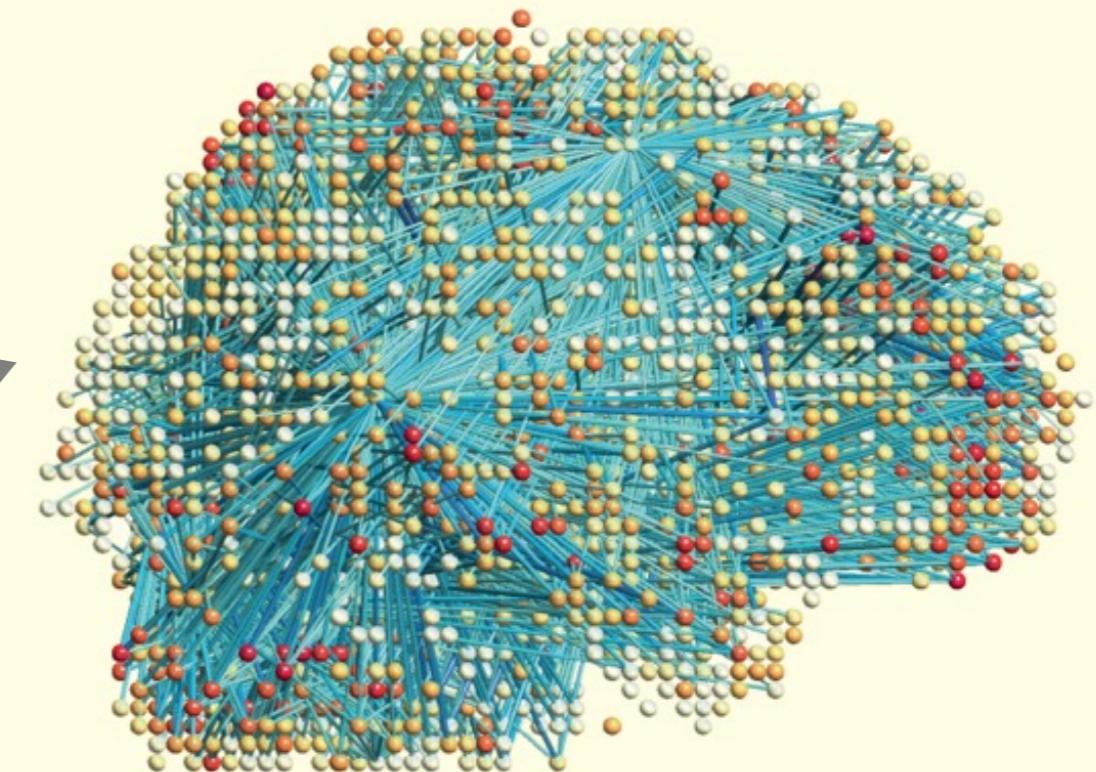


$p=25972$ voxels (3mm) in the brain
→ $25972 \times 25972 = 0.67$ billion connections
5.2GB memory

300000 voxels (1mm)
→ **90 billion connections**
→ 700 GB memory

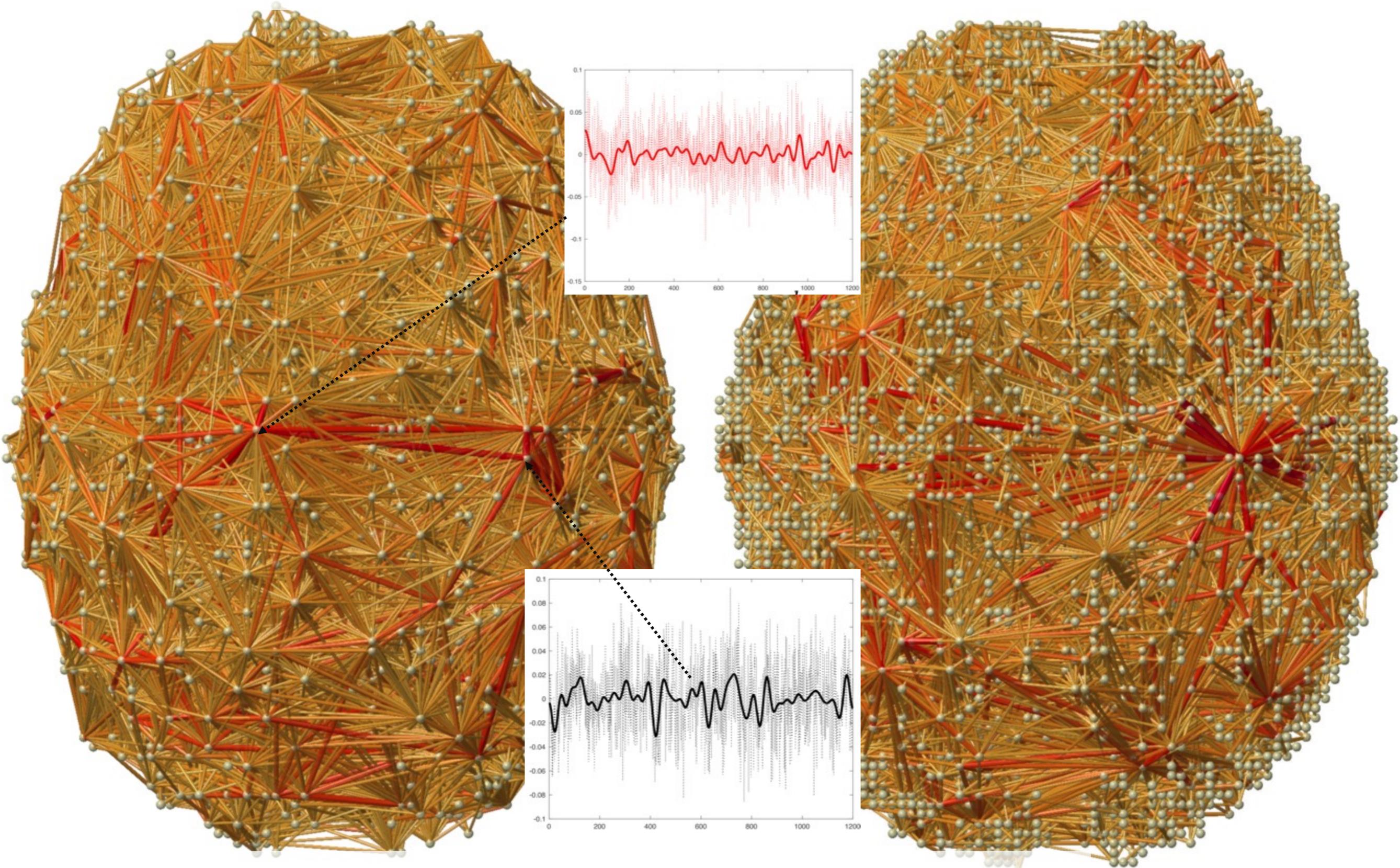
v_i

BRAIN NETWORK ANALYSIS



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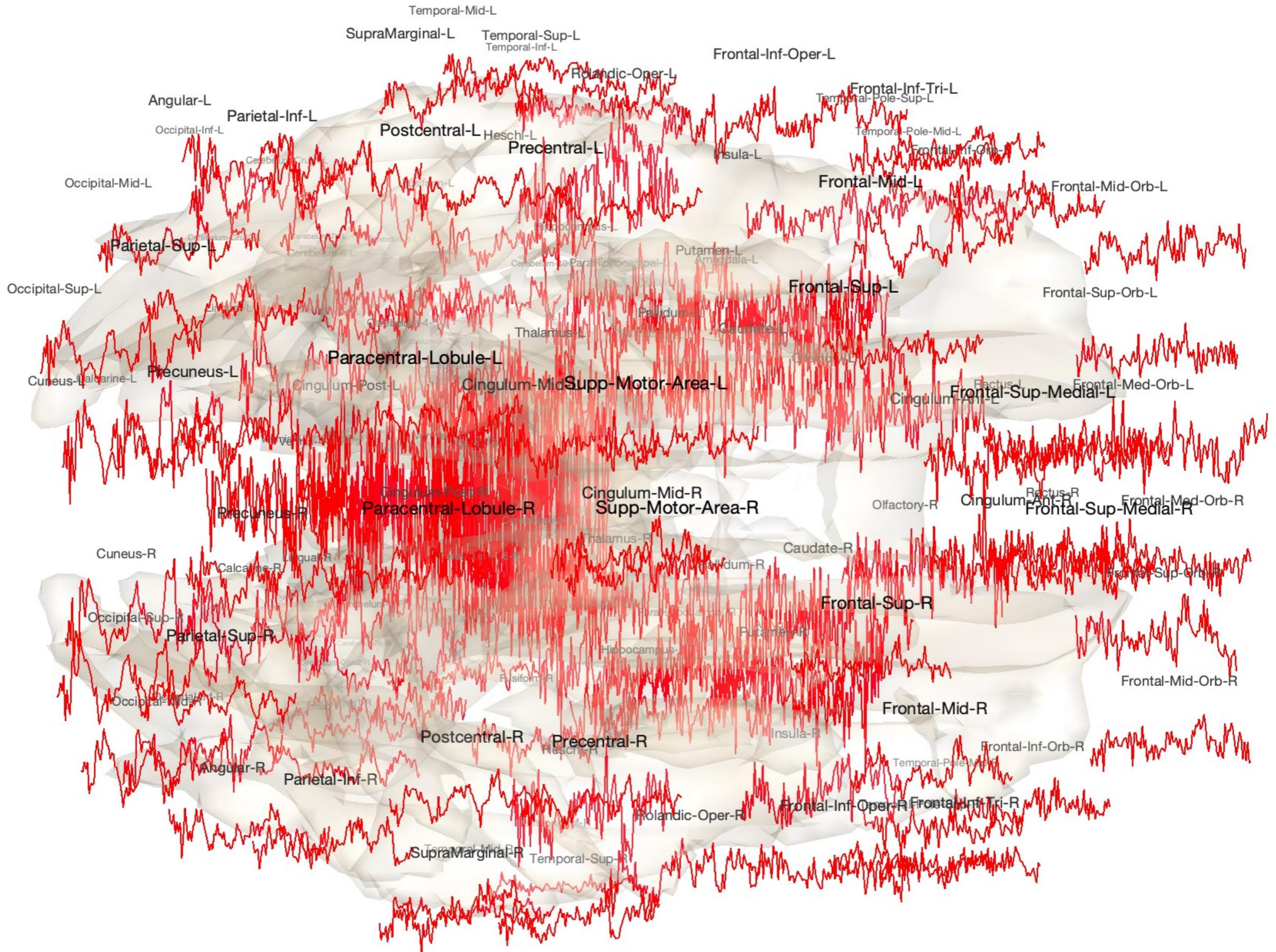
Correlation brain network at voxel level

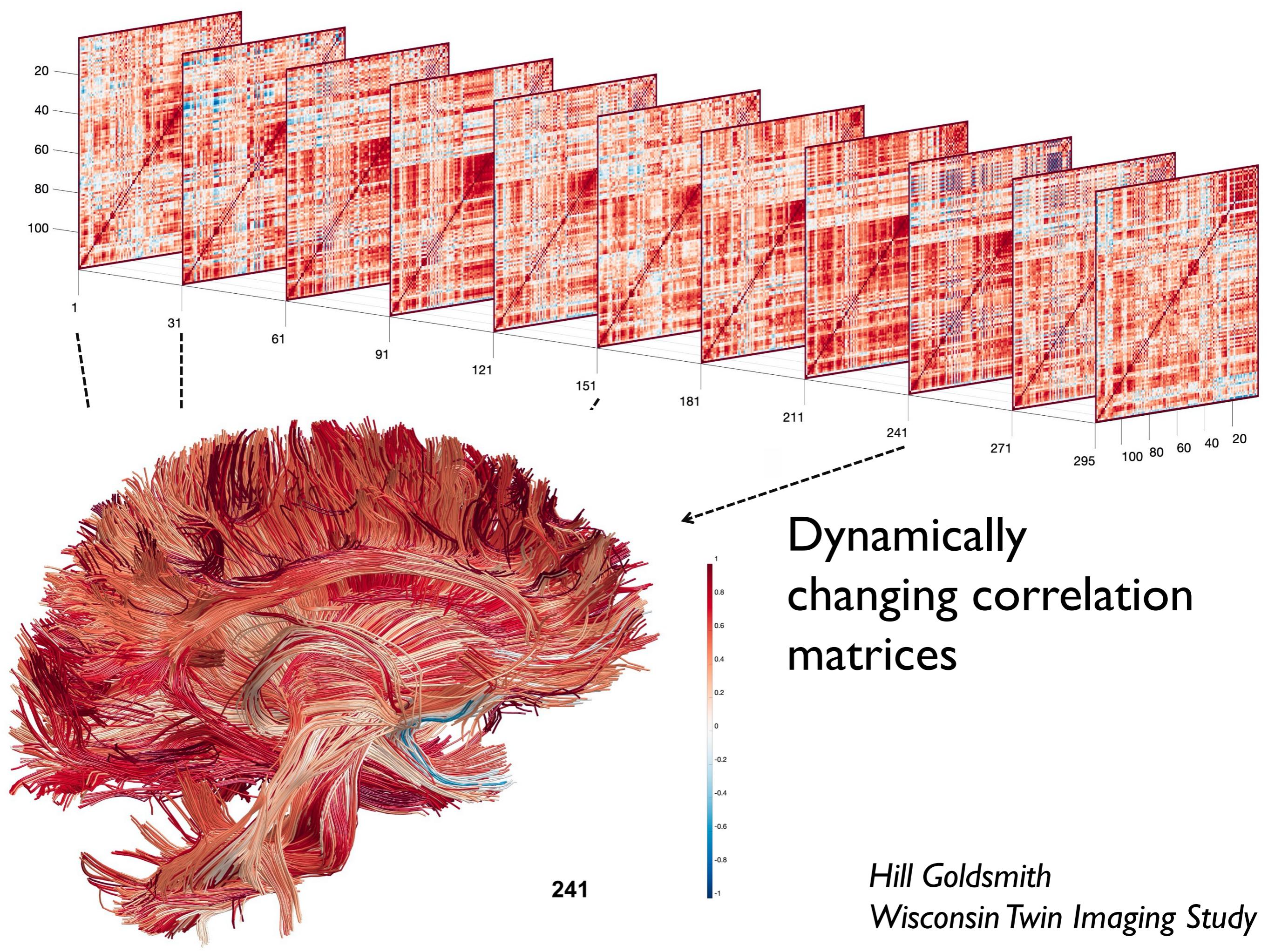


Correlation network of 300000 time series

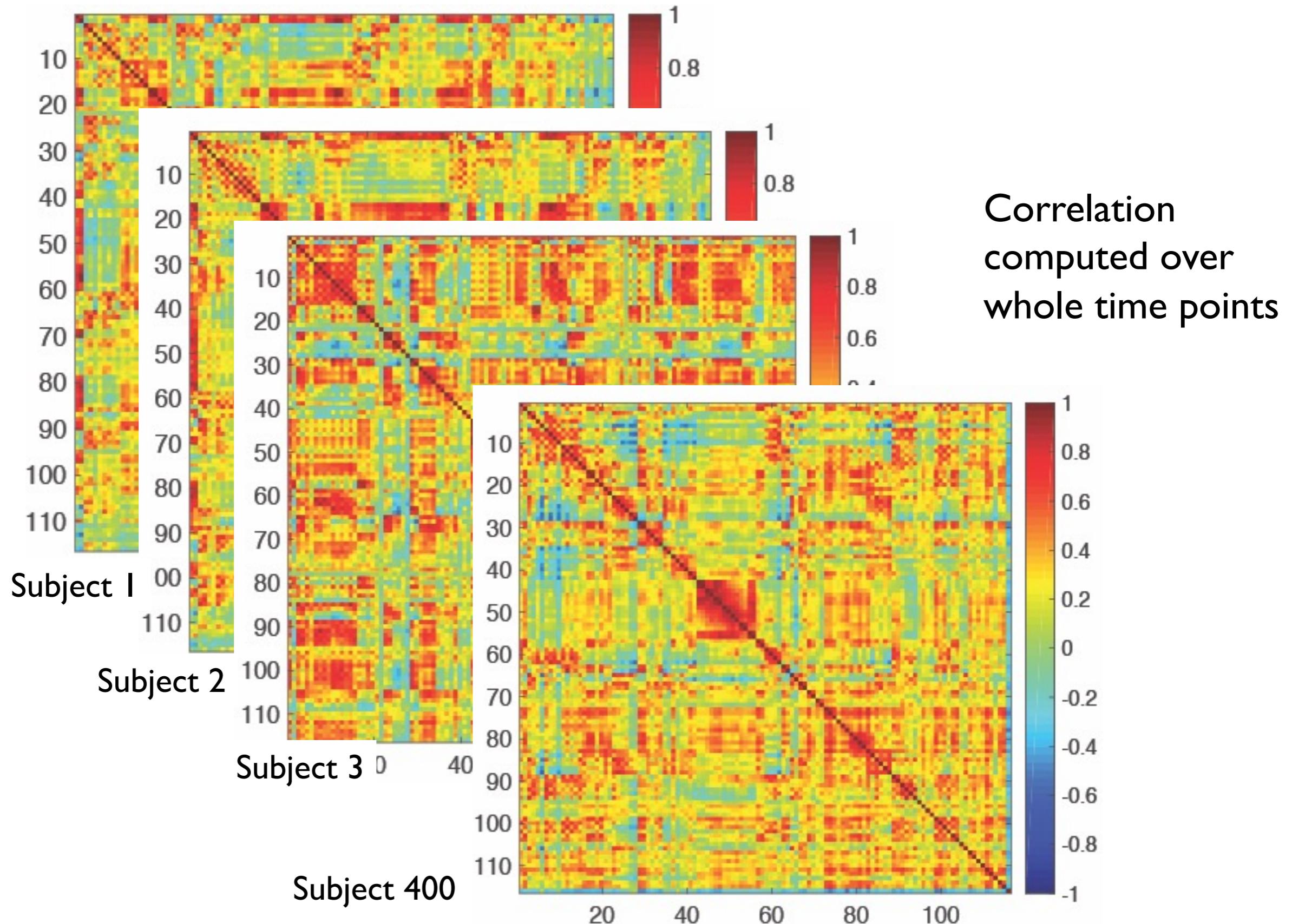
Complete graph with about $300000^2/2$ cycles.

Time series averaged into 116 brain regions

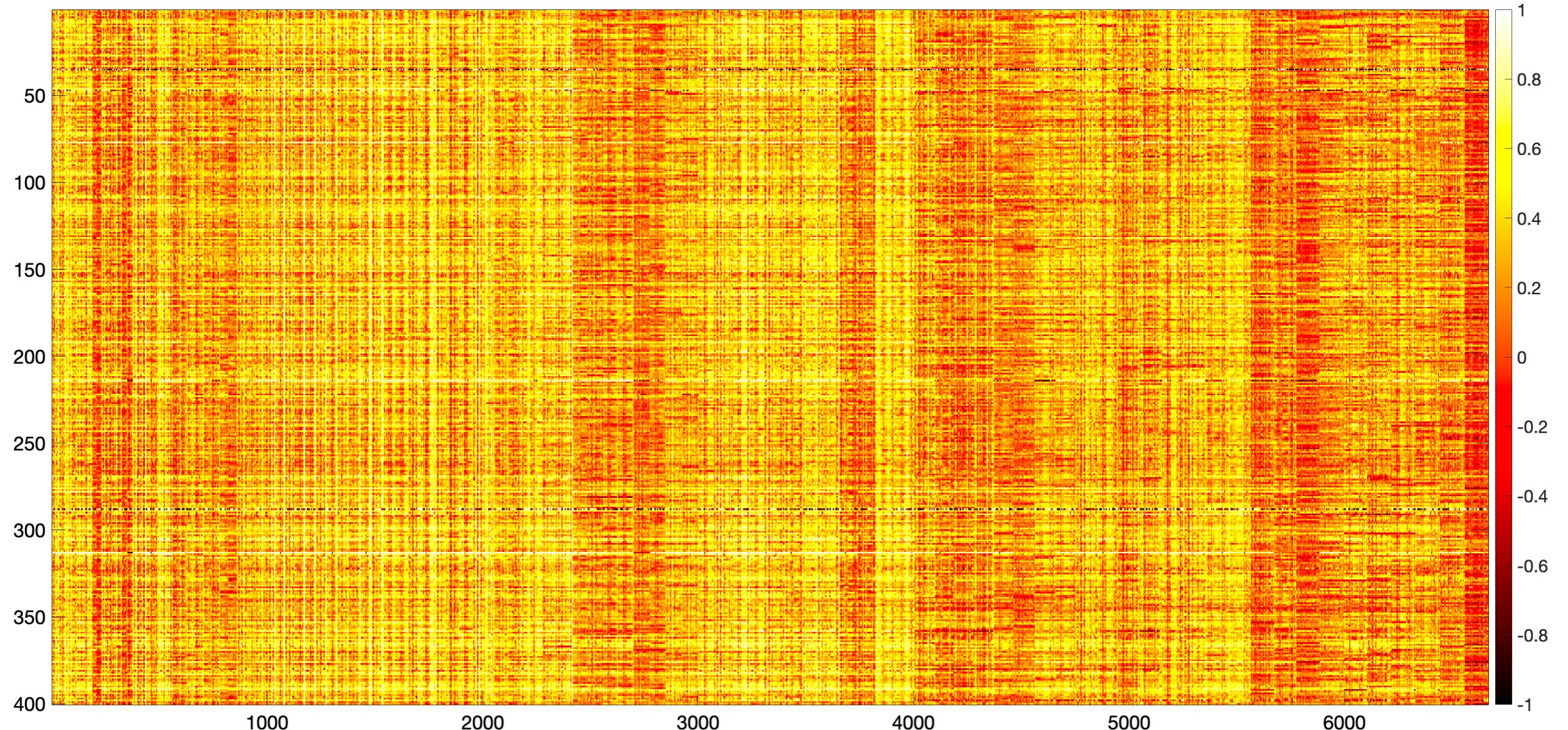




Subject level brain connectivity matrix



edge index



116 nodes networks
6670 edges per network

168 males, 232 females
124 MZ-twins, 70 DZ-twins

54 Subjects Multimodal Brain Network Data

<http://github.com/laplcebeltrami/maltreated>

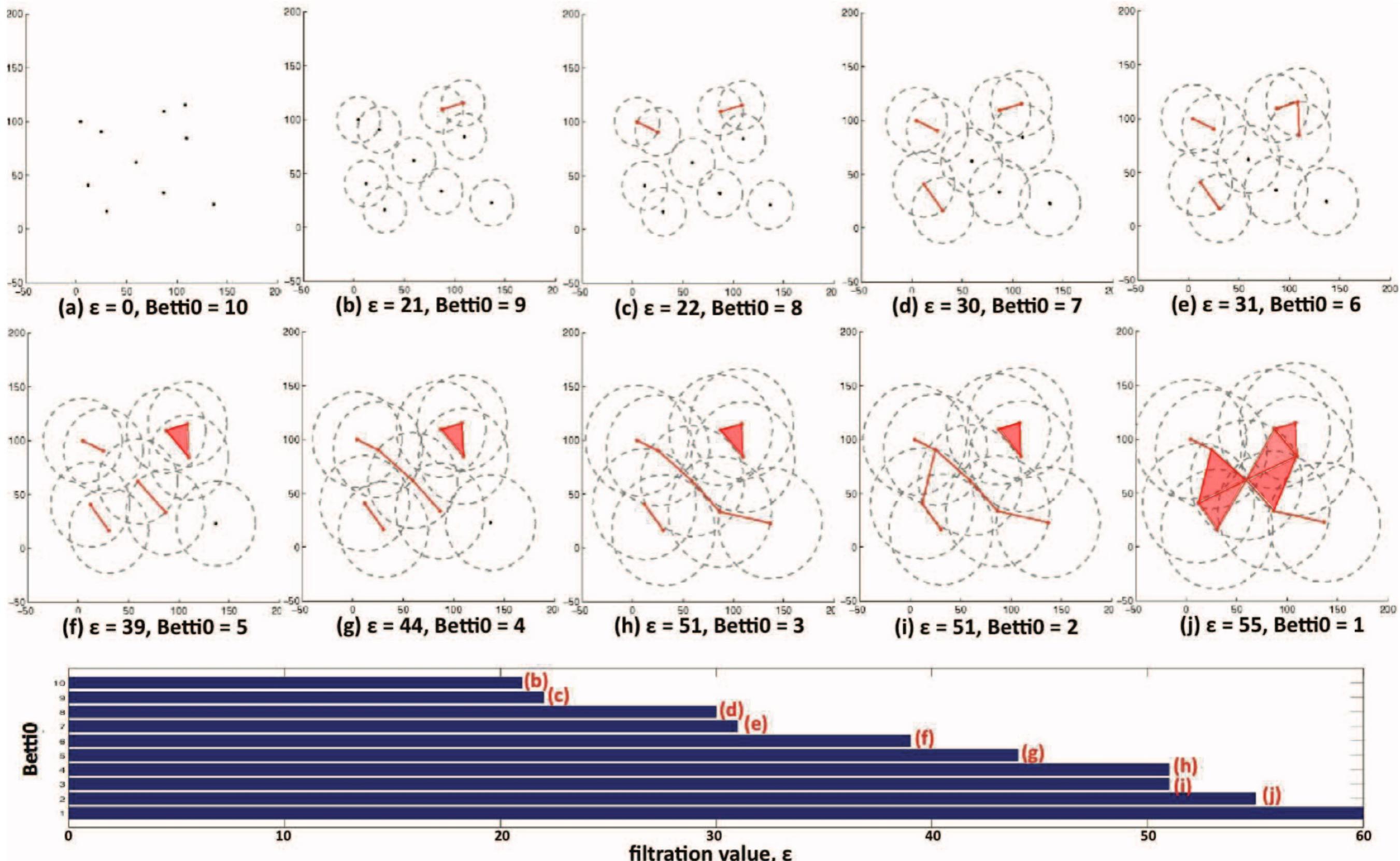
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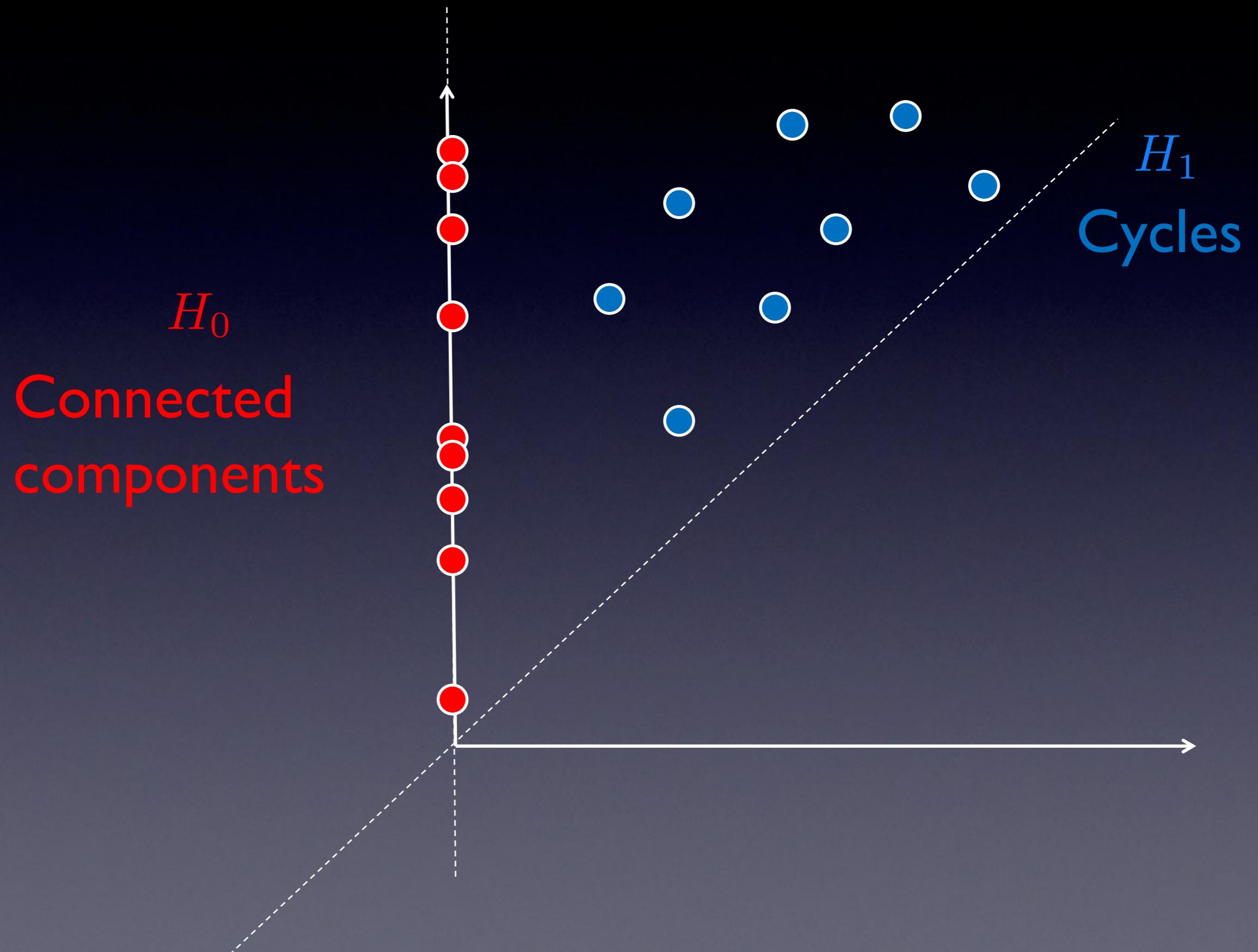
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Persistent Homology on Graph filtrations

Rips filtration



Persistence diagram for Rips filtrations



Graph Filtrations

Weighted complete graph

$$\mathcal{X} = (V, w) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Node} & \text{Edge} \\ \text{set} & \text{weight} \end{matrix} \quad w = (w_{ij})$$

Binary graph

$$\mathcal{X}_\epsilon = (V, w_\epsilon)$$

$$w_{\epsilon,ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w_{ij} > \epsilon; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Graph filtration

$$\mathcal{X}_{\epsilon_0} \supset \mathcal{X}_{\epsilon_1} \supset \mathcal{X}_{\epsilon_2} \supset \cdots$$

for increased edge weights

$$\epsilon_0 < \epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2 < \cdots$$

Rips filtration

vs.

graph filtration

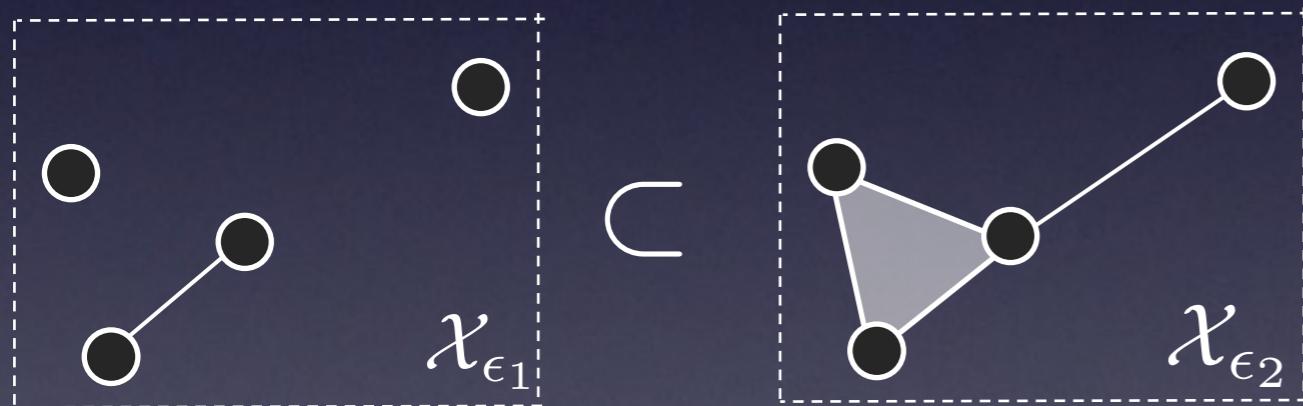
Metric space

$$\mathcal{X} = (V, w) \quad w = (w_{ij})$$

Node set Metric

$$w_{ik} < w_{ij} + w_{jk}$$

Rips complex = Simplicial complex



Rips filtration

$$\mathcal{X}_{\epsilon_0} \subset \mathcal{X}_{\epsilon_1} \subset \mathcal{X}_{\epsilon_2} \subset \dots$$

for increased radius

$$\epsilon_0 < \epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2 < \dots$$

Weighted graph

$$\mathcal{X} = (V, w) \quad w = (w_{ij})$$

Node set Edge weight

Binary graph = 1-skeleton



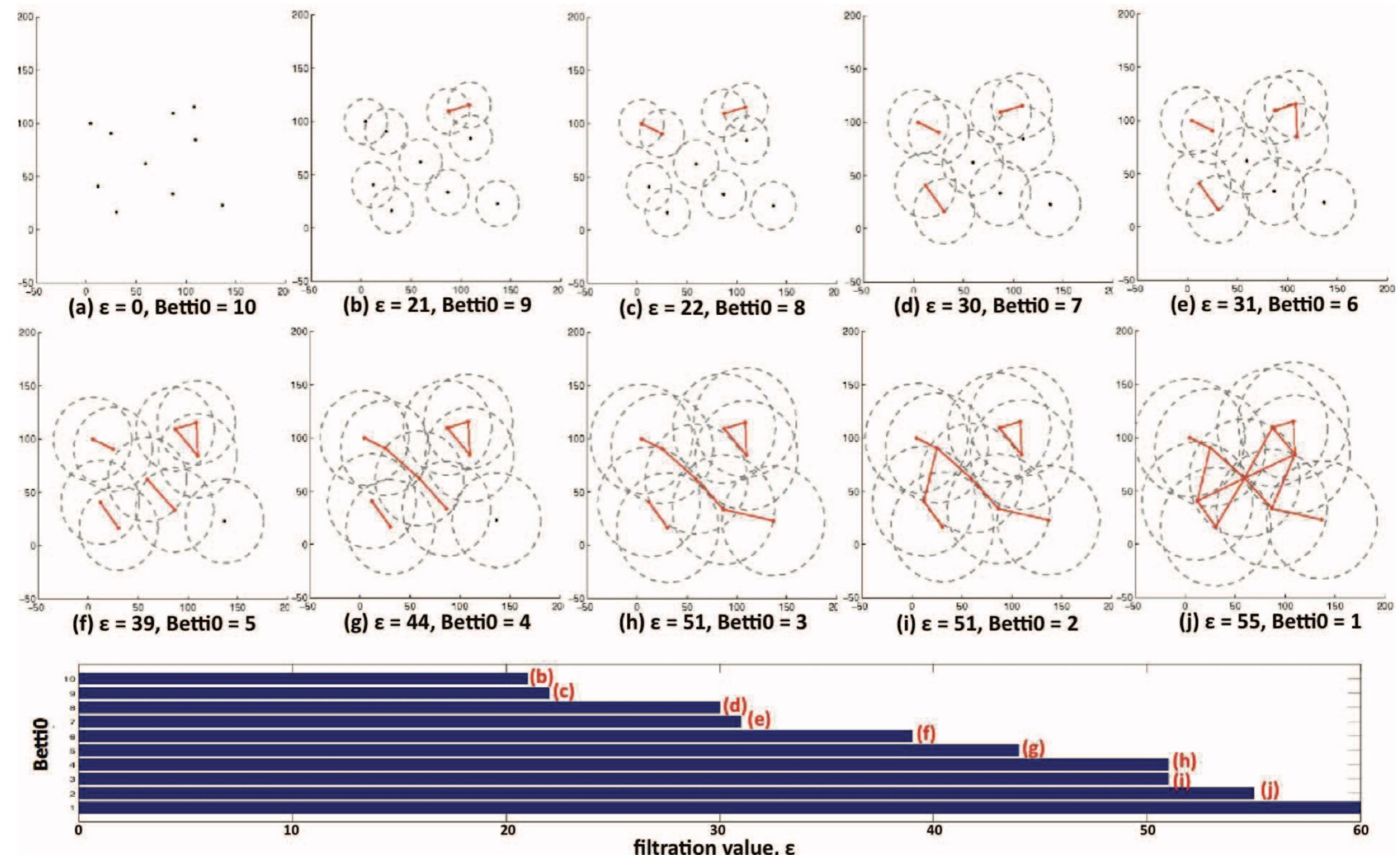
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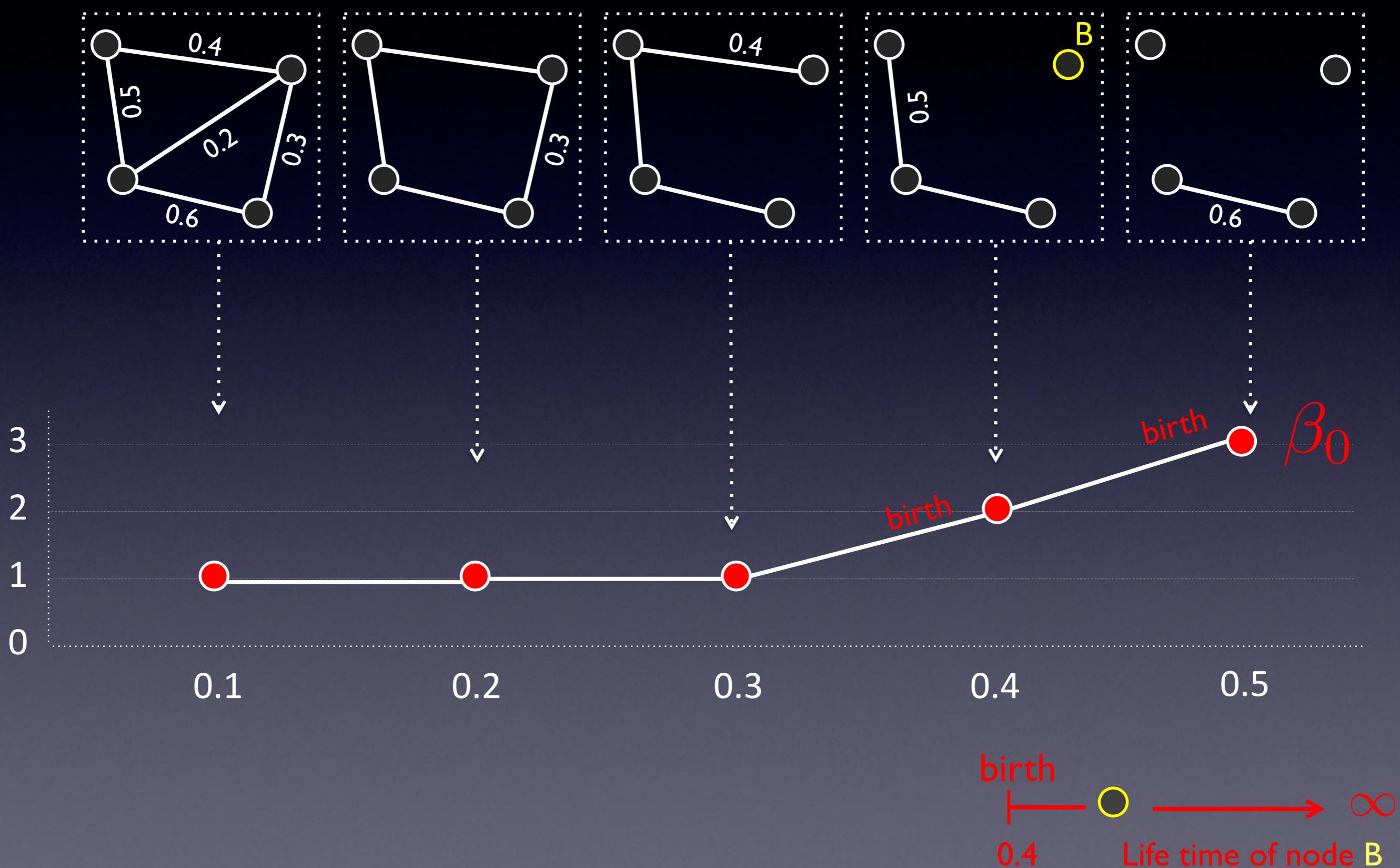
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Graph filtration

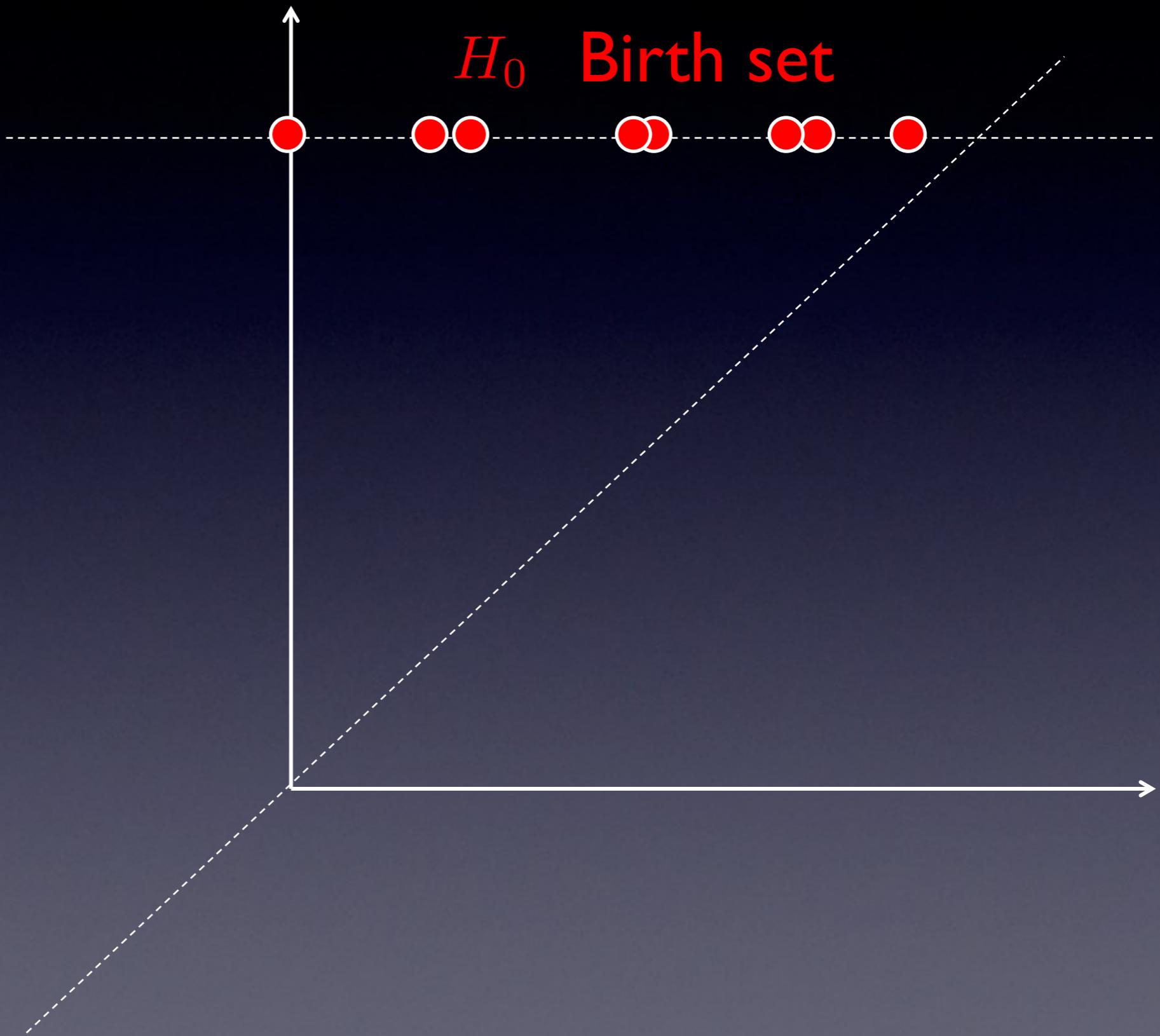


0D Persistence = Life time (death – birth) of 0-cycle

Edges create components

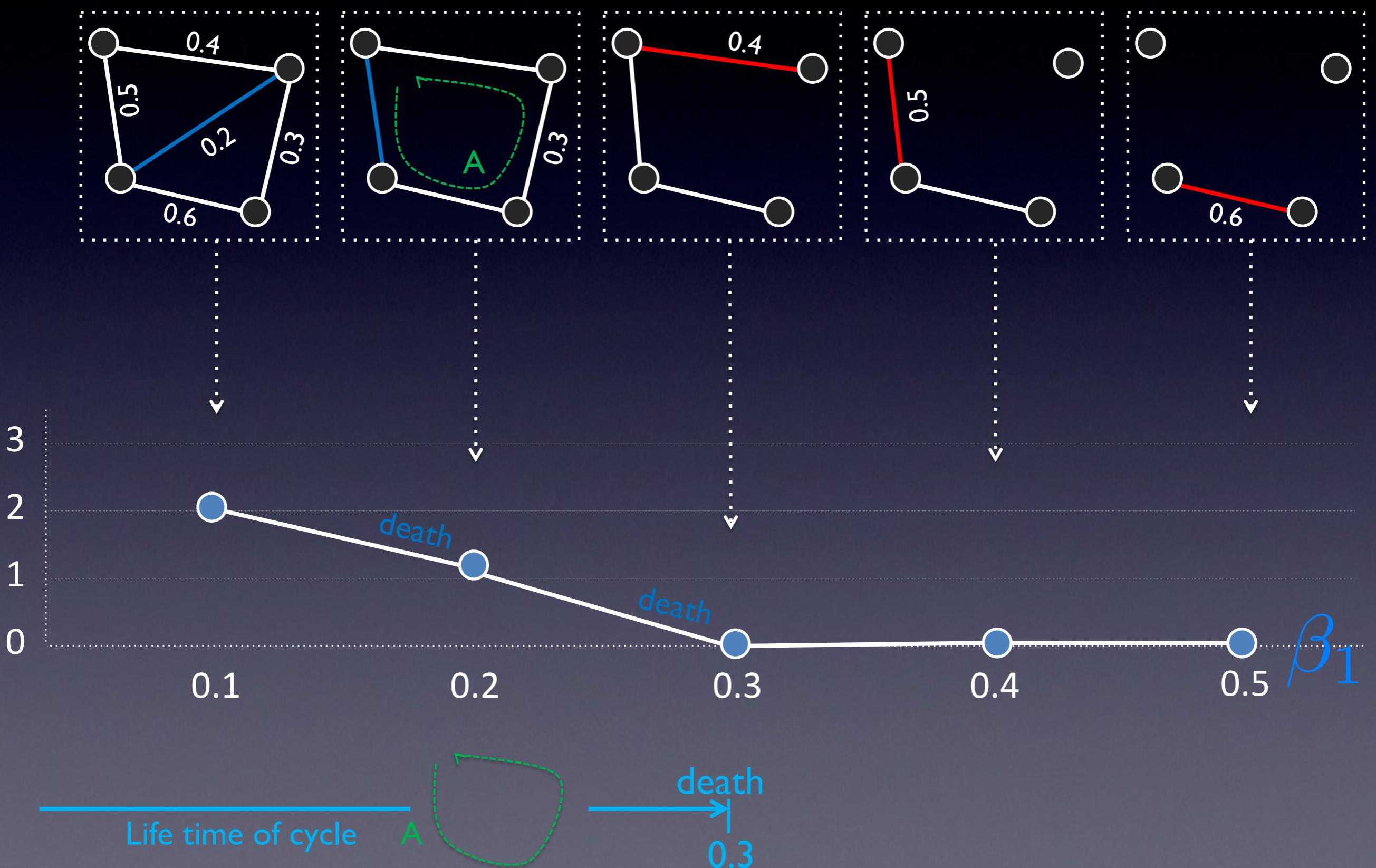


Persistence diagram for graph filtrations

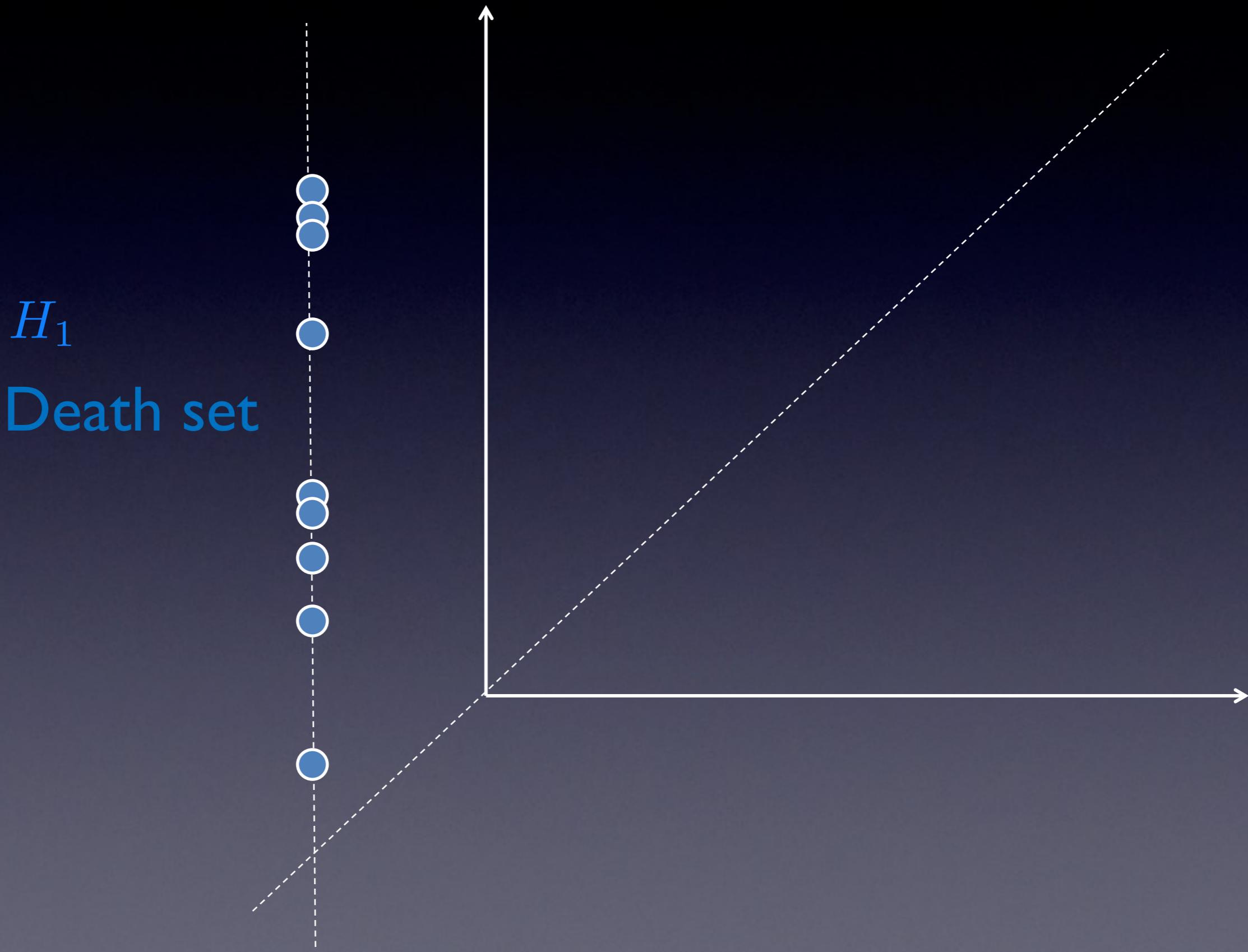


ID Persistence = Life time (death – birth) of l-cycle

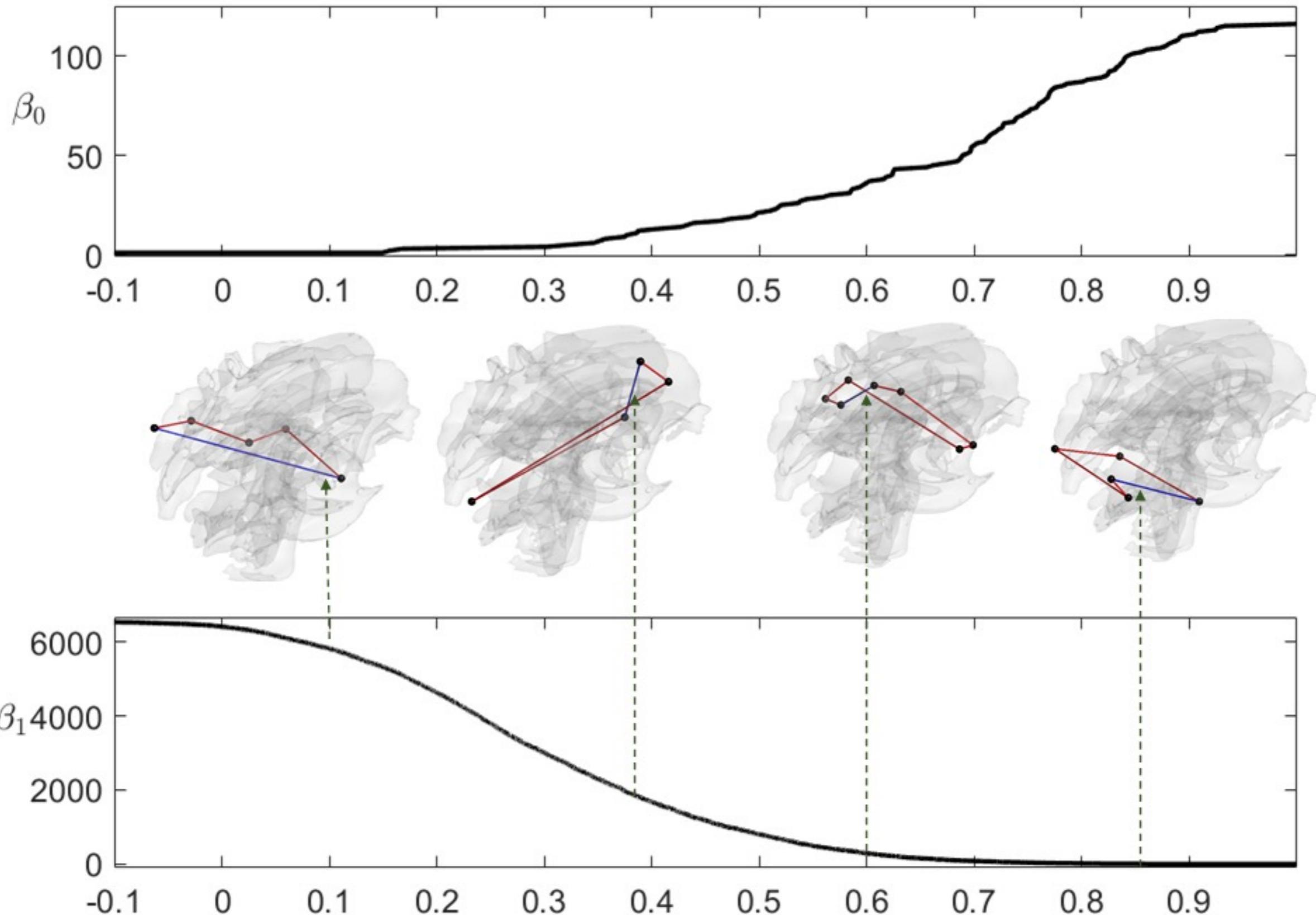
Edges destroy cycles



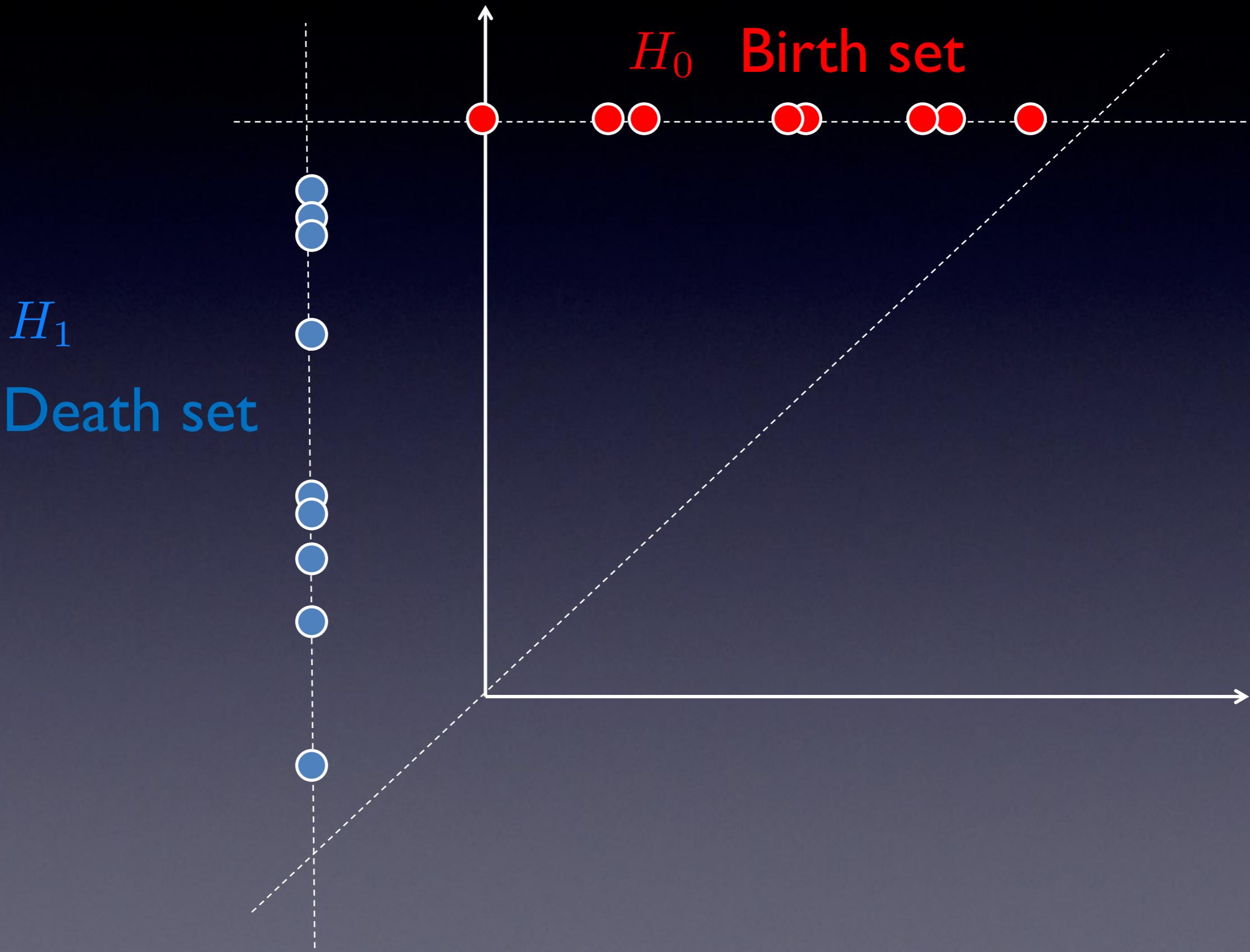
Persistence diagram for graph filtrations



Betti curves for average network of 400 subjects

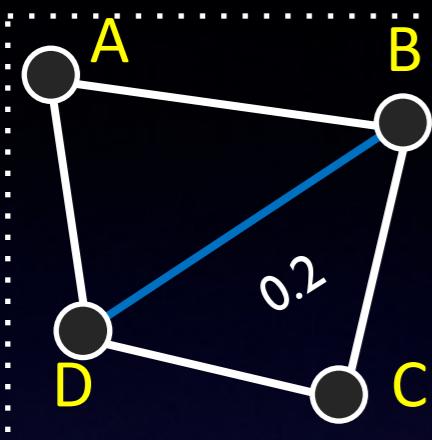


Persistence diagram for graph filtrations



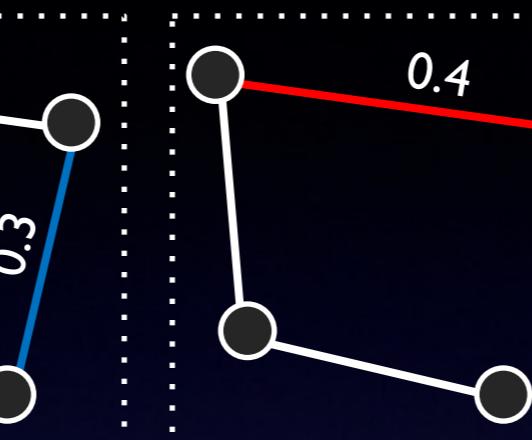
Theorem: Birth & death decomposition

H_1 Edges destroy cycles



$$\#(H_1) = 1 + \frac{|V|(|V| - 3)}{2}$$

H_0 Edges create components

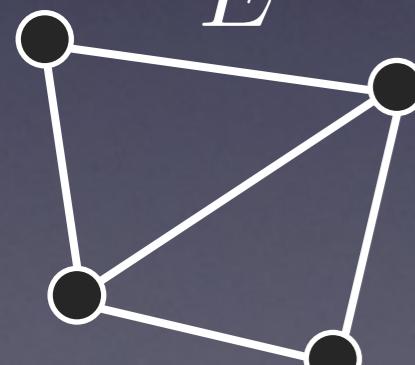


$$\#(H_0) = |V| - 1$$

$$\#(E) = \frac{|V|(|V| - 1)}{2}$$

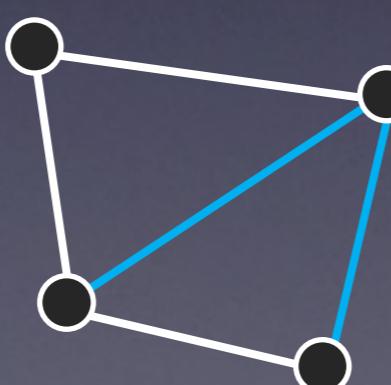
Maximum
spanning
tree

E



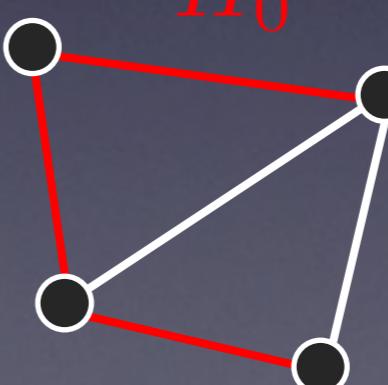
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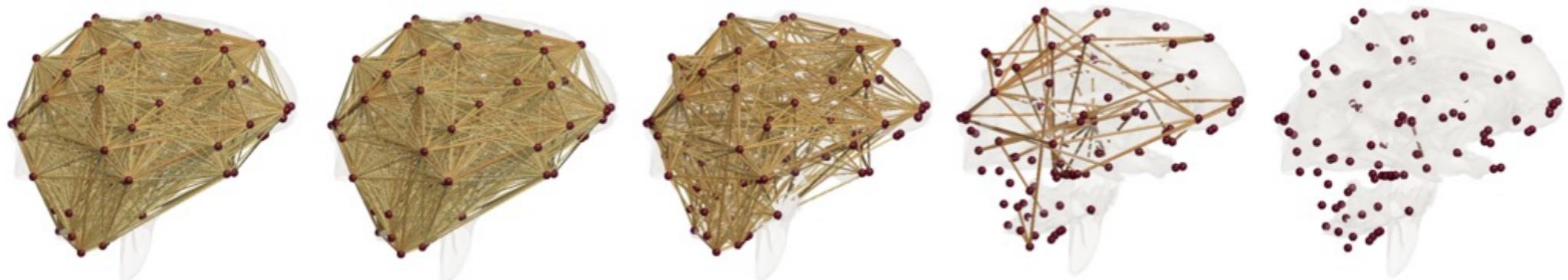
H_0



$O(|E| \log |V|)$

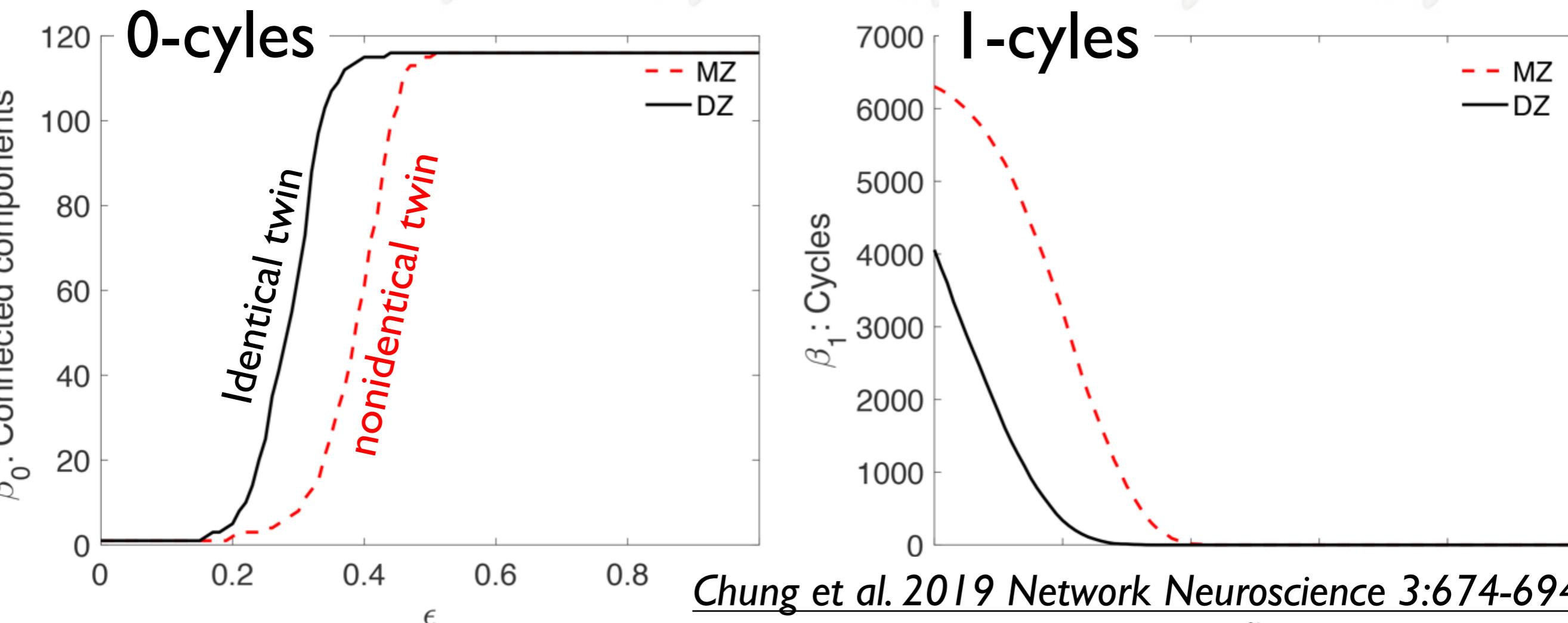
Genetic difference in brain network in HCP

Identical
twins



0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5

Nonidentical
twins



Wasserstein distance on graph filtrations

2-Wasserstein distance between persistent diagrams

Random variables:

$$X \sim f_1 \quad Y \sim f_2$$

2-Wasserstein distance:

$$\mathcal{D}(X, Y) = \left(\inf \mathbb{E} \|X - Y\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Persistent diagrams

$$P_1 = \{x_1, \dots, x_q\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \qquad P_2 = \{y_1, \dots, y_q\} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Empirical distributions

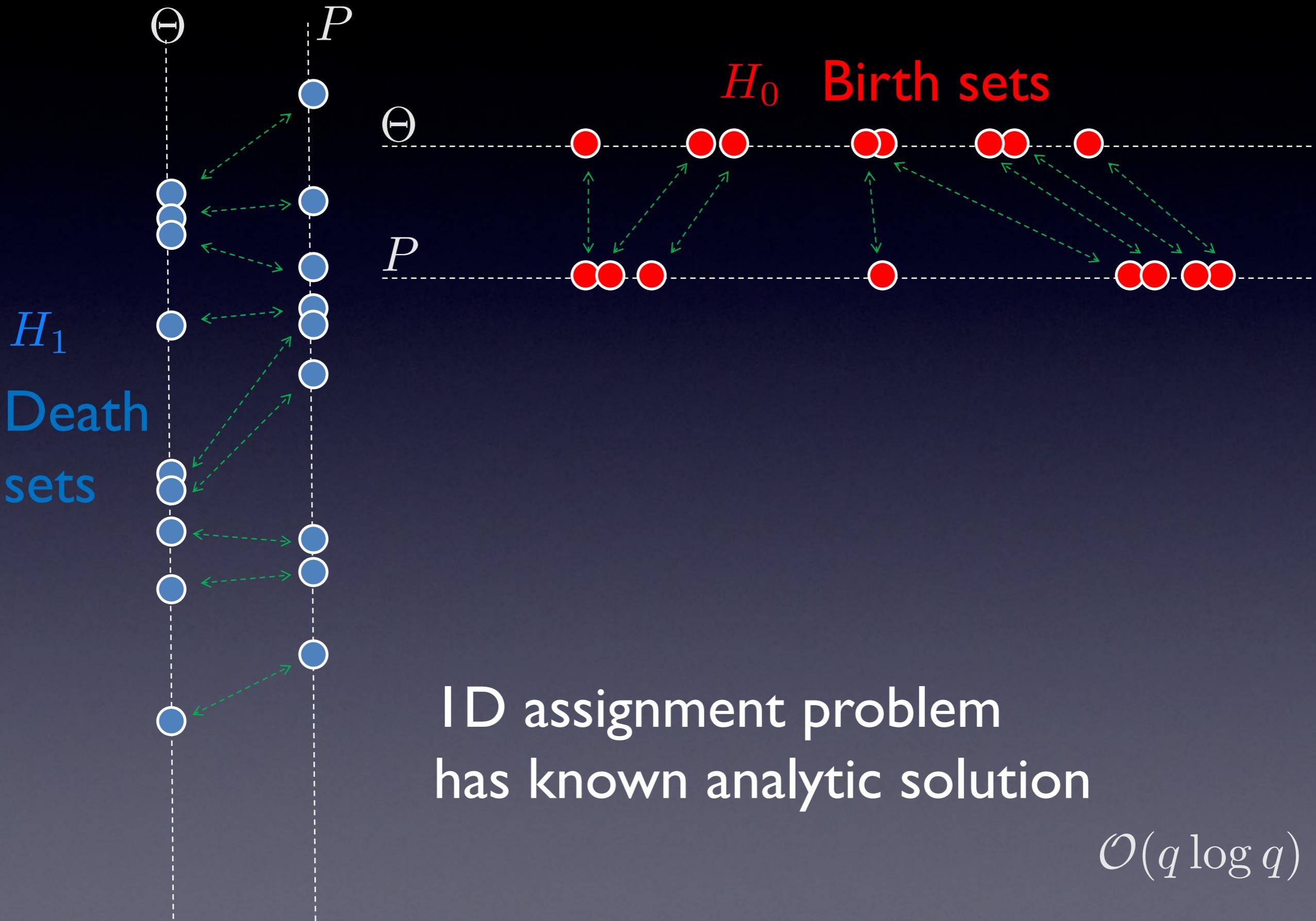
$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^q \delta(x - x_i) \qquad f_2(y) = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^q \delta(y - y_i)$$



$$\mathcal{L}(P_1, P_2) = \inf_{\psi: P_1 \rightarrow P_2} \left(\sum_{x \in P_1} \|x - \psi(x)\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Assignment problem: Hungarian algorithm $\mathcal{O}(q^3)$

Wasserstein distance for graph filtrations



Theorem:Wasserstein distance on graph filtrations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{0D}(\Theta, P) &= \min_{\tau} \sum_{b \in E_0} [b - \tau(b)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{b \in E_0} [b - \tau_0^*(b)]^2\end{aligned}$$

τ_0^* :The i -th smallest birth value to the i -th smallest birth value

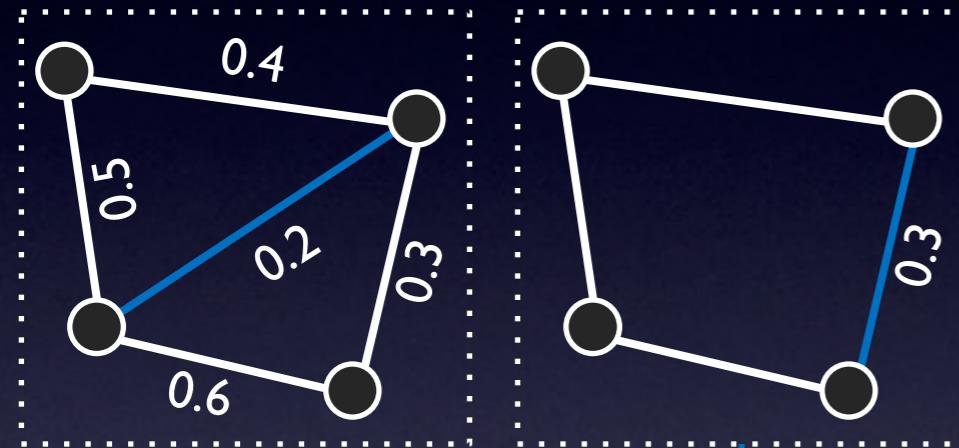
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{1D}(\Theta, P) &= \min_{\tau} \sum_{d \in E_1} [d - \tau(d)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{d \in E_1} [d - \tau_1^*(d)]^2\end{aligned}$$

τ_1^* :The i -th smallest death value to the i -th smallest death value

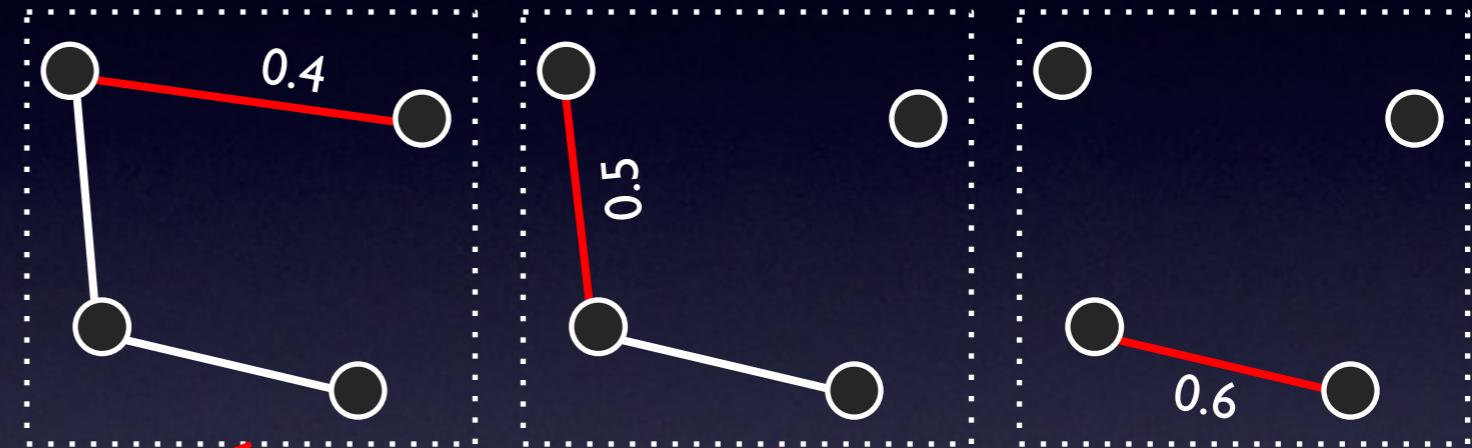
Graph matching by minimizing Wasserstein distances

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta, P) = \mathcal{L}_{0D}(\Theta, P) + \mathcal{L}_{1D}(\Theta, P)$$

H_1 Edges destroy cycles

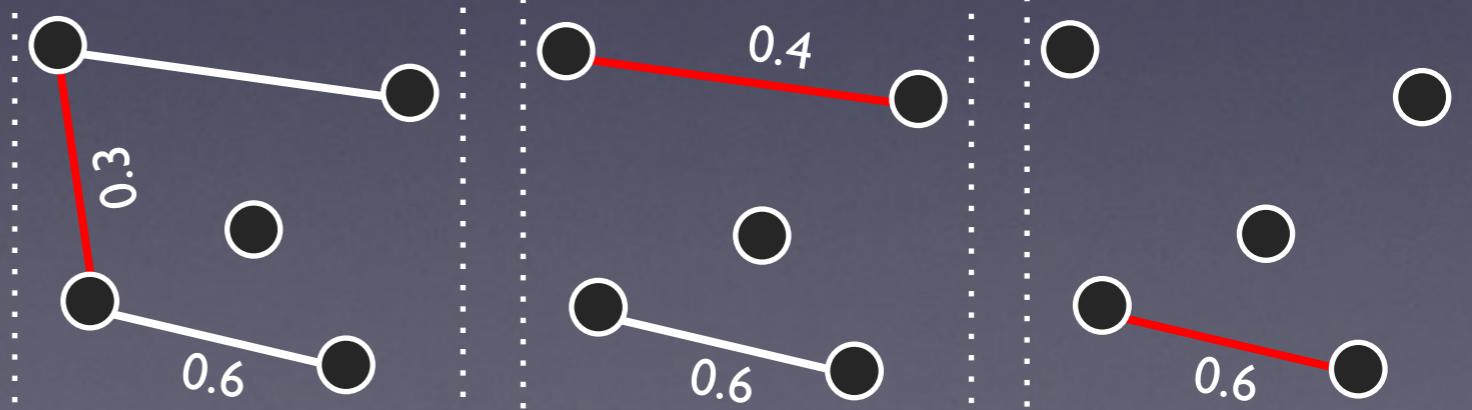
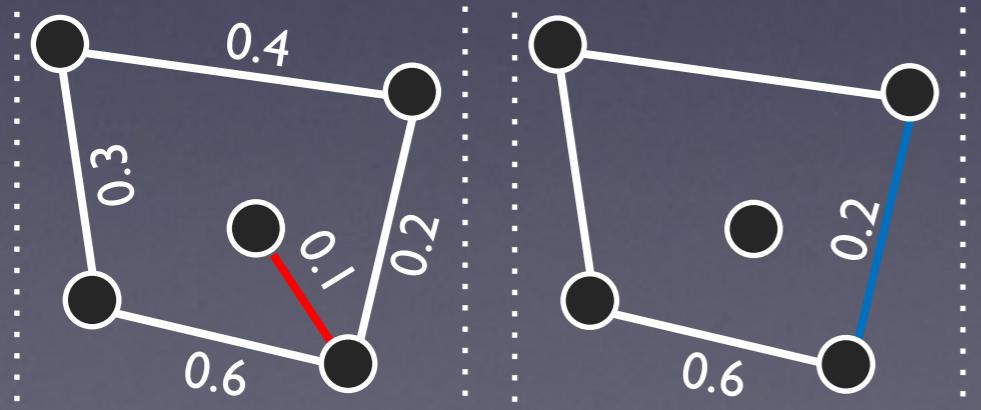


H_0 Edges create components



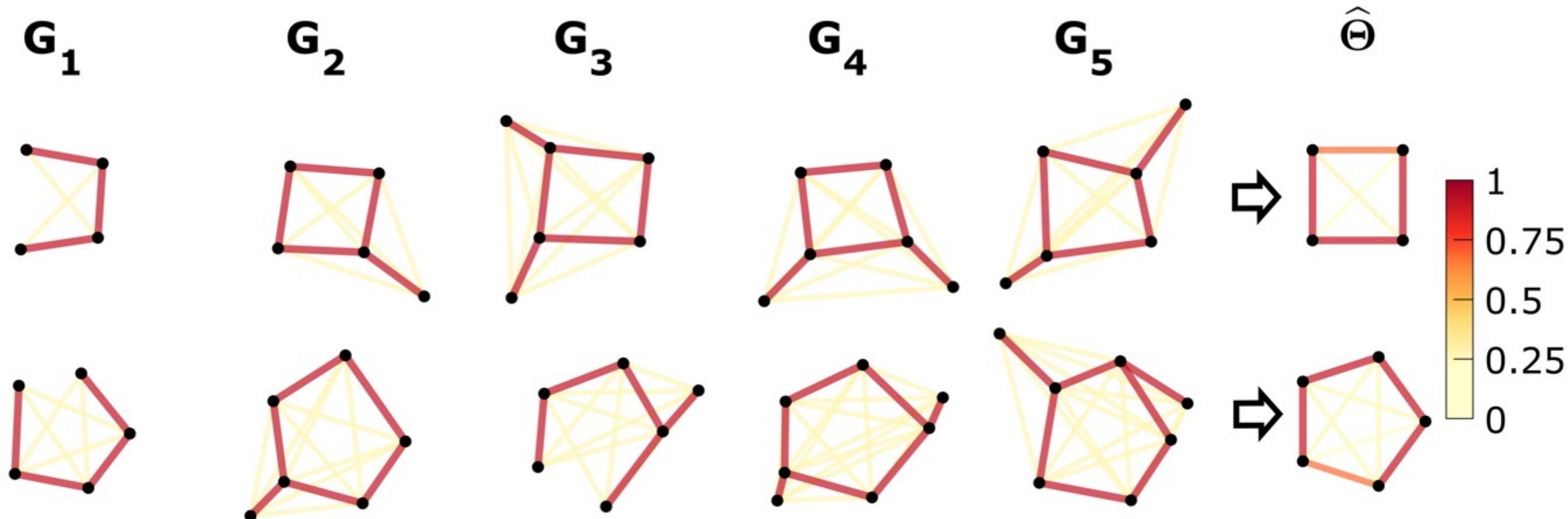
Match longer persistence first

Match longer persistence first



Graph matching → Topological mean of graphs

Death values of Θ are given by averaging the sorted death values of G_k .

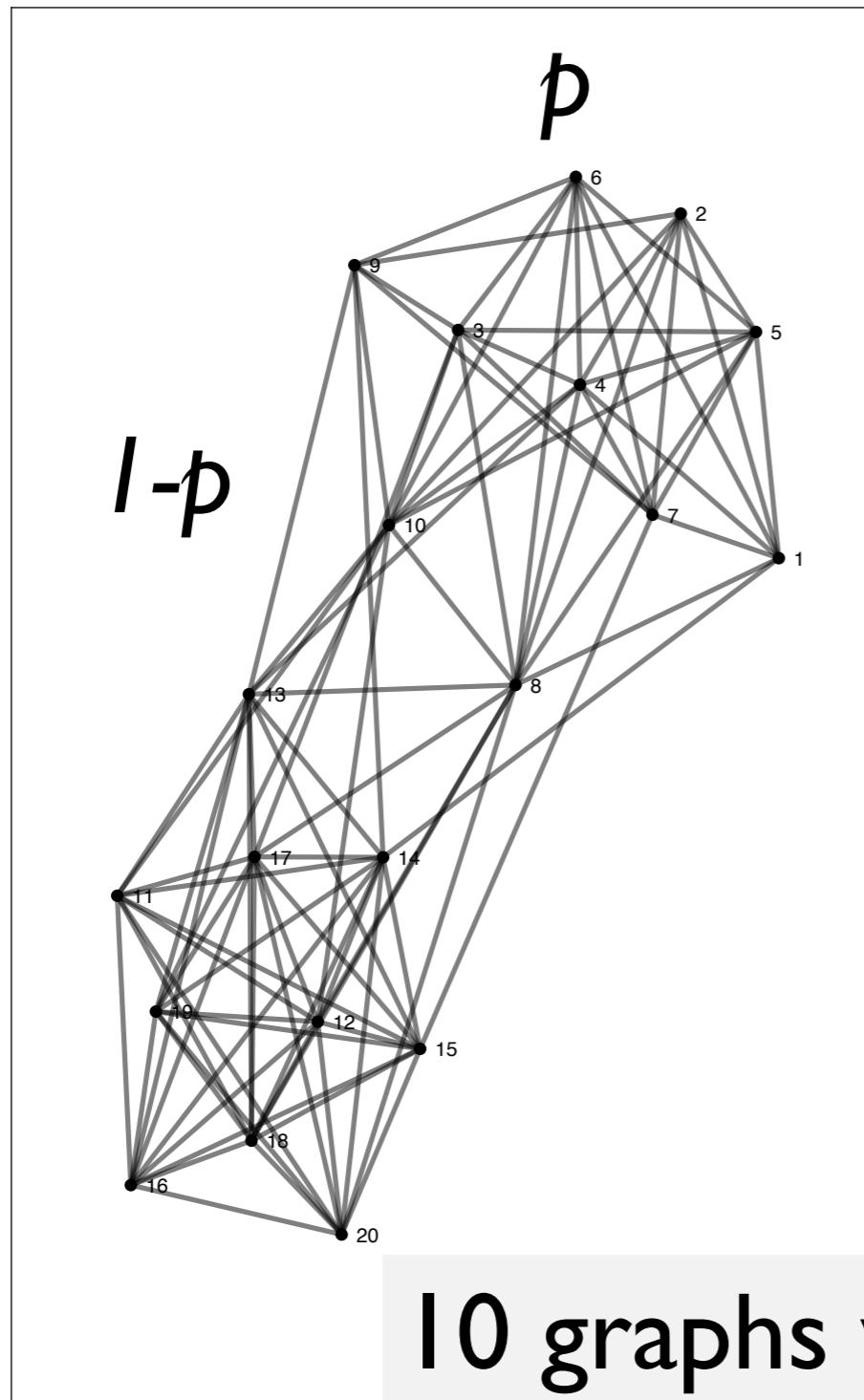


Topological averaging: $G_1 + G_2 + \cdots + G_n$

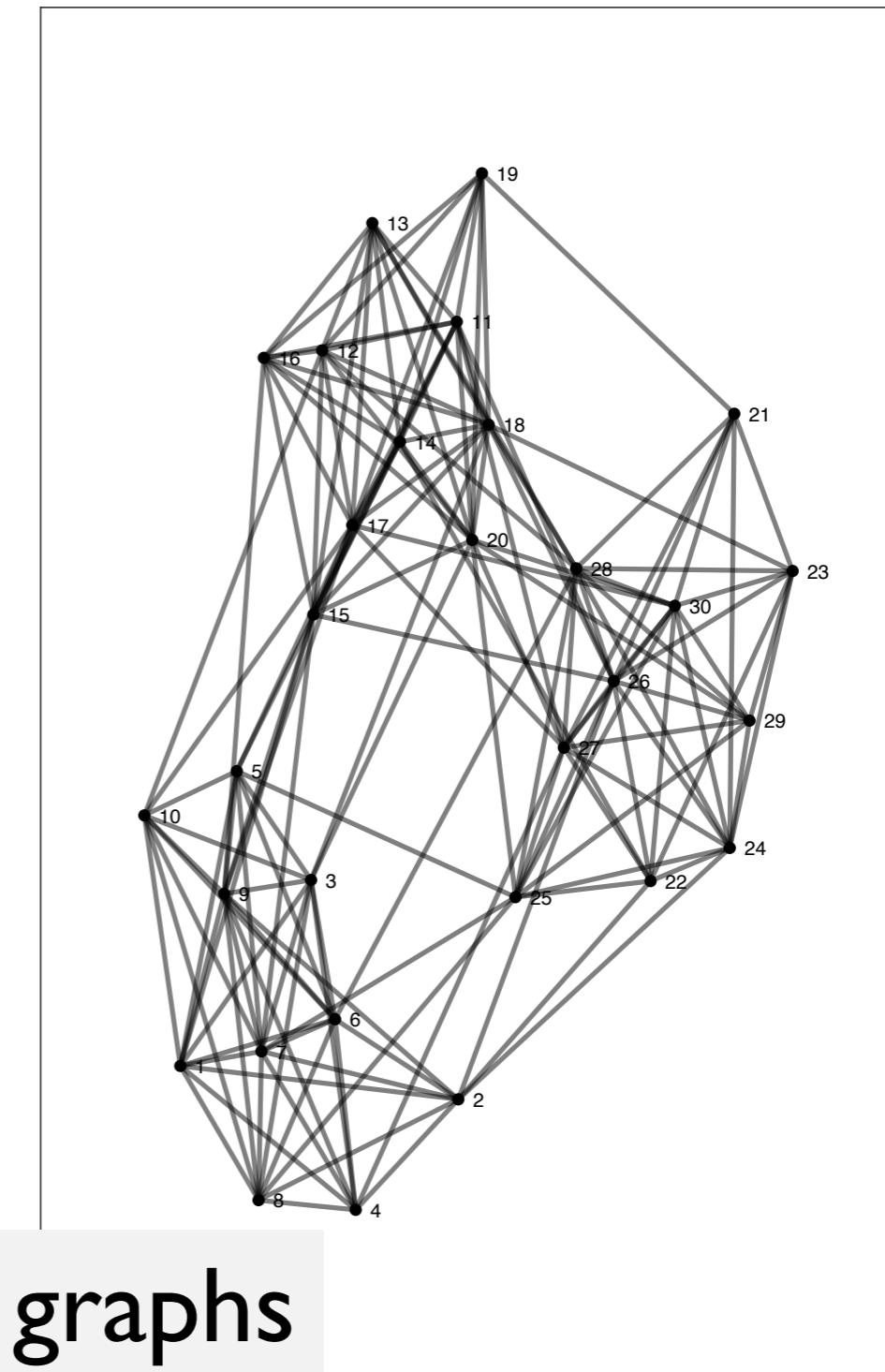
Validation

Random graph model

Within module connection probability p
Between module connection probability $1-p$



Graph with 2 modules



Graph with 3 modules

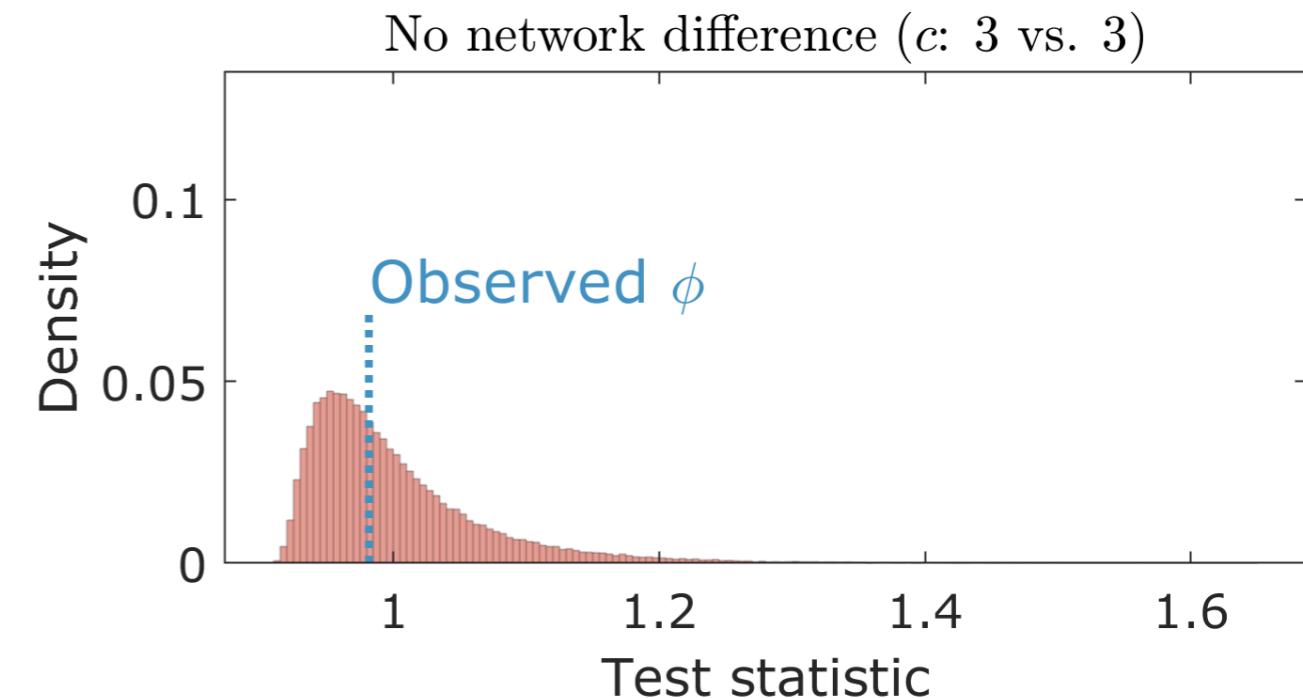
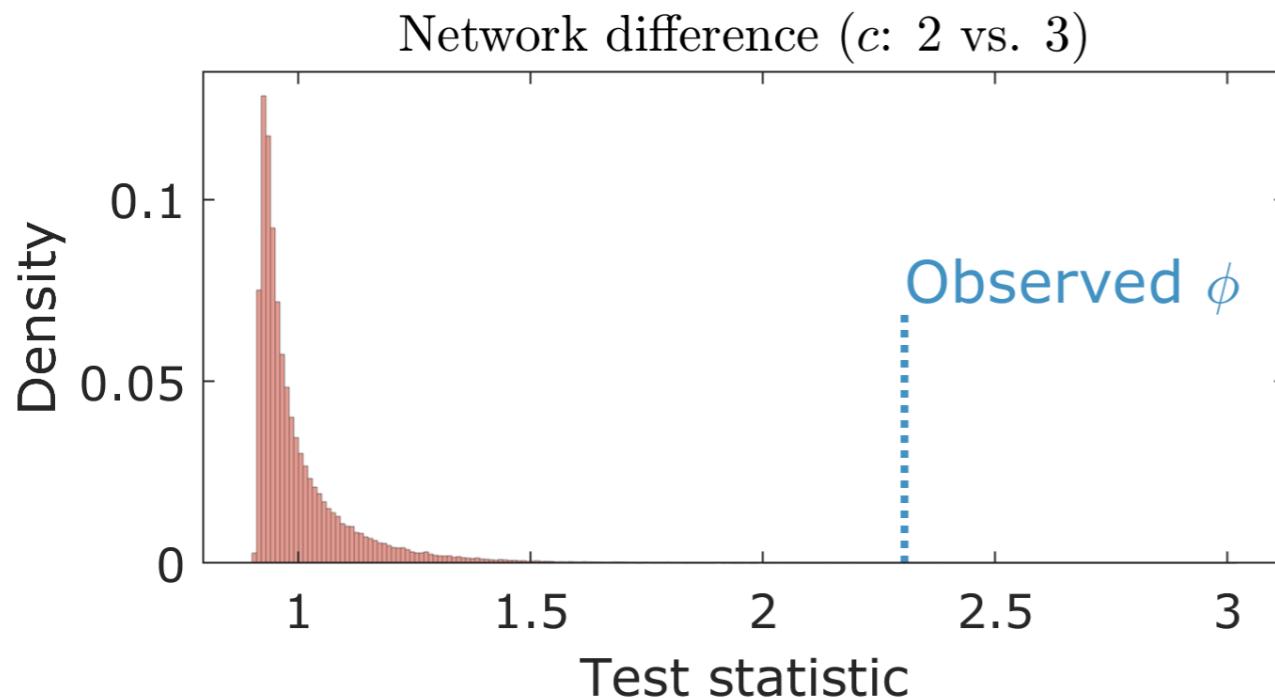
Ratio statistic for Wasserstein distances

Between-group distance

$$l_B \propto \sum_{i \in C_1, j \in C_2} \mathcal{L}(G_i, G_j)$$

Within-group distance

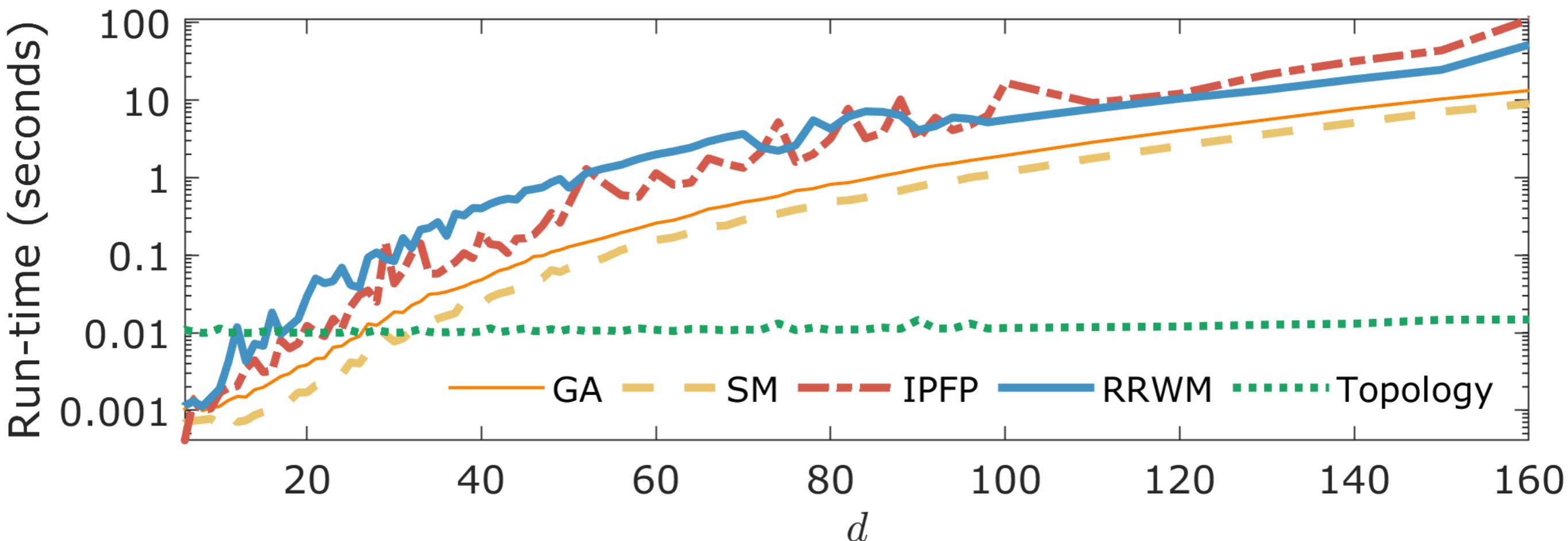
$$l_W \propto \sum_k \sum_{i, j \in C_k} \mathcal{L}(G_i, G_j) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Statistic} \quad \phi = \frac{l_B}{l_W}$$



Performance: Average p -value in 50 simulations

nodes	modules	p	Graduated assignment	Spectral matching	Reweighted random walk	Integer projected fixed point	\mathcal{L}_{top}
12 vs. 12	2 vs. 3	0.6	0.45 ± 0.27	0.48 ± 0.30	0.28 ± 0.31	0.34 ± 0.28	0.08 ± 0.16
		0.8	0.26 ± 0.24	0.30 ± 0.28	0.06 ± 0.12	0.28 ± 0.28	0.01 ± 0.03
	2 vs. 6	0.6	0.06 ± 0.10	0.17 ± 0.20	0.04 ± 0.13	0.23 ± 0.28	0.00 ± 0.00
		0.8	0.00 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.03	0.00 ± 0.00	0.02 ± 0.04	0.00 ± 0.00
	3 vs. 6	0.6	0.40 ± 0.29	0.35 ± 0.28	0.24 ± 0.26	0.35 ± 0.28	0.06 ± 0.13
		0.8	0.21 ± 0.23	0.28 ± 0.27	0.08 ± 0.14	0.26 ± 0.25	0.00 ± 0.01
18 vs. 18	2 vs. 3	0.6	0.25 ± 0.23	0.41 ± 0.26	0.26 ± 0.24	0.42 ± 0.28	0.01 ± 0.02
		0.8	0.12 ± 0.17	0.19 ± 0.22	0.00 ± 0.00	0.04 ± 0.05	0.00 ± 0.00
	2 vs. 6	0.6	0.02 ± 0.05	0.07 ± 0.17	0.00 ± 0.00	0.14 ± 0.20	0.00 ± 0.00
		0.8	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00
	3 vs. 6	0.6	0.28 ± 0.24	0.37 ± 0.31	0.21 ± 0.24	0.37 ± 0.30	0.01 ± 0.01
		0.8	0.15 ± 0.22	0.13 ± 0.14	0.00 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.18	0.00 ± 0.00
24 vs. 24	2 vs. 3	0.6	0.23 ± 0.25	0.30 ± 0.26	0.14 ± 0.20	0.31 ± 0.28	0.00 ± 0.01
		0.8	0.06 ± 0.11	0.12 ± 0.19	0.00 ± 0.00	0.01 ± 0.05	0.00 ± 0.00
	2 vs. 6	0.6	0.00 ± 0.01	0.03 ± 0.06	0.00 ± 0.00	0.09 ± 0.13	0.00 ± 0.00
		0.8	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00
	3 vs. 6	0.6	0.24 ± 0.26	0.29 ± 0.28	0.10 ± 0.13	0.37 ± 0.26	0.00 ± 0.00
		0.8	0.07 ± 0.12	0.13 ± 0.19	0.00 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.19	0.00 ± 0.00

Fastest possible graph matching algorithm



Graduated assignment (GA)
Spectral matching (SM)
Integer projected fixed point method (IPFP)
Re-weighted random walk matching (RRWM)

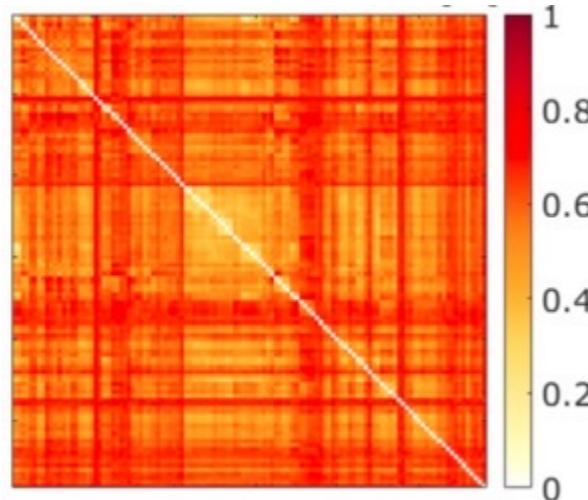
Topological Regression

Subject-level learning

Structural network template
 P

Functional network of subject k

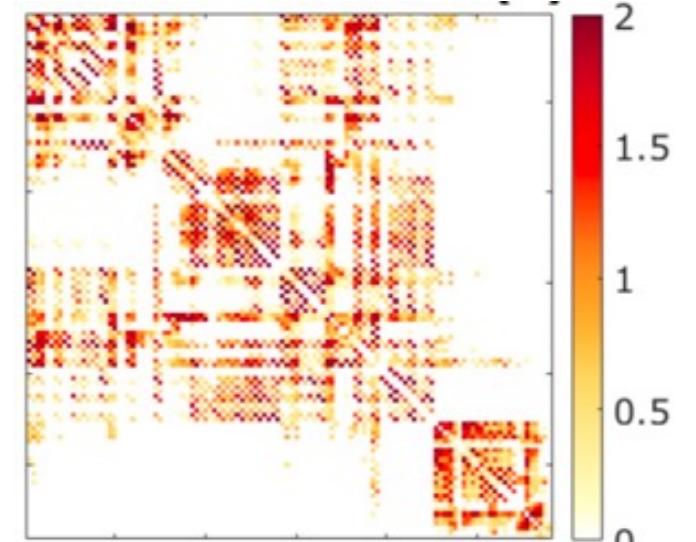
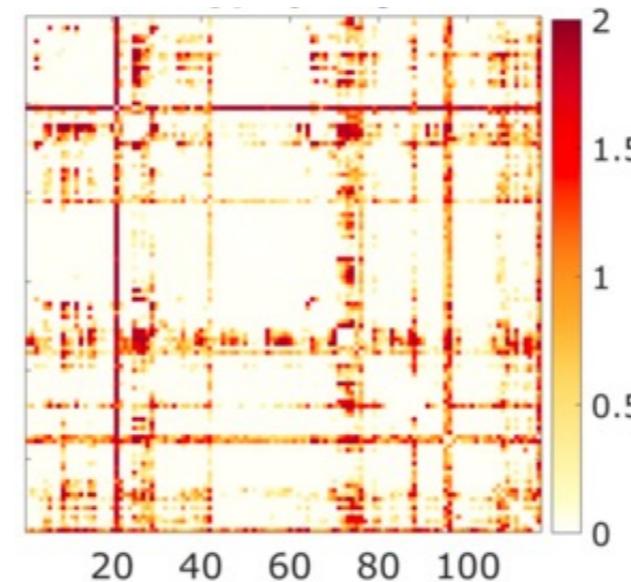
$$G_k = (V, w^k)$$



Dense cycles

Graph matching

Estimated model



Sparse trees

$$\widehat{\Theta}_k = \arg \min_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_F(\Theta, G_k) + \lambda_k \mathcal{L}(\Theta, P)$$



Frobenius norm
Goodness-of-fit



Control amount
of topology



Topological loss

Topological gradient descent

$$\widehat{\Theta}_k = \arg \min_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_F(\Theta, G_k) + \lambda_k \mathcal{L}_{top}(\Theta, P)$$

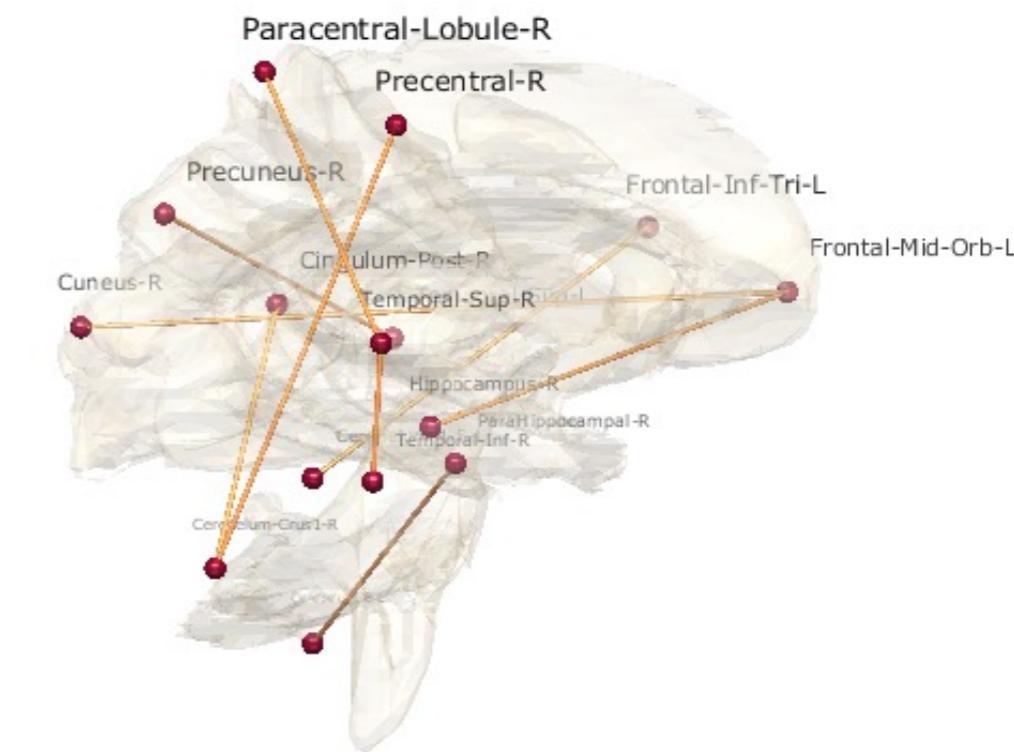
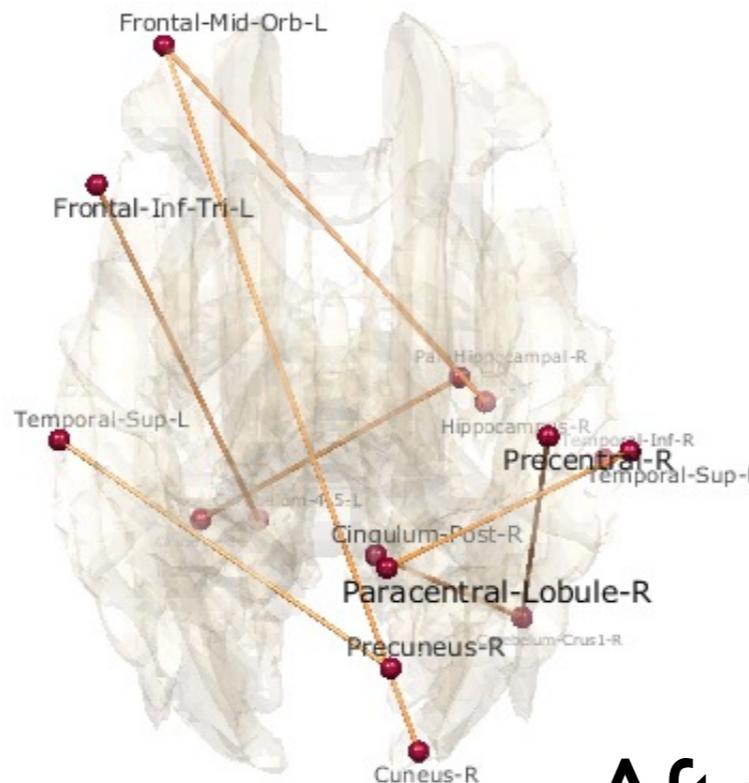
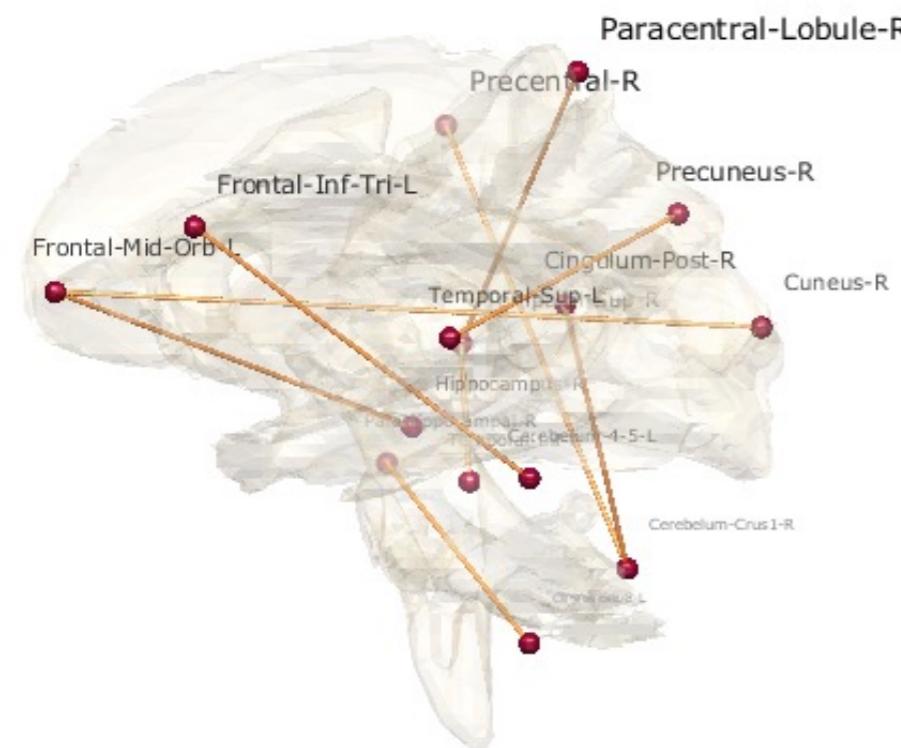
Topological gradient by matching sorted birth and death values

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{top}(\Theta, P)}{\partial w_{ij}^{\Theta}} = \begin{cases} 2[w_{ij}^{\Theta} - \tau_{0*}(w_{ij}^{\Theta})] & \text{if } w_{ij}^{\Theta} \in E_0; \\ 2[w_{ij}^{\Theta} - \tau_{1*}(w_{ij}^{\Theta})] & \text{if } w_{ij}^{\Theta} \in E_1 \end{cases}$$

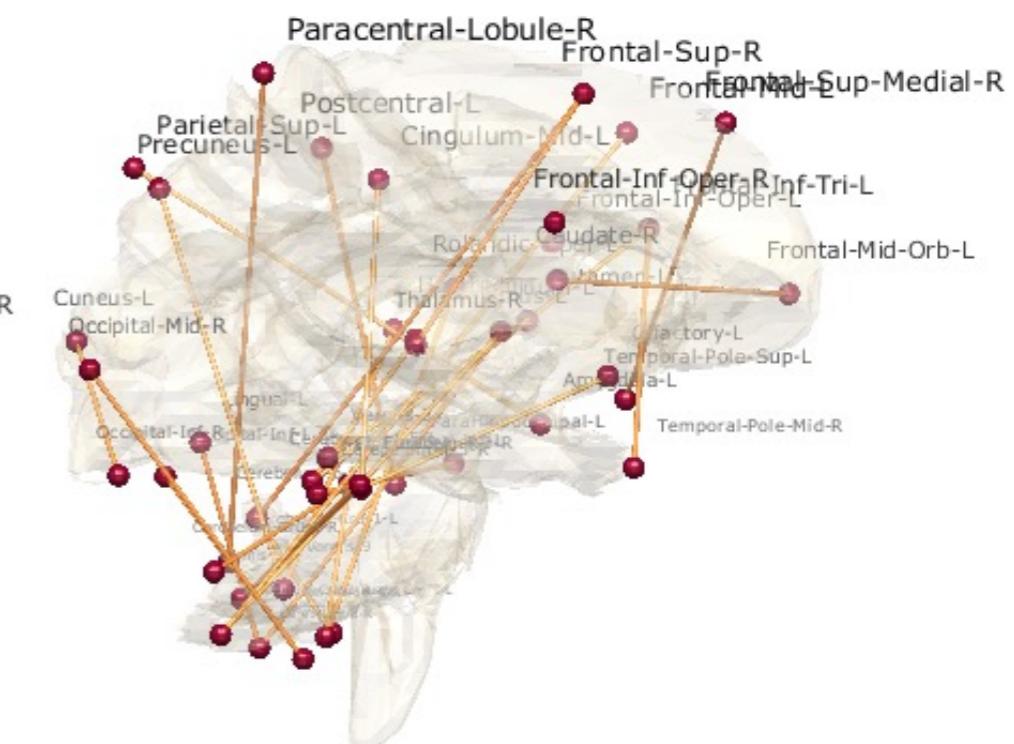
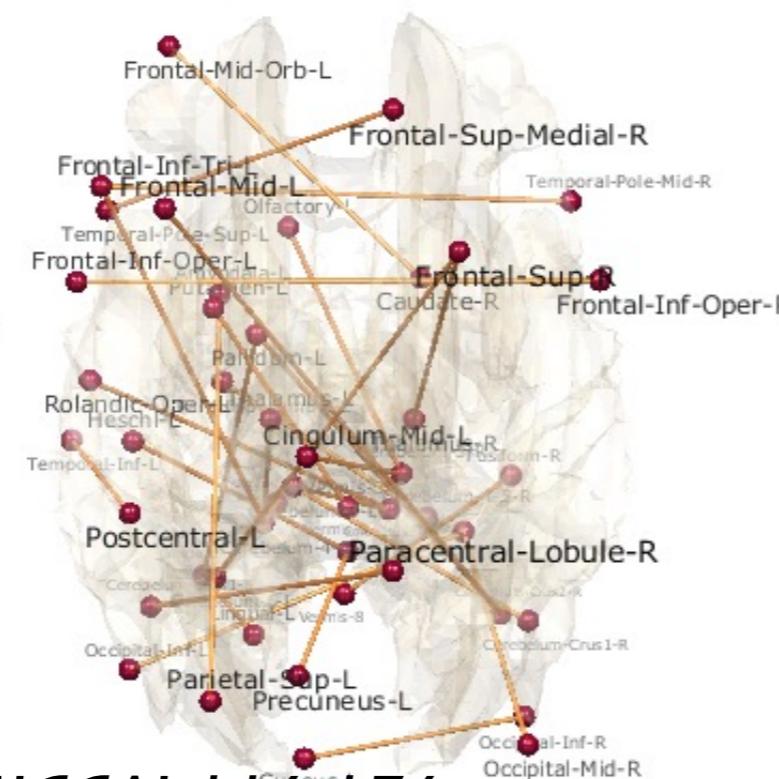
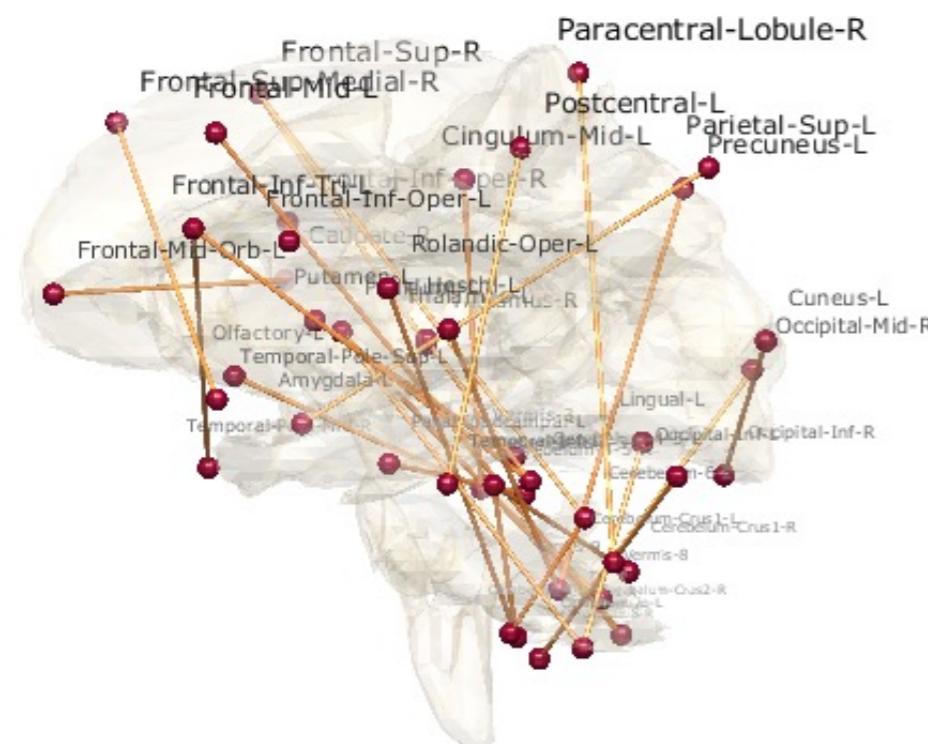
Run time $O(|E| \log |V|)$

Heritability index above 1.00 through ACE-model

Original Pearson correlation



After topological learning



Topological
clustering

Wasserstein graph clustering

$$\mathcal{L}_{top}(\Theta, P) = \mathcal{L}_{0D}(\Theta, P) + \mathcal{L}_{1D}(\Theta, P)$$

L2-norm on
sorted birth
values

L2-norm on
sorted death
values

$$\cup_{i=1}^k C_i = \{G_1, \dots, G_n\}, \quad C_i \cap C_j = \emptyset$$

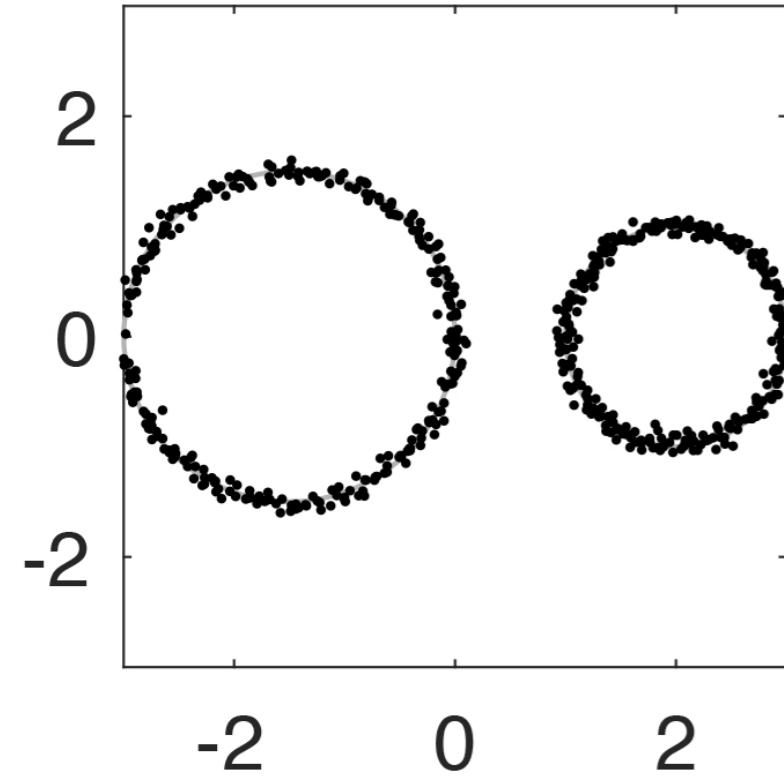
$$l_W(C; \mu) = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{X \in C_j} \mathcal{L}_{top}(X, \mu_j)$$

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{|C_j|} \sum_{X \in C_j} X$$

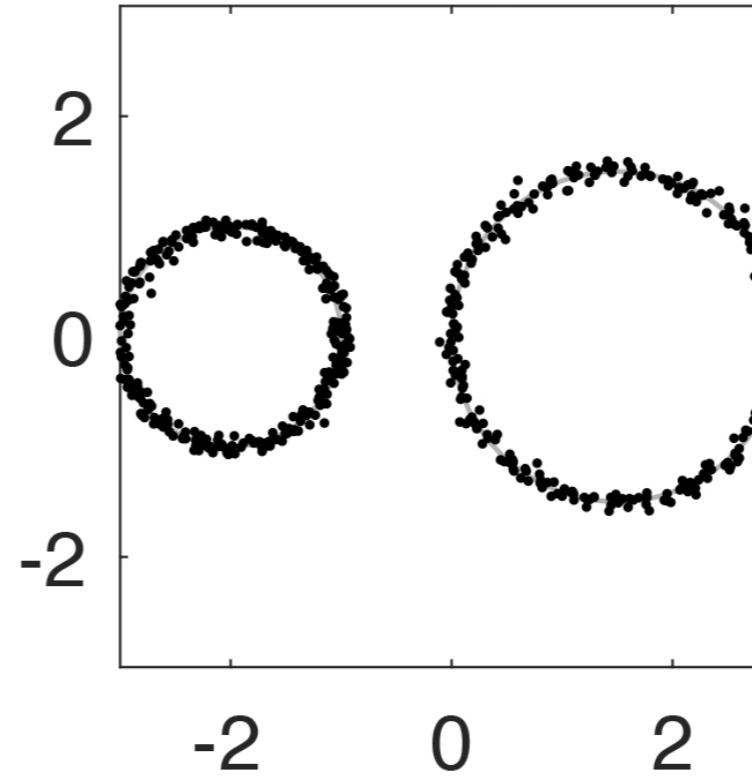
Proof of convergence
Chung et al. 2022 arXiv:2201.00087

No topological difference

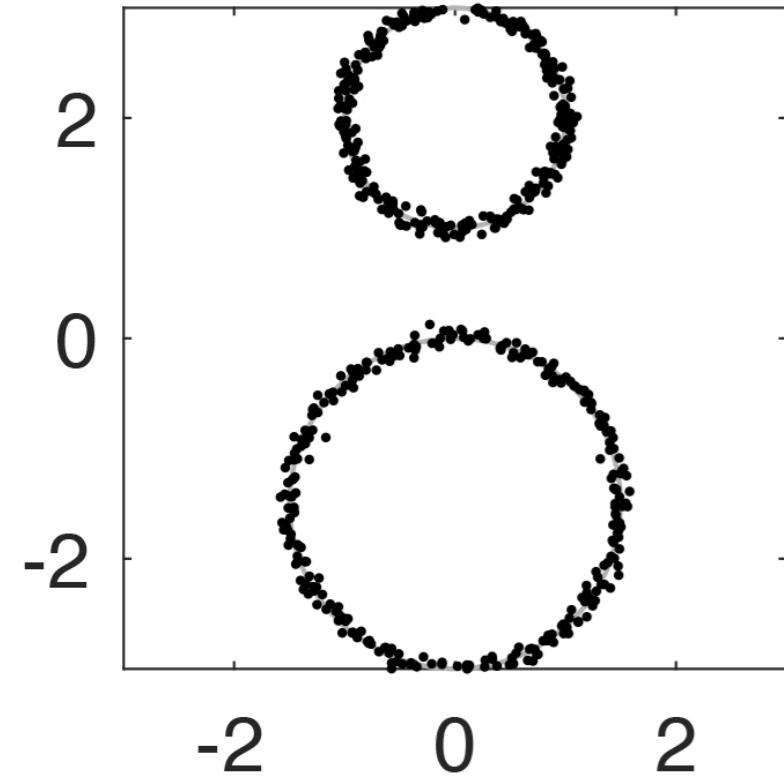
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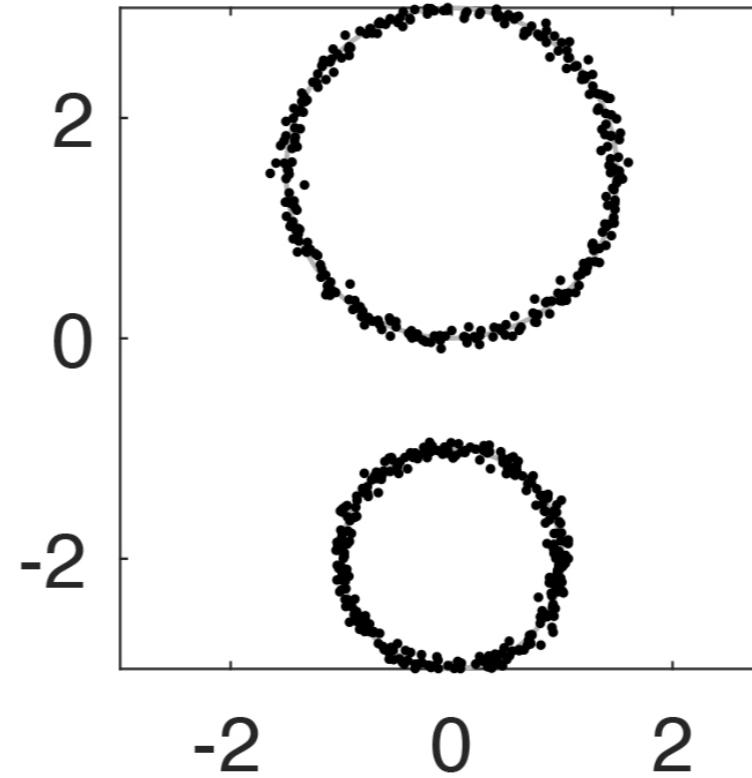
Group 2



Group 3



Group 4

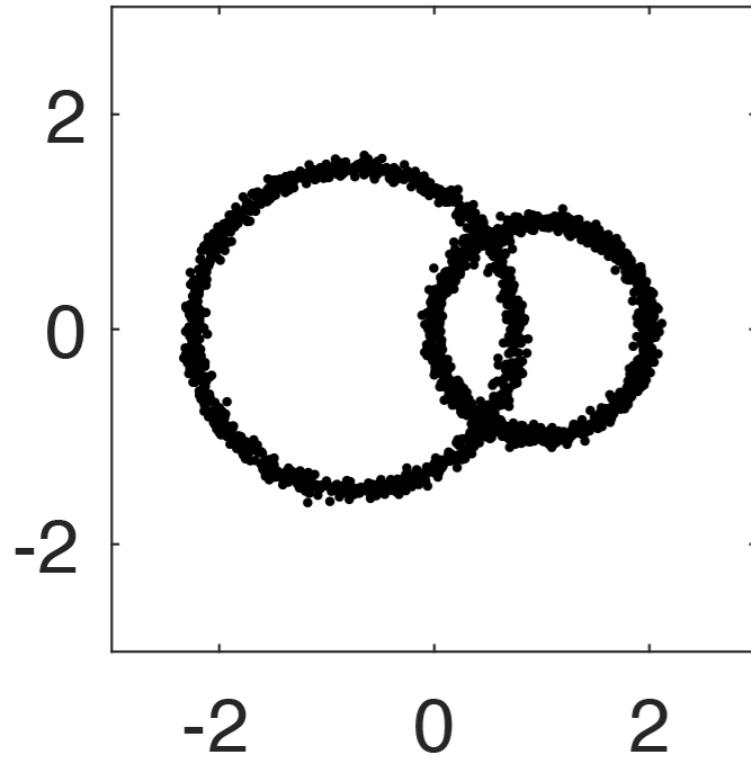


K-means
clustering
 1.00 ± 0.04

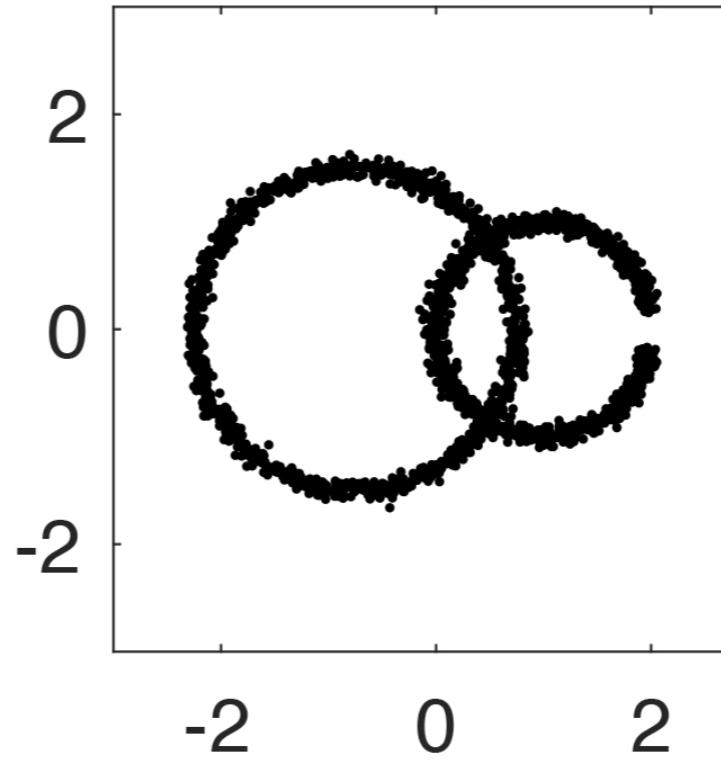
Wasserstein
Graph clustering
 0.53 ± 0.08

Topological difference

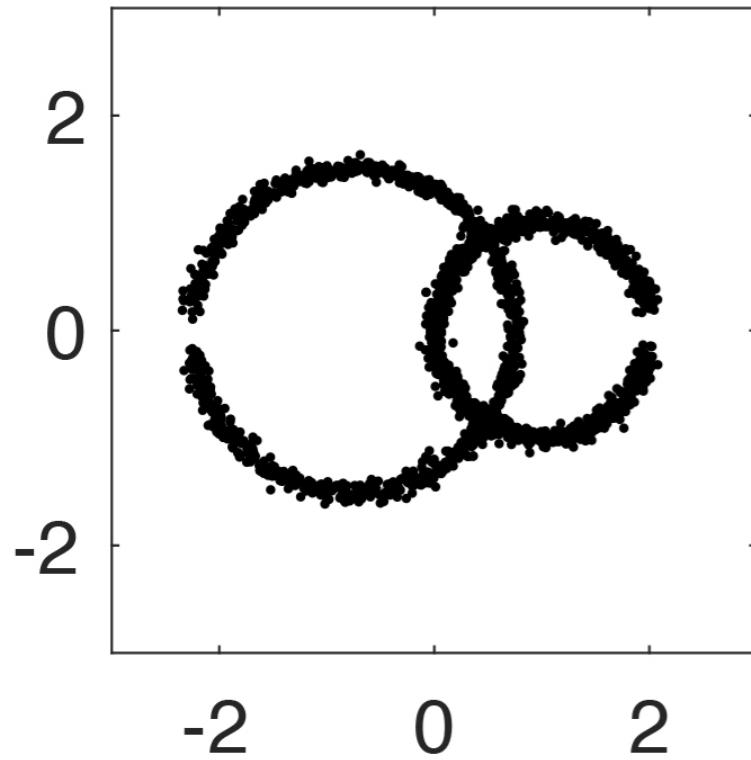
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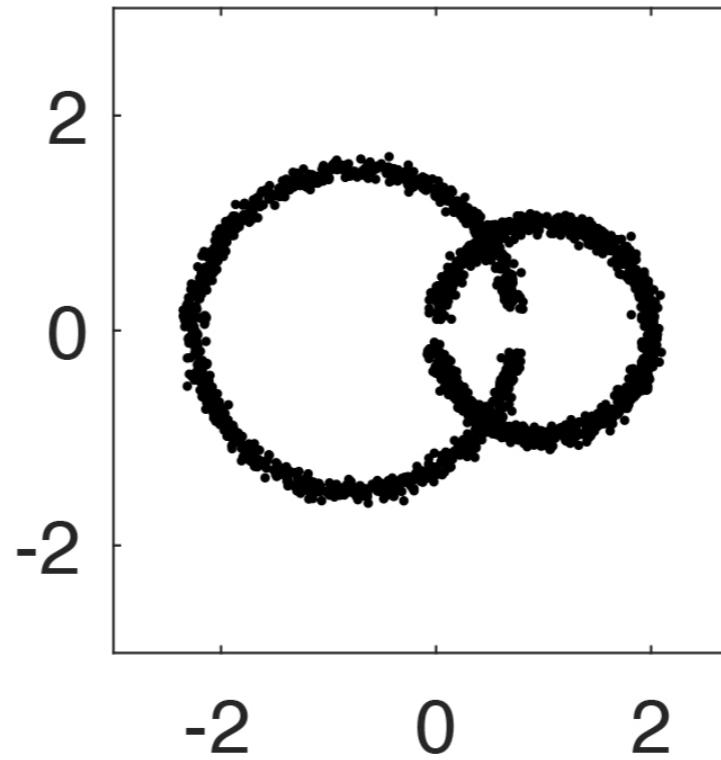
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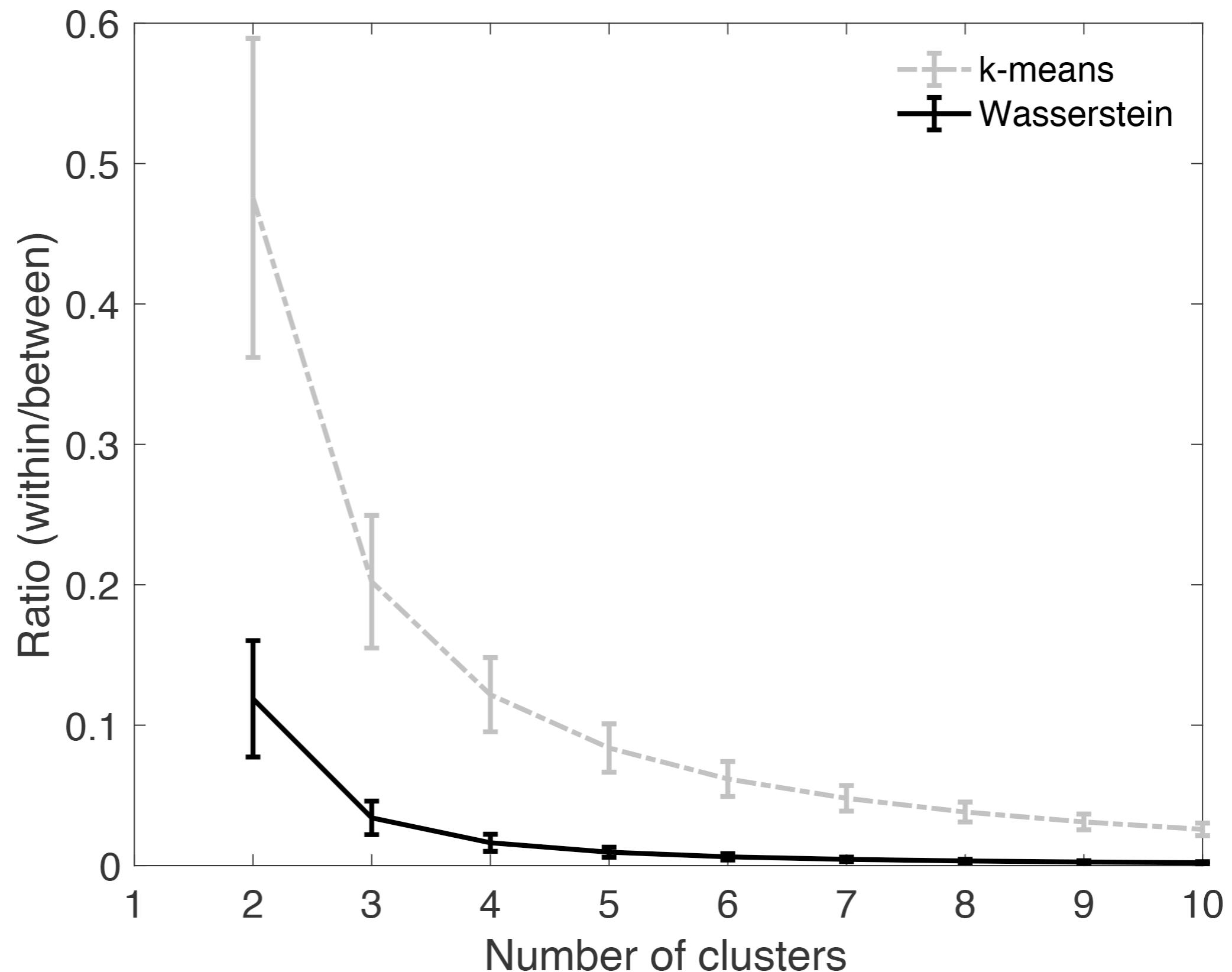


K-means
clustering
0.83 +- 0.10

Wasserstein
Graph clustering
0.96 +- 0.10

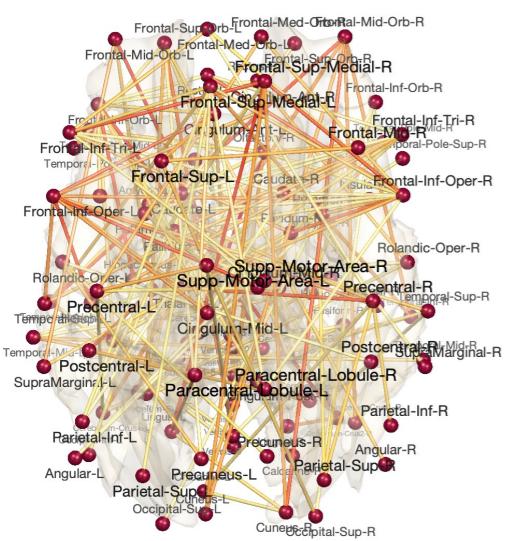
16% improvement

$$\frac{1}{\phi} = \frac{l_W}{l_B}$$



The within cluster variance of Wasserstein clustering
is **6 times** smaller than k-means clustering.

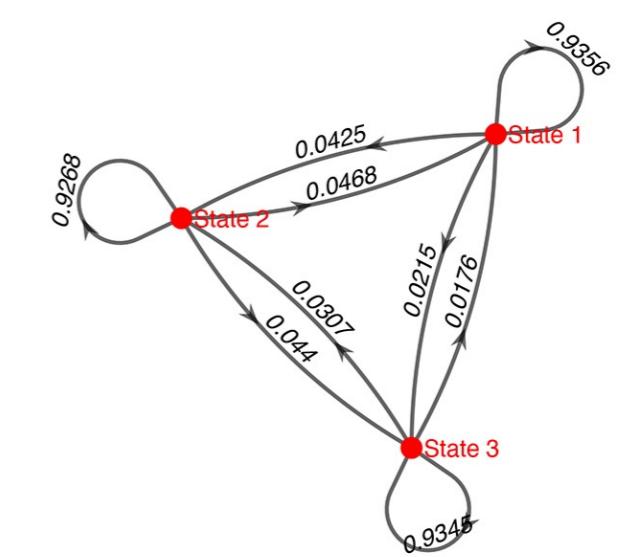
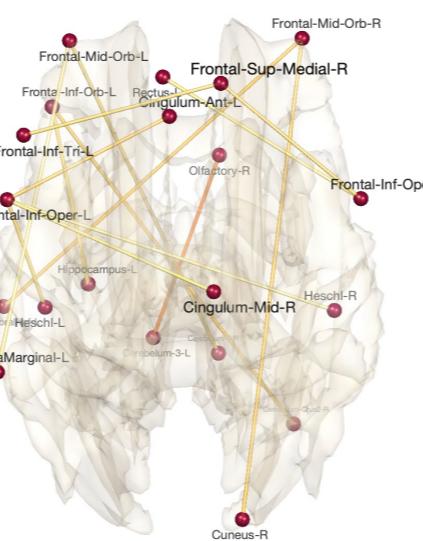
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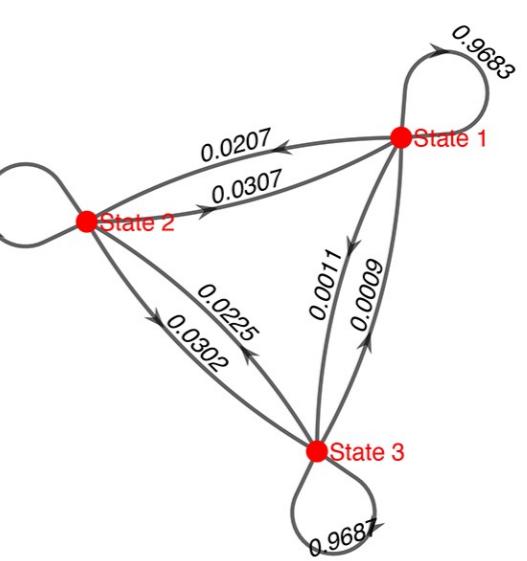
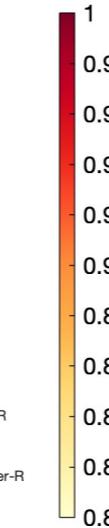
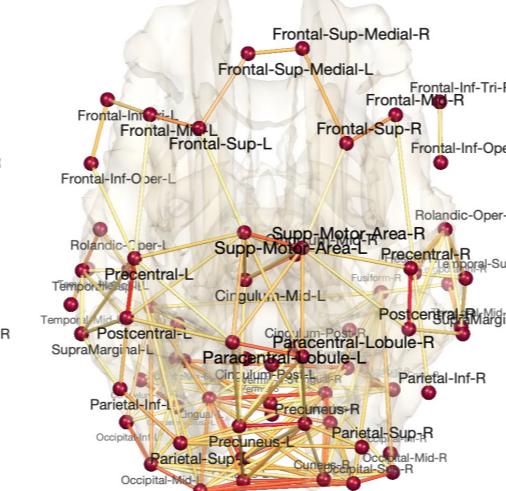
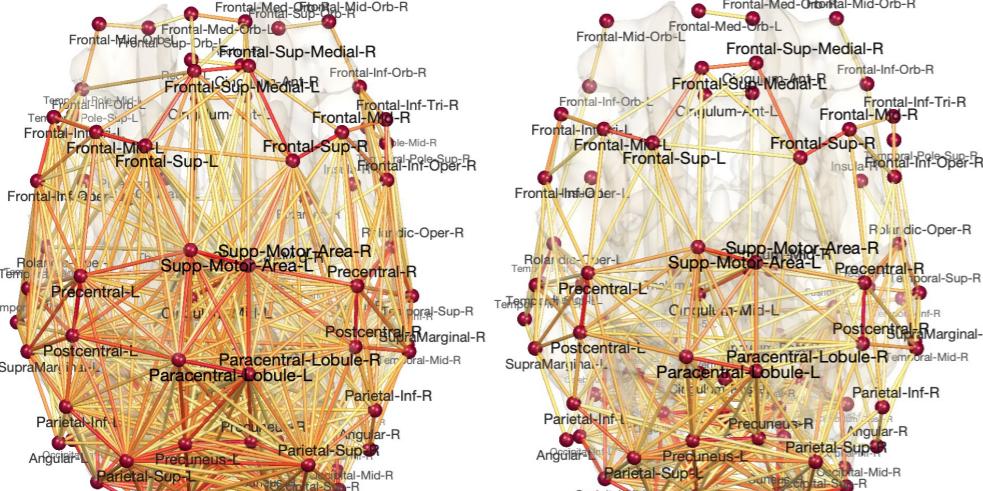
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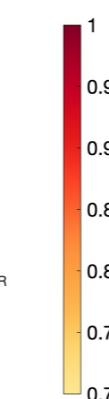
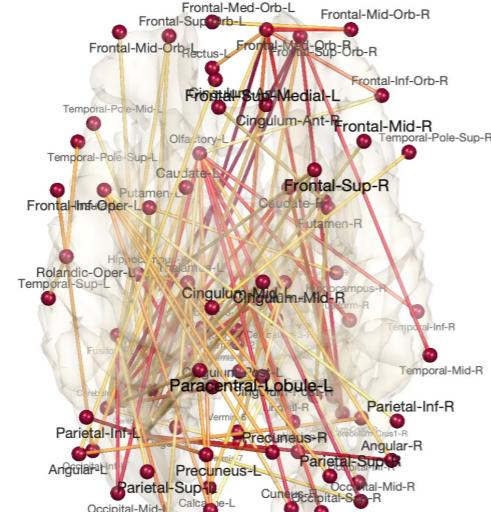
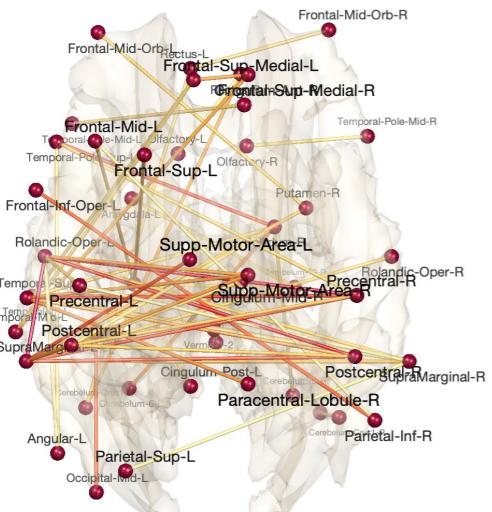
k-means



Markov chains

**Heritability index
for UW-Madison twin
study – 200 twin pairs**

Wasserstein



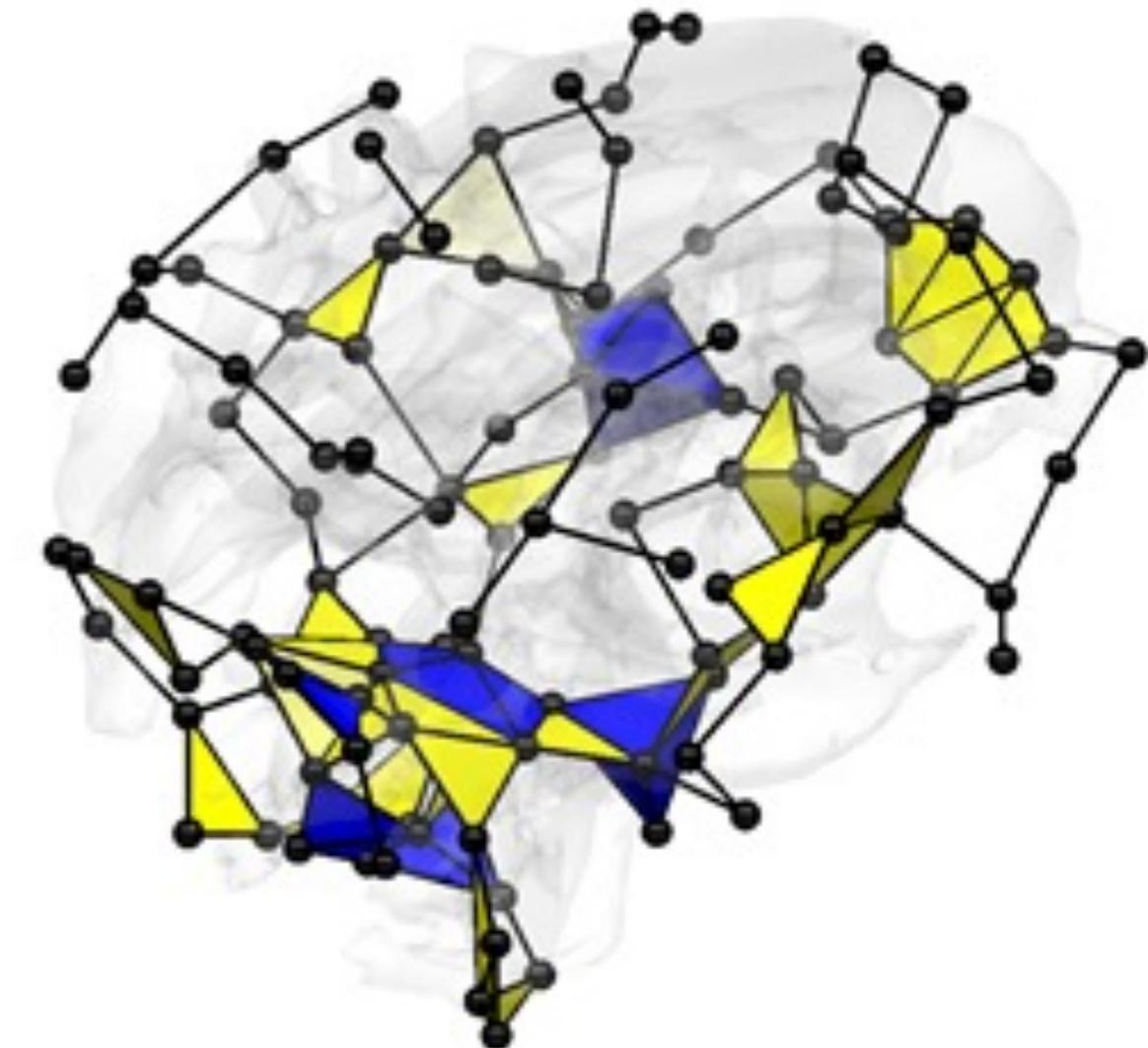
Heritability Index

Explicit modeling
of 1-cycles: higher
order connectivity

Graph *vs.* simplicial complex



Pairwise interaction



Higher order interaction
Yellow = 3 nodes (2 simplices)
Blue = 4 nodes (3 simplices)

k -th Hodge Laplacian

$$\Delta_k = \partial_{k+1} \partial_{k+1}^\top + \partial_k^\top \partial_k$$

For graph,

$$\Delta_0 = \partial_1 \partial_1^\top$$

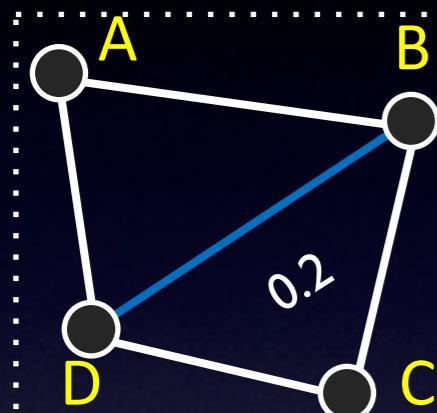
$\ker \Delta_0$ is spanned by the **eigenvectors** of zero **eigenvalues**

of zero eigenvalues
= # of k -cycles

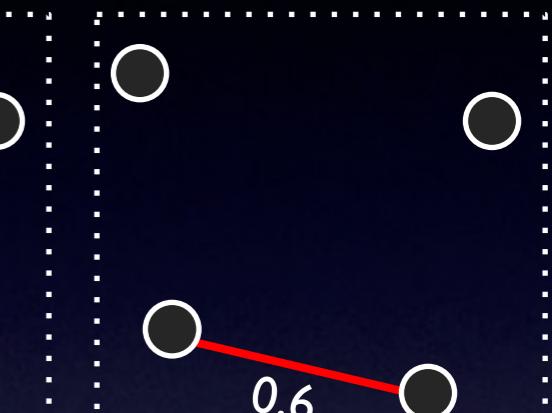
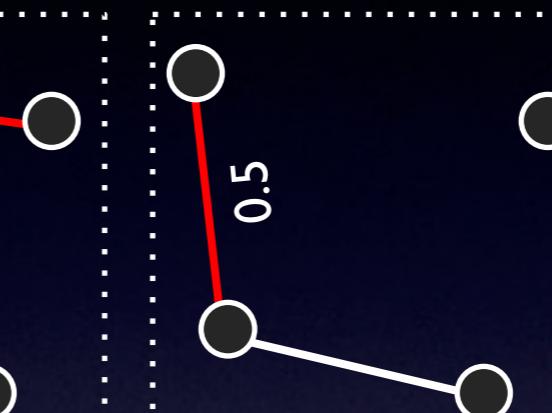
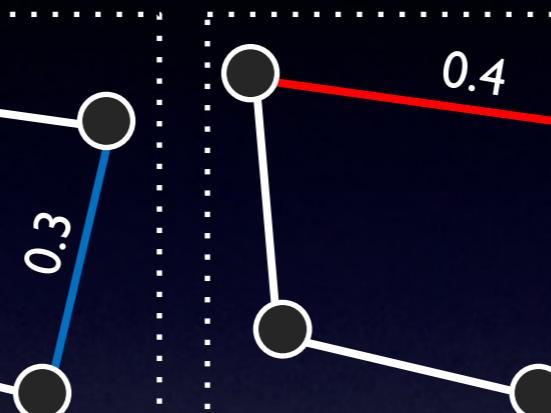
Theoren (Identification of 1-cycle basis)

Anand et al. 2021, arXiv:2110.14599

H_1 Edges destroy cycles



H_0 Edges create components



I-cycle basis



H_0 Birth set

Maximum spanning tree

Compute the eigenvector of zero eigenvalue of the 1st Hodge Laplacian

Basis expansion using l-cycle basis

Anand et al. 2021, arXiv:2110.14599

l-cycle basis: $\mathcal{C}^1, \dots, \mathcal{C}^Q$

vector of 0's and 1's

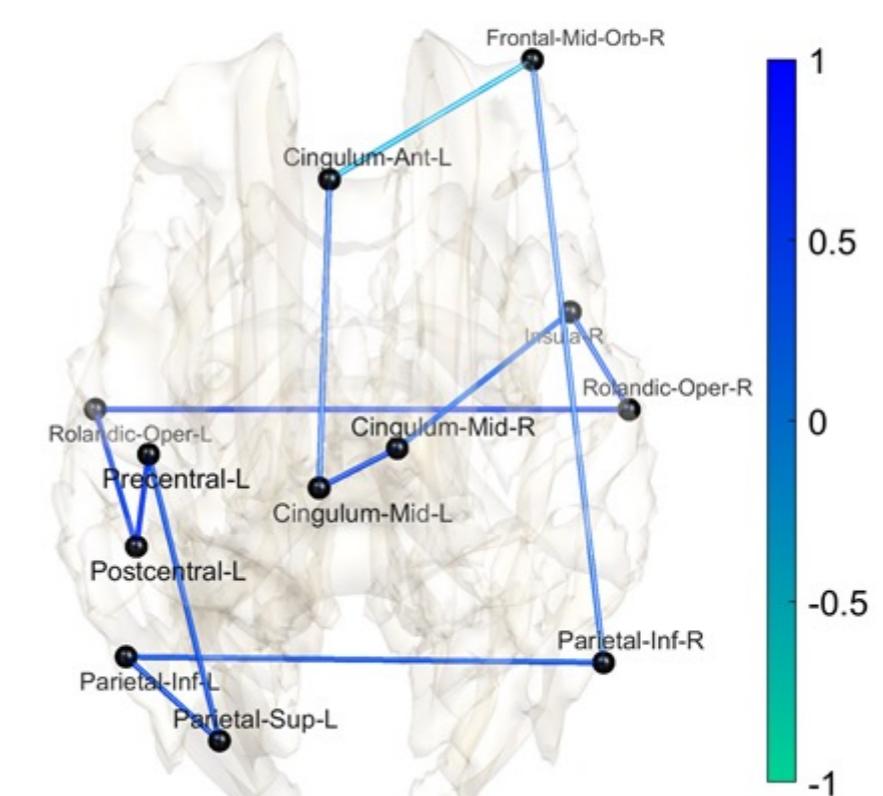
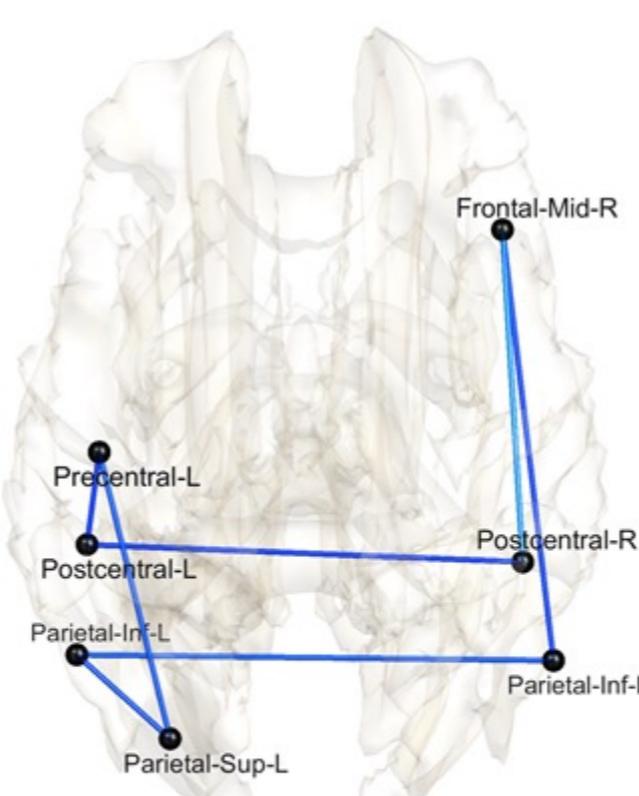
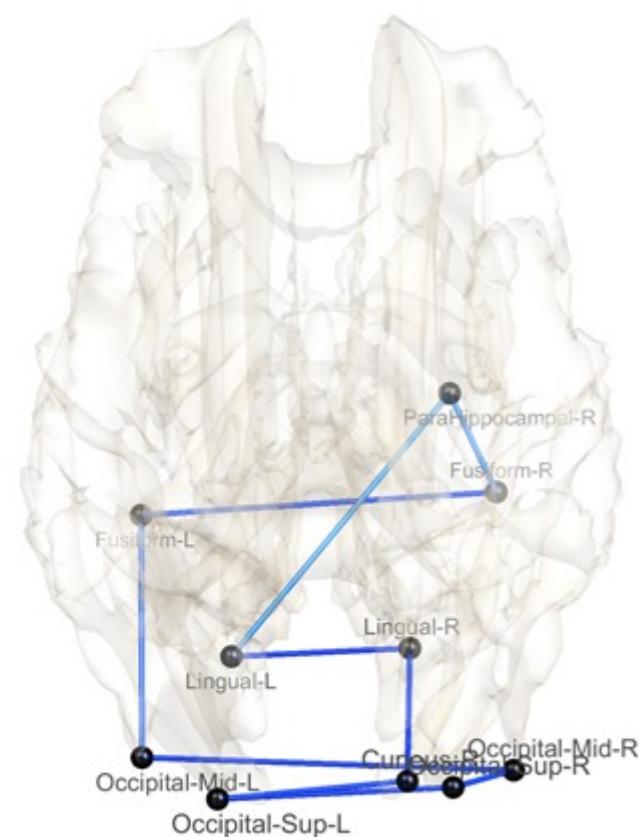
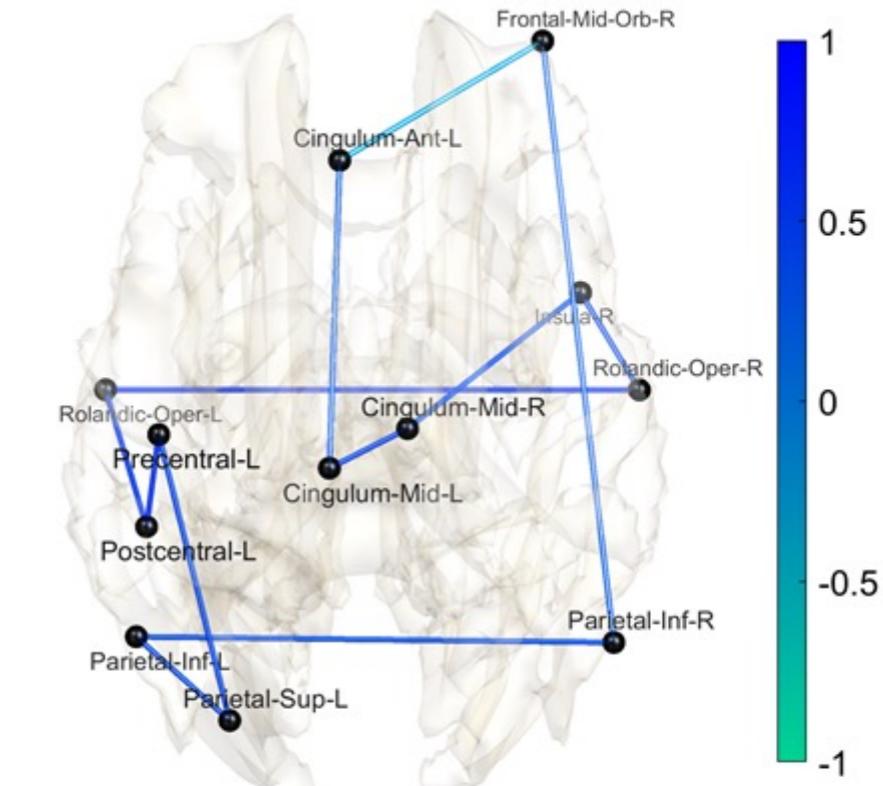
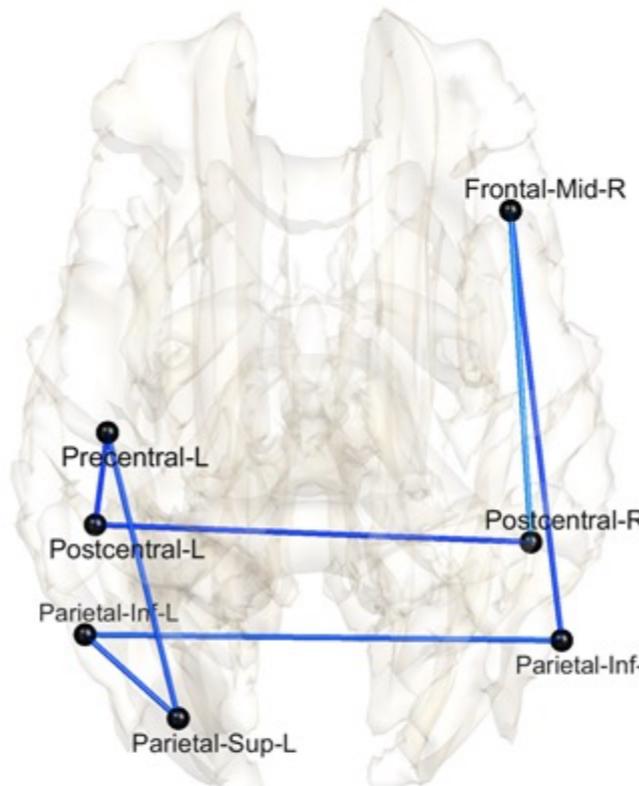
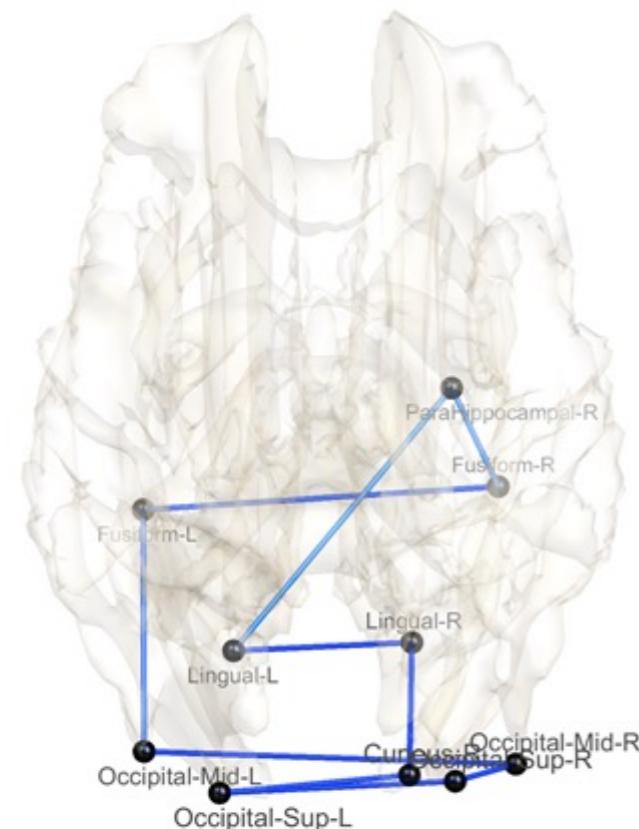
$$\text{Correlation matrix} = \sum_{j=1}^Q \alpha_j \mathcal{C}^j$$

Least squares estimation

Test statistic:

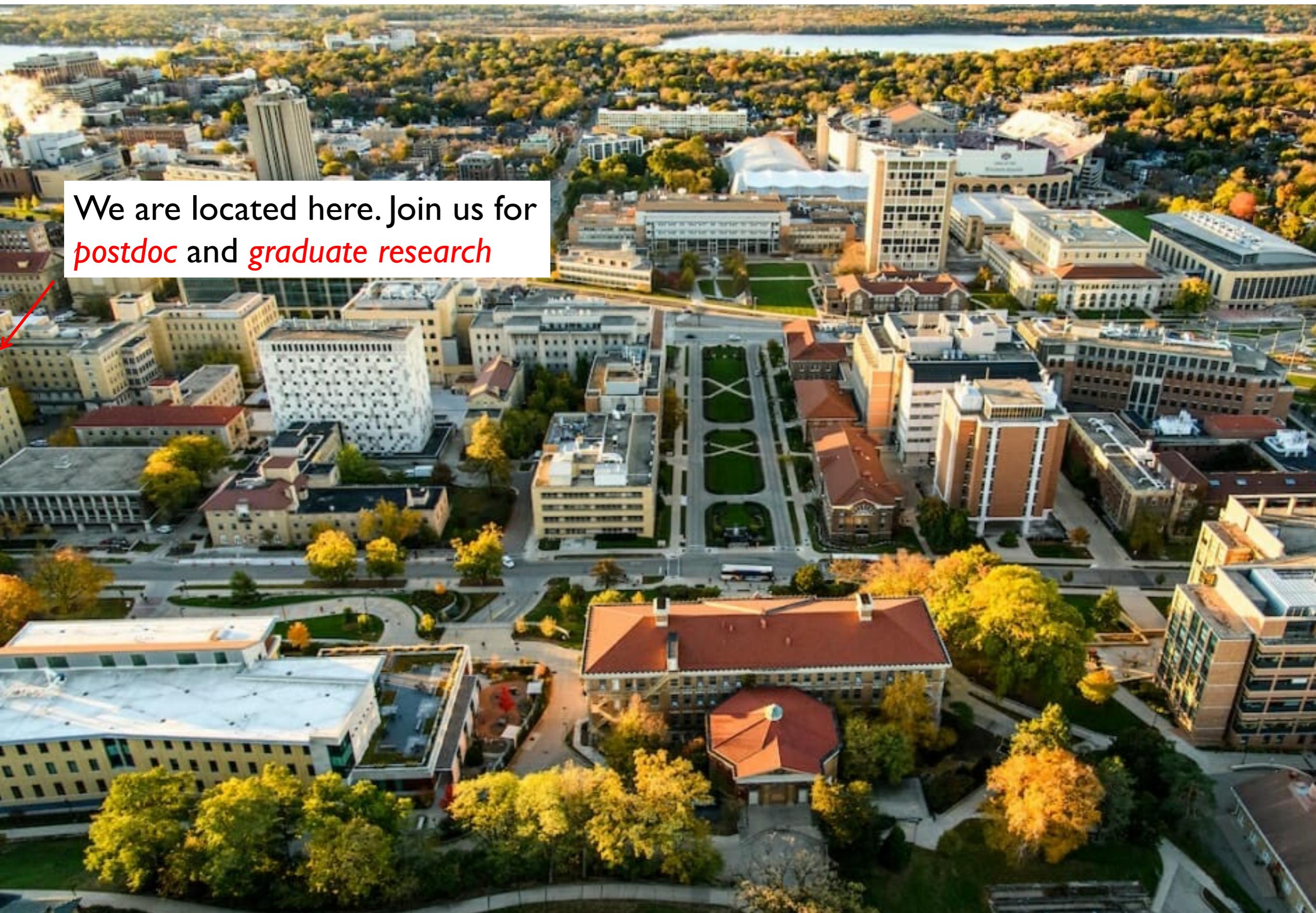
$$T(\text{Group1}, \text{Group2}) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq Q} |\bar{\alpha}_j^{\text{Group1}} - \bar{\alpha}_j^{\text{Group2}}|$$

Three biggest cycle differences in male vs. female in HCP



p -value = 0.007

Thank you.

An aerial photograph of a large university campus during autumn. The campus is filled with buildings of various architectural styles, including modern glass structures and older stone buildings. The grounds are dotted with numerous trees whose leaves are a vibrant yellow and orange. In the background, a large body of water is visible under a clear sky.

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