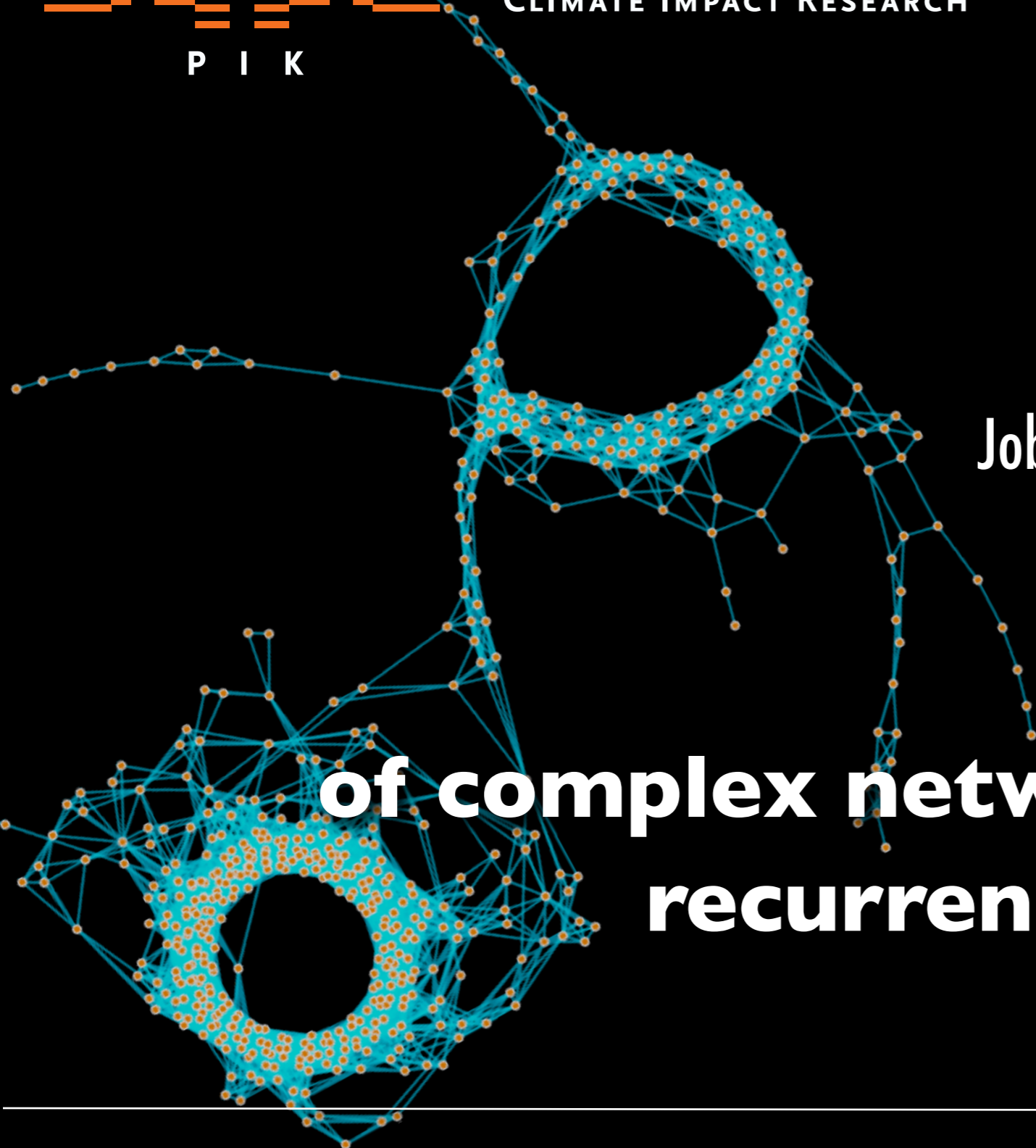




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**Duality**  
**of complex network analysis and**  
**recurrence based analysis**  
**of time series**

# Outline

## 1. Recurrence

## 2. Recurrence plots

- definition, structures, quantification, examples

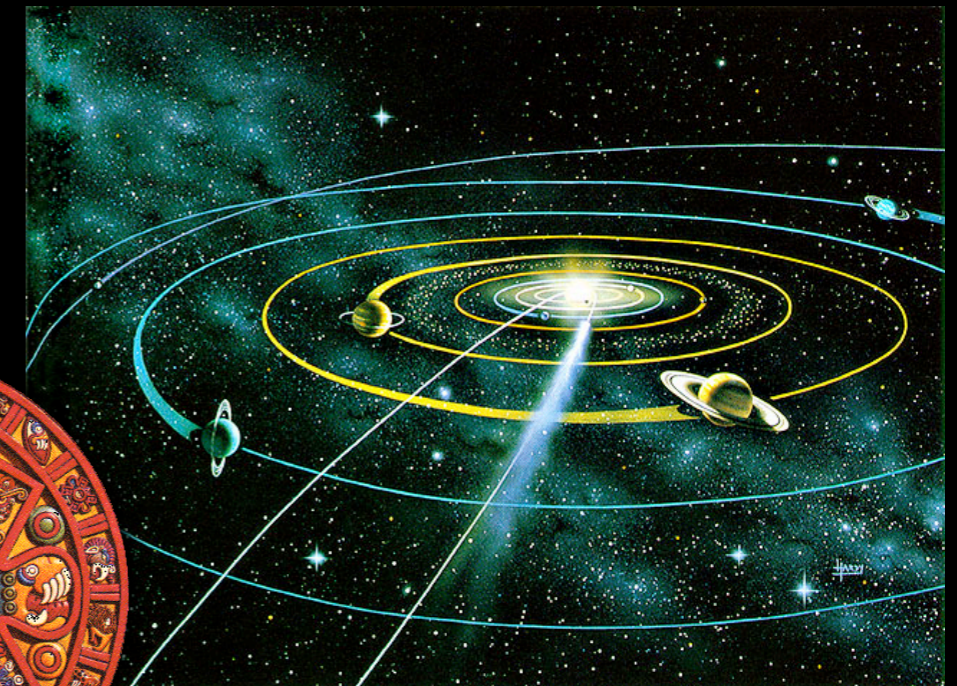
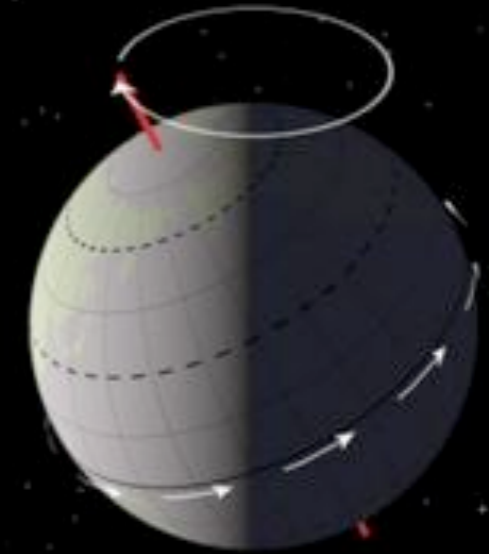
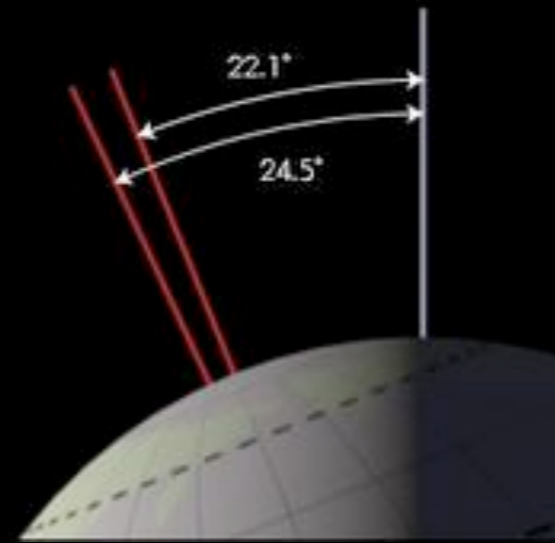
## 3. Recurrence networks

- definition, network measures, clustering, examples

# Recurrences

# Recurrence

- fundamental characteristic of many dynamical systems
- recurrences in real life:  
Milankovich cycles, weather after storm, El Niño phenomenon, heart beat after exertion, Maya calendar etc.



# Recurrence

- Anaxagoras, approx. 450 BC:  
**perichoresis: chaotic circular movement**



# Recurrence

- Poincaré, 1890:

*"a system recurs infinitely many times as close as one wishes to its initial state"*



# Investigating Recurrence

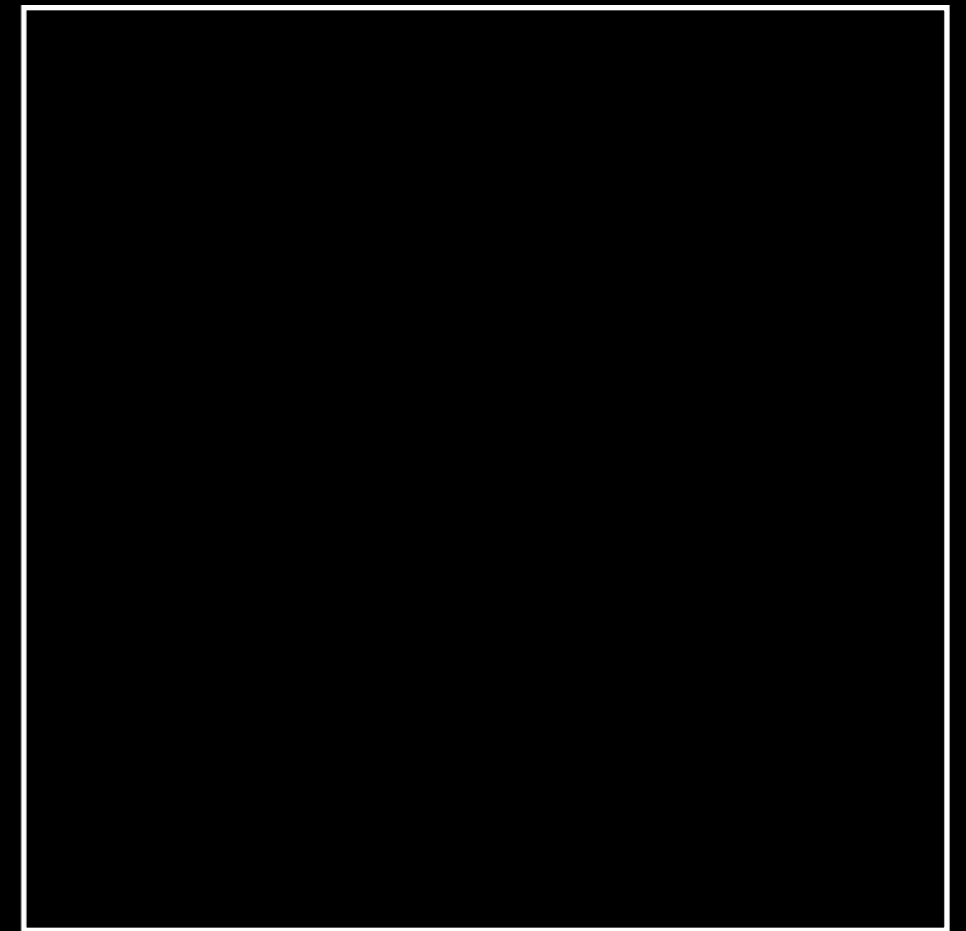
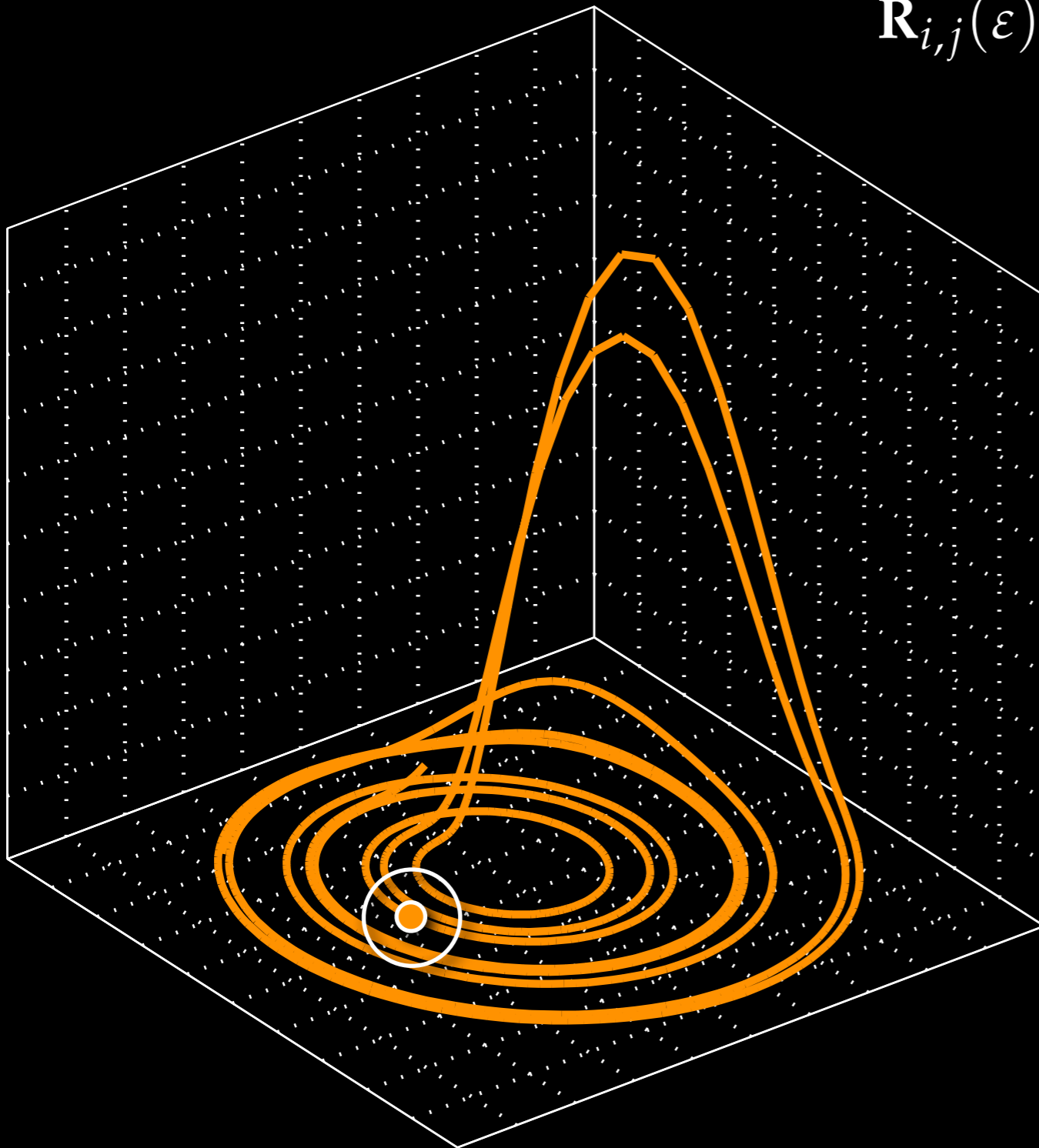
- Poincaré map
- Recurrence time statistics
- First return map
- Recurrence plot
- Recurrence network

# Recurrence Plots



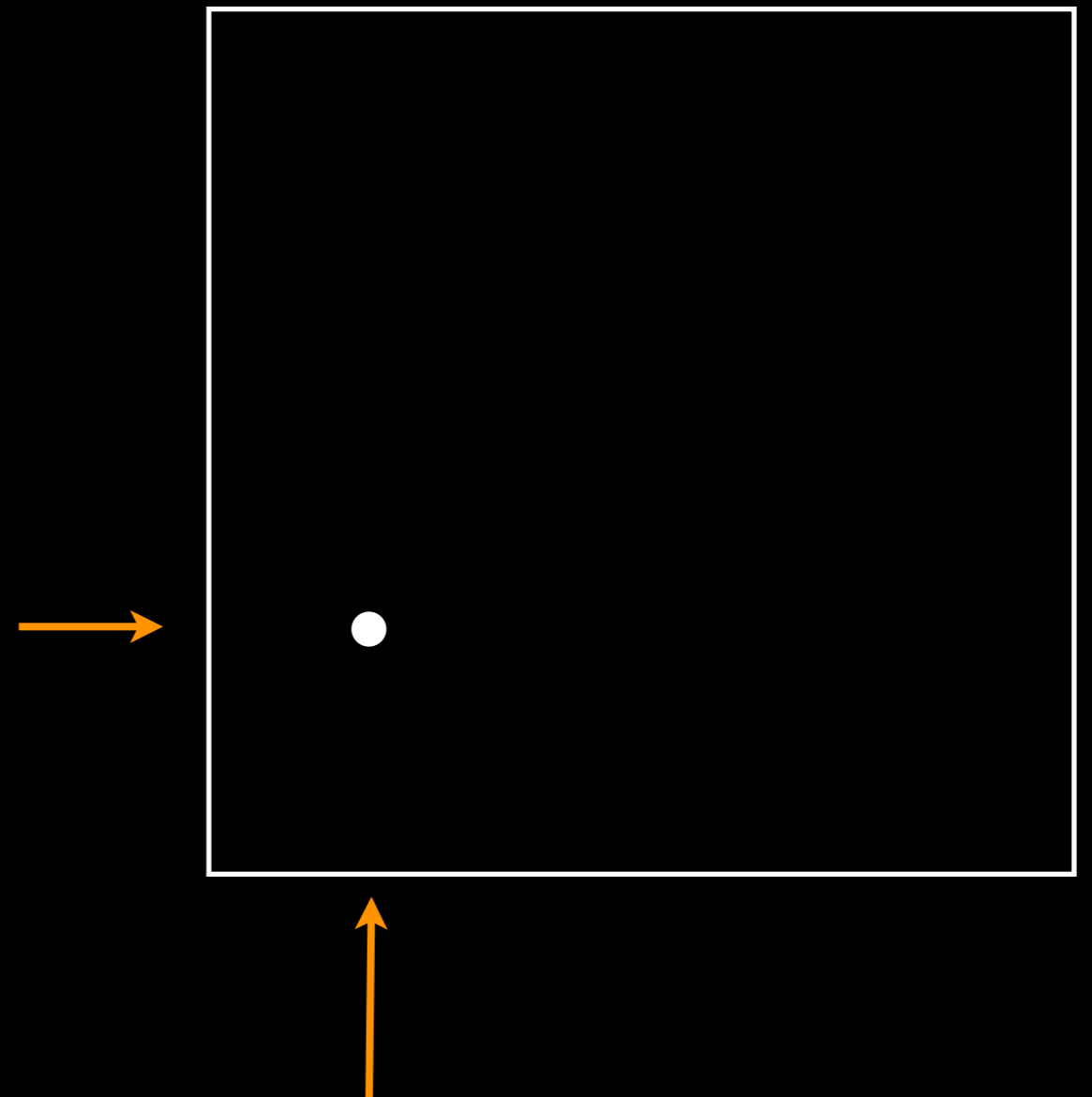
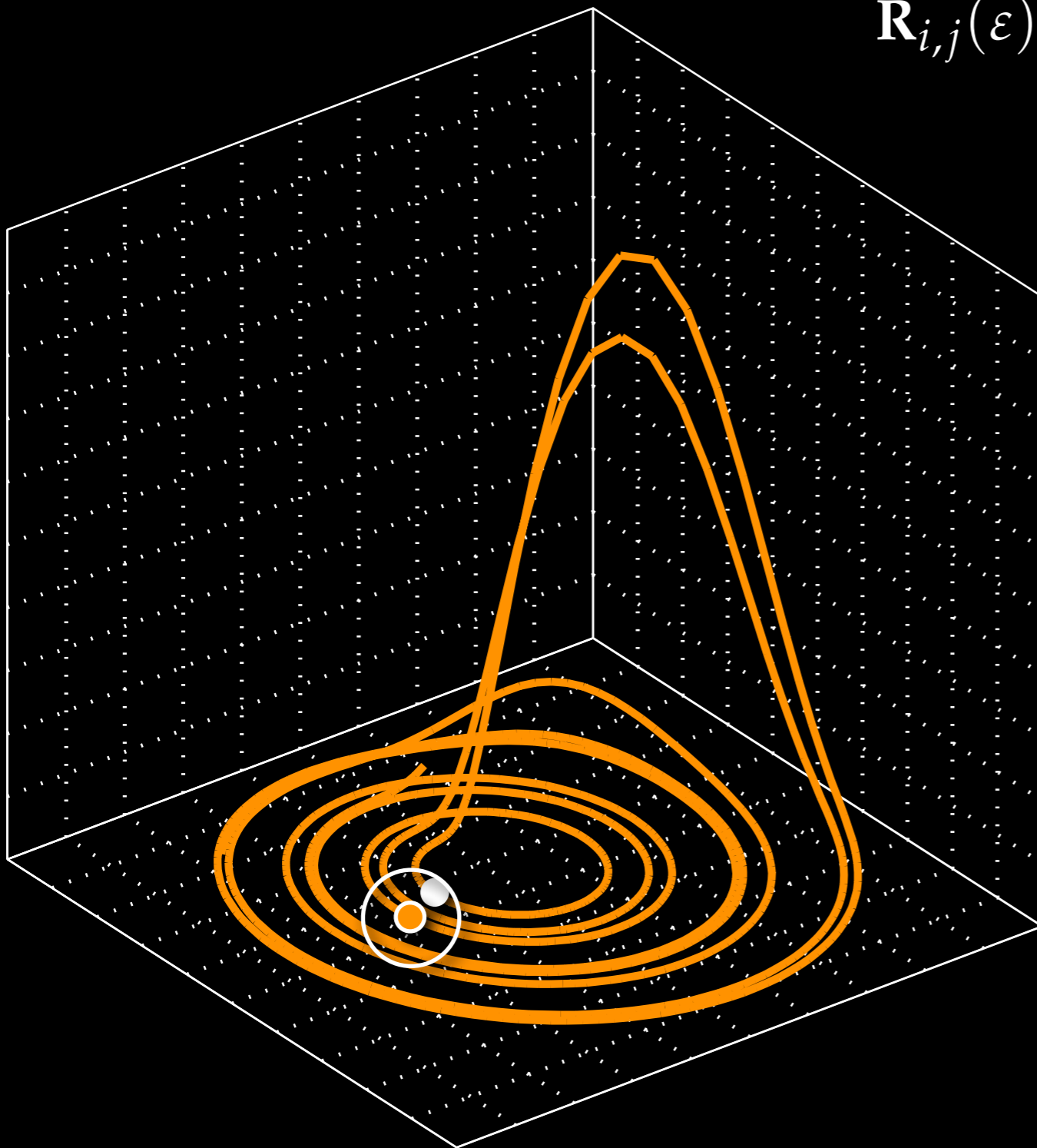
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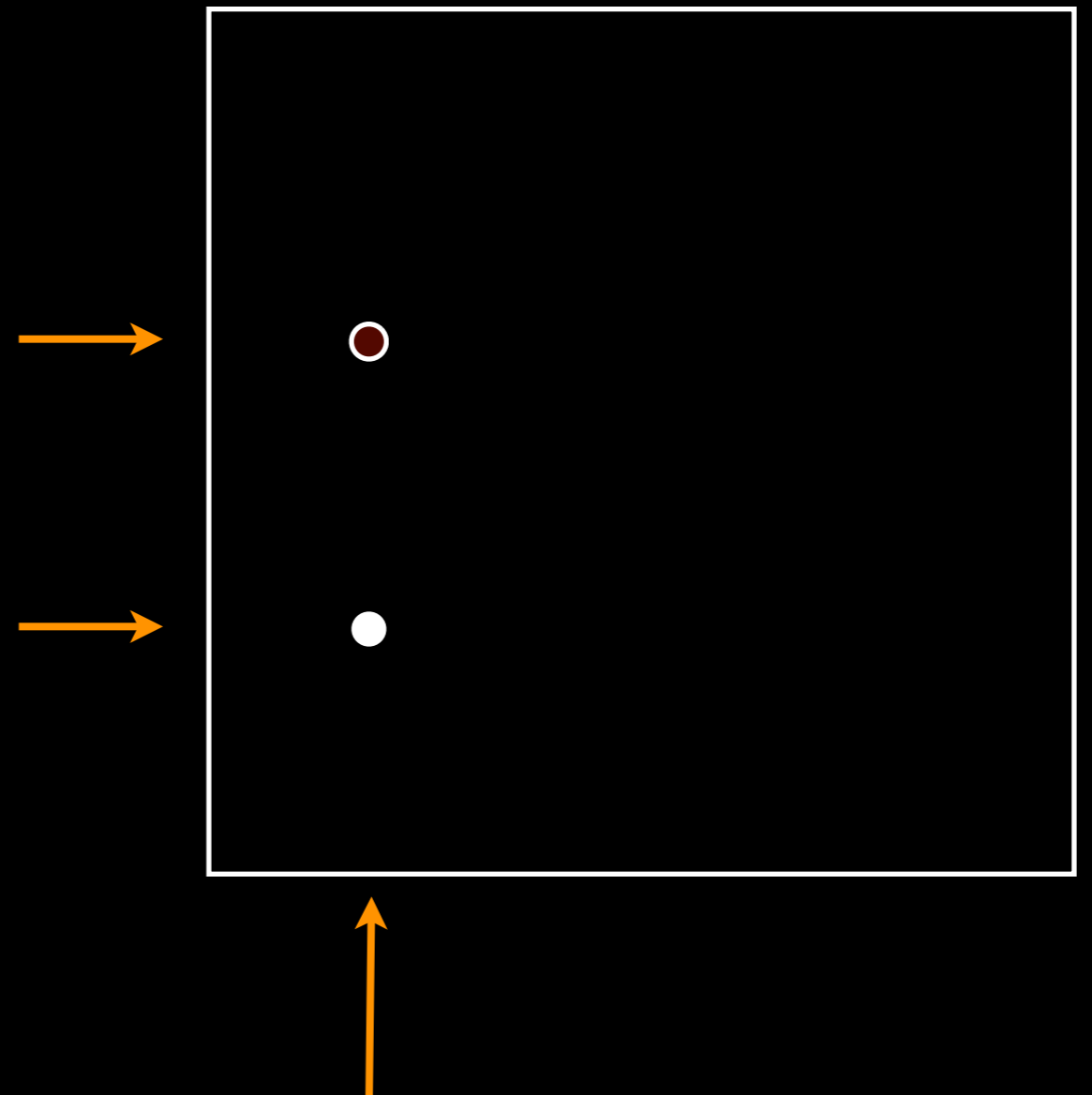
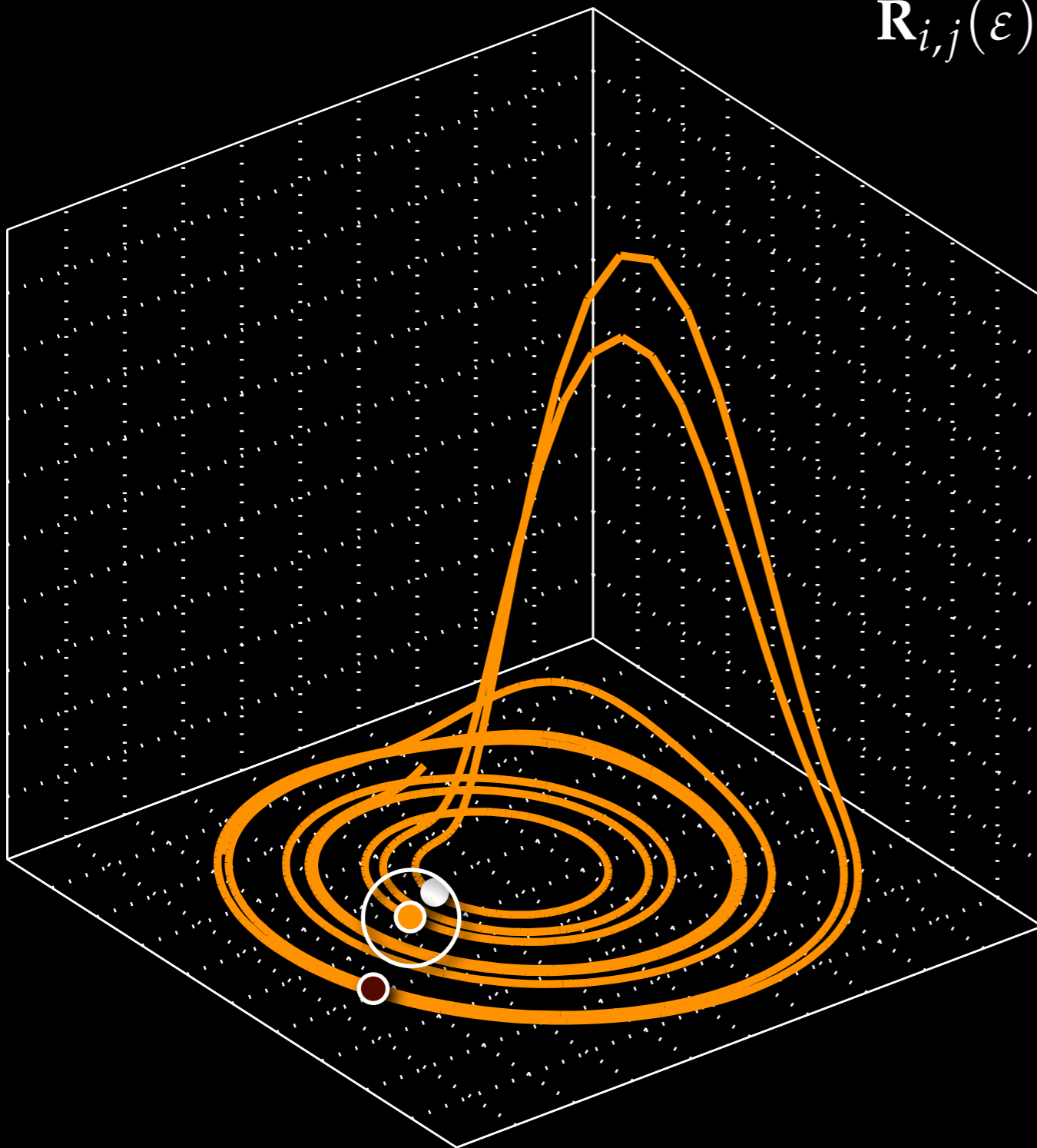
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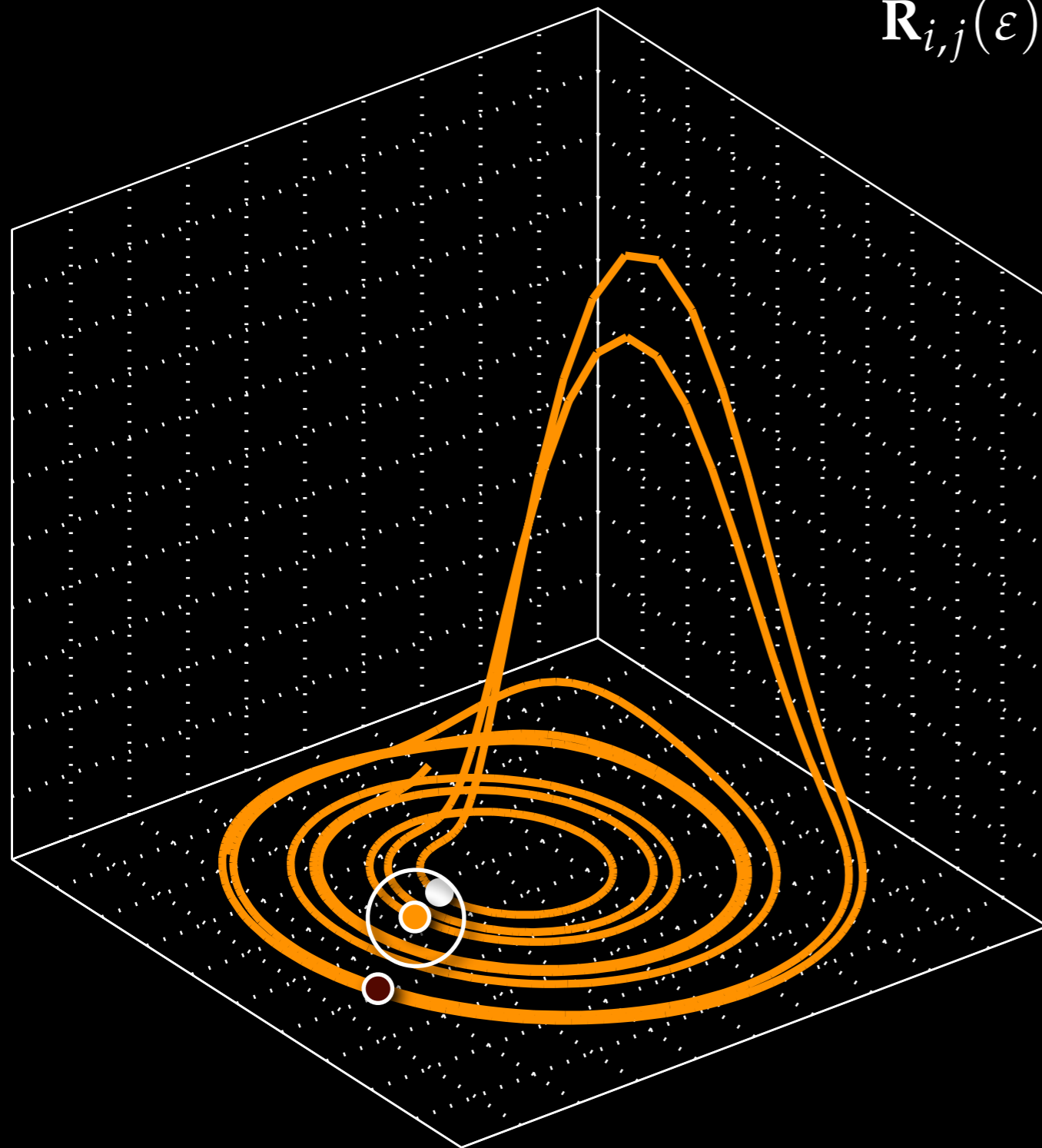
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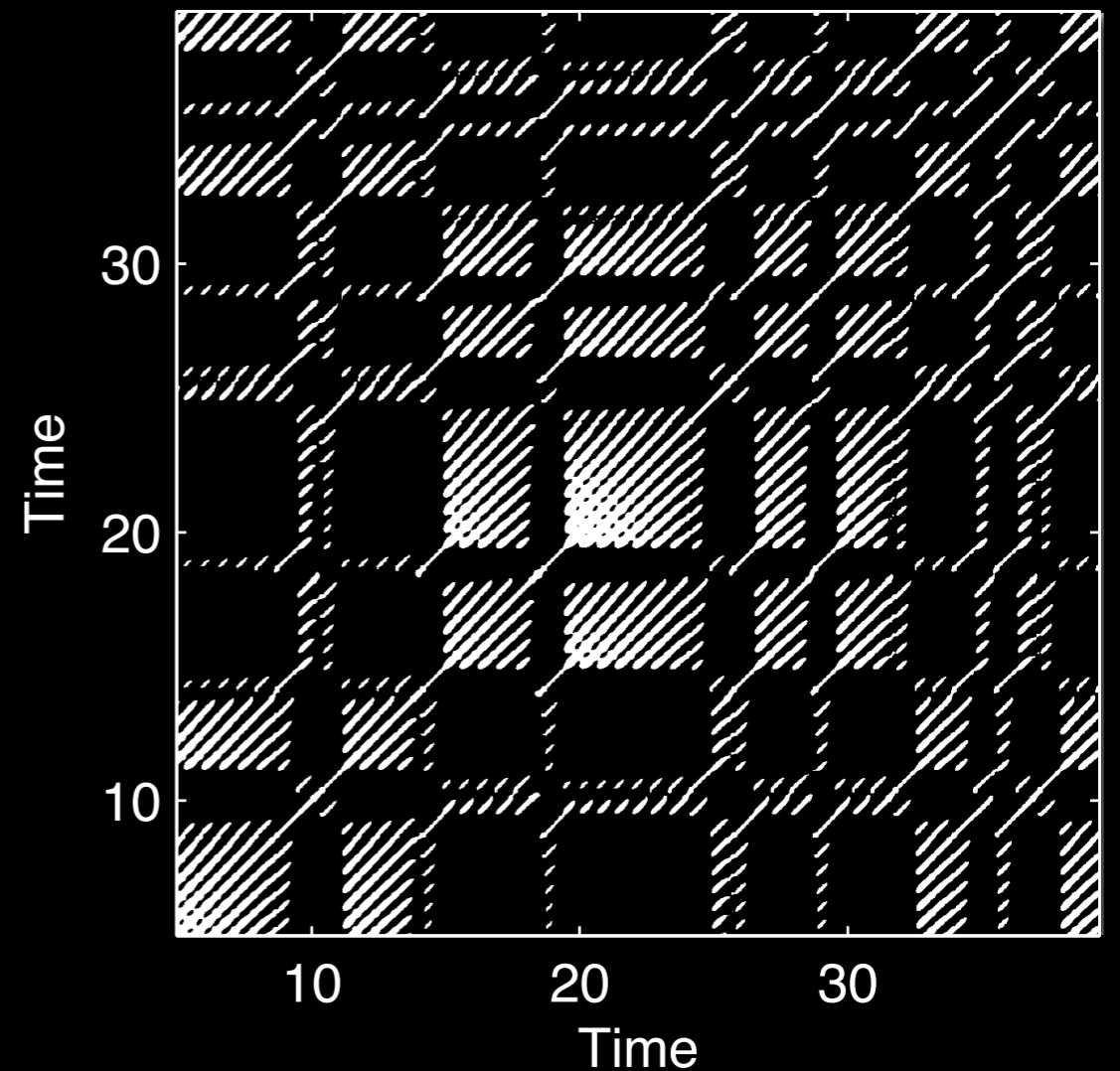


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$$\mathbf{R}_{i,j}(\varepsilon) = \Theta(\varepsilon - \|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\|), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$



Euclidean Norm



# Recurrence Plot

- to visualise the phase space trajectory by its recurrences

- recurrence matrix:

- ▶ binary

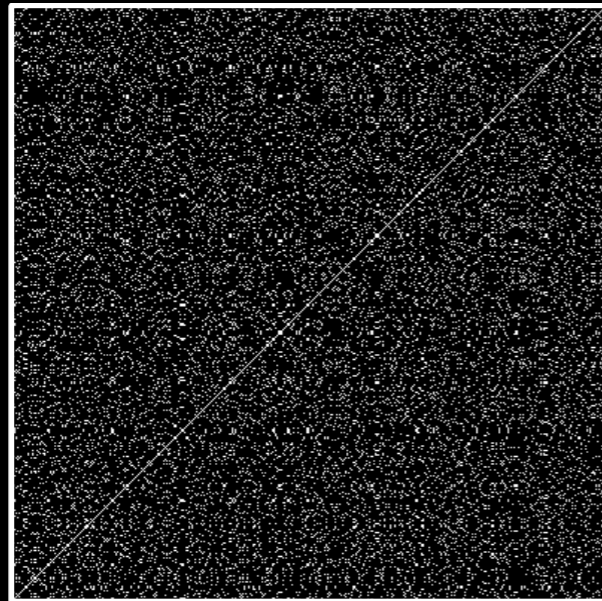
- ▶ symmetric

$$R_{i,j} =$$

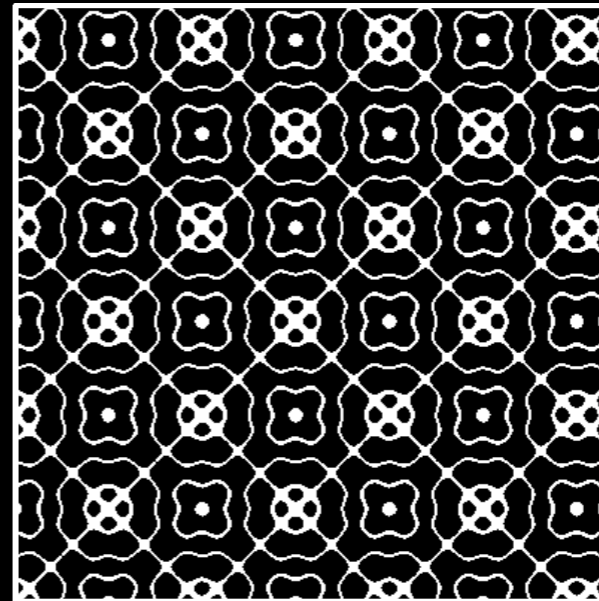
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# Recurrence Plot Typology

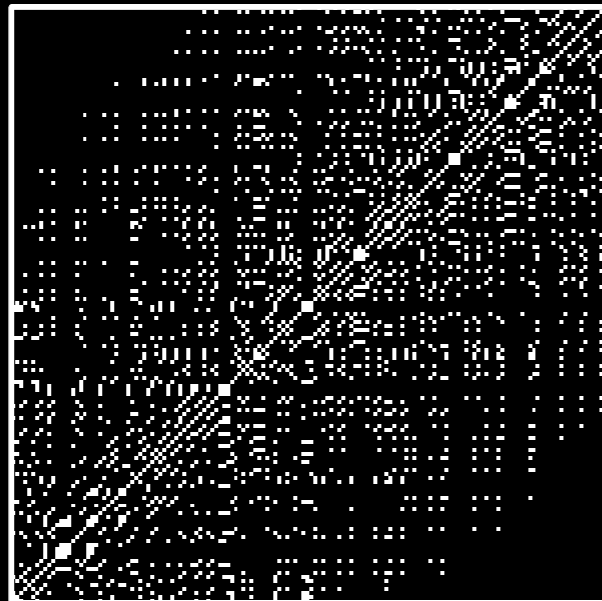
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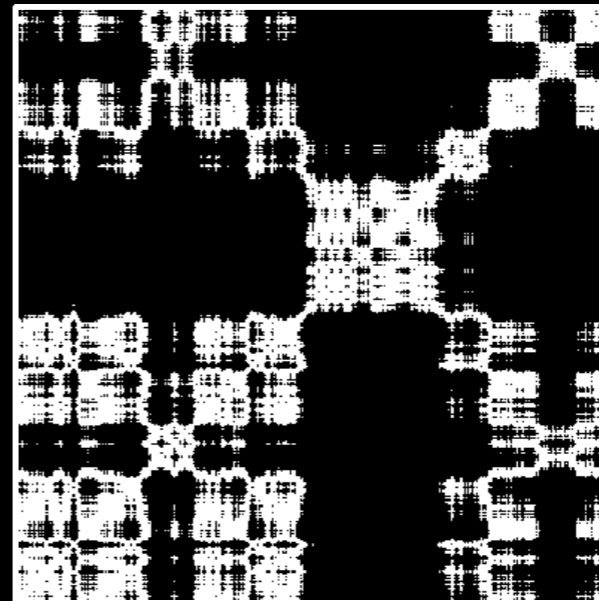
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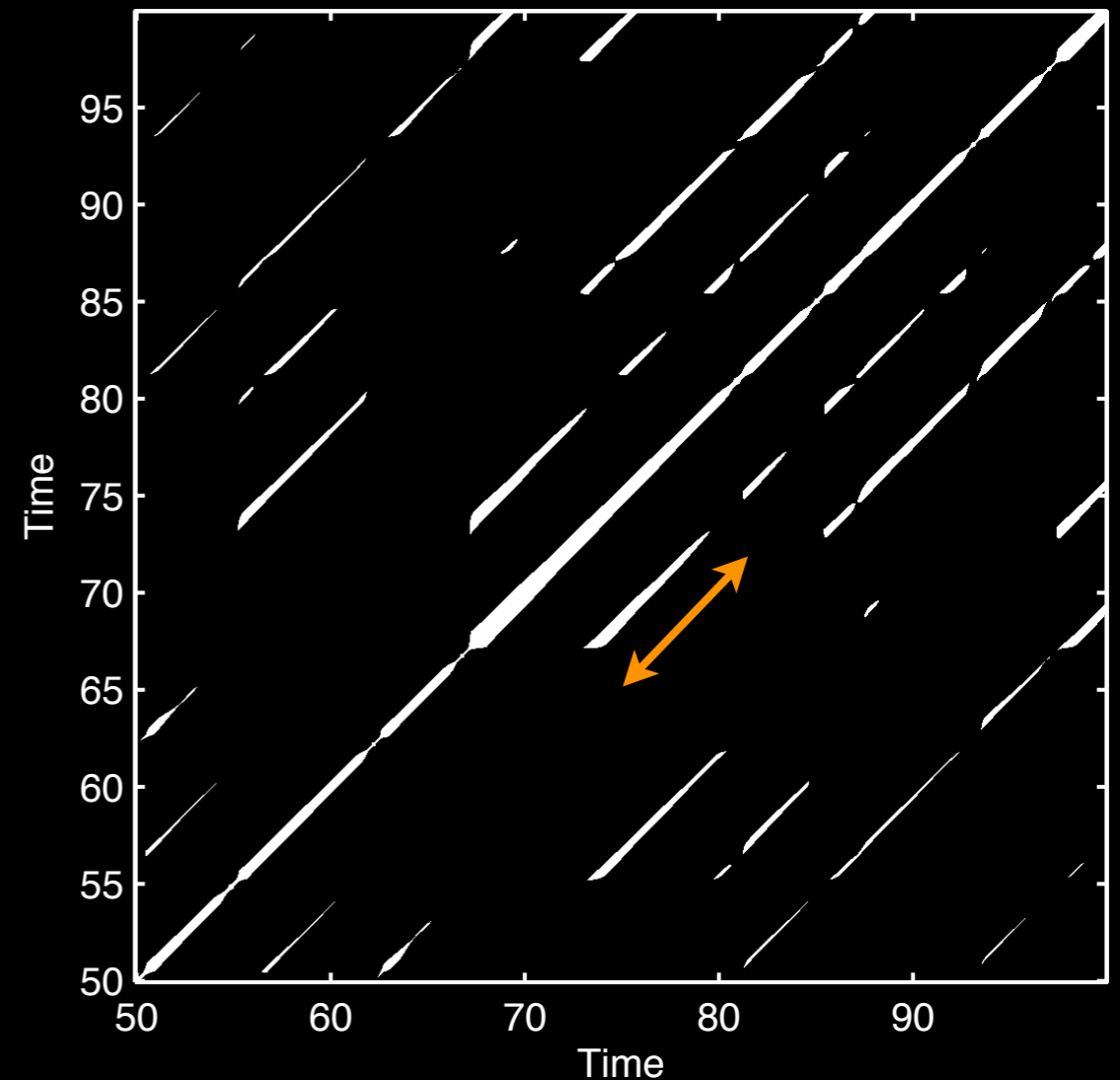
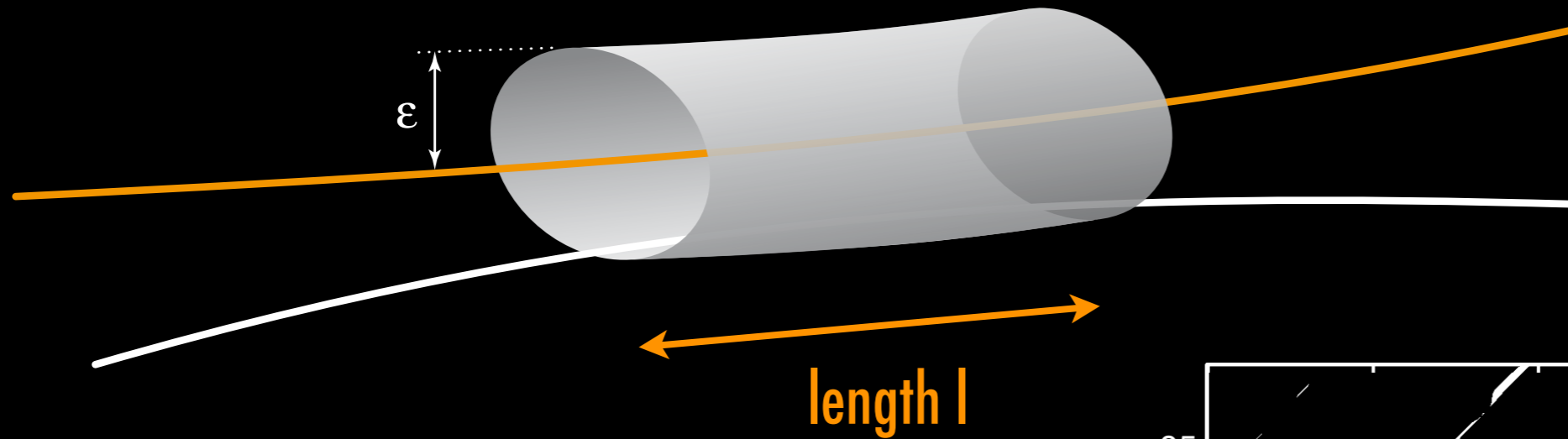
drifty



disrupted



# Recurrence Quantification



- number of lines of exactly length  $l$ 
  - ▶ histogram  $P(l)$

# Recurrence Quantification

- Determinism

$$DET = \frac{\sum_{l=l_{\min}}^N l P(l)}{\sum_{l=1}^N l P(l)}$$

Probability that recurrences further recur

- Laminarity

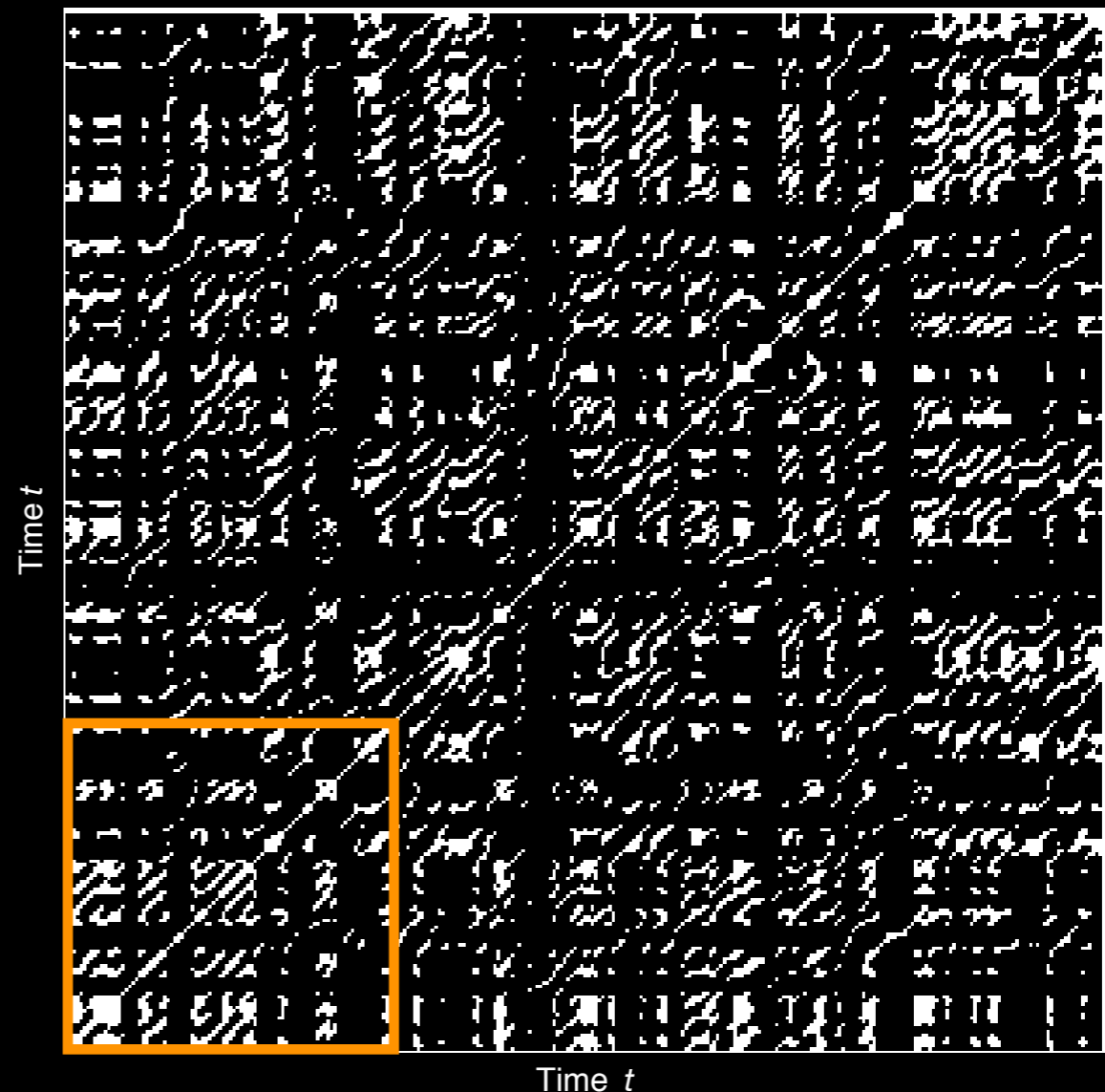
$$LAM = \frac{\sum_{v=v_{\min}}^N v P(v)}{\sum_{v=1}^N v P(v)}$$

Probability that a certain recurrent state further recurs



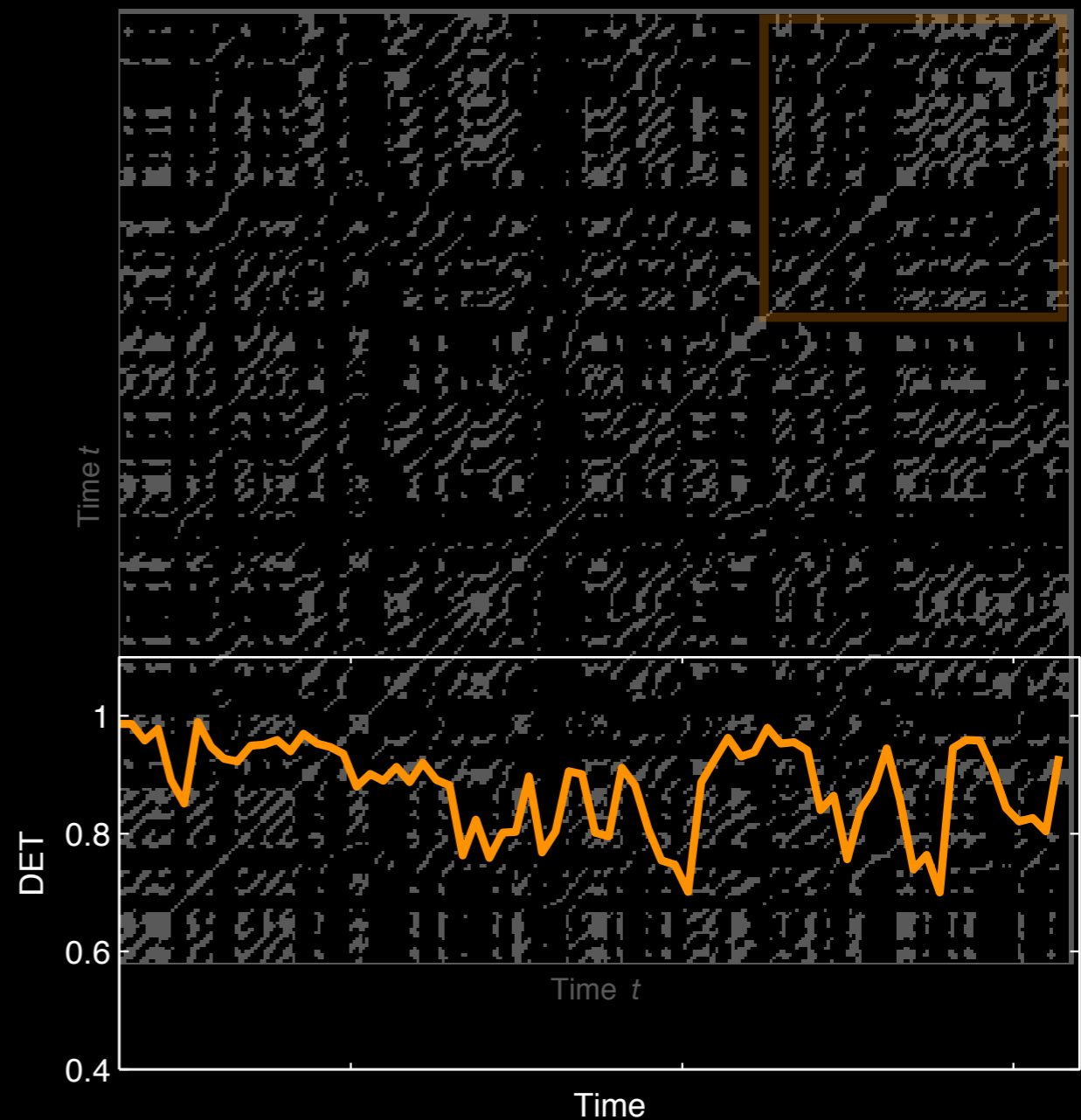
# Recurrence Quantification

- Time dependent analysis:
  - ▶ sliding windows over RP
- Detection of transitions

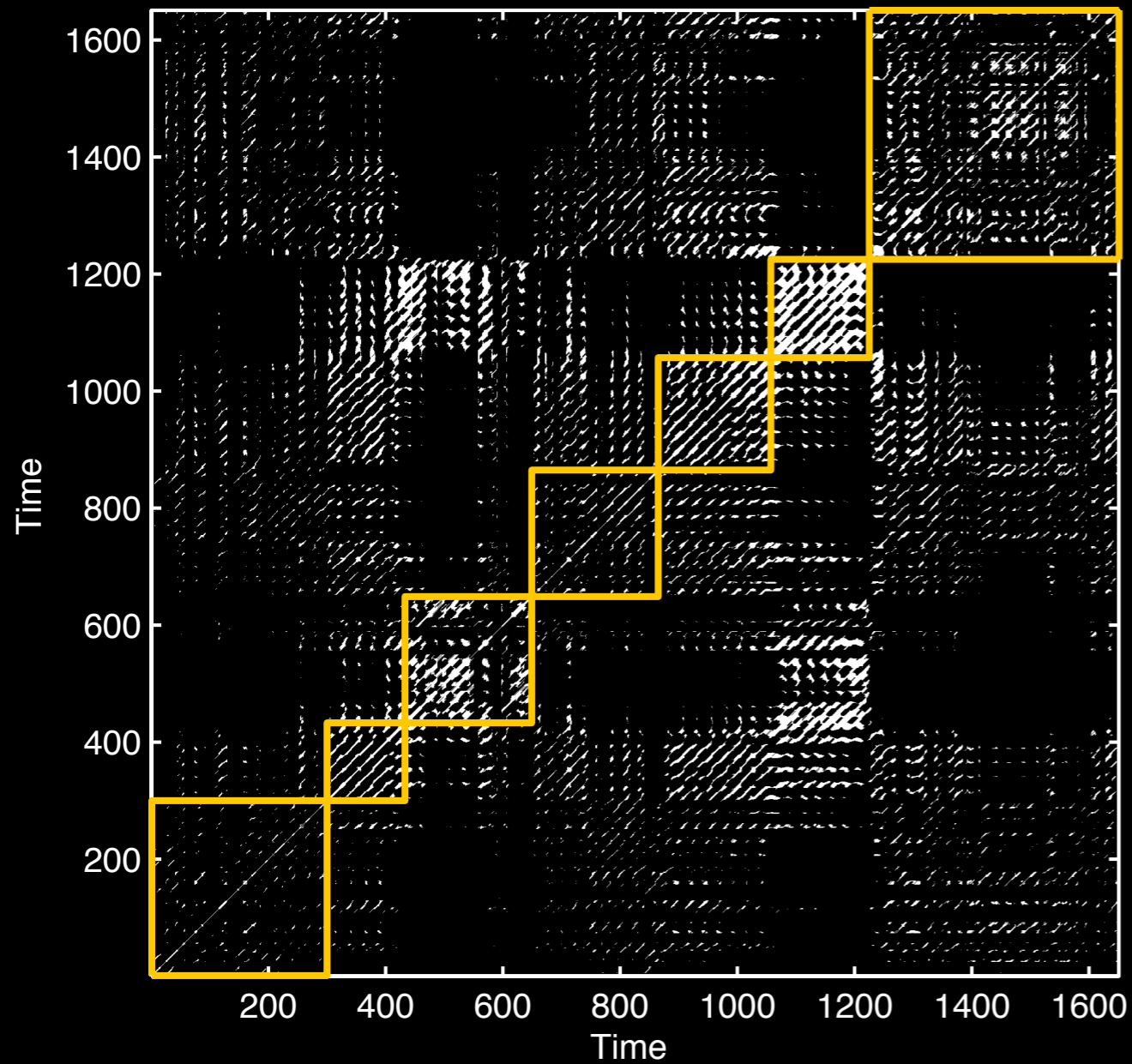


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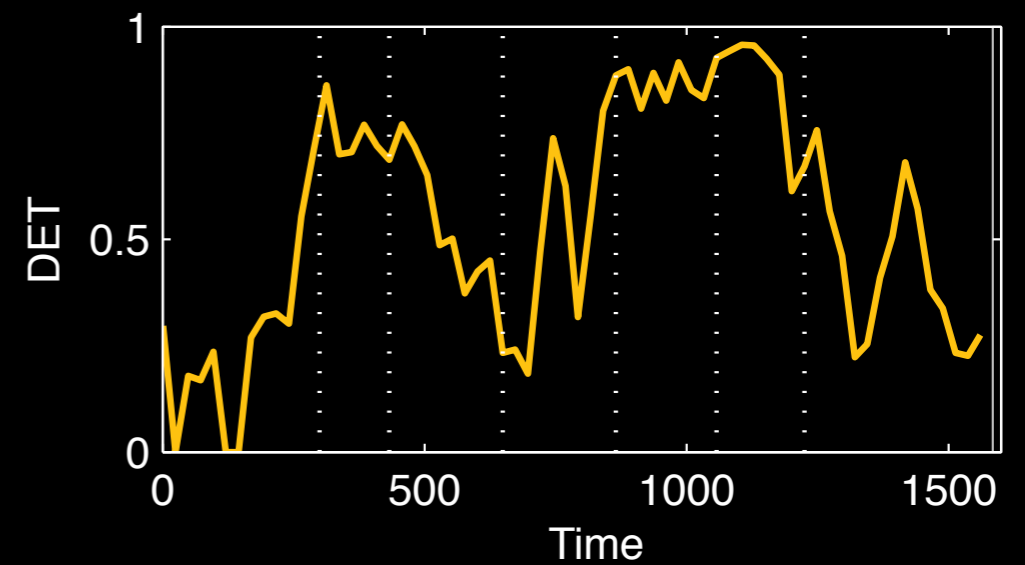
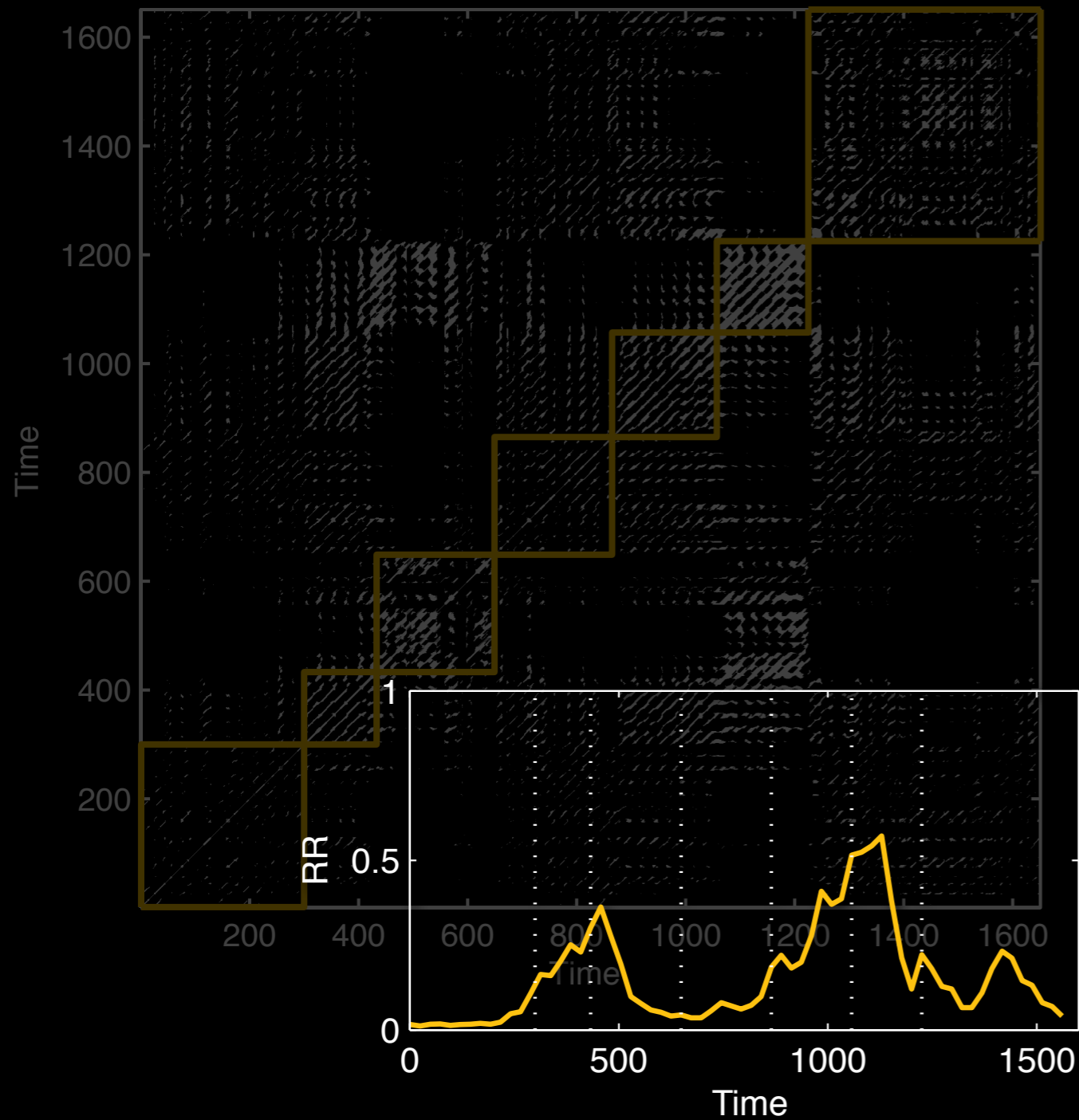
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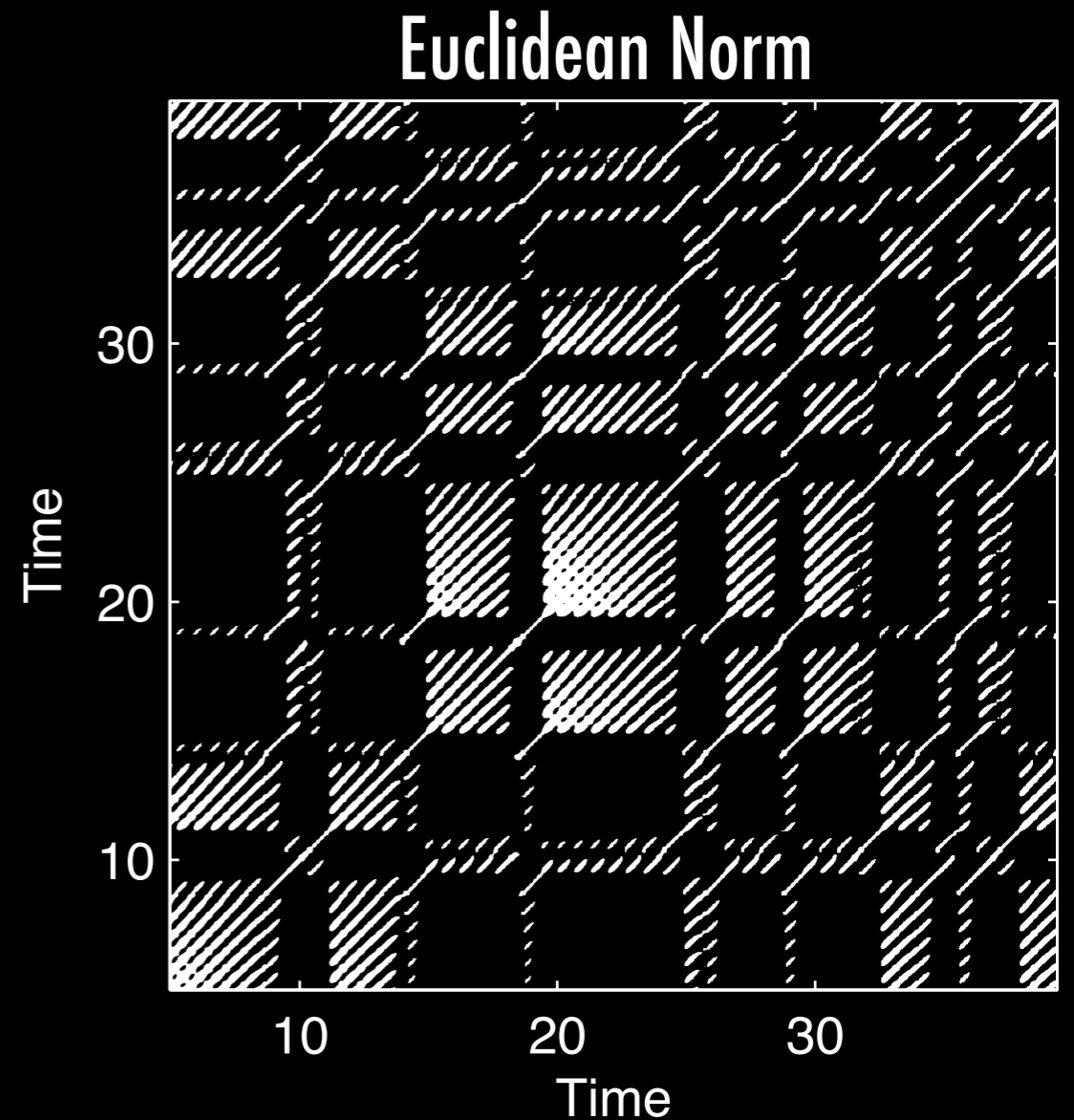


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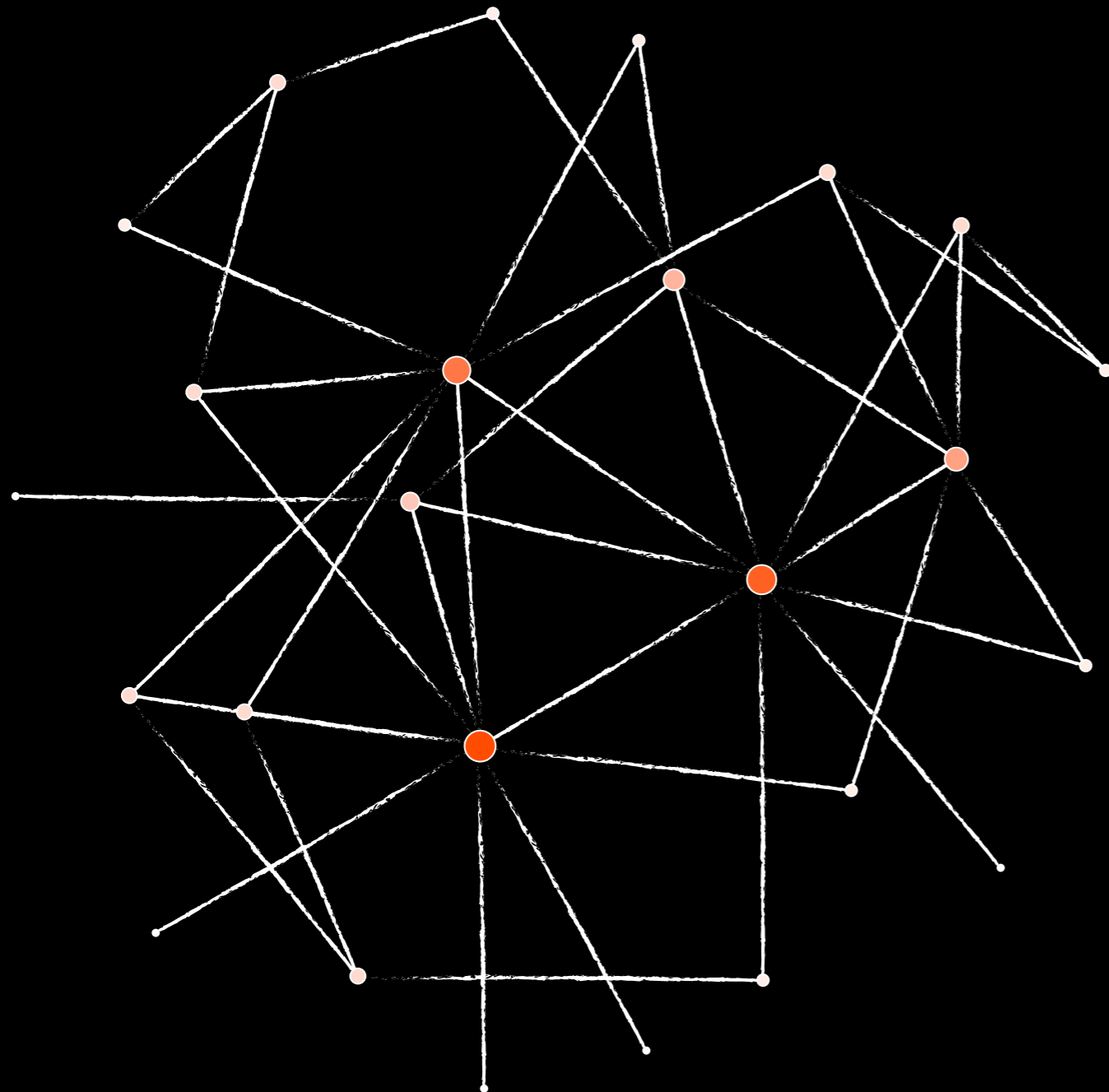
# Recurrence Plot

- Transition detection
- Differentiate dynamics
- Finding time scales
- Interrelation detection
- Synchronisation analysis
- Surrogates
- Recurrence time statistics
- etc.



# Complex Networks

# Complex Networks



- link matrix (undirected, unweighted network):

- ▶ binary
- ▶ symmetric

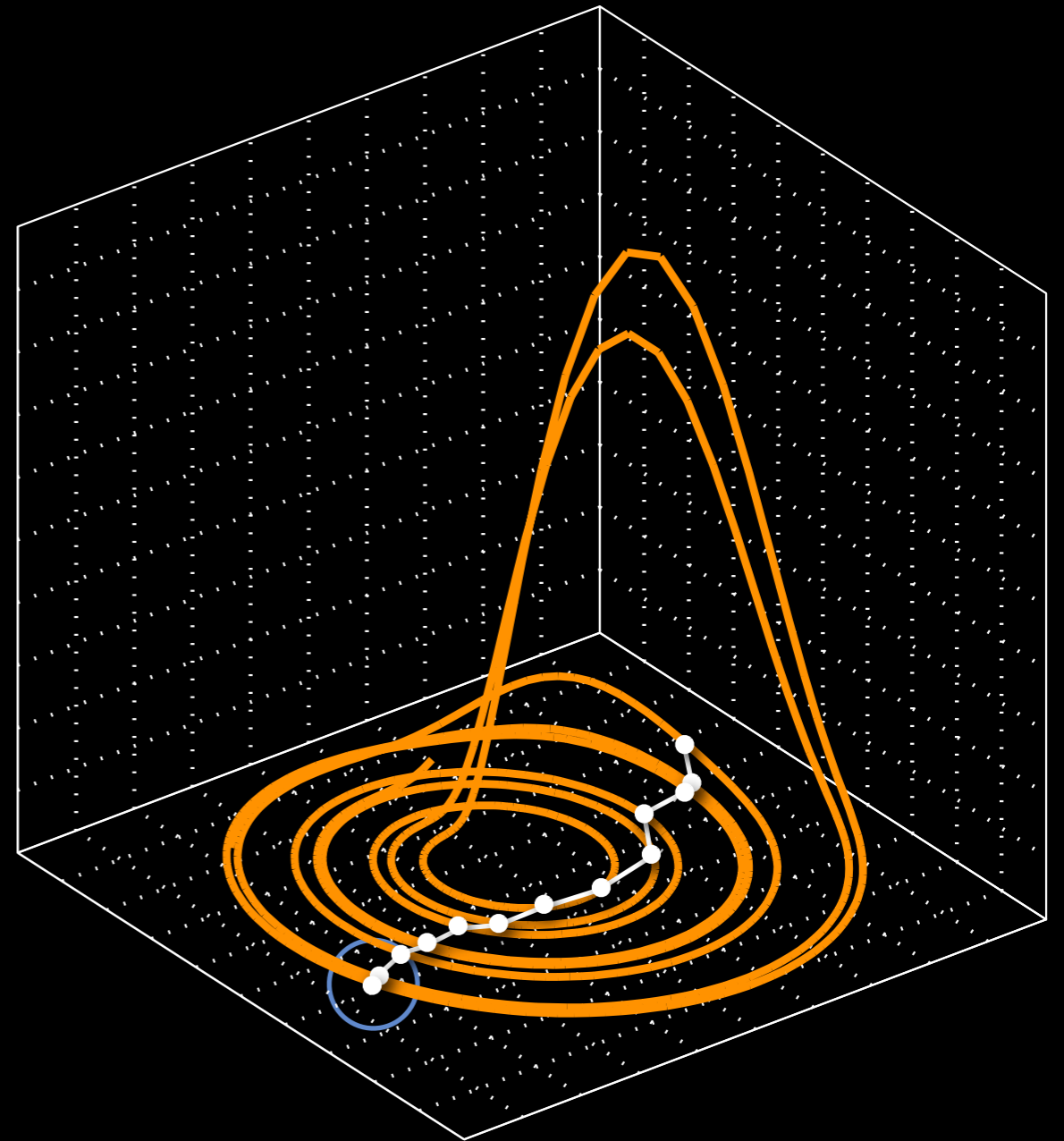
$$A_{i,j} =$$

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- ▶ link matrix: similar to recurrence plot

# Time Series Analysis using Complex Networks

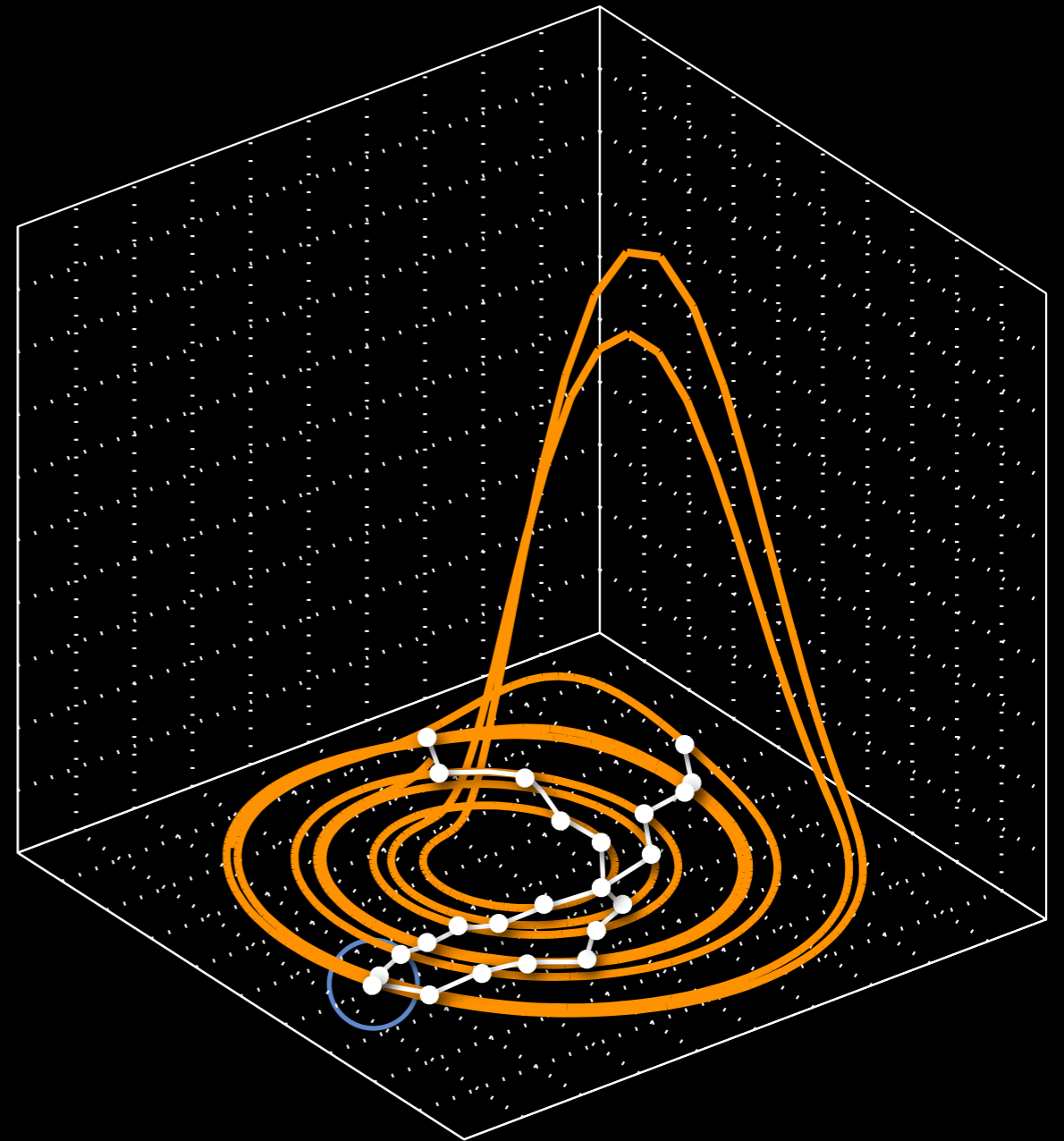
- Link matrix = recurrence matrix of time series
  - ▶ Nodes: states in phase space
  - ▶ Links: local neighbours of states (i.e. recurrence)
- Path: connected neighbourhoods





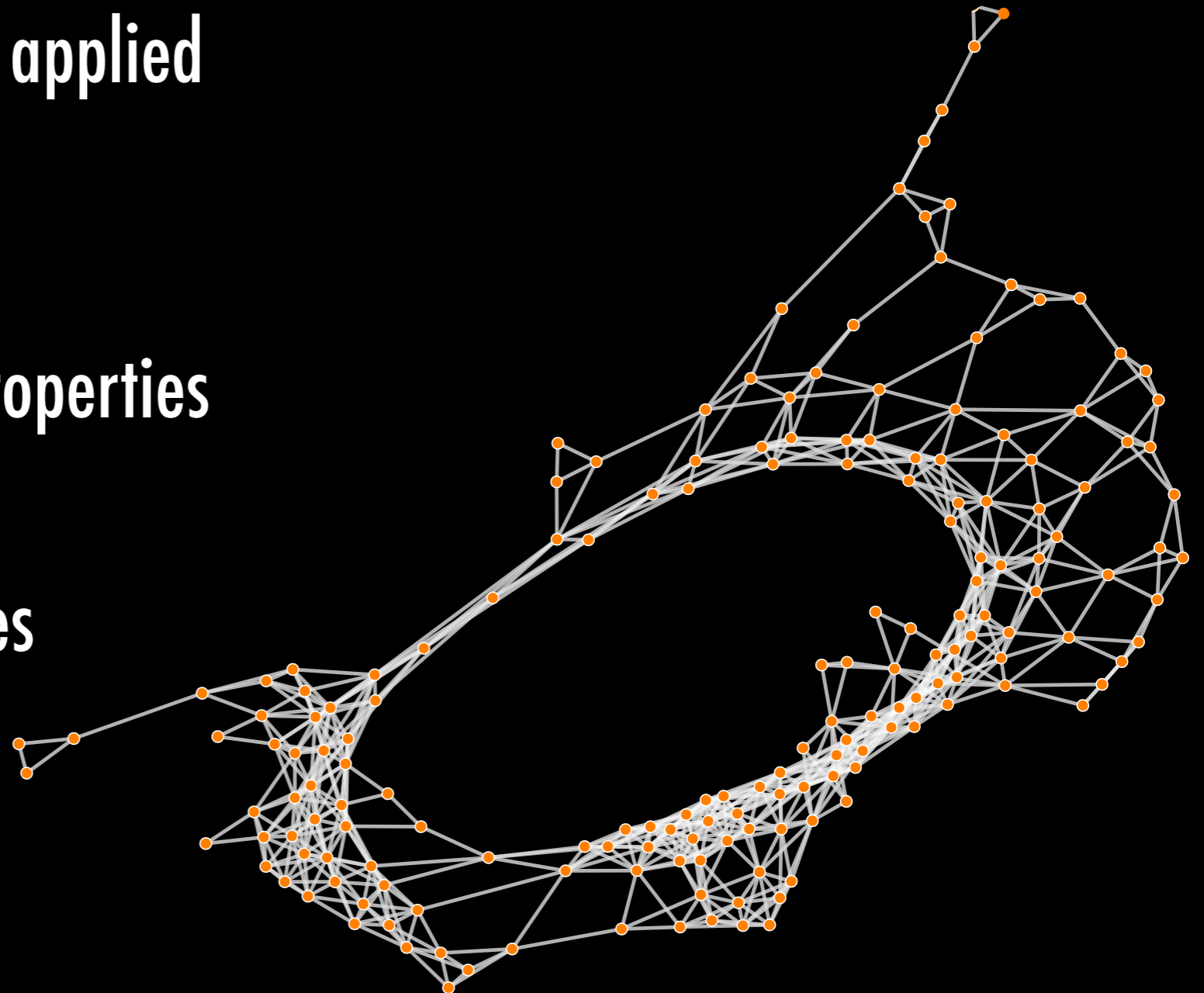
# Time Series Analysis using Complex Networks

- Path: connected neighbourhoods
  - ▶ no causal path!
  - ▶ shortcuts using neighbourhoods
  - ▶ no small-world shortcuts



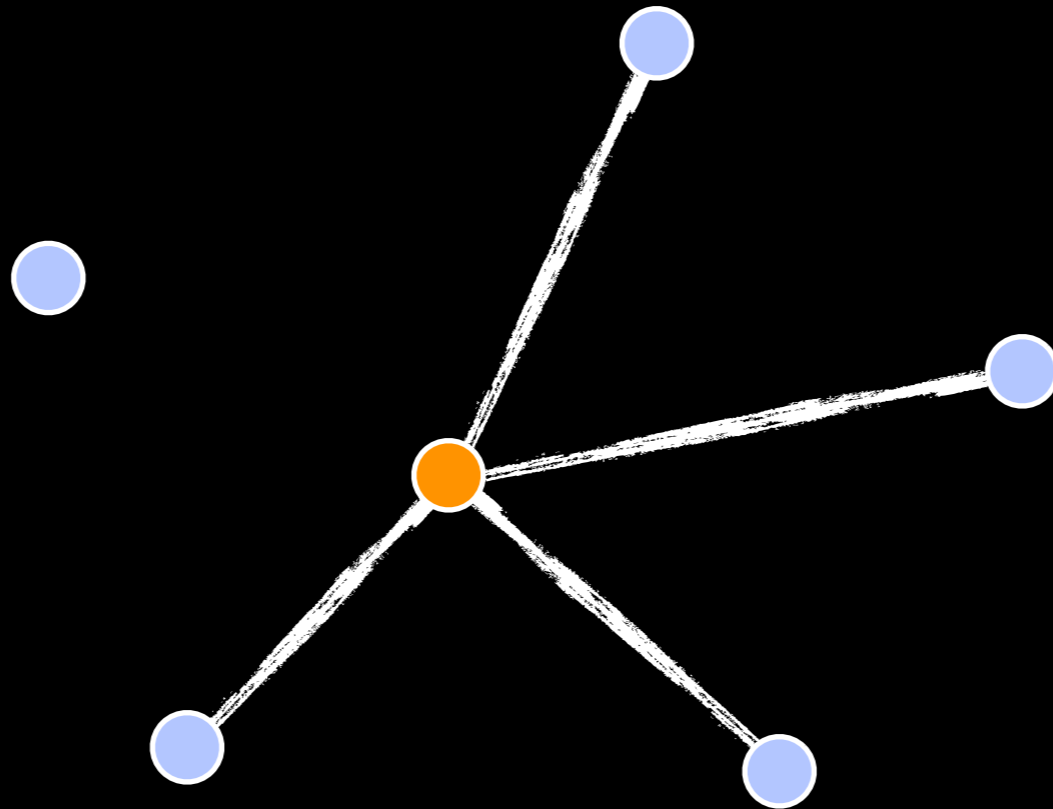
# Time Series Analysis using Complex Networks

- Complex network measures applied to recurrence plot
  - ▶ measures of complexity explaining topological properties of complex systems
  - ▶ local and global measures
- „recurrence network“

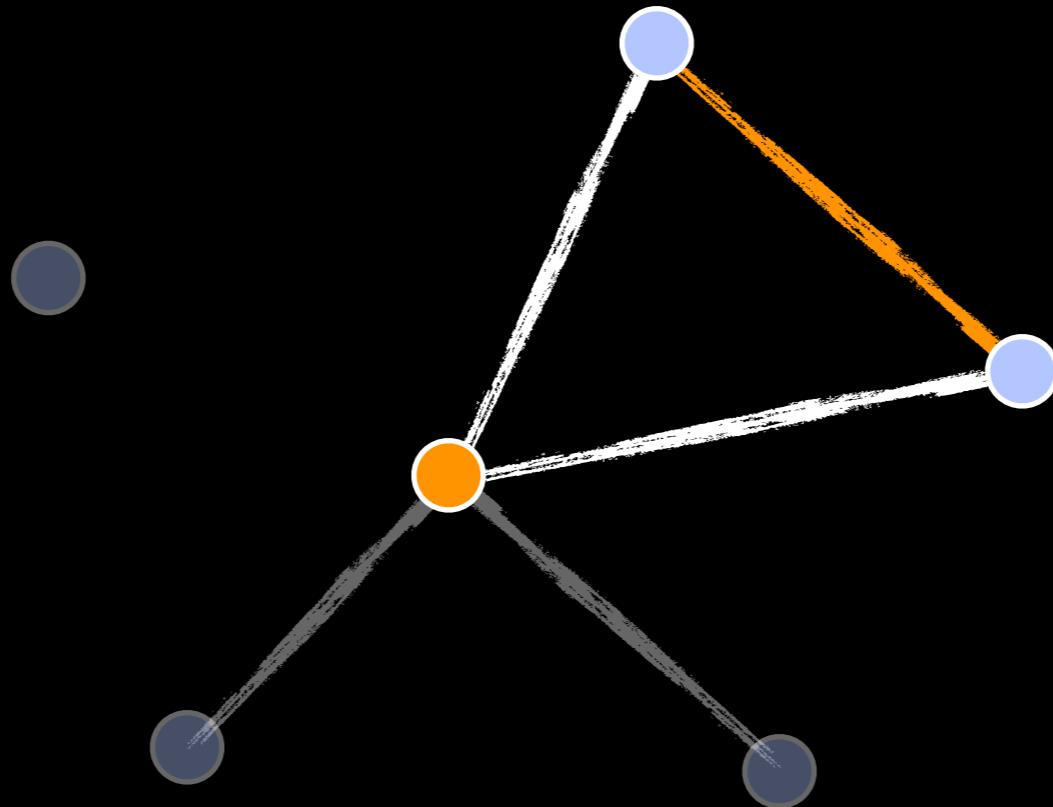


Scale	Network measure	Phase space
Local	link density	global recurrence rate
	degree centrality	local recurrence rate
Intermediate	clustering coefficient	invariant objects, local dimension
	local degree anomaly	local heterogeneity of phase space density
	assortativity	continuity of phase space density
	matching index	twinness
Global	average path length	mean phase space separation
	network diameter	phase space diameter
	closeness centrality	local centeredness in phase space
	betweenness centrality	local attractor fractionation
	global transitivity/ clustering	regular dynamics
	motif distribution	dynamical classification

# Clustering Coefficient

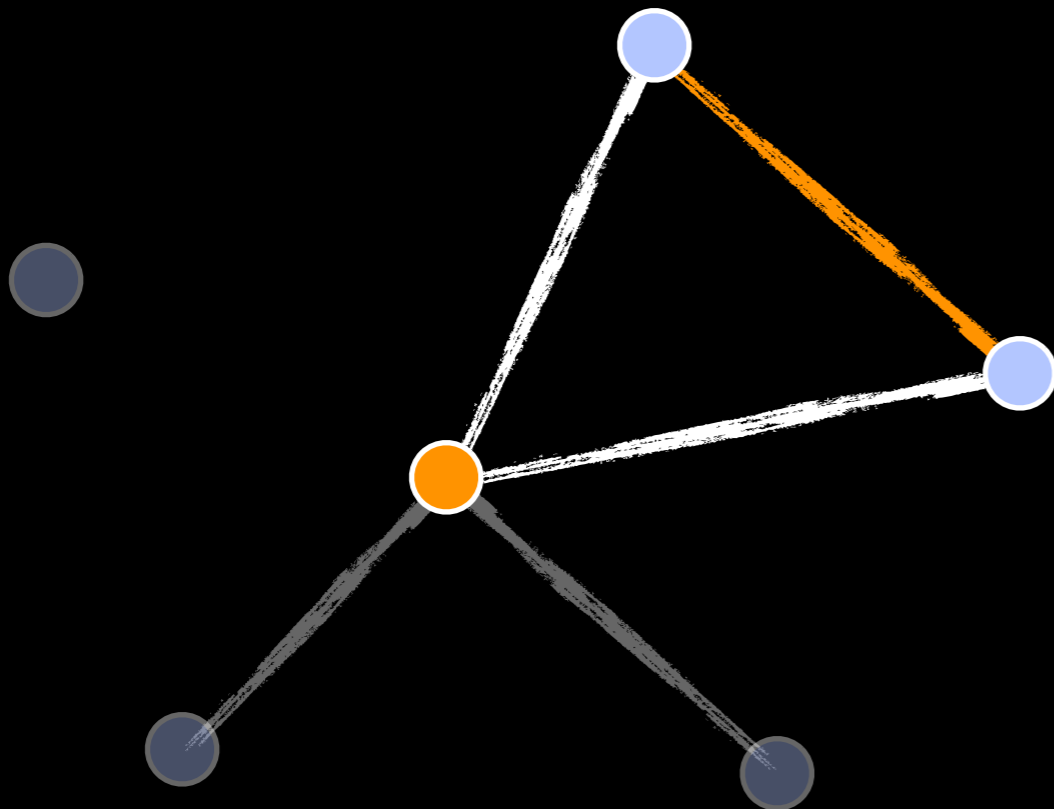


# Clustering Coefficient



- ▶ probability that neighbours of a node are also connected

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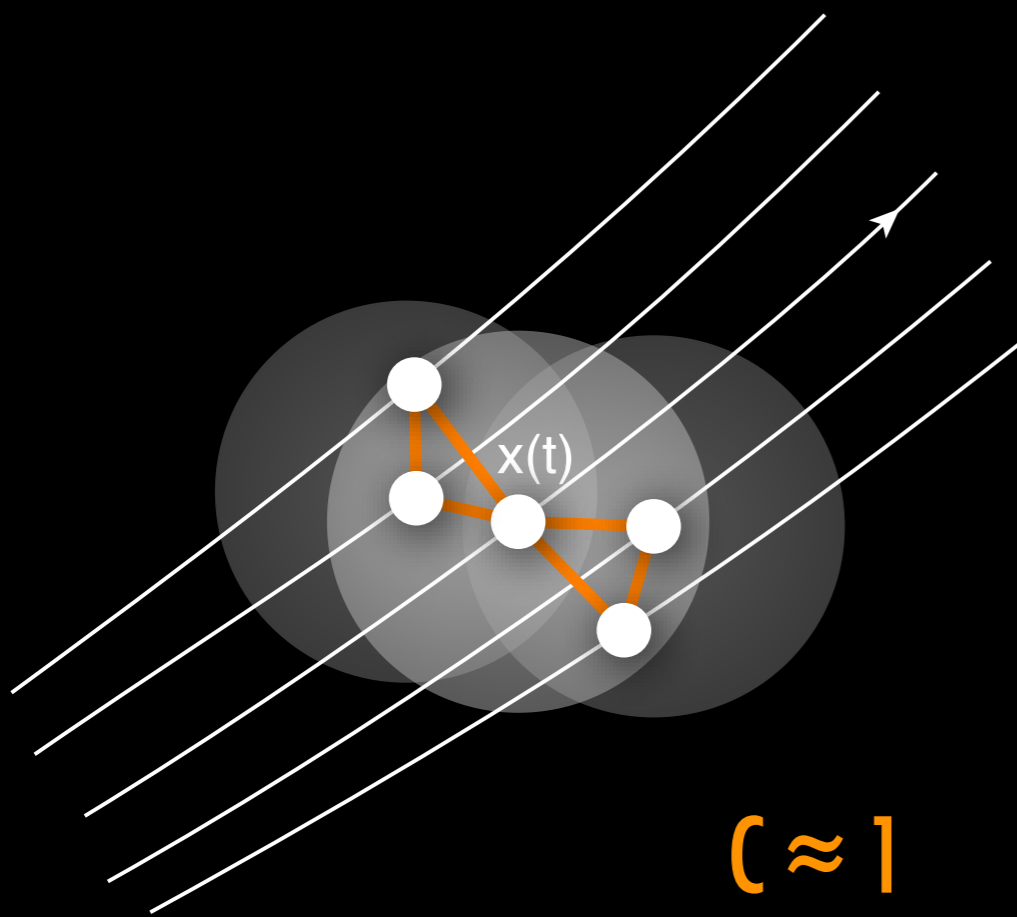


$$C_v = \frac{\sum_{i,j} A_{v,i} A_{i,j} A_{j,v}}{k_v(k_v - 1)}$$

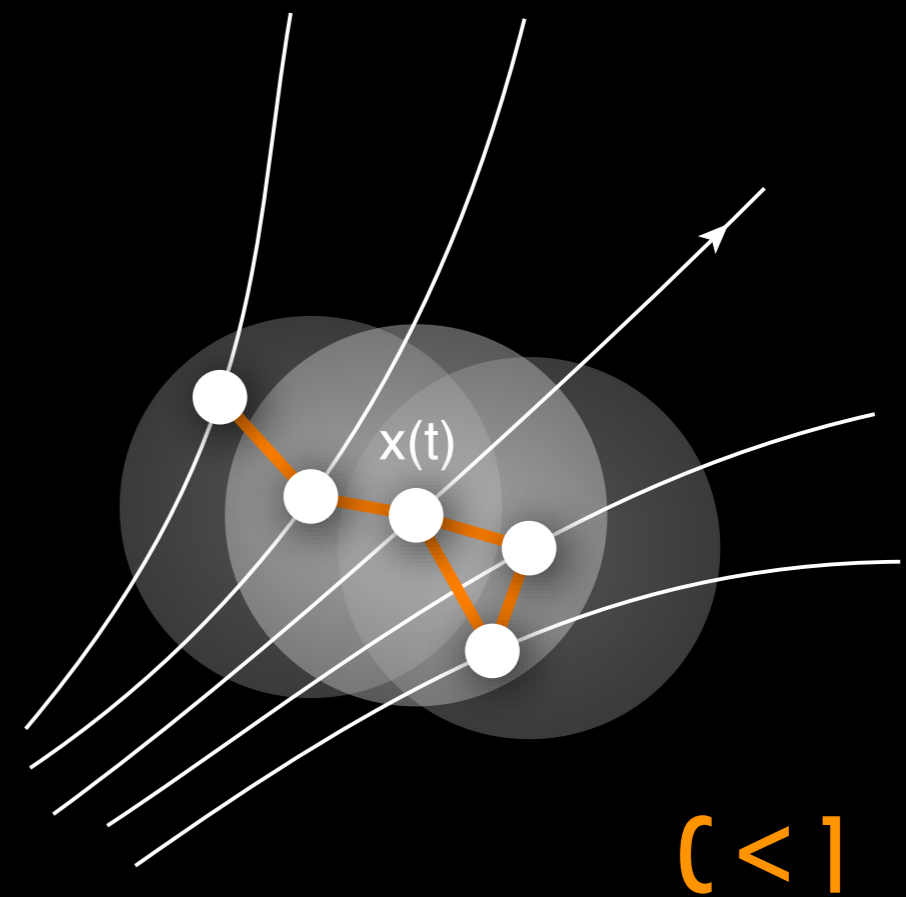
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# Clustering Coefficient in Phase Space

Regular/ periodic



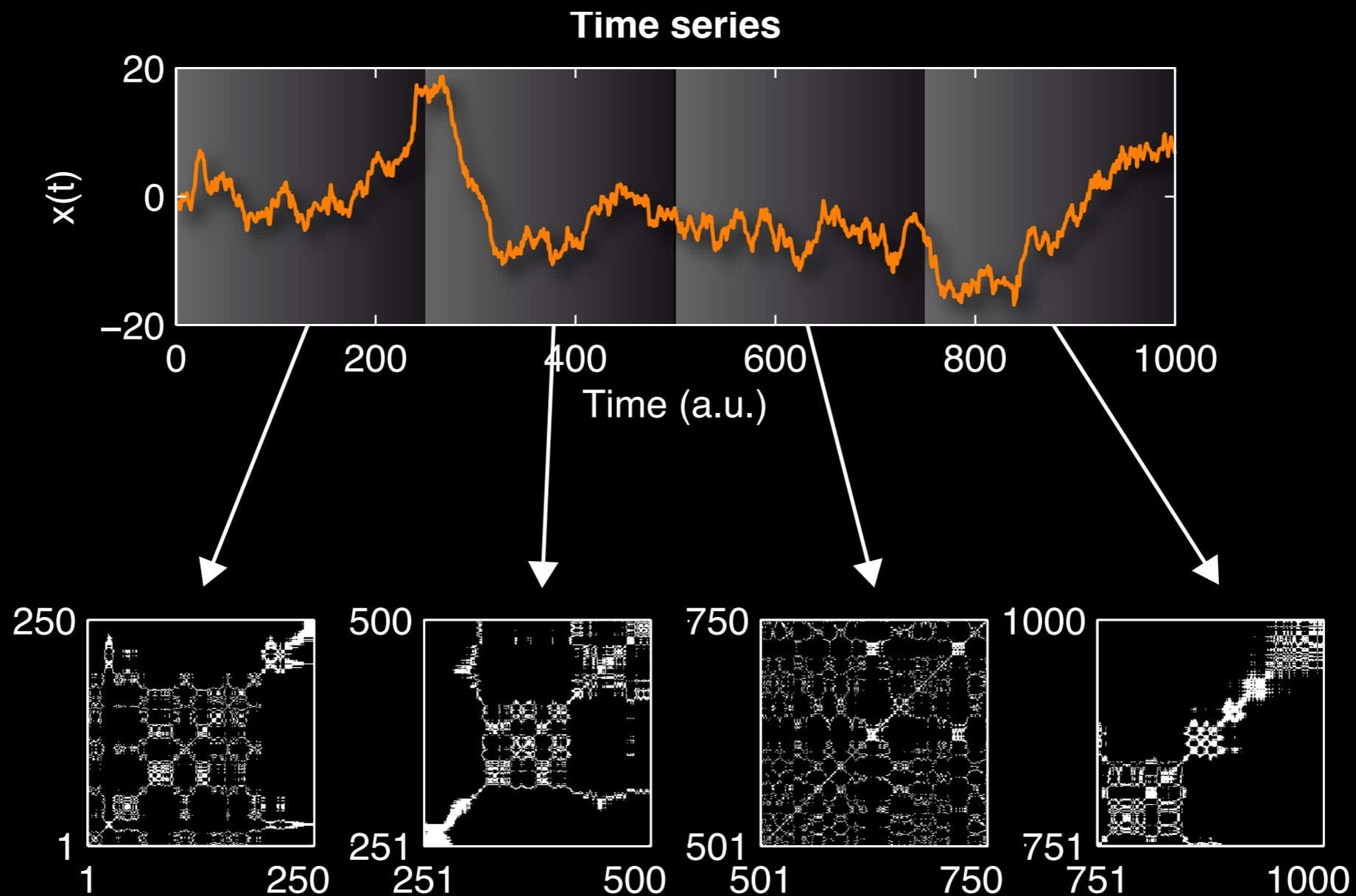
Diverging/ chaotic



► clustering coefficient: regularity of dynamics, system dimension

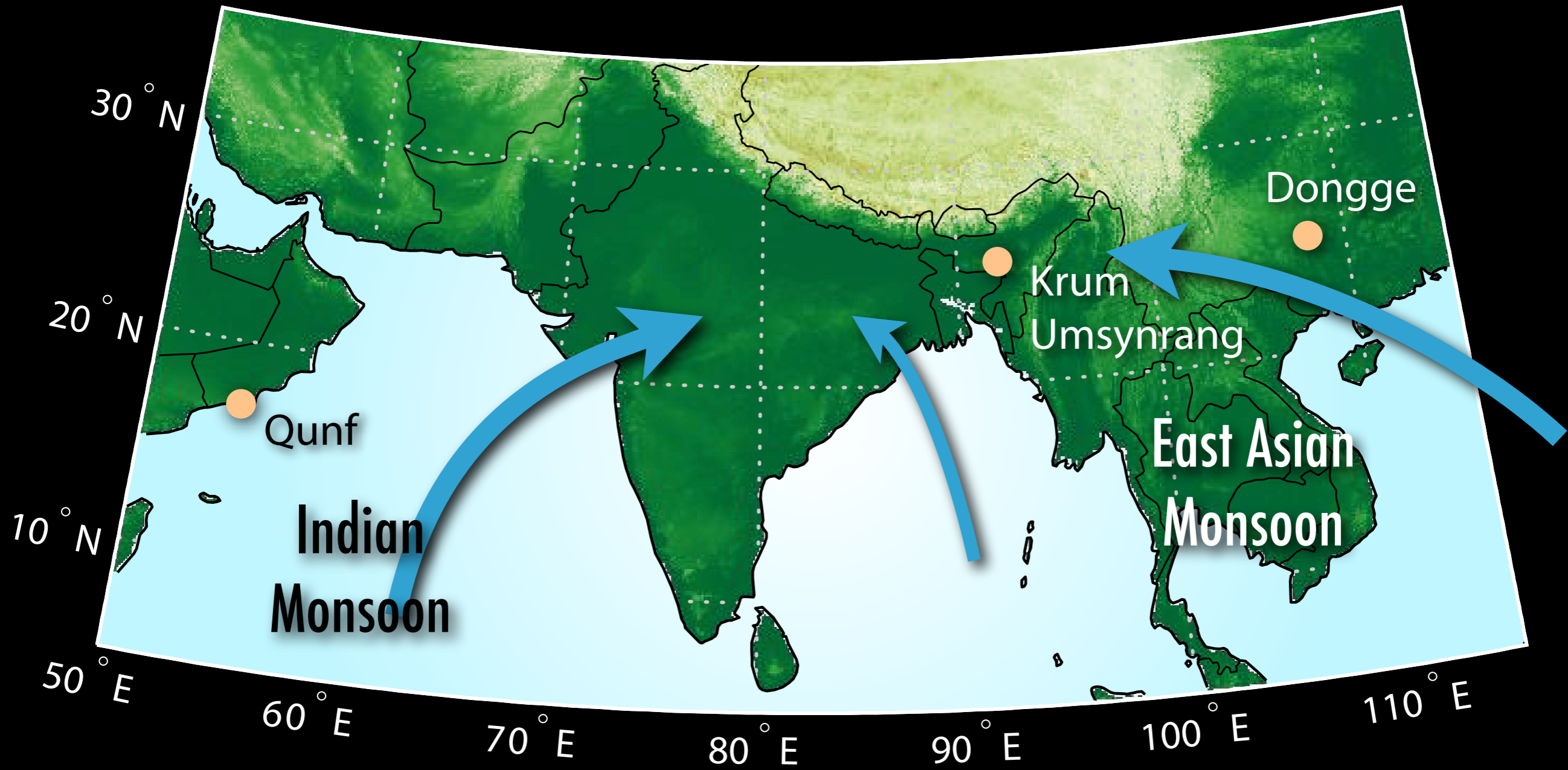
# Evolving Complex Networks

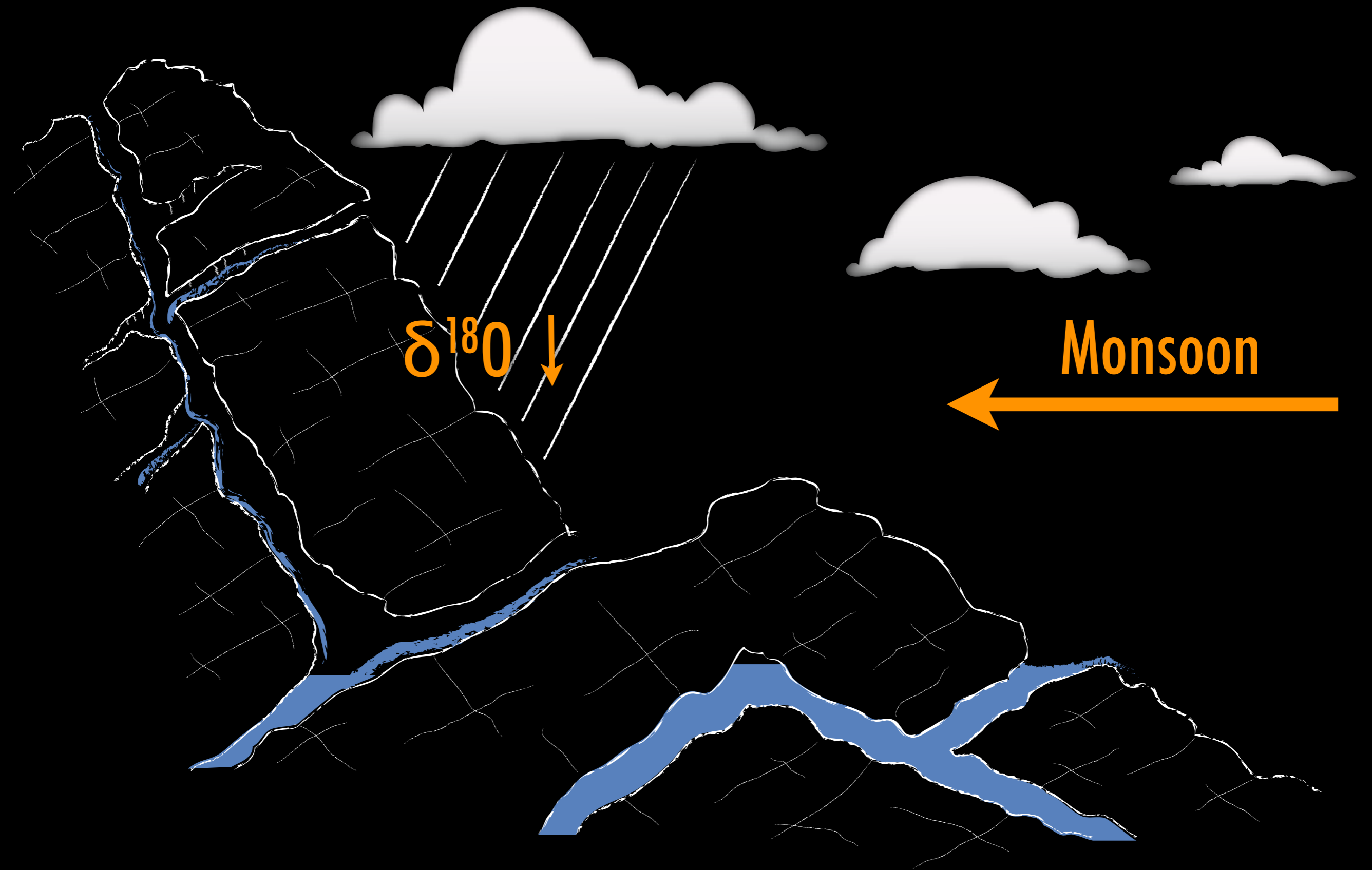
- sliding window: detection of dynamical transitions





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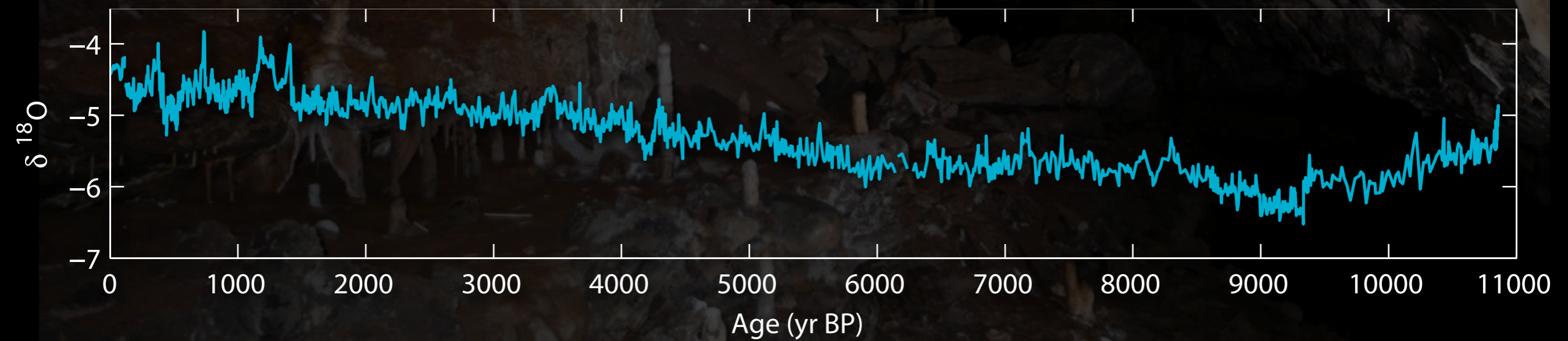




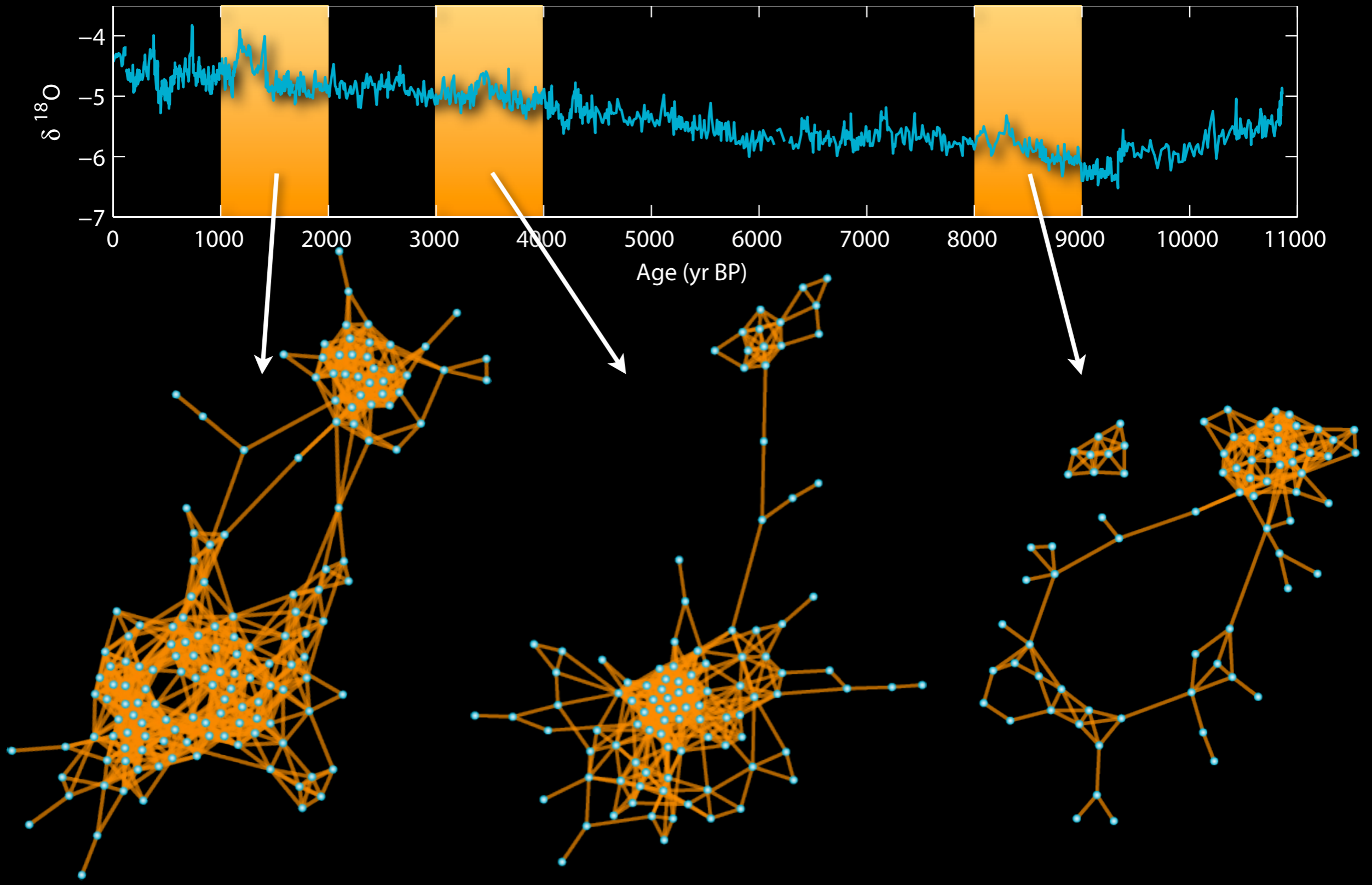
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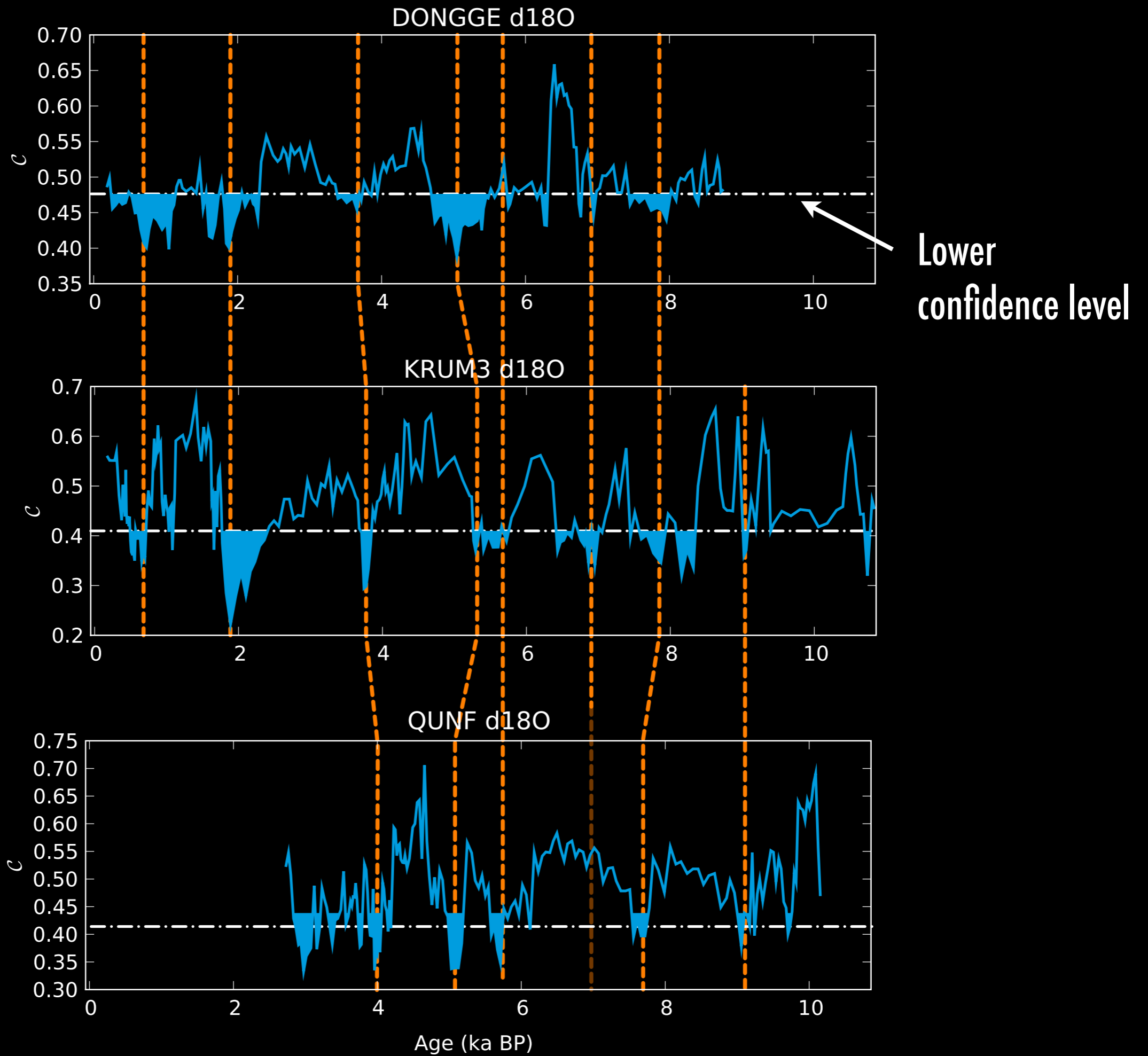
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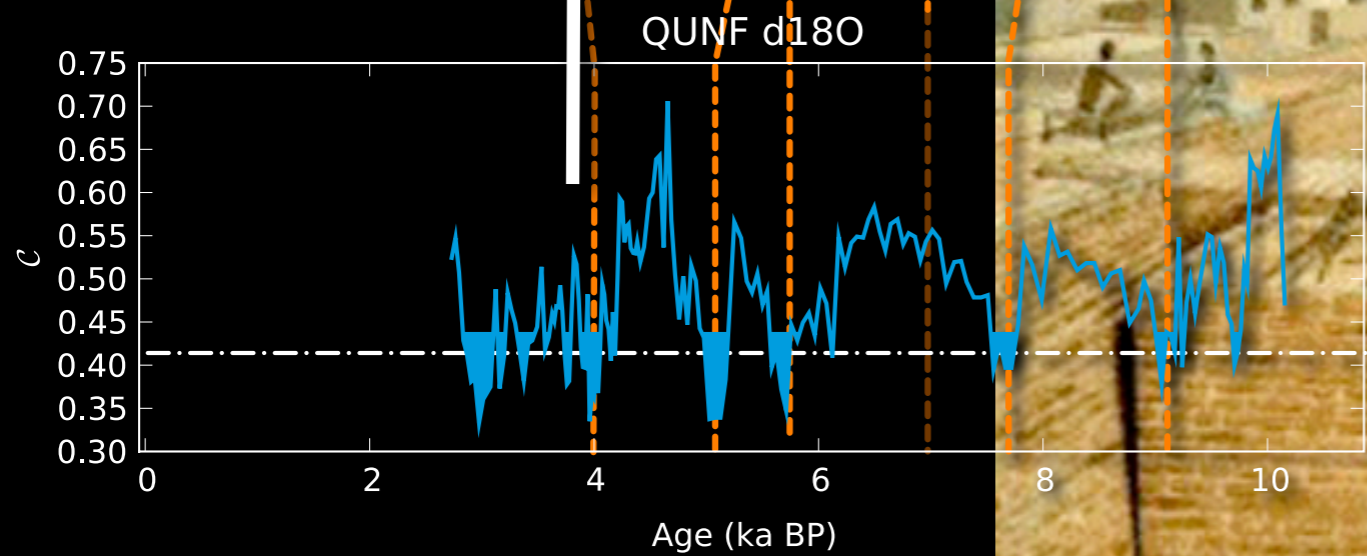
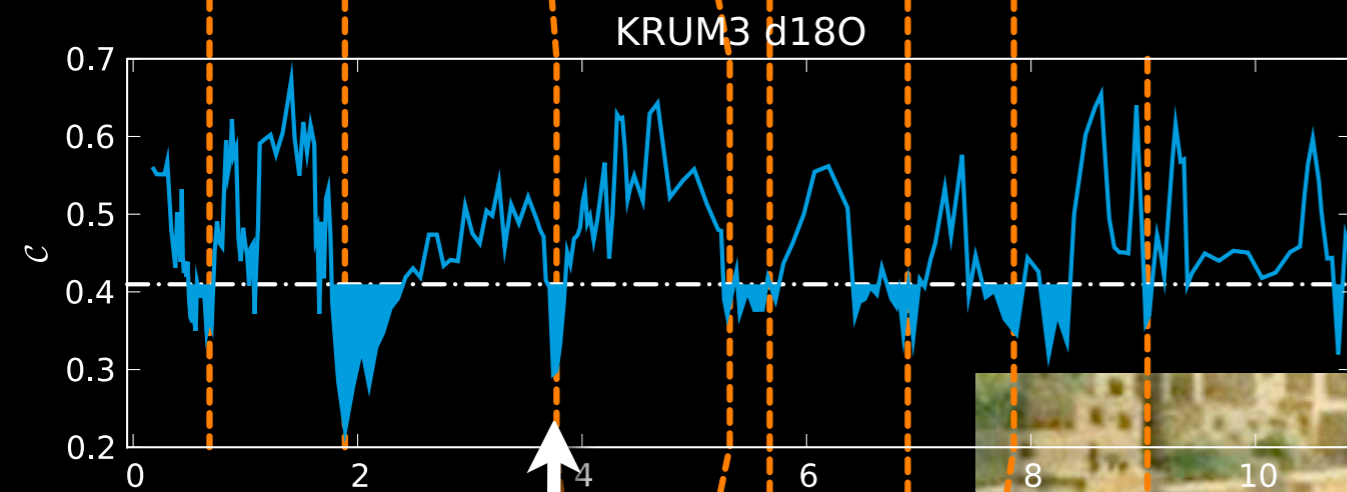
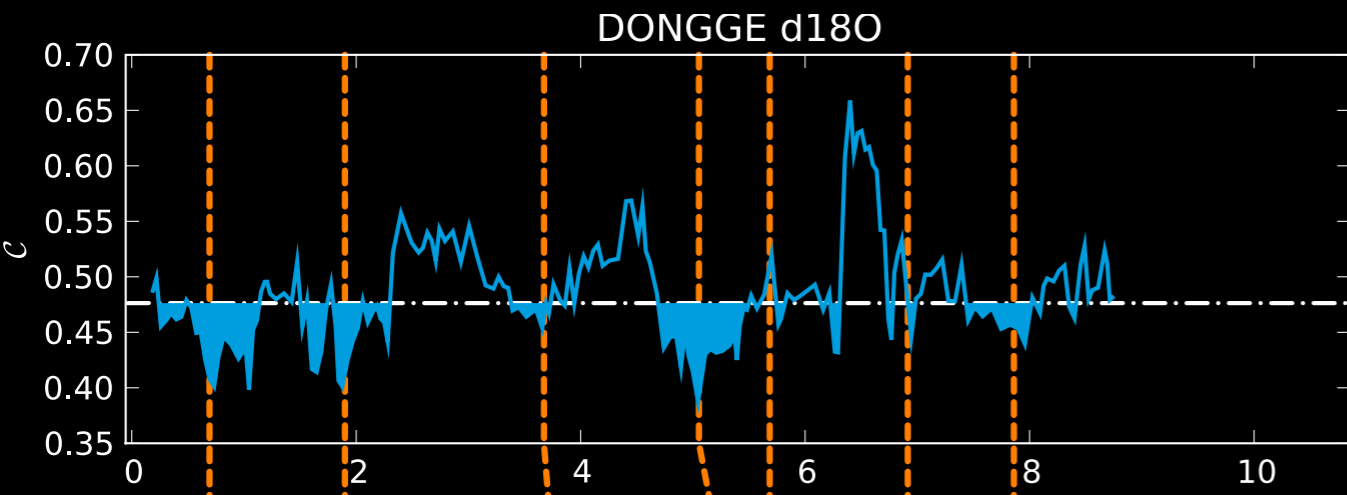


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**3900-3700 yr BP**  
**Harappan culture vanished**



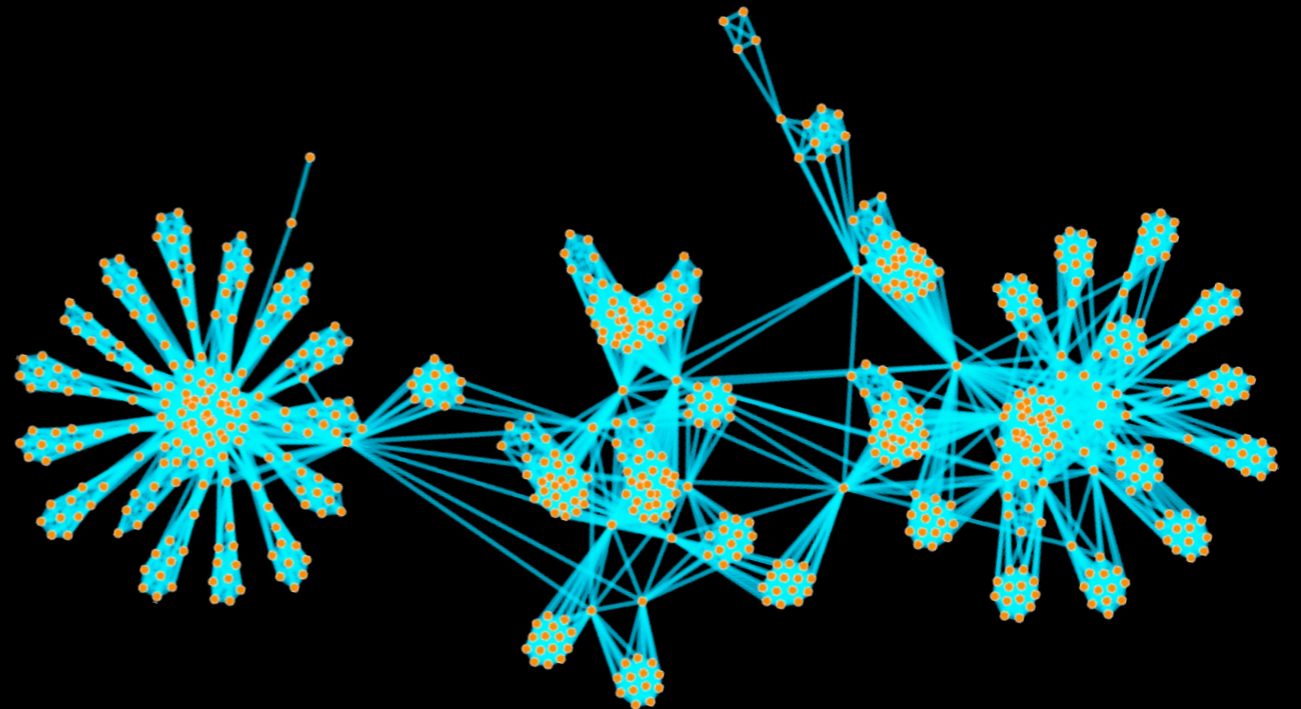
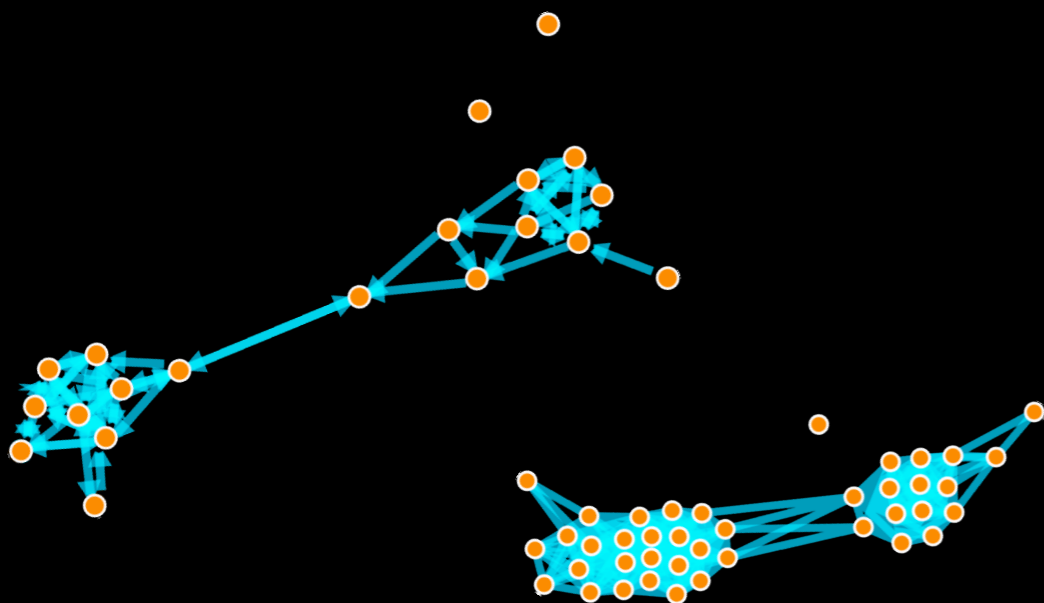
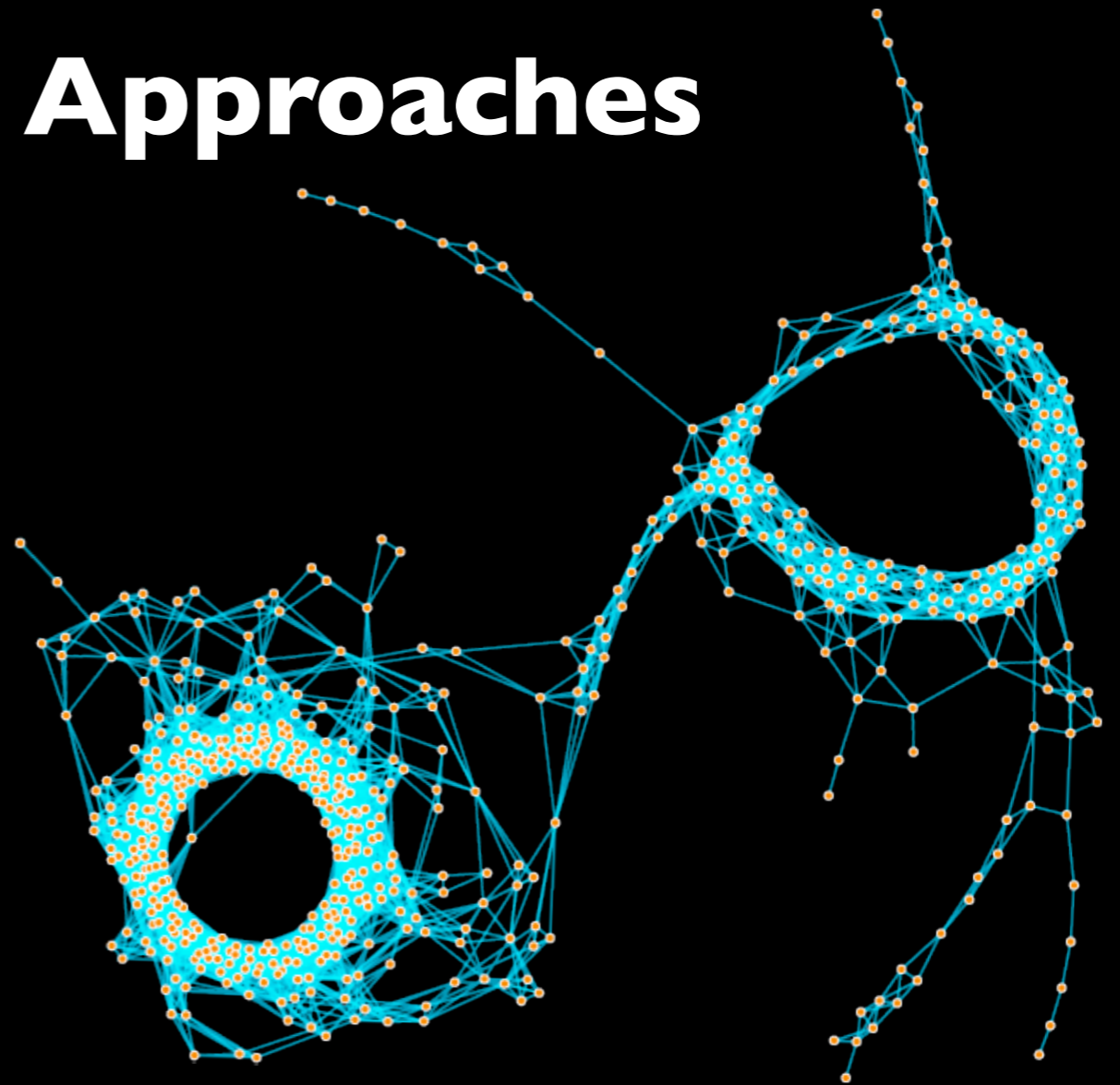
# Summary

- Complex networks from time series
- Identification and classification of dynamics (regular – chaotic)
- Detection of transitions in dynamics (bifurcations, structural discontinuities)
- Complementary analysis to traditional recurrence analysis



# Alternative Approaches

- Visibility graph
- Cycle network
- Correlation network
- Transition network





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## Abstract

Recurrence is a fundamental property of dynamical systems, which can be exploited to characterise the system's behaviour in phase space. A powerful tool for their visualisation and analysis called *recurrence plot* was introduced in the late 1980's. This report is a comprehensive overview covering recurrence based methods and their applications with an emphasis on recent developments. After a brief outline of the theory of recurrences, the basic idea of the recurrence plot with its variations is presented. This includes the quantification of recurrence plots, like the recurrence quantification analysis, which is highly effective to detect, e. g., transitions in the dynamics of systems from time series. A main point is how to link recurrences to dynamical invariants and unstable periodic orbits. This and further evidence suggest that recurrences contain all relevant information about a system's behaviour. As the respective phase spaces of two systems change due to coupling, recurrence plots allow studying and quantifying their interaction. This fact also provides us with a sensitive tool for the study of synchronisation of complex systems. In the last part of the report several applications of recurrence plots in economy, physiology, neuroscience, earth sciences, astrophysics and engineering are shown. The aim of this work is to provide the readers with the know how for the application of recurrence plot based methods in their own field of research. We therefore detail the analysis of data and indicate possible difficulties and pitfalls.

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